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Controlled Growth of Cu Nanowires by using Electrochemical deposition with a Polycarbonate membranes

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Cu nanowires were electrodeposited with a template of a polycarbonate(PC) membrane. The bath consisted of 0.12M CuSO₄?5H₂O, Na₄P₂O₇, H₂SO₄, and DI water. To ensure a good electrical contact, the backside of the PC membrane template was coated with Pt before attaching to the working electrode. The thickness of the sputtered Pt film was ~100nm. A Cu sheet was used as the working electrode and Cu plate was used as a counter electrode. The applied electric voltage was 400mV800mV and the deposition time was 1h4h. The Cu nanowires with diameters of <70nm and length of 10 µ m have been investigated by Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) and Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM).