



Functional properties

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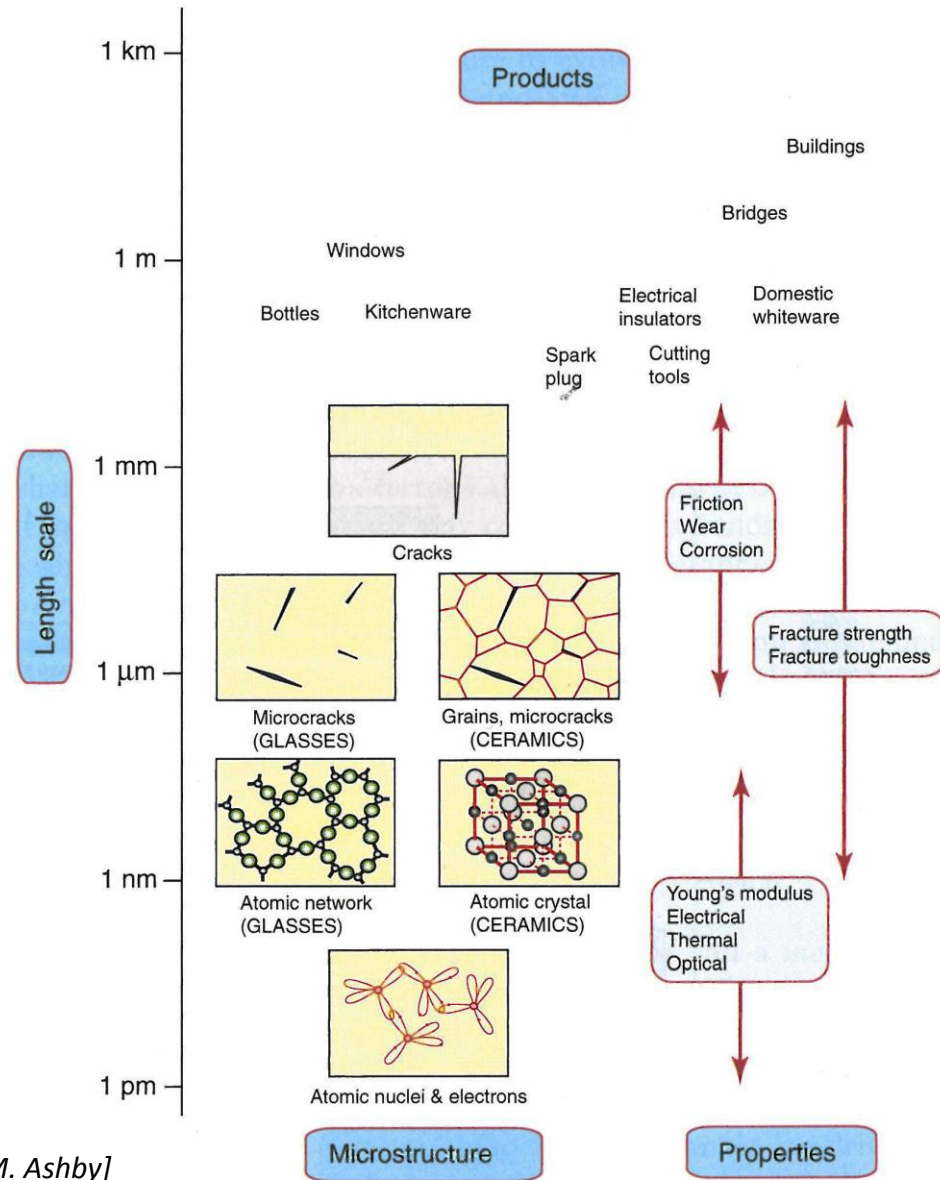
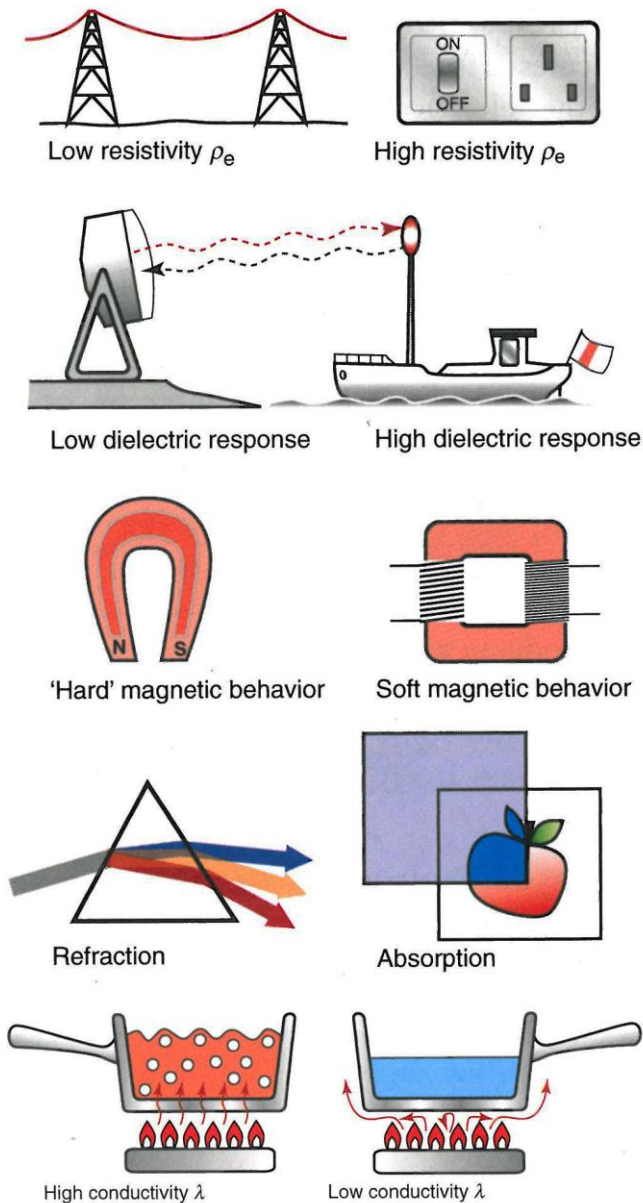
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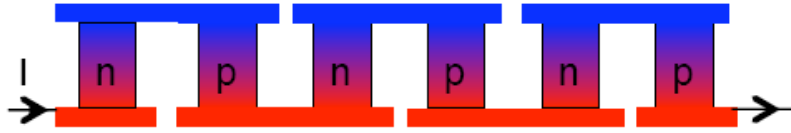
Functional properties and microstructural features in ceramics



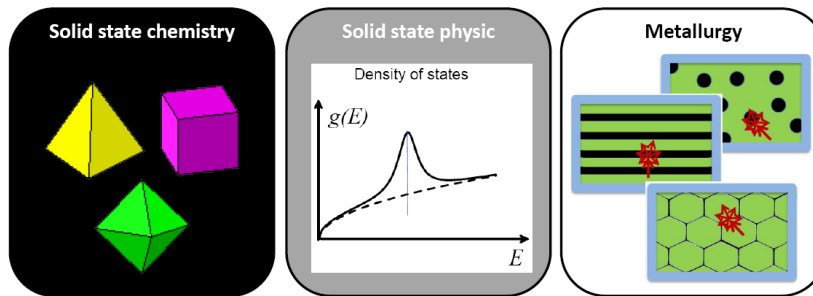
[from M. Ashby]

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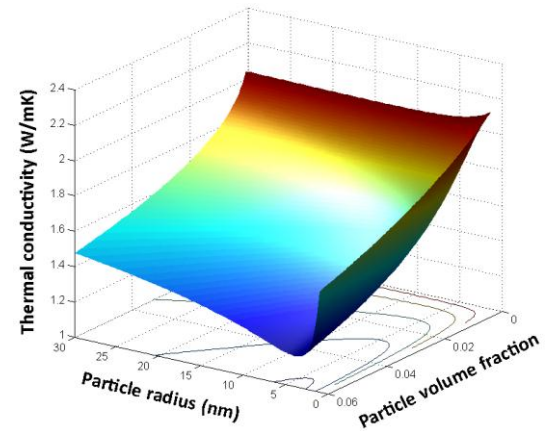
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2 How to tune transport properties ?

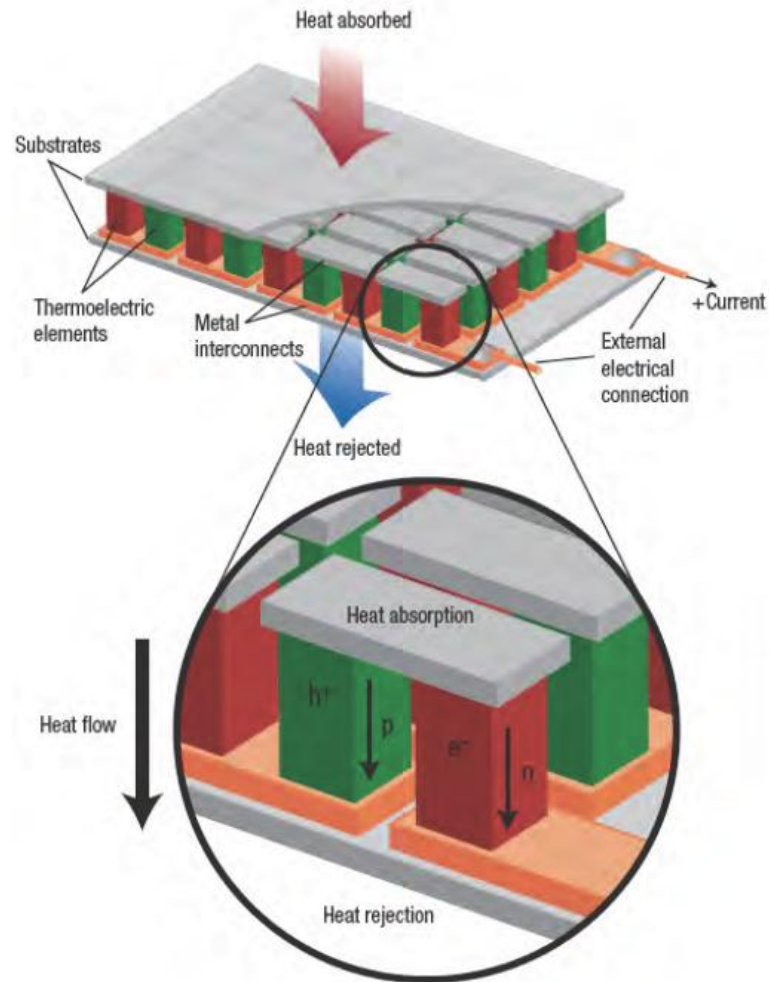


3 TE materials by design (microstructure engineering)

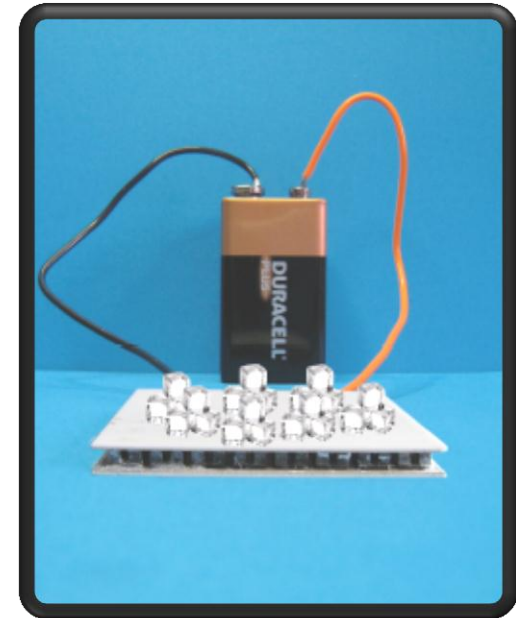


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Power generation

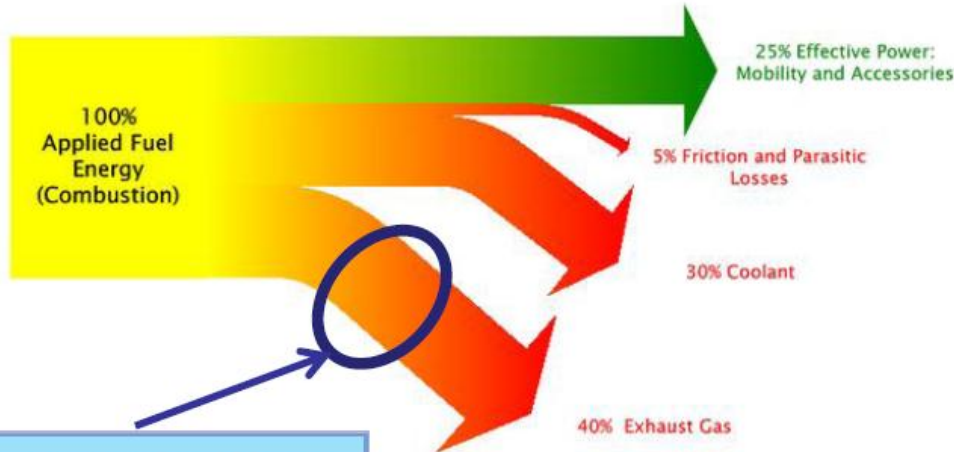


Cooling



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Typical Energy Split in Gasoline Internal Combustion Engines

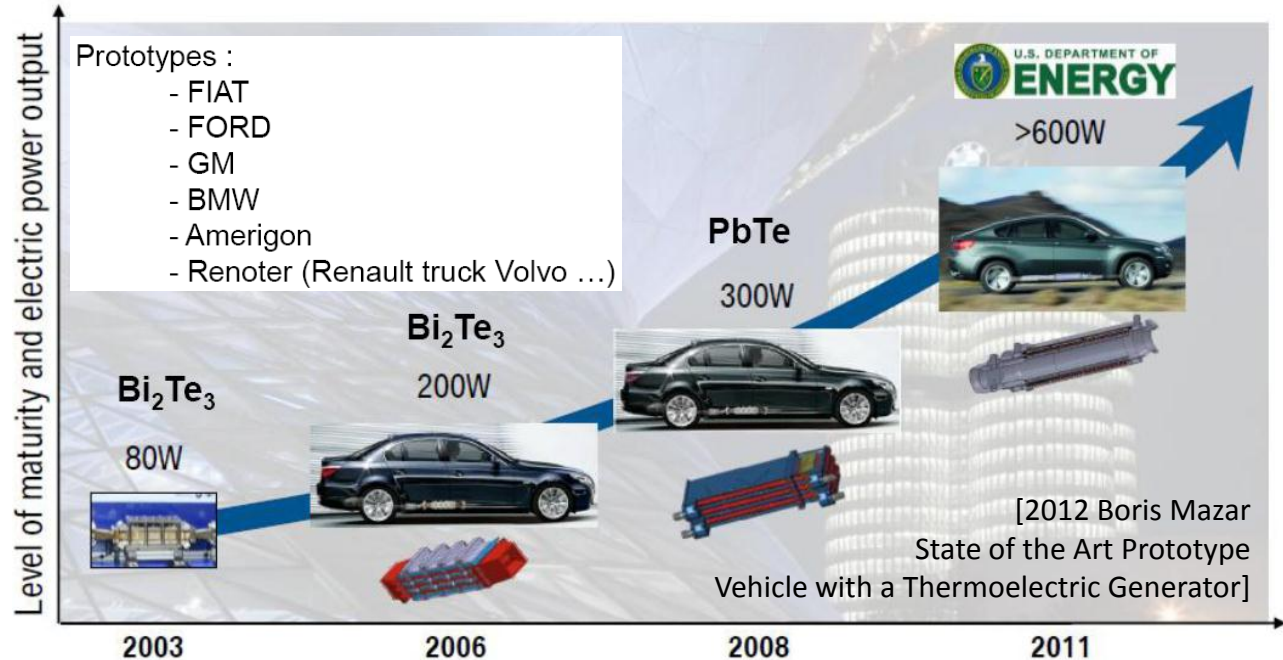


Thermal power from exhaust = 10 kW

5% efficiency → 500 W_{el}

Reduction of 7 g/km CO₂

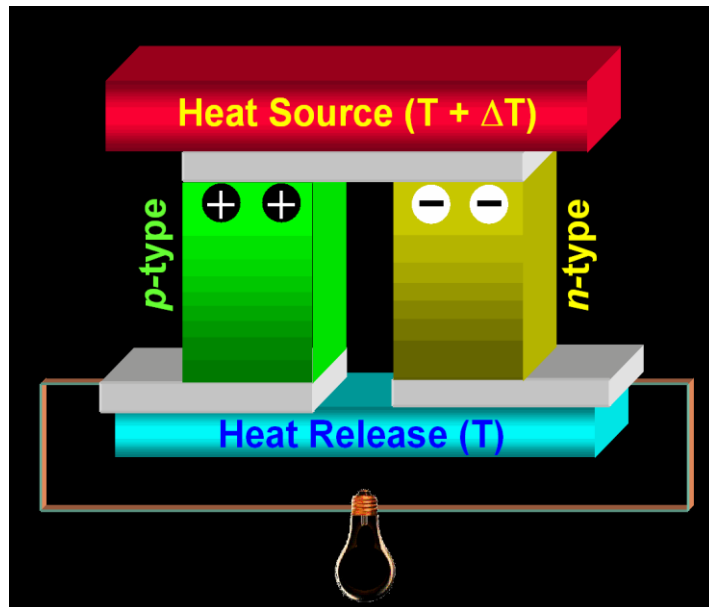
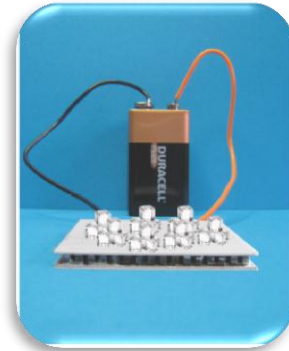
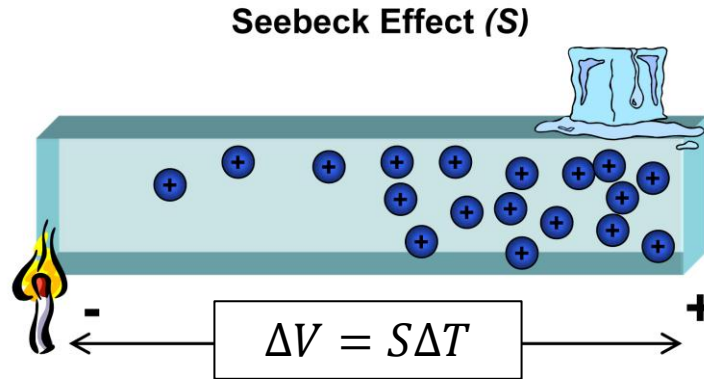
Opportunity for Waste Heat Recovery with Thermoelectrics



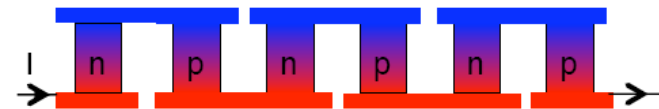
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Thomas J. Seebeck (1770-1831)

J.C. Athanase Peltier (1785-1854)



Series-Parallel Arrangement

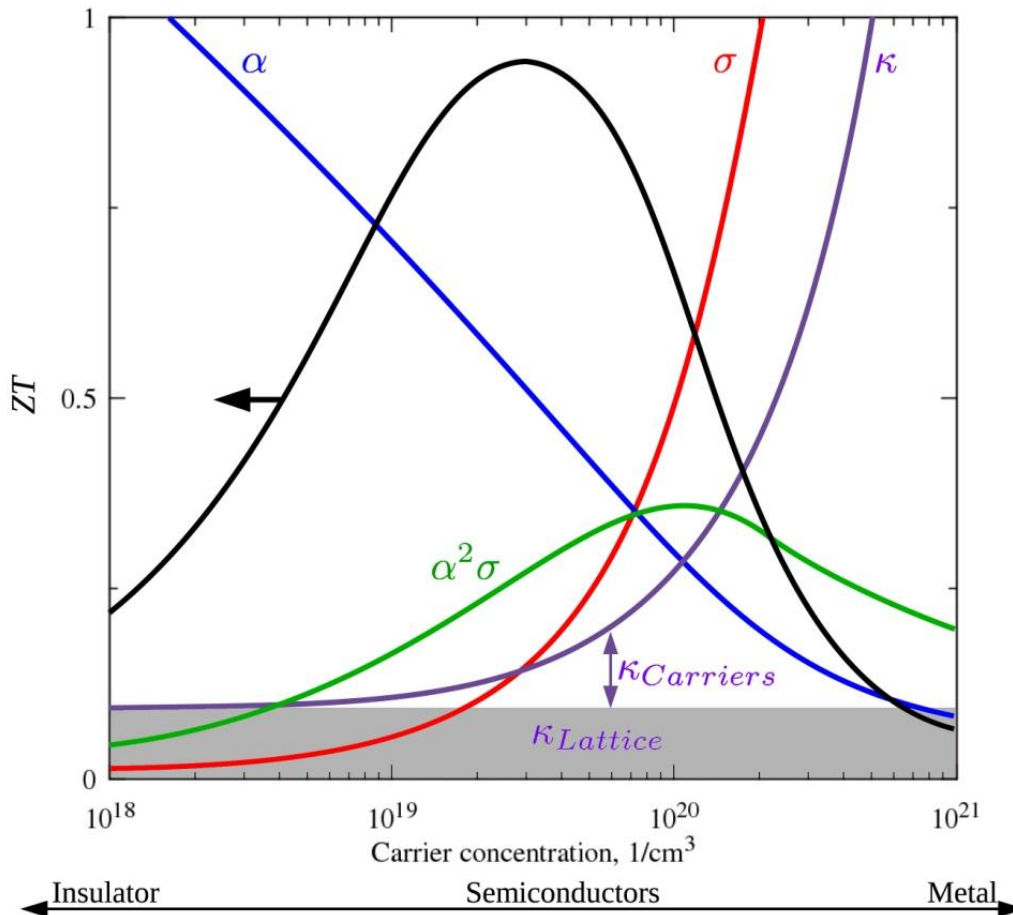


$$U \propto NS\Delta T \quad P \propto N\sigma S^2 \Delta T^2$$

$$\eta_{max} = \frac{T_c - T_f}{T_c} \frac{\sqrt{1 + ZT_m} - 1}{\sqrt{1 + ZT_m} + \frac{T_c}{T_f}}$$

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Squaring a circle



$$S \propto \frac{m^*}{n^{2/3}}$$

$$\sigma = ne\mu$$

Performance index: $ZT = \frac{S^2 \sigma}{\kappa} T$

$$\kappa = \kappa_l + \kappa_e$$

$$\kappa_e = \sigma L_0 T$$

Ideal material:

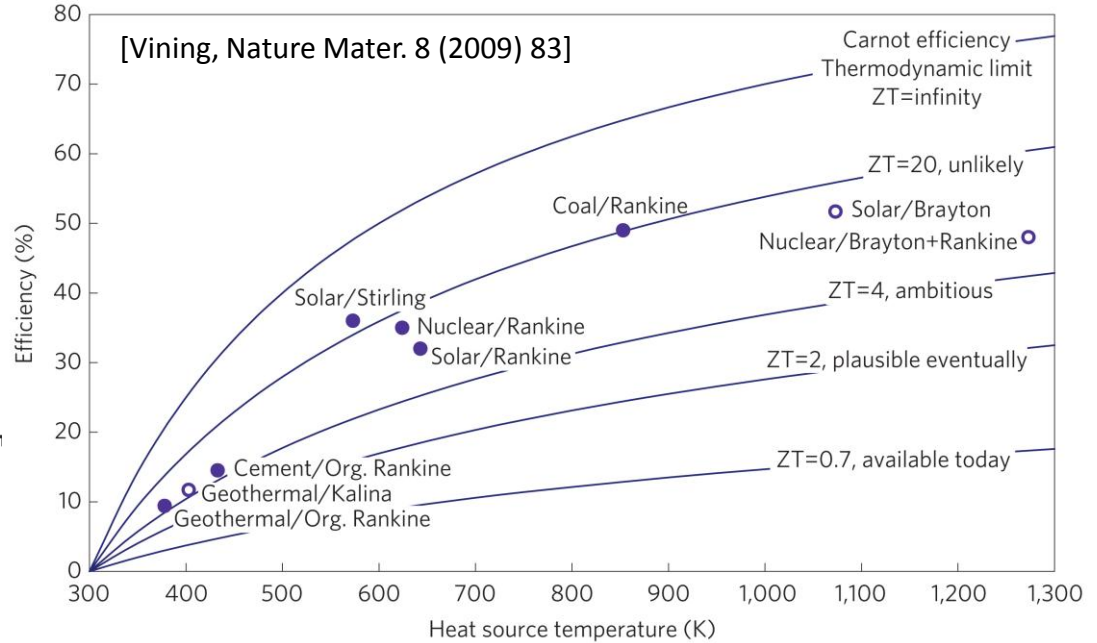
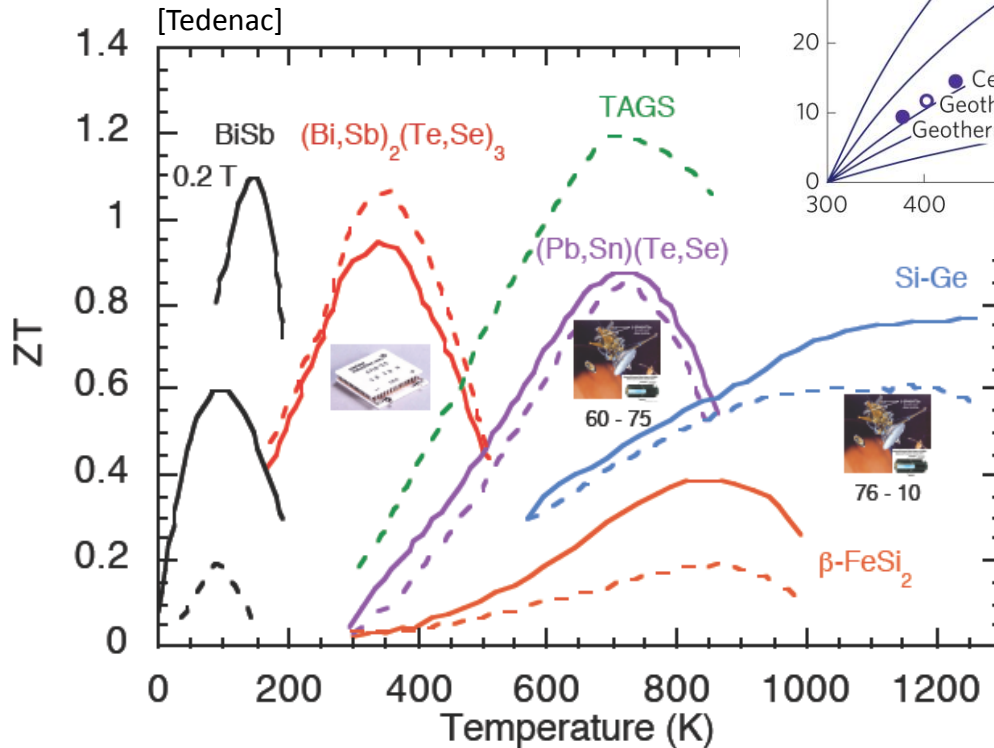
high S , high σ and low κ
 but when S increases \rightarrow σ decreases
 and when σ increases \rightarrow S decreases
 κ increases

Best compromise:

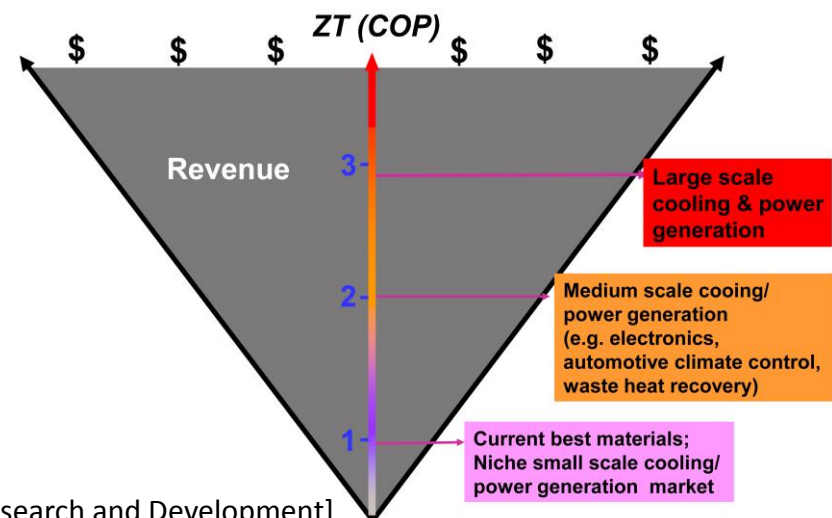
semiconductors with high mobility and high effective mass of the carrier, and low lattice thermal conductivity

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From 1950 to 1990 :
conventional TE materials



ZT versus Revenue Potential

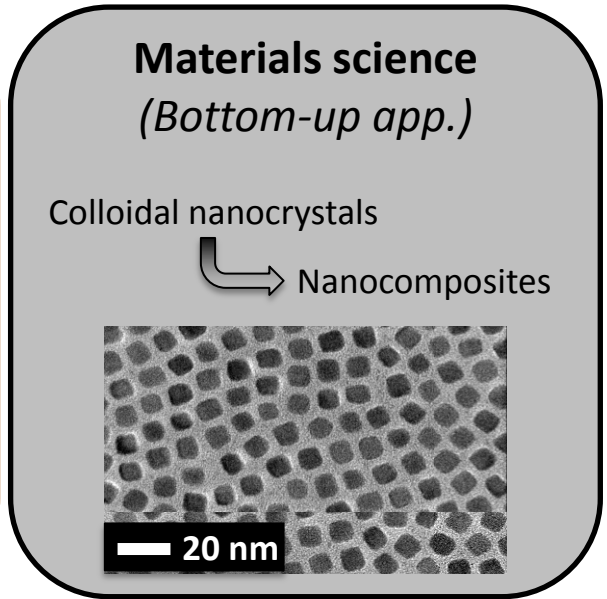
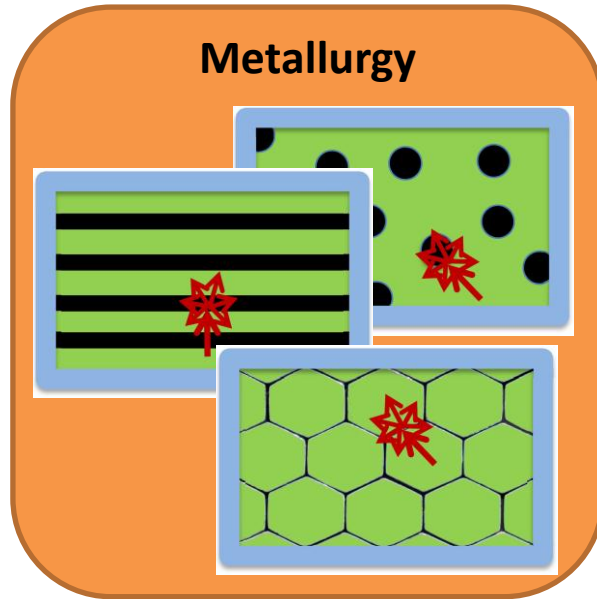
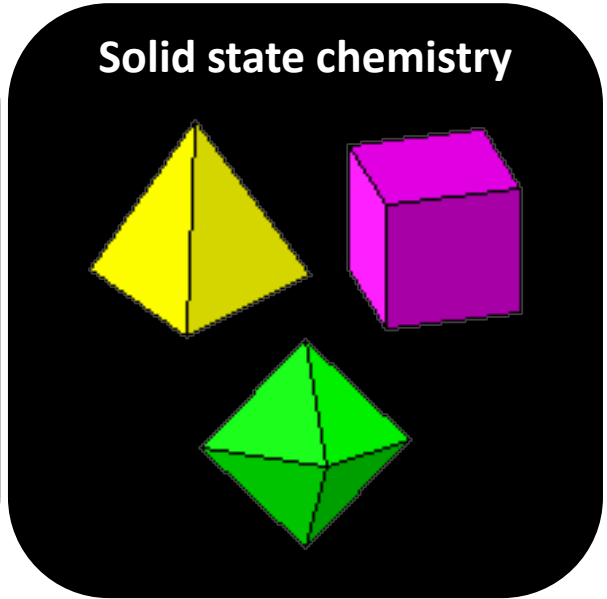
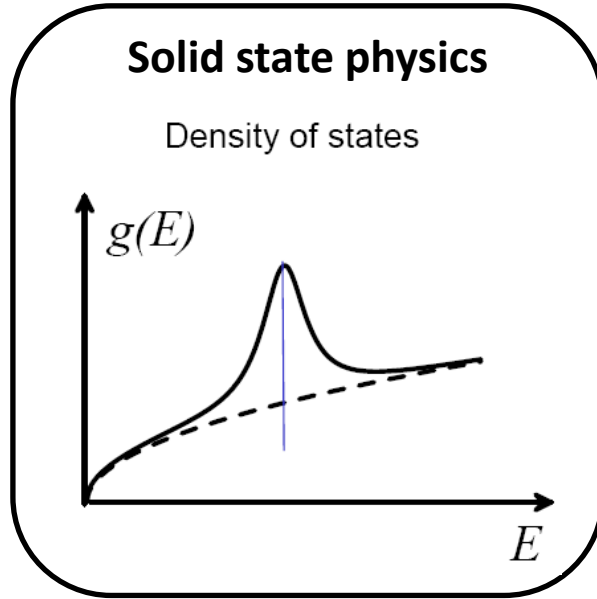


[M. Subramanian,
 DuPont Central Research and Development]

2 Main strategies to tune transport properties

$$ZT = \frac{S^2 \sigma}{\kappa} T = \frac{S^2}{L_0} \left(1 + \frac{\kappa_{ph}}{\kappa_{el}} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\kappa_l = \frac{1}{3} C v \lambda_{ph} = \frac{1}{3} C v^2 \tau_{ph}$$

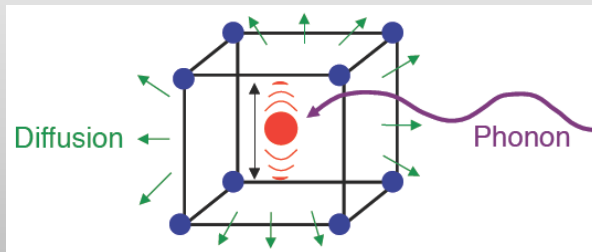


2 Solid state chemistry → phonon glass electron crystal

Phonon Glass Electron Crystal

[G. Slack, 1994]

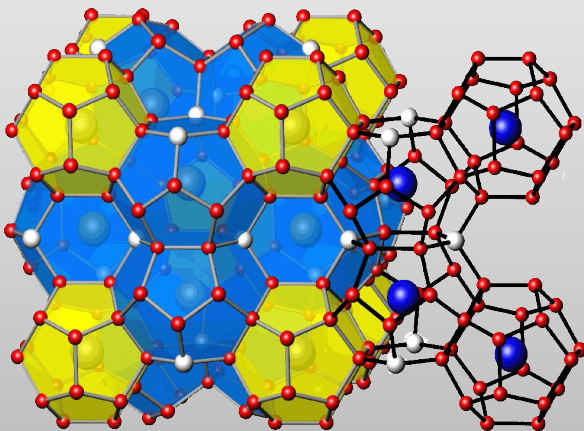
Nanocages and Rattlers



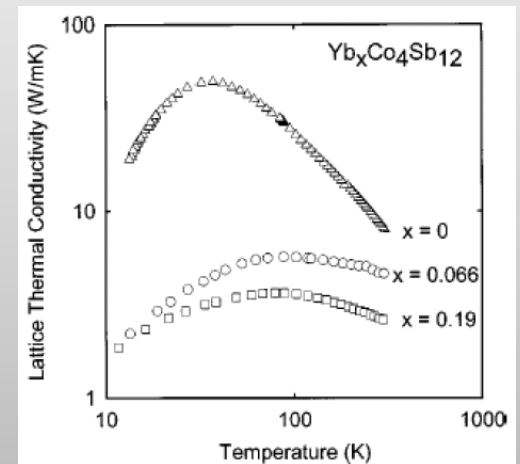
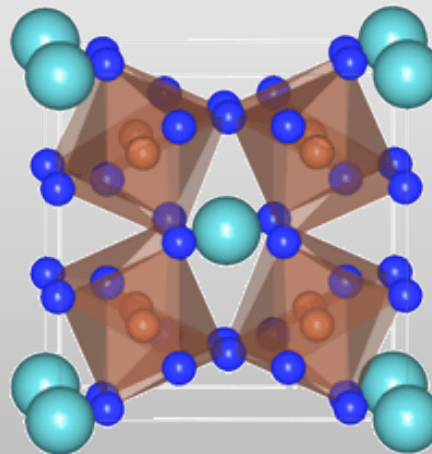
Large unit cell and structural complexity

$$\kappa_l = \frac{k_B v \lambda_{ph}}{V}$$

Clathrates, $X_2Y_6E_{46}$ (X & Y guest atoms encapsulated in polyhedra of E = Si, Ge or Sn)

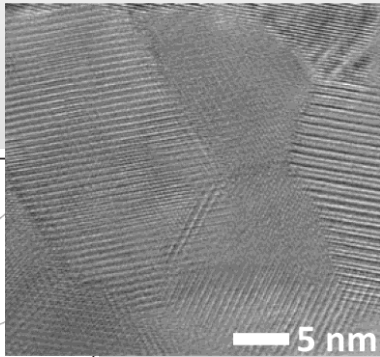
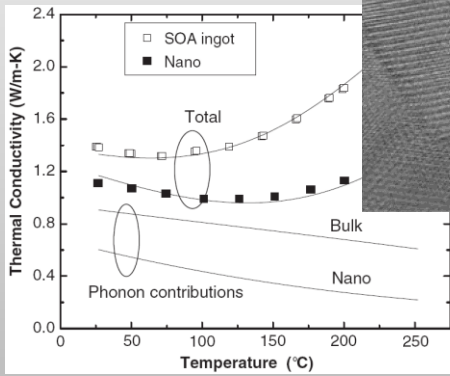


Filled skutterudites, $\square_2T_8X_{24}$ (guest atom inside a 12-coordinated cage surrounded by 8 TX_6 octahedra)



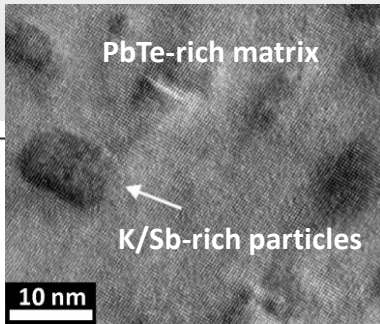
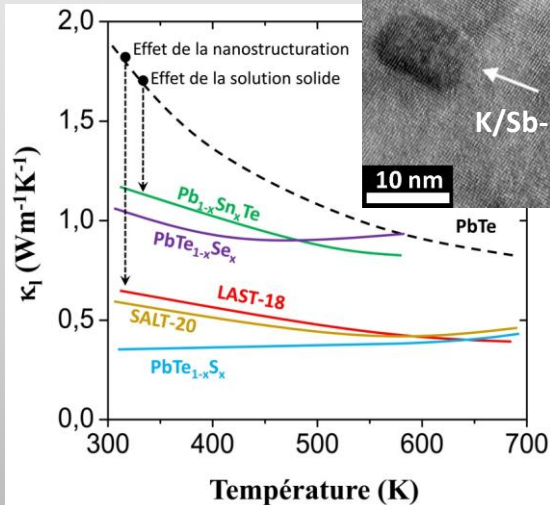
2 Metallurgy → nano to mesoscale engineering

Nanograins $\text{Bi}_x\text{Sb}_{2-x}\text{Te}_3$



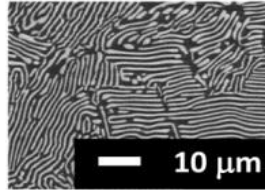
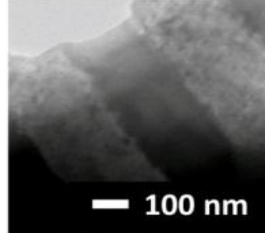
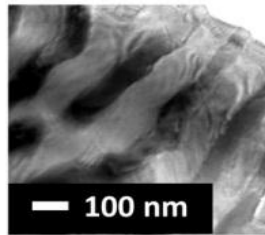
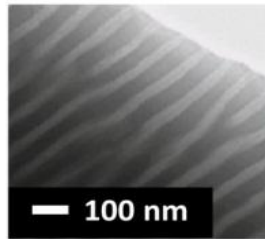
[Poudel, Science 320 (2008) 634]

Second phase Nanoparticles $\text{KPb}_m\text{SbTe}_{2+m}$ (PLAT-m)

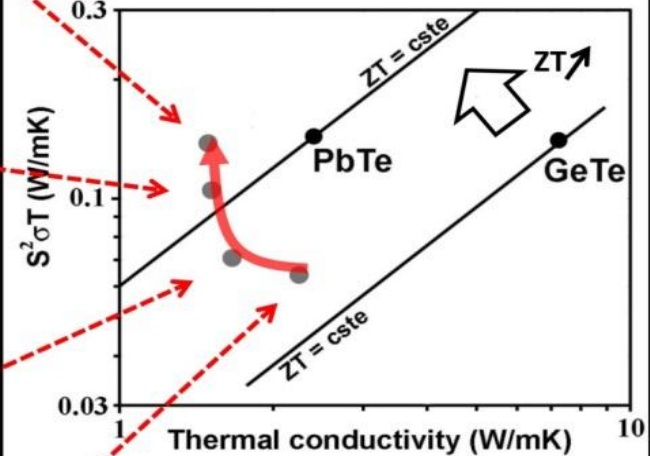


[Kanatzidis, Chem. Mater. 22 (2010) 648]

Nanostructures



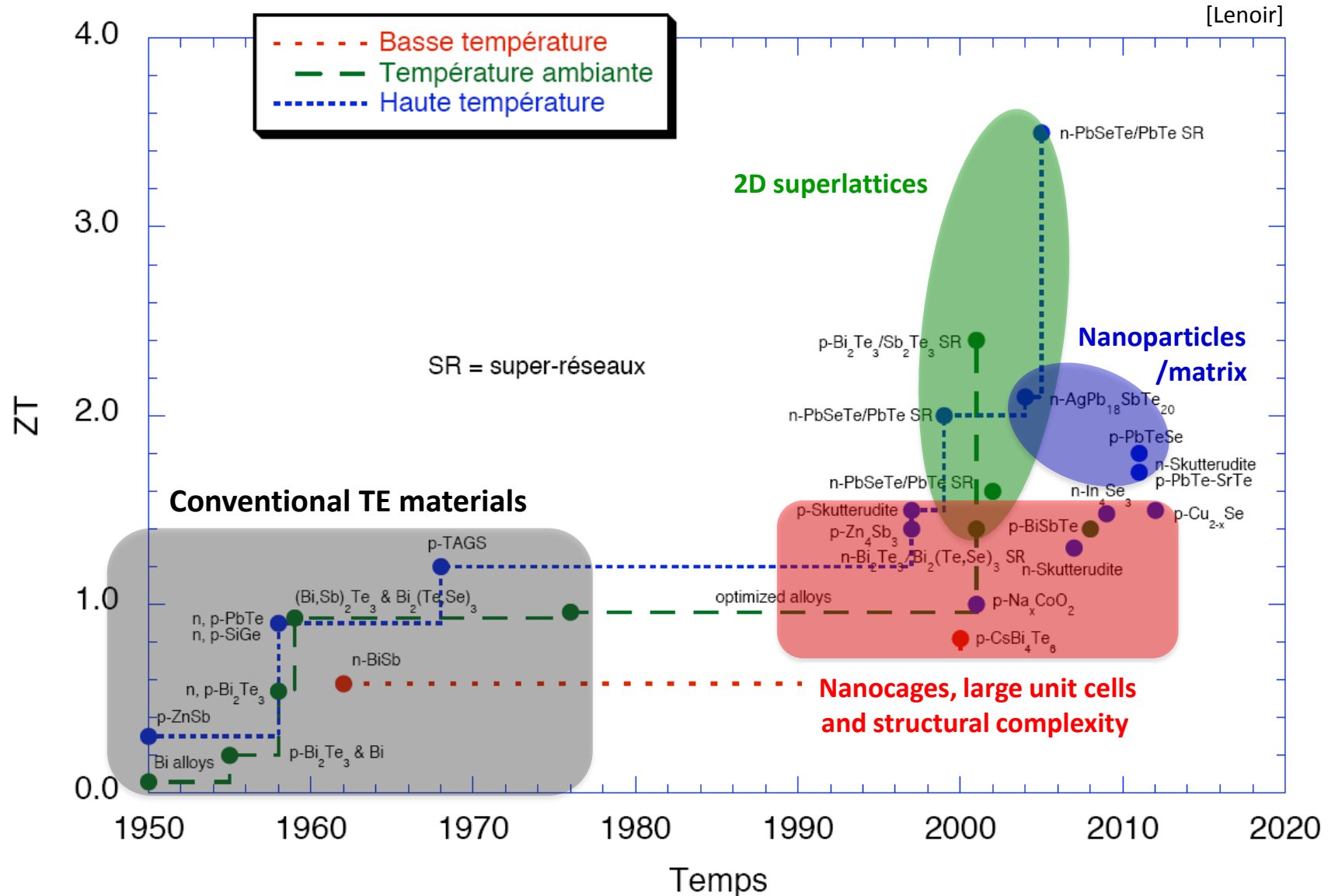
Properties



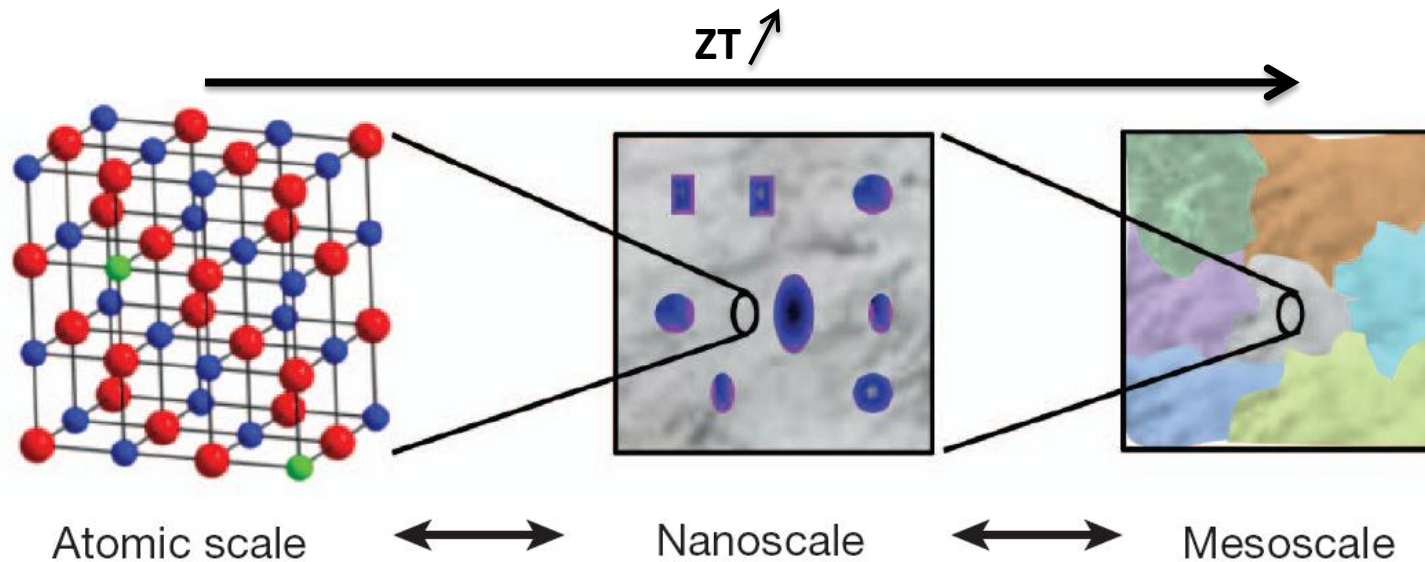
$$ZT = \frac{S^2 \sigma}{\kappa} T$$

[Acta Mater. 59 (2011) 7425]

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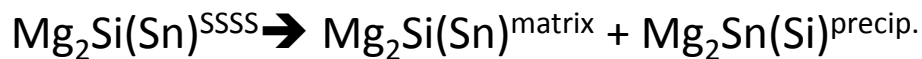
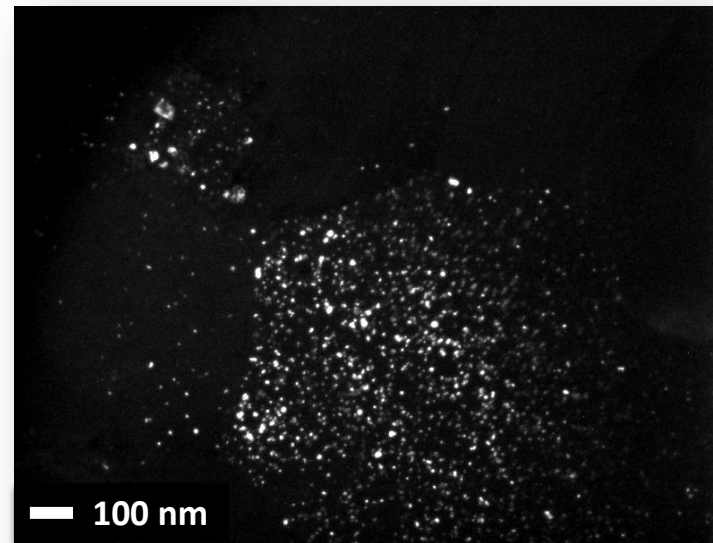
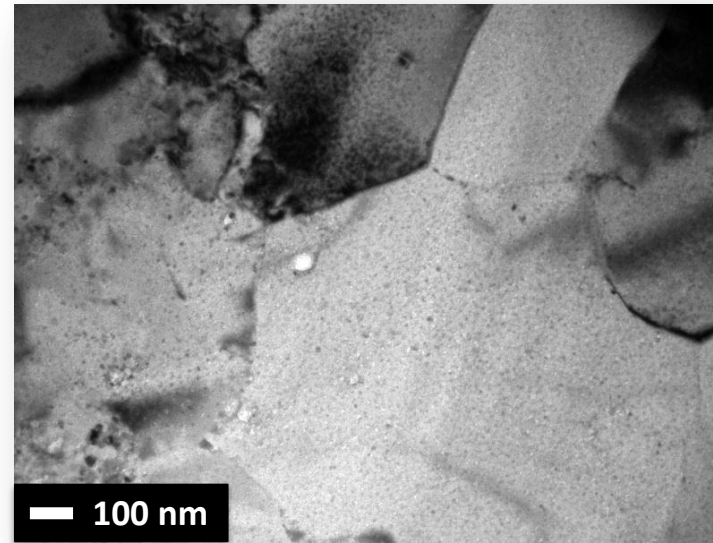
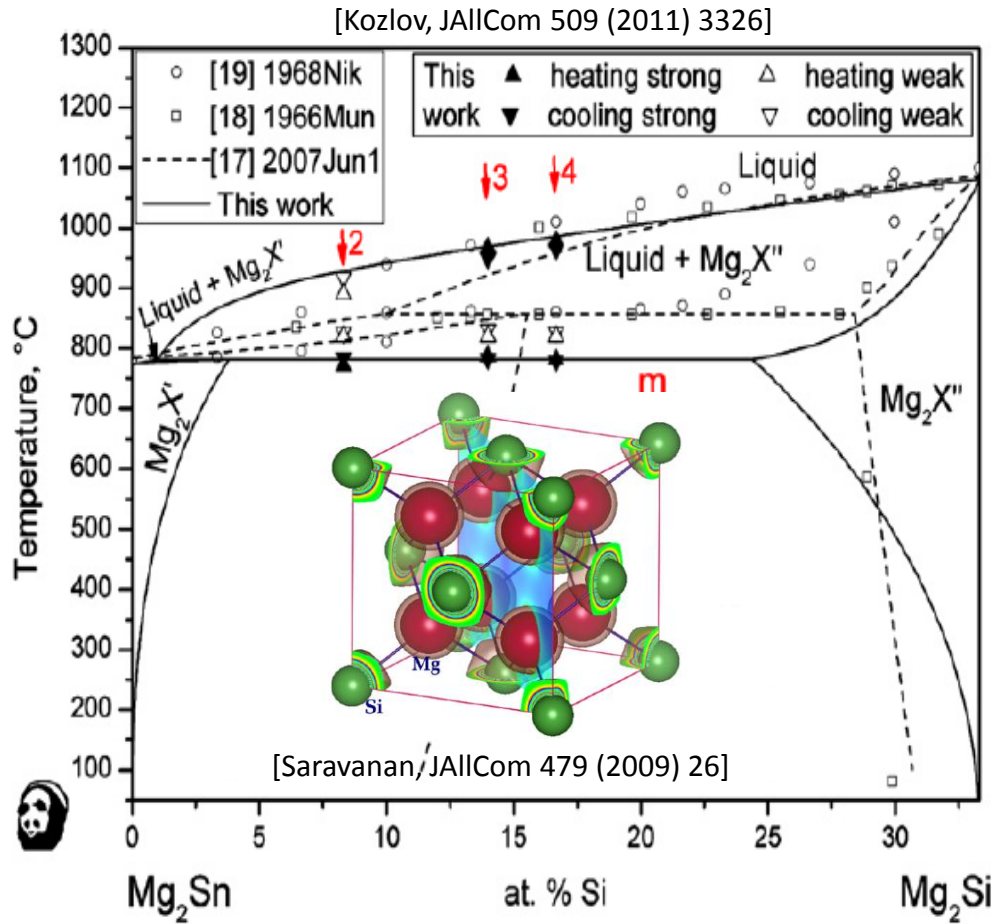
3 Toward a "material by design" approach



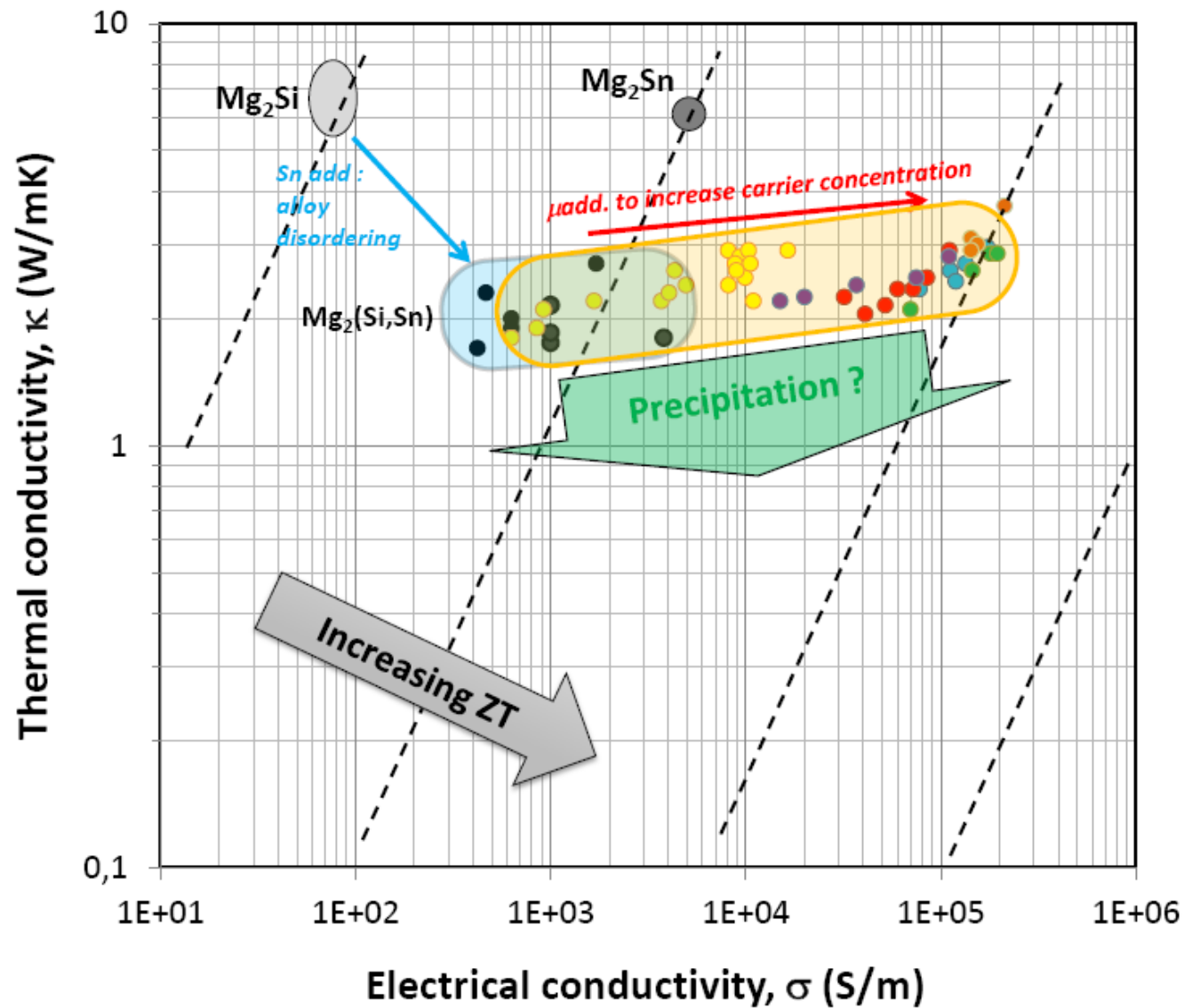
[Figure from Biswas, Nature 489 (2012) 414]

**Need a predictive tool that couples
a description of the microstructure genesis and evolution
to the various contributions to ZT**

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• Model development

Development of Microstructure

We need the knowledge of

- Grain size, d
- Second phase particle size, R_p
- Particle density, N_p
- Amount of solute in solution, X_{sol}

Need to develop a simple precipitation model

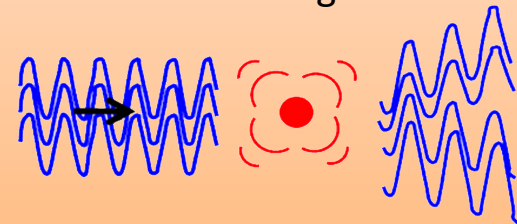
→ Monitor : R_p, N_p, X_{sol}



Lattice thermal conductivity contributions

Evaluate contributions to phonon scattering :

- Intrinsic lattice resistance
- Alloy disordering
- Grain boundary resistance
- Particulate scattering



3 "Material by design" : μ structure modeling

- **Model development – Microstructural genesis and evolution**

Continuous precipitation of Mg_2Si from the supersaturated $Mg_2(Si,Sn)$ solid solution

Thermodynamic assessment
(*sub-lattices*)

$$G_m^\phi = {}^{ref}G_m^\phi + RT \left(\sum x_i \ln x_i \right) + {}^{ex}G_m^\phi$$

$${}^{ref}G_m^\phi = \sum x_i {}^0G_i^\phi$$

$${}^{ex}G_m^\phi = \sum_i \sum_{j>i} x_i x_j \sum_{v=0}^n ({}^vL_{i,j}^\phi (x_i - x_j)^v)$$

$$G_m^{A_a B_b} = a {}^0G_A^{ref} + b {}^0G_B^{ref} + \Delta H_f^{A_a B_b} - T \Delta S_f^{A_a B_b}$$

Diffusion coefficients

Classical nucleation Theory

[Gibbs 1928, Becker 1935, Zeldovich 1943]

$$\left. \frac{dN}{dt} \right|_{N+G} = N_0 Z \beta^* \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^*}{kT}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\tau}{t}\right)$$

$$\left. \frac{d\bar{R}}{dt} \right|_{N+G} = \frac{D_s X_s^\beta - X_{eq}^R}{\bar{R} X_s^\beta - X_{eq}^R} - \frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{dt} (1,05R^* - R^*)$$

$$\left. \frac{dN}{dt} \right|_{co} = \frac{4}{27} \frac{D_s}{\bar{R}^2} \frac{2\gamma v_{at}}{kT} \frac{X_s^\alpha}{X_s^\beta - X_s^\alpha} \left[\frac{2\gamma v_{at}}{kT} \frac{X_s^\alpha}{X_s^\beta - X_s^\alpha} \left(\frac{3}{4\pi \bar{R}^3} - N \right) - 3N \right]$$

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3 "Material by design" : prop. modeling

• Model development – Lattice thermal conductivity

Debye phonon spectrum

- acoustic branch
- Velocity, $v = \text{cst}$
- Highest frequency ω_D

Phonon scattering characterized by phonon life time.

$$\kappa_l = \frac{1}{3} C_V v \lambda = \frac{1}{3} C_V v^2 \tau$$

Phonon life time

Speed of sound

Heat capacity

$$C_V = \left. \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right|_V$$

Debye frequency

$$g(\omega) = 3 \frac{\omega^2}{2\pi^2 v^3}$$

Phonon density of states

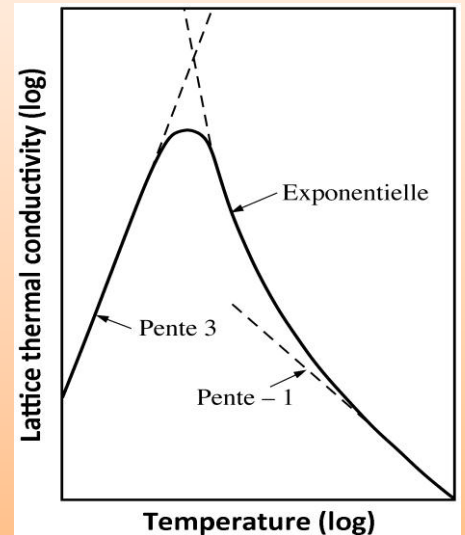
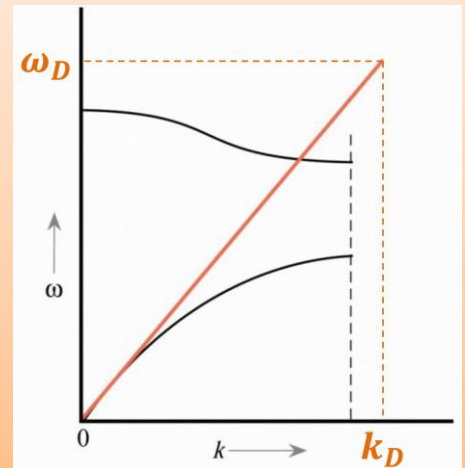
$$U = \int_0^{\omega_D} \hbar \omega n(\omega) d\omega = \int_0^{\omega_D} \hbar \omega \frac{g(\omega)}{\exp(\hbar \omega / k_B T) - 1} d\omega$$

Phonon energy

Phonon distribution

Bose-Einstein distribution function

Debye model : $\omega = vk$



3 "Material by design" : prop. modeling

Phonon life time (Mathiessen's rule) :

$$\tau^{-1} = \tau_a^{-1} + \tau_{ss}^{-1} + \tau_p^{-1} + \tau_{GB}^{-1} + \tau_D^{-1}$$

Anharmonic contribution

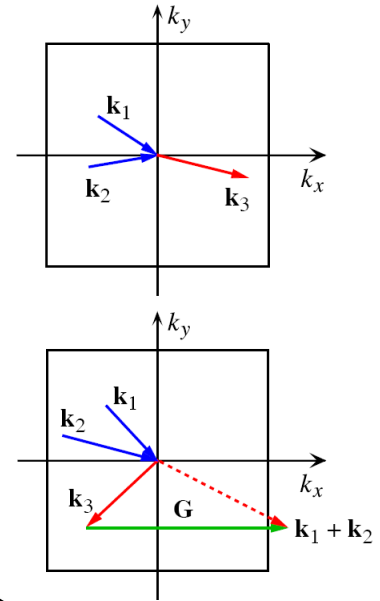
[Mingo, PRB 68 (2003) 113308]

Normal phonon-phonon scattering

$$\tau_n^{-1} = B_n T \omega^a T^b$$

Umklapp scattering

$$\tau_u^{-1} = B_u T \omega^2 \exp(-C/T)$$

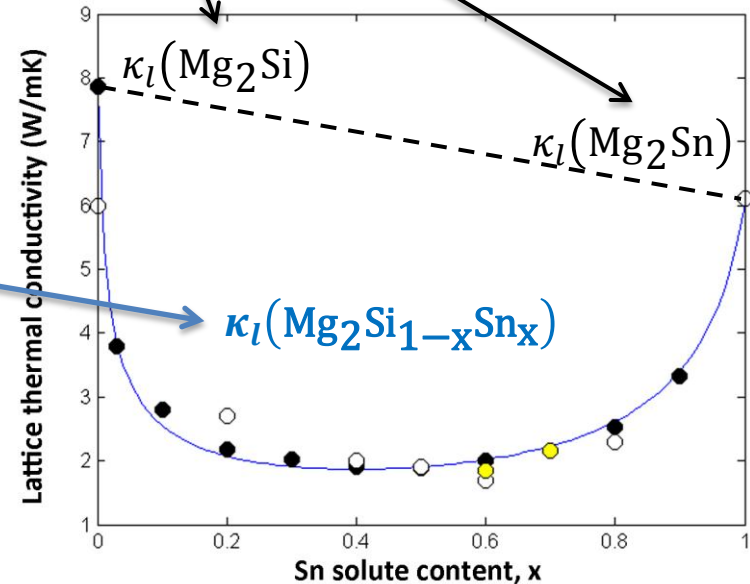


• Results – Phonon scattering by solute atoms

$$\tau_{ss}^{-1} = x(1-x)A\omega^4$$

$$A_{AB} = \frac{\{[(M_A - M_B)/M_{AB}]^2 + 2[(K_A - K_B)/K_{AB}]^2\} \delta^3}{4\pi v^3}$$

[Abeles, PRB 131 (1963) 1906]



3 "Material by design" : prop. modeling

• Results – Second phase particle scattering

$$\tau_p^{-1} = v \underbrace{(\sigma_s^{-1} + \sigma_l^{-1})^{-1}} \rho$$

Short and long wavelength cross sections

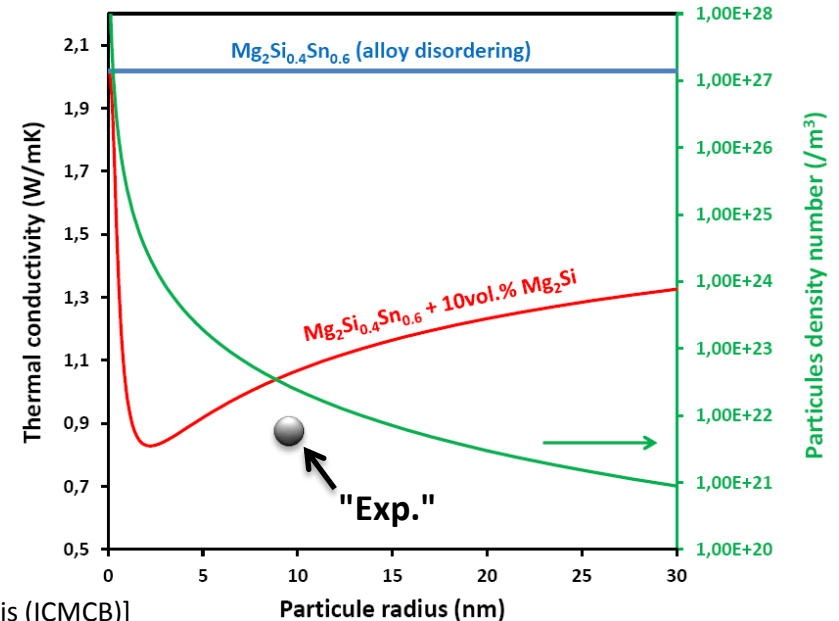
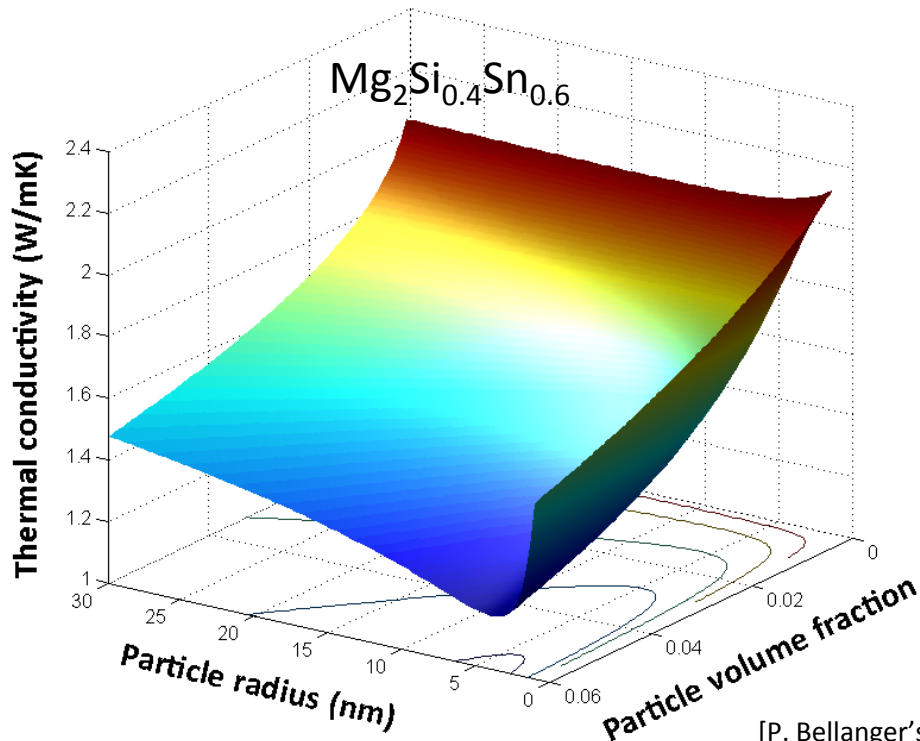
[Kim & Majumdar, JAP 99 (2006) 084306]

Particles size comparable to the wavelength

$$\sigma_s = 2\pi R^2$$

Combination of scattering due to difference in mass and force constant of a spherical nanoparticle in the Rayleigh regime (particles much smaller than the wavelength)

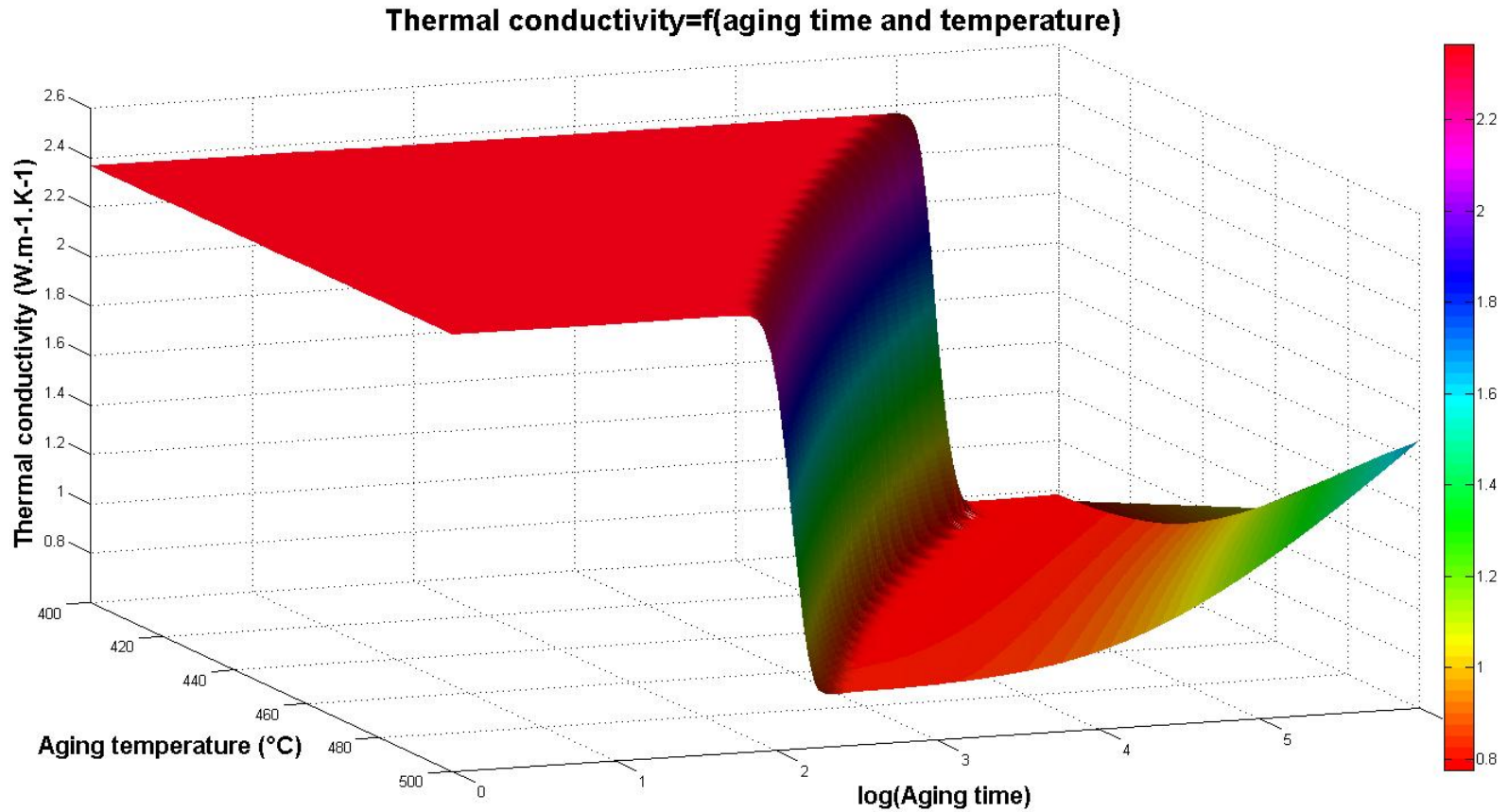
$$\sigma_l = \frac{4\pi R^2}{9} \left(\frac{\omega R}{v}\right)^4 \left[\left(\frac{\Delta D}{D}\right)^2 + 3 \left(\frac{\Delta K}{K}\right)^2 \right]$$



[P. Bellanger's Thesis (ICMCB)]

3 "Material by design" : μ structure – prop. coupling

- Results – From the property to the process conditions



[P. Bellanger's Thesis (ICMCB)]