

## Electronic supplementary information

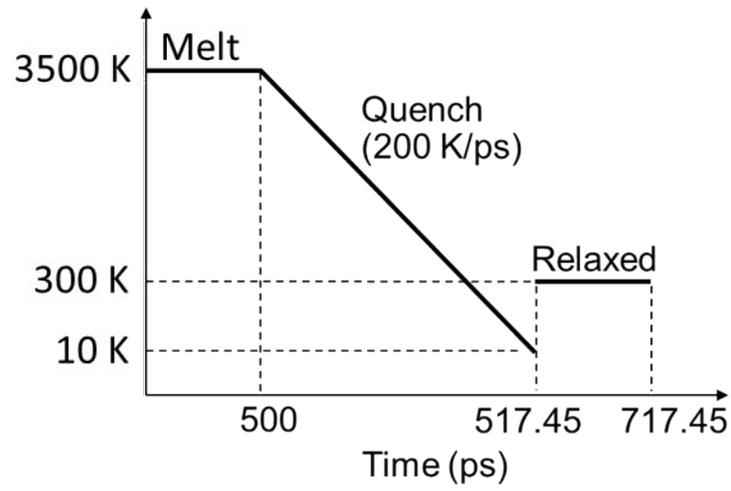
# Thermal Phonon Mechanism of Amorphous AlN and Thermal Transport of Thin Amorphous Layers at the Interface

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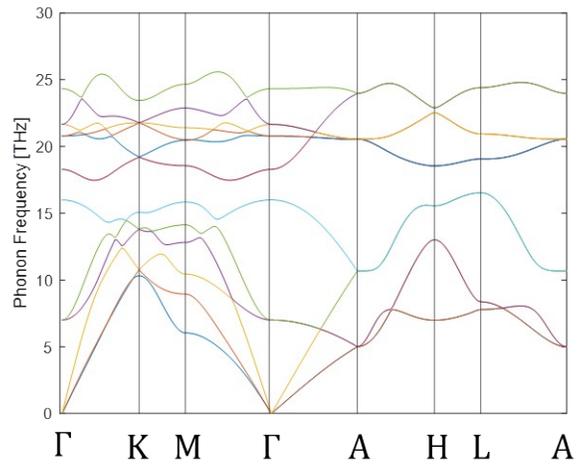
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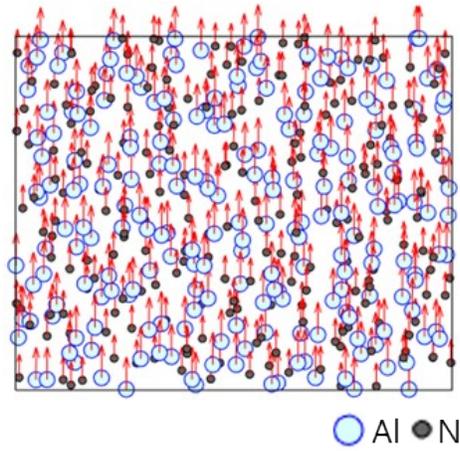
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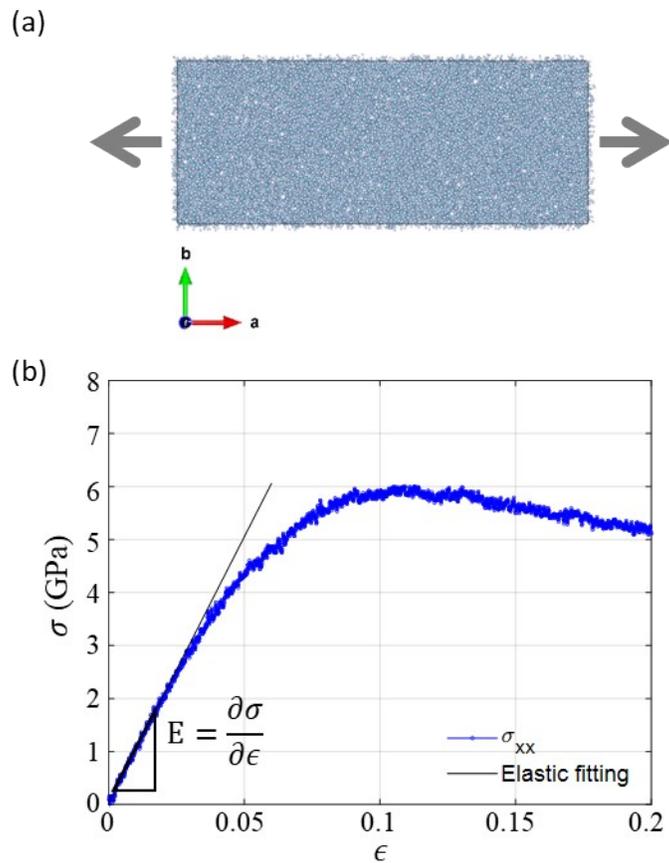
**Figure S1.** Process of Melt-Quenching method for constructing amorphous materials.



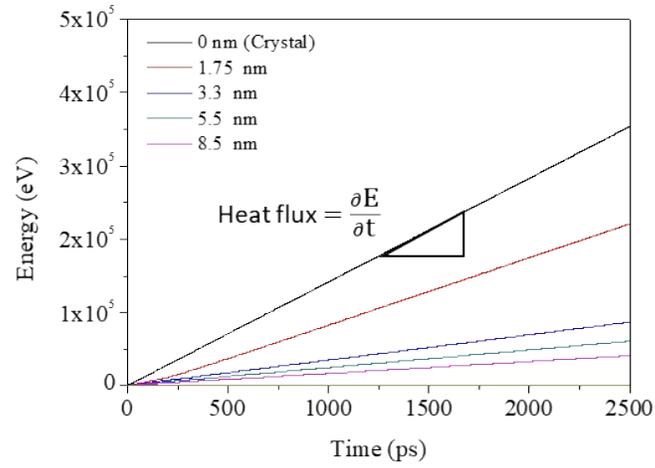
**Figure S2.** Phonon dispersion curve of c-AlN.



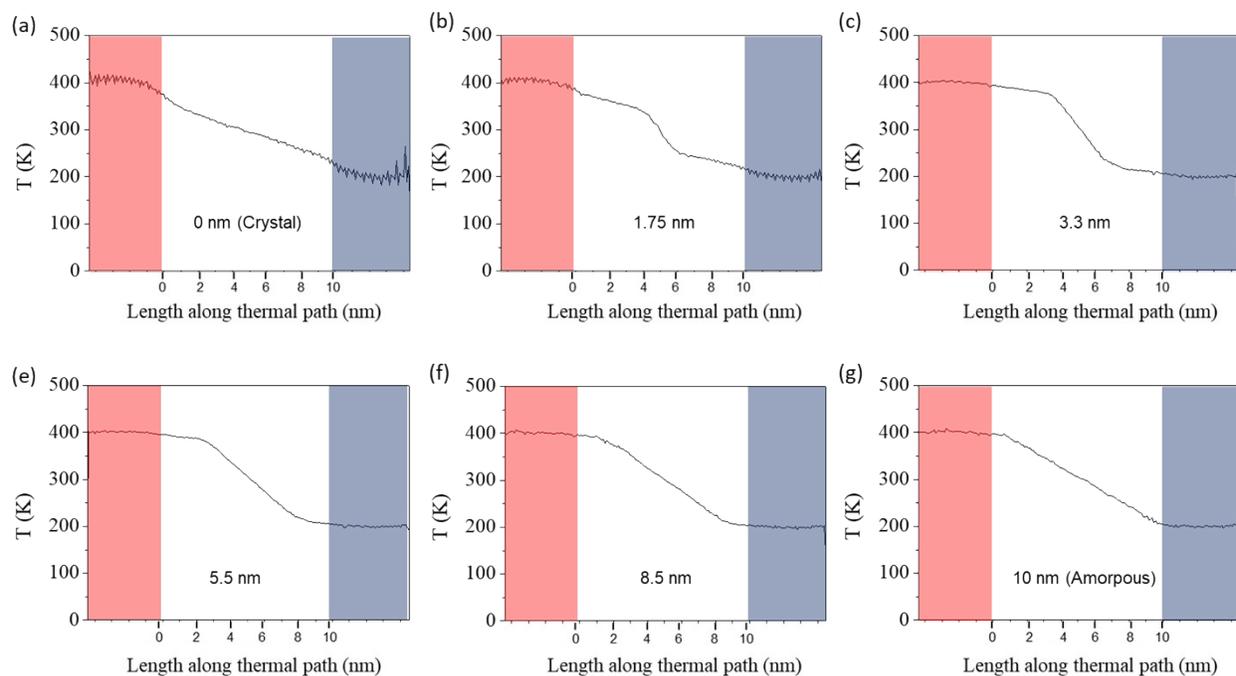
**Figure S3.** Spatial components of the two-dimensional phonon modes less than 1THz in a-AlN. (Red arrow shows the preferred direction and relative magnitude of phonon modes.)



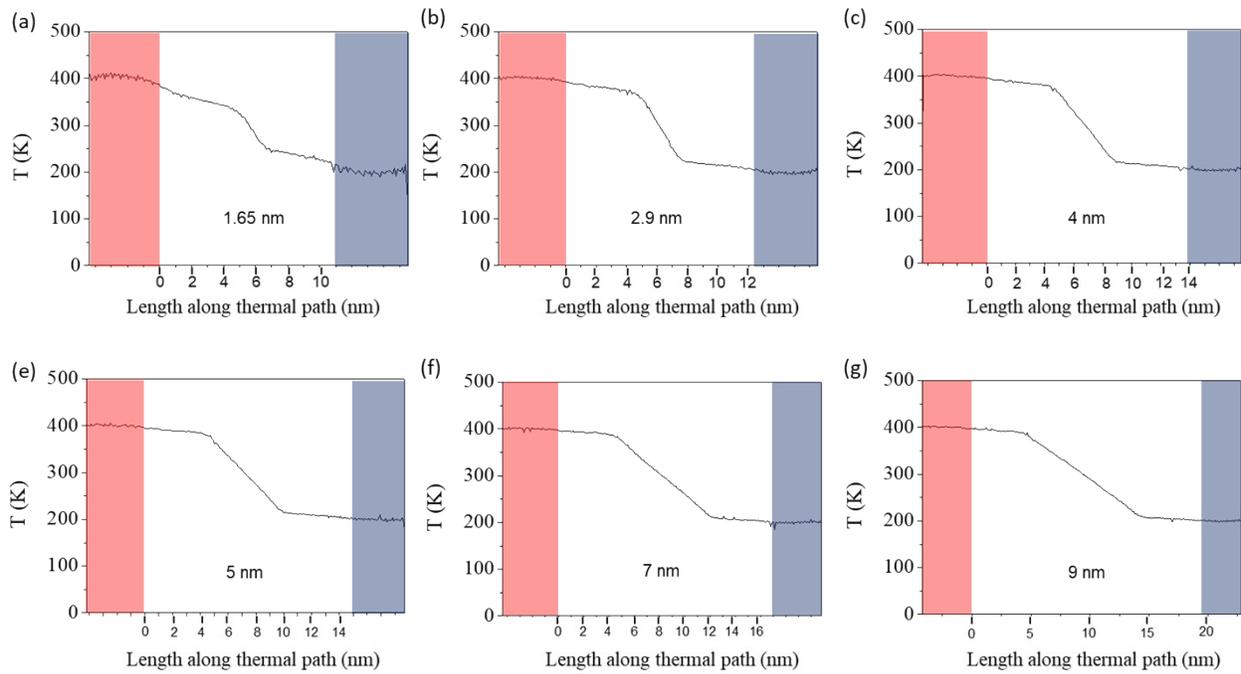
**Figure S4.** (a) Schematic atomic model for tensile stress and (b) stress ( $\sigma$ )-strain ( $\epsilon$ ) curve of a-AlN.



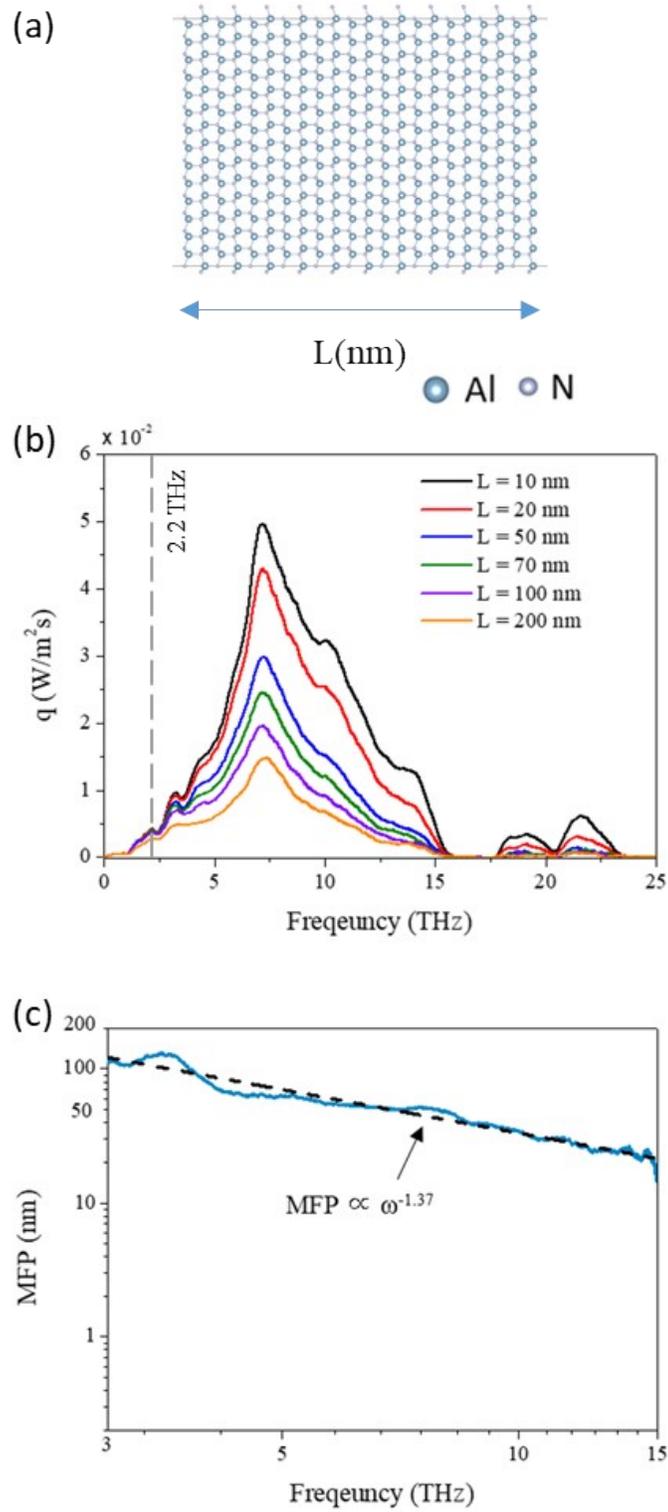
**Figure S5.** Energy vs. Time depending on the thickness of a-AlN in the composite models.



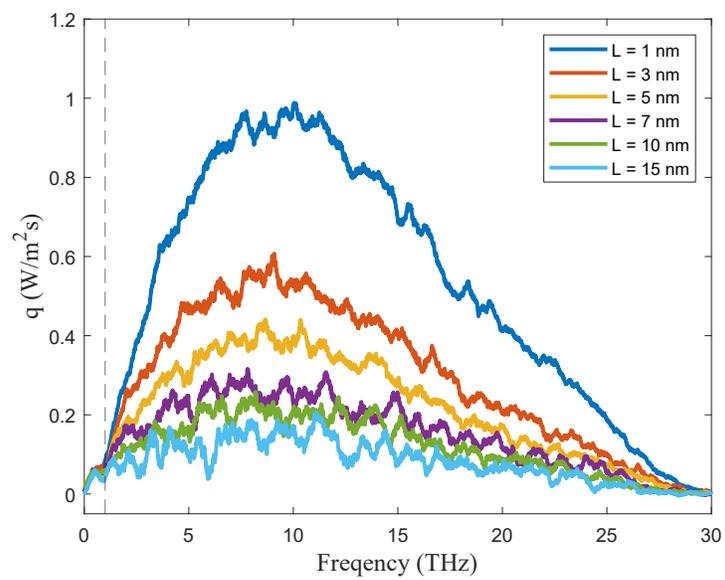
**Figure S6.** Temperature (T) gradient of the composite models of c-AlN/a-AlN/c-AlN of case 1 with different thickness layers of amorphous AlN of (a) 0 nm, (b) 1.75 nm, (c) 3.3 nm (d) 5.5 nm, (e) 8.5nm and (g) 10 nm.



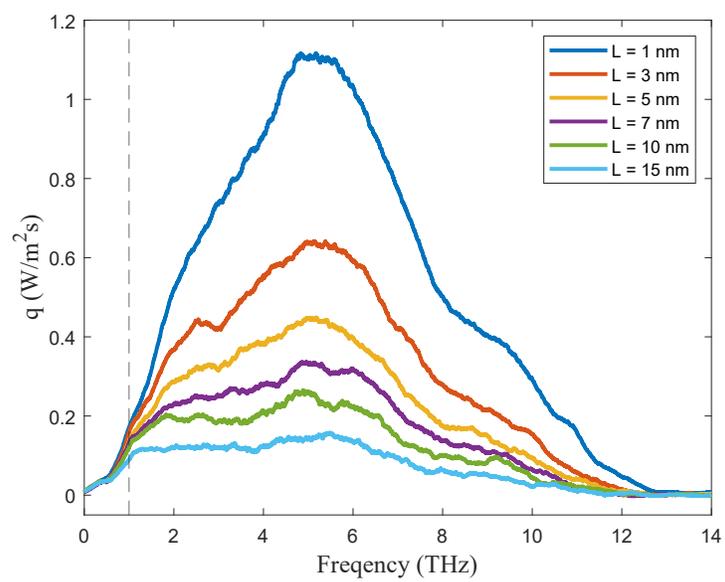
**Figure S7.** Temperature (T) gradient of the composite models of c-AlN/a-AlN/c-AlN of case 2 with different thickness layers of amorphous AlN of (a) 1.65 nm, (b) 2.9 nm, (c) 4 nm (d) 5 nm, (e) 7 nm and (g) 9 nm.



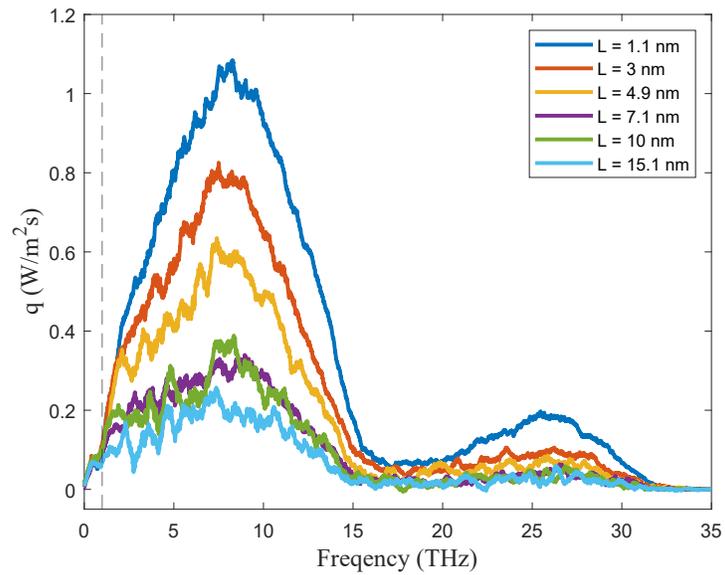
**Figure S8.** (a) Atomic model, (b) heat flux ( $q$ ) and (c) Mean free path (MFP) of c-AlN.



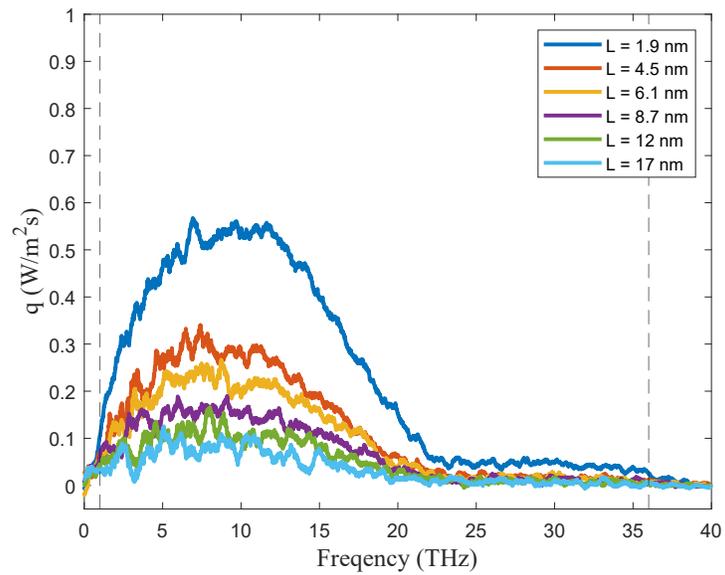
**Figure S9.** Heat flux ( $q$ ) of  $\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ .



**Figure S10.** Heat flux ( $q$ ) of  $\alpha\text{-GaN}$ .



**Figure S11.** Heat flux ( $q$ ) of a-SiC.



**Figure S12.** Heat flux ( $q$ ) of a-Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>.