#### **Outline**

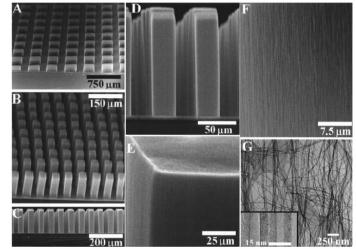
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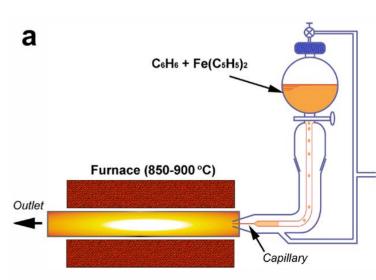
- What we learned at NT06
- Achievements and Trends
- Challenges & Future Work



## Synthesis: CVD and Non-CVD Techniques

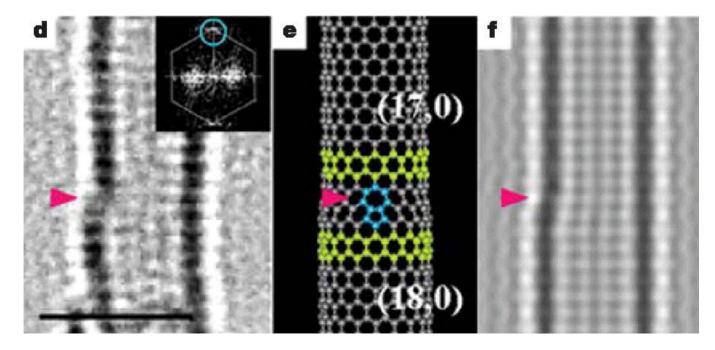
- CVD method is still developing fast
  - Bulk Production and Scalable
     Process (companies developing).
  - Supergrowth has improved
  - Alcohol based CVD becoming popular
  - Continuous spinning of Nanotube Fibers
- <u>Very few posters on Non-CVD</u> (Arc, Magnetron Sputtering, Chemical, Laser, Ball-Milling)
- Still need to control chirality (n,m), and understand growth mechanism





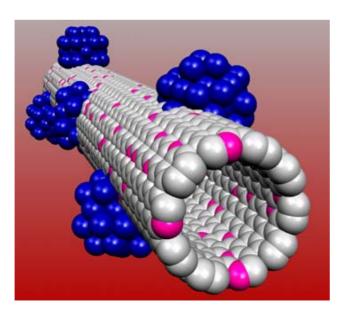
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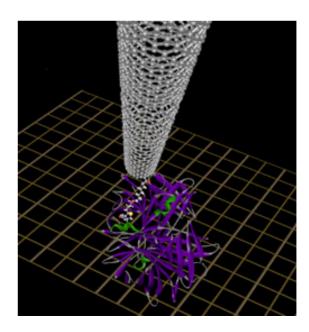
- HRTEM has improved (Aberration corrector now available; low voltages and HRTEM)
  - Defects (individual atoms, vacancies)
  - Chirality (n,m) by imaging and Electron Diffraction
  - Need more in-situ experiments (growth, kinetics)



# **Chemistry of Nanotubes**

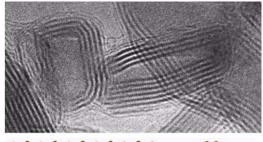
- More about Functionalization & Dispersion Methods
- More Applications' Oriented Papers
- Much More Bio Applications (Sensors and Biosensors)
- Doped Nanotubes
- Patterned growth of SWNTs on sapphire step surfaces
- Much more on DNA-wrapped tubes





### Non-Carbon Nanotubes, Nanowires & Related Materials

- Very few Papers on BN Nanotubes.
- A few works on  $MoS_2$  and  $WS_2$  tubes

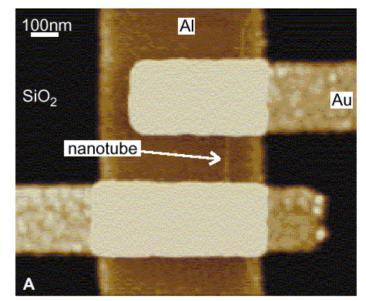




- Large number of contributions on Polymer Composites
- We still need to set standards for Nanotubes and applications. (Scientists Should be involved!)
- More papers on Transparent films.

# **Transport & Photophysics**

- Transport is coming along well
- Ferromagnetic and Superconducting electrodes.
- Magneto Transport more developed (Spintronics of Nanotubes)
- Combining Transport with Raman, etc
- People looking at effects of defects in transport. More studies on defect control are needed.



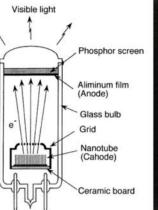
- Increased photoluminescence efficiency has been demonstrated (8%).
- Understanding of E<sub>11</sub><sup>S</sup> excitonic states has advanced significantly (both experimentally and theoretically). Metallic exitonic states less understood
- New Techniques progressing well (NSOM, Rayleigh) but few groups are participating



# **Applications**

- Supercapacitors
- Polymer Composites
   High Thermal Conducting Plastics
   Transparent Conducting Films
   Li-ion batteries & Lead acid batteries
- Field Emission Devices & Displays
- Nanotube-based Transistors
- Biological Applications
   Micro-catheters, protein immobilizers, Drug Delivery, Cancer treatment, Sensors
- We still need more COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS!
- Industry is getting more interested







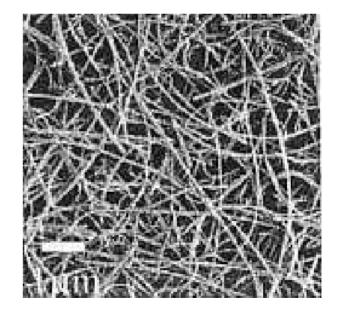
# **Overall Challenges**

#### Standards

- On materials Characterization
- Establish parameters for best samples, set minimum standards for applications, what accuracy is needed?

#### Health Effects

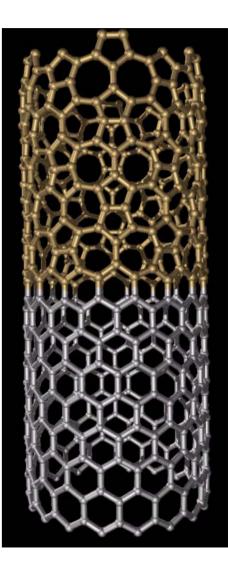
- Quantitative studies starting.
   More work is needed.
- Effects on skin, lungs, etc.
- Carcinogenic effects?





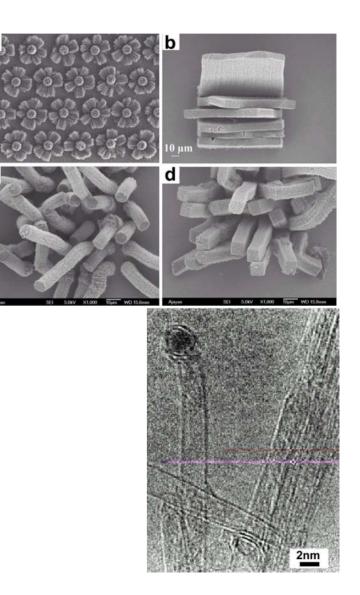
# **Theoretical Challenges**

- Need more accurate Calculations for NT growth (large scale in space and time)
- Theory on Chemistry of NTs
  - Effect of Functionalization on electronic & transport properties
  - Different Doping Effects
- Quantum Transport and Spin transport in specifically functionalized nanotubes
- Assisting chemists in designing wet chemical synthesis of chirality controlled nanotubes
- Nanotube-based nanowires (Peapods and beyond, 1D magnets)
- Assist understanding nanotube-based room temperature superconductivity (wishful thinking!)



## We need to work on...

- <u>Real</u> control of nanotube growth (catalyst dimensions and chirality selectivity)
- Still need to Improve Characterization Techniques and develop New Ones
- In-situ experiments and at the individual NT level
- Thermal Transport on individual NTs
- Understand photoluminescence quantum yield and dark exciton states
- Nanotube Spintronics
- Graphene, Nanographite (unzipped Nanotubes) and C chains.
- Promote device concept innovation, and nanotube-based product development.
- Interaction of carbon nanotube research with related non-carbon nanotubes, nanowires and other nano-structures



# Future NTxx Conferences

- NT07 in Brazil (Ouro Preto)
- NT08 in France