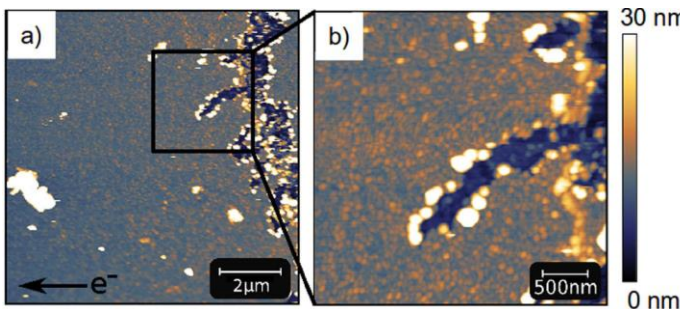


# Electromigration for making small metallic contacts

## Description



The research team of Prof. Dr. Regina Hoffmann-Vogel, Professor of Experimental Physics of Condensed Matter at the University of Potsdam, aims to understand the relationship between atomic and mesoscopic structures as

well as electronic transport in nanostructures. The technique of electromigration is used to create nanometer distance metallic contacts, from which the group seeks to understand these nanostructures as well as further refine the manufacturing processes. To date, the group has successfully collaborated with several academic and industrial partners throughout Europe.

## Details

- Production is undertaken without the use of organic chemicals.
- Active research:
  - Structure of metallic contacts:
    - Cu on oxidized Si
    - Pb on pre-cleaned Si
    - Metallic contacts to molecules on insulating surfaces
  - Manufacturing process refinement:
    - The use of superconductivity to improve understanding of the metallic contacts
    - Investigation of contacts with scanning force microscopy

## Infrastruktur

- Equipment:
  - Electron beam lithography
  - Scanning force microscopy
- Software:
  - Controlled electromigration software for fabricating nanometer-sized metallic contacts

## Applications

- Semiconductor Materials
- Metallic nanostructures
- Nanometre-scale devices
- Electrical devices
- Integrated circuits
- Molecular electronics

## Keywords

- Electromigration thinning
- Wetting layer
- One-dimensional systems
- Semiconductors
- Thin film nanostructures
- Nanocontacts
- Superconducting metals

## Interest in cooperation

- Research Collaboration
- Contract research

## Scientific literature

- <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/epkm/veroeffentlichungen/overview>

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