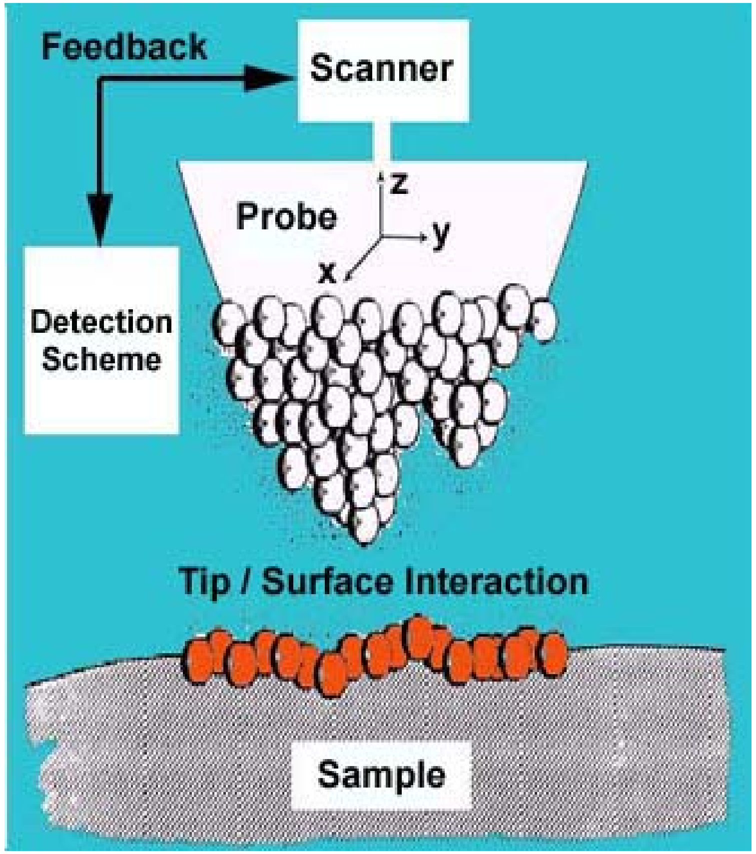
Scanning Probe Microscopy (SPM)



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)

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Force Modulation Microscopy (FMM)

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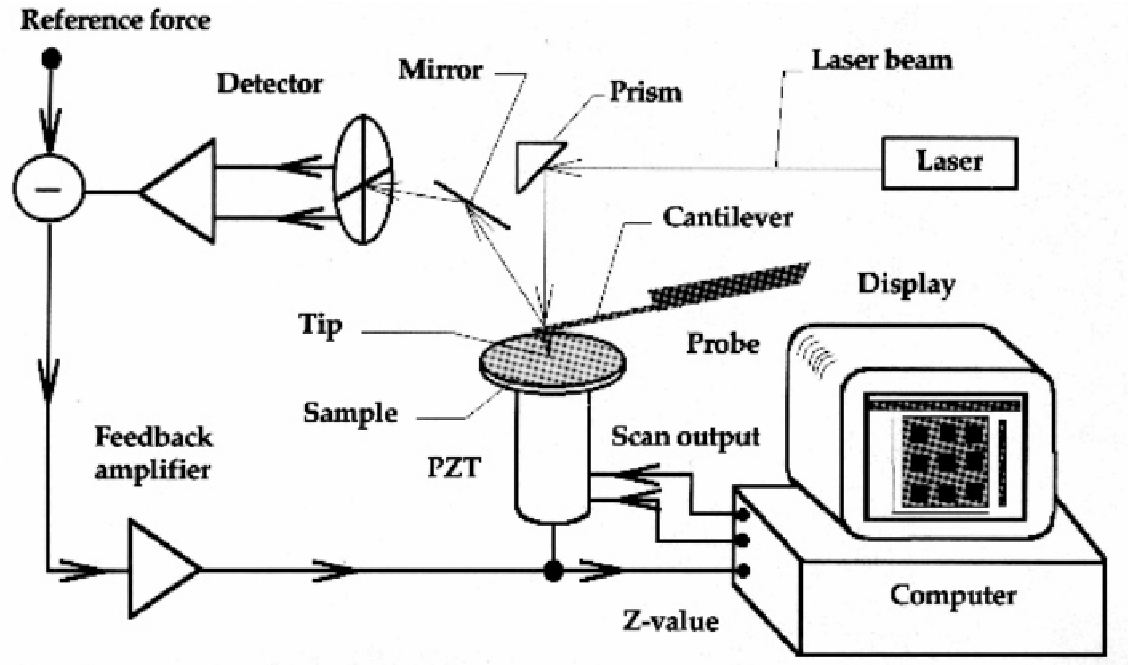
Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM)



$F = k\Delta z$

$F = 10^{-9} – 10^{-6}$ N

$k = 0.1 – 1$ N/m

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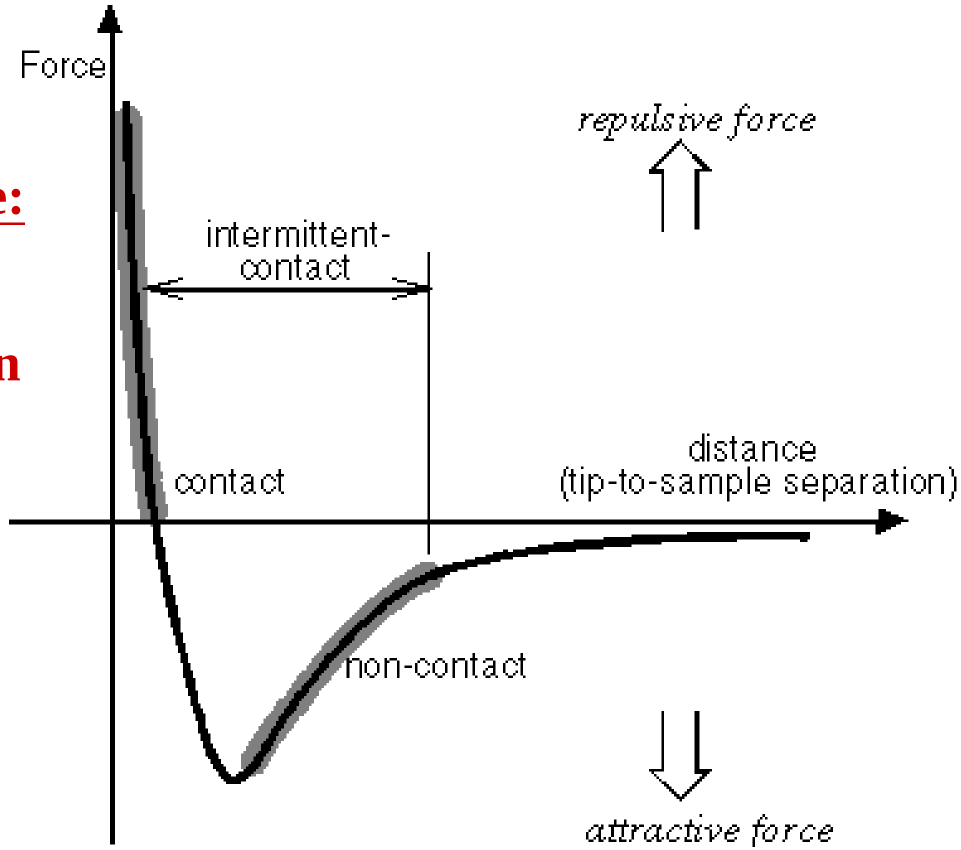
- C. Bustamante and D. Keller, Physics Today, 32, December (1995).
- R. Wiesendanger and H.J. Güntherodt, *Scanning Tunneling Microscopy II* , Springer-Verlag, (1992).

Interaction between the probe and sample

Short-range:

1) **Bonding**
2) **Repulsion**

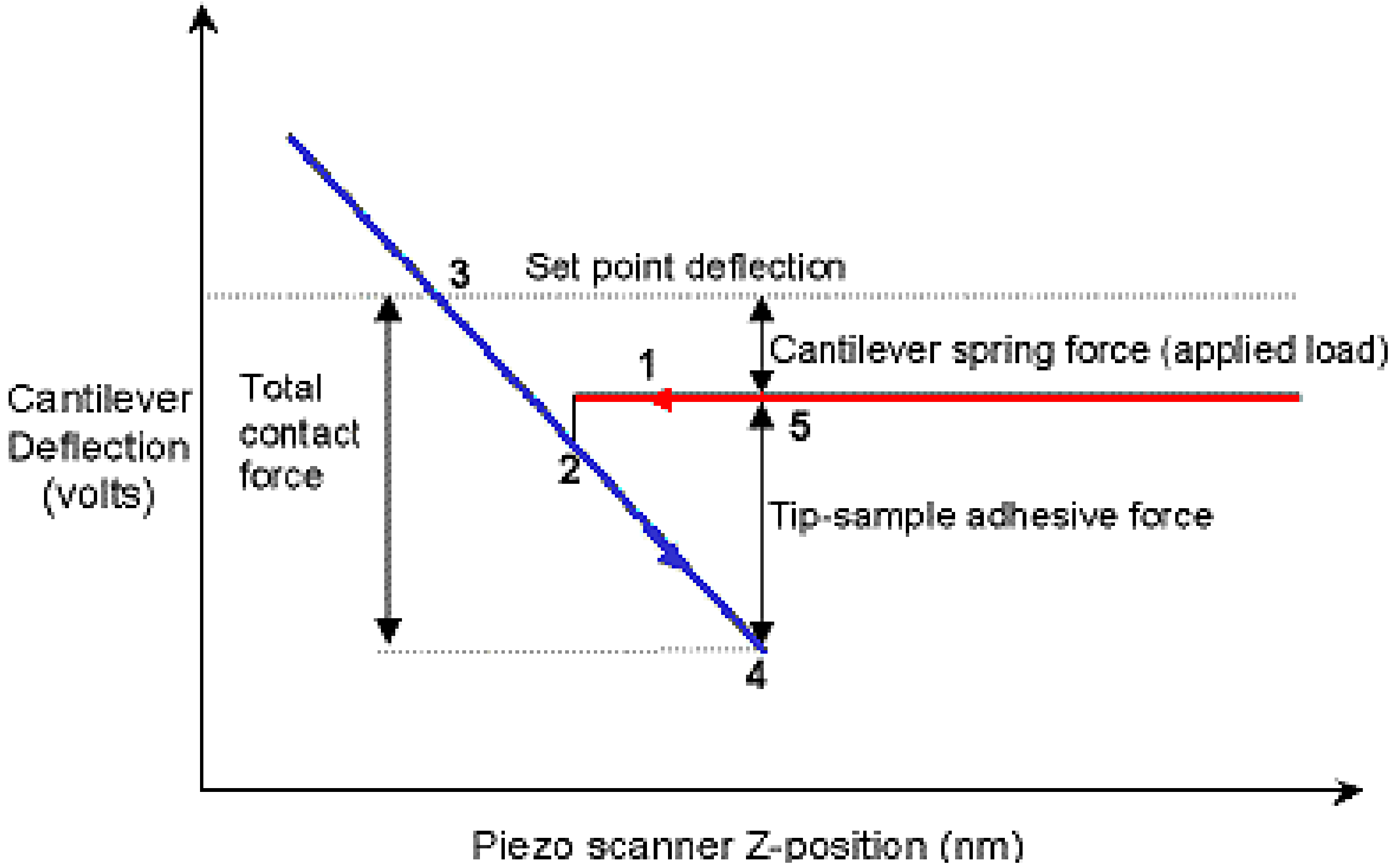


Long-range:

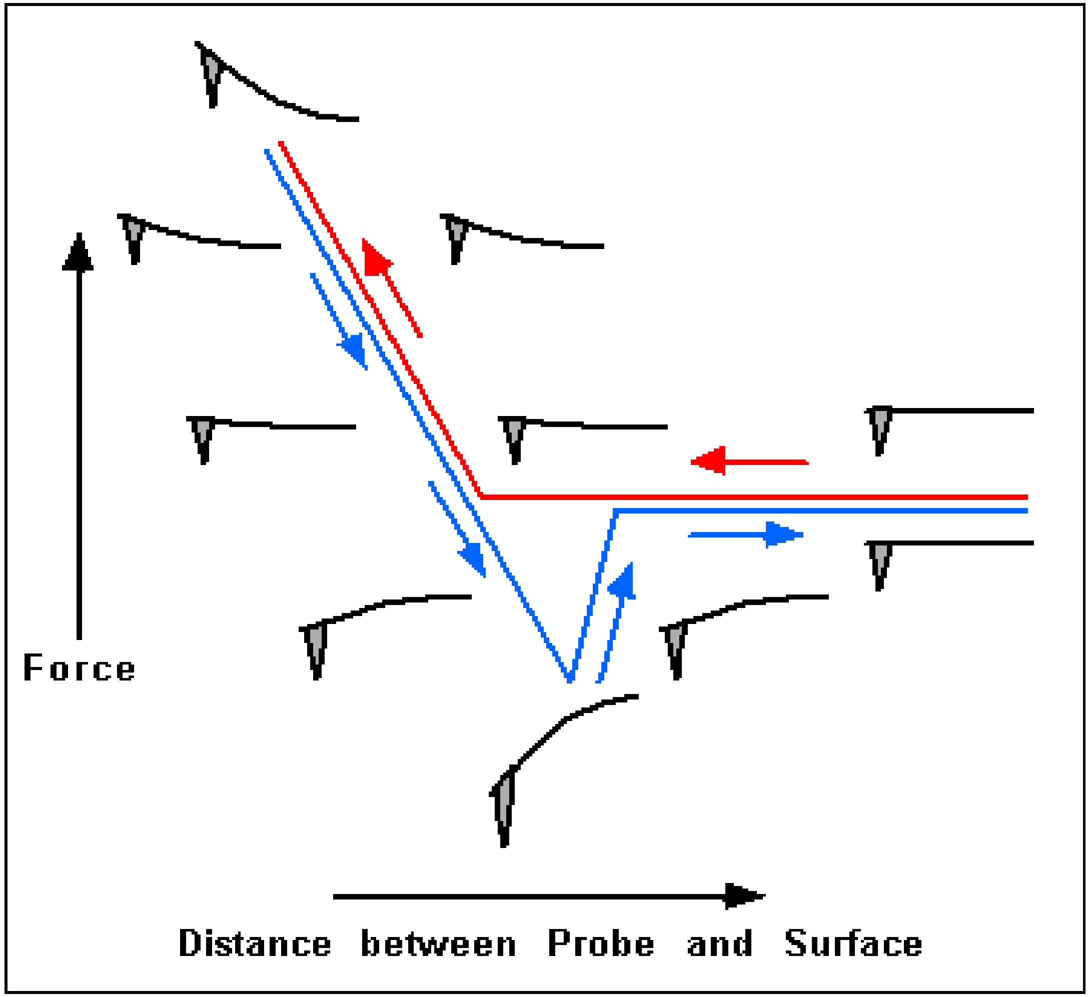
1) **Van der Waal**
2) **Capillary**
3) **Magnetic**
4) **Electrostatic**

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

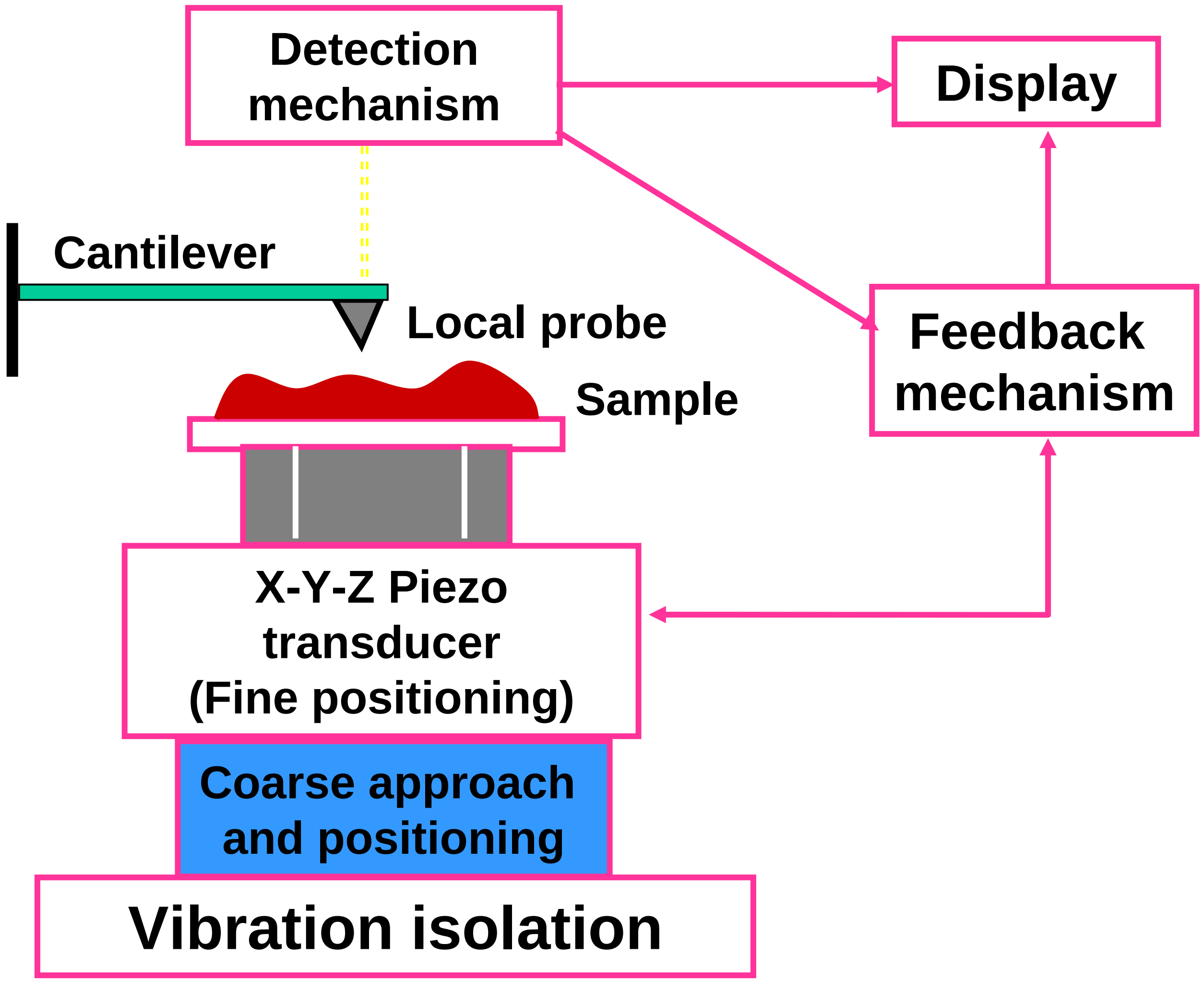
Deflection of Cantilever vs Piezo displacement



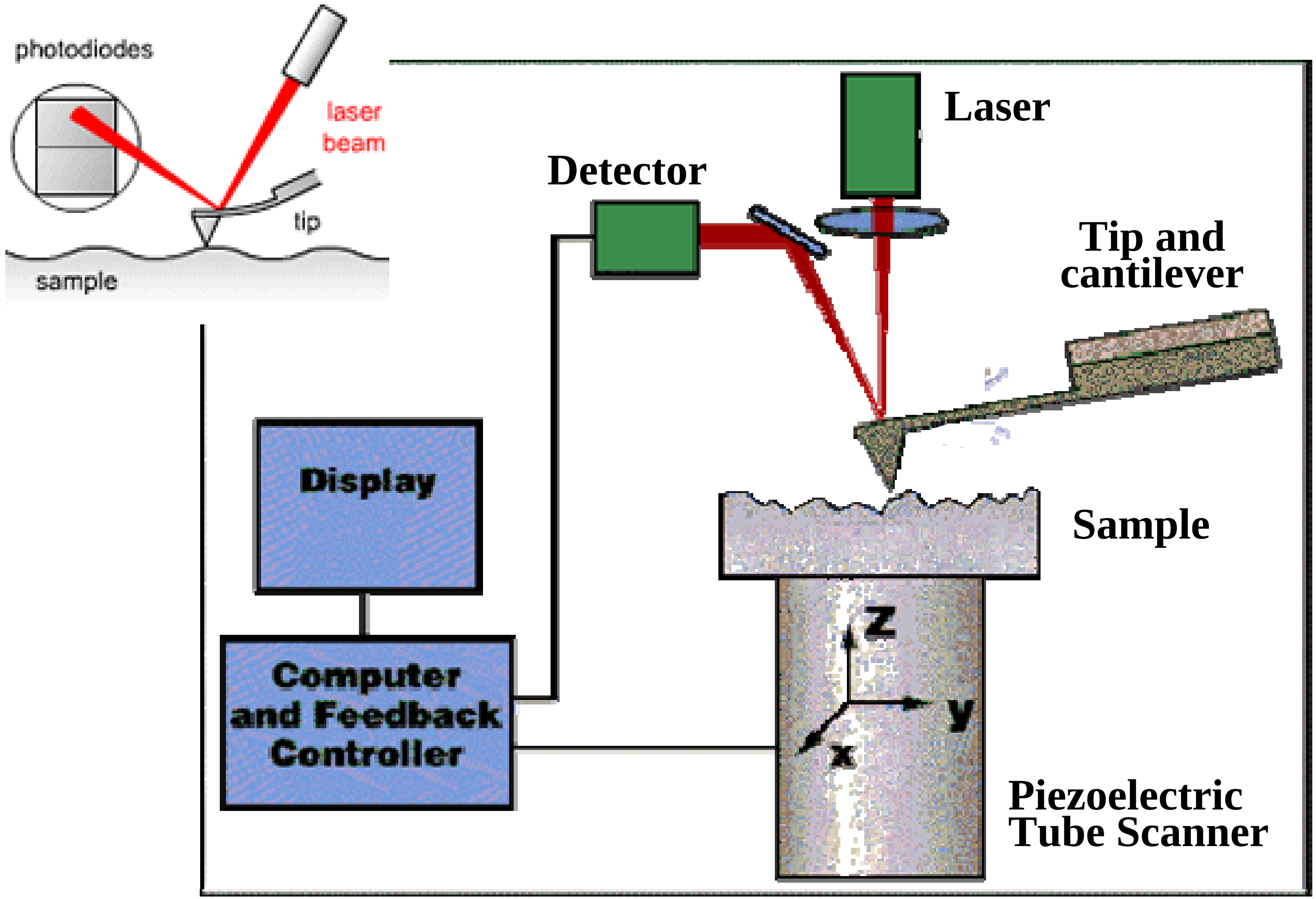
Reaction of the probe to the force



Structure of AFM



Core components of AFM



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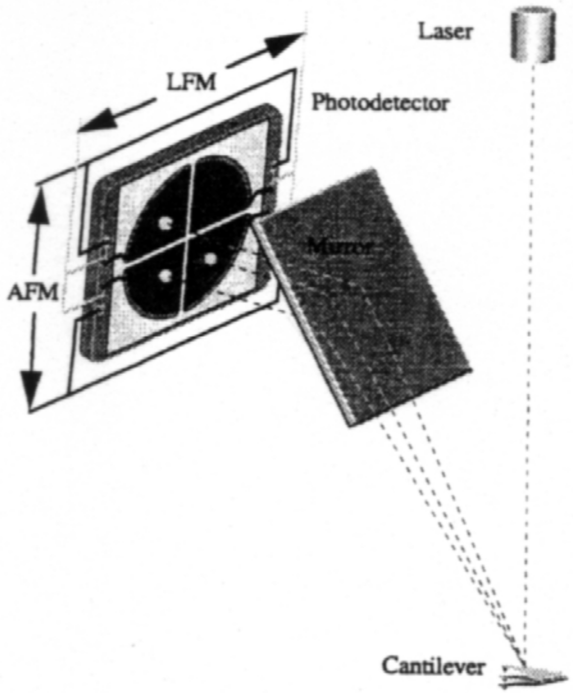
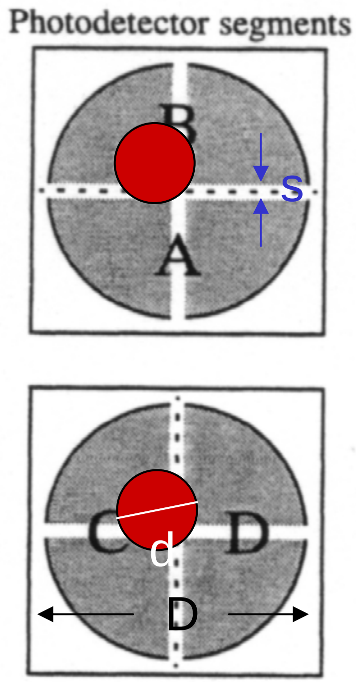
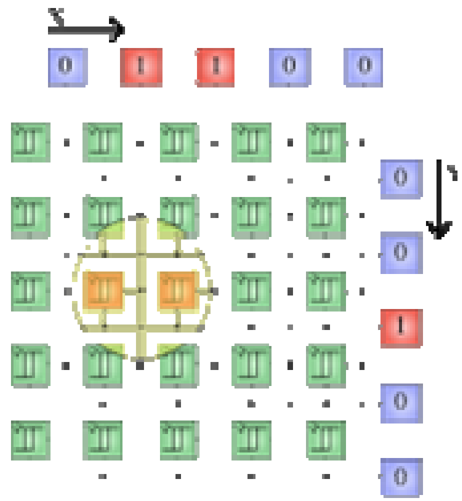
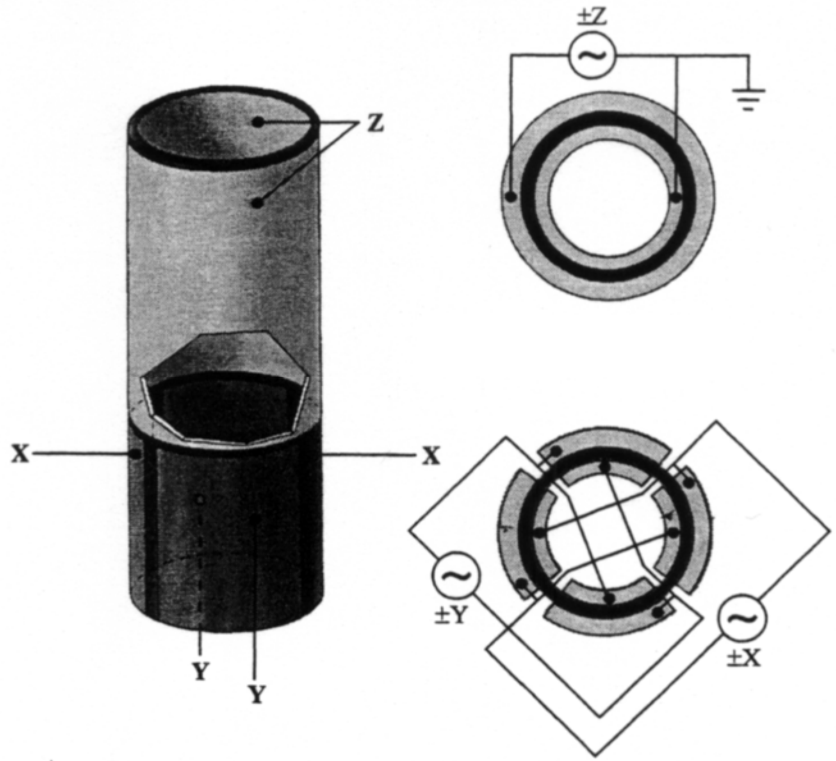


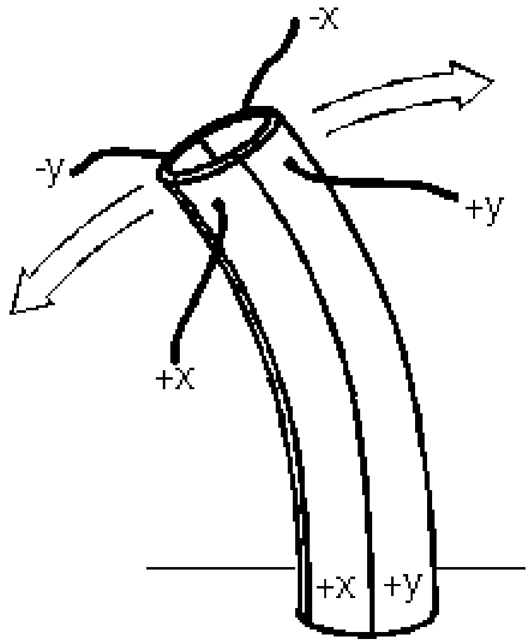




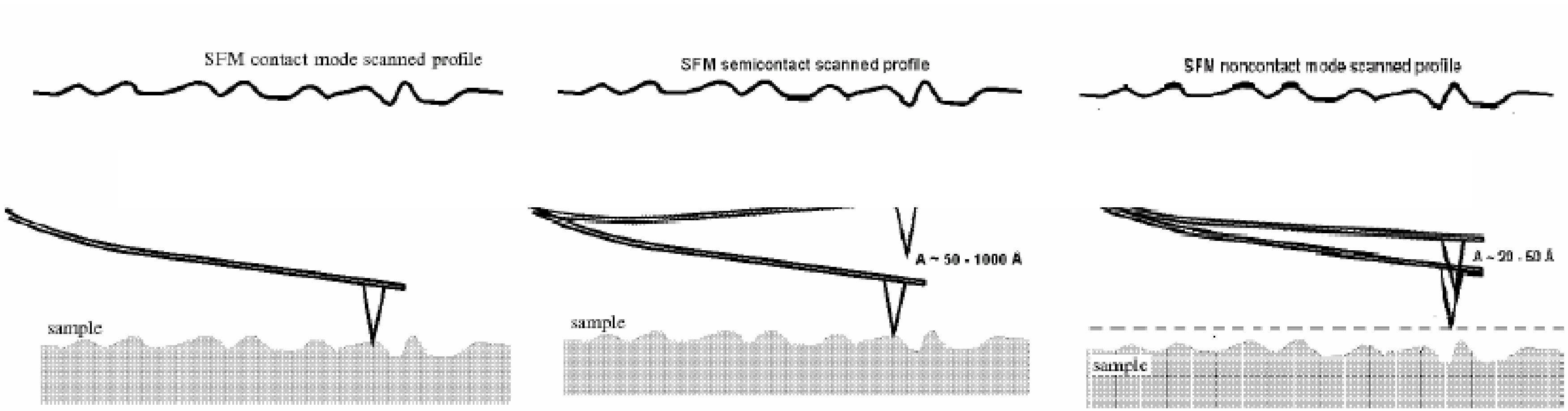
D ~ 10mm   d ~ 1mm   s ~ 0.01mm

Piezo Scanner





Three scanning modes of AFM



Contact Mode AFM

Semicontact Mode AFM

(Tapping mode)

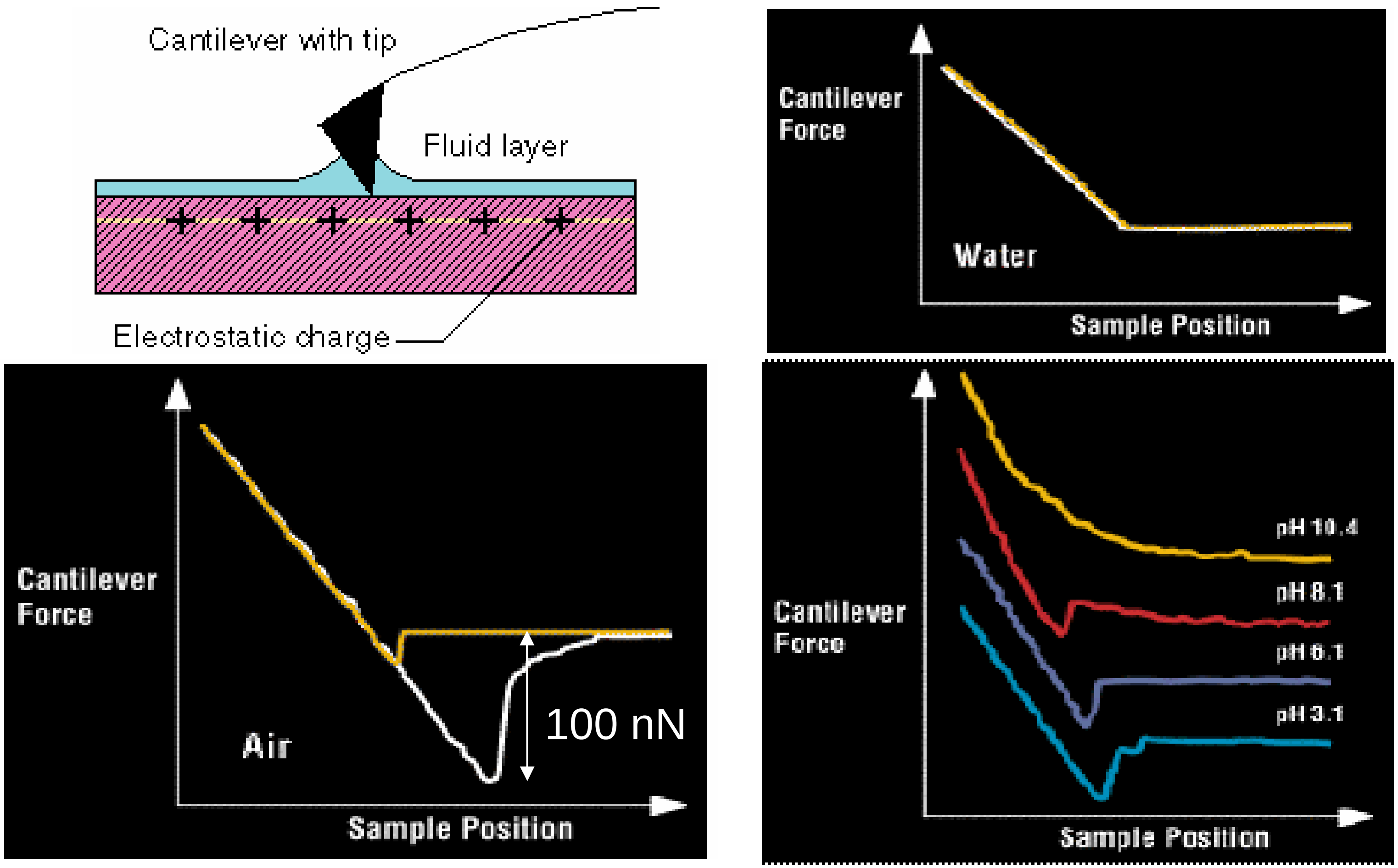
Non-contact Mode AFM

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.

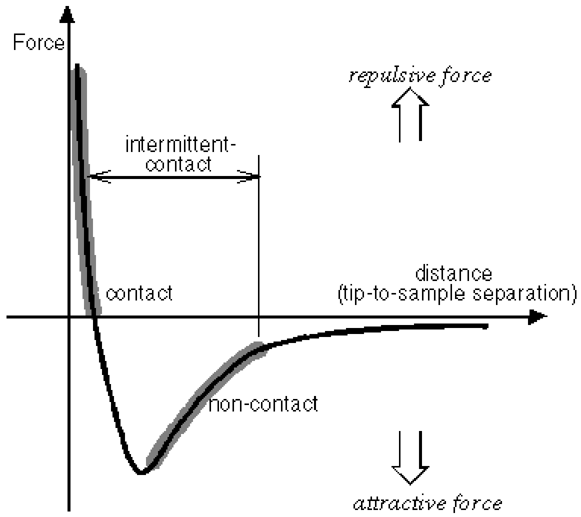
- Constant height method： In this mode the vertical position of the tip is not changed, equivalent to a slow or disabled feedback. The displacement of the tip is measured directly by the laser beam deflection. One of its advantages is that it can be used at high scanning frequencies.

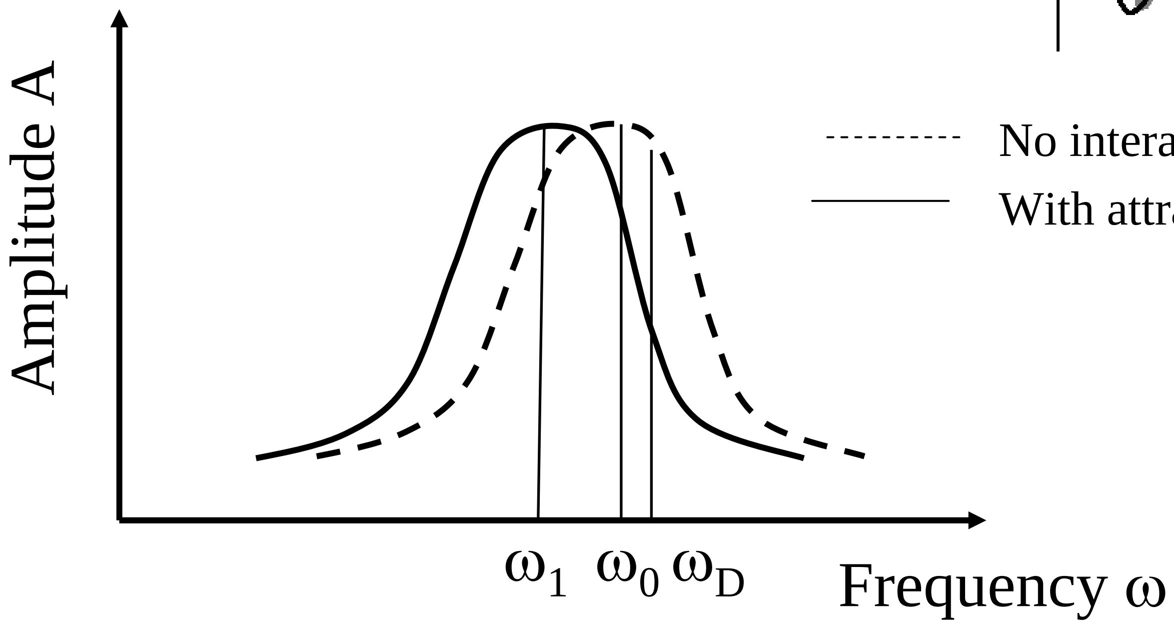
Problems with the contact mode



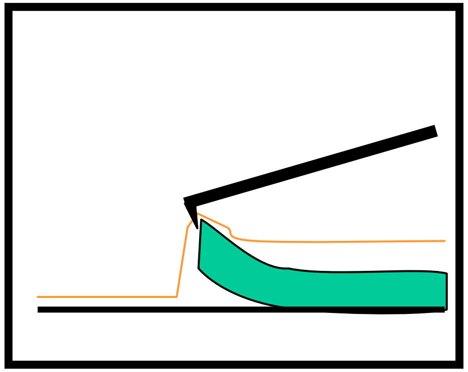
AC imaging mode

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





Comparison of three scanning modes



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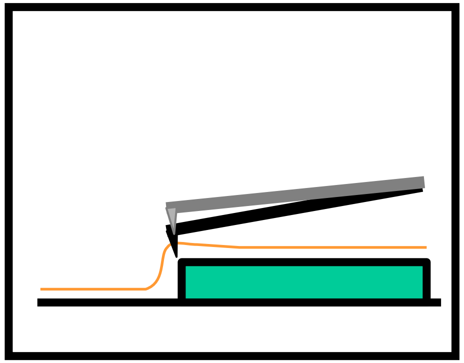
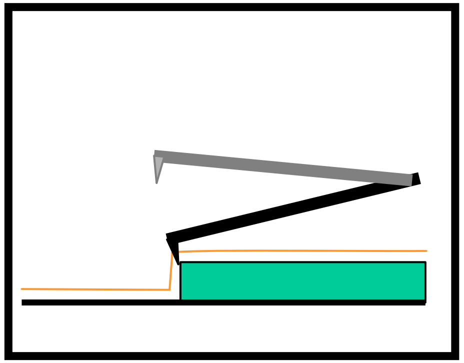
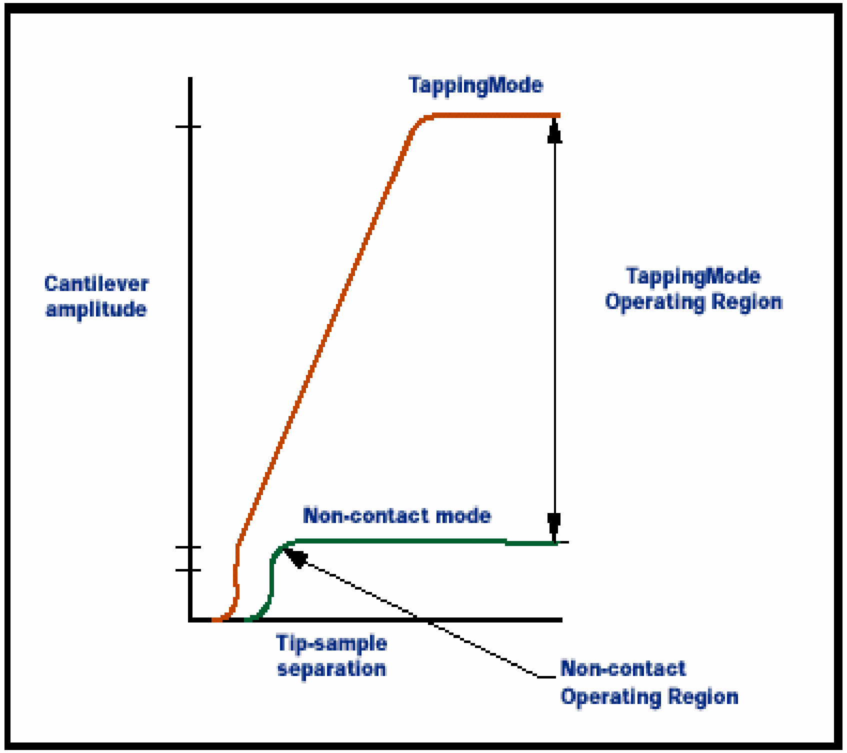


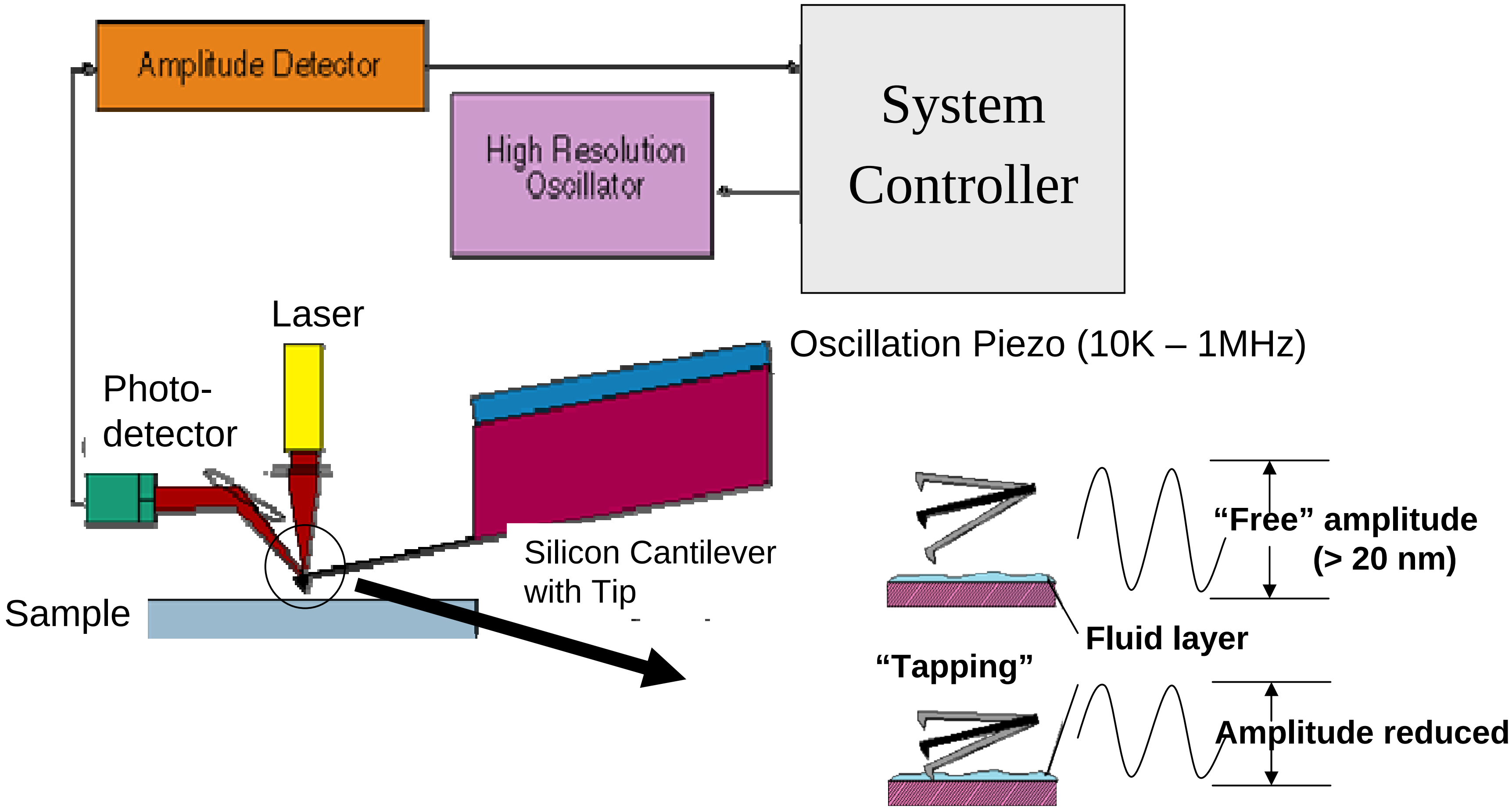
Non-contact



Intermittent-contact

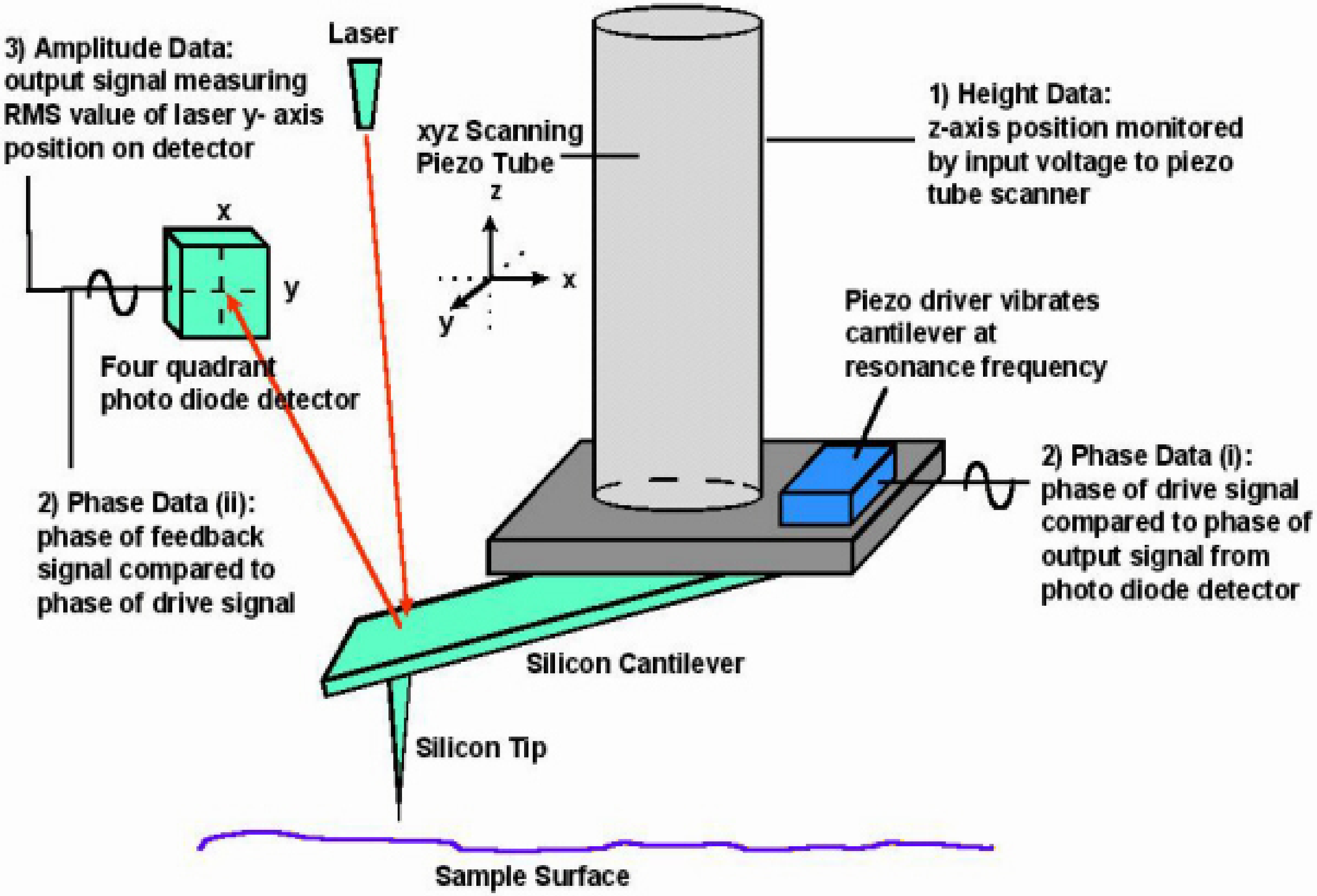


Tapping mode

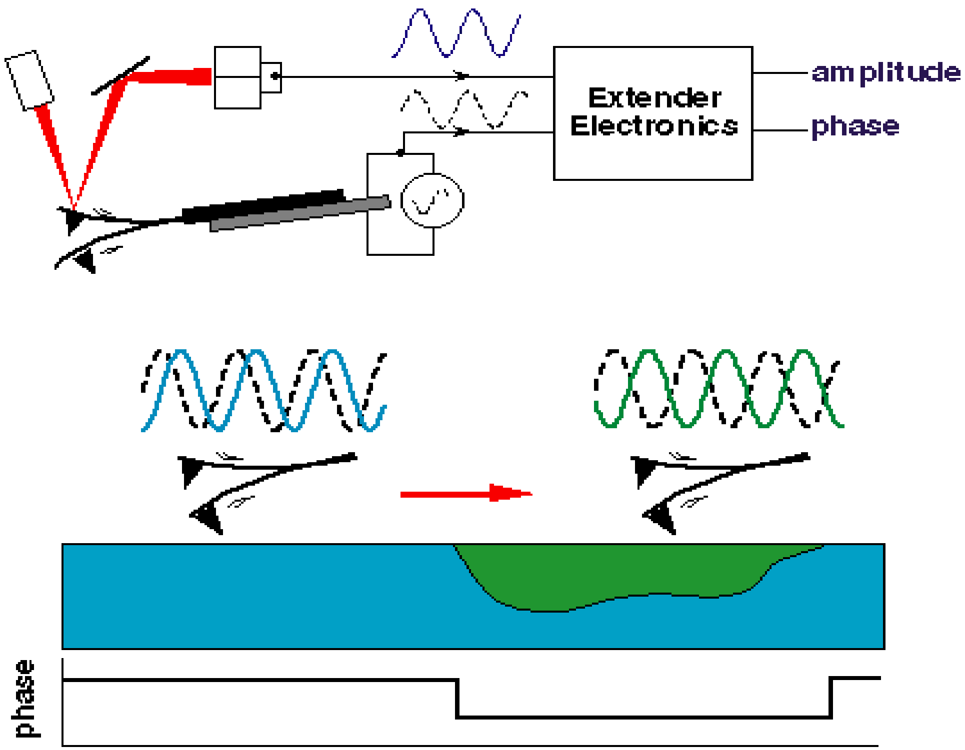


Tapping mode

Three Types of Data Collected in Tapping Mode



Images by tapping mode



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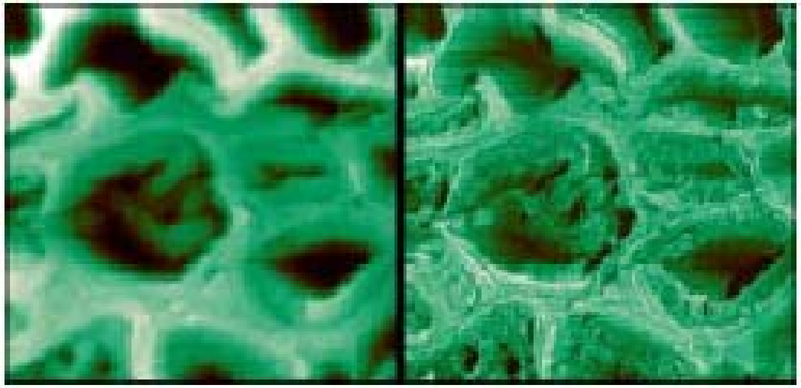
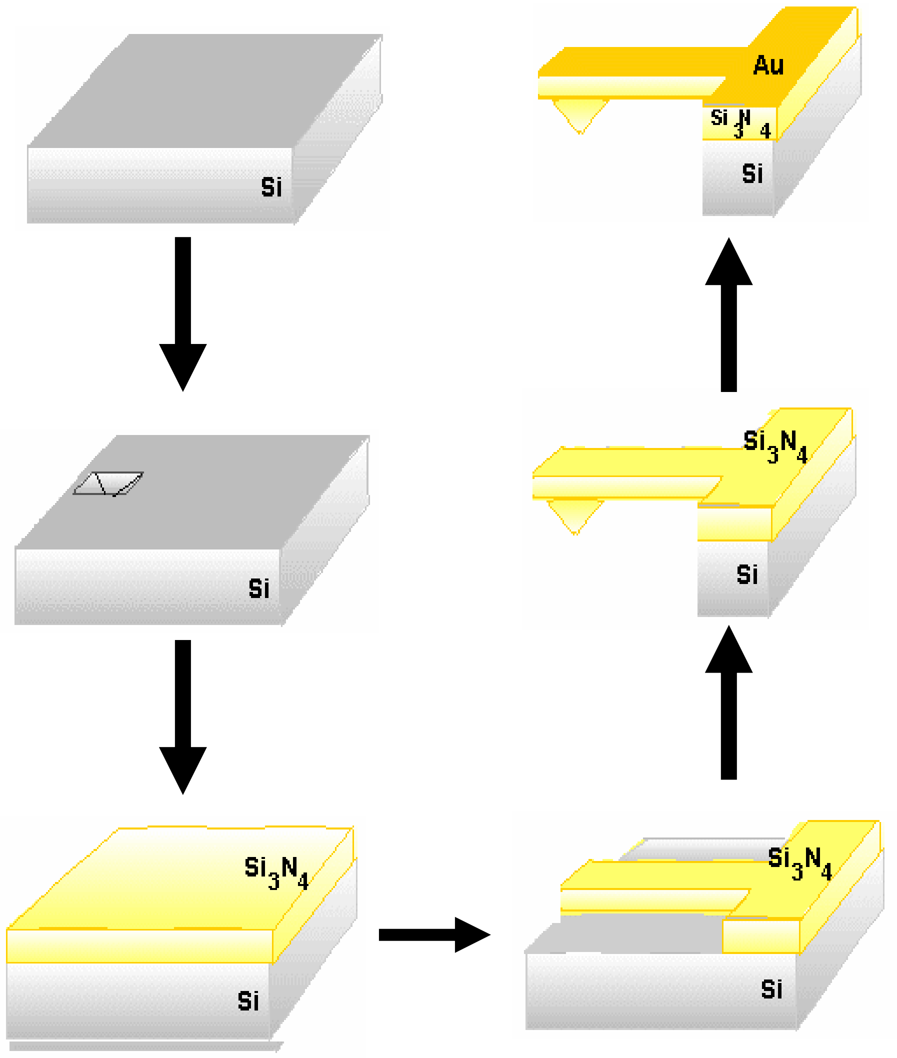
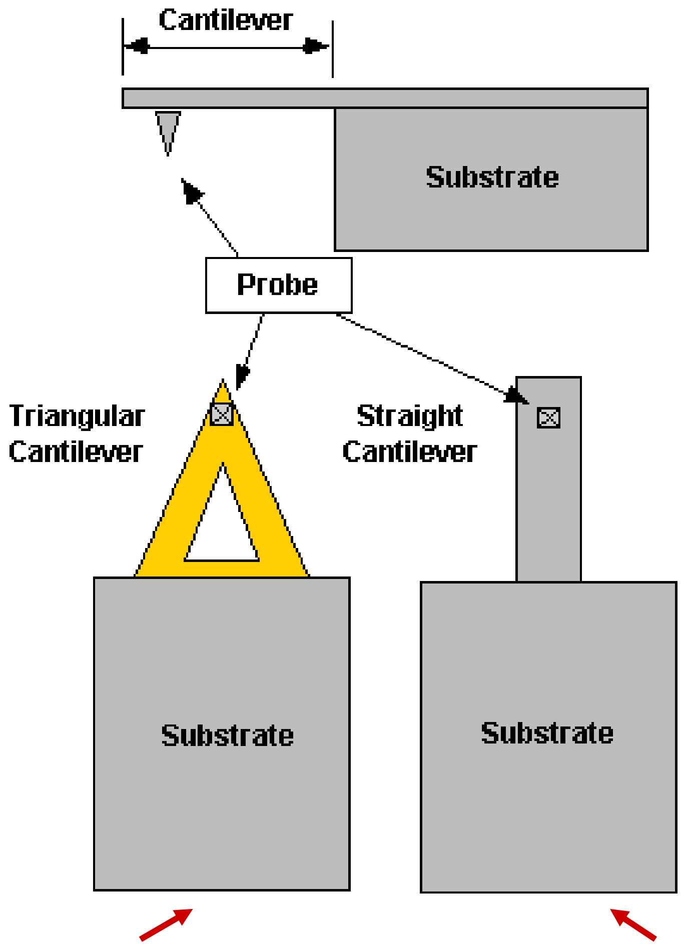


AFM image of a fresh
Alfalfa root section

Fabrication of AFM probes

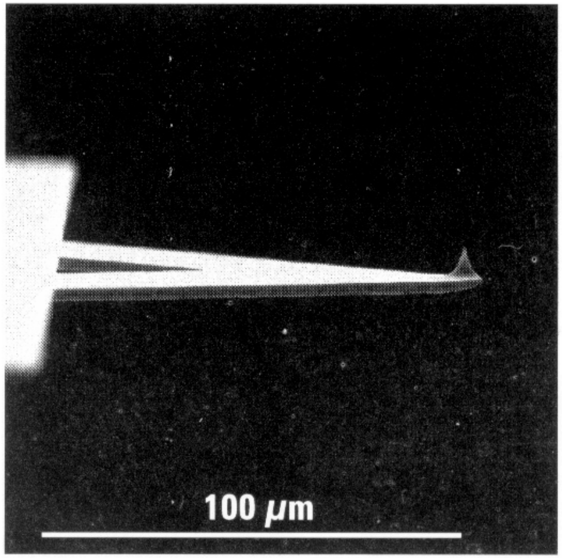




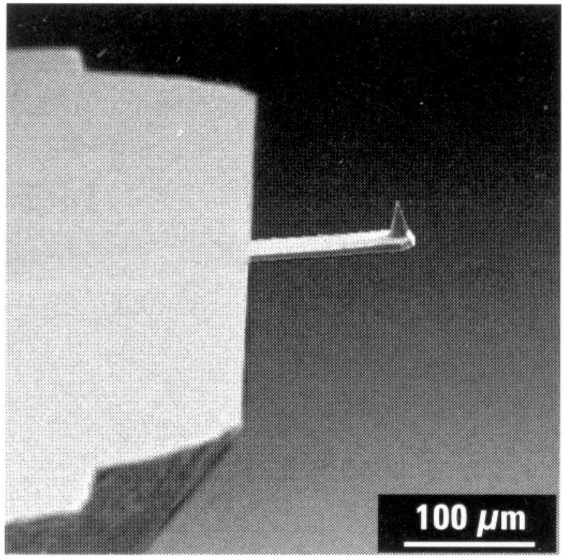
Typical Tip Dimension:
150μm x 30μm x 0.5μm
k ~ 0.1 N/m
Materials: Si_3N_4

Typical Tip Dimension:
150μm x 30μm x 3μm
f_r ~ 100 kHz
Materials: Si

V-shaped

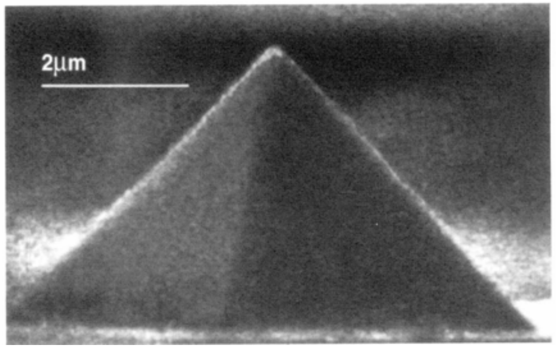


Rectangular-shaped

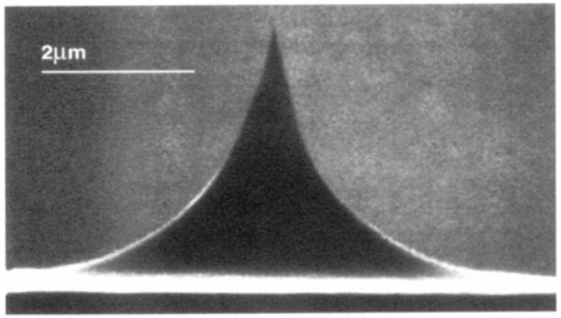


Materials: Si, SiO_2, Si_3N_4
Ideal Tips: hard, small radius of curvature, high aspect ratio

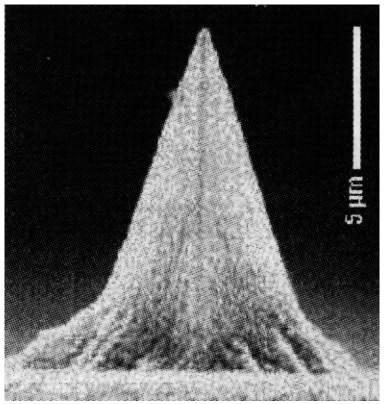
Pyramid Tip

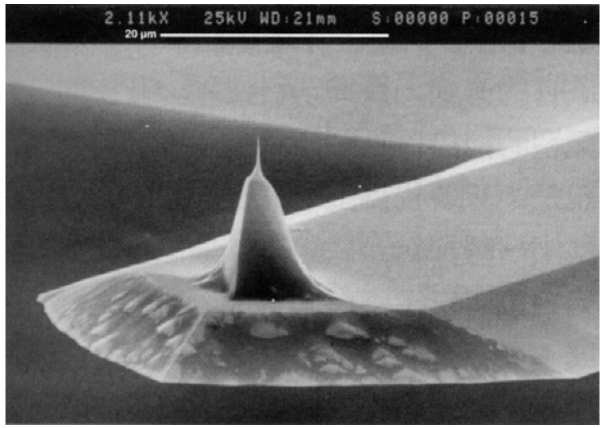


Ultrasharp Tip



Diamond-coated Tip





Criteria for AFM probe

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

   To detect force of ~ nN

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

   To enable scanning and other operations

3) Highly anisotropic stiffness

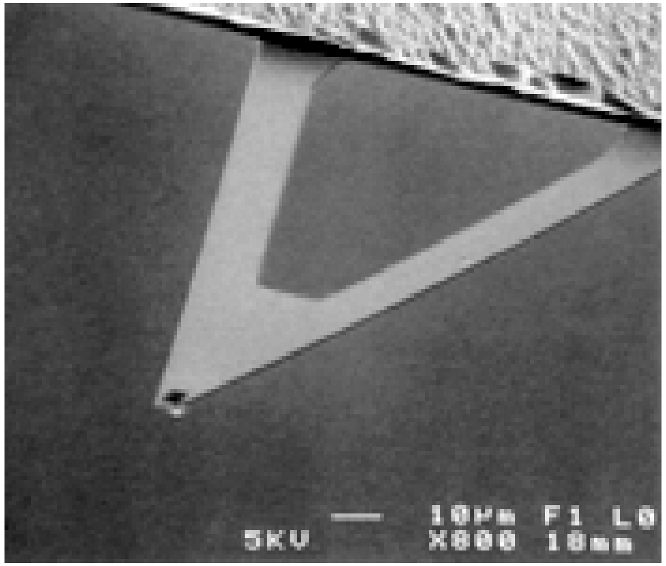
   Easy to bent and difficult to twist

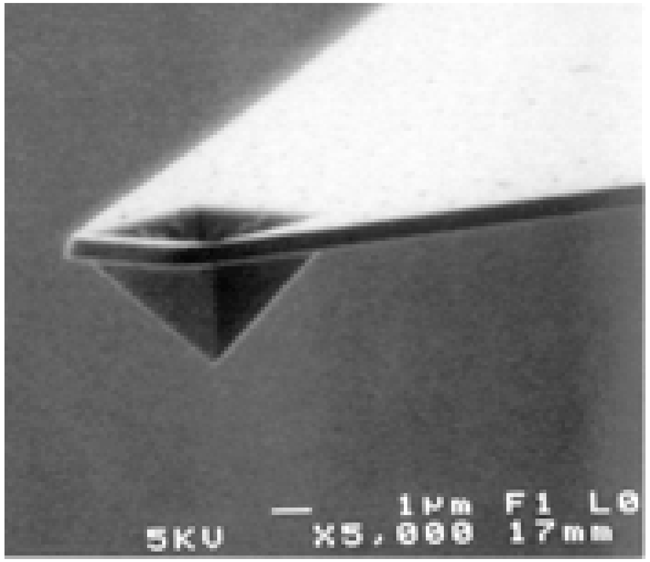
4) Sharp protrusion at the apex

   To better define the tip-sample interaction

Tip of small shear force

(for Contact mode)





Typical Tip Dimension:
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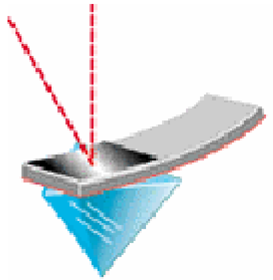
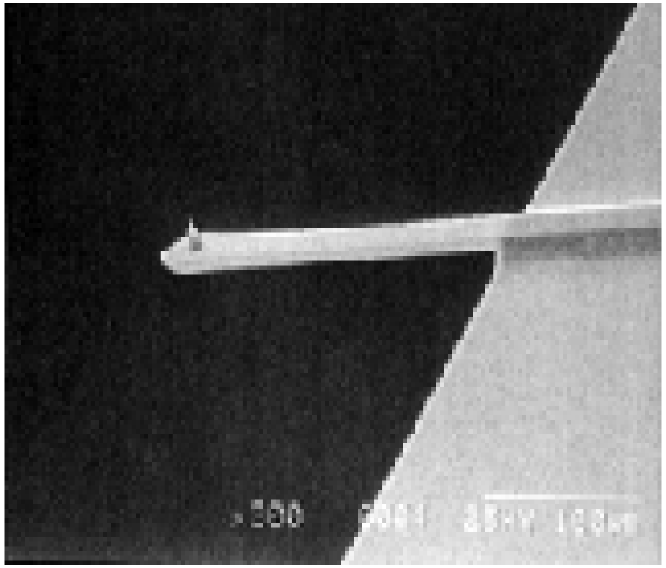
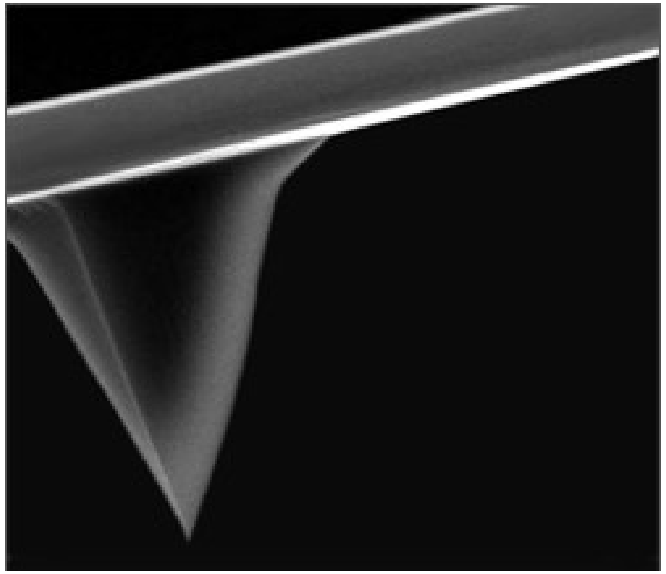
k ~ 0.1 N/m
Materials: Si_3N_4



Tip of high resonant frequency

(for Tapping mode)





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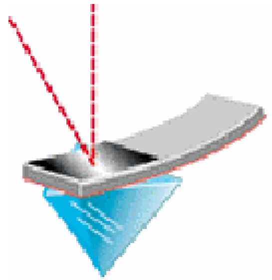
f_r ~ 100 kHz
Materials: Si



AFM versus STM

1. STM has better resolution than AFM.
2. The force-distance dependence in AFM is much more complex when characteristics such as tip shape and contact force are considered.
3. STM is generally applicable only to conducting samples while AFM is applied to both conductors and insulators.
4. AFM offers the advantage that the writing voltage and tip-to-substrate spacing can be controlled independently, whereas with STM the two parameters are integrally linked.

AFM versus SEM

1. AFM provides extraordinary topographic contrast direct height measurements and SEM provides only 2D mapping of surface features.
2. For insulating samples, no metallic coating is necessary for AFM.

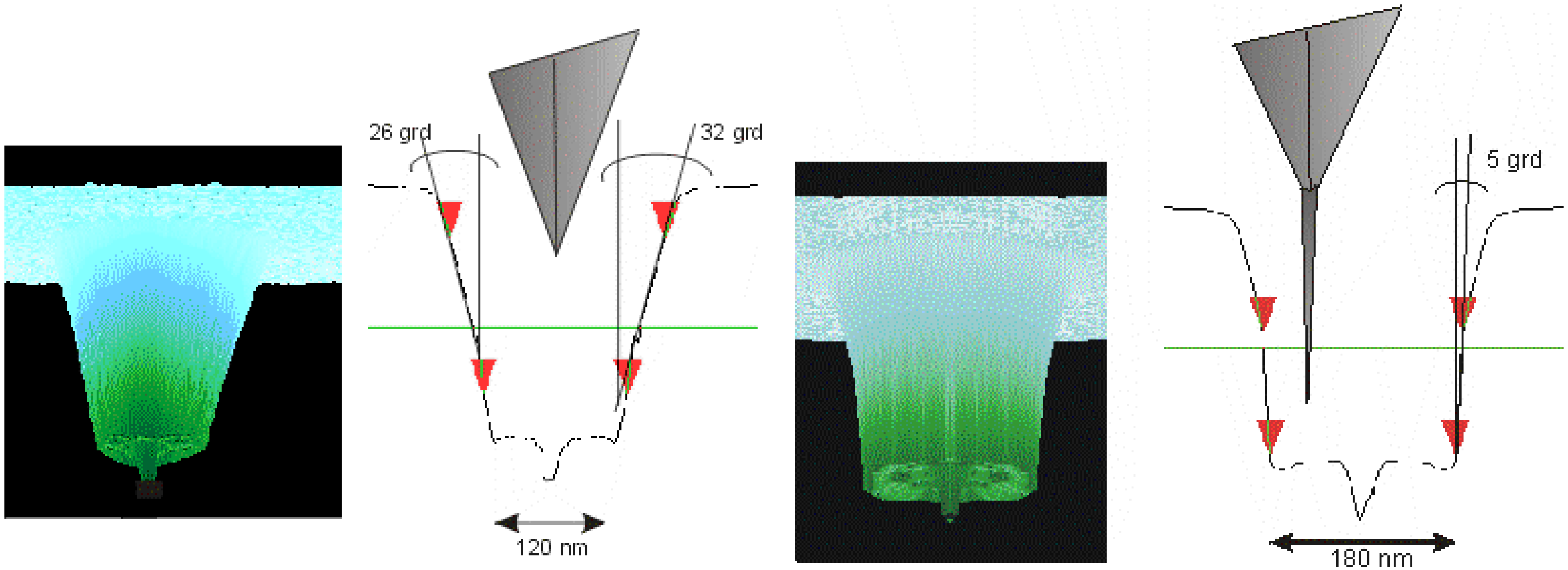
AFM versus TEM

1. Compared with Transmission Electron Microscopes, three dimensional AFM images are obtained without expensive sample preparation and yield far more complete information than the two dimensional profiles available from cross-sectioned samples.
2. No charging effect occurs in AFM.

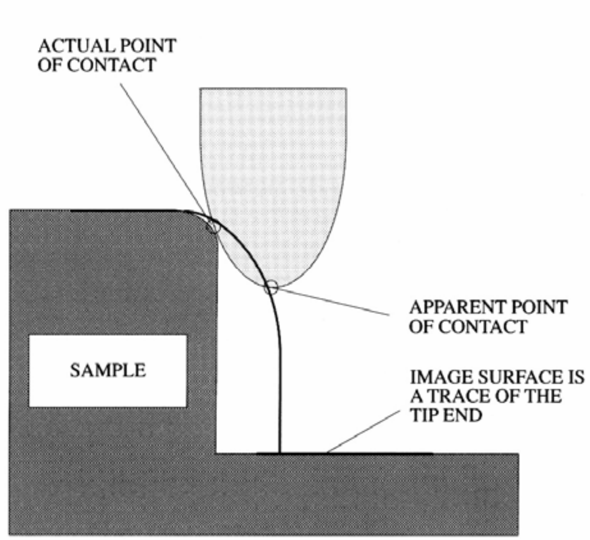
AFM versus Optical Microscope

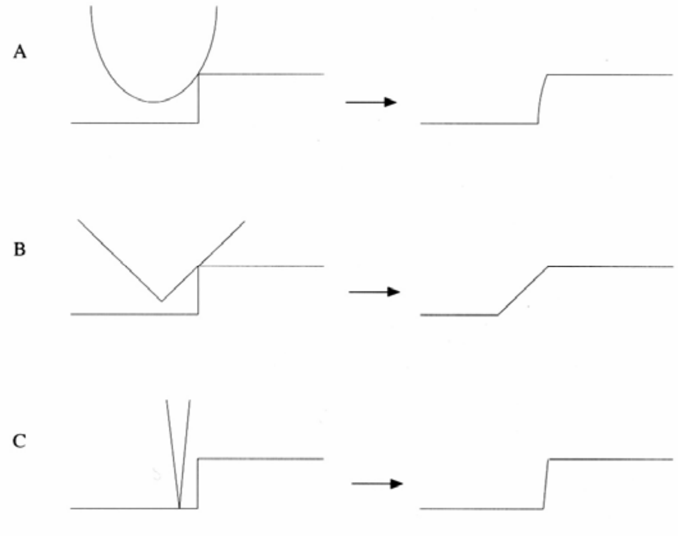
1. AFM has much better resolution than Optical Microscope.
2. AFM provides unambiguous measurement of step heights, independent of reflectivity differences between materials.

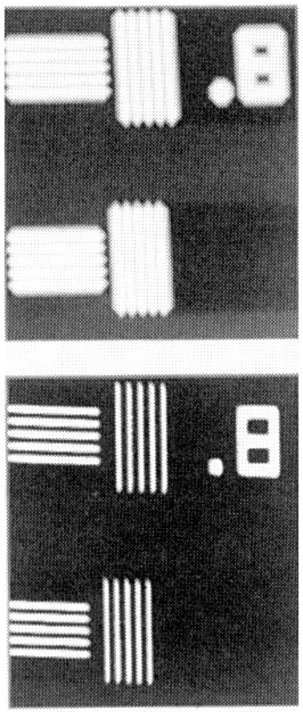
Ultra-sharp tip

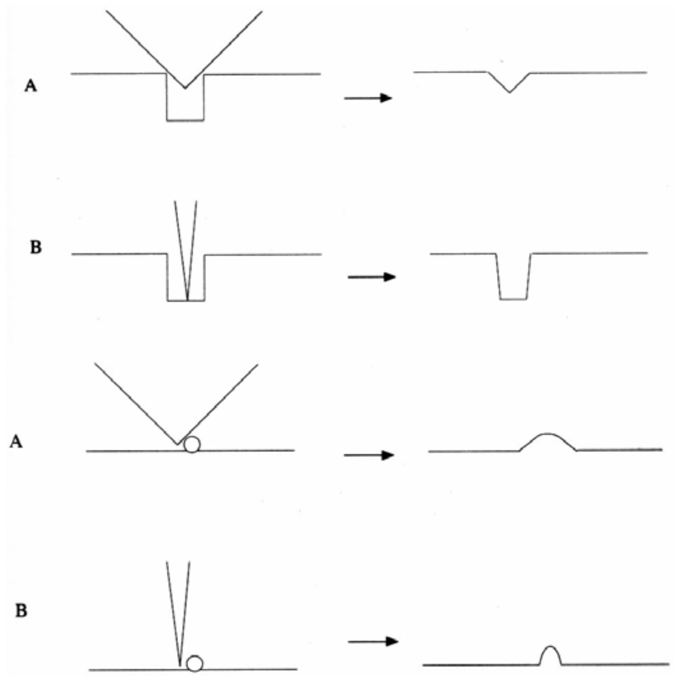


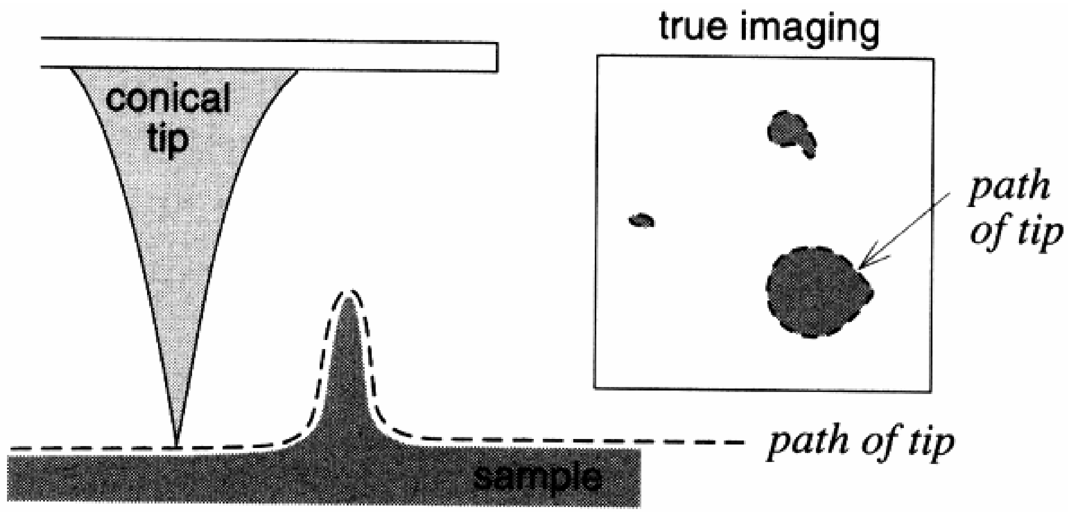
Effects of the Tip Shape







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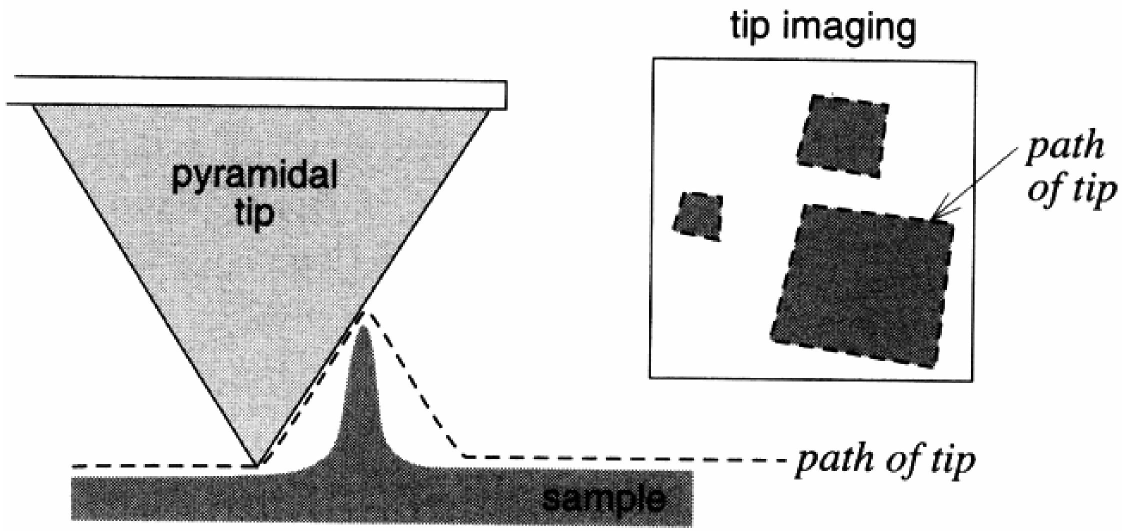
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AFM Tip + Carbon Nanotube

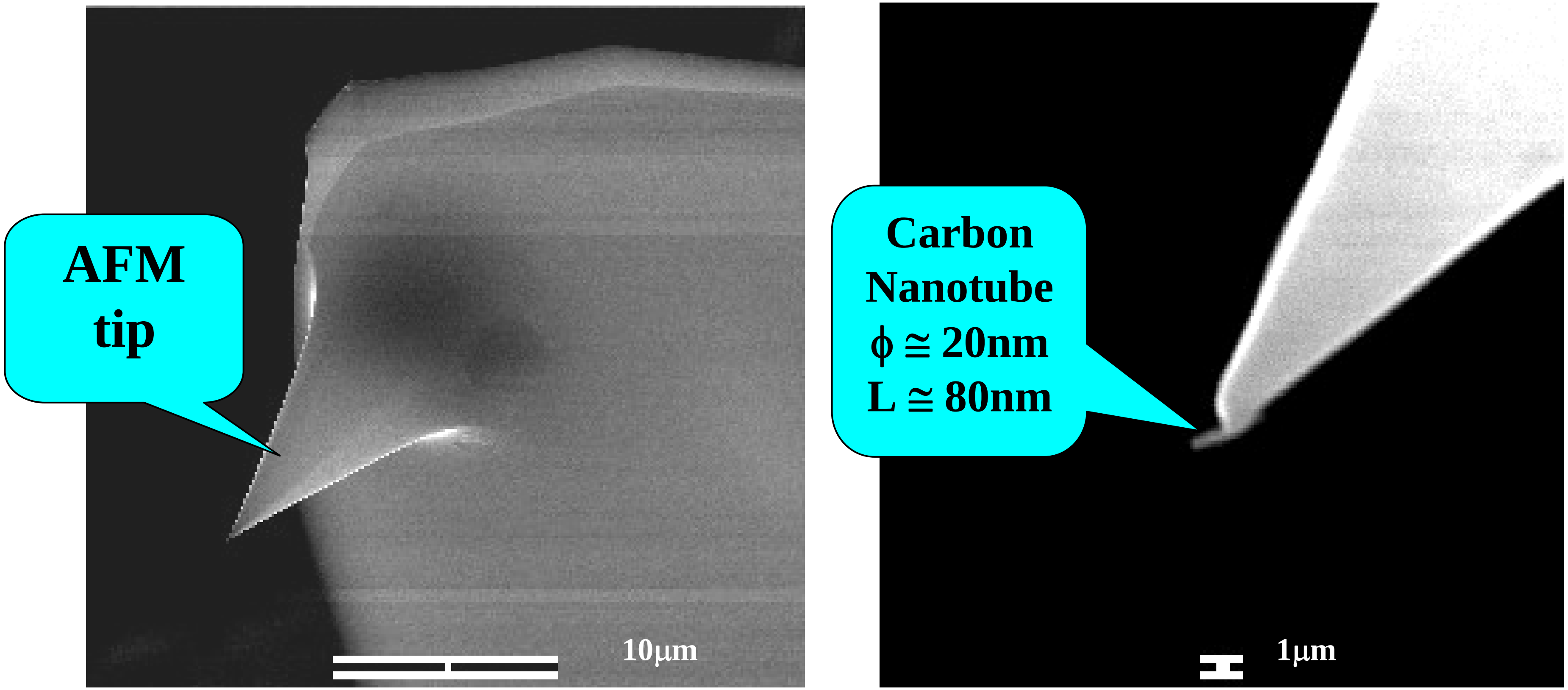
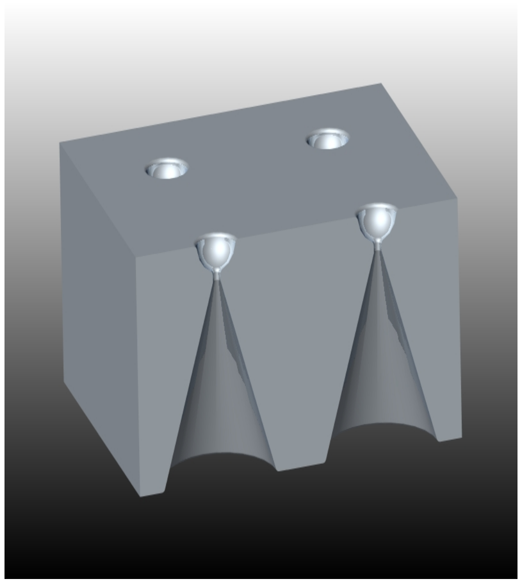
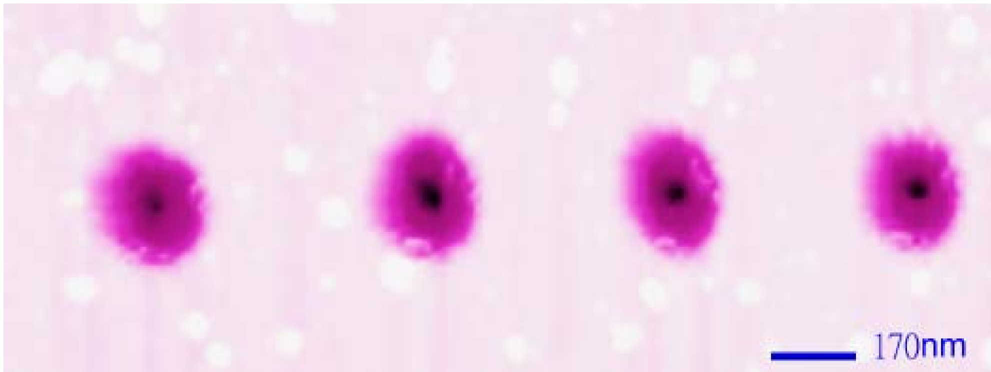


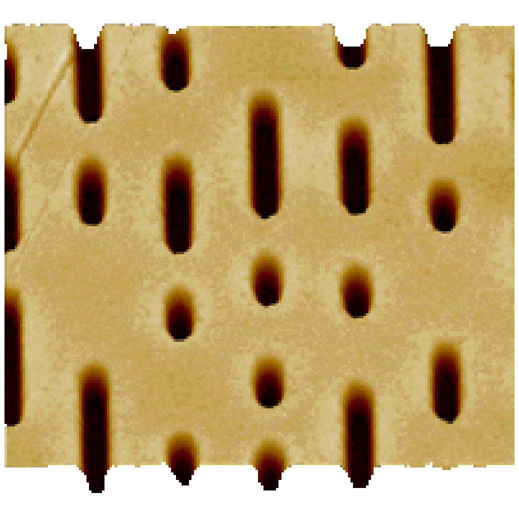
Image of high aspect ratio



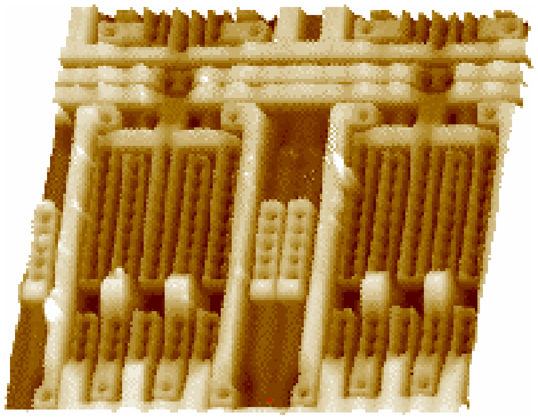


AFM images

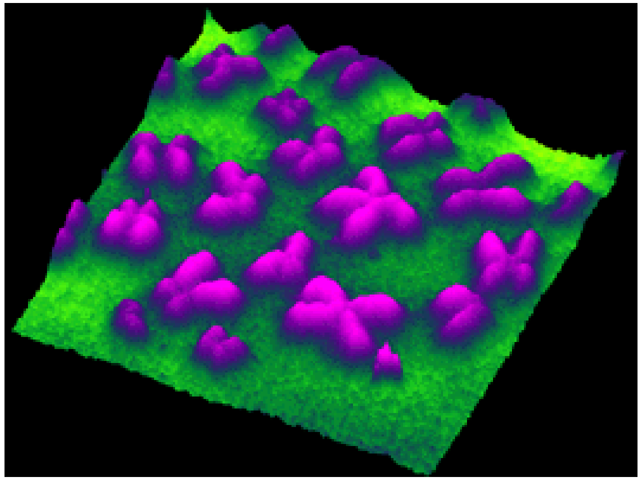
CD pits



Integrated circuit



Chromosomes



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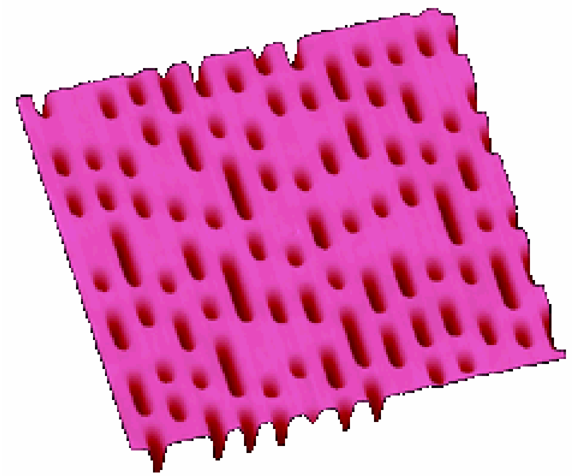

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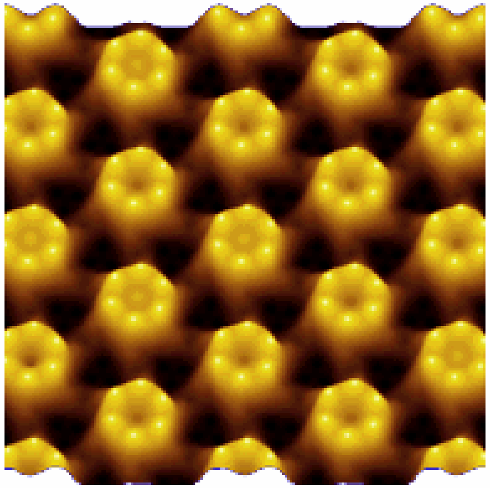

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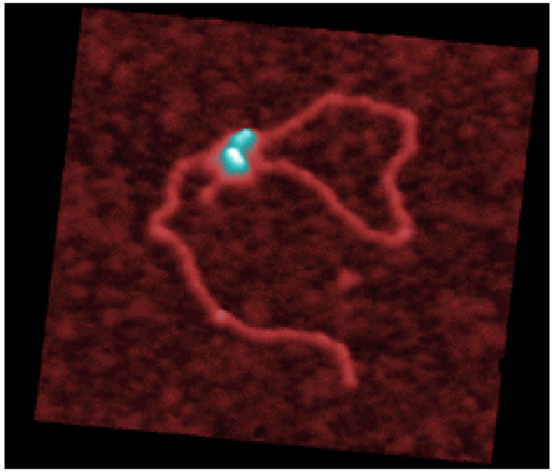
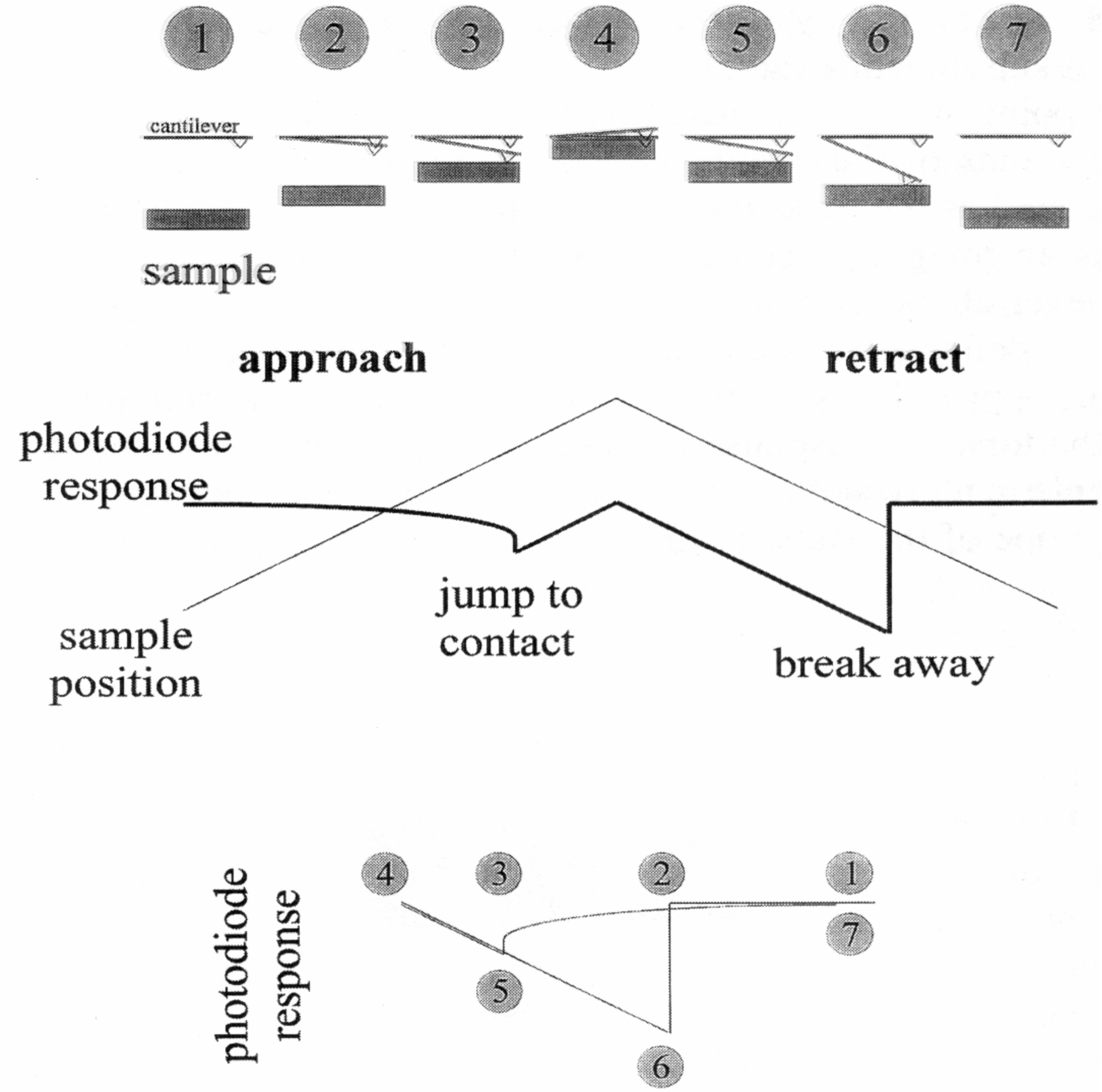
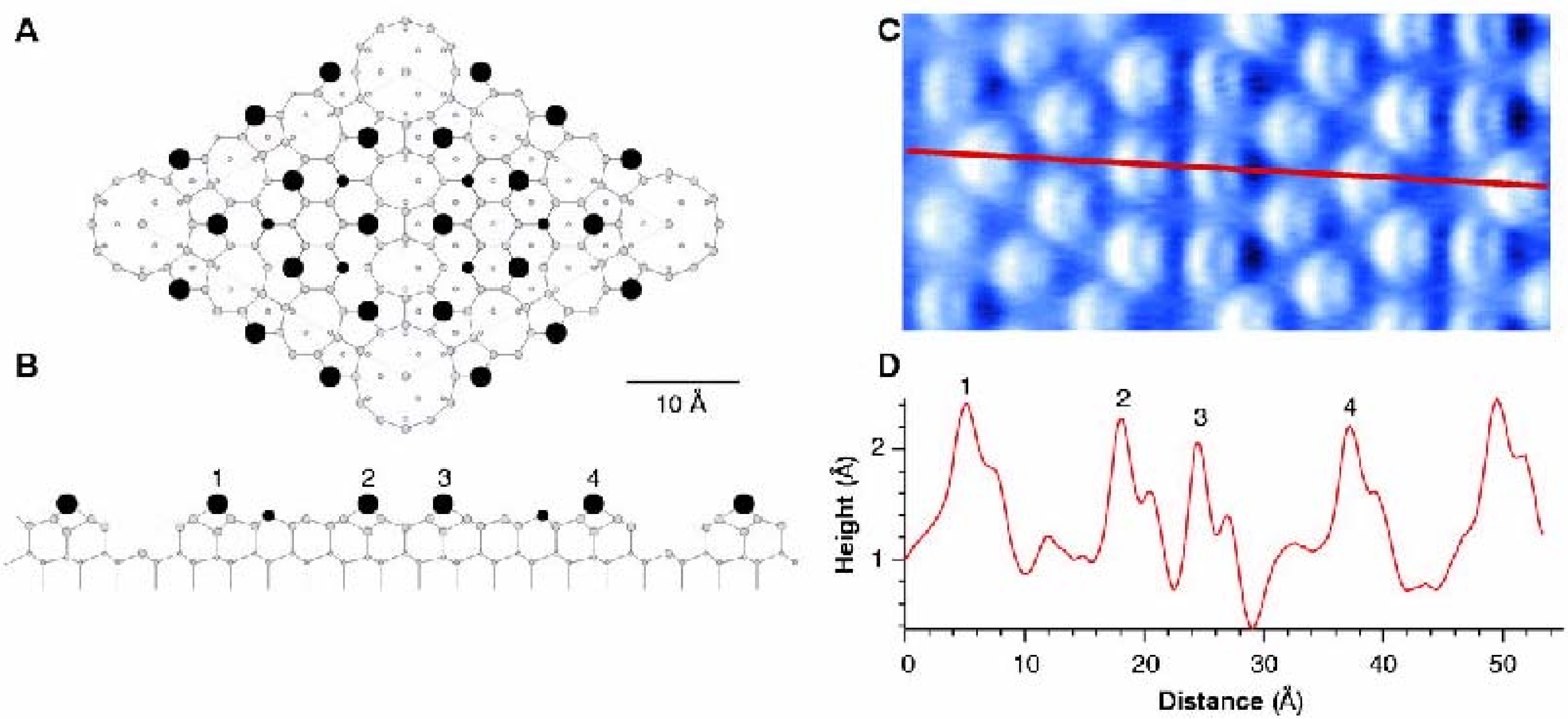


Force-Distance Curve



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



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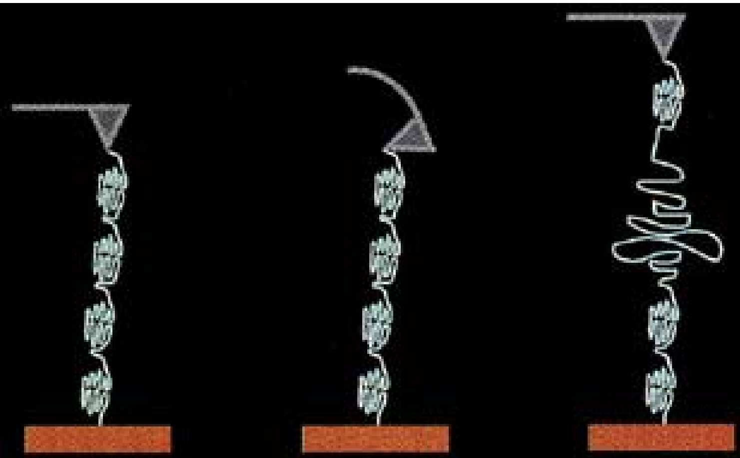
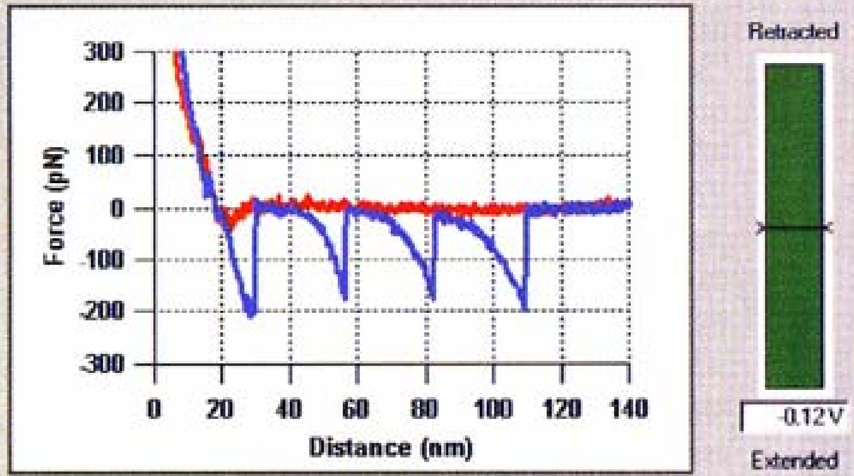
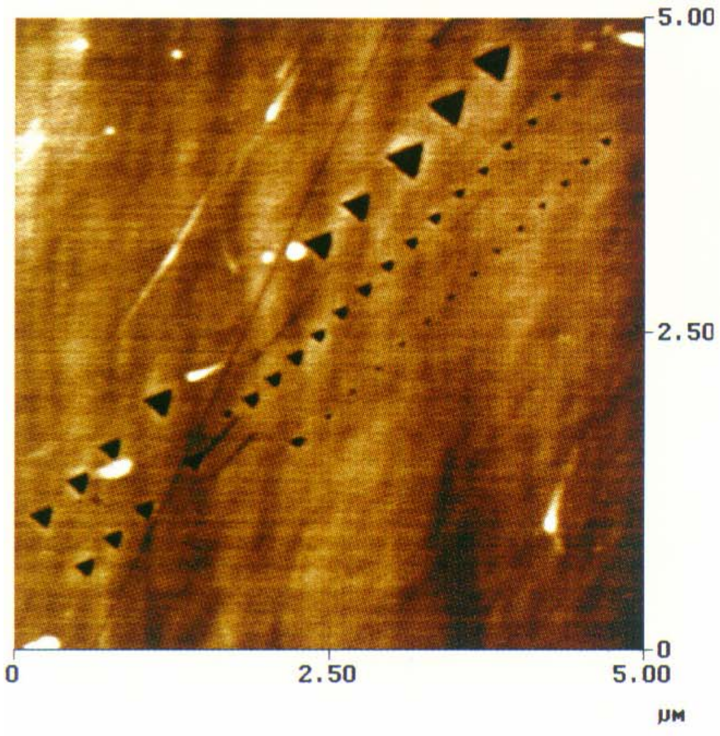


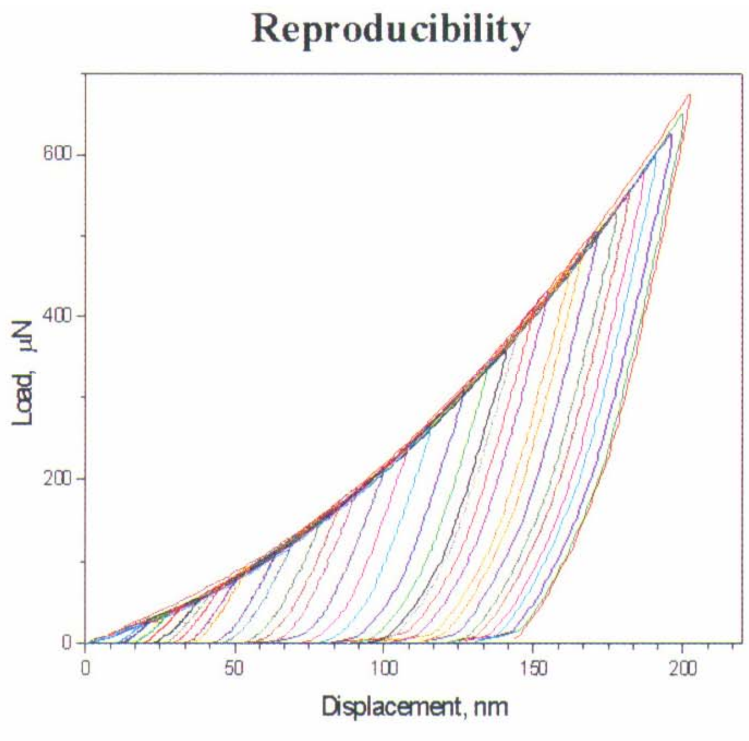
Force measurement of an unfolding complex molecule.



Advanced graphical user interface shows titin muscle molecule force curve.

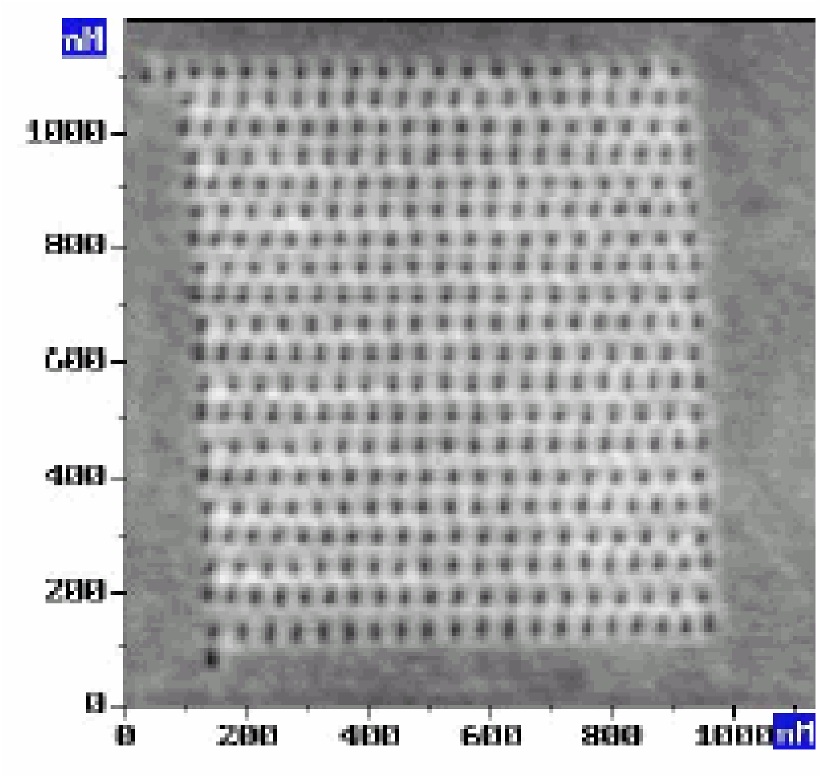
Measurement of Mechanical Properties





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



(1.2 μm× 1.2 μm)

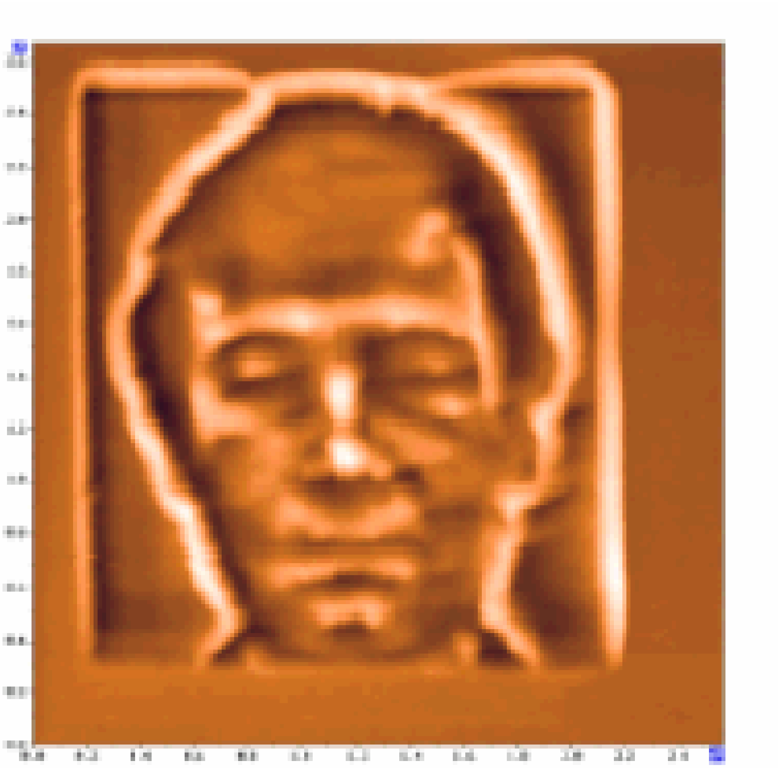


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Image of polycarbonate film on silicon surface