

# Thermoelectricity: From Atoms to Systems

Week 3: Thermoelectric Characterization

Lecture 3.3: Thermoreflectance, Micro Raman, Suspended Heaters

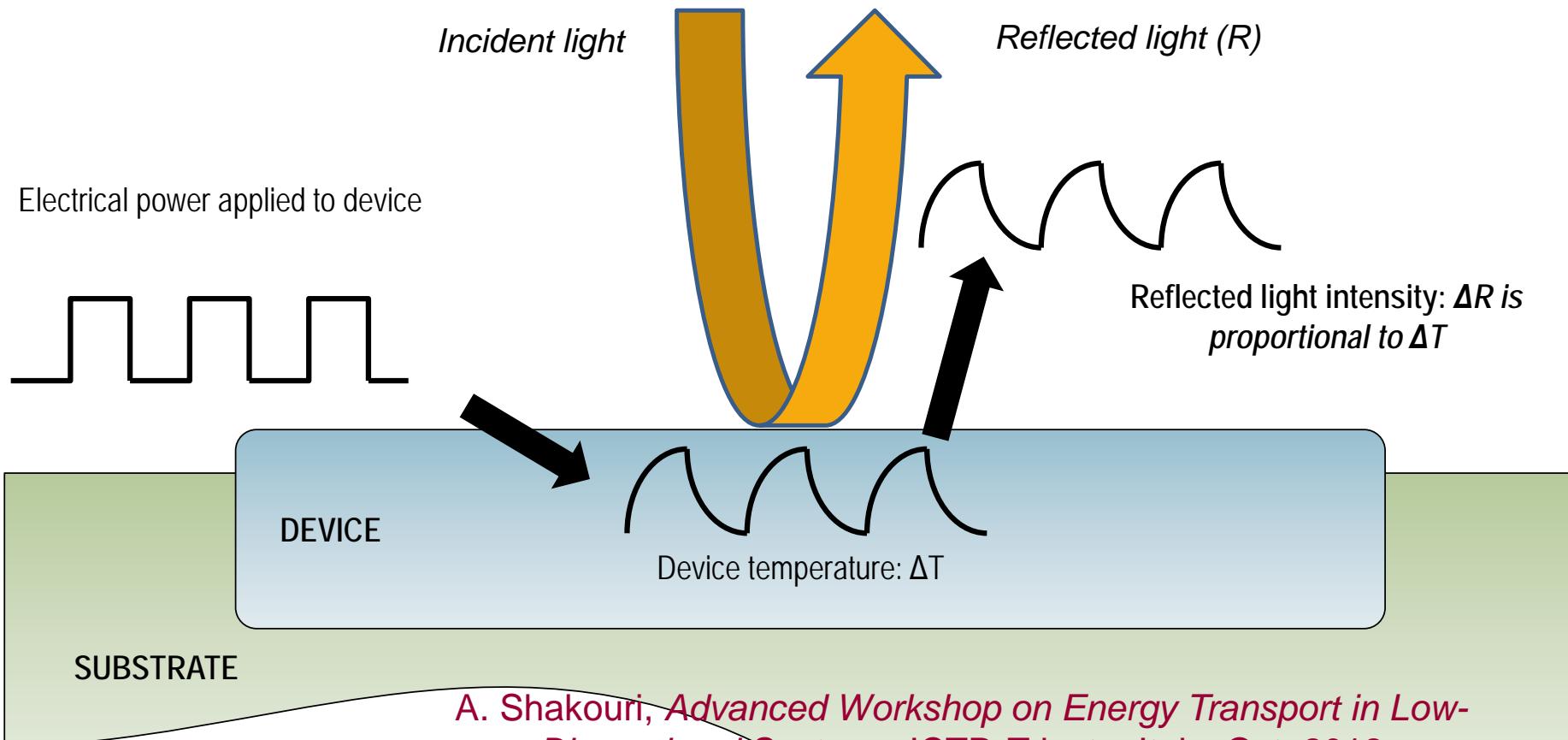
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## Optical reflectance changes with material temperature



A. Shakouri, *Advanced Workshop on Energy Transport in Low-Dimensional Systems*, ICTP, Trieste, Italy; Oct. 2012

J. Phys. D: Appl. Phys. 42 (2009) 143001

# CCD-based thermoreflectance microscopy: principles and applications

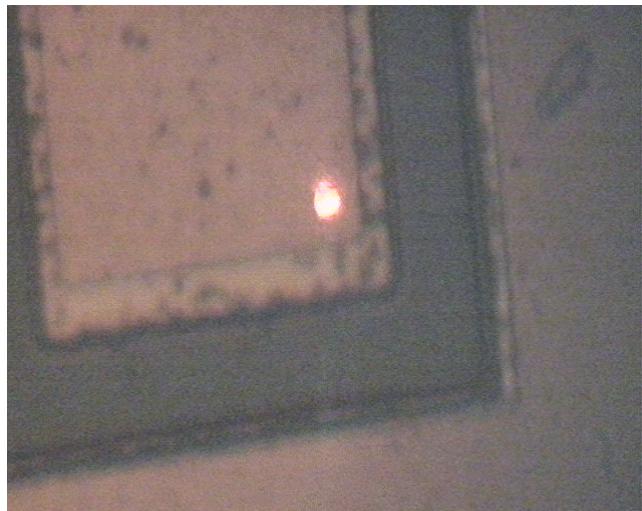
M Farzaneh<sup>1,8</sup>, K Maize<sup>2</sup>, D Lüerßen<sup>3,4,9</sup>, J A Summers<sup>3</sup>, P M Mayer<sup>4,10</sup>,  
P E Raad<sup>5,6</sup>, K P Pipe<sup>7</sup>, A Shakouri<sup>2</sup>, R J Ram<sup>4</sup> and Janice A Hudgings<sup>3</sup>

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \left( \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial R}{\partial T} \right) \Delta T = \kappa \Delta T, \quad (1)$$

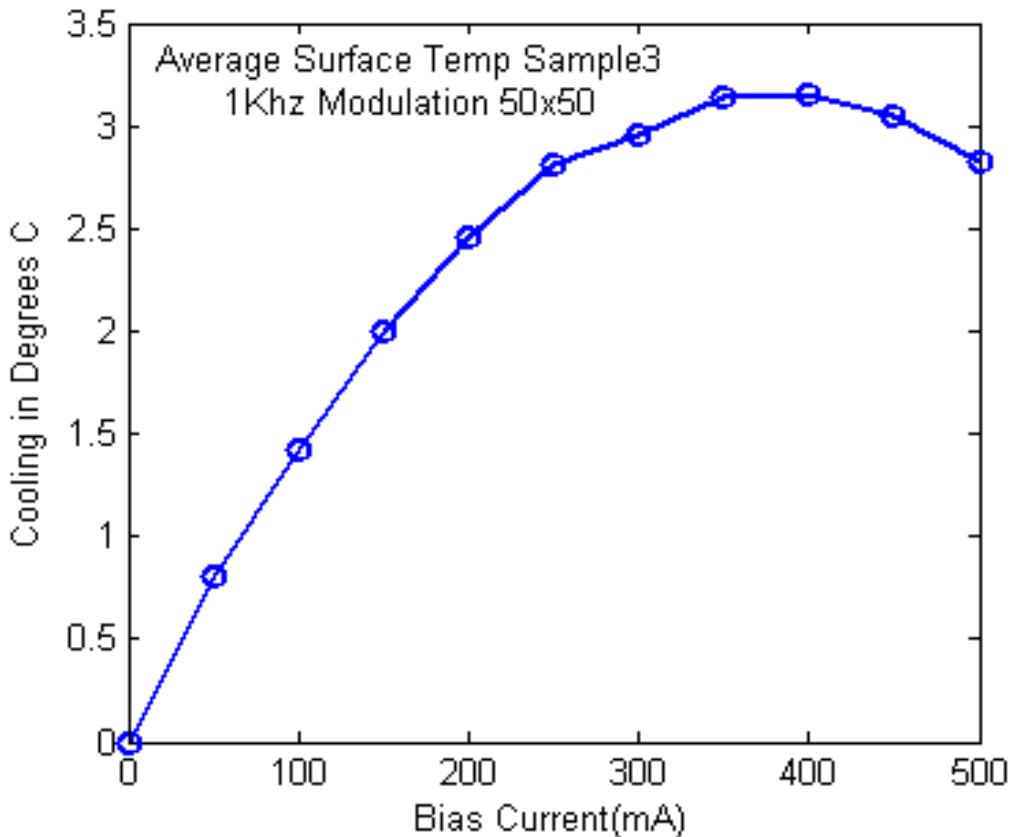
where  $\kappa$ , which is typically of the order of  $10^{-2}$ – $10^{-5}$  K $^{-1}$ ,

# Laser measurement of localized temperature

J. Christofferson et al., SEMITHERM XVII , San Jose, Ca, March 2001.



Laser Probe on a micro cooler  
lock-in detection at 1KHz



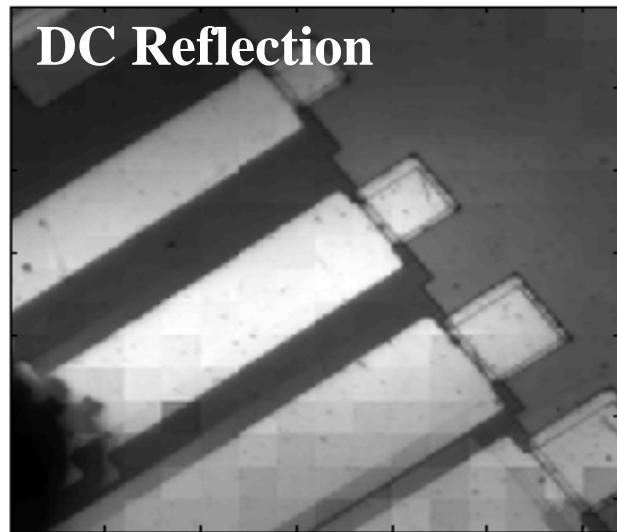
Pioneering works by: Claeys,  
Fournier, Dilhaire, Tessier, ...

By modulating the device temperature, and by lock-in detection a small change in surface reflectivity due to temperature variation is detected.

# Thermoreflectance image of microcooler

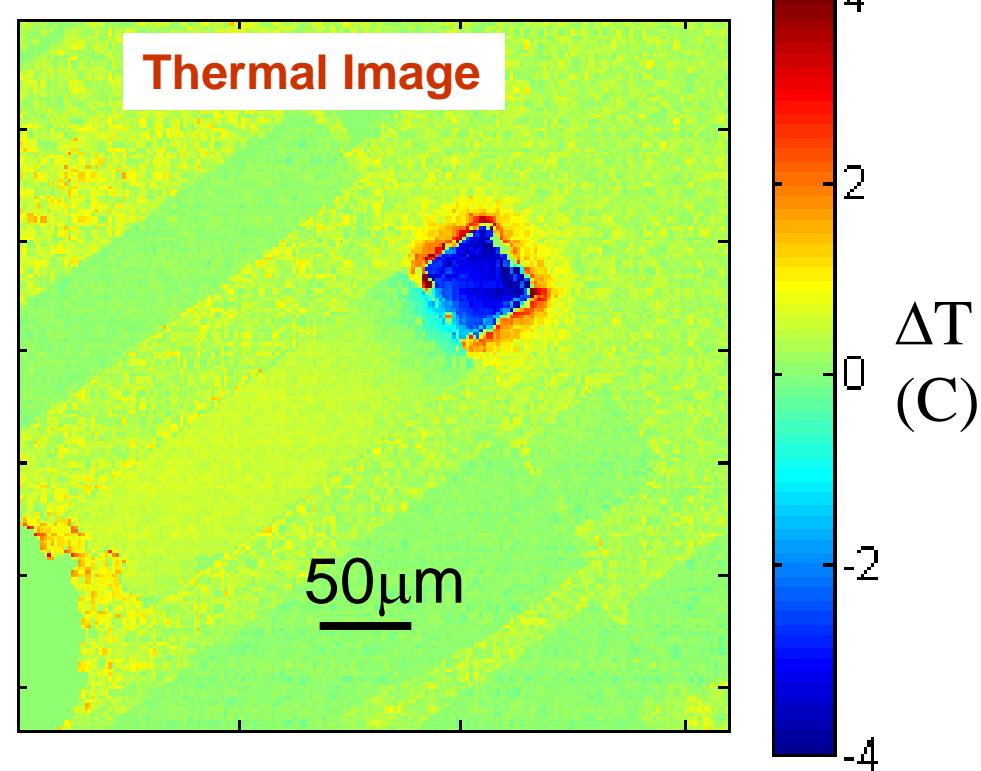


James  
Christofferson



J. Christofferson, A. Shakouri, *Rev. of Scientific Instruments*, 2005

$\Delta T = 0.006\text{K}$



256 channel parallel lock-in amplifiers. Scan the sensor to increase image pixels. Full image in couple of minutes.

# CCD-based Thermoreflectance Imaging

- Temperature resolution: **0.08°C**
- Spatial resolution: **submicron**
- Time resolution: **800ps, 100ns;**  
**1024x1024 pixels**



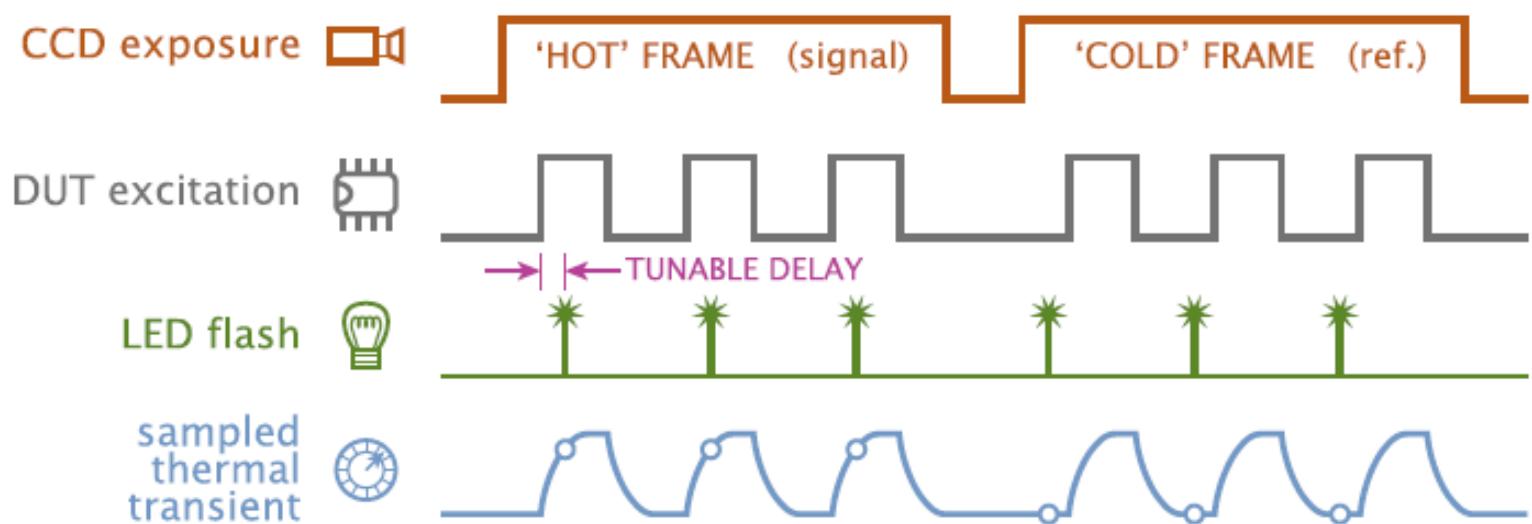
K. Yazawa, A. Shakouri, *Electronics Cooling Magazine*, Vol. 3, p.10, March 2011  
<http://Microsanj.com>

# Thermoreflectance imaging of sub 100 ns pulsed cooling in high-speed thermoelectric microcoolers

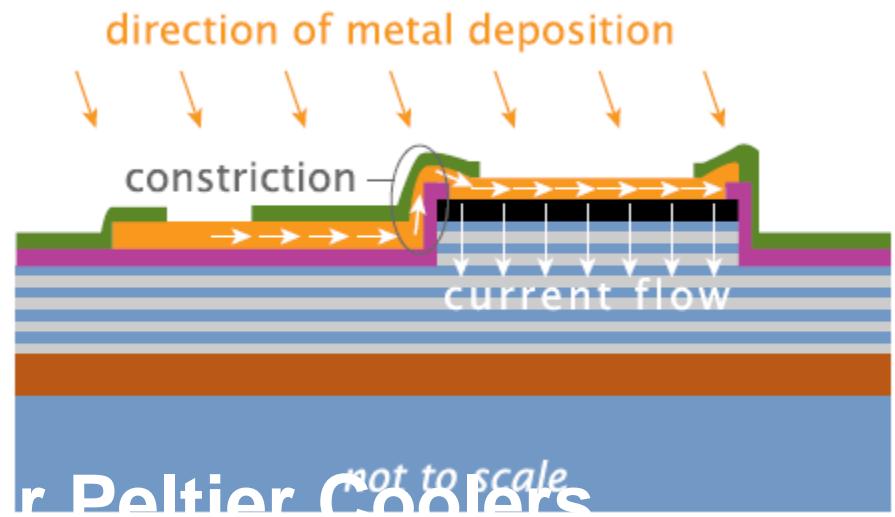
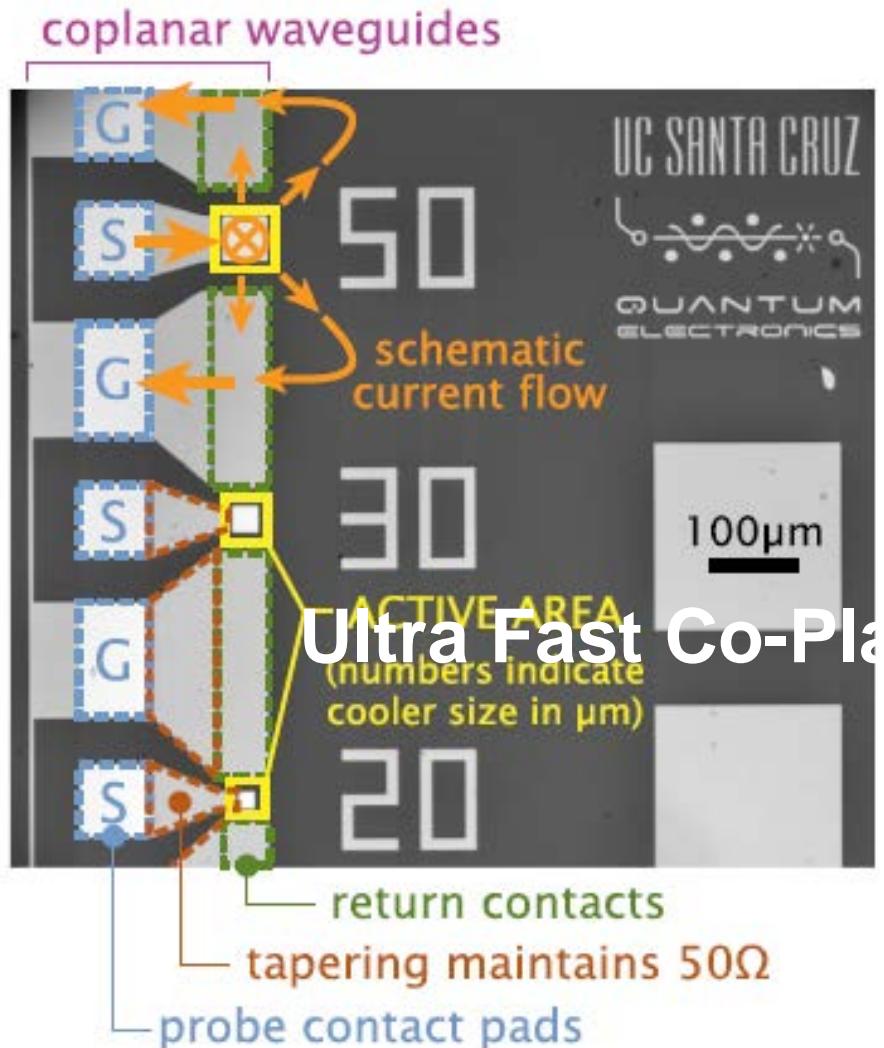
Bjorn Vermeersch,<sup>1,2,a)</sup> Je-Hyeong Bahk,<sup>1,2</sup> James Christofferson,<sup>3</sup> and Ali Shakouri<sup>1,2,b)</sup>



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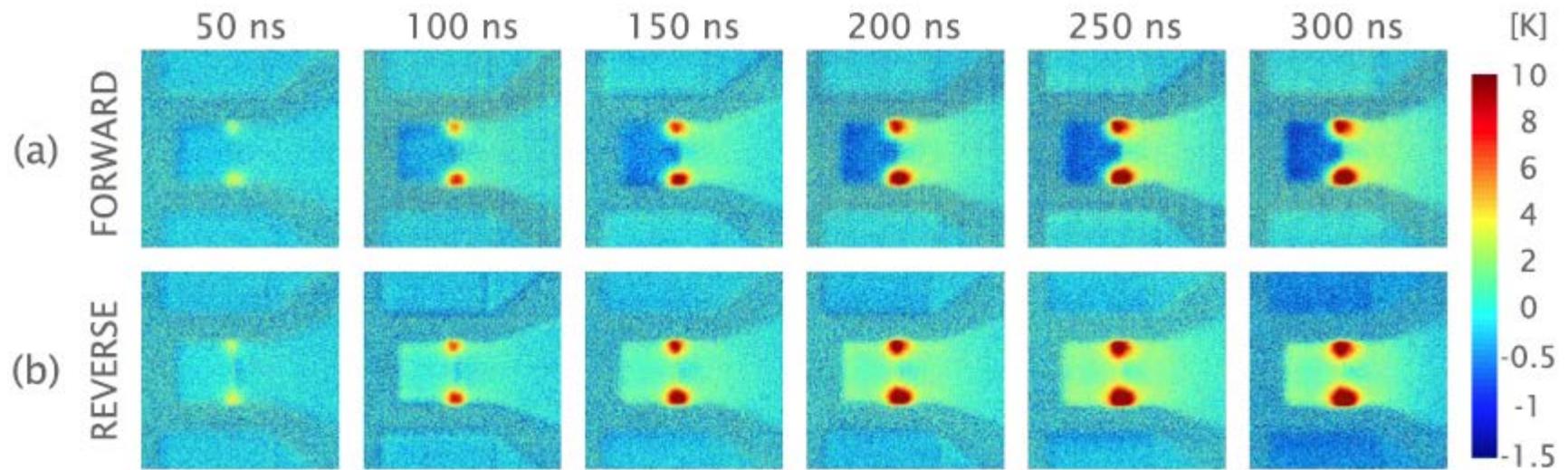
B. Vermeersch, J. Bahk et al. JAP 2013



**Je-Hyeong  
Bahk**

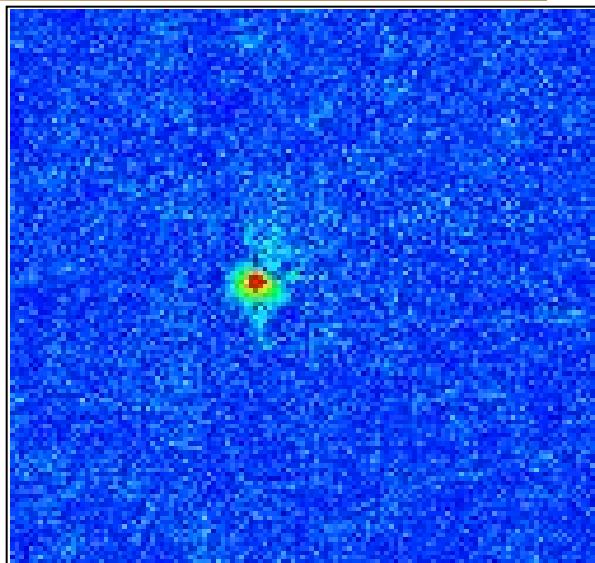
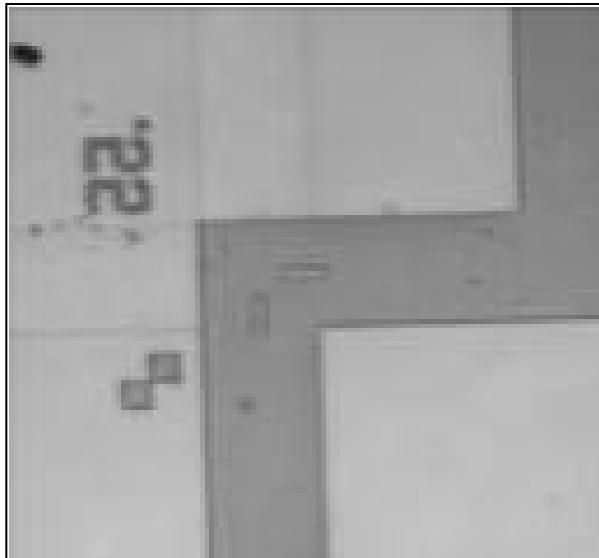


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B. Vermeersch et al. JAP 2013

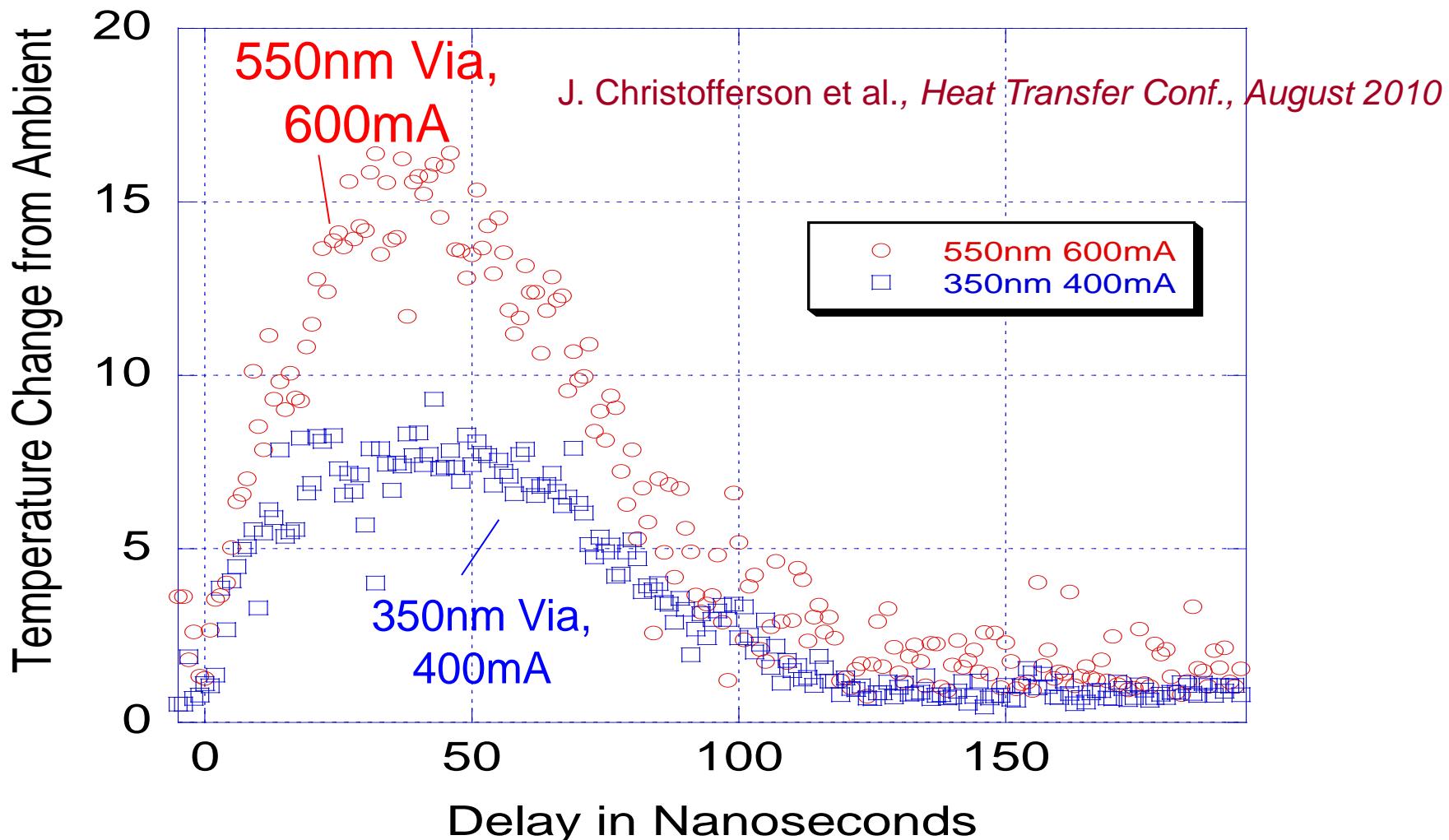
# Picosecond thermal imaging (800ps)



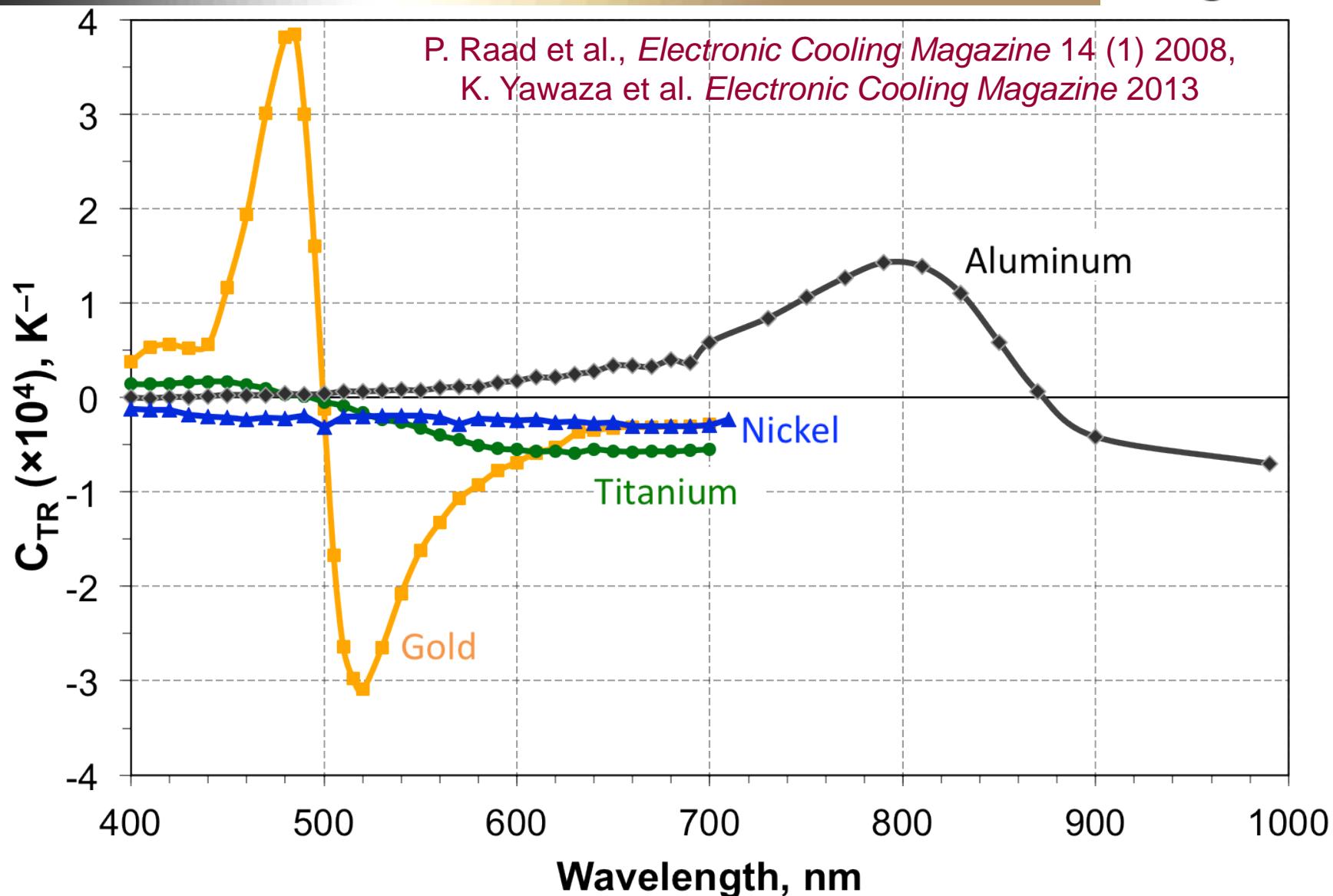
J. Christofferson et al., *Int. Heat Transfer Conf.*, August 2010

# High Speed Thermal Imaging (800ps)

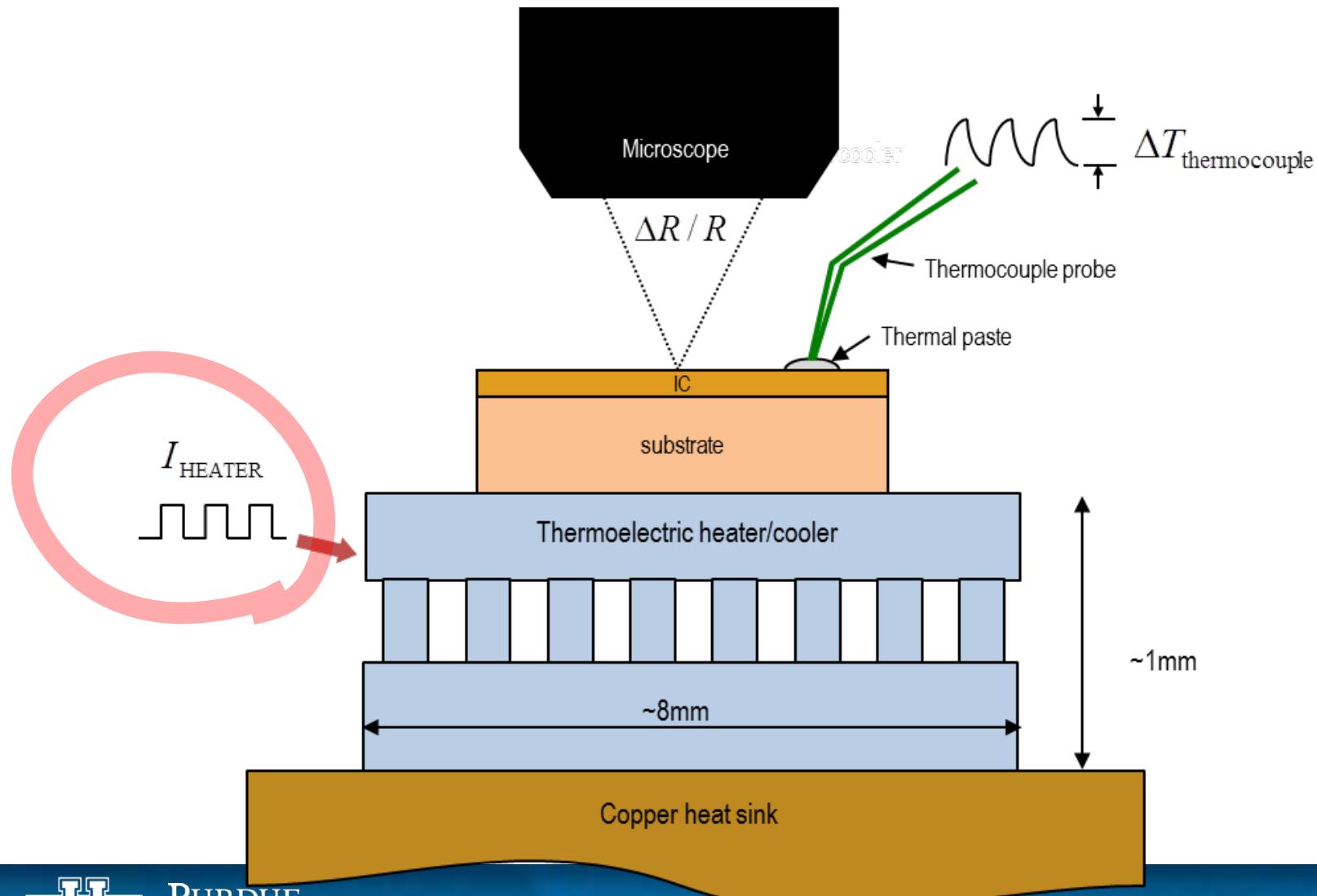
## Study of heating in submicron interconnect vias



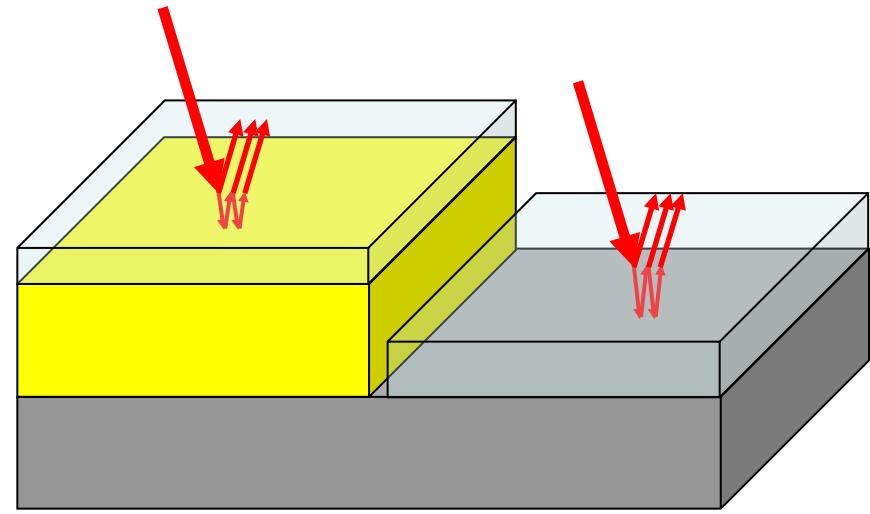
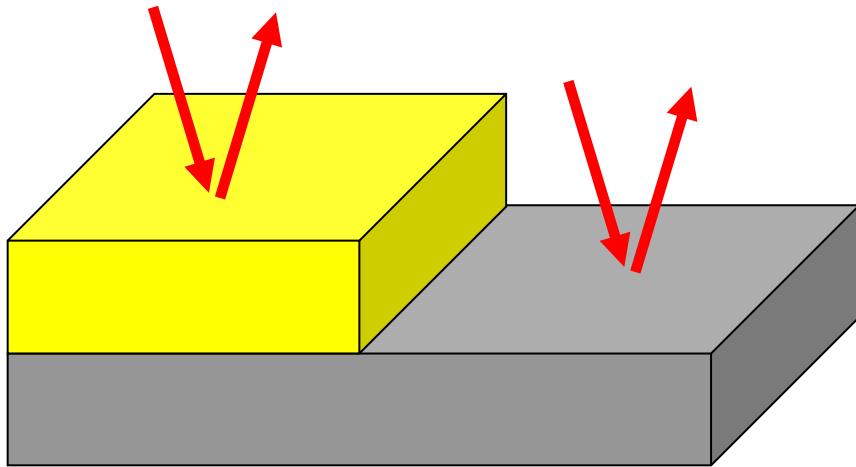
# Thermoreflectance coefficient



# Calibration: experiment determination of thermoreflectance coefficients, $C_{TH}$



# Thermoreflectance coefficient for different surfaces



$R$  and  $\frac{\partial R}{\partial T}$  vary sharply  
due to interference

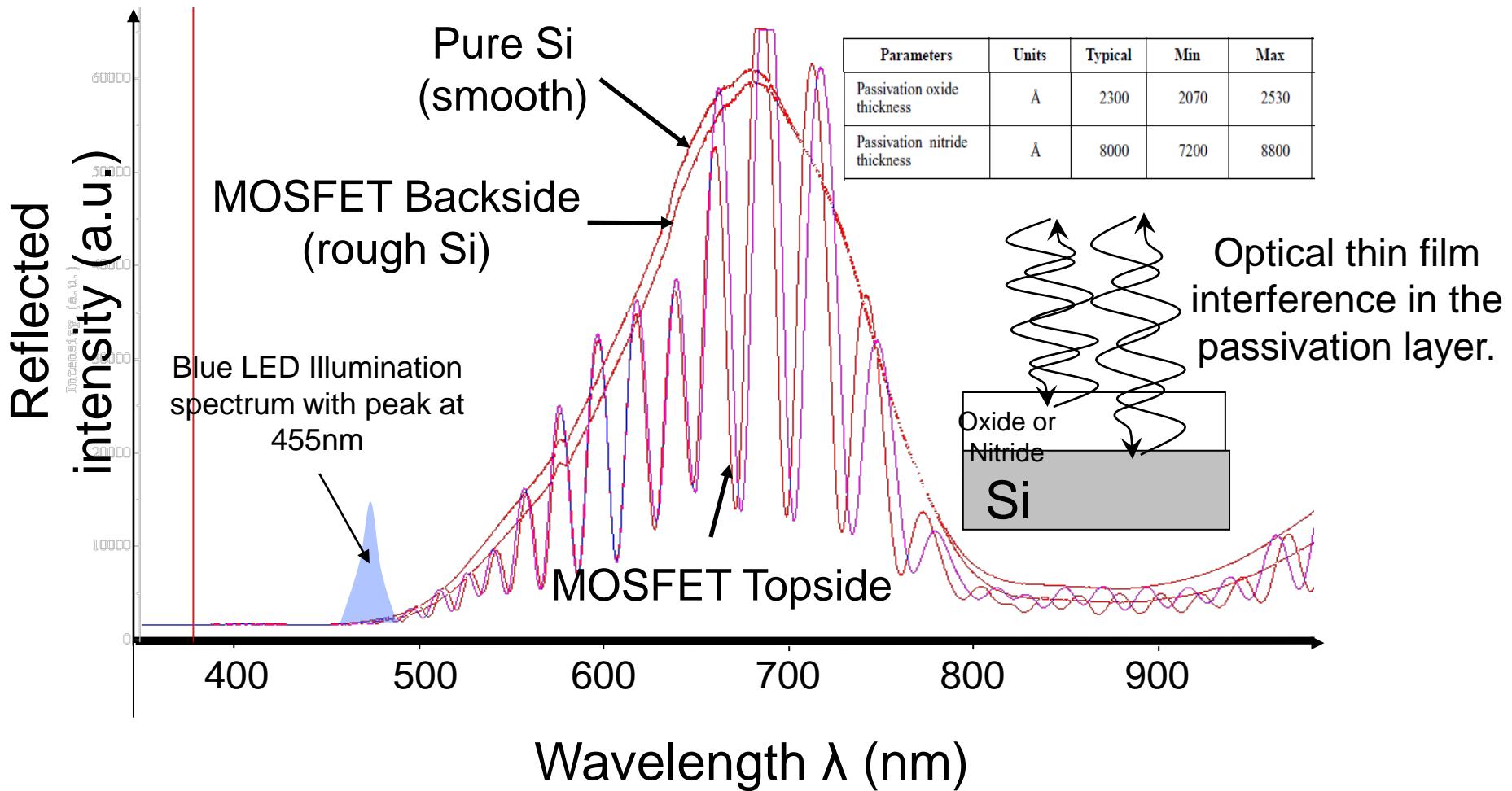
Spatial selectivity: a few  $\mu\text{m}$

Spectral resolution:  $\sim 1 \text{ nm}$

Sensitivity:  $\Delta R/R \sim 3 \cdot 10^{-5}$  in 1 min

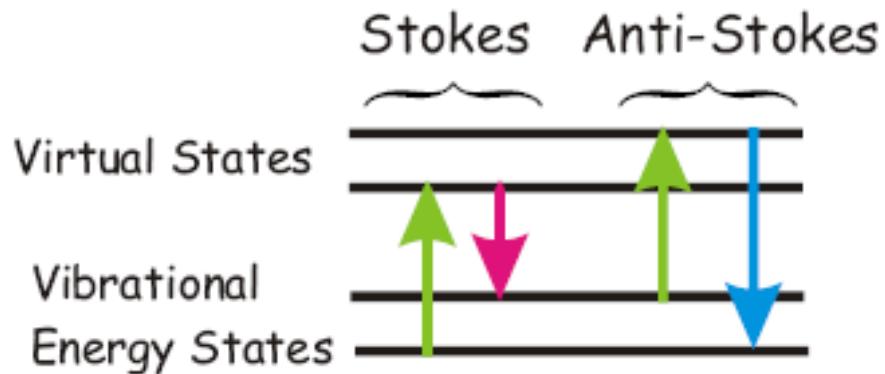
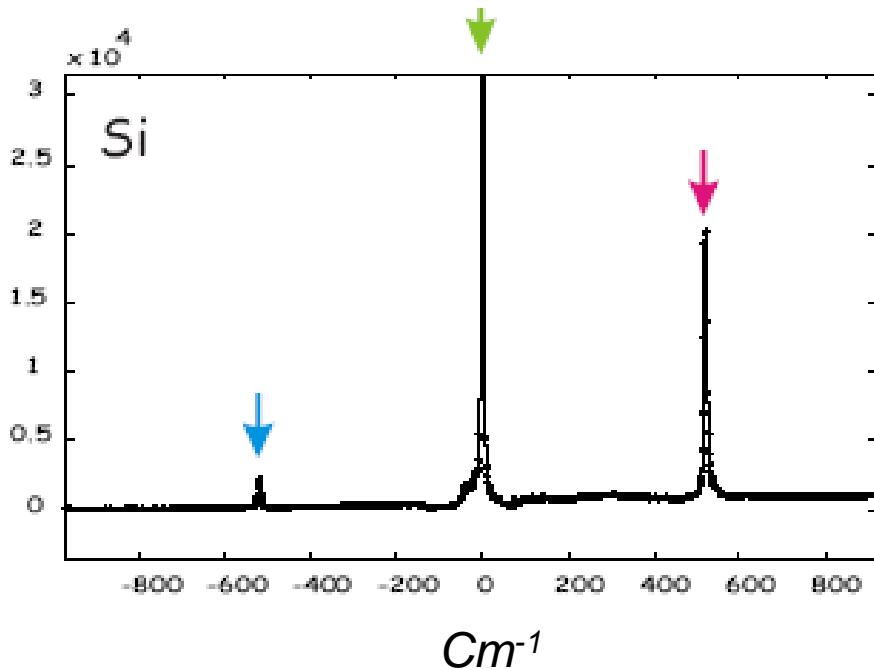
Tessier et al. (2006)

# Optical thin film interference in passivation layer



# Raman spectroscopy and temperature measurement

Scattered light intensity versus wavelength shift



Needs laser illumination, high resolution spectrometer and a notch filter

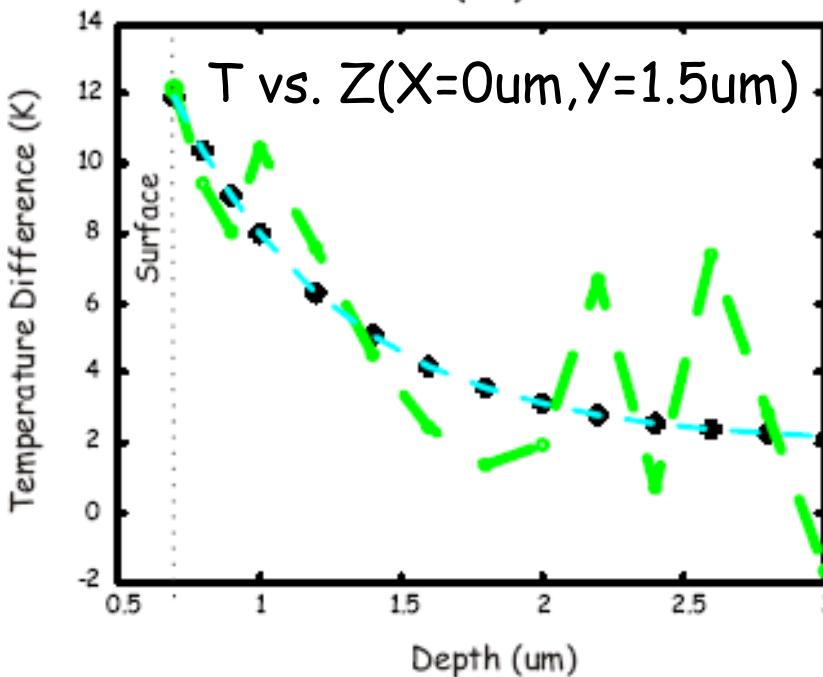
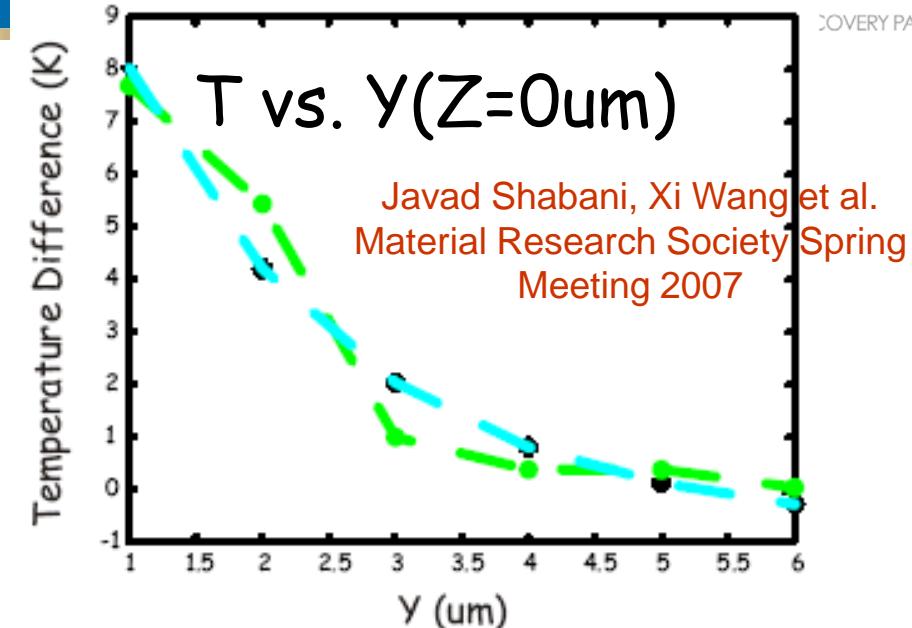
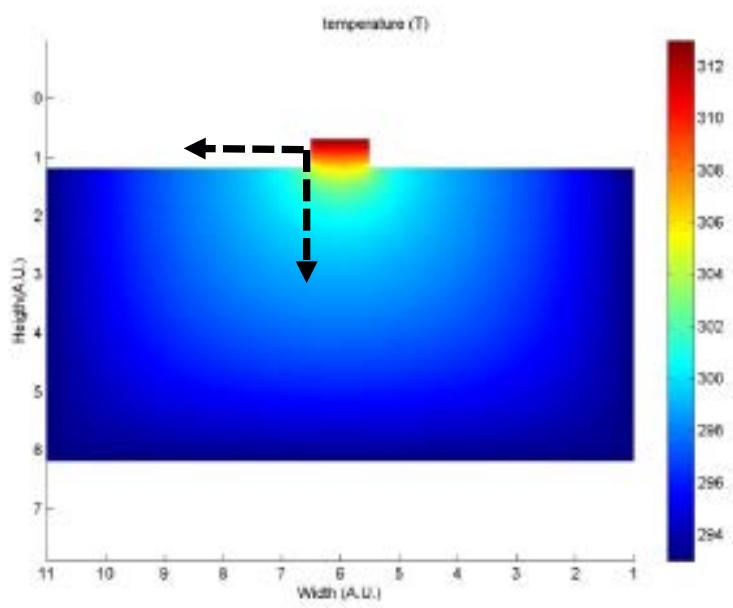
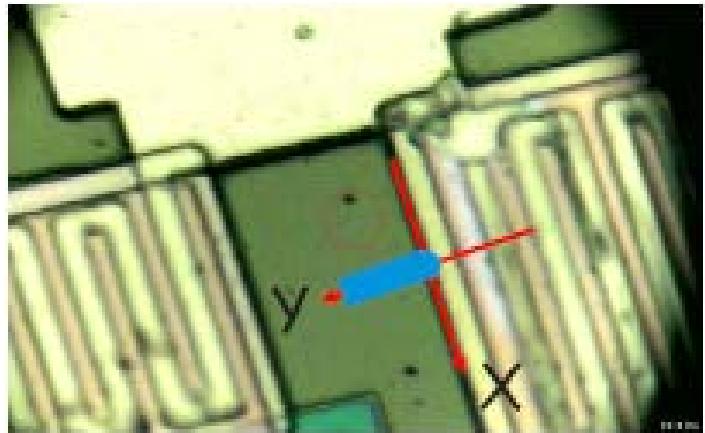
J. Christofferson, et al, *J. Electronic Packaging*, 130 (4) 041101, 2008

# 3D Raman temperature measurement



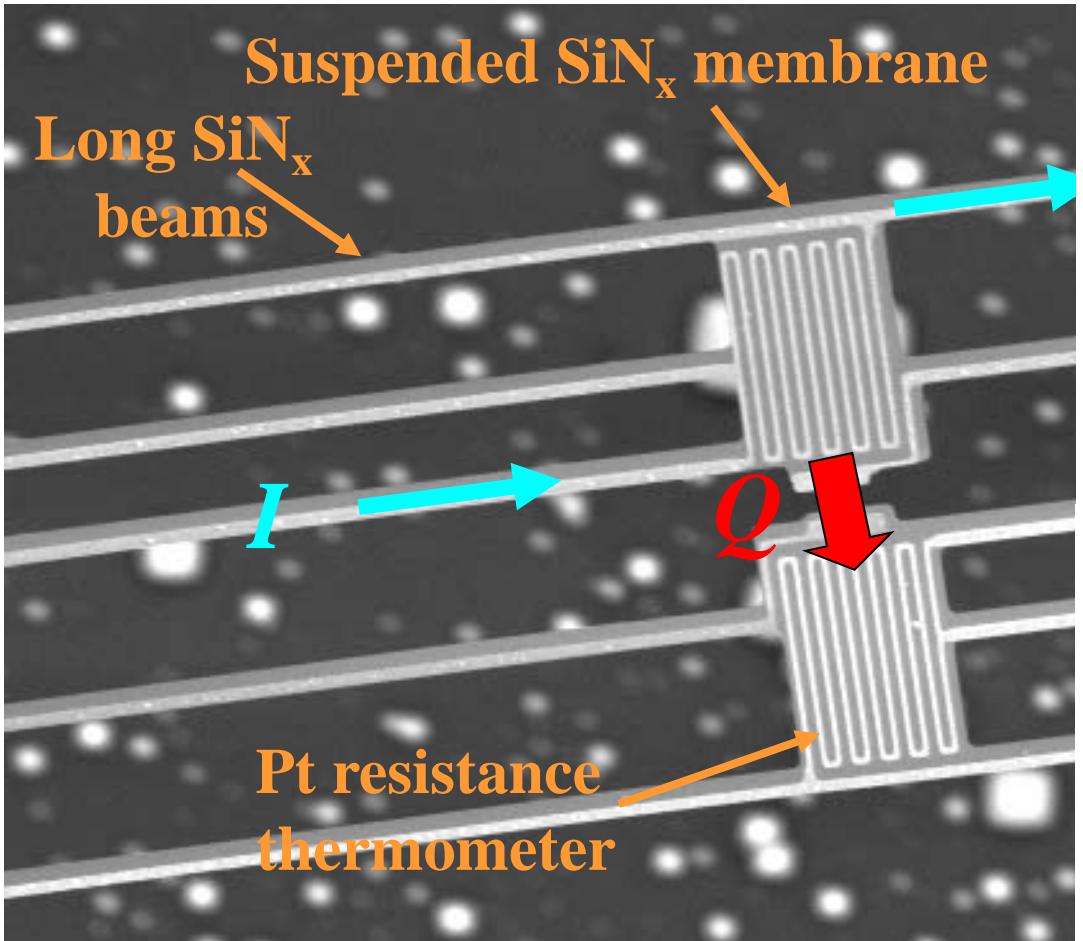
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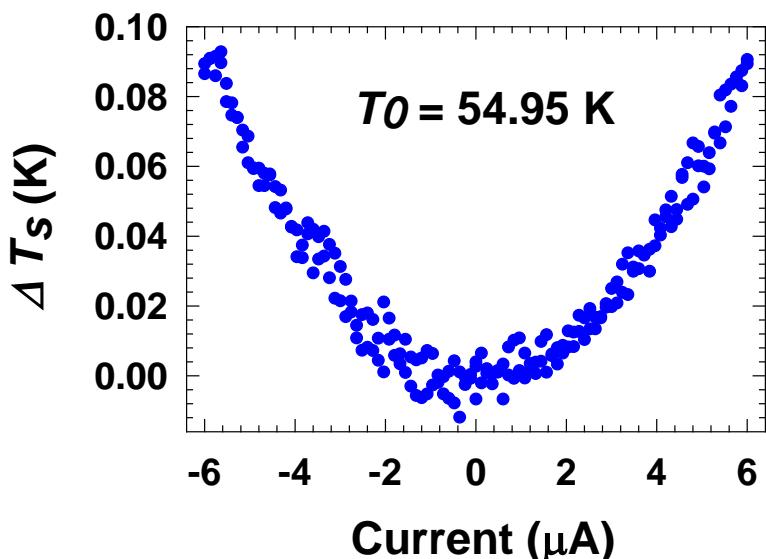
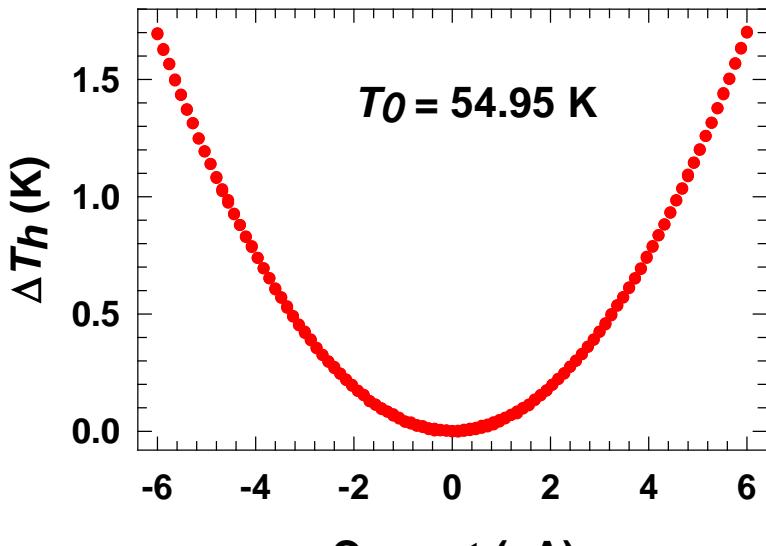


# Thermal Measurements of Nanowires

Thermal conductance:  $G = Q / (T_h - T_s)$

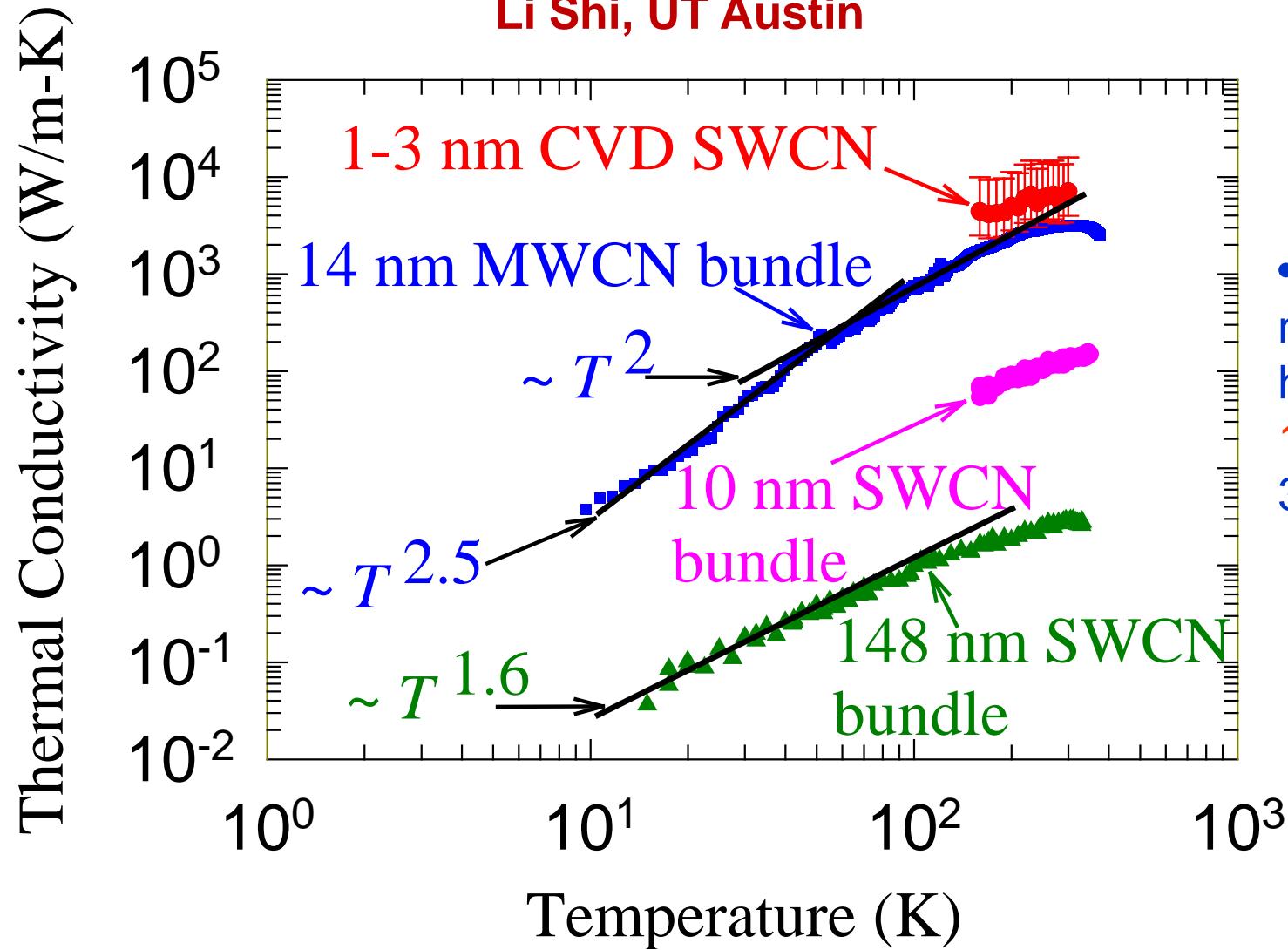


Kim et al, *PRL* **87**, 215502  
Shi et al, *JHT*



# Thermal Conductivity of Carbon Nanotubes

Li Shi, UT Austin

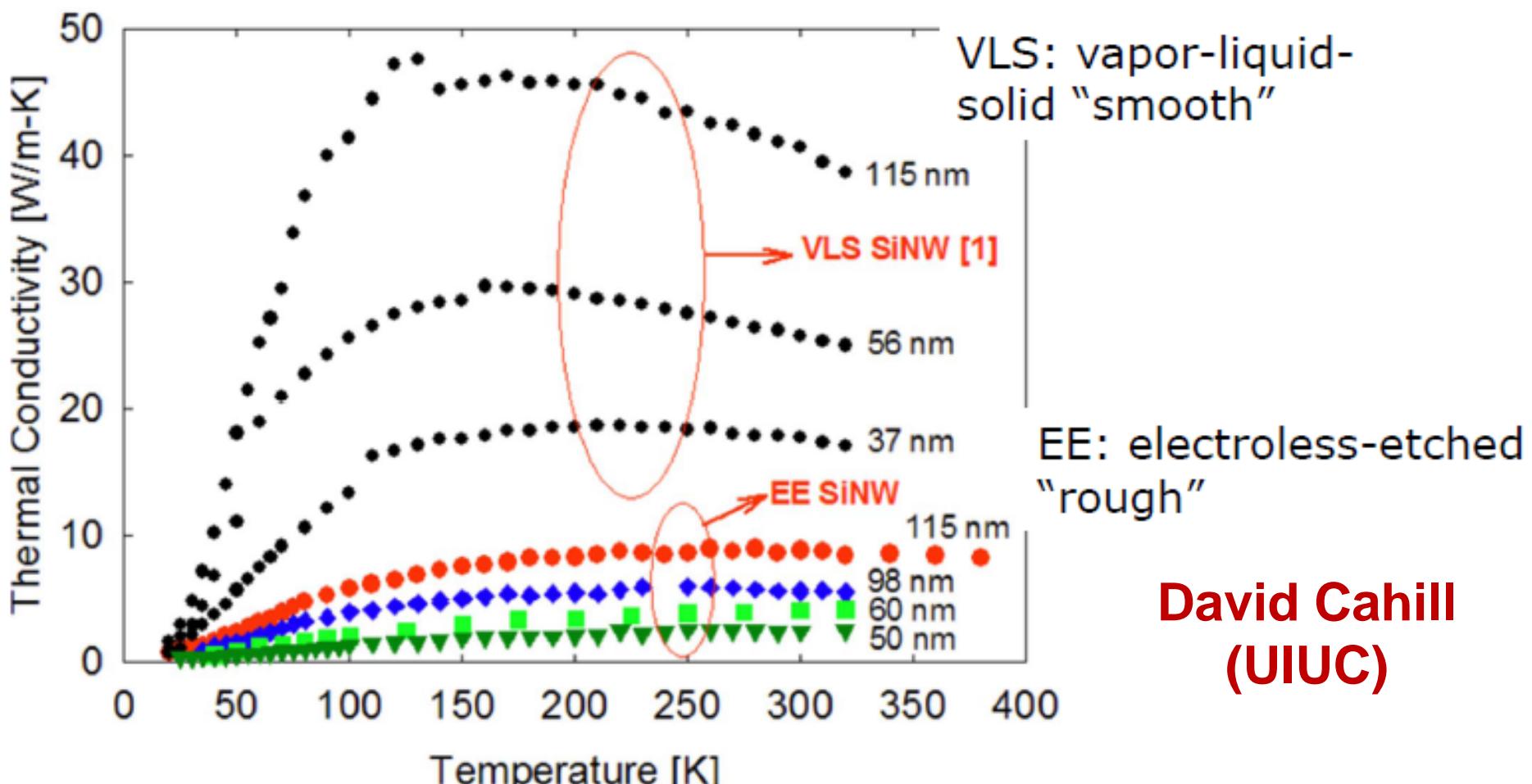


- An individual nanotube has a high  $k \sim 2000$ -  
11000 W/m-K at 300 K

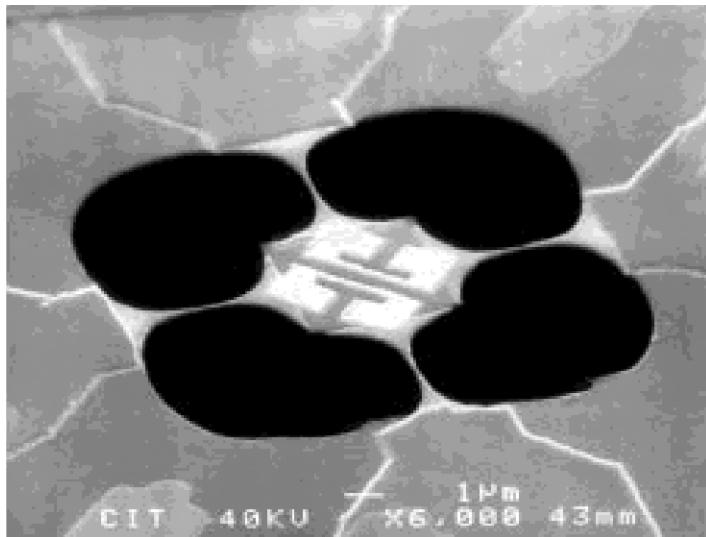
A. Shakouri, *Proceedings of IEEE*, July 2006

# New phonon physics in roughened nanowires?

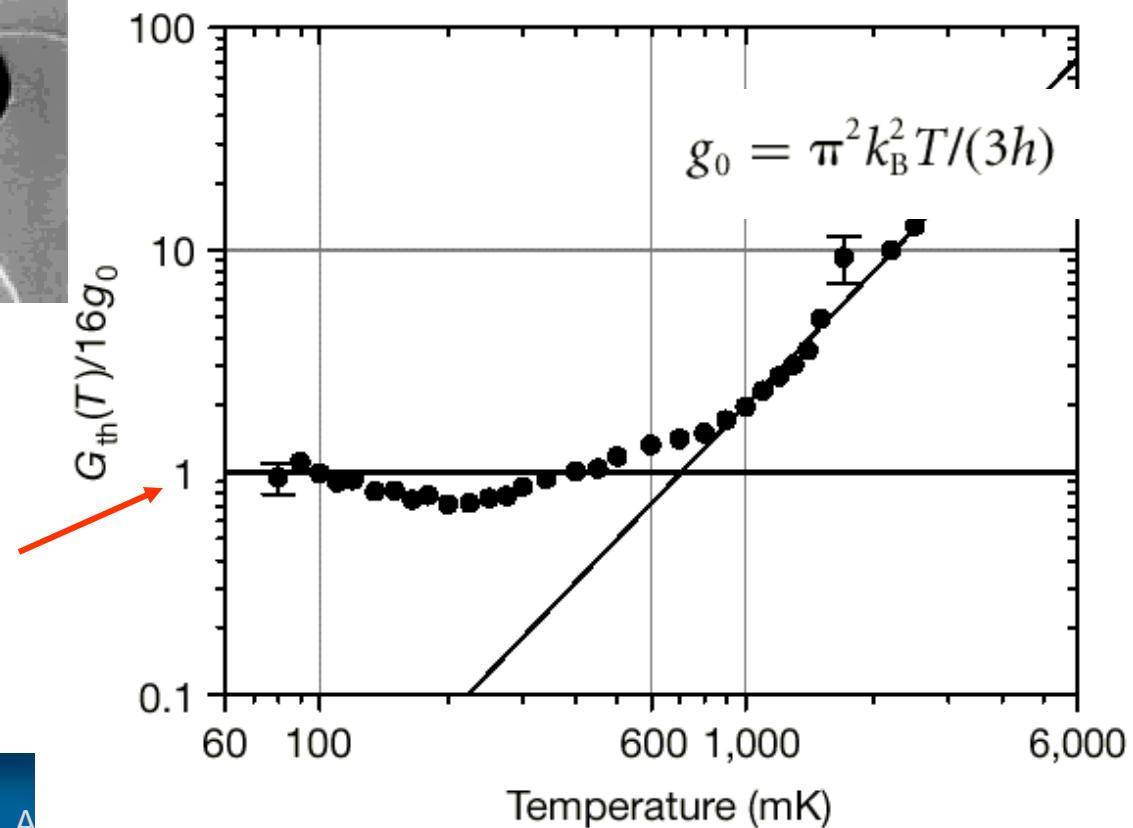
Single Si nanowire measurements by Majumdar, Yang, and co-workers (2008)



## Thermal conductance quantization in nanoscale SiN<sub>x</sub> beams (Schwab *et al.*, *Nature* 404, 974 )



Quantum of Thermal Conductance



# Lecture 3.3: Summary

- Thermoreflectance imaging
  - Steady-state and transient measurements
  - Calibration issues
- Micro Raman
- Suspended heaters