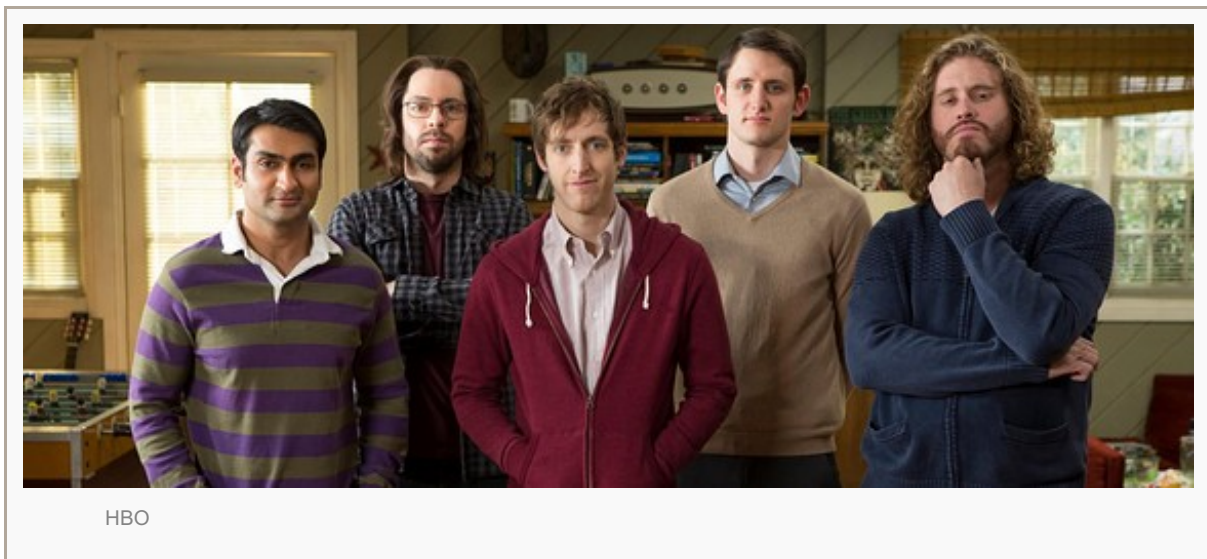


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Silicon has been the foundation of the modern world. It's true. The second most common element in the Earth's crust has been the key ingredient in the computer and information age. The silicon transistor these days underlies everything from your talking teddy bear to your talking smartphone. Which is what makes IBM's research into carbon nanotubes so interesting. The researchers think they've found an element that may work even faster and with more energy-efficiency than silicon.

There's a long way to go on this front, but if they were able to make carbon nanotubes commercially viable, everything Siri to "Silicon Valley" might be changed. Here's your afternoon reading:

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