

Supplementary Information

Load-dependent surface nanomechanical properties of poly-HEMA hydrogels in aqueous medium

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Tip geometry

The tip geometry was determined with SEM before and after the nanomechanical measurements, and one typical image is shown in Figure S1. The outer radius was about 19 nm.

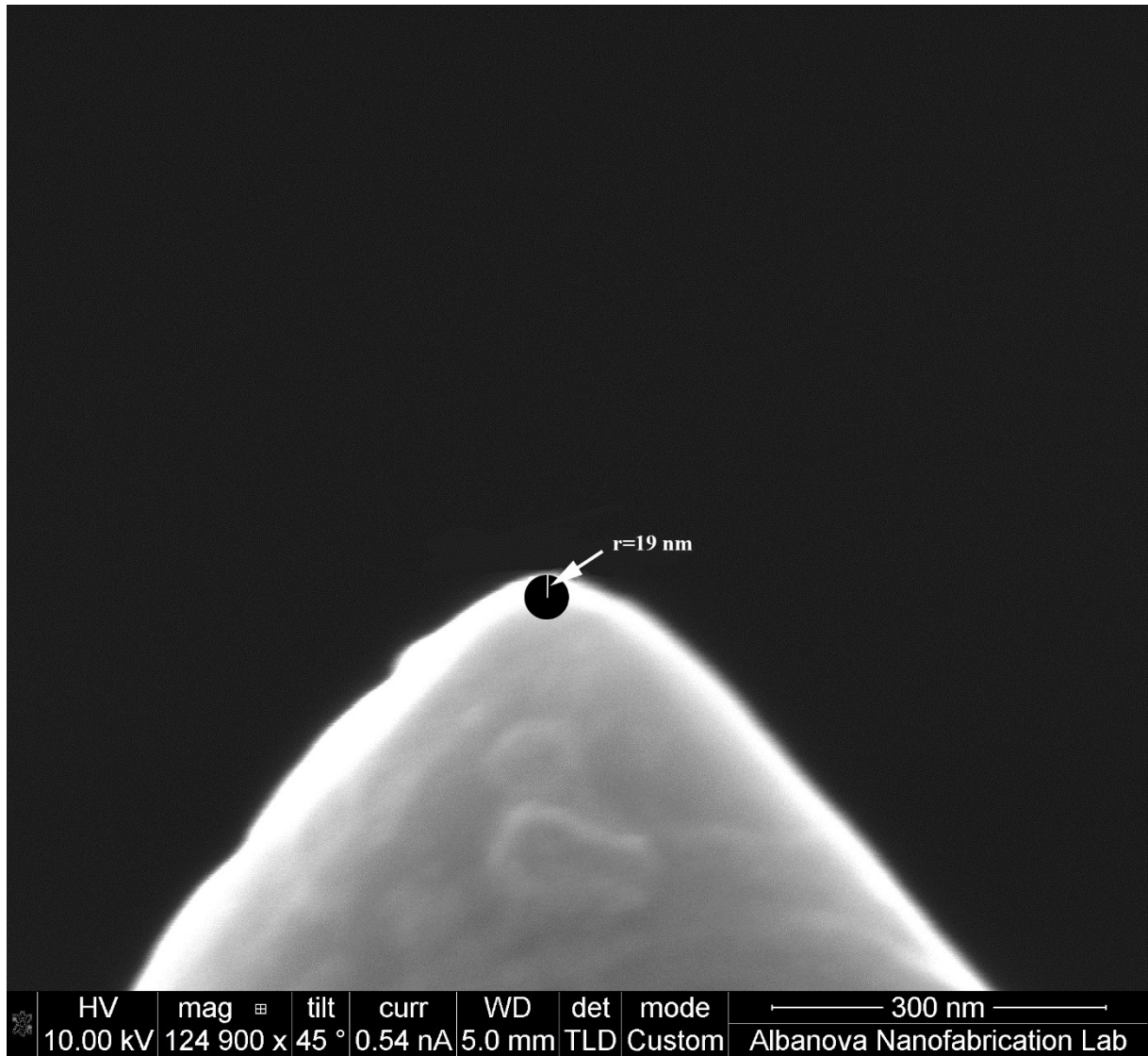


Figure S1. SEM image of the tip used for nanomechanical measurements.

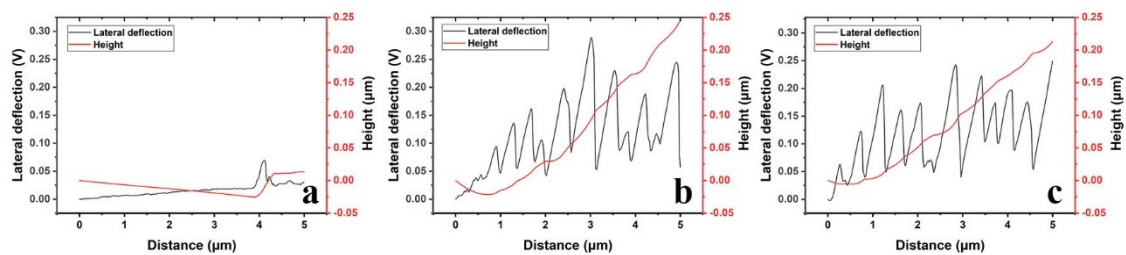


Figure S2. Other examples of line profiles taken under loads of 2nN (a), 5 nN (b), and 10 nN (c) for polyHEMA-2.5 samples.

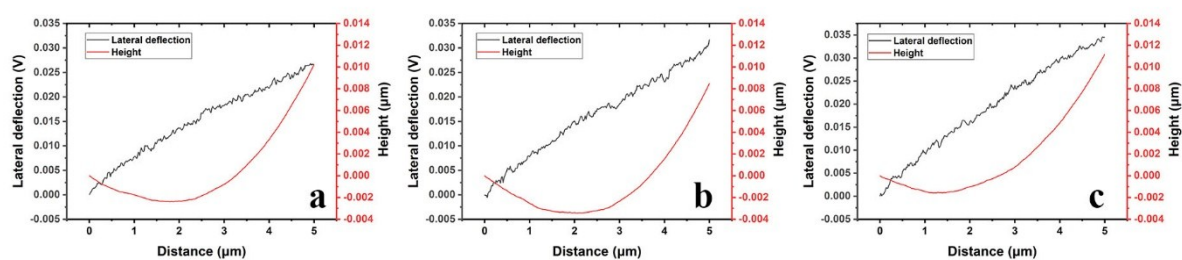


Figure S3. Other examples of line profiles taken under loads of 2nN (a), 5 nN (b), and 10 nN (c) for polyHEMA-10 samples.

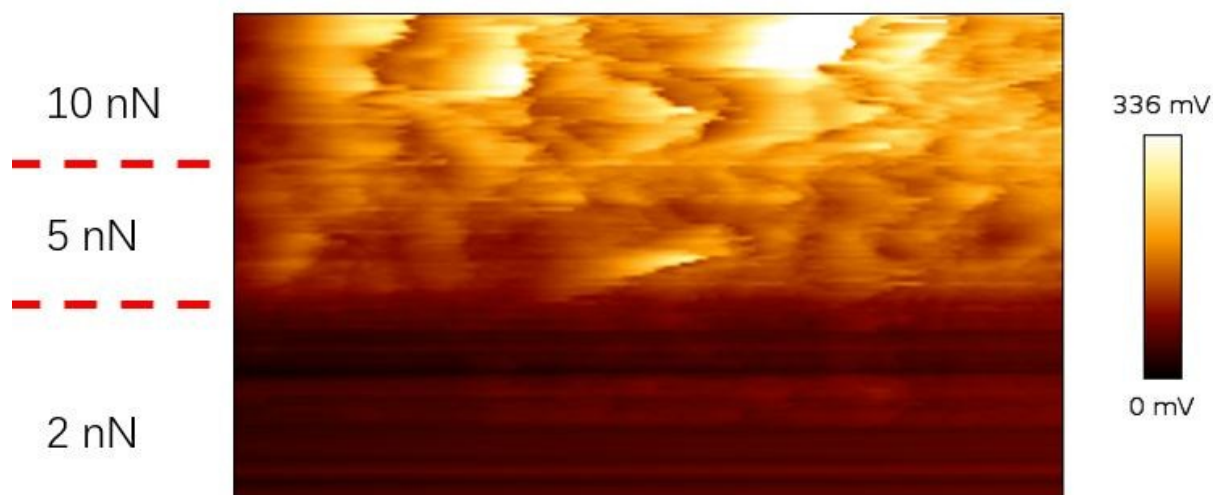


Figure S4. Lateral force images of polyHEMA-2.5 recorded in a different region compared to those reported in the main manuscript

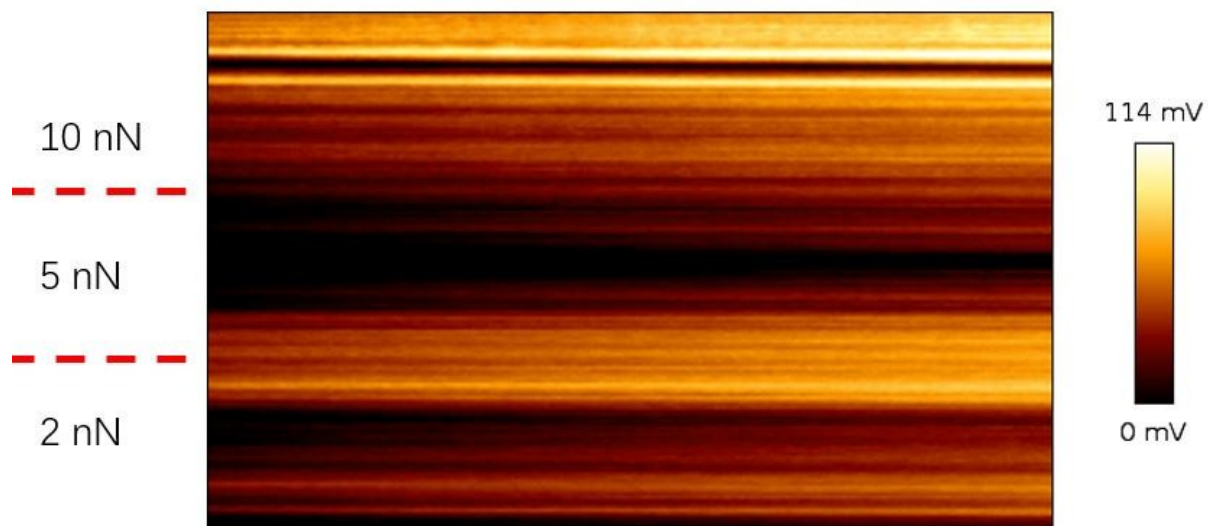


Figure S5. Lateral force images of polyHEMA-10 recorded in a different region compared to those reported in the main manuscript