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# Study of electromigration in metallic alloys

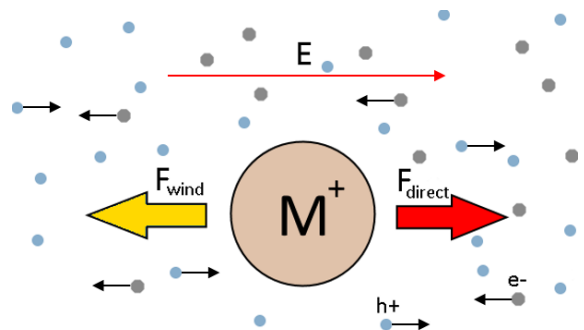
## Context

### Heat treatment of metallic alloys :

- Classic: conduction, radiation
- **Joule effect**: spot welding, induction (ex: Gleeble, SPS)

### Electromigration

= movement of particles induced by electric current  
= Coulomb force due to applied field + electron-ion and hole-ion collisions

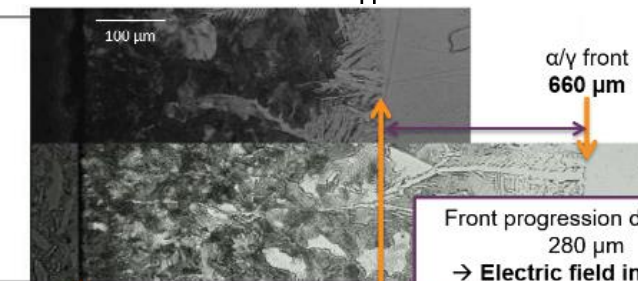
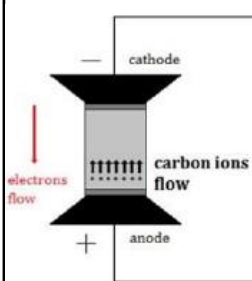


**What influence has electric current on diffusion of metallic species ?**

## Method and tools

### Characterisation

- Optical microscope
- Scanning Electronic Microscope
- Microsonde
- Micro-hardness



### Modelling and simulation

- Nernst-Einstein model
- 1D diffusion calculations
- Thermodynamics modelling

### Experimental

- SPS
- Electromigration studying furnace

## Results

### Study of binary system Fe-C in intercritical domain → phase transformation

- Interpretation of electric current as an additional energy **modifying chemical potential of species** :

$$\mu(c, T, x) = \mu_0 + RT \ln(c) + eZ^* N_A V(x) \text{ (J/mol)}$$

**$Z^*$  effective charge of activated metallic ion**

Depends on temperature, current density and concentration

**Electric field may induce new phasis equilibrium!**

→ Fit of SPS data with new chemical potential  
→ Experimental plan to explore behaviour variations with parameters