

Engineers revolutionise molecular microscopes

28.06.2019 - Engineers at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg, in cooperation with colleagues at Forschungszentrum Jülich have developed a method for measuring the electrical potentials of molecules and molecular surfaces with previously unattained precision and speed. Using so-called scanning quantum dot microscopy, they have succeeded for the first time producing high-resolution maps of molecular electrical potentials, i.e. the electrical fields occurring in the environment of all matter within minutes. The research results were published in the internationally renowned journal *Nature Materials* (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41563-019-0382-8>).

Prof. Rolf Findeisen, together with his doctoral student Michael Maiworm, developed a controller, an algorithm that controls the scanning process, for the novel microscopy method. This makes it possible to precisely measure the potentials of molecules with resolution in just a few minutes, which has been very tedious up to now. "With the new controller, we can now easily scan the entire surface of a molecule just like with a normal atomic force microscope," says Christian Wagner from Forschungszentrum Jülich. This enables high-resolution images of the potential that previously seemed unattainable.

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