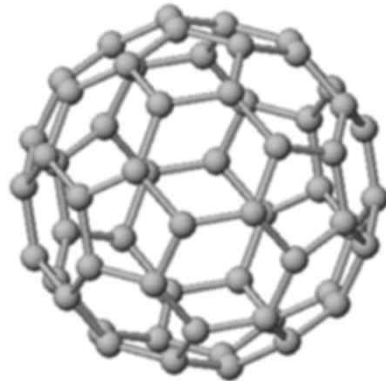


Nanocarbon: Properties and Applications

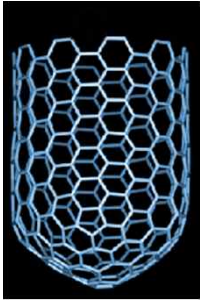


Trial lecture
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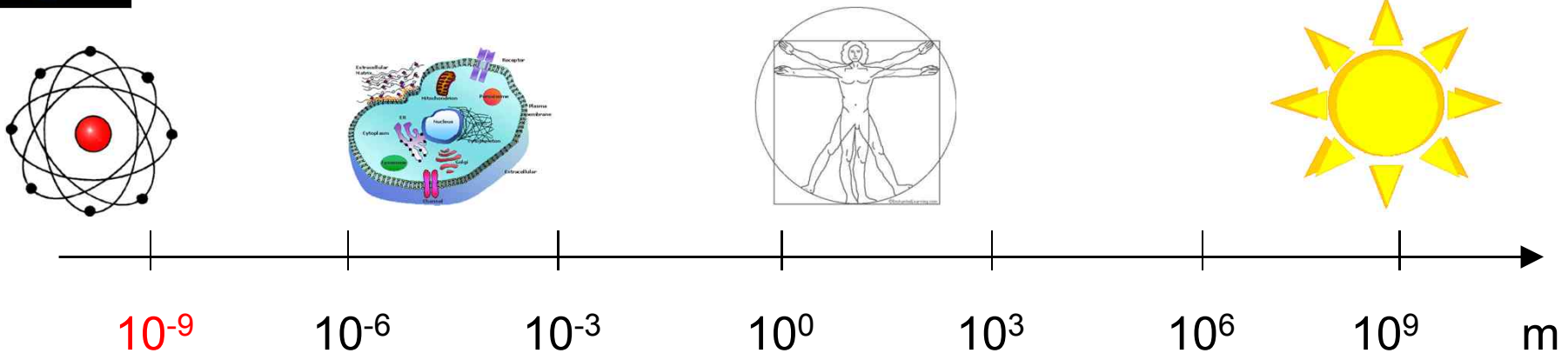


Kai de Lange Kristiansen

(being available in an internet space)



Nano



- Size – 10^{-9} m (1 nanometer)
- Border to quantum mechanics
- Form
→ Emergent behavior



Carbon

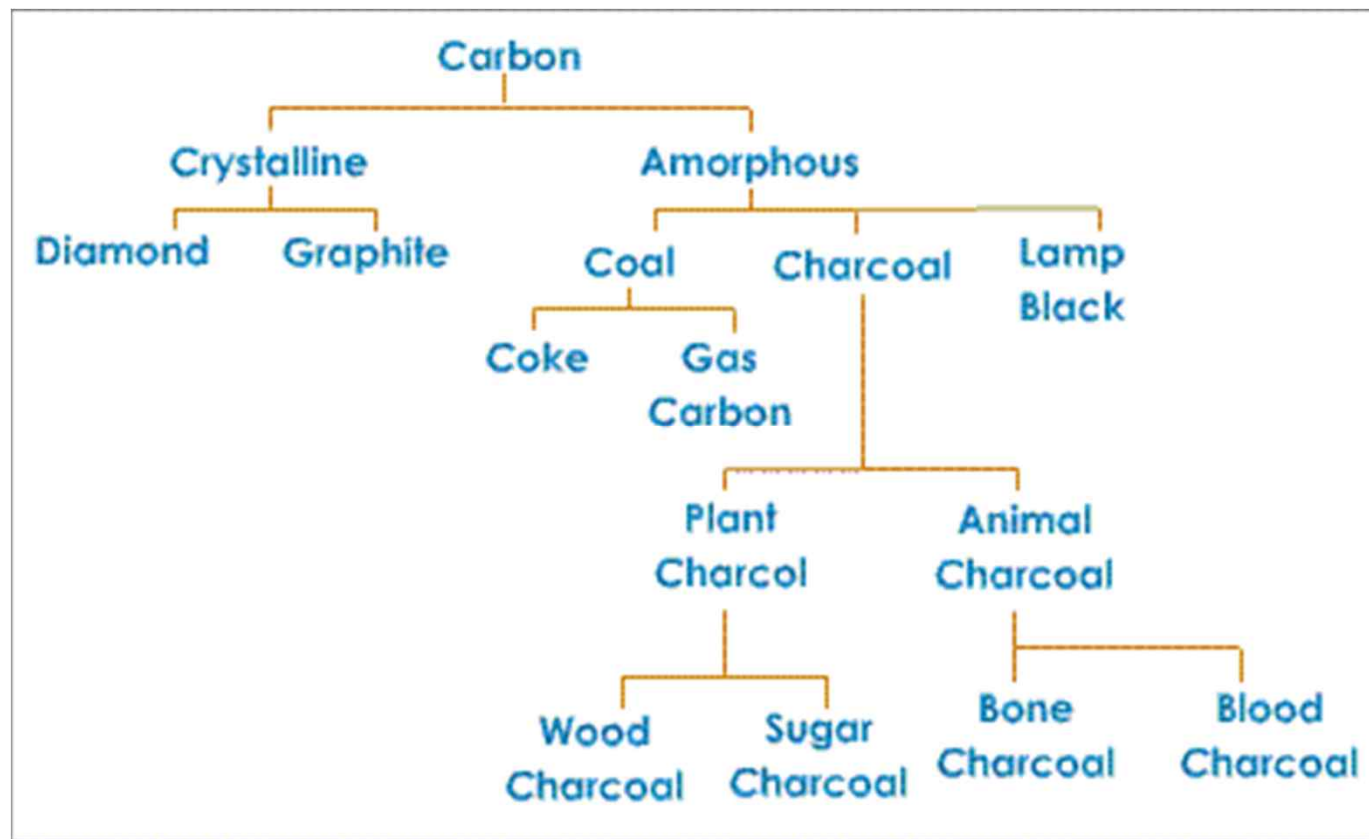


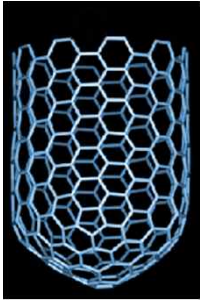
- Melting point: ~ 3500°C
- Atomic radius: 0.077 nm
- Basis in all organic compounds
- 10 mill. carbon compounds





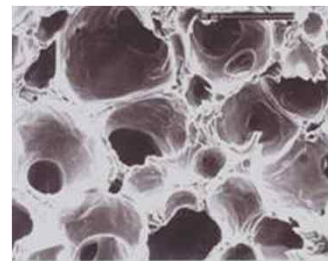
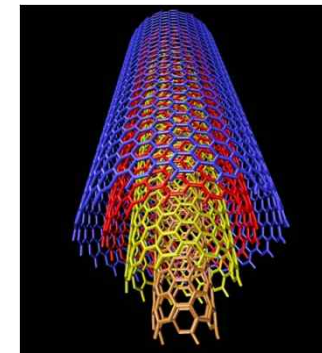
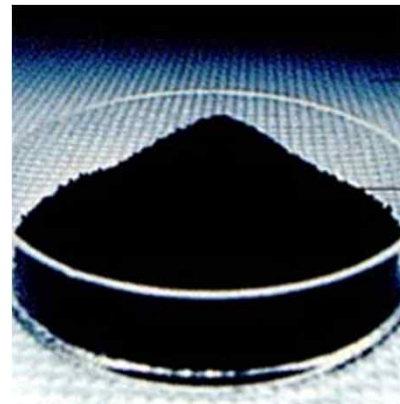
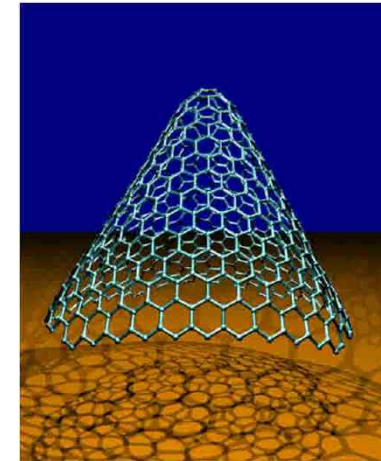
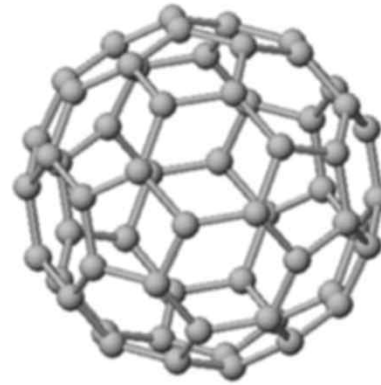
Allotropy and Allotropes of Carbon (Family)

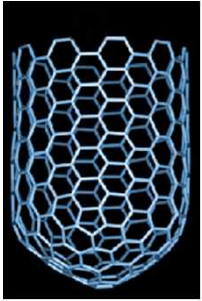




Nanocarbon

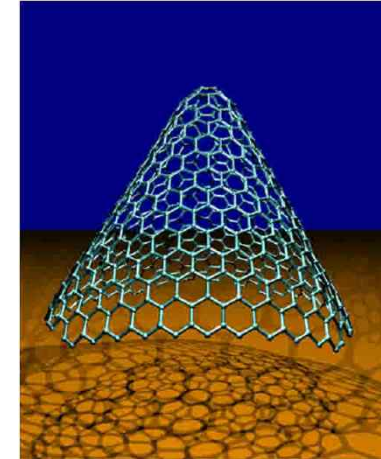
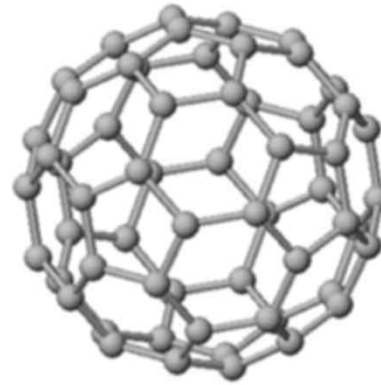
- Fullerene
- Tubes
- Cones
- Carbon black
- Horns
- Rods
- Foams
- Nanodiamonds





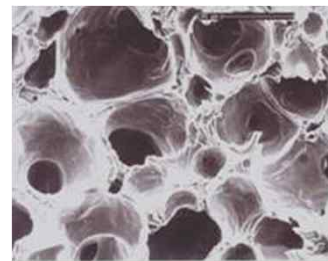
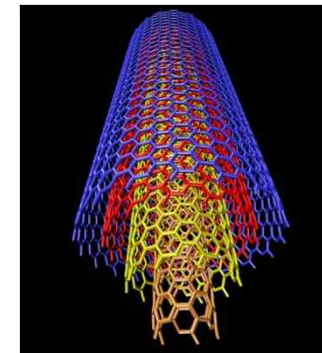
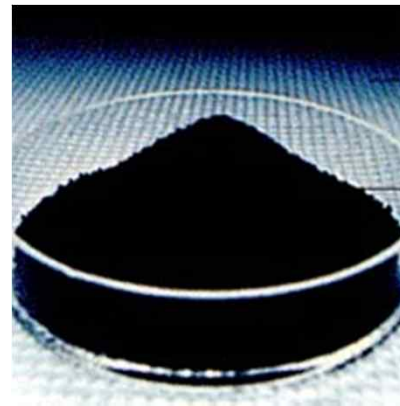
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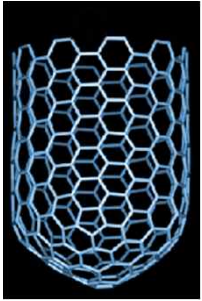
- Fullerene
- Tubes
- Cones
- Carbon black



Properties & Application

- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Thermal
- Storage





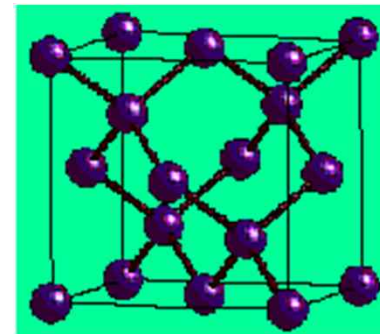
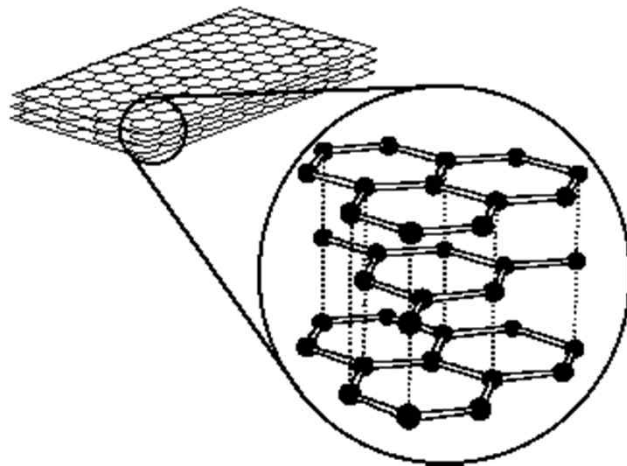
Bonding



Graphite – sp^2

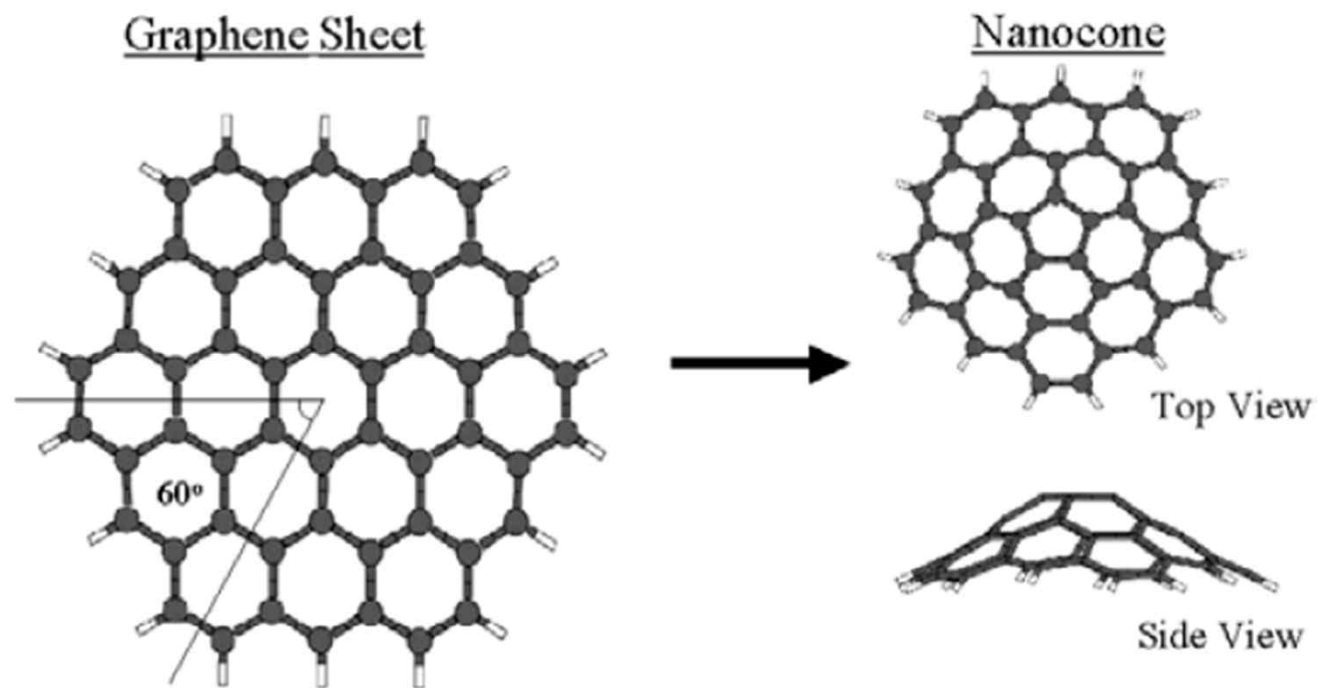


Diamond – sp^3





Nanocarbon

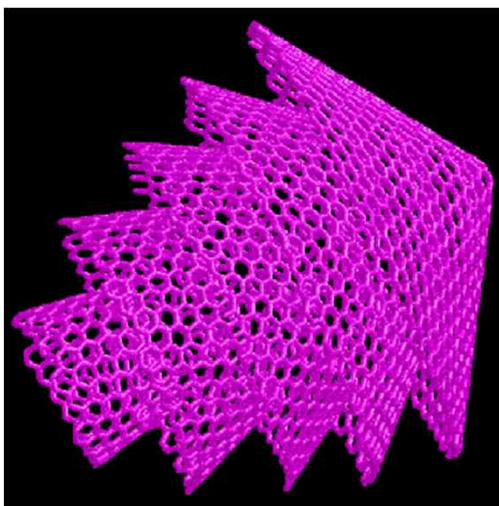


Shenderova *et al.*
Nanotechnology **12** (2001) 191.

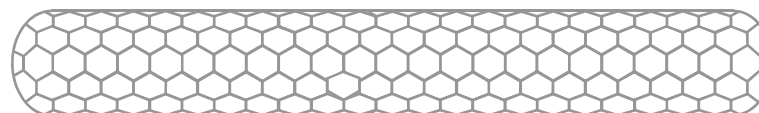


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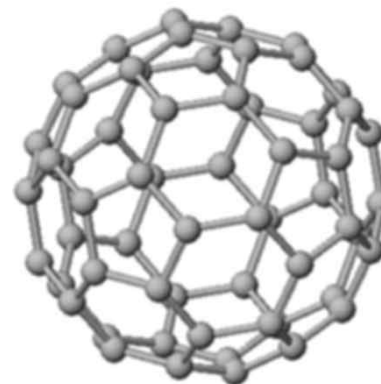
1 – 5 pentagons



6 + 6 pentagons



12 pentagons

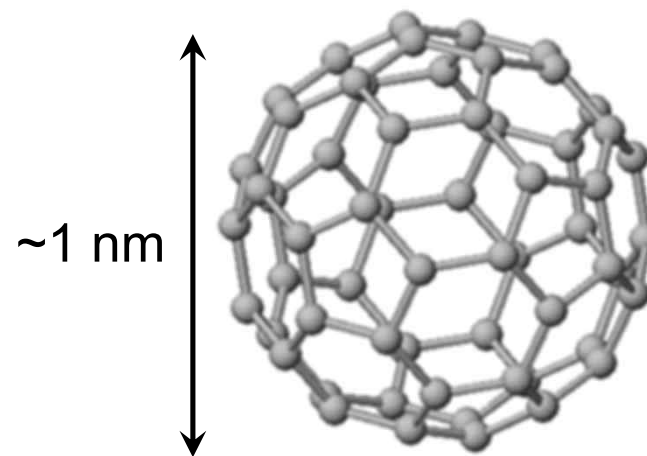




Fullerene

"The most symmetrical large molecule"

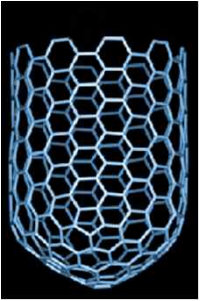
- Discovered in 1985
 - Nobel prize Chemistry 1996, Curl, Kroto, and Smalley
- C_{60} , also 70, 76 and 84.
 - 32 facets (12 pentagons and 20 hexagons)
 - prototype



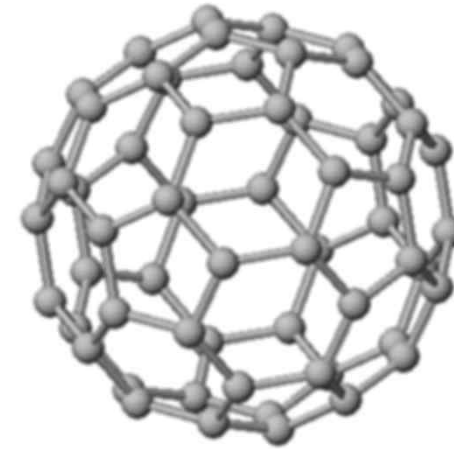
Epcot center, Paris



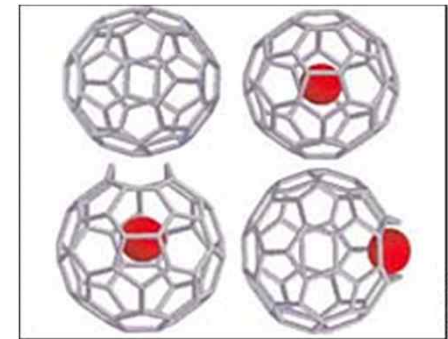
Architect: R. Buckminster Fuller

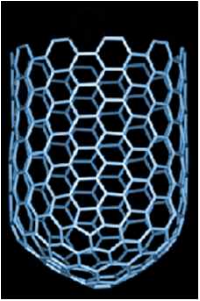


Fullerene



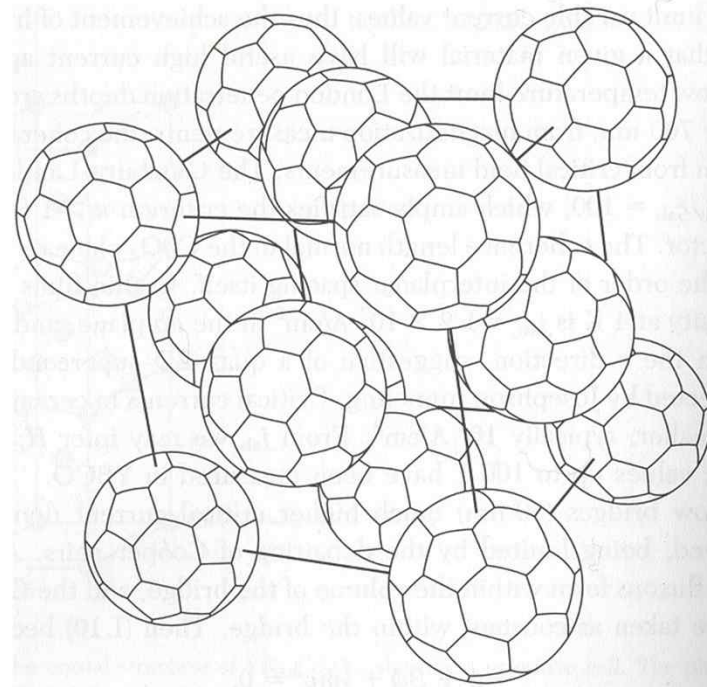
- Symmetric shape
→ lubricant
- Large surface area
→ catalyst
- High temperature ($\sim 500^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- High pressure
- Hollow
→ caging particles
- Ferromagnet?
 - polymerized C_{60}
 - up to 220°C





Fullerene

- Chemically stable as graphite
 - most reactive at pentagons
- Crystal by weak van der Waals force
- Superconductivity
 - K_3C_{60} : 19.2 K
 - $RbCs_2C_{60}$: 33 K

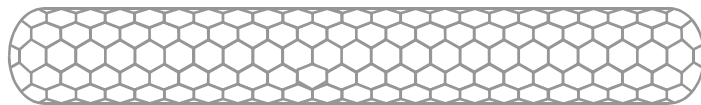


Kittel, *Introduction to Solid State Physics*, 7th ed. 1996.

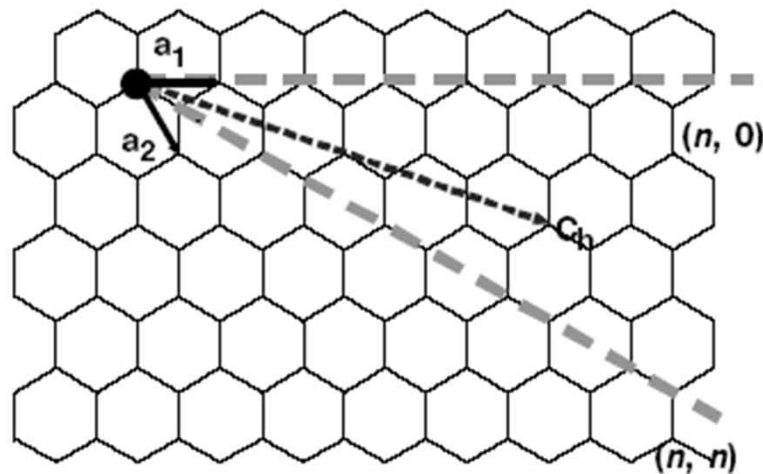


Nanotube

- Discovered 1991, Iijima

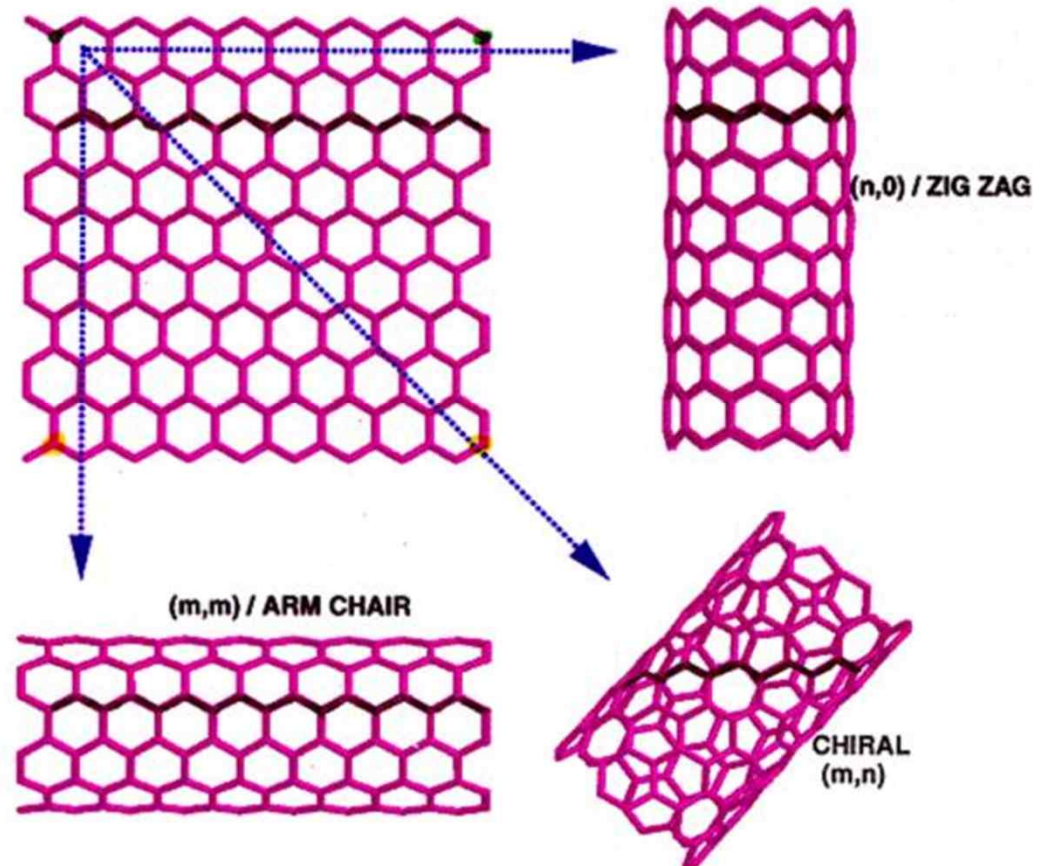


- STRIP OF A GRAPHENE SHEET ROLLED INTO A TUBE



Roll-up vector:

$$C_h = n \vec{a}_1 + m \vec{a}_2$$





Nanotube

Electrical conductance depending on helicity

$$C_h = n \vec{a}_1 + m \vec{a}_2 \quad \text{If } \frac{2n+m}{3} = i, \text{ then metallic}$$

- Current capacity else semiconductor

Carbon nanotube 1 GAmps / cm²

Copper wire 1 MAmps / cm²

- Heat transmission

Comparable to pure diamond (3320 W / m·K)

- Temperature stability

Carbon nanotube 750 °C (in air)

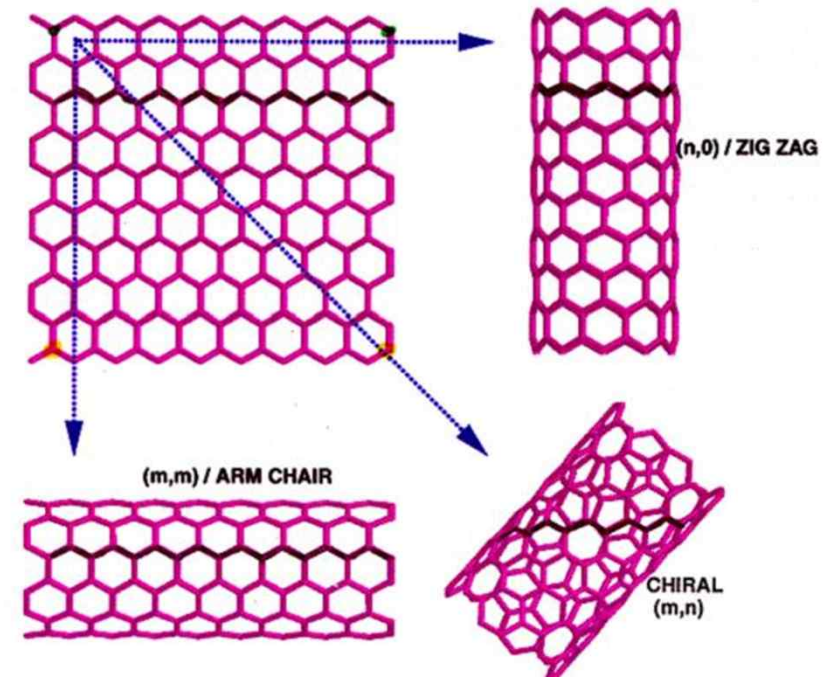
Metal wires in microchips 600 – 1000 °C

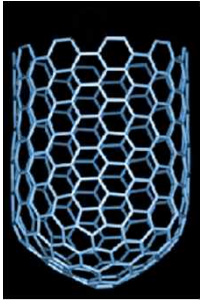
- Caging

May change electrical properties

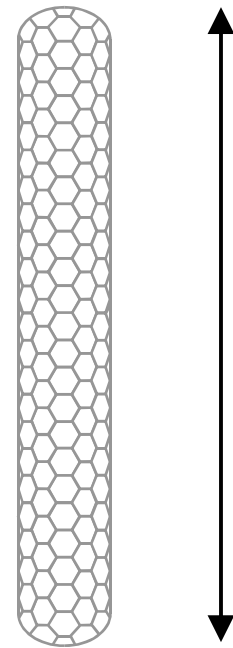
→ sensor

- STRIP OF A GRAPHENE SHEET ROLLED INTO A TUBE





Nanotube



Length:
typical few μm

High aspect ratio:

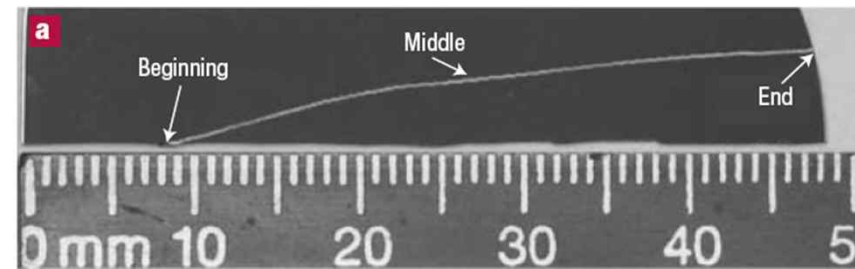
$$\frac{\textit{length}}{\textit{diameter}} > 1000$$

→ quasi 1D solid



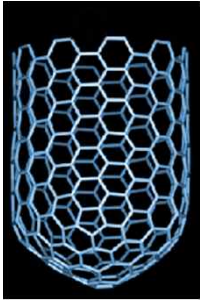
Diameter:

as low as 1 nm



SWCNT – 1.9 nm

Zheng *et al.* Nature Materials **3** (2004) 673.



Nanotubes

Carbon nanotubes are the strongest ever known material.

- Young Modulus (stiffness):

Carbon nanotubes	1250 GPa
Carbon fibers	425 GPa (max.)
High strength steel	200 GPa

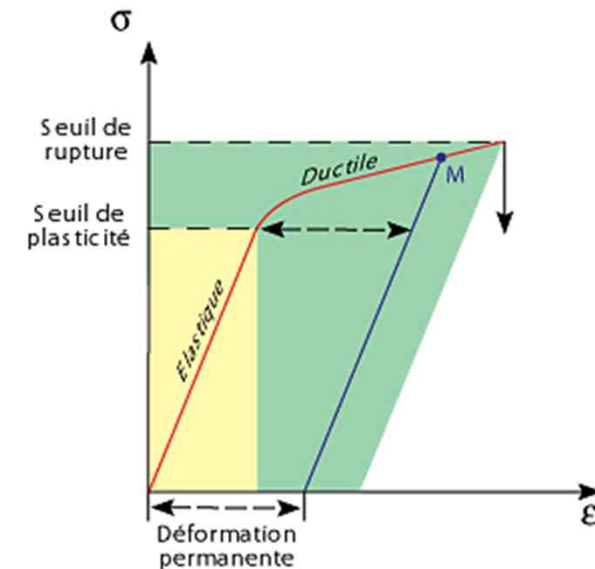
- Tensile strength (breaking strength)

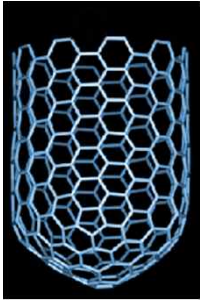
Carbon nanotubes	11- 63 GPa
Carbon fibers	3.5 - 6 GPa
High strength steel	~ 2 GPa

- Elongation to failure : ~ 20-30 %

- Density:

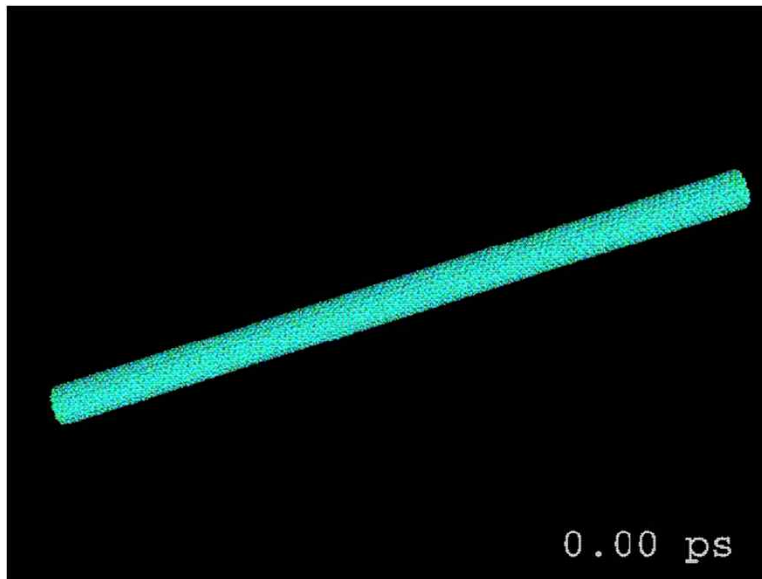
Carbon nanotube (SW)	1.33 – 1.40 gram / cm ³
Aluminium	2.7 gram / cm ³



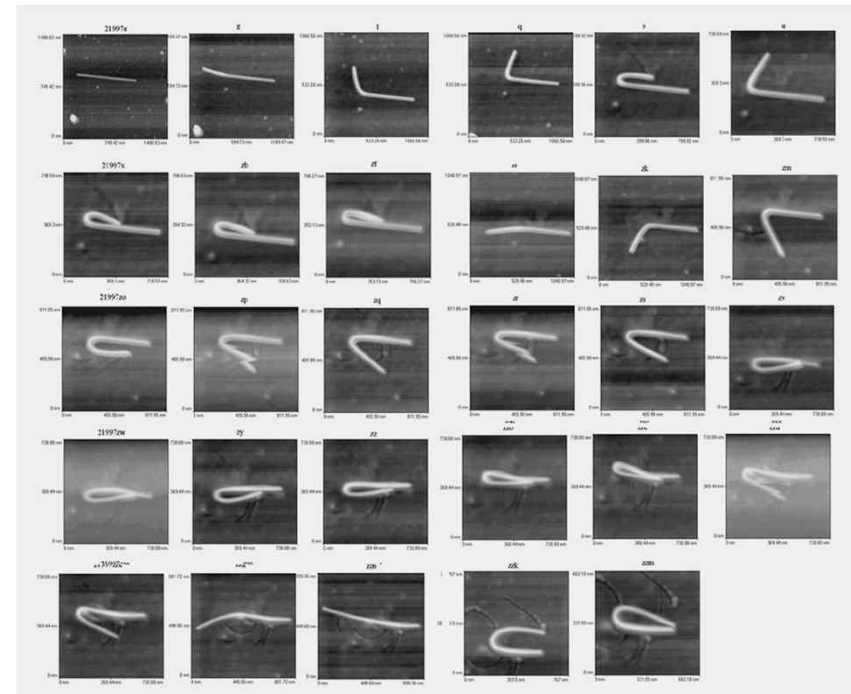


Mechanical

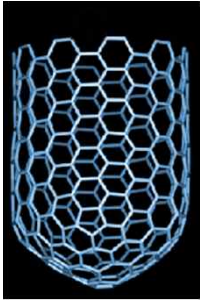
- Carbon nanotubes are very flexible



<http://www.ipt.arc.nasa.gov/gallery.html>

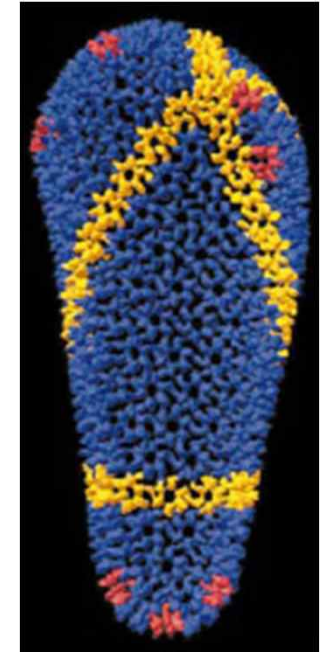


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 University of North Carolina (USA)
<http://www.physics.unc.edu/~rsuper/research/>

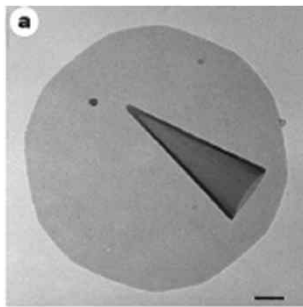


Cones

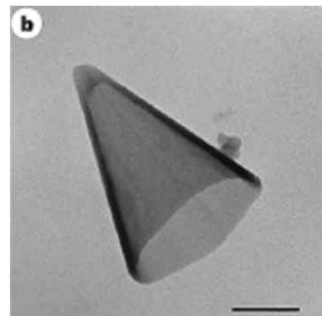
- Discovered 1994 (closed form) Ge & Sattler
1997 (open form) Ebbesen *et al.*
- Closed: same shape as HIV capsid
- Possible scale-up production (open form)
- Storage?
→ Hydrogen



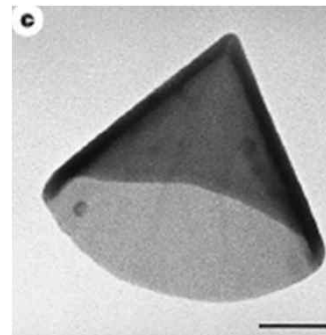
Li *et al.* Nature **407** (2000) 409.



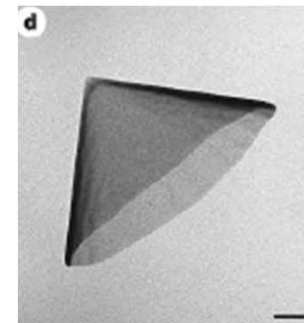
19.2 °



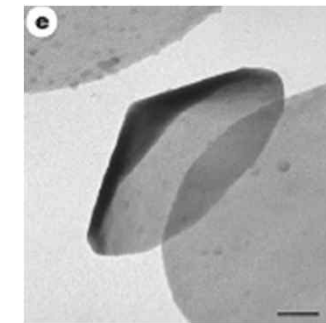
38.9 °



60.0 °



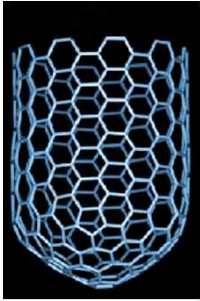
84.6 °



112.9 °

Scale bar: 200 nm

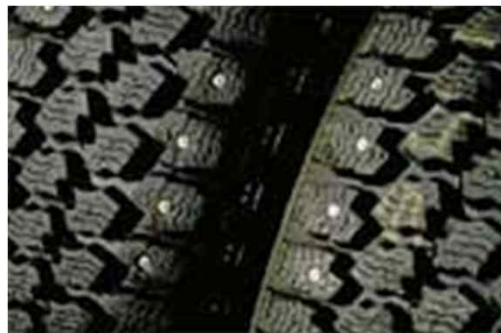
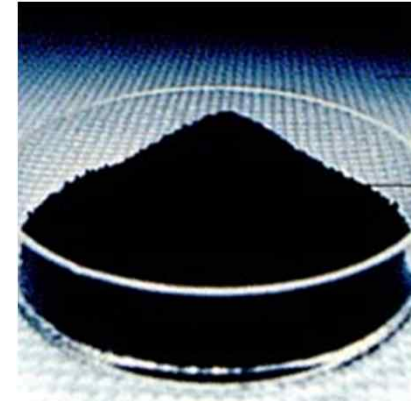
Krishnan, Ebbesen *et al.* Nature **388** (2001) 241.



Carbon black

Large industry

- mill. tons each year
- Tires, black pigments, plastics, dry-cell batteries, UV-protection etc.
- Size: 10 – 400 nm





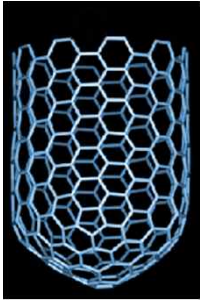
Writing



Carbon – graphite

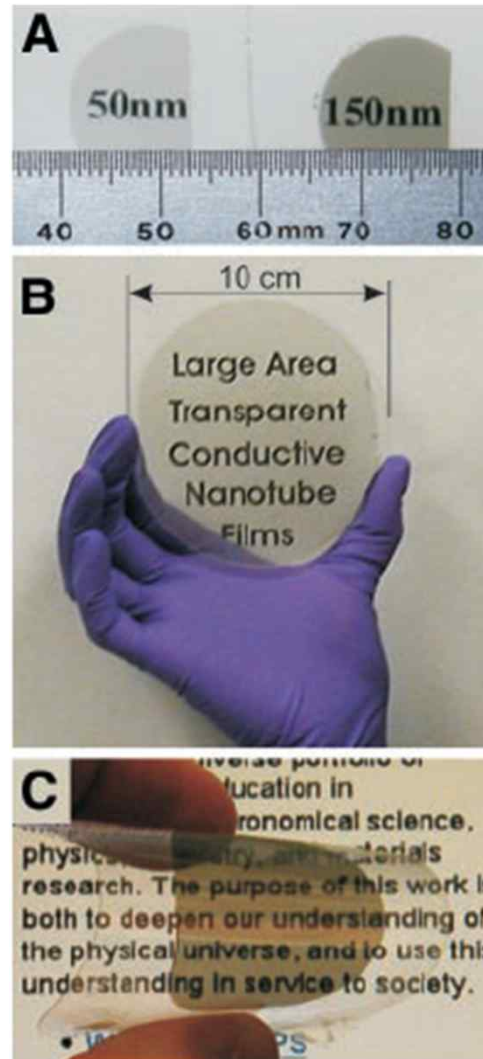


C_{60} : 1000x better resolution than ink (Xerox)

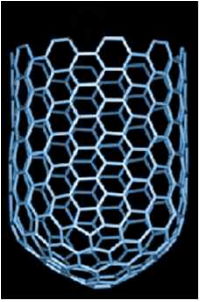


CNT / polymer composite

- Transparent electrical conductor
 - Thickness: 50 – 150 nm
 - High flexibility



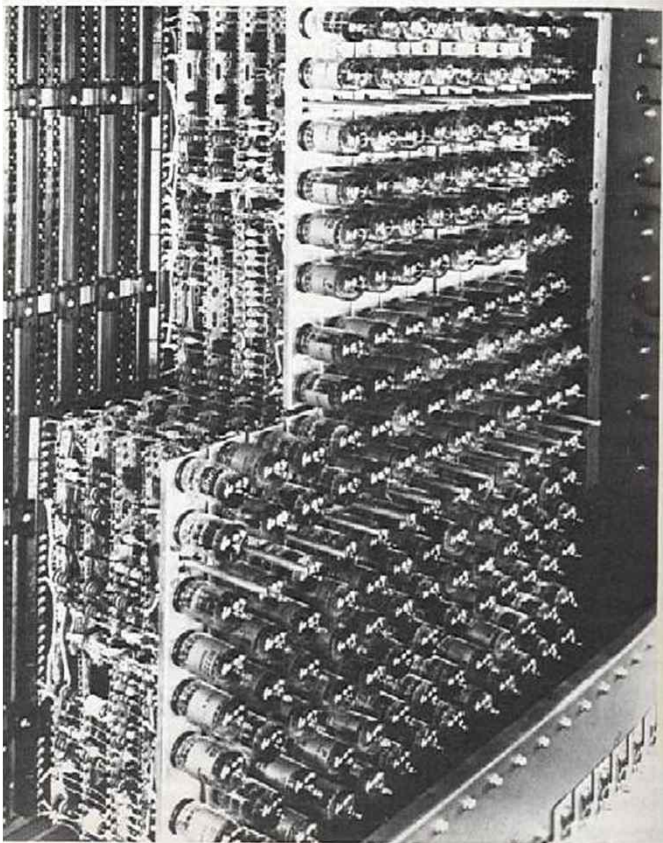
Wu *et al.* Science
305 (2004) 1273.



Transistor

- Vacuum tubes

- Nobel prize 1906, Thomson.

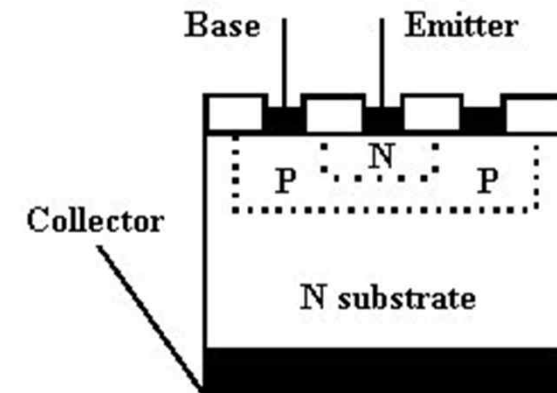


IBM, 1952.

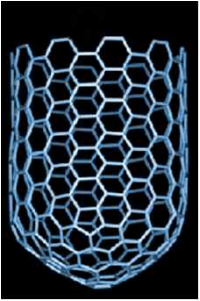
- Semiconductor, Si-based

- Nobel prize 1956, Shockley, Bardeen, and Brattain.

- 2000, Kilby.

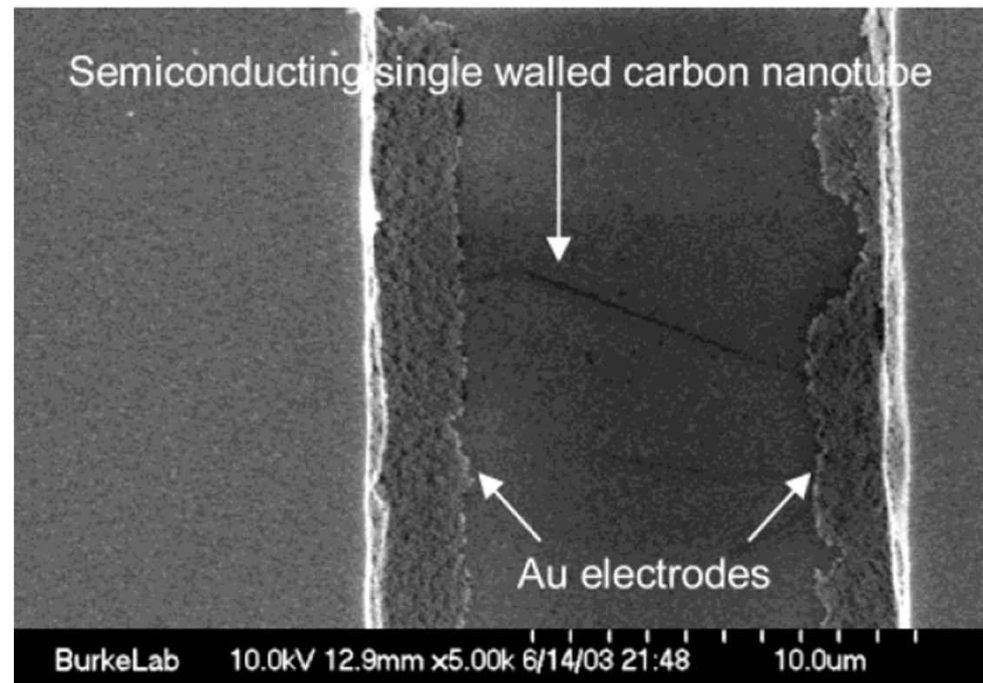
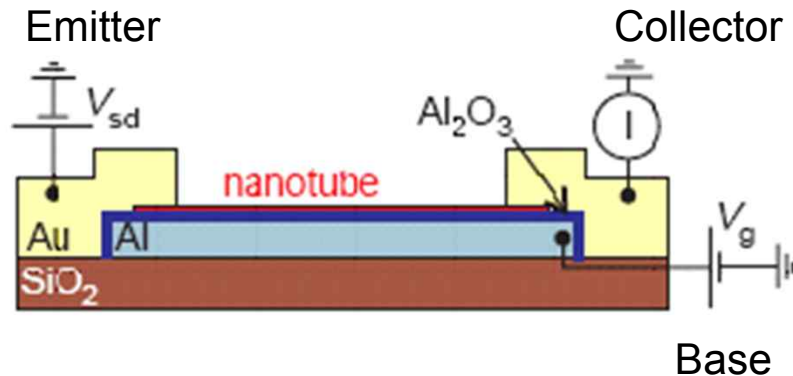


An NPN junction transistor



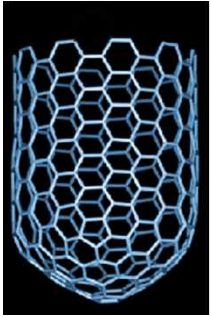
Transistor

- SWCNT
 - 2.6 GHz, $T = 4$ K
 - Logical gates



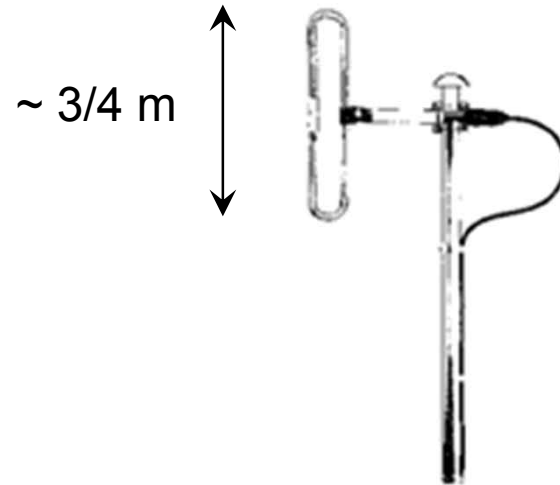
Bachtold, Dekker *et al.*
 Science **294** (2001) 1317.

Li *et al.* Nano Lett. **4** (2004) 753.



Antenna

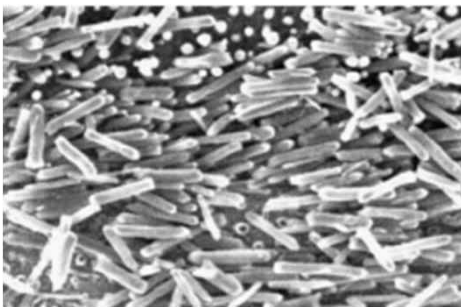
- Dipole



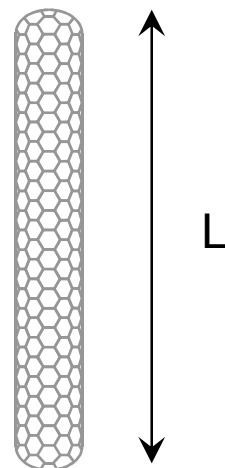
Radio wave:

$$f = \frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{3 \cdot 10^8 \frac{m}{s}}{3 m} \sim 100 \text{ MHz}$$

- Nanotube

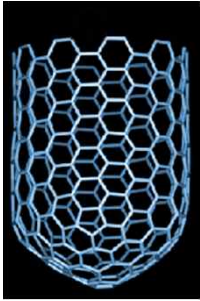


Dekker, Phys. Today May
(1999) 22



Optical wave:

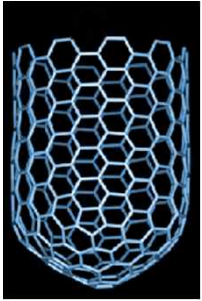
$$\lambda \sim L / 2 \sim 500 \text{ nm}$$



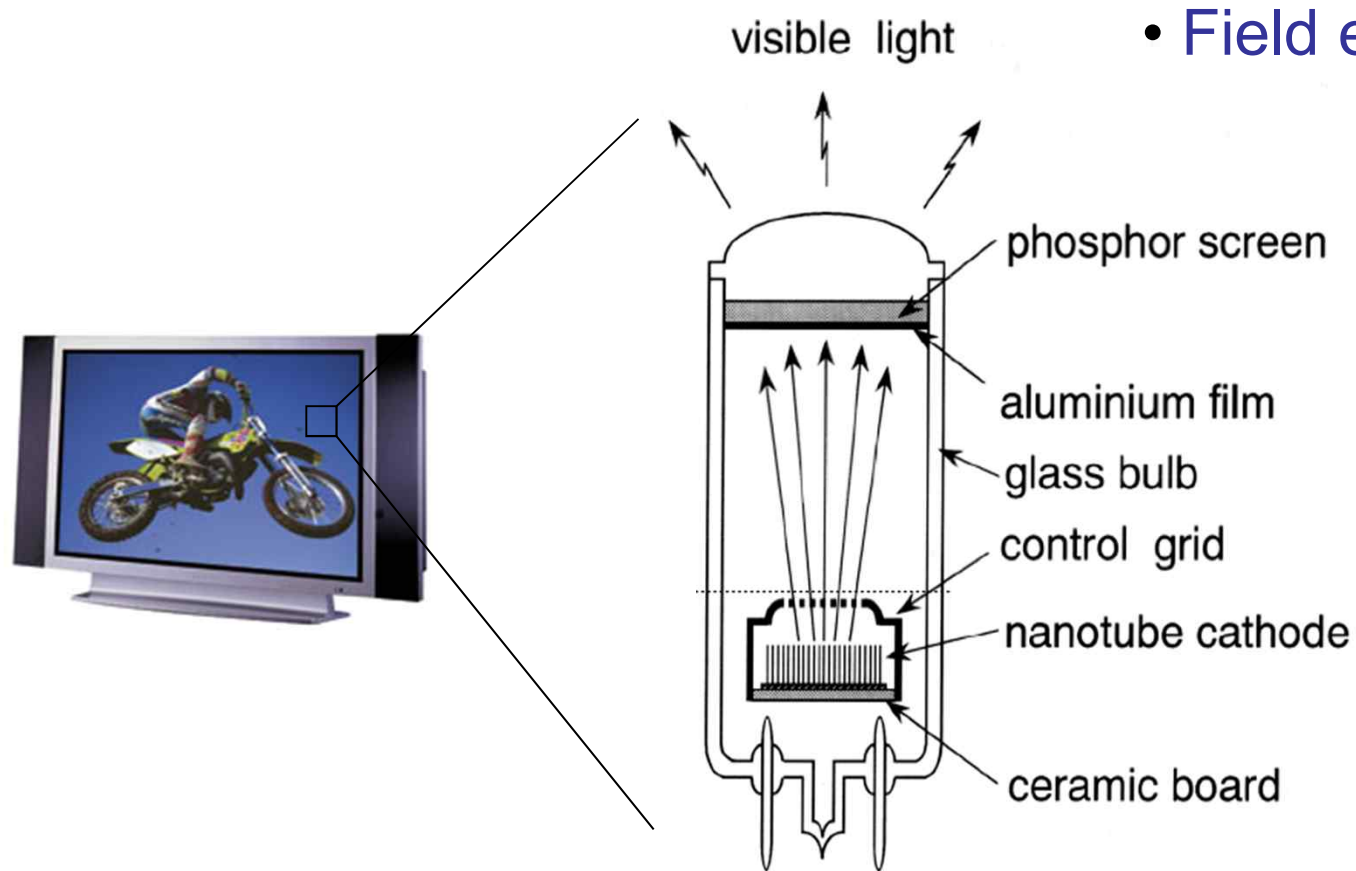
Flat screen displays



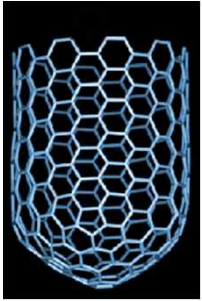
Plasma TV



Flat screen displays

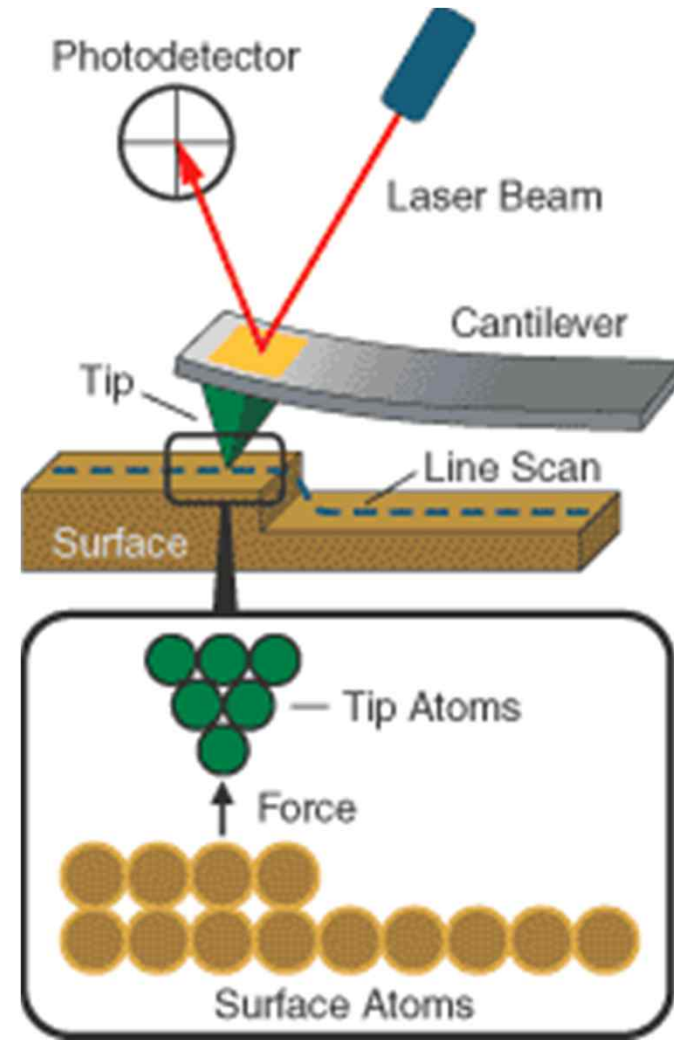
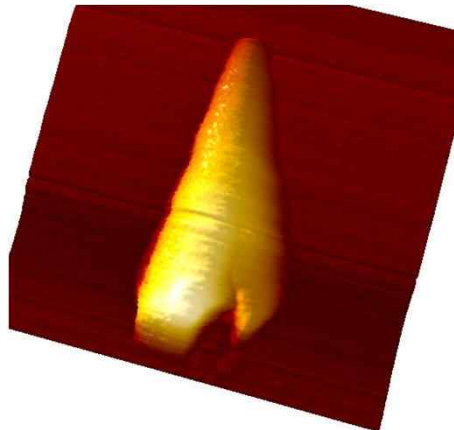
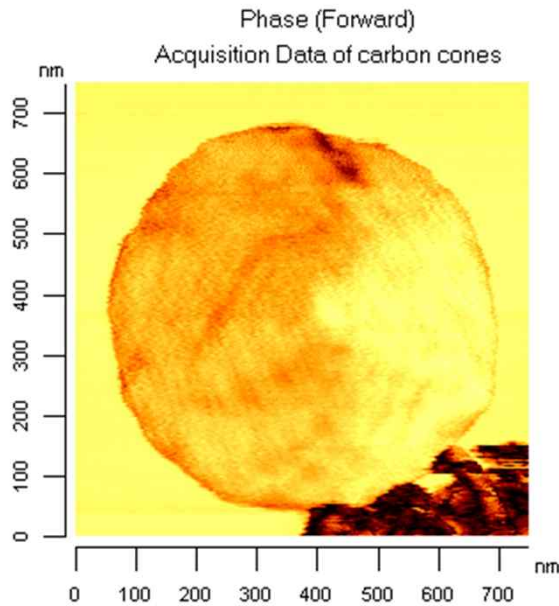


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Atomic Force Microscopy

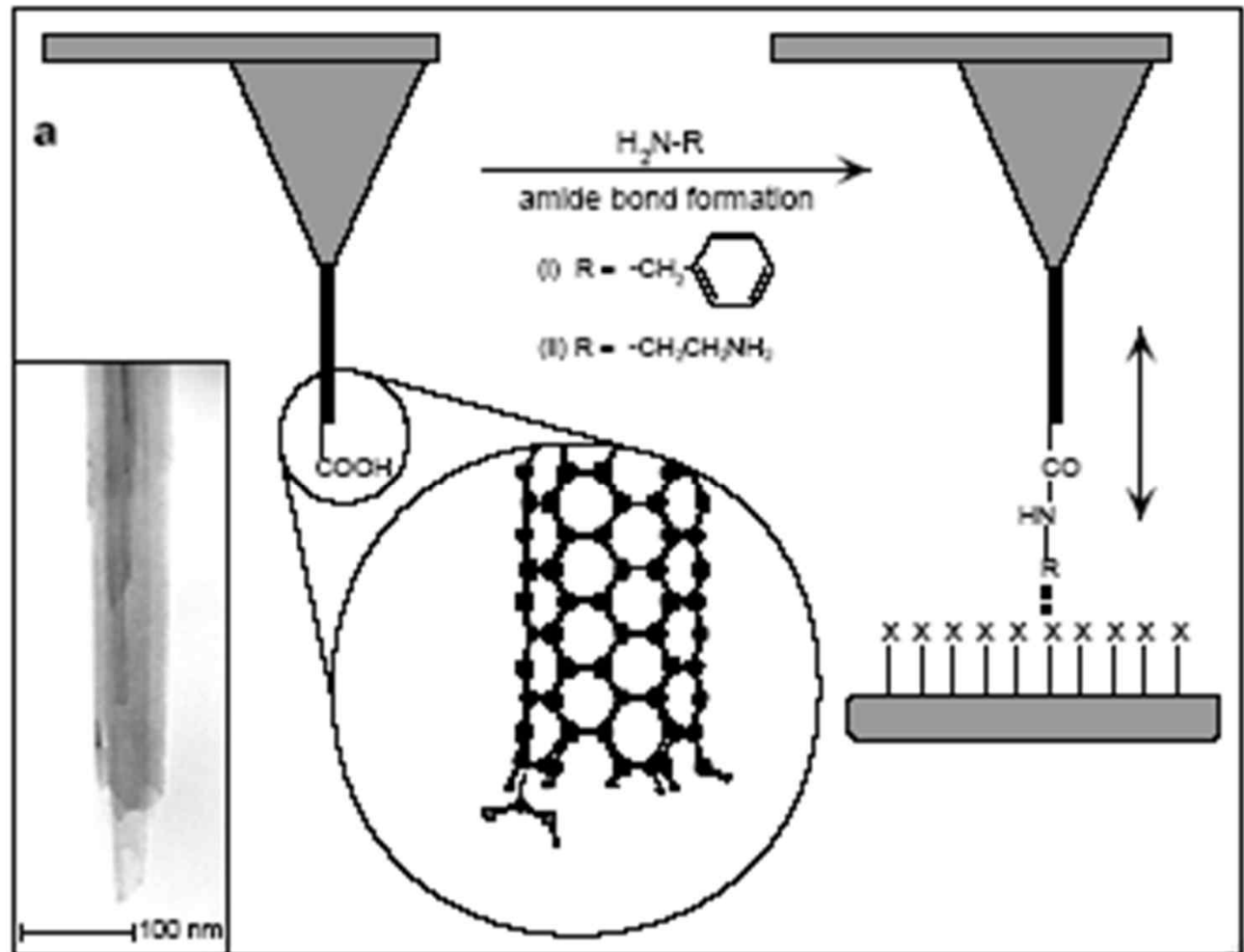
Eldrid Svåsand, IFE, Kjeller



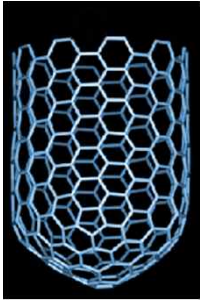


Atomic force microscopy

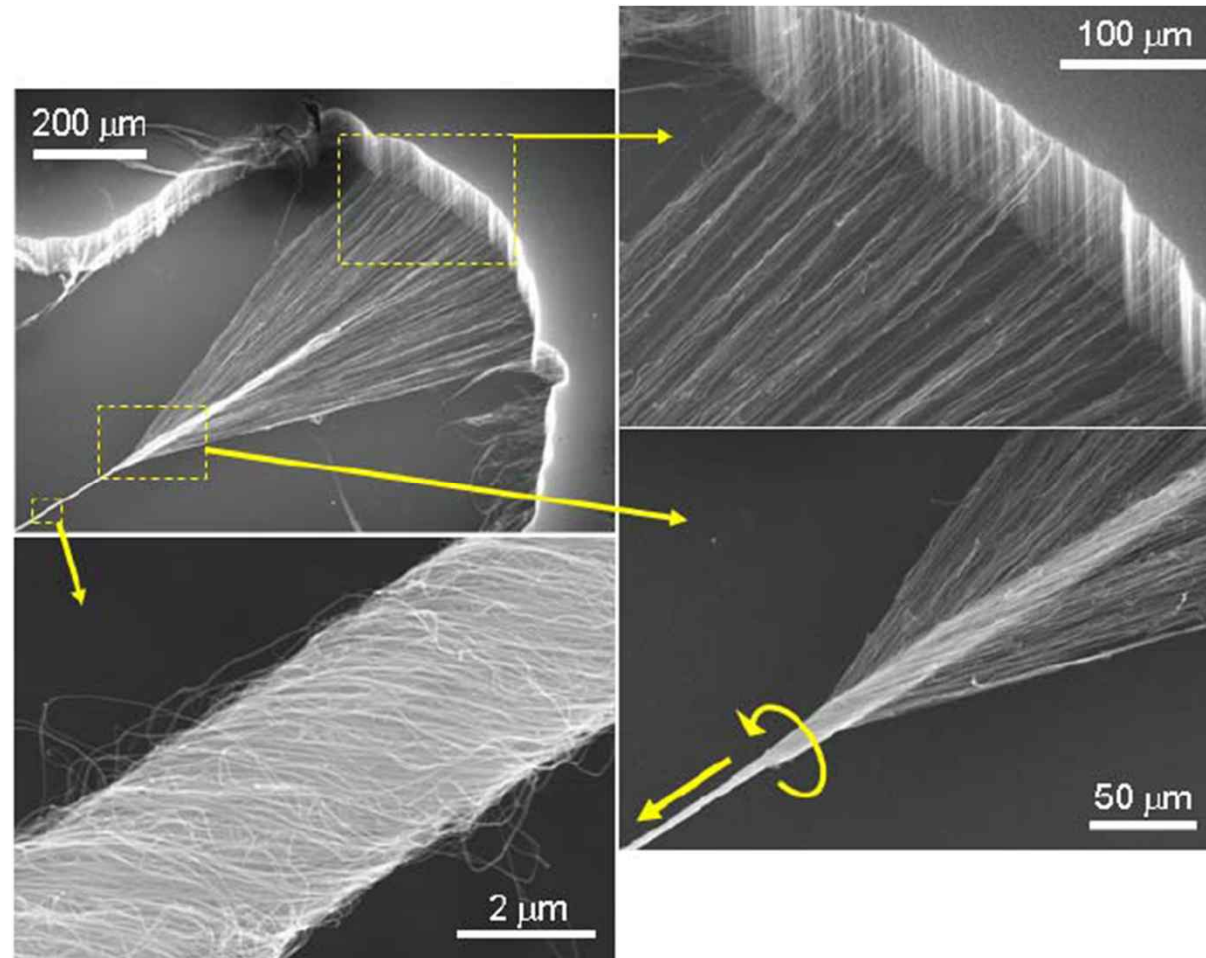
- Tube or cone
- Chemical probe



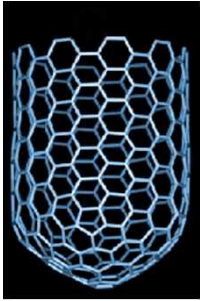
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Yarn



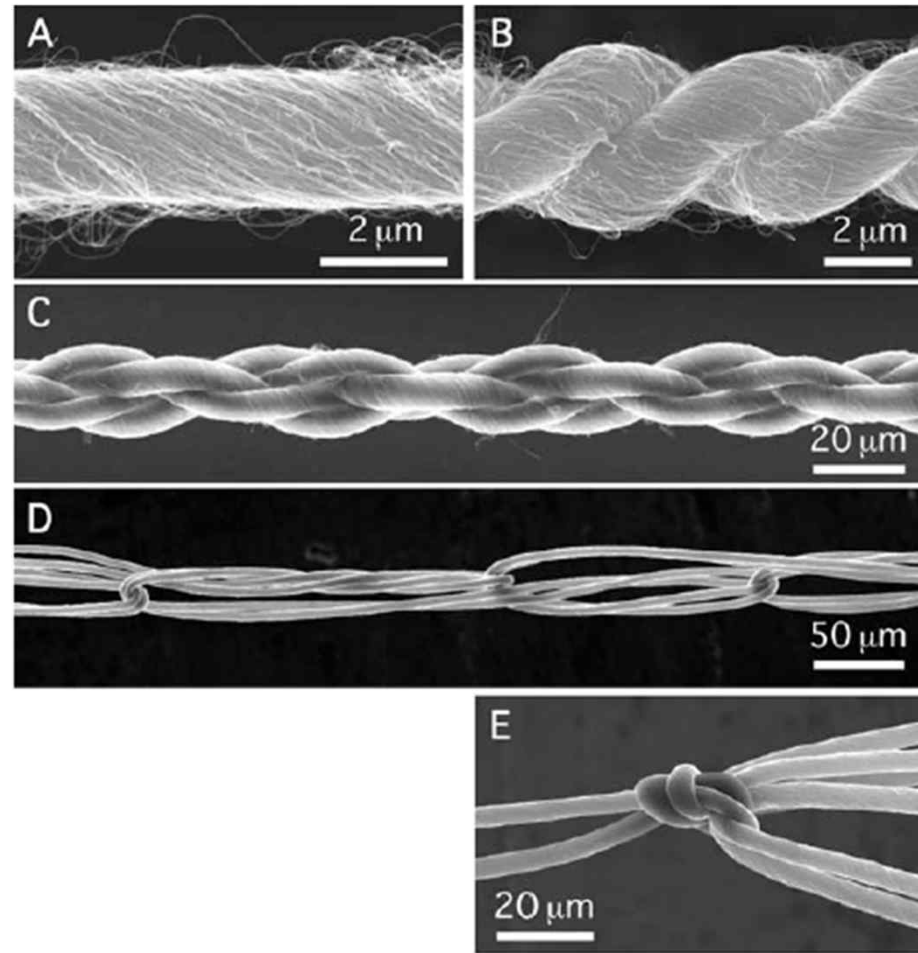
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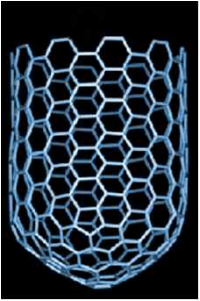
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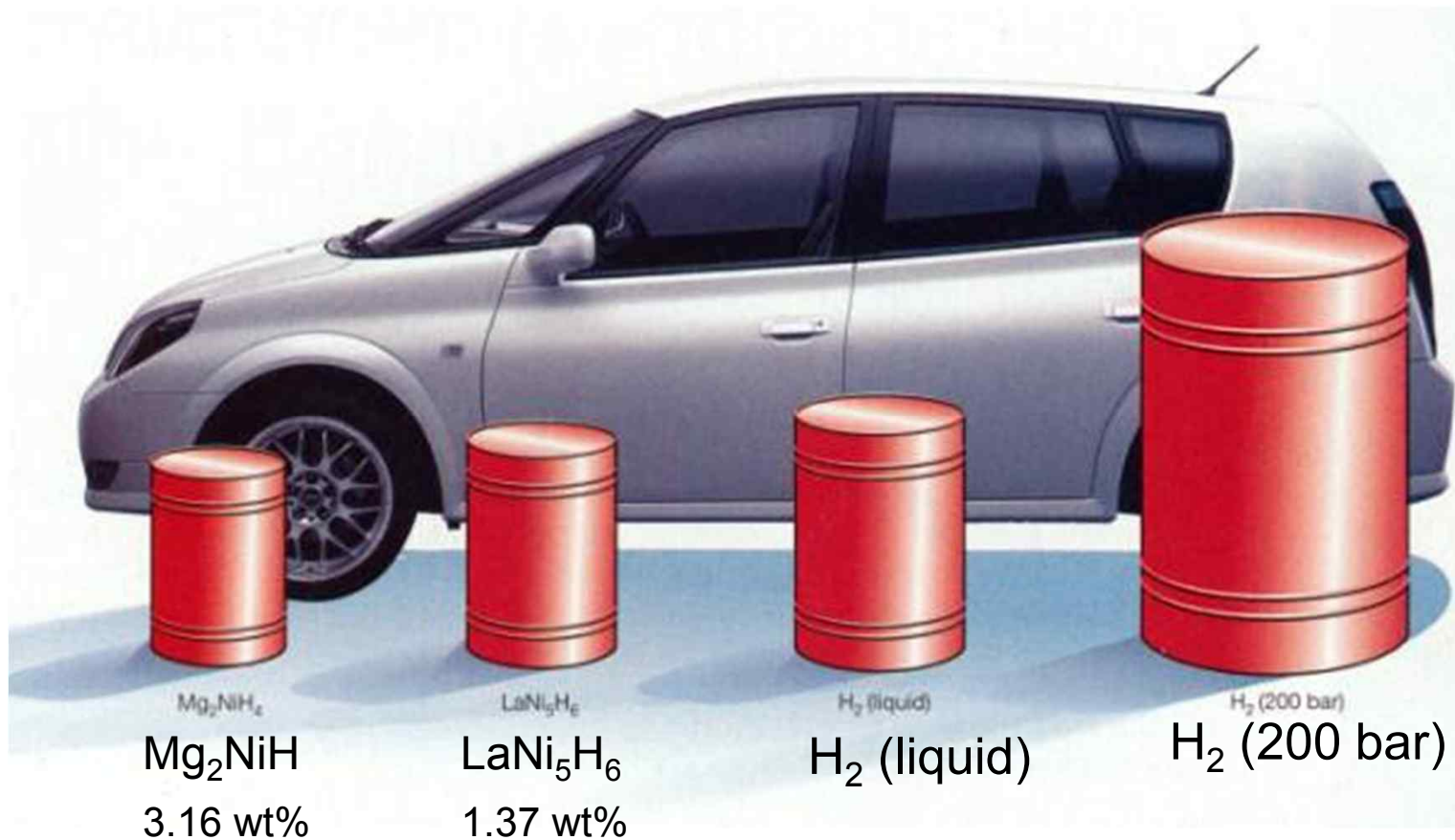
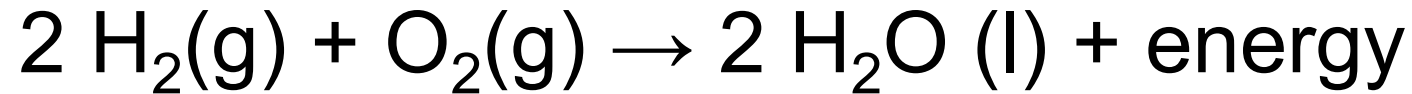
- Operational $-196^{\circ}\text{C} < T < 450^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Electrical conducting
- Toughness comparable to Kevlar
- No rupture in knot

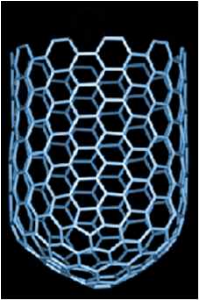


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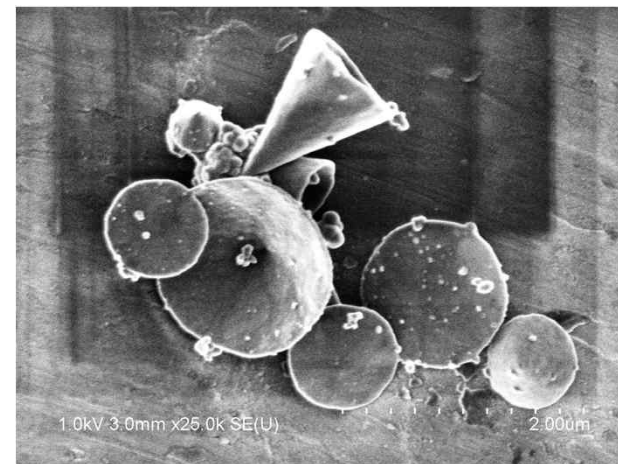
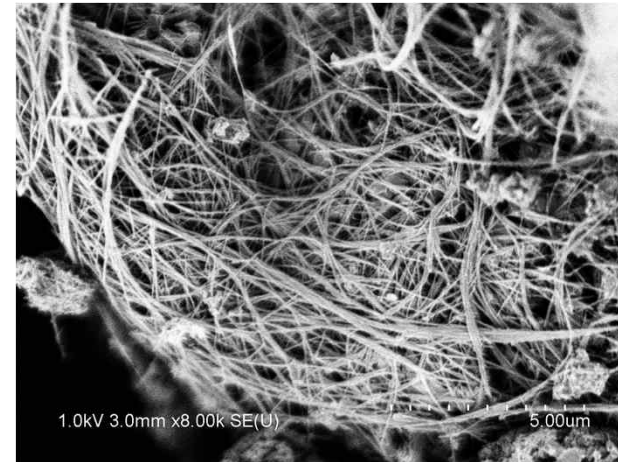
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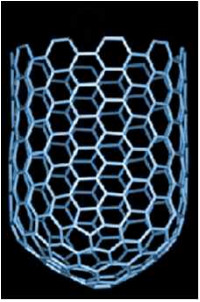




Hydrogen storage

- Aim: 5 - 7 wt% H₂
- **SWCNT**
 - Dillon *et al.* (1997) : 8 wt% (questionable)
 - Tarasov *et al.* (2003): 2.4 wt% reversible, 25 bar H₂, -150°C.
- **Cones**
 - Mealand & Skjeltop, (2001)
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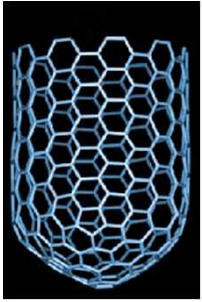




Warnings

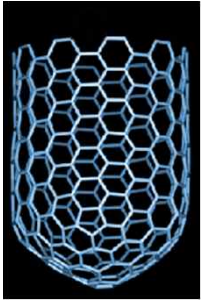
- Environment and health
- No scale-up production of fullerenes and tubes
- No scale-up design, yet.





Summary

- Carbon comprises a number of allotropes
- Each has characteristic/novel properties
- Fabricating nanocarbon uses a number of approaches, each with special equipment
- Applications of nanocarbon include electronics, structural materials, and energy
- We are still at the beginning of a relatively long journey into nanocarbon engineering



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