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Individual carbon nanotube Schottky diode rectifiers characterized at microwave frequencies ENRIQUE COBAS, STEVEN ANLAGE, MICHAEL FUHRER, Department of Physics and Center for Nanophysics and Advanced Materials, University of Maryland College Park — Carbon nanotube Schottky diodes (CNT-SDs) are predicted to have very high cut-off frequencies due to small junction capacitances. Additionally, carbon nanotube (CNT) conductors are expected to exhibit signatures of Tomonaga-Luttinger Liquid states in their frequency-dependent conductivity. We have measured the rectification of microwave signals by CNT-SDs as a function of frequency, power, and dc bias voltage. Horizontally aligned CNTs were grown by chemical vapor deposition on high-frequency compatible quartz substrates. Dissimilar metal contacts were created in coplanar waveguide geometries via photolithography. The diodes were subjected to microwave signals from 100MHz to 40GHz. A frequency-independent rectified dc current of approximately $100\mu\text{A} / \text{W}$ was observed throughout this frequency range, consistent with the expected intrinsic cut-off frequency of the devices of order 1THz.

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