

## Current-driven atomic dynamics and runaway- instabilities in nano-conductors

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### 要旨

The influence of an electronic current on atomic dynamics is an important and intriguing problem in nanoelectronics. We have recently proposed a description of the dynamics in the presence of current based on a semi-classical Langevin equation, which can be combined with first principles calculations [1]. Our approach encompass Joule heating as well as current-induced forces which do not conserve energy [2]. These latter forces can lead to runaway instabilities at certain critical voltages.

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