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Defects in single and double wall carbon nanotubes¹ JIAN-MIN ZUO, T.K. KIM, Dept. Mat. Sci. Eng., University of Illinois, Urbana — We show that single and double wall carbon nanotubes grown by catalytic chemical vapor deposition can change its chirality and create junctions along the tube direction. These tubes often appear straight (perfect) in electron images. The change in structure is often subtle and only detectable by electron diffraction. The experimental evidence of defects, structure determination and consequence on tube transport properties will be presented and discussed.

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