#### Tutorial on Physical Properties and Characterization of Carbon Nanotubes Mildred Dresselhaus Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, MA



Outline on Characterization with a Focus on optical characterization

- What is in my sample?
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# Sample characterization by SEM and TEM



Bundles of double wall carbon nanotubes produced at **UFMG** by the electric arc method and characterized by SEM and TEM





#### TEM for characterization of the purification process

*TEM:* characterizes the overall structure of nanotube samples showing catalyst particles and nanotube ropes.

Before purification : 30% of nanotubes

After purification : 90% of nanotubes



# DWNT coalescence by heat treatment High resolution TEM images of DWNTs doped with B (B.S. #6)



Heat treated at 1200°C

Heat treated at 1500°C

Coalescence of DWNTs outer shells are observed for 1500°C heat treatment

TEM images from M. Endo et al, Nano. Lett. (2005)

# Imaging of SWNT Growth



AFM image of SWNTs grown by Co nanoparticles with ethanol CVD. The area is 2.5 X2.5um.

From J. Kong (unpublished)

# SPM Tip produces rolling, sliding Motion



Effect of rolling and sliding motion of SWNT produced by scanning probe microscopy tip can be monitored by techniques such as Raman scattering

H. Son & J. Kong (unpublished)

# **AFM for Imaging**



# Use of AFM to image a SWNT wrapped by DNA

M. Zheng, et al. Science 302, 1546 (2003)

Average DNA helical pitch ~ 11nm, height ~ 1.08nm.



# **STM/STS**

Geometric structure (STM) and electronic density of states (STS)









#### **Electronic structure of a carbon nanotube**

Rolling up 2D graphene sheet

Confinement of 1D electronic states



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**Density of Electronic States** 

- Bachilo et al., Science 298, 2361 (2002)

# Nanotube PL Spectroscopy

## **Most Measurements**

- excitation at E<sub>22</sub>, emission at E<sub>11</sub>
- measured with Xe lamp
- Solution allows PL measurements on many SWNTs at once
- Allows excitation vs emission maps to be made
- (2n+m) family patterns give (n, m) identifications.

#### PL map of SDS- dispersed HiPco CNTs



# PHOTOLUMINESCENCE

Data are shown as 2D and 3D maps



The observation of intensity and energy maps strongly influenced other photophysics characterization techniques for carbon nanotubes

S. M. Bachilo et al., Science 298, 2361 (2002)









- Can be done with laser excitations
- Ar<sup>+</sup> pumped Ti:Sapphire laser.
- Ar<sup>+</sup> pumped Dye laser
- Spex 750M monochromator.
- Low temp (350 1.5K).
- InGaAs diode array.
- LN<sub>2</sub> cooled CCD camera.

-For a special sample with a large concentration of (6,5) SWNTs allows study of phonon-assisted excitation and emission for specific phonons

# Emission Identified with One and Two Phonon Processes:



# **Non-degenerate Pump-Probe**

### **Frequency domain**



## **Fast optics, Time domain**

$$\begin{split} &\mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{pump}} = 1.57 \pm 0.01 \text{eV}, \ \mathsf{\sim} \mathsf{E}_{11}(6,5) + 2\hbar \varpi_{\mathsf{D}} \\ &\mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{probe}} = \mathsf{around} \ \mathsf{E}_{11} \text{of} \ (6,5) \ \mathsf{nanotube} \\ &(\mathsf{Instrument resolution} \ \mathsf{\sim} 250 \text{fs}) \end{split}$$



S. G. Chou et al. PRB 72 195415 (2005)

## Exciton-phonon sidebands and Phonon-Assisted Processes



Plentz et al. PRL 95, 247401 (2005)

CoMoCAT+DNA - (6,5) enriched



#### The ratio problem for $E_{22}^{S}$ and $E_{11}^{S}$ $E_{22}^{S}/E_{11}^{S}$ equals <u>1.75</u> instead of 2! Bachilo et all. Science 298, 2361(2002) 0,3000 900 0.2323 800 0.1798 (mu) ő 0.1392 0.1078 800 0,08348 ≥ 700 کے 0.06463 wavelength (nm) 0.05004 0.03875 700 F 0.03000 0,02323 0.01758 0.01392 0.01078 Excit 600 0.008348 0.005463 citation 0,005004 400-0,003875 0.003000 1000 900 1100 1200 1300 1400 1500 800 900 1000 1100 1200 1300 1400 1500 1600 Emission wavelength (nm) [c1→v1 transition] Emission wavelength (nm) С D 2.2For a linear 2.0 v<sub>22</sub>/v<sub>11</sub> 1.8 V22 / V11 dispersion 1,6 $E_{22}^{S} / E_{11}^{S} = 2$ 1.41.6 1.2 500 600 700 800 900 500 600 800 900 1000 1100 1200 700 Excitation wavelength (nm) Excitation wavelength (nm) -STB -ETB

**This work established family behavior and led to consideration of many body effects** 

# The big picture: $E_{ii}$ obeys a scaling law



 $E_{11}^{S}$  and  $E_{22}^{S}$  follow a single scaling law when plotted as a function of  $p/d_t$ 





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$$I(E_i) = C \left| \sum_{a,b} \frac{\langle f | H_{e-r} | b \rangle \langle b | H_{e-ph} | a \rangle \langle a | H_{e-r} | i \rangle}{(E_i - E_a - i\gamma)(E_i - E_b - i\gamma)} \right|^2$$

 $E_{i} - E_{a} = \hbar \omega_{i} - \Delta \varepsilon \quad \text{resonance with incident photon}$   $E_{i} - E_{b} = \hbar \omega_{i} \mp \hbar \omega_{q} - \Delta \varepsilon = \hbar \omega_{s} - \Delta \varepsilon \quad \text{resonance with scattered photon}$ 

# Phonon Dispersion of 2D graphite

• E<sub>2g2</sub> Raman mode at 1580cm<sup>-1</sup>



# Phonon modes -- (10,10) Armchair

R.Saito et al. Phys. Rev. B57 (1998) 4145

- *N*=20, 6*N*=120 phonon modes
- 66 distinct, 4 acoustic
- 16 Raman (Group theory)
- A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, E<sub>1</sub> symmetry modes are Raman active





### Raman spectra of carbon nanotubes

First-order spectral range



The presence of the RBM and the special G-band doublet gives signature of small diameter (< 2 nm)) carbon nanotubes in your sample

# **Raman Spectra of SWNT Bundles**



#### Raman Shift (cm<sup>-1</sup>)

- •RBM gives tube diameter and diameter distribution
- •Raman D-band characterizes structural disorder
- •G<sup>-</sup> band distinguished M, S tubes and G<sup>+</sup> relates to charge transfer
- •G' band (2<sup>nd</sup> order of D-band) provides connection of phonon to its wave vector

#### **Resonant Raman scattering in carbon nanotubes**



- Resonance Raman process
- •Raman lineshape can distinguish metallic and semiconducting nanotubes
- •Kataura plots relate the E<sub>ii</sub> to (n,m) tubes



# **DNA-Assisted SEPARATION** M. Zheng *et al.*, *Science*, **302**,1546 (2003).



Raman characterization shows that

•DNA wrapping removes metallic (M) SWNTs
•Chromatography further removes M SWNTs
preferentially

## Ion-exchange chromatography (IEC)

Hybrid DNA-SWNTs:

• M-SWNT different surface charge density, higher polarizability, elute before S-CNTs



#### Resonant Raman Spectroscopy Laboratory



-Triple monochromator with optical microscope

-Ar-Kr laser and Ar laser

-Tunable laser systems (Dye-and Ti:Sapphire)

1.5 – 2.7 eV







## Single Nanotube Spectroscopy yields E<sub>ii</sub>, (n,m)

#### Resonant Raman spectra for isolated single-wall carbon nanotubes grown on Si/SiO<sub>2</sub> substrate by the CVD method

A. Jorio et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 86, 1118 (2001)





#### **Trigonal Warping Effect in Carbon Nanotubes**

Splitting of the vHs in **metallic** SWNTs



For metallic tubes into  $E^{M}_{11L}$  and  $E^{M}_{11H}$ 

Energy [eV]

#### **G'-band allows mapping of trigonal warping effect for phonons**

**2D Graphite** — Double Resonance is selective of the wavevector **magnitude** 

1D SWNTs — Double Resonance is selective of both magnitude and direction magnitude – laser energy (2D&1D), direction – chirality (1D)

Quantum confinement — wavevector direction Fit of the phonon dispersion around K



#### Raman Spectra and Transport for One SWNT New Research Directions for RRS



 $\omega_{\text{RBM}} = 185 \,\text{cm}^{-1} \Rightarrow d_t = 1.34 \,\text{nm}$ 

S. B. Cronin et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 84, 2052 (2004)

#### **Resonance Raman Spectroscopy on the same sample used for PL**



# The Resonance Raman Scattering (RRS) Maps



$$I(E_{\text{laser}}) \propto \left| \frac{1}{(E_{\text{laser}} - E_{ii} - i\Gamma)(E_{\text{laser}} \pm E_{\text{ph}} - E_{ii} - i\Gamma)} \right|^2$$

The Raman map for a given  $\omega_{\text{RBM}}$  allows determination of the resonance window for a given *(n,m)* tube. Measurement of the Stokes and anti-Stokes profiles gives transition energy  $E_{ii}$ 

$$\omega_{RBM}(cm^{-1}) = \frac{219}{d_T(nm)} + 15$$

C. Fantini et al., Phys. Rev. Letters, 93, 147406 (2004)

 $(E_{ii}, \omega_{RRM}) \rightarrow (n,m)$ 

# **EXTENDED TIGHT BINDING (ETB)**



Kataura plot is calculated within the extended tight-binding approximation using Popov/Porezag approach:

- \* curvature effects (ss $\sigma$ , sp $\sigma$ , pp $\sigma$ , pp $\pi$ )
- Iong-range interactions (up to ~4Å)
- geometrical structure optimization

The extended tight-binding calculations show family behavior (differentiation between S1 & S2 and strong chirality dependence) similar to that of PL empirical fit

ETB model is widely used for characterization of carbon nanotubes

Ge.G. Samsonidze et al., APL 85, 5703 (2004) Popov et al. Nano Lett. 4,1795 (2004) &New J. Phys 6, 17 (2004)

## **Br<sub>2</sub>-doped double-wall nanotubes**



M. Endo (Japan)

#### A. G. Souza Filho et al. (2006)

- Different configuration outer/inner tubes depending on laser energy,
- The Raman spectrum of the dopant and of the host



### **Doping effects: changes in the Fermi level and** electronic transitions $E_{ii}$ values



- Changes in the relative intensities indicate Changes in  $E_{ii}$  values
- Upshifts observed in the G band indicate Charge transfer and changes in the  $E_F$ .
- Br<sub>2</sub> is acting as an acceptor
- •Intercalation of nanotubes is complementary to that of graphite but shows unique aspects



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# **Pump-Probe Studies with Fast Optics**



#### **Pump-Probe Studies:**

- Pump-Probe at the band edge
- •Transient Spectrum:

Single or biexponential decay

(Hertel el al. Nano. Lett., 2004)

Slow Component,  $\tau_{slow}$  :

- 10-180ps,
- Radiative relaxation from band edge
- •Fast component ,  $\tau_{\text{fast}}$  :
- 100-900fs, Intraband relaxation
- Rapid internal thermalization via
- electron-electron scattering. Gives reason for low PL intensity

(Hagan et al. Appl. Phys. A. (2005))

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S. G. Chou et al. (unpublished)

# **Pump Probe Studies at Special E**<sub>pump</sub>





#### **Exciton population at E\_{11}^{1A} (6,5)**:

- Quick rise (within 200fs)
- Three decay components:
  - τ<sub>fast</sub>~680fs (dominant process)
  - τ<sub>int</sub>~2-3ps (dominant process)
  - $\tau_{slow}$ ~50ps (weak during first



# Pump Fluence Dependence - Probing at E<sub>11</sub><sup>1A-</sup>(6,5): (For B.

- Clear pump fluence dependence for  $\tau_{\text{int}} \, \text{and} \, \tau_{\text{slow}}$
- •% weight for  $\tau_{\text{int}}$  increases with increasing pump fluence
- •Observed fluence dependence can be explained by the proposed decay process for each time scale.





# **Different Decay Processes**

# $\tau_{\text{fast}}$ : Decay via e-e interactions dominated by Auger process.

#### $\tau_{slow}$ :

non-radiative recombination

### $\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\text{int}}$ :

Exciton population at c can be depleted by absorbing a "hot" D-band phonon
-b ↔ c process can establish detailed balance and keep exciton population at c at an almost

steady state.

- Excitons at **b** can also leak into **d** and never return to **c**. Thus,  $\tau_{int}$  is really the timescale of such a phonon "leaking" process.



## Evidence for excitons in two-photons optical spectroscopy

Wang et al, Science 308, 838 (2005) Maultzsch el al PRB 72, 241402 (2005)



Density of the 1s-exciton envelope wave function for a (6,5) SWNT



### Symmetry of Excitons in Chiral Tubes



Symmetry of the Bloch Function for the exciton

 $\mathcal{D}(\phi_c) \otimes \mathcal{D}(\phi_v)$  $A_1 + A_2 + E_{2\mu} + E_{-2\mu}$ Exciton Energy Both v even and odd envelope functions have exciton states active for 1-photon (A<sub>2</sub>) and 2photon  $(A_1)$  excitation. Therefore two photon absorption depends on magnitude of matrix elements.



E<sub>11</sub>

continuum

 $\nu = 1$ 

#### **Direct Measurement of Exciton Binding Energy by Fast Optics**

Y. Ma et al. Phys. Chem B Lett. 109,15671 (2005)



Excitation to either  $E_1$  or  $E_2$  leads to occupation of  $E_n$  by an Auger process which relaxes either to  $E_1$  or  $E_{eh}$  yielding an exciton binding energy of ( $E_{eh}$ - $E_{11}$ ) = 0.41eV for the (8,3) SWNT.

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