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conduction for one growth condition to relatively low resistivity and little or no gate effect for the other growth condition. It is suggested that the latter result is due to a high density of surface states leading to doping past the Mott transition.

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Fast and efficient combustion synthesis route to produce exfoliated graphite Agnieszka Dabrowska¹, Andrzej Huczko¹, Sławomir Dyjak²

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Micromechanical exfoliation produces graphene flakes from the layered material graphite. As the wet chemistry protocol, with the intermediate graphite oxide formation, is quite involving [1], we report the exploratory study on simple one-step chemical synthesis of exfoliated graphite via a combustion synthesis route. The different solid carbonates could be atomized upon reducing in solid phase [2]. The formed carbon elemental coalesced towards 1D nanocarbons. Recently, such processing was extended into the direct heterogeneous, high-pressure reduction of gaseous carbon oxides to elements (CO2, CO) with Li, Mg, Ca, and other strong reducers in a modified calorimetric bomb [3]. The products were chemically purified. The morphology identification of produced layered carbon was done by XRD, SEM, TEM, Raman spectroscopy.

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Equilibrium Torsion in Chiral Carbon Nanotubes

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The proposal [1] of slight twist with respect to the rolled up configuration in chiral single-walled carbon nanotubes is recently numerically justified [2]. Only dynamical models supporting full helical symmetry (monomer becomes minimal repeating component) can show this effect, while standard DFT assume translational periodicity.

Here we present convincing evidence for the effect: very similar dependence of the torsion angle of the tube diameter (rapid decrease) and chiral angle within several dynamical models like pairwise harmonic potential, Brenner potential based molecular dynamics, and DFTB. Also, we give indirect justification of torsion using full DFT code SIESTA.