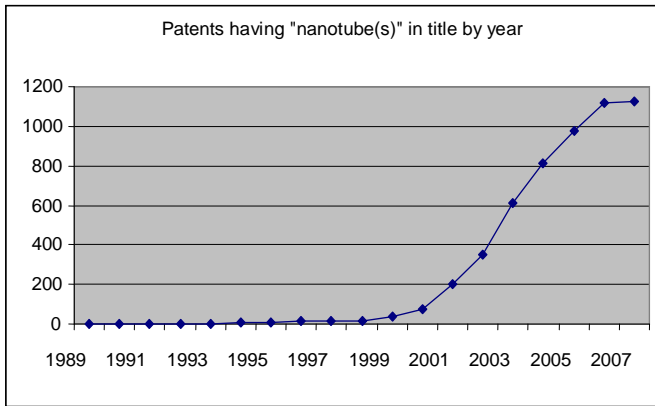


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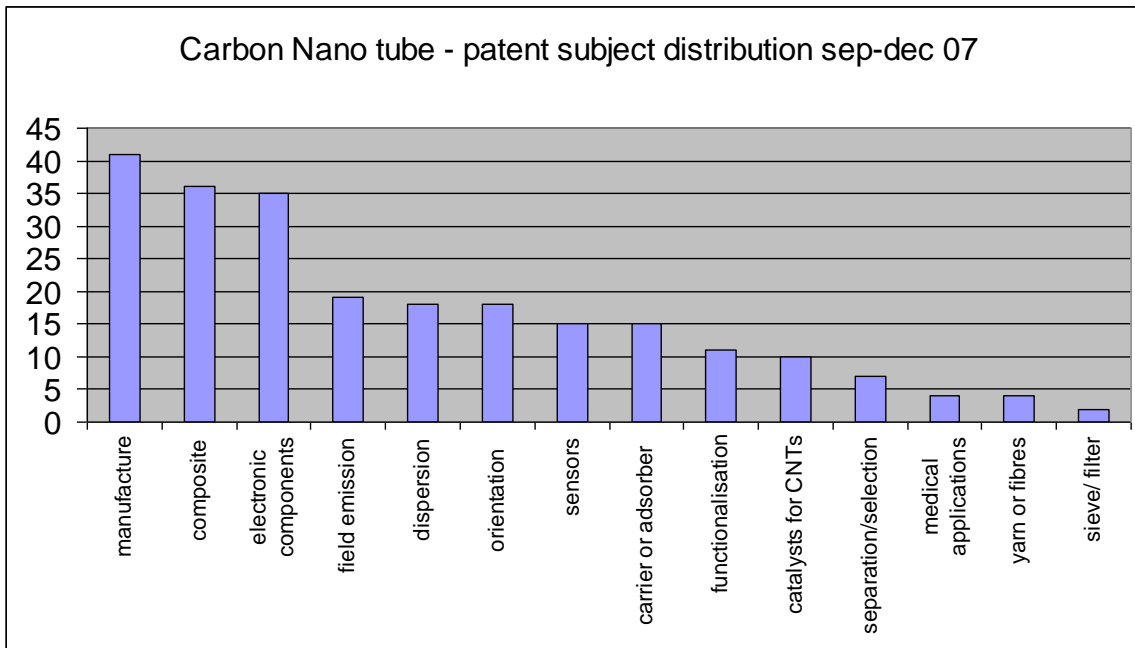
The charts below illustrate the results of using patent information to analyse a market or area of technical development. The example used is that of carbon nanotubes but any patented product area could be analysed in this way.

Number of nanotube patents over time.

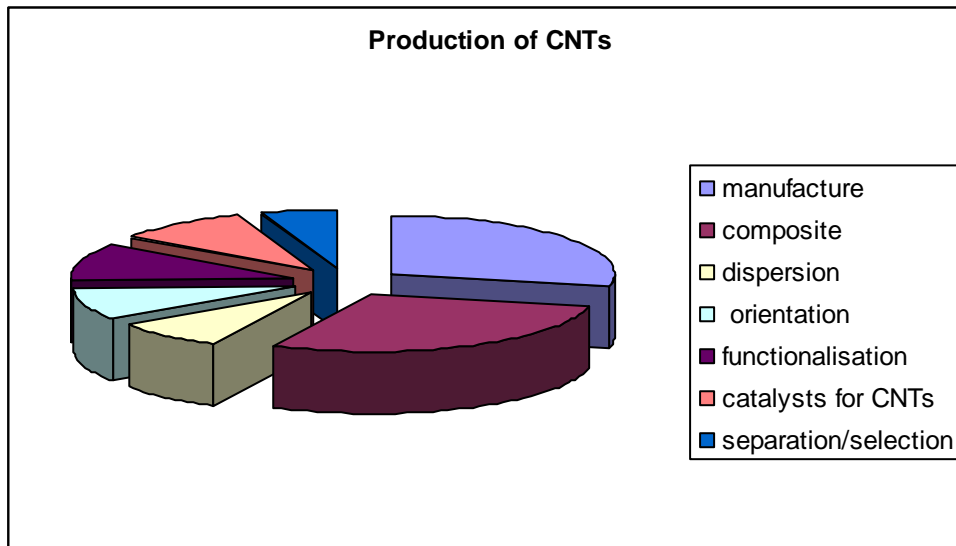


Subject breakdown of nanotube patents.

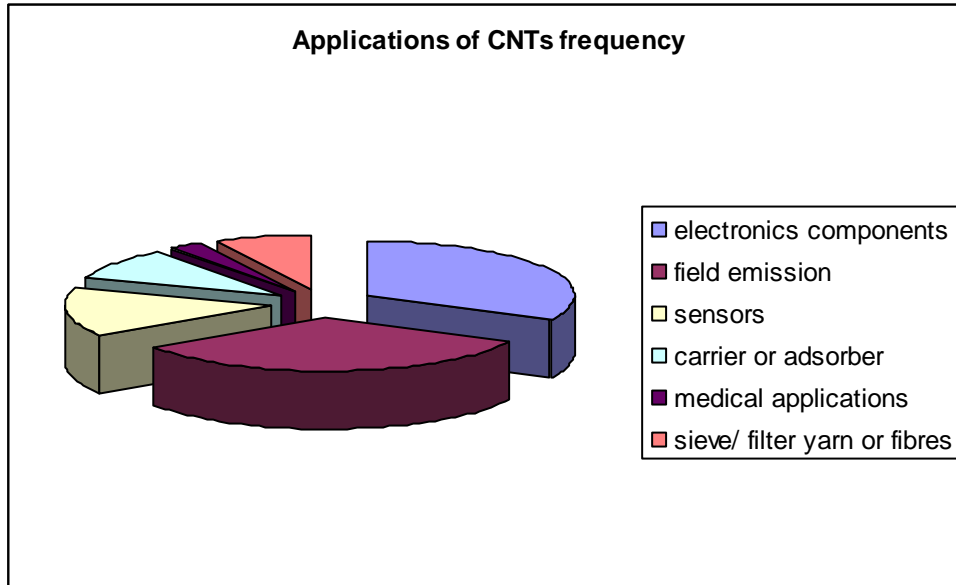
The area is analysed to produce logical subject areas – patents are then assigned to each area based on content to aid understanding



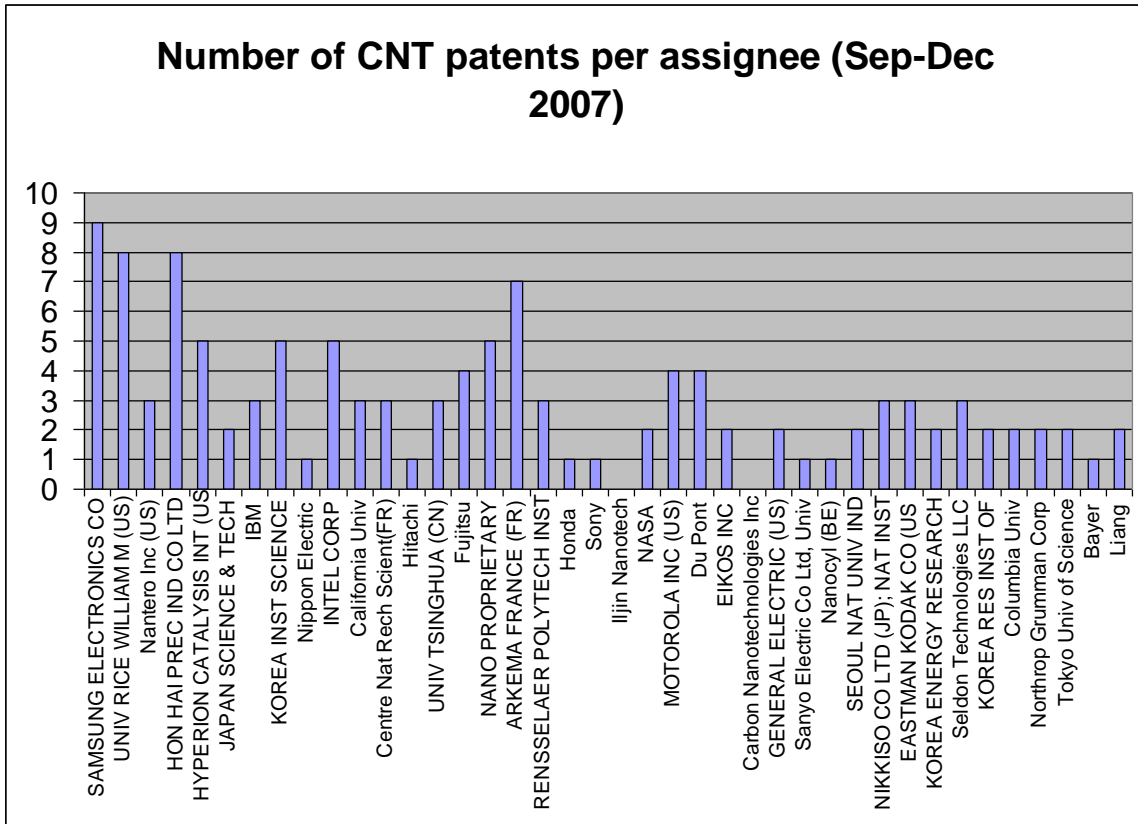
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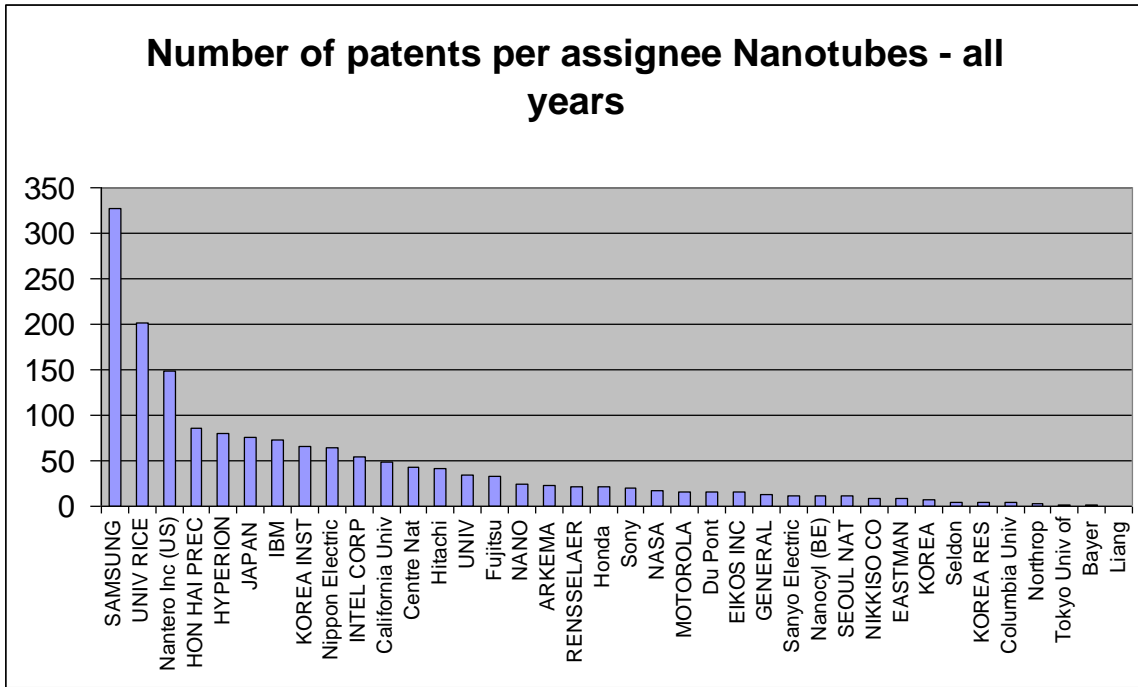
Breakdown of applications related CNT patents.



A detailed analysis of recent patents can be used to determine who the main players are in the technical (market) area.



The number of patents published by each of the main players over time can be determined.



Detailed analysis allows us to extract the main types of work being undertaken in each of the subject areas.

