

Thermophysical Properties of Gas Hydrates

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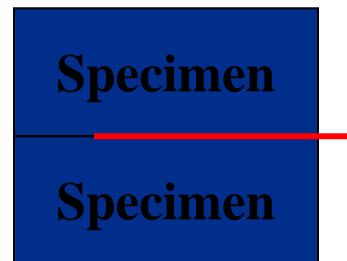
HTML Provides Measurement Capabilities of Thermophysical Properties on Gas Hydrates

- Thermal diffusivity and conductivity
- Heat capacity, specific heat (DSC)
- Thermal expansion
- Temperature mapping: high speed IR imaging

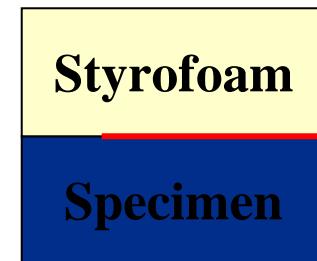
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- Transient Plane Source (TPS) method
- Direct thermal conductivity measurement

Standard
Measurement



Single-side
Measurement



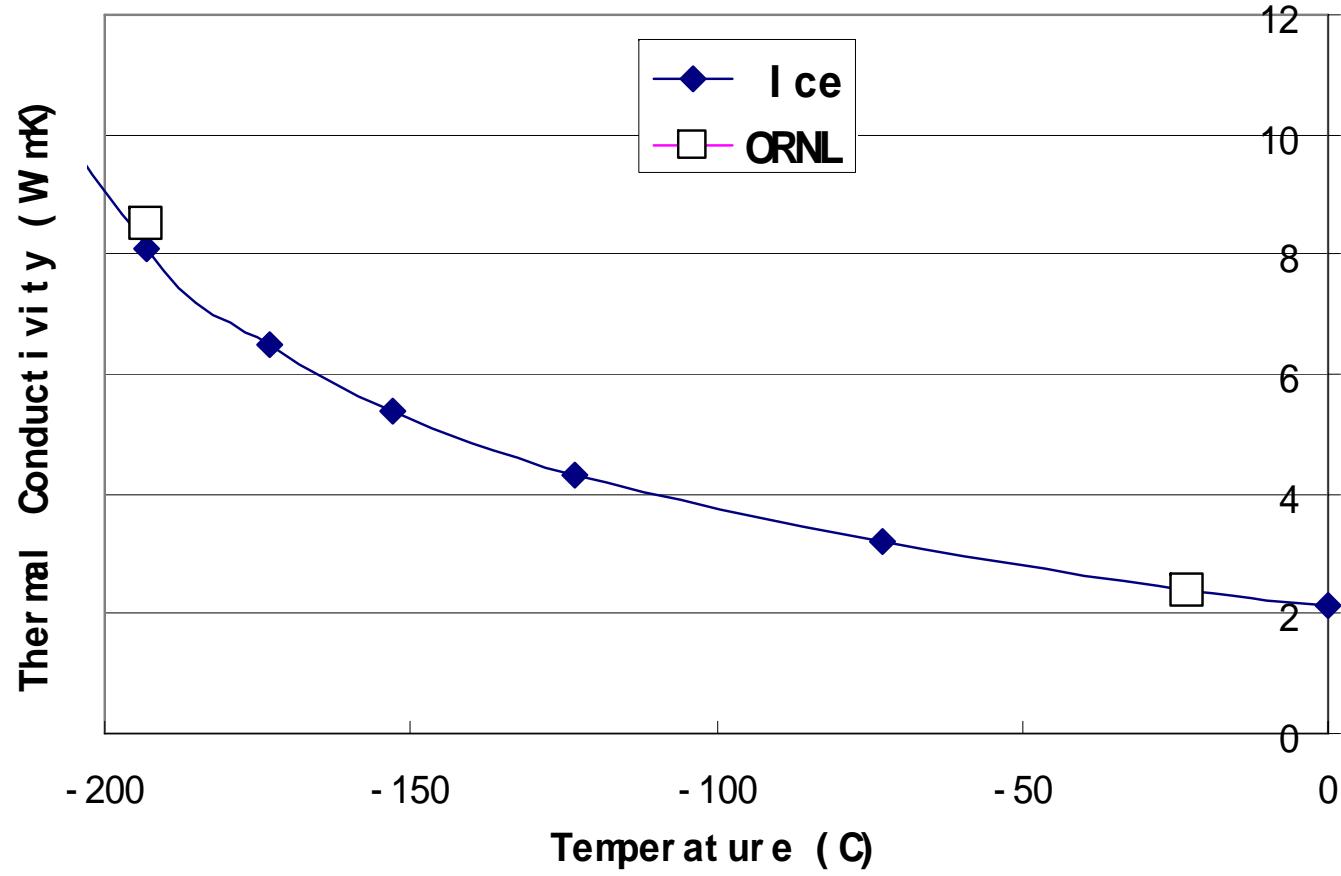
Liquid Nitrogen Tests



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Thermal Conductivity of Ice

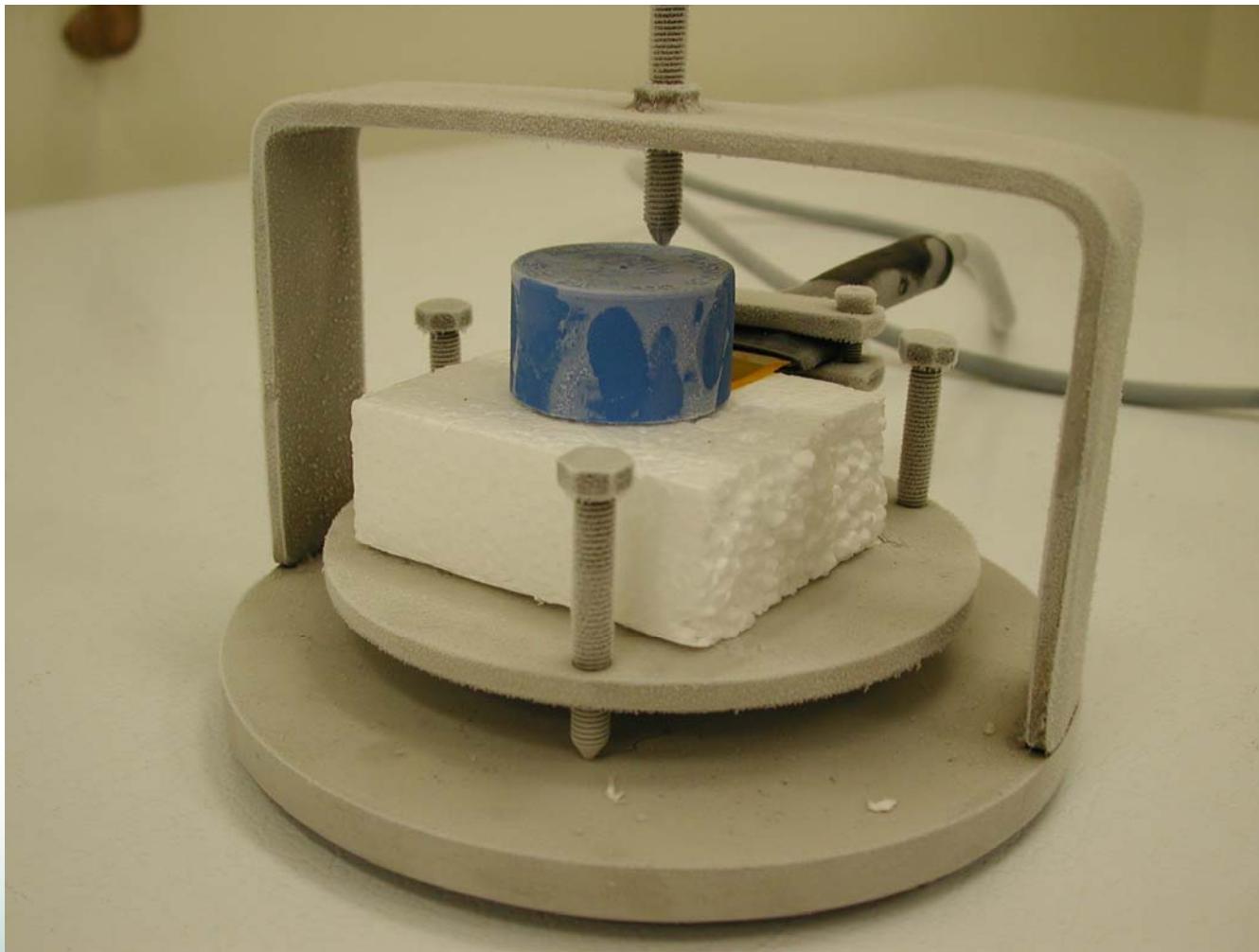


Reference: G.A. Slack, "Thermal Conductivity of Ice", Physic. Rev. B. 22(6), 3065-3071, 1980

Using Sand Paper to Get a Flat Surface from Natural Sample



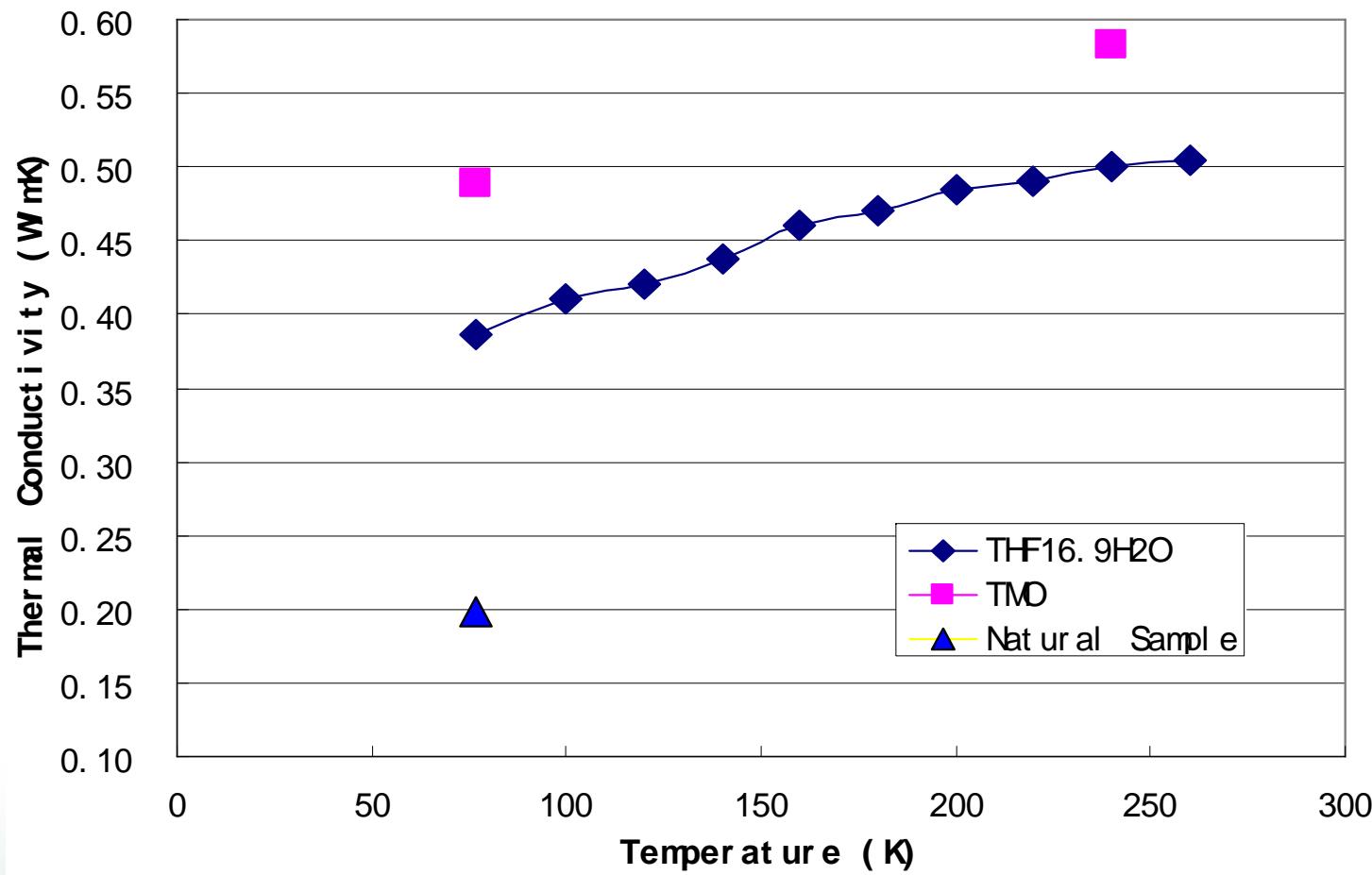
TMO and Natural Sample Holder



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Thermal Conductivity of TMO-I



Reference: H. Suga, "Calorimetric Studies of Some Energy-related Materials", Thermochimica Acta, 328, 9-17, 1999

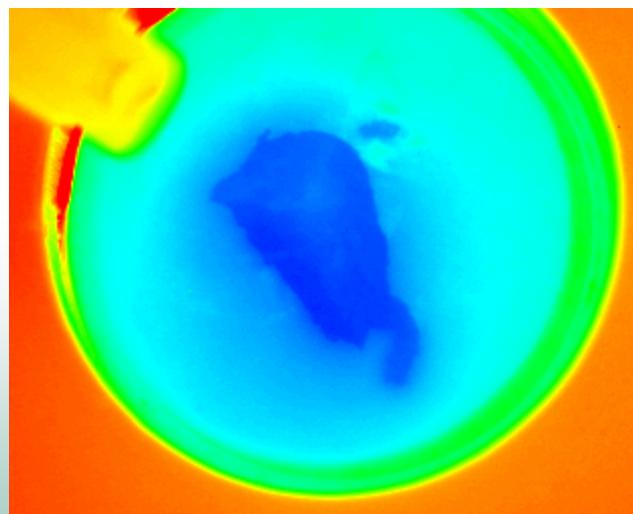
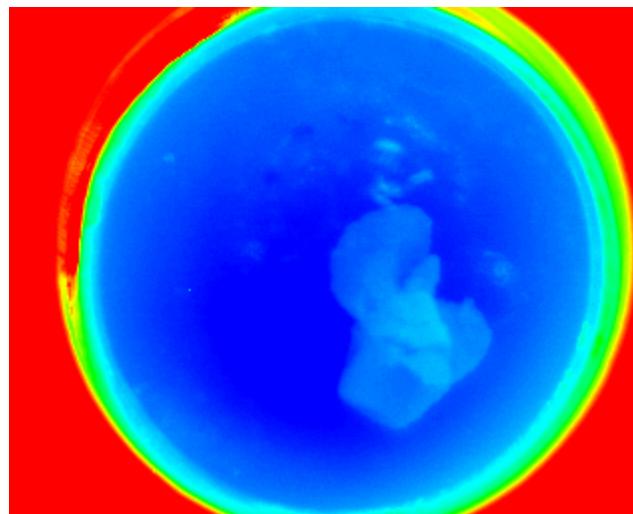
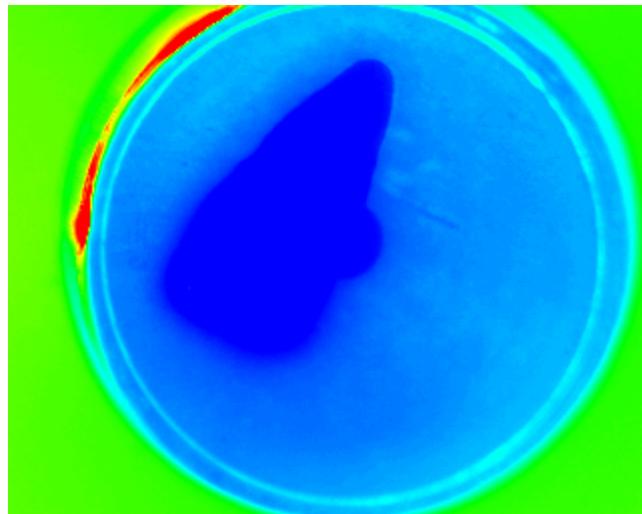
Thermography Facility at ORNL

- Five infrared cameras:
 - Indigo Phoenix Near IR
 - Indigo Phoenix Mid IR
 - Indigo Alpha
 - Indigo Omega
 - Raytheon Radiance HS Mid IR
- Spectral Imaging (3-5 microns)
- Spectrometers: UV-IR
- Single-point IR detectors: one color and two-color detectors
- Features: High-speed: 346Hz to 38kHz; high-sensitivity: 0.015 K; spatial resolution from 5 $\mu\text{m}/\text{pixel}$



IR Images of Melting (-70 to 50°C)

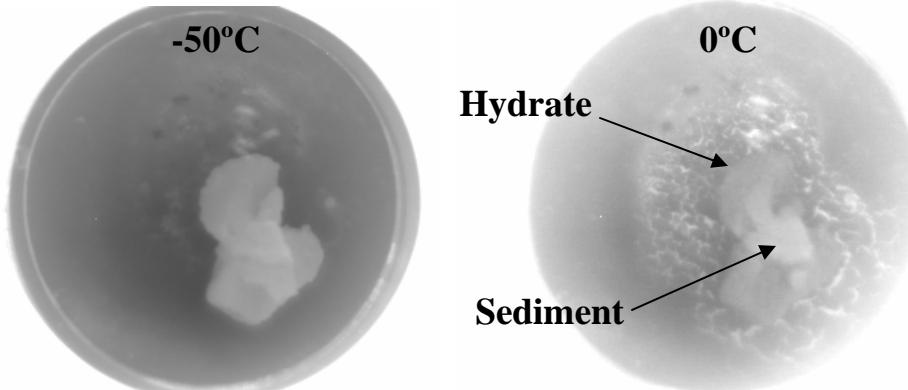
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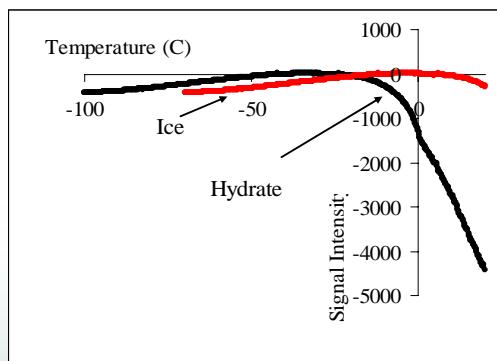
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Infrared Thermography reveals the location of hydrate in natural samples.



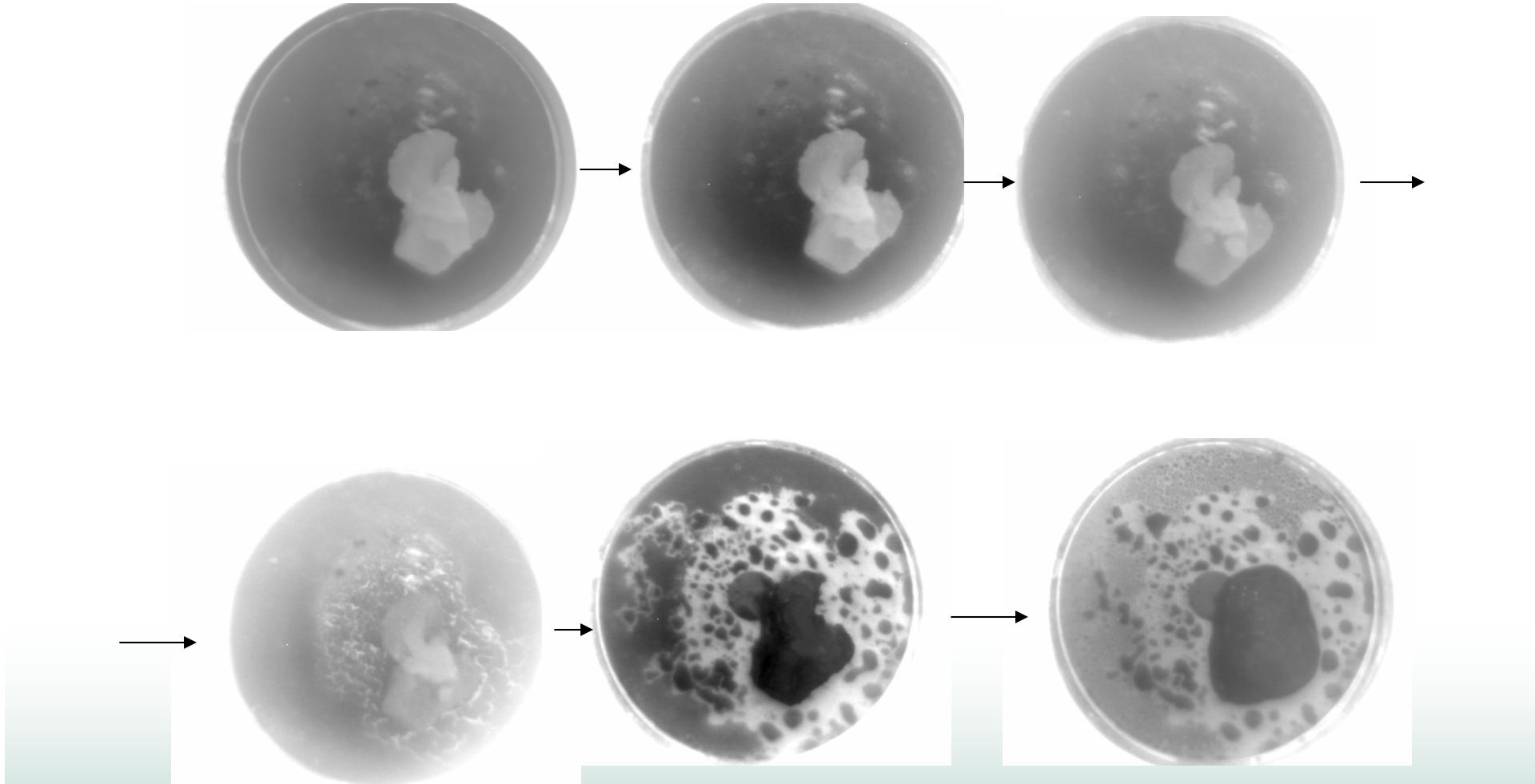
Hydrate appears much colder than ice as it dissociates.



Raman Microscopy revealed both Structure I and II containing both methane and ethane from natural samples recovered from Green Canyon in the Gulf of Mexico.

Possible Clathrate 1st Guess	Measured Peak Position (cm-1)	From Literature
C5 or C6	2868.49	
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C2H6 in SII 5(12)6(2) Large	2884.34	2887.3
CH4 in SII 5(12)6(4) Large	2898.77	2903.72 +/- 0.28
CH4 in SI 5(12)6(2) Large	2901.73	2904.85 +/- 0.33
CH4 in SII 5(12) Small	2912.32	2913.73 +/- 0.76
CH4 in SI 5(12) Small	2917.14	2915.04 +/- 0.58
C2H6 in SII 5(12)6(2) Large	2939.47	2942.3
C2H6 in SI 5(12)6(2) Large	2947.46	2946.2
???	2982.53	

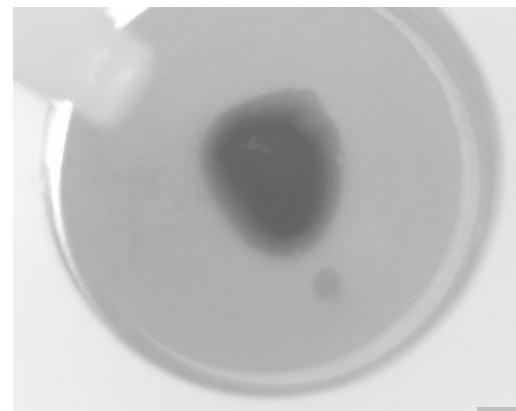
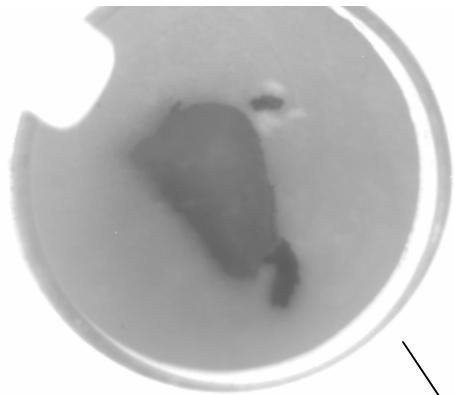
IR Images of a “Dirty” Natural Sample Melting



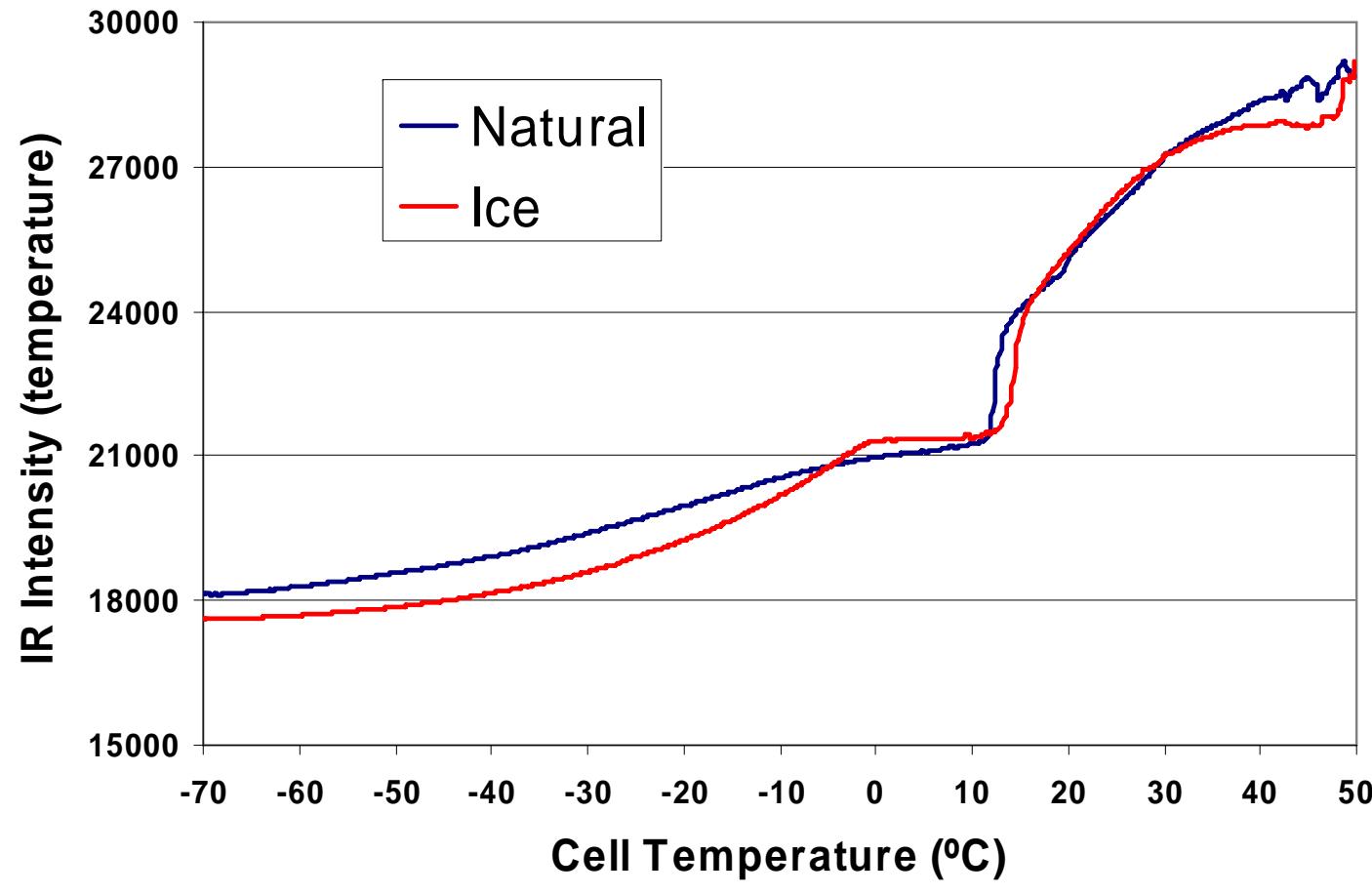
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Natural Sample -70 - 50° C



Cell Temperature Vs. IR Signal



Temperature Differences

