### ENHANCEMENT OF IR ABSORPTION OF BIOMOLECULE ADSORBED ON SINGLE WALL CARBON NANOTUBES AND GRAPHENE NANOSHEETS

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### Outline

- Surface enhanced spectroscopy SEIRA;
- Characterization of single wall carbon nanotubes (SWCNT) and graphene nanosheets;
- Enhancement of IR absorption by molecule (thymine) adsorbed on SWCNT and graphene nanosheets;
- Possible mechanism of enhancement of IR absorption for molecule adsorbed on the stated carbon nanomaterials;
- Conclusions.

### Surface enhanced infrared absorption



- The increasing of electromagnetic field near rough metal surface and island metal films (*electromagnetic mechanism*);
- 2) The increasing of the dipole transition moment of the adsorbed molecules (*chemical mechanism*).

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Could carbon nanomaterials be used as enhancing substrate for IR absoption?

What is more efficient: SWCNT or graphene?



What is the mechanism of enhancement?

### Characterization of SWCNT's





 $v(cm^{-1}) = \frac{223.75}{D_1(nm)} \rightarrow \text{ one nanotube}$ 

Transmission electron microscope (TEM)

bundle of  $\leftarrow v(cm^{-1}) = \frac{234}{D_2(nm)} + 10$ nanotubes

### Graphene nanosheets

*Graphene* is a monolayer of carbon atoms packed into a two-dimensional (2D) honeycomb crystal structure.



#### IR spectra of thymine with SWCNT's



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### IR spectra of thymine with graphene



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### Calculated enhancement factor

Thy	Thy+Graphene		Assignment	Thy+SWCNT		Assignment
(on the Au)	Wavenumber, cm <sup>-</sup>	g <sup>2(*)</sup>		Wavenumber, cm <sup>-1</sup>	g <sup>2(*)</sup>	
1709	1706	1,9	C <sub>2</sub> =O	1709	1,8	C <sub>2</sub> =O
1663	1678	0,9	C <sub>4</sub> =O	1659	1,4	C <sub>4</sub> =O
1550	1550	1,4	C=C	1550	2,3	C=C
1481	1482	1,3	N₁-H def	1481	2,7	C-H <sub>3</sub> def
1440	1443	1,2	N <sub>1</sub> -H def, C <sub>3</sub> -H def	1441	4,0	N <sub>1</sub> -H def
1427	1420	1,4	C <sub>3-</sub> H def	1421	5,3	N <sub>1</sub> -H def, C <sub>3</sub> -H
1364	1366	3,0	N <sub>3</sub> -H def	1364	4,0	N <sub>3</sub> -H def.
1241	1241	1,7	C-C	1241	1,7	C-C
1212	1202	1,3	C <sub>6</sub> -H def , C <sub>2</sub> -N <sub>3</sub> str.	1201	2,3	$C_6$ -H def, $C_2$ - N <sub>3</sub> str.
1025	1022	1,5	CH, C-OH	1024	4,2	C-H, C-OH
978	979	3,7	N-C <sub>2</sub> ring-bending	980	4,1	N-C <sub>2</sub> ring- bending
920	934	2,6	γ-CH	933	5,0	γ-CH
842	829	2,0	N <sub>3</sub> -Η, γ-C <sub>2</sub> =Ο	831	2,6	$N_3$ -H, $\gamma$ -C <sub>2</sub> =O
812	811	2,2	N <sub>1</sub> -H, γ-C <sub>2</sub> =O, C <sub>4</sub> =O	810	2,7	$N_1$ -H, $\gamma$ -C <sub>2</sub> =O, C <sub>4</sub> =O
758	757	1,7	Skeletal ring mode	757	2,5	Skeletal ring mode
743	741	1,7	C <sub>4</sub> =O			
				617	2,3	γ- C <sub>4</sub> =Ο
554	556	2,0	N-H	557	4,2	β- C <sub>4</sub> =O
474	476	1,9	N-H	475	2,8	α-ring-bending

# The IR spectra of thymine, thymine with graphene and graphene oxide



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## Factor of enhancement of Thy on graphene and graphene oxide

Thymine	Thy+Graphene		Thy+Graphene		Assignment
	Oxide				
	position	Enh.	position	Enh.	
		factor		factor	
1798	1799	2,0	1802	1.4	C <sub>4</sub> =O for isolated Thy
					molecules
1709	1706	2.4	1706	1.9	C <sub>2</sub> =O
1550	1553	3,2	1550	1.4	C=C
1481	1480	2,6	1482	1.3	N <sub>1</sub> -H def
1406	1405	3,0	1397	1.6	C-N str.
1364	1363	3,0	1366	1.5	N <sub>3</sub> -H def
1296	1287	3,0	1284	2.2	C <sub>6</sub> -H def
1212	1210	2,3	1202	1.4	C <sub>6</sub> -H def , C <sub>2</sub> -N <sub>3</sub> str.
1025	1023	3,0	1022	1.5	СН, С-ОН
978	977	3,0	979	3.6	N-C <sub>2</sub>
924	923	1.2	933	2.6	ү-СН

### Possible mechanism of SEIRA effect

 Local field enhancement in the near-field zone of the finite-length metallic SWCNTs.



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## Dependence of the enhancement factor on wavenumbers



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### Confocal microscopy images



Thymine on glass

Thymine on Au







Graphene on glass

## Conclusions

- Graphene and SWCNT could be used as an enhancing substrate for IR spectroscopy;
- The enhancement factor for Thymine adsorbed on SWCNT (6) is greater than that on graphene nanosheets (4);
- Mechanism of enhancement of biological molecules adsorbed on nanostructured carbon substrates seems to have chemical and electromagnetic nature.

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