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Thermodynamic control of quantum defects on single-walled carbon nanotubes

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General Information. The (6,5)-enriched SWNTs (SG 65i), used in this work, were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Reagent-grade dibromoalkanes were purchased from commercial suppliers. 2,4dibromo-2-methylpentane (1d) and 1,3-dibromo-1,3-diphenylpropane (1e) were synthesized according to literature procedures in 26 and 62% yields, respectively.^{1,2} Optical absorption spectra were recorded by using a spectrophotometer (V-670; Jasco Corp.). Raman spectra were measured under excitation at 514.5 and 633 nm, by using a spectrophotometer (LabRAM HR-800; Horiba Ltd.). Raman spectra were normalized relative to the G band. Photoluminescence spectra were obtained by using a spectrophotometer equipped with a 450-W lamp and a Symphony-II CCD detector (Nanolog; Horiba Ltd.). The excitation and emission wavelengths were varied from 500-1000 nm and 827-1600 nm, respectively, in 1 nm steps. The excitation and emission slit widths were 10 nm. The PL intensity was corrected to the data correction time of each sample. For absorption and PL measurements, the samples were dispersed in D_2O containing 1 wt% sodium dodecylbenzene sulfate (SDBS) by ultrasound irradiation in a bath sonicator (B2510J-MT ultrasonic cleaner; Branson) and centrifuged at 140000 g for 1 h in a high-speed centrifuge equipped with a P70AT2 angle rotor (CP80 β ; Hitachi Koki Co., Ltd.). To adjust the absorption intensity at ~775 nm, an adequate dose of D₂O solution containing SDBS was added to the dispersion depending on the concentration. After sonication, the resulting suspension was centrifuged for 1 h at 140000 g. Thermal treatment of the samples was performed at a heating rate of 10°C/min and a nitrogen flow rate of 50 mL/min (TG-50A; Shimadzu Corp.). The samples were held for 30 min at 100°C for drying. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) was conducted using a field emission electron microscope (1.5 kV accelerating voltage, 10 µA beam current, SU8020; Hitachi Ltd.). The relative E_{11} absorption peak intensity is used as an index for the degree of functionalization of SWNTs, and is defined by the relative peak intensity, $[E_{11}]$ absorption intensity of functionalized SWNTs/intensity of local minimum near 775 nm of functionalized $SWNTs]/[E_{11}$ absorption intensity of SWNTs/intensity of local minimum near 775 nm of SWNTs].

Computational details.

A single unit of pristine (6,5) SWNT passivated with hydrogen at the terminals was first utilized as the computational model. Functionalized SWNT-(C_3H_6), SWNT-(C_3H_5Me), SWNT-(*cis*- $C_3H_4Me_2$), SWNT-(*trans*- $C_3H_4Me_2$), SWNT-(C_4H_8), SWNT-(C_4H_7Me), SWNT-(*cis*- $C_4H_6Me_2$), and SWNT-(*trans*- $C_4H_6Me_2$) were calculated at the *ortho* positions in three different directions (L_{-33} , L_{87} , L_{27}), as shown in Figure 3. The ground states of these derivatives were optimized by DFT using the B3LYP functional with 6-31G*.³ The TD-DFT calculations of the vertical transition energies and the optimization of excited states were performed at the B3LYP/3-21G level of theory.

The spin density on the *ortho* positions of the *n*-butylated (6,5) SWNT radical was obtained using models consisting of 1, 2, and 3-unit cells at the UB3LYP/3-21G level of theory. All DFT calculations were conducted using the Gaussian 09 suite of programs version E.01.⁴

Confinement and methodology errors were considered to evaluate emission energies of *ortho* adducts in SWNT-(C₃H₆) and SWNT-(*cis*-C₃H₄Me₂). The following correction formula has been utilized to estimate the emission energies of functionalized (6,5) SWNTs at infinite length $E_{11}^{*}(\infty)$, which was proposed by Htoon and co-workers:⁵

 $E_{11}^{*}(\infty) = -0.59(E_{11}-E_{11}^{*}) + 1.25$

where E_{11} and E_{11} * represent emission energies of the pristine SWNT and each functionalized SWNT, respectively. The emission energies were calculated using 3-unit cells at the level of CAM-B3LYP/STO-3G.⁶

Typical procedure of reductive alkylation:

Naphthalene (152 mg, 1.19 mmol) and sodium (77.8 mg, 3.38 mmol) were placed in a heat-dried three-necked round-bottomed flask under argon. Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (50 mL) was then added to the flask and the contents were stirred for 1.5 h. A portion (5.0 mg) of SWNTs was placed in a second heat-dried three-necked round-bottom flask under argon and the sodium naphthalenide solution was added to the SWNTs, and the mixture was then sonicated for 1 h. Dibromoalkane (1.43 mmol) was subsequently added to the mixture, which was sonicated for 30 min. After the addition of dry ethanol (15 mL), the resulting suspended black solid was collected by filtration using a membrane filter (PTFE, 1.0 μ m) and washed with tetrahydrofuran, methanol, and distilled water by the dispersion/filtration process.

2-methyl-2,4-dibromopnetane (1d)¹

2-methylpentane-2,4-diol (77.8 mmol, 9.2 g) was dissolved in dichloromethane (100 mL) in a dry flask under Ar atmosphere. The solution was cooled to -15°C in a NaCl-ice bath, and phosphorus tribromide (315.8 mmol, 85.5 g) was added dropwise with stirring. The mixture was stirred for 4 hours at room temperature. Water (100 mL) was added and the product extracted with dichloromethane (20 mL x 3) was washed with cold water (20 mL x 5). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. It was purified by distillation and **1d** was corrected at 47-48°C / 4 mmHg as colorless liquid. (4.9 g, 20.2 mmol, 26%) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 1.81 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.83 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 2.43 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (ddq, *J* = 6.8, 6.8, 4.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 28.6, 33.6, 35.9, 46.4, 57.6, 66.1.

1,3-dibromo-1,3-diphenylpropane (1e)²

Benzaldehyde (6.0 mmol, 0.64 g) and styrene (6.0 mmol, 0.62 g) were dissolved in dichloromethane (40 mL) in a dry flask under Ar atmosphere. The solution was cooled to -40°C in a low temperature thermostated bath. Boron tribromide (6.4 mmol, 6.4 mL of a 1 M dichloromethane solution) was added

via a syringe. The mixture was stirred for 2 hours at -40°C and then for 2hours at room temperature. Water (40 mL) was added and the product extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and the product isolated by flash column chromatography (silica gel, hexane) to yield 1.3 g (3.7 mmol, 62%) of **1e**. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 2.88-2.96$ (m, 1.5 H), 3.21 (dt, J = 14.6, 7.4 Hx, 0.5H), 4.86 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.39 (m, 10H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 49.3$, 49.4, 52.0, 53.1, 127.6, 127.6, 128.9, 129.0, 129.1, 140.5, 141.1.

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3c

Excitaition wavelength (nm)

800

600









650



1000 1200 Emission wavelength (nm)

1400

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There is another possibility of the formation of rearranged isomers via hydrogen atom abstraction (Figure S21). The calculation of the model compounds of the rearrangement isomers via hydrogen atom abstraction for each addition position showed that the absorption peaks were observed at a longer wavelength than that before the rearrangement (Table S5). However, the possibility of the rearrangement via hydrogen atom abstraction is considered to be low because the calculated absorption wavelengths of the rearranged isomer is shorter than that of the model compounds of SWNT-(C_4H_8) when the addition position is the same.



Figure S24. The optimized partial structures of H-SWNT-CH(CH₃)CH=CHCH₃ after the rearrangement of SWNT-($C_3H_4Me_2$).

	D/G _{514.5nm}	D/G561nm	D/G _{633nm}	relative E_{11} absorption peak intensity
SWNTs	0.13	0.03	0.07	1.00
3a	0.44	0.32	0.40	0.45
3a (200°C)	0.46	0.31	0.39	0.47
3a(300°C)	0.45	0.30	0.34	0.49
3a(400°C)	0.22	0.11	0.13	0.89
3a (500°C)	0.11	0.06	0.07	1.12
3b	0.40	0.28	0.34	0.40
3b (200°C)	0.38	0.28	0.32	0.45
3b(300°C)	0.36	0.20	0.22	0.52
3b(400°C)	0.11	0.07	0.05	1.14
3c	0.41	0.31	0.39	0.43
3c (200°C)	0.44	0.30	0.38	0.45
3c(300°C)	0.39	0.21	0.25	0.52
3c(400°C)	0.11	0.06	0.06	1.16
3d	0.34	0.21	0.26	0.41
3d (200°C)	0.32	0.20	0.21	0.42
3d(300°C)	0.17	0.11	0.09	0.78
3d(400°C)	0.14	0.07	0.06	0.93
3e	0.23	0.14	0.18	0.53
3e (200°C)	0.19	0.10	0.12	0.68
4a	0.46	0.36	0.35	0.40
4a (200°C)	0.48	0.32	0.37	0.47
4a(300°C)	0.45	0.29	0.31	0.47
4a(400°C)	0.19	0.12	0.10	0.80
4a (500°C)	0.11	0.06	0.06	1.12
4b	0.47	0.35	0.40	0.40
4b (200°C)	0.47	0.34	0.34	0.43
4b(300°C)	0.28	0.14	0.16	0.66
4b(400°C)	0.10	0.06	0.05	1.15
4c	0.63	0.46	0.52	0.31
4c (200°C)	0.59	0.39	0.43	0.35
4c(300°C)	0.16	0.12	0.10	0.88
4c(400°C)	0.09	0.06	0.04	1.11

Table S1. D/G, relative E_{11} absorption peak intensity, and PL wavelength of functionalized SWNTs.

SWNTs	absorption			emission		
	eV	nm	eV	nm	corrected $E_{11}^{*}(\infty)$	
ortho L-33	1.91	648	1.74	711	1.13	
ortho L_{87}	1.84	674	1.66	748	1.08	
ortho L_{27}	1.62	767	1.41	879	0.93	
pristine	1.97	628	1.95	634	/	

Table S2. Absorption and emission energies of *ortho* adducts for SWNT-C₃H₆ calculated by CAM-B3LYP/STO-3G using 3-unit cells.

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		ortho L-33	ortho L_{87}	ortho L ₂₇
SWNT-(CaHe) ²⁶	relative energy	0	4.6	1.9
5 WIVI-(C3II ₆)	absorption wavelength	880	920	1099
SWNT-(C2H2Me)	relative energy	0	3.7	2.2
	absorption wavelength	880	920	1099
SWNT-(cis-C-H-Me-)	relative energy	0	1.7	2.9
5 WINT-(cts-C3114tMC2)	absorption wavelength	881	920	1102
$SWNT_{(trans_C_2H_4Me_2)}$	relative energy	0	4.7	2.0
5 (111 (1111) 031141(102)	absorption wavelength	883	922	1104
SWNT- $(C_4H_8)^{26}$	relative energy	0	7.9	3.7
	absorption wavelength	885	934	1120
SWNT-(C4H2Me)	relative energy	0	3.8	2.7
5 WTT -(0411/100)	absorption wavelength	888	934	1125
SWNT-(cis-C4H4Me2)	relative energy	1.5	0	6.4
	absorption wavelength	891	935	1127
SWNT-(trans-C4H6Me2)	relative energy	0.6	5.1	4.8
~	absorption wavelength	893	938	1130

Table S4. Bond length (d_1 and d_2 , in Å, see Figure S19) of the formed C-C bonds between SWNT and substituents that are obtained at the level of B3LYP/6-31G* using 1-unit cell. (Bond length of the formed C-C bond with the carbon atom attached the methyl group in SWNT-(C_3H_5Me) and (SWNT- C_4H_7Me) are in bold.)

addition site	d_1	d ₂	d_1	d ₂
	SWNT-(C ₃ H ₆)		SWNT-(C ₄ H ₈)	
ortho L-33	1.568	1.598	1.58	1.579
ortho L ₈₇	1.586	1.589	1.584	1.583
ortho L ₂₇	1.597	1.567	1.57	1.583
	SWNT-(C ₃ H ₅ Me)		S	WNT-(C ₄ H ₇ Me)
ortho L-33	1.567	1.622	1.609	1.581
ortho L ₈₇	1.605	1.59	1.607	1.581
ortho L ₂₇	1.621	1.566	1.592	1.582
	SWNT-(cis-C ₃ H ₄ Me ₂)		SWI	NT-(cis-C ₄ H ₆ Me ₂)
ortho L-33	1.591	1.623	1.613	1.613
ortho L_{87}	1.605	1.609	1.606	1.604
ortho L_{27}	1.616	1.591	1.594	1.619

Table S5. Spin density of *n*-butyl (6,5) SWNT radical (*ortho* L_{87}) using UB3LYP/3-21G using 1-, 2-, and 3-unit cells.

addition site	1 unit	2 unit	3 unit
ortho L-33	0.2228	0.2217	0.2215
ortho L ₈₇	0.2257	0.2280	0.2281
<i>ortho</i> L_{27}	0.1569	0.1589	0.1590
para L-33	0.1296	0.1317	0.1318
para L_{87}	0.1707	0.1701	0.1701
para L_{27}	0.1948	0.1960	0.1961

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addition site	ΔΕ	Eabs	f
ortho L ₋₃₃	14.9	883	0.5215
ortho L_{87}	21.1	926	0.7139
ortho L_{27}	16	1109	0.9469

Table S7. Total energies (in a.u.) of functionalized (6,5) SWNTs calculated by DFT with B3LYP/6-31G* using 1-unit cell.

addition site	SWNT-(C ₃ H ₆)	SWNT-(C ₃ H ₅ Me)	SWNT-(C ₃ H ₄ Me ₂)			
addition site			cis	trans	rearrangement	
ortho L ₋₃₃	-14003.7374286	-14043.0495609	-14082.3593664	-14082.3593053	-14082.3355418	
ortho L_{87}	-14003.7301413	-14043.0436296	-14082.3566619	-14082.3518556	-14082.3257437	
ortho L_{27}	-14003.7343939	-14043.0460769	-14082.3546996	-14082.3561993	-14082.3339357	
- 11:4::4-	SWNT-(C ₄ H ₈)	SWNT-(C ₄ H ₇ Me)	SWNT- $(C_4H_6Me_2)$			
addition site			cis	trans		
ortho L-33	-14043.0454506	-14082.3497609	-14121.6514859	-14121.6529239		
ortho L_{87}	-14043.0329049	-14082.3436381	-14121.6539480	-14121.6458685		
ortho L ₂₇	-14043.0395043	-14082.3454590	-14121.6437019	-14121.6462722		

Table S8. Relative energies of functionalized SWNTs calculated by B3LYP, M06-2X, and ω B97XD with the 6-31G* basis sets.

		B3LYP/6-31G*	M06-2X/6-31G*	ωB97XD/6-31G*
	ortho L ₋₃₃	0	0	0
SWNT-(C ₃ H ₆)	ortho L ₈₇	4.6	5.4	5.4
	ortho L ₂₇	1.9	2.5	2.9
	ortho L ₋₃₃	0	0	0
SWNT-(C ₃ H ₅ Me)	ortho L ₈₇	3.7	4.5	4.6
	ortho L ₂₇	2.2	2.8	3.2
SWNT (siz	ortho L-33	0	0	0
Swini-(Cls-	ortho L_{87}	1.7	2.8	2.8
$C_3H_4Me_2$)	ortho L ₂₇	2.9	3.5	3.9