

New phenomena and novel nanomaterials for gas sensing and infrared absorption

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New materials, Novel phenomena, Molecular solids

Novel materials for IR absorption Novel phenomena for gas sensing



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Novel chemical reactions at the nanoscale



New chemistry



Endosulfan

Color of gold nanoparticles with endosulfan



Endosulfan concentration in ppm

Pesticide removal Indian Patent granted International patent filed Technology commercialized, factory put up

Color changes with pesticide concentration Good response at lower concentrations Down to 0.1 ppm

Adsorbed pesticides can be removed from solution factory put up

J. Environ. Monitoring. 2003



Sajanlal and Pradeep, Adv. Mater., 20 (2008) 980







Shibu et al. Adv. Mat. 2008b









Two different morphologies

FESEM images – G.U. Kulkarni, K. Kimura



















Measured in CNR Rao's lab



Anisotropic structures






























http://www.hermann-uwe.de/files/images/blue_flower.preview_0.jpg



http://www.diabloflowerz.co.uk/flowers/single%20stem.jpg









http://veggieplatter.blogspot.com/2007/09/roasting-papads-fryums-in-microwave.html



Visible emission from single walled carbon nanotubes



Electrical transport properties

Semiconducting : (n-m) ≠ 3*I*. Eg = 1.7 – 2.0 eV

Metallic : (n-m) = 3*I*. $E_g = 0.0 - 0.5 \text{ eV}$



A. Hartschuh et al., Chem. Phys. Chem. 6, 577 (2005)



Emission spectrum (red) of individual fullerene nanotubes suspended in SDS micelles in D_2O excited by 8 ns, 532-nm laser pulses, overlaid with the absorption spectrum (blue) of the sample in this region of first van Hove band gap transitions.

Vibrational Properties

(A) Radial Breathing Mode (RBM) Diameter dependent

$$\omega_{RBM}(cm^{-1}) = \frac{224.8}{d_t(nm)} + 12.5$$





Preparation of composite



Transmission Electron Microscopy



TEM images of Au-SWNTs composite acquired at 100 keV.

Instrumentation – Confocal Raman



Concept of confocality

Raman Instrument

Scanning Near-field Optical Microscopy

- Resolution is limited by wavelength of light used.
- Near-filed microscopy was first proposed by Synge in 1928.

"Resolutions below the diffraction limit can be obtained when the tip-sample distance is smaller than the aperture diameter. In such a case, the aperture diameter controls the resolution and not the wavelength of light used²"



1. www.olympusmicro.com

2. E.H. Synge, *Phil.Mag.* **6**, 356 (1928)



Raman Spectra of (a) Ag-SWNTs composite, (b) Au-SWNTs composite, (c) AuNR-SWNTs composite, (d) pristine SWNTs, (e) Pristine SWNTs treated with trisodium citrate and (f) Au nanorods.

Raman Spectral imaging 25k Intensity (arb. units) 9 4 91 41 9 49 41 10 49 40 10 40 0. 4000 6000 8000 2000 Raman Shift (cm⁻¹) 7 µm

D and G bands

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RBM

Fluorescence

Varying excitation sources



Raman Spectra acquired with (A) 532 nm Nd-YAG and (B) 633 nm He-Ne as excitation sources. Traces (a), (b) and (c) correspond to Ag-SWNTs composite, Au-SWNTs composite and AuNR-SWNTs composite, respectively.



(A) SNOM images of Au-SWNT composite along with the (C) topography. (B) and (D) are their three dimensional representations.



Transmission SNOM images of pristine SWNT based on (A) topography and (B) light intensity.

Supporting experiments



(A) Raman spectra of Ag-SWNT composite measured as a function of CTAB concentration. (B) TEM image of Au-CTAB-SWNT at $C_{CTAB} = 10^{-4}M$



Raman spectra of Ag-SWNT composite, measured as a function of (A) concentration of Ag nanoparticles, (B) SWNT concentration.



XPS spectra of (A) Au-SWNT and (B) Ag-SWNT composites in the Au 4f and Ag 3d regions, respectively

(n,m) indexing

$$\omega_{RBM} = \frac{C_1}{d_t} + C_2, \text{ where } C_1 \text{ and } C_2 \text{ are constants}$$
$$d_t = \frac{\sqrt{3}a_{c-c}}{\pi} \sqrt{n^2 + nm + m^2}$$

(<i>n,m</i>)	RBM (cm ⁻¹ ,Theoretical)	d _t (nm)		
(10,10)	175	1.37		
(18,0)	168	1.43		E_{11}^{m}
(13,7)	172	1.40		
(17,0)	178	1.35		
(11,9)	175	1.37	\geq	E_{23}^{s} / E_{32}^{s}
(12,8)	174	1.38		_

So what happens to the metallic SWNTs present in the composite?



Maeda, S., et al J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2005, 127, 10287.

Measurement geometry





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(A) PCI-AFM images of pure mSWNT with (B) I-V curves and (C) plot of conductance versus bias voltage.



(A) PCI-AFM image of Au-mSWNT with (B) the corresponding I-V curves and (C) Plot of conductance versus bias voltage.



Comparison of conductance versus bias voltage for pure mSWNT and AumSWNT composite

G-band line shapes of metallic and semiconducting SWNT



Changes observed in G-band for metallic (left) and pristine (right) SWNT

Confocal Raman investigations



Raman spectra in RBM and G-band regions of pristine SWNT (black) and extracted mSWNT (red).



Comparison of G-band of pure mSWNT and Au-mSWNT

What we know:

Metallicity of SWNT is destroyed by interaction with nanoparticles.

PCI-AFM and confocal Raman confirm this M-S transition.

mSWNT fluoresce when their metallicity is destroyed.

C. Subramaniam et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. (2007)

C. Subramaniam and T. Pradeep Patent applications 2006, 2007


(A) Schematic representation of a SWNT bundle with the adsorption sites indicated. (B)Topographic image of Au-mSWNT composite. Several points on various bundles marked B1 to B4 have been analyzed though PCI-AFM. The gold electrode and the bundles have been marked with guide lines. (C) Schematic representation of the microRaman setup used for gas-exposure studies. (D) Plot of conductance versus bias voltage constructed from various points of the bundle labeled B1 in Figure 1B, under an atmosphere of nitrogen (red traces) and hydrogen (black traces).



Au-SWNTs exposed to H_2 gas at various partial pressures.



Suggested mechanism





(A) Raman spectra of (a) purified mSWNTs, (b) Au-mSWNT composite, (c) Au-mSWNT upon exposure to 500 torr H2 and (d) Au-mSWNT composite after pumping out H2 exposed in (c). Spectra (a) to (d) are recorded at the same point on the composite sample. (B) Variation of fluorescence intensity upon exposing mixture of gases. Regions A to D are explained in the text. Pressures are in torr.



(A) Photograph of the device setup with a cartoon representation of the microelectrode. The shaded circle in the cartoon is used to represent the sample with the yellow regions representing the gold electrode. (B) A plot of variation of current for a bias voltage of 5 V for Au-mSWNT composite in presence of H2 (500 torr, black line) and N2 (500 torr, red line). The ON and OFF states pertain to the presence and absence of gases, respectively. While the current for the ON state is constant. that due to the OFF state increases slowly with increase in cycles as hydrogen exposed during the previous cycle is not removed completely, consistent with the fluorescence data (Fig. 3A inset). Current measurements appear to be sensitive to tiny quantities of adsorbed gases.

Summary and conclusions

New materials for infrared absorption

Infrared filters can be developed with novel nanomaterials

Visible emission in carbon nanotube composites

This happens when nanoparticles bind nanotubes which makes a metal-semiconductor transition

This emission can be used for gas sensing

Other possibilities with M-S transition

C. Subramaniam and T. Pradeep Patent application 2008 C. Subramaniam et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. Submitted









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