Temperature Effects in Nanoscale Friction: Thermal Probes Reveal the Role of Capillary Bridges

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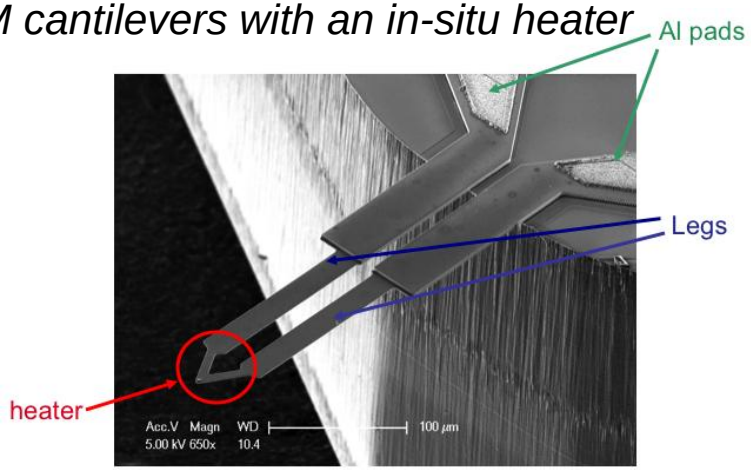
AFM cantilevers with an in-situ heater



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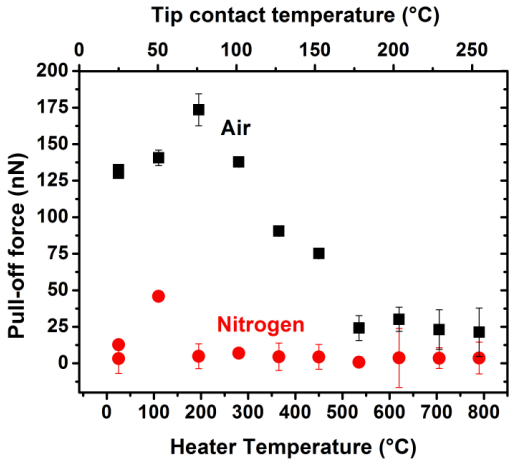

SiO_2 sample: In humid air, friction increases with temperature due to the thermal nucleation of a water meniscus, then decreases due to evaporation

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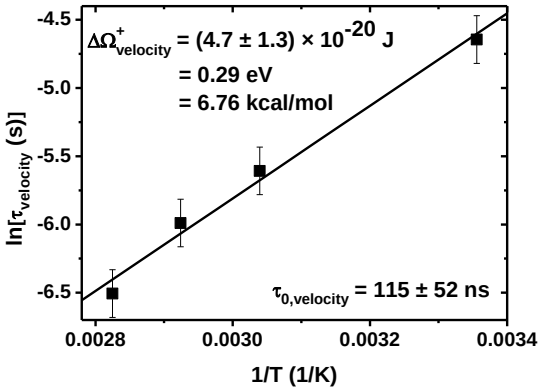
Capillary observed in environmental SEM

Si sample: Results show excellent agreement with Arrhenius kinetics



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