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Carbon Nanotubes
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Who Am I?

- 3rd Youngest (older twin)
- West Point '17
- Born in Honolulu, Hawaii
- Home is Nederland, Texas



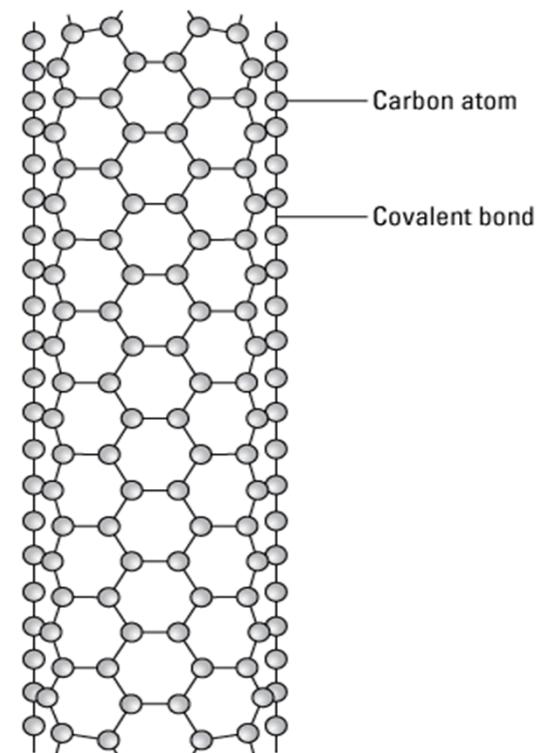
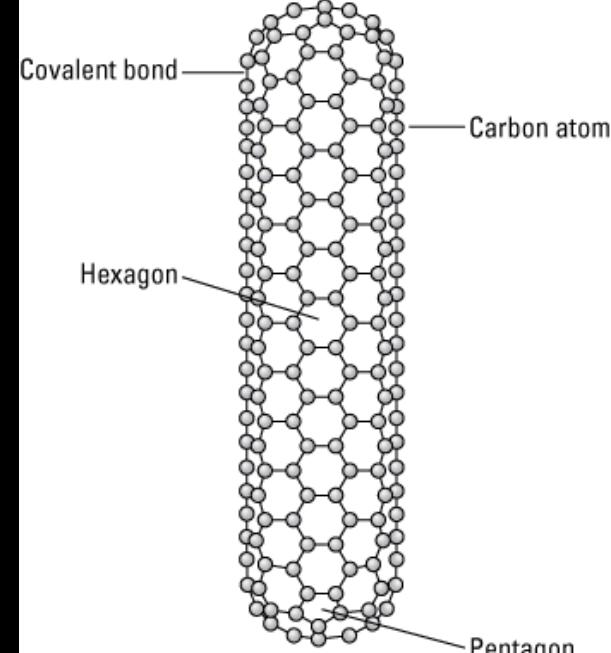
Carbon Nanotubes

(CNT)

CNT are cylindrical tubes of carbon atoms

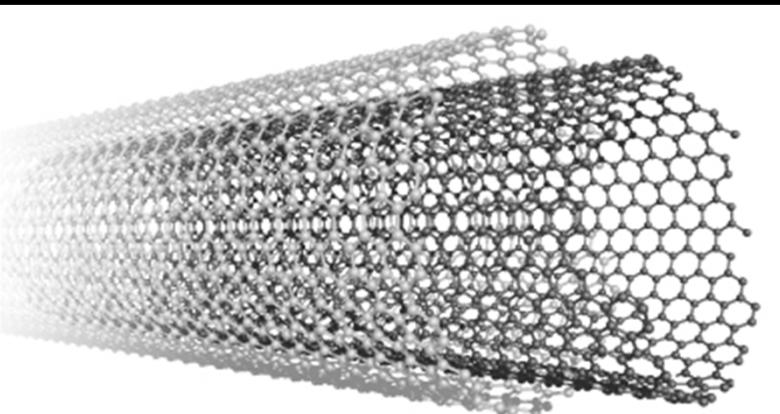
Properties:

- 200X the strength of steel
- 5X the elasticity of steel
- 5X the electrical conductivity (depending on shape, may be semiconducting)
- 15X the thermal conductivity of copper
- 1,000X the current capacity of copper
- half the density of aluminum
- CNTs have almost none of environmental or physical degradation issues common to metals (thermal expansion and contraction, corrosion and sensitivity to radiation)



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CNT Size

Diameter:

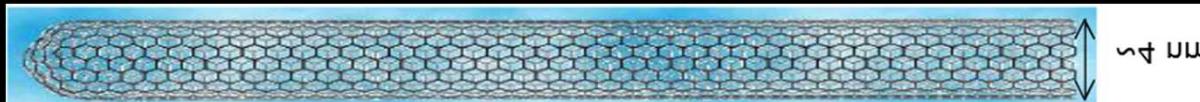
- 1nm to 50nm

Length:

- Several microns to over half a meter

Item	Diameter	Factor
Wrist	$40 \text{ mm} = 40 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$	1000
Hair	$40 \mu\text{m} = 40 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$	

Item	Diameter	Factor
Hair	$40 \mu\text{m} = 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$	10,000
Nanotube	$4 \text{ nm} = 4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$	



CNT Shape

Armchair

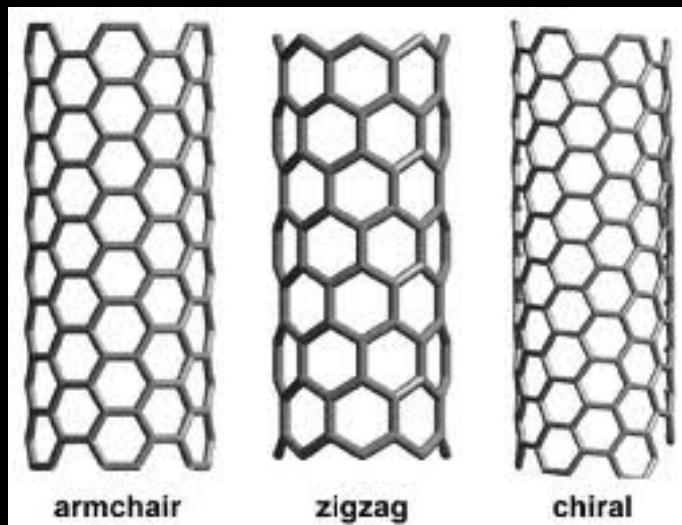
- Similar to metals
- Better conductor than copper or any other metal

Zigzag

- Semiconductor properties
- Only conduct electrical current when extra energy in the form of light or electric field is applied

Chiral

- Similar to Zigzag

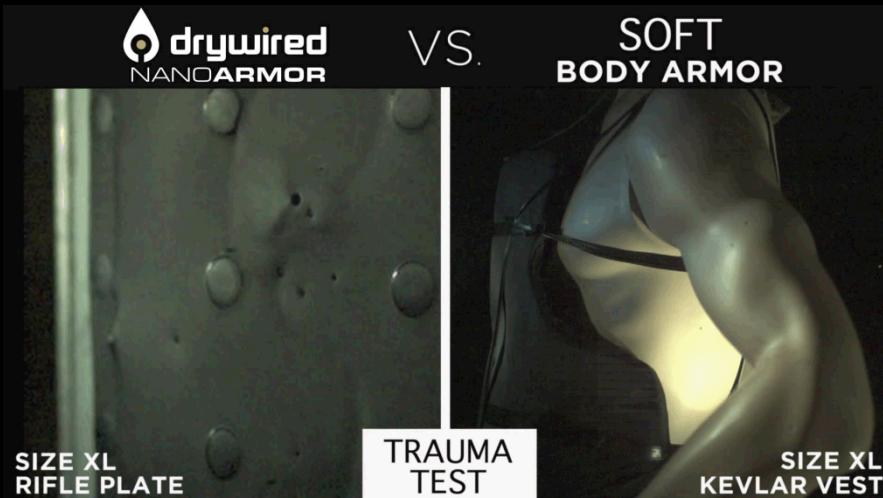


Why Should We Care?

Application of CNTs are endless

- Body Armor (Stab, Trauma, Rifle)
- Transistors
- CPU
- Power Supply
- Metallic Composites

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HkQxAumEMH8>



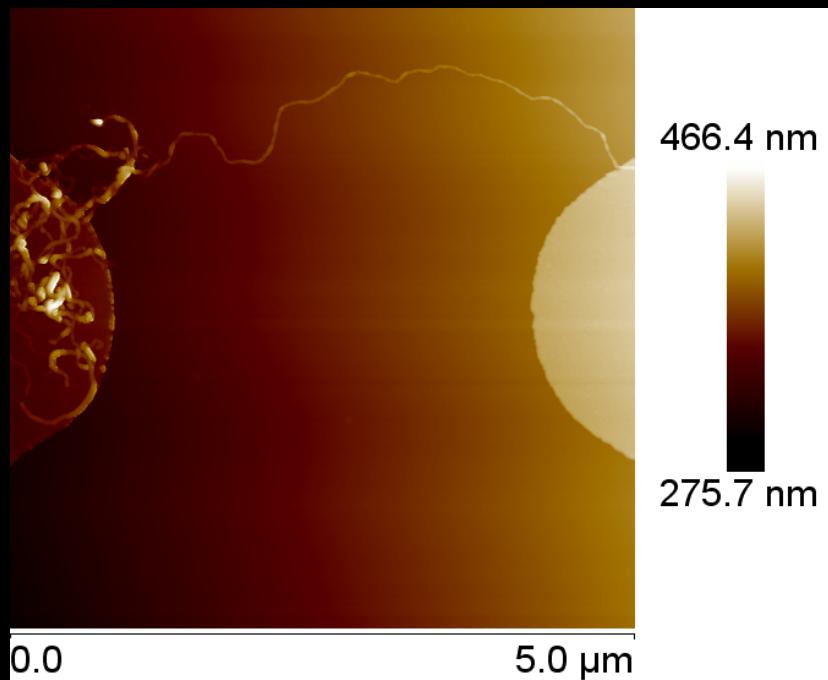
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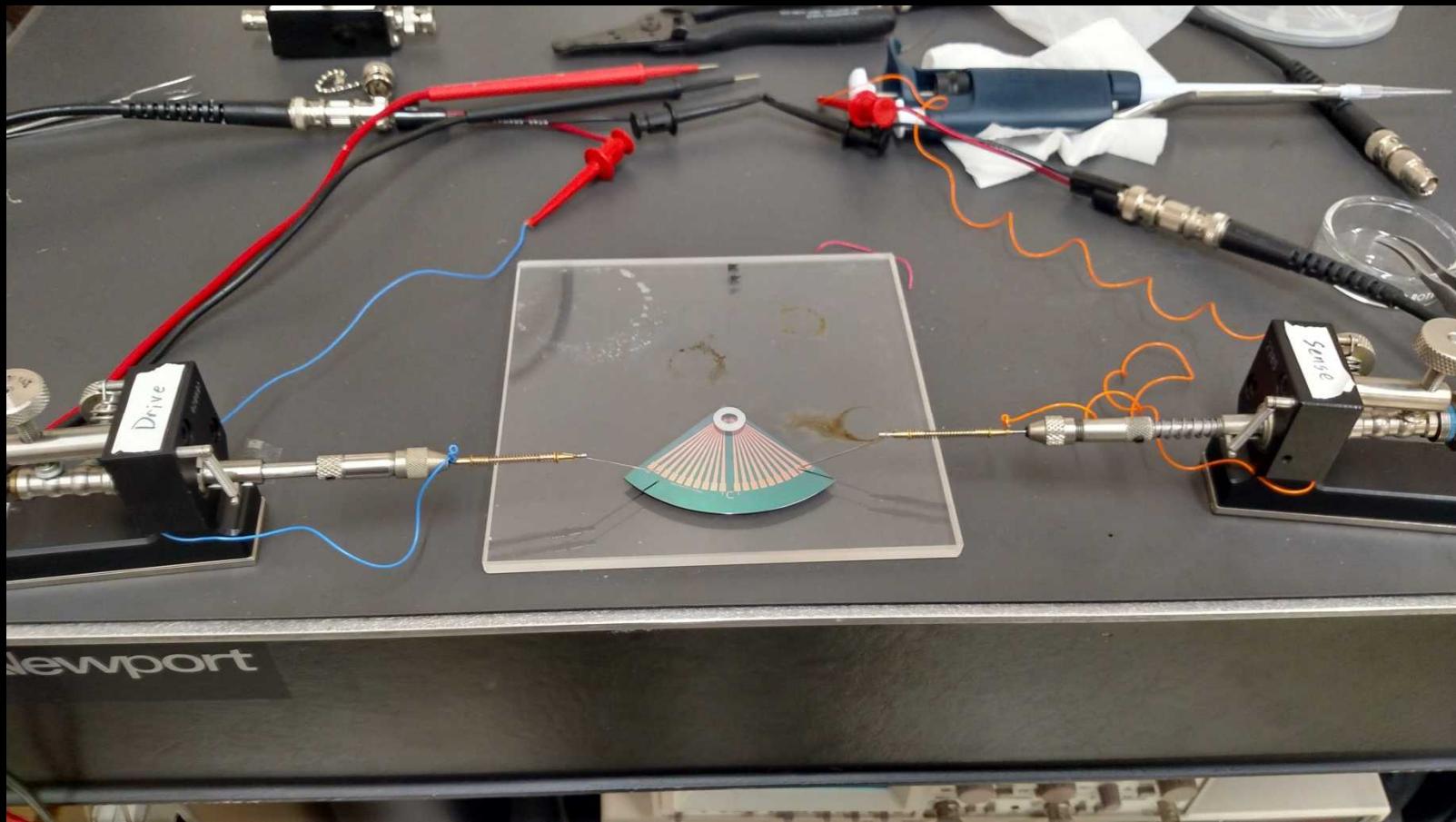
Project

BLUF: Use an AC electric field to induce the formation of aligned multi walled carbon nanotube networks between a pair of electrodes and begin to characterize their conductive properties.

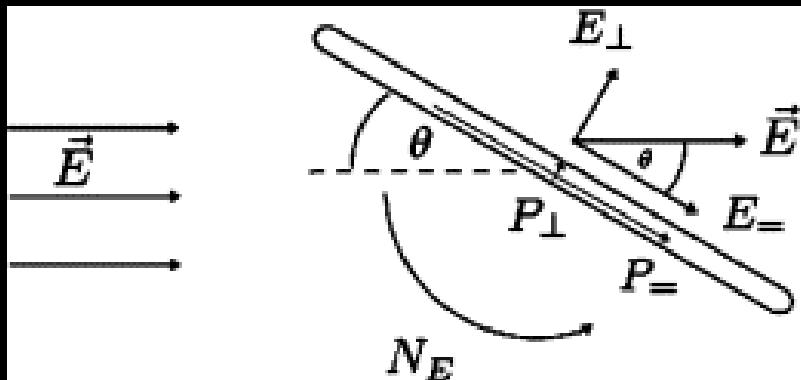


Difficulties

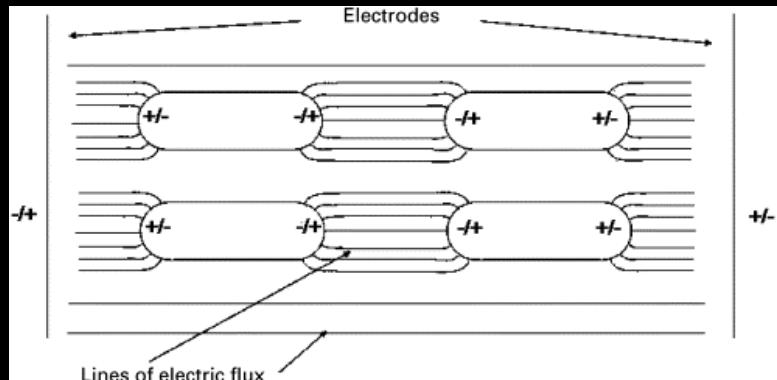
- Age of the CNT
- Sonication
- Concentration
- Time for each sample



How It Works



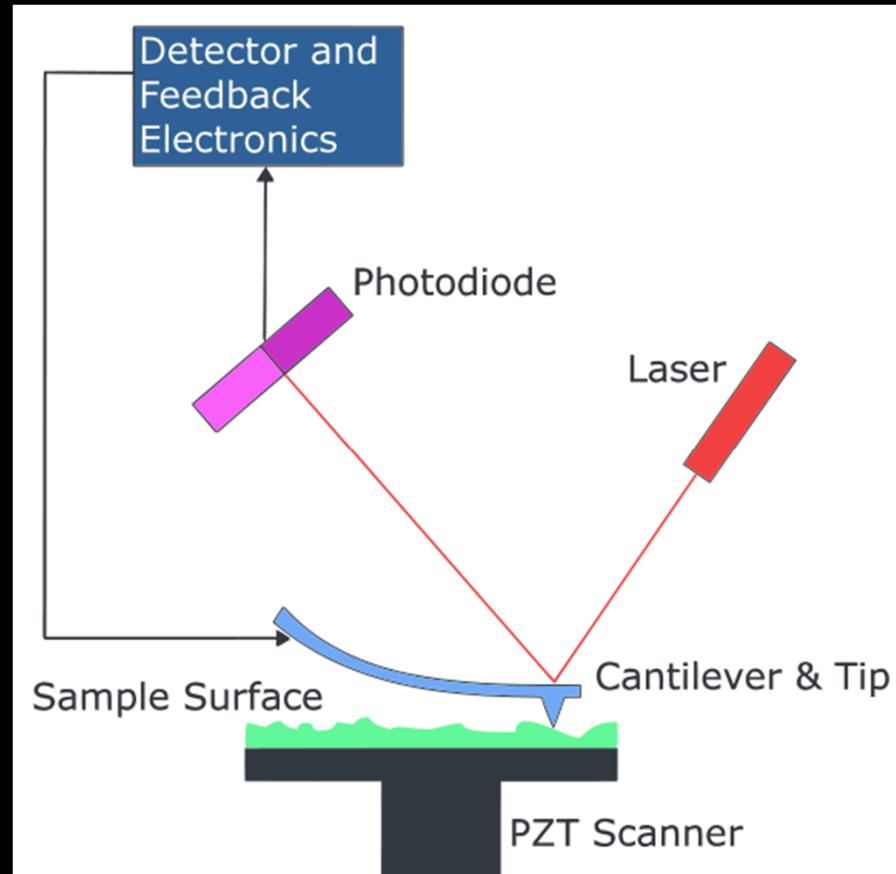
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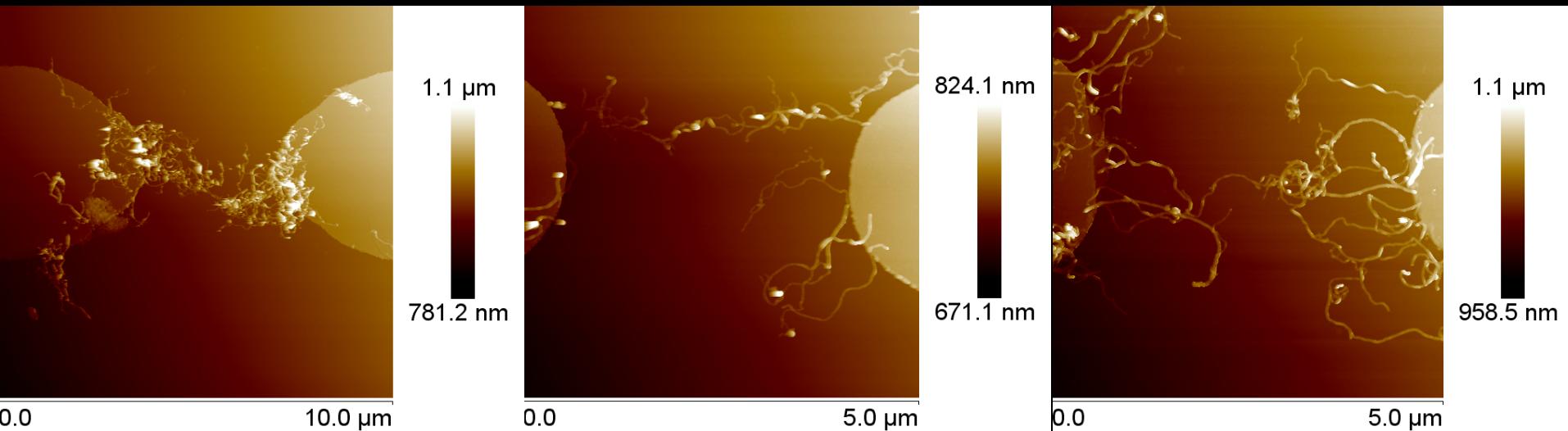
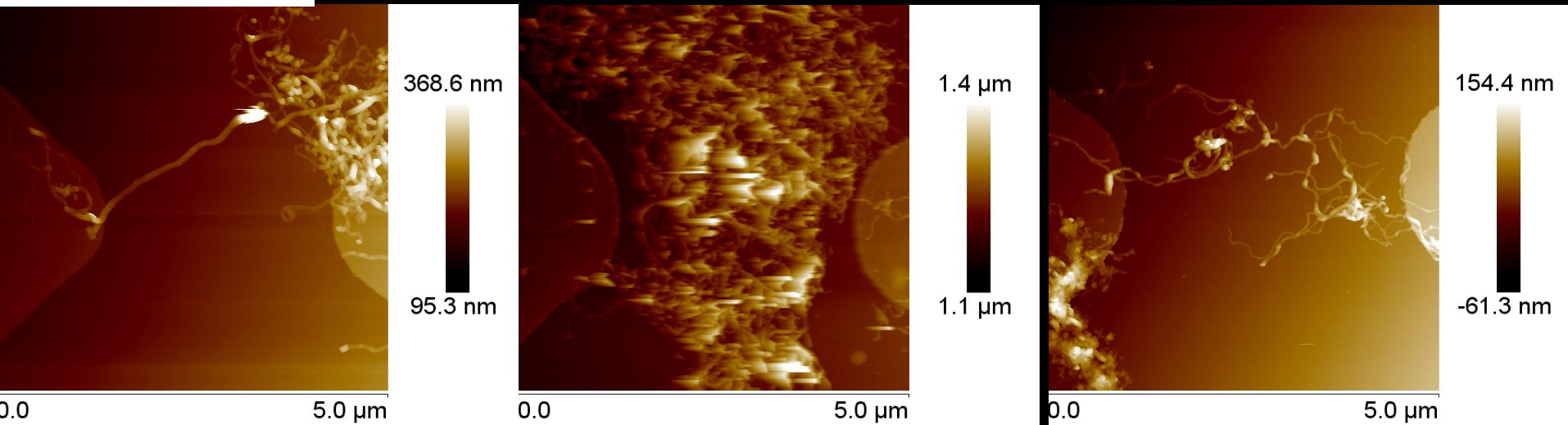
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Polarization leads to a torque in the direction of the electric field with set environment. Then the oppositely charged ends of the CNT will attract and hopefully form a single strand.

Atomic Force Microscope



Results



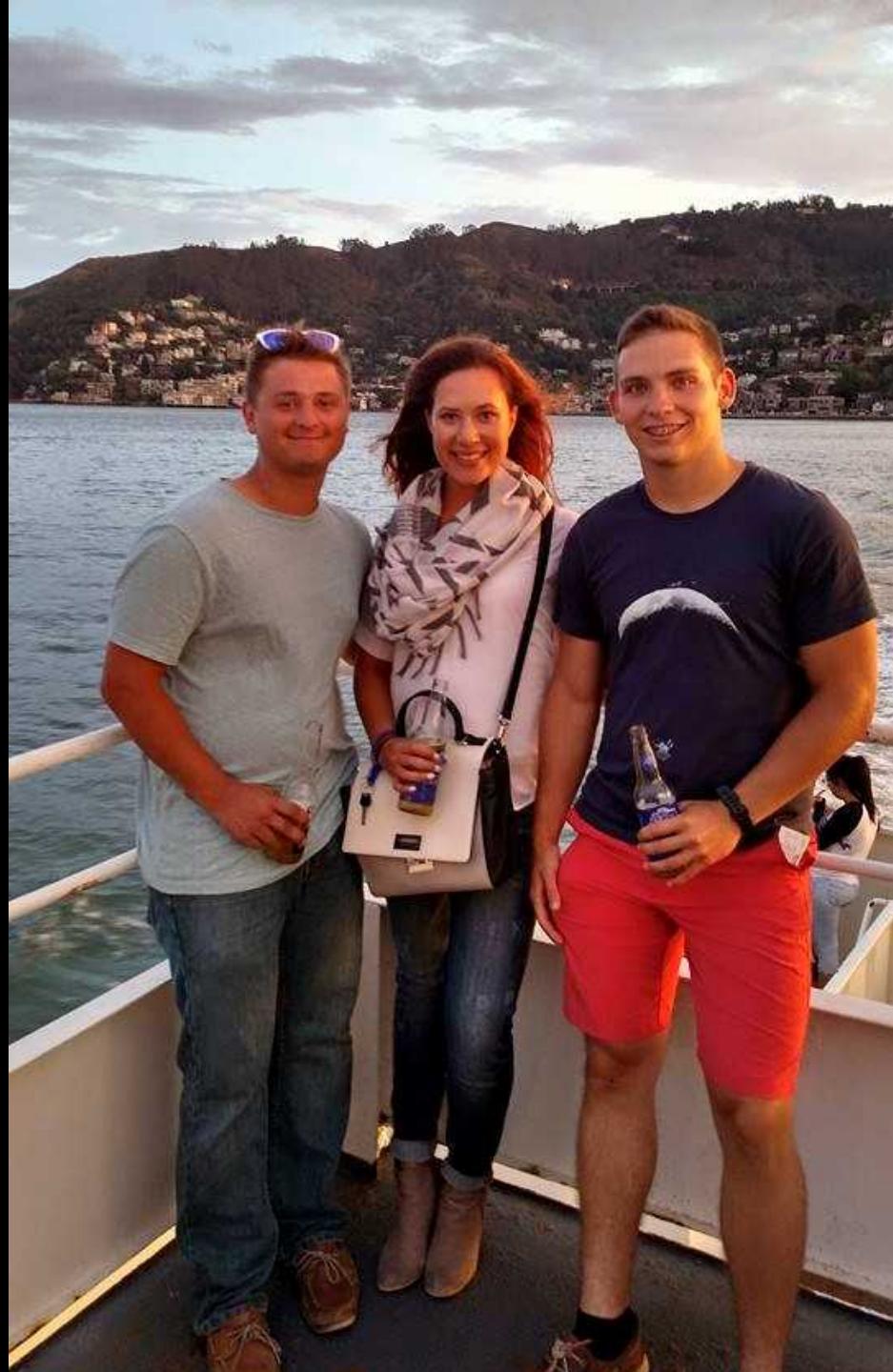
Intern Rafting Trip



Biking the Bridge



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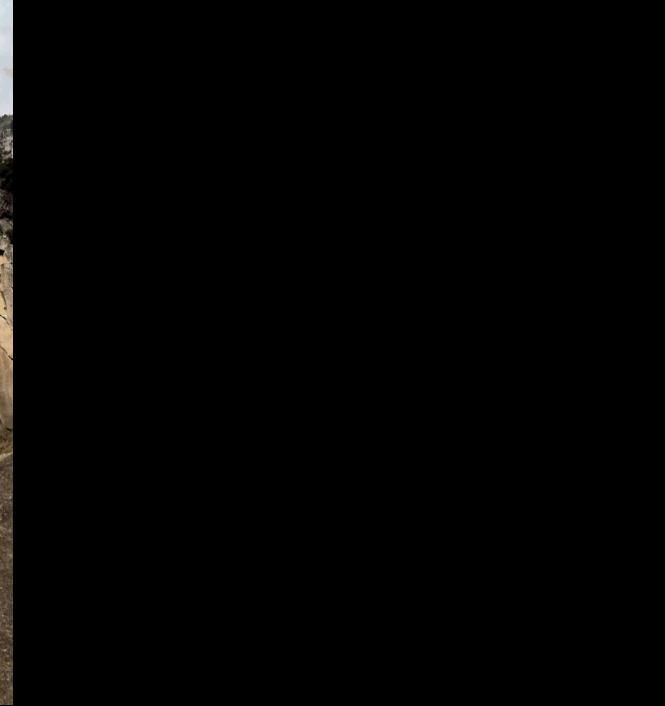


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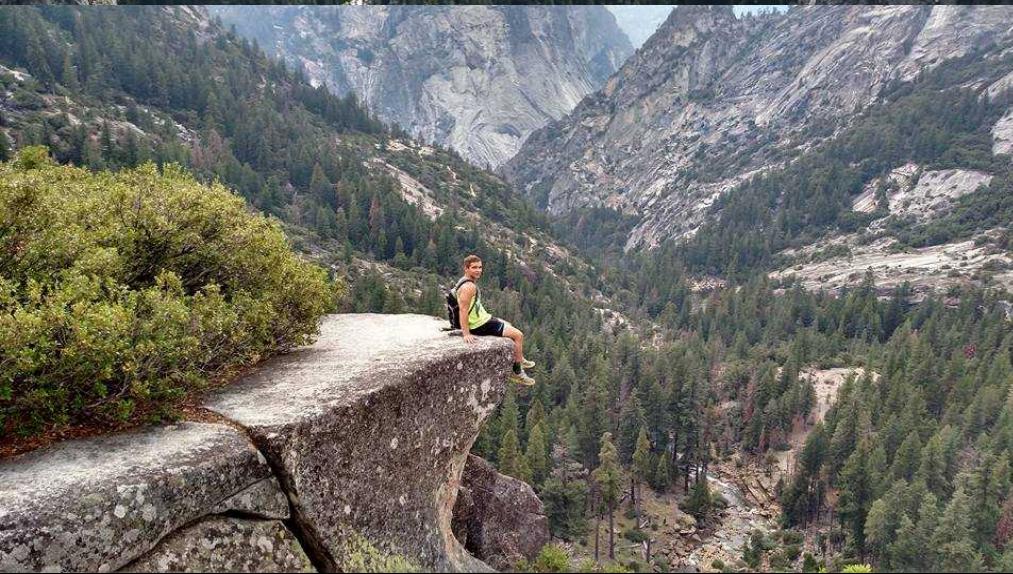




Vernal Falls



Nevada Falls



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