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Ballistic to diffusive heat transfer in molecular building blocks of inorganic/organic multilayers



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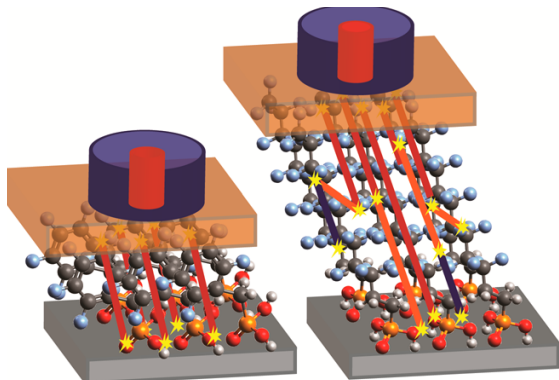
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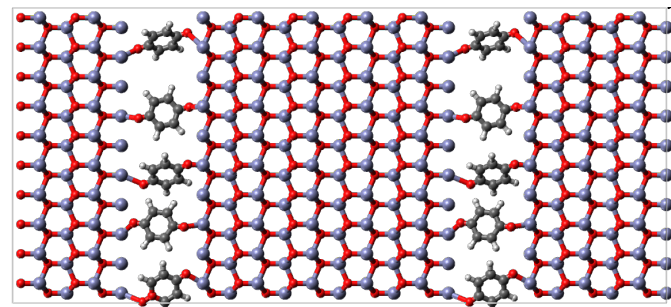
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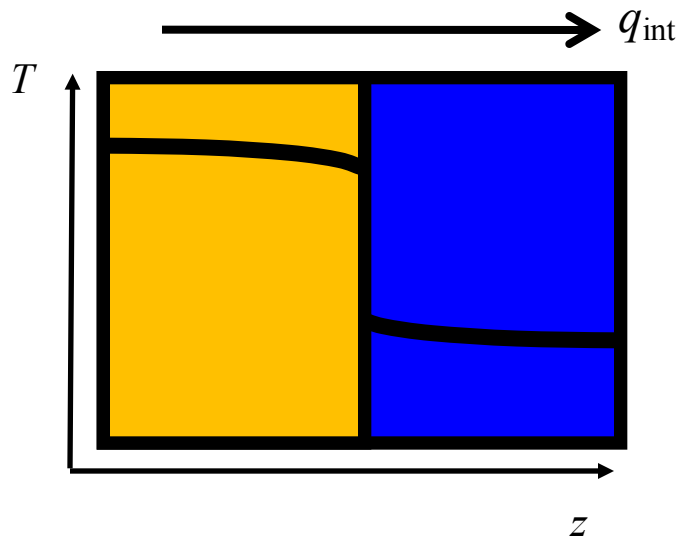


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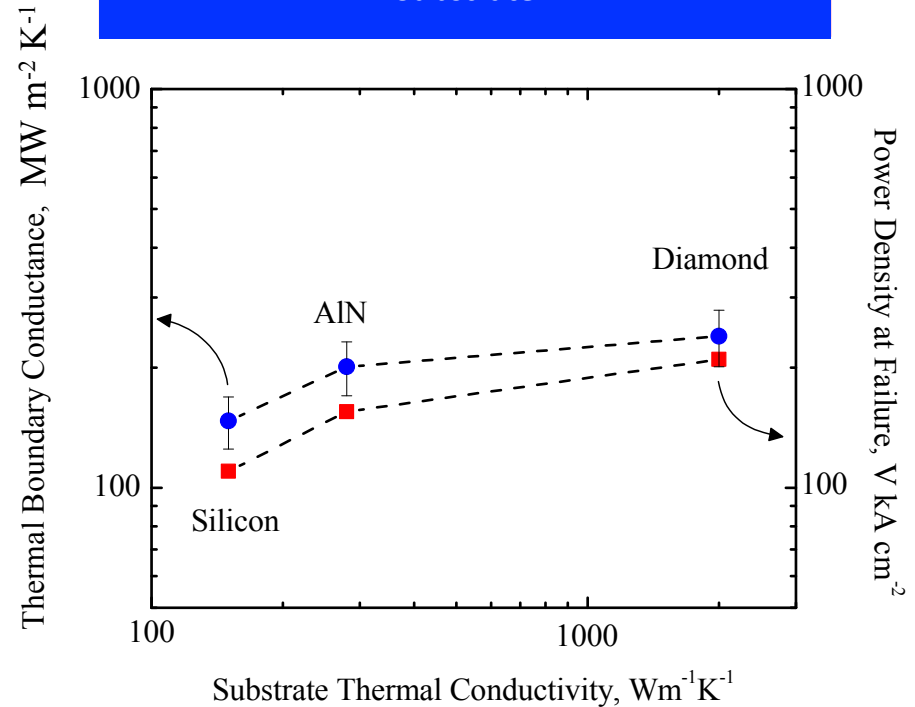
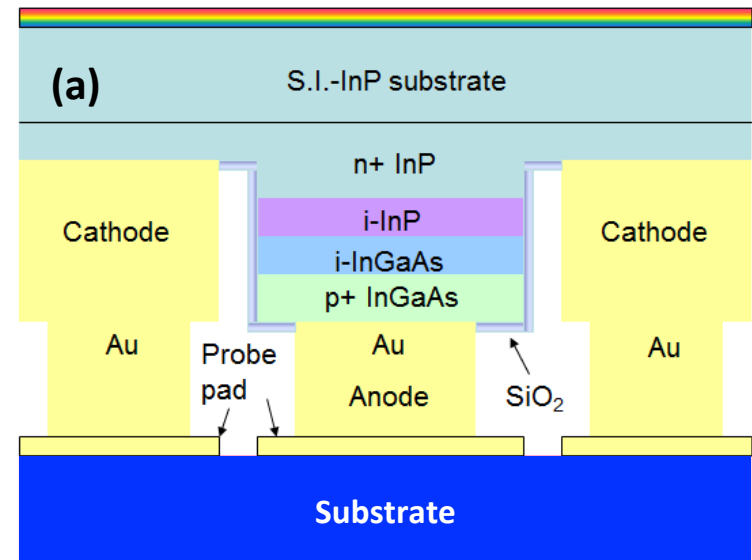


Thermal boundary conductance

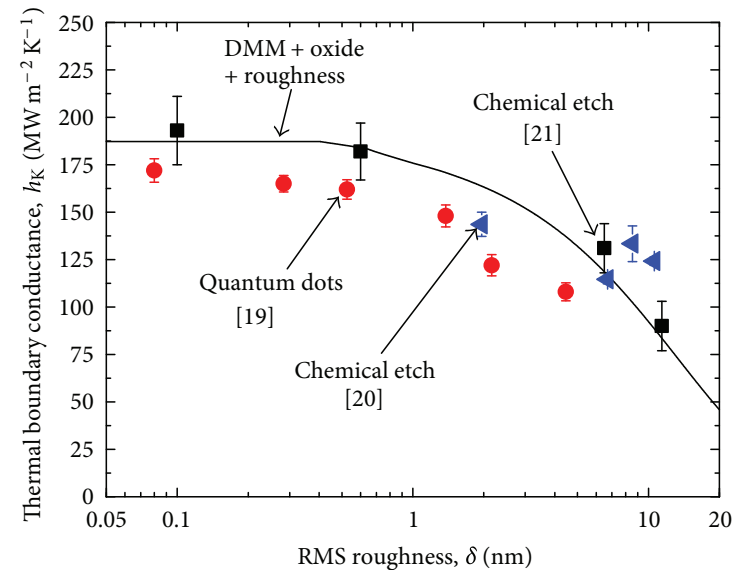
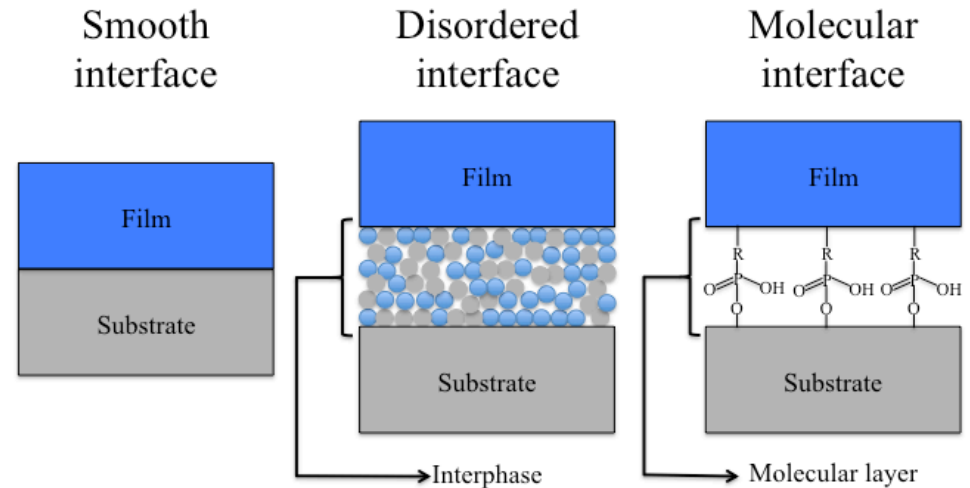
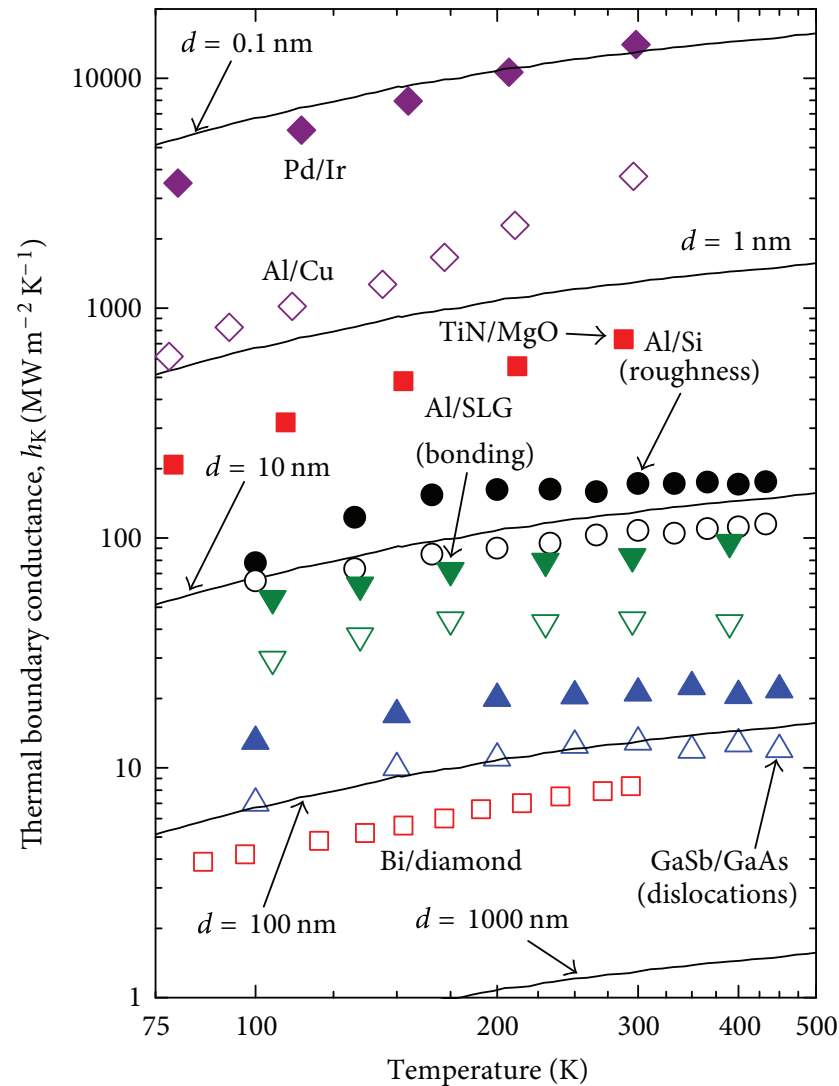
$$q_{\text{int}} = h_K \Delta T = \frac{1}{R_K} \Delta T$$



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6800307 (2013)



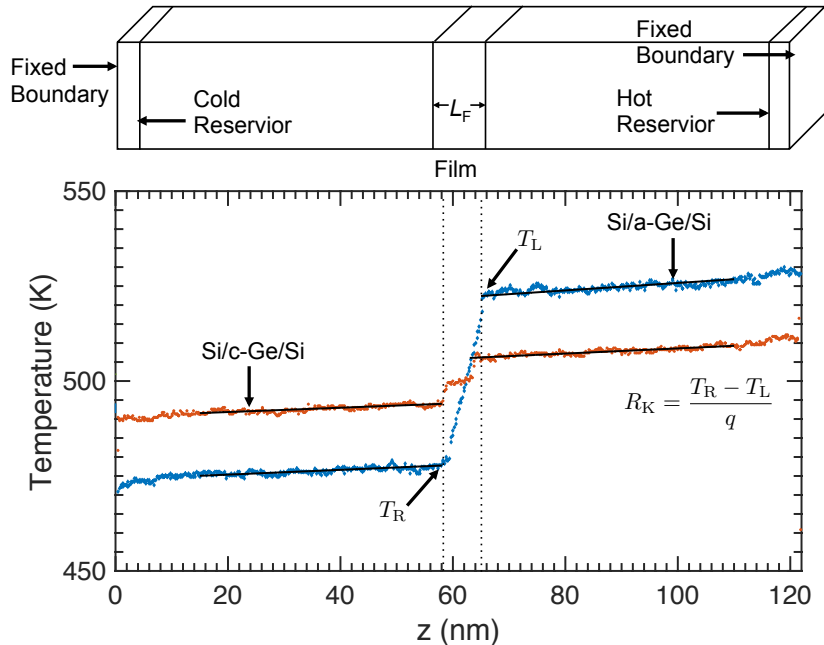
Defect effects on TBC – “Disordered” interface (inorganic)



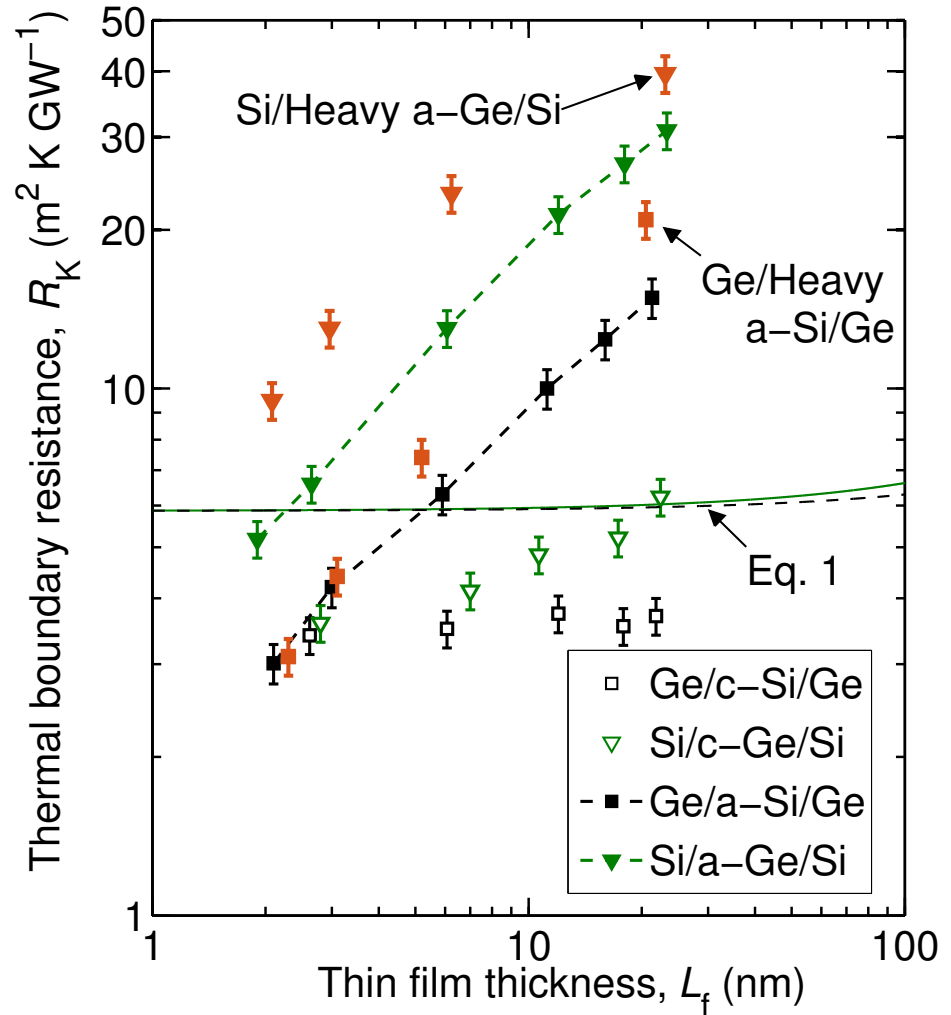
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Ballistic vs. diffusive mechanisms at disordered interfaces

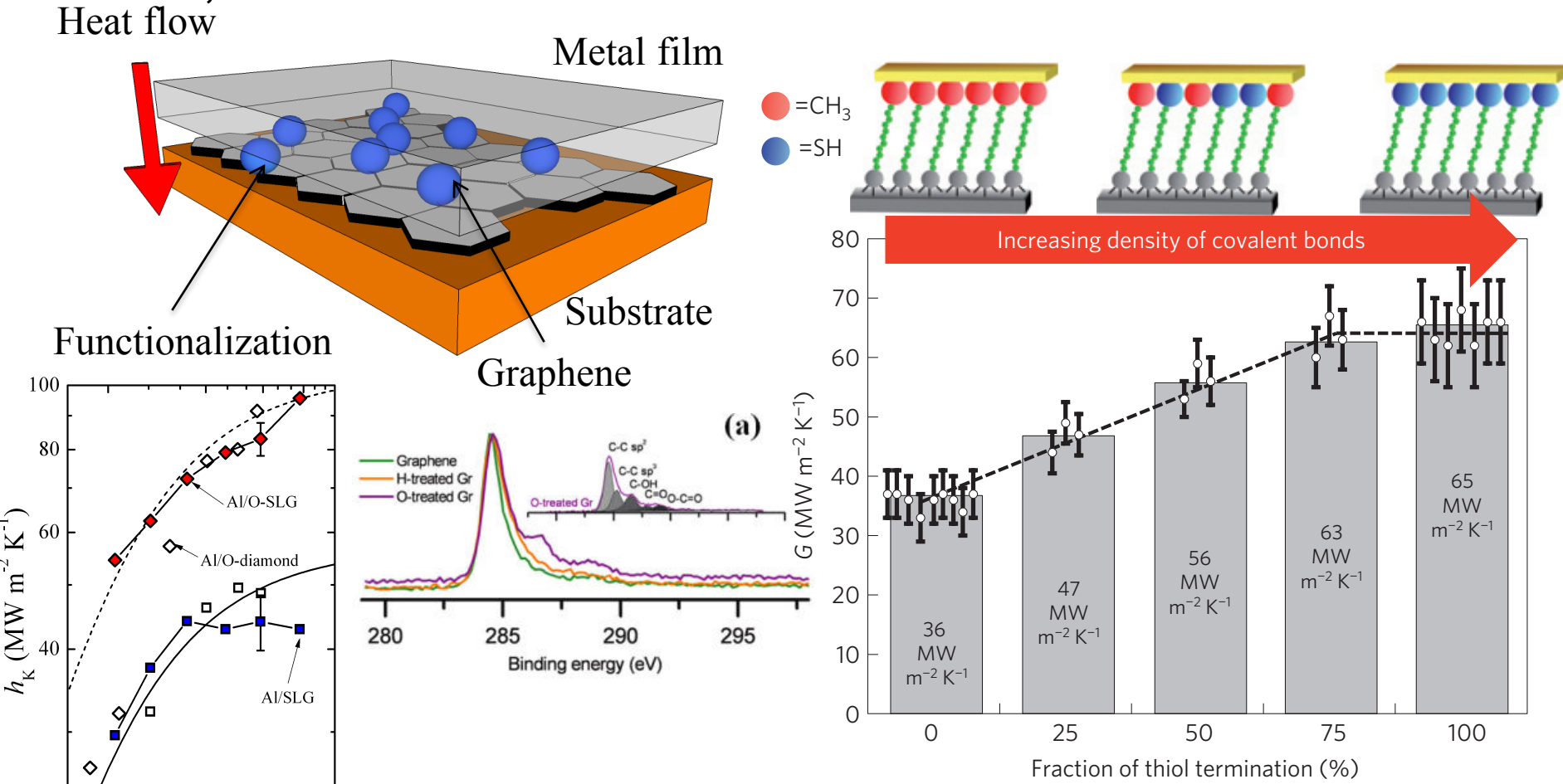


Disorder decreases TBC
(increases TBR) when
length scale is greater than
phonon wavelength



Defect effects on TBC – “Molecular” interface (organic)

Bonding, which can be controlled with surface chemistry at interface, enhances TBC

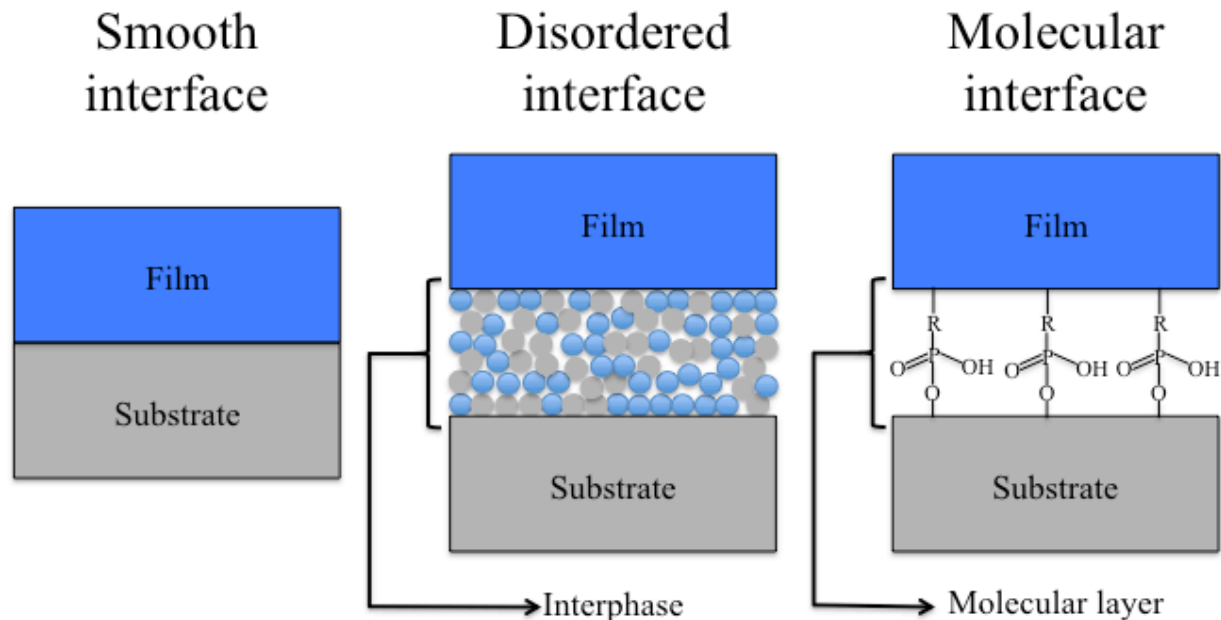


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Questions motivating this work

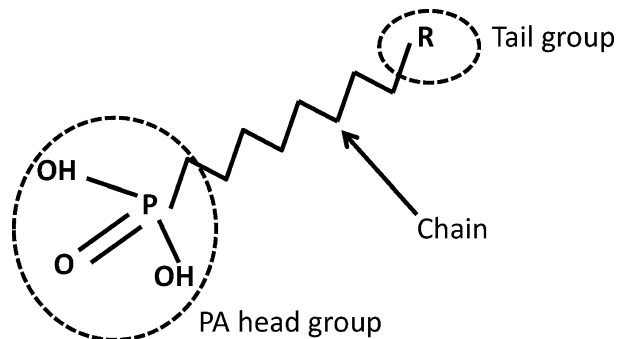
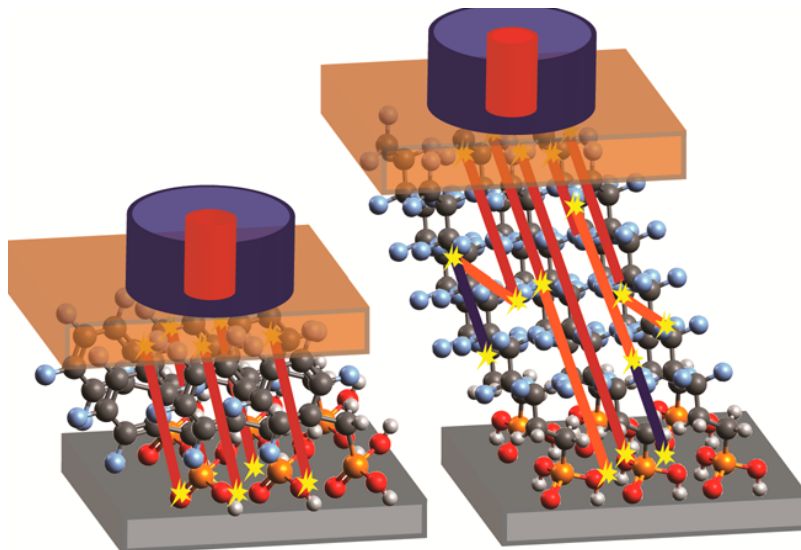
- What are the vibrational scattering mechanisms driving heat transfer at and across molecular interfaces?
- How does vibrational energy scatter/transmit across inorganic/molecule interfaces?
- When does scattering *in* the molecule at the interface matter?



Outline – Scattering “in” vs. “at” molecular interfaces & TBC

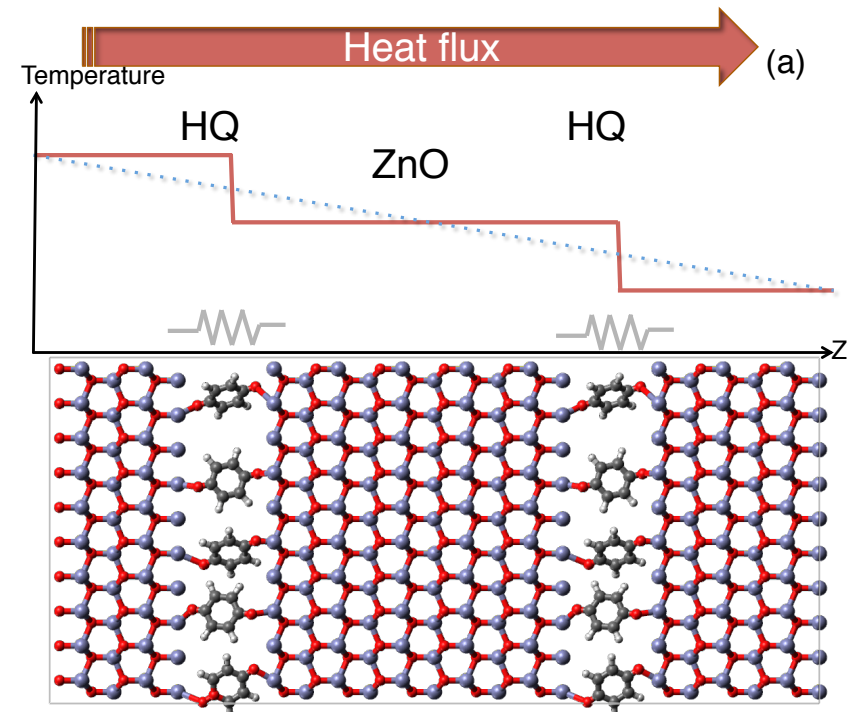
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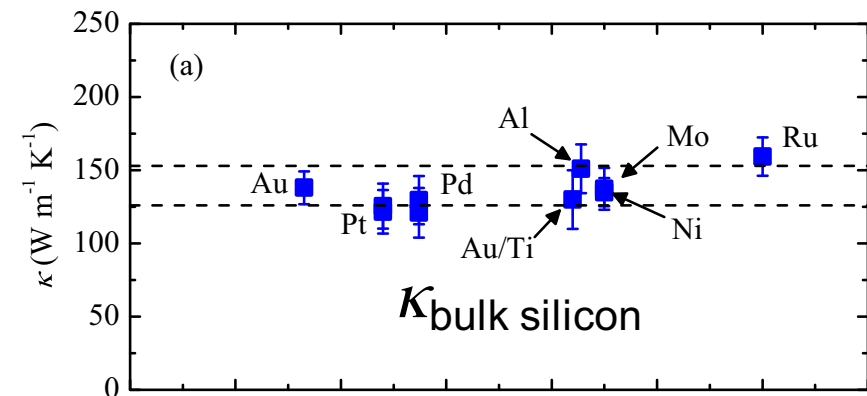
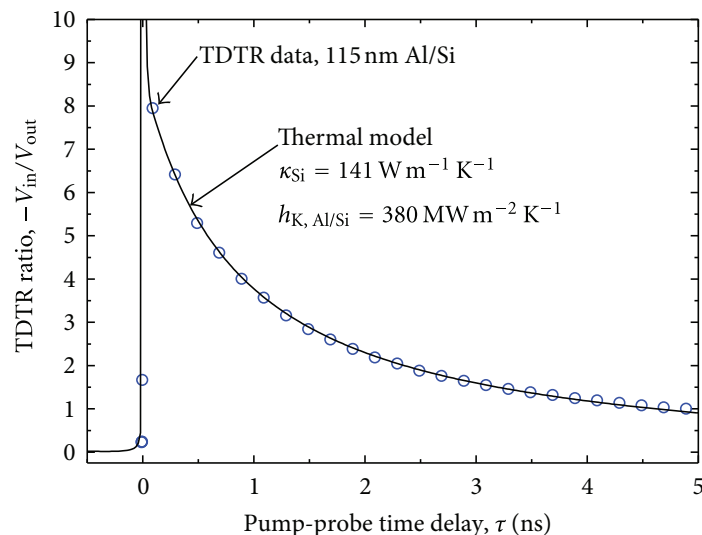
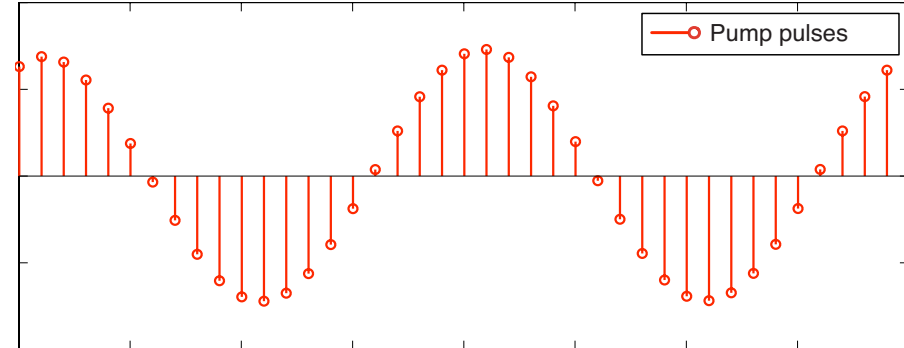
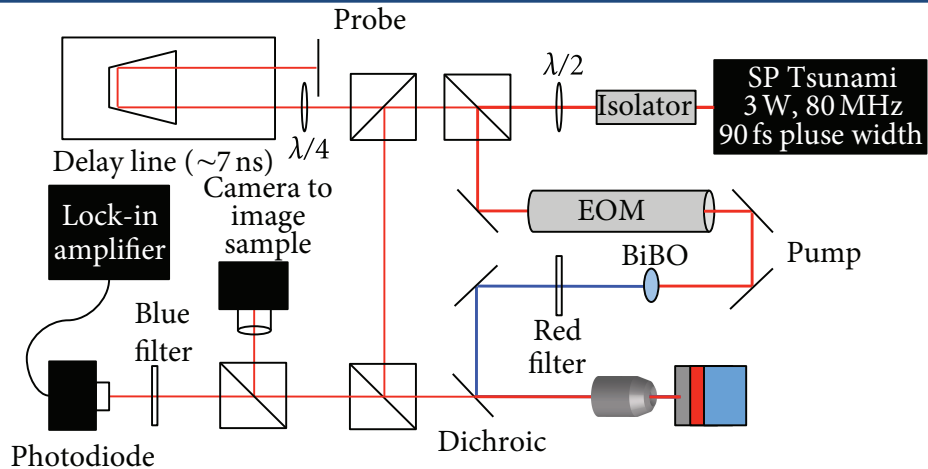


Hybrid structures

ZnO/HQ or TiO₂/HQ SLs
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All TBC and κ measurements performed with TDTR



TDTR Reviews and Analyses

Rev. Sci. Instr. **75**, 5119

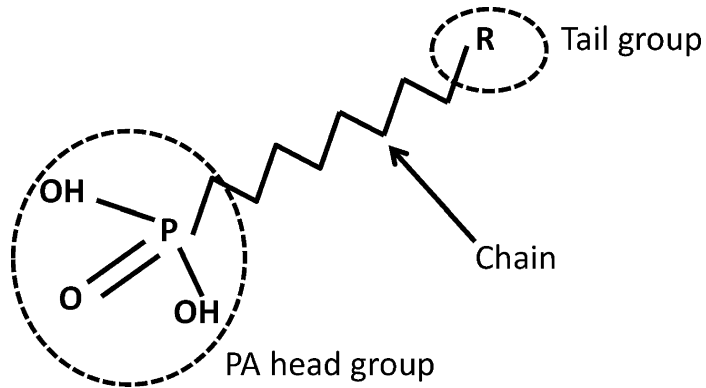
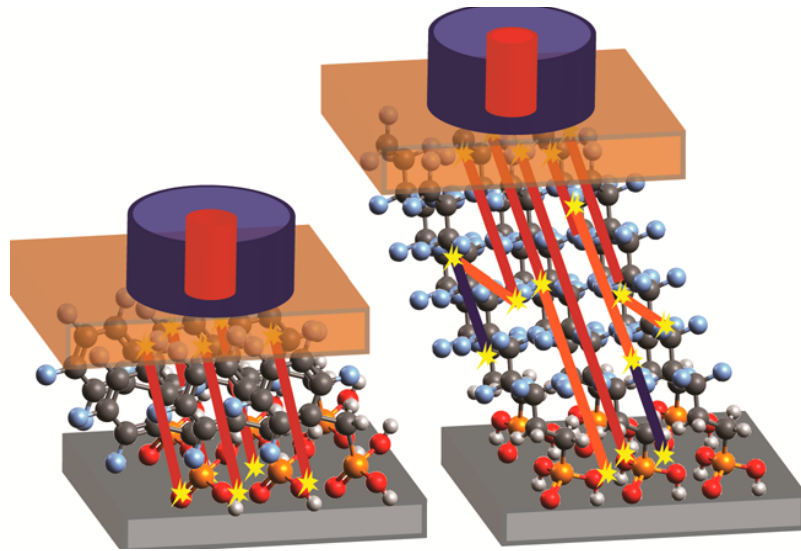
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100 ps for heat to diffusive
through 100 nm of Al

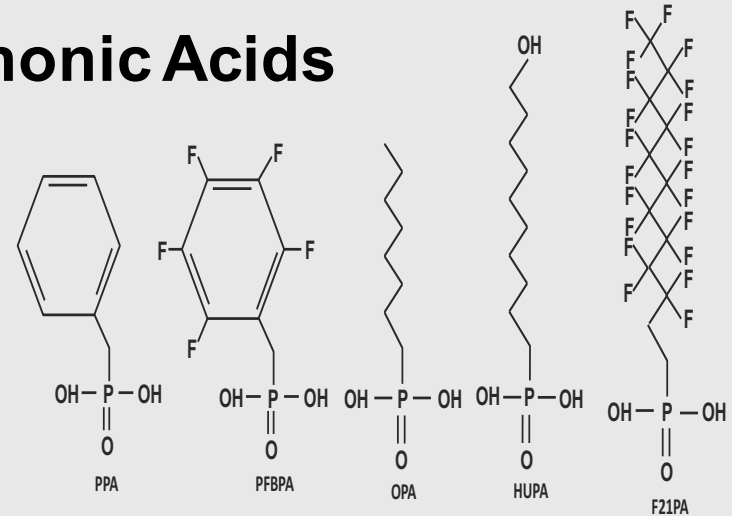
PA's to study molecular scattering at single interface



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Metals: Al, Au, Ni

Phosphonic Acids

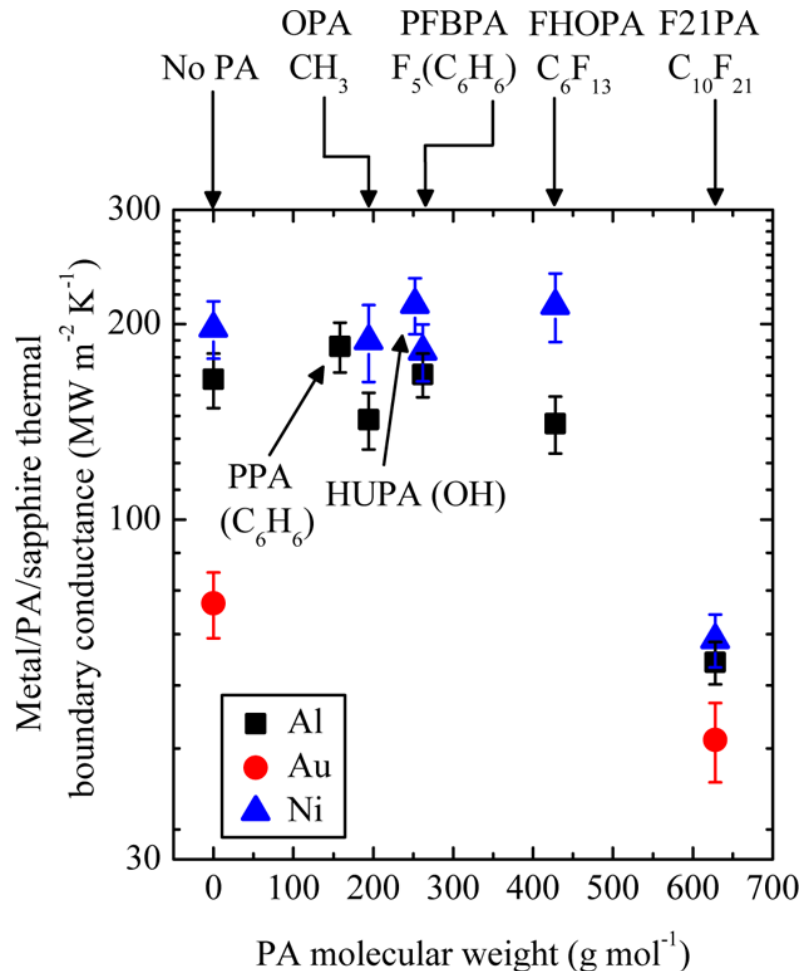


Sapphire substrate
(note: high $\kappa = 35\text{-}40 \text{ W m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$)

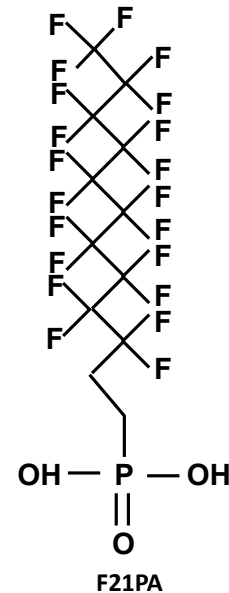
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Molecular weight (not length of molecule) affects TBC



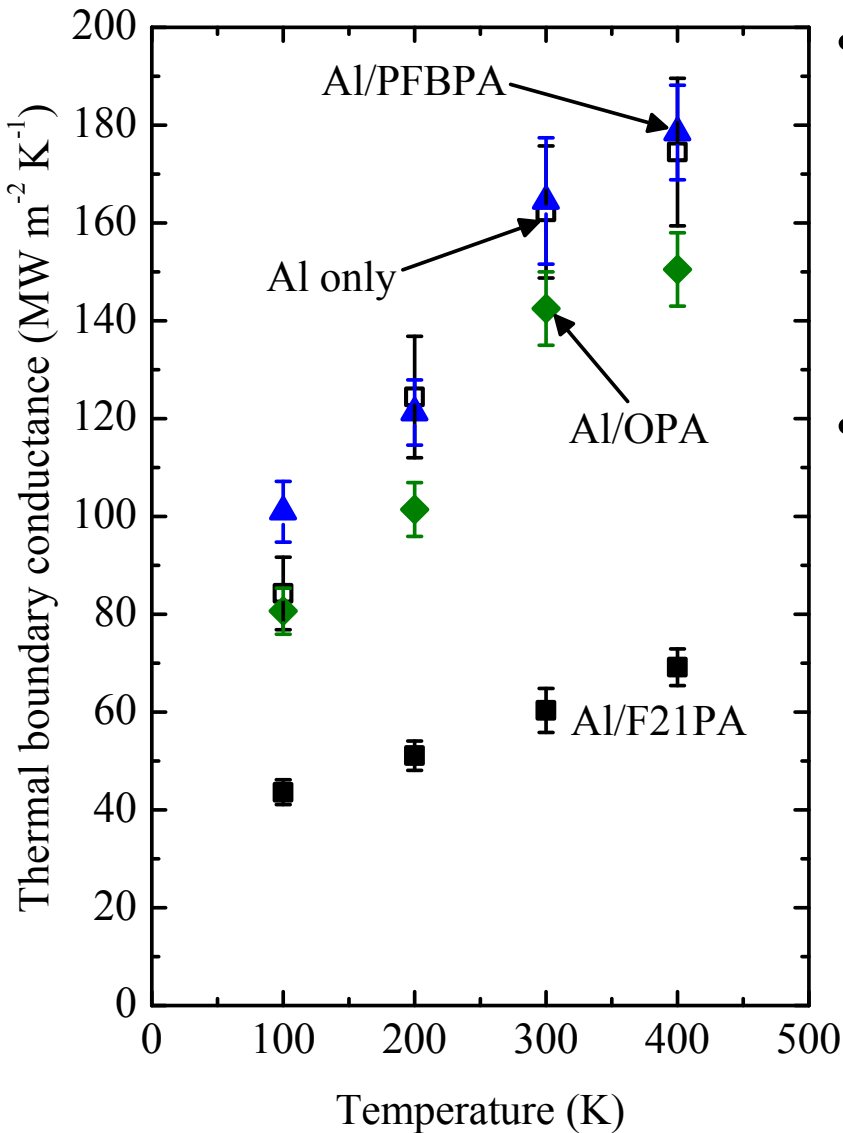
- No correlation with length
(HUPA~ 1.7 nm, F21PA ~ 2 nm)
- Most noticeable change in TBC
with large MW F21PA



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Is the change in TBC the metal/PA interface or the F21PA itself?

Temperature trends elucidate mechanism



- Similar temperature trends (not including F21PA) suggest no change in phonon scattering mechanisms
- Scattering **in** F21PA of vibrations with length scales less than interfacial length scale (consistent with previous discussions)

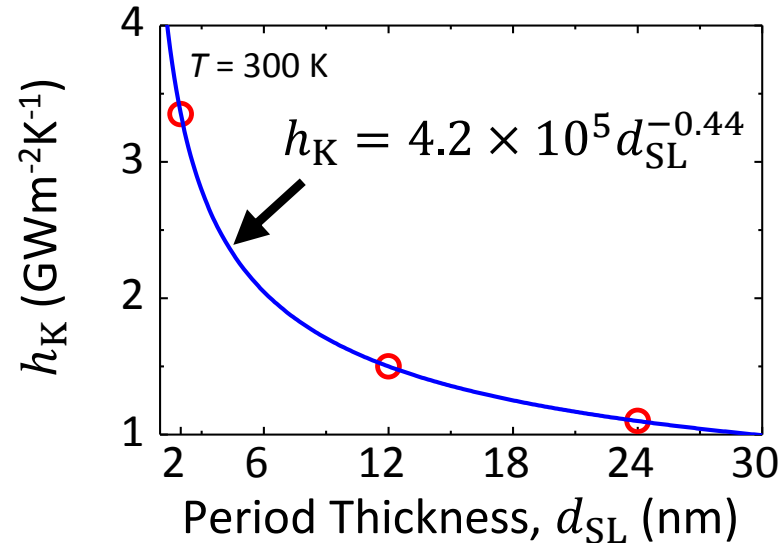
$$\frac{1}{h_{K,\text{total}}} = \frac{1}{h_{K,\text{sapphire}}} + \frac{1}{h_{\text{F21PA}}}$$

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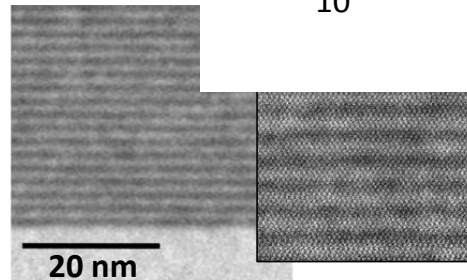
Scattering in interfacial region if region is “disordered” and large

How does this translate to nanocomposites/SLs?

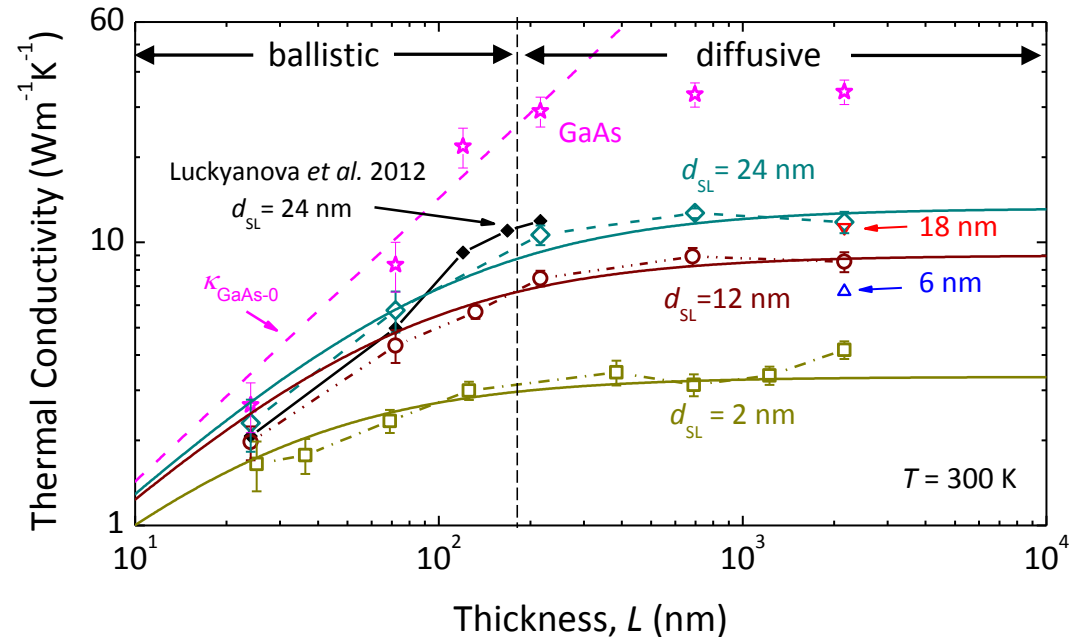
- Single interfaces: length scale of disorder > vibrational wavelength = diffusive scattering in interfacial region
- Single interfaces: length scale of disorder < vibrational wavelength = ballistic transport across interfacial region
- Translates to observations in inorganic SL structures



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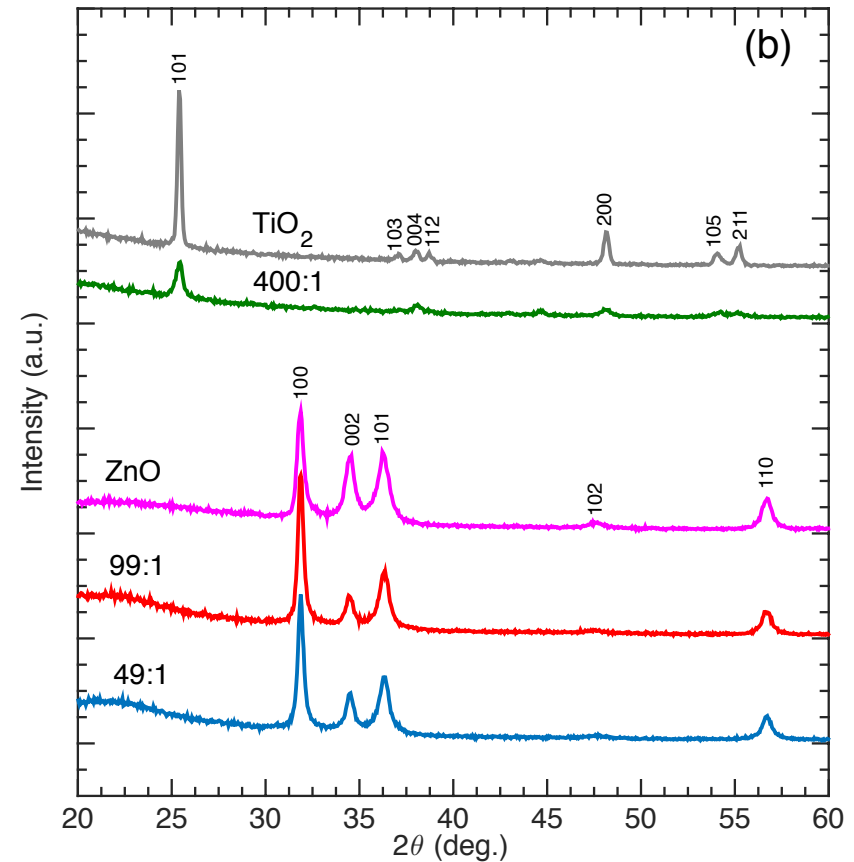
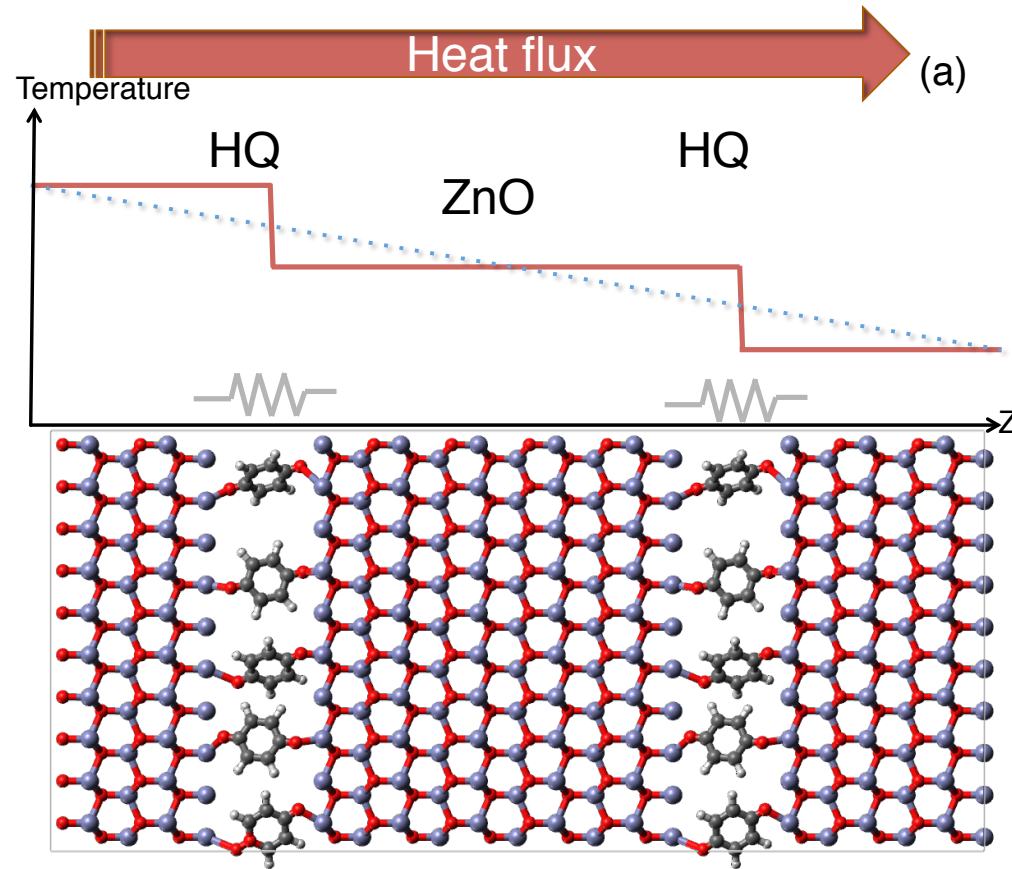
$d_{SL} = 2$ nm



**What about
organic/inorganic SLs?**

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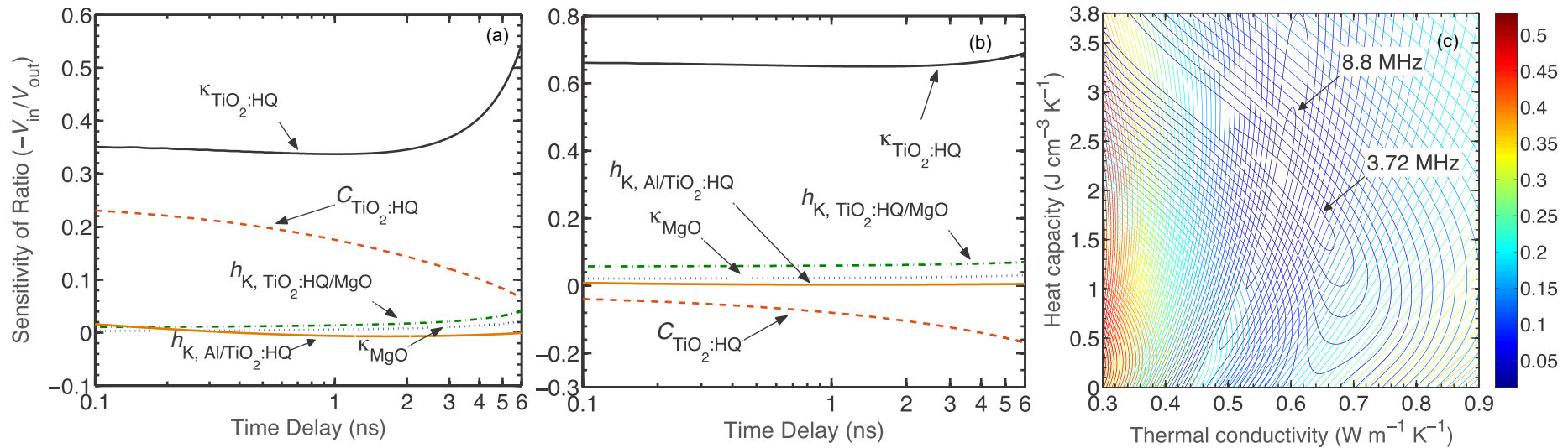
Combined ALD/MLD to reduce κ in oxides



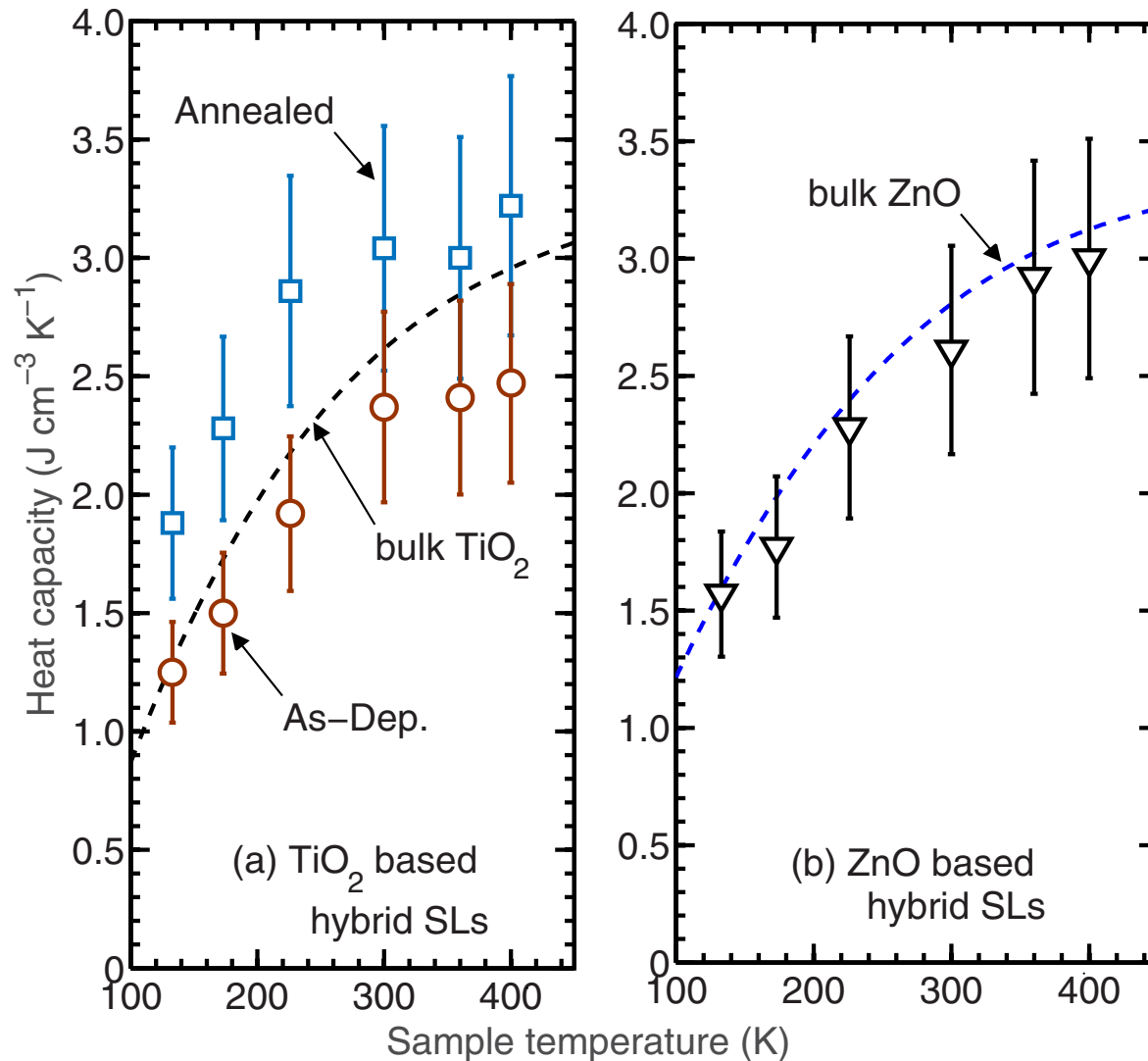
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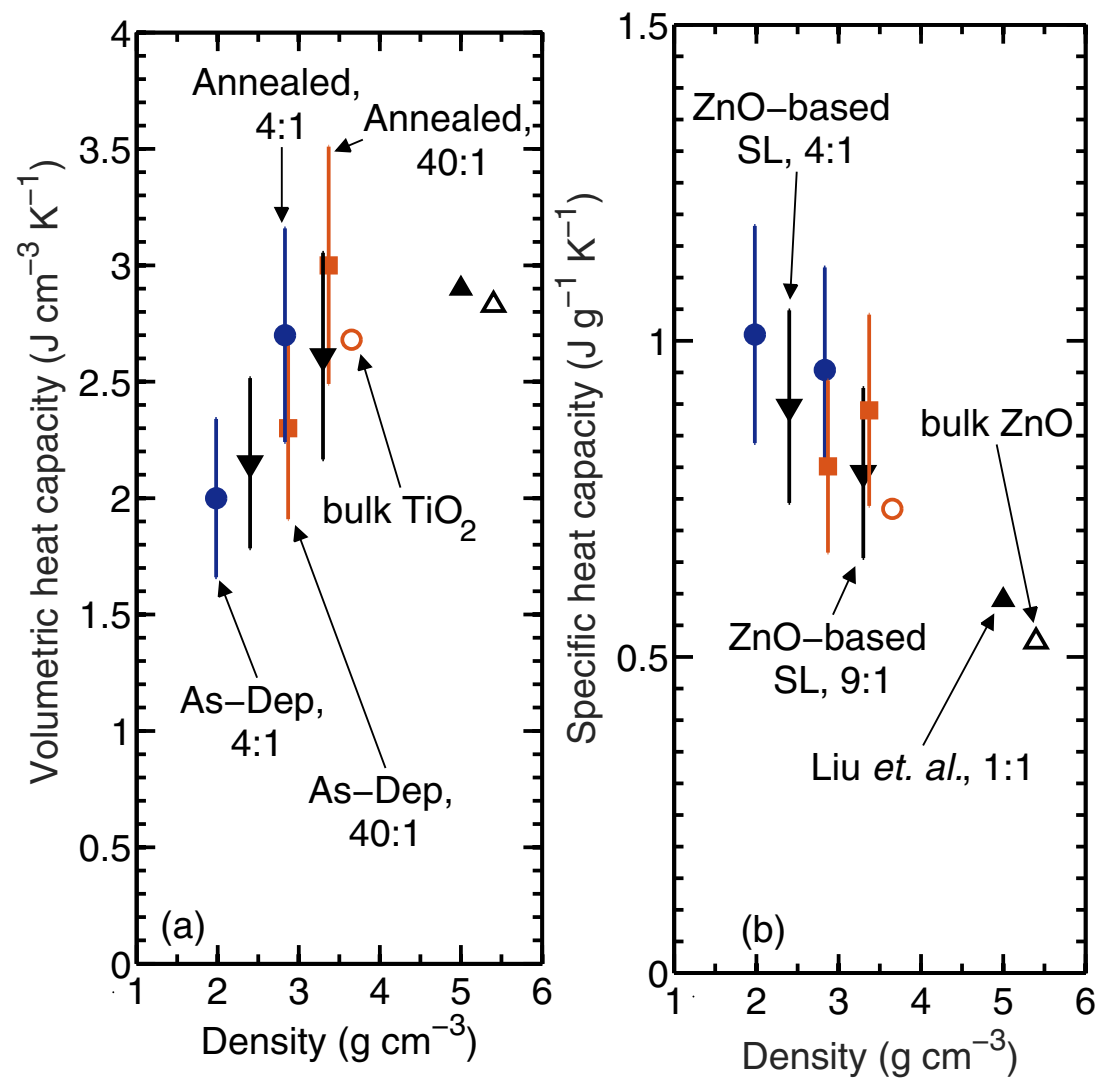
Heat capacity of hybrid inorganic/organic materials



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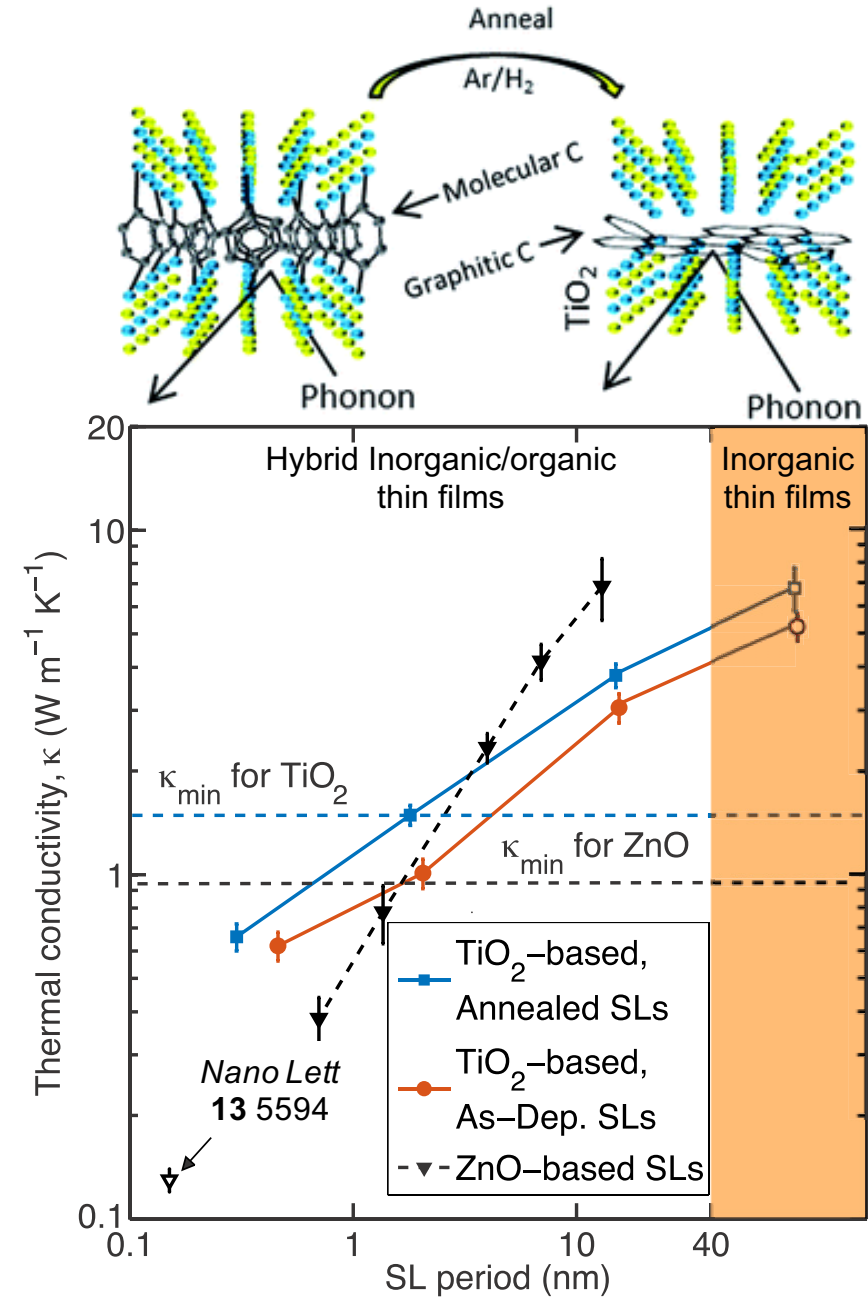


Vibrational scattering at inorganic/organic interface

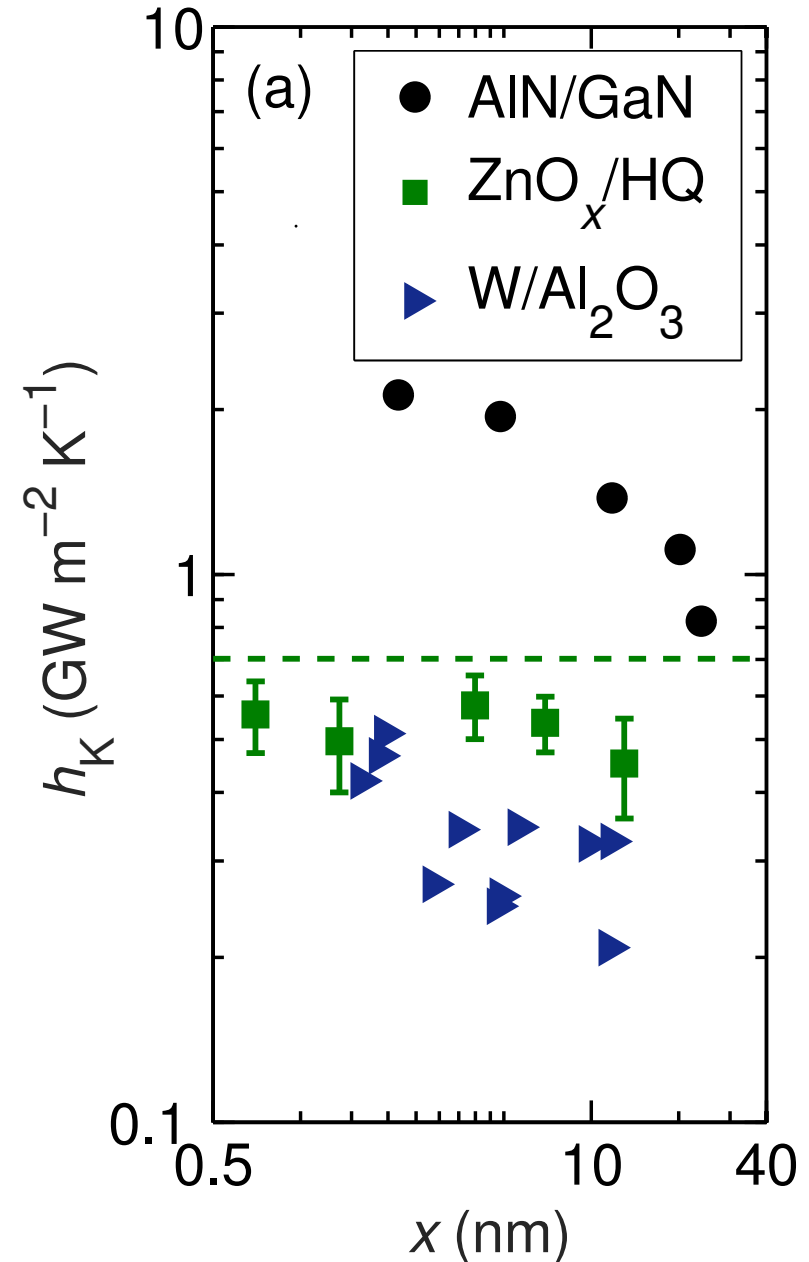
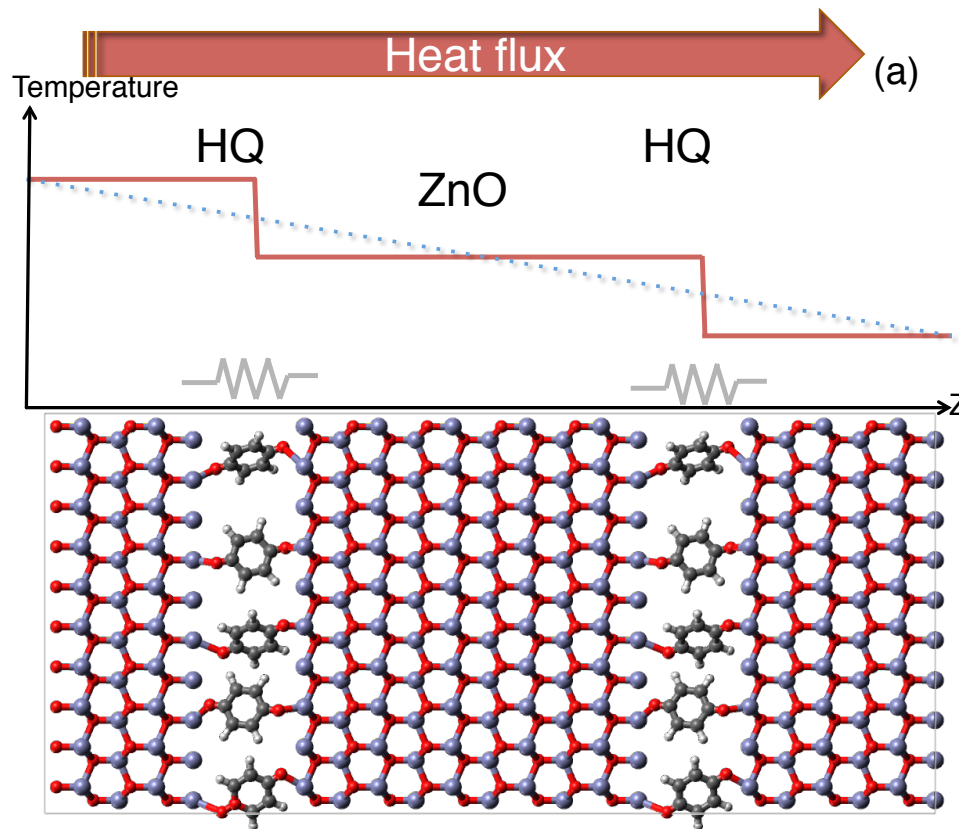
- Phonon scattering at organic/inorganic interface can lead crystalline composites achieving κ less than amorphous phase
- Scattering **at** interface, not **in** HQ layer
- Let's analyze this in terms of a TBC

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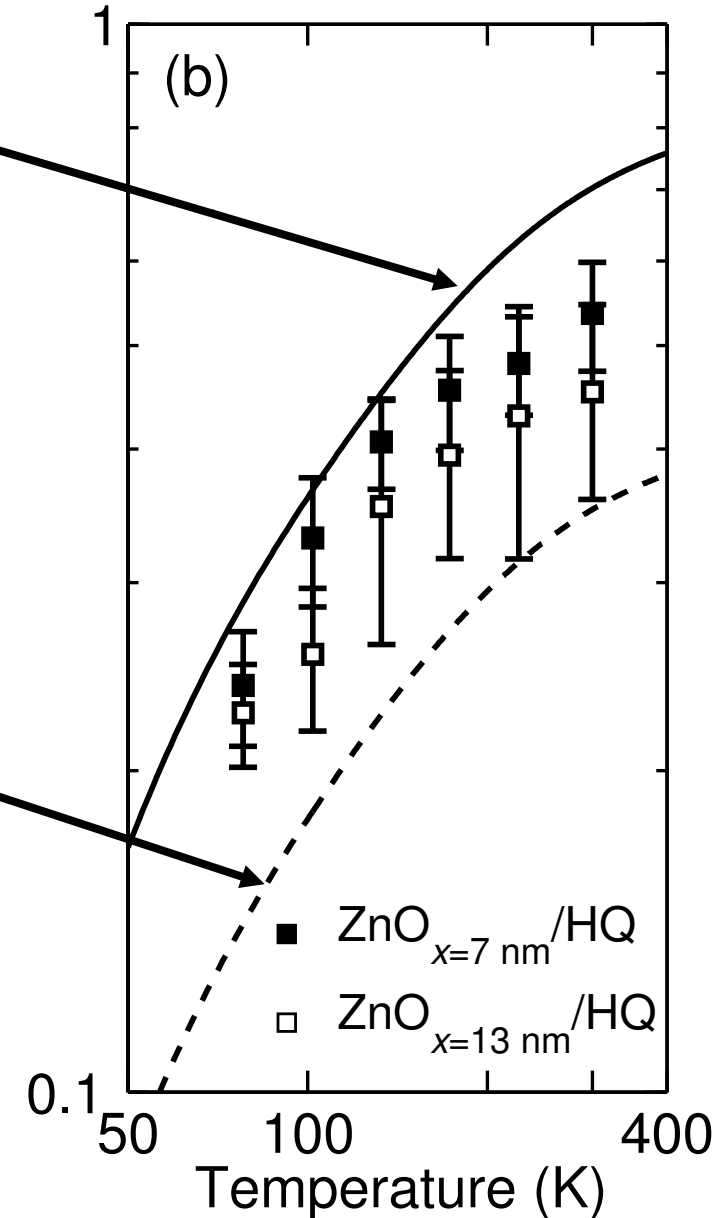
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$$\zeta_{1 \rightarrow 2} = 1 \quad \text{Max possible TBC} \\ \text{(transmission of unity)}$$

$$h_K = \int_{\omega} q_{\omega} \zeta_{1 \rightarrow 2} d\omega$$

Diffuse mismatch model
(transmission of 50%)

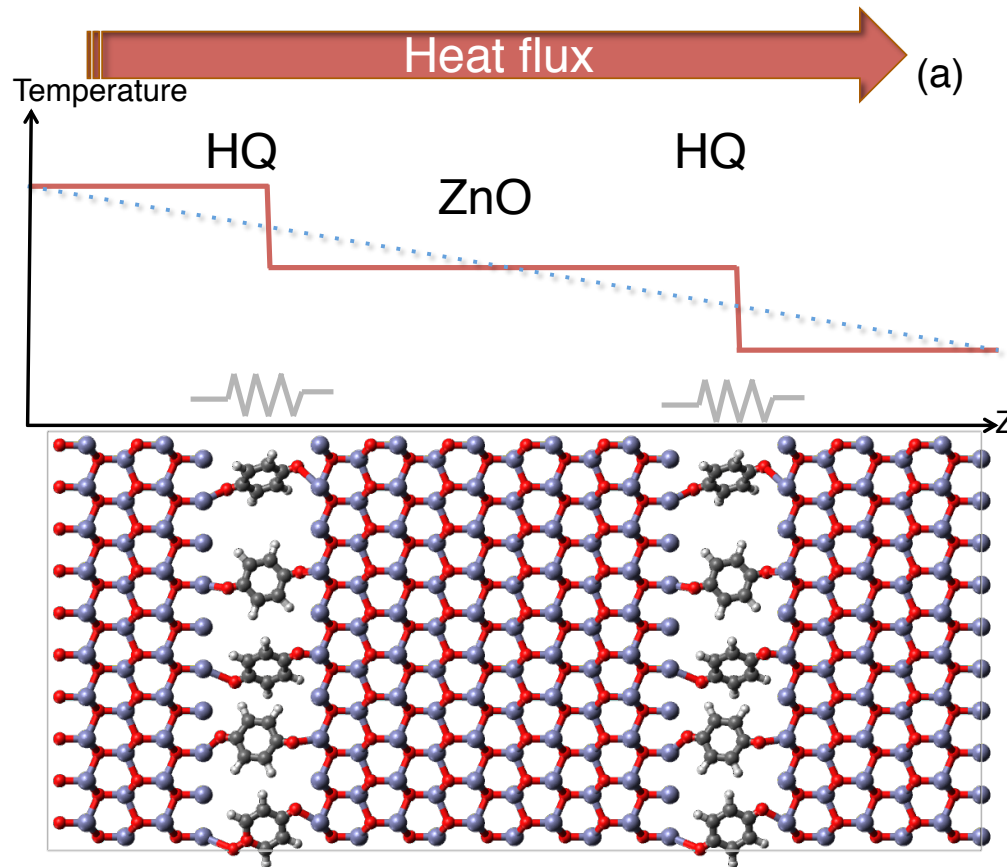
$$\zeta_{1 \rightarrow 2} = 0$$



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ZnO phonons with wavelengths larger than HQ diameter account for ~80% of heat flux

- 1) ZnO phonons scatter at ZnO/HQ interface
- 2) ~80% of ZnO phonons transmit across HQ with $\zeta = 1$ (ZnO/ZnO interface)
- 3) ~20% of ZnO-based vibrations scatter in HQ (can we support this?)

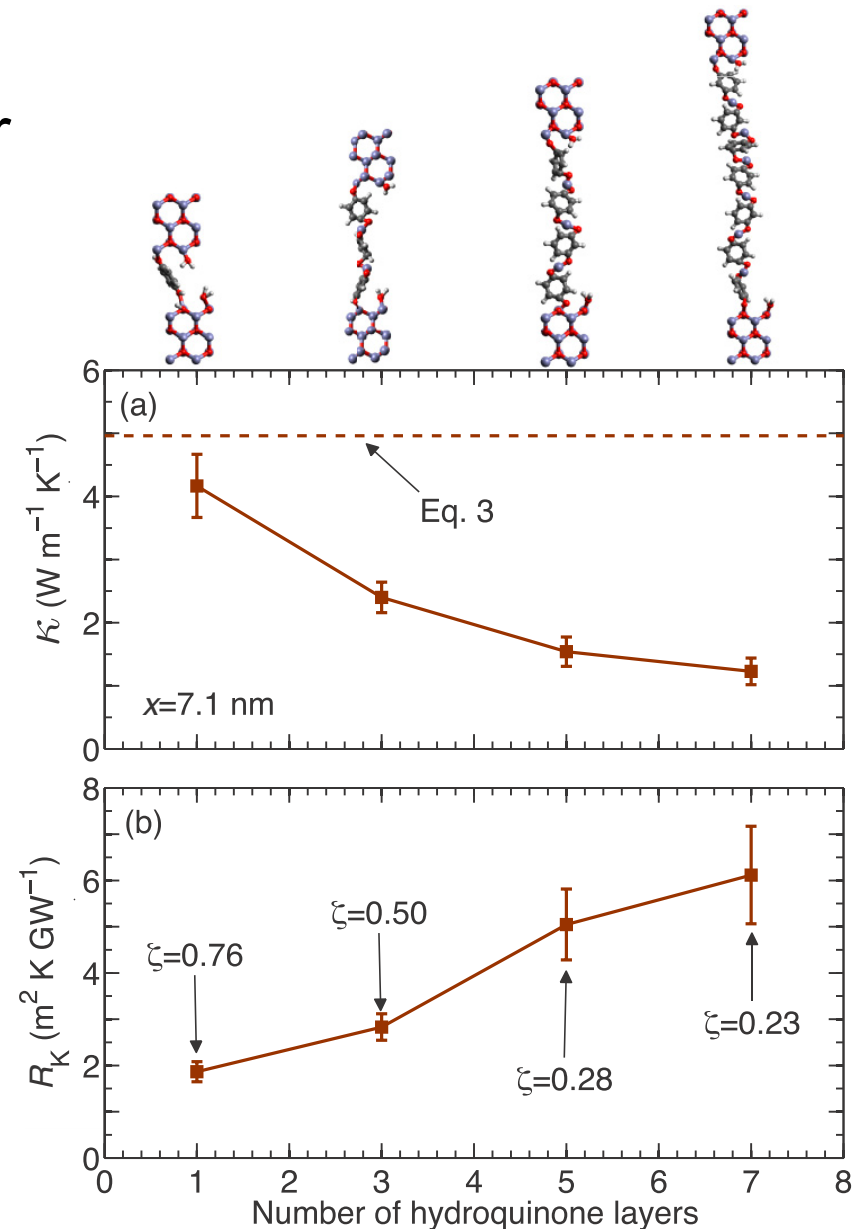
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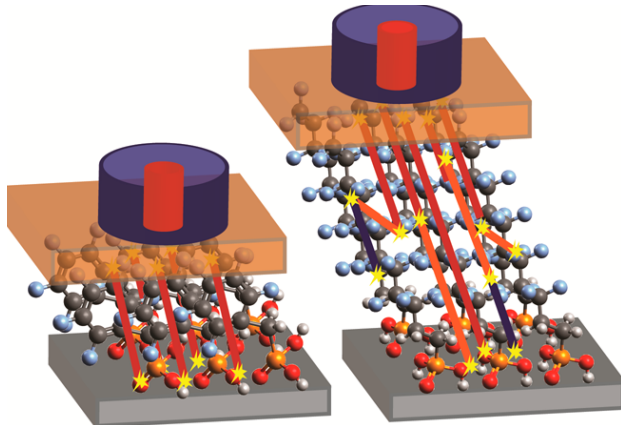
- Increase number of HQ molecules in organic layer, lower κ , lower TBC
- Transmission decreases
- More scattering *in* HQ layer as number of HQ molecules increase

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Conclusions

Size of molecule dictates ballistic vs. diffusive heat transfer

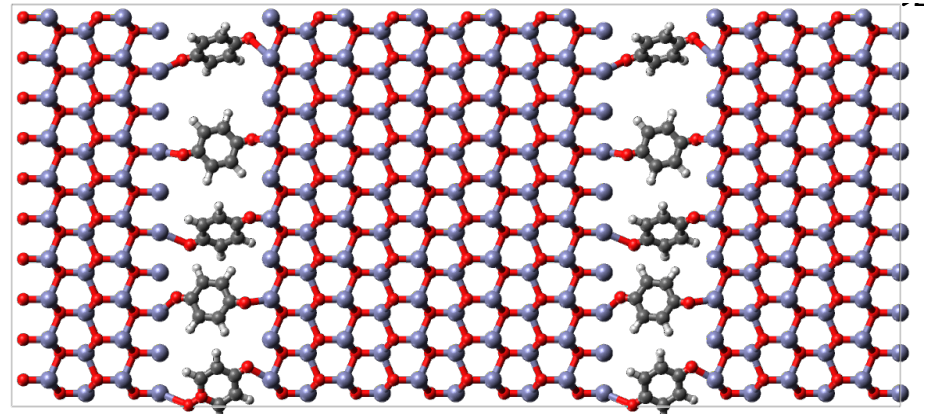


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