

The Force Feedback Microscope: an AFM for soft condensed matter

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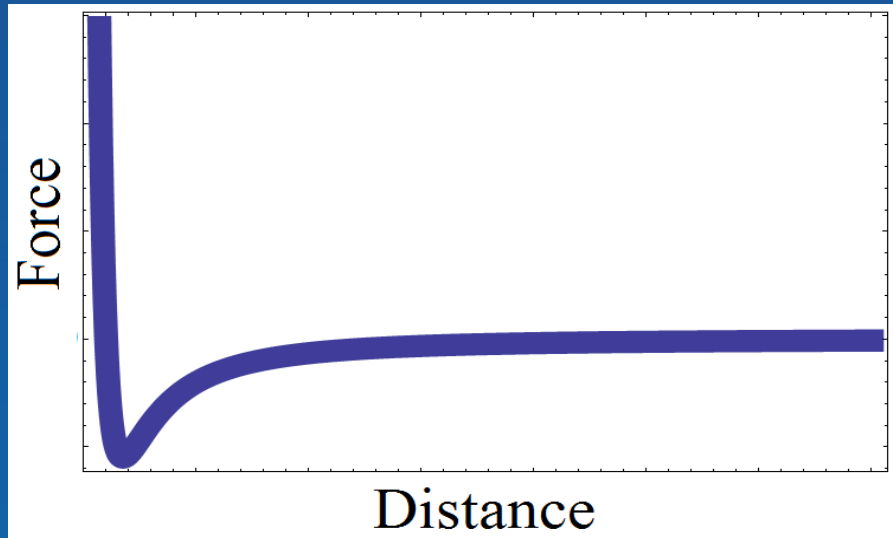
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- *Results*
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The interaction Force

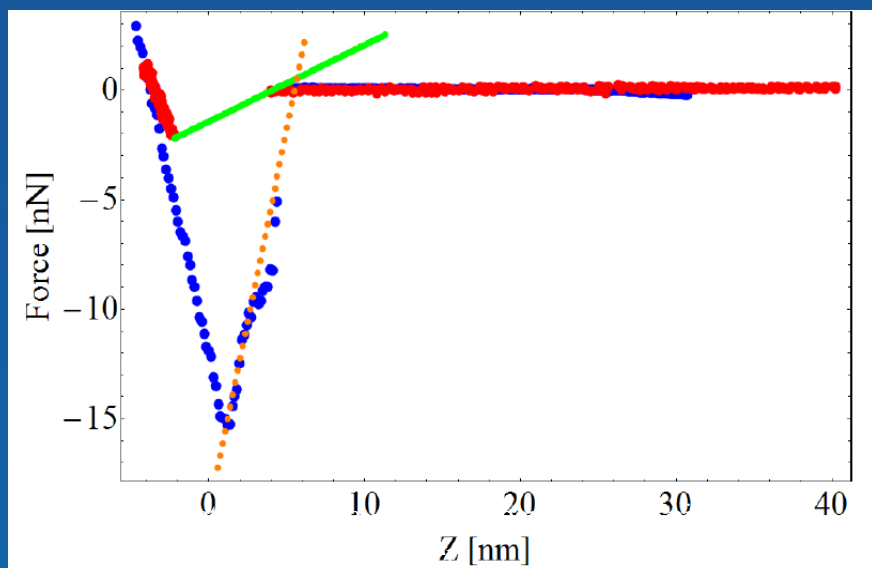


...all things are made of atoms - little particles that move around in perpetual motion, attracting each other when they are a little distance apart, but repelling upon being squeezed onto one another...

R. Feynman

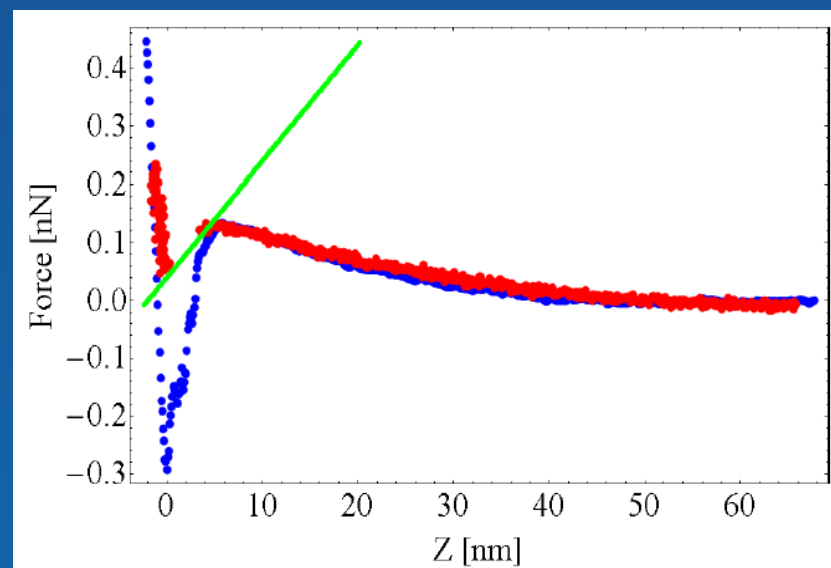
The Jump to contact

IN AIR



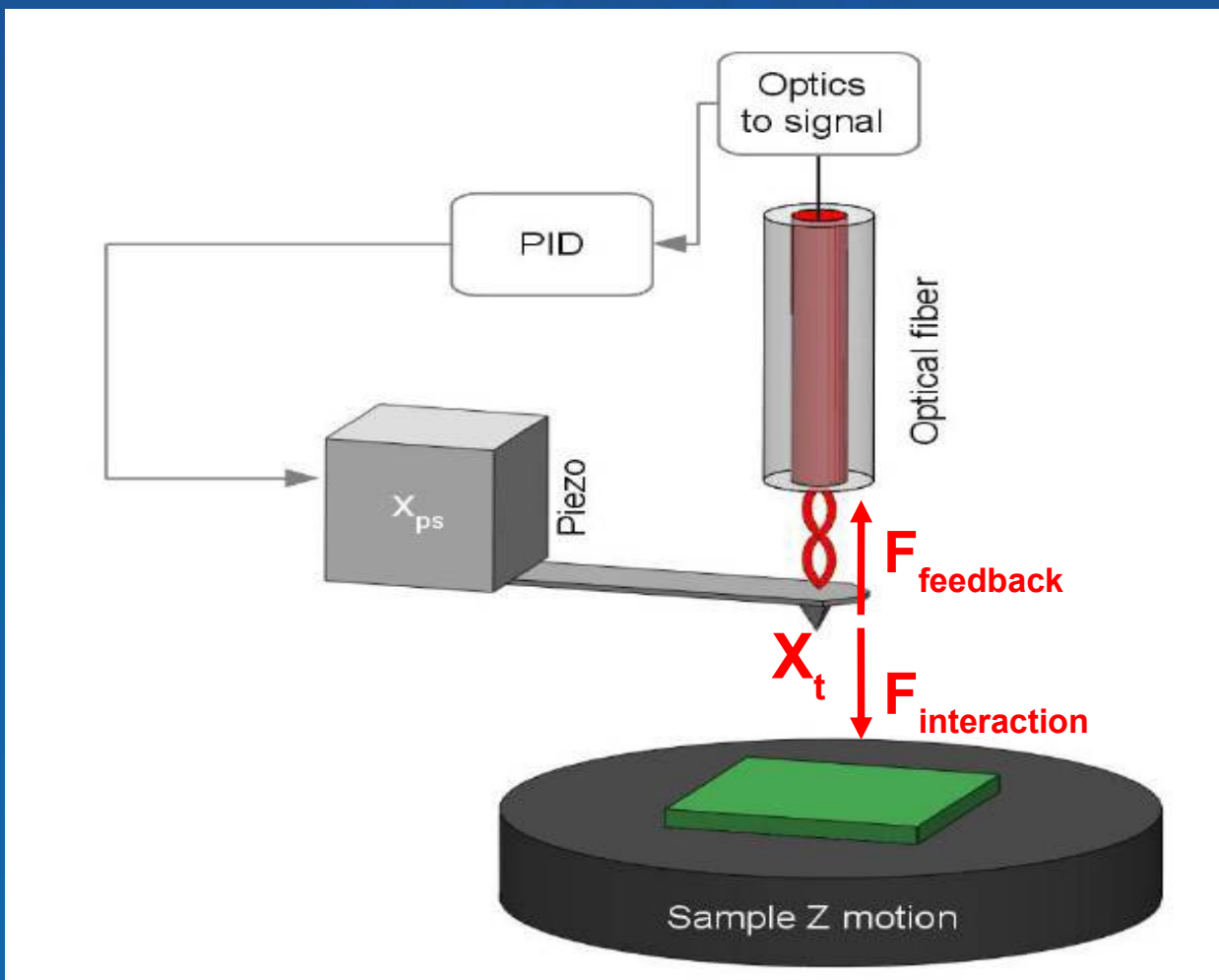
Force between a silicon probe and hydrophilic silicon native oxide surface in air

IN LIQUID



Force between a silicon nitride probe and mica in deionized water

SETUP



THE IDEA



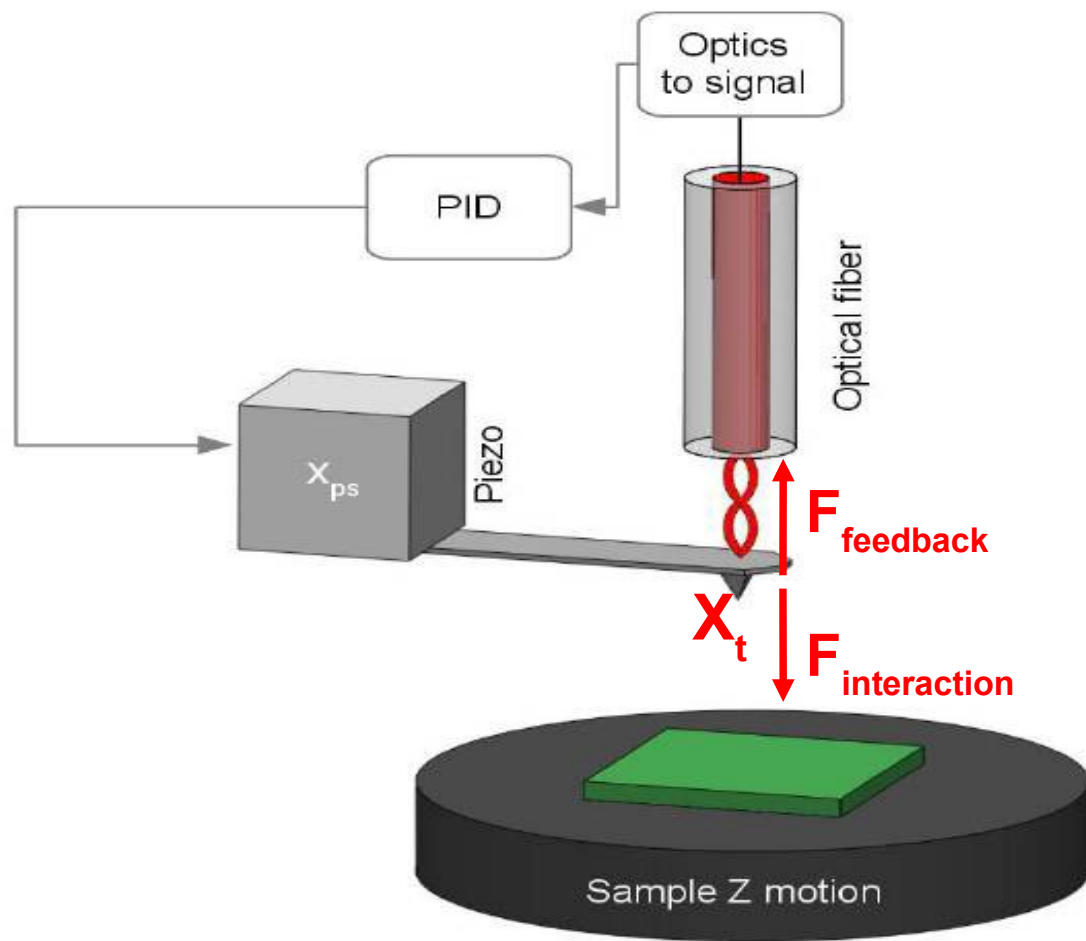
$$\sum_i \vec{F}_{i/\text{tip}} = \vec{0}$$

Sum of the force acting on the tip equal to zero

$$F_{\text{feedback}} = F_{\text{interaction}}$$

Position of the tip fixed in space

SETUP

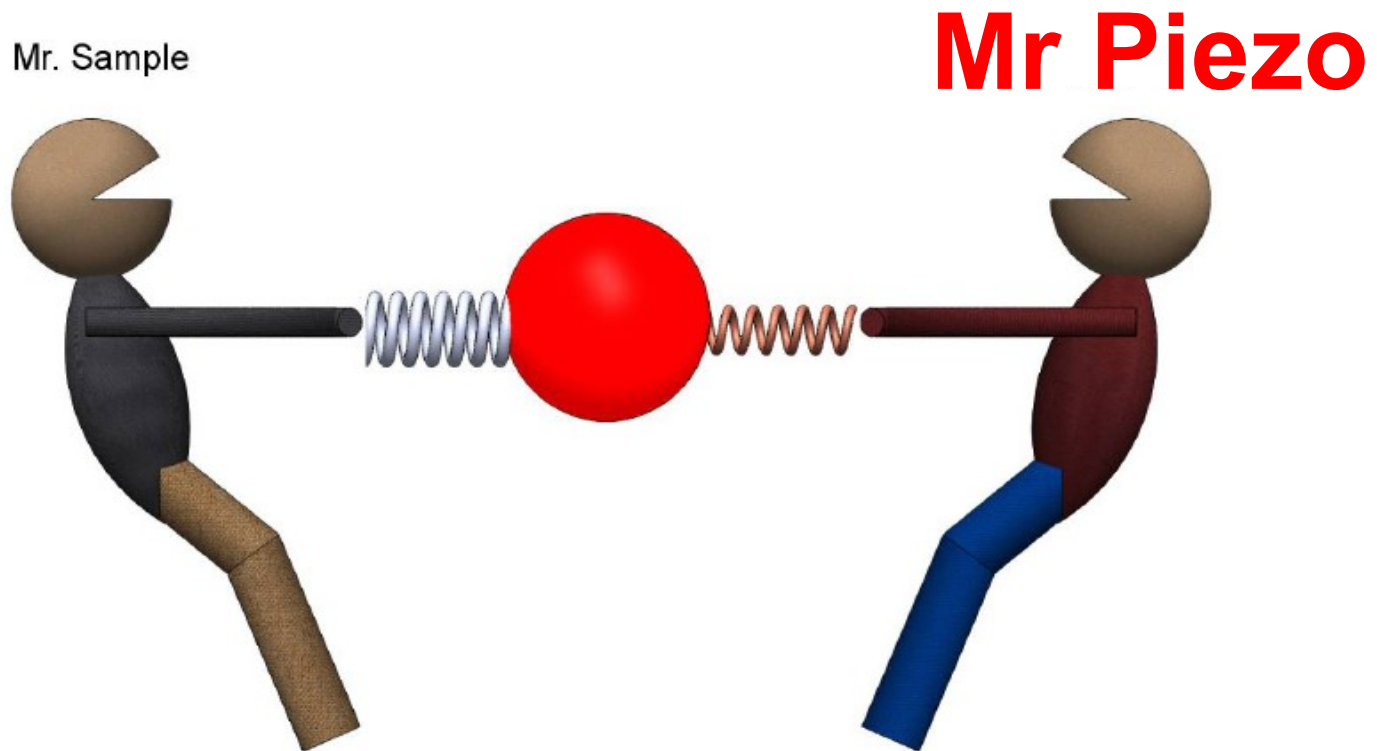


Where

$$F_{\text{feedback}} = F_{\text{interaction}}$$

X_t is kept constant
by a feedback loop

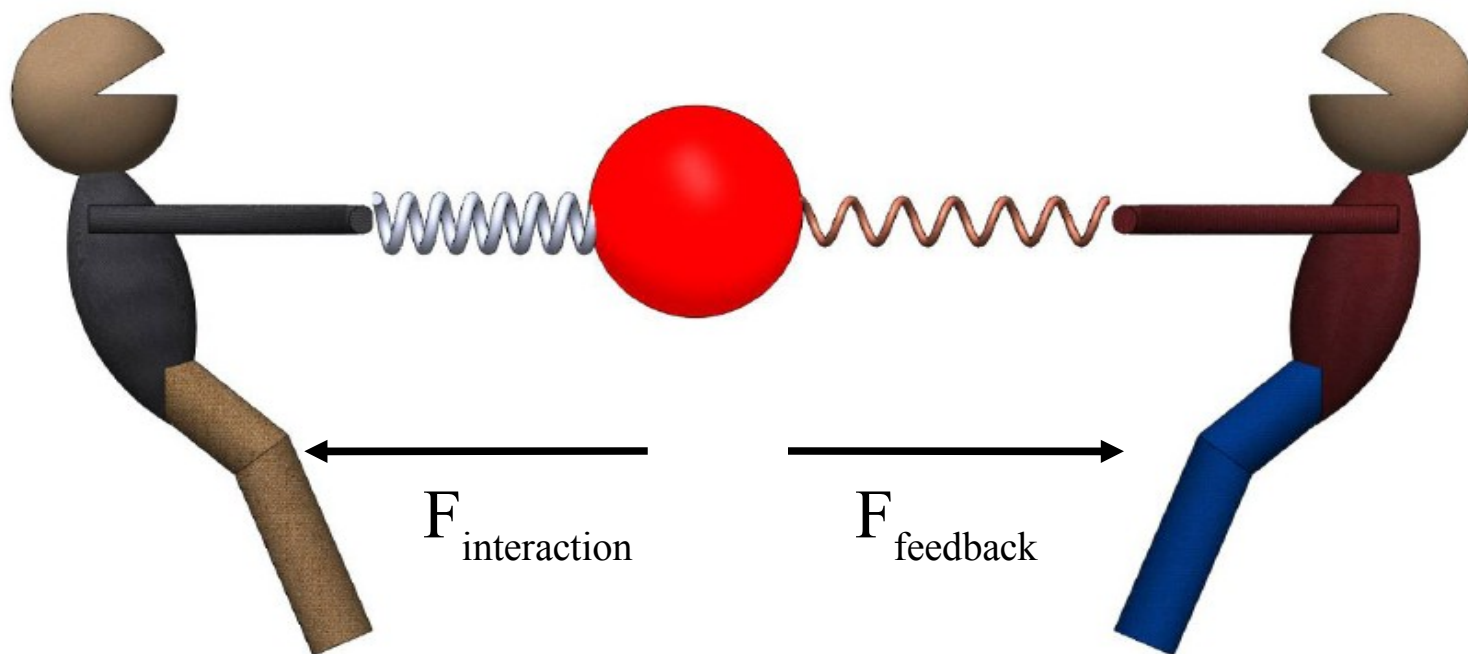
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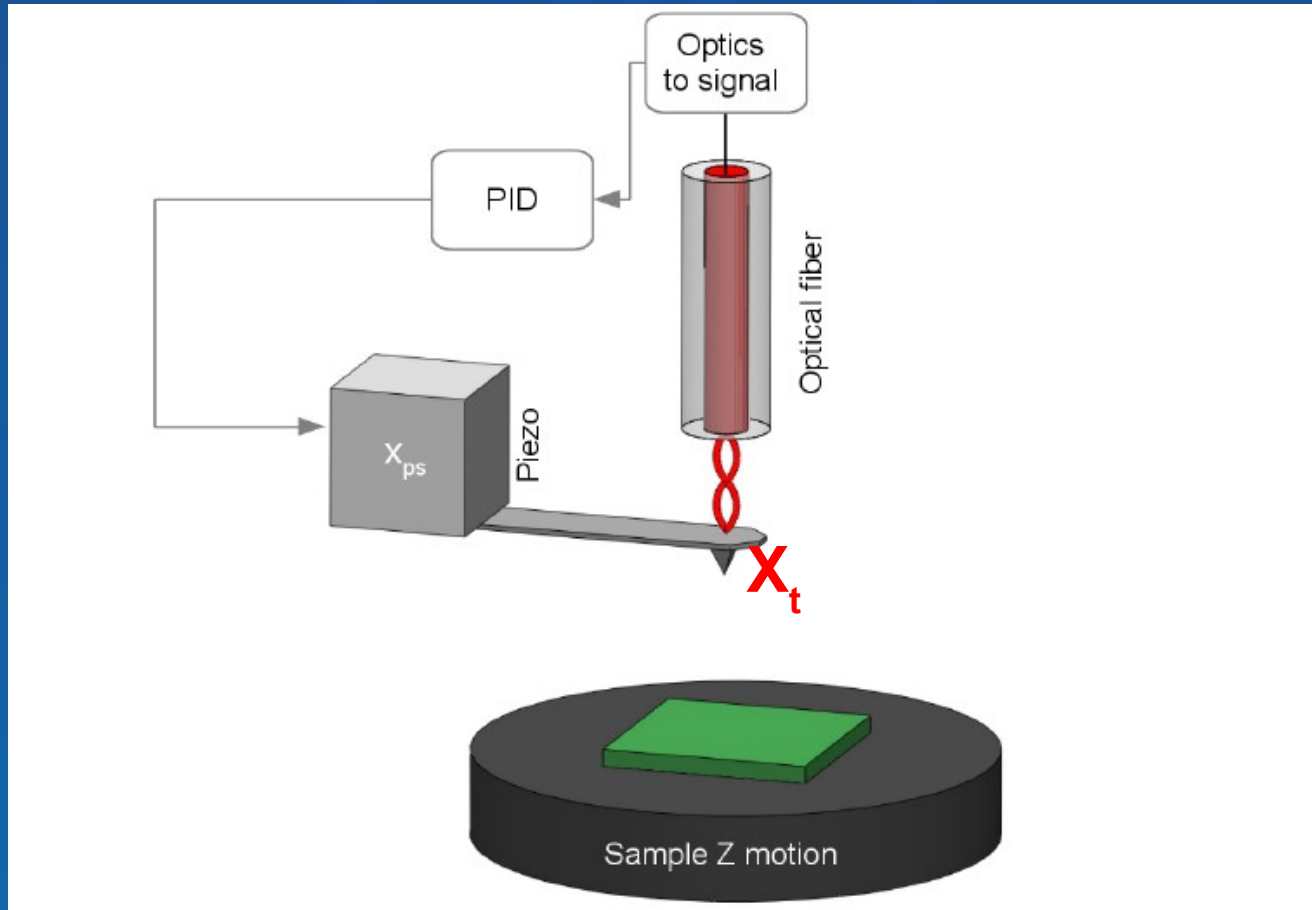
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Mr. Sample

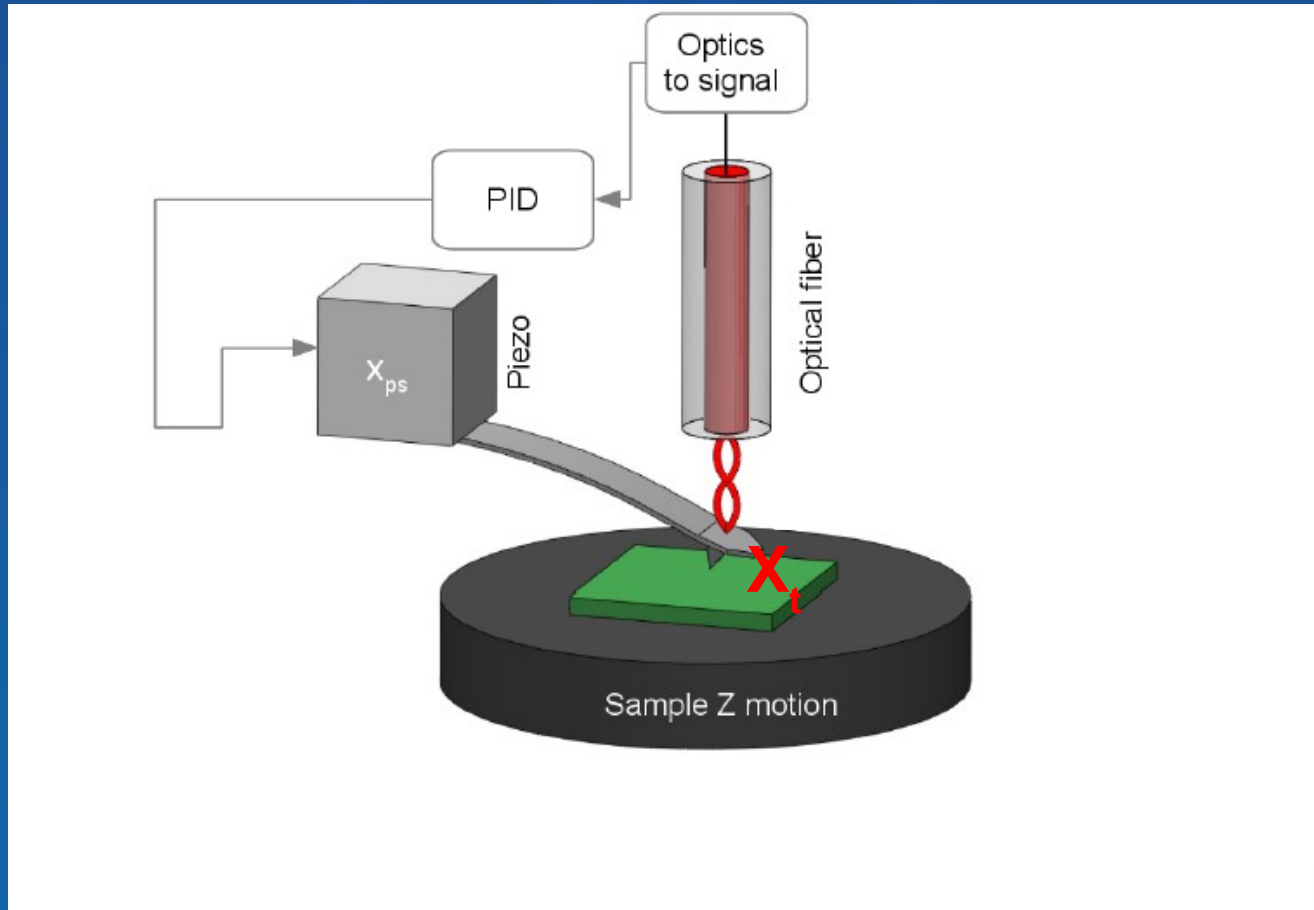
Mr Piezo



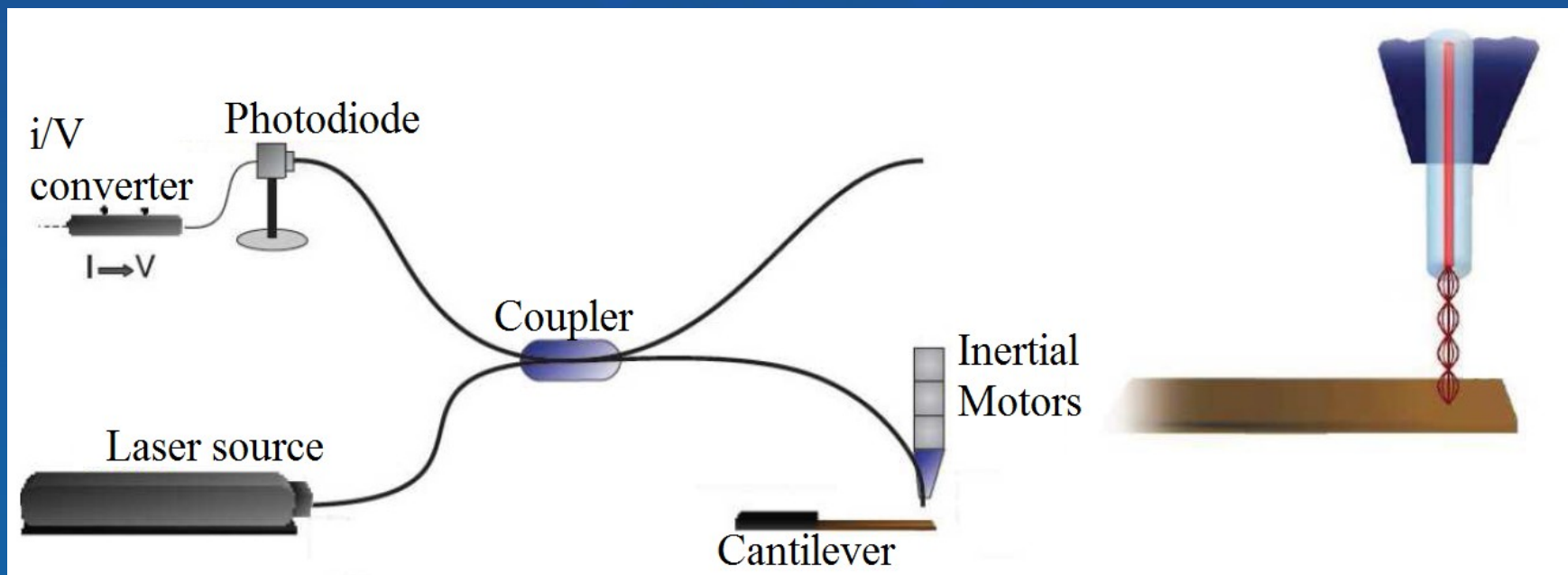
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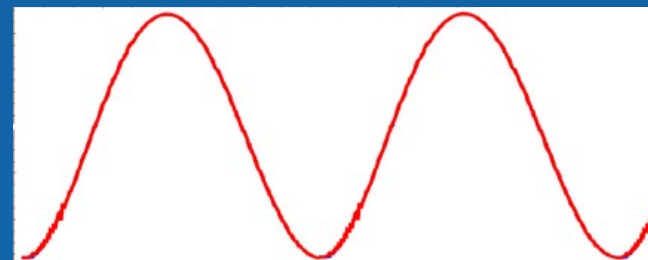
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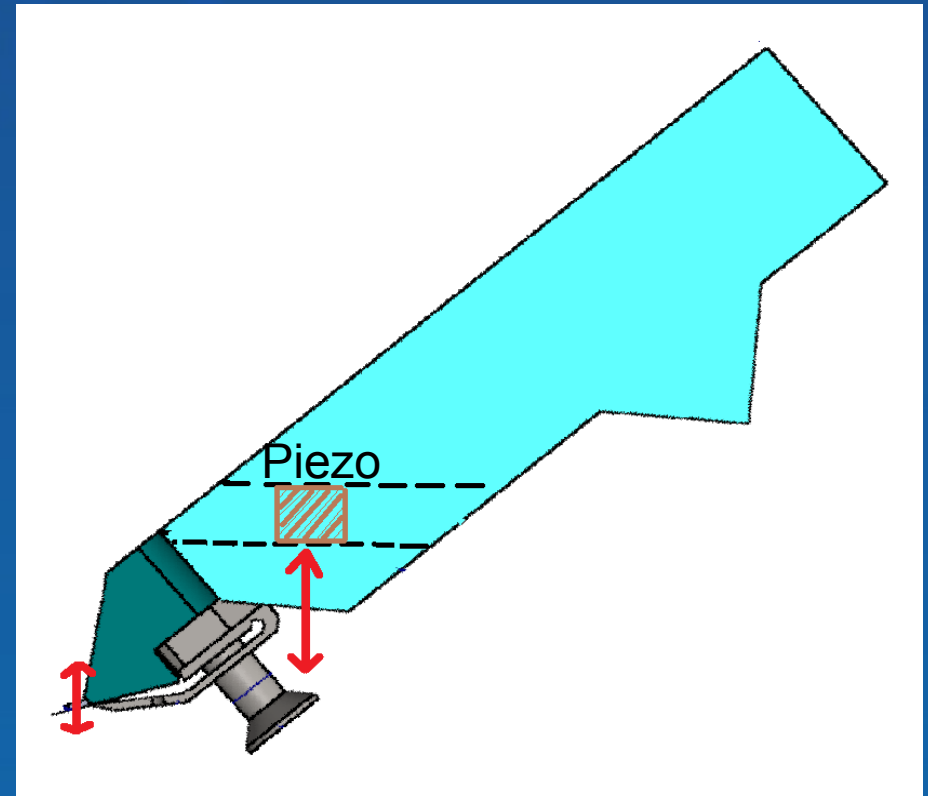
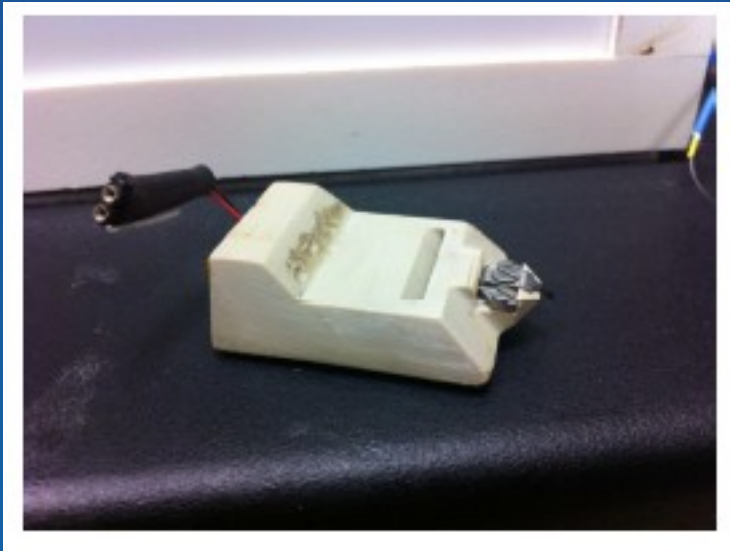
Fabry-Perot Interferometer



$$I(d) = I_0 + \Delta I_0 \sin \left(\frac{4\pi}{\lambda} d + \phi \right)$$

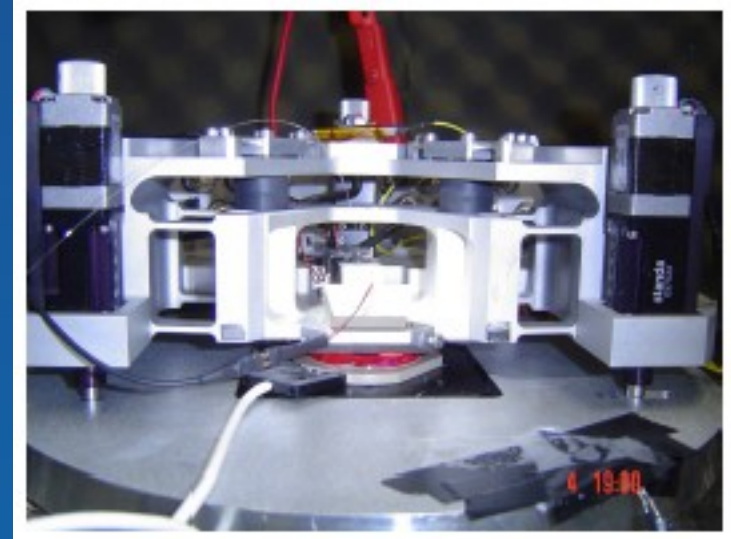
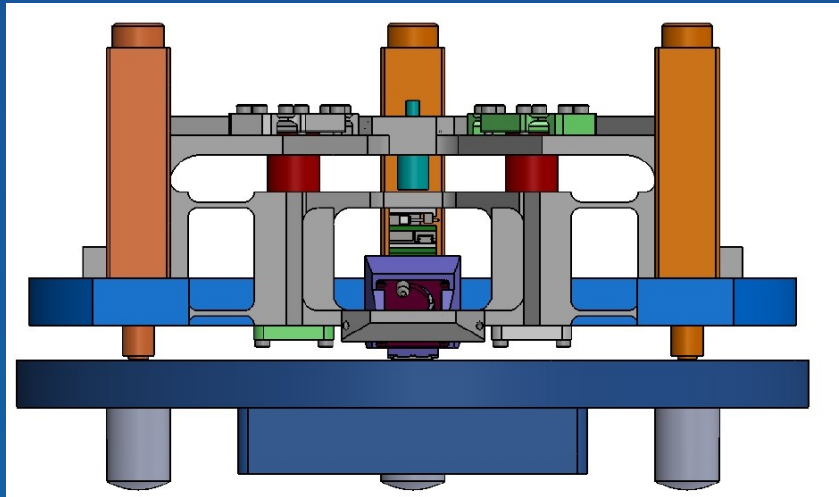


Cantilever holder



Cantilever base displacement $\approx 5 \text{ nm/V}$ applied

MICROSCOPE



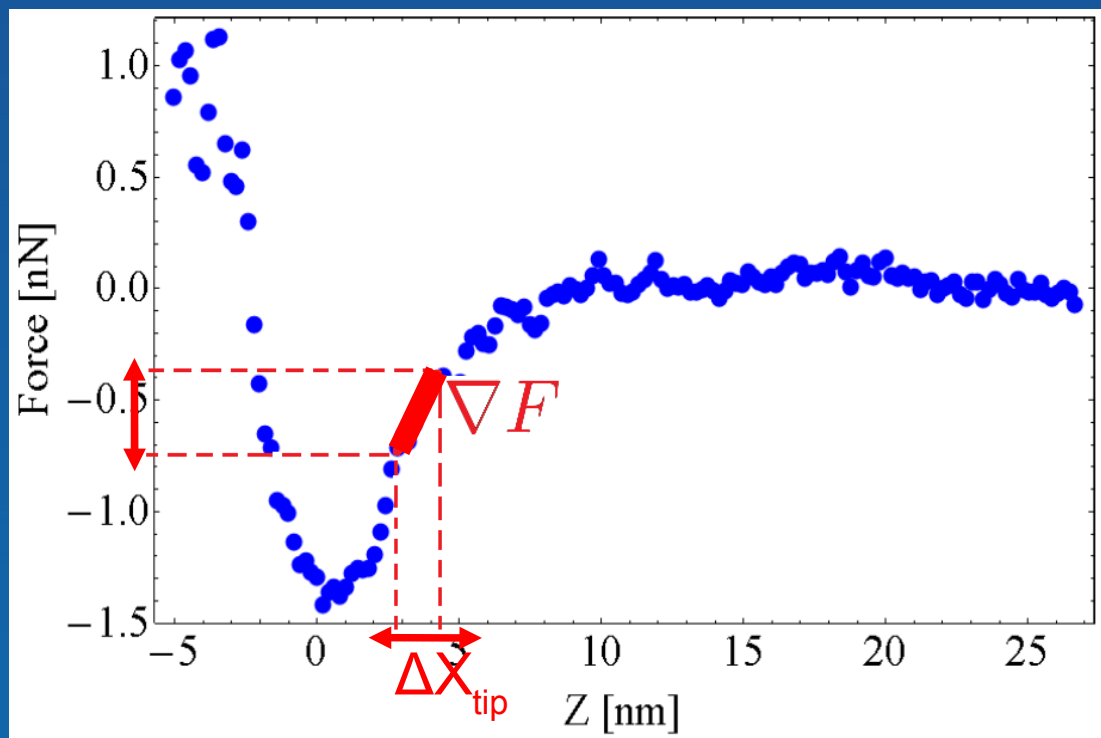
Michal Hrouzek PhD Thesis, 2004-2007

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DYNAMIC FFM

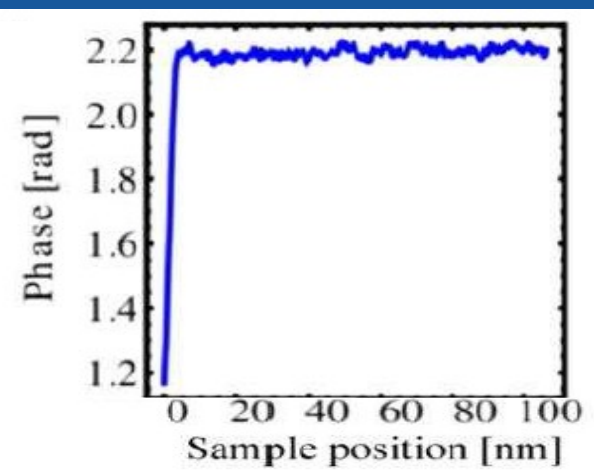
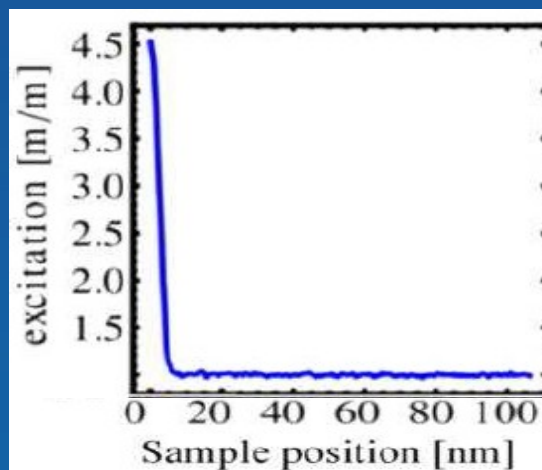
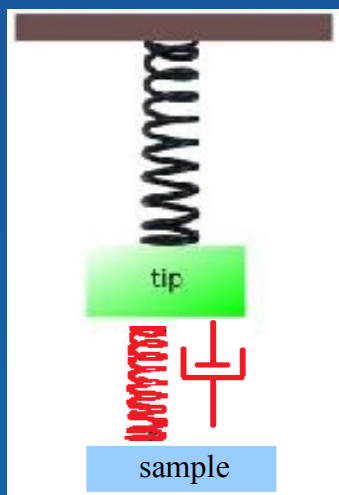
Tip oscillation

$$X_{\text{tip}}(t) = \overline{X}_{\text{tip}} + \Delta X_{\text{tip}} \cos(\omega t)$$



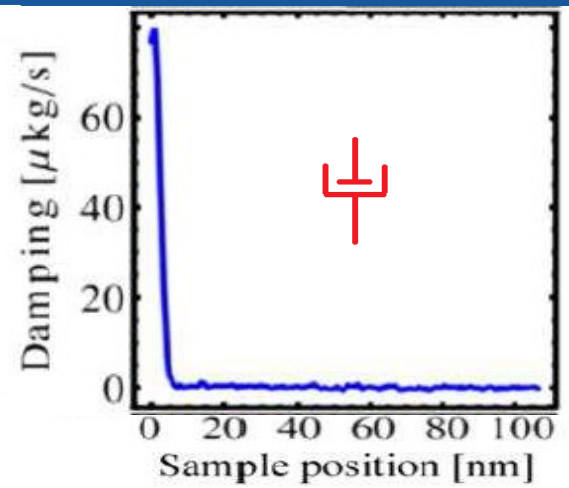
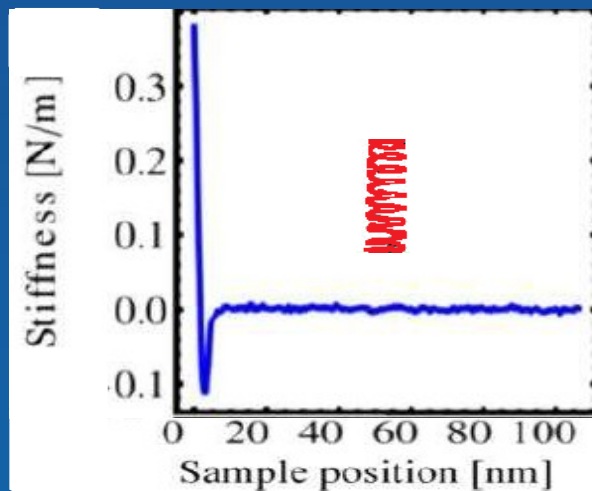
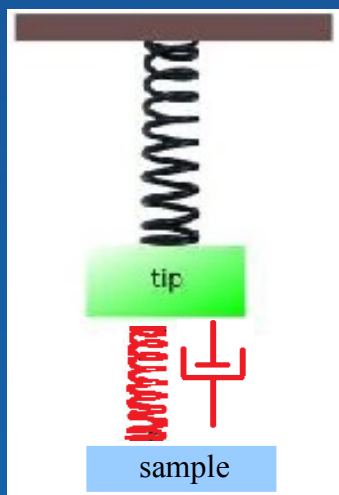
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RAW DATA



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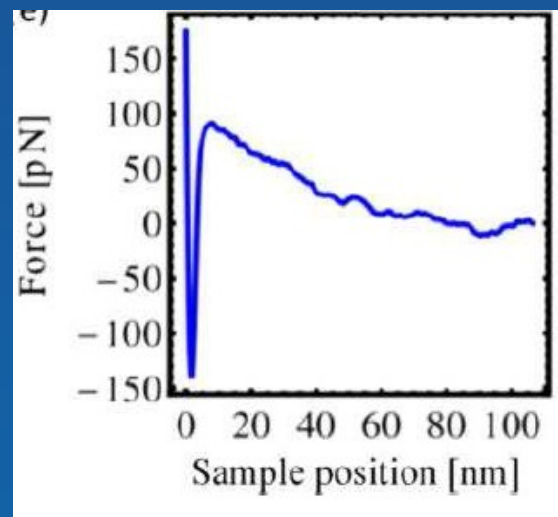
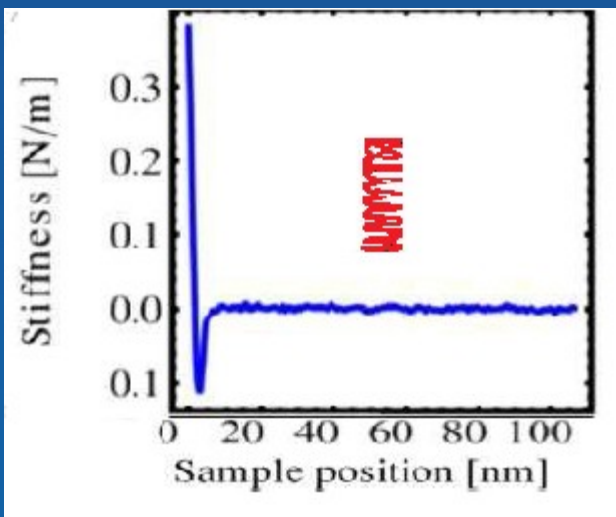
Force gradient & Dissipation



Force

$$\nabla F$$

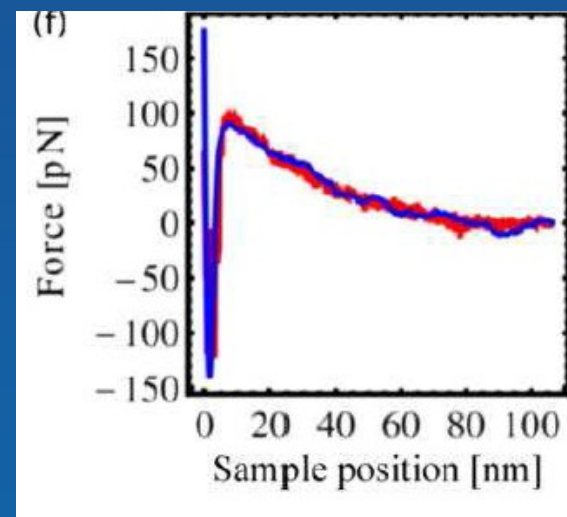
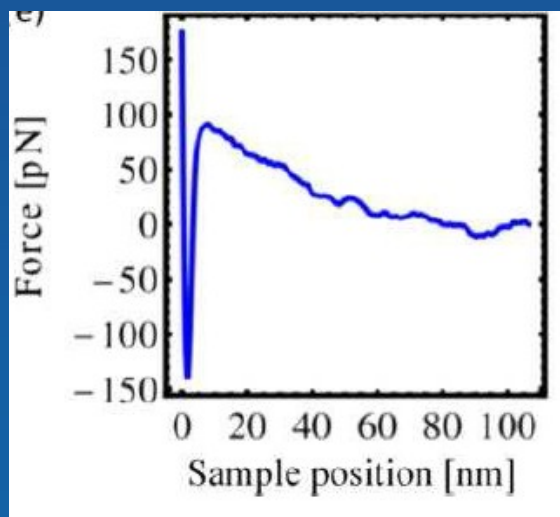
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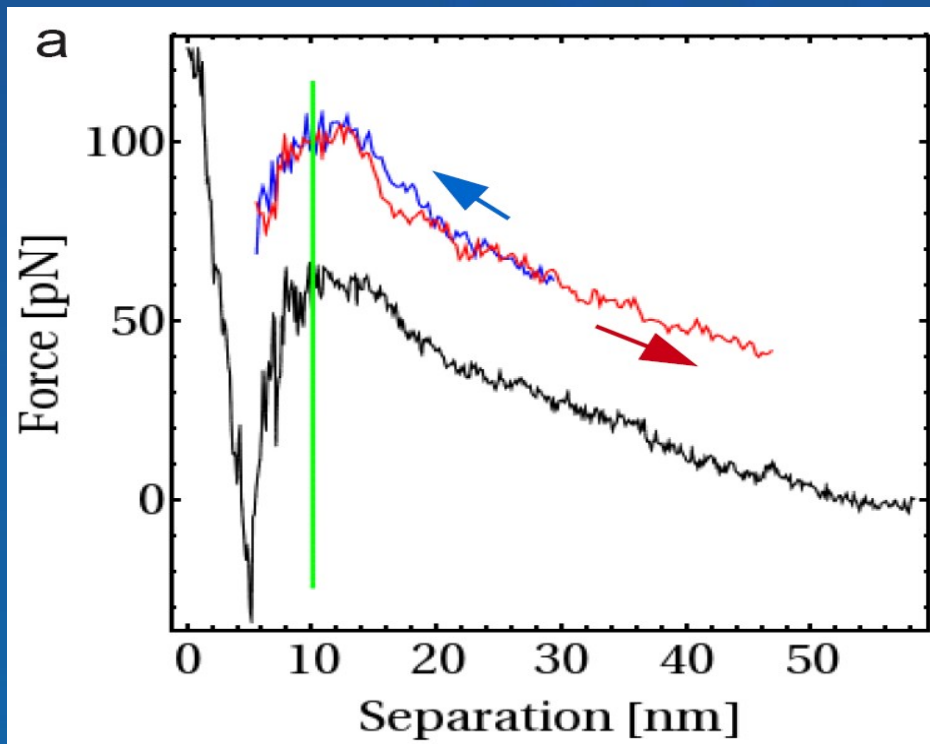
Force

$$F_{static} = \int \nabla F dz$$

$$F_{static}$$



Solid/liquid interface

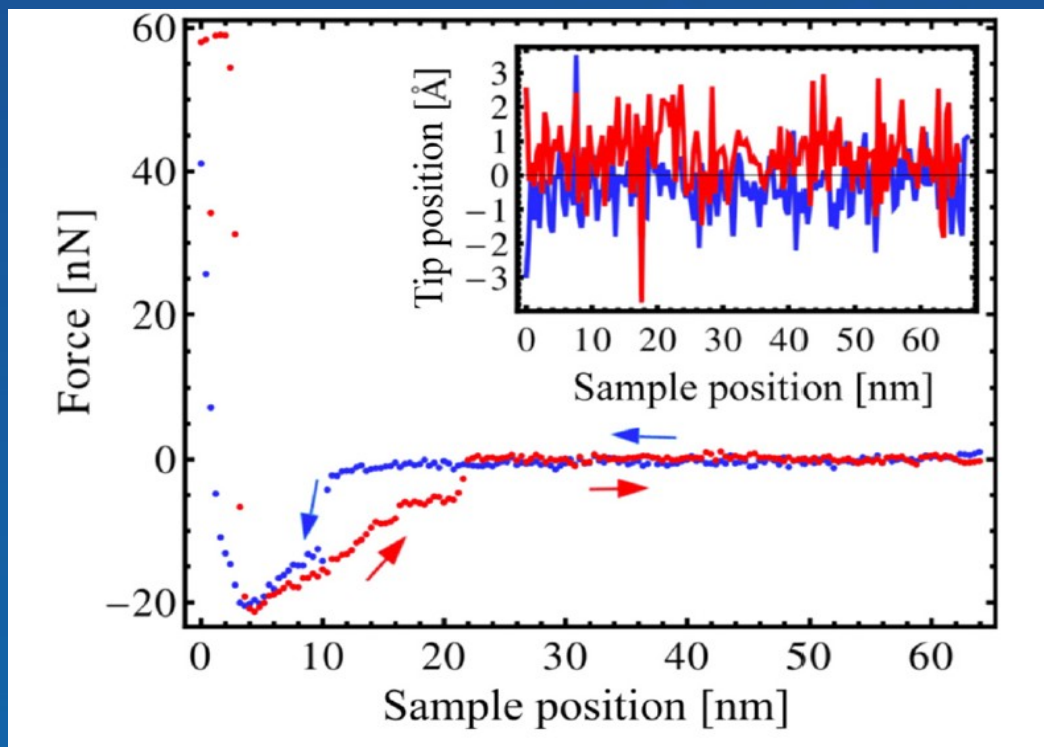


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Solid/air interface



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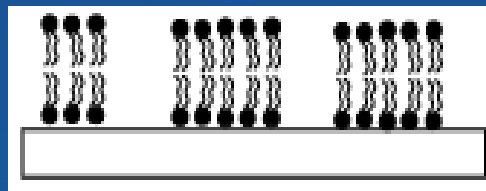
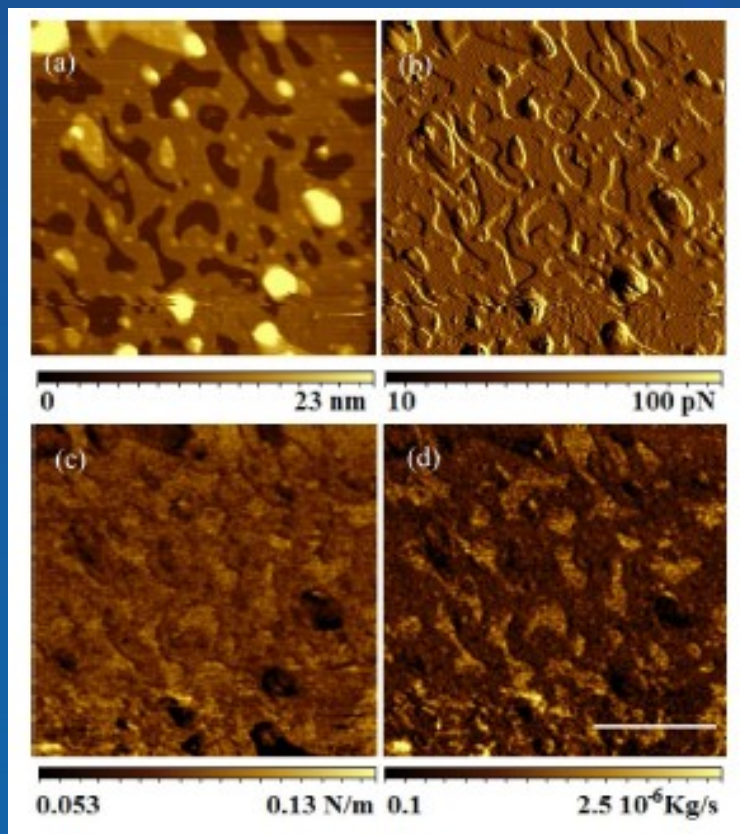
Imaging modes

Mode	Tip position	Force	Force gradient	Dissipation	Interaction nature
<i>Constant force</i>	constant	constant	recorded	recorded	repulsive
<i>Constant phase</i>	constant	recorded	“partially constant”	“partially constant”	attractive or repulsive
<i>Constant excitation</i>	constant	recorded	“partially constant”	“partially constant”	attractive or repulsive

Imaging modes applied to the study of soft biological samples

Phospholipids DSPE

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- a) Topography
- b) Force
- c) Stiffness
- d) Dissipation

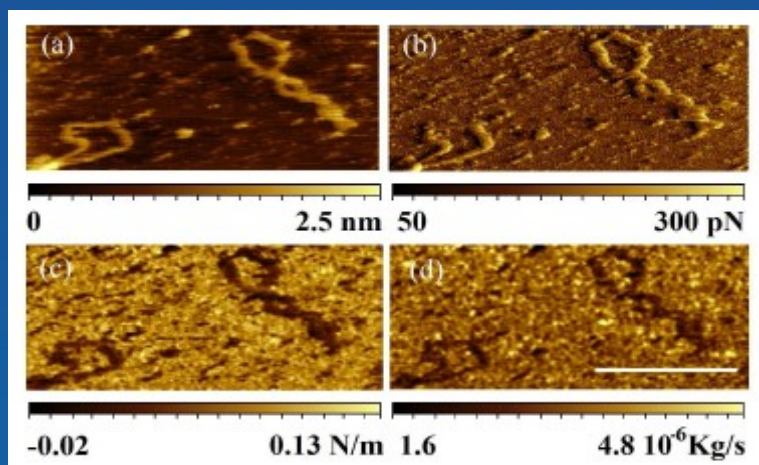
Excitation frequency of the tip
not linked to resonance

Young modulus $E \approx 7$ MPa

DNA

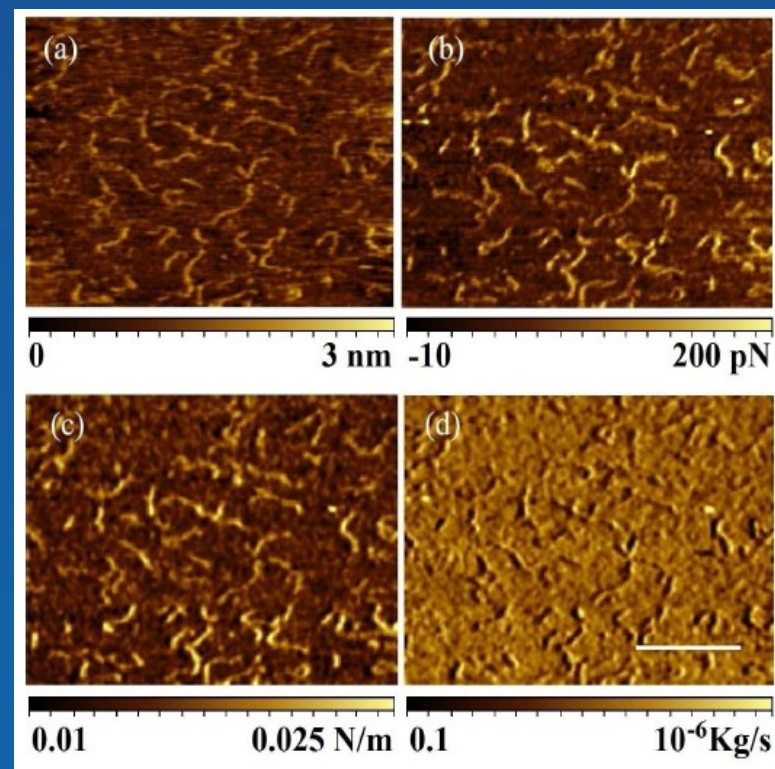
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Constant Force



- a) Topography
 - b) Force
 - c) Stiffness
 - d) Dissipation
- Excitation frequency of the tip not linked to cantilever resonance

Constant Dissipation



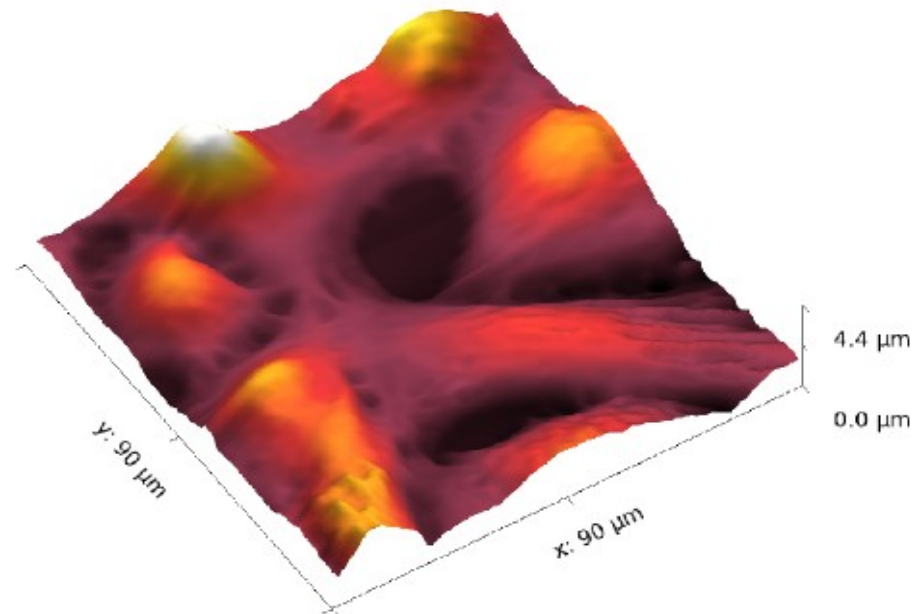
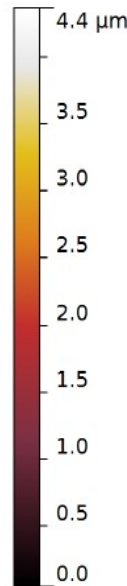
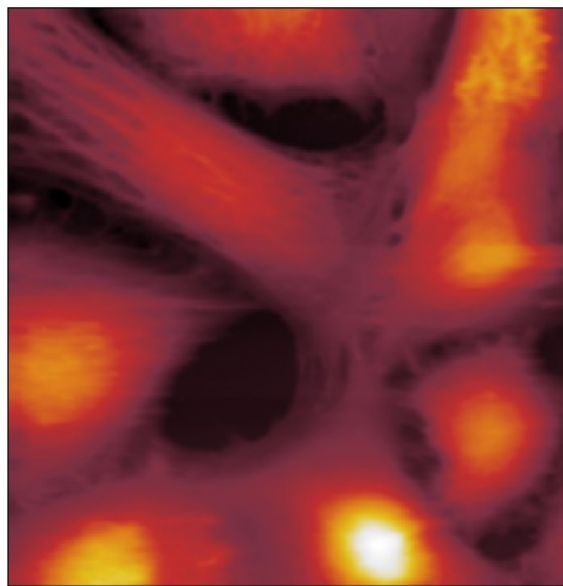
Living Cells PC12

TUNABLE EXCITATION FREQUENCY



Viscoelastic spectroscopy

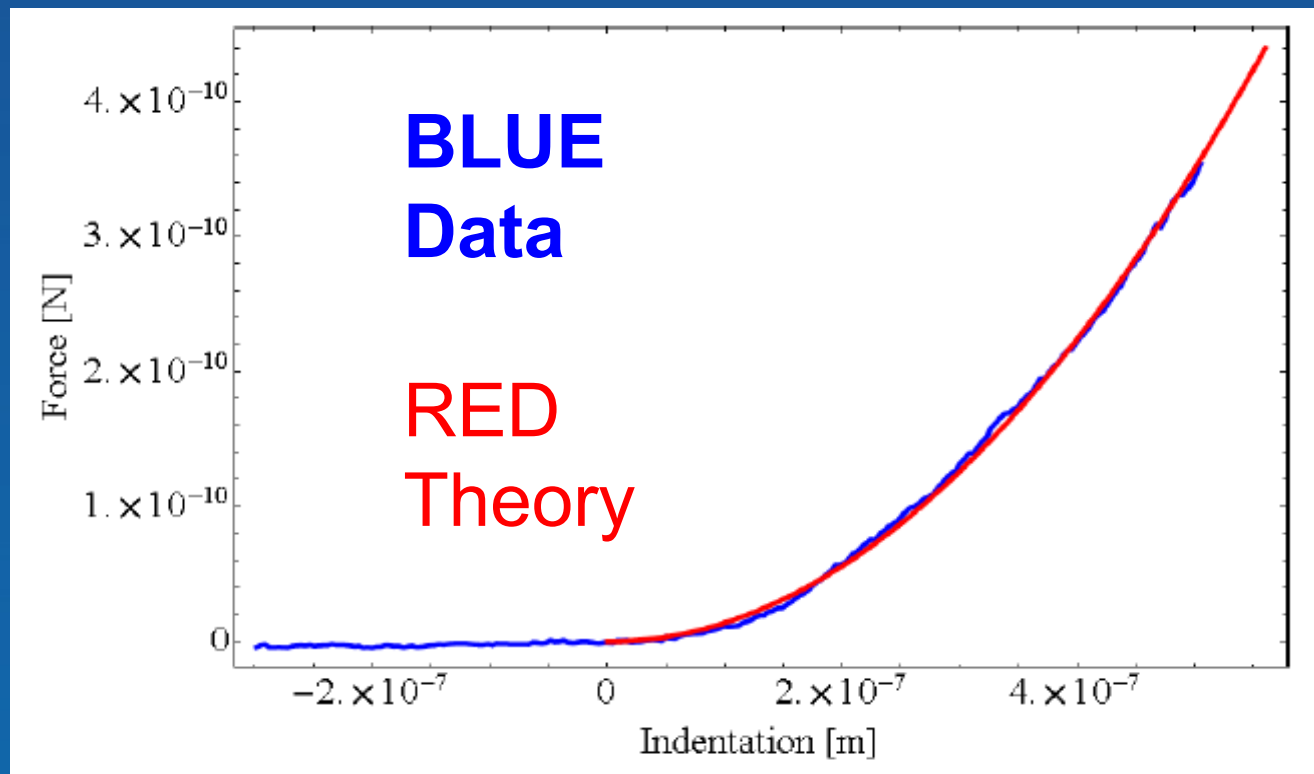
Candidate: Living cell PC12, in MEM - 1% Strepto-Penicillin



Static indentation

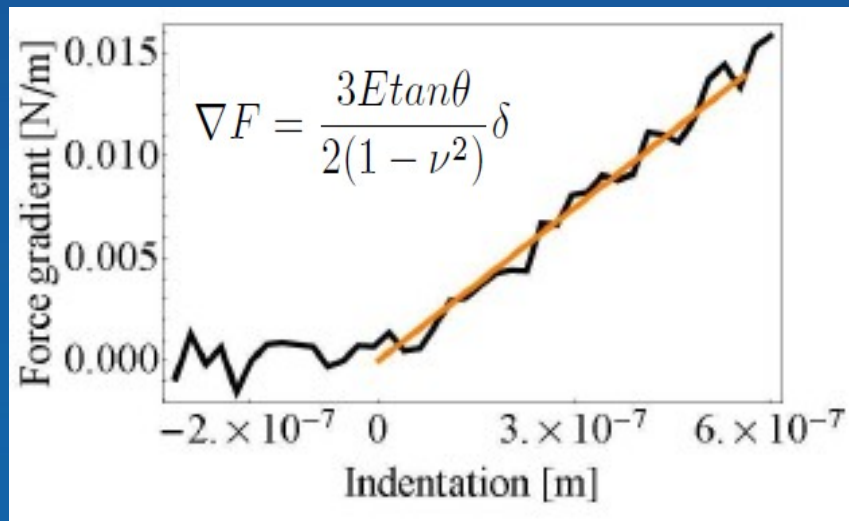
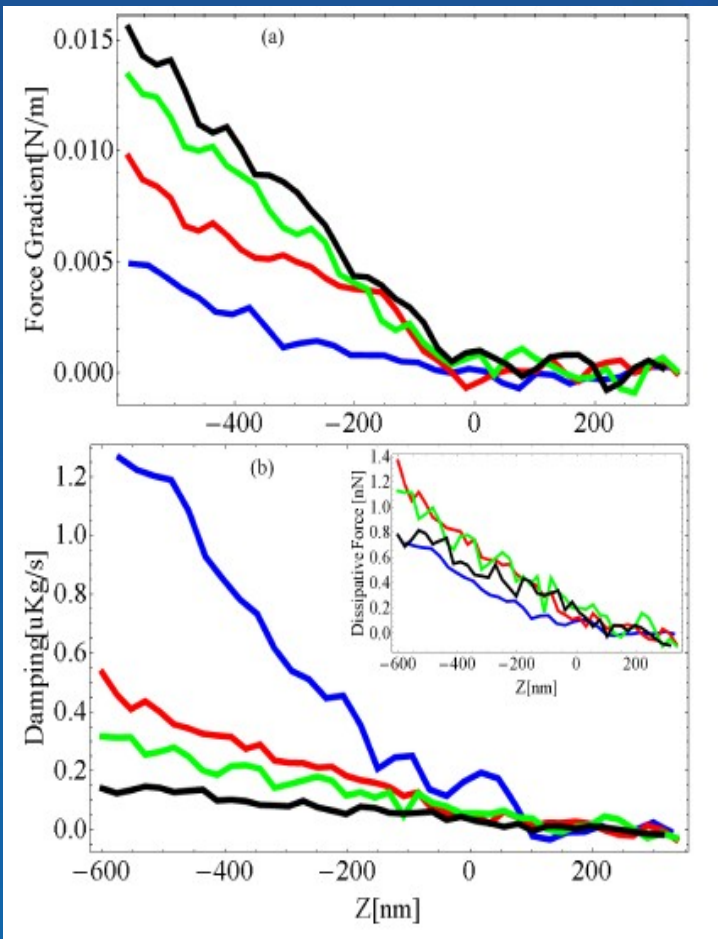
Quasi-static conditions: Young modulus ≈ 1 kPa

$$F = \frac{3E \tan \theta}{4(1 - \nu^2)} \delta^2$$



FFM indentation

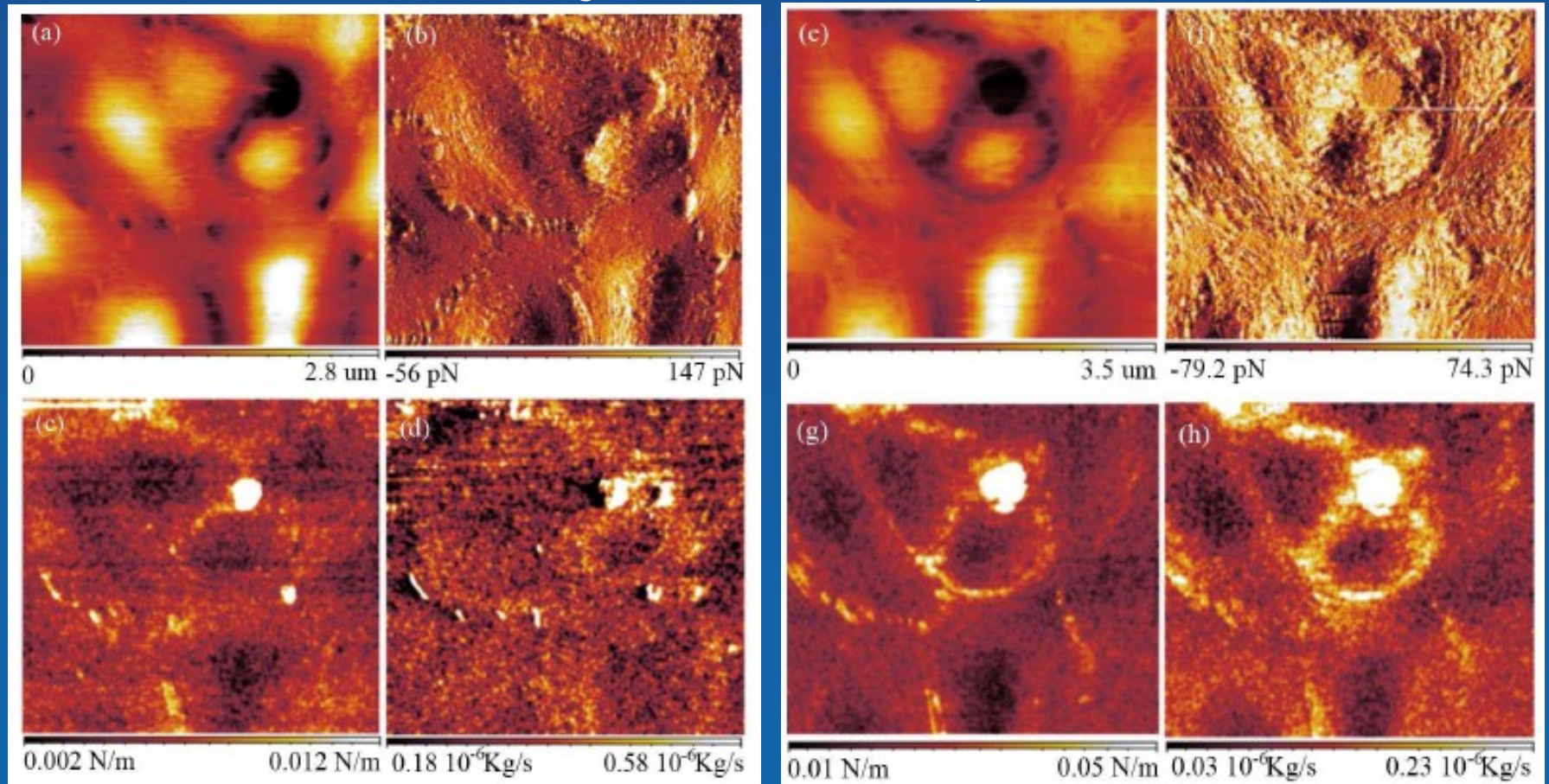
Blue = 1.13 kHz
Red = 5.13 kHz
Green = 7.13 kHz
Black = 11.13 kHz



At 10 kHz, Young modulus \approx 30 kPa

Mapping mechanical properties

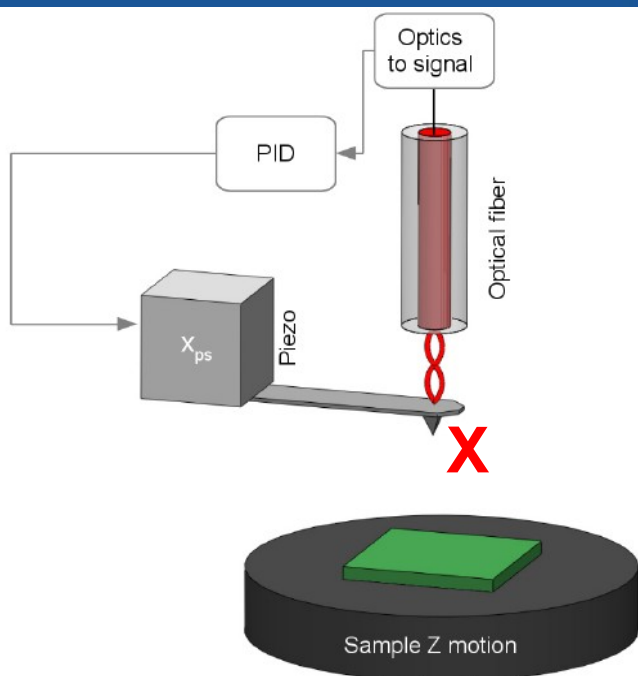
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$\omega = 2.25$ kHz

$\omega = 13.25$ kHz

Feedback loop



Motion of the tip described by

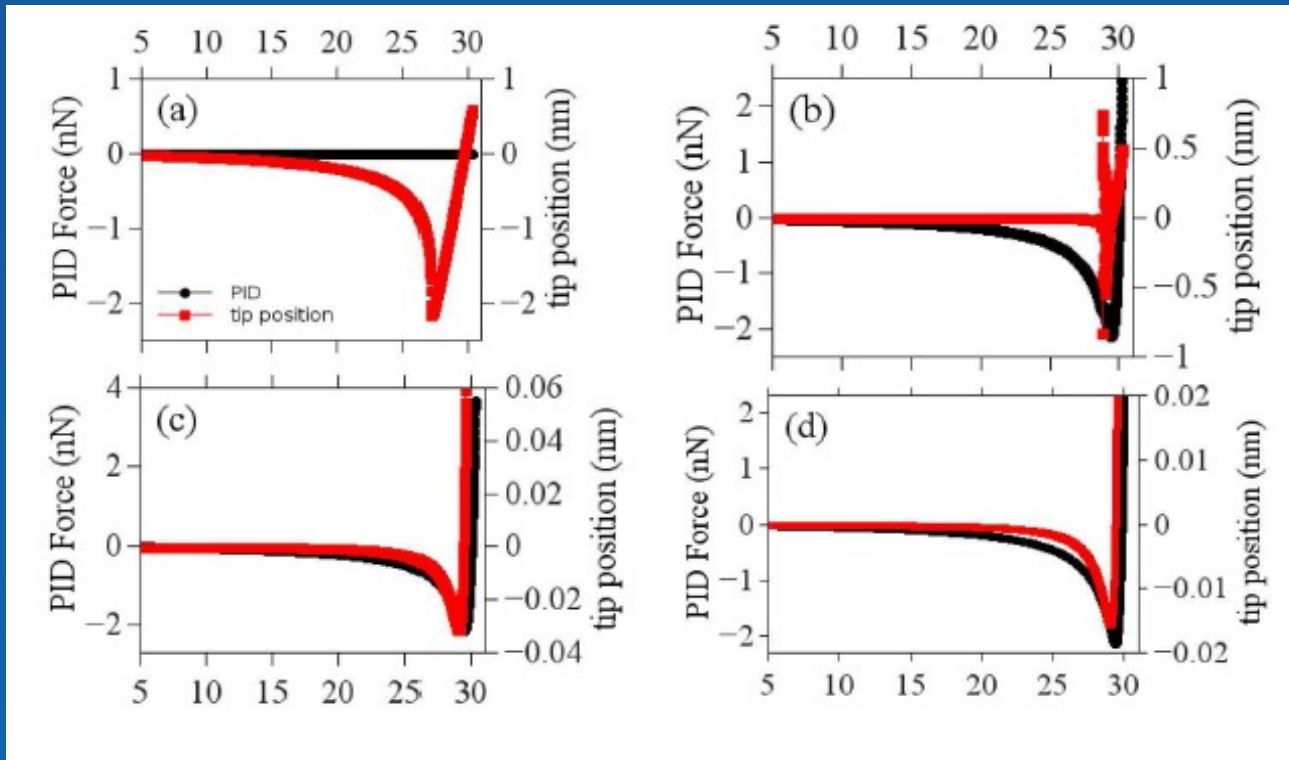
$$m\ddot{x} + \gamma\dot{x} + kx = F_{control} + F_{tip-sample}$$

$$F_{control} = -g_P x + -g_D \dot{x} - g_I \int_0^t x dt$$

Simulations

Lever stiffness = 1 N/m

attractive force gradient = -1 N/m



a) no gains

b) just Integral gain

c) Proportional gain equal to lever stiffness (fast approach) + Integral gain

d) Proportional gain equal to lever stiffness (slow approach) + Integral gain

M. S. Rodrigues, L. Costa, J. Chevrier, and F. Comin, submitted to Journal of applied Physics (2013)

Stability conditions

$$F_{ts} = F_{ts,0} - k_{ts}x - \gamma_{ts}\dot{x}$$

$$k_t = k + k_{ts}$$

$$\omega_0^2 = \frac{k}{m} \quad Q = \frac{\omega_0}{\Delta\omega}$$

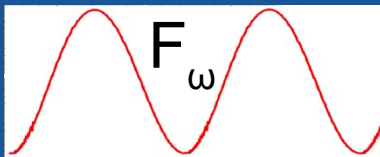
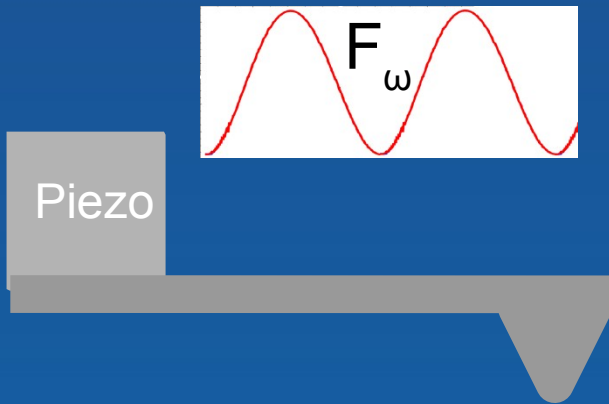
Stability conditions

$g_P > -k_t$ Mechanical stability of the tip

$$g_I < \frac{\omega_0}{3Q}(k_t + g_P) \quad \text{under-damped}$$
$$g_I < Q\omega_0 \frac{(k_t + g_P)^2}{k} \quad \text{over-damped}$$

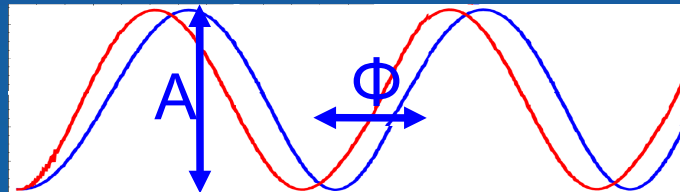
Speed

Dynamic FFM



$$A = \frac{F_\omega}{\sqrt{[(k_t + g_P) - m\omega^2]^2 + [(\gamma_t + g_D)\omega - \frac{g_I}{\omega}]^2}}$$

$$\phi = \arctan \left[\frac{(\gamma_t + g_D)\omega - \frac{g_I}{\omega}}{(k_t + g_P) - m\omega^2} \right]$$



Cantilever Transfer Function depends on PID gains
 F_ω is the harmonic excitation

Master equations

Force gradient

$$k_{ts} = F_{\omega\infty} [n \cos(\phi) - \cos(\phi_\infty)]$$

Dissipation

$$\gamma_{ts} = \frac{F_{\omega\infty}}{\omega} [n \sin(\phi) - \sin(\phi_\infty)]$$

$$F_{ts} = F_{ts,0} - k_{ts}x - \gamma_{ts}\dot{x}$$

$$n = F_\omega / F_{\omega\infty}$$

$$F_{\omega\infty} \cos(\phi_\infty) = k - m\omega^2$$

$$F_{\omega\infty} \sin(\phi_\infty) = \gamma\omega$$

Limits

Speed: defined by the maximum integral gain employed

$$gI = \frac{\omega_0}{3Q}(k_t + g_P) \quad \text{under - damped}$$
$$gI = Q\omega_0 \frac{(k_t + g_P)^2}{k} \quad \text{over - damped}$$

Force sensitivity: given by the lever stiffness. No difference between AFM and FFM. The FFM simply let you measure attractive forces where AFM cannot.

Force gradient sensitivity: given by the effective lever stiffness. No difference between AFM and FFM.

Jump to contact: avoided for force gradient 5 times stiffer than the cantilever

Perspectives (1)

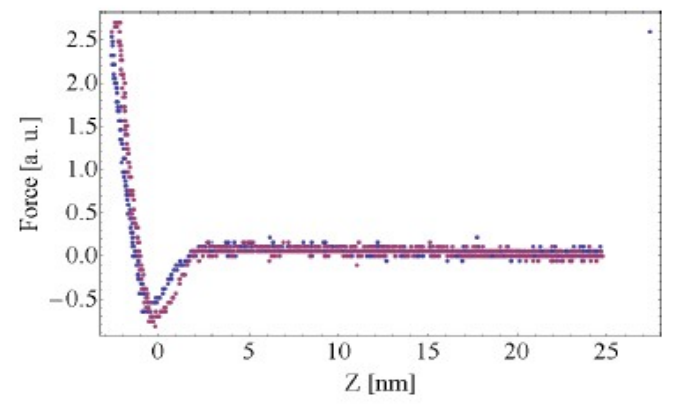
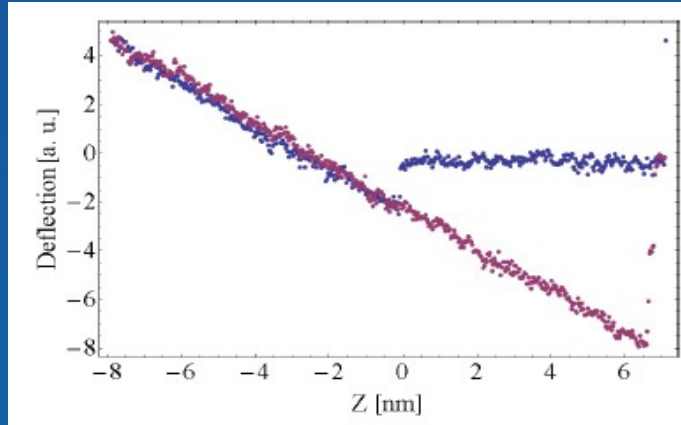
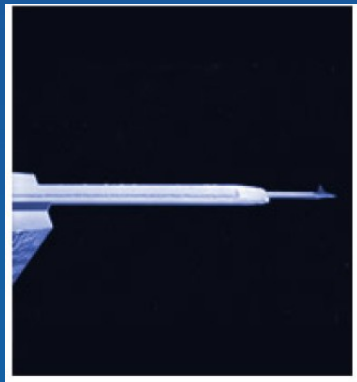
Time – dependent interaction forces

$$F_{static} \neq \int \nabla F(\omega = \omega_R) dz$$

- Viscoelastic materials
- Capillary condensates
- Ligand-Receptor binding

Perspectives (2)

FFM with optical beam deflection systems



Measure the lever angle \longrightarrow counteract on the cantilever base angle

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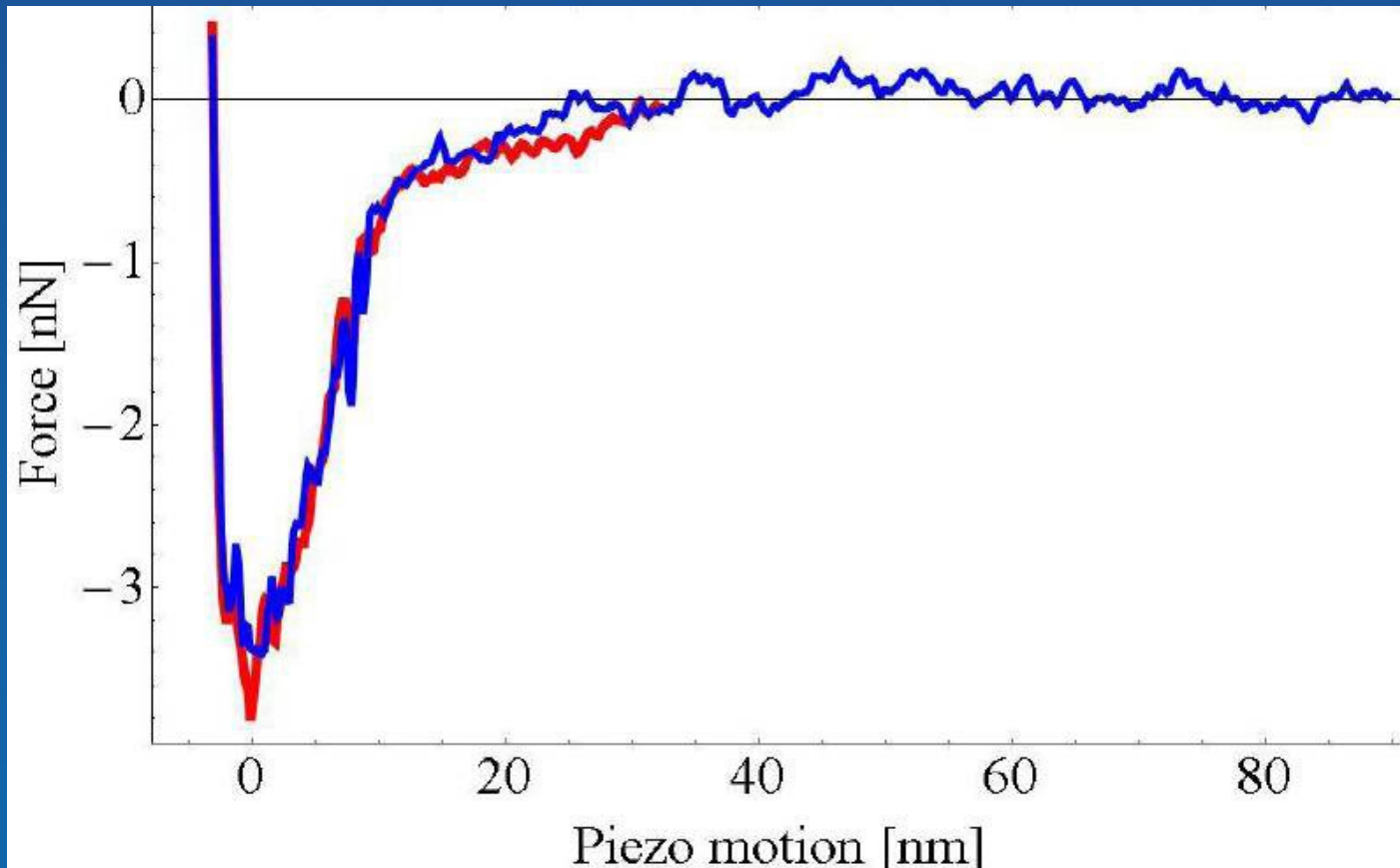
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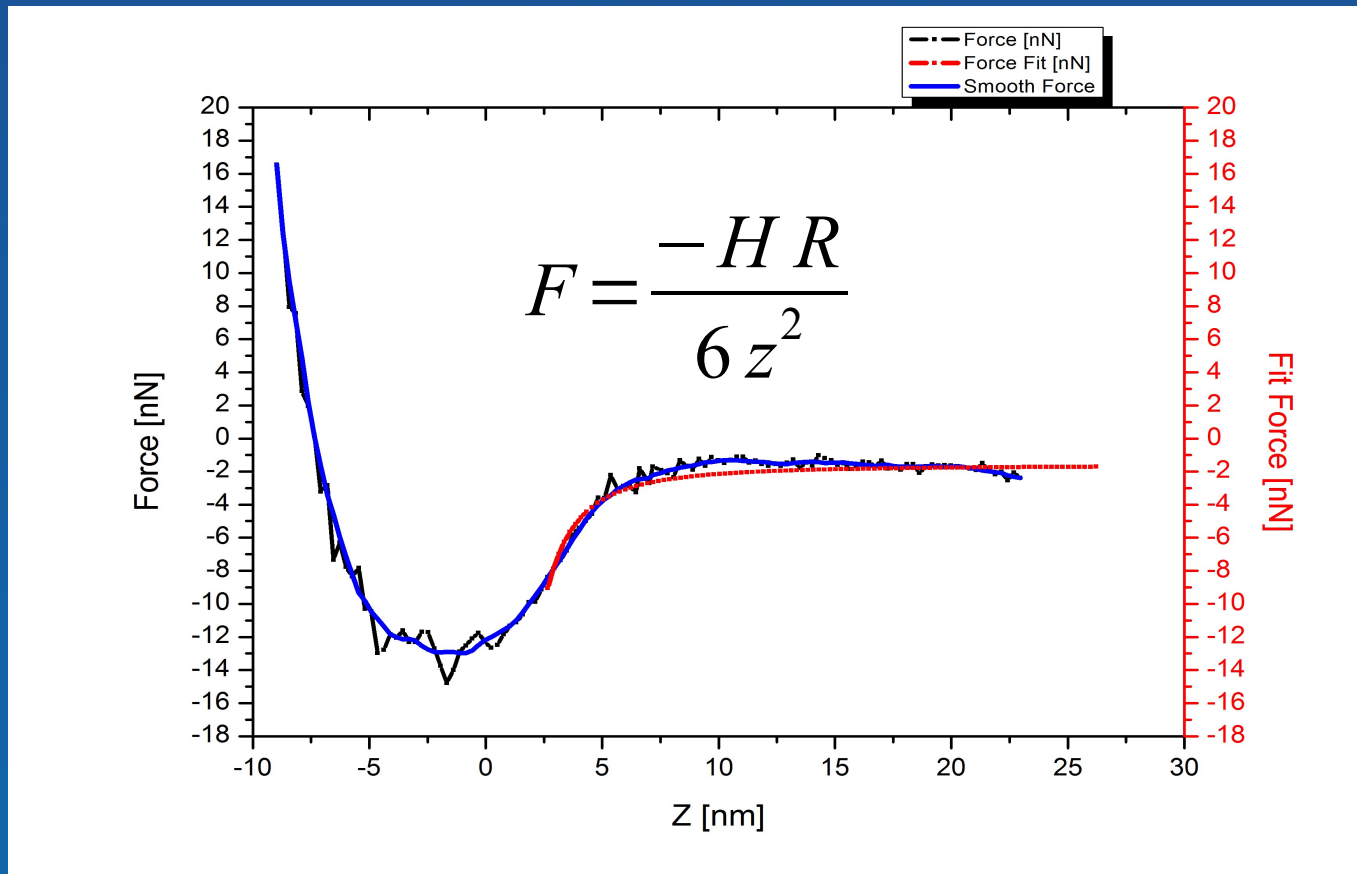
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Approach-Retract on HOPG



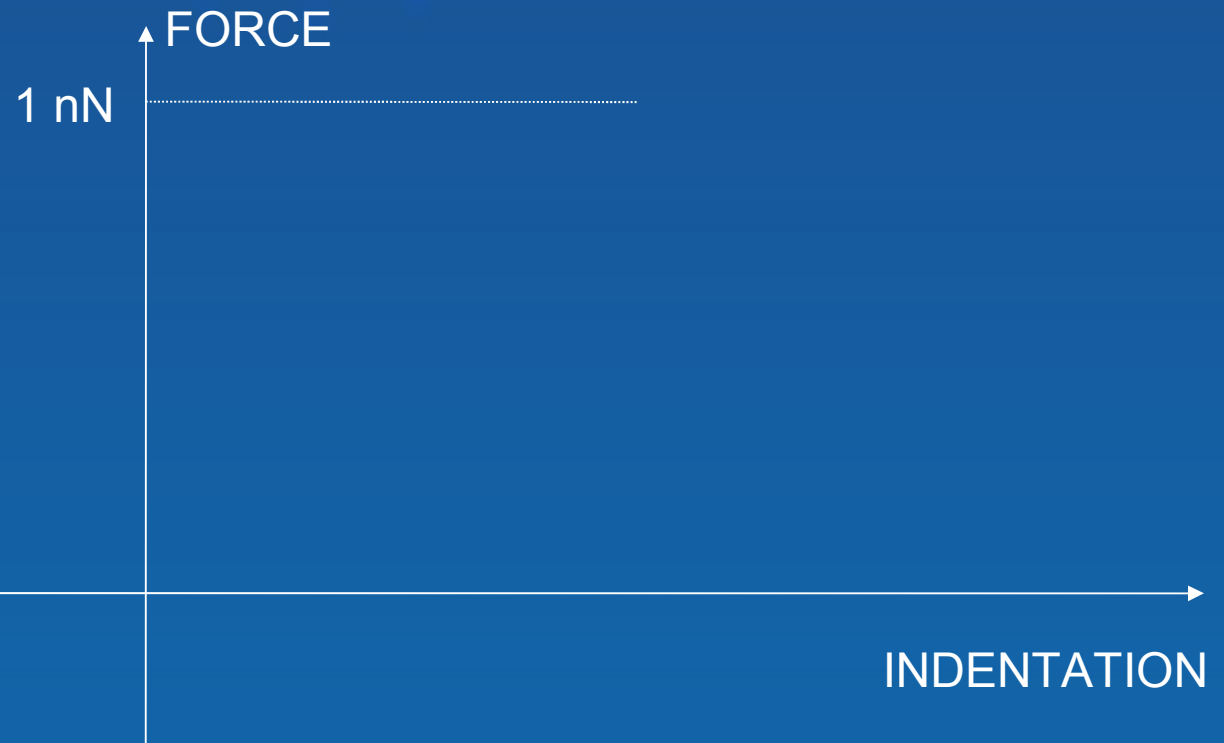
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Fit for Van der Waals

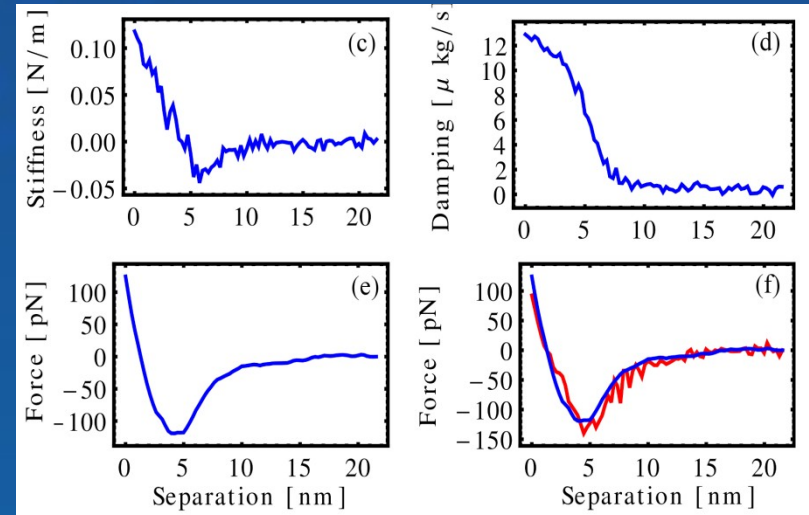
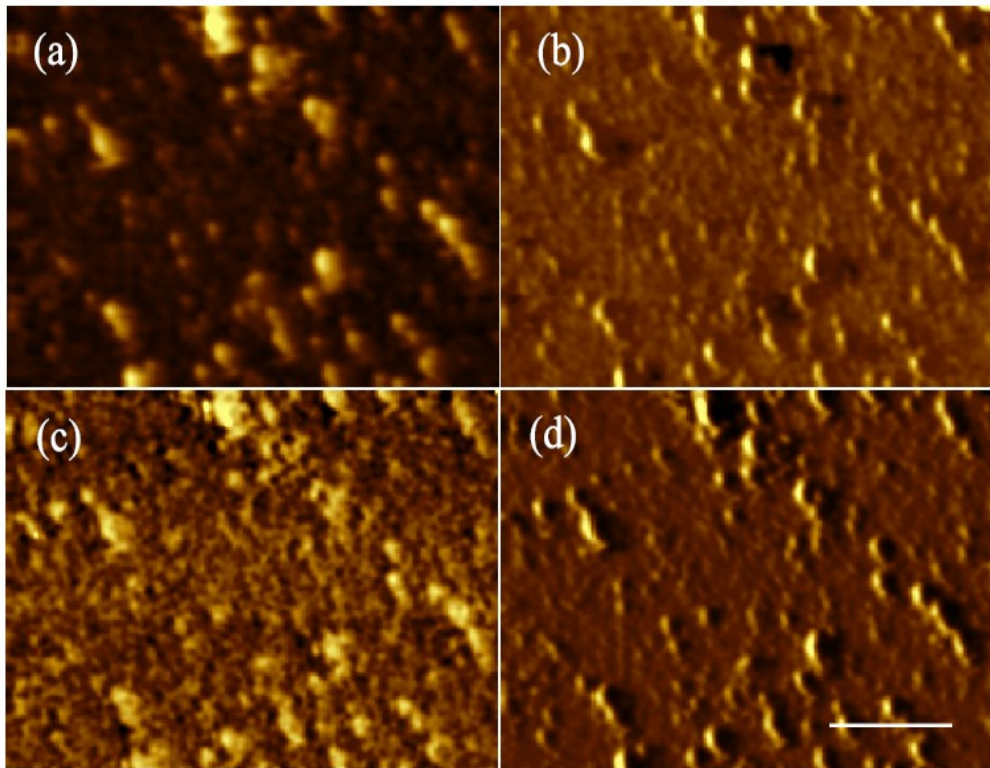


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Rupture cell membrane



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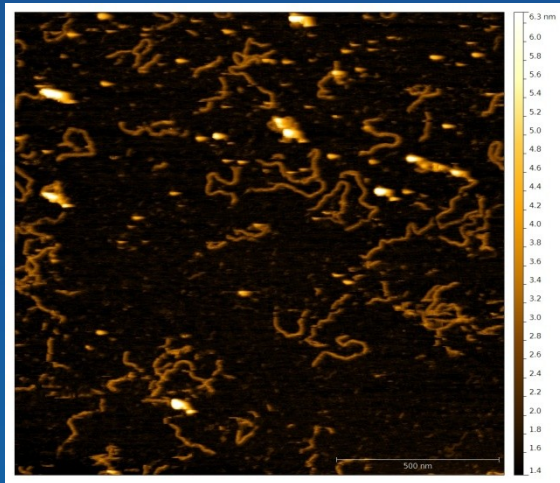
Tank Binding Kinase (TBK1) and Optineurin (OPTN) protein complexes on mica in 20 mM HEPES and 5 mM $MgCl_2$

(a) topography, (b) force, (c) stiffness, (d) damping

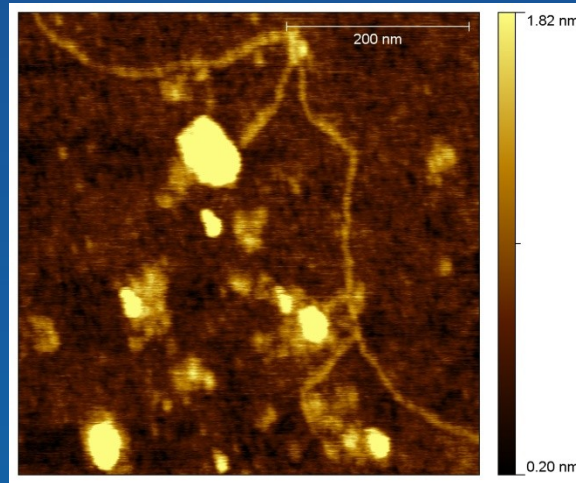
The full color scale is a) 24nm, b) -300pN, c) -0.04 N/m, d) 5 μ kg/s

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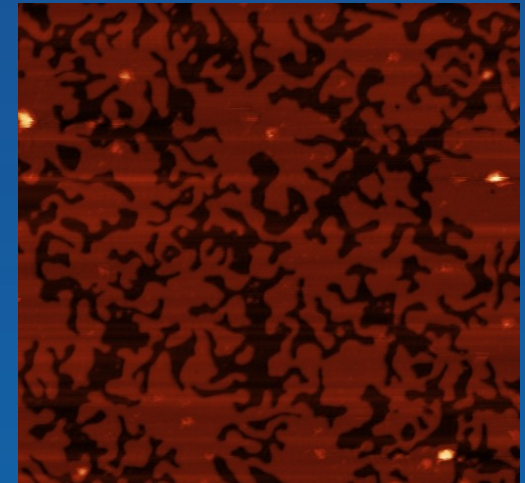
Biomolecules images with a commercial AFM (Asylum MFP3D)



DNA



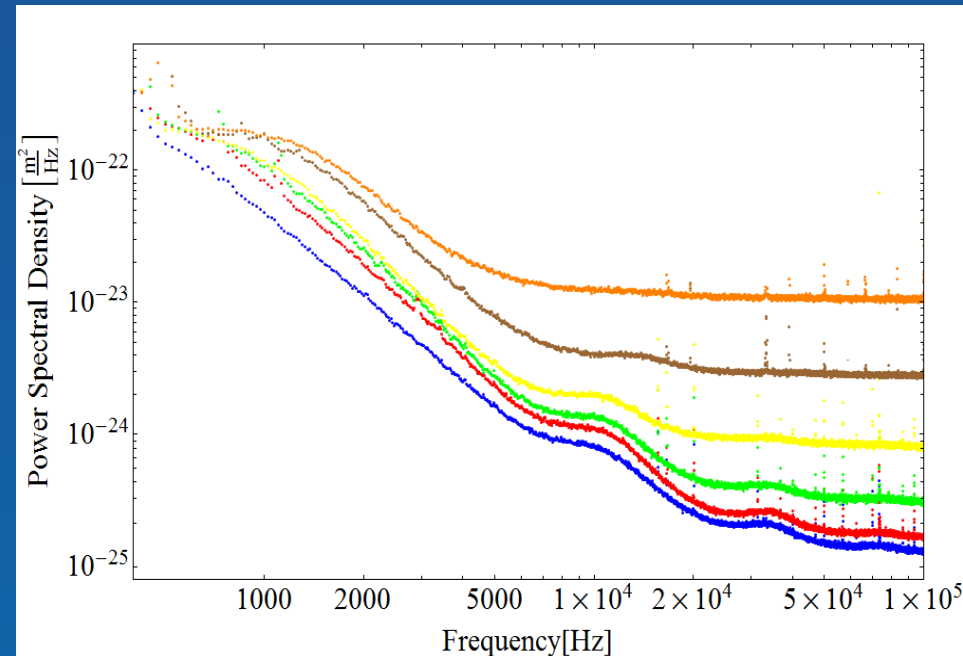
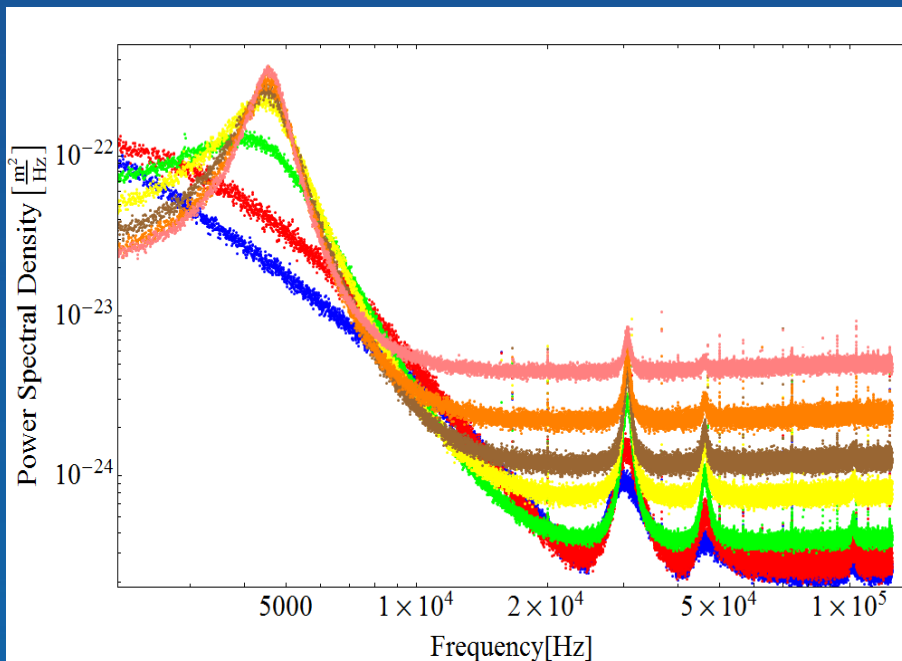
Proteins
TBK1 OPTN



LIPIDS

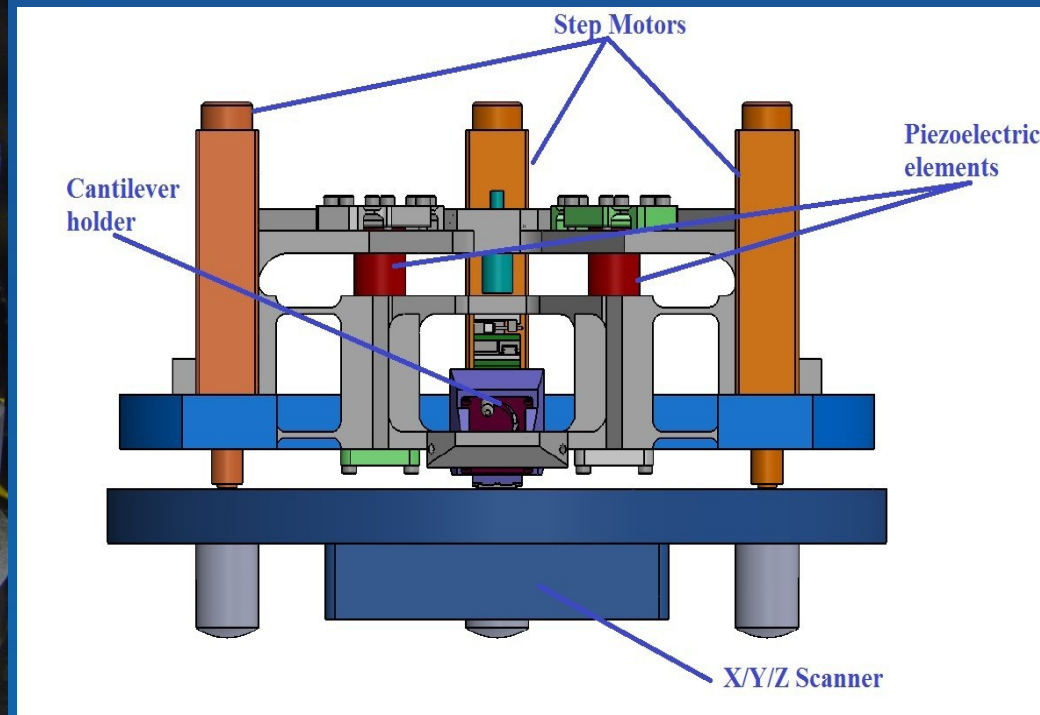
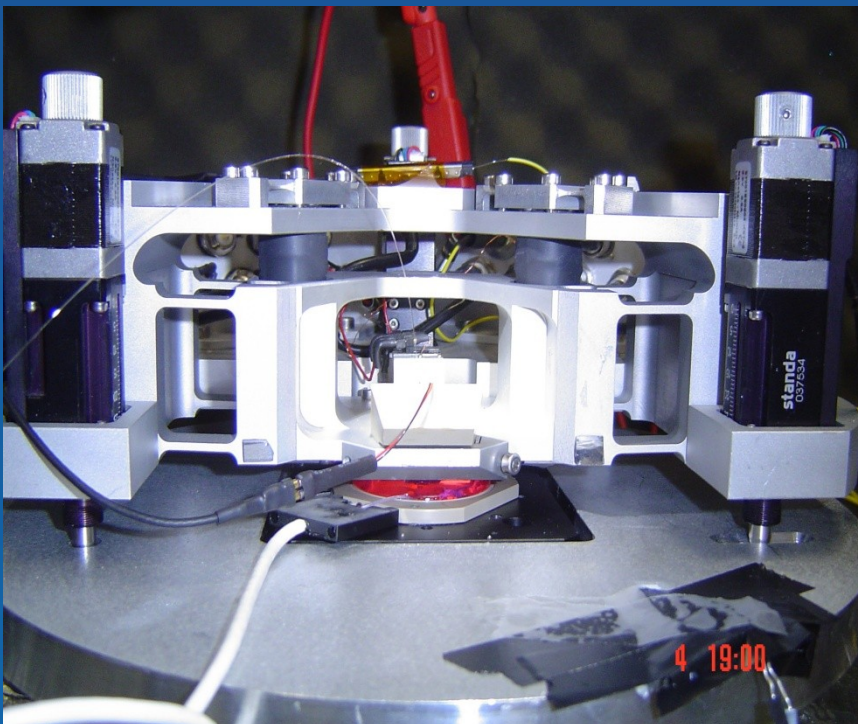
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Tip power spectral density in air and liquid as a function of the tip-fiber distance



Additional Slides

The Force Feedback Microscope



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Another FFM image on PC12 living cells

