

Near-field radiative heat transfer in many-body systems

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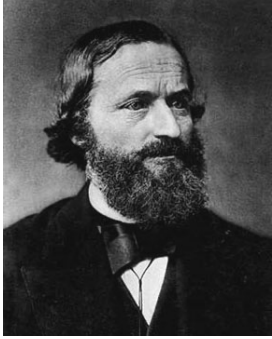
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advancing the frontiers



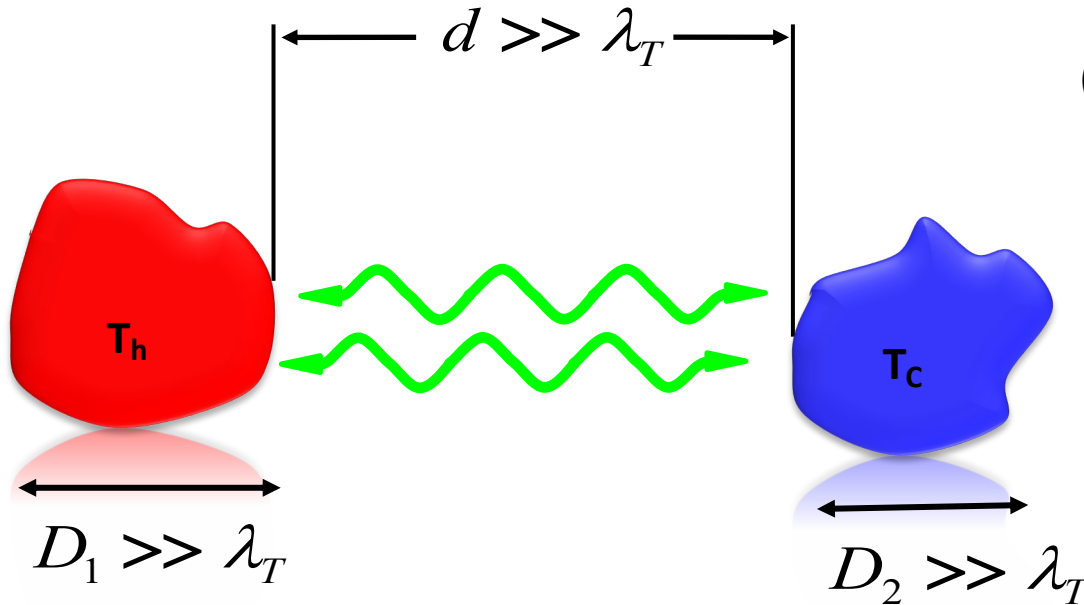
Heat transfer in far field



Kirchoff 1862
(Radiometry)



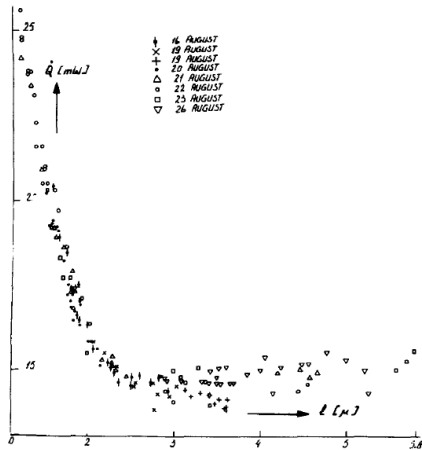
Planck 1901
(blackbody theory)



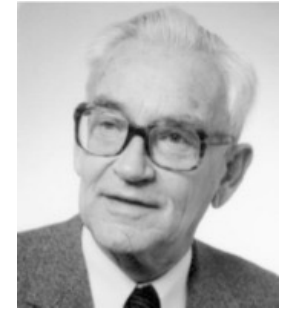
$$\phi < \underbrace{\sigma(T_h^4 - T_c^4)}_{\text{Stefan-Boltzmann limit}}$$

Heat transfer between two blackbody

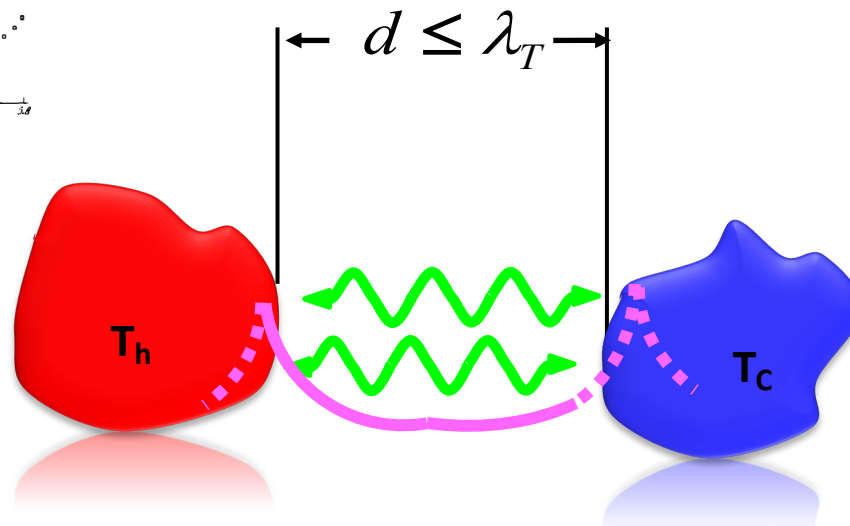
Heat transfer in near-field



Hargreaves
1969 experiment



Polder & Van Hove,
1971 theory

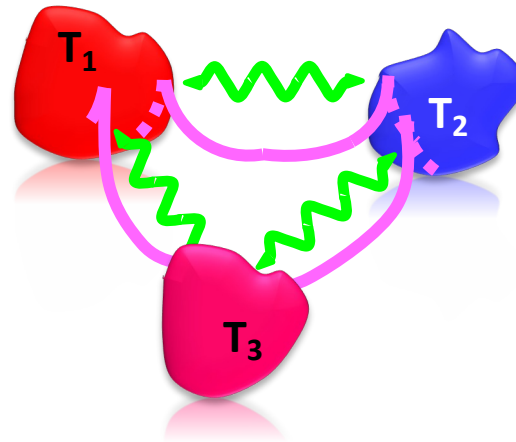


$$\phi > \sigma(T_h^4 - T_c^4) \quad \text{Tunneling of non-propagative photons}$$

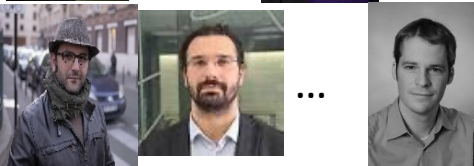
Since then, more than 20 experimental proofs:

PRL,95, 224301, 2005; PRB, 78, 115303, 2008; APL 92, 133106, 2008; Nano Lett. 9, 2909, 2009; Nature Photon. 3, 514, 2009; PRL 107, 014301, 2011; Rev. Sci. Instrum. 82, 055106, 2011; PRL 109, 224302, 2012; PRL, 108, 234301, 2012; PRL 109, 264301, 2012; Nature Nano. 10, 253, 2015; Nature 528, 387, 2015; Nature Nano. 11, 515, 2016; APL, 109, 203112, 2016; Nat. Commun. 8, 14475, 2017, PRL, 120, 175901 (2018)...

Many-body near-field heat transfer



dipoles 2011



3 body 2014



N body 2017

Many body effects:

- non additivity of flux
- anomalous heat transport regimes
- photon tunneling amplification
- multistable states
- ...
- open the door to new functionalities

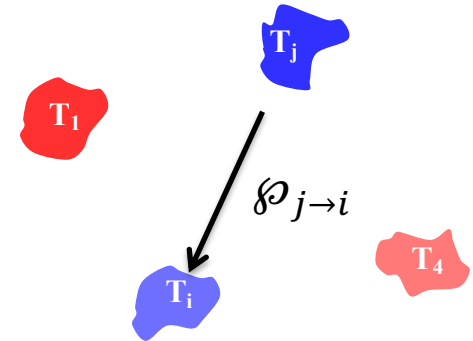
Review:

Biehs et al. Rev. Mod. Phys., 93, 025009 (2021)
Latella et al., Opt. Express, 29 (16) , 24816 (2021)

Heat transfer in many-body systems

Energy balance (neglecting the background contribution)

$$\frac{dT_i}{dt} = \sum_{j \neq i} \wp_{j \rightarrow i}(T_1, \dots, T_N)$$



Using the Landauer formalism

$$\wp_{j \rightarrow i} = \int_0^{\infty} [\theta(T_j, \omega) \mathfrak{S}_{ji}(\omega) - \theta(T_i, \omega) \mathfrak{S}_{ij}(\omega)] \frac{d\omega}{2\pi}$$

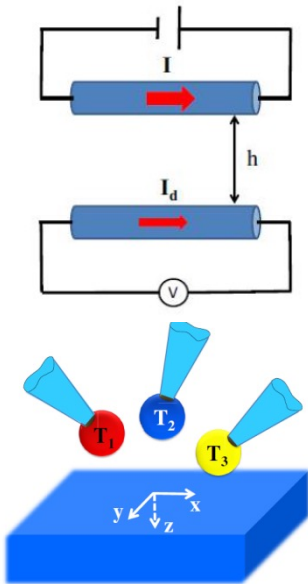
with the transmission coefficient (arbitrary non-reciprocal materials)

$$\mathfrak{S}_{ji}(\omega) = \frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^4 \text{Im Tr} \left[\alpha_i g_{ij} \frac{\alpha_j - \alpha_j^\dagger}{2i} g_{ij}^\dagger \right] \quad (\text{small objects})$$

Polarizability tensor

Full Green (multiscattering)

Outline

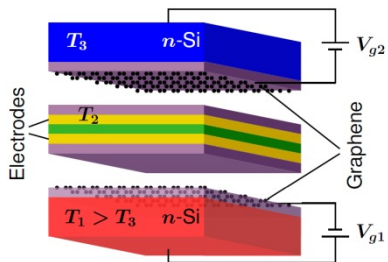
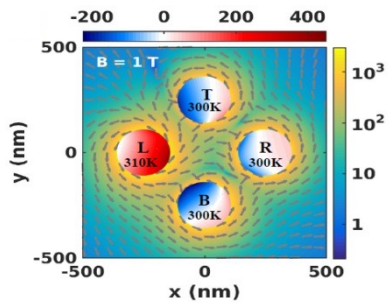


- Thermal photon-drag

- Many-body heat flux focusing

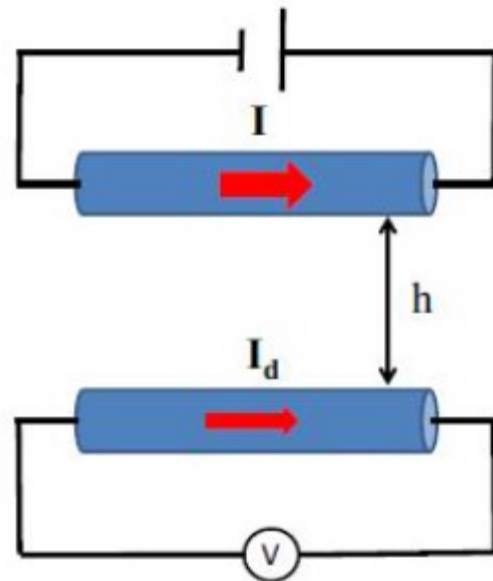
- Thermomagnetic control of near-field heat exchanges

- Pyroelectric near-field energy conversion



Thermal photon-drag

Coulomb drag



Active circuit

$h \sim$ range of Coulombic interactions

Passive (open) circuit

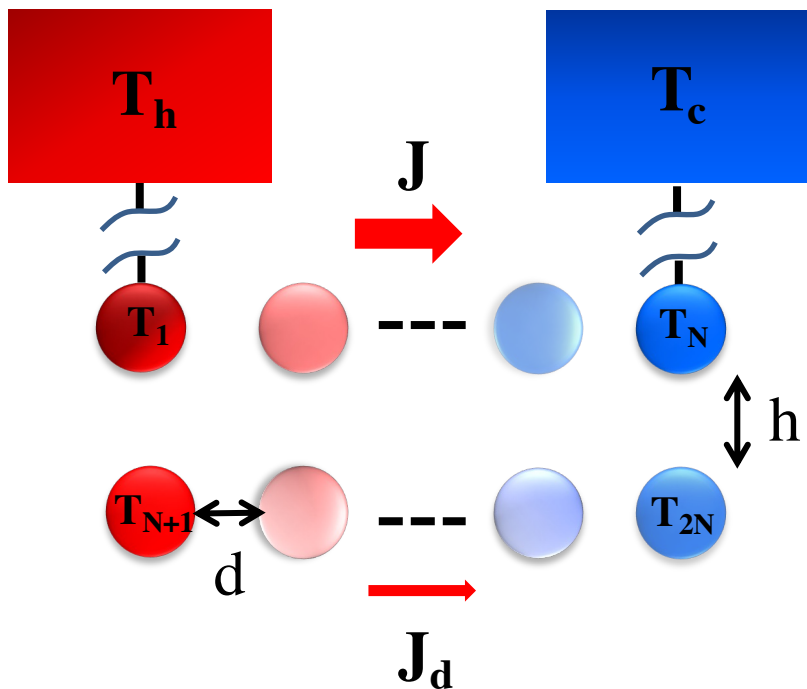
Drag resistance:

$$R_D = \frac{V}{I}$$

Induced voltage

Primary current

Thermal photon drag



In steady state regime:

$$\begin{cases} \phi_{th,i} + \sum_{j \neq i}^{2N} \varphi_{j \rightarrow i}(T_1, \dots, T_{2N}) = 0 & (i = 1, N) \\ \sum_{j \neq i}^{2N} \varphi_{j \rightarrow i}(T_1, \dots, T_{2N}) = 0 & (i \neq 1, N) \end{cases}$$

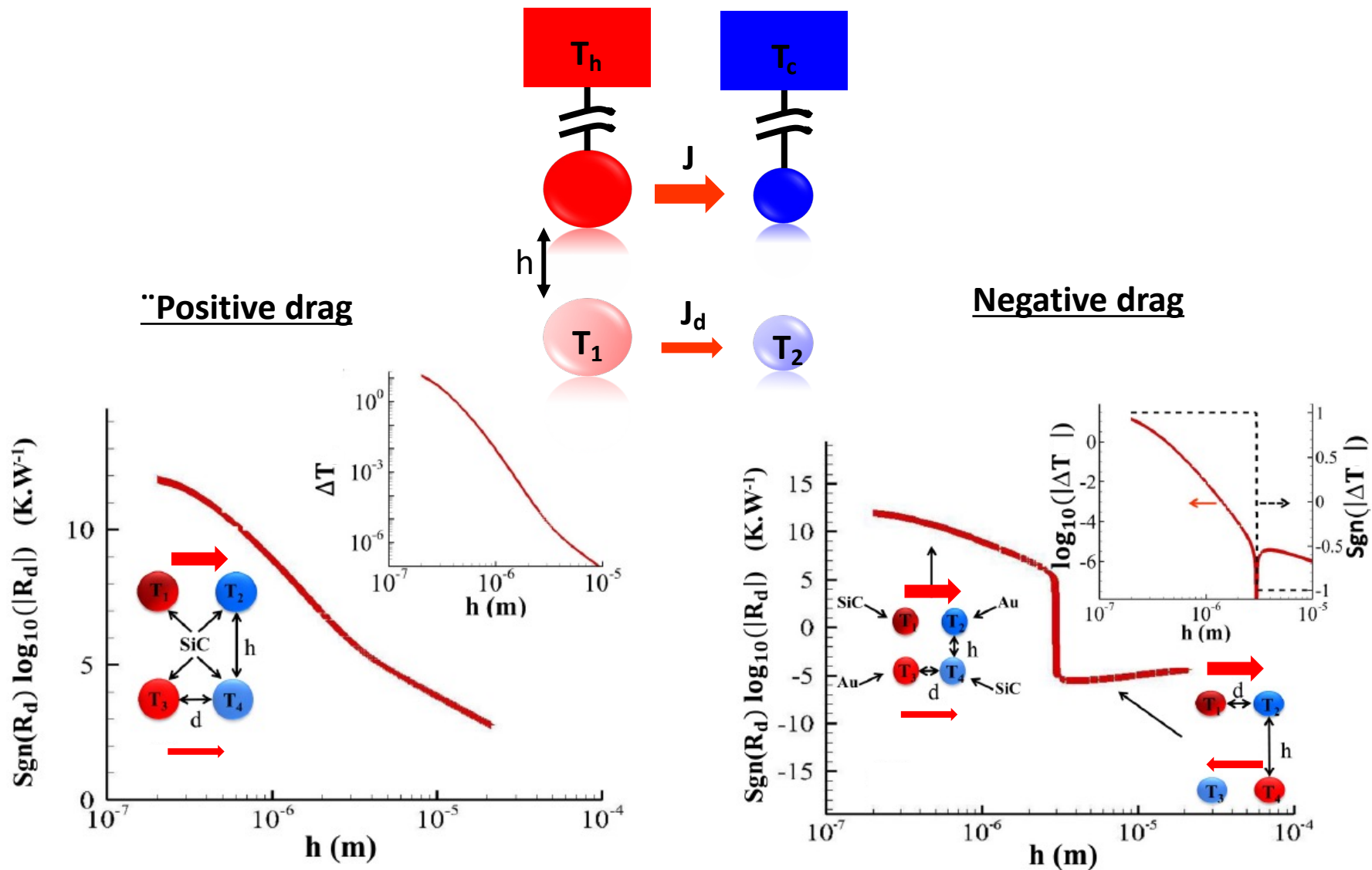


(T_1, \dots, T_{2N}) Equilibrium state

Drag thermal resistance:

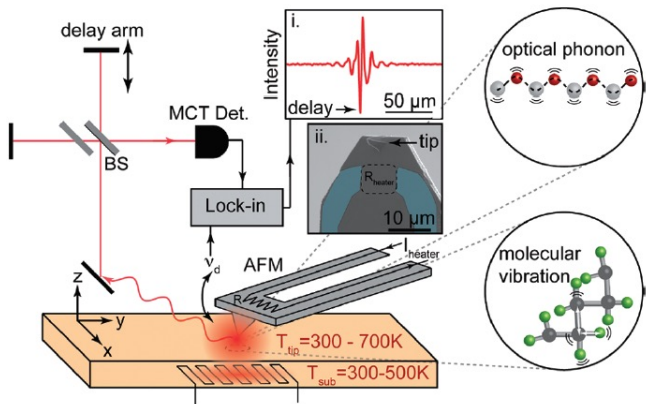
$$V \leftrightarrow \Delta T, I \leftrightarrow J \quad \longrightarrow \quad R_D = \frac{\Delta T}{J}$$

Controlling the local temperature gradient

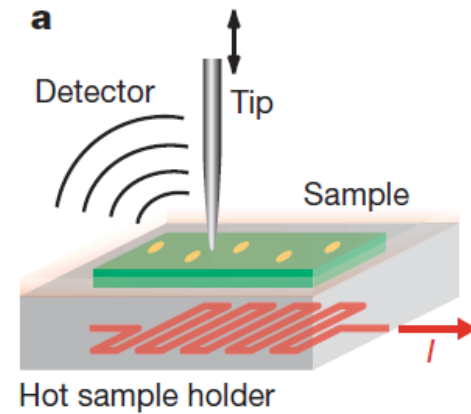


Many-body heat focusing

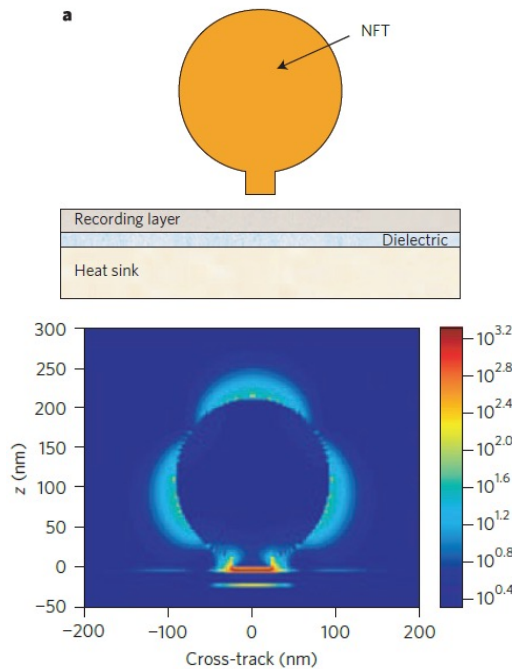
Local heating and magnetic-recording



Jones and Raschke
Nano Lett. 12, 1475 (2012)

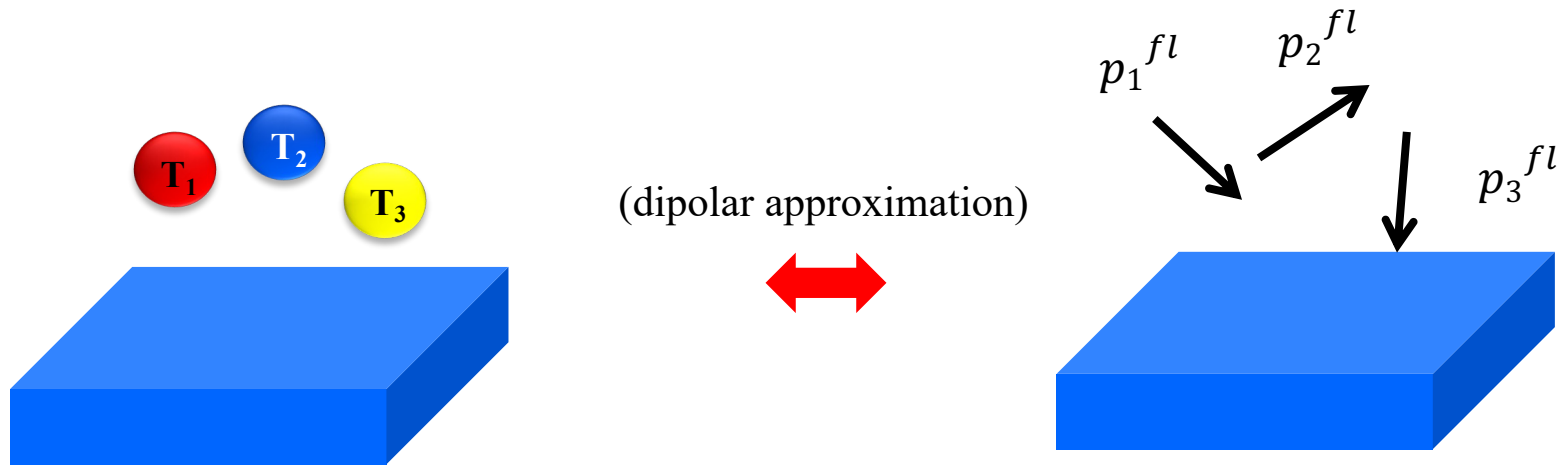


De Wilde et al.
Nature 444, 740 (2006)



Challener et al.,
Nat. Phot. 3, 220 (2009)

Spatial control of Poynting vector



$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \omega^2 \mu_0 \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{G}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_i) \mathbf{p}_i^{fl} + \text{scattered bath}$$



$$\langle S_j(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \rangle = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \sum_{i=1}^N a_j(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_i, \omega) \theta(T_i, \omega)$$

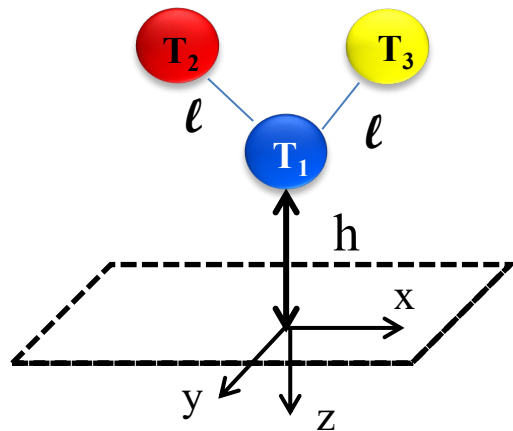
Scattering

Temperature dependent
weighting

Multitip Near-Field Scanning Thermal Microscopy

PRL, 123, 264301 (2019)

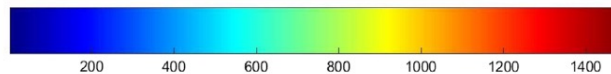
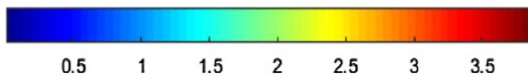
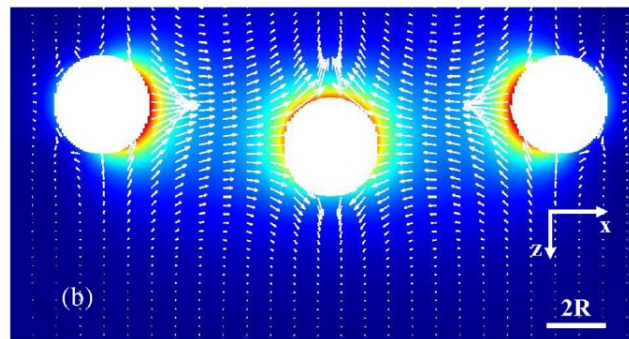
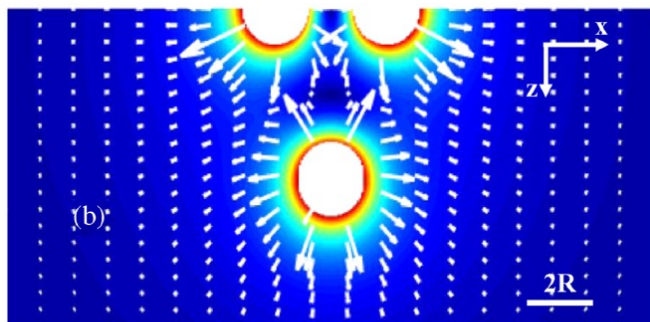
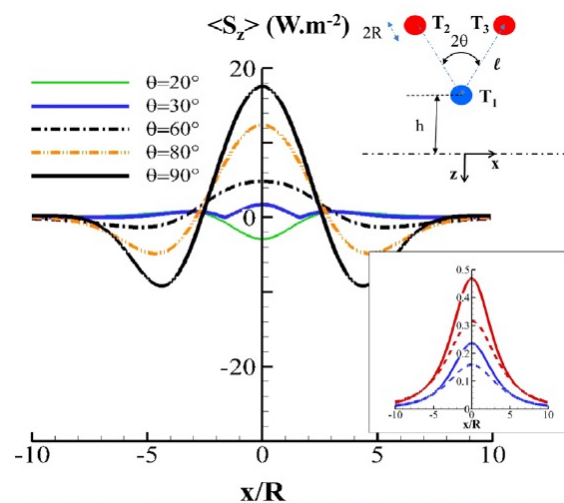
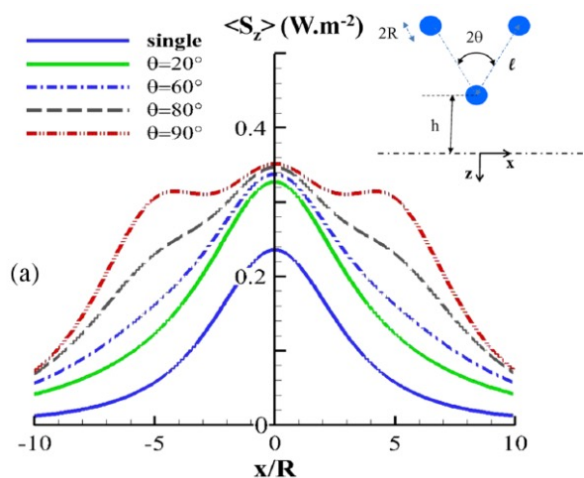
$$T_1 = T_2 = T_3 = 300 \text{ K}$$



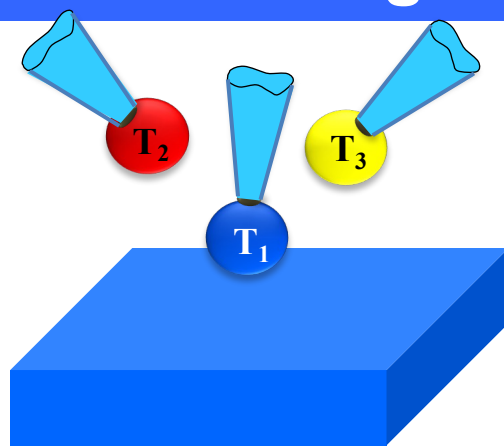
$$T_2 = T_3 = 350 \text{ K} \quad T_1 = 300 \text{ K}$$

$$h = 4R, \quad \ell = 5R, \quad R = 20 \text{ nm}$$

$$T_{\text{single}} = 350 \text{ K}$$



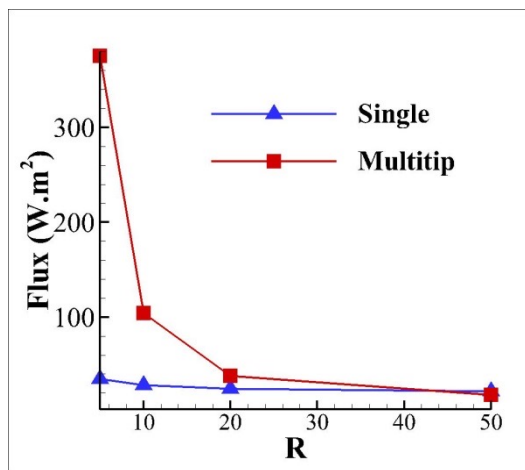
Multitip Near-Field Scanning Thermal Microscopy



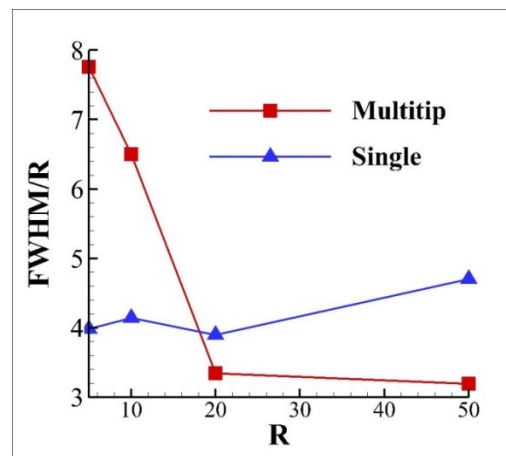
$T_2=T_3=350\text{ K}$ $T_1=300\text{ K}$
(non-emitting substrate)

$\theta = 80^\circ, T_{\text{single}}=350\text{ K}$

$x=0, y=0$



Amplification ($>\times 8$ single)

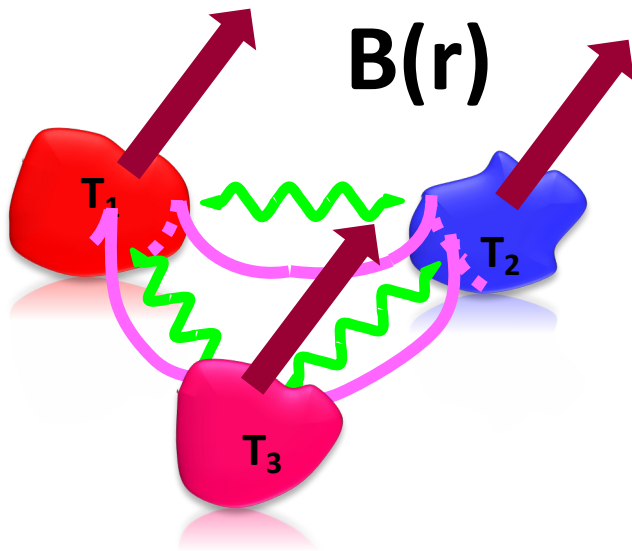


Focalisation much beyond the diffraction limit

Potential applications: heat assisted recording, nanoscale IR spectroscopy, thermal properties measurement...

Thermomagnetic control of near-field heat exchanges

Non-Hermitian many-body systems



Energy balance close to equilibrium

$$\partial_t \mathbf{T} = \hat{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{B}) \mathbf{T}$$

temperatures

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

conductances

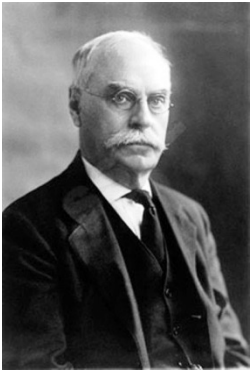
$$\hat{\mathbf{G}} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sum_{j \neq 1} G_{1j} & G_{12} & G_{13} \\ G_{21} & -\sum_{j \neq 2} G_{2j} & G_{23} \\ G_{31} & G_{32} & -\sum_{j \neq 3} G_{3j} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\hat{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{B})$ is real and non symmetric

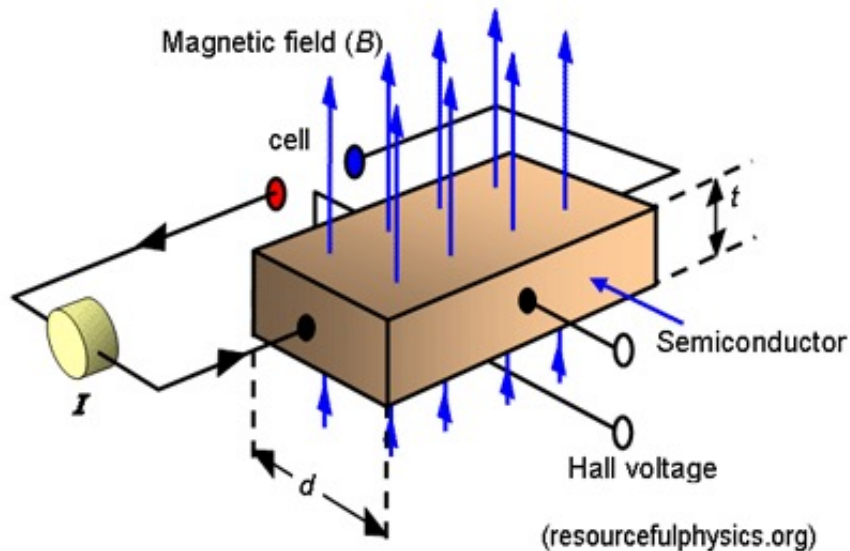
Heat transfers in many body systems under the action of an external field as some analogies with the evolution of a quantum non-Hermitian system

Classical Hall effect and thermal Hall effect

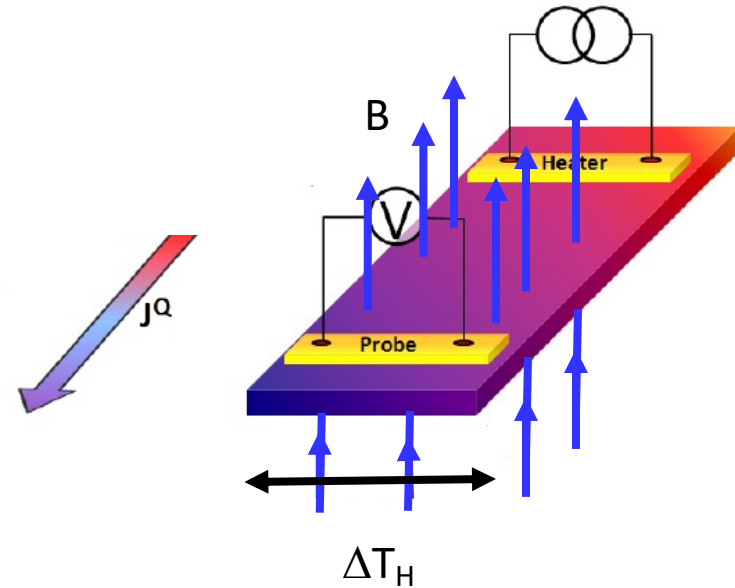
Edwin Hall, 1879



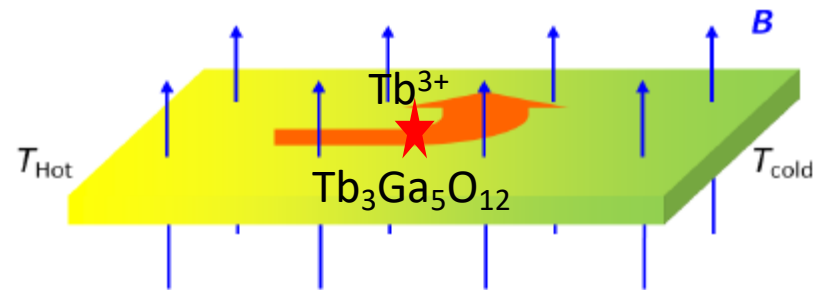
Lorentz Force:
 $F = q[E + (v \times B)]$



Righi, Leduc, 1888

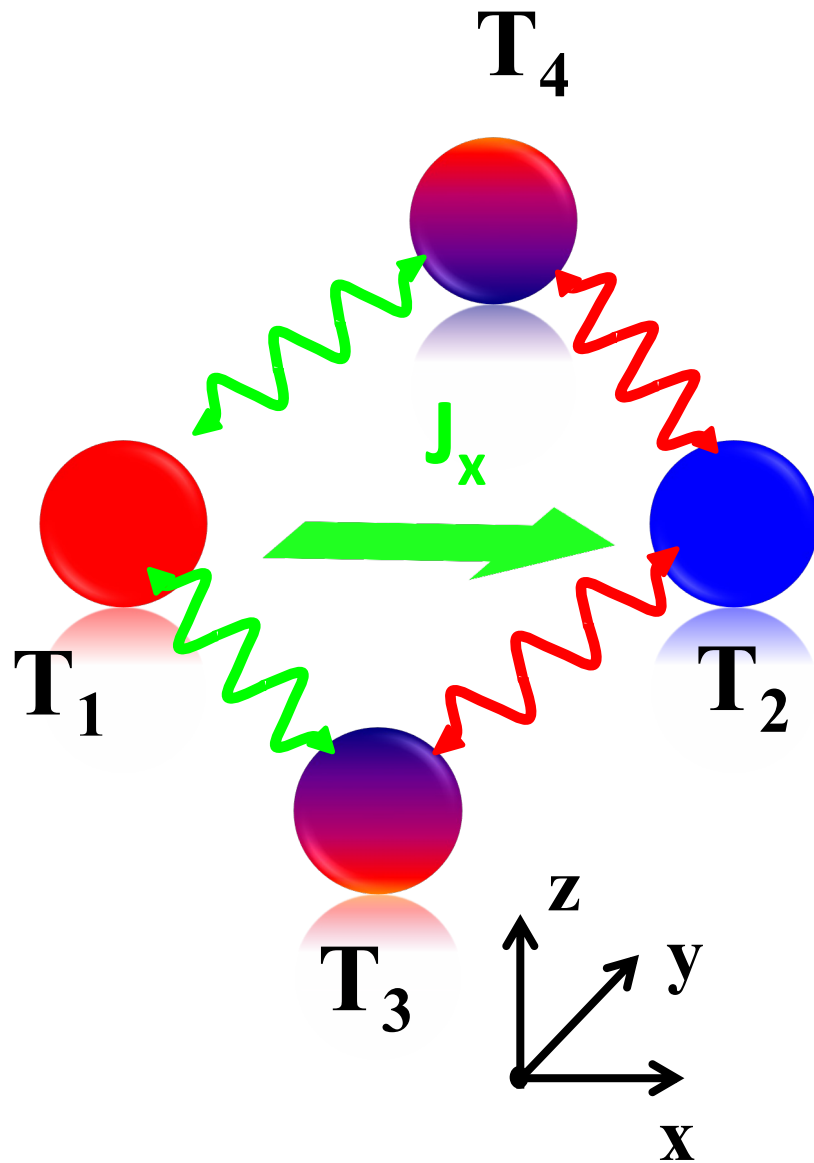


Strohm, 2005 (phonon Hall effect)



Mori et al., PRL, 113, 265901 (2014)

Photon thermal Hall effect



4-terminal InSb (magneto-optical) junction

$$\mathbf{B}=0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \epsilon_{InSb} = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

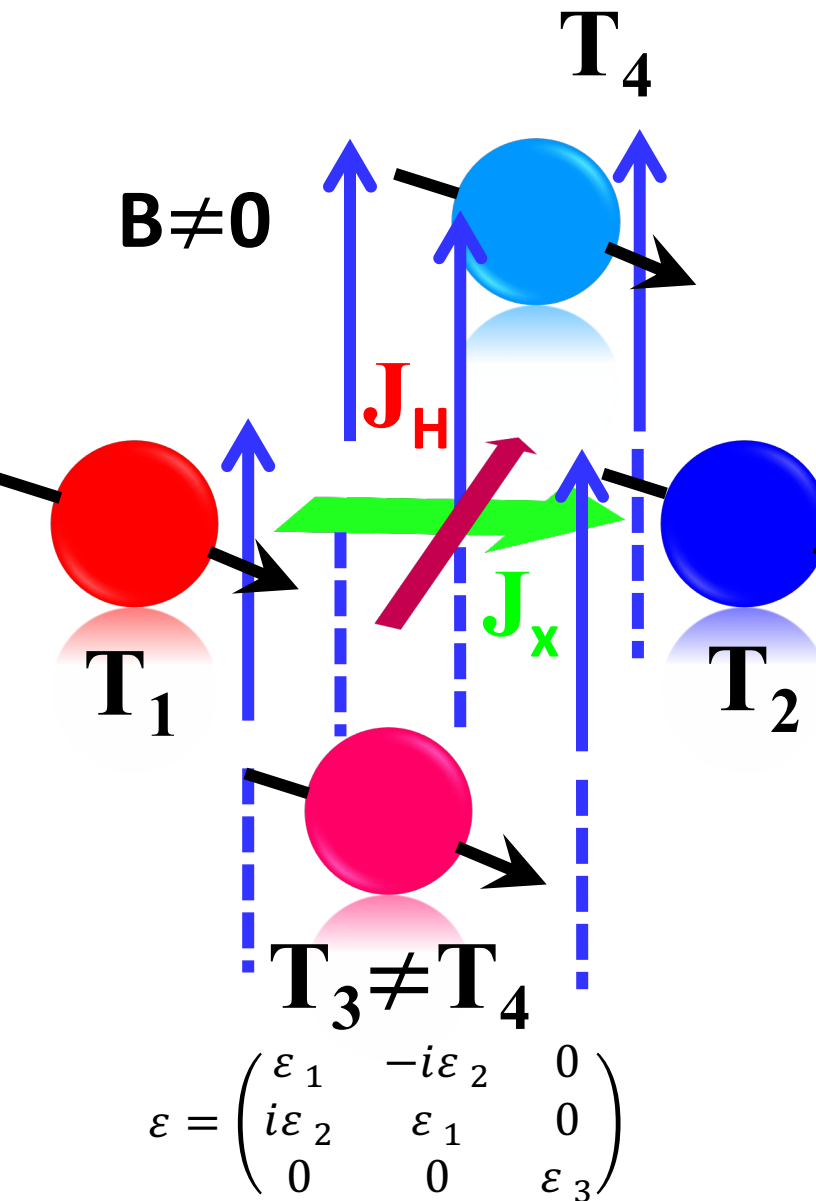
$$\epsilon_1(\mathbf{B}) = \epsilon_\infty \left(1 + \frac{\omega_L^2 - \omega_T^2}{\omega_T^2 - \omega^2 - i\Gamma\omega} + \frac{\omega_p^2(\omega + i\gamma)}{\omega[\omega_c^2 - (\omega + i\gamma)^2]} \right)$$

with $\omega_c = \frac{eB}{m^*}$ cyclotron frequency

$$T_3=T_4 \quad \longrightarrow \quad J_H=J_y=0$$

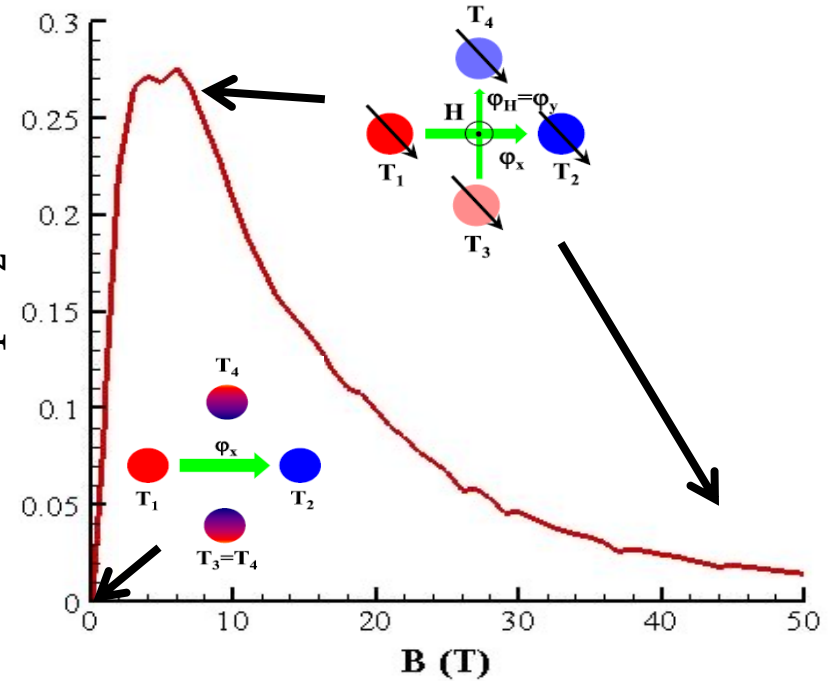
No Hall flux

Photon thermal Hall effect



$B \neq 0 \rightarrow$ InSb anisotropic (symmetry breaking) $\rightarrow J_H \neq 0$

$$R = \frac{T_3 - T_4}{T_1 - T_2}$$



$$\epsilon_1(B) = \epsilon_\infty \left(1 + \frac{\omega_L^2 - \omega_T^2}{\omega_T^2 - \omega^2 - i\Gamma\omega} + \frac{\omega_p^2(\omega + i\gamma)}{\omega[\omega_c^2 - (\omega + i\gamma)^2]} \right)$$

$$\epsilon_2(B) = \frac{\epsilon_\infty \omega_p^2 \omega_c}{\omega[(\omega + i\gamma)^2 - \omega_c^2]}$$

$$\epsilon_3 = \epsilon_\infty \left(1 + \frac{\omega_L^2 - \omega_T^2}{\omega_T^2 - \omega^2 - i\Gamma\omega} - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega(\omega + i\gamma)} \right)$$

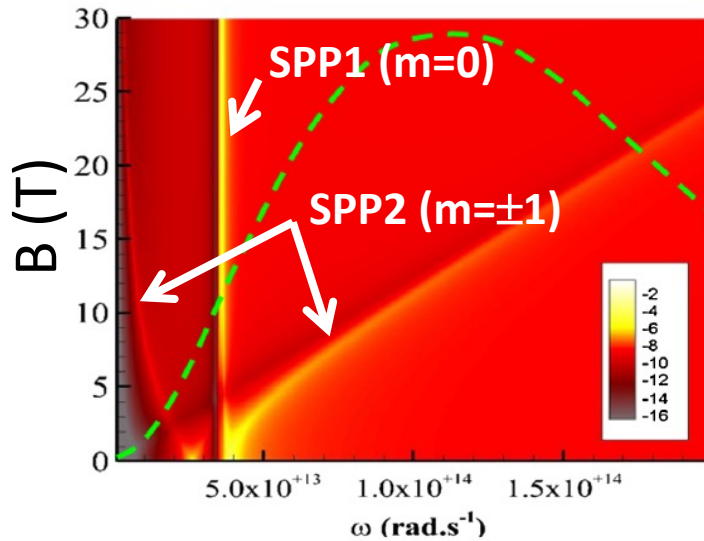
Photon thermal Hall effect

Local resonances:

Flux lines:

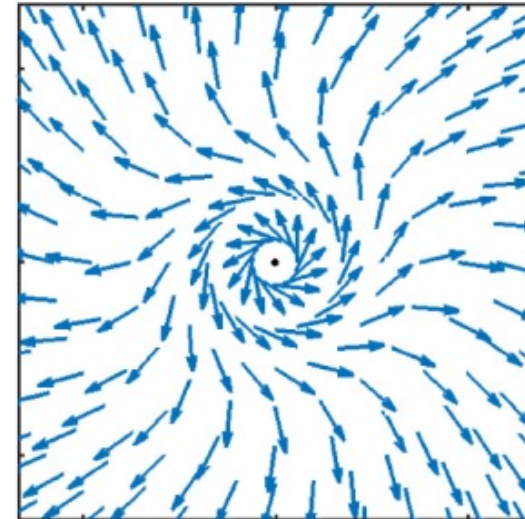
$$\text{Det}[(\bar{\epsilon} - \epsilon_h \bar{1})(\bar{\epsilon} + 2\epsilon_h \bar{1})] = 0 \begin{cases} \epsilon_3(\omega) + 2\epsilon_h = 0 & (m=0) \\ [\epsilon_1(\omega) + 2\epsilon_h] \pm \epsilon_2(\omega) = 0 & (m=\pm 1) \end{cases}$$

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} 2\text{Re}\langle (\vec{E}_\omega \times \vec{H}_\omega^*) \rangle$$



Dispersion of resonant modes

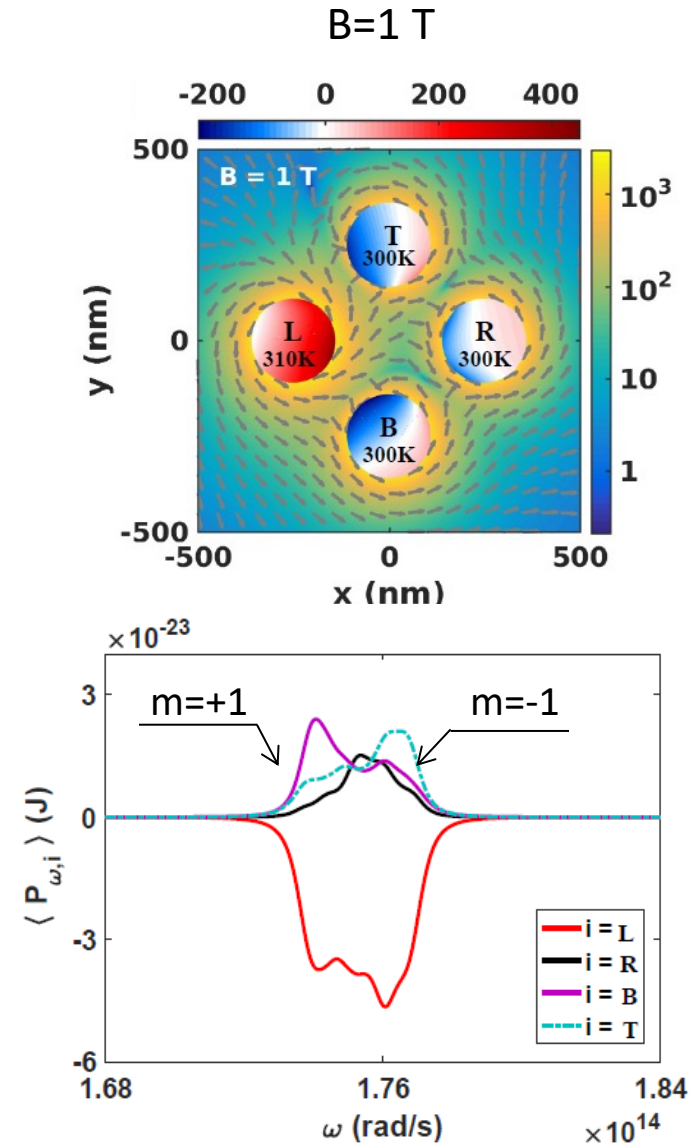
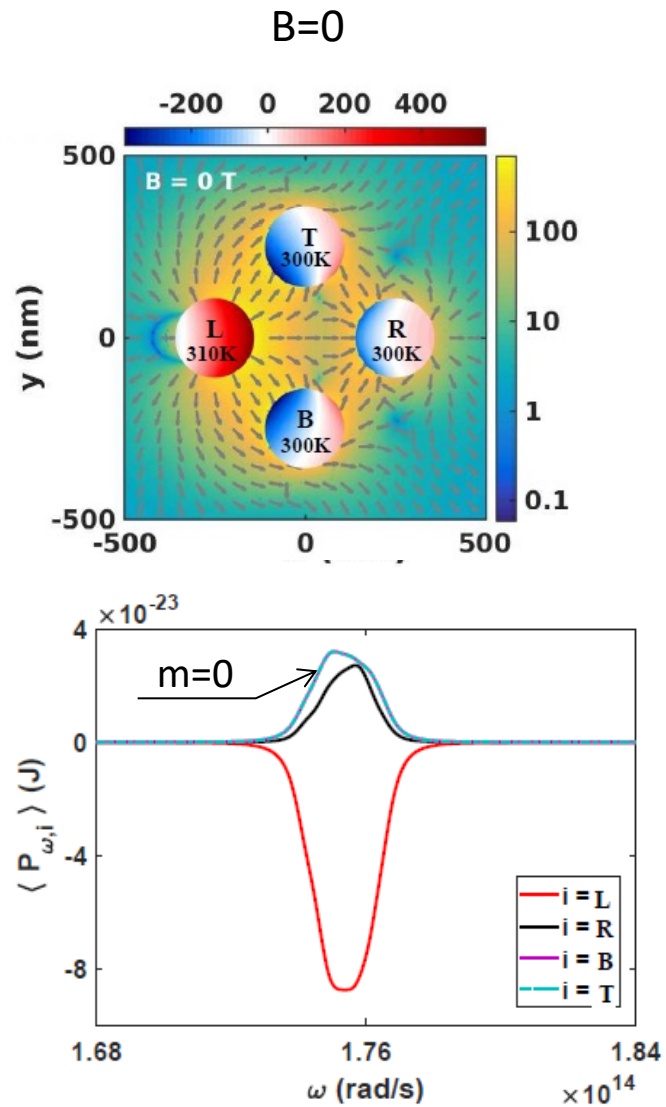
PRL 116, 084301 (2016)



Vortex-like flux lines

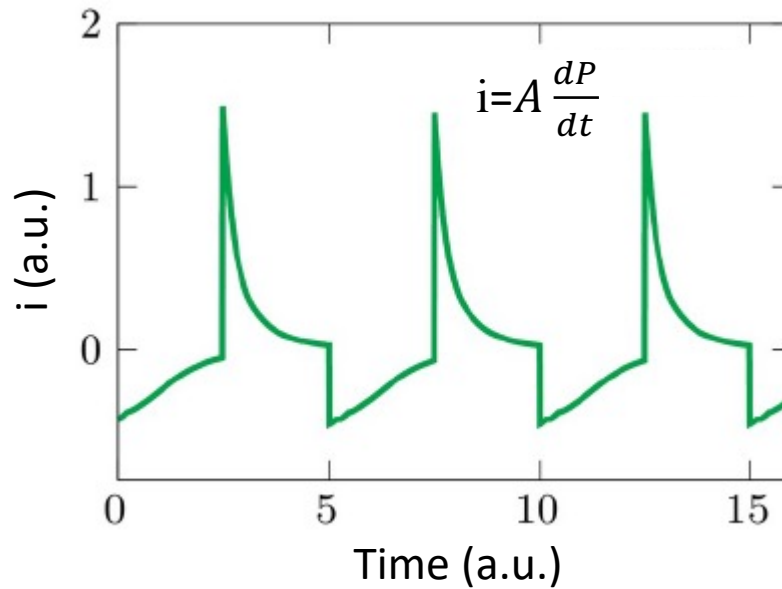
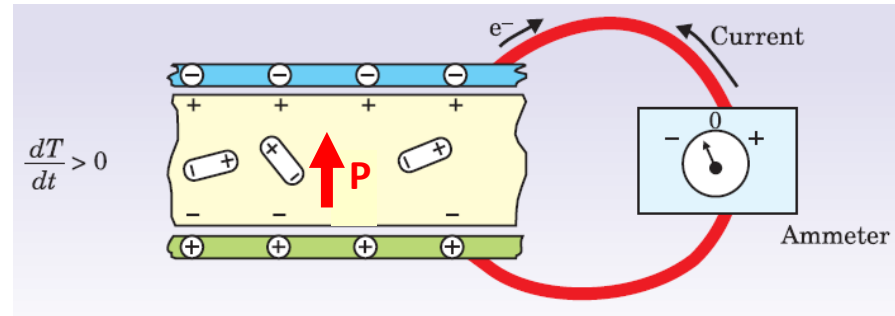
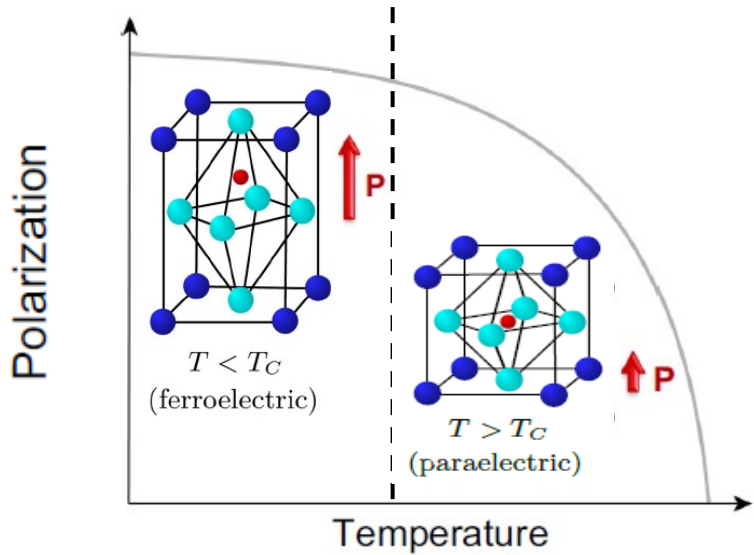
PRB 97, 205414 (2018)

Photon thermal Hall effect

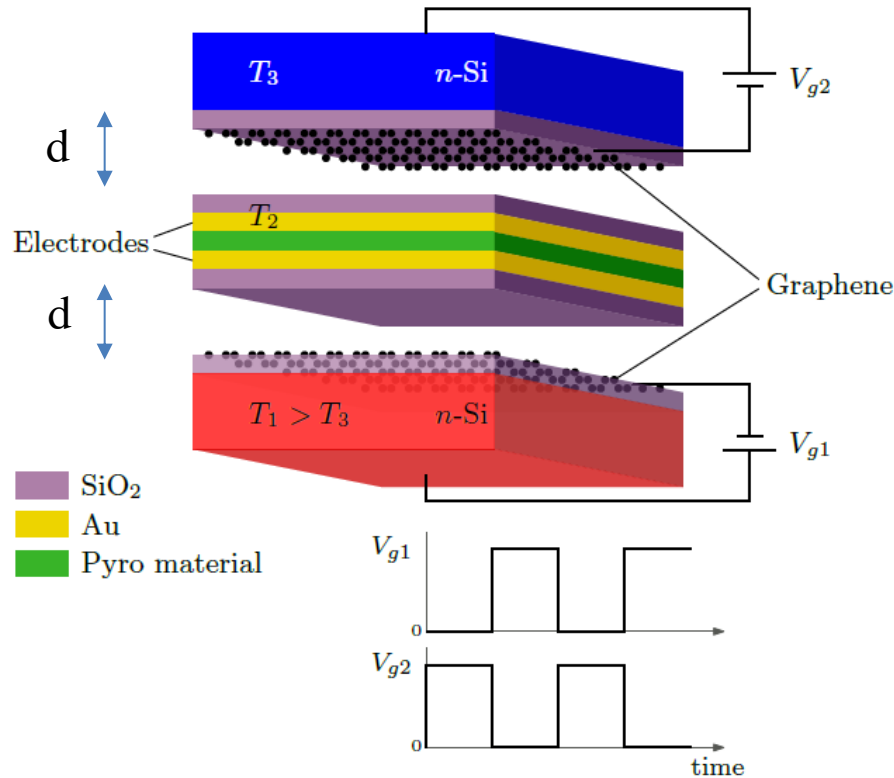


Near-field pyroelectric conversion

Pyroelectric effect



Pyroelectric conversion driven by graphene-based FET



Graphene field-effect transistor:

$$n_{gi} = C_g V_{gi} / e$$

$$C_g = \epsilon_g / \delta_g$$

$$\mu_{gi} = \hbar v_F \sqrt{\pi n_{gi}}$$

Novoselov et al.
Science (2004)

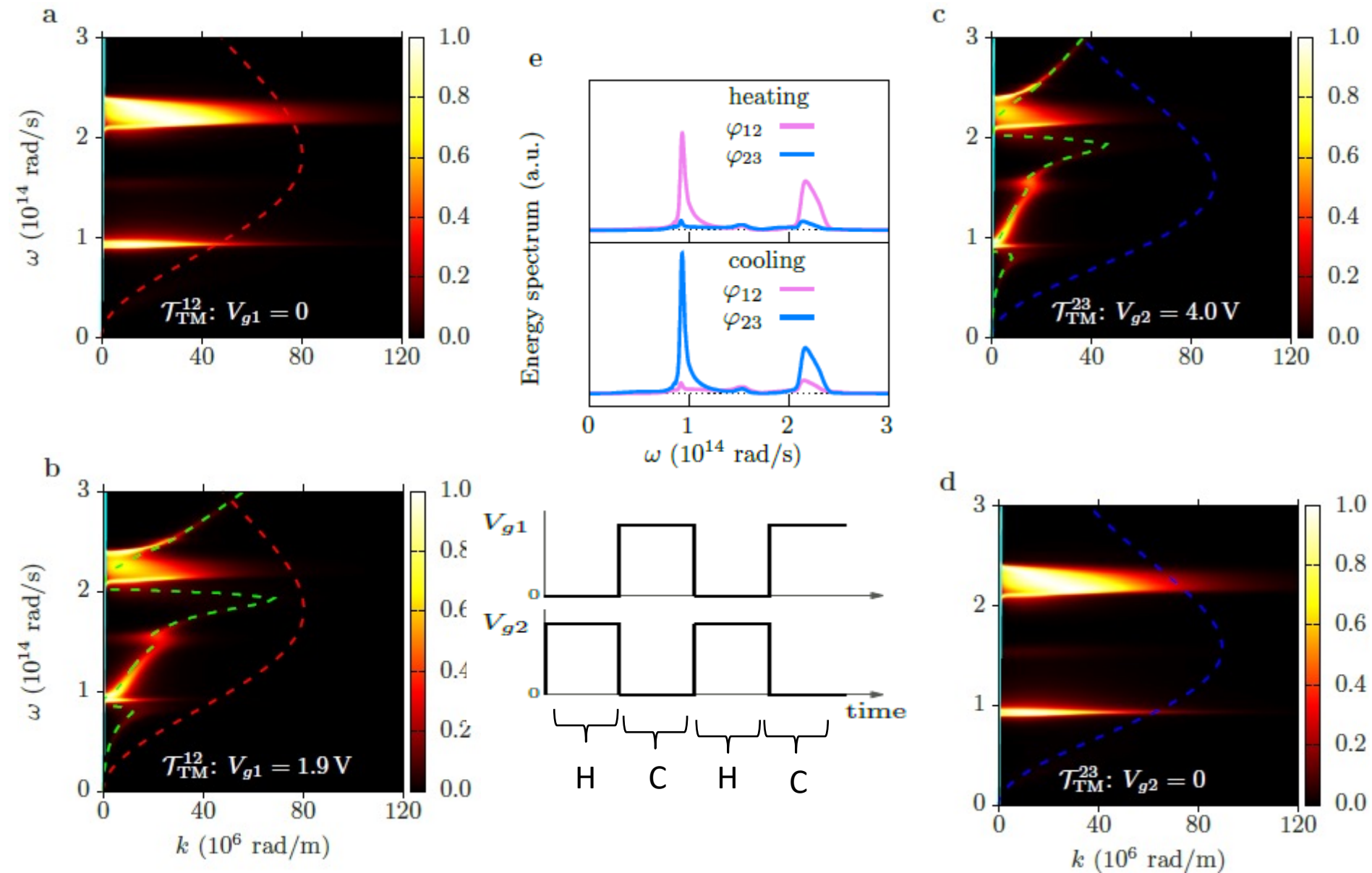
$d=20$ nm; $f \sim$ kHz

$T_1=400$ K; $T_3=300$ K

$\delta_g=5$ nm

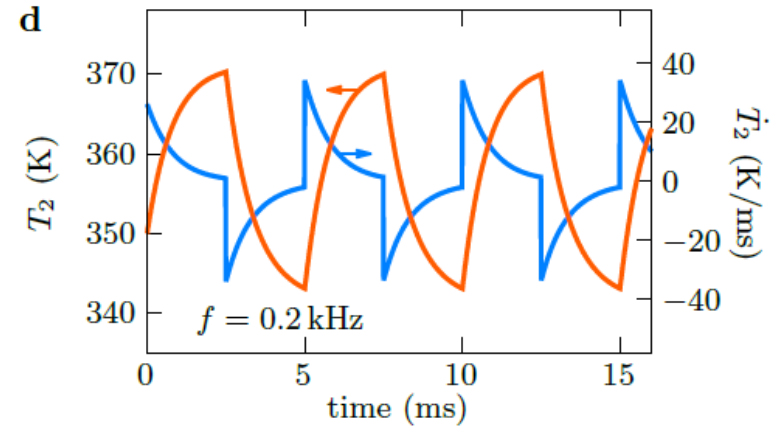
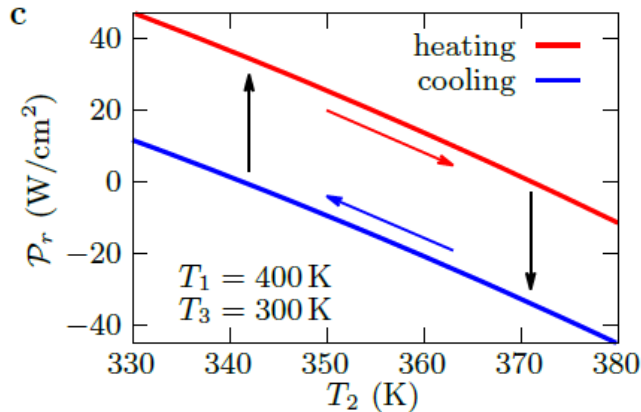
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Operating mode of converter



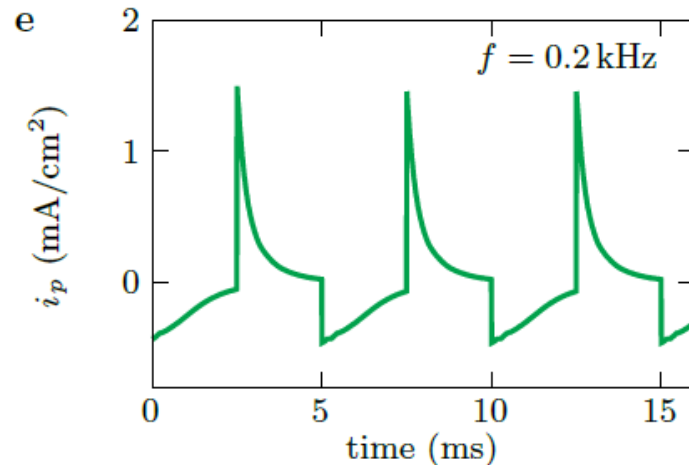
Pyroelectric conversion driven by graphene-based FET

$$V_{g1} = V_{g2} = 1 \text{ V}$$



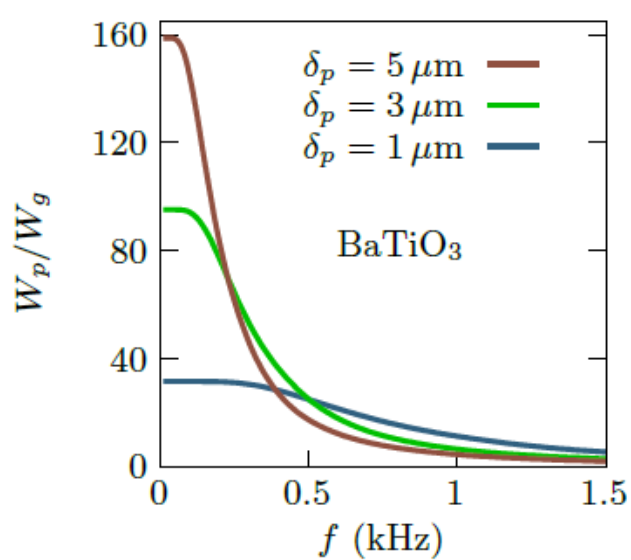
$$\mathcal{P}_r(V_{gi}; T_2, t) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \varphi_{12}(\omega) - \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \varphi_{23}(\omega)$$

$$c_v \delta \frac{dT_2}{dt} = \mathcal{P}_r(V_{gi}; T_2, t)$$

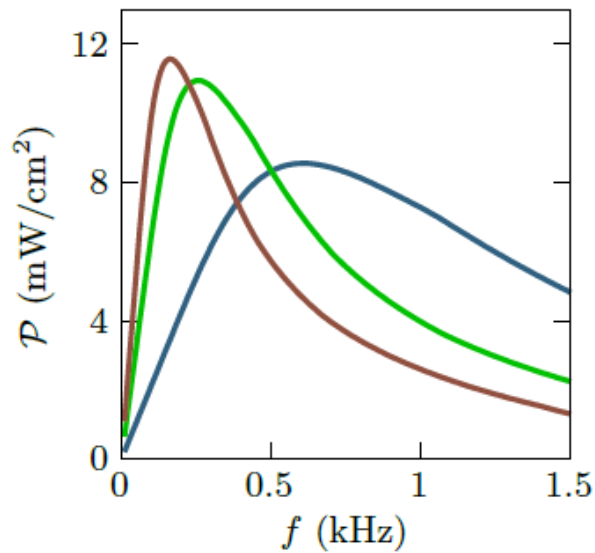


$$i_p = p(T_2) \frac{dT_2}{dt} \quad \text{with } p = \frac{dP}{dT} \text{ (pyroelectric coeff.)}$$

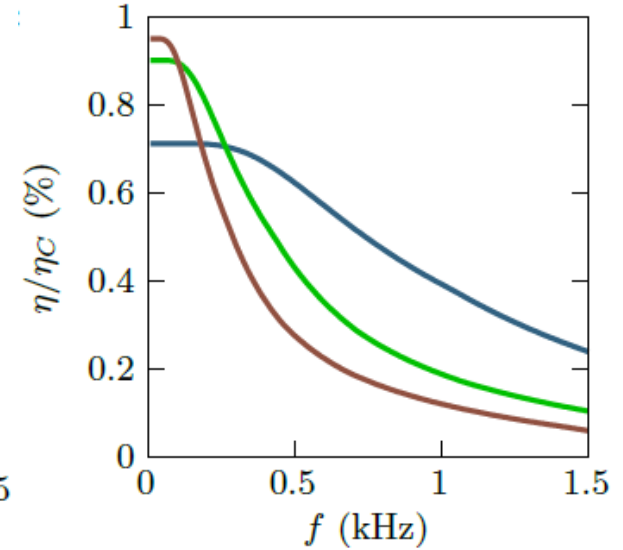
Performances of converter under SECE cycles



Autonomous (self-powered)
converter



Orders of magnitude larger than
NTPV devices



Comparable with
others pyro devices

Ericsson cycles can be used to improve these performances

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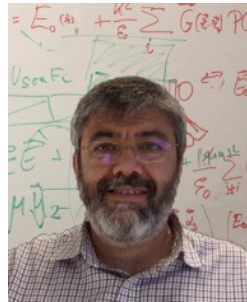
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