

## MONOPOLE-DIPOLE INTERACTION MODEL FOR CARBON ONIONS

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We have modelled the dielectric response of fullerenes and carbon onions with a regularized monopole-dipole interaction model, which takes into account itinerant charges of the carbon  $sp^2$  network [1]. The model has three adjustable parameters that were fitted to reproduce the measured polarizability values of isolated  $C_{60}$ ,  $C_{70}$  and  $C_{84}$  molecules, essentially [2]. This model allows us to deal with the metallic behaviour of some carbon nanosystems. It yields a fairly good behaviour of the polarizability of fullerenes of various sizes and shapes. Calculations of static polarizability of hyper-fullerenes were performed with this model, for both single-shell and multi-shell nested hyper-fullerenes. This work aims at characterizing the dielectric properties of nanocomposites materials embedding onions and onion-like carbons. (NATO Sciences for Peace Project 981051)

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