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**Probing Bi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub> thin nanoplates by Raman Spectroscopy**<sup>1</sup> RUI HE, CONOR DELANEY, BEN BECK, TIM KIDD, CLIFF CHANCEY, Univ of Northern Iowa, ZHENHUA WANG, RICHARD QIU, XUAN GAO, Case Western Reserve Univ — Two infrared (IR)-active vibrational modes centered at 93 and 113 cm<sup>-1</sup> are observed in Raman spectra from as-grown thin nanoplates (NPs) of topological insulator Bi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub>. The presence of IR modes in Raman scattering reveals a breakdown of inversion symmetry in thin NPs grown on SiO<sub>2</sub>. Both Raman and IR modes are preserved after typical device fabrication processes, suggesting the robustness of surface properties. In NPs transferred to another SiO<sub>2</sub> substrate, the IR modes are absent, and the Raman spectra are similar to those from bulk samples. These differences could be attributed to interactions between the SiO<sub>2</sub> substrate and the as-grown NPs.

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