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# **Nanoscale Heat Transfer in Thin Films and Interfaces**

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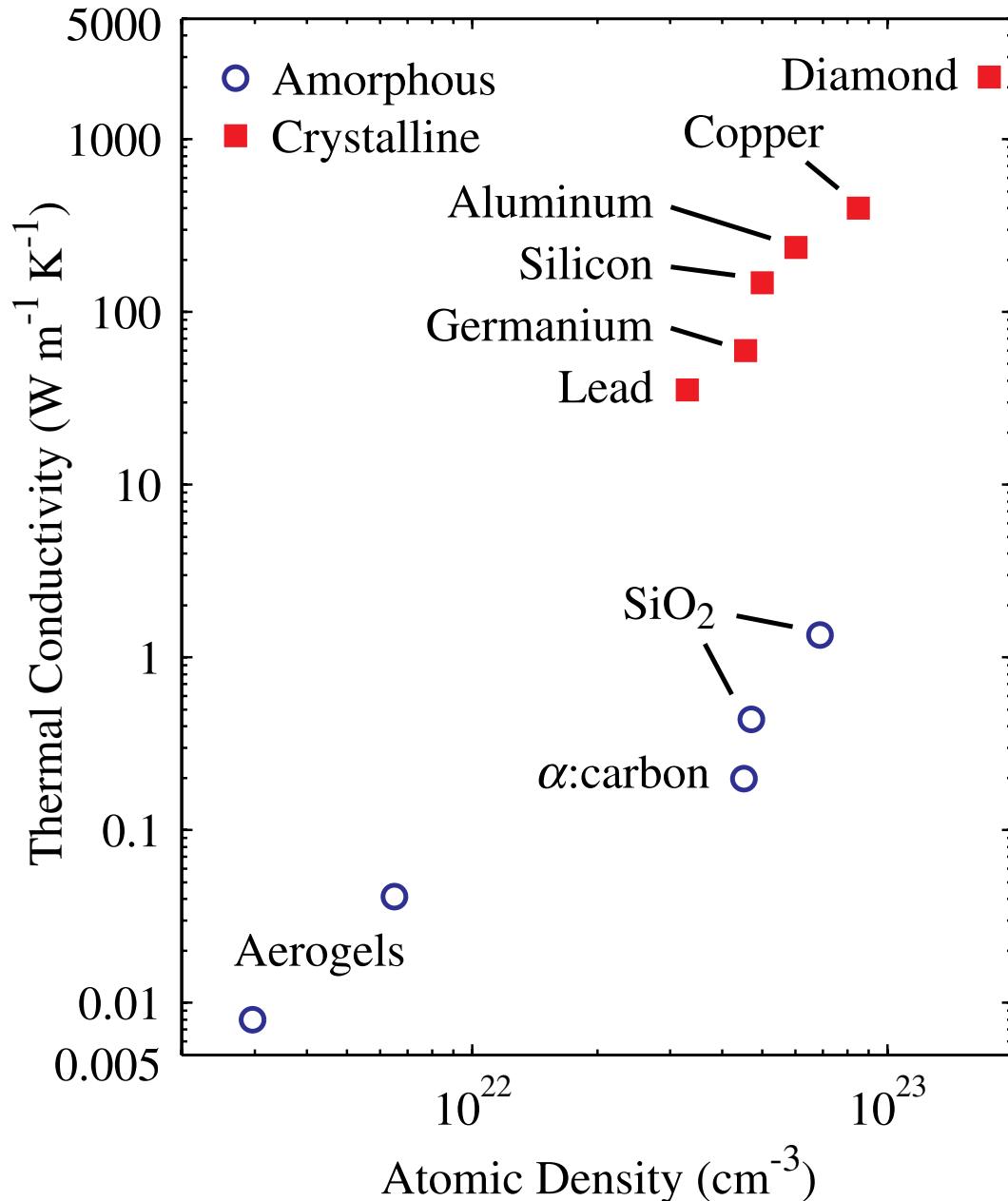
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# Outline

1. What makes a high and low thermal conductivity material – an electron and phonon nanoscale perspective
2. Thermal conductivity of thin films: how film dimensional and growth conditions can lead to interfaces and defects that scatter electrons and phonons, thus reducing the thermal conductivity of materials
3. Thermal conductivity measurements: thin film methods
4. Thermal boundary resistance: coherent and incoherent heat transfer across interfaces in nanostructures
5. Coupled nonequilibrium heat transfer: Energy coupling among electron, phonons and photons including ultrafast laser pulse effects
6. Heat transfer in materials during synthesis and manufacturing, including plasma-material interactions during deposition and laser-based manufacturing

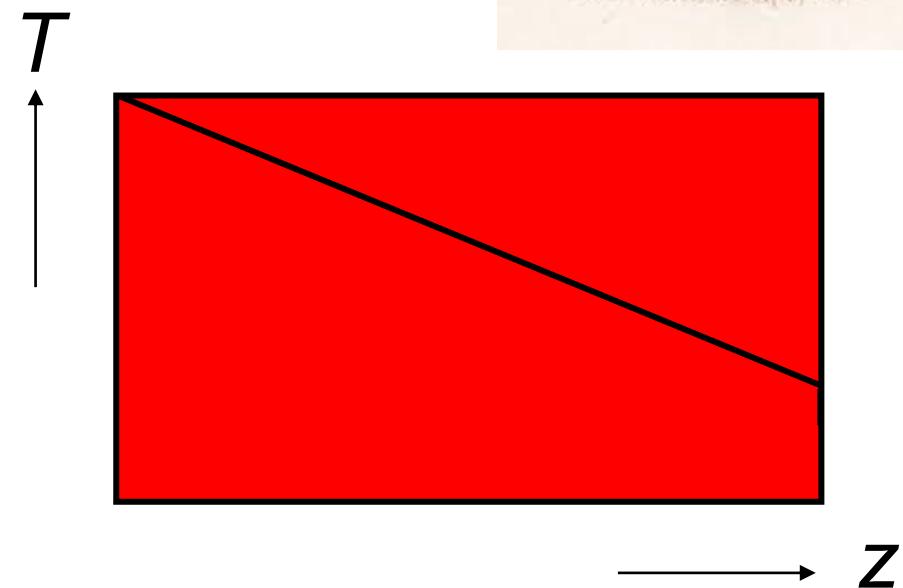
# Thermal conductivity of materials – Macroscopic picture



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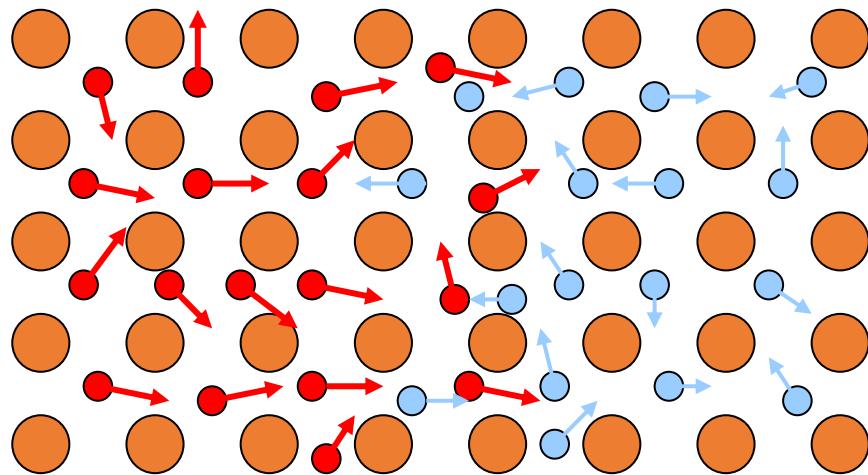
## The Fourier Law

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



# Materials and Heat Transfer trends

Diffusion of “hot” electrons



Metals:

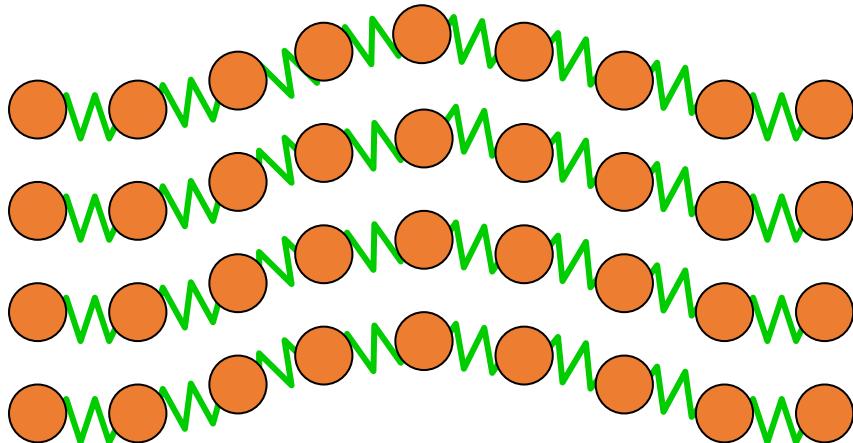
Free electrons are the dominant energy carriers in metals, ballistic velocity  $\sim 10^6$  m/s

- atom
- “hot” free electron
- “cold” free electron

Electron carrier density:

in metals  $\sim 10^{23}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>

in semiconductors  $\sim 10^{18}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>



Semiconductors:

Phonons (lattice vibrations) are the dominant energy carriers in semiconductors, velocity  $\sim 10^3$  m/s

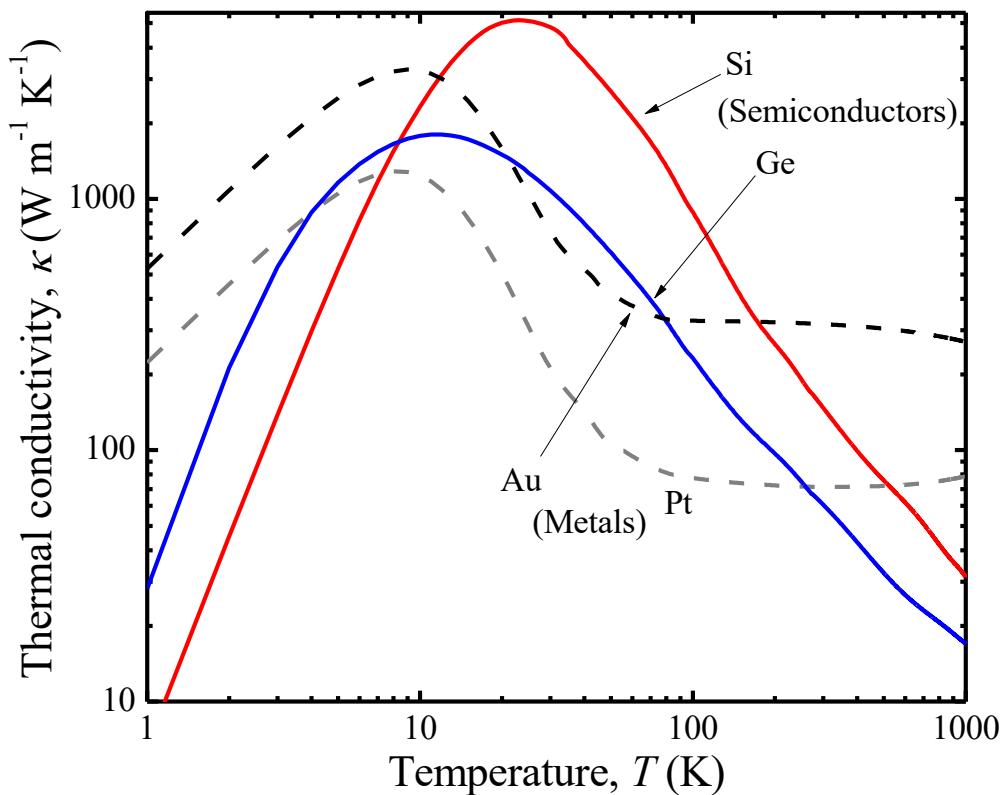
Phonon propagation



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

# Thermal conductivity of bulk materials

## Thermal conductivity



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

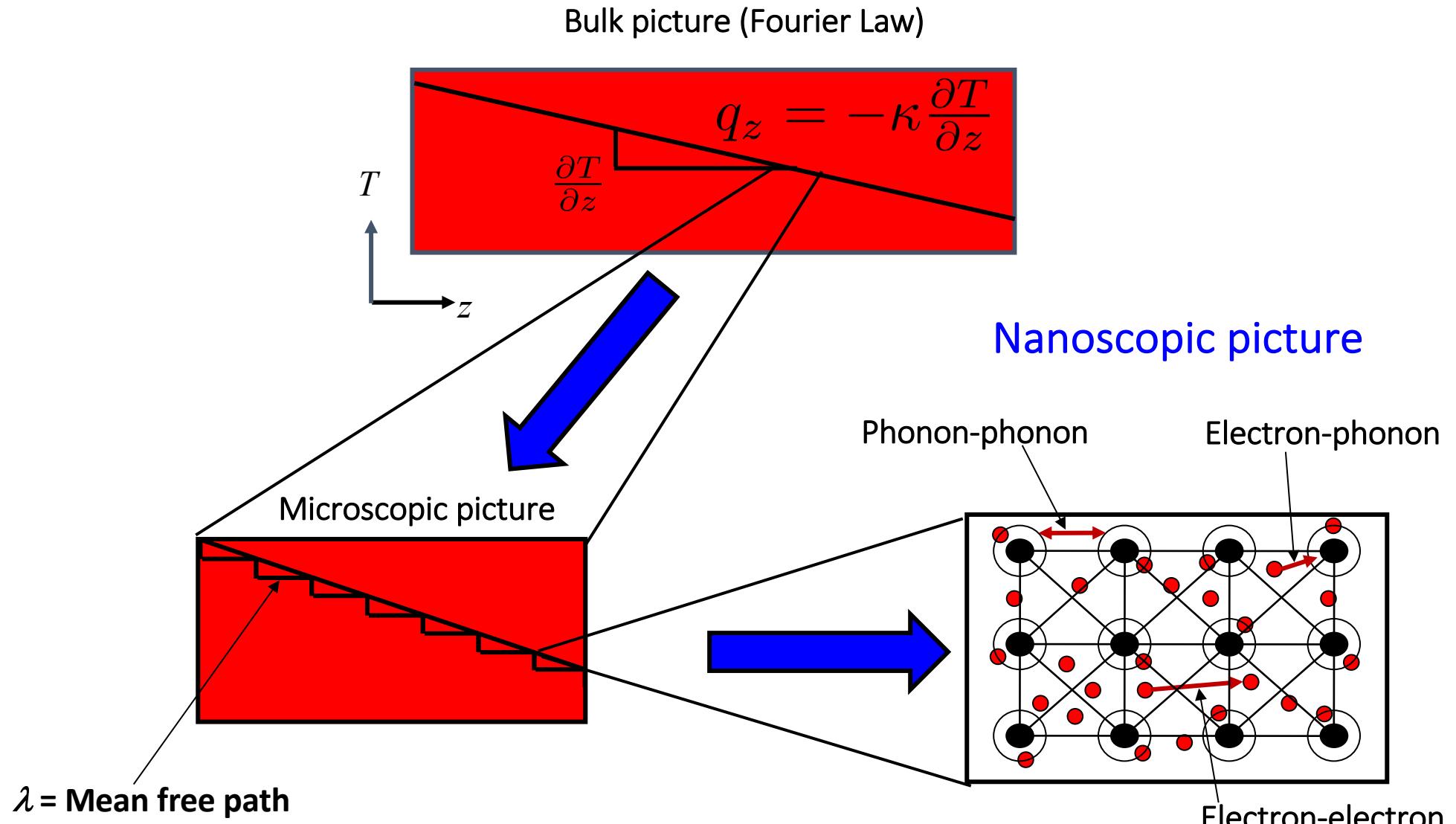
Temperature trends in  $\kappa$  related to energy carrier scattering in solids

Notice different trends between  $\kappa$  in metals and  $\kappa$  in semiconductors

Higher thermal conductivity = larger heat flux removed

Tabulated data from: Ho, Powell, and Liley, "Thermal conductivity of the elements," Journal of Physical and Chemical Reference Data, 1, 279 (1972).

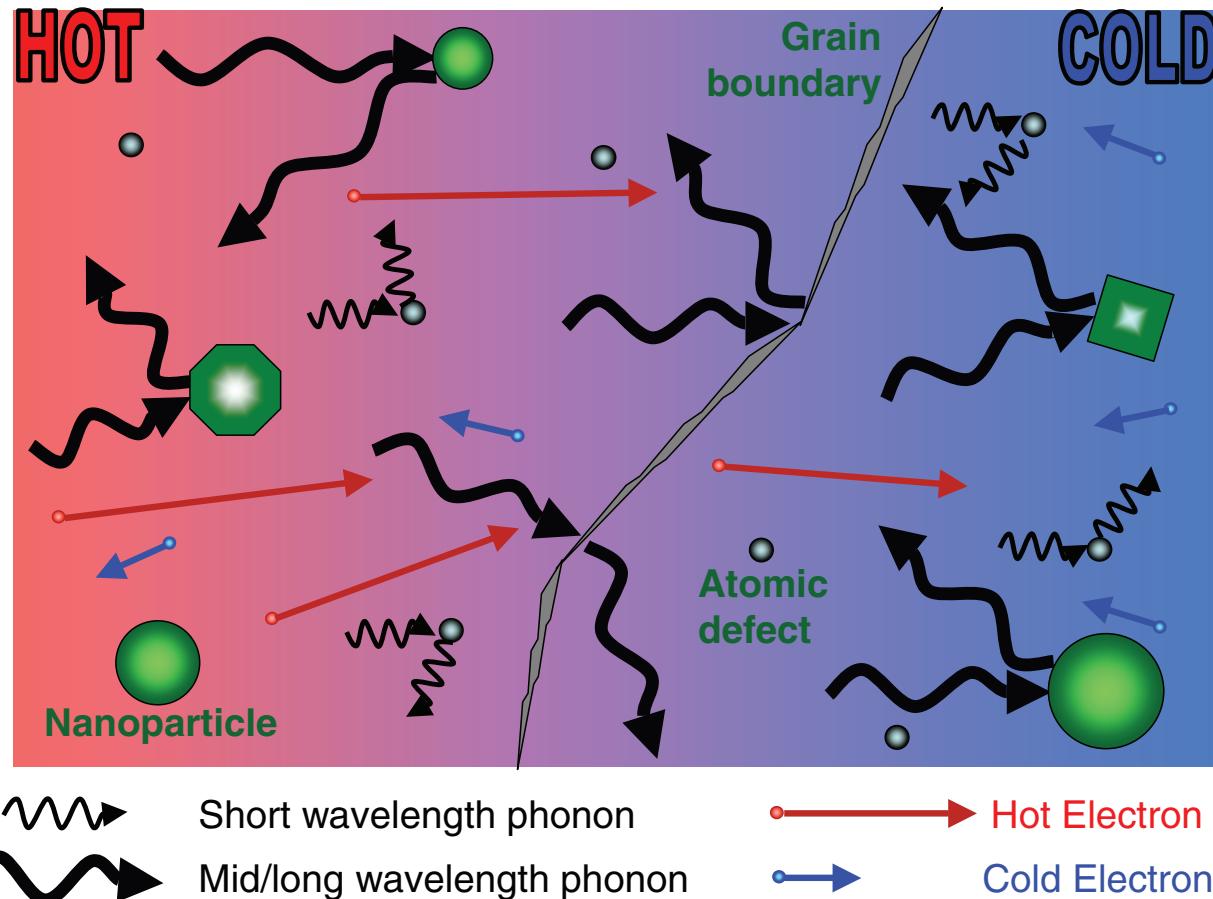
# Thermophysics on the nanoscale



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

# A nanoscopic view with Kinetic Theory

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



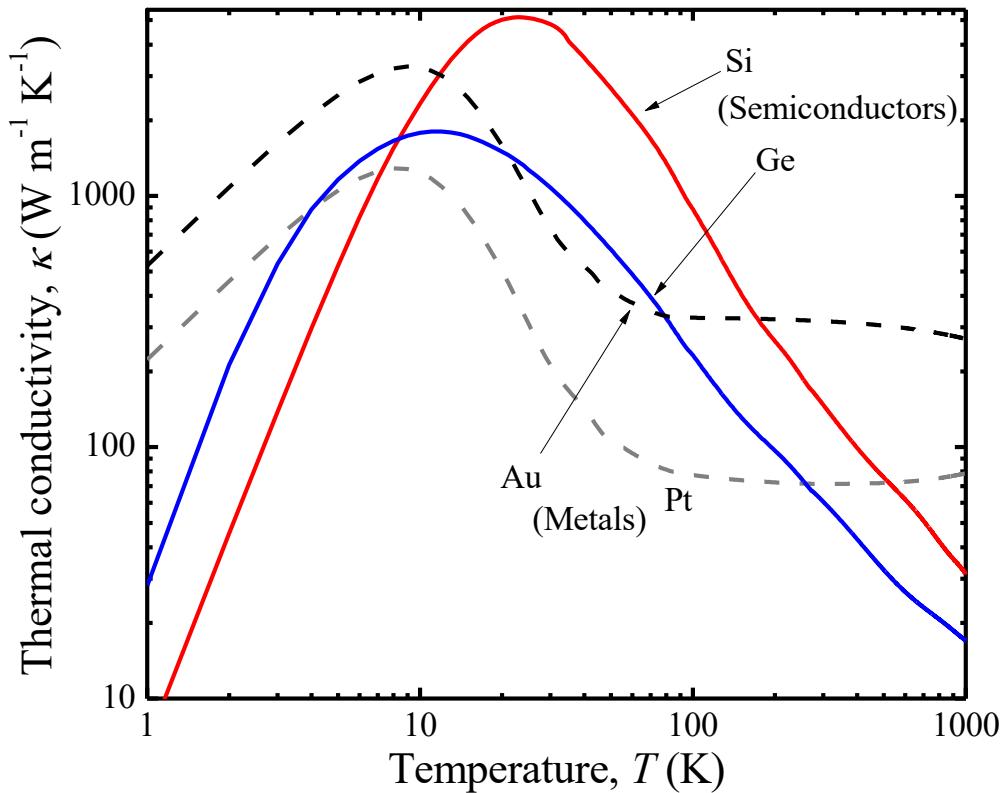
**C:** Heat capacity  
“How much energy electrons/phonons store”

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

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

# Thermal conductivity of bulk materials

## Thermal conductivity



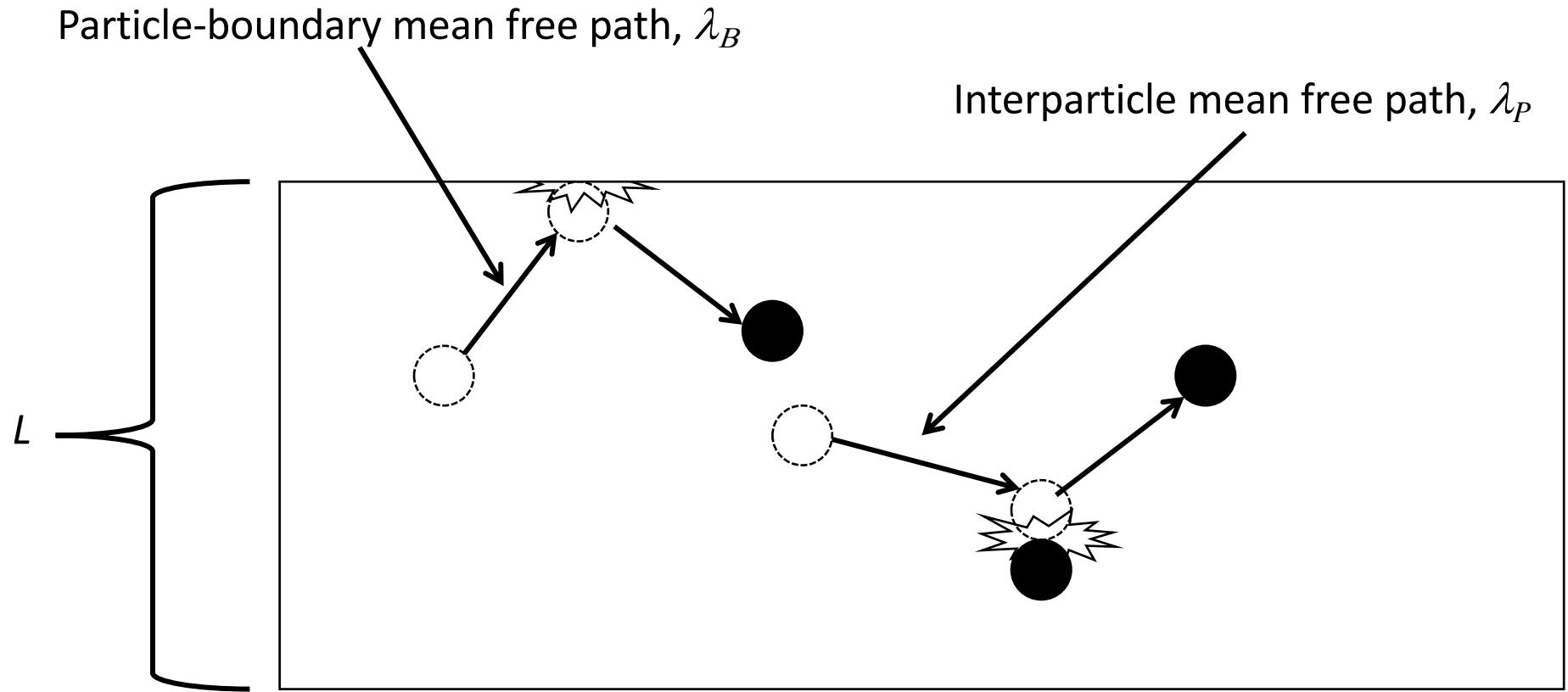
$$q = -\kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial z}$$

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

Different temperature dependencies for metals and non-metals (like semiconductors)  
Why????

Electrons in metal (intrinsic scattering from electron-electron and electron-phonon)  
Phonons in non-metal (intrinsic scattering from phonon-phonon)

# Mean free path



$$\lambda_P = v \tau_P - \text{Material dependent}$$

$$\lambda_B = v \tau_B - \text{Geometry dependent} - L/2$$

# Mean free path in crystals

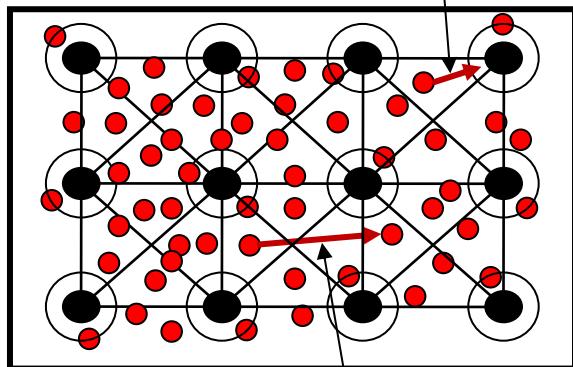
## Metals

Electrons are the dominant carriers

## Semiconductors

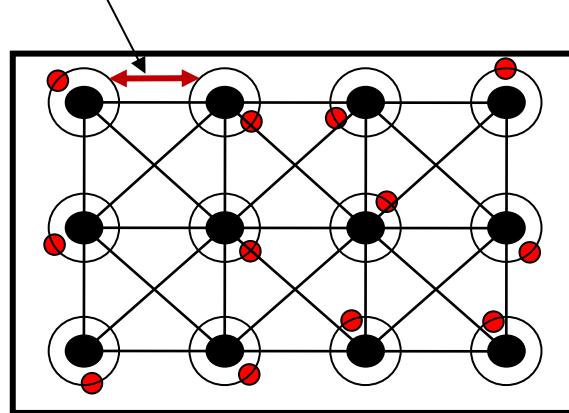
Phonons are the dominant carriers

Electron-phonon



Electron-electron

Phonon-phonon



$$\frac{1}{\tau_{metal}} = \frac{1}{\tau_{ee}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{ep}} + \frac{1}{\tau_D}$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{semi}} = \frac{1}{\tau_{pp}} + \frac{1}{\tau_D}$$

Defect and impurity scattering

# Thermal conductivity of metals

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{metal}} = \frac{1}{\tau_{ee}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{ep}} + \frac{1}{\tau_D}$$

Electron-electron scattering

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{ee}} = AT_e^2$$

Electron-phonon scattering

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{ep}} = BT_p$$

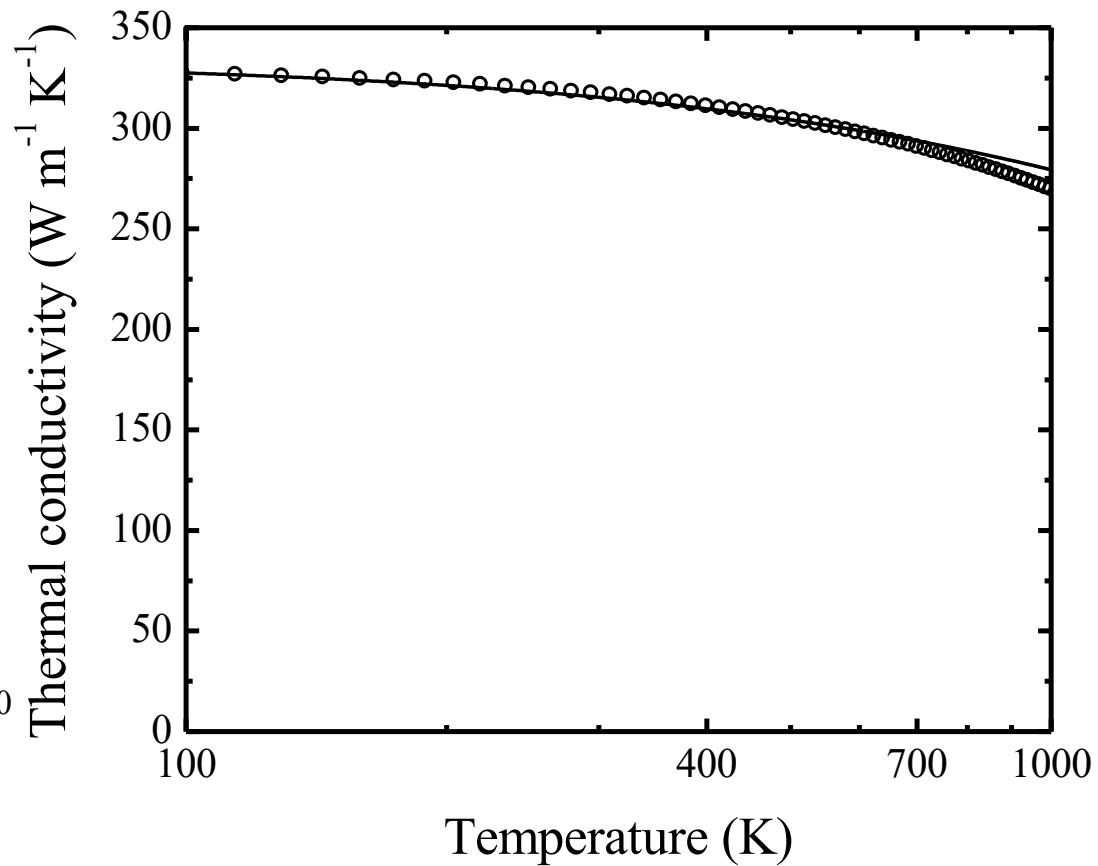
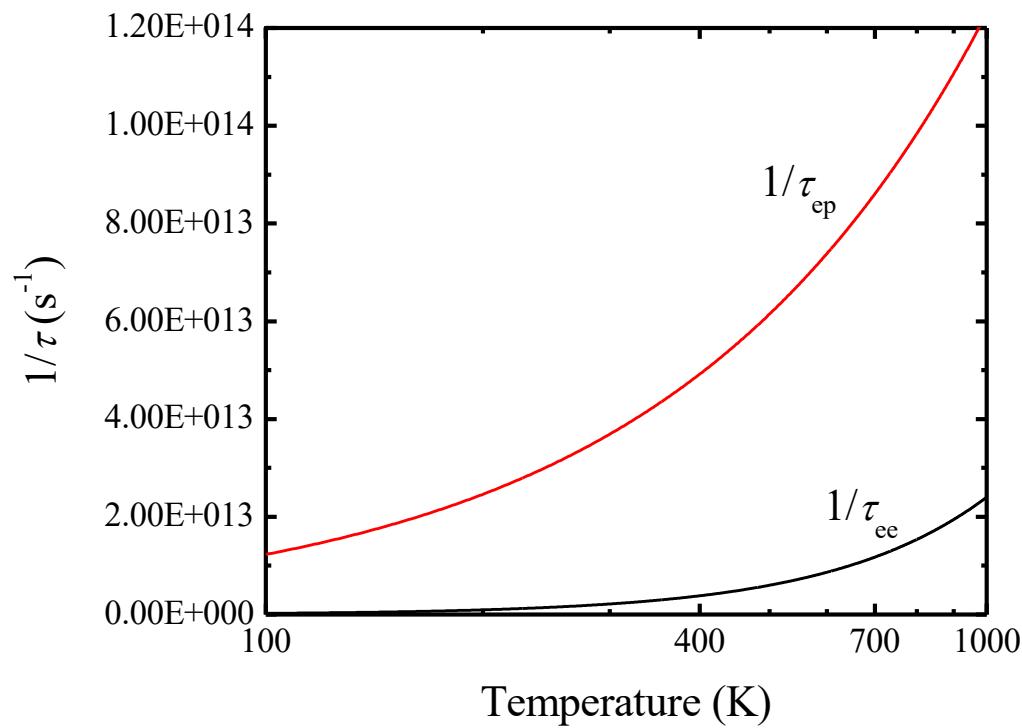
Electron-defect scattering

$$\frac{1}{\tau_D} \neq f(T_e, T_p)$$

# Thermal conductivity of metals

Electron-electron and electron-phonon scattering rates in Au

$$T_e = T_p$$



$$\kappa = \frac{1}{3} C v_F^2 \tau_{metal}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{3} \gamma T v_F^2 \tau_{metal}$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{metal}} = \frac{1}{\tau_{ee}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{ep}} + \frac{1}{\tau_D}$$

# Electron transport: WIEDEMANN-FRANZ LAW

Thermal conductivity

$$\frac{\kappa}{\sigma} = LT$$

Temperature

Lorentz number

Electrical conductivity

$$L = \frac{\kappa}{\sigma T} = \frac{\pi^2}{3} \left( \frac{k_B}{e} \right)^2 = 2.44 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W} \Omega \text{ K}^{-2}.$$

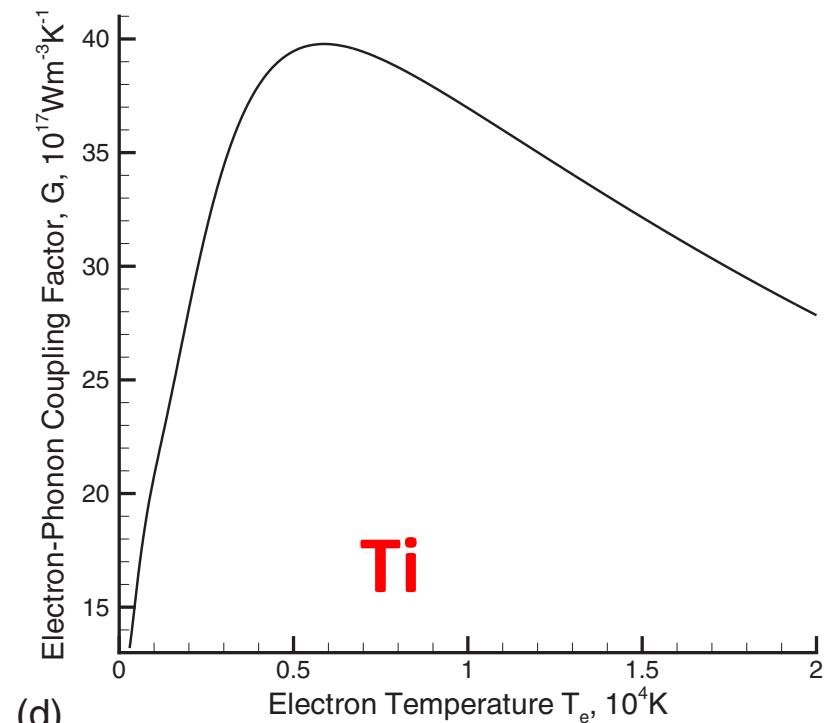
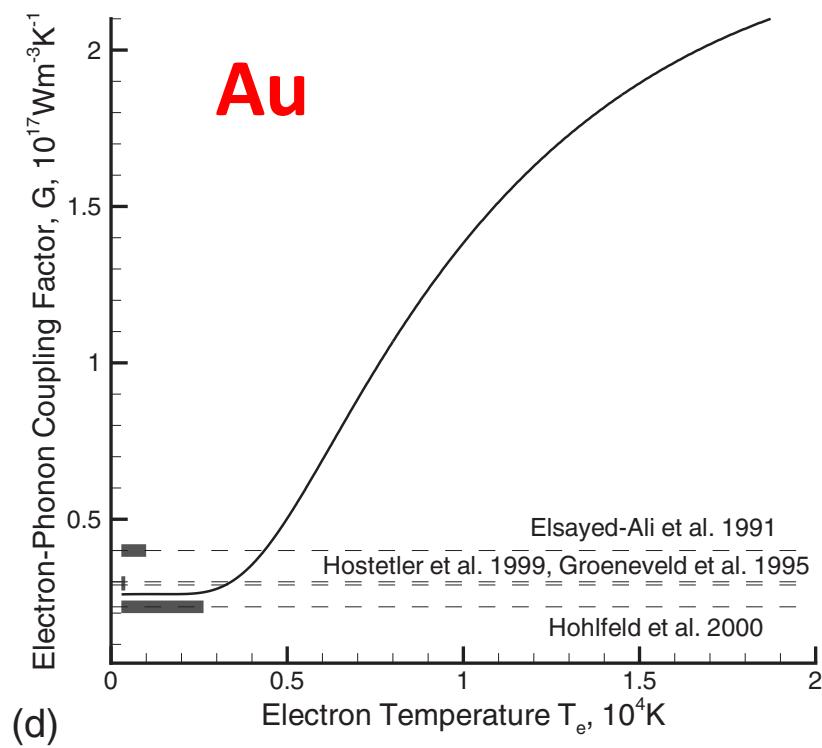
What does this mean????

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| Material  | $\rho$ ( $\Omega \cdot \text{m}$ ) at 20 °C | $\sigma$ (S/m) at 20 °C | k (W/(m K)) | $k/\sigma$ (W Ω/K) |
|-----------|---|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Silver    | $1.59 \times 10^{-8}$                       | $6.30 \times 10^7$      | 429         | 6.81E-06           |
| Copper    | $1.68 \times 10^{-8}$                       | $5.96 \times 10^7$      | 401         | 6.73E-06           |
| Gold      | $2.44 \times 10^{-8}$                       | $4.10 \times 10^7$      | 318         | 7.76E-06           |
| Aluminium | $2.82 \times 10^{-8}$                       | $3.50 \times 10^7$      | 230         | 6.57E-06           |
| Calcium   | $3.36 \times 10^{-8}$                       | $2.98 \times 10^7$      | 201         | 6.74E-06           |
| Tungsten  | $5.60 \times 10^{-8}$                       | $1.79 \times 10^7$      | 173         | 9.66E-06           |
| Zinc      | $5.90 \times 10^{-8}$                       | $1.69 \times 10^7$      | 116         | 6.86E-06           |
| Nickel    | $6.99 \times 10^{-8}$                       | $1.43 \times 10^7$      | 91          | 6.36E-06           |
| Lithium   | $9.28 \times 10^{-8}$                       | $1.08 \times 10^7$      | 85          | 7.87E-06           |
| Iron      | $1.00 \times 10^{-7}$                       | $1.00 \times 10^7$      | 80          | 8.00E-06           |
| Platinum  | $1.06 \times 10^{-7}$                       | $9.43 \times 10^6$      | 72          | 7.64E-07           |
| Tin       | $1.09 \times 10^{-7}$                       | $9.17 \times 10^6$      | 67          | 7.31E-07           |
| Lead      | $2.20 \times 10^{-7}$                       | $4.55 \times 10^6$      | 35          | 7.69E-06           |
| Titanium  | $4.20 \times 10^{-7}$                       | $2.38 \times 10^6$      | 22          | 9.24E-07           |

In general: larger electron-phonon scattering rates (EP coupling factor), lower  $k$  in metals



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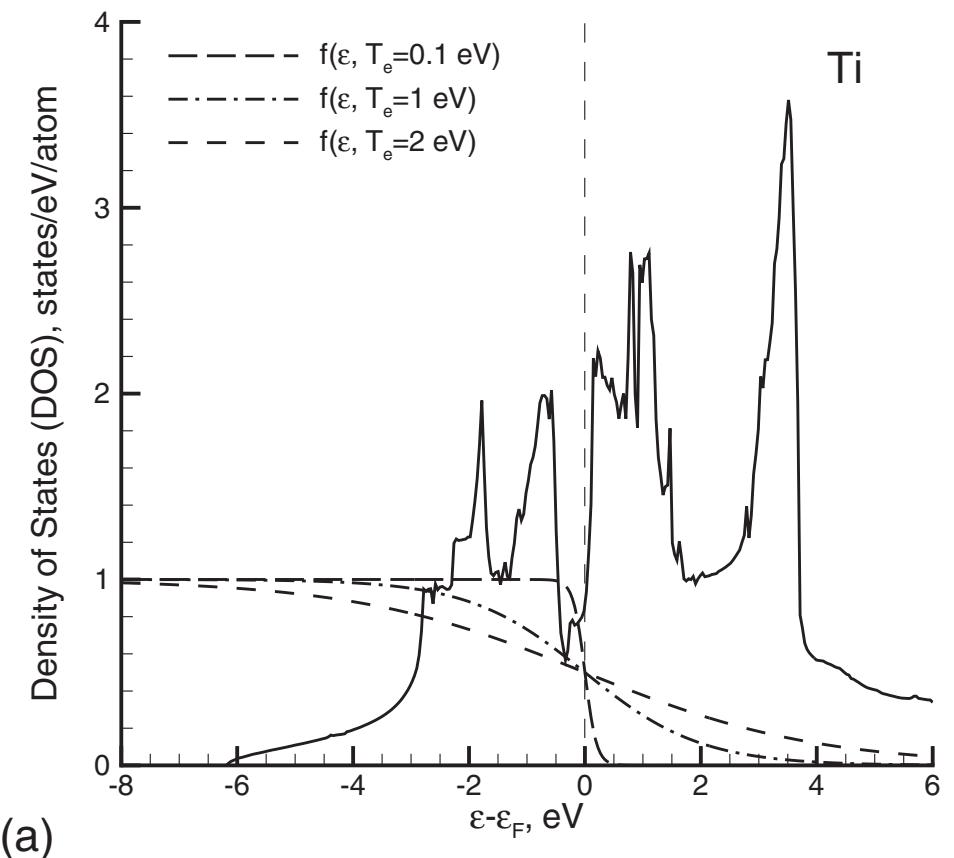
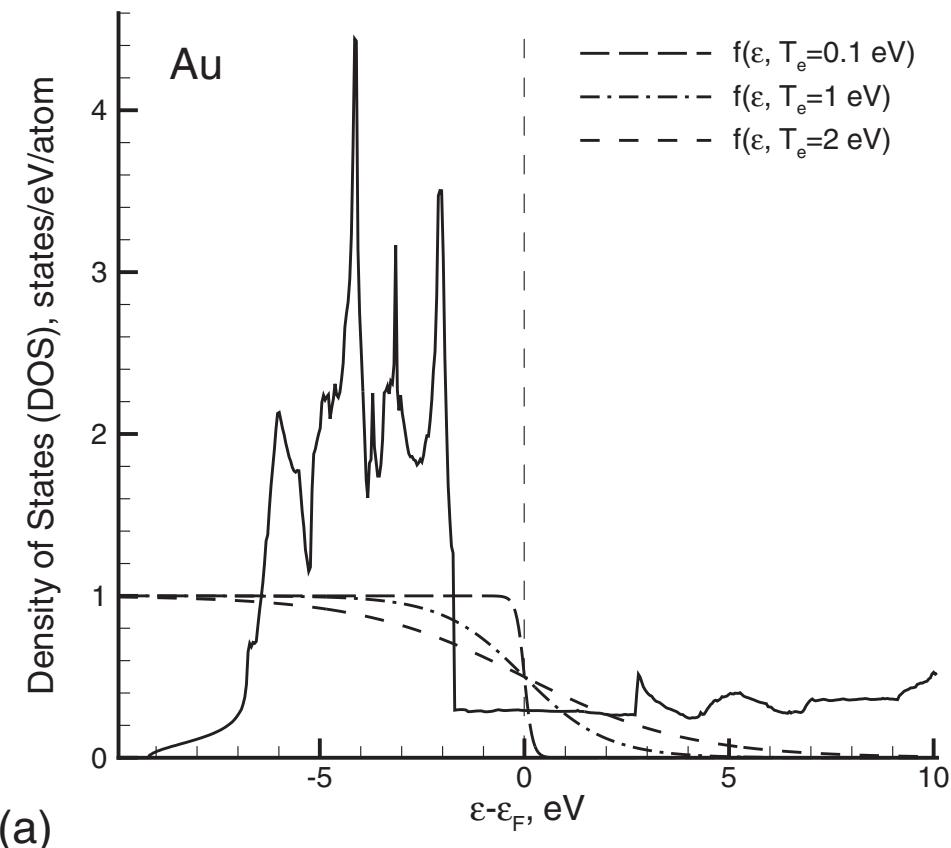
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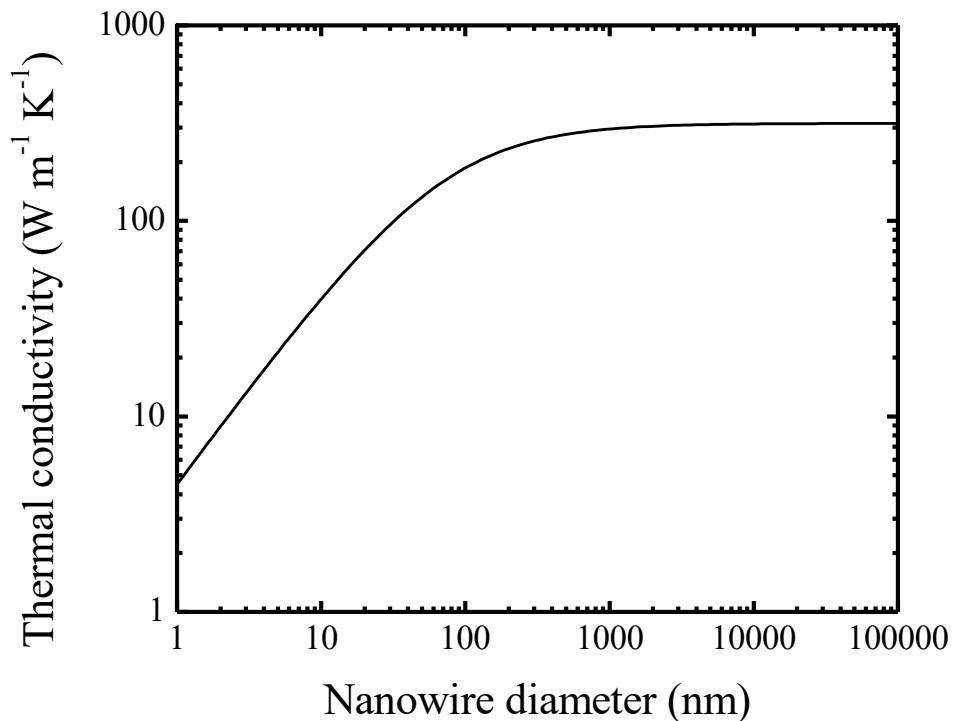
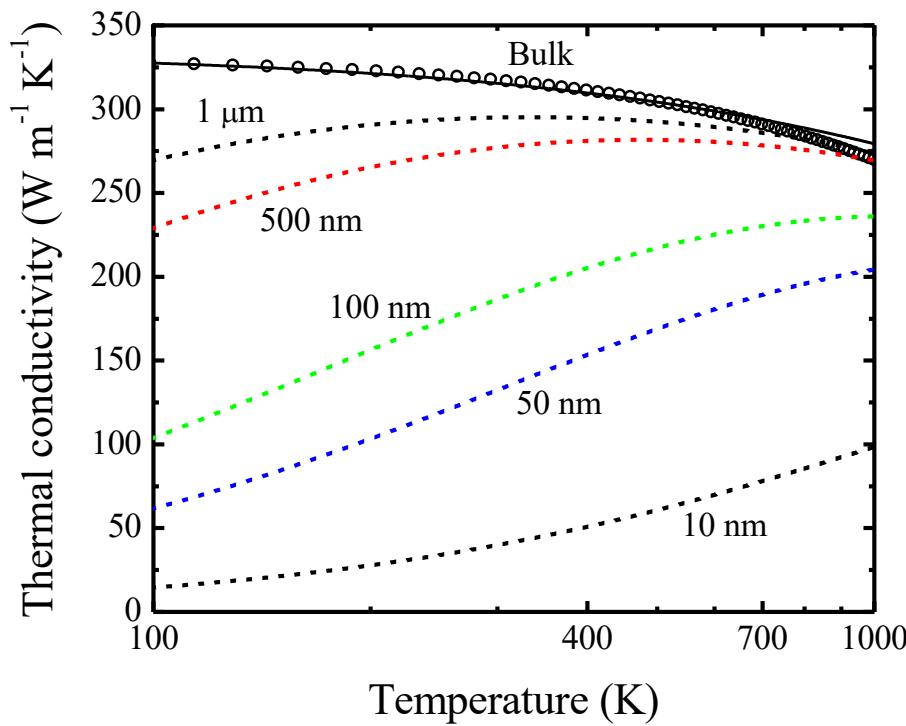
# Band-structure/DOS determines EP coupling and $k$

| Metal | D-band to Fermi surface separation (eV) | $\kappa$ at $T = 300$ K (W m $^{-1}$ K $^{-1}$ ) |
|-------|---|--|
| Ag    | 4                                       | 429  |
| Cu    | 2.15                                    | 401  |
| Au    | 2.4                                     | 310  |
| W     | 0.85                                    | 178  |
| Cr    | 0.8                                     | 94   |
| Ni    | 0.25                                    | 91   |

# Thermal conductivity of metals

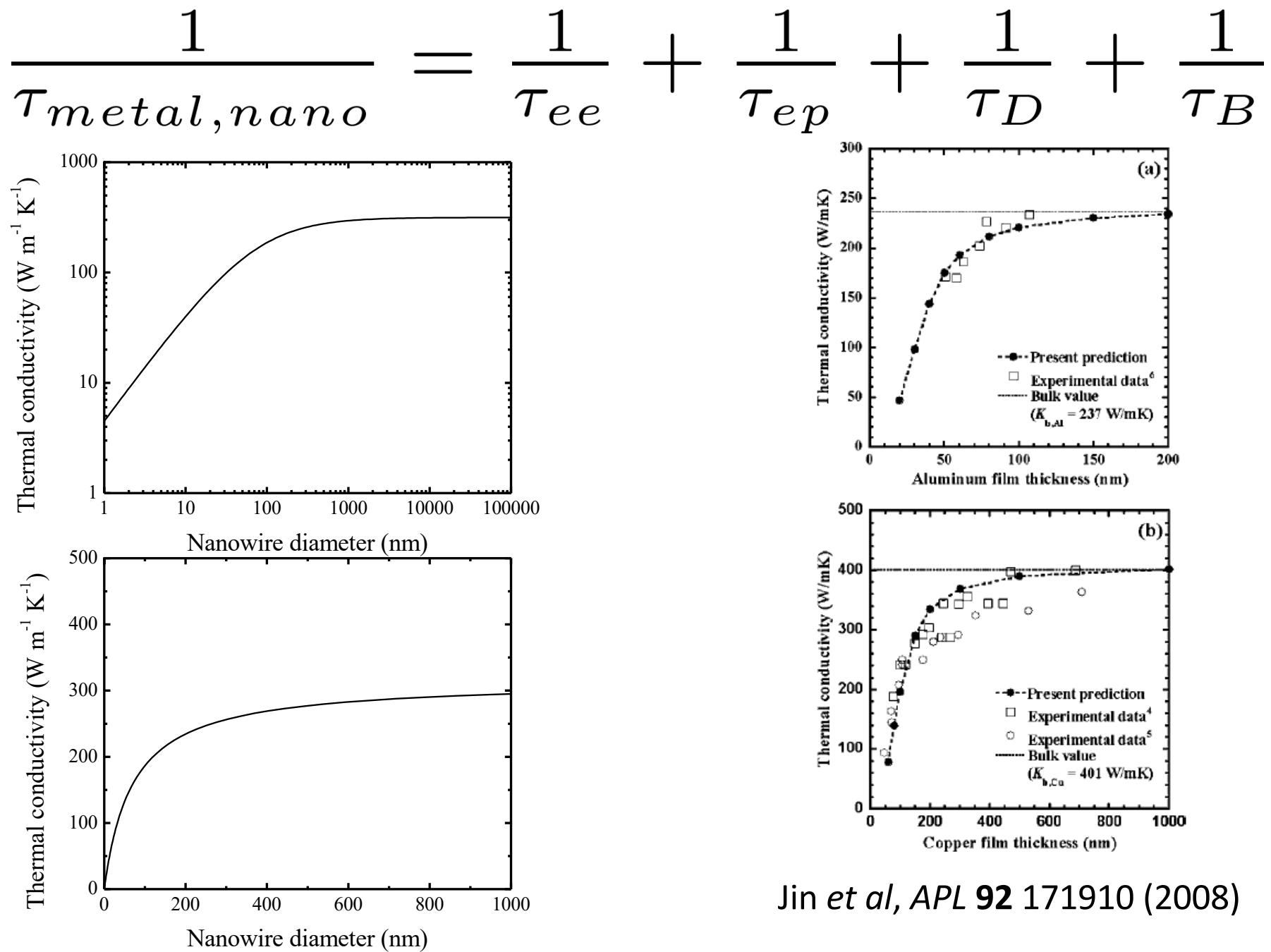
## Size effects

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{metal, nano}} = \frac{1}{\tau_{ee}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{ep}} + \frac{1}{\tau_D} + \frac{1}{\tau_B}$$

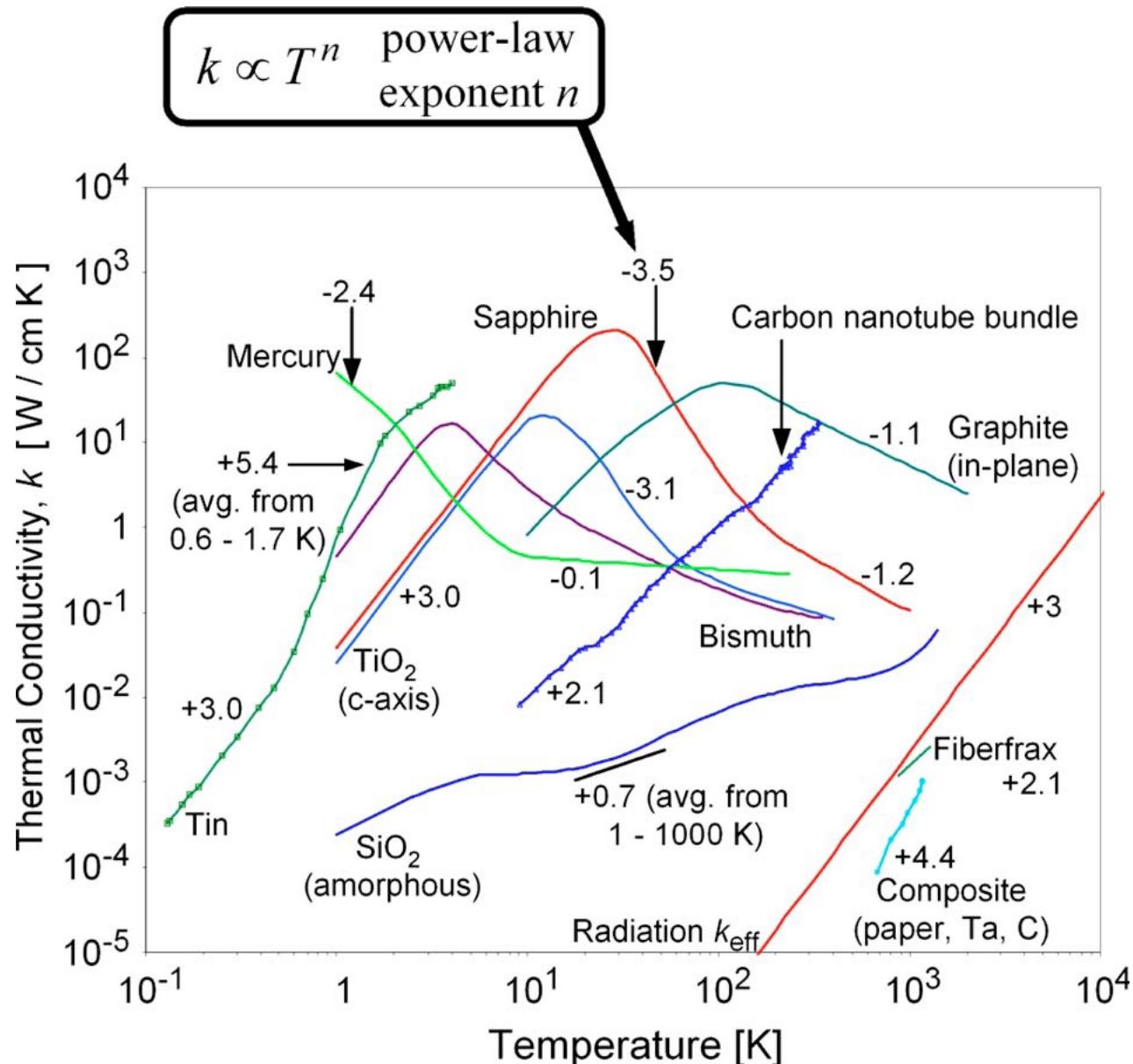


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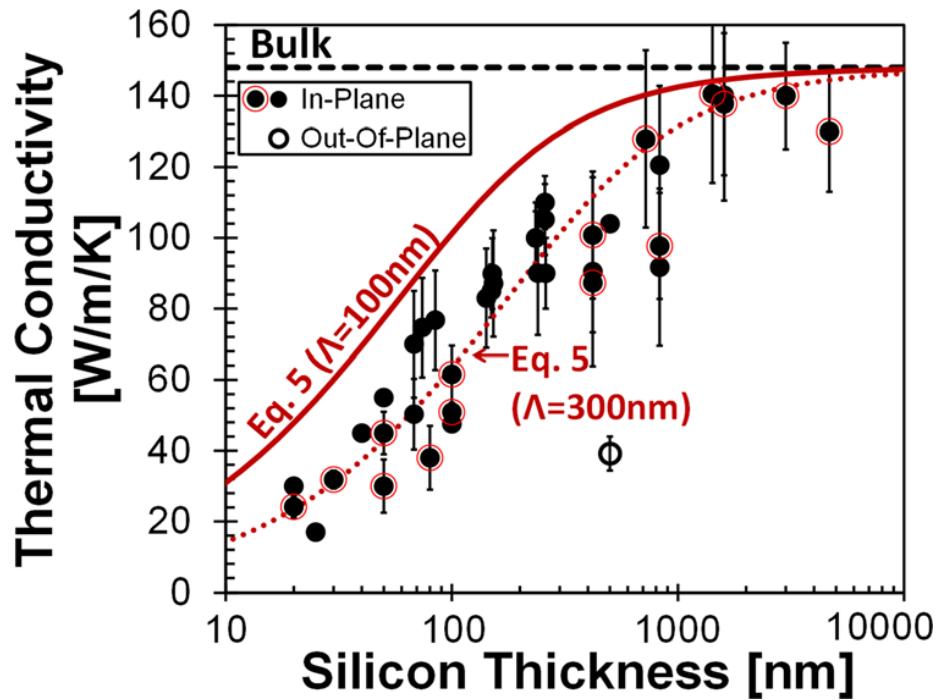
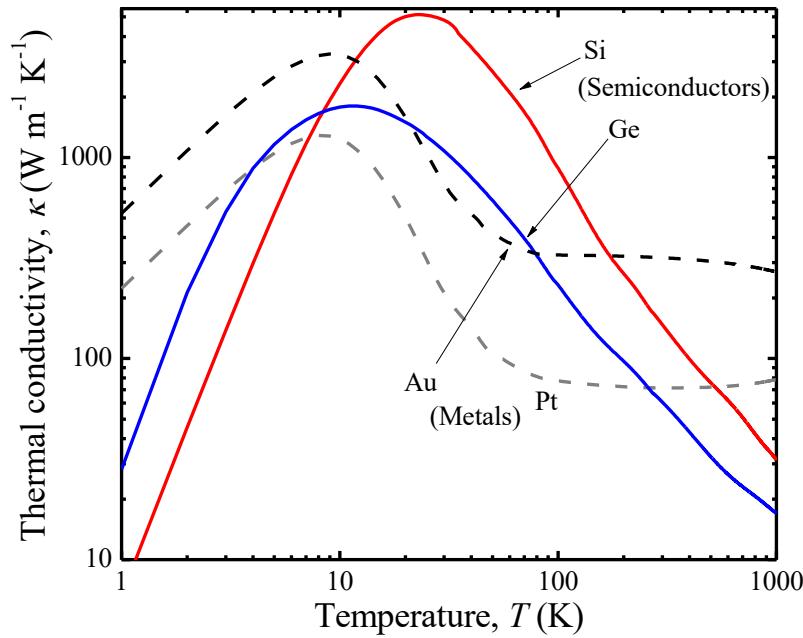
# Some commonly used nonmetals



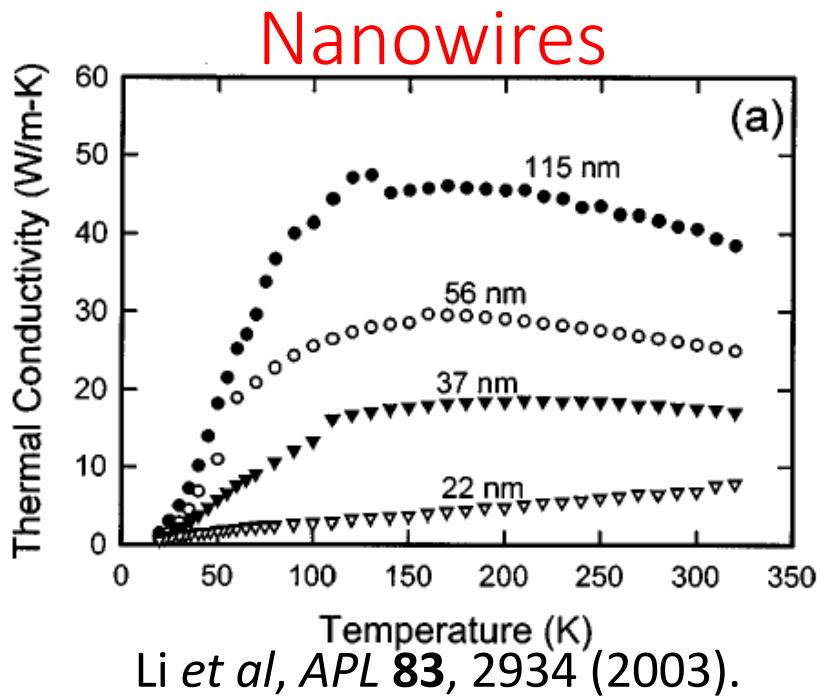
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# $\kappa$ in Si nanosystems

## Bulk thermal conductivity

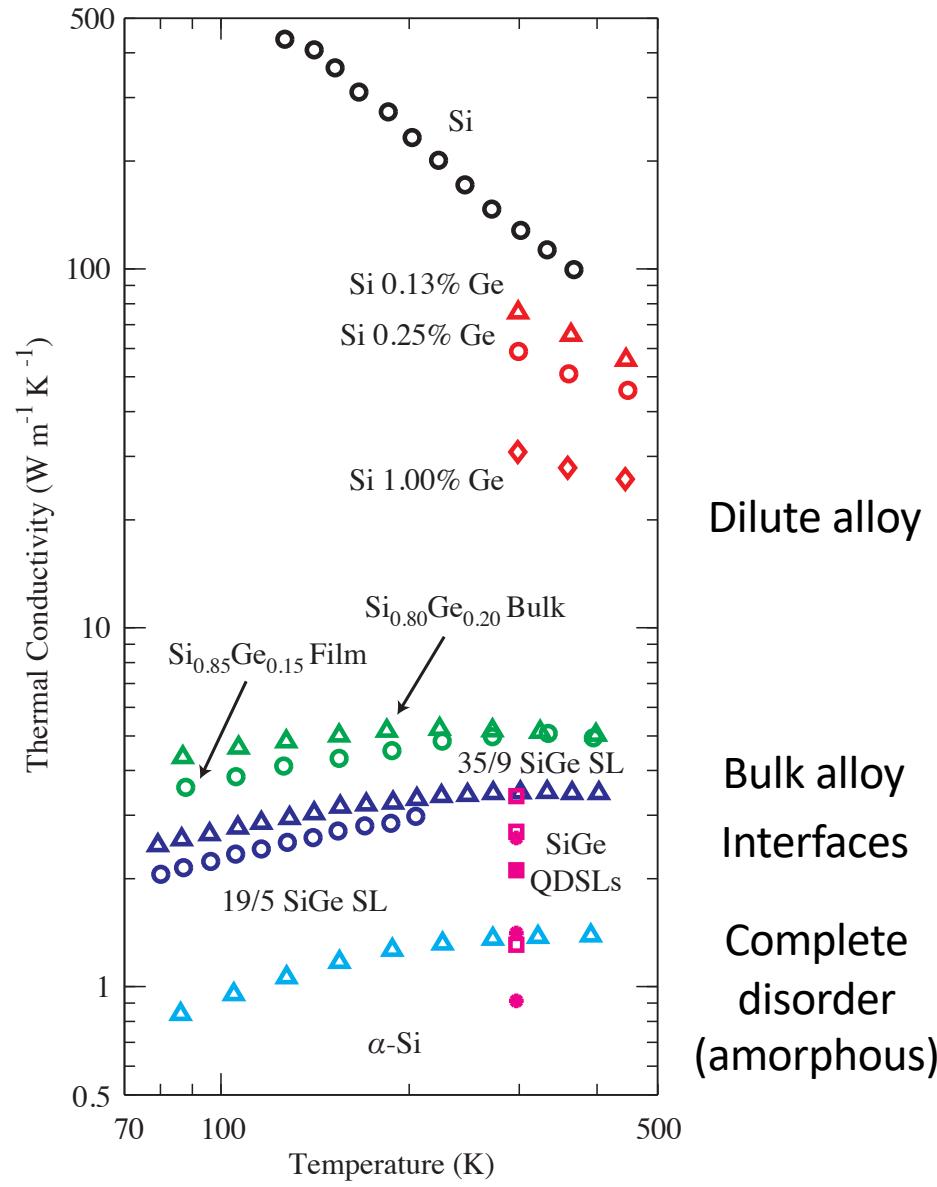


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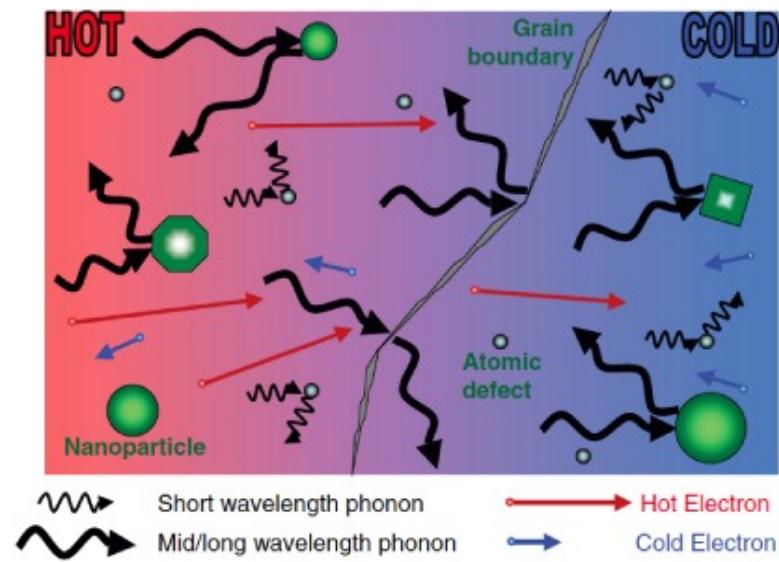
Li *et al*, *APL* **83**, 2934 (2003).

# $\kappa$ in Si: other “nano” resistances



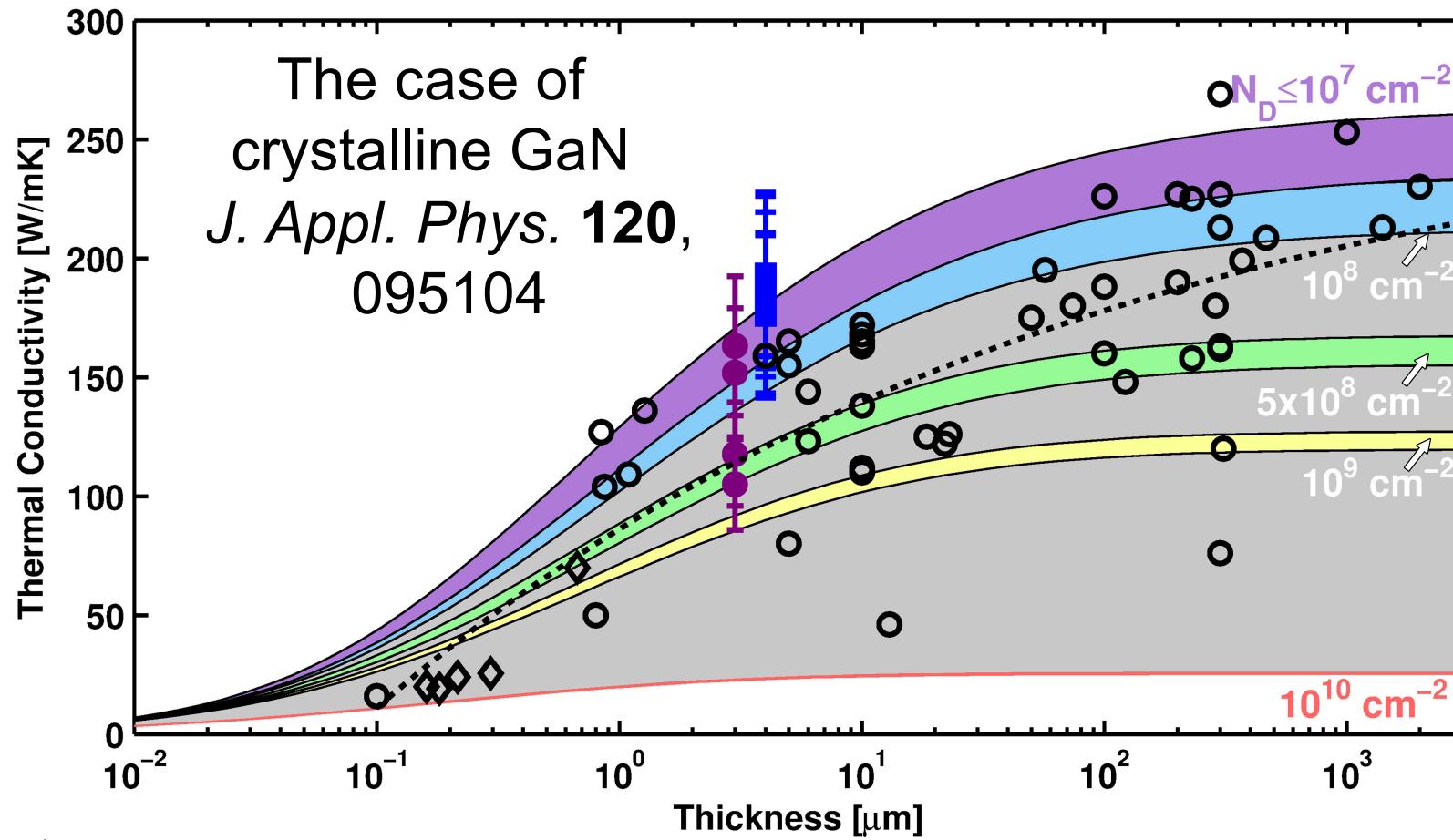
$$\kappa = \frac{1}{3} Cv\lambda = \frac{1}{3} Cv_g^2 \tau$$

$$\tau = f(\tau_{\text{intrinsic}}, \tau_{\text{impurity}}, \tau_{\text{boundary}})$$



# Thermal conductivity of materials – Nanoscale behavior

Well controlled and prescribed inclusions, defects, or interfaces change thermal conductivity based on manipulating the behavior of electrons and phonons



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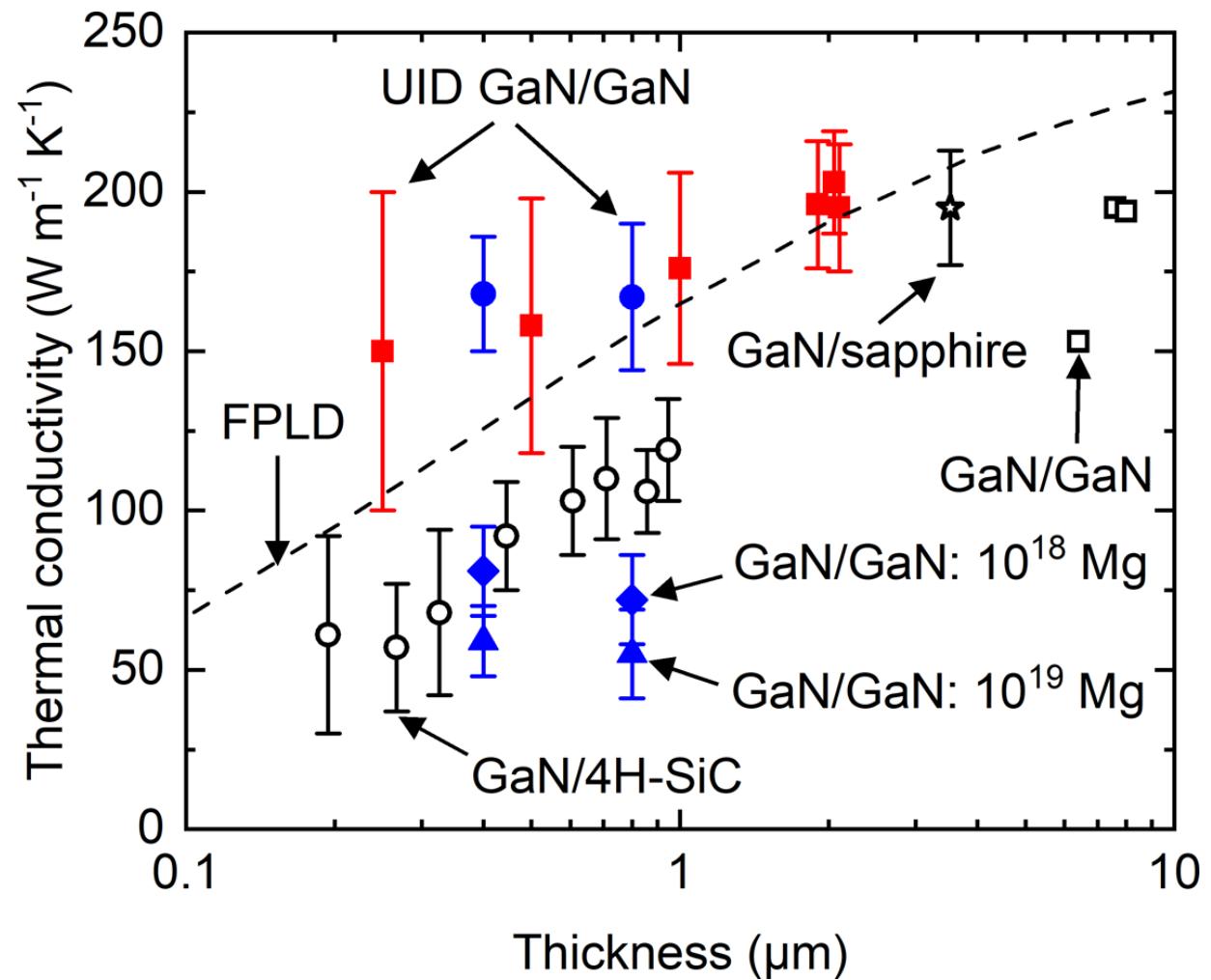
Interfaces critical  
when thickness  $< \lambda$

Dislocations critical  
when spacing  $< \lambda$

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The case of  
crystalline GaN  
*Phys. Rev. Mat.* **5**,  
104604



$$\kappa = \frac{1}{3} C v \lambda$$

Dopant scattering critical when  
 $(n_{\text{density}})^{-1/3} < \lambda$

# Thermal conductivity of non-metals (phonons)

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{semi}} = \frac{1}{\tau_{pp}} + \frac{1}{\tau_D} + \frac{1}{\tau_B}$$

Phonon-phonon scattering  $\frac{1}{\tau_{pp}} = AT\omega^2 \exp\left[-\frac{B}{T}\right]$

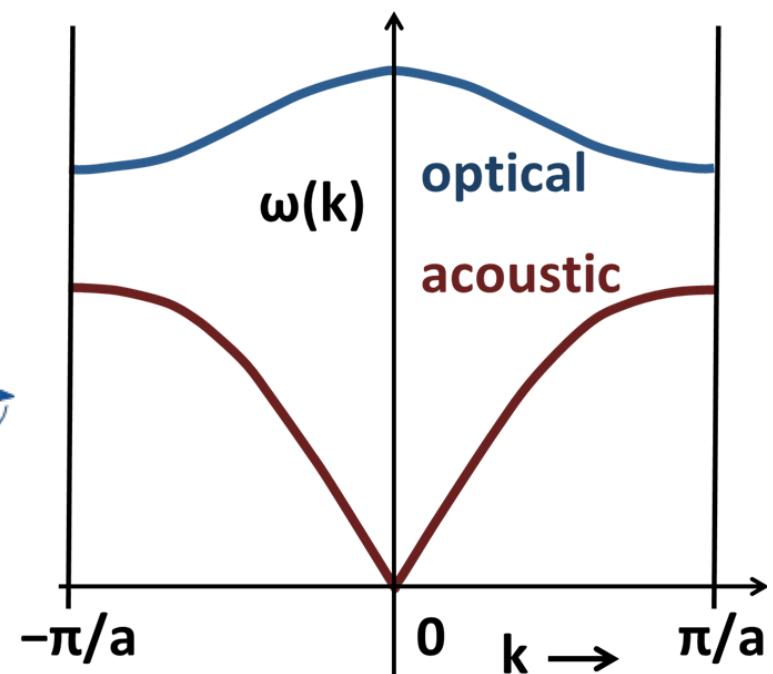
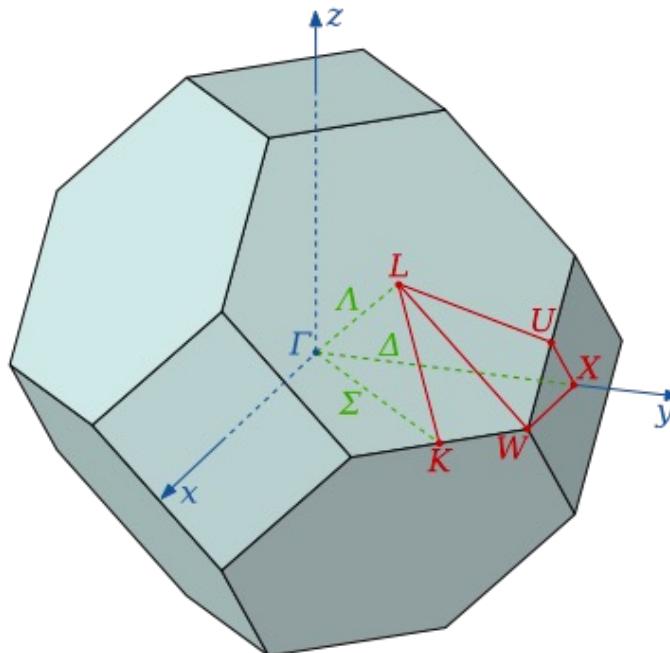
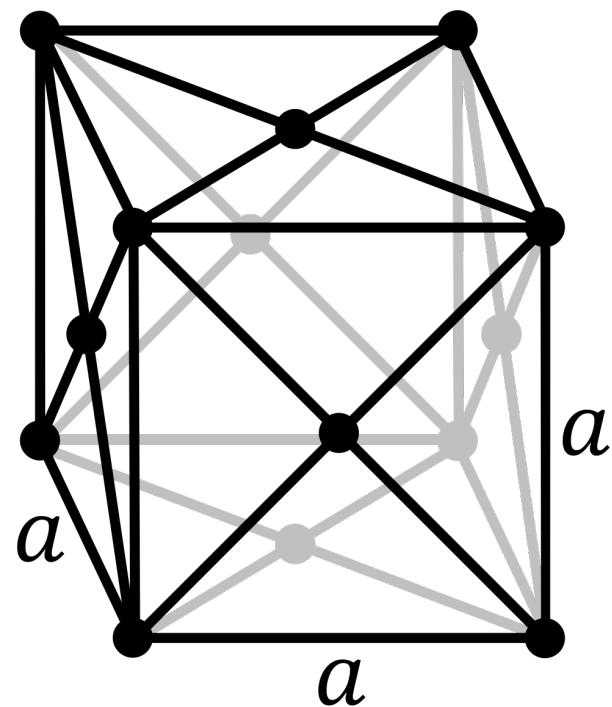
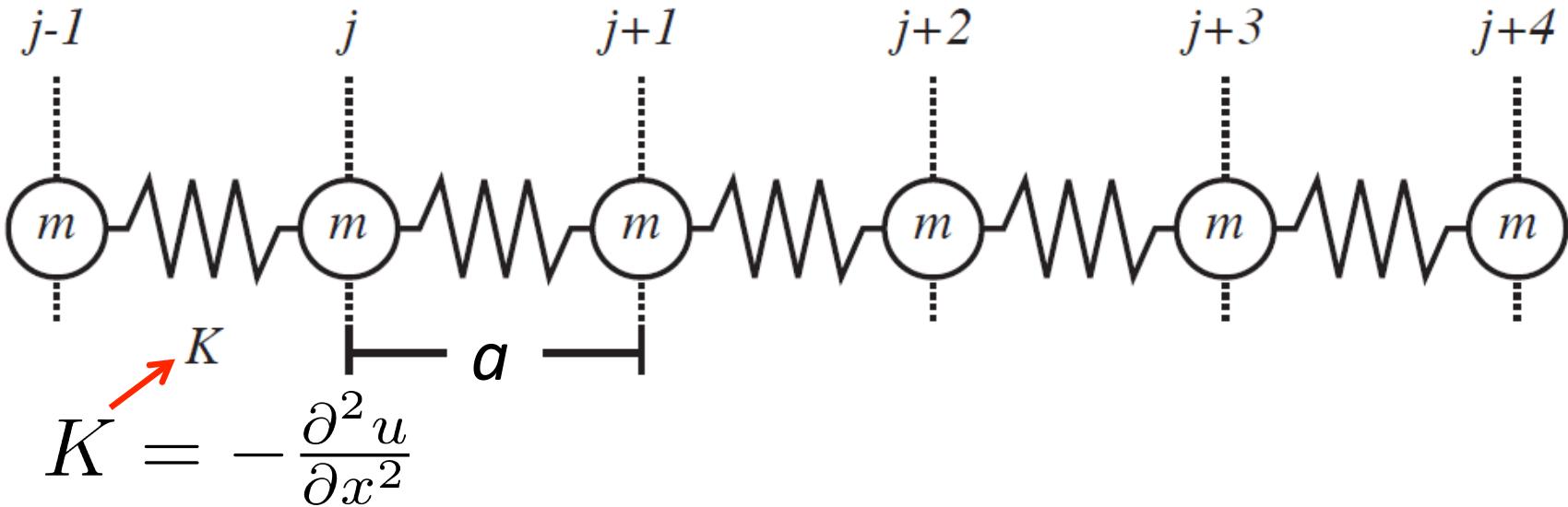
Phonon-defect scattering

$$\frac{1}{\tau_D} = C\omega^4$$

Phonon-boundary scattering

$$\frac{1}{\tau_B} = \frac{2v}{L}$$

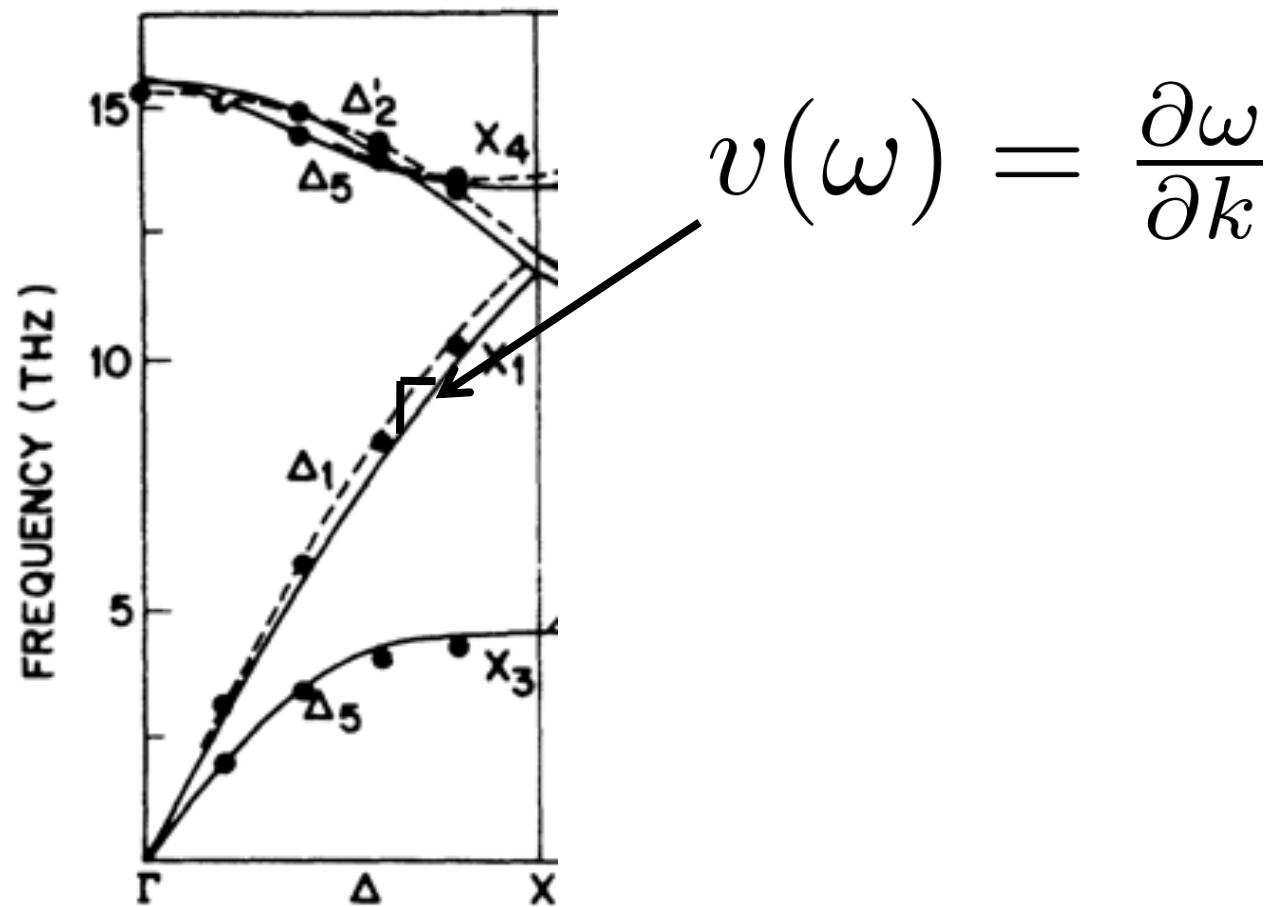
# The spectrum of phonons



# Phonon dispersion and velocities

$$\Lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k}$$

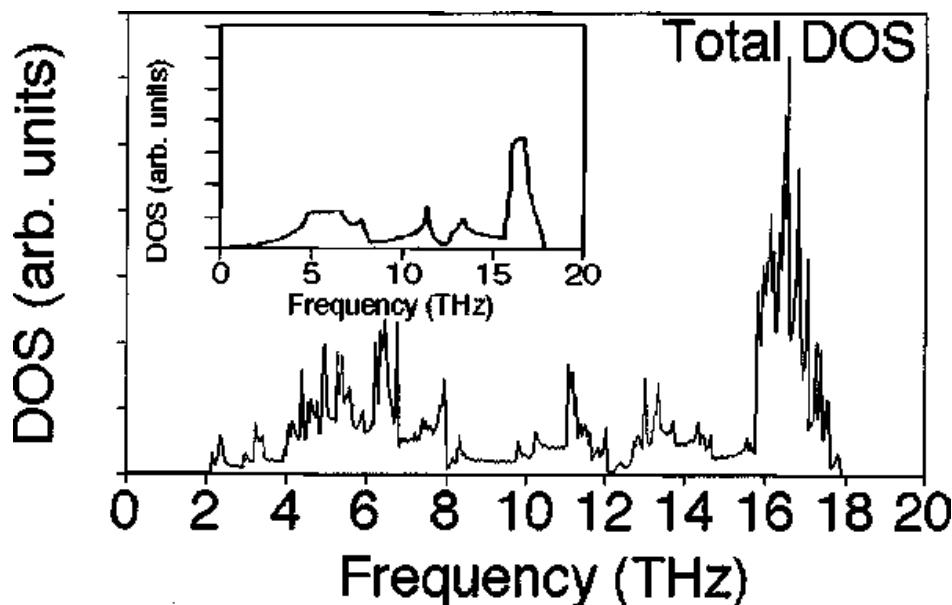
@  $k = 0$ ,  $\Lambda = \text{infinity}$   
so phonons are  
affected by the  
physical boundaries  
of the samples being  
measured



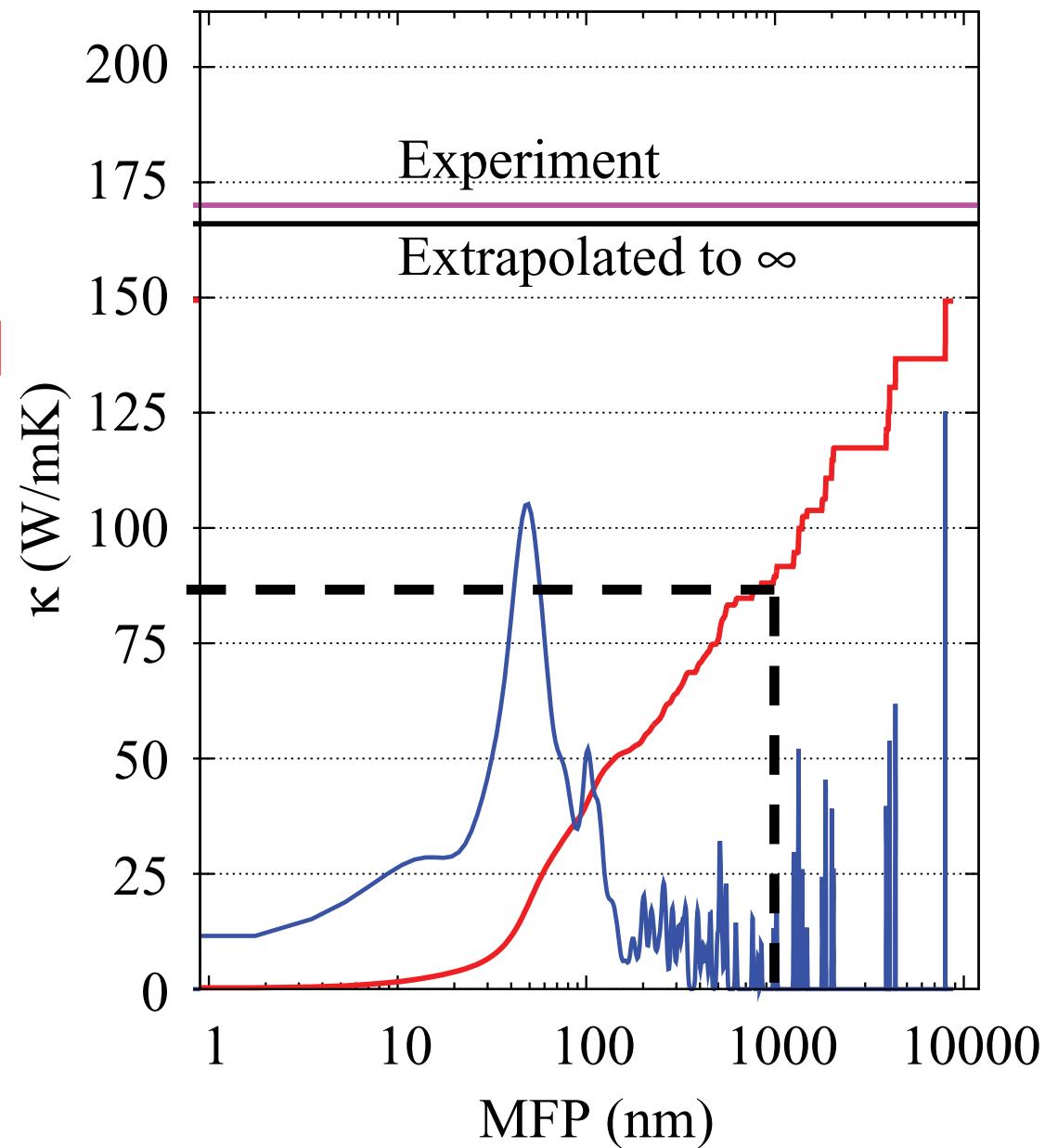
# The “bandwidth” of phonons

$$\kappa = \int_{\omega} C_{\omega} v_{\omega} \lambda_{\omega} \, d\omega$$

**50% of heat in Si carried  
by phonons with  
MFP's  $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$  and less**



Schelling, Phillipot, Kebinski  
*J. Appl. Phys.* **95**, 6082

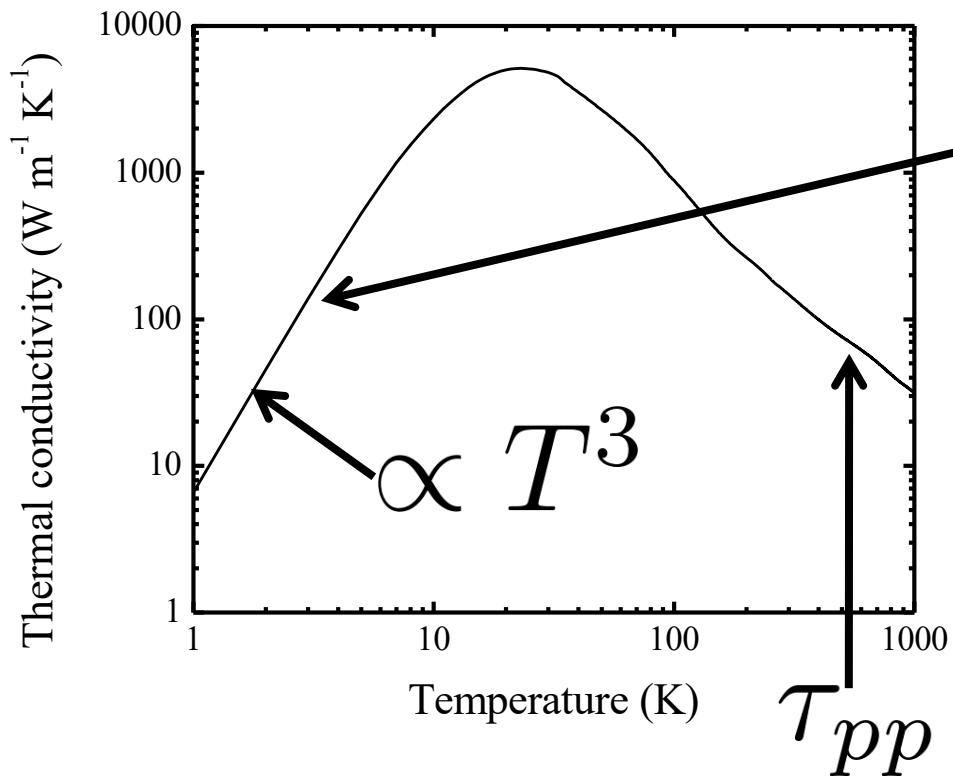


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# Thermal conductivity of semiconductors

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{3} Cv^2 \tau_{semi} \quad v\tau = \lambda$$

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{3} \sum_j \int_0^{\omega_{max,j}} \hbar\omega D(\omega) \frac{\partial f}{\partial T} v_j^2(\omega) \tau_{semi} d\omega$$



Follows heat capacity trend but reduced by boundary and impurity scattering

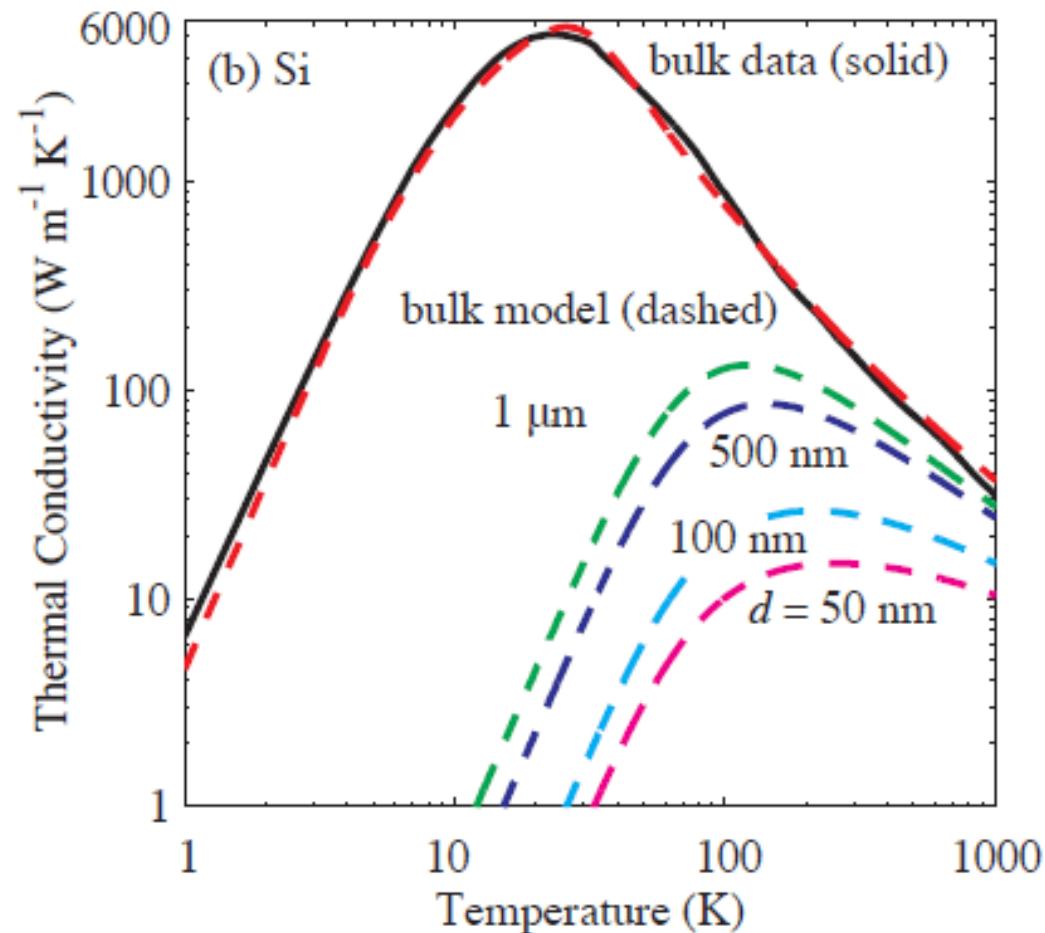
$$\frac{1}{\tau_{pp}} = AT\omega^2 \exp\left[-\frac{B}{T}\right]$$

$$\tau_{pp} \propto \lambda_{pp} \propto T^{-1}$$

# Thermal conductivity of semiconductors

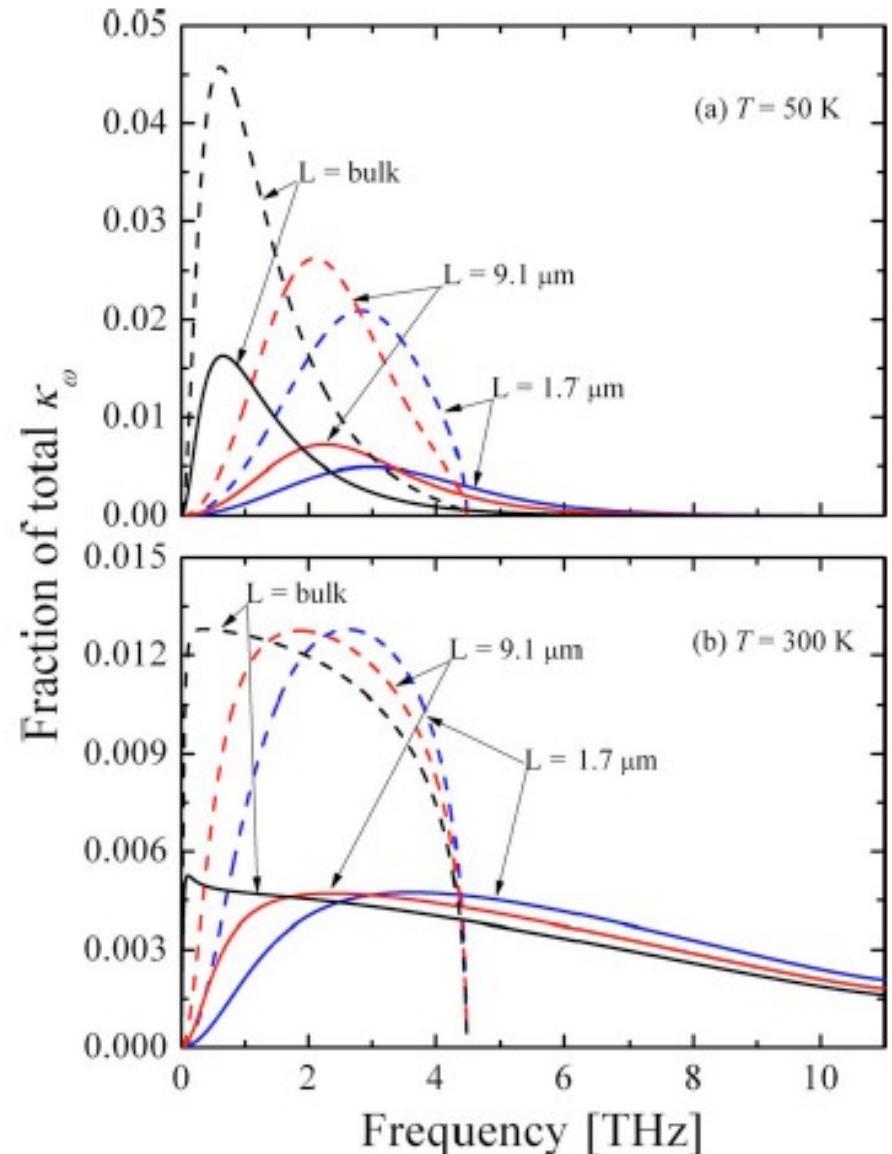
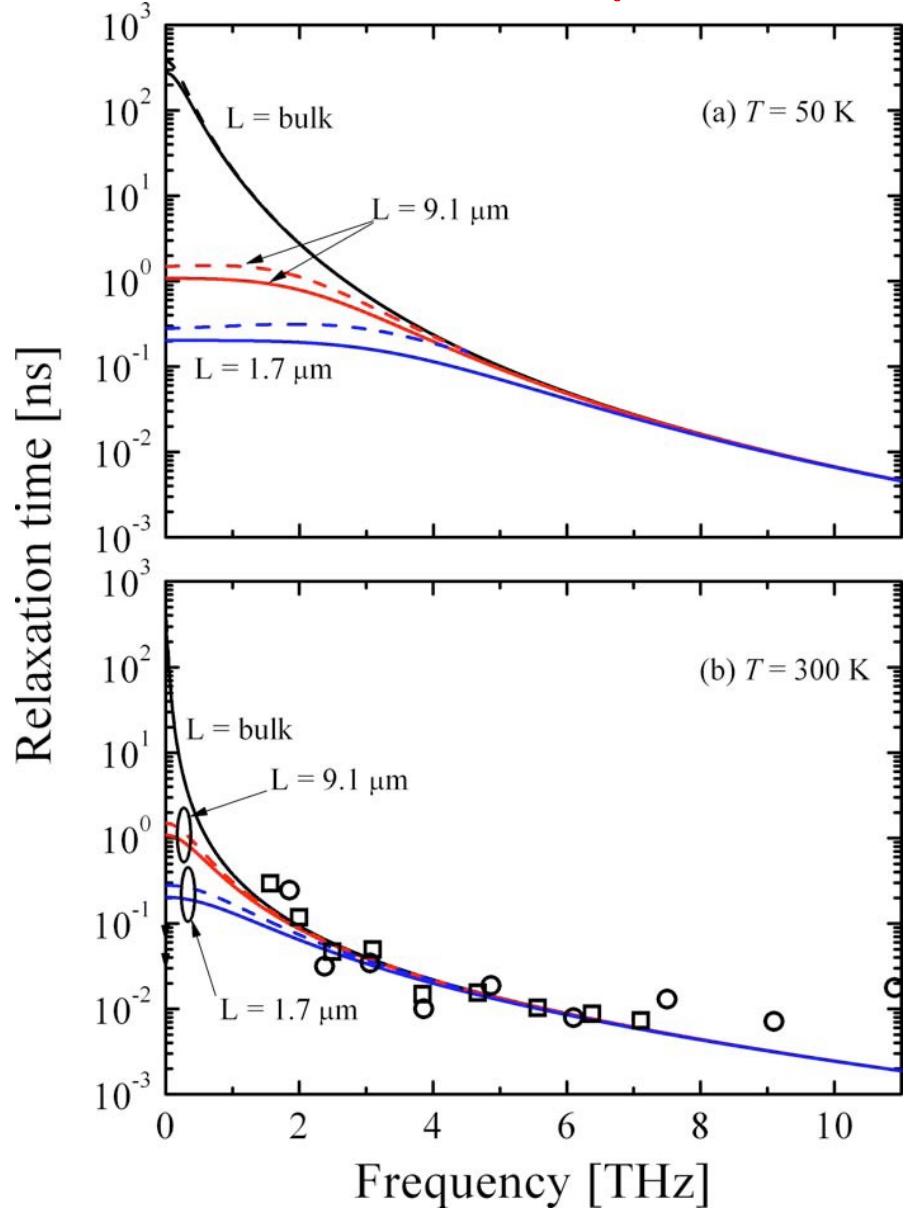
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Size effects

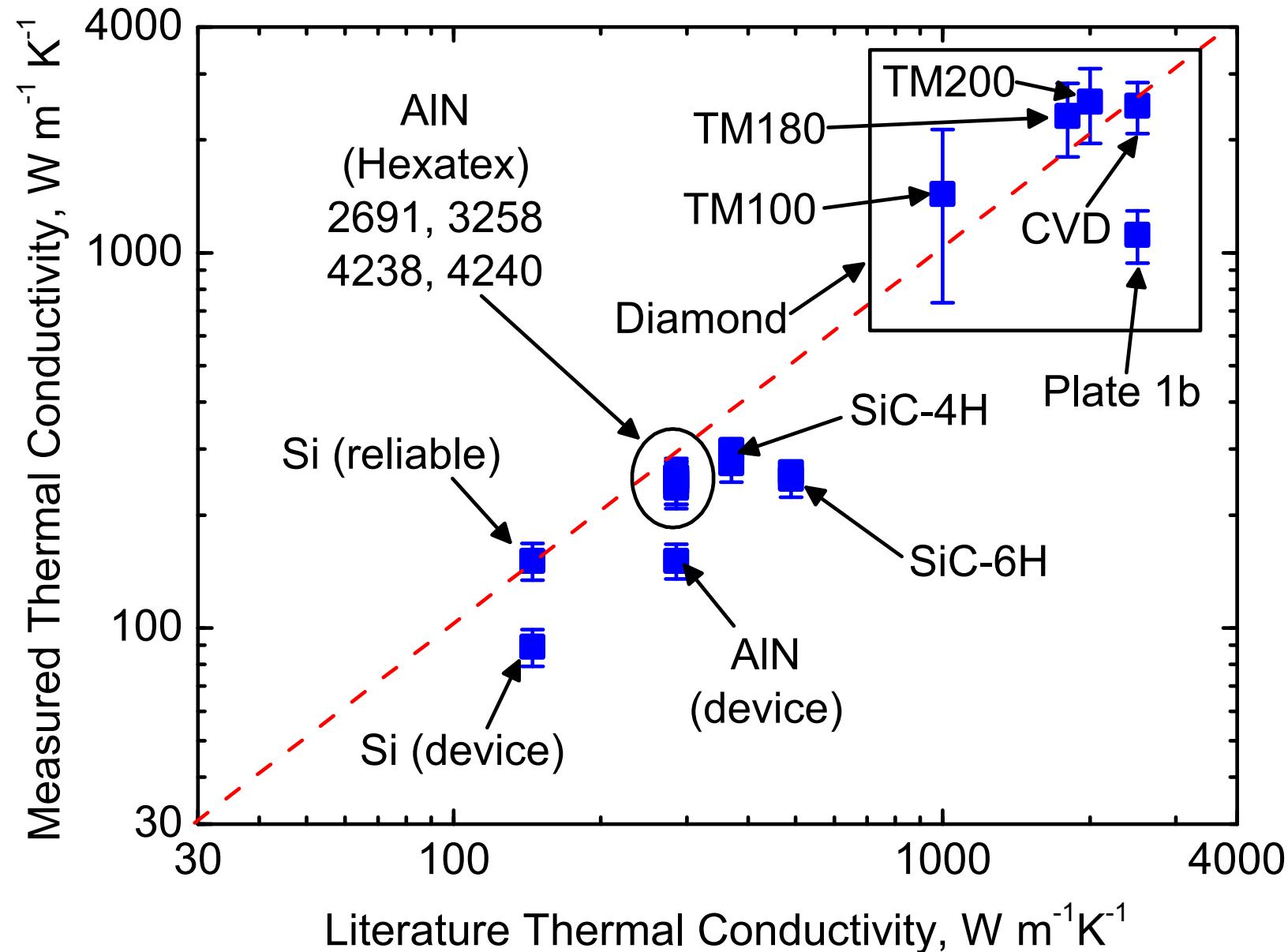


# Thermal conductivity of semiconductors

## Size effects: spectral nature of phonon transport



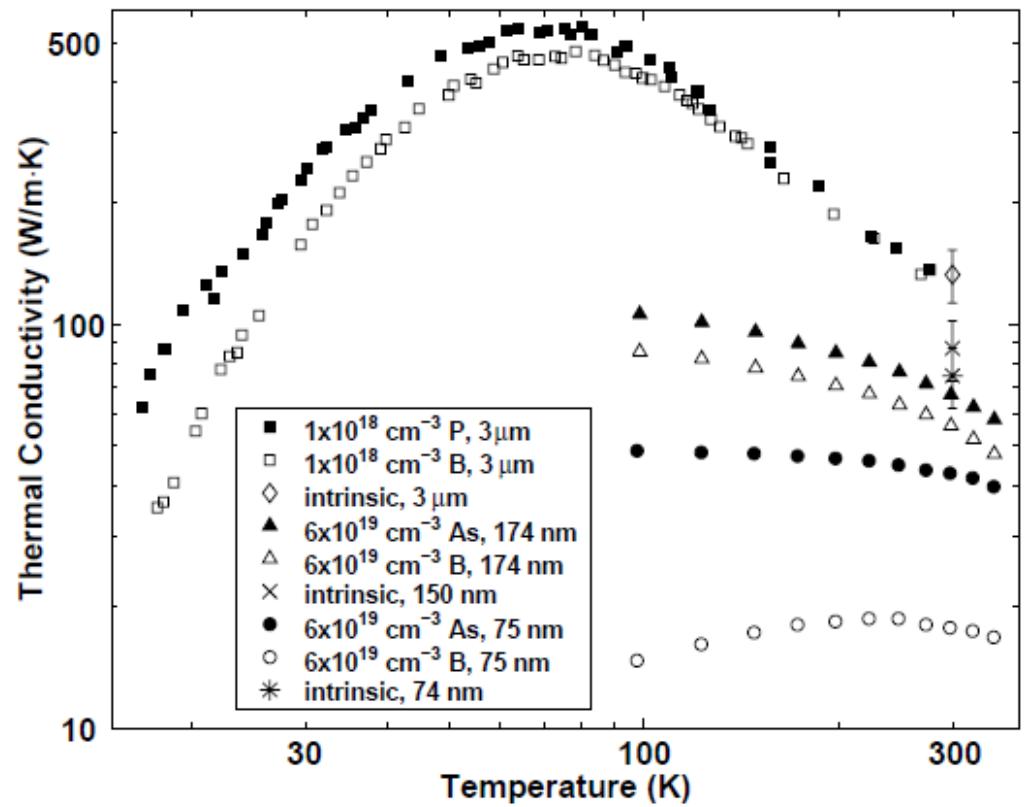
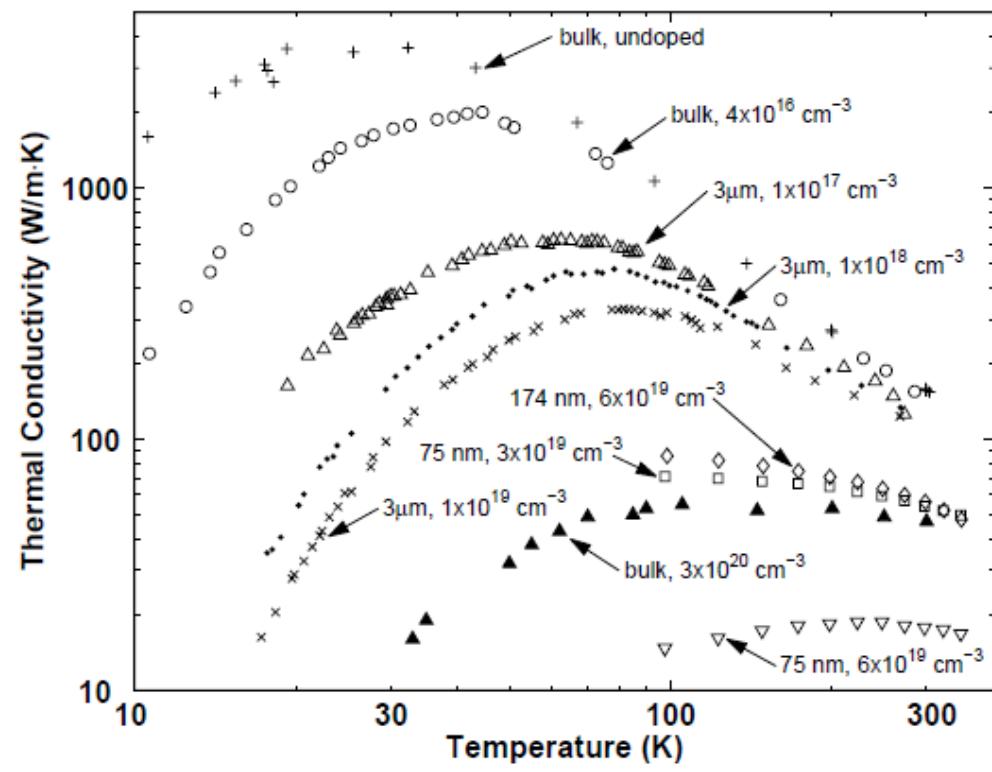
# Point defects are a big concern



# Other phonon scattering mechanisms

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{semi}} = \sum_j \frac{1}{\tau_j}$$

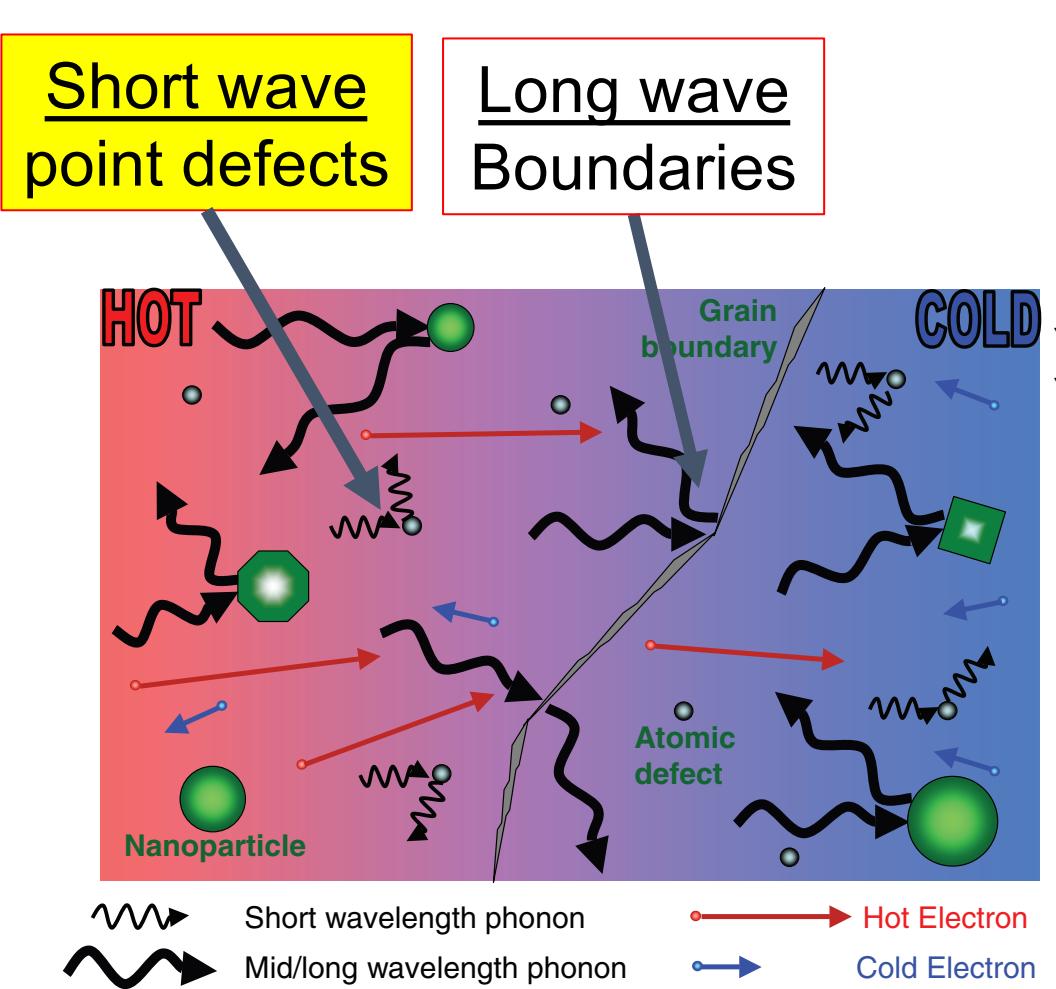
Dopant scattering



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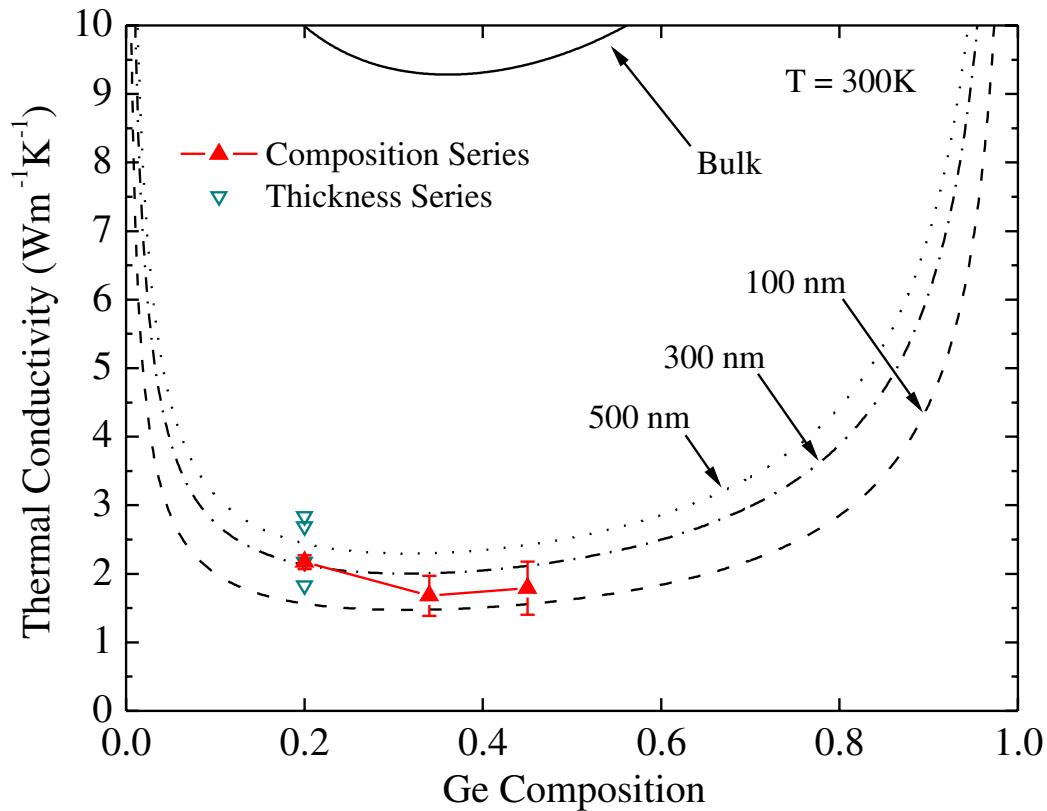
# Spectral phonon transport – The “bandwidth” of phonons

## Thermal conductivity of alloys



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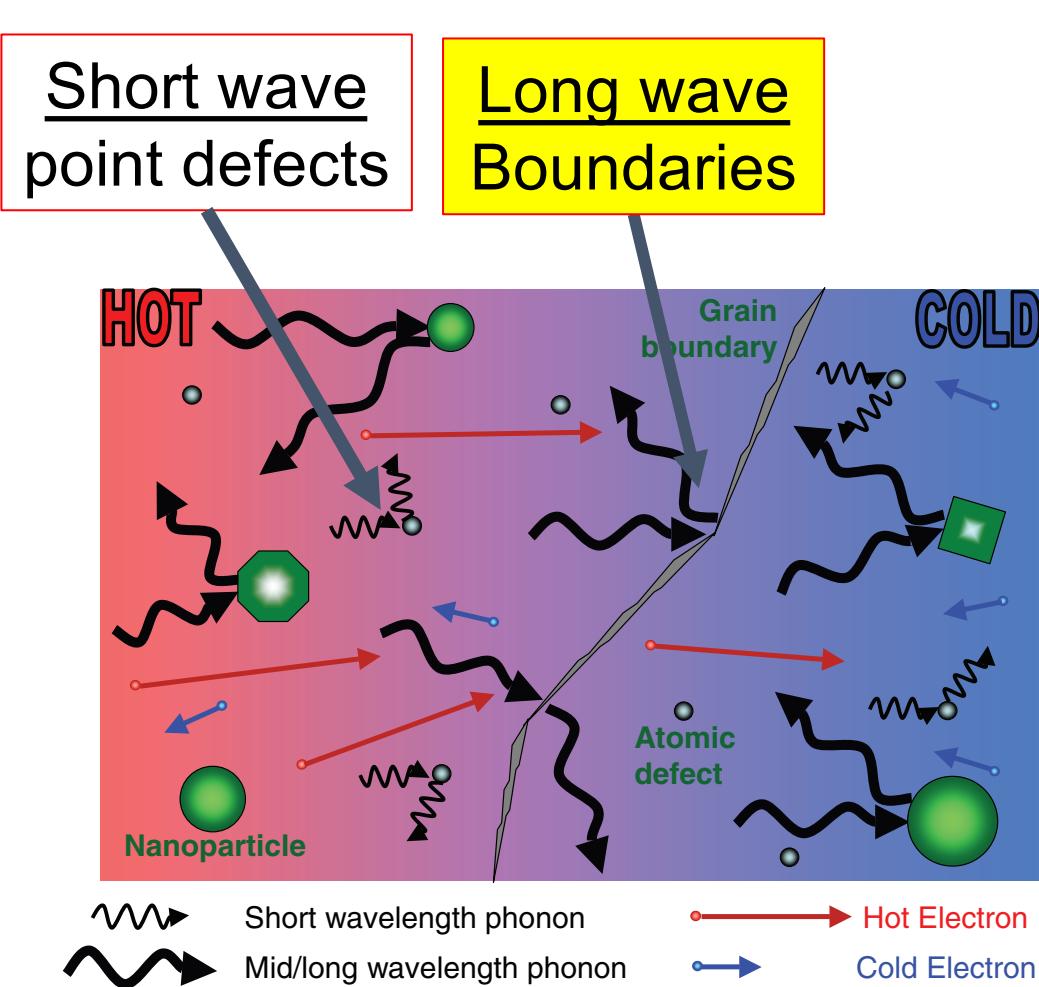
## Thermal conductivity $\text{Si}_{1-x}\text{Ge}_x$ alloys



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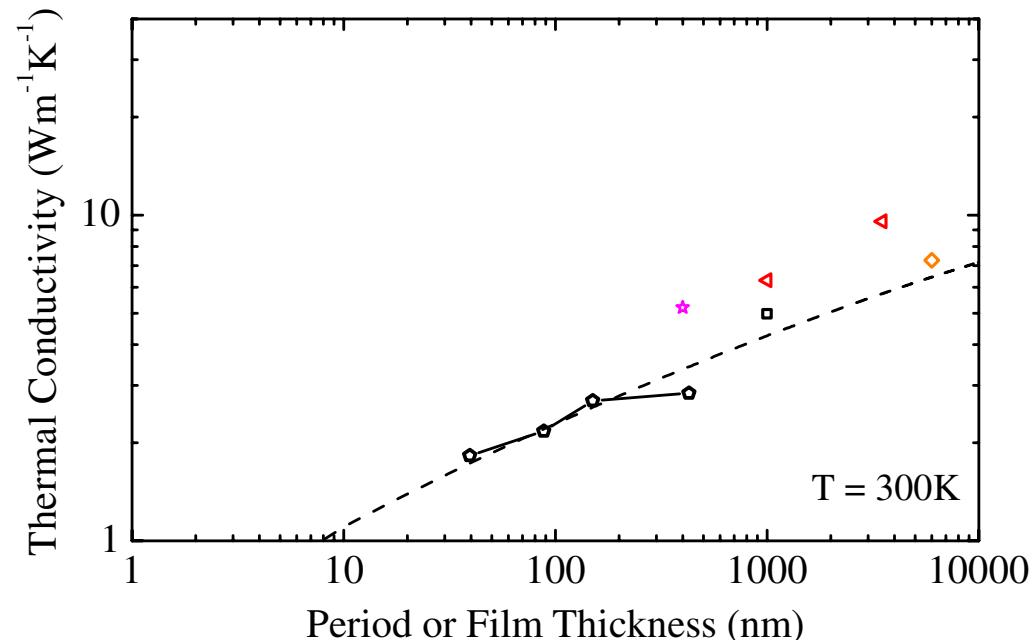
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## Thermal conductivity of alloy thin films



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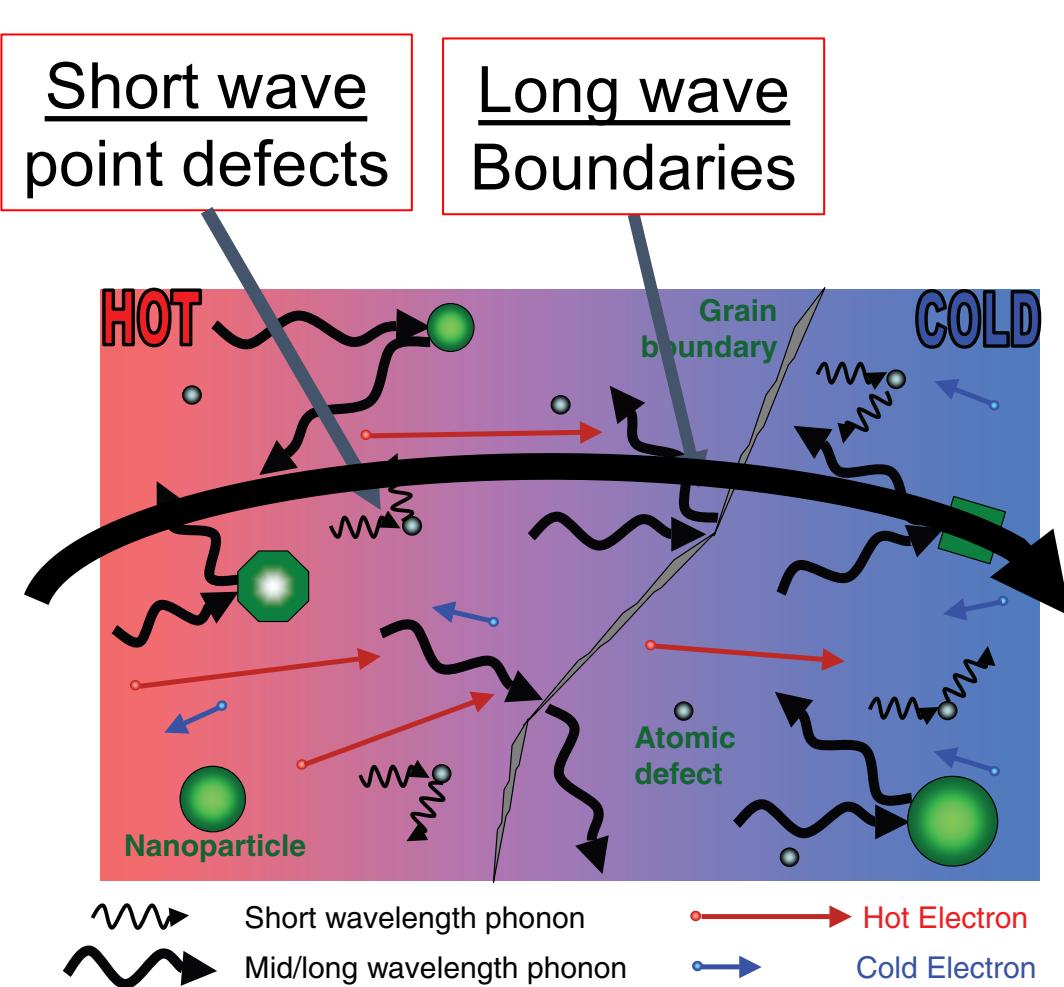
## Thermal conductivity $\text{Si}_{1-x}\text{Ge}_x$ alloys



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# Spectral phonon transport – The “bandwidth” of phonons

## Spectral thermal conductivity of alloys



How about long, long wavelength phonons??

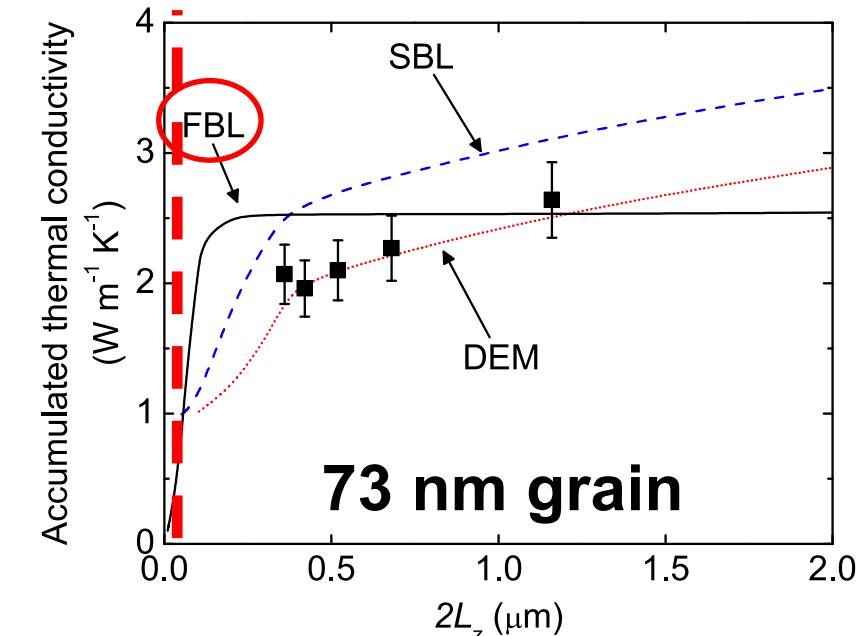
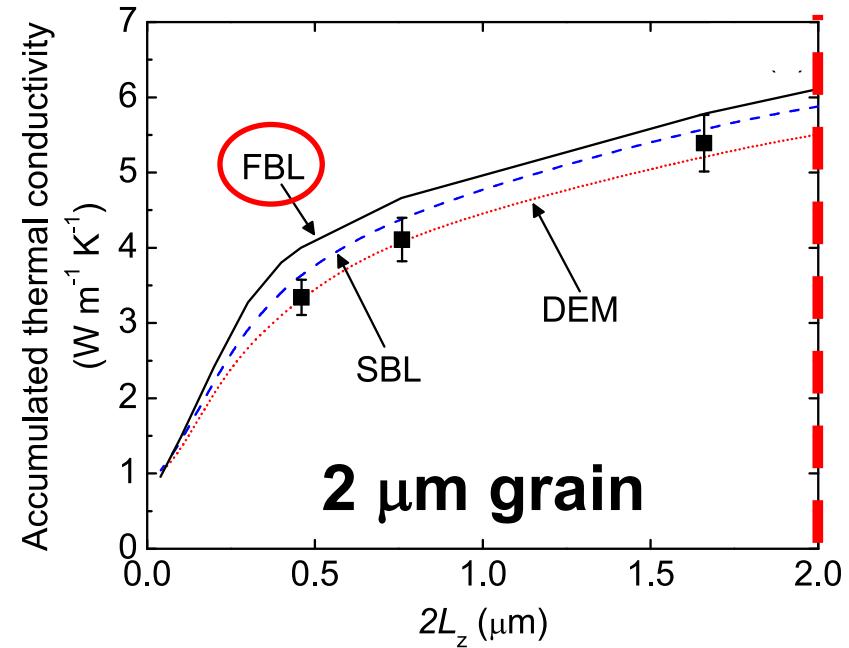
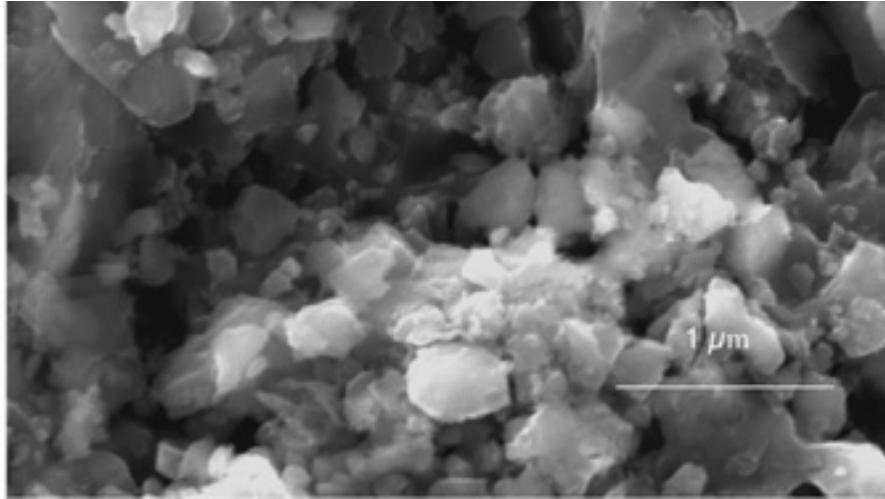
What happens when phonon wavelengths are much greater than boundaries/interfaces?



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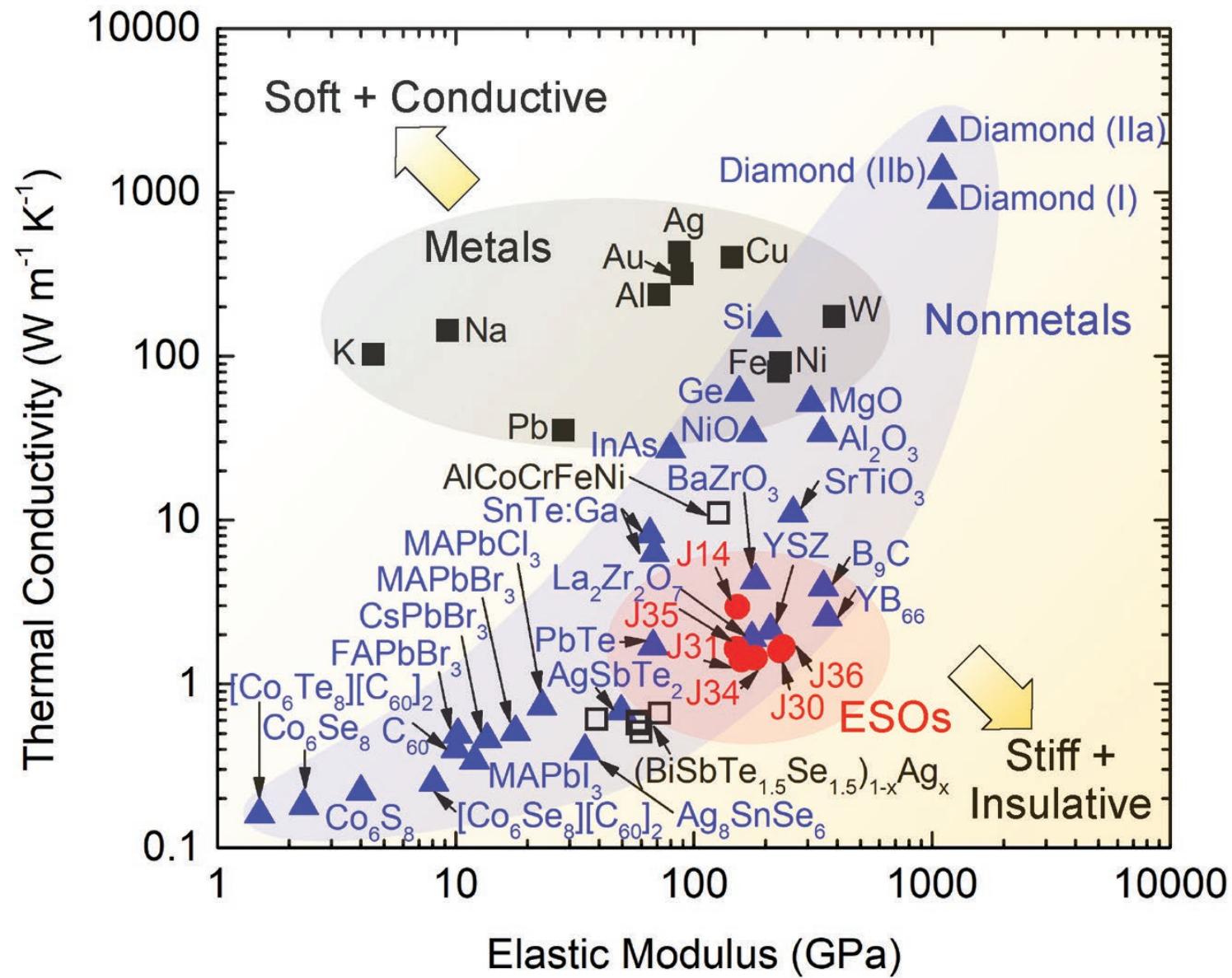
# Spectral phonon transport – Nanograined alloys

## Nanograined $\text{Si}_{80}\text{Ge}_{20}$



Phonons with wavelengths  
much larger than grain size  
do not scatter at grain  
boundaries

# Thermal conductivity of crystals



# Leibfried-Schlomann Eq.

$$\kappa = A \frac{V^{1/3} \omega_D^3}{\gamma^2 T},$$

constant

$V$ =volume of unit cell

$\gamma$ =Gruneisen parameter  
(related to anharmonicity of bonds)

Debye frequency – maximum frequency of vibration in a solid

Temperature

$$\omega_D \propto \sqrt{\frac{K}{m}}$$
$$\omega_D \propto V^{1/6} \sqrt{B}$$

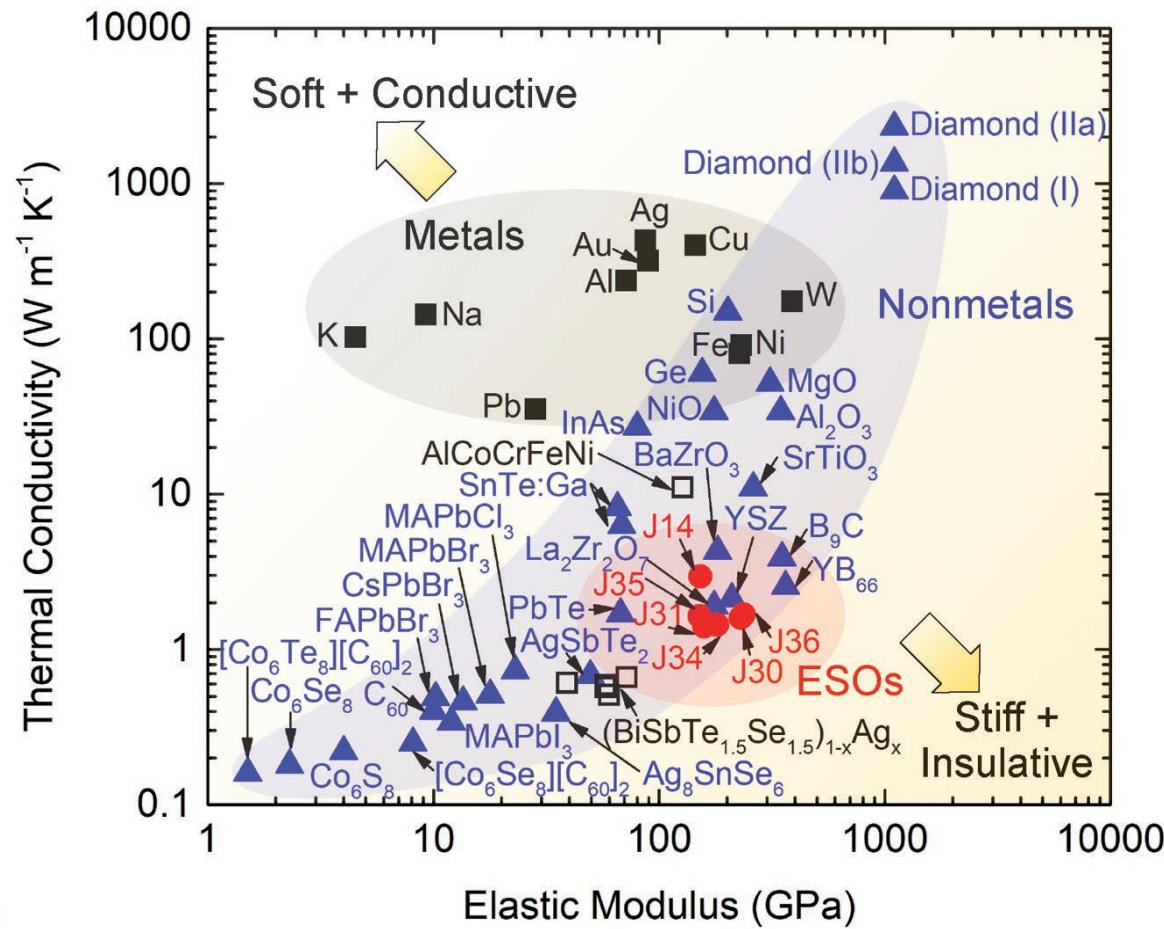
Bulk modulus

[21] G. Leibfried and E. Schlömann, Nach. Akad. Wiss. Gottingen, Math. Phyz. Klasse **4**, 71 (1954).

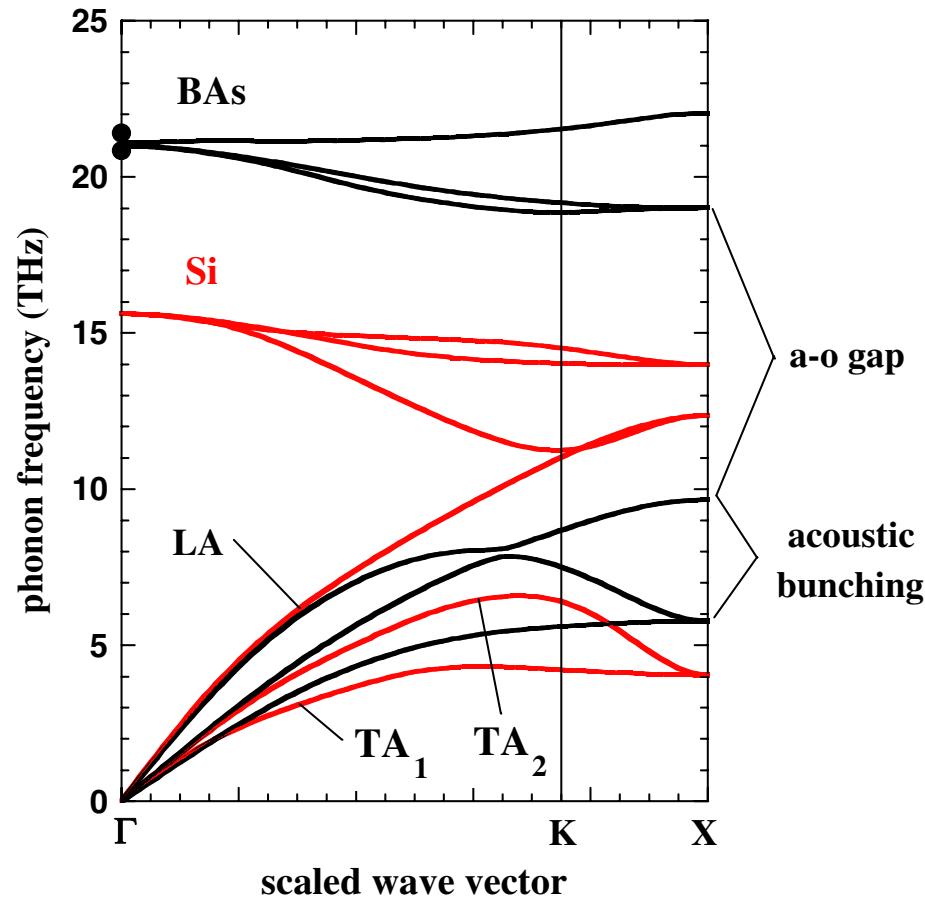
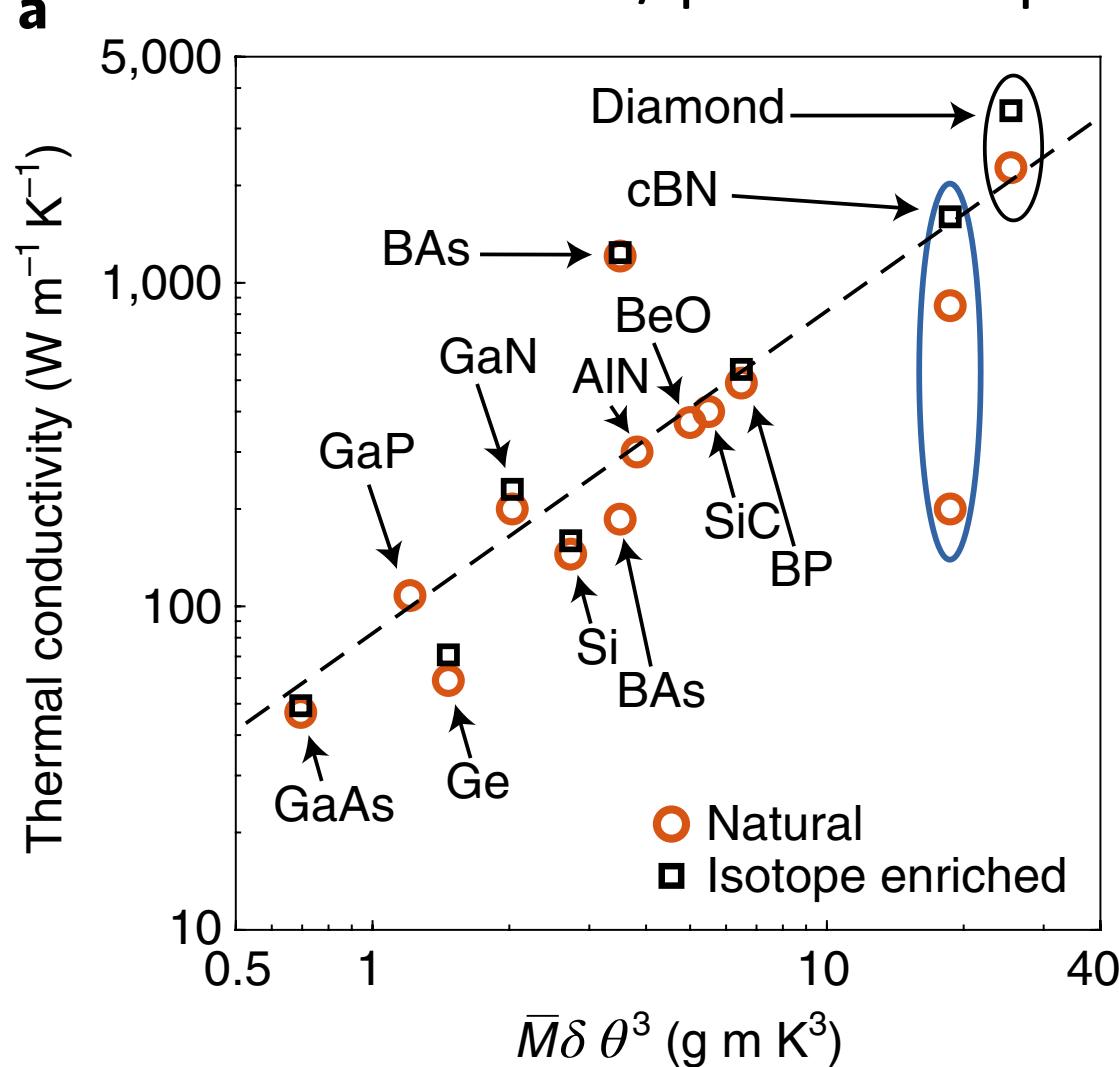
[22] M. Roufosse and P. G. Klemens, [Phys. Rev. B 7, 5379 \(1973\)](#).

# So how do you make a high thermal conductivity solid? The L-S perspective

$$\kappa \propto K^{3/2} \propto B^{3/2}$$



# So how do you make a high thermal conductivity solid? The nano/phonon perspective



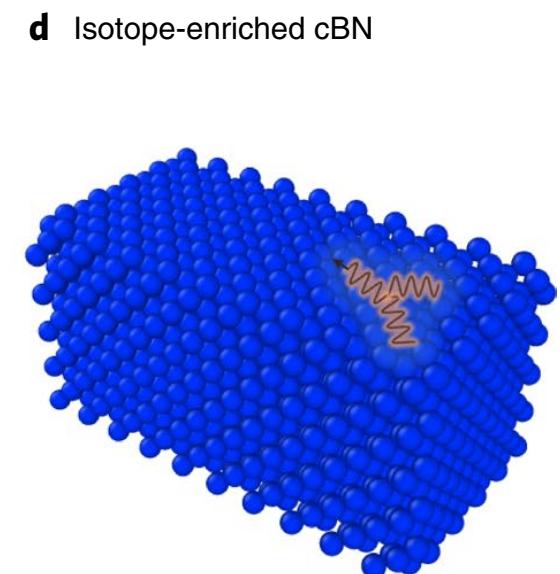
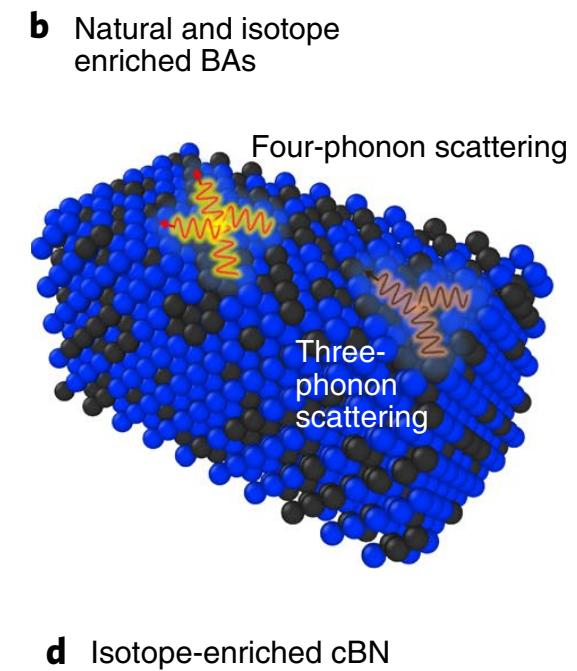
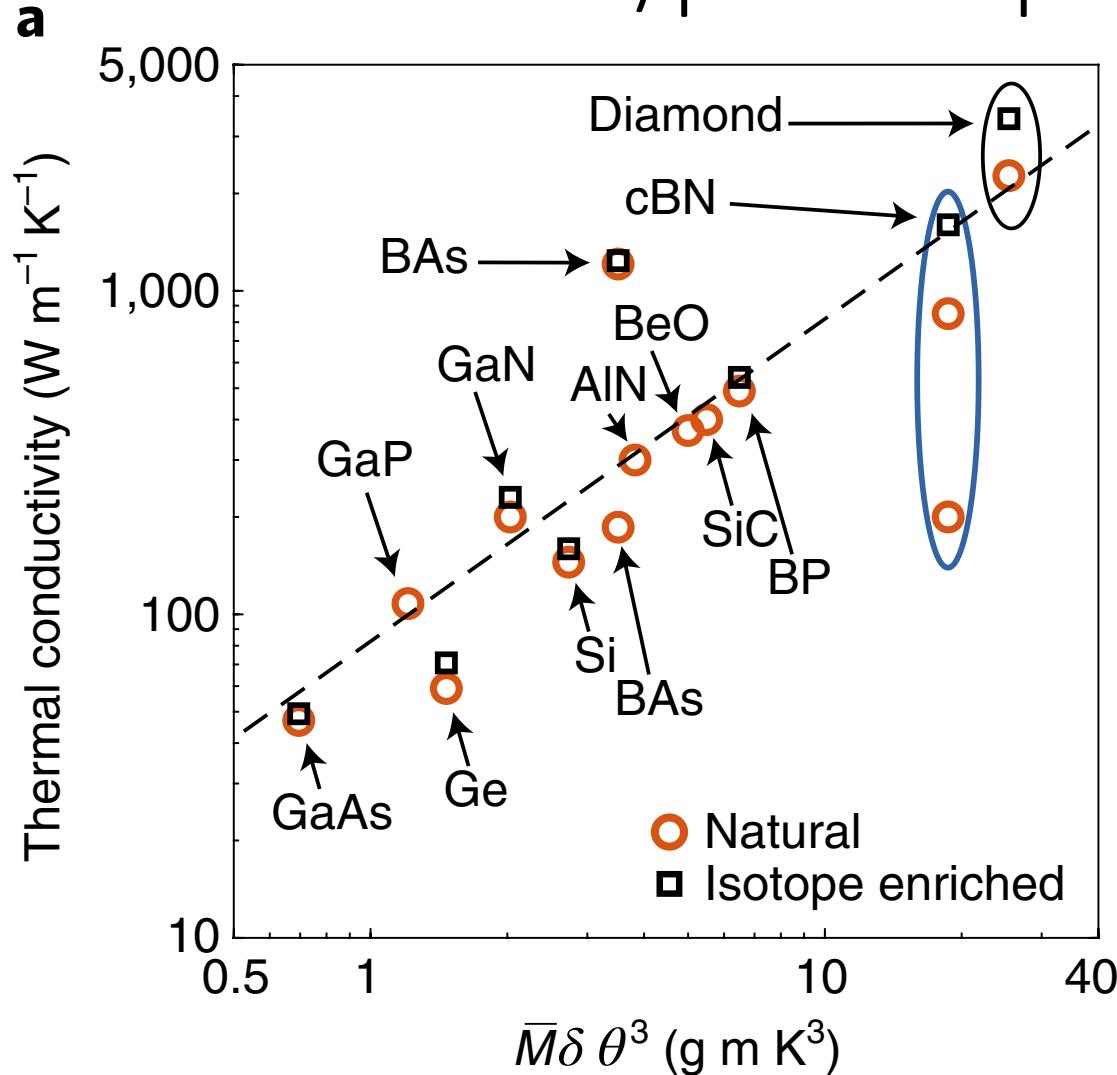
## THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY

### Achieving a better heat conductor

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PRL 111, 025901 (2013)

# So how do you make a high thermal conductivity solid? The nano/phonon perspective



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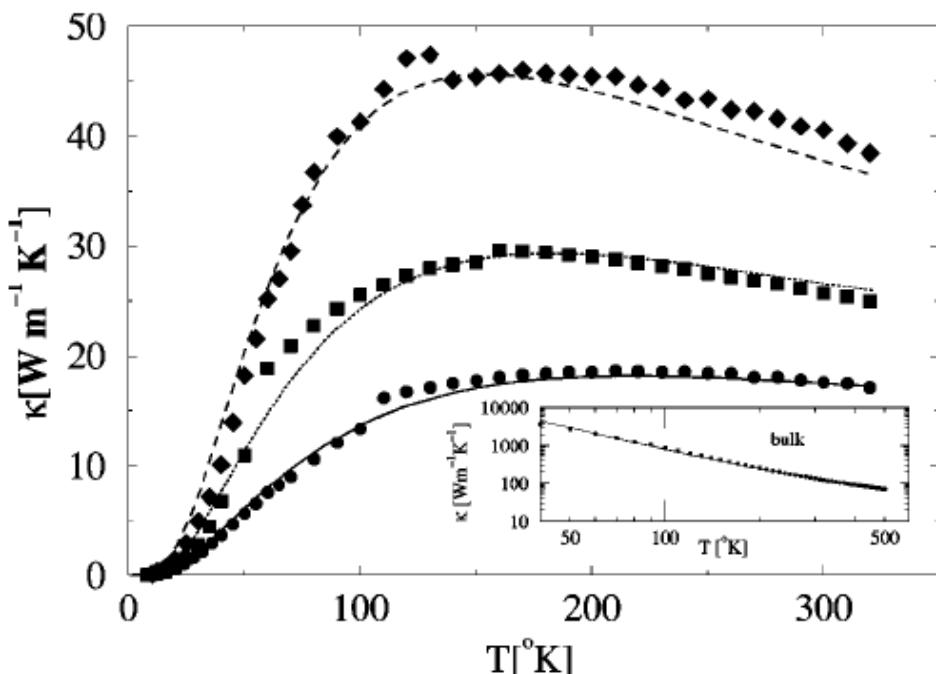
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# Si nanowire $\kappa$

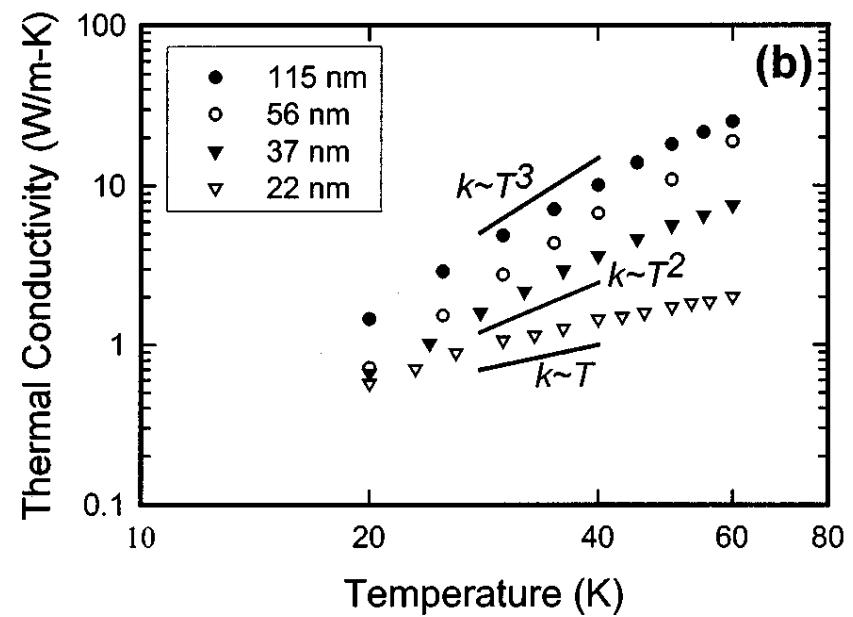
Now we know that the major reduction in  $\kappa$  in nanowires is boundary scattering. But what about the trends???

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{3} \sum_j \int_0^{\omega_{max,j}} \hbar \omega D(\omega) \frac{\partial f}{\partial T} v_j^2(\omega) \tau_{semi} d\omega$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau_B} = \frac{2v}{L}$$



Mingo, *Phys. Rev. B* **68**, 113308 (2003).



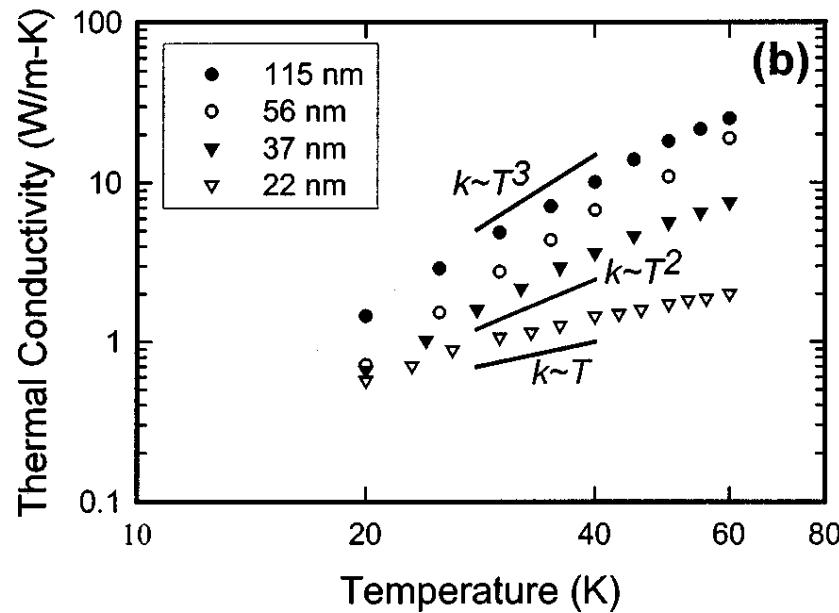
Recall: can be explained from C arguments

Li *et al.*, *Appl. Phys. Lett* **83**, 2934 (2003).

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$$\kappa_{p,2D}(T) = \frac{k_B^3}{2\pi\hbar^2} T^2 \sum_j \frac{1}{v_j^2} \int_0^{x_D} x^3 \frac{\exp[x]}{(-1+\exp[x])^2} v_j^2 \tau \, dx$$

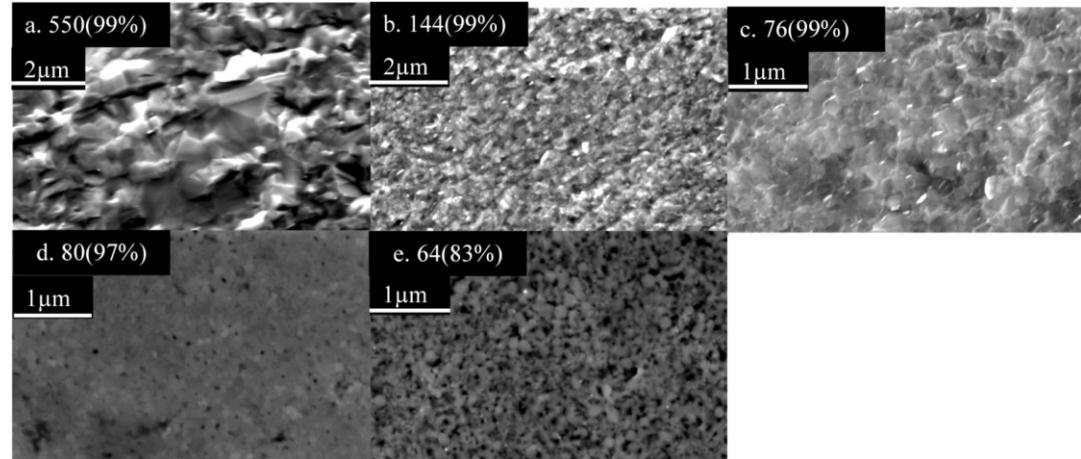
This  $T^2$  trend assumes  $\tau$  is independent of  $\omega$

# Nanograined Si thermal conductivity

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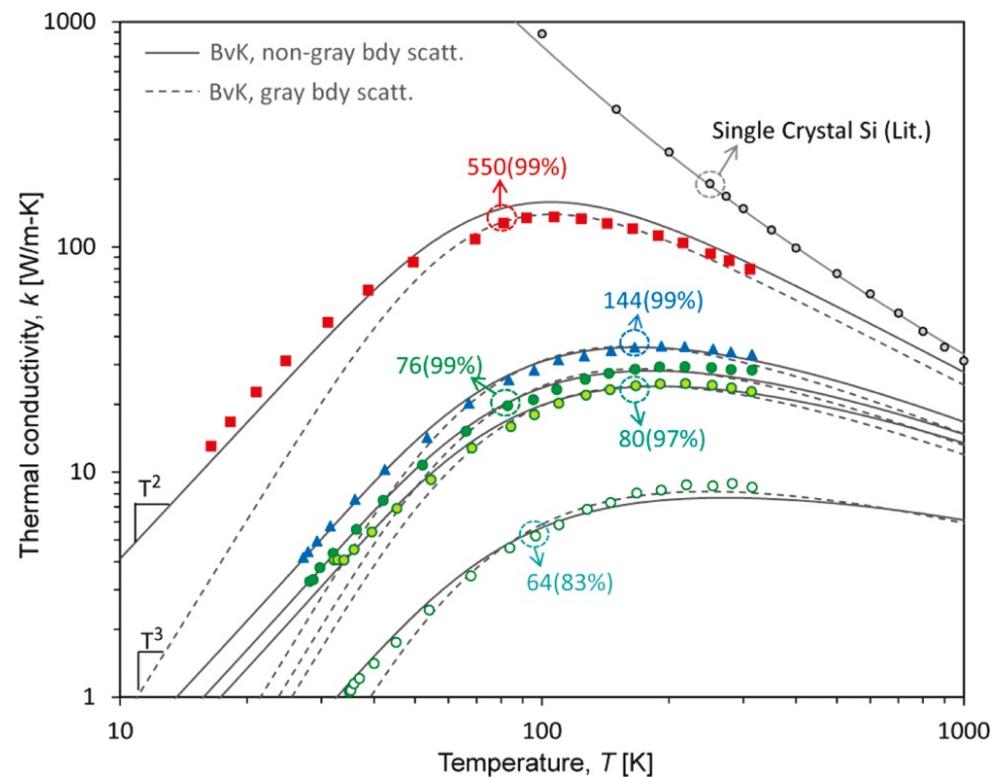
Typical assumption

$$\frac{1}{\tau_B} = \frac{2v}{L}$$



But  $T^2$  trend still exists in BULK samples with nanograin boundaries (i.e., there are not any COHERENT mechanisms at play!!)

Wang *et al.* *Nano Lett* **11** 2206 (2011)



# Minimum limit to thermal conductivity

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{semi}} = \sum_j \frac{1}{\tau_j} \quad \text{Maximum scattering rate!!!}$$

Einstein limit

Einstein, *Ann. Phys.* (1911)

$$\lambda_{\min} = a \approx n^{-1/3} \quad \tau_{\min} = \frac{\pi}{\omega}$$

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

Cahill, Watson, Pohl limit

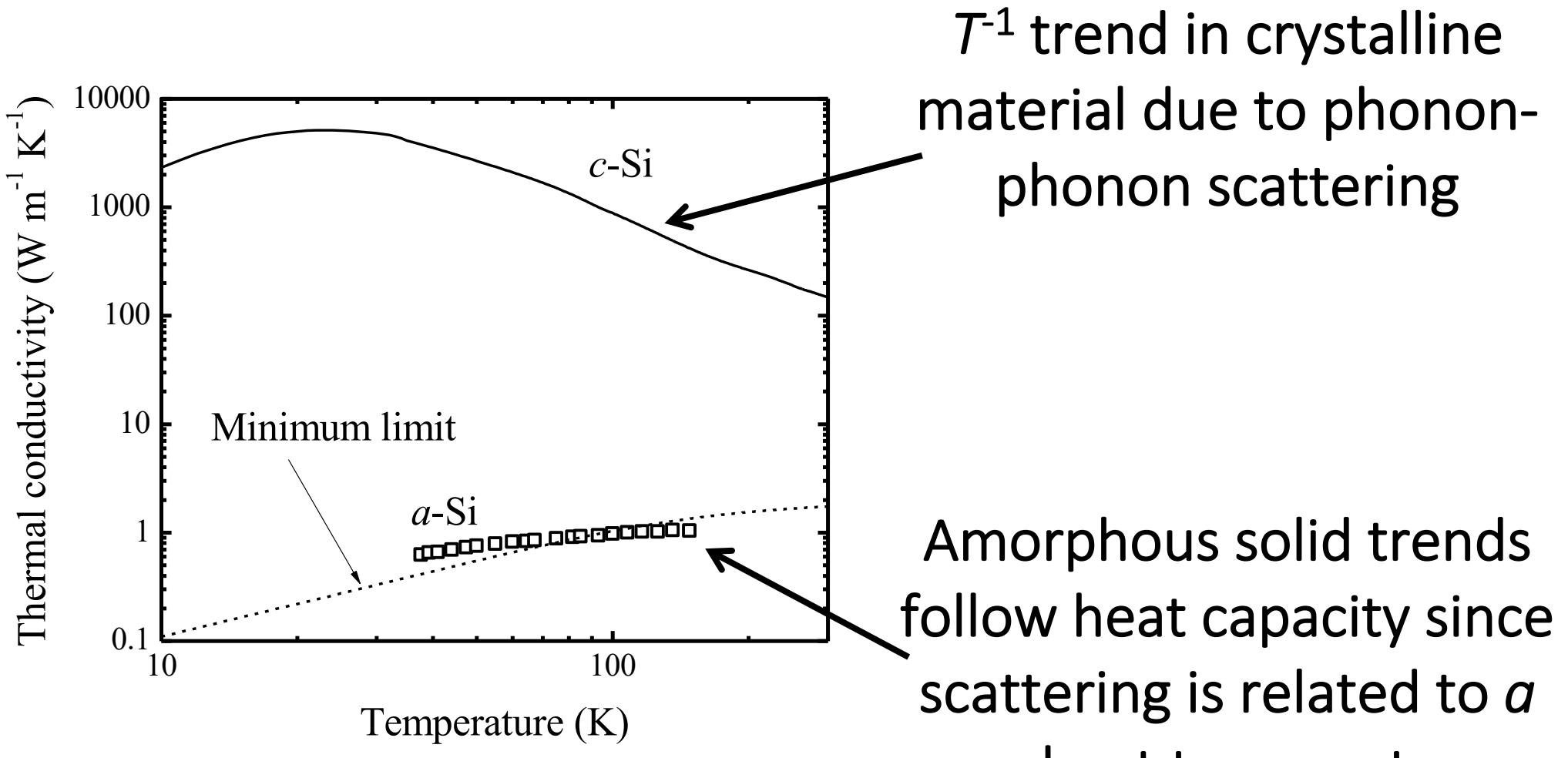
“coupled oscillators”

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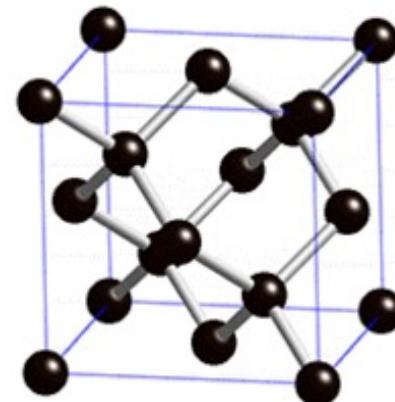
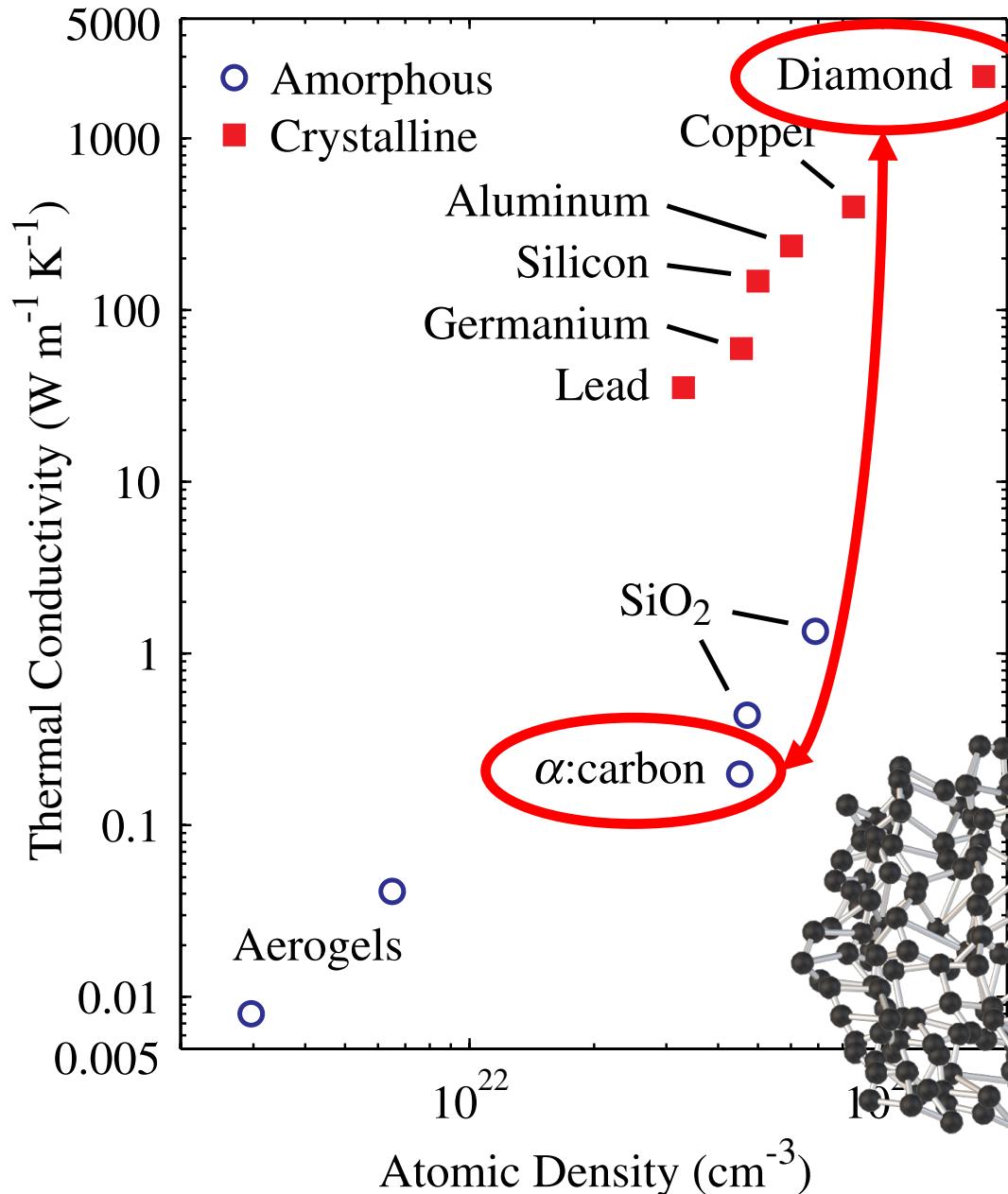
$$\kappa_{\min}(T) = \frac{1}{6\pi} \sum_j \frac{1}{v_j} \int_0^{\omega_{\max,j}} \frac{\hbar^2 \omega^3}{k_B T^2} \frac{\exp\left[\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T}\right]}{\left(-1 + \exp\left[\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T}\right]\right)^2} d\omega$$

# Minimum limit to thermal conductivity

Capture amorphous thermal conductivity trends well, as lack of periodicity causes phonon scattering at  $\lambda = a$



# Amorphous materials have low thermal conductivities

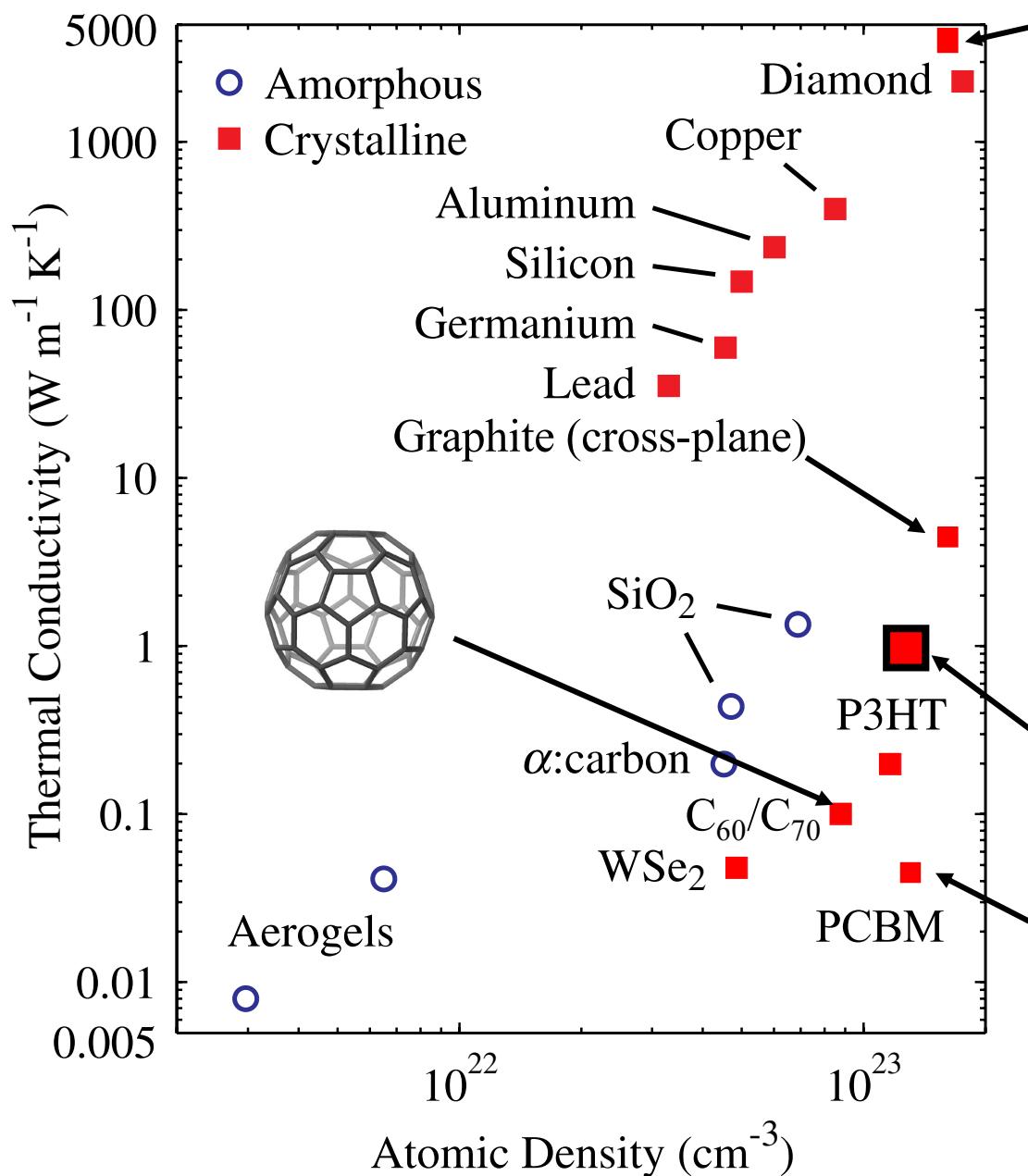


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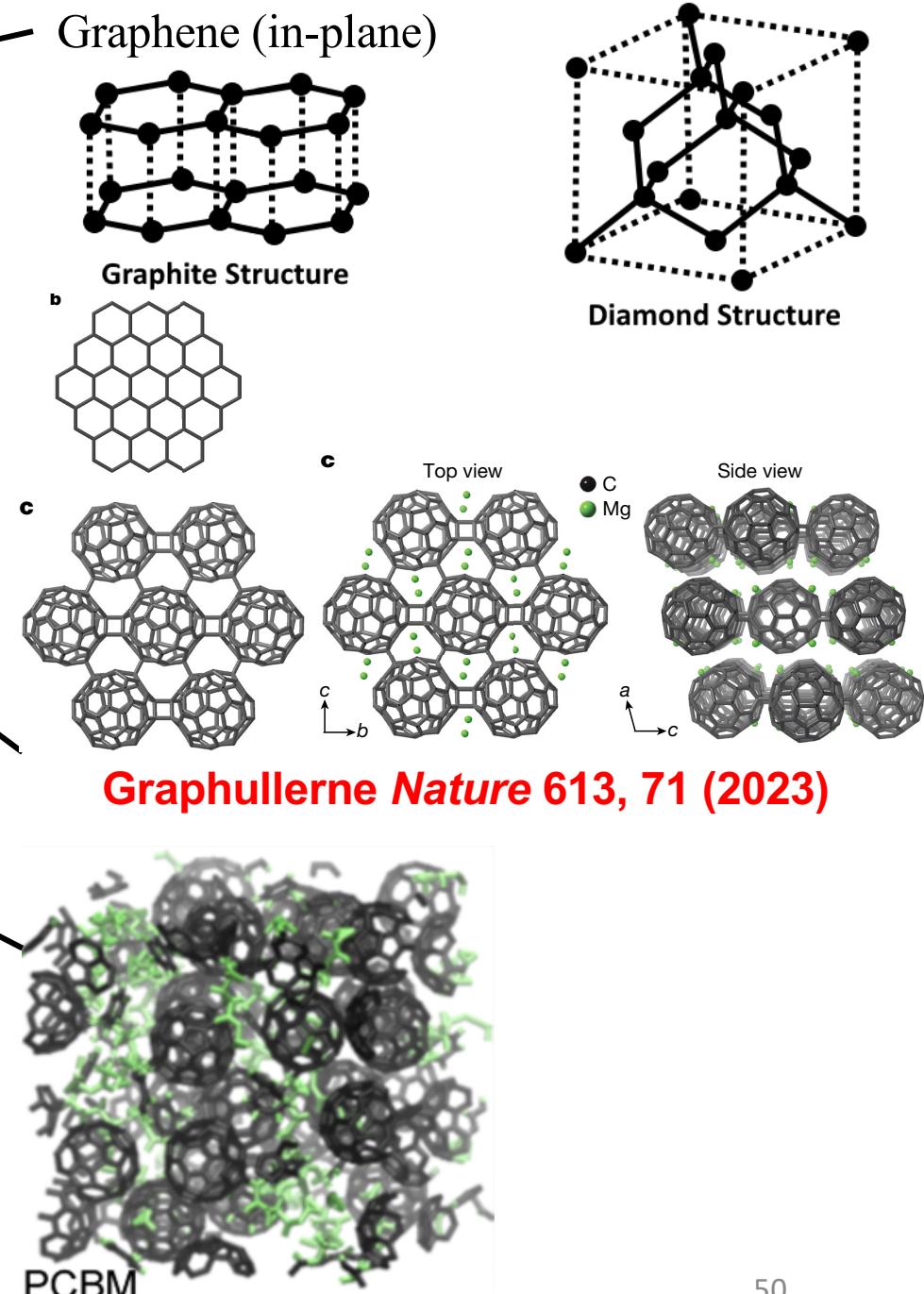
$$\lambda_{\min} = a \approx n^{-1/3}$$

$$\tau_{\min} = \frac{\pi}{\omega}$$

# Making a low thermal conductivity material



PRL 110, 015902 (2013)



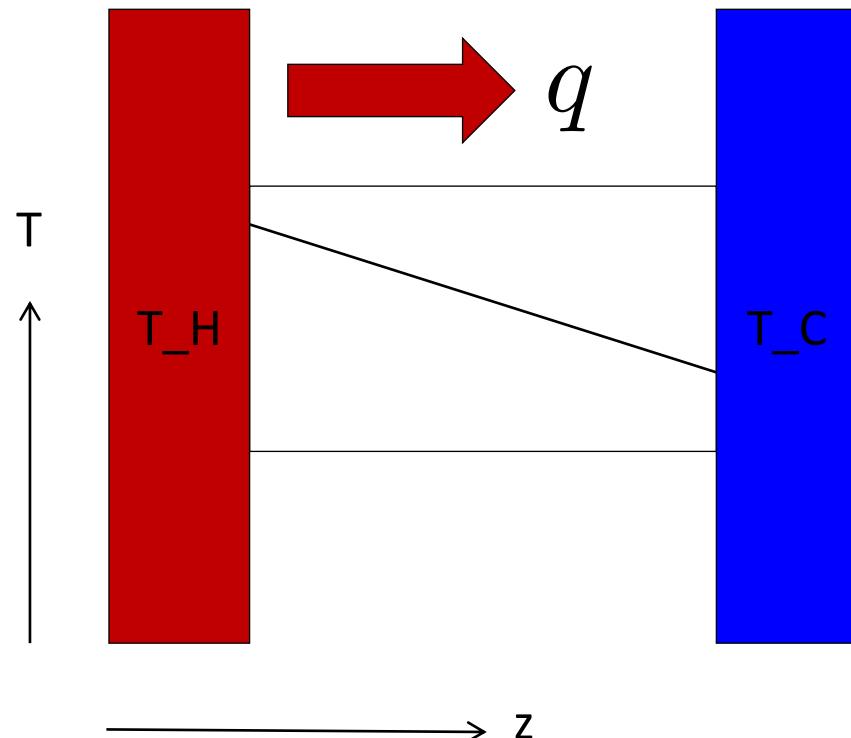
# Outline

1. What makes a high and low thermal conductivity material – an electron and phonon nanoscale perspective
2. Thermal conductivity of thin films: how film dimensional and growth conditions can lead to interfaces and defects that scatter electrons and phonons, thus reducing the thermal conductivity of materials
3. Thermal conductivity measurements: thin film methods
4. Thermal boundary resistance: coherent and incoherent heat transfer across interfaces in nanostructures
5. Coupled nonequilibrium heat transfer: Energy coupling among electron, phonons and photons including ultrafast laser pulse effects
6. Heat transfer in materials during synthesis and manufacturing, including plasma-material interactions during deposition and laser-based manufacturing

# Heat Transfer

Steady state = The Fourier Law

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



Transient = The Heat Equation

$$\rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \kappa \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} + q(t)$$

$q$  = Flux

$\rho$  = mass density

$\kappa$  = Thermal conductivity

$T$  = temperature

$C$  = Heat Capacity

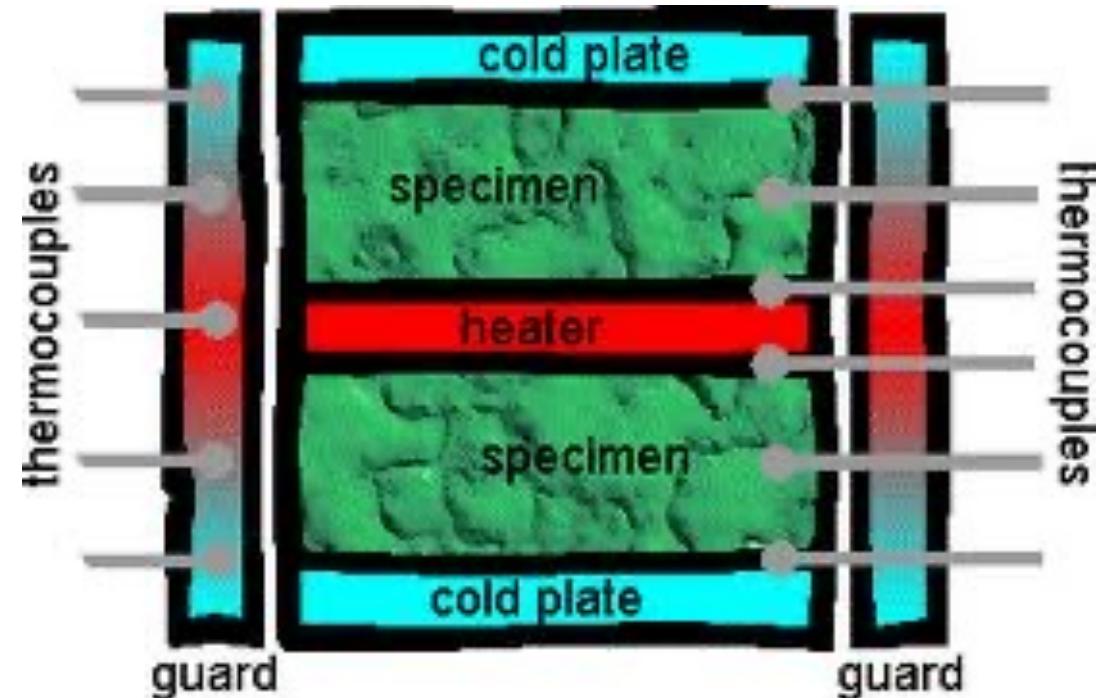
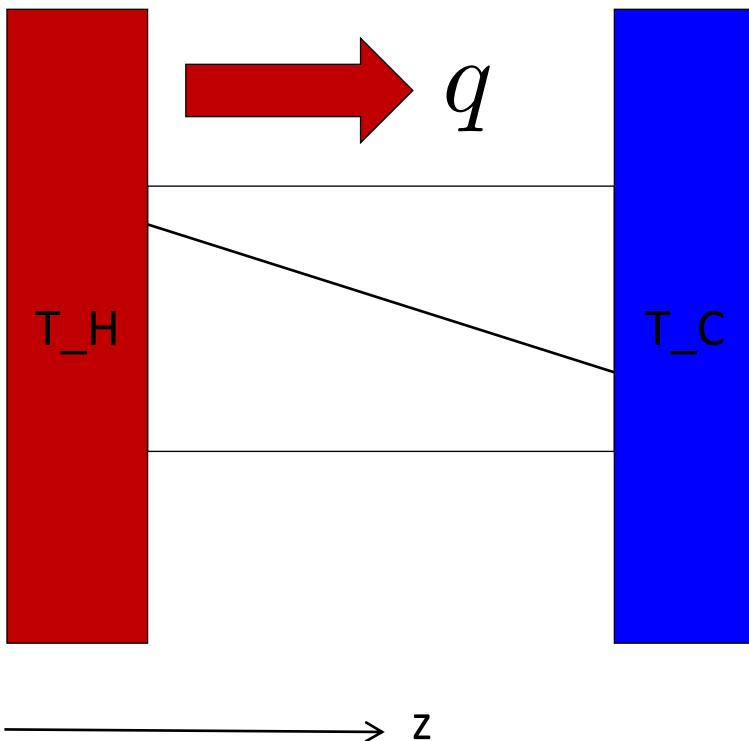
# Outline

- Steady state electrical resistivity
- Transient techniques
  - “RC”
  - Heat capacity
  - Laser flash
  - Transient Electro-thermal
  - ns pulse
  - fs pulse
- Periodic techniques
  - Angstrom method
  - $3\omega$
  - FDTR
  - TDTR

# Steady state measurements - bulk

“Guarded hot plate”

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



# Steady state measurements - nano

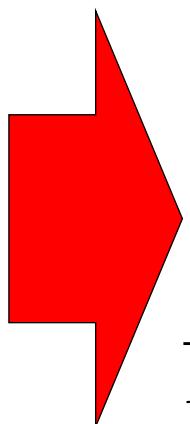
## Electrical resistivity

Fourier Law

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

Joule heating

$$q = I^2 R$$



$$\kappa V \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + I^2 R(T) = 0$$

$$\bar{R} = R_0 \left[ \frac{2}{L \sqrt{\frac{I^2 R_0 \alpha}{w d L \kappa}}} \tan \left( \frac{L \sqrt{\frac{I^2 R_0 \alpha}{w d L \kappa}}}{2} \right) \right]$$

Measured resistance is related to thermal conductivity (and a lot of other known quantities)

# Steady state measurements - nano

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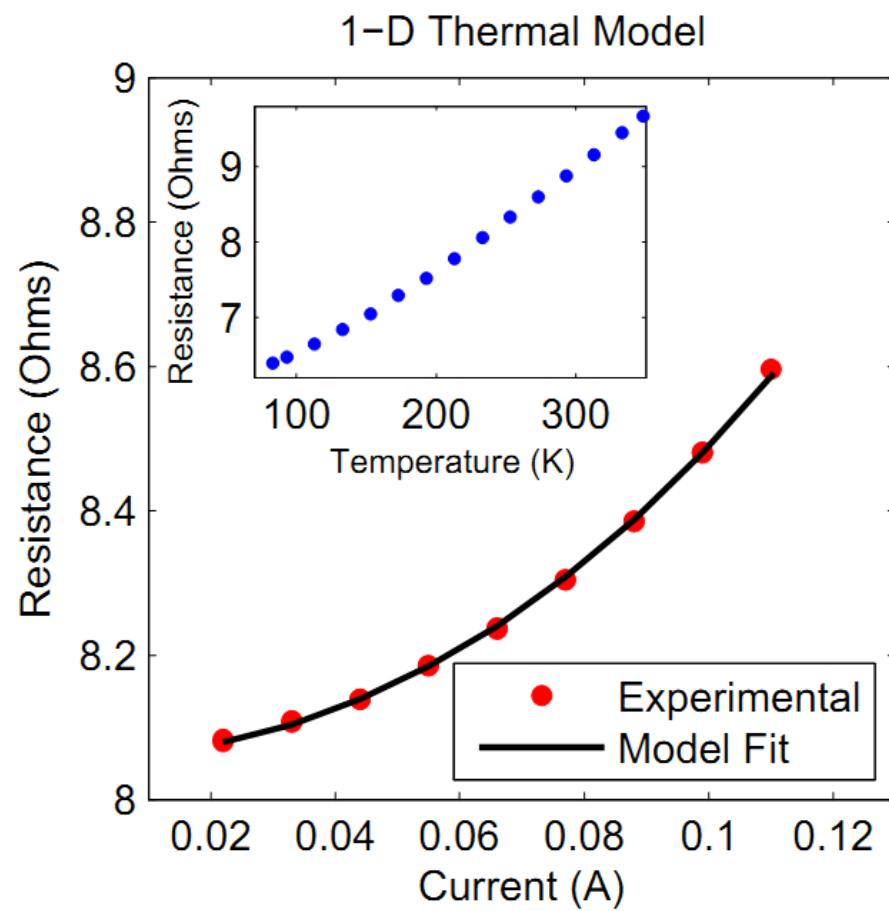


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# Steady state measurements - nano

Equilibrium resistance

Electrical resistivity - assumptions

$$\bar{R} = R_0 \left[ \frac{2}{L \sqrt{\frac{I^2 R_0 \alpha}{wdL\kappa}}} \tan \left( \frac{L \sqrt{\frac{I^2 R_0 \alpha}{wdL\kappa}}}{2} \right) \right]$$

What you measure

Sample geometry

TCR

Current

NEED TO KNOW SAMPLE  
GEOMETRY!!!

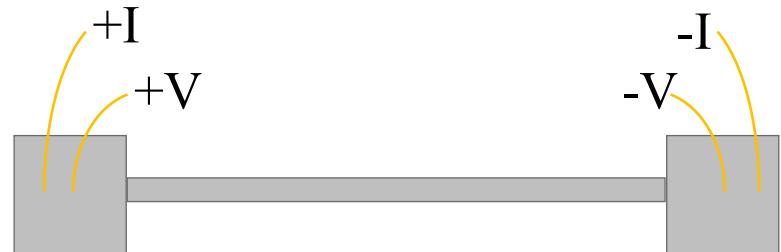
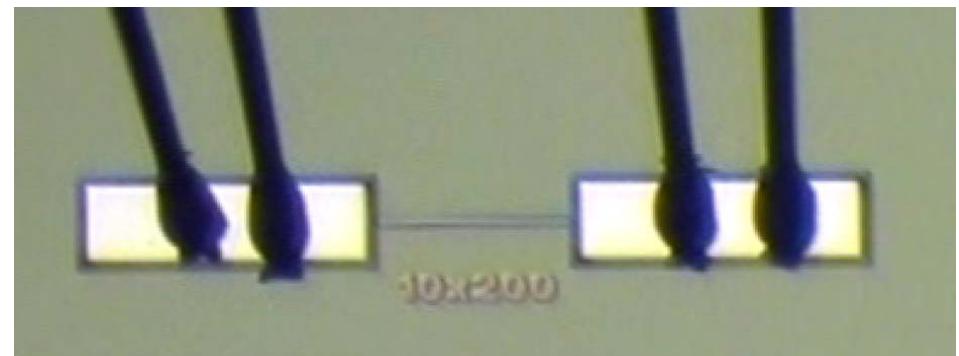
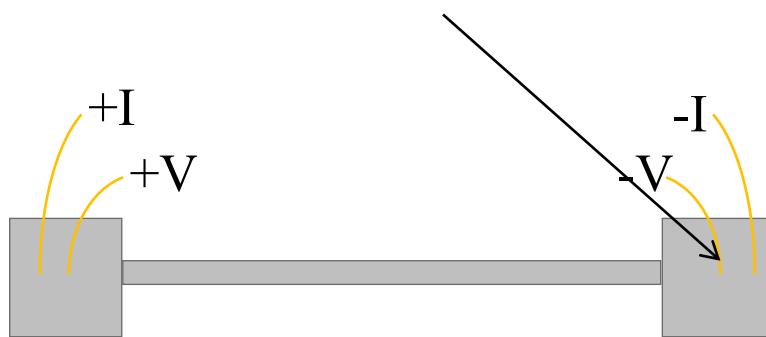


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# Steady state measurements - nano

**Electrical/thermal contact  
resistances are inherently present in  
measurements**



**How do you make these  
contacts in a nanosystem??**

**When would these contact  
resistances matter in terms of sample  
geometry???**

P. E. Hopkins and L. M. Phinney. Thermal conductivity measurements on polycrystalline silicon micro-bridges using the 3w technique.

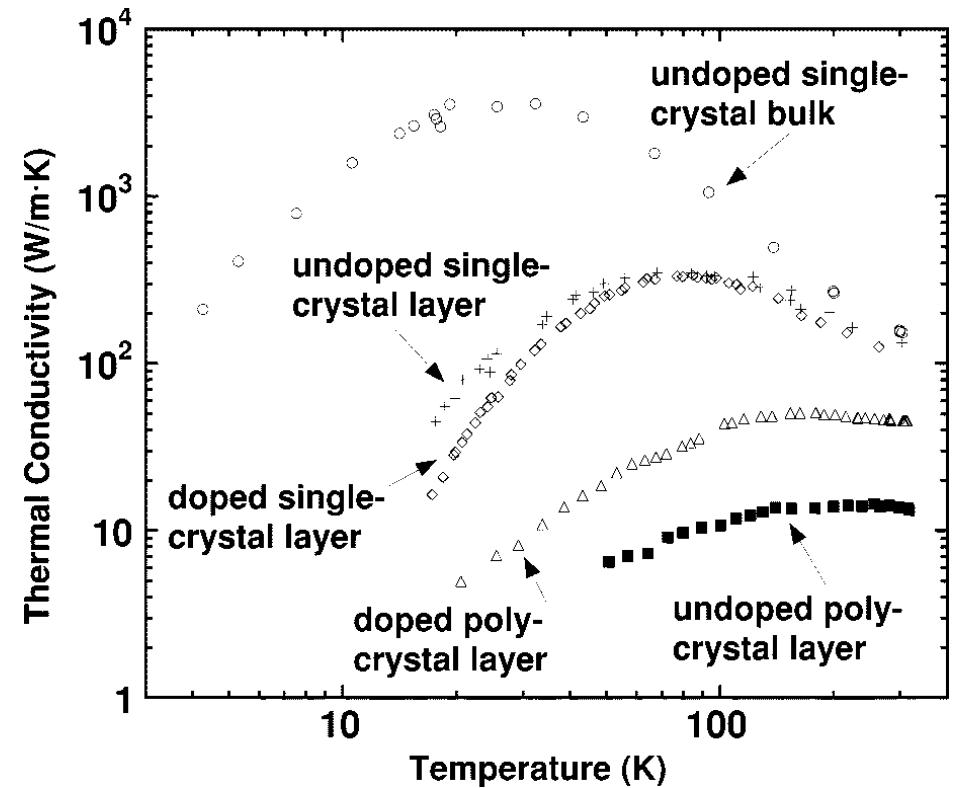
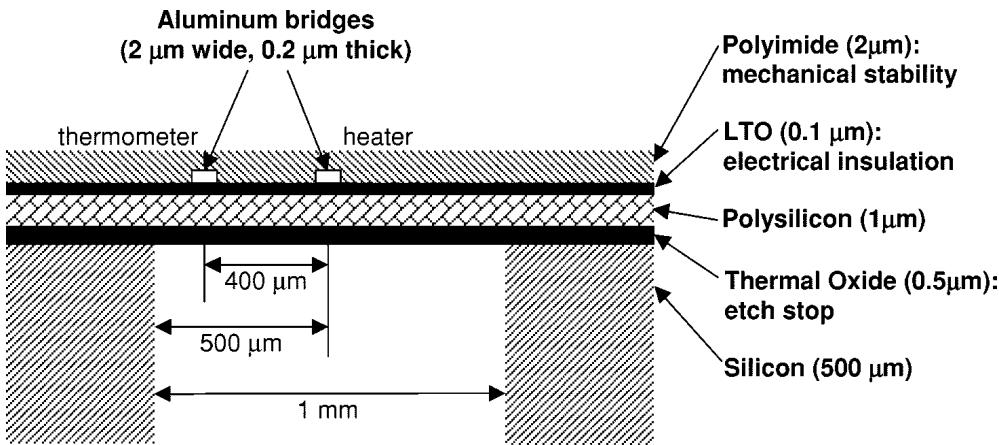
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# Steady state measurements - nano

## Lithography

### Thermal Conductivity of Doped Polysilicon Layers

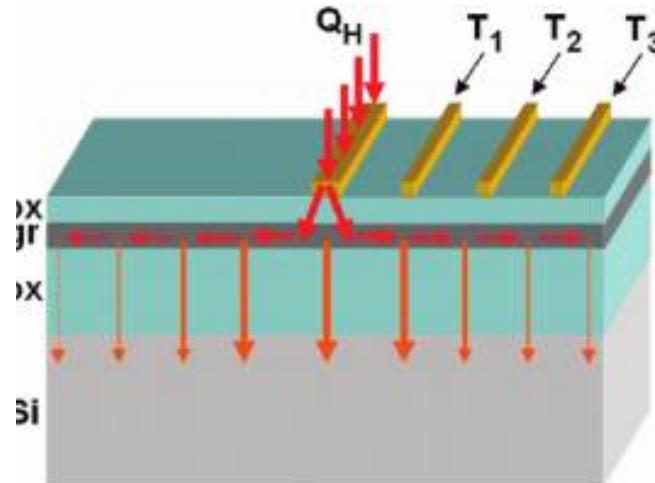
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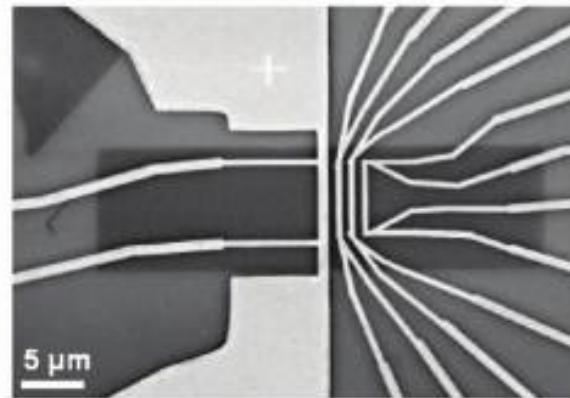
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# Steady state measurements of $\kappa$ in nanosystems

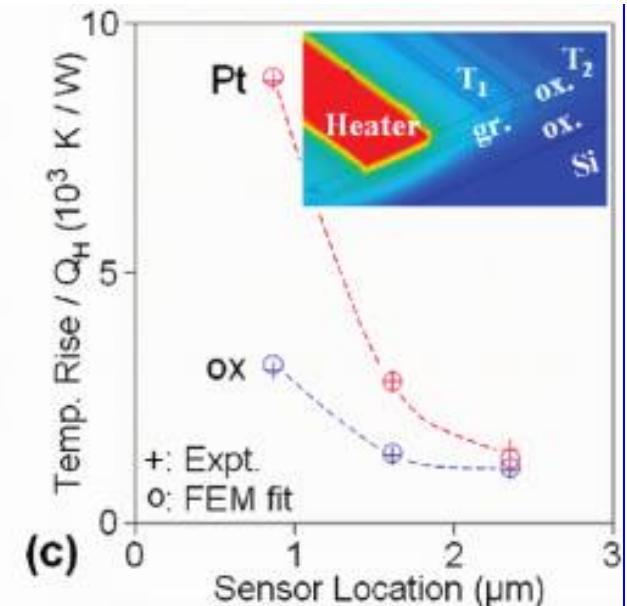
## In-plane thermal conductivity of “atomically thin” film (i.e., graphene)



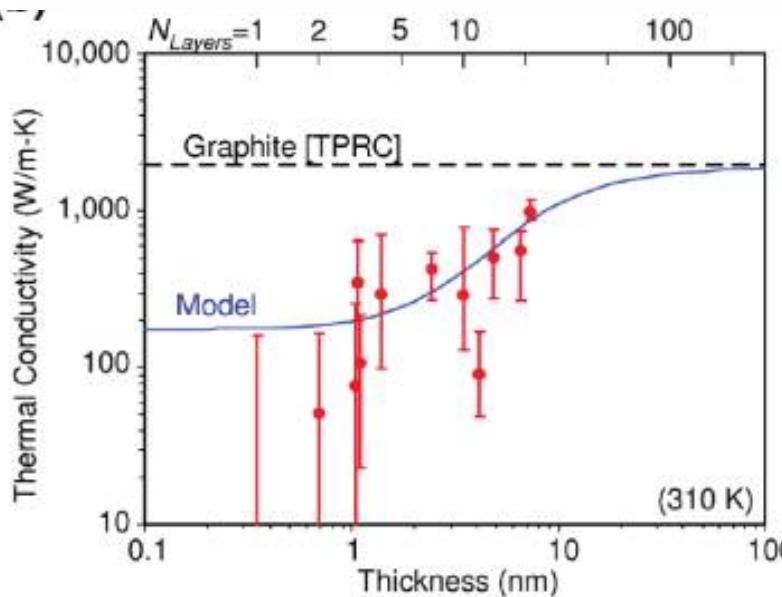
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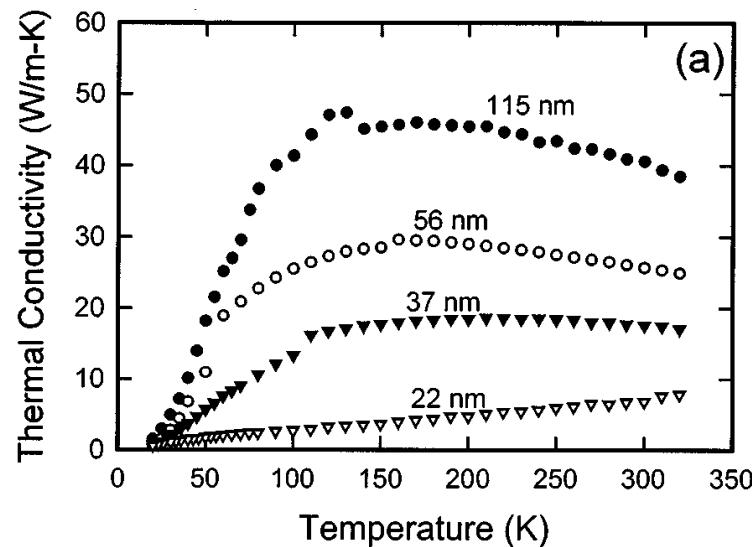
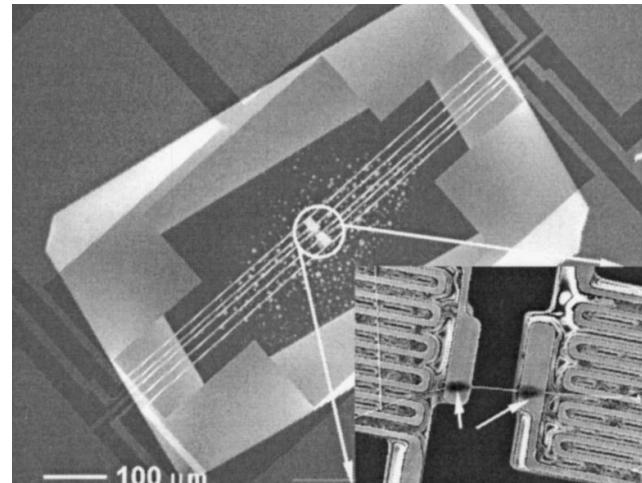
(c)



W. Jang, Z. Chen, W. Bao, C. N. Lau, and C. Dames.  
Thickness-dependent thermal conductivity of encased graphene and ultrathin graphene. **Nano Letters**,  
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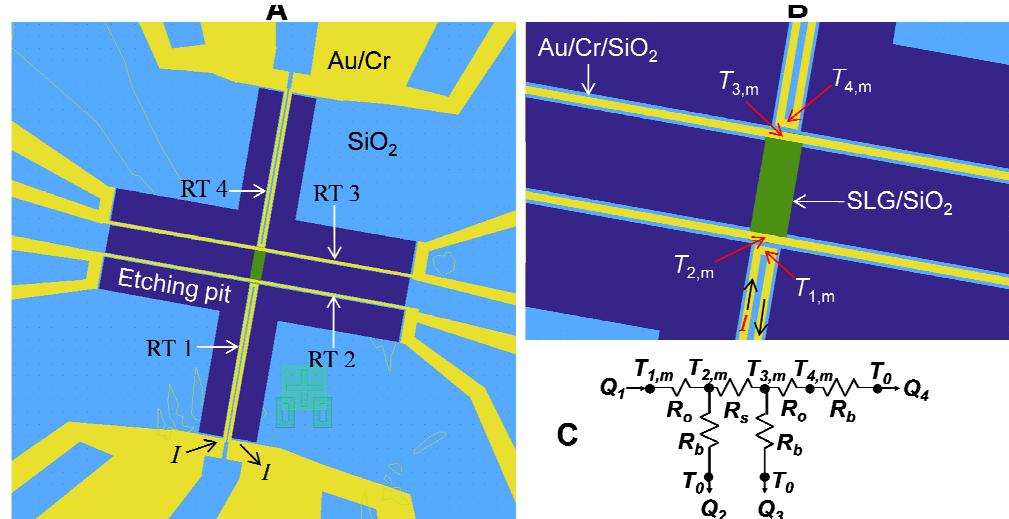
# Steady state measurements of $\kappa$ in nanosystems

Can be extended to suspended nanostructures  
(e.g., thin films, graphene, nanowires, etc)



D. Li, Y. Wu, P. Kim, L. Shi, P. Yang, and A. Majumdar.  
Thermal conductivity of individual silicon nanowires.

Applied Physics Letters, 83:2934–2936, 2003.



J. H. Seol, I. Jo, A. L. Moore, L. Lindsay, Z. H. Aitken, M. T. Pettes, X. Li, Z. Yao, R. Huang, D. A. Broido, N. Mingo, R. S. Ruoff, and L. Shi. Two-dimensional phonon transport in supported graphene. *Science*, 328:213–216, 2010.

# Overview: Methods for testing $\kappa$ of thin films

- **Steady State resistivity approaches**
  - No variation in time (“Fourier Law”)
- **Transient reflectivity and optical methods**
  - Time dependent (“The heat eq. w/ impulse response”)
- **Modulated methods (“The heat eq. w/ frequency dep. source”)**
  - $3\omega$
  - **Thermoreflectance-based techniques**
    - FDTR
    - TDTR

# Steady state vs. transient

**Steady state = The Fourier Law**

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

Heat capacity  
enters the  
picture

**Transient = The Heat Equation**

$$\rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \kappa \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} + q(t)$$

The source  
term can make  
a difference

Steady state, or long time, experiments, are subjected to MAJOR convection and conduction losses. High  $T$  issues (i.e., RT and above)

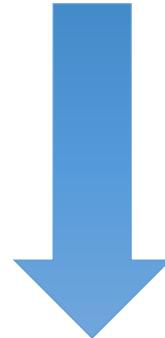
Source can be “single shot/impulse” or “periodic”

# Transient measurements

“RC” techniques

$$\rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \kappa \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} + q(t)$$

Solution results in  
“thermal” time  
constant in  
exponential decay



$$\Delta T(t) = \Delta T_0 \exp \left[ \frac{-t}{\tau} \right]$$
$$\tau = \frac{CV}{A\bar{h}}$$

Thermal conductance

How does  $\Delta T(t)$  change with  $C$ ,  $V$ ,  $A$ , and  $\bar{h}$ ?

# Transient measurements

$$\tau = \frac{CV}{Ah}$$

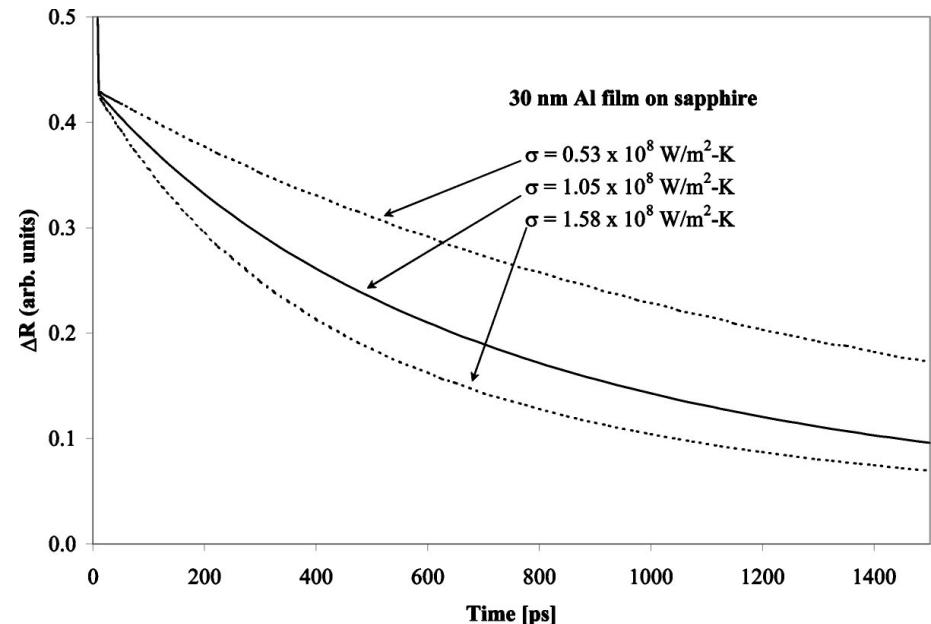


Fig. 2 Modeled thermal response of 30 nm Al film on a sapphire substrate with  $\sigma = 1.05 \times 10^8 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ K}$ . The dotted lines are the thermal response for the same film with  $\pm 50\%$  change in  $\sigma$ .

**SO WHAT DO YOU  
MEASURE????**

R. J. Stevens, A. N. Smith, and P. M. Norris. Measurement of thermal boundary conductance of a series of metal-dielectric interfaces by the transient thermoreflectance technique. Journal of Heat Transfer, 127(3):315–322, 2005.

# Steady state vs. transient

**Steady state = The Fourier Law**

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

**Steady state techniques are the only measurements that are directly related to thermal conductivity**

**Transient = The Heat Equation**

$$\rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \kappa \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} + q(t)$$

**Transient techniques measure quantities that are related to the thermal diffusivity or thermal effusivity of the sample**

$$D = \frac{\kappa}{C} \quad E = \sqrt{\kappa C}$$

# Thermal effusivity

Thermal effusivity

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

A material's thermal effusivity is a measure of its ability to exchange thermal energy with its surroundings.

If two semi-infinite bodies initially at temperatures  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are brought in perfect thermal contact, the temperature at the contact surface  $T_m$  will be given by their relative effusivities.

$$T_m = T_1 + (T_2 - T_1) \frac{E_2}{E_1+E_2}$$

This expression is valid for all times for semi-infinite bodies in perfect thermal contact. It is also a good first guess for the initial contact temperature for finite bodies.

# Notes on heat capacity

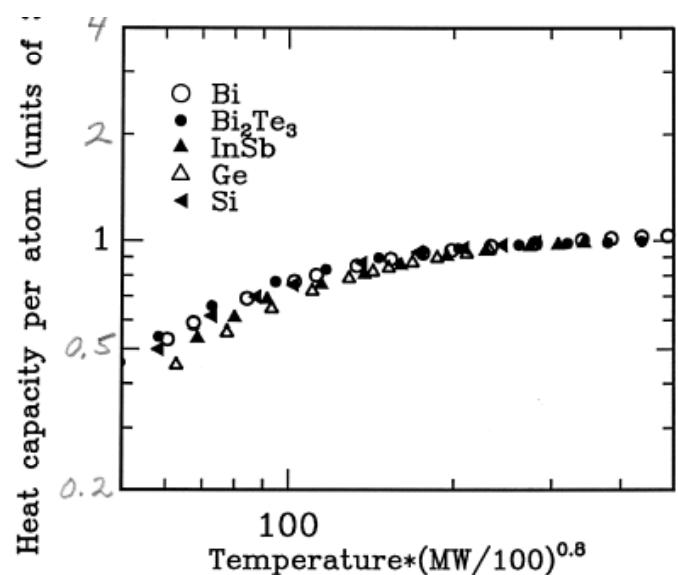
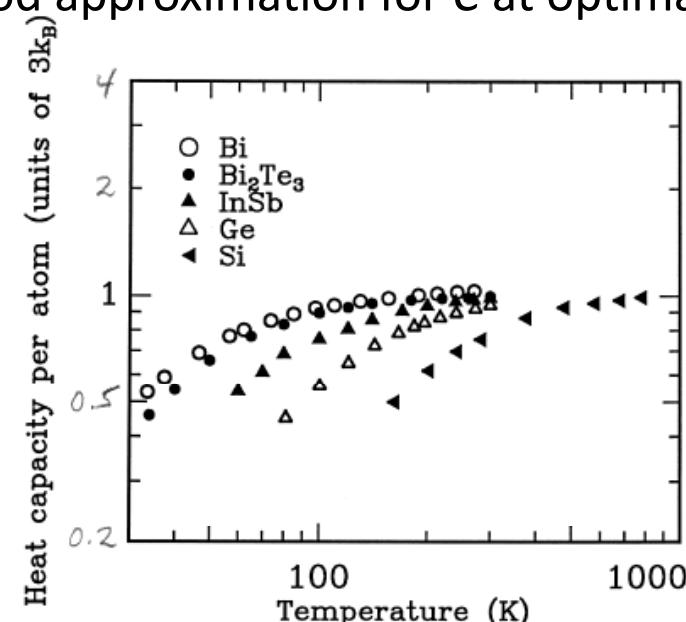
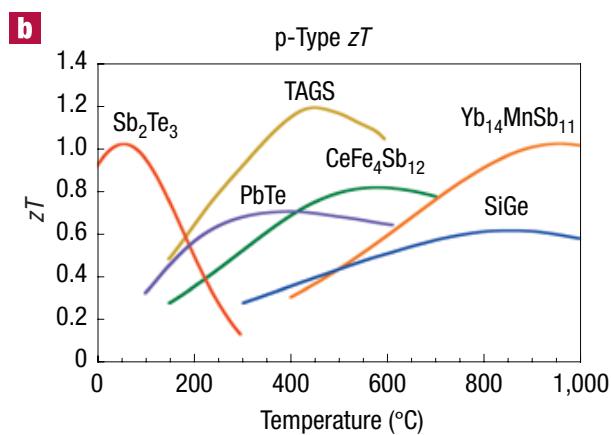
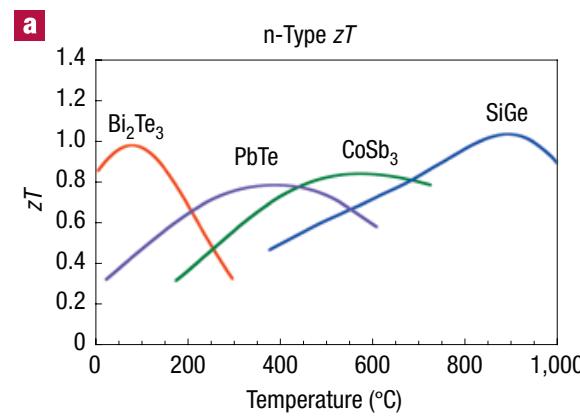
**So if  $C$  is well known, then  $k$  can be “inferred” with transient measurements**

- In many cases,  $C$  is well known from careful measurements on bulk materials
- When scaled for porosity,  $C$  is  $\sim$  independent of microstructure (i.e., only atomic density is important)
- Materials with similar bonding and atomic weights have similar heat capacities
- Electronic heat capacity is too small to matter in most considerations

# Notes on heat capacity

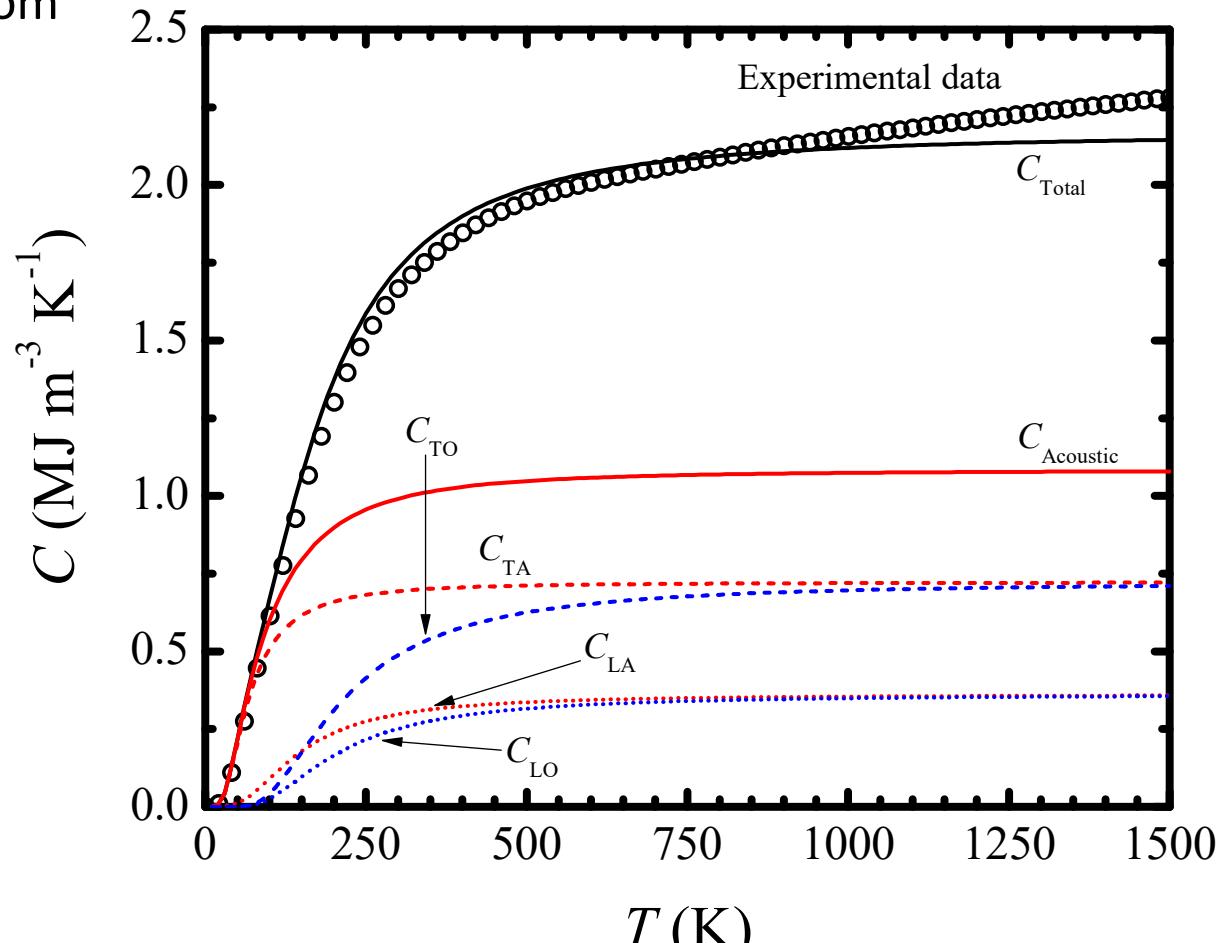
- For many semiconductors, classical equipartition is a good approximation for  $C$  at optimal thermoelectric operating temperatures

$$C = C_V = 3Nk_B$$



# Notes on heat capacity

- At high temperatures, anharmonicity also increases the heat capacity
- Thermal expansion causes the vibrational modes to soften increasing the vibrational entropy per atom



**Heat capacity of silicon**

# Grüneisen Parameters

TABLE I. The Grüneisen parameters  $\gamma_{\text{TA}(X)}$  and  $\gamma_{\text{TA}(L)}$  for Si, diamond, and Ge are calculated from Eq. (10). The estimated  $\gamma_{\text{TA}(X)}$  and  $\gamma_{\text{TA}(L)}$  are compared with experimental data (Ref. 1) and tight-binding calculation results.

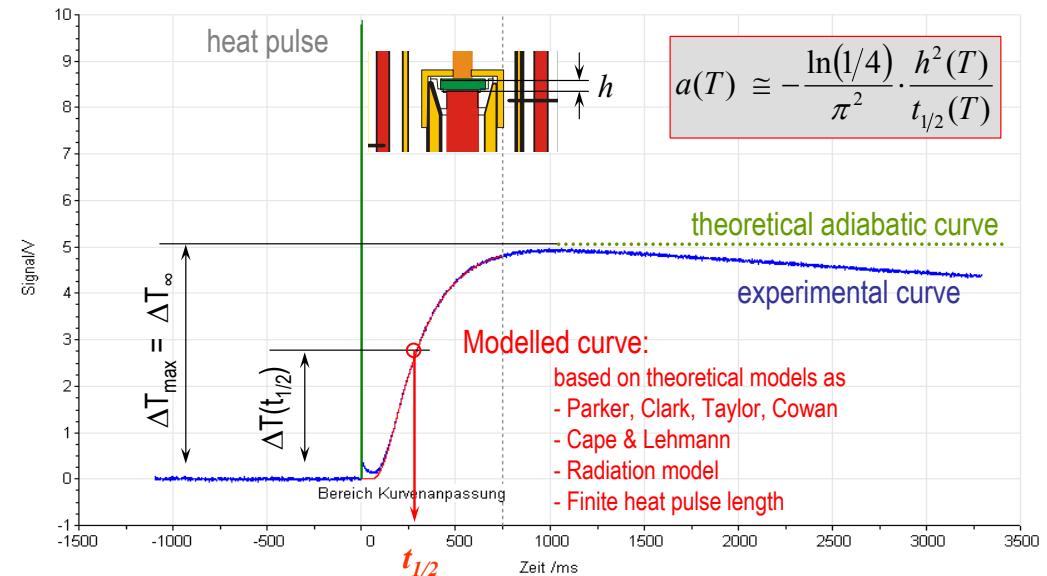
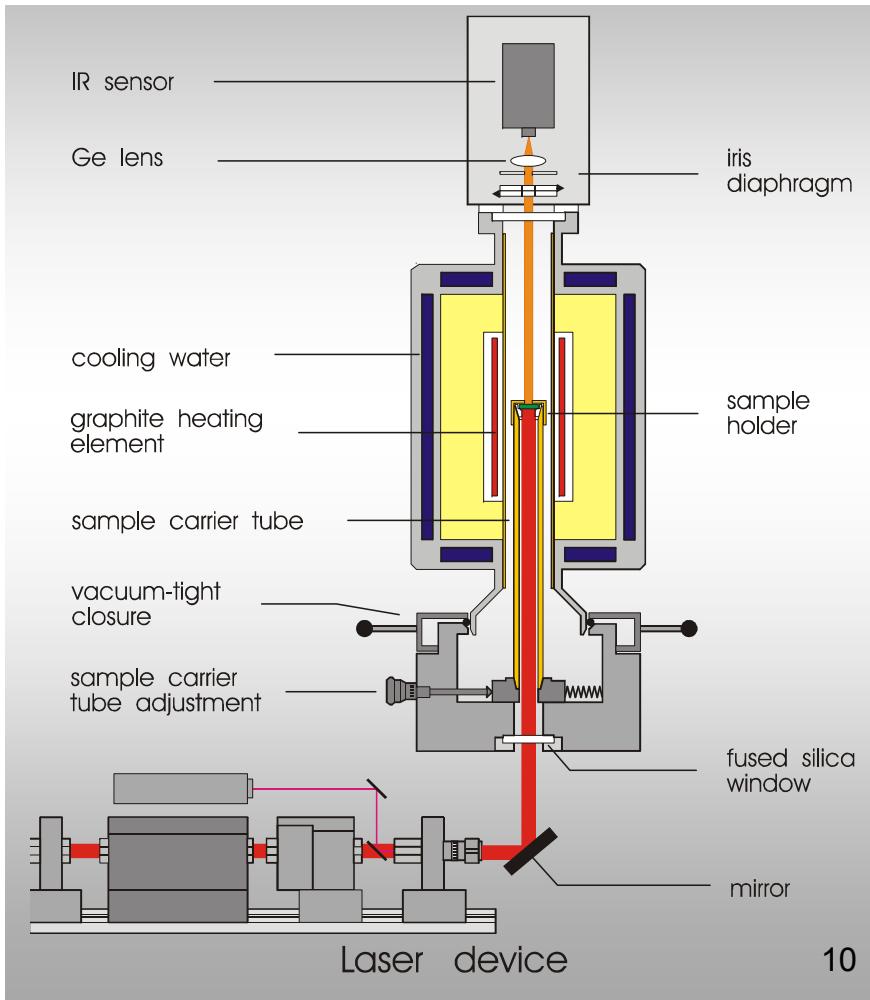
|  | Si    | Diamond | Ge    |
|--|-------|---------|-------|
| $\gamma_{\text{TA}(X)}$ ( <i>TB</i> calc.) | −1.08 | 0.042   |       |
| $\gamma_{\text{TA}(X)}$ (expt.)            | −1.4  |         | −1.53 |
| $\gamma_{\text{TA}(X)}$ [Eq. (10)]         | −1.67 | 0.017   | −1.08 |
| $\gamma_{\text{TA}(L)}$ ( <i>TB</i> calc.) | −1.15 | −0.047  |       |
| $\gamma_{\text{TA}(L)}$ (expt.)            | −1.3  |         | −0.4  |
| $\gamma_{\text{TA}(L)}$ [Eq. (10)]         | −1.54 | −0.060  | −0.77 |

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What does this say about Debye temperatures?

# Transient measurements

## Laser Flash



- Very dependent on surface emissivity
- Terrible sensitivity in nanosystems

# Transient measurements

## Transient electro-thermal technique (TET technique)

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### Thermal characterization of microscale conductive and nonconductive wires using transient electrothermal technique

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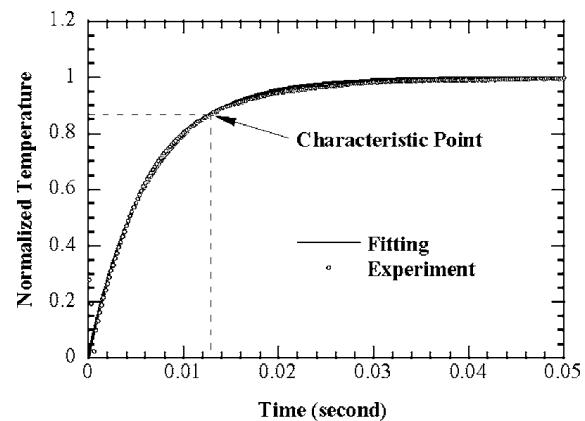
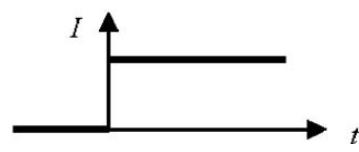
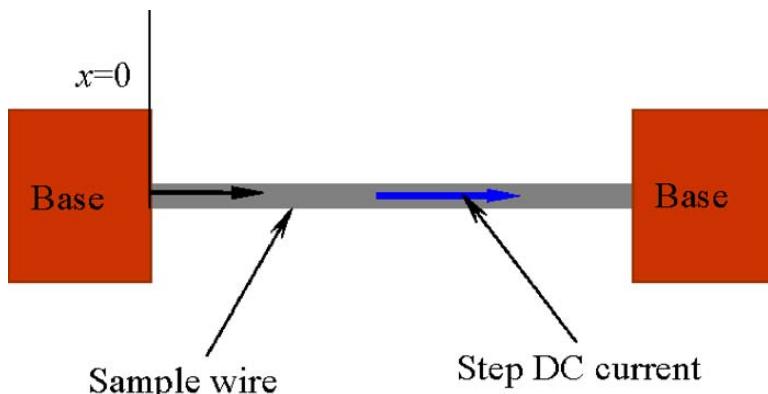


FIG. 5. The normalized temperature vs the theoretical fitting for the SWCNT bundle.

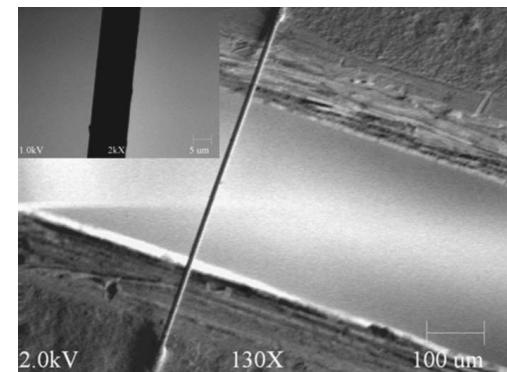
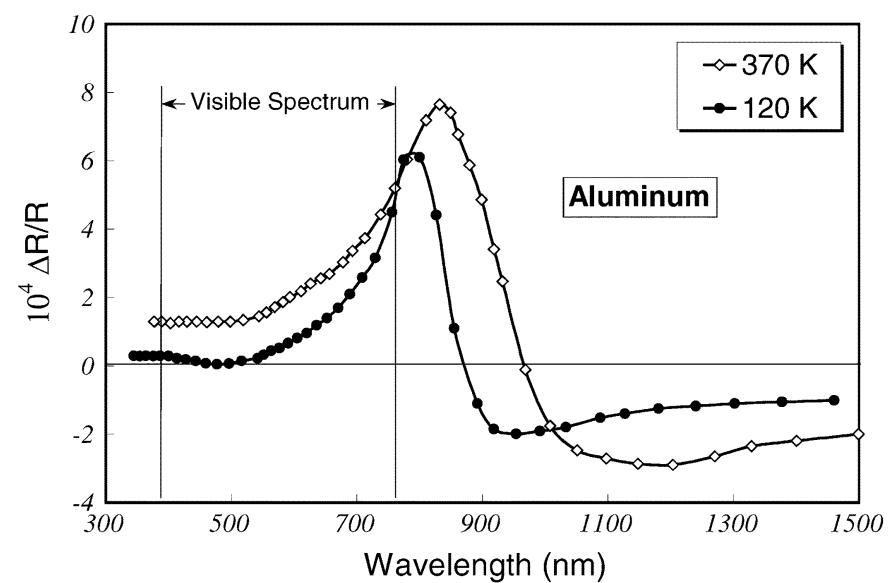
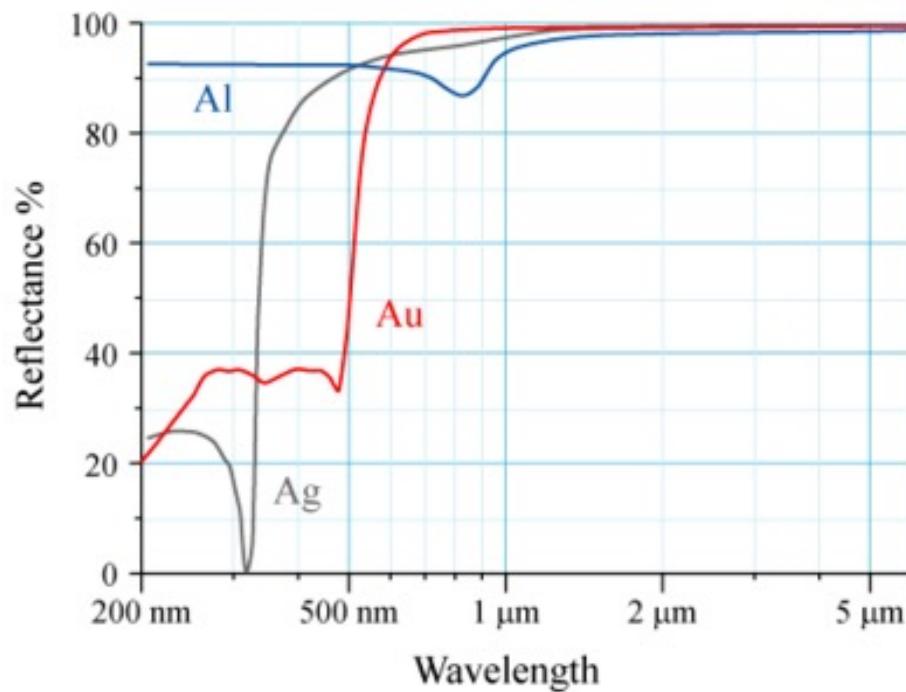


FIG. 6. SEM picture of coated polyester fiber (sample 2).

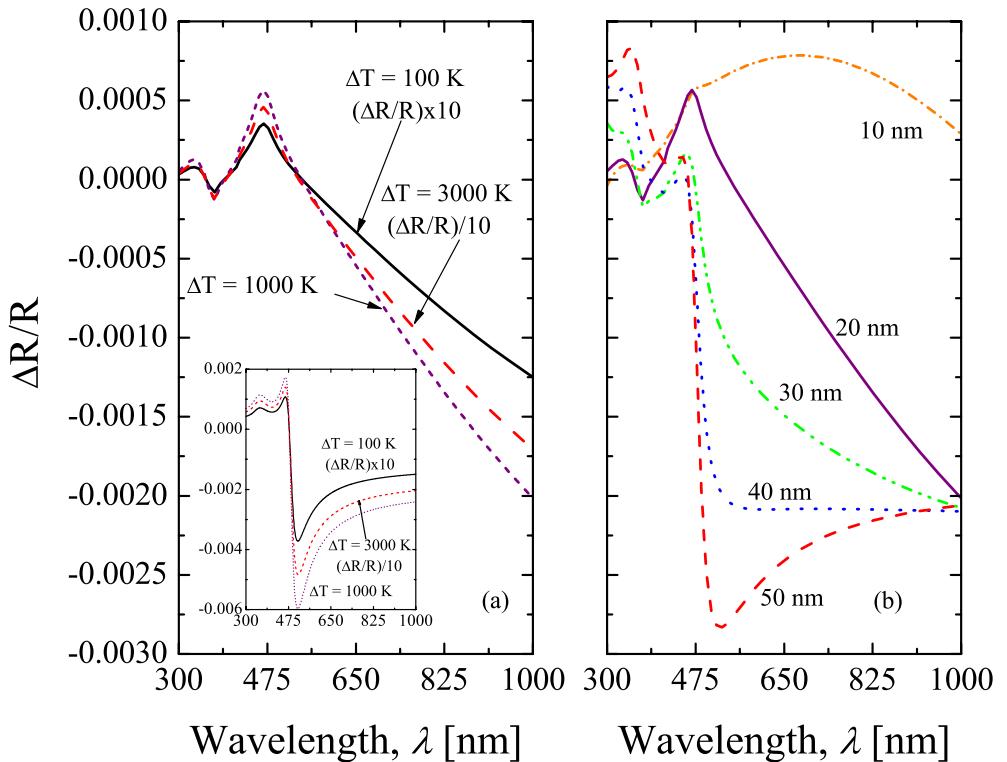
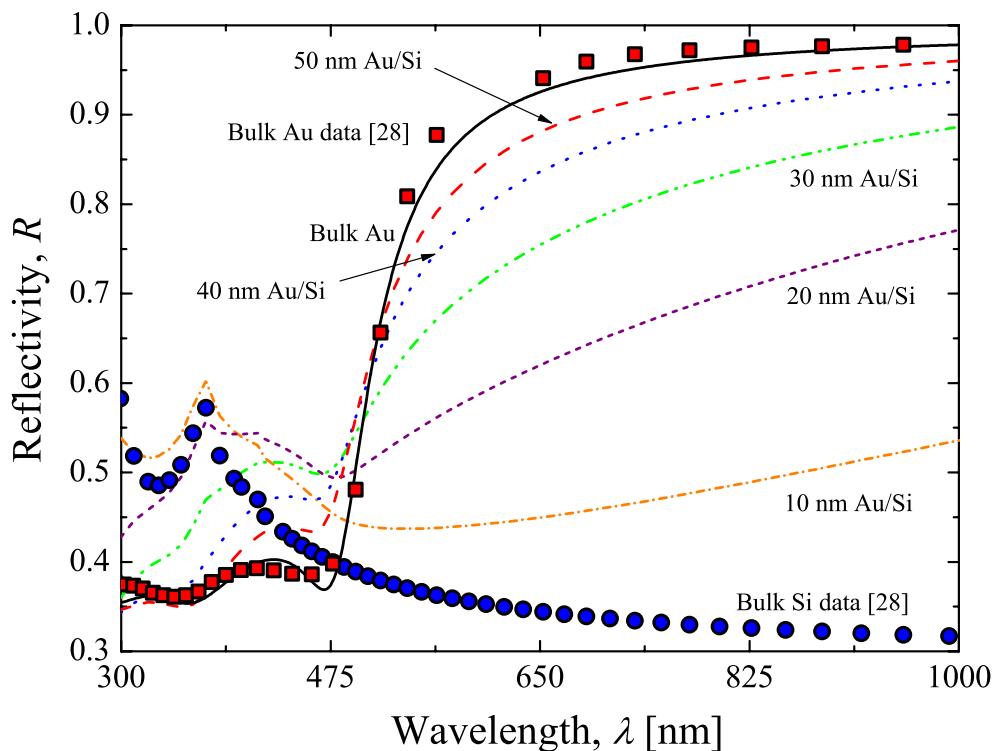
# Transient measurements (optical)

Reflectivity vs. Thermoreflectivity  $\frac{\partial R}{\partial T}$



# Transient measurements (optical)

**Thermoreflectivity**  $\frac{\partial R}{\partial T}$



P. E. Hopkins. Influence of electron-boundary scattering on thermoreflectance calculations after intra- and interband transitions induced by short-pulsed laser absorption. *Physical Review B*, 81:035413, 2010.

# Transient ThermoReflectance (TTR) measurements (optical)

Pump-probe: nanosecond pump

Full relaxation of thermal energy before next pulse arrives

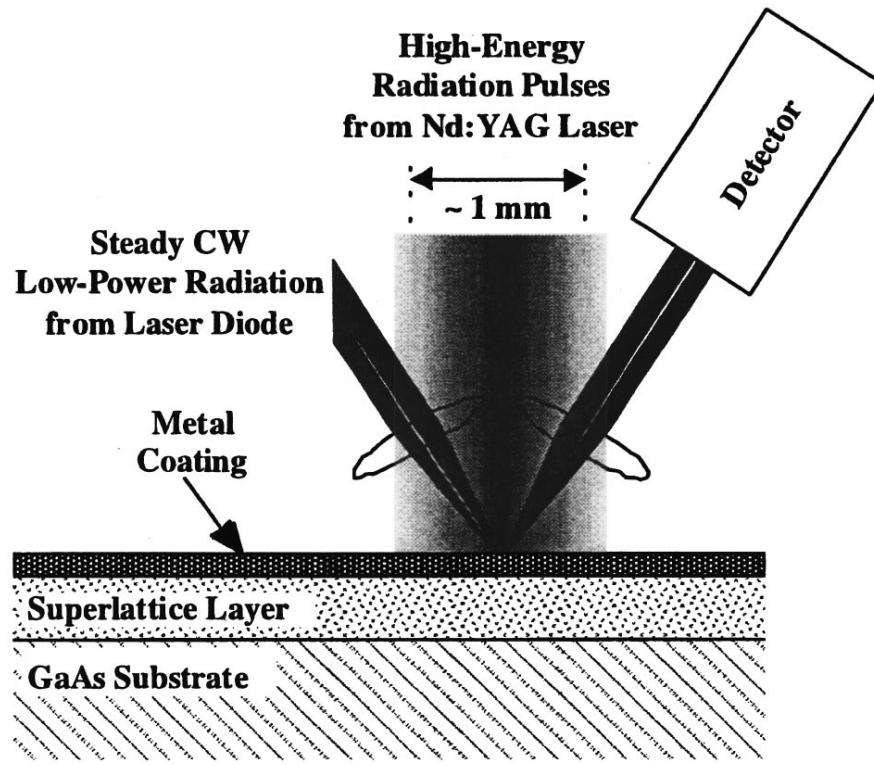


FIG. 1. The thermoreflectance method for measuring the vertical thermal resistance of  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Te}_3/\text{Sb}_2\text{Te}_3$  superlattice layers.

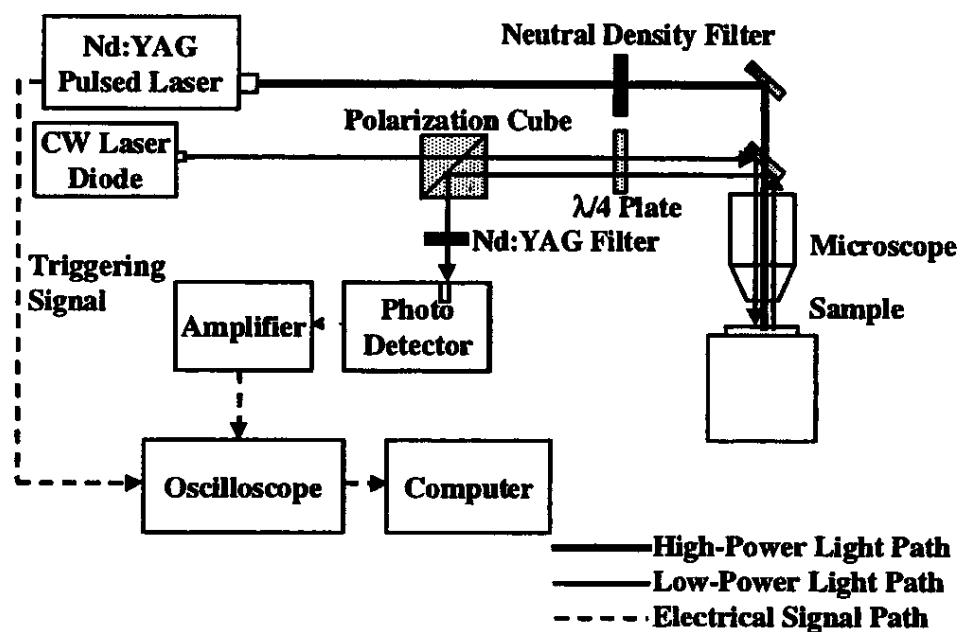
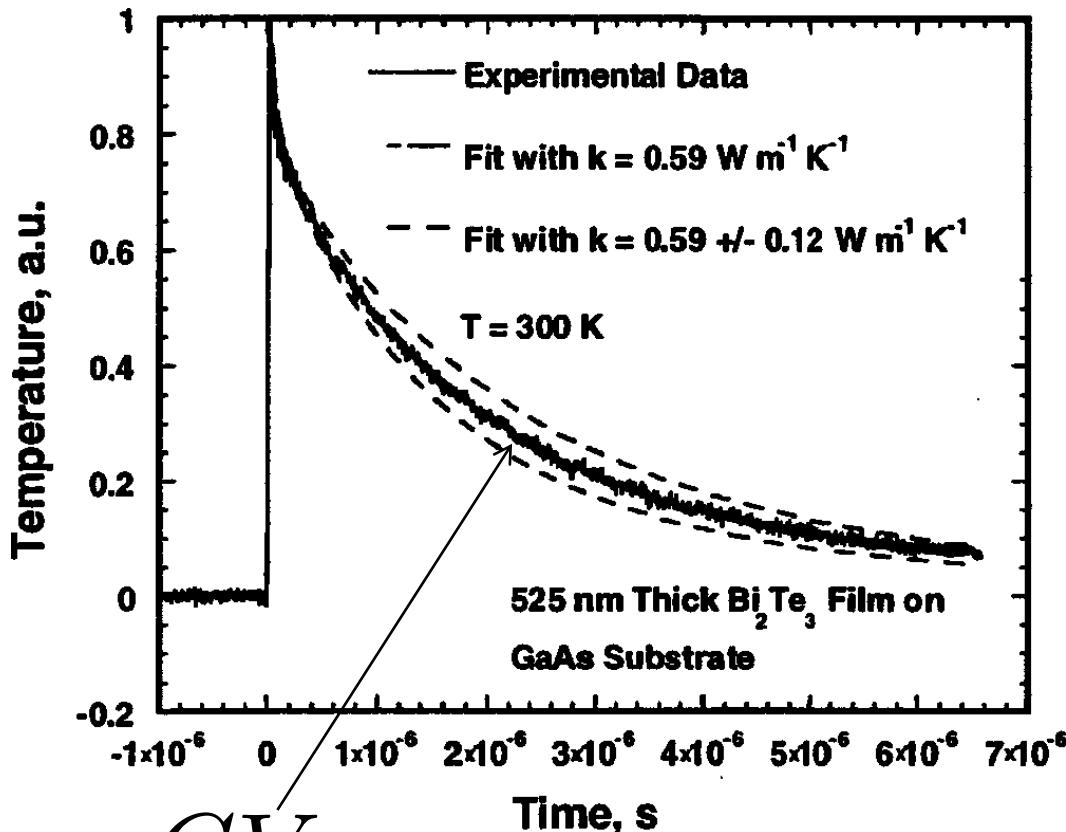


FIG. 2. Diagram describing the paths for radiation and electrical signals in the experimental setup.

M. N. Touzelbaev, P. Zhou, R. Venkatasubramanian, and K. E. Goodson.  
Thermal characterization of  $\text{Bi}_{2/3}\text{Te}_{3/2}/\text{Sb}_{2/3}\text{Te}_{3/2}$  superlattices. *Journal of Applied Physics*, 90:763–767, 2001.

# Transient ThermoReflectance (TTR) measurements (optical)

Pump-probe: nanosecond pump



$$\tau = \frac{CV}{Ah}$$

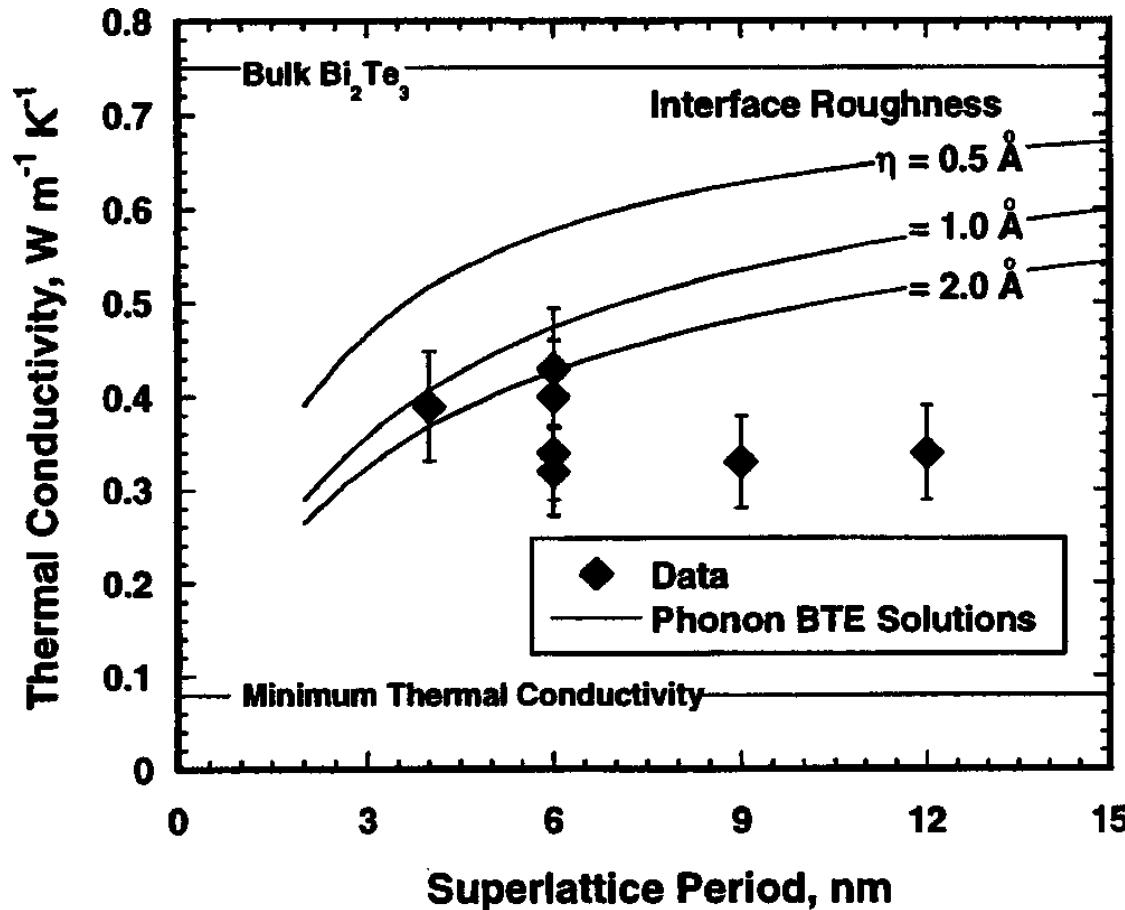
Pump pulse gives heating event, and decay is monitored after heating event. Time of pulse dictates spatial resolution

$$\tau = \frac{\delta^2 C}{\kappa}$$

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{\tau \kappa}{C}}$$

# Transient ThermoReflectance (TTR) measurements (optical)

Pump-probe: nanosecond pump



$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{\tau \kappa}{C}}$$

For low diffusivity materials,  
assuming  $\tau = 1$  ns

$$\delta = 30 \text{ nm}$$

For high diffusivity materials

$$\delta = 300 \text{ nm}$$

BUT – limited by temporal  
processes  $> \tau = 1$  ns

M. N. Touzelbaev, P. Zhou, R. Venkatasubramanian, and K. E. Goodson. Thermal characterization of  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Te}_3/\text{Sb}_2\text{Te}_3$  superlattices. *Journal of Applied Physics*, 90:763–767, 2001.

# Transient ThermoReflectance (TTR) measurements (optical)

Pump-probe: femtosecond pump

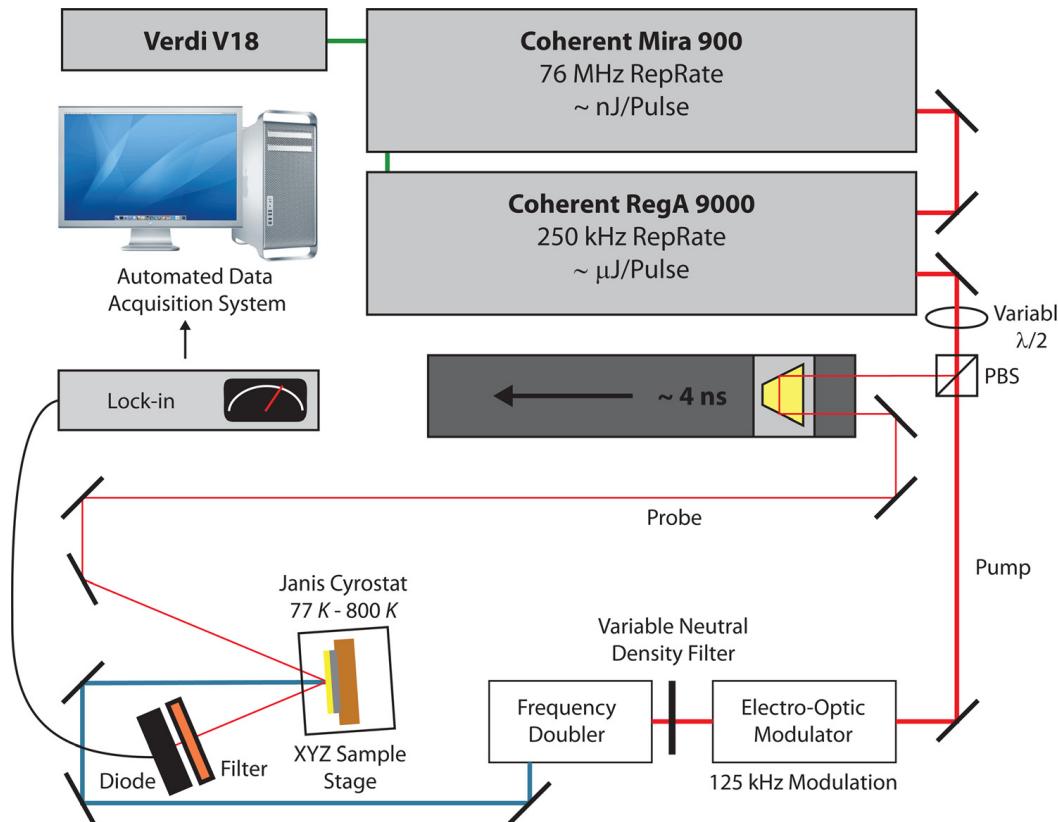


Fig. 2 Schematic of transient thermoreflectance setup at University of Virginia.

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{\tau \kappa}{C}}$$

For low diffusivity materials,  
assuming  $\tau = 100$  fs

$$\delta = 0.3 \text{ nm}$$

For high diffusivity materials

$$\delta = 3.0 \text{ nm}$$

P. M. Norris, J. L. Smoyer, J. C. Duda, and P. E. Hopkins. Prediction and measurement of thermal transport across interfaces between isotropic solids and graphitic materials. *Journal of Heat Transfer*, 134:020910, 2012.

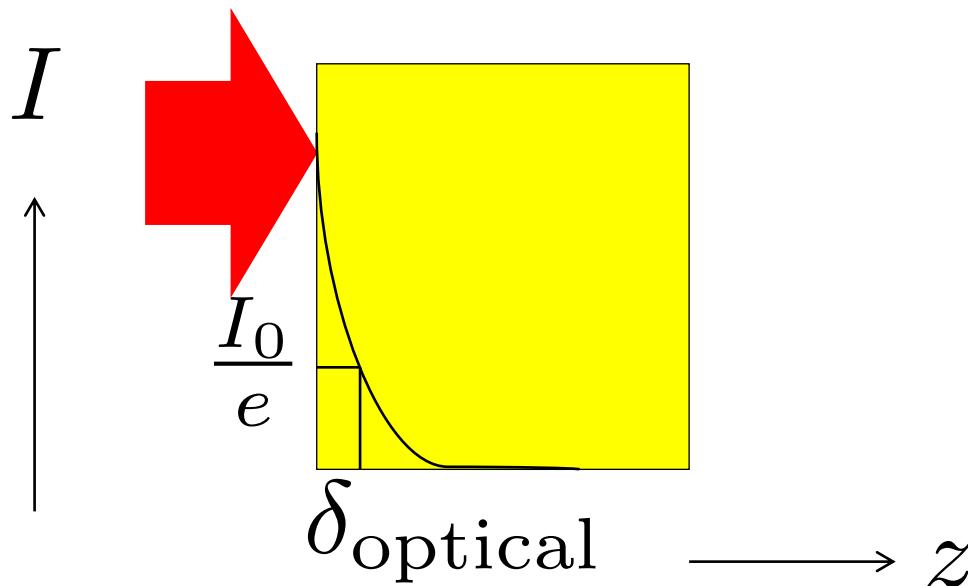
# Transient ThermoReflectance (TTR) measurements (optical)

Pump-probe: femtosecond pump

In this case, spatial resolution limited by optical penetration depth of metal

FANTASTIC temporal resolution (limited by pulse width)

$$\delta_{\text{optical}} = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi k}$$



Pulse absorption ( $\sim 100$  fs)

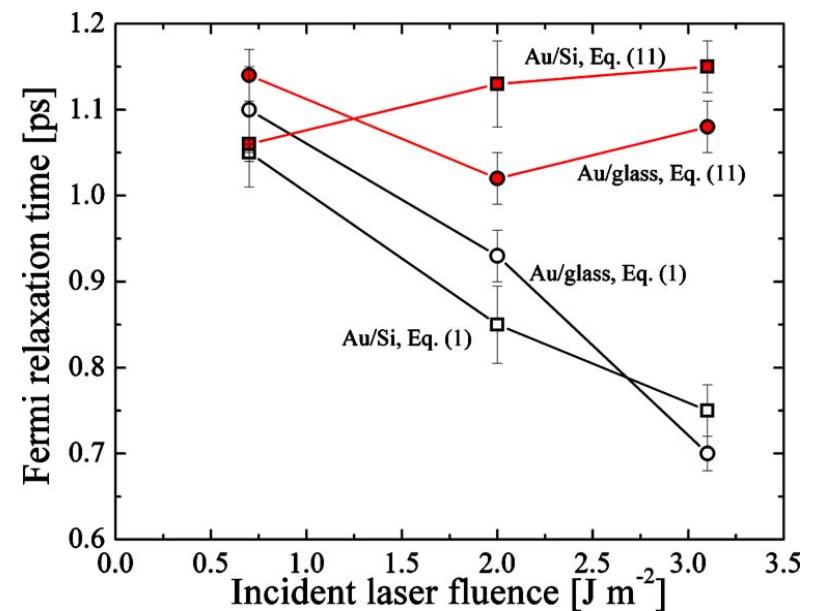
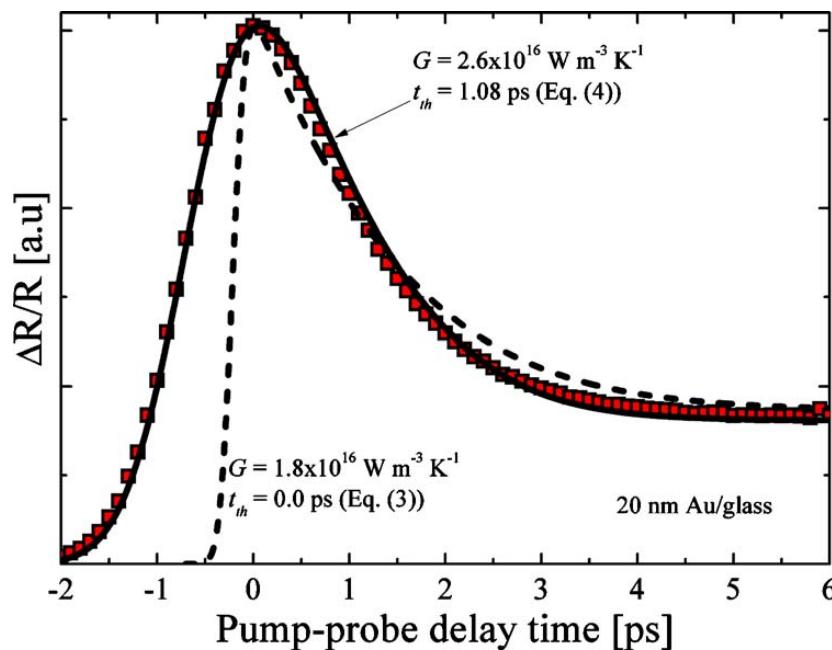
↓  
Fermi relaxation and ballistic transport (few hundred fs)

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Electron-phonon coupling (a few ps)

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Thermal diffusion (hundreds of ps to ns)

# Transient ThermoReflectance (TTR) measurements (optical)

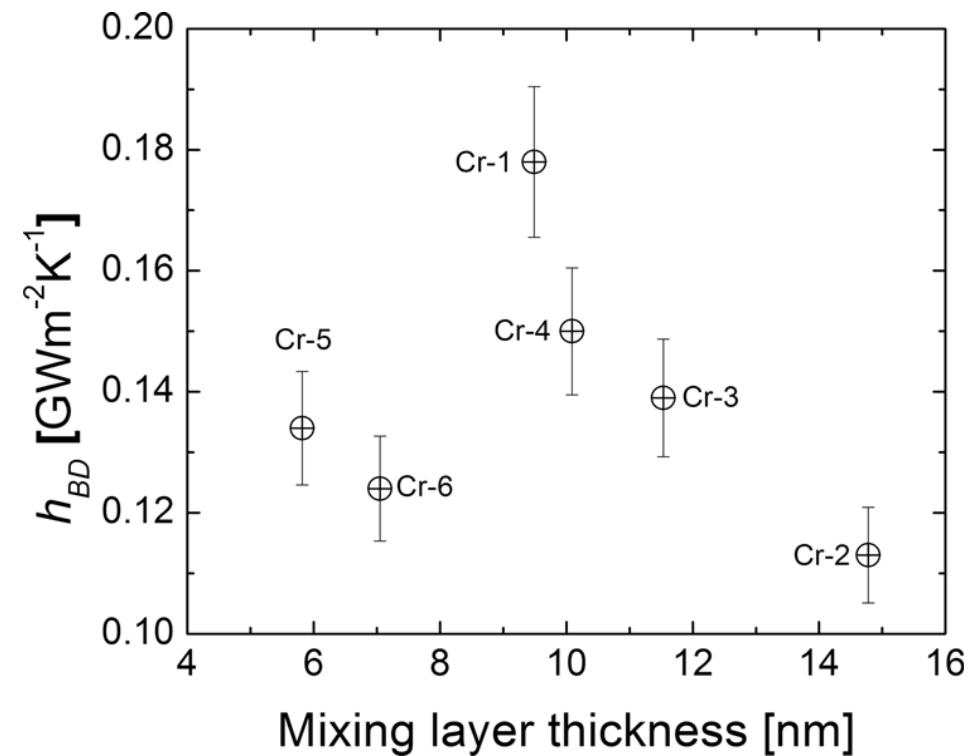
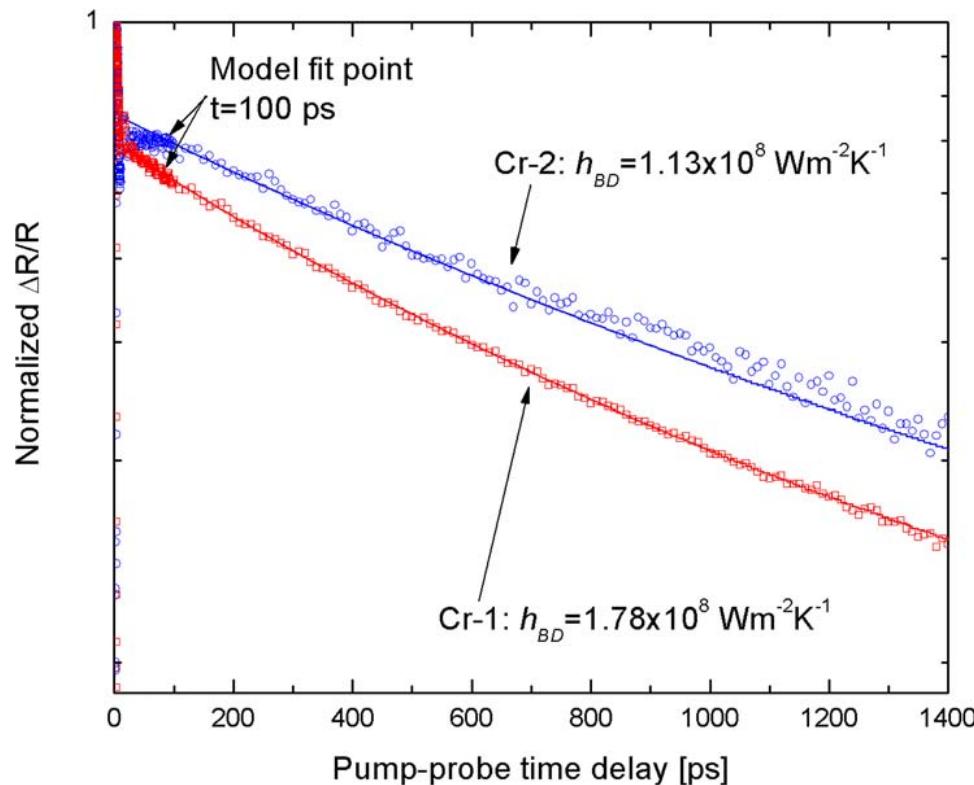
Pump-probe: femtosecond pump



P. E. Hopkins, L. M. Phinney, and J. R. Serrano. Reexamining electron-fermi relaxation in gold films with a nonlinear thermoreflectance model. *Journal of Heat Transfer*, 133:044505, 2011

# Transient ThermoReflectance (TTR) measurements (optical)

Pump-probe: femtosecond pump



P. E. Hopkins, P. M. Norris, R. J. Stevens, T. Beechem, and S. Graham.  
Influence of interfacial mixing on thermal boundary conductance  
across a chromium/silicon interface. *Journal of Heat Transfer*,  
130:062402, 2008.

# Overview: Methods for testing $\kappa$ of thin films

- **Steady State resistivity approaches**
  - No variation in time (“Fourier Law”)
- **Transient reflectivity and optical methods**
  - Time dependent (“The heat eq. w/ impulse response”)
- **Modulated methods (“The heat eq. w/ frequency dep. source”)**
  - $3\omega$
  - **Thermoreflectance-based techniques**
    - FDTR
    - TDTR

# Steady state vs. transient vs. periodic

**Steady state = The Fourier Law**

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

**Transient = The Heat Equation**

$$\rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \kappa \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} + q(t)$$

Heat capacity  
enters the  
picture

The source  
term can make  
 $q(t)$  vs.  $q(t, \omega)$   
a difference

If source term is periodic (and not “single shot, or instantaneous), then you get a modulated temperature on your samples surface

- 1) This yields both steady state and transient components
- 2) Makes data analysis easier since you can work in frequency domain

# Periodic measurements

What separates periodic measurements from everything else????

$$\delta_{\text{thermal}} = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{\pi f C}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\kappa}{\omega C}}$$

Thermal penetration depth

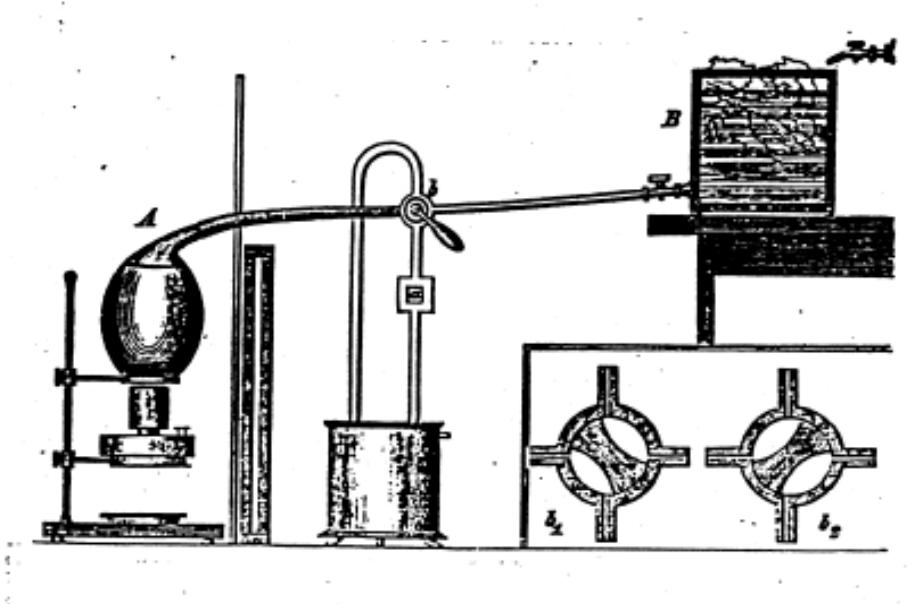
# Angstrom method

Used fixed temperature boundary conditions

$$T(x = 0) = 0^\circ\text{C} \quad 0 < t < \Gamma/2$$

$$T(x = 0) = 100^\circ\text{C} \quad \Gamma/2 < t < \Gamma$$

where  $\Gamma$  is the period of temperature oscillations produced by alternating flow of ice water and steam



Frequency dependent temperature rise leads to temperature fluctuation at end of sample with some phase lag based on RC

# Modified Angstrom method

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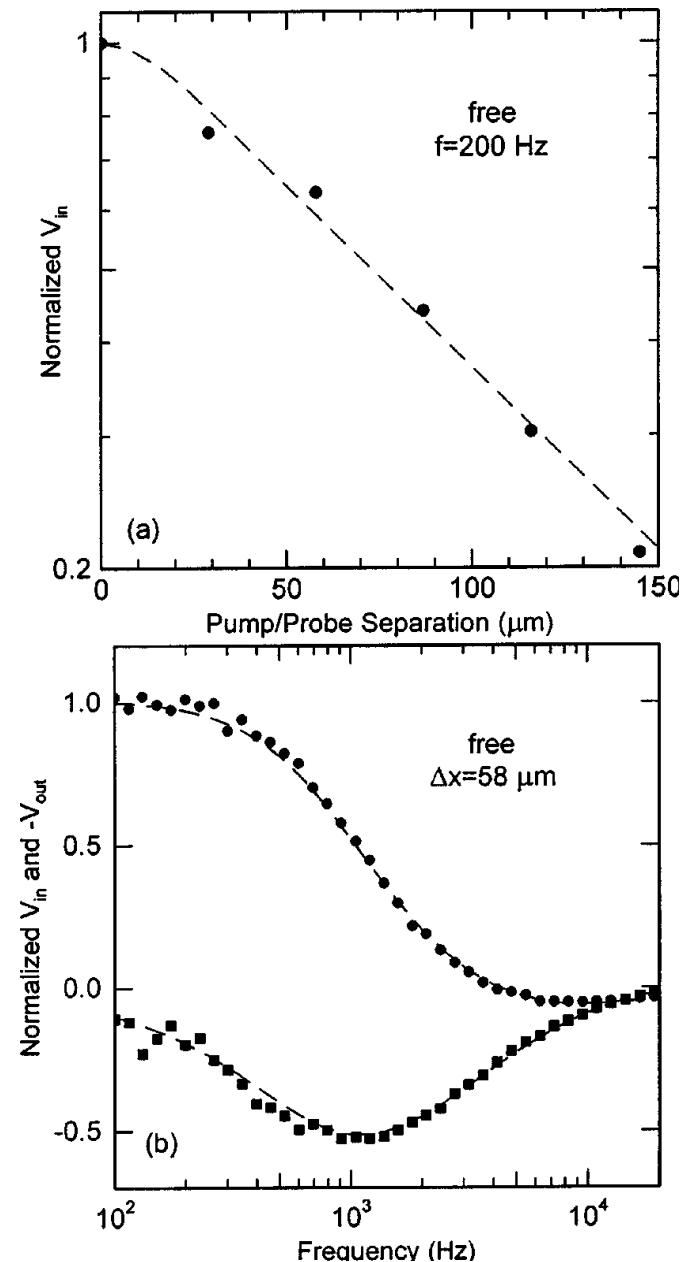
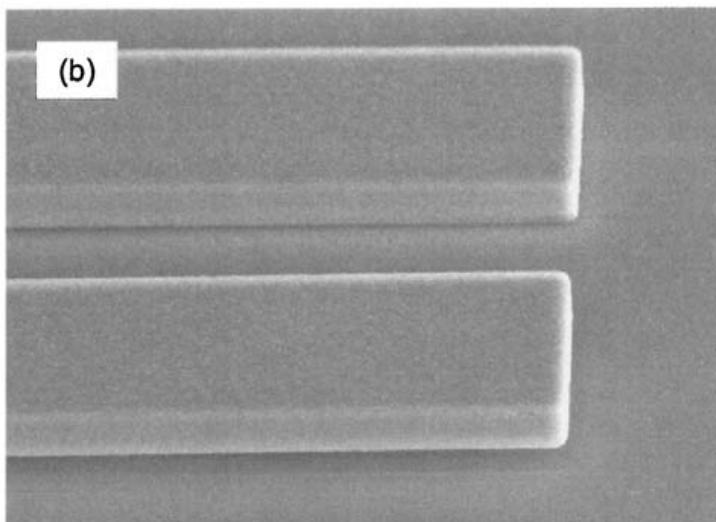
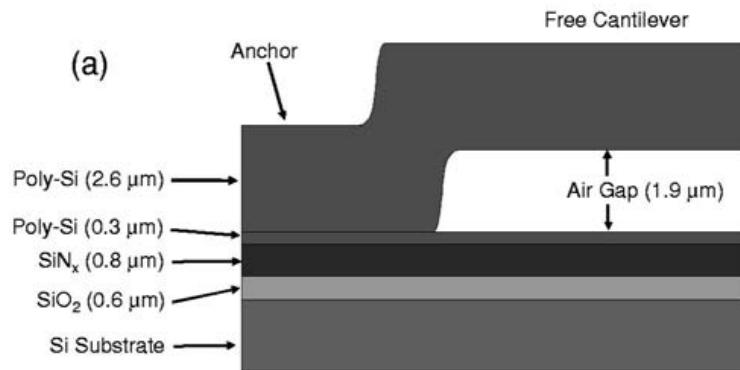
## Thermal contact conductance of adhered microcantilevers

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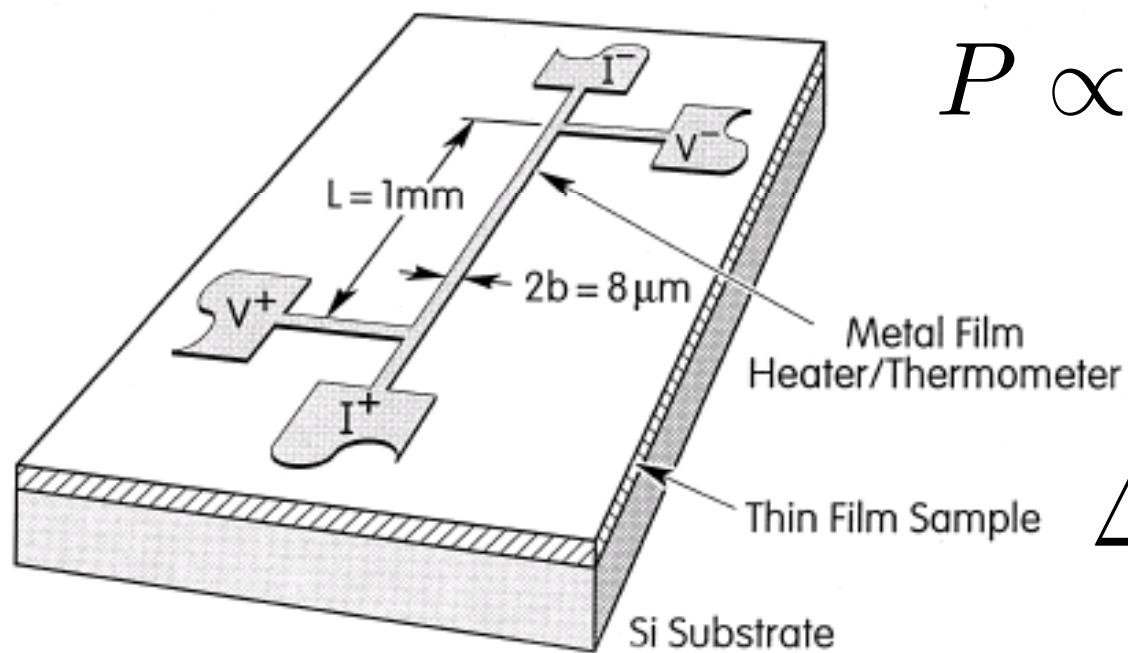


# $3\omega$ technique

Uses single metal film for heater/thermometer  
(Birge, 1987); (Cahill, 1990).

$$I \propto \exp [i\omega t]$$

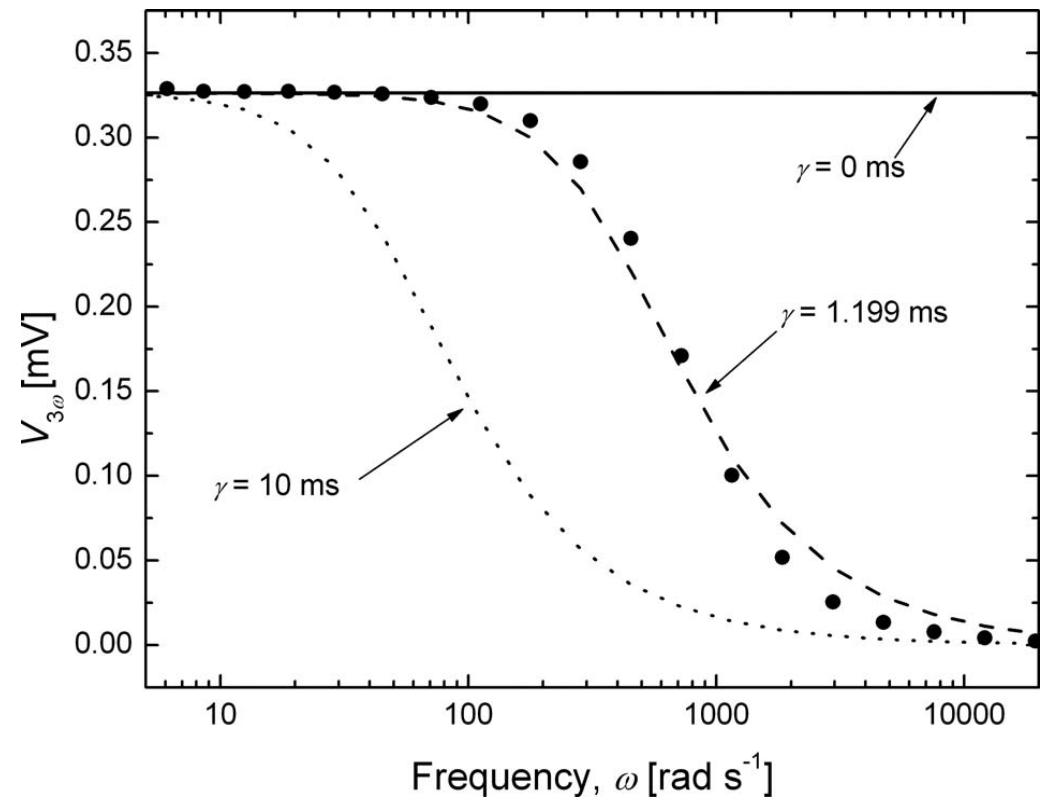
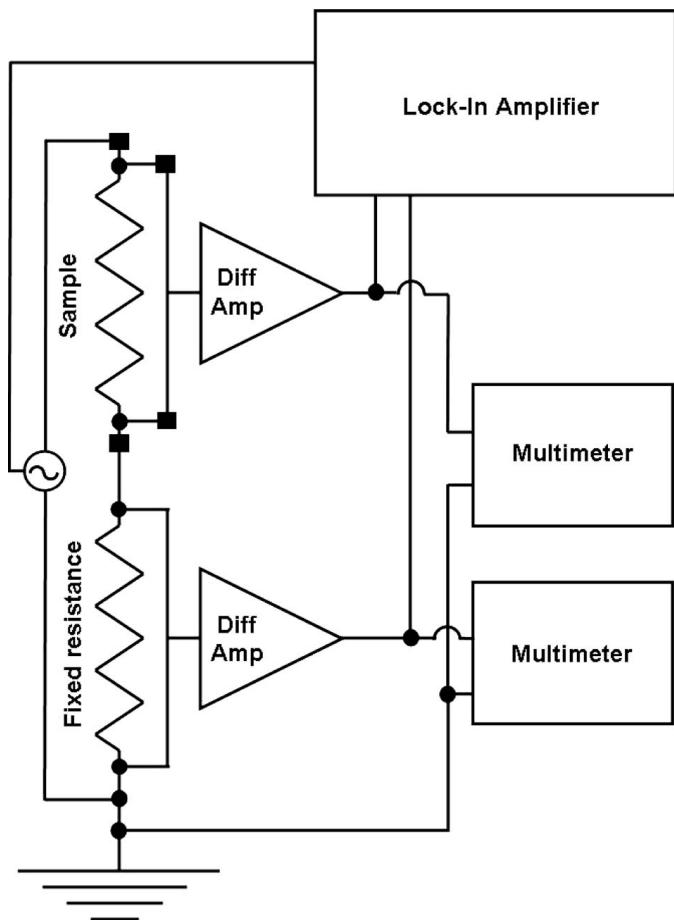
$$P \propto \Delta T \propto \exp [i2\omega t]$$



$$\Delta R \propto \exp [i2\omega t]$$

$$\Delta V = I \Delta R \propto \exp [i3\omega t]$$

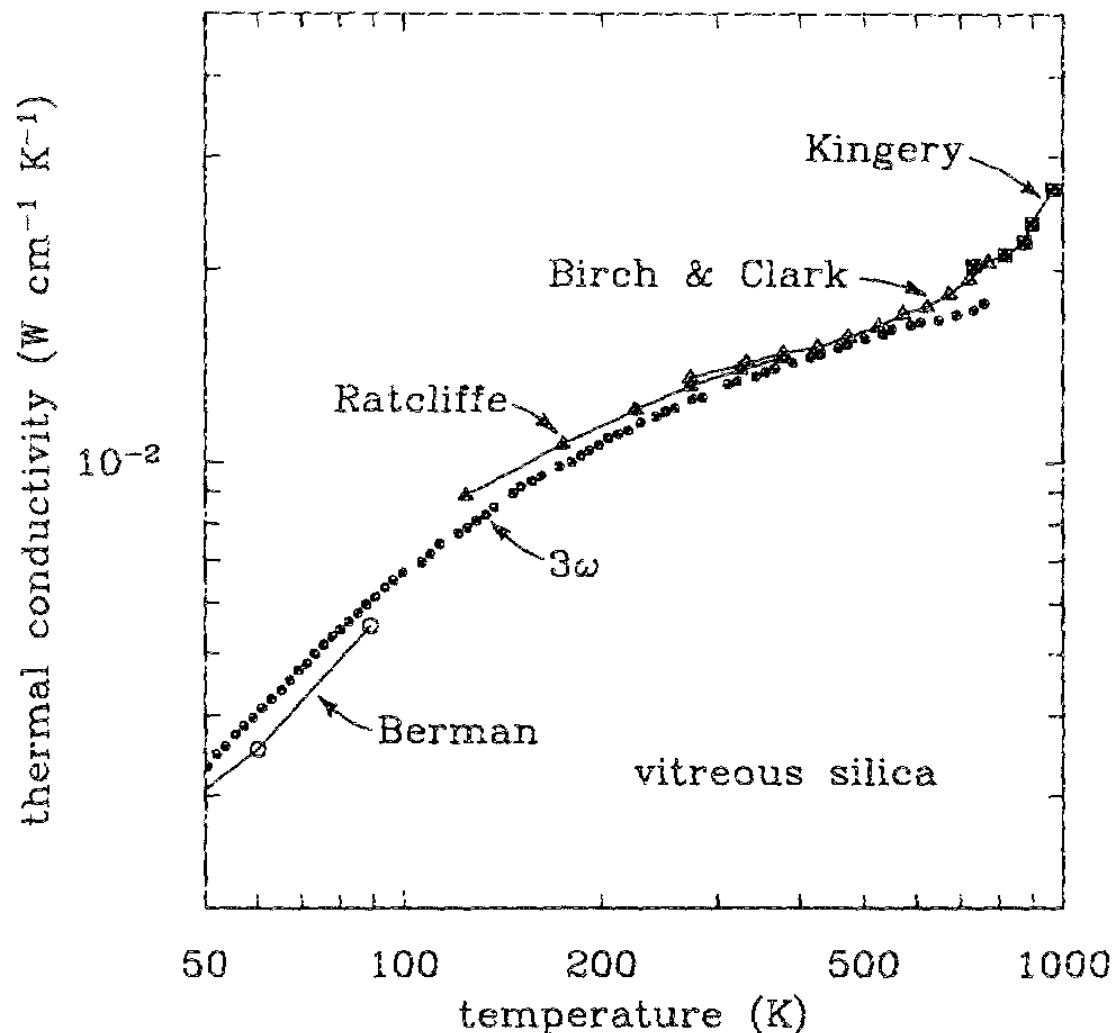
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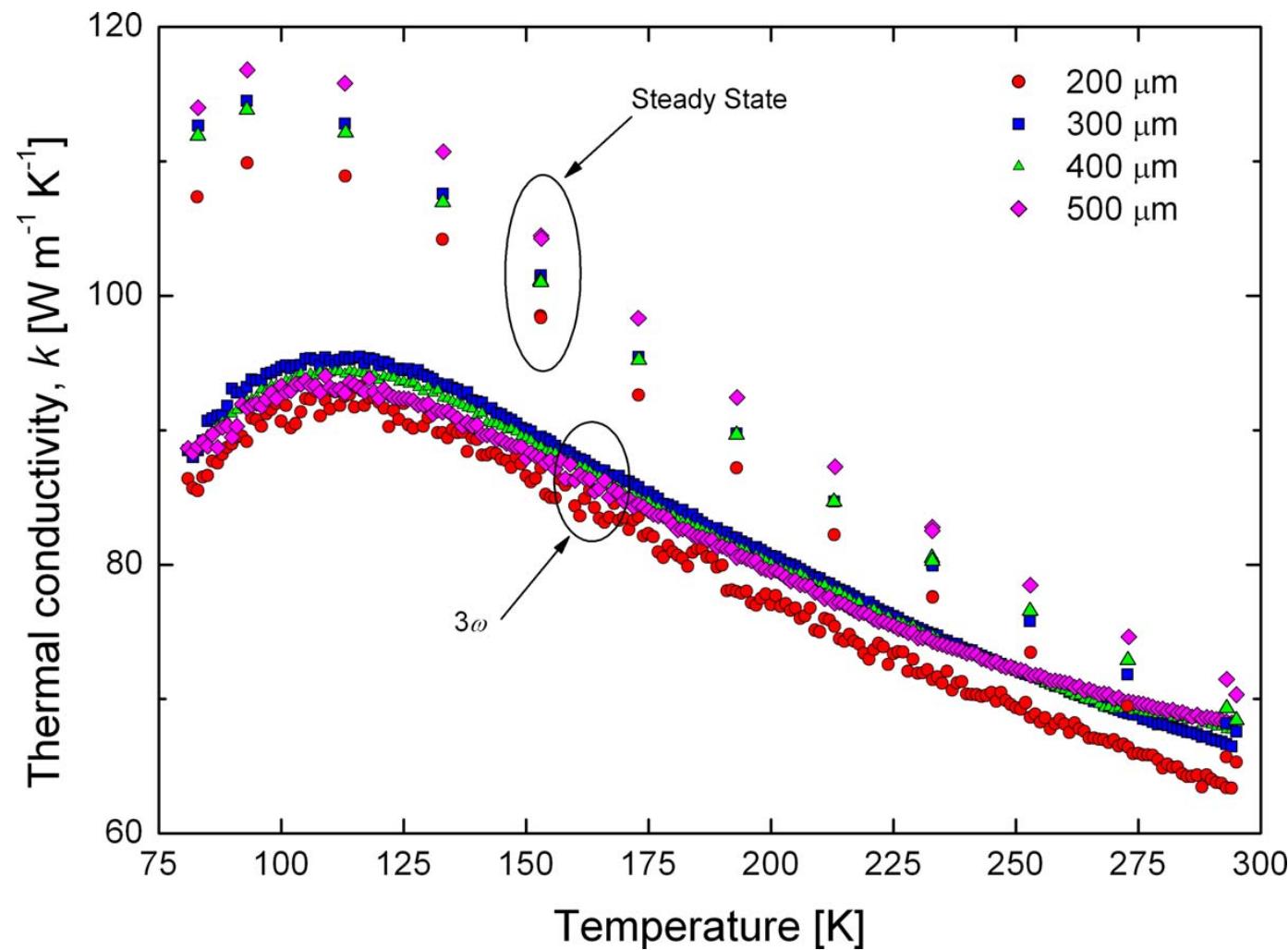
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D. G. Cahill. Thermal conductivity measurement from 30 to 750 K: The  $3\omega$  method. *Review of Scientific Instruments*, 61:802–808, 1990.

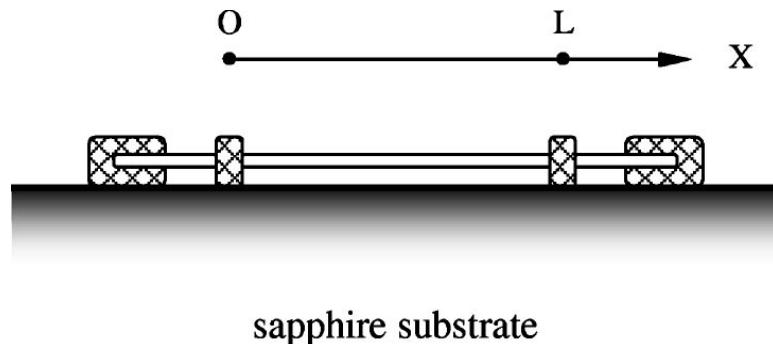
# $3\omega$ vs. steady state



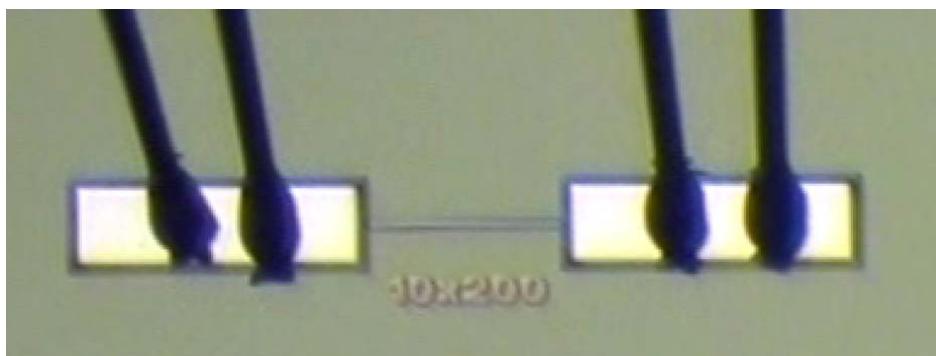
What could differences be caused by?

# Frequency-domain measurements of $\kappa$ in thin films

## $3\omega$ technique – been used extensively for thin films, including suspended films and nanostructures



L. Lu, W. Yi, and D. L. Zhang. 3 omega method for specific heat and thermal conductivity measurements. **Review of Scientific Instruments**, 72(7):2996–3003, 2001.



P. E. Hopkins and L. M. Phinney. Thermal conductivity measurements on polycrystalline silicon micro-bridges using the 3w technique.

**Journal of Heat Transfer**, 131:043201, 2009.

### Review of electrical resistivity-based thermal conductivity measurement techniques for nanosystems

#### CHAPTER 2

#### MEASURING THE THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY OF THIN FILMS: 3 OMEGA AND RELATED ELECTROTHERMAL METHODS

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C. Dames. Measuring the thermal conductivity of thin films: 3 omega and related electrothermal methods. **Annual Review of Heat Transfer**, 16:7–49, 2013.

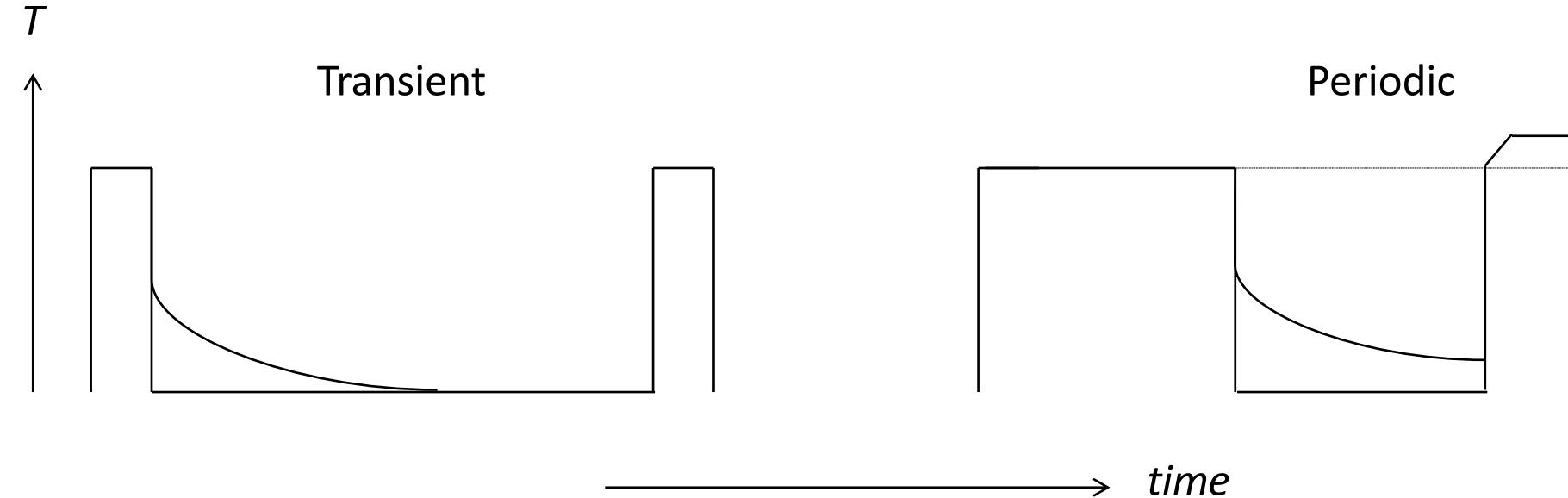
# What about optical periodic heating techniques?

$$q(t) \text{ vs. } q(t, \omega)$$

If source term is periodic (and not “single shot, or instantaneous), then you get a modulated temperature on your samples surface

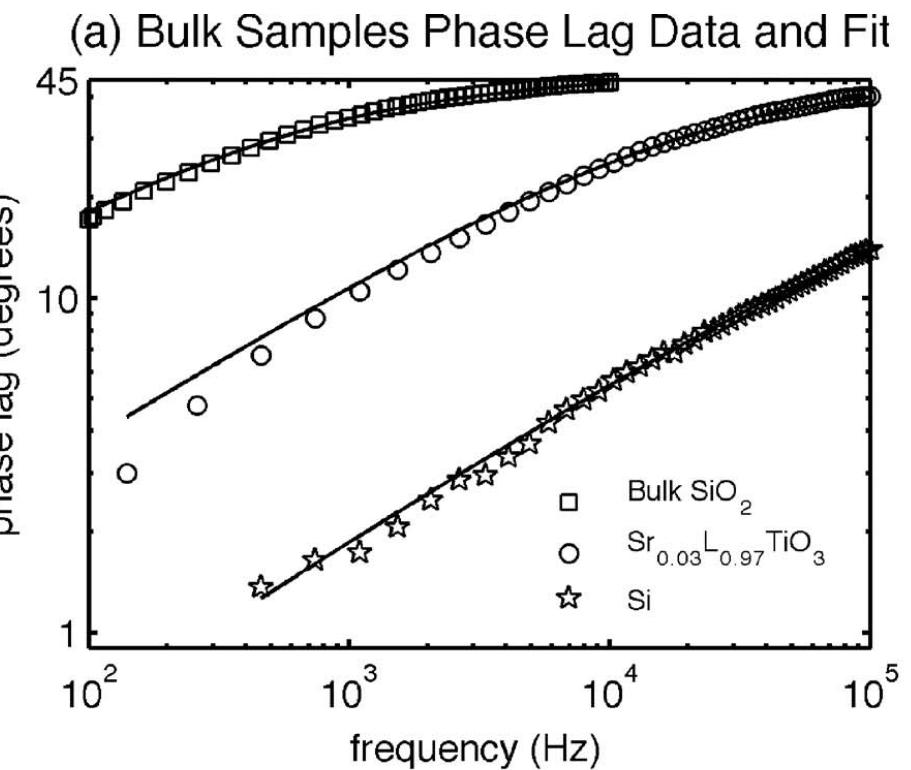
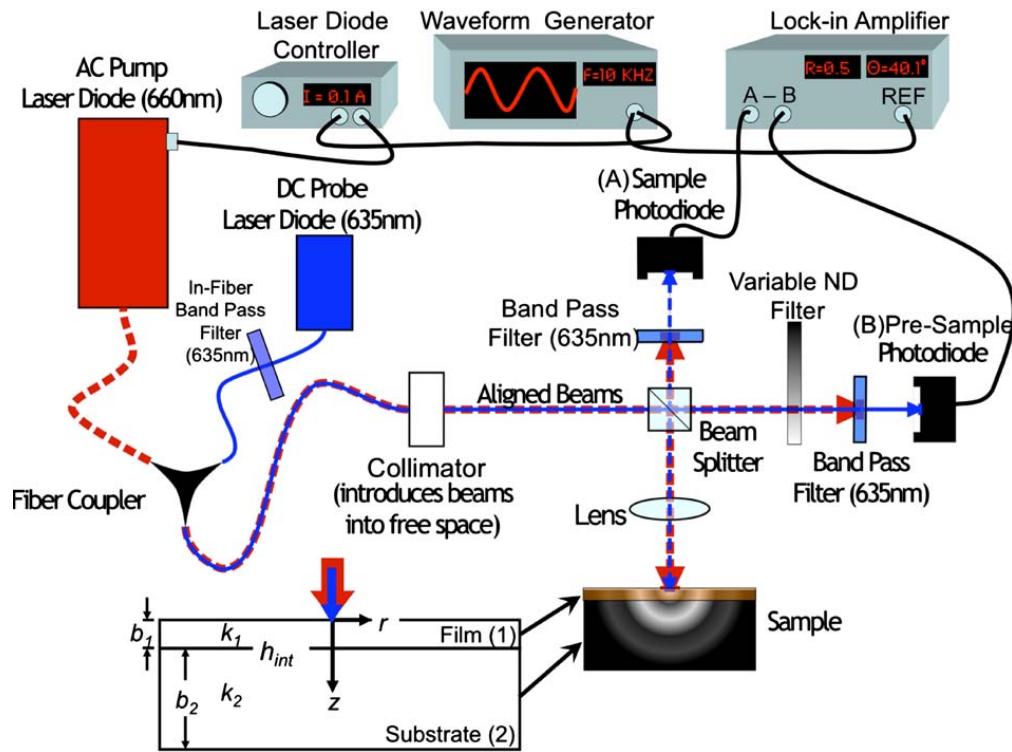
**THE KEY IS THE DUTY CYCLE!!!!**

**NEED HEATING EVENT TO BE “FELT” BY NEXT HEATING EVENT**



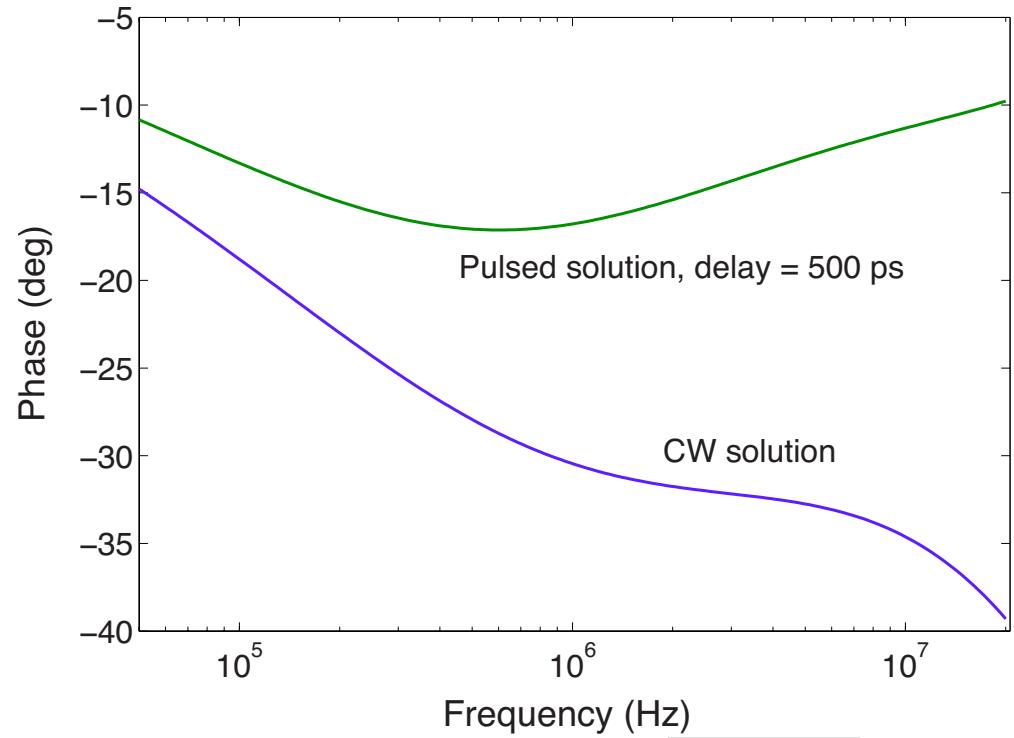
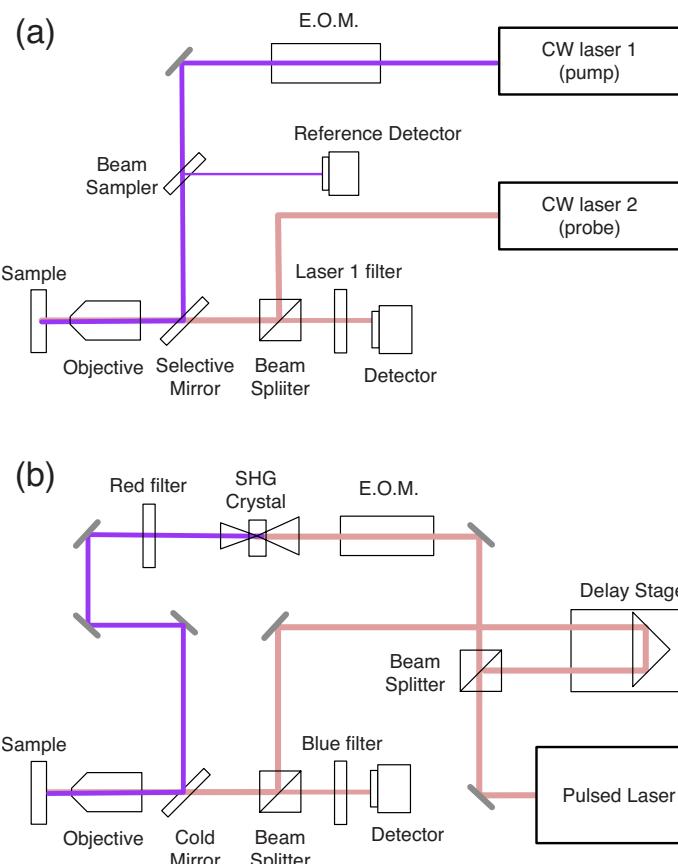
# CW-Frequency domain thermoreflectance

## (a) Experimental Setup



J. A. Malen, K. Baheti, T. Tong, Y. Zhao, J. A. Hudgings, and A. Majumdar. Optical measurement of thermal conductivity using fiber aligned frequency domain thermoreflectance. *Journal of Heat Transfer*, 133(8):081601, 2011.

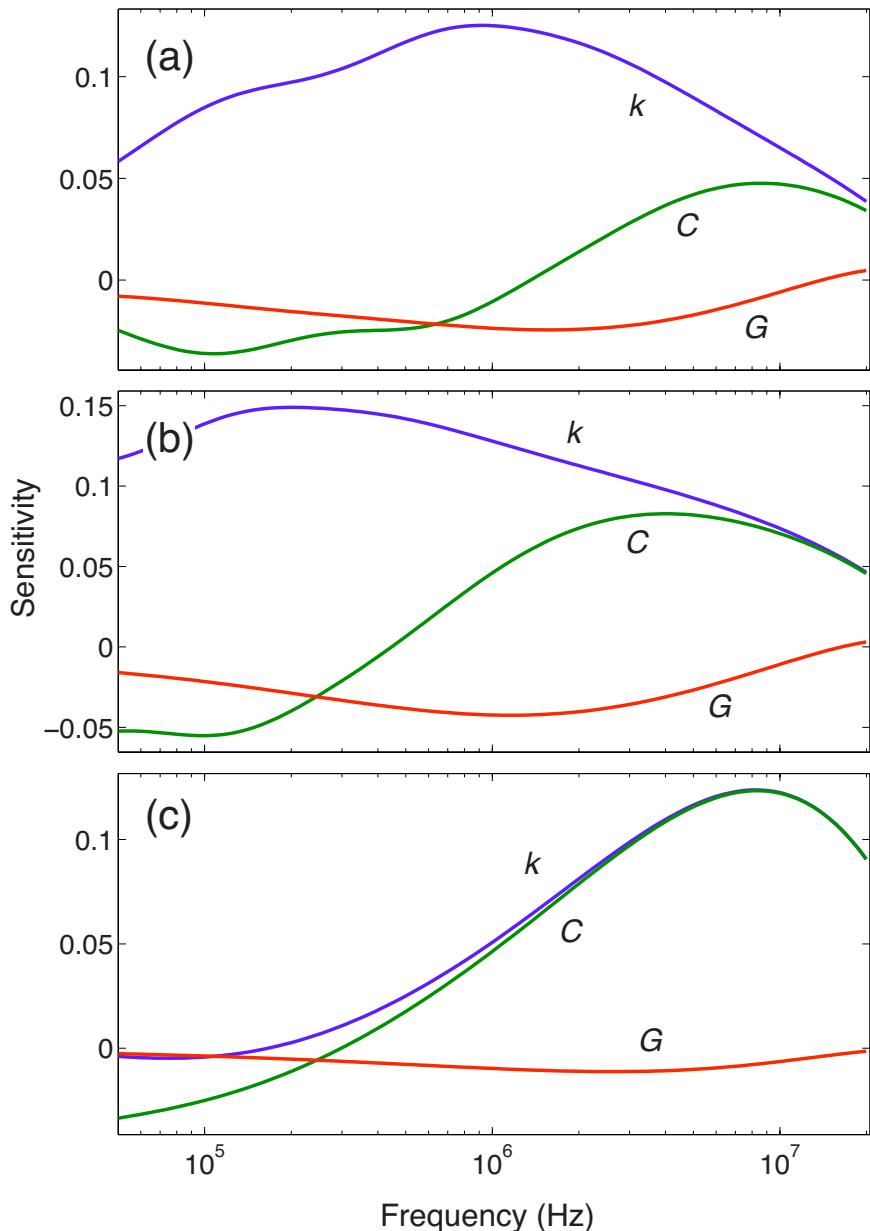
# FDTR – cw vs. pulsed



$$\delta_{\text{CW}} = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{\pi f C}}$$

$$\delta_{\text{pulsed}} \propto \sqrt{\tau \frac{\kappa}{C}}$$

# FDTR – pulsed



$$D = \frac{\kappa}{C} \quad E = \sqrt{\kappa C}$$

Silicon

**Where are the diffusivity and effusivity regimes?**

Sapphire

**In what materials can you accurately determine both  $C$  and  $\kappa$ ?**

Pyrex ( $\text{SiO}_2$ )

A. J. Schmidt, R. Cheaito, and M. Chiesa. A frequency-domain thermoreflectance method for the characterization of thermal properties. *Review of Scientific Instruments*, 80:094901, 2009.

# FDTR – pulsed

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## Characterization of thin metal films via frequency-domain thermoreflectance

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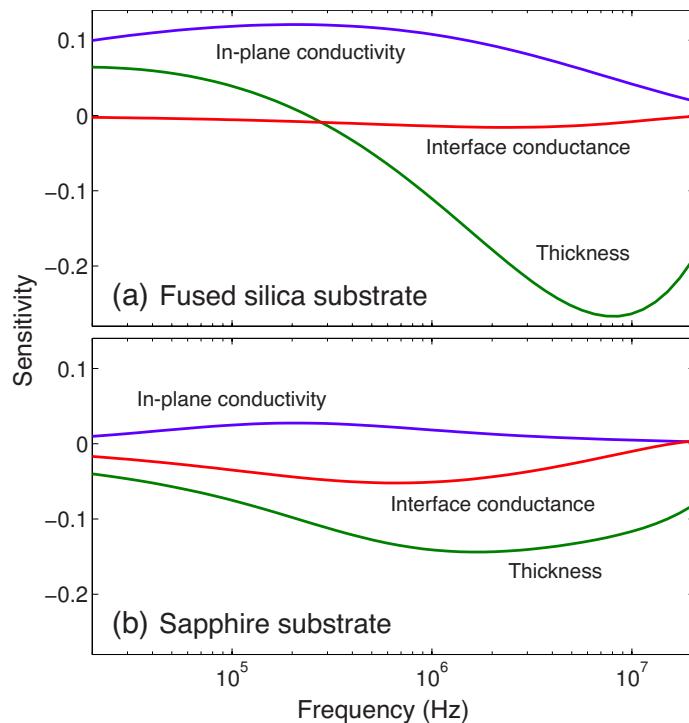


FIG. 5. (Color online) (a) The sensitivity parameter, Eq. (5), for in-plane thermal conductivity, metal-substrate boundary conductance, and metal thickness, for a sample consisting of an 80 nm film of Au deposited on a fused silica substrate. (b) The same sensitivities, calculated for a sapphire substrate. The phase angle in Eq. (5) is taken in radians.

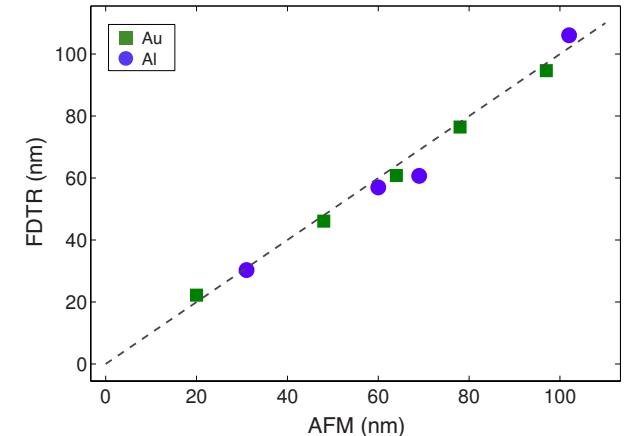


FIG. 3. (Color online) Film thickness data obtained for Au and Al films on fused silica substrates. The ordinate is the thickness determined from AFM cross sections while the abscissa is the FDTR value. Error bars based on two standard deviations are approximately the size of the symbols used.

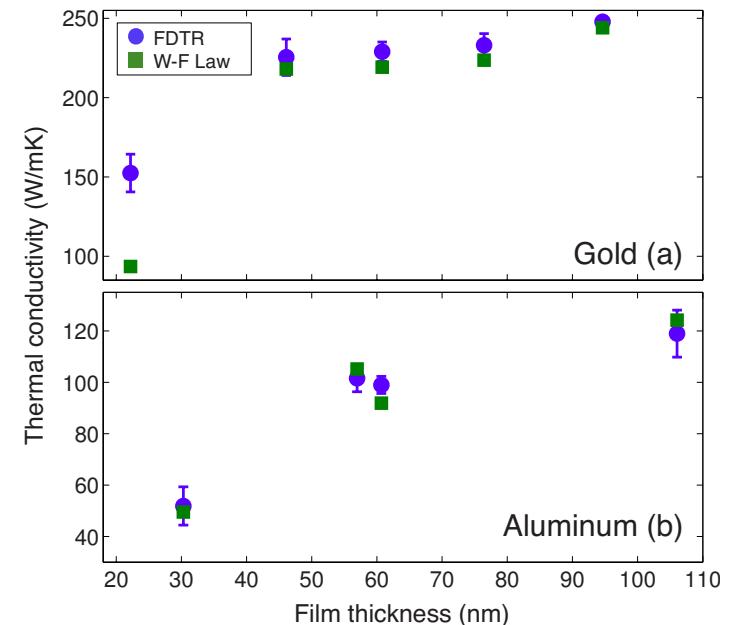
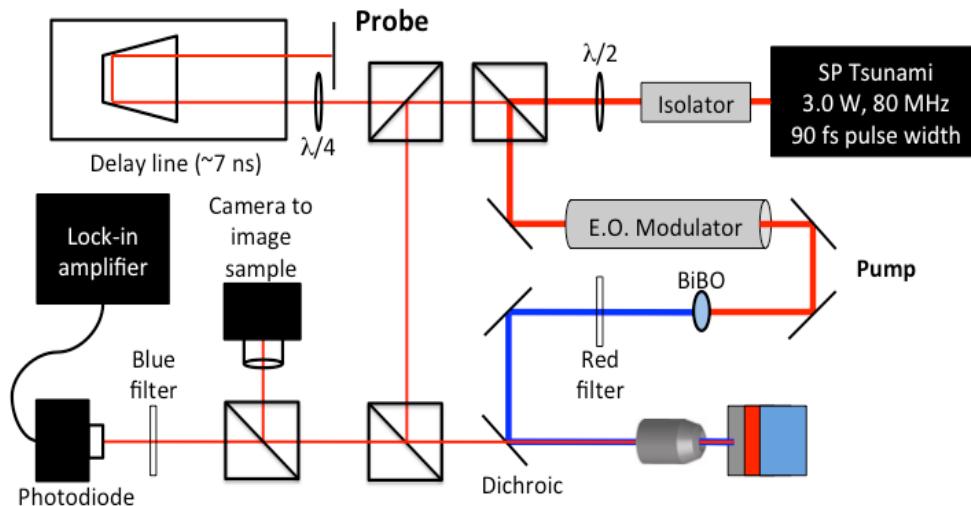


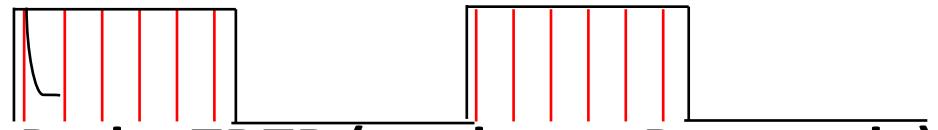
FIG. 4. (Color online) Thermal conductivity data obtained for (a) Au and (b) Al films on fused silica substrates. Circles are values obtained with the FDTR method, while the squares are values computed from electrical conductivity measurements using the WF law.

# Can we achieve transient AND periodic thermometry?

## Time domain thermoreflectance



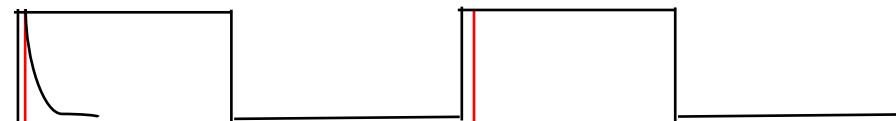
Probe TDTR



Probe TDTR (moderate Duty cycle)

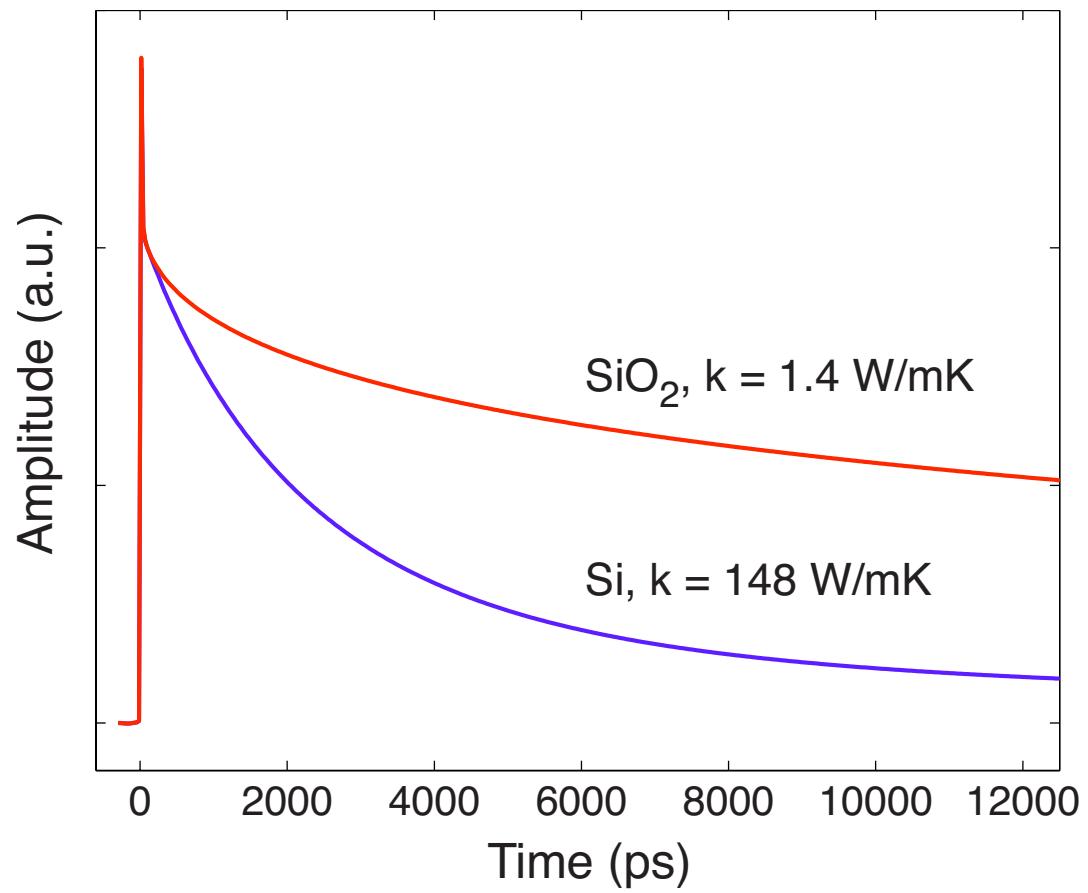
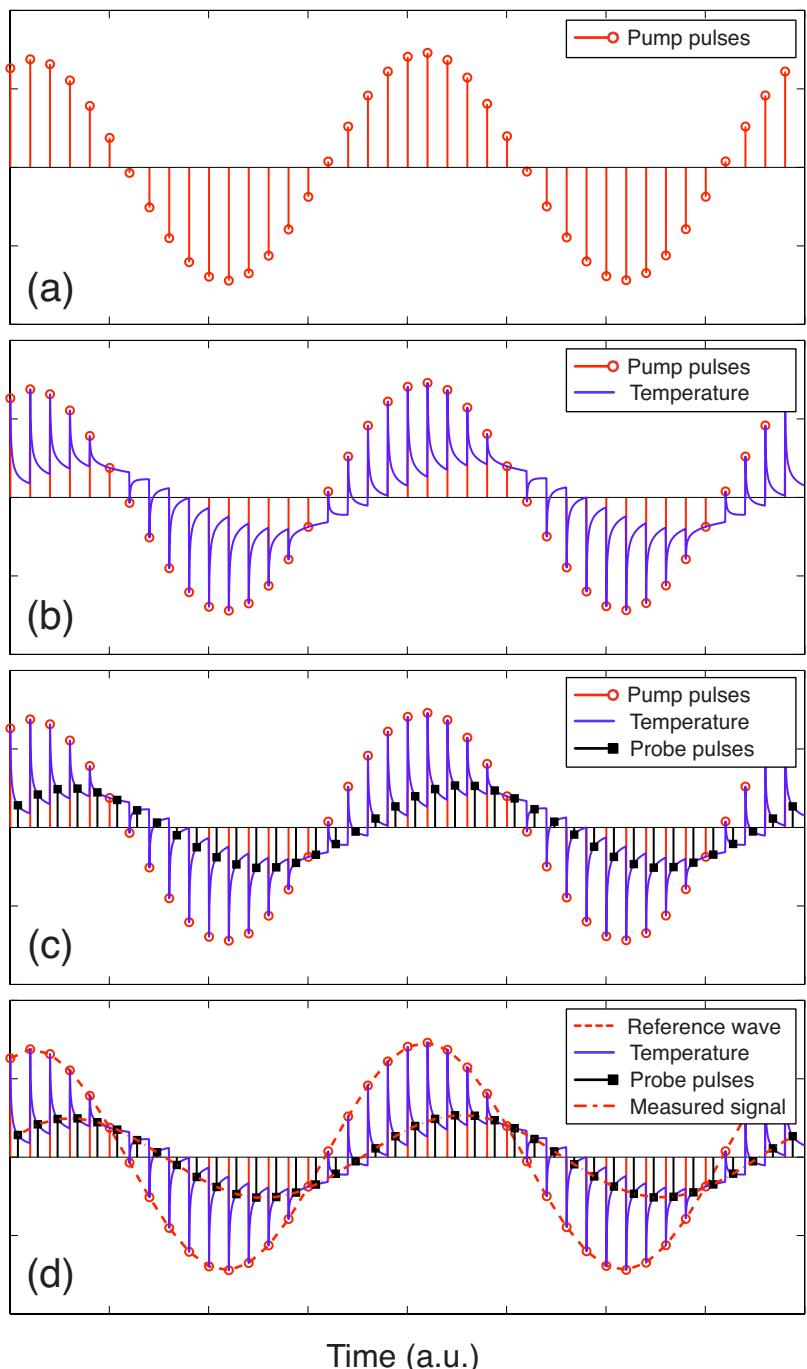


Probe TTR



Pump TTR (low Duty cycle)

Use both the transient AND periodic response from the short pulsed heating event. Use high rep. rate laser and modulate at some frequency with moderate to high Duty cycle.

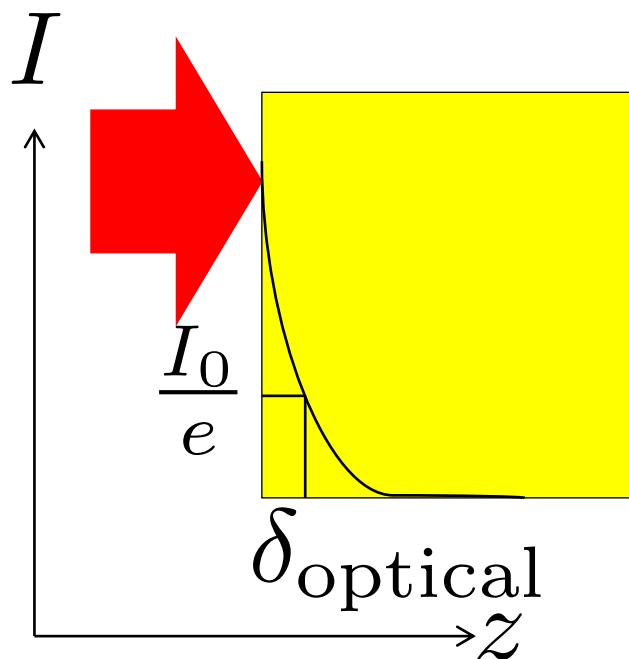


A. J. Schmidt, X. Chen, and G. Chen. Pulse accumulation, radial heat conduction, and anisotropic thermal conductivity in pump-probe transient thermoreflectance. *Review of Scientific Instruments*, 79:114902, 2008.

# Time domain thermoreflectance (TDTR)

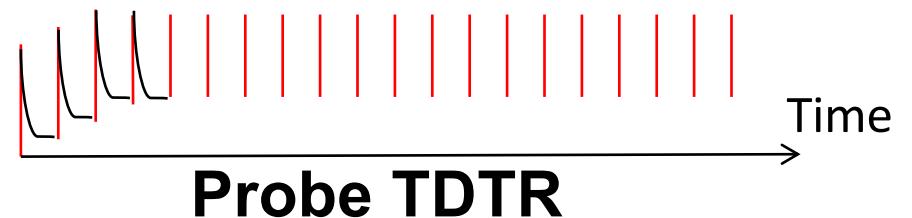
## Spatial regimes in TDTR

Coat surfaces with metals to achieve near-surface absorption high *opto-spatial* resolution (i.e., surface localized heat source)

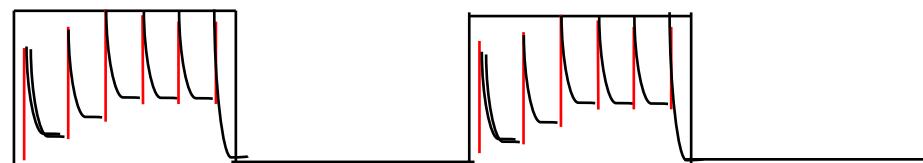


$$\delta_{\text{optical}} = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi k}$$

Modulated heat transfer regime achieves variable *thermo-spatial* resolution (i.e., variable temperature gradient via distance)



Probe TDTR (accumulates due to 80 MHz rep. rate)



Accumulation leads to **MODULATED** heating event

$$\delta_{\text{thermal}} = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{\pi f C}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\kappa}{\omega C}}$$

# TDTR – depth profiling by enhancing sensitivities to different parameters

## Effect of dislocation density on thermal boundary conductance across GaSb/GaAs interfaces

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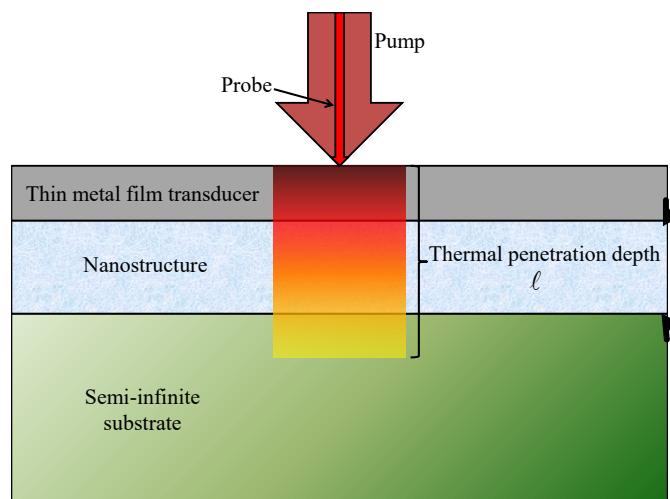
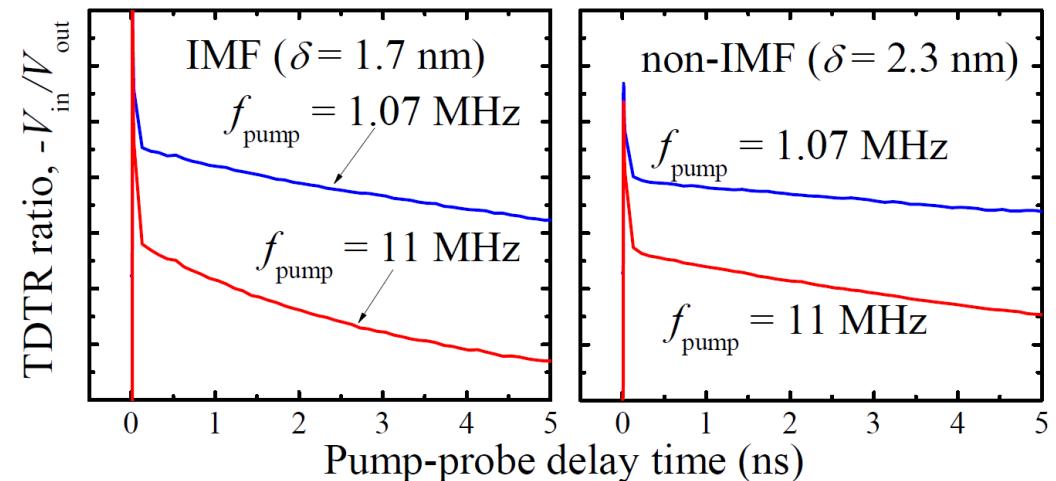
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**Increase how “deep” you probe in TDTR by decreasing the frequency**



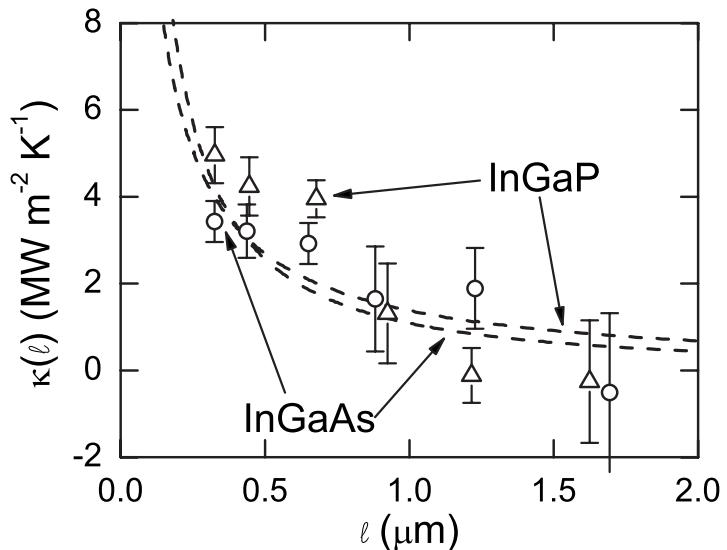
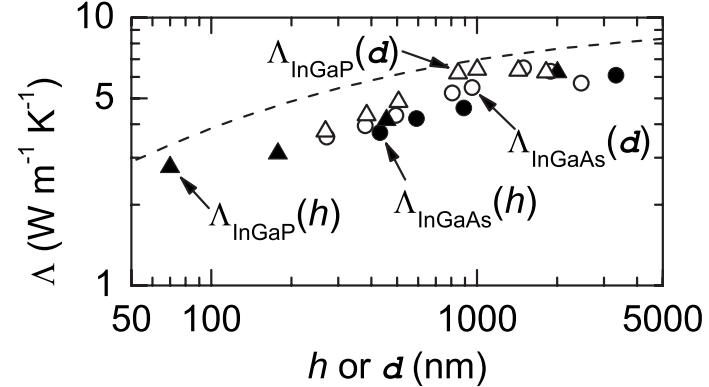
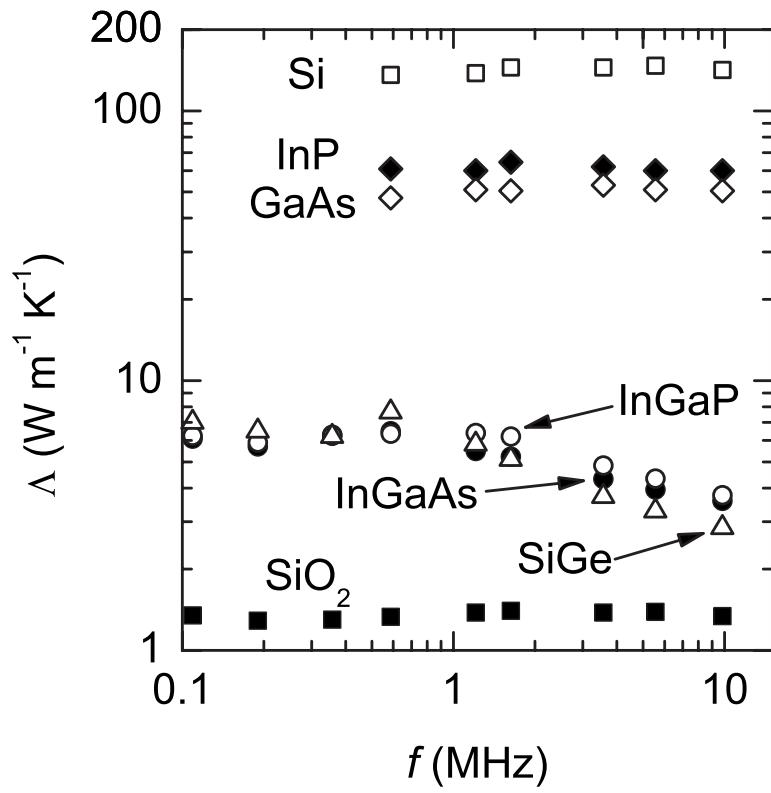
$h_K - \text{Al/GaSb } (f = 11 \text{ MHz})$

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$$\ell \approx \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{\pi C f_{\text{pump}}}}$$

# TDTR – modulation frequency dependence

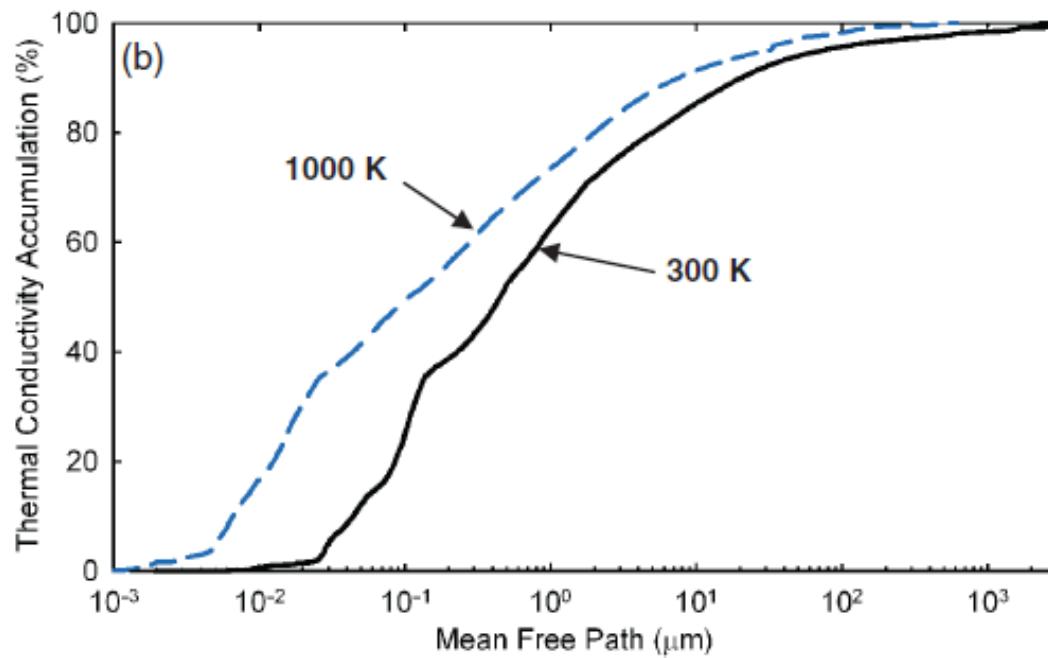
$$\delta_{\text{thermal}} = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{\pi f C}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\kappa}{\omega C}}$$



Y. K. Koh and D. G. Cahill. Frequency dependence of the thermal conductivity of semiconductor alloys. Physical Review B, 76:075207, 2007.

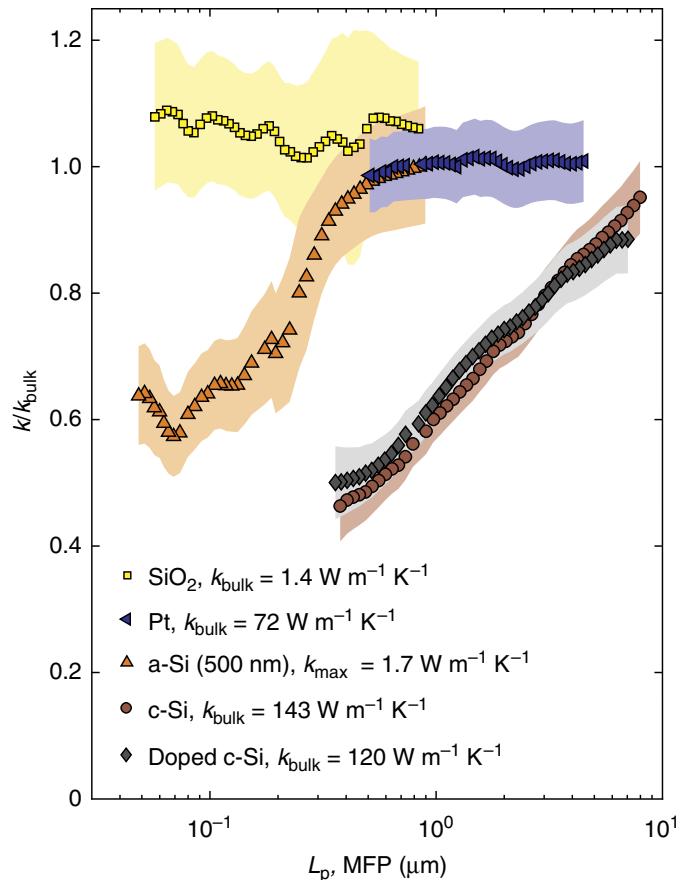
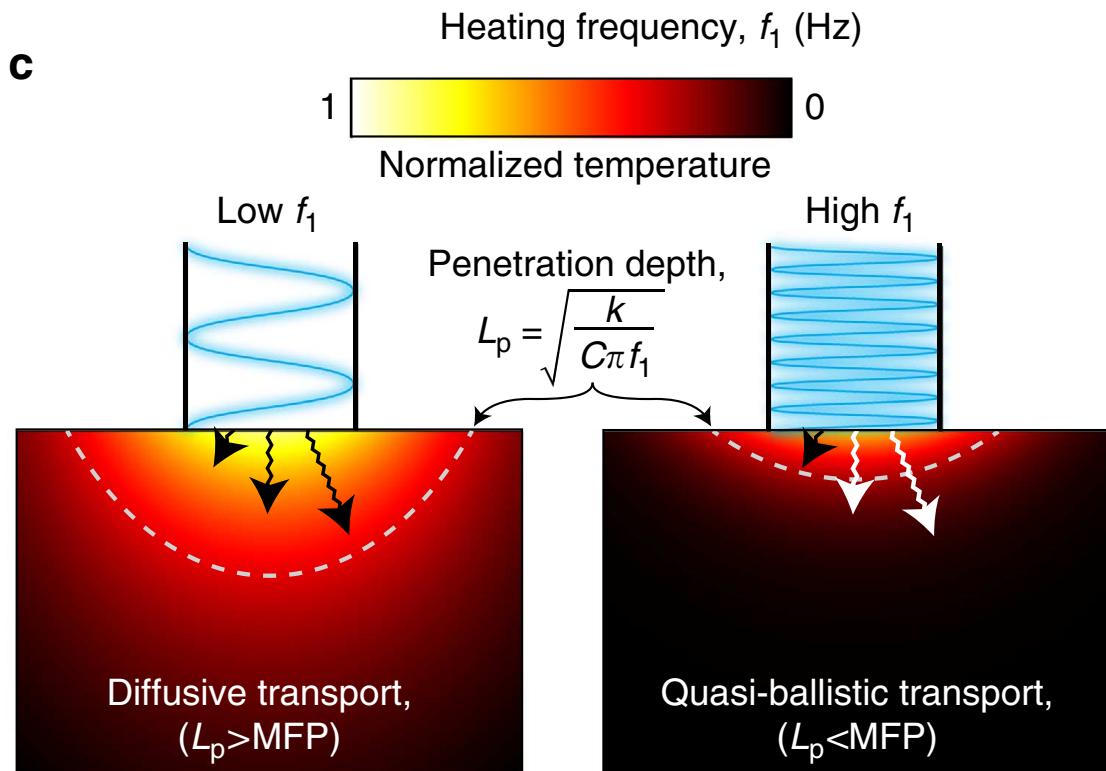
**Phonon “escape” from thermal penetration depth**

# The “thermal conductivity accumulation function”



Henry and Chen, *J. Computational and Theoretical Nanoscience* **5**, 1 (2008).

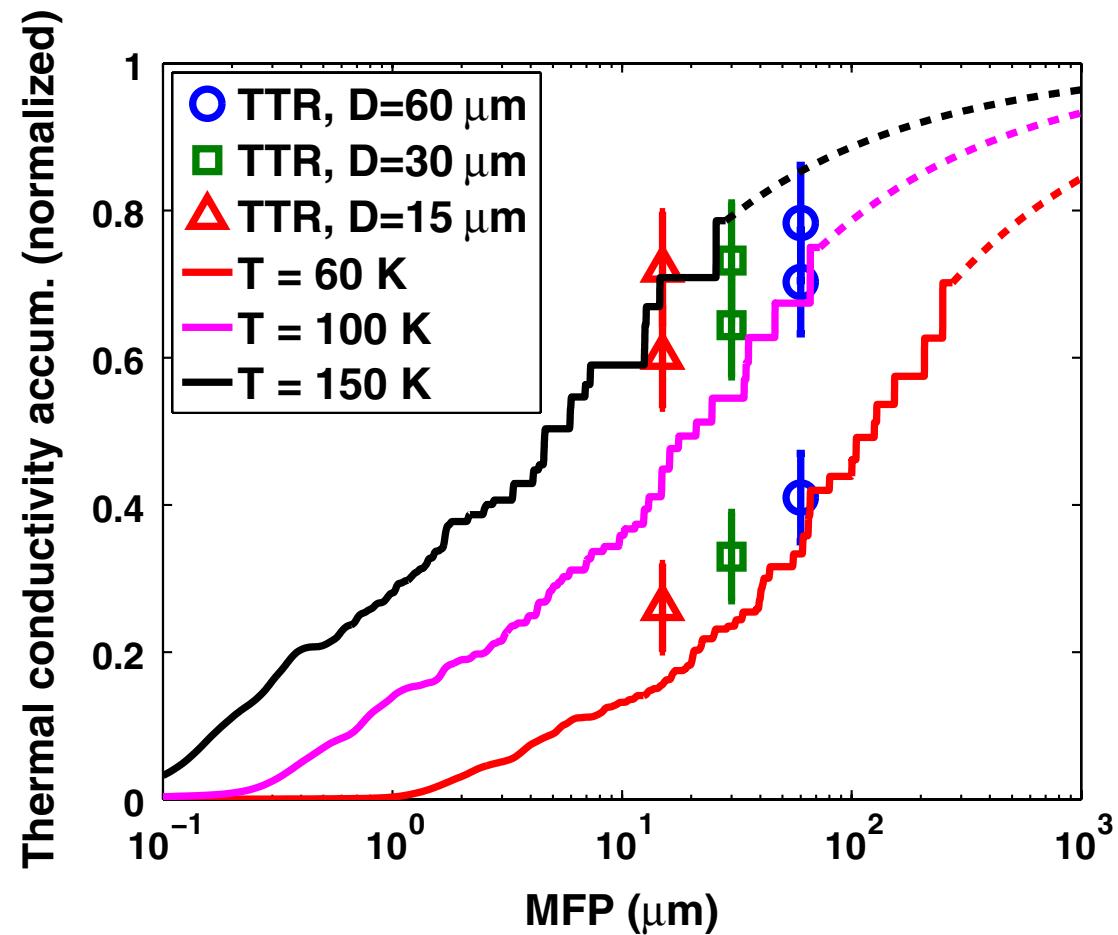
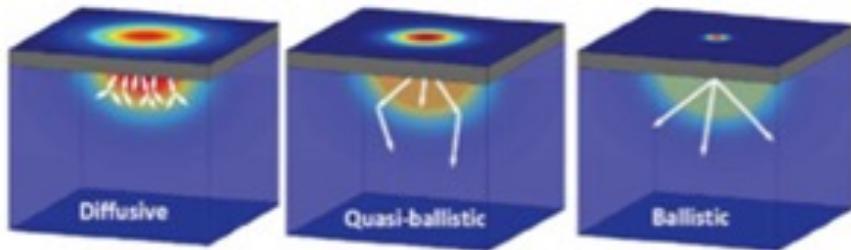
# So why can't we do this with FDTR? We can!



Thermal penetration depth (modulation frequency) varies number of “phonons” sampled in volume (same as Koh and Cahill 2 slides prev)

Regner *et al*, *Nat. Comm.* **4**, 1640 (2013).

# So why can't we do this with spot size? We can!



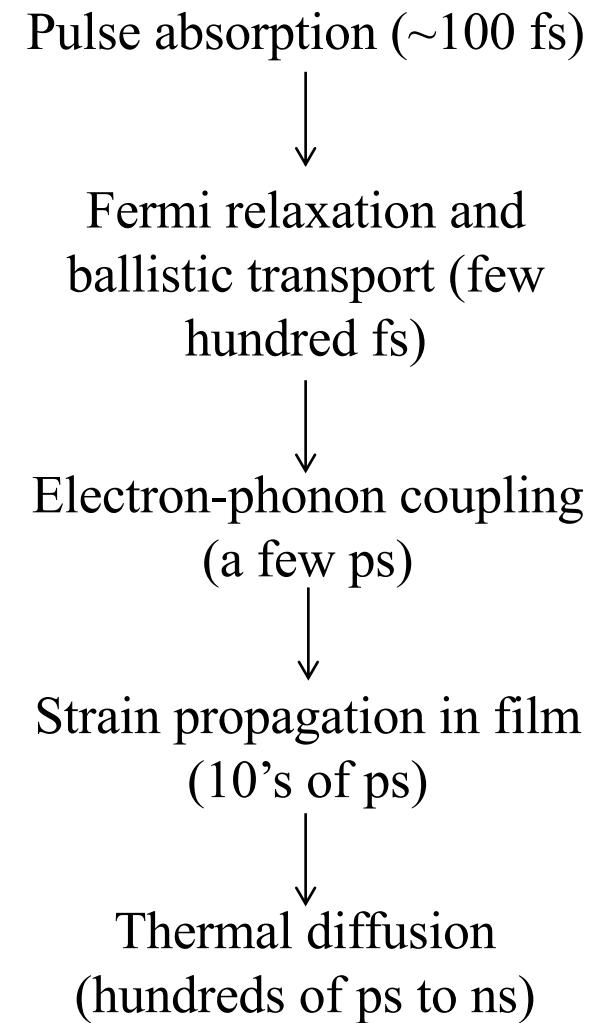
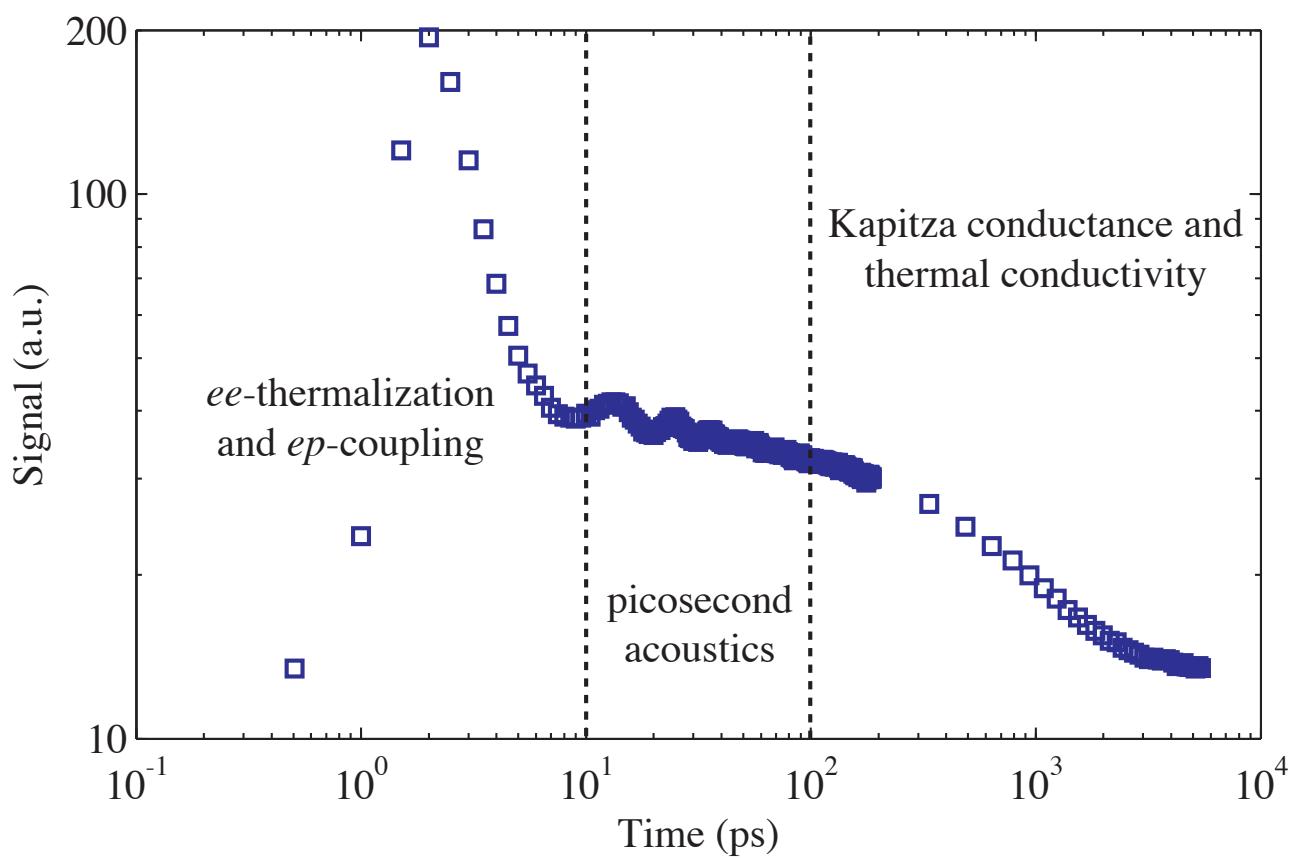
Spot size varies number of “phonons” sampled in volume

Minnich *et al*, *PRL* **107**, 095901 (2011).

# Time domain thermoreflectance (TDTR)

## Temporal regimes in TDTR

**FANTASTIC temporal resolution (limited by pulse width)**

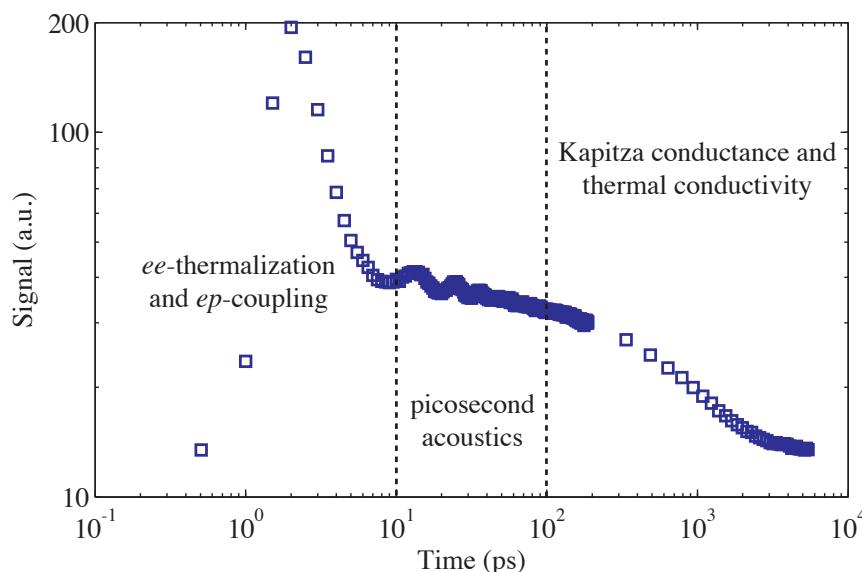


**Now let's look at a few specific examples....**

# Time domain thermoreflectance (TDTR)

## Some TDTR References

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**So what can we measure with TDTR?**

# Time domain thermoreflectance (TDTR)

## Electron thermalization and scattering (<10 ps)

Journal of Heat Transfer

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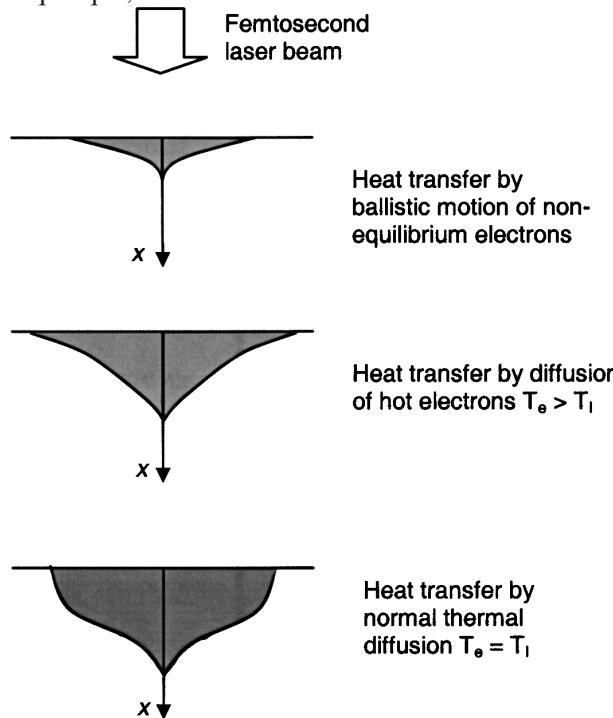
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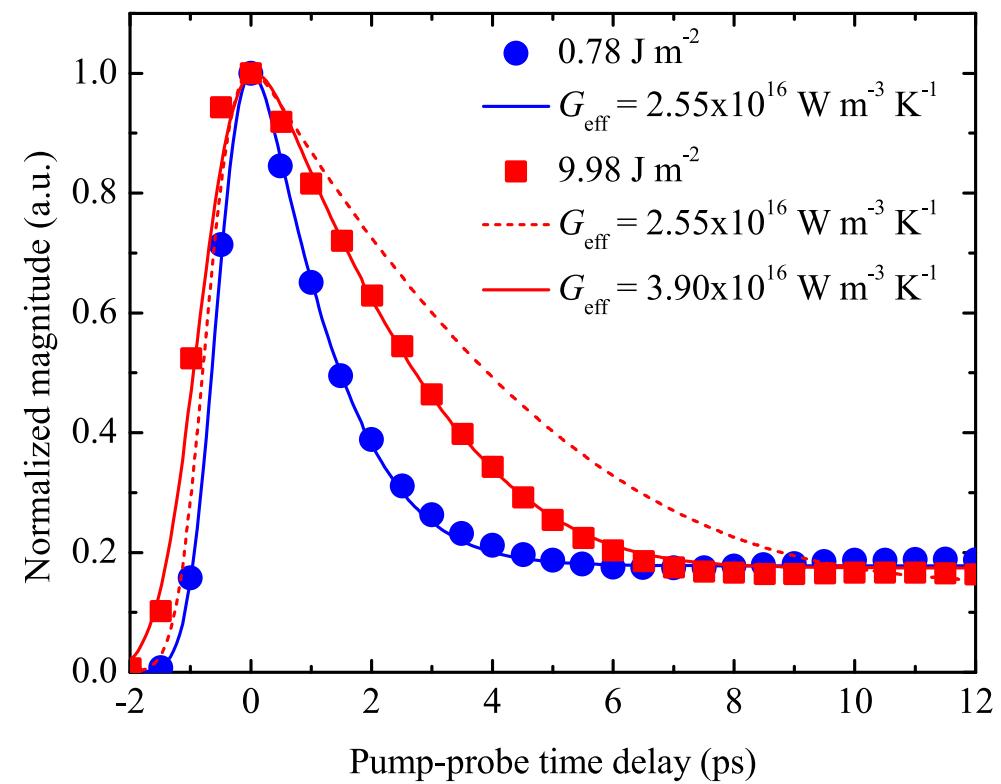
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# Time domain thermoreflectance (TDTR)

## Electron-phonon scattering at interfaces



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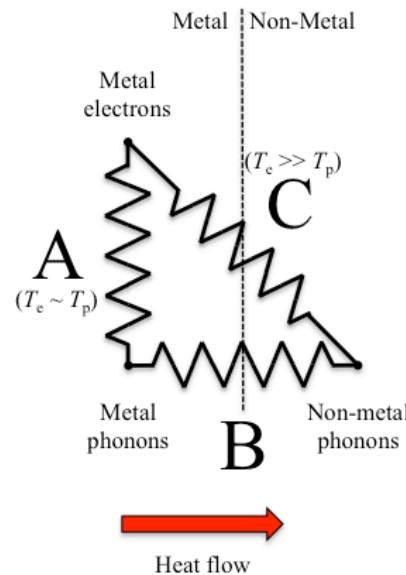
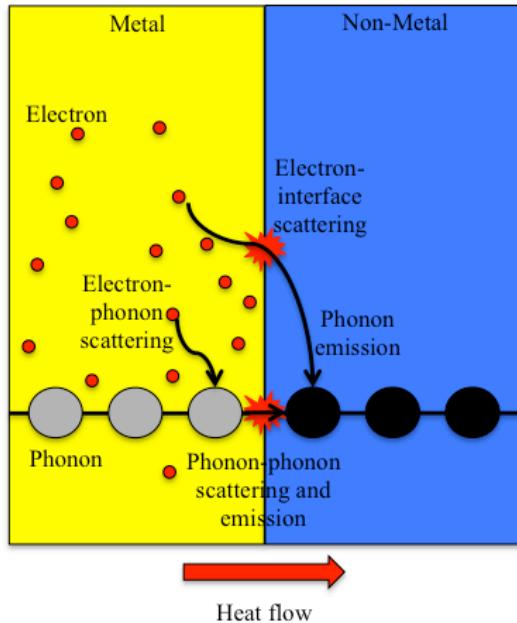
### Mechanisms of nonequilibrium electron-phonon coupling and thermal conductance at interfaces

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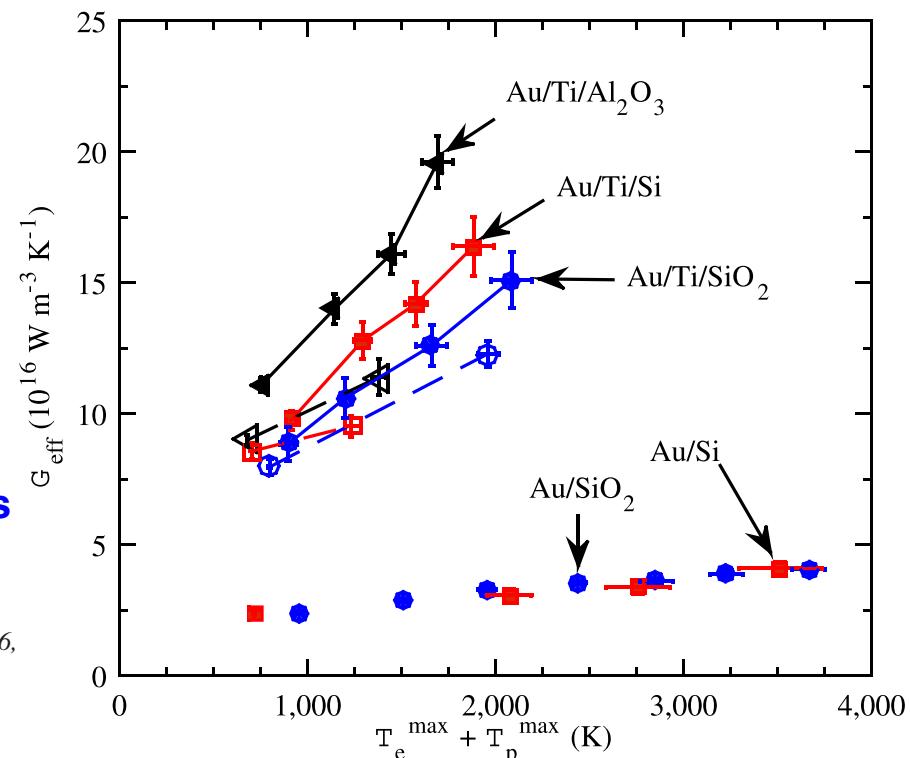


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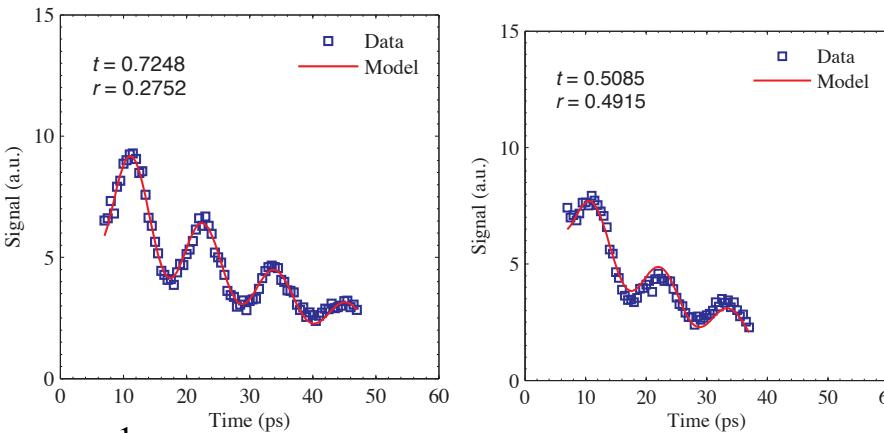
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# Time domain thermoreflectance (TDTR)

## Acoustic transmission across interfaces (picosecond acoustics/ultrasonics: 10's of ps)



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### Influence of interfacial properties on thermal transport at gold:silicon contacts

J. C. Duda,<sup>1,a)</sup> C.-Y. P. Yang,<sup>2</sup> B. M. Foley,<sup>1</sup> R. Cheaito,<sup>1</sup> D. L. Medlin,<sup>2</sup> R. E. Jones,<sup>2</sup> and P. E. Hopkins<sup>1,b)</sup>

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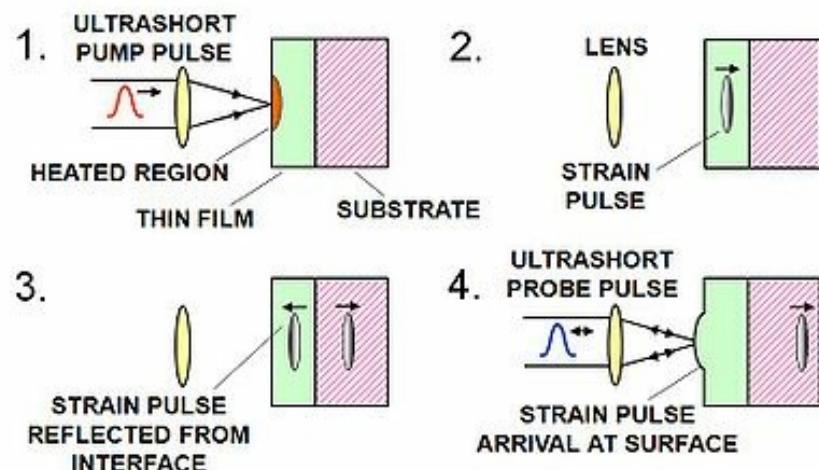
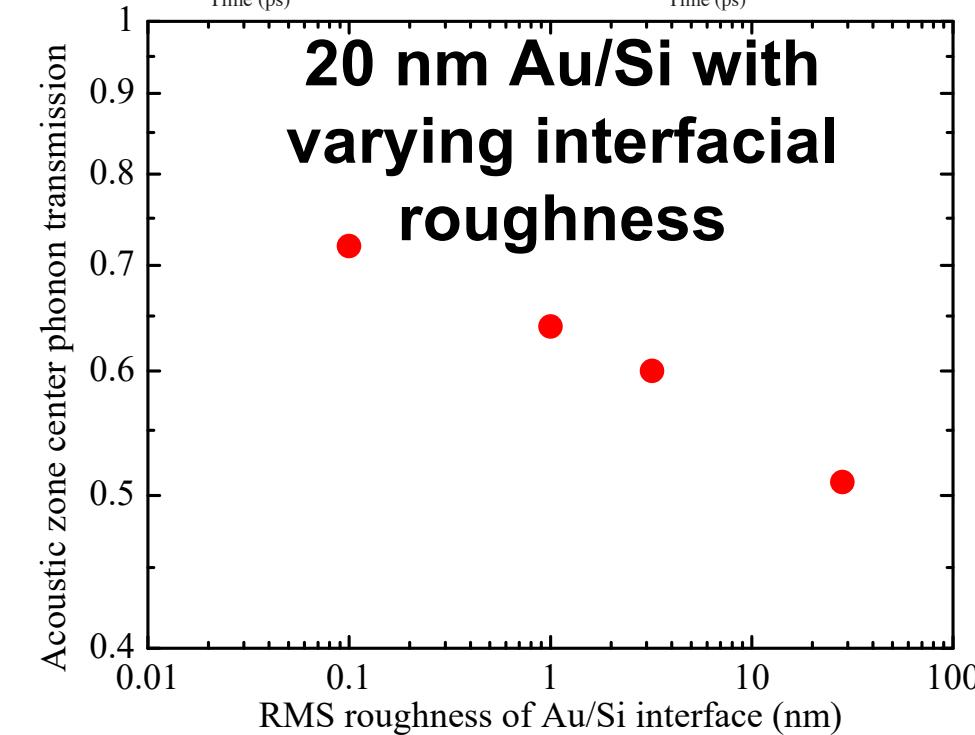


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# Time domain thermoreflectance (TDTR)

## Thermal conductivity of thin films (100's ps – ns)

PRL 109, 195901 (2012)

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### Experimental Investigation of Size Effects on the Thermal Conductivity of Silicon-Germanium Alloy Thin Films

Ramez Cheaito,<sup>1</sup> John C. Duda,<sup>1,2</sup> Thomas E. Beechem,<sup>2</sup> Khalid Hattar,<sup>2</sup> Jon F. Ihlefeld,<sup>2</sup> Douglas L. Medlin,<sup>3</sup> Mark A. Rodriguez,<sup>2</sup> Michael J. Campion,<sup>2,4</sup> Edward S. Piekos,<sup>2</sup> and Patrick E. Hopkins<sup>1,\*</sup>

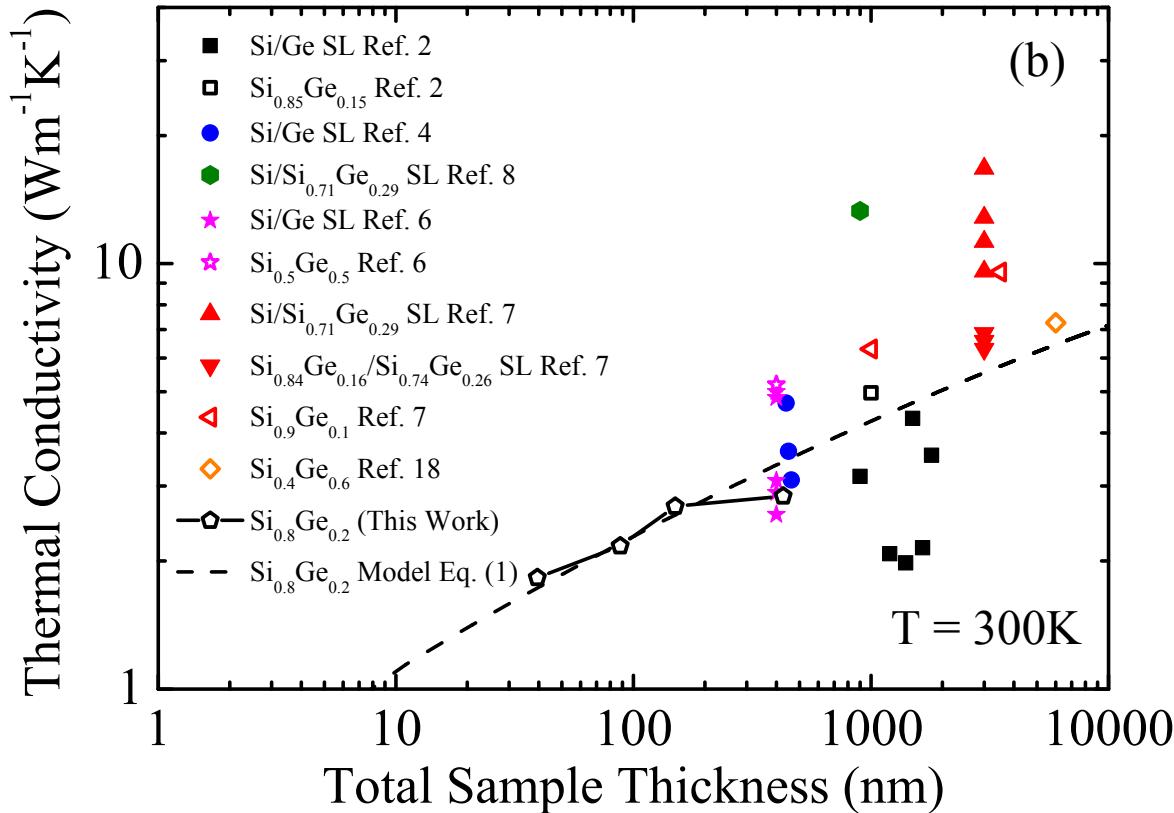
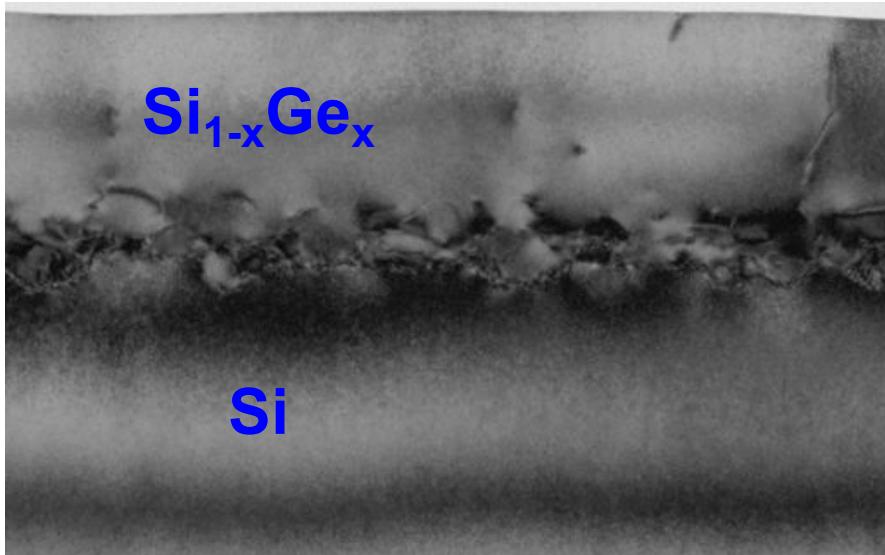
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# Time domain thermoreflectance (TDTR)

## Thermal conductivity of superlattices (100's ps – ns)

### Coherent Phonon Heat Conduction in Superlattices

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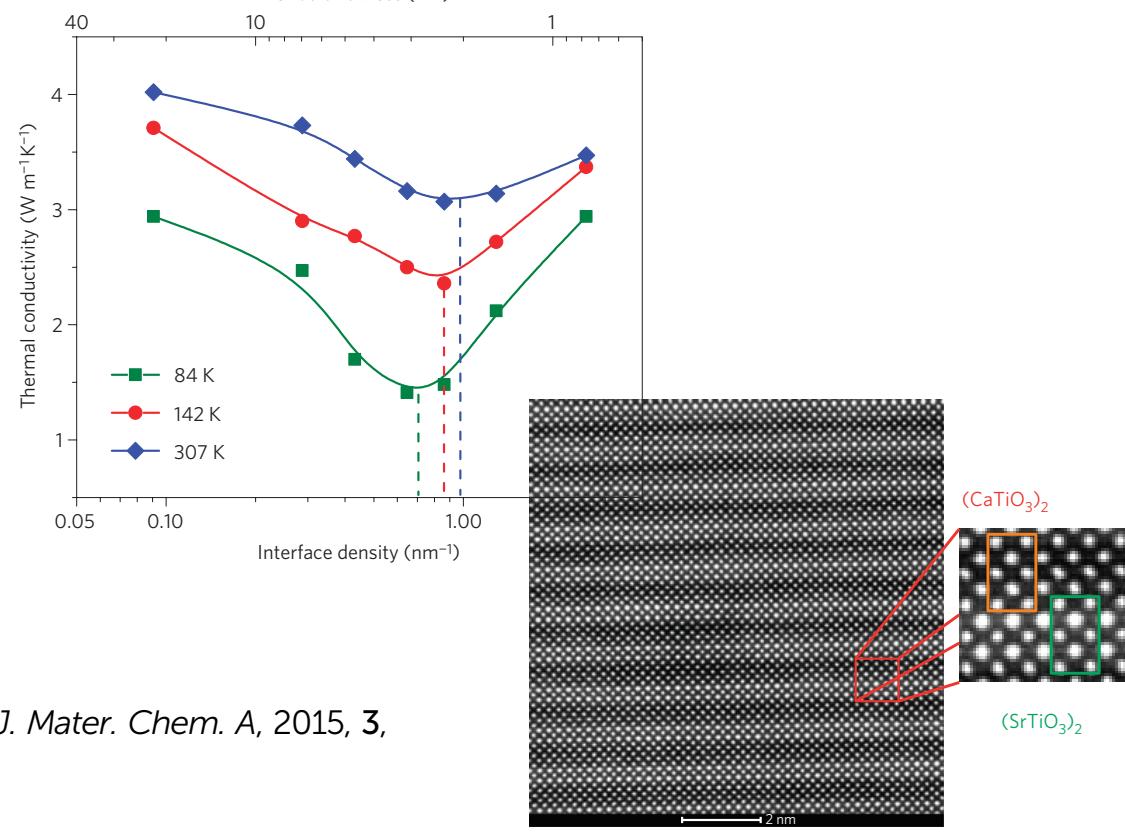
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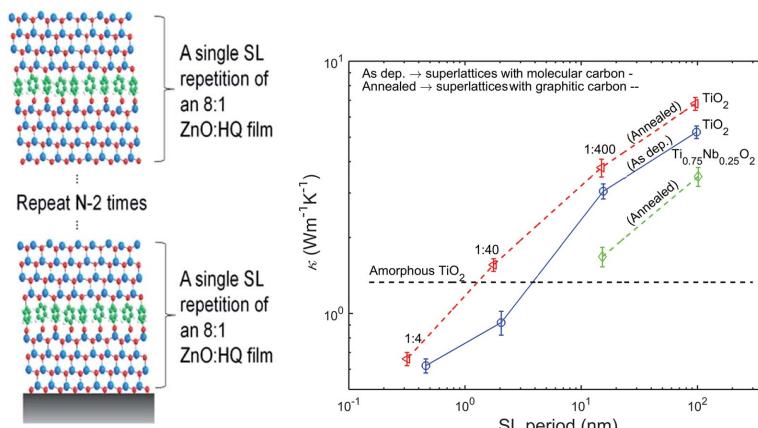
### Crossover from incoherent to coherent phonon scattering in epitaxial oxide superlattices

Jayakanth Ravichandran<sup>1,2,†‡</sup>, Ajay K. Yadav<sup>2,3,‡</sup>, Ramez Cheaito<sup>4,‡</sup>, Pim B. Rossen<sup>3</sup>, Arsen Soukiassian<sup>5</sup>, S. J. Suresha<sup>2</sup>, John C. Duda<sup>4</sup>, Brian M. Foley<sup>4</sup>, Che-Hui Lee<sup>5</sup>, Ye Zhu<sup>6</sup>, Arthur W. Lichtenberger<sup>7</sup>, Joel E. Moore<sup>2,8</sup>, David A. Muller<sup>6,9</sup>, Darrell G. Schlom<sup>5,9</sup>, Patrick E. Hopkins<sup>4</sup>, Arun Majumdar<sup>10</sup>, Ramamoorthy Ramesh<sup>1,2,3,8,11\*</sup> and Mark A. Zurbuchen<sup>12,13,14\*</sup>  
Period thickness (nm)



### Ultra-low thermal conductivity in TiO<sub>2</sub>:C superlattices

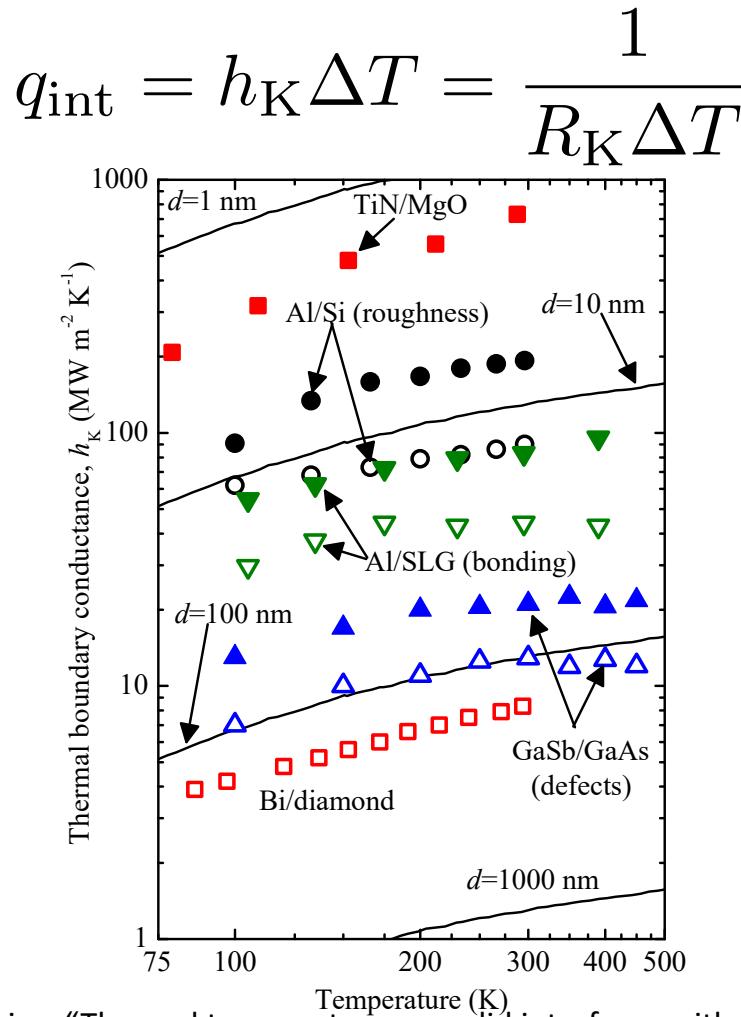
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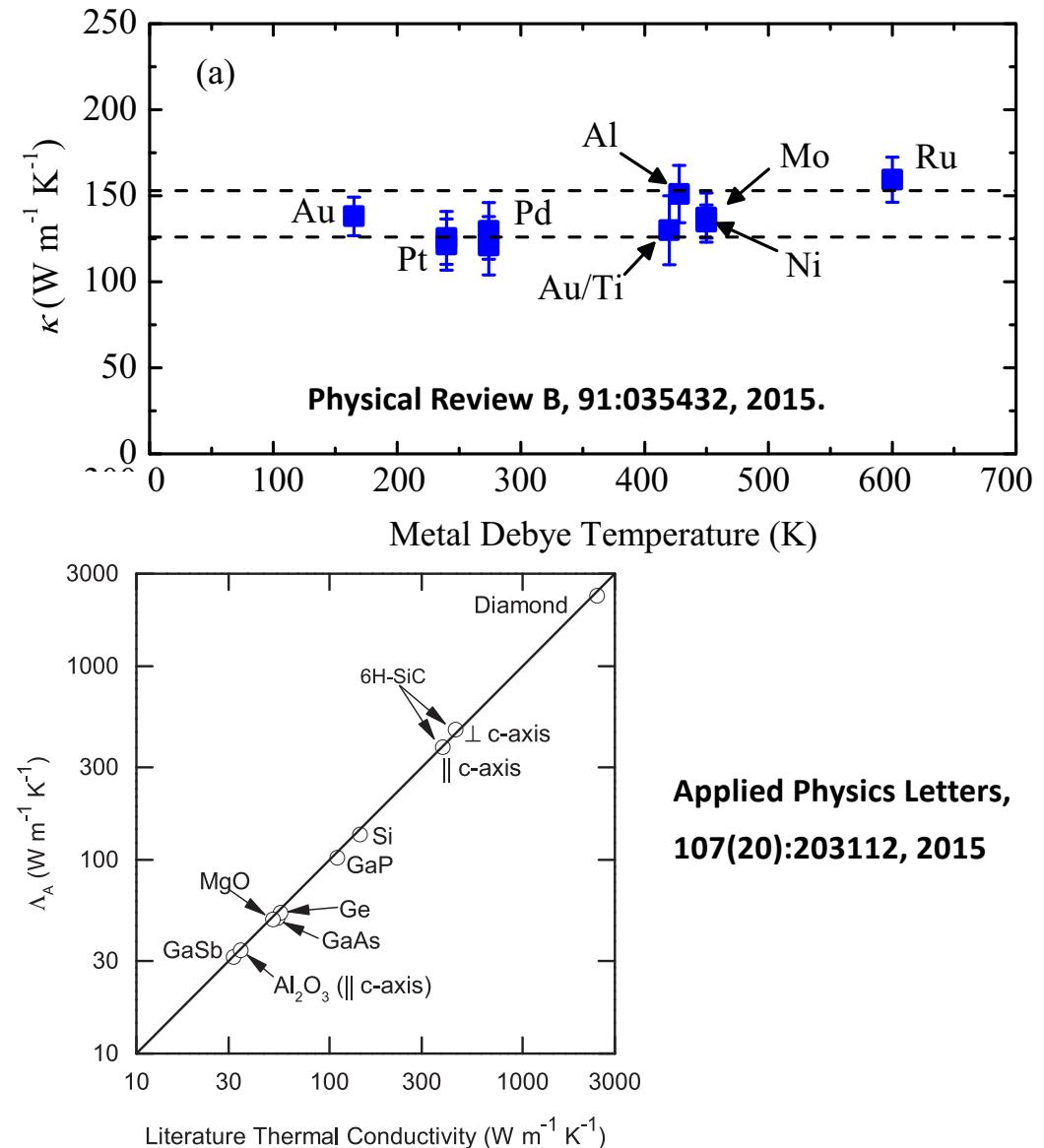
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# Time domain thermoreflectance (TDTR)

## Thermal boundary conductance and bulk thermal conductivity (100's ps – ns)

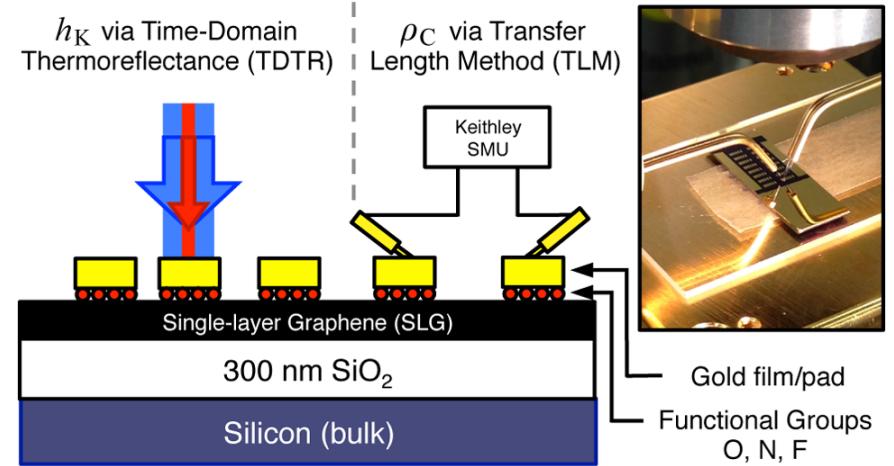
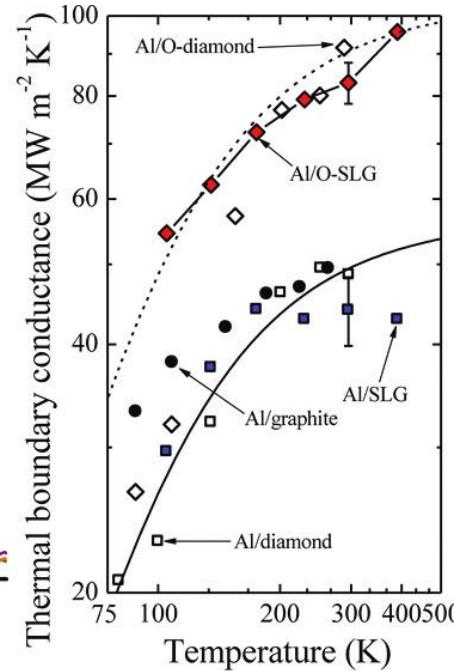
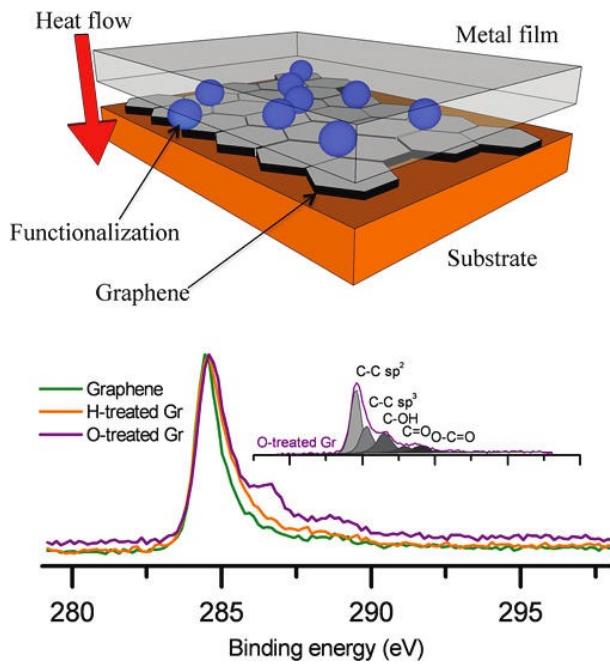


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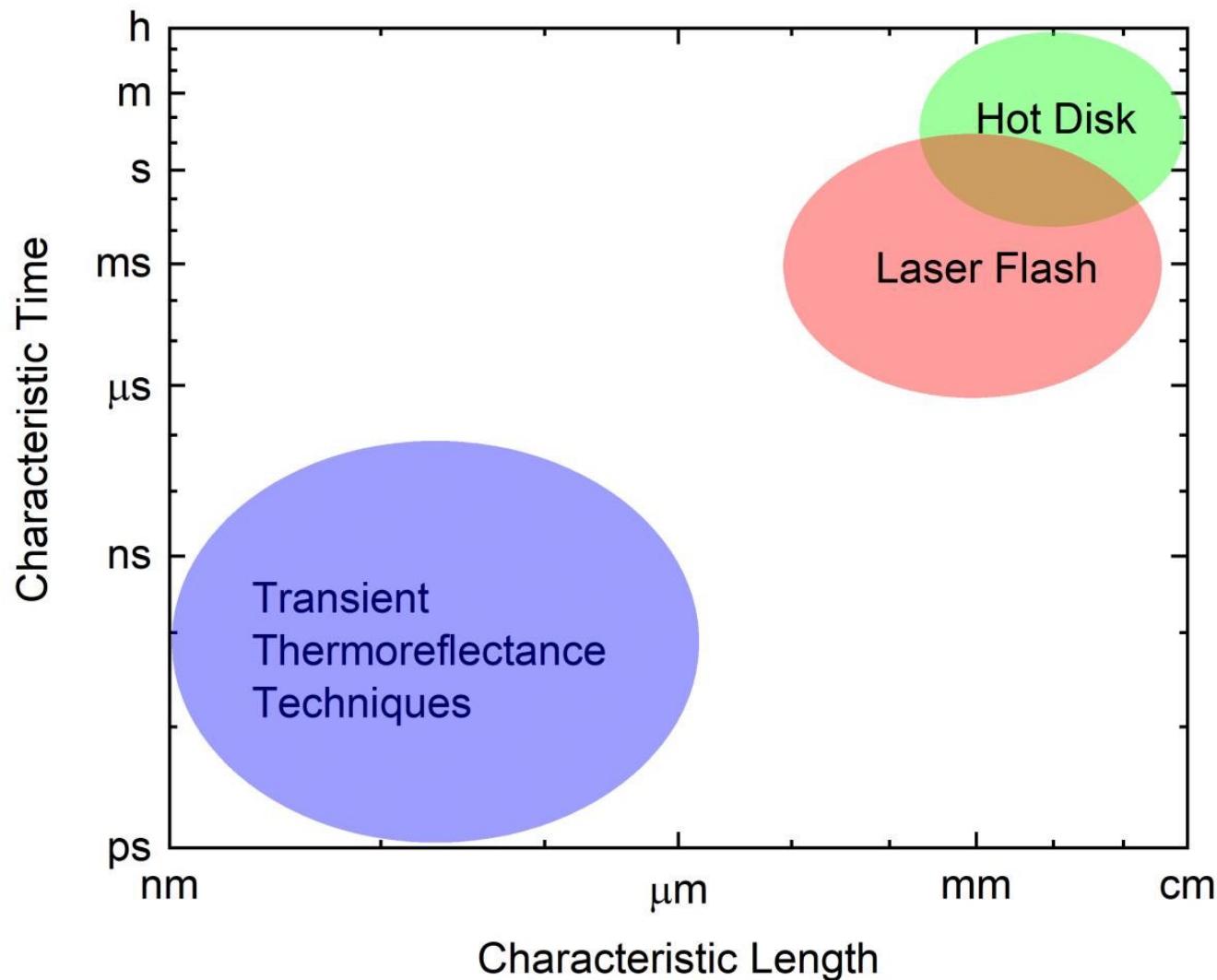
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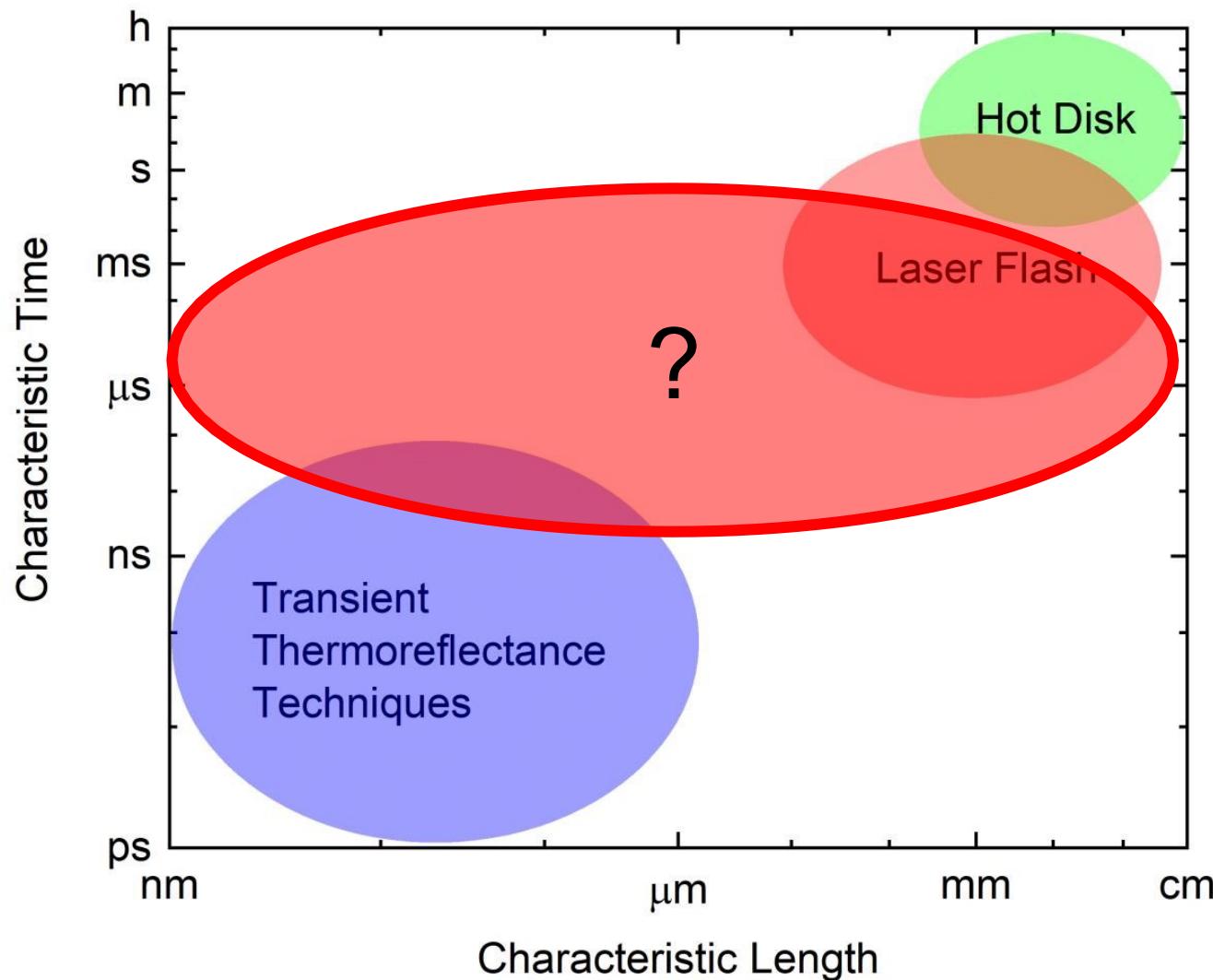
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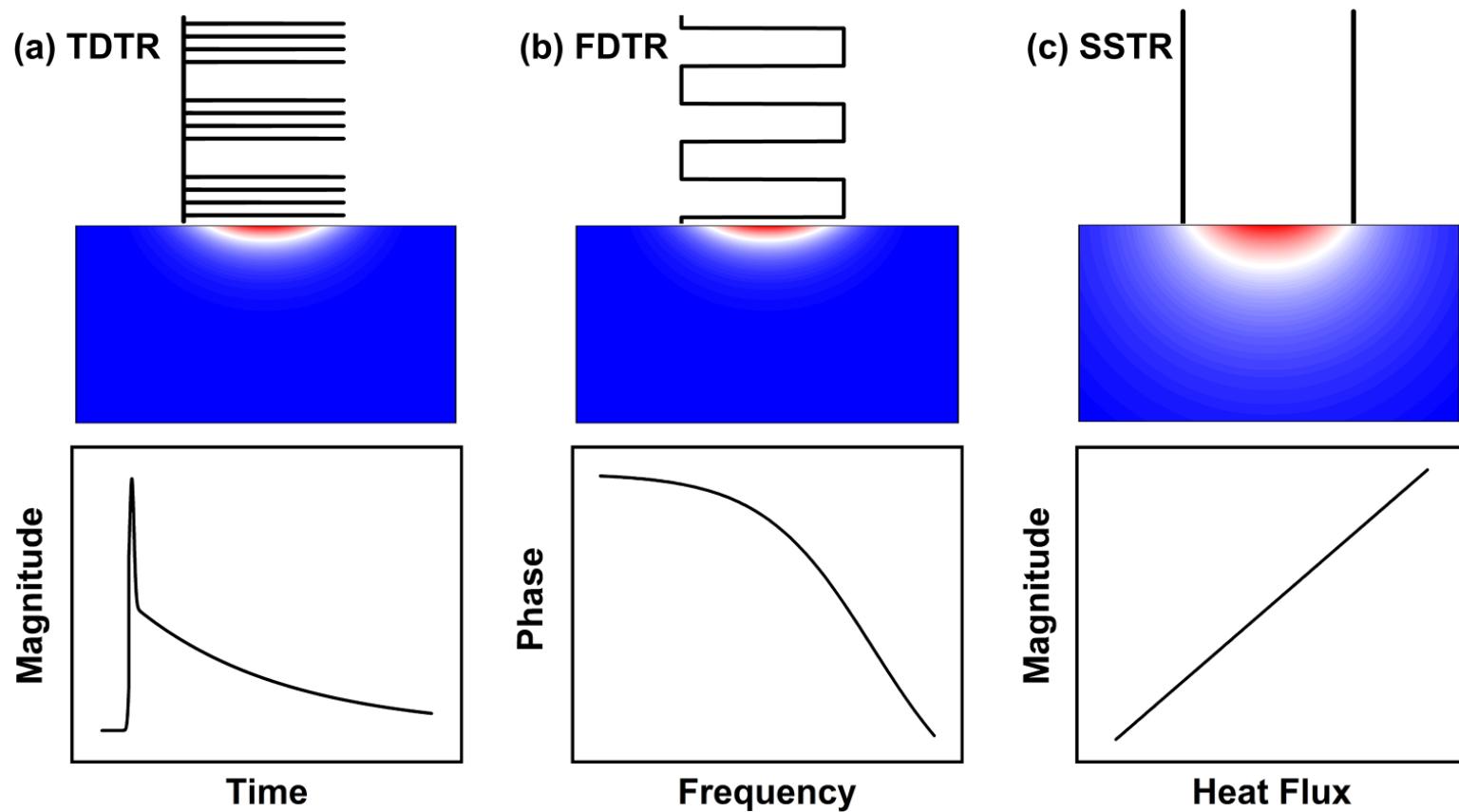
# Regimes of thermal conductivity “tools”



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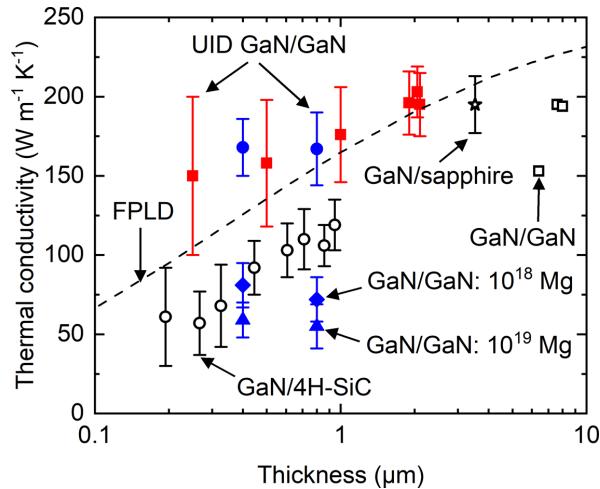


# The “flavors” of thermoreflectance

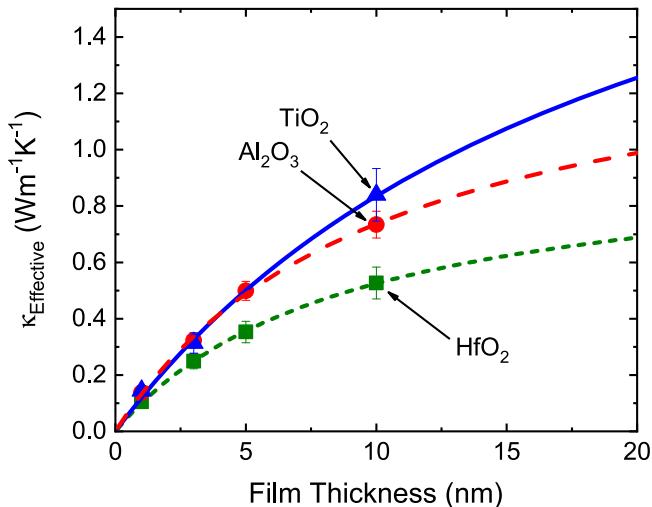


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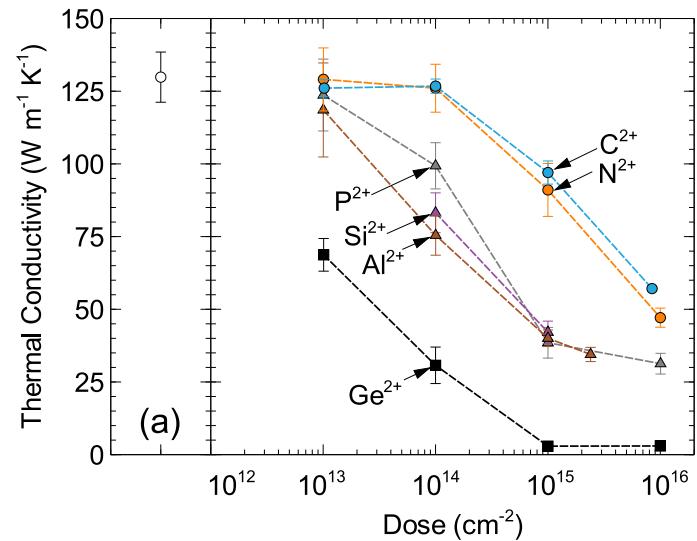
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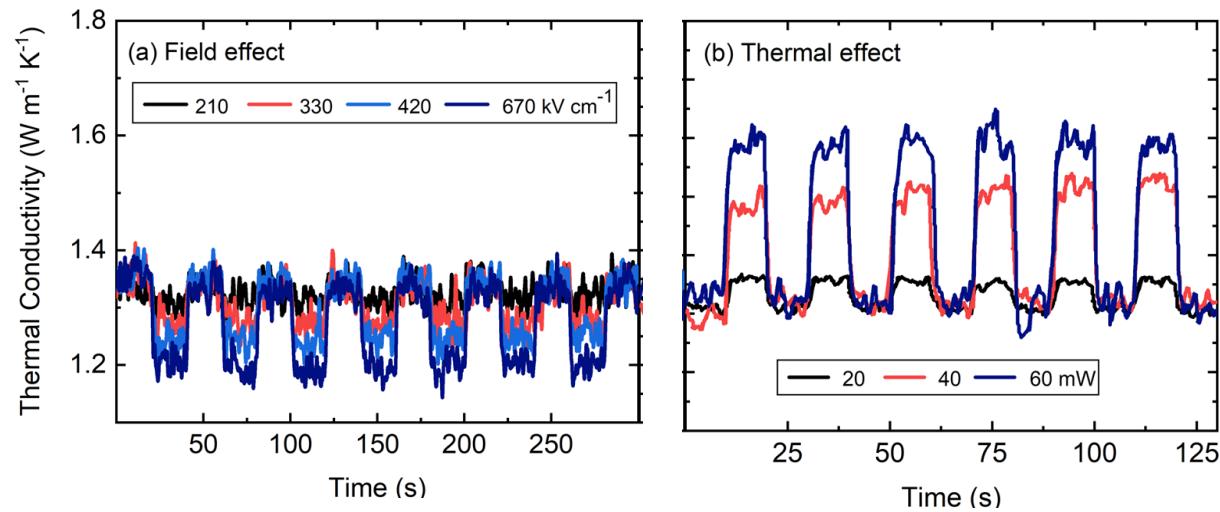
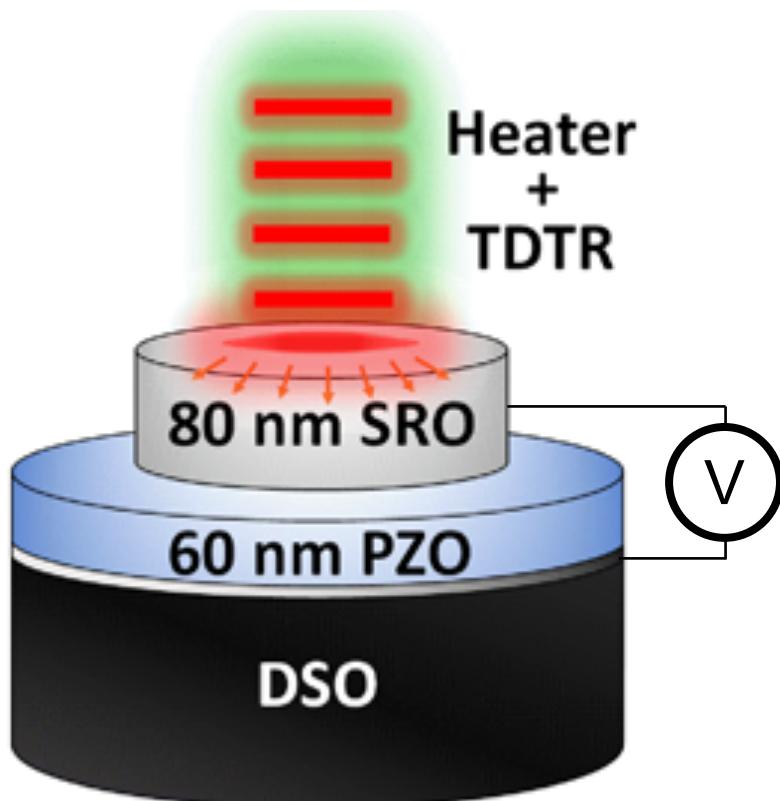
## Thin films (even *really really* thin films)



## Evaluation of irradiated materials and defects



# *In operando*: thermal conductivity under bias



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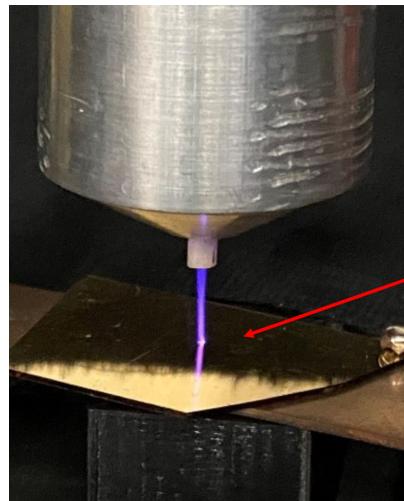
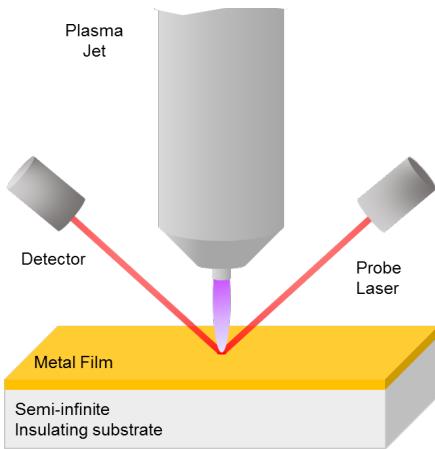
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# *In situ*: thermal conductivity during external stimuli



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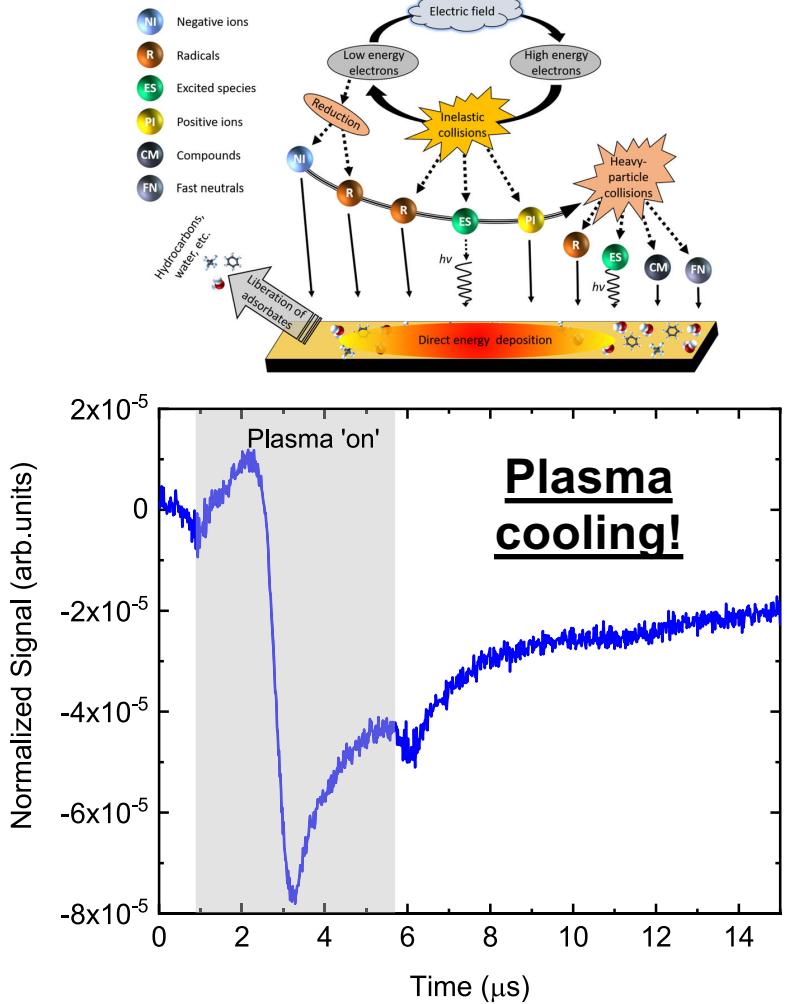
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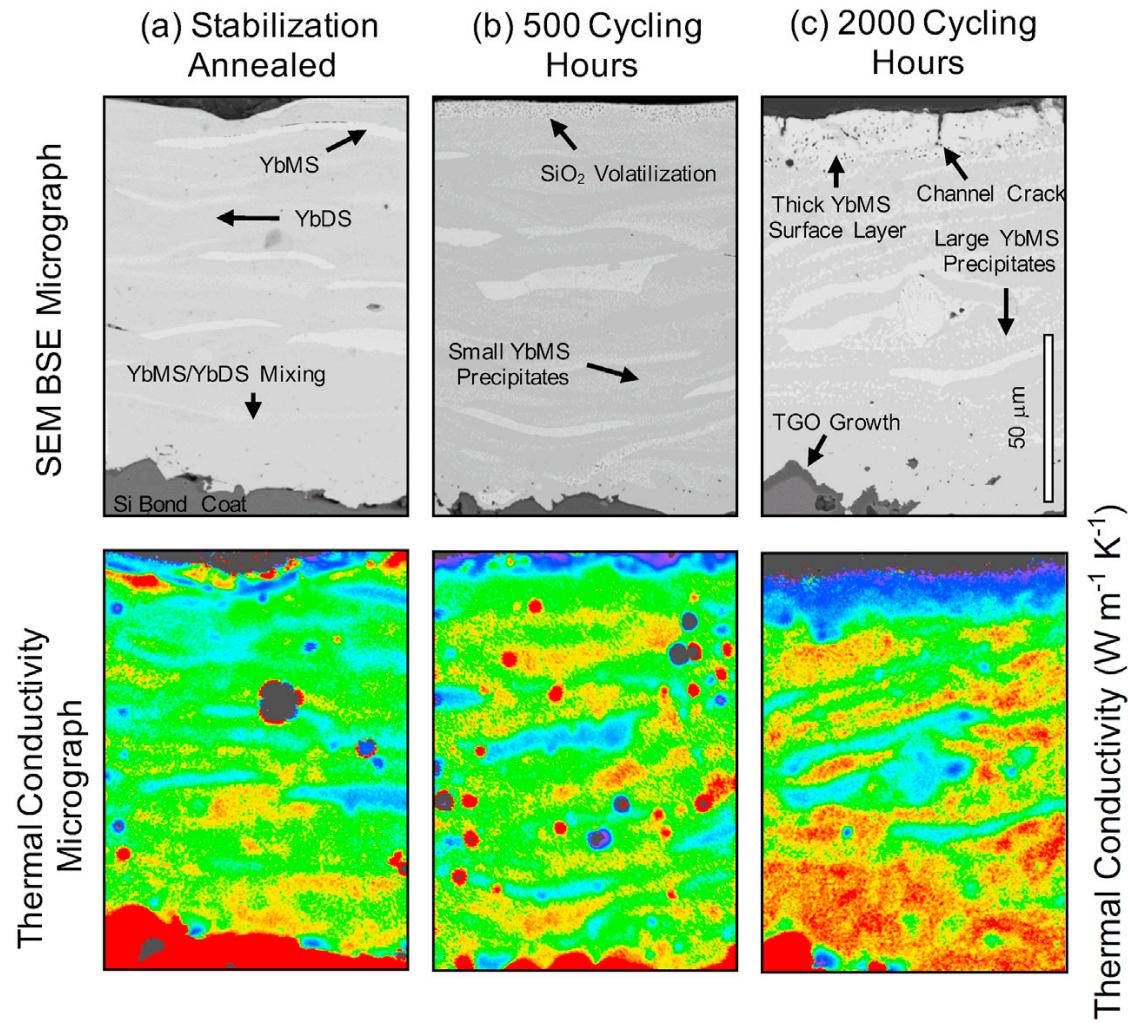
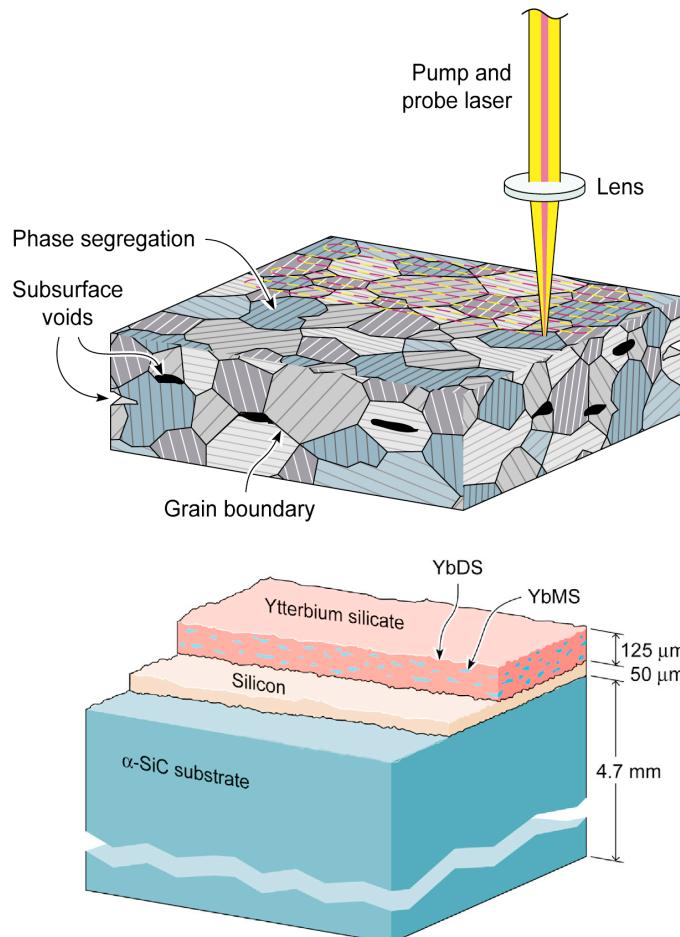
## Plasma-induced surface cooling

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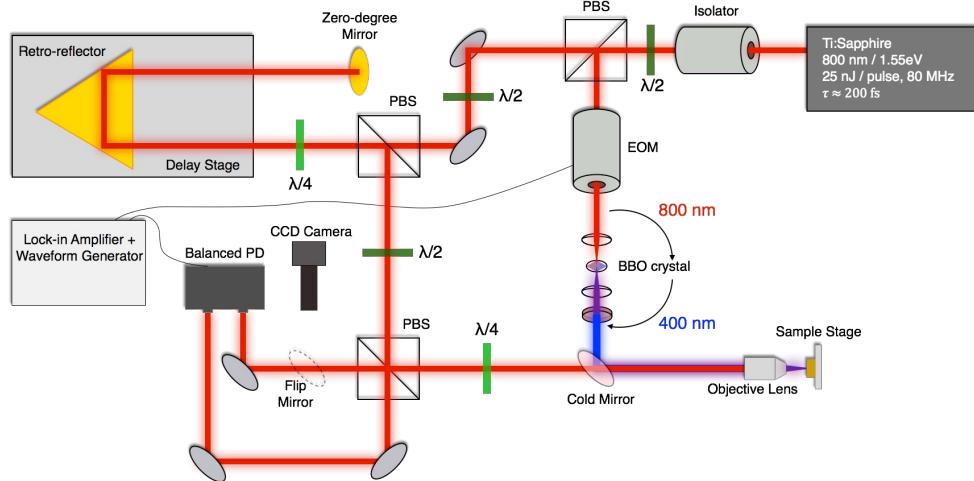
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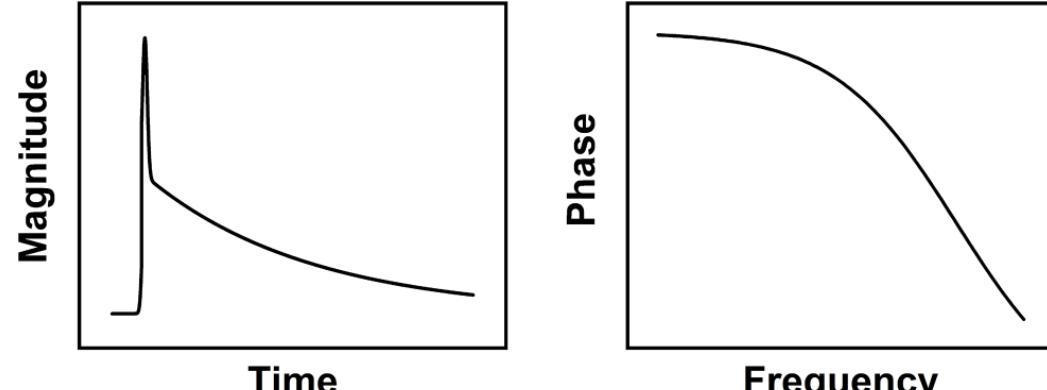
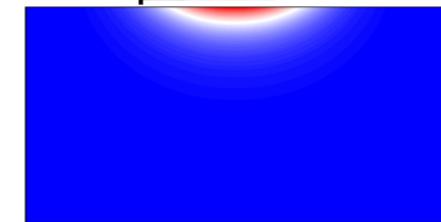
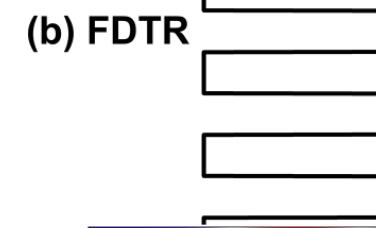
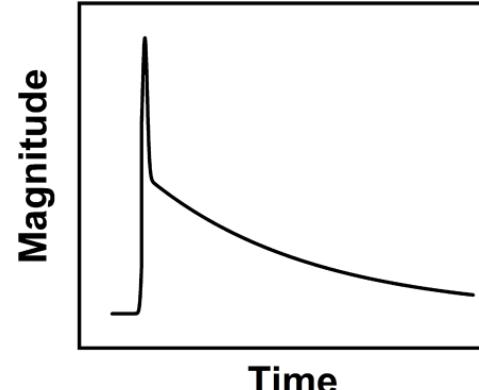
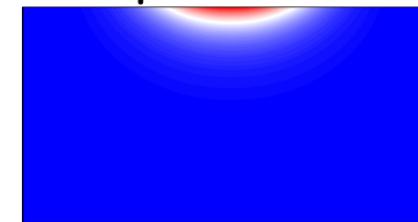
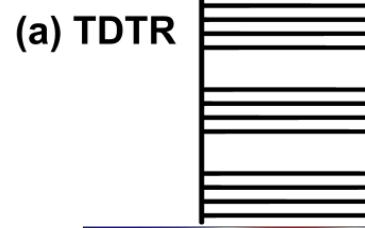
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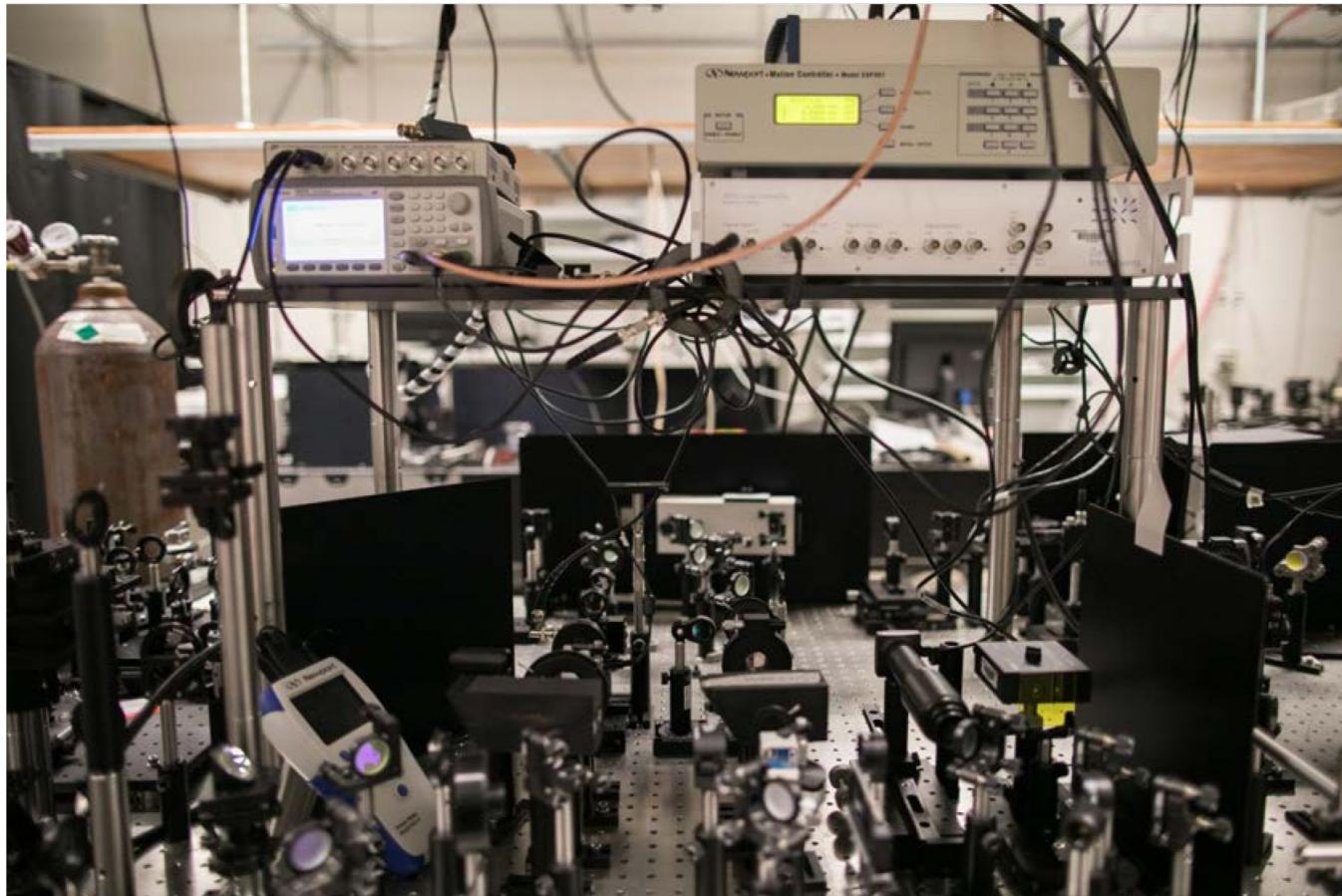
# TDTR and FDTR (traditional)



- Thermoreflectance: change in reflectivity with change in temperature
- Pump-probe techniques: pump induces small temperature rise, probe measures material response
- TDTR: Time domain thermoreflectance
- FDTR: Frequency domain thermoreflectance
- Measurement of thermal effusivity/diffusivity  
**(not direct thermal conductivity measurement)**

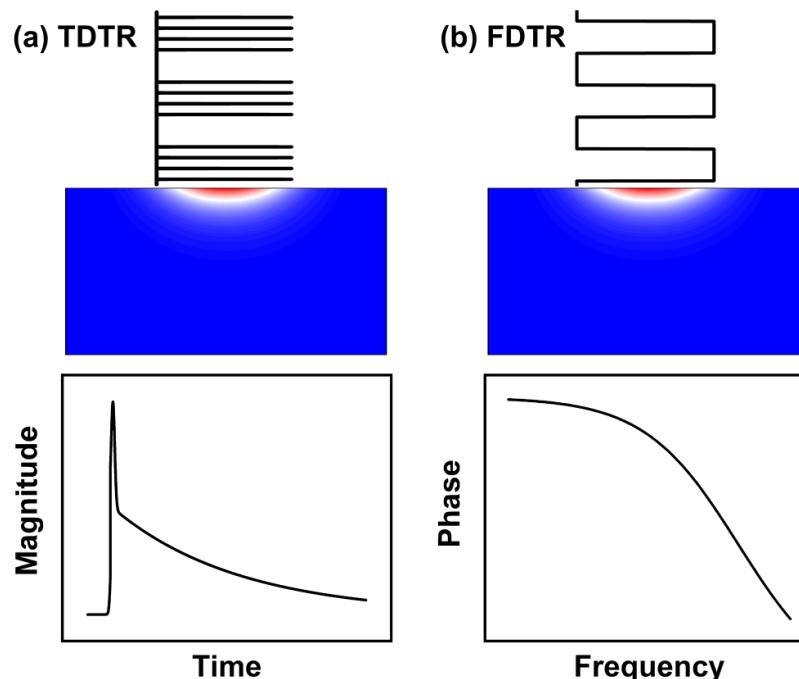


# TDTR and FDTR: Practical limitations

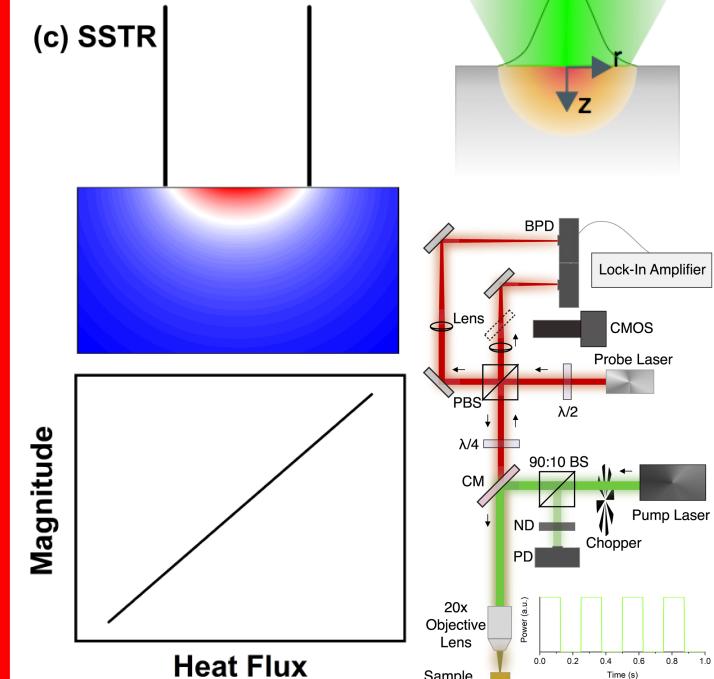


- But generally quite complicated, both experimental build and accurate analysis of data
- Daily upkeep needed
- Typically takes a PhD student their entire degree program to understand/independently operate/maintain a system like TDTR shown here

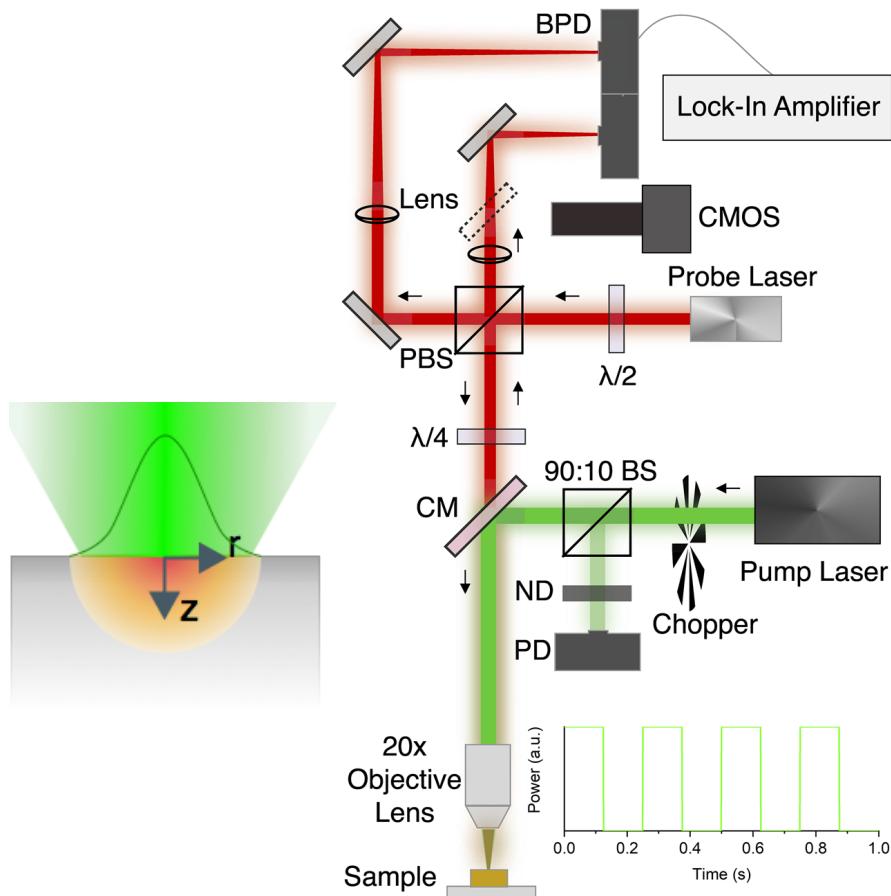
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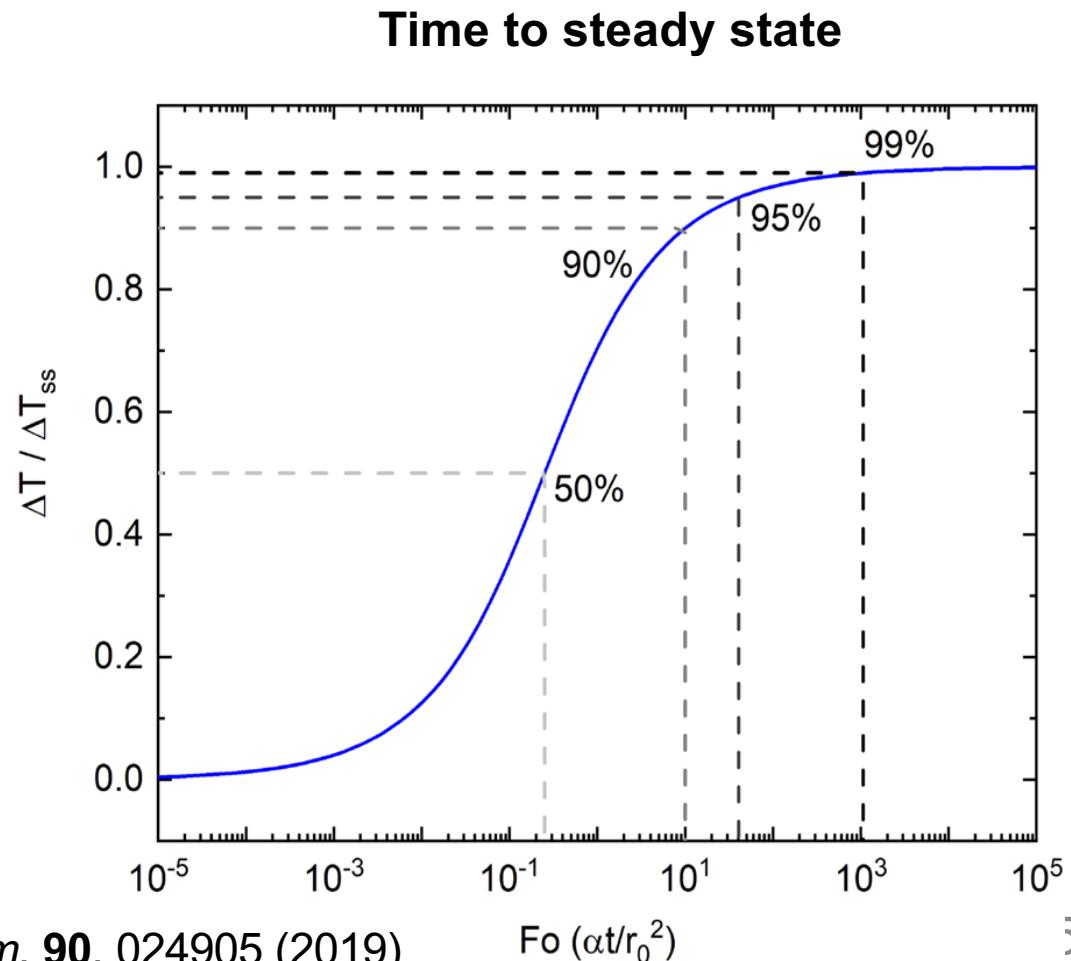
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# Steady state thermoreflectance (SSTR)

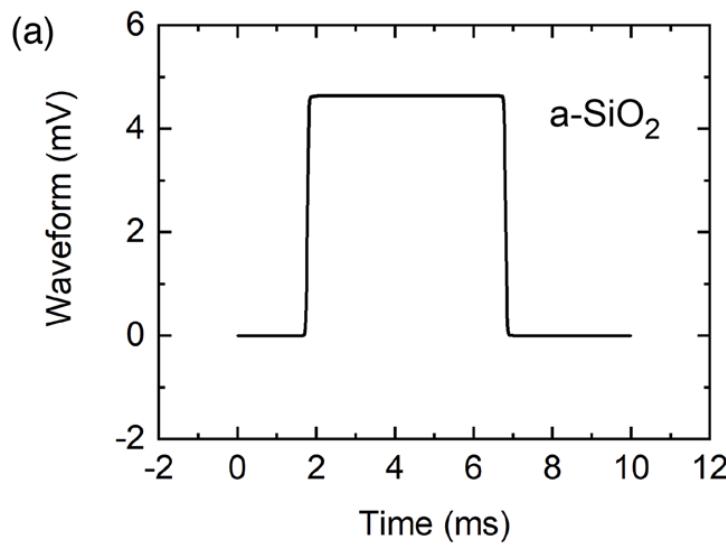


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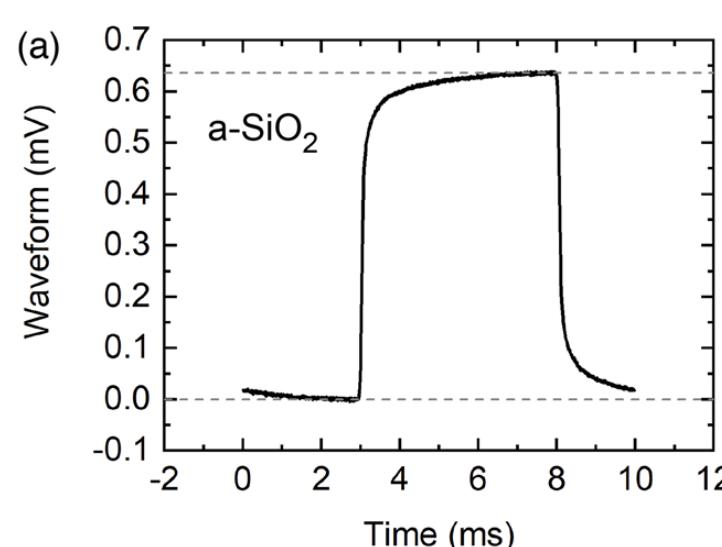


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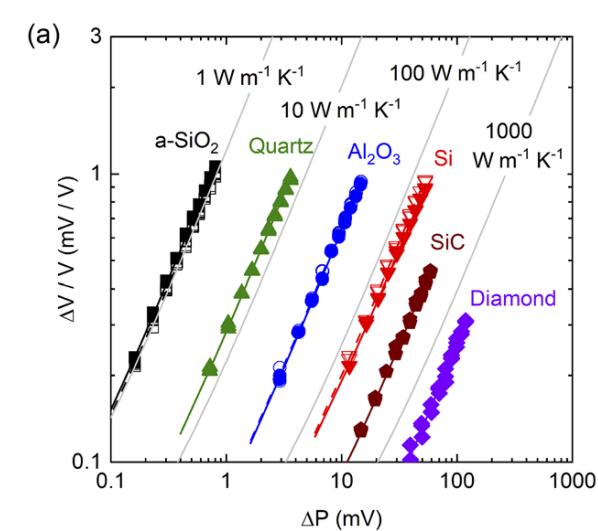
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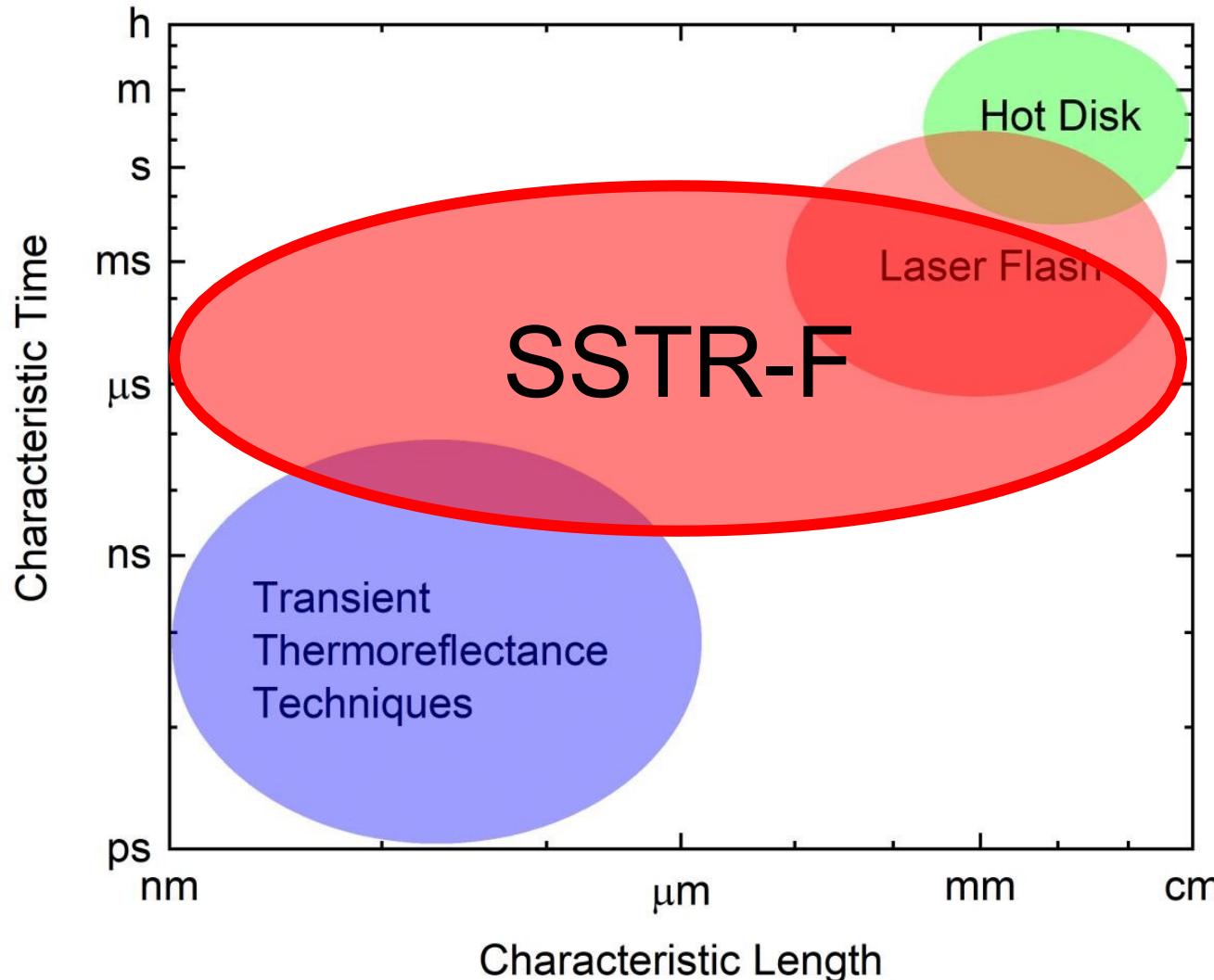
Probe response



Fourier's Law



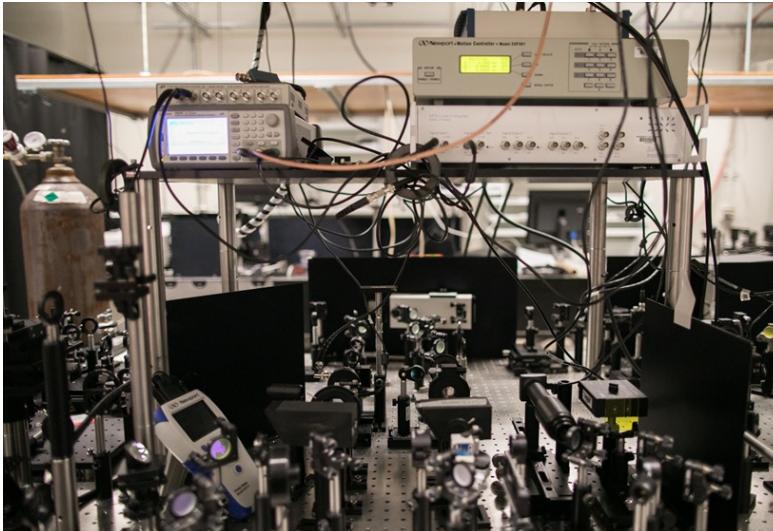
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# Laser Thermal's SSTR-F

## Academic State of the Art vs. Laser Thermal's SSTR-F



Current lab-based systems are complex with advanced optics and instrumentation knowledge needed for use.

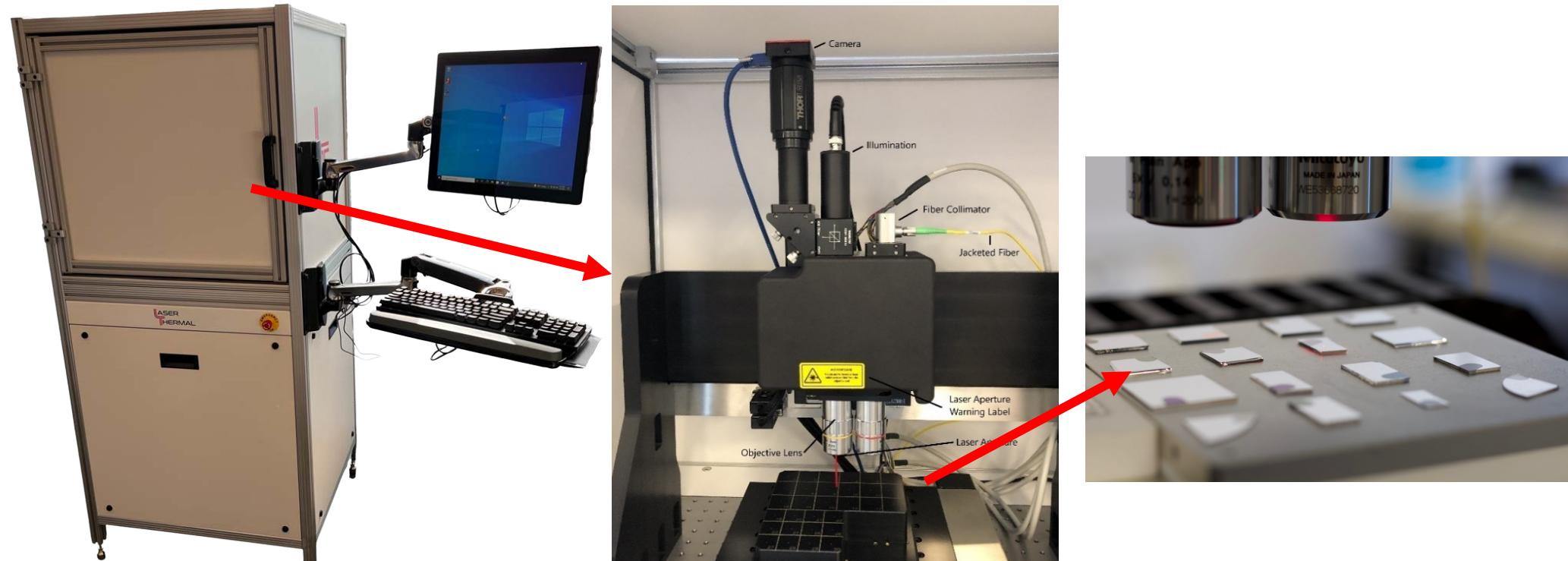
**Shown Above: Time-domain Thermoreflectance (TDTR)**  
**Expertise required: PhD-level operator.**



Laser Thermal's SSTR-F is simple, enabling fully automated push-button testing.

**Expertise required: Associates degree technician level operator.**

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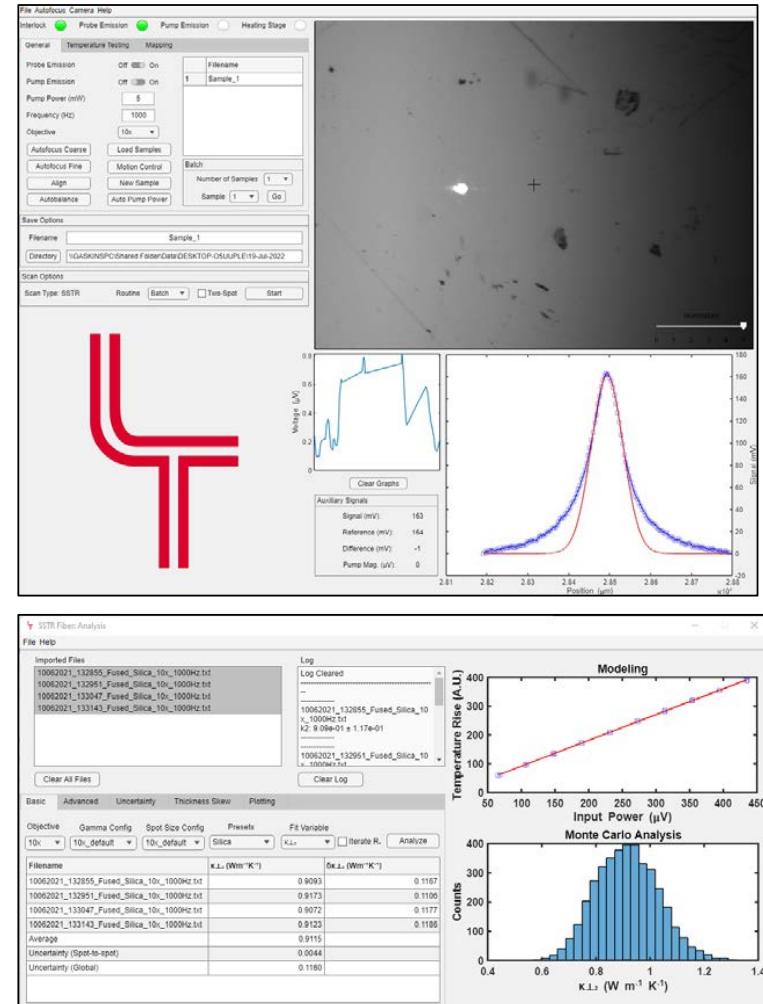


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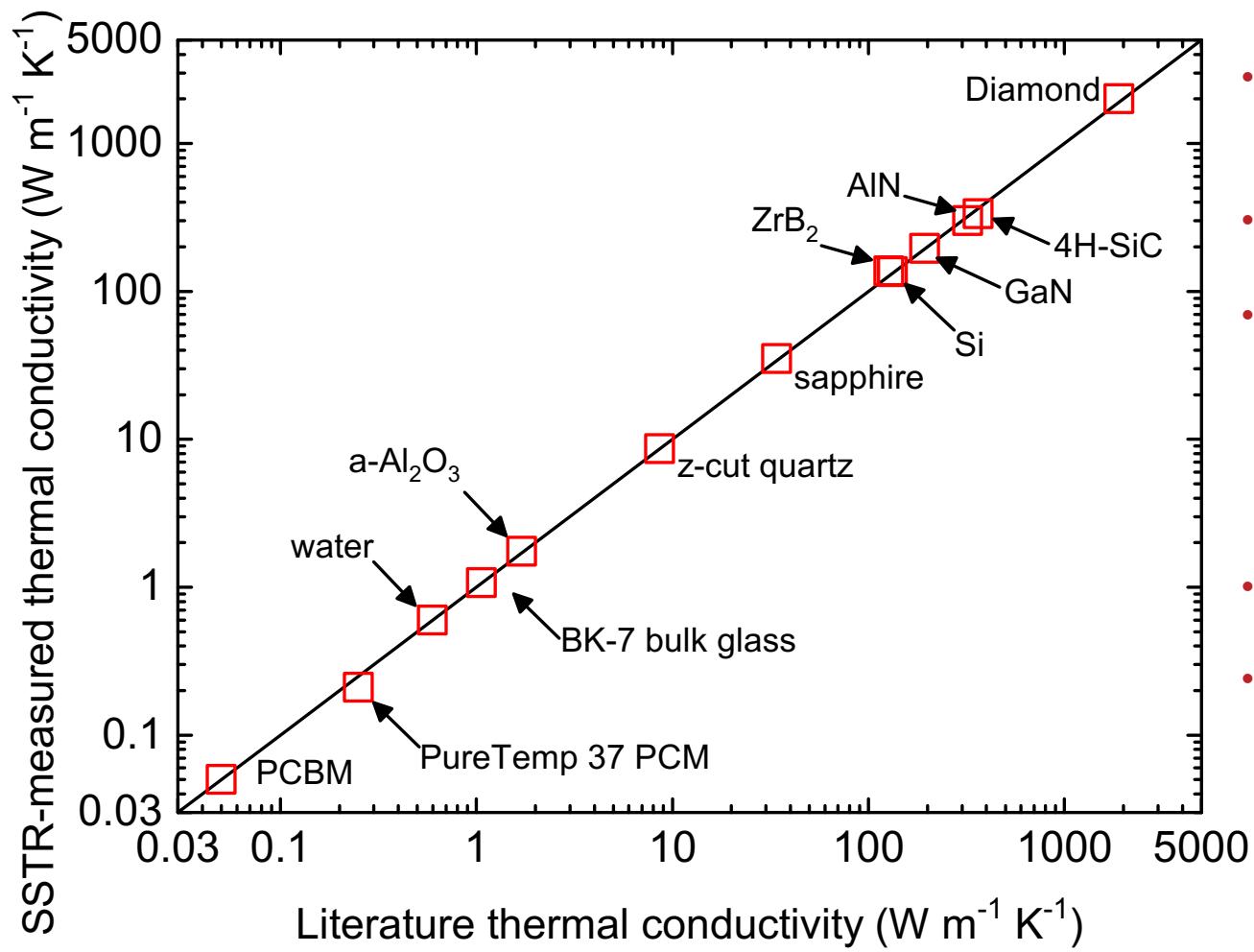


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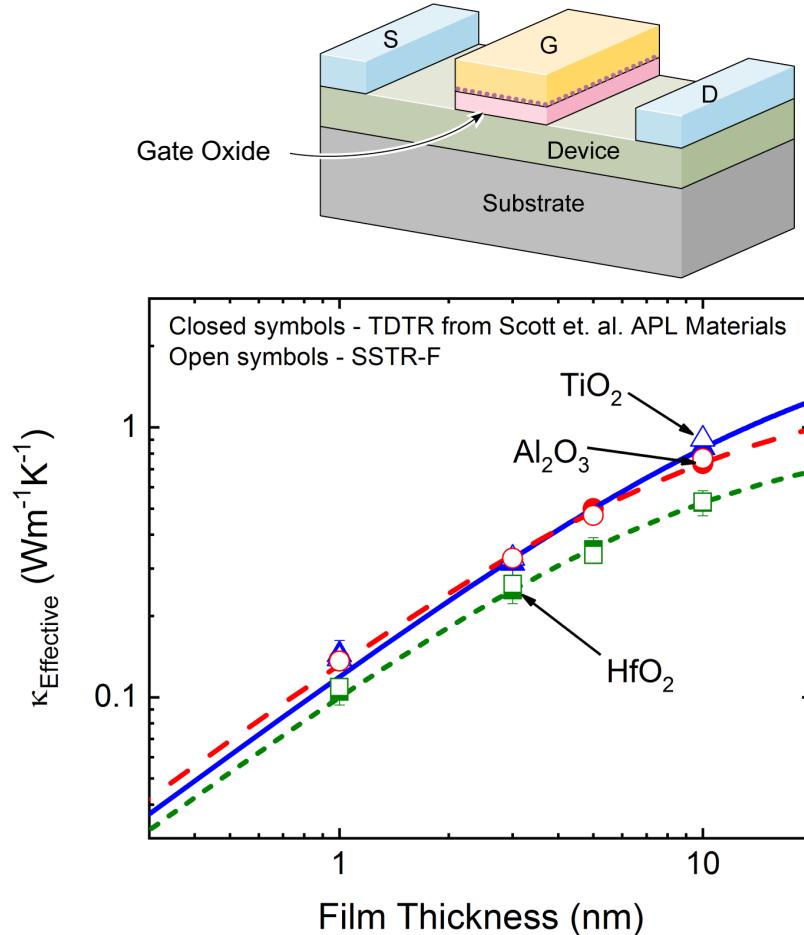
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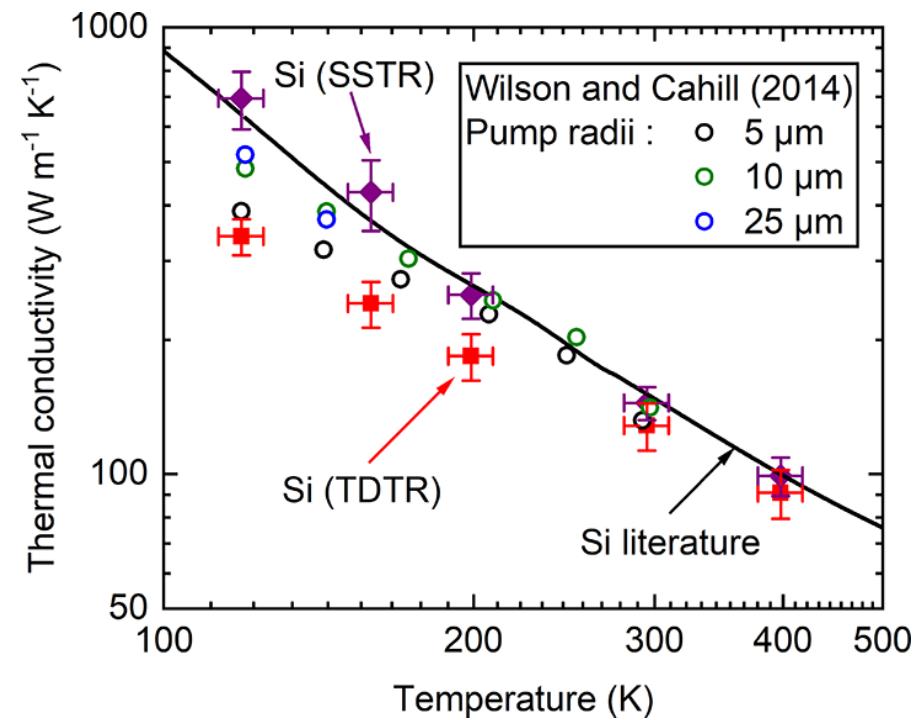
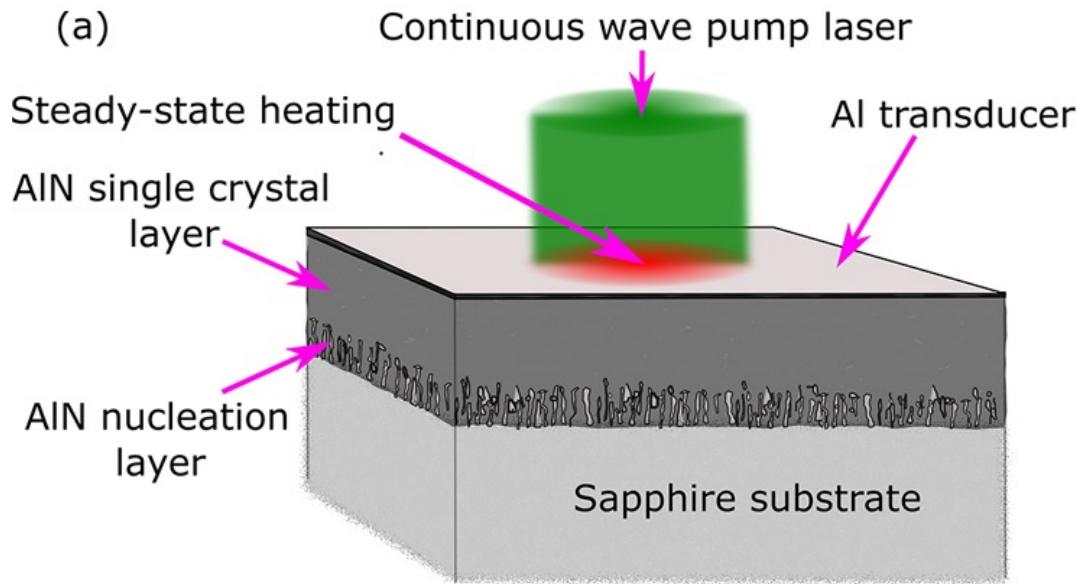
Thermal conductivity of dielectric films as thin as 1 nm



- Verified over three materials systems using SSTR-F
- Matches existing TDTR measurements
- Measuring resistance from interfaces and from material resistance in this case

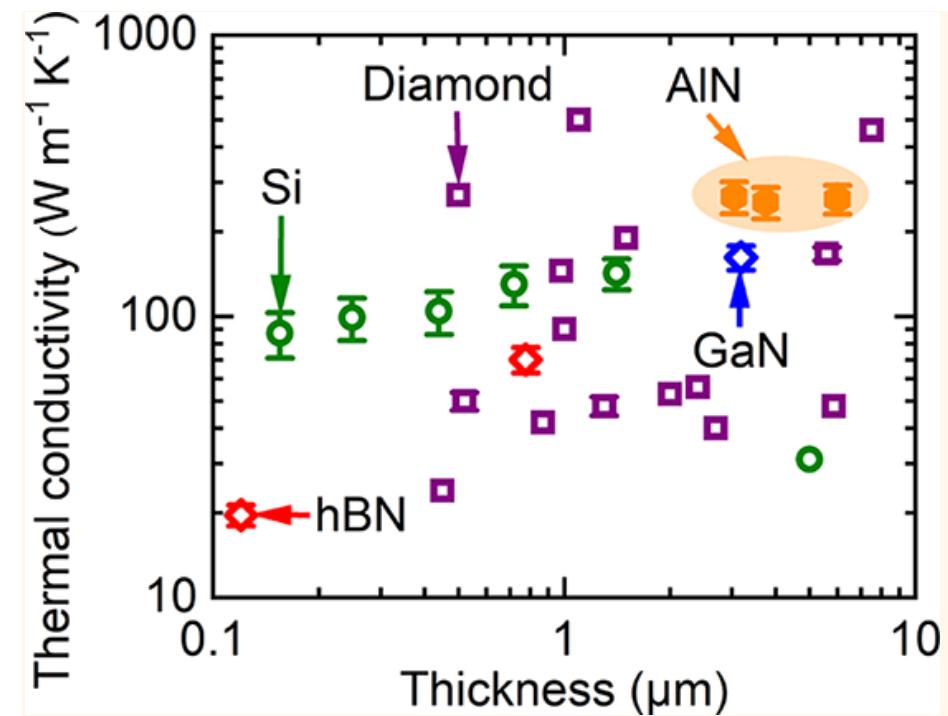
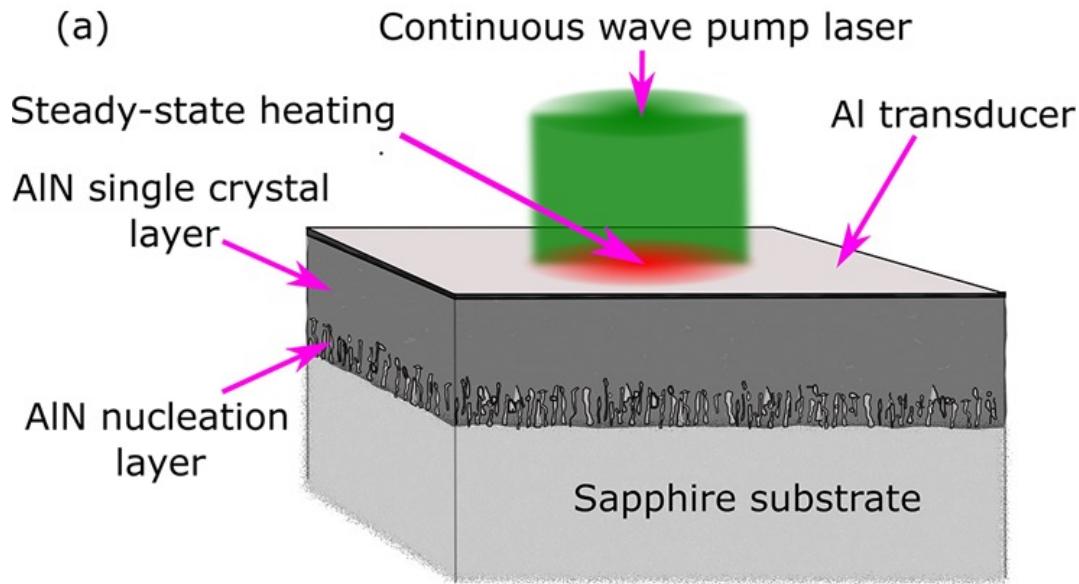
# SSTR-F capabilities

## Temperature dependent thermal conductivity



# SSTR-F capabilities

In-plane thermal conductivity of thin films  
e.g., anisotropy effects in AlN thin films



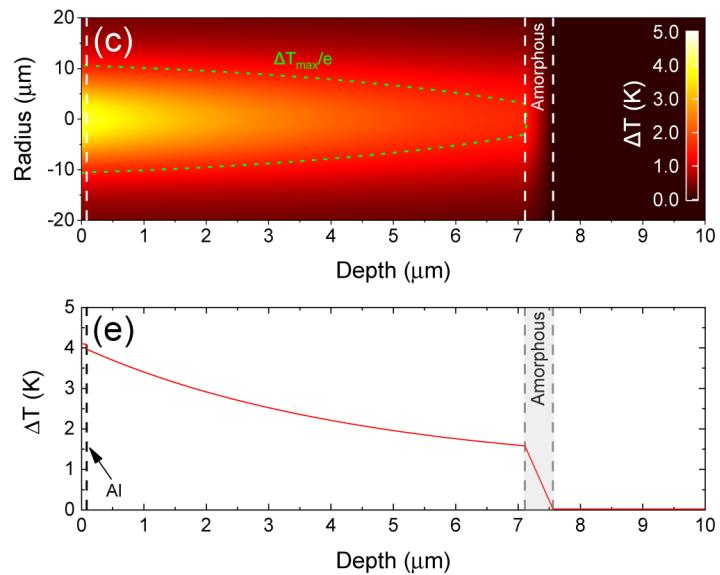
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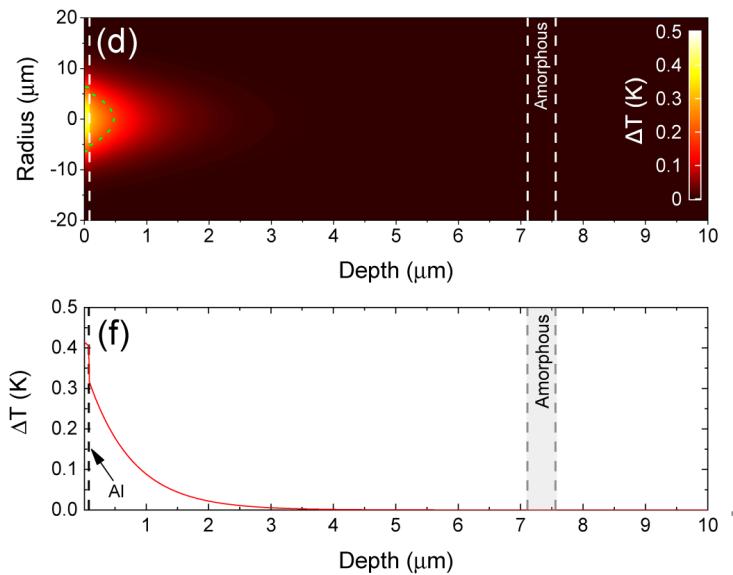
e.g., measure thermal conductivity of thin region with point defects 7  $\mu\text{m}$  under diamond surface



SSTR can measure at variable depths under the surface controlled by the laser spot size



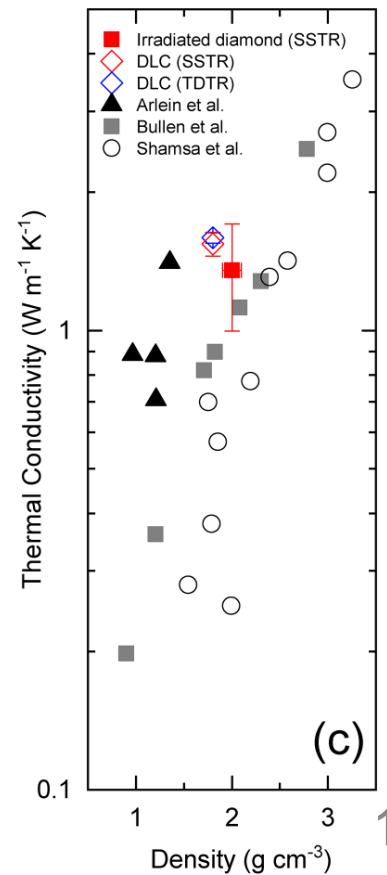
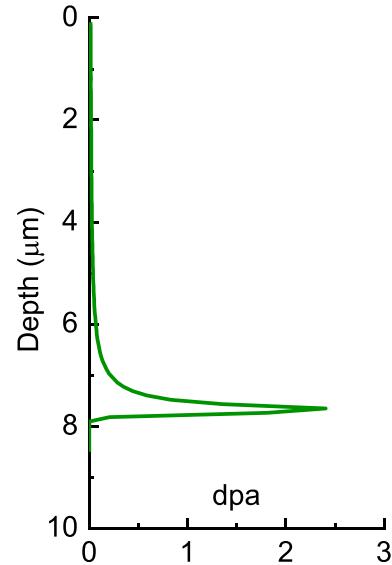
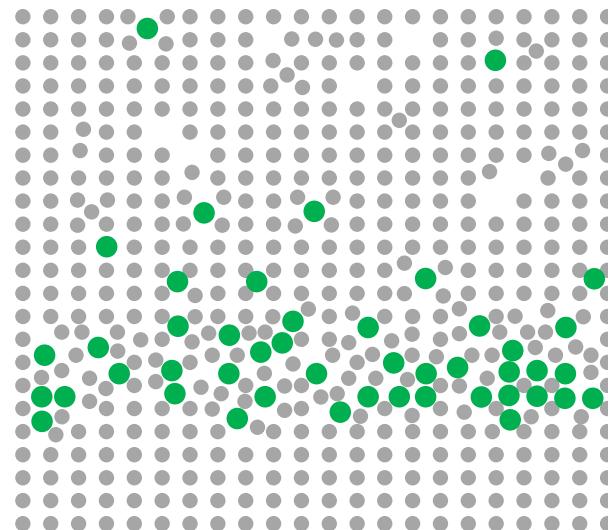
TDTR/FDTR restricted to  $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$  beneath surface in diamond



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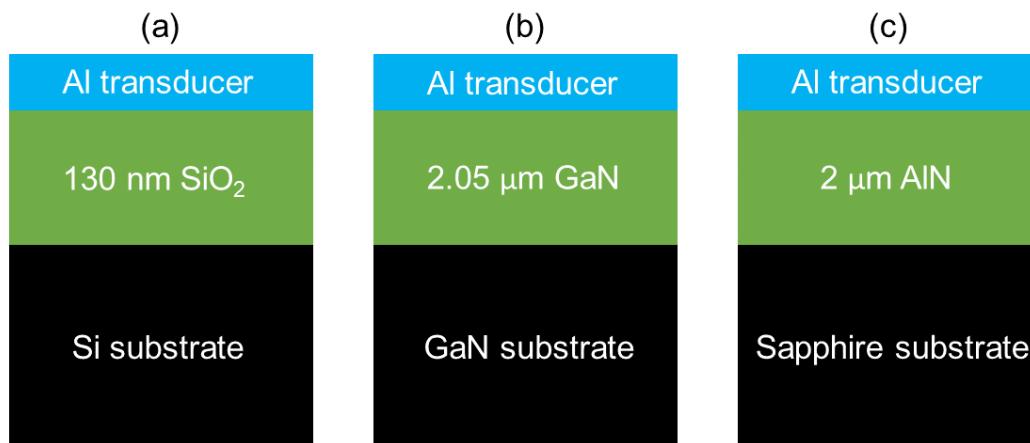
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# SSTR-F capabilities

Sub-surface interfaces and heat sinks

e.g., measure thermal conductivity of buried interfaces, sub-mounts & substrates under GaN and AlN thin films

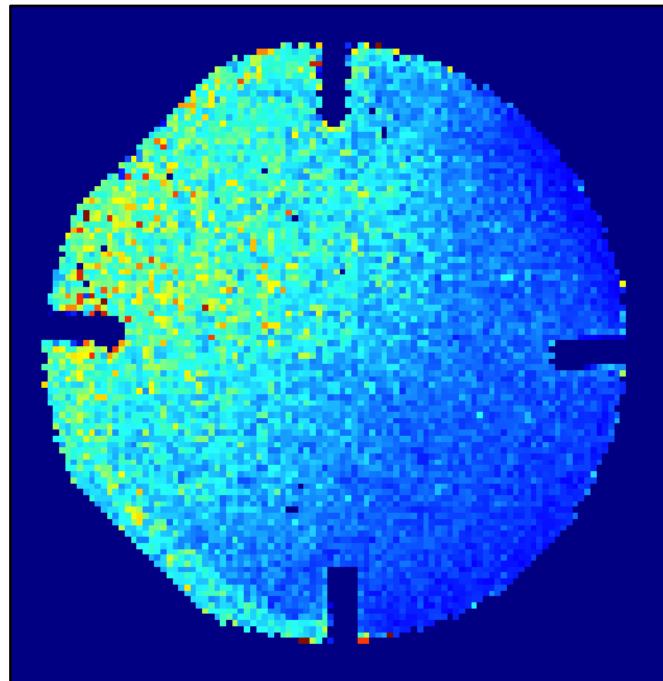
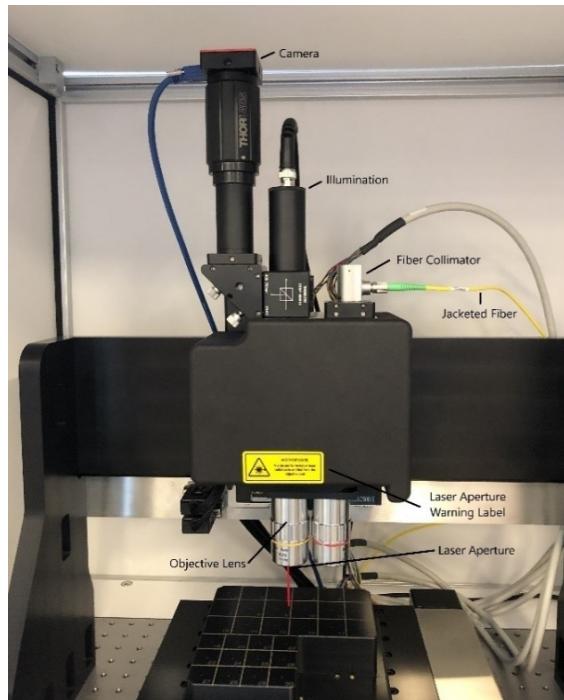


- Automated variable spot size in SSTR-F allows for control over testing depth
- Measurement of layer-by-layer thermal conductivity in material stack/composite

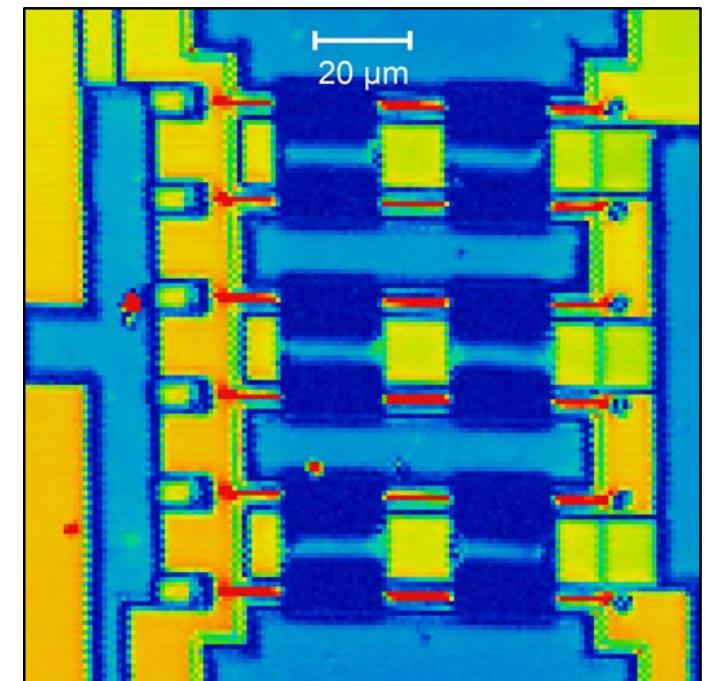
| Substrates | Thermal conductivity (W m <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> ) |                 |                   |
|------------|---|-----------------|-------------------|
|            | spot size 10 μm   | spot size 20 μm | literature        |
| Si         | 141 ± 27  | 140 ± 18        | 140 <sup>30</sup> |
| GaN        | 194 ± 27  | 185 ± 16        | 195 <sup>41</sup> |
| Sapphire   | 35.1 ± 5.9  | 34.5 ± 4.2      | 35 <sup>42</sup>  |

# SSTR-F capabilities

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



ALD film on 4" diameter  
silicon wafer



6-finger GaAs pHEMT on  
a MMIC power amplifier 139

# Laser Thermal's SSTR-F

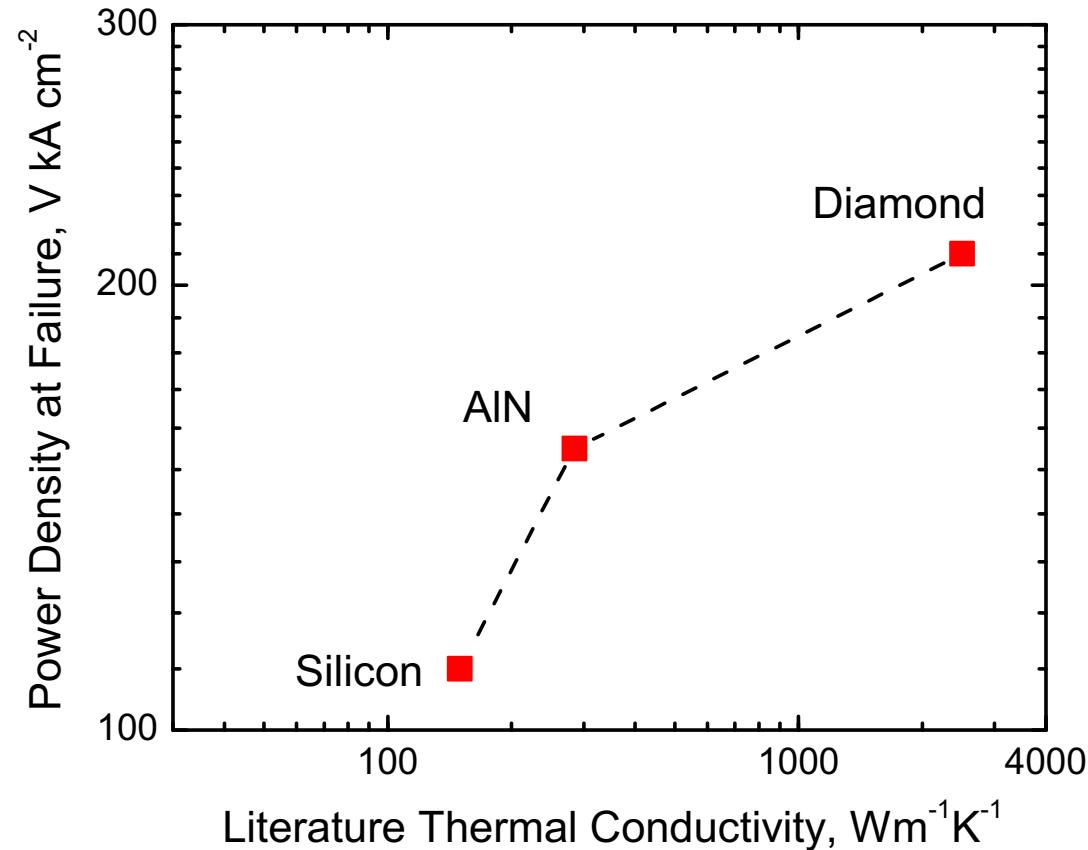
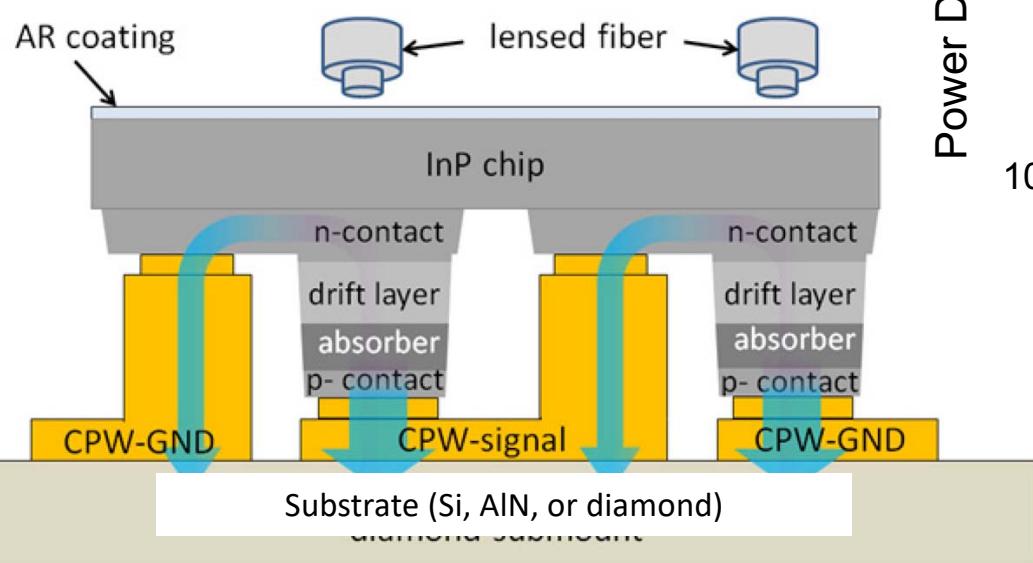
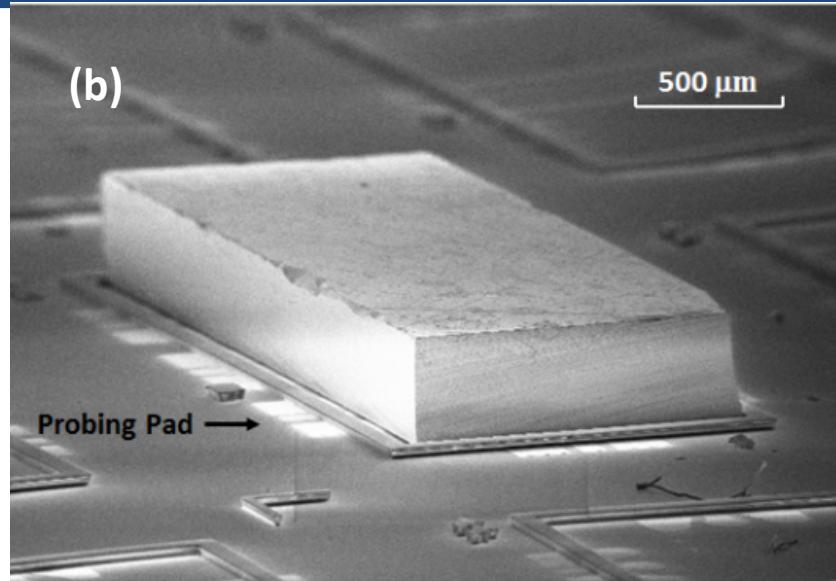
- Thermal conductivity and resistance testing services from thin films to heat sinks
- Thermal conductivity measurement systems for thin films and bulk materials (SSTR-F)
- Tutorials and demos available online  
<https://laserthermal.com>



# Outline

1. What makes a high and low thermal conductivity material – an electron and phonon nanoscale perspective
2. Thermal conductivity of thin films: how film dimensional and growth conditions can lead to interfaces and defects that scatter electrons and phonons, thus reducing the thermal conductivity of materials
3. Thermal conductivity measurements: thin film methods
4. **Thermal boundary resistance: coherent and incoherent heat transfer across interfaces in nanostructures**
5. Coupled nonequilibrium heat transfer: Energy coupling among electron, phonons and photons including ultrafast laser pulse effects
6. Heat transfer in materials during synthesis and manufacturing, including plasma-material interactions during deposition and laser-based manufacturing

# High power device thermal management - traditional

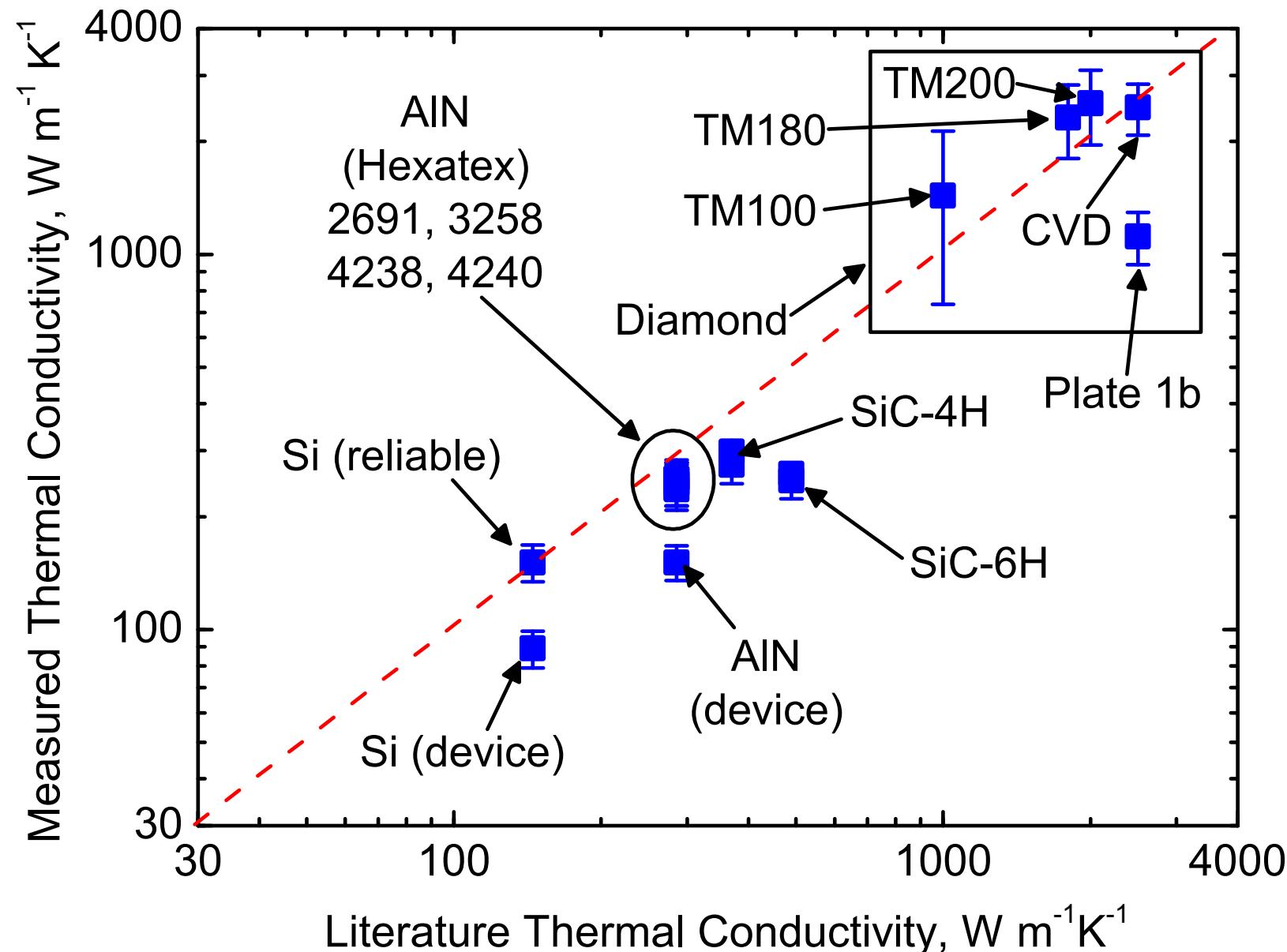


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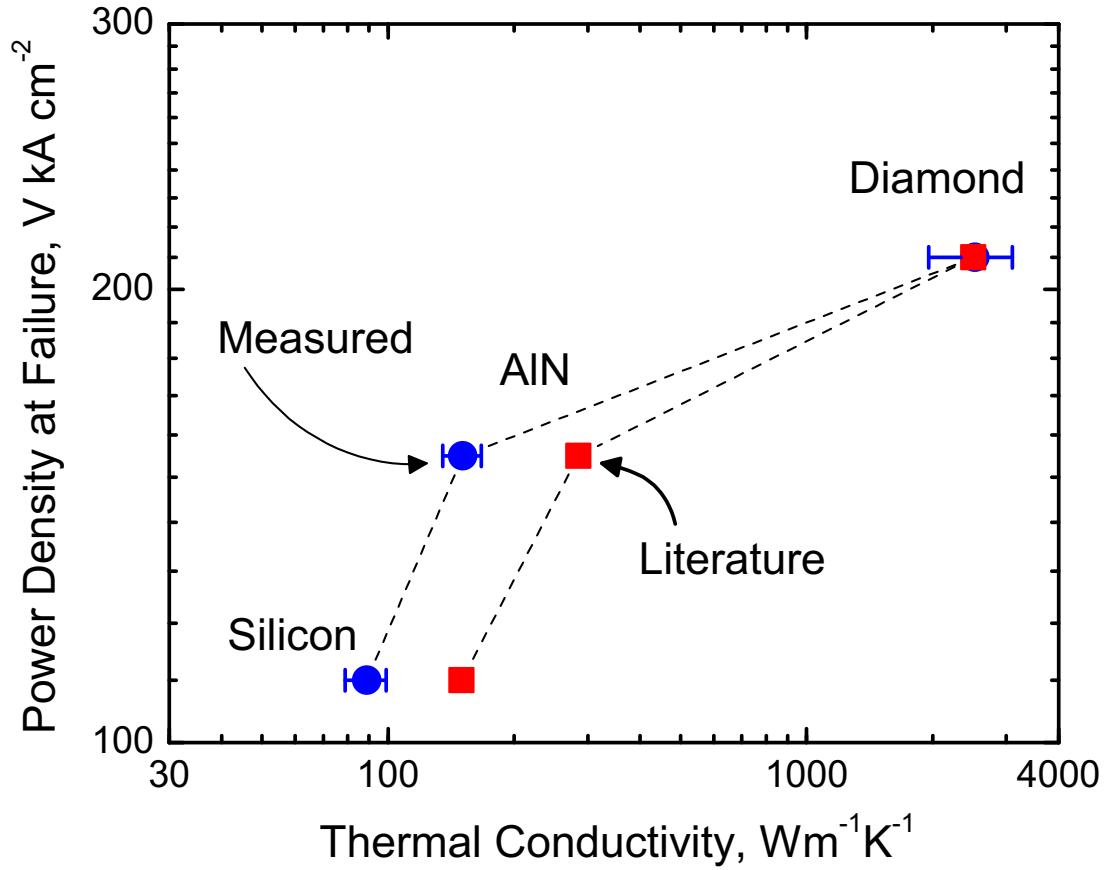
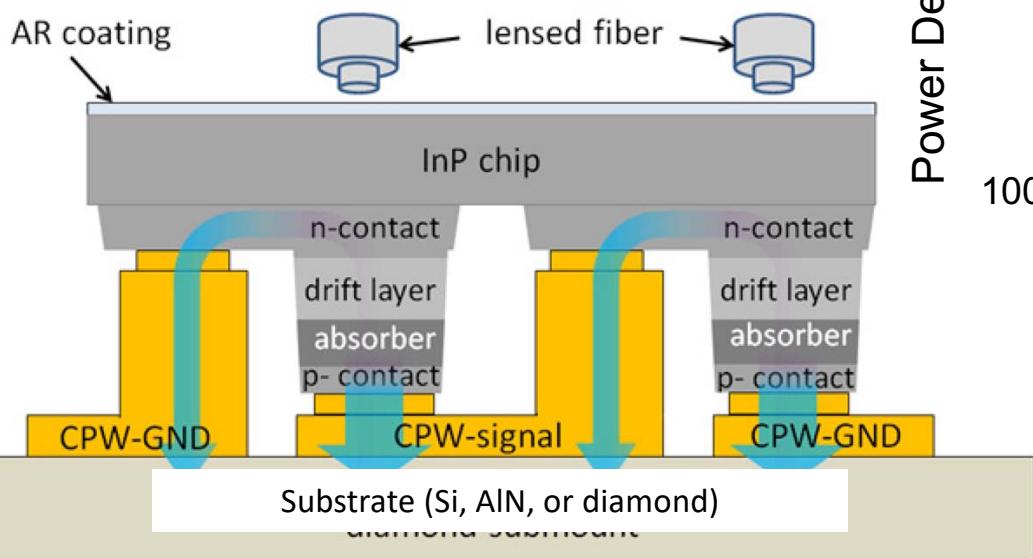
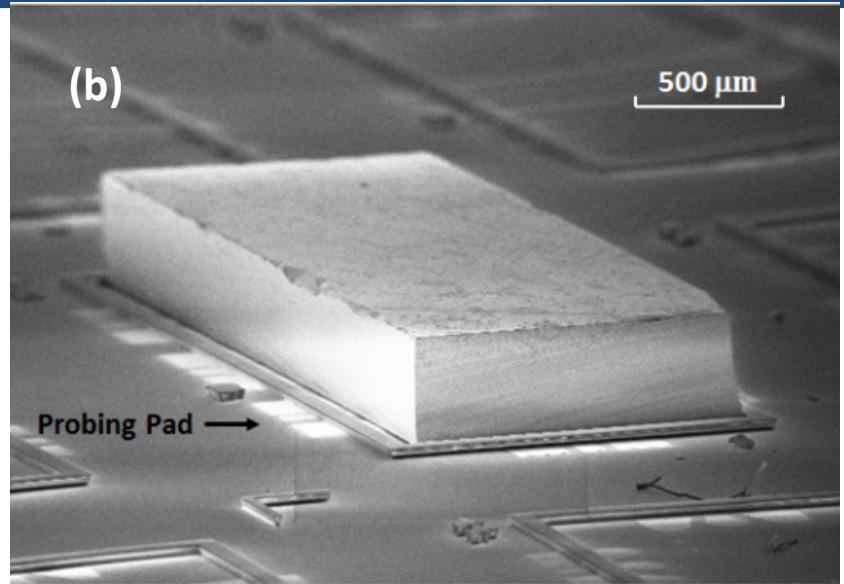
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# Example: thermal conductivity of common high $\kappa$ substrates



# High power device thermal management – substrate effects

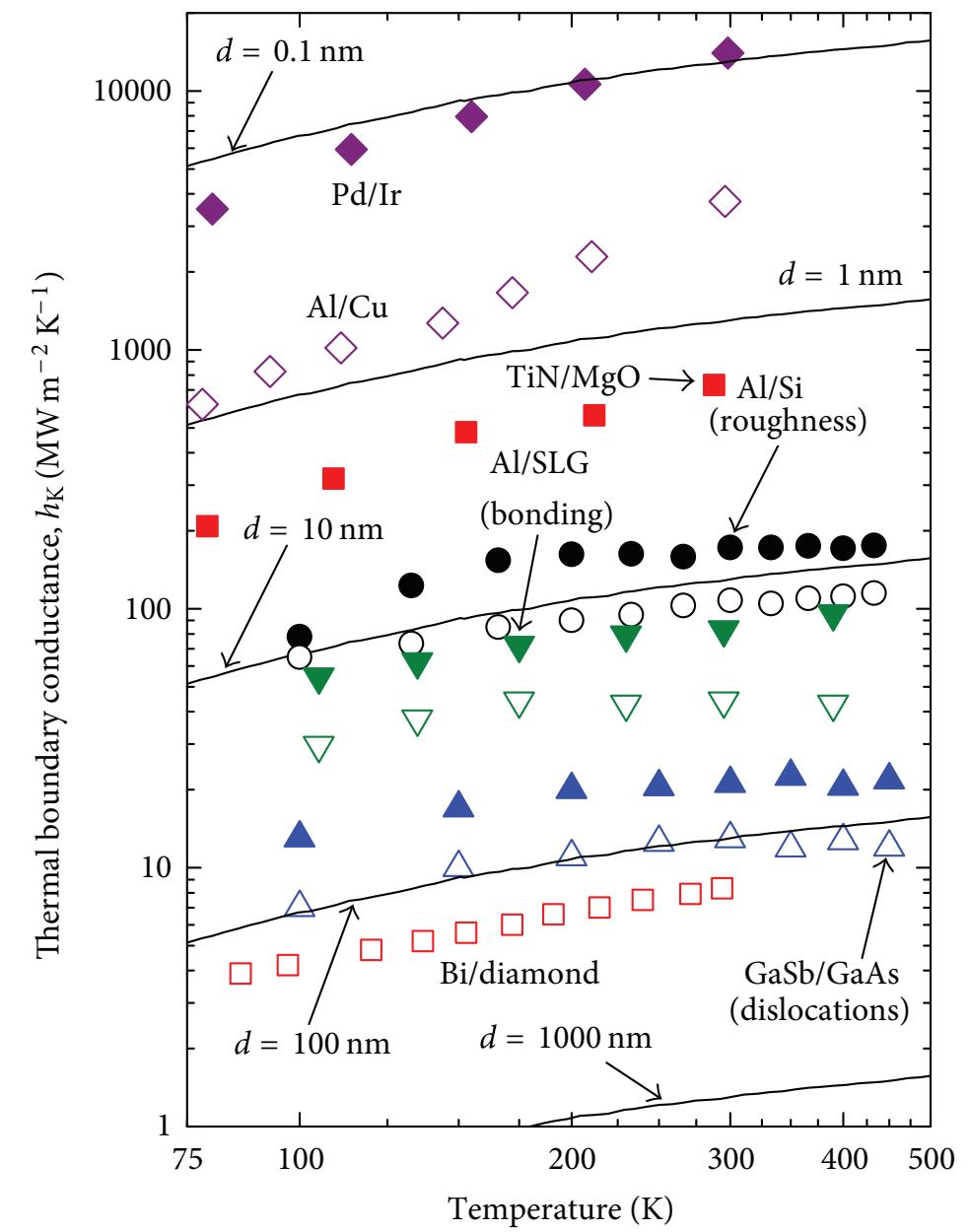
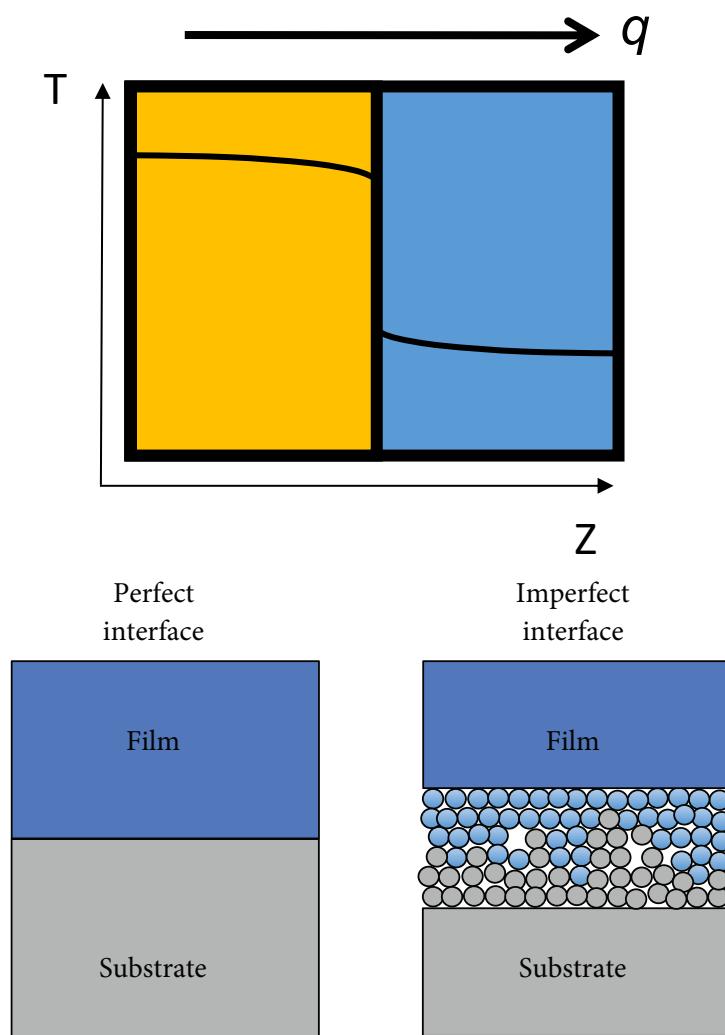


**Still does not scale with heat sink thermal conductivity**

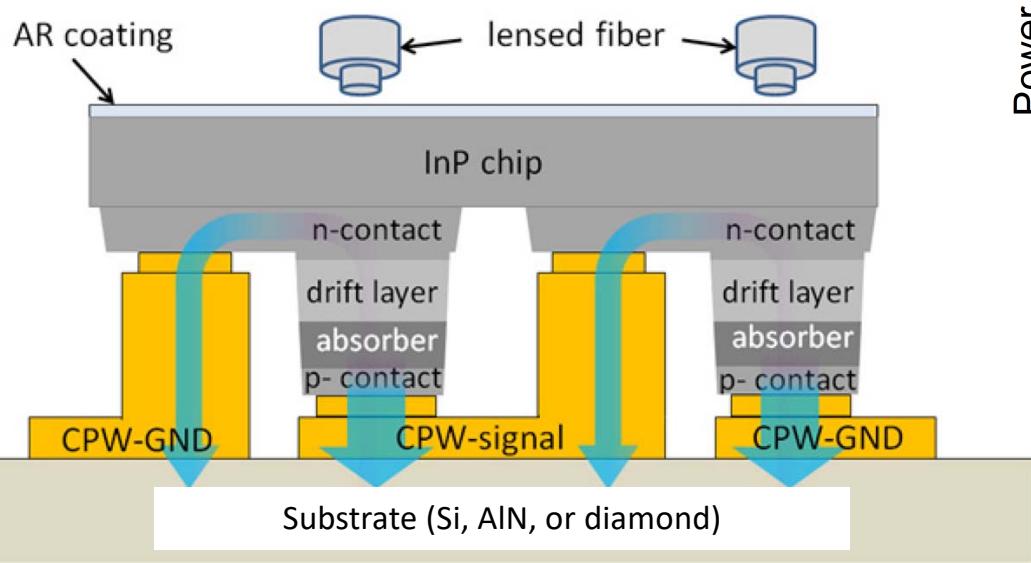
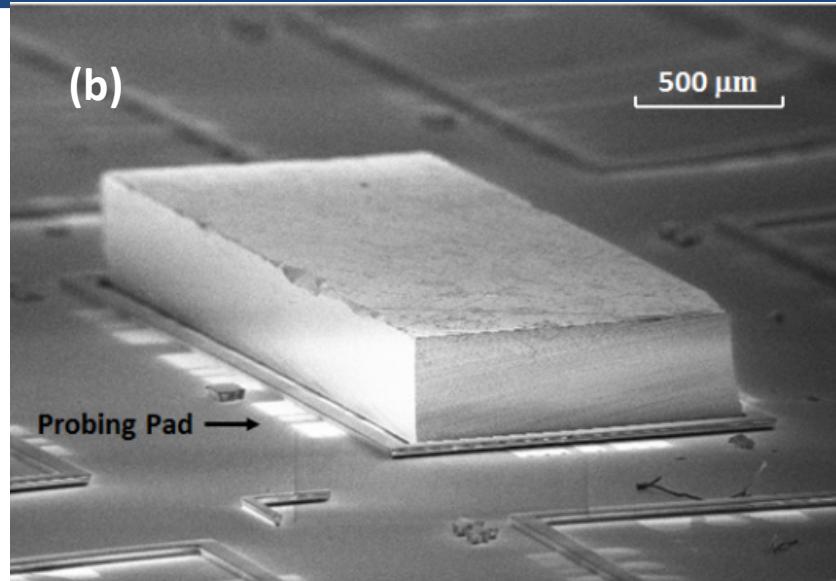
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# Thermal boundary conductance – nanoscale resistances

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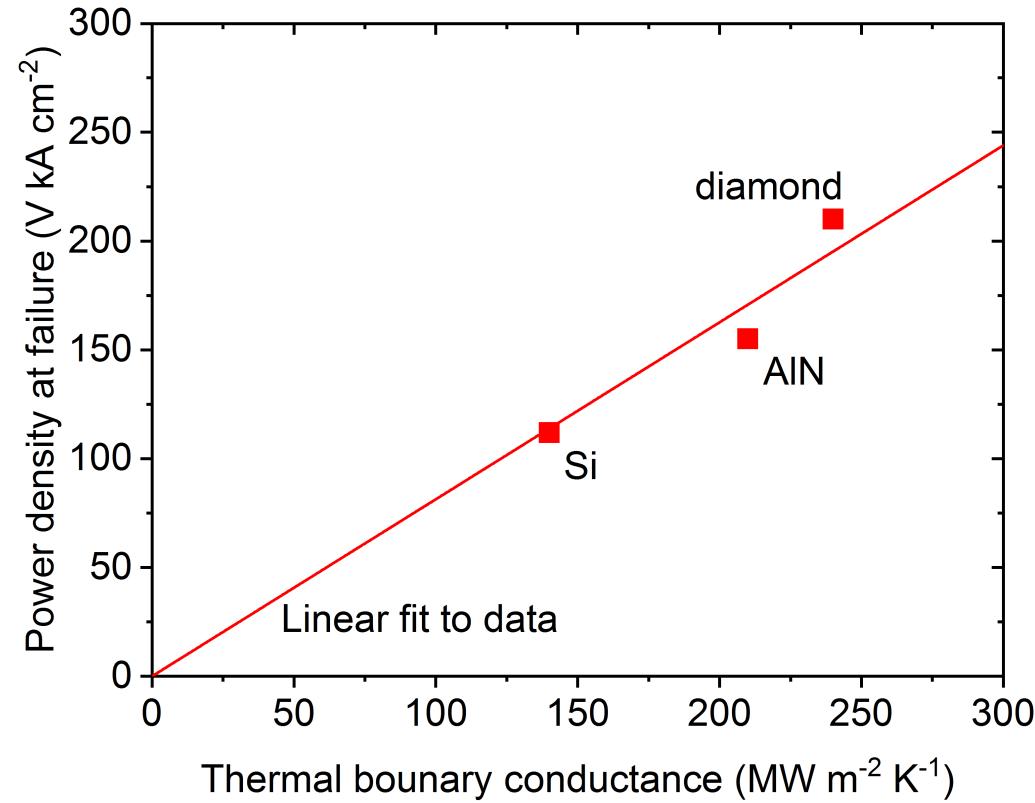


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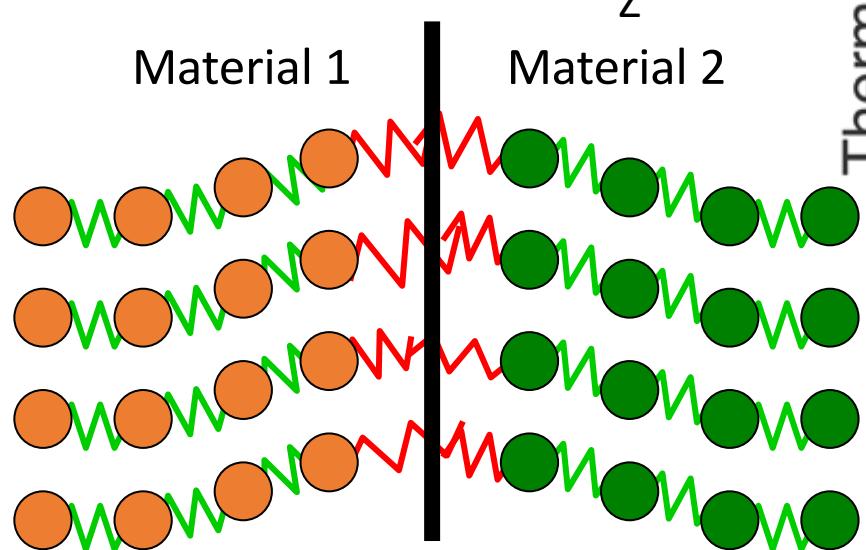
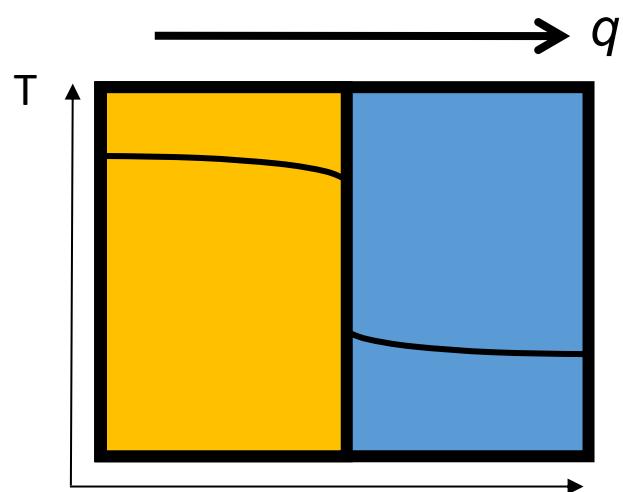
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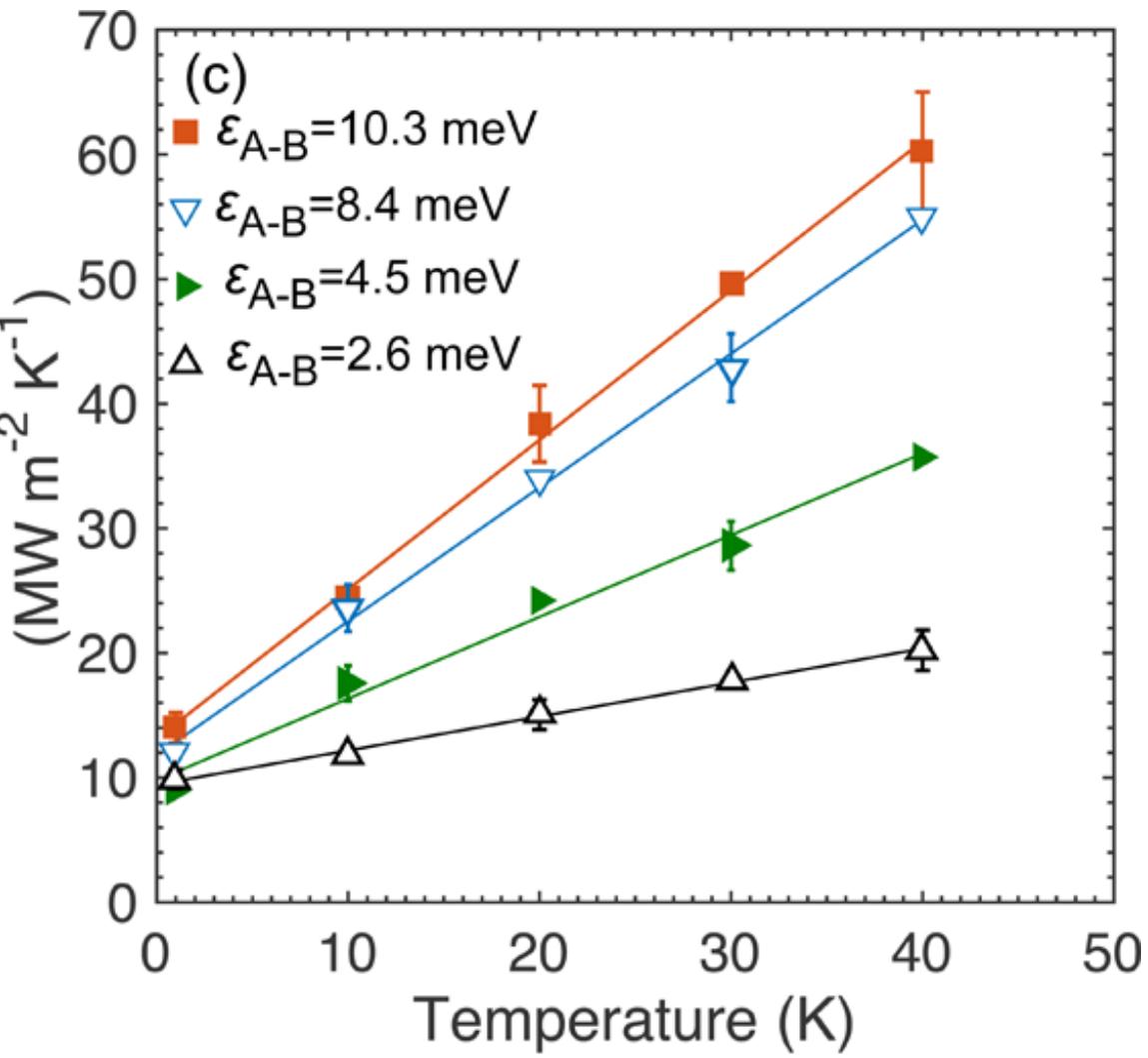
**TBC plays direct role in power density at failure**

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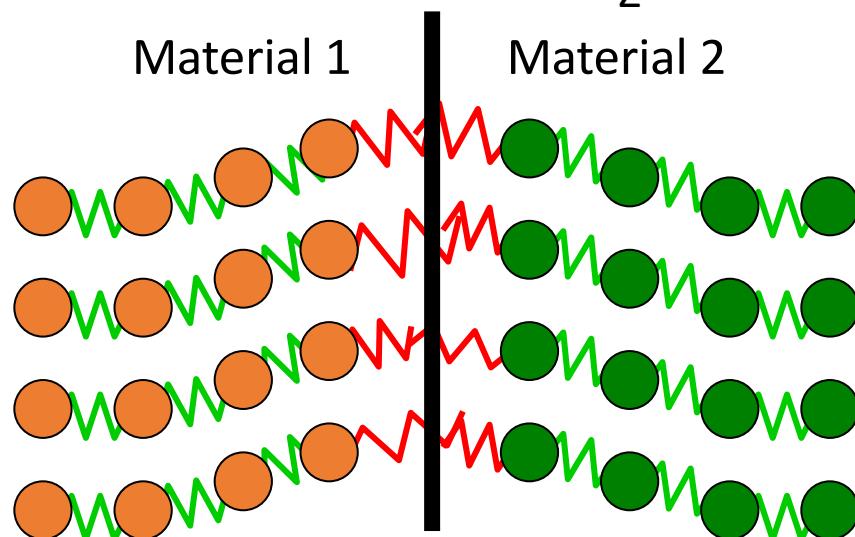
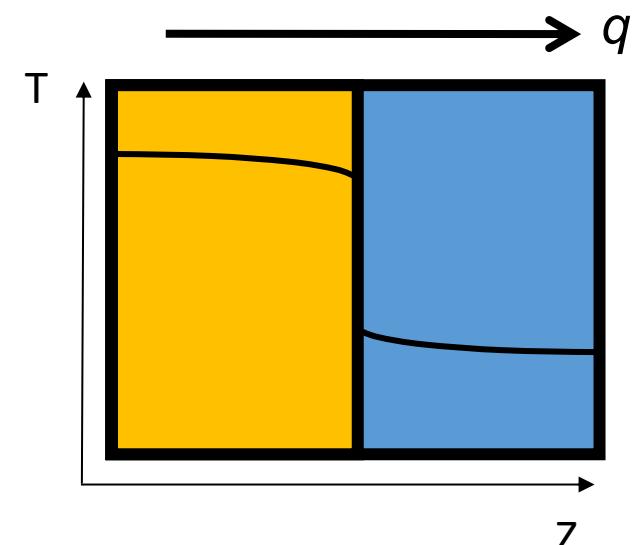


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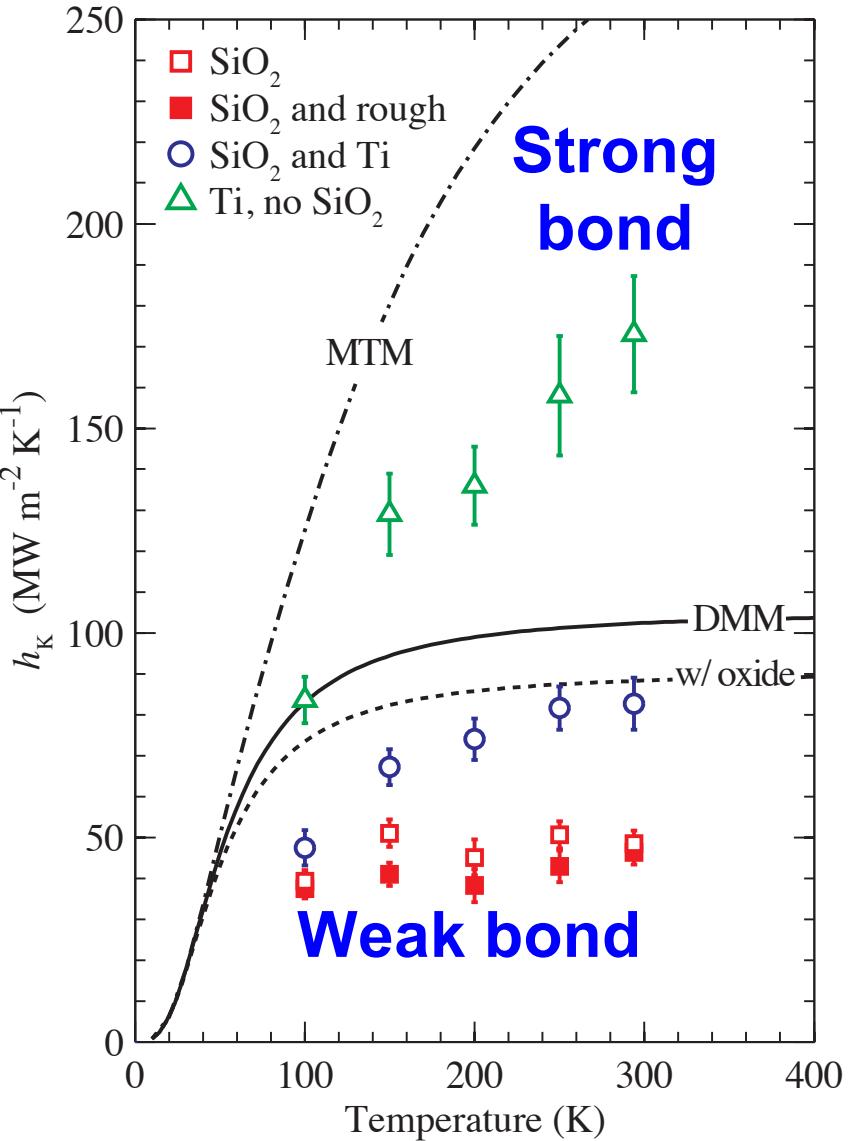


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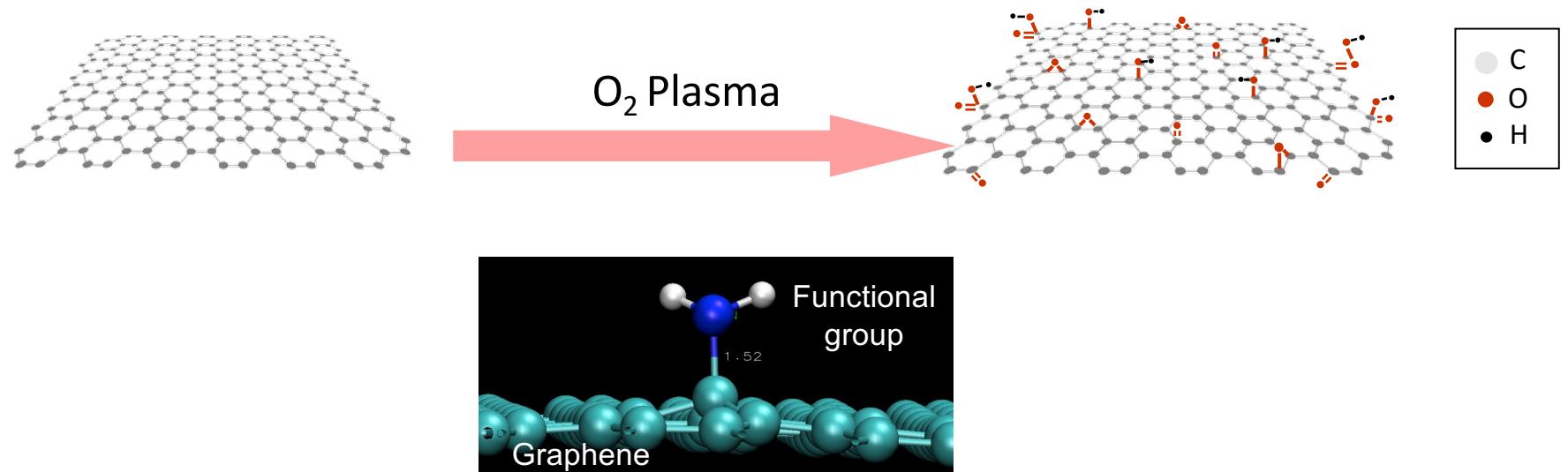
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## Ti adhesion layer effects on Au/Si TBC



# Atmospheric plasma functionalization of graphene surfaces

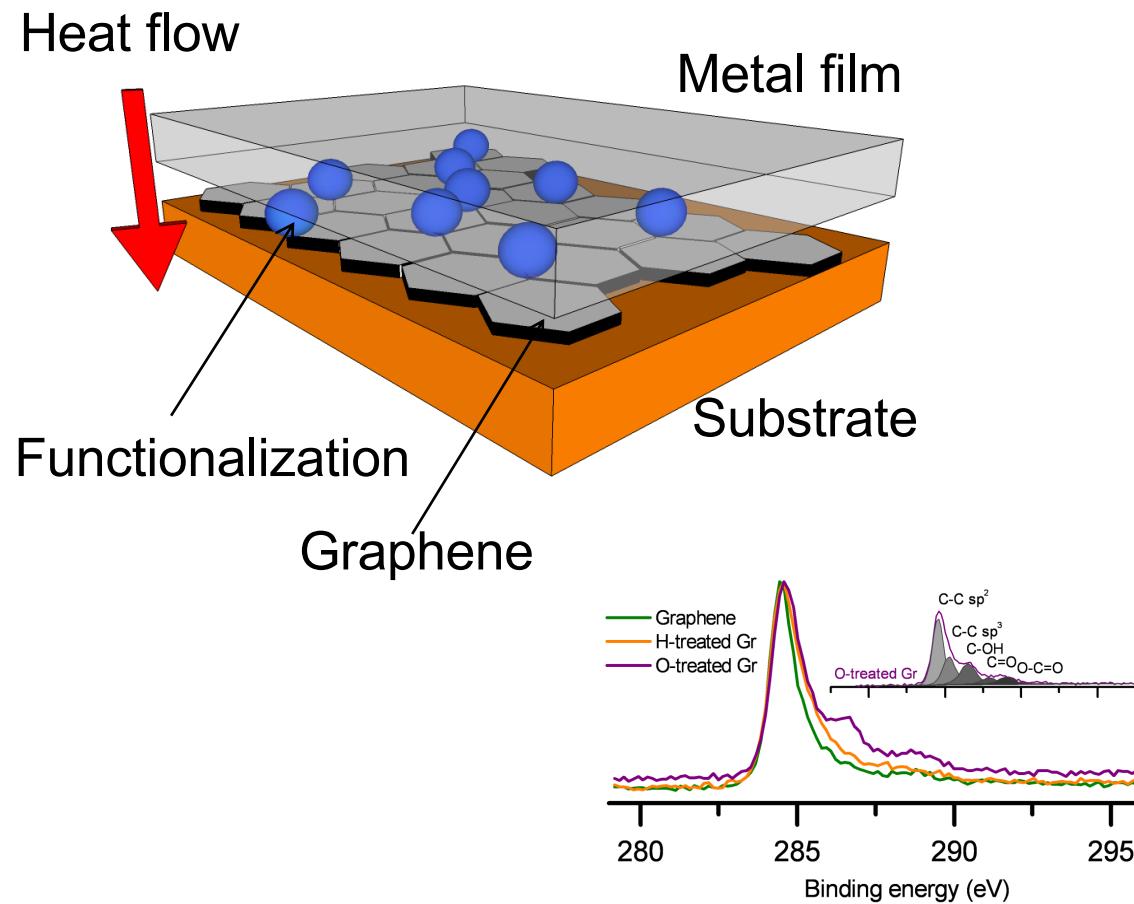


**Functional groups covalently bound to graphene  
Reversible after anneal**

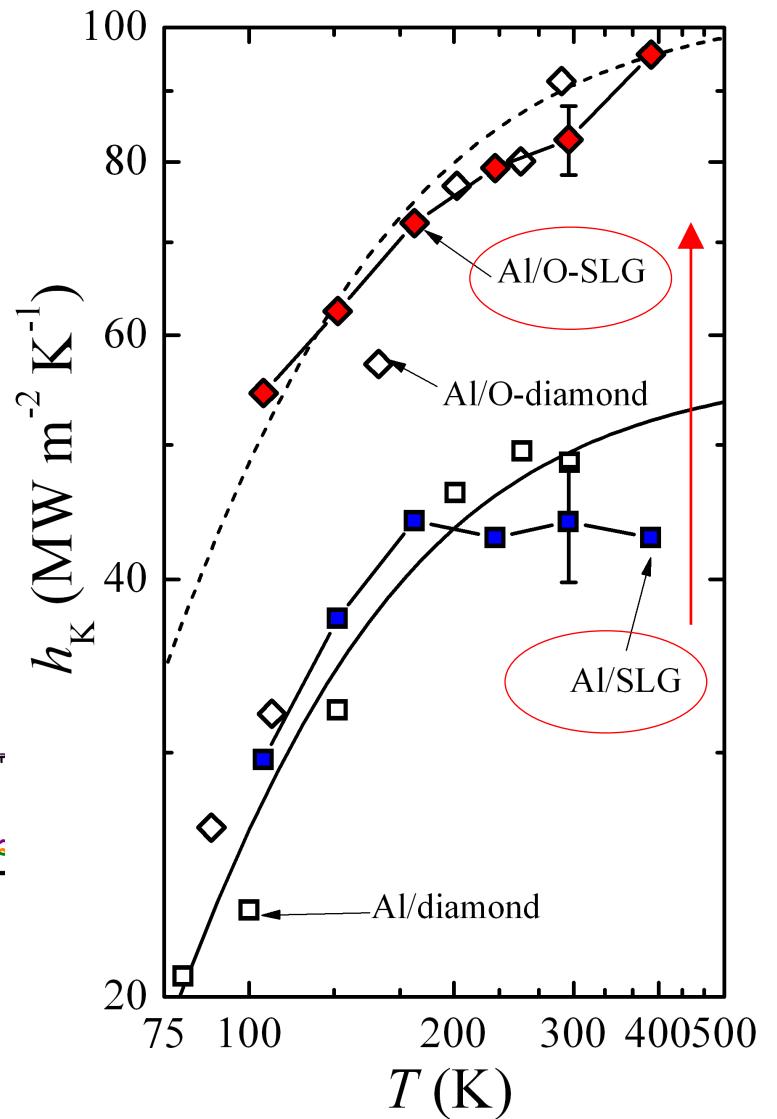
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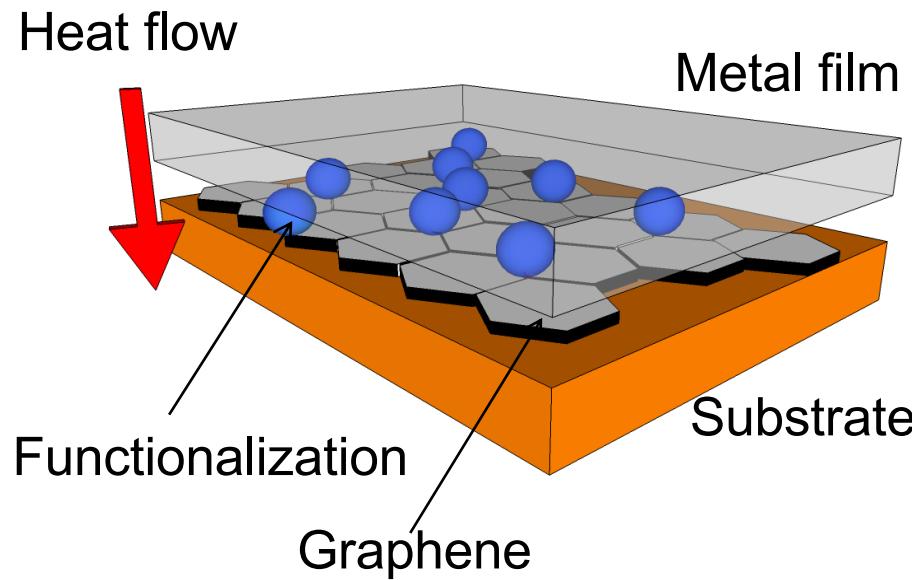
- **Al/graphene interaction increased with oxygen bond (Al-O bond)**
- **But what implications does this have for SLG devices?**



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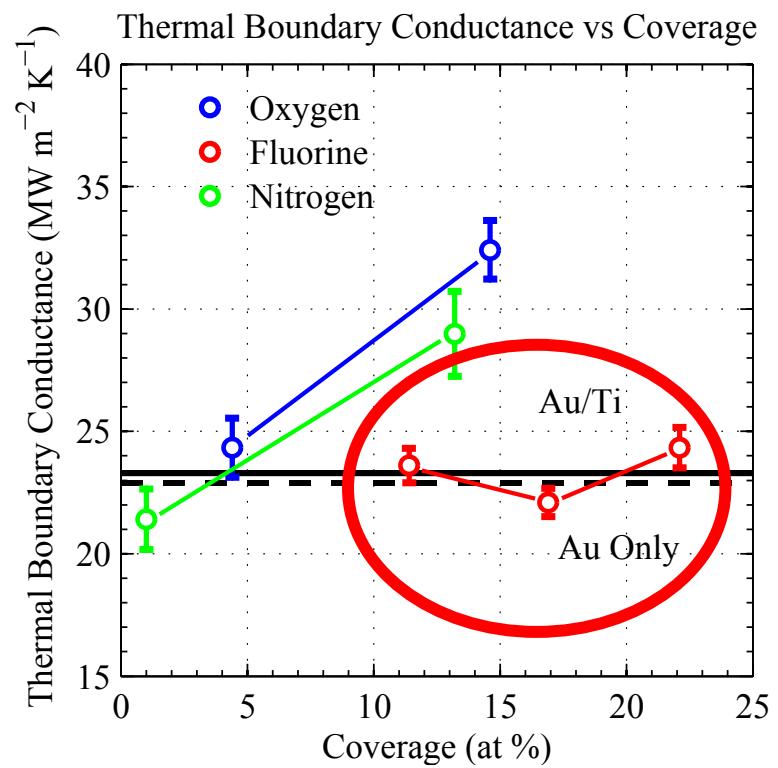
# Au/graphene electronic contacts



**C-F bond inert  
does not want to  
interact!**

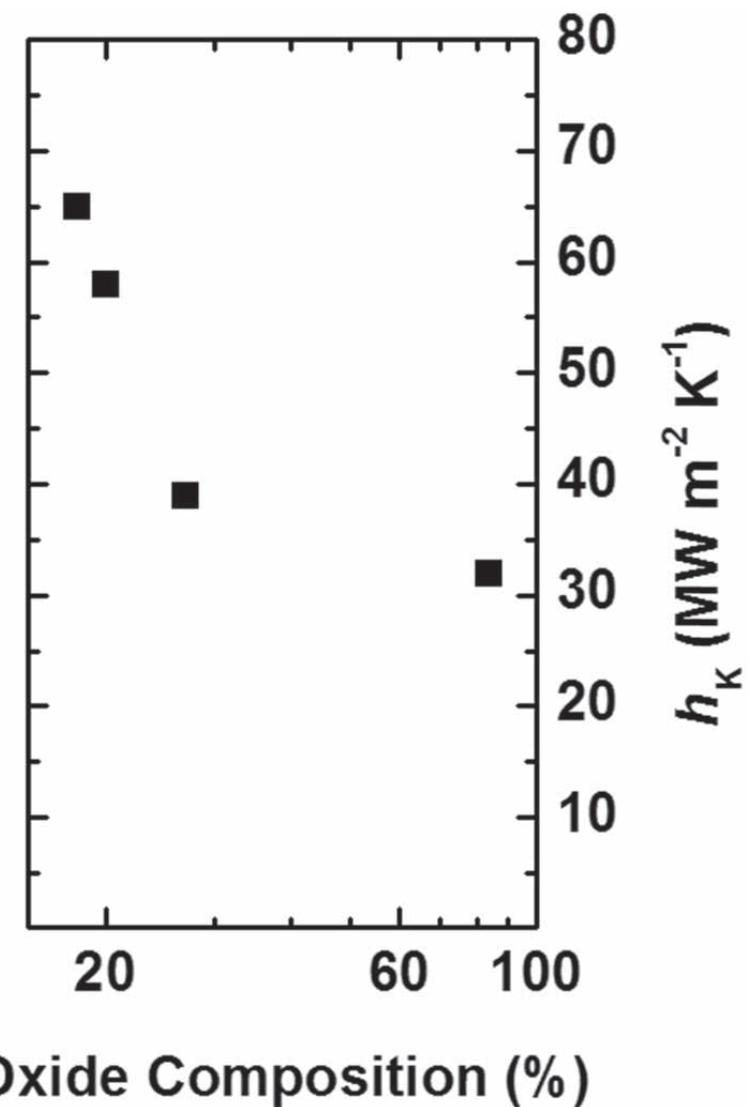
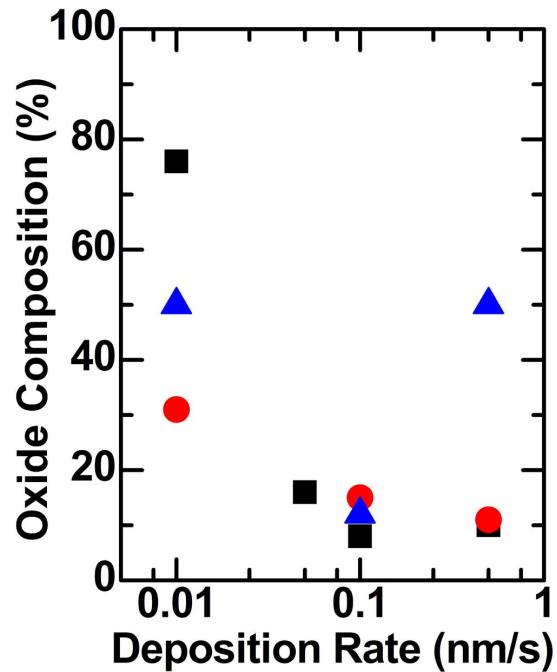
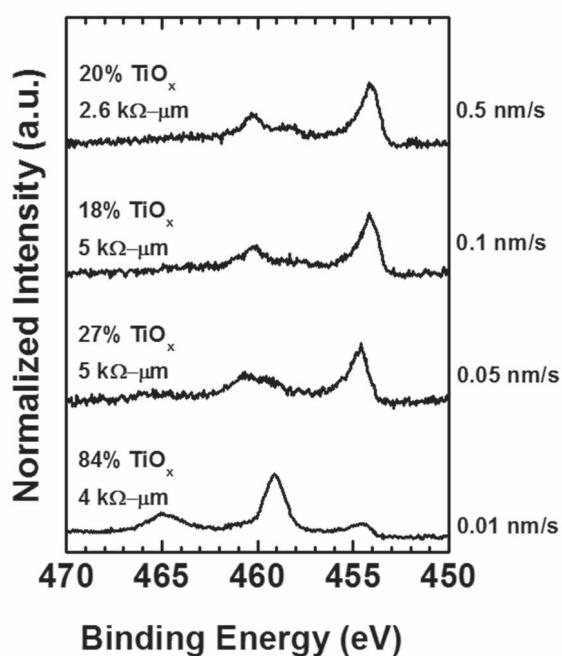
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Thermal boundary conductance results  
Similar trends for oxygen as Al  
**Ti adhesion layer does nothing**  
**Fluorine does nothing**



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# Chemistry effects on the TBC across Au/Ti/graphene

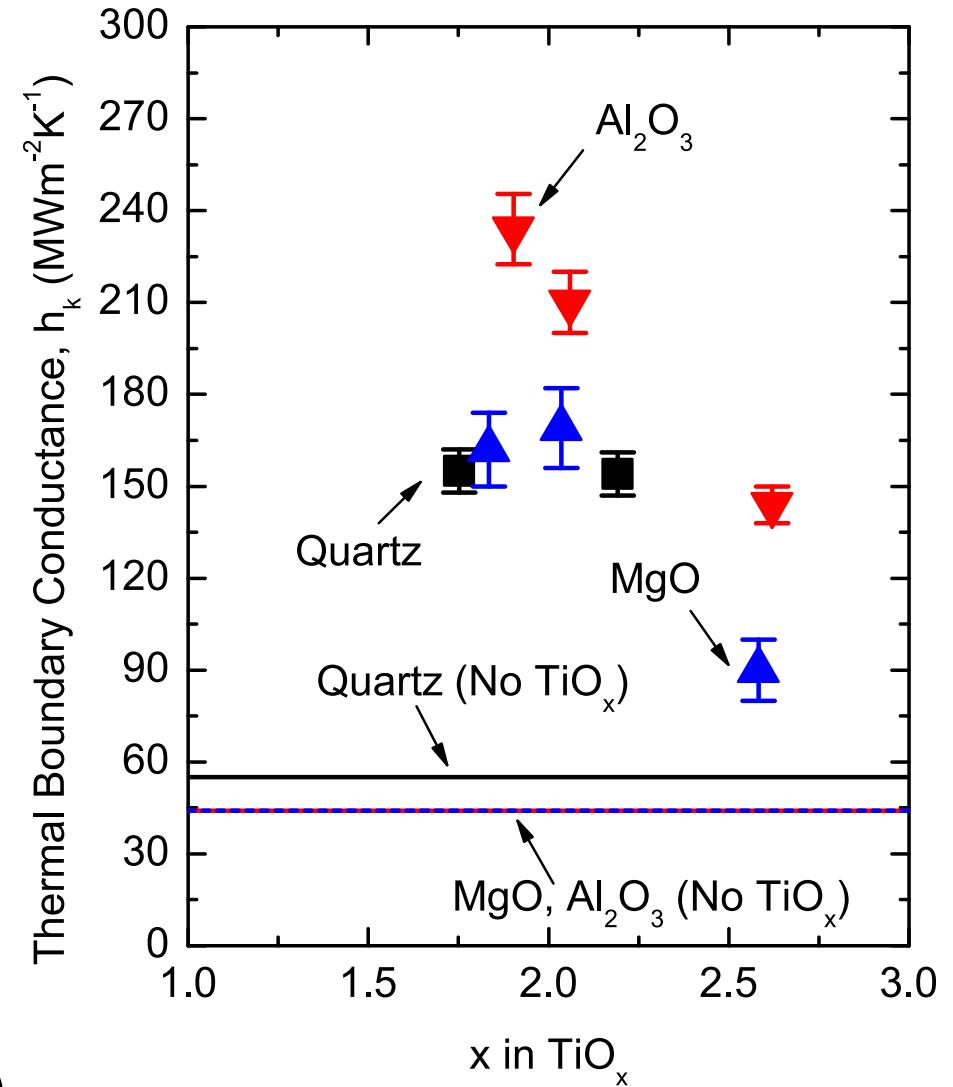
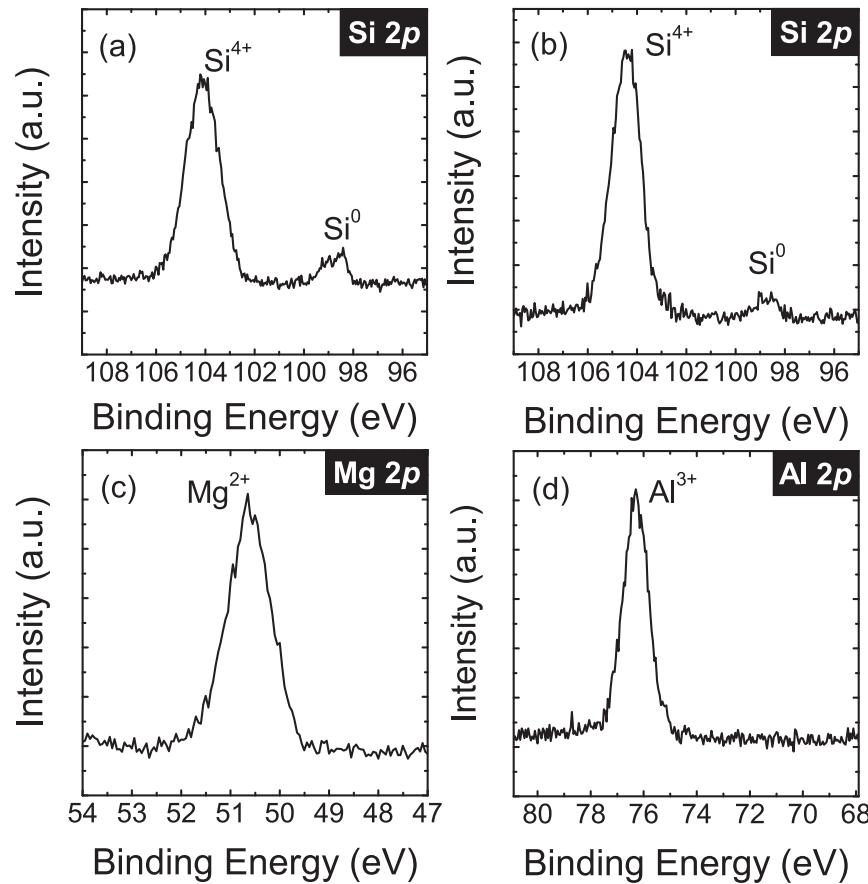


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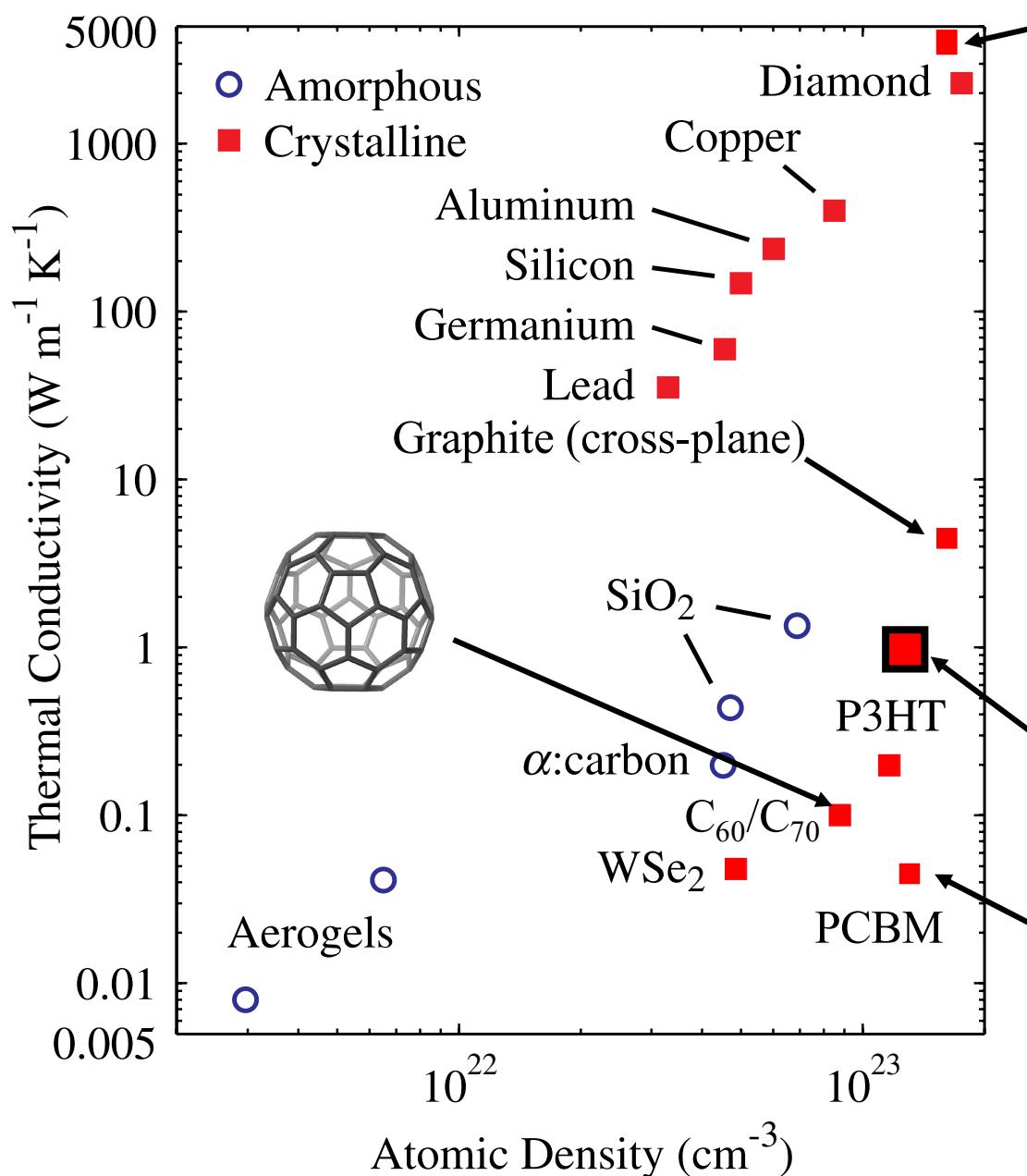
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# Chemical interactions influence bonding and TBC

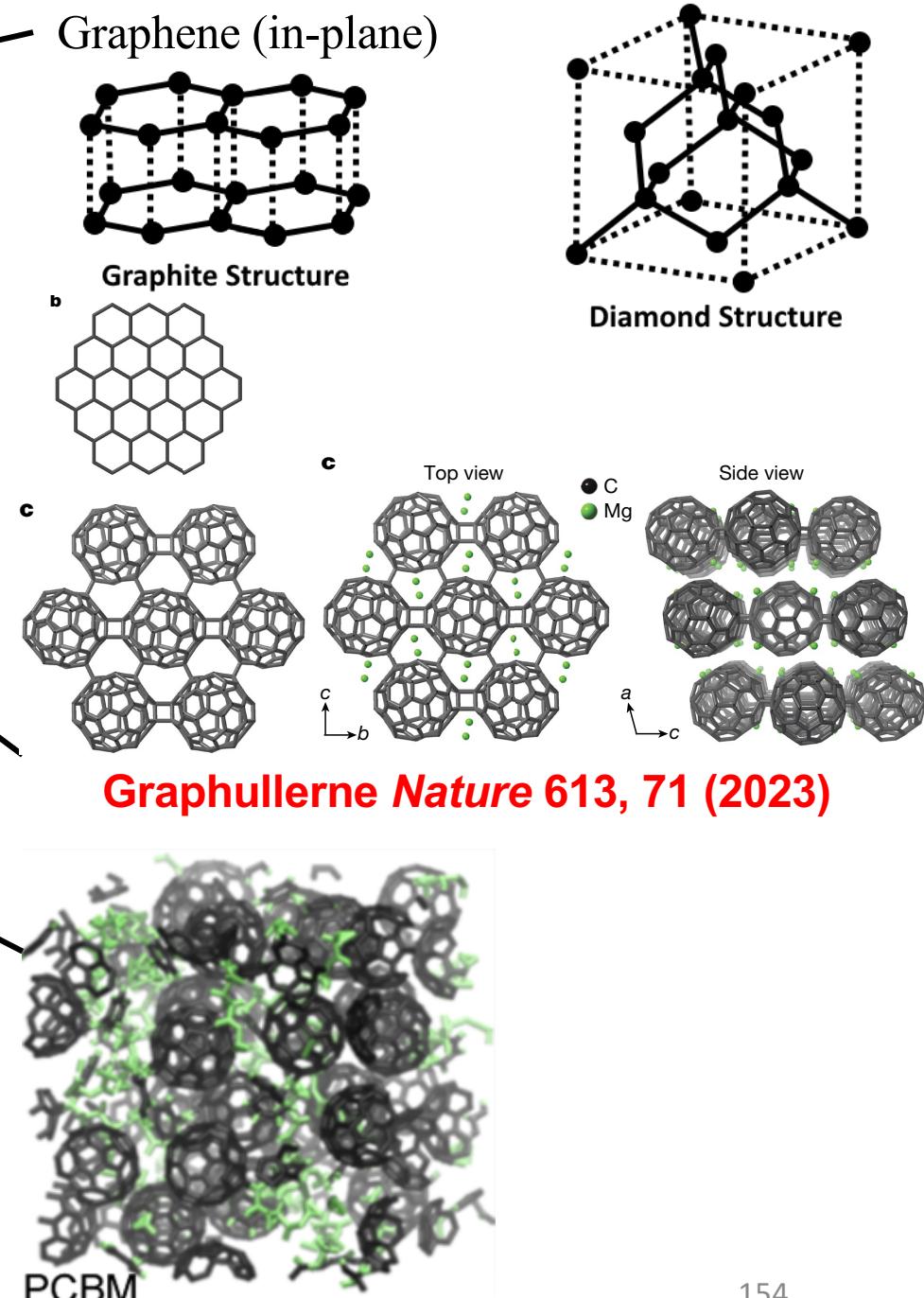
Turns out defects can be a driving force that can drive chemical bonding and in turn influence TBC



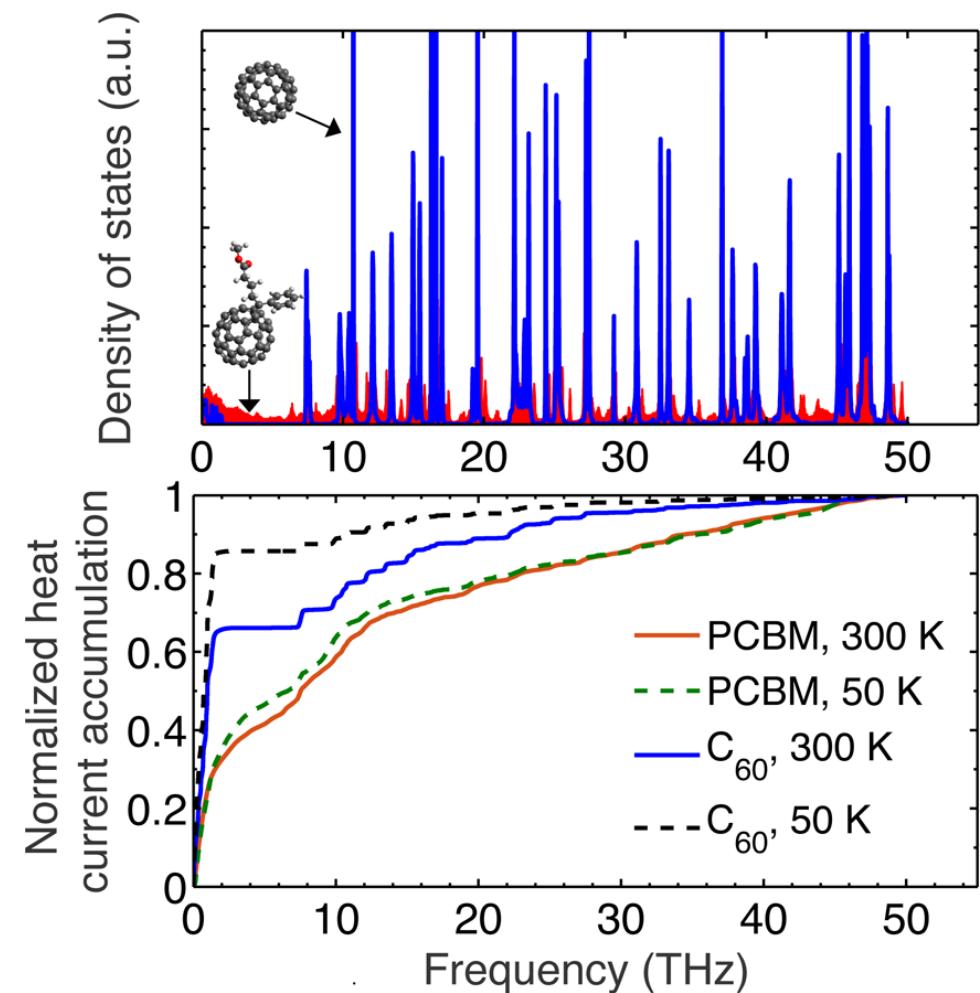
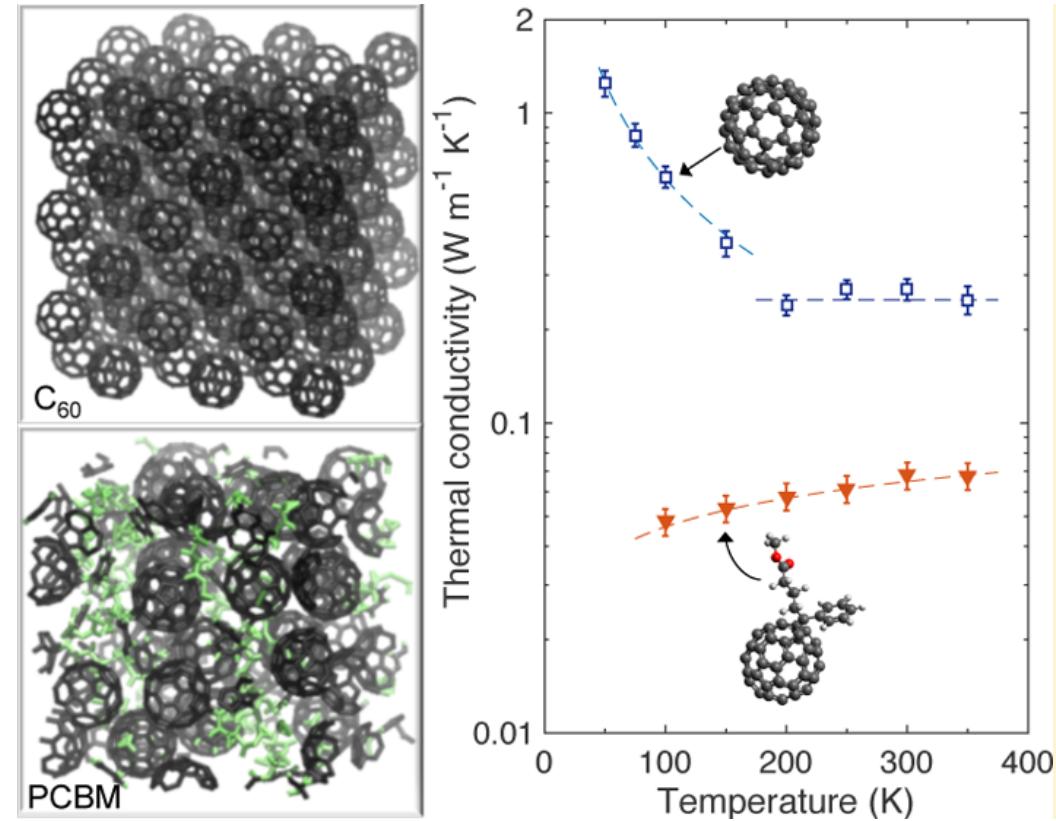
# Let's talk about PCBM again in terms of vibrational mismatch



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# Turn to molecular dynamics simulations

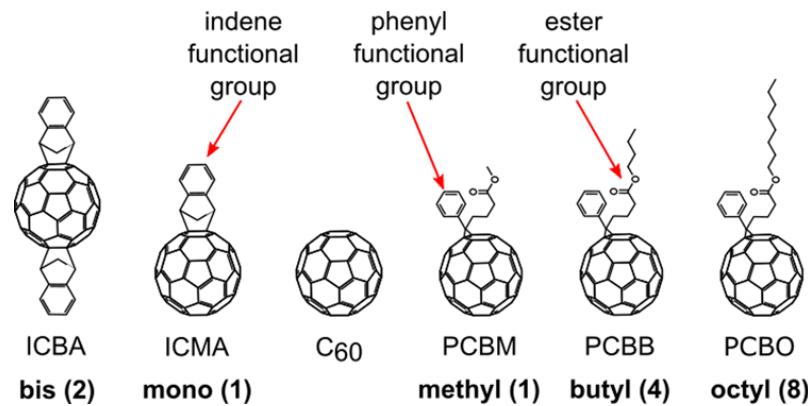


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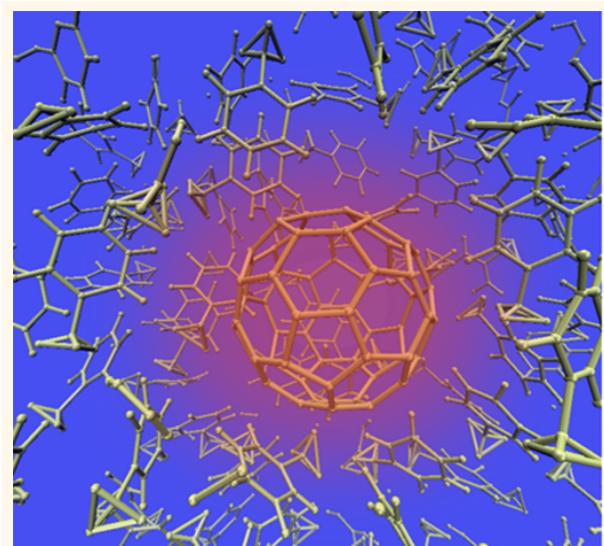
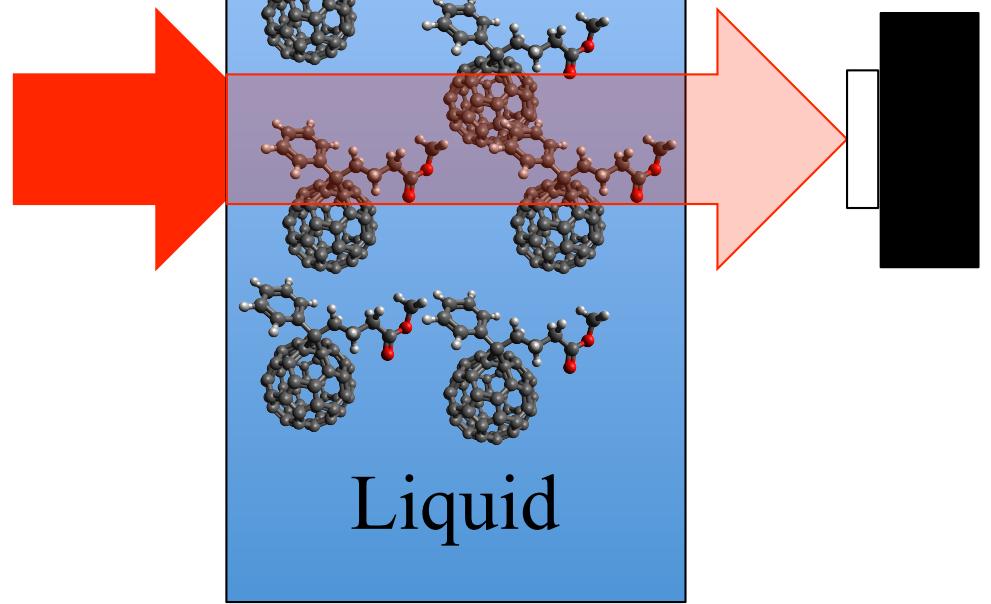
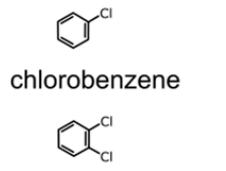
# Molecule/liquid thermal energy transfer in fullerenes

**Can we study this spectral effects in fullerene derivatives more explicitly?**

## Fullerenes (solute)

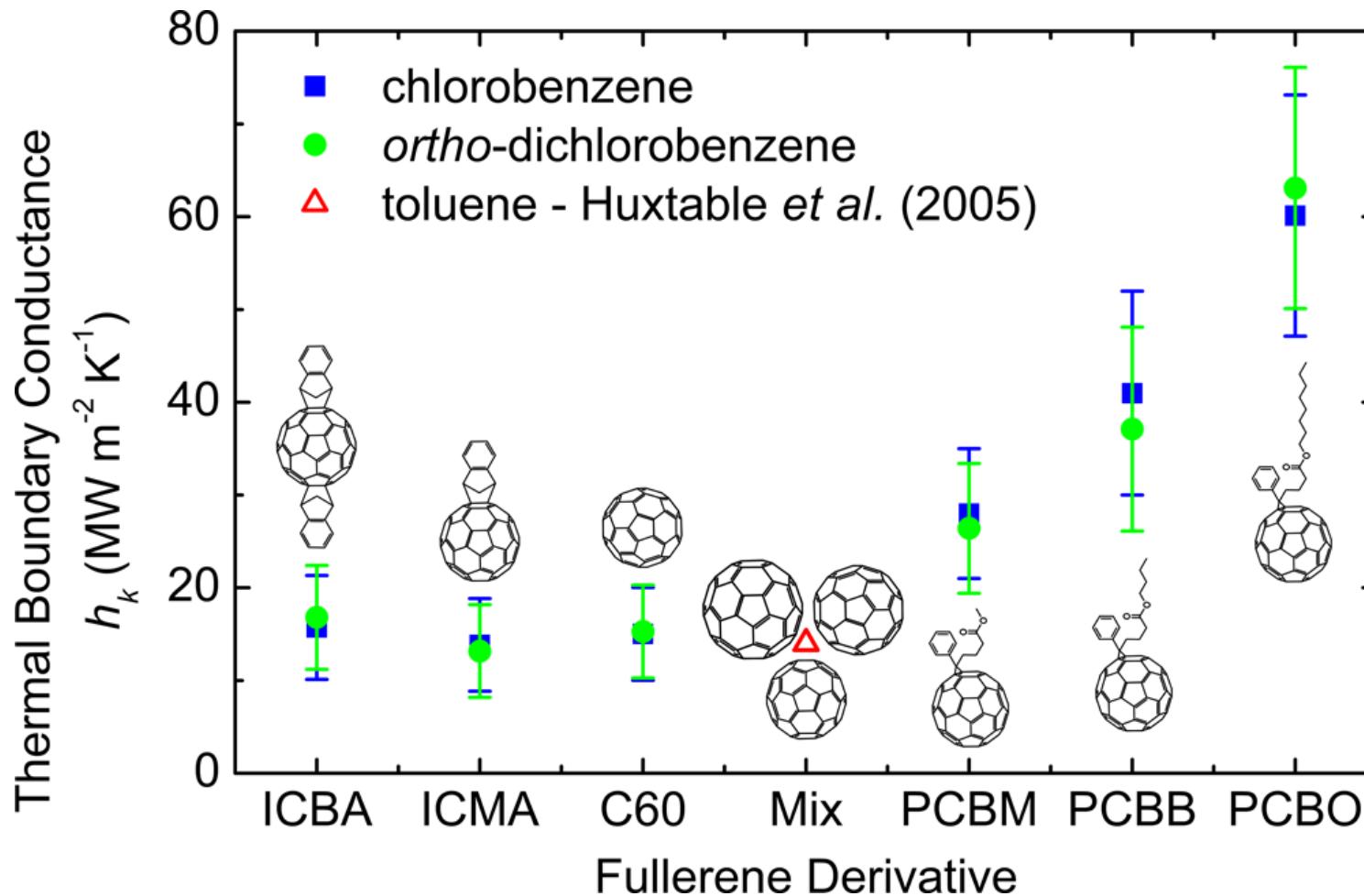


## Liquids (solvents)

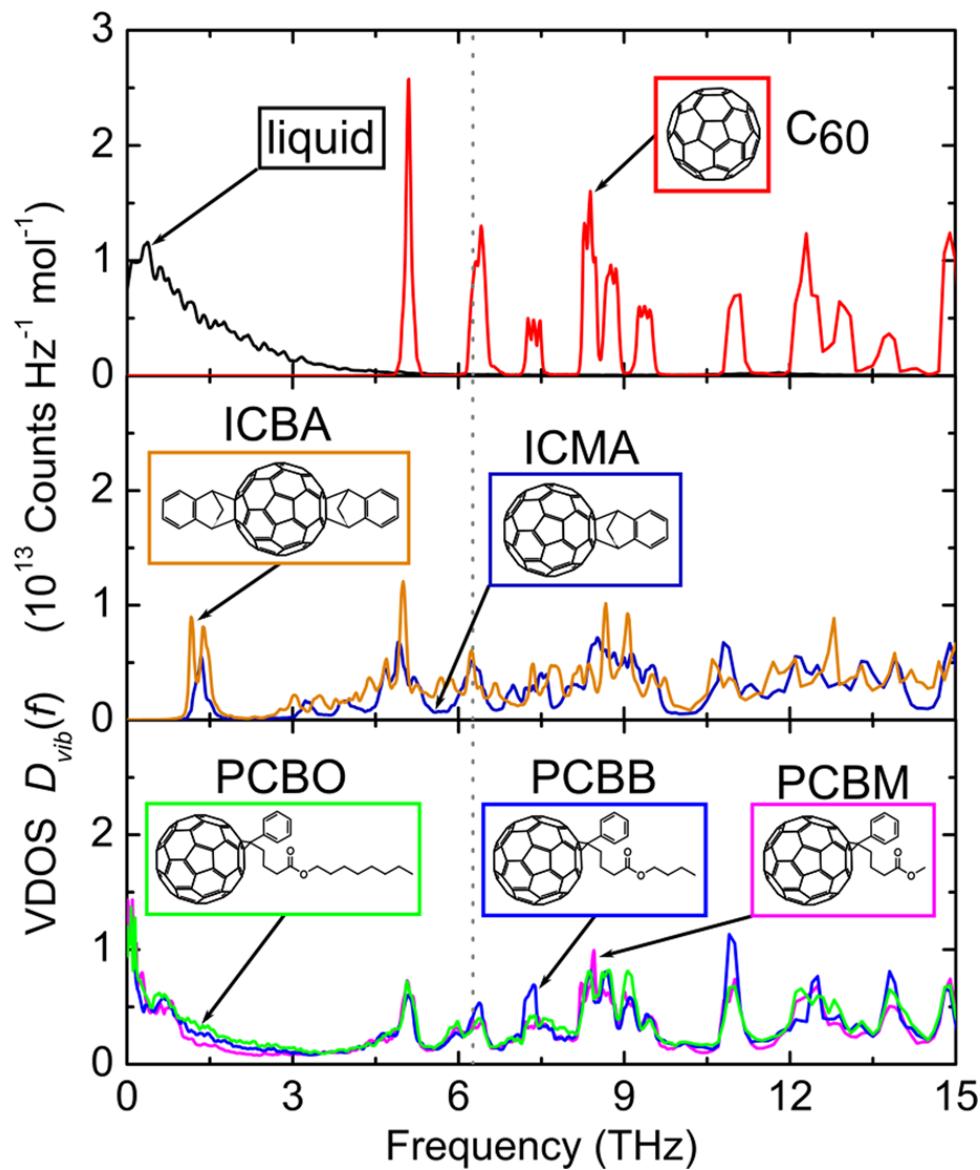


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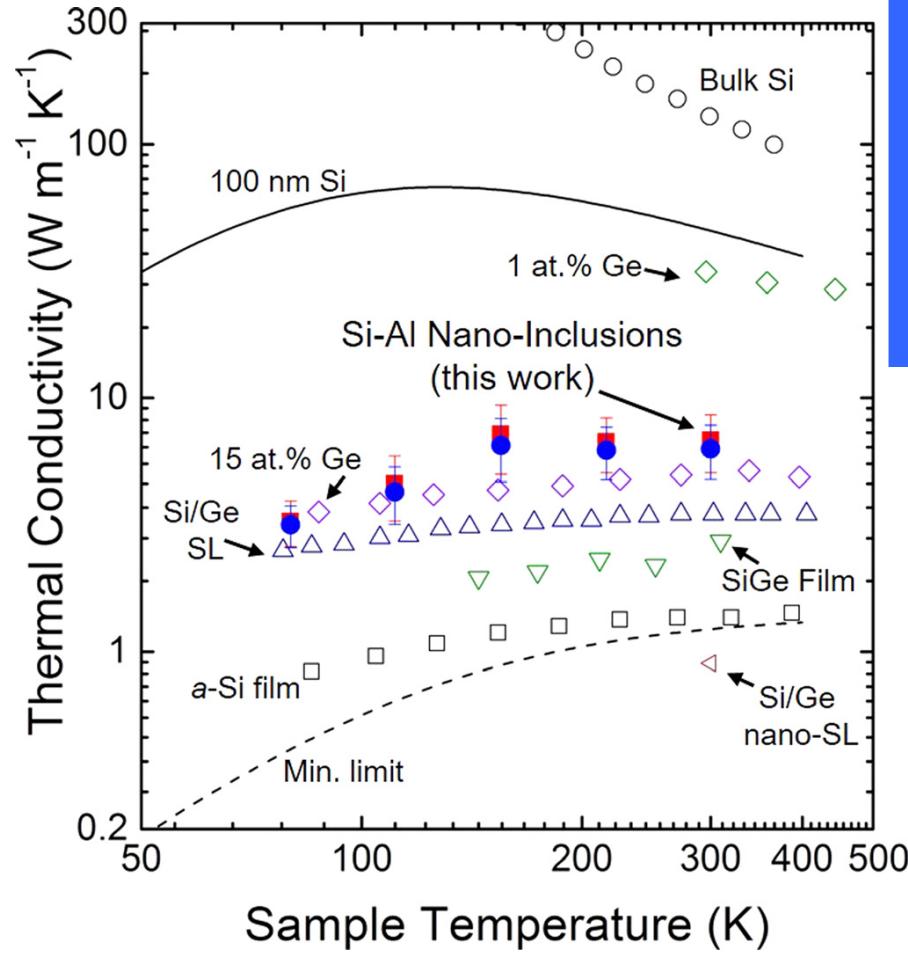
**Chemical moiety controls fullerene derivative vibrational energy coupling to a liquid**



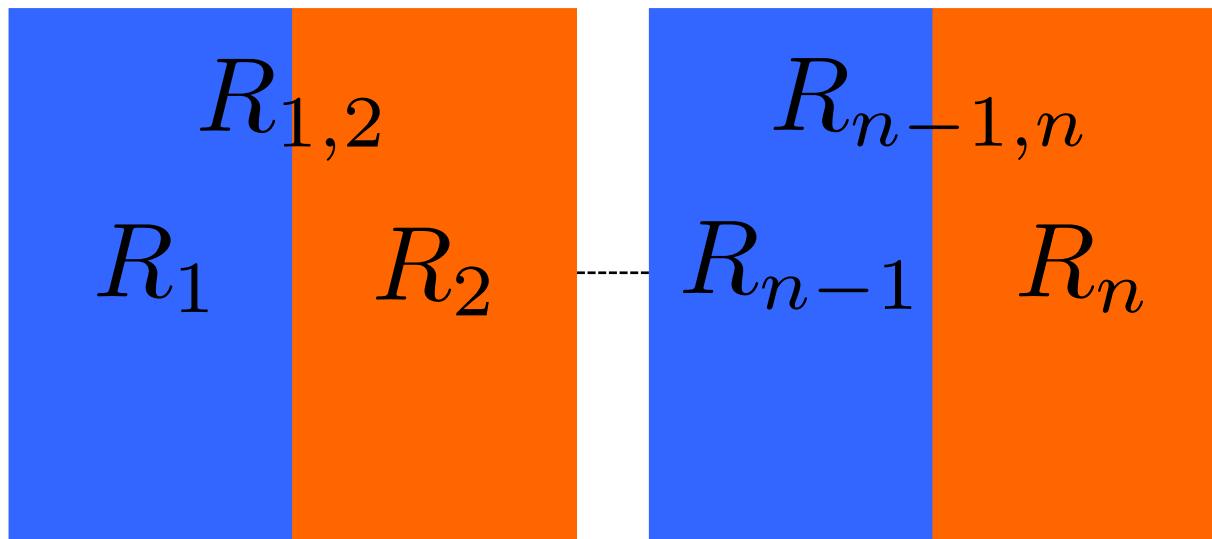
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# Phonon thermal conductivity in superlattices: incoherent



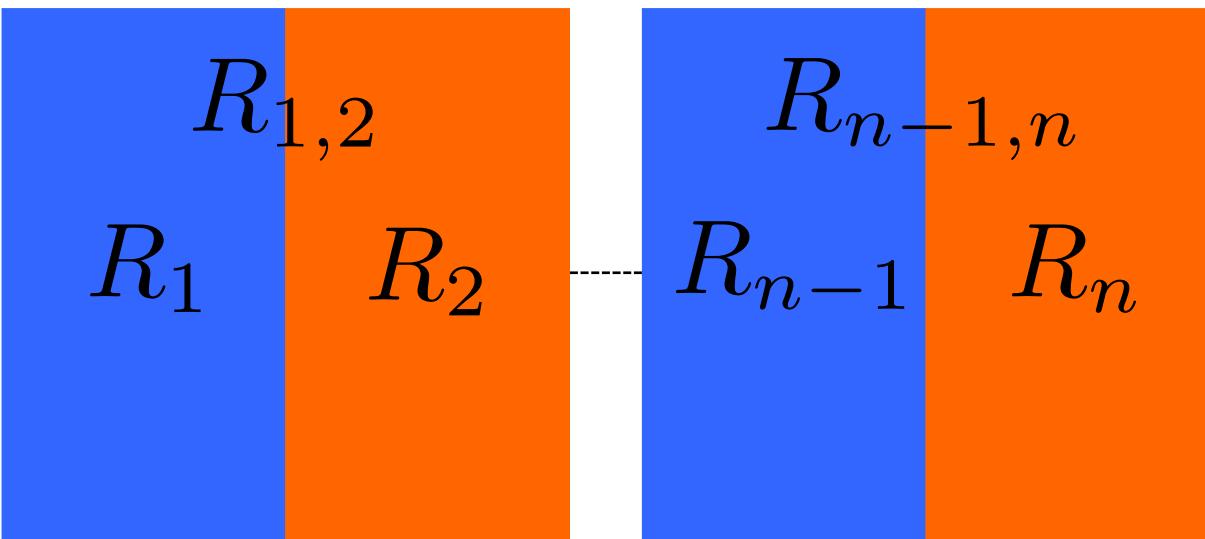
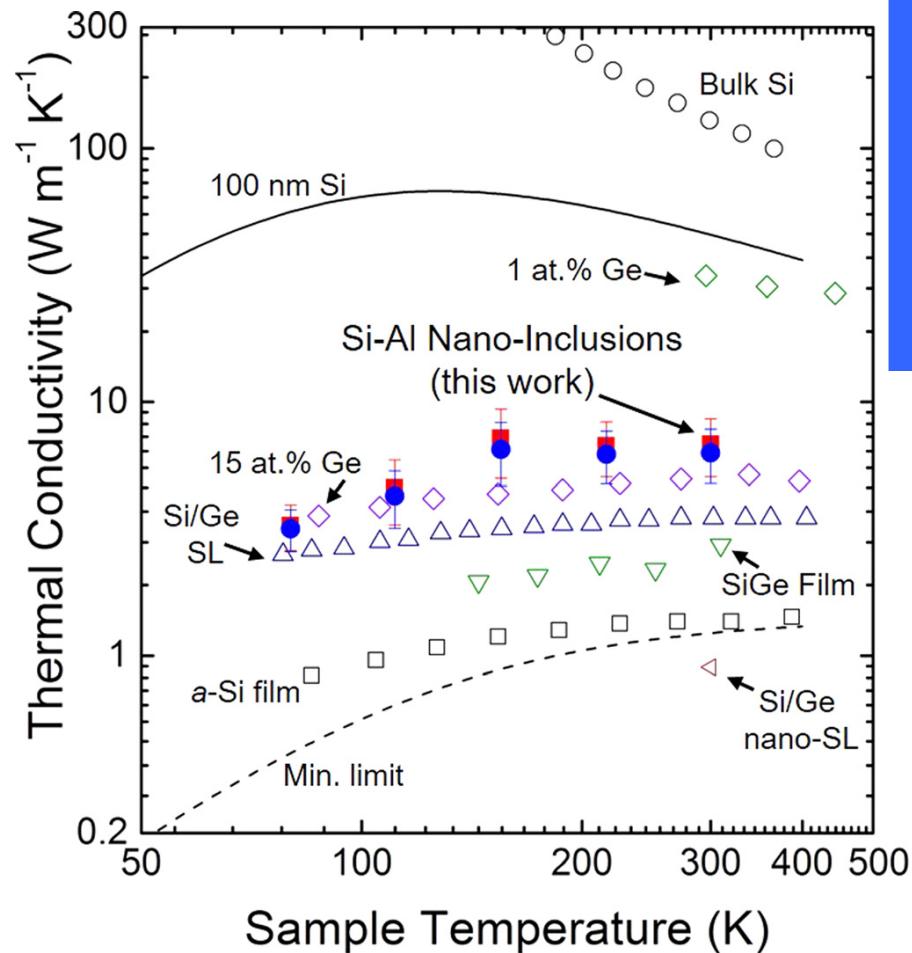
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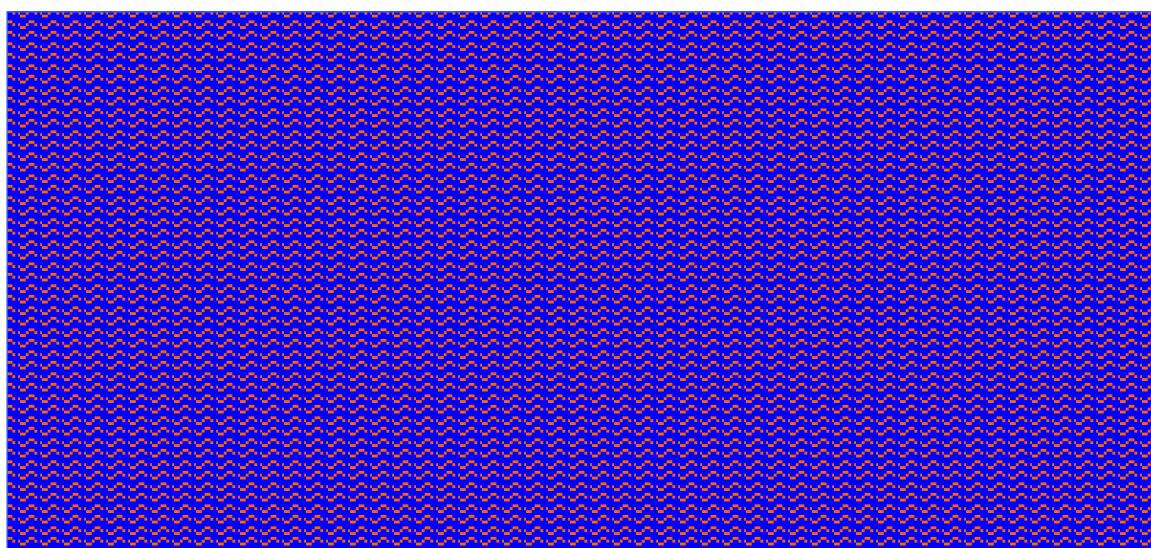
$$1/\kappa \propto 1/h = \sum_n R_j$$

Phonons scatter at every interface, and thus each interface offers a resistance to the overall thermal conductivity

# Phonon thermal conductivity in superlattices: coherent



What if layers are “linked”?  
– coherent transport



# The minimum thermal conductivity of superlattices

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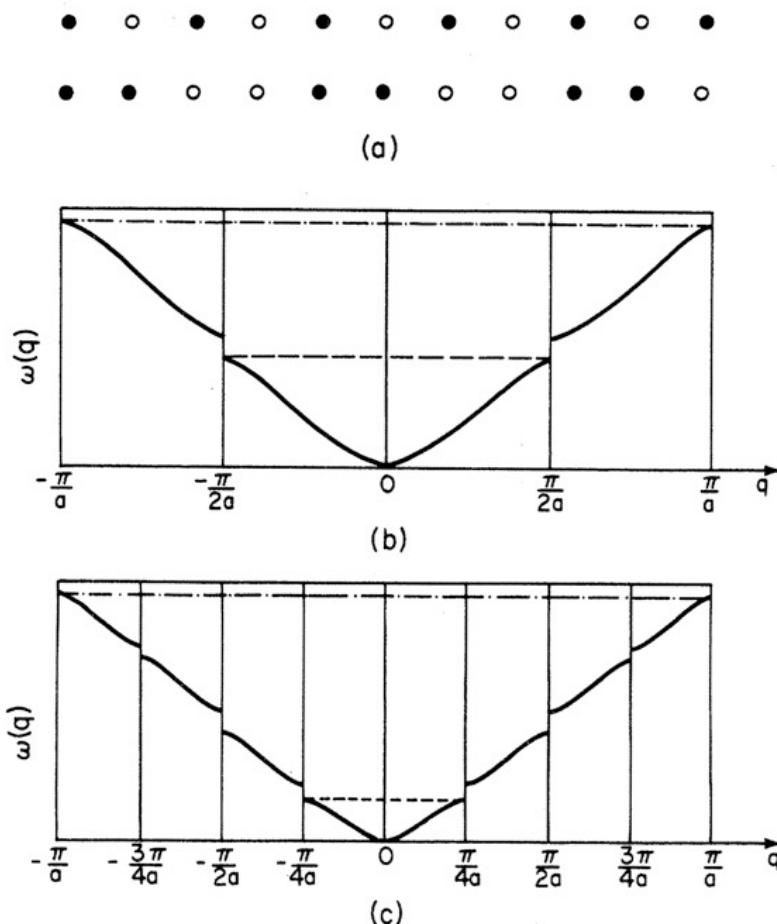
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## Thermal conductivity of superlattices

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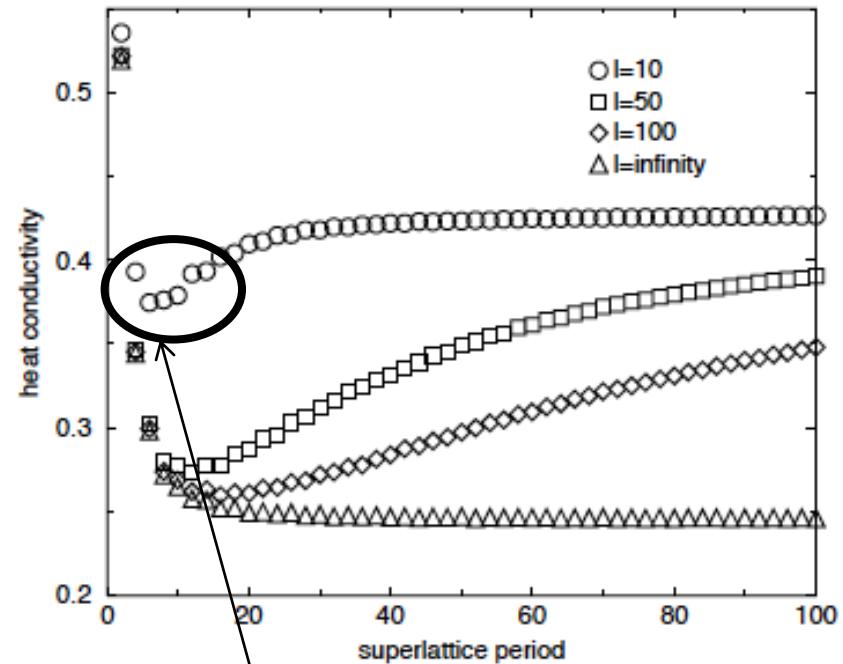


Interfacial periodicity can lead to “mini-band” formation

## Minimum Thermal Conductivity of Superlattices

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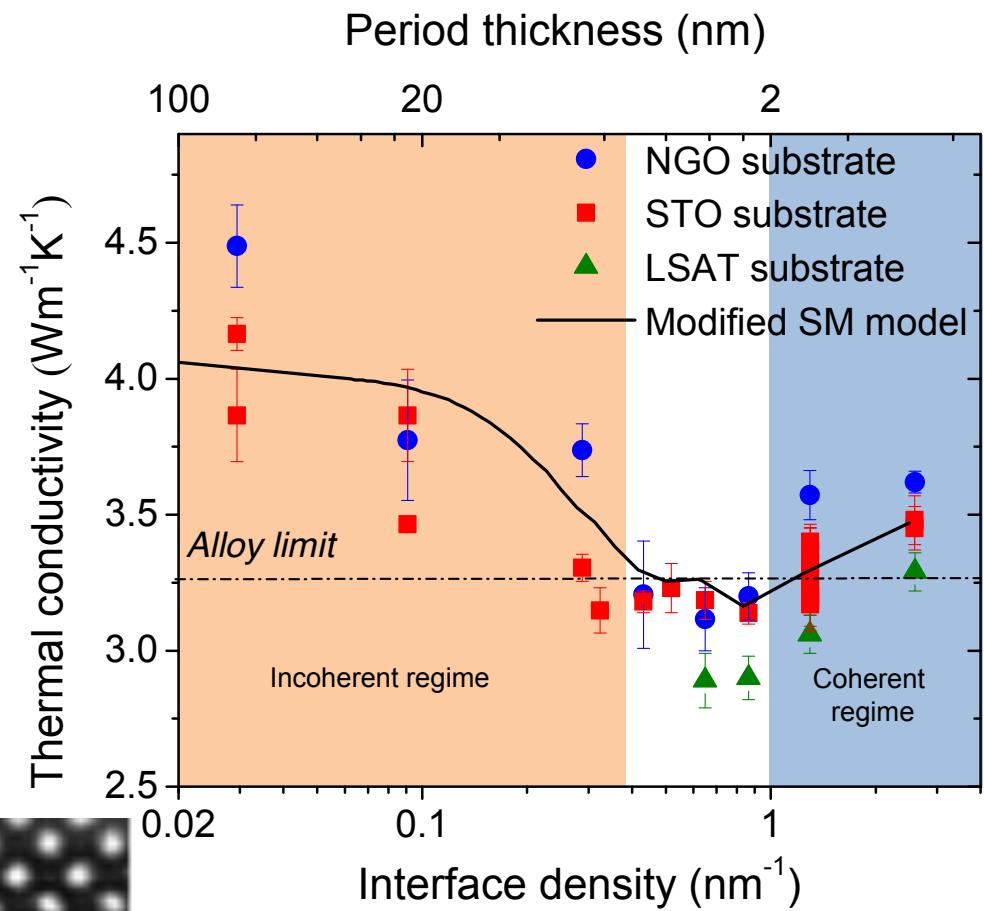
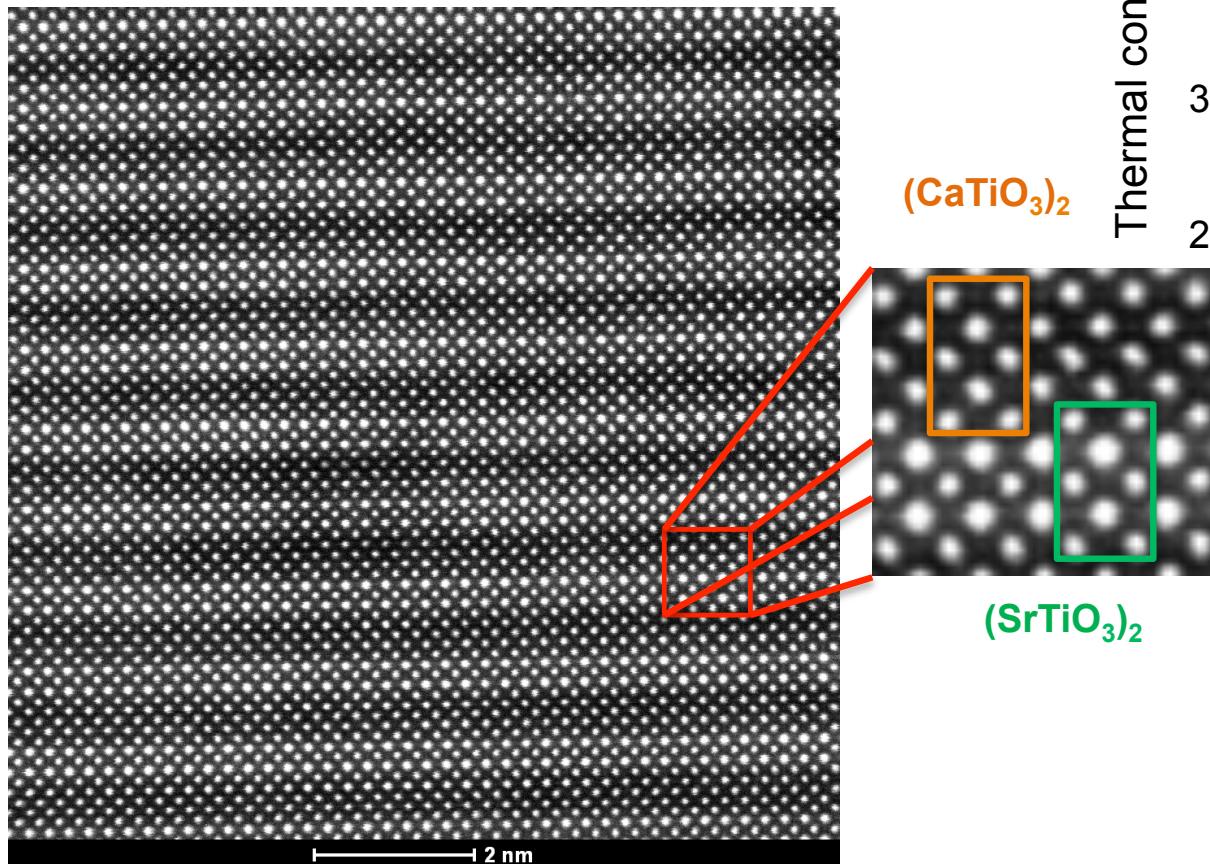
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Mini-band formation leads to a minimum in the superlattice thermal conductivity

# Experimental evidence of minimum thermal conductivity

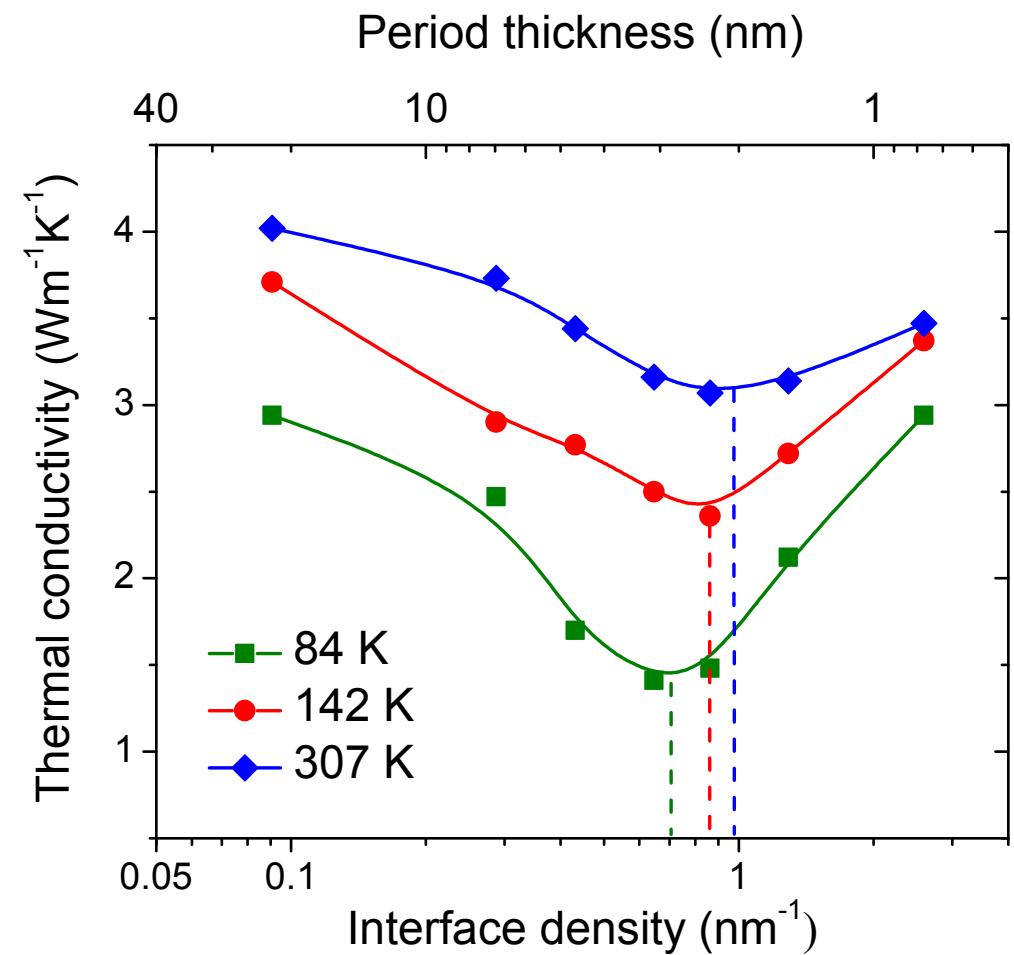
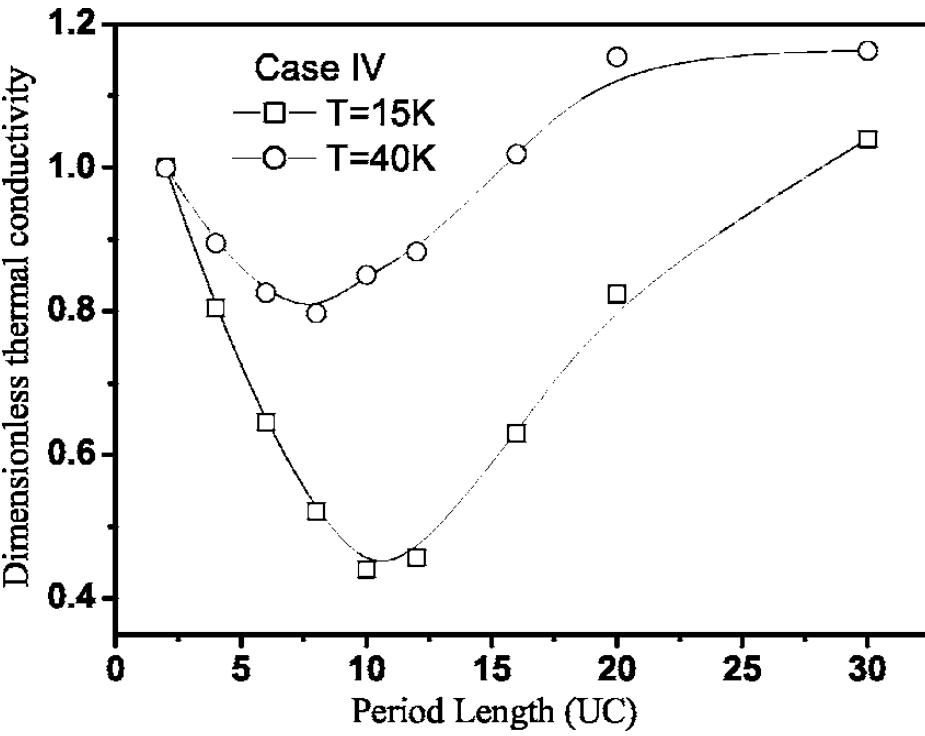
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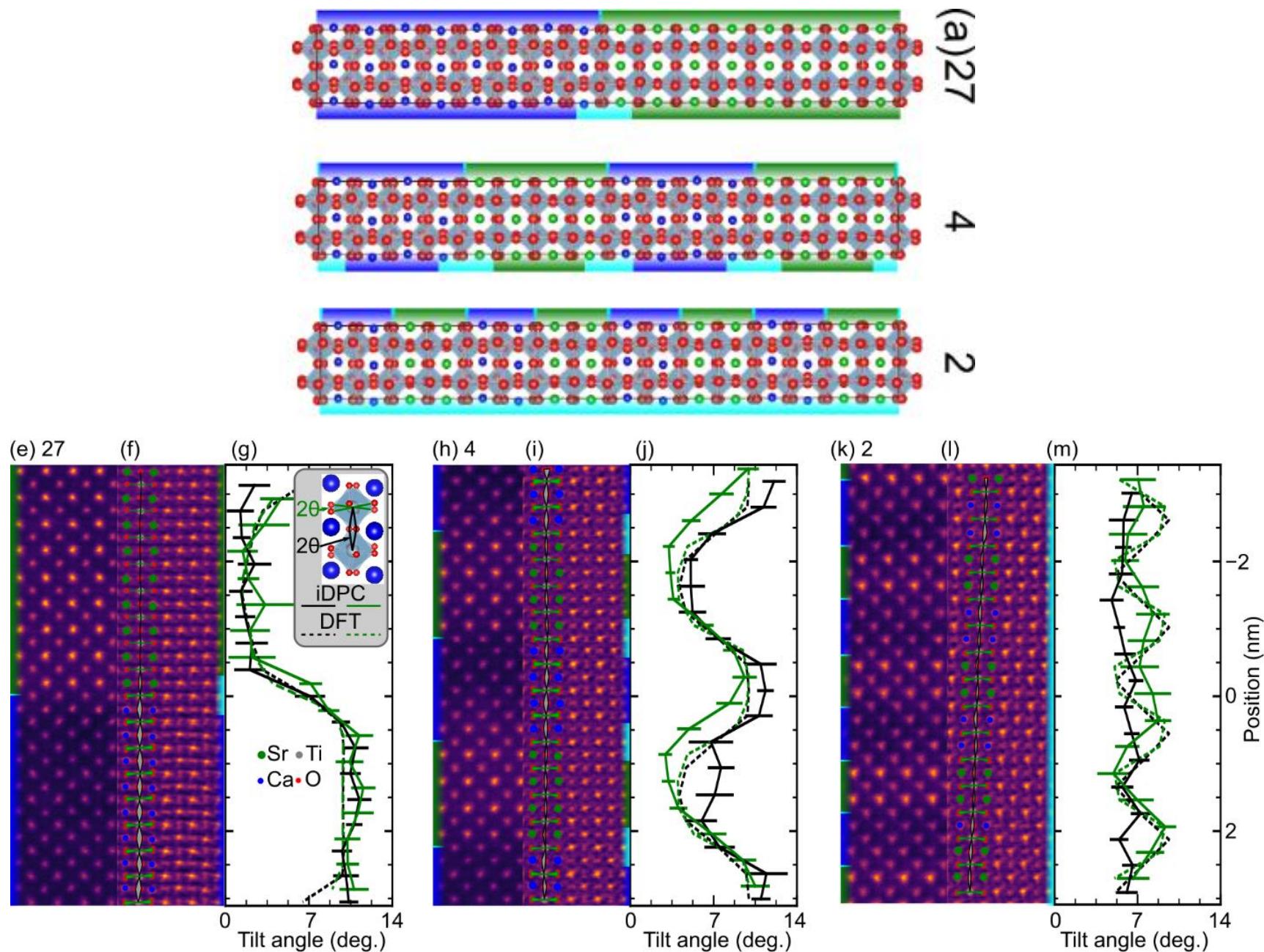
- More pronounced minimum at low T, thermal conductivity measurements show trends of mini-band formation
- MD simulation (left), mini-band = phonon bandgap (PRB 72, 174302)



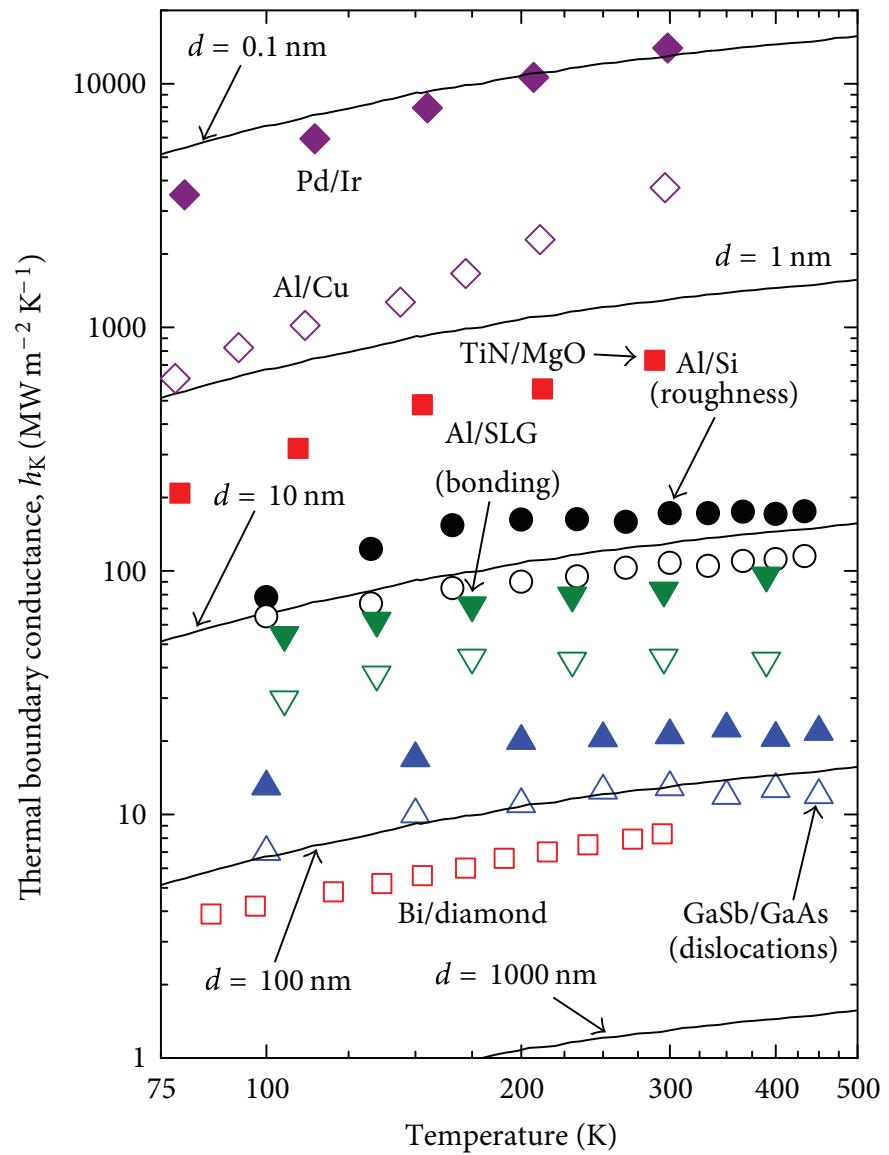
**SL design to manipulate coherent phonon transport**

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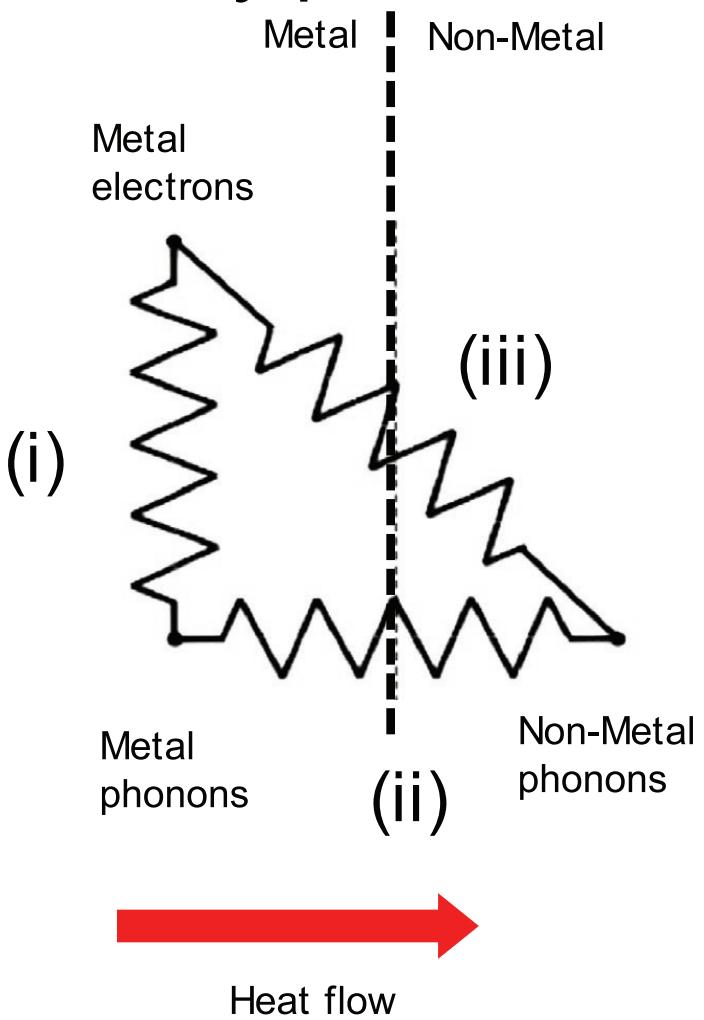
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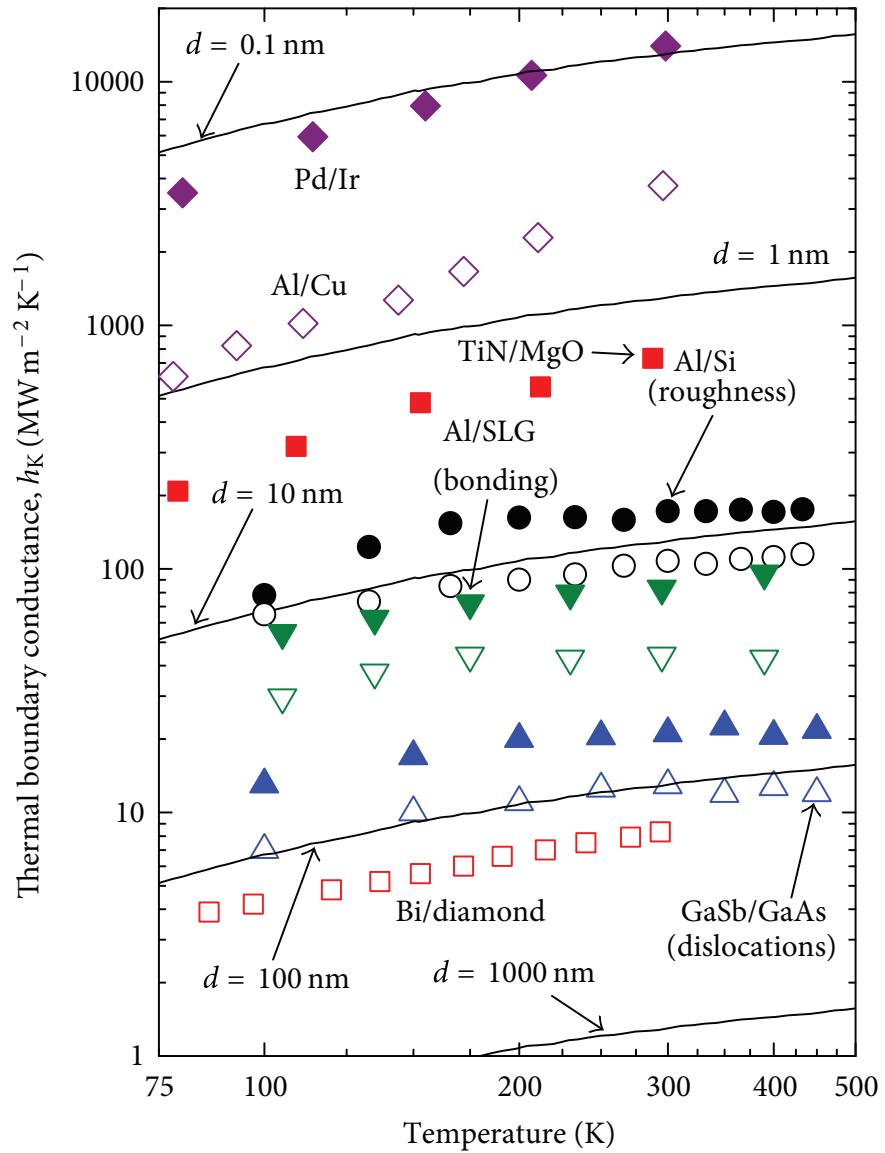
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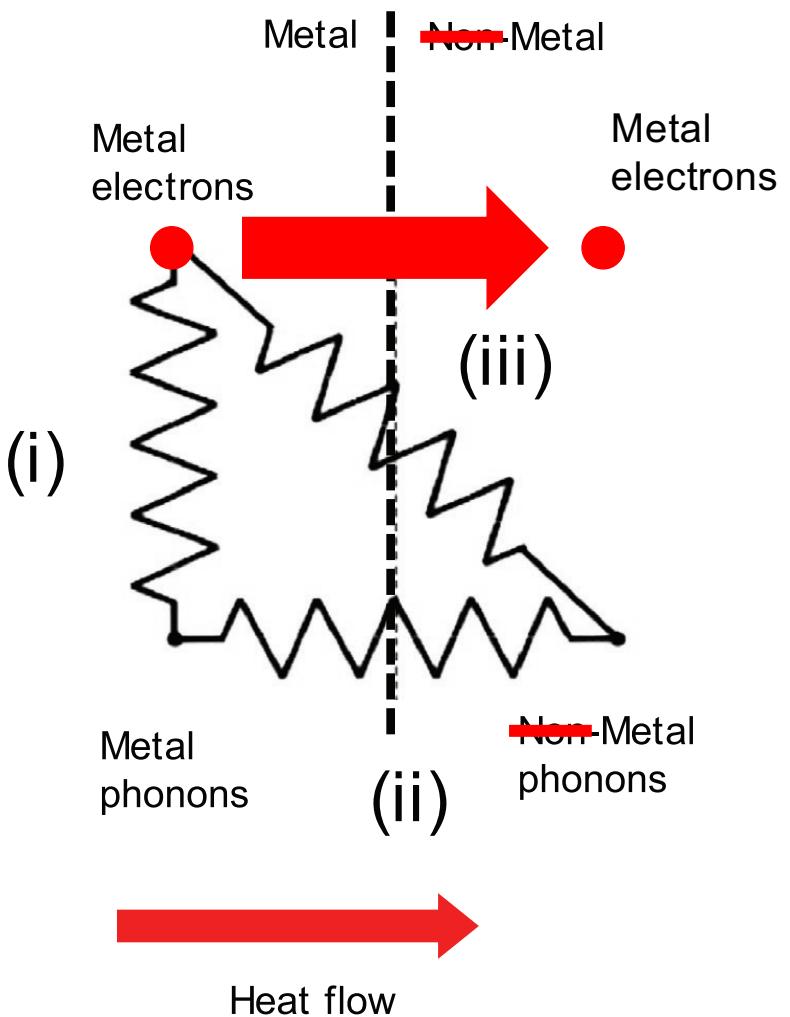
# Metal/insulator interfaces dominated by phonon transport



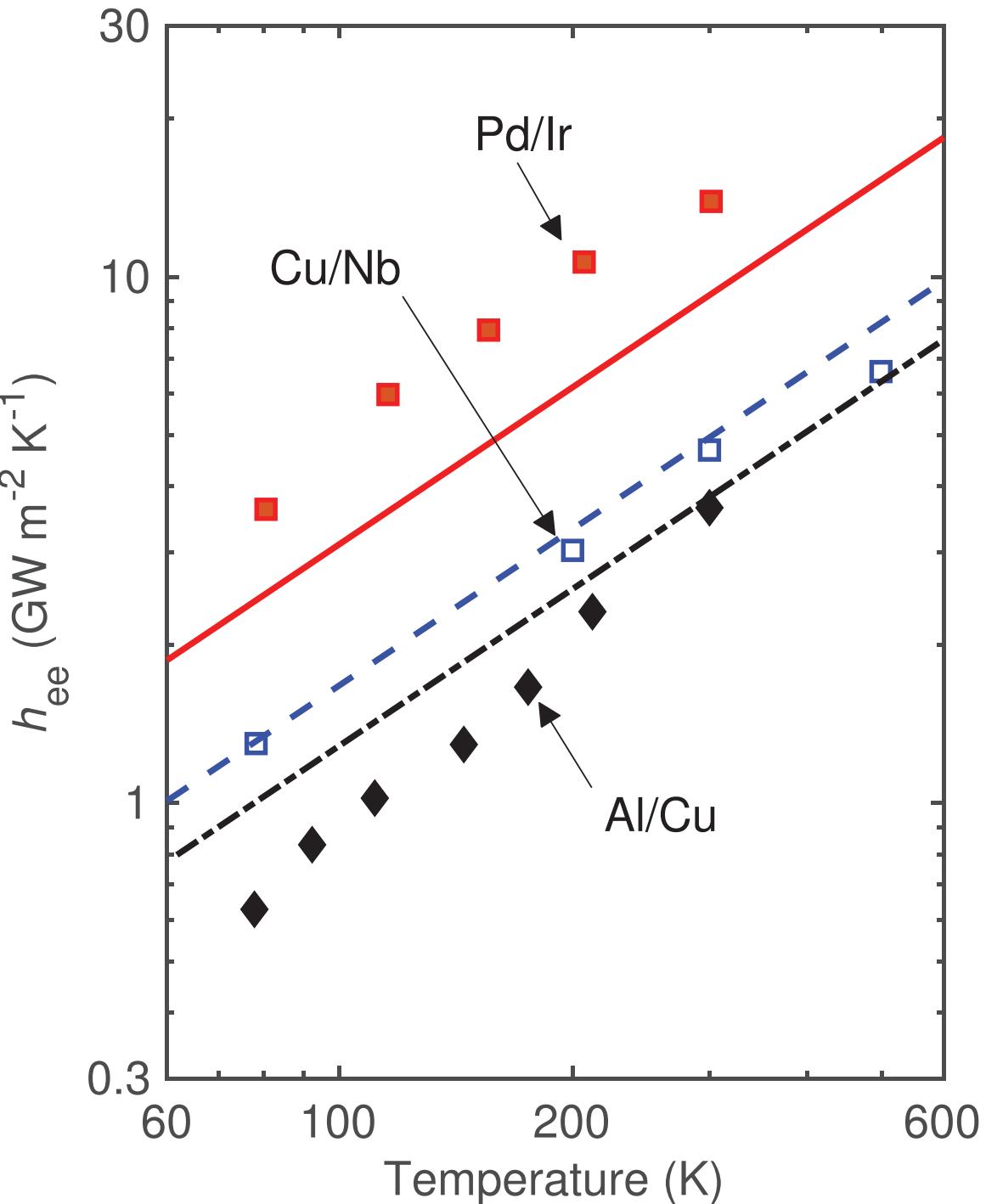
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Related to DOS of electrons at Fermi surface of materials



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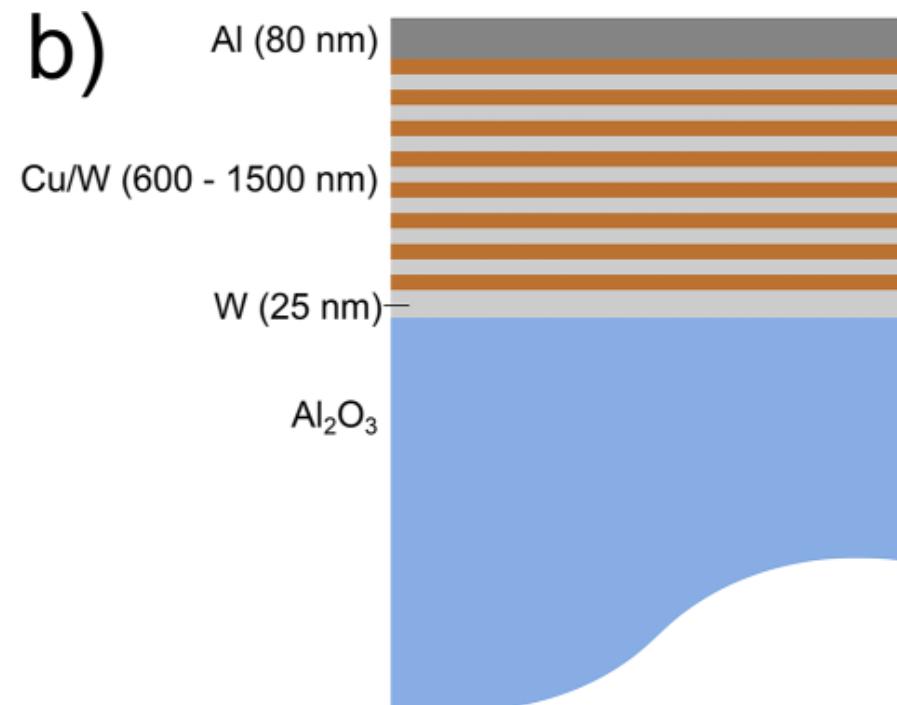
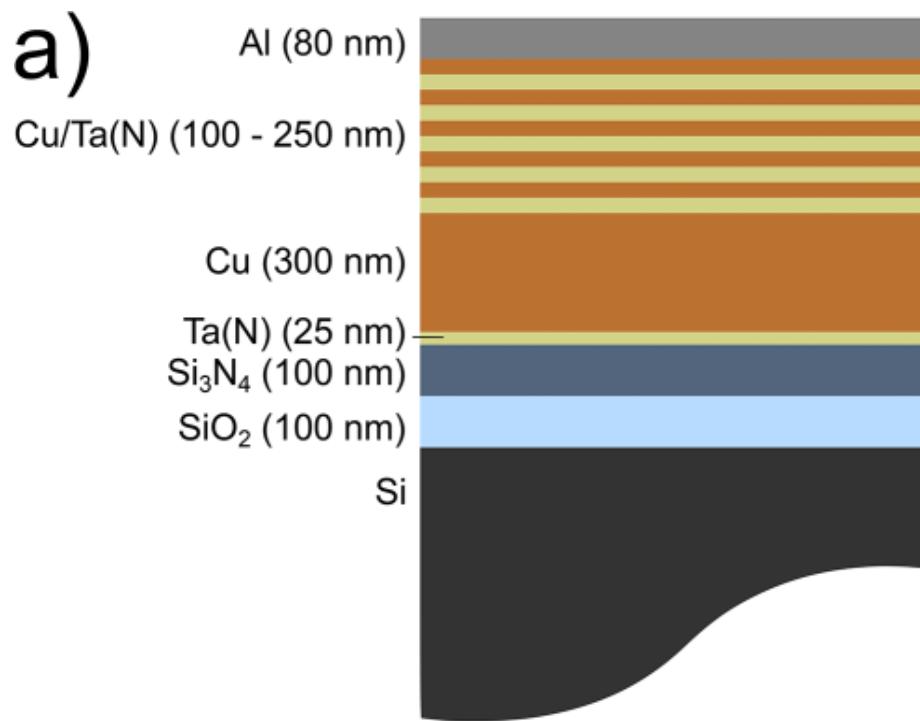
Similar to phonon-dominated conduction: materials with high electron thermal conductivities do not necessarily result in high TBC interfaces

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# Metal/metal multilayers

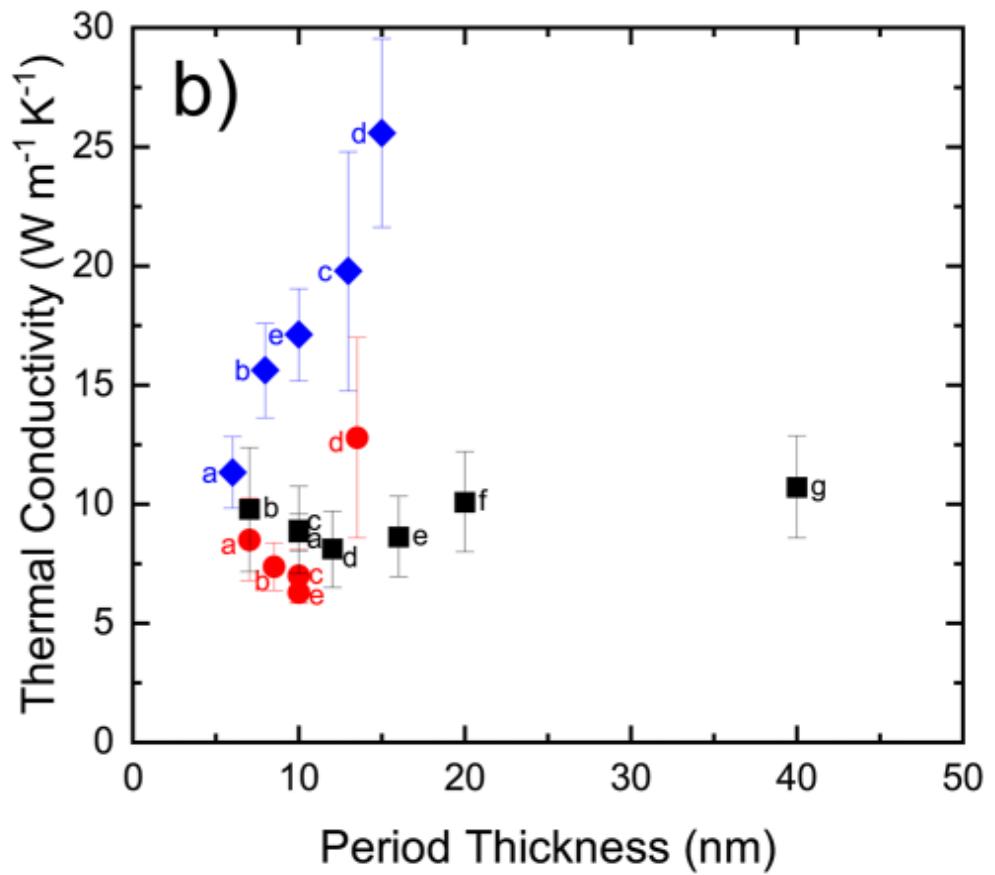
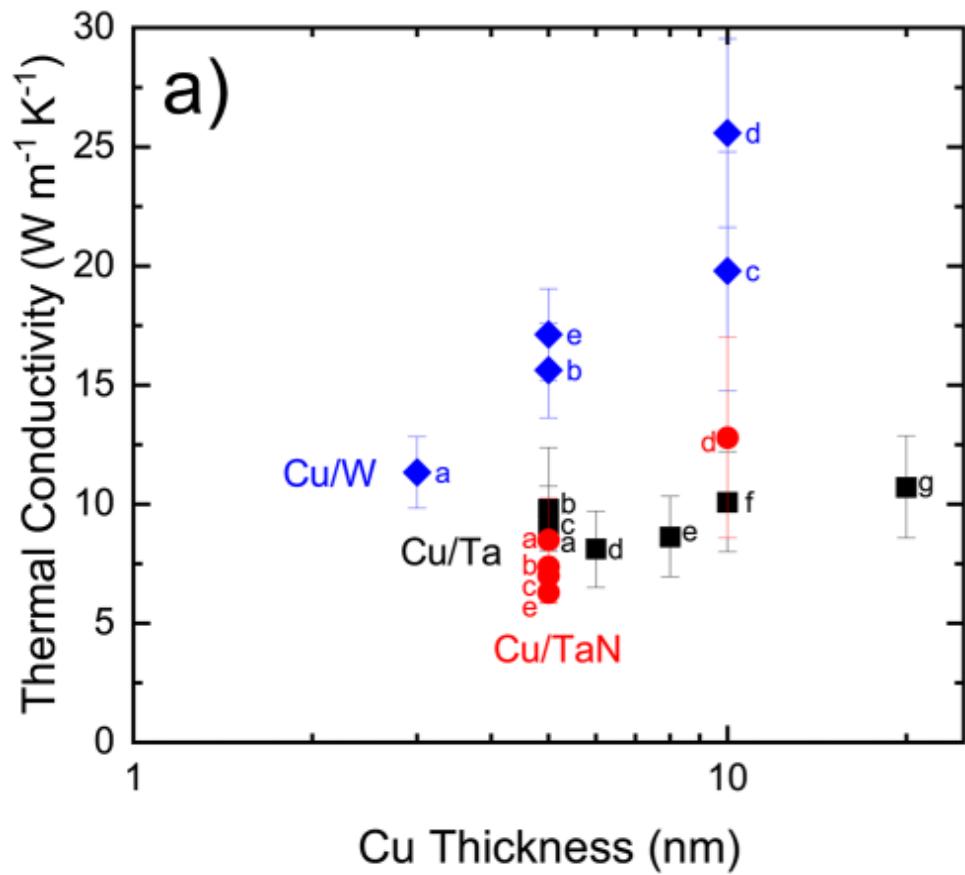
But how do defects/structure/etc impact electron-electron thermal boundary conductance?

**Collaboration with Claudia Cancellieri  
Lars Jeurgens and Giacomo Lorenzin**

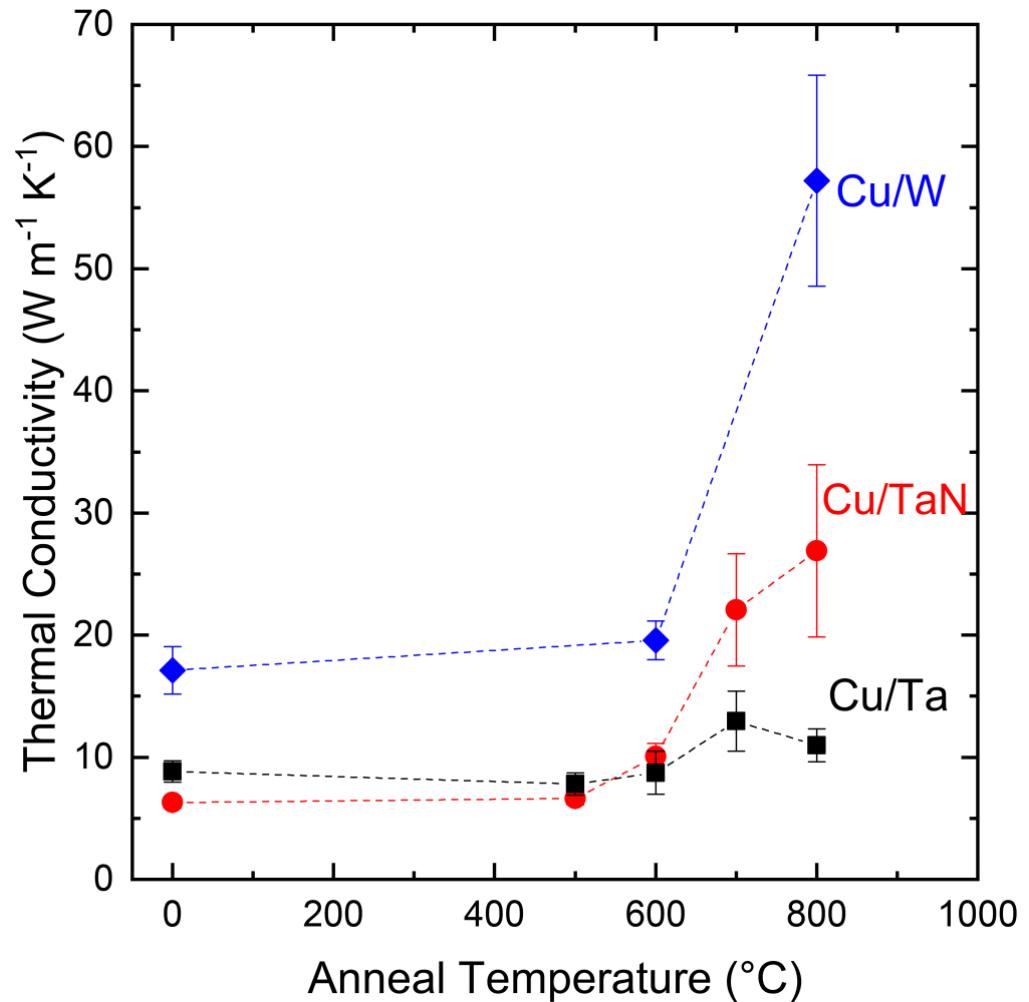


# Interfacial resistances dictate metal/metal multilayers

High thermal conductors not that high anymore due to electron-driven interfacial resistances



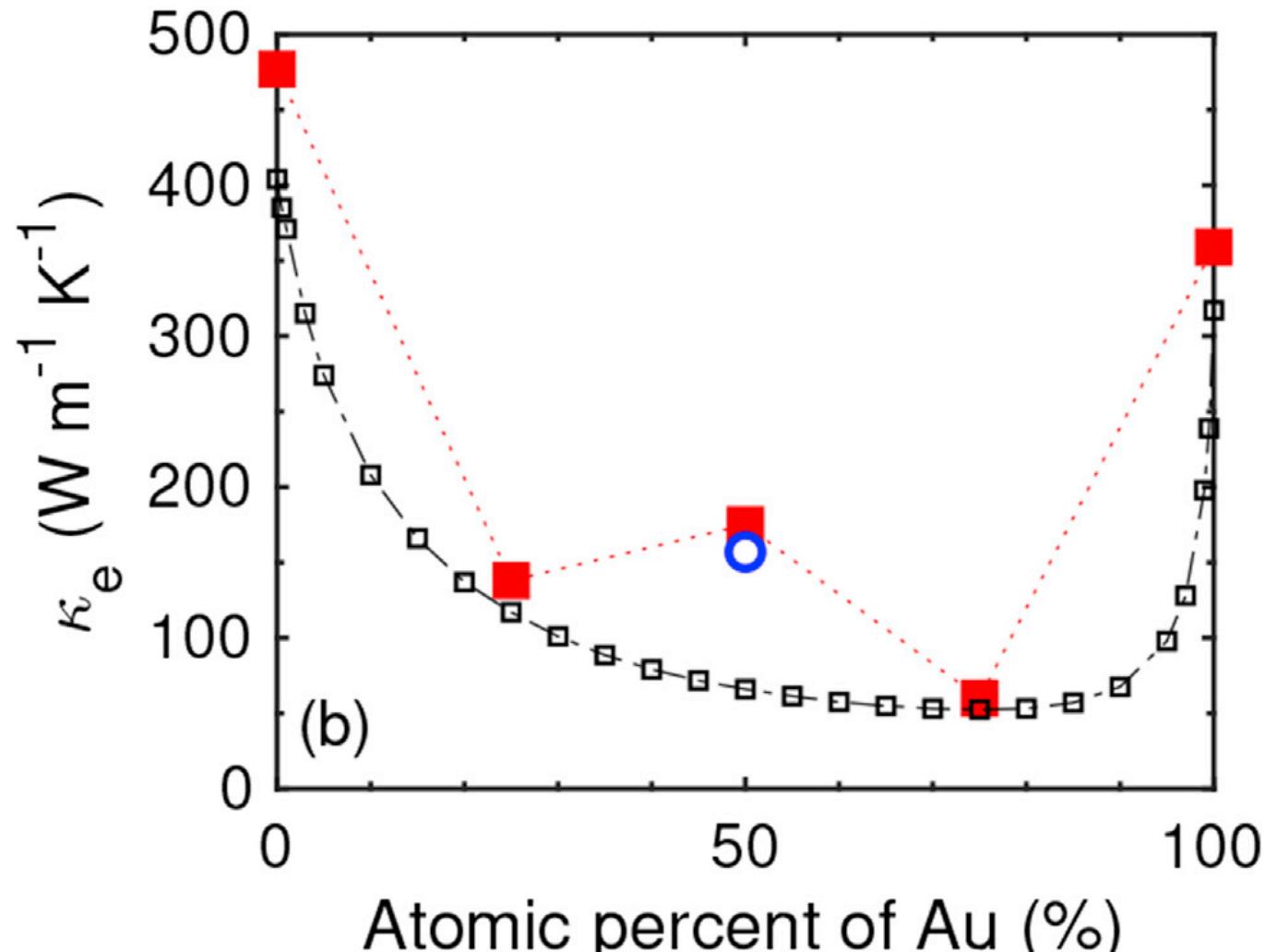
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Annealing promotes diffusion, removes interface resistance, but still reduced electron conductivity due to compositions/alloy effects

Electron scattering with composition changes and defects decreases thermal conductivity – scattering + bandstructure

## Example of $\text{Au}_x\text{Cu}_{1-x}$ alloys (computational)



# Can we control thermal conductivity in metal multilayers?

**What we know:** Metal multilayer thermal conductivity dictated by interface density and defects (compositions)  
**Hypothesis:** Strain engineering to control structure and scattering rates

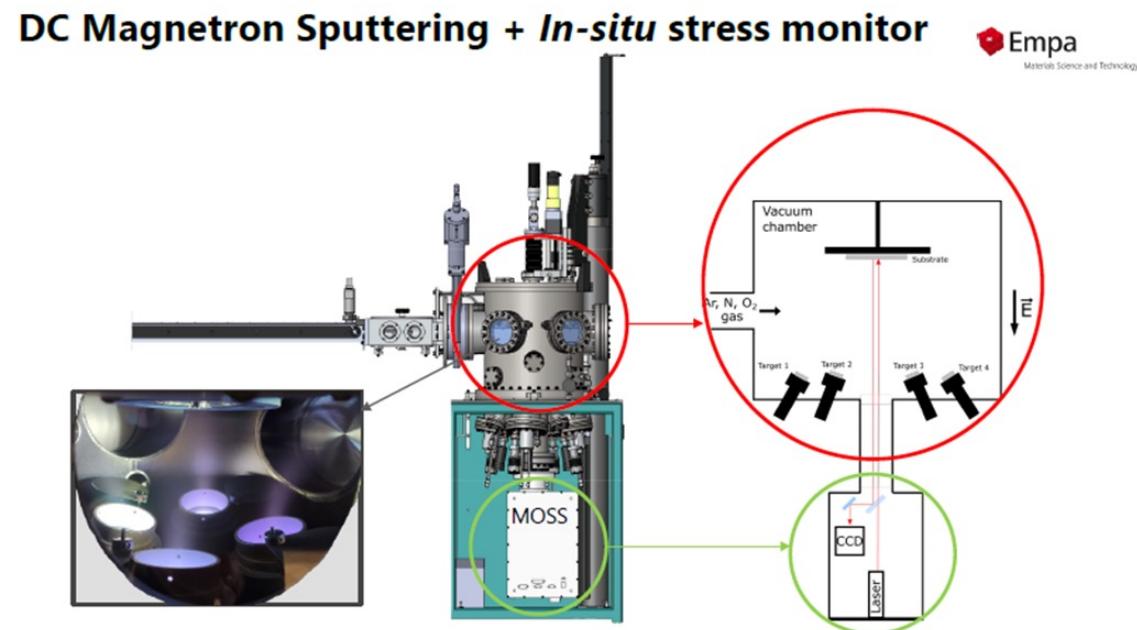
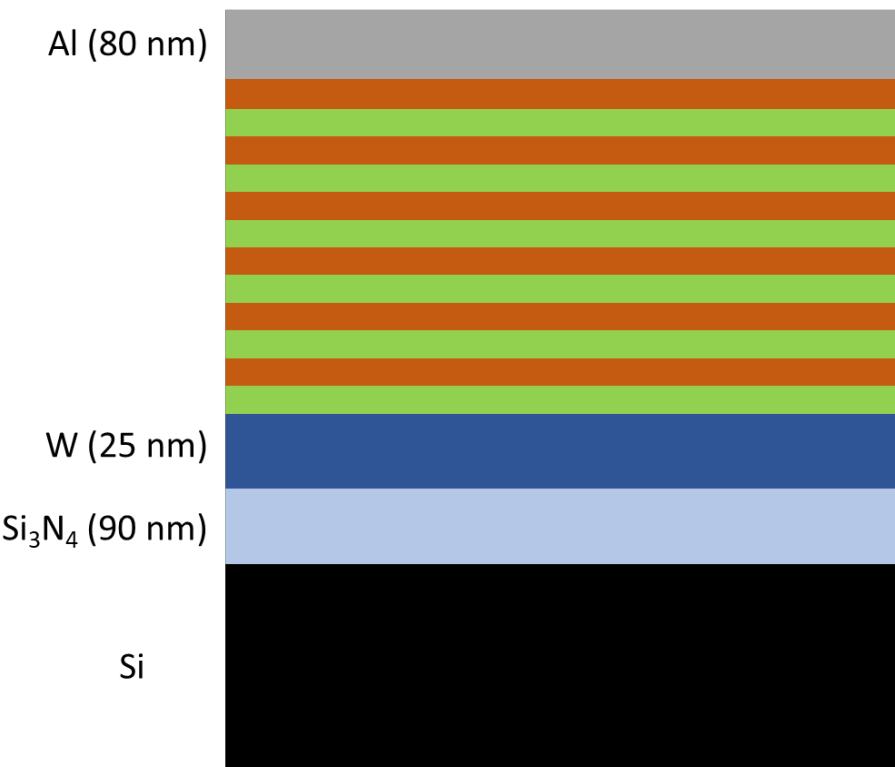
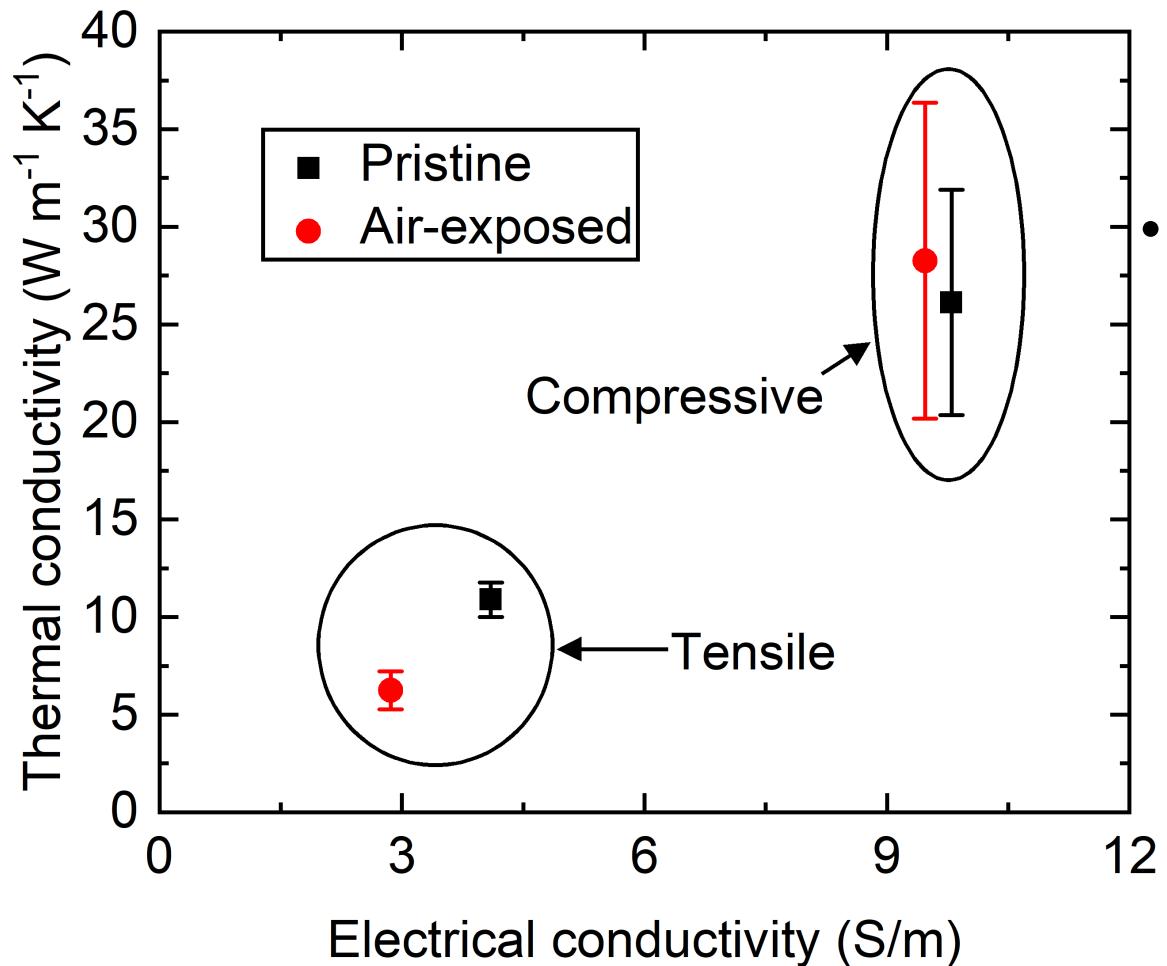


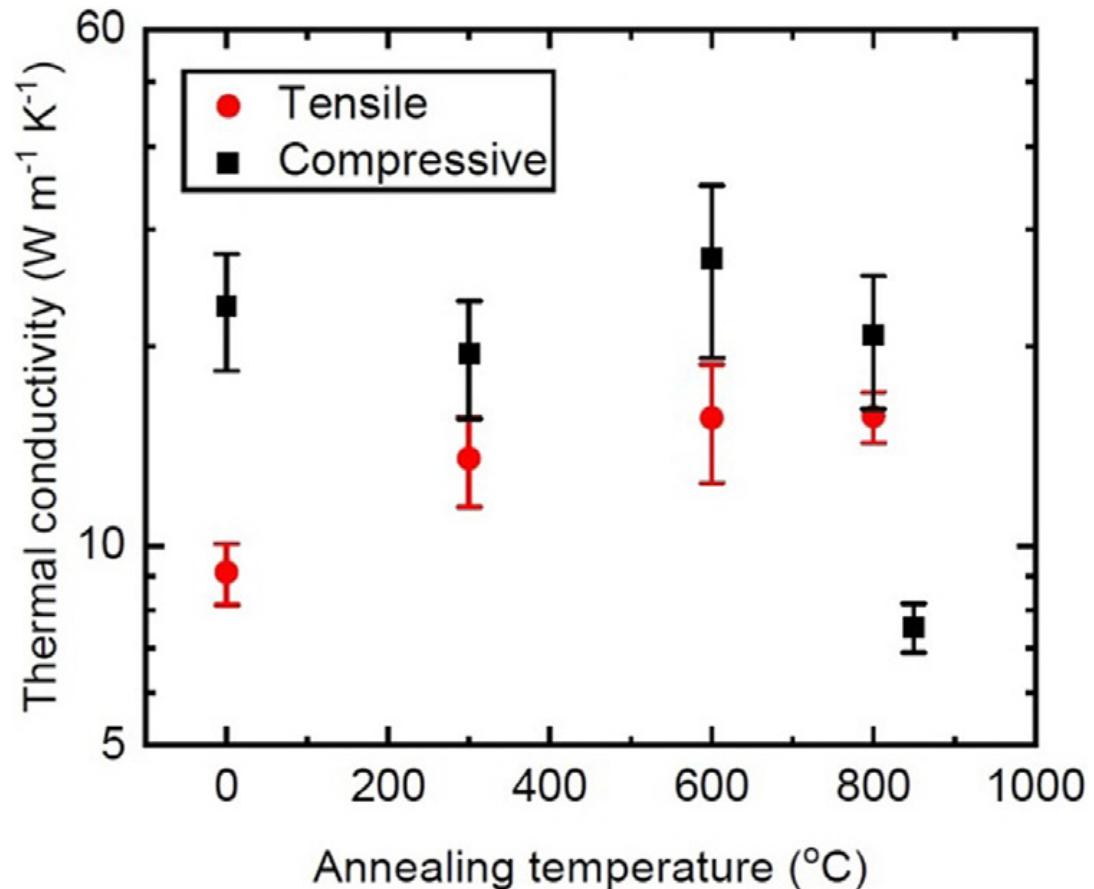
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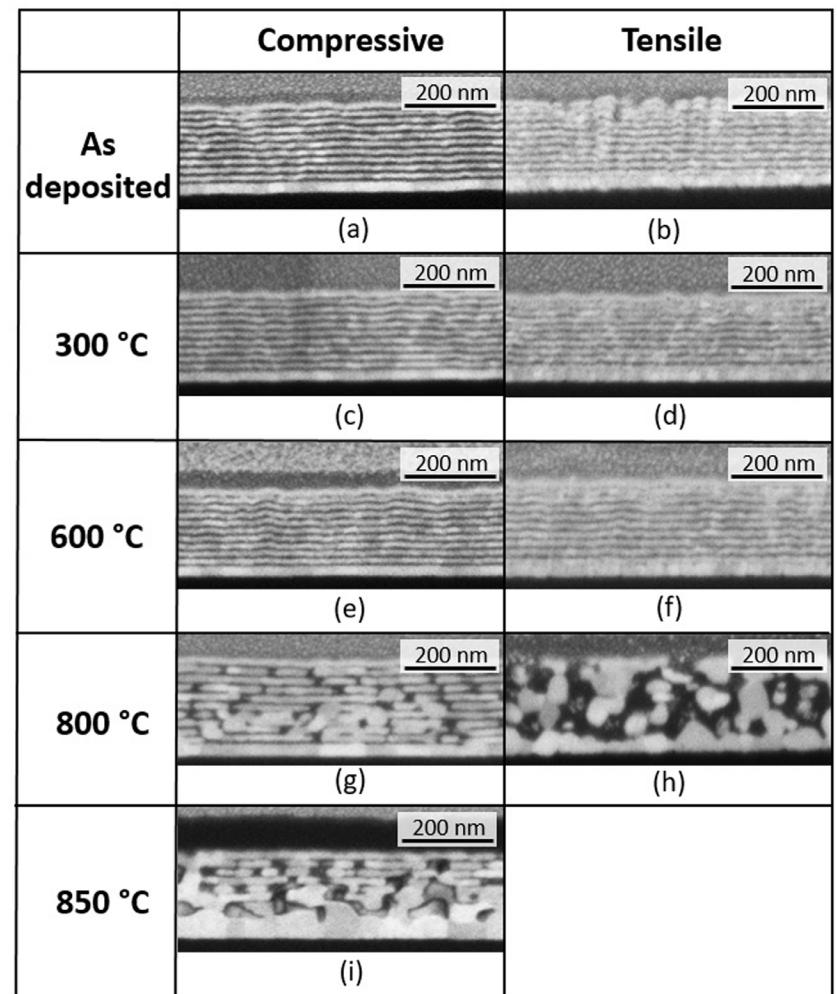
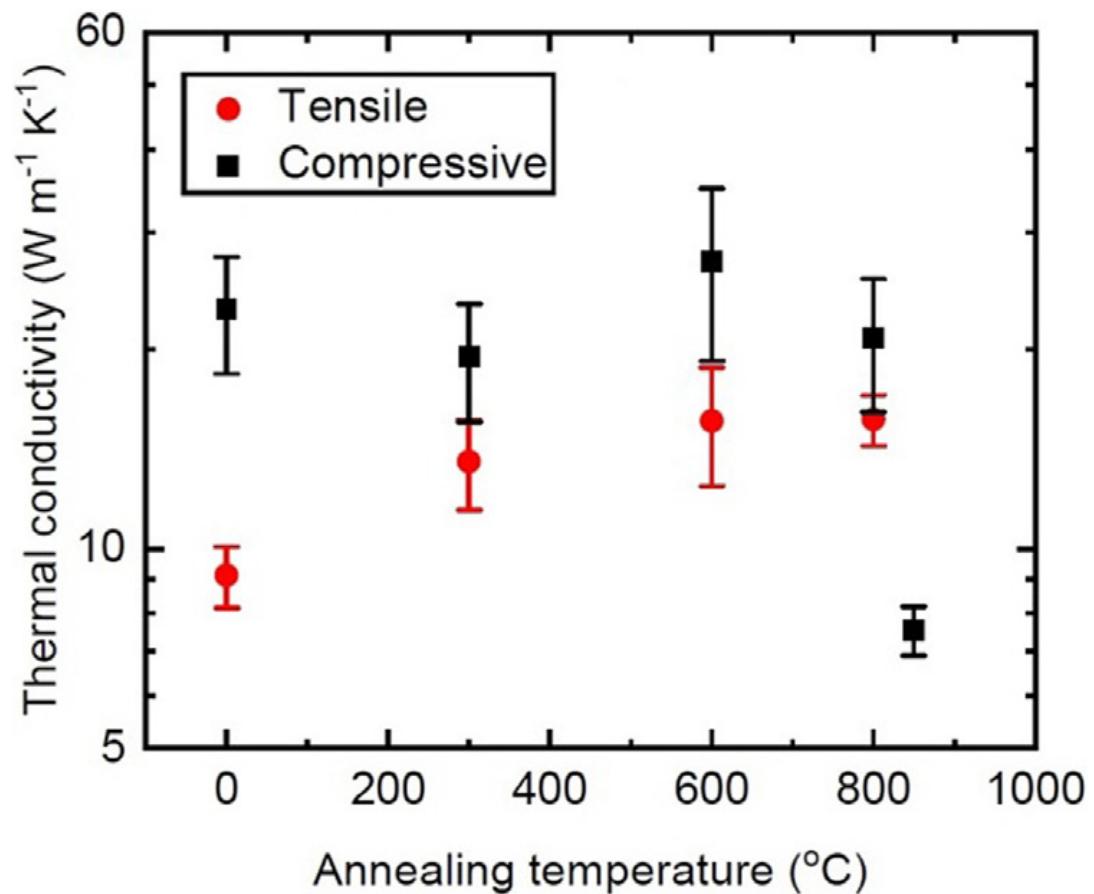
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- Structure of tensile sample more open that can increase oxygen diffusion from ambient/processing compared to compressive
- Hypothesis: both strain and oxygen defects can impact structure, quality and nanocomposite formation at high temperatures (effort ongoing)

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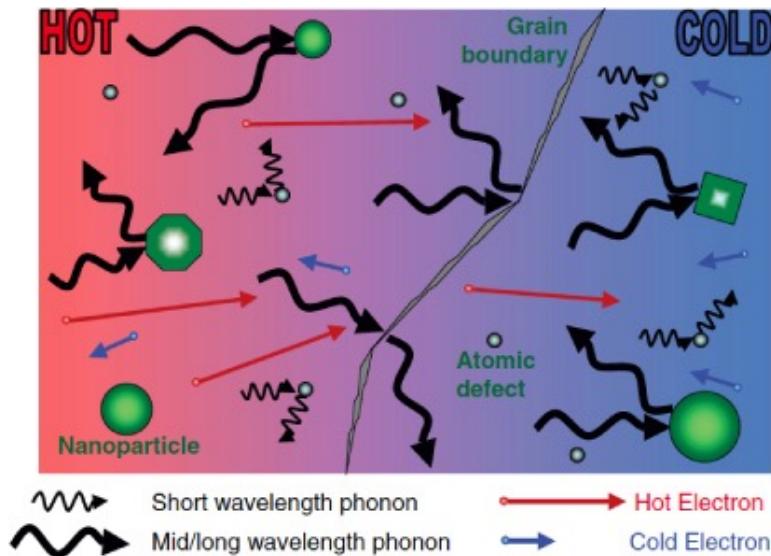


# Outline

1. What makes a high and low thermal conductivity material – an electron and phonon nanoscale perspective
2. Thermal conductivity of thin films: how film dimensional and growth conditions can lead to interfaces and defects that scatter electrons and phonons, thus reducing the thermal conductivity of materials
3. Thermal conductivity measurements: thin film methods
4. Thermal boundary resistance: coherent and incoherent heat transfer across interfaces in nanostructures
5. Coupled nonequilibrium heat transfer: Energy coupling among electron, phonons and photons including ultrafast laser pulse effects
6. Heat transfer in materials during synthesis and manufacturing, including plasma-material interactions during deposition and laser-based manufacturing

# Electron-phonon scattering in metals

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{3} Cv\lambda = \frac{1}{3} Cv_g^2 \tau$$
$$\tau = f(\tau_{\text{intrinsic}}, \tau_{\text{impurity}}, \tau_{\text{boundary}})$$



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$$G = \frac{\pi^2 m_e C_s^2 n_e}{6 \tau(T_e) T_e}$$

$$G(T_e) = \frac{\pi \hbar k_B \lambda \langle \omega^2 \rangle}{g(\varepsilon_F)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g^2(\varepsilon) \left( -\frac{\partial f}{\partial \varepsilon} \right) d\varepsilon$$

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**Electron-phonon coupling and electron heat capacity of metals under conditions of strong electron-phonon nonequilibrium**

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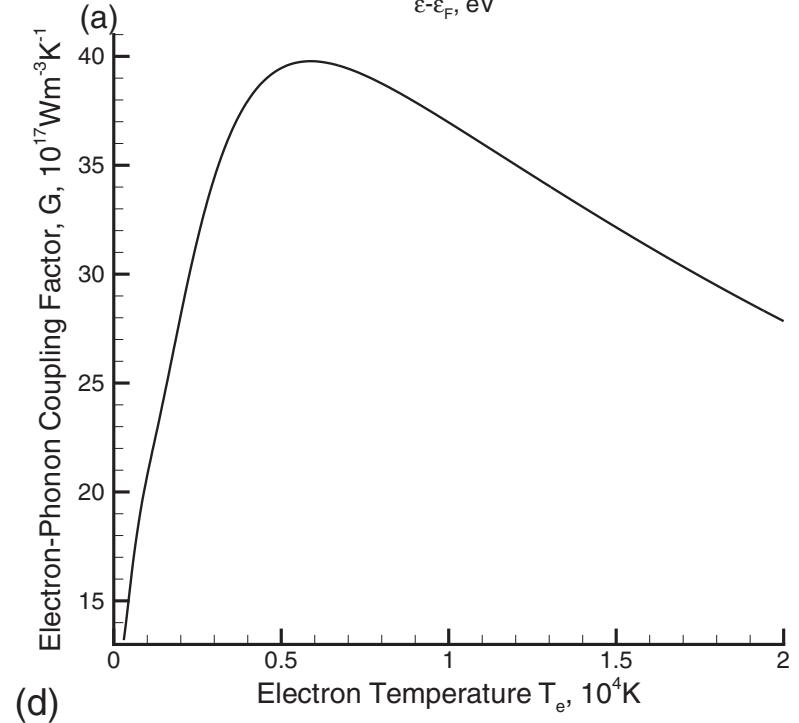
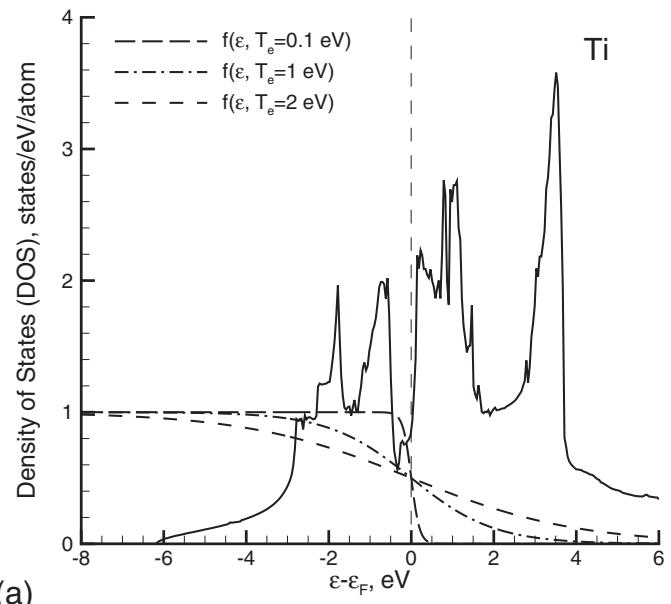
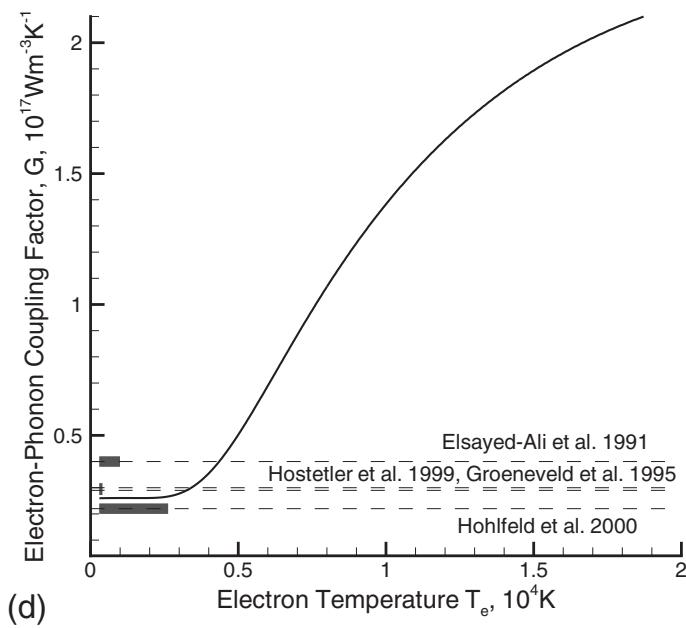
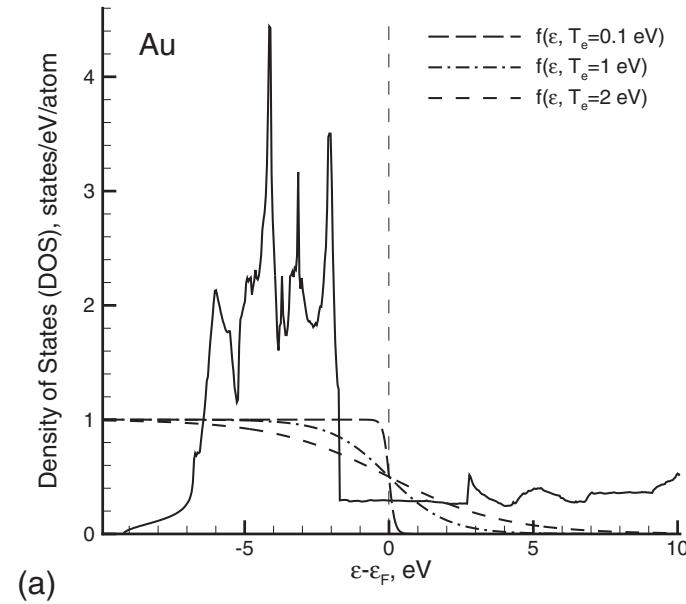
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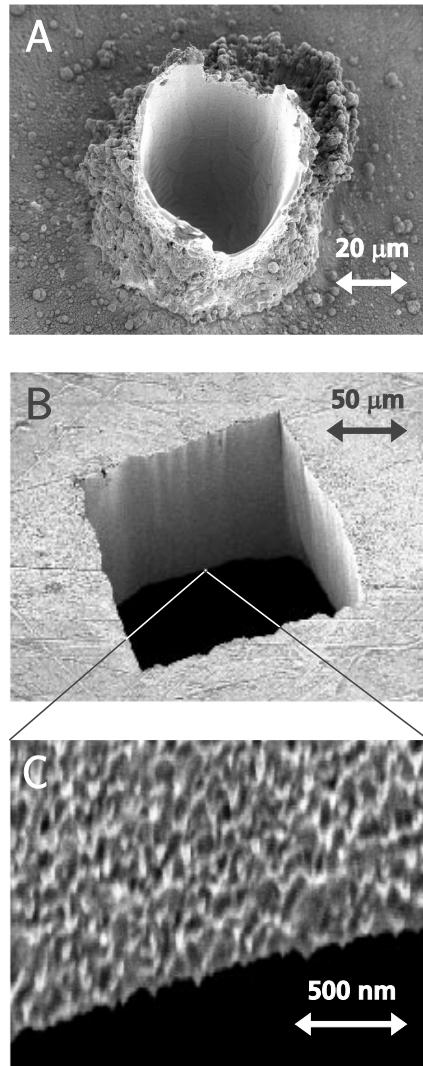
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# Electron-phonon coupling factor

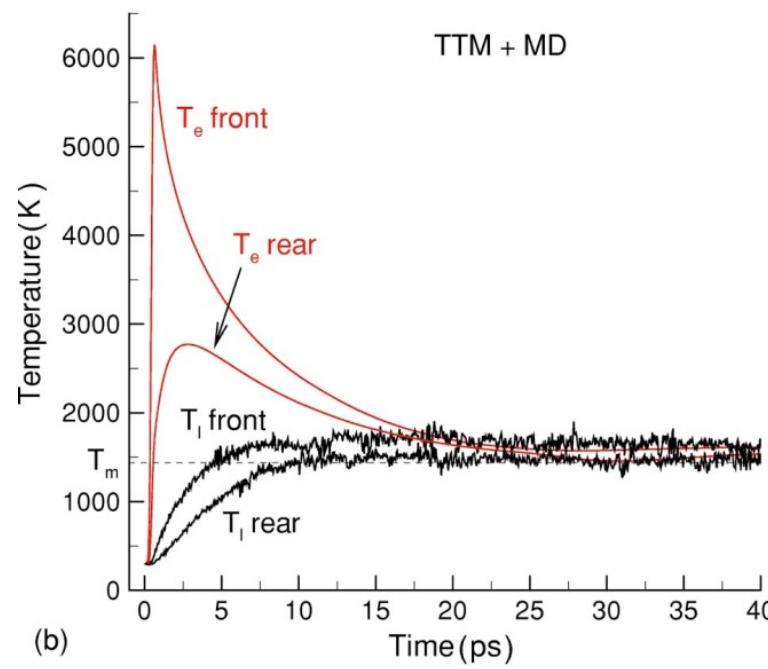


# High electron temperatures out of equilibrium with lattice: Metal manufacturing, lasers processing, high power/high frequency transistors



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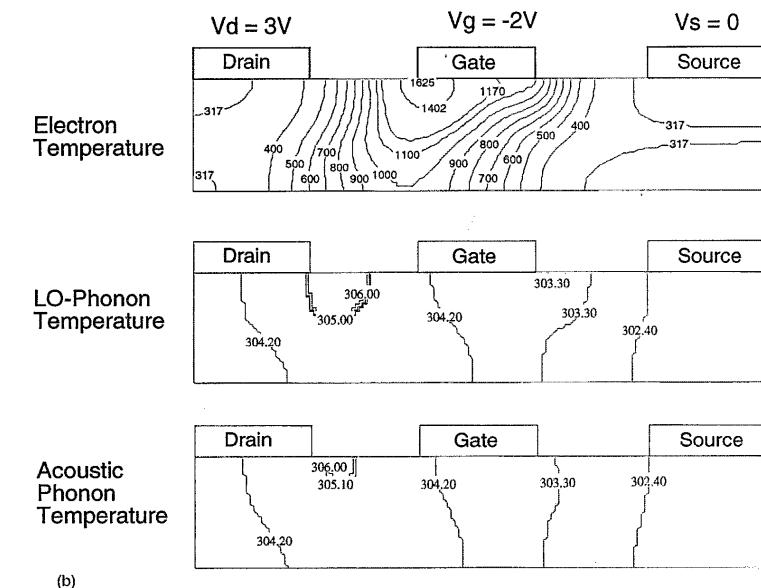
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## Effect of gate voltage on hot-electron and hot-phonon interaction and transport in a submicrometer transistor

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The role of electron-phonon coupling in femtosecond laser damage of metals

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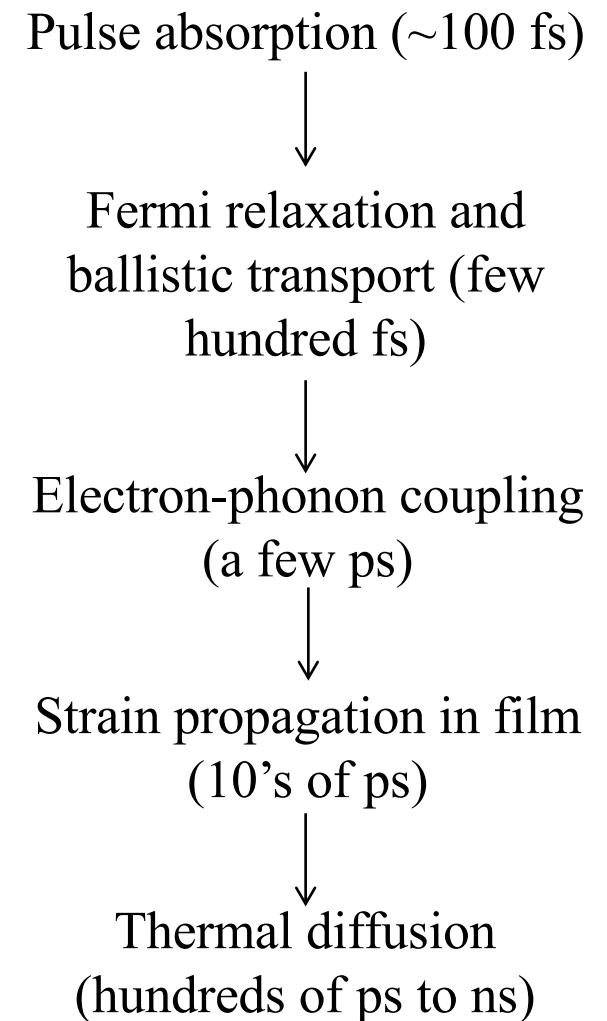
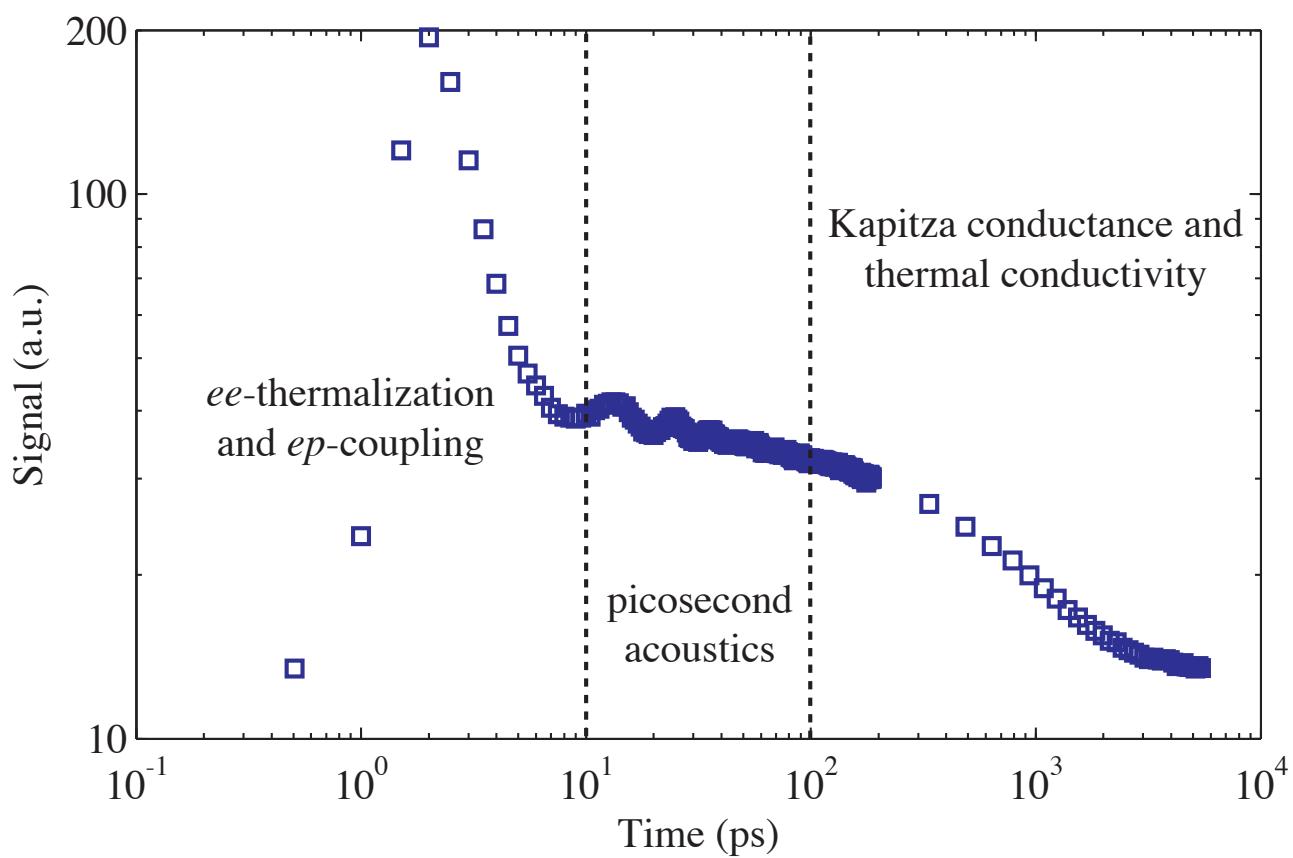
$$C_e(T = 300 K) \approx 10^4 \text{ J m}^{-3} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

$$C_o(T = 300 K) \approx 10^6 \text{ J m}^{-3} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

How do we measure? Let's go back a few (a lot of) slides...

## Temporal regimes in TDTR

**FANTASTIC temporal resolution (limited by pulse width)**



# Time domain thermoreflectance (TDTR)

## Electron thermalization and scattering (<10 ps)

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### Re-examining Electron-Fermi Relaxation in Gold Films With a Nonlinear Thermoreflectance Model

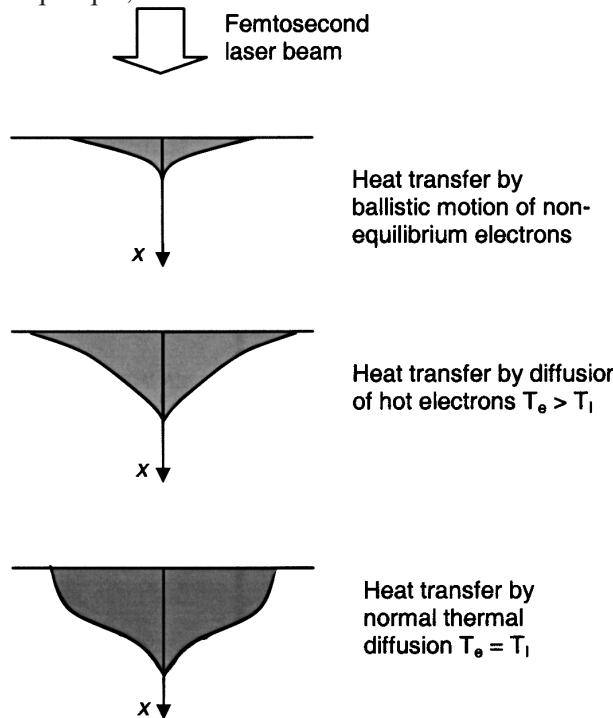
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### Ultrafast and steady-state laser heating effects on electron relaxation and phonon coupling mechanisms in thin gold films

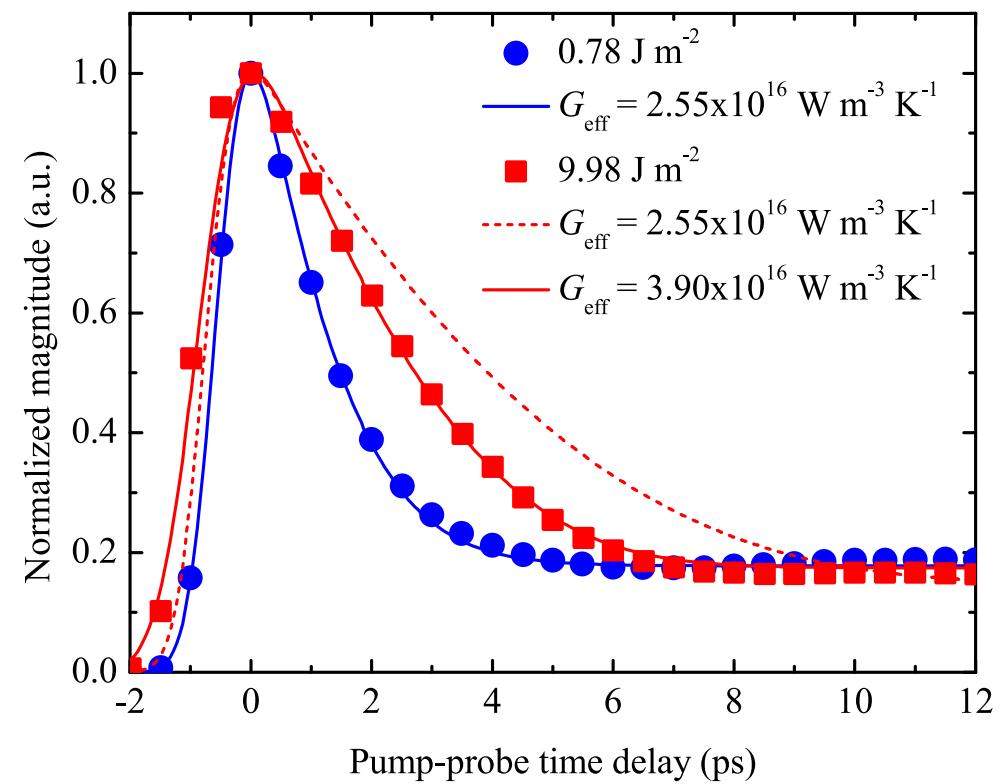
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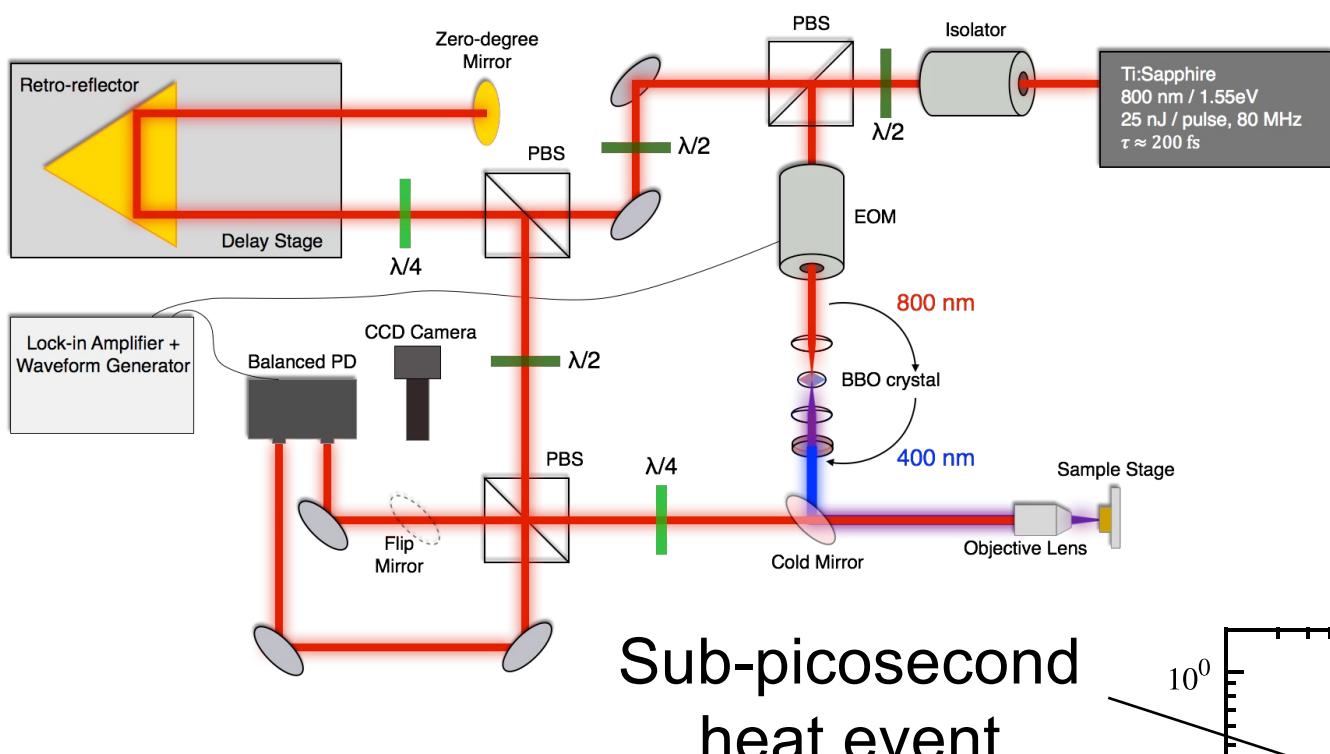
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# Ultrafast pump-probe to measure EP coupling



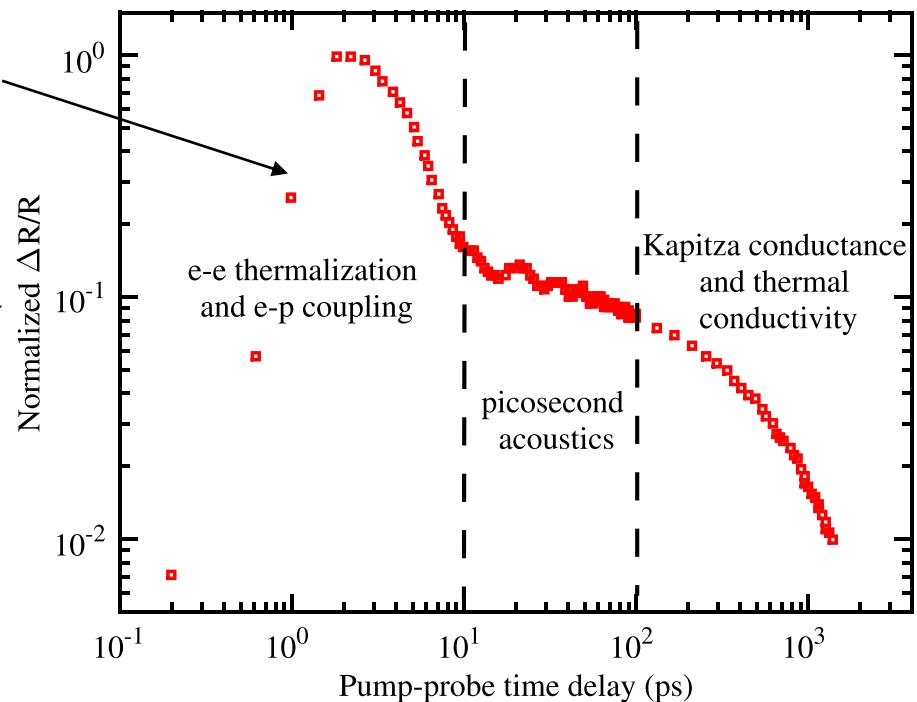
Directly related to temperature  
(advantage of probing metal)

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20 nm Au

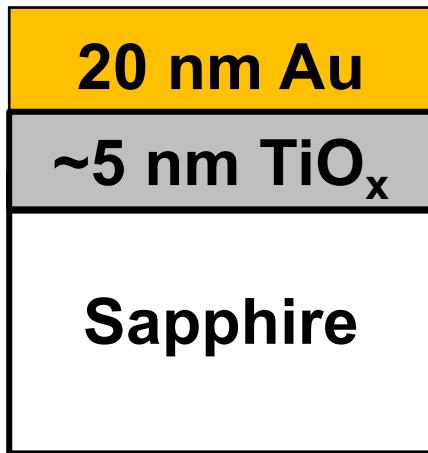
Sapphire

Energy no longer  
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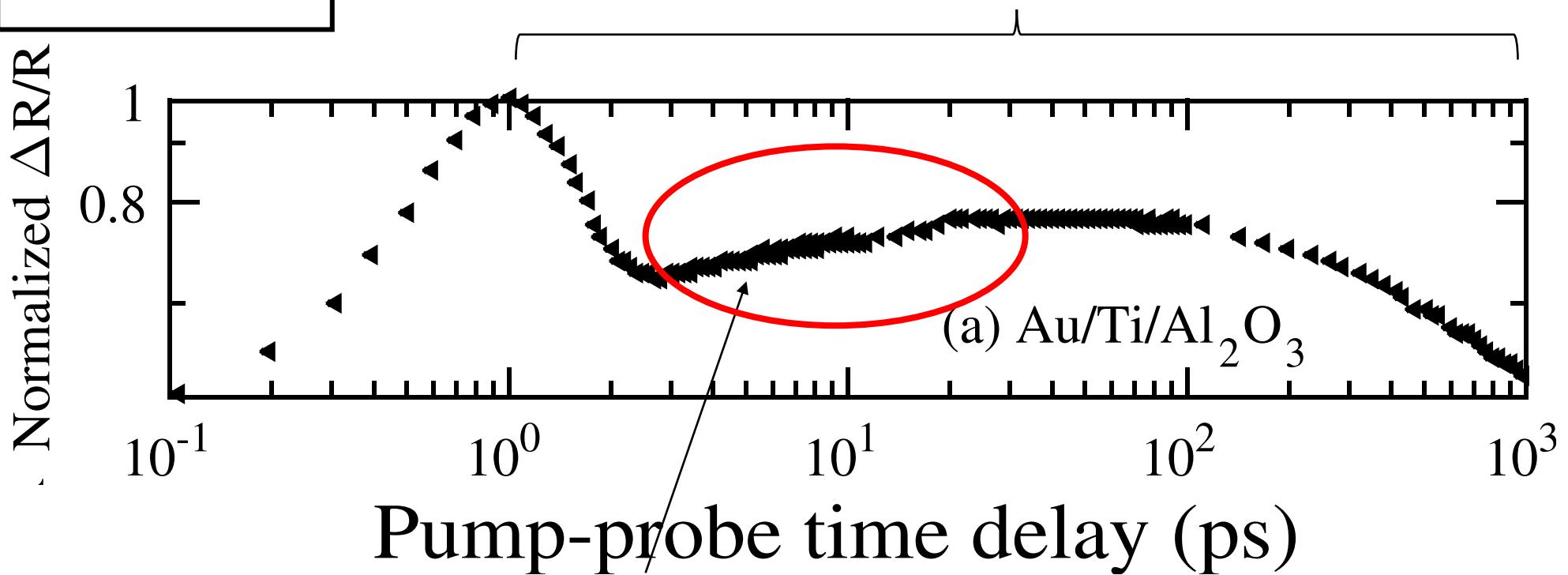


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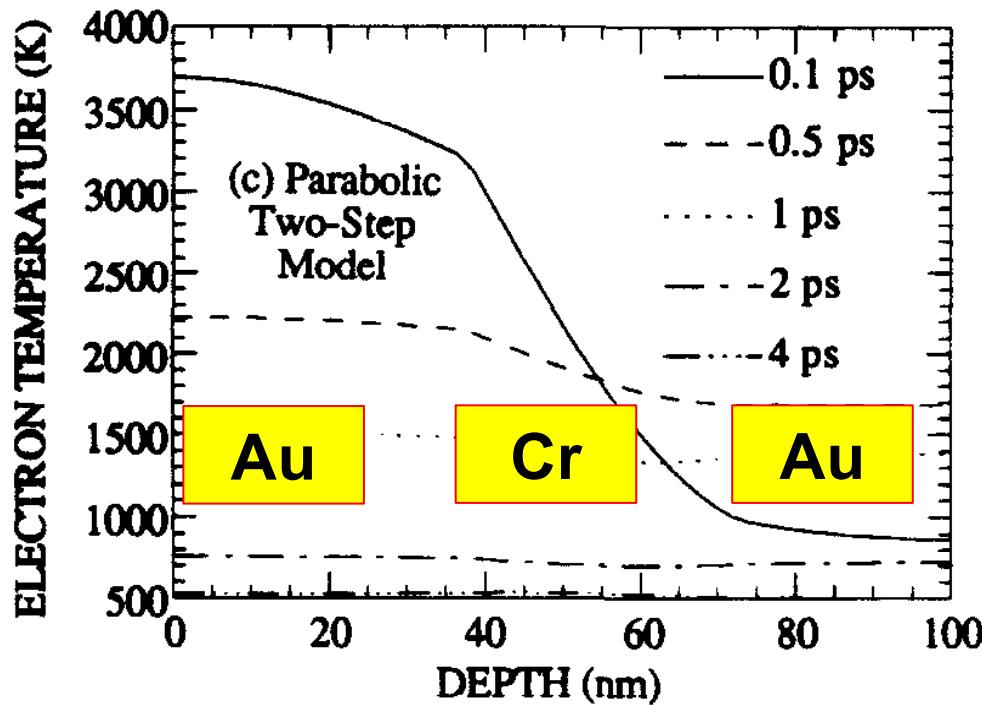
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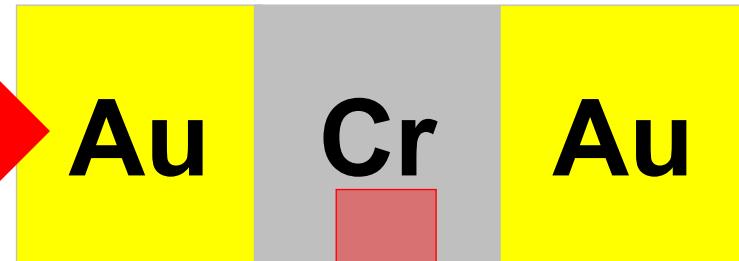
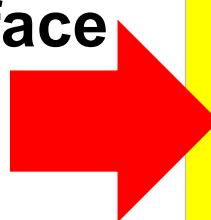
So why does temperature at surface increase when no energy is deposited in the system?

# Electron-phonon interactions at metal/metal interfaces

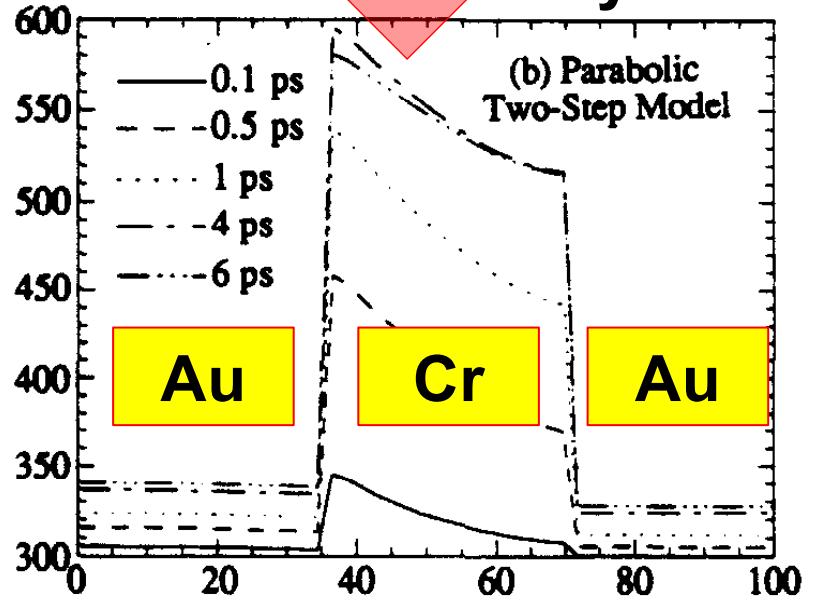
**Recall seminal  
predictions by Tien**  
Qiu and Tien, *IJHMT*  
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Laser  
excites Au  
surface



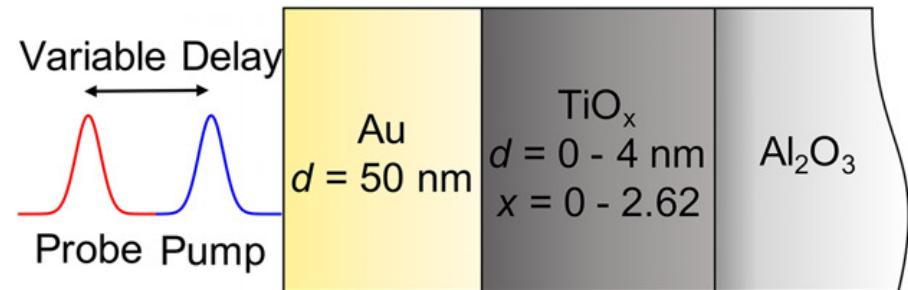
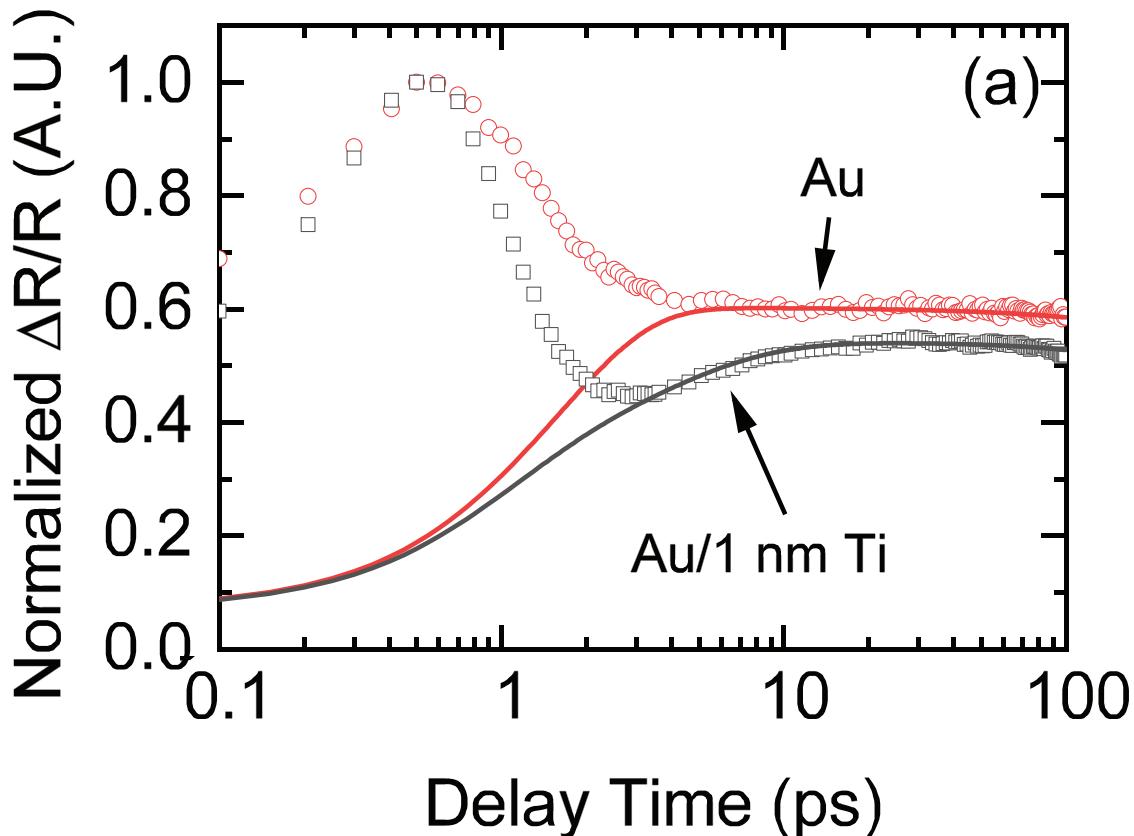
Lattice heats up under  
surface in Cr layer



Au lattice slowly responds

# Electron mediated TBC at metal/doped non-metal is the key

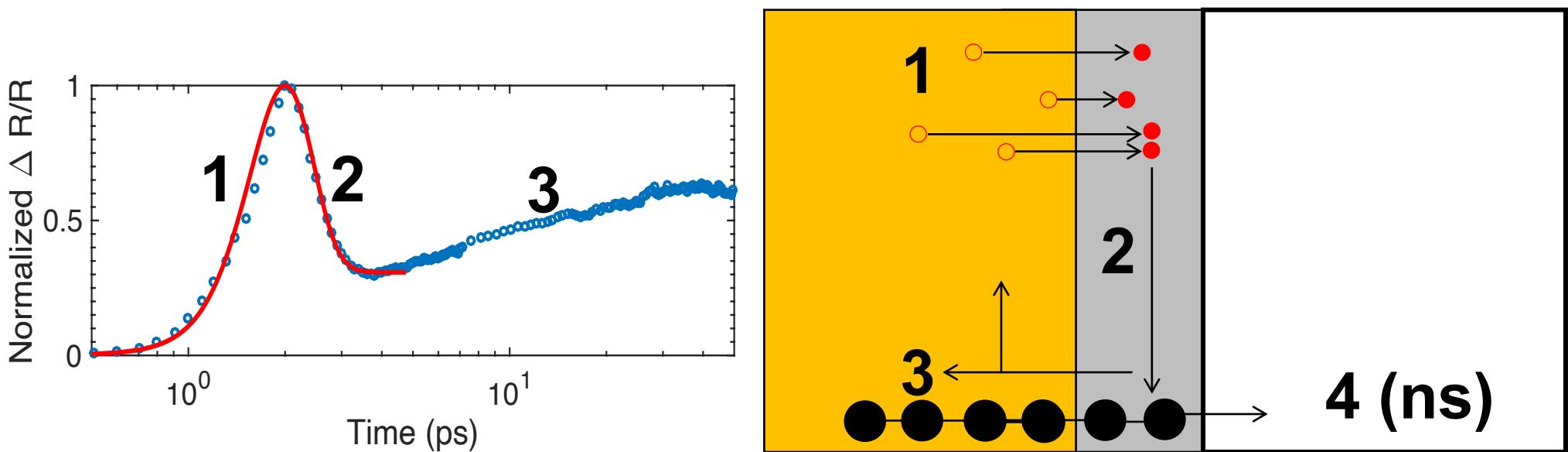
- Energy easily transmitted across interface when out of equilibrium with phonons
- Slowly “goes back” across the interface when diffusive
- See early observations of indirect heating by:
  - Qiu and Tien, *IJHMT* **37**, 2789 (1994)
  - Choi, Wilson and Cahill, *PRB* **89**, 064307 (2014)



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# Ballistic thermal injection

- Excited electrons in metal from pulse do not thermalize with lattice and deposit their energy to lattice in sub-surface layer
- Ballistic transport of electron energy through gold into titanium

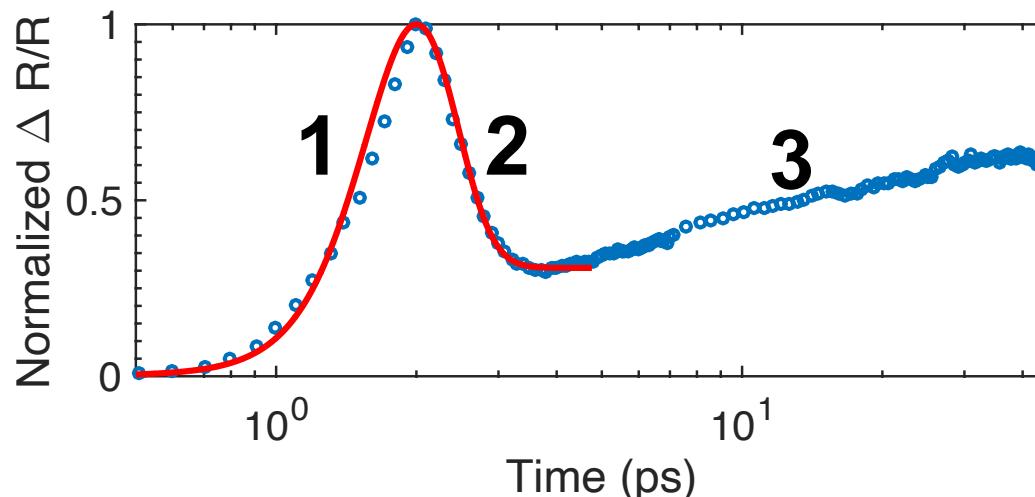


When would we see this effect?

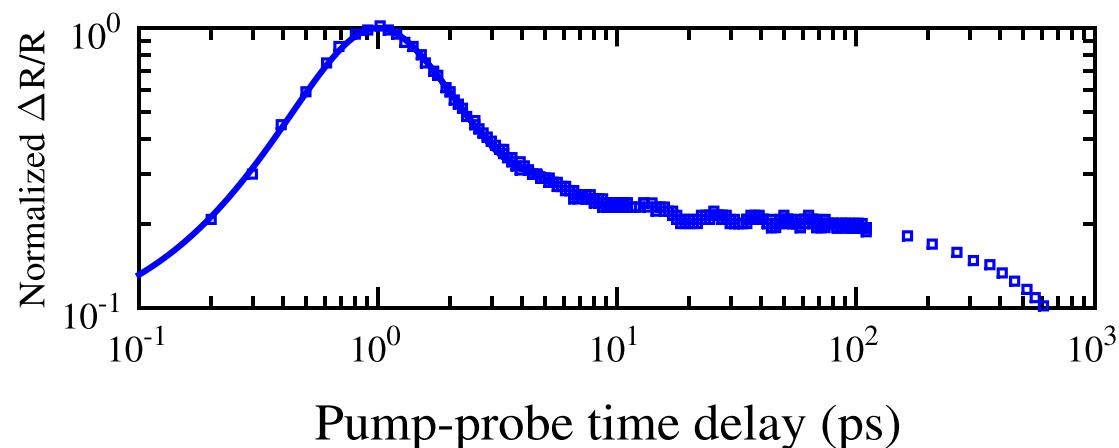
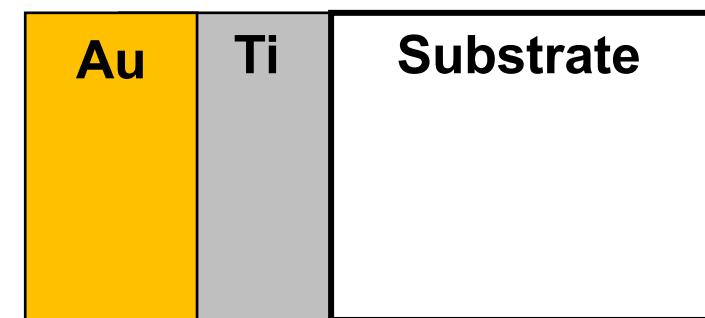
1. Metal/metal or metal/non-metal interfaces with large differences in electron-phonon coupling factor
2. Films with thicknesses less than electron-phonon mean free path
3. Interfaces with very little electron-electron thermal resistance

# TDTR measurements of time scales of noneq. transport

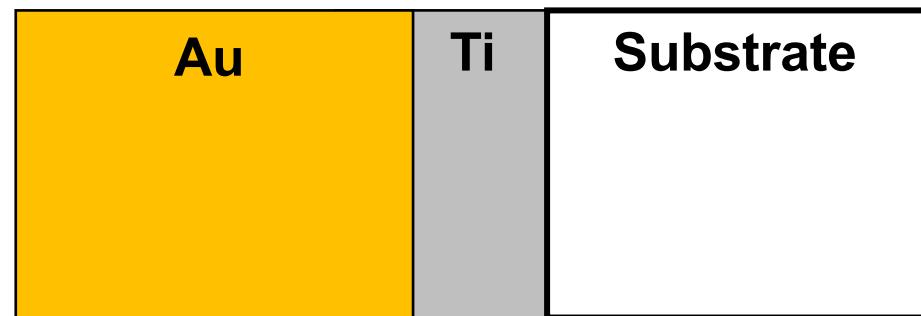
**Hypothesis:** If Au thickness ( $d_{\text{Au}}$ ) is thicker than electron-phonon mean free path ( $\lambda_{\text{ep}}$ ), nonequilibrium at interface will be negligible and “back heating” (time regime 3) will not be observed



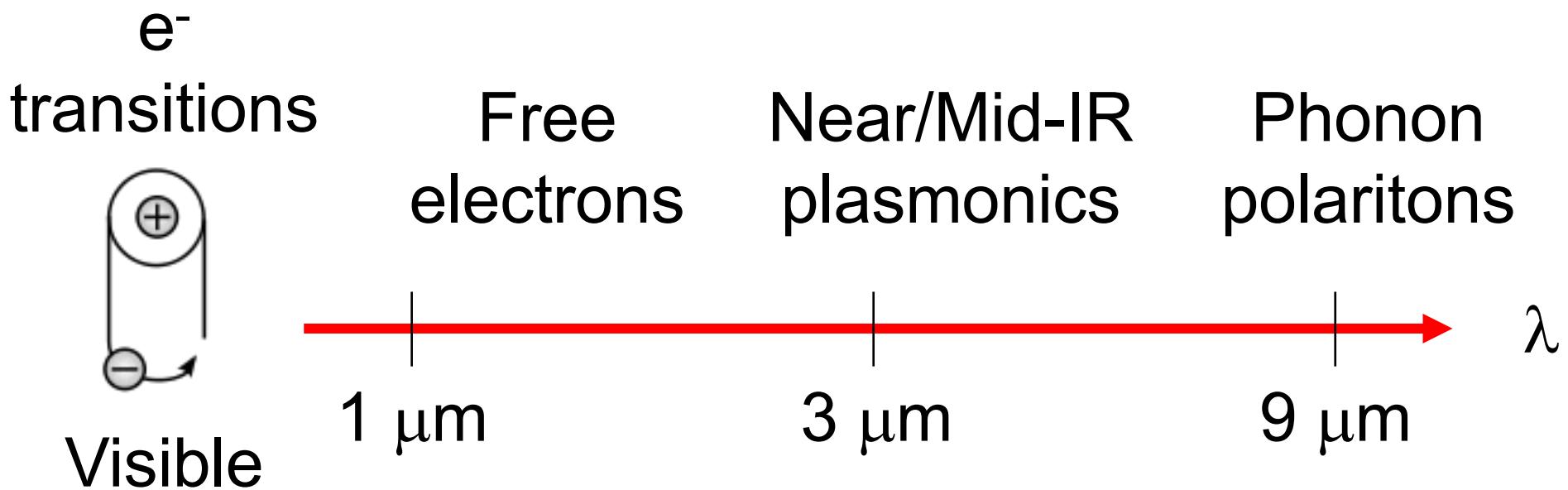
$$d_{\text{Au}} < \lambda_{\text{ep}}$$



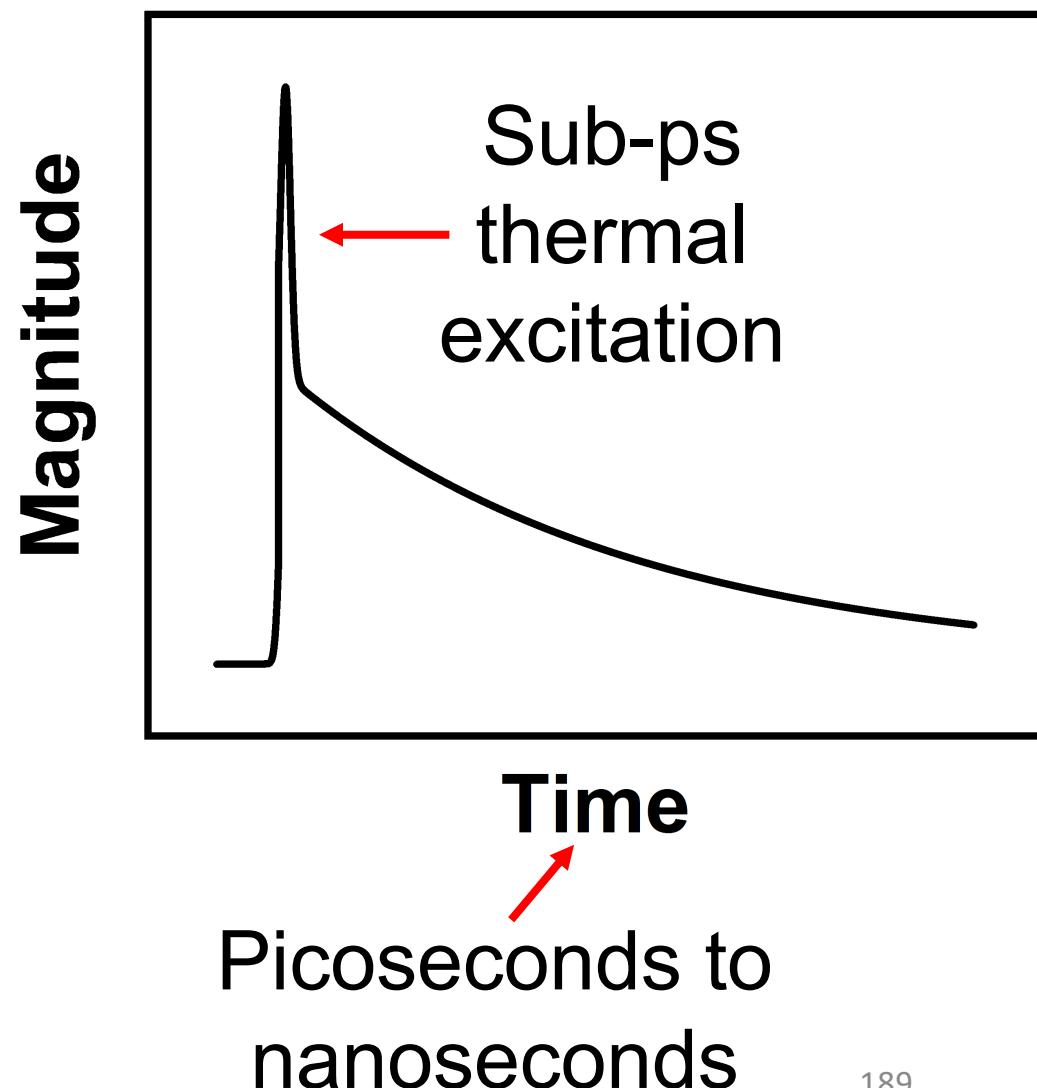
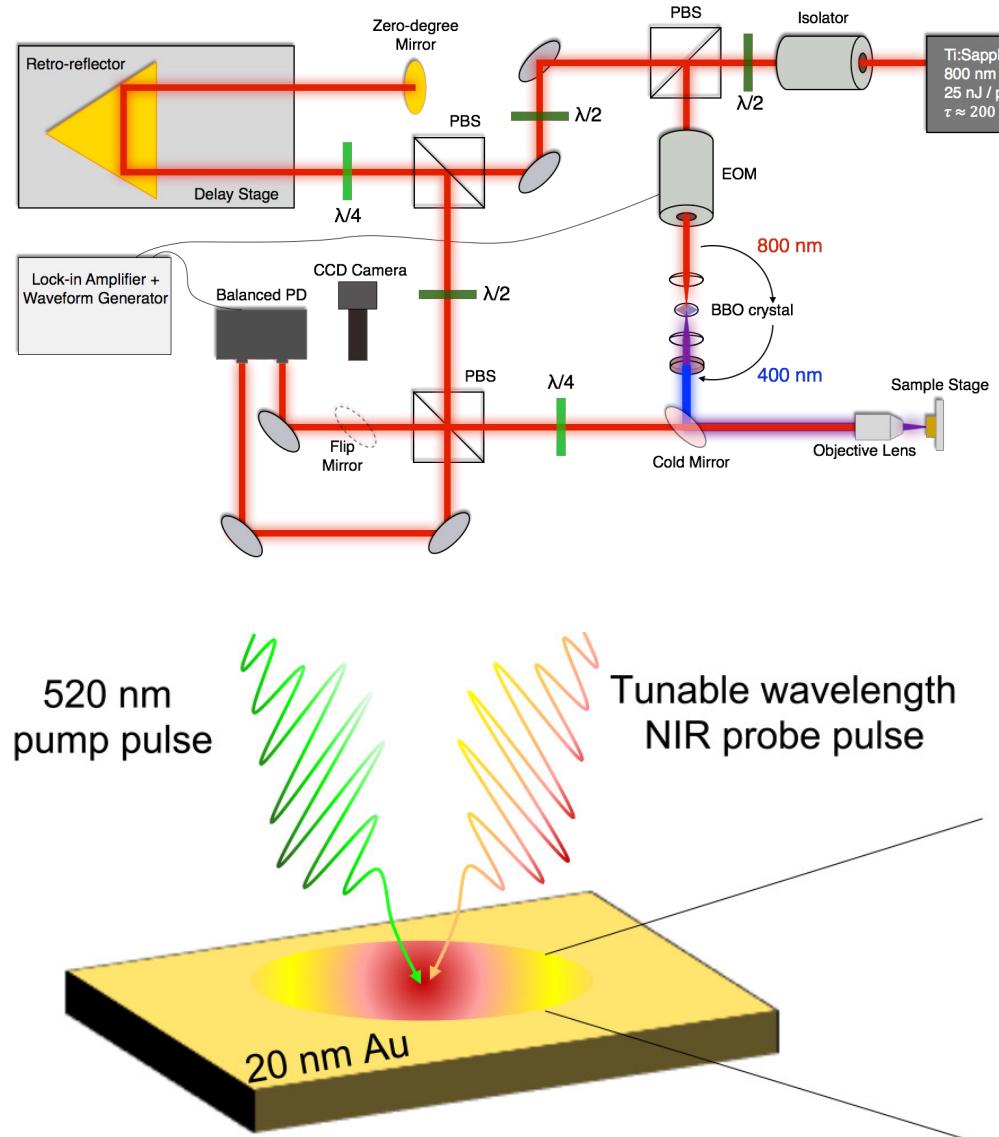
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# Pumping with heat, probing in IR away from $e^-$ transitions



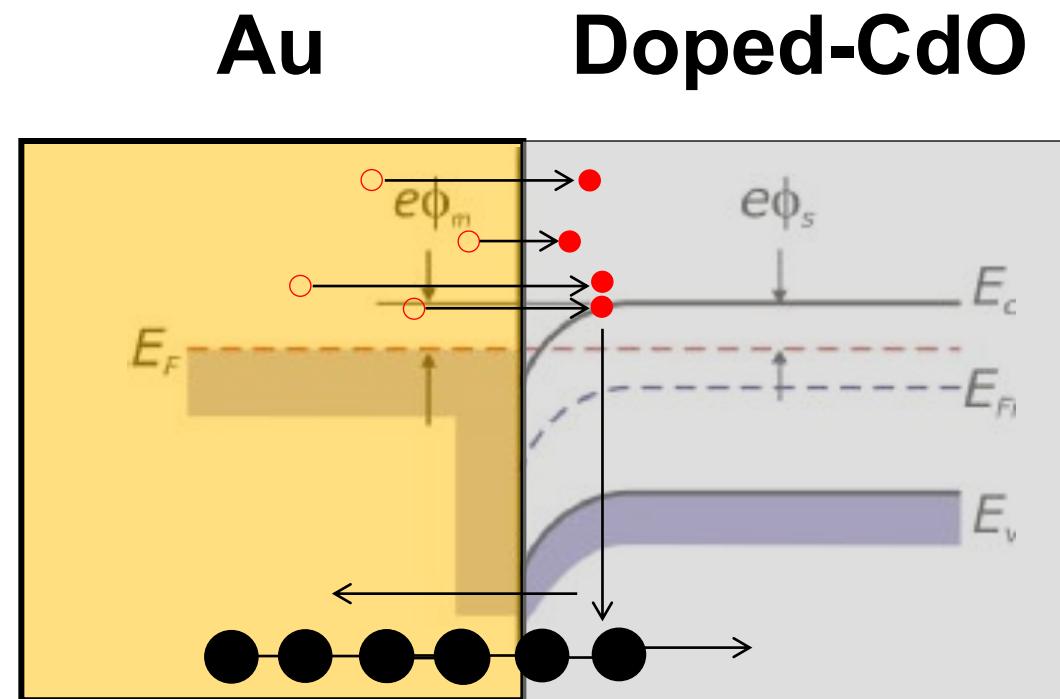
# Measuring thermal lifetimes/scattering rates...in the IR



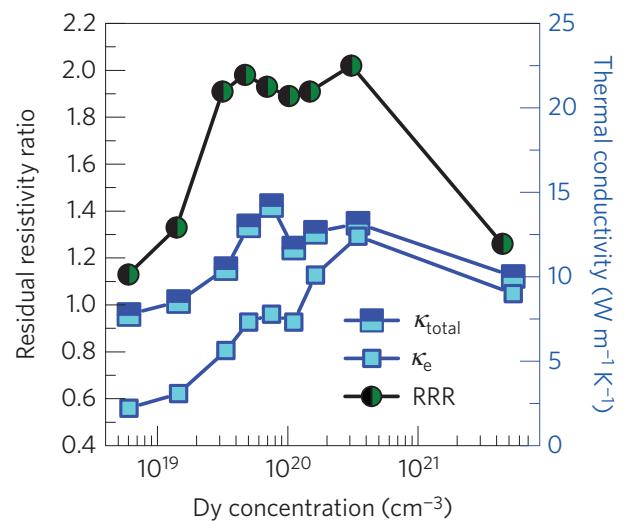
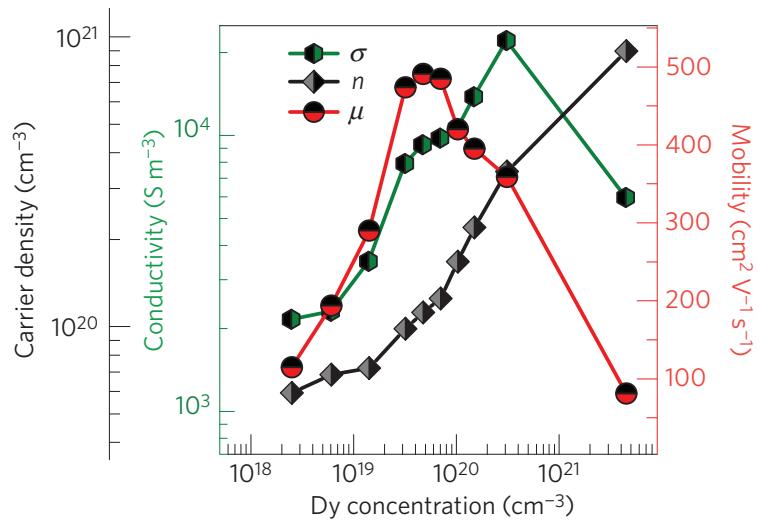
# Nonequilibrium at metal/doped non-metal interfaces

- Consider ohmic contact between metal and doped non-metal
- Vary carrier concentration in non-metal

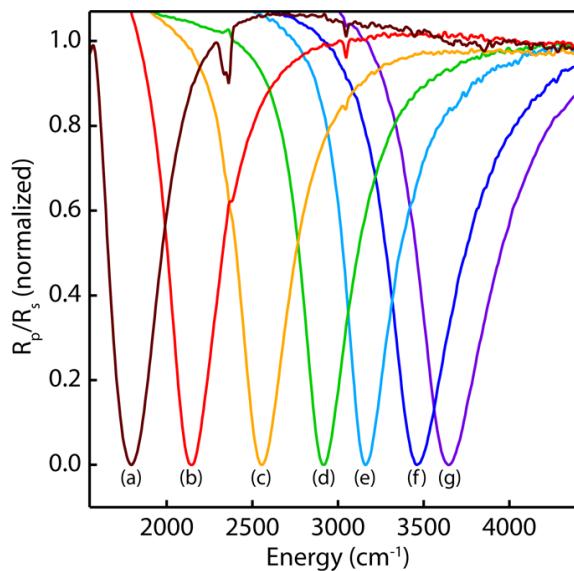
- Electron injection from Au to interfacial layer must occur to observe “back heating” effect
- Will not occur when interface is insulating



# CdO – a gateway for mid-IR plasmonics



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- Large electron mobility in CdO results in large electronic thermal conductivity
- Doping concentration tunes electronic conductivity and IR absorption

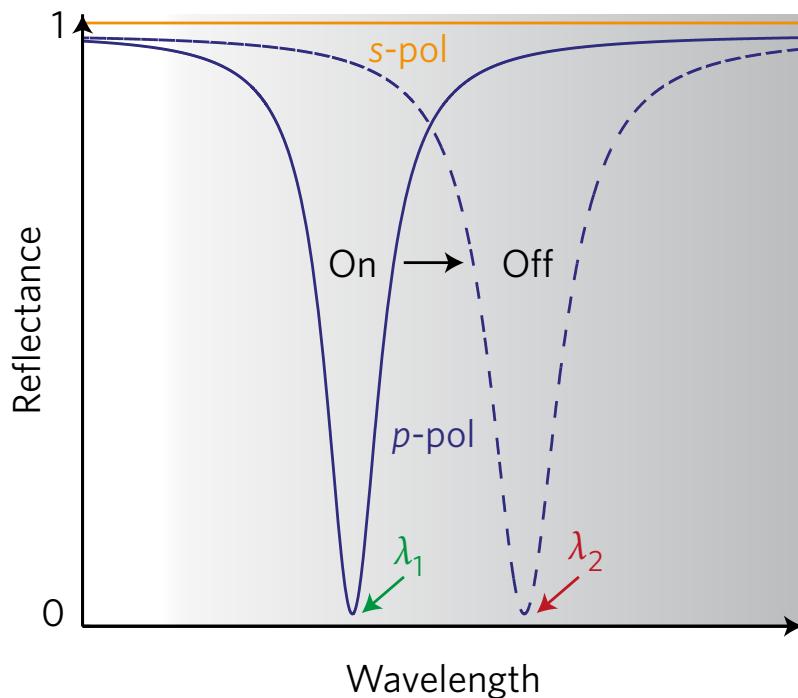
# Carrier scattering and relaxation drives optical properties

Dielectric function

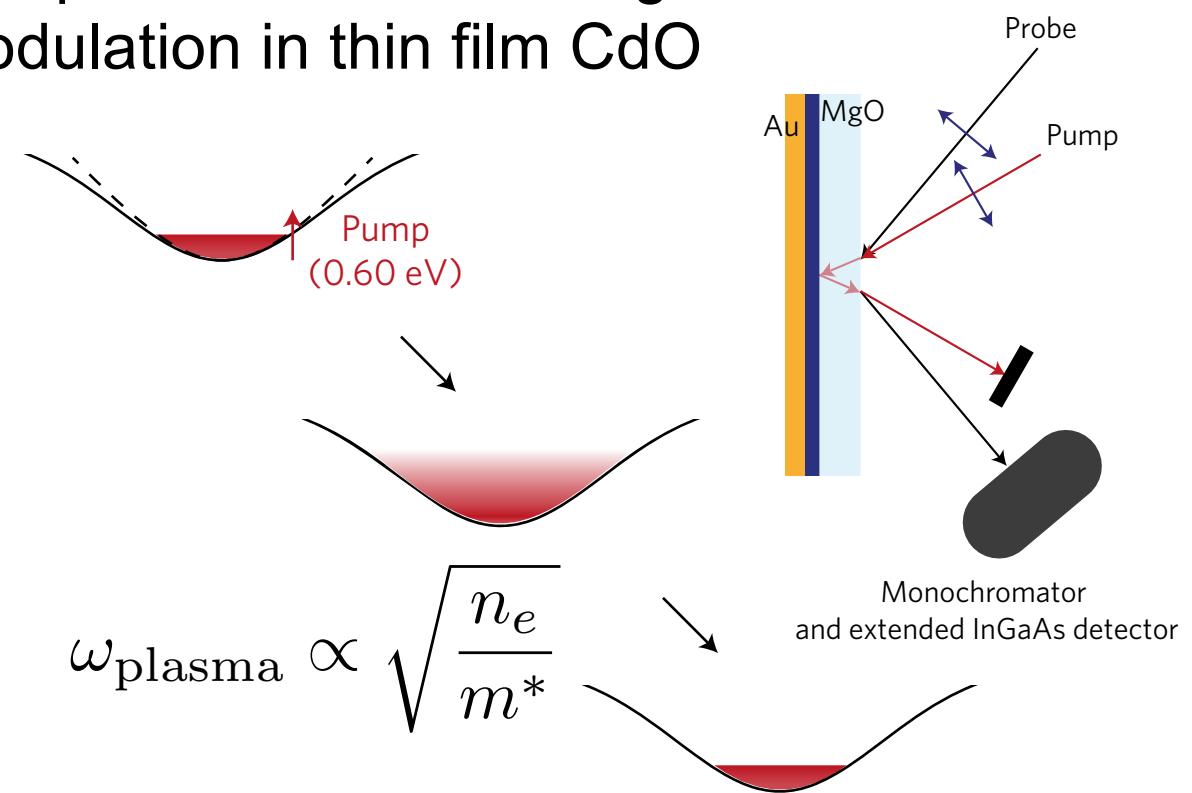
$$R \propto \epsilon \propto \tau$$

Reflectivity      Relaxation time ~  
Scattering time

**Example:** Near IR polarization switching and absorption modulation in thin film CdO

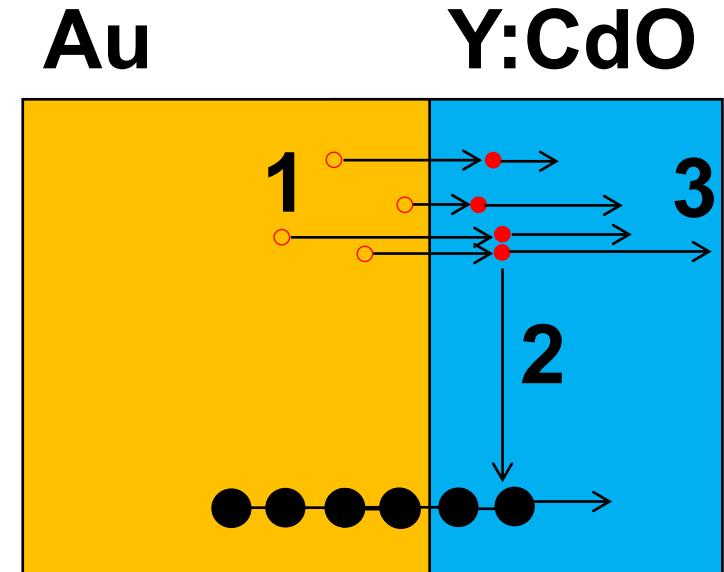
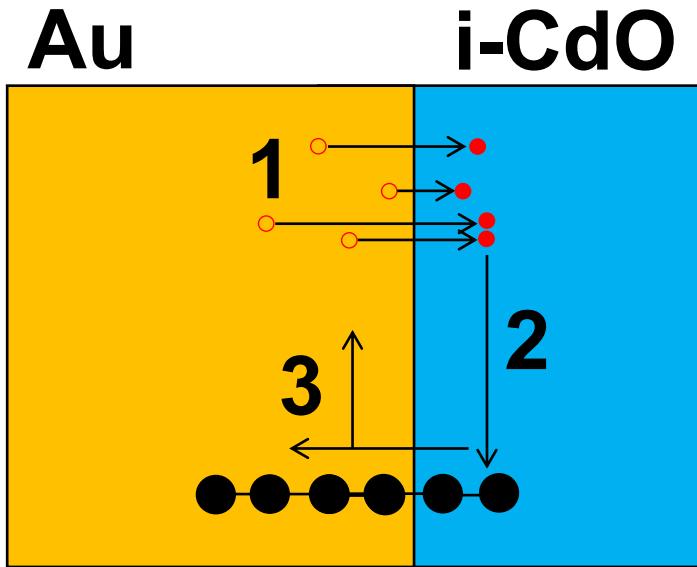


$$\omega_{\text{plasma}} \propto \sqrt{\frac{n_e}{m^*}}$$

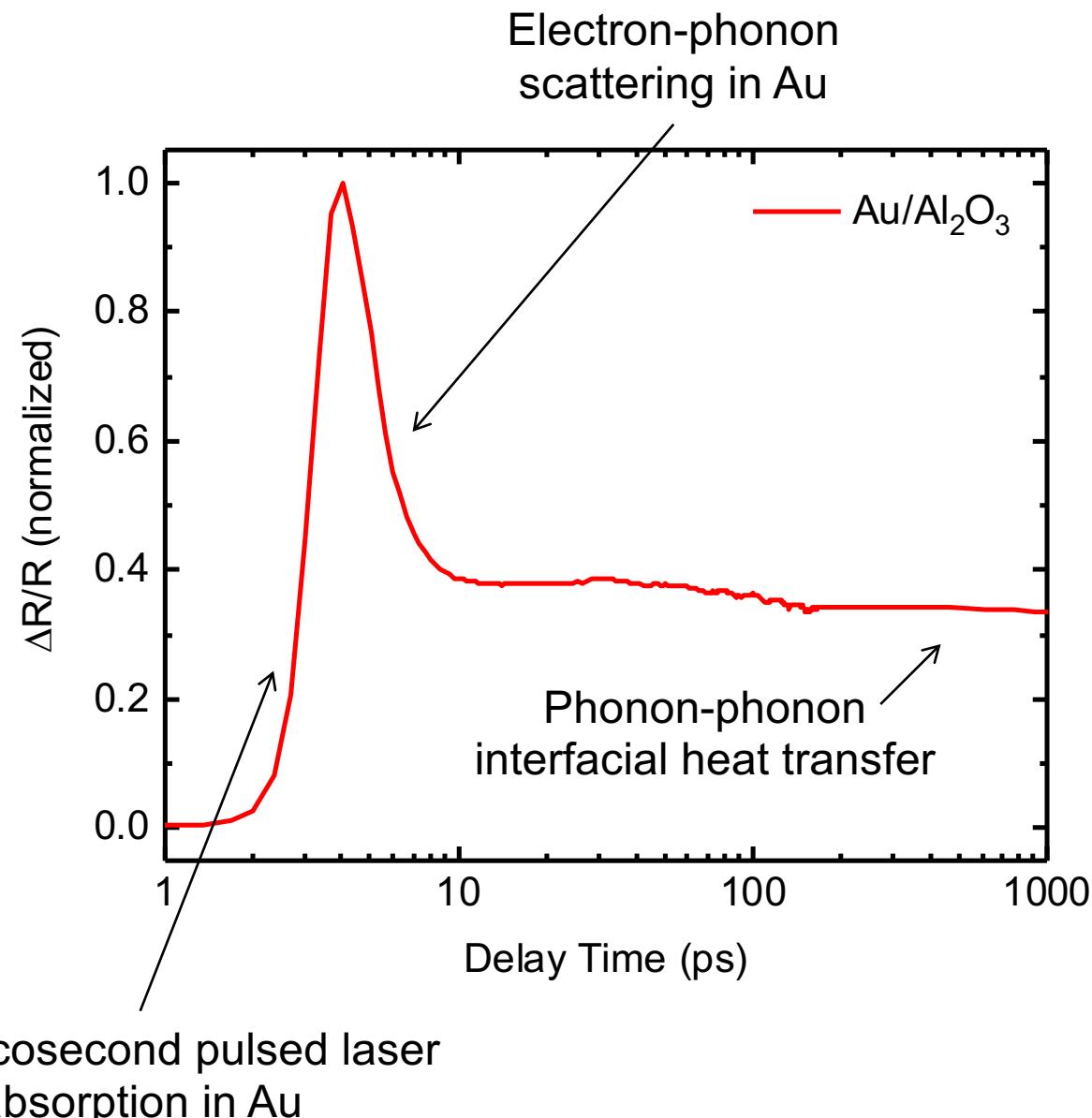
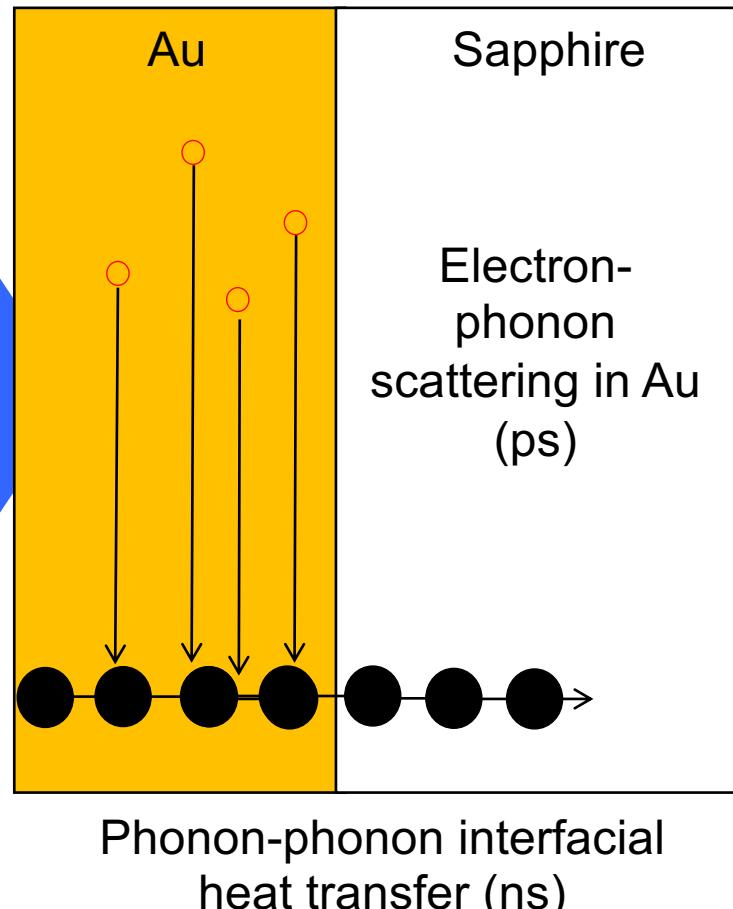


# Nonequilibrium processes at Au/CdO interfaces

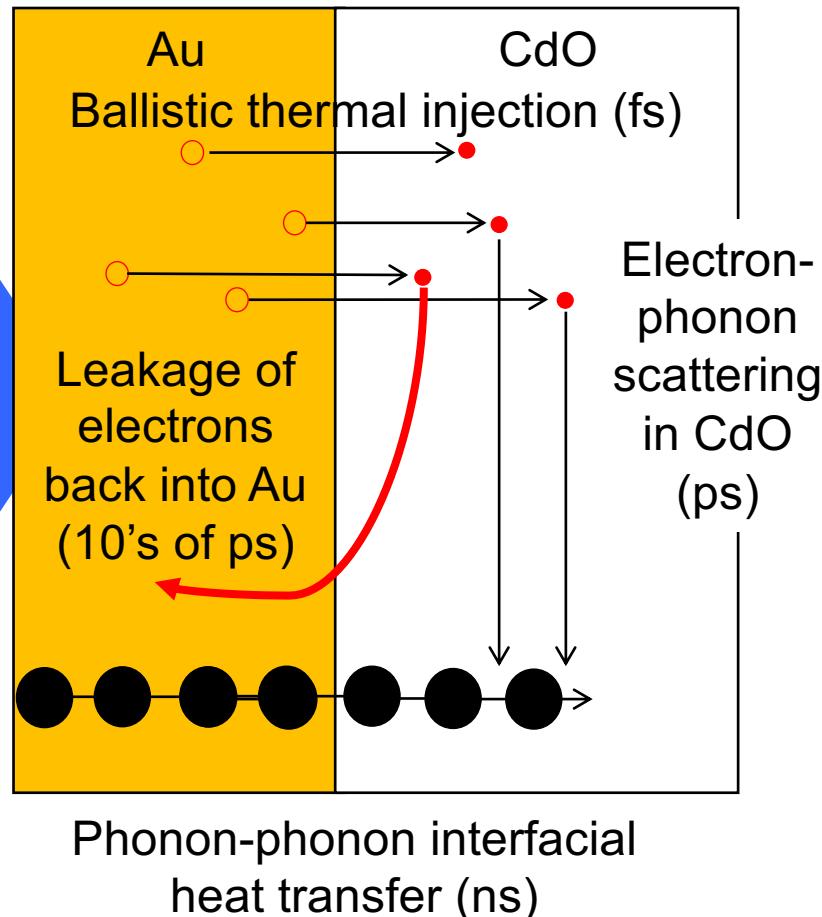
Doping will control electron-electron TBC and electron thermal conductivity in CdO, vary “back heating”



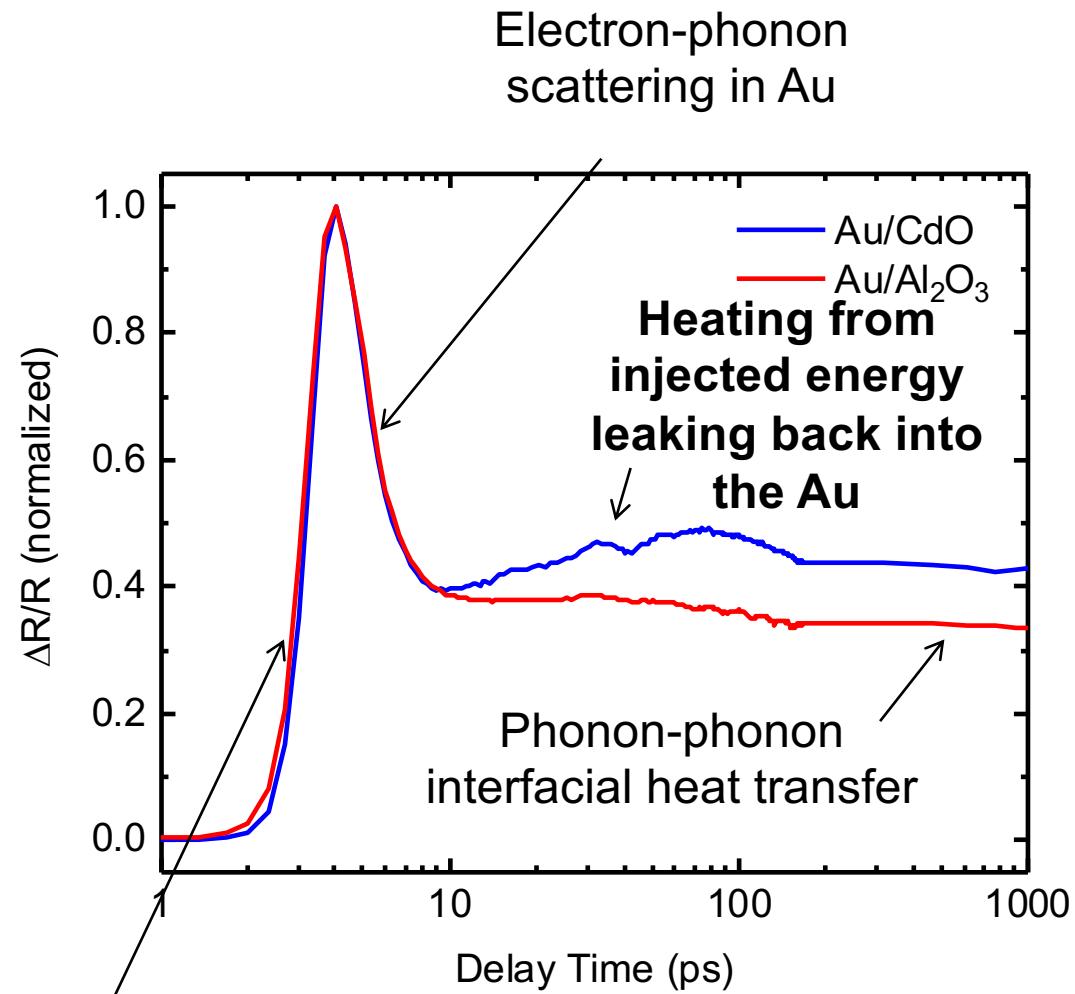
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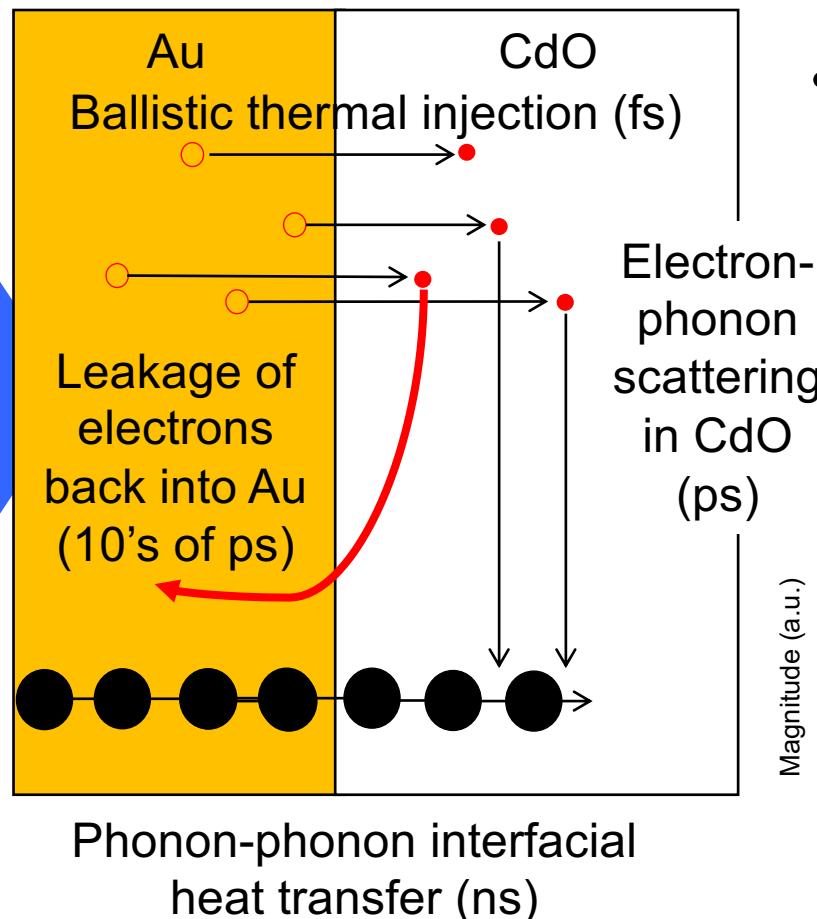
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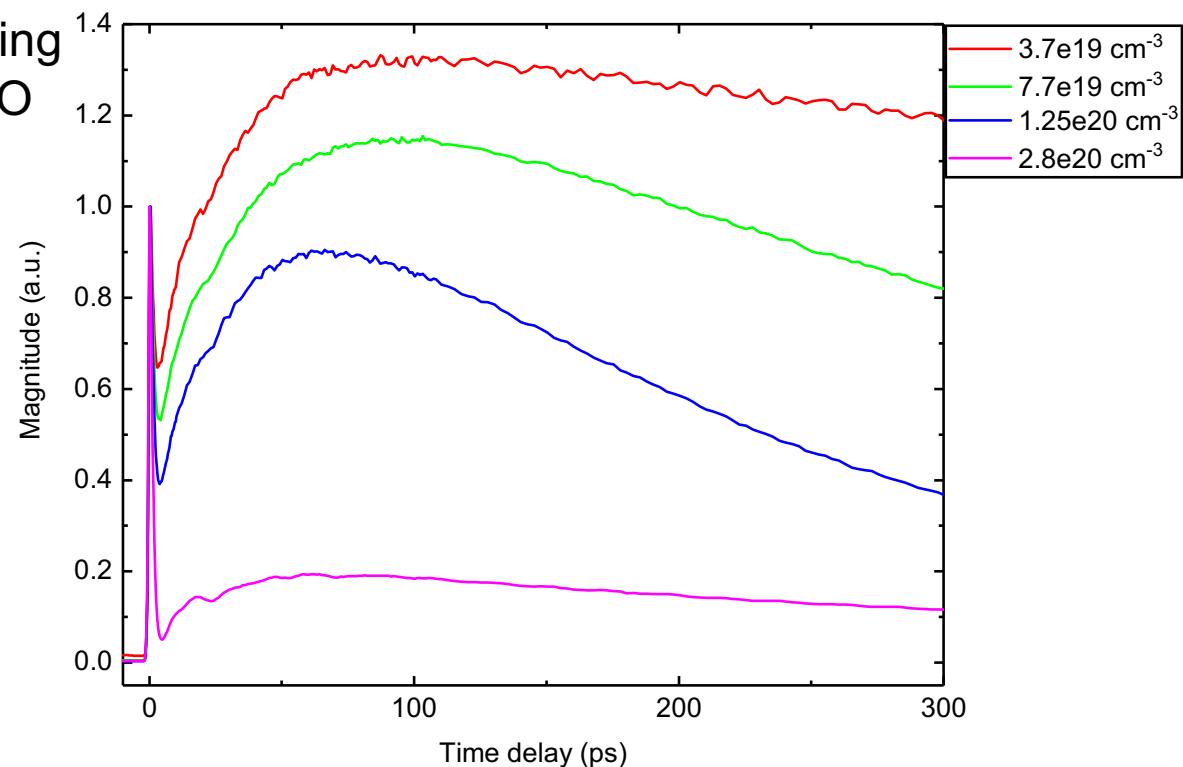
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# Nonequilibrium processes at Au/CdO interfaces

- Doping of CdO dictates amount of “electron leakage” back into Au

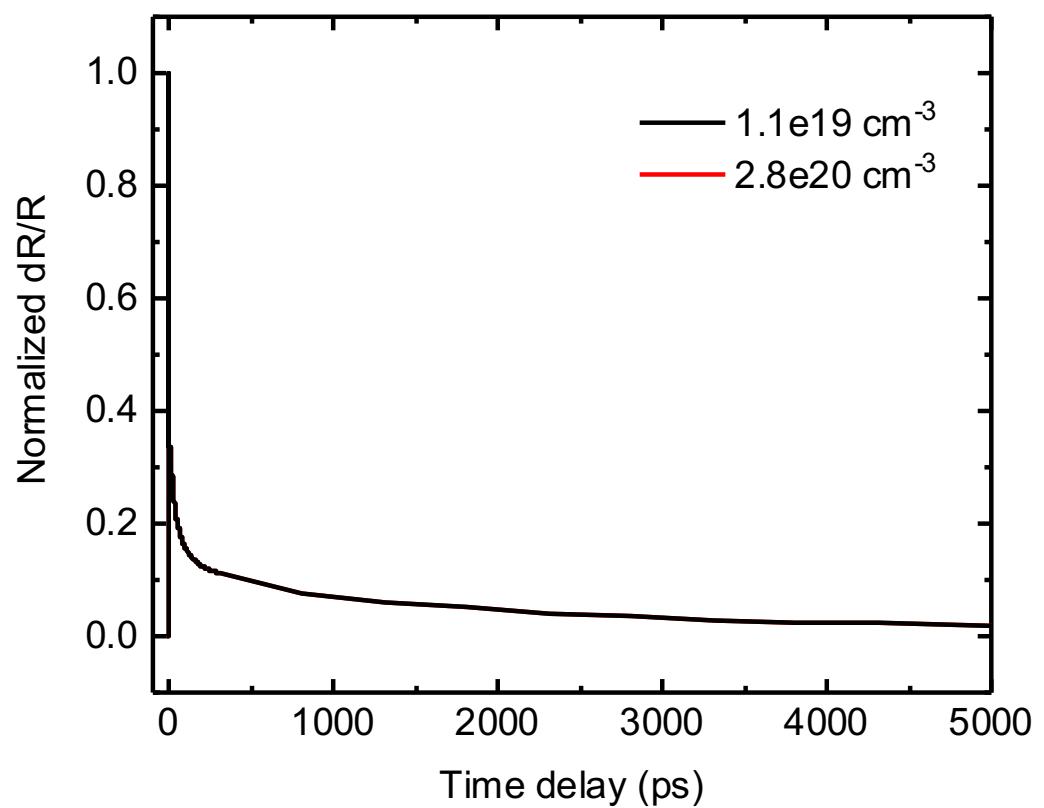
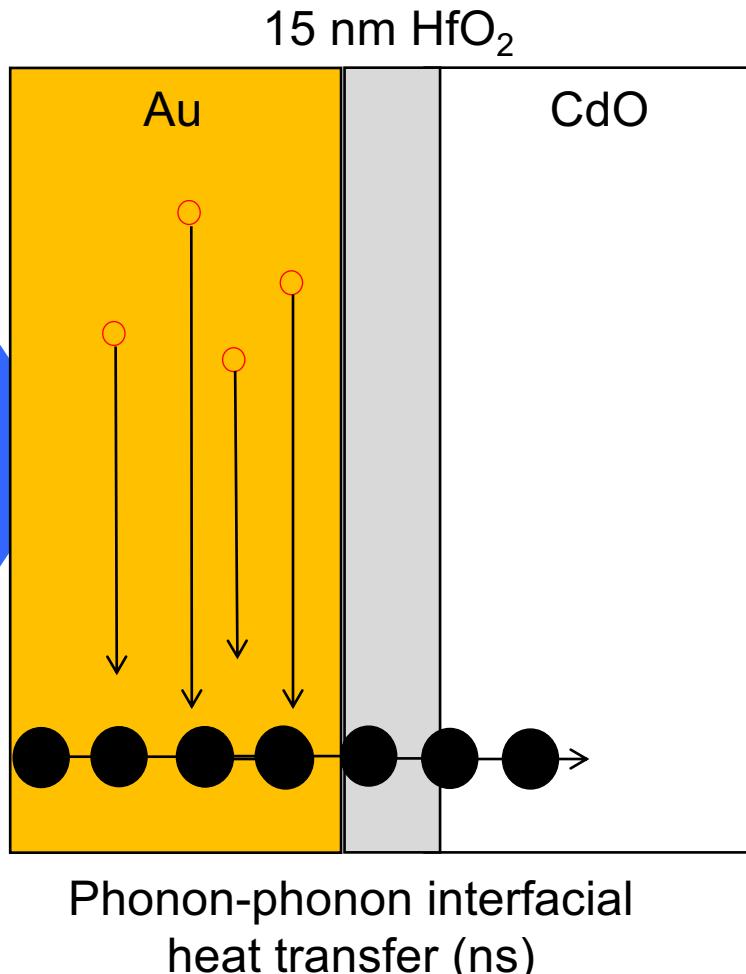


- Lower resistivity + higher e-ph coupling in CdO, less electronic back heating into gold contact



# Nonequilibrium processes at Au/CdO interfaces

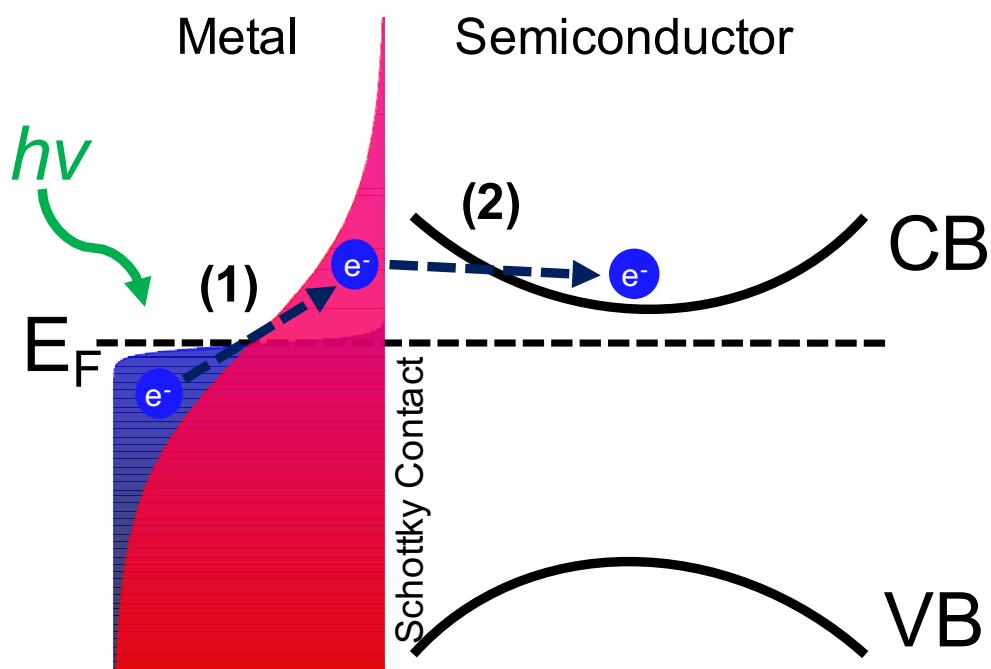
- Transparent buffer layer stops ballistic electrons, but allows light to transmit
- No back-heating observed for any dopant concentration!



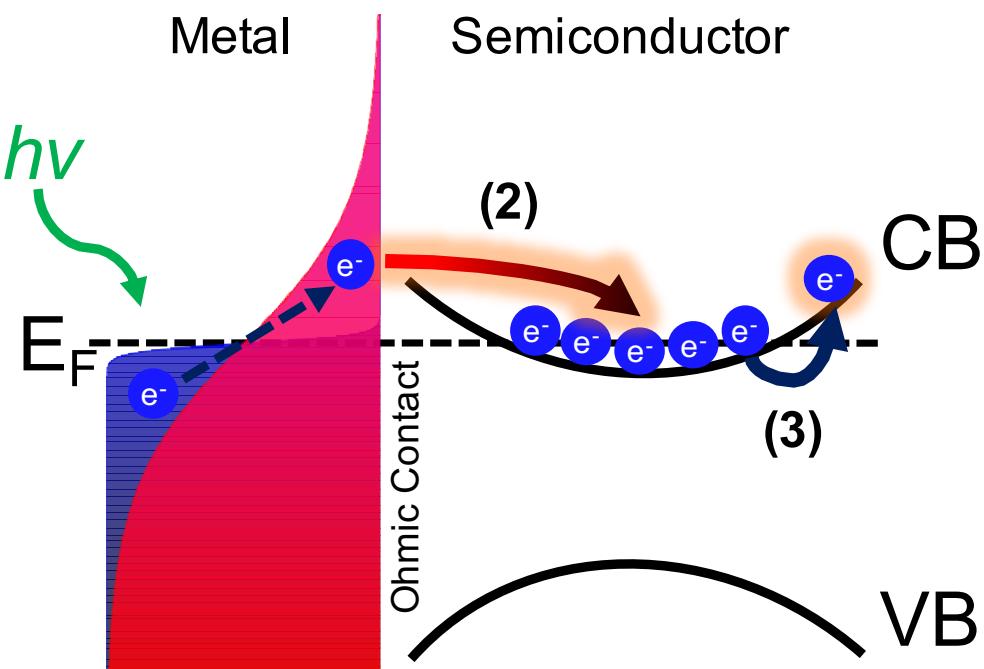
# Ballistic thermal injection

- Can enable a “transient thermal diode” effect
- Energy easily transmitted across interface when traveling ballistically
- Slowly “goes back” across the interface when diffusive
- Is this just hot electron injection (charge)?
  - Too slow of process
  - Can further rule this out by monitoring CdO plasmon response

a) Hot electron injection  
(Charge transfer)



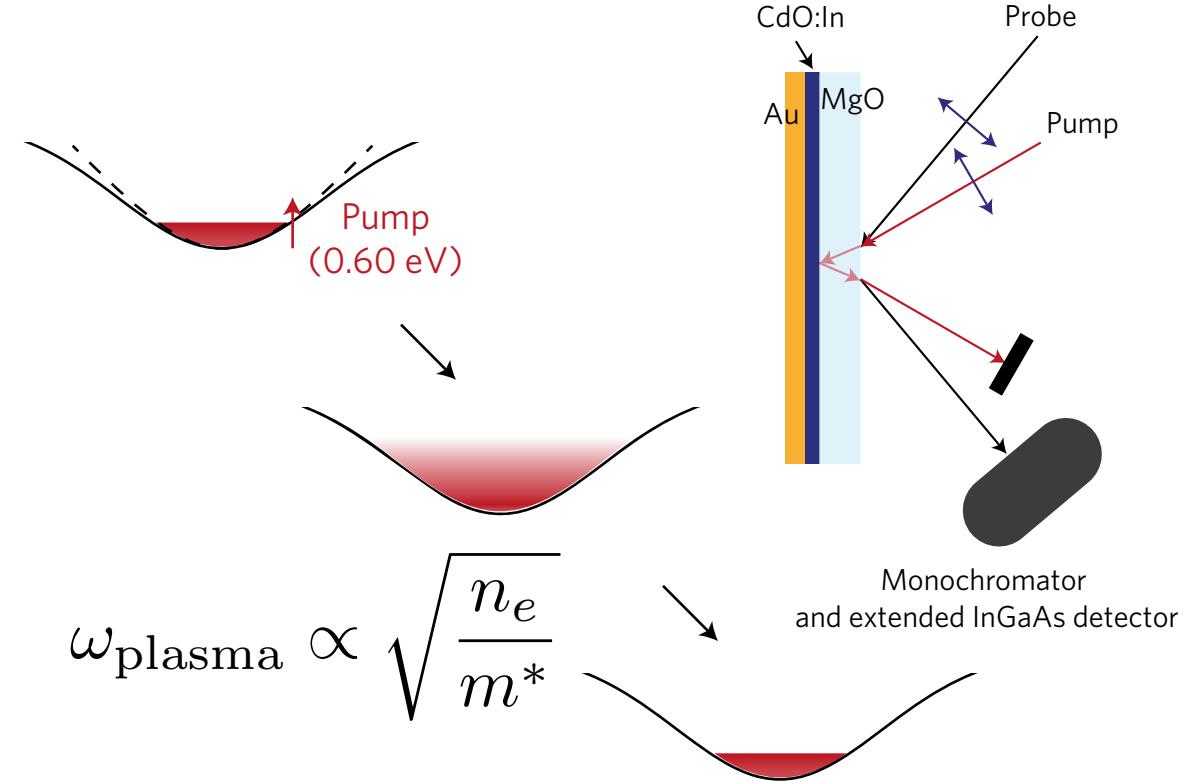
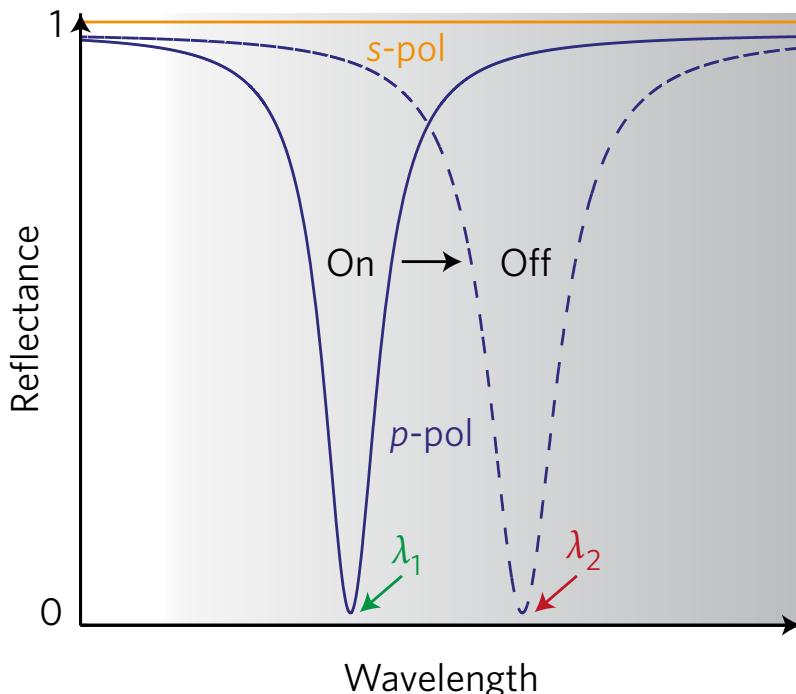
b) Ballistic thermal injection  
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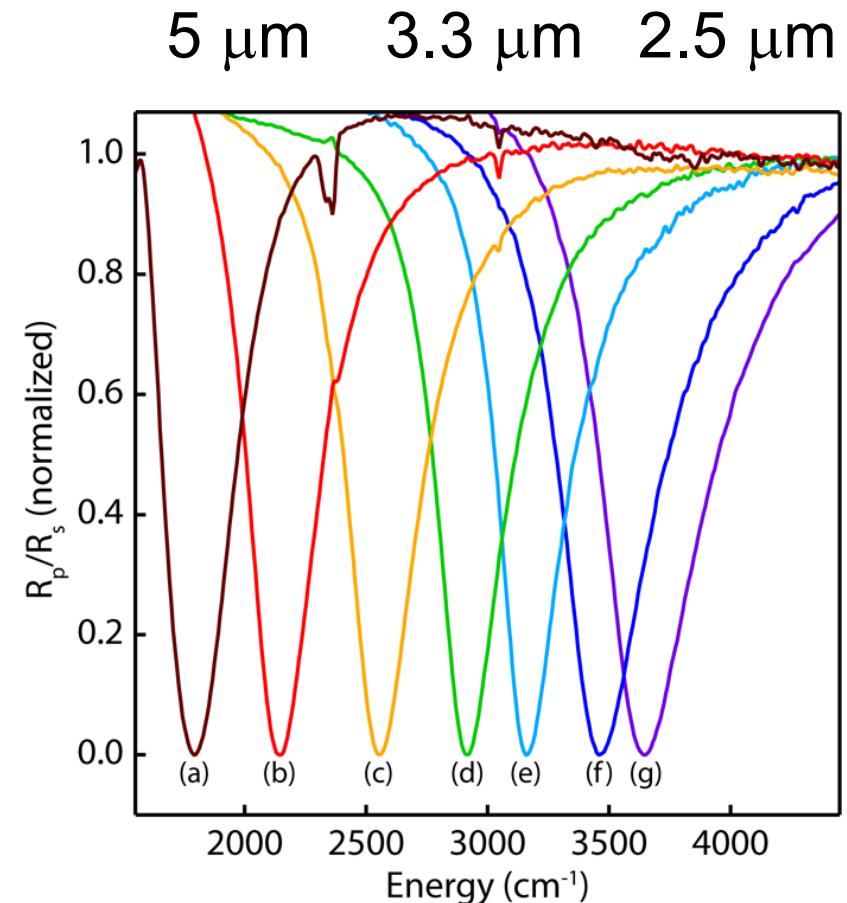
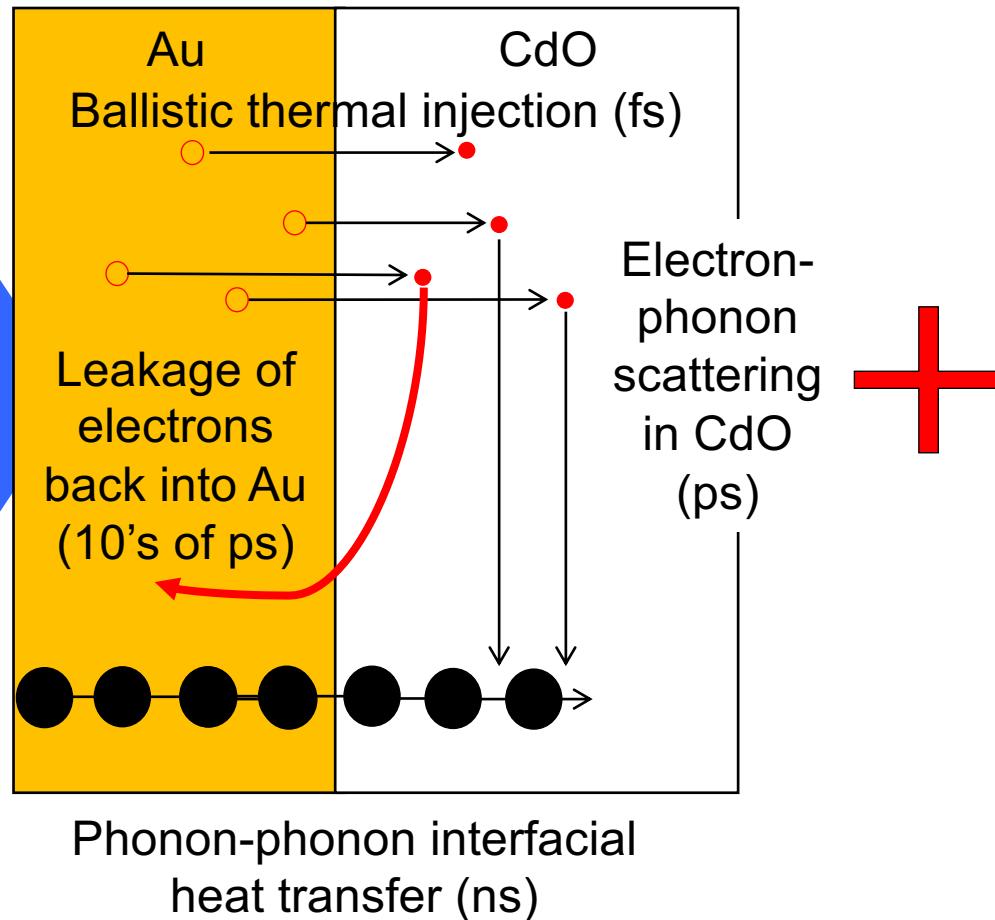
# Carrier scattering and relaxation drives optical properties

## Recall earlier example

- Changing in carrier density via short pulse absorption can modulate plasmon resonance in CdO
- Can we modulate and control plasmon lifetimes with heat?



# Nonequilibrium electrons to control CdO plasmons

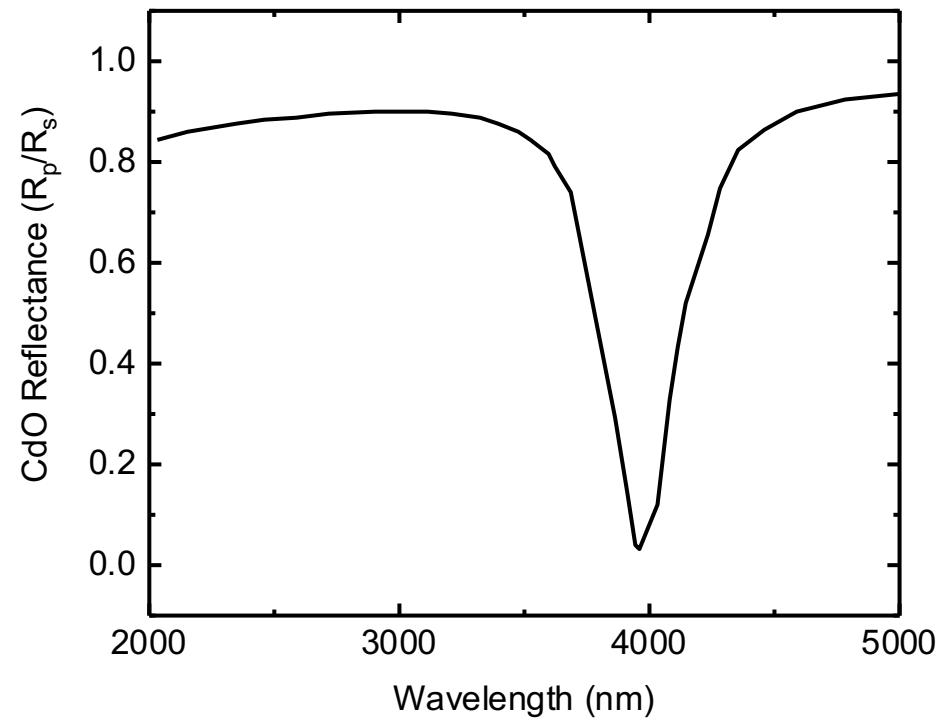
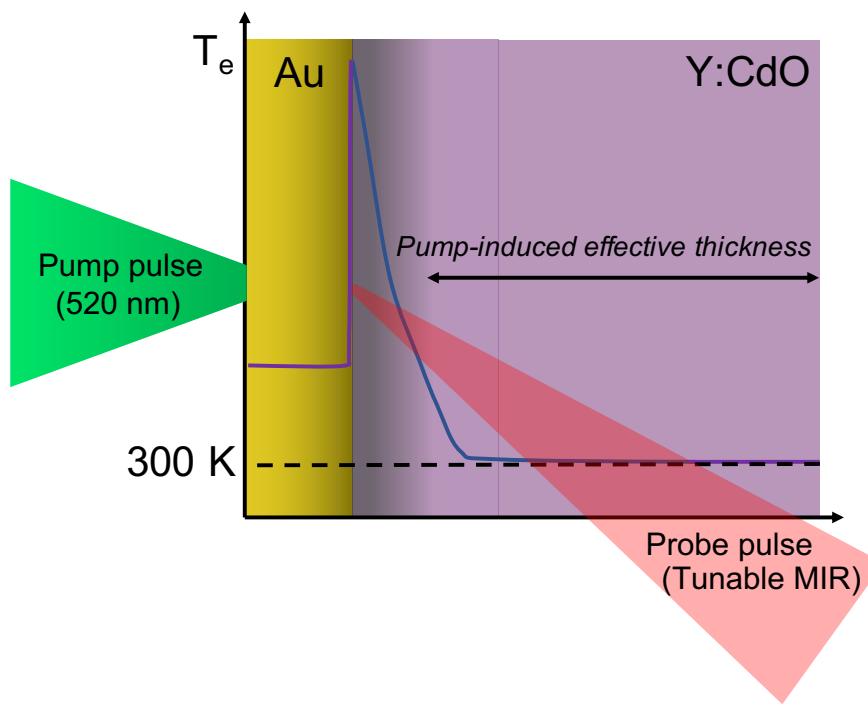


Increasing carrier concentration

# Pump electrons in Au, probe plasmon in CdO

**How is the IR plasmon response of CdO impacted by ballistic thermal injection?**

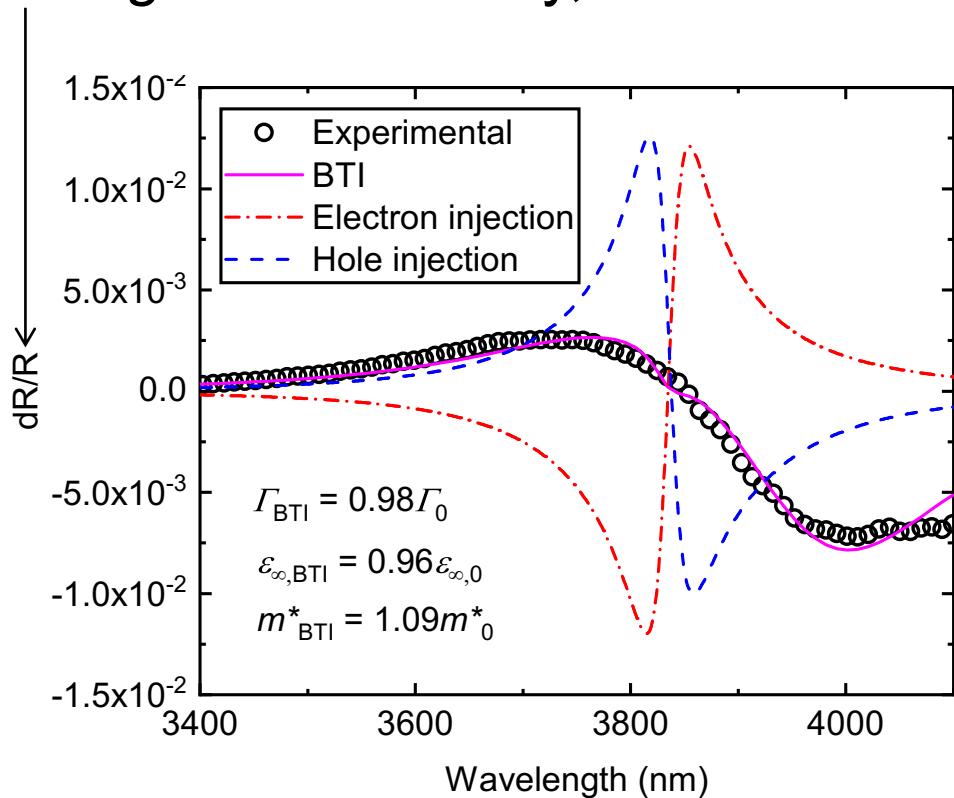
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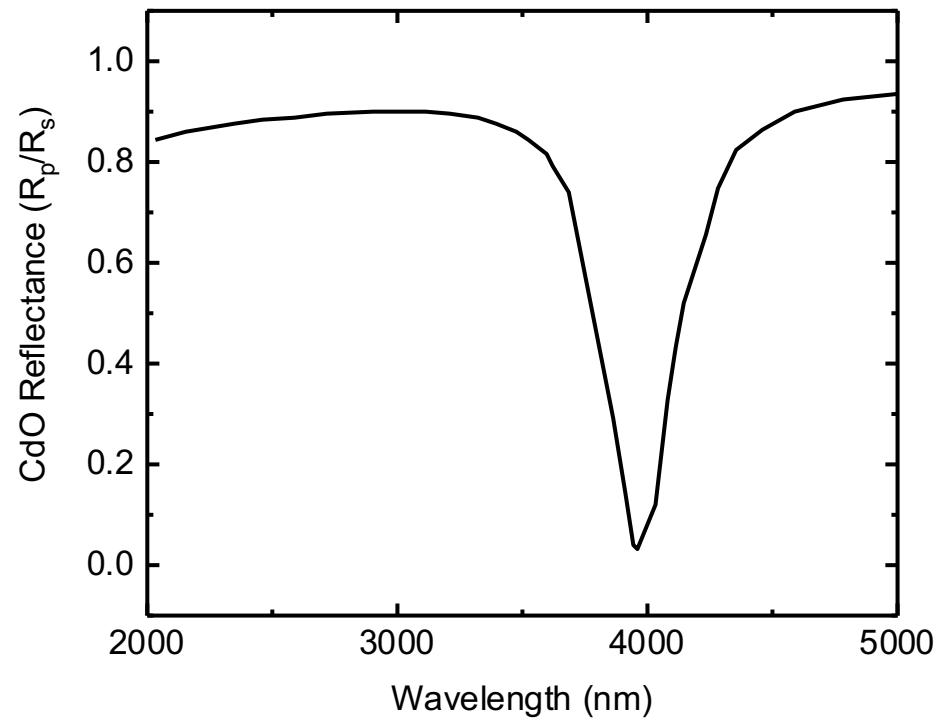
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## Asymmetric red shift in ENZ plasmon mode due to BTI

Note we are measuring *change* in reflectivity,  $dR$



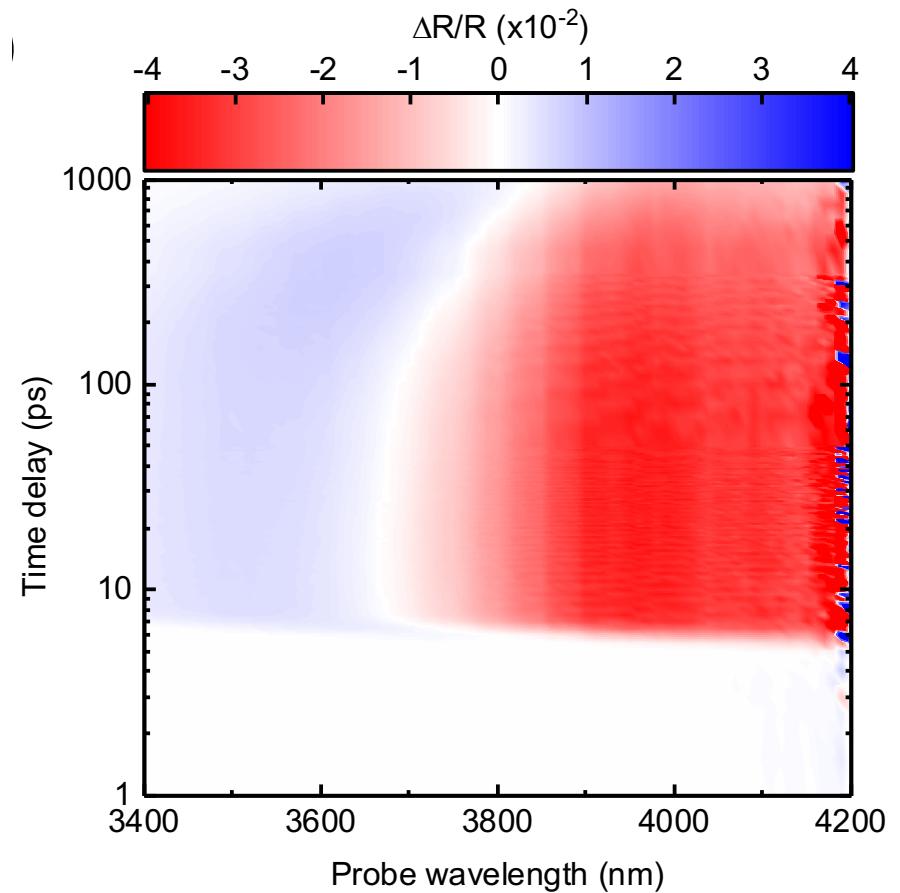
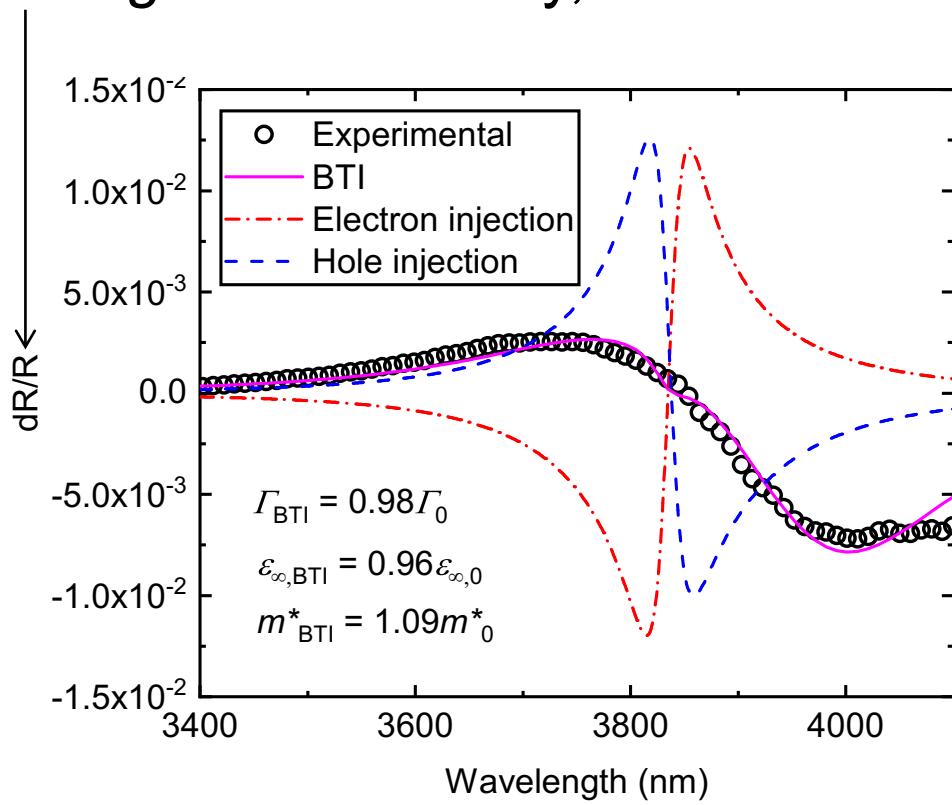
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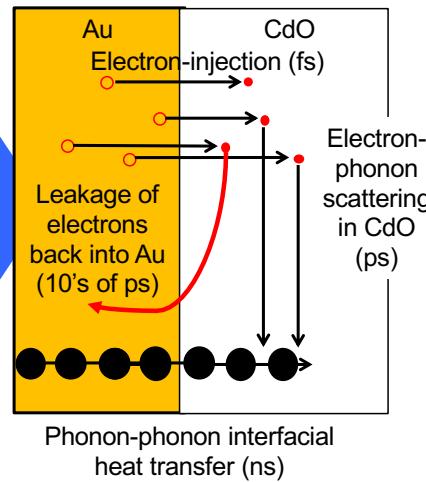
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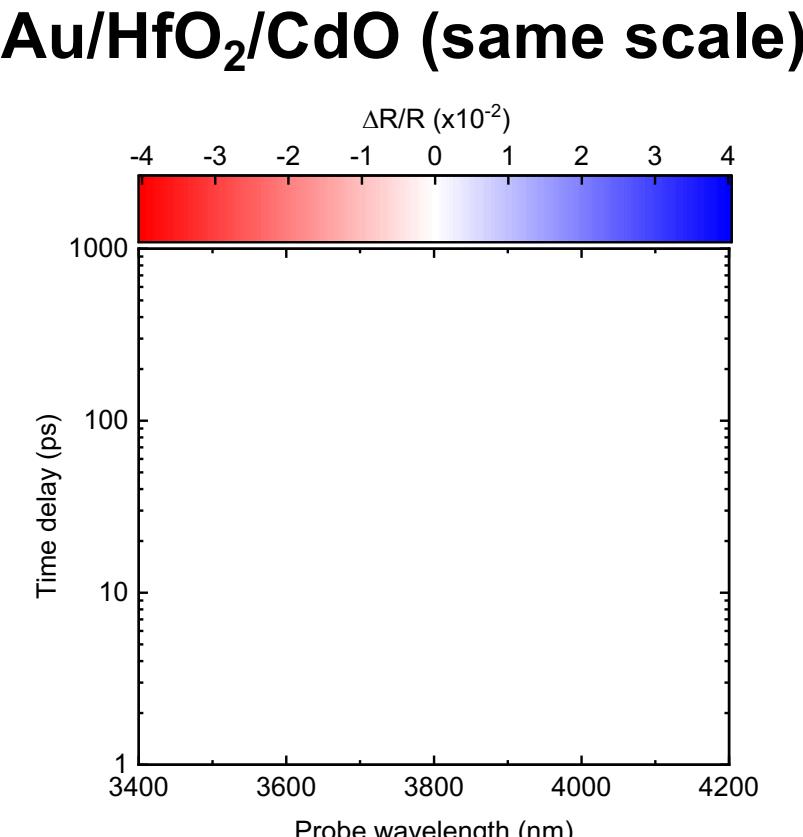
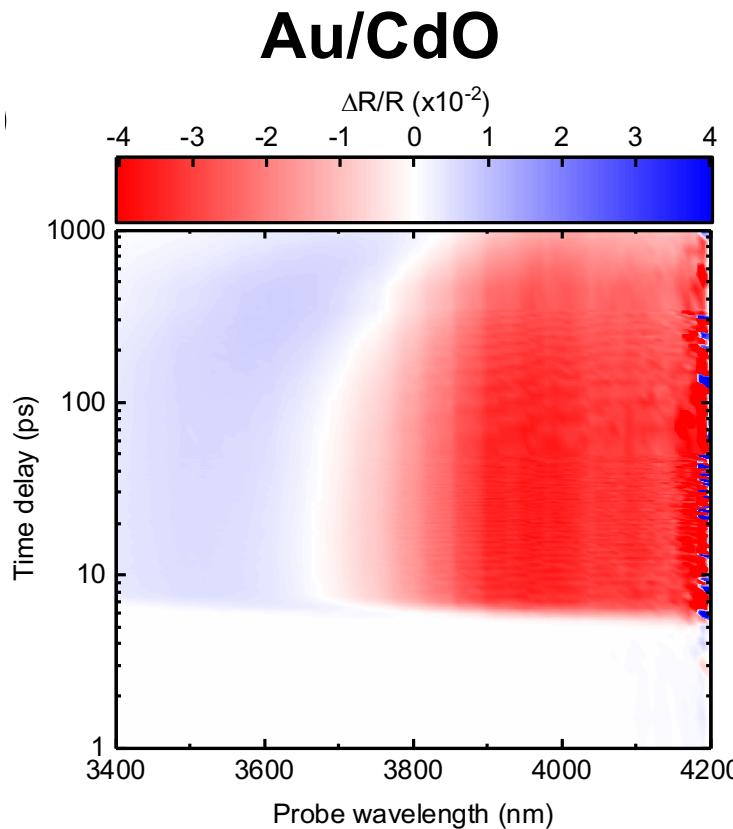
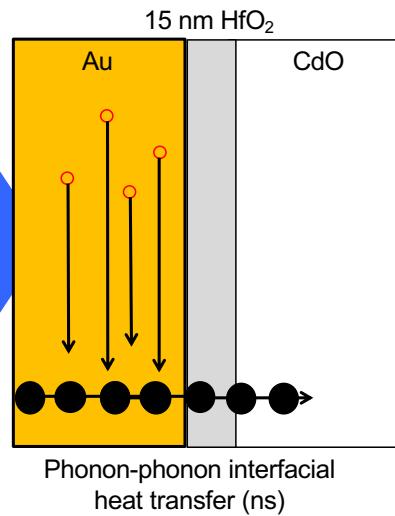
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# And it's not an optical artifact



15 nm  $\text{HfO}_2$  layer prevents any electron energy from moving from Au to CdO, resulting in no measurable response



# Measuring thermal lifetimes/scattering rates

Absorption

$$\Delta R \propto \Delta \alpha \propto \Delta \varepsilon (T, \tau)$$

Reflectance

$\varepsilon = \varepsilon' + i\varepsilon''$

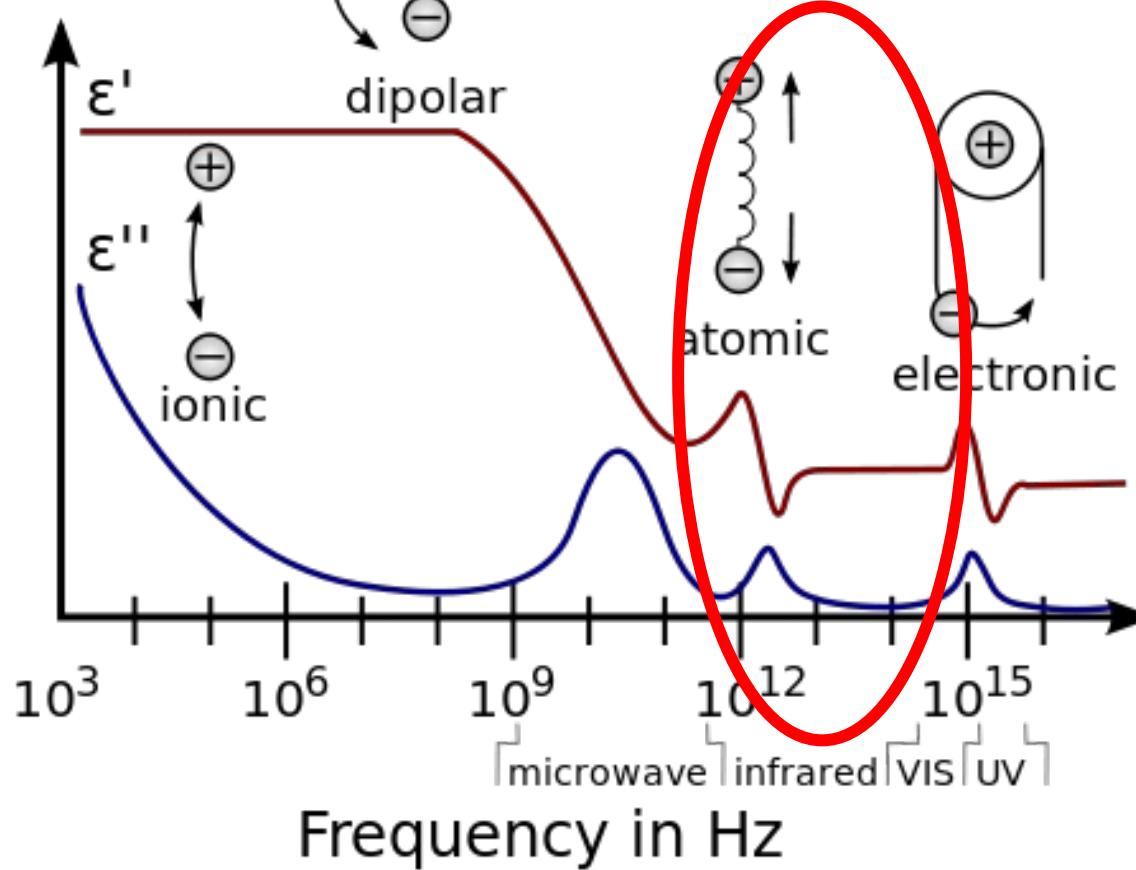
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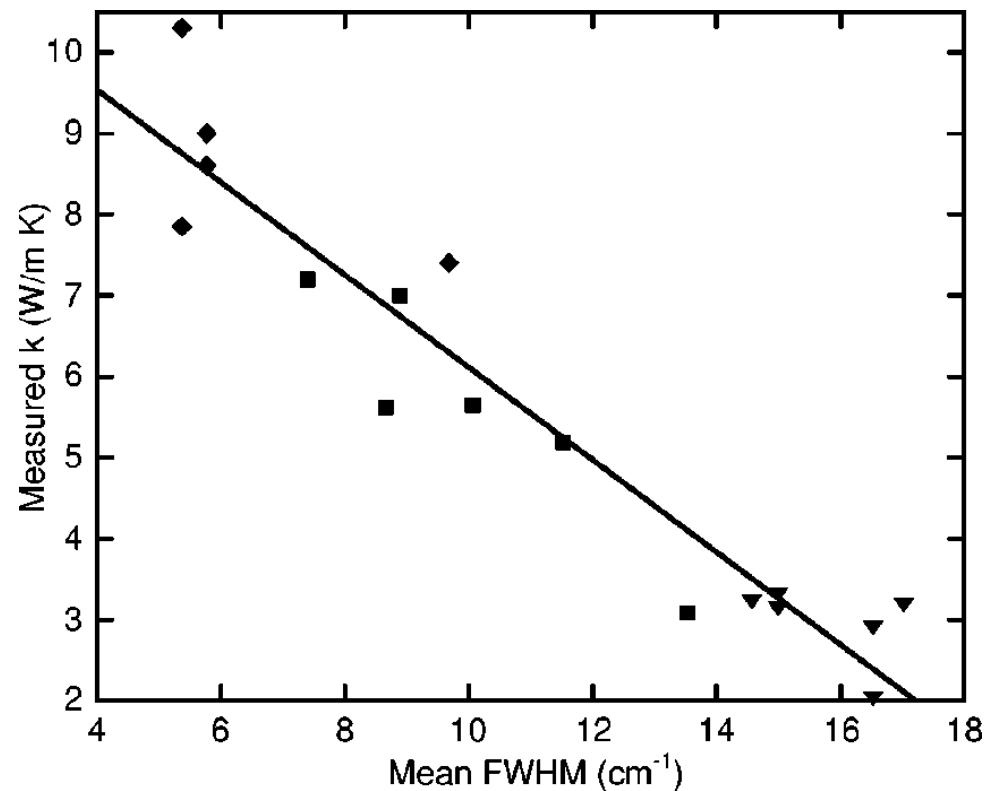
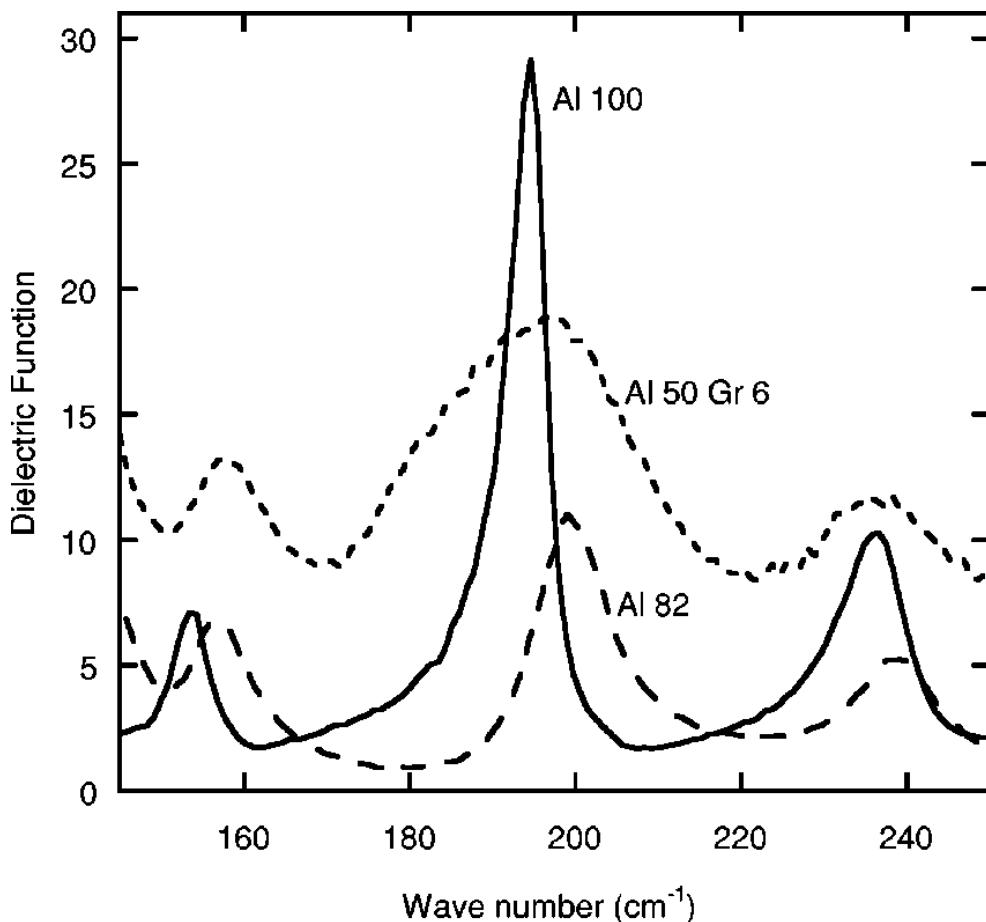
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# Spectral measurements of phonon lifetimes

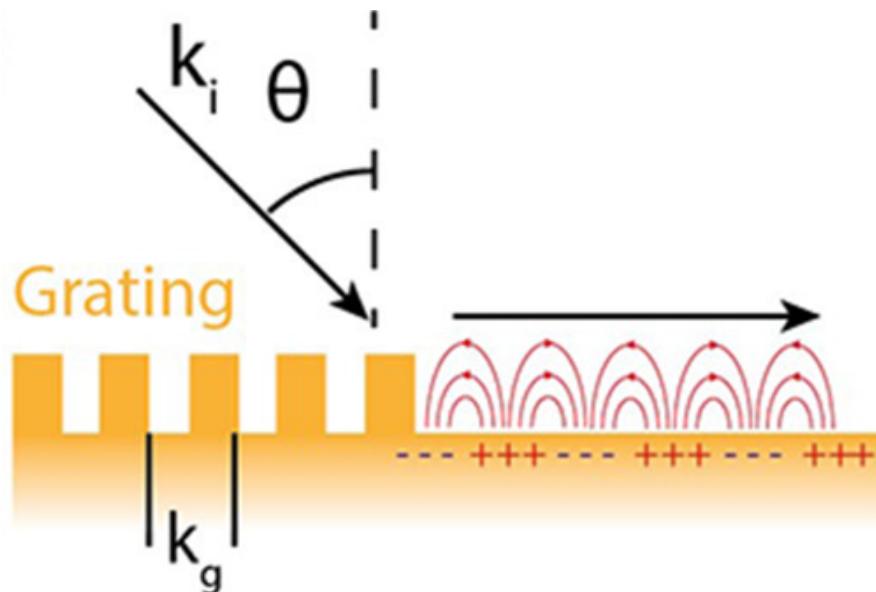
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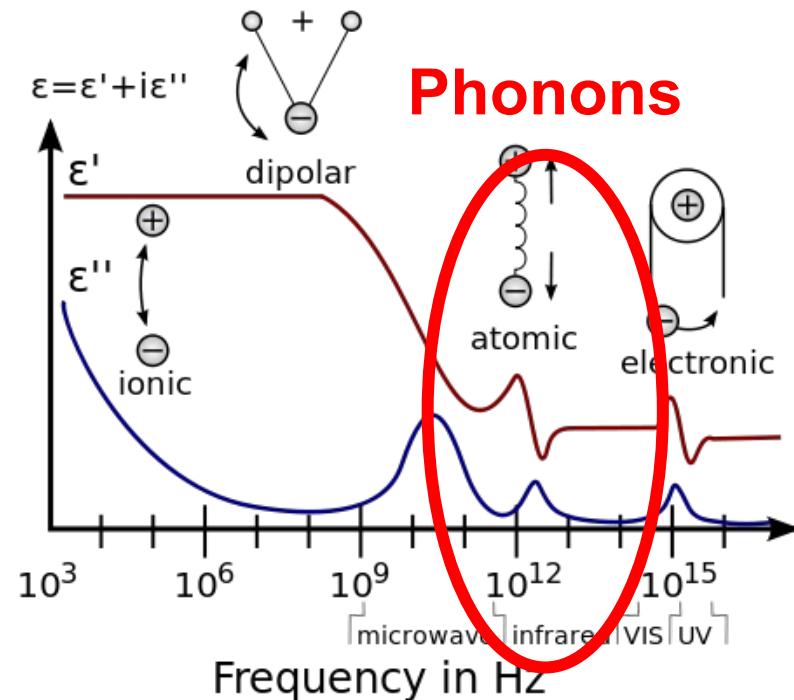


# Phonon-polaritons: enhancing heat transfer?



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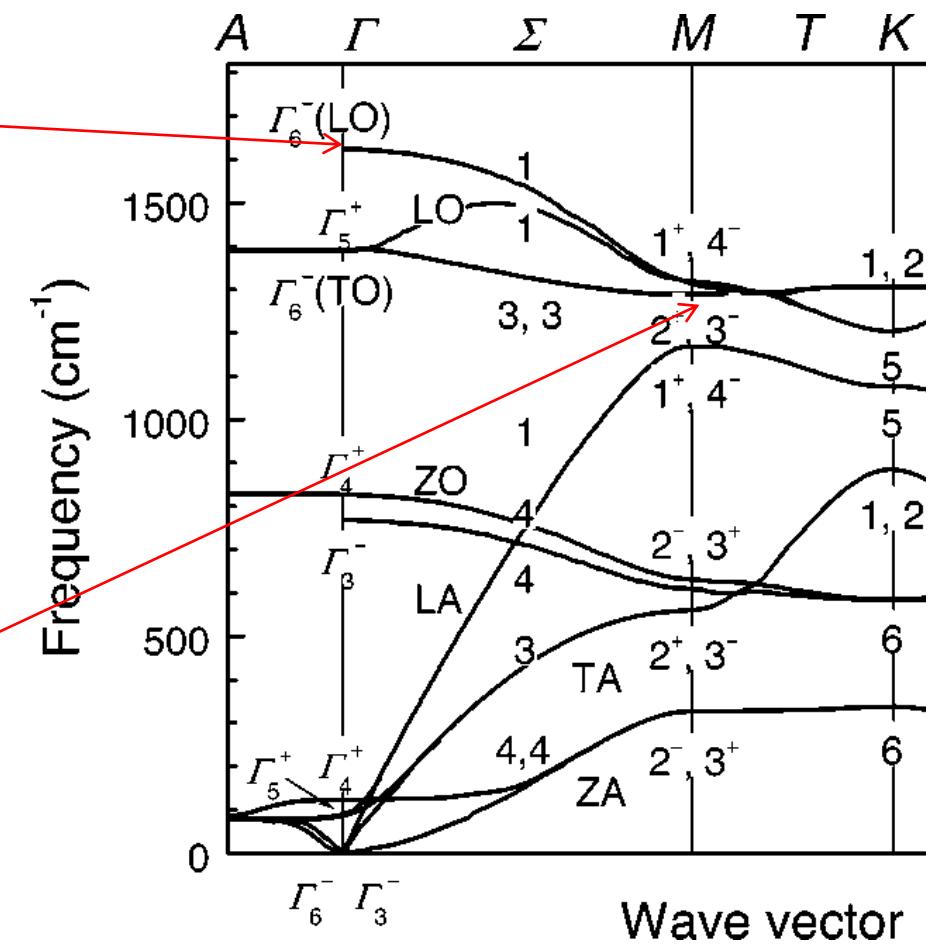
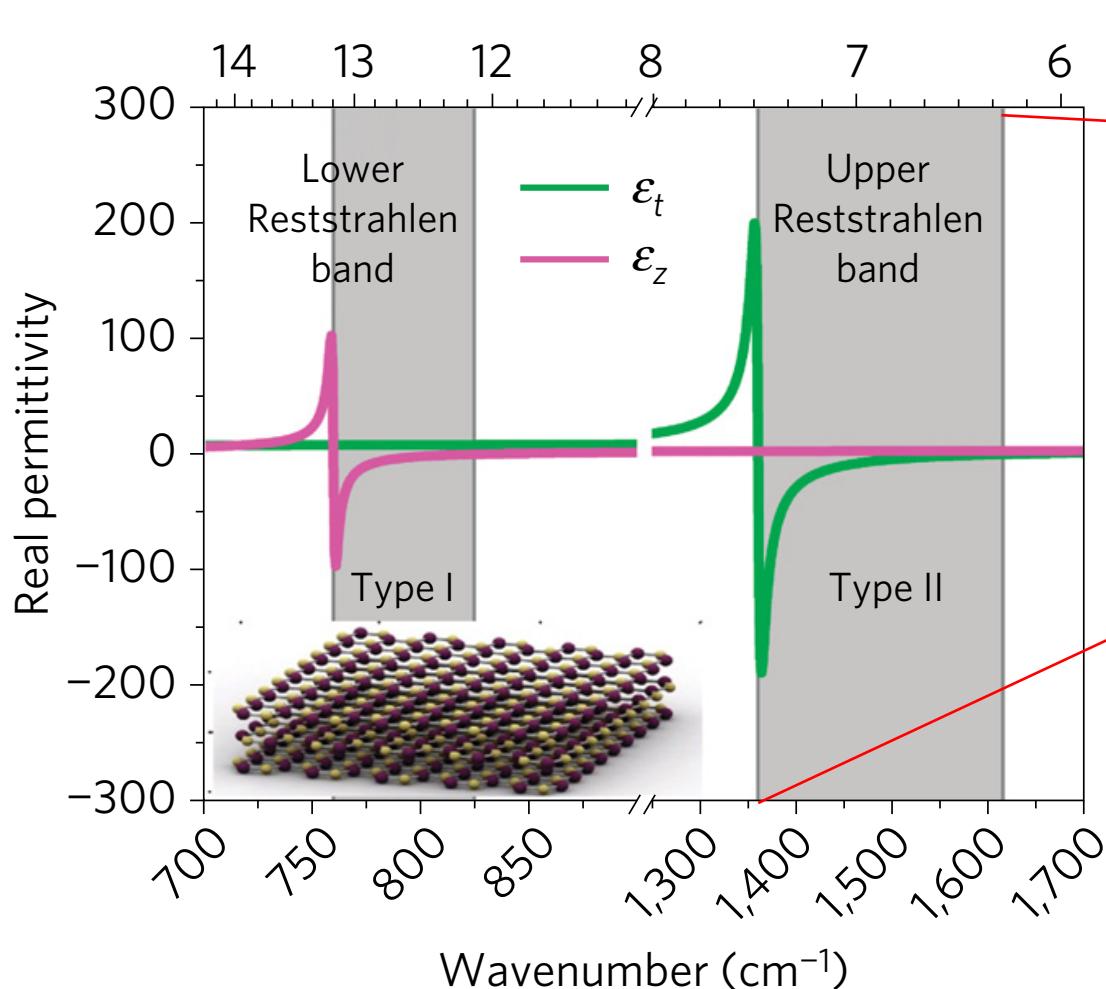
- Light couples with electric dipole creating quasiparticle
- At IR wavelengths: Phonon polariton!
- Quasiparticle can propagate at ~1% of the speed of light!



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

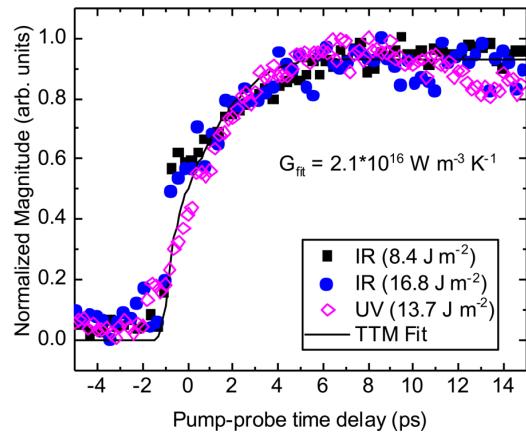
# Spectral measurements of polariton lifetimes

- Phonon-polaritons (PhP) in h-BN exist in Reststrahlen band bounded by optical phonon energies at  $\Gamma$ -point



# Can we modulate and control PhP lifetimes with heat?

- **Can we modulate and control PhP lifetimes with heat?**

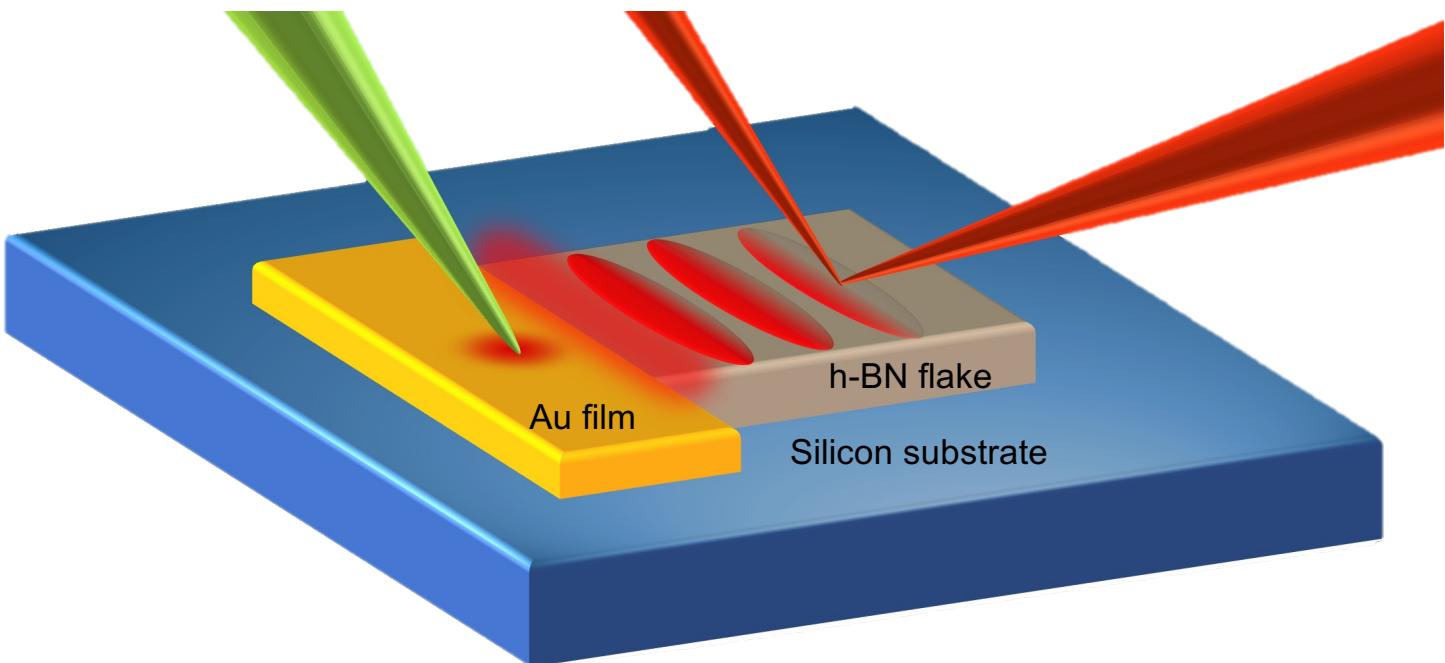


520 nm pump heats  
Au film in < 5 ps

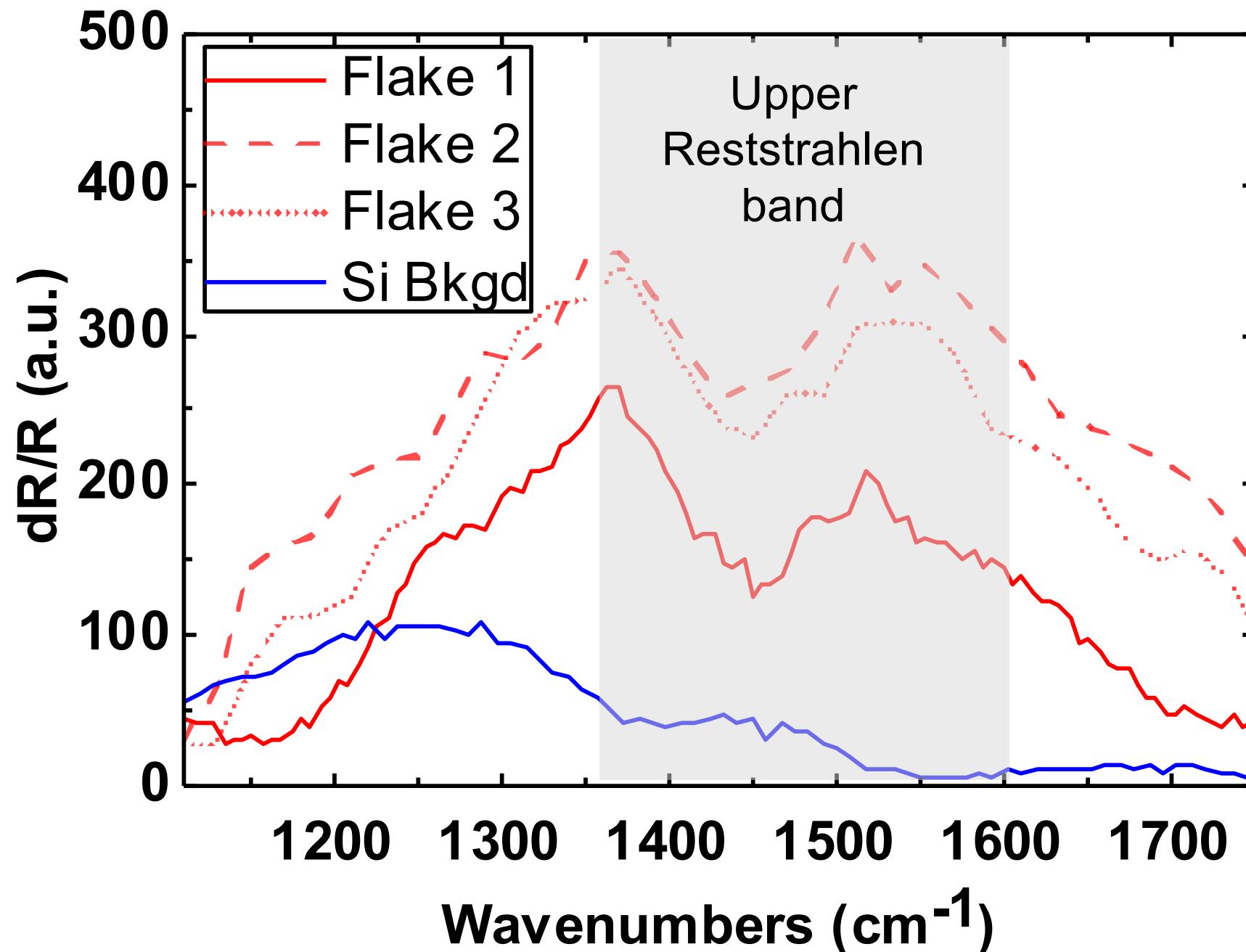


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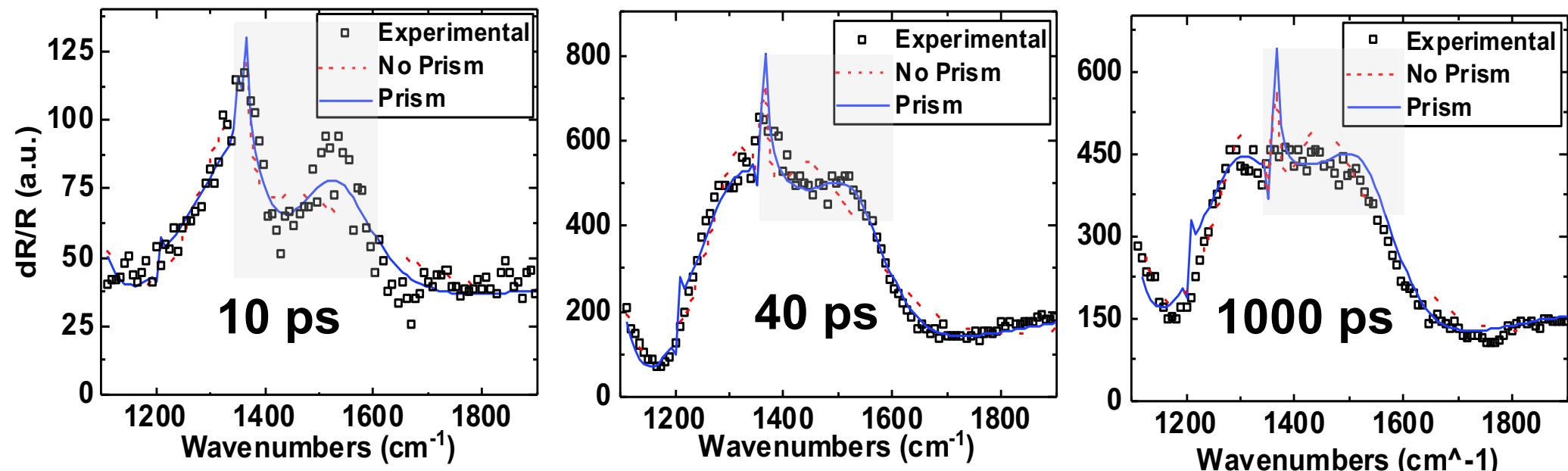
- MIR time delayed probe of  $\Delta R$  across upper Reststrahlen band
- How does heat from Au indirectly change PhP in h-BN?



# Can we modulate and control PhP lifetimes with heat?



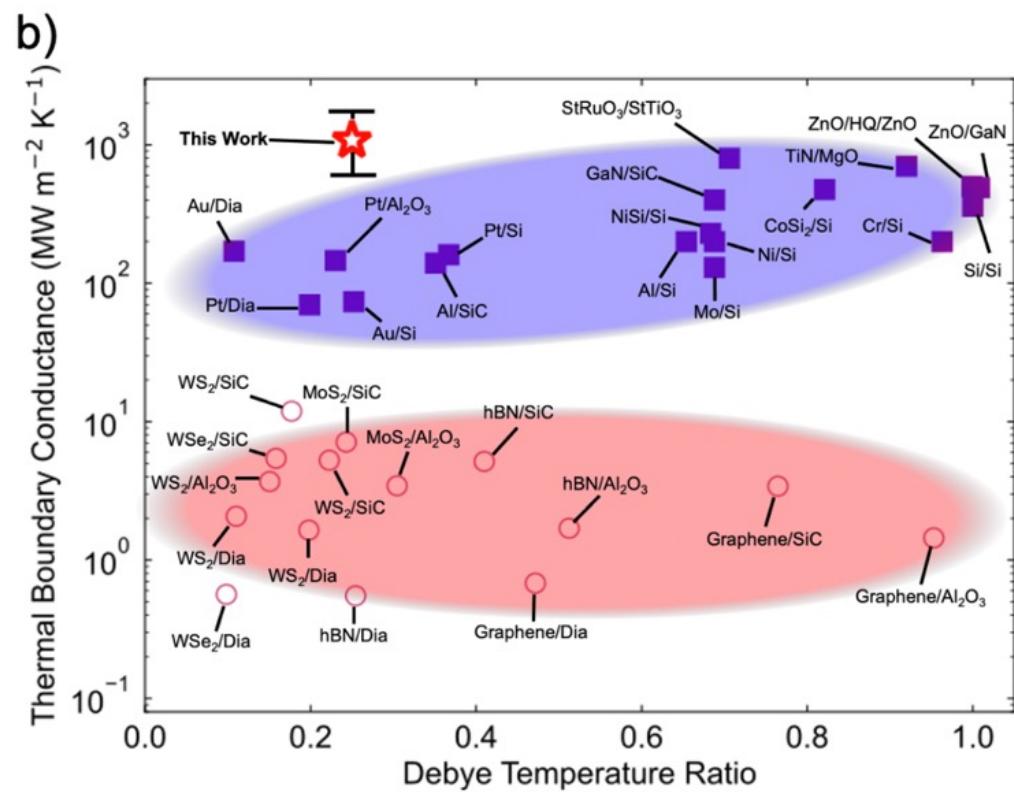
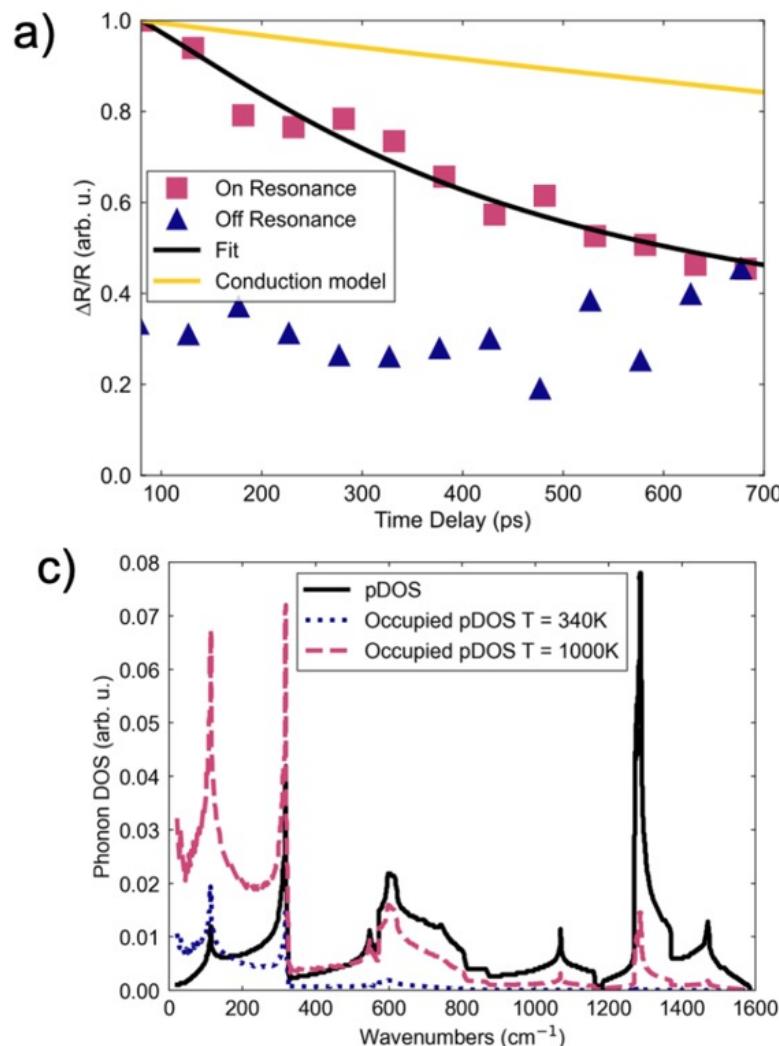
# Can we modulate and control PhP lifetimes with heat? Yes



- **Short times (10 ps), gold radiatively couples to PhPs in h-BN**
  - Too short time for phonon TBC causing optical phonon heating
  - Reststrahlen band too high energy for thermalized distribution from phonon conduction
- **Radiatively excited PhP in h-BN decays into thermalized optical phonon distribution**
  - PhP sinks heat from Au via radiation faster than other optical phonon modes from conduction
- **Conductive processes at long time, MIR probes optical phonon reflectivity changes due to Au heating**

# Enhanced heat sinking with PhP coupling

- Temperatures of PhP modes decay an order of magnitude faster than non-PhP modes
- Order of magnitude enhance thermal conductance away from hot spot (Au/h-BN thermal boundary conductance increase)



# Implication: Radiation heat sinking?? Radiation detection??

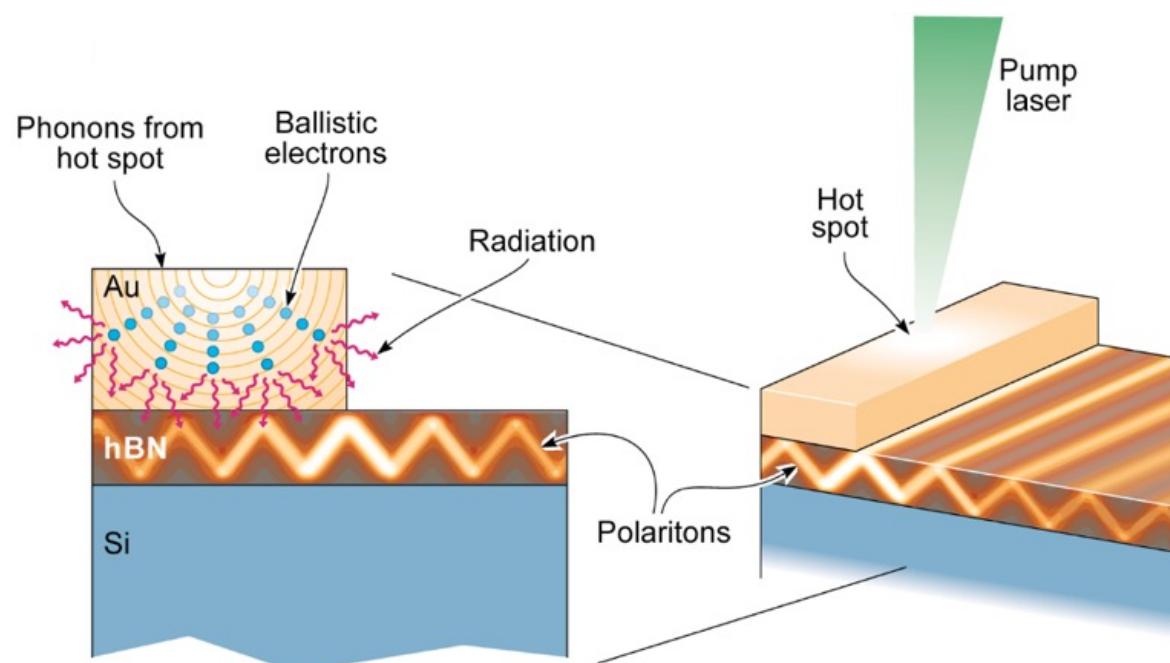
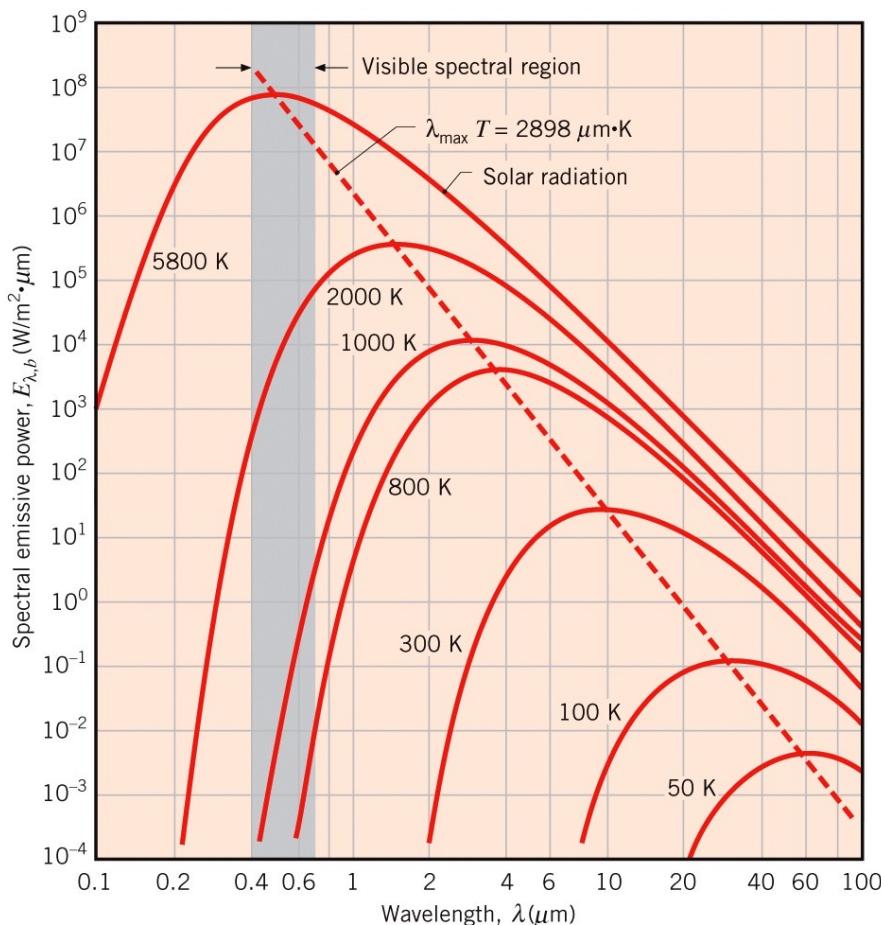


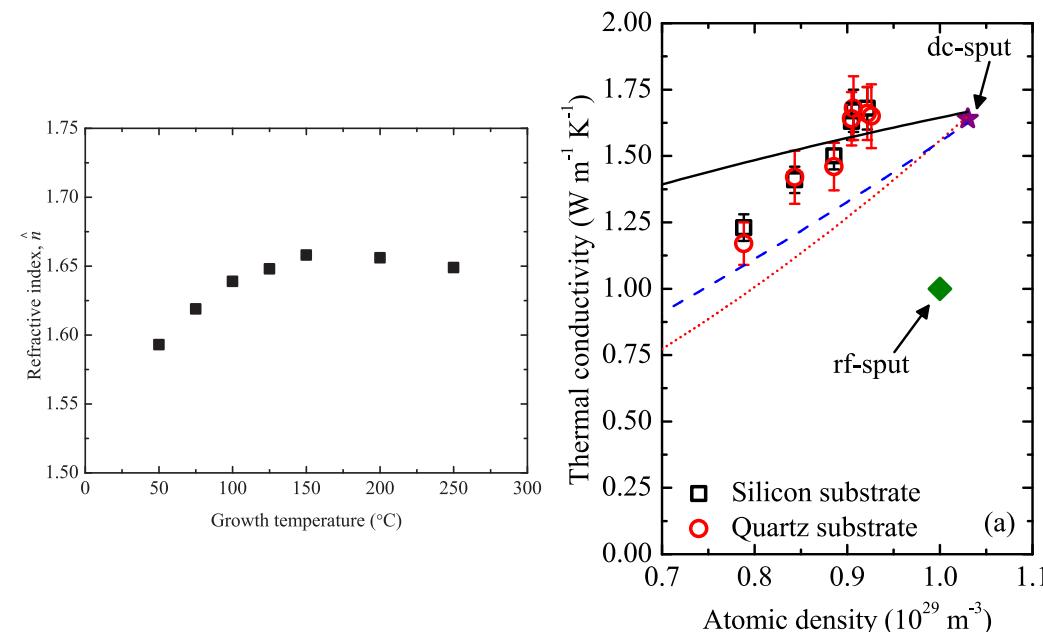
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6. Heat transfer in materials during synthesis and manufacturing, including plasma-material interactions during deposition and laser-based manufacturing

# Deposition/processing effects on thermal conductivity



| Deposition temperature (°C) | Amorphous film thickness (nm) | Index of refraction | Atomic densities ( $10^{28} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ) | $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ thermal conductivity (W m⁻¹ K⁻¹) |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| 50                          | $\leq 20$                     | 1.60                | 8.02  | $1.28 \pm 0.13$  |
| 50                          | 50.6                          | 1.60                | 8.02  | $1.35 \pm 0.21$  |
| 200                         | $\leq 20$                     | 1.66                | 9.29  | $1.88 \pm 0.19$  |
| 200                         | 59.7                          | 1.66                | 9.29  | $1.87 \pm 0.26$  |
| 300                         | 50.5                          | 1.71                | 9.48  | $2.13 \pm 0.15$  |
| 300                         | 96.6                          | 1.71                | 9.48  | $2.02 \pm 0.07$  |
| 300                         | 202.2                         | 1.71                | 9.48  | $1.98 \pm 0.06$  |

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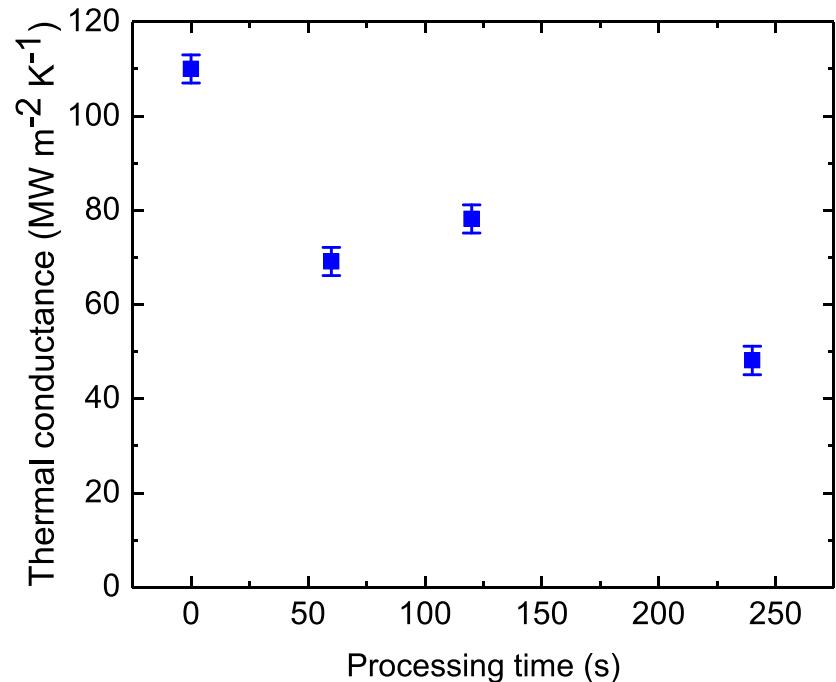
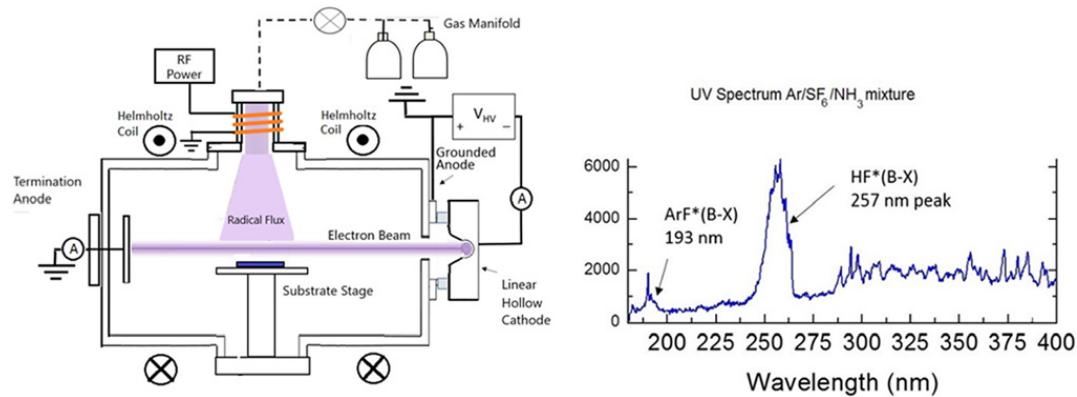
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# Deposition/processing effects on thermal conductivity



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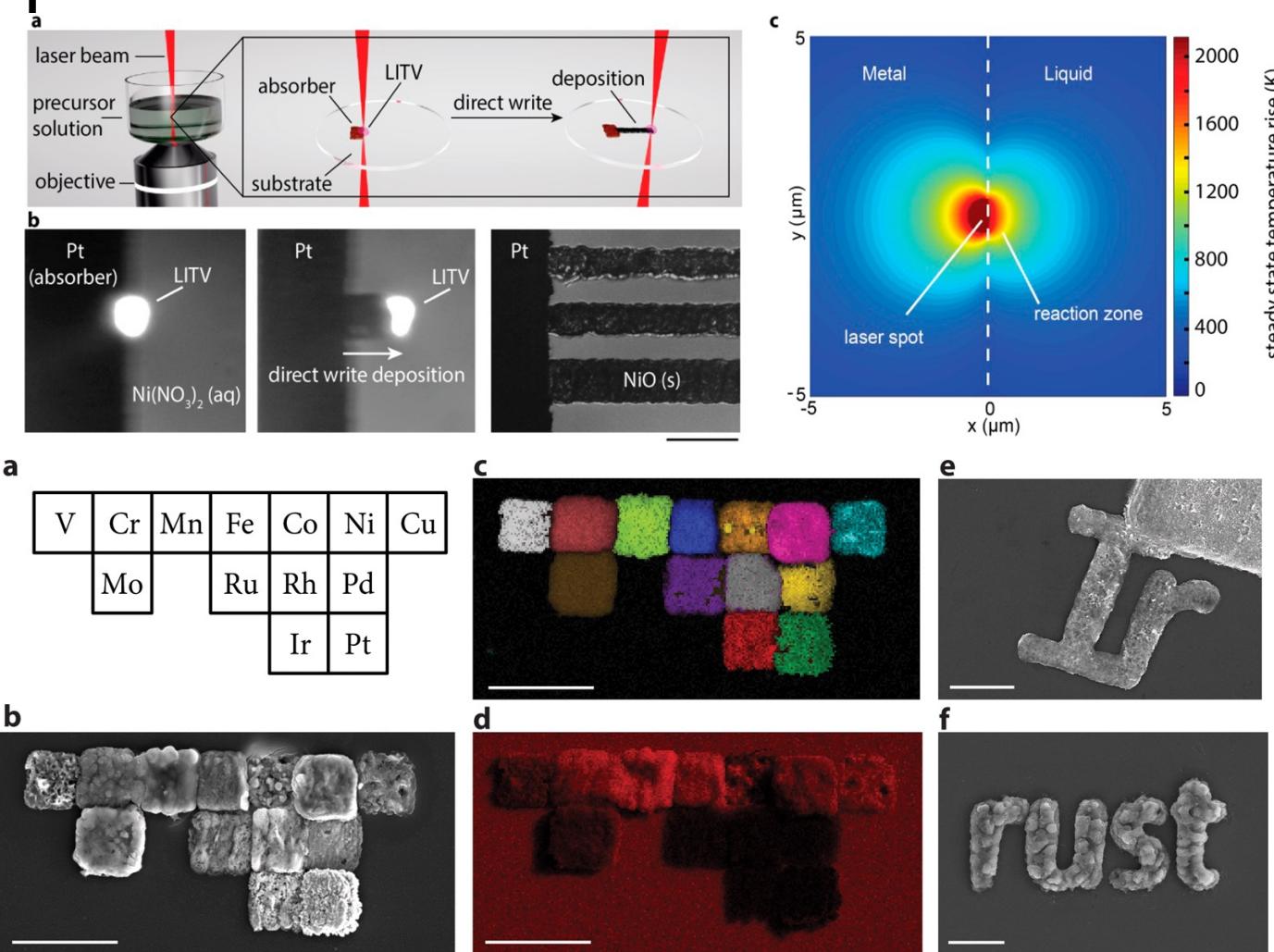
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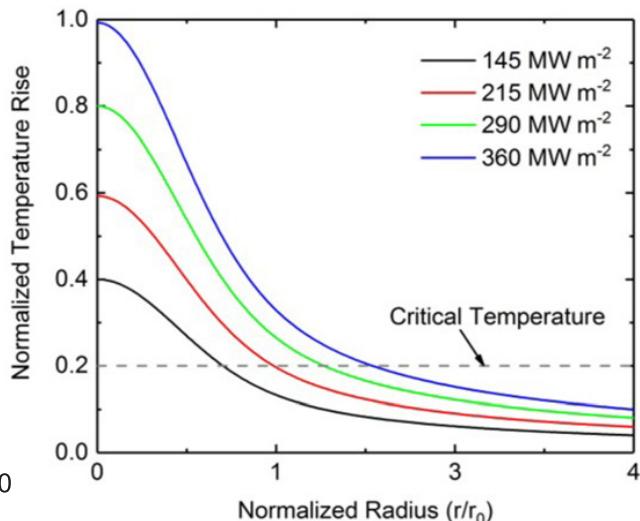
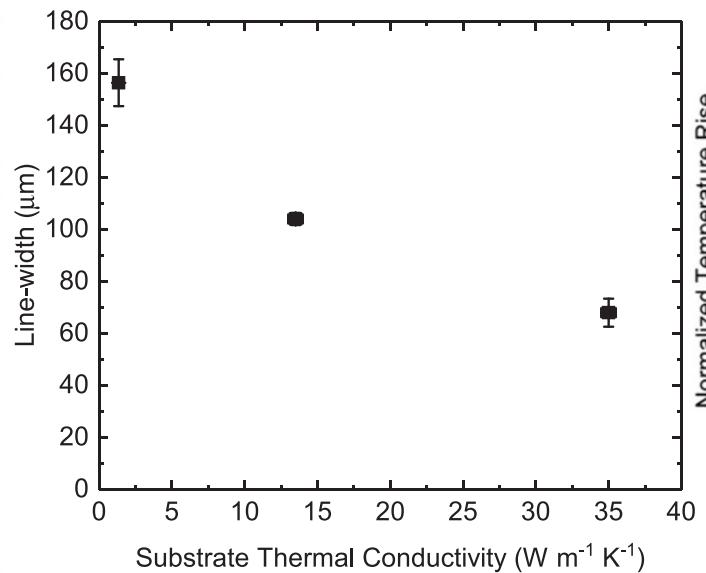
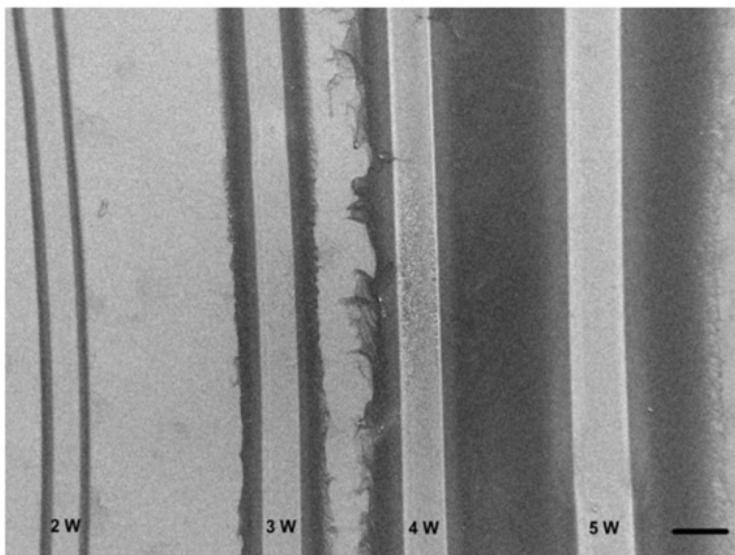
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# Laser-based direct writing: a thermally driven process



# Thermal conductivity of substrate can limit direct write



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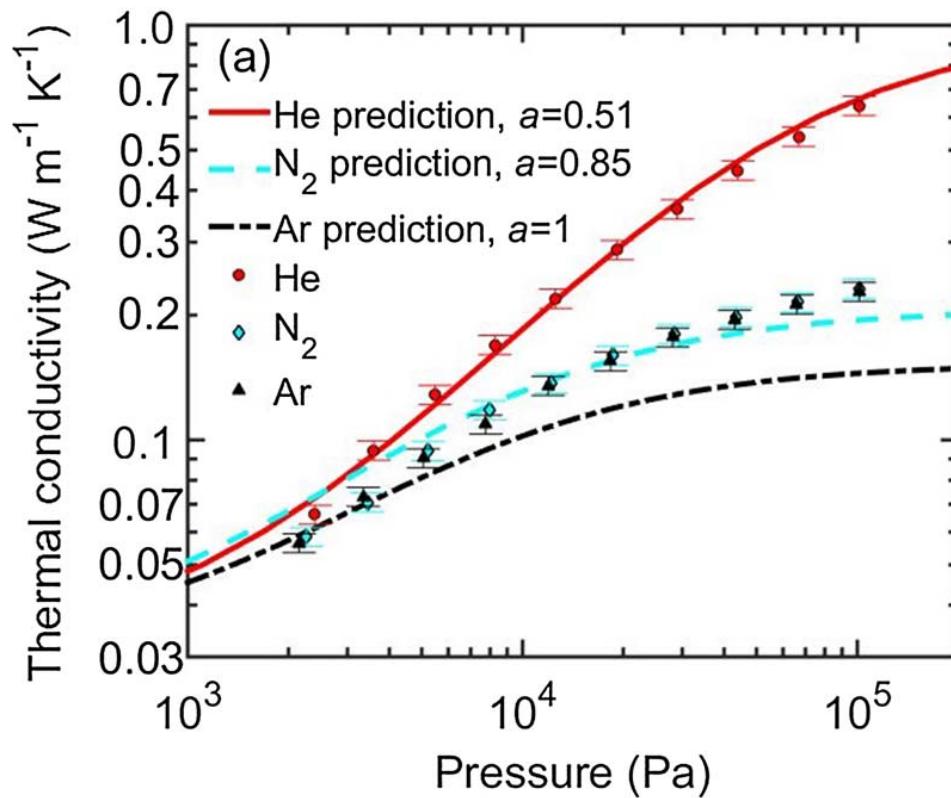
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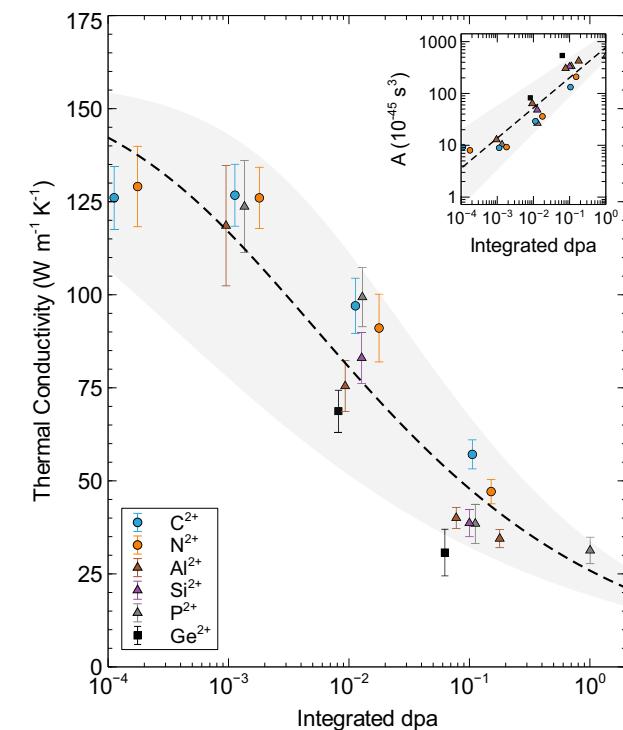
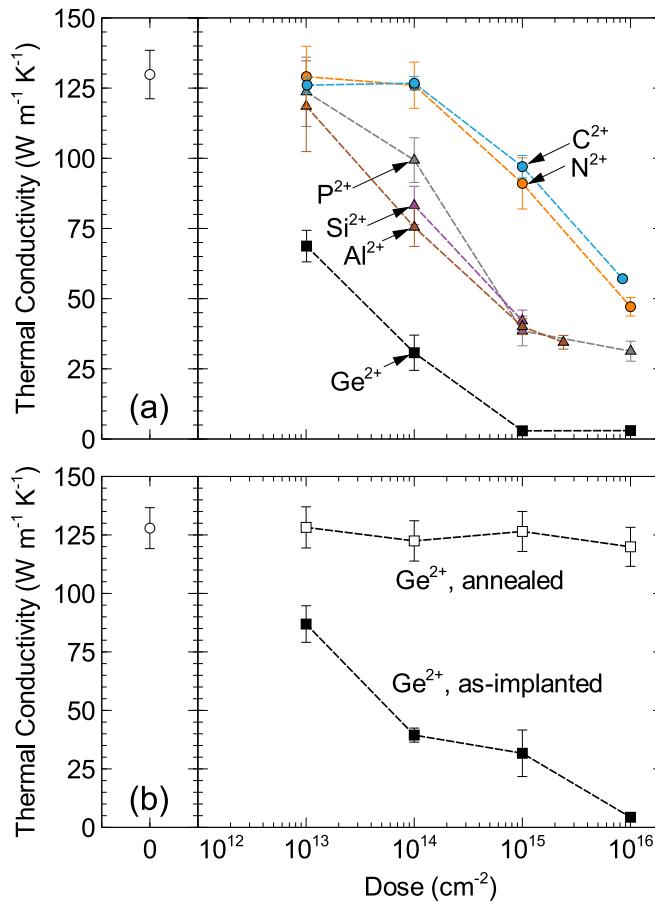
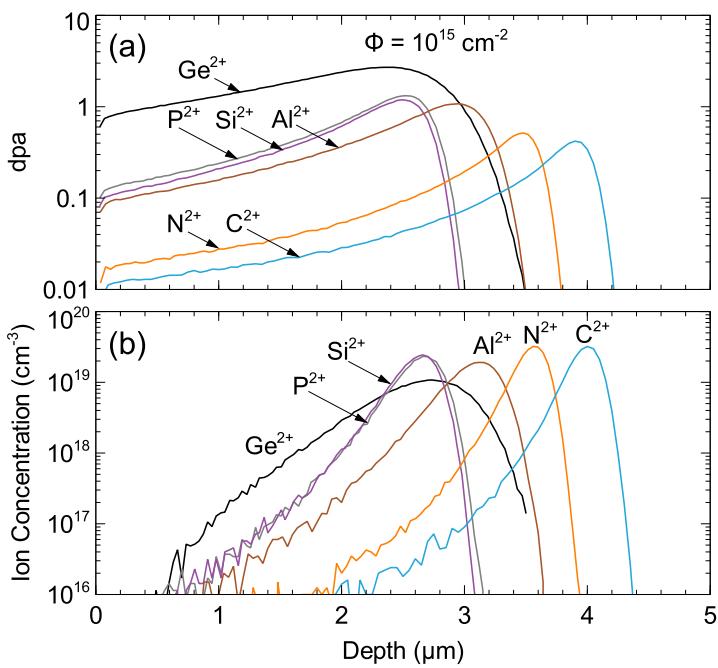
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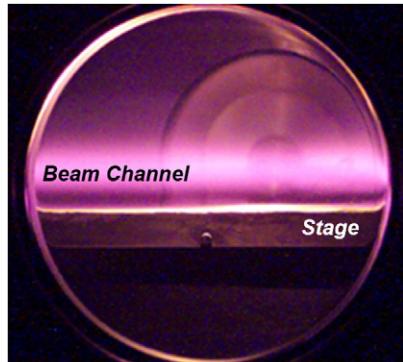
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# Ion implantation decreased thermal conductivity of materials



# Plasma processing impacts thermal resistance at interfaces



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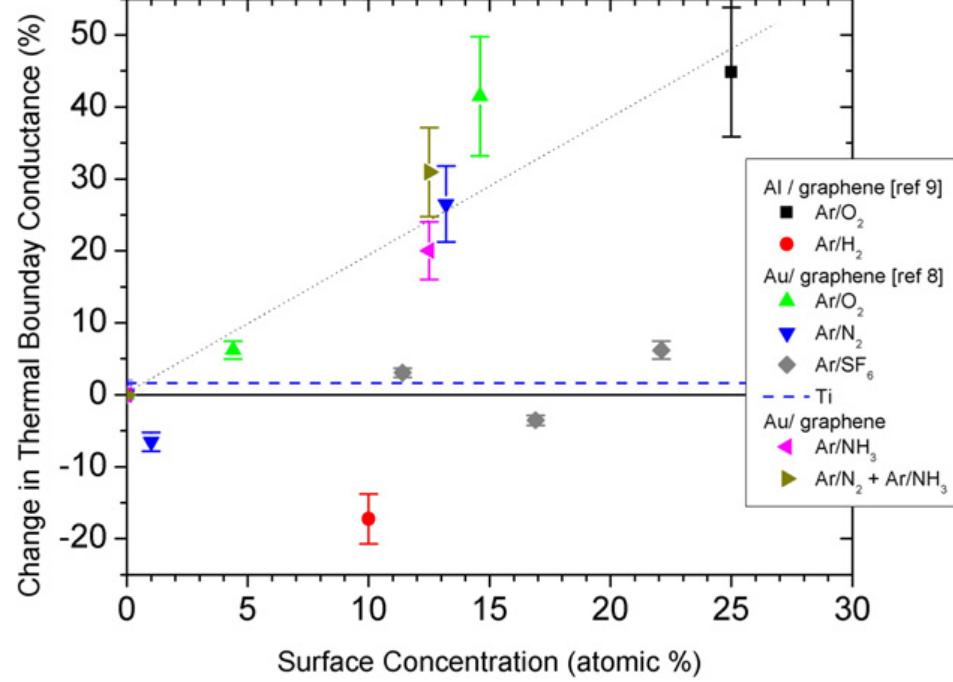
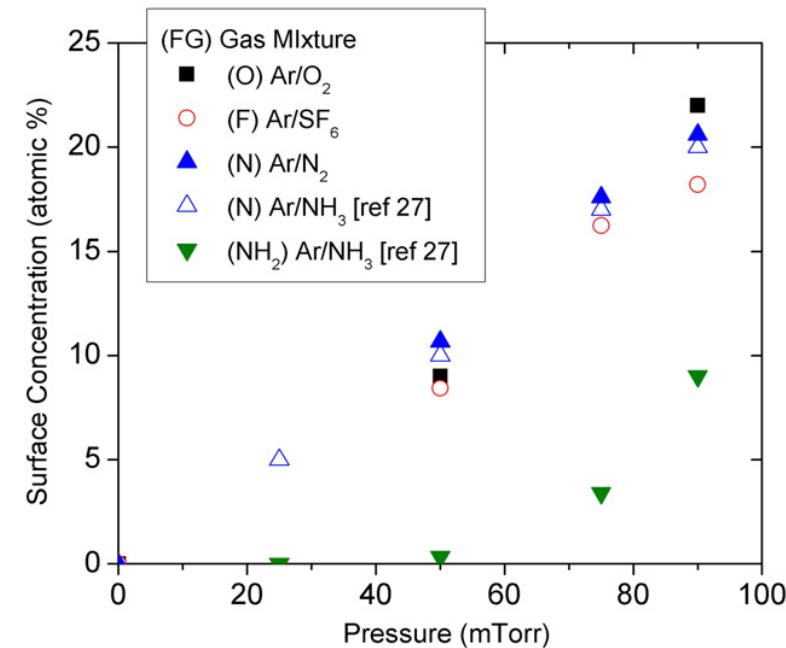
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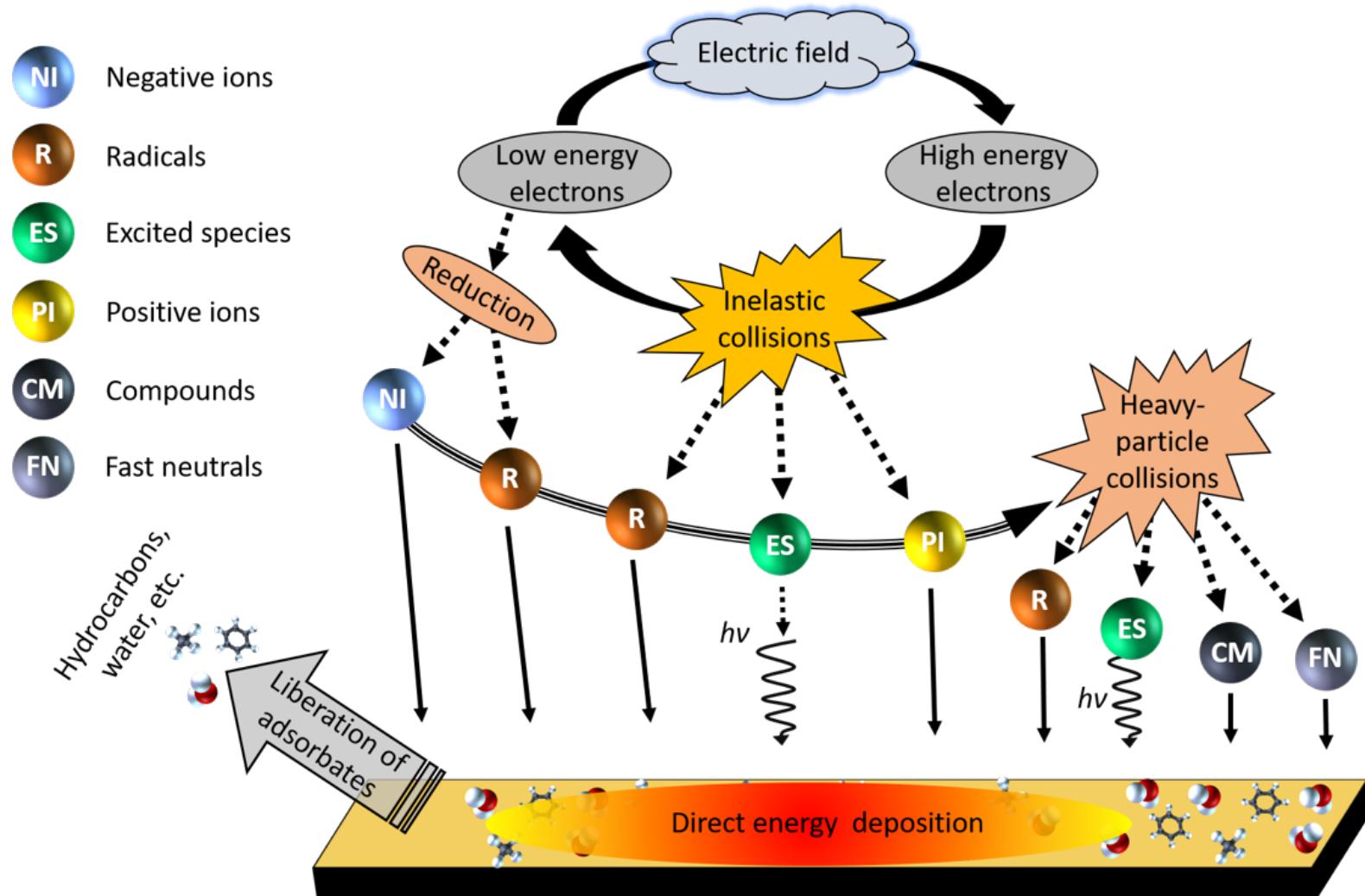
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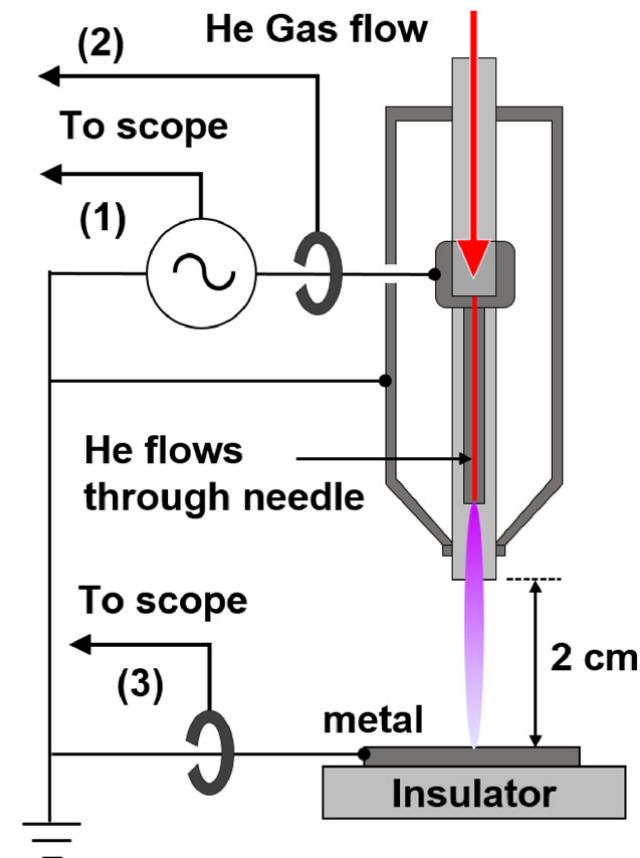
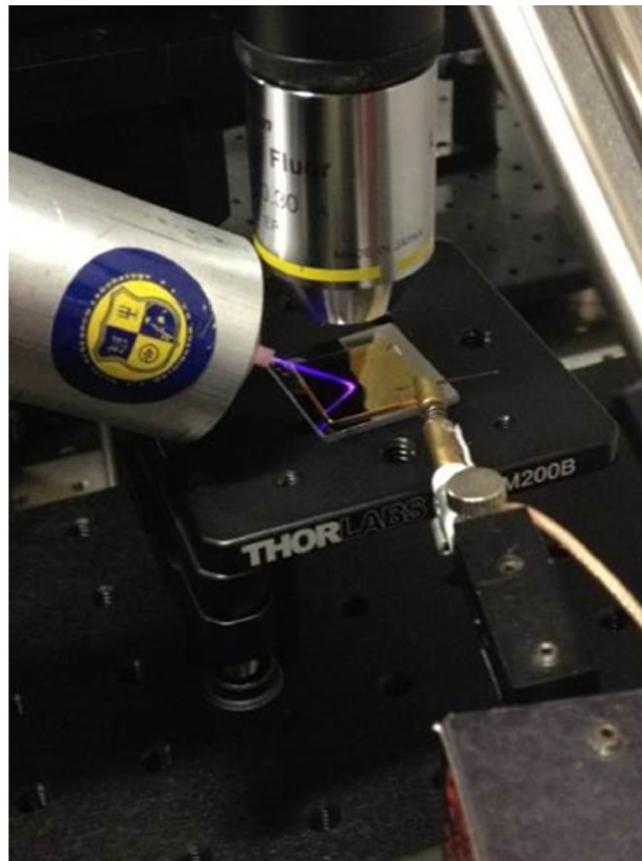
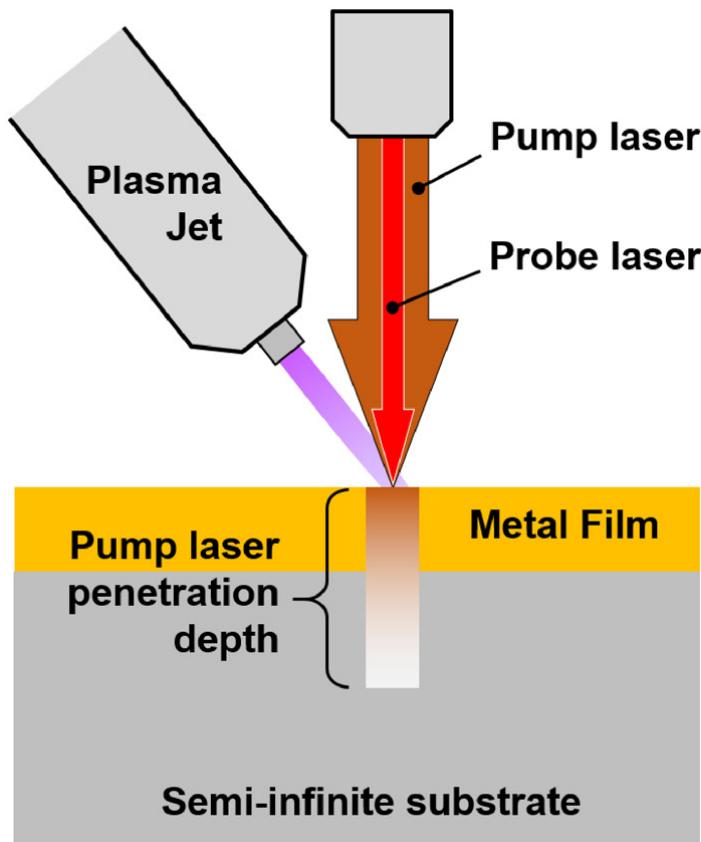
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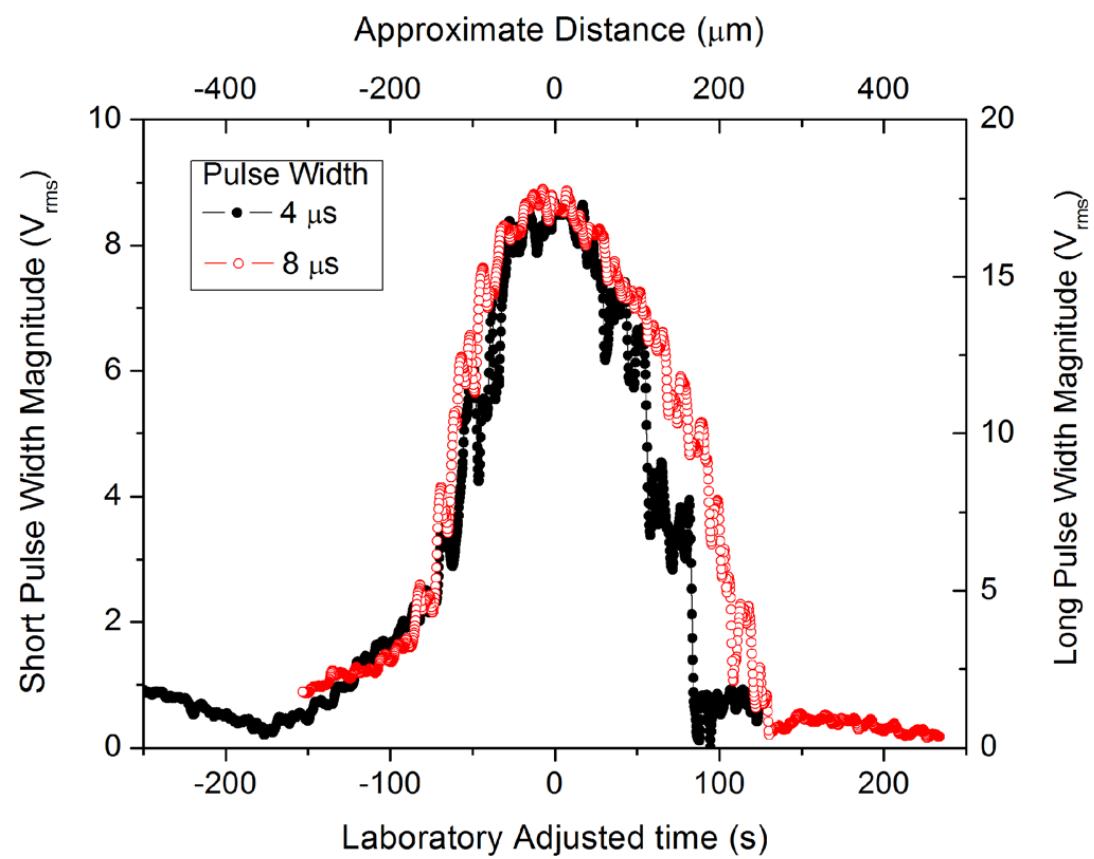
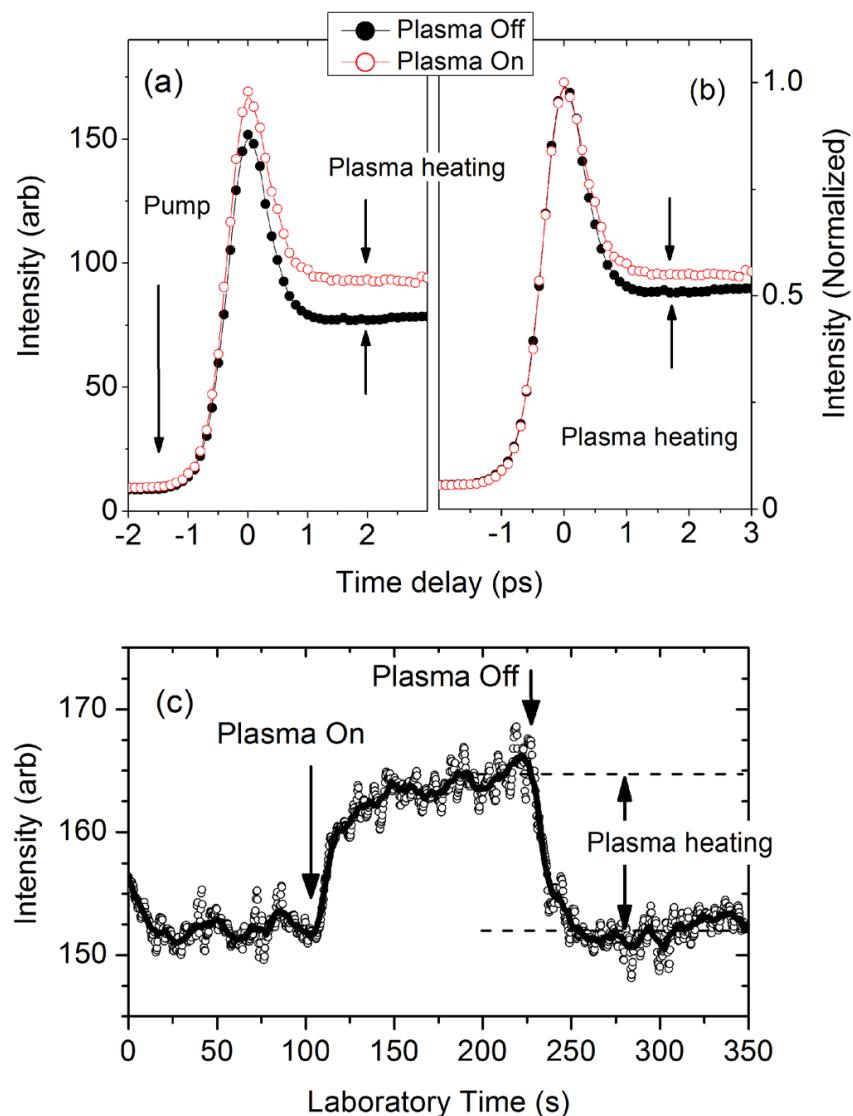
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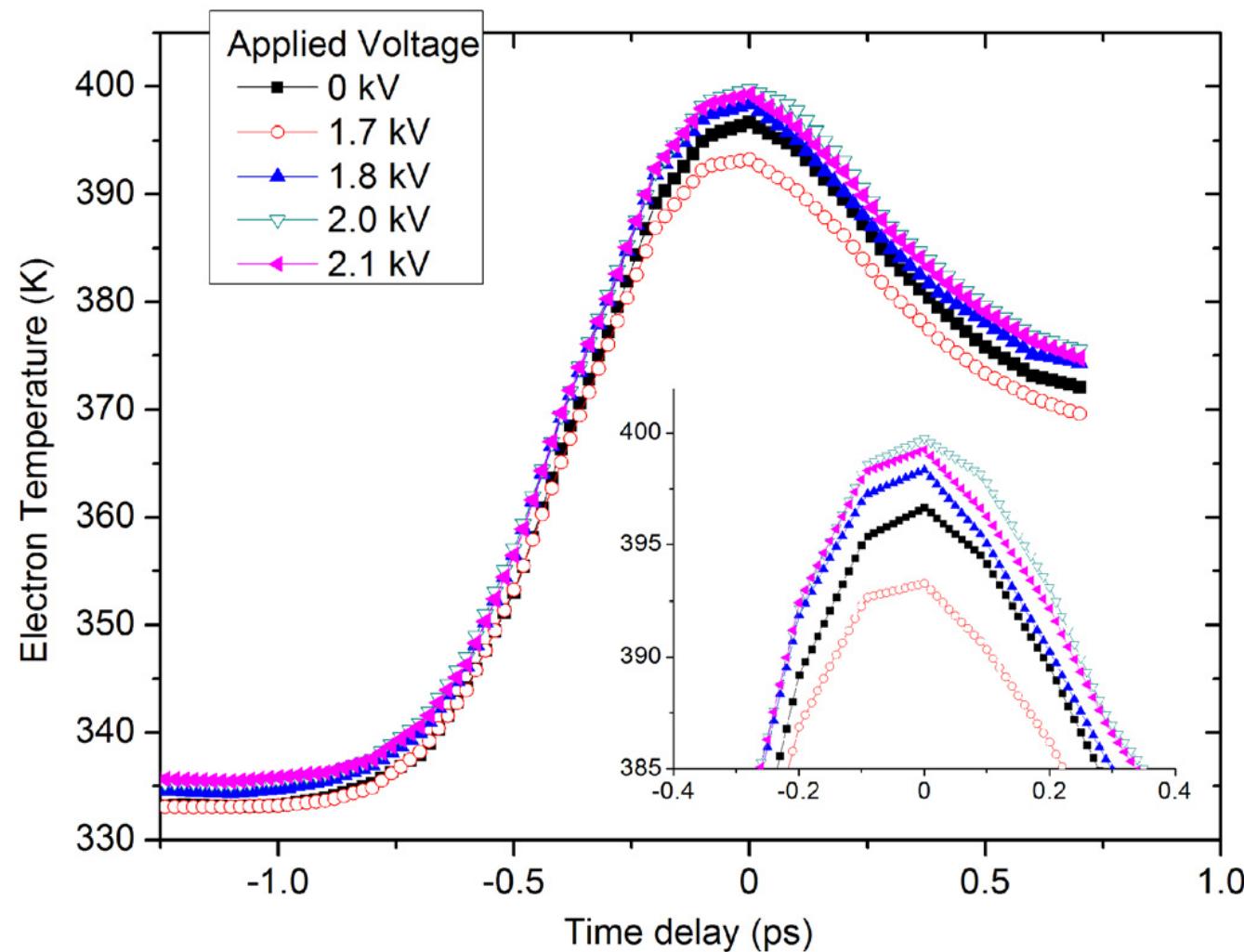


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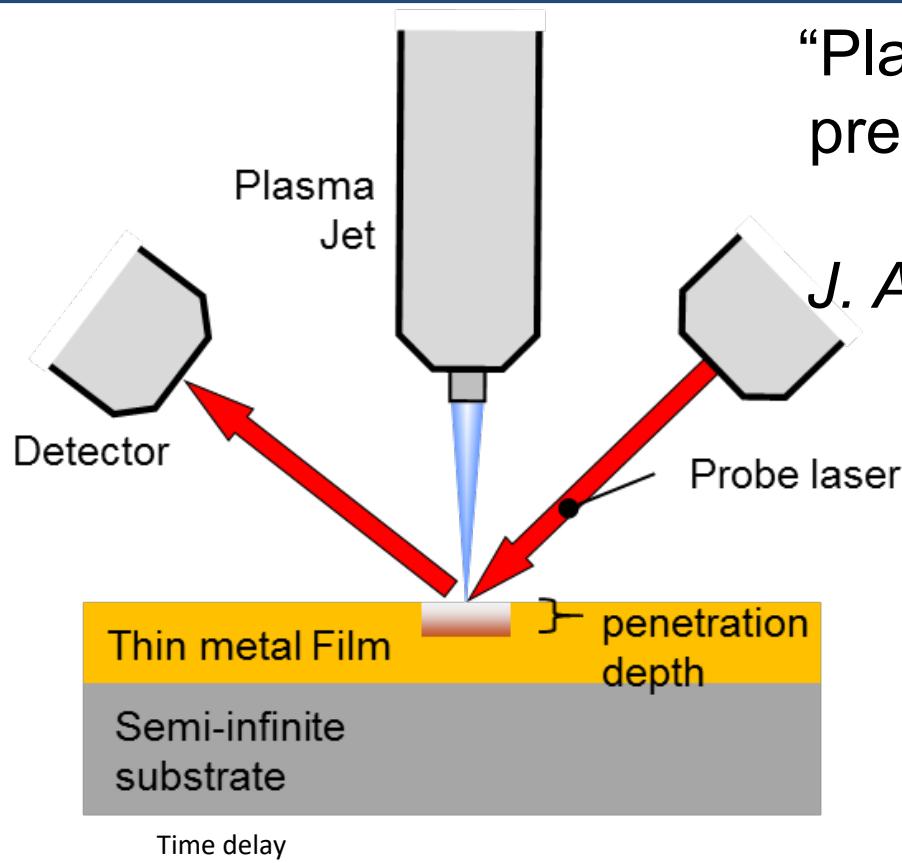
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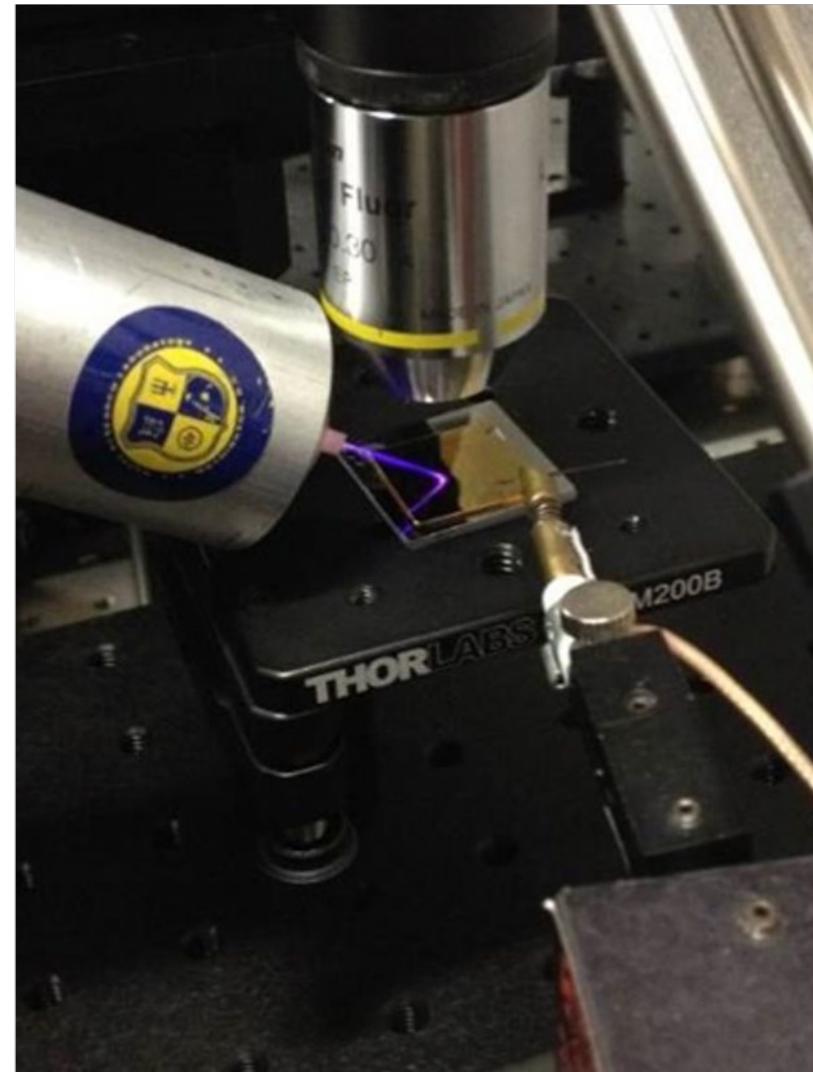
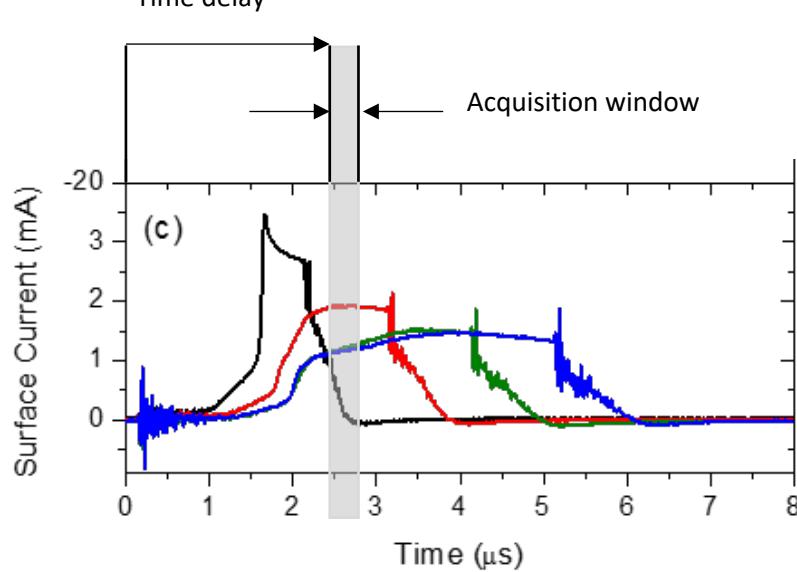
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# Temporally resolved Thermoreflectance for plasma diagnostics



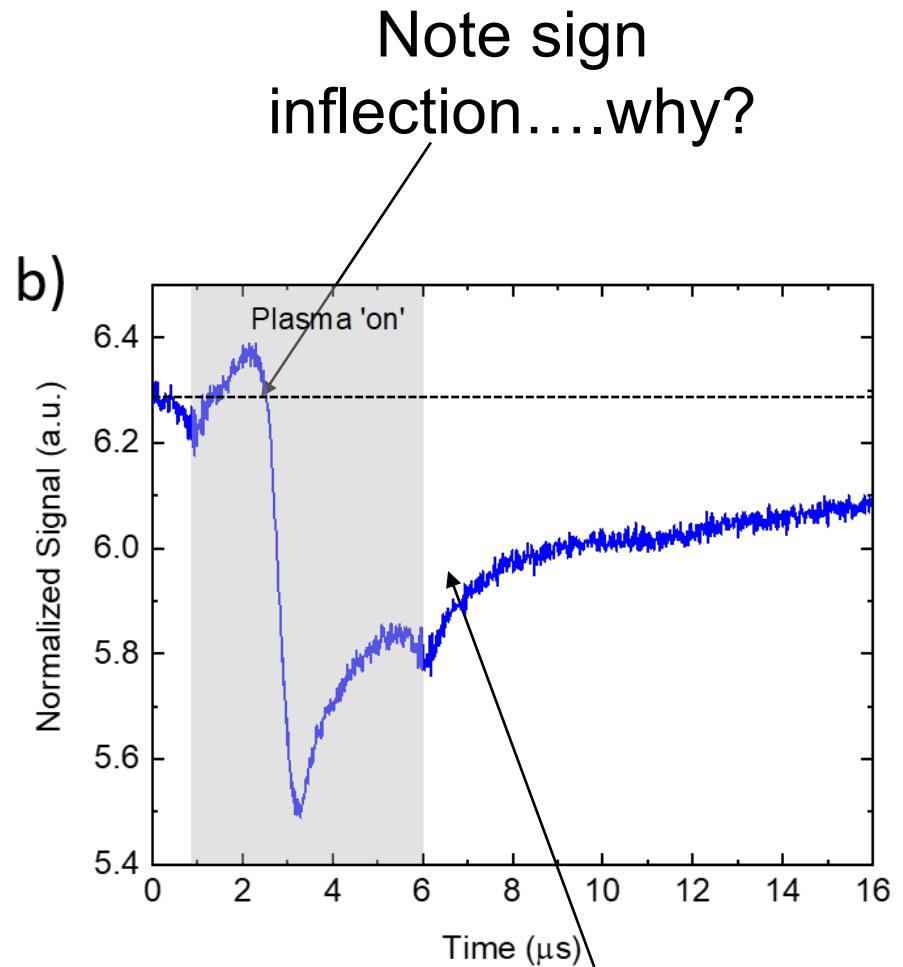
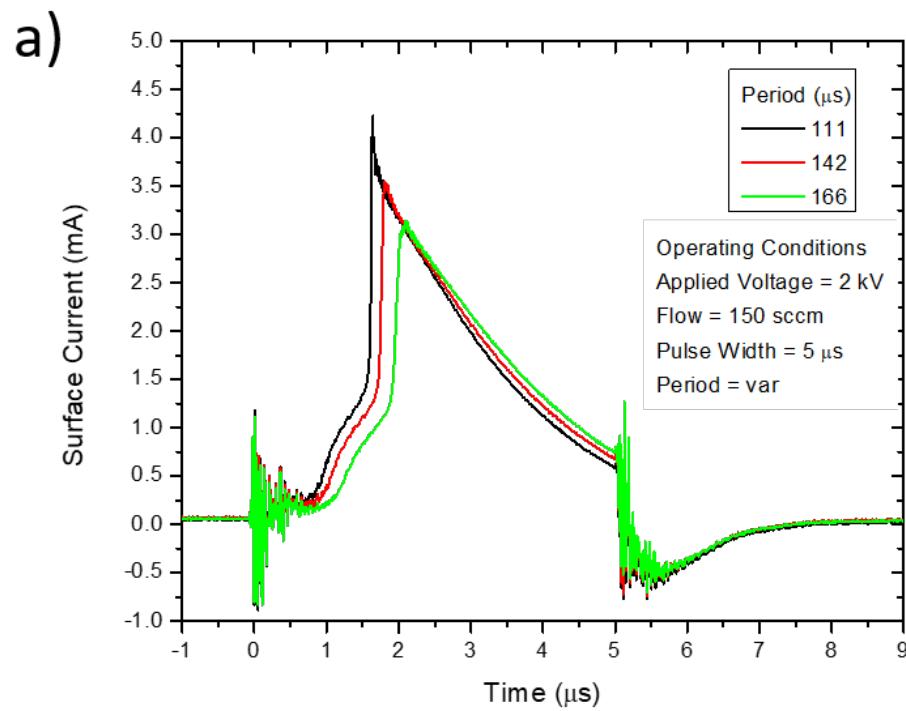
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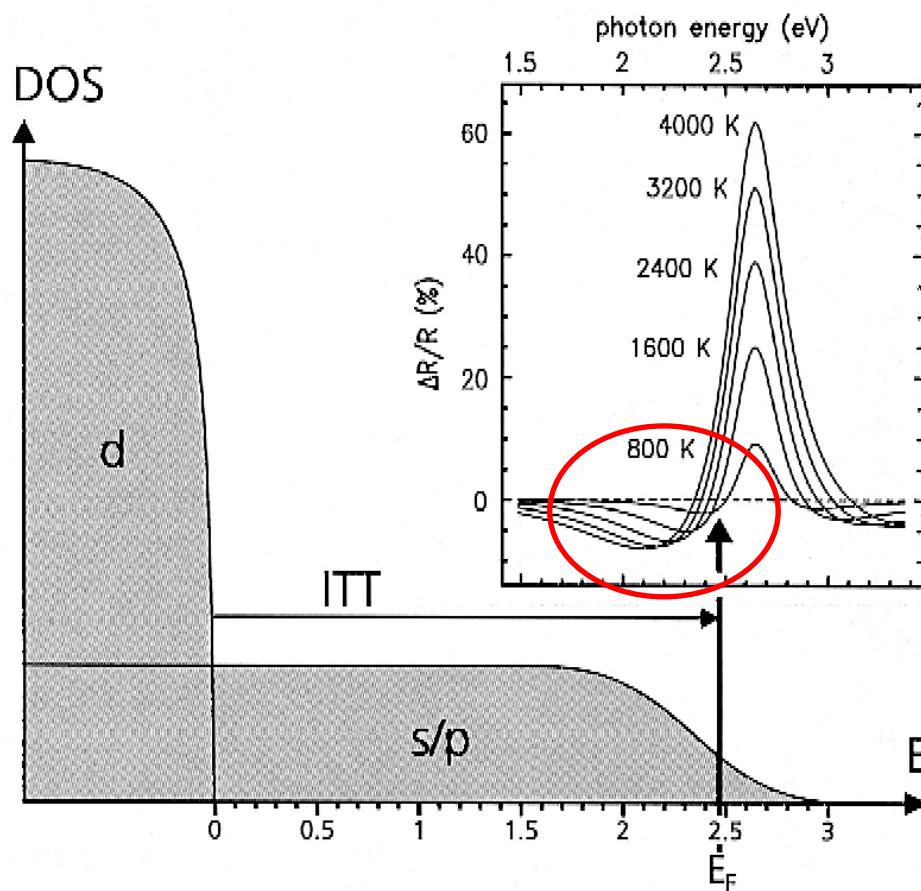
# Tracking surface temperature during plasma jet irradiation

Surface current temporal profile  
for different DC pulse widths



“Accommodation” from neutrals?

# Thermoreflectance of gold



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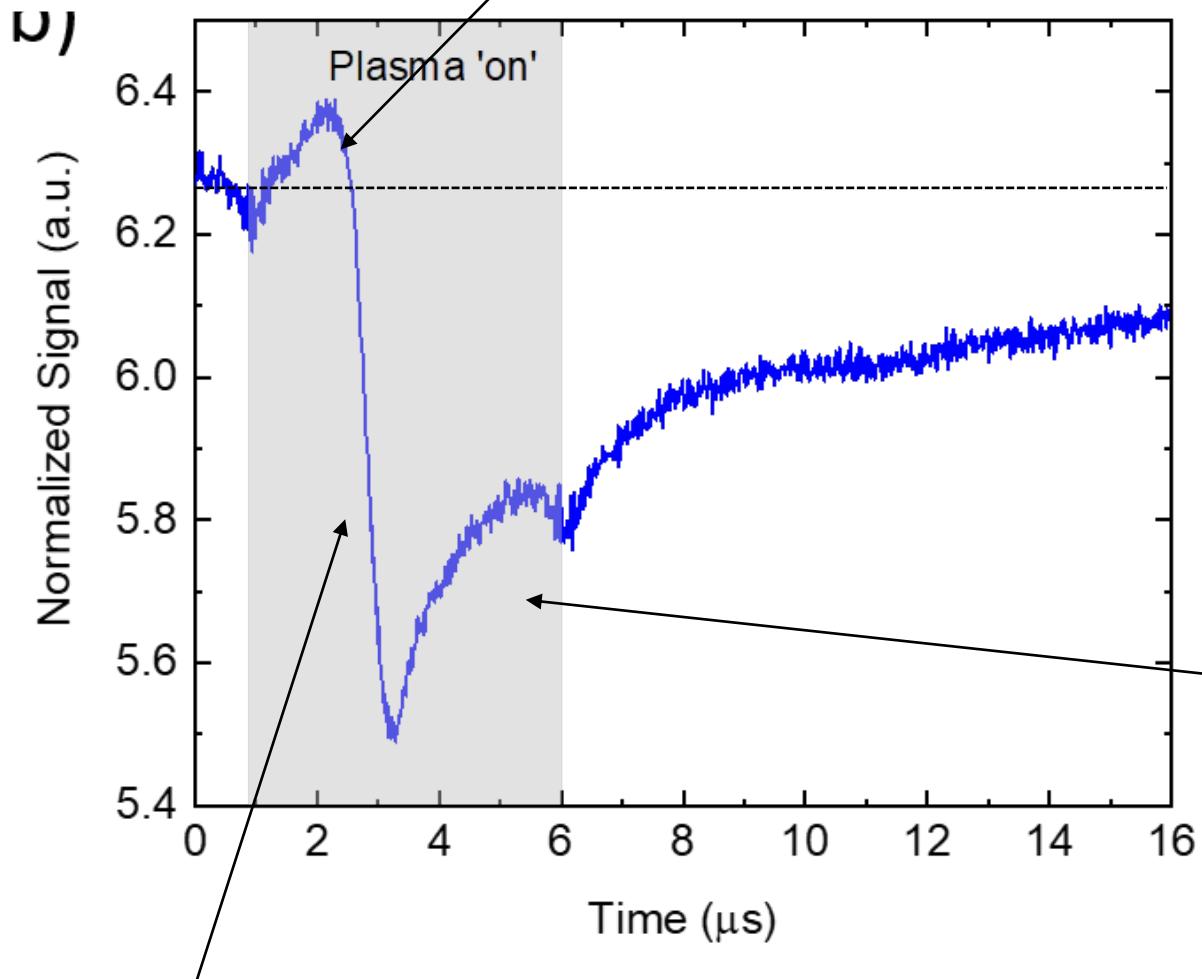
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- Probe energies below d-band to Fermi level transition (ITB)
  - Increase  $\Delta T$
  - Decrease  $\Delta R/R$

# Plasma cooling of surface

Plasma cooling: either mass removal or electron ejection from high eV photons (can not rule out either)



$-\Delta R$  = increase in temperature from energy transfer to gold

“Plasma-induced surface cooling,” *Nature Comm.* **13**, 2623 (2022)<sub>229</sub>

# What we covered today

1. What makes a high and low thermal conductivity material – an electron and phonon nanoscale perspective
2. Thermal conductivity of thin films: how film dimensional and growth conditions can lead to interfaces and defects that scatter electrons and phonons, thus reducing the thermal conductivity of materials
3. Thermal conductivity measurements: thin film methods
4. Thermal boundary resistance: coherent and incoherent heat transfer across interfaces in nanostructures
5. Coupled nonequilibrium heat transfer: Energy coupling among electron, phonons and photons including ultrafast laser pulse effects
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