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## **AFM** meeting in Karlsruhe

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## What is AFM?

The atomic force microscope (AFM) is one kind of scanning probe microscopes (SPM). SPMs are designed to measure local properties, such as height, friction, magnetism, with a probe. To acquire an image, the SPM raster-scans the probe over a small area of the sample, measuring the local property simultaneously.

## How does AFM work?



AFMs operate by measuring force between a probe and the sample. Normally, the probe is a sharp tip, which is a 3-6 um tall pyramid with 15-40nm end radius. Though the lateral resolution of AFM is low (~30nm) due to convolution, the the vertical resolution can be up to 0.1nm.

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