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Thermal Properties of Carbon Nanotube and Nanofiber Nanopapers: Finite Element Analysis¹ LAWRENZO D. MOSES, ALPER BULDUM, Department of Physics, The University of Akron — Carbon nanotube and nanofiber nanopapers are promising candidates as electronic thermal management materials. Here we present finite element method calculations of nanotube-nanotube, nanofiber-nanofiber junctions and extended two dimensional structures (nanopapers) containing these junctions. In the studies of individual junctions, different nanotube/nanofiber diameters, size of contact area and effects of fusing are considered. In the studies of nanopapers, different morphologies, effects of junctionjunction separation are considered and thermal transport through multiple layers are studied.

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