

# Heat, atoms and fluctuations

from the covalent crystal to complex systems



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# Outline

**1 - Why studying heat-transfers at the nanoscale ?**

**2- Thermal physics from an atomistic point of view**  
fluctuation/dissipation and the linear response theory

**3 - Selected examples and size effects :**

*(wave vs. particle nature of phonon)*

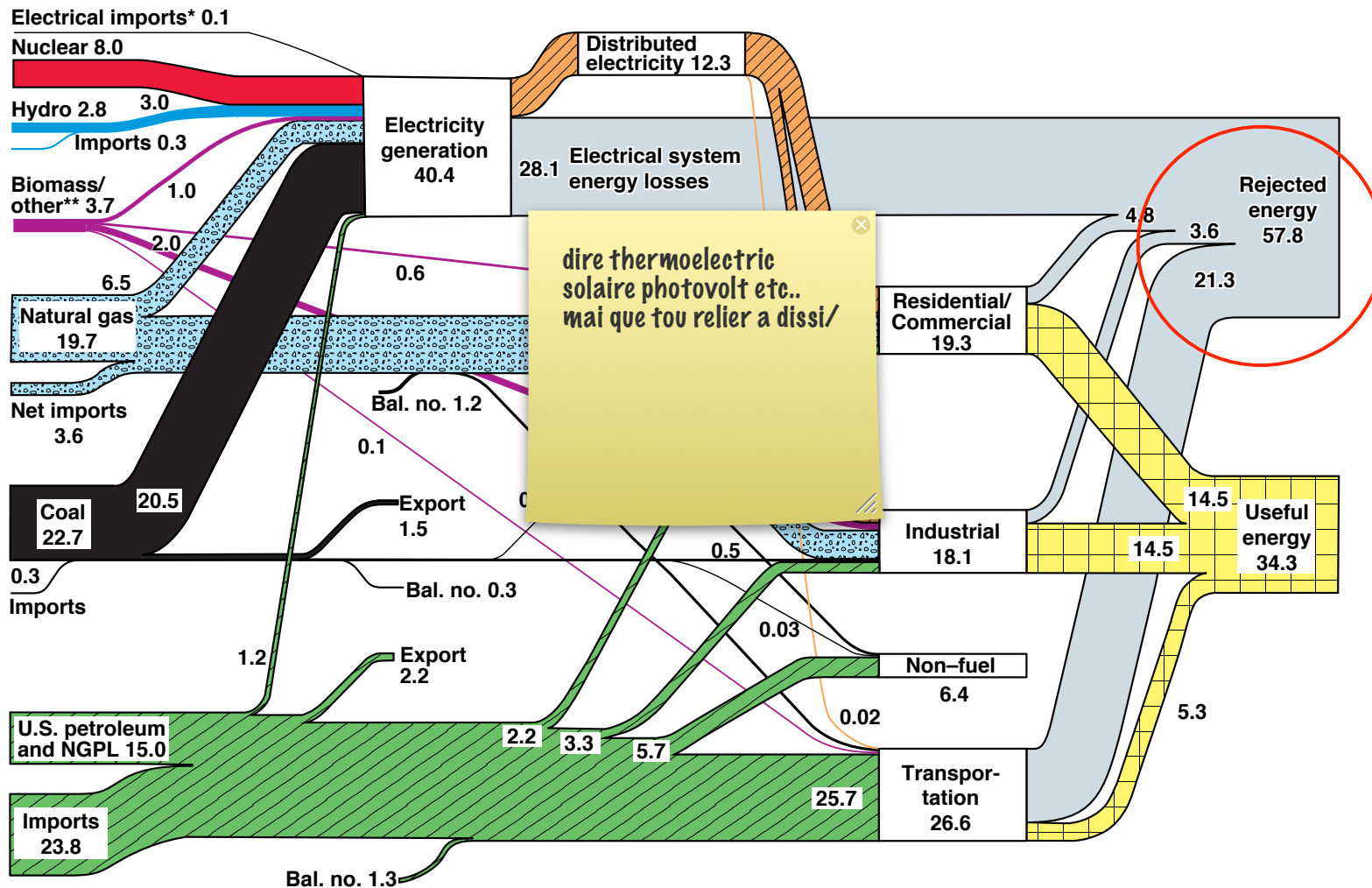
*(A microscopic description of phonon transmission at interfaces)*

*(How classical electrodynamics fails at the nanoscale)*

**4 - Toward biological complex systems**

# Heat dissipation : A burning issue !

## U.S. Energy Flow Trends – 2000 Net Primary Resource Consumption 98.5 Quads



Source: Production and end-use data from Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Review 2000

\*Net fossil-fuel electrical imports

\*\*Biomass/other includes wood and waste, geothermal, solar, and wind.

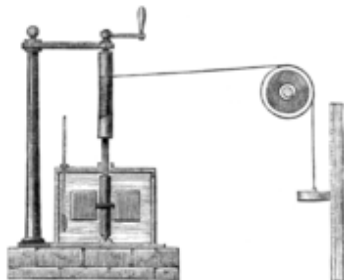
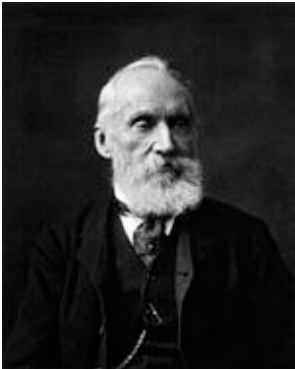
December 2001  
Lawrence Livermore  
National Laboratory  
<http://eed.llnl.gov/flow>

Source : annual energy review

# Two centuries of scientific development around the concept of «heat»



Fahrenheit	1724	Mercury thermometer
Bernoulli	1752	M/P
Lavoisier	1783	1st Calorimeter
Laplace	1789	M/P
<b>Fourier</b>	1807	<b>Differential eq. of conduction (T) in solids</b>
<b>Joule &amp; Waterson</b>	1848	<b>Kinetics theory of gas</b>
<b>Fourier</b>	1822	<b>Analytic theory of heat</b>
<b>Carnot</b>	1828	Heat flux and work
Thomson	1842	Similarity bt/ heat eq, and electrostatic
Fick	1855	Fourrier eq. to diffusion
<b>Clausius</b>	1858	<b>Introduces the concept of «mean free path»</b>
Kirchoff	1859	Emission and absorption of radiation thermal Equilib.
<b>Maxwell</b>	1867	Diffusion eq. for gas, distribution functions.
Nernst	1888	Fick law : force and resistance.
Bachelier	1900	Betting in Finance and Heat eq.
<b>Planck</b>	1900	Theory of thermal radiation - concept of «quanta».
Einstein	1905	<b>Brownian motion</b>
Langevin	1908	stochastic eq.
Fermi	1936	Similarity bt/ Neutron Diffusion and heat eq.
<b>Ritov</b>	1960	Connection between radiation spectrum and current fluctuations.



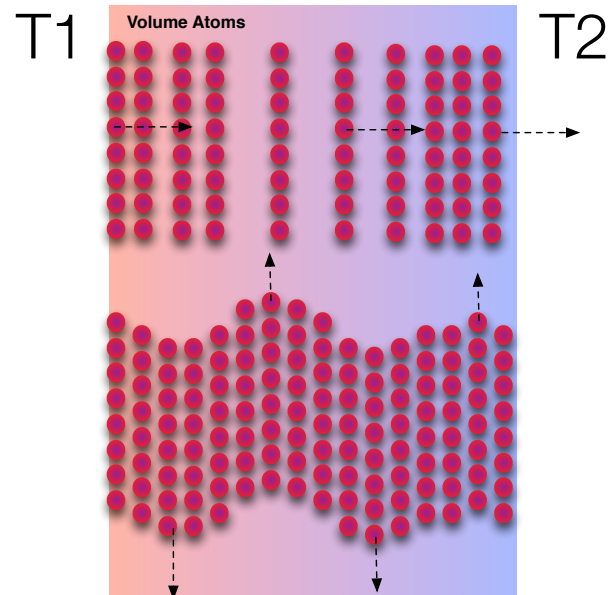
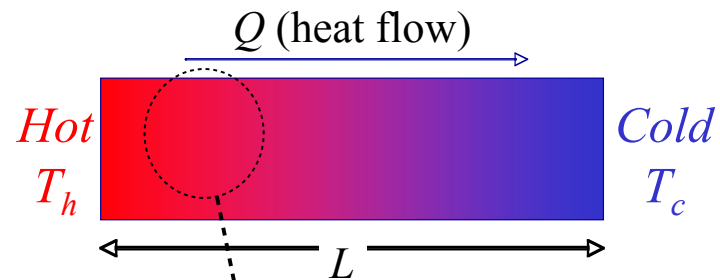
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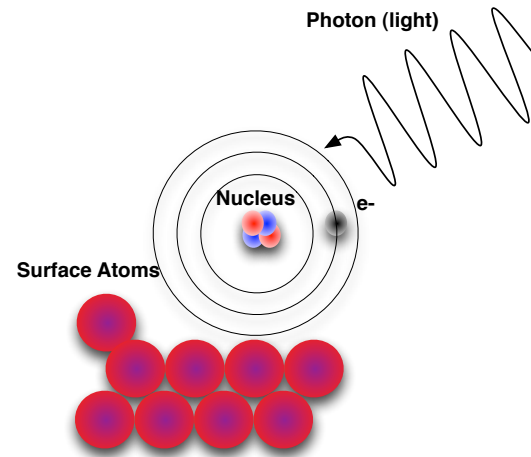
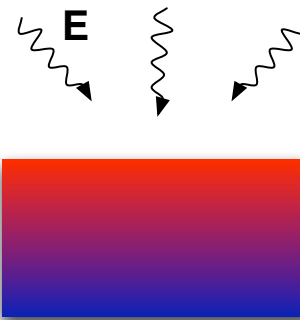
### 3 modes of heat transfers and their microscopic pictures :

#### Conduction



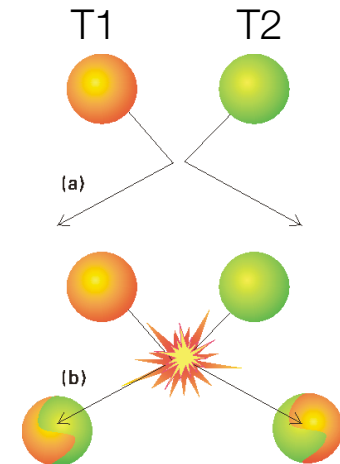
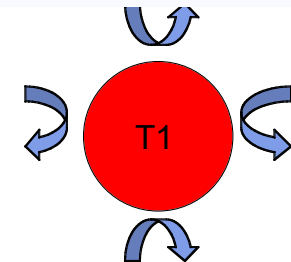
(Atomic Vibrations = **phonons**)

#### Radiation



(photons/electrons)

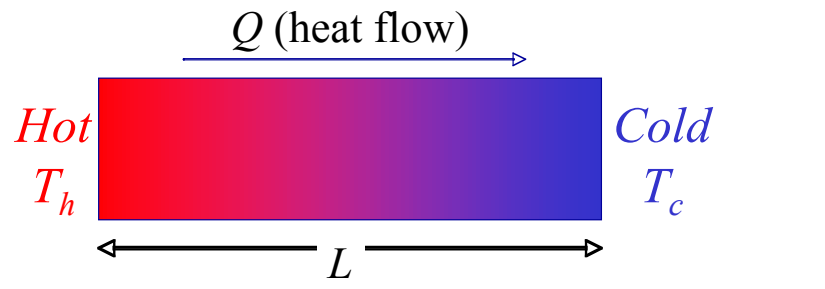
#### Convection/ diffusion



(molecules/ions)

# Heat transfers and their characteristic scales

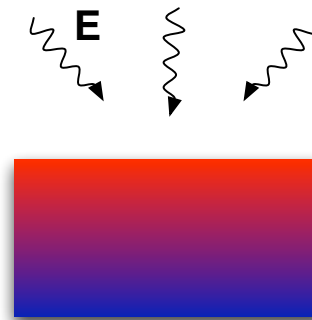
## Conduction



$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{k}{\rho C_p} \nabla^2 T$$

relaxation time ( $t \sim 10^{-12}\text{s}$ )  
Mean free path ( $L \sim 10^{-9}\text{m}$ )

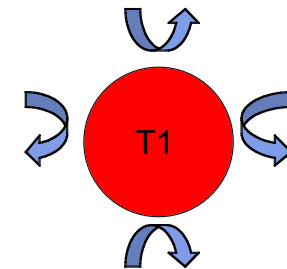
## Radiation



$$P_{abs} = \frac{d\mathbf{P}}{dt} \cdot \mathbf{E}(t)$$

wavelength ( $L \sim 10^{-6}-10^{-8}\text{m}$ )  
skin depth ( $L \sim 10^{-9}\text{m}$ )  
screening length ( $L \sim 10^{-10}\text{m}$ )

## Convection



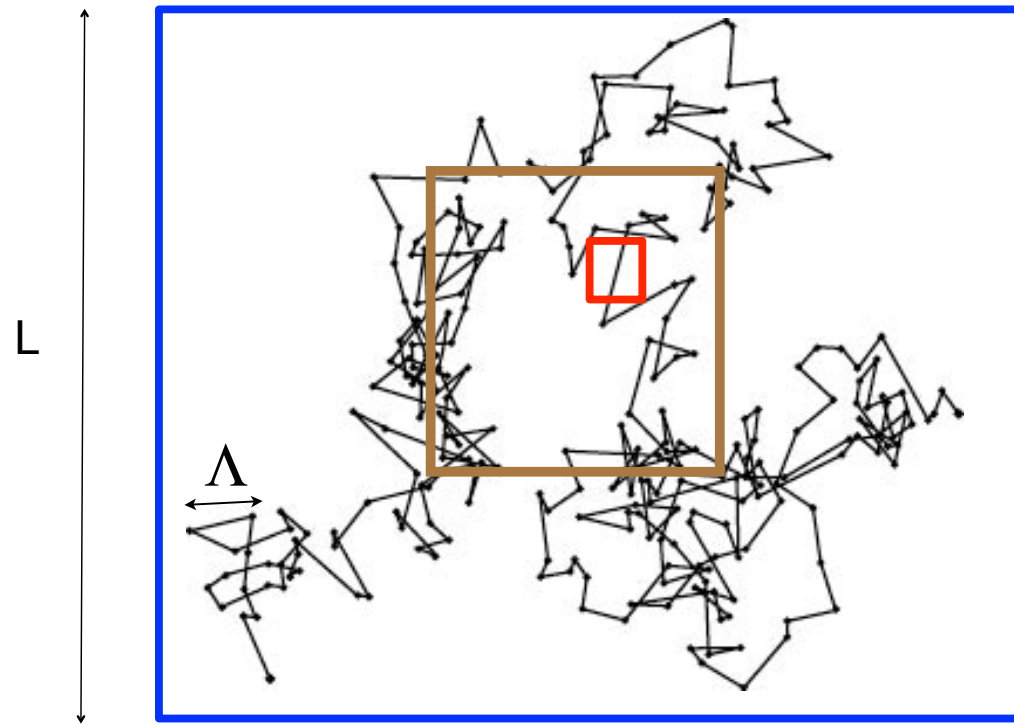
$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = -\frac{hS}{\rho C_p V} (T_2 - T_1)$$

$L \sim$  mean free path  
 $t \sim$  time of flight

**Nanoscale heat transfers = Thermal properties of materials  
bellow their characteristic time and length scales !**

e.g limit of a macroscopic description

$$\lambda = 1/3 C v \Lambda$$



Dissusive vs. ballistic transport

# e.g - The break down of the classical Fourier Law

Fourier  
Law

$$\overset{\text{Heat flux}}{\phi} = - \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{thermal conductivity}}}{k} \overset{\text{Temperature Gradient}}{\nabla T}$$


energy  
conservation

$$\rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \phi$$

**Heat Equation**

$$\nabla^2 T = \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

$$a = k / \rho C_p$$


$$T(t, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{(4\pi a t)^{3/2}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{4at}}$$

Instantaneous modification of the temperature field !

**Modified Heat  
Eq.**

$$\tau \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \phi = -k \nabla T$$

a microscopic dynamics of heat carriers !

# Question

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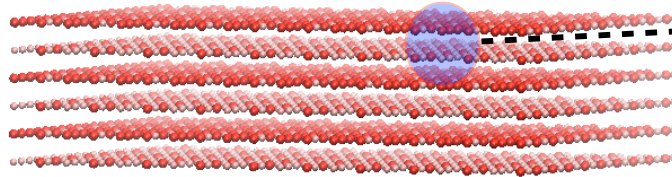
How possibly can we capture  
some thermal properties of  
matter at an atomic level ?



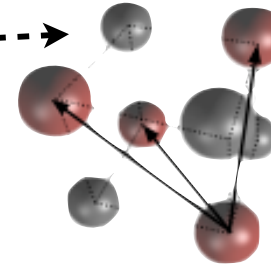
# ...e.g. with Molecular dynamics simulations

## Cristallographic **STRUCTURE**

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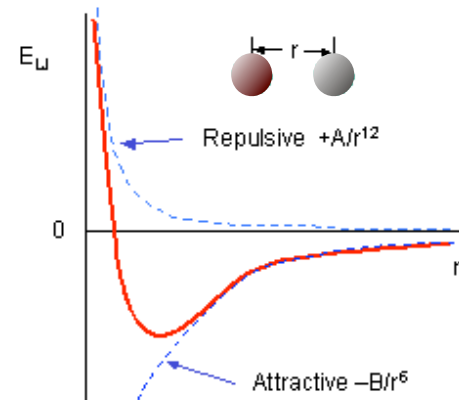
unit-cell e.g [CFC]



2)

## Atomic **INTERACTION**

$$\mathbf{F}_i = -\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{V(r_{ij})}{2}$$



3)

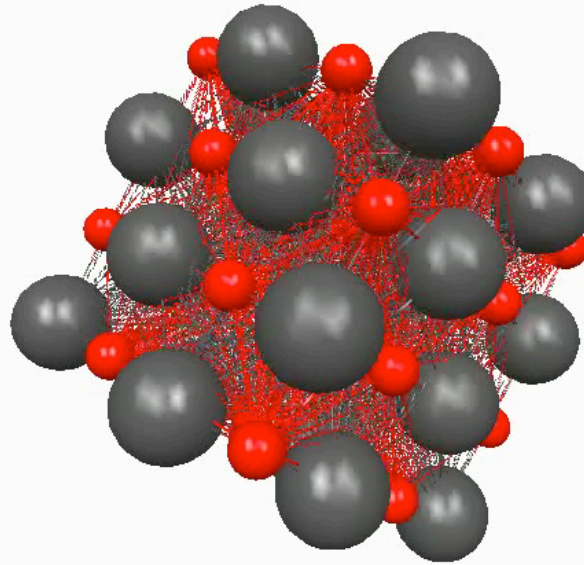
## Time domain **DYNAMICS** $\{\mathbf{X}(t), V(t)\}$

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_i = \mathbf{F}_i(\{\mathbf{r}_j\})$$

# Equilibrium Fluctuations

$\{x_i, p_i\}$  @  $t_1, t_2, t_3...$

$T > 0K$



**Phonon properties from equilibrium  
fluctuations**

**-> The quest of correlation functions**



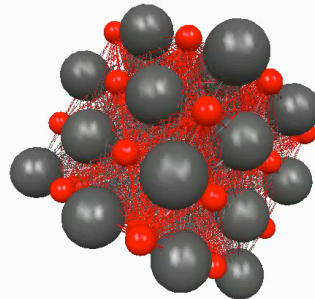
# Physical properties and atomic fluctuations ?



$$R = \chi_e \cdot E_{ext}$$

Response      Susceptibility      Excitation

Macroscopic response  
arises from the  
Microscopic  
dynamics !!

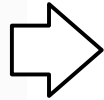
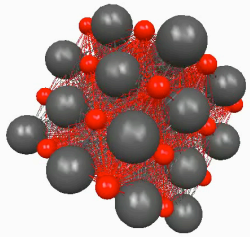


## GREEN-KUBO

$$\chi_e \Rightarrow \chi(\omega) = \frac{1}{3} \left\{ \underbrace{\beta \langle R^2(0) \rangle}_{\text{Static limit for T.C}} + i\omega \int_0^\infty e^{i\omega t} \overbrace{\langle R(t=0) \cdot R(t) \rangle dt}^{\text{Fluctuations}} \right\}$$

Absorption (Dissipation)

# e.g #1 Phonon Properties from fluctuations

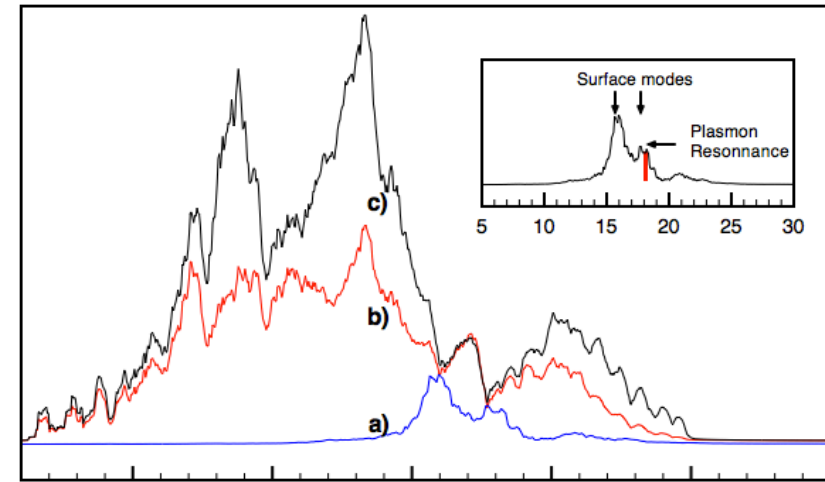


Phonon Density of states  
(LDoS)

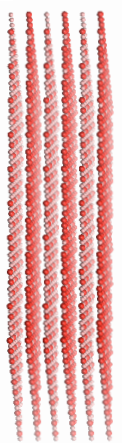
$$g \frac{k_B \langle T \rangle}{2} = \frac{m}{2} \langle v(o) \cdot v(t) \rangle$$



$$g(\omega) \propto \beta \sum_i m_i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle v_i(0) v_i(t) \rangle e^{i\omega t} dt$$



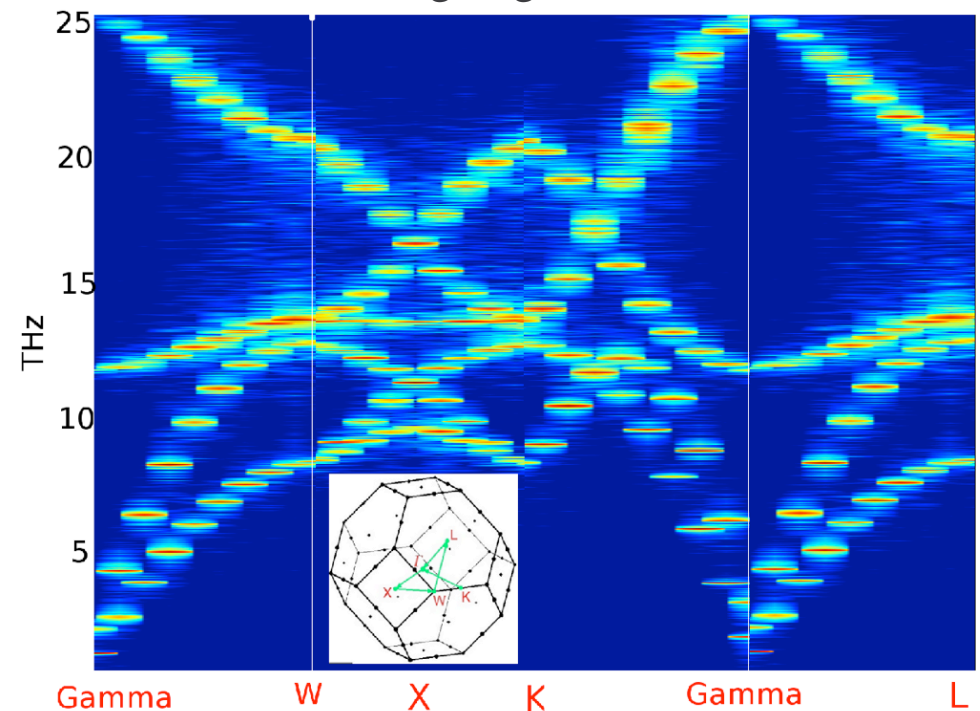
e.g MgO



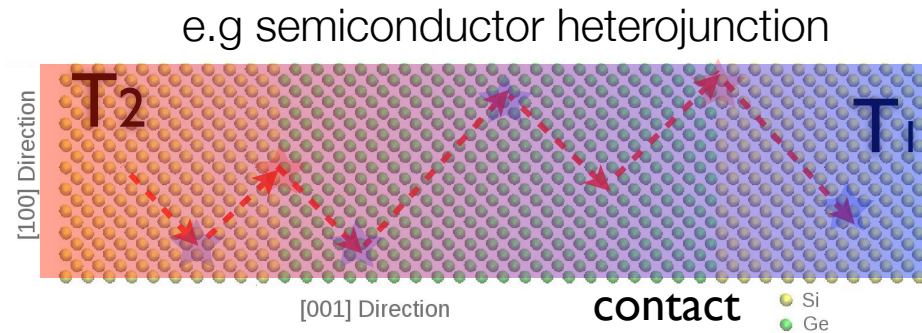
Phonon Dispersion Relation

$$g(\omega, \mathbf{k}) \propto \beta \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \langle v(\mathbf{k}, 0) v(\mathbf{k}, t) \rangle e^{i\omega t} dt$$

$$v_i(\mathbf{k}, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{r}} v(\mathbf{r}, t) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$

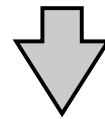


## e.g #2 : The thermal conductivity



Heat flux and thermal  
conductivity

$$\mathbf{j} = \kappa \cdot \nabla T$$



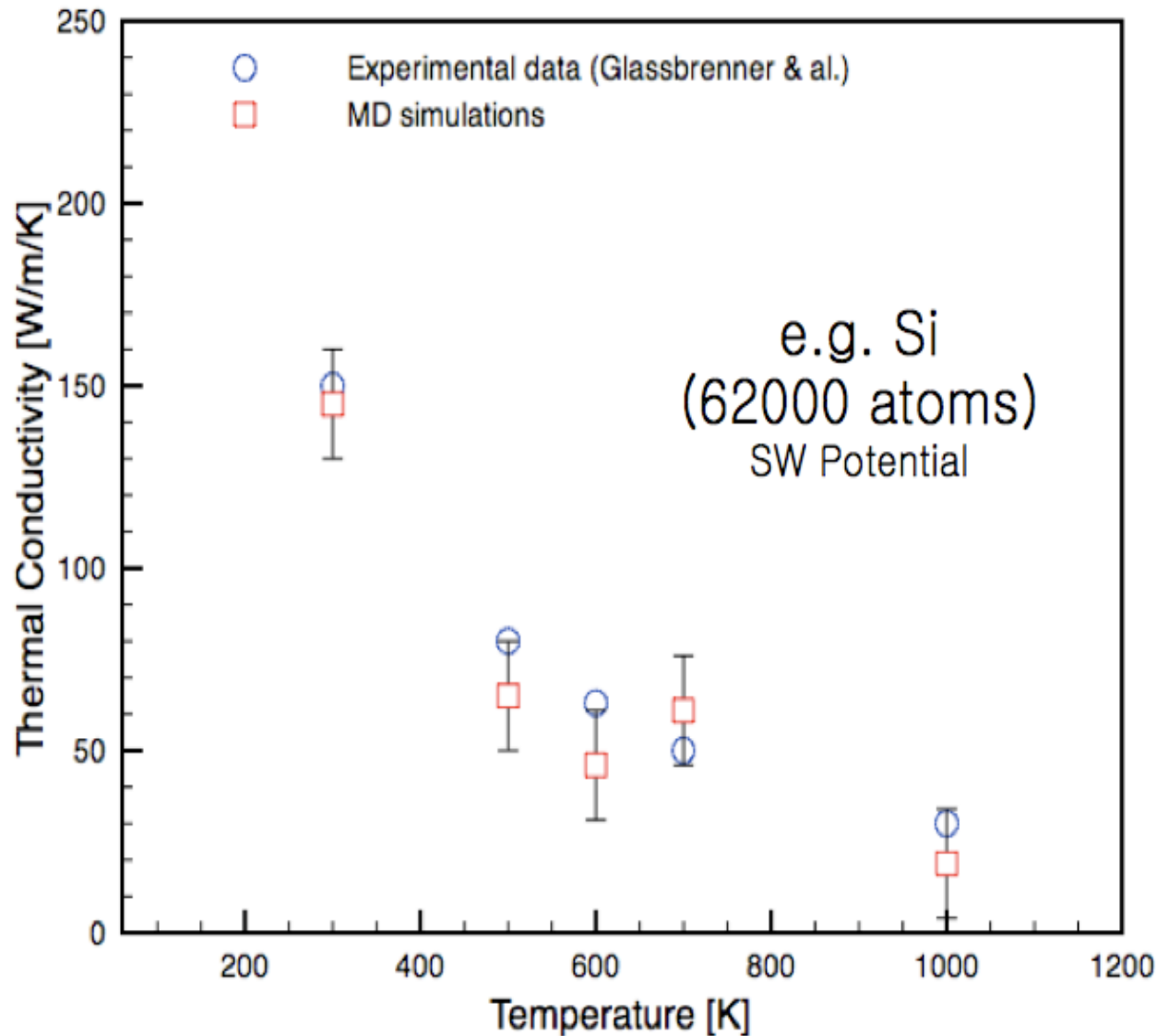
**Equilibrium  
approach**

(Green-Kubo thermal  
conductivity)

$$\kappa = \frac{\beta}{VT} \int dt \langle \mathbf{j}(0) \mathbf{j}(t) \rangle e^{i\omega t}$$

# Equilibrium approach of thermal conductivity

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{Vk_B T_0^2} \int_0^\infty \langle q(0)q(t) \rangle dt$$



# Putting some numbers

For one temperature

Time step  $\sim 1\text{e-}15\text{s}$     Time simulated  $\sim 1\text{e-}9\text{s}$      $1\text{e}6$  integrations of :  
1e-3 to 1-4 atoms / point in the brillouin zone     $\times 20$  (20 points)     $\times 3$  (3 dimensions)  
 $\times 10$  (ensemble average)

$1\text{e}6 \times 1\text{e}3 \times 1000 = 1\text{e}12$  operations for one temperature !

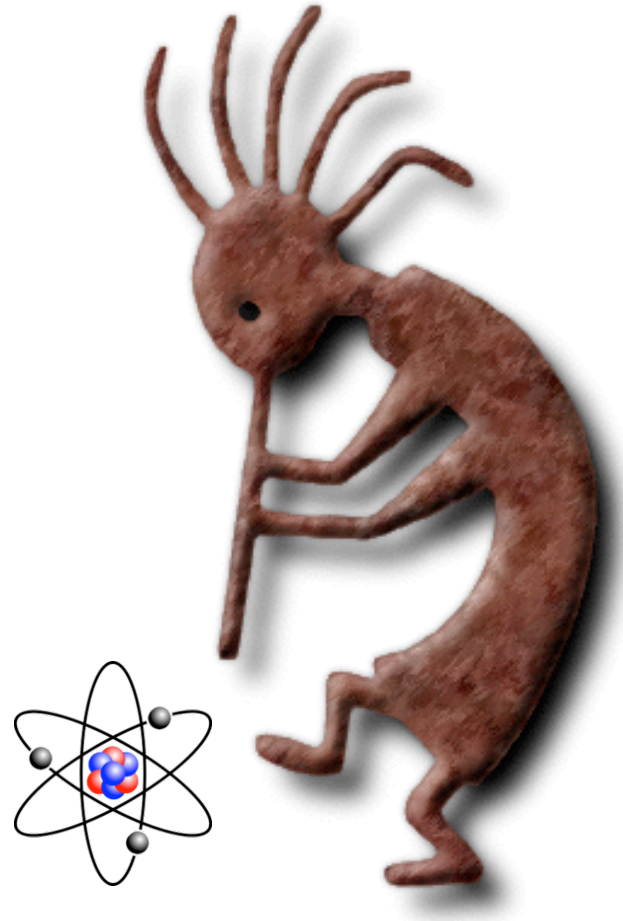
4 hours on 124 CPU / 100Mo HD

Before post-treatment...

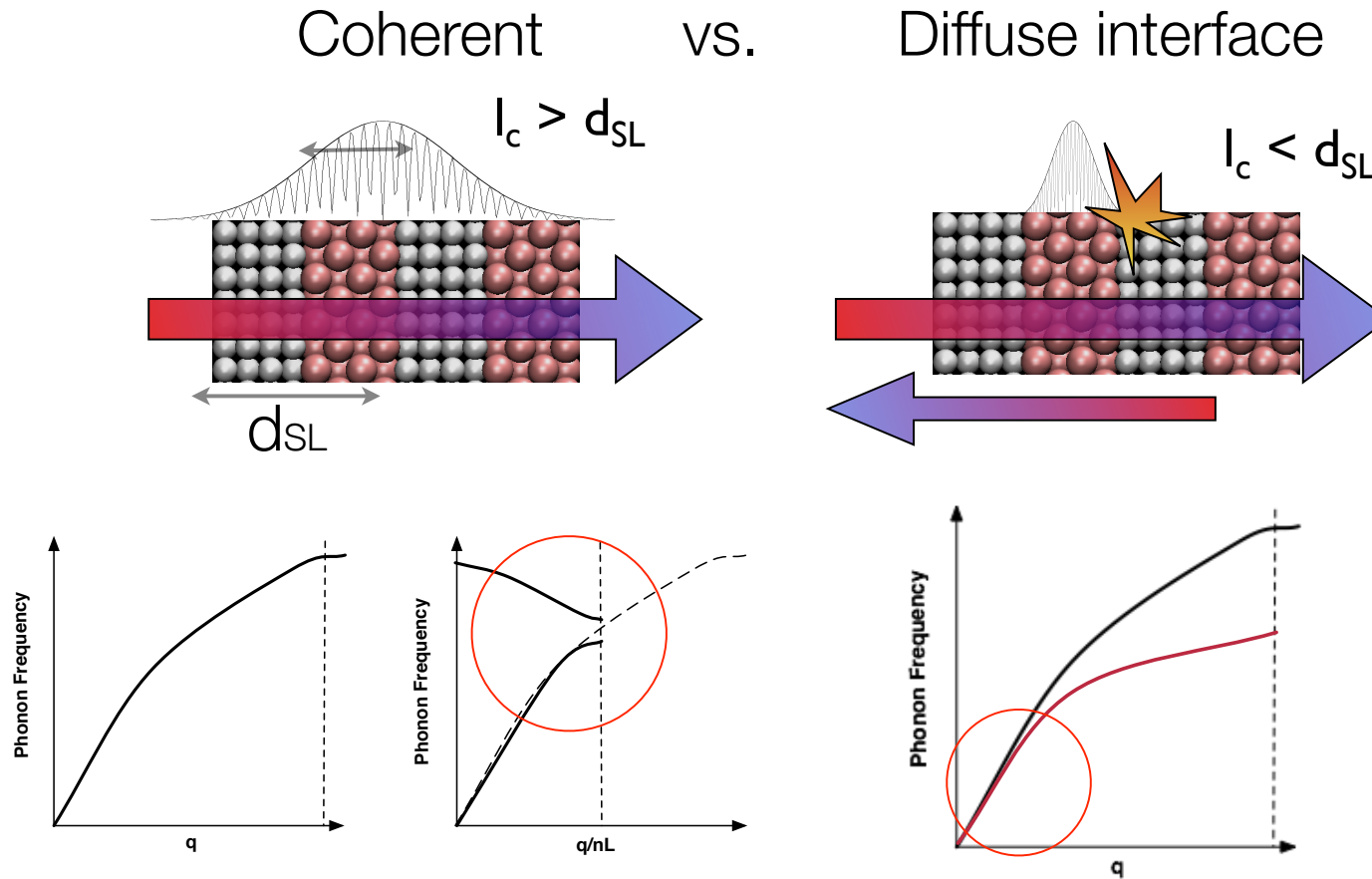
## Question :

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Looking further than thermal conductivity : Can we characterize particular transport effects ?



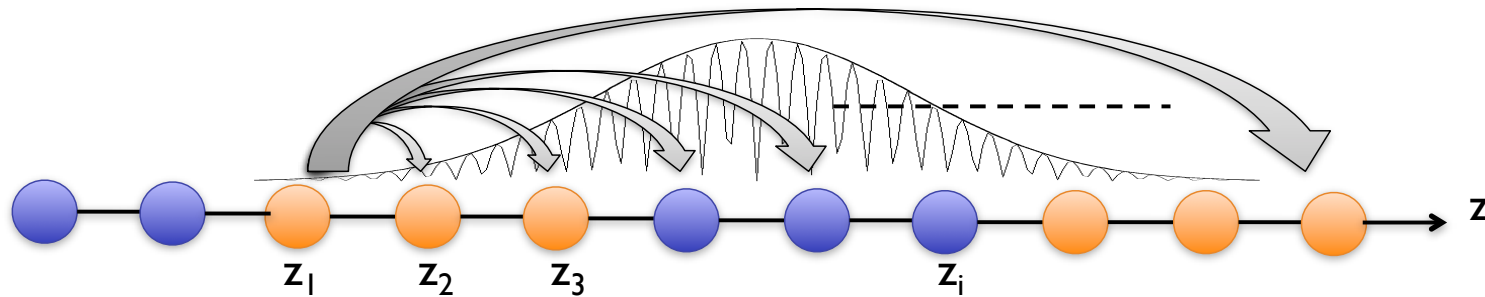
# e.g #3    Toward a specific control of thermal properties : coherent vs diffuse phonon transport



Superlattice = Brillouin Zone folding



# Coherence from fluctuations

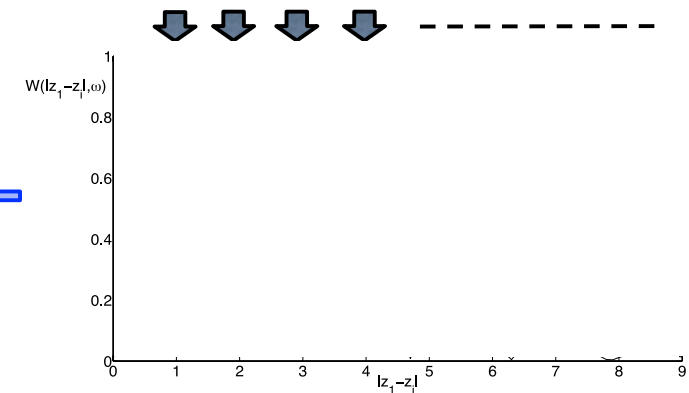


- spatial correlation of atomic displacement

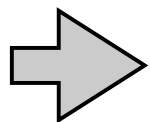
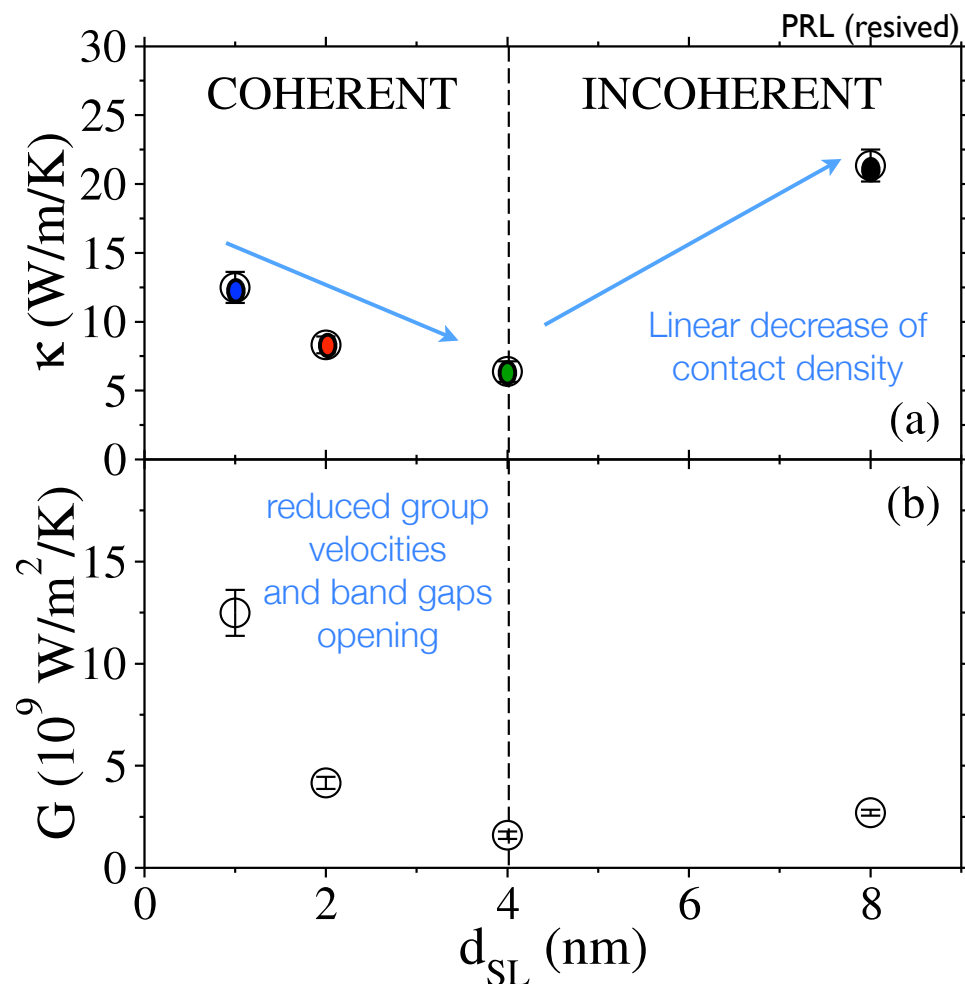
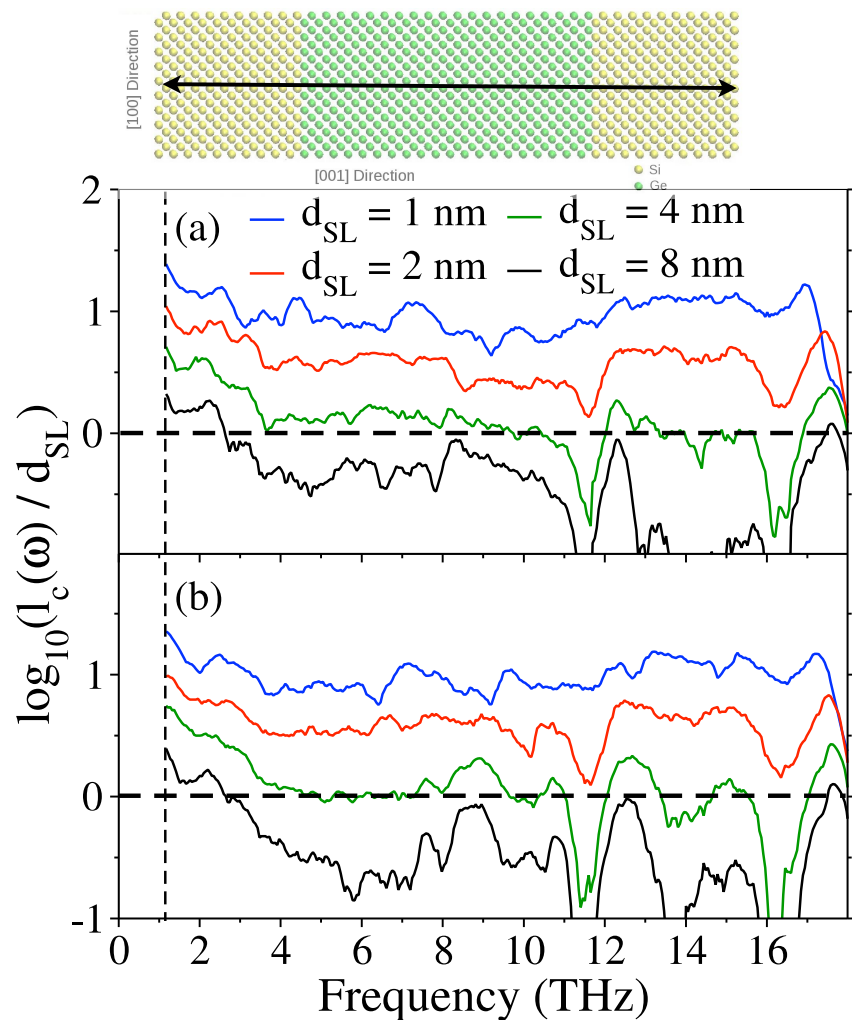
$$v(z_1, t) * v(z_1 + \Delta z, t)$$

$$l_c(\omega)$$

RMS of  
distribution



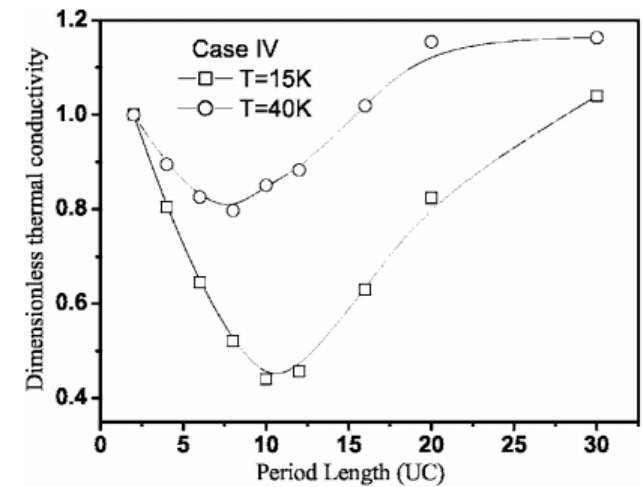
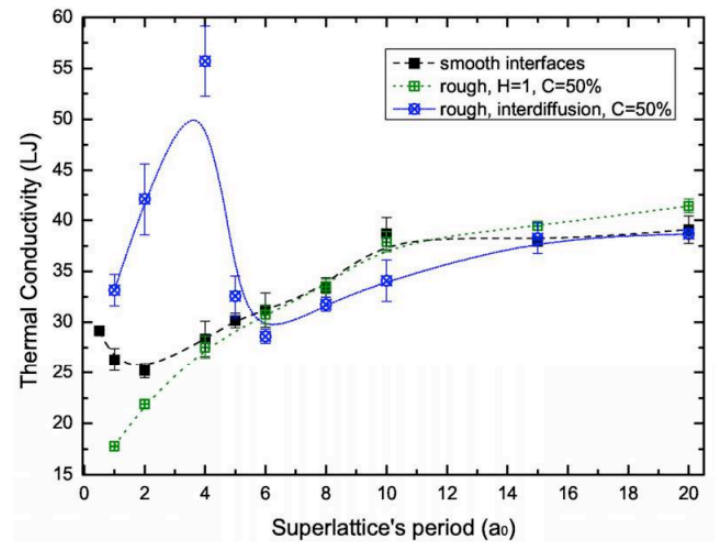
# heat transport regime and the coherence length



An important new characteristic adimensioned parameter :  
Lc/System length (wave vs particle !)

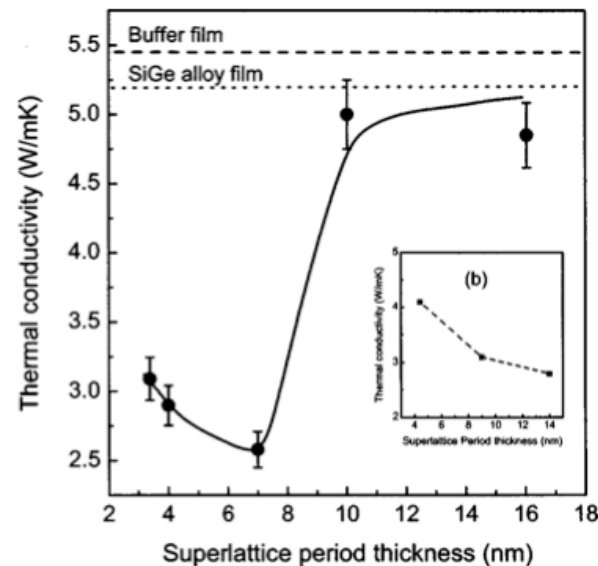
## Simulations

Simkin Mahan 2000  
 Daly 2002  
 Imamura 2003  
 Chen Y 2005  
 Landry 2009  
 Termentzidis 2010  
 Chalopin 2012  
 Lin KH 2013  
 Garg J 2013



## Experiments

Luckyanova 2012  
 Venkatasubramanian 2000  
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 Chakraborty 2003



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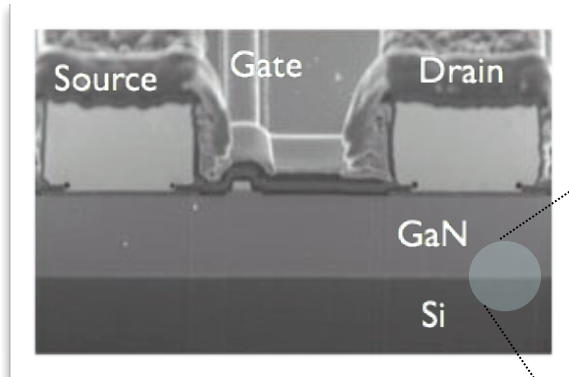
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From coherent to **diffuse interface** :  
can we provide a microscopic  
description of what's a thermal  
interface ?



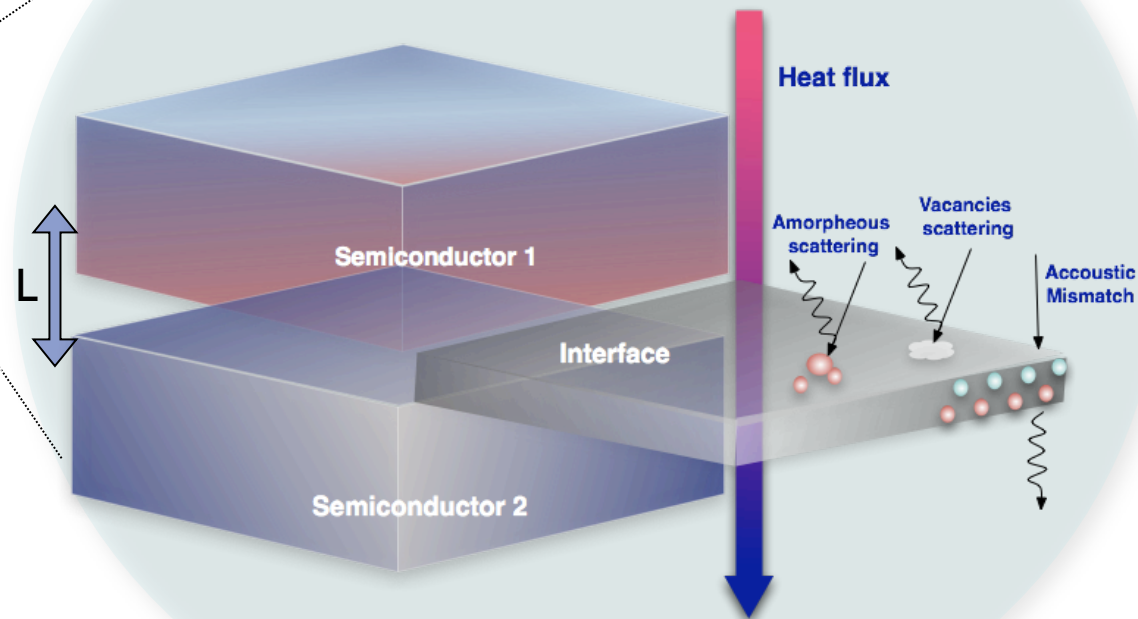
# Question : Quantifying the phonon transport properties of a solid-solid interface ?

e.g Semiconductor/Semiconductor junction

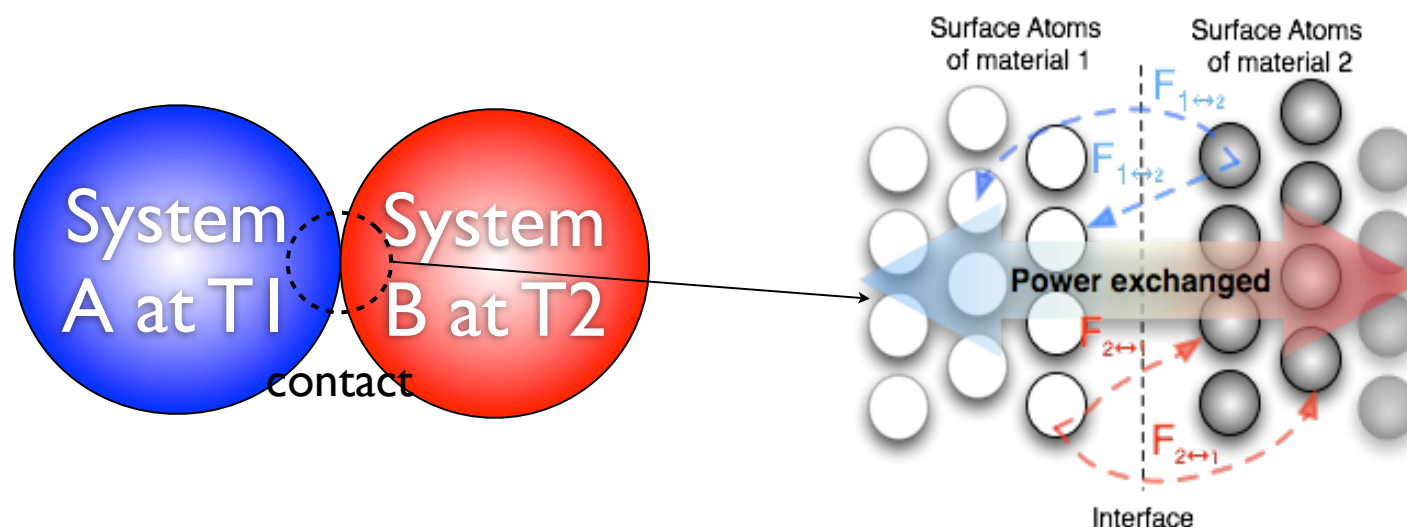


An interface affects the thermal transport due to its **atomic configuration**

- Kapitza effect
- intermixing / Roughness
- Vacancies and dislocations
- boundary scattering
- Inelastic scattering



## e.g #4 : Interface Transmission from fluctuations



$$H = H_A + H_B$$

Heat Flux  
operator

$$H_i = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{j,i} \nabla_x^2 U_{ij} (u_i - u_j) + m_i \dot{x}_i^2 \right)$$

$$J = -\langle \dot{H}_A \rangle = \langle [H, H_A] \rangle$$

### SPECTRAL HEAT FLUX

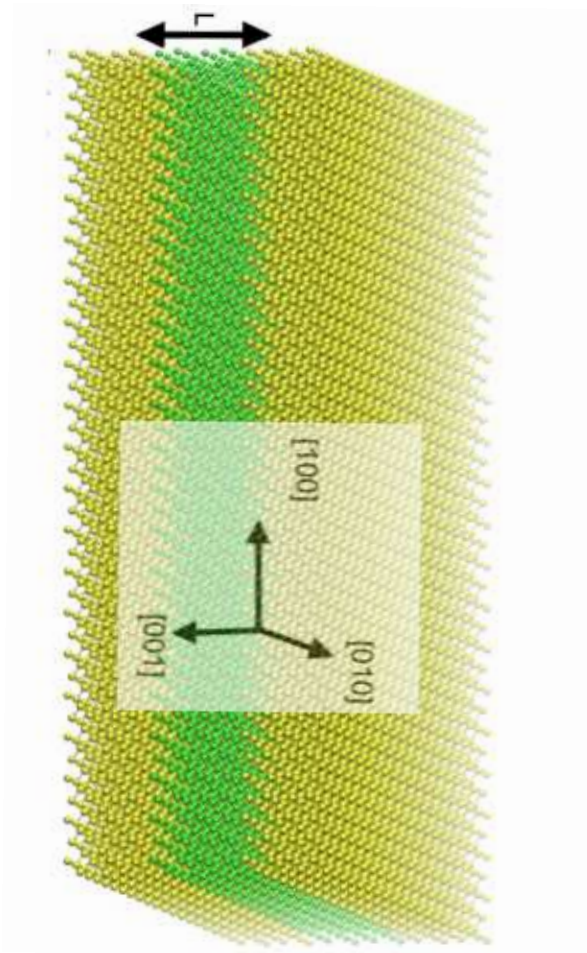
$$J(\omega) = -i \frac{\omega}{2} \sum_{i \in A, j \in B} k_{i,j} [u_i(\omega) u_j^*(\omega) - u_i^*(\omega) u_j(\omega)].$$

Chalopin et al.  
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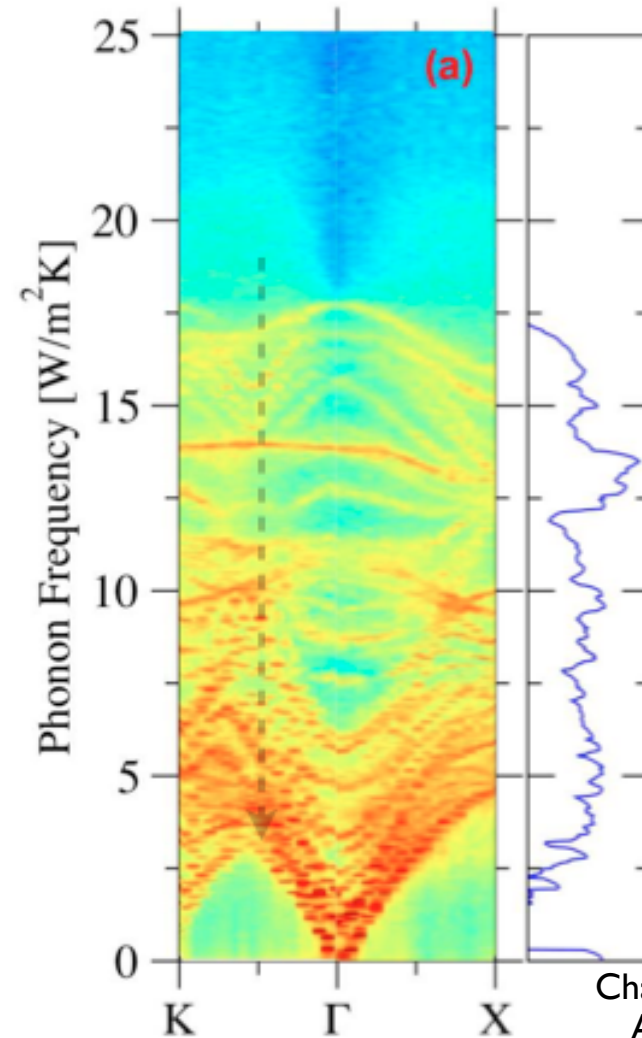
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## e.g : Semiconductor (Si:Ge )interfaces

$$T(\omega, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') = \sum_{\substack{i \in A, j \in B \\ \alpha, \delta \in \{x, y, z\}}} \dot{u}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\alpha}(\omega) \dot{u}_{\mathbf{k}'}^{*\delta}(\omega) D_{i,j}^{\alpha, \delta}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}').$$



### Interface Transmission (t) «Selection rules» at the contact surface Brillouin Zone



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# Question

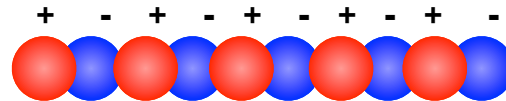
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# phonon/phonon interface : OK  
...but is there any things to look at  
for photons/phonons interface ?



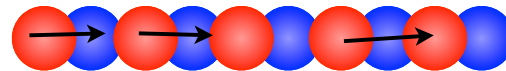
# IR-Absorption and heat : the role of optical phonons

$T=0\text{K}$



Thermally activated dipole

$T>0\text{K}$



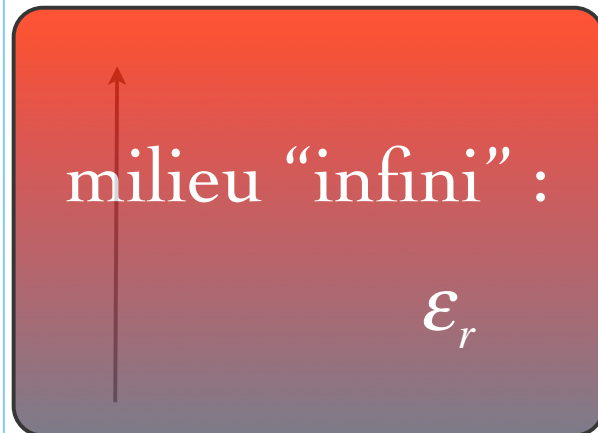
**IR (THz) Absorption = Thermal  
activated dipole**

# Confinement and Microscopic mechanism of IR light absorption

## Infinite Medium

(Averaged magnitudes, volumics, non-local...)

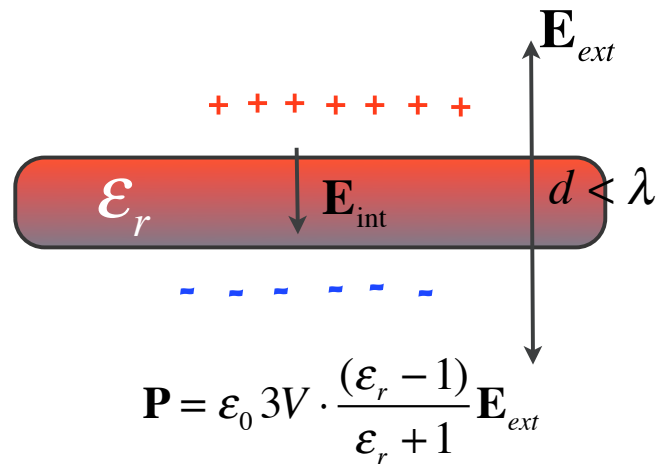
$$\mathbf{P} = \epsilon_0 (\epsilon_r - 1) \cdot \mathbf{E}_m$$



Fresnel Coefficient well defined  
(interface of infinite thickness !)

## Thin Films

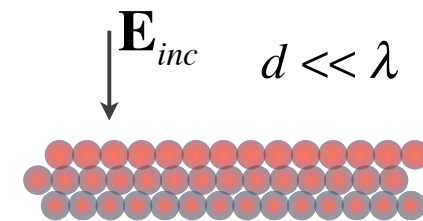
$$\mathbf{P} = \epsilon_0 \alpha \cdot \mathbf{E}_{\text{int}}$$



$$N_s/N_v \ll 1$$

Polariton Resonances predicted from  
Closius-Mossoty

## Atomic Layers



$$N_s/N_v \sim 1$$

?

# e.g #5 : IR-Absorption properties from fluctuations

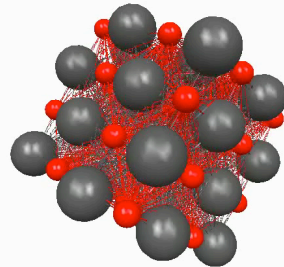
## Dielectric Susceptibility

$$\mathbf{P} = \underbrace{\epsilon_0 \alpha}_{\text{Dielectric Susceptibility}} \mathbf{E}_{\text{ext}}$$

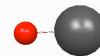
## Wave-vector dependant dielectric Susceptibility

$$\chi(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{3} \left\{ \beta \langle P^2(0) \rangle + i\omega \int_0^\infty e^{i\omega t} \langle \mathbf{P}(t=0, \mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathbf{P}(t, \mathbf{k}) \rangle dt \right\}$$

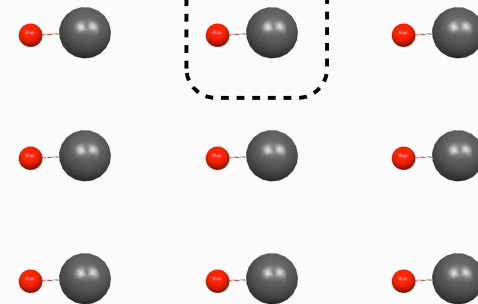
$$\mathbf{P} = \sum_i q_i \mathbf{r}_i$$



Thermal induced  
dipolar motions

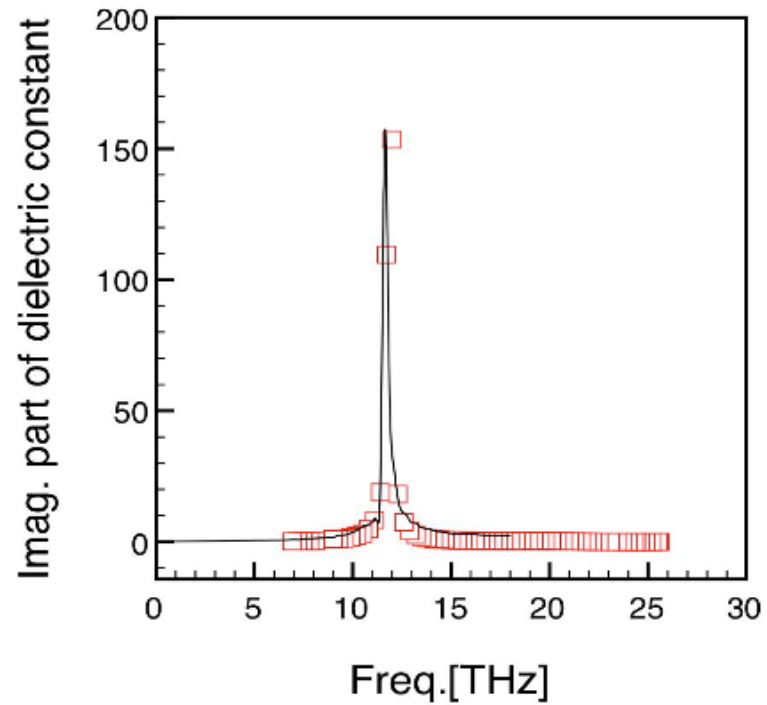


$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_i$

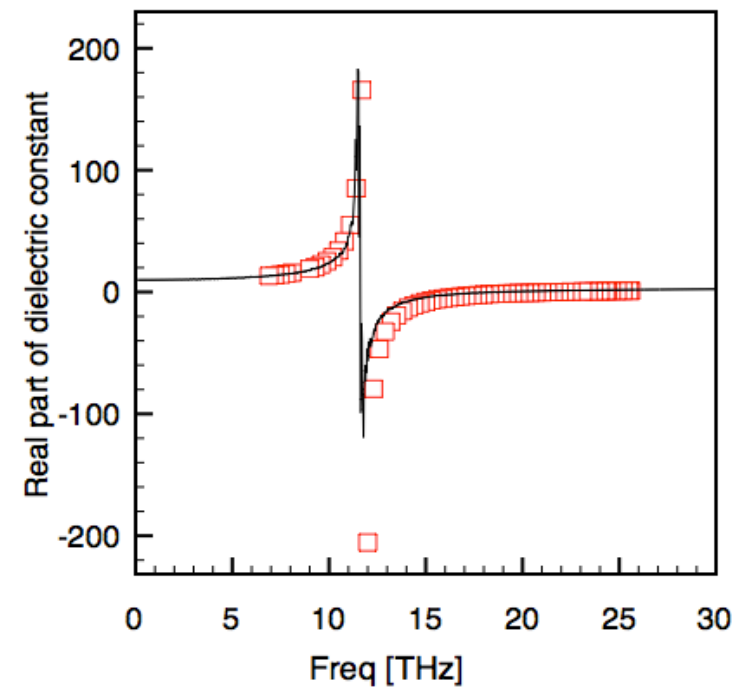


# Validation with bulk

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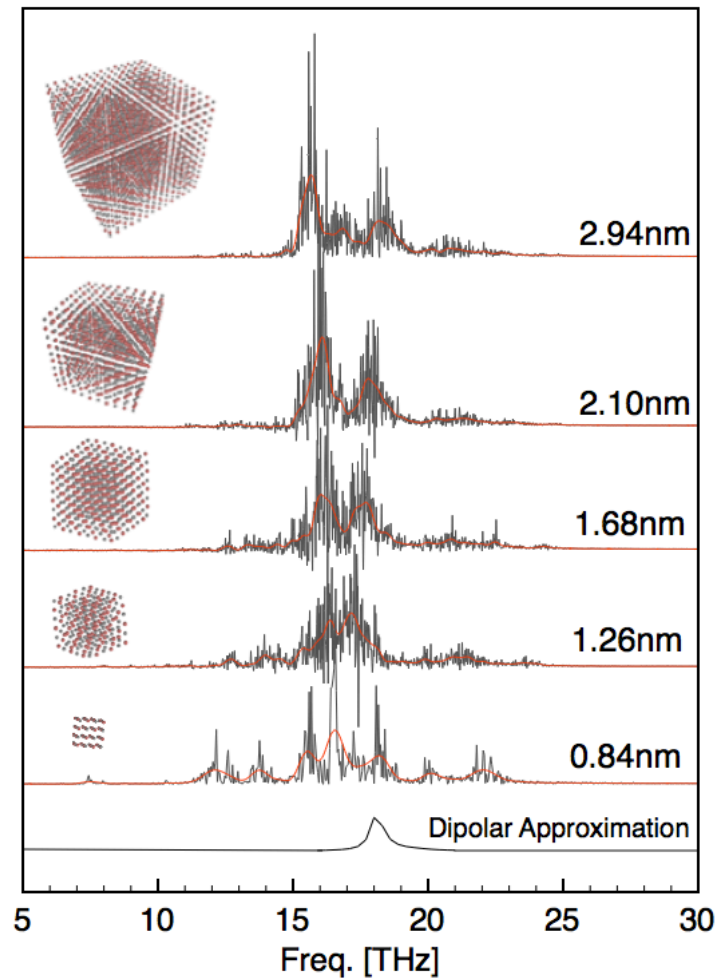
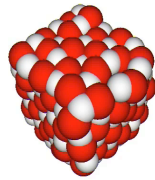


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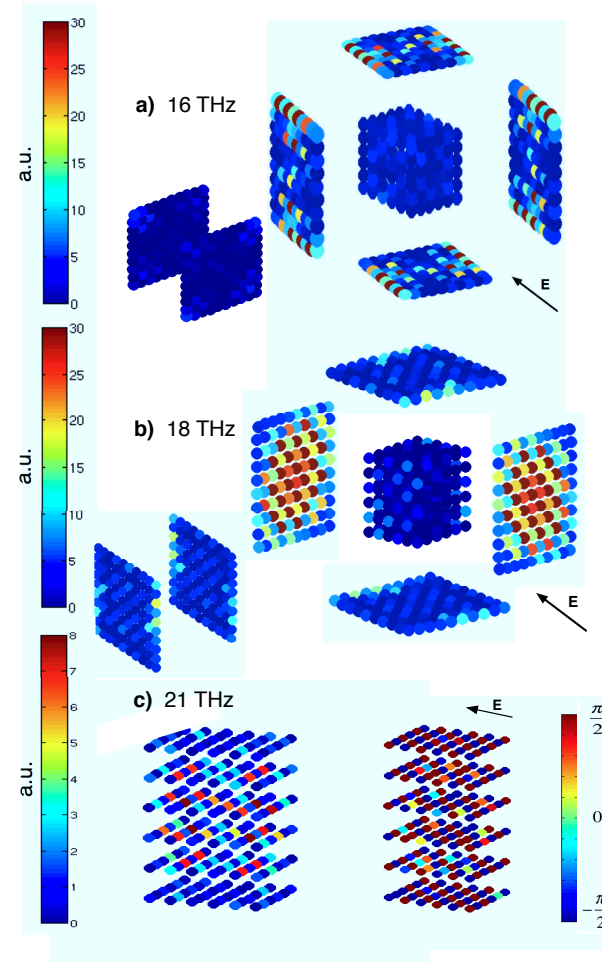


exp.  
MD.

# 3D confinement and absorption mechanisms in clusters



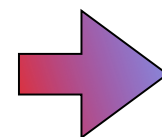
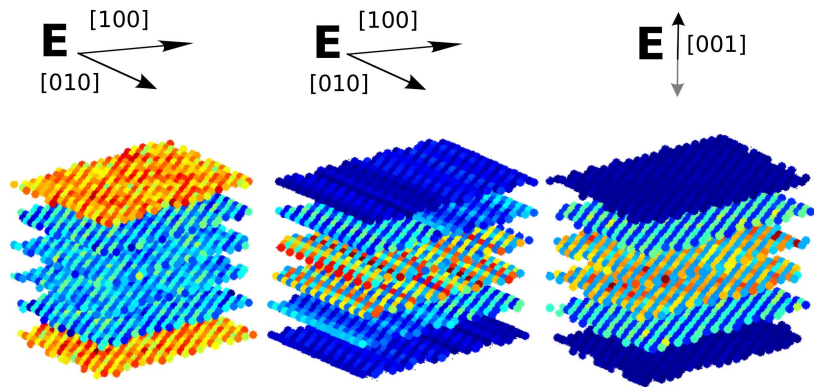
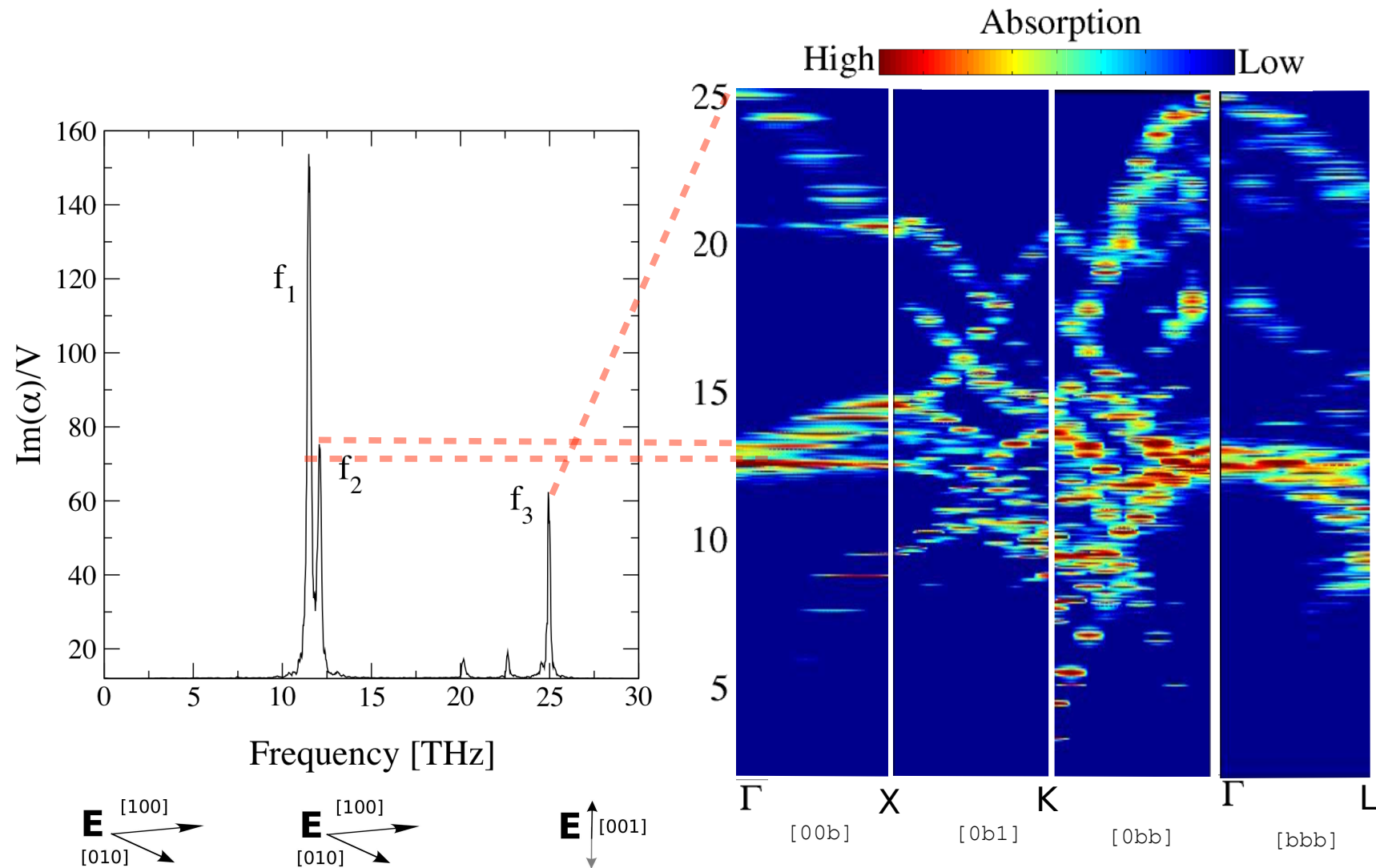
surface modes !



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Confinement = screening effects !  
=> Surface-enhanced IR absorption

# 2D confinement and absorption mechanisms



again, macro description  
of electrodynamics breaks  
at the nanoscale

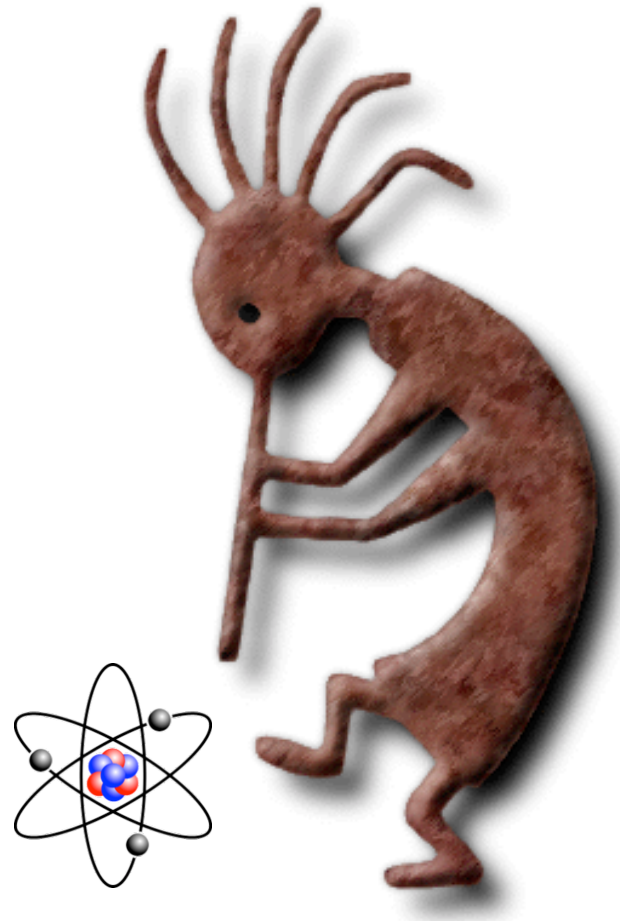


# Question :

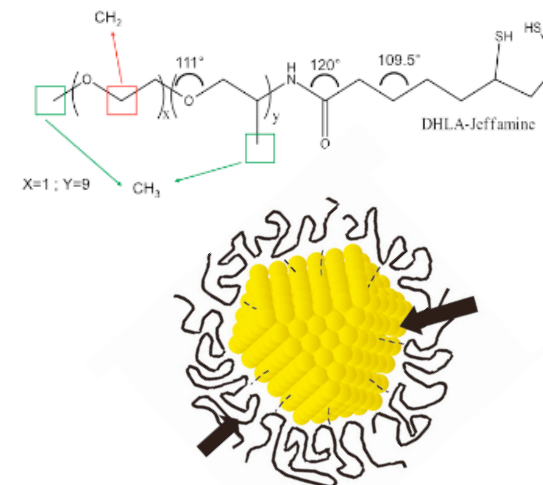
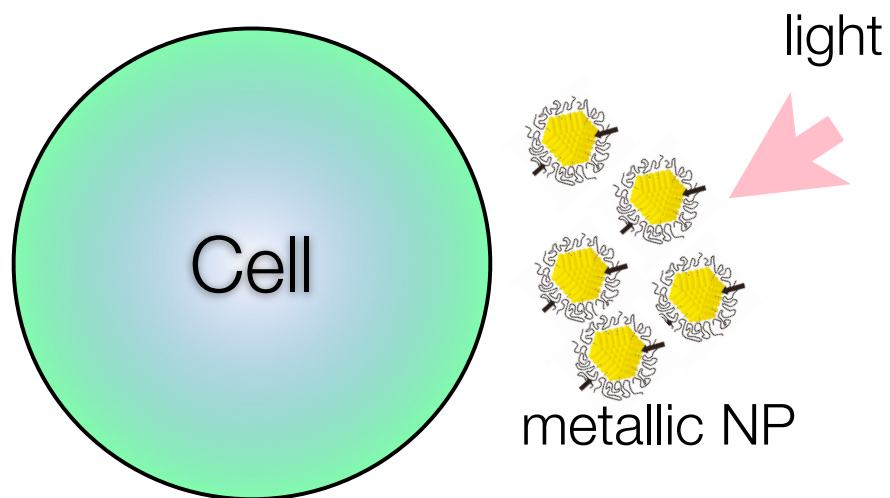
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Heat properties of more complex systems (biological interest) :

Heat dissipation for therapeutic perspectives



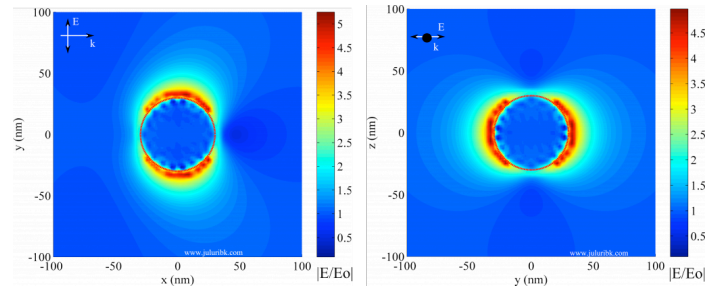
## e.g #1 :Laser (Plasmonic) induced hyperthermia in nanoparticles



Heat deposited by the laser goes to  
the biological env. ?

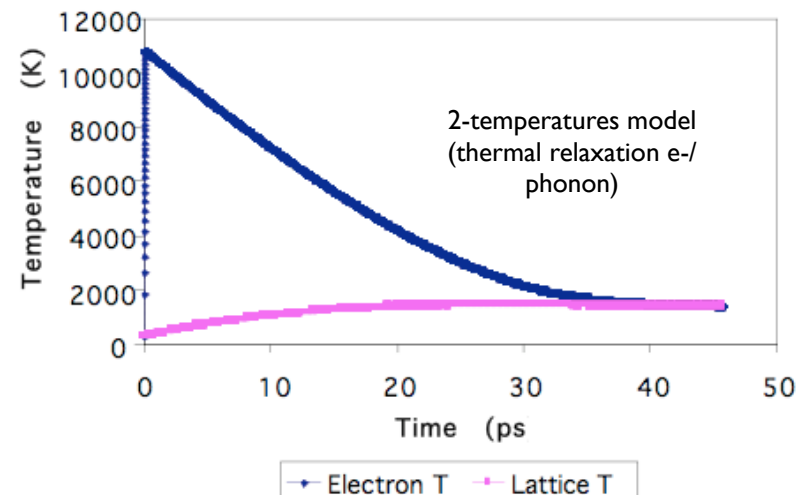
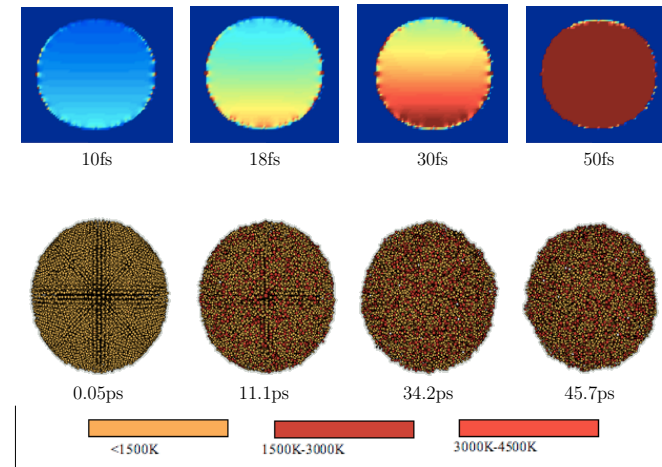
# first step : Absorption properties and dynamics

## 1 - Electromagnetic calculation (FDTD)

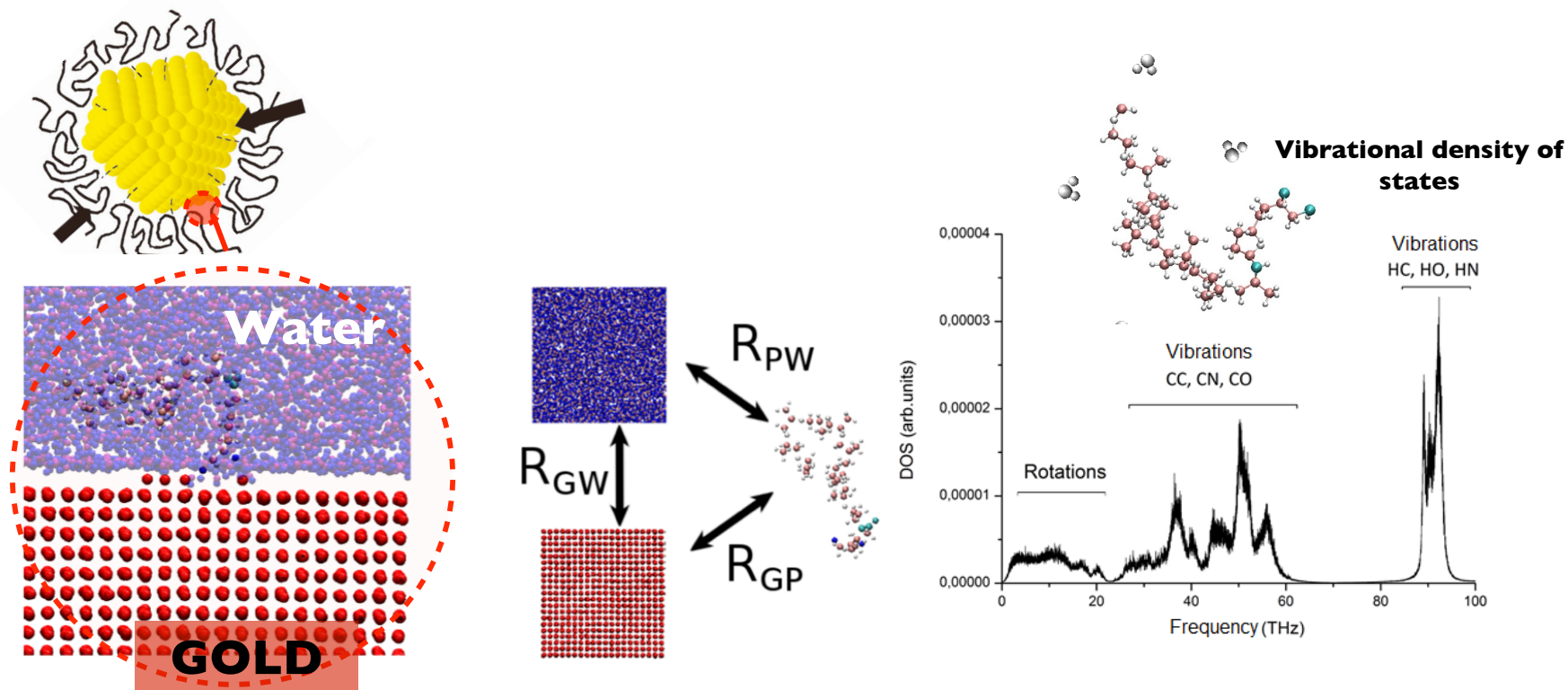


$$\mathbf{P} = \epsilon_0 \alpha \mathbf{E}_{\text{ext}}$$

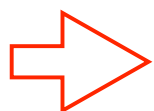
## 2 - atomistic modeling



## 2nd step : Vibrational relaxation and interfaces



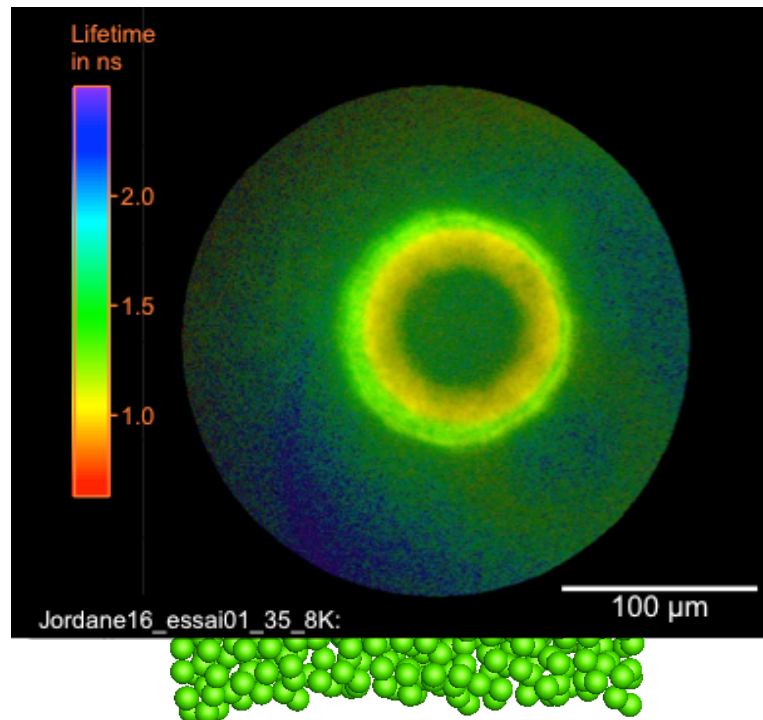
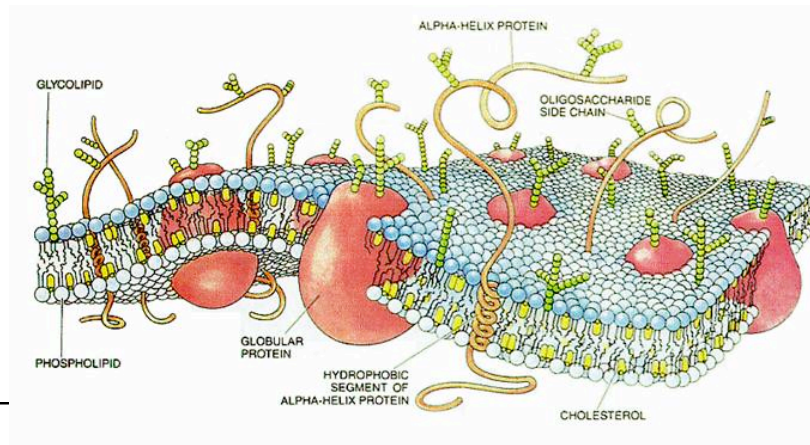
Polymer density	0	0.04	0.7
Thermal resistance (MK.W <sup>-1</sup> )	4.59	2.78	0.33



**Nanostructuration (polymer) + Confinement (plasmon) = Significant Exaltation of heat released**

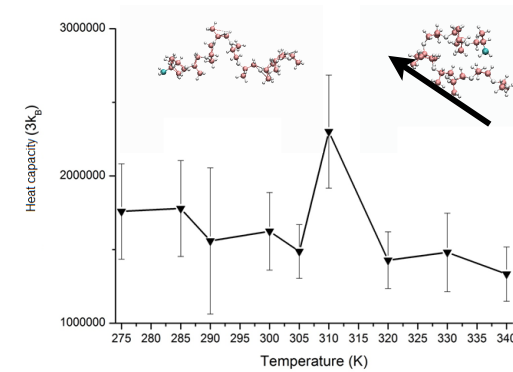
## e.g #2 - properties of biomembranes

### Molecular dynamics simulation of lipid bilayer

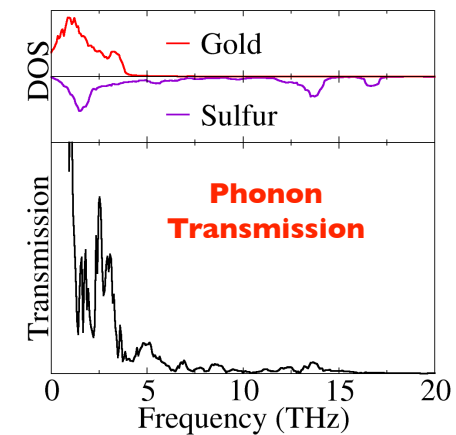
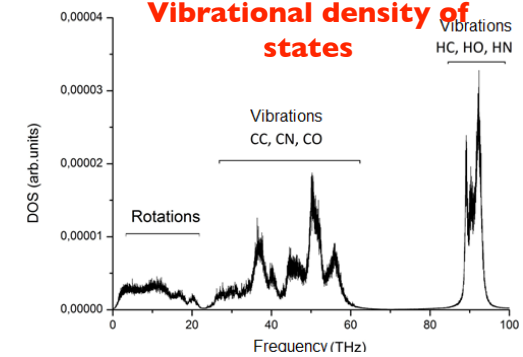


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### Phase Transition



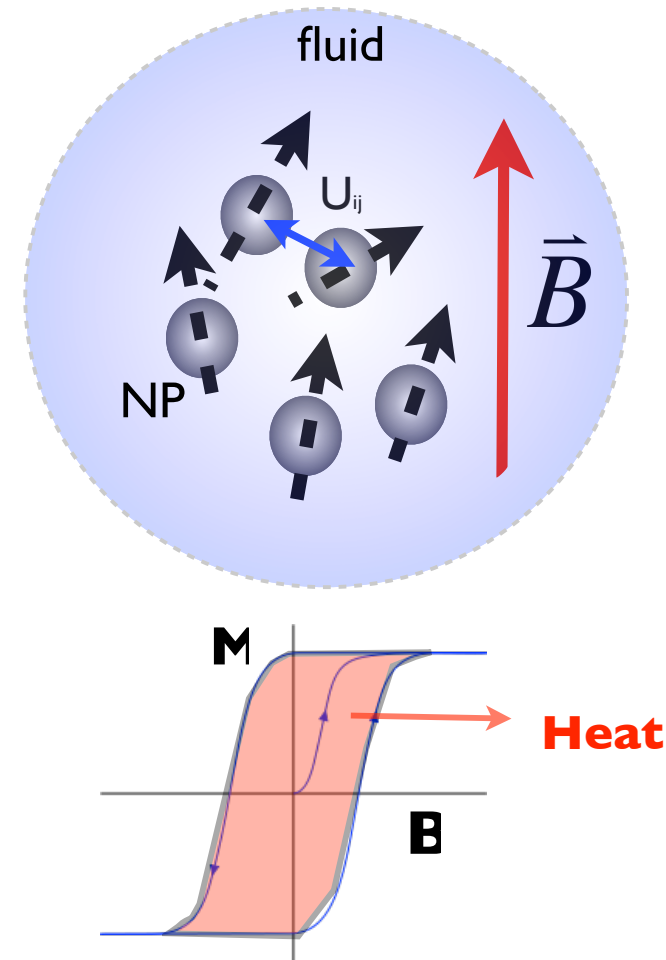
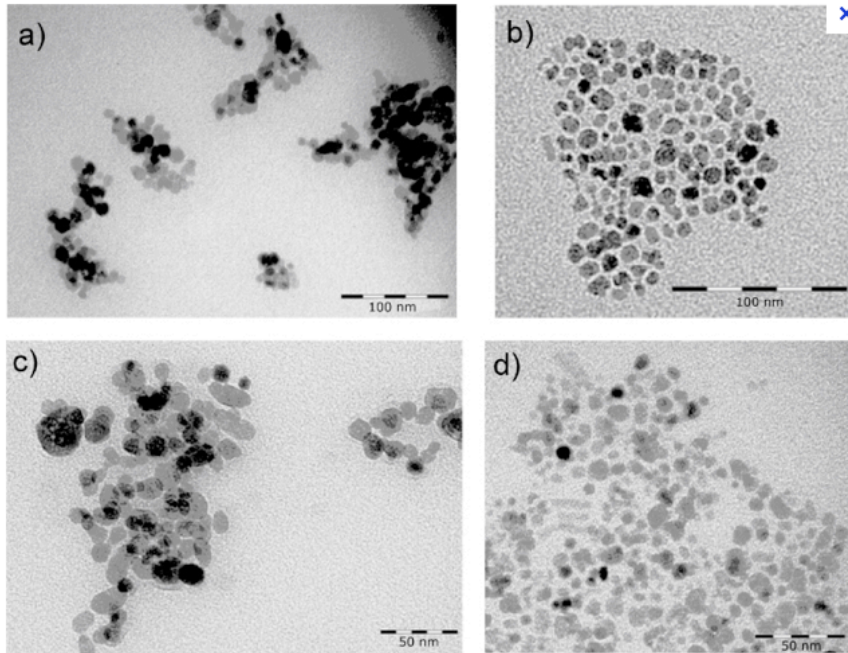
### Vibrational density of states





## e.g #3 - Heat (Hyperthermia) with magnetic field

Tumor cell targeted by magnetic nanoparticles



### Problematic :

Dynamics and heat relaxation of a magnetic aggregate subjected to **B**

### Langevin Dynamics

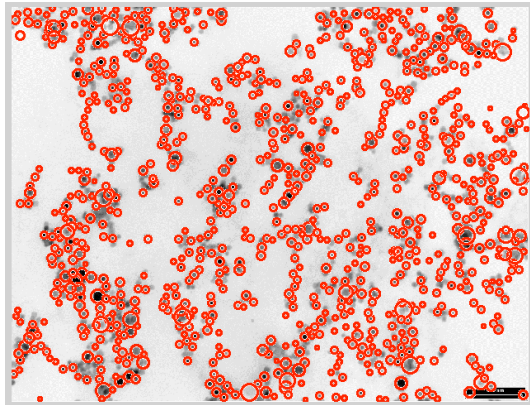
$$m\ddot{x}_i = \sum_j f(\mu_i, \mu_j) + g(B, \mu_j) + h(\eta, T) + i(\eta, T, \omega)$$

dipole/dipole

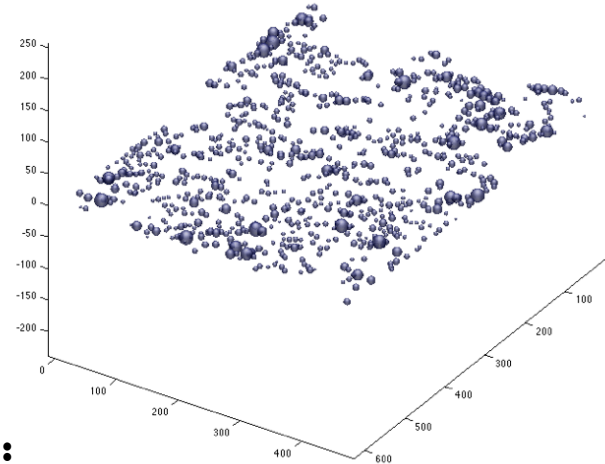
External field

brownian dissipation

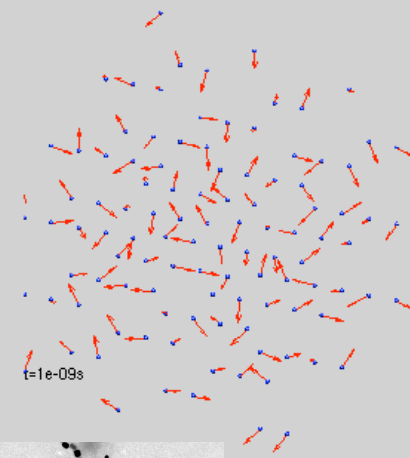
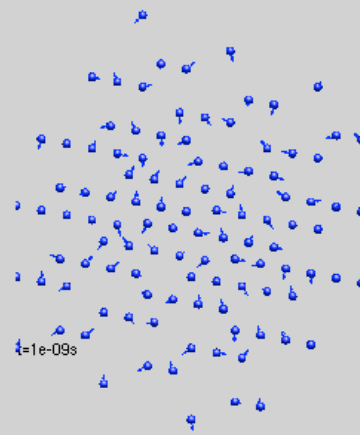
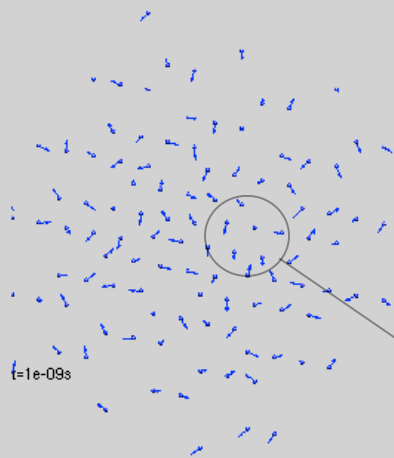
## 1 - Image recognitions from experiments



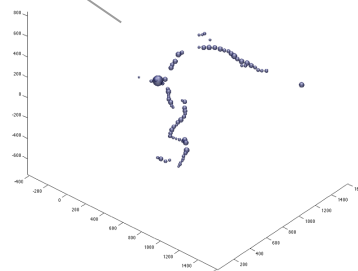
## 3D Configuration extraction



## 2 - Simulations by «Molecular dynamics» :

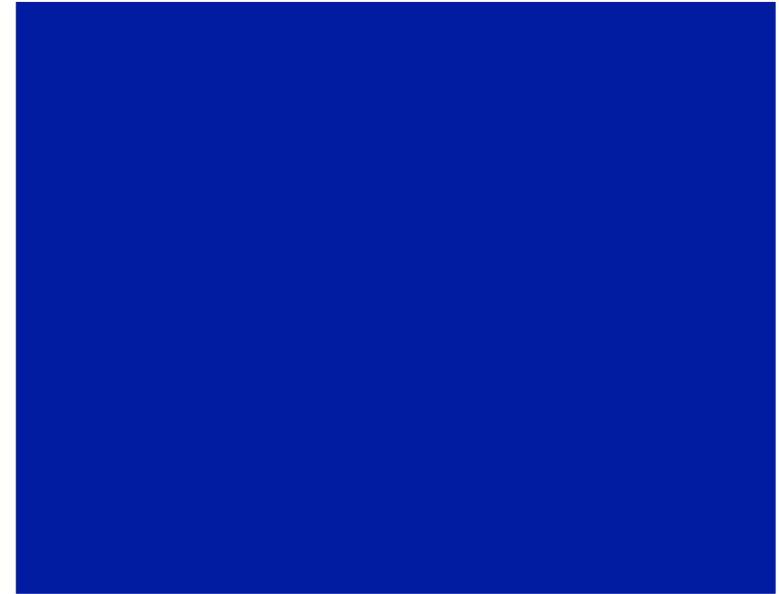
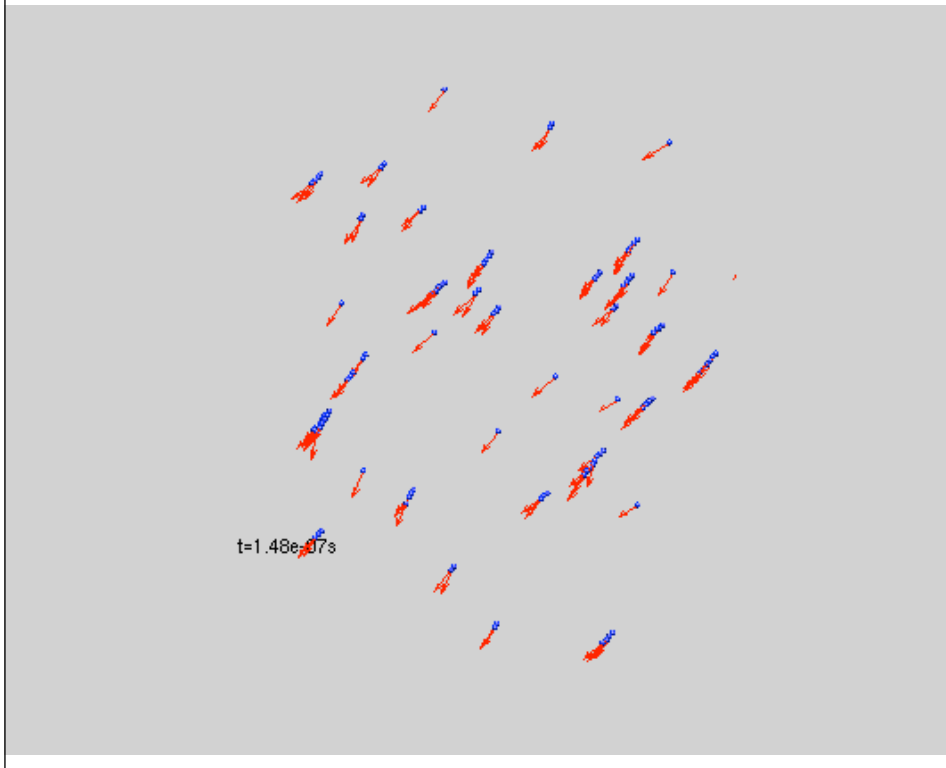


## 3 - Structural confrontation w/ experiments



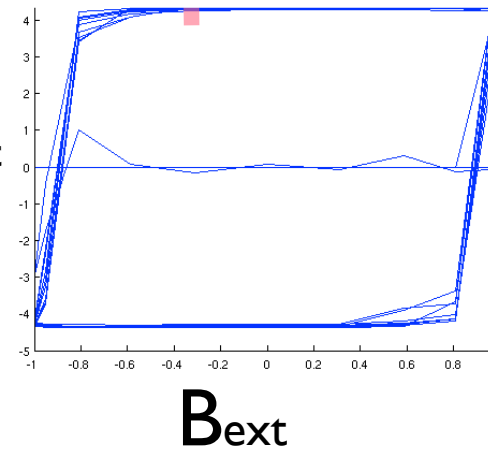
M.L Beoutis Thesis  
Coll. F. Gazeau, M. Devaud.  
MSC lab

# Heat Dissipated under B field



$$H = \sum_i H_i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} U_{ij} - \sum_i \bar{\mu}_i \cdot \bar{B}$$

$M_{loc}$

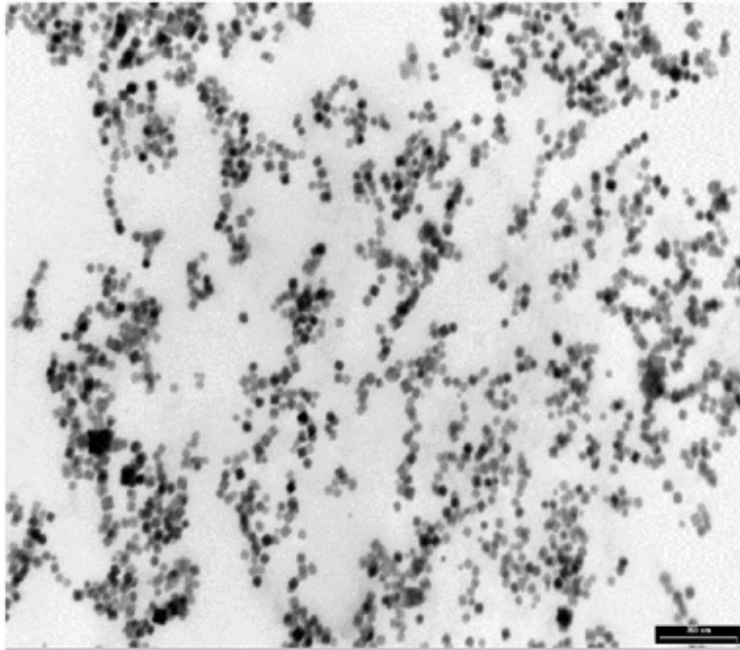


Power  
dissipated



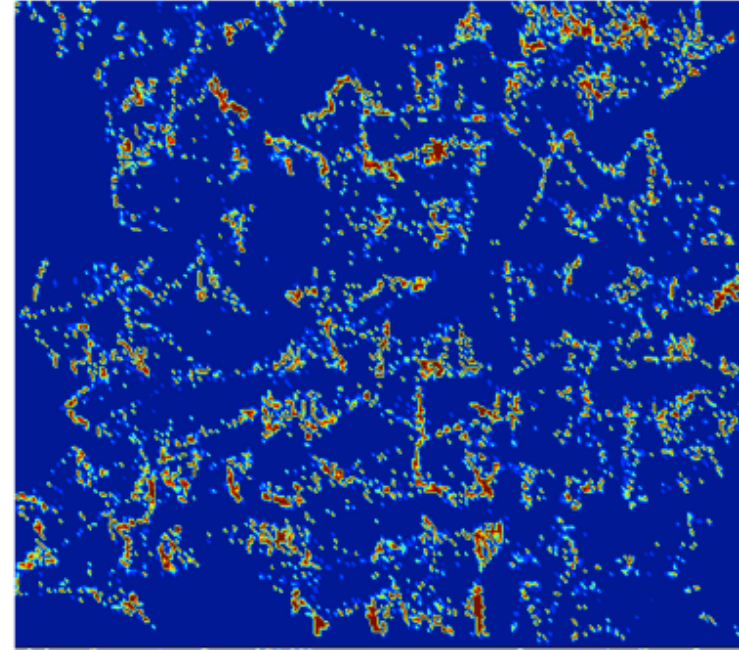
# Example

a)



(TEM Image)

b)



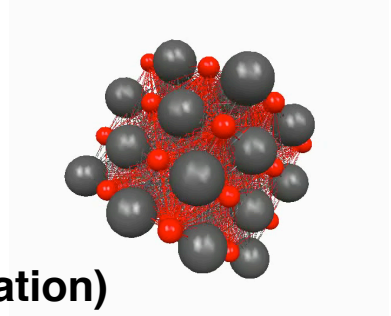
(Thermal mapping  
at 500 KHz)

# Conclusion / sum up

Heat = atomic/molecular motions

Vibrational relaxations ~ microscopic equilibrium fluctuations

MD good candidate to extract the correlations ! (Fluctuation/Dissipation)



**Vibrational density of states**

$$g \propto \beta \langle \dot{x}_i \dot{x}_i \rangle$$

**Thermal conductivity**

$$\kappa \propto \langle \mathbf{j}(0) \mathbf{j}(t) \rangle$$

**Spatial coherence**

$$C_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'} \propto \langle x(\omega, \mathbf{r}) x(\omega, \mathbf{r}') \rangle$$

**Phonon Transmission**

$$\beta \langle u_i \dot{u}_j \rangle$$

**Dynamical (Force constant) Matrix**

$$D^{-1} \propto \beta \langle x_i x_i \rangle$$

Classical dynamics of nuclei in the time domain

Allow to Capture Particular Nanoscale/size effects

- Phonon Transport Channel (T/Kb)  
= cross PSD per atom
- Coherence/Diffuse interface Regime  
-> Period vs. Coherence length
- Surface Absorption in very thin-films  
-> screening length

Future orientation : Biological complexe materials, interaction w/ nanostructures

# Memo !

## At macroscale

Diffusion laws, geometrical optics

$$L \gg \lambda \quad L \gg \Lambda$$

- Incoherent summation of flux :  
No phase relationship !

Physical properties are **local**

Solids = Bulk properties

## at nanoscale

Statistical approach,  
wave effects

Coherence and interference

$$L \ll l_{coh}$$

Non local effects

$$L \ll \lambda$$

Systems driven by surface and  
interface properties

$$L \ll \delta$$

# Aknowledgments/collaborators

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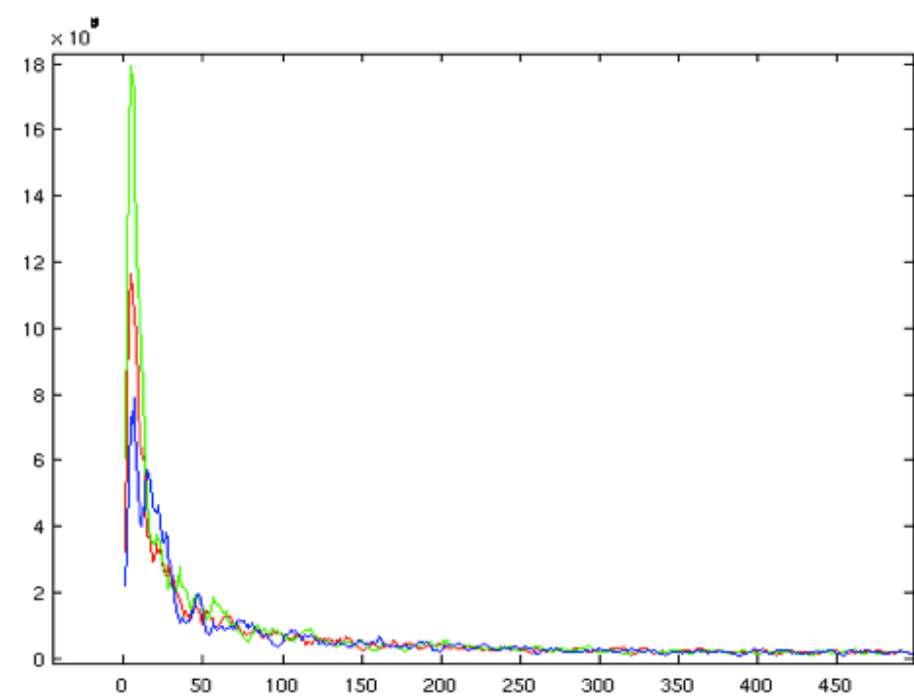
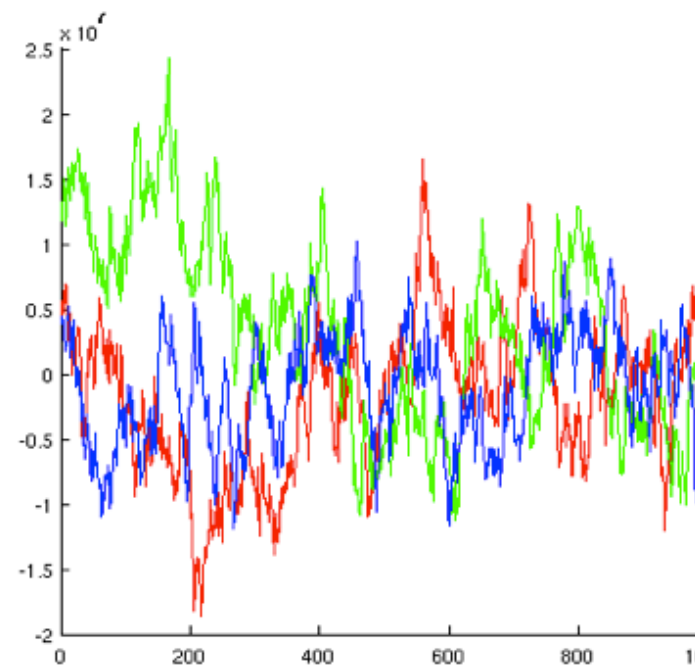
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## **Magnetic Nanoparticles**

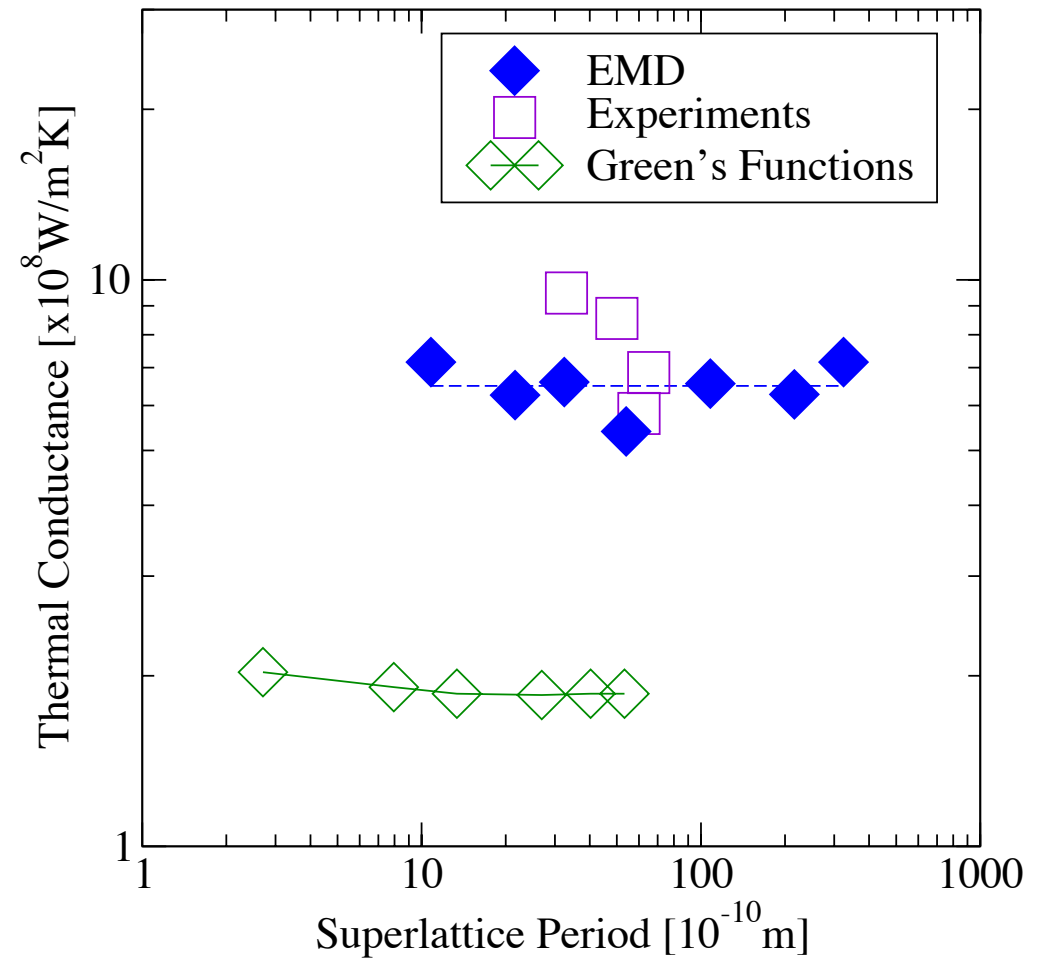
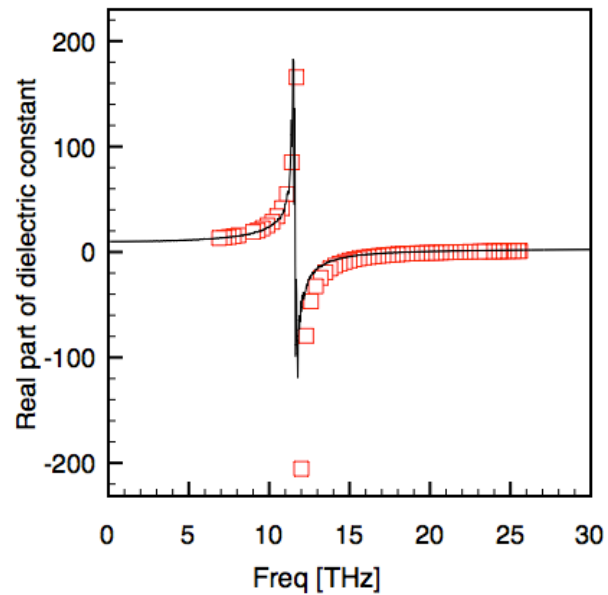
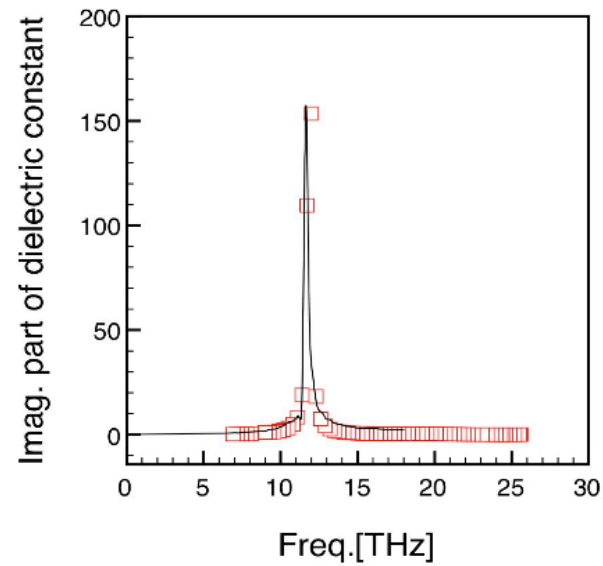
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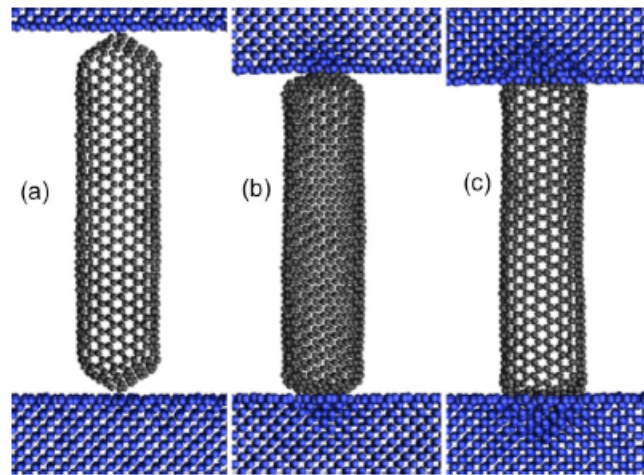
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# Validations



## e.g #4: Phonon Transmission at Semiconductor Nanotube interfaces

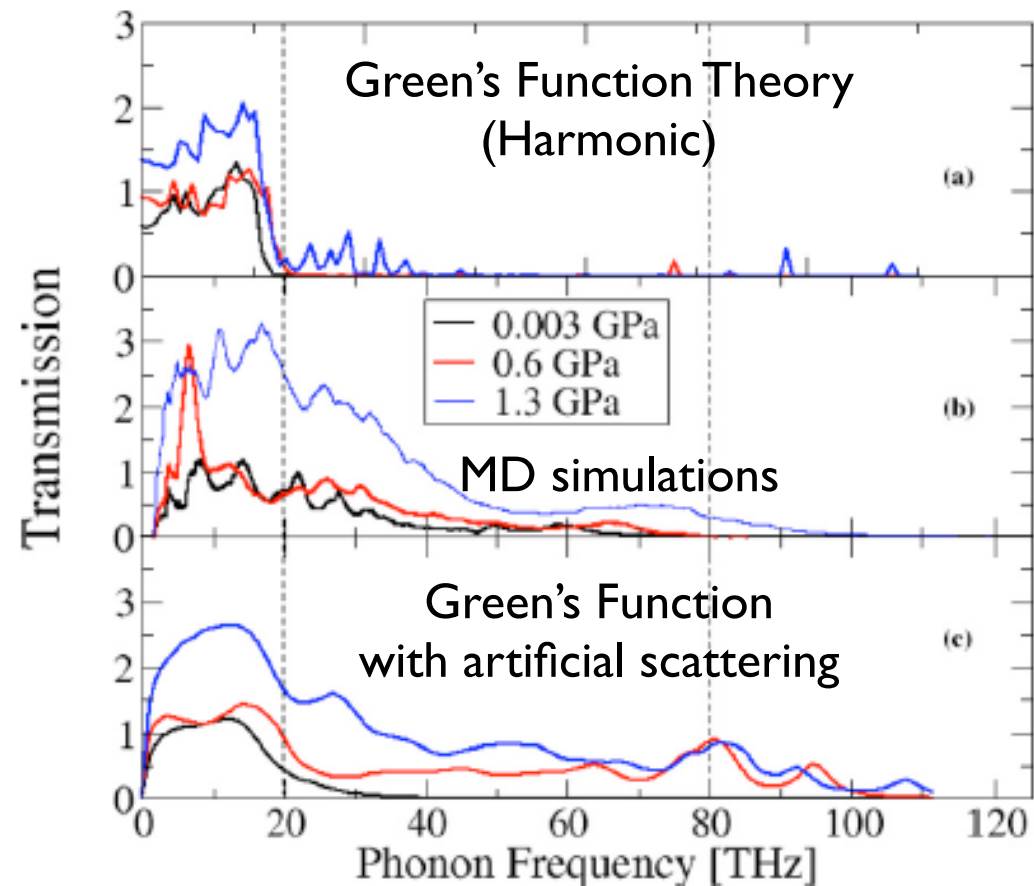


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$$G = \int_{FBZ} \hbar \omega_k \cdot n(\omega_k, T) \cdot t(\omega_k) d\omega_k$$



### Phonon Transmission



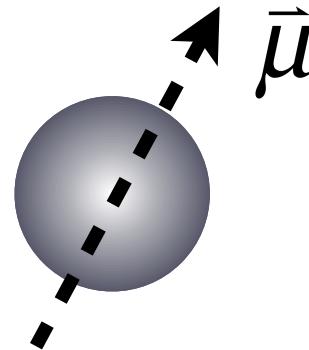
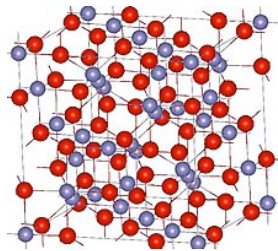
# Chauffage magnéto-induit

Approche «Atomistique»  
relaxation vibrationnelle :

$$\tau \sim 1_{-13} s$$

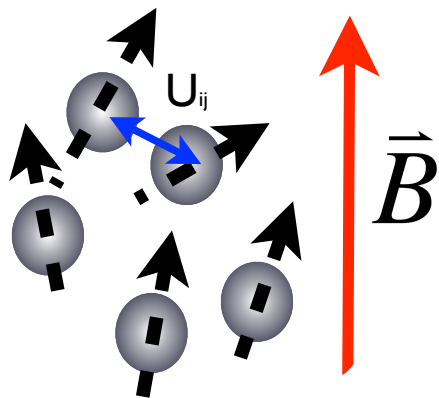
$$dt = 1_{-15}$$

$$N = 6 \times 1_4$$



relaxation Brown :

$$\tau \sim 1_{-9} / 1_{-7} s$$



interaction dipolaire :

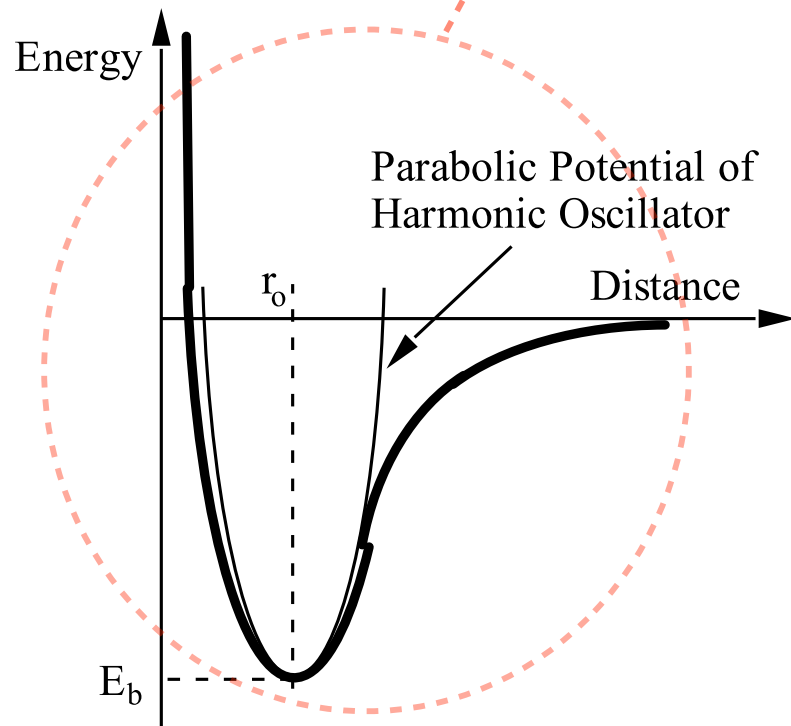
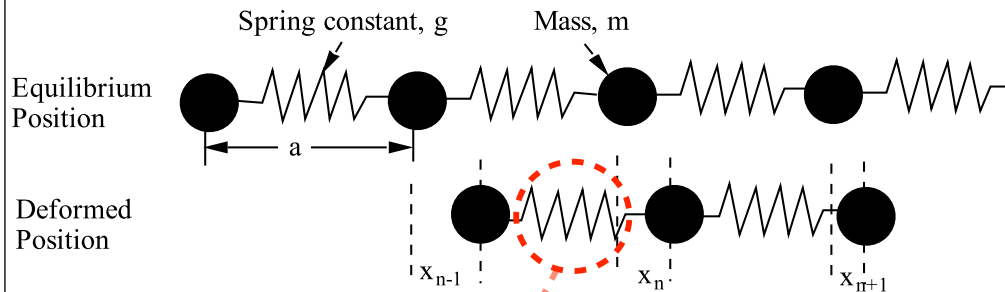
$$U_{ij} = \frac{\mu_0 \mu^2}{4\pi r_{ij}^3} \left[ \bar{\mu}_i \cdot \bar{\mu}_j - 3(\bar{\mu}_i \cdot \bar{r}_{ij})(\bar{\mu}_j \cdot \bar{r}_{ij}) \right] + r^{24}$$

$$H = \sum_i H_i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} U_{ij} - \sum_i \bar{\mu}_i \cdot \bar{B}$$

Hamiltonien pour accéder à la dynamique :



# Introducing Atoms and vibrations



## Equation of motion

$$m \frac{d^2 x_n}{dt^2} = g(x_{n+1} + x_{n-1} - 2x_n)$$

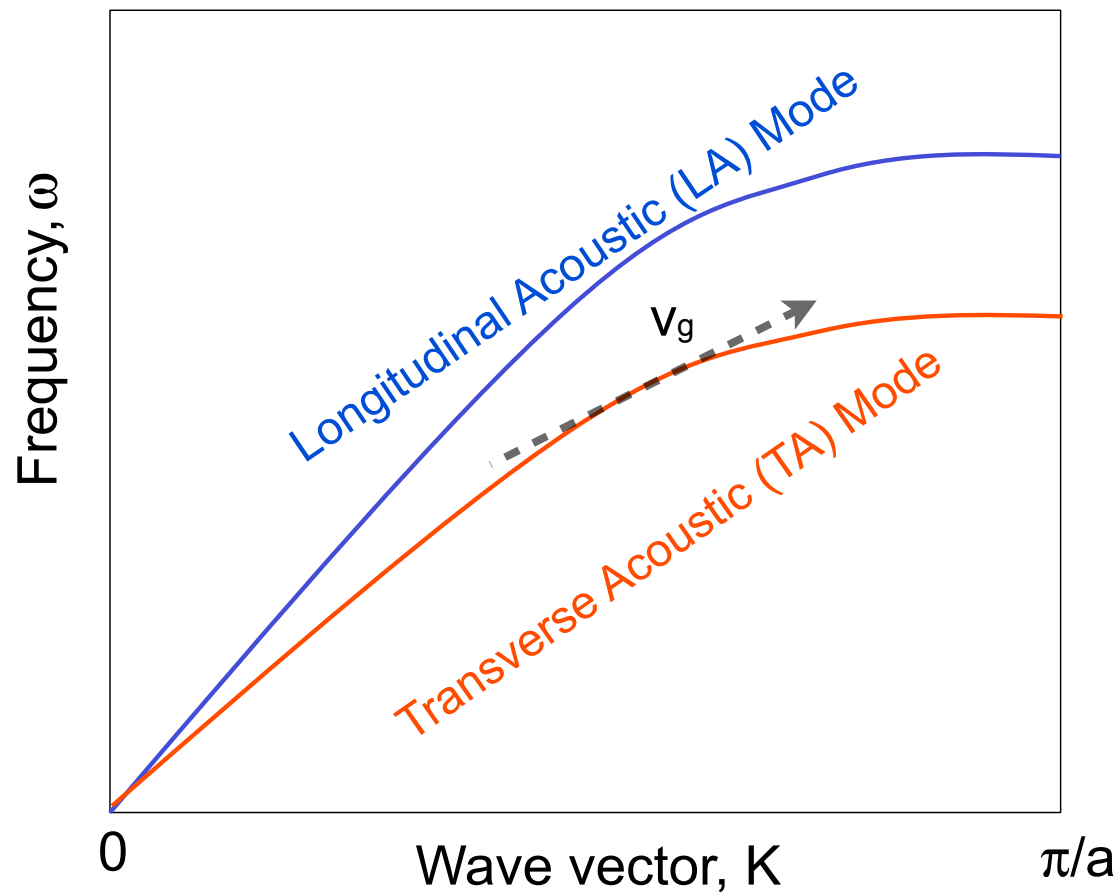
## Solution

$$x_n = x_o \exp(-i\omega t) \exp(inKa)$$

# Dispersion relation

$$\omega^2 m = g [2 - \exp(-iKa) - \exp(iKa)] = 2g(1 - \cos Ka)$$

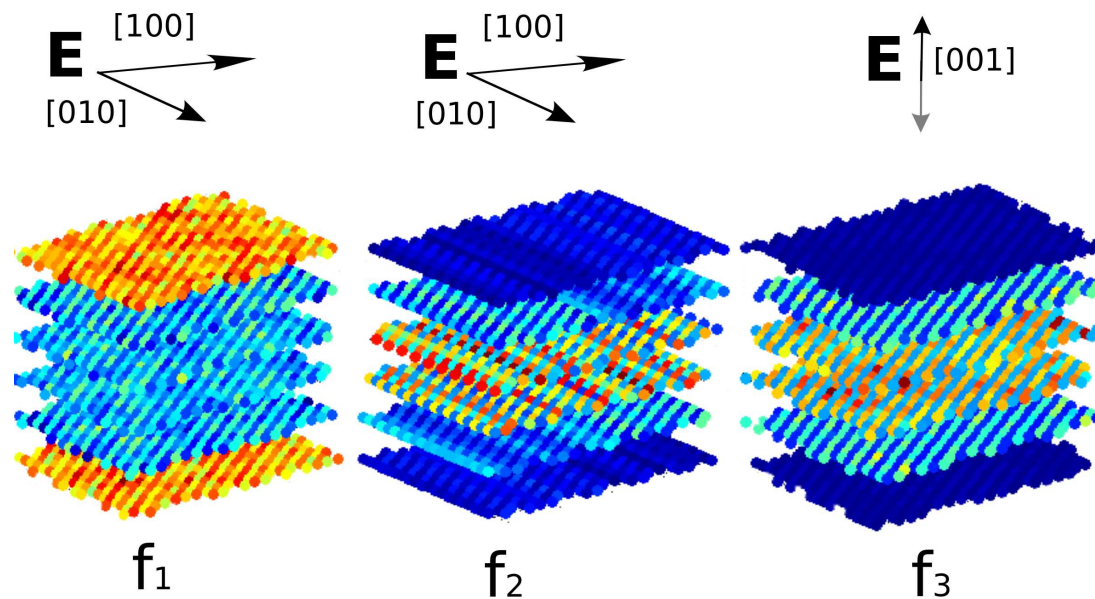
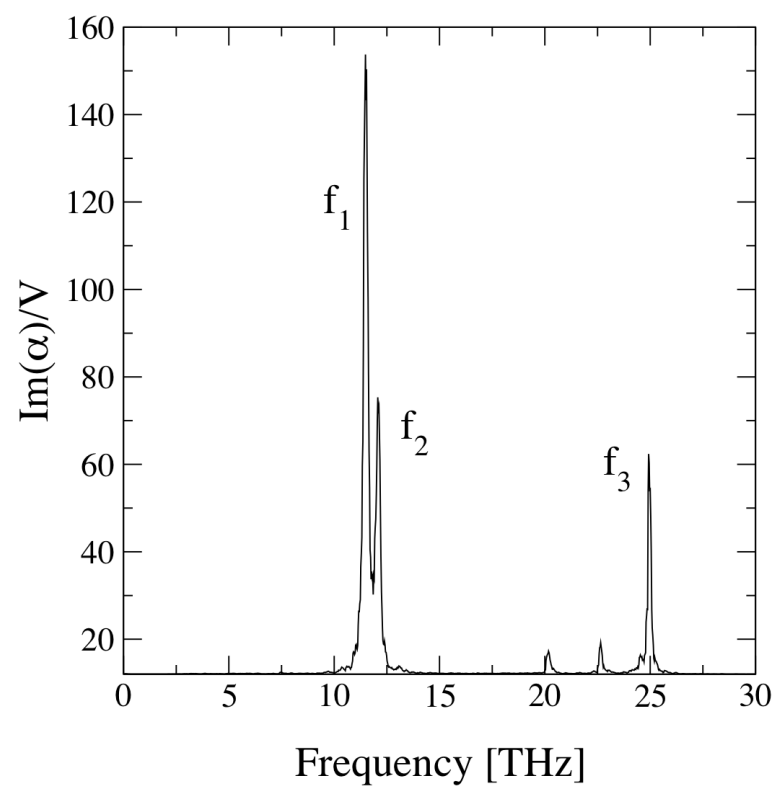
$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{2g}{m}} (1 - \cos Ka)^{1/2}$$



Group Velocity:

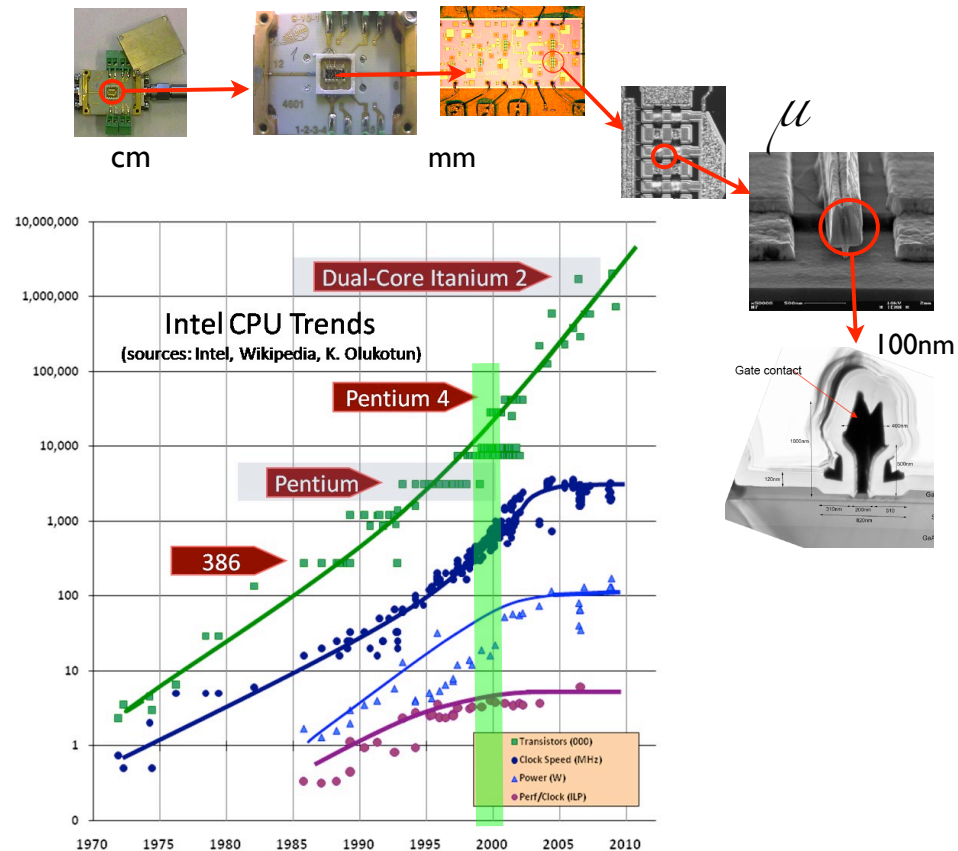
$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dK}$$

# Origin of new modes

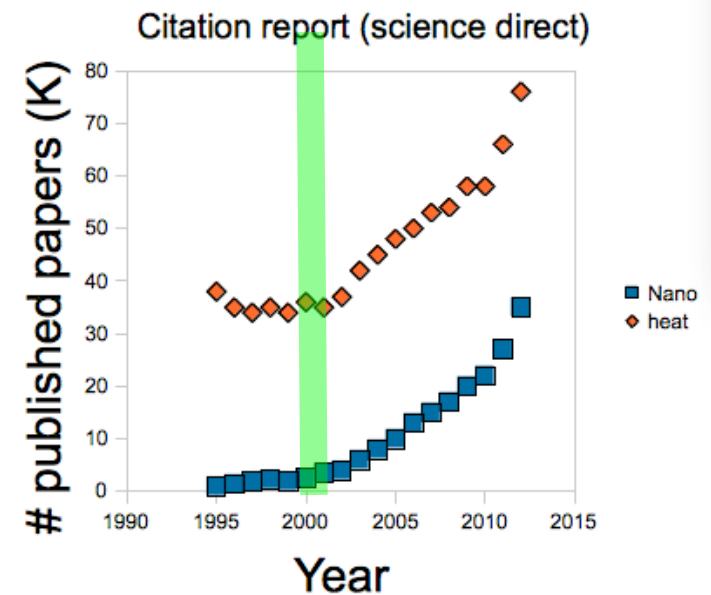


# Heat dissipation : A burning issue for technology

e.g Scalling down in microelectronic

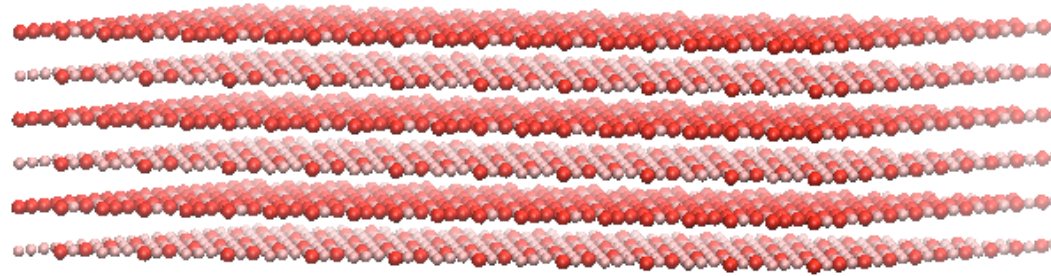


Industry needs for «new» modeling tools for designing and optimising systems at short scales

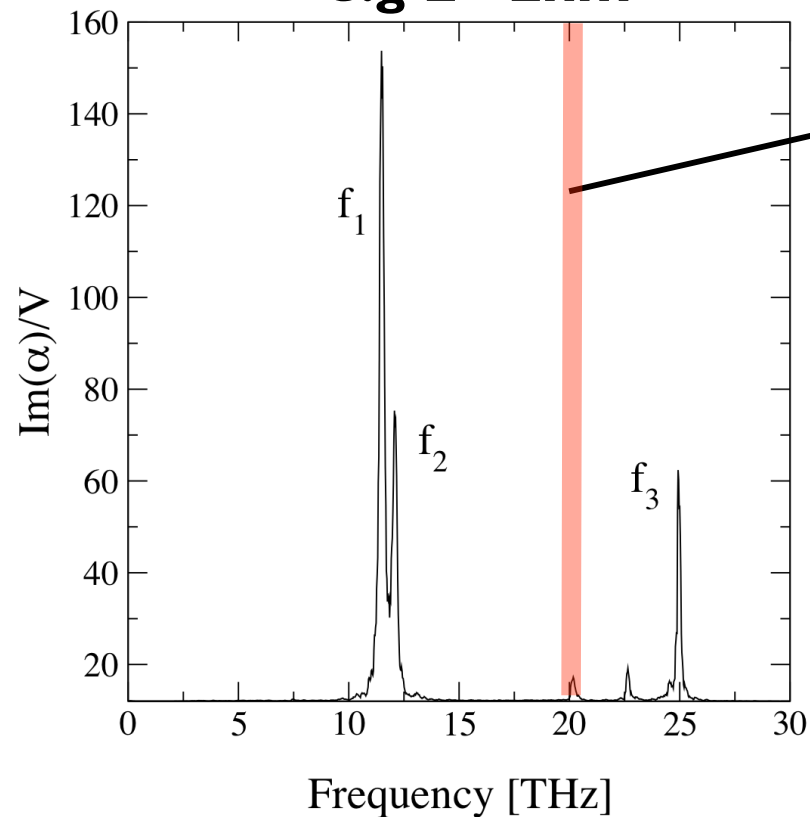


Emergence of short scales thermal energy transport !

# Confinement effects in a Oxide (MgO) Thin Film



e.g  $L = 2\text{nm}$



Mie resonance predicted from Bulk dielectric constant !!

$$\frac{(\epsilon_r - 1)}{\epsilon_r + 1}$$

Other mode predominant !

Origin ?