



## Functional Carbon Quantum Dots: Synthesis and Applications

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Carbon-based quantum dots are mainly divided into two subgroups—carbon quantum dots (CQDs) and graphene quantum dots (GQDs)—which exhibit excellent optical properties, low toxicity and easy functionalization. Regarding these features, they have been promising candidates for photoelectric science and engineering applications.

The rapid development of creating excellent CQDs requires the research community to comprehensively analyze the structure–activity relationship between photoelectric properties and the microstructure. This Special Issue aims to collect the latest developments of CQDs, mainly including the regulation of optical properties in broadband absorption, full-color fluorescence and their applications in photoelectric catalysis.

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