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Manipulating the chemical bond to control thermal transport in graphene & low dimensional carbon films

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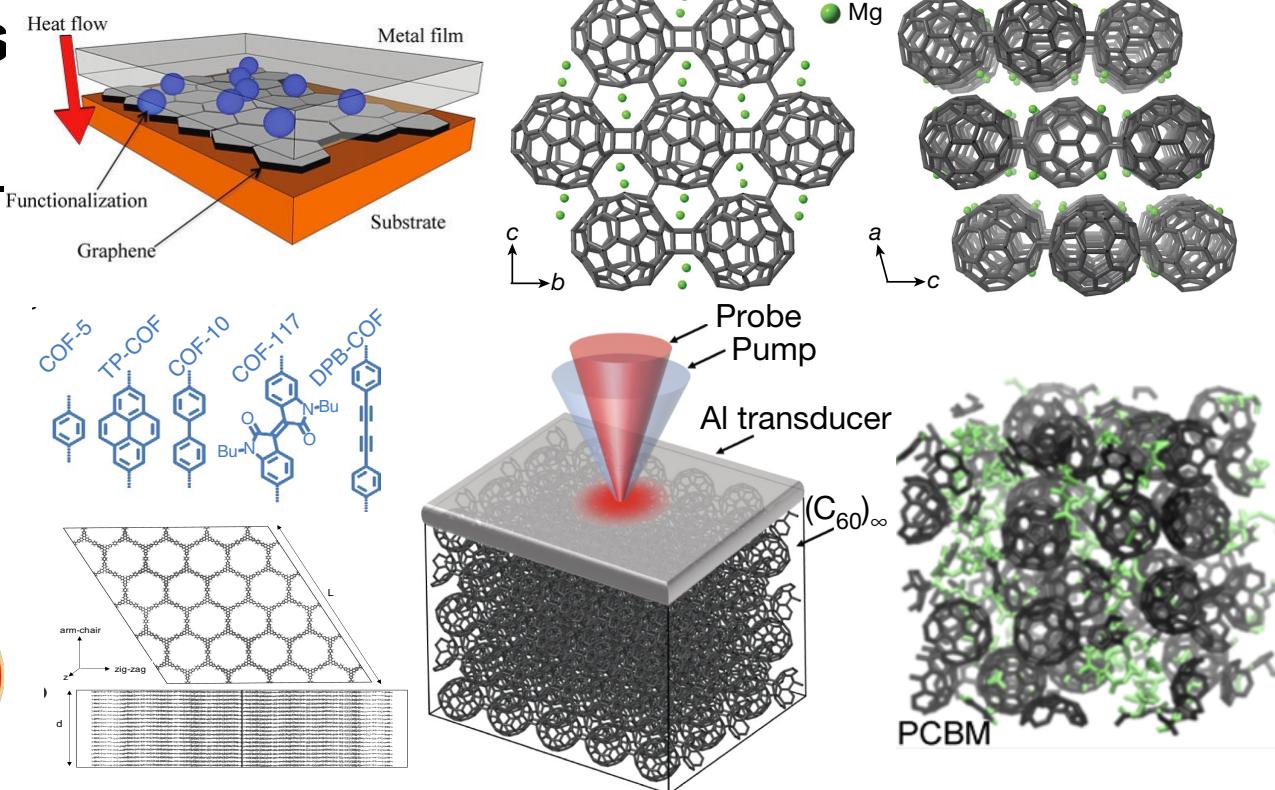
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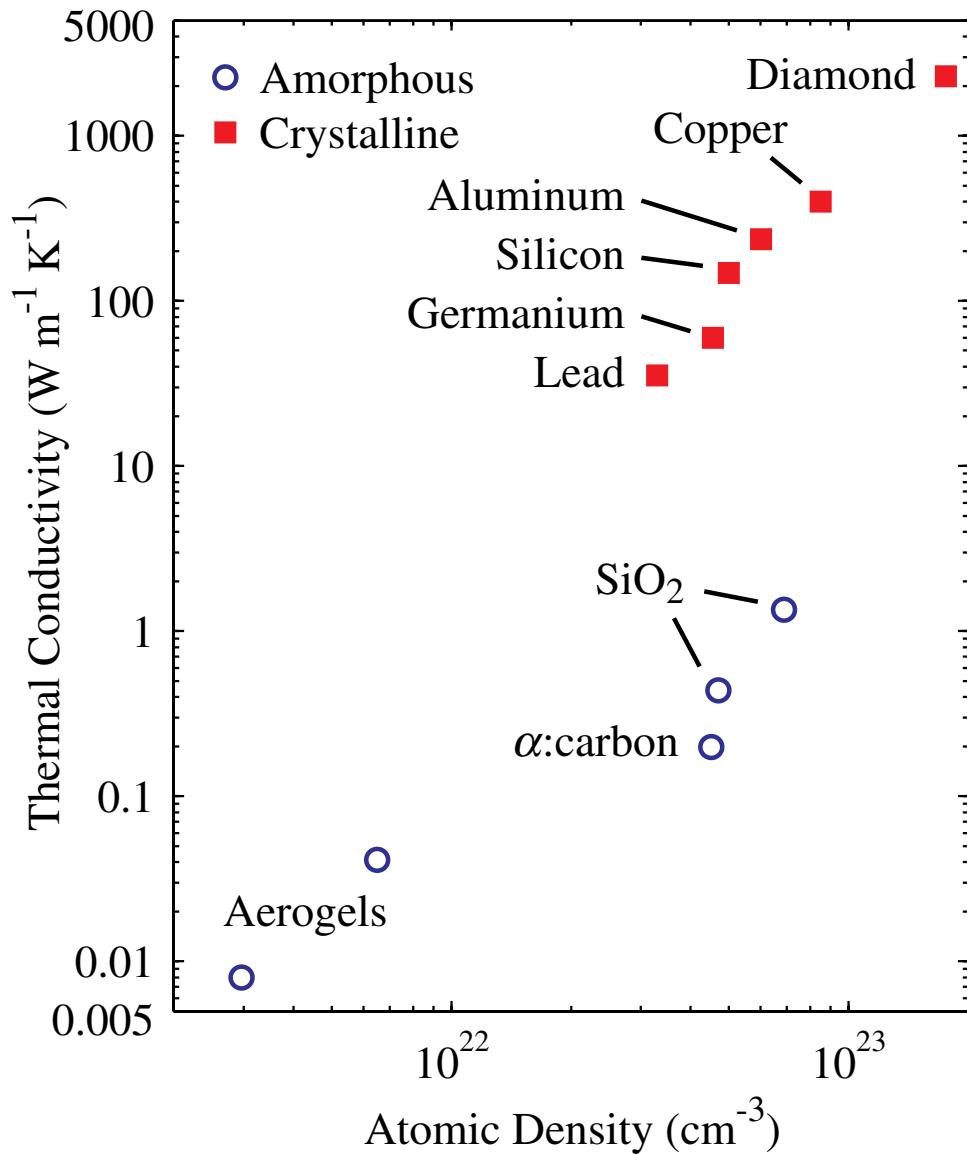
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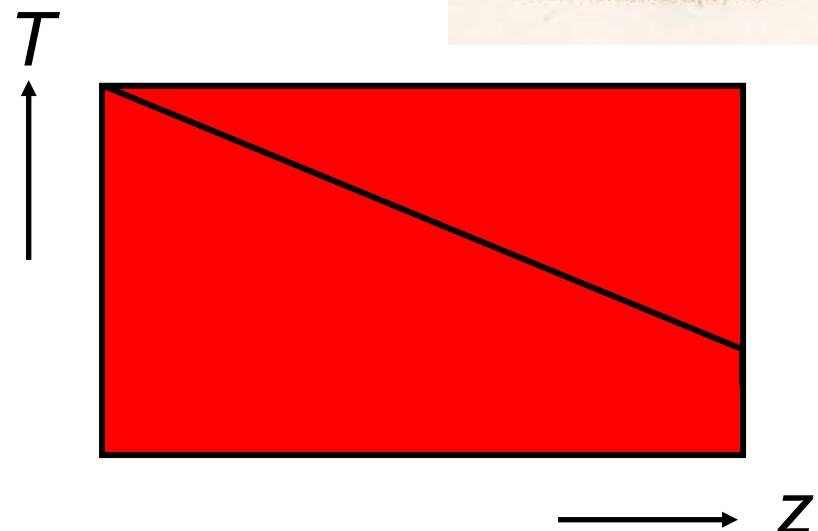


Thermal conductivity of materials – Macro/Microscopic



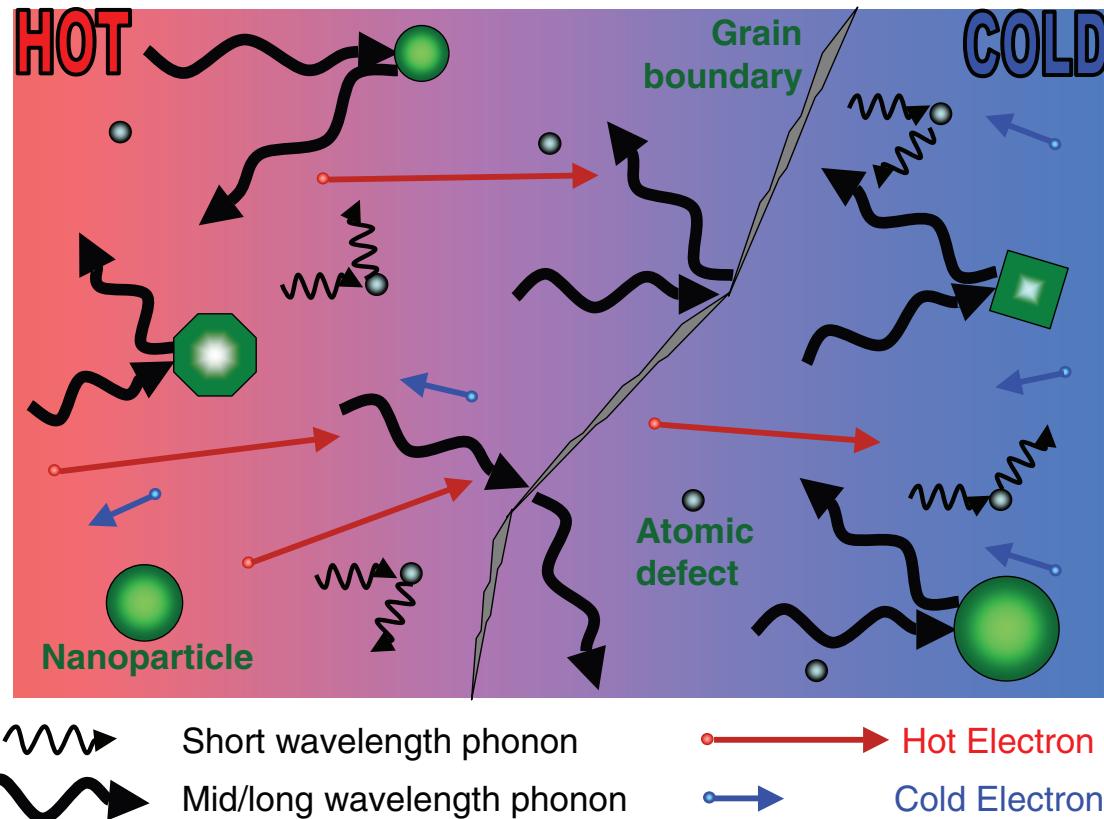
The Fourier Law

$$q = -\kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial z}$$



A nanoscopic view with Kinetic Theory

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{3} Cv \lambda = \frac{1}{3} Cv_g^2 \tau$$

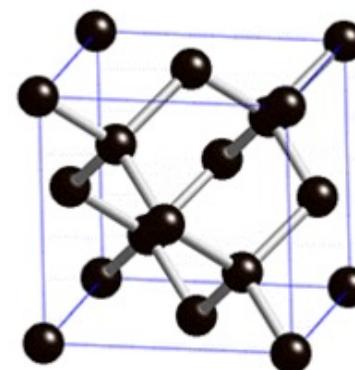
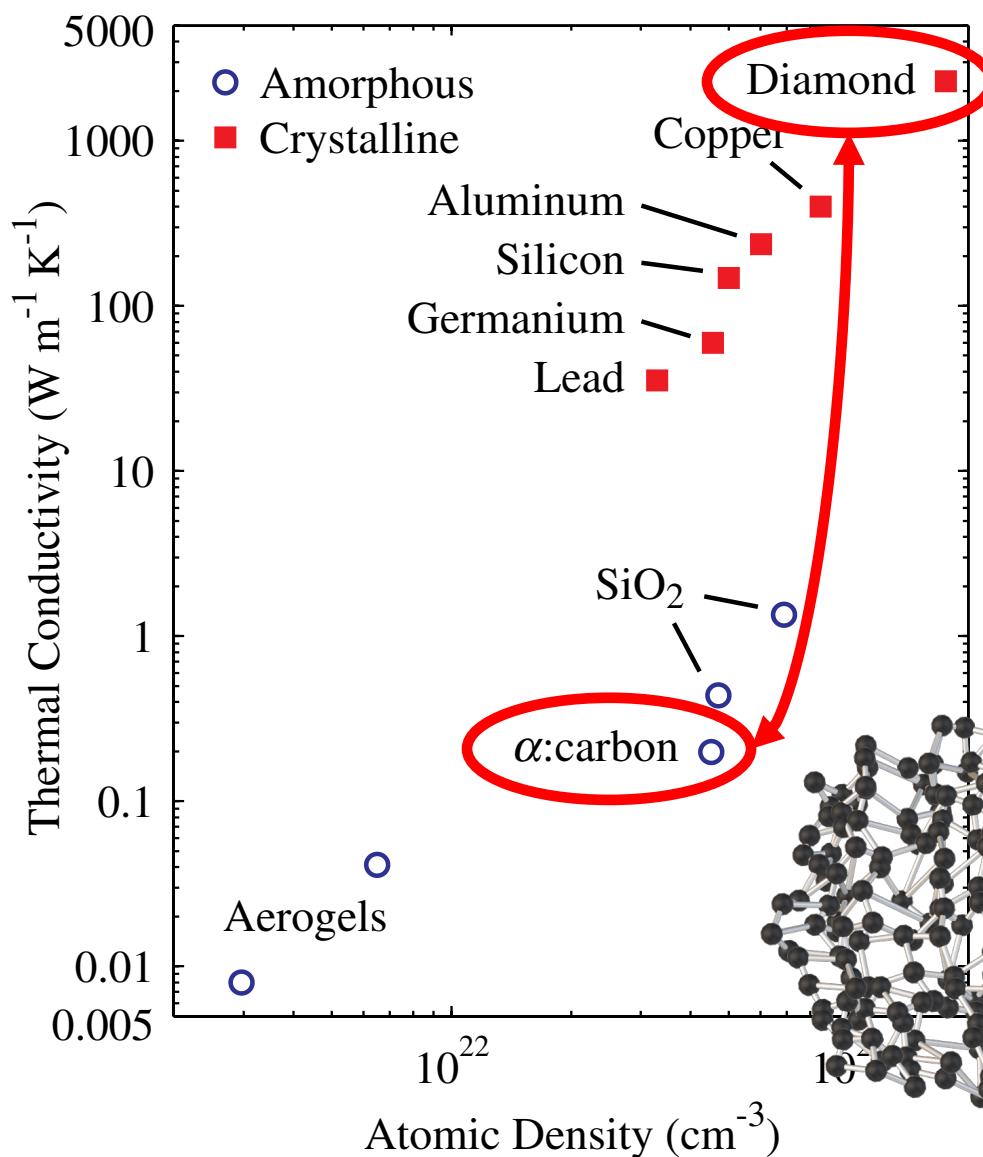


C: Heat capacity
“How much energy electrons/phonons store”

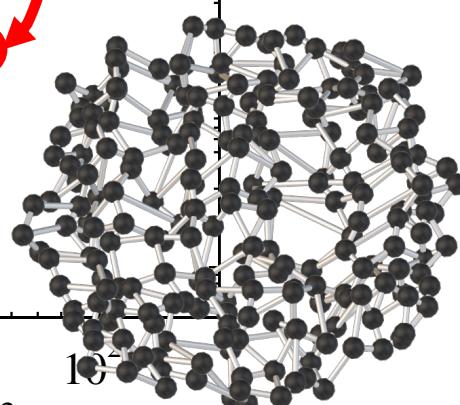
v: Velocity
“How fast the electrons/phonons move”

λ = Mean free path
“How far they move before losing energy/momentum”

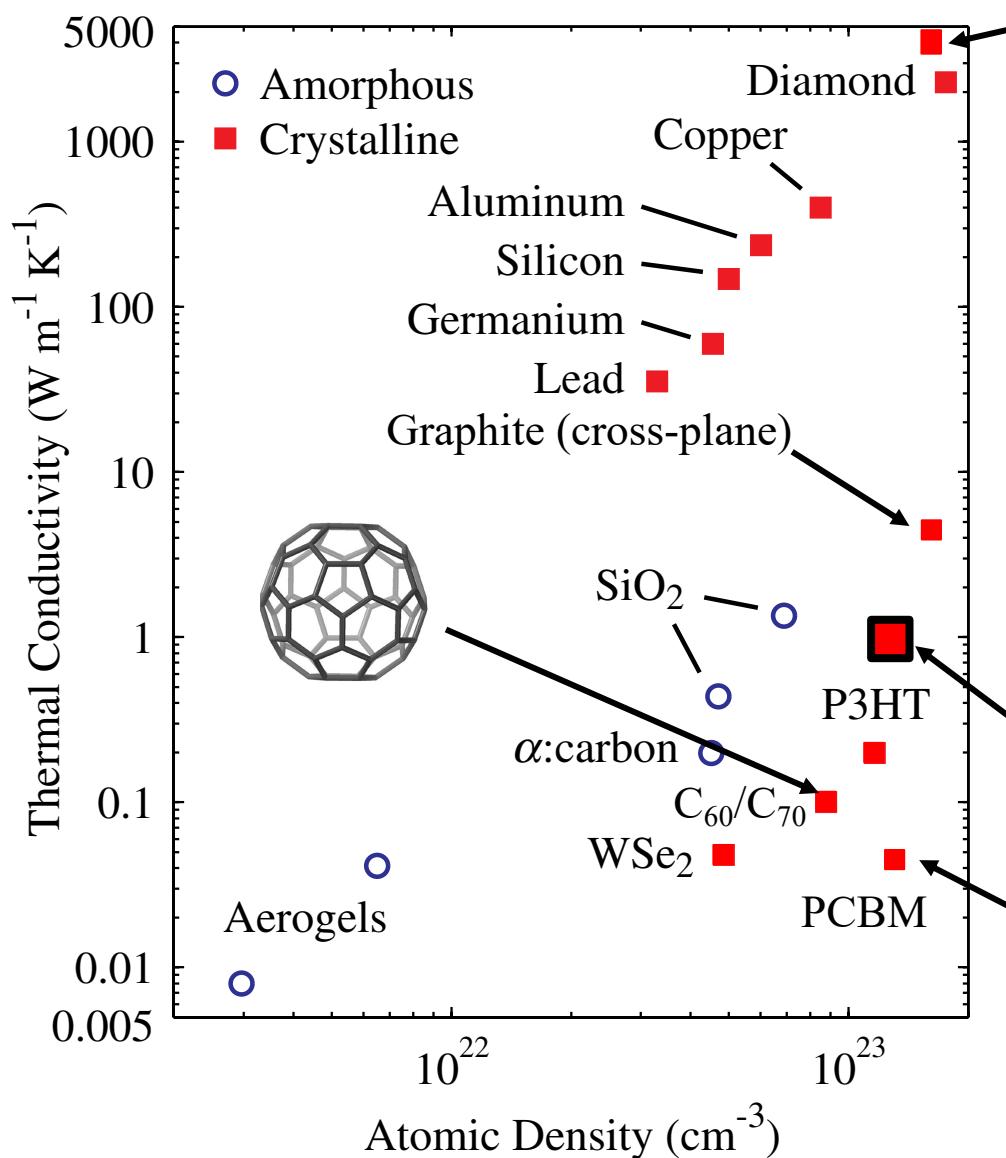
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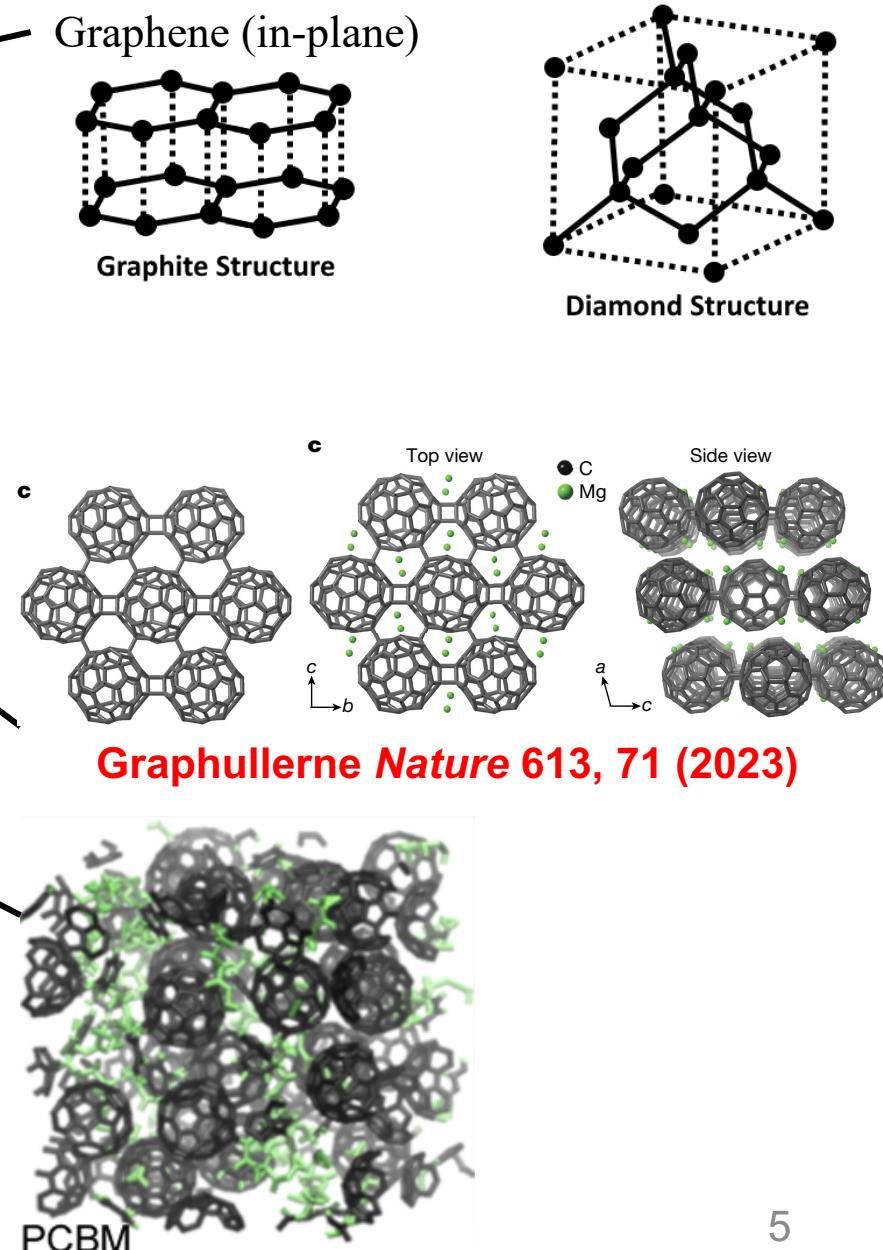
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Thermal conductivity of materials – Nanoscopic

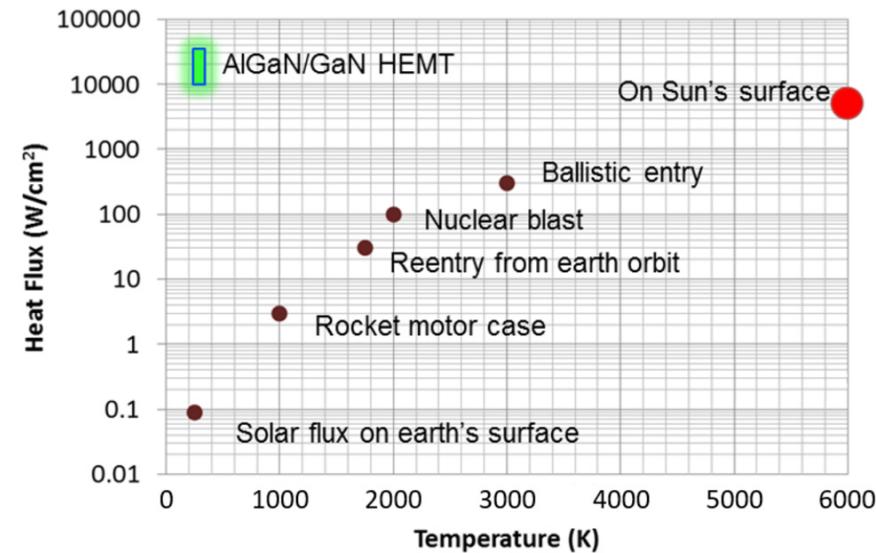


PRL 110, 015902 (2013)



Heat transfer in low dimensional carbon: Why this matters?

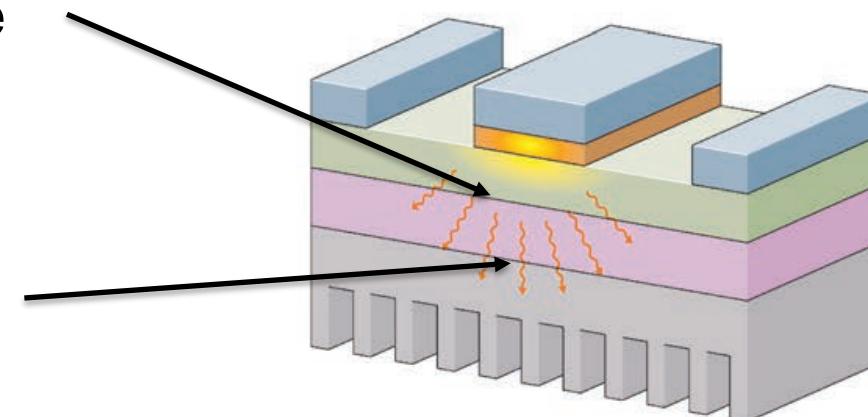
Extreme temperatures & gradients in devices & environments



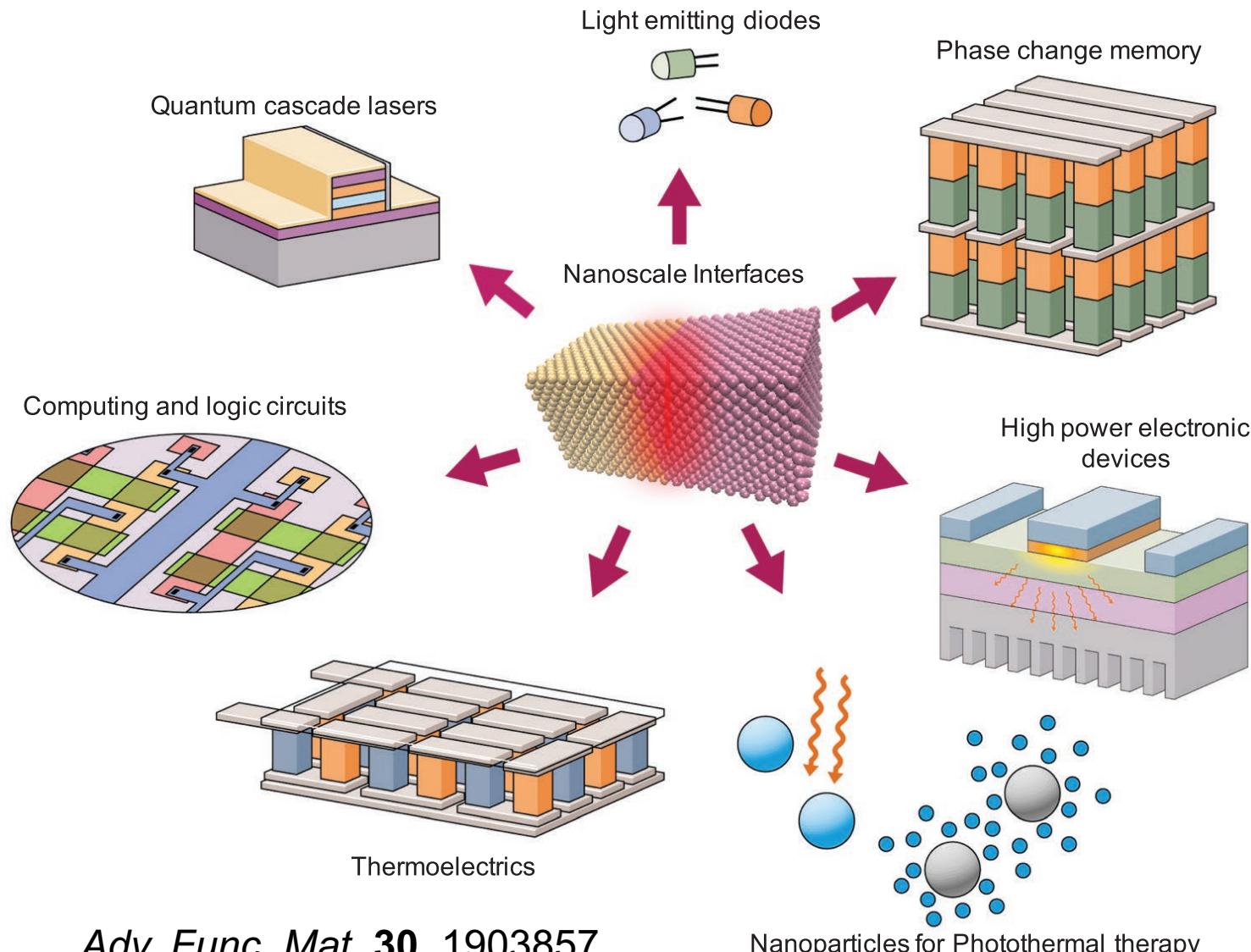
2D materials can help spread the heat

2D material composites as TIMs

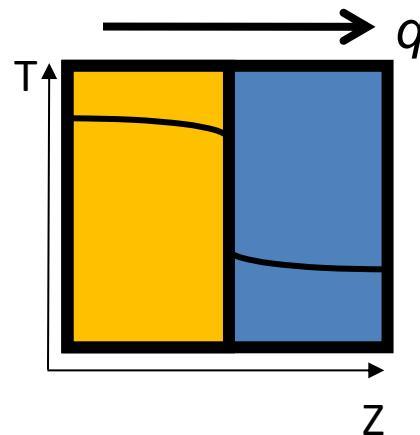
High power electronic devices



Heat transfer in low dimensional carbon: Why this matters? Devices, sensing, extreme temperatures and gradients

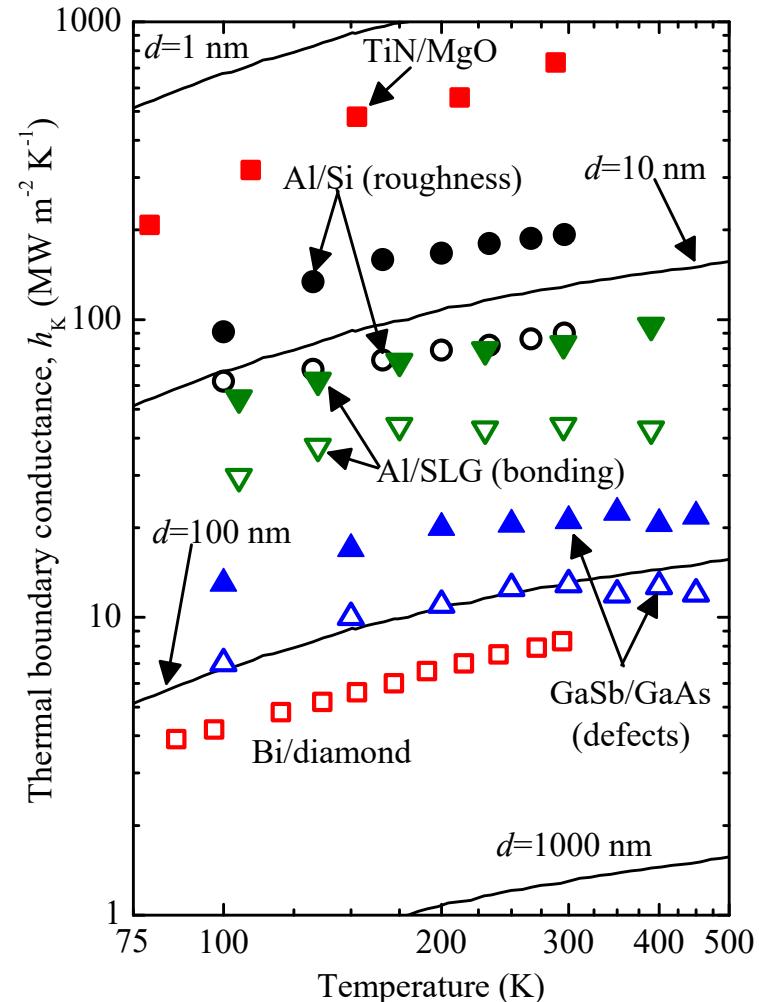
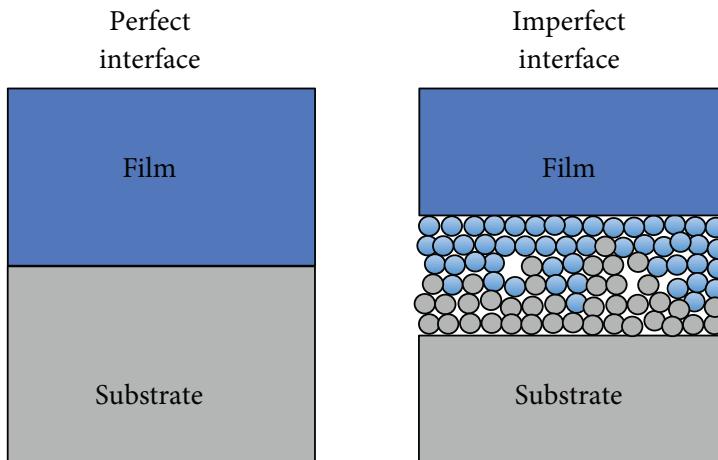


Thermal boundary conductance (TBC)

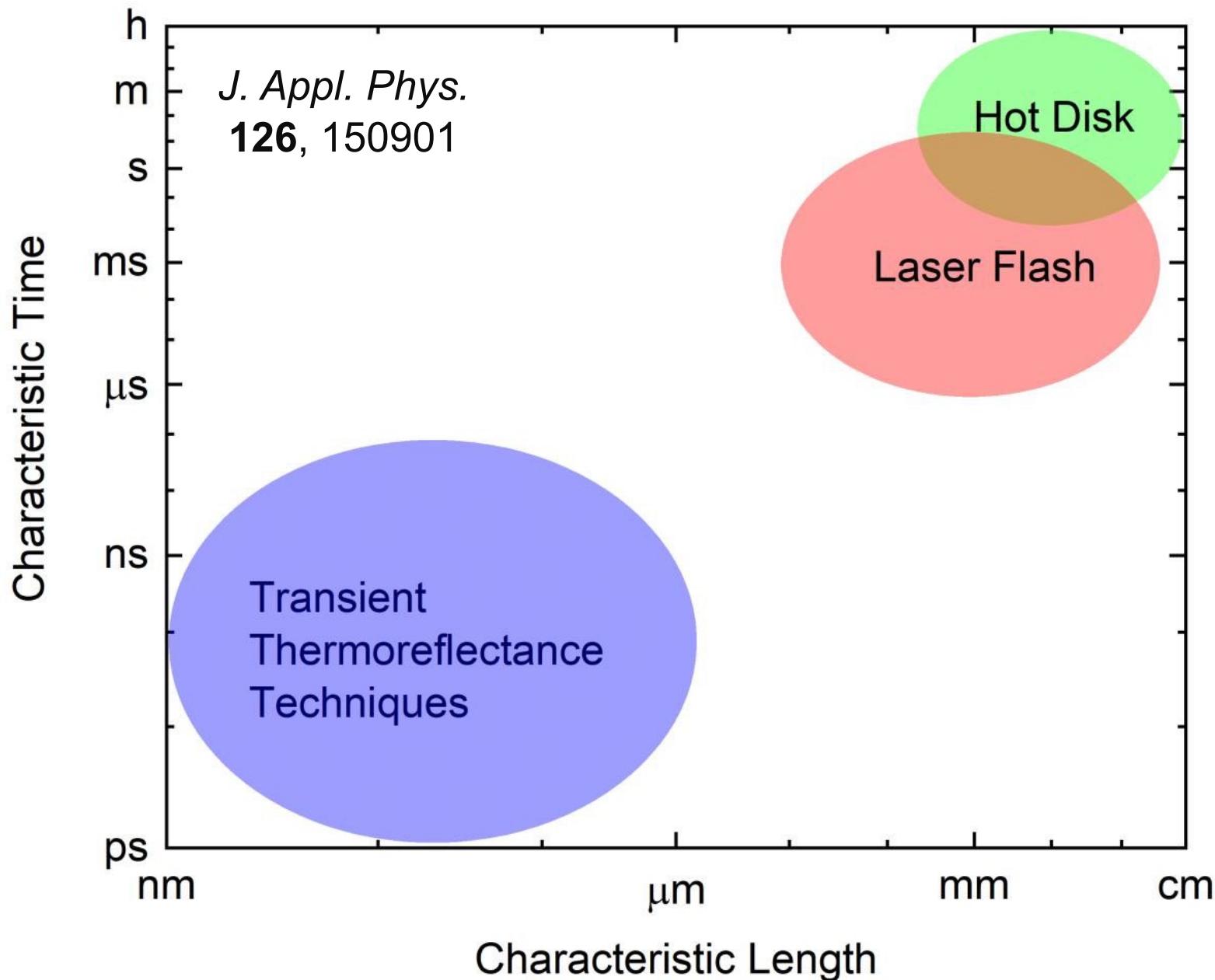


$$q_{\text{int}} = h_K \Delta T = \frac{1}{R_K \Delta T}$$

- Disorder typically reduces TBC (increases TBR)
- Not (necessarily) the case with 2D material interfaces

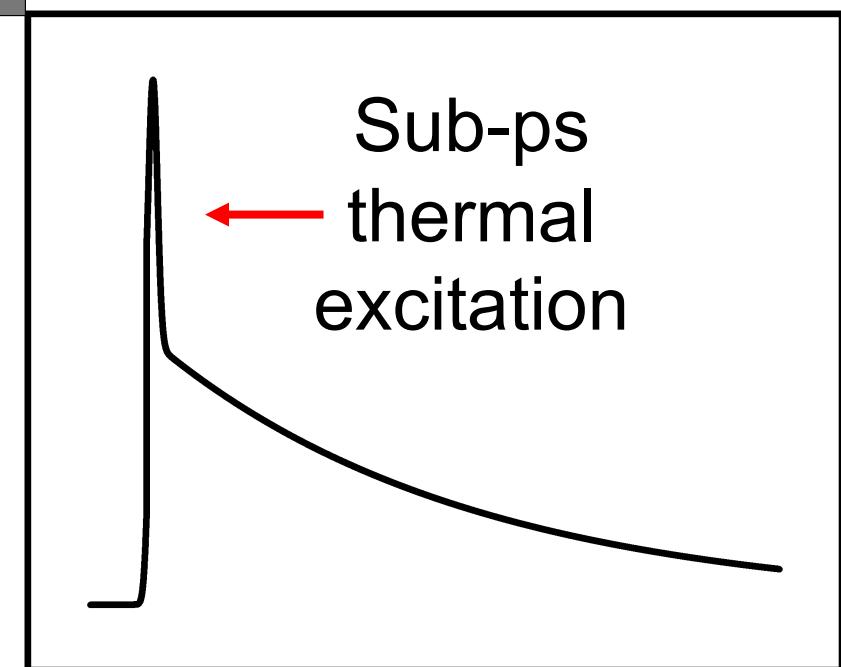
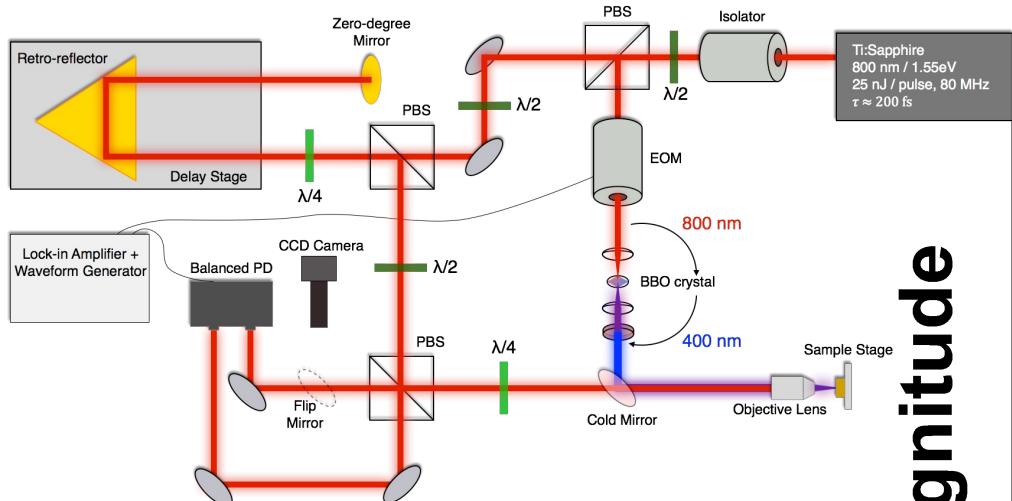


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Thermal properties of thin films? TDTR

Thin film or “near surface” measurements



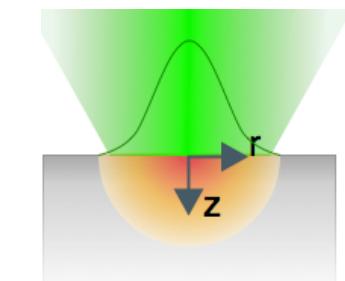
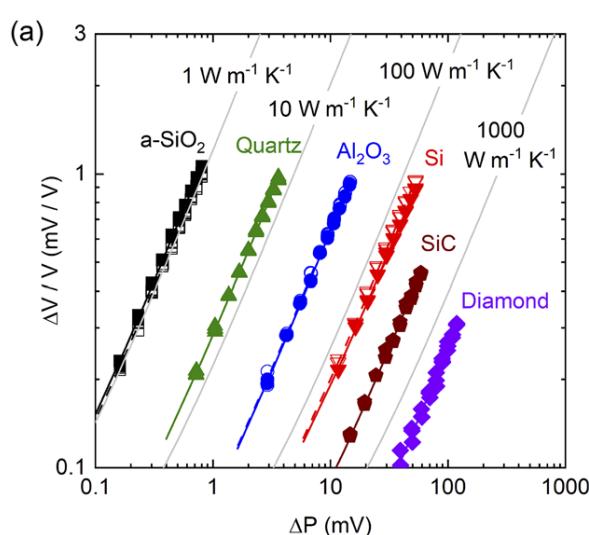
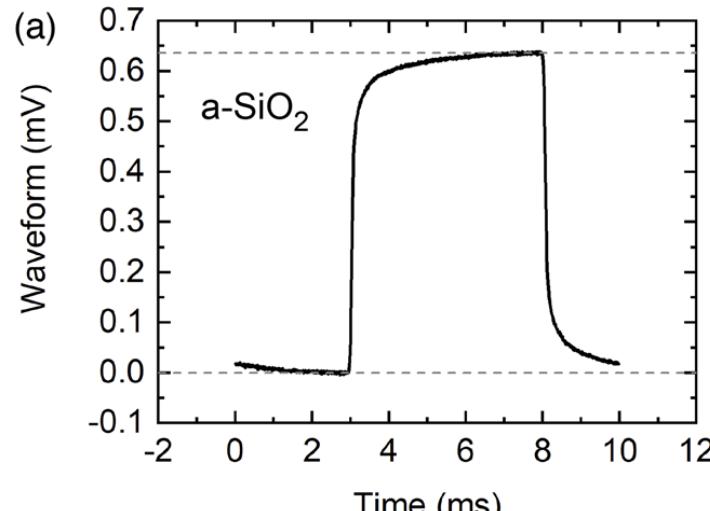
TDTR Reviews and Analyses

Rev. Sci. Instr. **75**, 5119;
Rev. Sci. Instr. **79**, 114902
J. Heat Trans. **132**, 081302;
Ann. Rev. Heat Trans. **16**, 159

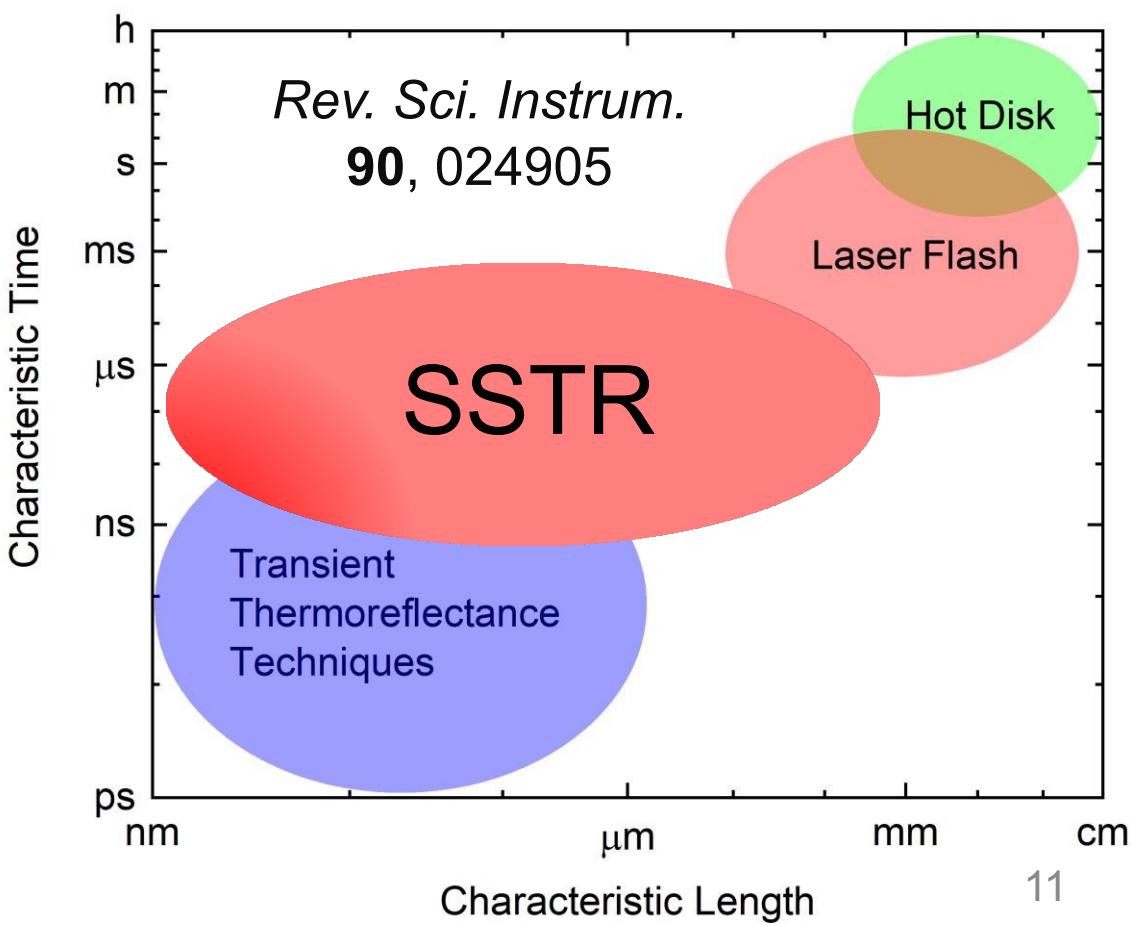
Time
Picoseconds to nanoseconds

But how do we measure nano to macro HX processes?

$$Q = -\kappa \nabla T$$



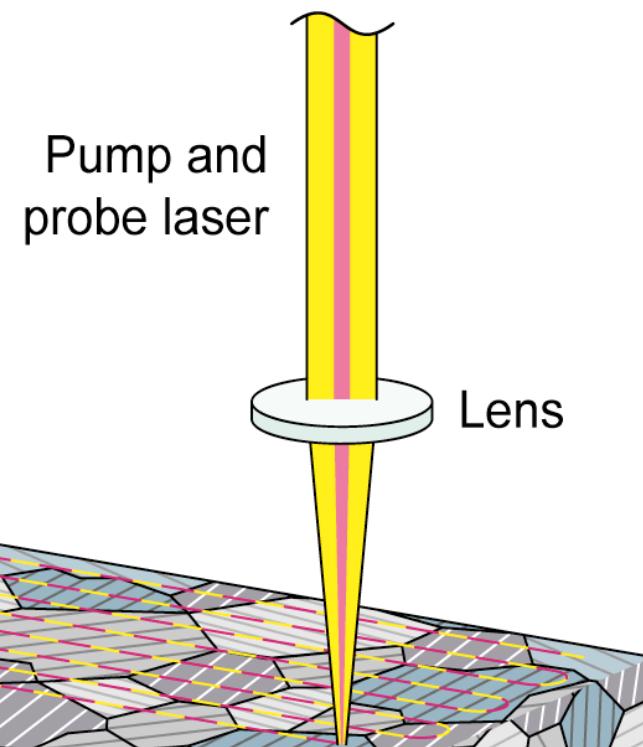
SSTR invented and patented via ONR support



Micron-scale areal resolution for local measurements

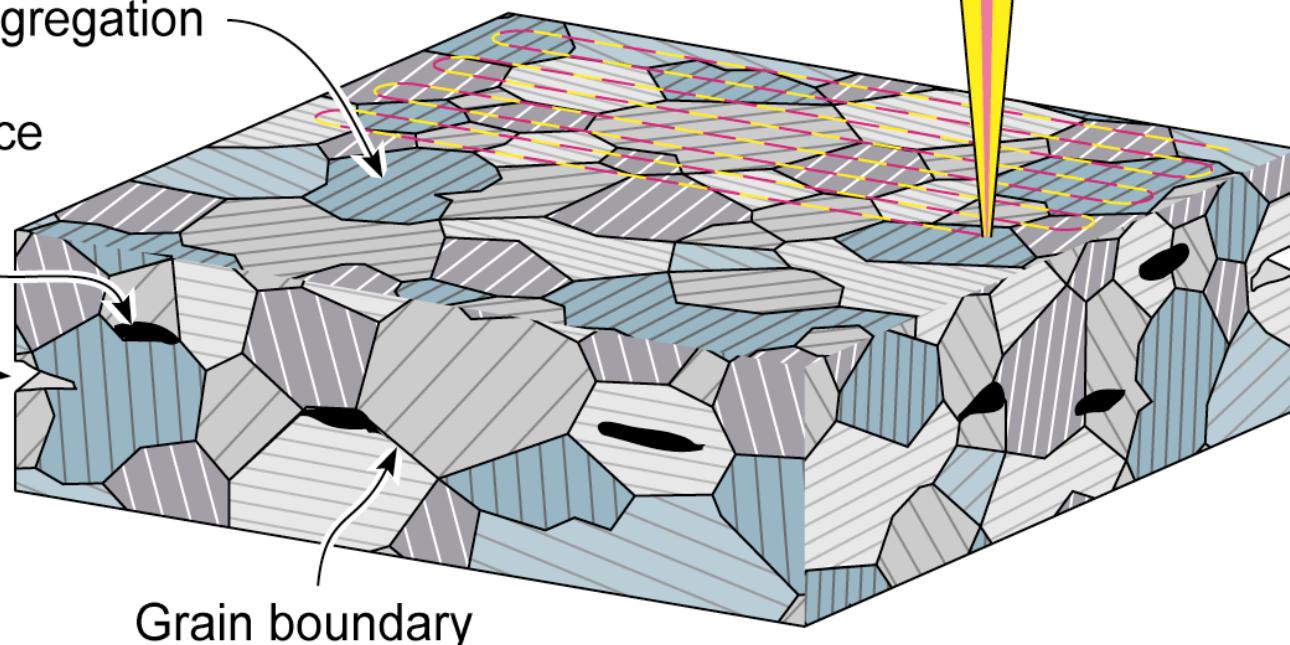
“Thermal conductivity mapping”

Measuring variations in thermal resistance across a material with
~micron resolution



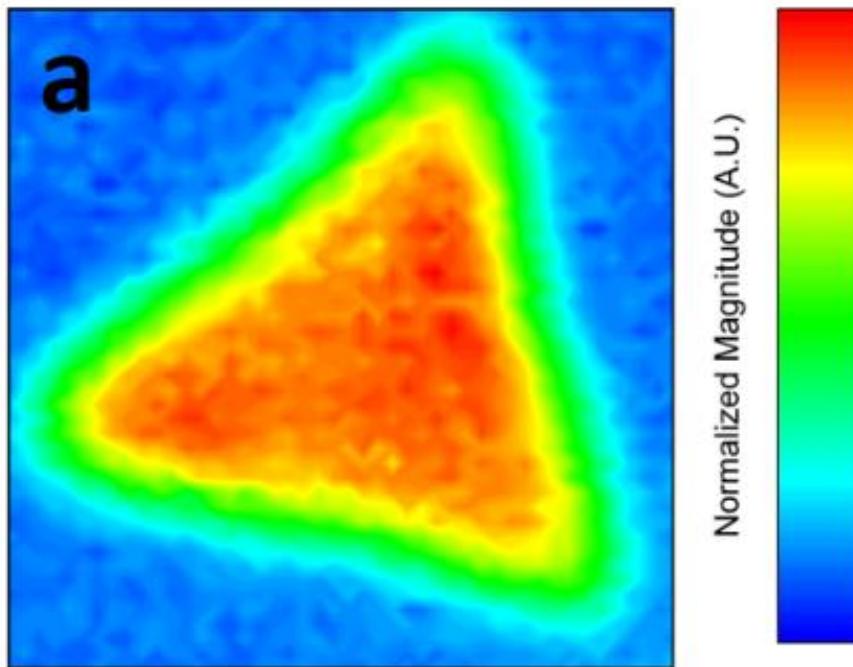
Phase segregation

Subsurface
voids

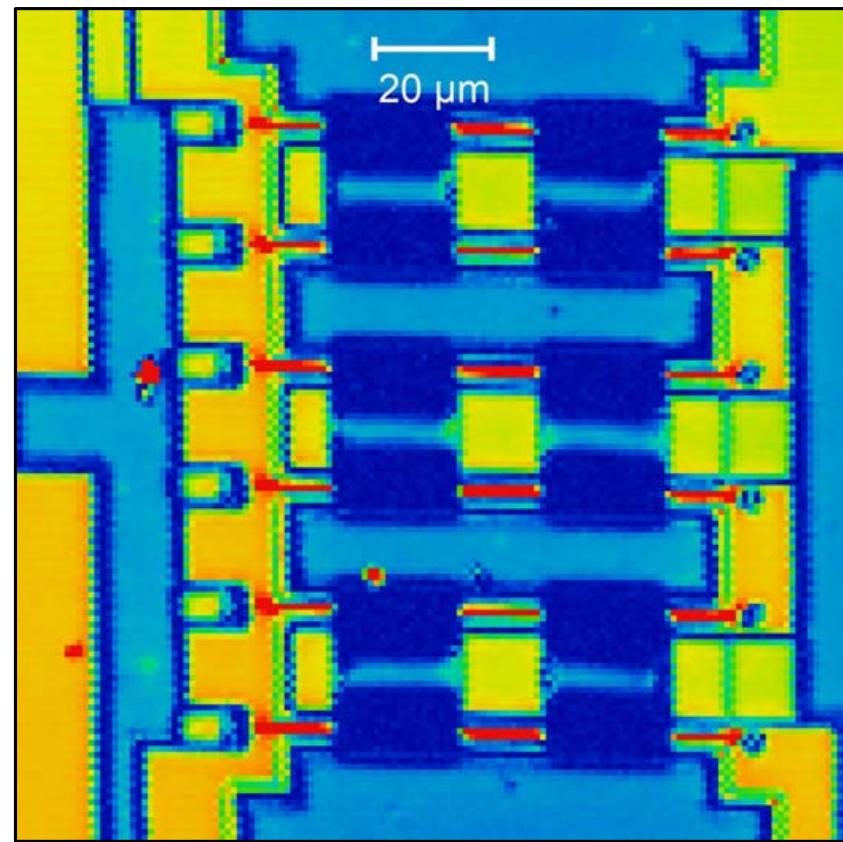


Micron-scale areal resolution for local measurements

Thermal Mapping of Wafers, Devices, etc. w/ Lateral Resolution Down to ~1 micron



WS_2/SiO_2
Adv. Sci. 7, 2001174 (2020)
Collaboration: Prof. Mauricio
Terrones (PSU)



6-finger GaAs pHEMT on
a MMIC power amplifier

SSTR-F: Commercialized for turn-key thermal conductivity microscope for bulk materials, thin films and interfaces

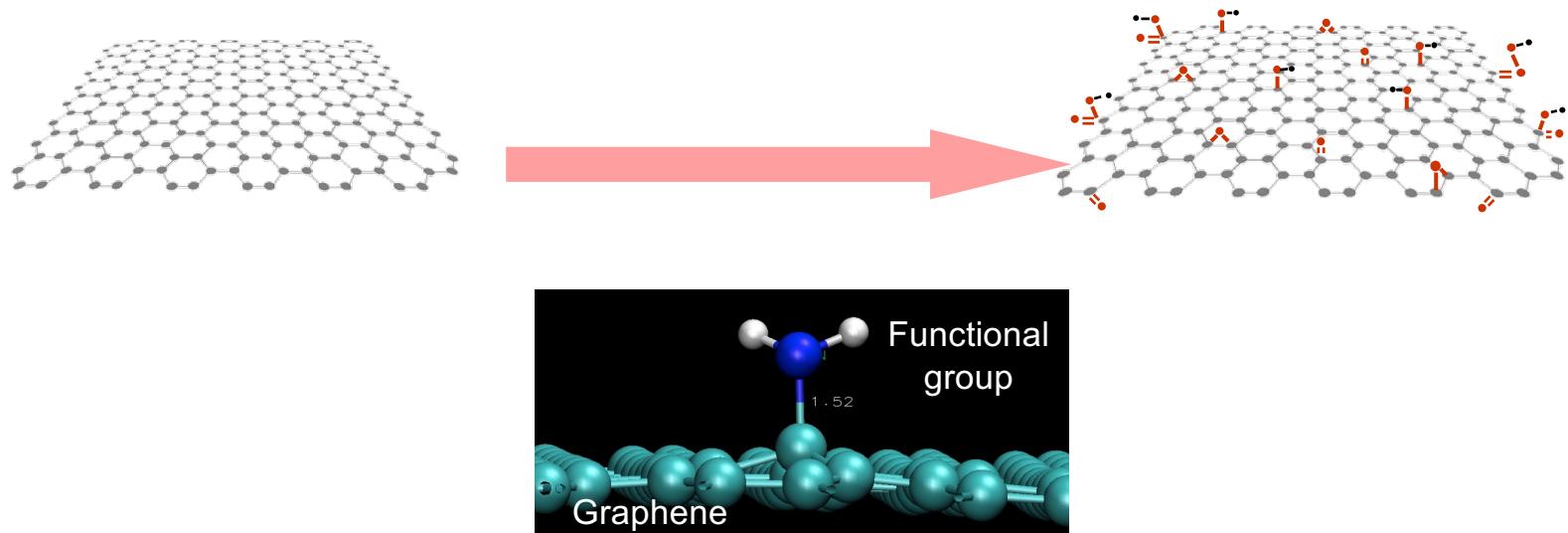
<https://Laserthermal.com>

Laser Thermal licensing SSTR IP from UVA,
enabling tech transition of invention from
ONR funded program to commercial device



Disclosure: Hopkins co-Founder of LT, Inc.

Chemical functionalization of graphene with plasmas

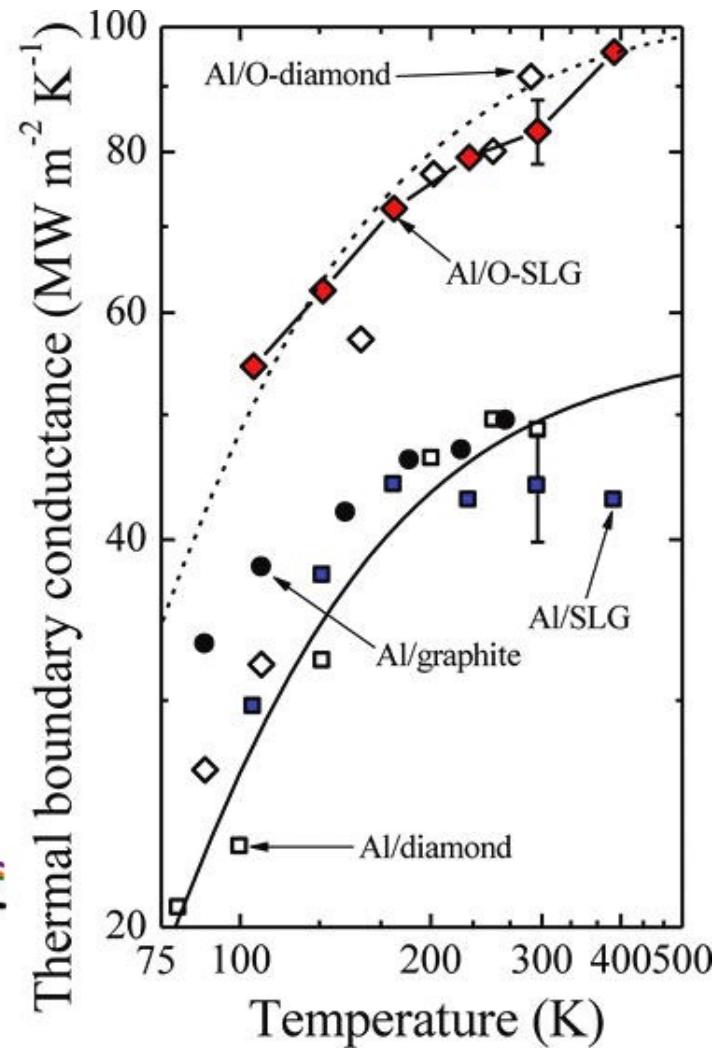
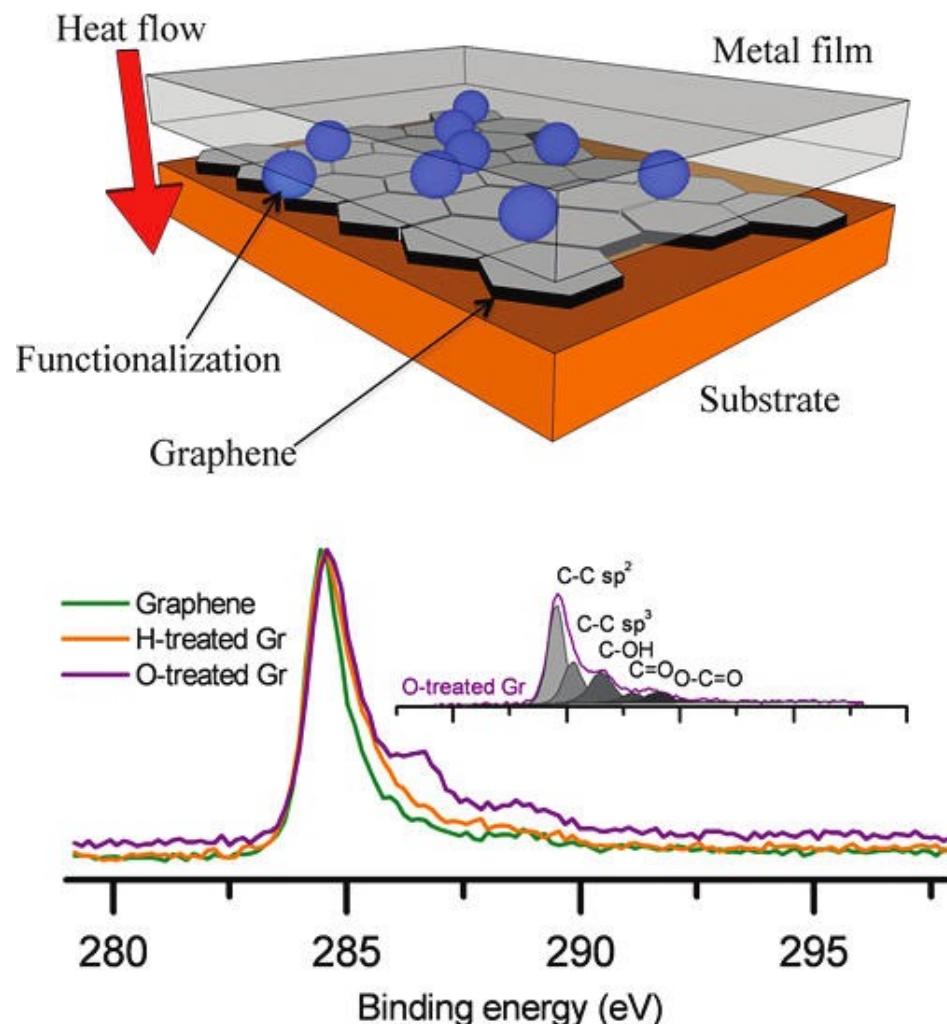


**Functional groups covalently bound to graphene
Reversible after anneal**

Appl. Phys. Lett. **96**, 231501

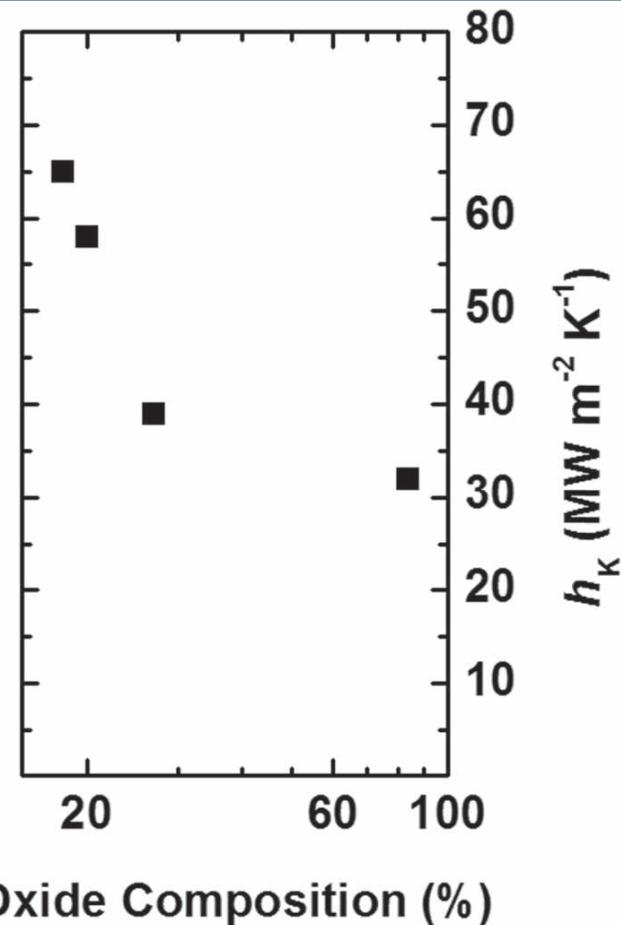
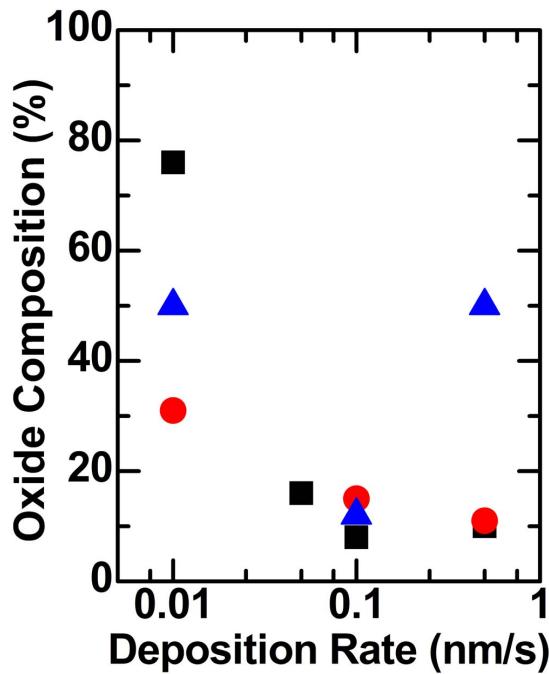
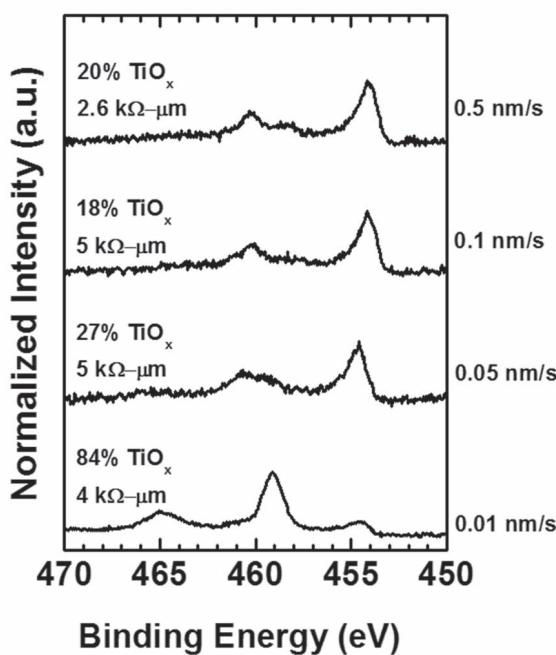
Dr. Lock and Dr. Walton's (NRL) prior work

Thermal conductance at functionalized SLG interfaces



Nano Letters 12, 590 (2012)
Collaboration Dr. Scott Walton (NRL)

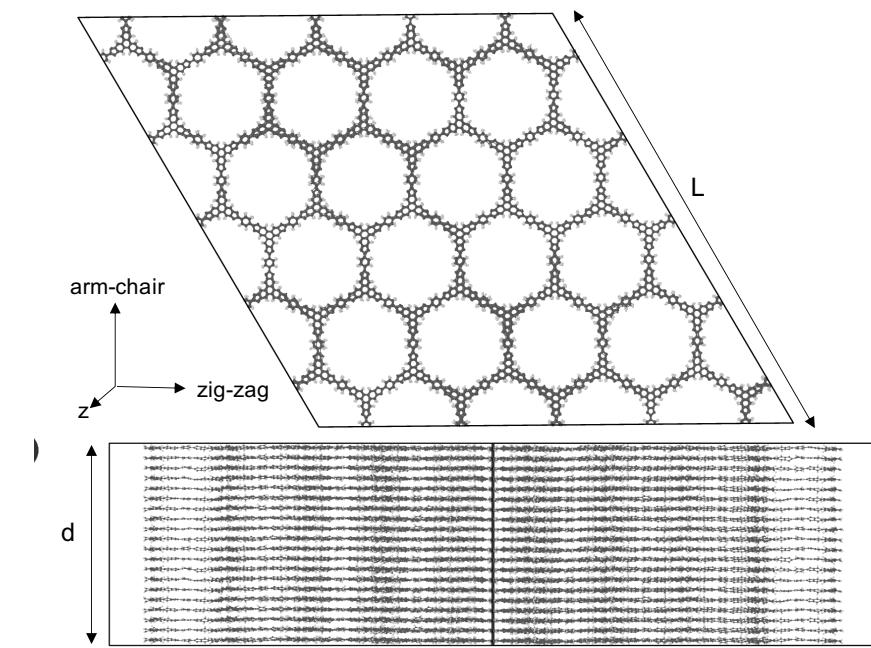
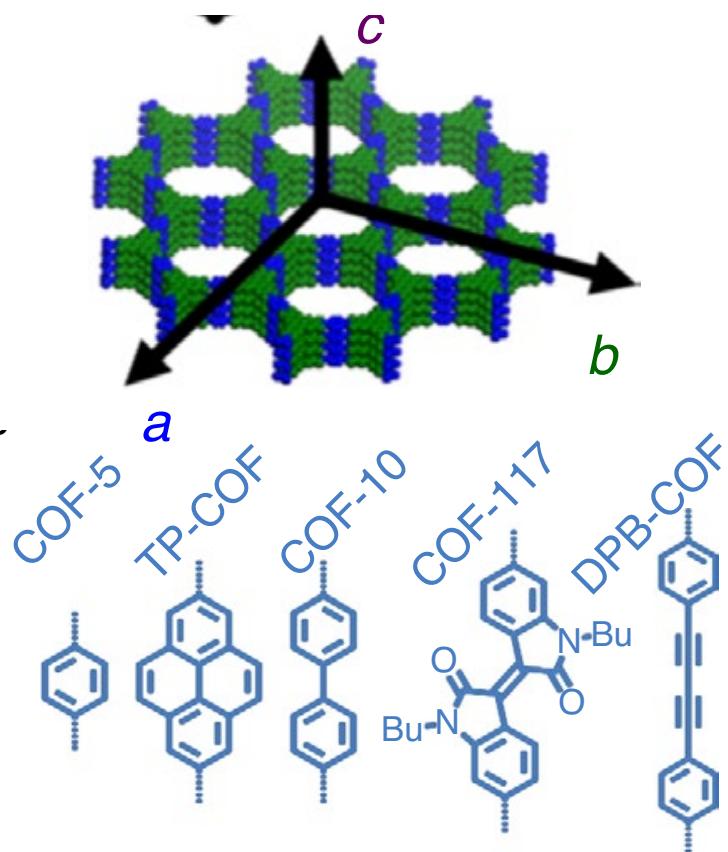
Metal stoichiometry effects on TBC at graphene contacts



Nanotechnology 29,
145201 (2018)
Collaboration: Prof.
Stephen McDonnell

Covalent organic frameworks (COFs)

Highly porous structure offer low k , with strong covalent bonds and light masses

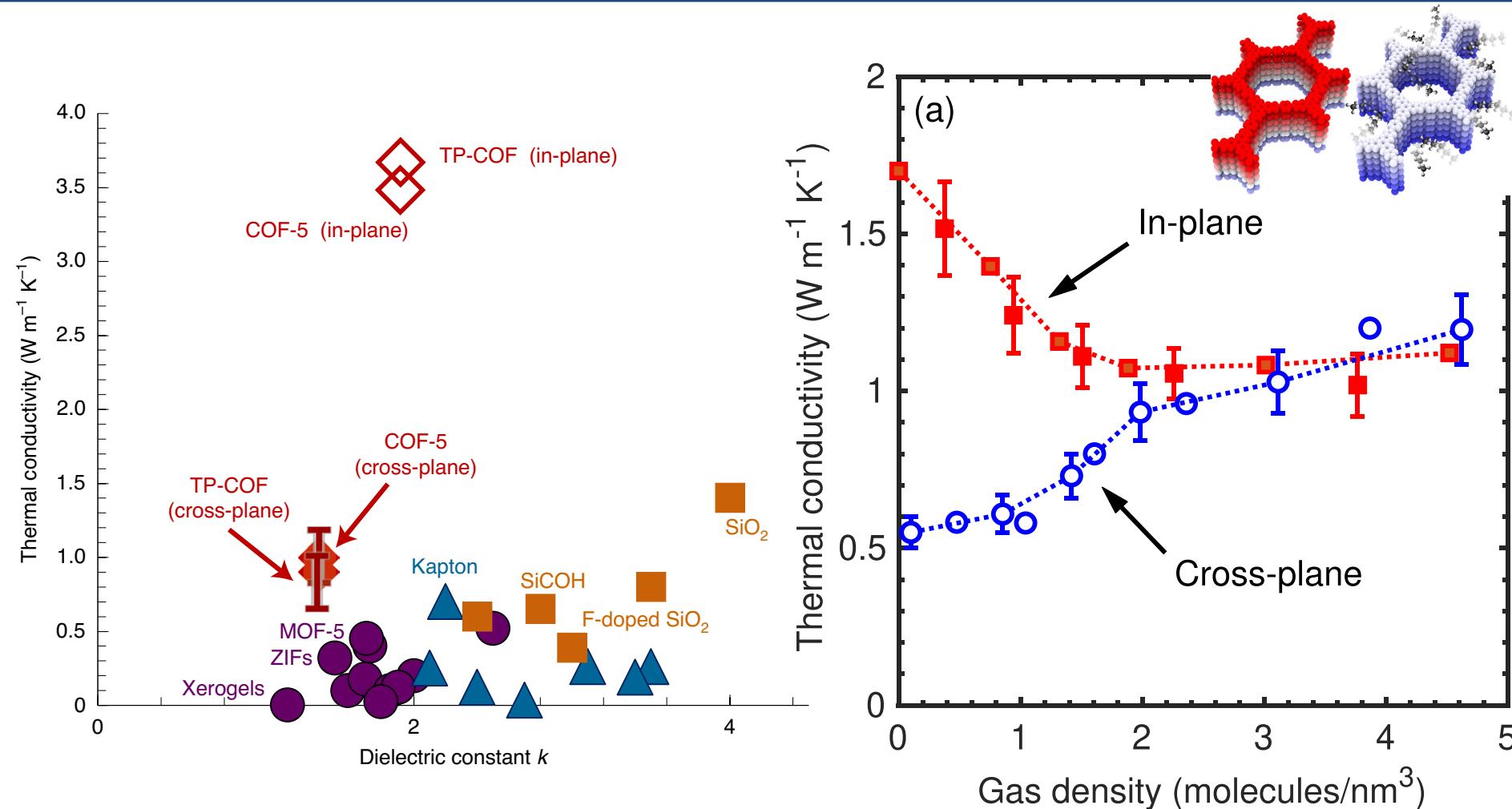


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Nat. Mat. **20**, 1142 (2021); *Nano Lett* **21**, 6188 (2021)

ACS Nano **16**, 2843 (2022); *JPCC to appear*

Increased thermal conductivity, low dielectric constant, functional tuning based on gas adsorption

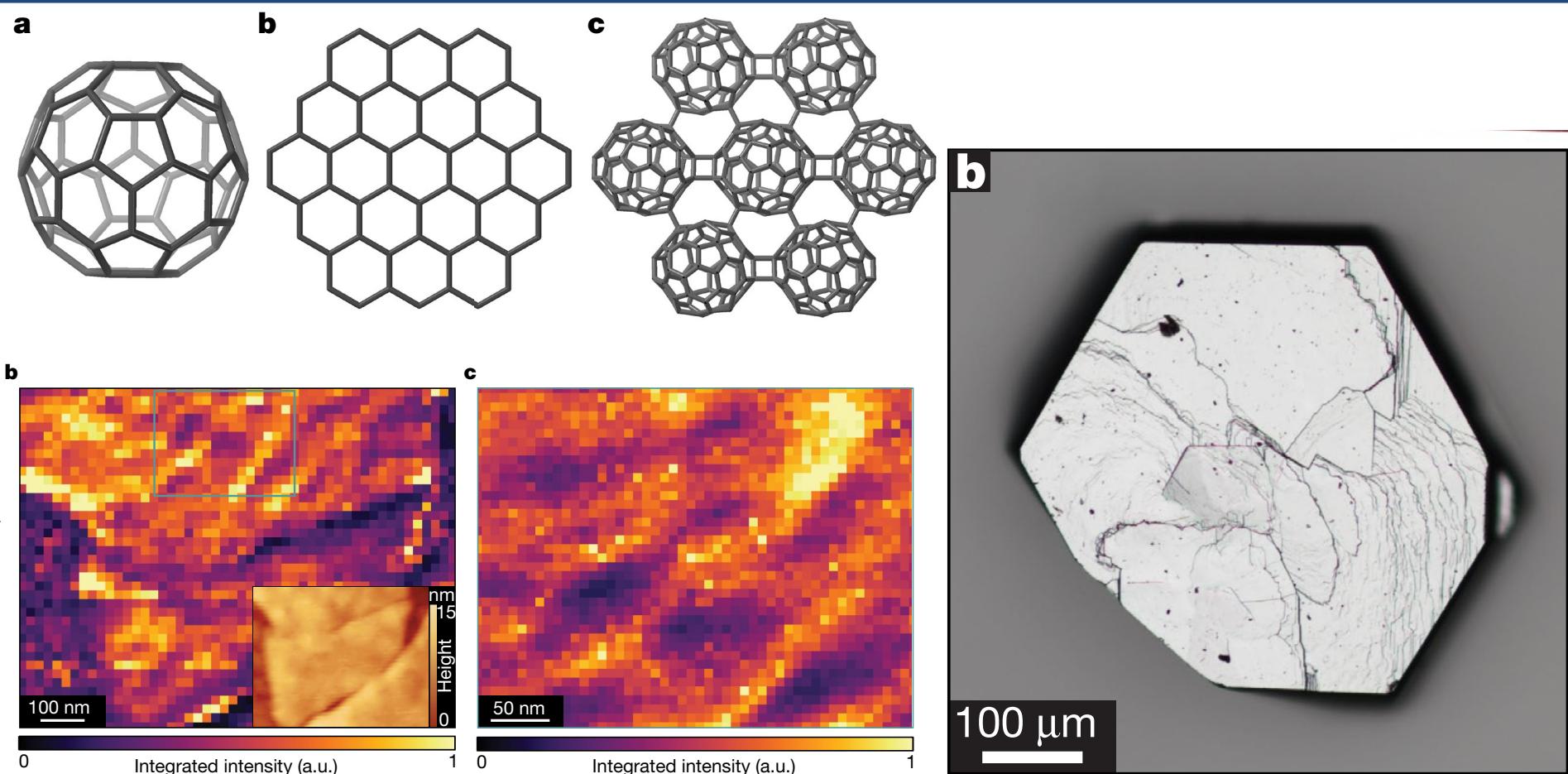


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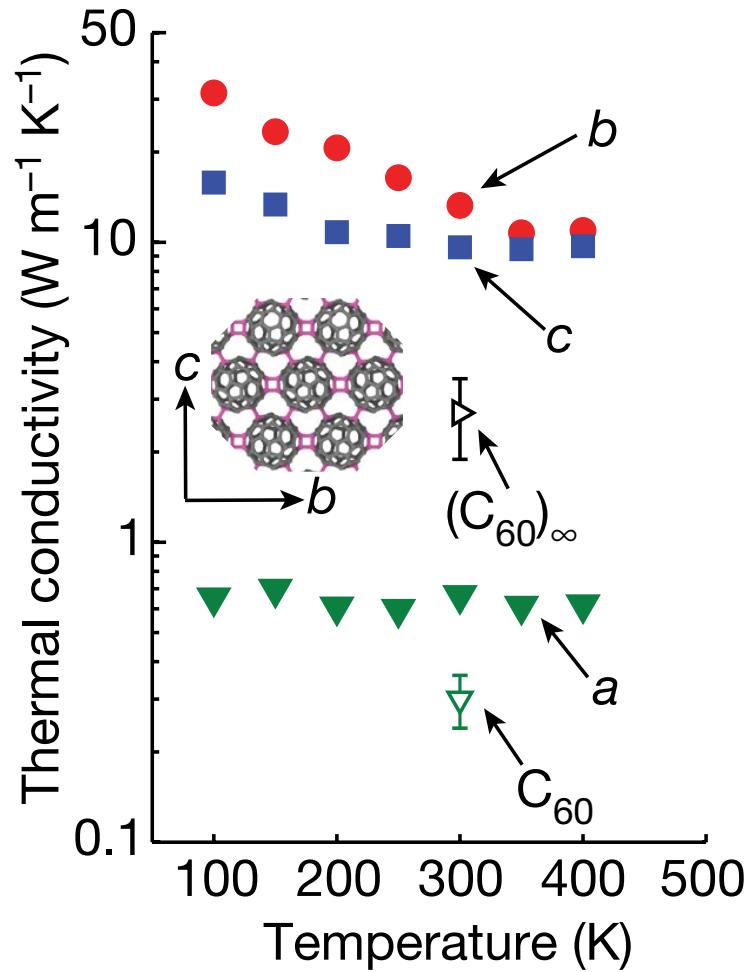
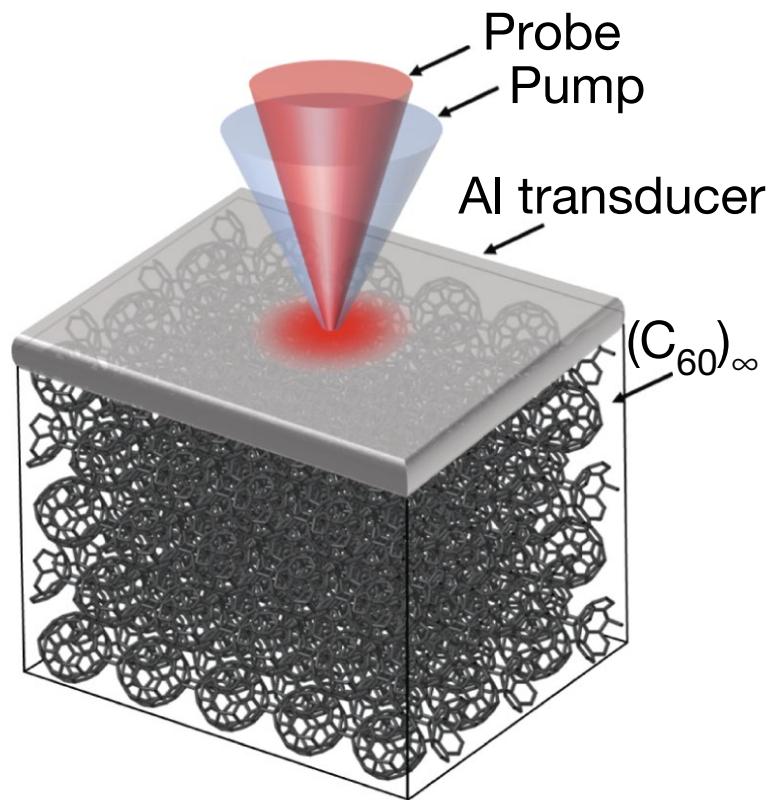
Graphullerene: a two-dimensional crystalline polymer of C₆₀



Nature 613,
71 (2023)

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Graphullerene: a two-dimensional crystalline polymer of C_{60}

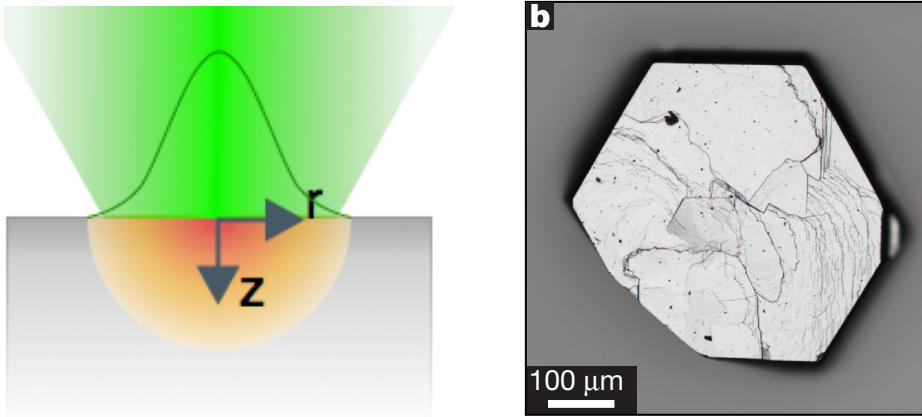


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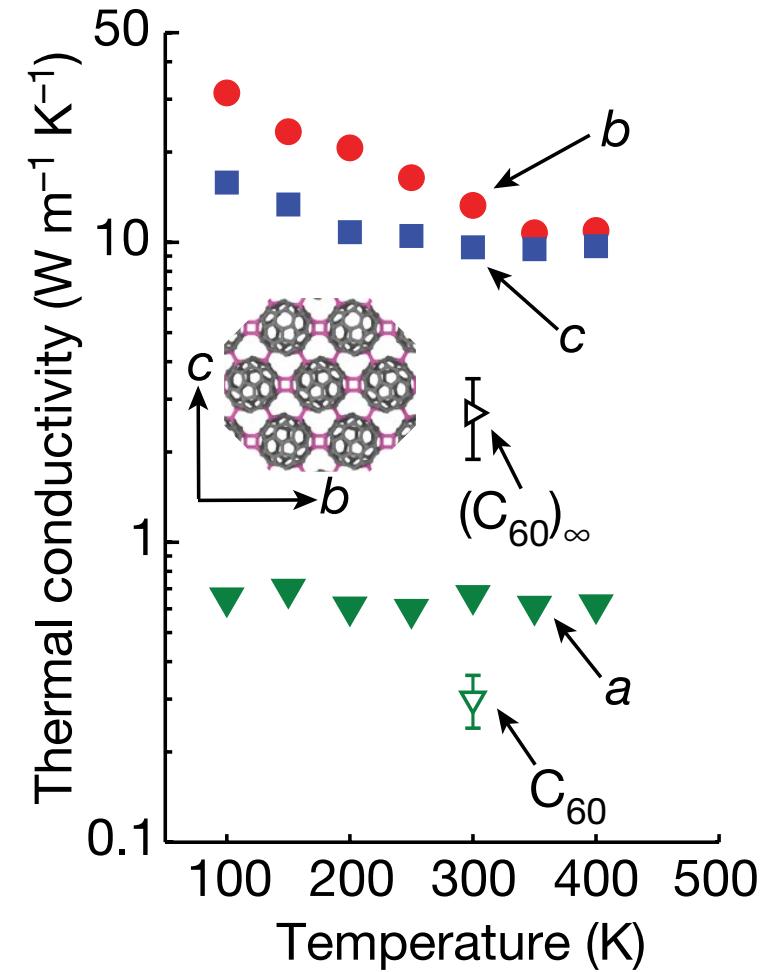
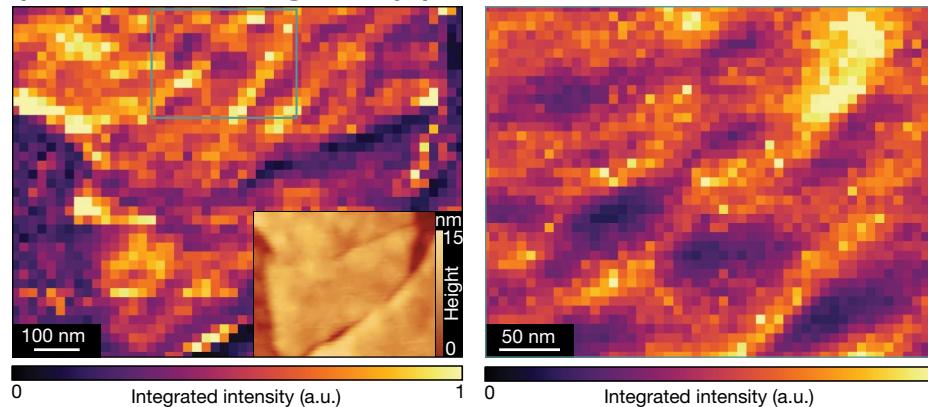
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But what are we measuring?

radius $\approx 2 \mu\text{m}$

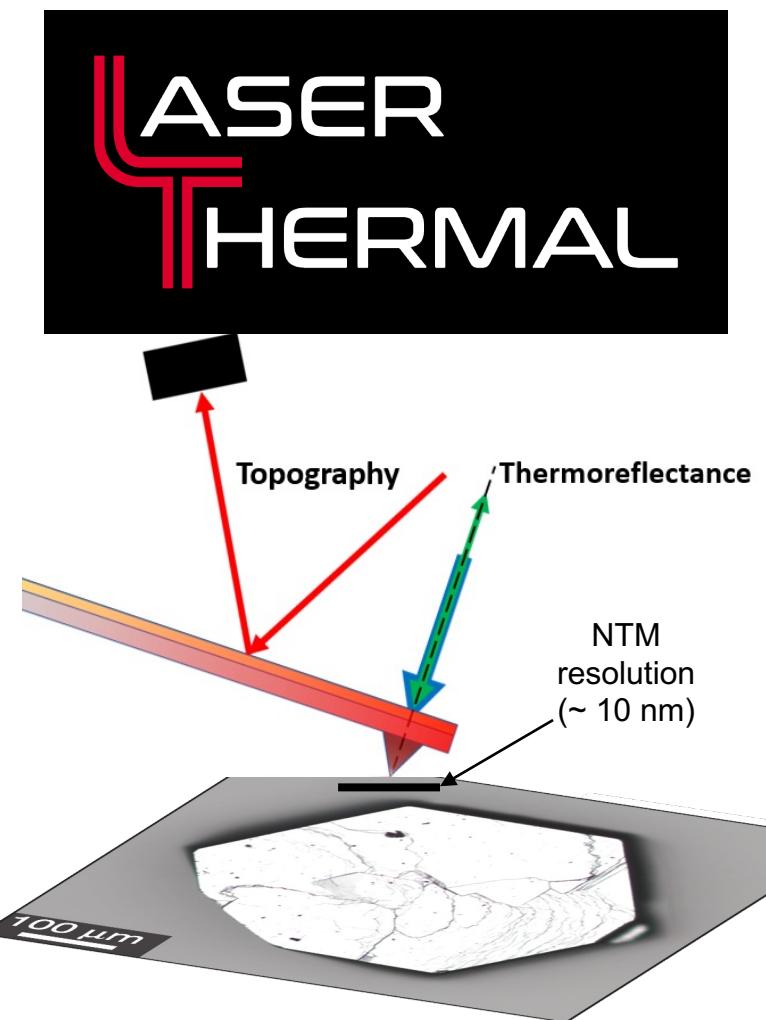


Nano-PL: note linear domains
(twisted registry)

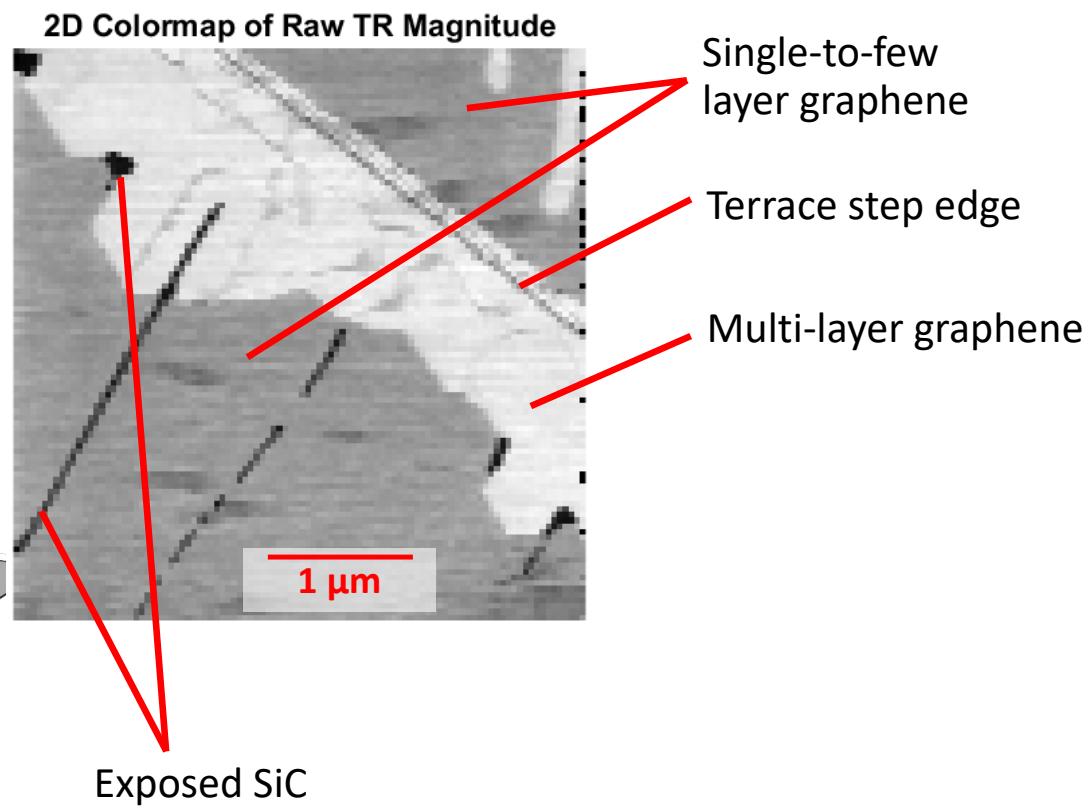


$$\kappa_{\text{measure}} = \sqrt{\kappa_z \kappa_r} \approx 2.6 \text{ W m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

Resolving nanoscale thermal resistances: NTM



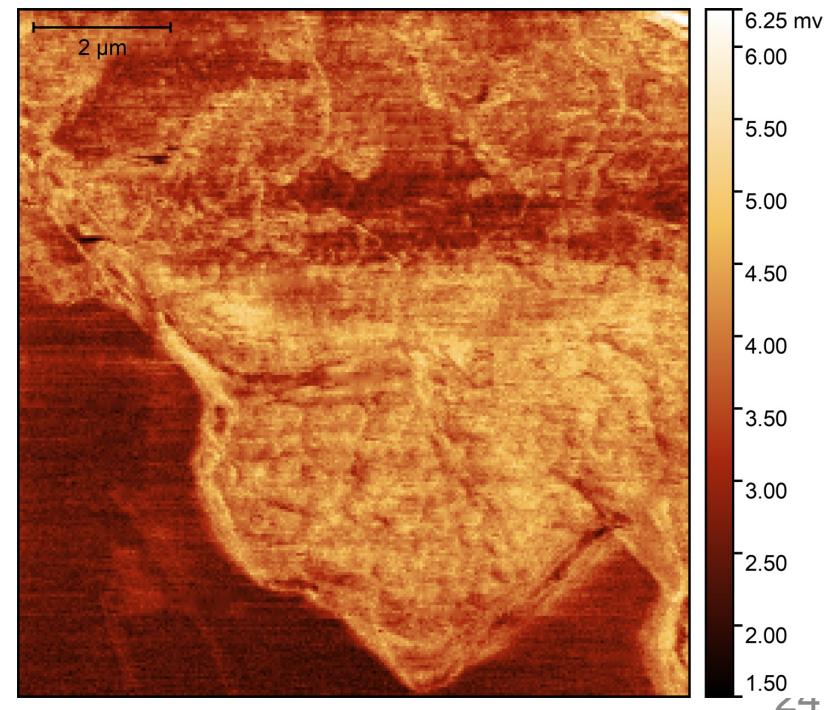
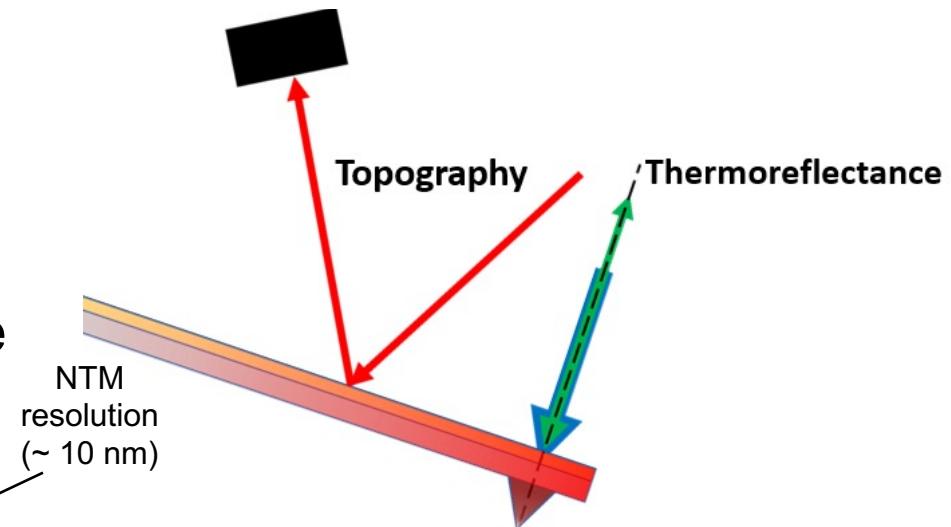
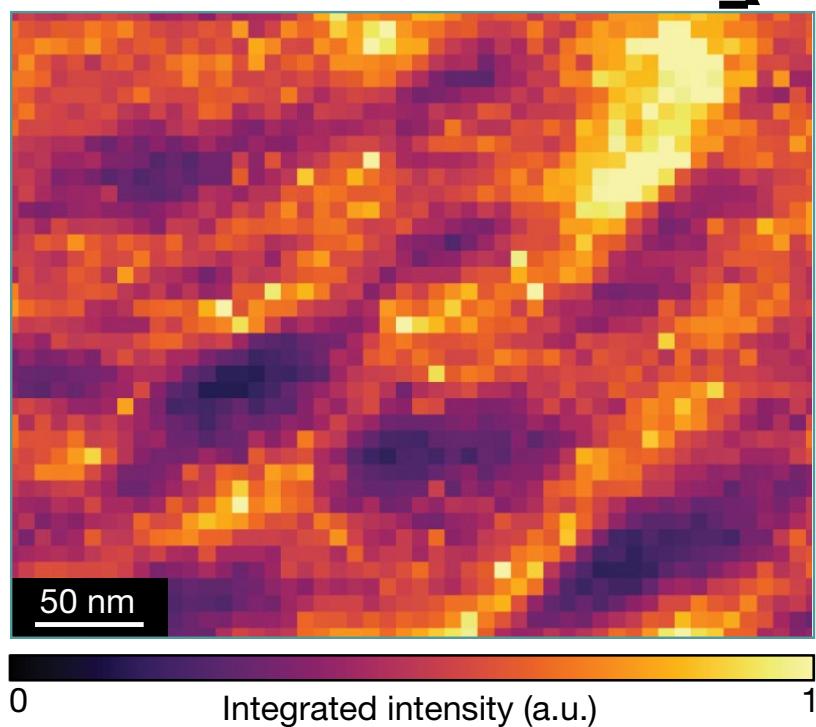
Nanoscale thermal microscope (“NTM”)
“Beta version” in lab at UVA



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Nanoscale thermal resistance changes in graphullerene

- NTM enables thermal conductivity map with ~ 10 nm resolution
- Resolving spatial changes in thermal resistance changes due to twisting of graphullerene “sheets” observed in nano-PL

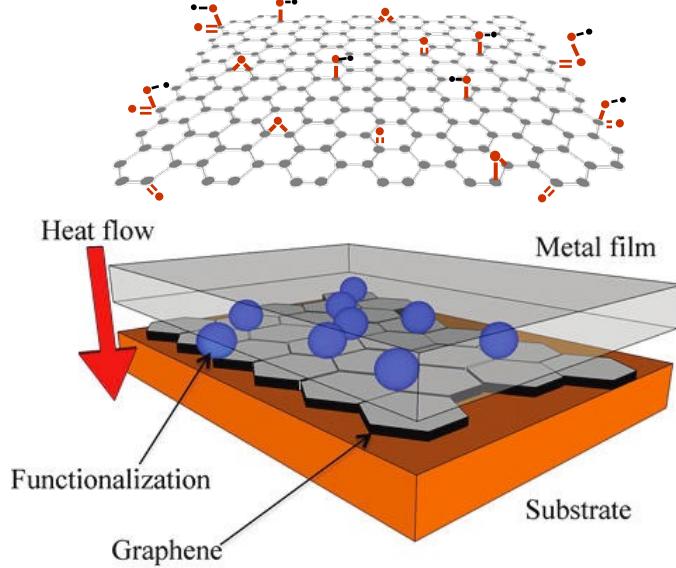


Bonding in graphene and low-D carbon leads to enhanced thermal properties

ONR support under
Dr. Mark Spector



Functionalized SLG



COFs

