

Cantilever calibration and tuning of resonance frequencies.

Initial conditions (far):

$$A_0 \gg A_1 > A_2$$

$$\phi_1 = \phi_2 = 90^\circ$$

Measurement of cantilever observables  $A_0, A_1, \phi_1$  and if needed higher eigenmodes, e.g.  $A_2$  and  $\phi_2$ .

Assumptions:

$$A_0 > A_1 > A_2$$

Repulsive regime, i.e.  $\phi_1 < 90^\circ, \phi_2 < 90^\circ$

Force volume curve to obtain observables at far and near distance to surface and the contact model, here: Sneddon.

Assumptions:

Far means  $\approx 2\mu\text{m}$  above the surface  $\rightarrow A_0^{\text{far}}, A_1^{\text{far}}, A_2^{\text{far}}, \phi_1^{\text{far}}, \phi_2^{\text{far}}$

Near means  $\approx 10\text{nm}$  above the surface  $\rightarrow A_1^{\text{near}}, A_2^{\text{near}}, \phi_1^{\text{near}}, \phi_2^{\text{near}}$

contact model

Calculate  $E'_{1D}$  and  $E''_{1D}$  from Eqs. (1) and (2)

Calculate  $E'_{3D}$  and  $E''_{3D}$  from Eq. (S38)

Data interpretation:

Choice of viscoelastic model, e.g. KV, MW, SLS, generalised MW

Here: from visualisation of  $E'_{3D}$  and  $E''_{3D}$  the SLS was obtained (Fig. 2).