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Comparison of AFM and Density Functional Theory Force Profiles KEENAN DOTSON, JOHN MCCOY, DANIEL MCCOY, Materials Department, New Mexico Tech, Socorro, NM 87801, SERGIO MENDEZ, JOHN CURRO, BRETT ANDRZEJEWSKI, GABRIEL LOPEZ, DAVID KELLER, Chemical and Nuclear Engineering Department, Univ. of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131 — Monolayer films of tethered poly(N-isopropylacrylamide) in water (and related systems) are investigated with Atomic Force Microscopy. The resulting profiles are analyzed with Density Functional Theory. Of interest are the effects of temperature, degree of polymerization, and surface coverage upon the colloidal force. A particular challenge is the modeling of the adhesive behavior of the film to the coated AFM tip.

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