

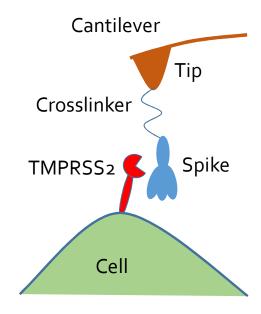
## Nano-Virology

Interaction
between Spike of
SARS-CoV-2 and
cell membrane
molecule
TMPRSS2

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## **Motivation:**

- The mechanism of the entry of SARS-CoV-2 into the cell
- The binding strength and kinetics between the Spike and the TMPRSS2
- Dependence of the Spike-TMPRSS2 interaction on other molecules
- Kinetics of the enzymatic cleavage of the Spike by TMPRSS2



## Tasks:

- Tip-chemistry: Functionalization of AFM cantilever tips with Spike or part of Spike molecule (e.g. S2)
- Force spectroscopy: Using AFM to measure interaction forces between Spike or S2 and TMPRSS2 in the cell membrane.
- Data evaluation and extraction of interaction force, kinetic rate constants,  $k_{on}$ ,  $k_{off}$ , etc.