#### The Chemistry of Single Walled Carbon Nanotubes Applications to nanotube separation and biomolecule detection

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## (n,m) Selective Chemistry on SWNT



selective covalent reaction

Rate = **f**(*n*,*m*)



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#### **On-chip Modification of SWNT FETs**

## Functionalization carried out directly on SWNT array • ON / OFF current approaches 10<sup>5</sup>

Semiconductors



An, L., et. al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, *126*, 10520. Balasubramanian, K., et. al. *Nano Lett.*, **2004**, *4*, 827. Wang, C., et. al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2005**. *127*, 11460.

#### Scalable (n,m) Separation Method

Exploitation of functional group for preparative scale (n,m) separation



Metals Semiconductors

Func. Metals Semiconductors







## Apparatus for Studying SWNT Chemistry



ML Usrey et al: JACS, 127 (2005) 16129-35.

#### Absorption Spectrum Allows Probing of Valence Electrons





#### Low Concentration: Selective Reaction of Metallic Nanotubes



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## Two Step Mechanism from Raman Spectroscopy





#### Measures electron withdraw





Measures sp3 "disorder" ∴ covalent bond formation





Looks like  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$ 

## **Understanding the Selective Mechanism**



ML Usrey, ES Lippmann, MS Strano: JACS, 127 (2005) 16129-35.

## **Further Evidence: Blocking the Second Step**





ML Usrey, ES Lippmann, MS Strano: JACS, 127 (2005) 16129-35.

## **Chemistry for Sorting Carbon Nanotubes**





Usrey, M. A., Strano, M. S., in preparation (2006)

## **Chemistry Controls Electrophoretic Mobility**

v = (q/f) E
v= electrophoretic mobility
q = net charge
f = hydrodynamic factor
E = applied electric field





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## **Advantages for Optical Sensing**





Semi-conducting single walled carbon nanotubes

- fluoresce in near infrared
- very photostable
- sensitive to environment



Analyte

$$(+ -) \rightarrow (+ -) \rightarrow (- -$$

Single nano-particle spectroscopy = single molecule sensor



D. A. Tsyboulski, Nano Lett., Vol. 5, No. 5, 2005

## Scheme for β-d-Glucose Sensor **Two Step Synthesis**

#### **Glucose oxidase**



Glucose +  $O_2$  +  $H_2O \xrightarrow{(GOx)} H_2O_2$  + 1,5-gluconolactone

#### Step I: Immobilization of binding site (GOx) on SWNT







Colloidally stable Nanotube-Glucose oxidase complex

#### Step II: Coupling to electron transfer

 $2[Fe(CN_6)]^{3-} + H_2O_2 \longrightarrow 2[Fe(CN_6)]^{4-} + 2(H^+) + 2e^- + O_2$ 

#### A nanotube redox couple:





PW Barone, S Baik, DA Heller, MS Strano: Nature Materials 4 (2005) 86-92.

## Step I: Immobilization of GOx Enzyme









1. Saal, K. et al. Bio. Eng. 19, 195-199 (2002).

## **Step II: Functionalization with Ferricyanide**







## **Tissue Implantable Biomedical Sensors**



PW Barone, RS Parker, MS Strano: Analytical Chemistry 77 (2005) 7556-62.

## **DNA Wrapped Carbon Nanotube Hybrids**

#### **Synthesis I: Sonication**



# 100 nm

2 nm

alternating guanine/thymine pairs – 20 mer M Zheng, A Jagota, MS Strano, et al. Science 302 (2003) 1545-48.

#### Synthesis II: Dialysis





E. Jeng, M. Strano, Nano Letters, ASAP (2006)

### **Selective Detection of DNA Hybridization**

Sensor: SWNT decorated with ss-DNA 5' – TAG CTA TGG AAT TCC TCG TAG GCA – 3'



cDNA = 5'- GCC TAC GAG GAA TTC CAT AGC T - 3'

nDNA = 5'- TCG ATA CCT TAA GGA GCA TCC G -3'





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Jeng, E.S., Strano, M.S. Nano Letters ASAP (2006)

## **Optical Transduction: Dielectric Modulation**

One dimensional structure confines exciton that forms on photo-absorption

Fluorescence energy :  $E = E_{11} + E_b$   $E_{11} = Energy \text{ of } V_1 - C_1 \text{ transition}$   $E_b = Exciton \text{ binding energy}$   $E_b \text{ scales with effective environmental}$ dielectric constant ( $\epsilon$ ) Binding energy relation:  $E_b \approx R^{n-2}m^{n-1} \epsilon^{-n}$ 

R = nanotube radius m = nanotube effective mass n = scaling value of 1.4

Nanotube fluorescence linked to analyte adsorption via surface area ( $\alpha$ )



Effective medium approximation

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \alpha \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{DNA} + (1 - \alpha) \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{water}$$

Perebeinos, et. al. PRL, 92 (2004)



## Detecting Changes in DNA Conformation

Divalent metal ions added to DNA-SWNT cause red shift in nanotube fluorescence

Conformational polymorphism of nanotube-bound DNA Same relative sensitivity to divalent ions









#### Thermodynamic Comparison of DNA Transitions on and off SWNT

Compare CD and PL: common midpoints –  $\Delta(\Delta Gibbs) \sim 0$  thermodynamically similar transitions

Slopes at the inflections are different for SWNT-DNA and free DNA

$$K = \left(\frac{C}{C_o}\right)^{aN} \left(\frac{\beta_B}{\beta_Z} + \left(\frac{C}{C_o}\right)^{aN}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\begin{split} &K = fraction \ of \ transition \\ &C_0 = DNA \ length-independent \ conc. \\ &a = binding \ sites/DNA \ length \\ &\beta_B / \ \beta_Z = ratio \ of \ nucleation \ rates \\ &N = effective \ oligonucleotide \ length \end{split}$$

Pohl F., Jovin, T, *J. Mol. Biol.* **67** (1972) Pohl, F., *Cold Spring Harbor Quant. Biol.* **47** (1982)





## **Probing the Effects of Nanotube Diameter**



1. Perebeinos, et. al. PRL, 92 (2004)

## Modeling Conformational Polymorphism on SWNT

Exciton binding energy difference of B and Z forms modeled on change in dielectric constant ( $\epsilon$ )

$$\Delta E_{B \to Z} = A \mu^{n-1} r_t^{n-2} \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon_Z^n} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_B^n} \right)$$

A, n, = empirical parameters  $\mu$  = SWNT reduced effective mass r = SWNT diameter

Effective medium model accounts for changing  $\epsilon$  using DNA surface area coverage on the nanotube

$$\varepsilon_i = (1 - \alpha_i)\varepsilon_{H2O} + \alpha_i\varepsilon_{DNA}$$

 $\varepsilon_{DNA}$  = 4.0 and  $\varepsilon_{H2O}$  = 88.1  $\alpha$  = surface area

#### The surface area of the absorbed DNA helix is described by 3 parameters:

r = radius

b = pitch

w = strand width



Equilibrium values of radius and pitch in B and Z DNA:

	r <sub>0</sub>	b <sub>0</sub>
B form	1 nm	3.32 nm
Z form	0.9 nm	4.56 nm

Heller, D. A. et. al., Science 311 (2006)

## Transduction is Modeled using DNA Geometry





## Endocytosis of DNA-SWNT "sensors" within live cells





DA Heller, MS Strano, Advanced Materials 17 (2005) 2793-99

## **Applications for Metal Ion Detection**



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