Charge transfer in Carbon Nanotubes (?)

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" H_2O molecules can be adsorbed on the nanotubes and act like electron donors"

"The electronic properties of [nanotubes] can be deeply modified by [...] minute quantities of H_2O ."

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- Mulliken analysis to assign ionic partial charges
- Water net positive
- CNT net negative

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$$\delta V_{\rm loc}(\vec{r}) = \frac{q}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{+}|} - \frac{q}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{-}|}$$
$$\delta V_{\rm loc}(\vec{g}) = q \left[\frac{e^{i\vec{g} \cdot \vec{r}_{+}}}{g^{2}} - \frac{e^{i\vec{g} \cdot \vec{r}_{-}}}{g^{2}} \right]$$

- •No electrons added
- •Exact long-range interaction
- •Parameter free

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Summary

- Mulliken analysis has been consistently misinterpreted in the literature
- Electrostatic effects may be isolated through the use of classical charges
- There exists no charge transfer between water and CNTs

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