

# EXCITONS, PLASMONS, AND EXCITONIC COMPLEXES UNDER STRONG CONFINEMENT IN QUASI-1D SEMICONDUCTORS.

## *Theory and Perspectives*

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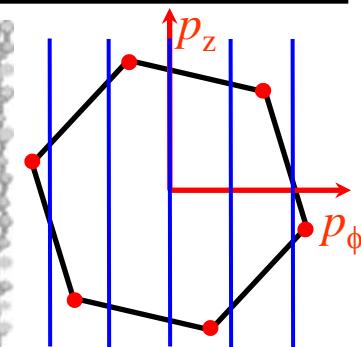
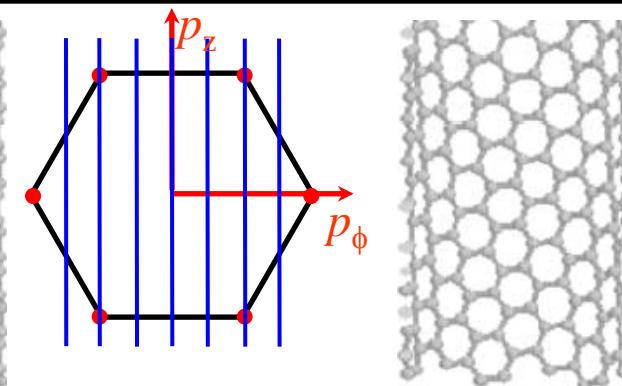
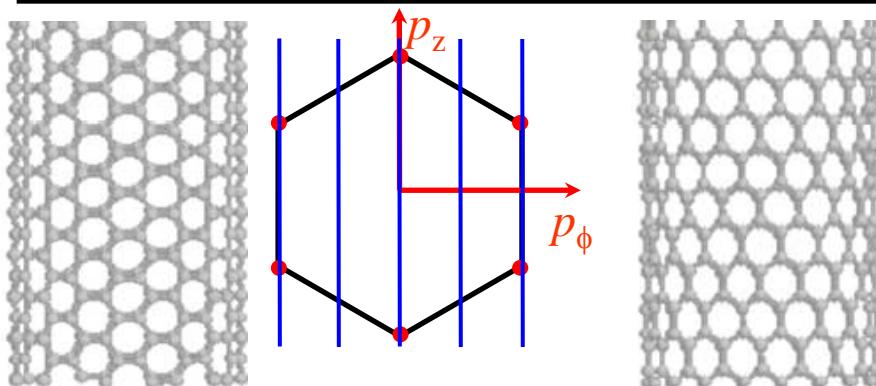
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# BASIC PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SINGLE-WALLED CNs

## Brillouin zone structure and longitudinal conductivity

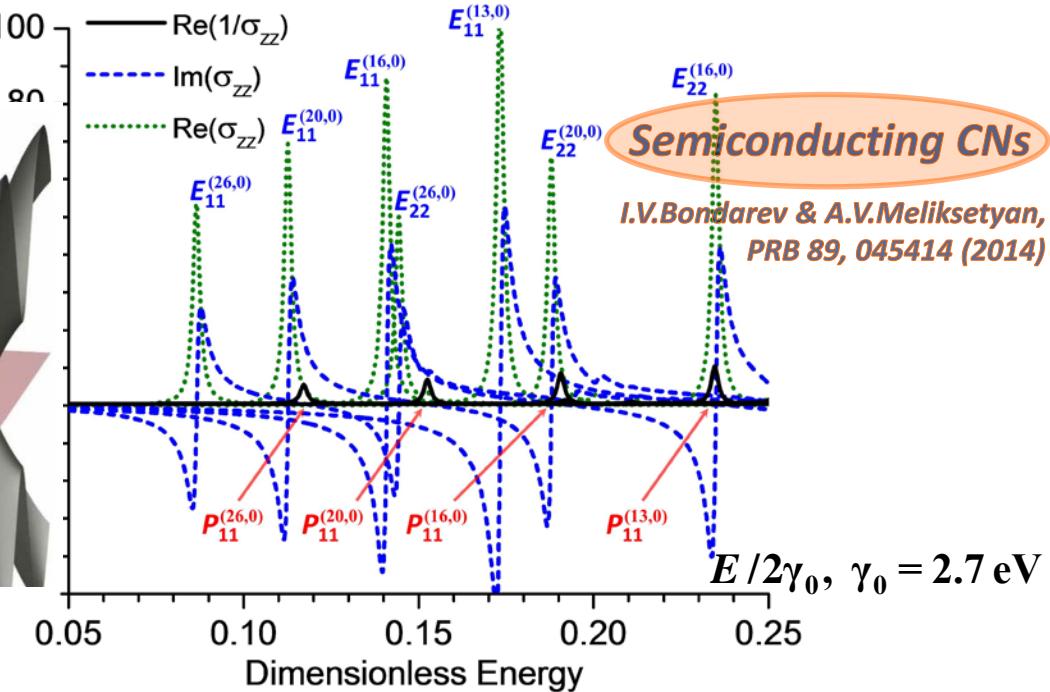
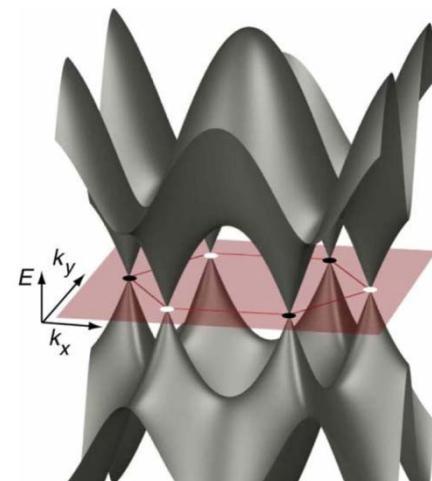
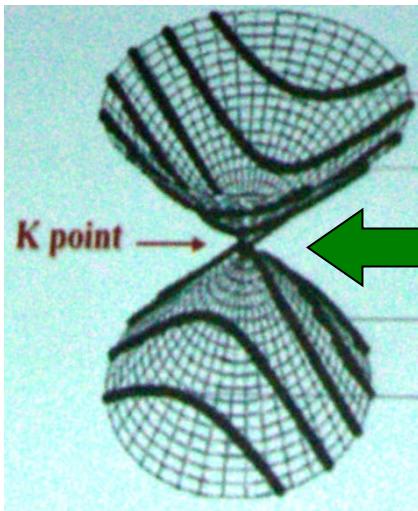


$(m,m)$  – “Armchair”: metallic for all  $m$

$$p_\phi = \frac{\hbar s}{R_{cn}}, s = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

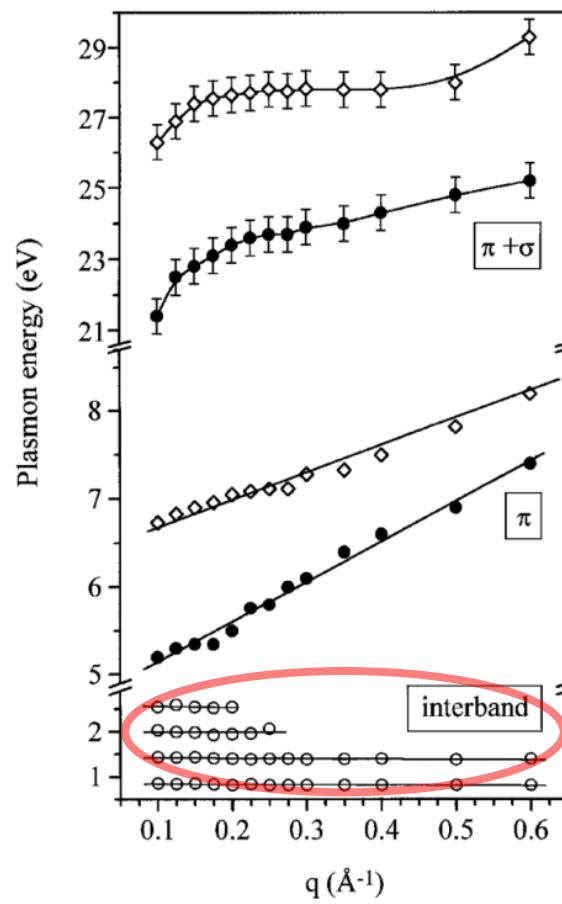
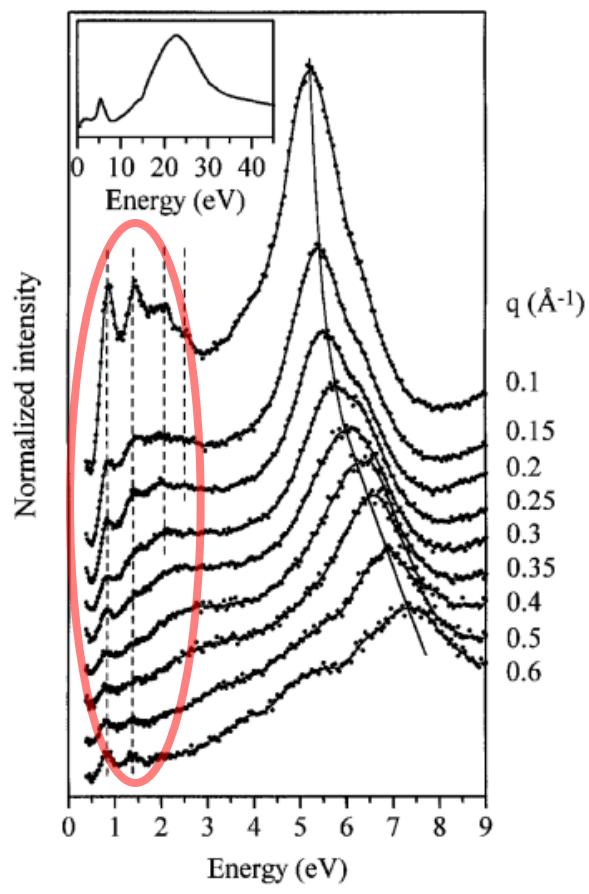
$(m,0)$  – “Zigzag”: metallic for  $m=3q$ , semiconducting for  $m \neq 3q$  ( $q=1, 2, 3, \dots$ )

$(m,n)$  – chiral CN: metallic or semiconducting depending on the radius and chiral angle



# EXPERIMENTAL ELECTRON ENERGY LOSS SPECTROSCOPY (EELS) SPECTRA OF SINGLE-WALLED CARBON NANOTUBES

T.Pichler, M.Knupher, M.Golden, J.Fink, A.Rinzler, and R.Smalley, PRL 80, 4729 (1998)



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# SOLUTION TO THE DISPERSION EQUATION

(exact diagonalization of the total Hamiltonian)

I.V.Bondarev, L.M.Woods and K.Tatur, Phys. Rev. B 80, 085407 (2009)

$$x_{1,2} = \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_f^2 + x_p^2}{2}} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(\varepsilon_f^2 - x_p^2)^2 + (2X_f)^2 \varepsilon_f x_p}$$

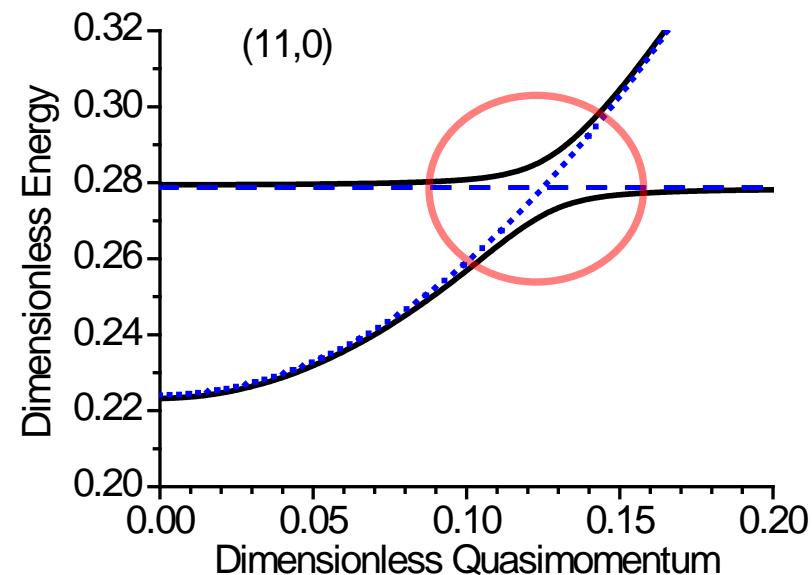
$$\varepsilon_f = E_f(\mathbf{k})/2\gamma_0, x_p = E_p/2\gamma_0, X_f = [2\Delta x_p \bar{\Gamma}_0^f(x_p) \rho(x_p)]^{1/2}, \rho(x) \approx \rho(x_p) \Delta x_p^2 / [(x - x_p)^2 + \Delta x_p^2]$$

## EXAMPLE:

(11,0) CN with the lowest bright exciton parameters from the Bethe-Salpeter eqn  
[from Spataru et al, PRL 95, 247402]

$$|d_f|^2 = 3\hbar\lambda^3/4\tau_{ex}^{rad}, \quad \lambda = 2\pi c\hbar/E$$

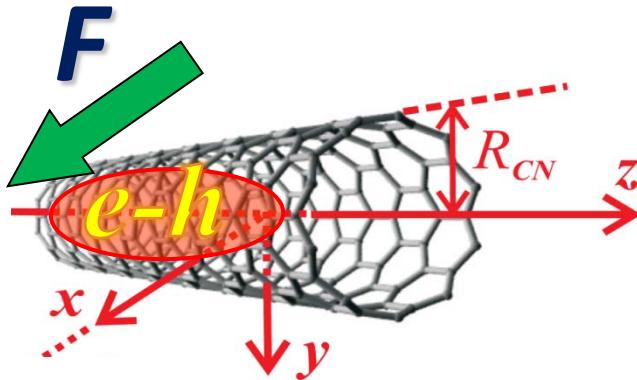
$$E = E_{exc} + (2\pi\hbar/3b)^2 t^2 / 2M_{ex}, \quad -1 \leq t \leq 1$$



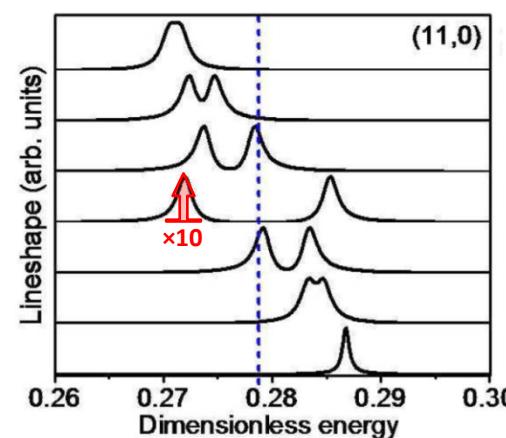
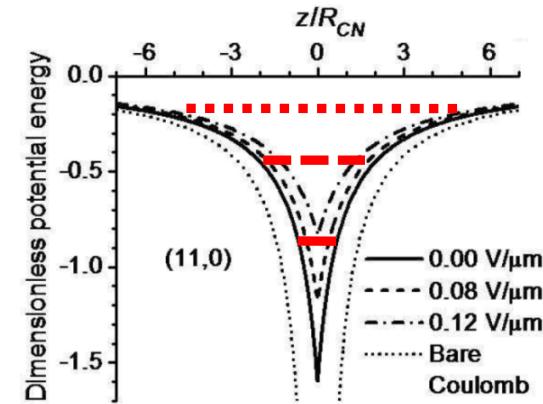
# How to couple excitons to interband plasmons ?

Quantum Confined Stark Effect in a Perpendicular Electrostatic Field

I.V.Bondarev, L.M.Woods, and K.Tatur, Phys. Rev. B 80, 085407 (2009)

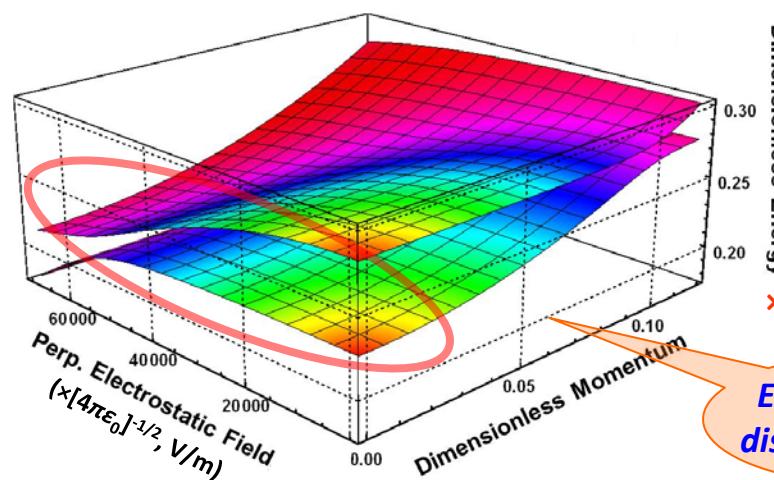


Longitudinal Coulomb potential as field increases



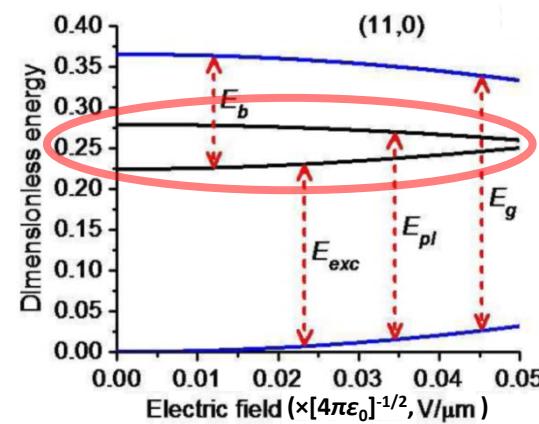
Exciton absorption when tuned to the plasmon resonance

Exciton-plasmon parameters as field increases



5.4 eV

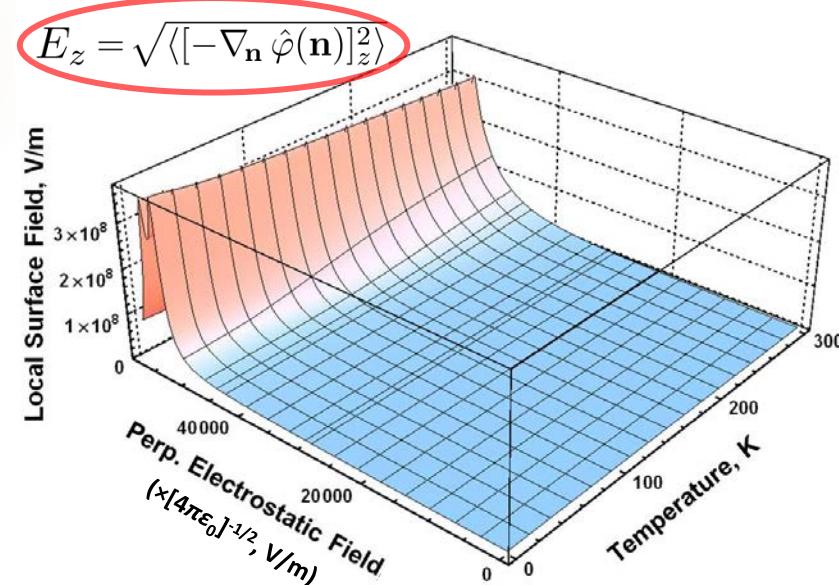
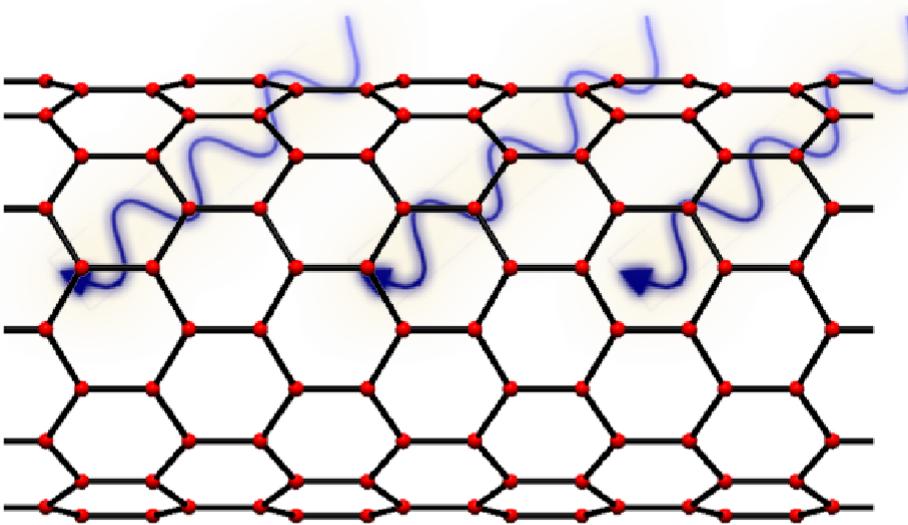
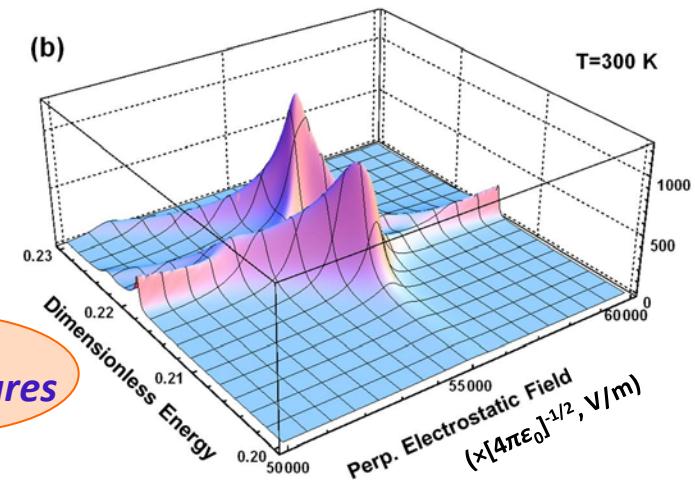
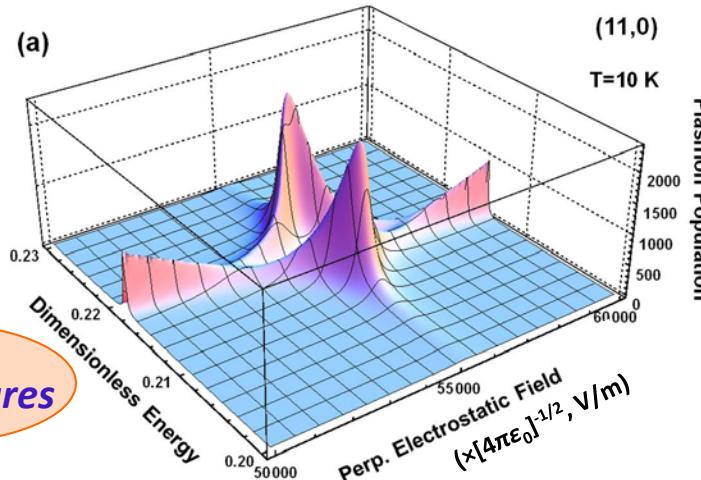
Exciton-plasmon dispersion relation



# INCREASED ELECTROMAGNETIC ABSORPTION DUE TO PLASMON GENERATION BY OPTICALLY EXCITED EXCITONS

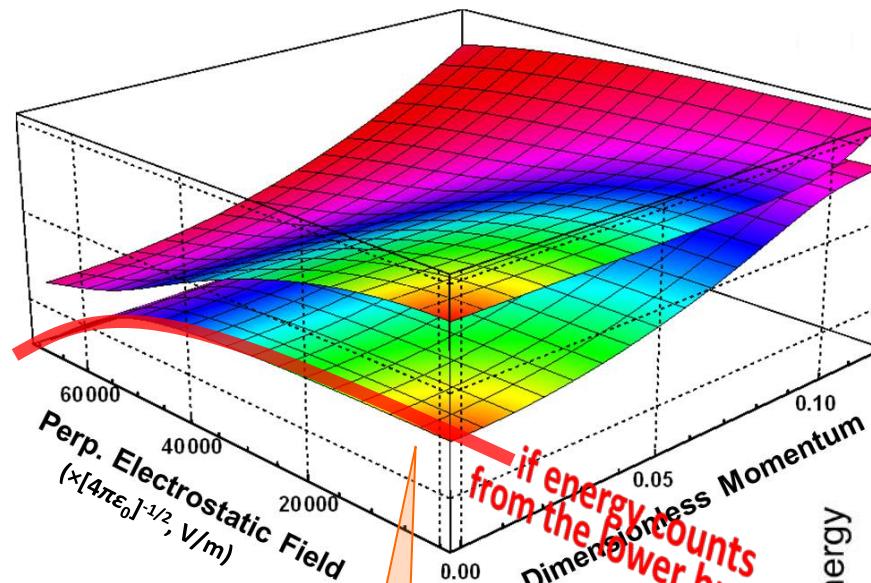
I.V.Bondarev, Phys. Rev. B 85, 035448 (2012)

I.V.Bondarev & T.Antonijevic, Phys. Stat. Sol. C 9, 1259 (2012)



# QUANTUM CONFINED STARK EFFECT AND BEC OF EXCITON-PLASMONS IN INDIVIDUAL NANOTUBES

I.V.Bondarev and A.V.Meliksetyan, Phys. Rev. B 89, 045414 (2014)

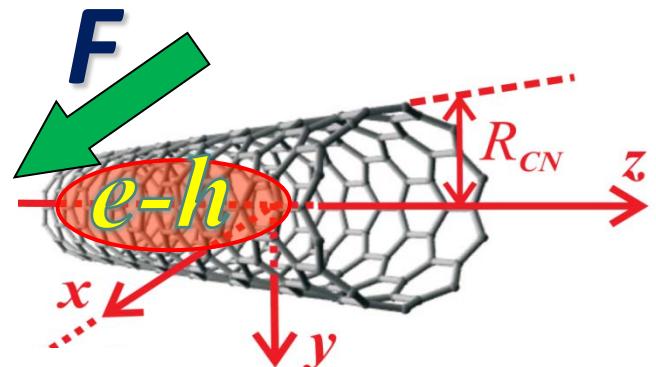
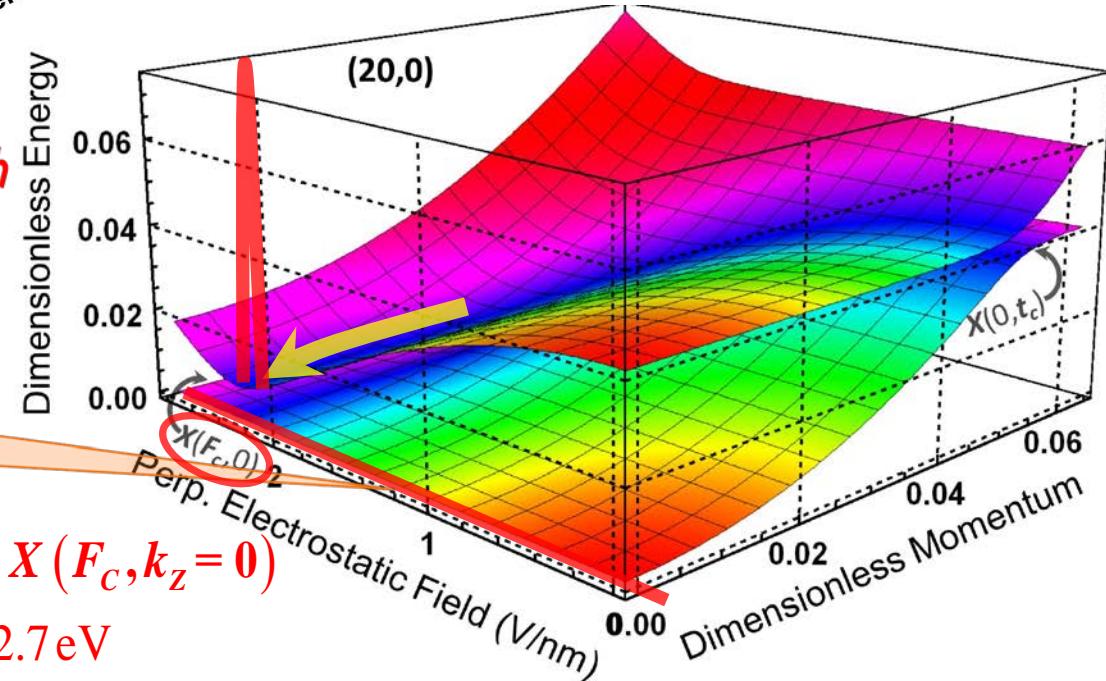
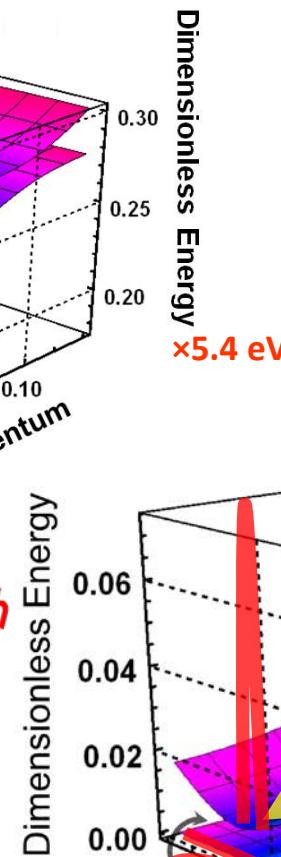


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**Exciton-plasmon dispersion relation**  
Exciton-plasmon dispersion relation

$$T < T_c = \left( 2\gamma_0 / k_B \right) X(F_c, k_z = 0)$$

$$\gamma_0 = 2.7 \text{ eV}$$



# POSSIBILITY FOR EXCITON BEC BY MEANS OF CONTROLLED COUPLING TO INTER-BAND PLASMONS

(via the Quantum Confined Stark Effect)

*Exciton Ratio Condensed*

$$\langle n_1(k_z=0) \rangle \frac{N(\text{Exciton})}{N(\text{Plasmon})}$$

*Critical Temperature*

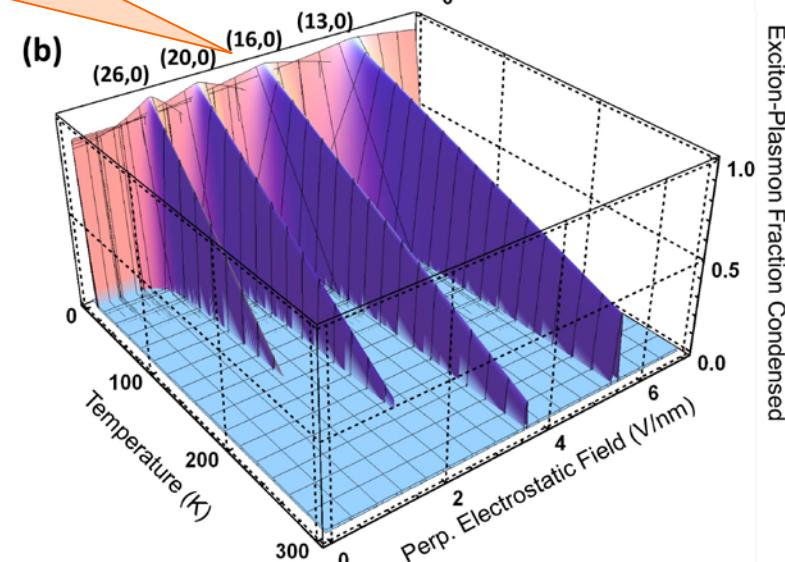
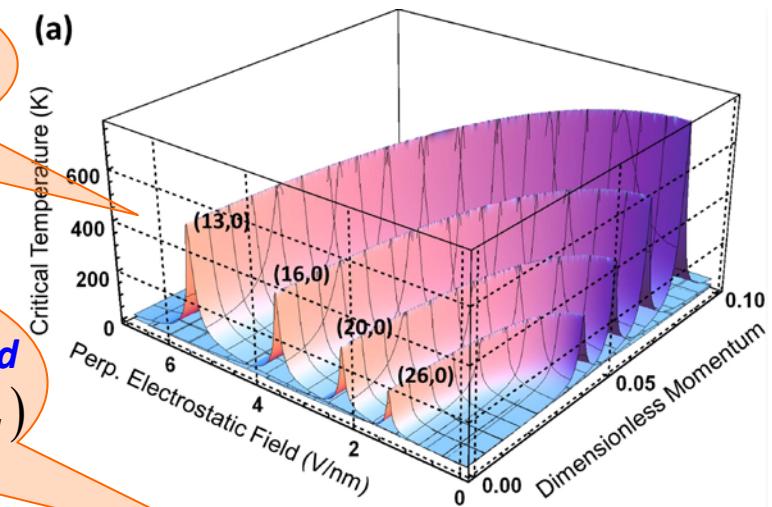
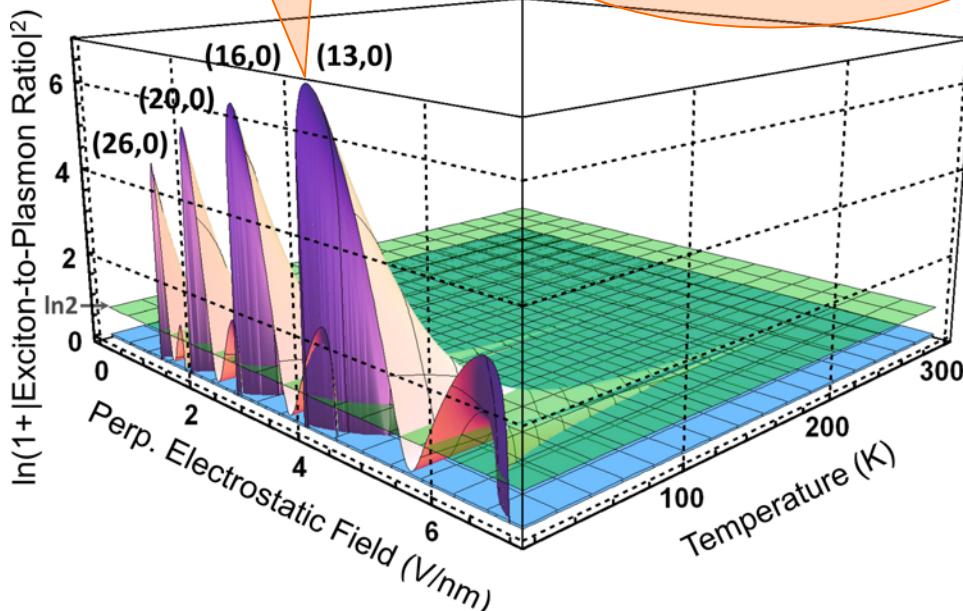
$$T_C = \left( \frac{2\gamma_0}{k_B} \right) X(F, k_z=0)$$

$\gamma_0 = 2.7 \text{ eV}$

I.V.Bondarev, PRB 80, 085407 (2009)

*Upper-Branch Exciton-Plasmon Fraction Condensed*

$$\langle n_1(k_z=0) \rangle = \langle n_1 \rangle (1 - T/T_C)$$



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# EXPERIMENT & THEORY

## Charged and Neutral Excitonic Complexes in Confined Semiconductors Role of Quantum Confinement

PHYSICAL REVIEW B 70, 035323 (2004)

### Influence of well-width fluctuations on the binding energy of excitons, charged excitons, and biexcitons in GaAs-based quantum wells

A. V. Filinov,<sup>1,2,3</sup> C. Riva,<sup>1</sup> F. M. Peeters,<sup>1</sup> Yu. E. Lozovik,<sup>2</sup> and M. Bonitz<sup>3</sup>

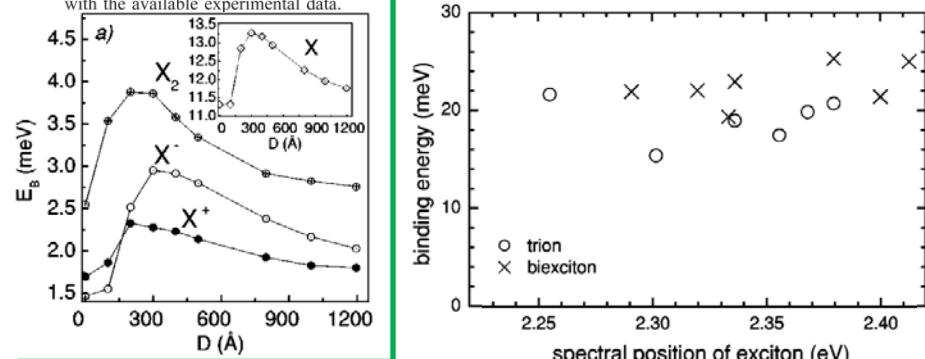
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We present a first-principle path integral Monte Carlo (PIMC) study of the binding energy of excitons, trions (positively and negatively charged excitons) and biexcitons bound to single-island interface defects in quasi-two-dimensional GaAs/Al<sub>x</sub>Ga<sub>1-x</sub>As quantum wells. We discuss in detail the dependence of the binding energy on the size of the well-width fluctuations and on the quantum-well width. The numerical results for the well-width dependence of the exciton, trion and biexciton binding energy are in good quantitative agreement with the available experimental data.



PHYSICAL REVIEW B 68, 125316 (2003)

### Trion, biexciton, and exciton dynamics in single self-assembled CdSe quantum dots

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(Received 7 February 2003; published 18 September 2003)

We present an analysis of time- and polarization-resolved data taken in microphotoluminescence experiments on individual CdSe/ZnSe quantum dots grown by molecular beam epitaxy. The identification of individual dots was performed by a spectral jitter correlation technique and by their polarization properties and density dependences. Decay times are given for exciton, trion, and biexciton states and evidence is shown for a spin-relaxation-limited energy relaxation of the trion. For the bright-exciton state the temperature dependence of the decay time is studied and a repopulation from the dark-exciton state is observed. Trion binding energies of 15–22 meV and biexciton binding energies of 19–26 meV are found.

I.Bondarev – NanoLight 2016, Benasque, SPAIN

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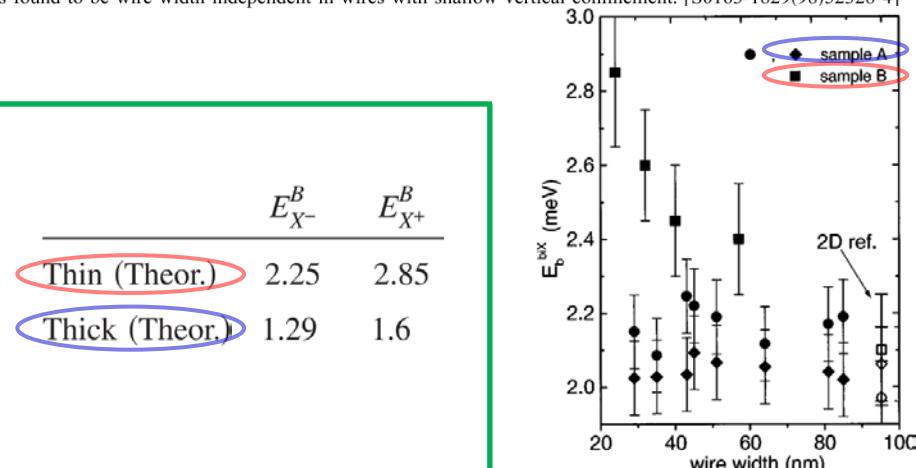
### Biexcitons in semiconductor quantum wires

T. Baars, W. Braun, M. Bayer, and A. Forchel

Technische Physik, Universität Würzburg, Am Hubland, 97074 Würzburg, Germany

(Received 19 November 1997; revised manuscript received 4 May 1998)

We report on spectrally resolved four-wave mixing experiments on In<sub>x</sub>Ga<sub>1-x</sub>As/GaAs quantum wires for a wide range of lateral sizes. Due to the polarization dependence of the four-wave mixing signal, beats in the decay of the signal and an additional emission line in the four-wave mixing spectrum can be clearly attributed to biexcitons. We find that the biexciton binding energy depends on both the vertical and lateral dimensions of the wires. For quantum wires with a large vertical confinement we observe an enhancement of the binding energy of about 40% as compared to a two-dimensional reference sample whereas the biexciton binding energy is found to be wire width independent in wires with shallow vertical confinement. [S0163-1829(98)52328-4]



PHYSICAL REVIEW B 77, 205413 (2008)

### Influence of the shape and size of a quantum wire on the trion binding energy

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The binding energy for charged excitons ( $X^-$  and  $X^+$ ) is calculated within the single-band effective mass approximation including effects due to strain for rectangular, triangular, and V-shaped quantum wires. Both  $X^-$  and  $X^+$  are found to be bound in rectangular InAs/InP quantum wires and V-shaped GaAs/Al<sub>0.32</sub>Ga<sub>0.68</sub>As quantum wires. We found an appreciable dependence of the trion binding energy on the size and shape of the quantum wire. We compare with available experimental data.

# RECENT EXPERIMENTS

## Charged and Neutral Excitonic Complexes in CNs

B.Yuma et al., Phys. Rev. B 87, 205412 (2013)  
 L.Colombier et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 197402 (2012)  
 R.Matsunaga et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 037404 (2011)

PHYSICAL REVIEW B 87, 205412 (2013)

### Biexciton, single carrier, and trion generation dynamics in single-walled carbon nanotubes

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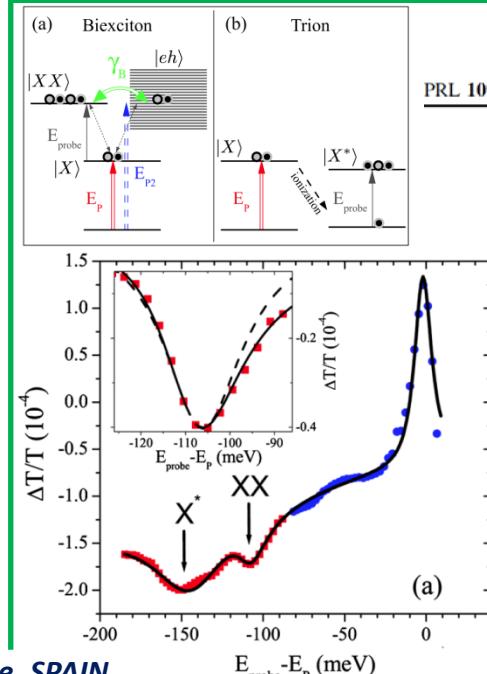
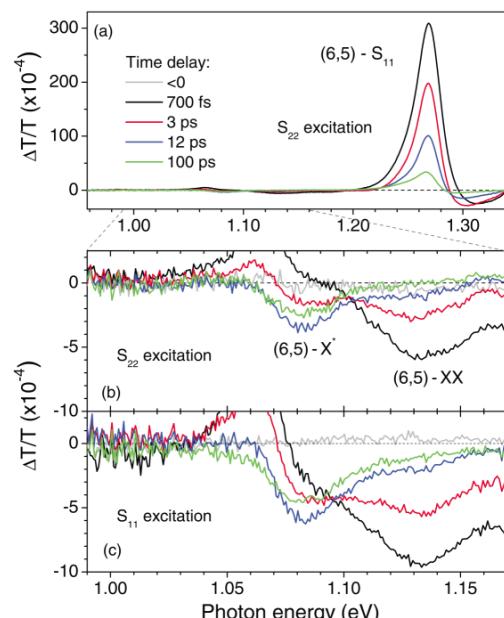
<sup>2</sup>LP2N, Université de Bordeaux, Institut d'Optique Graduate School, and CNRS, 351 cours de la Libération, F-33405 Talence, France

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We present a study of free carrier photogeneration and multicarrier bound states, such as biexcitons and trions (charged excitons), in semiconducting single-walled carbon nanotubes. Pump-and-probe measurements performed with fs pulses reveal the effects of strong Coulomb interactions between carriers on their dynamics. Biexciton formation by optical transition from exciton population results in an induced absorption line (binding energy 130 meV). Exciton-exciton annihilation process is shown to evolve at high densities towards an Auger process that can expel carriers from nanotubes. The remaining carriers give rise to an induced absorption due to trion formation (binding energy 190 meV). These features show the dynamics of exciton and free carriers populations.



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 PRL 106, 037404 (2011)

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### Observation of Charged Excitons in Hole-Doped Carbon Nanotubes Using Photoluminescence and Absorption Spectroscopy

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We report the first observation of triions (charged excitons), three-particle bound states consisting of one electron and two holes, in hole-doped carbon nanotubes at room temperature. When p-type dopants are added to carbon nanotube solutions, the photoluminescence and absorption peaks of the triions appear far below the  $E_{11}$  bright exciton peak, regardless of the dopant species. The unexpectedly large energy separation between the bright excitons and the triions is attributed to the strong electron-hole exchange interaction in carbon nanotubes.

PRL 109, 197402 (2012)

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 9 NOVEMBER 2012

### Detection of a Biexciton in Semiconducting Carbon Nanotubes Using Nonlinear Optical Spectroscopy

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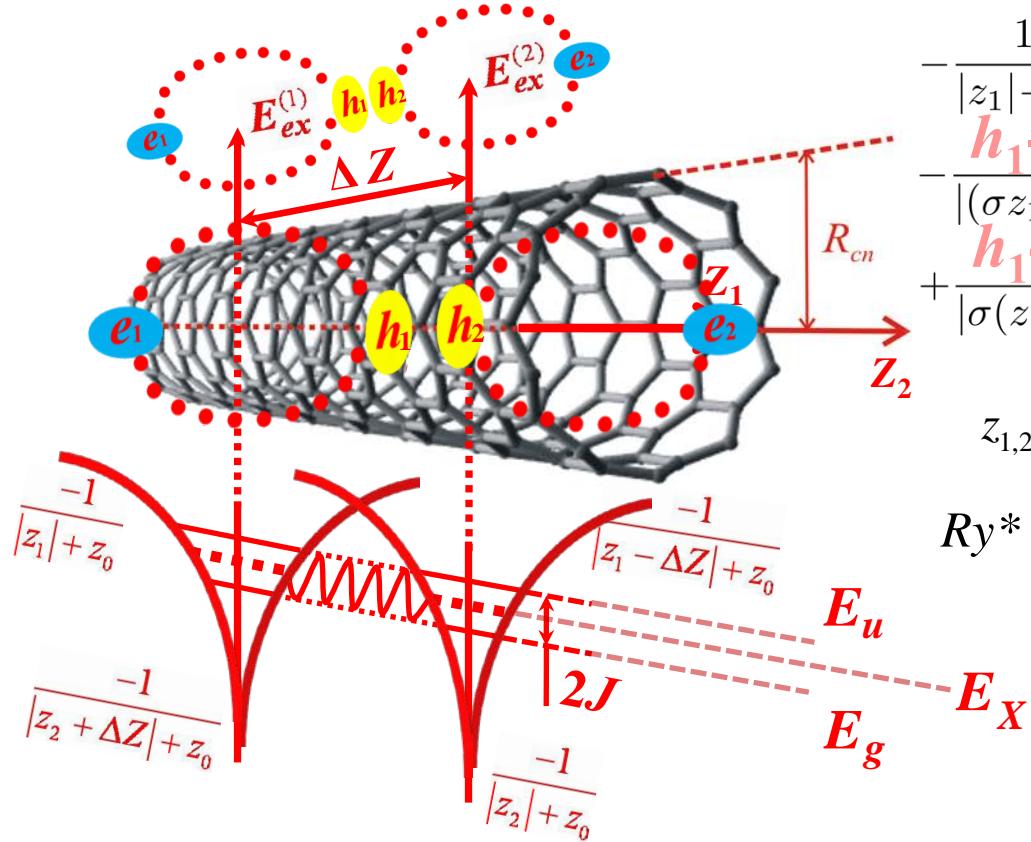
We report the observation of the biexciton in semiconducting single-wall carbon nanotubes by means of nonlinear optical spectroscopy. Our measurements reveal the universal asymmetric line shape of the Fano resonance intrinsic to the biexciton transition. For nanotubes of the (9,7) chirality, we find a biexciton binding energy of 106 meV. From the calculation of the  $\chi^{(3)}$  nonlinear response, we provide a quantitative interpretation of our measurements, leading to an estimation of the characteristic Fano factor  $q$  of  $7 \pm 3$ . This value allows us to extract the first experimental information on the biexciton stability and we obtain a biexciton annihilation rate comparable to the exciton-exciton annihilation one.

Also trion binding energy of 150 meV reported

# BIEXCITON

## Biexciton Binding Energy within the Landau-Herring Approach

**Landau, Quantum Mechanics; C.Herring, Rev. Mod. Phys. 34, 631 (1962)**  
**MODEL developed: I.V.Bondarev, Phys. Rev. B 83, 153409 (2011)**



$$\hat{H}(z_1, z_2, \Delta Z) = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_1^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_2^2} - \frac{1}{|z_1|+z_0} - \frac{1}{|z_1-\Delta Z|+z_0} - \frac{1}{|z_2|+z_0} - \frac{1}{|z_2+\Delta Z|+z_0} - \frac{\hbar_1-e_2}{2} - \frac{\hbar_2-e_1}{2} - \frac{\hbar_1-h_2}{2} + \frac{e_1-e_2}{2} + \frac{\hbar(z_1+z_2)/\lambda + \Delta Z|+z_0}{|\sigma(z_1-z_2)/\lambda + \Delta Z|+z_0} + \frac{|\hbar(z_1+z_2)/\lambda + \Delta Z|+z_0}{|\hbar(z_1-z_2)/\lambda - \Delta Z|+z_0}$$

$$z_{1,2} = z_{e1,2} - z_{h1,2}; \quad \lambda = 1 + \sigma; \quad \sigma = m_e/m_h \rightarrow 1$$

due to the mass reversal effect

$$Ry^* = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu a_B^{*2}} = \frac{\mu(\ln m_0)}{\epsilon^2} 13.6 \text{ eV}; \quad a_B^* = \frac{\epsilon}{\mu} 0.529 \text{ \AA}$$

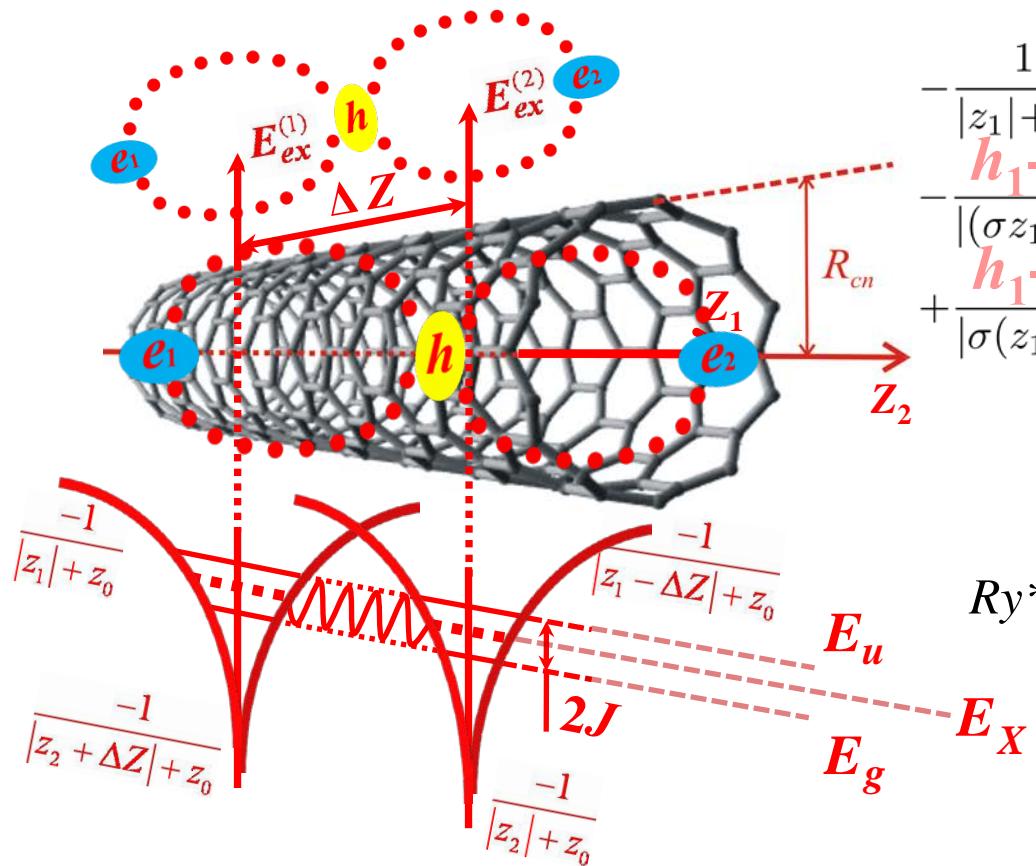
Biexciton Binding Energy

$$E_{XX} = E_g - 2E_X = -J_{XX}(\Delta Z_0)$$

# TRION

## Trion Binding Energy within the Landau-Herring Approach

*Landau, Quantum Mechanics; C.Herring, Rev. Mod. Phys. 34, 631 (1962)*  
*MODEL developed: I.V.Bondarev, Phys. Rev. B 90, 245430 (2014)*



$$\hat{H}(z_1, z_2, \Delta Z) = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_1^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_2^2}$$

$$-\frac{1}{|z_1|+z_0} - \frac{1}{|z_1-\Delta Z|+z_0} - \frac{1}{|z_2|+z_0} - \frac{1}{|z_2+\Delta Z|+z_0}$$

$$-\frac{\hbar_1-e_2}{2} - \frac{\hbar_2-e_1}{2} - \frac{\hbar_1-\hbar_2}{2} + \frac{e_1-e_2}{2}$$

$$+\frac{1}{|\sigma(z_1-z_2)/\lambda + \Delta Z|+z_0} + \frac{1}{|(z_1-z_2)/\lambda - \Delta Z|+z_0}$$

*positive trion*                            *negative trion*

$$z_{1,2} = z_e - z_{h1,2}$$

$$z_{1,2} = z_{e1,2} - z_h$$

$$\lambda = 1 + \sigma; \quad \sigma = m_e/m_h \rightarrow 1$$

$$Ry^* = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu a_B^{*2}} = \frac{\mu(\text{in } m_0)}{\epsilon^2} 13.6 \text{ eV}; \quad a_B^* = \frac{\epsilon}{\mu} 0.529 \text{ \AA}$$

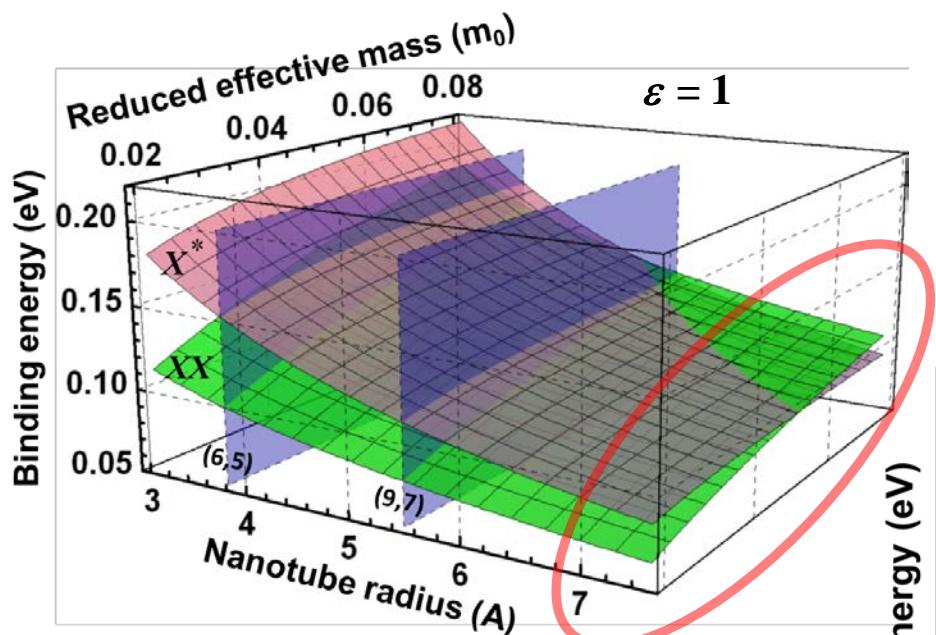
### Trion Binding Energy

$$E_{X^*} = E_g - 2E_X = -J_{X^*}(\Delta Z_0)$$

# BINDING ENERGY DEPENDENCE ON THE CN DIAMETER, EFFECTIVE MASS, AND DIELECTRIC CONSTANT

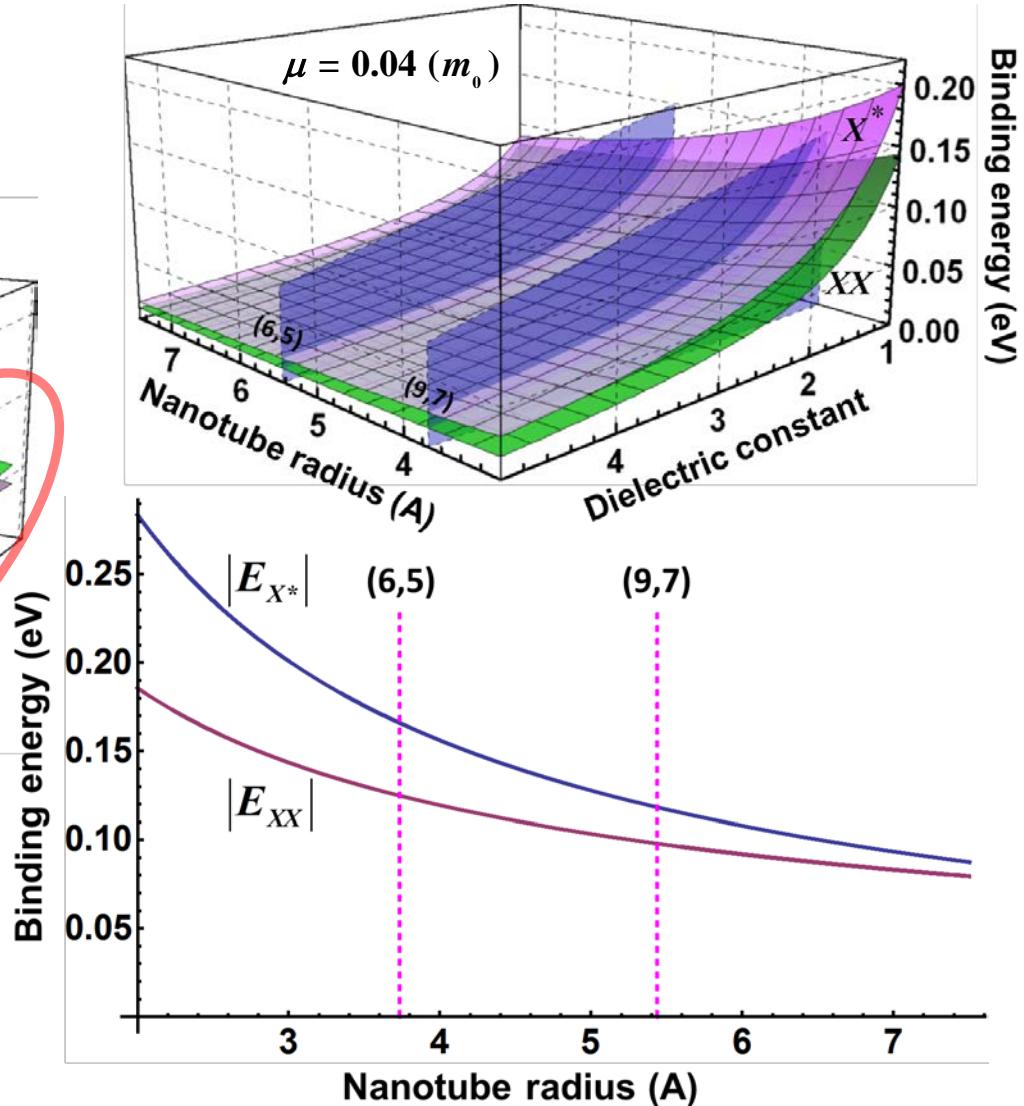
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$$Ry^* = \frac{\mu}{\epsilon^2} 13.6 \text{ eV}; \quad a_B^* = \frac{\epsilon}{\mu} 0.529 \text{ \AA}$$



$$\epsilon = 1, \quad \mu = 0.04 (m_0) \quad \Rightarrow$$

CNs in air [or in a dielectric, for the lowest excitation energy ground-state exciton only]



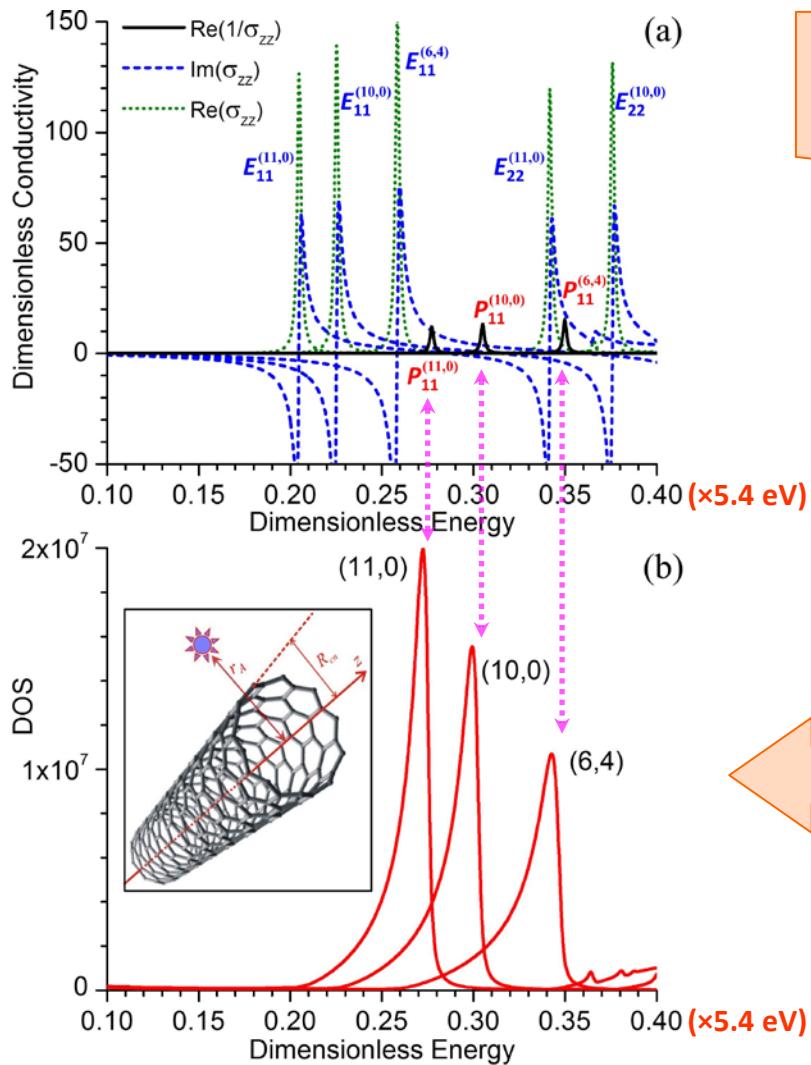
# OUTLINE

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- *Pristine Semiconducting Carbon Nanotubes: Excitons and Interband Plasmons – Brief Review*
- *Plasmon Generation by Optically Excited Excitons, Exciton BEC Effect*
- *Excitonic Complexes (Biexcitons & Trions) in quasi-1D: Brief Review, Landau-Herring Approach to Understand Relative Stability*
- *Hybrid Carbon Nanotube Systems: Plasmon Enhanced Raman Scattering Effect*
- *Summary*

# INTERBAND PLASMONS OF CARBON NANOTUBES ARE SIMILAR TO CAVITY PHOTONS IN MICROCAVITY SYSTEMS

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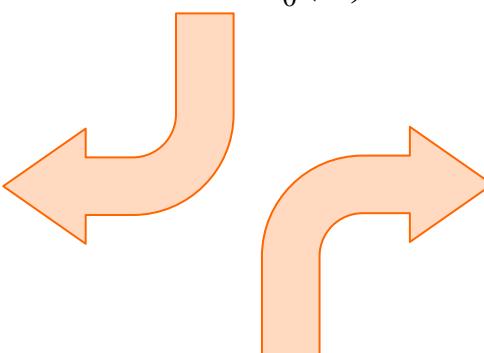
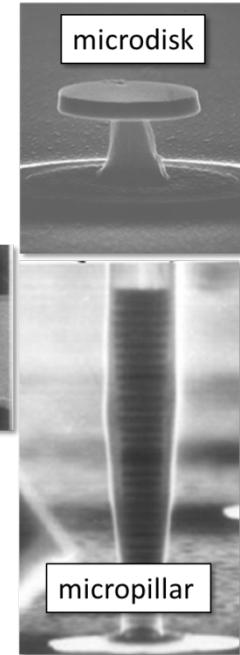


*Local Density of Photonic States (DOS) for a two-level emitter coupled to  $\perp$  ( $\parallel$ )-polarized electromagnetic field (same as Purcell factor)*

$$\xi^{\perp(\parallel)}(\mathbf{r}_A, \omega) = \frac{\text{Im}^{\perp(\parallel)} G_{zz}^{\perp(\parallel)}(\mathbf{r}_A, \mathbf{r}_A, \omega)}{\text{Im} G_{zz}^0(\omega)}$$

$$\xi^{\perp}(r_A \sim R_{CN}, \omega) = \xi^{\parallel}(r_A \sim R_{CN}, \omega) = \xi$$

$$\xi = \frac{\Gamma(r_A, \omega)}{\Gamma_0(\omega)}, \quad \Gamma_0 = \frac{4d_z^2\omega^3}{3\hbar c^3} = \Gamma_{vac}$$



$$F_{Purcell} = \frac{\Gamma_{cav}}{\Gamma_{vac}} = \frac{3\lambda^3}{4\pi^2 n^3} \left( \frac{Q}{V_{cav}} \right)$$

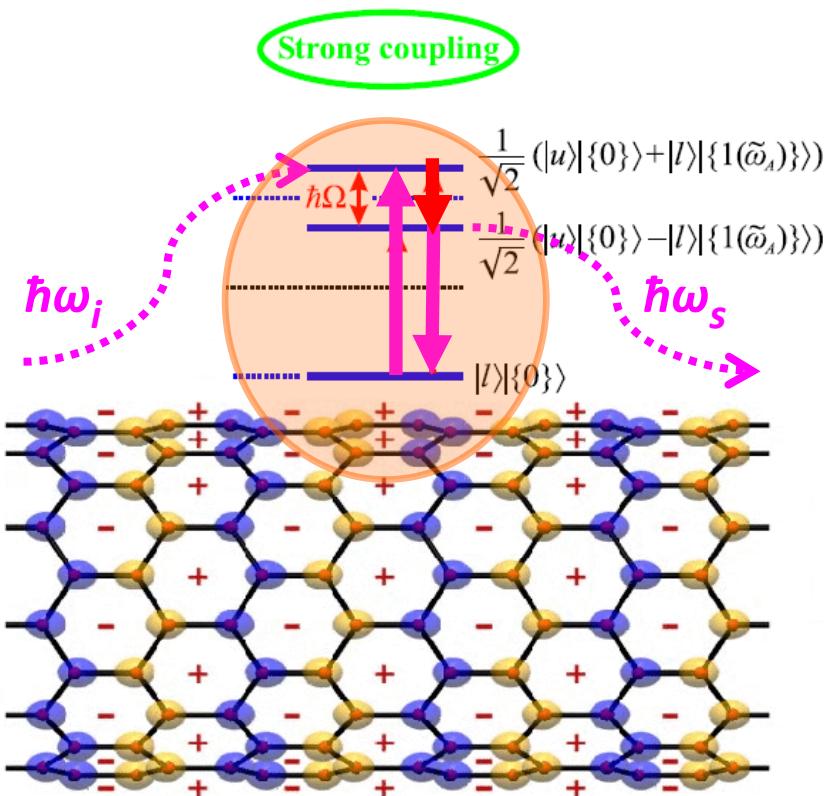
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# LIGHT SCATTERING BY A TWO-LEVEL EMITTER COUPLED TO AN INTERBAND PLASMON RESONANCE

## Schematic illustration

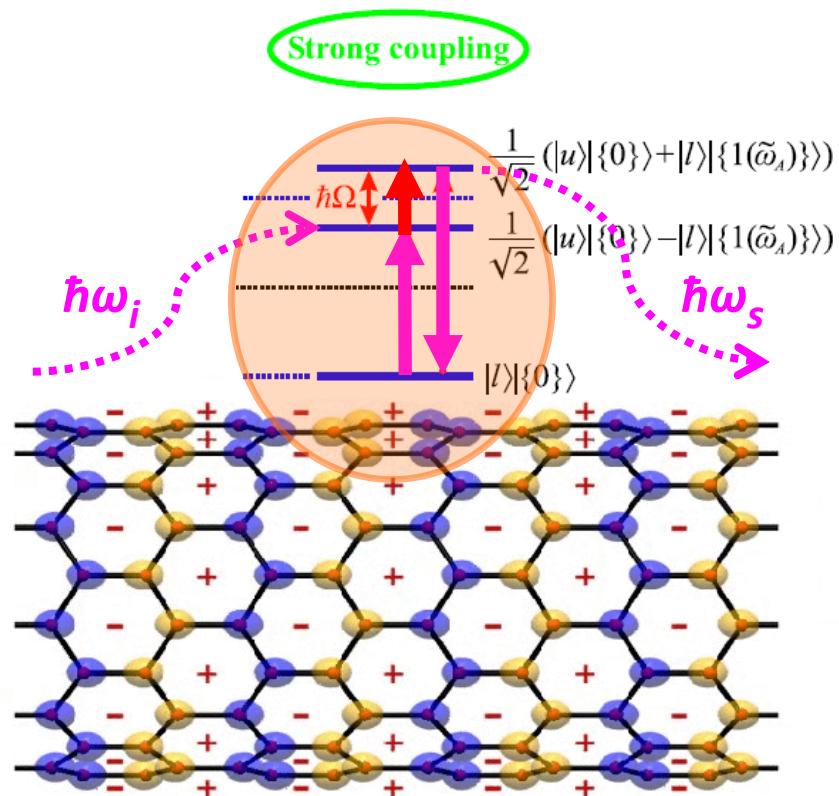
Plasmon Emission

$$\hbar\omega_s = \hbar\omega_i - \hbar\omega_p$$



Plasmon Absorption

$$\hbar\omega_s = \hbar\omega_i + \hbar\omega_p$$



$$d_z E_z^{(loc)}(\mathbf{r}_A) \sim X^\infty [\Gamma_0(\omega_p) \xi(\mathbf{r}_A, \omega_p)]^{1/2}$$

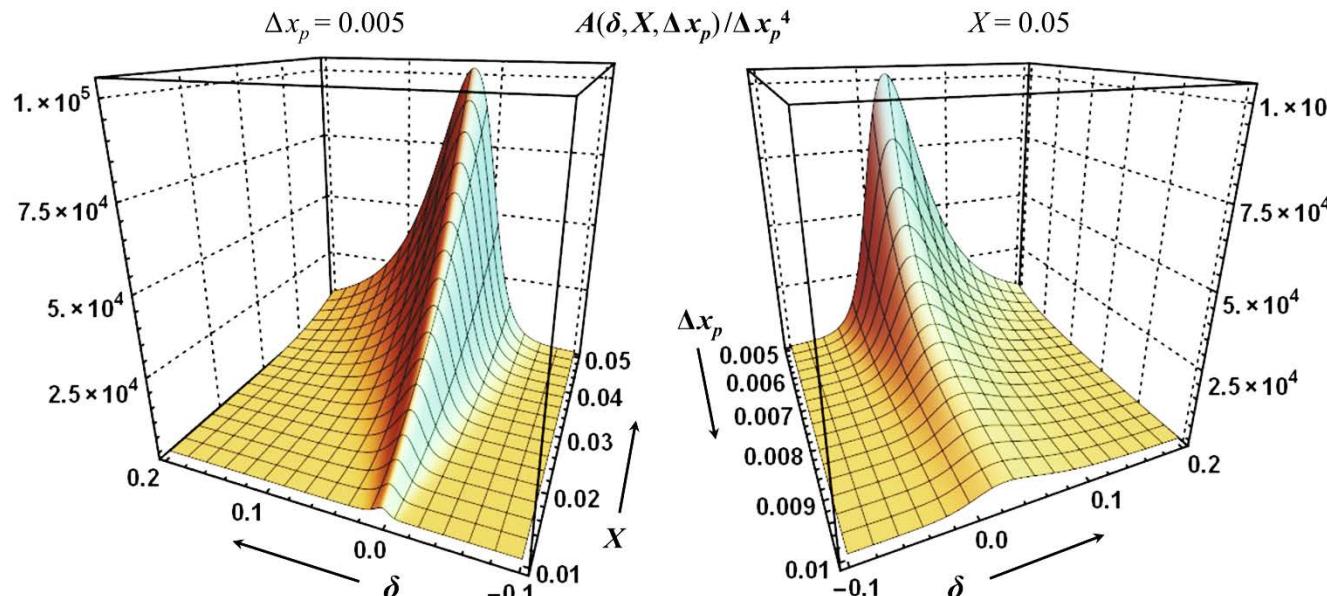
# PLASMON ENHANCED RAMAN SCATTERING EFFECT FOR AN ATOM NEAR A CARBON NANOTUBE

*Raman scattering cross-section. Enhancement factor*

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_s} = \frac{(2\gamma_0)^2 |d_z|^4}{\hbar^4 c^4} \cos^2 \vartheta_i \cos^2 \vartheta_s P(x_i, x_s), \quad x_{i,s} = \hbar\omega_{i,s}/2\gamma_0, \quad \cos \theta_{i,s} = \mathbf{e}_{i,s} \cdot \mathbf{e}_z$$

$$P(x_i, x_s) = x_i x_s^3 A(\delta, X, \Delta x_p) \left\{ \frac{1}{[(x_i - x_p - \delta_+/2)^2 + \Delta x_p^2][(x_s - x_p - \delta_-/2)^2 + \Delta x_p^2]} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{[(x_i - x_p - \delta_-/2)^2 + \Delta x_p^2][(x_s - x_p - \delta_+/2)^2 + \Delta x_p^2]} \right\}, \quad \delta_{\pm} = \delta \pm \sqrt{\delta^2 + X^2}$$

$$A(\delta, X, \Delta x_p) = \frac{X^8}{2^6 (\delta^2 + X^2)^2 (\delta_-^2 + \Delta x_p^2)} \sim [d_z E_z^{(loc)}(\mathbf{r}_A)]^4 \propto \xi^2(\mathbf{r}_A, \omega_p)$$



# SUMMARY

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- **NANOOPTOPLASMONICS WITH PRISTINE AND HYBRID QUASI-1D SYSTEMS.** Examples outlined:
- (1) controlled absorption due to plasmon generation by optically excited excitons in individual CNs;
  - (2) quasi-1D exciton BEC in individual semiconducting CNs due to the exciton-plasmon coupling controlled by a perpendicular electrostatic field applied [ $\sim 1 \text{ V/nm}$ ,  $T < 100 \text{ K}$  experimentally accessible, opens up perspectives to develop coherent polarized light source with CNs];
  - (3) Landau-Herring approach to uncover relative stability peculiarities for lowest energy excitonic complexes in quasi-1D semiconductors: trions are more stable in strongly confined quasi-1D structures with small reduced electron-hole masses; biexcitons are more stable in less confined structures with large reduced electron-hole masses [spintronics & nonlinear optics in quasi-1D];
  - (4) plasmon enhanced Raman scattering near CNs [single molecule/atom/ion detection, precision spontaneous emission control, optical manipulation, ...];
  - (5) more to come (optical nonlinearities & transport in hybrid CNs, BEC in double wall CNs, CN arrays)...

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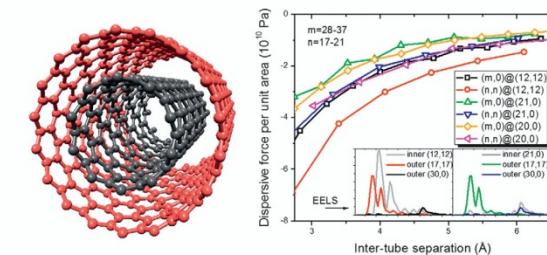
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