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1. DNA design. The chiral DNA nanotube is assembled from 236 staples and an M13mp18 single-stranded template. 7057 nt of the 7249 nt template are used in the design, the remaining 192 nt is left as a single stranded loop at one end of the tube. A caDNAo schematic of the design is shown in Fig. S1. The ends of the tube can be modified by the addition of single-stranded T₈ tails to block polymerisation (Fig. S2a) or left unmodified to promote end-to-end interaction. Specific interactions formed by staple extensions can be used to join tubes in a precise register (Fig. S2b).

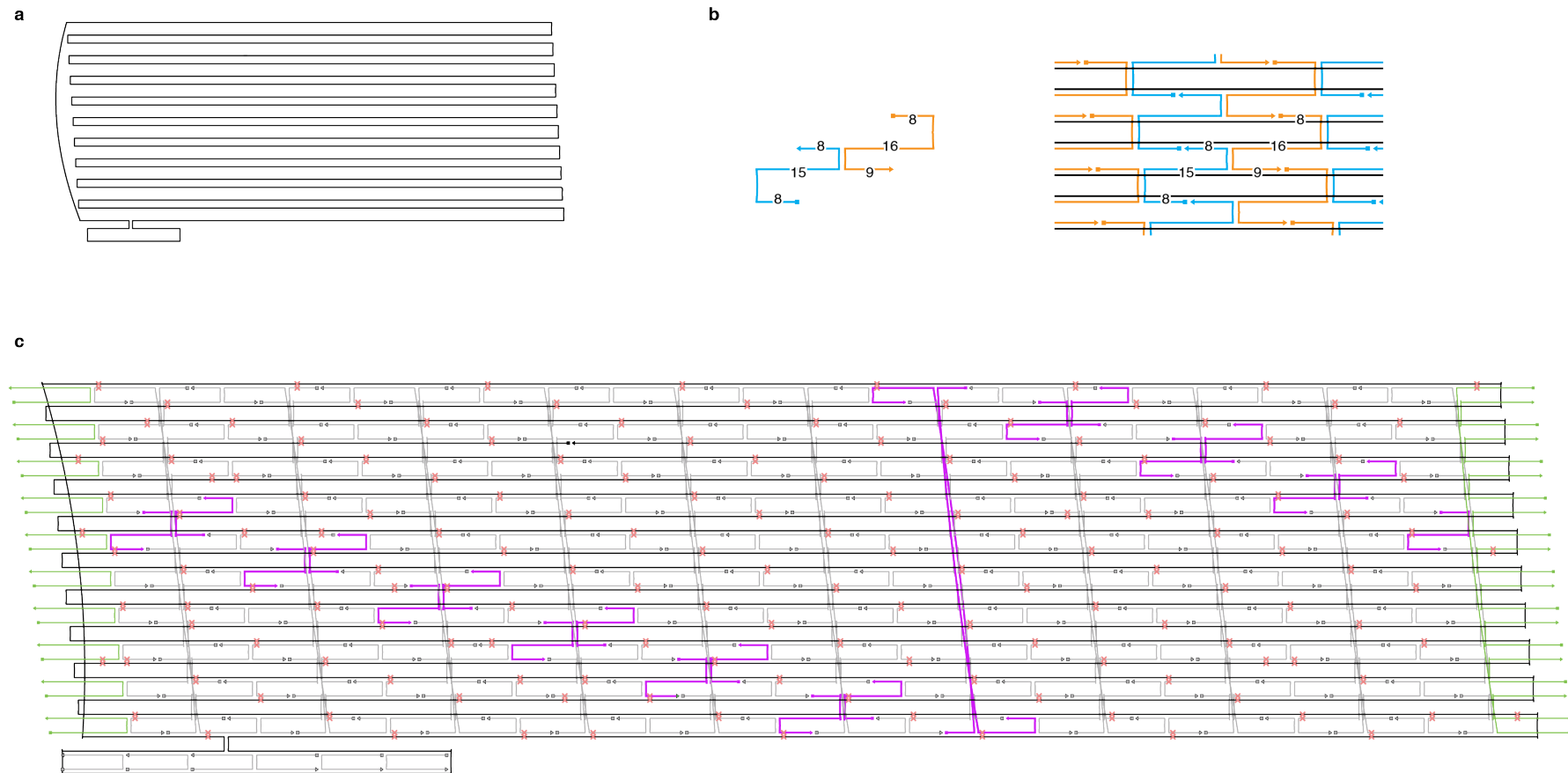


Fig S1. Tube design. **a**) The template connects 20 helices without a central seam. **b**) Curvature is introduced by using two staple types with an 8-15-8 nt domain structure and an 8-16-9 nt domain structure (blue and orange respectively) **c**) The left and right-hand edges of the tube can be functionalized with staples that block or promote interaction between tubes (green). Staples marked in purple were modified to make a helical track on the inside surface of the tube for Fig. 4 of the accompanying manuscript. All 21 staples highlighted in orange are modified at with the motor track for tube 'A' the first 5 orange staples from the left-hand edge are modified with the motor track for tube 'B'.

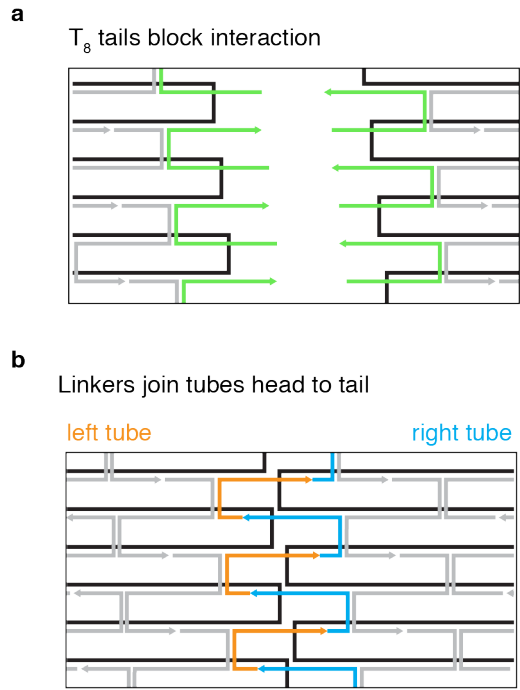


Fig S2. Linking strategies. **a**) Edge staples modified with T_8 tails (green) block non-specific stacking interactions between tubes. **b**) Two tube types (A and B, left and right) can be linked head to tail using short (6 nt) complementary sequences that extend from linker staples (orange and blue). Note that the unusual structure of the seam between left and right tubes is a consequence of the head-to-tail arrangement chosen for the motor track described below. Tubes joined head-to-head or tail-to-tail would have a conventional seam structure.

2. DNA sequences.

CORE STAPLES

For monomer and dimer tubes, add BLOCK or LINK STAPLES as required. For tubes with a track on the inside surface, replace purple staples with TRACK STAPLES as required. For gold nanoparticle attachment on the inside of the tube add A₁₅ to the 3' end of staples marked with a superscript 'a'. For gold nanoparticle attachment on the outside, replace staples marked with a superscript 'a' or 'b' with GOLD staples. Staples are named according to the location of the 5' and 3' ends as generated by caDNAno.

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12[228]	10[228]	(S4)	ACCAGAATACCCTTCCAGTAACAACTAAA
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BLOCK staples that block non-specific interaction between tubes

RIGHT-HAND EDGE		
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LEFT-HAND EDGE		
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LINK STAPLES that link tubes A and B together (omit corresponding BLOCK staples).

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GOLD STAPLES (outside surface)

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GOLD IN STAPLES (inside surface)

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TRACK STRANDS FOR TUBE 'A'

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S21  TTTACACGATCTACATTGGAACCTCAGCCCAACTAACATTCCTCCACAATTTGACCAGAACCGCCACCCTCTGTATCACC
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S1* has a 5' extension to capture the 5' TET label (CGAAGTGTAGGGAGTGGGAT) so that movement of the cargo away from S1* can be monitored by fluorescence.

TRACK STRANDS FOR TUBE 'B'

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S5* CCTTTTACTTCCACTACCCATGGAACTTCAGCCCAACTAACATTCCTCCACAAGAAGTGGCAATATCAGAGAGATAATAAGTCCT

S5* has a 5' extension to capture the 5' Cy5 label (TGGGTAGTGGAAAGTAAAAGG) so that arrival of the cargo at S5* can be monitored by fluorescence. S1* is modified with a single mismatch (underlined) to trap the cargo when it arrives at S5*.

MOTOR STRAND: CGATGTTAGTTGGGCTGAGGTTCC

3. Origami assembly. Scaffold, staples and block staples were mixed in a ratio of 1:3:5 in a buffer containing 1x Sybr Green (Invitrogen), 50 mM NaCl, 10 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM EDTA and 10 mM Tris-HCl at pH8.0. DNA nanotubes were assembled by cooling from 96°C to room temperature at 1°C per minute and melted by heating at the same rate. The fluorescence signal can be used to report the fraction of base pairs formed as a function of temperature since Sybr Green fluoresces more strongly when bound to double-stranded DNA than when bound to single-stranded DNA. Figure S3 shows the derivative of the fluorescence signal with respect to temperature (dF/dT) as a function of temperature. Peaks corresponding to the folding and melting transitions are observed at 54°C and 62°C. The assembly temperature can be decreased to 32°C by including 20% formamide in the assembly buffer.

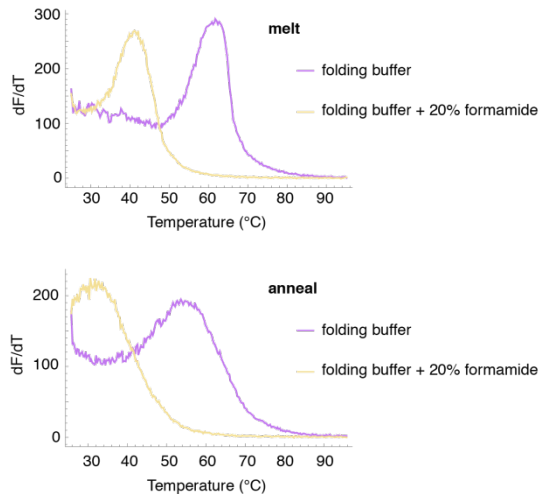


Fig S3. Assembly of Chiral Nanotubes. The melting and annealing profiles were measured in the presence of 1x Sybr Green 1 in 10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA, 50 mM NaCl and 10 mM MgCl₂ at pH8.0. Samples were cooled/heated at 1°C per minute in the presence and absence of 20% formamide. dF/dT is the first derivative of the fluorescence signal with respect to temperature.

4. Electron microscopy of chiral nanotubes.

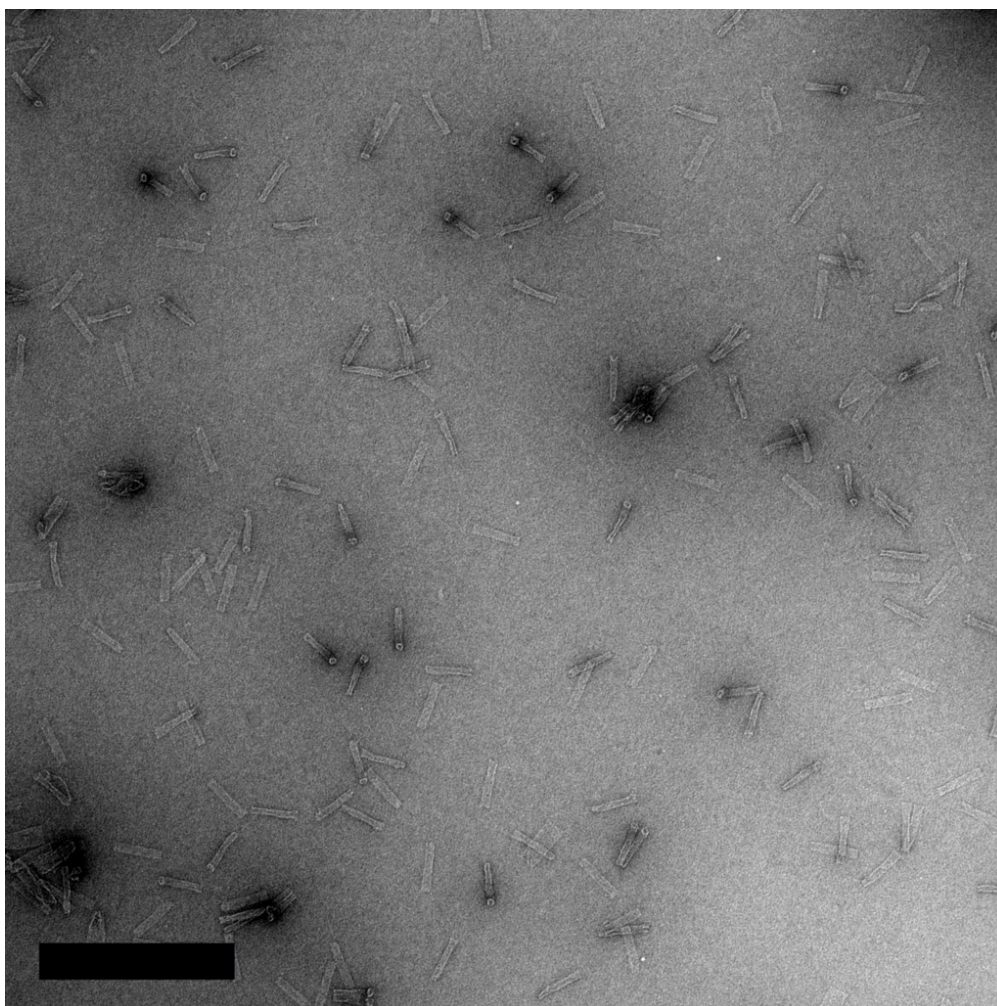


Fig S4. Chiral nanotubes before decoration with gold nanoparticles. Scale bar 500 nm.

5. CD of chiral nanotubes.

Preparation of nanoparticles. 40 mg of BSPP (Bis(p-sulfonatophenyl) phenylphosphine dihydrate dipotassium salt) was added to 50 mL of 10 nm citrate-stabilized colloidal gold nanoparticles (BBI Solutions, 9.5 nM) and the solution was stirred overnight in the dark at room temperature. To obtain a high concentration of stable nanoparticles, sodium chloride (5 M) was added in increments while agitating the solution until a colour change from red to blue was observed. The nanoparticles were sedimented by centrifugation at 1,600 rcf for 30 min at room temperature in a 50 mL Falcon tube. The clear supernatant was removed with a pipette immediately and the particles were dissolved in 1.6 mL of 2.5 mM BSPP in H₂O followed by addition of an equal volume of methanol. As before, the mixture was centrifuged and the supernatant was completely removed. The particles were resuspended in 600 μ L of 2.5 mM BSPP in H₂O. The nanoparticle concentration was determined by measuring the absorption at 520 nm.

Attachment of DNA to nanoparticles. A 5'-thiol modified 19 nt polyT oligonucleotide was incubated overnight in 20 mM TCEP (Tris-(carboxyethyl) phosphine hydrochloride) then purified using a NAP-5 size exclusion column (GE Healthcare). The reduced oligonucleotide was incubated with the stabilized nanoparticles in a 300:1 ratio in 0.5x TBE at room

temperature. NaCl was gradually added over the course of 24 hours to a final concentration of 350 mM. To estimate the yield of the conjugation, a droplet of the DNA-covered AuNPs was mixed with a droplet of 0.5 × TBE buffer with 100 mM MgCl₂ (stable conjugation should show no colour change at MgCl₂ concentrations up to 100 mM). If the colour of the droplet changed from red to blue, more thiolated oligonucleotides were added. The nanoparticle–DNA conjugates were centrifuged for 5 min at 14,000 rcf at room temperature in a 30kDa MWCO centrifugal filter (Amicon Ultra, Millipore). The centrifugation step was repeated 4 times with the addition of 480 μL 0.5x TBE to the centrifugal filter before each step. The nanoparticle-DNA solution was transferred to a new Amicon filter and the four centrifugation steps were repeated. After the last step, the concentration was determined by measuring the absorption at 520 nm.

Decoration of chiral nanotubes with nanoparticles. Nine attachment sites, each consisting of three staples with a 15 nt polyA sequence at the 3' end were generated by replacing the core staples with GOLD staples. Attachment sites on the outside of the tube were generated by replacing staples annotated with superscript *a* and *b* with GOLD staples. Attachment sites on the inside of the tube were generated by replacing staples annotated with *a* with GOLD IN staples. A special set of BLOCK strands was used in which the T₈ tails were replaced with C₈ tails to avoid unwanted interaction with the gold attachment sites. Chiral nanotubes were folded as described above except that the excess of gold attachment sites was reduced to 1.2-fold. Free staples were removed by three rounds of PEG precipitation. For each round an equal volume of 12.5 mM MgCl₂, 0.5 M NaCl, 15% PEG (w/v) and 1x TAE was added and the samples were spun at 20,000 rcf for 30 minutes at 20°C (see reference 28 of the accompanying manuscript). Nanoparticle-DNA conjugates were mixed with PEG purified nanotubes in a 50:1 ratio of nanoparticles: DNA attachment sites. Nanoparticle-decorated nanotubes were purified away from free nanoparticles using a 1% agarose 0.5x TBE gel supplemented with 11 mM MgCl₂ and run at 60V for 2h. Gel-purified nanoparticle decorated nanotubes were stained with uranyl acetate and imaged by transmission electron microscopy (Fig. S5). The concentration of purified gold-functionalized DNA nanotubes is difficult to determine accurately but is estimated to be 1.5-2 nM.

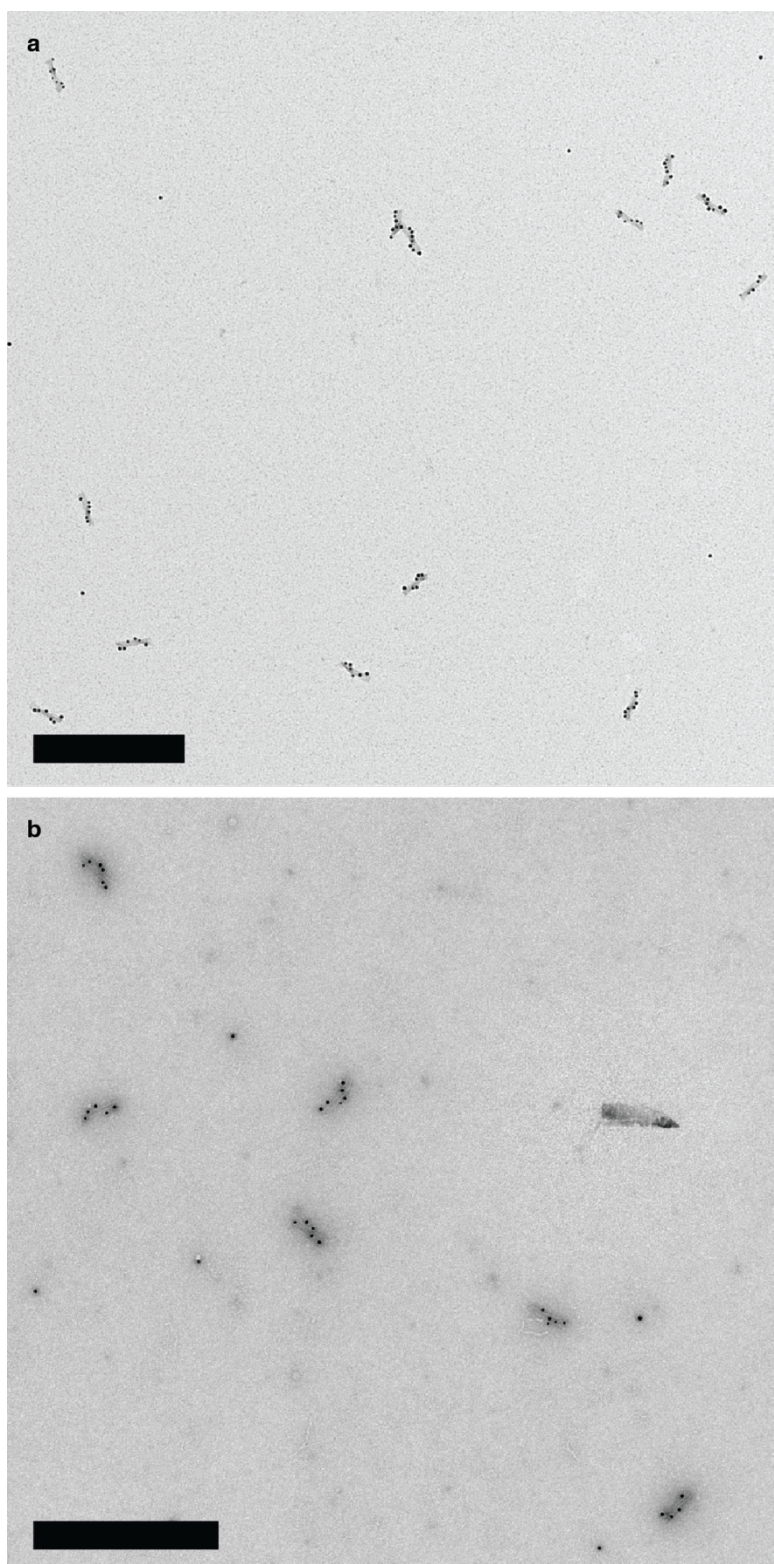


Fig S5. Chiral nanotubes decorated with 10 nm gold nanoparticles. (a) Chiral nanotubes with attachment sites on the outside surface. (b) Chiral nanotubes with attachment sites on the inside surface. Scale bar 500 nm.

Prior to the CD measurements, the samples were silver enhanced for 4 min using 0.7 μ l of the enhancement solution (HQ Silver, Nanoprobes) added to 20 μ l of sample as described in ref. 18 of the accompanying manuscript. The CD signal was measured in a JASCO J-815 instrument using a 1 mm path length cuvette (Starna, 21/Q1).

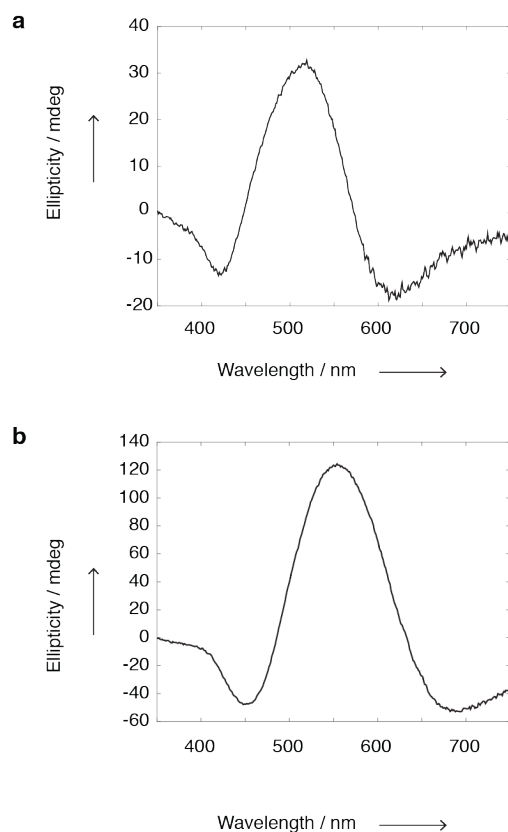


Fig S6. CD spectrum of gold-functionalized DNA nanotubes. **a)** Data from Fig. 3c of the manuscript showing for DNA nanotubes with gold attachment sites on the outside surface **b)** DNA nanotubes with attachment sites on the inside surface prepared as described above except that the silver enhancement was done with a 1:1 ratio of enhancer to DNA.

5. Transport of cargo within nanotubes. The start stator S1* (5 μM) was annealed with Motor (4.75 μM) and TET label (10 μM) at 6°C per minute in a buffer containing 12.5 mM MgCl_2 in 1 \times TAE (pH 8.0).

Tube A and B (50 nM scaffold) were annealed separately at 1°C per minute in a buffer containing 12.5 mM MgCl_2 in 1 \times TE. Tube A consists of all stators except S1* (S2-S21) and all remaining staples except the right-hand edge Block staples. Tube B consists of all stators (S1-S5*) and all staples except the left-hand edge Block staples.

The motor was loaded at the start of Tube A by incubating 50 nM tubes with 45 nM Motor:S1*:TET label for 1 hour at 37°C. Tube A loaded with Motor at S1* was purified using 3 passes through an S-300 spin column equilibrated a buffer containing 12.5 mM MgCl_2 in 1 \times TAE (pH 8.0).

Tubes A and B were linked by mixing 10 nM Tube A, 10 nM Tube B and 10 nM Link staples. The mixture was supplemented with 50 mM potassium acetate for compatibility with the nicking enzyme Nt.BbvCI. The 135 μL mixture was incubated in a cuvette at 37°, 200 μL of mineral oil was placed over the sample to prevent evaporation. After 2 hours (at t=0), movement of the motor along the track was initiated by adding 1 μL of Nt.BbvCI (10 units). At the end of the reaction Motor (2.34 μL) was added to a final concentration of 2.6 μM to record a fully quenched baseline.

The unlinked A + B sample preparation was identical except both tubes were decorated with Block staples on both left and right-hand edges. No Linker staples were added.