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Abstract

Aligned carbon nanotubes were produced by chemical vapor deposition process, which exhibit superhydrophobic

properties (wetting angle ~ 146°) due to their structure stability and with needle-like

mophology. Different surface treatment methods were employed to improve hydrophilic properties of

carbon nanotubes including oxygen plasma treatment and the deposition of Poly-1-lysine film on the

surface of carbon nanotubes. The results show that the wetting or hydrophilic properties can be

significantly improved by these surface modification process (wetting angle ${<}35^{\,\circ}$).

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