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

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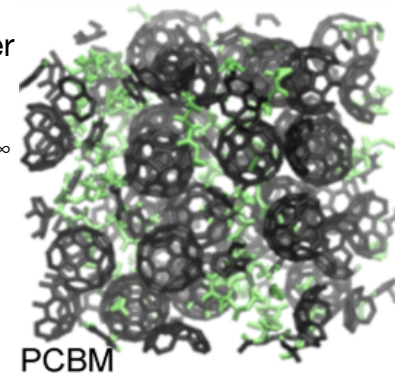
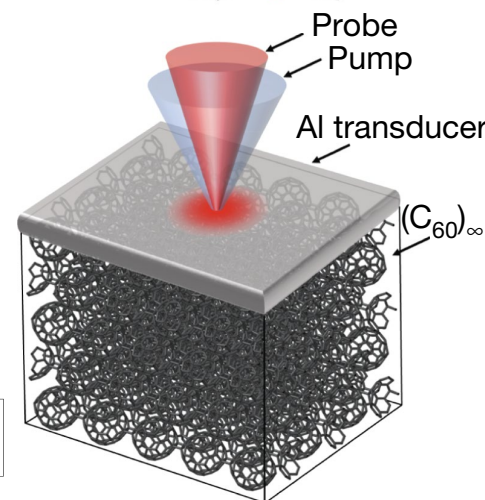
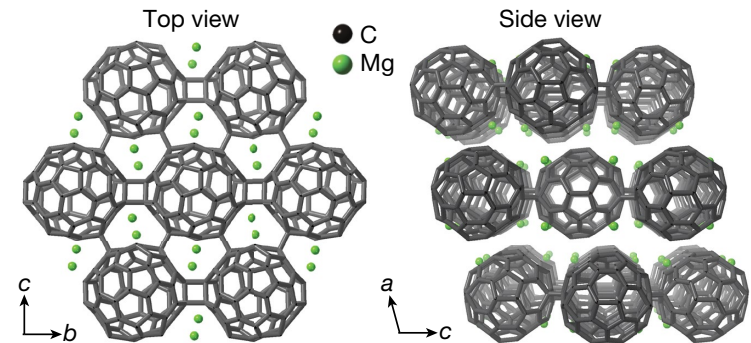
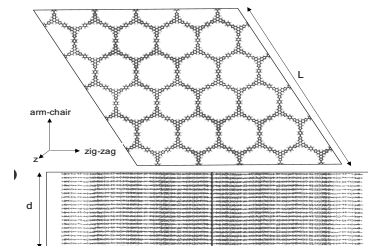
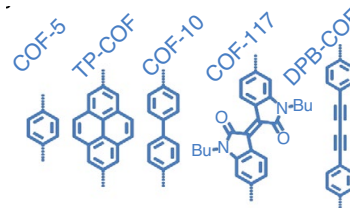
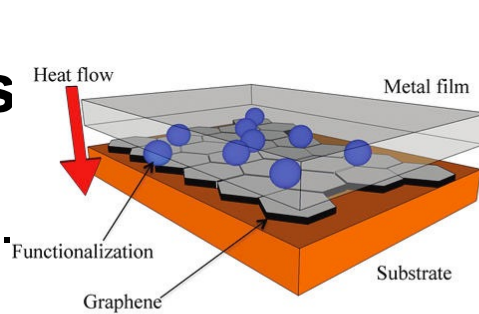
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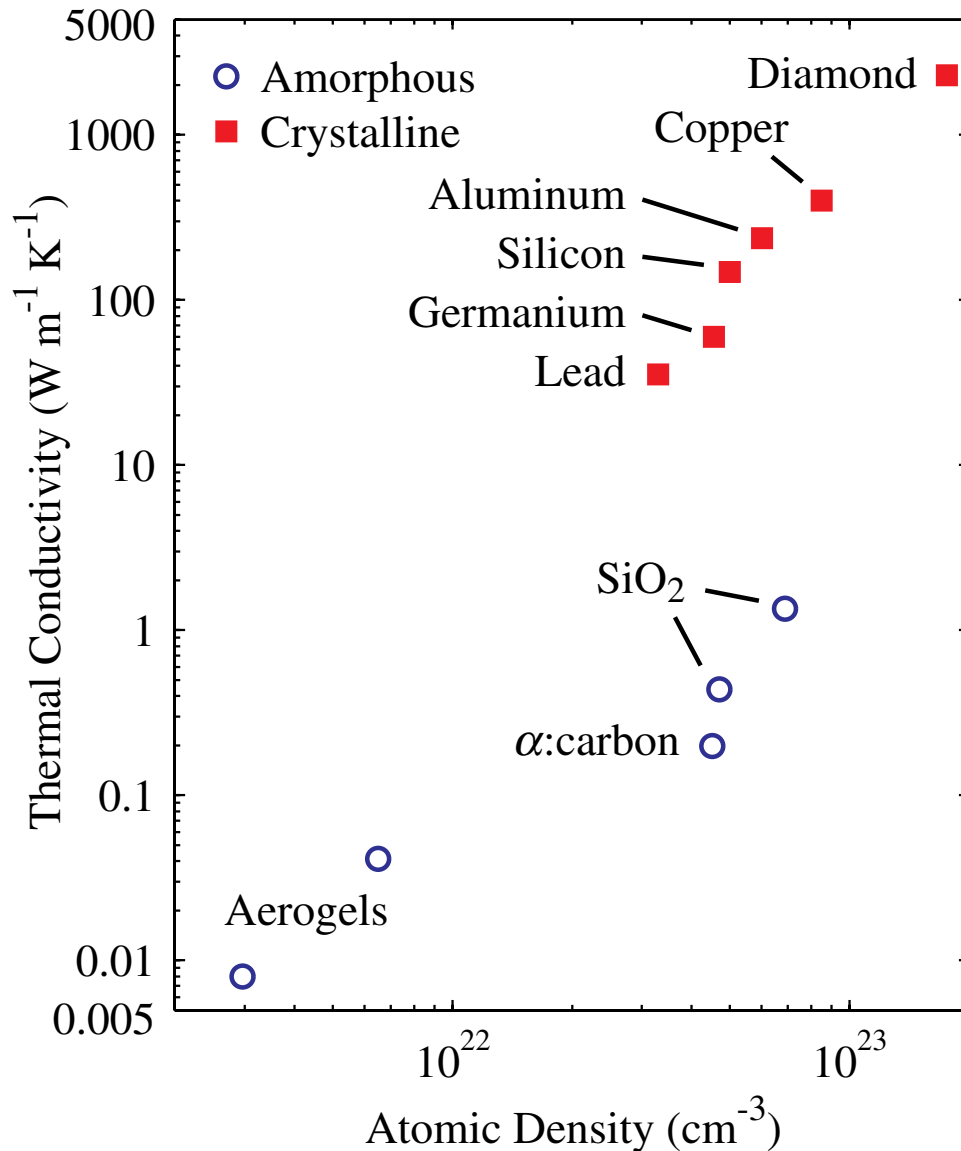
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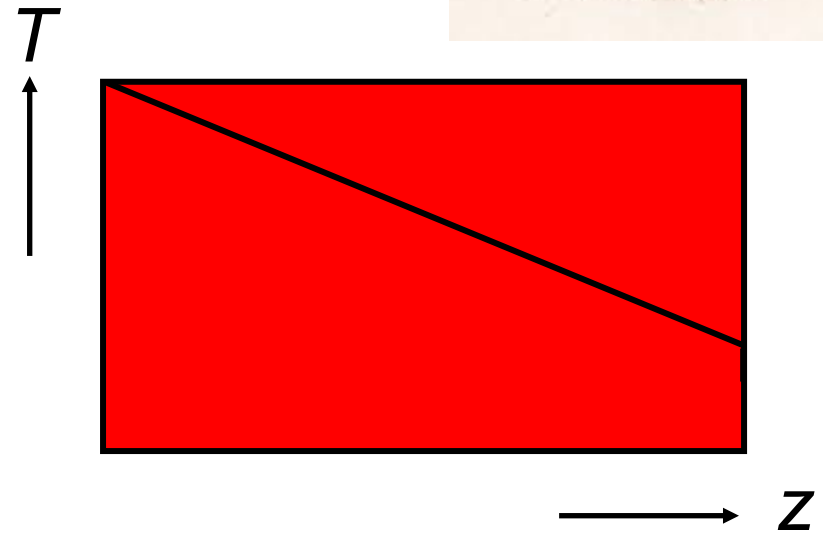
# Thermal conductivity of materials – Macro/Microscopic



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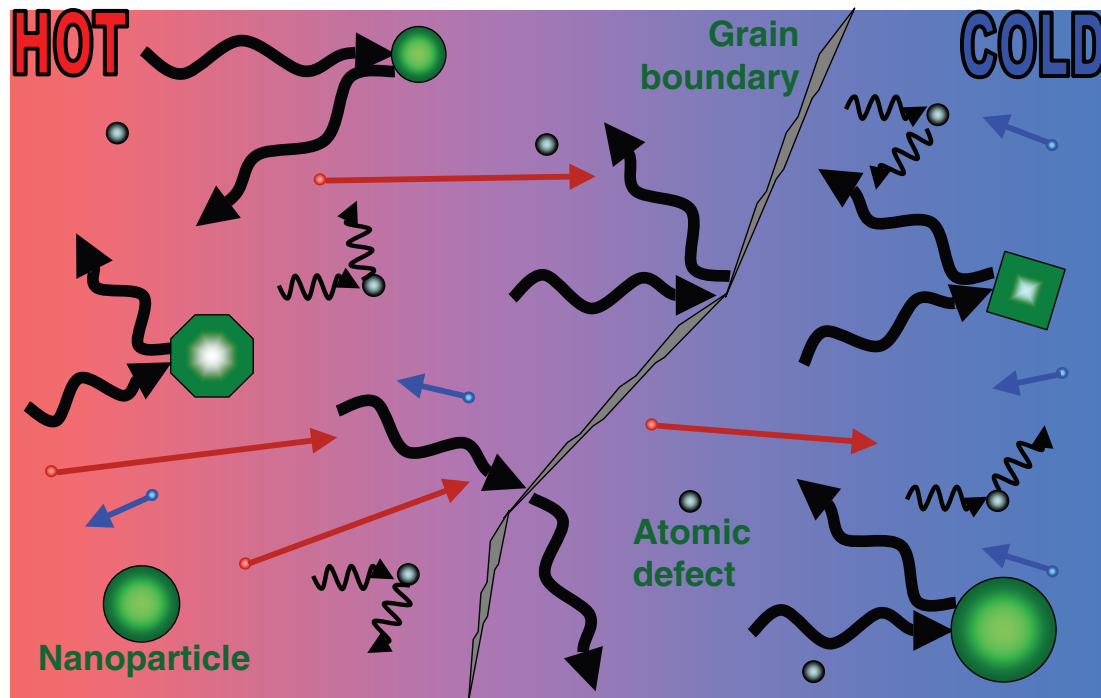
## The Fourier Law

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



# A nanoscopic view with Kinetic Theory

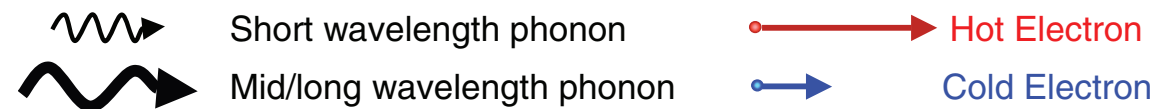
$$\kappa = \frac{1}{3} C v \lambda = \frac{1}{3} C v_g^2 \tau$$



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

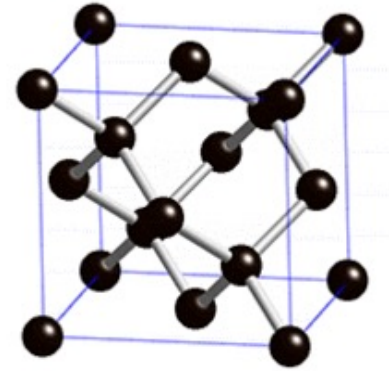
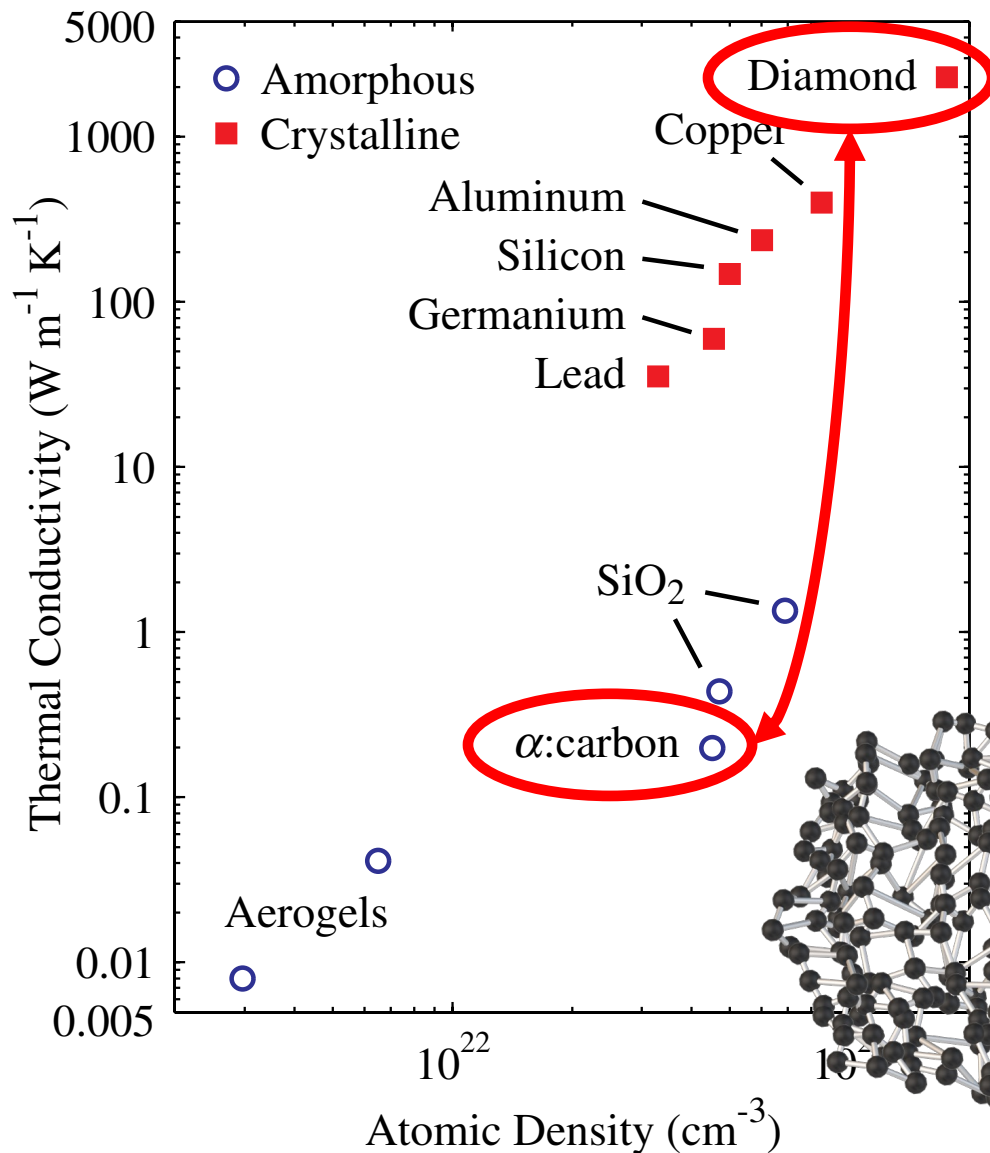
**v:** Velocity  
“How fast the  
electrons/phonons move”

**$\lambda$**  = Mean free path  
“How far they move before  
losing energy/momentum”

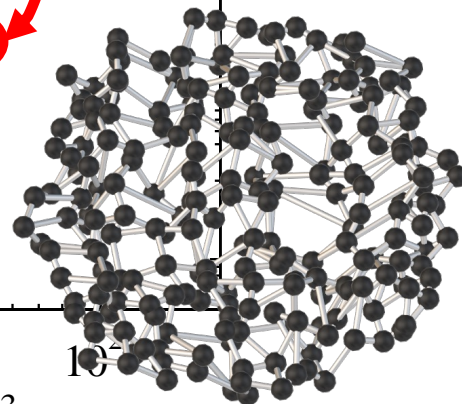


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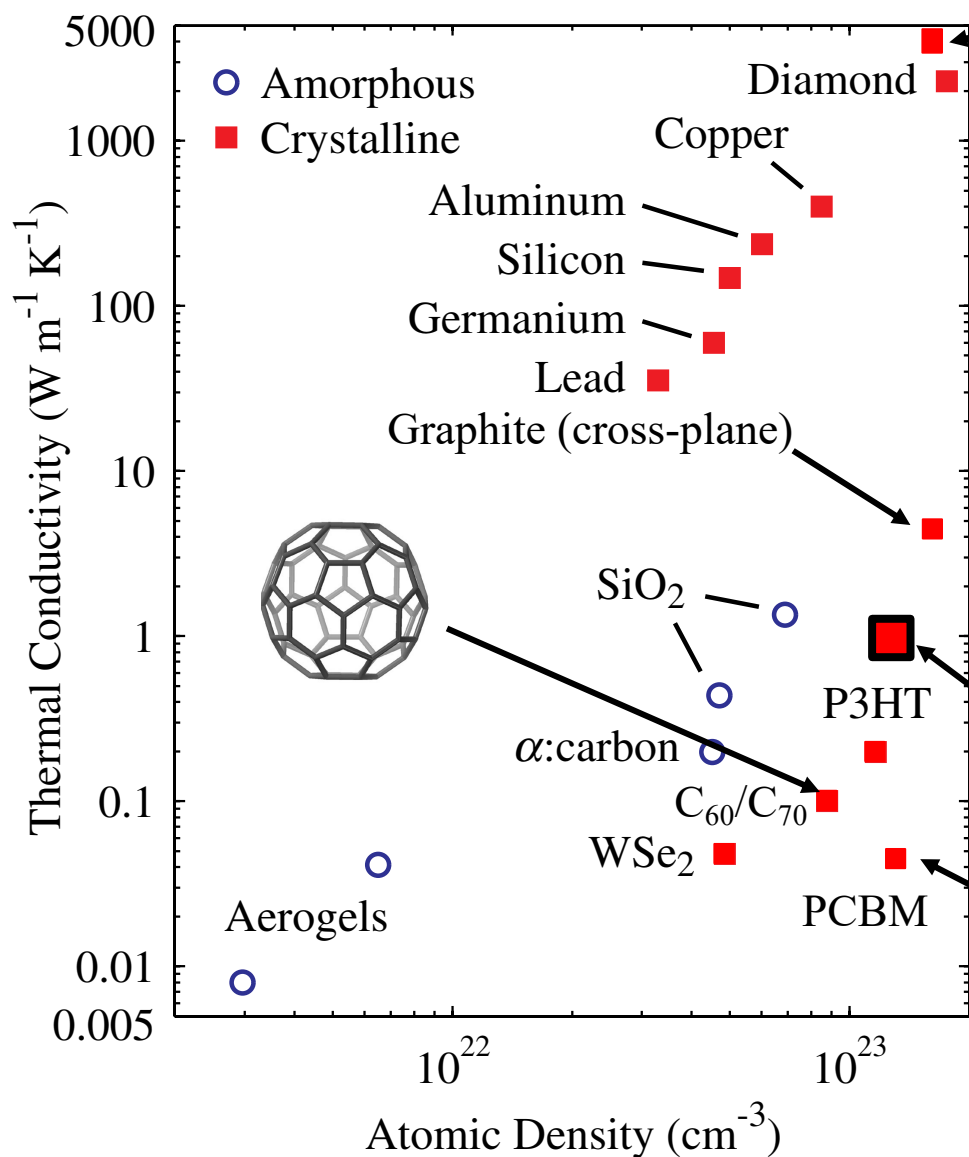


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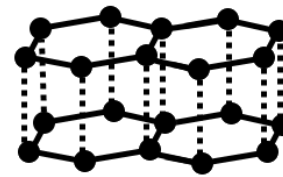


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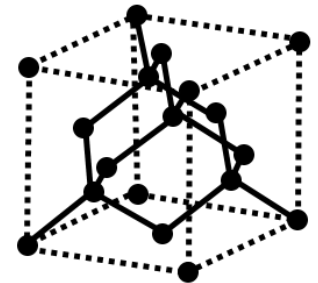


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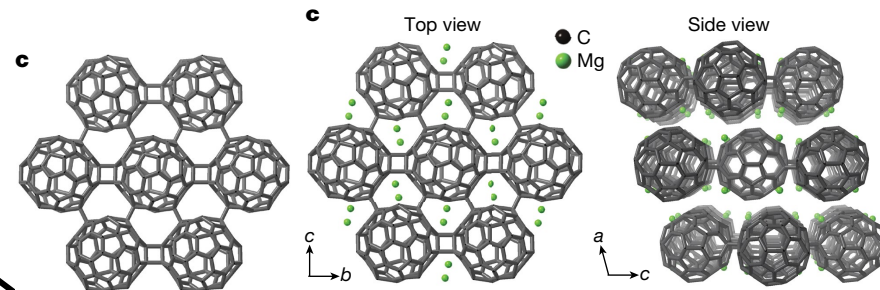
Graphene (in-plane)



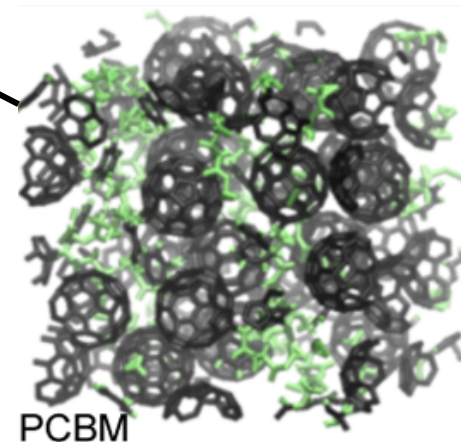
Graphite Structure



Diamond Structure

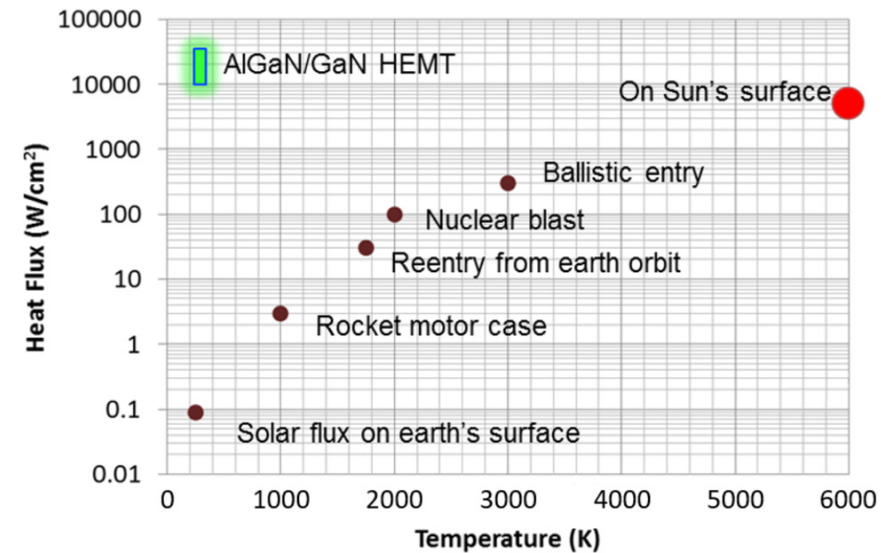


**Graphullerene *Nature* 613, 71 (2023)**



# Heat transfer in low dimensional carbon: Why this matters?

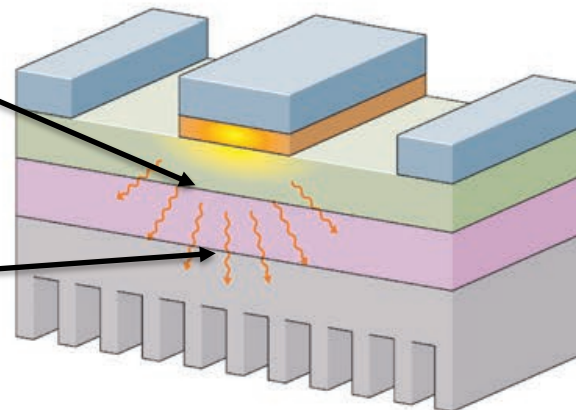
## Extreme temperatures & gradients in devices & environments



2D materials can help spread the heat

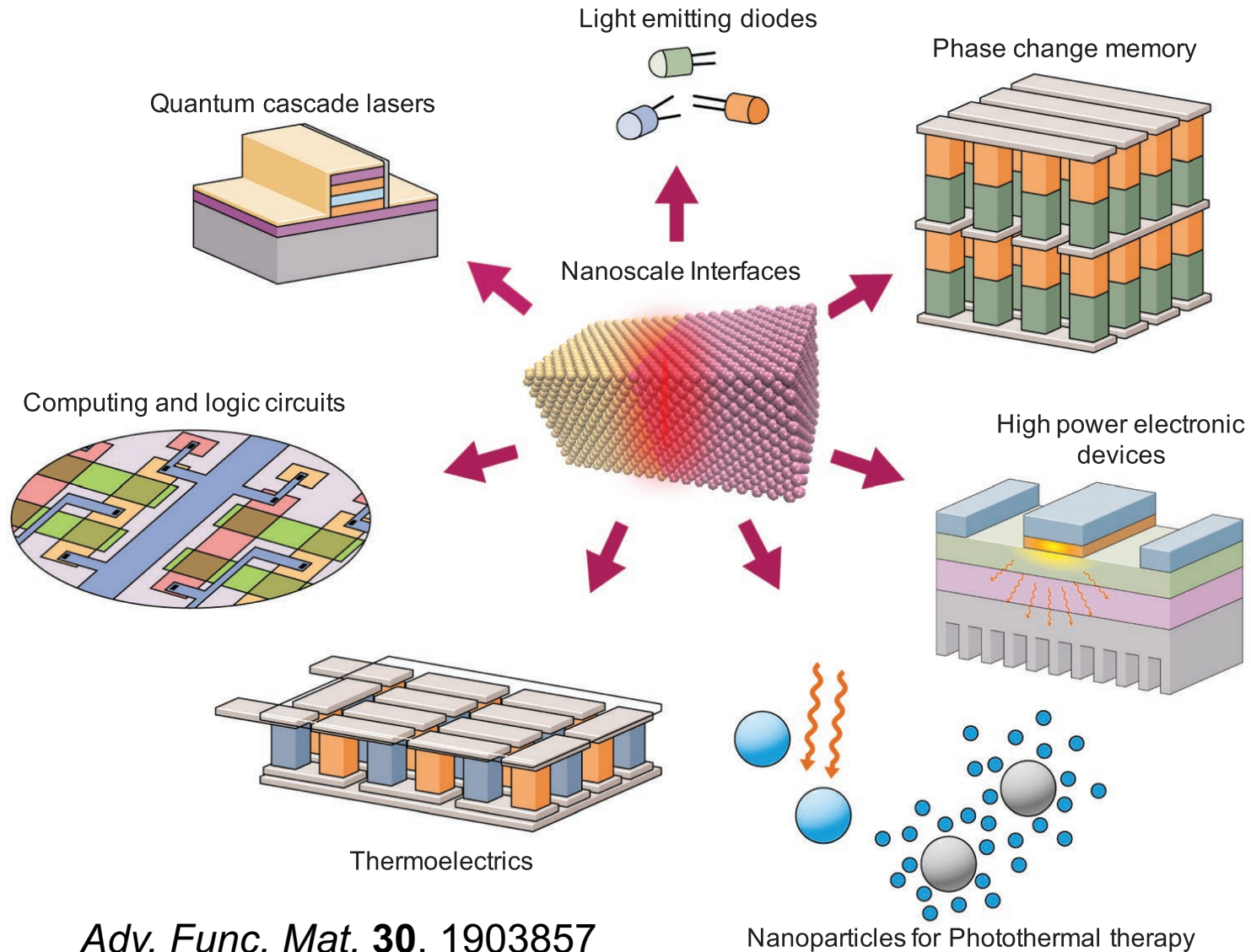
2D material composites as TIMs

High power electronic devices



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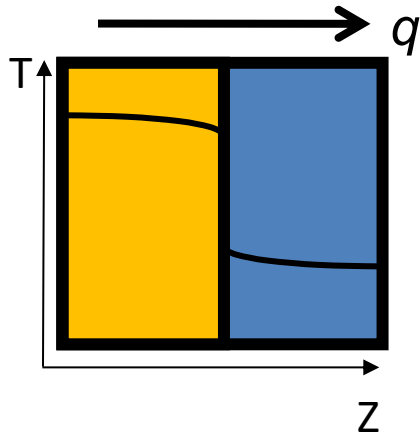
## Devices, sensing, extreme temperatures and gradients



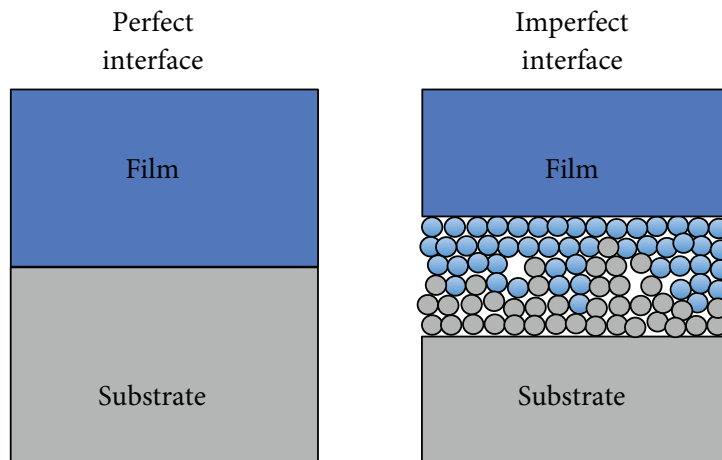
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Nanoparticles for Photothermal therapy

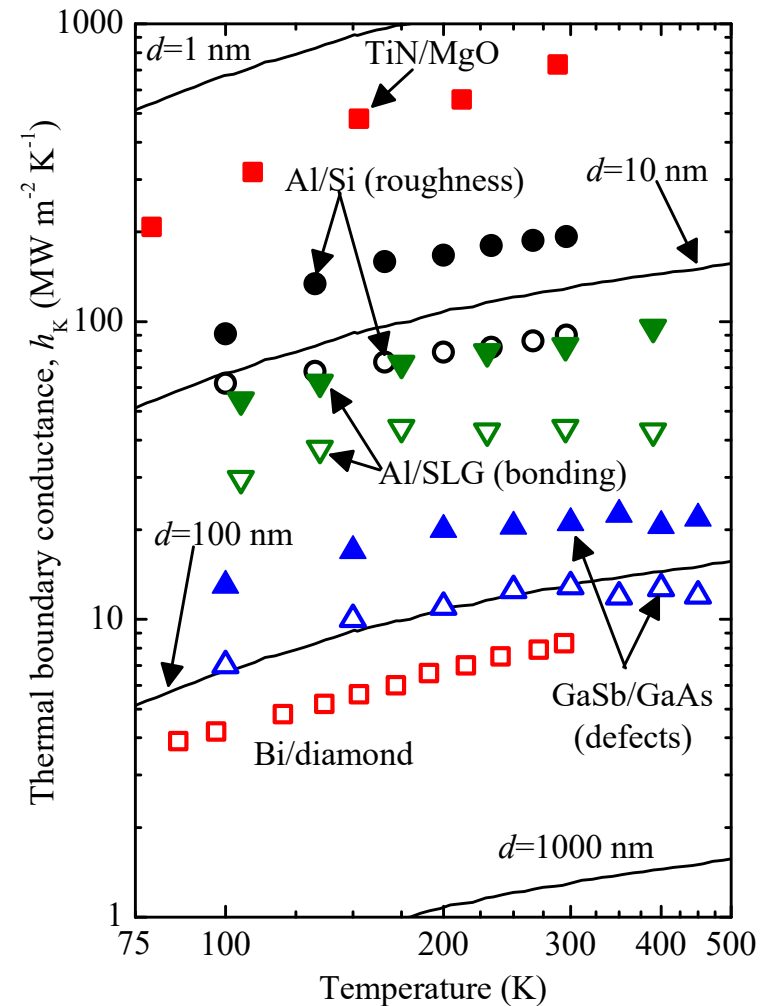
# Thermal boundary conductance (TBC)



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

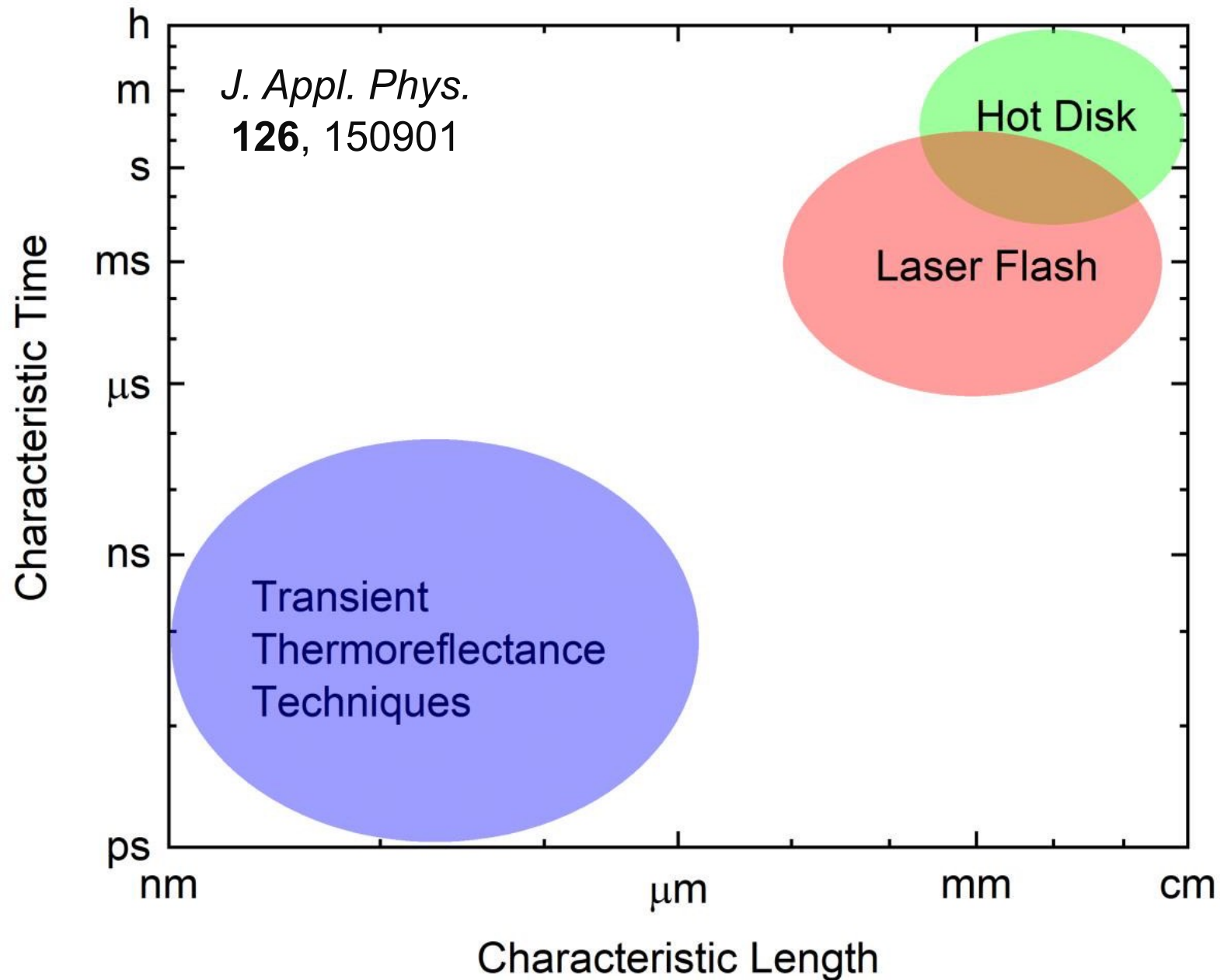


$$q_{\text{int}} = h_K \Delta T = \frac{1}{R_K \Delta T}$$





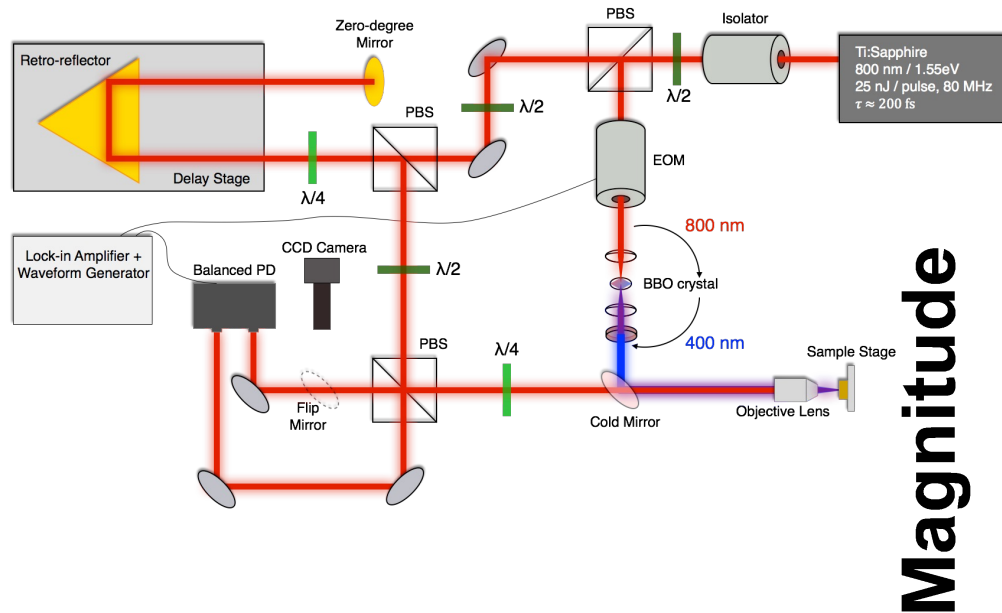
# But how do we measure nano to macro HX processes?



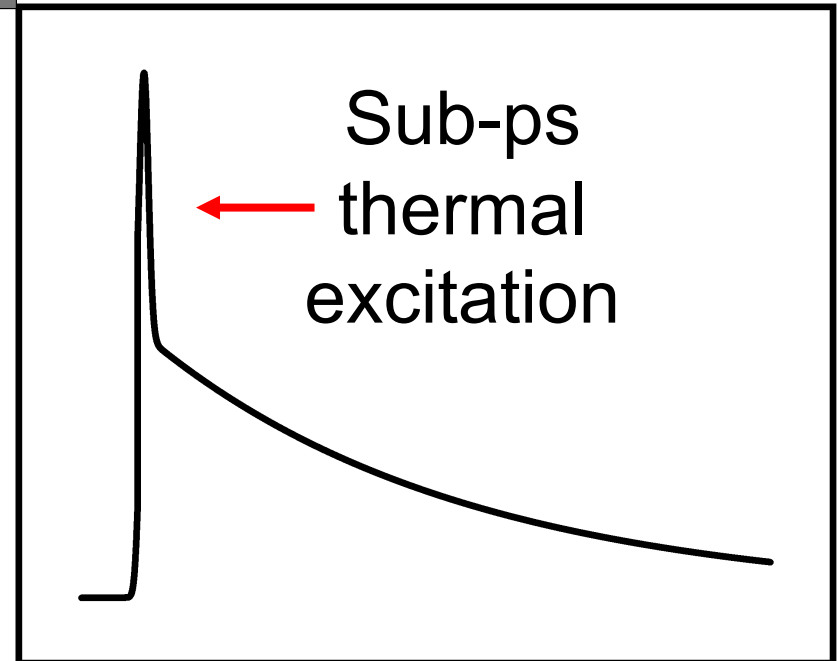


# Thermal properties of thin films? TDTR

## Thin film or “near surface” measurements



Magnitude



## TDTR Reviews and Analyses

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

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*J. Heat Trans.* **132**, 081302;

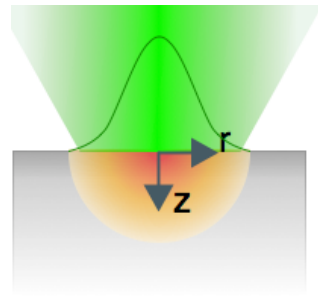
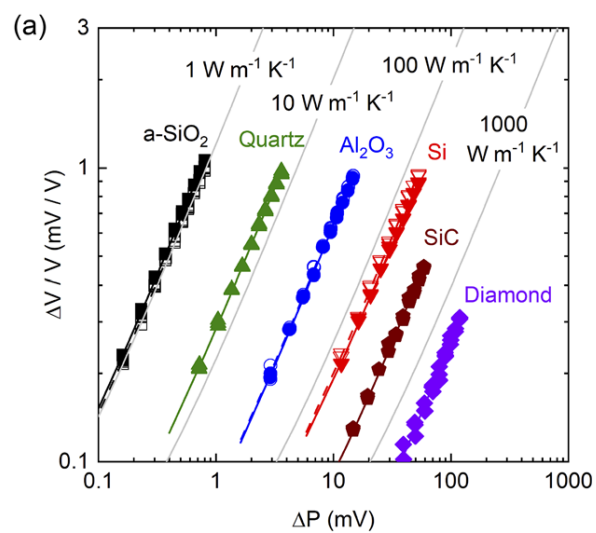
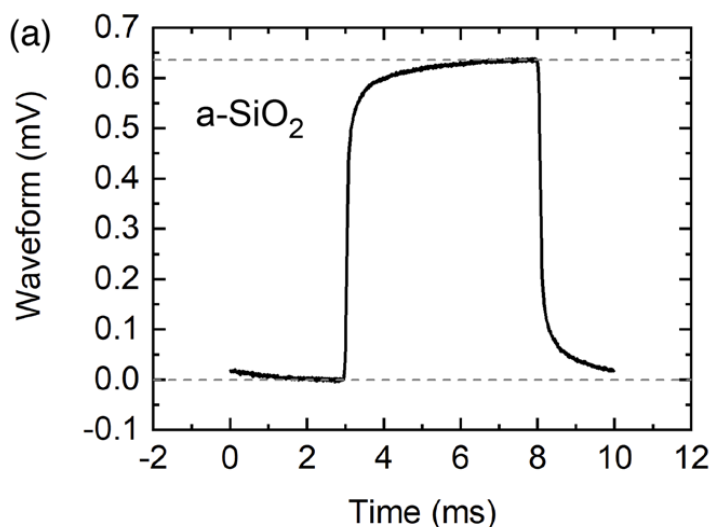
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Time

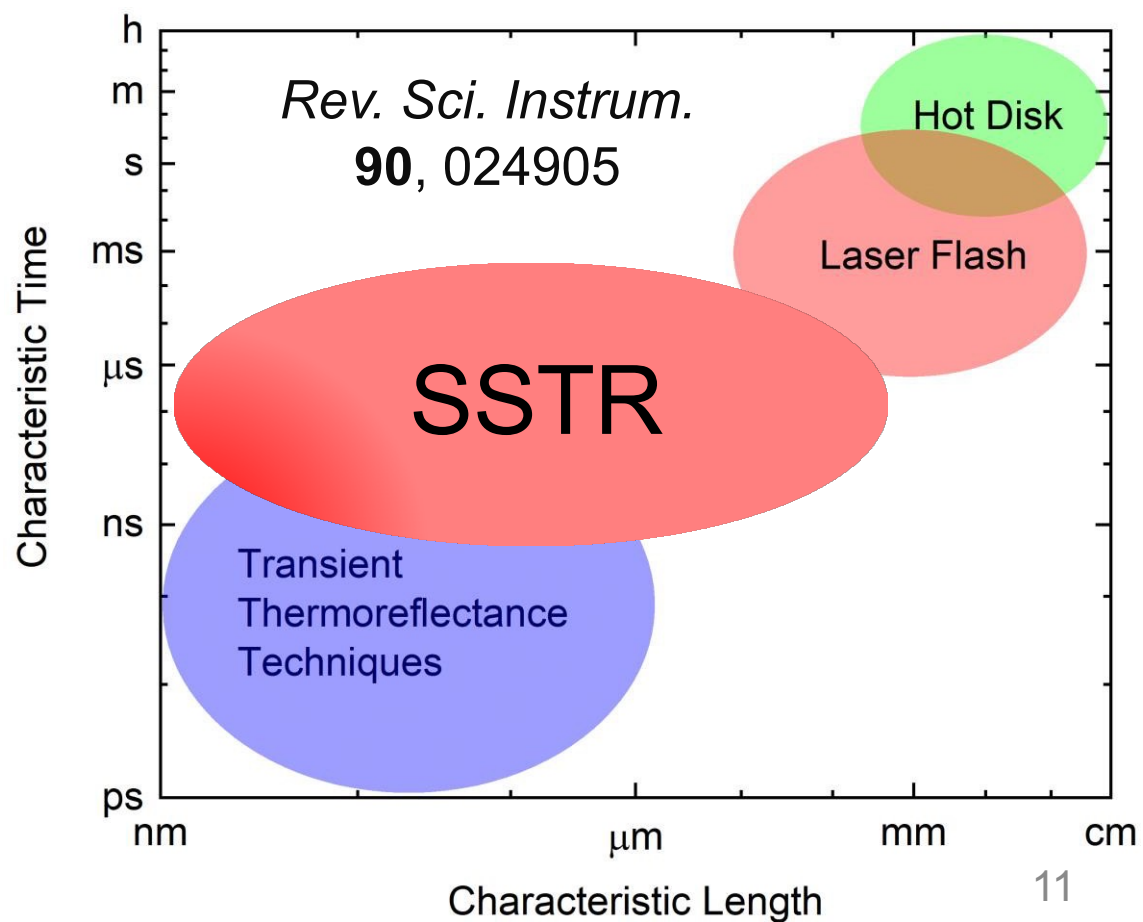
Picoseconds to  
nanoseconds

# But how do we measure nano to macro HX processes?

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



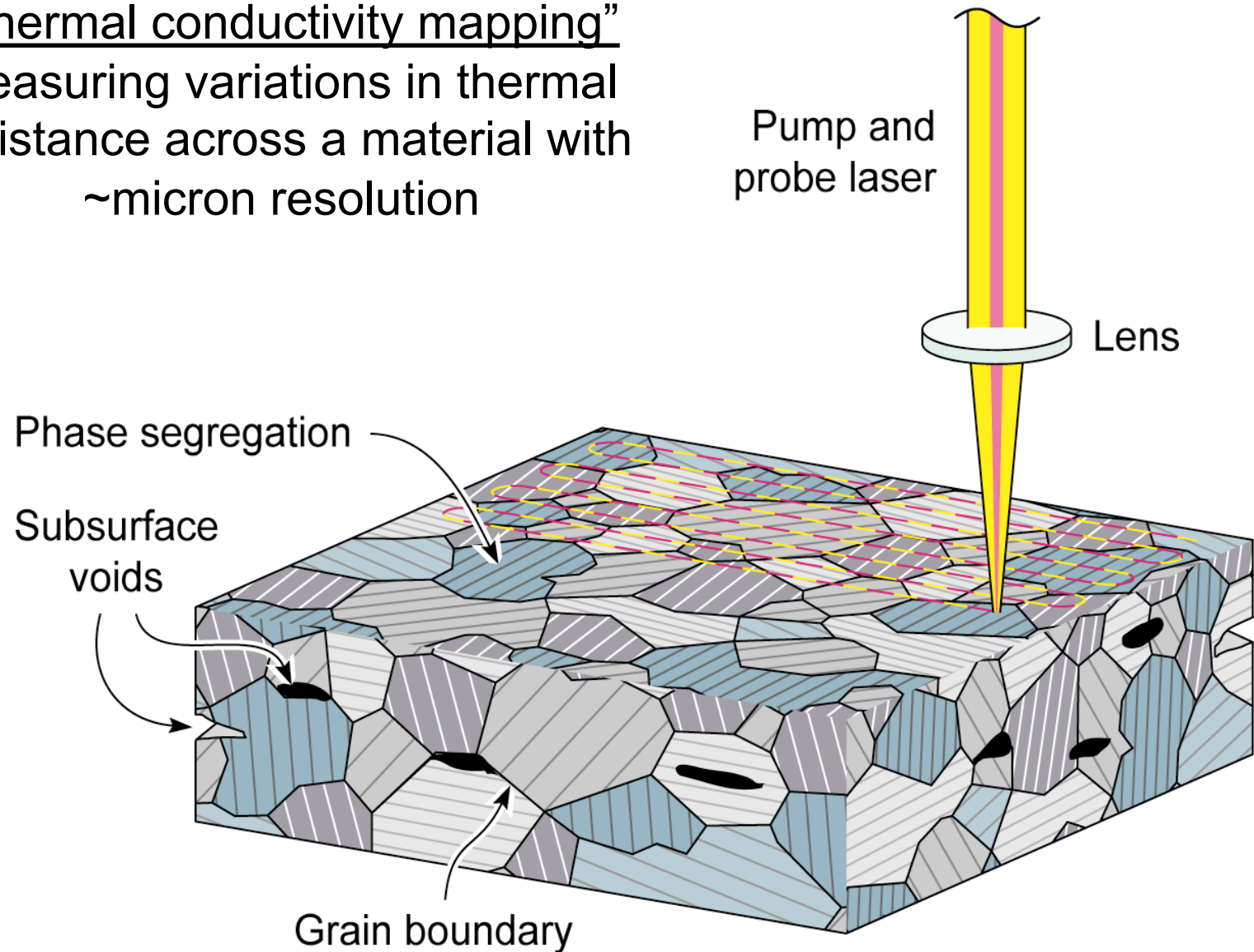
SSTR invented and patented via ONR support



# Micron-scale areal resolution for local measurements

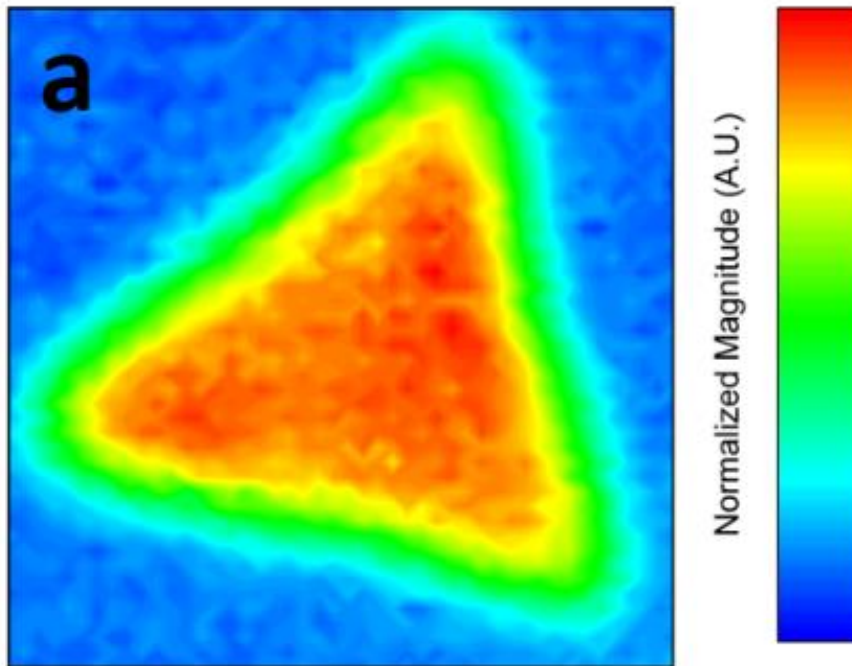
## “Thermal conductivity mapping”

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



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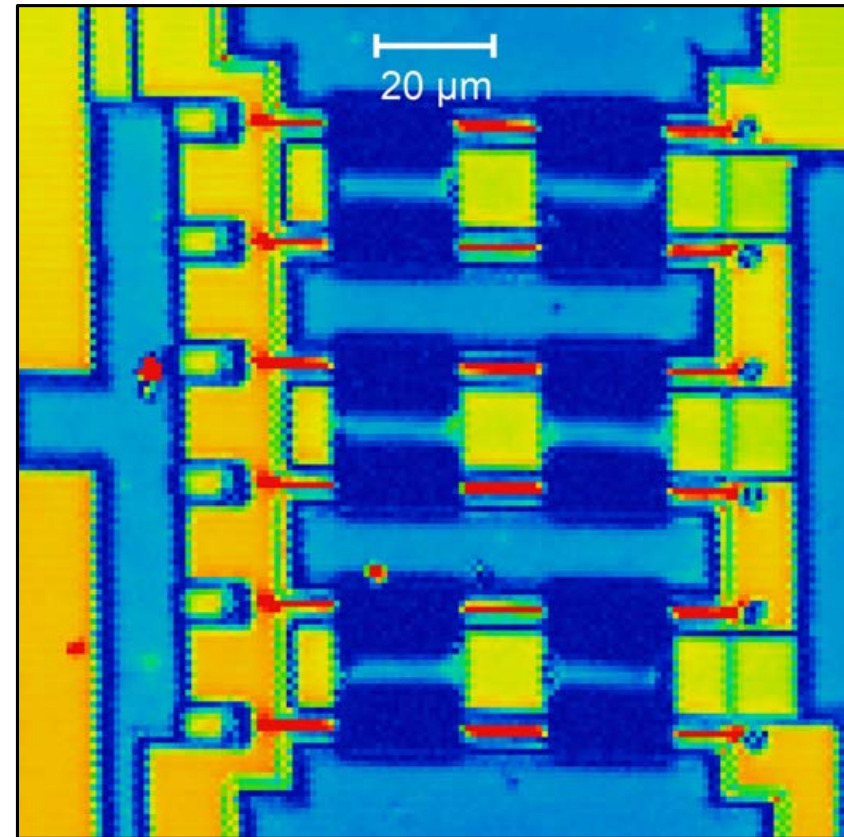
## Thermal Mapping of Wafers, Devices, etc. w/ Lateral Resolution Down to ~1 micron



WS<sub>2</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>

*Adv. Sci.* **7**, 2001174 (2020)

Collaboration: Prof. Mauricio Terrones (PSU)

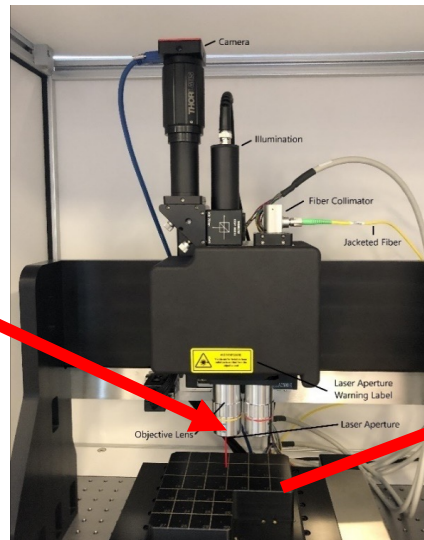


6-finger GaAs pHEMT on  
a MMIC power amplifier

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

**<https://Laserthermal.com>**

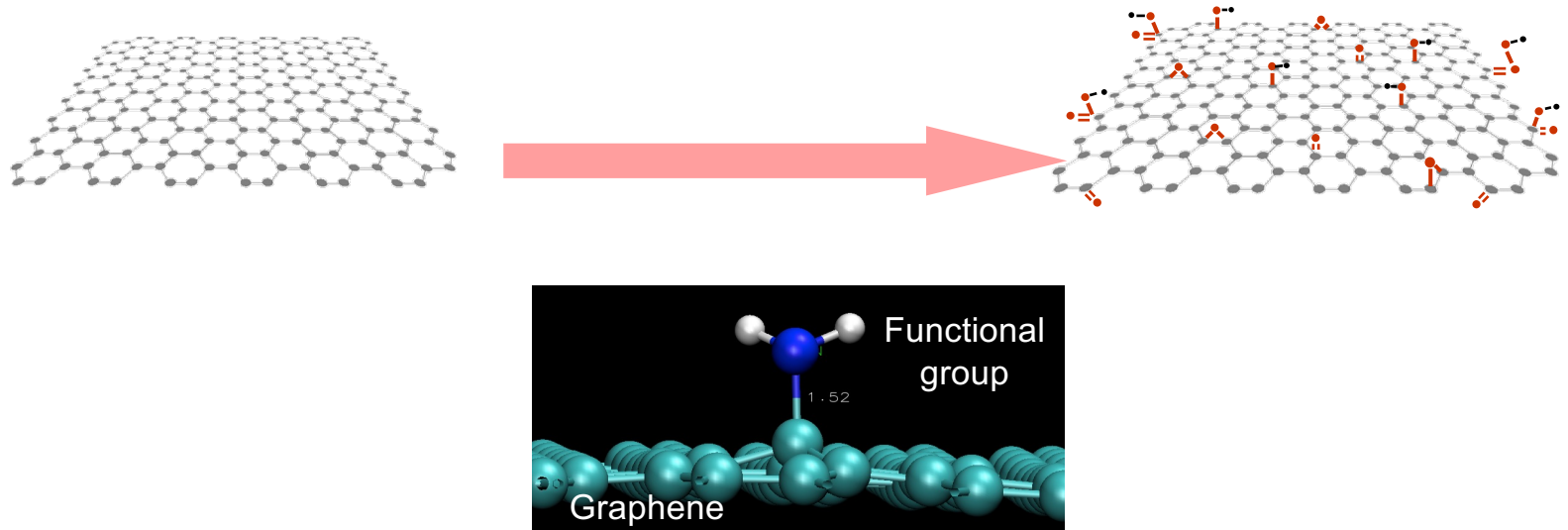
*Laser Thermal* licensing SSTR IP from UVA,  
enabling tech transition of invention from  
ONR funded program to commercial device



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# Chemical functionalization of graphene with plasmas

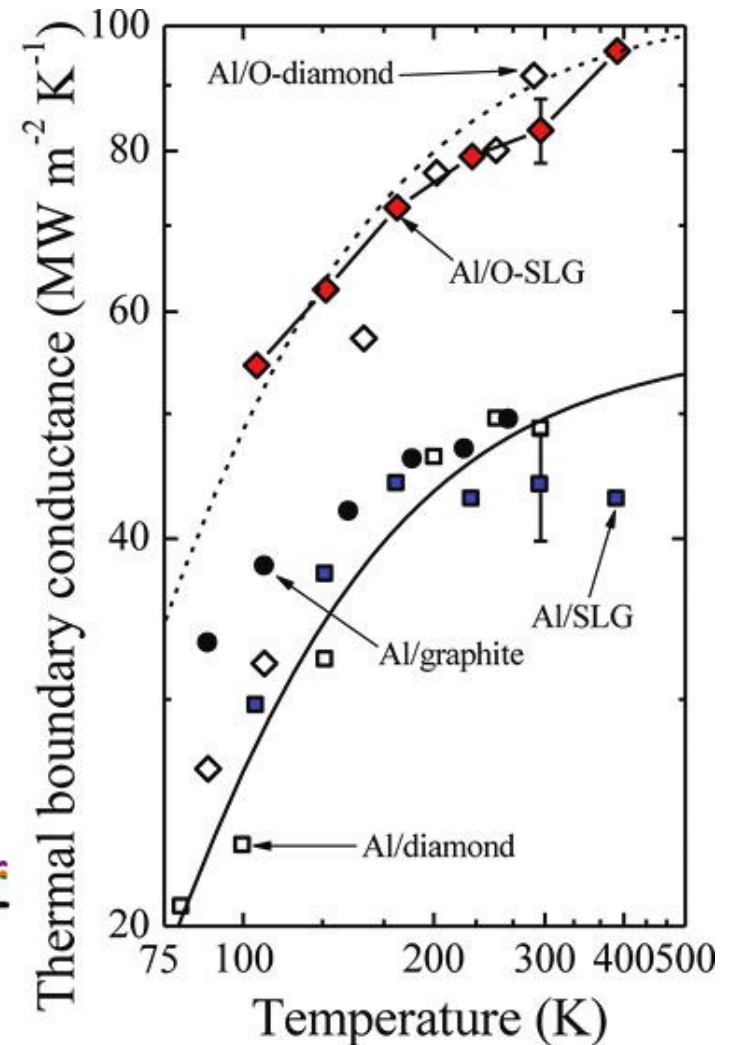
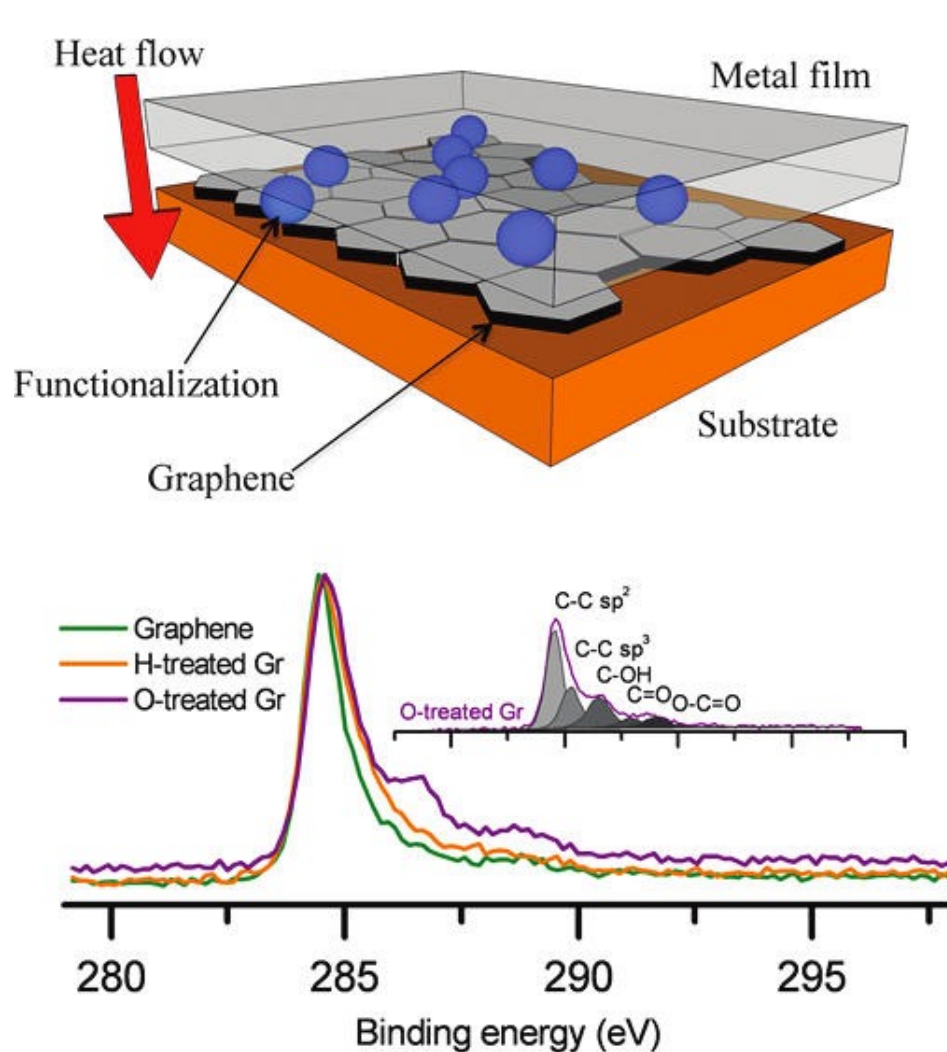


**Functional groups covalently bound to graphene**  
**Reversible after anneal**

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

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

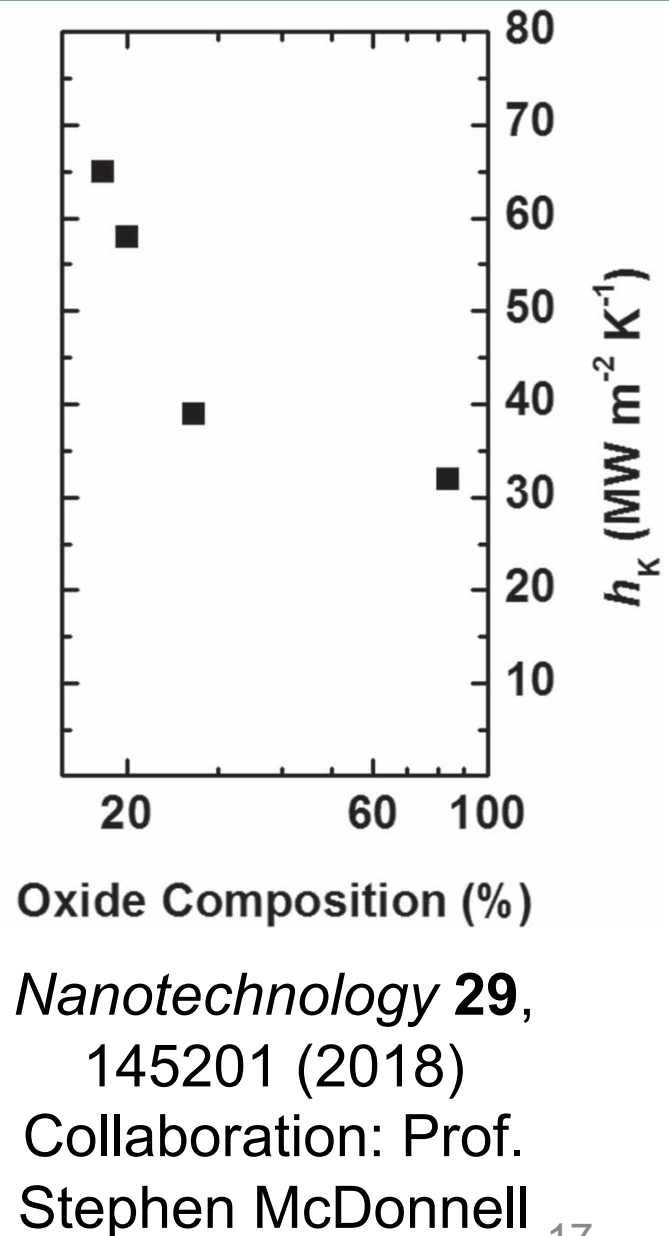
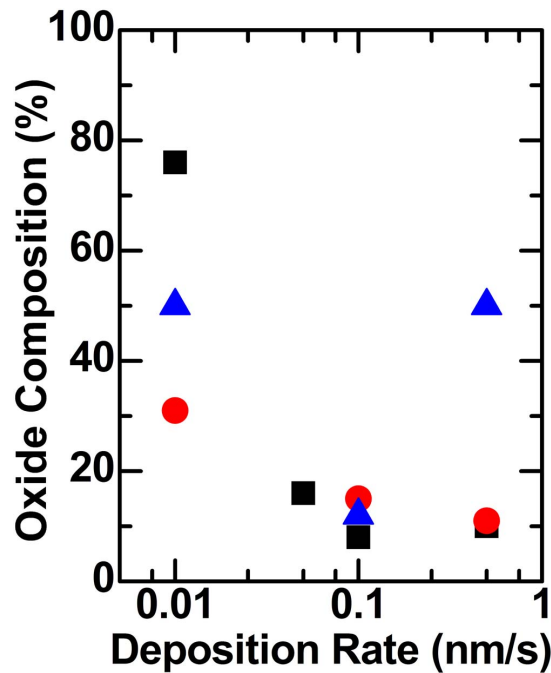
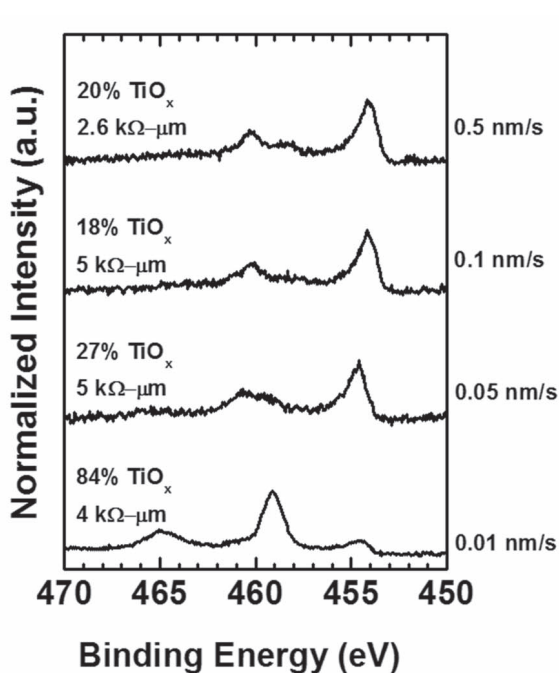
# Thermal conductance at functionalized SLG interfaces



*Nano Letters* **12**, 590 (2012)

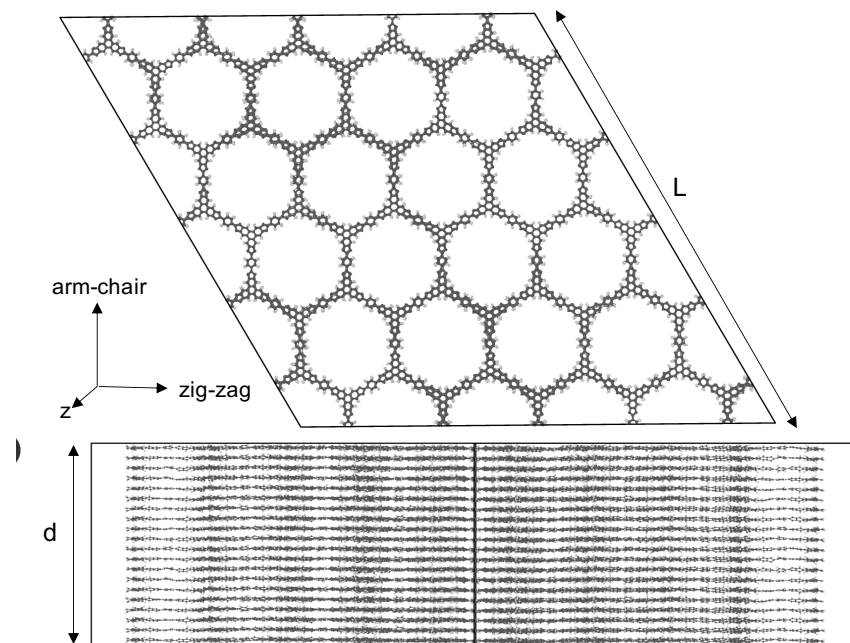
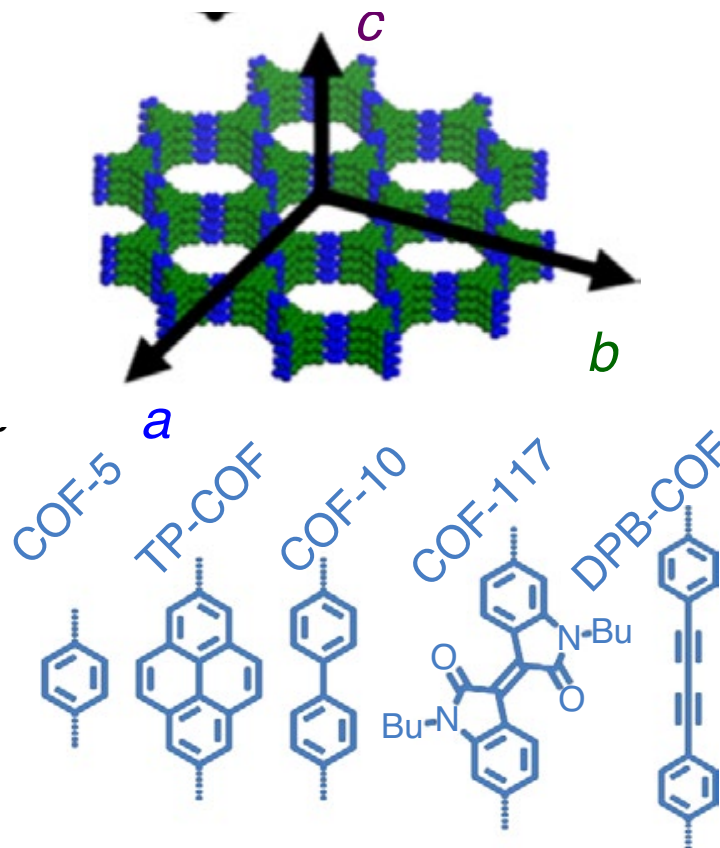
Collaboration Dr. Scott Walton (NRL)

# Metal stoichiometry effects on TBC at graphene contacts



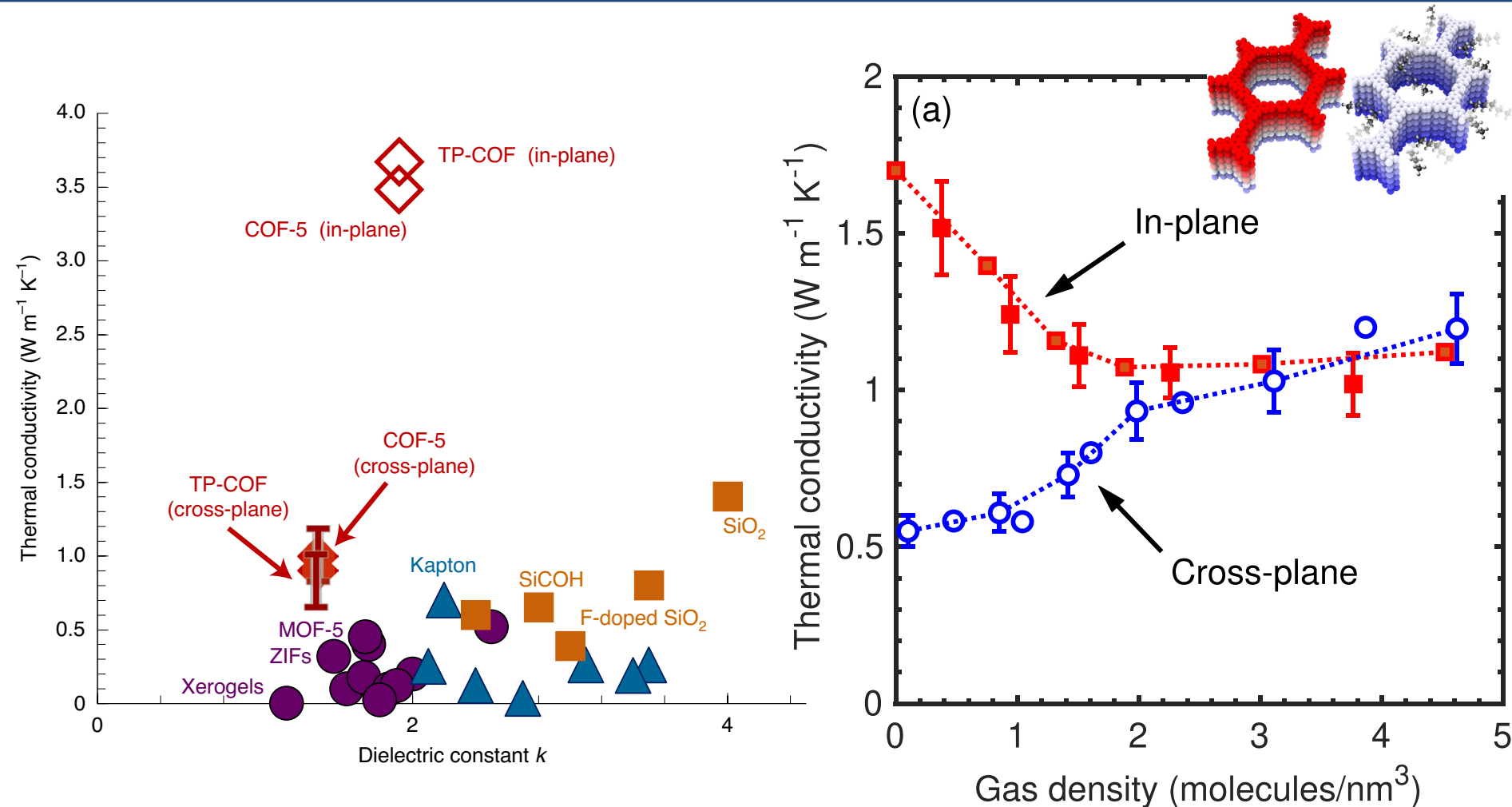
# Covalent organic frameworks (COFs)

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



Collaboration: Prof. Will Dichtel (NW) and Prof. Ash Giri (U. Rhode Island)  
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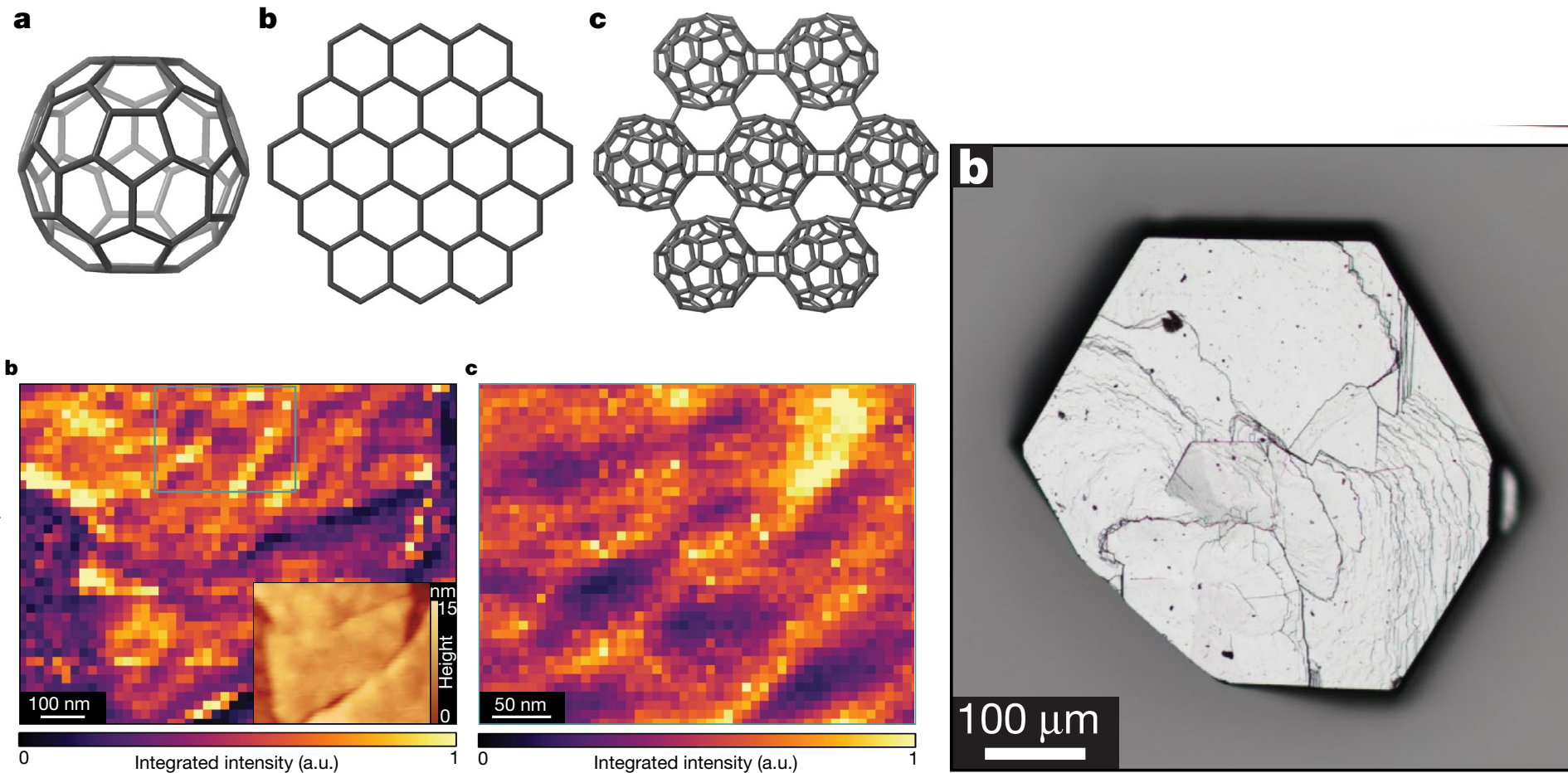
# Increased thermal conductivity, low dielectric constant, functional tuning based on gas adsorption



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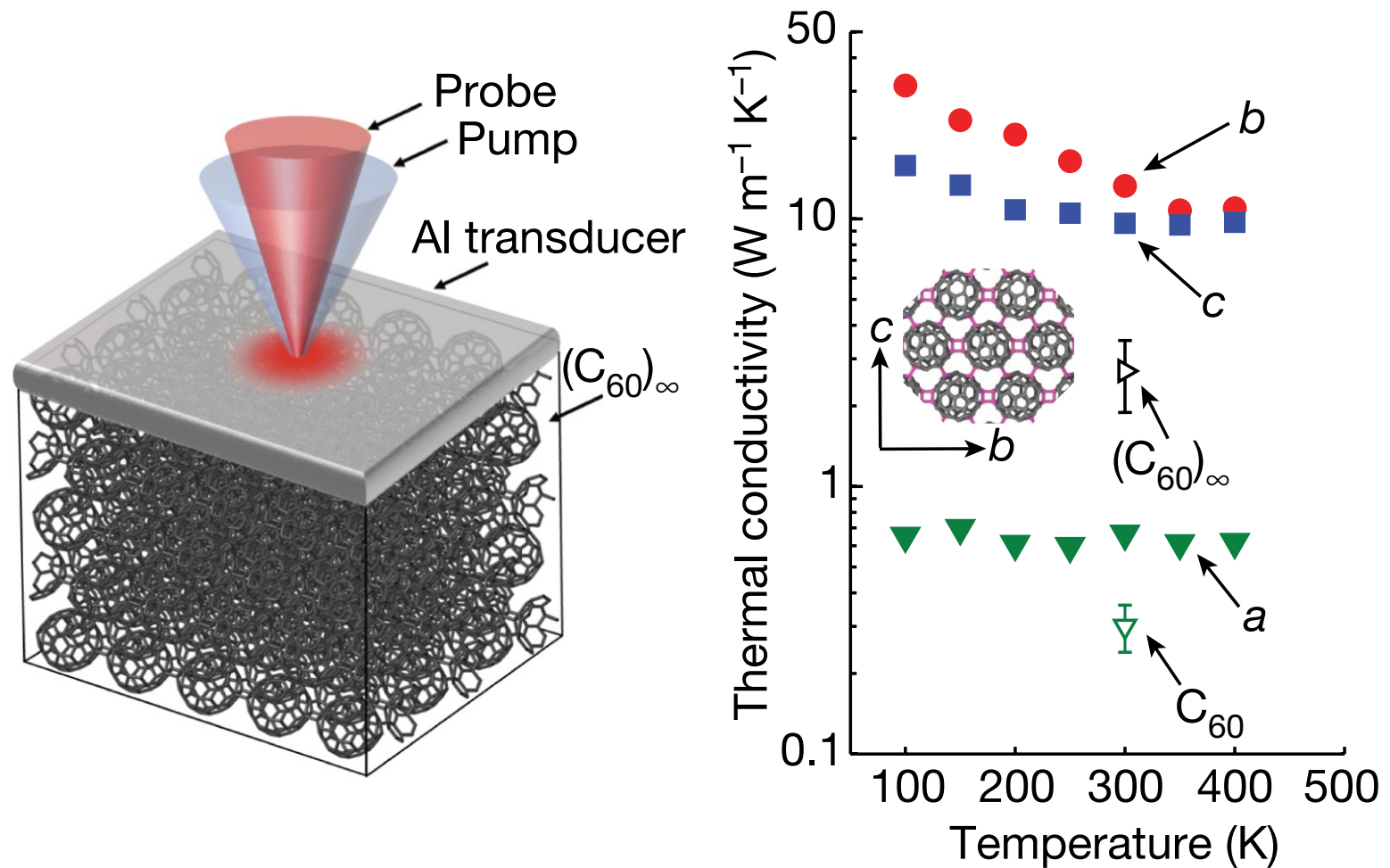
# Graphullerene: a two-dimensional crystalline polymer of C<sub>60</sub>



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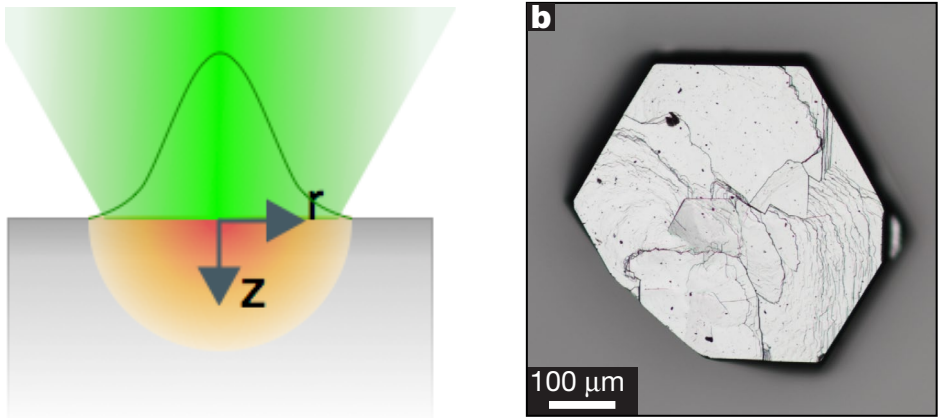


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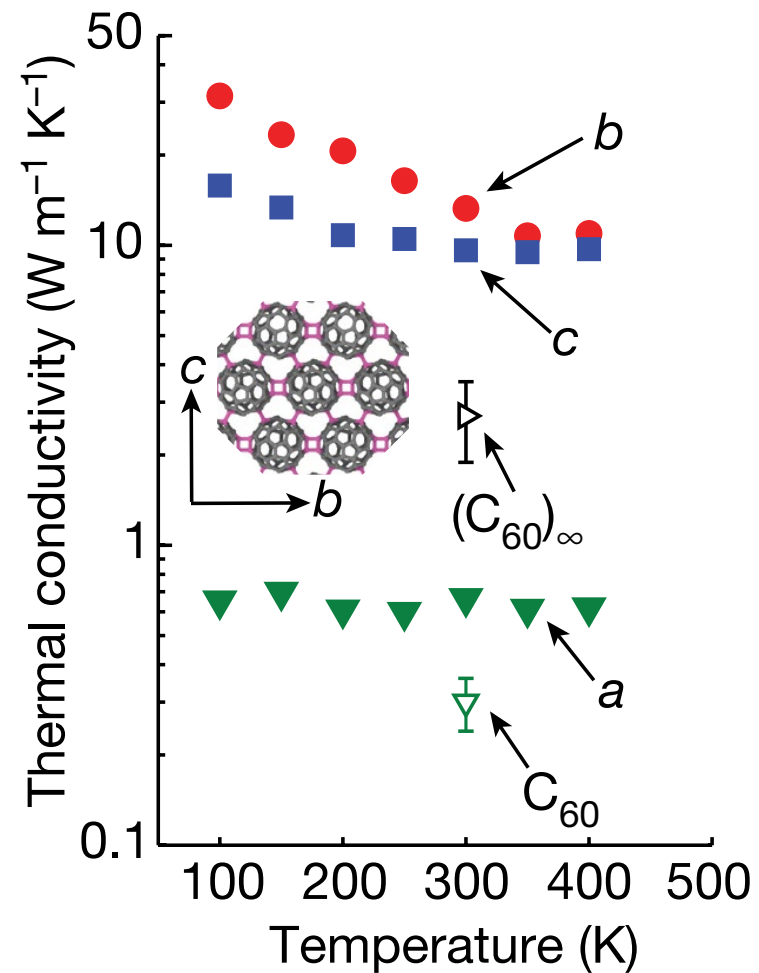
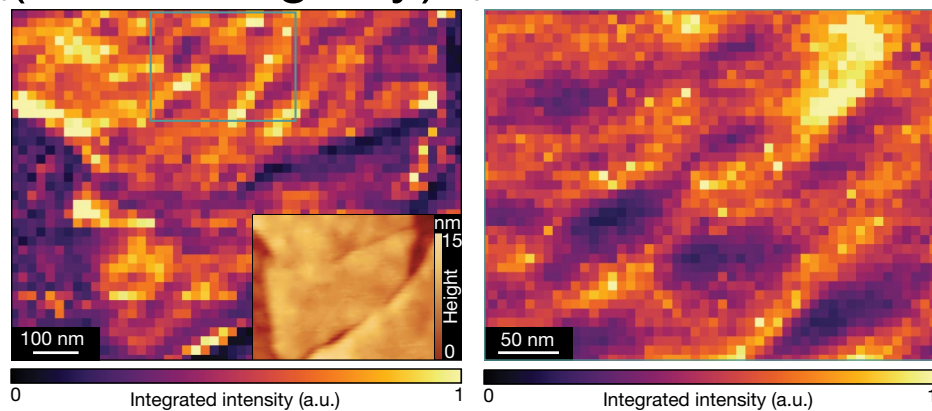
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# But what are we measuring?

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

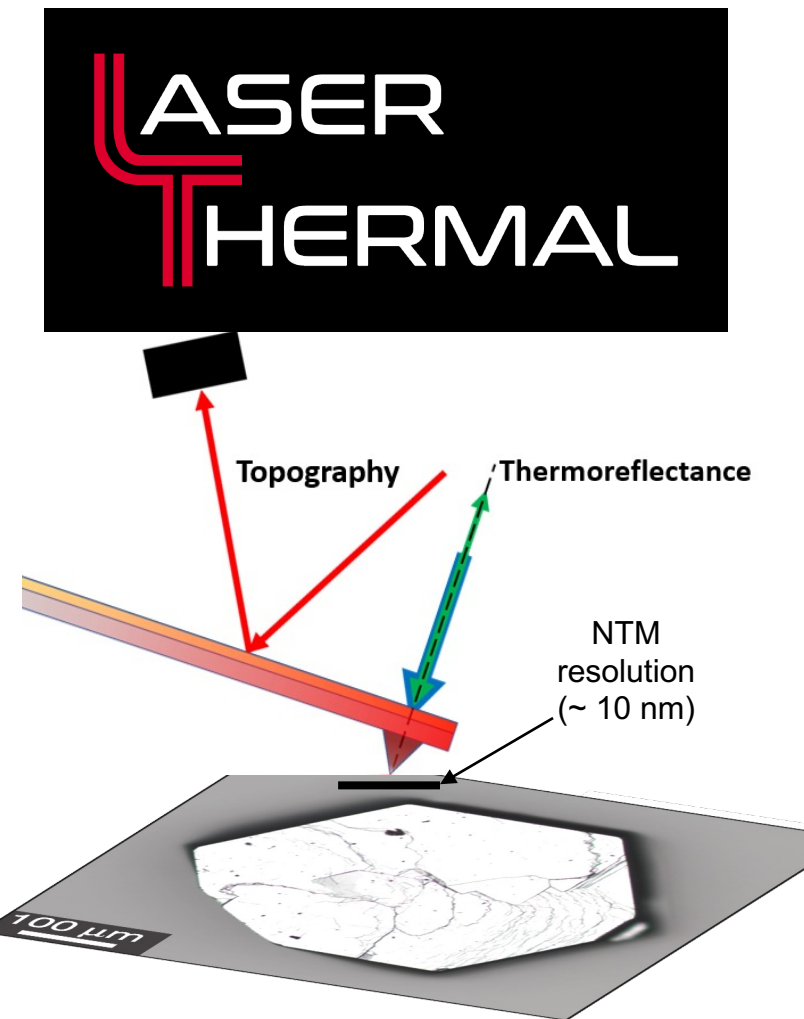


Nano-PL: note linear domains  
(twisted registry)

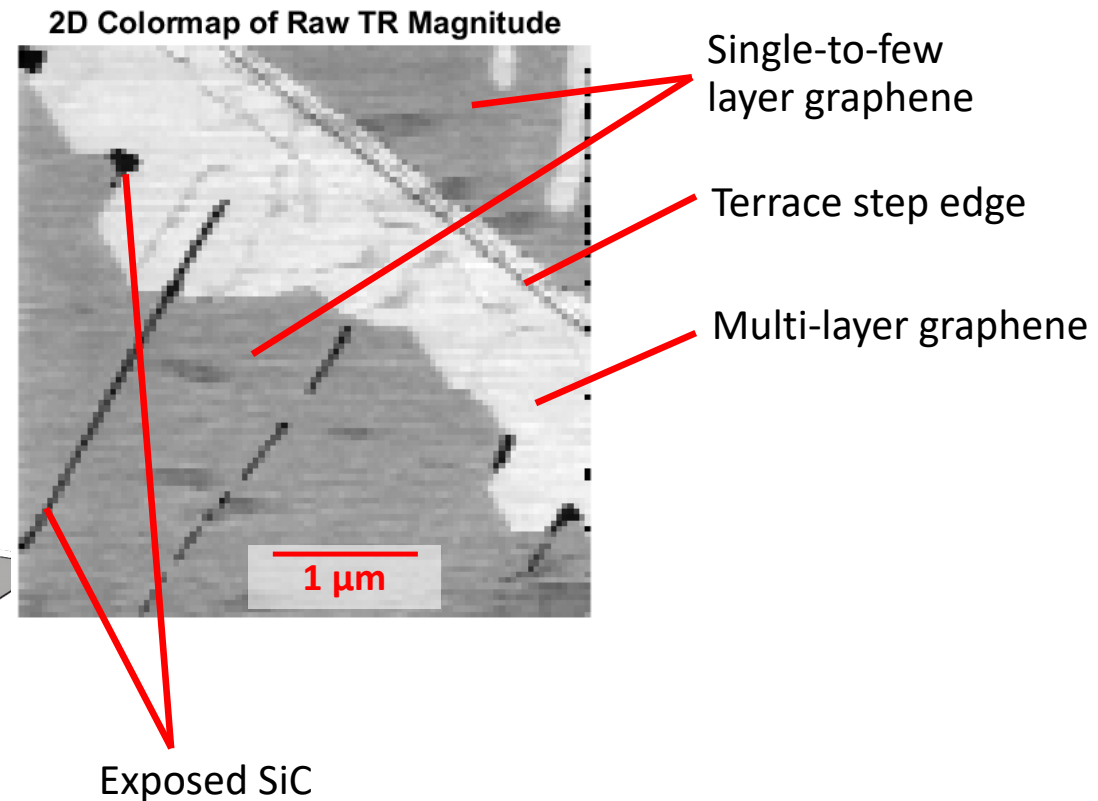


$$\kappa_{\text{measure}} = \sqrt{\kappa_z \kappa_r} \approx 2.6 \text{ W m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

# Resolving nanoscale thermal resistances: NTM



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

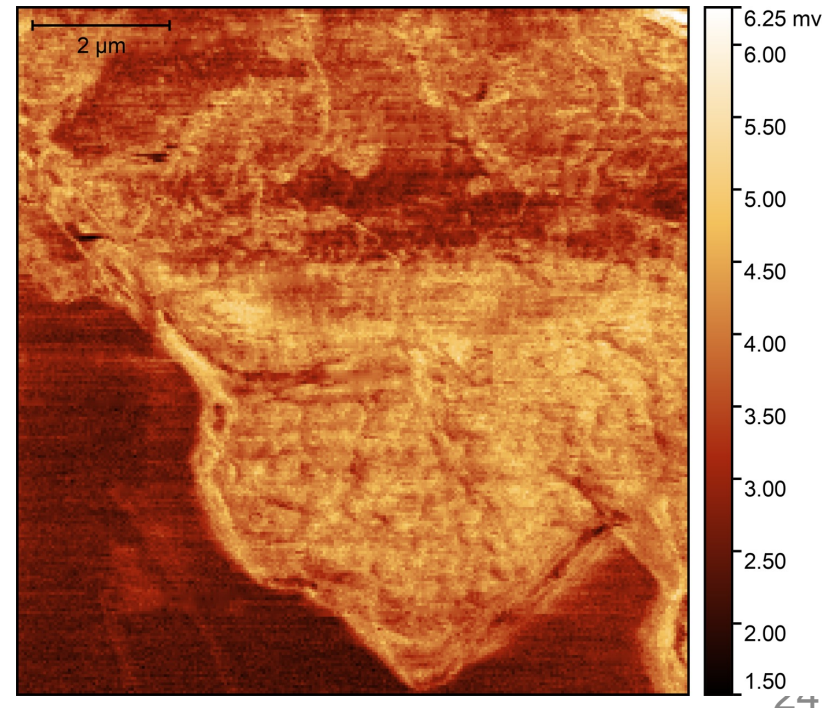
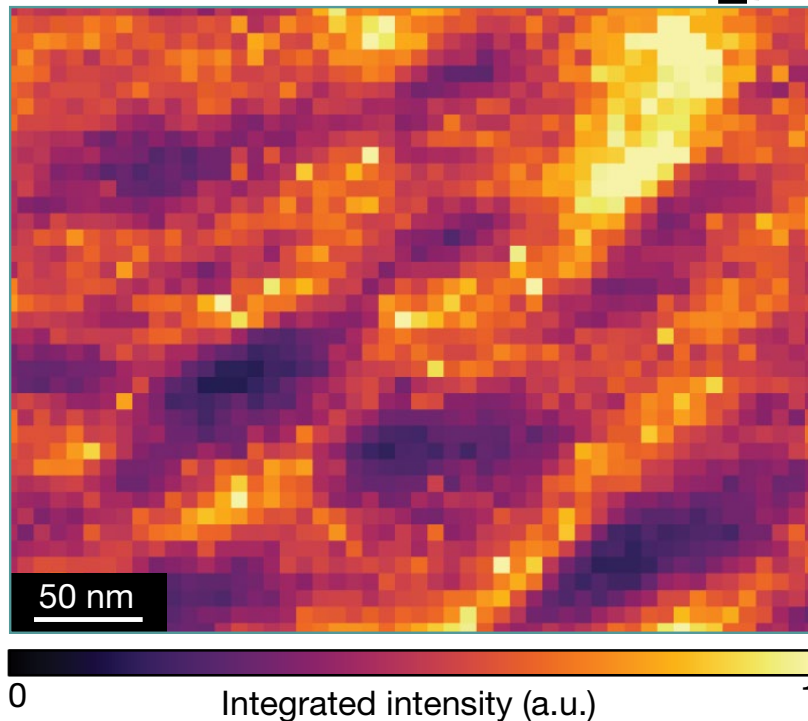
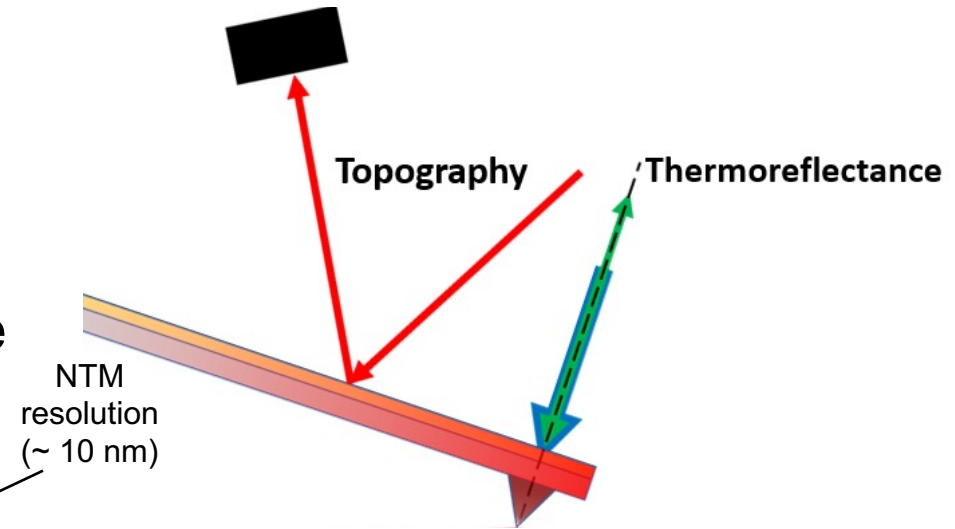


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# Nanoscale thermal resistance changes in graphullerene

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



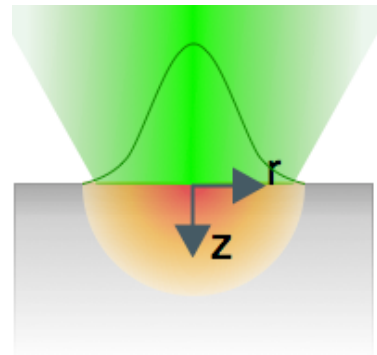
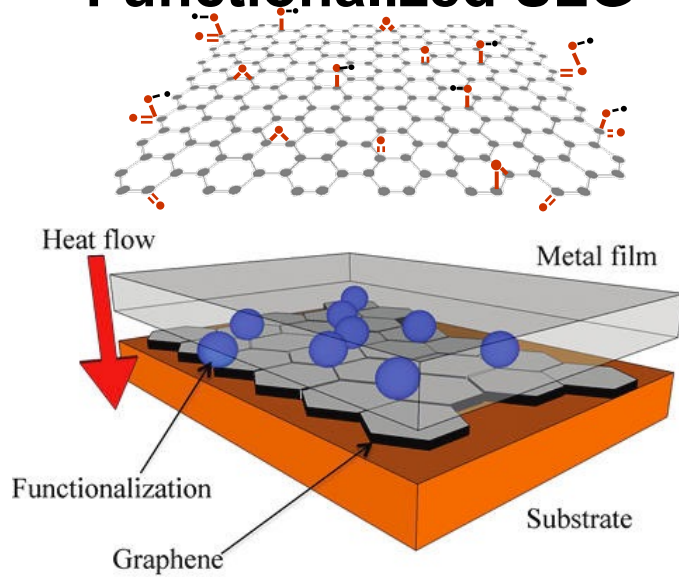


# Bonding in graphene and low-D carbon leads to enhanced thermal properties

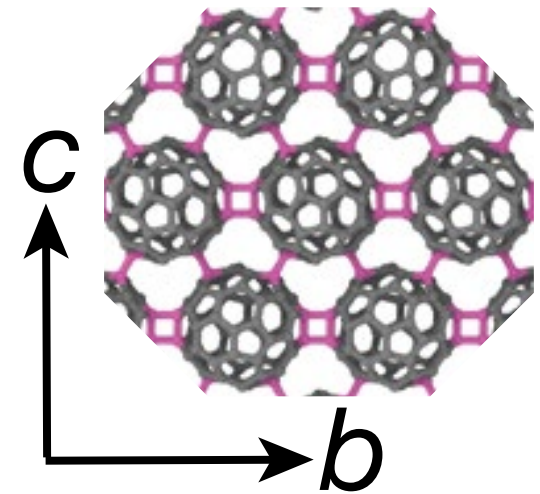
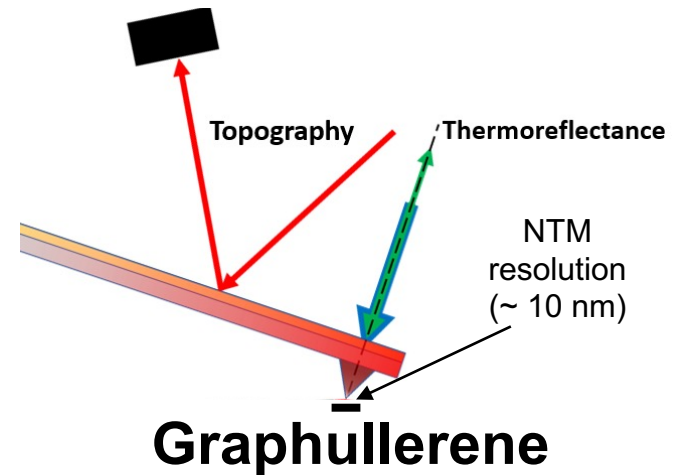
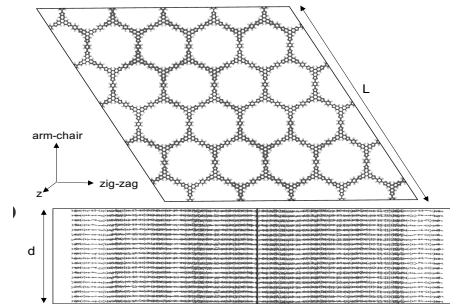
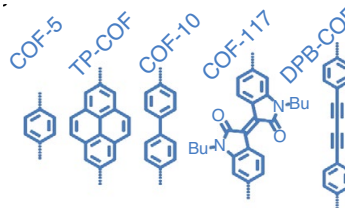
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Functionalized SLG



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