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# Quantum Size Effect in Phonon Thermal Transport in Graphene



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# The Philippines: Quick Facts

**100,980,000** Population (2015 census)  
(Median age: 24.1 yrs old)

# 7,107 Islands

# 2,299 Higher Education Institutions

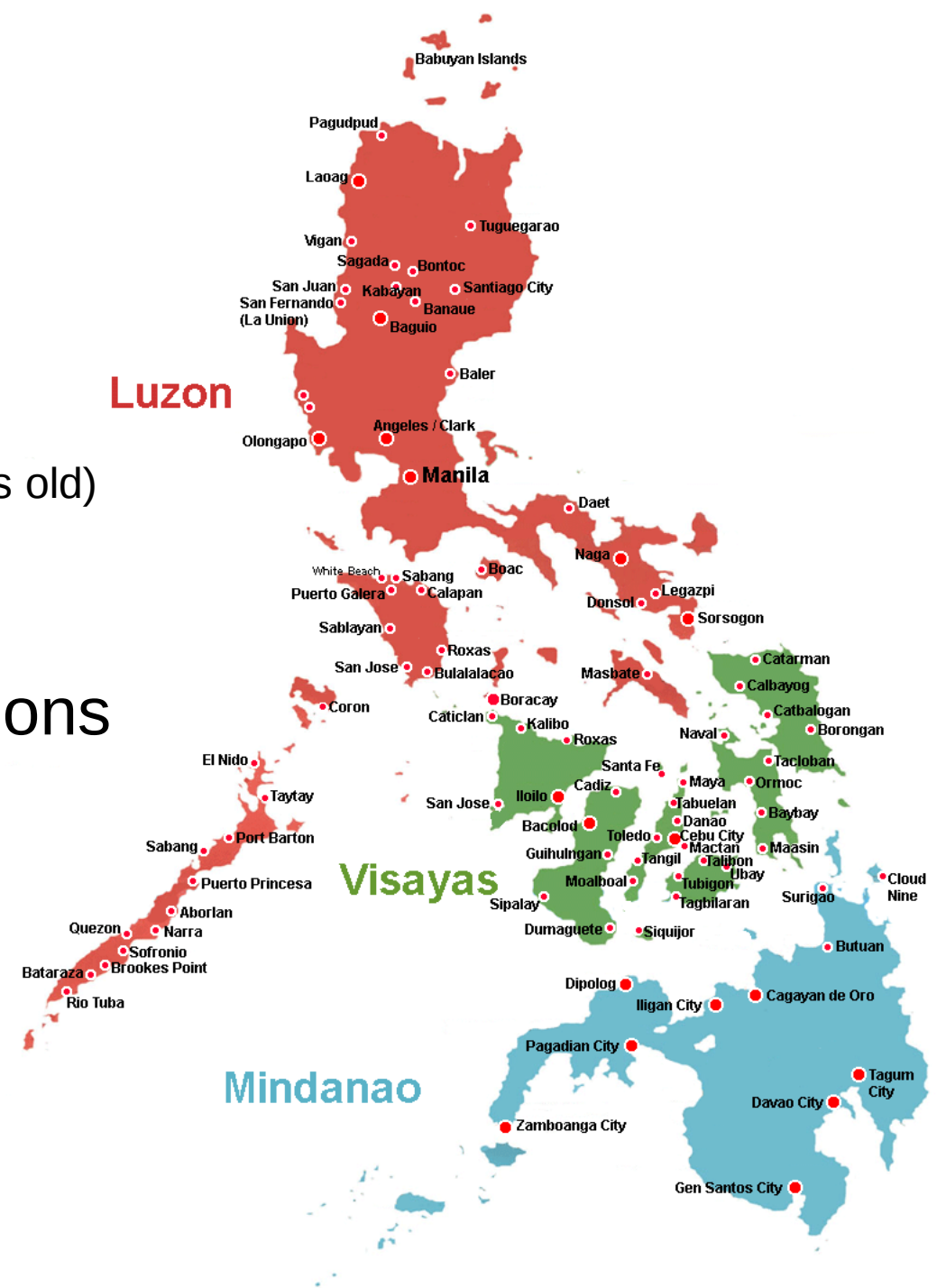
(as of April 2013)

1,643 Private HEI  
110 State Universities & Colleges  
~20 with Physics programs

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## Philippines' Physicists'

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There is **one (1)**  
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for every  
800,000 Filipinos.

*Filipino physicists & linkages  
needed!*

## Philippines' Status of Theoretical Physics:

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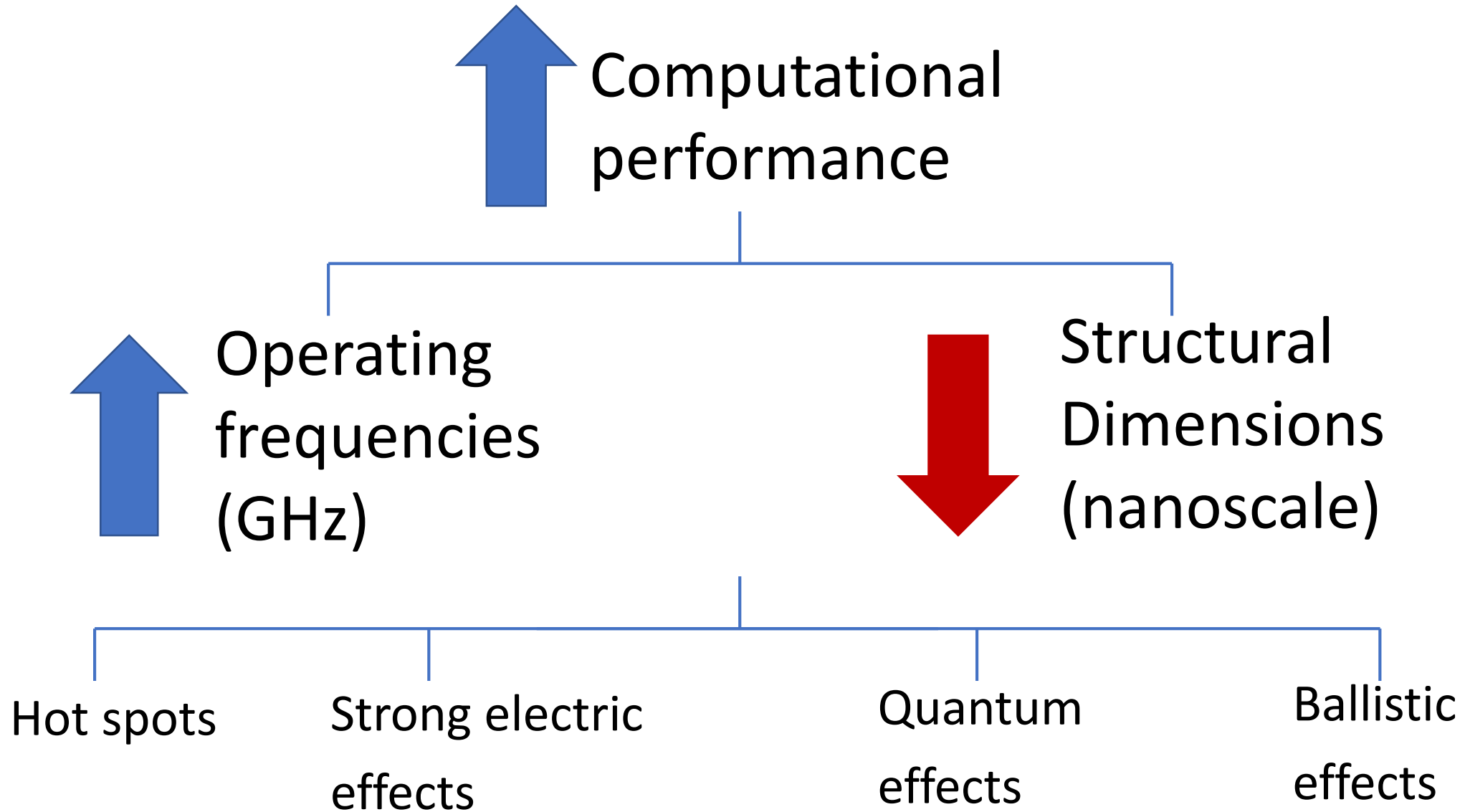
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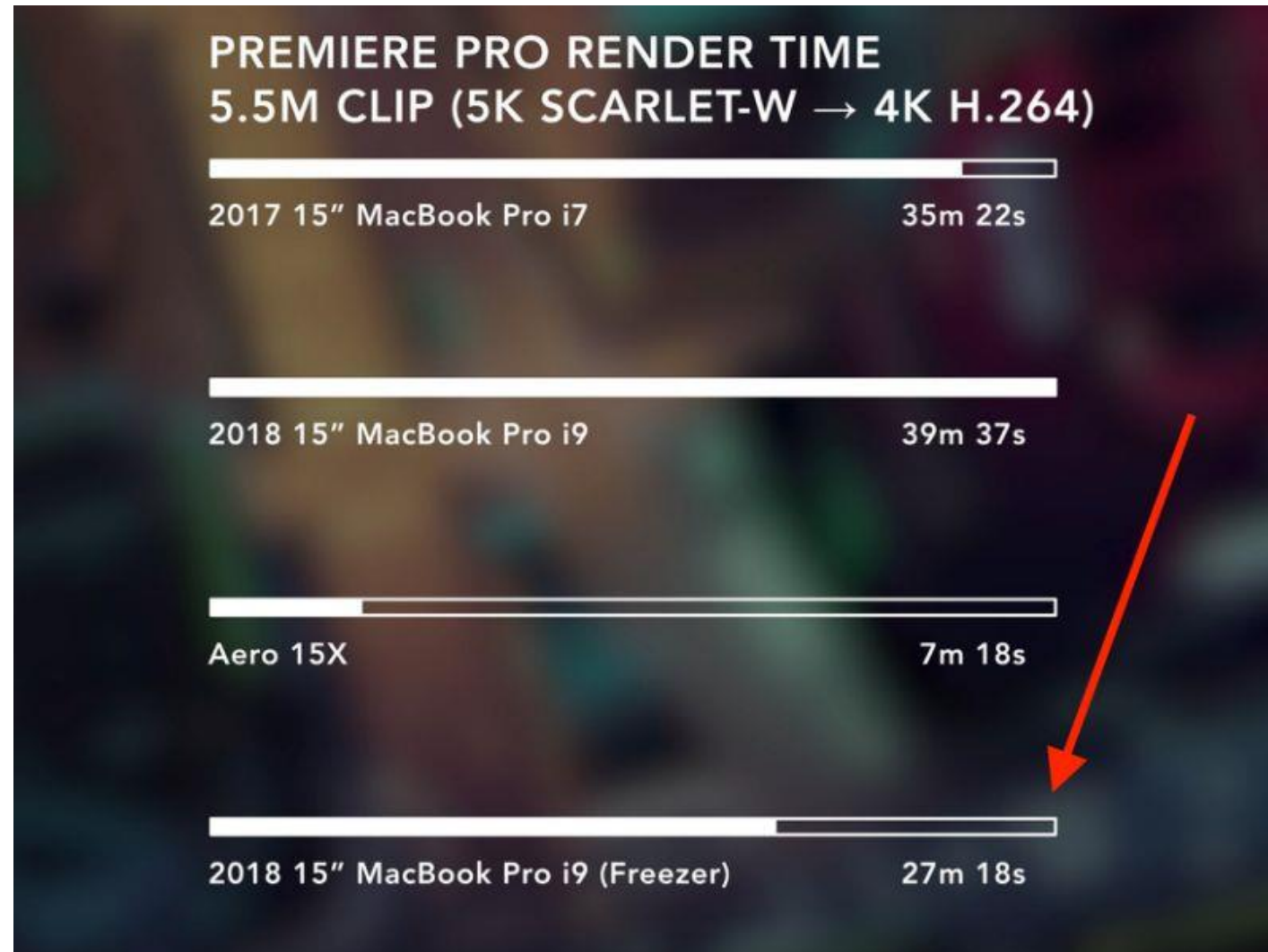
# Overview

- **Motivation**
  - Thermal Throttling
  - Current Literature **on phonons in graphene**
- **The Method**
  - **NEGF**
- **Ballistic thermal transport in a graphene junction**
- **Summary & Conclusions**

# Issues



# Thermal Throttling



# Fourier's Law

Heat flux in the z-direction:

$$J_Q = -\kappa \frac{dT}{dz}$$

$$\kappa = \sigma \frac{l}{A}$$

| Bulk lattice<br>(at 300 K) | $\kappa$<br>(W/mK)    |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| silicon                    | 140                   |
| natural diamond            | 2270                  |
| purified diamond           | 3450                  |
| graphite*                  | $\approx 1500 - 2000$ |
| graphene                   | $\approx 1500 - 4600$ |

\*Basal plane thermal conductivity

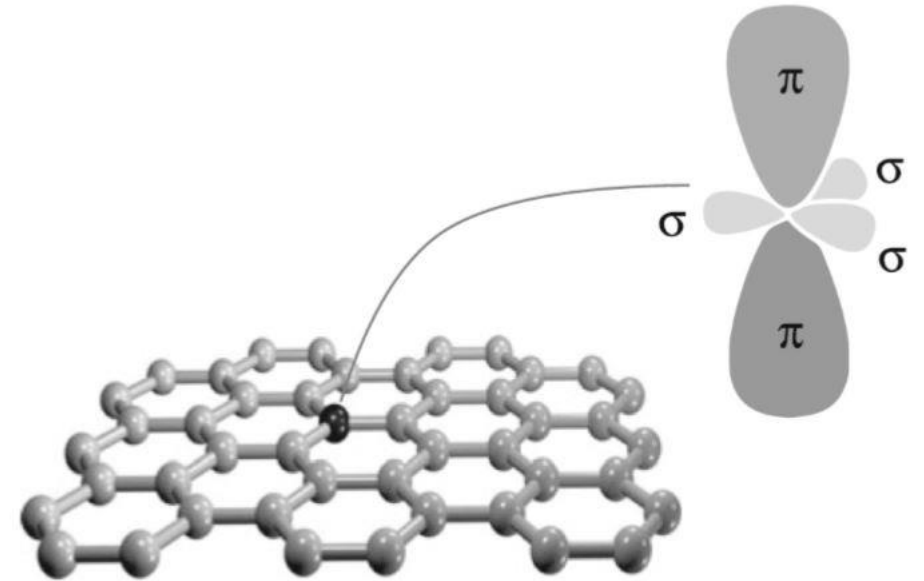
Data: A.L. Moore and L. Shi, *Materials Today* (2014)

# Thermal conductivity

$$\kappa = \kappa_e + \kappa_l$$

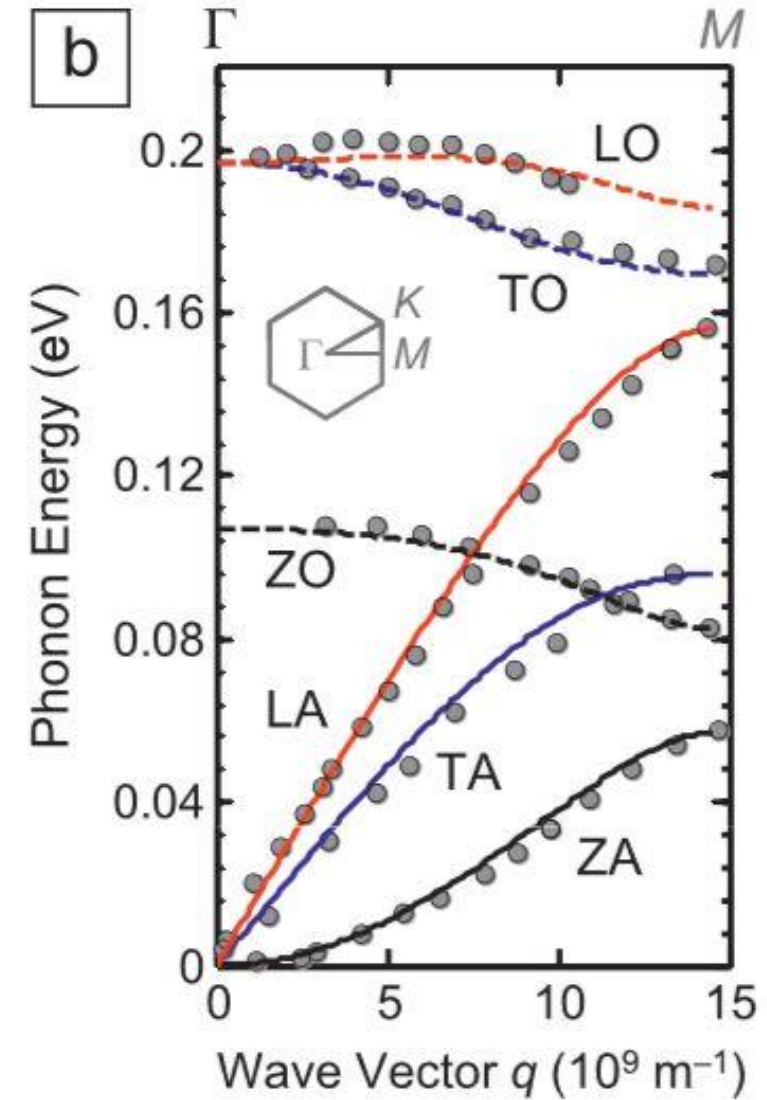
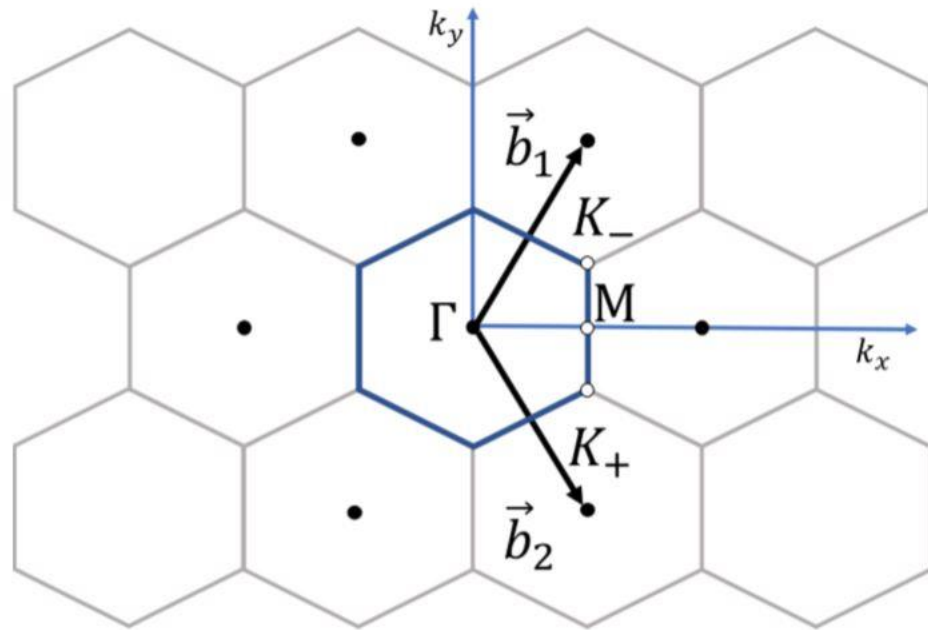
dominant  
in metals

dominant in  
semiconductors  
& insulators



In graphene, electronic contribution is less than 1% at RT.  
(S. Ghosh, *et al.*, APL 2008)

# Phonon Spectrum



Phonon Spectra:

E. Pop, V. Varshney, A.K. Roy, *MRS Bulletin* 37 (2012) 1273

## **Extremely high thermal conductivity of graphene: Prospects for thermal management applications in nanoelectronic circuits**

S. Ghosh,<sup>1</sup> I. Calizo,<sup>1</sup> D. Teweldebrhan,<sup>1</sup> E. P. Pokatilov,<sup>1,a)</sup> D. L. Nika,<sup>1,a)</sup> A. A. Balandin,<sup>1,b)</sup> W. Bao,<sup>2</sup> F. Miao,<sup>2</sup> and C. N. Lau<sup>2</sup>

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The authors reported on investigation of the thermal conductivity of graphene suspended across trenches in Si/SiO<sub>2</sub> wafer. The measurements were performed using a noncontact technique based on micro-Raman spectroscopy. The amount of power dissipated in graphene and corresponding temperature rise were determined from the spectral position and integrated intensity of graphene's *G* mode. The extremely high thermal conductivity in the range of  $\sim 3080\text{--}5150$  W/m K and phonon mean free path of  $\sim 775$  nm near room temperature were extracted for a set of graphene flakes. The obtained results suggest graphene's applications as thermal management material in future nanoelectronic circuits. © 2008 American Institute of Physics. [DOI: [10.1063/1.2907977](https://doi.org/10.1063/1.2907977)]

# Suspended Graphene

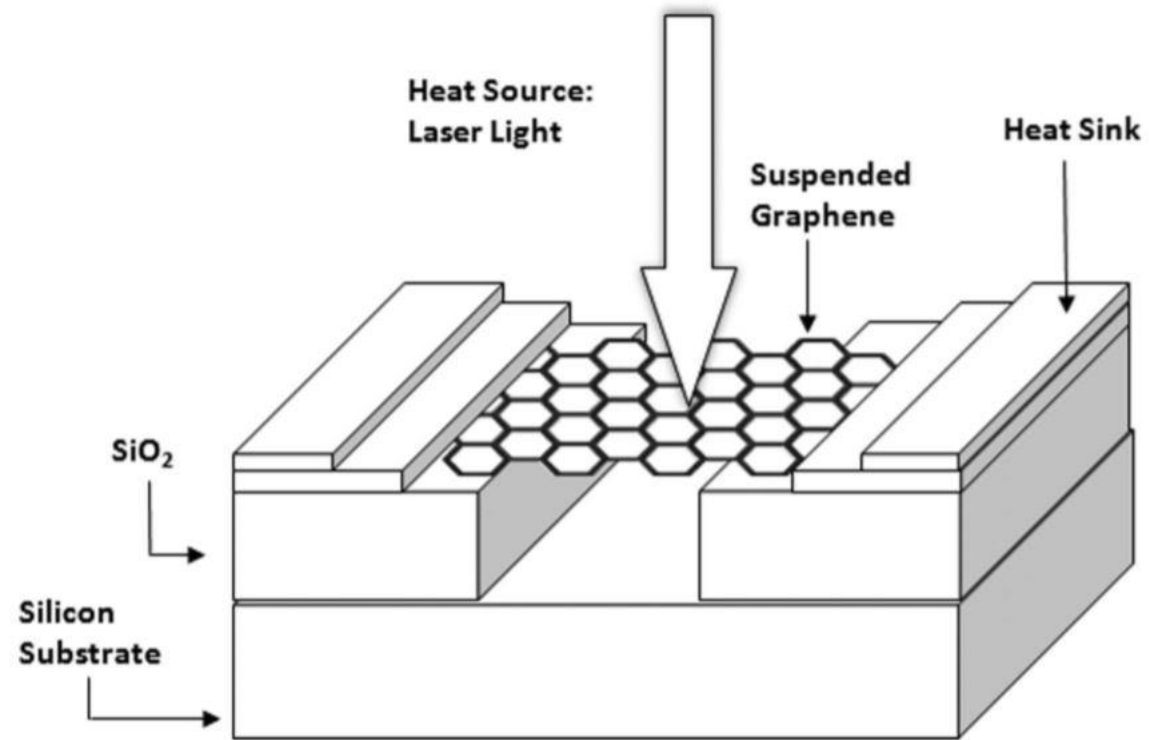


Image from: A.A. Balandin et al., *Fullerenes, Nanotubes & Carbon Nanostructures* 18 (2010) 474

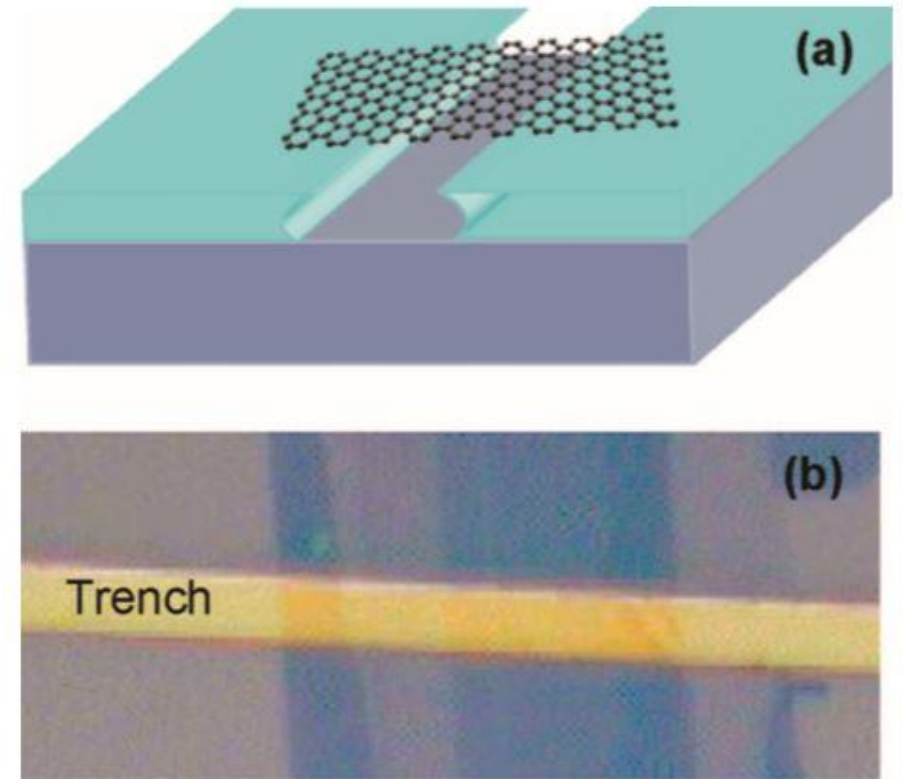
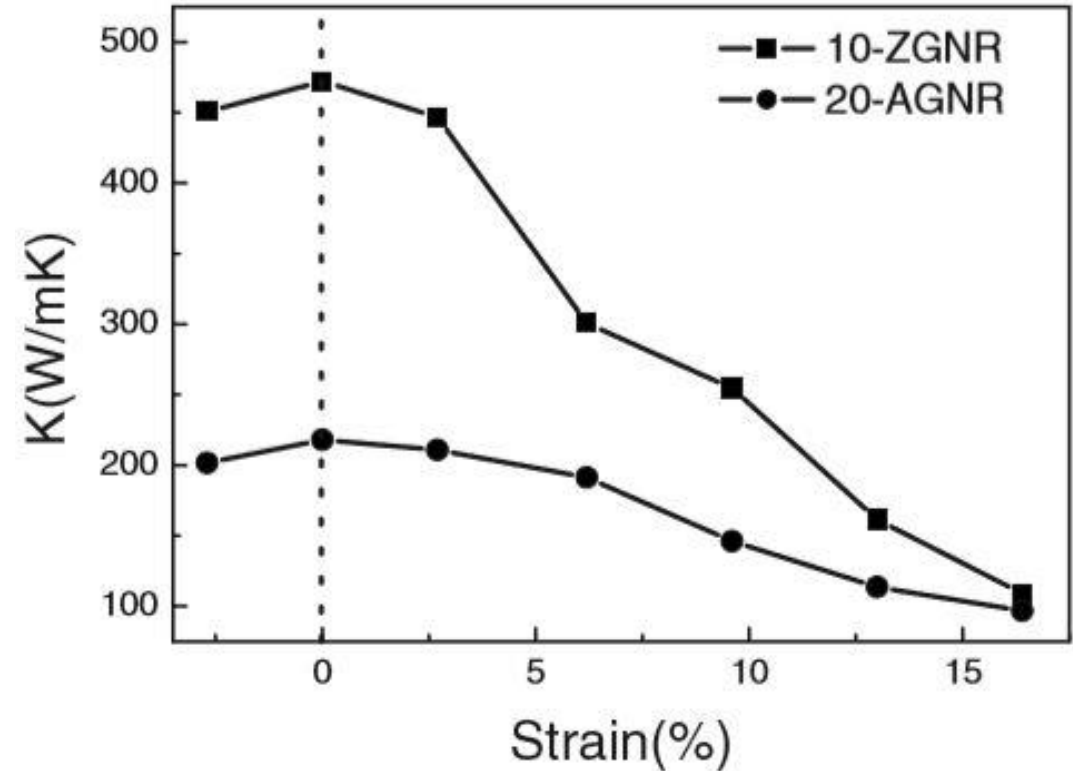
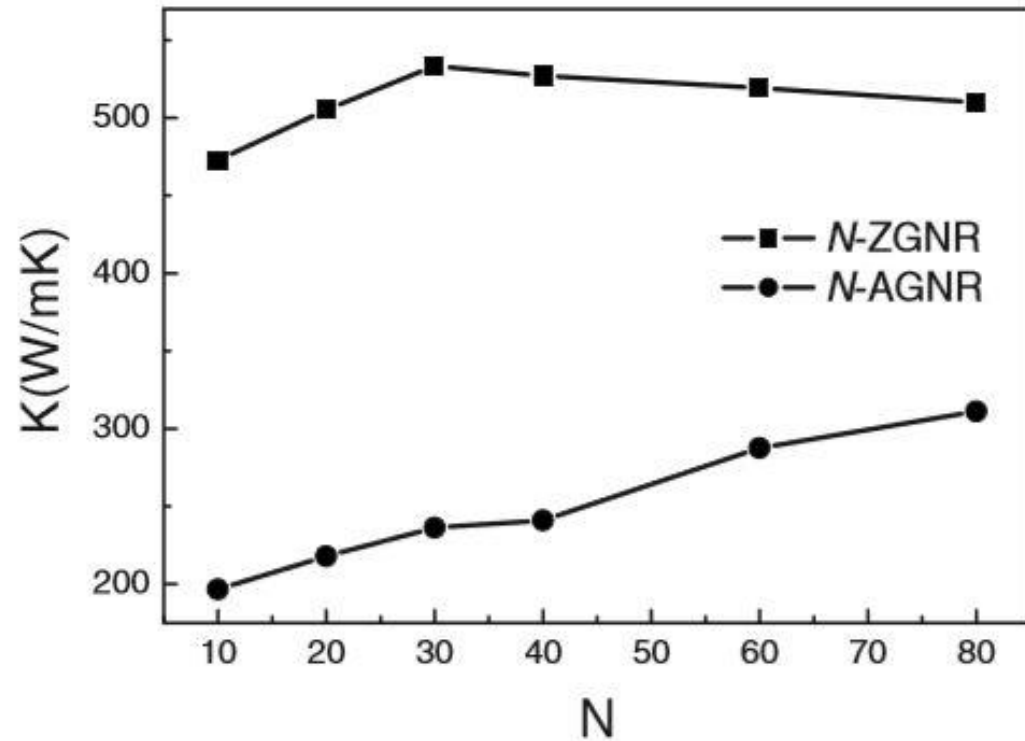


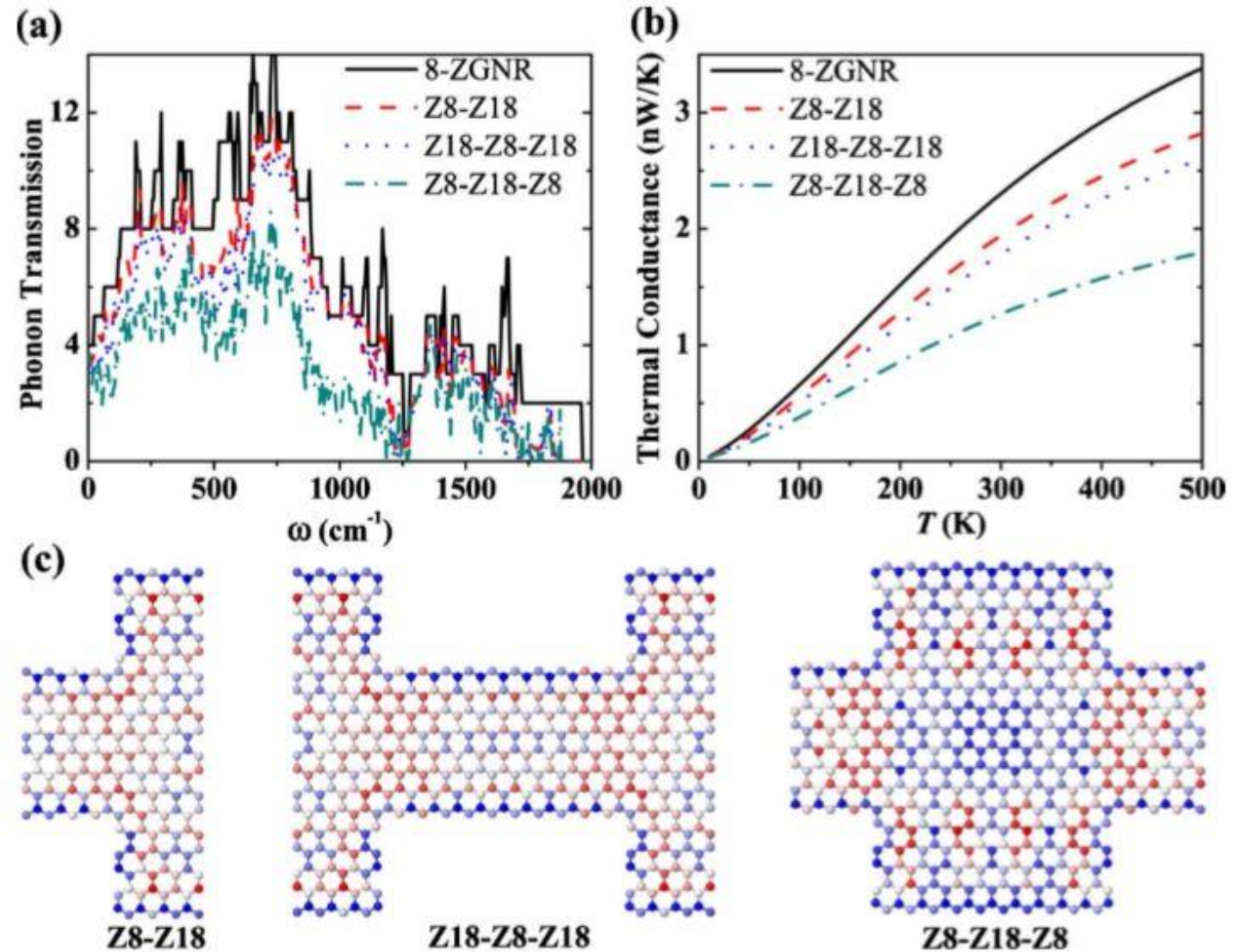
Image from: S. Ghosh et al., *Appl Phys Lett* 92 (2008) 151911

# GNR as a function of length and strain



$\Delta T = 20$  K, unstrained length 11 nm

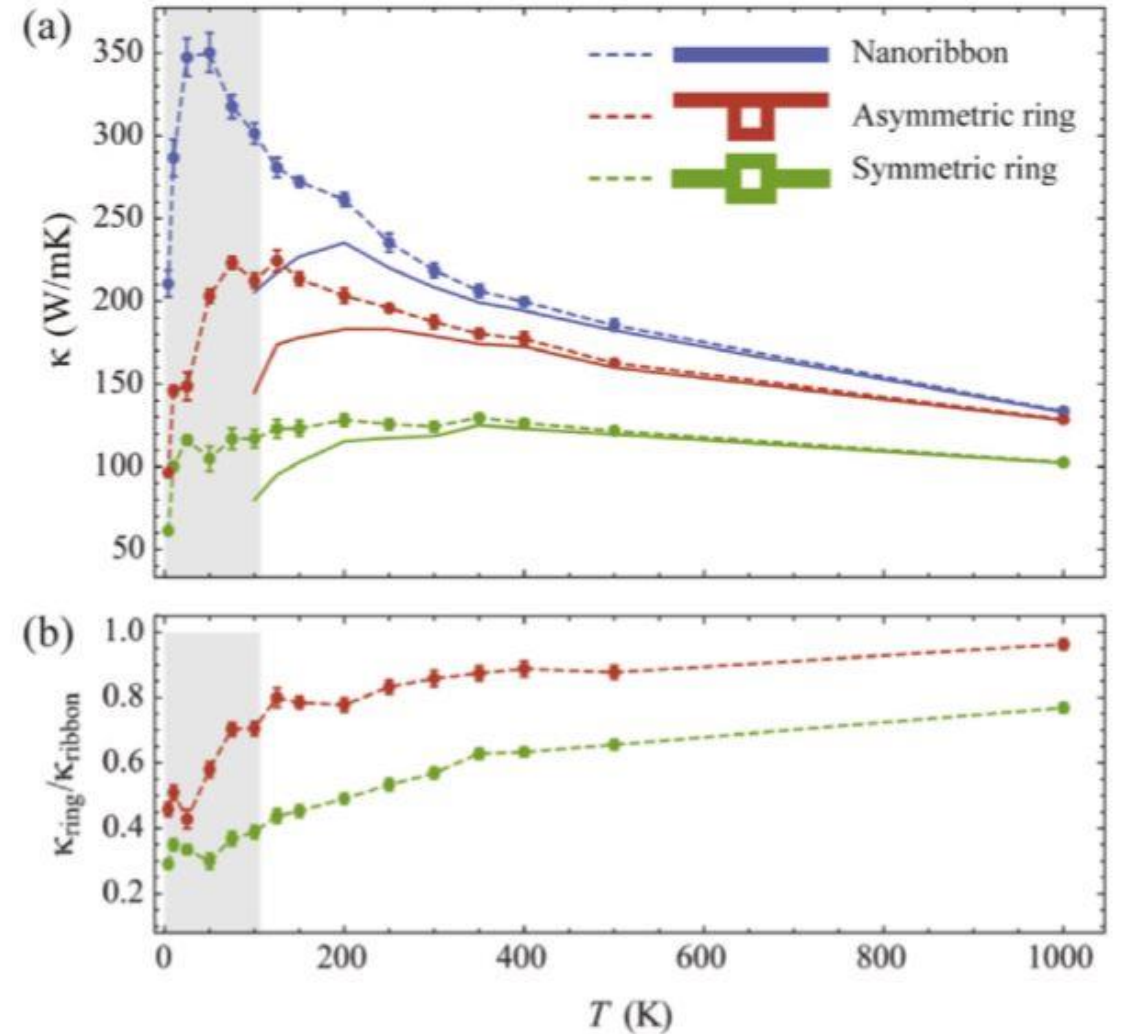
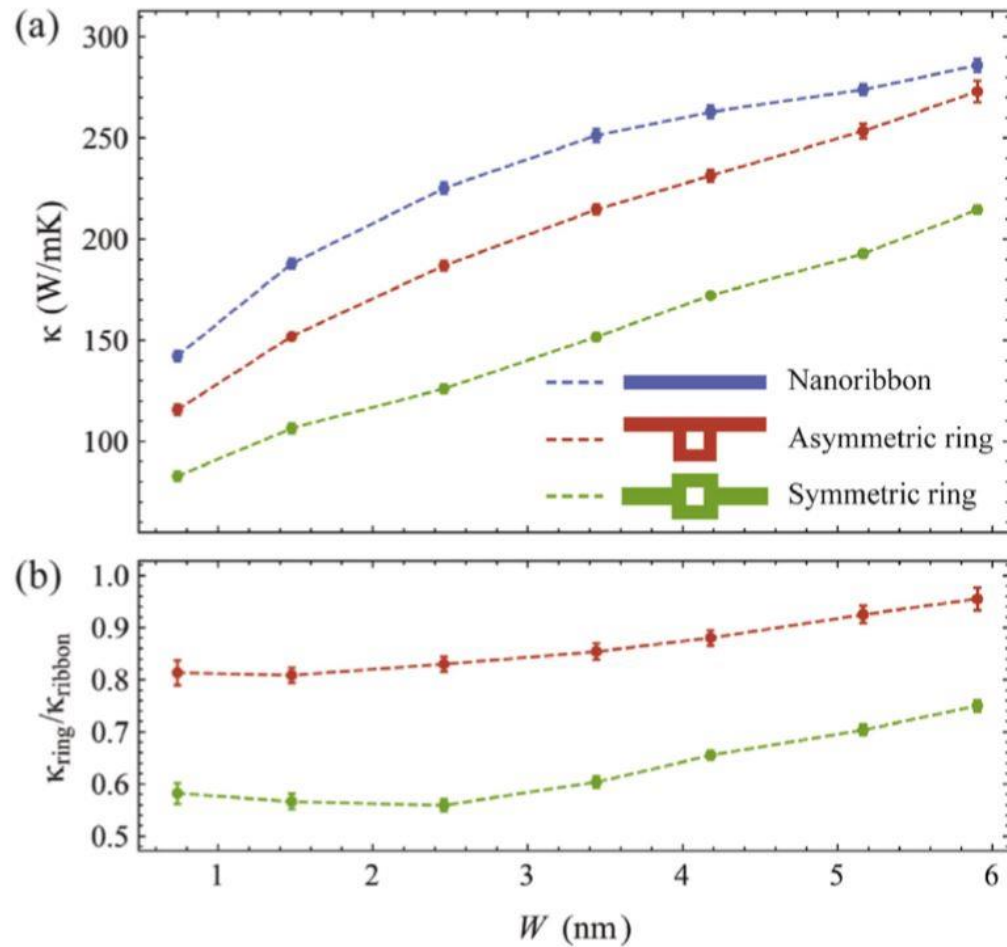
# Graphene Nanodevices



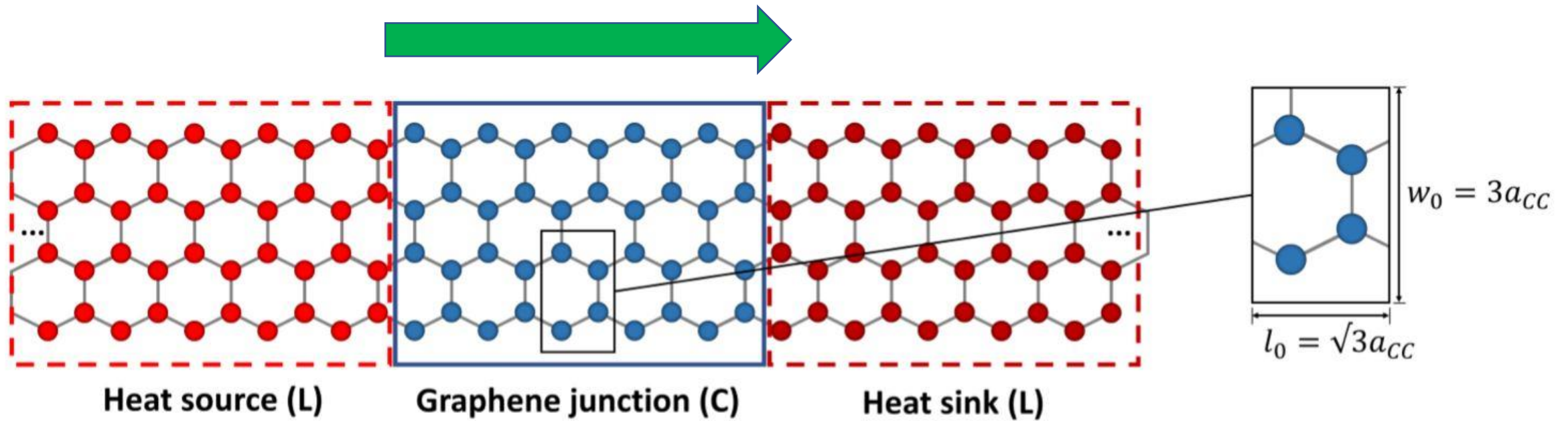
Y. Xu, X. Chen, J.-S. Wang, B.-L. Gu and W. Duan, *Phys. Rev. B* 81 (2010) 195425

# Armchair GNR

$T = 300 \text{ K}$ ,  $L_s = 25.4 \text{ nm}$

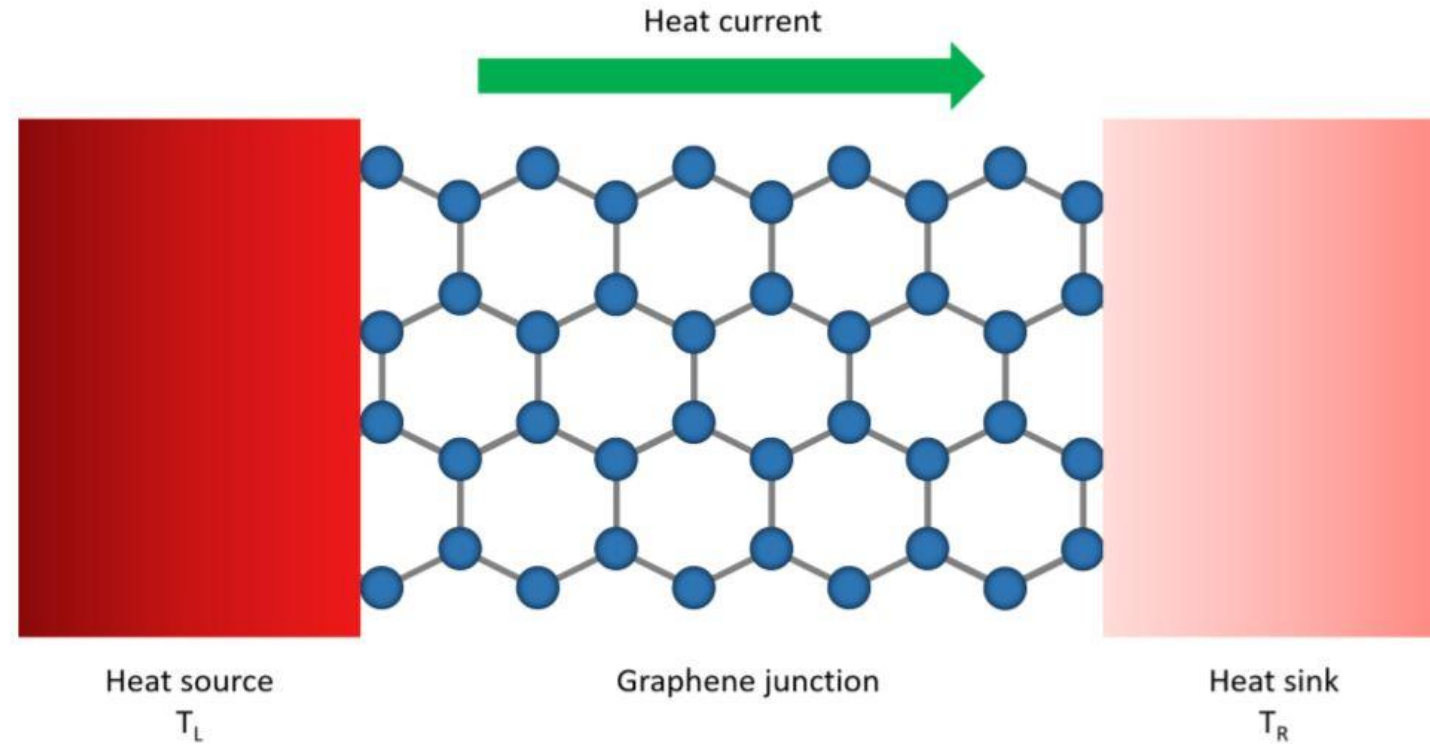


# The Model: A Graphene Junction



$$L_C \ll l_{\text{mfp}}$$

# Heat current



Landauer Formula:

$$I = \frac{1}{2\Pi} \int_0^\infty d\omega \hbar\omega \Xi(\omega) (f_L - f_R)$$

# Thermal Conductance

$$\sigma(T) = \lim_{T_L \rightarrow T, T_R \rightarrow T} \frac{I}{T_L - T_R}$$

$$\Delta T \ll T_L, T_R$$

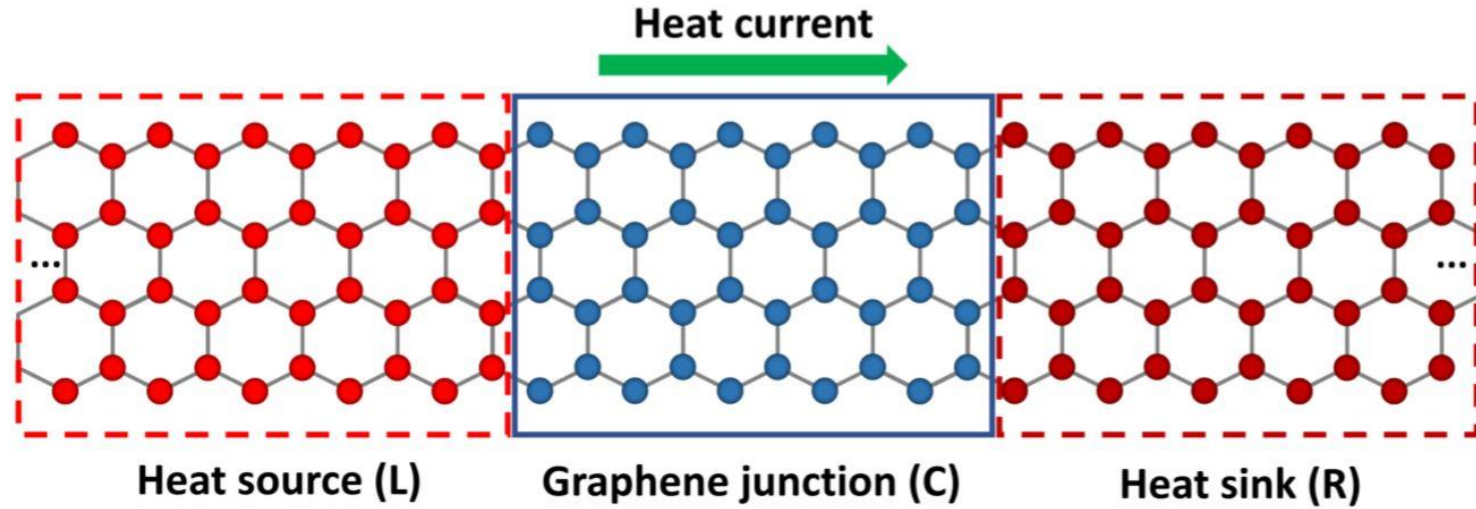
$$\sigma(T) = \frac{1}{2\Pi} \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\hbar^2 \omega^2}{k_B T^2} \underbrace{\Xi(\omega)}_{\text{}} \frac{e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T}}{(e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T} - 1)^2}$$

# The Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{\alpha=L,C,R} H_{\alpha} + (u^L)^T V^{LC} u^C + (u^C)^T V^{CR} u^R + V_n$$

$$H_{\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\dot{u}^{\alpha})^T \dot{u}^{\alpha} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left[ (u^{\alpha})^T K^{\alpha} u^{\alpha} \right]$$

# The NEGF Method

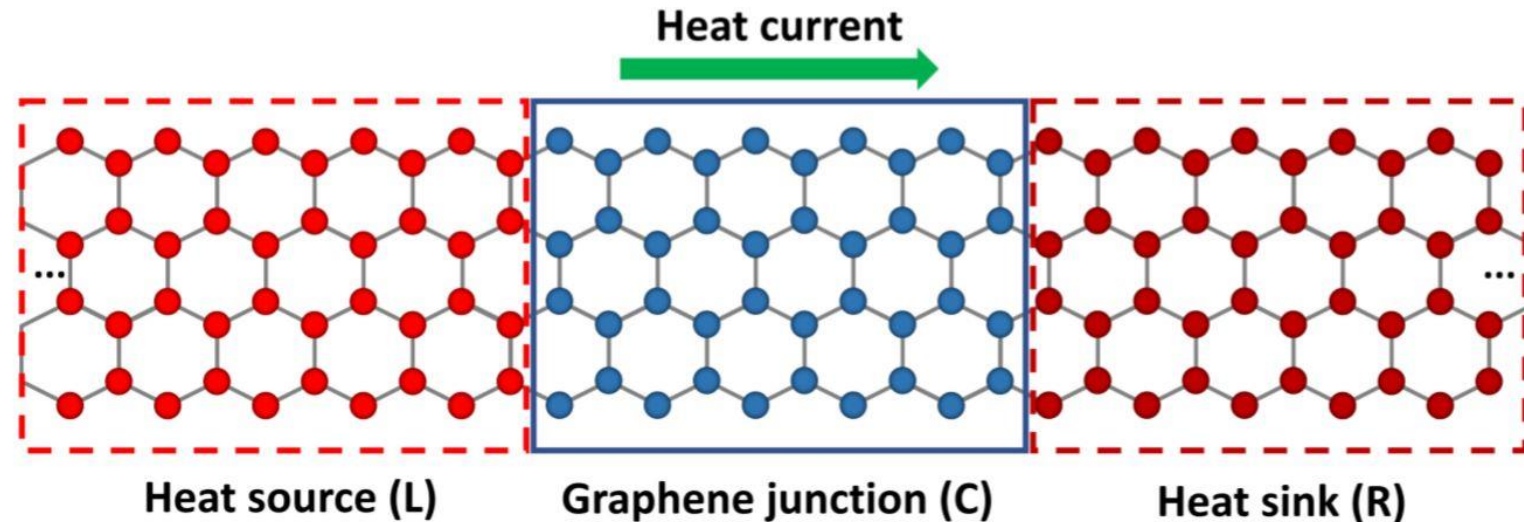


$$K = \begin{pmatrix} K^L & V^{LC} & 0 \\ V^{CL} & K^C & V^{CR} \\ 0 & V^{RC} & K^R \end{pmatrix}$$

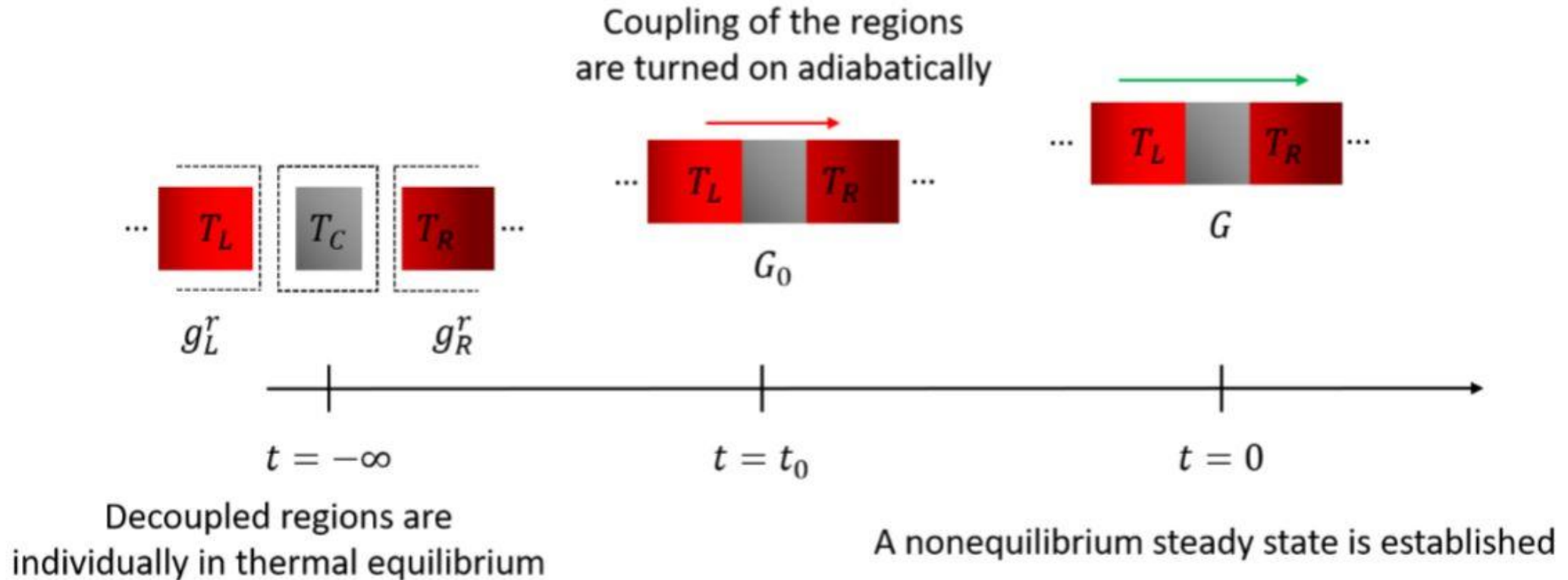
# Caroli Formula

$$\Xi(\omega) = \text{Tr} [G_C^r(\omega) \Gamma_L(\omega) G_C^a(\omega) \Gamma_R(\omega)]$$

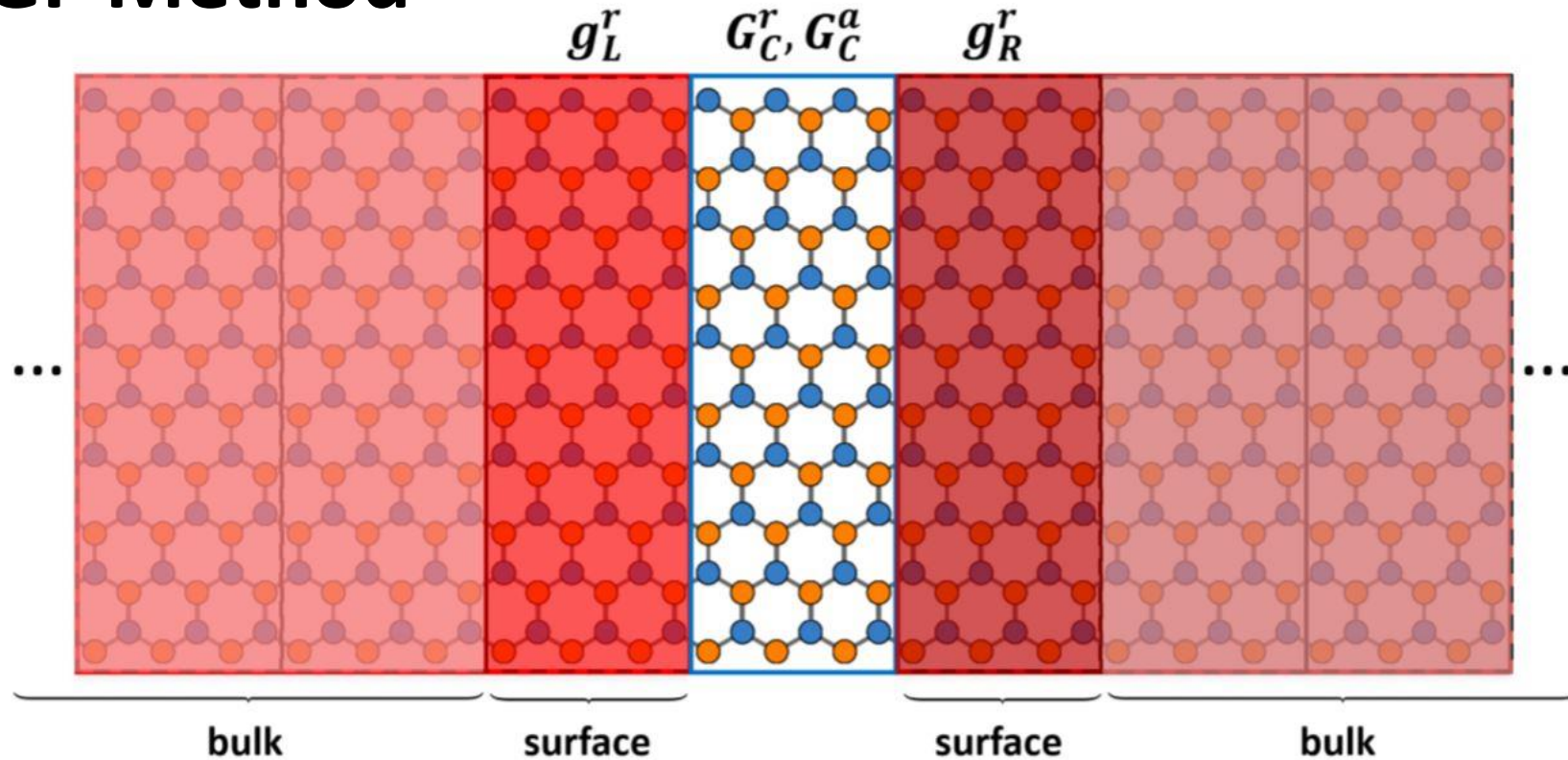
$$\Gamma(\omega)_\alpha = i(\Sigma_\alpha^r(\omega) - [\Sigma_\alpha^r(\omega)]^\dagger) \quad \alpha = L, R$$



# The NEGF Method



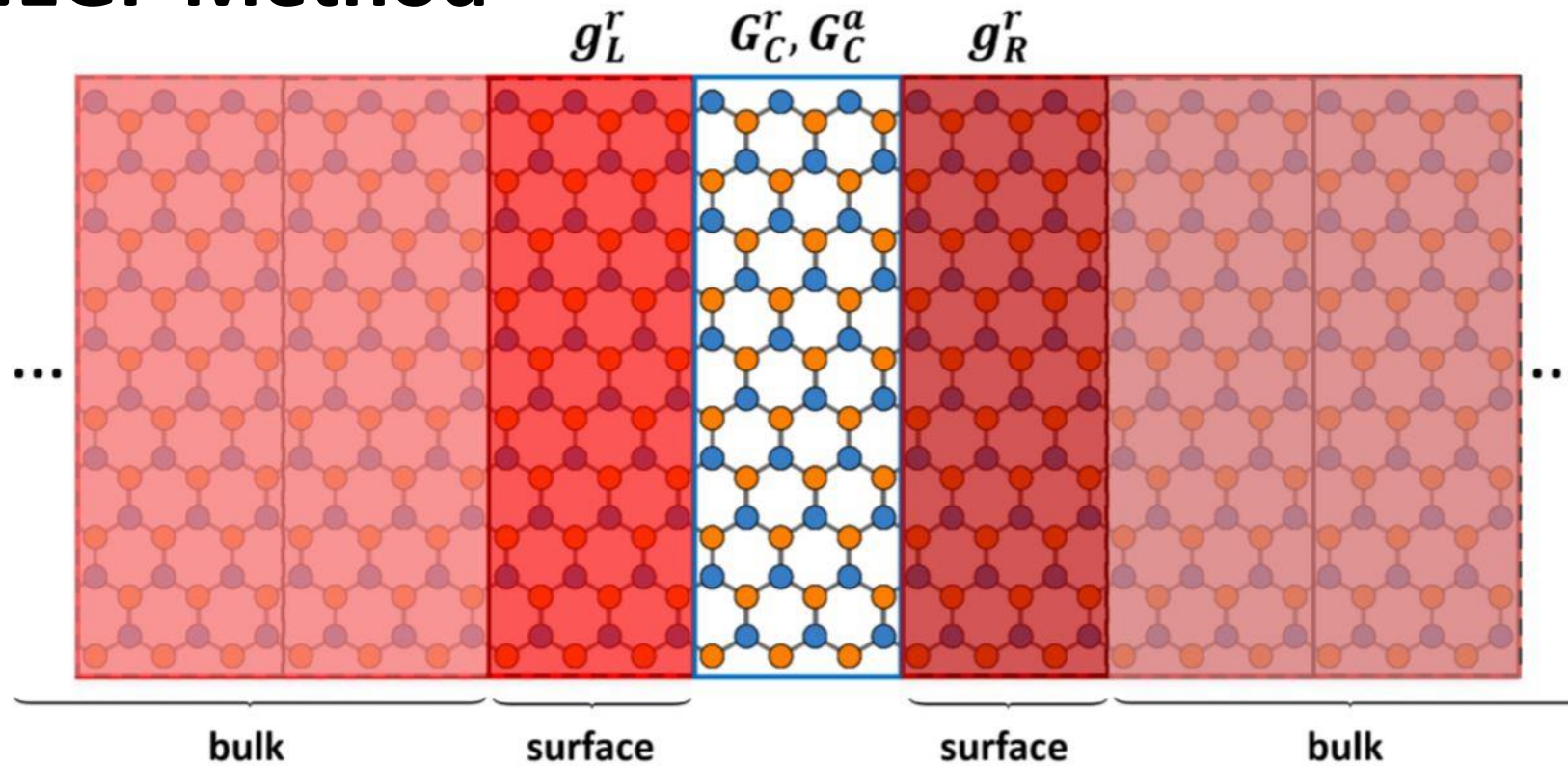
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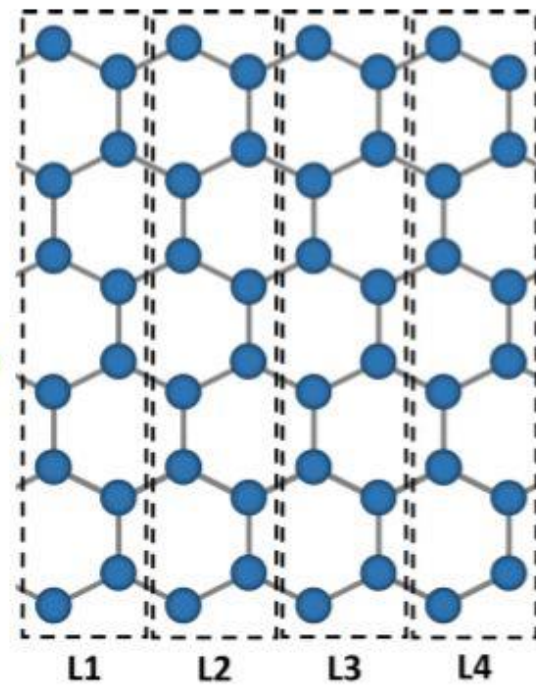
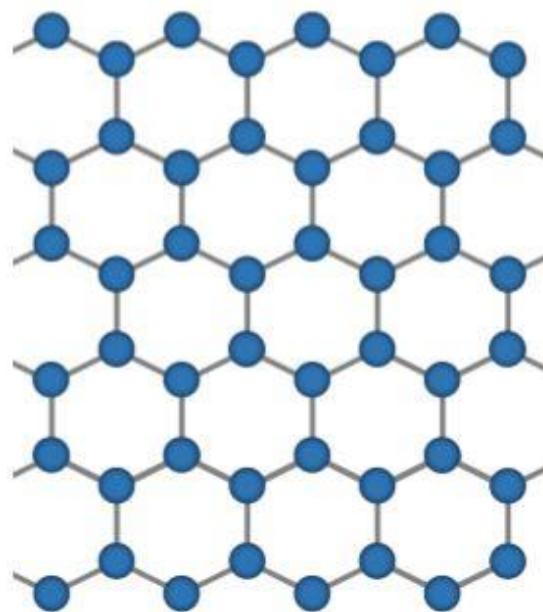
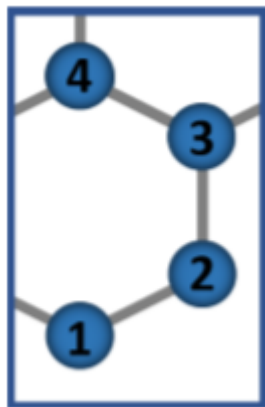
$$G_C^r = G^{CC} = \left[ (\omega + i\eta_0\omega)^2 - K^C - \Sigma_L^r(\omega) - \Sigma_R^r(\omega) \right]^{-1}$$

$$\Sigma_\alpha^r = V^{C\alpha} g_\alpha^r(\omega) V^{\alpha C} \quad \alpha = L, R$$

# The NEGF Method



$$G^{\alpha C} = \underbrace{\left( (\omega + i\eta)^2 - K^{\alpha} \right)^{-1}}_{g_{\alpha}^r} V^{\alpha C} G^{CC}$$



# Parameters used

Bond stretching force constants considered (in eV/(Å<sup>2</sup> amu))

| case | $k_L$ | $k_C$ | $k_R$ |
|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1    | 1.38  | 1.38  | 1.38  |
| 2    | 1.56  | 1.38  | 1.44  |

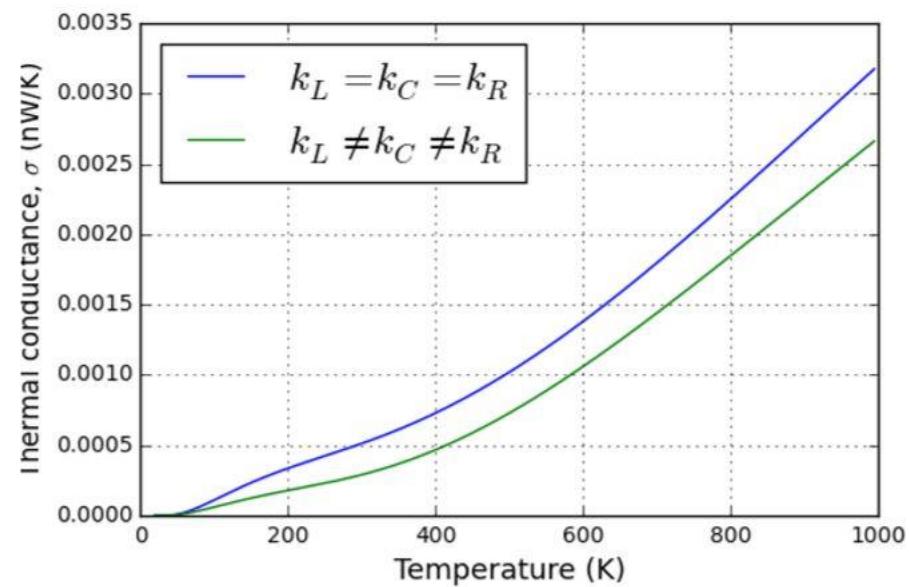
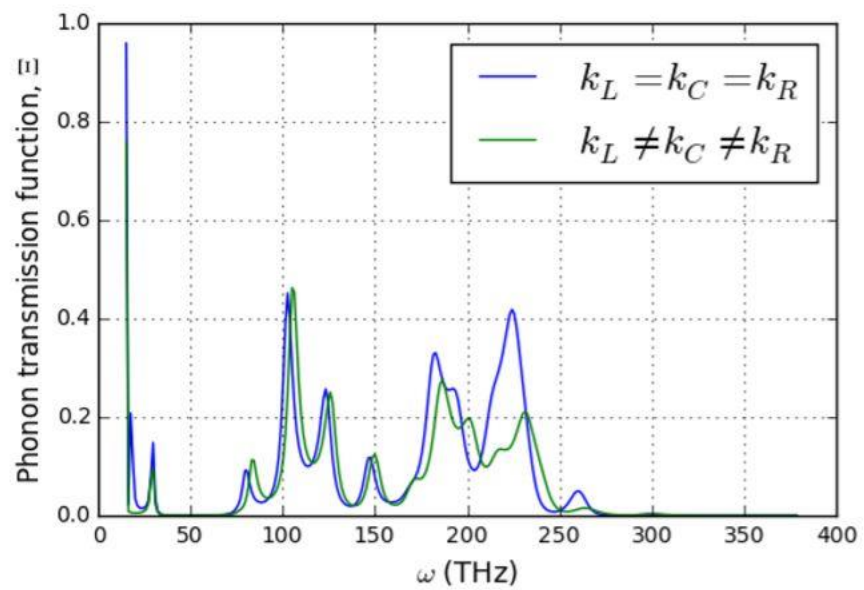
Force constants from carbon nanotube junctions:

J.-S. Wang, J. Wang & N. Zeng, *Phys Rev B* 74 (2006) 033408

|         | $E$ (meV) | $\omega$ (THz) |
|---------|-----------|----------------|
| minimum | 10        | 15.2           |
| maximum | 250       | 380            |

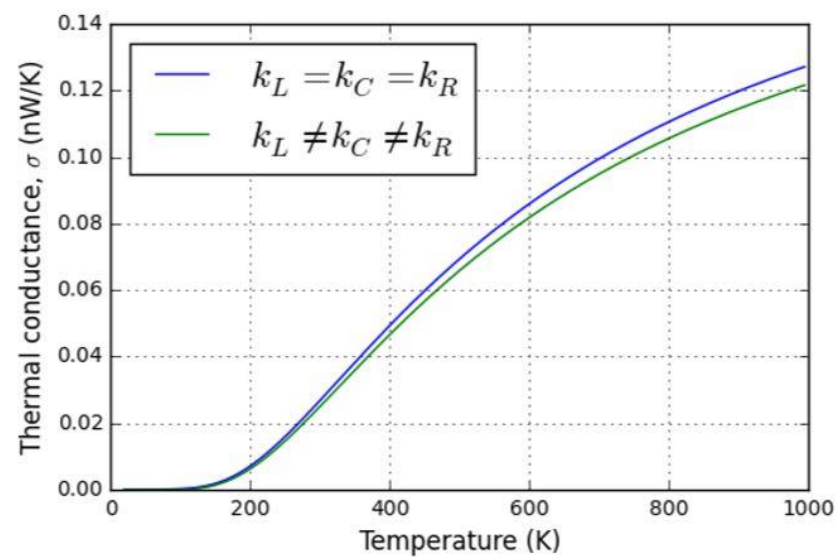
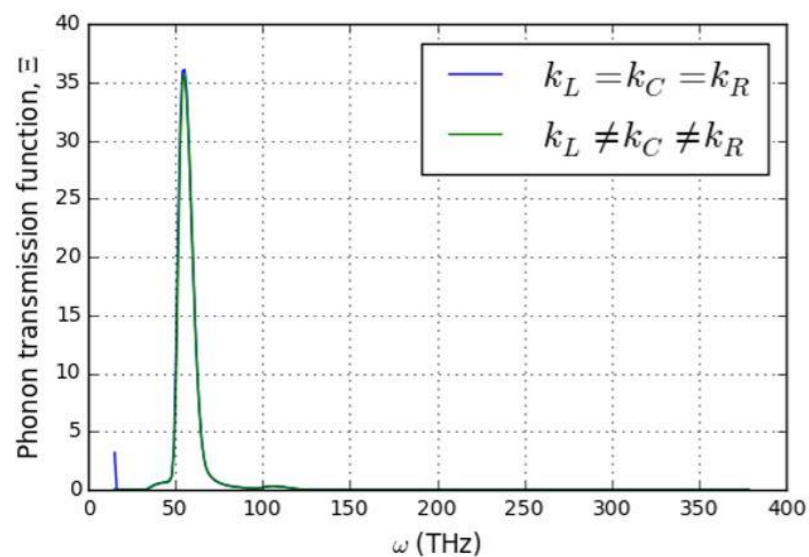
# Results

$$l_0 \times w_0$$

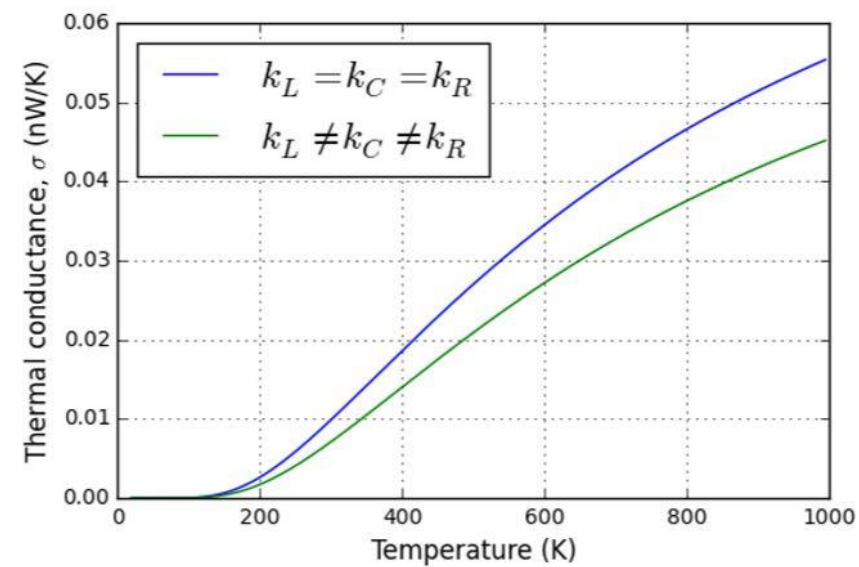
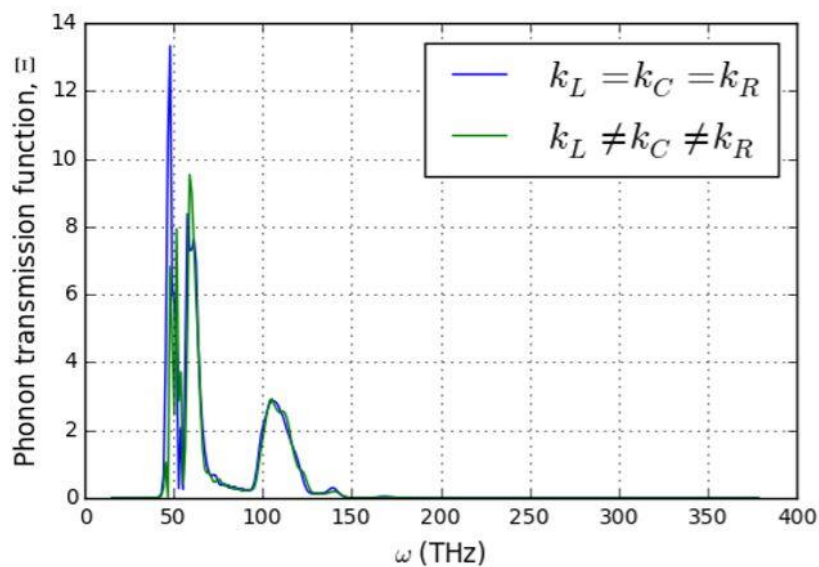


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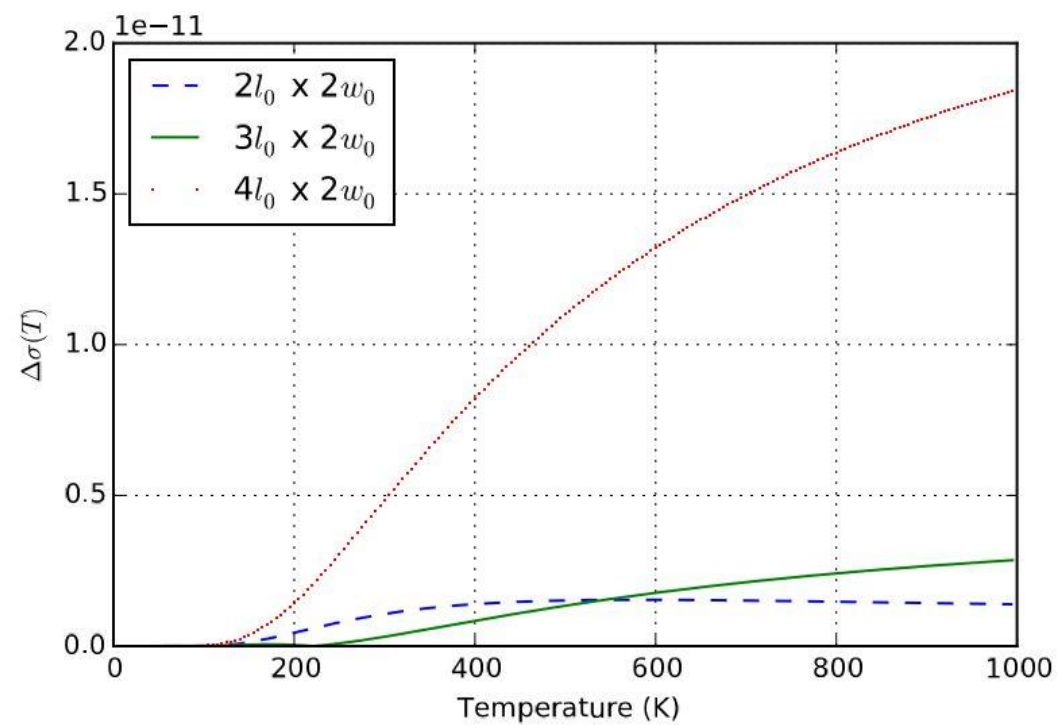
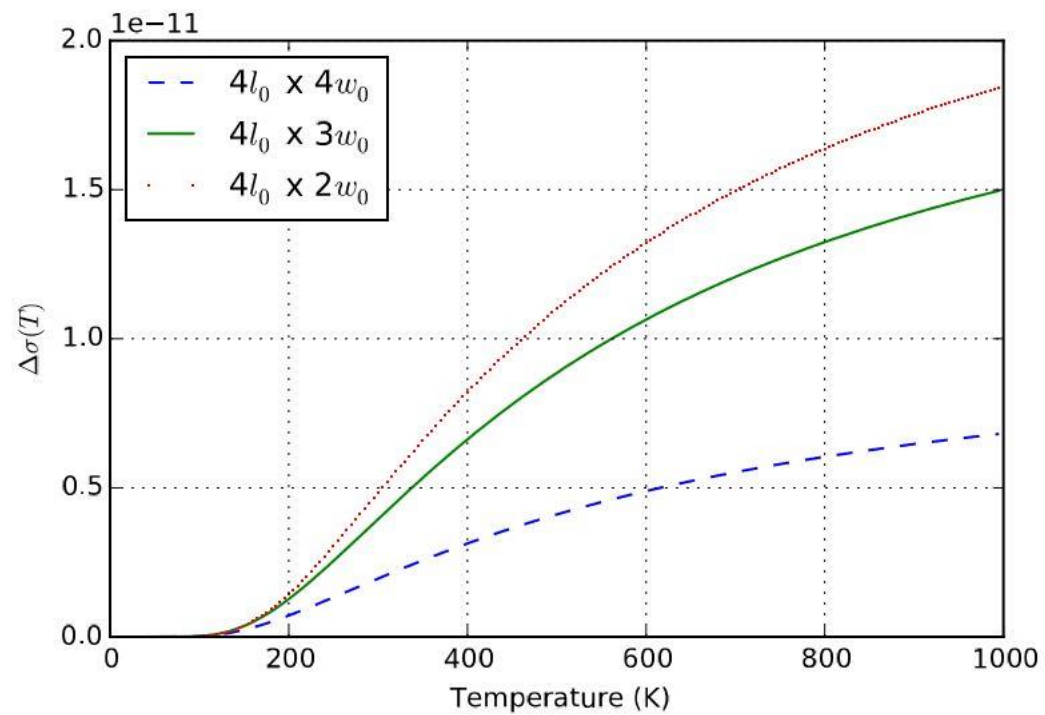
$$16l_0 \times 8w_0$$



$$5l_0 \times 2w_0$$



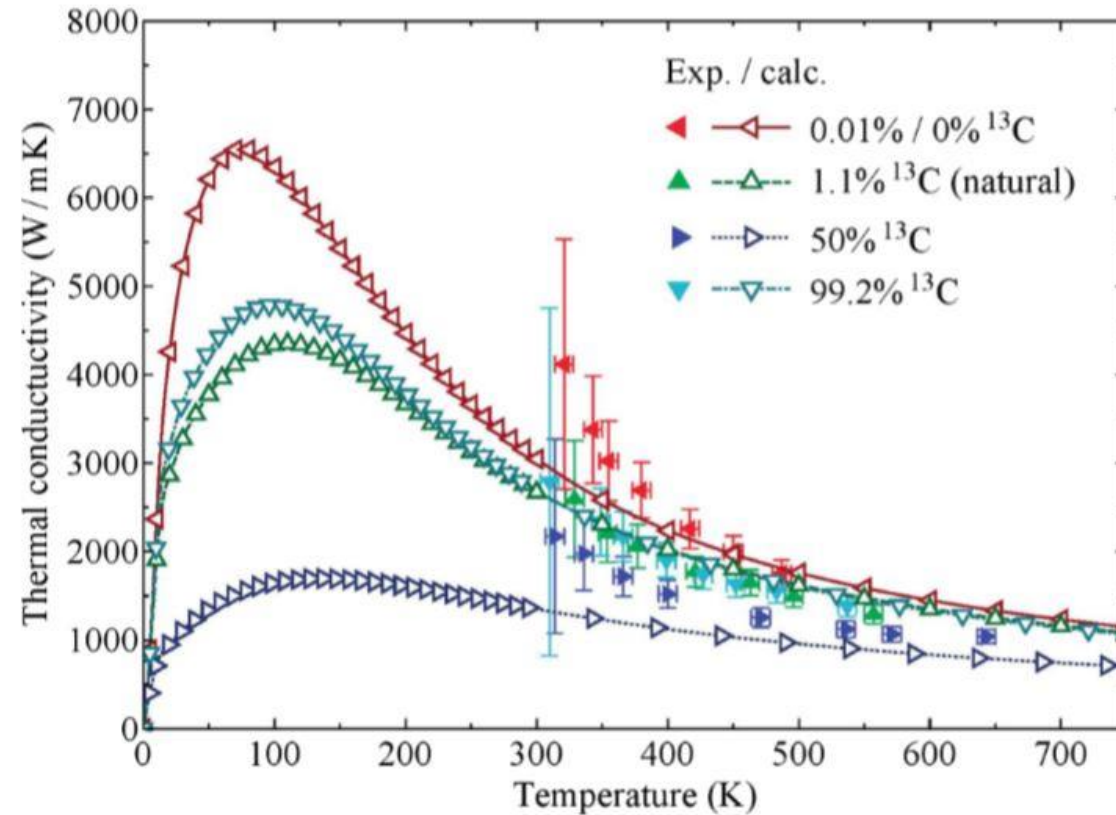
# Results



# What's next?

- accounting  
for 1.1%  $^{13}\text{C}$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{\bar{m}_{\text{nat}}}{\bar{m}}} \omega_{\text{nat}}.$$



*Thank you.*



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