

Abstract Submitted  
for the MAR07 Meeting of  
The American Physical Society

**Electronic, vibrational dispersions and alkali-halides encapsulation in carbon nanotubes**<sup>1</sup> K. CHRIST, Dept. of Mechanical Engr. - Univ. of Wisconsin, H.R. SADEGHPOUR, Harvard-Smithsonian CfA — Density functional calculations of electronic and vibrational dispersion energies for pristine graphite and single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWCNT) are presented. Optimized parameters for nonlocal norm-preserving pseudopotentials which replace the potential field due to core electrons are given and the valence electrons are treated with linear combination of localized atomic orbitals. The effect of encapsulation of carbon nanotubes with alkali-halide matrices is numerically investigated. The electronic band structure of encapsulated SWCNT is noticeably modified and hence its optical properties.

<sup>1</sup>NSF, SI

Hossein Sadeghpour  
Harvard-Smithsonian CfA

Date submitted: 15 Nov 2006

Electronic form version 1.4