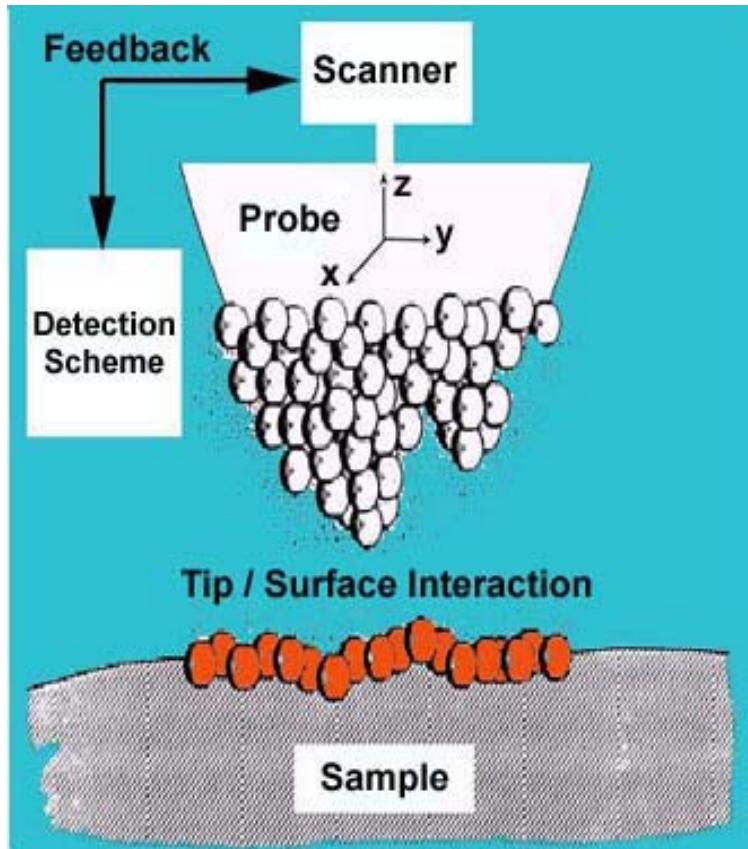


# Scanning Probe Microscopy (SPM)



## Scanning Tunneling Microscopy (STM)

--- G. Binnig, H. Rohrer et al, (1982)

## Near-Field Scanning Optical Microscopy (NSOM)

--- D. W. Pohl (1982)

## Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM)

--- G. Binnig, C. F. Quate, C. Gerber (1986)

## Scanning Thermal Microscopy (SThM)

--- C. C. Williams, H. Wickramasinghe (1986)

## Magnetic Force Microscopy (MFM)

--- Y. Martin, H. K. Wickramasinghe (1987)

## Friction Force Microscopy (FFM or LFM)

--- C. M. Mate et al (1987)

## Electrostatic Force Microscopy (EFM)

--- Y. Martin, D. W. Abraham et al (1988)

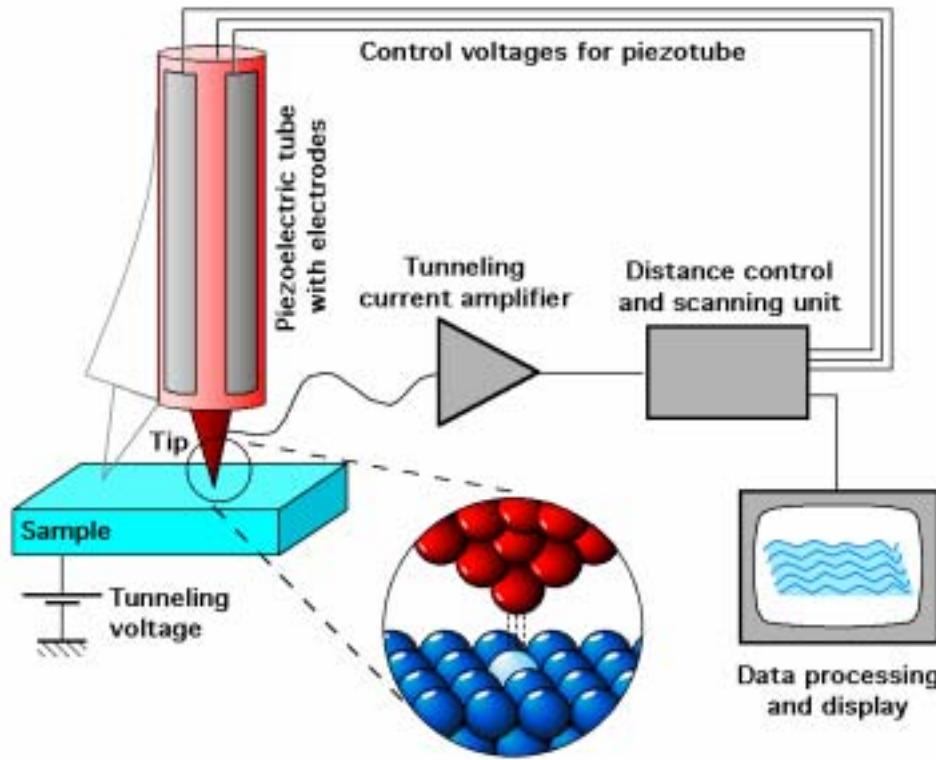
## Scanning Capacitance Microscopy (SCM)

--- C. C. Williams, J. Slinkman et al (1989)

## Force Modulation Microscopy (FMM)

--- P. Maivald et al (1991)

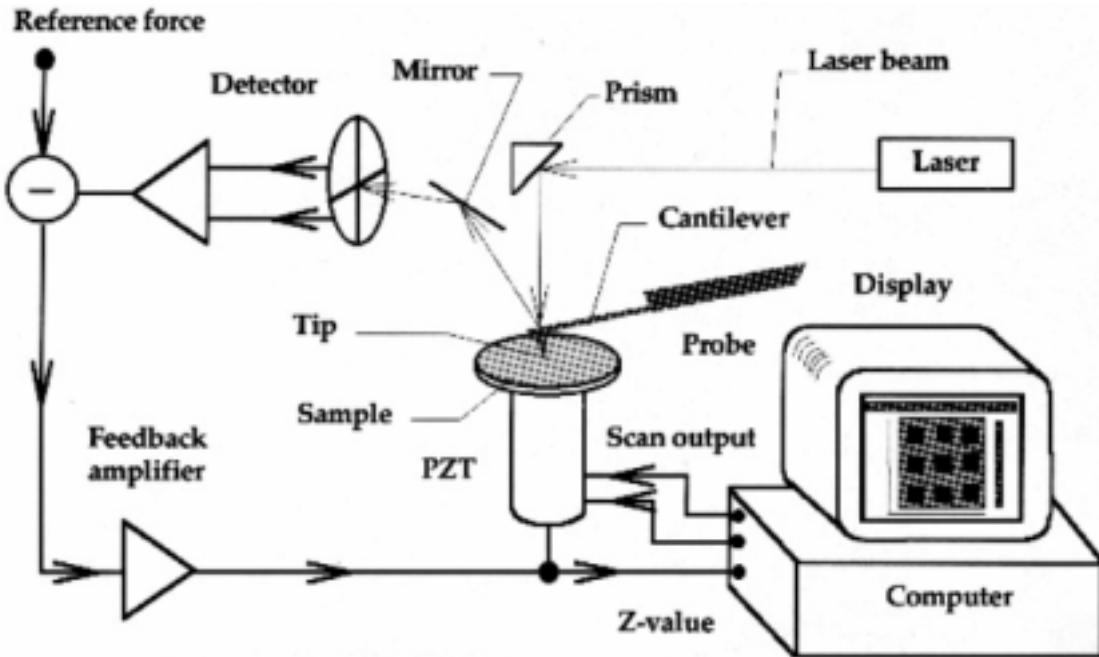
# Scanning Tunneling Microscopy



## References:

1. G. Binnig, H. Rohrer, C. Gerber, and Weibel, Phys. Rev. Lett. **49**, 57 (1982); and *ibid* **50**, 120 (1983).
2. J. Chen, *Introduction to Scanning Tunneling Microscopy*, New York, Oxford Univ. Press (1993).

# Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM)



$$F = k\Delta z$$

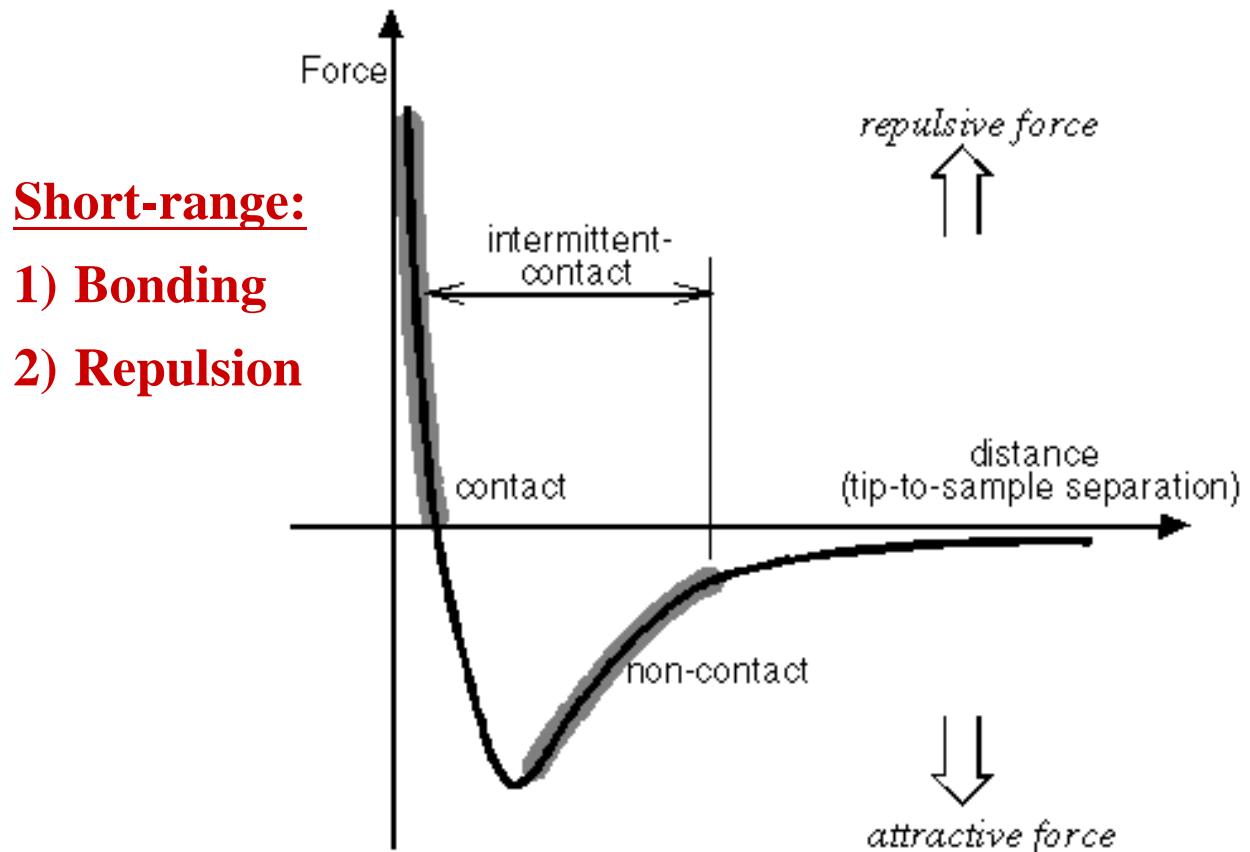
$$F = 10^{-9} - 10^{-6} \text{ N}$$

$$k = 0.1 - 1 \text{ N/m}$$

## References:

- G. Binnig, C. F. Quate, and C. Gerber, Phys. Rev. Lett. 56, 930 (1986).
- C. Bustamante and D. Keller, Physics Today, 32, December (1995).
- R. Wiesendanger and H.J. Güntherodt, *Scanning Tunneling Microscopy II*, Springer-Verlag, (1992).

# Interaction between the probe and sample



## Short-range:

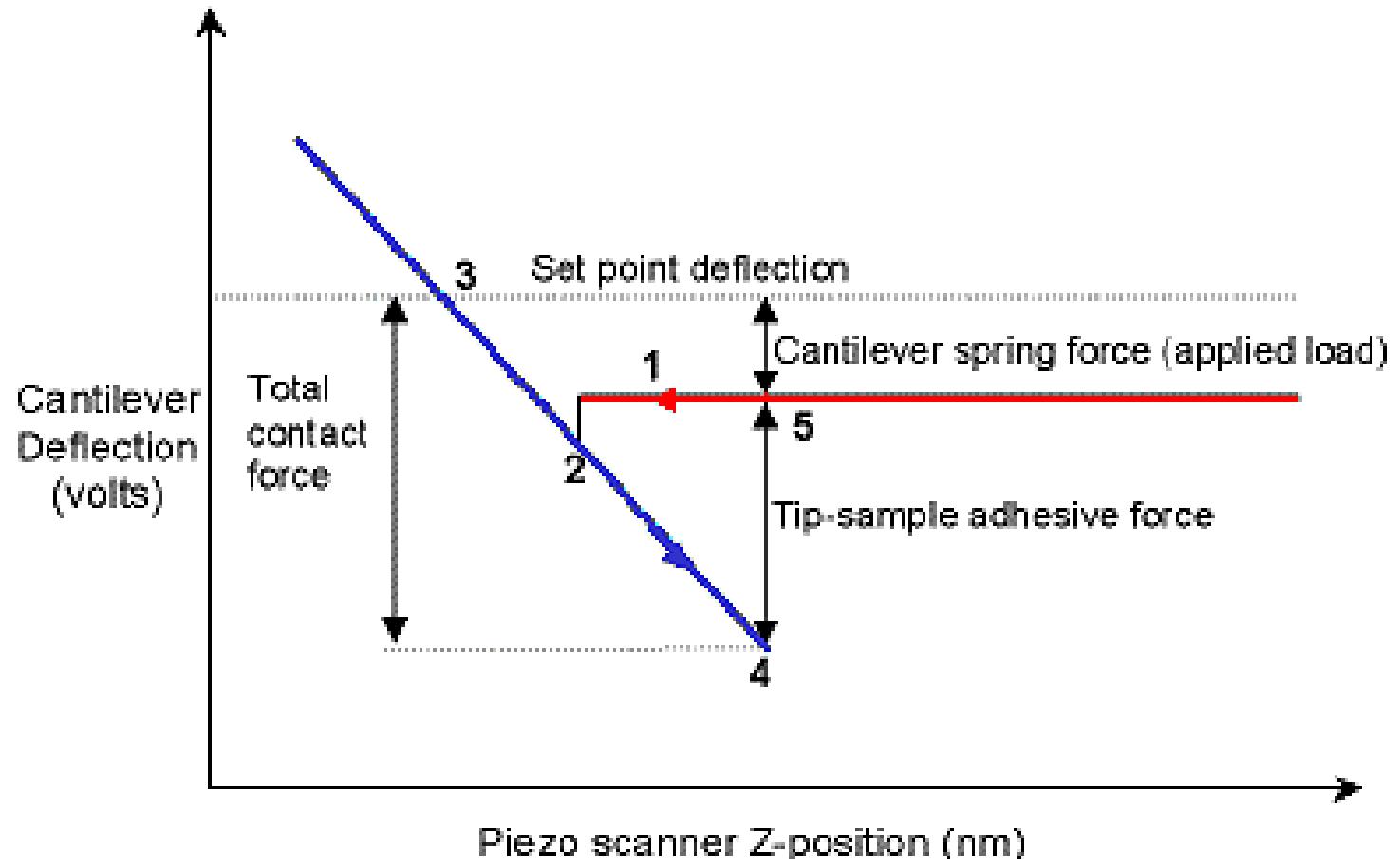
- 1) Bonding
- 2) Repulsion

## Long-range:

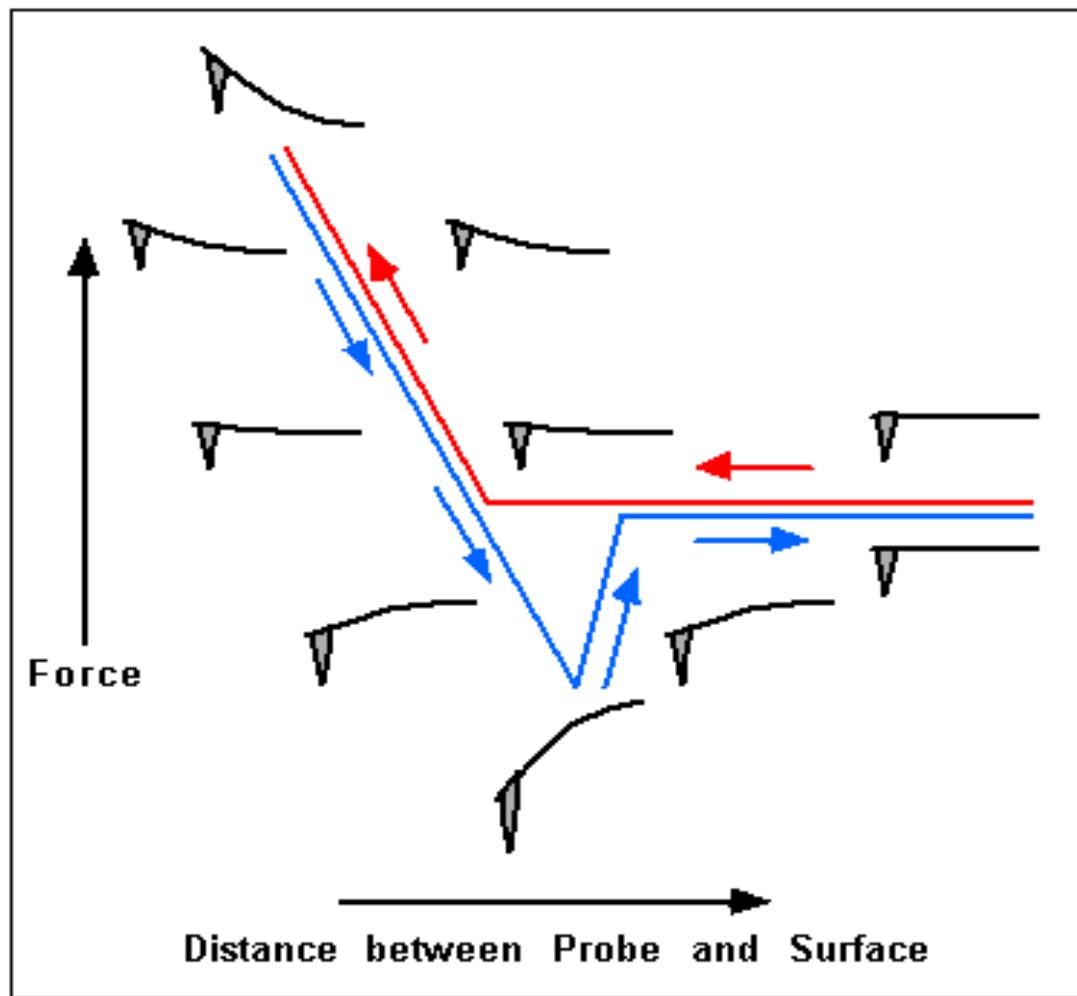
- 1) Van der Waal
- 2) Capillary
- 3) Magnetic
- 4) Electrostatic

$$\text{Lennard-Jones potential } \phi(r) = - A/r^6 + B/r^{12}$$

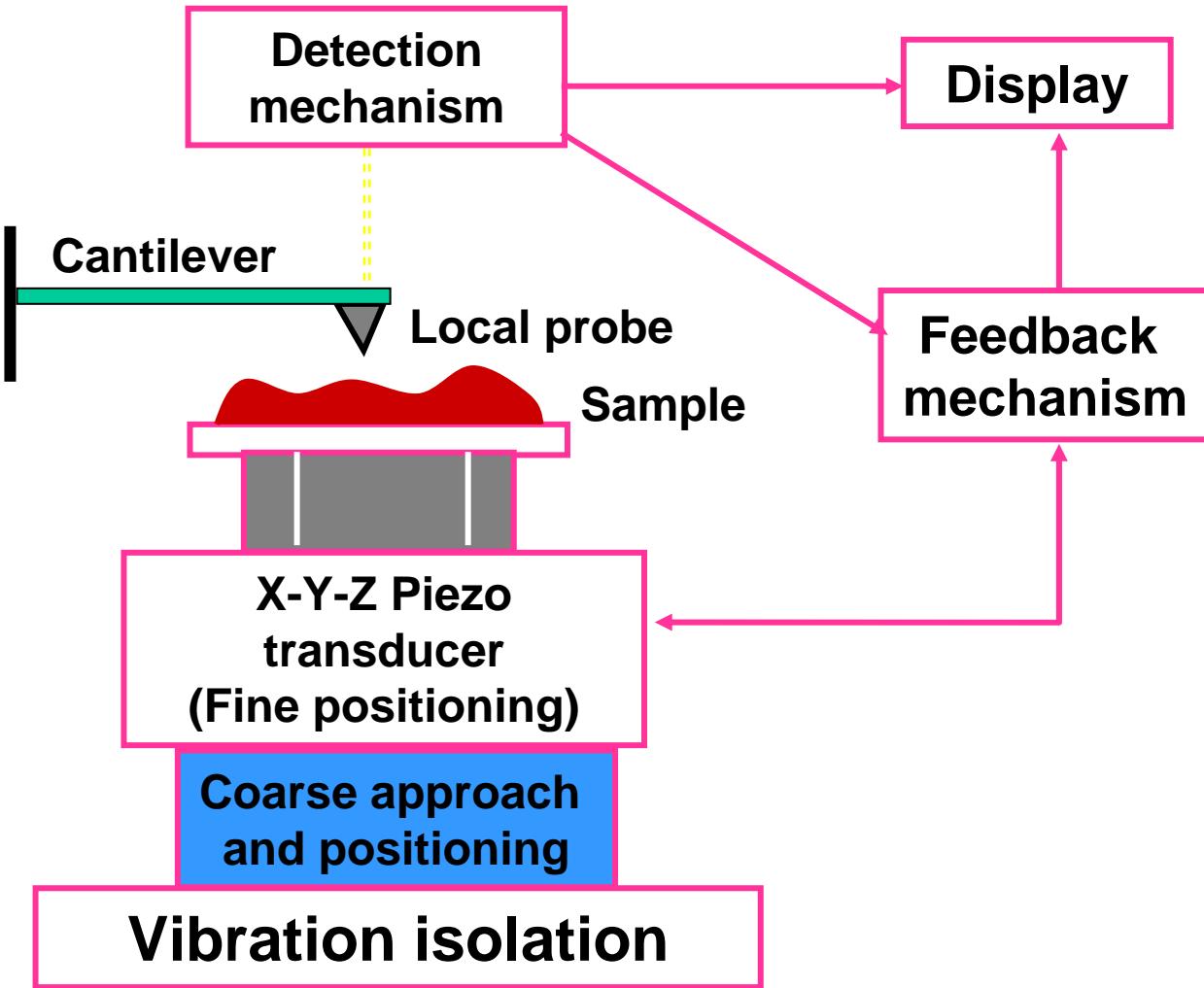
# Deflection of Cantilever vs Piezo displacement



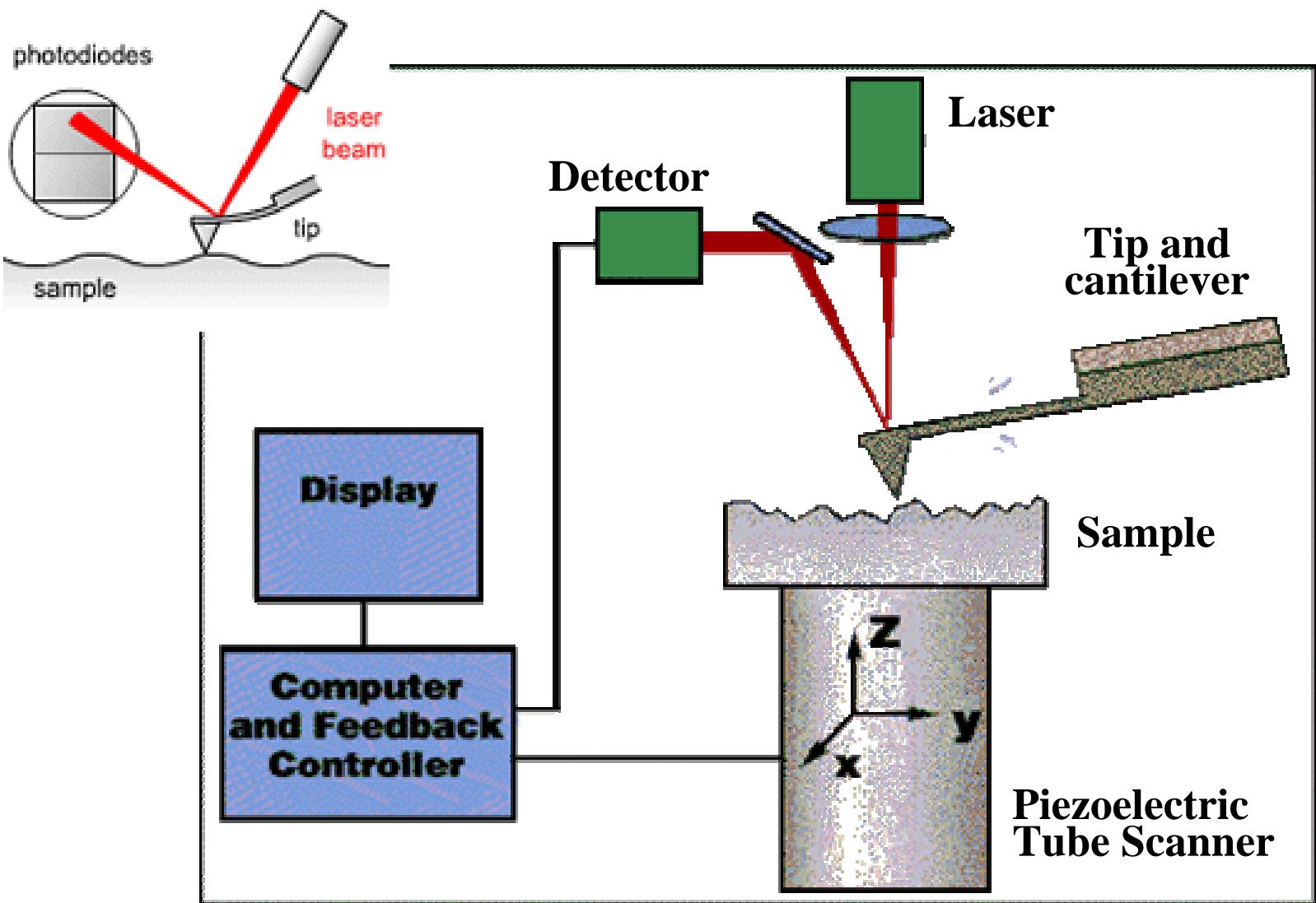
# Reaction of the probe to the force



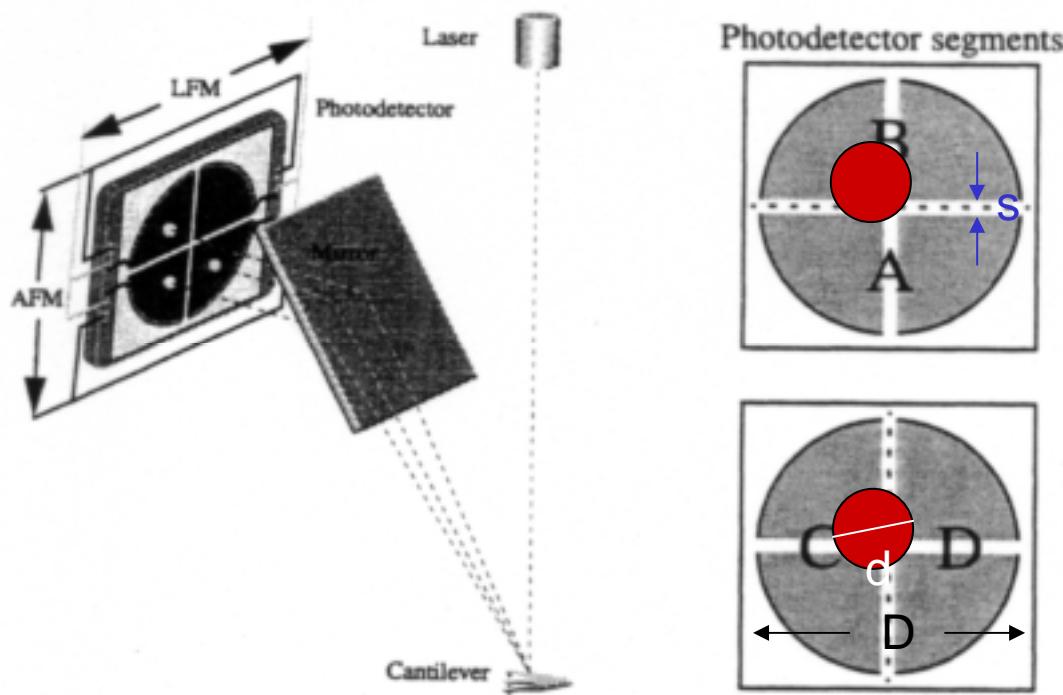
# Structure of AFM



# Core components of AFM

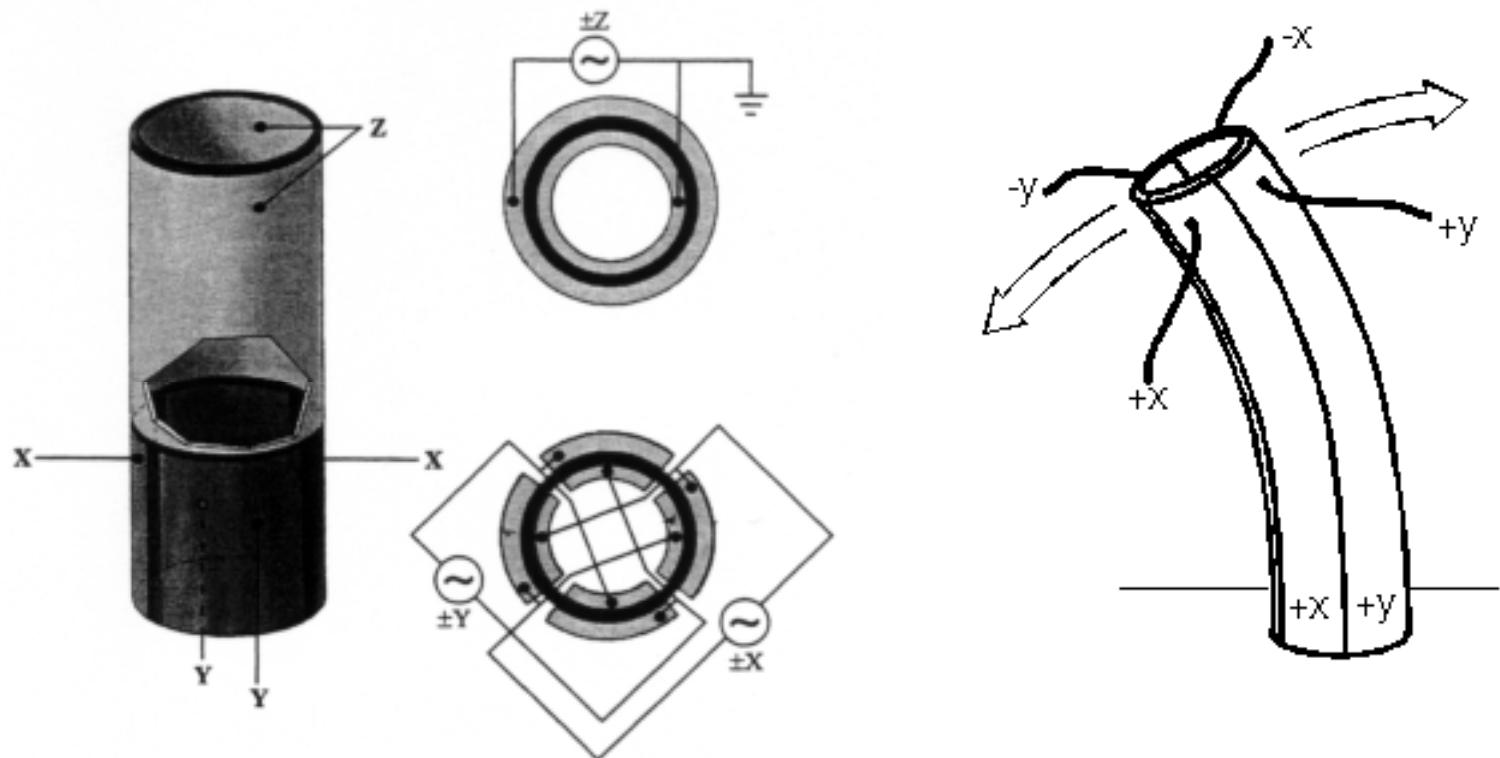


# Position-sensitive Photo Diode (PSPD)

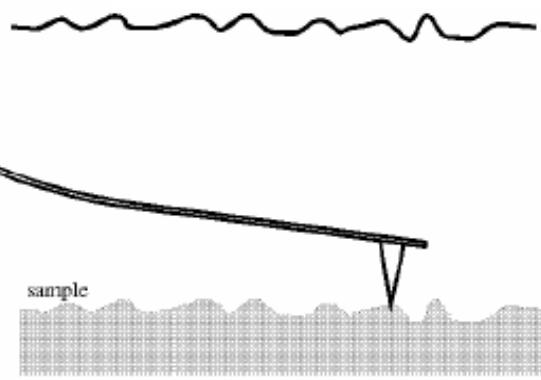


$D \sim 10\text{mm}$     $d \sim 1\text{mm}$     $s \sim 0.01\text{mm}$

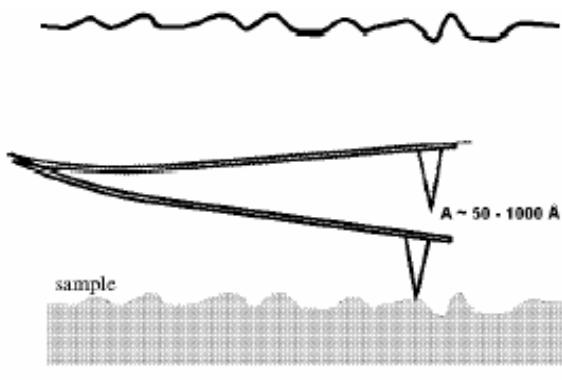
# Piezo Scanner



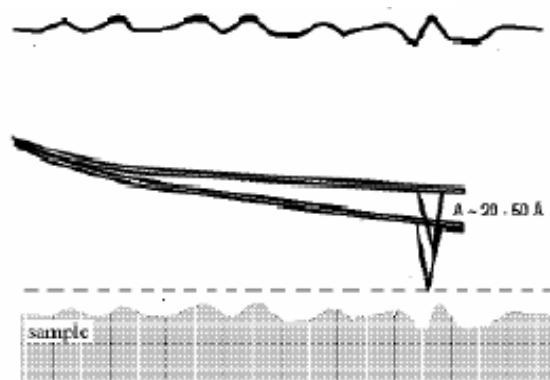
# Three scanning modes of AFM



**Contact  
Mode AFM**



**Semicontact  
Mode AFM**

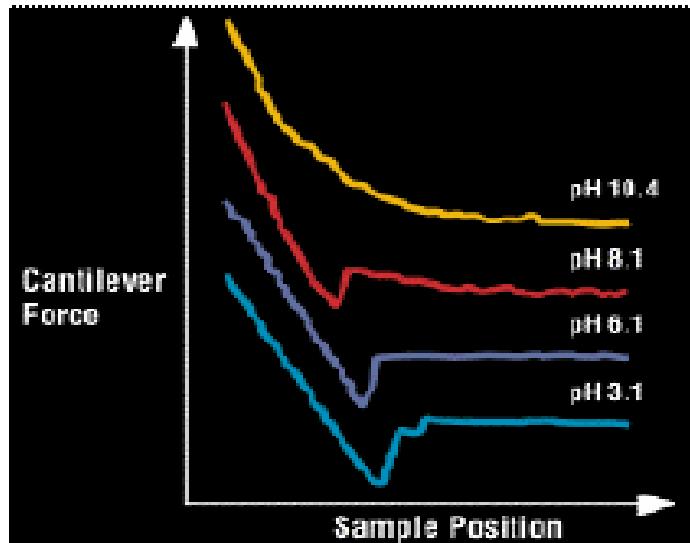
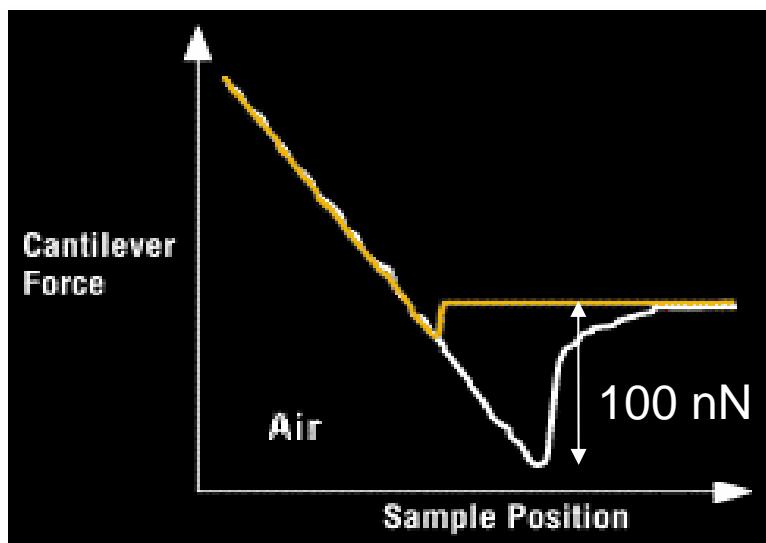
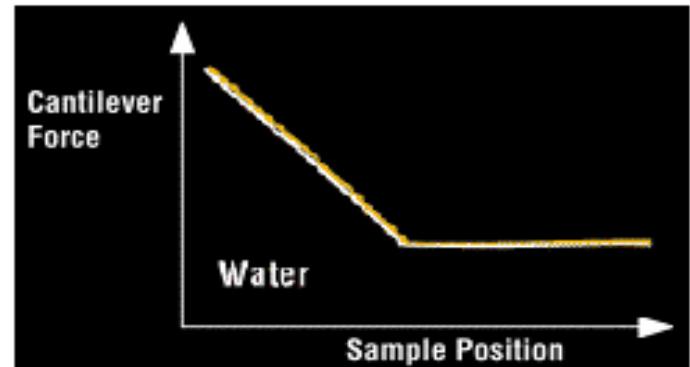
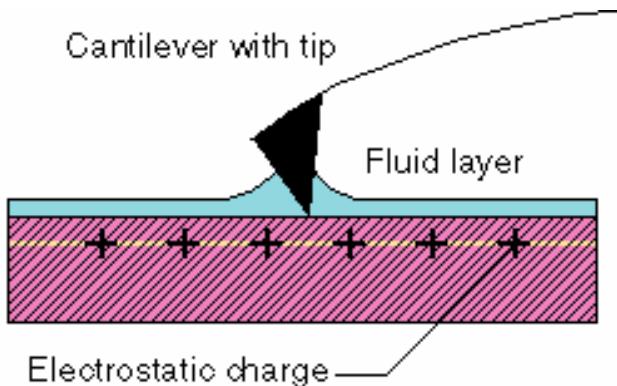


**Non-contact  
Mode AFM**

## Two imaging methods in contact mode

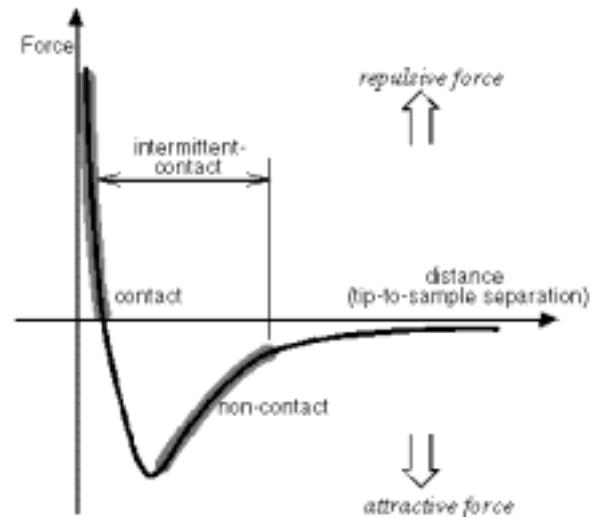
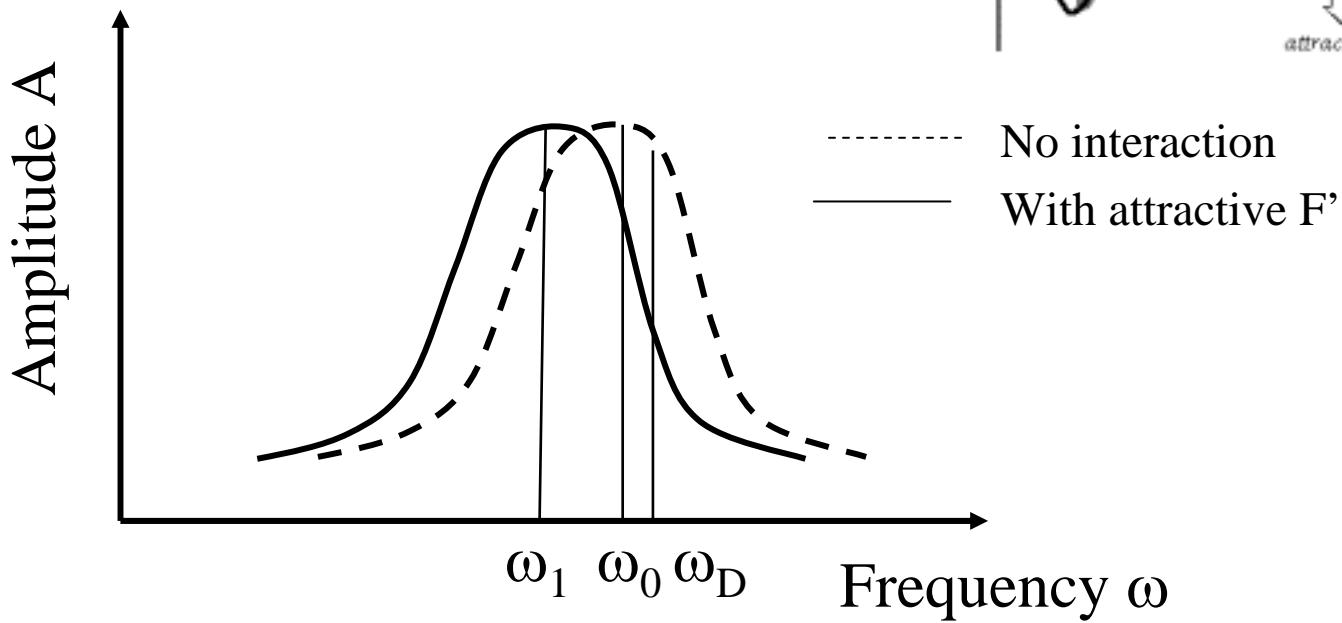
- Constant force method : By using a feedback loop the tip is vertically adjusted in such a way that the force always stays constant. The tip then follows a contour of a constant contact force during scanning. A kind of a topographic image of the surface is generated by recording the vertical position of the tip.
- Constant height method : In this mode the vertical position of the tip is not changed, equivalent to a slow or disabled feedback. The displacement of the tip is measured directly by the laser beam deflection. One of its advantages is that it can be used at high scanning frequencies.

# Problems with the contact mode

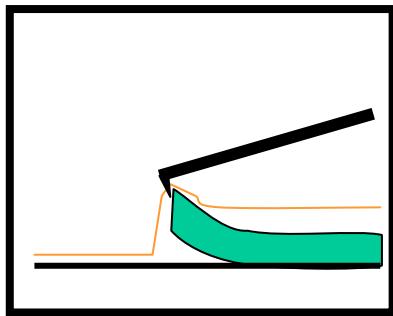


# AC imaging mode

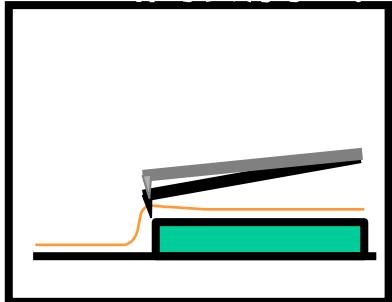
$$\omega_1 = \omega_0 (1 - F'/2c)$$



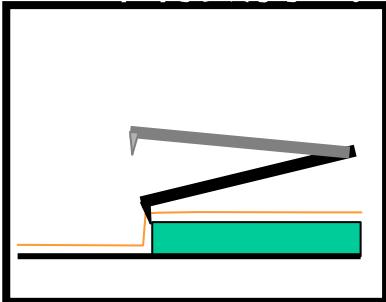
# Comparison of three scanning modes



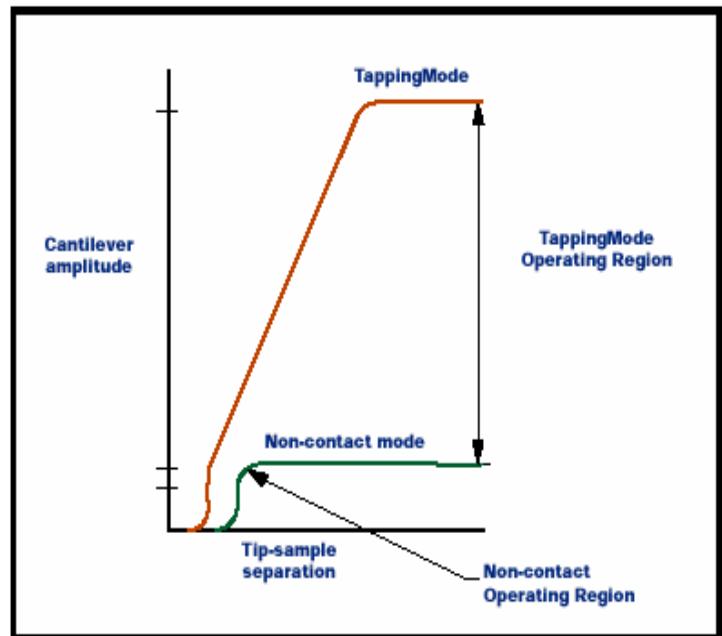
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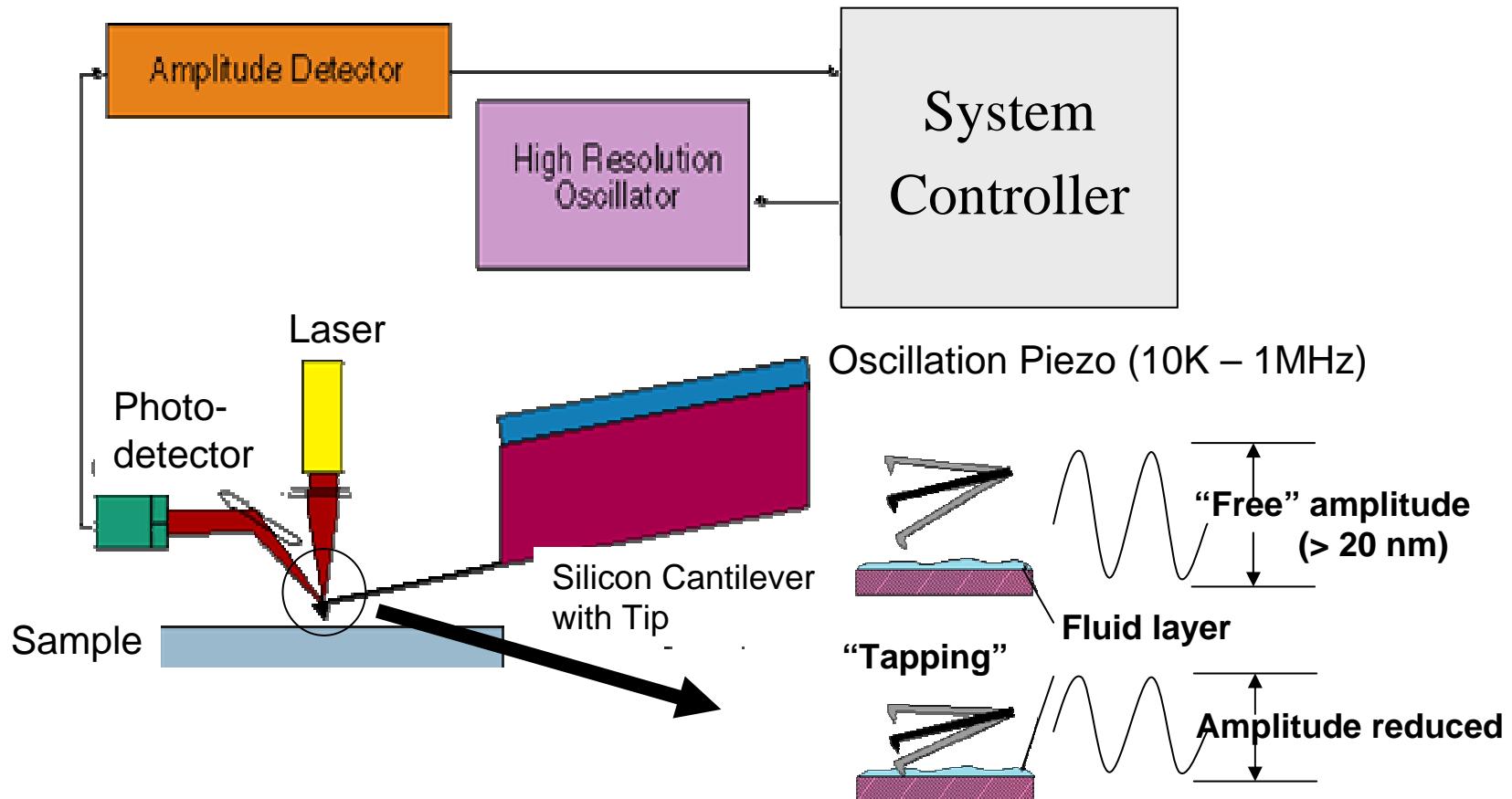
Non-contact



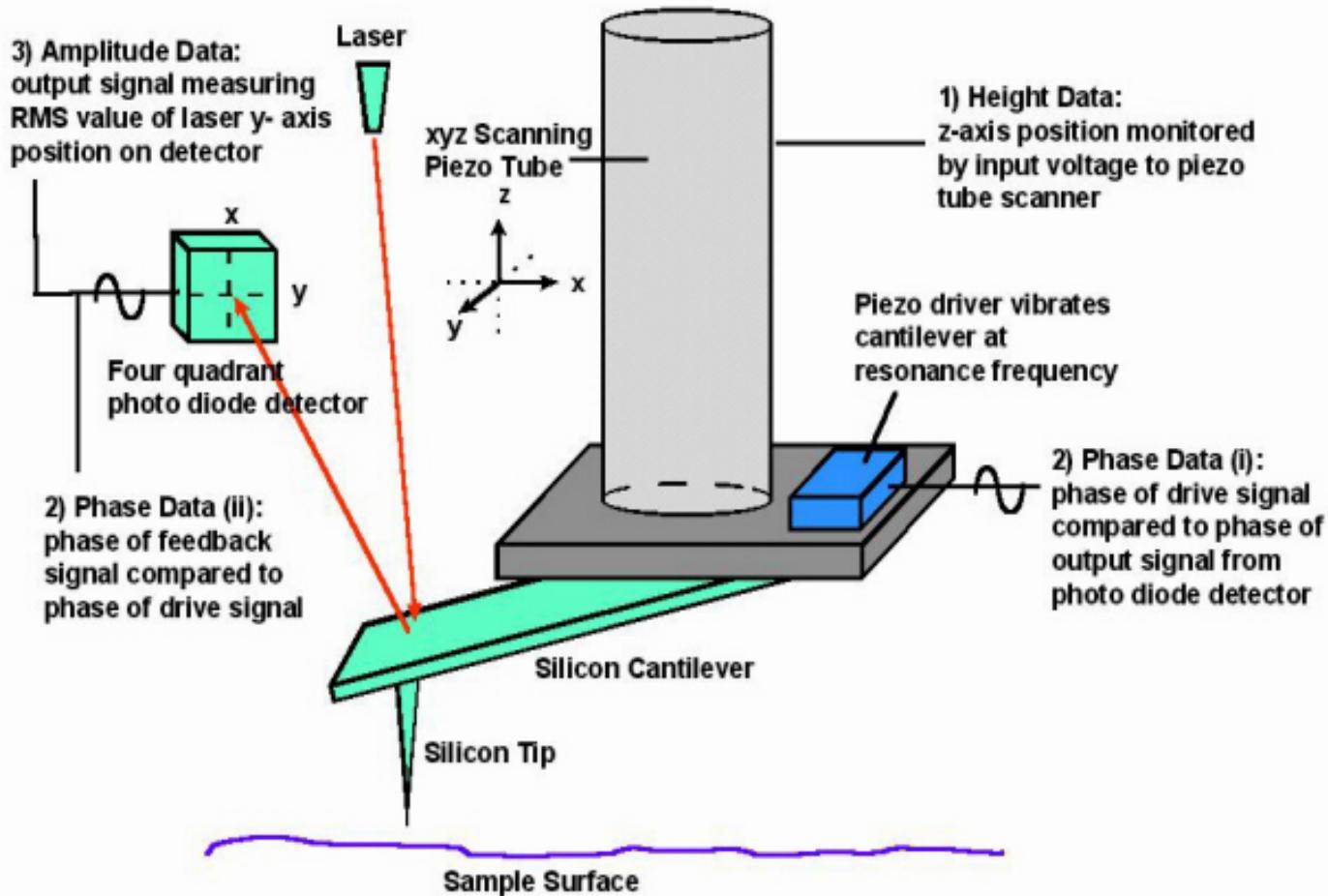
Intermittent-contact



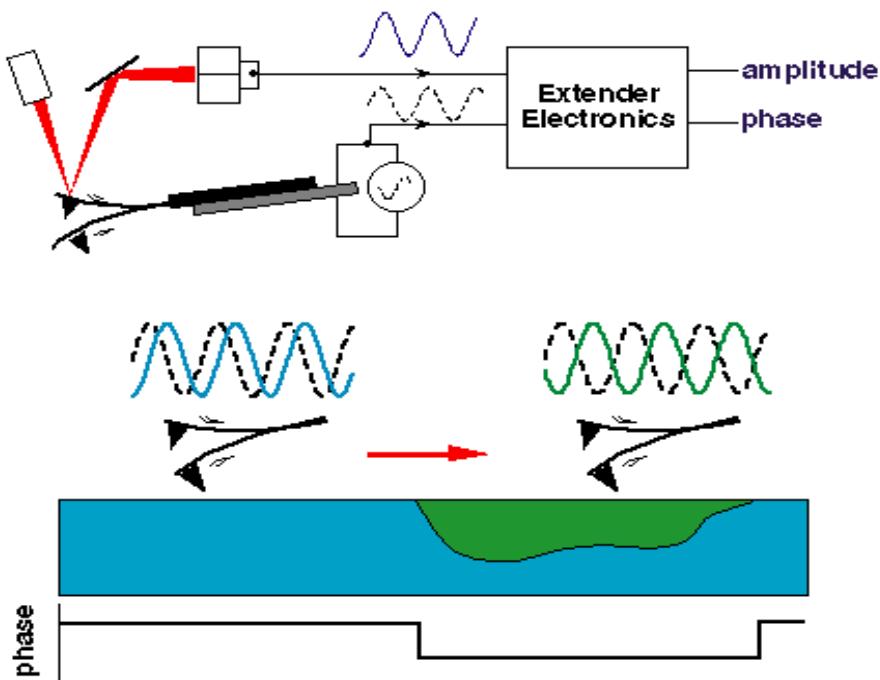
# Tapping mode



# Three Types of Data Collected in Tapping Mode

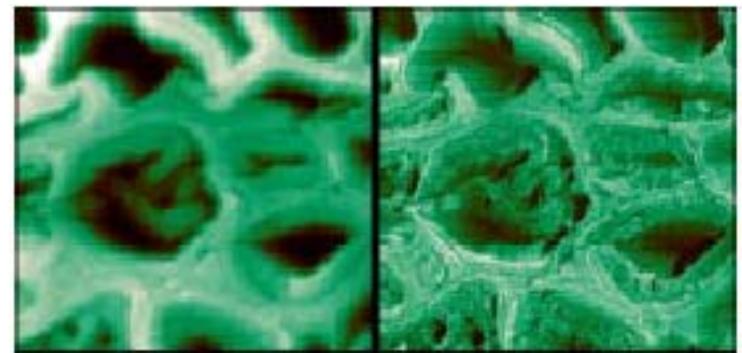


# Images by tapping mode



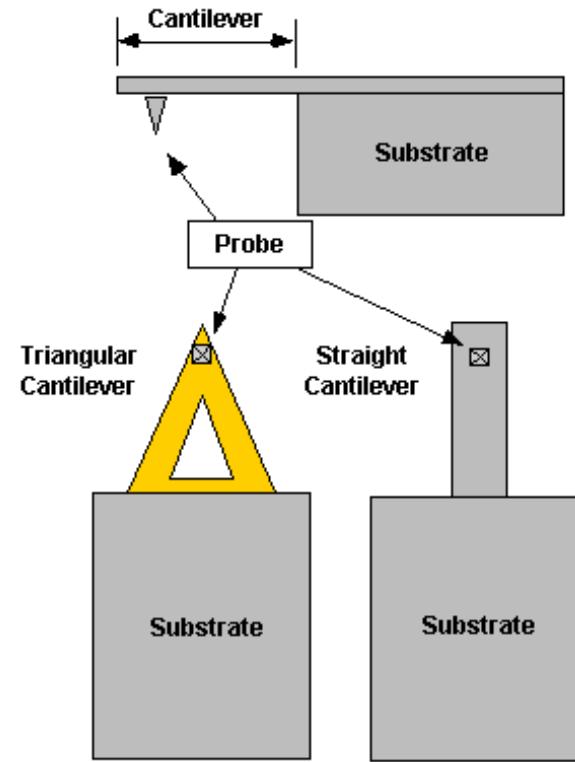
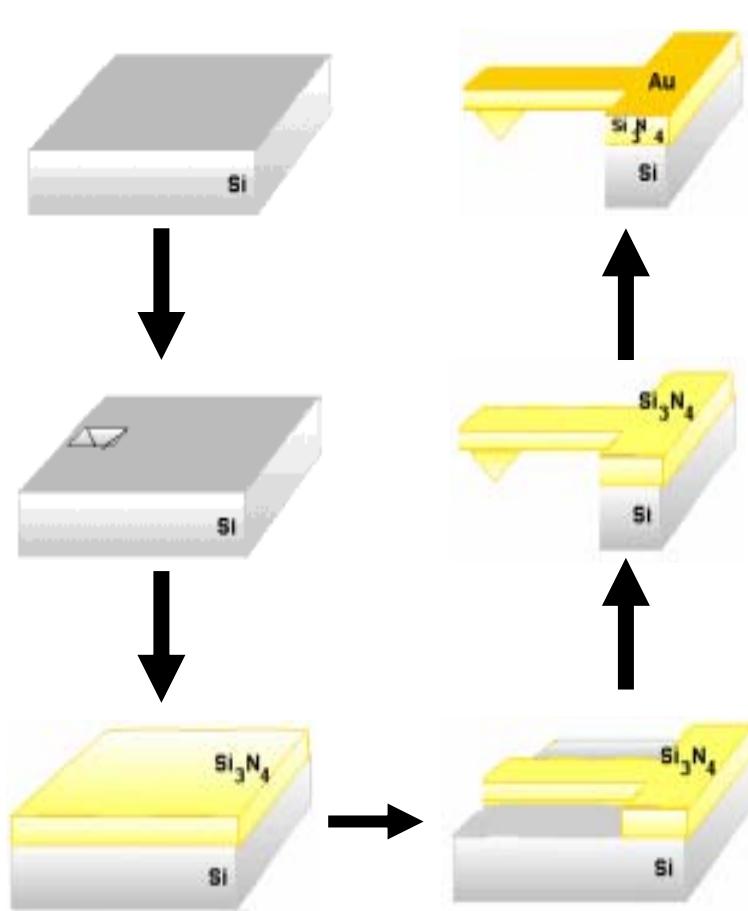
Topography

Phase



AFM image of a fresh  
Alfalfa root section

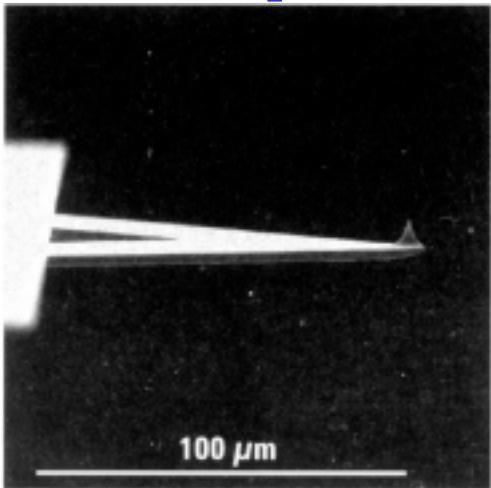
# Fabrication of AFM probes



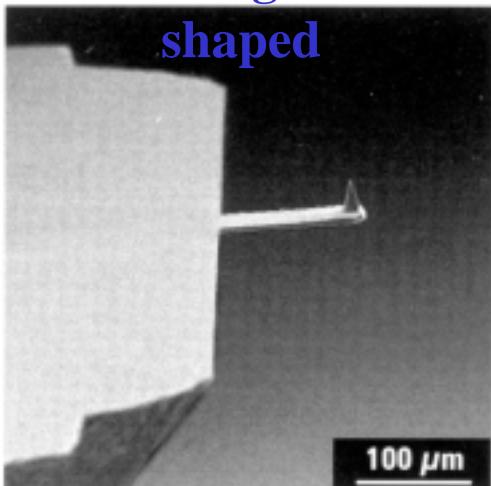
Typical Tip Dimensions:  $150\mu\text{m} \times 30\mu\text{m} \times 0.5\mu\text{m}$   
 $k \sim 0.1 \text{ N/m}$   
Materials:  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$

Typical Tip Dimension:  $150\mu\text{m} \times 30\mu\text{m} \times 3\mu\text{m}$   
 $f_r \sim 100 \text{ kHz}$   
Materials: Si

V-shaped



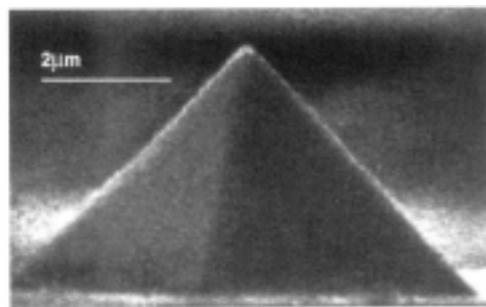
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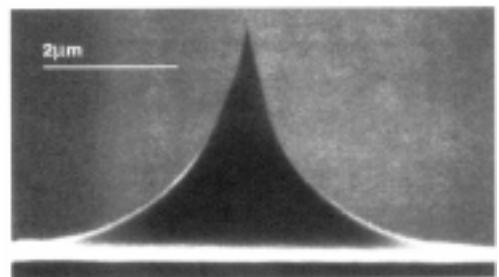
Materials: Si, SiO<sub>2</sub>, Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>

Ideal Tips: hard, small radius of curvature, high aspect ratio

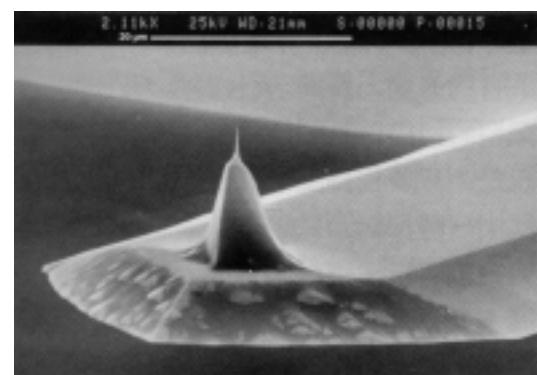
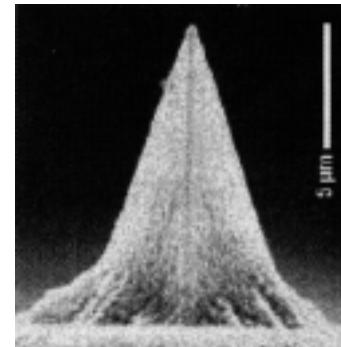
Pyramid Tip



Ultrasharp Tip



Diamond-coated Tip



# Criteria for AFM probe

1) Small spring constant ( $k$ )  $F = k \Delta z$

To detect force of  $\sim nN$

2) High resonant frequency ( $f_r$ )  $f_r \propto (k/m)^{1/2}$

To enable scanning and other operations

3) Highly anisotropic stiffness

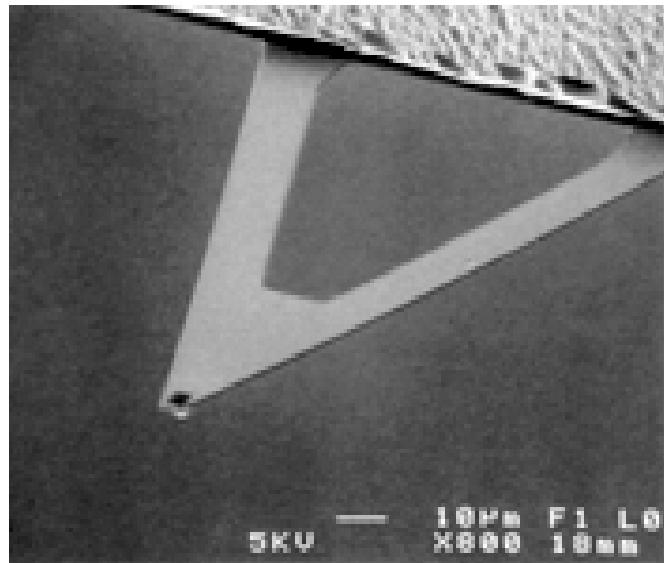
Easy to bend and difficult to twist

4) Sharp protrusion at the apex

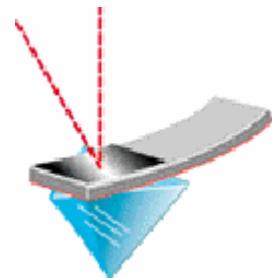
To better define the tip-sample interaction

# Tip of small shear force

(for Contact mode)

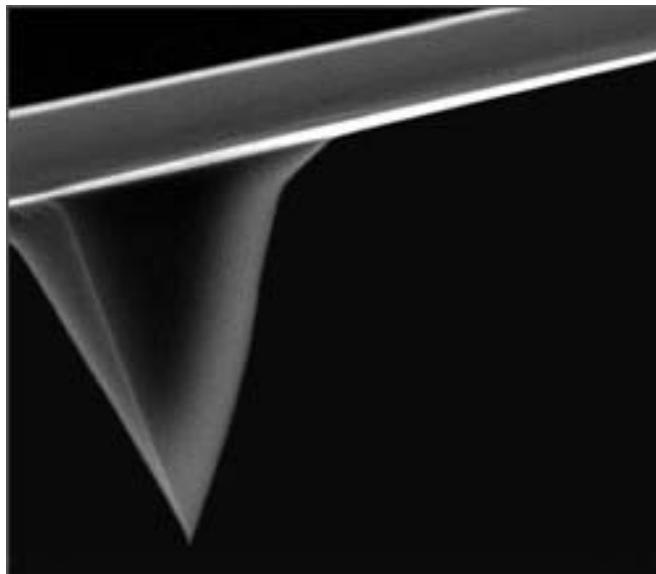
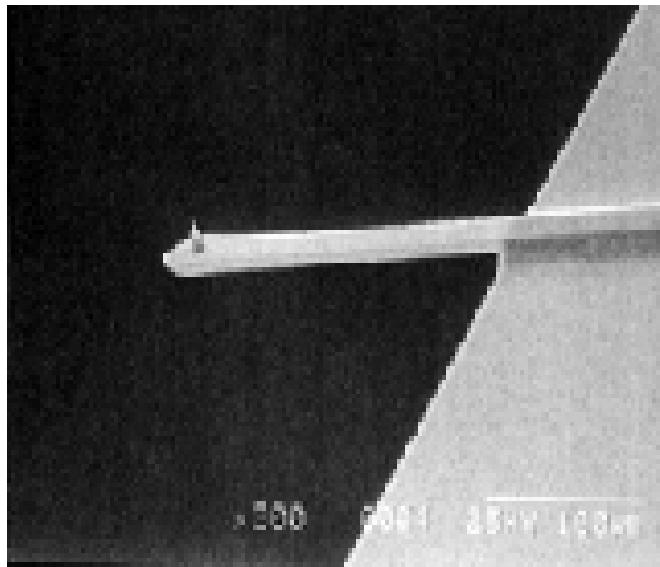


Typical Tip Dimension:  
 $150\mu\text{m} \times 30\mu\text{m} \times 0.5\mu\text{m}$   
 $k \sim 0.1 \text{ N/m}$   
Materials:  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$

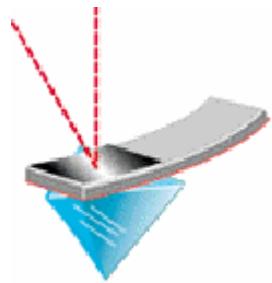


# Tip of high resonant frequency

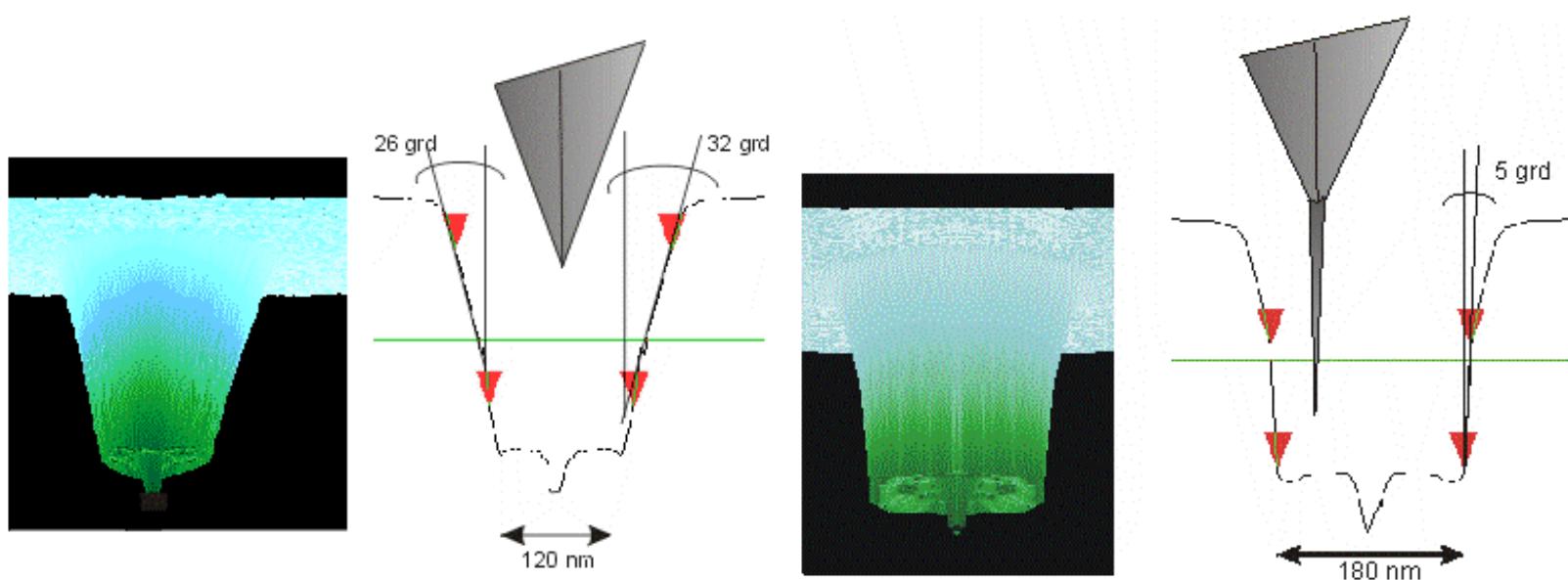
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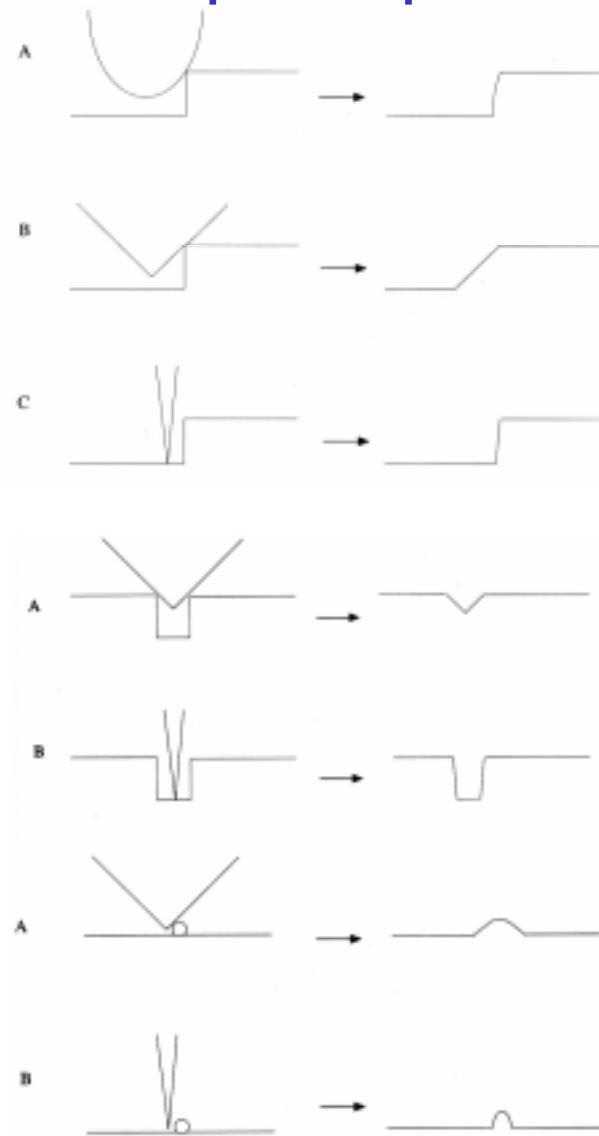
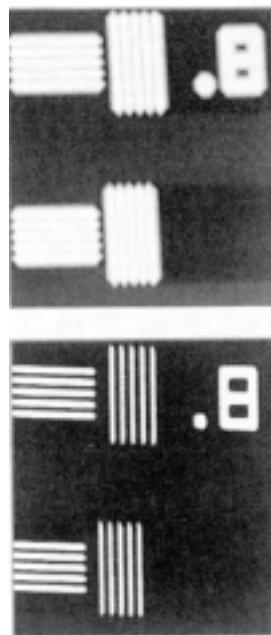
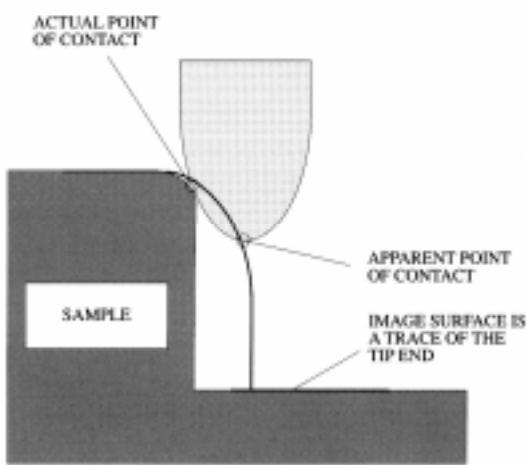
Typical Tip Dimension:  
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 $f_r \sim 100 \text{ kHz}$   
Materials: Si

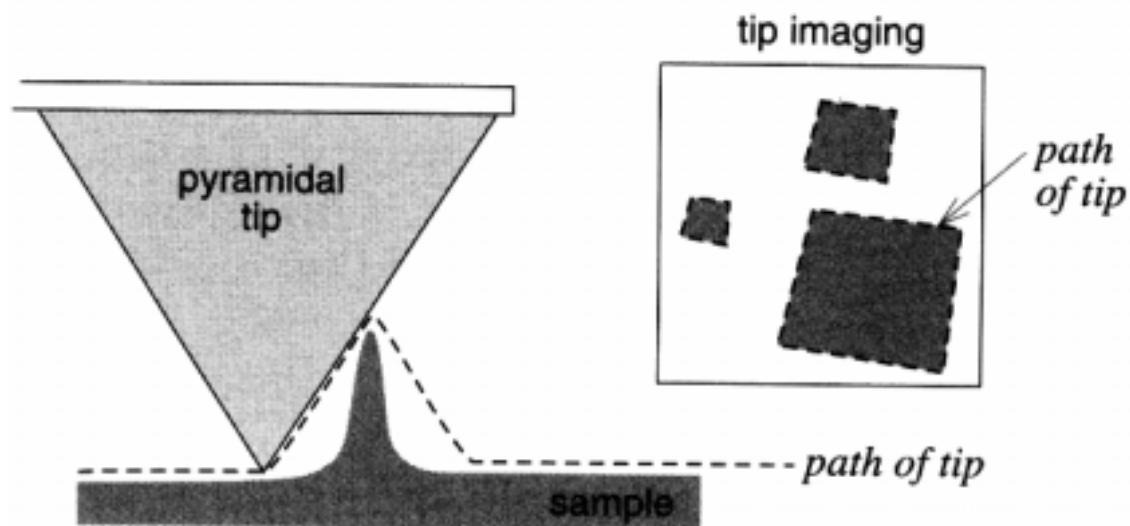
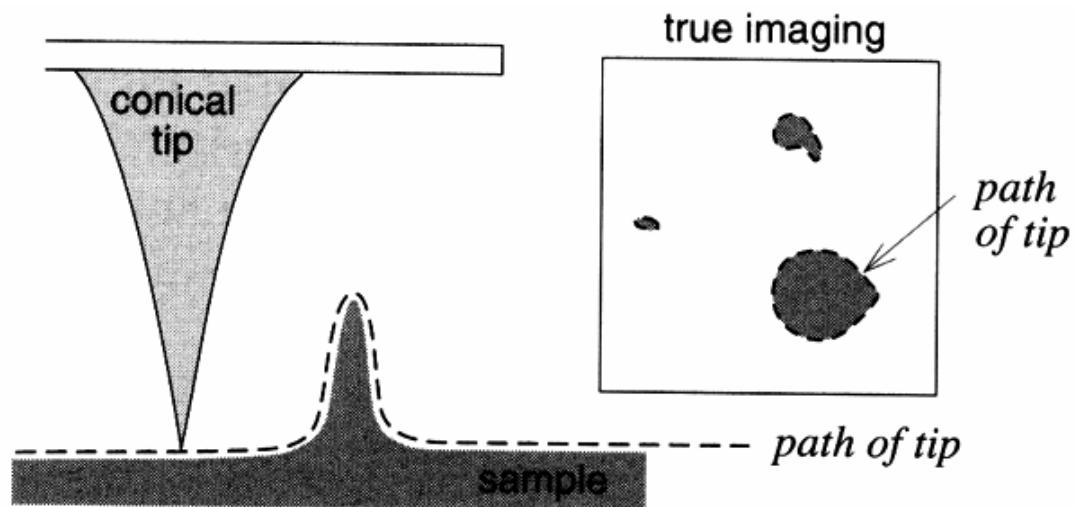


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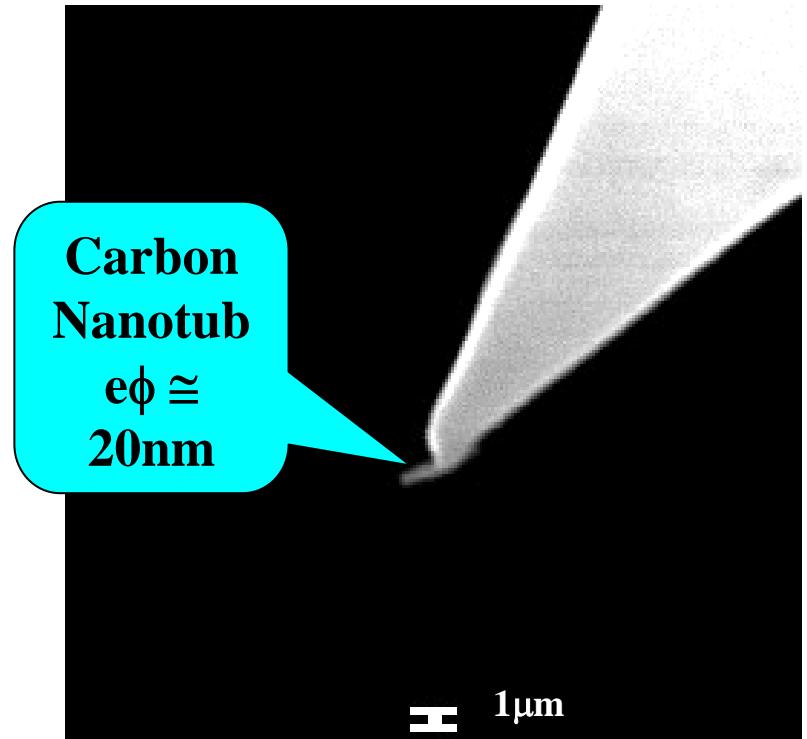
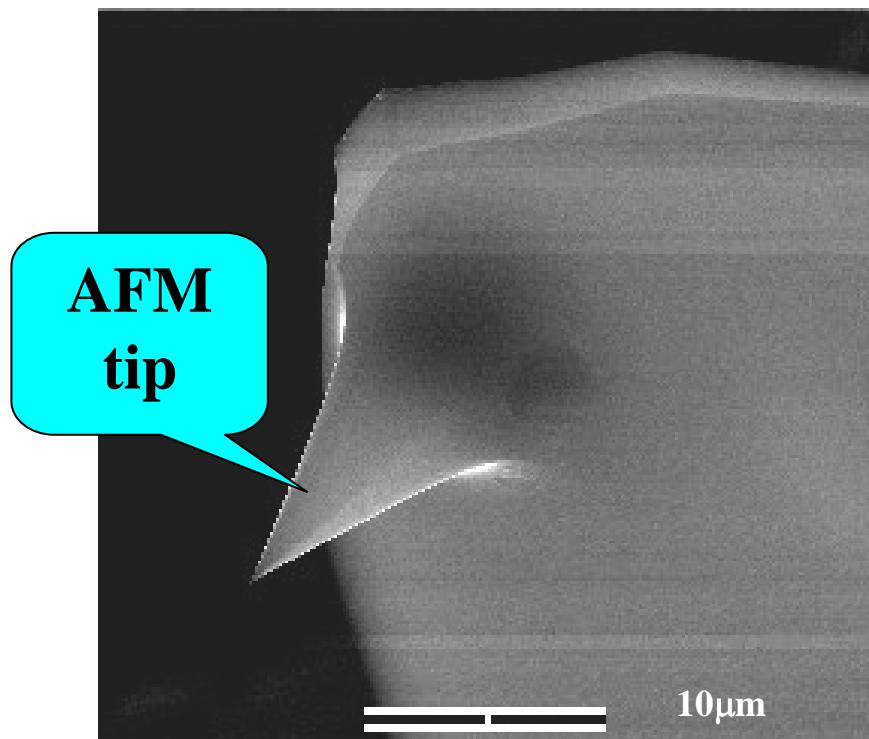


# Effects of the Tip Shape

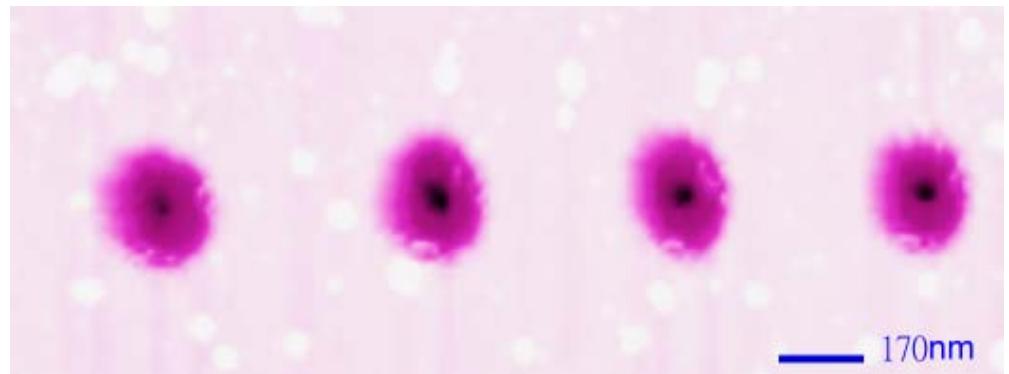




# AFM Tip + Carbon Nanotube

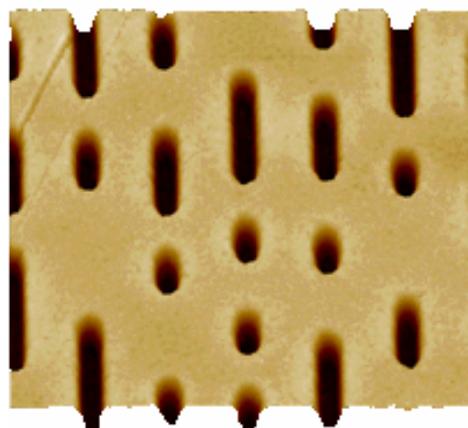


## Image of high aspect ratio

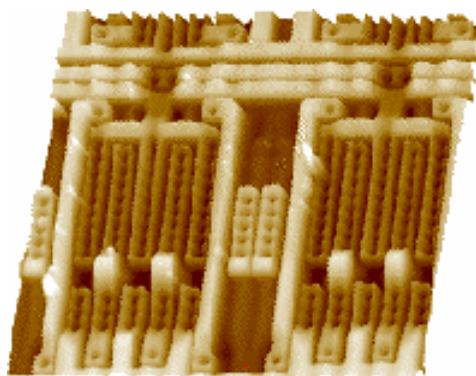


# AFM images

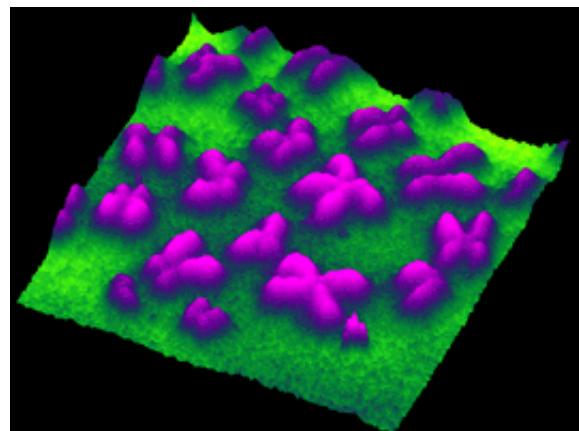
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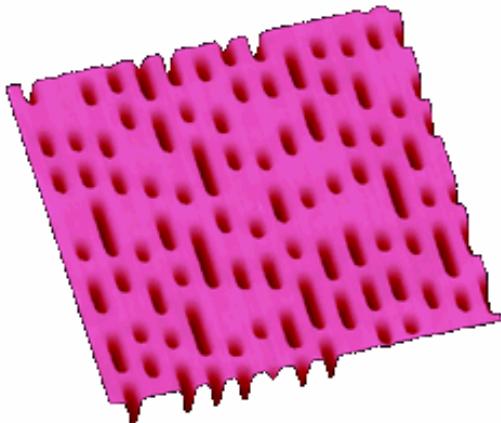
Integrated circuit



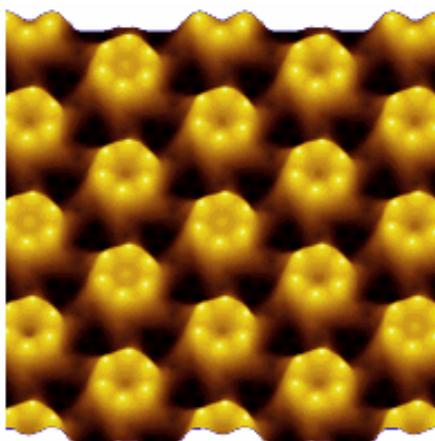
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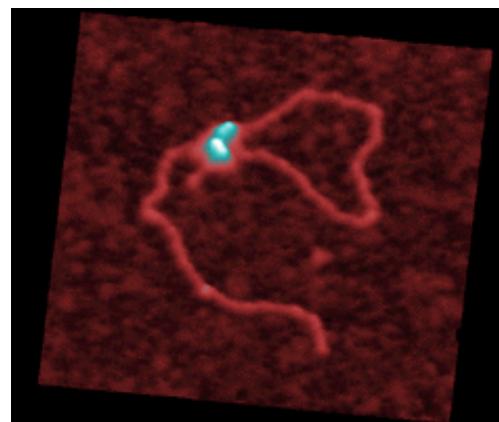
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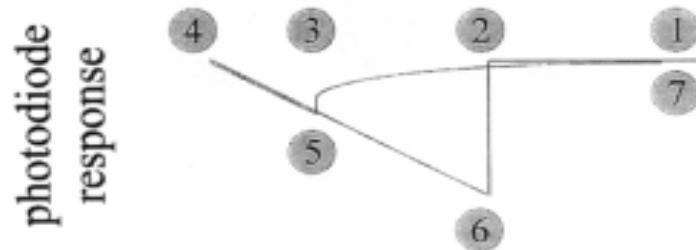
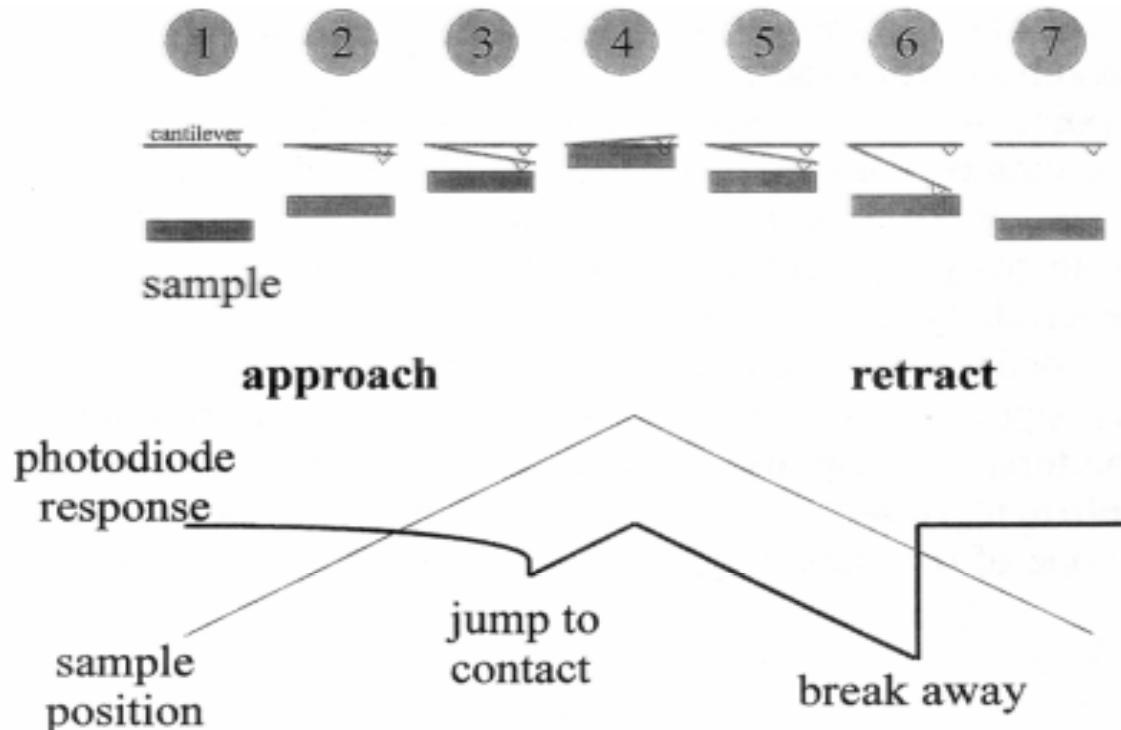
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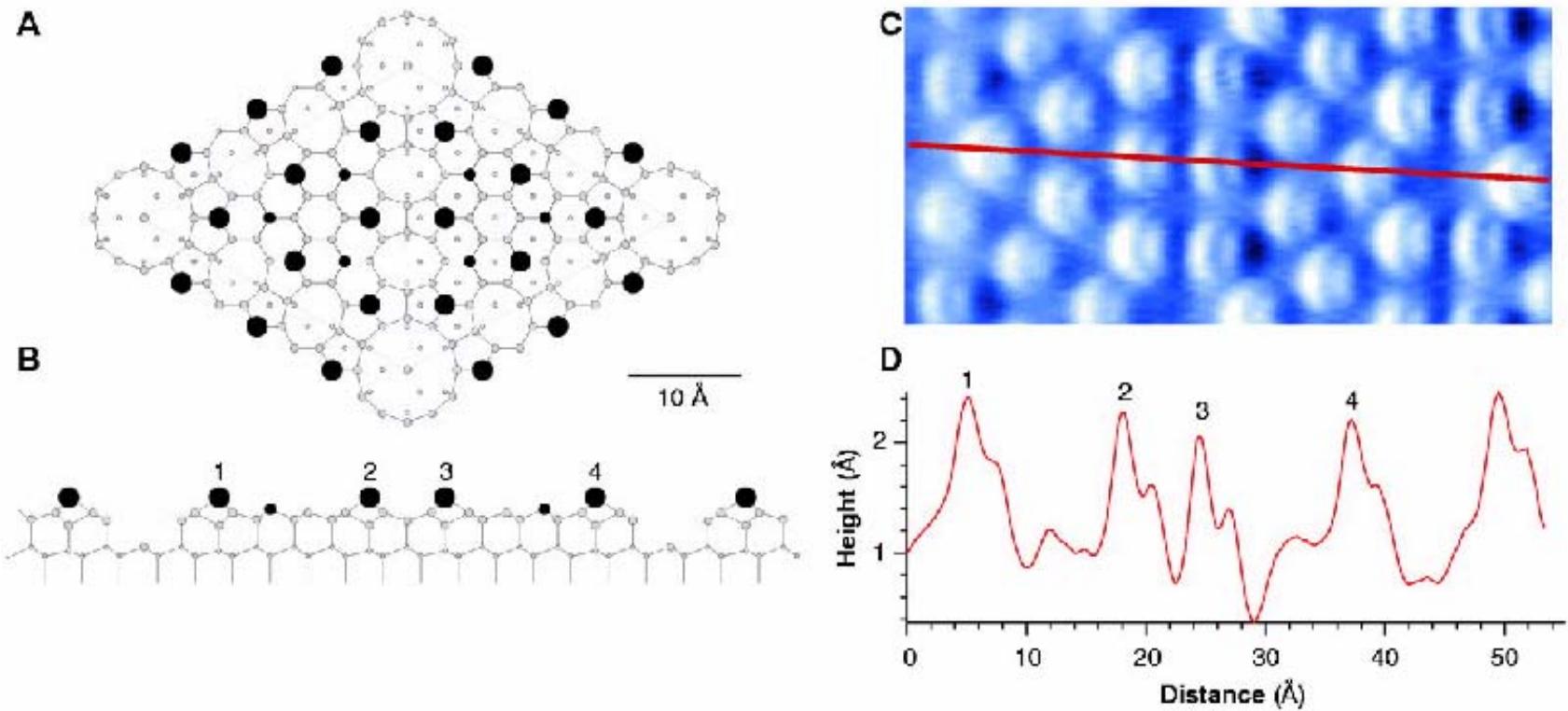
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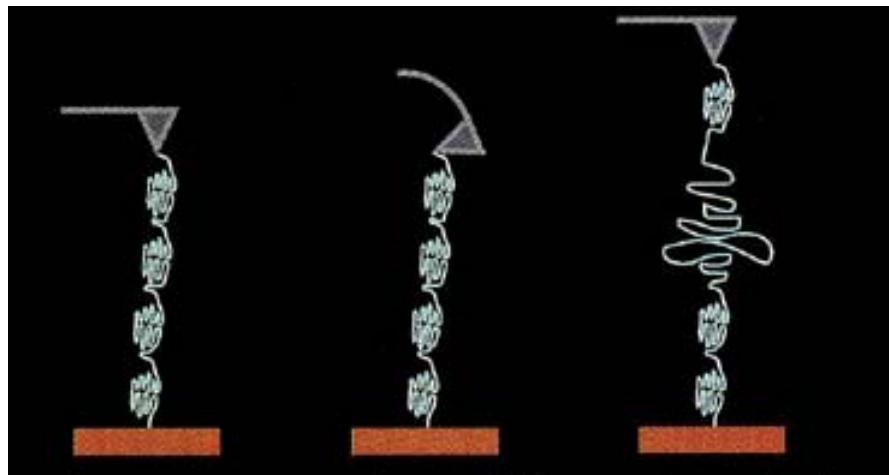
# Force-Distance Curve



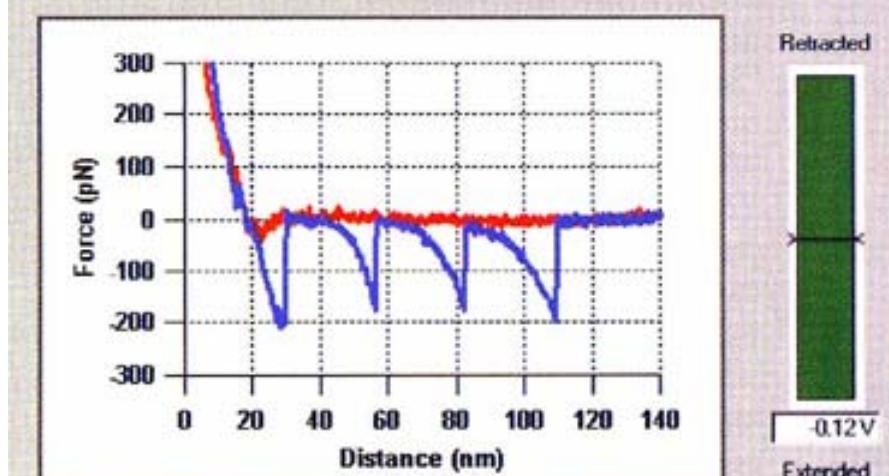
# Atomic Image of Si(111)-(7×7) Taken with AFM



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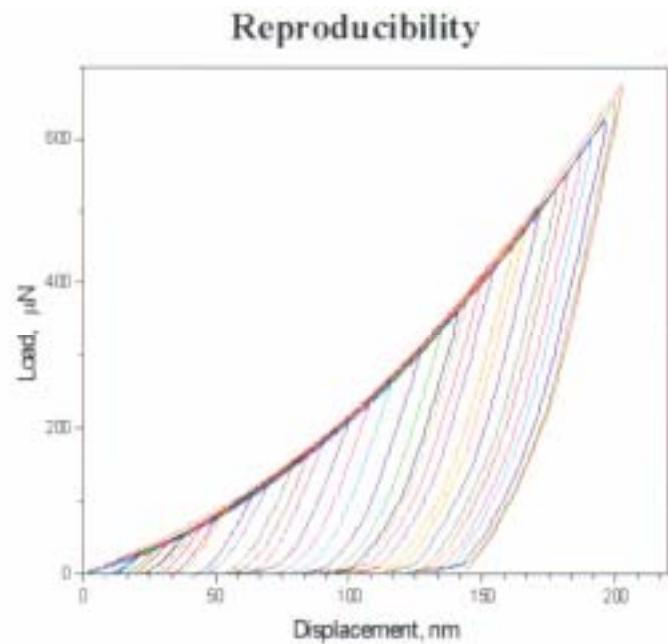
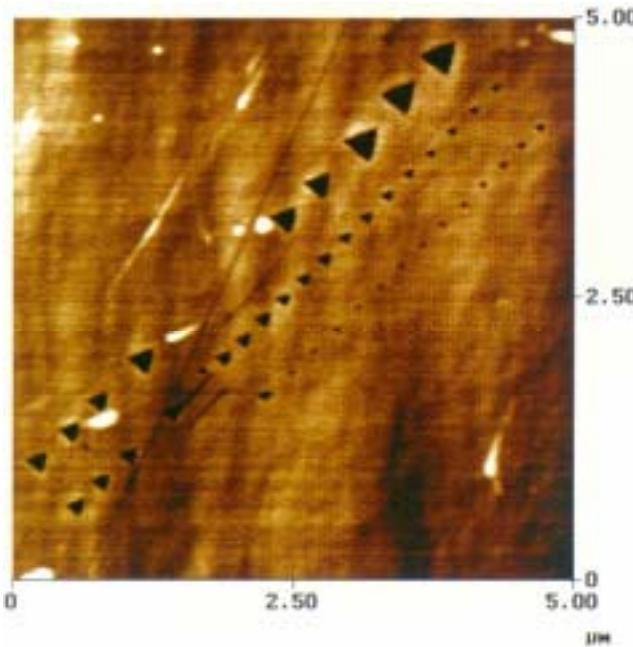


Force measurement of an unfolding complex molecule.



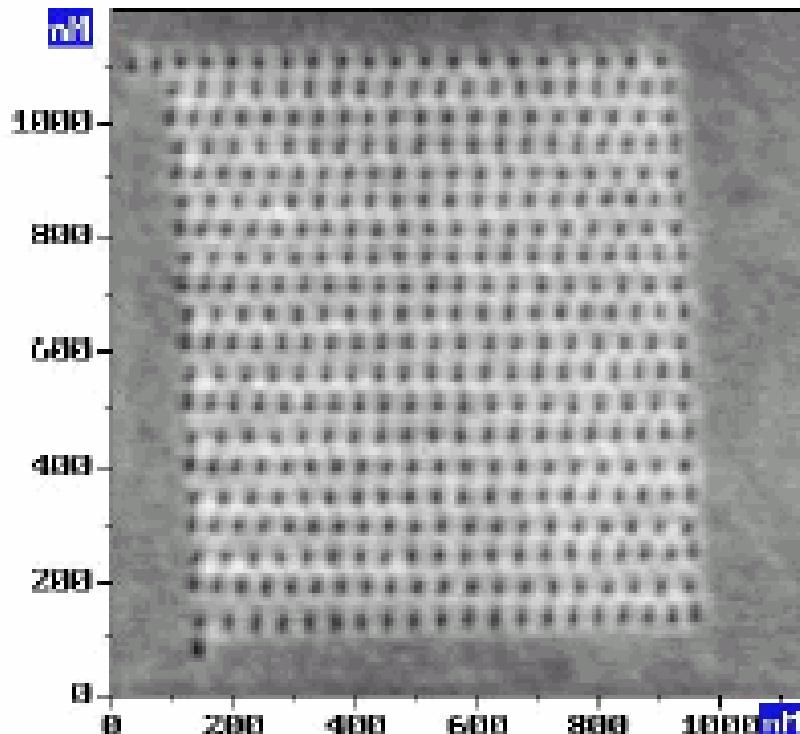
Advanced graphical user interface shows titin muscle molecule force curve.

# Measurement of Mechanical Properties

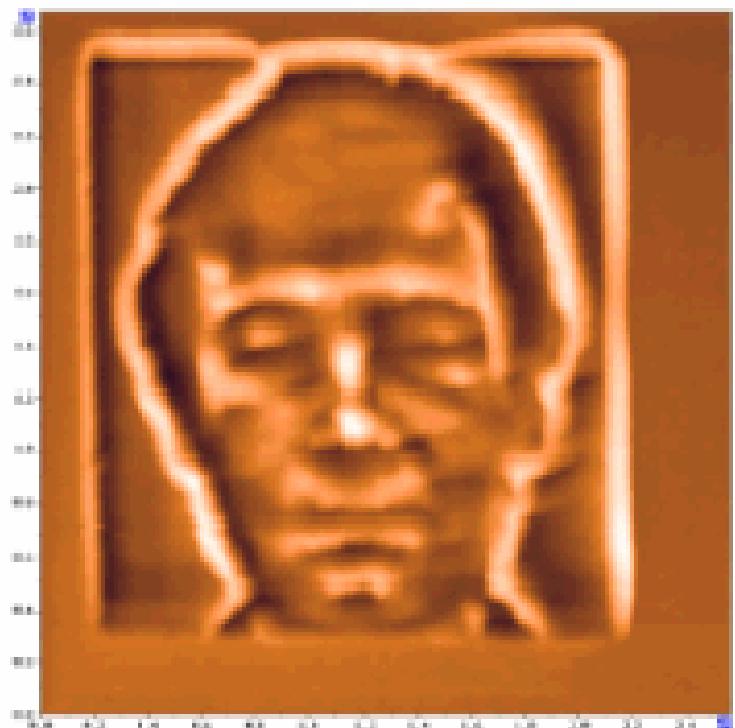


1. The load-displacement curves provide a “mechanical fingerprint” of material’s response to deformation, from which parameters such as hardness and young’s modulus of elasticity can be determined.
2. In measuring the mechanical properties of thin coated system, the size of contact impression should be kept small relative to the film thickness.

# Nanolithography of Tapping-Mode AFM



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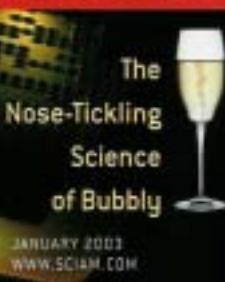


(2.5  $\mu$  m  $\times$  2.5  $\mu$  m)

**Image of polycarbonate film on silicon surface**

7000,000-YEAR-OLD SKULL: ANCESTOR? APE? OR DEAD END?

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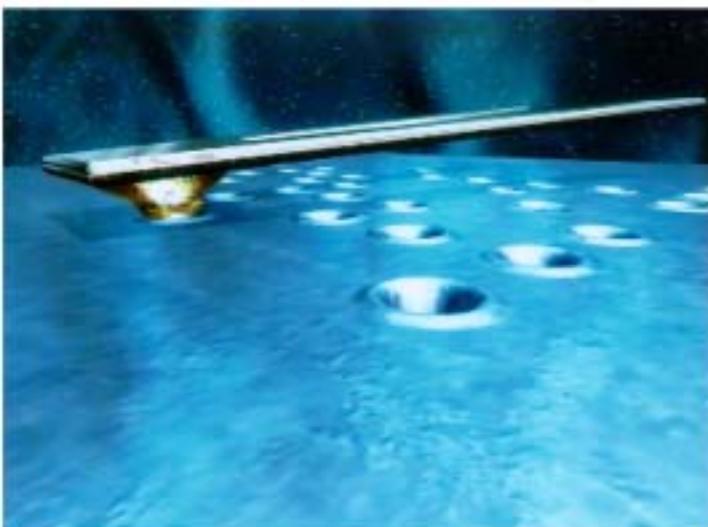
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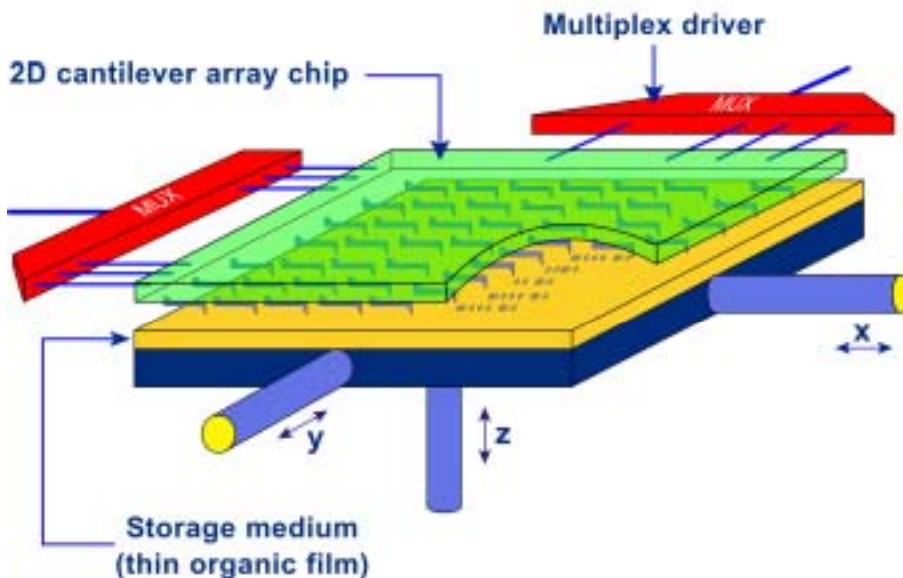
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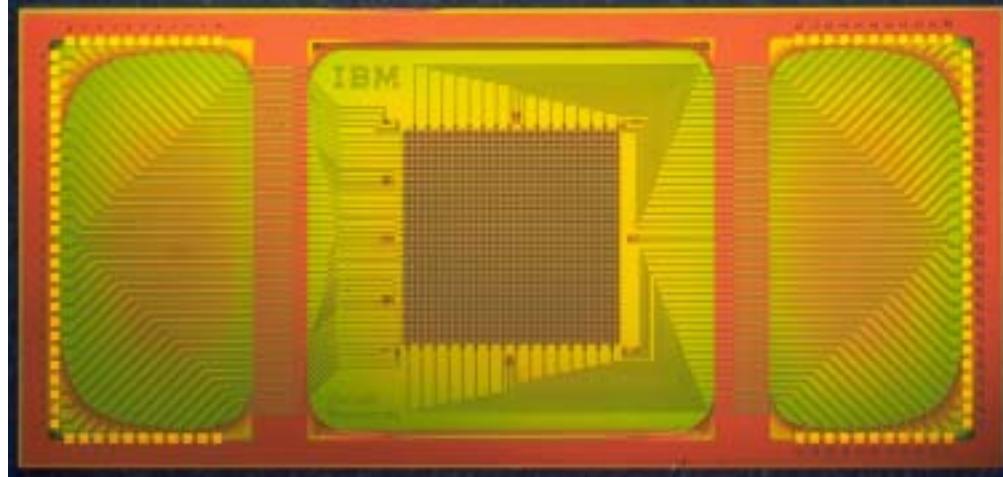
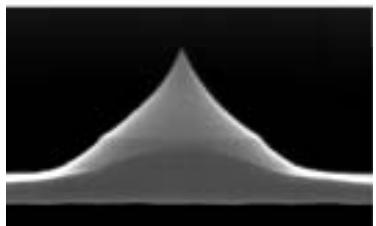
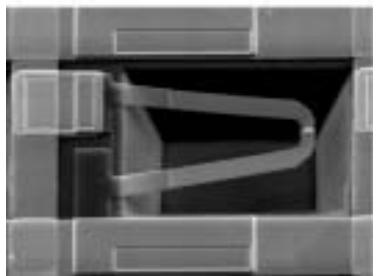
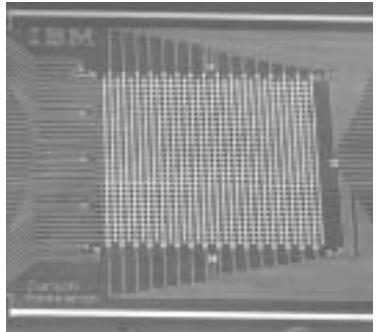


## "MILLIPEDE"

Highly parallel, very dense AFM data storage system



**The Millipede concept:** for operation of the device, the storage medium - a thin film of organic material (yellow) deposited on a silicon "table" - is brought into contact with the array of silicon tips (green) and moved in x- and y-direction for reading and writing. Multiplex drivers (red) allow addressing of each tip individually.



**The Millipede chip:** the image shows the electrical wiring for addressing the 1,024 tips etched out in a square of 3mm by 3mm (center). The chip's size is 7 mm by 14 mm.

**Millipede cantilevers and tips:** electron microscope views of the 3 mm by 3 mm cantilever array (top), of an array section of 64 cantilevers (upper center), an individual cantilever (lower center), and an individual tip (bottom) positioned at the free end of the cantilever which is 70 micrometers (thousands of a millimeter) long, 10 micrometers wide, and 0.5 micrometers thick. The tip is less than 2 micrometers high and the radius at its apex smaller than 20 nanometers (millionths of a millimeter).