

Mesure de champs cinématiques et de propriétés (visco)élastiques par Microscopie à Force Atomique (AFM)

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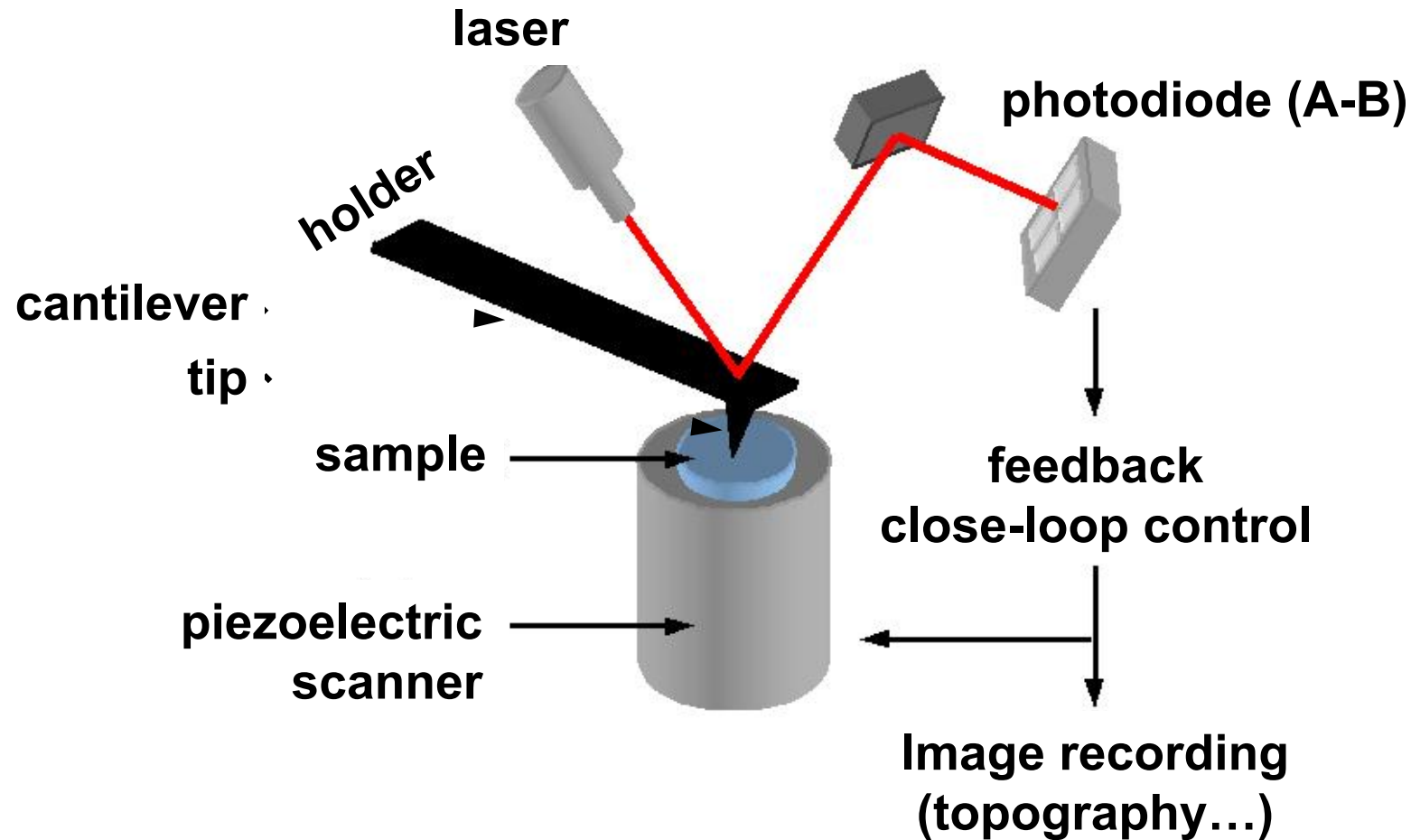
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- ➔ Cantilever

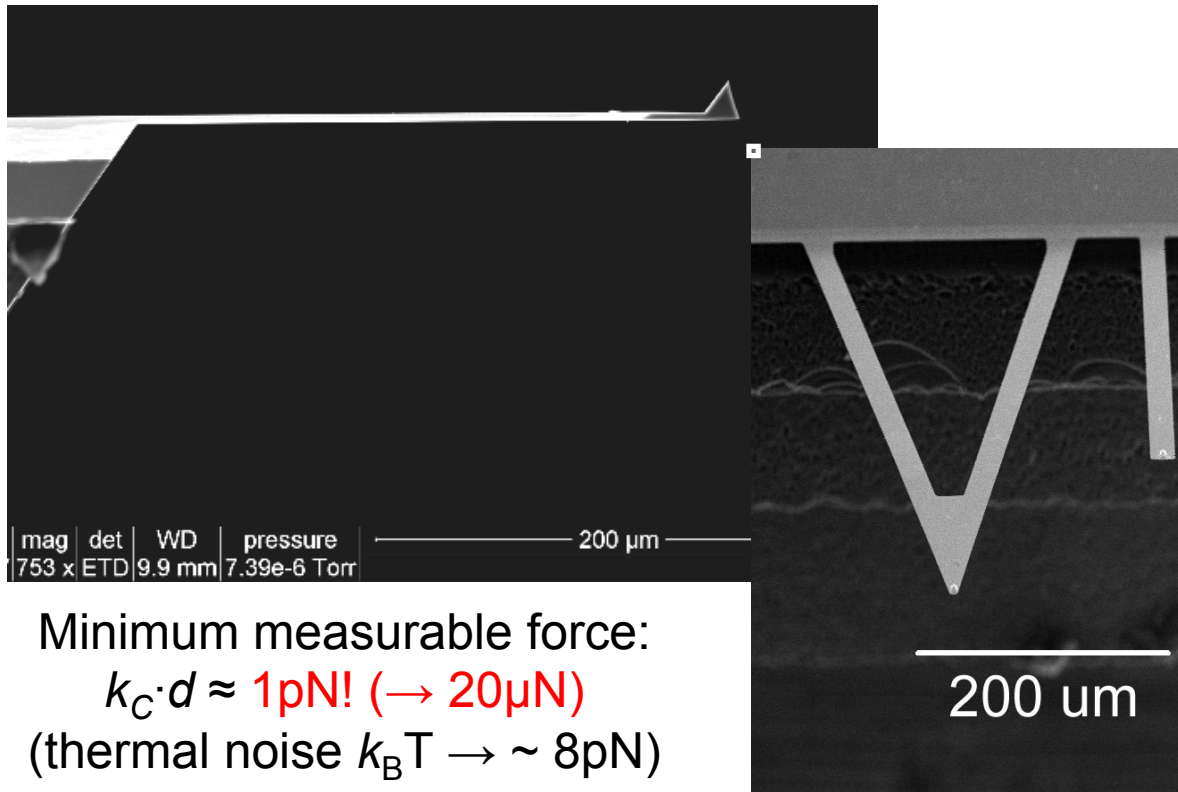
Stiffness k_C : 0.01 - 100N/m

Length L : 100-300 μ m

Width w : 10-50 μ m

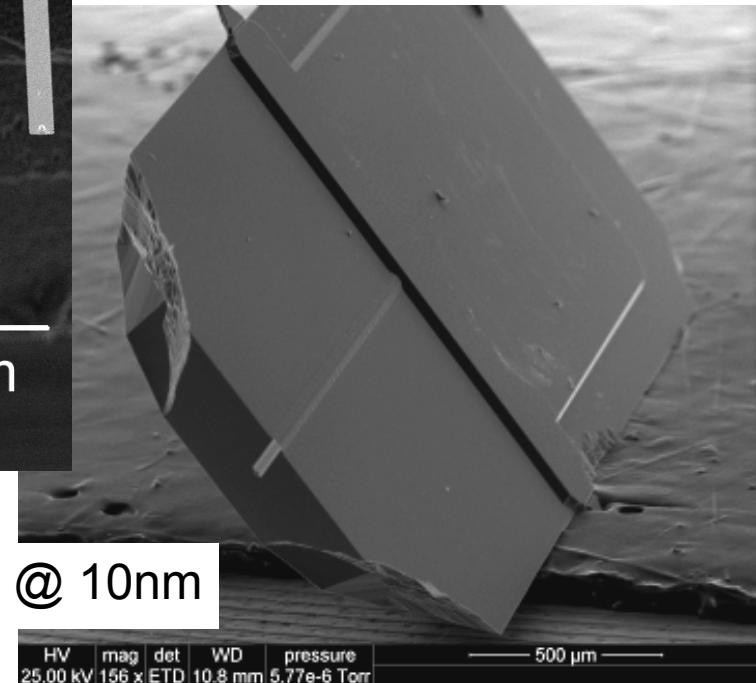
Thickness e : 0.3-4 μ m

Coating



Minimum measurable force:
 $k_C \cdot d \approx 1 \text{ pN! } (\rightarrow 20 \mu\text{N})$
 (thermal noise $k_B T \rightarrow \sim 8 \text{ pN}$)

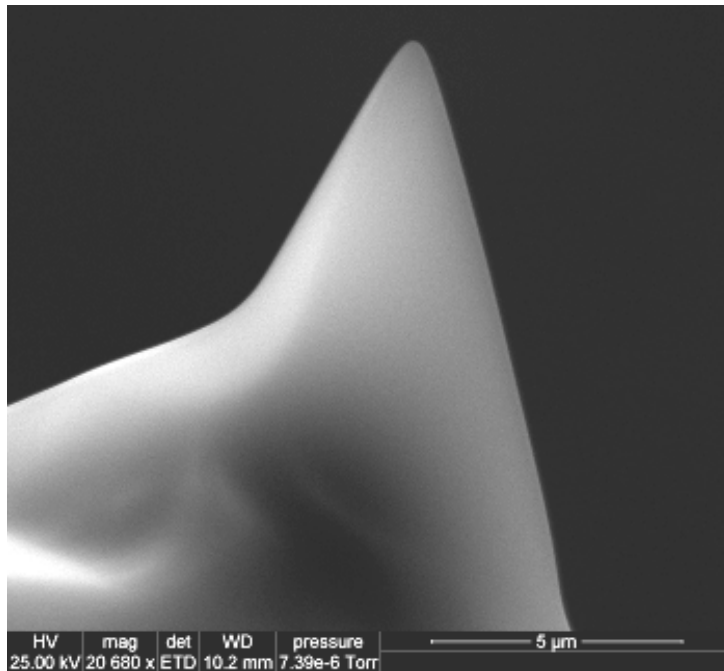
Ionic bond $\sim 10 \text{ nN}$ - covalent bond $\sim 1 \text{ nN}$
 van der Waals $\sim 50 \text{ pN @ nm}$ - electrostatic $\sim 0.1 \text{ nN @ } 10 \text{ nm}$
 capillarity $\sim 10 \text{ nN...}$



[NanoAndMore, NT-MDT, BudgetSensor, ...]

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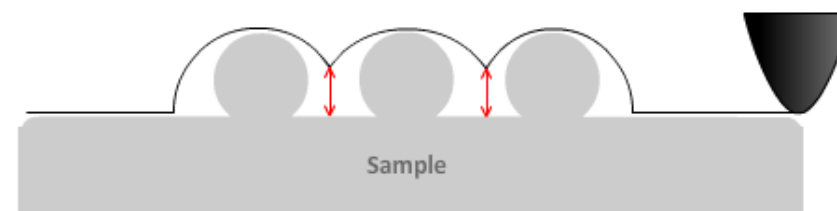
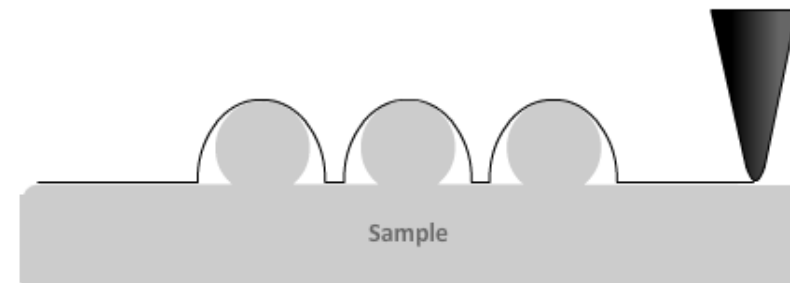
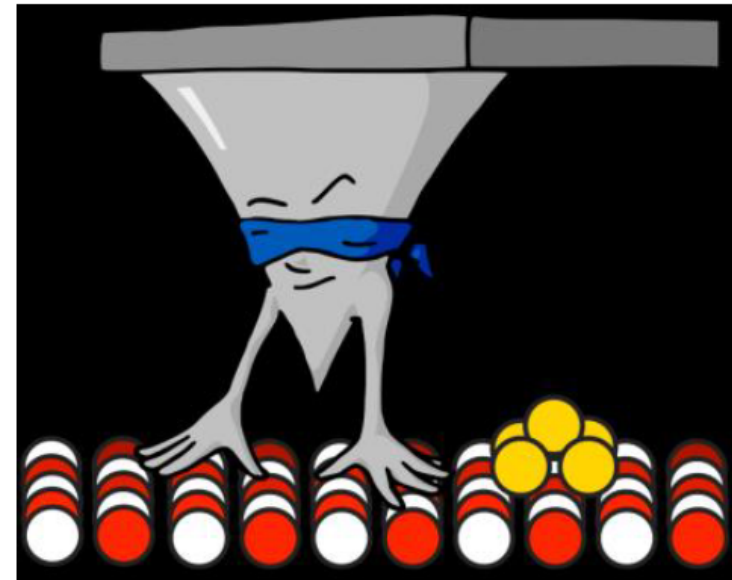
- Typical AFM setup
 - ➔ Tip... feels the surface!



Apex radius $R \approx 2\text{-}200\text{nm}$

Height $H \approx 10\mu\text{m}$

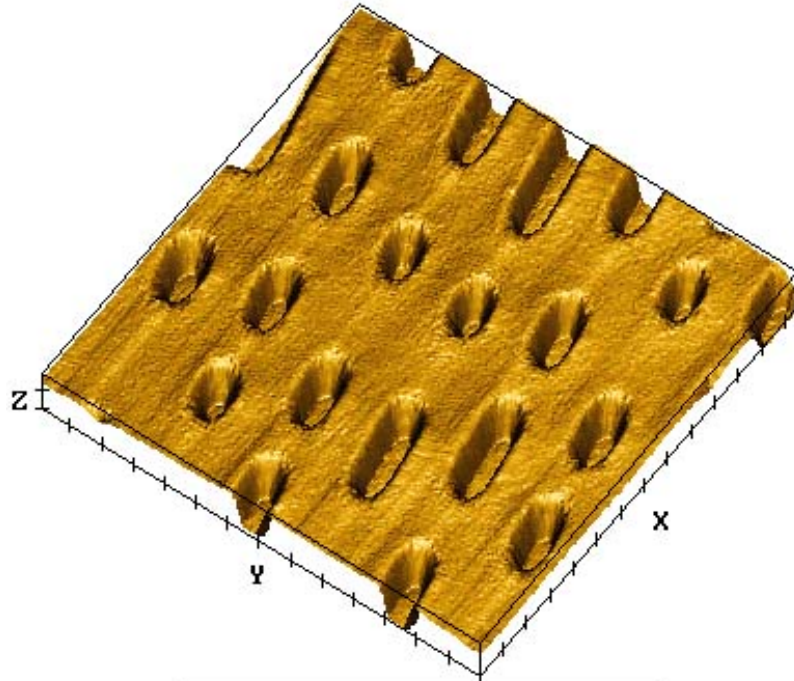
Coating, functionalization, ...



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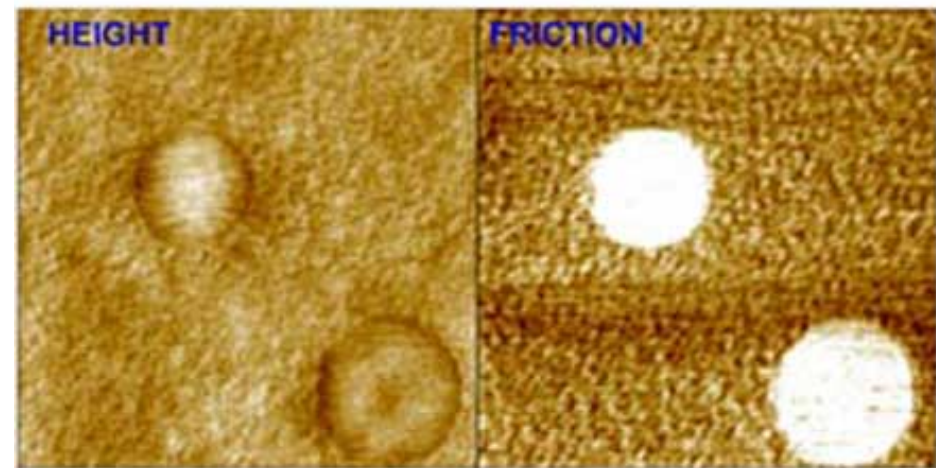
- Contact mode: constant height/force and friction



SCALE X:1 μM Y:1 μM Z:0.1 μM

CD disk surface
[www.ntmdt.com]

±Fast scan speed in constant force mode
(topography/closed-loop feedback)
Limited topography in height force mode
Tip wear
~Poor resolution (surface deformation,
large tip surface contact area)

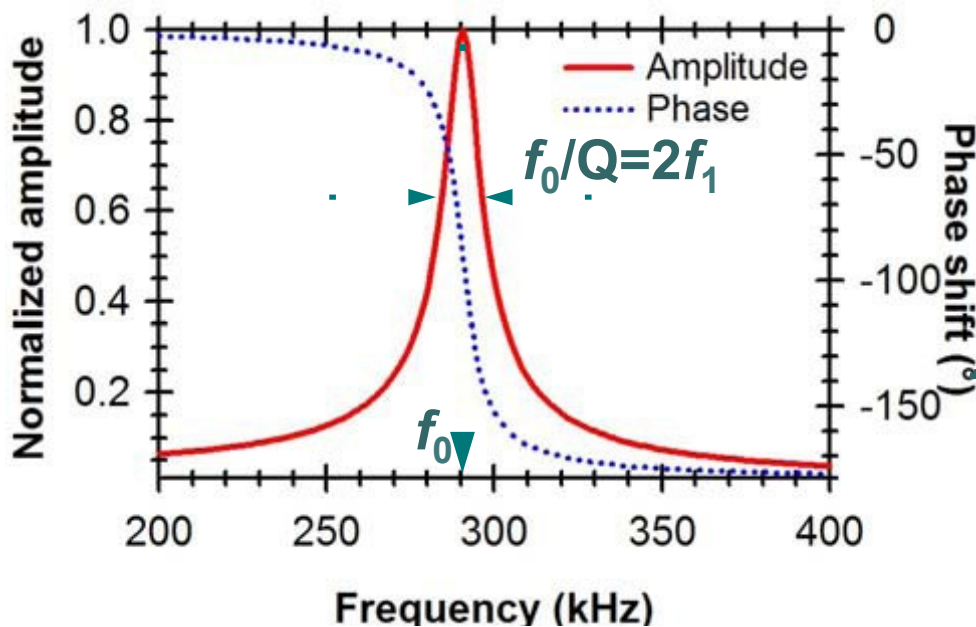


PS-PMMA polymer blend
[Feldman et al., *Langmuir*, 1998]

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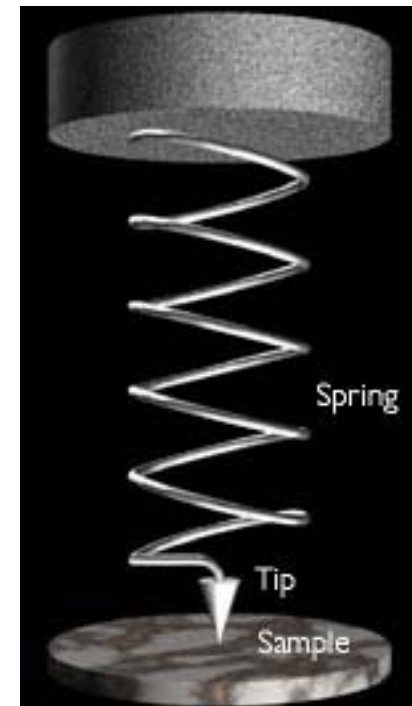
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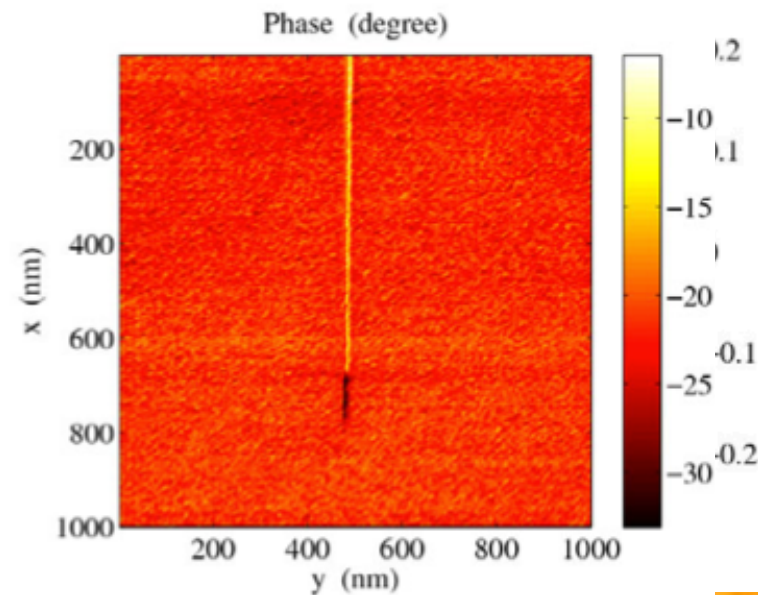
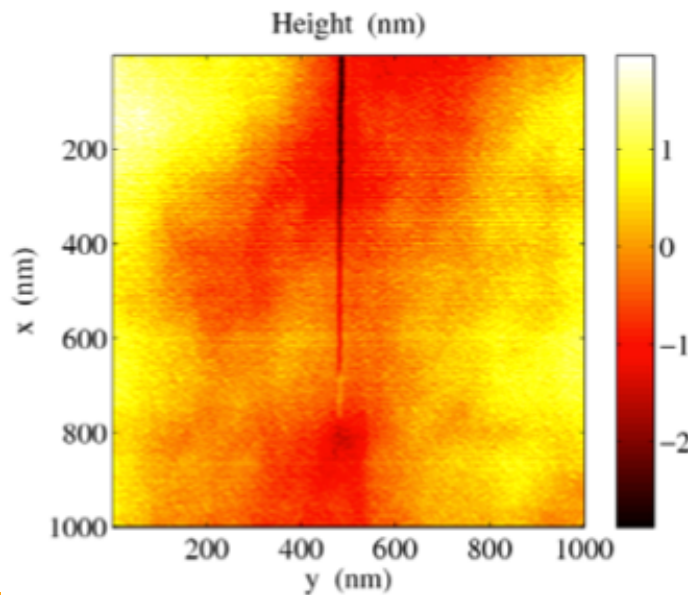
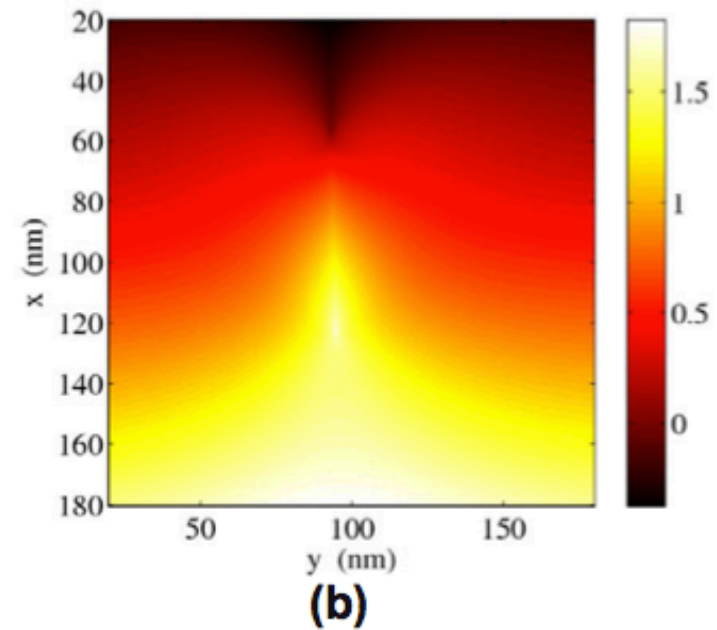
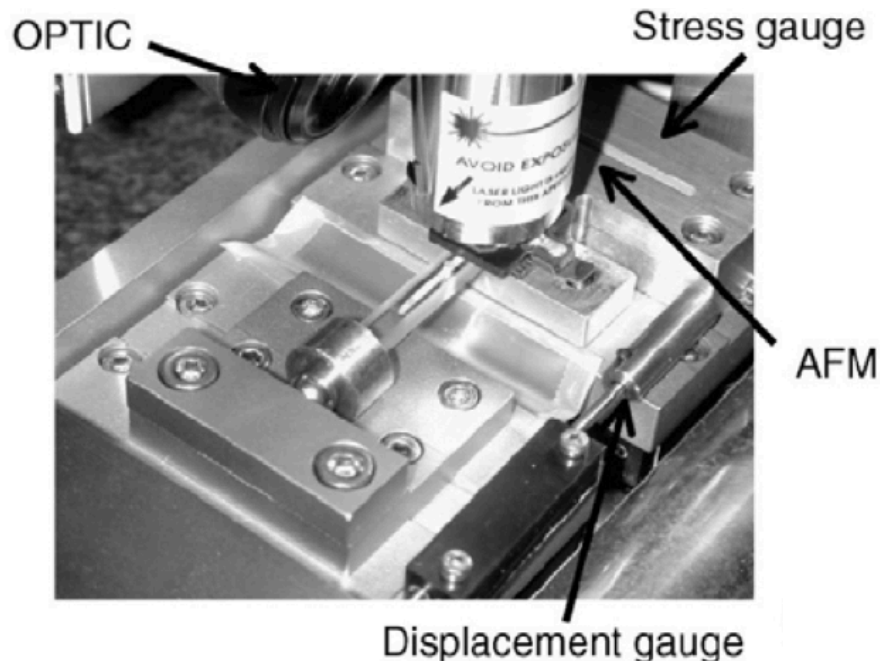
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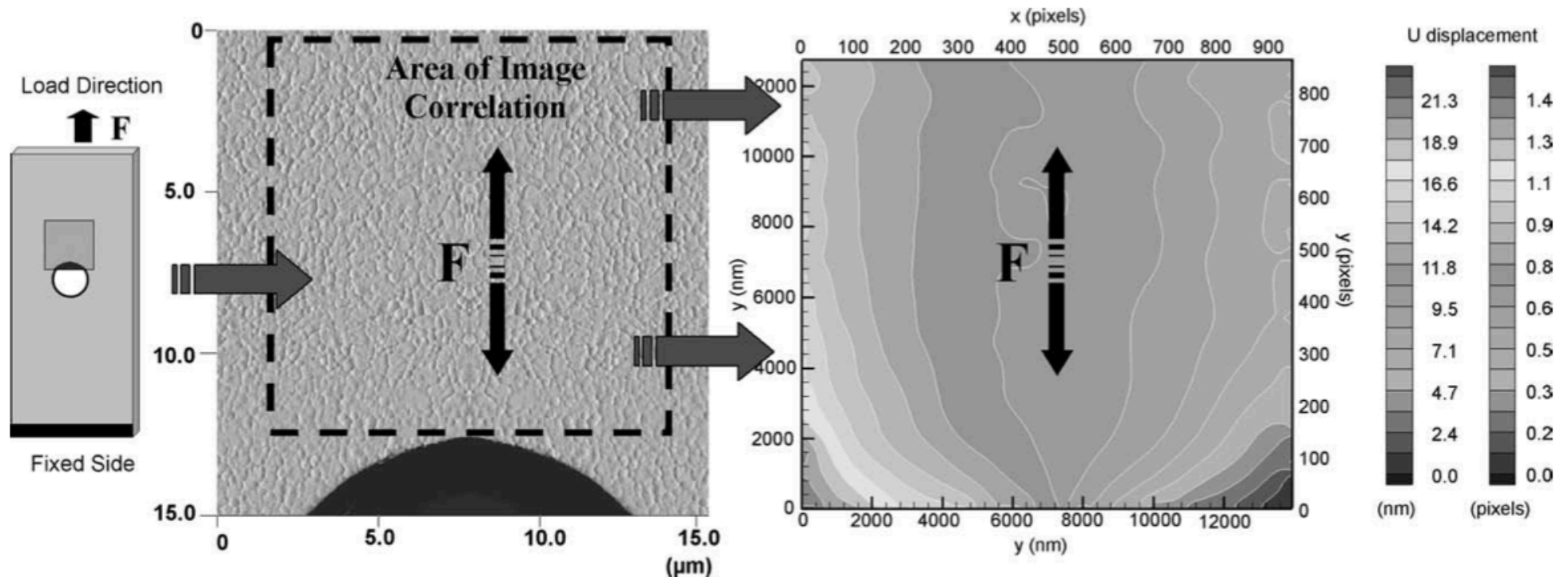
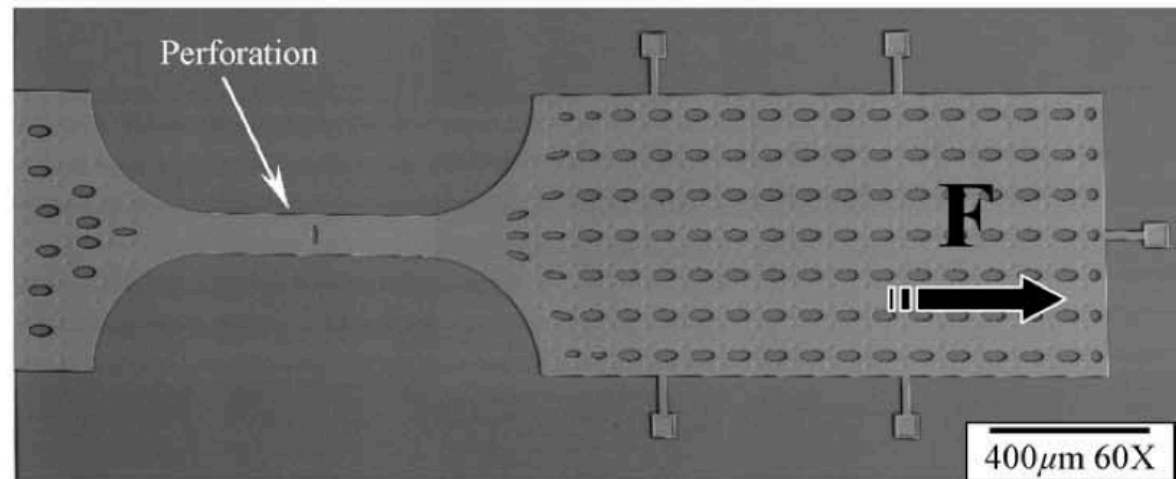
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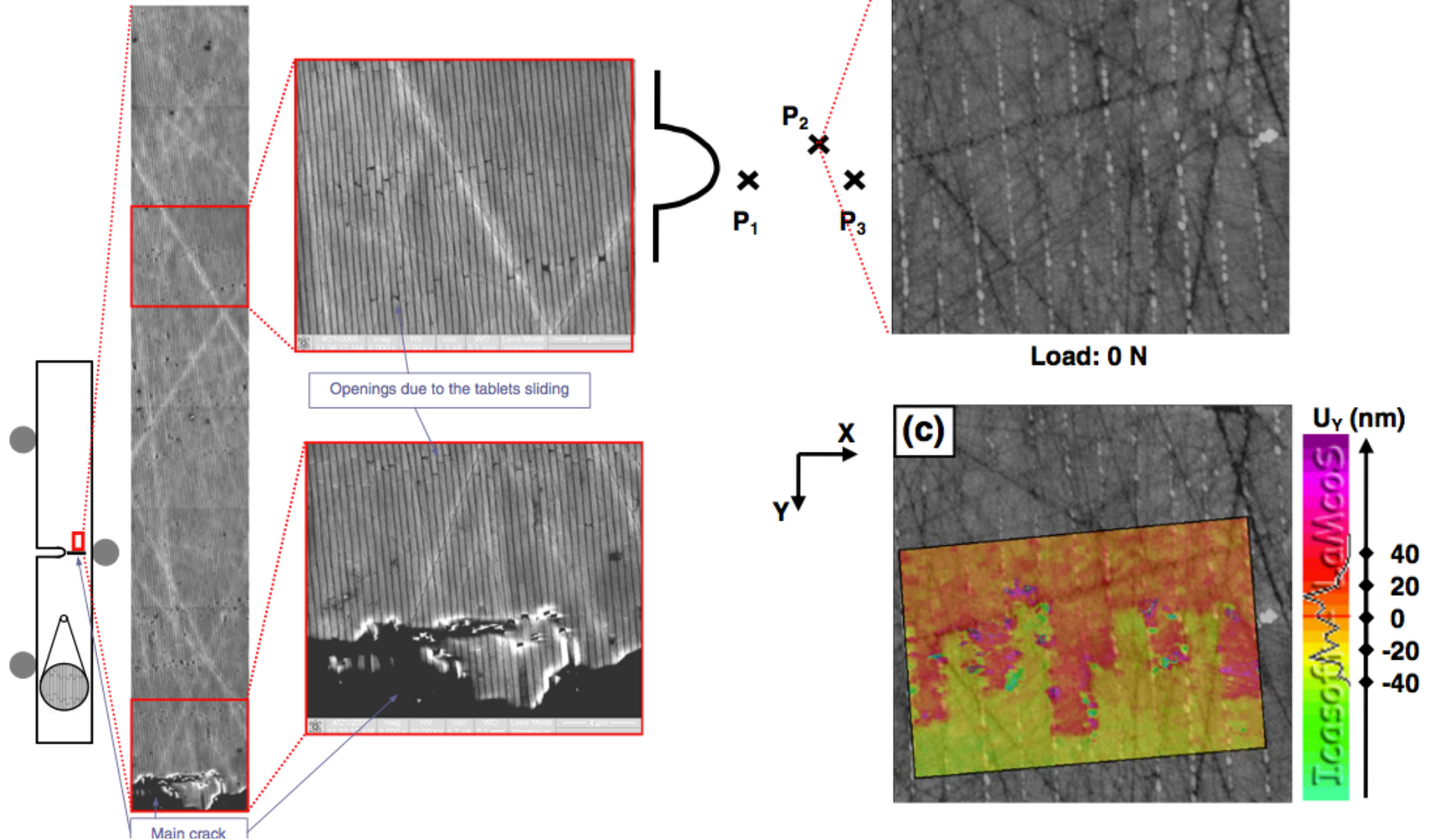
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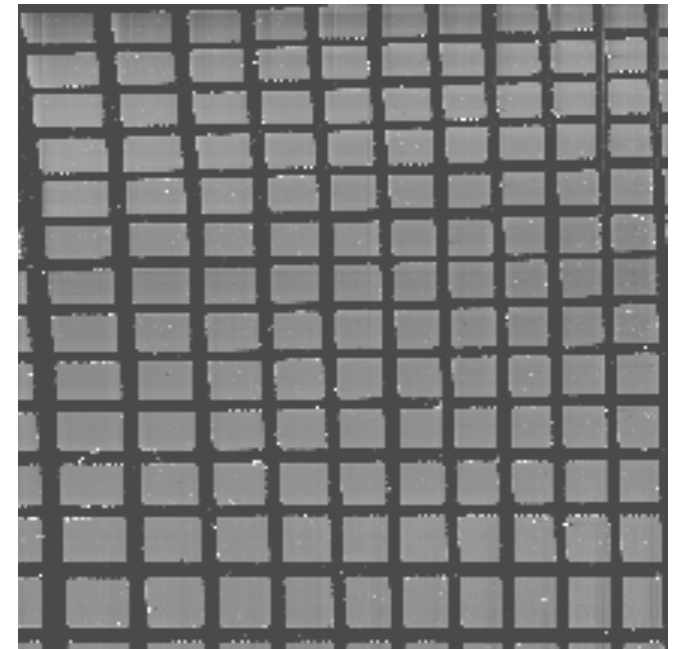
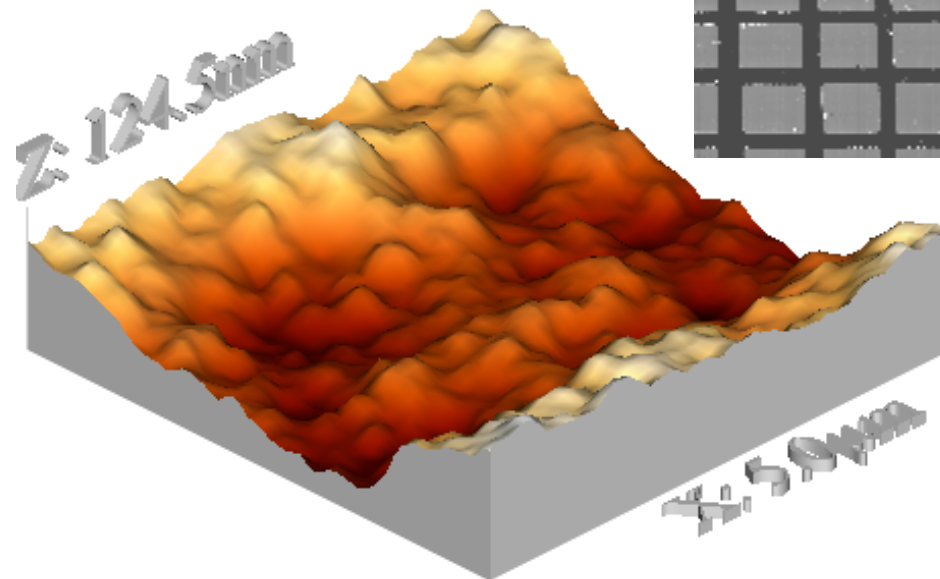
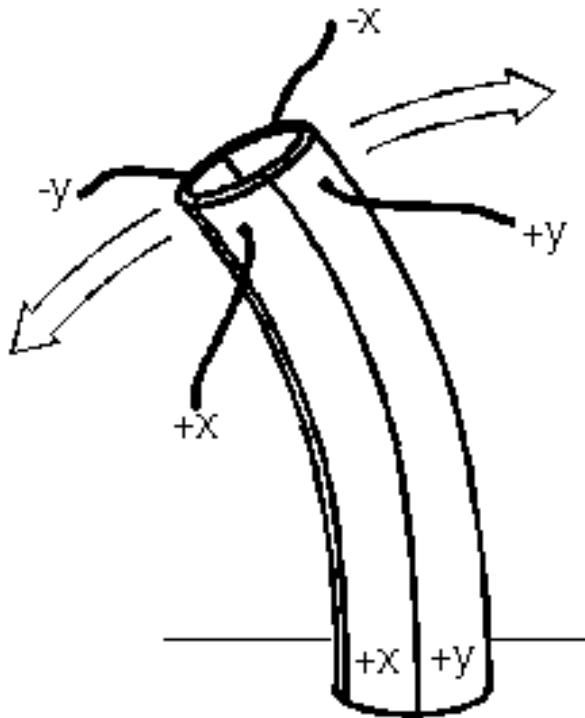
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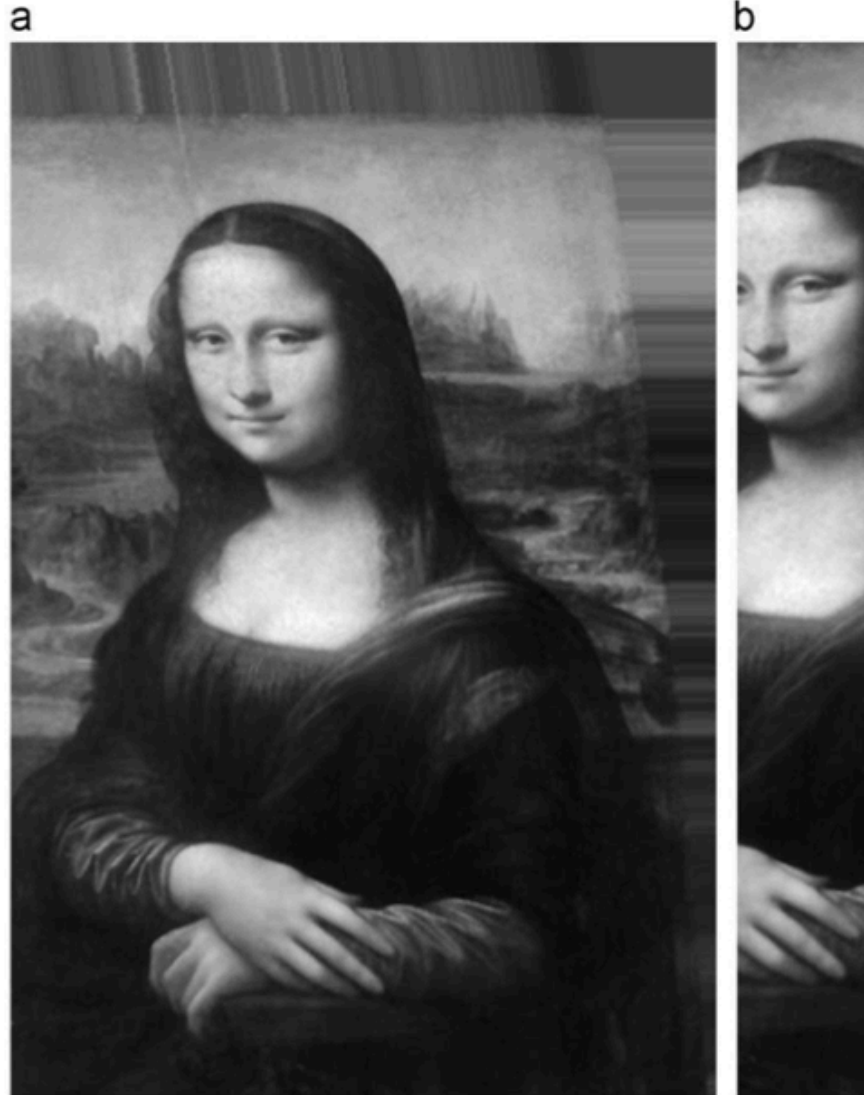
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- Non-linear piezo-scanner response + ageing/creep + thermal drift
- Background bow/tilt



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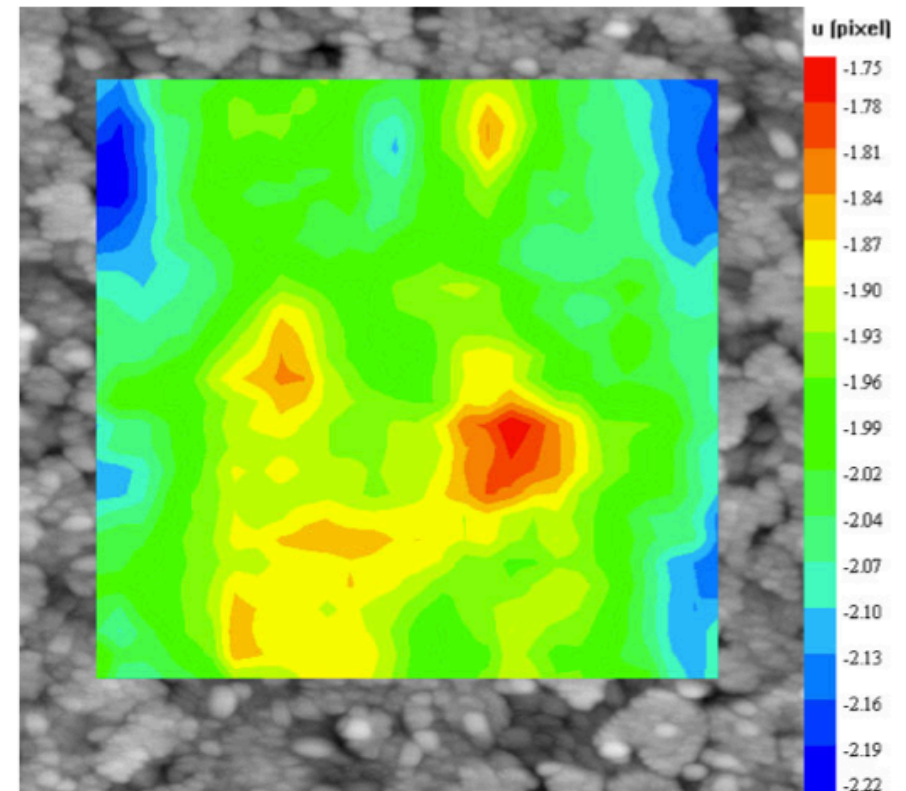
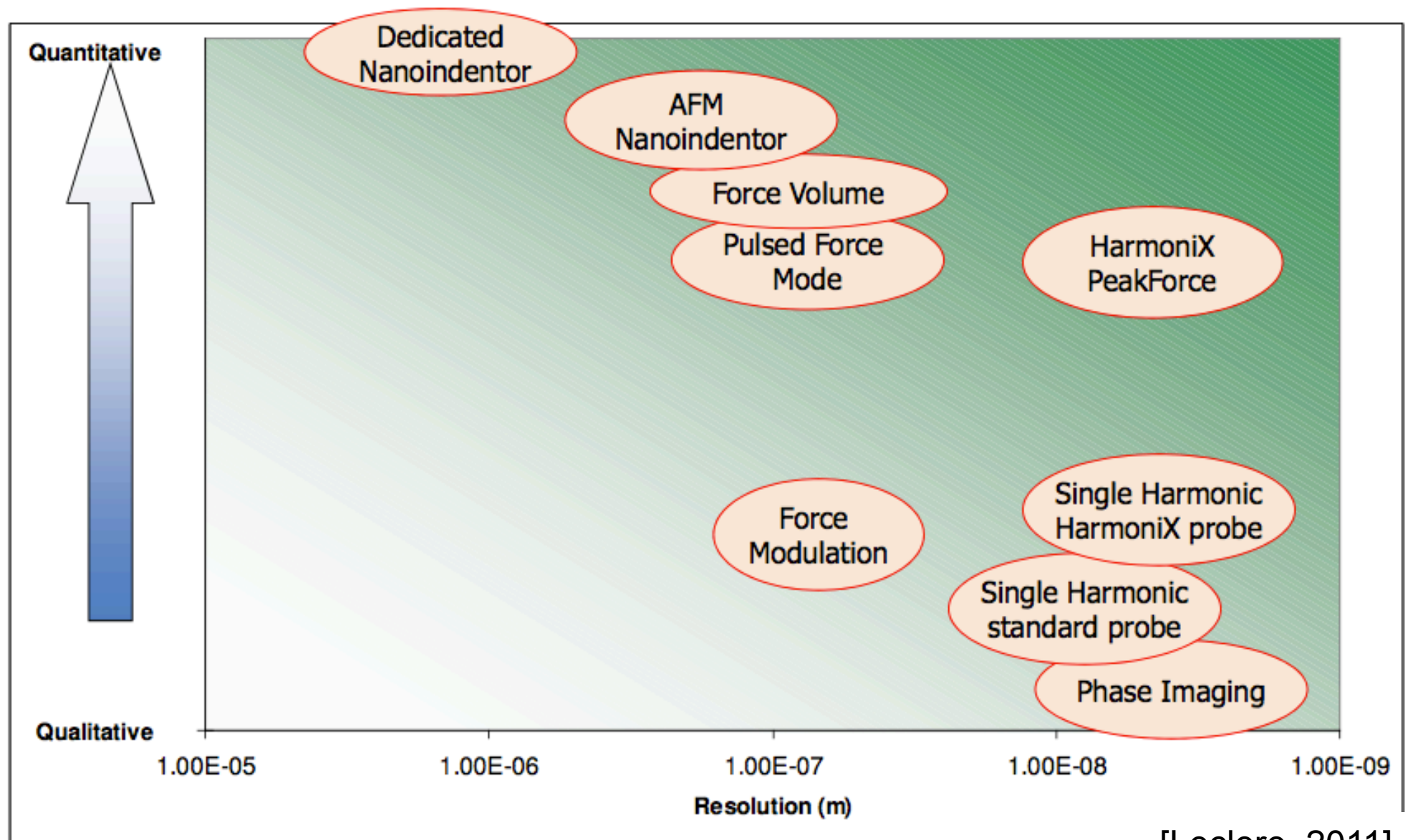


Figure 3. u -displacement in the horizontal/fast-scan direction between a 'trace' image and its 'retrace' image with size 512×512 pixels.

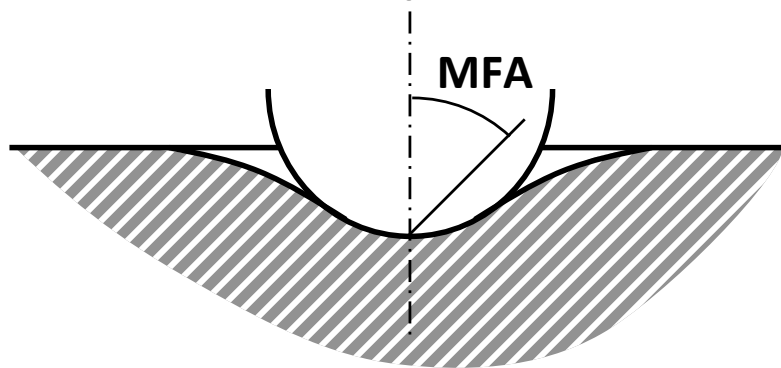
Mesure de champs de propriétés



[Leclere, 2011]

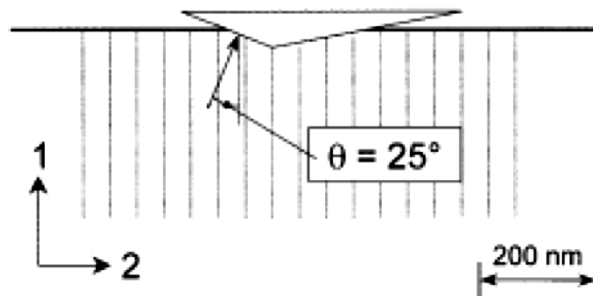
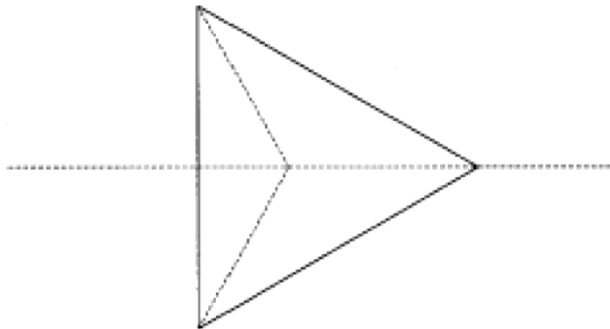
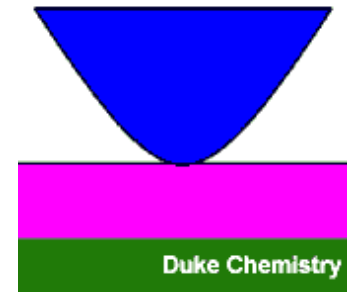
Nano-Indentation

Effet du comportement anisotrope de la paroi



Théorie de Hertz
pour un solide isotrope

$$\frac{1}{E^*} \approx \frac{1 - \nu_e^2}{E_e} = \frac{1}{M_N}$$



[Gindl et Schöberl, Comp. A, 2004]

Pour un solide orthotrope dans les axes principaux
[Delafargue et Ulm, Int. J. Sol. Struct., 2004]

$$M_3^2 = 4 \sqrt{\frac{\frac{C_{11}C_{33} - C_{13}^2}{C_{11}} \cdot \frac{C_{22}C_{33} - C_{23}^2}{C_{22}}}{\left(\frac{1}{C_{44}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{C_{11}C_{33} + C_{13}}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{C_{55}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{C_{22}C_{33} + C_{23}}}\right)}}$$

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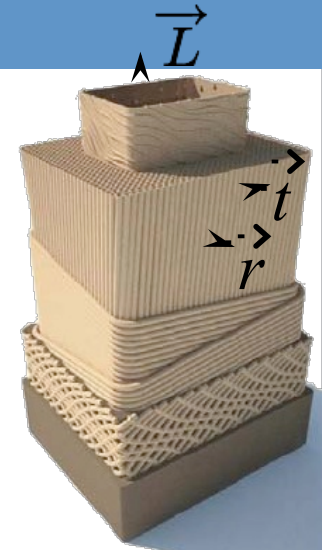
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Couche S2 typique de peuplier
(30% cellulose cristalline + 70% matrice, AMF~0°)

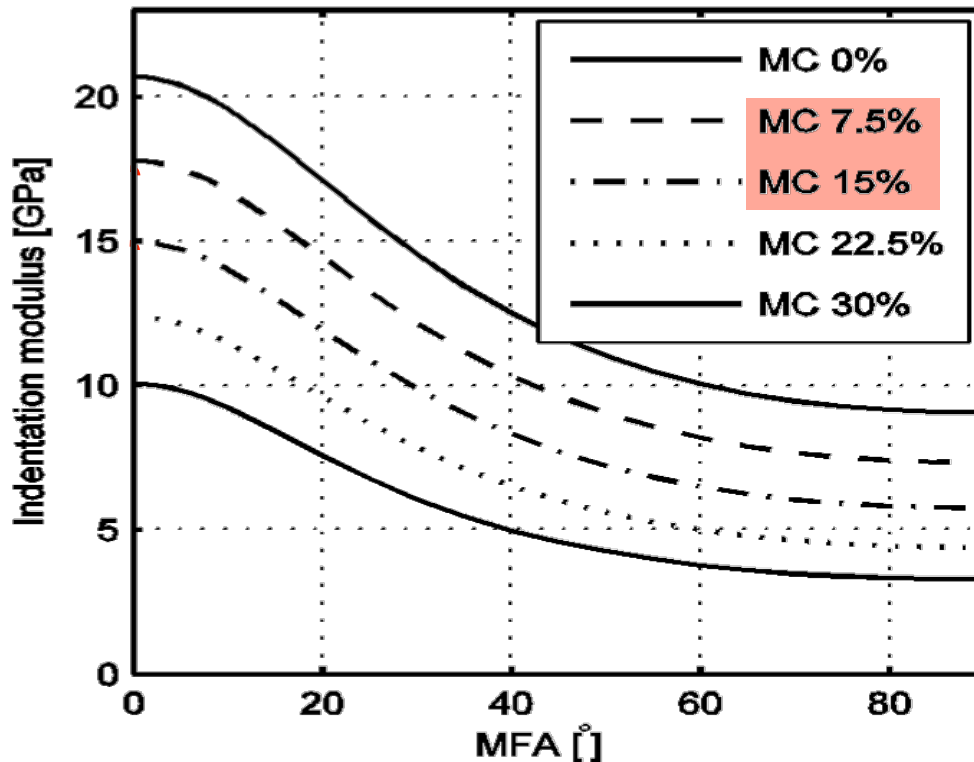
$$E_L \approx 45 \text{ GPa}, E_t \approx E_r \approx 12 \text{ GPa}, \nu_{tL} \approx \nu_{rL} \approx 0,028, \nu_{rt} \approx 0,28$$

$$G_{tL} \approx G_{rL} \approx 2,5 \text{ GPa}, G_{rt} \approx 2 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\rightarrow M_L \approx 19 \text{ GPa} \text{ et } M_{r_{out}} \approx 9,5 \text{ GPa}$$



[Eder, thèse, 2007]



Pour un solide anisotrope hors axes...
[Vlassak *et al.*, J. Mech. Phys. Sol., 2003]

Appliqué dans le cas d'une
couche S2 (typique de pin)
[Jäger *et al.*, Comp. A, 2011]

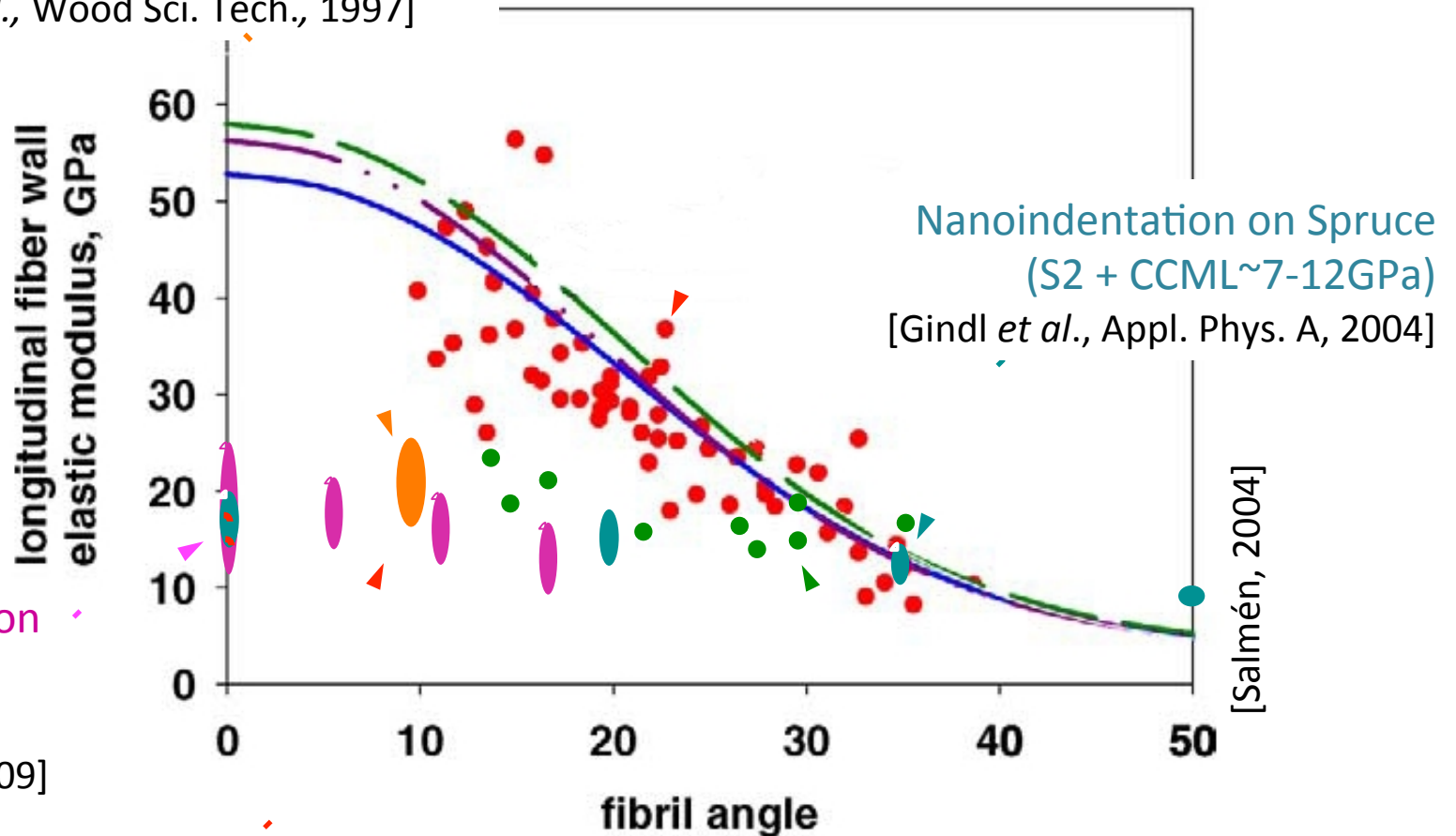
Nano-Indentation

Nanoindentation on Spruce
(S2-AMF? + CCML ~ 5-10GPa)

[Wimmer *et al.*, Wood Sci. Tech., 1997]

Tensile test on Pine stick

[Cave et Hutt, Wood Sci. Tech., 1969]



Nanoindentation on Spruce

[Konnerth *et al.*, J. Mater. Sci., 2009]

Anisotropic indentation model (7,5-15%)

[Vlassak *et al.*, J. Mech. Phys. Sol., 2003]
[Jäger *et al.*, Comp. A, 2011]

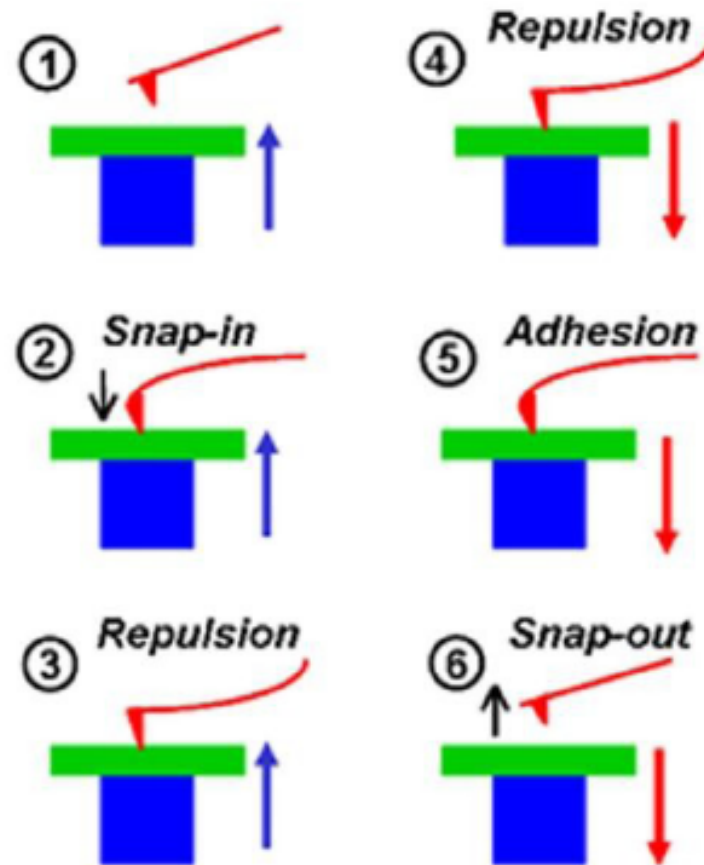
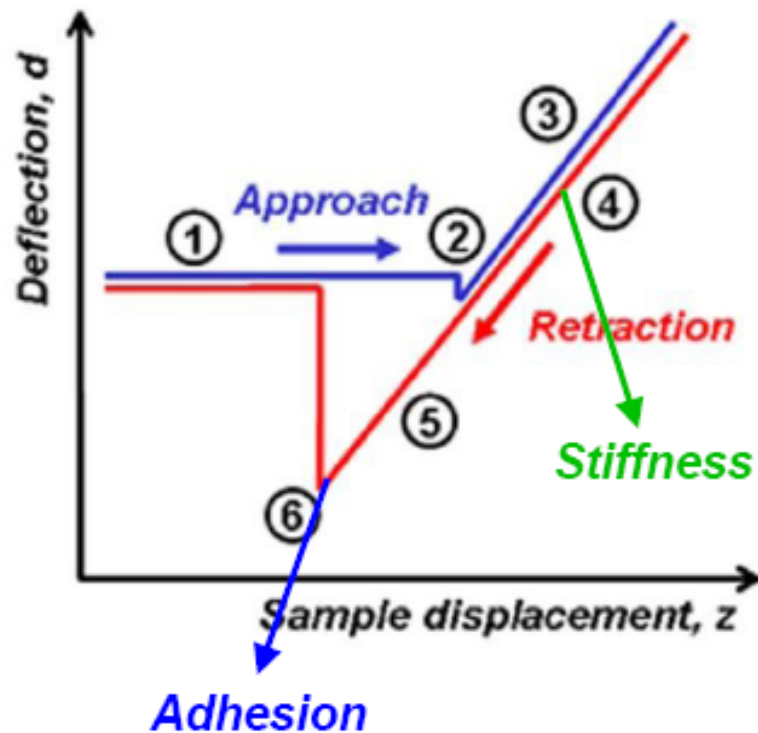
Nanoindentation on Pine (S2)

[Tze *et al.*, Comp. A, 2007]

Contact mode

- Force-distance curves (spectroscopy)

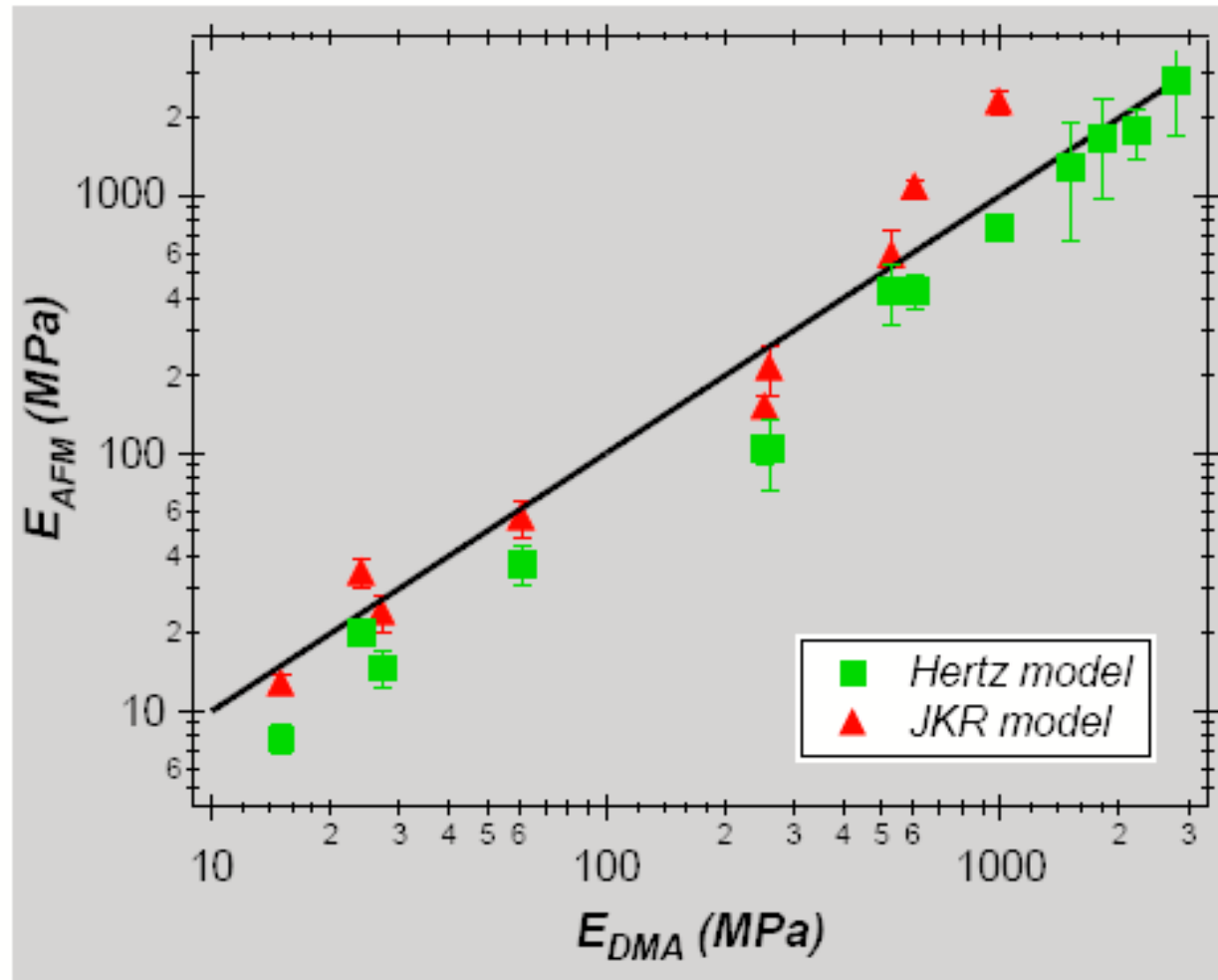
- Contact stiffness
- Adhesion force



[B. Nysten, 2007]

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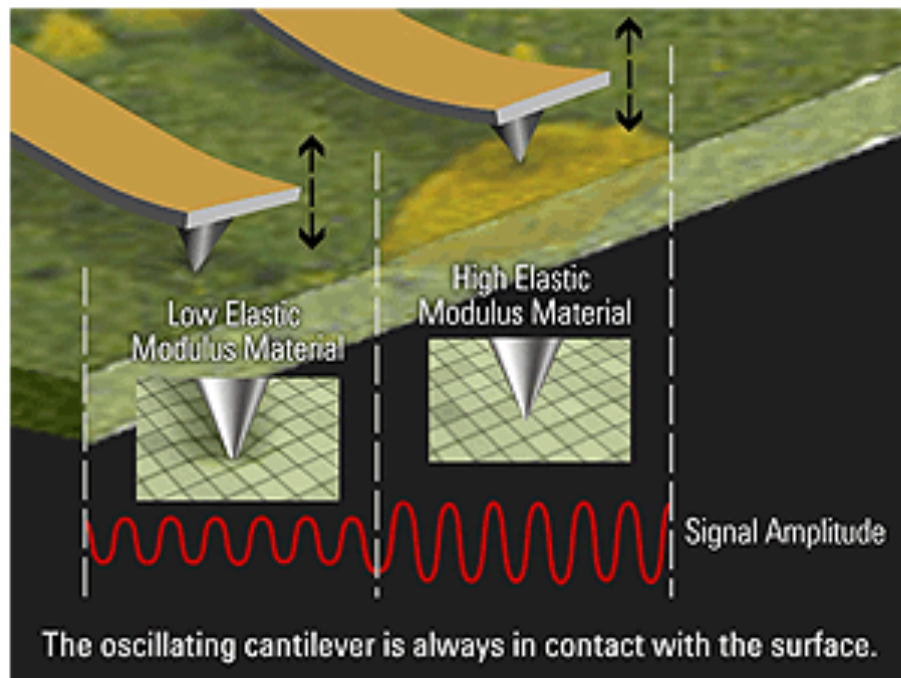
[E. Tomasetti et al., Nanotechnology, 1998]

Comparative study on different polymers

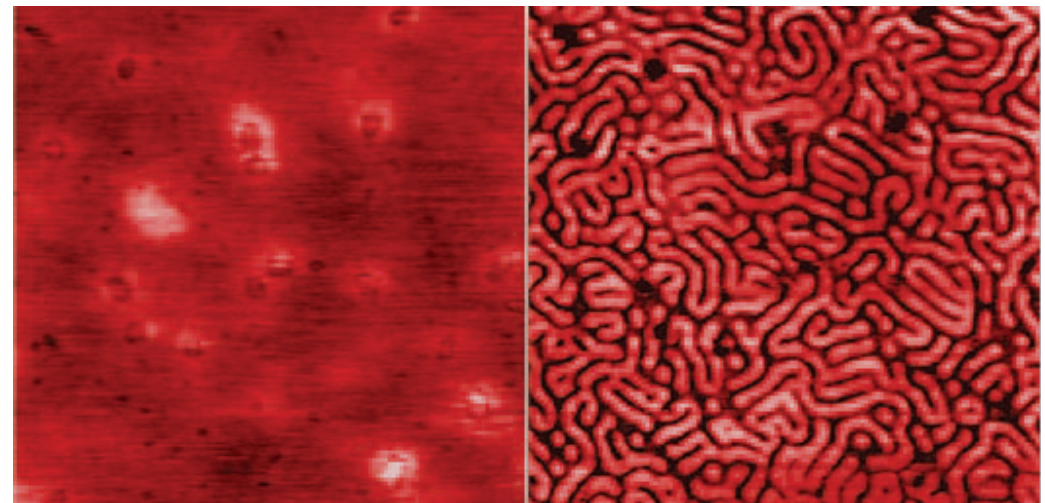
Contact mode

- Force Modulation ~ DMA

- Few nm oscillations @ few kHz, longitudinal or transversal!
- Cantilever vibration **amplitude** and **phase-shift** related to surface **elastic** and **viscoelastic** properties
- Same limitations as F-d curves but better resolution ($\approx 100\text{nm}$ on polymer) and lower imaging time (scan rate < 0.5 line/s)



[www.afmuniversity.org]



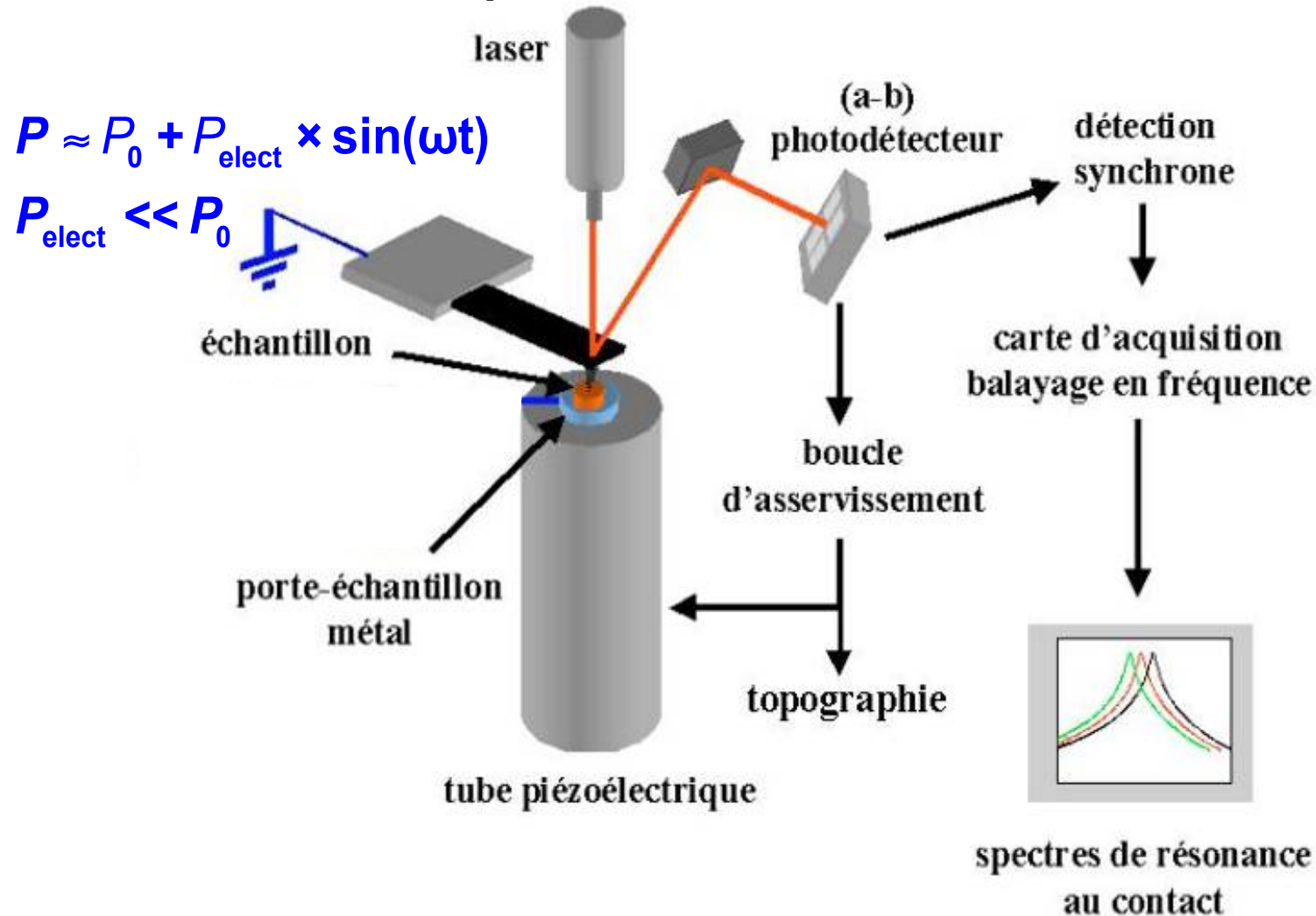
Topography and force modulation images (900nm scans) of a two-phase block copolymer (softer = black)

[www.veeco.com]

Caractérisation par CR-AFM

Principe

[Arinéro et al., Rev. Sci. Inst., 2007]

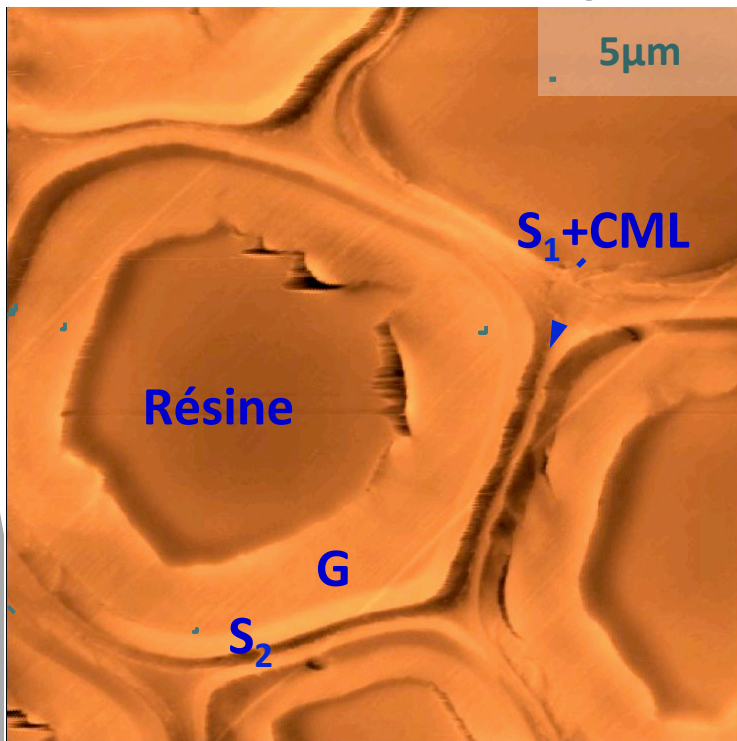


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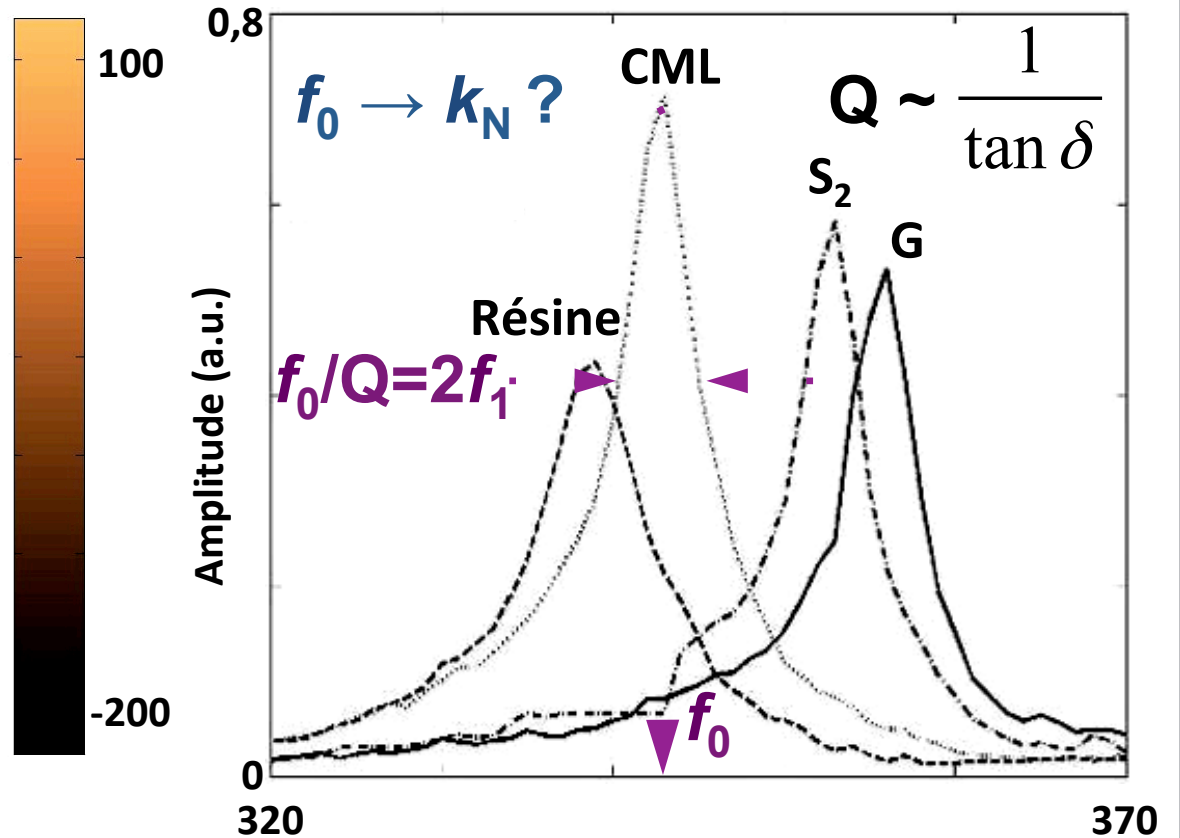
Principe

[Arnould et Arinéro, Comp. Part A, 74 (2015) 69–76]

Bois de tension de châtaignier



Topographie (nm)



Spectres en fréquence (kHz)

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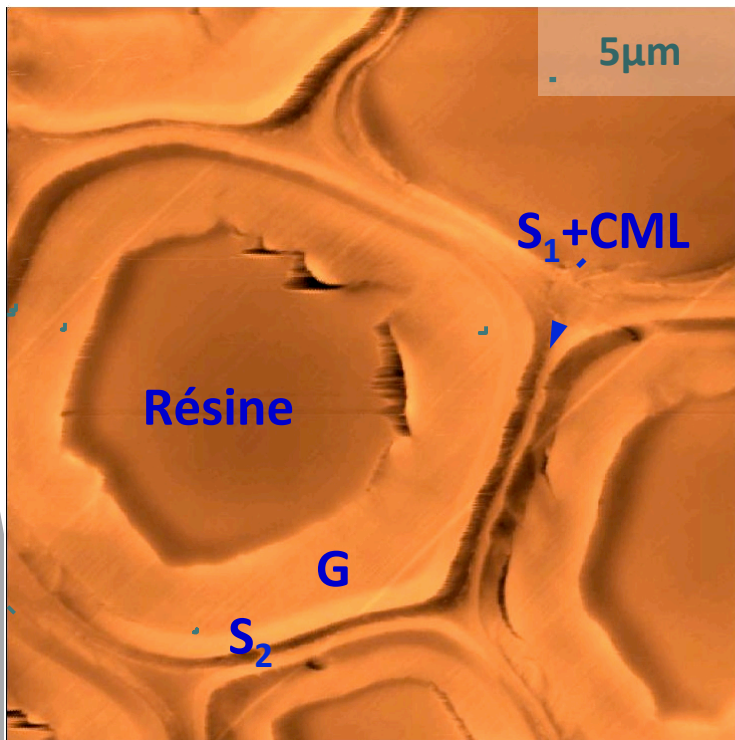
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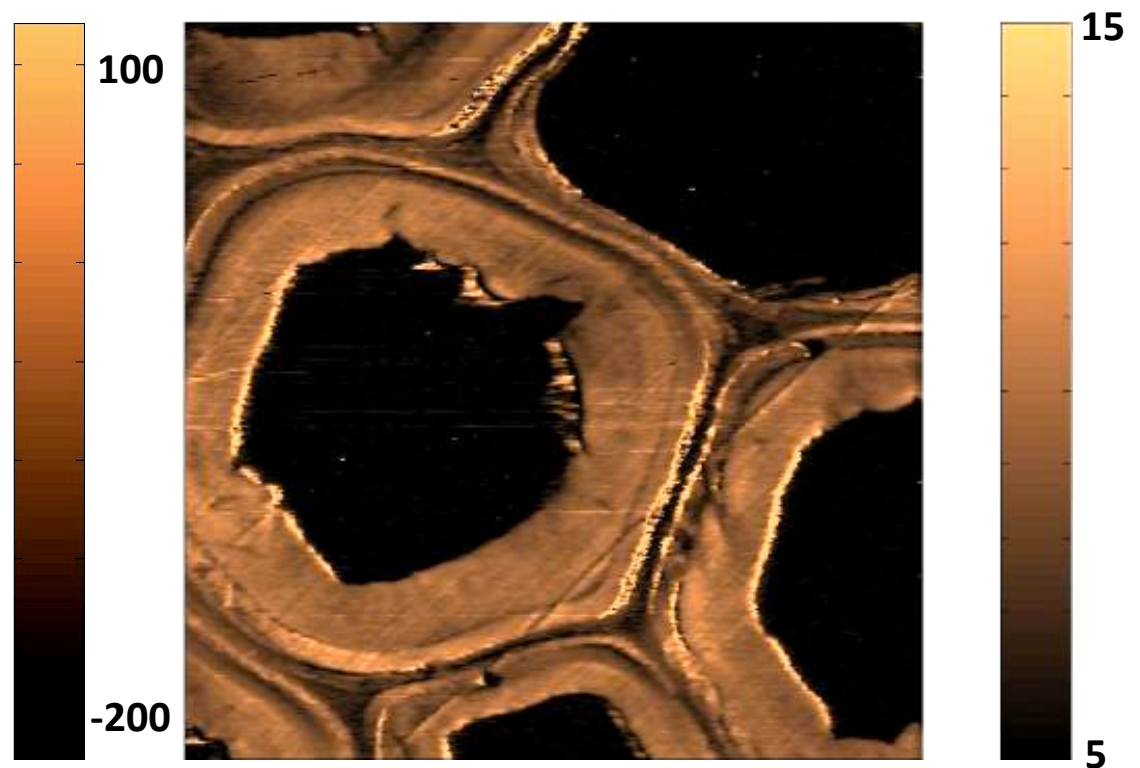
Imagerie

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Module de contact (GPa)

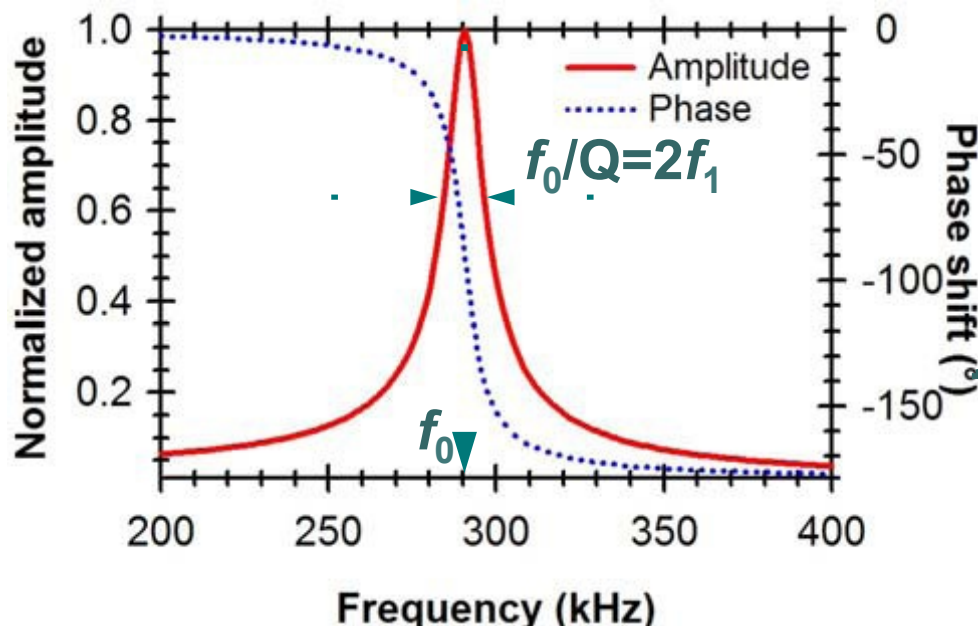
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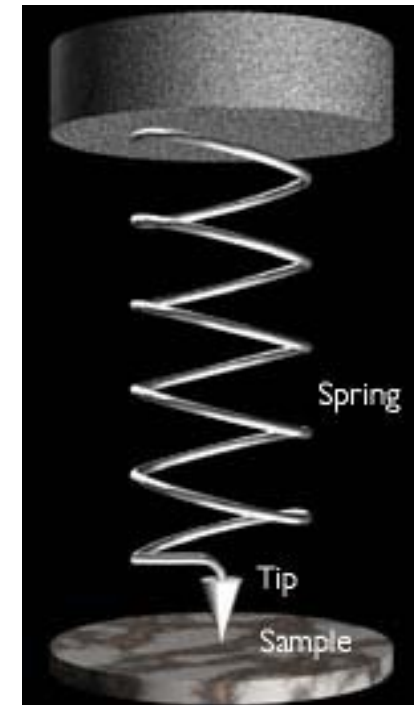
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High vacuum

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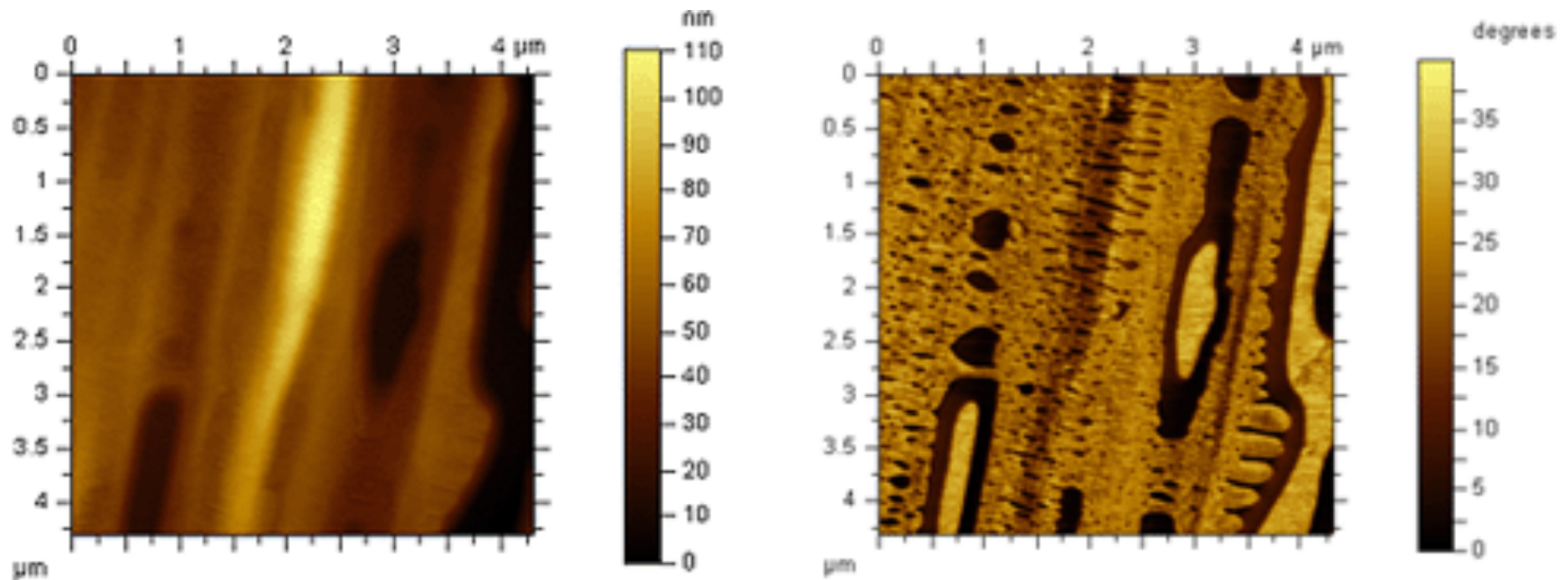
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(Figure 8a & b) Topographic (Left) and phase image (Right) of polydiethylsiloxane polymer

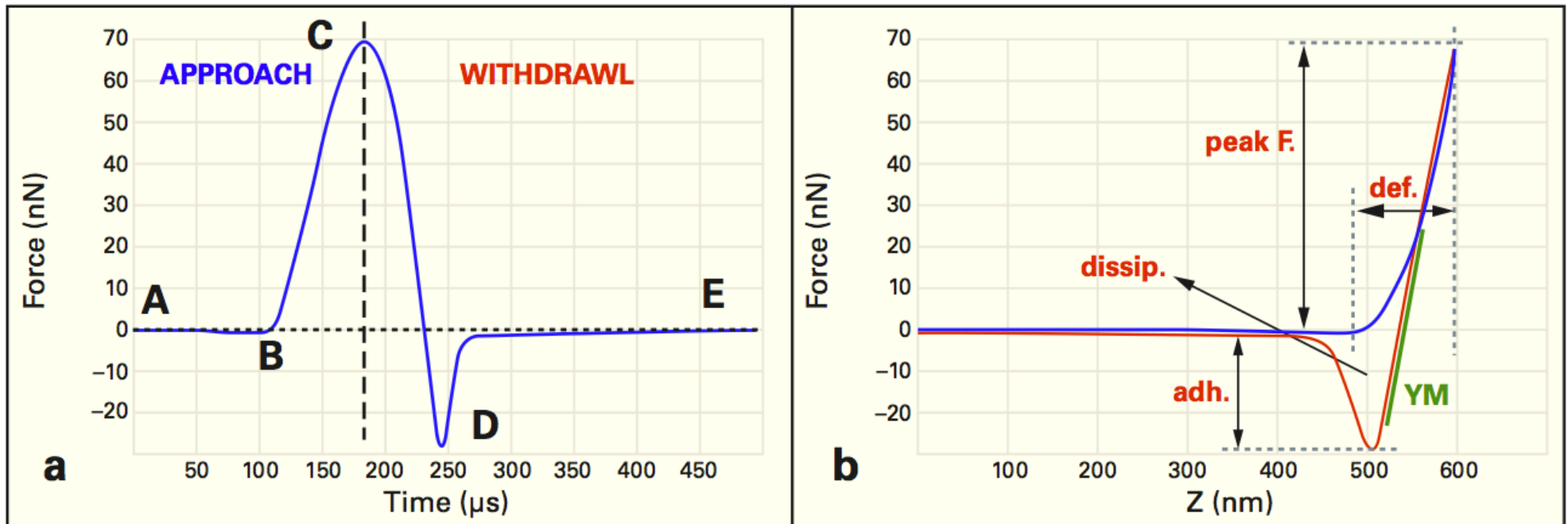
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Contact intermittent

- Peak Force Quantitative NanoMechanical (QNM)

[www.bruker-axs.com]

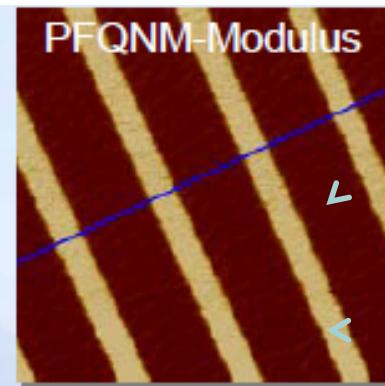
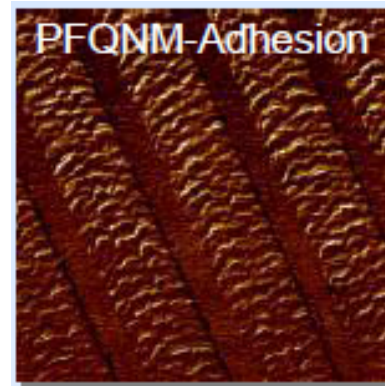
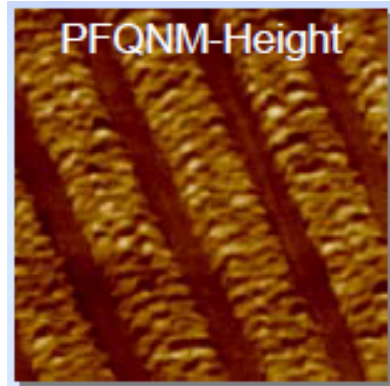
- Tapping at some kHz (far below the resonance frequency) and force curve recording



Quantitative nanomechanics QNM

Multilayered polymer film

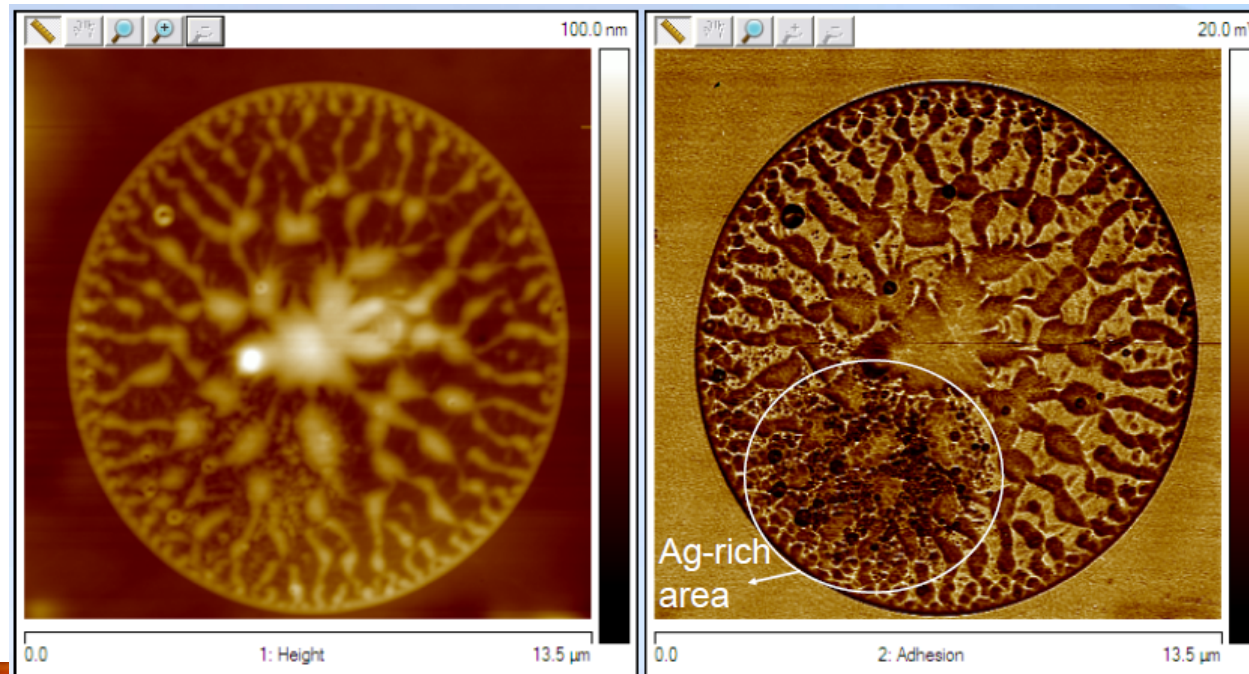
10 μm scans



100 MPa

300 MPa

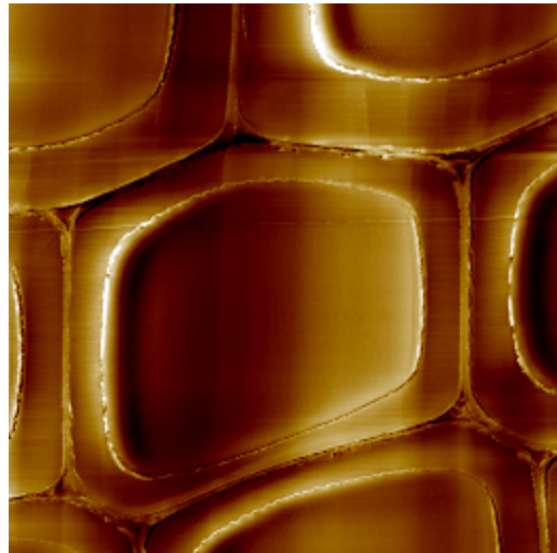
PMMA with Ag nanoparticles on glass



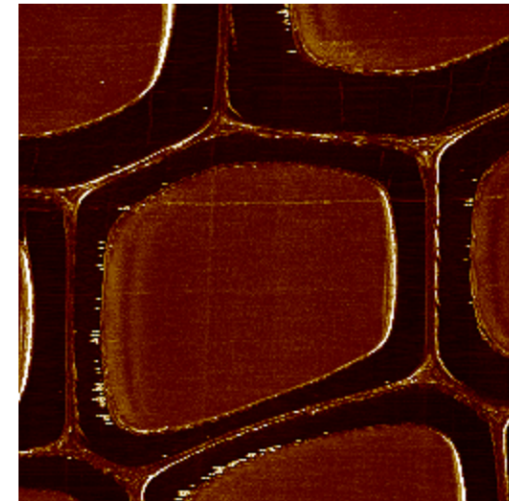
The Adhesion image clearly differentiates the PMMA from the substrate and from the Ag particles.

PeakForce QNM application to wood

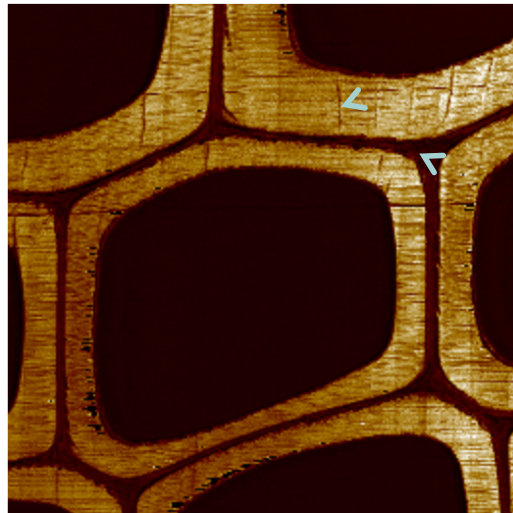
- Spruce wood [TU Zvolen]



0.0 Height 40.0 μm

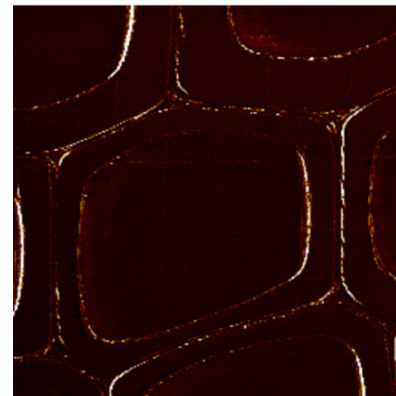


0.0 Deformation 40.0 μm

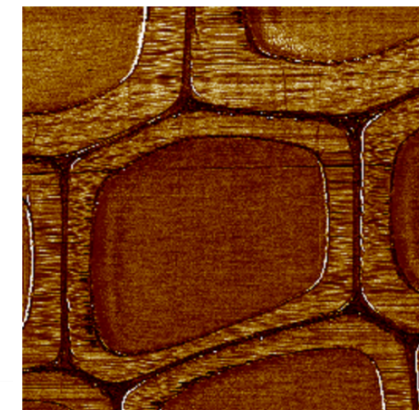


0.0 DMT Modulus 40.0 μm

S2
26.0 GPa
S1
+LM
-2.4 GPa



0.0 Dissipation 40.0 μm

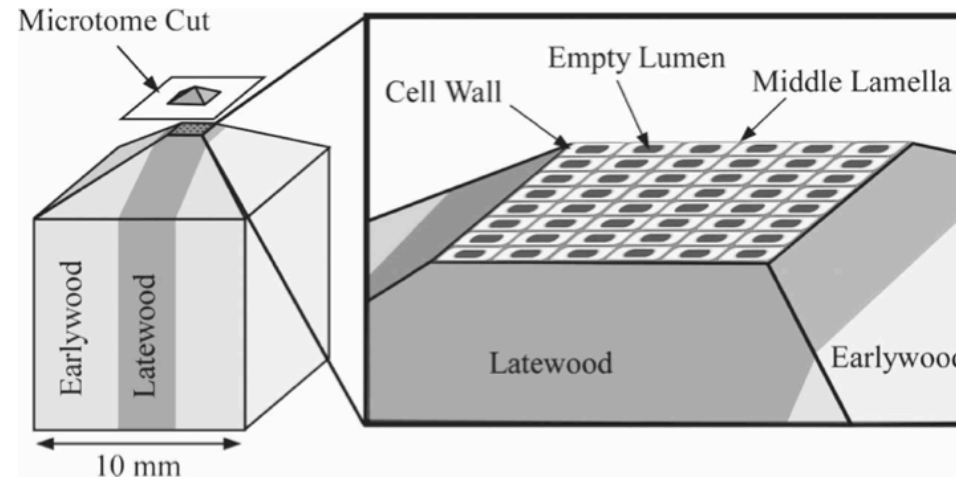


0.0 Adhesion 40.0 μm

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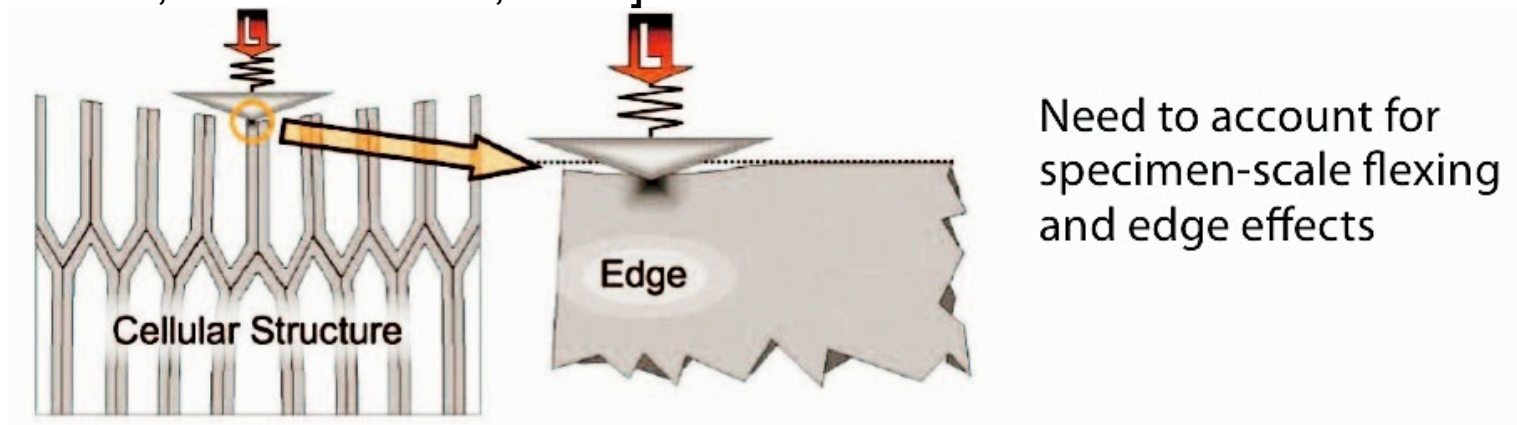
Sample preparation: no embedding?

- Advantages: no modification, no resin penetration



- Structural compliance/border effect

[Jakes *et al.*, J. Mater. Res., 2008]



Sample preparation: embedding?

- Resin penetration... embedding vs no embedding

[Meng *et al.*, Appl Phys A, 2013]

Fig. 4 (a) SEM image of Loblolly pine cell wall, (b) SEM image of Loblolly pine cell wall embedded in Spurr's resin

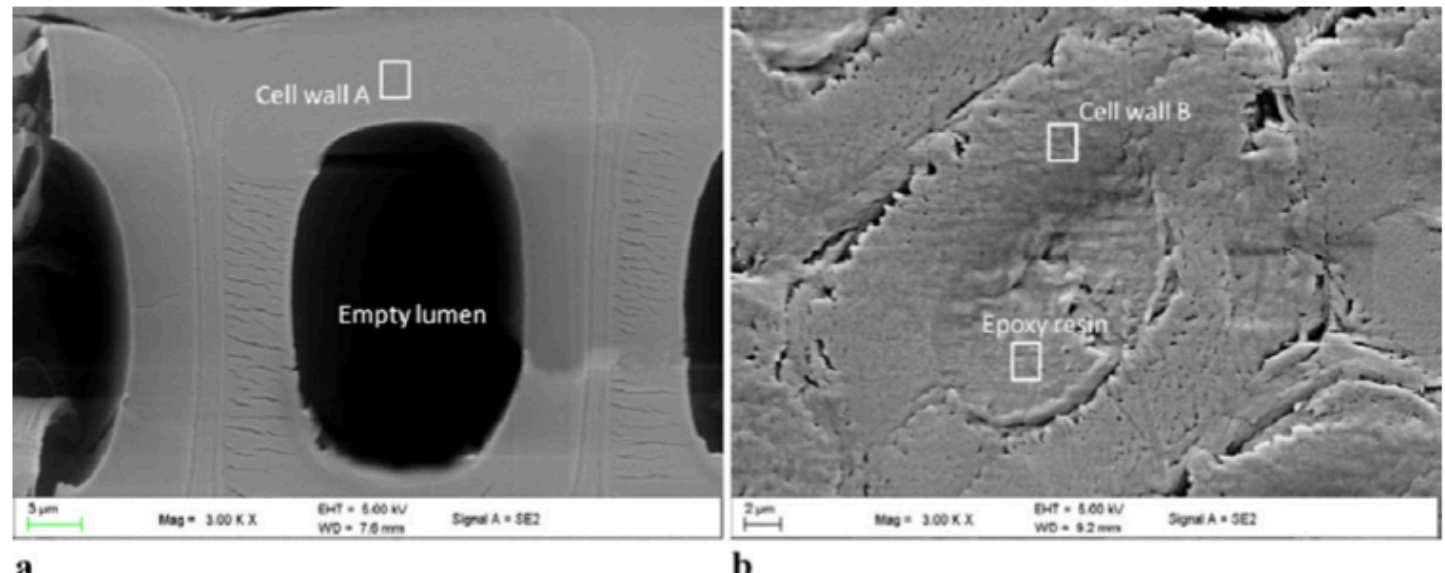


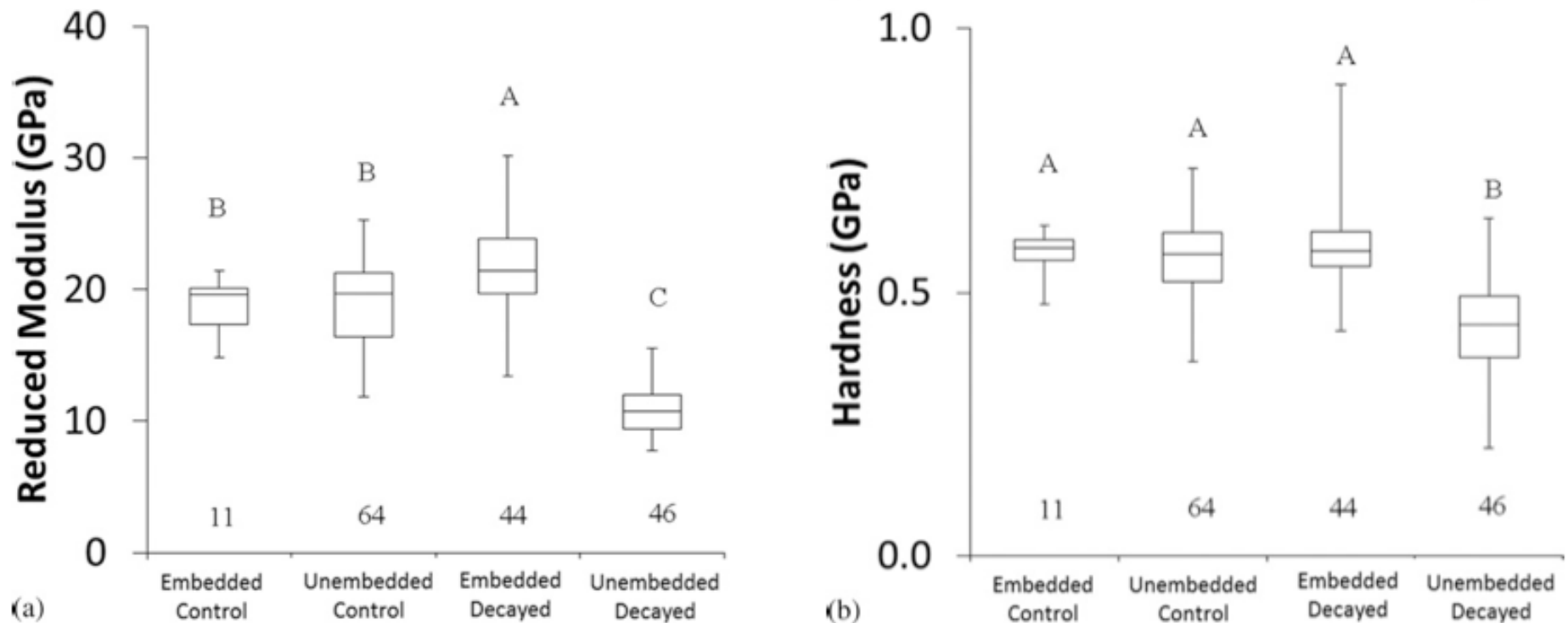
Table 2 Comparison of carbon/oxygen content between pure Spurr's resin, resin-embedded Loblolly pine cell wall and reference Loblolly pine cell wall

	Carbon content (%)	Oxygen content (%)
Epoxy resin	81.7 ± 1.8	18.3 ± 1.8
Reference cell wall A	72.2 ± 1.4	27.8 ± 1.4
Epoxy-resin-treated cell wall B	75.2 ± 1.7	24.8 ± 1.7

Sample preparation: embedding?

- Resin penetration... embedding vs no embedding

[Kim *et al.*, Wood Fib Sci, 2012]



Spurr epoxy

Sample preparation: embedding?

- Resin penetration... bonding glue
[Gindl *et al.*, Int. J. Adh. Adh., 2004]

PF, pMDI Resin (glue)
Spruce

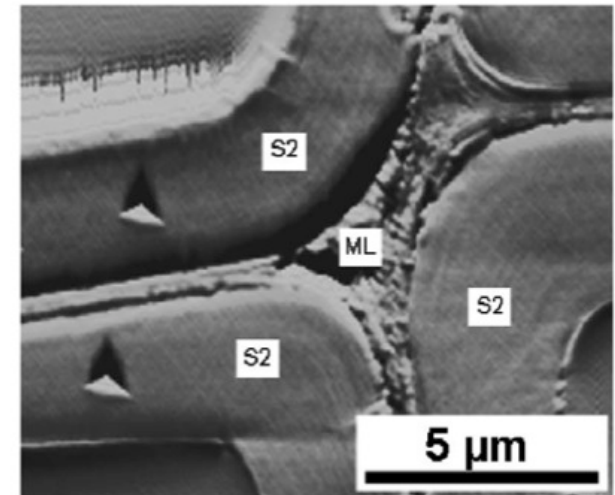
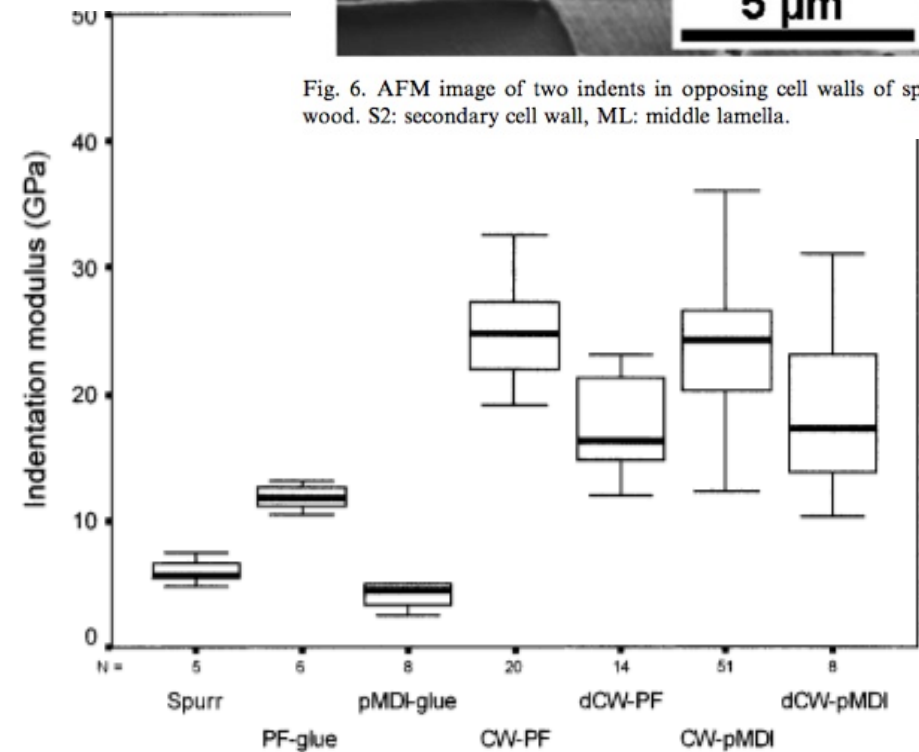
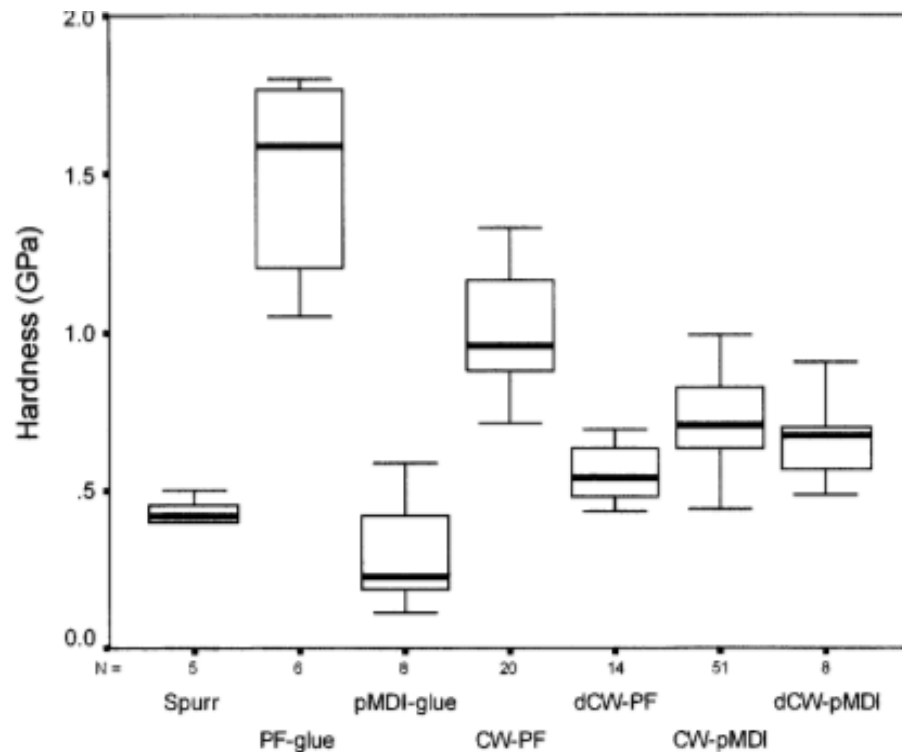


Fig. 6. AFM image of two indents in opposing cell walls of spruce wood. S2: secondary cell wall, ML: middle lamella.



Sample preparation: embedding?

- Resin penetration... embedding epoxy vs glue

[Konnerth *et al.*, Holzforschung, 2008]

Table 1 Swelling of spruce wood samples in liquid phenol-resorcinol-formaldehyde (PRF), one-component polyurethane (PUR), SPURR epoxy and AGAR epoxy.

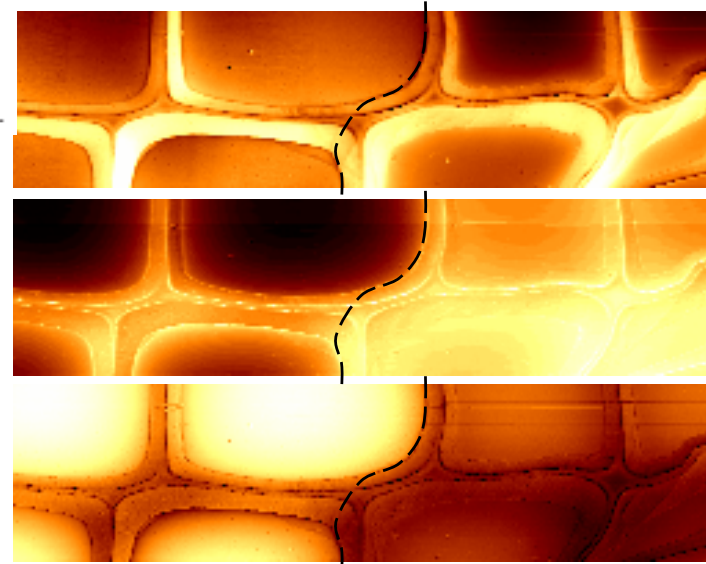
Swelling medium	Swelling (%)
PRF	4.8
PUR	-0.1
SPURR epoxy	-0.1
AGAR epoxy	0.0
Control	0.0

SThM-AFM on spruce wood

$R \approx 100\text{nm}$

Scan rate 0.1-0.5Hz

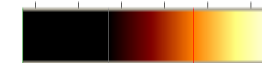
20 μm



Probe Current
CCM-mode

SThM Error
TCM-mode

Low high



embedding material (Spurr/Agar) PRF adhesive

Sample preparation: embedding?

The results of sequential treatments on each of five individual fibres are shown in Table 1. Water can swell flax fibres, increasing their perimeter by 24%. Ethyl alcohol did not significantly swell fibres beyond their original dry dimensions, however it did restore the dry dimensions of fibres that had been through a recent wetting and drying cycle. Swelling with water increased if the fibres had been pre-soaked in 6 M urea for 1 or 12 h. This extra swelling was always restored, even after two subsequent drying and wetting cycles (Table 1). After pre-treatment of the fibres with urea for 12 h and replacement of the water with ethyl alcohol (which caused a small amount of shrinkage from the water-swollen dimensions), resin could penetrate into the cells (restoring the maximum swelling dimensions). This was demonstrated by the fact that water containing a dye, which normally swells and stains the cell walls of the fibres, could no longer do so in the cured, polished composite (Table 1, last treatment of the first set). Without this treatment the resin did not penetrate into the fibres and consequently untreated fibres in cured composites could still absorb water and dye (second set of treatments in Table 1

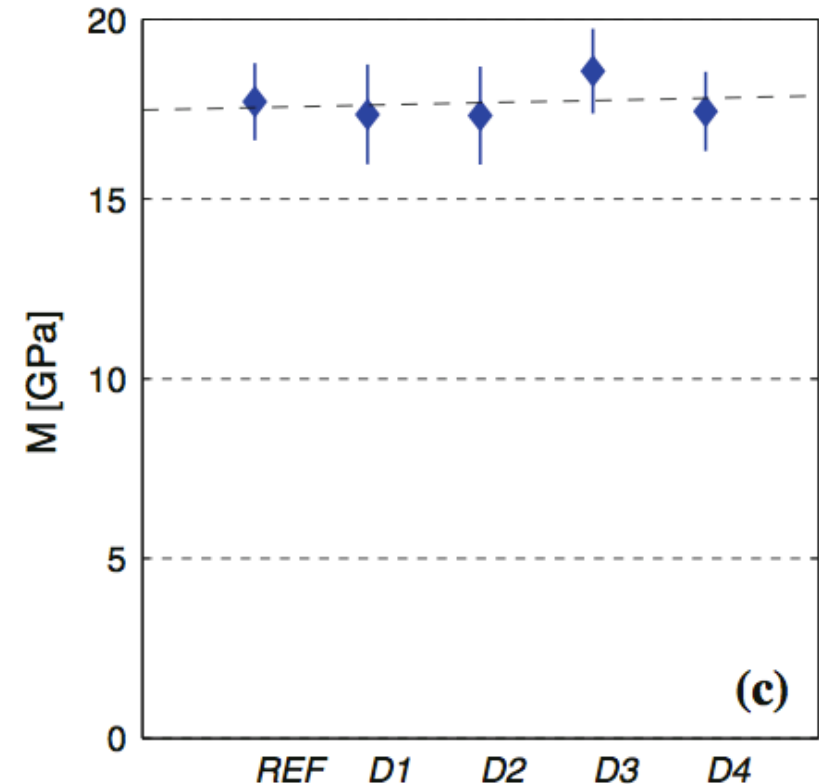
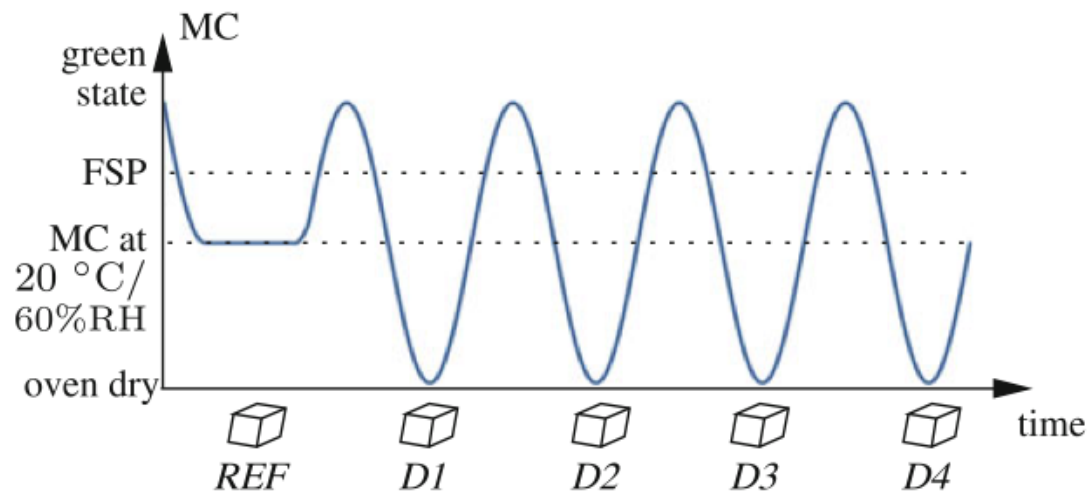
[Hepworth *et al*, Composites A, 2000]

Optical microscopy observation of dimensional change (lumen and outer perimeter) of flax fibre embedded with low viscosity epoxy resin, water replacement by ethyl alcohol and urea treatment

Sample preparation: embedding?

- Resin penetration and drying cycle

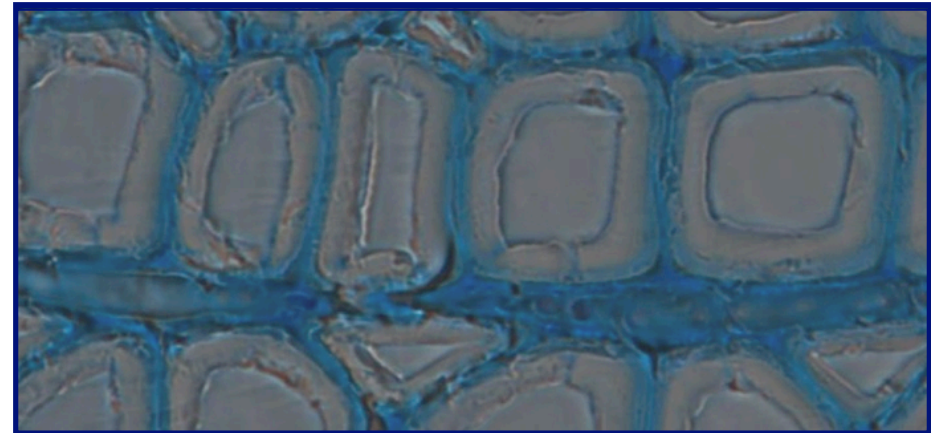
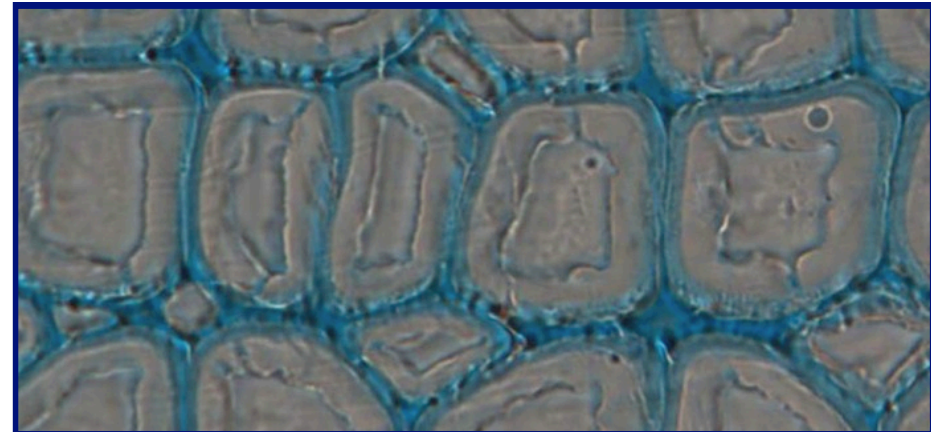
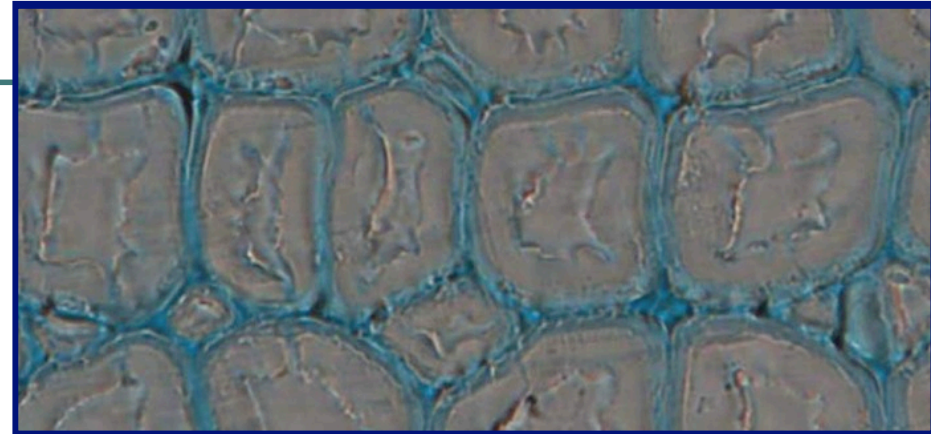
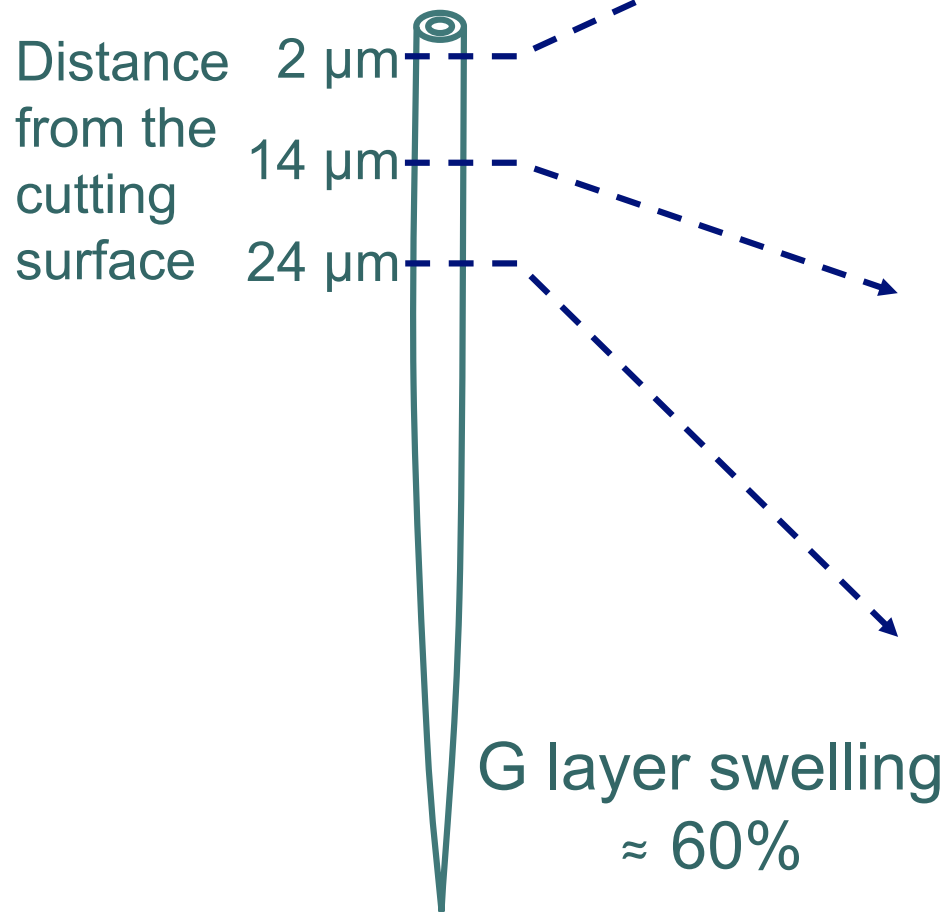
[Wagner *et al.*, J Mater Sci, 2014]



Sample	REF (Agar LV Kit)	E1 (no vacuum, Agar LV Kit)	E2 (Struers epofix)
M (GPa)	17.71 ± 1.07	17.67 ± 3.06	18.23 ± 1.36
H (GPa)	0.33 ± 0.03	0.36 ± 0.06	0.35 ± 0.03

No embedding?

- Cutting border effect
[Clair, Gril *et al.*, IAWA J., 2003]

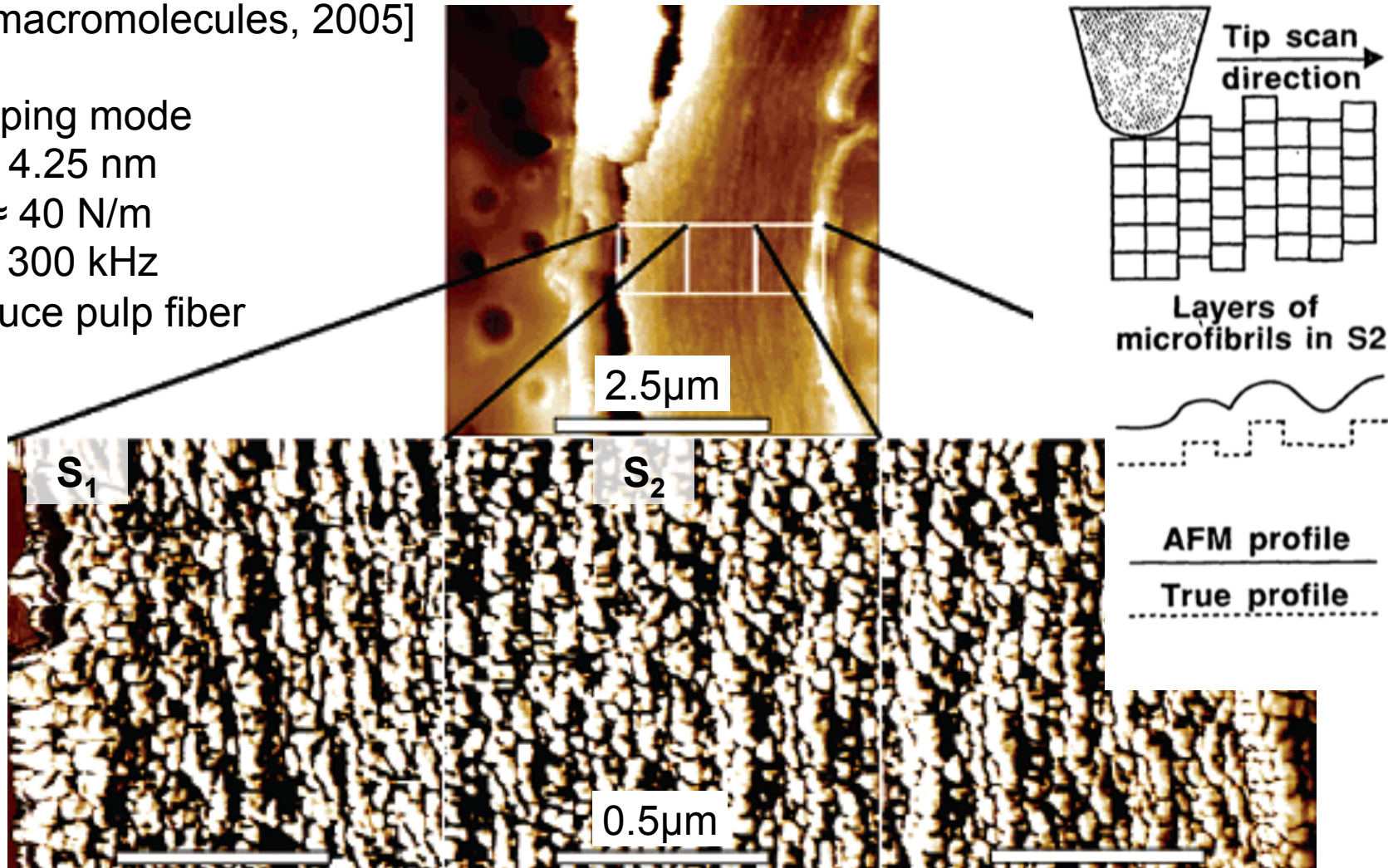


Sample preparation: microtoming, polishing, ...?

- Surface topography and texture by microtoming

[Shaune *et al*, *Holzforschung*, 1994; Fahlén and Salmén, *Biomacromolecules*, 2005]

Tapping mode
 $R \approx 4.25 \text{ nm}$
 $k_C \approx 40 \text{ N/m}$
 $f_0 = 300 \text{ kHz}$
Spruce pulp fiber



Sample preparation: microtoming, polishing, ...?

- Comparison on spruce
[Zimmermann *et al*, J. Struct. Bio., 2006]

AFM tapping mode - phase image

