Carbon Nanotubes (CNT)

Nanotechnology is being embedded in multiple industries. This report presents a brief history of nanotechnology and the scientific breakthroughs in the area, followed by the use of carbon nanotubes in various industries.

The report also provides a detailed carbon nanotube taxonomy, and the in-depth categorization of patents in this domain. Other topics covered include key universities, companies and market players in the area of carbon nanotubes.

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Introduction

Nanotechnology

Nanotechnology refers broadly to a field of applied science and technology whose unifying theme is the control of matter on the atomic and molecular scale, normally 1 to 100 nanometers, and the fabrication of devices with critical dimensions that lie within that size range.

Run of Nanotechnology

- **December 29, 1959**: The first thought of Nanotechnology was given by Richard Feynman in "There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom" at an American Physical Society meeting at Caltech.
- **September, 1981**: First technical paper published on molecular nanotechnology. The same year scanning tunneling microscope (STM) invented.
- **1982-1990**:Books and prizes on nanotechnology. Atomic force microscope invented in 1986.
- **1991**: Carbon Nanotubes (CNT's) discovered.
- **1997**: First company on nanotechnology founded, it's name is Zyvex.
- **1998-2007**: Research, investment, conferences and meetings on nanotechnology.

Applications of Nanotechnology

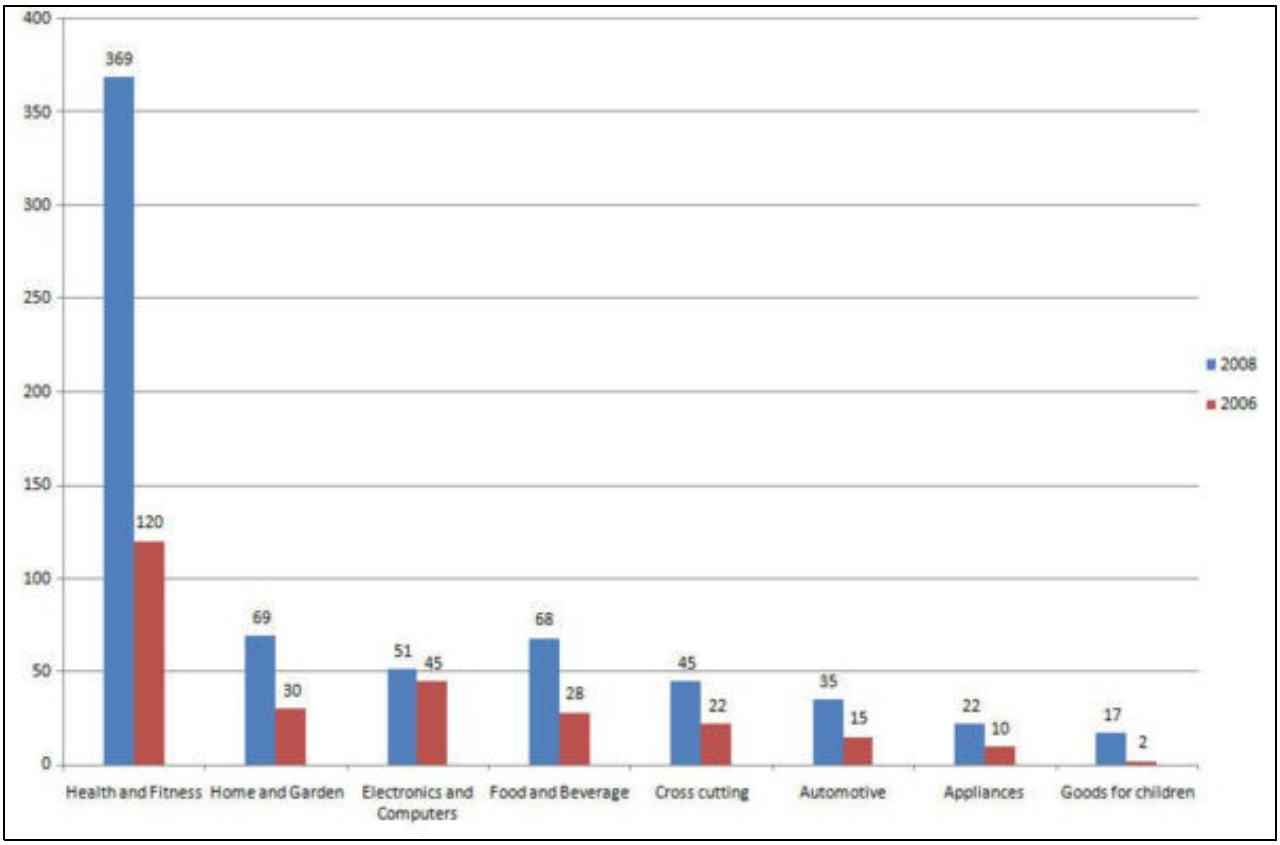
It has or will have applications in almost all areas we can think of.

Environment and Energy	Medical and Health	Electronics and Computers	Space, Aircraft and Transportation	Materials and Manufacturing
• Clean Technology • Reducing Global Warming • Eco-friendly and Efficient Energy • Eco-friendly Coatings • Lotus-effect Surfaces • Self-cleaning Glass • Environmental Monitoring • Remediation of Soil • Remediation and Treatment	• Lab-on-a-chip: The Analytical Revolution • Nanoparticles and Drug Delivery • Nanoparticles and Gene Therapy • Textured Surfaces for Tissue Regeneration • Nanorobot Therapeutics	• Desktop Manufacturing • Electronic Paper • Nanoelectronics and Computing • Assemblers and Self-replicators • Molecular Electronics	• Space and Aeronautics • Automobiles • Transportation Infrastructure	• New and Nanostructured Materials • Nano-engineered Advanced Materials • NanoGold: Carbon Nanotubes • Potential Industrial Applications

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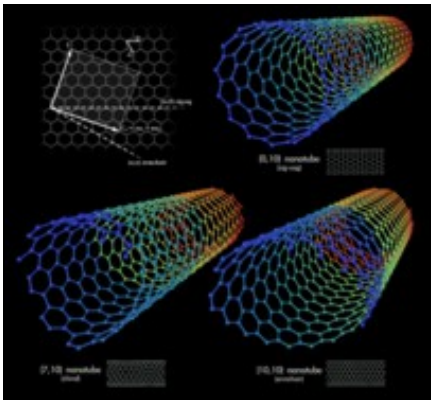
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- **Aerospace**
  - Space Elevators
  - Spaceship
  - Solar Sails
  - Biorobots
- **Medicine**
  - Identifying location of cancer cells. [1]
  - Delivering chemotherapy drugs directly to cancer cells.[2]
  - Nanoshells that concentrate the heat from infrared light to destroy cancer cells with minimal damage to surrounding healthy cells. [3]
  - Nanotubes used in broken bones to provide a structure for new bone material to grow.[4]
  - Nanoparticles that can attach to cells infected with various diseases and allow a lab to identify, in a blood sample, the particular disease.[5]
- **Food Storage**
  - Clay nanocomposites are being used to provide an impermeable barrier to gasses such as oxygen or carbon dioxide in lightweight bottles, cartons and packaging films.
  - Food storage bins are being produced with silver nanoparticles embedded in the plastic. The silver nanoparticles kill bacteria from any food that was previously stored in the bins, minimizing health risks from harmful bacteria.[6]
  - It is possible to use nanosensors in plastic packaging to detect gases given off by food when it spoils. The packaging itself changes color to alert you to food gone bad.
- **Agriculture**
  - Food will be more tastier and healthier using nanaotechnology.[7]
  - Research is also being conducted to develop nanocapsules containing nutrients that would be released when nanosensors detect a vitamin deficiency in your body.
  - Researchers are also working on pesticides encapsulated in nanoparticles; that only release pesticide within an insect?s stomach, minimizing the contamination of plants themselves.
  - Another development being persued is a network of nanosensors and dispensers used throughout a food crop. The sensors recognize when a plant needs nutrients or water, before there is any sign that the plant is deficient. The dispensers then release fertilizer, nutrients, or water as needed, optimizing the growth of each plant in the field one by one.
- **Chemistry**
  - Nanoparticles can be used as catalyst for chemical reactions.
  - Nanotechnology can enable sensors to detect very small amounts of chemical vapors.[8]
  - ZnO nanowires may lead to better chemical sensors, high-speed electronics.[9]
  - Palladium nanoparticle hydrogen sensor.[10]
- **Semiconductor devices**
  - NEMS
  - OLED
  - Memory chips
  - Nanoemmissive display panel
  - 45 nm wide transistor gates
  - Magnetoresistive Random Access Memory (MRAM)
  - Nanoscale integrated circuits
- **Optics**
  - The first sunglasses using protective and antireflective ultrathin polymer coatings are on the market.
  - Nanotechnology also offers scratch resistant surface coatings based on nanocomposites.
  - Nano-optics could allow for an increase in precision of pupil repair and other types of laser eye surgery.
- **Textile**
  - The use of engineered nanofibers already makes clothes water- and stain-repellent or wrinkle-free.
  - Textiles with a nanotechnological finish can be washed less frequently and at lower temperatures.
  - Nanotechnology has been used to integrate tiny carbon particles membrane and guarantee full-surface protection from electrostatic charges for the wearer.
- **Consumer products**
  - Nanotechnology is now entered in almost all consumer products,for details see [11]



Number of products launched products launched vs categories
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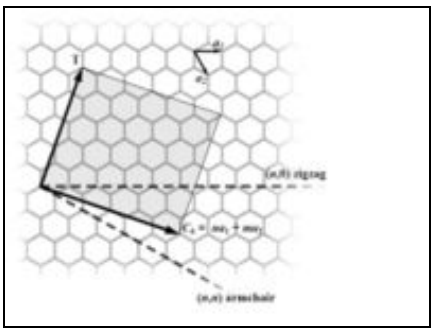
Carbon Nanotubes



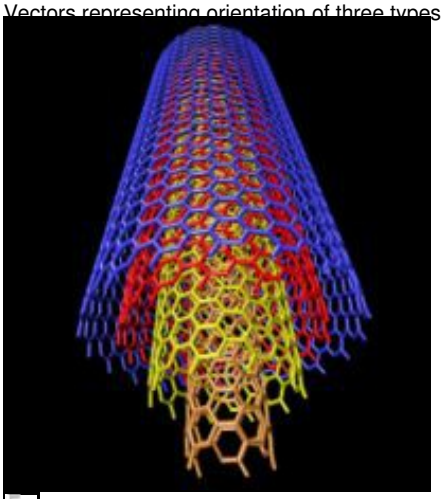
3D model of three types of single-walled carbon nanotubes
Carbon Nanotubes (CNT's) are cylindrical shaped allotrope of carbon with length to diameter ratio exceeding 1,000,000.

Such cylindrical carbon molecules have novel properties that make them potentially useful in many applications in nanotechnology, electronics, optics and other fields of materials science. They exhibit extraordinary strength and unique electrical properties, and are efficient conductors of heat.

Types



Vectors representing orientation of three types of Single-walled CNT's



A Double-walled CNT formed by multiple Single-walled CNTs

1. **Single-walled CNT's**: This type of nanotube can be formed by rolling Graphene sheet. Graphene is a single planar sheet of sp^2-bonded carbon atoms that are densely packed in a honeycomb crystal lattice. Types of Single-walled CNT's:
    - Zig-zag(n,0)
    - Armchair(n,n)
    - Chiral(2n,n)
2. **Multi-walled**: Multi-walled nanotubes(MWNT) consist of multiple layers of graphite rolled in on themselves to form a tube shape.
3. **Fullerite**: Fullerites are the solid-state manifestation of fullerenes and related compounds and materials. Being highly incompressible nanotube forms, polymerized single-walled nanotubes (P-SWNT) are a class of fullerites and are comparable to diamond in terms of hardness.
4. **Torus**: A nanotorus is a theoretically described carbon nanotube bent into a torus (doughnut shape).
5. **Nanobud**: The material fullerene-like "buds" are covalently bonded to the outer sidewalls of the underlying carbon nanotube. This hybrid material has useful properties of both fullerenes and carbon nanotubes.

Properties

- **Physical Properties**

Material	**Young?s modulus** (GPa)	**Tensile Strength** (GPa)	**Density** (g/cm3)
Single wall nanotube	1054	150	N/A
Multi wall nanotube	1200	150	2.6
Steel	208	0.4	7.8
Epoxy	3.5	0.005	1.25
Wood	16	0.008	0.6

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- **Electrical Properties**: Because of the symmetry and unique electronic structure of graphene, the structure of a nanotube strongly affects its electrical properties. For a given (n,m) nanotube, if n ? m is a multiple of 3, then the nanotube is metallic, otherwise the nanotube is a semiconductor. Thus all armchair (n=m) nanotubes are metallic, and nanotubes (5,0), (6,4), (9,1), etc. are semiconducting. In theory, metallic nanotubes can have an electrical current density more than 1,000 times greater than metals such as silver and copper.

Method of fabrication

- **Arc discharge**: It is the simplest and most commonly used method of producing Carbon nanotubes. This method creates CNTs through arc-vaporization of two carbon rods placed end to end, separated by approximately 1mm, in an enclosure that is usually filled with inert gas (helium, argon) at low pressure (between 50 and 700 mbar).
- **Laser ablation**: In 1996, a dual-pulsed laser vaporization technique was developed, which produced SWNTs in gram quantities and yields of >70wt% purity. Samples were prepared by laser vaporization of graphite rods with a 50:50 catalyst mixture of Co and Ni (particle size ~1um) at 1200oC in flowing argon, followed by heat treatment in a vacuum at 1000oC to remove the C60 and other fullerenes.
- **Chemical vapor deposition (CVD)**:Large amounts of CNTs can be formed by catalytic CVD of acetylene over Co and Fe catalysts supported on silica or zeolite.

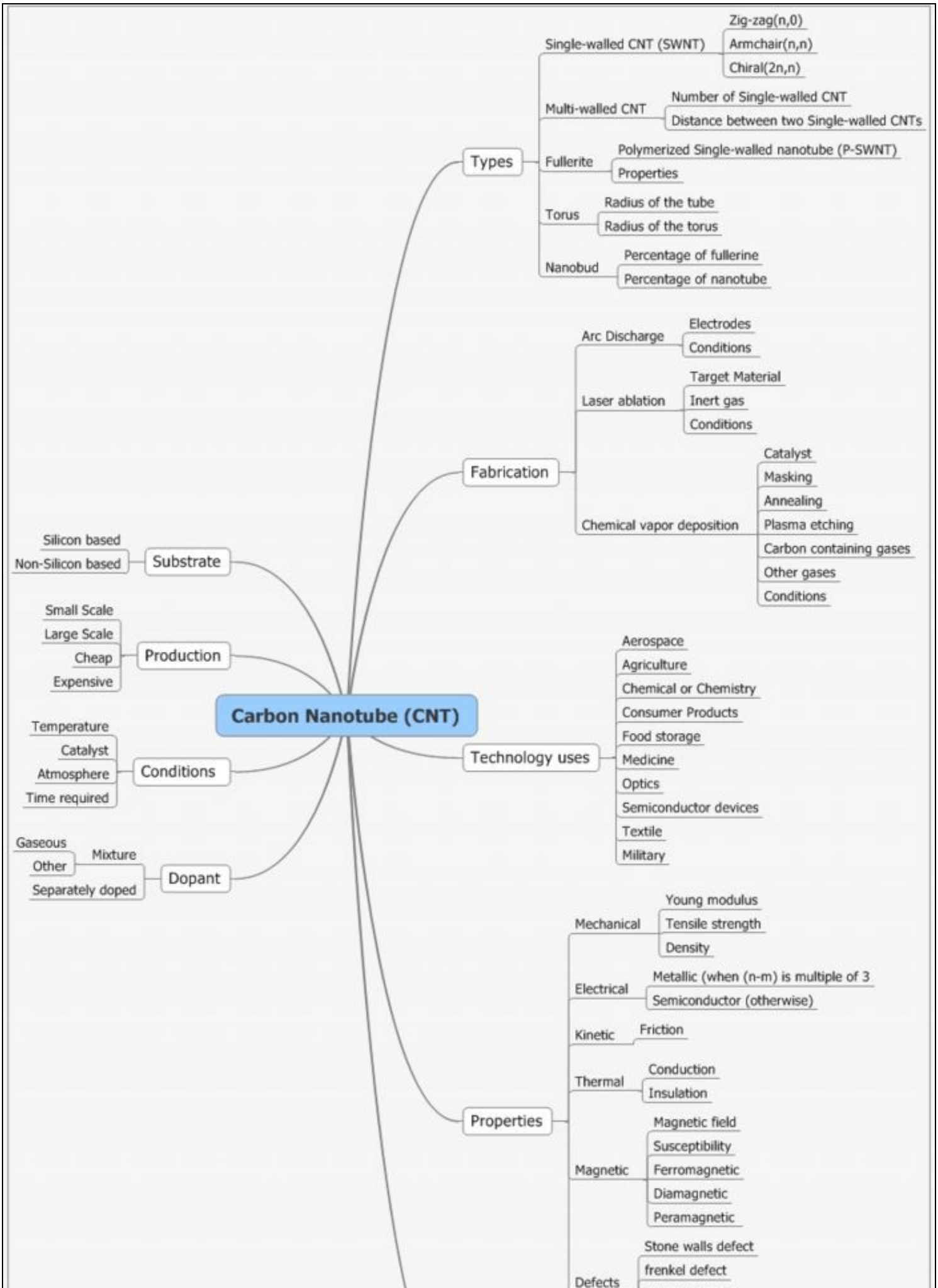
Application of Carbon nanotubes

- **Polymer Composites**: The first realized major commercial application of MWNTs is their use as electrically conducting components in polymer composites.Depending on the polymer matrix, conductivities of 0.01 to 0.1 S/cm can be obtained for 5% loading; much lower conductivity levels suffice for dissipating electrostatic charge. The low loading levels and the nanofiber morphology of the MWNTs allow electronic conductivity to be achieved while avoiding or minimizing degradation of other performance aspects, such as mechanical properties and the low melt flow viscosity needed for thin-wall molding applications.
- **Electrochemical devices**: Because of the high electrochemically accessible surface area of porous nanotube arrays, combined with their high electronic conductivity and useful mechanical properties, these materials are attractive as electrodes for devices that use electrochemical double-layer charge injection.

- **Hydrogen storage**: Nanotubes have been long heralded as potentially useful for hydrogen storage (for example, for fuel cells that power electric vehicles or laptop computers).
- **Field emission devices**: Industrial and academic research activity on electronic devices has focused principally on using SWNTs and MWNTs as field emission electron sources for flat panel displays, lamps, gas discharge tubes providing surge protection, and x-ray and microwave generators.
- **Nanometer-sized electronic devices**:
- **Sensors and probes**: Possible chemical sensor applications of nonmetallic nanotubes are interesting, because nanotube electronic transport and thermopower (voltages between junctions caused by interjunction temperature differences) are very sensitive to substances that affect the amount of injected charge.The main advantages are the minute size of the nanotube sensing element and the correspondingly small amount of material required for a response.

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Taxonomy for Carbon nanotubes


Carbon Nanotube (CNT)
Types
Single-walled CNT (SWNT)
Zig-zag(n,0)
Armchair(n,n)
Chiral(2n,n)
Multi-walled CNT
Number of Single-walled CNT
Distance between two Single-walled CNTs
Fullerite
Polymerized Single-walled nanotube (P-SWNT)
Properties
Torus
Radius of the tube
Radius of the torus
Nanobud
Percentage of fullerine
Percentage of nanotube
Fabrication
Arc Discharge
Electrodes
Conditions
Laser ablation
Target Material
Inert gas
Conditions
Chemical vapor deposition
Catalyst
Masking
Annealing
Plasma etching
Carbon containing gases
Other gases
Conditions
Technology uses
Aerospace
Agriculture
Chemical or Chemistry
Consumer Products
Food storage
Medicine
Optics
Semiconductor devices
Textile
Military
Properties
Mechanical
Young modulus
Tensile strength
Density
Electrical
Metallic (when (n-m) is multiple of 3
Semiconductor (otherwise)
Kinetic
Friction
Thermal
Conduction
Insulation
Magnetic
Magnetic field
Susceptibility
Ferromagnetic
Diamagnetic
Peramagnetic
Defects
Stone walls defect
frenkel defect
Substrate
Silicon based
Non-Silicon based
Production
Small Scale
Large Scale
Cheap
Expensive
Conditions
Temperature
Catalyst
Atmosphere
Time required
Dopant
Gaseous
Mixture
Other
Separately doped



Map categorization for CNT

Interactive taxonomy for Carbon nanotubes

Use the mouse(click and drag/scroll up or down/click on nodes) to explore nodes in the detailed taxonomy
Click on the red arrow on the side of a node name to view the content for that particular node in the dashboard

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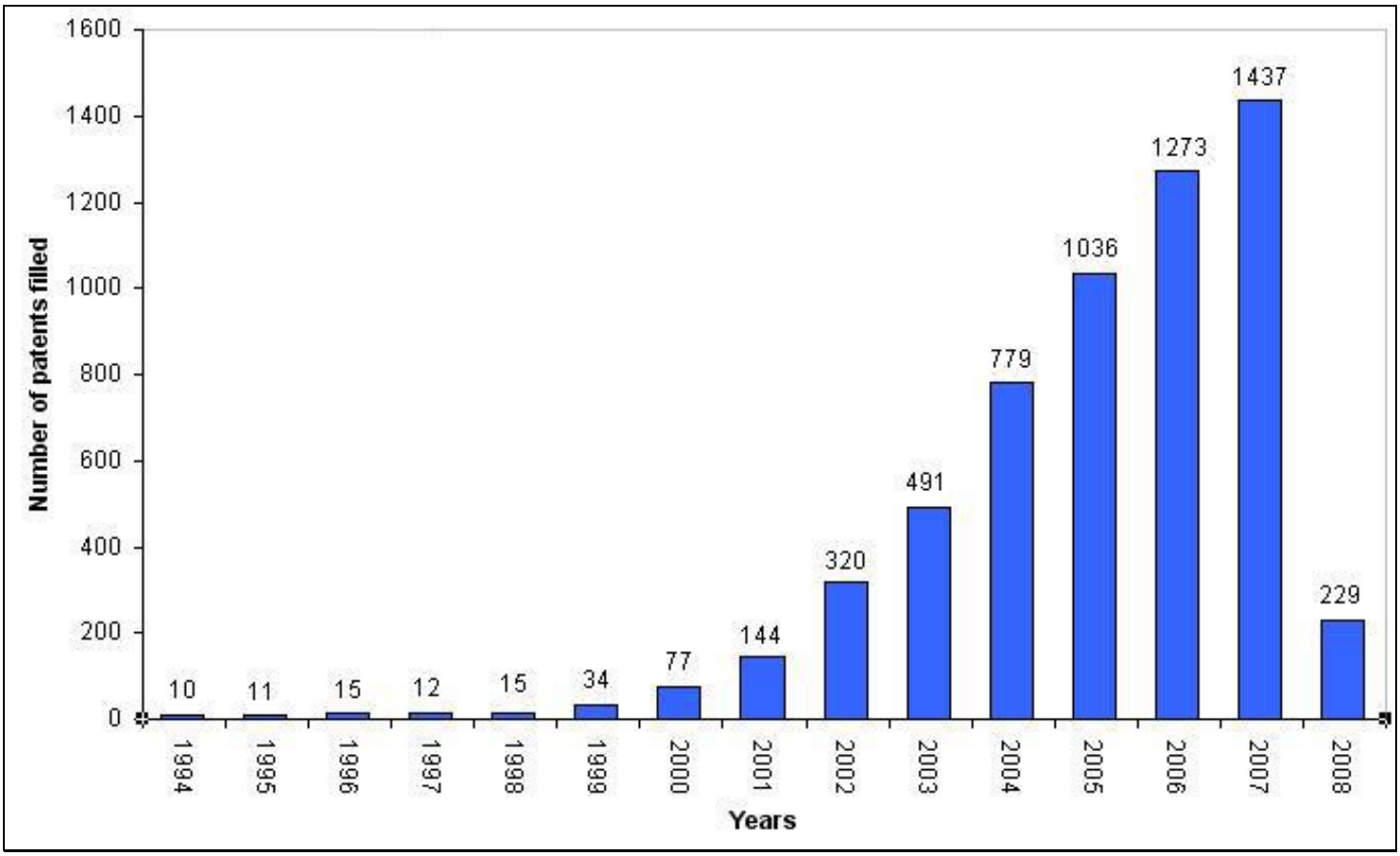
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Top ongoing projects on CNT's

- The Ajayan group is using carbon nanotubes as templates and molds for fabricating nanowires, composites, and novel ceramic fibers.[12]
- Dai group discovered how to grow nanotubes in specific directions and orientations on substrates using a chemical vapor deposition process.[13]
- Smalley group is developing methods of production, purification, derivitization, analysis, and assembly of nanotubes to solve real world problems. [14]
- Sun Research group is researching on polymeric nanocomposite materials based on carbon nanotubes and semiconductor and metal nanoparticles. [15]
- Accelerator Laboratory, the University of Helsinki is researching on Ion irradiation as a tool for studying and modifying properties of carbon nanotubes.[16]

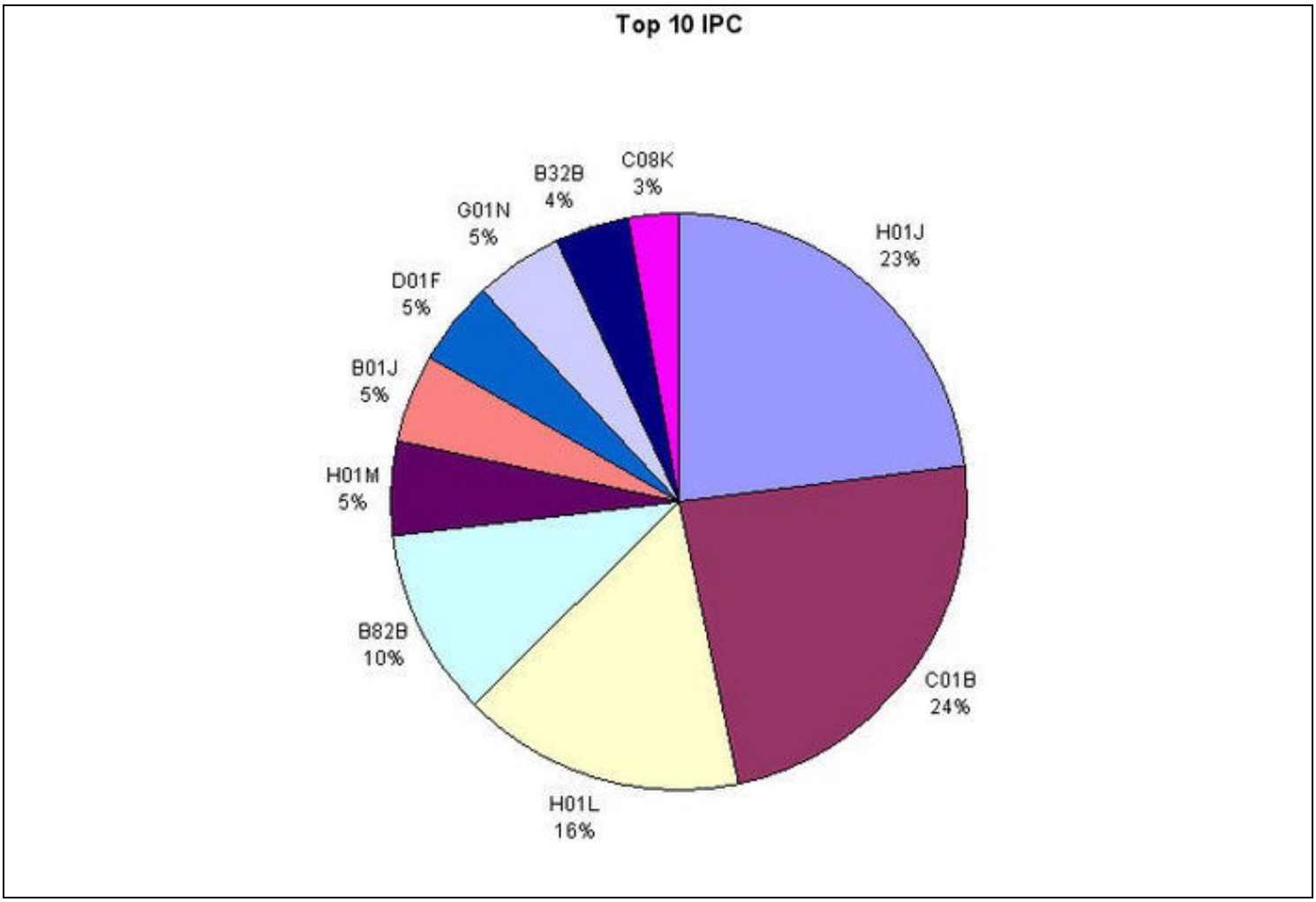
IP Activity on carbon nanotubes

- Number of patents filled on nanotubes are increasing exponentially by years.
- Last year i.e 2007, around 1450 patents are filed in this field.



IP Activity by year

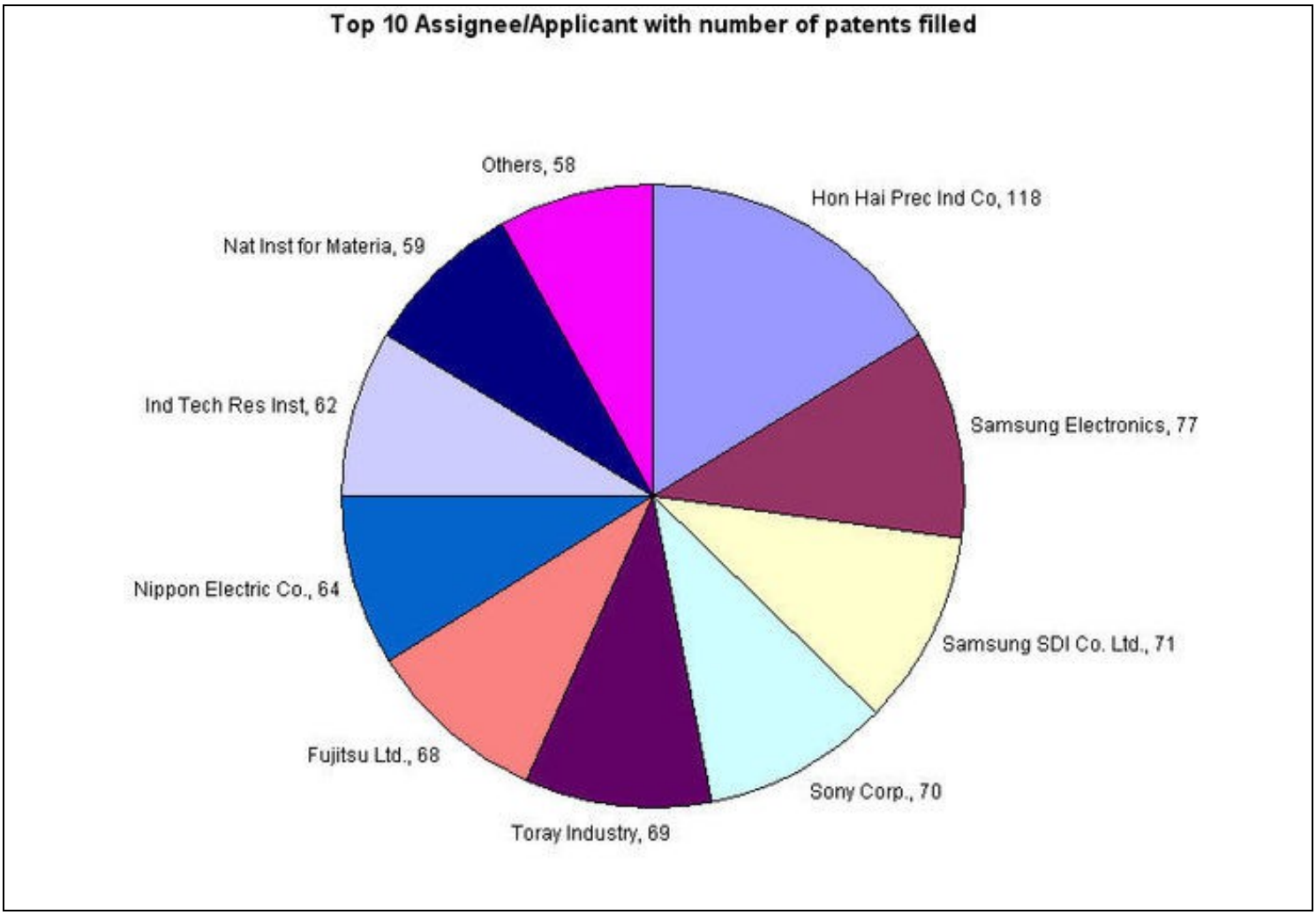
- Major IPC classes with description is given.



Top IPC

S. no.	IPC Classification	Description
1	H01J	ELECTRIC DISCHARGE TUBES OR DISCHARGE LAMPS
2	C01B	NON-METALLIC ELEMENTS AND THEIR COMPOUNDS
3	H01L	SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND ELECTRIC SOLID STATE DEVICES
4	B82B	NANOTECHNOLOGY
5	H01M	BATTERIES OR FOR THE DIRECT CONVERSION OF CHEMICAL ENERGY INTO ELECTRICAL ENERGY
6	B01J	CHEMICAL OR PHYSICAL PROCESSES, e.g. CATALYSIS, COLLOID CHEMISTRY AND THEIR RELEVANT APPARATUS
7	D01F	CHEMICAL FEATURES IN THE MANUFACTURE OF ARTIFICIAL FILAMENTS, THREADS, FIBRES, BRISTLES, OR RIBBONS AND APPARATUS SPECIALLY ADAPTED FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF CARBON FILAMENTS
8	G01N	INVESTIGATING OR ANALYSING MATERIALS BY DETERMINING THEIR CHEMICAL OR PHYSICAL PROPERTIES
9	B32B	LAYERED PRODUCTS, i.e. PRODUCTS BUILT-UP OF STRATA OF FLAT OR NON-FLAT, e.g. CELLULAR OR HONEYCOMB, FORM
10	C08K	USE OF INORGANIC OR NON-MACROMOLECULAR ORGANIC SUBSTANCES AS COMPOUNDING INGREDIENTS

- Hon Hai Precision Industry Company leads the number of patent filing by a great margin with their competitors.
- Samsung Electronics and Samsung SDI Co. Ltd. together contributes 148 patents.



Top Assignee

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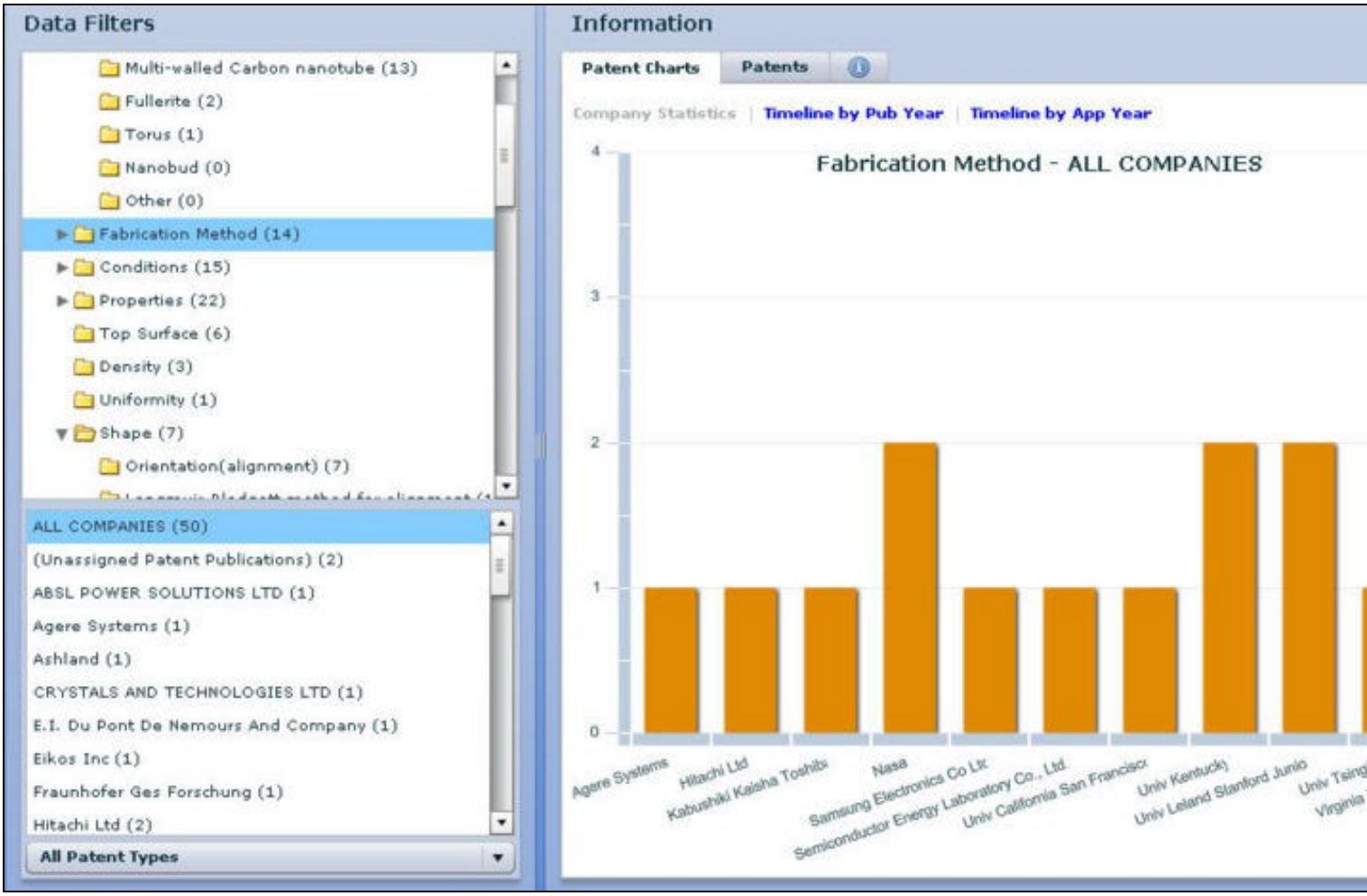
Sample Analysis

- Below is the link for sample spreadsheet analysis for Carbon nanotubes.

Sample analysis on carbon nanotubes

Dashboard

Dashboard Snapshots


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Multi-walled Carbon nanotube (13)
Fullerite (2)
Torus (1)
Nanobud (0)
Other (0)
Fabrication Method (14)
Conditions (15)
Properties (22)
Top Surface (6)
Density (3)
Uniformity (1)
Shape (7)
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Ashland (1)
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Nasa
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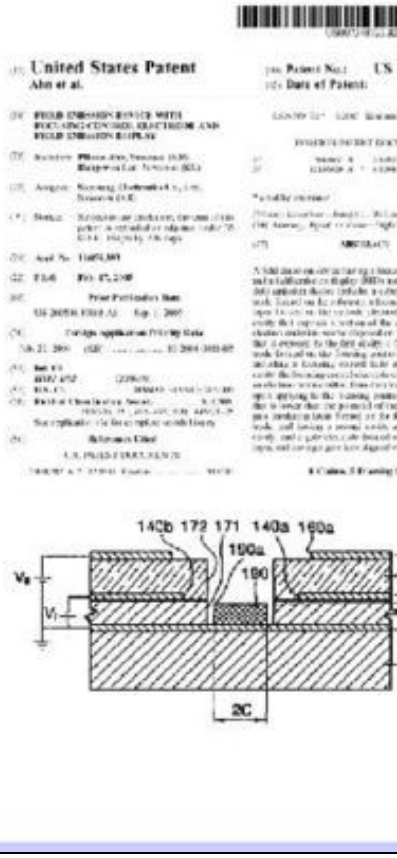
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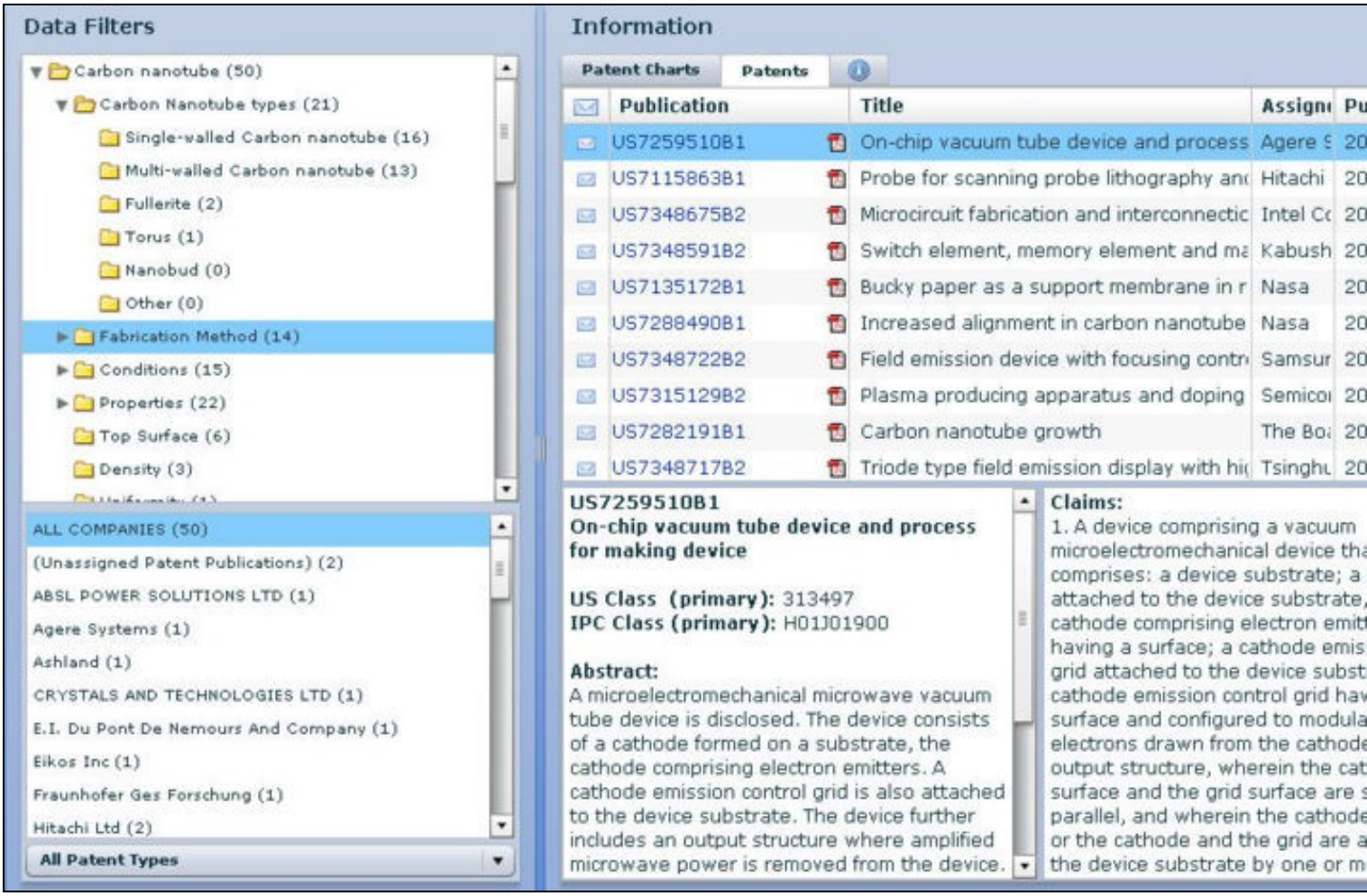
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Patent Charts | **Patents**

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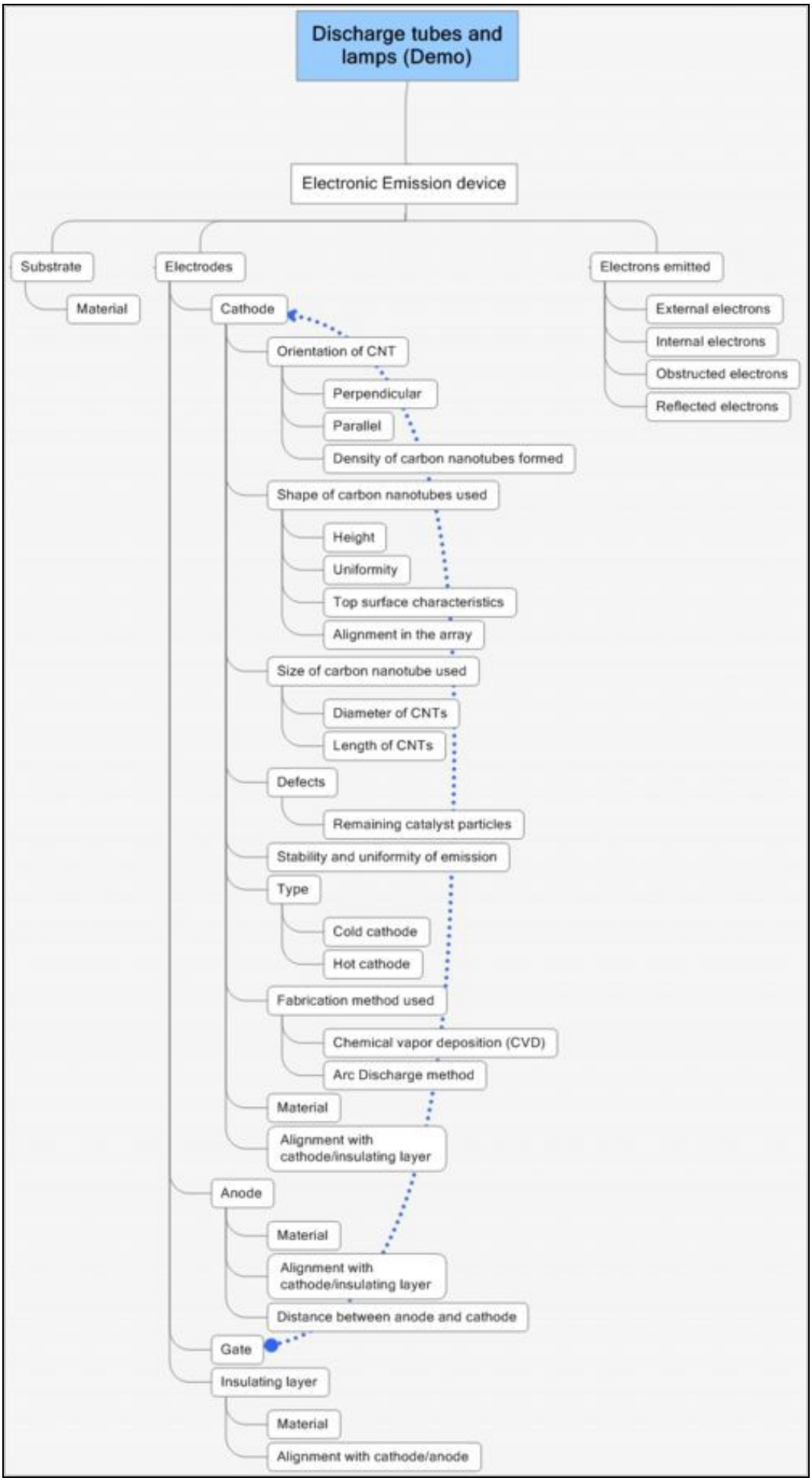


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Dashboard for CNTs

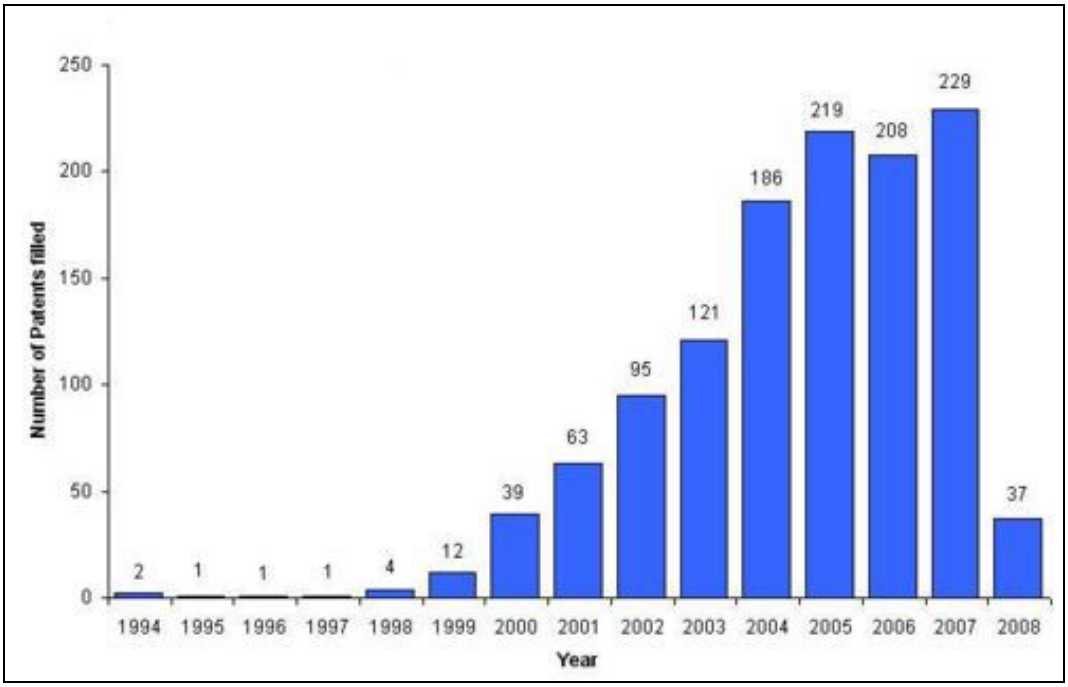
Carbon nanotube in Electric discharge tubes and discharge lamps (IPC H01J)

IP Map

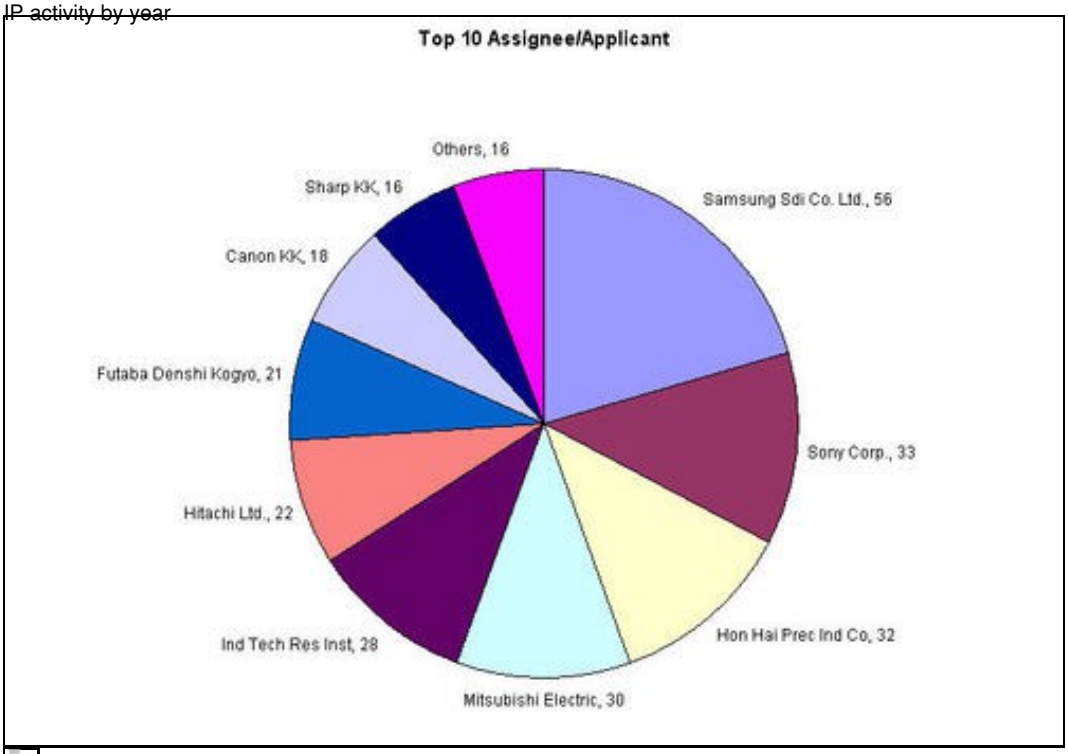

Discharge tubes and lamps (Demo)
Electronic Emission device
Substrate
Material
Electrodes
Cathode
Orientation of CNT
Perpendicular
Parallel
Density of carbon nanotubes formed
Shape of carbon nanotubes used
Height
Uniformity
Top surface characteristics
Alignment in the array
Size of carbon nanotube used
Diameter of CNTs
Length of CNTs
Defects
Remaining catalyst particles
Stability and uniformity of emission
Type
Cold cathode
Hot cathode
Fabrication method used
Chemical vapor deposition (CVD)
Arc Discharge method
Material
Alignment with cathode/insulating layer
Anode
Material
Alignment with cathode/insulating layer
Distance between anode and cathode
Gate
Insulating layer
Material
Alignment with cathode/anode
Electrons emitted
External electrons
Internal electrons
Obstructed electrons
Reflected electrons

Map for electron emitter devices

IP Activity on carbon nanotubes in Electric discharge tubes and discharge lamps



IP activity by year



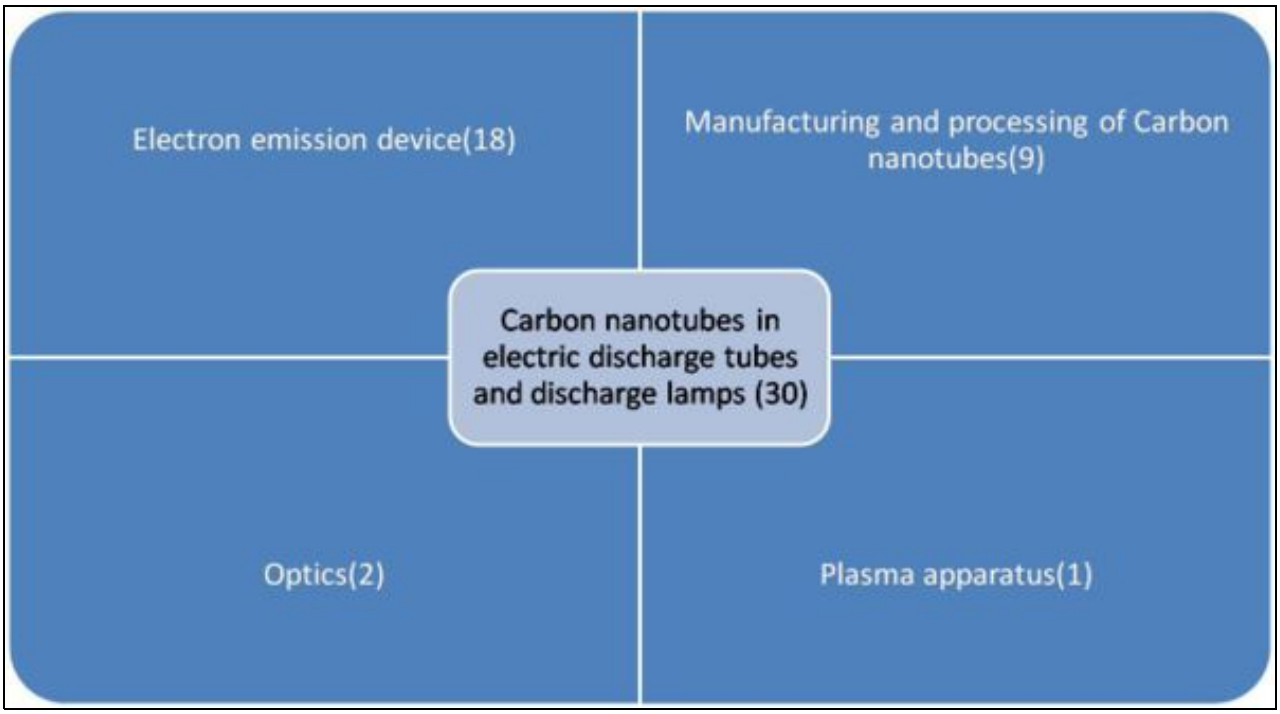
Top Assignee

Analysis

S.no	Patent/Publication No.	Assignee / Applicant	Title	Description of the device	Use of CNT in it	Technology Area
1	US7336028B2	Samsung SDI Co., Ltd.	Electron emission device having multi-layered gate electrode structure	A multilayered electron emission device is described with a predetermined gap between the electrodes.	Electron emission sources can be made up of CNTs.	Electron emission device
2	US7315129B2	Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co.,	Plasma producing apparatus and doping apparatus	A plasma chamber anad plasma appratus is described with two	CNTs are on the surface of the cathode electrode.	Plasma Appratus

		Ltd.		electrodes and sustrate and CNTs.		
3	US7307432B2	Yokogawa Electric Corporation	Electron beam generating apparatus and optical sampling apparatus using the same	Optical sampling appratus with electrodes with deflection electrode and charge detection section.	Cathode is comprising of carbon nanotubes.	Optical sampling appratus.
4	US7306503B2	Canon Kabushiki Kaisha	Method and apparatus of fixing carbon fibers on a substrate using an aerosol deposition process	Appratus for manufacturing substate with carbon nanotubes in it.	Arc dischage method is involved for producing CNTs and hence forming it on substrate.	Manufacturing and Processing of CNT?s
5	US7259510B1	Agere Systems Inc.	On-chip vacuum tube device and process for making device	Microwave vacuum tube is described with electrodes and CNTs.	Cathode is comprising of carbon nanotubes.	Electron emission device
6	US7232987B2	None	Instrument and method to measure available light energy for photosynthesis	A device to calculate and filter amout of light required and available for photosynthesis of plants.	Photovoltaic material is made up of carbon nanotubes.	Optical Instrument
7	US7161148B1	Crystals and Technologies, Ltd.	Tip structures, devices on their basis, and methods for their preparation	A tip structure for an electron emissive device or a scanning probe device is described.	At least one link of the tip structure is made up of Carbon naotubes.	Electron emission device
8	US7175494B1	c D r e a m Corporation	Forming carbon nanotubes at lower temperatures suitable for an electron-emitting device	An electron emission device is described comprising of carbon nanotubes.	Carbon nanotubes are manufactured at 300° C. to 500° C which makes them compatible with the thermal stress of the underlying substrate.	Electron emission device
9	US7161286B2	Tsinghua University | Hon Hai Precision Ind. Co., Ltd.	Carbon nanotube array and method for making same	A carbon nanotube-based device is described which includes a substrate and number of catalytic nano-sized particles.	Carbon nanotubes are manufactured on the substrate.	Manufacturing and Processing of CNT?s
10	US7145528B2	Canon Kabushiki Kaisha	Display device and driving and controlling method therefor	A display device with display panel is described and use of electron emitters.	Cathode is comprising of carbon nanotubes.	Electron emission device
11	US7115863B1	Hitachi, Ltd.	Probe for scanning probe lithography and making method thereof	A probe of scanning probe lithography is described	Shaft of the probe is made up of Carbon nanaotubes.	Manufacturing and Processing of CNT?s

Sample Analysis on use of Carbon nanotubes in discharge tubes and discharge lamps

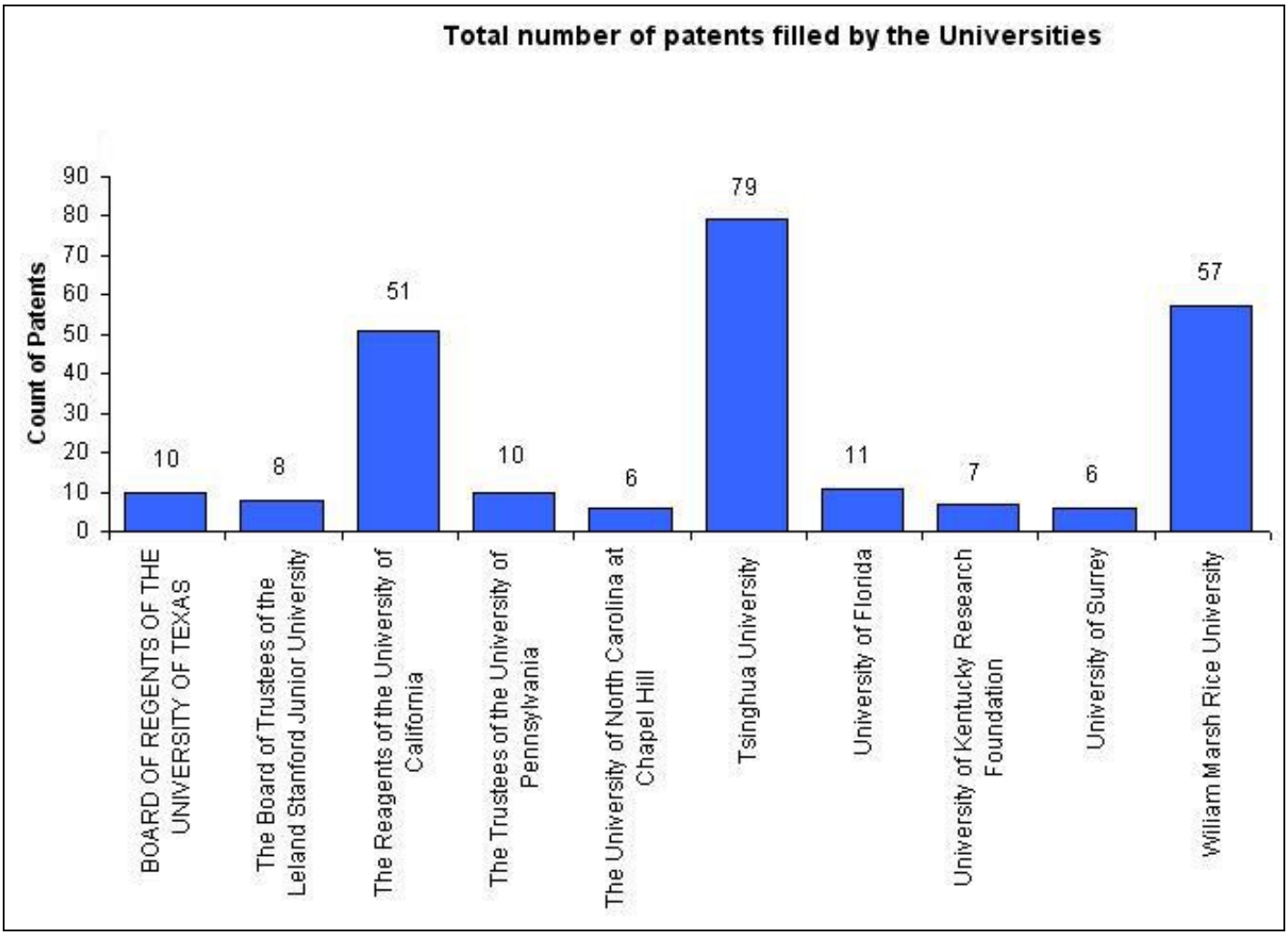


Sample Analysis for discharge tubes and discharge lamps patents(30 patents)

Key Players

Universities

- Universities play an important role in research and that's why it needs to be analyzed.
- Only 245 patents are filled by the universities research division.
- But companies are dependent on them for research activities.
- The analysis will give the insight of most involved university in terms of research on Carbon nanotubes.



Number of patents by universities in Carbon nanotubes area

Companies

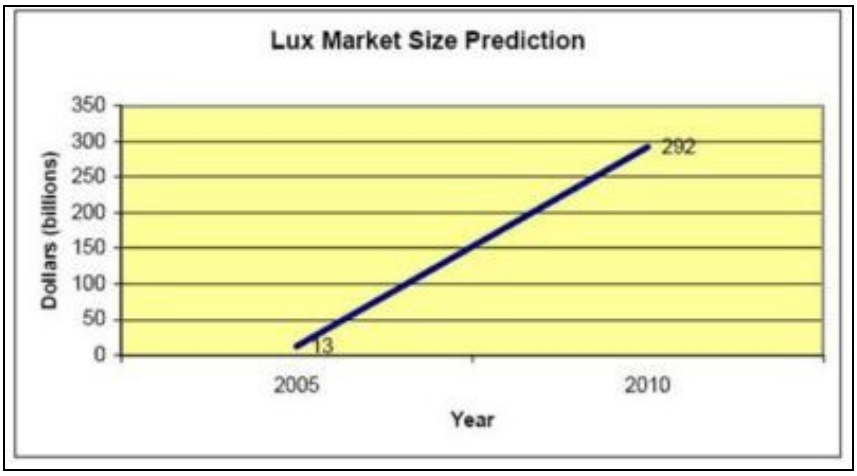
- Large number of companies are now moving into this area.
- A sizeable number of startups too are coming into the picture.

Top Companies	Number of patents filed
Hon Hai Prec Ind Co	118
Samsung Electronics	77
Samsung SDI Co. Ltd.	71
Sony Corp.	70
Toray Industry	69
Fujitsu Ltd.	68
Nippon Electric Co.	64
Ind Tech Res Inst	62
Nat Inst for Materia	59
Others	58

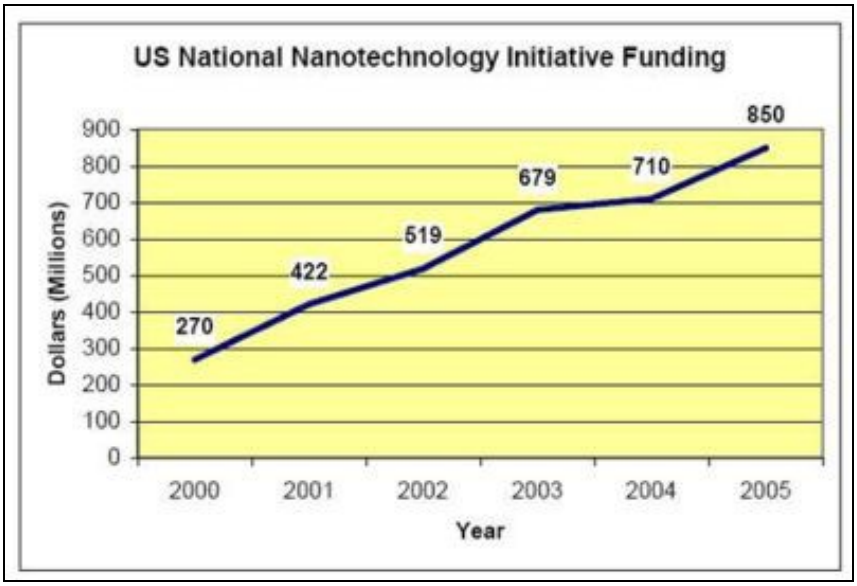
Market Research

Nanotechnology market

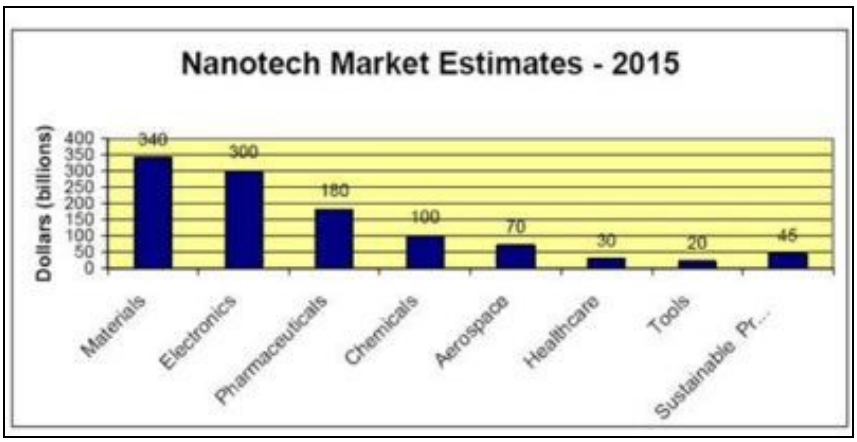
- Nanotechnology is a growing market.
- Lux Research (a market research company in nanotechnology) believes that market will reach from $13 billion in 2005 to $292 billion in 2010.
- In 2015 market for nano materials will reach to $340 billion and electronics market will reach to $300 billion.
- US nanotech funding has increased from $270 million to $850 million.



Predictions of market by Lux research



US funding



Market by different categories

Carbon Nanotubes market

- Market size will increase from $6 million in 2004 to $1,070 million in 2014.

NANOTUBES Markets are expected to grow significantly

$ MILLIONS	2004	2009	2014
TOTAL DEMAND	$6	$215	$1,070
BY TYPE			
Single-walled nanotubes	0	95	600
Multiwalled nanotubes	6	120	470
BY END USE			
Electronics	0	90	395
Automotive	1	31	165
Aerospace/Defense	0	10	65
Other	5	84	445
BY REGION			
U.S.	2	57	290
Western Europe	1	32	180
Asia/Pacific	3	113	500
Other	0	13	100

SOURCE: Freedonia Group



Carbon nanotubes market estimate

Published Papers

- Academic papers published on carbon nanotubes have been on the rise and patent filings have been keeping up with this upswing, says a review in the journal Science.
- According to the review, around 1,500 scientific papers were published in 2001 compared to about 1,100 in 2000 and around 700 in 1999.

Source

SWOT analysis on nanotechnology

Strength	Weakness
In nanomaterials research and development	Critical issues(ecological meltdown,poverty and disease)
In biomimetics research	Lack of planet friendly scorecard for research
In nanoelectronics and IT research including quantum computing	No clear technology transfer routes to the less developed world.
In nanophotovoltaic research	Fragmented research infrastructure
In nanosensors research and development	Nationally variable industry pull through
In strong industrial base in instrumentation	Variable incentives/cultures for supporting start-ups
In nanomedicine	Funding slow and bureaucratic
In cultural differences resulting in imaginative approaches to results	No wide support for individual genius
In the ability to work in teams	Academic research often lags industry
Acceleration of new company formation underway	Funding may be duplicated
Openness in developing and adopting environmentally friendly techniques	Lack of fiscal incentives for environmentally friendly techniques;also lack of legal incentives
Openness to developing technologies for the less developed regions	Critically slow emergence of technology from the research base
	Lack of skilled staff
Opportunities	**Threats**
The exploitation of planet and people friendly research	Brain drain in life sciences,electronics,software and engineering

Development of widely available technologies(sensors,renewable energy,medicine etc.)	Public backlash to nanotechnology
Creation of new technologies(medical and non-medical)	Too little,too late, of the technologies that matter
Reduction animal experimentation through cell-base toxicity testing	
Critical niche opportunities in areas such as lab-on-a-chip and sensor technology	

Conferences

- Major Conferences

S.no.	Conference	Location	Date	Email
1	Nanotech 2008 - 11th Annual NSTI Nanotechnology Conference and Trade Show	Boston,USA	1-5June, 2008	bfr@nsti.org
2	NanoEurope 2008	St.Gallen, Switzerland	16-17 Sep, 2008	joerg.guettinger@ncb.ch
3	Nanotech Northern Europe 2008	Copenhagen,Denmark	23-25 Sep, 2008	katriina.forsstrom@spinverse.com

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