

# Cooperative near- and far-field thermal management via diffusive superimposed dipoles

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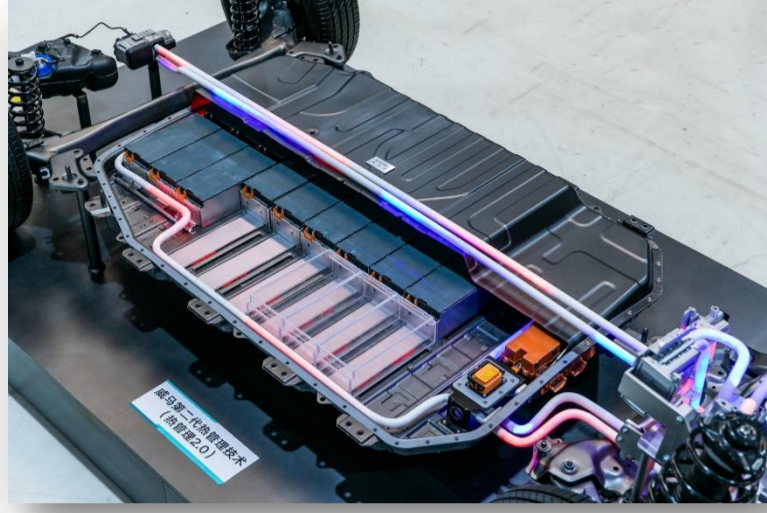
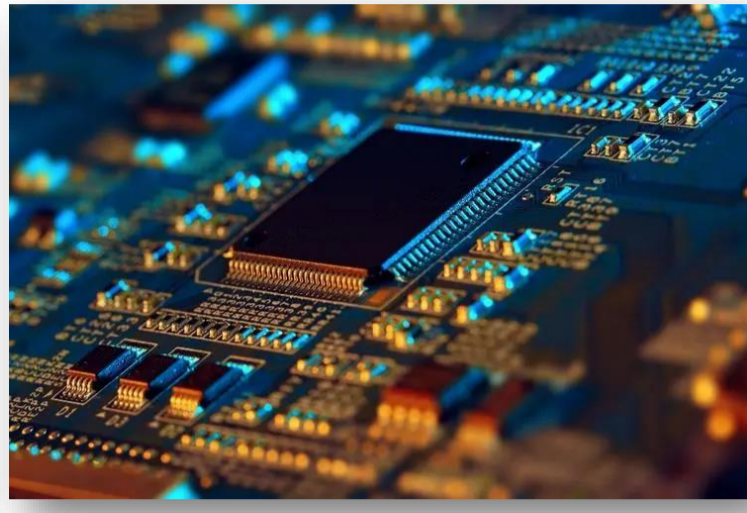
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## 1 Background

Cold-chain logistics

Integrated circuit

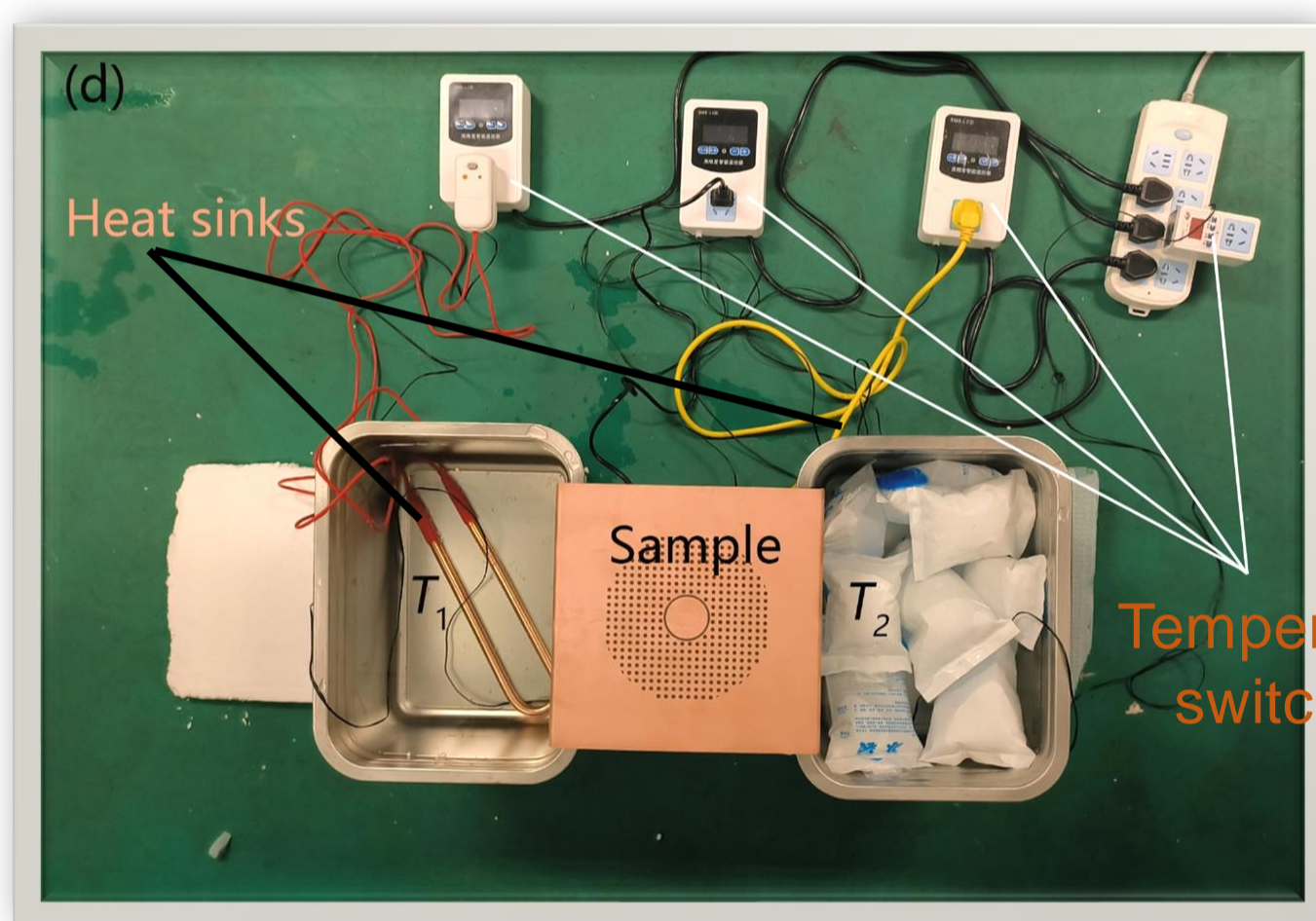
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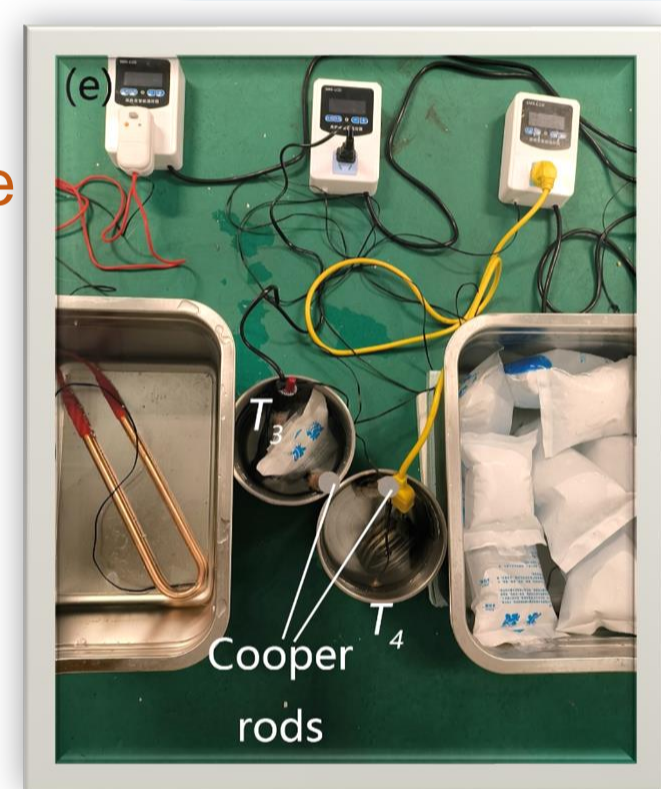
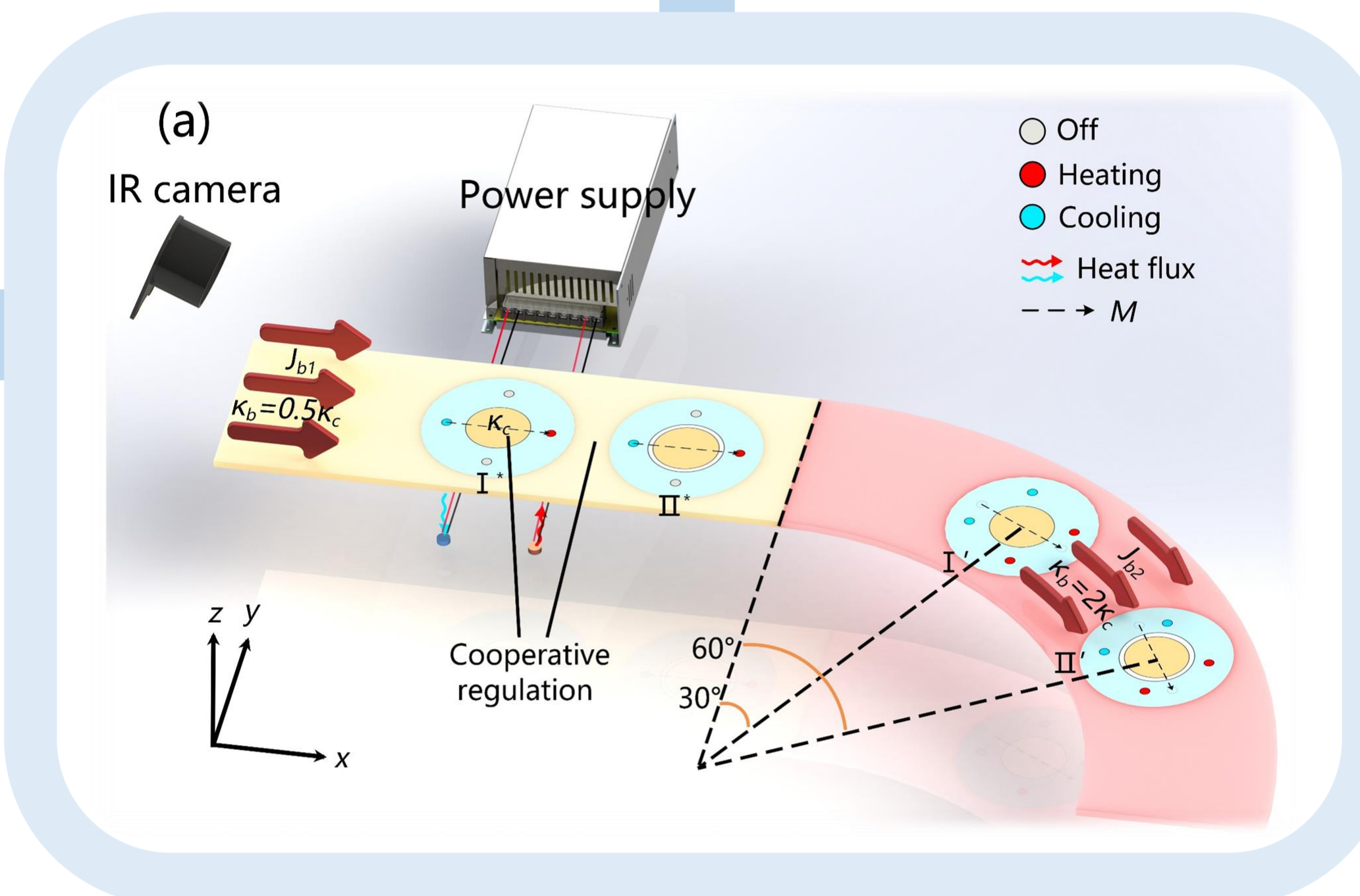
Conventional thermal management<sup>1</sup> include two inherent limitations:

- I. Disturbing surrounding temperature
- II. Lacking adaptability

## 3 Methods



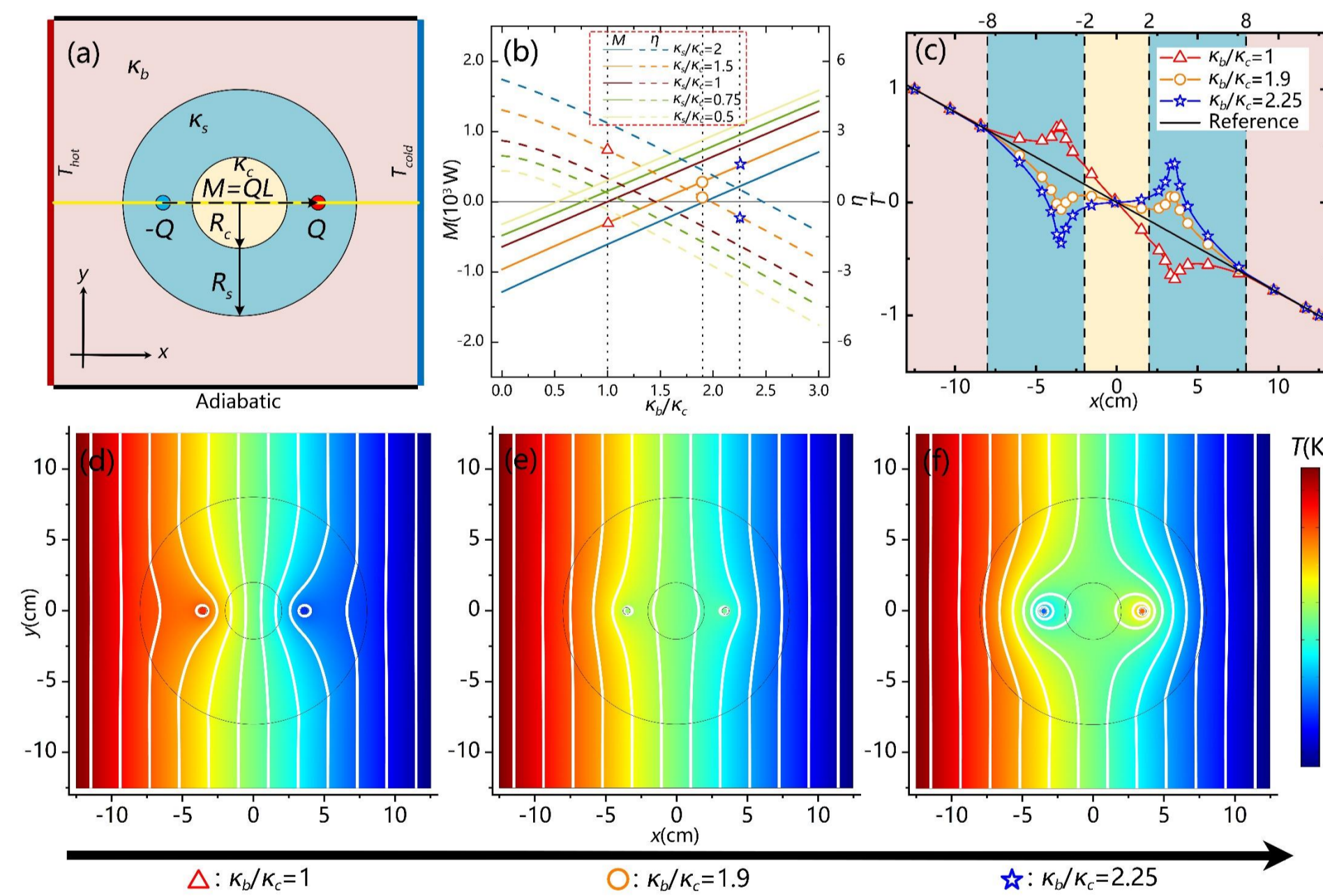
Photograph of the experimental setups.



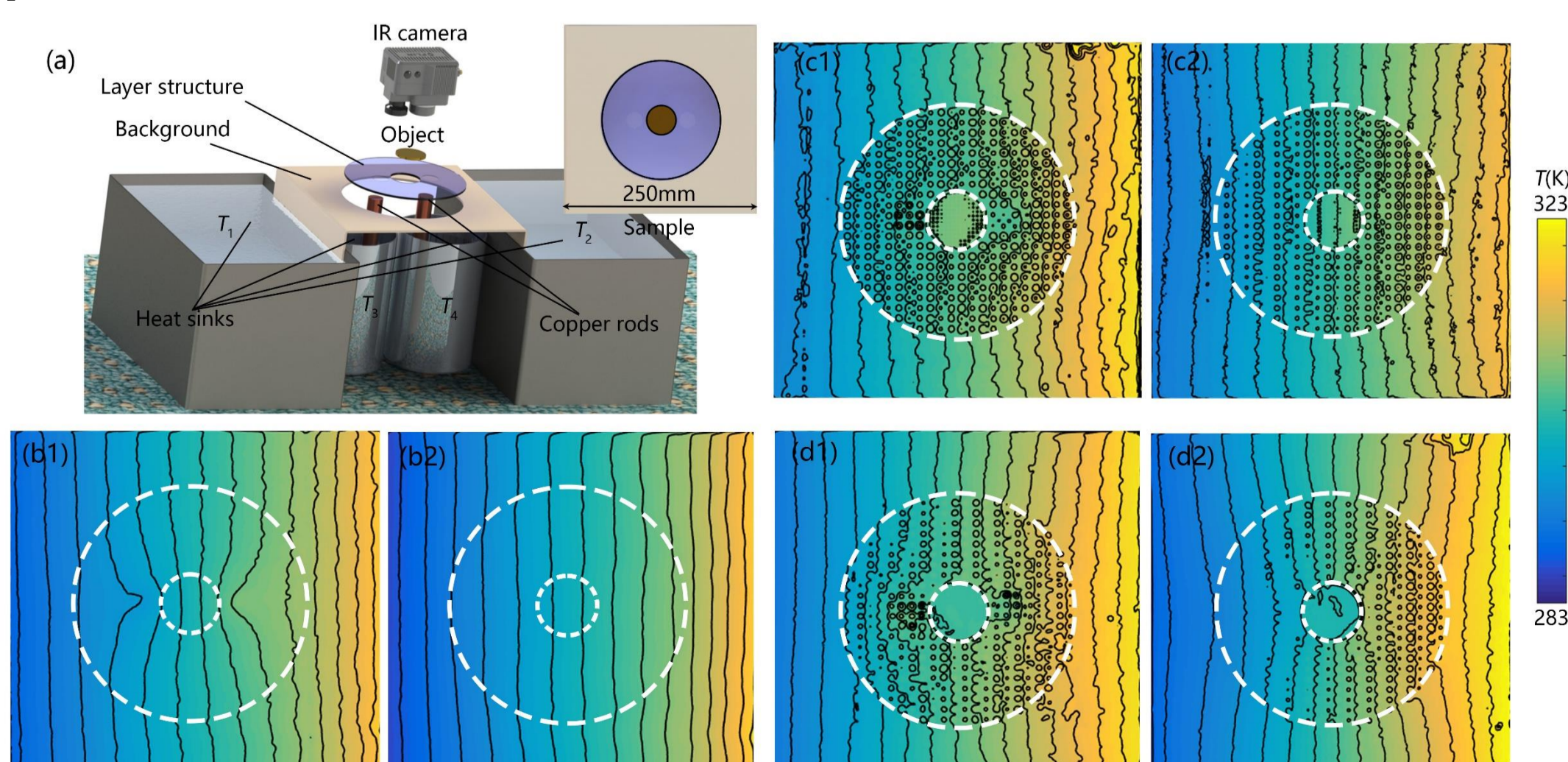
Copper rods

## 5 Results

### I. Simulations



### II. Experiments



## Principle

Temperature distribution for external heat source:

$$\begin{cases} T_{e,c} = A_c r \cos \theta & (\text{Near field}) \\ T_{e,b} = A_b r \cos \theta + B_b r^{-1} \cos \theta & (\text{Far field}) \end{cases}$$

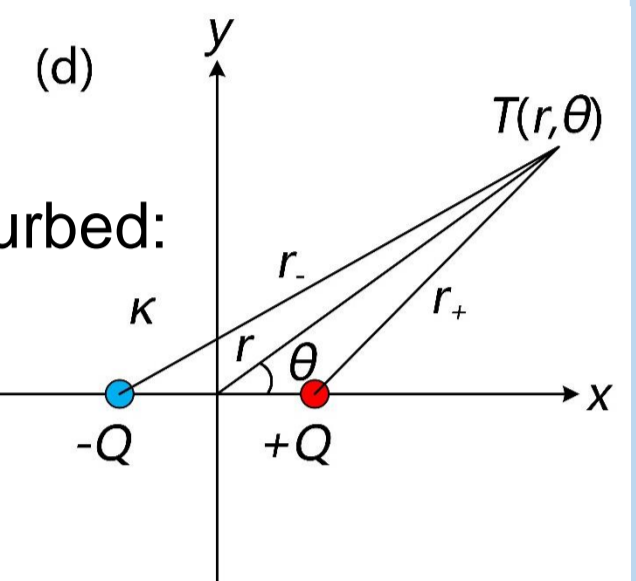
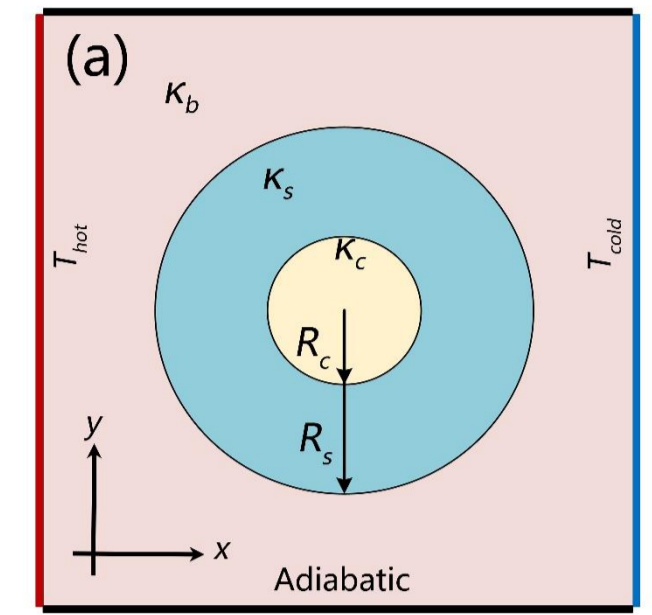
Temperature distribution for thermal dipole<sup>2,3</sup>:

$$\begin{cases} T_{d,c} = 2M r \cos \theta / (\pi \kappa_c L^2) & (\text{Near field}) \\ T_{d,b} = D_b r^{-1} \cos \theta & (\text{Far field}) \end{cases}$$

Due to the consistency of the temperature form, we can adjust the dipole moment  $M$  to ensure that the external field does not disturb the local temperature gradient.

I. Ensuring background  $T$  undisturbed:  
 $B_b + D_b = 0$

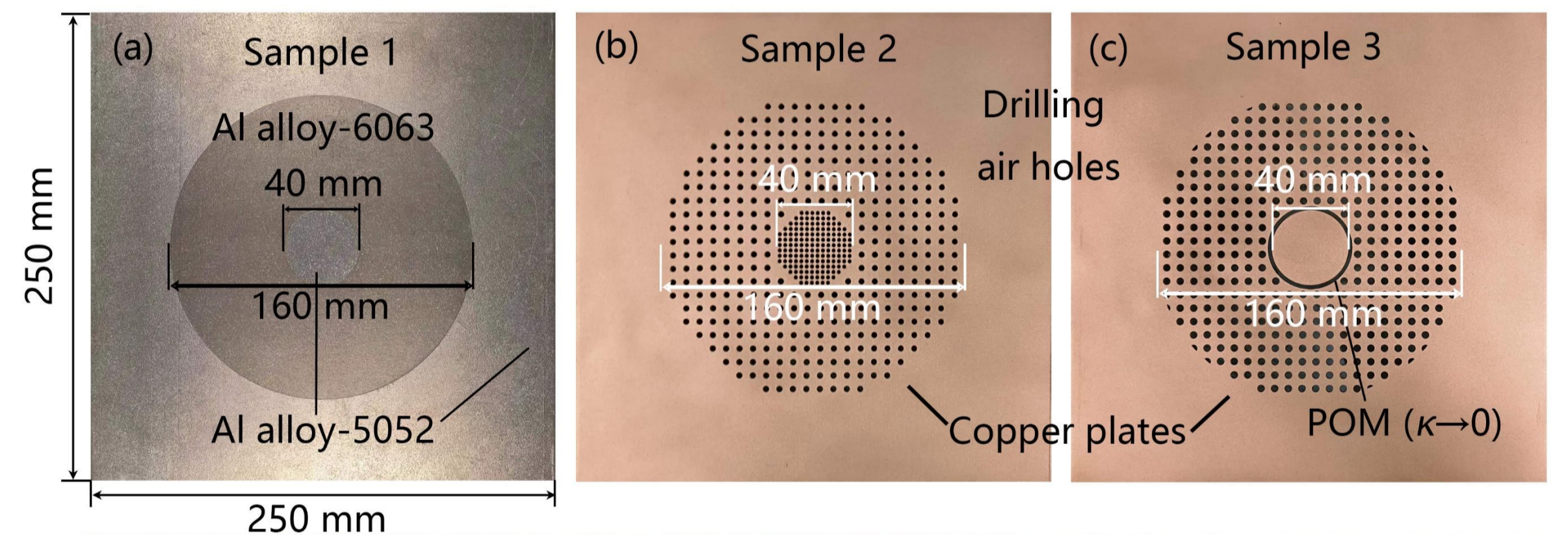
II. Concentrating coefficient:  
 $\eta = \nabla T_c / \nabla T_b$



## Materials

| Region                  | Material |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Core and background (1) | Al-5052  |
| Shell (1)               | Al-6063  |
| Core (2)                | Copper   |
| Shell (2)               | Copper   |
| Background (2)          | Copper   |
| Core and background (3) | Copper   |
| Shell (3)               | Copper   |
| Insulated layer (3)     | POM      |

Fabricated samples. (a) Sample 1: enhanced-center transparency. (b) Sample 2: weakened-center transparency. (c) Samples 3: cloak.



## Conclusions

- Diffusive superimposed dipoles assisted thermotics is proposed for active scattering cancellation in the Laplace field.
- Leveraging the combined influence of the far-field and near-field from superimposed thermal dipoles, two innovative thermal meta-devices have been conceptualized and designed, including transparency and cloak.
- These metadvice work effectively even when taking into account the thermal resistance of the interface.
- Our schemes can be implemented across 2D and 3D cases, as well as in geometrically isotropic and anisotropic scenarios using isotropic and homogeneous materials.

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