

Advanced Tool for Dip-Pen Nanolithography: Nano-Fountain Pen

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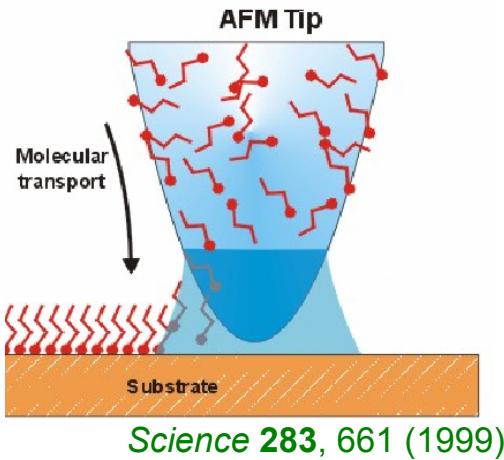
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Fountain Pen Nanolithography

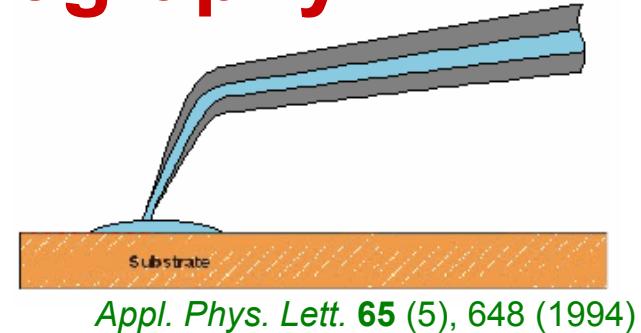
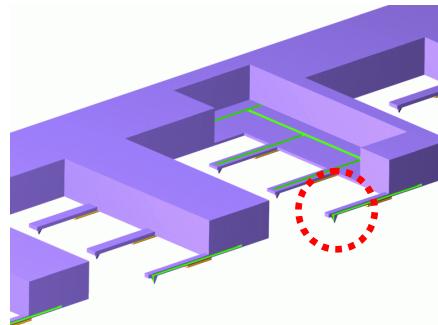
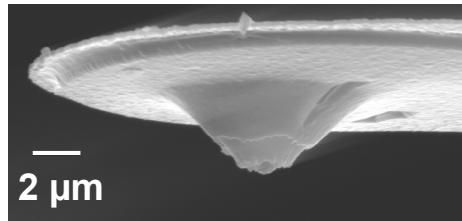


- Dip-pen nanolithography (DPN)

Limitations in DPN

- Re-inking
- Low speed & low throughput

Nano Fountain Active Probe (NFAP) array



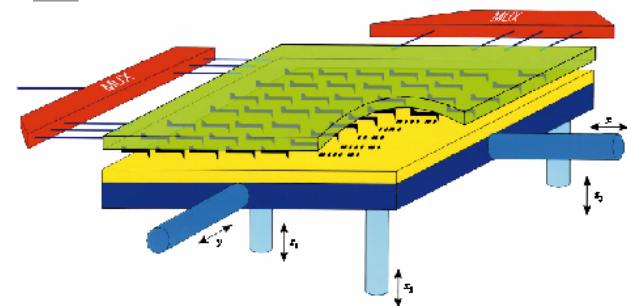
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- Micropipette-based atomic force microscopy (AFM) probe



Continuous ink-feeding

Parallelization



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- Millipede: parallel read/write



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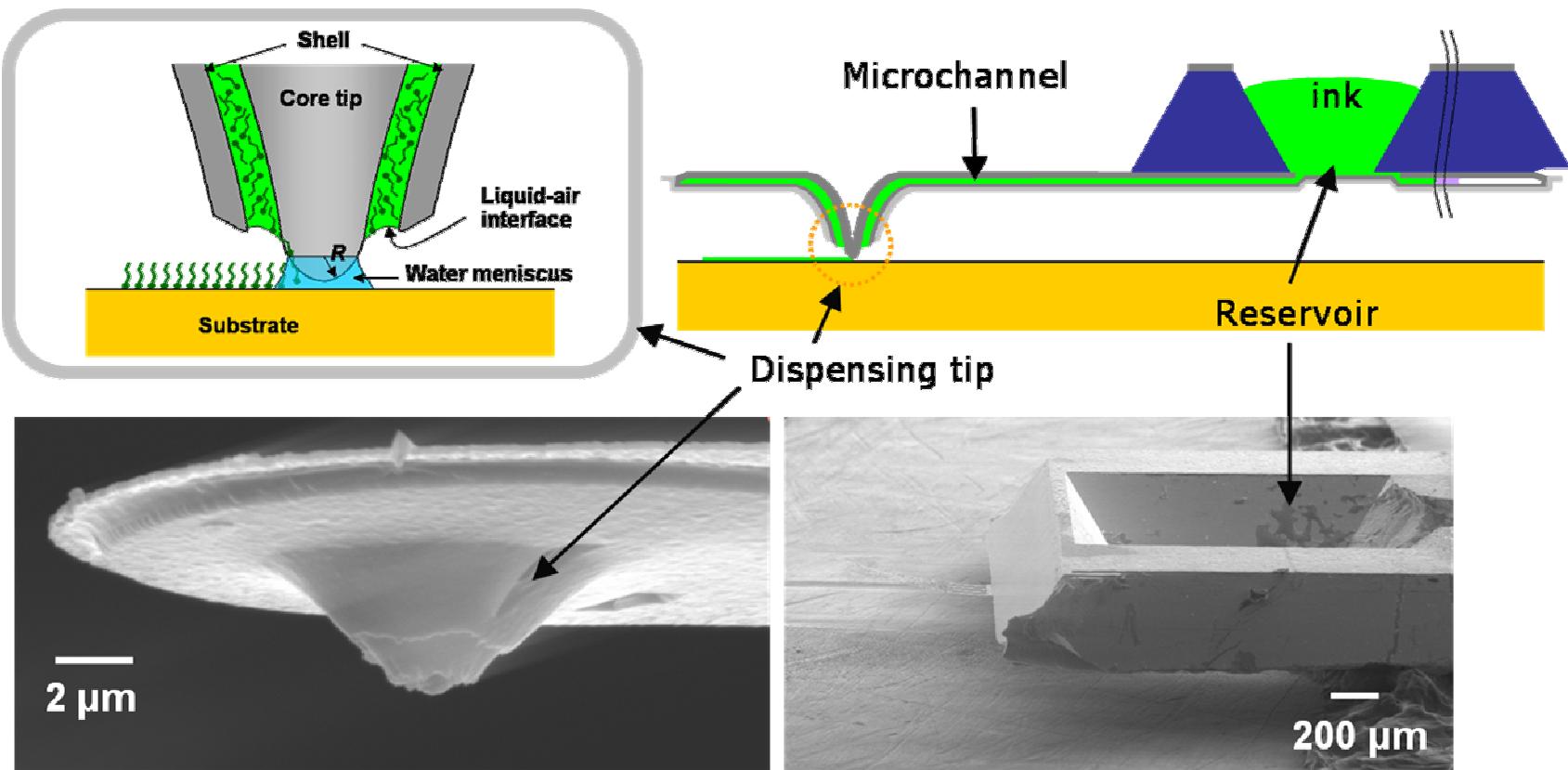
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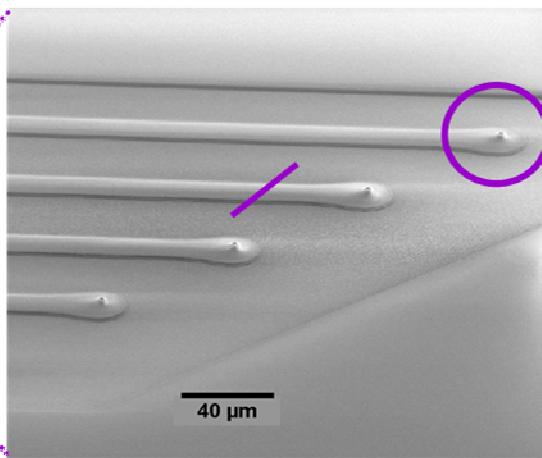
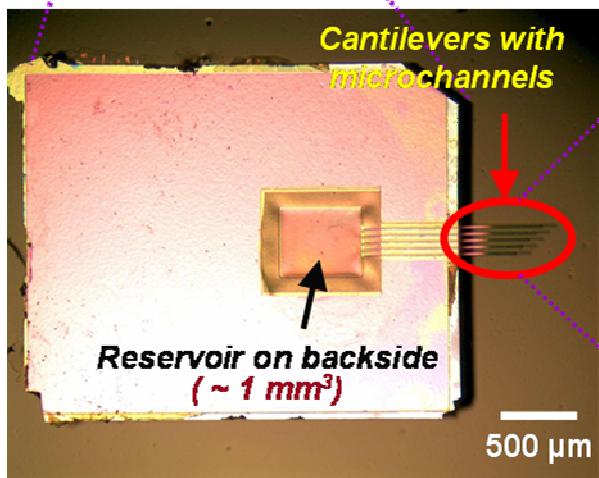
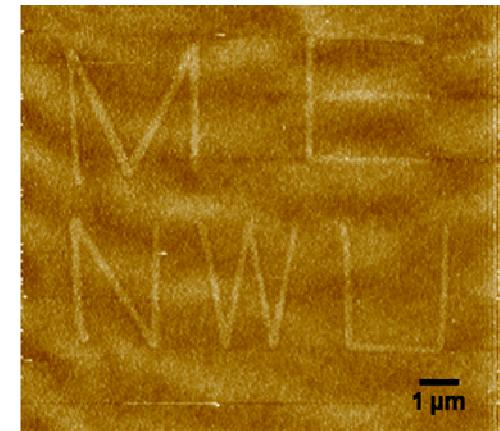
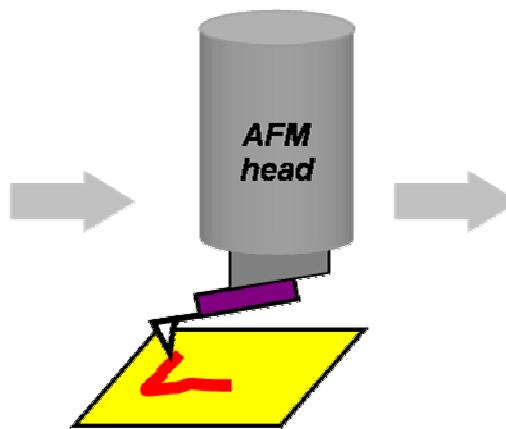
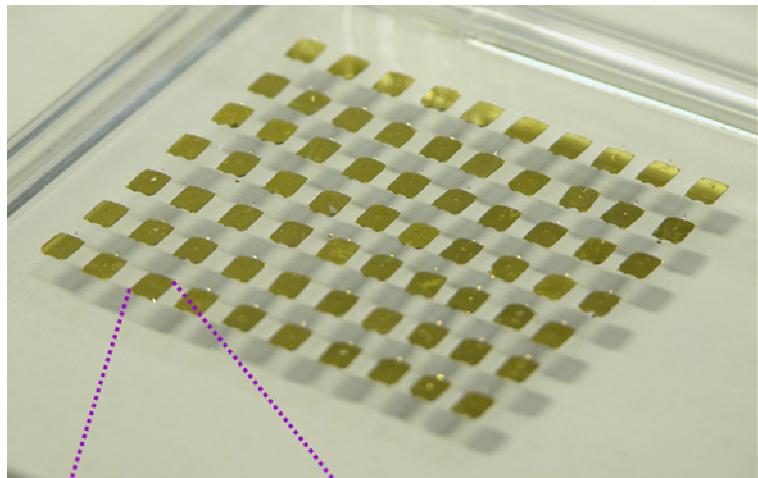
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Concept of Device

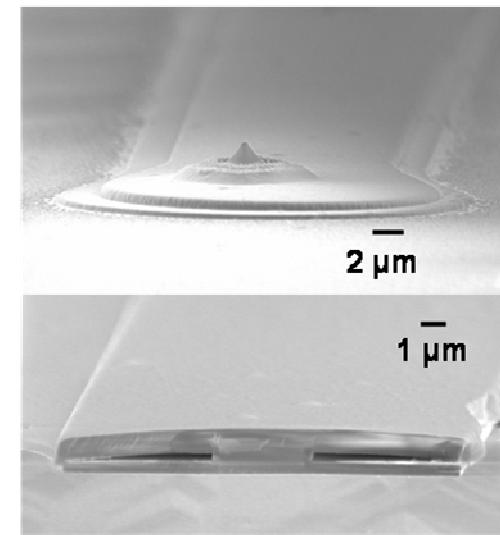
- Batch fabrication by micromachining technologies
- Cantilever with embedded microchannels
- Volcano-shape dispensing tip
- On-chip reservoir ($\sim 1 \text{ mm}^3$)



Nano Fountain Probe Chip



Cantilevers prior to release



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