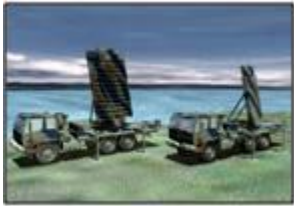


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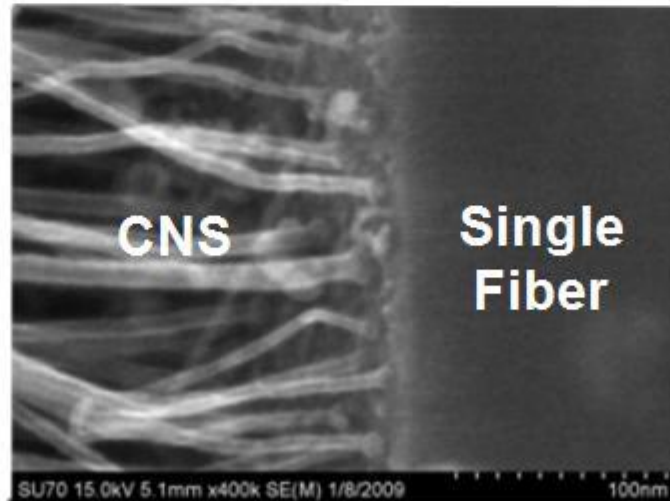
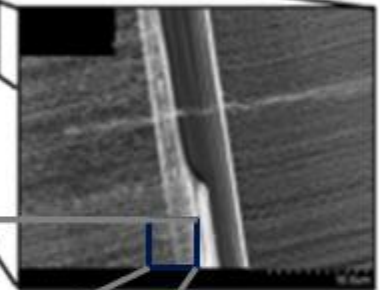
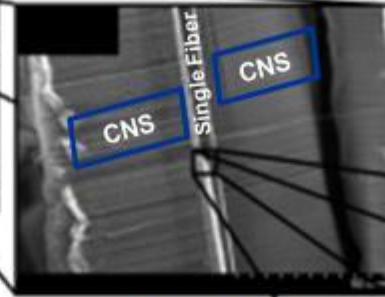
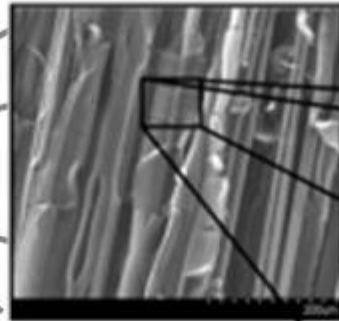
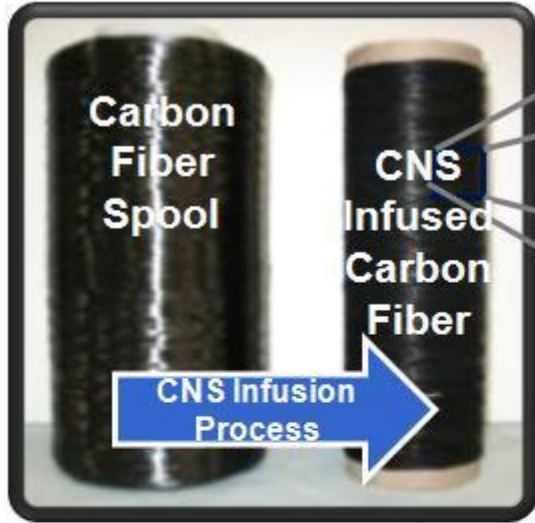
**2011**

**Dr. Tushar Shah – Chief Technology Officer**

# Carbon Nanostructure (CNS) Infusion

What's Different: CNS grown directly (infused) on surfaces

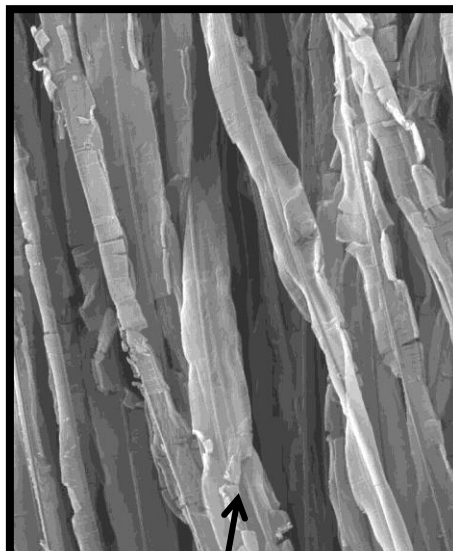
*... a continuous, in-line, production scalable process for glass, carbon ,ceramic , metals*



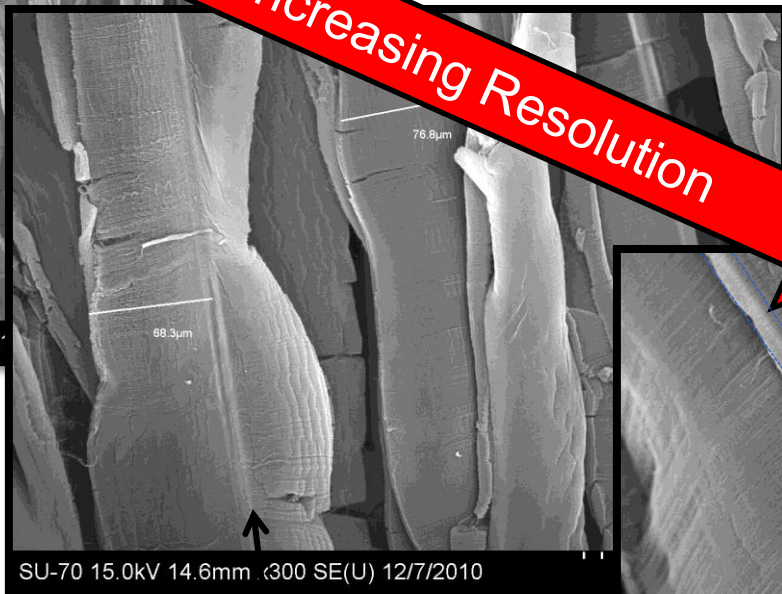
CNS Growth Directly On Surface of Substrate

# CNS General Appearance

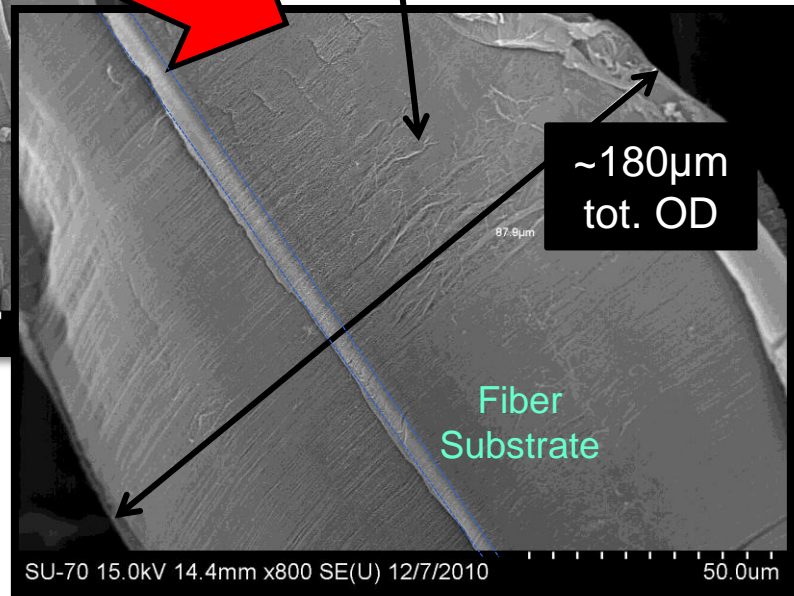
## SEM Images – CNS Infused on Fiber Substrate



Filaments Covered with CNS after Growth

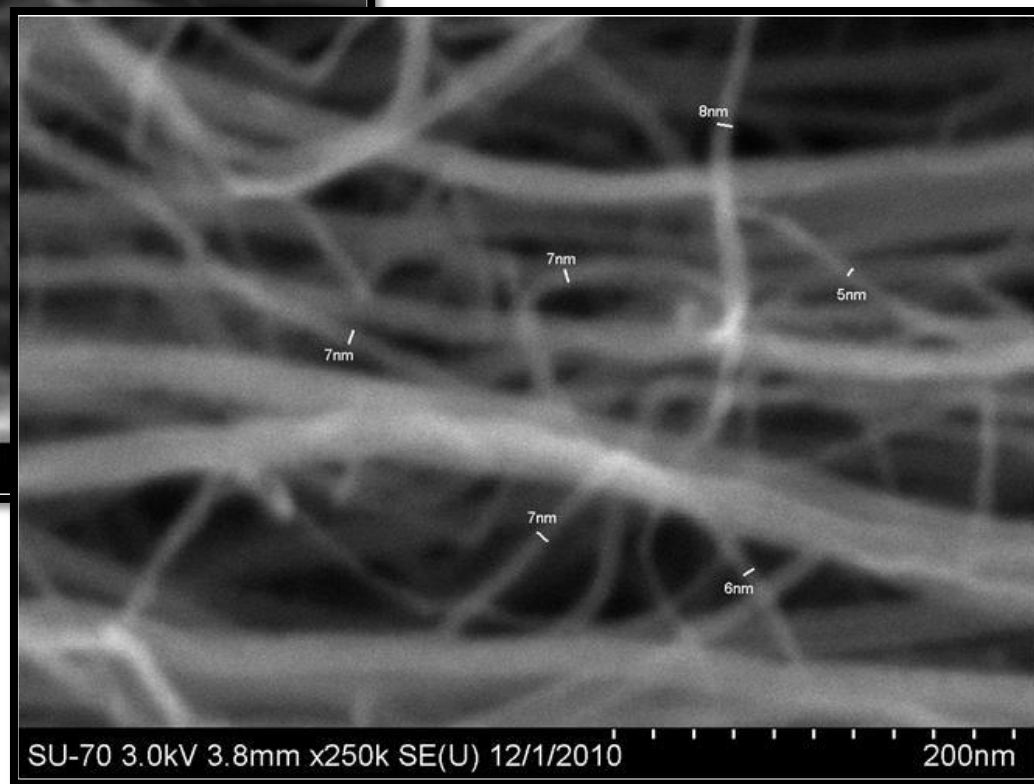
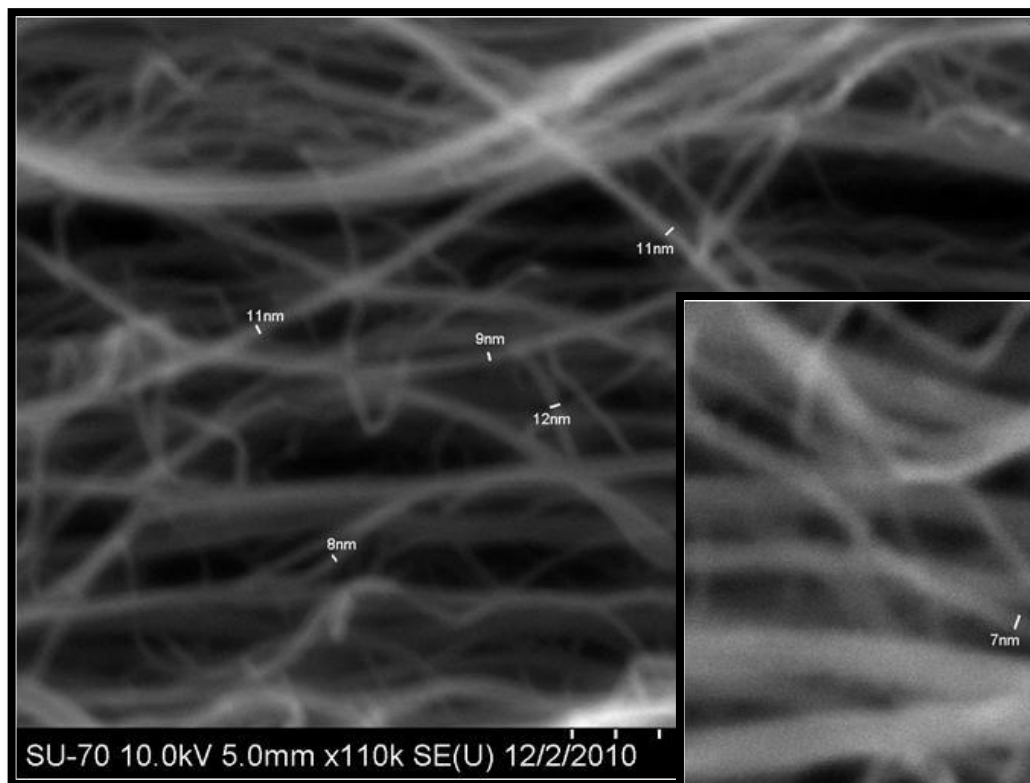


Individual Fiber Filament with CNS Coating



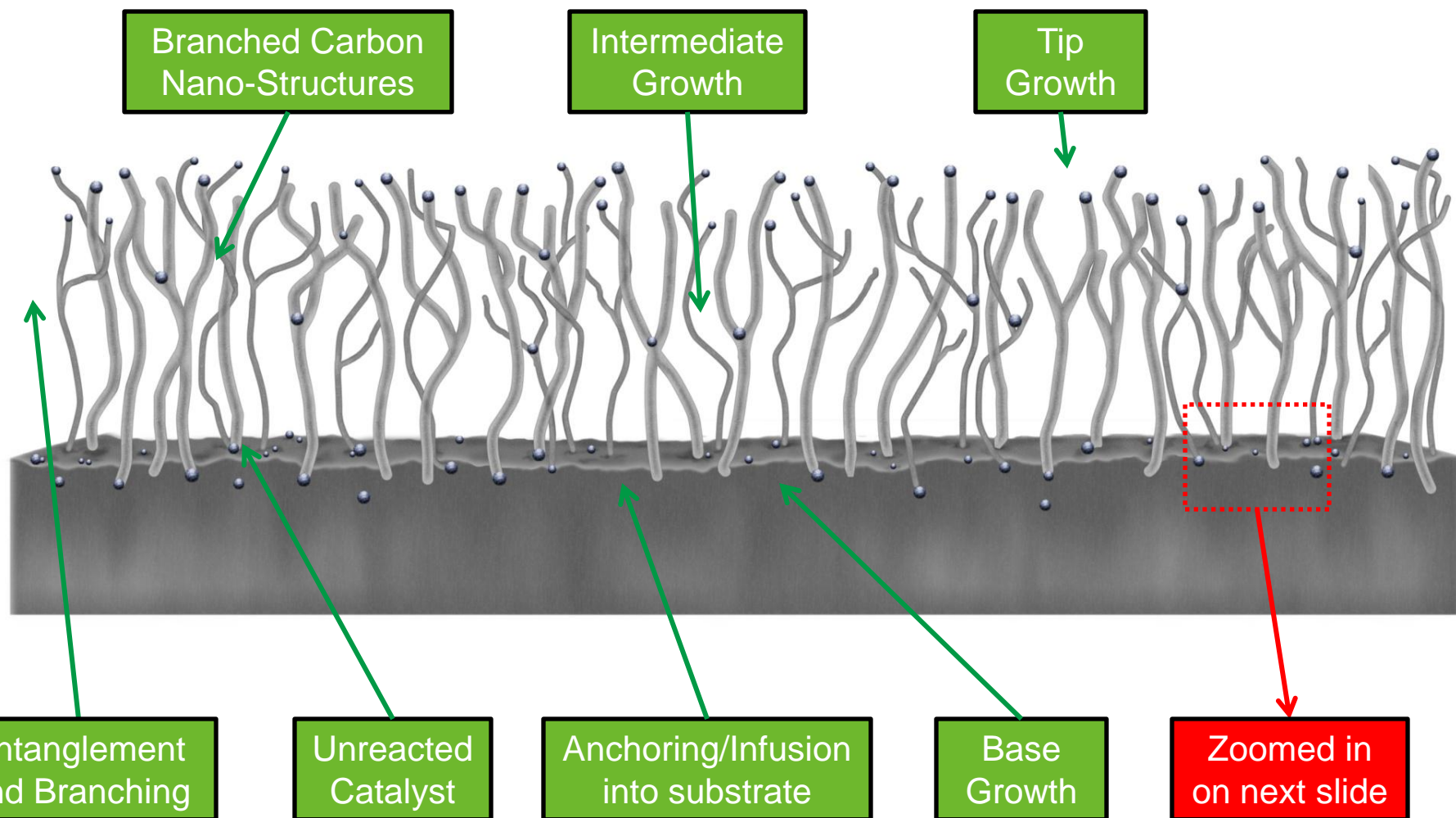
# CNS Sizing Characterization

## SEM Images – Diameter Measurements



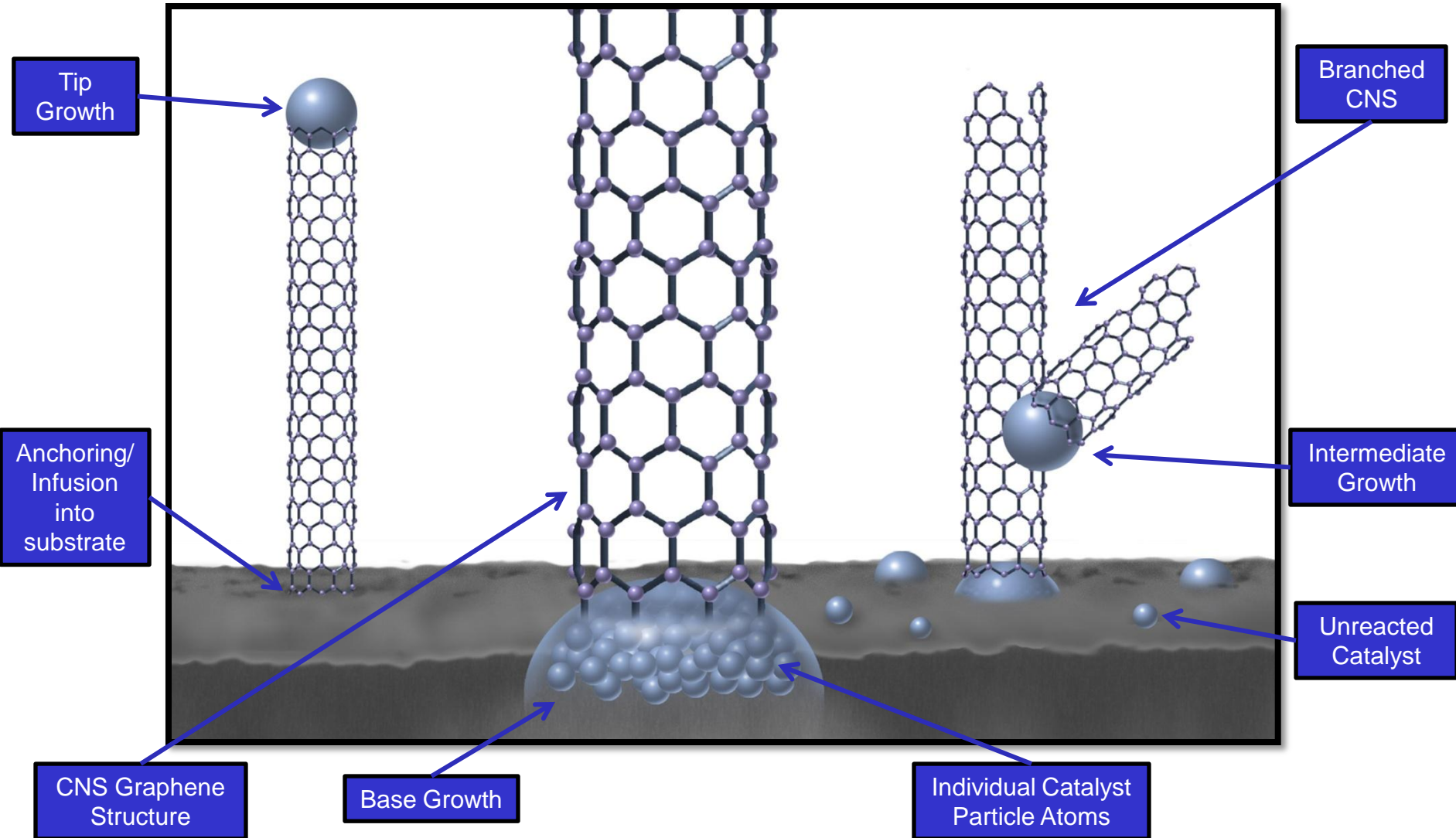
# CNS Definition

## Overall Structure Model



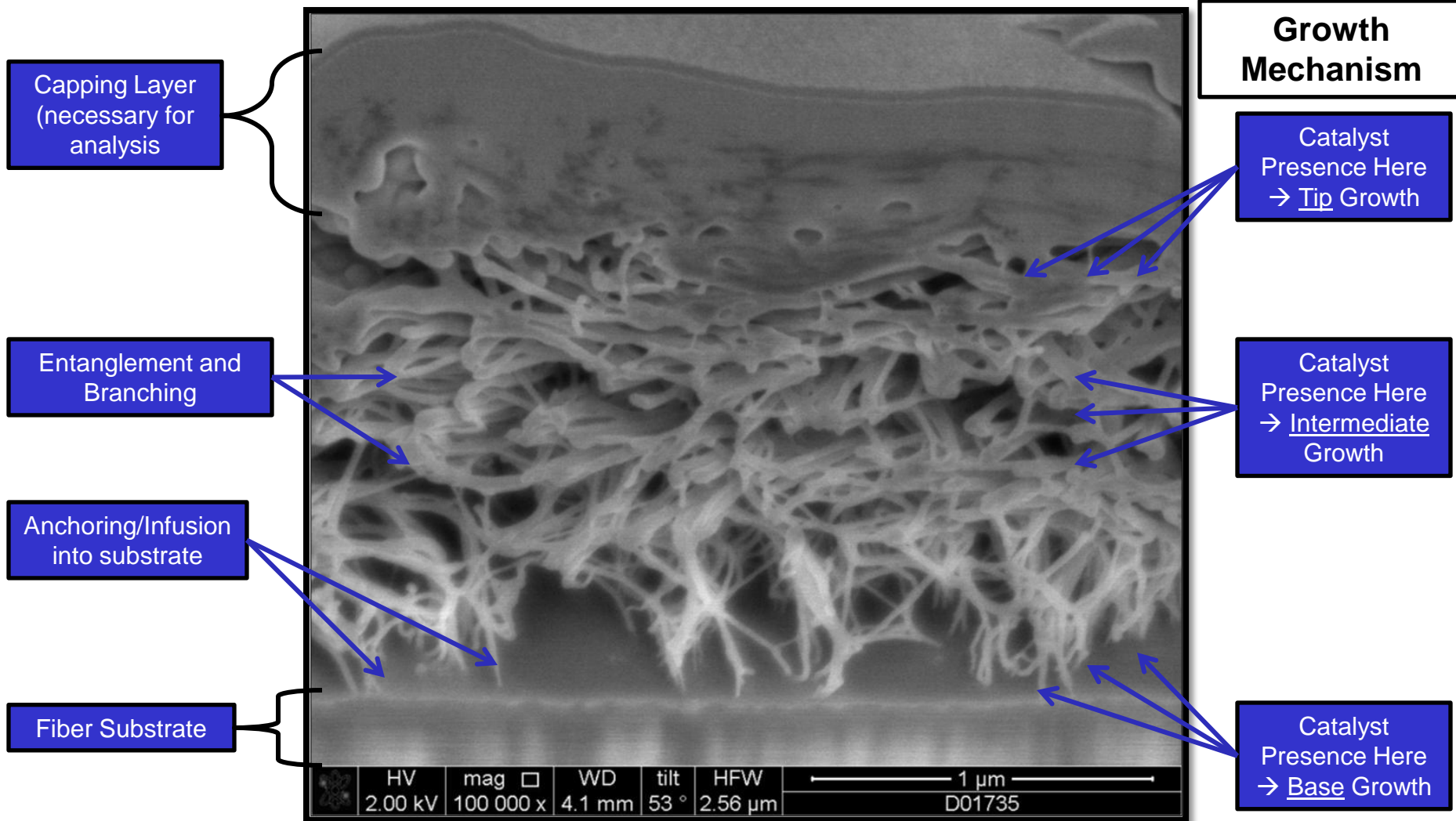
# CNS Definition

## Structure Model – High Resolution



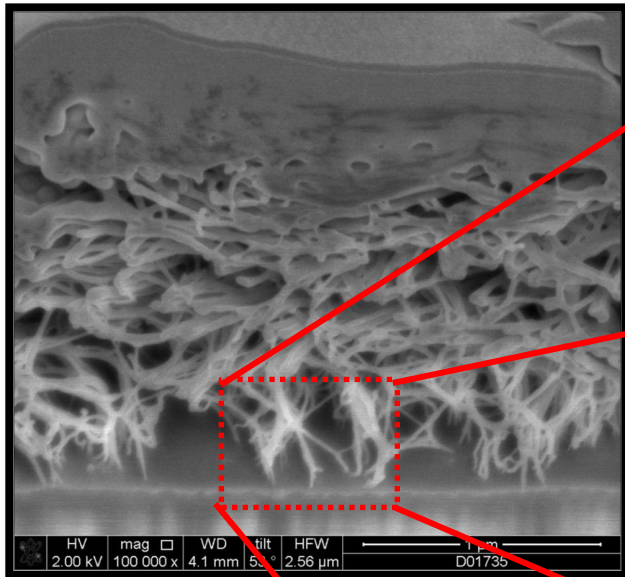
# CNS Structural Overview

High Resolution Cross-Section SEM Images

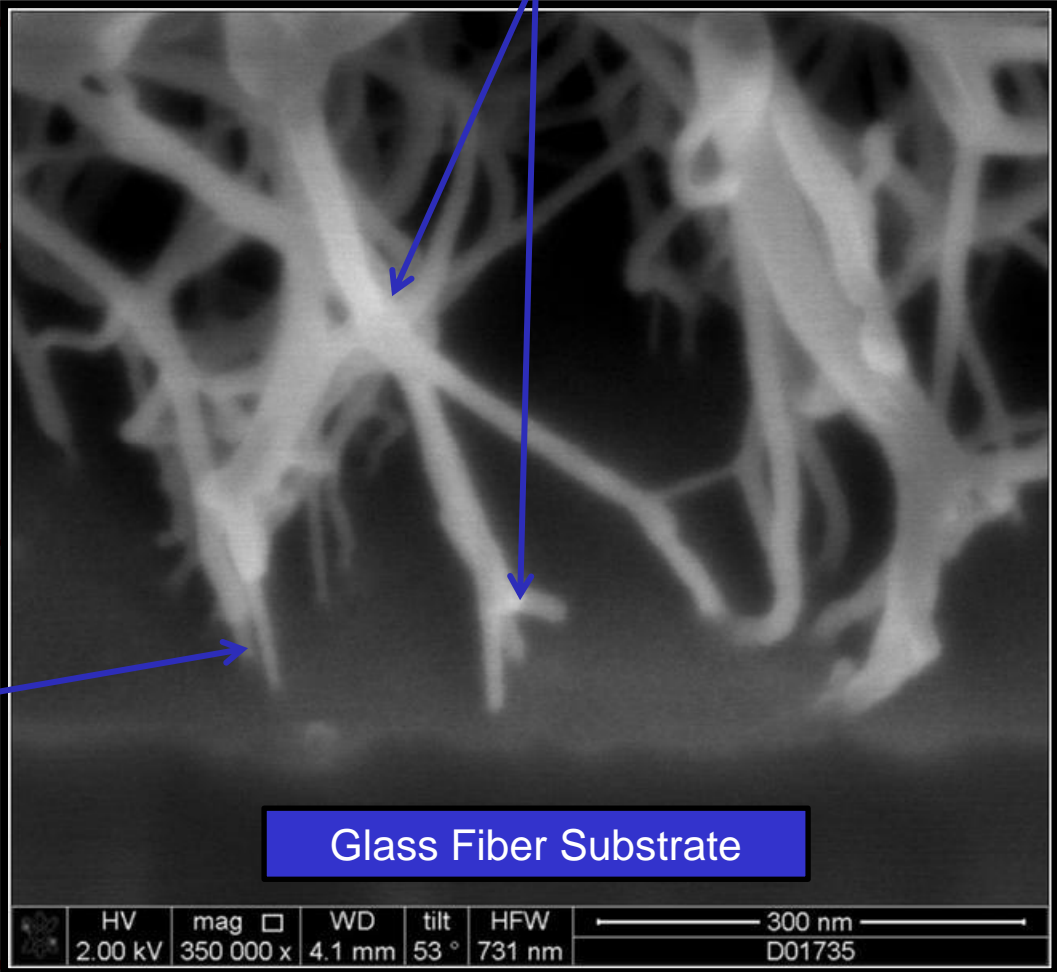


# CNS Branching and Anchorage

High Resolution Cross-Section SEM Images



Branched Carbon Nano-Structures



CNS anchored to filament surface

Glass Fiber Substrate

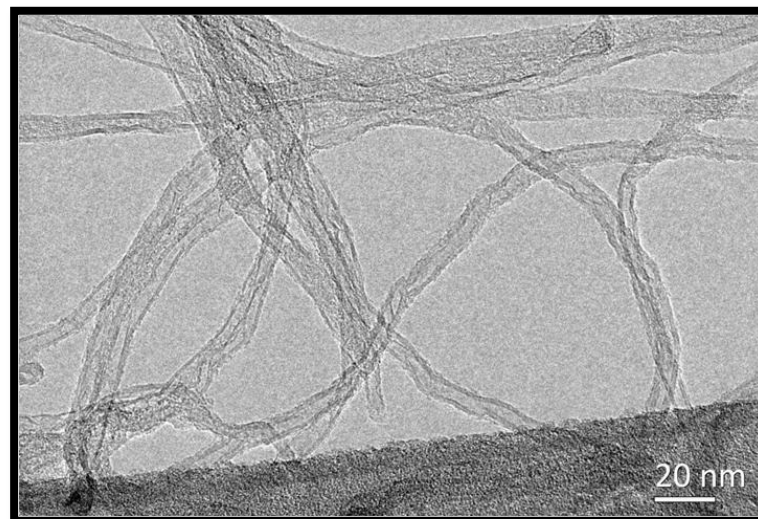
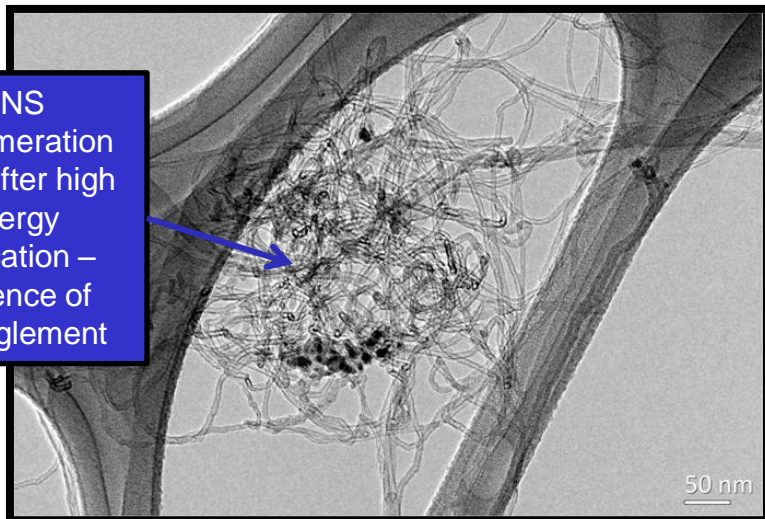
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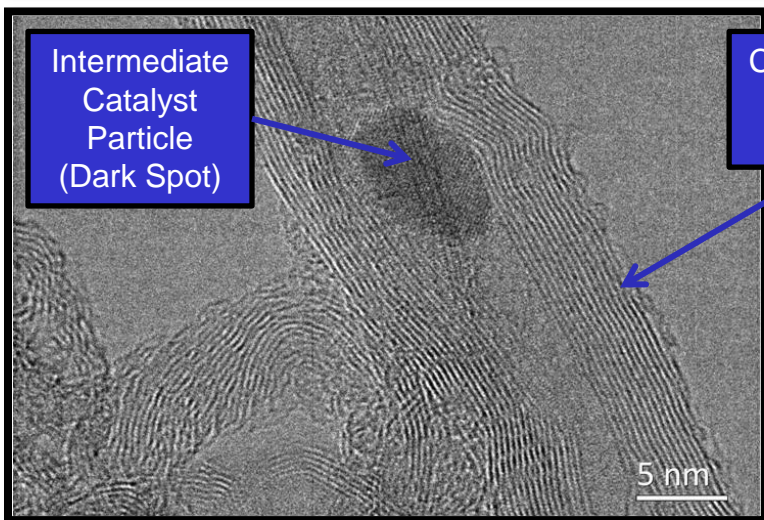
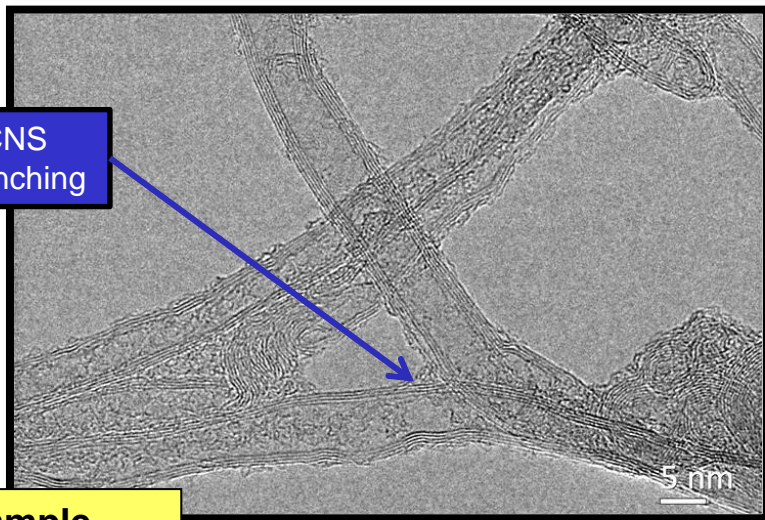
# CNS Branching and Entanglement

High Resolution TEM Images

CNS  
Agglomeration  
even after high  
energy  
sonication –  
evidence of  
entanglement



CNS  
Branching



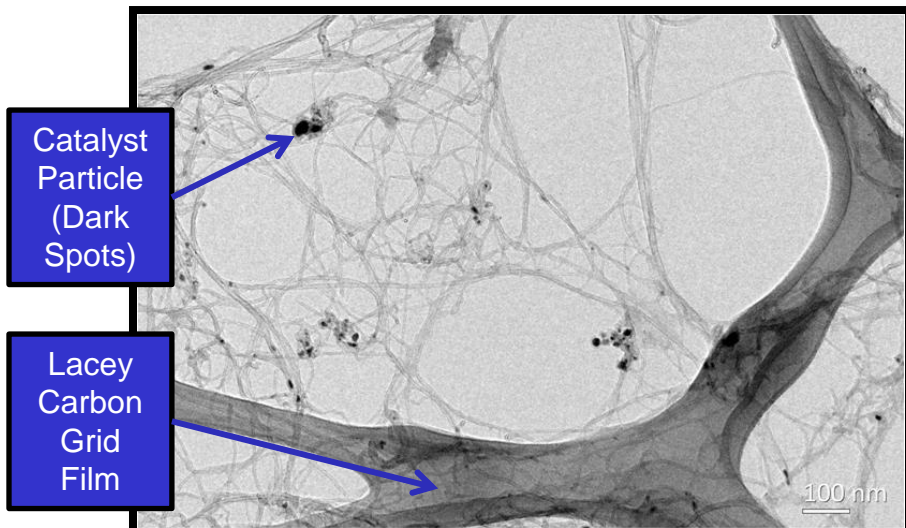
CNS Walls  
(parallel  
lines)

Intermediate  
Catalyst  
Particle  
(Dark Spot)

Sample  
163+6B+CNS

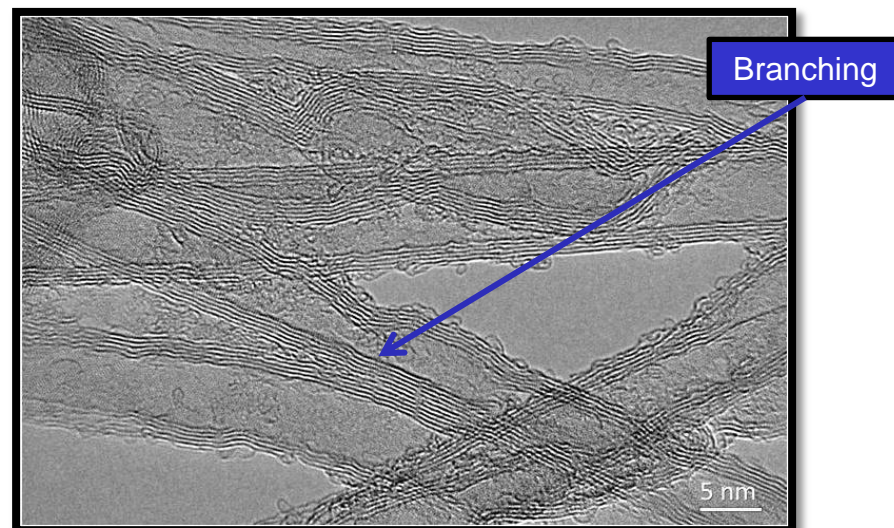
# CNS Branching and Entanglement

High Resolution TEM Images

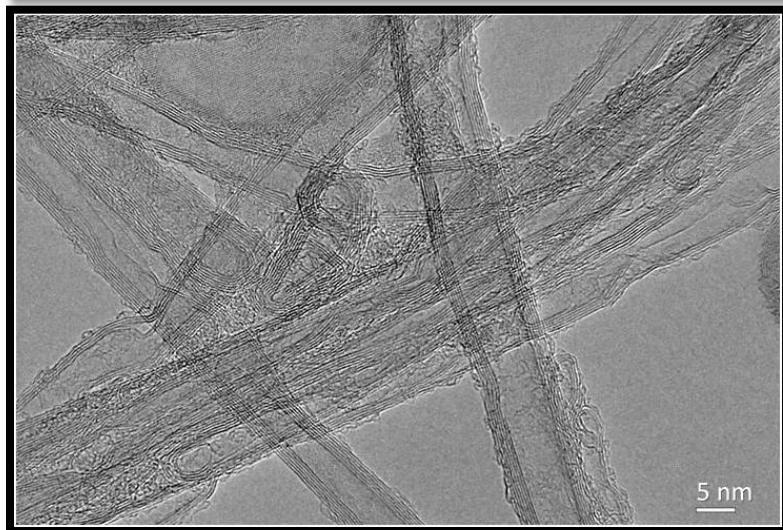


Catalyst Particle (Dark Spots)

Lacey Carbon Grid Film



Branching



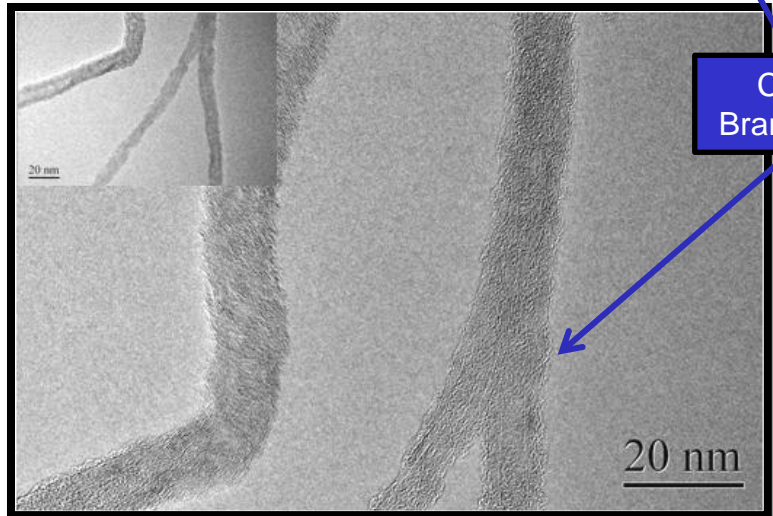
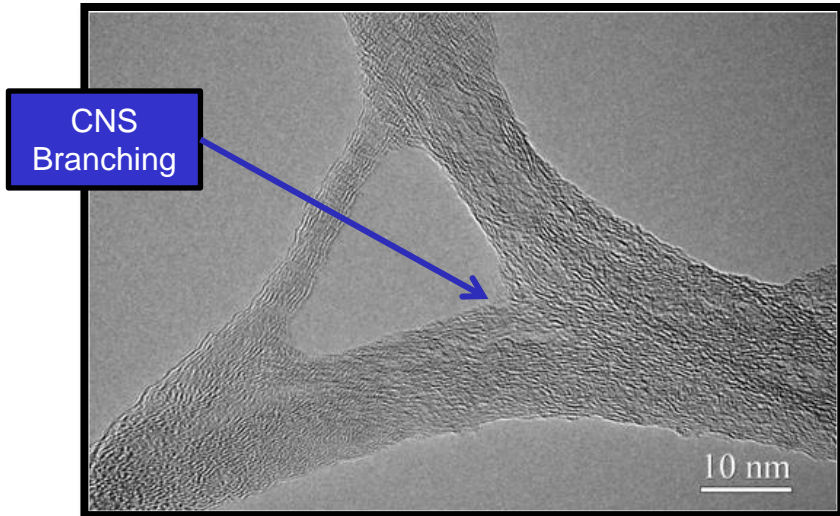
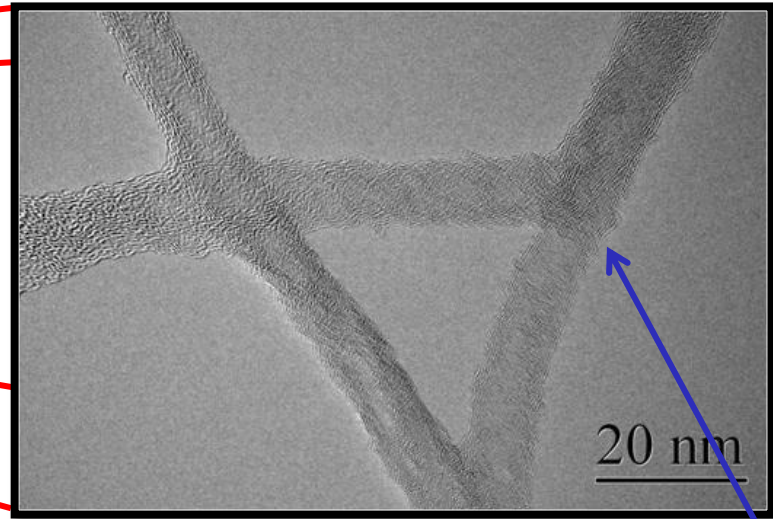
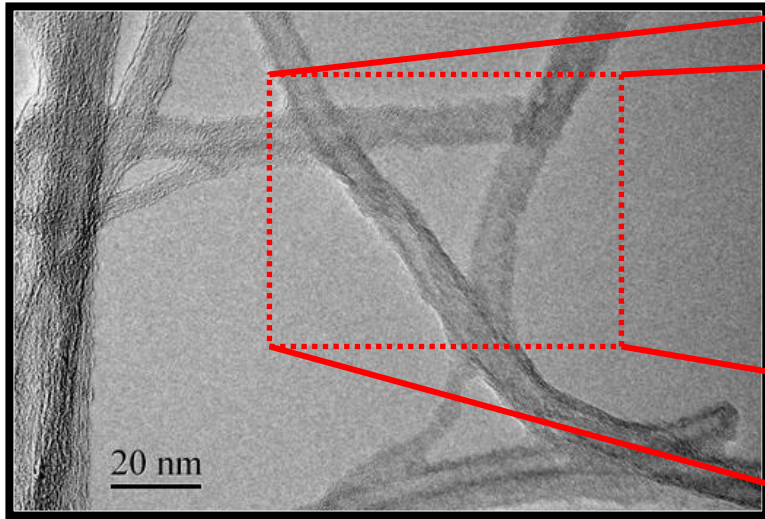
- CNS remained highly entangled after aggressive grid preparation (high energy sonication)

TEM images confirm entanglement of CNS

Sample B02382

# CNS Branching and Entanglement

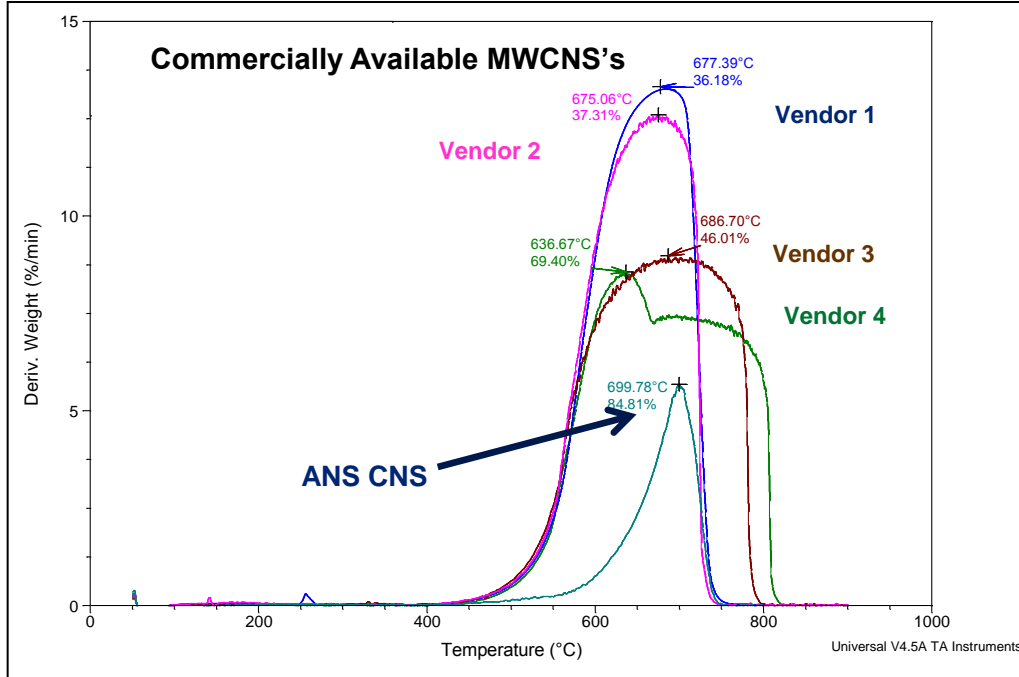
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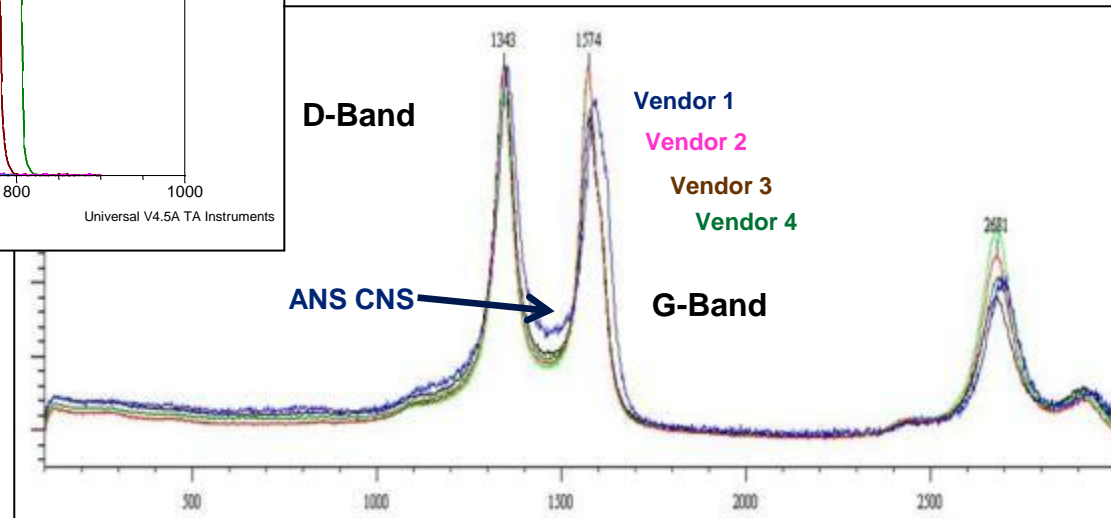
# Thermogravimetric & Raman Analysis Of Infused CNSs



## Thermogravimetric (TGA) Analysis



## Raman Spectrums



**CNS Infused On Fiber Equal In Quality To Commercially Available CNS**

# Carbon Enhanced Reinforcements (CER)

## *Product Forms with Multifunctional Properties*



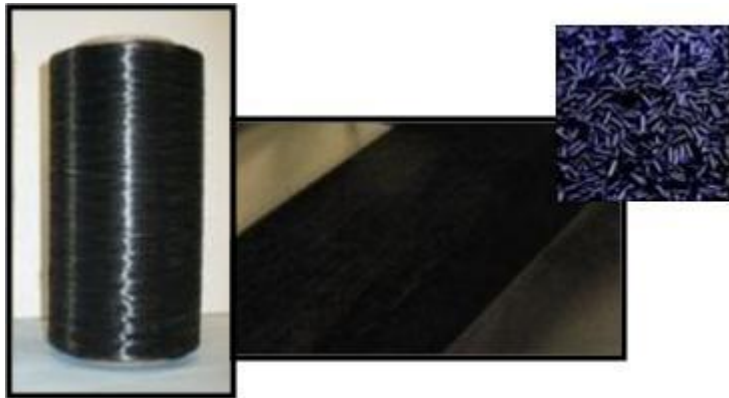
### Product Forms

**CER Fiber Tow Prepregs**

**CER Post Coated Tow For Fabrics**

**CER Fabric Prepregs**

**CER Thermoplastic Pellets**



### “Tunable” Properties

**Physical**

**Density, thickness**

**Mechanical**

**Toughness, isotropy**

**Thermal**

**Control heat stability and conductivity**

**Electrical**

**Shielding, storing, directing, absorbing**

**Durability**

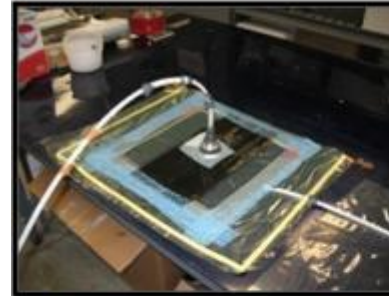
**Corrosion, wear, fatigue resistance**

**Product Forms provided per Stewardship and Customer Requirements**

# CNS Material Forms

**CNS infusion demonstrated on multiple material forms for broad range of composite manufacturing processes and product applications: bodies of rotation, multi-material flat panels, complex geometries**

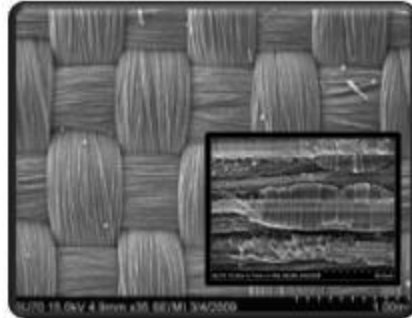
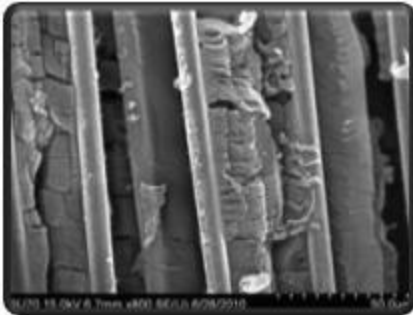
- **Fabrics**
  - **Prepreg**
  - **Wet layup**
  - **VARTM**
  - **Resin film infusion**
- **Tow/roving**
  - **Wet filament winding**
  - **Towpreg**
  - **Unidirectional tapes**
- **Chopped**
  - **Sheet, bulk and injection molding compounds**



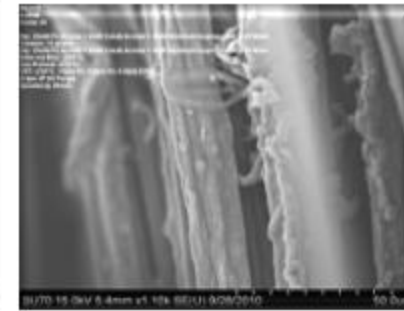
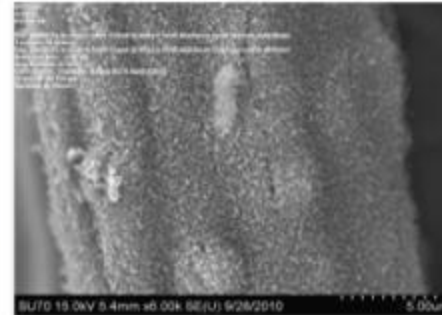
**Demonstrating Standard Material Forms and Manufacturing Processes for Rapid Technology Transition**

# Substrate Materials and Architectures

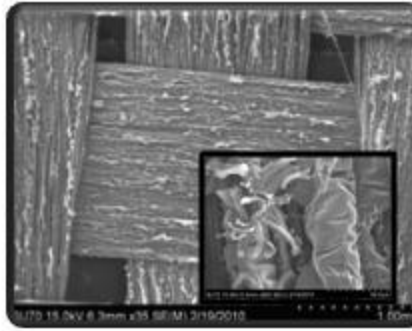
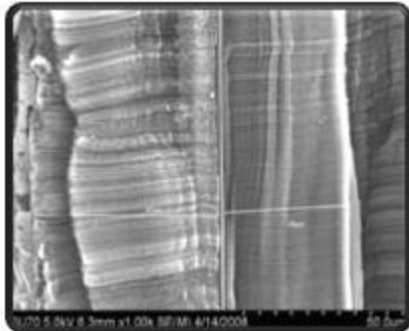
Glass Fiber & Fabric



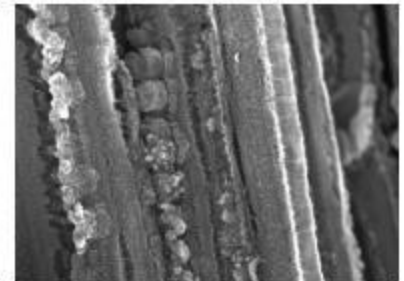
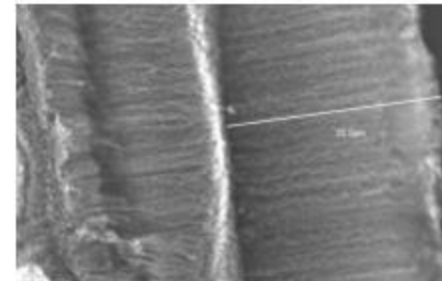
Kevlar Fiber



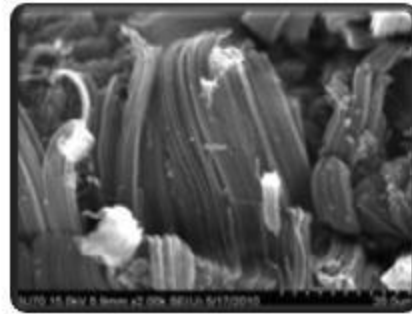
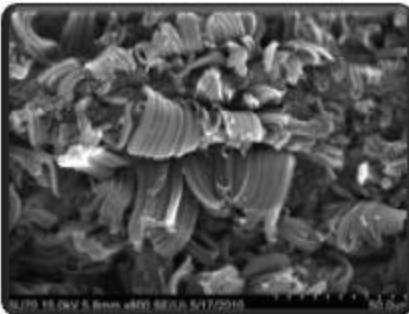
Carbon Fiber & Fabric



Ceramic Fiber



Metal Foil Substrates



- Our research can help to tailor various growth parameters to maximize specifications for a specific end use.
  - Growth Parameters Include: CNS Loading, CNS Length, CNS Size, # of CNS Walls

**Process Can Be Tailored To A Variety of Substrates End Uses**

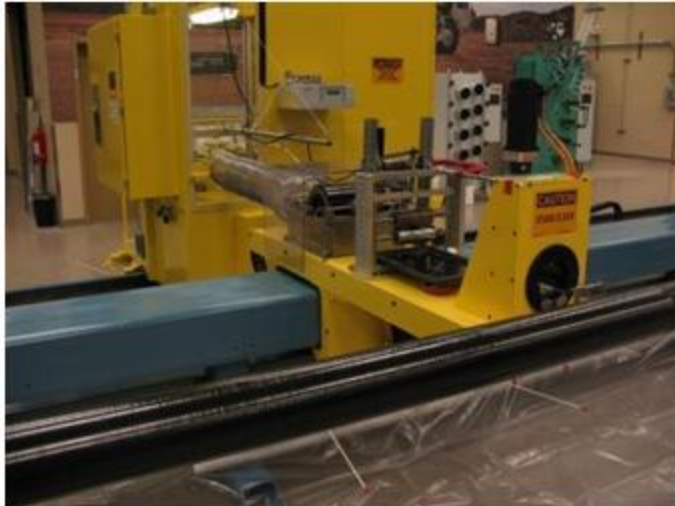
# ANS – Pilot Scale Manufacturing



**Tows, 16" 40" moving to 60" Fabric Lines**



# ANS – Product Development Center



Filament Winder



Sample Products



Ovens

Autoclave  
March 2011



**Product Development Center for Prototype and Low Rate Manufacturing of Components**

# ANS Product Stewardship



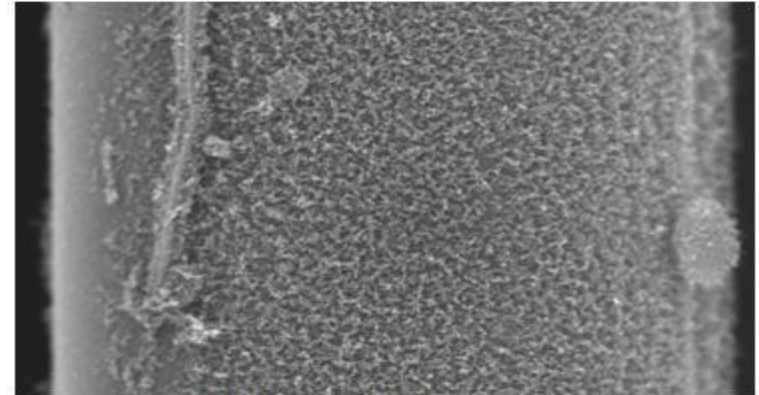
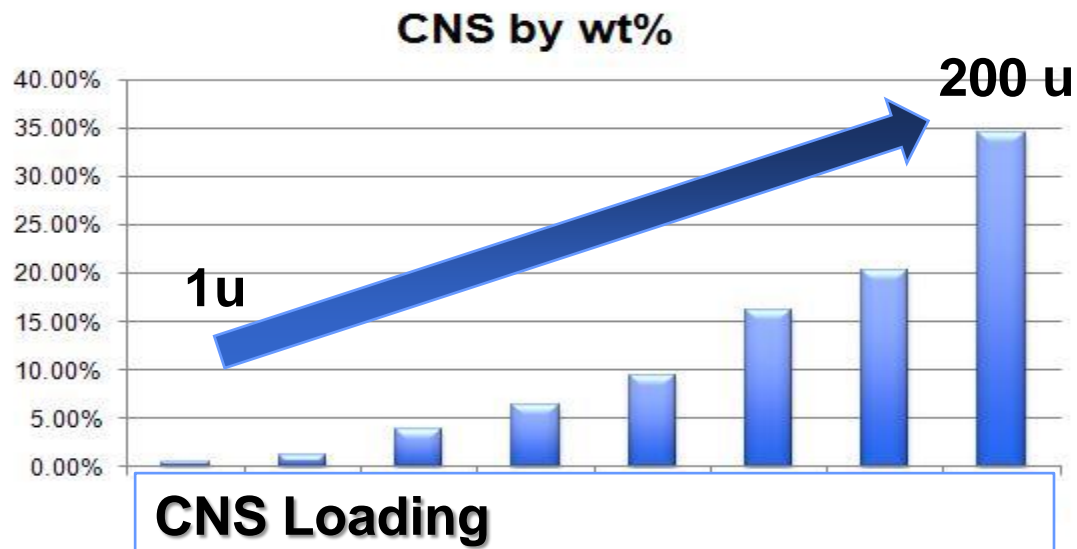
- **ANS / Government Progress to date:**
  - Air Monitoring
  - NIOSH Method 7400
    - All tests to date have not yielded any respirable durable fiber
- Next NIOSH Audit Activity begins 2/22/11
- A 3-part Pre-Manufacturing Notification (PMN) has been submitted to the EPA for review and approval
  - 3 products designated by CNS length:
    - Short: .01-15 $\mu$
    - Medium: 15-50 $\mu$
    - Long 50-100 $\mu$



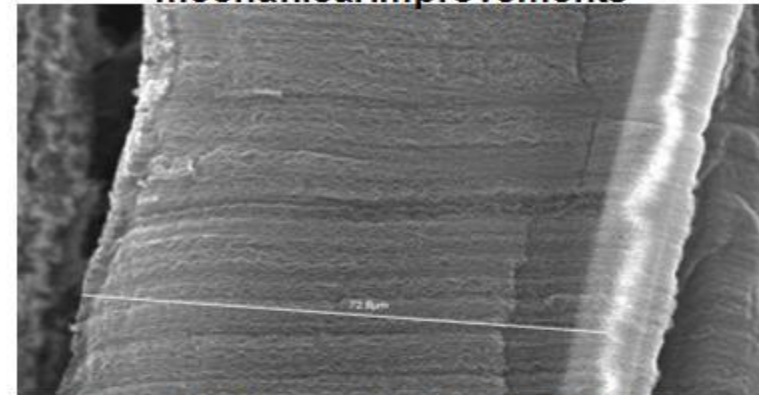
***Goal: No Respirable Durable Fiber***

# **ANS Tunable Properties Material Characteristics**

# CNS Infused To Glass Fiber Tow



**0.5% wt CNS Loading for mechanical improvements**

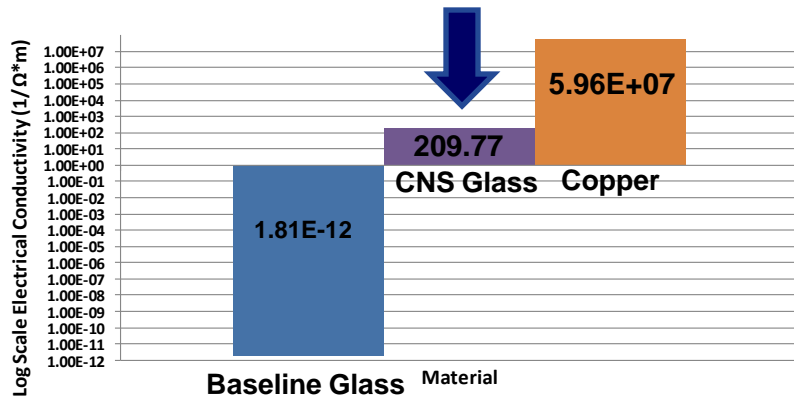


**15% wt CNS Loading for EMI Shielding**

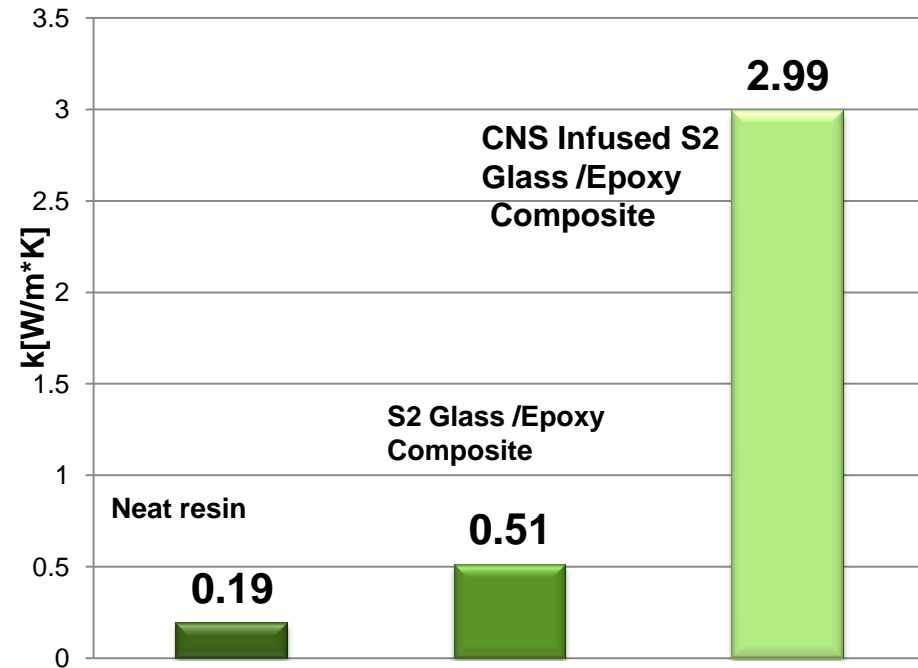
***Infused Low and High Density CNS***

# Electrical & Thermal Conductivity of Glass/Epoxy Composites

Electrical Conductivity (Through Thickness) Comparison (Log Scale)

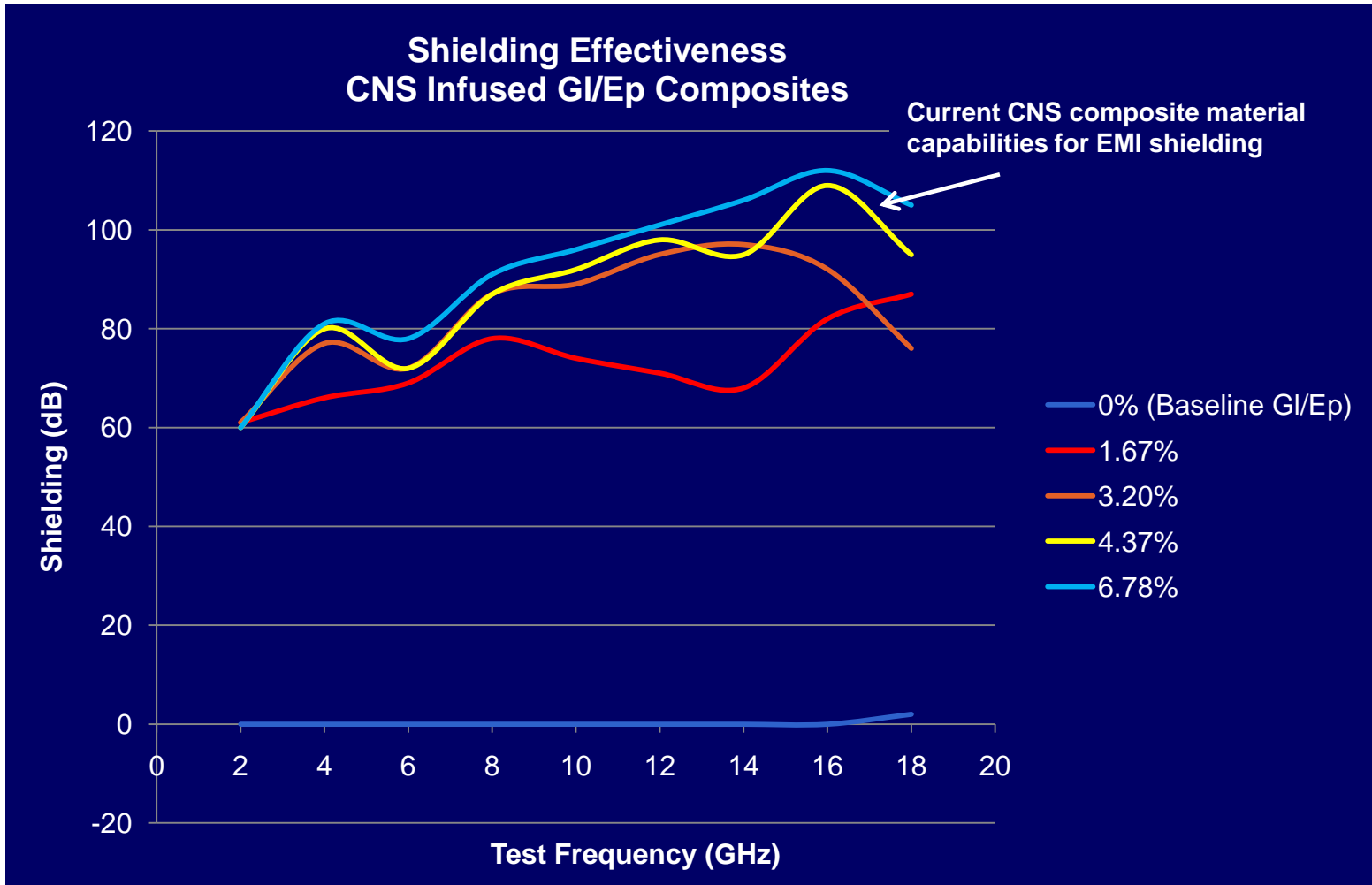


**Conductive Composites**



**Improved Thermal Conductivity**

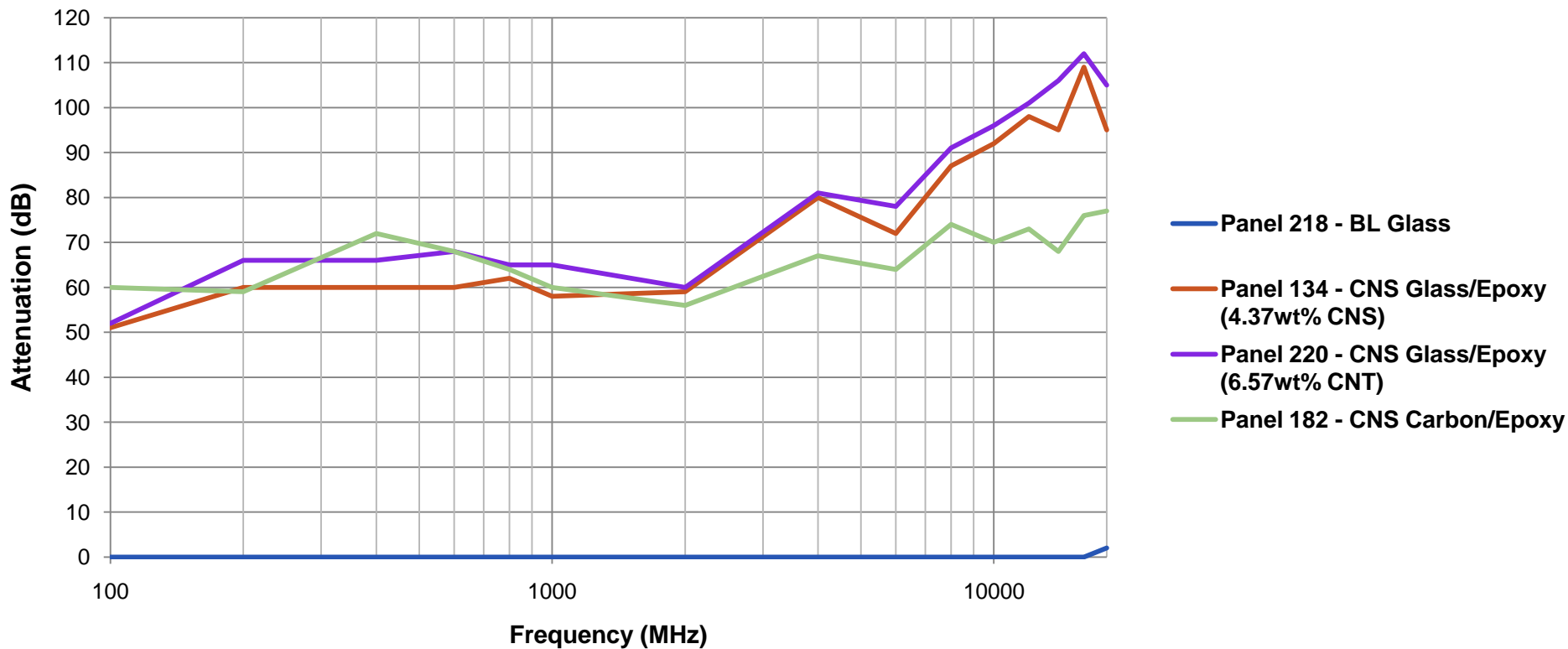
# EMI Shielding (2-18 GHz)



***Increased Wt% CNS in Composite Improve EMI Shielding Characteristics***

# EMI Shielding (100MHz – 1GHz)

## EMI Shielding Effectiveness (dB)



***Increased Wt% CNS in Composite Improves EMI Shielding Characteristics***

# EMI Shielding

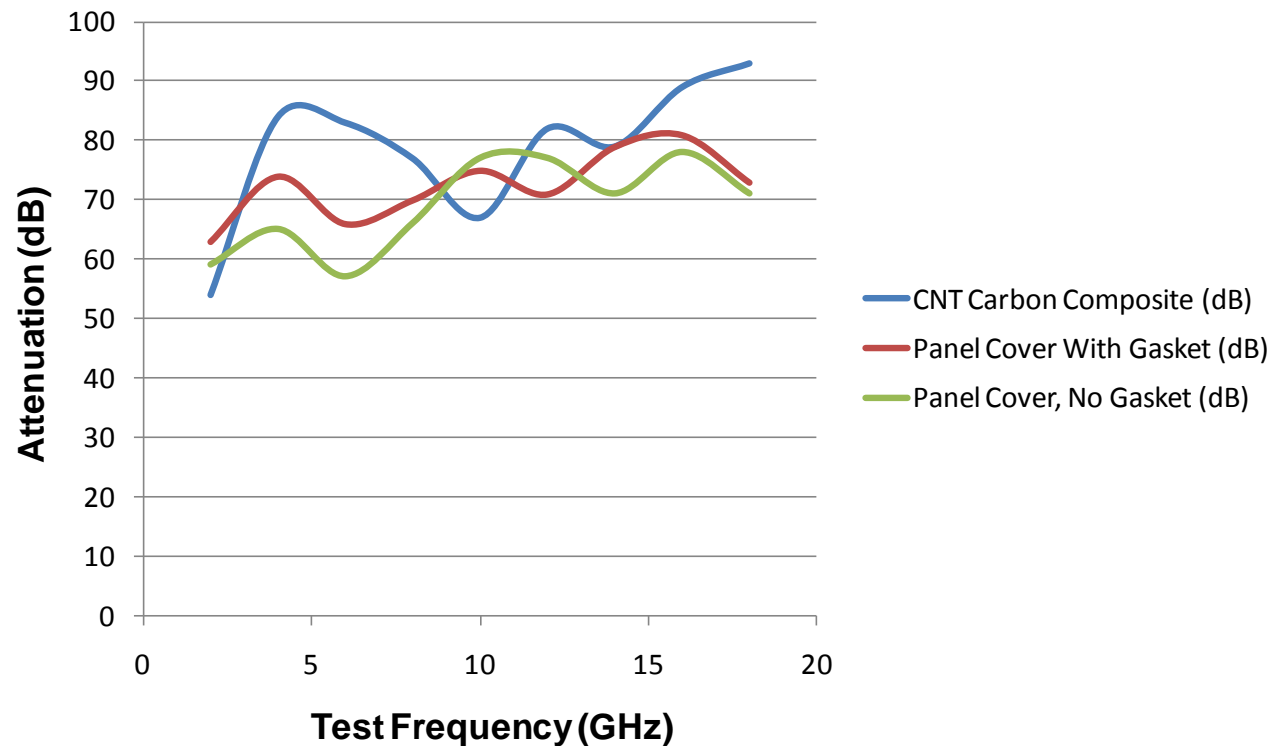
- Demonstrate EMI shielding for composite construction
  - Evaluate effects of seams, gaps, gaskets



• 26" x 26" Flat Panel  
• 10" x 10" Window



CNS Composite Cover Plate



**Bonding of CNS Composite Structures Not Critical**

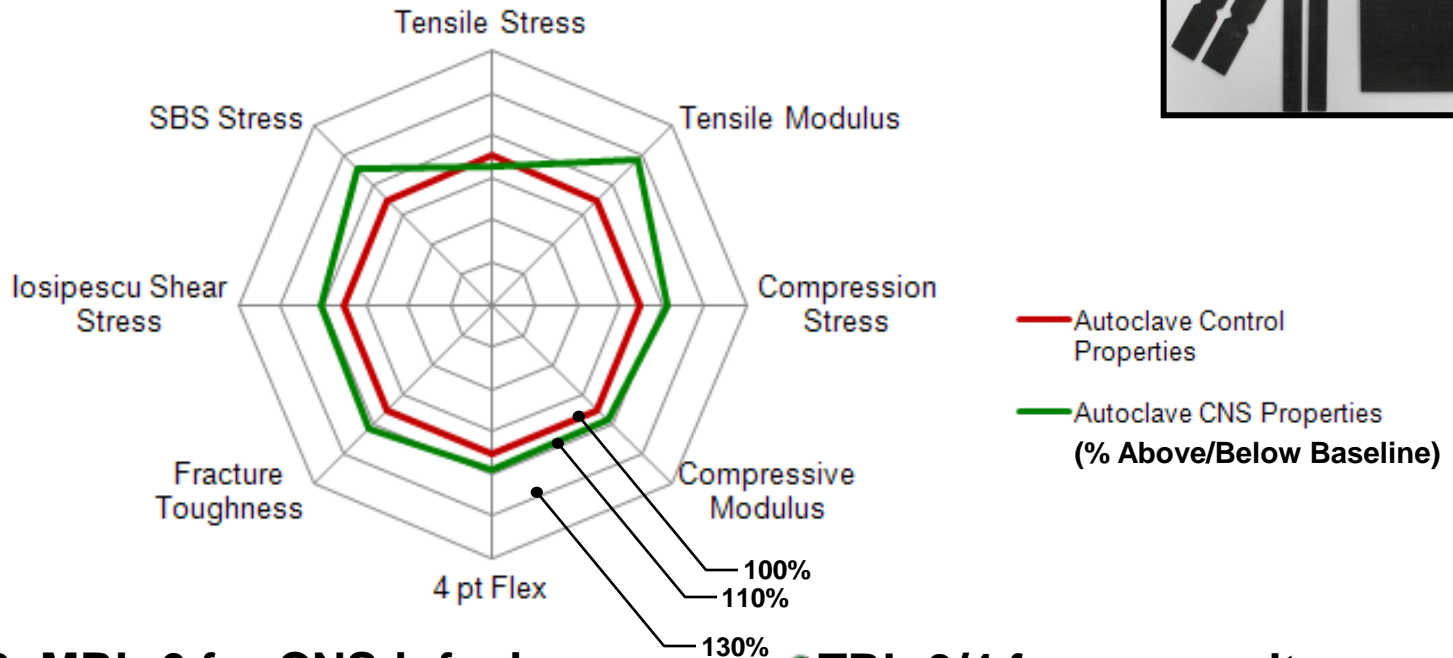
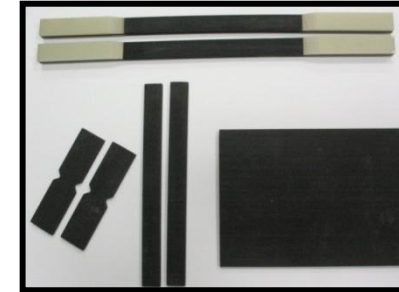


# Multifunctional Properties

## Mechanical Strength



- Demonstrating mechanical performance through industry standard test methods
  - Optimizing CNS processes to realize mechanical improvements in all properties and all material forms
  - ANS Technical Data Sheets with design allowables will be published

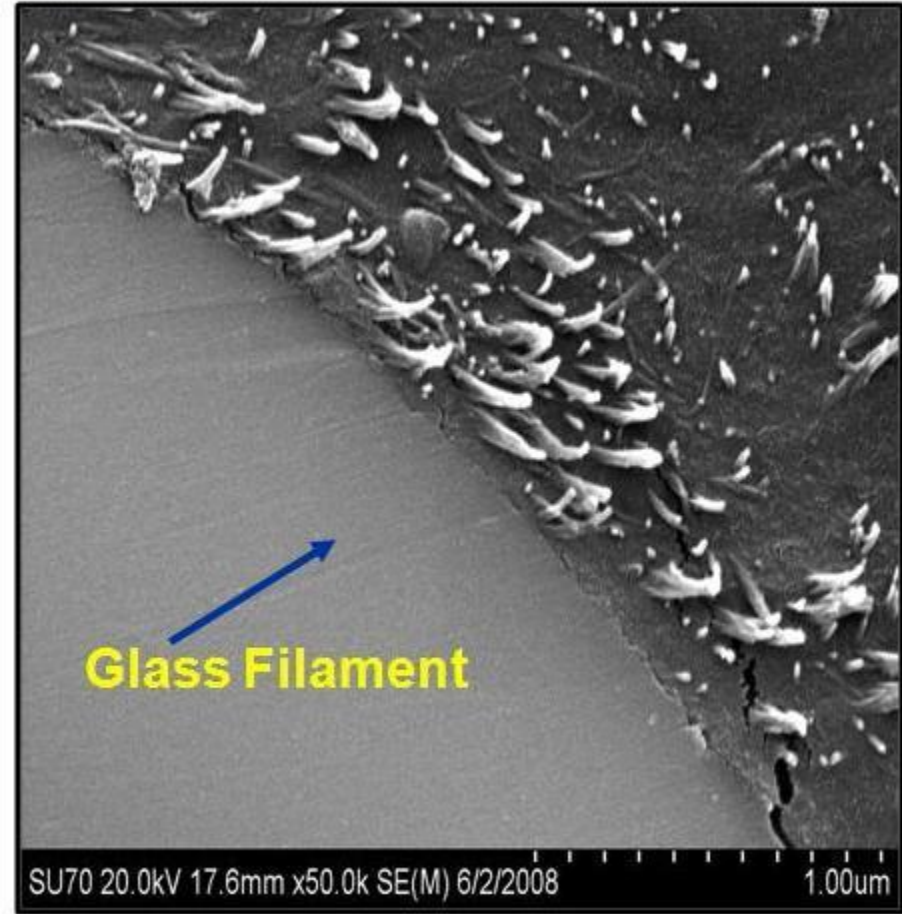
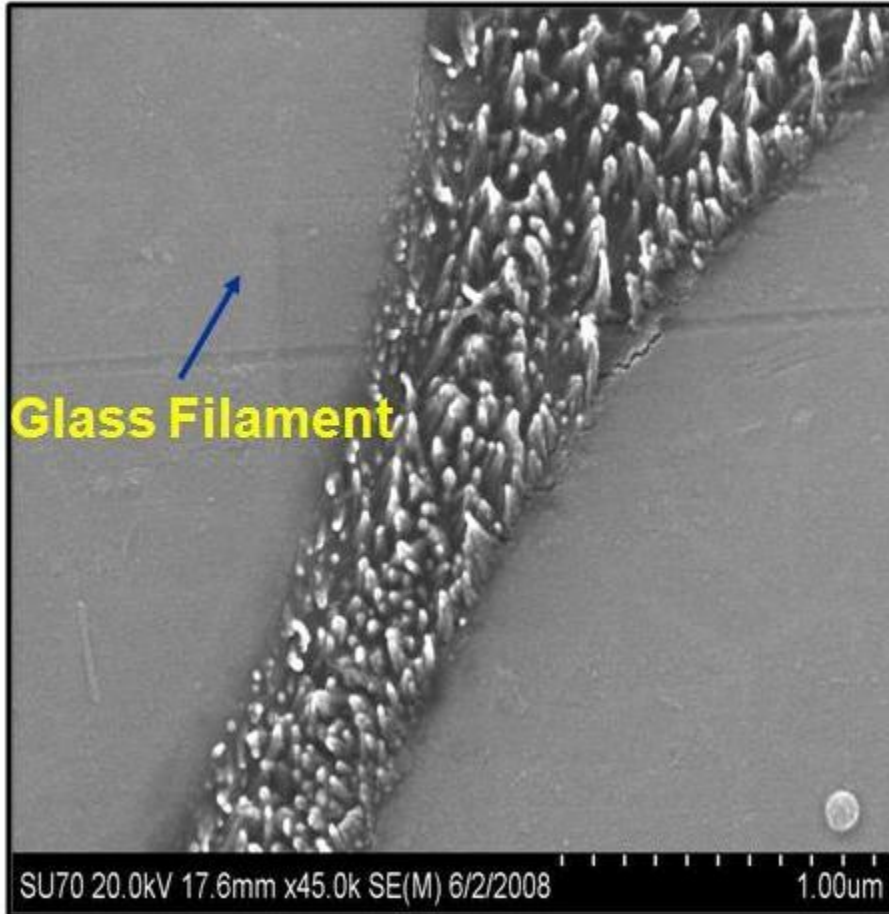


● TRL-6; MRL-6 for CNS-infusion

● TRL-3/4 for composites

**Optimizing CNS Process Recipe and Composite Manufacturing Processes**

## Cross Sections



***CNS improve critical failure interfaces in composites***

# Lightning Strike Test



## 30kA

Panel RFI 73 – CNS Glass/Epoxy  
4 Plies Fabric, Surface Resistivity: 12

TOP  
(Strike  
Surface)



BOTTOM



## 200kA

Panel RFI 472 – 1 Ply Fabric  
CNS Carbon/Epoxy on 3 base plies



# Lightning Test – High Current Test

*Baseline Glass/Epoxy Panel Vs. CNS Glass/Epoxy Panel*

**FRONT**



**BACK**



**CNS Glass**

**FRONT**



**BACK**



**CNS Carbon**



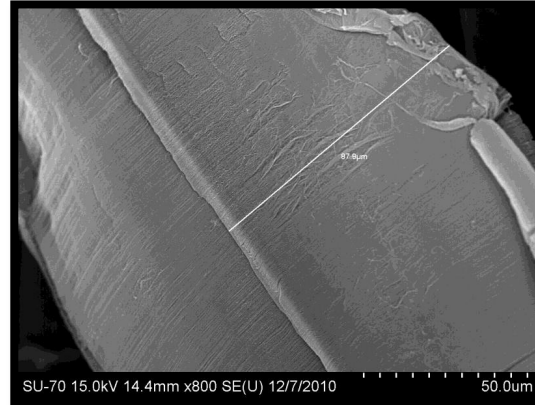
**Baseline Glass**



**Baseline Carbon**

***BL Glass/Epoxy is Punctured and Delaminates,  
CNS Panel Strike Surface has surface abrasion***

# Future Needs



- **Very Complex CNS produced at high speeds on various substrates**
- **Need for high speed real-time analytical tools**
  - **Surface analysis techniques**
  - **Determine variations in density**
  - **Type of nanostructures**
  - **Functionalization**

# Thank You



## Questions ?