

Interconnecting Gold Islands with DNA Origami Nanotubes

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Experimental Section:

Materials: All oligonucleotides were purchased from Integrated DNA Technologies (www.idtdna.com). The origami staple strands were ordered in 96-well plates that were normalized to 100 μ M, and were used without further purification. The thiolated strands were purified by denaturing PAGE. The concentration of each strand was estimated by measuring the UV absorbance at 260 nm. M13 viral DNA was purchased from New England Biolabs, Inc. (catalog number N4040S). The droplet contact angle was measured with the contact angle meter (FM40 Easy Drop, Krüss GmbH, Germany). Typically, the wafer sample was fixed on the stage holder first. Water droplets were deposited manually with syringes. The image of the droplet was captured with a camera and analyzed with Easy Drop software.

Self-assembly of DNA origami nanotube: The design of the DNA origami tubes is the same as previously described by L. A. Stearns *et al*¹. The strand structure is shown in Figure S6. The sequences of unmodified helper strands are listed in Table S1 and the sequences of the thiolated strands are listed in Table S2. A molar ratio of 1:10 between viral, ssDNA M13 and short unmodified staple strands was used. A molar ratio of 1:1 ratio for the thiolated strands to the viral DNA was used. Origami tubes were assembled in 1x TAE-Mg²⁺ buffer (40 mM Tris, 20 mM acetic acid, 2 mM EDTA, 12.5 mM Mg(OAc)₂, pH 8.0) by cooling slowly from 90°C to room temperature. The origami tubes and excess staples were then separated by EtBr stained, 1.5% agarose gel (running buffer 1x TAE-Mg₂₊ buffer, 10 V/cm), running in an ice-water bath. The band corresponding to the origami tubes was excised and extracted from the gel using Freeze N' Squeeze columns (Bio-Rad, USA). After purification, the tiles were then concentrated using 100 kDa Microcon centrifugal filter devices (Millipore, USA). The final concentration of origami tiles was estimated according to the dsDNA absorbance at 260 nm and the calculated extinction coefficient (<http://biophysics.idtdna.com/>).

Substrate patterning for the alignment of DNA origami: We used Piranha and BOE for wafer pre-cleaning. Piranha ingredients are 70% concentrated sulfuric acid and 30% hydrogen peroxide. BOE is Buffered Oxide Etch which is a 20:1 mixture of hydrofluoric acid and ammonium fluoride. When cleaning wafers, first we soaked the wafers in Piranha for 10 minutes and then soaked them in BOE for 5 minutes, followed by distilled water washing and N₂ drying. Samples were stored in a Nitrogen box. The spin coater we used was a LS-8000 LAB SPINNER from Metron Systems Inc. For HMDS, the spin parameter was 5000 RPM for 30 seconds; for PMMA (2% in anisole) it was 4000 RPM for 30 seconds. Specifically, before pattern definition, a monolayer of HMDS was spin-coated with 5000RPM for 30 seconds followed by an 80 nm thick layer of PMMA resist (2% PMMA in Anisole, 4000RPM for 30 seconds). The desired patterns were formed by different arrangements of nanodots. The sizes of these dots ranging from 30 nm to 90nm were created by varying the dosage of the Electron-beam exposure (JEOL 6000 FS). After the removal of exposed PMMA, 2 nm of Cr and 10 nm of Au layers were thermally evaporated followed by the lift-off process.

Interconnecting gold islands with DNA origami tubes: Thiolated DNA strands in the purified origami tube were reduced with 20 mM TCEP for 1 hour before use. Extra TCEP and the reduced small molecules were removed using a Microcon centrifuge device (100 kDa). Typically, 400 μ l of 1 \times TAE Mg^{2+} buffer was added to 100 μ l DNA tube solutions and centrifuged at 3000 RPM for 10 minutes. The process was repeated three times. The gold island patterned substrate was cut into 5 mm \times 20 mm small pieces. Each piece was then immersed into a tube filled with freshly reduced DNA origami solution and incubated for 20 hours or longer. The volume of origami solution was usually 100 μ L with a concentration ranging from 1 to 10 nM. The substrate was then thoroughly rinsed with water, dried under a stream of nitrogen gas, and imaged in air in tapping mode atomic force microscope (TM-AFM, Veeco V).

AFM imaging: Typically, AFM imaging has been done with tapping-in-buffer mode for most of the DNA nanostructures in the DNA nanotechnology community. In most cases, the DNA nanostructures were deposited on a mica surface and imaged in buffer. For our system, the sample was on a Si surface and we not only needed to image the DNA tubes, but also the gold surface island. The diameter of the DNA tubes is about 7 nm; the gold islands' diameter ranges from 40 nm to 80 nm with a height of 20 to 30 nm. We found that high resonant frequency (\sim 300 kHz) tips gave us the best images for both DNA tubes and gold islands. So tapping-in-air was used for our imaging process. The AFM tip is ultrasharp 15 series (NSC15) purchased from MikroMasch (www.spmtips.com) with resonant frequency \sim 325 kHz and force constant \sim 46 N/m.

General discussion:

We did observe that some tubes are met at branch points in the space between spots. These could be the result of the reduced thiolated groups bonding with each other to form the disulfide bonds in the solution. Another possibility is that the tubes aggregate through stacking interaction at the ends. In both cases, we believe that the concentration of DNA origami tubes plays an important role in effecting the degree of aggregation. Higher concentrations of the tubes will increase the chances that they interact with each other in solution. In Fig.5 of the main text, we used a lower concentration (1 nM) of DNA tubes and the aggregating effect was decreased.

The length of the linker strand is important here. If the length is short, considering the bending and twisting of the tube structure, the thiolated groups may not be long enough to reach the gold island. If the linker strands are too long, then the thiolated groups can get to the gold islands that were not designed for the tube to reach. For example, the tube could reach the gold islands in the diagonal direction in the gold islands square lattice.

We used a 1 to 1 ratio for the thiolated strands to the scaffold viral DNA. Since we purify the tube structures with agarose gels, a ratio that is higher than 1 to 1 should also work. We chose the 1 to 1 ratio with the purpose of not wasting the purified thiolated DNA strands. We did try a higher ratio of 3 to 1. After purification with an agarose gel, we did not observe any difference as compared to the 1 to 1 ratio. We did not try higher ratios without purification. We think the extra thiolated strands would attach to the gold islands and may affect the binding of tubes.

We also observed some multiply bridged spots. We think the multiple bridging tubes are mainly due to independent attachments. Before the surface deposition, we used gels to purify the single tubes. The side-to-side pre-aggregating in solution could only happen after the reduction of thiolated groups and will form disulfide bonds thus lower the chance for the thiolated groups to bind to the gold islands. One reason that there is multiple bridging is that after one bridging happened, the local area became hydrophilic and the accessibility for the next tube was then increased.

Table S1. Sequences of unmodified helper strands used to assemble the origami nanotube. To prepare nanotubes bearing thiolated single strand extensions, helper strands were replaced by 3' thiol group modified DNA strands (Table S2) and annealed with the remaining helper strands.

Name	Sequence (5'-3')
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2	CATCAATTCTACTATTCAAAGGGTGAGATAGATTAGAGCCG
3	AACCAGAGCCACCAACCTCAGAGCCGCAGCTGAAAAGGTGG
4	CCCTCAGAGCCACCCGGAACCGCTCCAAGTATTAGACTTT
5	TCAATAGATAATACATTTGAGGATTTAGCTCAGAGCCGCCAC
6	ACAAACAATTTCGACAGCACTAACAATAAAAGGCCGGAGACA
7	CCTTATTAGCGTTTAGCATTGACAGGAGATGGTCAATAACCT
8	AAAATATCTTTAGGAACCTCGTATTAATATCAAATCACCGG
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10	GTCAAATCACCATCTCATTGGGGCGCGCACCAGAACCACCA
11	CCAGAGCCGCCGCCATCTTTTCATACCTTGCCGAACG
12	GTTTAGCTATATTTAATATGATATTCAAGAGGAAGTTATCT
13	CACCGTAATCAGTAAGCGCAGTCTCTGATCTGGAAGTTTCAT
14	GTTGGCAAATCAACAGTTTGAGTAACATTTCCGGTCATAGCCC
15	TGATTATCAGATGAAGCAAATGAAAAATTGGAGCAAACAAGA
16	AAATTAATGCCGGAGATACATTTTCGCAAGTTGAGGCAGGTCA
17	AAGCCAGAATGGAAGCGACAGAATCAAGTATCATCATATTCC
18	GACGATTGGCCTTGTTTTTCATCGGCATTTATCATTGCGGA
19	ACAAAGAAACCACCTATCAAACCCTCAATTGAGAGATCTACA
20	TGCTGAACCTCAAAGAAGGAGCGGAATTTGCCTTAGCGT
21	AAGGCTATCAGGTCGATTCCCAATTCTGATAAATCCTCATT
22	CAGACTGTAGCGCGATATTCACAAACAACGAACGAGTAGATT
23	TAGTTTGACCATTAGAGGGTAGCTATTTTCAATATCTGGTCA
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31	TAAGCGTCATACATACGTCACCAATGAATATAATCCTGATTG
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36	CCATTAATAAATACCTGCACGTAACAGGACTTGAGCCATTT
37	GTATAAACAGTTAATTATCACCGTCACCAATAAAGAAATTG
38	CGTAGATTTTCAGGTGCGCGAACTGATAACGTTAATATTTTG
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40	TTAAAATTCGCATTAACCTCAACAGGTCTTCGGAACCTATTA

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46	TAGCAAGGCCGGAAGGCTTTTGATGATACTGTAGCTCAACAT
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168	AGAGGCTTTGAGGAGATATAGAAGGCTTAGAGAATATAAAGT

Figure S1. Additional AFM images used for the statistical analysis reported in Figure 3. All sample substrates were fabricated using the same pattern, and prepared by incubation in 2 nM DNA origami solution for 20 hours. a) 80 nm gold island, 4 thiolated strands at each end; b) 80 nm gold island, 2 thiolated strands at each end; c) 80 nm gold island, 1 thiolated strand at each end; d) 60 nm gold island, 4 thiolated strands at each end; e) 60 nm gold island, 2 thiolated strands at each end; f) 40 nm gold island, 2 thiolated strands at each end, some 30- 40 nm gold islands may have dissociated from the substrate during the lift-off and sonication cleaning process.

Figure S1.

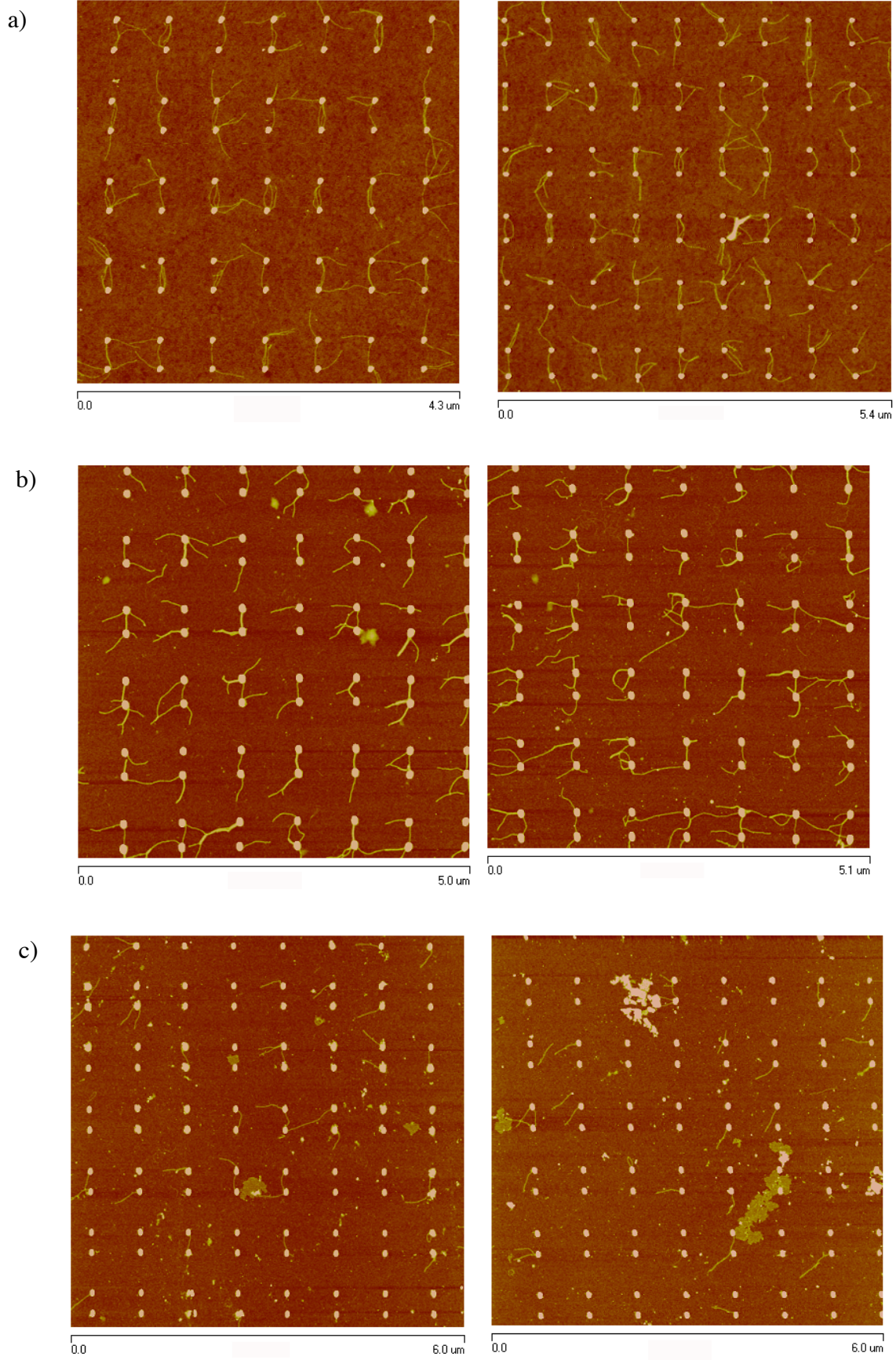


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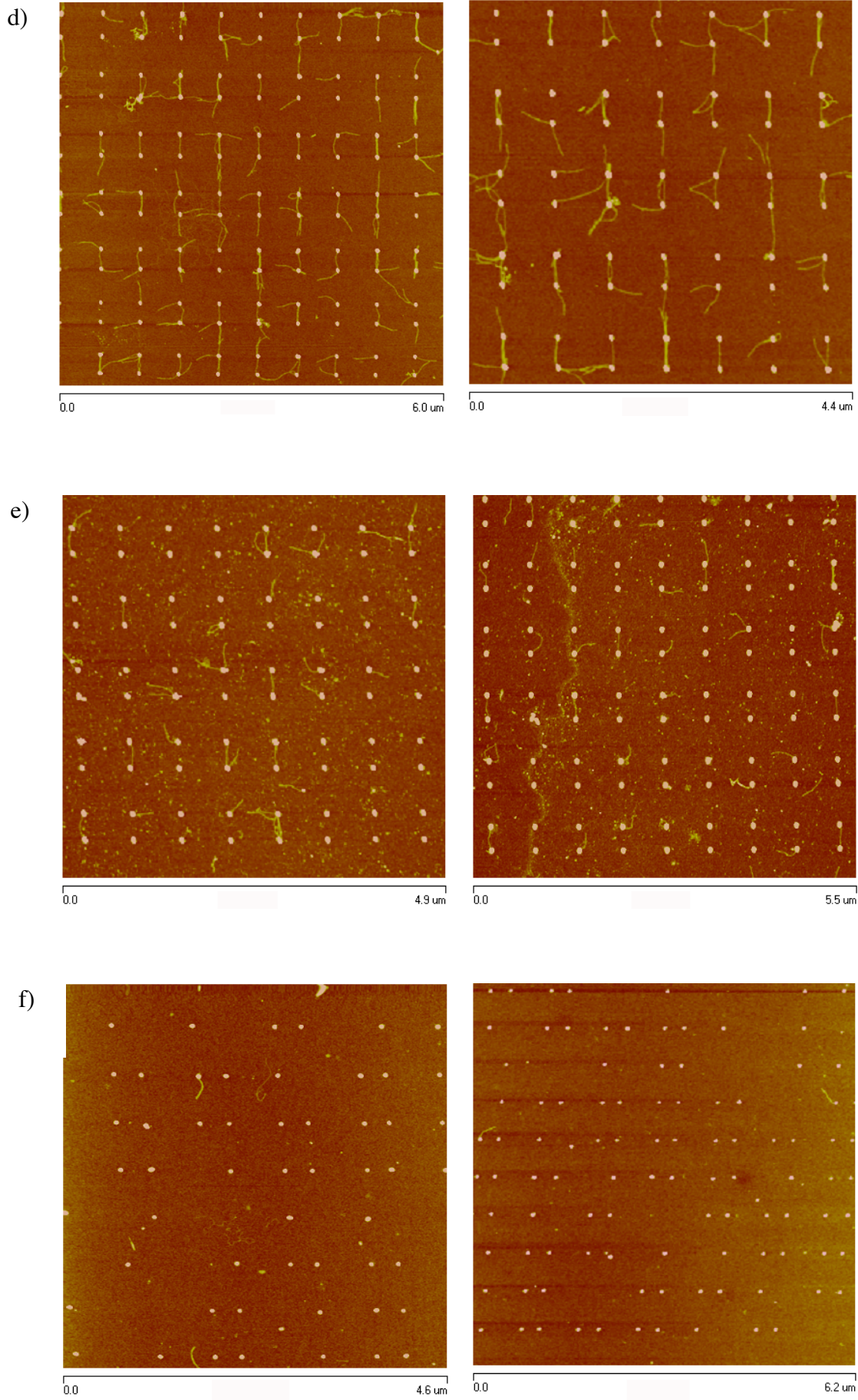


Figure S2. AFM images for 60 nm gold islands incubated with 2 nM DNA origami tubes that each contained 4 thiolated DNA strands at both ends for 40 hours. Longer incubation time enhances the binding efficiency and improves the number of connections.

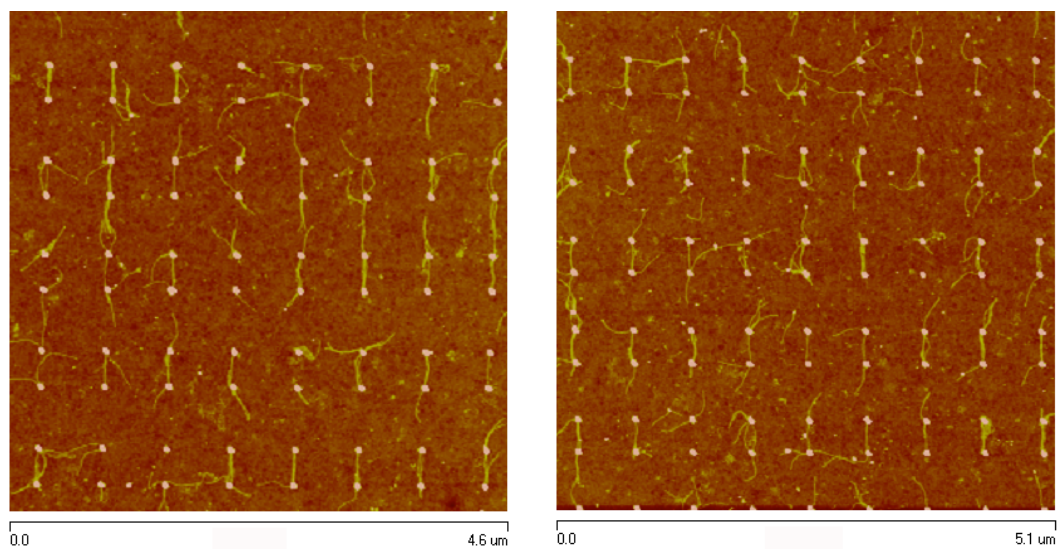


Figure S3. Additional AFM image used for the analysis shown in Figure 5. The gold islands are 60 nm; DNA origami tubes each contain 4 thiolated strands at both ends; the incubation time is 20 hours in 2 nM purified origami solution.

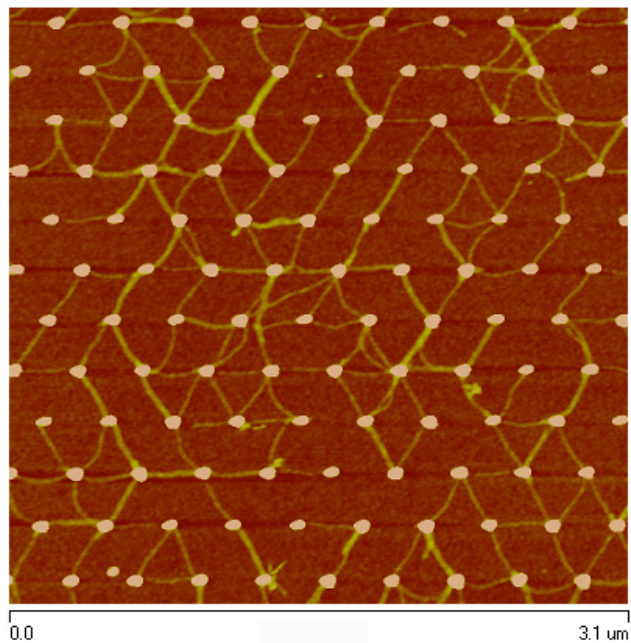


Figure S4. AFM images of two different areas (phase images) show that the DNA nanotube concentration affects the binding efficiency. The gold islands are 60 nm; DNA origami tubes each contain 4 thiolated strands at both ends; the incubation time was 20 hours in 10 nM purified origami solution. Higher concentration of origami enhances the binding efficiency of origami tubes to gold islands.

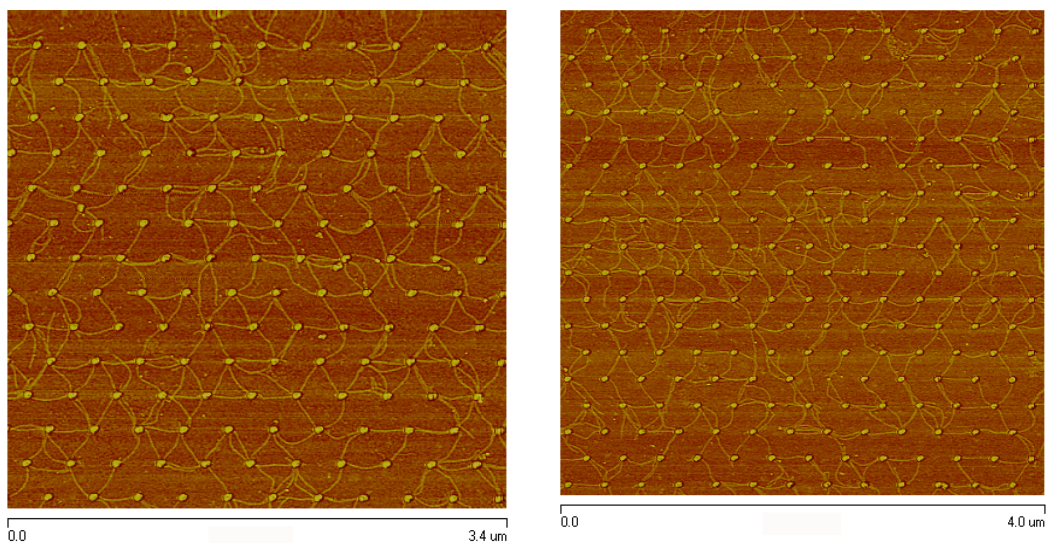


Figure S5. Additional AFM images for complex nanostructures formed by interconnecting groups of gold islands with DNA origami tubes. a) Triangles; b) “Z” shapes; c) hexagons; d) squares.

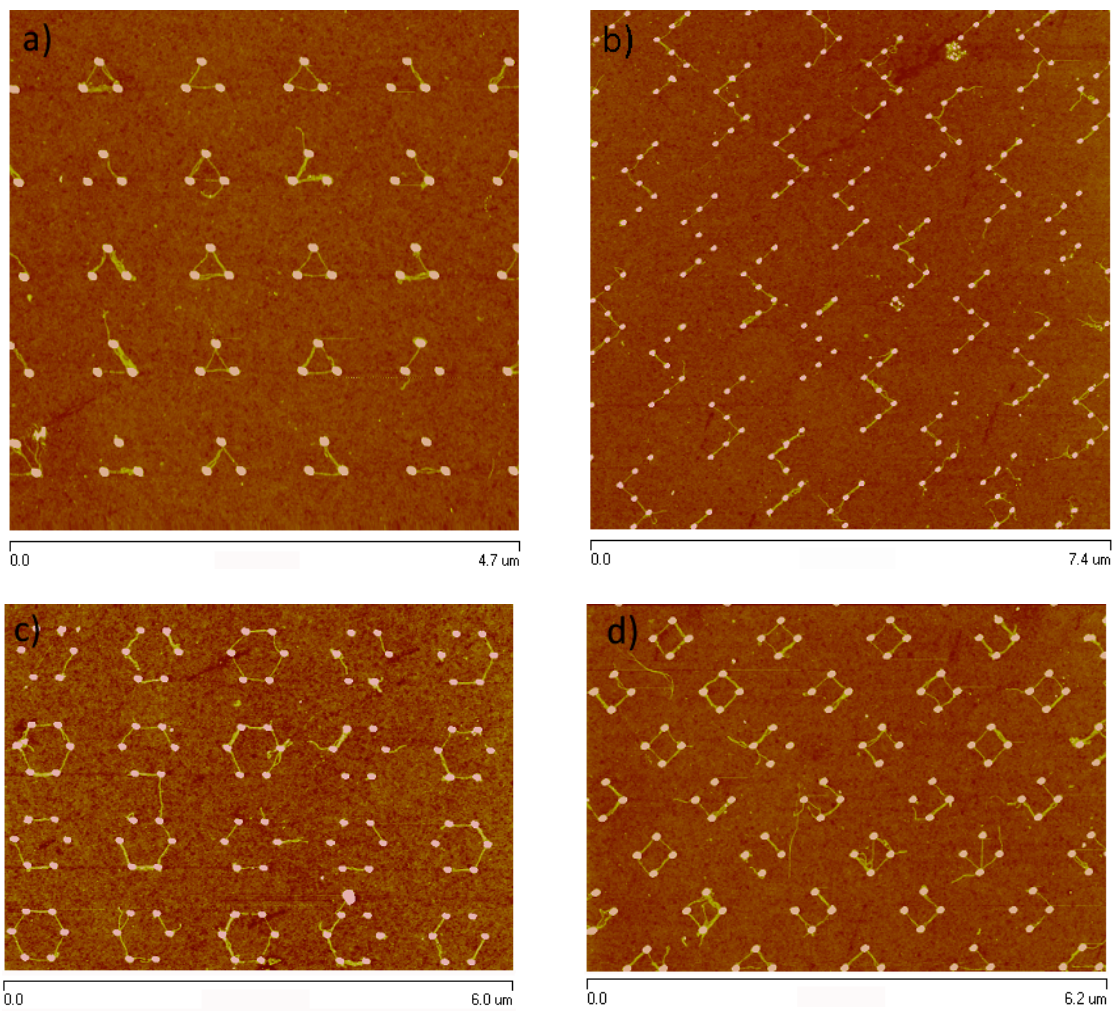


Figure S6. Structure layout of the DNA origami nanotube. The structure was designed using our in house software Tiamat that can be downloaded from <http://yanlab.asu.edu/Resources.html>. The structure is a six-helix bundle when viewed from the helix axis. To allow the readers to view the 3D structure in a 2D plane, the structure was rearranged in 2D as shown below. Helix 1 and 6 are connected at crossover points at position A and A', B and B' and so on. The picture shown on the next page provides better resolution image for zoom-in view by separating the structure into two panels. The white lines indicate the position of the thiol modification. The numbering of the strands in the structure corresponds to the numbering of the sequences shown in Table S1.

