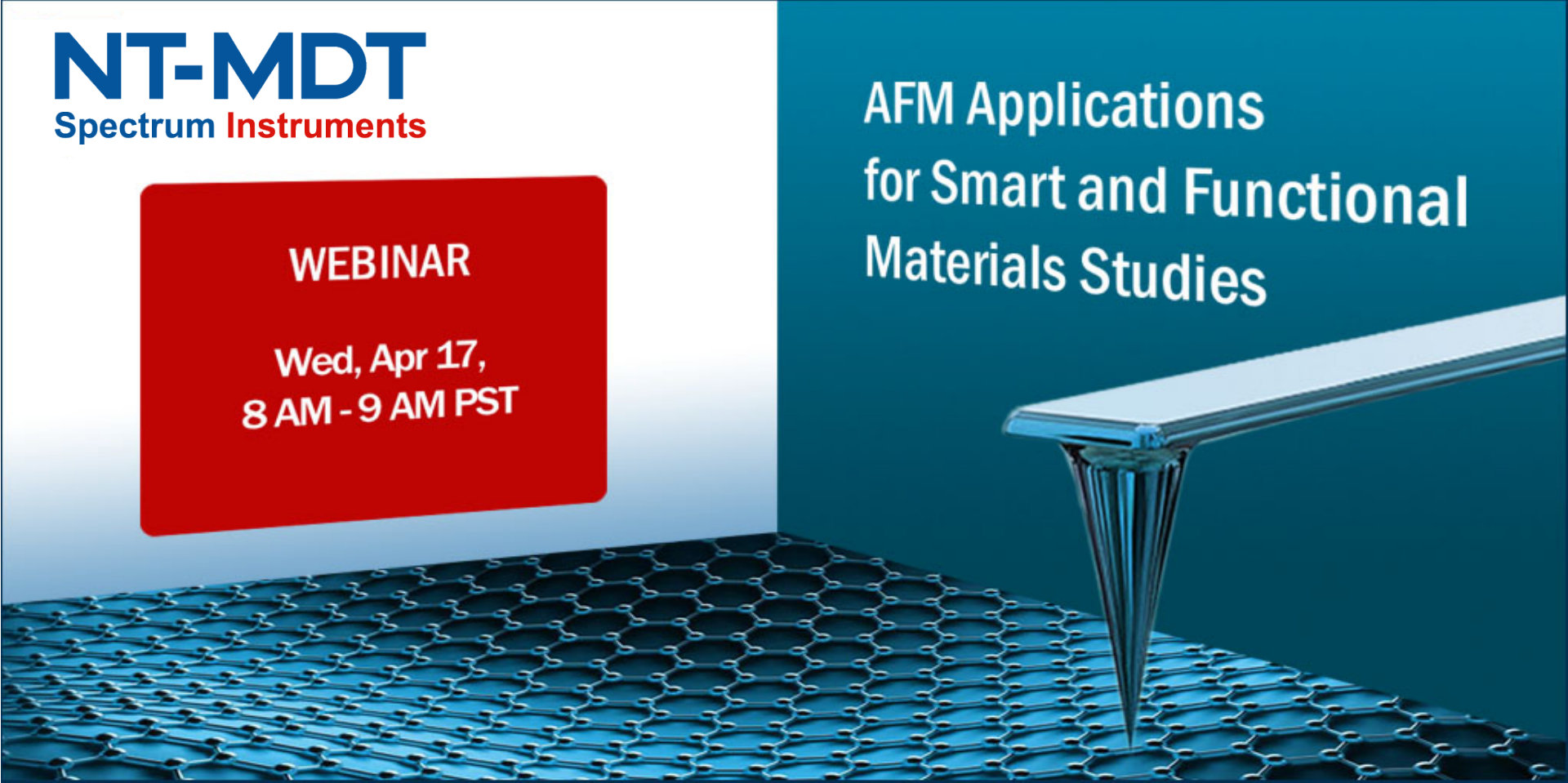


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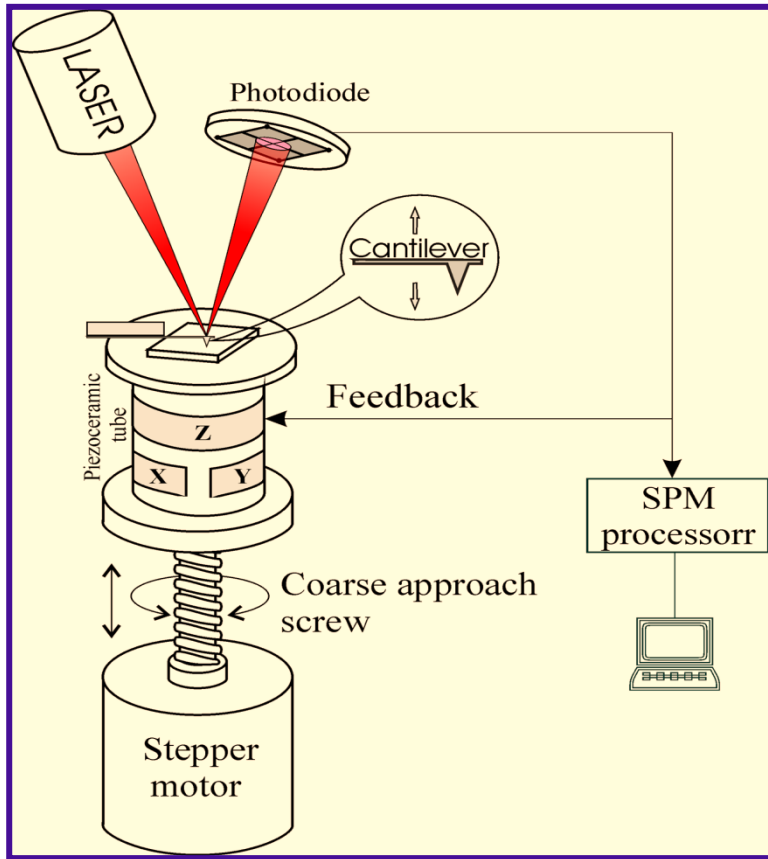
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AFM Applications
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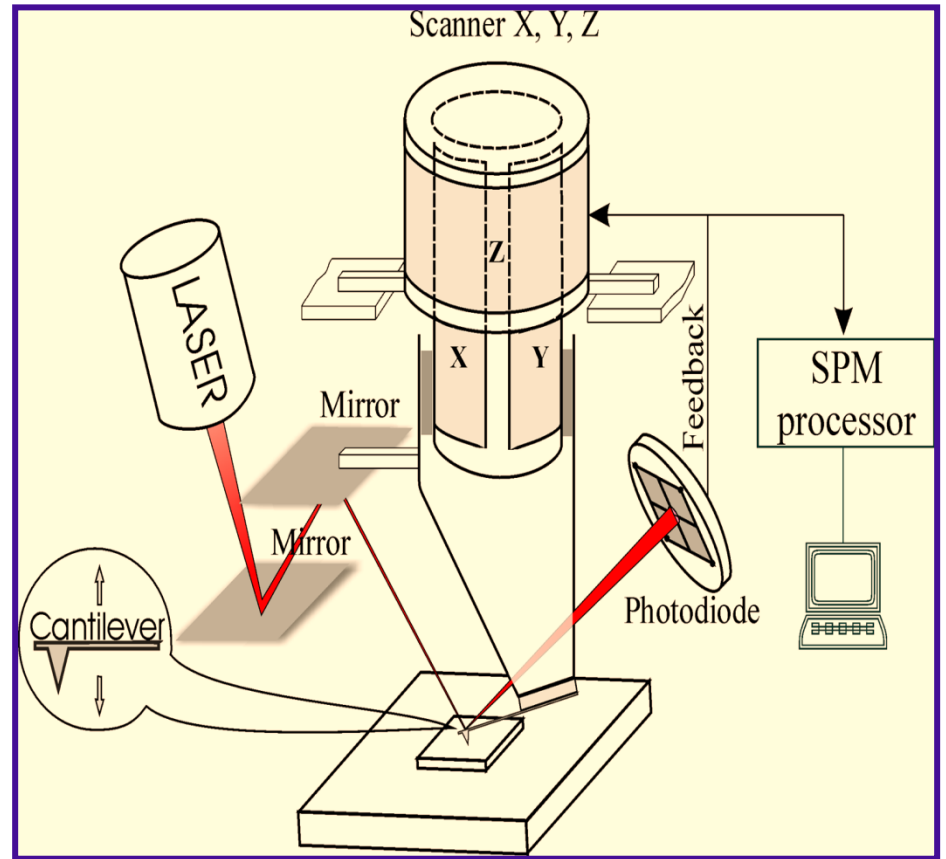


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Atomic Force (Scanning Probe) Microscope



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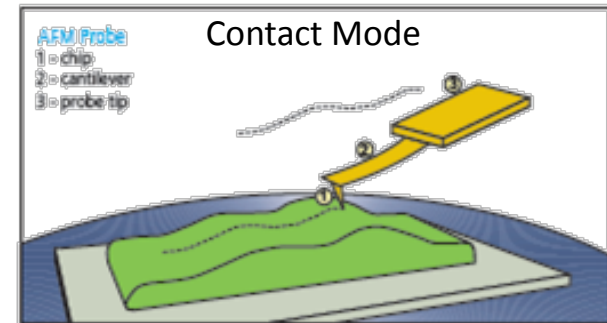


TIP SCANNING

AFM modes used for morphological studies

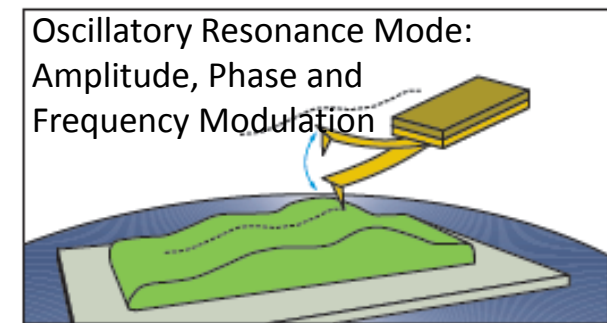
Contact Mode

Lateral force imaging, force modulation, contact resonance, PFM



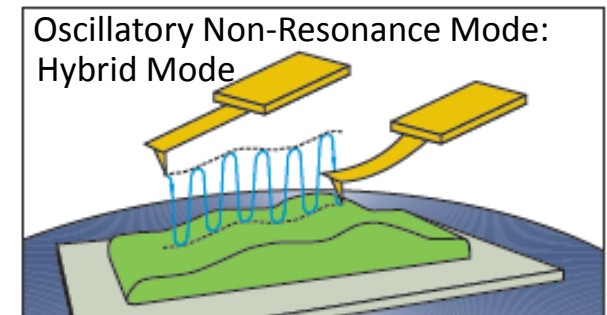
Oscillatory Resonant Modes

Amplitude modulation with phase and frequency imaging, frequency modulation, single- and double pass methods

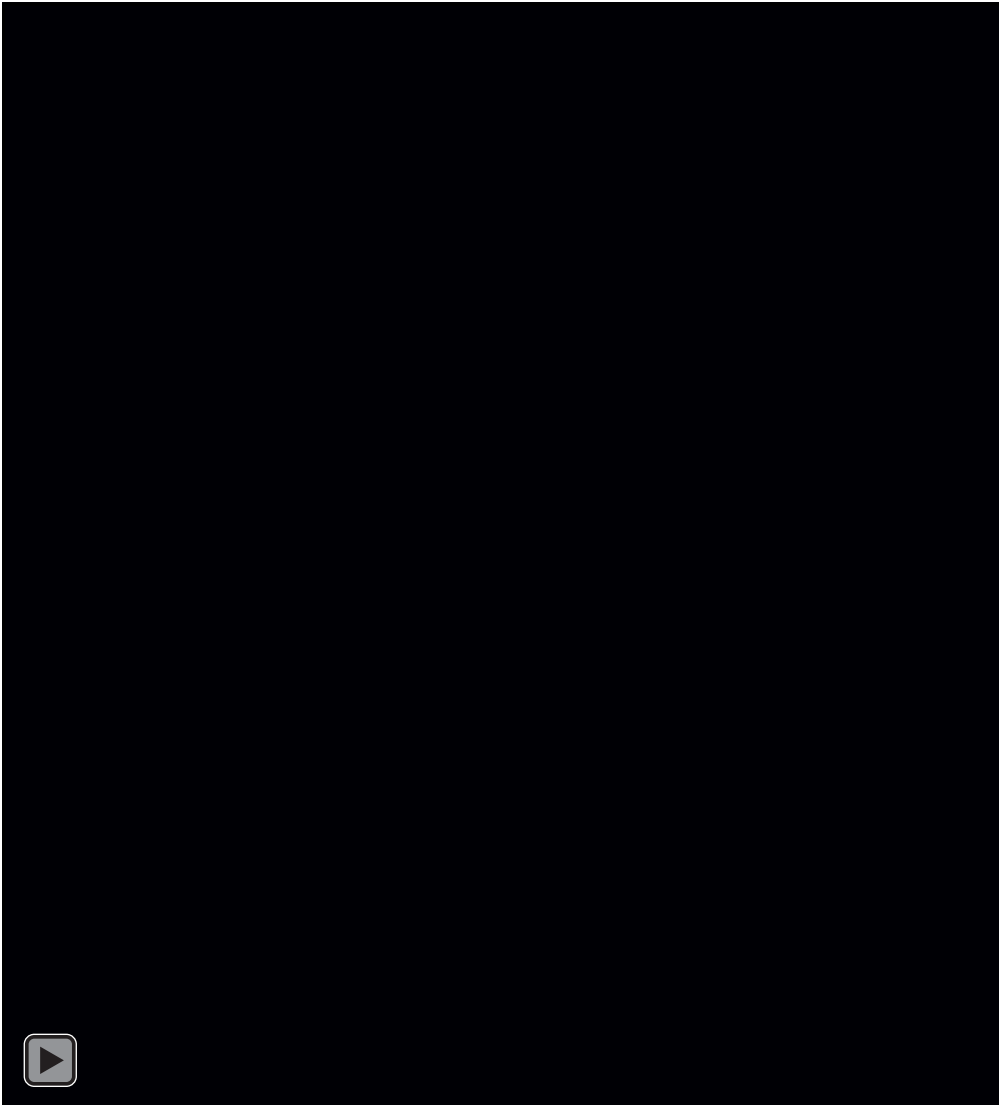


Oscillatory Non-Resonant Modes

Jumping mode, HybriD™ mode, etc



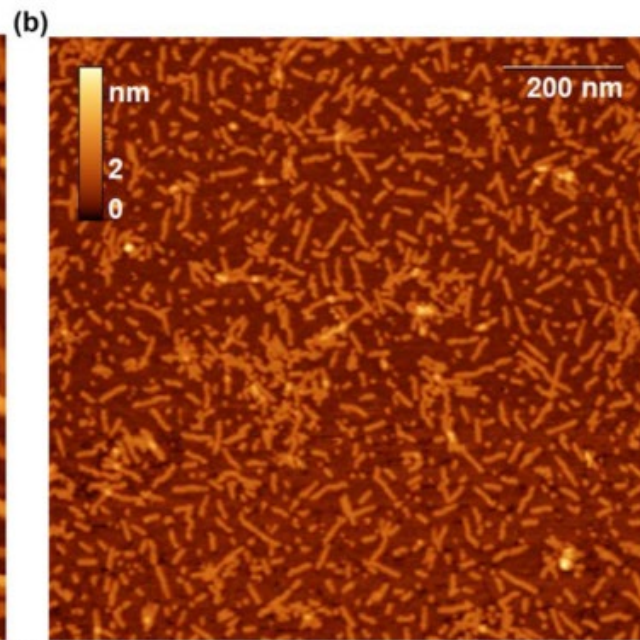
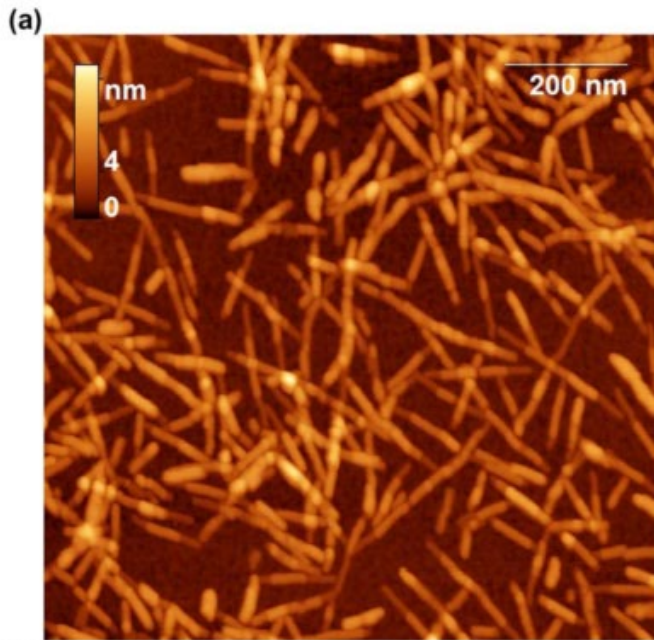
AM-AFM (Tapping) Mode



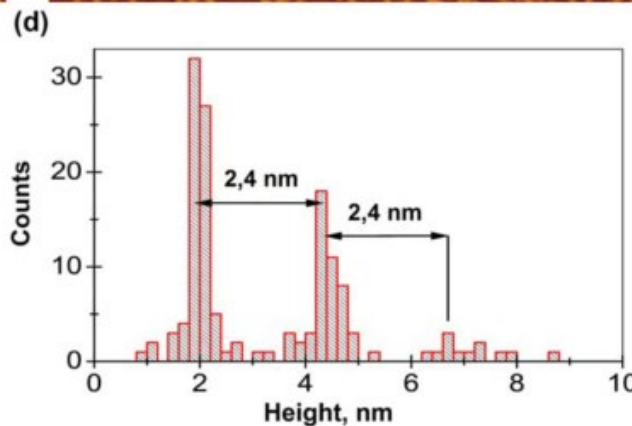
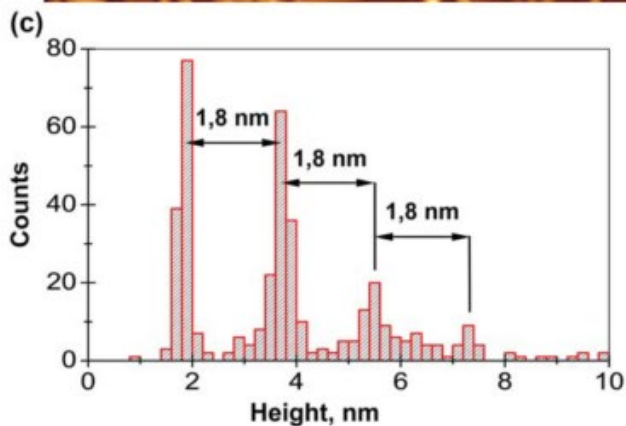
Possible names:

- Tapping Mode
- Amplitude Modulation AFM
- Semicontact Mode
- Intermittent Contact Mode
- AC-Mode
- Non-Contact Mode
- etc...

Morphological studies of RADA-16-I and RLDL-16-I fibrils

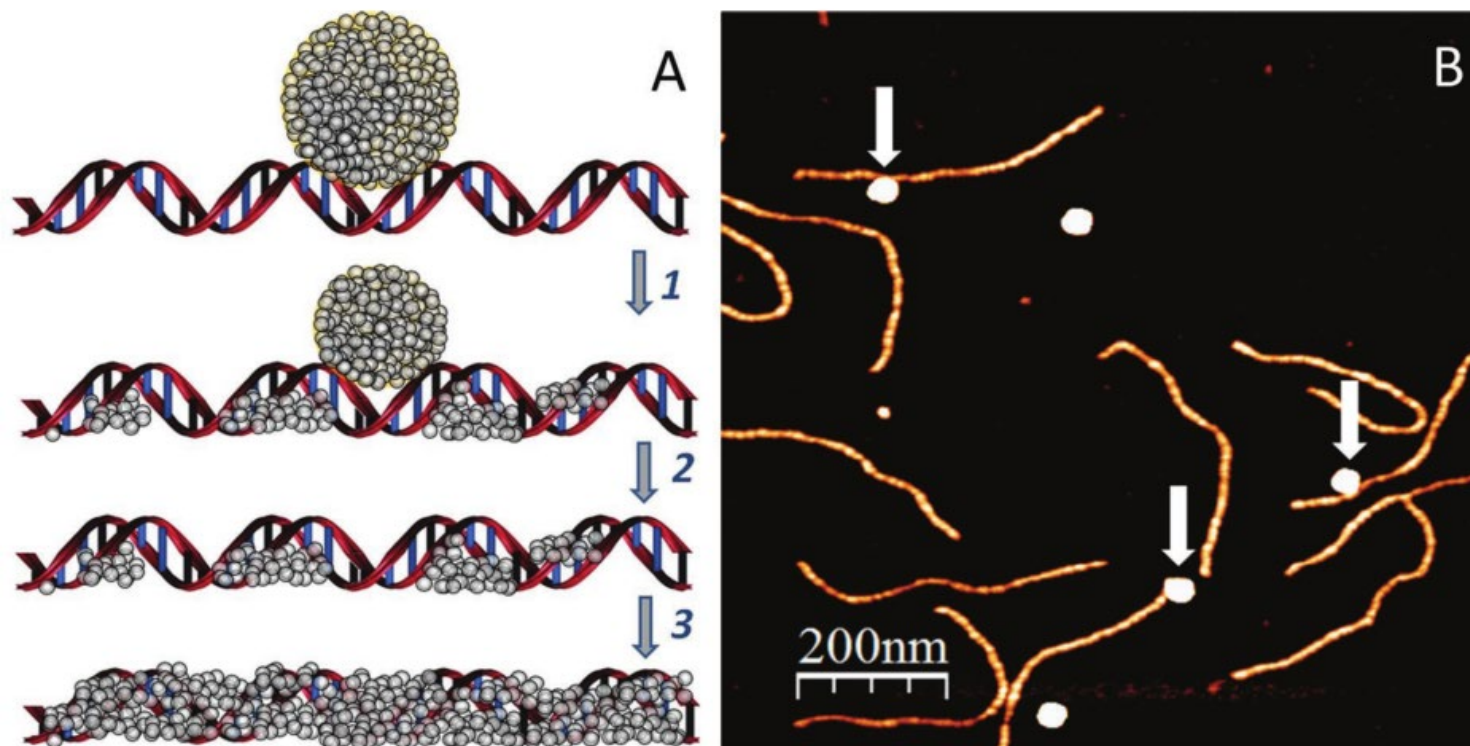


AFM images of RADA-16-I and RLDL-16-I fibrils. (a) AFM image of RADA-16-I fibrils deposited on mica, (b) AFM image of RLDL-16-I fibrils deposited on mica (c) Histogram of RADA-16-I fibrils height distribution showing 1.8 nm gap between the peaks, (d) histogram of RLDL-16-I fibrils height distribution showing 2.4 nm gap between the peaks



D. Bagrov, Y. Gazizova, V. Podgorsky, I. Udovichenko, A. Danilkovich, K. Prusakov and D. Klinov, "Morphology and aggregation of RADA-16-I peptide Studied by AFM, NMR and molecular dynamics simulations", *Biopolymers*, vol. 106, no. 1, pp. 72-81, 2016.

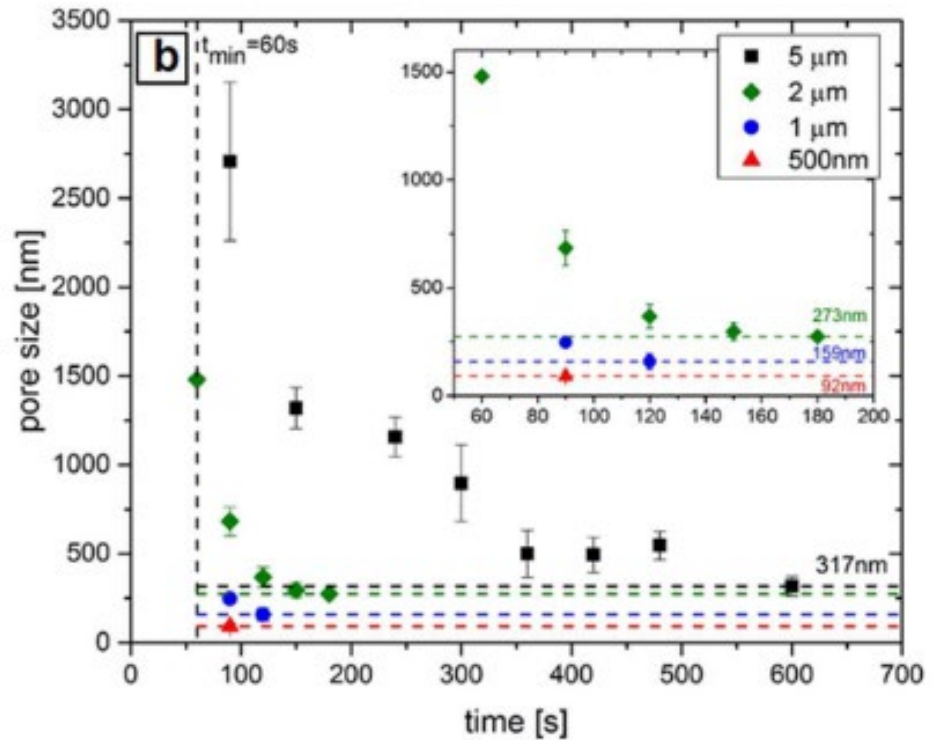
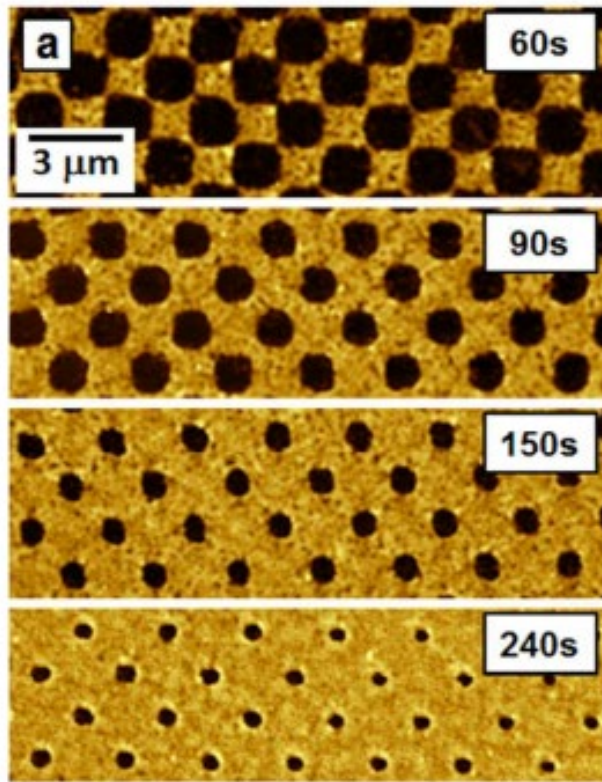
Studies of silver-coated DNA molecules (E-DNA)



Tentative scheme of A) E-DNA formation and B) AFM imaging of an intermediate stage of E-DNA formation. A) (1) The AgNP binds to DNA and donates its atoms to the nucleic acid. As a result, silver atoms and few atoms clusters are positioned within or on the DNA molecules. (2) The NP dissociates, leaving some of its atoms bound to the DNA. (3) A number of binding–dissociation cycles yield E-DNA. B) The DNA was incubated with AgNPs for 20 h and imaged by AFM. AgNPs bound to the DNA molecules are indicated by the arrows.

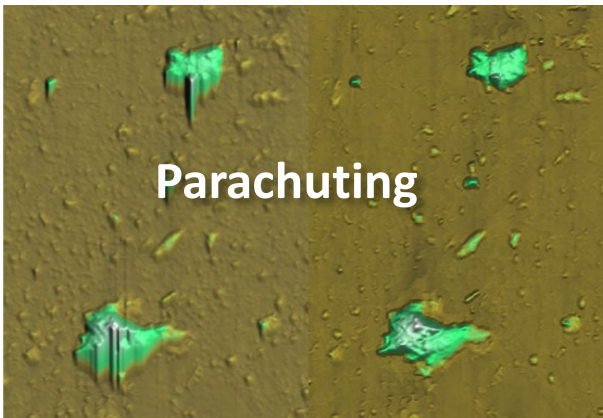
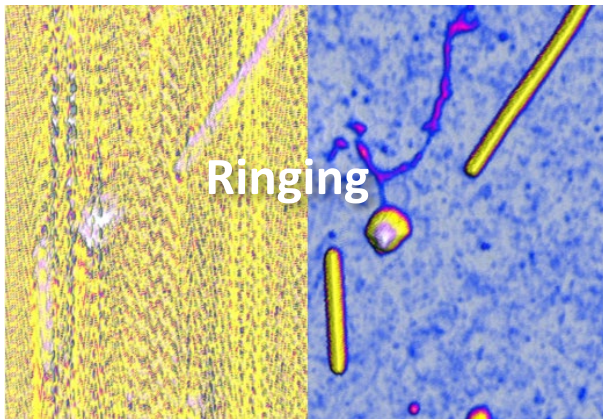
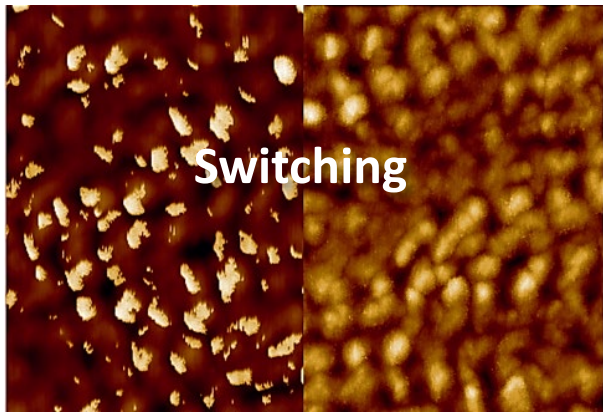
Eidelshtein, G., Fardian-Melamed, N., Gutkin, V., Basmanov, D., Klinov, D., Rotem, D., Levi-Kalisman, Y., Porath, D. & Kotlyar, A. DNA-Metalization: Synthesis and Properties of Novel Silver-Containing DNA Molecules (*Adv. Mater.* 24/2016). *Advanced Materials* 28, 4944-4944 (2016).

AFM studies of patterned hydrogel film

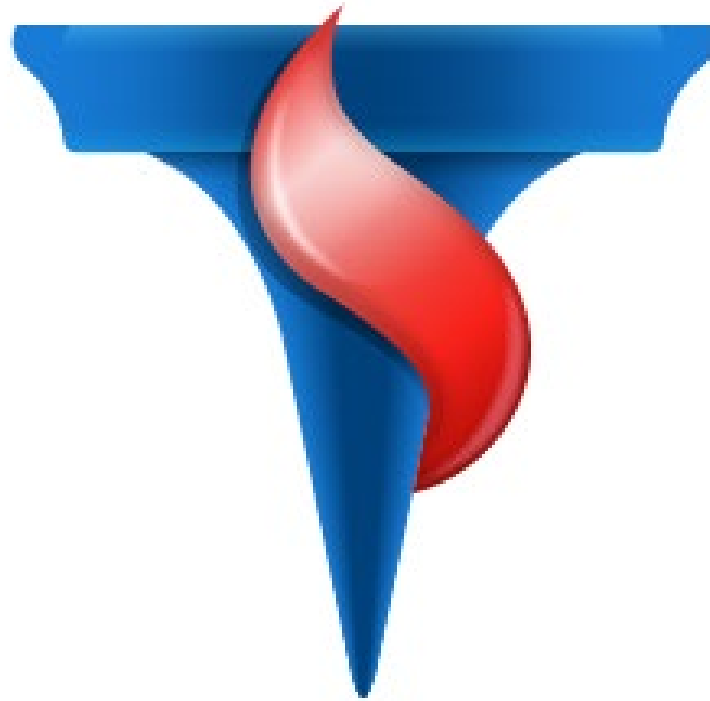


(a) AFM micrographs of the structured poly(NIPAm-co-10%MABP) + DR1 hydrogel film with a 2 μm period for different irradiation times. The pore diameter decreases and the pore spacing increases with increasing irradiation time. The depth of the pores is about 280 nm. (b) The dependence of the pore size on irradiation time at different periodicities of the interference pattern.

Jelken, J., Pandiyarajan, C., Genzer, J., Lomadze, N. & Santer, S. Fabrication of Flexible Hydrogel Sheets Featuring Periodically Spaced Circular Holes with Continuously Adjustable Size in Real Time. *ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces* 10, 30844-30851 (2018).

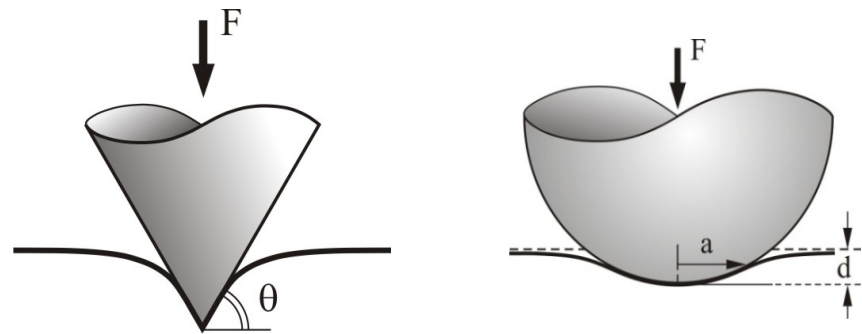
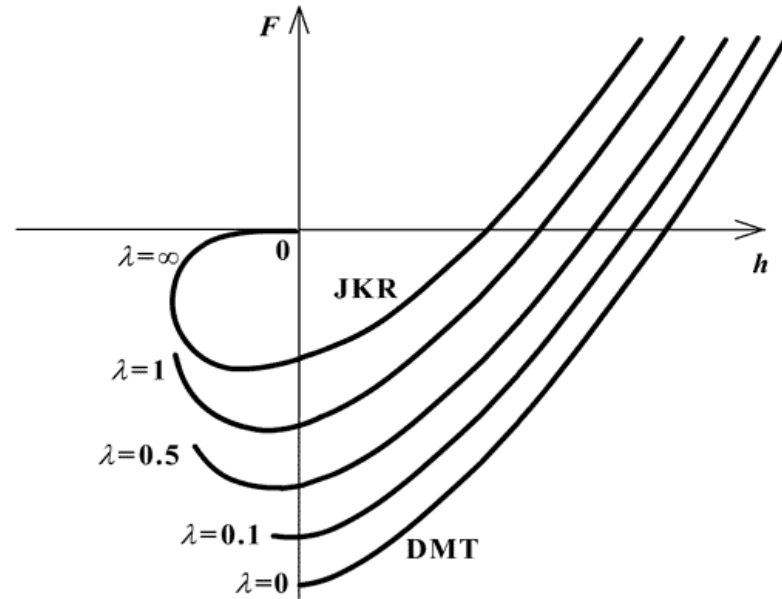


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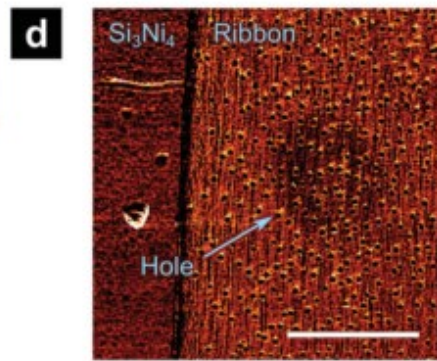
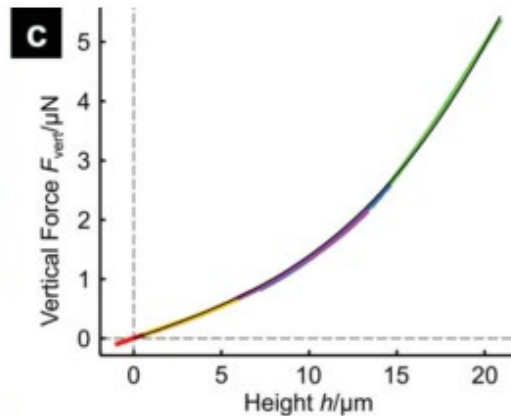
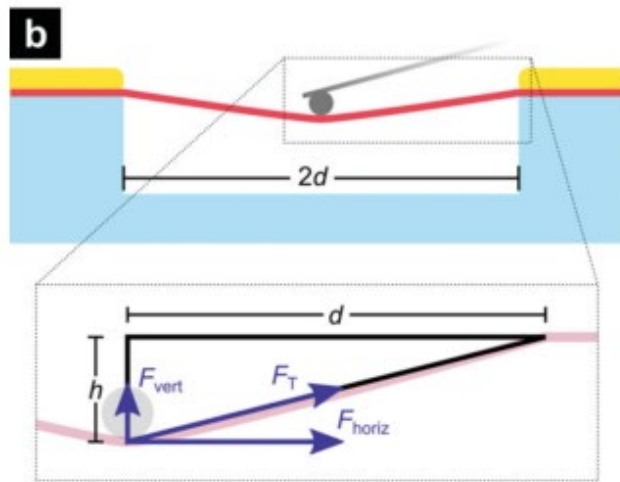
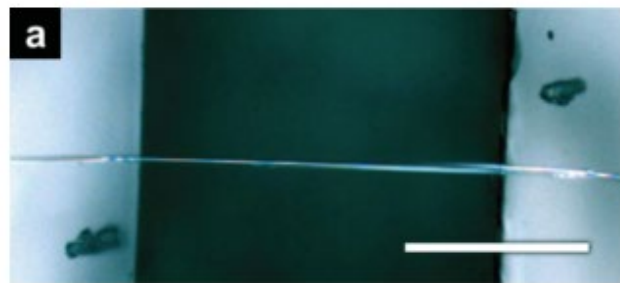
QNM with Force-Distance Curves



Mechanical studies of brown recluse spider silk



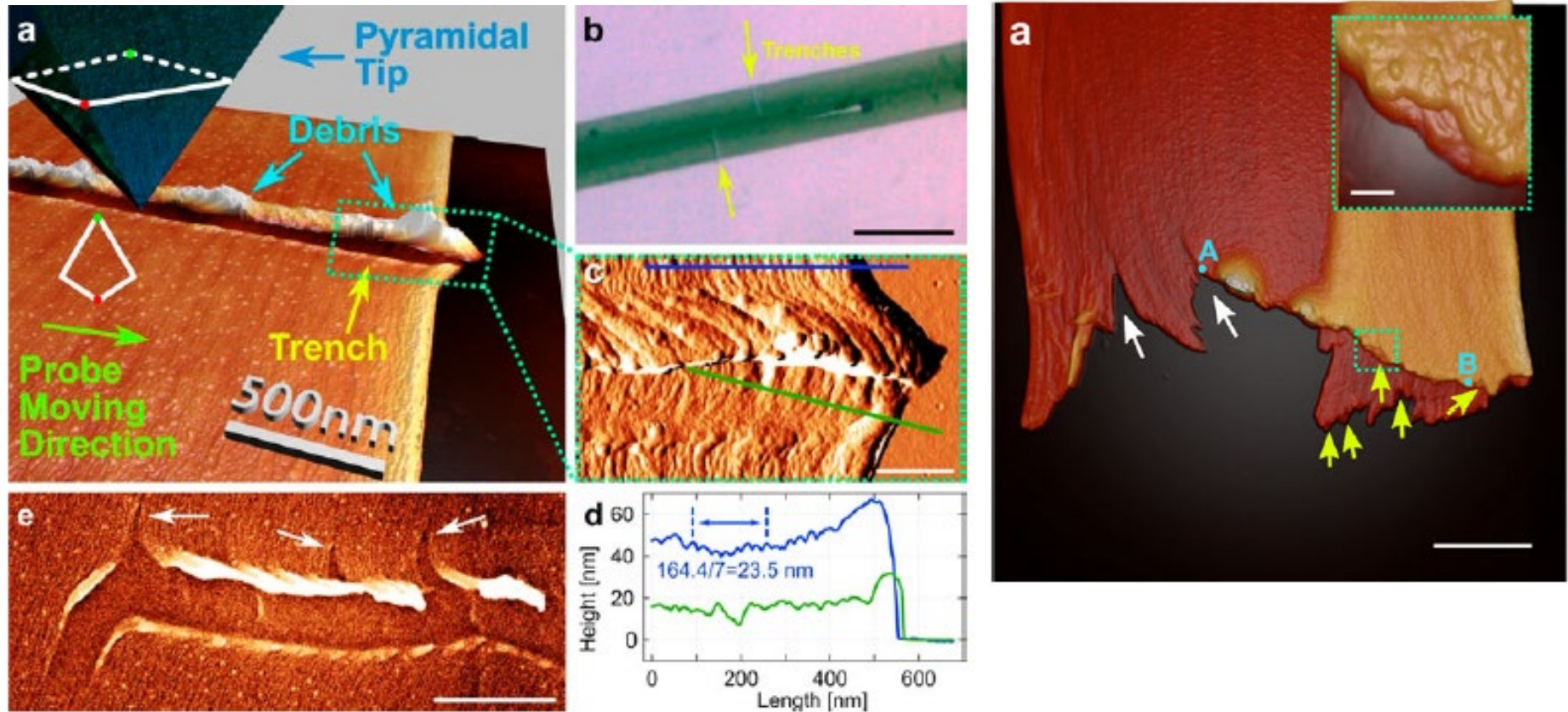
Mechanical studies of Brown Recluse Spider silk



a) Top view of the mechanical testing setup (optical micrograph). Scale bar: $200 \mu\text{m}$. b) Schematic of the setup: a *Loxosceles* fiber (rose) was suspended over a gap in a glass substrate (light blue) and secured with cyanoacrylate glue (amber). A blunted AFM probe (grey) strained the silk via vertical deflection, while simultaneously measuring the vertical component F_{vert} of the fiber tensile force F_T as a function of the probe indentation height h .

c) Obtained force curves (various colors) and the fitted model (black). d) AFM tapping-mode phase image of a silk ribbon suspended over a $1 \mu\text{m}$ -diameter hole in a silicon nitride substrate. The ribbon covers the hole and can sustain forces exerted by the AFM probe. Phase imaging reveals the position of the hole since the ribbon deflects in the suspended area (scale bar: $1 \mu\text{m}$).

Mechanical studies of Brown Recluse Spider silk

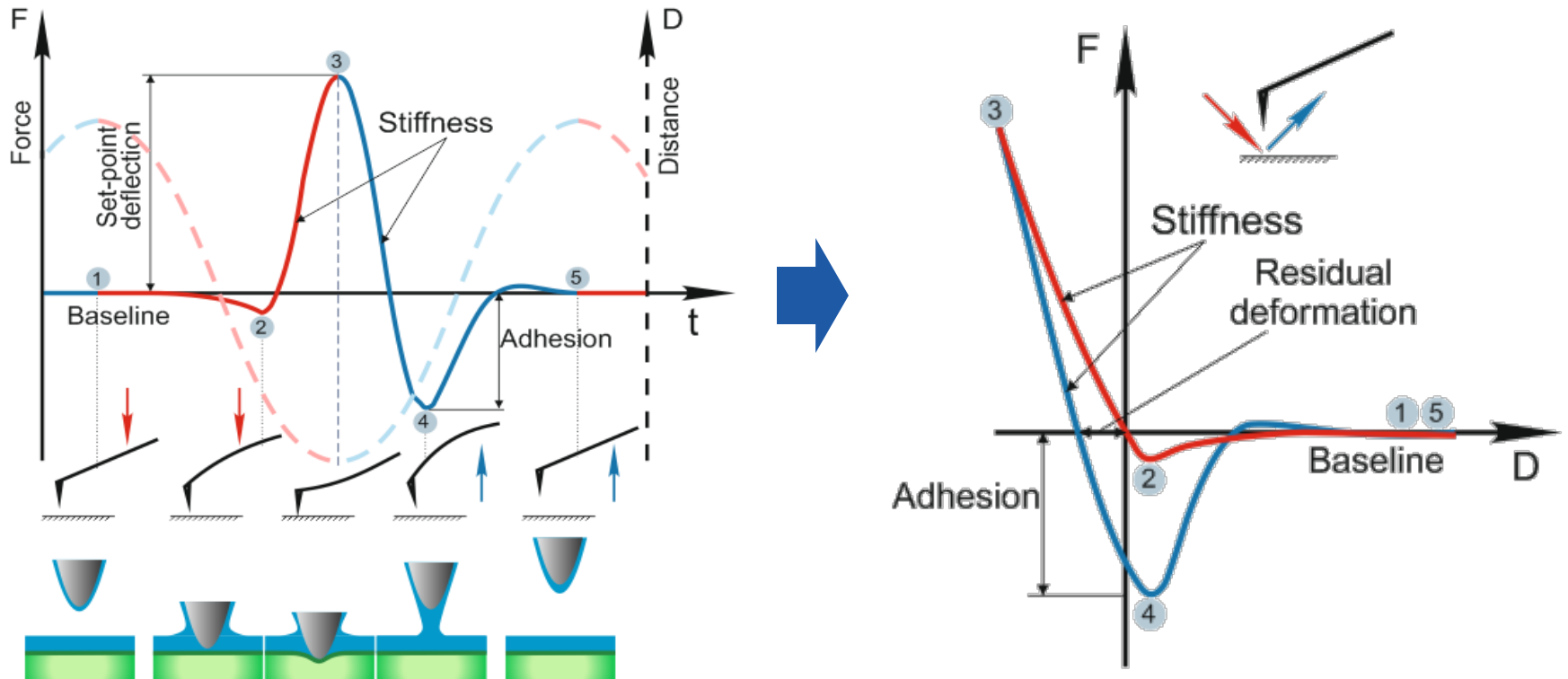


Breaking strength of a single nanofibril is $\sim 120 \text{ nN}$

Wang, Q. & Schniepp, H. Strength of Recluse Spider's Silk Originates from Nanofibrils. *ACS Macro Letters* 7, 1364-1370 (2018).

Non-Resonance Oscillatory Mode (HybriD™ Mode)

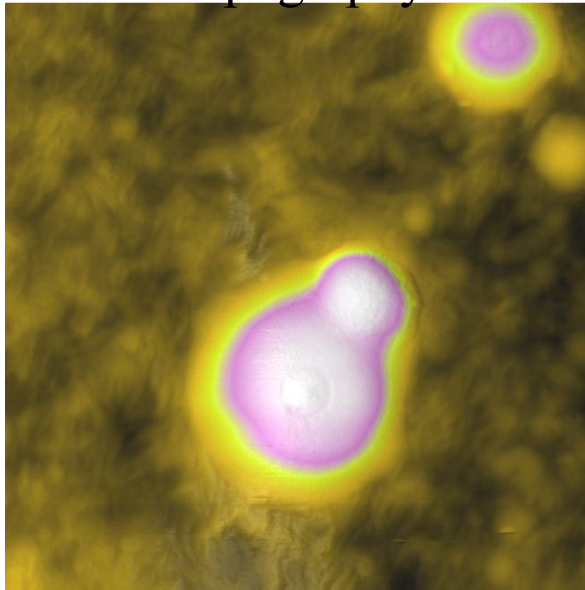
- HybriD mode (HD mode) – scanning technique based on fast force-distance curves measurements with real-time processing of the tip response.



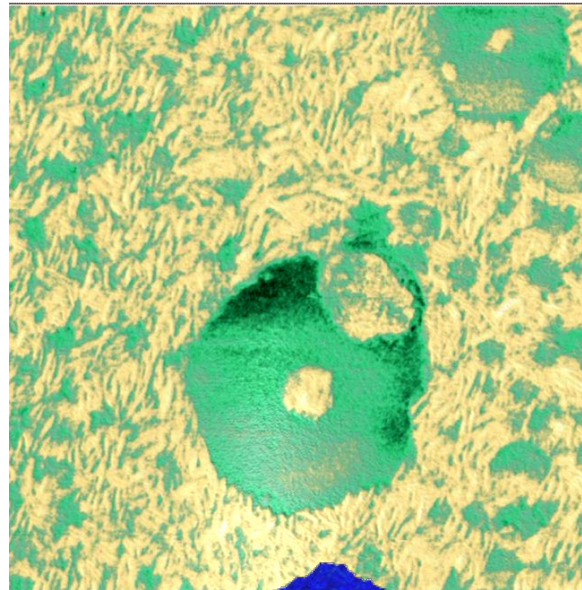
S. Magonov, S. Belikov, J. D. Alexander, C. G. Wall, S. Leesment, and V. Bykov, "Scanning probe based apparatus and methods for low-force profiling of sample surfaces and detection and mapping of local mechanical and electromagnetic properties in non-resonant oscillatory mode," US9110092B1.

Morphological and Mechanical Studies of Polymer Blends

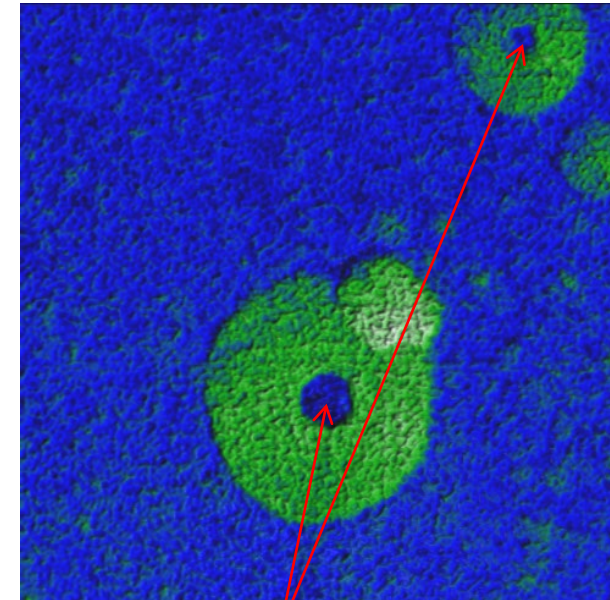
Topography



Adhesion

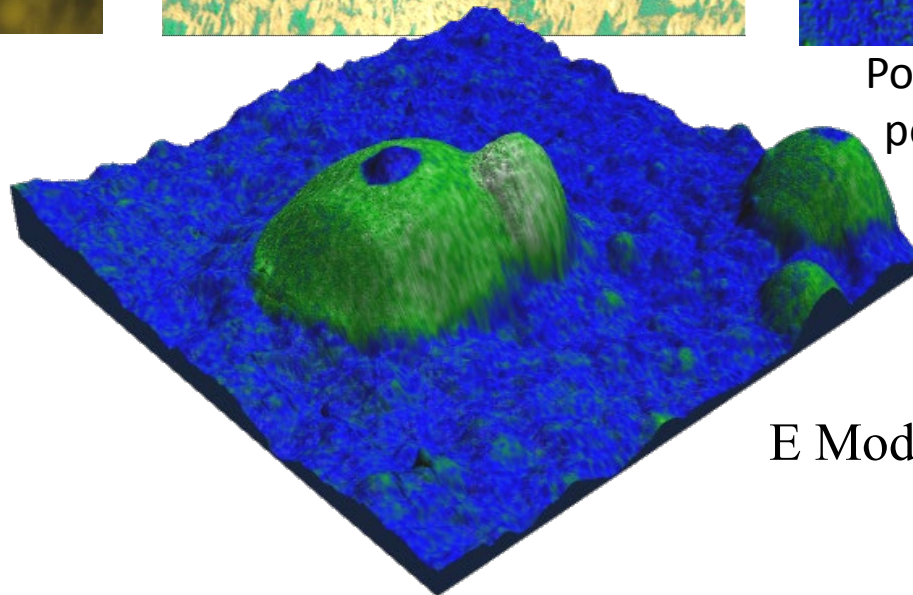


E Modulus



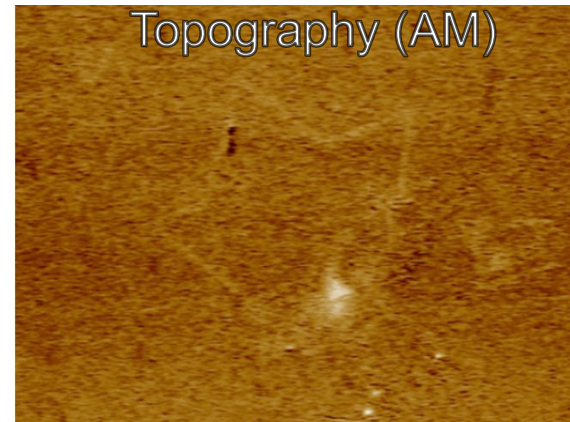
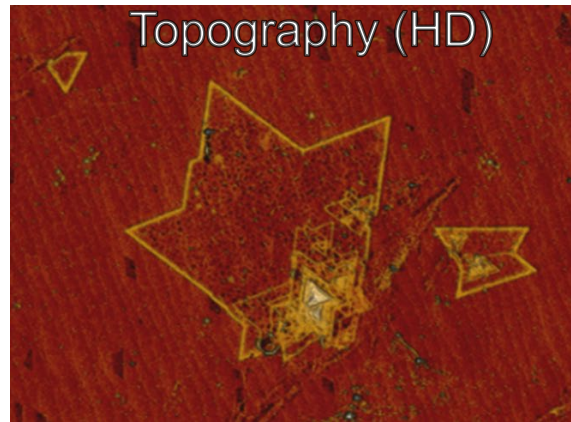
Scan Size:
 $3 \times 3 \mu\text{m}$

Polyethylene blobs on
polystyrene spheres



E Modulus overlaid over
topography

HD Studies in Vacuum

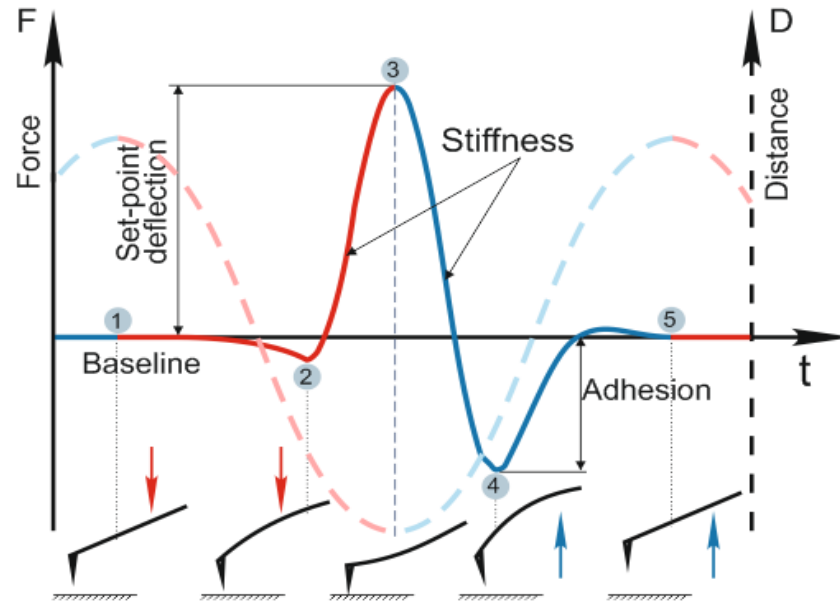


WS₂ monolayers grown on epitaxial graphene measured in vacuum with use of HD and AM modes. The influence of electrostatic forces is demonstrated. Scan size: 14×14 μm

Vacuum setup of
NTEGRA AFM

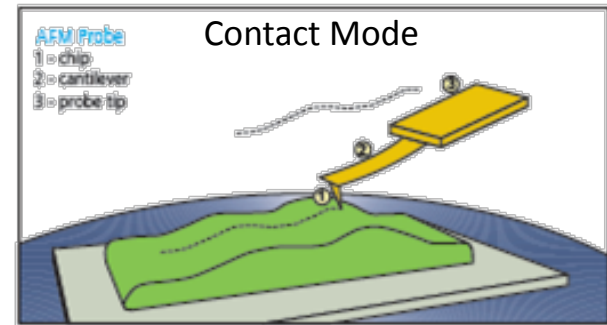


Sample courtesy:
Dr. Cristina Giusca (NPL, UK),
Prof. Mauricio Terrones (PSU, USA)

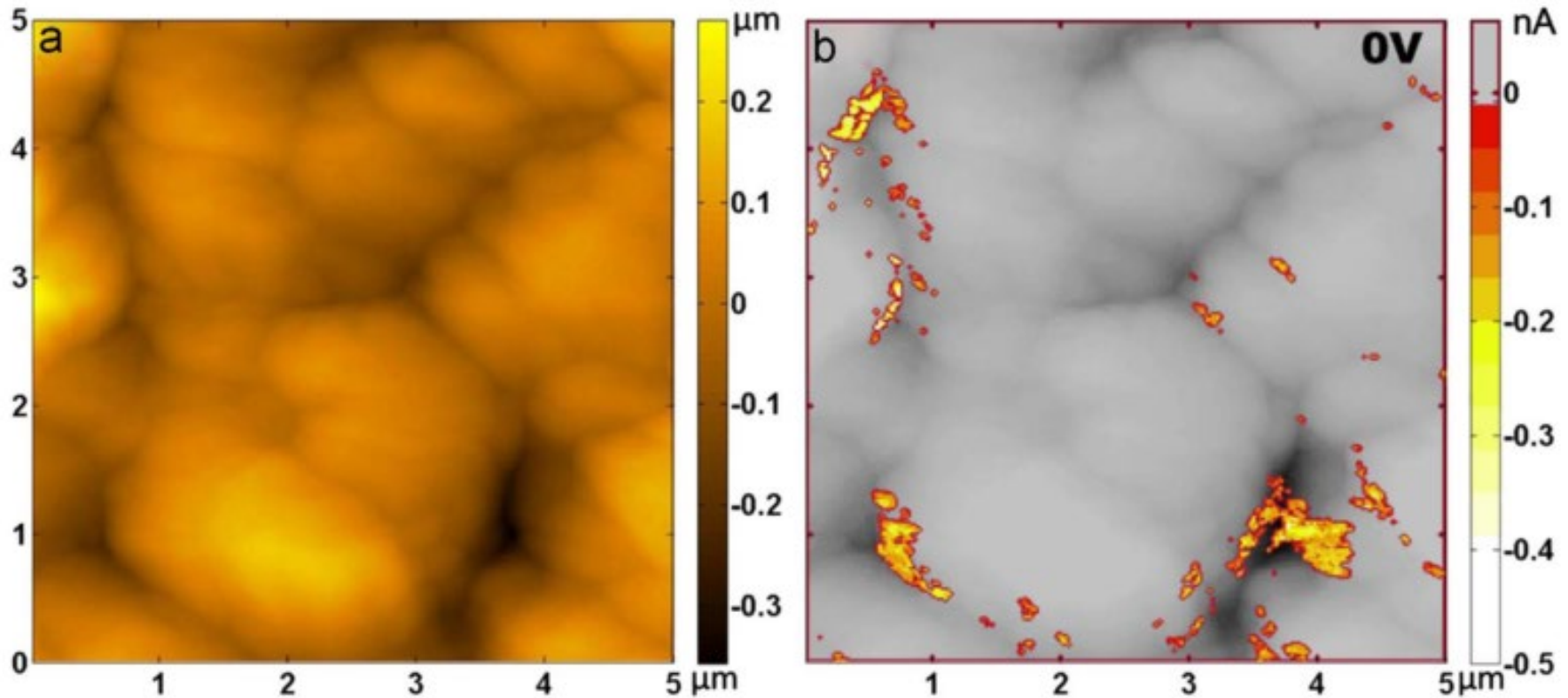


Set-point calculation principle eliminating
electrostatic force gradient

Conductive AFM (C-AFM)



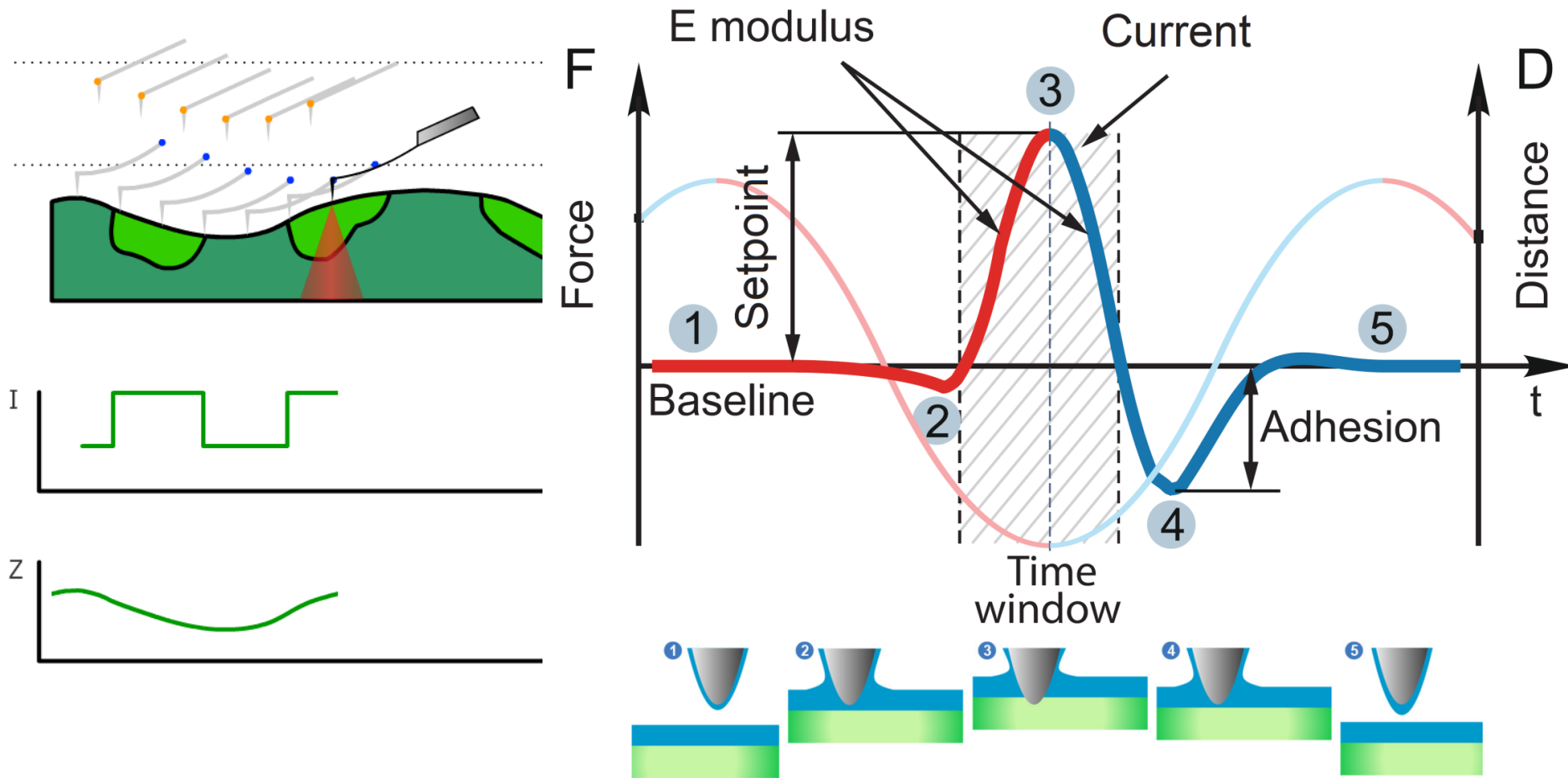
High resolution characterization of grain boundaries in $\text{Cu}_2\text{ZnSnSe}_4$ solar cells



(a) AFM topography of the top surface of a CZTSe device. (b) Zero biased photocurrent mapping, under illumination of a defocused 532 nm continuous wave laser with total power of 1mW. The photocurrent mapping is superimposed on the topography in (a) to illustrate the correlation between the position of the photo current and that of the GBs

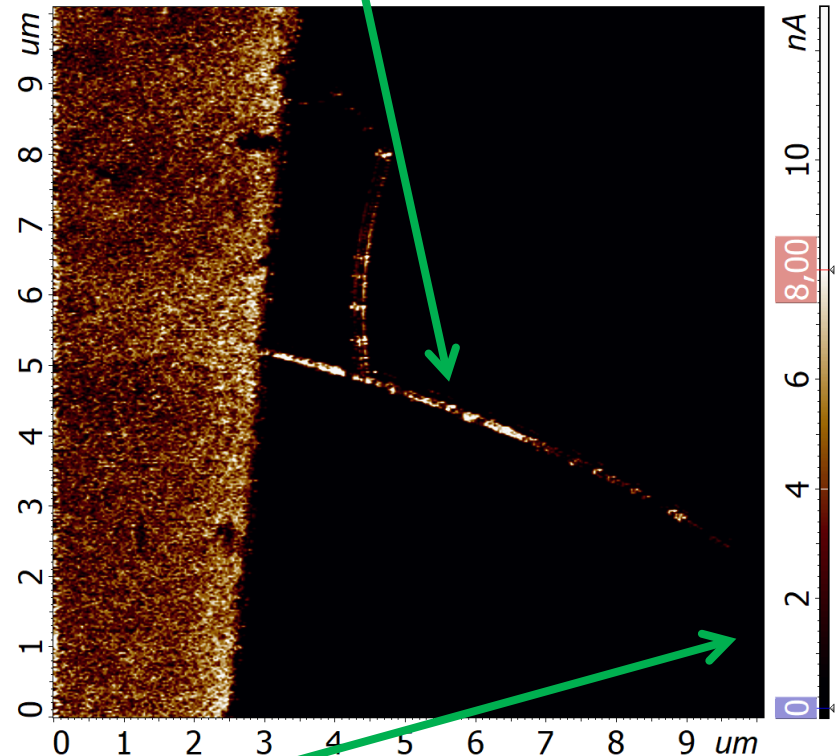
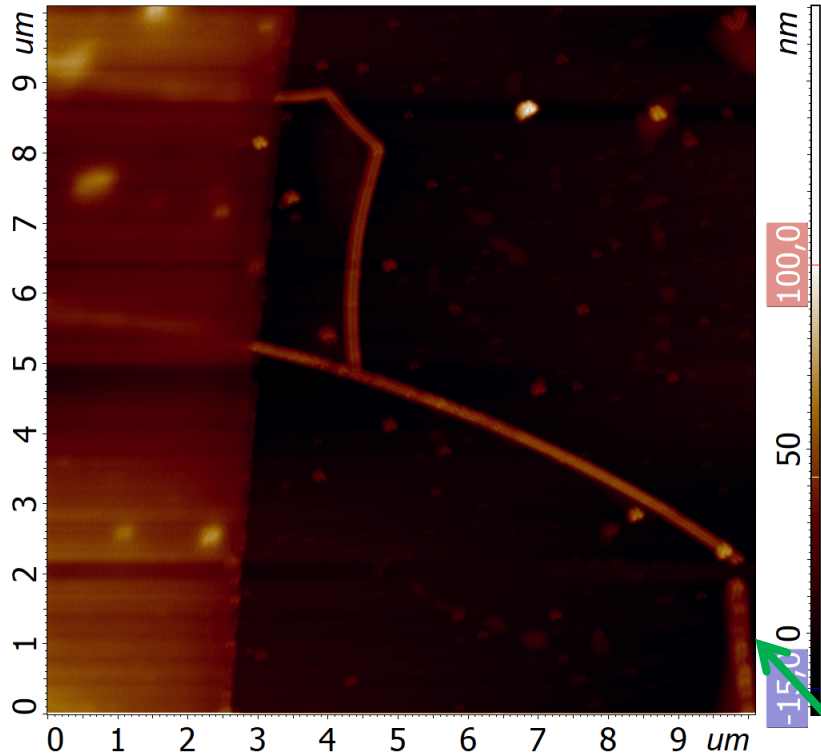
M. Xu, B. Liu, G. Graham and X. Pan, "High resolution characterization of grain boundaries in $\text{Cu}_2\text{ZnSnSe}_4$ solar cells synthesized by nanoparticle selenization", *Solar Energy Materials and Solar Cells*, vol. 157, pp. 171-177, 2016.

Hybrid Conductive AFM



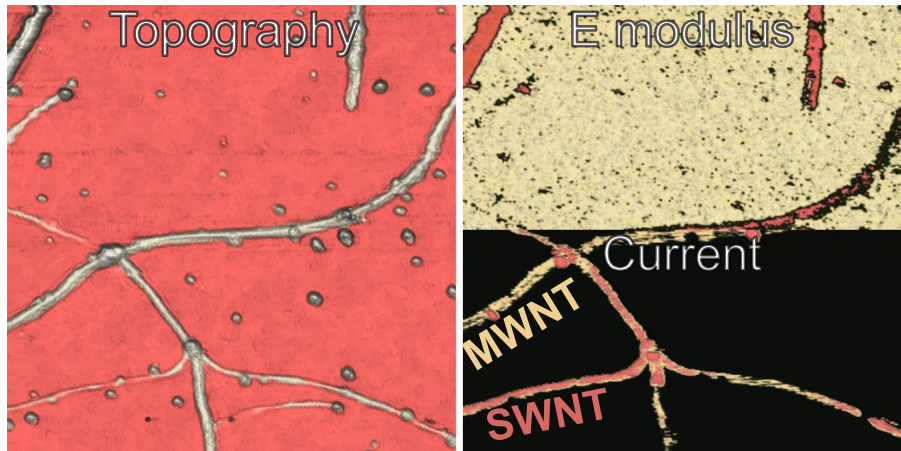
Conductive Studies of Silver Nanotubes

There is a gradient of current along the nanotube



Nanotube is not connected to the electrode

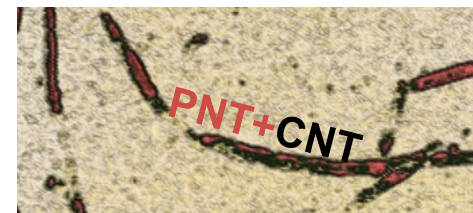
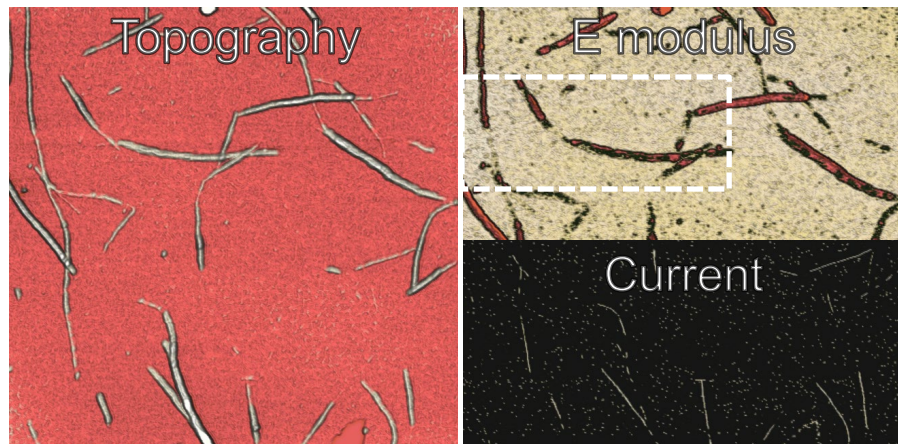
Conductive and Mechanical Studies of Nanotubes by HD-CAFM



HD C-AFM study of carbon Nanotubes on Silicon.

Scan size: $1 \times 1 \mu\text{m}$.

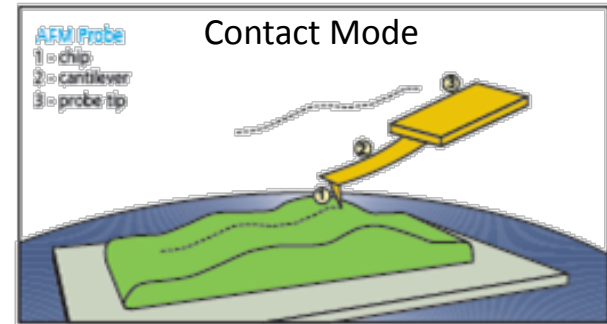
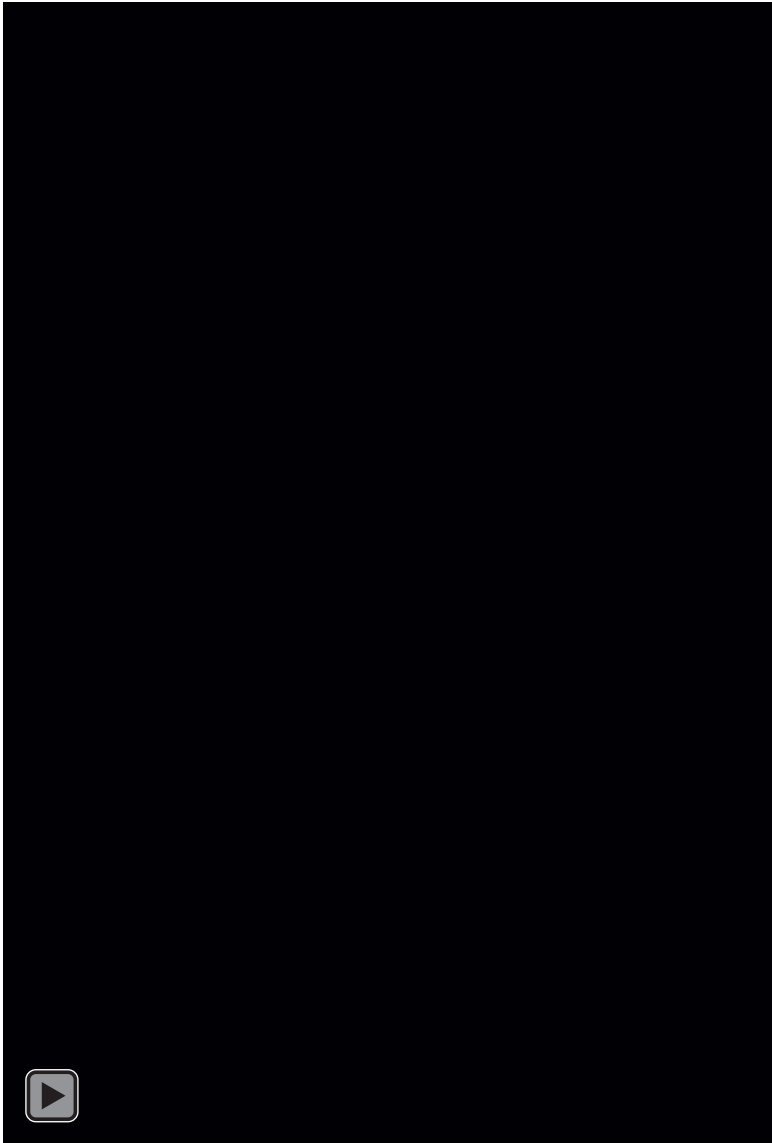
Sample Courtesy: Dr. Irma Kuljanishvili, Saint Louis University, Department of Physics



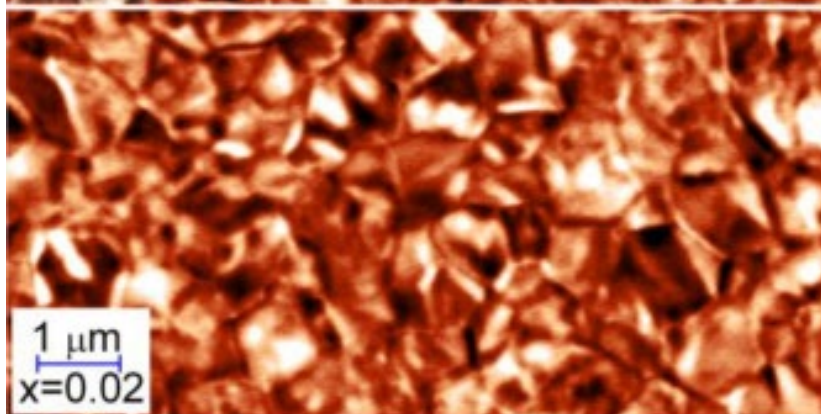
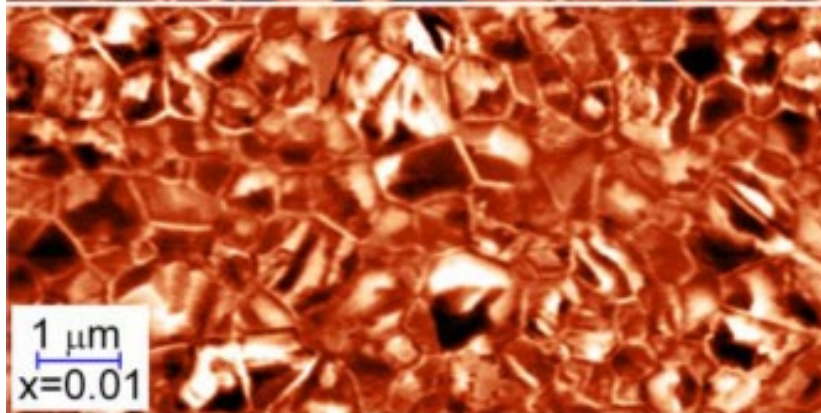
HD C-AFM study of coupled carbon and peptide Nanotubes. Sample courtesy: Dr. J. Montenegro, University Santiago de Compostela. Scan size: $3 \times 3 \mu\text{m}^1$.

¹ J. Montenegro, C. Vázquez-Vázquez, A. Kalinin, K.E. Geckeler, J.R. Granja, Coupling of carbon and peptide nanotubes, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 136 (2014) 2484–2491

Piezoresponse Force Microscopy (PFM)



PFM studies of Bi_{0.9}La_{0.1}FeO₃ ceramics



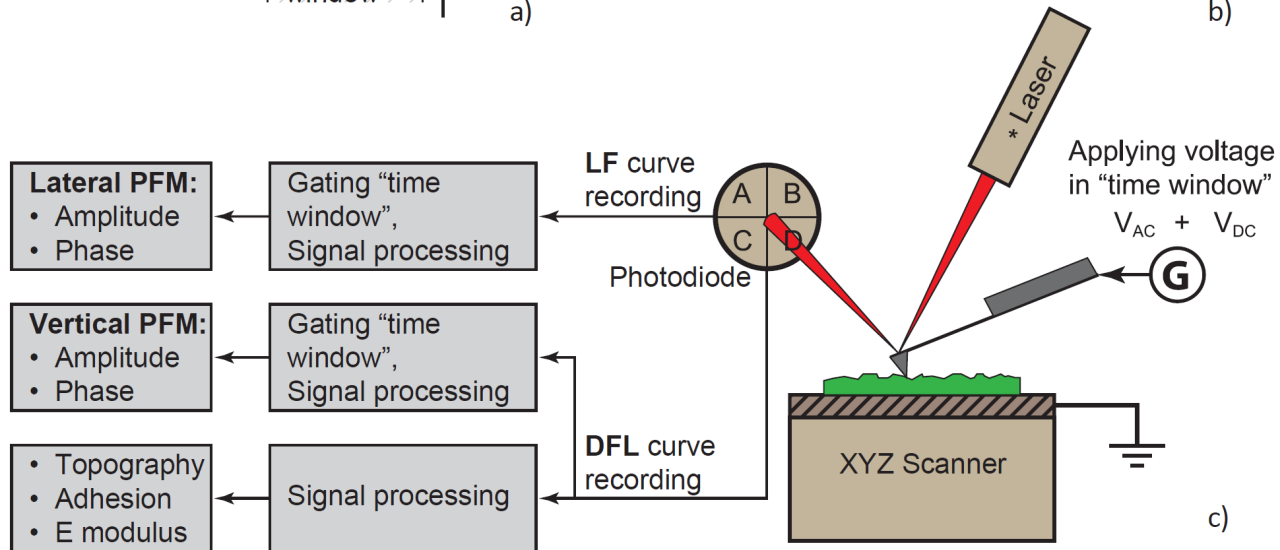
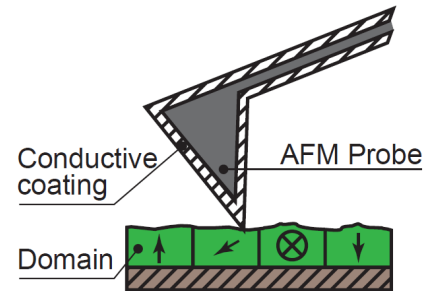
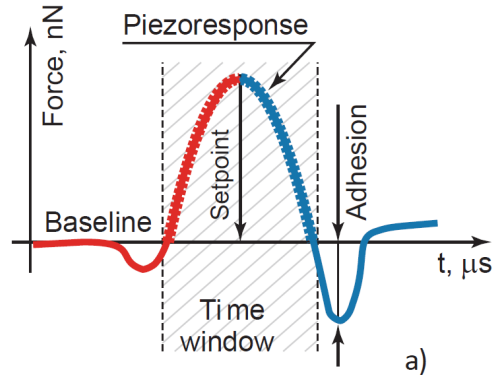
Vertical PFM images of the Bi_{0.9}La_{0.1}Fe_{1-x}Nb_xO_{3+x} ceramics. An $A \cos \phi$ signal was recorded. Here, A is the amplitude of the measured vibration proportional to the effective longitudinal piezoelectric coefficient and ϕ is the phase shift determining the direction of polarization (the bright and dark regions correspond to polarization vectors directed to the free surface and to the bottom electrode, respectively)

PFM Studies confirm the effect of Effect of Nb doping

B. Stojadinović, B. Vasić, D. Stepanenko, N. Tadić, R. Gajić and Z. Dohčević-Mitrović, "Variation of electric properties across the grain boundaries in BiFeO₃film", *Journal of Physics D: Applied Physics*, vol. 49, no. 4, p. 045309, 2015.

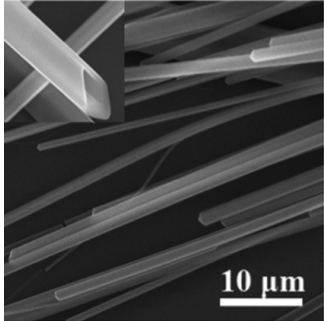
HD PFM

In HD PFM an AC voltage is applied to the conductive coating of the AFM cantilever when the tip comes in contact with the sample during each fast force spectroscopy cycle.

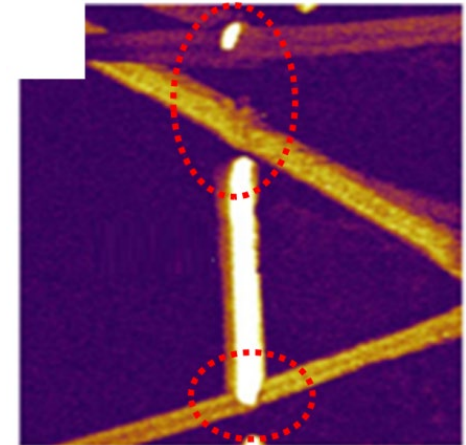
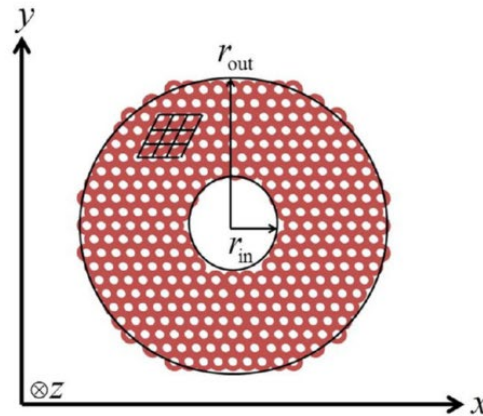
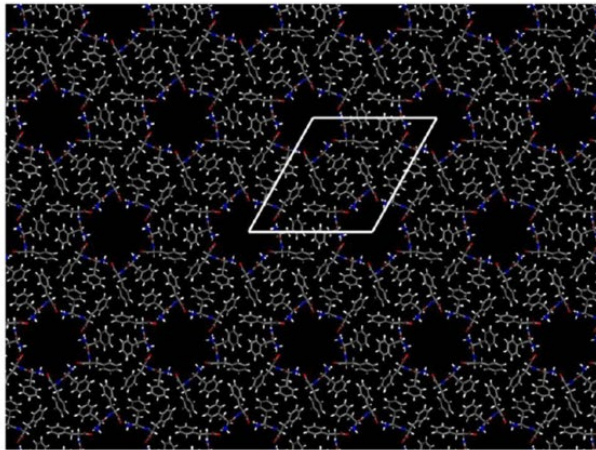


- HD PFM working principle: a) an idealized temporal deflection curve during an oscillatory cycle, b) tip-sample interaction in "time window", c) measurement scheme

Electromechanical studies of diphenylalanine peptide nanotubes



$d_{15} = 60 \text{ pm/V}^1$
E modulus = 19÷32 GPa



- Molecular structure of diphenylalanine peptide nanotubes¹

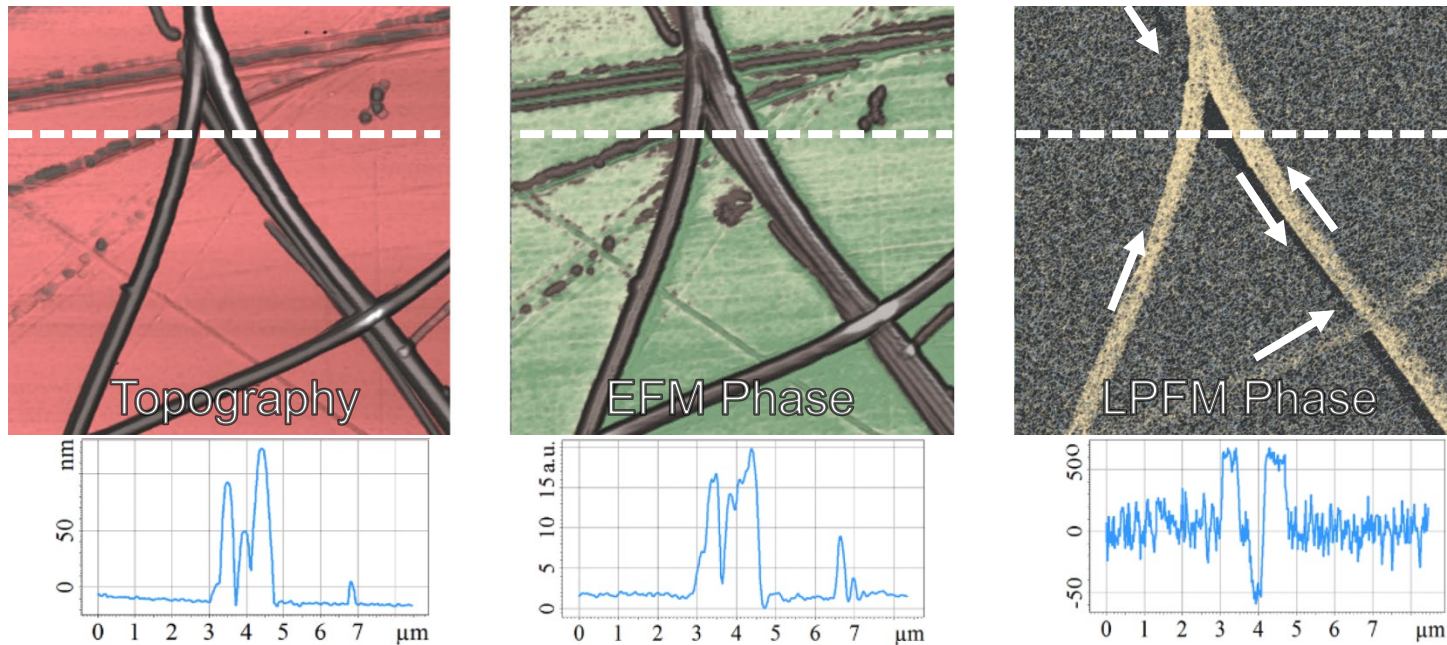
- Contact PFM image²

¹Kholkin, A., Amdursky, N., Bdikin, I., Gazit, E., & Rosenman, G. (2010) ACS nano, 4(2), 610-614.

²Ivanov, M., Kopyl, S., Tofail, S. A., Ryan, K., Rodriguez, B. J., Shur, V. Y., & Kholkin, A. L. (2016) In Electrically Active Materials for Medical Devices (pp. 149-166).

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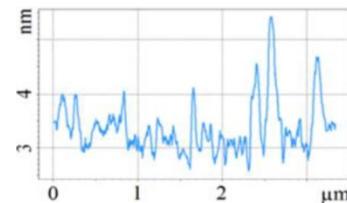
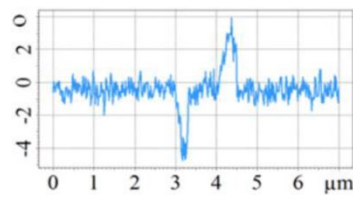
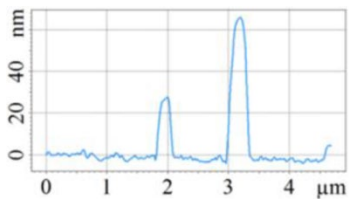
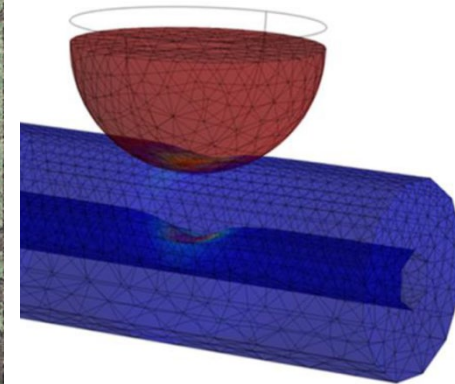
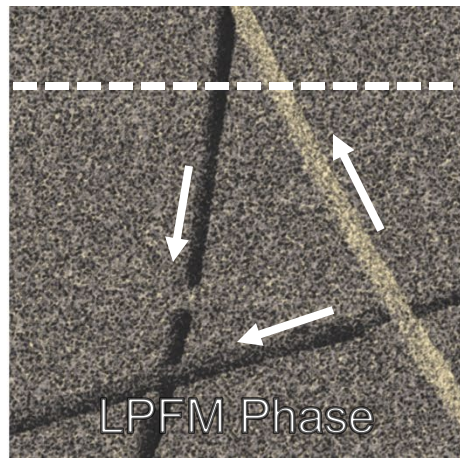
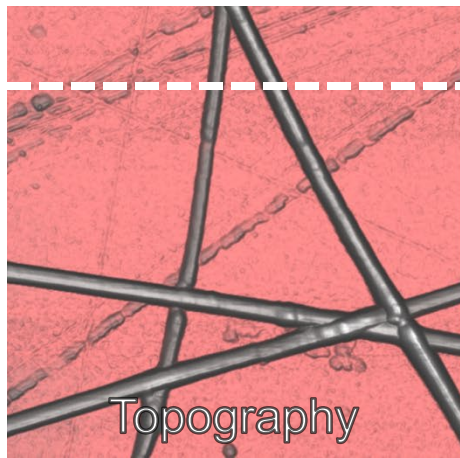


Non-destructive electromechanical study of diphenylalanine peptide nanotubes. Scan size: $8 \times 8 \mu\text{m}$, nanotubes diameter: $30 \div 150 \text{ nm}$.
Sample courtesy: Dr. A. Kholkin, University of Aviero

A. Kalinin, V. Atepalikhin, O. Pakhomov, A. Kholkin and A. Tselev, "An atomic force microscopy mode for nondestructive electromechanical studies and its application to diphenylalanine peptide nanotubes", *Ultramicroscopy*, vol. 185, pp. 49-54, 2018.

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In situ PFM studies under varying temperature

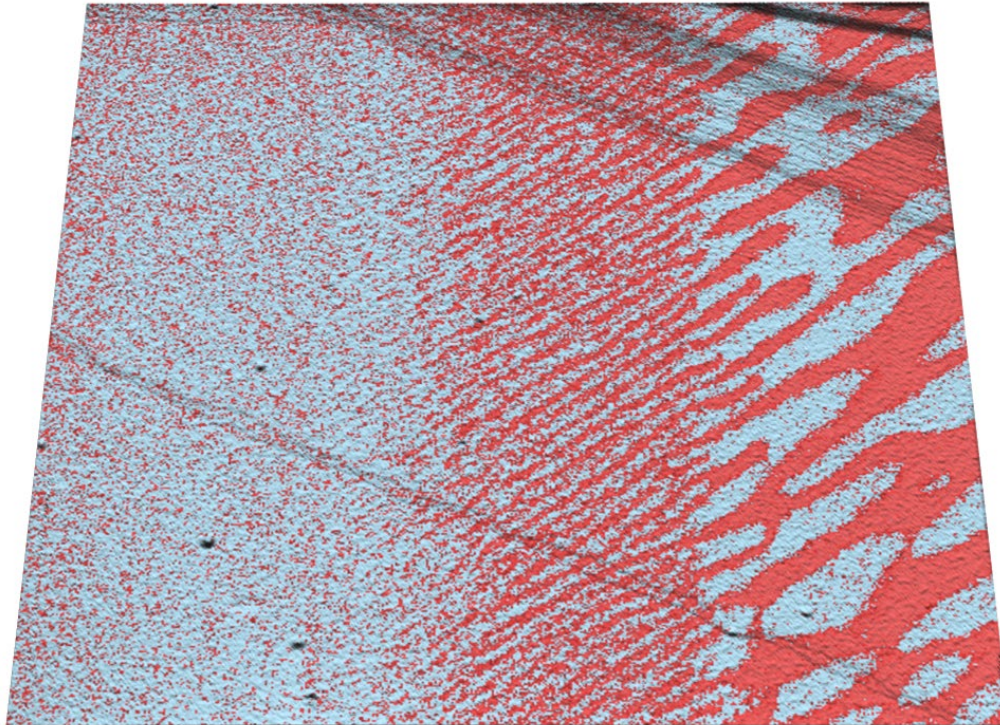
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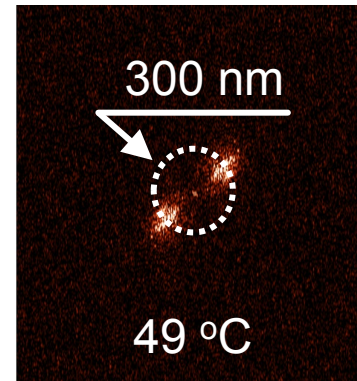


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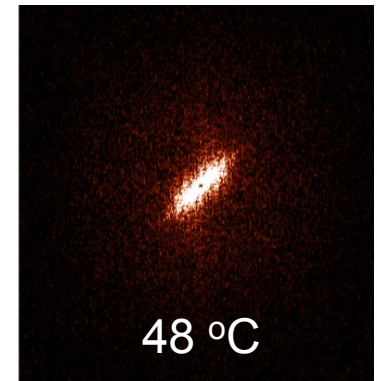
-30±120 °C

NT-MDT S.I. accessories for sample temperature control



300 nm

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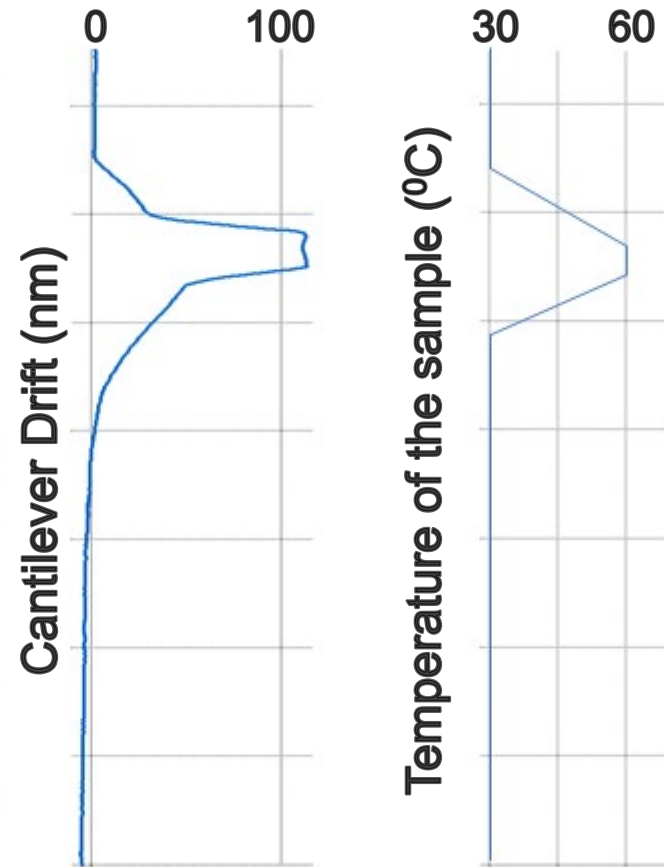
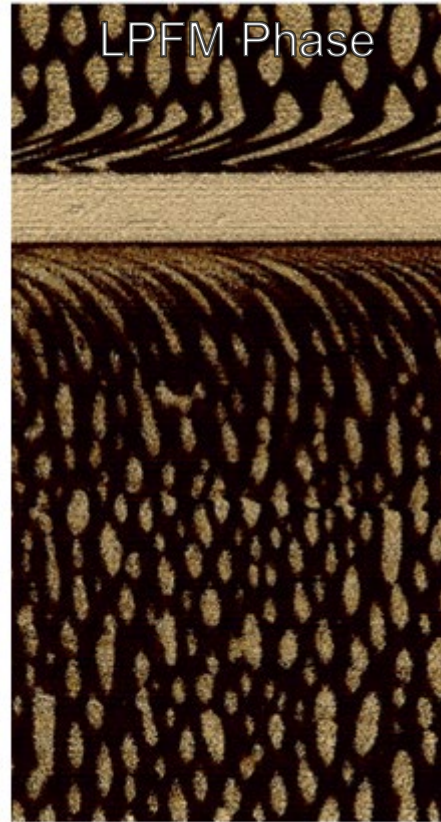
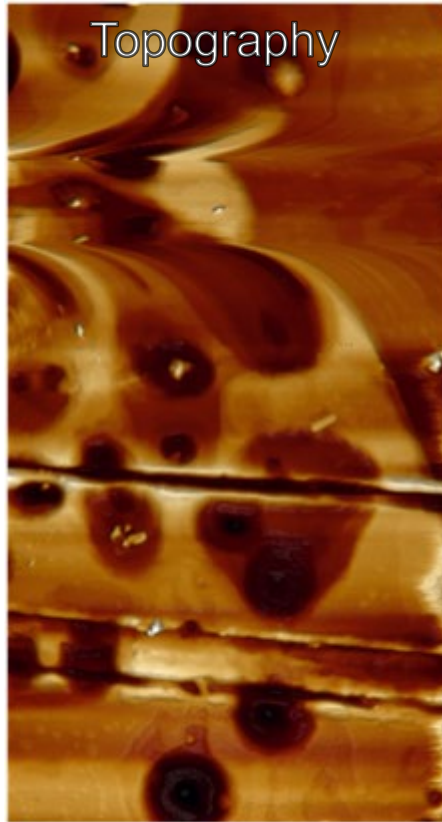


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In-situ HD PFM study of second-order phase transition of triglycine sulfate crystal. Scan size 15×15 μm. Sample courtesy: Dr. R. Gainutdinov, IC RAS

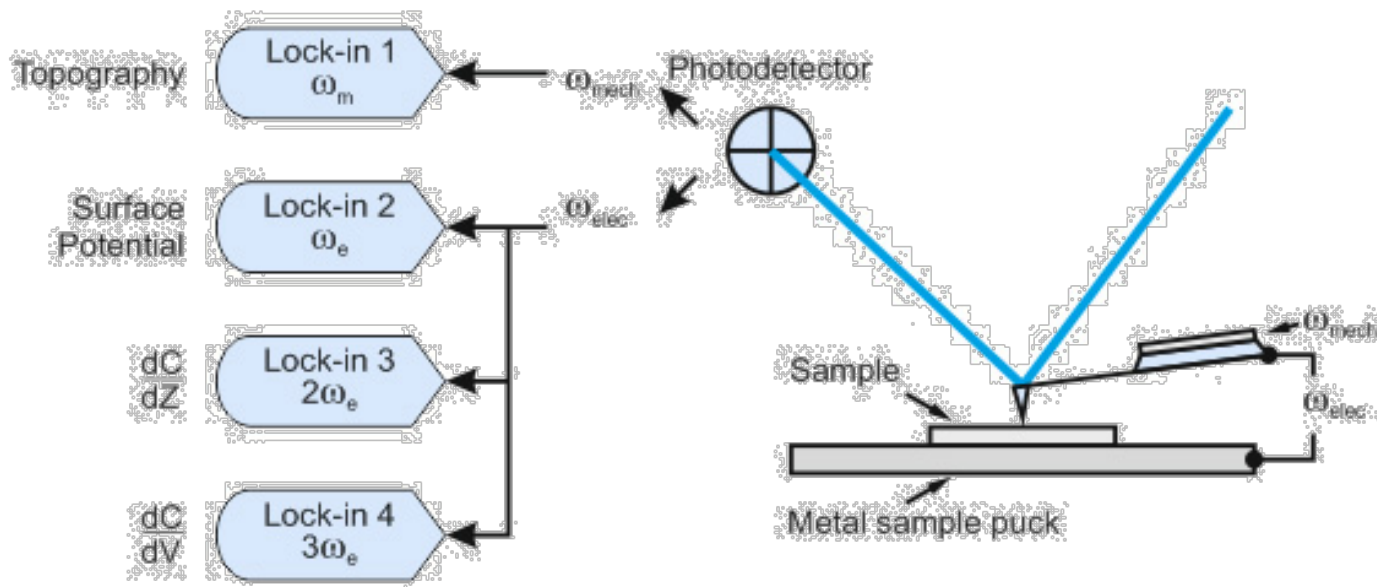
HD PFM

Continuous PFM studies under variable temperature
>0.1 °C/sec temperature change



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Kelvin Probe Microscopy



Electrostatic interaction between probe and sample

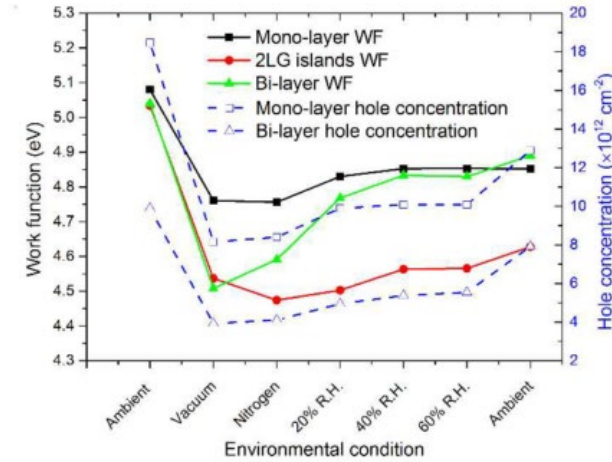
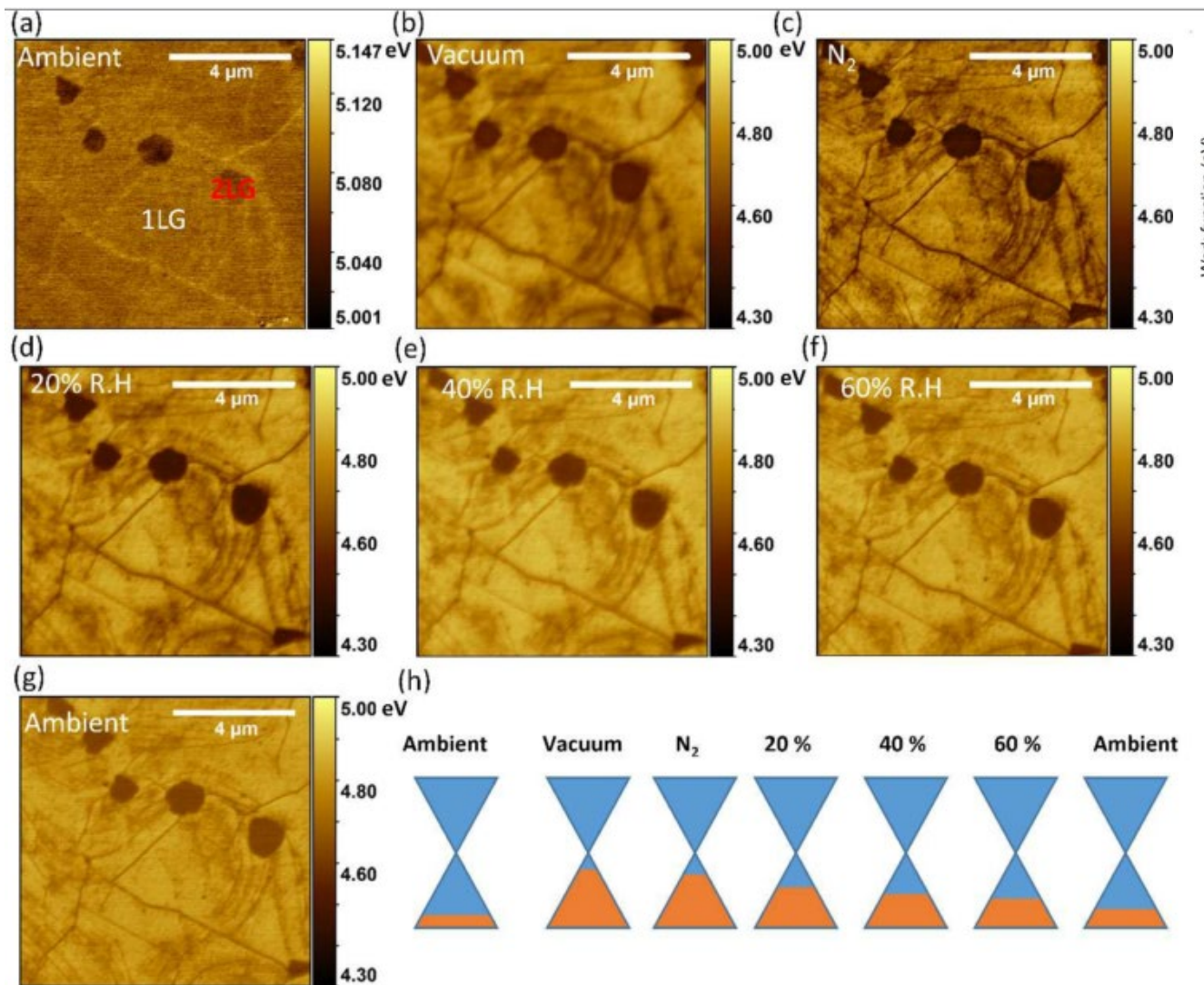
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$$F_{z,DC} = -\left[\frac{1}{2} \times \left((U_0 - \varphi(x, y))^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times U_1^2 \right)\right] \times \frac{\partial C}{\partial Z}$$

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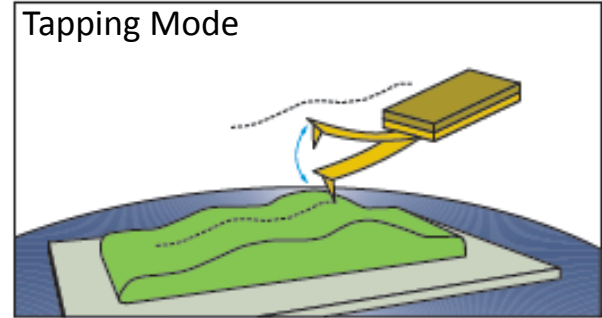
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KPFM studies of graphene at variable RH



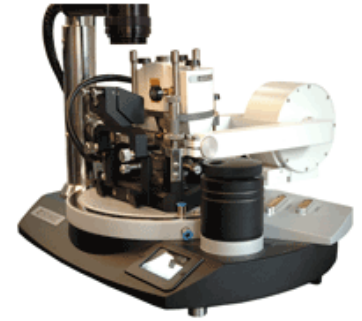
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Magnetic Force Microscopy (MFM)



MFM Studies of Co/Pt Nanowires

NTEGRA AFM Setup with in-plane external magnet



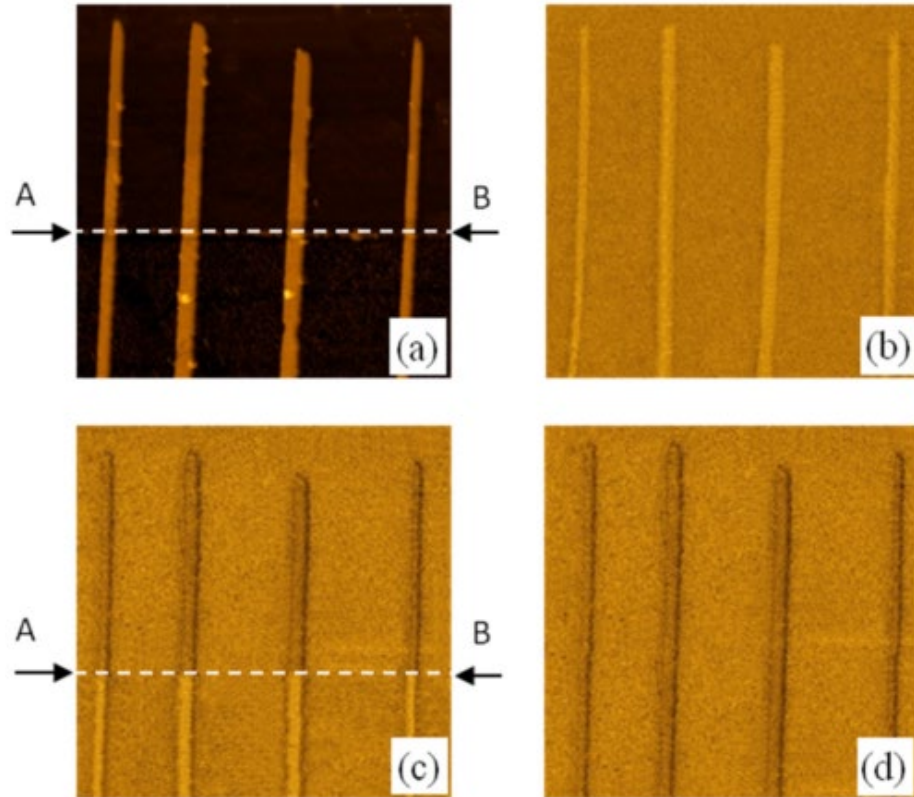
The sequential stages of remagnetization for Co/Pt NWs partly covered by Co capping layer.

(a) The AFM image of the sample with Co/Pt NWs. The area below line A-B is covered by Co (1.3 nm). The frame sizes are $1.5 \mu\text{m} \times 1.5 \mu\text{m}$. The MFM contrast is normalized to the maximum. The border of Co capping layer is shown by arrows and dashed line;

(b) The MFM image of up-magnetized sample;

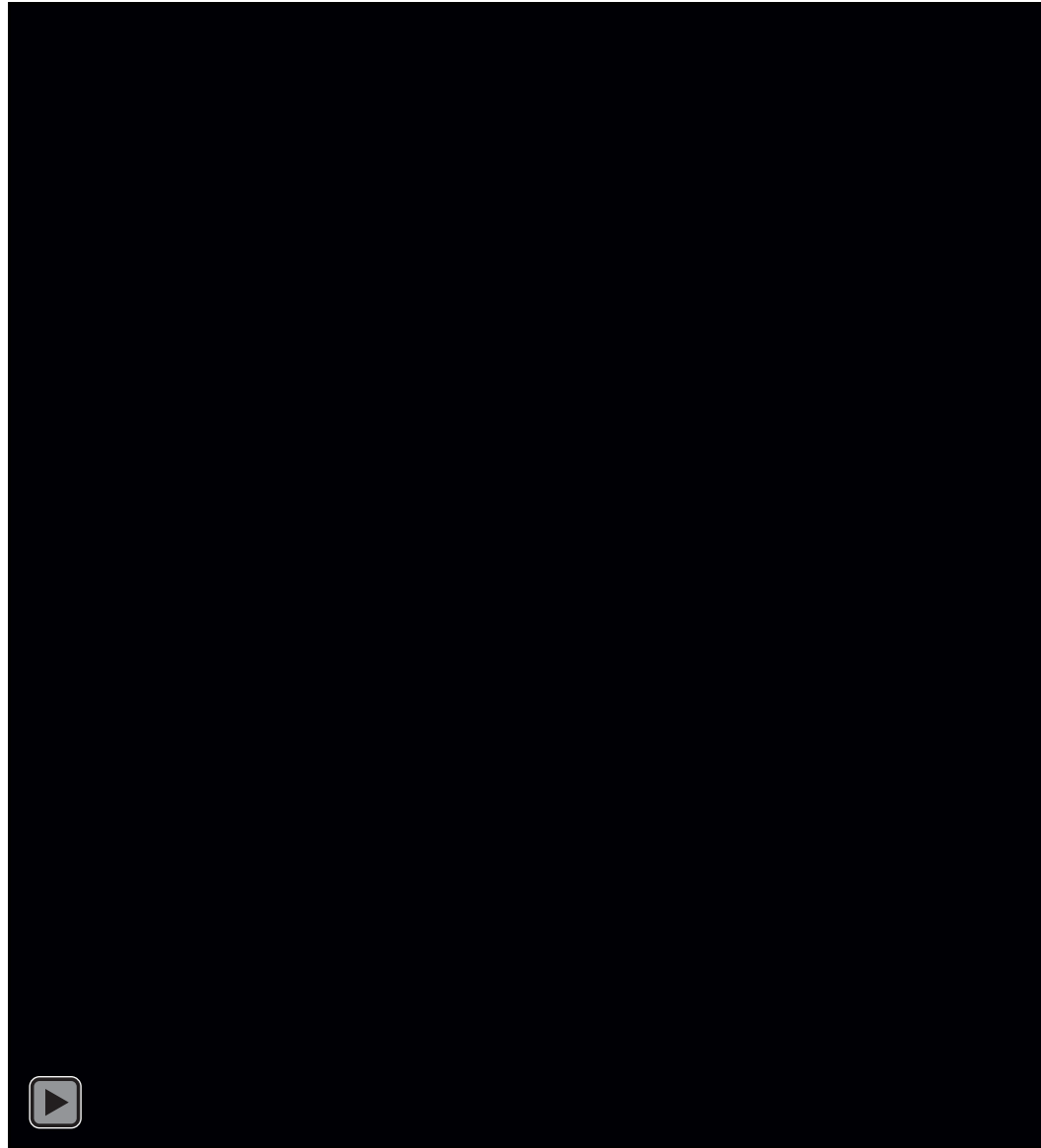
(c) The MFM image of partly remagnetized NWs after applying of 150 Oe reversed magnetic field;

(d) The MFM image of down-magnetized NWs in the field of 200 Oe. The frame sizes are $1.5 \mu\text{m} \times 1.5 \mu\text{m}$. The MFM contrast is normalized to the maximum.



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Nanolithography (Electrical Way)



Reversible Nanopatterning of Polypyrrole Films

Writing /
Erasing time

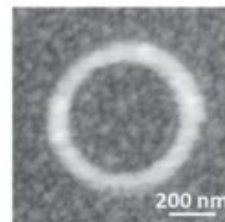
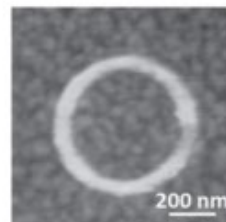
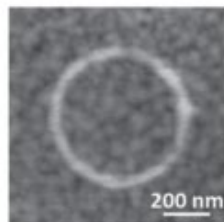
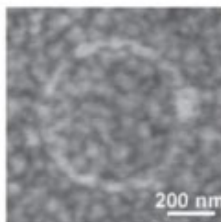
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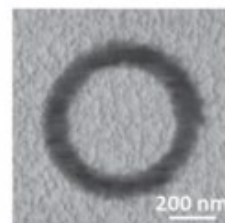
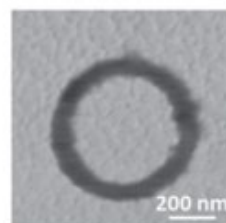
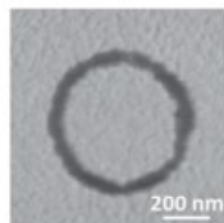
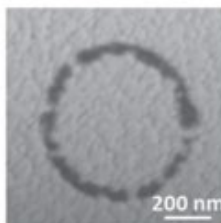
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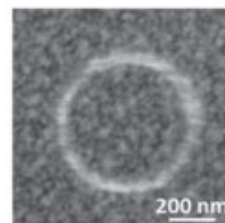
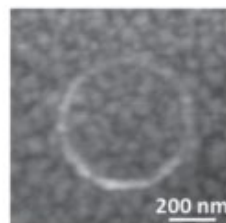
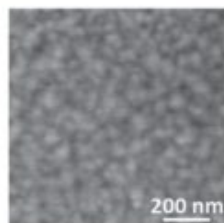
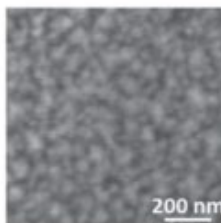
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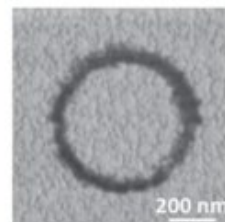
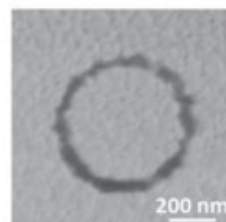
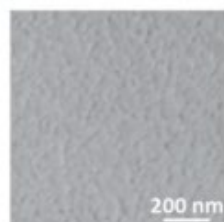
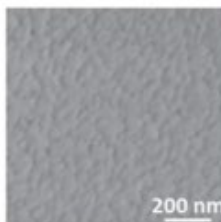
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Comparison of the writing and erasing processes using different operation times. The size of each image is $1 \mu\text{m} \times 1 \mu\text{m}$. potentiostatically

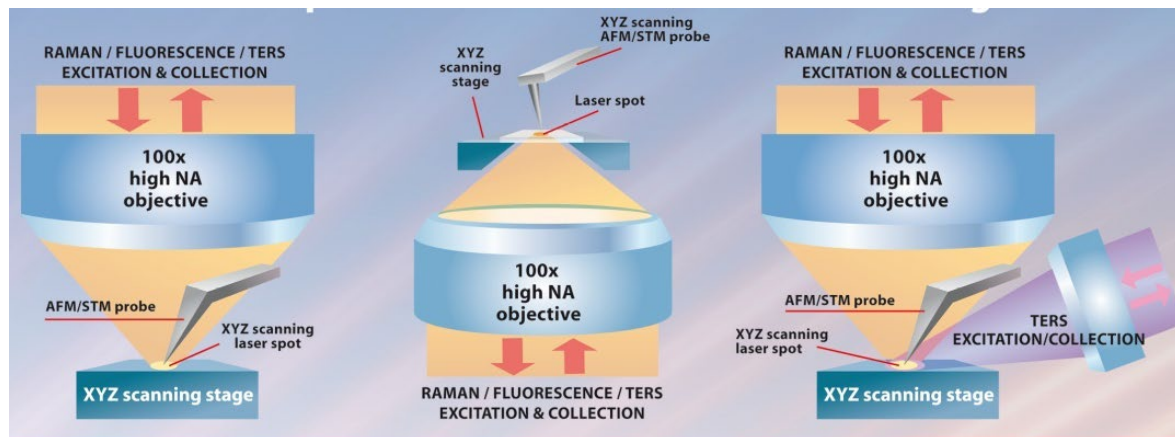
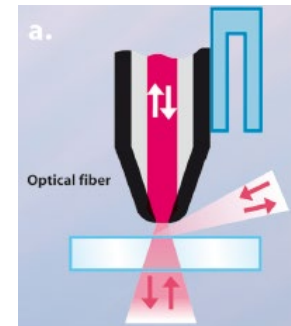
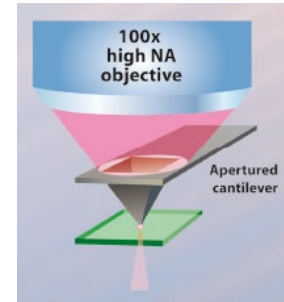
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Power of AFM-Raman Combination



*AFM: Force modulation
(elastic properties)*



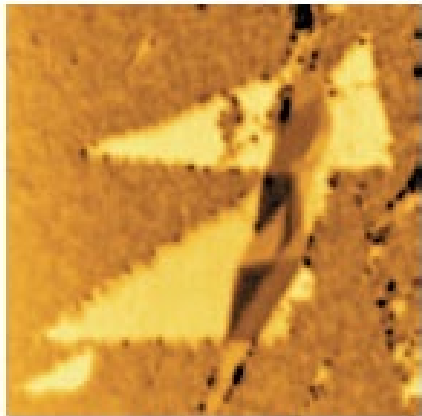
*AFM: Electrostatic force (charge
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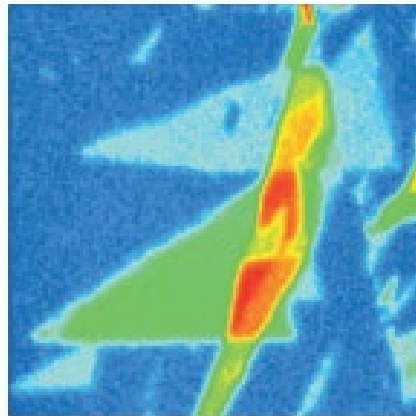
*AFM: Kelvin probe microscopy
(surface potential)*



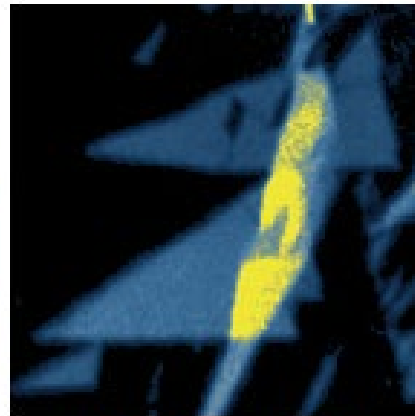
AFM: Lateral force (friction)



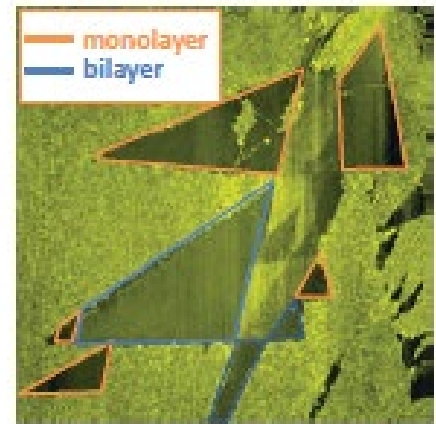
*Rayleigh light intensity
(473 nm laser)*



*Confocal Raman map:
G-band intensity*



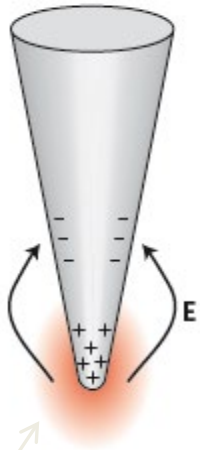
*Confocal Raman map:
2D (G') band mass center*



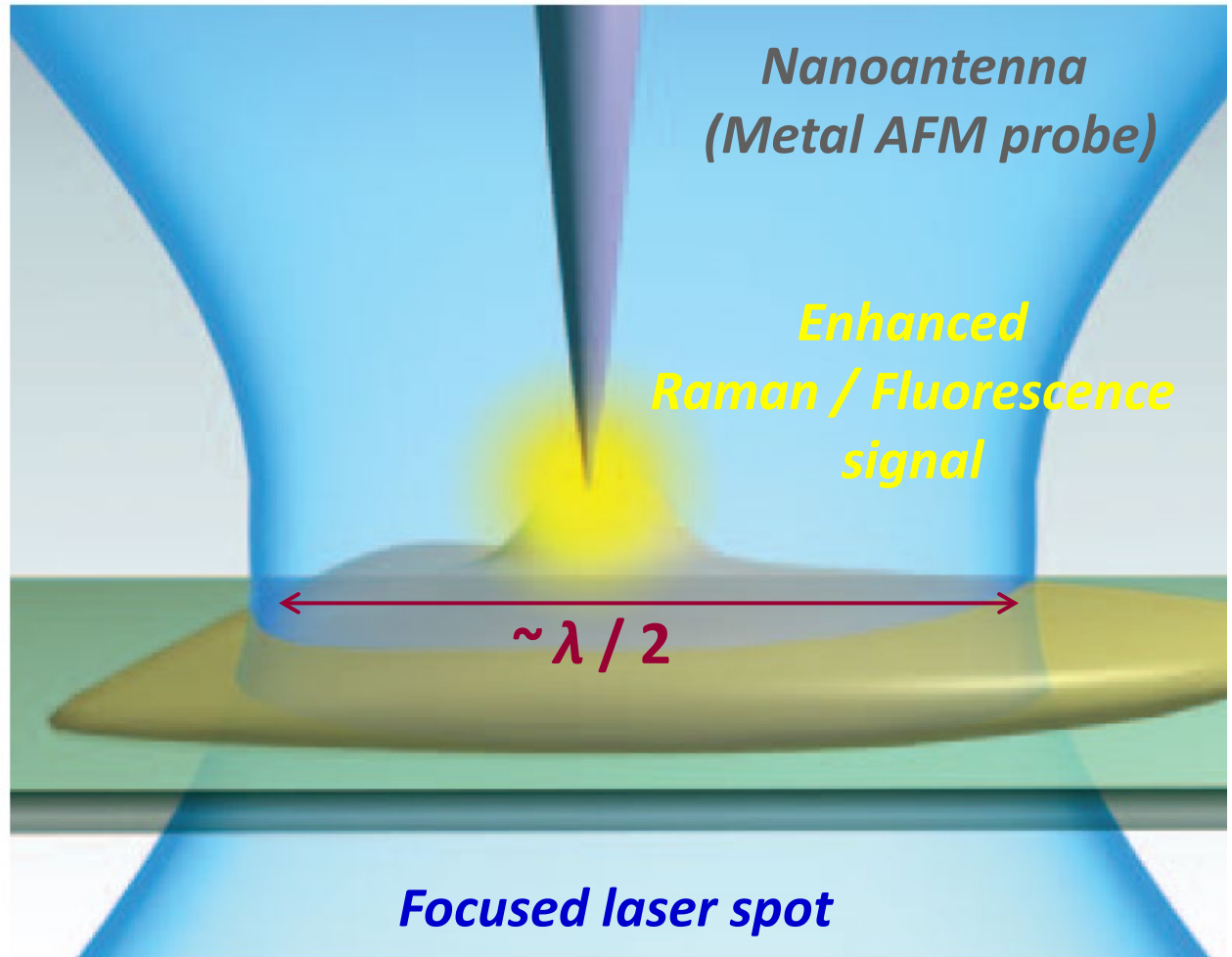
*AFM: Height (topography)
Size: 30×30 μm. Substrate: gold*

TERS: Tip Enhanced Raman Scattering

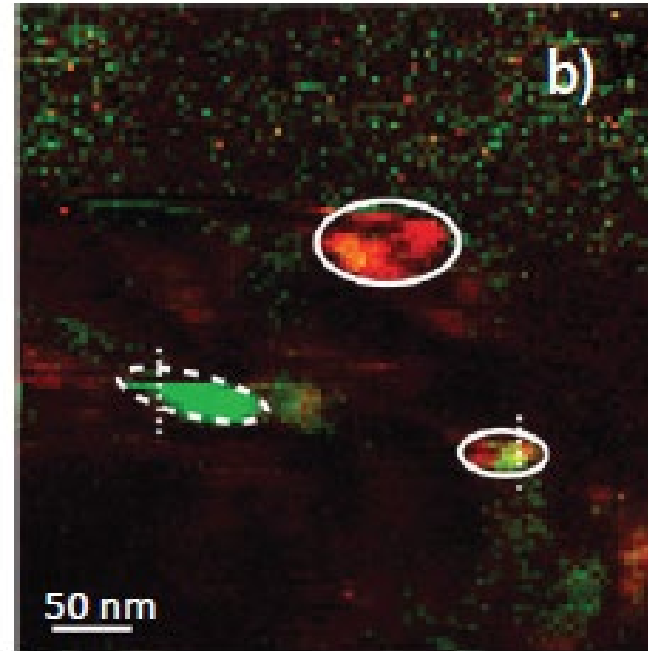
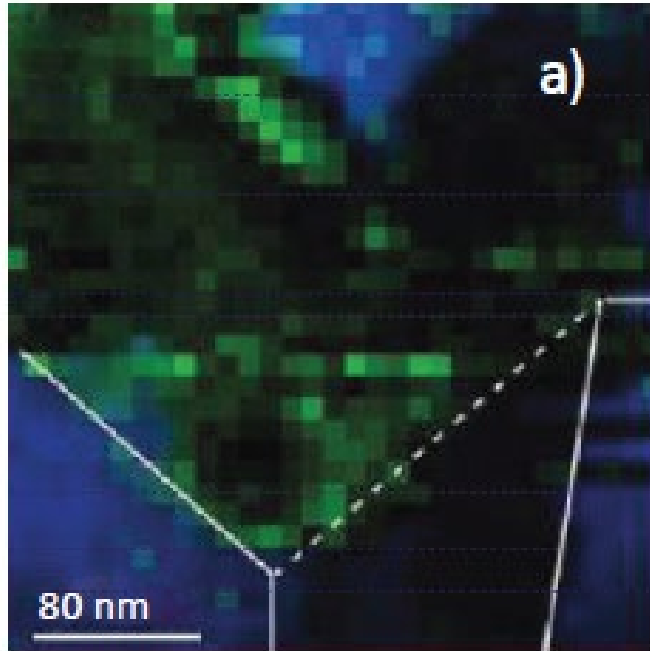
Raman/Fluorescence microscopy with subwavelength spatial resolution



Localized surface plasmon at the end of nanoantenna

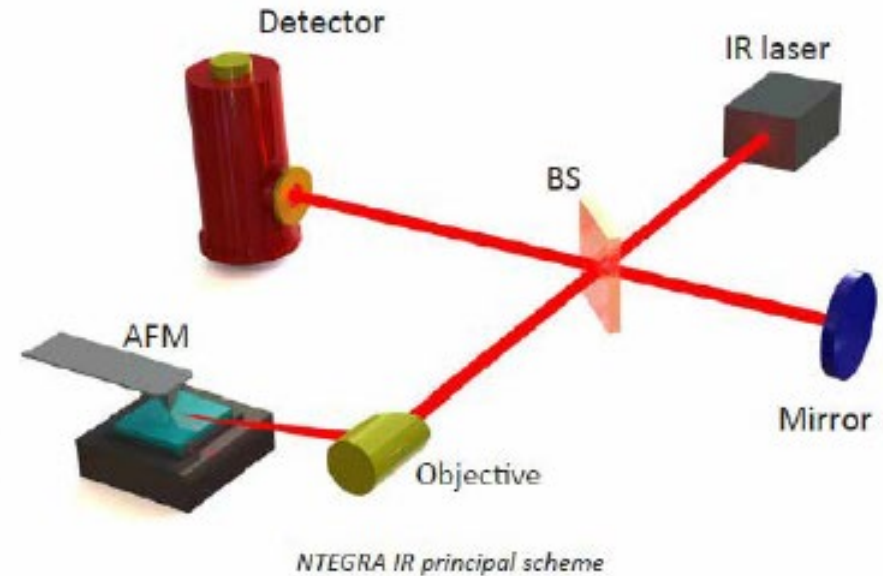


Graphene structure visualized by TERS



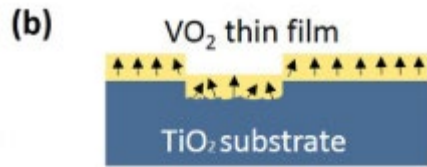
(a) TERS maps of single layer CVD Graphene on copper substrate. Green color: areas of pristine graphene (2D band intensity). Blue color: CH-terminated graphene areas (CHbands intensity). (b) TERS map of mechanically exfoliated single layer graphene on Au substrate. Green color: 2D band intensity. Red color: Dband intensity (areas with strong defects). **Resolution of all Raman maps is <12 nm.**

NTEGRA Nano IR: IR s-SNOM measurements

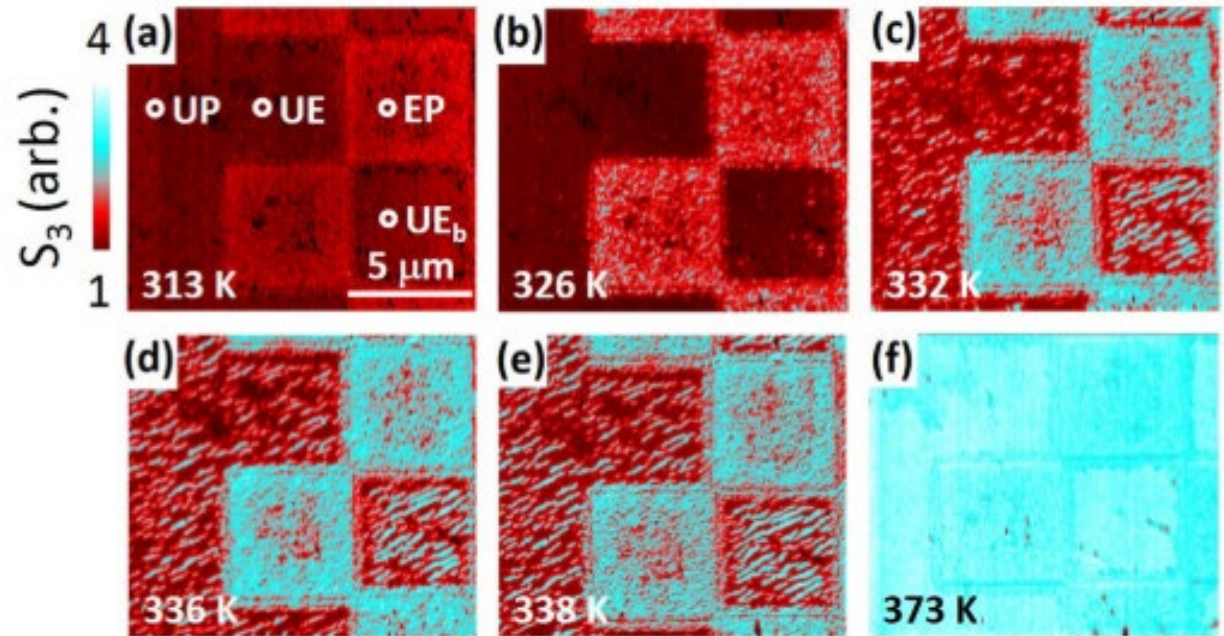
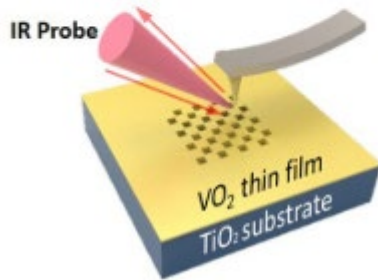


- IR s-SNOM microscopy and spectroscopy with 10 nm spatial resolution
- Wide spectral range of operation: 3-12 μm
- Incredibly low thermal drift and high signal stability
- Versatile AFM with advanced modes: SRI (conductivity), KPFM (surface potential), SCM (capacitance), MFM (magnetic properties), PFM (piezoelectric forces)
- Hybrid ModeTM - quantitative nanomechanical mapping
- Integration with microRaman (optional)

High Temperature AFM and s-SNOM on a Phase Changing Material: VO₂



(c) IR Near-Field Microscopy and Spectroscopy

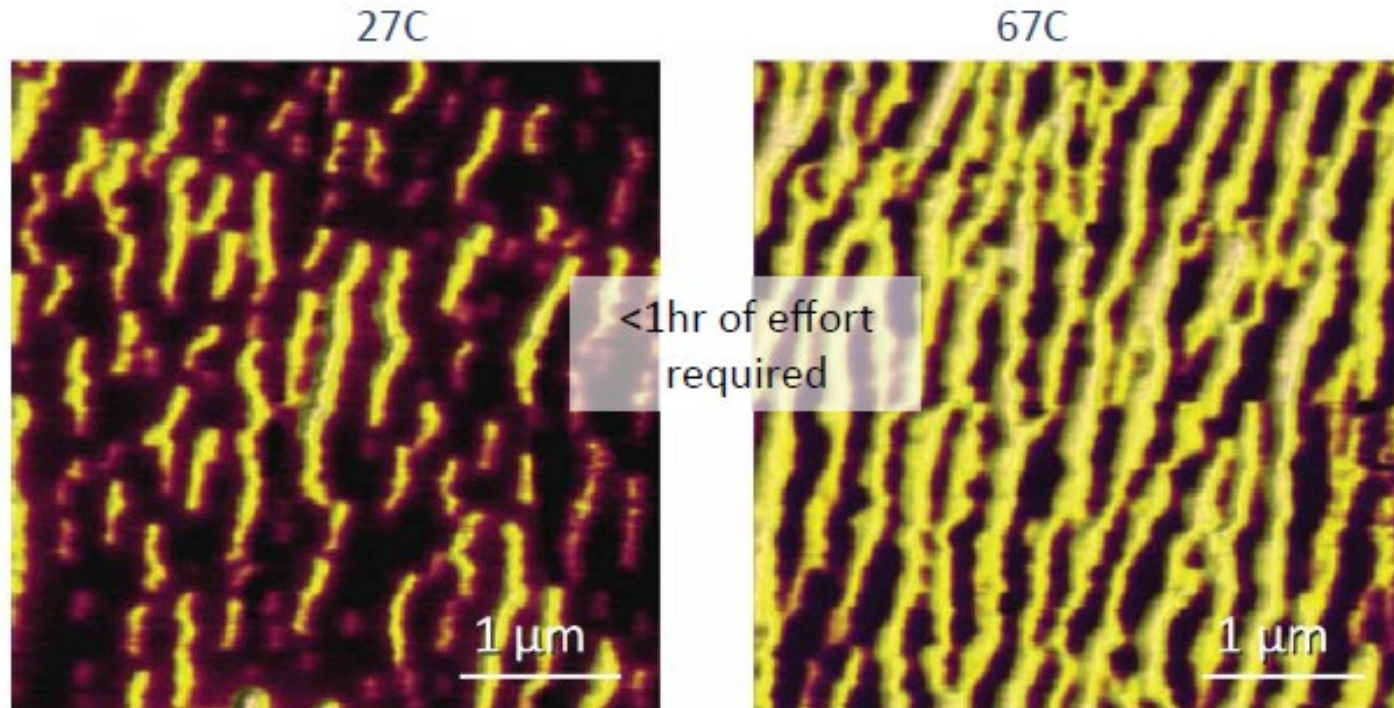


Temperature-dependent infrared near-field images of patterned VO₂/TiO₂ at 11 μm, revealing area-dependent insulator-to-metal phase transitions. The metallic phase is shown in cyan and the insulating phase in red

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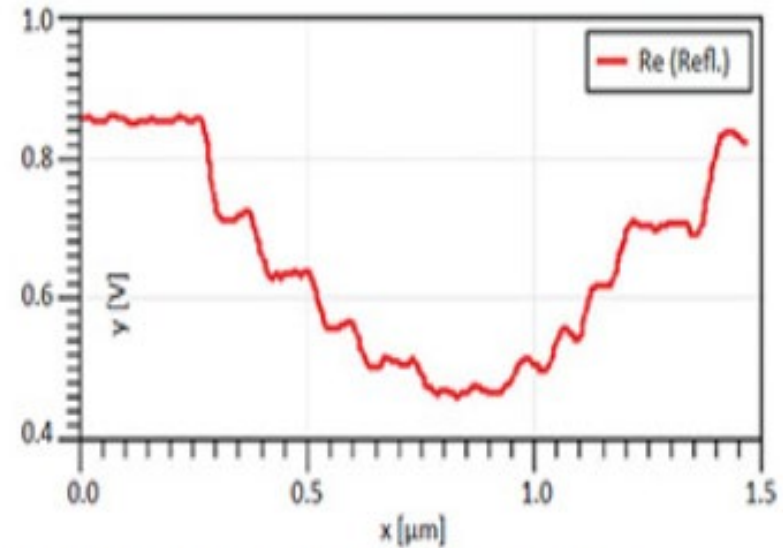
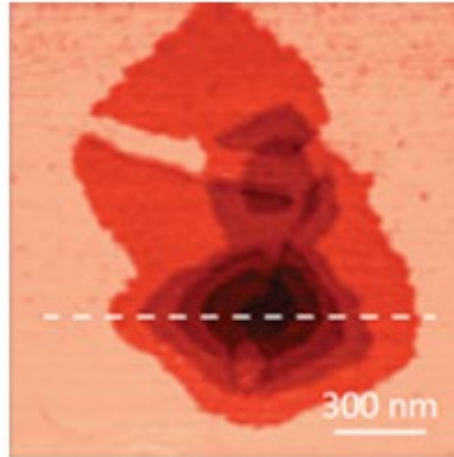
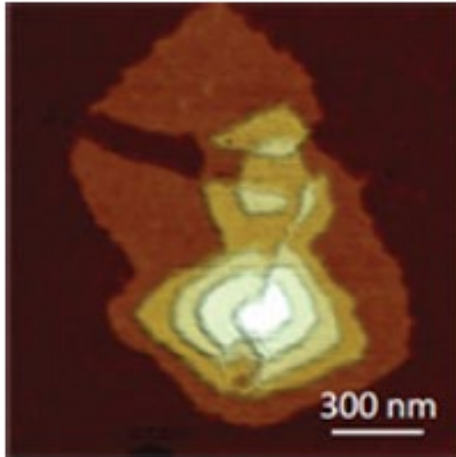
IR s-SNOM Reflection



- Superior high temperature performance: under 1 hour needed to acquire images 40C apart. Compare to days on competitor's system
- Low drift and high signal stability: <1um XY drift from 27 to 67C, no realignment of nanoReflection optics needed

Sample courtesy to prof. Liu (Stony Brook University, New York, USA)

IR s-SNOM: Ultrathin film of oligothiophene monolayers on silicon



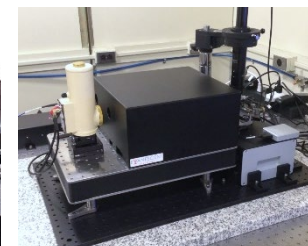
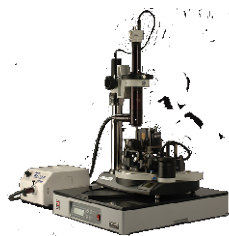
IR reflection contrast of thin and soft structures easily detectable. Each of five 3.4 nm steps is resolved. Spatial resolution is better than $\lambda/1000$.

Sample courtesy to Dr. A. Mourran (DWI, Aachen, Germany). Measured by Dr. G. Andreev (EVS Co)

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