



The Micro and Nano Scale Heat Transfer group

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Carolina Abs Da Cruz
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Post-doc 2015-...

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2013-...
2012-...



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Project manager



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**Modeling and simulating
conduction and radiative
heat transfer**

at the micro and nano scales

**Developing and
applying thermal
metrologies**

**A. Conduction heat transfer and
coupled transport phenomena**

**B. Radiative heat transfer at the
nanoscale – thermal near-fields**

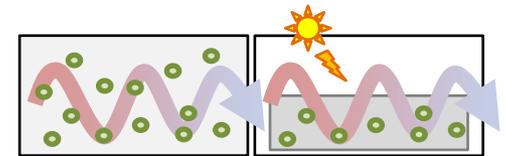
**C. Developing thermal
nanocharacterization tools**

**D. Measurements of nanoscale heat
transfer**

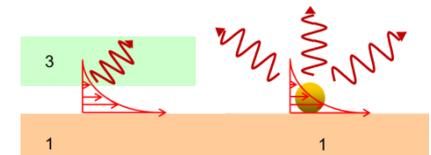


Modeling and simulating conduction and radiative heat transfer

A. Conduction heat transfer and
coupled transport phenomena

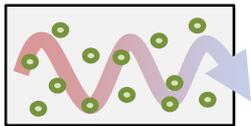


B. Radiative heat transfer at the
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A. Conduction heat transfer and coupled transport phenomena

- **Objectives:** Nanoscale heat conduction in dielectric solids : « **Particle approach** »



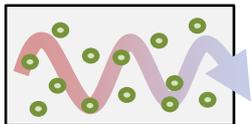
Boltzmann Transport Equation $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \vec{v}_g \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{r}} f = -\frac{f - f^0}{\tau(\omega)}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{stationary}} \times \hbar \omega v_g \frac{g(\omega)}{4\pi} \frac{dI}{ds} = -\frac{I - I^0}{v_g \tau(\omega)}$ EPRT

- **Method:** Thermal phonon transport simulated with Ballistic-Diffusive Equations (BDE) or Discrete Ordinate Method (DOM)

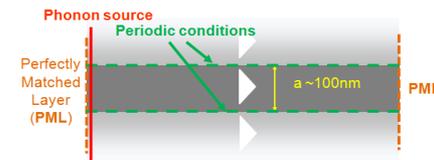
E. Nefzaoui, Post-Doc
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C. Abs Da Cruz, Post-Doc
2014-2015

- **Objectives:** Nanoscale heat conduction in dielectric solids : « **Wave approach** »



$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \nabla T \quad T = \bar{C} \nabla \varepsilon \quad \varepsilon_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$



- **Method:** Phonons simulated as acoustic waves with Finite Elements
 - in stationary regime → **Dispersion**
 - in Time Domain → **Finite structures**

T. Nghiem, Post-Doc
2013-2015

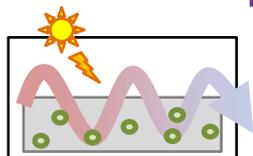
Application: in dielectric solids, **rectification based on nanostructuring**

A. Conduction heat transfer and coupled transport phenomena

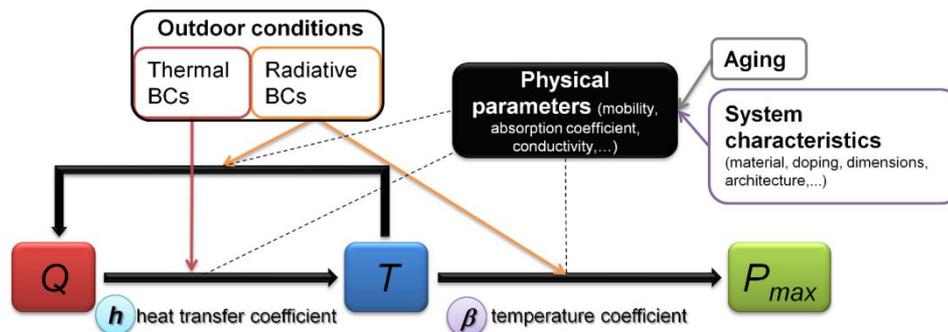
O. Dupré
Ph.D. candidate
2012-...

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- **Objectives:** Impact of the thermal losses on photovoltaic device efficiency



- **Method:** analysis of the physics of the temperature coefficients; optimization of solar cells including the thermal impacts



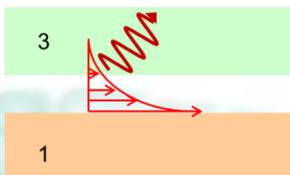
B. Radiative heat transfer at the nanoscale – thermal near-fields

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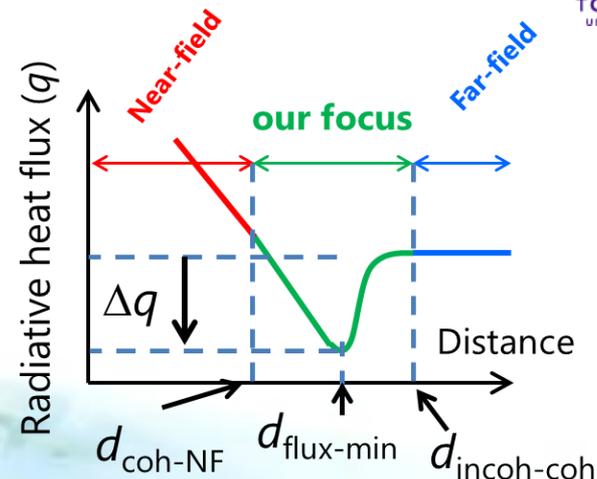
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UNIVERSITY

- **Objectives:** Thermal radiation with interferences



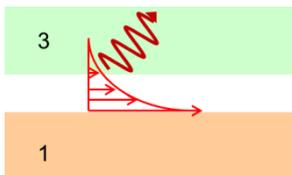
Impact of the **interferences** on the net radiative heat flux between two semi-infinite parallel plates

- **Methods:** stochastic Maxwell equations and fluctuational electrodynamics



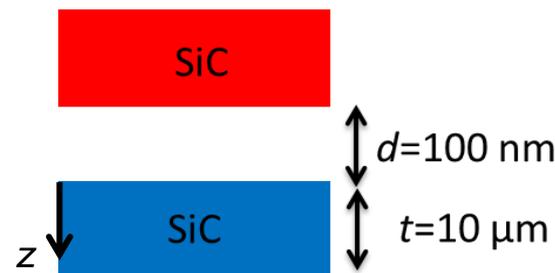
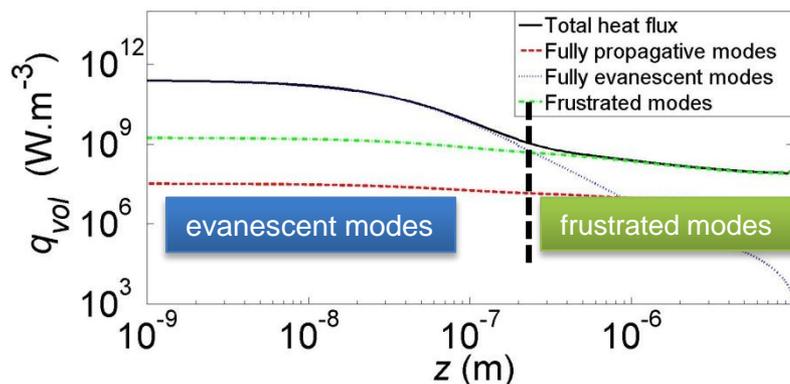
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Objectives: Radiative heat transfer between layered structures

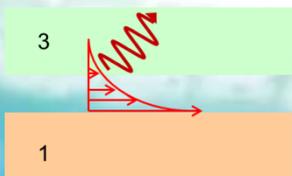


Impact of the **interference effects** for the propagative modes and of the **evanescent modes**

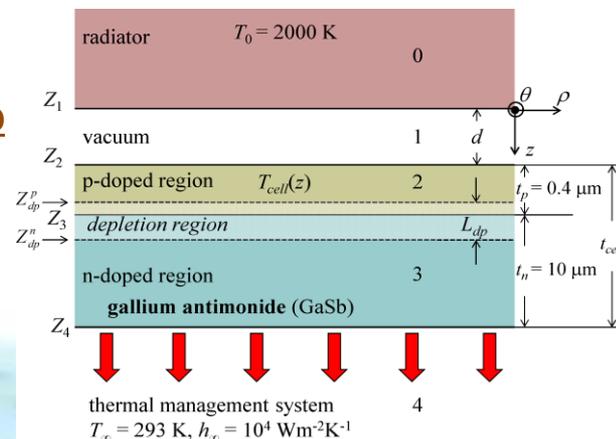
- Methods:** stochastic Maxwell equations and fluctuational electrodynamics (solution by means of the scattering matrix method)



Objectives: Near-field heat transfer in nanoscale gap ThermoPhotoVoltaic devices

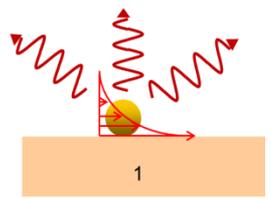


- Methods:** Numerical solution of the coupled thermal – NF radiation – electrical transport problems



B. Radiative heat transfer at the nanoscale – thermal near-fields

- **Objectives:** Near-field analysis of the EM fields radiated by complex objects

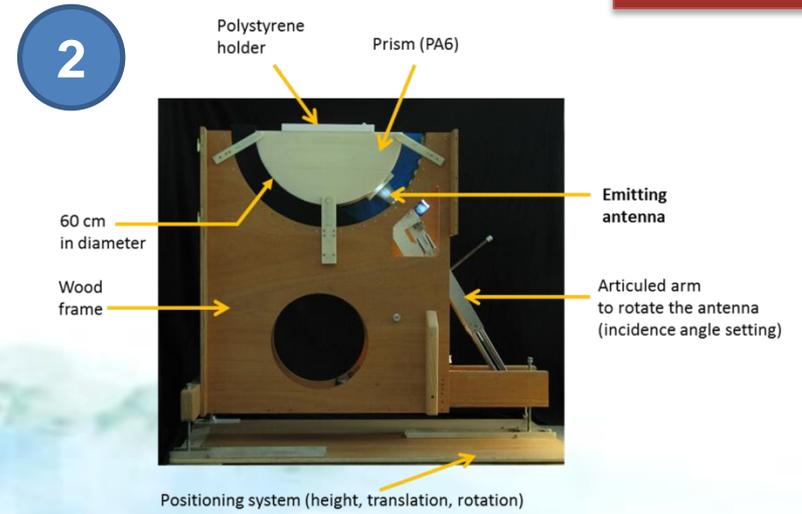
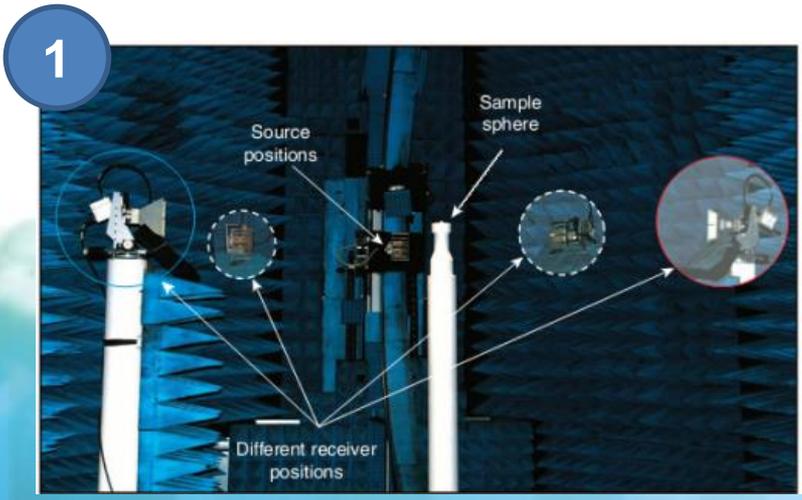


Measuring in the near-field and the far-field, EM fields scattered by **analog**s in the microwave regime of nanostructures excited by (optical, NIR) waves

- **Methods:**

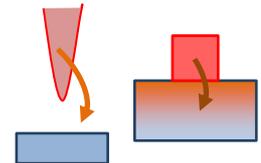
1. Plane waves incident on floating targets: development of a unique experimental setup (at Institut Fresnel, Marseille)
2. Evanescent waves exciting targets on a surface: new setup with far-field and near-field measurements (built at CETHIL, operated at Institut Fresnel)

+ simulations

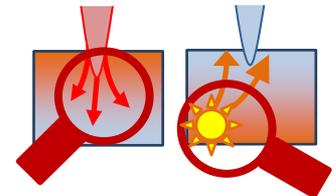


Developing and applying thermal metrologies

C. Developing thermal nanocharacterization tools



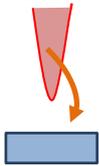
D. Nanoscale thermal measurements



C. Developing thermal nanocharacterization tools

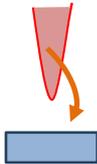
- **Objectives:** Scanning thermal microscopy (SThM) as a tool to probe nanoscale heat transfer mechanisms: understanding the probe/sample thermal interaction

Assy PhD Thesis
2011-2015



- **Methods:** Scanning Thermal Microscopy: experiments under various configurations (relative humidity degree, pressure, probe/sample distance...)

- **Objectives:** Scanning thermal microscopy (SThM): Improvements of the technique in terms of sensitivity, spatial resolution, ability of multiphysics analysis



Liu PhD Thesis 2012-



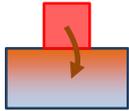
- **Methods:**

Development of:

- calibration standards and protocols
- modeling approaches depending on the probe
- new SThM probes

C. Developing thermal nanocharacterization tools

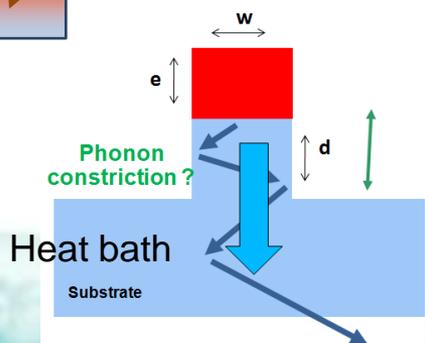
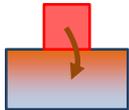
- **Objectives:** Deposited microwires for thermal and thermoelectrical characterizations of micro and nanostructured materials



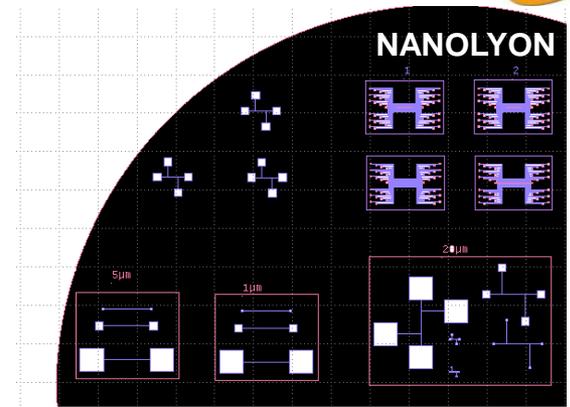
- **Methods:** deposited sensors for 2ω and 3ω method measurements of the thermal conductivity



- **Objectives:** Deposited nanowires for analysing nanoscale heat conduction in asymmetric geometry



- **Methods:**
 - Nano and microheaters
 - Design of nanometer-scale silicon ridges
 - Electrical measurements



Wassim Jaber
PhD Thesis
2011-

D. Nanoscale and microscale thermal measurements

- **Objectives:** Measuring effective thermal conductivities

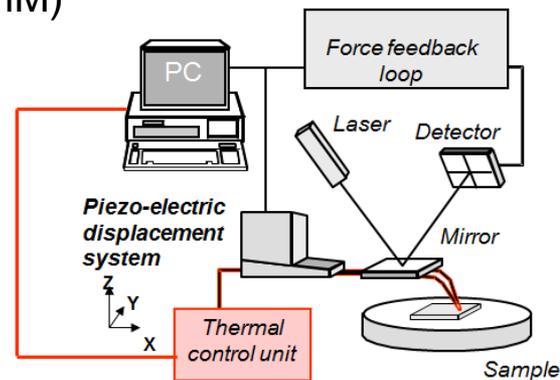
to characterize the heat transport in micro and nanostructured materials (thin films, interfaces, nanoporous materials...)



- **Methods:** Scanning Thermal Microscopy (S_{Th}M)

- *Predictive modeling of the measurement*
- *Calibration procedure*

- **Example:** Mesoporous Si thin films



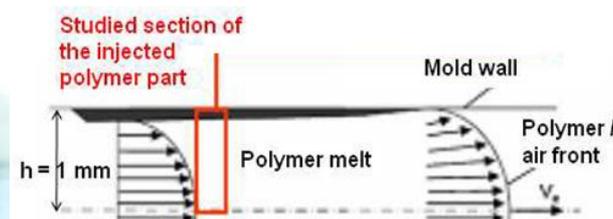
- **Objectives:** Measuring micro- and nanocalorimetric properties

to correlate localized thermal and thermo-mechanical properties



- **Methods:**
S_{Th}M-based technique

Application: to polymer materials



■ European Projects

- EC FP7 - NMP
QuantiHeat. Coord: S. Gomes (2013-2017)

■ ANR (French Research Agency) Projects

- JCJC Nanometreter Coord: S. Gomes
- PNANO Cofisis Coord: ESIEE Paris (S. Gomes, 2009-2013)
- RPDOC NanoHeat Coord: P.O. Chapuis (2011-2015)

■ Projets Carnot

- I@L SPLM Coord: R. Vaillon (2014)

■ CNRS Projects

- Energy Nano-1D Coord: P.O. Chapuis (2012-2013)
- Energy AZIN Coord: CEMCA Brest (R. Vaillon, 2013-2014)

■ INSA BQR

- Coord: S. Gomes
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