

# Evaporation/Sputtering

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***Odd-hour thermal evaporation of aluminum on fused silica***

**TOOL:** E-Beam Evaporator

**SOURCE:** Aaron Windsor

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*A higher deposition rate was used for better adhesion.*

- *Use a tungsten flat boat with one ¼" x ¼" aluminum pellet. This will provide a maximum of 250 nanometers of deposition (be aware that the aluminum may wet and collect on the underside of the boat which will lower the total deposition).*
- *Pump down to at least  $2.0 \times 10^{-6}$*
- *Set the Voltage to five Volts.*
- *Increase the power to the thermal hearth 15% a minute until you get to 60%. The pellet should start to melt at 58-65% power.*
- *Once the pellet melts, let the aluminum migrate across at least 2/3 of the boat. You may need to slowly increase the power.*
- *Increase the rate quickly to 74.0% for a rate between 10-30 Å/sec and quickly open the shutter.*
- *Do not let the power go above 80%.*
- *Do not let the current go above 13 Amps.*
- *Wait fifteen minutes after your deposition before venting the bell jar.*
- *Do not reuse the aluminum boats.*

## User Recipes

***Fe catalyst for nanotube growth***

**TOOL:** E-Beam Evaporator

**SOURCE:** McEuen Group

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*For aligned arrays we've been using Fe layers of 1-3 angstroms.*