

# Chapter 4

## RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY OF CARBON NANOTUBES

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

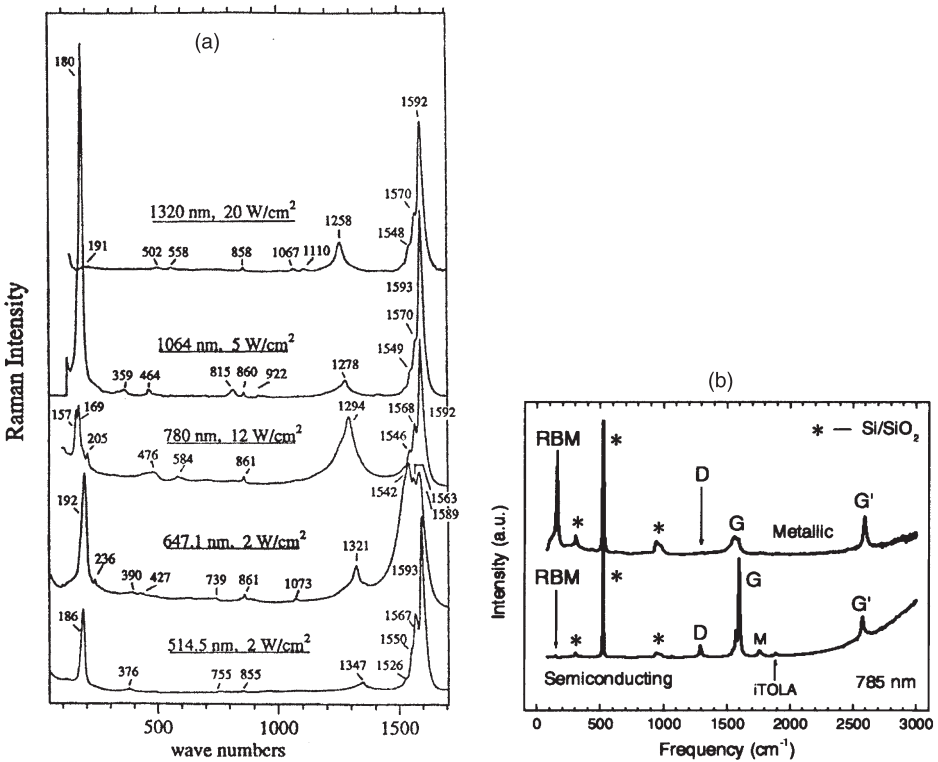
Raman spectroscopy has been widely used by most carbon nanotube researchers to characterize their samples broadly, from their basic synthesis and purification processes all the way to their ultimate use in nanotube modifications and device applications. The broad interest from the carbon nanotube research community in Raman spectroscopy comes from the capability of this technique to easily and nondestructively characterize carbon nanotube samples with respect to diameter and chirality distribution, population of specific  $(n, m)$  species in a sample, sample purity, doping, functionalization, as well as temperature, pressure and strain effects. To achieve such a characterization capability, research has focused on understanding the basic physical properties of carbon nanotubes, primarily by advancing our knowledge of their electronic, vibrational and geometric structure, and of the interrelation between these properties.

The unique optical and spectroscopic properties observed in single wall carbon nanotubes (SWNTs) are largely due to the one-dimensional (1D) confinement of electronic and phonon states and due to the so-called resonance Raman process. Because of this 1D confinement, the resonance effect is both strongly enhanced relative to graphite and highly selective of the SWNT geometric structure, namely its diameter and chirality. Thus Raman spectroscopy has become not only a spectroscopic tool, but also has become a structural characterization tool for SWNTs. In this article we show how carbon nanotubes are a unique system for the study of the rich Raman spectra of 1D systems, and at the same time Raman spectroscopy has provided an exceedingly powerful tool for the detailed characterization of SWNTs.

Raman scattering refers to the inelastic scattering of light in molecules and solids. By exciting (or absorbing) an elementary excitation of the material (usually a phonon, the quantum of lattice vibration), the scattered light loses (or gains) the

1 characteristic energy of the excitation  $\Delta E$  relative to the energy of the incident light  
 (2) ( $E_{\text{laser}}$ ). Raman spectra refer to the spectral intensity of the scattered light as a  
 3 function of energy shift  $\Delta E$ , usually measured in units of  $\text{cm}^{-1} = (1/8065) \text{eV}$ . These  
 spectra are observed by using a laser, a monochromator, a spectrometer, and a  
 5 detector. A monochromator (or some optical filter) is needed for removing the  
 strong elastically scattered Rayleigh light, appearing near  $\Delta E = 0$ .

7 Fig. 1a gives a general view of the Raman spectra from a typical SWNT bundle  
 sample taken with different laser excitation lines ( $E_{\text{laser}}$ ) and Fig. 1b shows spectra  
 9 taken at the individual nanotube level. There are two dominant Raman signatures  
 that distinguish a SWNT from other forms of carbon. The first relates to the low  
 11 frequency feature, usually in the range  $100\text{--}300 \text{cm}^{-1}$ , arising from scattering by  
 the radial breathing modes (RBM) which correspond to symmetric in-phase  
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 41 Fig. 1. (a) Room temperature Raman spectra from SWNT bundles grown by the laser  
 vaporization method, excited at five different laser energies (wavelengths) [1], as indicated  
 43 along with the power density and the vibrational frequencies (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). (b) Raman spectra  
 from a metallic (top) and a semiconducting (bottom) SWNT at the single nanotube level. The  
 45 dominant spectral features are indicated and are discussed in this chapter. The Raman  
 features denoted by “\*” come from the Si/SiO<sub>2</sub> substrate [2].

1 displacements of all the carbon atoms in the SWNT in the radial direction. The  
2 second signature relates to the multiple higher frequency features (around 1500–  
3 1600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) associated with the tangential (*G*-band) vibrational modes. Neither the  
4 RBM feature nor the *multiple G*-band features are observed in any other  $\text{sp}^2$  bonded  
5 carbon material, which shows a characteristic *single G*-band (Lorentzian shape)  
6 Raman peak at 1582  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (discussed in Section 3.3.2). These two first-order Raman  
7 features (the RBM and the multi *G*-band) are, therefore, the spectral signatures of  
8 SWNTs and have been used to characterize nanotube samples from their earliest  
9 stage of identification [3,4].

10 From an historical perspective, the use of Raman spectroscopy to characterize  
11 carbon materials [5] generally motivated researchers to apply this technique also to  
12 SWNTs shortly after the early synthesis of SWNTs in 1993 [6,7]. Even though only  
13  $\sim 1\%$  of the carbonaceous material in the sample was estimated to be due to  
14 SWNTs [3], a unique Raman spectrum was observed, different from any other  
15 previously observed spectrum for a carbon material, thereby motivating further  
16 development of this noninvasive characterization technique for SWNTs.

17 The power of this technique to study and characterize carbon nanotube samples  
18 and nanotube properties became evident in 1997, when the process was shown to be  
19 highly selective not only of SWNTs embedded in a sample containing other  
20 carbonaceous species, but of specific (*n*, *m*) SWNTs due to the resonance Raman  
21 effect [1]. Since the resonance Raman intensity depends on the density of electronic  
22 states (DOS) available for the optical transitions, and this resonance property is  
23 especially important for 1D systems where quantum confinement effects give rise to  
24 singularities in the DOS. Fig. 1a shows that when  $E_{\text{laser}}$  is varied, the Raman spectra  
25 change dramatically, because different laser excitation energies are in resonance with  
26 different SWNTs depending on their tube diameters  $d_t$  and chiral angles  $\theta$ . Resonance  
27 Raman spectroscopy (RRS) has thus become a very powerful tool to study the  
28 vibrational and electronic properties of SWNTs. The next breakthrough came in 2001  
29 with the observation of the Raman spectrum from one isolated SWNT sitting on a  
30  $\text{SiO}_2$  substrate [2] (see Fig. 1b), greatly advancing our understanding of Raman  
31 spectroscopy in 1D materials generally, since SWNT properties could now be  
32 measured in great detail at the single nanotube level from an object only  $\sim 1$  nm in  
33 diameter with a well-defined geometrical structure [1].

34 To understand the very special Raman spectra of carbon nanotubes, the physics  
35 we learn from SWNTs, and how to use this technique to characterize SWNT  
36 samples [8,9], some basic concepts of the Raman scattering effect are introduced in  
37 Section 2. This is followed by a discussion of how resonance Raman scattering has  
38 been used to study and characterize (Section 3) carbon nanotubes.

## 41 2. BASIC CONCEPTS OF RESONANCE 42 RAMAN SCATTERING

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44 In this section the constituent optical processes in Raman scattering are introduced,  
45 and resonant processes are distinguished from nonresonant processes. Resonance

1 with both the incident and scattered photon are considered, along with first-order  
 2 and higher-order scattering processes for phonon emission (Stokes process) and  
 3 phonon absorption (anti-Stokes process).

4 A Raman scattering event consists of three basic optical processes: (1) photon  
 5 absorption to excite an exciton (an electron bound to the hole that is simultaneously  
 6 created by the photon), (2) phonon emission from an exciton, and (3) finally photon  
 7 emission by the exciton. We measure the emitted photons as a Raman spectrum in  
 8 which the Raman scattering intensity is plotted vs. energy shift  $\Delta E$  (see Section 1 and  
 9 Fig. 1). In light scattering, the photon absorption process generally occurs even  
 10 though the energy separation between the ground and excited states is not equal to  
 11 the photon energy, in which case we call the transition a *virtual* or *nonresonant*  
 12 transition.

13 It is easy to understand a nonresonant transition for a mechanical system,  
 14 consisting of a spring and a ball. Even though we force this system to vibrate with a  
 15 frequency which is not a natural eigen-frequency of the system, the vibration will still  
 16 have some vibrational amplitude. When the vibrational frequency is close to an  
 17 eigen-frequency of the system, the vibrational amplitude becomes singularly large.  
 18 This enhancement in intensity is identified with a resonance phenomenon.

19 A similar effect occurs for the Raman process, and it is called RRS. Here the  
 20 scattered amplitude becomes very large when  $E_{\text{laser}}$  is close to the transition energy  
 21 for light absorption or emission ( $E_{ii}$ ). There are two possible conditions for  
 22 resonance, and these are called, the incident and scattered resonance conditions in  
 23 which either the incident or scattered photons, respectively, have the same energy as  
 24 the energy level separation of the system. For photon absorption, where the incident  
 25 light resonance condition is:

$$27 \quad E_{\text{laser}} = E_{ii} \quad (\text{incident light resonance}) \quad (1)$$

29 all Raman features will be resonantly enhanced. However, for the scattered light  
 30 resonance condition for the creation of a phonon with frequency  $\omega_i$ ,

$$31 \quad E_{\text{laser}} = E_{ii} + \hbar\omega_i \quad (\text{Stokes scattered light resonance}) \quad (2)$$

33 the resonance condition depends on the phonon energy  $\hbar\omega_i$ . Inelastic scattering of  
 34 light is also possible by absorbing a phonon, which is called anti-Stokes Raman  
 35 scattering. Anti-Stokes Raman spectra can be seen relative to  $\Delta E = 0$  on the  
 36 opposite side of the spectrum for phonon emission (Stokes Raman spectra). In order  
 37 to absorb a phonon, the phonon should be present in the Bose–Einstein distribution  
 38 at thermal equilibrium. Thus anti-Stokes Raman spectra will have a very low  
 39 intensity for high energy phonons and at low temperatures. The resonance condition  
 40 for the anti-Stokes Raman spectra for the incident light resonance condition is the  
 41 same as that of the Stokes spectra. As for the scattered light resonance, the condition  
 42 is given by

$$45 \quad E_{\text{laser}} = E_{ii} - \hbar\omega_i \quad (\text{anti-Stokes scattered light resonance}) \quad (3)$$

1 Thus by comparing the Stokes with the anti-Stokes spectra, we can know whether  
 2 the resonance condition is for the incident resonance or scattered resonance.

3 The number of emitted phonons before relaxation of the lattice can be one, two,  
 4 and so on, which we call, respectively, one-phonon, two-phonon, and multi-phonon  
 5 Raman processes. The order of a scattering event is defined as its number in the  
 6 sequence of all the scattering events, including both phonon inelastic scattering and  
 7 elastic scattering by an imperfection (such as a defect or edge) of the crystal. The  
 8 lowest order process is the first-order Raman scattering process which involves one-  
 9 phonon emission, such as the RBM, or the *G*-band feature shown in Fig. 1 for  
 10 SWNTs. A scattering event with only elastic scattering, i.e., change of photon  
 11 direction but no frequency shift, corresponds to Rayleigh scattering.

12 Finally, incident and scattered light polarization is an important issue for Raman  
 13 scattering, because optical absorption and emission usually exhibit a polarization  
 14 dependence. The so-called selection rules, which depend on light polarization, tell us  
 15 whether or not a given set of electronic levels that can be coupled by light.

### 17 **3. RESONANCE RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY OF** 18 **CARBON NANOTUBES**

19 In this section we focus on the various features appearing in the resonance Raman  
 20 spectra of SWNTs. The spectra observed from SWNT bundle samples and at the  
 21 single nanotube level are discussed, focusing on the complementary information  
 22 provided by ensembles of SWNTs and by a single nanotube.

#### 23 *3.1. 1D van Hove Singularities and the Kataura Plot*

24 In the case of a SWNT, the energy separation which is relevant to RRS corresponds  
 25 to the transition energies which appear as singularities [called van Hove singularities  
 26 (vHSS)] in the electronic density of states (DOS). These singularities in the DOS (see  
 27 Fig. 2) come from the energy maxima or minima of 1D energy subbands of an  
 28 individual SWNT. The electronic structure of an  $(n, m)$  SWNT has many 1D energy  
 29 subbands, and therefore many vHSSs. However, despite the large number of vHSSs,  
 30 only a small number of electronic levels can be connected by light due to the  
 31 symmetry selection rules. Electrons (and phonons) in carbon nanotubes are  
 32 characterized by their 1D wave vectors ( $k$  for electrons and  $q$  for phonons) and  
 33 by their symmetries, that relate to nothing else than the number of nodes for their  
 34 wave functions around the circumferential direction. The totally symmetric *A* states  
 35 for electrons (and phonons) have no nodes, while the various harmonics usually  
 36 exhibit double degenerate symmetries  $E_\mu$ , so that for levels labeled by  $\mu = 1, 2, 3, \dots$   
 37 the eigenvectors have  $2, 4, 6, \dots$  nodes [10,11]. It is known that light can be strongly  
 38 absorbed when the polarization of the electric field is parallel to the nanotube axis.  
 39 In this case, valence and conduction electrons having the same symmetry ( $E_\mu^v \rightarrow E_\mu^c$ )  
 40 are coupled by light. On the other hand, when the polarization vector is

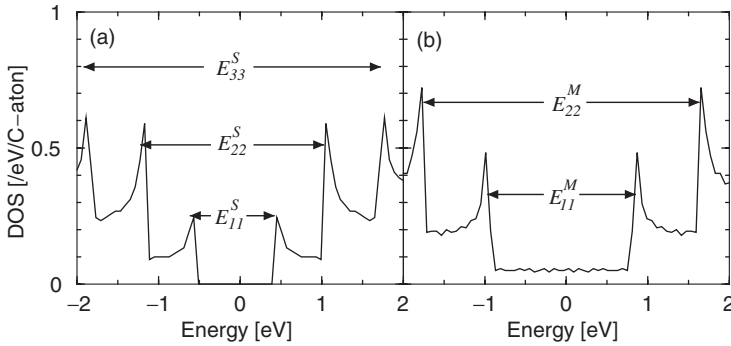


Fig. 2. Electronic density of states for (a) a semiconducting SWNT and (b) a metallic SWNT. The Fermi energy ( $E_F$ ) is located at  $E = 0$ . An optical transition is possible between vHS peaks in the valence and conduction bands. Energy separations between two vHS peaks are labeled from smallest to largest for semiconducting tubes by  $E_{11}^S$ ,  $E_{22}^S$ ,  $E_{33}^S$ , ..., and for metallic tubes by  $E_{11}^M$ ,  $E_{22}^M$ , ... .

perpendicular to the nanotube axis, the absorption vanishes [12,13] in accordance with polarization selection rules which further tell us that the resonance energies for perpendicular polarization of the light couple  $E_\mu^v \rightarrow E_{\mu\pm 1}^c$ .

Therefore, because of the selection rules for optical transitions [12,13], optical transitions occur between two peaks which are approximately symmetrically placed with respect to the Fermi energy  $E_F$ , as shown in Fig. 2. These transitions are labeled  $E_{11}$ ,  $E_{22}$ ,  $E_{33}$  and so on, according to how close in energy they are to  $E_F$ . Like a fingerprint, each carbon nanotube labeled by  $(n, m)$  has different  $E_{ii}$  values. We further note in Fig. 2, that the DOS at  $E_F$  for metallic tubes is nonzero and constant between the highest valence band vHS and the lowest conduction band vHS. The actual transition energies  $E_{ii}$  are excitonic in nature because the excited electron is bound to the hole that is left behind in the excitation process, giving rise to what is called a bound electron–hole pair or an exciton. The actual  $E_{ii}$  are further perturbed by electron–electron repulsion effects and it is these perturbed excitonic transition energies  $E_{ii}$  that are observed experimentally and calculated theoretically. These electron–hole and electron–electron interactions are specially important in 1D systems, since the electrons and holes are highly confined in 1D space.

To analyze the resonance Raman spectra of SWNTs, it is useful to have a plot of these resonant transition energies  $E_{ii}$  as a function of tube diameter  $d_t$  for all  $(n, m)$  SWNTs, and we call such a plot a Kataura plot (see Fig. 3). This plot was first proposed in 1999 by H. Kataura [14], and subsequent optical and Raman spectroscopic measurements had a large influence on the detailed development of this plot. From the Kataura plot in Fig. 3, we see that the resonant transition energies  $E_{ii}$  are approximately inversely proportional to  $d_t$ , and each  $E_{ii}$  band has some width due to the chirality dependence of  $E_{ii}$  [15]. For a given  $d_t$ , the sequence of  $E_{ii}$  is in the order  $E_{11}^S$ ,  $E_{22}^S$ ,  $E_{11}^M$ ,  $E_{33}^S$ , etc. starting from the lowest energy. One typical use of a Kataura plot would be to tell a researcher that for a sample with a diameter

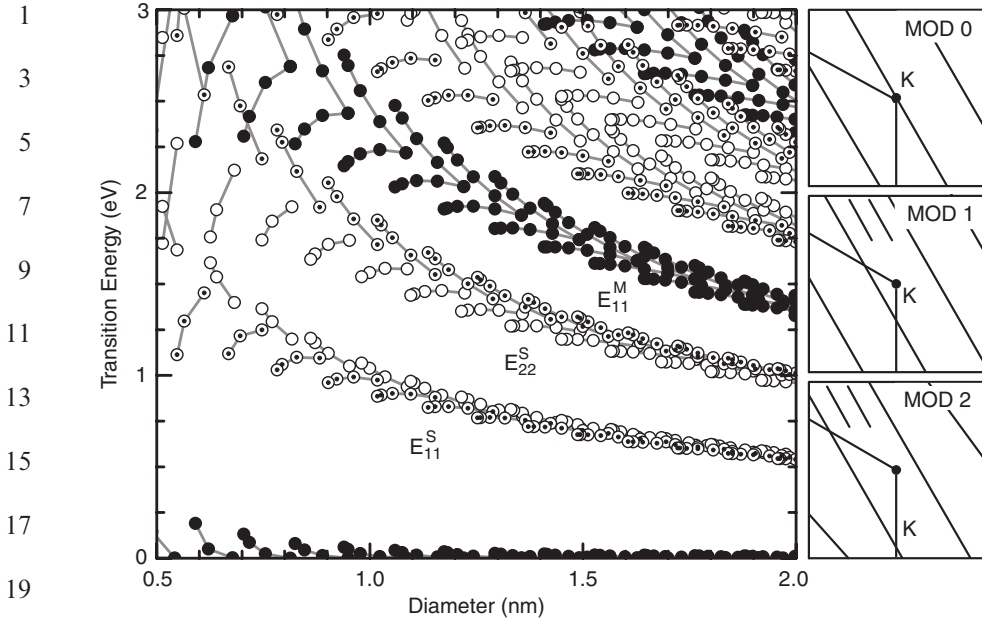


Fig. 3. Plot of the transition energies  $E_{ii}$  vs.  $d_t$  for all  $(n, m)$  values occurring for  $0.5 < d_t < 2.0$  nm (Kataura plot) where S and M denote semiconducting, and metallic nanotubes, respectively. On the right, cutting lines are shown for M tubes (MOD0), and S tubes of two types, MOD1 and MOD2, for open and open-dot circles (see text).

distribution of, for example,  $d_t = 1.4 \pm 0.1$  nm, a Raman signal from semiconducting (S) and metallic (M) SWNTs would be expected for  $E_{\text{laser}} \sim 1.4$  eV ( $E_{22}^S$ ) and 1.9 eV ( $E_{11}^M$ ), respectively. Note that when we rotate the polarization of the light away from parallel to the SWNT axis, the resonance condition obtained for parallel polarization for a given  $E_{\text{laser}}$  (Fig. 3) will no longer apply [16].

### 3.2. Family Patterns

SWNTs are metallic when  $(n-m)$  or equivalently when  $(2n+m)$  is divisible by 3 (MOD0) and are semiconducting otherwise [10,17,18]. This fundamental result can be understood from the diagrams in Fig. 3 to the right of the Kataura plot, where the cutting lines, denoting allowed states for wave vectors in the circumferential direction of SWNTs, are shown to only pass through the K point in the 2D graphene Brillouin zone (BZ) for the case of MOD0, where the K point is the point in reciprocal space of 2D graphite, where the valence and conduction bands cross  $E_F$  to form a zero gap semiconductor [10]. For semiconducting SWNTs we distinguish the case where the remainder of the division of  $(2n+m)/3$  is 1 or 2 by MOD1 (open circles in Fig. 3) and MOD2 (open-dot circles), respectively. We thus see that the energies  $E_{ii}^S$  follow a similar pattern (the so-called family behavior), according to the



1  $2n+m$  value of a SWNT (which labels its family) and whether the SWNT is MOD1  
 or MOD2 [19,20]. Thus, a (6,5) SWNT would be designated by MOD2 and family  
 3  $2n+m = 17$ . Each metallic SWNT has two vHSs in its DOS for each  $E_{ii}^M$ , except for  
 armchair SWNTs. The occurrence of two vHSs for each  $E_{ii}^M$  is due to the so-called  
 5 trigonal warping effect of the electronic structure [15], and the energy separation  
 between the two vHSs for a metallic tube generally increases as the chiral angle  
 7 decreases. Family patterns are observed in Fig. 3 for both S and M SWNTs. We note  
 that each  $(n, m)$  nanotube in the long tube length limit has a unique set of  $E_{ii}$  values  
 9 and can in this sense be considered as a unique molecule. The connection between  
 the resonance Raman spectra and the Kataura plot is further discussed below.

### 13 3.3. Raman Spectroscopy for Isolated Individual SWNTs

Because of the strong resonance process in 1D systems, a large enhancement in the  
 15 Raman signal occurs, allowing the identification of the structure (diameter  $d_t$  and  
 chiral angle  $\theta$ ) of individual SWNTs to be made, which in turn allows nanotube  
 17 properties to be determined as a function of  $d_t$  and  $\theta$ .

#### 19 3.3.1. The RBM $(n, m)$ Assignment and the Resonance Window

In this subsection we show how measurements at the single nanotube level allow a  
 21 determination to be made of the  $d_t$  and  $\theta$  nanotube chirality, which is usually  
 denoted in terms of the  $(n, m)$  indices of the SWNT [10]. In addition, single nanotube  
 23 spectroscopy allows measurements to be made of the resonant window of an  
 individual SWNT, if a suitable “tunable” laser source is available.

25 In the process of measuring the Raman spectra from isolated SWNTs on a Si/SiO<sub>2</sub>  
 substrate using a fixed laser energy  $E_{\text{laser}}$ , the laser spot is focused on the substrate  
 27 surface (micro Raman spectroscopy) and is scanned over the sample until the Raman  
 signal from an isolated SWNT is observed. The Raman intensity from SWNTs is  
 29 usually buried under the noise, except for a few  $(n, m)$  SWNTs, which have  $E_{ii}$  values  
 within the resonance window of a given  $E_{\text{laser}}$ . Fig. 4b shows the Raman spectra from  
 31 three isolated SWNTs in resonance with an excitation laser  $E_{\text{laser}} = 1.58 \text{ eV}$ , taken  
 from different spots on the Si/SiO<sub>2</sub> substrate shown in Fig. 4a. From knowledge of  
 33 both the RBM frequency  $\omega_{\text{RBM}}$  and  $E_{ii} \sim E_{\text{laser}}$ , the  $(n, m)$  geometrical structure can  
 be defined, making use of the Kataura plot (Fig. 3) and a relation between  $\omega_{\text{RBM}}$  and  
 35  $d_t$ . The  $\omega_{\text{RBM}}$  is known to depend linearly on the number of carbon atoms around the  
 SWNT circumference, and therefore  $\omega_{\text{RBM}}$  depends on  $1/d_t$ . In this work [2] the  
 37 relation used to relate  $\omega_{\text{RBM}}$  to  $d_t$  for SWNTs in the diameter range  $1.2 < d_t < 1.8 \text{ nm}$   
 was found to be  $\omega_{\text{RBM}} = 2.48/d_t$ . This assignment with  $\omega_{\text{RBM}} = 248/d_t \text{ cm}^{-1}$  works  
 39 well for  $d_t > 1 \text{ nm}$ . However, for small diameter SWNTs ( $d_t < 1 \text{ nm}$ ), we need to  
 consider in detail the curvature effect of the cylindrical surface of a SWNT on  $E_{ii}$  and  
 41  $\omega_{\text{RBM}}$ . The Kataura plot itself has been established by making resonance Raman (see  
 Section 3.4) and photoluminescence (PL) [20] measurements on many tubes so that  
 43 the family patterns in Fig. 3 could be firmly established.

By using a tunable laser, it is also possible to study the resonance window of *one*  
 45 isolated SWNT, giving the  $E_{ii}$  value with a precision better than 5 meV, as shown in



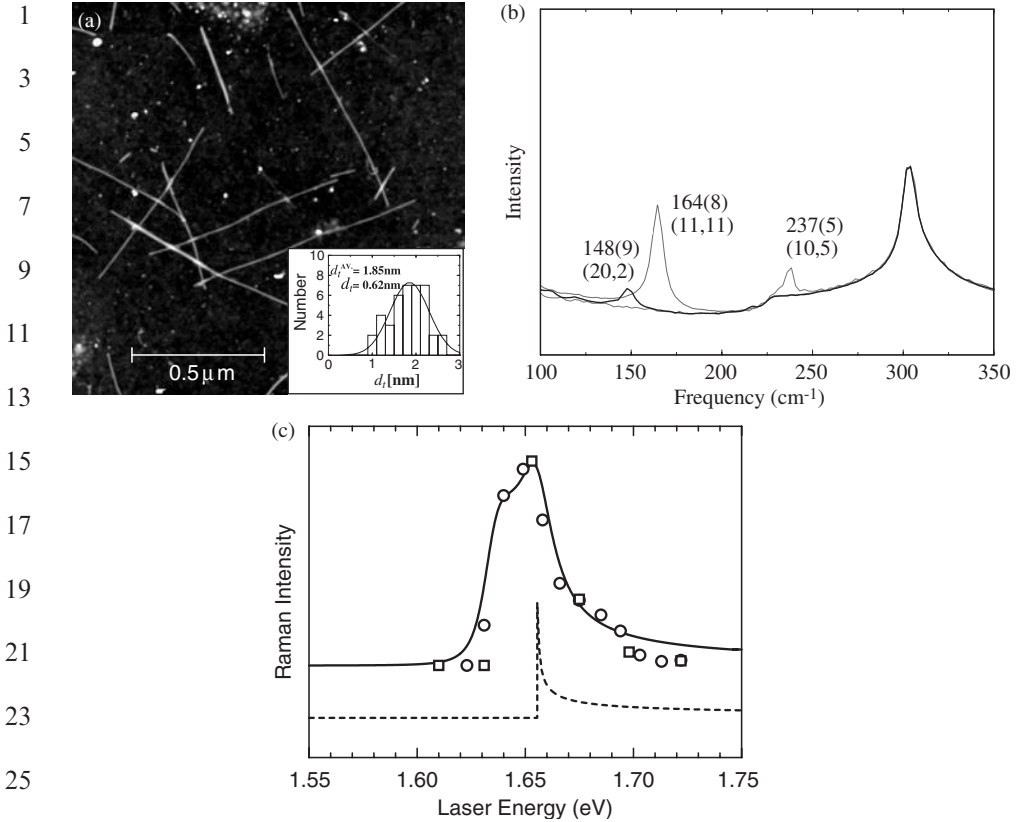


Fig. 4. (a) AFM image of SWNTs on a Si/SiO<sub>2</sub> substrate. The inset shows the SWNT diameter distribution of the sample. (b) Raman spectra from three different spots in (a). The RBM frequencies (widths) and the (n, m) assignment for each resonant SWNT are displayed [2]. The 303 cm<sup>-1</sup> feature comes from the Si substrate and is used for calibration purposes. (c) Raman intensity vs. E<sub>laser</sub> for the anti-Stokes RBM feature at the 173.6 cm<sup>-1</sup> assigned to an isolated (18,0) SWNT on a Si/SiO<sub>2</sub> substrate [21]. The predicted resonant window (solid curve) and the vHS at 1.655 eV (dashed curve) are shown.

Here the resonance window for the anti-Stokes process is shown to have a full width at half maximum intensity of only 8 meV and to be asymmetric in lineshape, reflecting the asymmetric lineshape of the van Hove singularity (dotted curve in Fig. 4c). To observe the asymmetry in the resonance window, its linewidth must be small. The appearance of spiky vHS peaks in the DOS is a general effect of quantum confined 1D energy bands, but this effect is enhanced in SWNTs because of their small d<sub>t</sub> values.

### 3.3.2. The G-Band Raman Spectra at the Single Nanotube Level

The G-band refers to the in-plane optic phonon modes which are Raman-active in sp<sup>2</sup> graphitic materials. Since graphite is not an ionic material, the longitudinal (LO)

1 and transverse (TO) optic phonon modes are degenerate at the  $\Gamma$  point (zone center)  
 2 of the BZ. Because of the curvature of the cylindrical surface of SWNTs, their  
 3 LO and TO phonon modes are split into higher and lower frequencies,  $G^+$  and  
 4  $G^-$ , respectively. While the LO frequency  $\omega_{G^+}$ , for vibrations along the tube axis, is  
 5 almost independent of  $d_t$ , the TO frequency  $\omega_{G^-}$ , for vibrations in the circum-  
 6 ferential direction, is downshifted because of its mode softening due to tube  
 7 curvature.

8 RRS at the single nanotube level allows detailed measurements to be made of both  
 9 diameter and chirality effects and polarization effects, as summarized below. Such  
 10 detailed studies are not possible for ensemble samples. The difference in the  
 11 lineshape for the  $G$ -band for graphite, which consists of a single simple Lorentzian  
 12 line, and for SWNTs is dramatically shown in Fig. 5a. For both semiconducting and  
 13 metallic SWNTs, two dominant features are seen in Fig. 5a, corresponding to fully  
 14 symmetric modes. For semiconducting SWNTs (Fig. 5b) the LO (or  $G^+$ ) mode has a  
 15 stronger intensity, and the weaker mode is the TO (or  $G^-$ ) mode discussed above,  
 16 with an LO–TO splitting induced by tube curvature effects. This splitting increases  
 17 as  $1/d_t^2$ , as shown in Fig. 5c. Whereas the TO (or  $G^-$ ) mode for semiconducting  
 18 SWNTs has a Lorentzian lineshape, Fig. 5a shows that the lineshape for the  $G^-$   
 19 mode for metallic tubes is very different and follows a Breit–Wigner–Fano lineshape,  
 20 with a  $1/d_t^2$  mode frequency dependence that is approximately twice as strong as for  
 21 the semiconducting SWNTs [22]. Fig. 5b shows that the LO–TO splitting can be  
 22 used in addition to  $\omega_{\text{RBM}}$  to characterize the nanotube diameter.

23 In the case of isolated SWNTs, the polarization of the light relative to the  
 24 nanotube axis is important for studies of the Raman intensity. Absorption and/or  
 25 emission of light perpendicularly polarized with respect to the nanotube axis is  
 26 responsible for the observation of Raman modes with  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  group theoretical  
 27 symmetry [10], while only phonons with  $A$  symmetry can be observed for parallel  
 28 polarized light [11].  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  phonons have indeed been seen in the  $G$ -band of both  
 29 isolated [23,24] and bundled [25] SWNTs, and their polarization dependence  
 30 confirms the selection rules for this 1D system. However, the most general  
 31 polarization behavior for the optical properties of SWNTs is a strong angular  
 32 dependence of the polarization, where the general Raman intensity drops for light  
 33 perpendicular to the nanotube axis [23,26], and this behavior is understood by the  
 34 antenna effect of electromagnetic theory [27]. Such polarization effects could be  
 35 important for potential optical communications applications of SWNTs.

### 37 3.4. Setting up the Kataura Plot

38 In setting up the Kataura plot (Fig. 3) we use information from the  $G$ -band spectra  
 39 to give the general placement of the  $E_{ii}^M$  and  $E_{ii}^S$  bands, and we use  $E_{ii}$  vs.  $\omega_{\text{RBM}}$  in  
 40 the RBM spectra to yield a specific point on the Kataura plot for each  $(n, m)$   
 41 SWNT [28]. Measurements on many SWNTs allow  $\omega_{\text{RBM}}$  to be related to  $d_t$  [28]  
 42 and these relations are further supported by theoretical calculations [29]. PL  
 43 measurements can only be made on semiconducting SWNTs [20] and for these  
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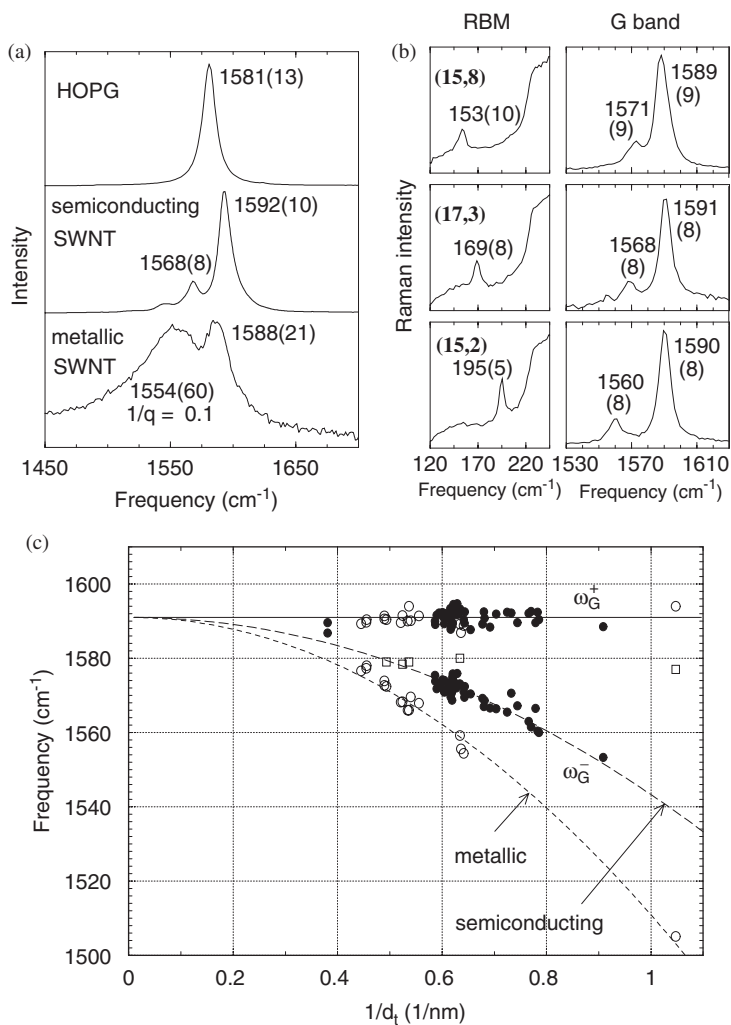


Fig. 5. (a) G-band Raman spectra for highly oriented pyrolytic graphite (HOPG), and for semiconducting and metallic SWNTs. (b) RBM and G-band spectra of isolated SWNTs for larger (top) to smaller (bottom) diameters. (c) G-band frequencies  $\omega_{G^+}$  and  $\omega_{G^-}$  for 62 isolated SWNT are plotted vs.  $1/d_t$  [22].

SWNTs, the PL data yield points for the Kataura plot in agreement with the RRS data [20,28].

### 3.4.1. The G-Band and the Subband Positions

The determination of the relative subband positions utilizes the different lineshapes of M and S SWNTs, as shown in Figs. 5a and 6a. This difference in lineshape is best

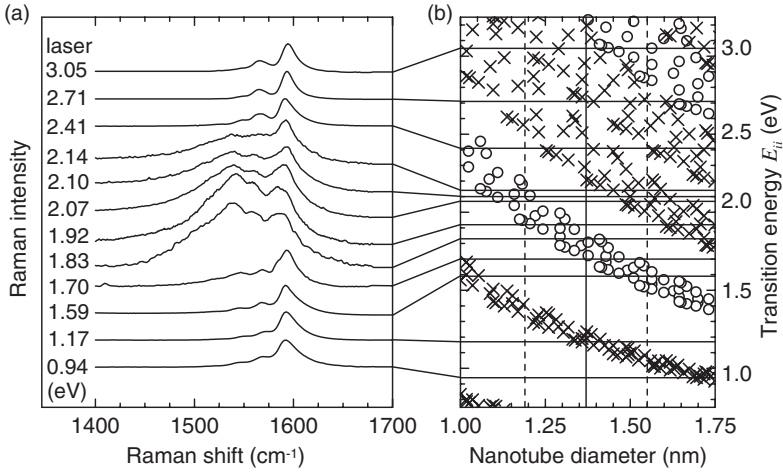


Fig. 6. (a) Raman spectra of the tangential  $G$ -band modes of SWNT bundles measured with several different laser lines, on a sample with  $d_t = 1.37 \pm 0.18$  nm [32]. (b) Resonant transition energies  $E_{ii}$  vs.  $d_t$ . The vertical solid line is the average  $d_t$  and the vertical dashed lines denote the  $d_t$  distribution width. Crosses are for S SWNTs and open circles for M SWNTs.

observed in SWNT bundle samples since the coupling of the conduction electrons to phonons through a plasmon excitation is enhanced by intertube interactions [30,31]. By measuring the Raman spectra of nanotube bundles through varying  $E_{\text{laser}}$ , as shown in Fig. 6a, different  $E_{ii}$  for M and S tubes are probed at different  $E_{\text{laser}}$  values [32], and this information is used to identify M and S SWNTs in Fig. 6b. Based on the lineshape fits of the  $G^-$  feature for S and M SWNTs, the various traces in Fig. 6a are identified in Fig. 6b with the resonant  $E_{ii}$  for semiconducting and metallic SWNTs contained within the sample.

#### 3.4.2. The RBM and the Kataura Plot

By using a Raman system with many laser lines, it is possible to obtain the  $E_{ii}$  energies for many tubes, as shown in Fig. 7a where Raman intensity contours vs.  $\omega_{\text{RBM}}$  are shown. These data were obtained from resonance Raman spectra [28] taken from a HiPco sample<sup>1</sup> with a diameter distribution  $d_t = 1.0 \pm 0.2$  nm where the individual tubes were wrapped with sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) [33]. A wrapping agent is used to isolate one SWNT from another to enable PL measurements to be made [33]. In this way Raman spectroscopy (RRS) and PL measurements could be carried out on the same sample [28].

In order to avoid use of an empirical fitting procedure in implementing the Kataura plot, we plot  $E_{ii}$  vs.  $\omega_{\text{RBM}}$  (Fig. 7b) directly from the experimental values in Fig. 7a for each  $(n, m)$  resonant SWNT [28]. Black circles and squares represent, respectively, S and M SWNTs. Using 76 values of  $E_{\text{laser}}$  for  $1.52 \leq E_{\text{laser}} \leq 2.71$  eV, a 2D plot is made from the RBM spectra obtained from Stokes resonance Raman

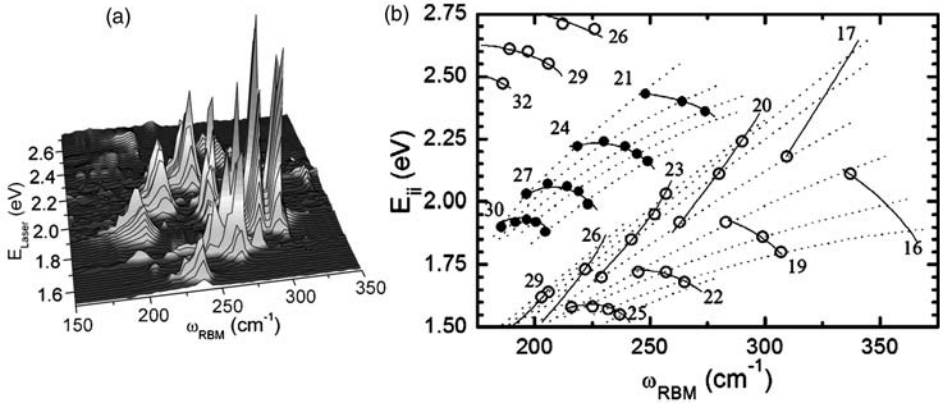


Fig. 7. (a) RBM resonance Raman measurements of HiPco SWNT nanotubes, wrapped in SDS and dispersed in an aqueous solution [33], taken with 76 different laser lines  $E_{\text{laser}}$  between 1.52 and 2.71 eV [28]. (b) The points denote 47 electronic transition energies  $E_{ii}$  vs.  $\omega_{\text{RBM}}$  for 41 different  $(n, m)$  SWNTs in (a). Solid and open circles, respectively, denote metallic and semiconducting SWNTs. Each family is denoted by its  $(2n + m) = \text{constant}$  value, allowing family patterns to be clearly seen.

measurements as a function of  $E_{\text{laser}}$ . Each RBM peak in Fig. 7a can be assigned to a  $(n, m)$  SWNT with the idea of family patterns (see Section 3.2). The family patterns of  $E_{ii}$  ( $2n + m = \text{constant}$ ) for semiconducting ( $E_{22}^{\text{S}}$  and  $E_{33}^{\text{S}}$ ) and metallic ( $E_{11}^{\text{M}}$ ) tubes are clearly seen in Fig. 7b, where we also show the values of  $(2n + m)$ . The different behaviors of the MOD1 and MOD2 semiconducting SWNTs (see Section 3.2) in the Kataura plot are clearly seen.

The  $(E_{ii}, \omega_{\text{RBM}})$  results (Fig. 7b) can be compared with a theoretical model that considers in detail the distortion of the C–C bonds due to the curvature of the graphene sheet when it is rolled up to form a SWNT [18,29]. The model also considers the effects of the excitonic binding of the excited electron–hole pair and the Coulomb repulsion of electrons. Both of these phenomena are referred to as many-body effects. The comparison between this theoretical model and the RRS experimental results leads to a clear  $(n, m)$  assignment for each tube.

From the  $(n, m)$  assignment for both metallic and semiconducting SWNTs through Fig. 7b, a simple relation  $\omega_{\text{RBM}} = 218/d_t + 16 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  is obtained to correlate  $\omega_{\text{RBM}}$  with  $d_t$  for the small diameter tubes ( $d_t$  from 0.7 to 1.2 nm) for SWNTs wrapped with SDS in aqueous solution [28]. This relation between  $\omega_{\text{RBM}}$  and  $d_t$  is needed to connect the RRS experiments and the Kataura plot (Fig. 3). This relation also makes connections to prior theoretical works studying the effect of the deformation of the C–C bond angles and bond lengths on  $\omega_{\text{RBM}}$  on other Raman features [34]. However, the connection between the formula  $\omega_{\text{RBM}} = 248/d_t$ , obtained for isolated tubes in the  $d_t$  range  $1.2 < d_t < 1.6$  nm on a Si/SiO<sub>2</sub> substrate and the results given above for small  $d_t$  SWNTs still remains to be resolved.

1 Efforts have been made to observe of the electronic transition energies for  
 2 light polarized perpendicular to the nanotube axis [35,36]. For SWNT bundle  
 3 samples, some special RBM spectra have been observed, and these spectra can  
 4 be explained by a Kataura plot not for  $E_{ii}$ , but for  $E_{i,i\pm 1}$  transitions [12]. This  
 5 change in the polarization seen by a particular SWNT (suppression of the  
 6 antenna effect) is attributed to fields from neighboring SWNTs [35]. A general  
 7 picture corresponding to that shown in Fig. 7b for the  $E_{i,i\pm 1}$  transitions will be  
 8 important for gaining a deeper understanding of the electronic properties of  
 9 SWNTs.

### 11 3.4.3. Raman Intensity and Characterization of the $(n, m)$ Population

12 As the  $(n, m)$  dependence of the resonance Raman spectra becomes well established,  
 13 very important information that can be obtained from RRS is the amount of each  
 14 specific  $(n, m)$  species in a bulk sample and the metal vs. semiconductor population  
 15 ratio. Such information is very important for advancing both the synthesis and  
 16 separation processes aimed at producing carbon nanotube samples for applications,  
 17 depending on their electronic properties.

18 The method for quantifying the  $(n, m)$  population by using resonance Raman  
 19 scattering is based on the assumption that the intensity for the fully resonant  
 20 Raman signal depends on the scattering efficiency (or Raman cross-section) of each  
 21 specific  $(n, m)$  nanotube species and its population in the sample. Therefore, by  
 22 measuring the fully resonant Raman intensity for each specific nanotube in the  
 23 sample (see Fig. 7a), and by correcting for the  $(n, m)$  dependent Raman cross-  
 24 section for each  $(n, m)$ , the amount of each  $(n, m)$  species in the sample is obtained.

25 Since the electron-phonon coupling exhibits a strong  $(n, m)$  dependence [37], in  
 26 order to characterize the population of specific  $(n, m)$  SWNTs in a sample, the RBM  
 27 resonance intensities must be analyzed considering the  $(n, m)$  dependence of the  
 28 RBM Raman cross-section. We expect the ratio  $P = I_{\text{RBM}}^{\text{EXP}}/I_{\text{RBM}}^{\text{CALC}}$  to give the  
 29 population  $P$  of each specific  $(n, m)$  SWNT within the samples. The first-order  
 30 Raman intensity  $I(\omega, E_{\text{laser}})$  as a function of phonon energy,  $\hbar\omega$ , and incident laser  
 31 energy,  $E_{\text{laser}}$  is calculated by [38,39]

$$33 \quad I(\omega, E_{\text{laser}}) = \sum_j \left| \sum_b \frac{M^d(k - q, jb) M^{\text{ep}}(q, ba) M^d(k, aj)}{\Delta E_{aj} (\Delta E_{aj} - \hbar\omega)} \right|^2 \quad (4)$$

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 37 in which  $\Delta E_{aj} \equiv E_{\text{laser}} - (E_a - E_j) - i\gamma$ , and  $j$ ,  $a$ , and  $b$  denote, respectively, the  
 38 initial state, the excited states, and the scattered states of an electron, while  $\gamma$  denotes  
 39 the broadening factor of the resonance event. Such an analysis has been applied to  
 40 quantify the  $(n, m)$  population in SWNTs grown by the so-called CoMoCAT process  
 41 [40]. This growth process has been considered the most successful in producing  
 42 samples with a very narrow  $d_t$  distribution. By analyzing the  $P$  obtained by RRS  
 43 from CoMoCAT SWNTs [41], it is clear that the semiconducting  $(6, 5)$  SWNT is the  
 44 most abundant species, representing about 2/5 of the sample. By summing up all the

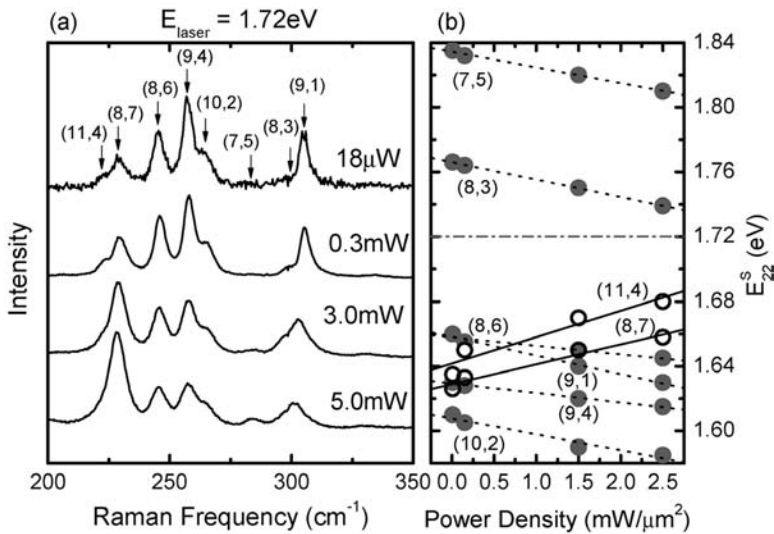


1  $P$  for semiconducting and metallic tubes, a S:M ratio of 11:1 is obtained, showing a  
 2 large dominance of S species in this growth process.

#### 3.4.4. Characterization of Environmental Effects

5 Another application of Raman spectroscopy research is to quantify the effect of the  
 6 SWNT environment on their electronic and vibrational properties. Because of the  
 7 environment (wrapped by DNA or SDS, bundled, in suspension, or temperature and  
 8 pressure) seen by a  $(n, m)$  SWNT, the  $E_{ii}$  values can shift by up to 80 meV. We call  
 9 these shifts in  $E_{ii}$  environmental effects. Effects of the environment generally have a  
 10 smaller influence on  $\omega_{\text{RBM}}$ .

11 The environment is observed to asymmetrically broaden and even to split the  
 12 RBM feature observed from one single  $(n, m)$  tube wrapped by DNA [42]. The  $E_{ii}$  of  
 13 the SWNT are perturbed by changing the dielectric constant, temperature, and  
 14 pressure. One illustration of an environmental effect is shown in Fig. 8 where the  
 15 dependence of the RBM spectra on the laser intensity for a fixed  $E_{\text{laser}} = 1.72$  eV is  
 16 shown, indicating that the relative intensities of the RBM peaks change with  
 17 increasing laser power [28]. The transition energies  $E_{22}^{\text{S}}$  in Fig. 8b also vary with the  
 18 laser power density, for each of the eight SWNTs with  $(n, m)$  assignments in Fig. 8a.  
 19 Here the  $E_{22}^{\text{S}}$  move in opposite directions when the laser power increases for S  
 20 SWNTs of the MOD1 type (dotted lines) and of the MOD2 type (solid lines). The  
 21  $E_{22}^{\text{S}}$  undergo a downshift for MOD1 SWNTs and an upshift for MOD2 SWNTs  
 22 (similar to the recently reported uniaxial strain-enhanced effect observed in SWNT



43 Fig. 8. (a) Dependence of the RBM spectra for HiPco SWNTs in bundles on the laser  
 44 excitation power for a fixed  $E_{\text{laser}} = 1.72$  eV. (b) Dependence of the transition energies  $E_{22}^{\text{S}}$   
 45 on the laser power density for specific  $(n, m)$  SWNTs. Gray dots and open circles are for  
 MOD1 and MOD2 nanotubes, respectively.



1 bundles [43]), thus explaining the changes in the relative intensities for the RBM  
 2 peaks observed from a single  $E_{\text{laser}}$  (Fig. 8a). The changes in  $E_{ii}$  due to sample heating  
 3 show that control of the laser power is important when analyzing the RRS of a  
 4 nanotube sample.

### 5 3.5. Double Resonance Second-Order and Defect-Induced Modes

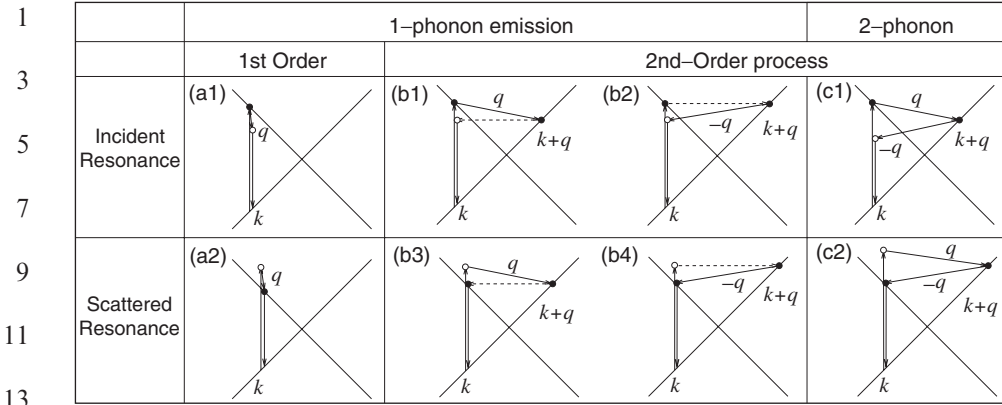
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 8 Many features in addition to the RBM and  $G$ -band features are also observed in the  
 9 Raman spectra in Fig. 1. In this section we focus our attention on defect-induced  
 10 modes and double resonance (DR) second-order features. Of these, the so-called  $D$   
 11 band (around  $1200\text{--}1400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) is the most extensively studied feature [44] and is a  
 12 well-known example of a disorder-induced band, that has been widely used to  
 13 characterize disorder in many kinds of graphitic materials [45], including SWNTs.  
 14 Furthermore, a rich set of spectral features is observed for the intermediate  
 15 frequency range between  $600$  and  $1100\text{ cm}^{-1}$  [46], and several multi-phonon bands  
 16 can be observed above  $1700\text{ cm}^{-1}$  [47], the best known being the so-called  $G'$ -band  
 17 (overtone of the  $D$  band) observed in the range  $2400\text{--}2800\text{ cm}^{-1}$  [47,48].

18 In general, the observation of overtones and combination modes in condensed  
 19 matter systems is rare because of dispersion effects which make these features too  
 20 weak and broad to pick out from the noisy background. The enhanced intensity  
 21 caused by the DR process in graphite-like materials and the intensity enhancement  
 22 caused by the vHSs in SWNTs, however, allow such overtones and combination  
 23 modes to be quite clearly observed. These DR features usually exhibit changes in  
 24 their excited electronic states with changing  $E_{\text{laser}}$ , thereby providing new  
 25 information about SWNT properties. To understand the physics related to  
 26 overtones and combination modes, the basic physics for higher order scattering  
 27 events for SWNTs are discussed here.

#### 29 3.5.1. Double Resonance Scattering

30 In second-order Raman scattering (see Fig. 9b and c), the  $\mathbf{q}$  and  $-\mathbf{q}$  scattering wave  
 31 vectors are involved, so that an electron can return to its original  $k$  position after  
 32 scattering. Second-order Raman scattering consists of either (b) one-phonon and  
 33 one-elastic scattering event, or (c) two-phonon scattering events. In the case of two-  
 34 phonon scattering events, we can have involvement of either the same phonon  
 35 modes (overtone mode) or different phonon modes (combination modes).

36 In second-order DR processes for carbon materials (see Fig. 9b and c), the  
 37 electron (1) absorbs a photon at a  $\mathbf{k}$  state, (2) scatters to  $\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}$  states, (3) scatters back  
 38 to a  $\mathbf{k}$  state, and (4) emits a photon by recombining with a hole at a  $\mathbf{k}$  state. The two  
 39 scattering processes consist of either elastic scattering by the defects of the crystal or  
 40 inelastic scattering by emitting a phonon, as shown in Fig. 9. Thus (1) one-elastic  
 41 and one-inelastic scattering event (Fig. 9b) and (2) two-inelastic scattering events  
 42 (Fig. 9c) are relevant to 2nd order Raman spectroscopy. Hereafter we call them,  
 43 respectively, one-phonon and two-phonon DR Raman spectra [49]. In a DR Raman  
 44 process, two resonance conditions for three intermediate states should be satisfied, in  
 45 which the intermediate  $\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}$  state is always a real electronic state (solid circles in



15 *Fig. 9.* (a) First-order and (b) one-phonon second-order, (c) two-phonon second-order, resonance Raman spectral processes: (top) incident photon resonance and (bottom) scattered photon resonance conditions. For one-phonon, second-order transitions, one of the two scattering events is an elastic scattering event (dashed lines). Resonance points are shown as solid circles. See text for details.

21 Fig. 9) and either the initial or the final  $k$  states is a real electronic state. The Raman intensity of a DR process is, in principle, comparable to that of a first-order process obeying a single resonance condition. In order to satisfy energy-momentum conservation in one-phonon DR Raman spectroscopy (see Fig. 9b1 and b2), the inelastic scattering process gives a shorter phonon  $q$  vector from the initial  $k$  state than the elastic scattering process.

27 The electronic structure of 2D graphite near the Fermi energy  $E_F$  is linear in wave vector  $k$ , which is expressed by the crossed solid lines in Fig. 9. The crossing point corresponds to  $E_F$  located at the  $K$  point. When the laser energy  $E_{laser}$  increases, the resonance  $k$  vector for the electron moves away from the  $K$  point. In the DR process, the corresponding  $q$  vector for the phonon increases with increasing  $k$ , measured from the  $K$  point. Thus by changing  $E_{laser}$ , we can observe the phonon energy  $\hbar\omega(q)$  along the phonon dispersion relations (Fig. 10). This effect is observed experimentally as a dispersion of the phonon energy as a function of  $E_{laser}$  [49]. A tunable laser system can directly measure this dispersive behavior for a dispersive feature, such as the  $D$ -band or the  $G'$ -band in the Raman spectrum (see Fig. 1).

37 When we consider the energy and momentum conservation for  $k$  and  $q$ , we need to introduce two other concepts to describe the scattering processes: intravalley and intervalley scattering, respectively, associated with  $q = 0$  and  $q = 2k$  phonons where the value of  $k$  is measured from the  $K$  (or  $K'$ ) point [50,51]. Since  $E_F$  is located at two inequivalent  $K$  and  $K'$  points in the 2D Brillouin zone, we can consider the scattering not only in the vicinity of  $K$  (or  $K'$ ), as shown in Fig. 9, but also in scattering from  $K$  to  $K'$  (or from  $K'$  to  $K$ ). The corresponding  $q$  vector for intravalley and intervalley scattering is, respectively, near the  $\Gamma$  and  $K$  points, as measured from the  $\Gamma$  point. Only  $q = 2k$  modes show a large dispersive behavior for the Raman frequency vs.  $E_{laser}$ .

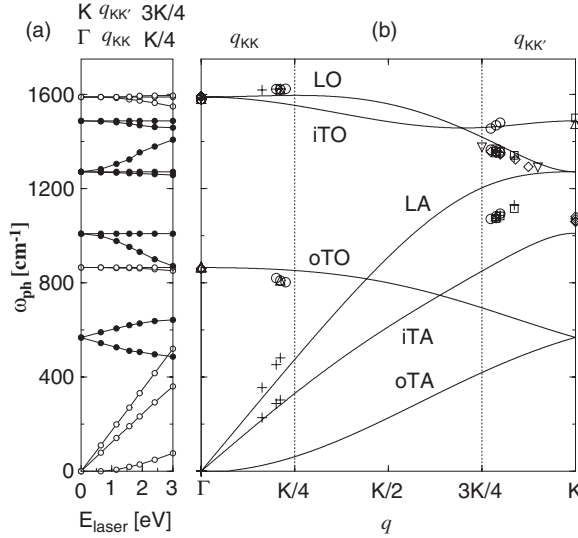


Fig. 10. (a) Calculated Raman frequencies for the double resonance (DR) condition vs.  $E_{\text{laser}}$  (bottom axis) and vs.  $q$  vector along  $\Gamma$ -K (top axis). Solid and open circles correspond to phonon modes near the K and  $\Gamma$  points, respectively. (b) The six graphite phonon dispersion curves (lines) and experimental Raman data (symbols) [50].

Both in graphite and in SWNTs, the  $D$ -band at  $1350\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the  $G'$ -band at  $2700\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (for  $E_{\text{laser}} = 2.41\text{ eV}$ ) are, respectively, due to one-phonon and two-phonon, 2nd order Raman intervalley scattering processes. Thus for graphite, the  $D$ -band spectra appearing at  $1350\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (one-phonon DR) can be fitted to two Lorentzians, while the  $G'$ -band feature at  $2700\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (two-phonon DR) can be fitted to one Lorentzian [51]. The disorder-induced  $D$  band is observed in disordered graphite-like materials, including carbon nanotubes, while its second-order harmonic, the  $G'$ -band is observed even in the absence of defects. Typically  $\omega_D$  and  $\omega_{G'}$  would be measured for  $E_{\text{laser}} = 2.41\text{ eV}$  and their dispersion would be  $53\text{ cm}^{-1}/\text{eV}$  and  $106\text{ cm}^{-1}/\text{eV}$ , respectively, for SWNTs. Although the  $\omega_D$  and  $\omega_{G'}$  dependences on  $E_{\text{laser}}$  are linear for most disordered graphite-like materials,  $\omega_D$  and  $\omega_{G'}$  in SWNTs exhibit an anomalous oscillatory dispersive effect, since the resonance condition for SWNTs occur at their 1D vHSs [48,52,53].

Many weak features in the Raman spectra for SWNTs can be assigned to one-phonon or two-phonon, 2nd order DR processes. These are listed in Table 1 together with their frequencies and dispersion  $d\omega/dE_{\text{laser}}$ . Also of importance is the variation of their mode frequencies with tube diameter  $d_t$  [54].

### 3.5.2. Characterizing Doping from the $D$ and $G'$ bands

The  $D$  and  $G'$  bands provide a sensitive tool for characterizing carbon nanotube defects, functionalization, and doping [8,9]. While high resolution TEM and EELS techniques were not sensitive enough to detect boron in SWNTs, such doping could

**Table 1.** Properties of the various Raman features in graphite and SWNTs<sup>a</sup>.

Name	$\omega$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Res. <sup>b</sup>	$d\omega/dE^c$	Notes
iTA	288	DR1-AV	129	iTA mode, $\mathbf{q} = 2\mathbf{k}$
LA	453	DR1-AV	216	LA mode, $\mathbf{q} = 2\mathbf{k}$
RBM	248/ $d_t$	SR	0	Nanotube only, vibration of radius
oTO	860	DR1-AV	0	IR-active mode in graphite
D	1350	DR1-EV	53	LO or iTO mode, $\mathbf{q} = 2\mathbf{k}$
LO	1450	DR1-EV	0	LO mode, $\mathbf{q} = 0$
$G$	1582	SR	0	Raman-active mode of graphite
$M^-$	1732	DR2-AV	-26	Overtone of oTO mode, $\mathbf{q} = 2\mathbf{k}$
$M^+$	1755	DR2-AV	0	Overtone of oTO mode, $\mathbf{q} = 0$
iTOLA	1950	DR2-AV	230	Combinational mode of iTO and LA
$G'$	2700	DR2-EV	106	Overtone of D mode
2LO	2900	DR2-AV	0	Overtone of LO mode
2G	3180	DR2-AV	0	Overtone of $G$ mode

<sup>a</sup>Dispersive mode frequencies  $\omega$  are given at  $E_{\text{laser}} = 2.41$  eV.

<sup>b</sup>The notation used here to classify resonance Raman scattering processes is: SR: 1st order, single resonance; DR1: 1 phonon, double resonance; DR2: 2 phonon, double resonance. AV: intravalley scattering; EV: intervalley scattering.

<sup>c</sup> $d\omega/dE$  denotes the change  $\omega$  in cm<sup>-1</sup> produced by changing  $E = E_{\text{laser}}$  by 1 eV.

be detected in their Raman spectra taken for B concentrations up through 3 at. % B in the target. The effect of doping MWNTs (multiwall carbon nanotubes) and SWNTs of large and small  $d_t$ , is observed as an increase in the intensity of the disorder-induced  $D$ -band in the Raman spectra [55–57]. Upon boron doping, the  $D$ -band intensity increases for higher doping levels [56,57], and in addition other changes to the spectra occur (see Fig. 11), such as bringing the RBM feature into better resonance with  $E_{\text{laser}}$  by shifting  $E_{ii}$  values and bringing more semiconducting tubes into resonance as can be seen in Fig. 11 by the change in the  $G'$ -band lineshape. Furthermore,  $\omega_D$  and  $\omega_{G'}$  are observed to downshift with boron doping, consistent with an increase in the in-plane lattice constant and a weakening of the B–C in-plane bond strength relative to that of the C–C bond, which is also observed in boron doped graphite [58]. One remarkable effect is a relatively larger downshift observed in  $\omega_{G'}$  for metallic SWNTs compared to semiconducting SWNTs because of the larger occupation of states at  $E_F$  in M SWNTs. Thus the effect of hole addition through boron doping moves down  $E_F$  slightly from approximately mid-gap, in contrast to S SWNTs for which  $E_F$  drops all the way down to the highest lying vHS in the valence band.

### 3.5.3. Other Double Resonance Features

Interesting examples of overtone features are the features between 1700 and 2100 cm<sup>-1</sup> shown in Fig. 12a, for SWNT bundles [47] and for several laser lines ( $E_{\text{laser}}$ ). The two features near 1740 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $M$  band) are attributed to overtones of the out-of-plane (oTO), infrared-active mode at 867 cm<sup>-1</sup> in graphite. Here the  $M^+$  feature is identified with a nondispersive (intravalley  $\mathbf{q} = 0$  scattering) DR process, and the  $M^-$  with a dispersive (intervalley  $\mathbf{q} = 2b$ ) DR process (see Fig. 12a) [47]. The

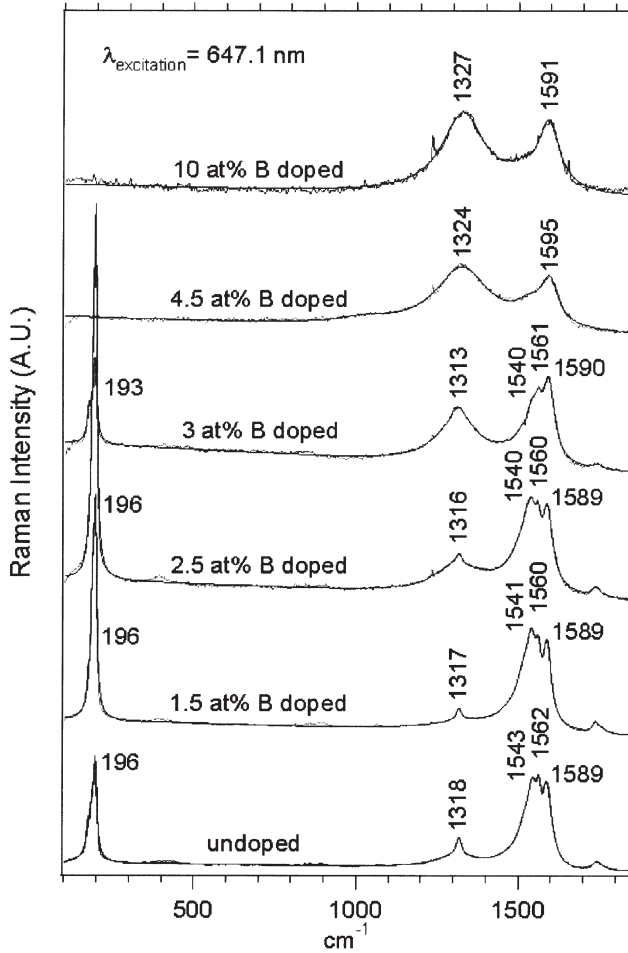


Fig. 11. First-order room temperature Raman spectra of SWNT bundle samples generated from targets with the indicated boron concentrations. All Raman spectra were excited using  $E_{\text{laser}} = 1.96 \text{ eV}$  (647.1 nm) excitation energy. The spectra for the 4.5 and 10 at.% samples correspond to spectra for disordered graphite [57].

second-order  $M$ -band features are also interesting as an example of an overtone mode near  $\mathbf{q} = 0$  whose fundamental (oTO) is not Raman-active (but is IR active) in the first-order spectrum of graphite, but can be observed in second order through the DR process. The  $M$ -band modes are further enhanced in SWNTs by van Hove singularity effects, and by symmetry-breaking effects associated with SWNT curvature.

The iTOLA, assigned as a combination mode not seen in graphite, is a highly dispersive DR-derived mode, upshifting from  $1864$  to  $2000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  as  $E_{\text{laser}}$  varies from  $1.58$  to  $2.71 \text{ eV}$  [47]. To account for its large observed dispersion with  $E_{\text{laser}}$ ,

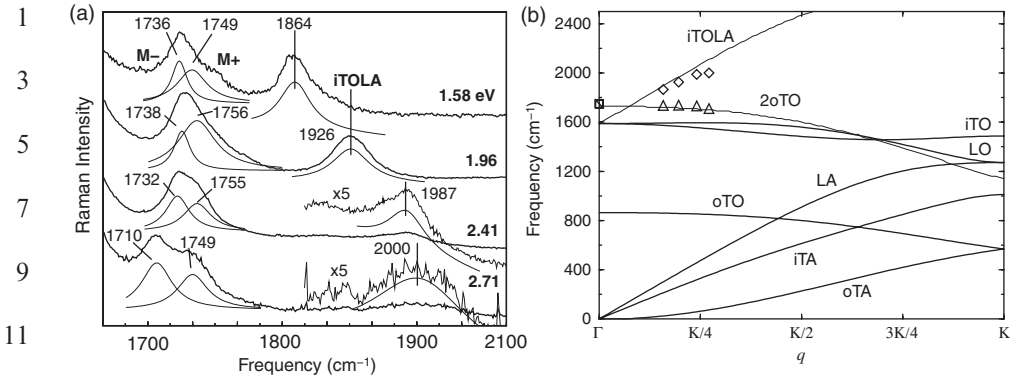


Fig. 12. (a) Lorentzian fits of the Raman spectra taken at several  $E_{\text{laser}}$  values for the *M*-bands near 1750 cm<sup>-1</sup> and the highly dispersive iTOLA feature observed at 1950 cm<sup>-1</sup> in SWNT bundles [47,59]. (b) Phonon dispersion for 2D graphite along the  $\Gamma - K$  direction, including the dispersion for 2oTO (*M*-band) and iTO + LA (iTOLA). Squares, up-triangles, and diamonds denote experimental values for the *M* ( $q = 0$  and  $q = 2k$ ) and iTOLA ( $q = 2k$ ) bands [47].

this so-called iTOLA band is attributed to a combination of two intravalley phonons, iTO + LA, one from the in-plane transverse optical branch (iTO) and the second phonon from the longitudinal acoustic (LA) branch, where the acoustic LA phonon is responsible for the large dispersion (see Fig. 12a) that is observed experimentally [47]. Fig. 12b shows the relation of the iTOLA mode dispersion to phonon branches in 2D graphite.

### 3.5.4. Step-Like Behavior of Dispersive Raman Spectra

From 700 to 1100 cm<sup>-1</sup>, strongly dispersive Raman spectra are found for the so-called intermediate frequency modes (IFM) in tube bundle samples [60]. Fig. 13a plots the  $E_{\text{laser}}$  dependence of the IFM features shown in Fig. 13b for four  $E_{\text{laser}}$  values [46]. Interestingly, the use of a tunable laser system with a small energy spacing between  $E_{\text{laser}}$  lines, brings into focus a new and very unusual effect for Raman spectroscopy in general. When  $E_{\text{laser}}$  is varied, individual Raman peaks first increase and then decrease in intensity, while remaining approximately constant in phonon frequency. This behavior can be seen clearly by observing some of the well-resolved sharp peaks (see arrows in Fig. 13a). The dispersive behavior is not monotonic, as observed for many features in graphite-like materials due to energy-selective DR Raman scattering processes [50,61], but the dispersive behavior rather occurs in “steps.”

In the 2D graphite parent material, the IFM spectral region contains an out-of-plane (o) optical (O) branch, with  $\omega_{\text{O}}(q = 0)$  approximately 860 cm<sup>-1</sup> for the oTO mode and by acoustic (A) branches [10]. In a second-order scattering process, these modes can become Raman-active, and the sum and difference of phonon frequencies can be observed. Such an effect is common in molecular spectroscopy, but is very unusual for solid state spectroscopy, where too many combinations are possible, and

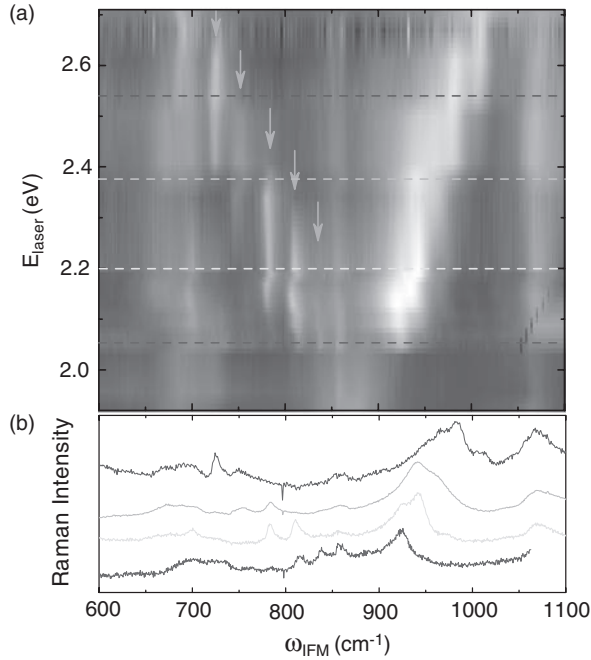


Fig. 13. (a) Two-dimensional plot for the  $E_{\text{laser}}$  dependence for the Raman spectra of SWNT bundles in the IFM range. The illuminated areas indicate high Raman intensity. Arrows point to five well-defined  $\omega_{\text{IFM}}^-$  features. (b) IFM Raman spectra with  $E_L = 2.05$  (top), 2.20, 2.34, and 2.54 eV (bottom) [46].

the averaging over many wave vector-allowed processes gives rise to just a broad background rather than to observable peaks with well-defined frequencies. The IFMs in SWNTs arise from such an effect and can be related to a vHS for each  $(n, m)$  SWNT and to the combination of two phonons, one optical and one acoustic to give the sum  $\omega_{\text{IFM}}^+ = \omega_{\text{O}} + \omega_{\text{A}}$  (creation of two phonons) and the difference  $\omega_{\text{IFM}}^- = \omega_{\text{O}} - \omega_{\text{A}}$  (creation of an O phonon and the annihilation of an A phonon). The  $\omega_{\text{IFM}}^+$  and  $\omega_{\text{IFM}}^-$  thus give rise to the positively and negatively dispersive IFMs shown in Fig. 13a, respectively.

#### 4. SUMMARY

Each of the many spectral features appearing in the Raman spectra of SWNTs provide important characterization information about SWNTs, with complementary information provided by ensembles of SWNTs in SWNT bundle samples and by isolated  $(n, m)$  SWNTs at the single nanotube level. Emphasis is given both to Raman spectroscopy for 1D systems and to the use of Raman spectroscopy to characterize the  $(n, m)$  structure, defects, and the various environmental effects encountered by



1 SWNTs. Raman spectroscopy is also closely connected to PL spectroscopy of  
2 semiconducting SWNTs, since both experimental techniques are strongly sensitive to  
3 the transition energies of individual SWNTs, to their electronic density of states, and  
4 to their interactions. Combination of transport and other experiments with Raman  
5 spectroscopy will be highly desirable to further our understanding of the electronic  
6 and vibrational structure of SWNTs.

## NOTE

- 11 1. A CVD grown sample from high purity CO gas.

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