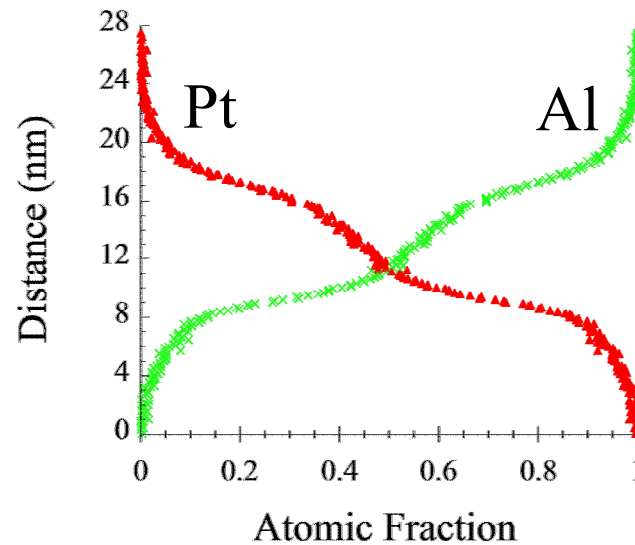
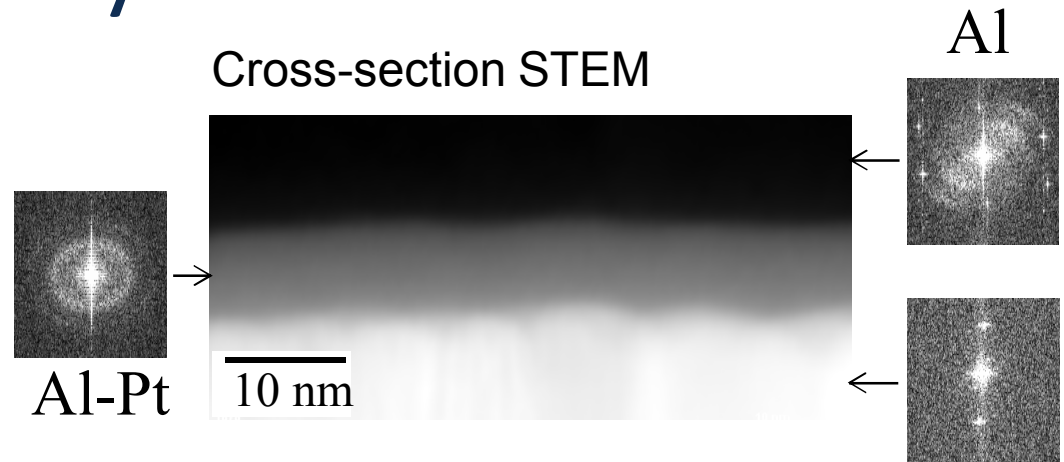
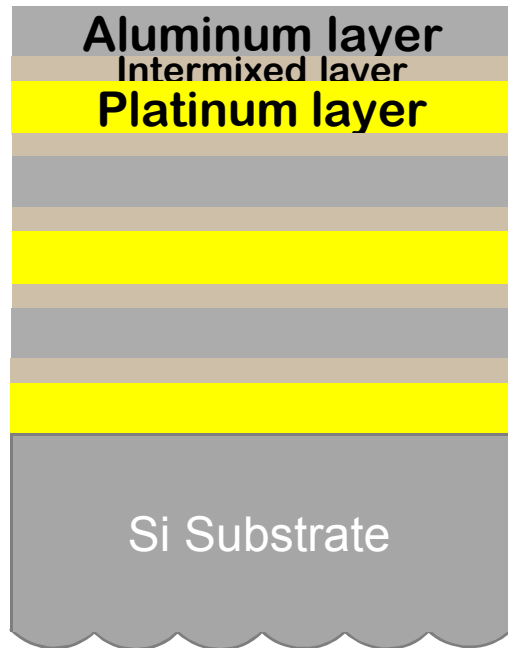


Two-temperature Modelling in Femtosecond Laser Ignition of Reactive Nanolaminates

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Sputter Deposition of Reactive Multilayers



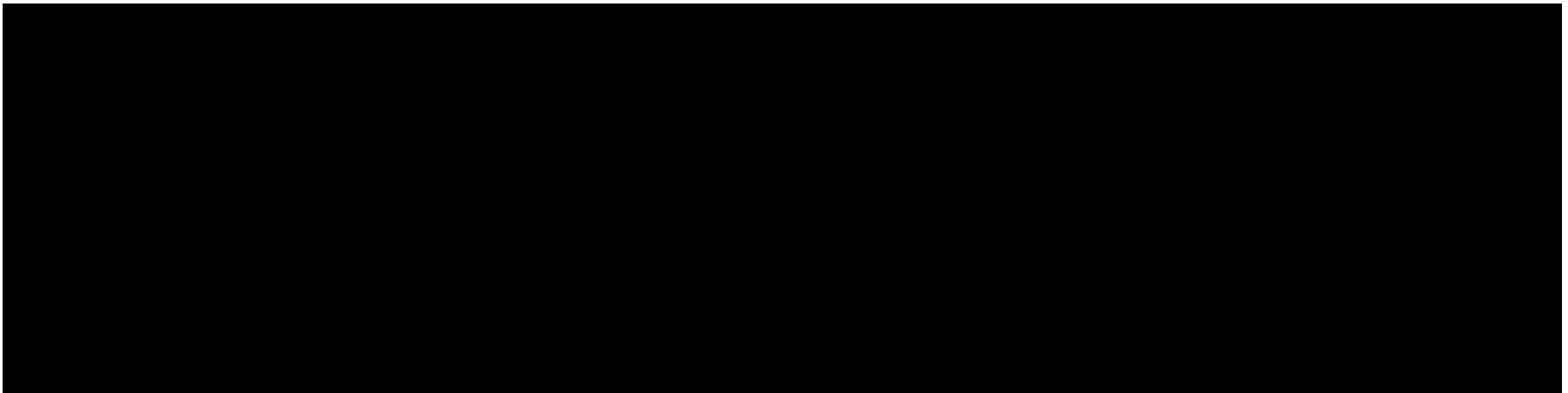
Video of Laser Ignition and Self-Propagating Reaction in Al/Pt Multilayer

760 W/cm²

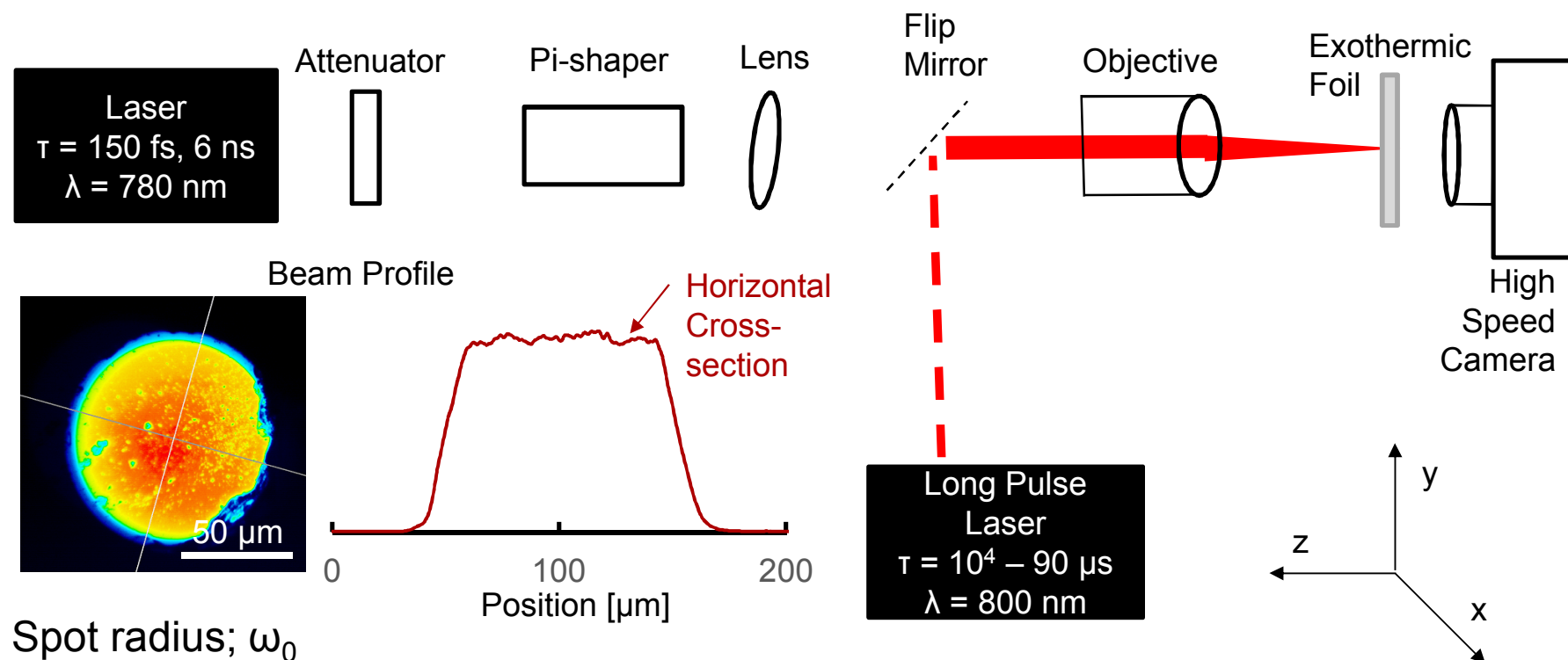
164 nm Bilayer

1.8 μ s per frame, played at 4 fps

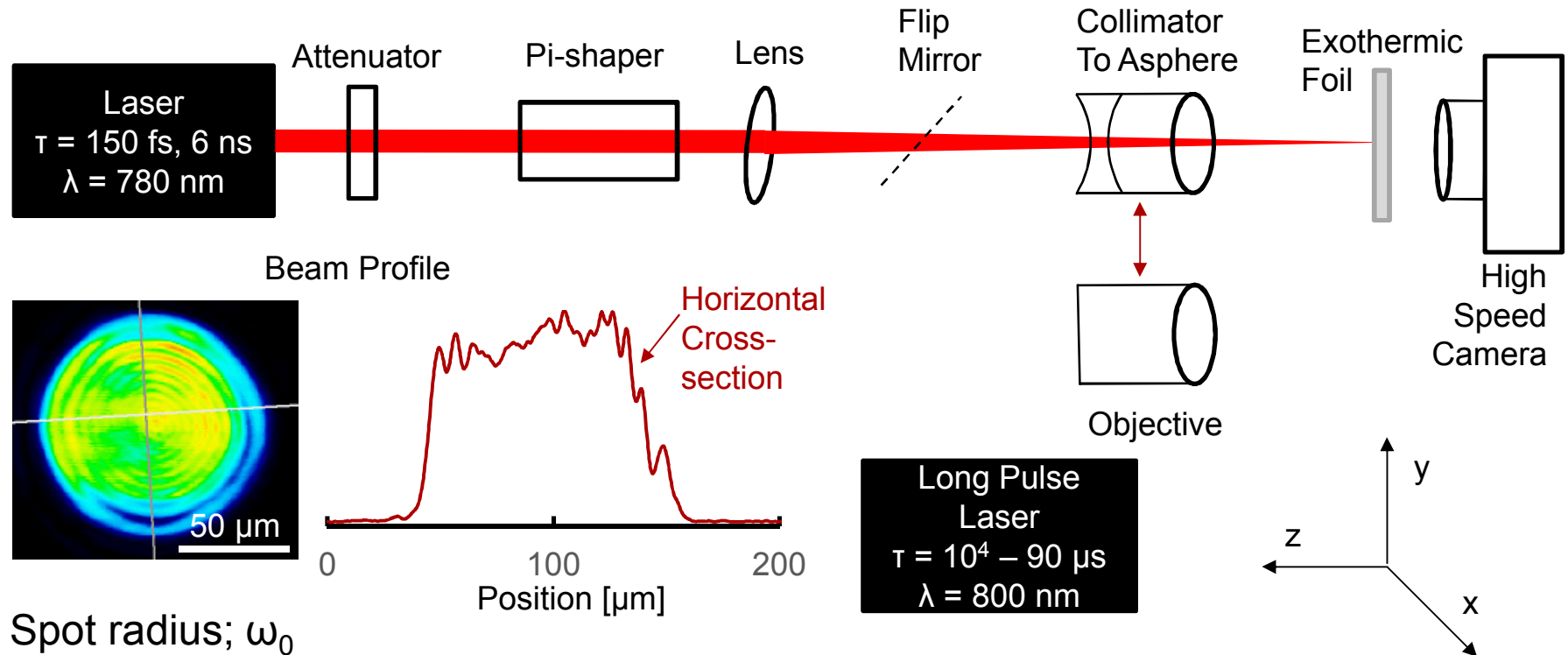
300 μ m



Direct Laser Ignition Method

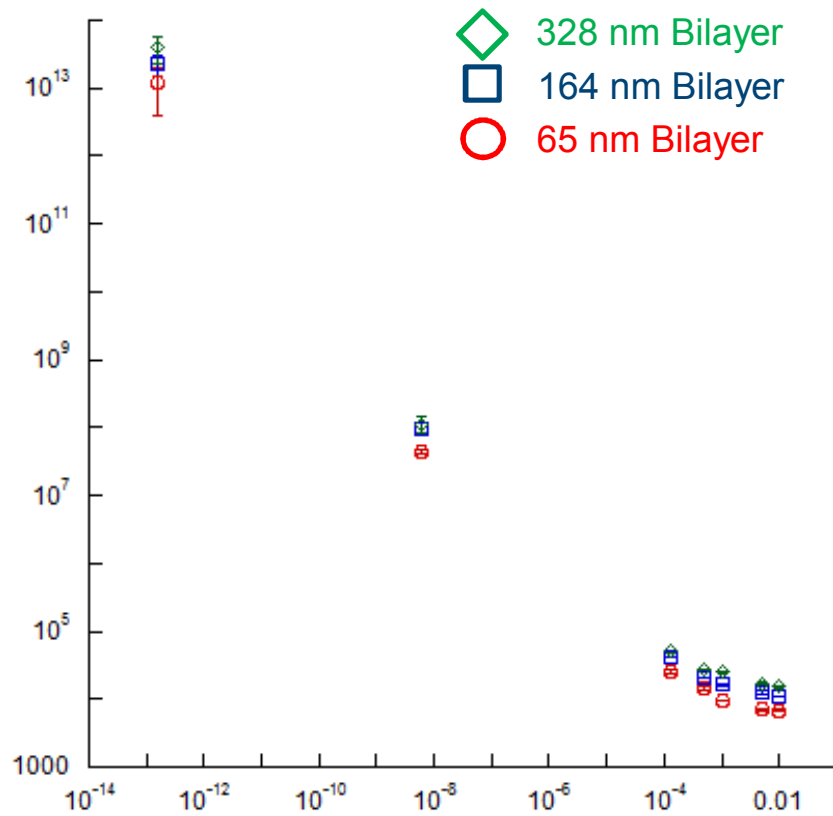


Direct Laser Ignition Method



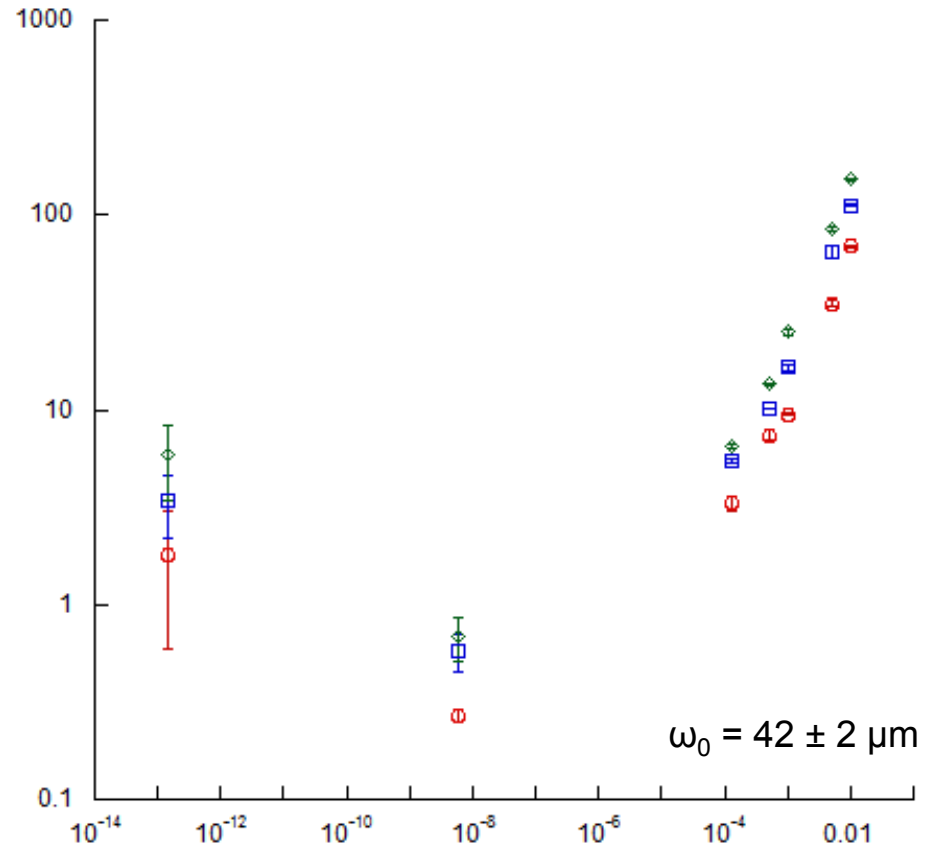
Pulse Duration Dependence on Ignition Threshold in Al/Pt

Intensity [W/cm²]



Pulse Duration [s]

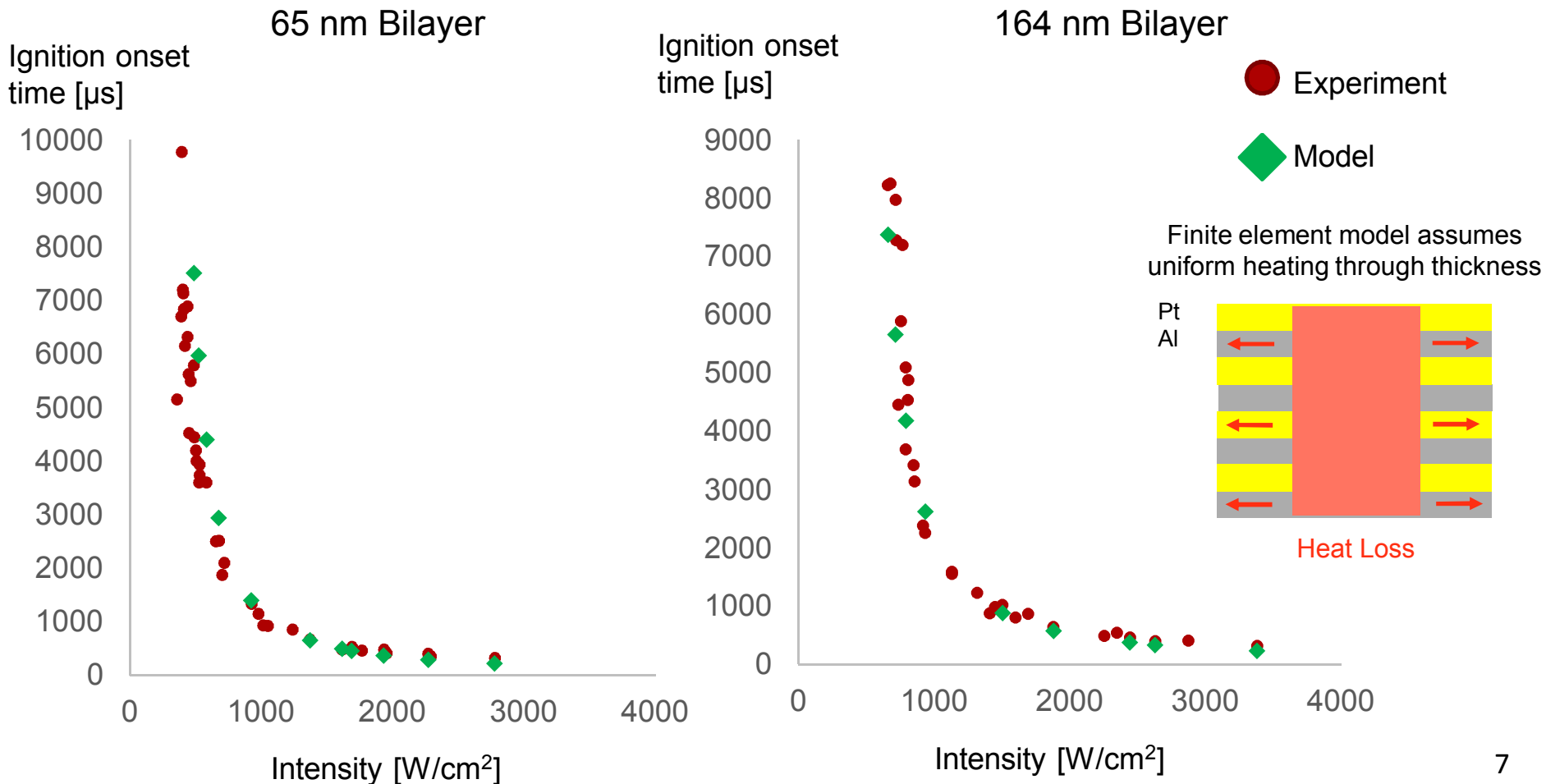
Fluence [J/cm²]



$\omega_0 = 42 \pm 2 \mu\text{m}$

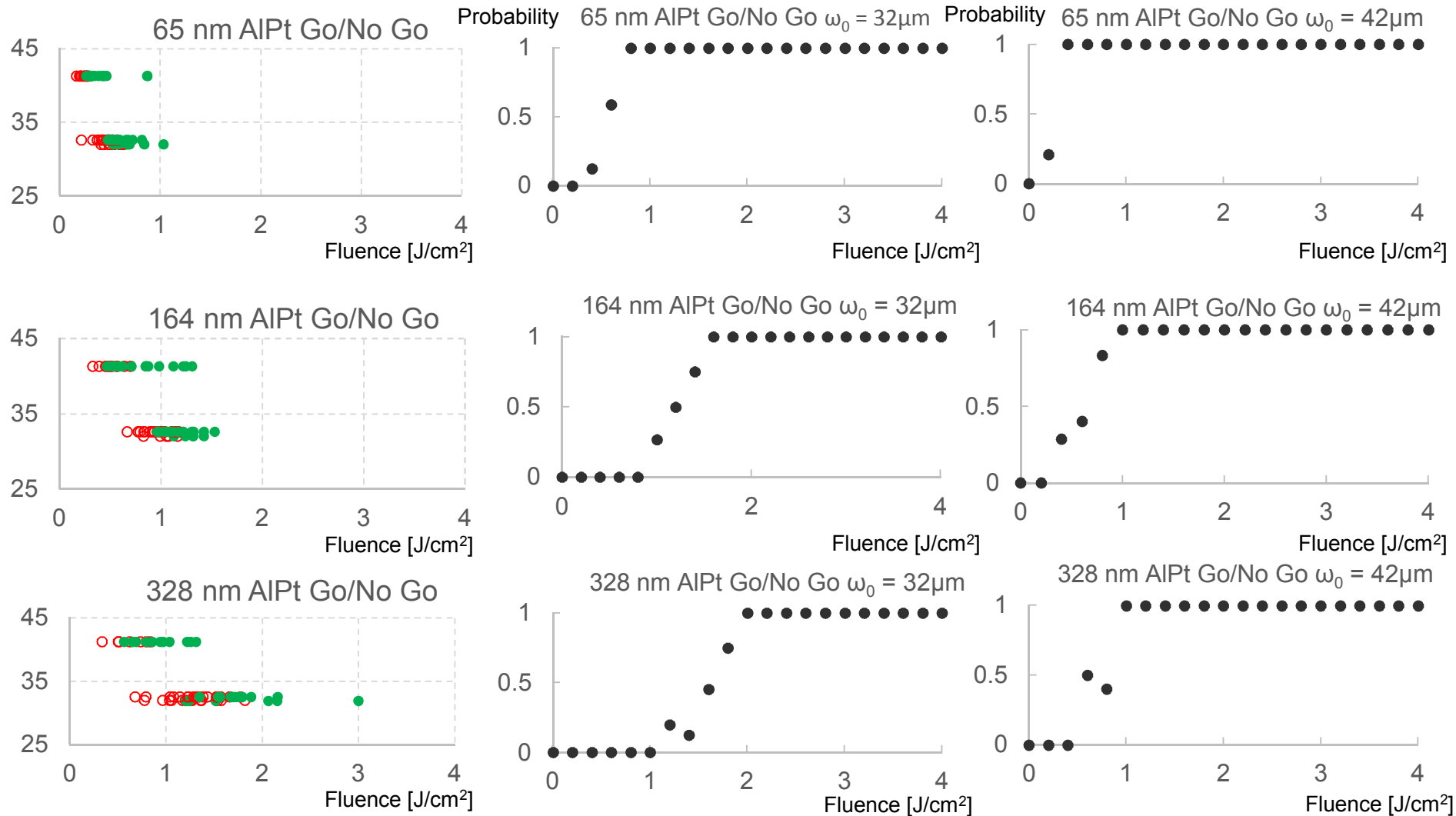
Pulse Duration [s]

Ignition Delay for milli- and microsecond laser pulses predicted from finite element simulation

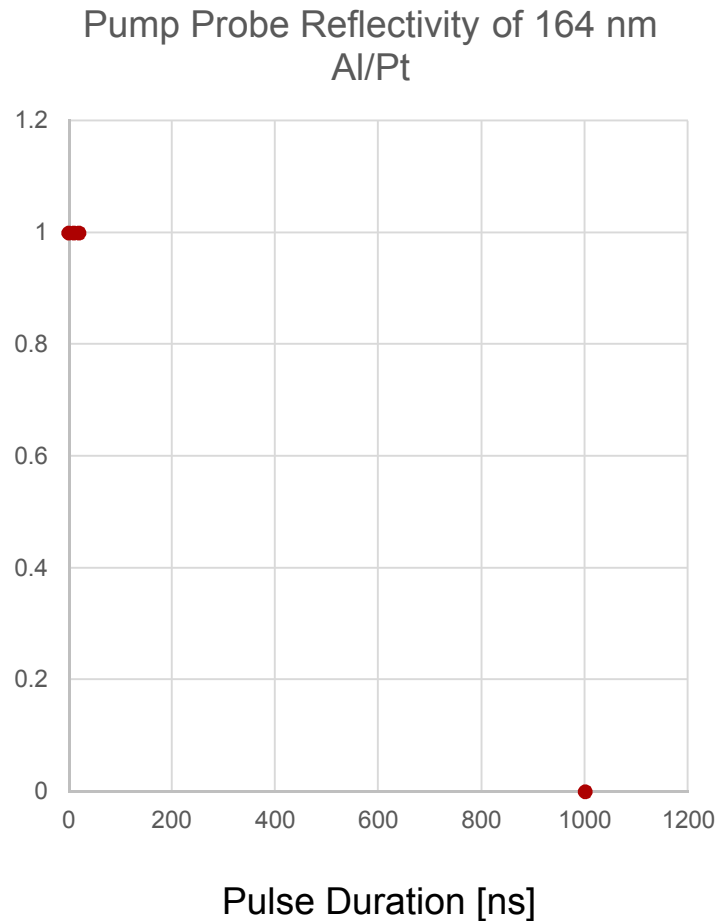


Nanosecond Laser Ignition

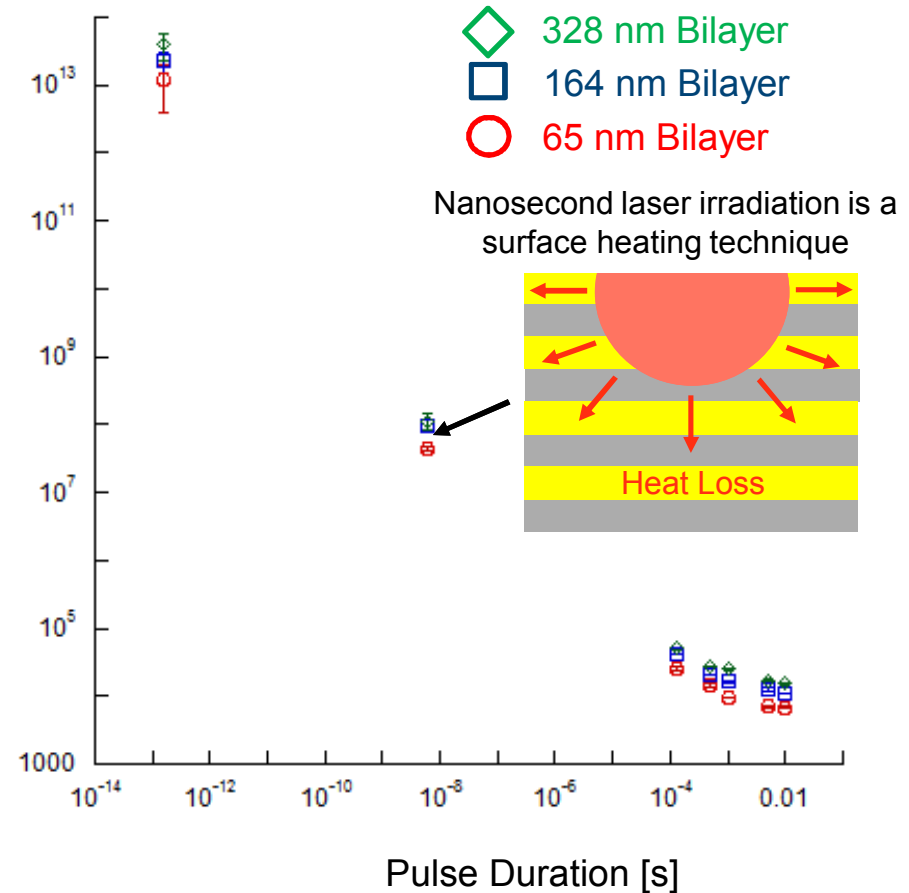
● Go ○ No Go



Nanosecond Laser Ignition Time



Intensity [W/cm^2]

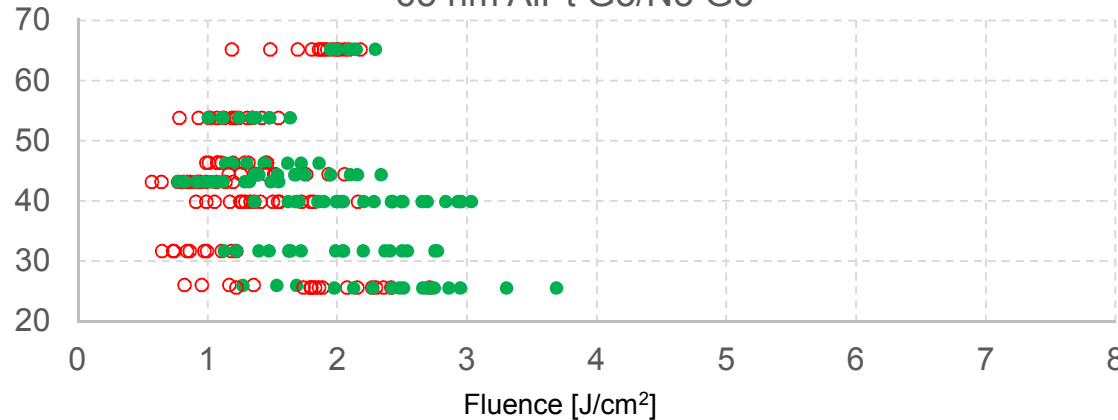


Femtosecond Laser Ignition

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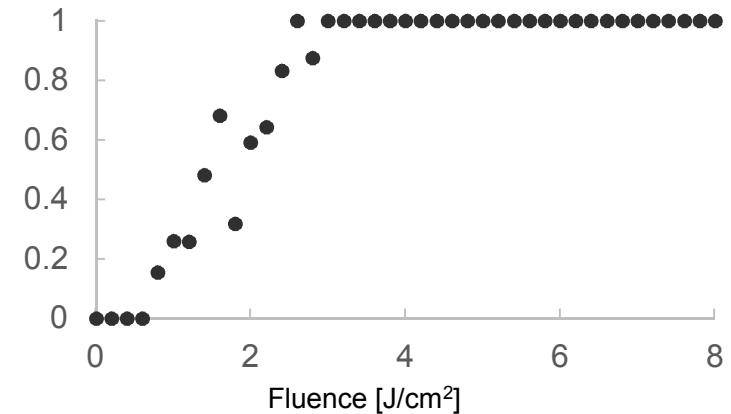
Spot Radius [μm]

65 nm AlPt Go/No Go



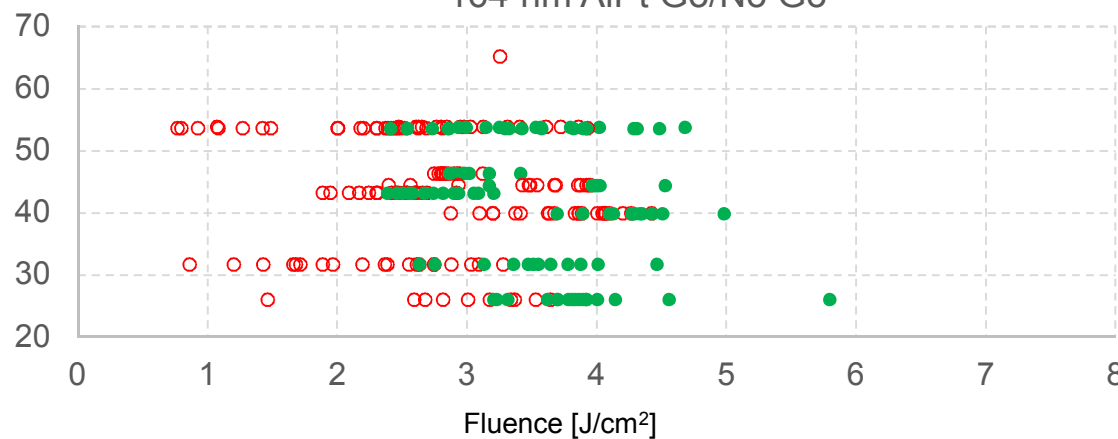
Probability

65nm AlPt Go/No Go



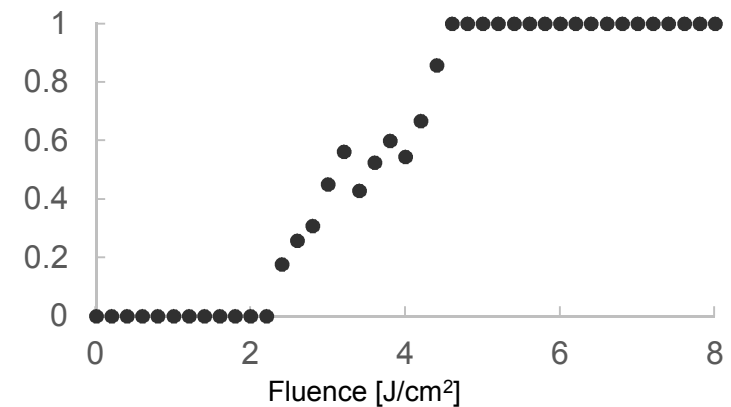
Spot Radius [μm]

164 nm AlPt Go/No Go



Probability

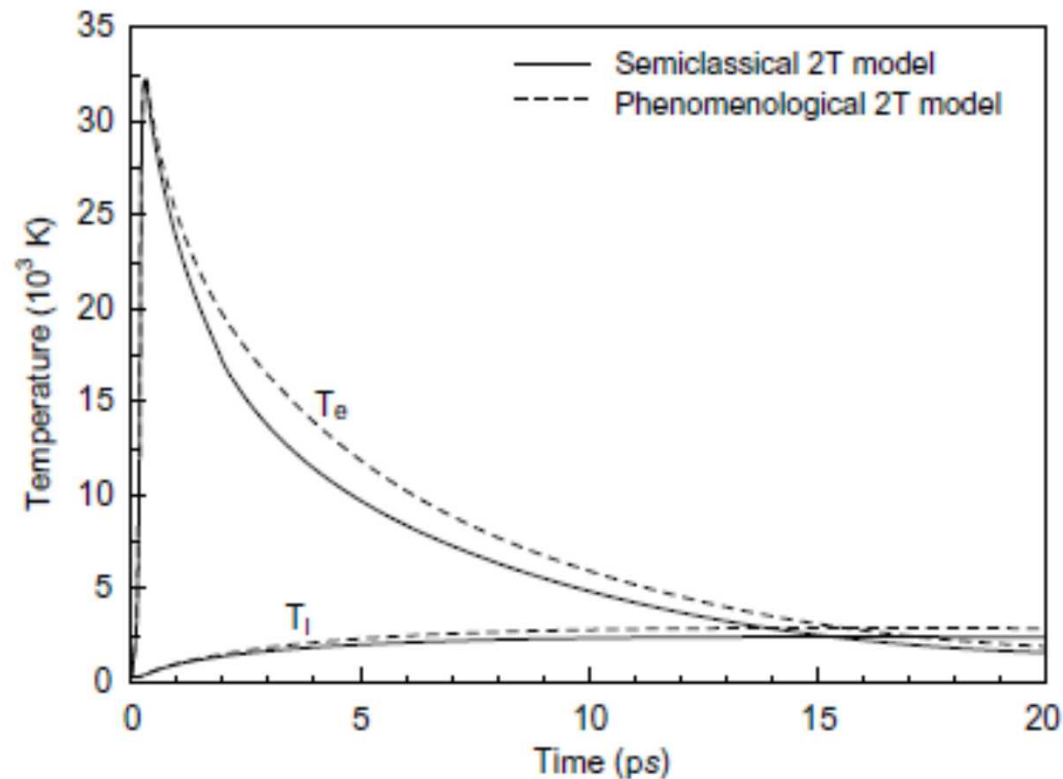
164 nm AlPt Go/No Go



150 fs Pulses

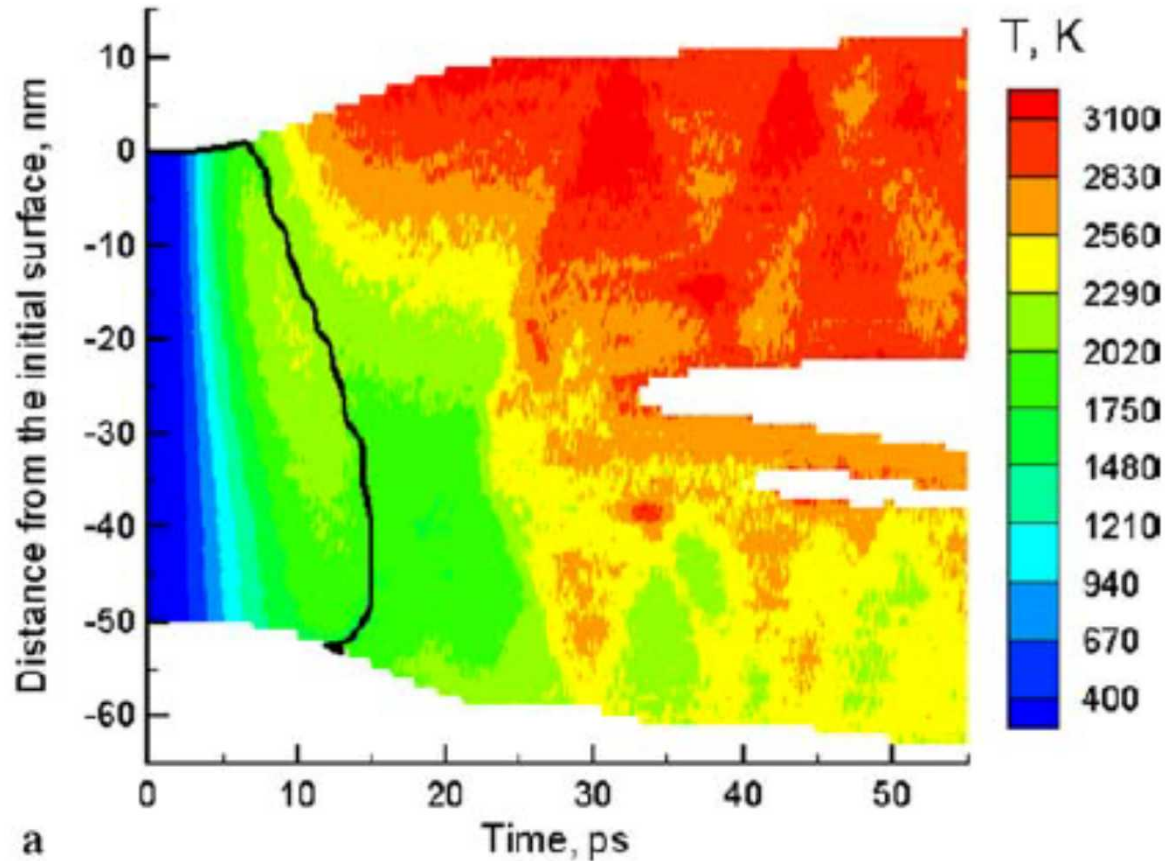
Femtosecond laser excitation places metal into an extreme non-equilibrium condition

Electron and phonon systems at drastically different temperatures



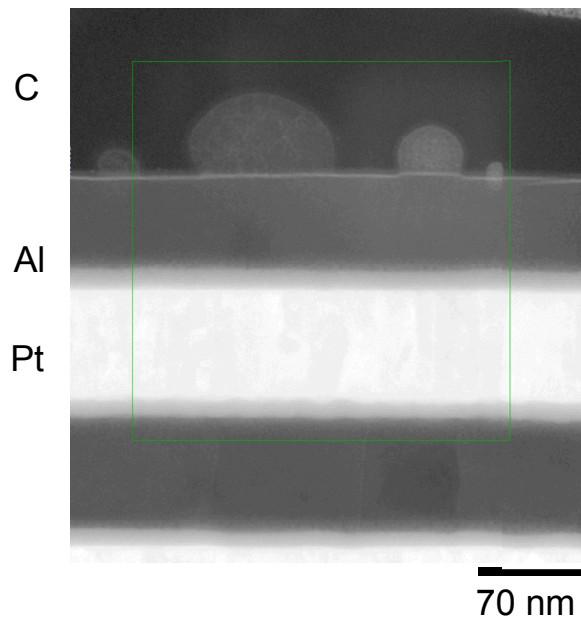
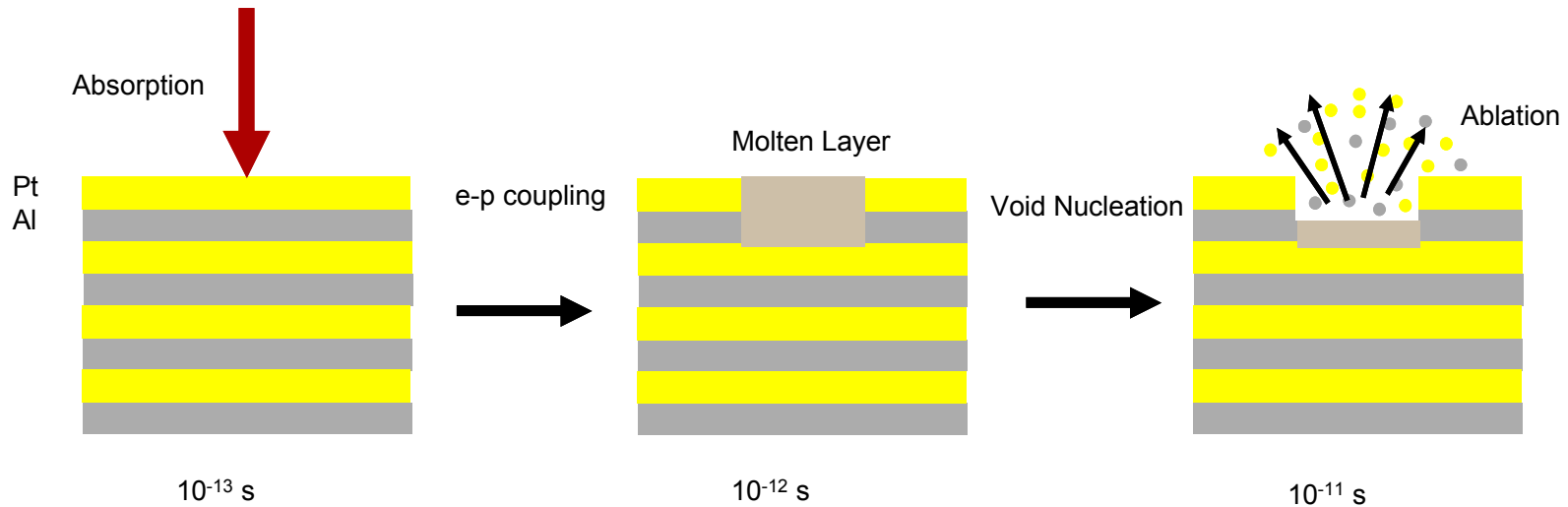
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Two-Temperature Model Coupled to Molecular Dynamics

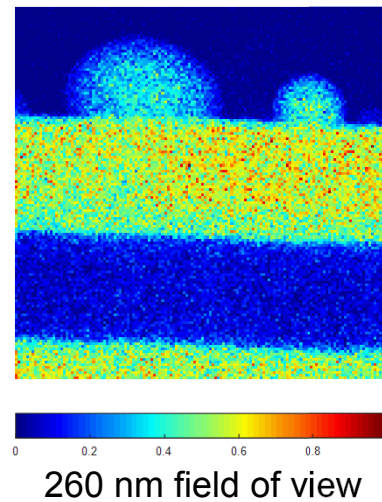


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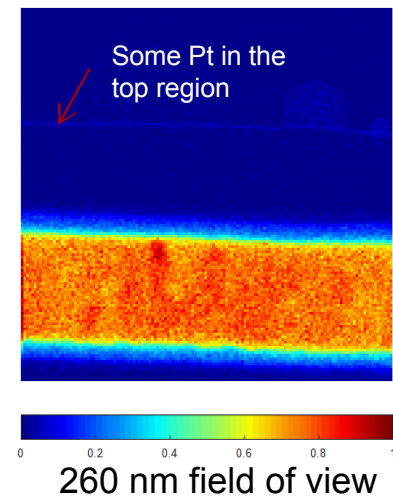
Laser Ablation Crater in cross-section TEM



Al Component image



Pt Component image



Two Temperature Model Setup

Equation 1:
Electron System Heat Transport

$$C_e \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(k_e \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial x} \right) - G(T_e - T_l) + S(x, t)$$

Equation 2:
Lattice System Heat Transport

$$C_l \frac{\partial T_l}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(k_l \frac{\partial T_l}{\partial x} \right) + G(T_e - T_l)$$

Equation 3:
Laser Source Term

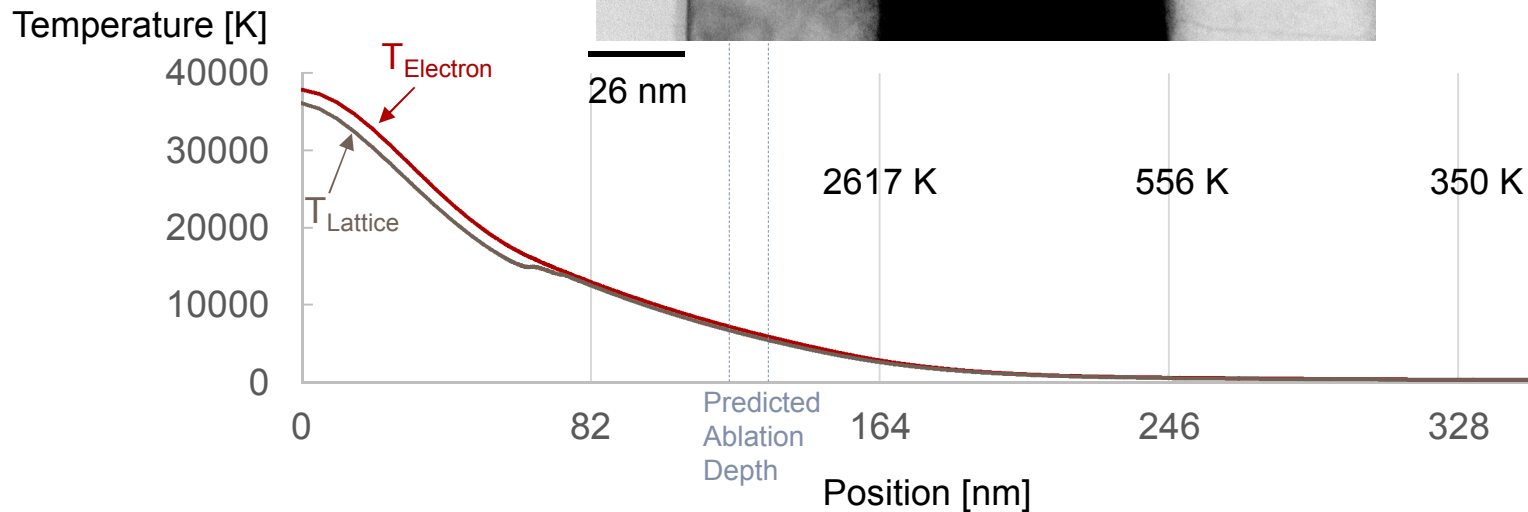
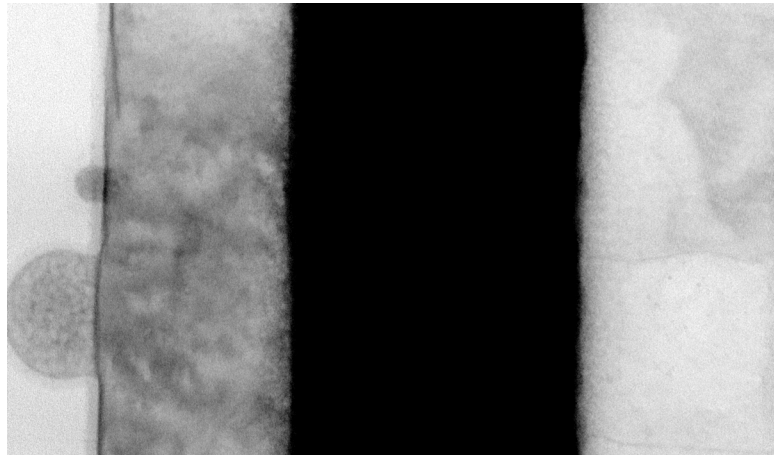
$$S(x, t) = \sqrt{\frac{4 \ln 2}{\pi}} \cdot \frac{[1 - R] \phi}{(\delta + \delta_b) t_p} \cdot \exp \left\{ \frac{-x}{(\delta + \delta_b)} - 4 \ln 2 \left[\left(\frac{t - 2 t_p^2}{t_p} \right)^2 \right] \right\}$$

Equation 4:
Electron Thermal Conductivity
(Room Temp to Fermi Temp)

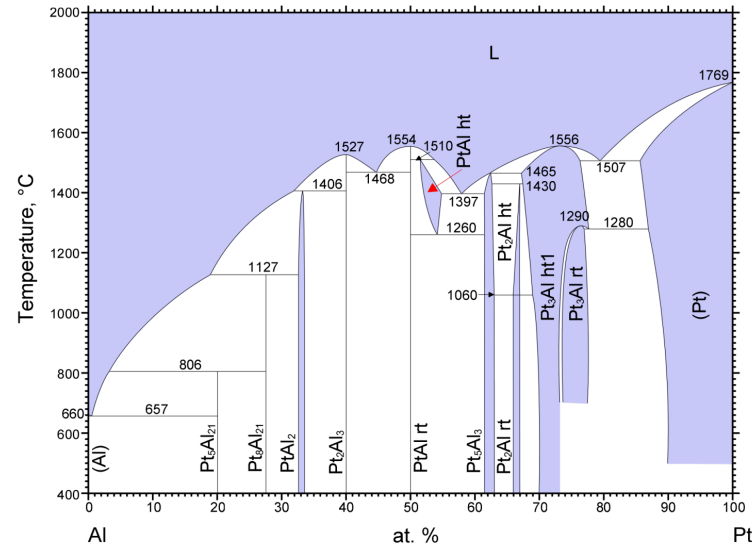
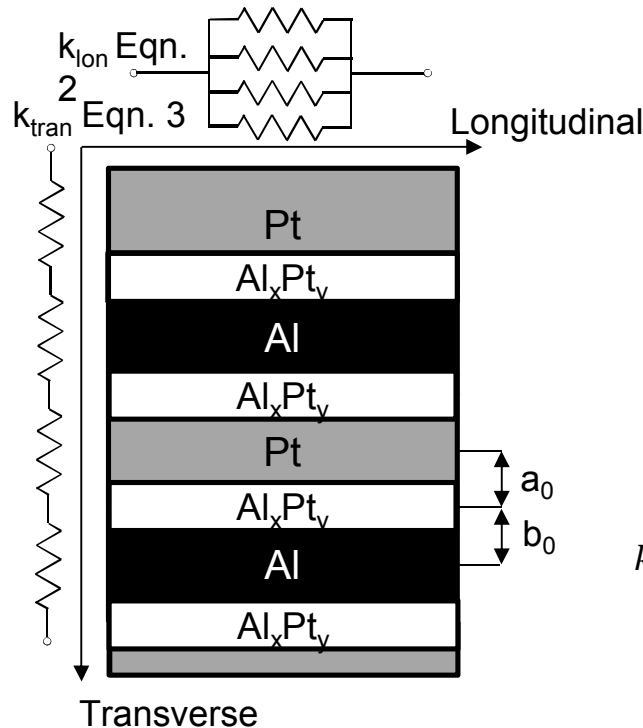
$$k_e = \alpha \frac{\left[\left(\frac{T_e}{T_F} \right)^2 + 0.16 \right]^{5/4} \left[\left(\frac{T_e}{T_F} \right)^2 + 0.44 \right] \left(\frac{T_e}{T_F} \right)}{\left[\left(\frac{T_e}{T_F} \right)^2 + 0.092 \right]^{1/2} \left[\left(\frac{T_e}{T_F} \right)^2 + \beta \frac{T_l}{T_F} \right]}$$

Two Temperature Model of Foil Temperature at 30 ps

Irradiation at 3.5 J/cm^2
 150 fs pulse
 $\omega_0 = 42 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$
 164 nm Bilayer
 ~110 nm of Ablation
 Bright Field Image



Mott s-d scattering model for heat transport in amorphous Al/Pt



$$k_{trans(e)} = LT_e(\sigma_{s(Al)} + \sigma_{d(Pt)})$$

$$k_{trans(e)} = LT_e \left(\frac{2e^2 v_{F(Al)}^2 N(\epsilon_F)_{Al} \tau_{Al}}{3V_{M(Al)}} + \frac{e^2 K_0^5}{12\pi^4 m_e v_{F(Pt)} \Gamma N_d(\epsilon_F)_{Al} V_{M(Pt)}} \right)$$

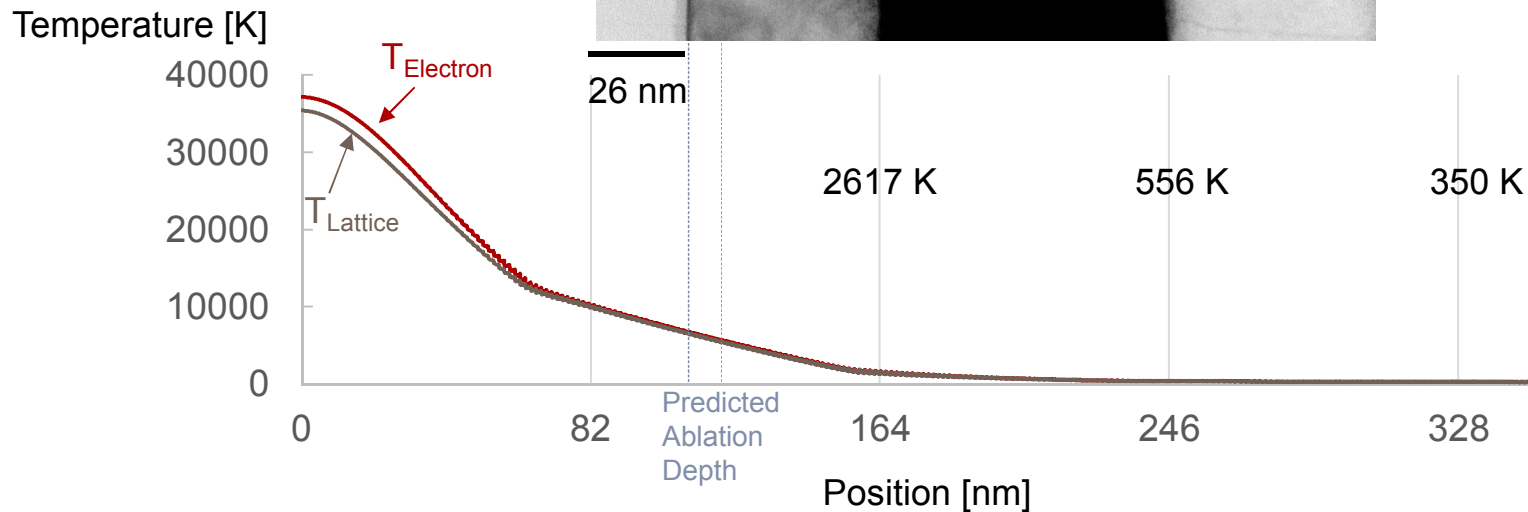
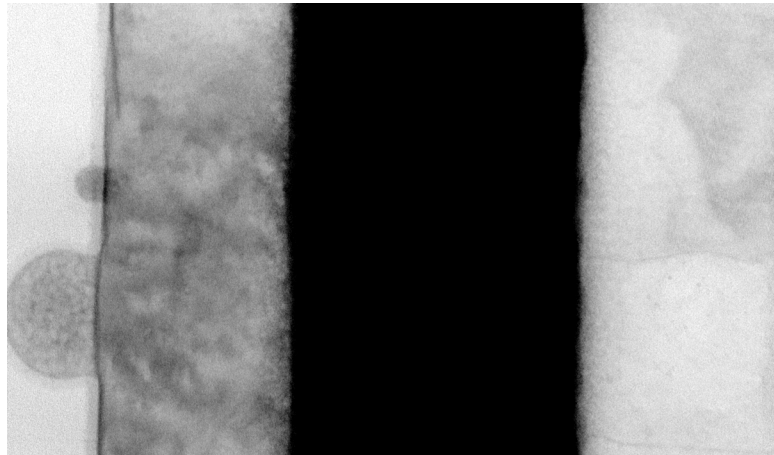
K_0 := Constant derived from energy levels of d-band states in Pt

Γ := linewidth in d-band

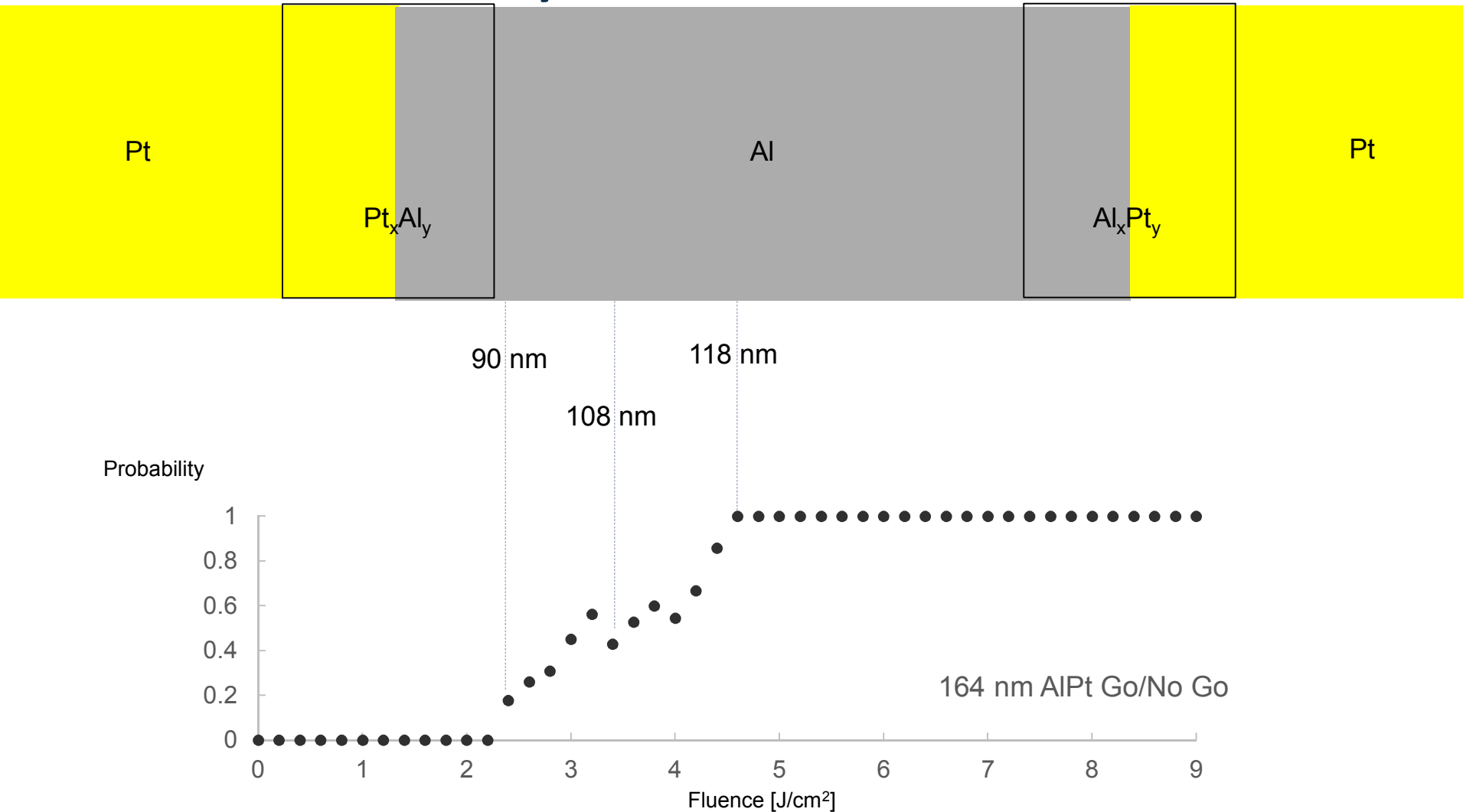
τ := electron scattering time

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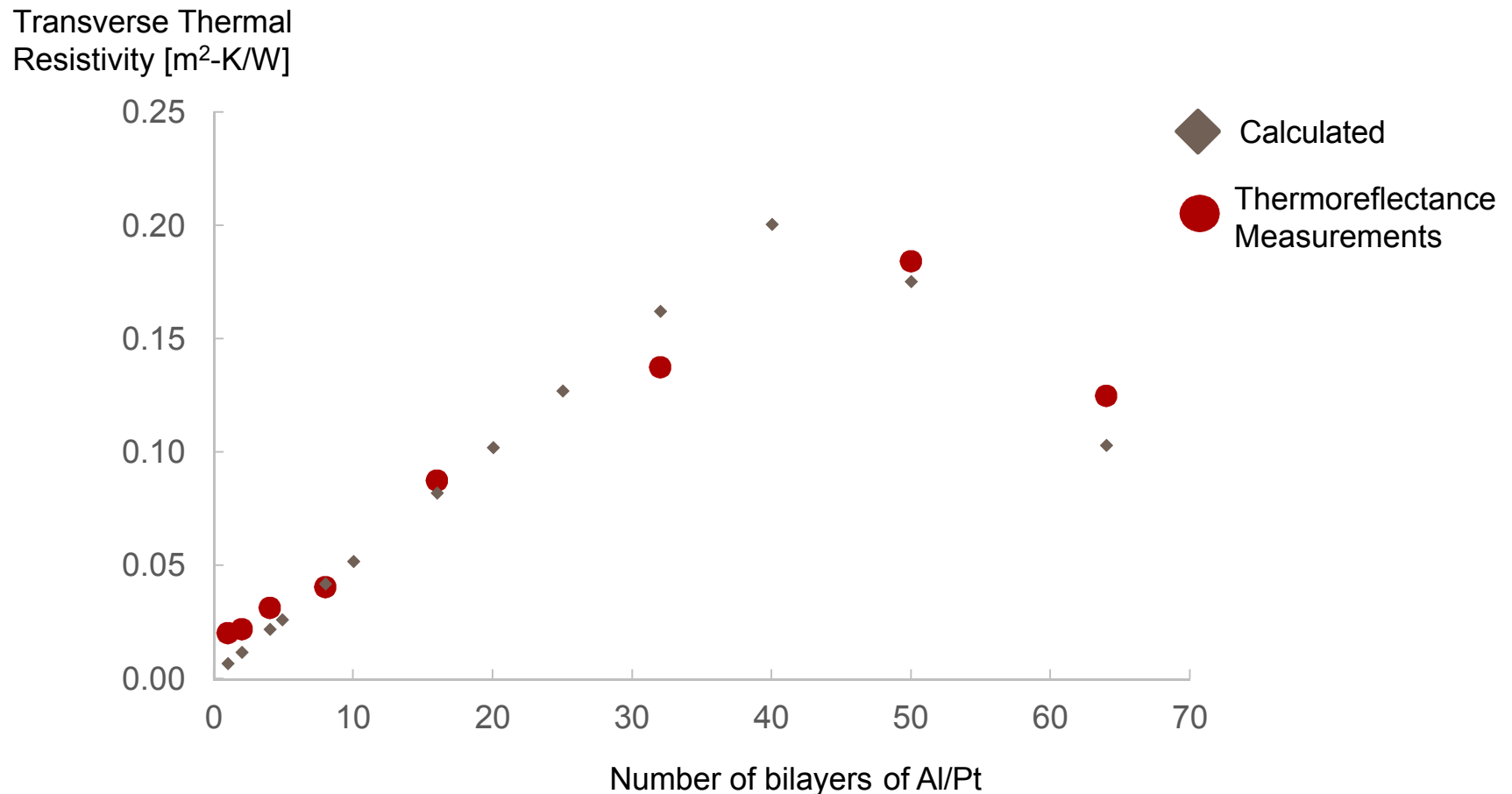
Irradiation at 3.4 J/cm^2
150 fs pulse
 $\omega_0 = 42 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$
164 nm Bilayer
~110 nm of Ablation
Bright Field Image



Ablation depth vs Ignition Threshold for 164 nm bilayer Al/Pt

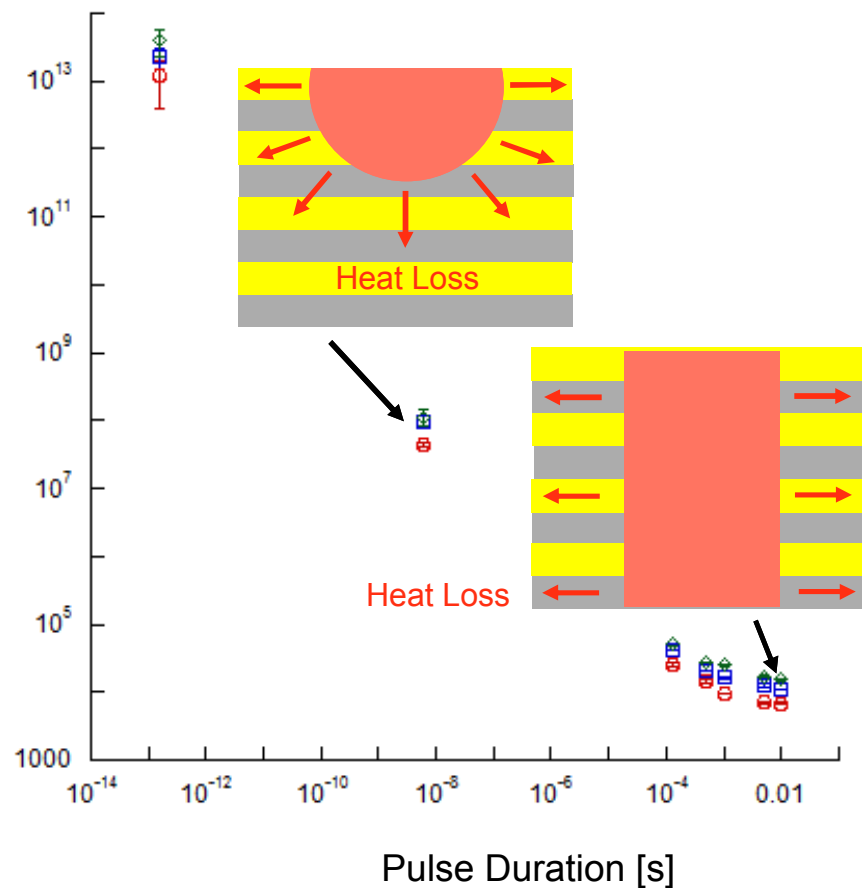


Mott s-d model improves our understanding of thermal properties for continuum simulations

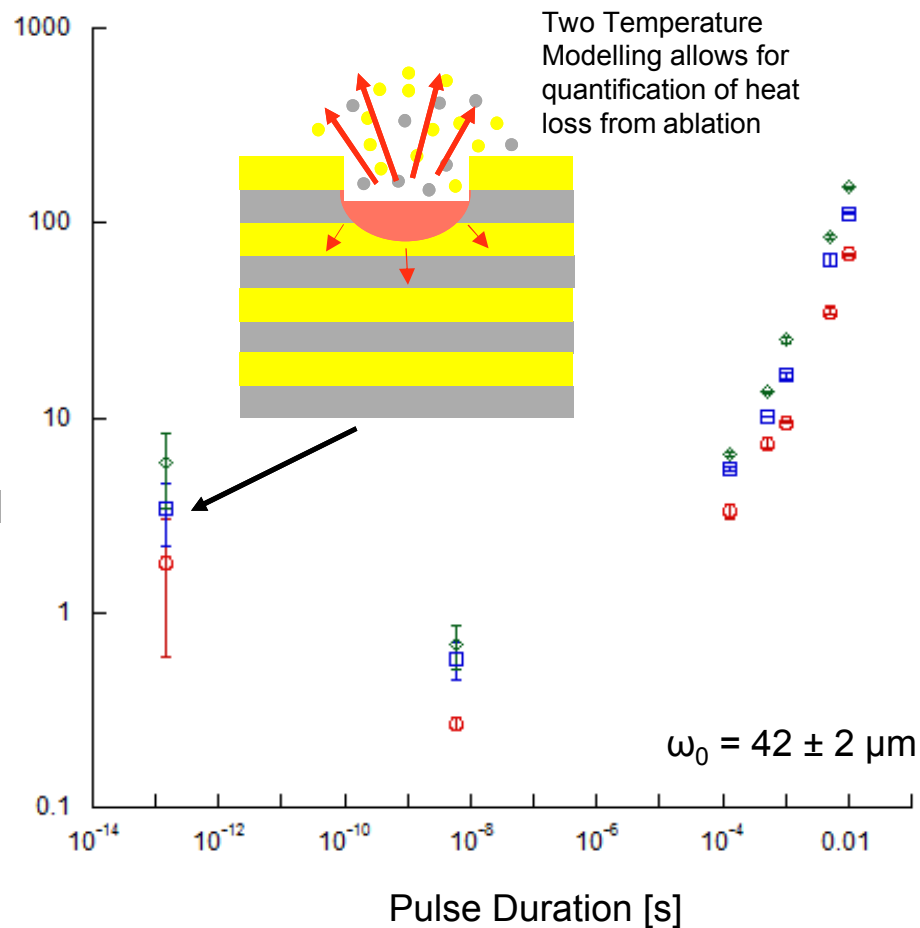


Summary

Intensity [W/cm²]



Fluence [J/cm²]



◇ 328 nm Bilayer

□ 164 nm Bilayer

○ 65 nm Bilayer