# Lecture 6 Interaction forces II – Tip-sample interaction forces

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## Summary of last lecture

## Type of interaction Ion-ion electrostatic $U(r) = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi \varepsilon \varepsilon r}$ Dipole-charge electrostatic $U(r) = -\frac{Qp\cos(\theta)}{4\pi\varepsilon\varepsilon_{c}r^{2}}$ Dipole-dipole electrostatic $U(r) = -\frac{p_1 p_2 \left[2\cos(\theta_1)\cos(\theta_2) - \sin(\theta_1)\sin(\theta_2)\cos(\phi)\right]}{4\pi\varepsilon\varepsilon_0 r^3}$ Angle-averaged electrostatic (Keesom force) $U_{Keesom}(r) = -\frac{p_{1}^{2}p_{2}^{2}}{3(4\pi\varepsilon\varepsilon_{2})^{2}k_{2}T}\frac{1}{r^{6}}$ Angle-averaged induced polarization force (Debye force) $U_{\text{Debye}}(r) = -\frac{p_1^2 \alpha_{02} + p_2^2 \alpha_{01}}{(4\pi\epsilon \epsilon)^2} \frac{1}{r^6}$

Dispersion forces act between any two molecules or atoms (London force)  $U_{London}(r) = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{\alpha_{01}\alpha_{02}}{(4\pi\varepsilon_0\varepsilon)^2} \frac{(I_1)(I_2)}{I_1 + I_2} \frac{1}{r^6}$ 



Adapted from J. Israelachvilli, "Intermolecular and surface forces".

Substance	$\chi, m^3 \times 10^{18}$	d,D	I,eV	<b>C<sub>Keesom</sub></b> ×10 <sup>79</sup> J ⋅ m <sup>6</sup>	<b>С<sub>Debye</sub></b> ×10 <sup>79</sup> J · m <sup>6</sup>	<b>C</b> <sub>London</sub> ×10 <sup>79</sup> J⋅m <sup>6</sup>
H	0.667	0	13.6	0	0	6.3
02	1.57	0	13.6	0	0	41.3
N <sub>2</sub>	1.74	0	15.8	0	0	59.3
Ar	1.6	0	15.8	0	0	48
He	0.2	0	24.7	0	0	1.2
CO	1.99	0.12	14.3	0.0034	0.057	67.5
HC1	2.63	1.03	13.7	18.6	5.4	105
H <sub>2</sub> O	1.48	1.84	18.0	197	10	48.8
NH3	2.24	1.5	11.7	87	10	72.6

Relative values of Van der Waals force components are presented in Table 1 [3].

Table 1. Magnitudes of polarizability, dipole moment, ionization potential and energies of different weak interactions between various atoms and molecules.

Source: http://www.ntmdt.com/spm-basics/view/intermolecular-vdv-force



#### Summary of Coulombic Intermolecular Forces





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## Putting in some numbers





### **Implications for AFM**

- In AFM the tip usually has native oxide on the tip within which small trapped charges or permanent dipoles can exist. As debris accumulates more permanent dipoles and charges accumulate on tip
- Dispersion potential U(r) scales as r<sup>-6</sup> while electrostatics scales as

r<sup>-1</sup> (ion-ion), or r<sup>-2</sup> (ion-dipole), or r<sup>-3</sup> (dipole-dipole)

 In reality attractive forces are due to combination of vdW and short range electrostatics (i.e. covalent forces)

