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**Raman scattering from the CaC<sub>6</sub> superconductor** A. MIALITSIN, Rutgers University, J. KIM, R. KREMER, MPI fuer Festkoerperforschung, G. BLUMBERG, Bell Labs, Alcatel-Lucent — A polarized Raman scattering study has been performed on bulk 1st stage intercalated graphite CaC<sub>6</sub> crystals at sub- $T_c$  temperatures. We identify all three Raman active  $E_g$  bands expected for the  $Rm\bar{6}$  space group of CaC<sub>6</sub> at 440, 1120 and 1508  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and find them to be in agreement with zone center modes predicted by first principles calculations of phonon dispersion.<sup>1</sup> In addition the equivalents of the graphite D and G bands are observed at respective frequencies. Inherent to the disorder induced double resonant scattering process<sup>2</sup> the D band shifts from 1308  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  to 1332  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  upon the change of the excitation laser wavelength from 647 nm to 476 nm. Assuming linear dependence of the D band peak position as a function of excitation energy this translates to the frequency shift of 35  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  / eV. By comparing the integrated intensity of the G band at 1582  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in CaC<sub>6</sub> to the one in kish graphite the relative fraction of higher stage domains to the 1st stage intercalation is estimated to be less then 0.2%. Finally upon the superconducting phase transition we observe a  $2\Delta$  peak with the frequency of 24  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  at 5 K. With temperature increase this peak persists shortly up to the SC phase transition at 11.6 K and shows temperature dependence consistent with the strong coupling regime. <sup>1</sup>M. Calandra and F. Mauri, PRL **95**, 237002 (2005). <sup>2</sup>C. Thomson and S. Reich, PRL **85**, 5214 (2000).

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