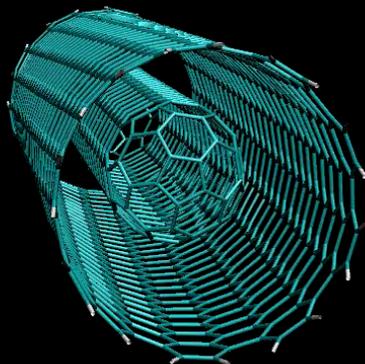


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Current-Induced Reversible Deformation of Carbon Nanotubes



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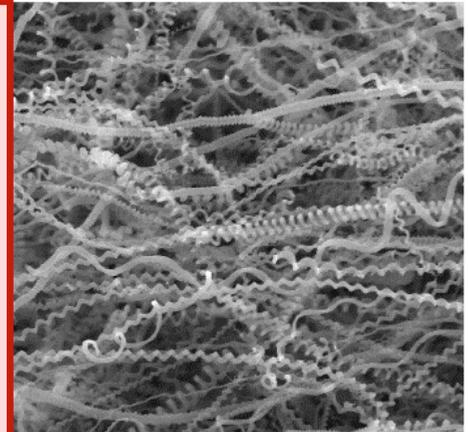
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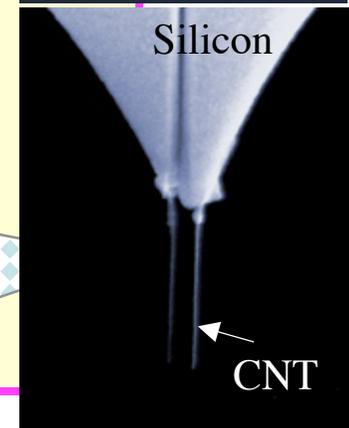
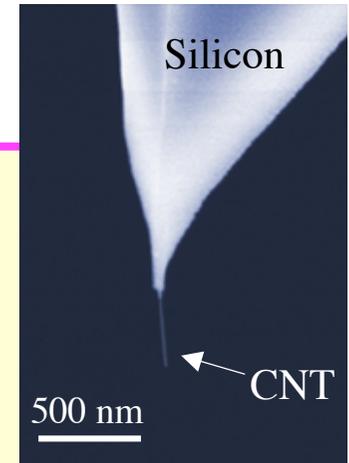
- 1. C / Large-scale CVD process of CNT
- / Long CNT growth ----- (A007)
- / Function of catalysts for CNCs --- (B027)
- / Effective catalysts for CNCs ----- (B021, B026)
- / ----- etc.



/ High rate growth of CNTs

Recent progress in Nanoengineering of CNTs

- 2. Na / Plastic deformation ----- (1003, D053)
- / Recover from deformation ---- (1003)
- / Junction formation ----- (E060)
- / Mechanical strength ----- (E054, E056)
- / Electric contact ----- (F016)
- / Piezo gate CNT-TFT ----- (G016)
- / Probe for a bio-molecule ----- (C030)
- / Field emission ----- (F034)
- / Alignment of CNC ----- (D069)
- / ----- etc.



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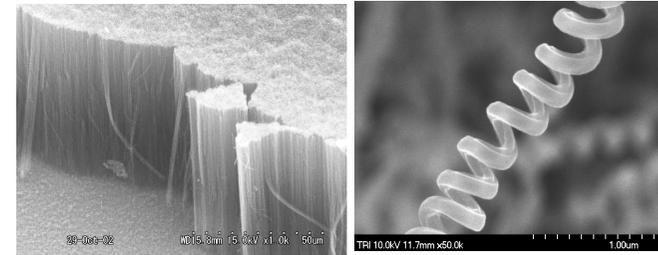


Osaka Prefecture Project : “Development of application techniques for nanocarbon materials” (2005~2009)

Theme 1 : Development of large-scale synthesis of unique nanocarbon materials

1-1 Brush-type carbon nanotubes

1-2 Carbon nanocoils



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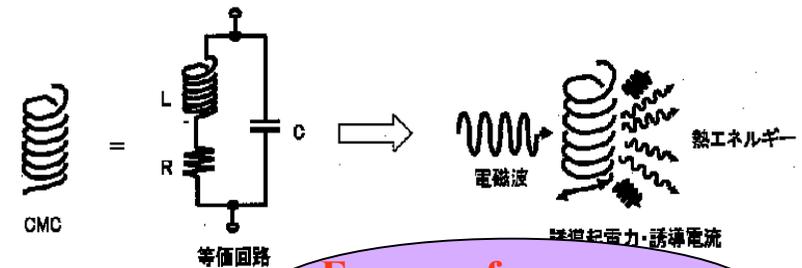
2-2 Super capacitor devices



Theme 3 : Development of highly functional materials using carbon nanocoils

3-1 Highly functional compounds

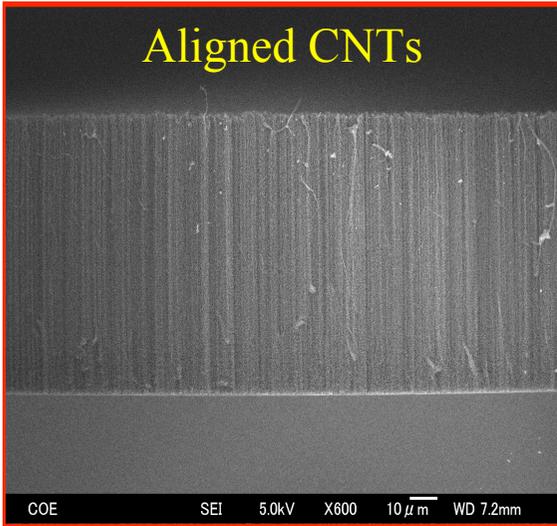
3-2 Electromagnetic wave absorber



Energy of em waves
becomes thermal energy

Large-scale deposition of brush-type carbon nanotubes

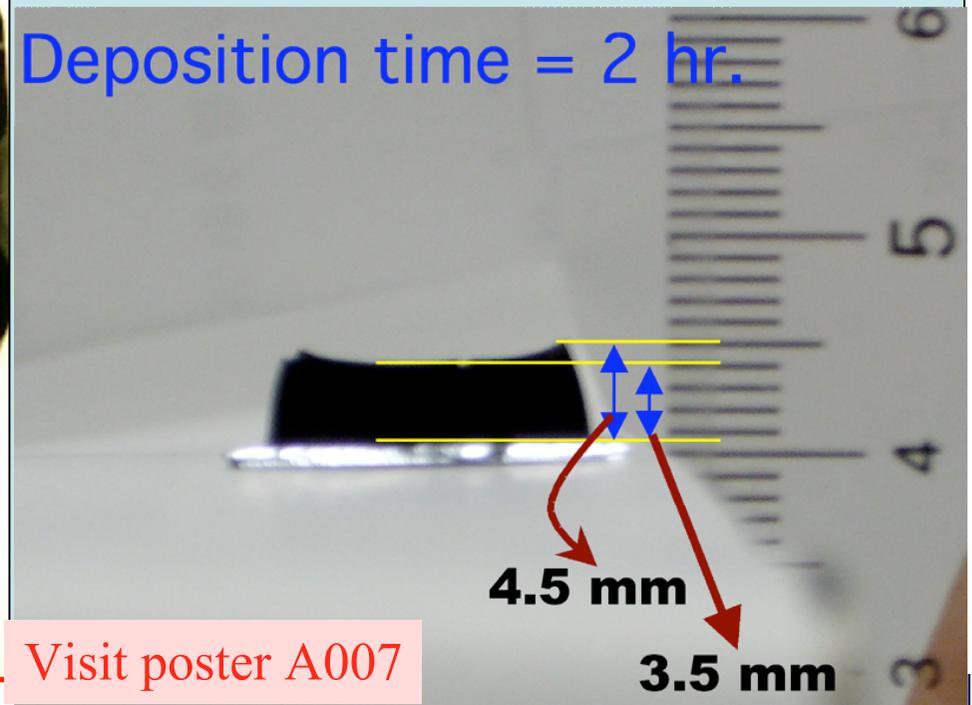
Aligned CNTs



1. Development of a system for large-scale synthesis
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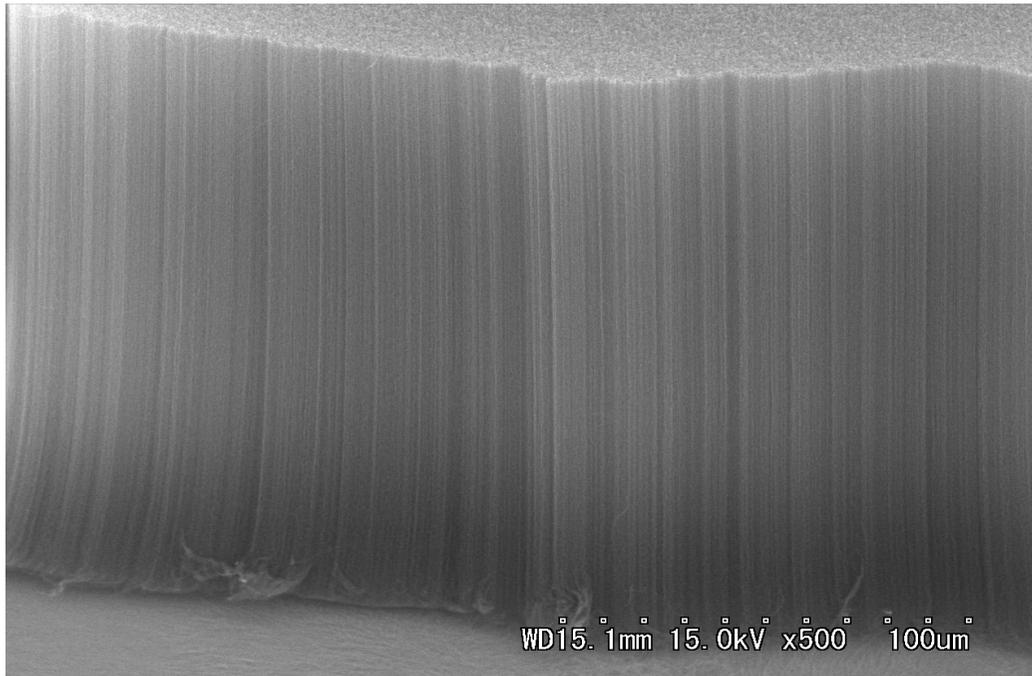
Photograph of 3.5 mm long CNTs

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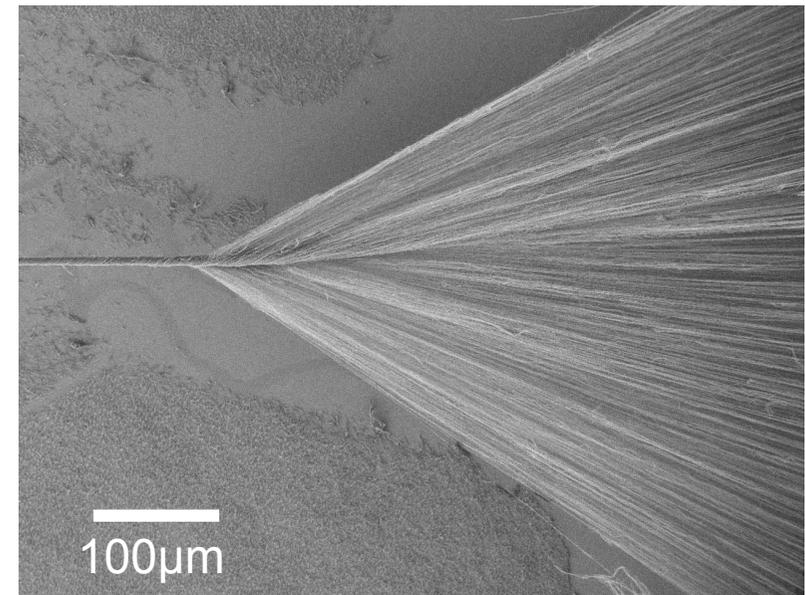
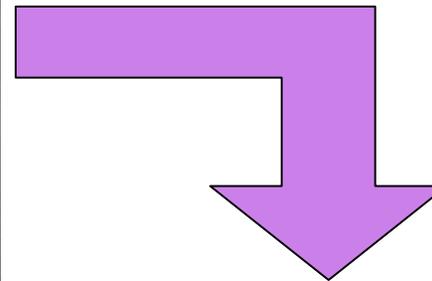


Brush-type CNTs grown on a large-sized Si wafer

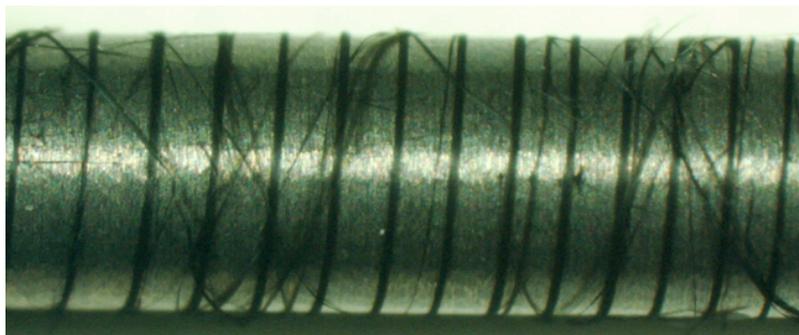
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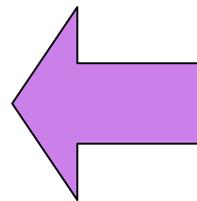
Brush-type of CNTs



Drawing and spinning a yarn (x200)

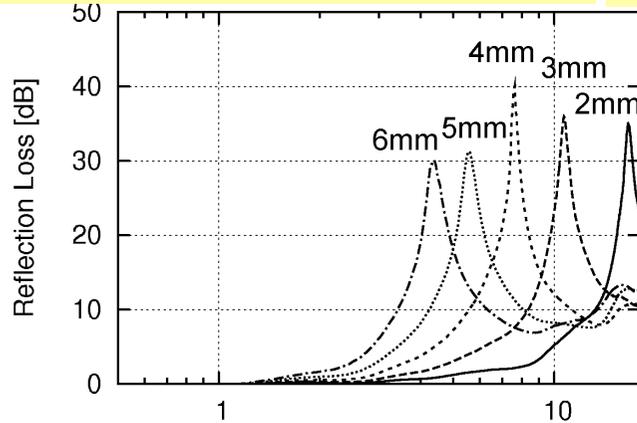


CNT yarn rolled up

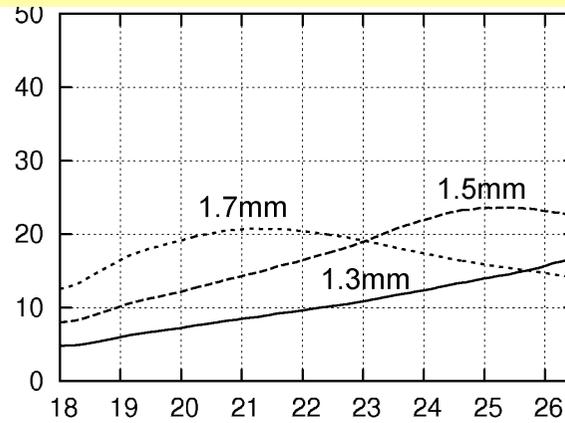


Development of em absorbers

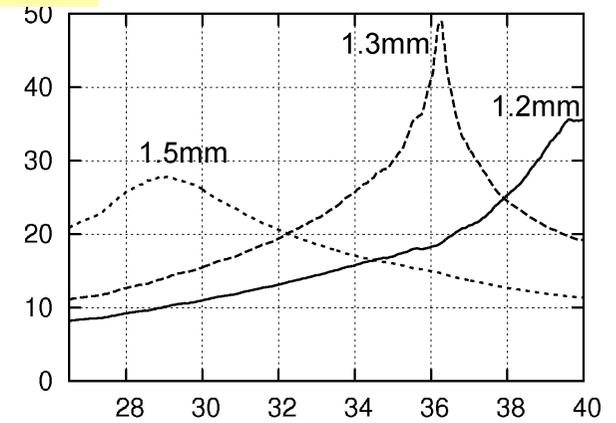
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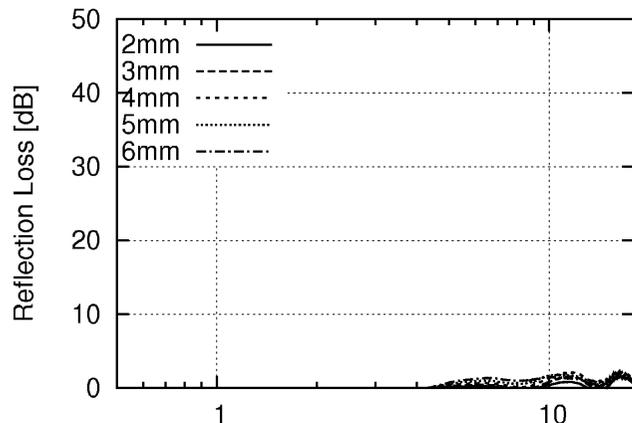


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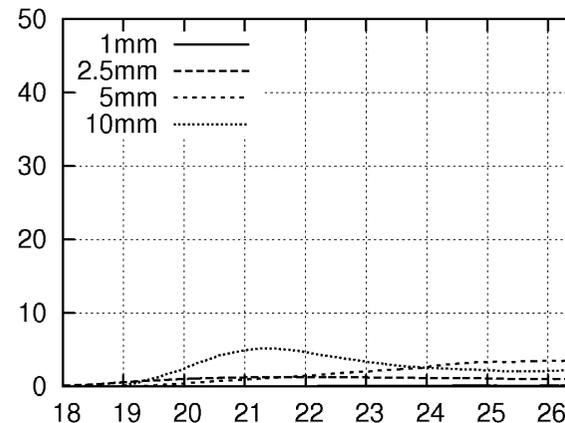


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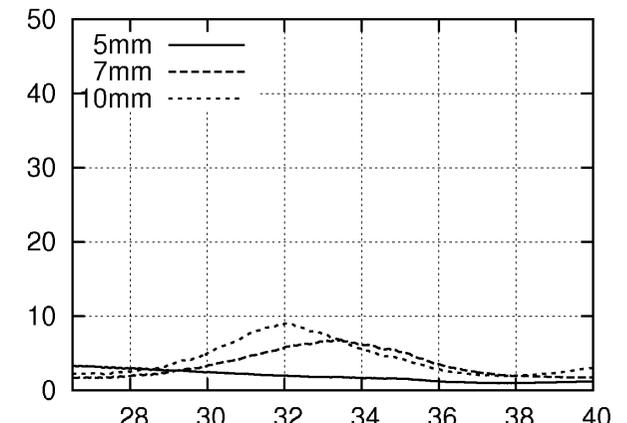
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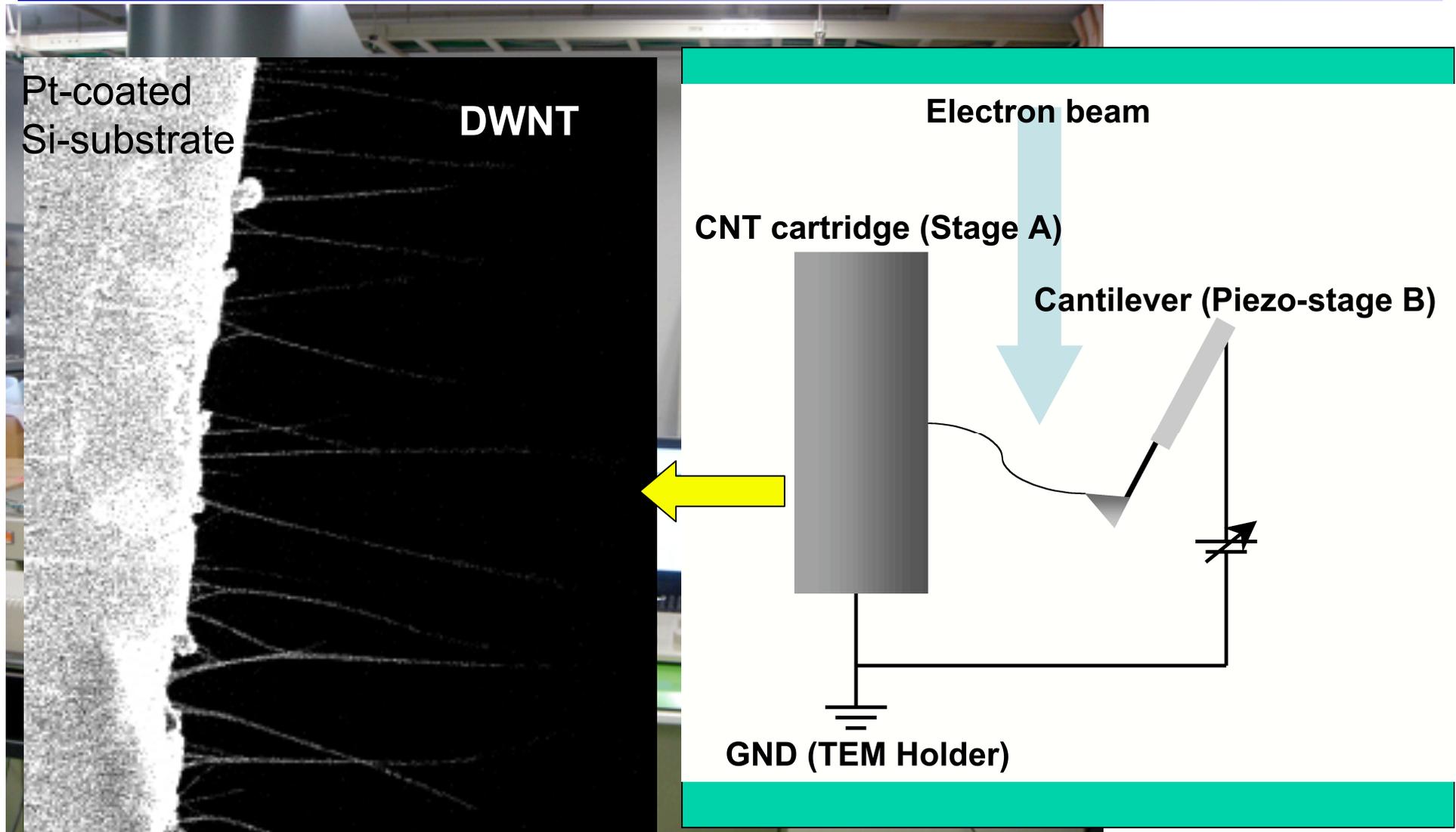
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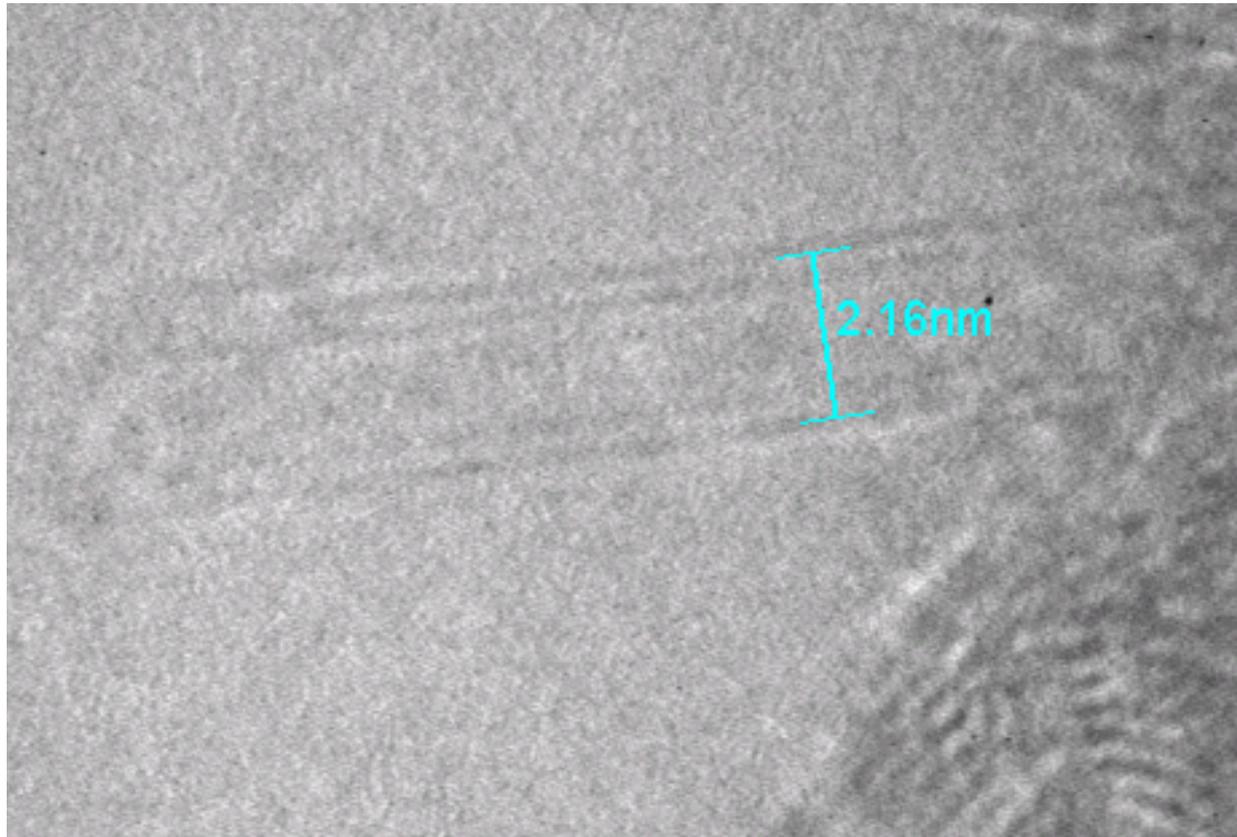
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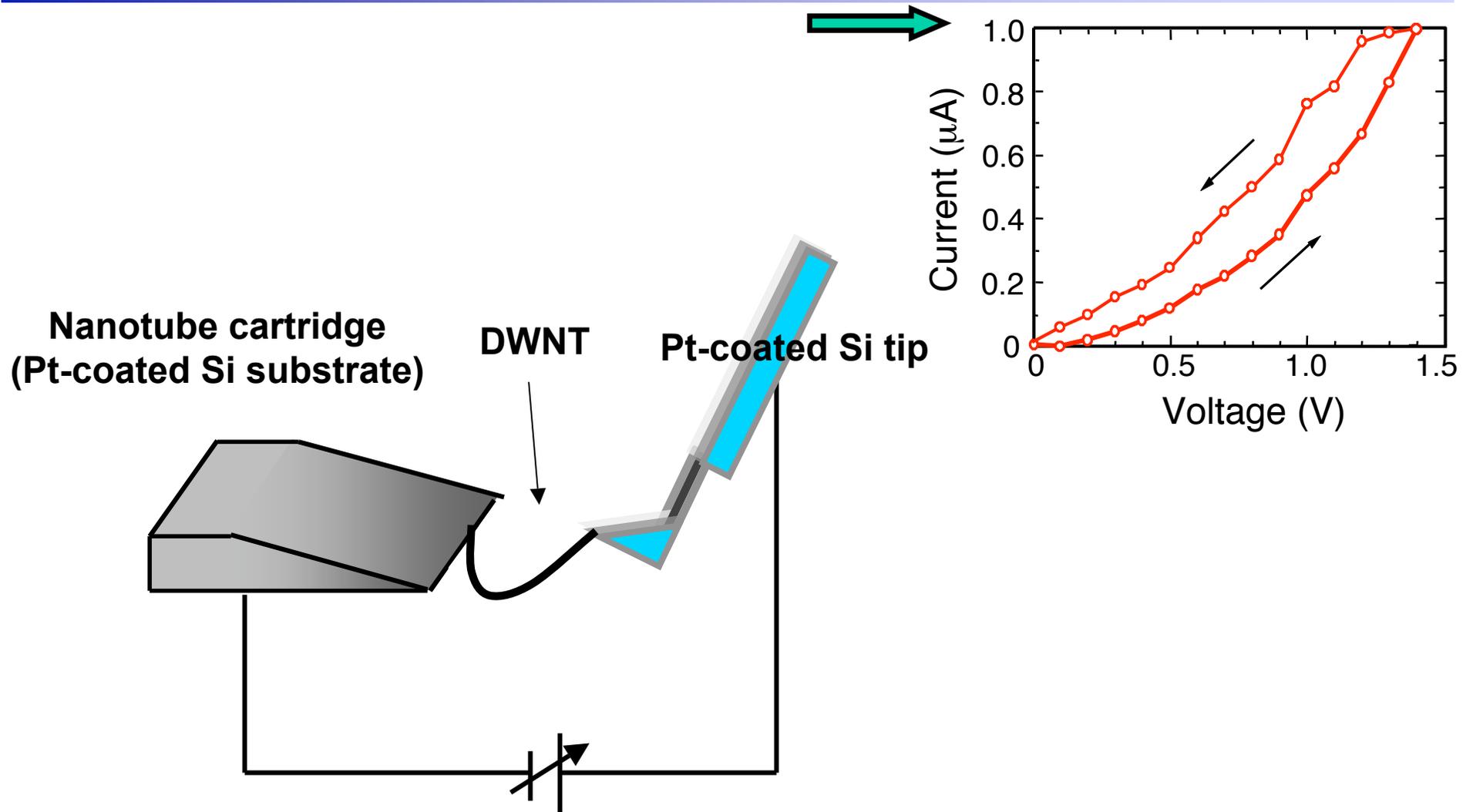
Super-nanofactory and CNT cartridge



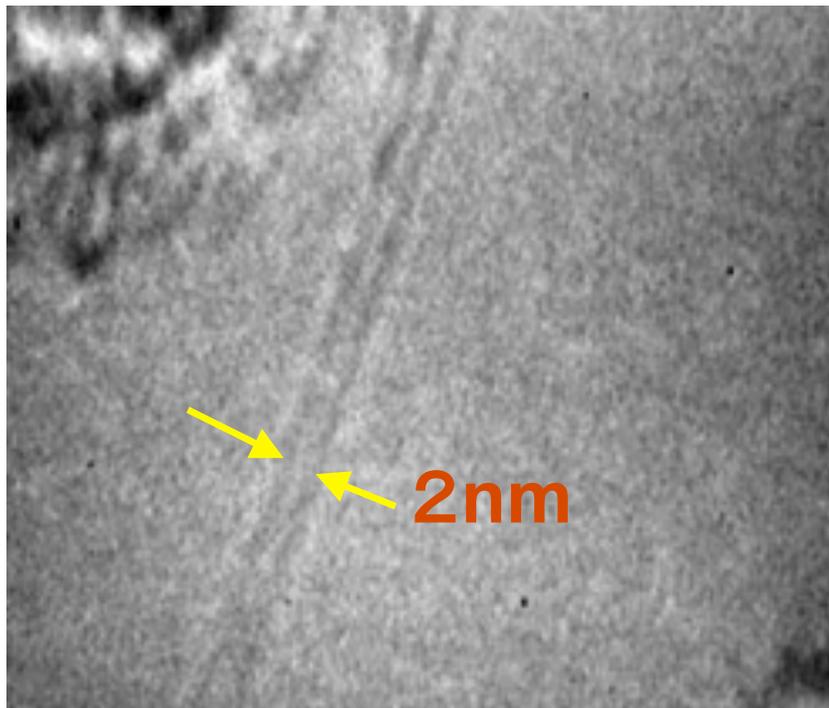
Typical DWNT used in this study



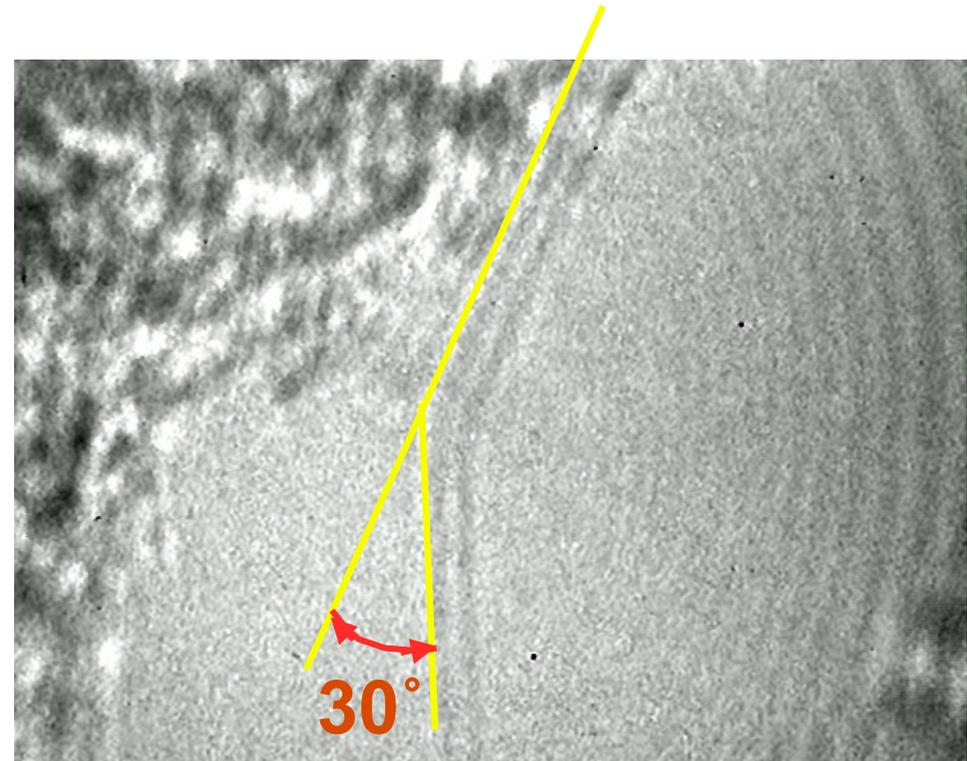
How to induce the plastic deformation



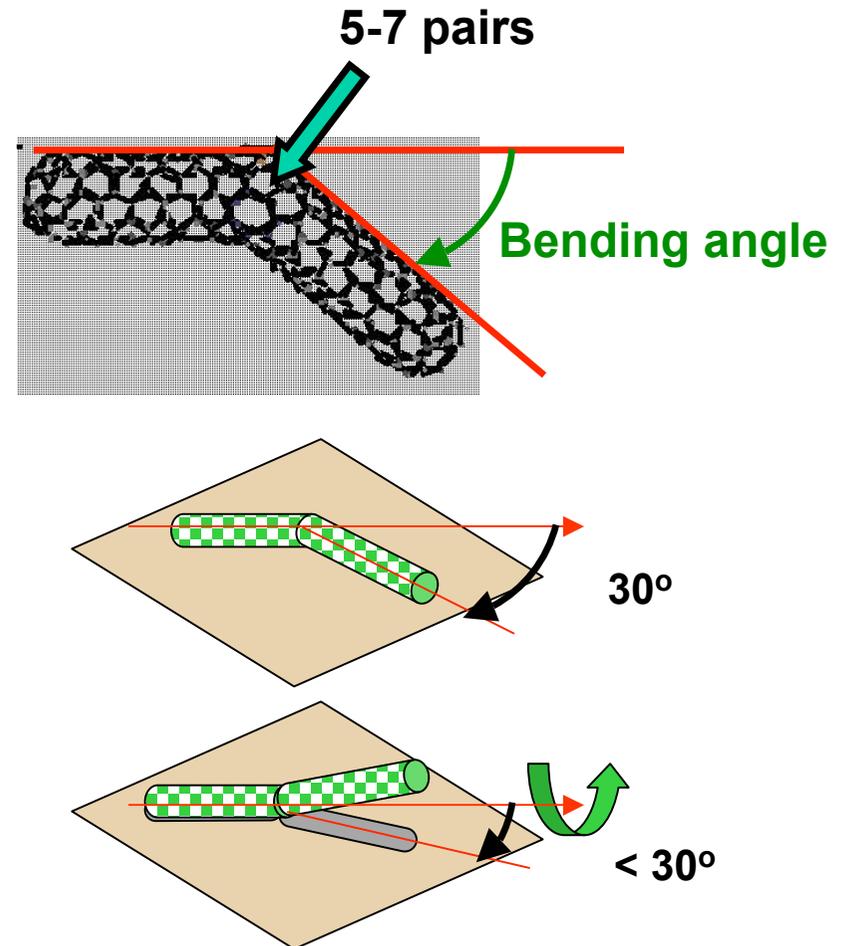
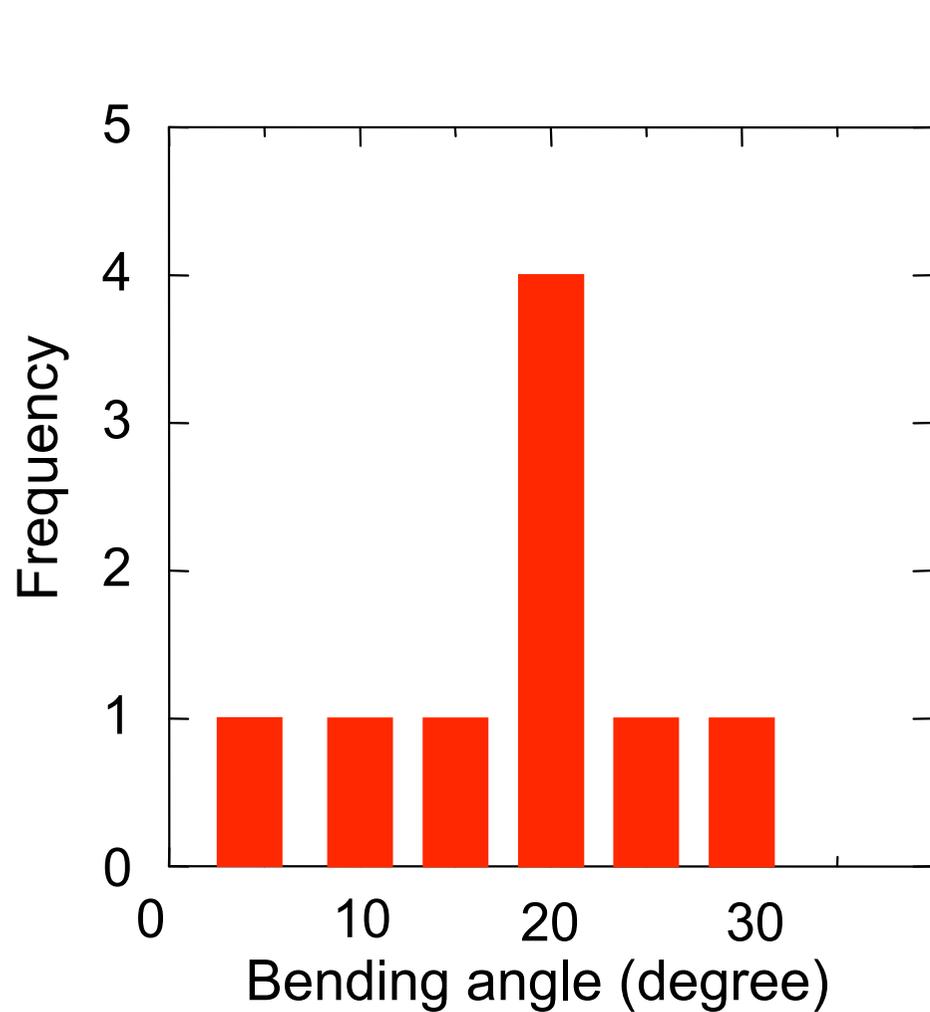
Current induced plastic deformation



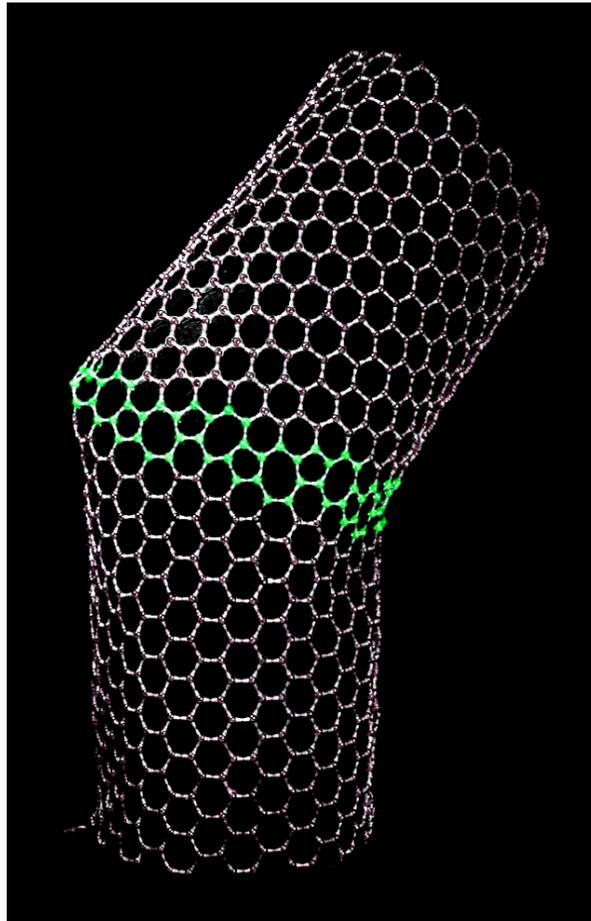
5 nm



Bending angle of the plastic deformation

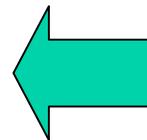
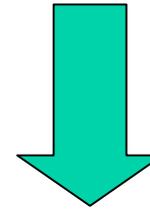


Model for (15,15) nanotube



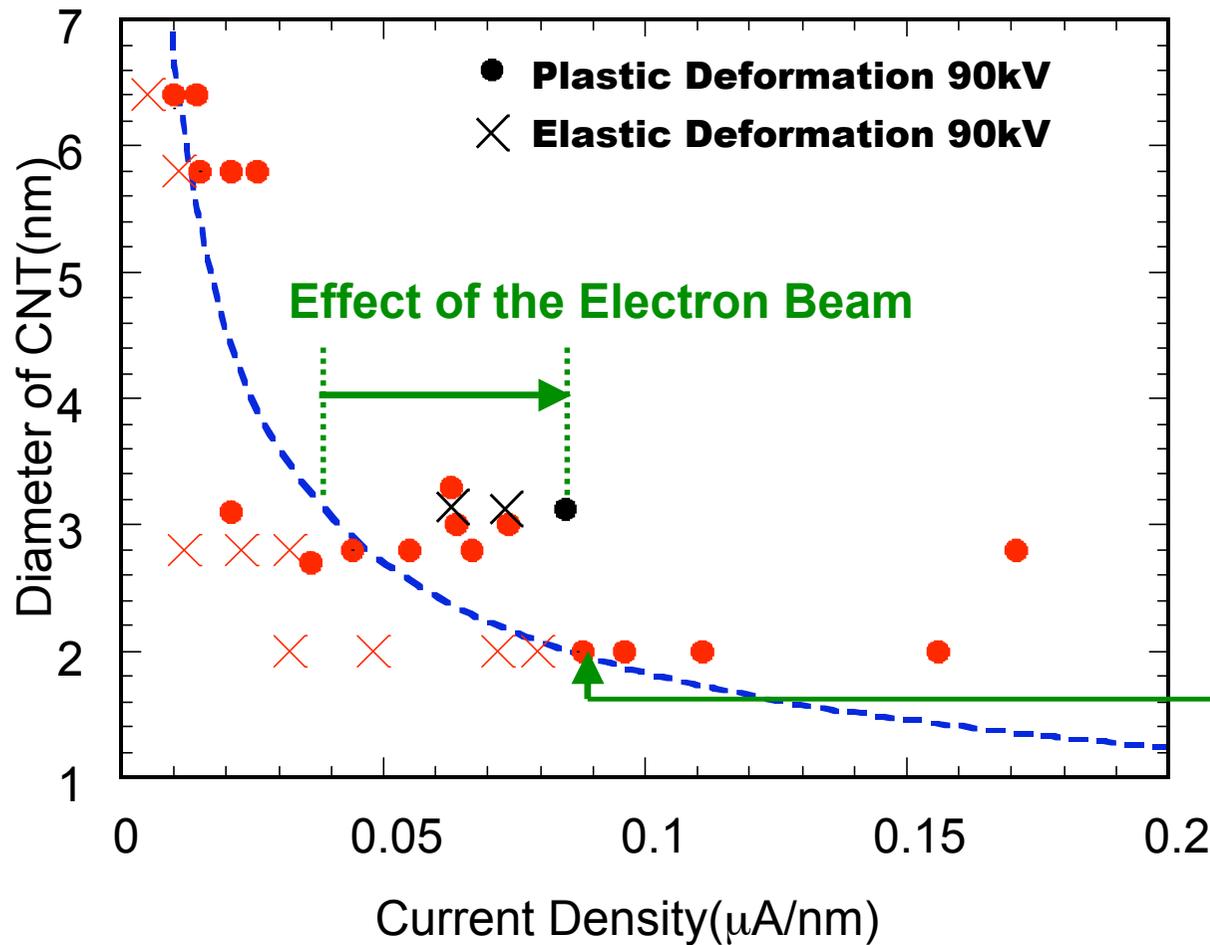
(15,15) ; ϕ 2nm

Nanotube consisting of balls
and sticks



14 pairs of 5-7 rings
(with bending angle of 30°)

Dependence on diameter and electron beam



Sublimation

av. $2.2 \mu\text{A}/\text{nm}$
($\phi : 2\text{nm}$)



Bend deformation

$0.087 \mu\text{A}/\text{nm}$
($\phi : 2\text{nm}$)

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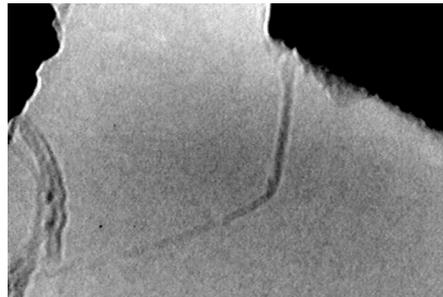
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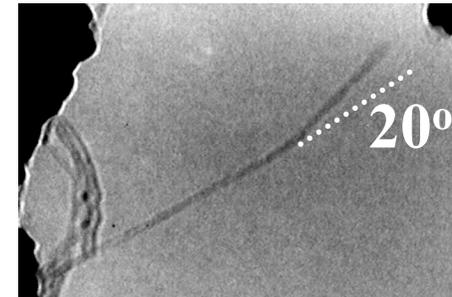
Diameter of CNT : 3.3nm



Original shape

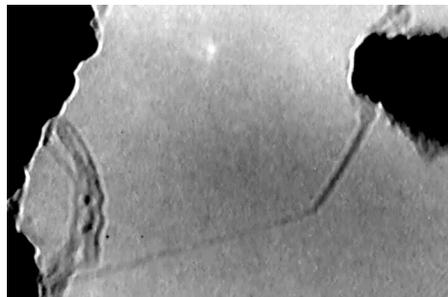


Current under duress



Permanent bend

$0.06\mu\text{A}/\text{nm}$



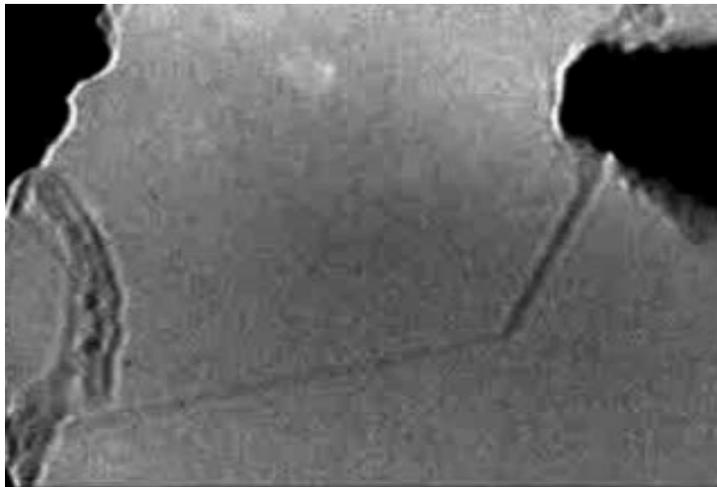
Contact with the Si tip again



**Applying more
current to the bend
portion**

Demonstration of recovery from bend deformation

Diameter of CNT : 3.3nm



At $3.2 \mu\text{A}/\text{nm}$ the CNT becomes straight

$3.2 \mu\text{A}/\text{nm}$ is comparable to the sublimation current for this CNT

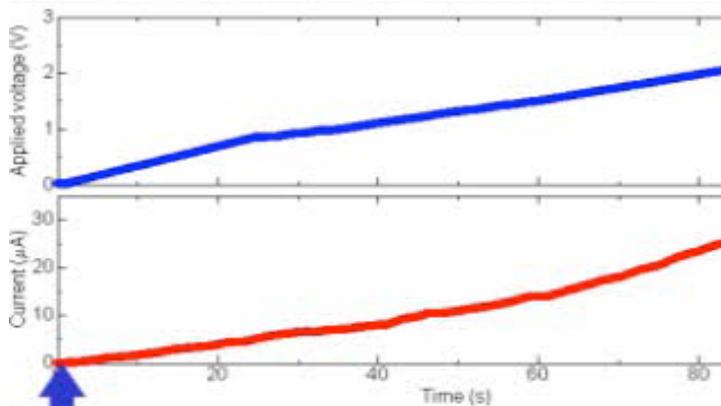


The sublimation temp.

$\sim 2500\text{K}$

X. Cai, S. Akita and Y. Nakayama,
Thin Solid Films 464-465, 364 (2004).

Voltage



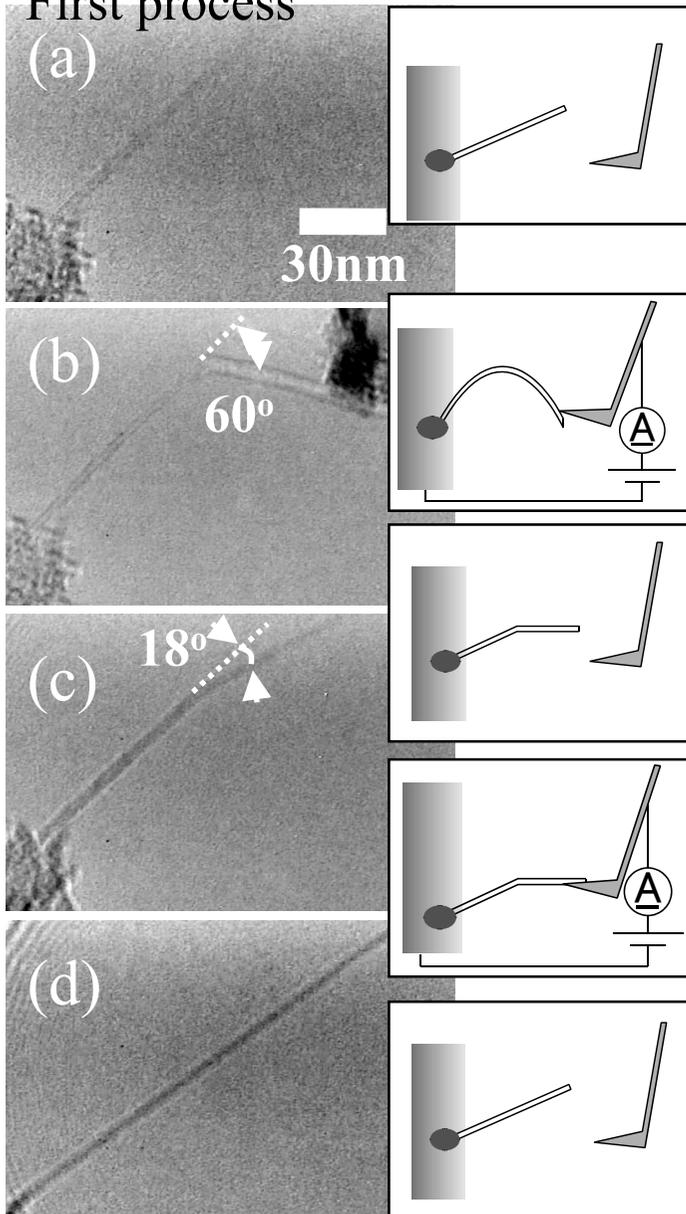
Current

This recovery results from the curing of defects of pentagon–heptagon pairs at $\sim 2500\text{K}$

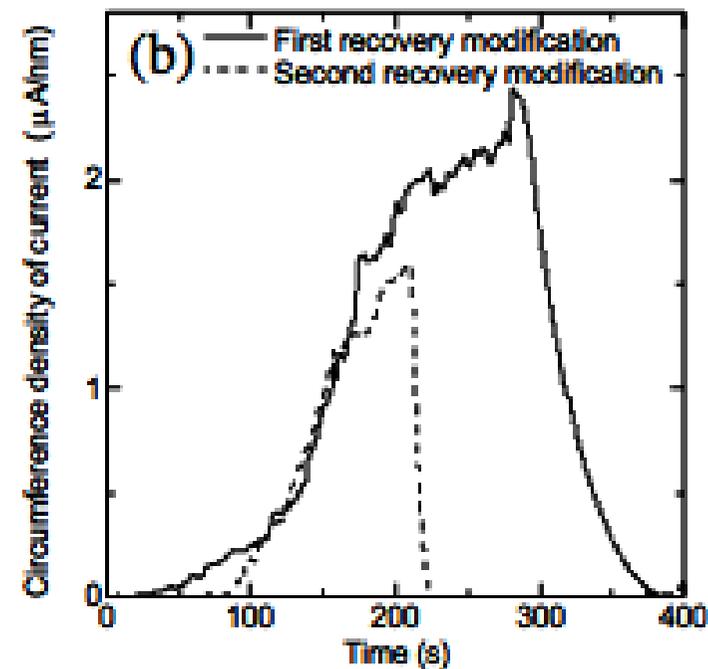
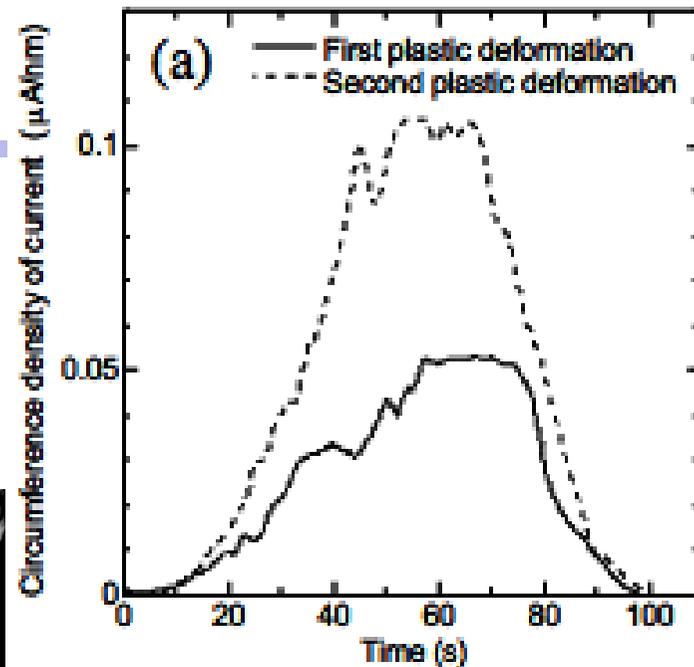
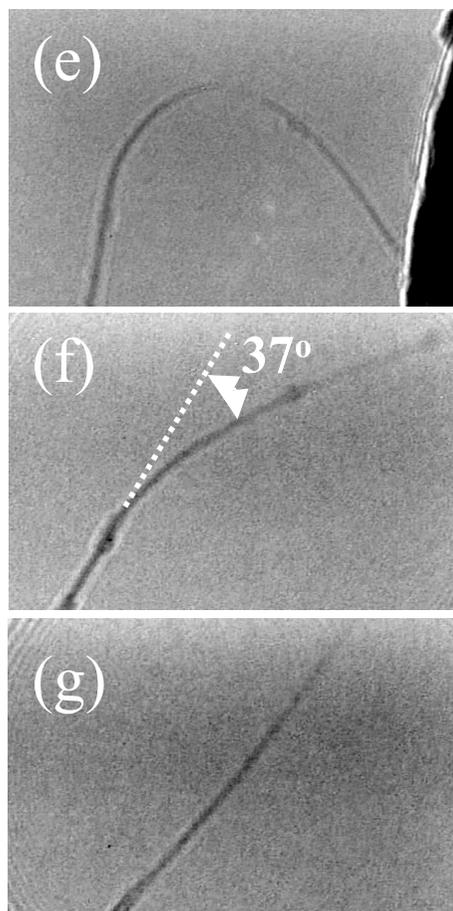
Reversible deformation

O. Suekane et. al., submitted

First process

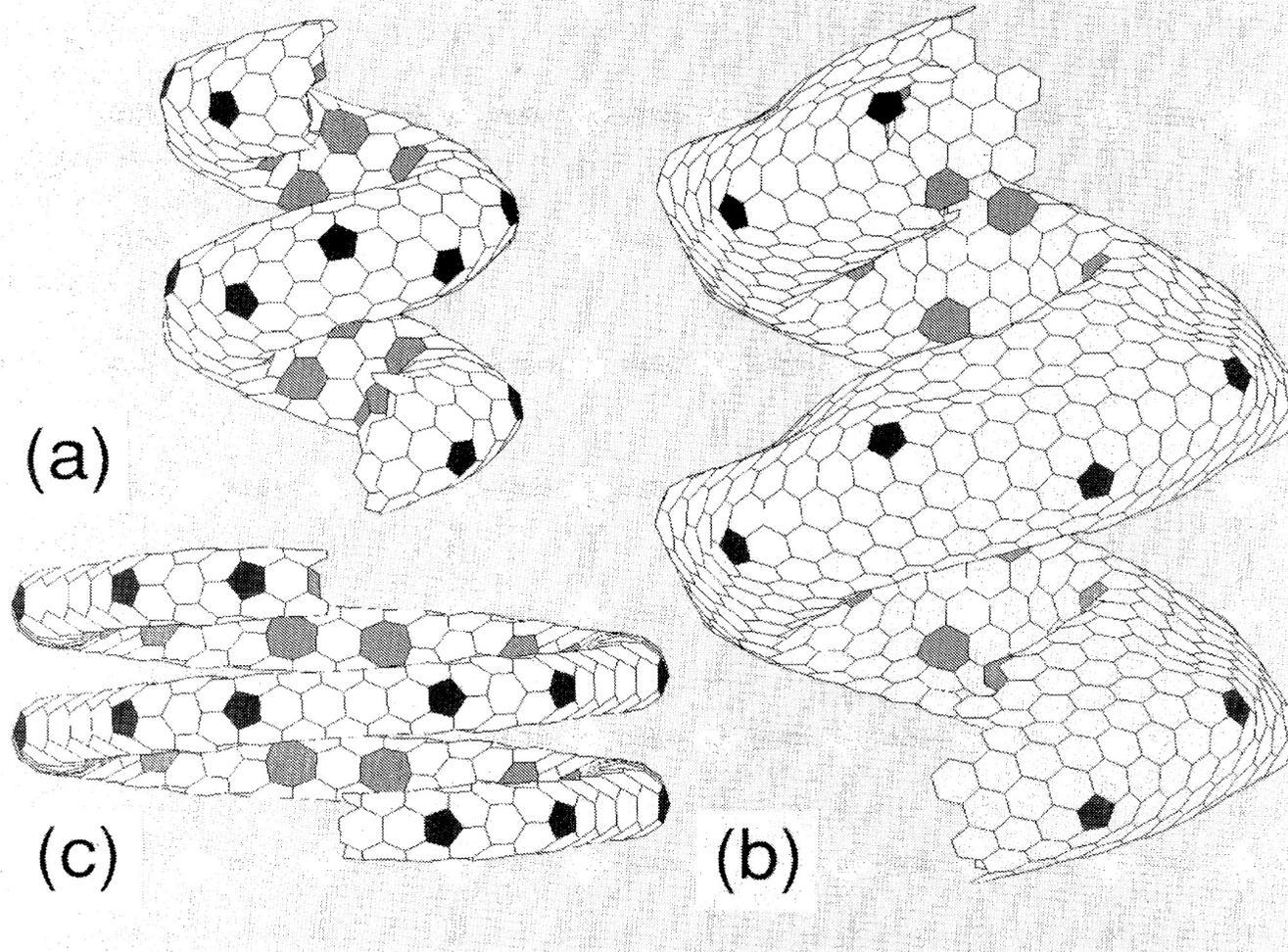


Second process



Confirmation of universality

S. Ihara, S. Itoh and J. Kitakami, Phys. Rev. B **48**, 5643 (1993).

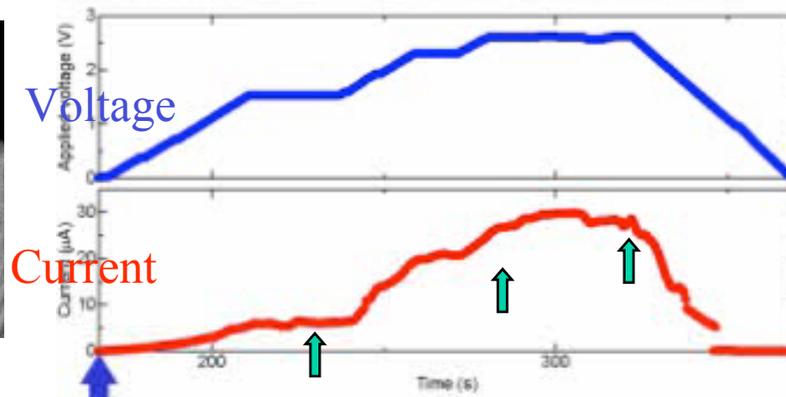
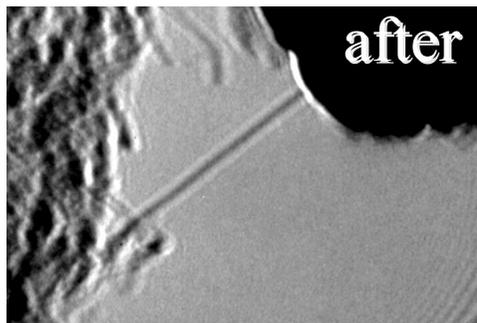
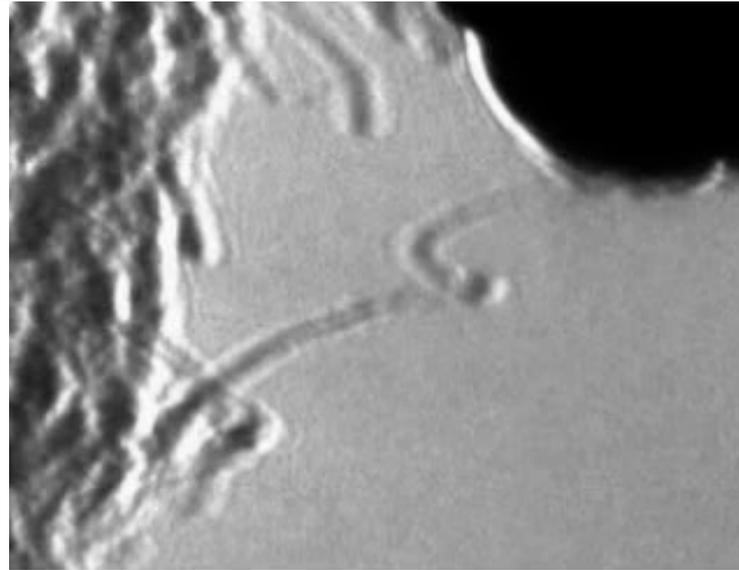
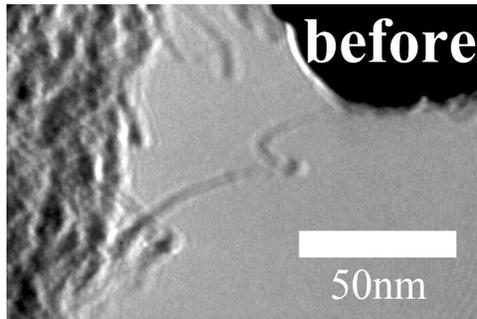


Coils have pentagons and heptagons, respectively,
in the outer and inner ridgelines. →

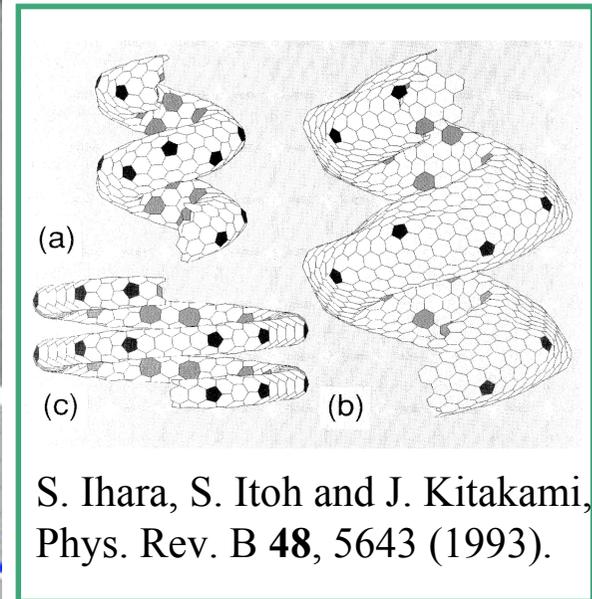
Good example

Demonstration of recover from helical

CNT diam.: 3.7nm
coil diam.: 18 nm



O. Suekane et. al., submitted



The coil started to loosen at $0.9 \mu\text{A}/\text{nm}$, drastically changed its structure at $2.2 \mu\text{A}/\text{nm}$.

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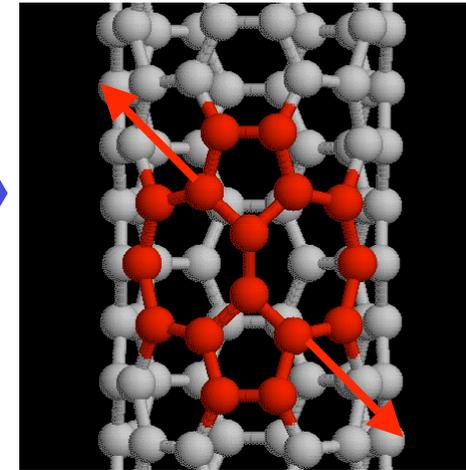
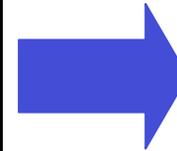
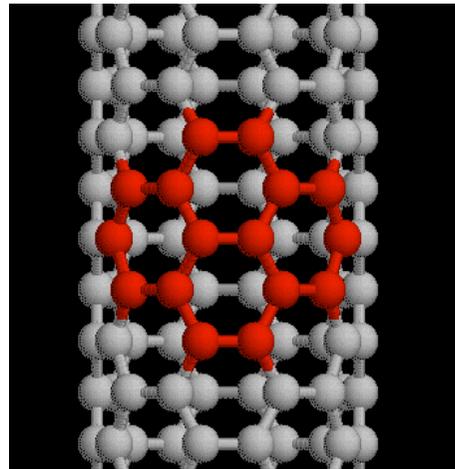
Analysis of energy pathways for forming plastic bend (1)

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(5,5)

Assumption

- 1) keep sp^2 bond network
- 2) no square and no octagon
- 3) atoms: no generation
no disappear



Nucleation of Stone-Wales defect



Dissociation of Stone-Wales defect



Splitting of 5-7 defects



Energy pathways are studied using the nudged elastic band minimum energy path calculation.

5-7 defect

(5,5)

(5,4)

(5,5)

5-7 defect

Ref. B. I. Yakobson, APL, 72, 918 (1998).

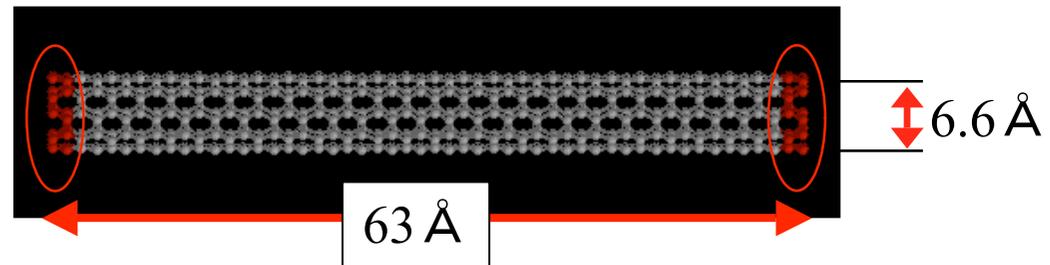
Analysis of energy pathways for forming plastic bend (2)

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Two SWNTs:

(5,5) 63 Å 520 atoms

(8,0) 63 Å 480 atoms

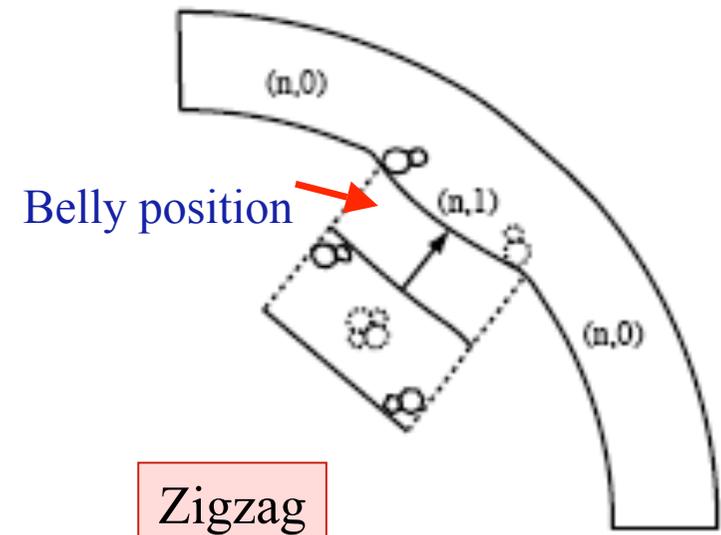
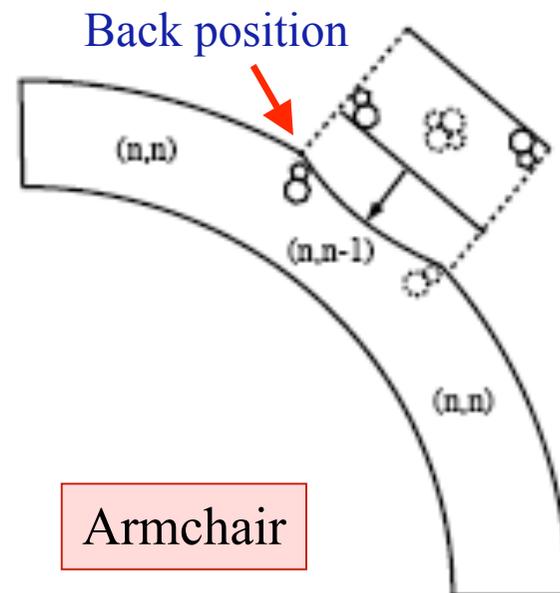


Boundary condition:

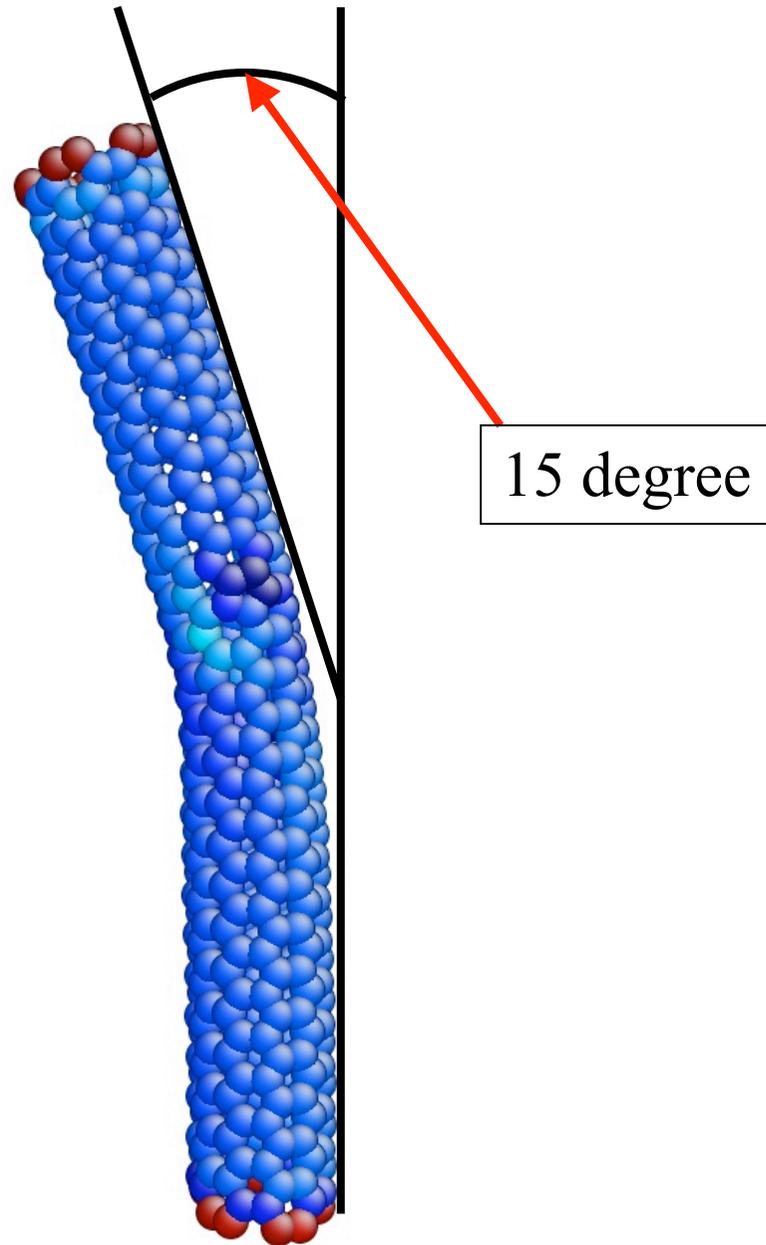
- Ends are fixed.
- Others are free.

Potential:

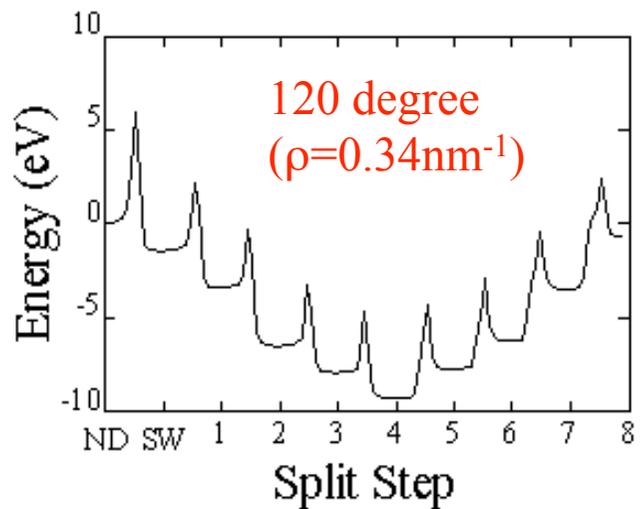
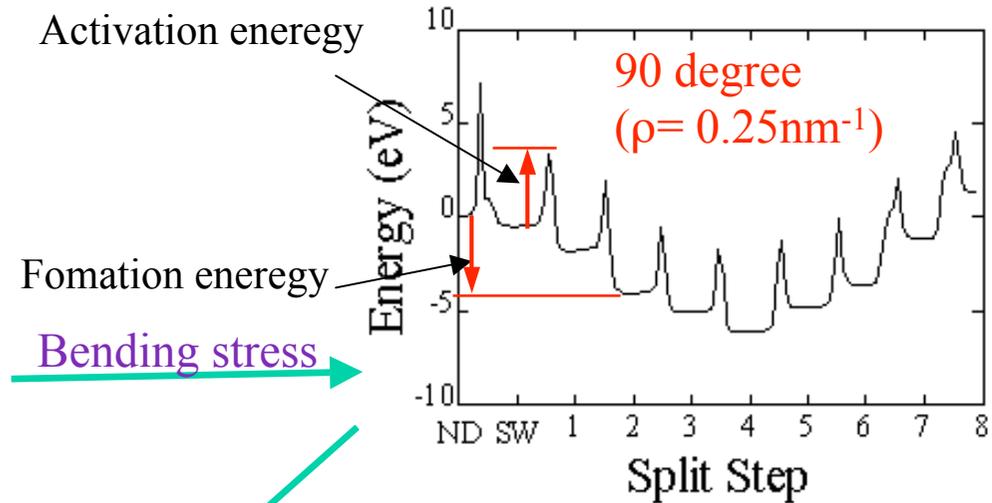
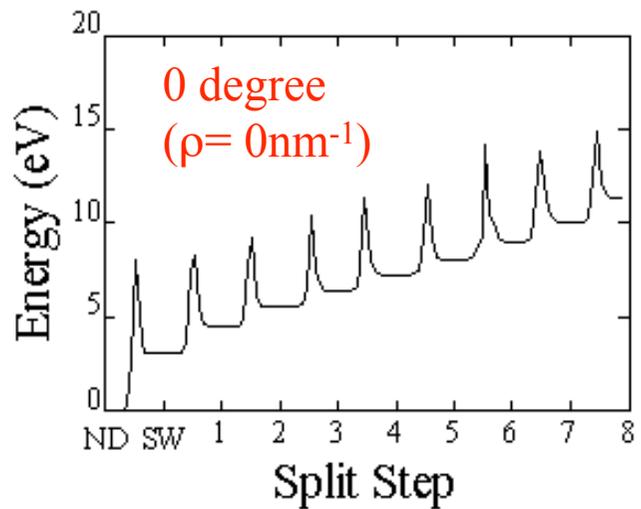
Analytic bond-order potential of Pettifor and Oleinik)



(5,5) Armchair SWNT

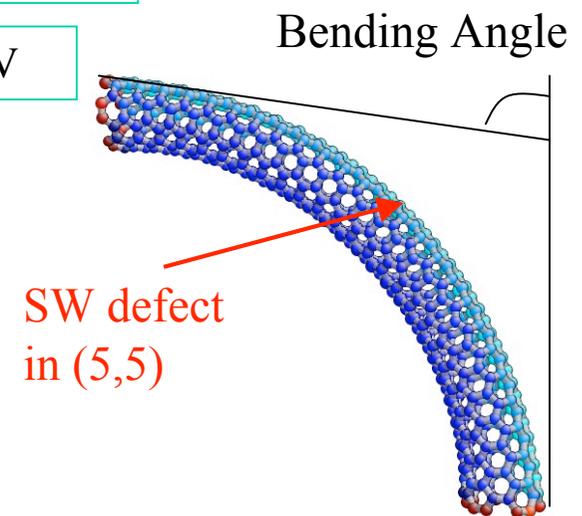


Minimum energy pathways in (5,5) SWNT



E_{ac} for SW : 8.0 eV \rightarrow -6.0 eV

E_{ac} for Bond rotation: 4eV



Frequency of a bond rotation to form a S-W defect

Highest microscopic energy barrier in achieving plastic deformation is the activation barrier for Stone-Wales defect nucleation.

→ Arrhenius equation

$$f = \nu \exp\left(-\frac{E_{\text{act}}}{k_B T}\right)$$

k_B : Boltzmann constant

$\nu = 10^{13} \text{ s}^{-1}$

$T = 1500\text{K}$

$$E_{\text{act}} = 4 \text{ eV}$$

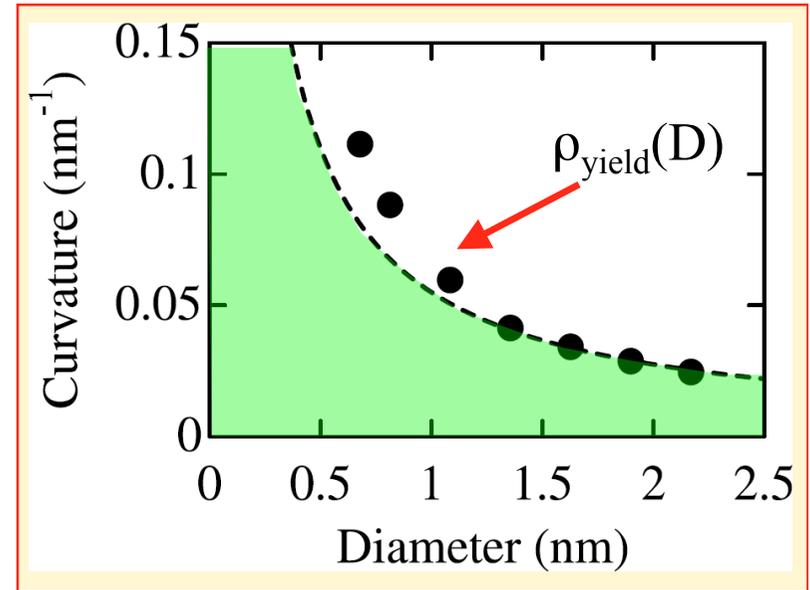
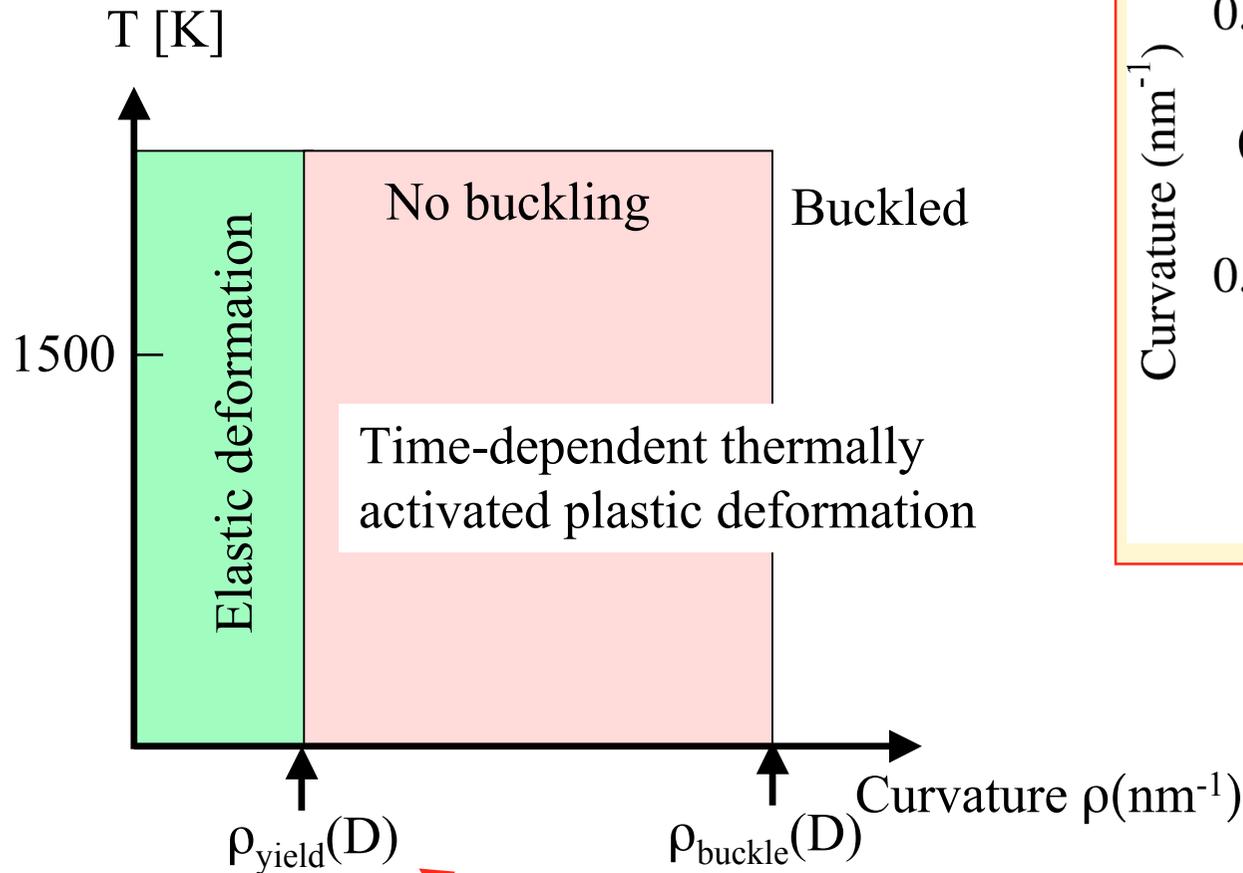


$$f = 0.33 \text{ s}^{-1}$$



One bond rotation occurs every few seconds at 1500K, consistent with experimental results.

Deformation mechanism map for SWNT bending



Plastic deformation is time-dependent thermally activated when $\rho > \rho_{\text{yield}}$ depending on the chirality and diameter.

H. Mori et. al., submitted

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- (1) The **plastic bend deformation** can be induced in a straight nanotube by the current flow less than **1/20** of that for the sublimation under the mechanical duress.
- (2) The plastic bend is **metastable** and thus it can recover back to straight when the current density is **comparable to the sublimation one**.
- (3) The theoretical analysis indicates that the **yield curvature** ρ_{yield} is defined and depends on diameter.
- (4) Above ρ_{yield} , the plastic bend deformation is **time-dependent thermally activated**.