

Manufacturing of 3D Carbon Nanotube Surfaces

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The skins of many plants and animals have intricate micro-scale surface features that give rise to properties such as directed water repellency and adhesion, resistance to fouling, and camouflage. However, engineered mimicry of these designs has been restrained by the tradeoff between complexity and throughput of top-down patterning processes, and the properties of the constituent synthetic materials. As a new platform for large-area surface engineering, we are exploring the use of aligned carbon nanotubes (CNTs), which can be fabricated by self-organization on substrates, and transformed into three-dimensional shapes using self-directed forces. I will present our recent research on the fabrication, mechanics, and potential applications of CNT surfaces, along with strategies for scalable manufacturing including electrostatic patterning of the catalyst material for CNT growth, and roll-to-roll chemical vapor deposition on flexible substrates...



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