

Fractional Calculus: A Possible Solution for Non- Fourier Heat Transfer Modeling?

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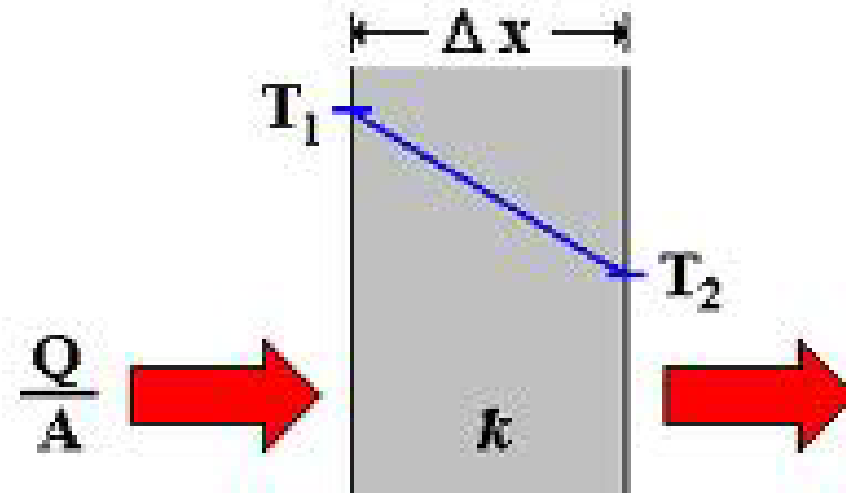
Outline

- **Fourier's law for heat conduction**
- **Breakdown of Fourier's law in nanosystems**
- **Experimental evidence of ballistic heat transfer**
- **Modeling and numerical reconstruction of heat-pulse experiments**
- **Fractional calculus for non-Fourier heat transport?**
- **Summary**

Fourier's Law



Joseph Fourier
1768-1830



$$Q = kA \left(\frac{T_1 - T_2}{\Delta x} \right)$$

$$\vec{q} = -k \nabla T$$

Fourier's Law: $\vec{q} = -k\nabla T$

- Fourier's law describes the **macroscopic** heat transport.
- There is **a lack of rigorous mathematical derivation** from first principles.

“Heat, like gravity, penetrates every substance of the universe, its rays occupy all parts of space ... **The theory of heat** will hereafter form one of **the most important branches of general physics** ... But whatever may be the range of mechanical theories, they **do not apply to the effects of heat**. These make up a special order of phenomena, which cannot be explained by the principles of motion and equilibria ... ”

----- Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier

Fick's Law & Fourier's Law

Fourier's law: $\vec{q} = -k\nabla T$

“Heat Conduction Is a Can of Worms”

John Maddox, Nature, 1989, Vol. 338, pp 373

Fick's first law: $\vec{J} = -D\nabla\phi$

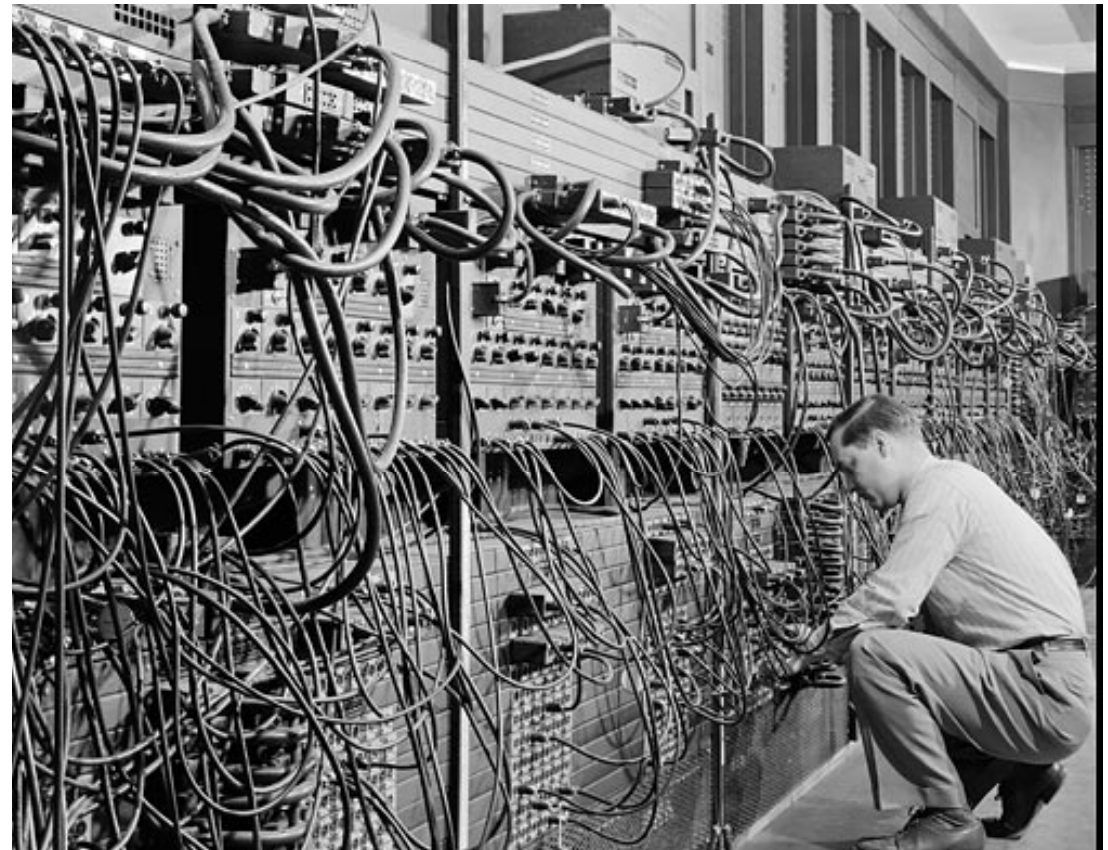
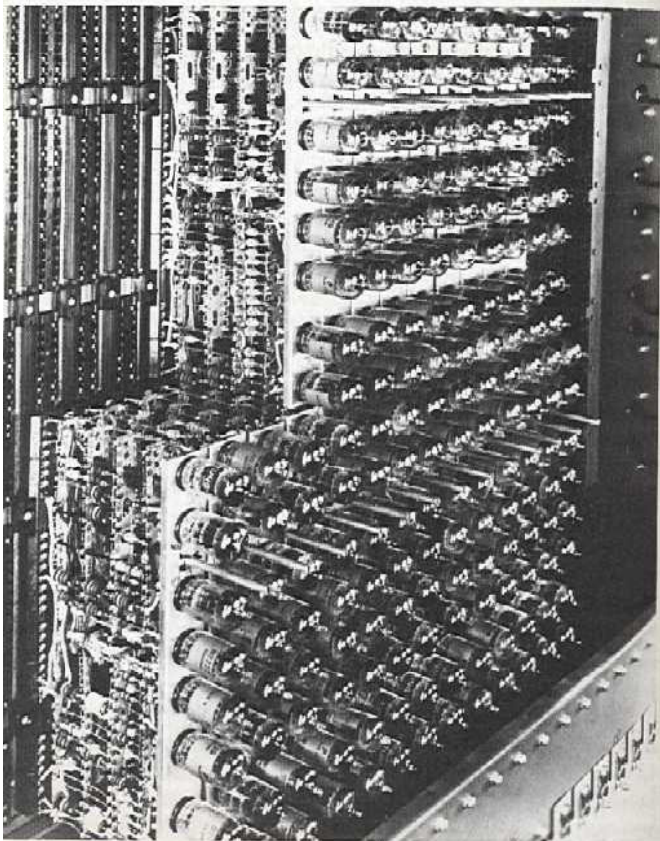
“A Bigger Can of Worms”

P. C. Malone, Nature, 1991, Vol. 349, pp 373

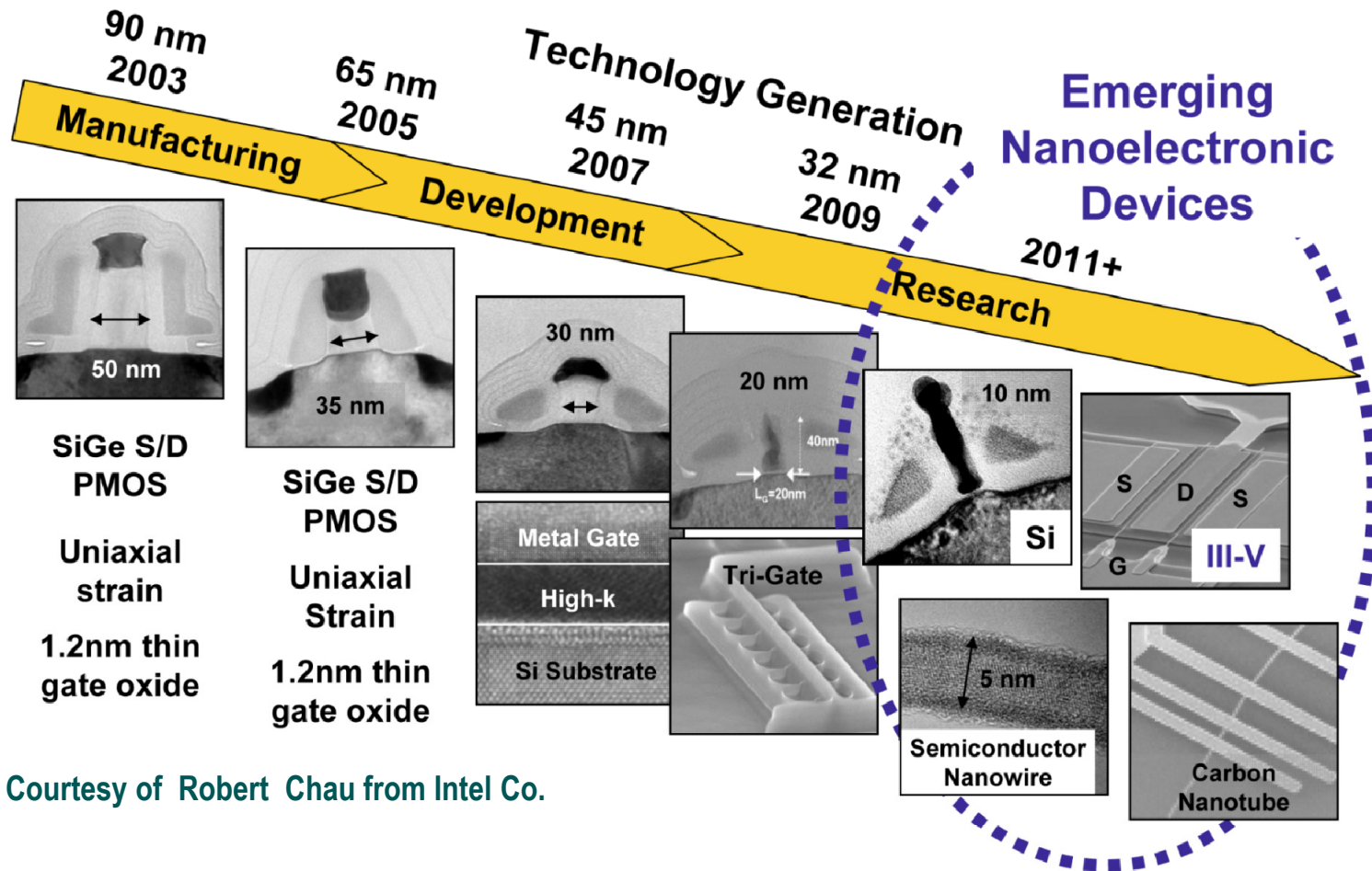
First Generation of Computer (1940-1959)



Vacuum tube

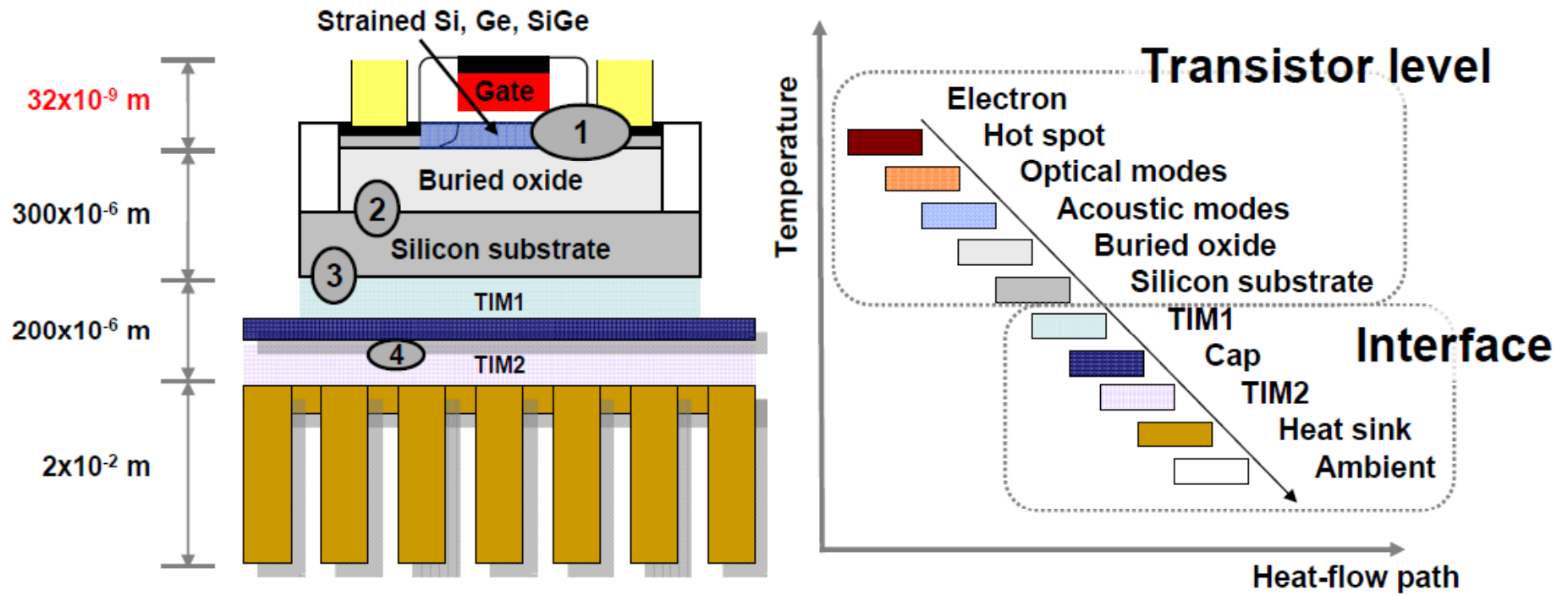


Micro/Nano Electronics



Courtesy of Robert Chau from Intel Co.

Thermal Management at Transistor Level



- **Each transistor is a heating source.**
- **Hot spot can be generated without efficient thermal management at transistor level.**

Amon CH, et al, Int. J. Heat & Mass Transfer, 2006, Vol. 49, 97-107.

Waste Thermal Energy

- **90%** of the world's power generated by heat engine using fossil fuel.

Heat engine efficiency: **30%- 40%**

15 Terawatts of heat is lost to the environment.

- Energy efficiency in transportation: **20%**
& **700 Gigawatts** rejected as waste heat.

Thermoelectric Energy Conversion

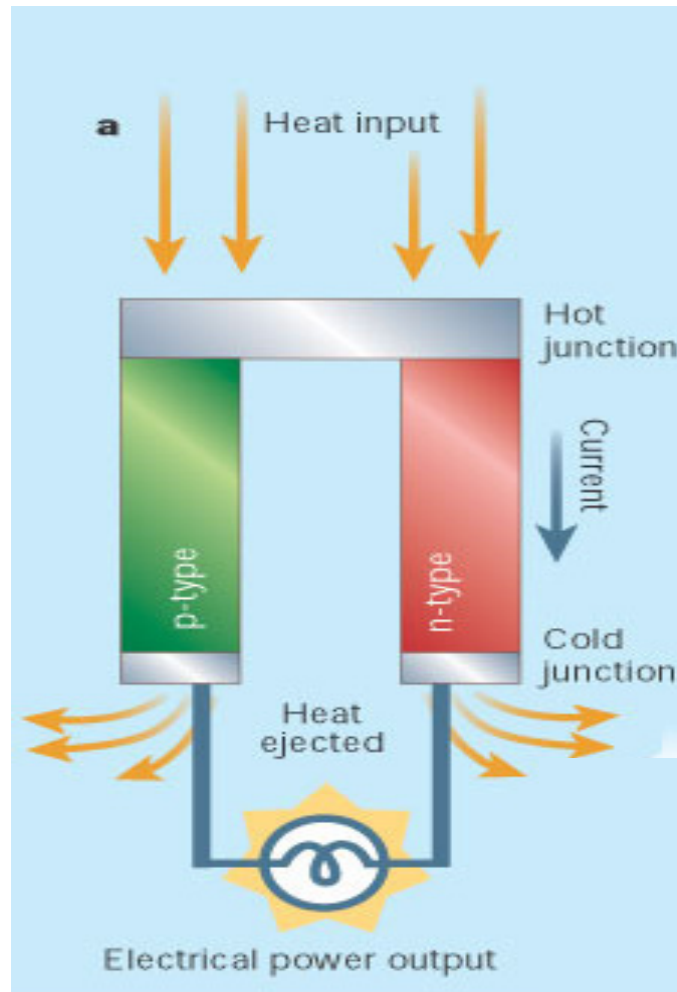


Figure of Merit Z:

$$Z = \frac{\sigma S^2}{\kappa}$$

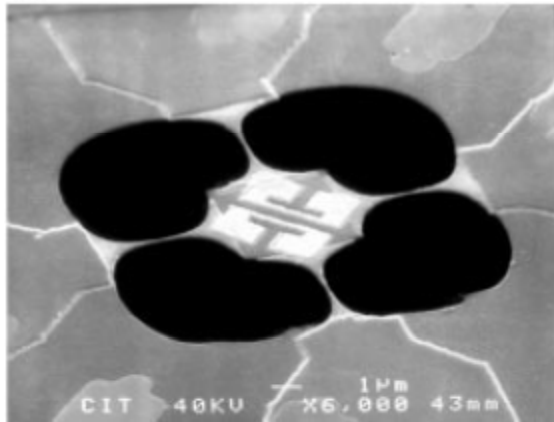
σ : electrical conductivity

κ : thermal conductivity

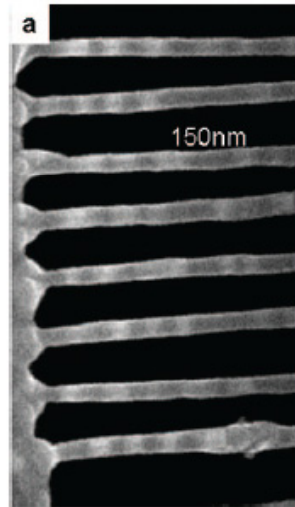
S: Seebeck coefficient

Cronin Vining, Nature 2001, 413, 577-578

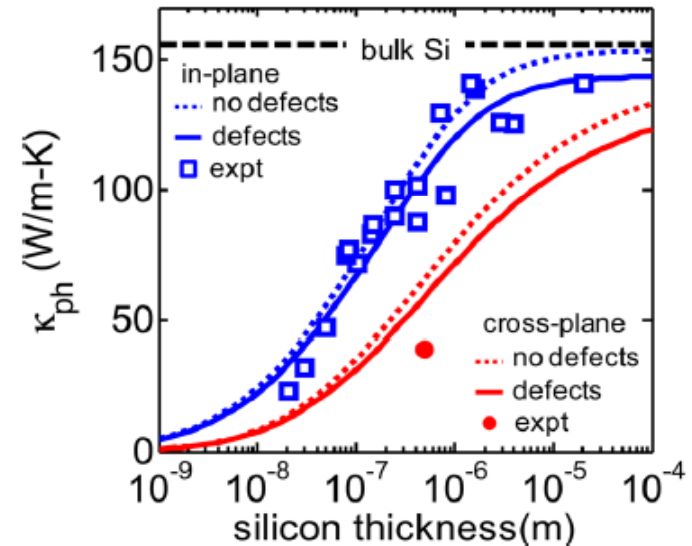
Thermoelectric Nano-Materials



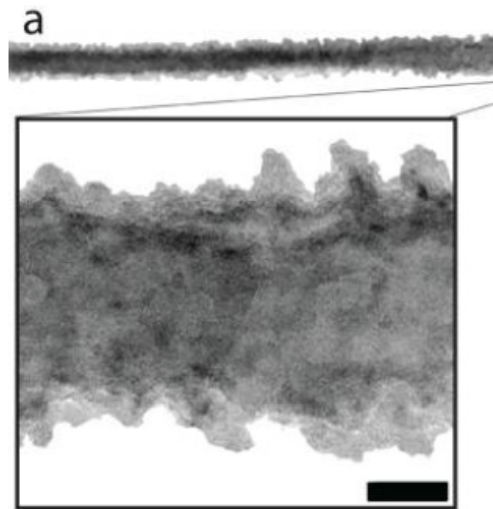
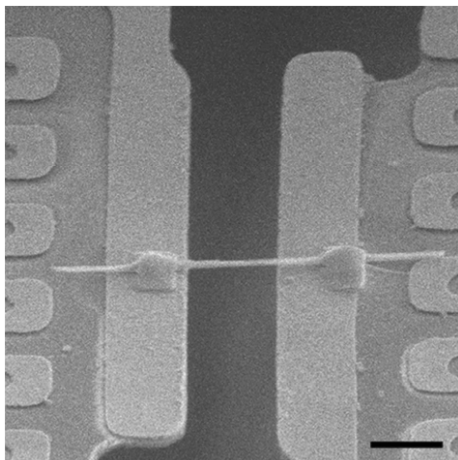
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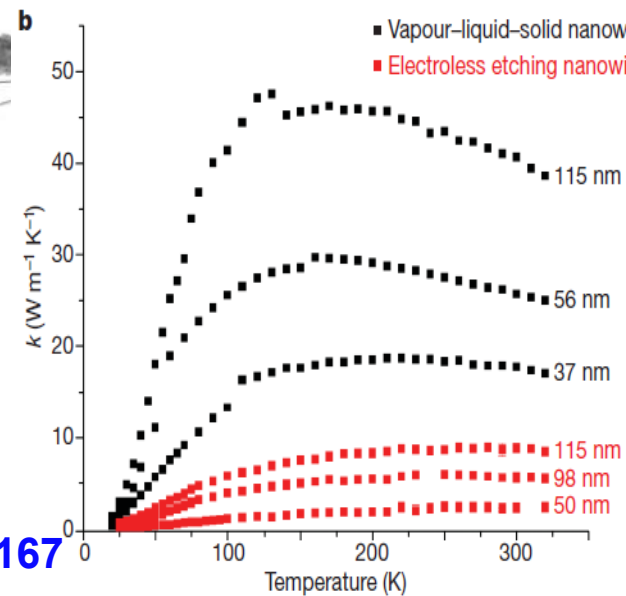
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Jeong et al, J. Appl. Phys, 2012, v111, 093708



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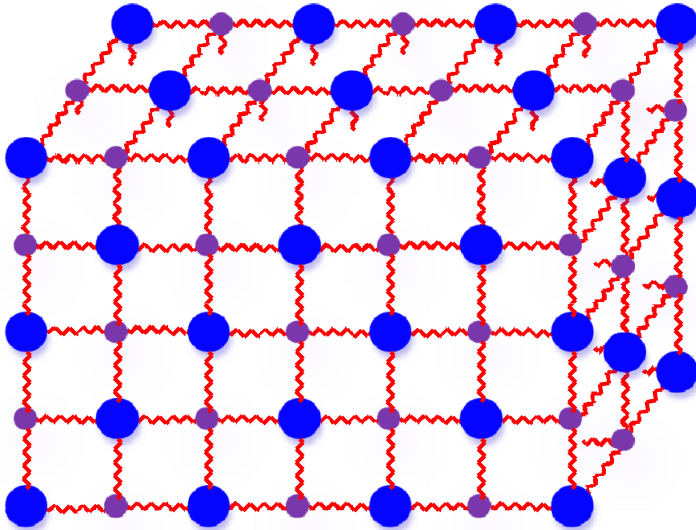
Breakdown of Fourier's Law

**Geometry-/Size- dependent
thermal conductivity →**

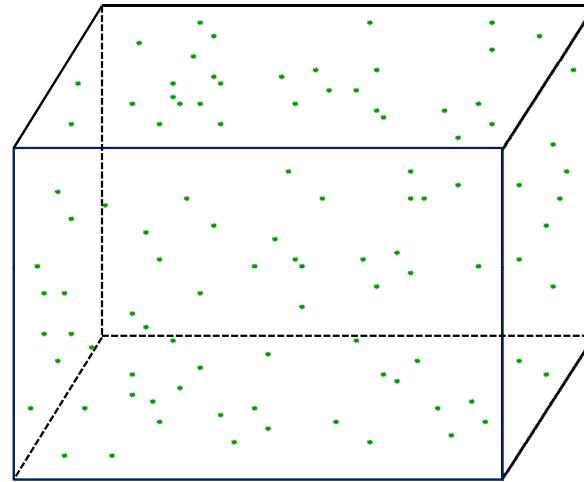
Breakdown of Fourier's law

**What's the new law for non-
Fourier heat transport?**

Microscopic Heat Transfer



Lattice vibration



Phonon gas model

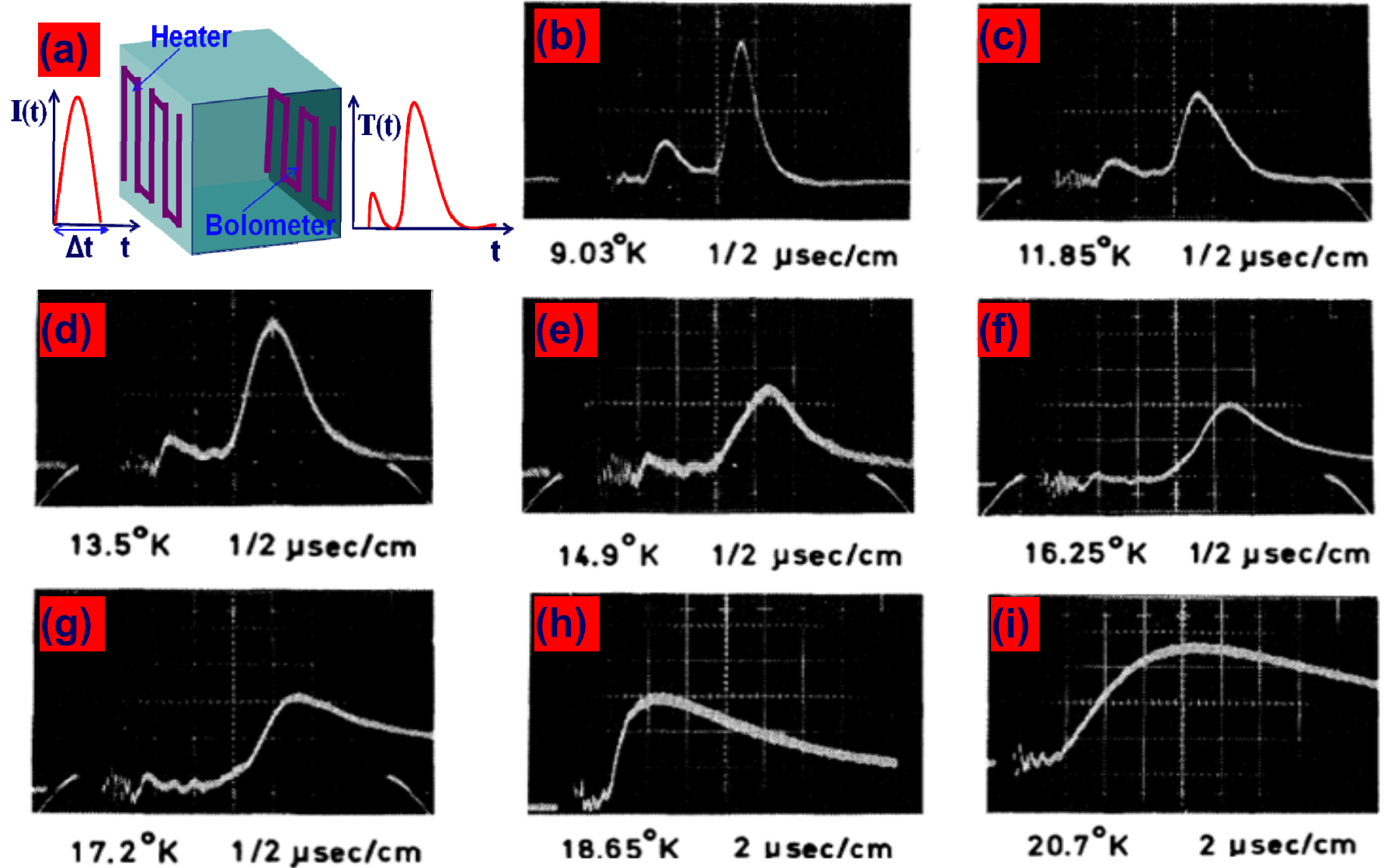
(Phonon: Quantization of
Vibration Energy)

- **Diffusive Heat Transport:**
System size \gg Phonon Mean Free Path
- **Ballistic Transport (significant in nanosystems):**
System size \leq Phonon Mean Free Path (MFP)



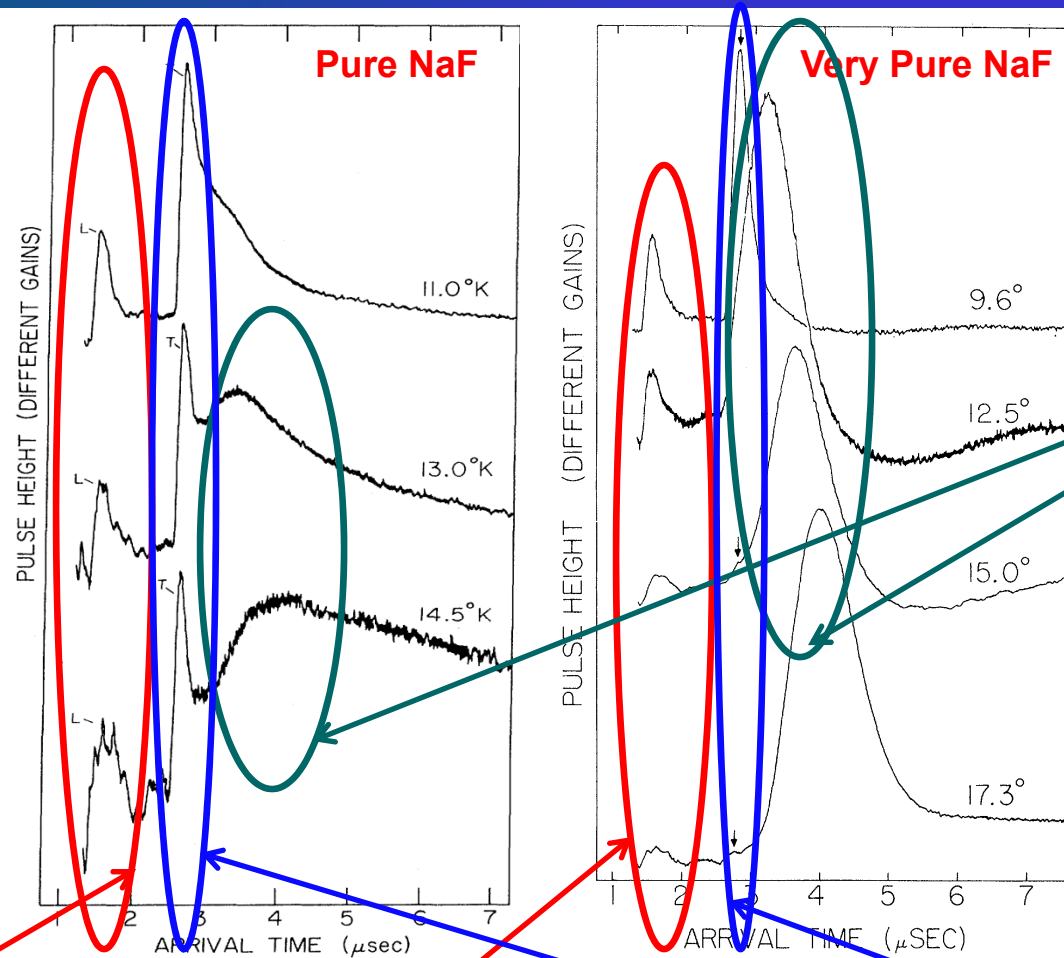
Direct Evidence of Ballistic Heat Transfer

Heat-Pulse Experiments at Low Temperatures



McNelly, PhD. Thesis, 1974

Identification of Thermal Waves



**Second
sound**

Ballistic longitudinal pulse

Ballistic transversal pulse



Numerical Reconstruction of Heat-Pulse Experiments

Rogers' Viscous Phonon Gas Model

➤ Navier-Stokes Equation for Fluid Dynamics

$$\rho \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \rho \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \vec{u} + \left(\zeta + \frac{1}{3} \mu \right) \nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{u})$$

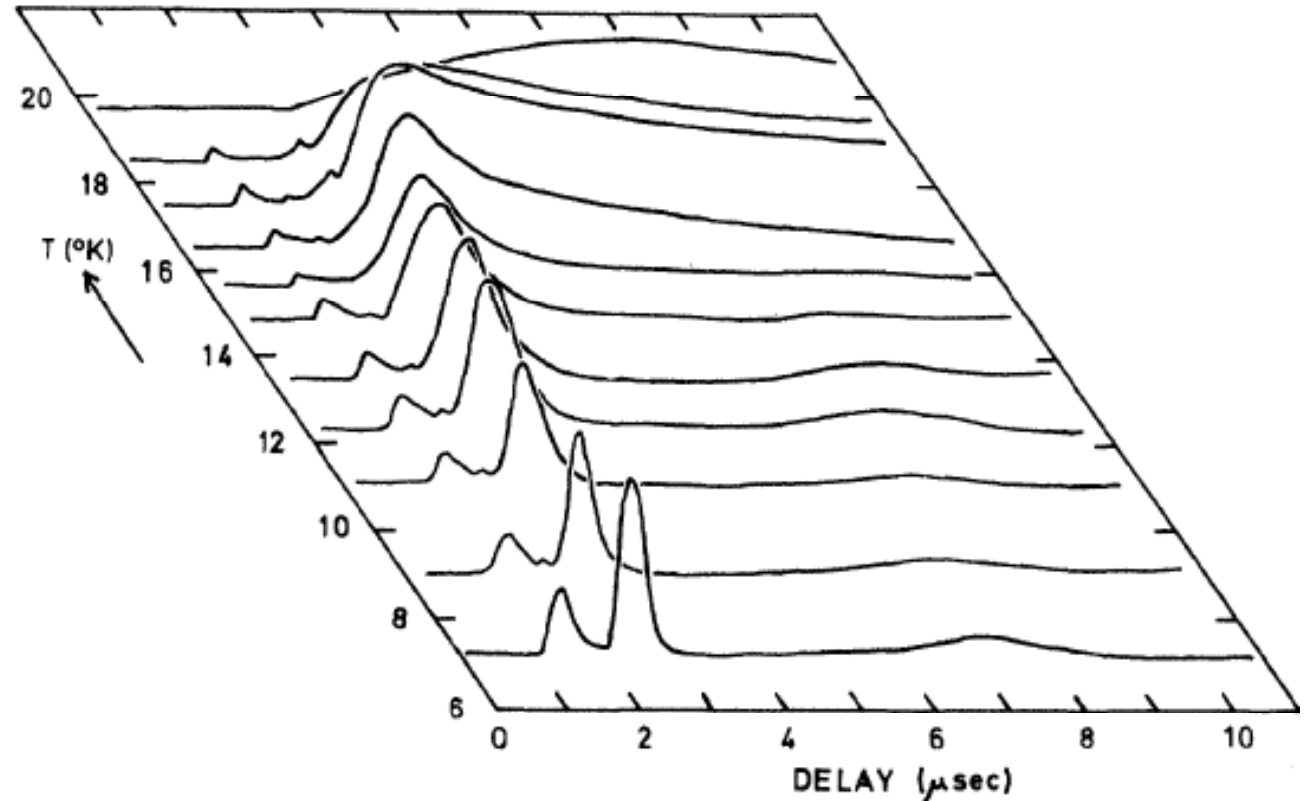
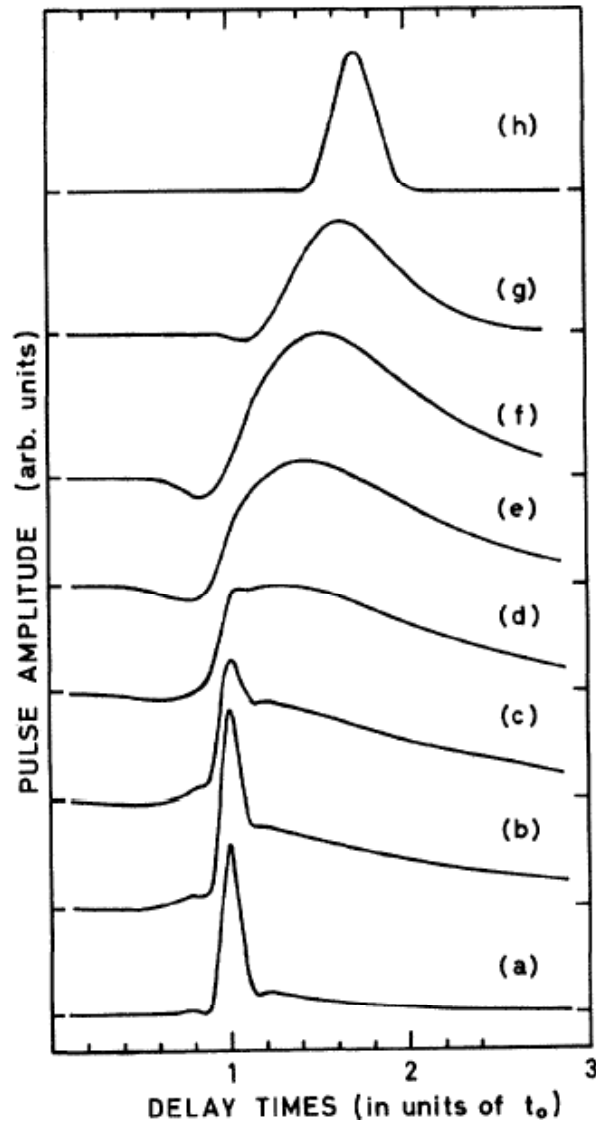
➤ Evolution Equation for Heat Flux:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{q}}{c_1^2 \partial t} = \frac{1}{3} \nabla E - \frac{\vec{q}}{c_1^2 \tau_R} + \left[\mu_g \nabla^2 + \left(\zeta_g + \frac{1}{3} \mu_g \right) \nabla (\nabla \cdot) \right] \left(\frac{\vec{q}}{e} \right)$$

$$\mu_g = \frac{1}{3} e \tau_N, \quad \zeta_g = \frac{\tau e (1 - c_2^2 / c_1^2)}{(1 - i\omega\tau)}, \quad \tau^{-1} = \tau_N^{-1} + \tau_R^{-1}$$

μ_g : the first viscosity, ζ_g : the second viscosity

Numerical Reconstruction of Heat-Pulse Experiments



McNelly, PhD. Thesis, 1974

Rogers, Physical Review B, Vol. 37, p1440-1457, 1971

Hybrid Phonon Gas Model (Mixture of Longitudinal & Transverse Phonons)

- Mixture theory of longitudinal and Transversal phonons in $\langle 100 \rangle$ crystallographic direction:

$$E = E_l + 2E_t, \quad \vec{q} = \vec{q}_l + 2\vec{q}_t$$

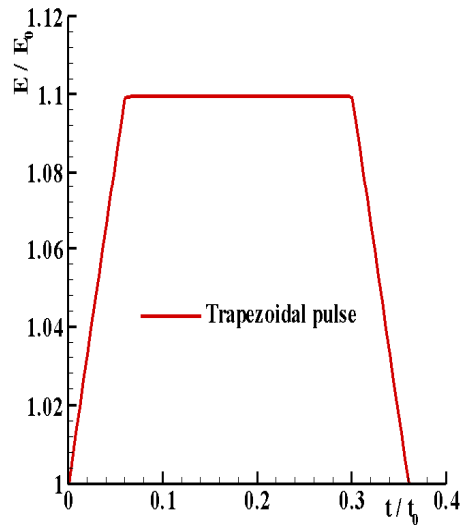
- Dispersion relationship of longitudinal phonons (gray model):

$$k_{lr} = \frac{\omega}{c_l}, \quad k_{li} = \left(\frac{1}{3\tau_N} + \frac{5}{6\tau_R} \right) \frac{1}{c_l}$$

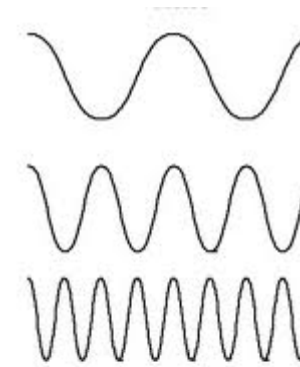
- Dispersion relationship of transversal phonons (Rogers' model):

$$\frac{1}{3}k_t^2 = \omega^2 \frac{1 + \frac{\tau}{\tau_R} - i \left(\omega\tau - \frac{1}{\omega\tau_R} \right)}{1 - 3i\omega\tau}$$

Numerical Methods



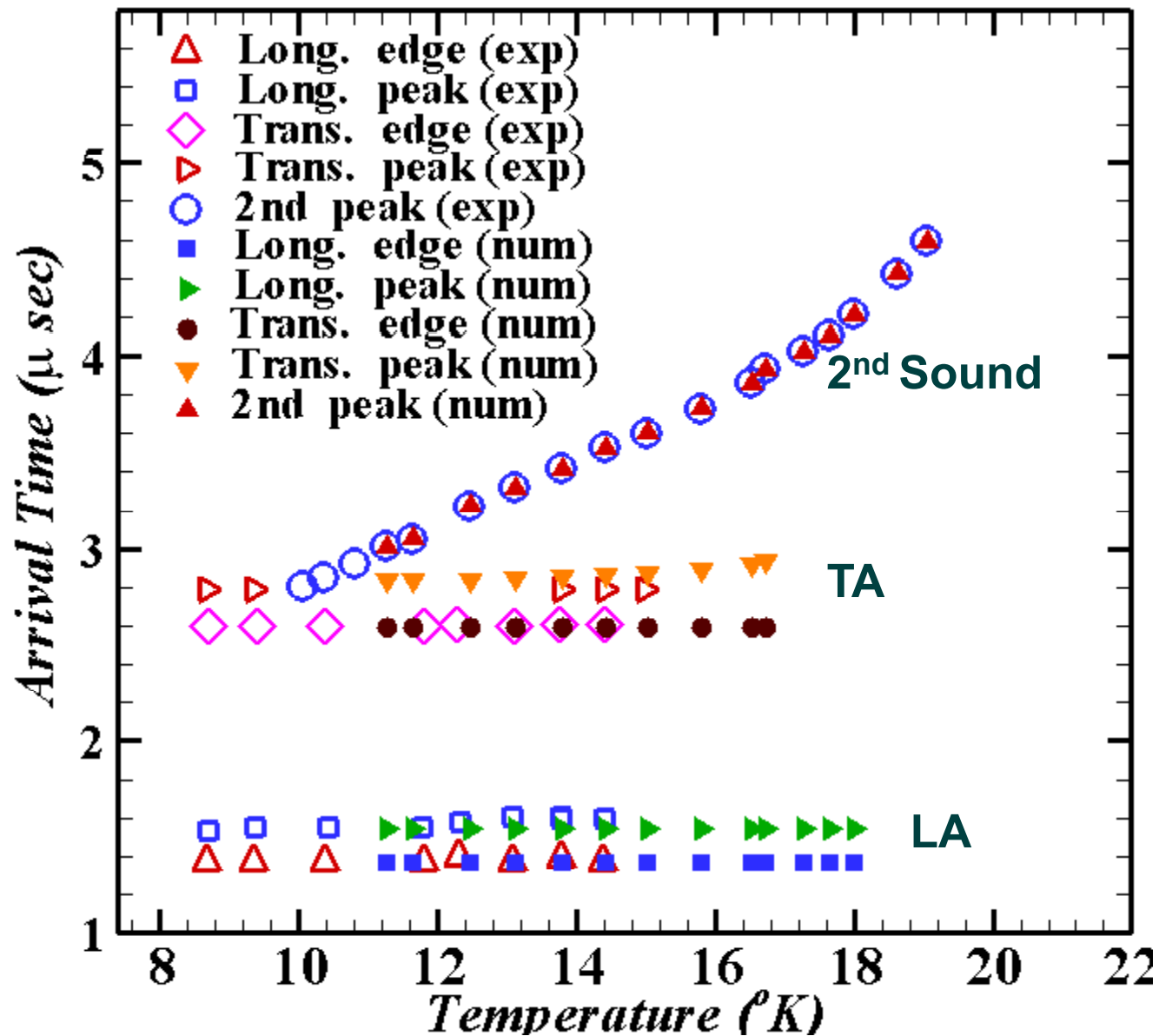
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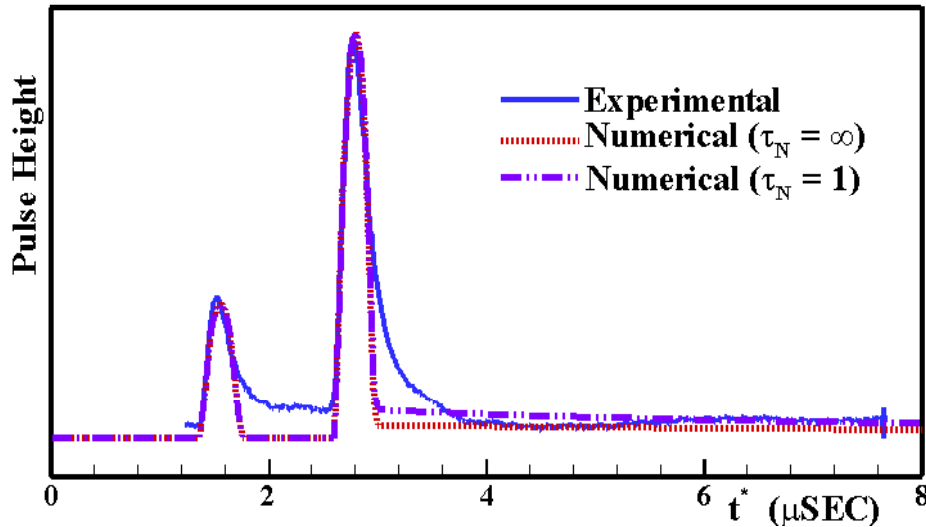
$$f(0, t) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j e^{i(-\omega_j t)}$$

$$f(x, t) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j e^{i(k_j x - \omega_j t)}$$

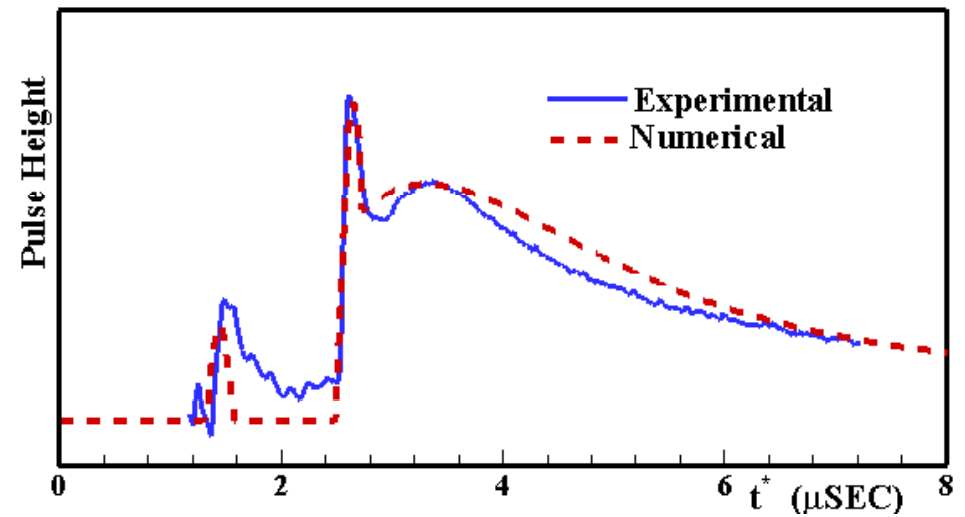
Comparison of Arrival Time of Heat Pulses in Very Pure NaF



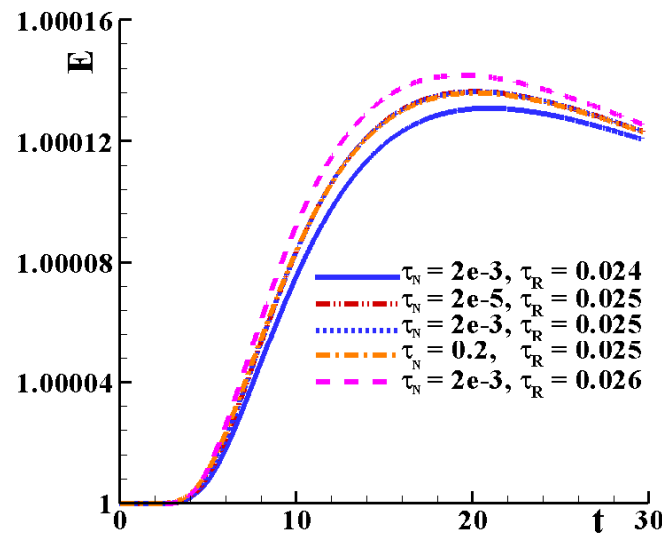
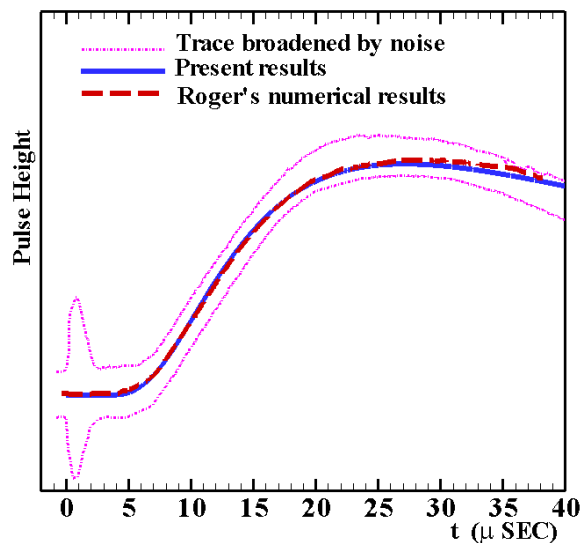
Reconstruction of Heat-Pulse Experiments in Pure NaF



Comparison of detected heat pulses at $x = 1$, $T^* = 9.6\text{K}$.



Comparison of detected heat pulses at $x = 1$, $T^* = 13\text{K}$.



Comparison of detected heat pulses at $x = 1$, $T^* = 25.5\text{K}$.

Journal paper under review

Non-Fourier Heat Conduction Models

➤ **Energy equation:** $\frac{\partial e}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{q} = 0$

➤ **Evolution equation for heat flux:**

1. **Fourier's Law:** $\vec{q} = -k\nabla T$

(Infinite speed of propagation & fail for ballistic phonons)

2. **Cattaneo-Vernotte model:** $\tau_R \frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} + \vec{q} = -k\nabla T$

(Allow 2nd sound propagation but fail for ballistic phonons)

3. **Guyer-Krumhansl model:**

$$\frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} + \frac{\vec{q}}{\tau_R} = -\frac{k}{\tau_R} \nabla T + \frac{k\tau_N}{5} (\nabla^2 \vec{q} + 2\nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{q}))$$

(Prediction of second sound: $\tau_N \ll \tau_R$, fail for ballistic phonons)

Non-Fourier Heat Conduction Model Based on Fractional Derivative ?

1. Fourier's Law: $\vec{q} = -k\nabla T$
2. Fractional derivative for Non-Fourier's heat conduction model:

$$\vec{q} = -k\nabla^a T ?$$

$$\frac{\partial^\xi \vec{q}}{\partial t^\xi} + \frac{\vec{q}}{\tau_R} = -\frac{k}{\tau_R} \nabla T + \beta(\nabla^\eta \vec{q}) ?$$

Summary

- **A Ballistic-Diffusive Phonon Hydrodynamic (BDPH) model was developed for ballistic-diffusive phonon transport.**
- **The model is validated by comparing against heat pulse experiments.**
- **Seek the possibility of developing non-Fourier heat conduction model based on fractional calculus.**



Thank you!