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## Carbon Nanotubes Sumner Ogrydziak

# Who Am I?

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



# Carbon Nanotubes

(CNT)

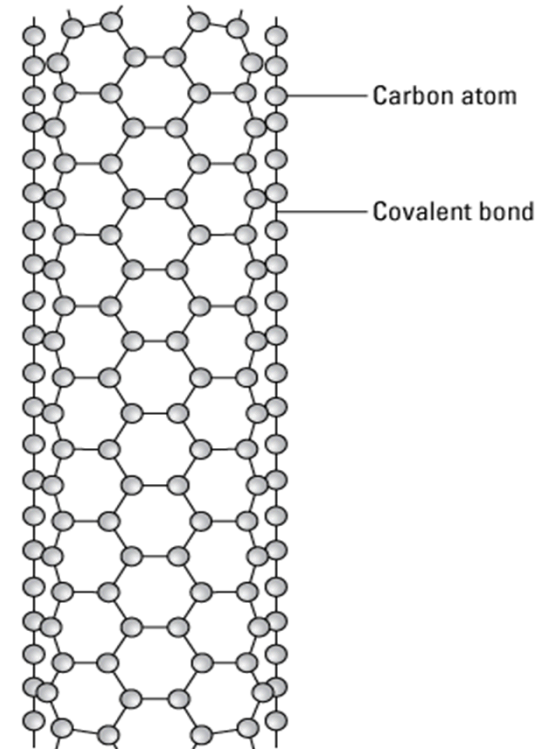
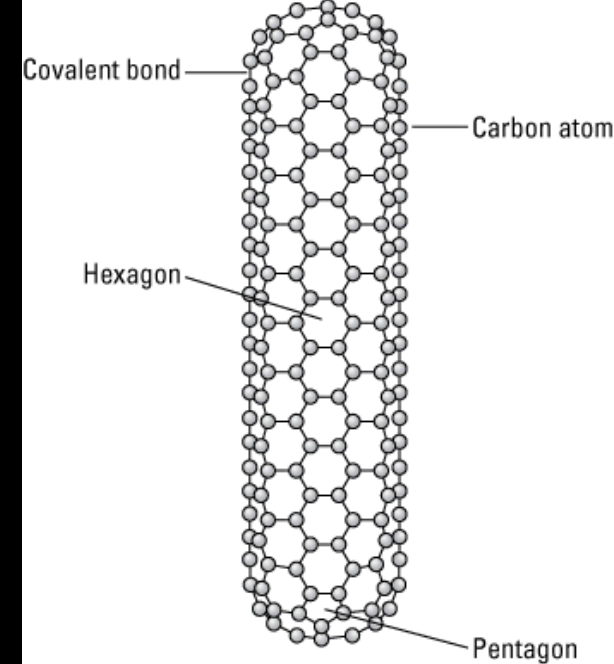
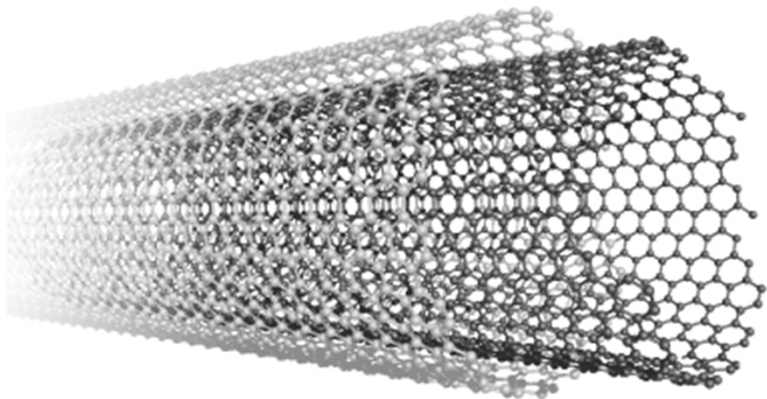
**CNT are cylindrical tubes of carbon atoms**

## 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

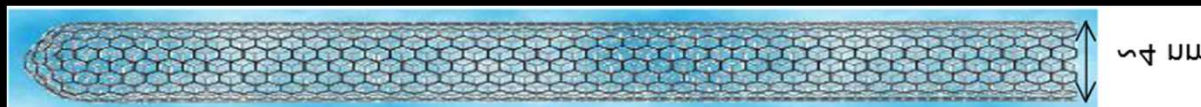
Diameter:

- 1nm to 50nm

Length:

- Several microns to over half a meter

Item	Diameter	Factor
Wrist	40 mm = $40 \times 10^{-3}$ m	1000
Hair	40 $\mu$ m = $40 \times 10^{-6}$ m	
Item	Diameter	Factor
Hair	40 $\mu$ m = $4 \times 10^{-5}$ m	10,000
Nanotube	4 nm = $4 \times 10^{-9}$ m	



# CNT Shape

## Armchair

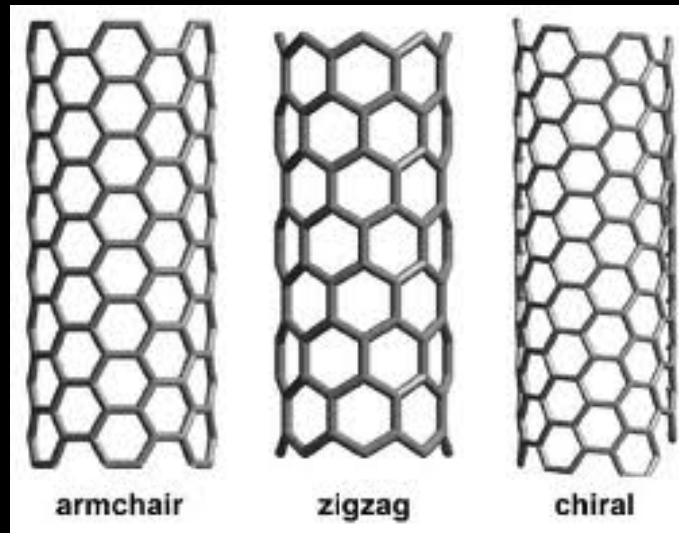
- Similar to metals
- Better conductor than copper or any other metal

## Zigzag

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

## Chiral

- Similar to Zigzag

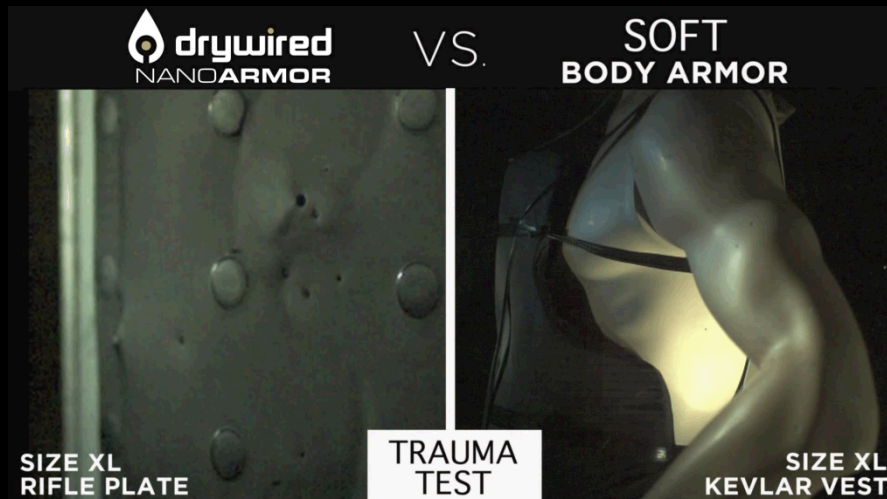


# Why Should We Care?

Application of CNTs are endless

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

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



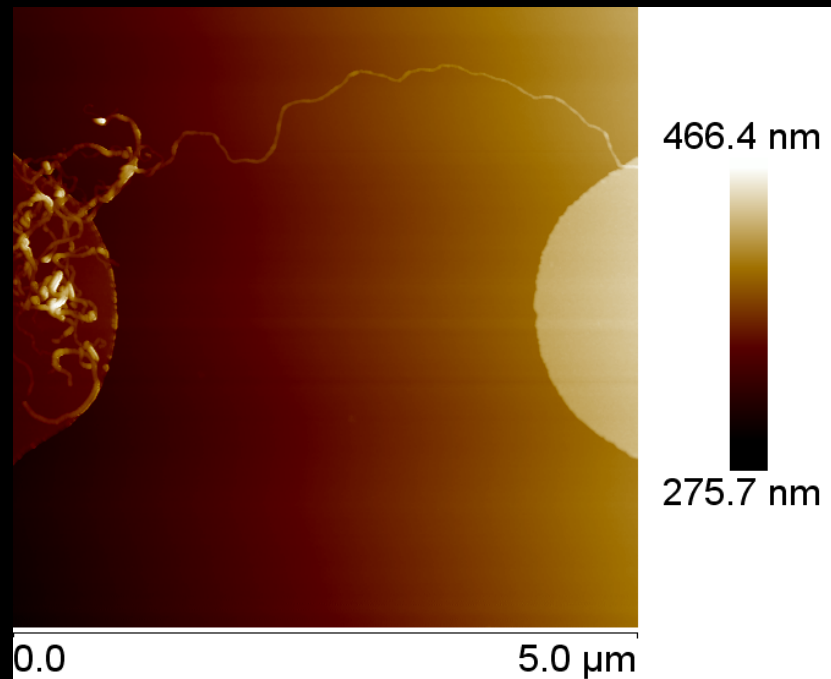
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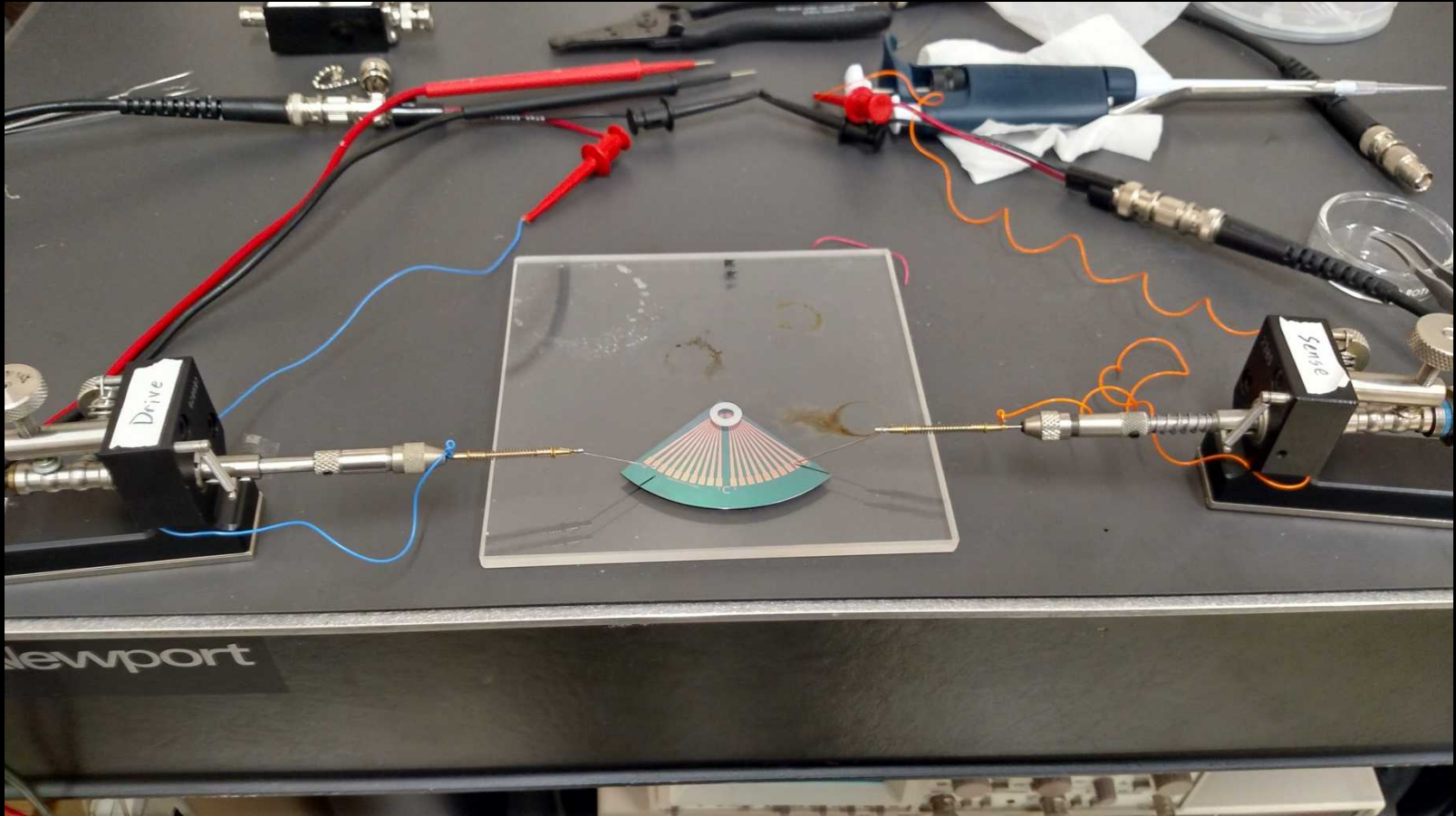
# Project

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.



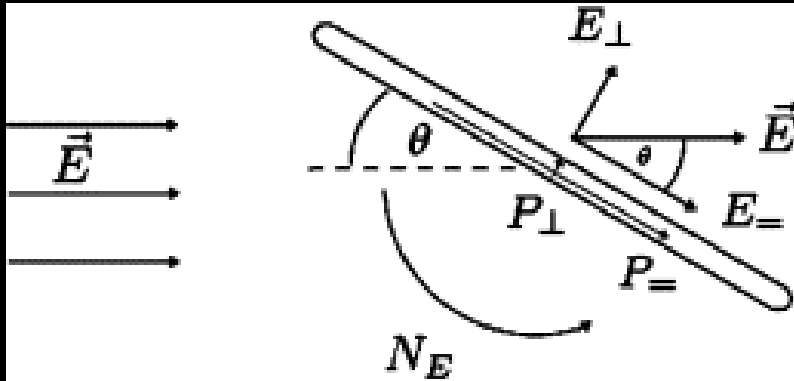
# Difficulties

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

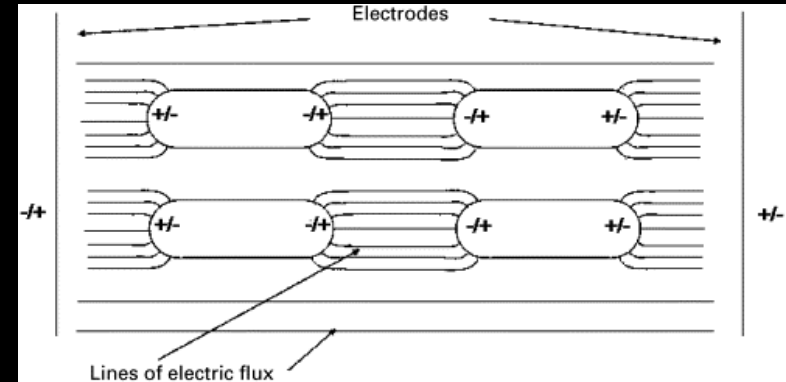




# How It Works



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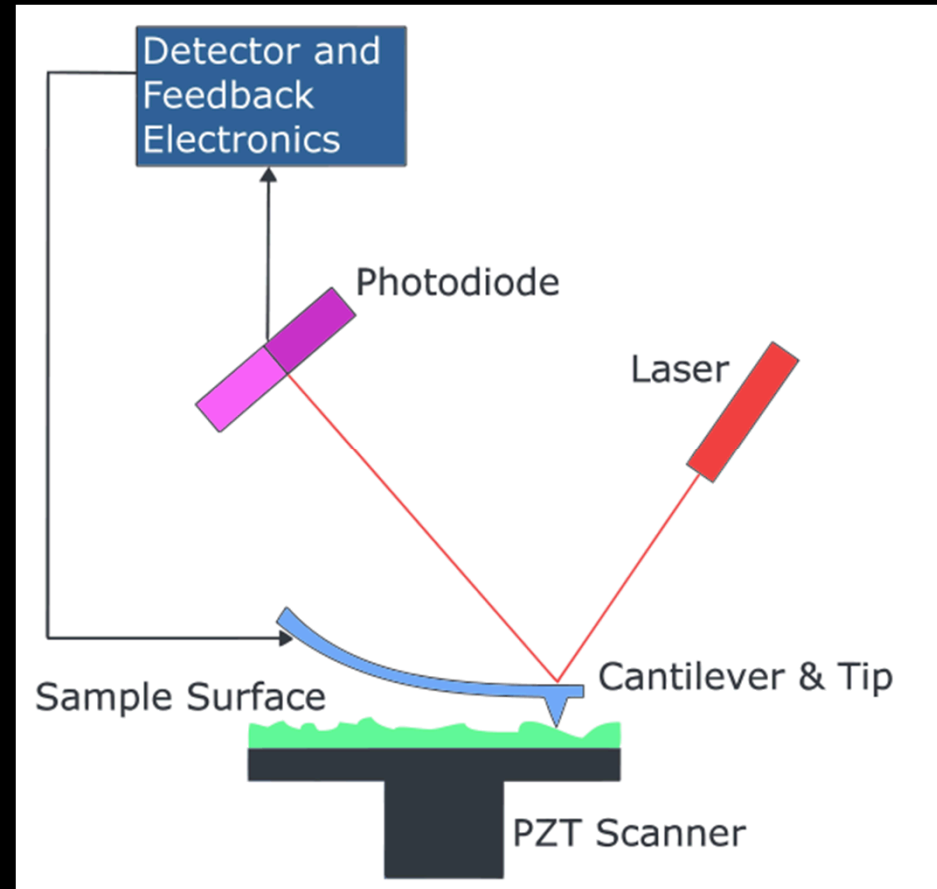
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Polarization leads to a torque in the direction of the electric field with set environment. Then the oppositely charged ends of the CNT will attract and hopefully form a single strand.

# Atomic Force Microscope

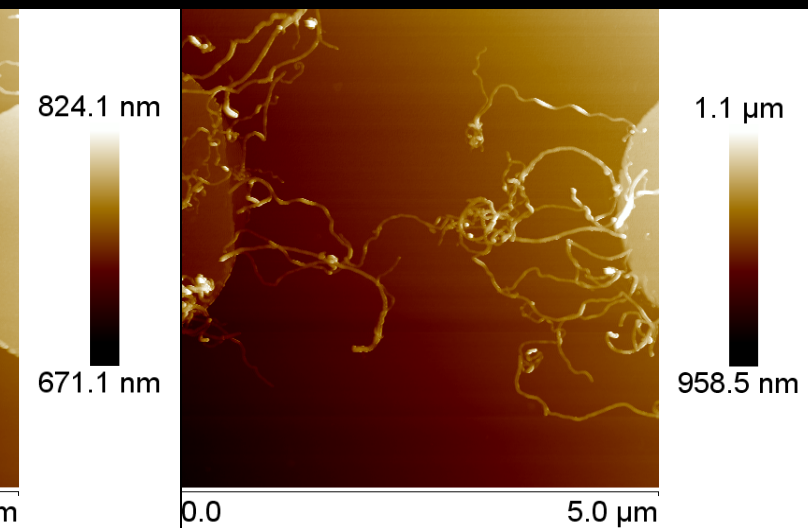
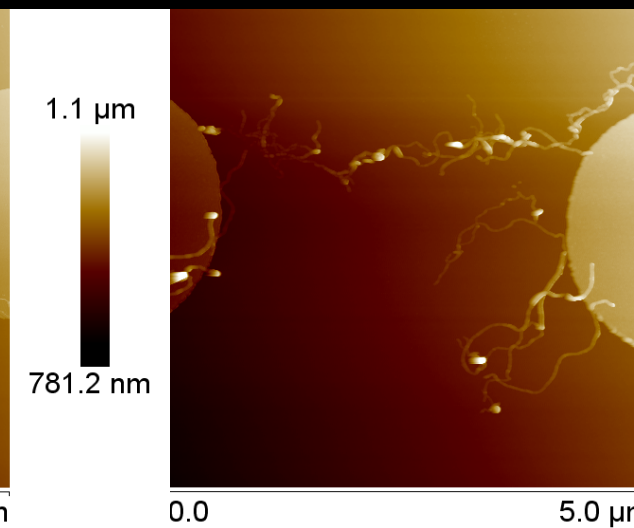
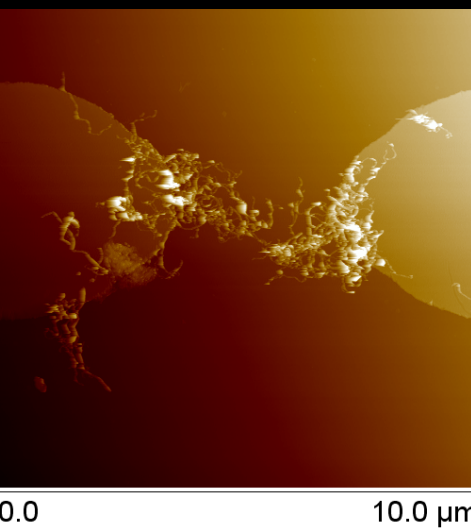
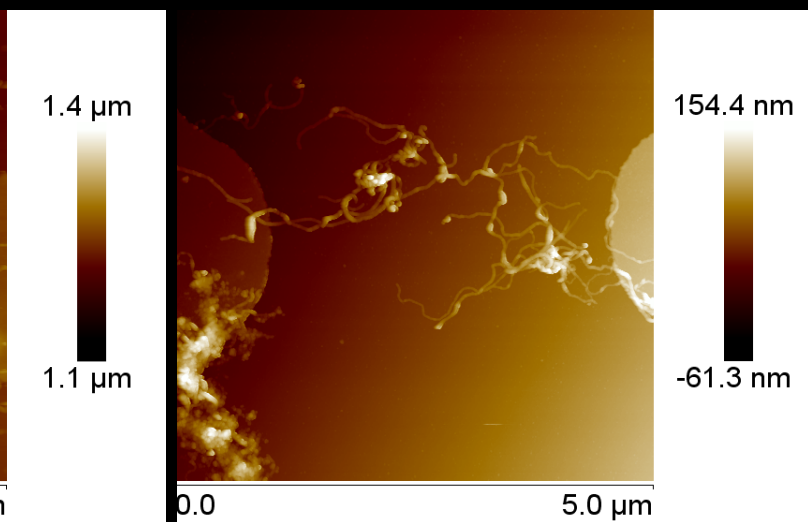
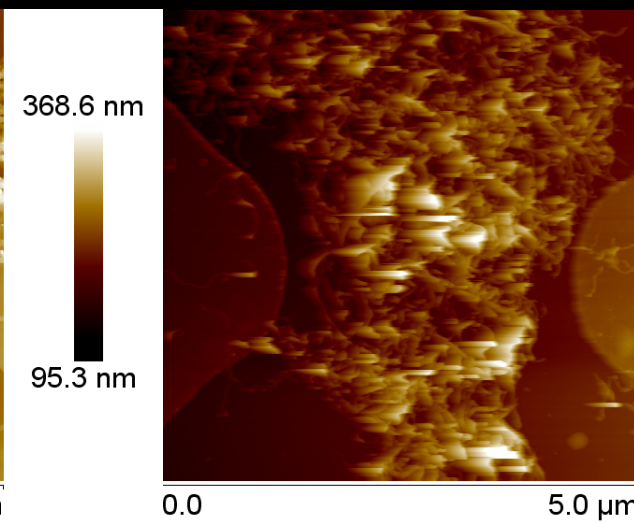
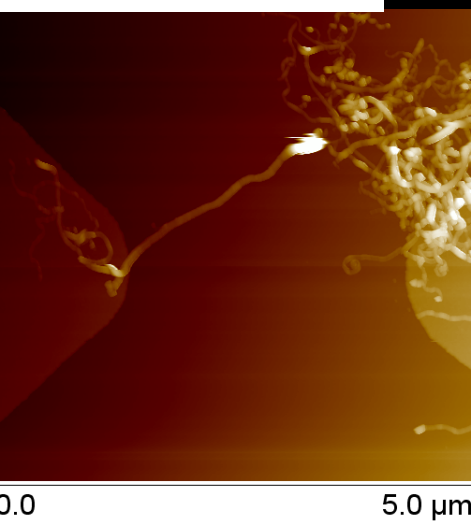


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# Results





# Intern Rafting Trip





# Biking the Bridge



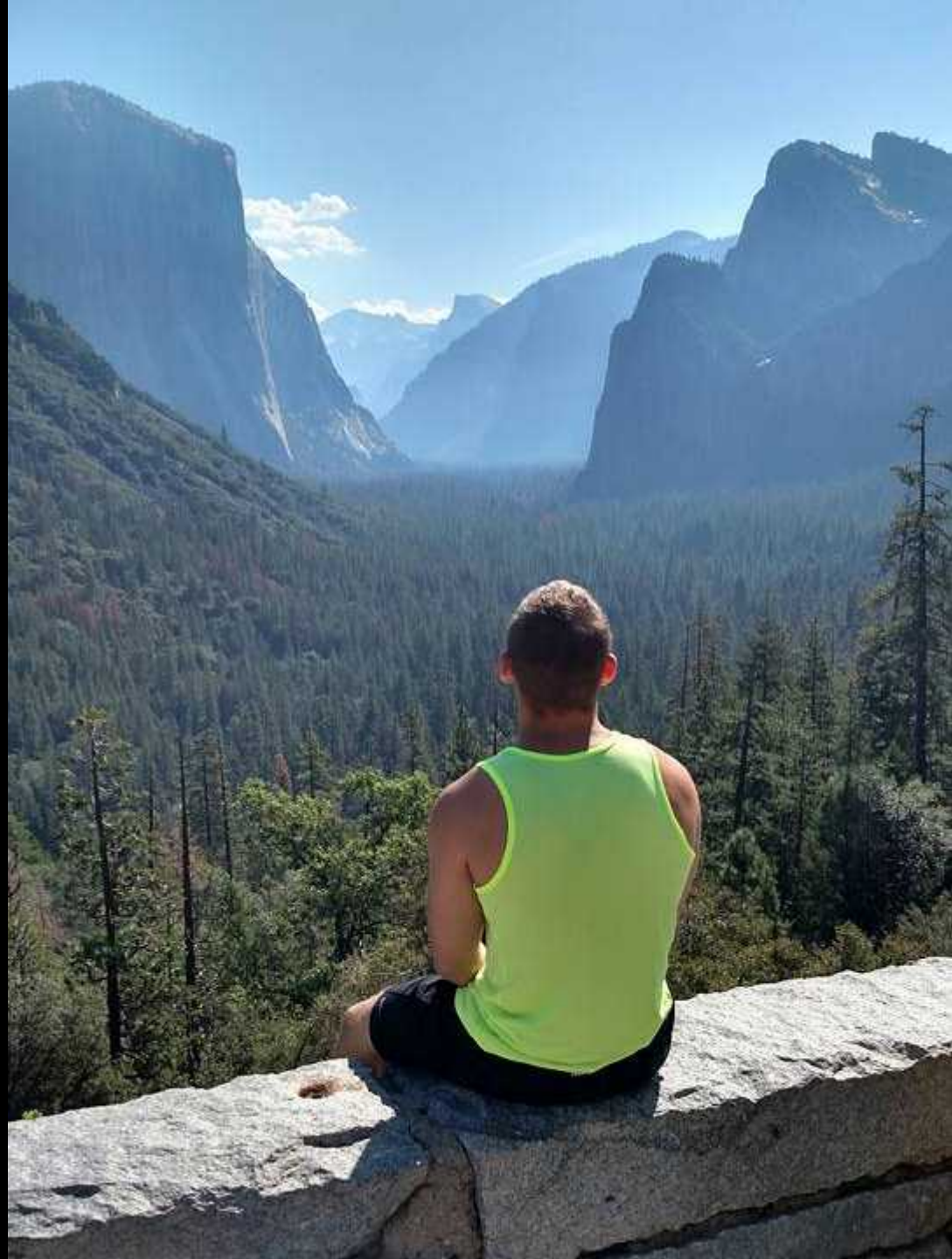
# Biking the Bridge





# Yosemite







# Vernal Falls





# Nevada Falls





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