## Wollongong to Ann Arbor



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Fraction of Earth circumference:

 $0.38 \approx 1/3$ 

Direct travel times:

aircraft (550 mph)	17 hours 10 minutes
sound	12 hours 30 minutes
light in fiber	71.3 ms (milliseconds)
light in vacuum	50.9 ms (milliseconds)

(assuming constant-speed great-circle path)



#### The nature of terahertz emission from GaAsBi

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#### THz: seeing the unseen

#### Fluorescent marker pen: lid on





bolo

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#### THz: seeing the unseen

#### Bubble wrap: one bubble with water





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#### THz: seeing the unseen

#### invisible



Eye does not see through lid invisible

#### Eye sees through water





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#### 700 nm 428 THz



400 nm **749 THz** 

#### **Chart of the Electromagnetic Spectrum**



# Overview of THz @ UOW; 1 of 4

#### Blackbody radiation









# Overview of THz @ UOW; 2 of 4

#### Far-infrared (THz) laser





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# Overview of THz @ UOW; 4 of 4



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## Ultrashort pulses induce polarization



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# THz generation by ultrashort pulses

# mechanisms

Photoconductivity (PC)

#### Transient Current (TC)

#### Optical Rectification (OR)

methods geometry polarization pump-beam power magnetic field temperature bias control

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### Evidence for Transient Currents

In-plane **magnetic field** rotates radiating dipole

Saturation with **excitation fluence** - carrier screening

FIG. 3. (Color online) Terahertz emission from nominally undoped InP as a function of magnetic field (main figure) and of excitation fluence (inset). The magnetic field is provided by a permanent magnet behind the sample. The magnetic field direction is in the sample plane. The magnetic field angle is measured counterclockwise around the pump beam starting from the incidence-reflection plane. Excitation fluence is  $\sim 0.2 \ \mu J/cm^2$ . Inset: terahertz emission in the absence of magnetic field as a function of excitation fluence.

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FIG. 1. (Color online) Coordinate axes and angles used. The incident radiation propagates in the  $-\widehat{\mathbf{x}'}$  direction and is polarized in the  $\widehat{\mathbf{y}'}$  direction. The outward-pointing normal to the crystal surface is given by  $\widehat{\mathbf{x}''}$ . The triple-primed axis system rotates with the crystal. The angle of incidence is  $\phi'$ . The angle of polarization is  $\Phi$ . The azimuthal angle is  $\theta$ .

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$$\begin{bmatrix} P_x''^{(bulk)} \\ P_y''^{(bulk)} \\ P_z''^{(bulk)} \end{bmatrix} = 2 d_{14} E_0^2 \begin{bmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} & G_{13} & G_{14} & G_{15} & G_{16} & G_{17} \\ G_{21} & G_{22} & G_{23} & G_{24} & G_{25} & G_{26} & G_{27} \\ G_{31} & G_{32} & G_{33} & G_{34} & G_{35} & G_{36} & G_{37} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta \\ \cos 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta \\ \cos 3\theta \\ \sin 3\theta \end{bmatrix}$$



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#### GaAs - Optical Rectification





FIG. 3. (Color online) Experimental data (symbols) for THz emission from (11N)B faces of GaAs. The dashed lines are the calculations for bulk optical rectification alone (with  $d_{14}E_0^2=1$ ). The full lines are the calculations for combined bulk ( $d_{14}E_0^2=1$ ) and surface ( $\gamma'F_0=1.9d_{14}$ ) optical rectification.



### GaAs - Optical Rectification



FIG. 4. (Color online) Experimental data (symbols) for THz emission from (11*N*)*A* faces of GaAs. The dashed lines are the calculations for bulk optical rectification alone (with  $d_{14}E_0^2=1$ ). The full lines are the calculations for combined bulk ( $d_{14}E_0^2=1$ ) and surface ( $\gamma' F_0 = -1.6d_{14}$ ) optical rectification.





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FIG. 2. Bi composition x of different (001) and (311)B GaBi<sub>x</sub>As<sub>1-x</sub> epilayers as a function of the As flux used for the growth. The arrows indicate the As flux for near-stoichiometric growth of (001) and (311)B GaAs.



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# Not transient currents

FIG. 1. Time-domain spectrum of terahertz field radiated from (311)B GaBi<sub>0.035</sub>As<sub>0.965</sub> sample (transmission geometry). (a) Dependence of peak terahertz field on optical fluence of pump beam (reflection geometry). (b) Dependence of peak terahertz field on angle of in-plane magnetic field (reflection geometry).

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Azimuthal angle dependence - epilayer quite different to substrate

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FIG. 2. (Color online) Variation of the peak terahertz field, for both H- and V-polarizations, as a function of angle of rotation around the sample normal in transmission geometry for (311)B (a) substrate and (b) GaBi<sub>0.035</sub>As<sub>0.965</sub> epilayer.



$$P_{x} = 2d_{14}E_{y}E_{z} + \alpha'F_{x} + \beta'E_{x} + \gamma'E_{x}^{2}F_{x}, \qquad (1)$$

$$P_{y} = 2d_{14}E_{z}E_{x} + \alpha'F_{y} + \beta'E_{y} + \gamma'E_{y}^{2}F_{y}, \qquad (2)$$

$$P_{z} = 2d_{14}E_{x}E_{y} + \alpha'F_{z} + \beta'E_{z} + \gamma'E_{z}^{2}F_{z}.$$
(3)

# (a) Bulk (b) Surface(c) Sum of bulk and surfaceOptical Rectification

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## Conclusion

#### Optical rectification produces THz radiation

#### THz field emitted is in general polarized and depends in detail on

- angle of incidence of pump beam
- polarization of pump beam
- index *hkl* of crystal face
- azimuthal angle of sample relative to pump beam

#### In GaBiAs the THz radiated depends strongly on

- crystal face *hkl*
- bulk optical rectification term
- surface field-induced optical rectification term

#### So THz emission acts as a sensitive surface probe

