

Oxides for thermoelectricity

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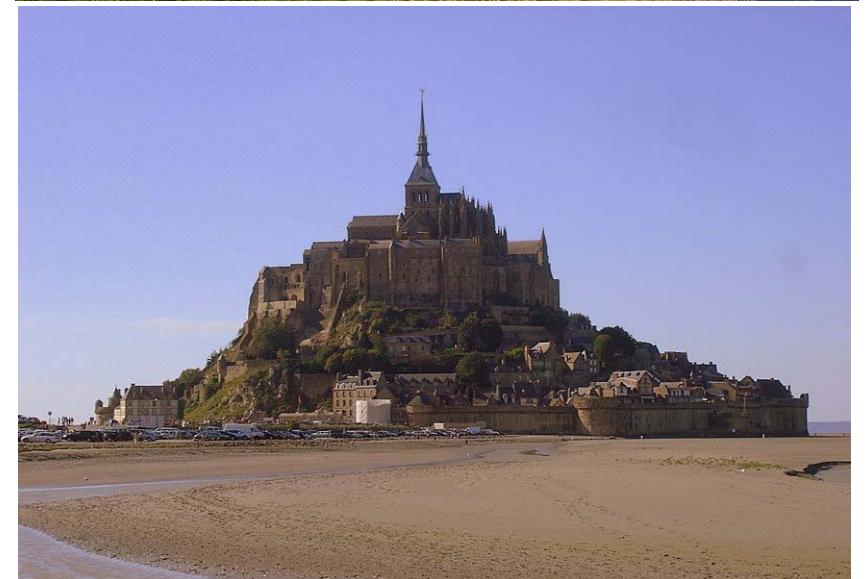
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Cristallographie et Sciences des Matériaux

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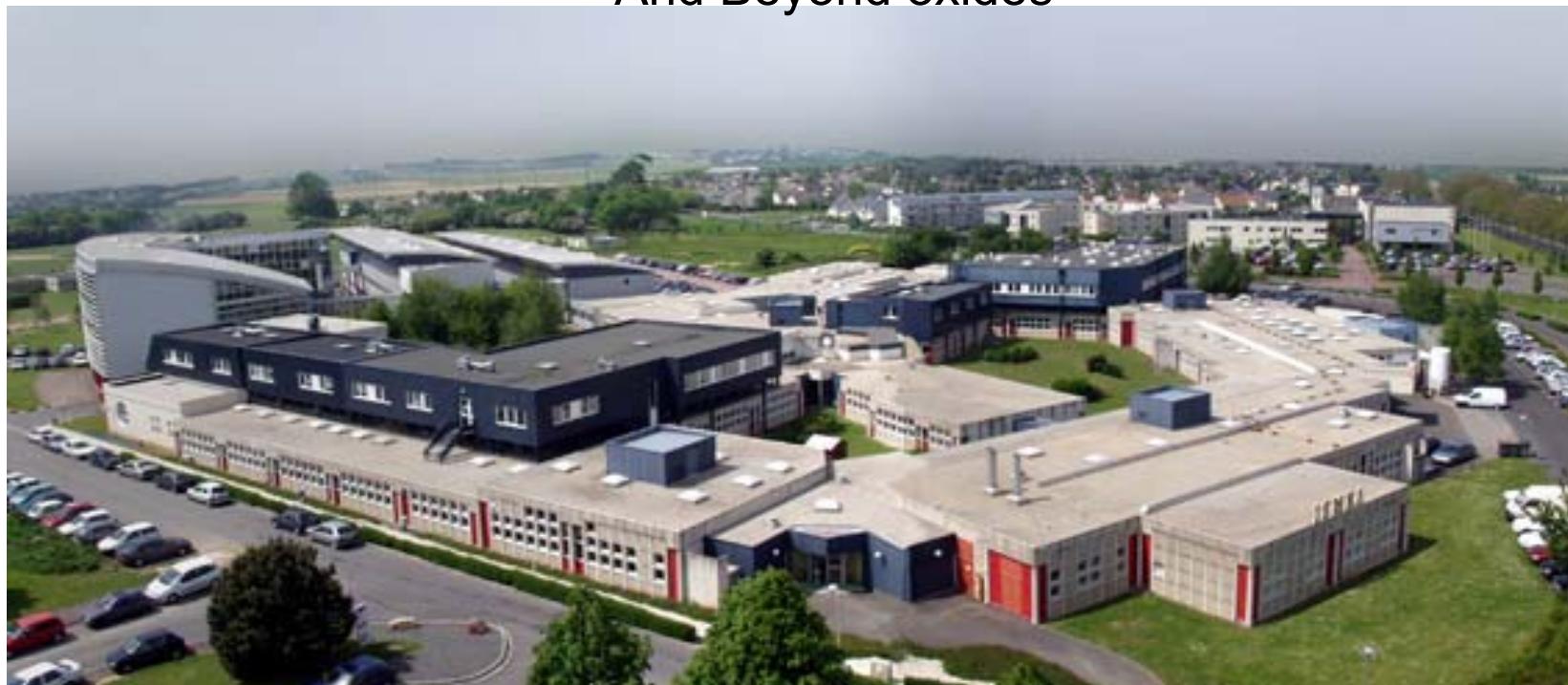


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✓ CRISMAT : some figures

- 120 persons
- 47 researchers
- 15 post-doc
- 42 Ph-D students
- 125 publications per year

Search for new oxides : high Tc superconductors, colossal magneto-resistance,
thermoelectrics, multiferroics...
And Beyond oxides



Thermoelectric Activities

7 permanent staff + 1 engineer + students / postdocs + the rest of the lab!

Ramzy Daou, Franck Gascoin, Christophe Goupil, Emmanuel Guilmeau, Sylvie Hébert,
Antoine Maignan, Jacques Noudem

→ Synthesis / Processing

→ Low and high T thermoelectric properties

→ Modelization of the thermoelectric properties

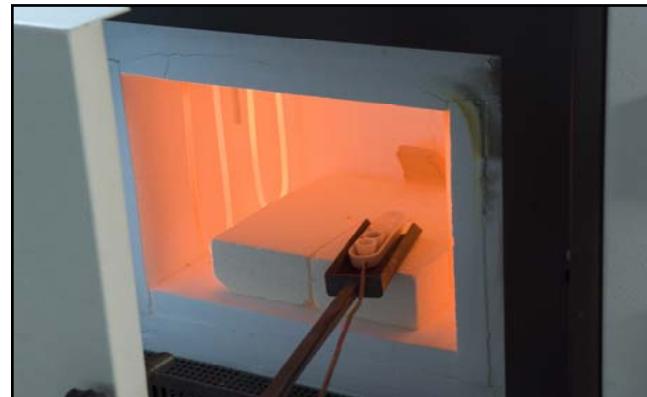
→ Module and module testing

Techniques

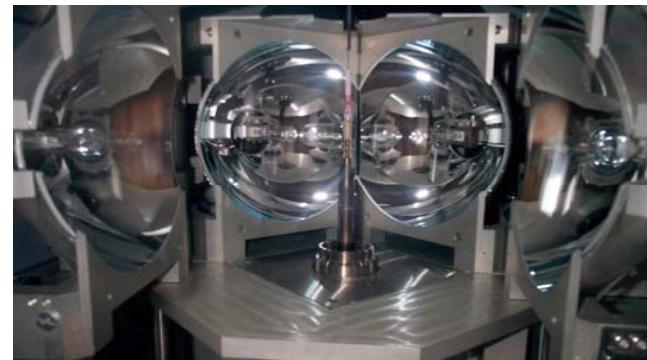
Cristallography (8 diffractometers)



80 furnaces

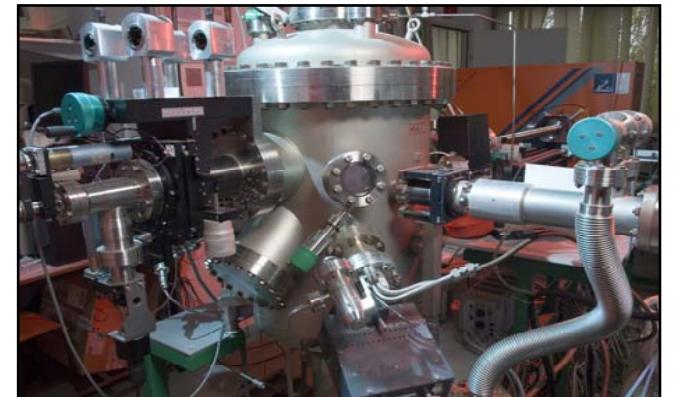


thermomechanical tests

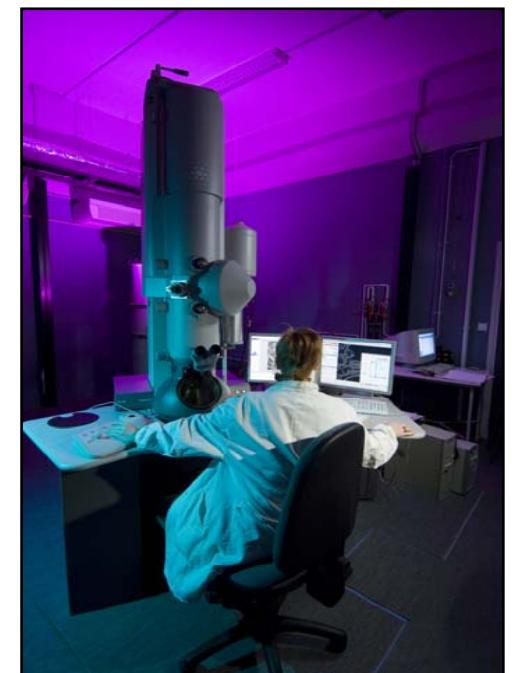


+ SPS

Thin-films (PLD's)



5 TEM, 3 SEM



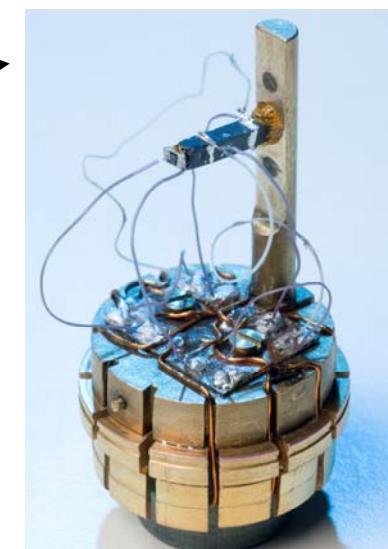
Low T properties

Thermopower and thermal conductivity measurements developed by Jiri Hejtmanek (Prague), using PPMS environment

4 'PPMS'
 $H_{\max} = 14T$
 $2K < T < 400K$



DC and AC magnetization
Magnetization up to 1000K (VSM)
Resistivity
Specific heat
Seebeck coefficient
Thermal conductivity



3 SQUID magnetometers
 $H_{\max} = 5.5T$
 $2K < T < 400K$

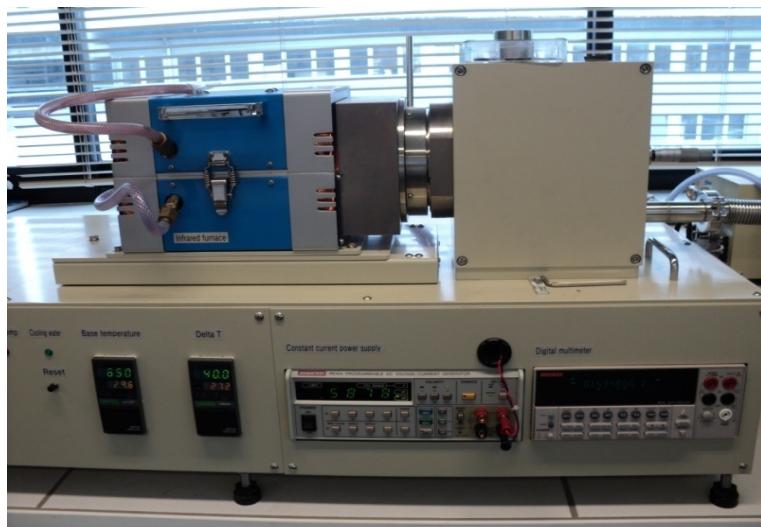


DC and AC magnetization

F. Janin, Photothèque CNRS

High T properties

$$ZT = \alpha^2 T / \rho \kappa$$



ZEM 3 Ulvac Riko
Combined Seebeck and resistivity
measurement
(RT to 700°C)

seebeck
Electrical resistivity

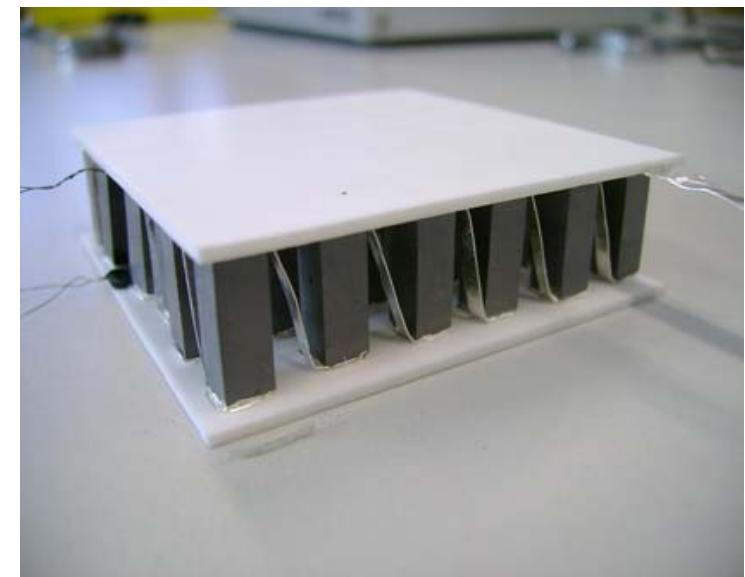
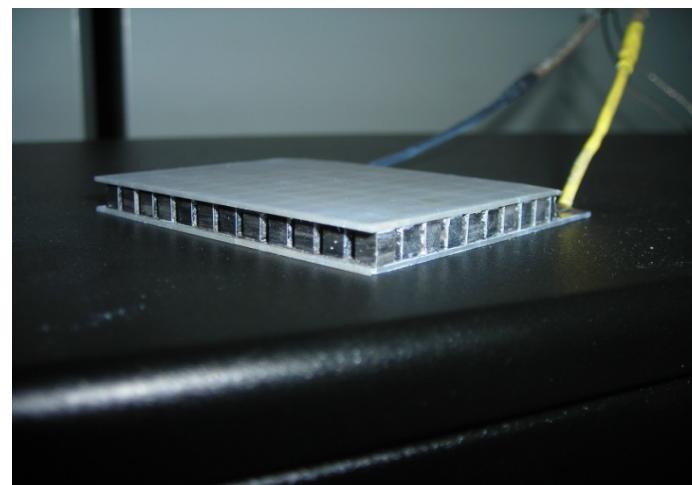
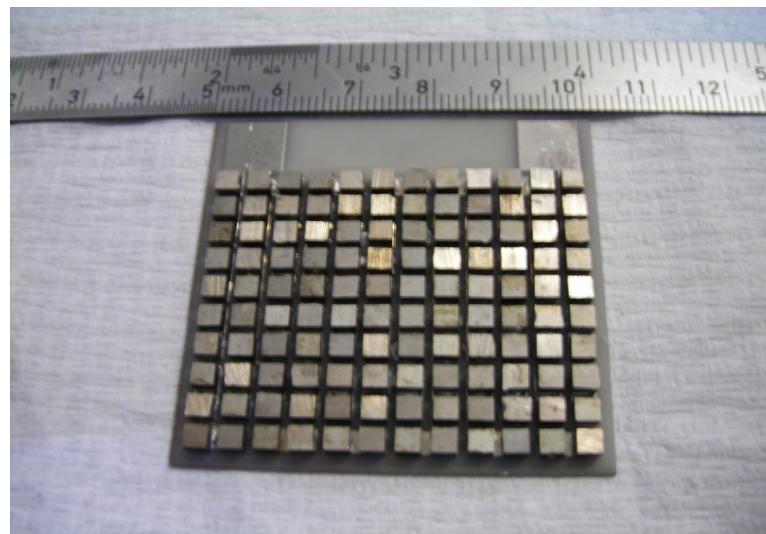
Thermal conductivity

$$\kappa = \text{diffusivity} \times \text{density} \times C_p$$

Netzsch



Modules



Oxides for thermoelectricity

Aim of this tutorial :

Best thermoelectric oxides /
show the specificities of oxides

- Introduction :

Oxides specificities / Models for oxides /
Best thermoelectric oxides

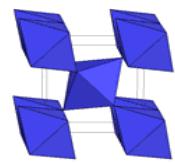
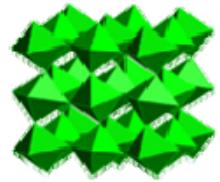
Increase
of the
carrier
density

- Semi – conductors : the Heikes formula
- Degenerate semi-conductors : best n type oxides
 - Na_xCoO_2 and misfit compounds
- Nanostructuration
 - Modules
 - Conclusion

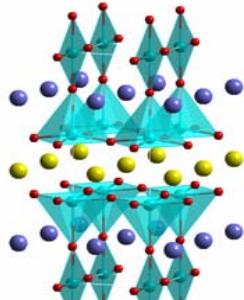
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Why oxides?

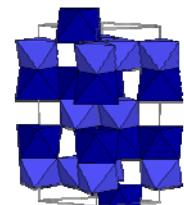
Strong interplay between spin/charge/lattice



Rutile, TiO_2



$\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$

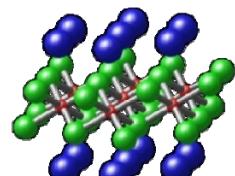
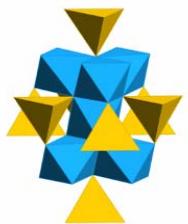


LiNbO_3

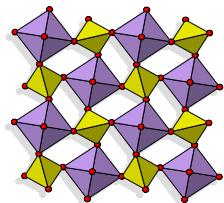
From M. Subramanian,
OSU

Large family of compounds,

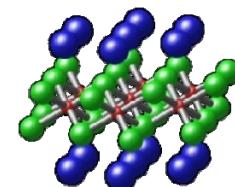
Can be cheap, environment friendly and resistant in air



LiMnO_2



ZrW_2O_8



Na_xCoO_2

Property	Materials
Metals	CrO_2 , Fe_3O_4 , SrRuO_3
Insulators	Cr_2O_3 , CoO , Fe_2O_3 , Al_2O_3
Metal-Insulator Transition	VO_2 , V_2O_3
Superconductors	$\text{Ba}(\text{Bi},\text{Pb})\text{O}_3$, $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$
Piezo- and Ferroelectrics	$\text{Pb}(\text{Zr},\text{Ti})\text{O}_3$, BaTiO_3
Catalysts (chemical, photo-)	TiO_2 , LaCoO_3 , BiMoO_4
Ferro-, Antiferro-, Ferrimagnets	CrO_2 , MnO , MnFe_2O_4
Pigments	TiO_2 , CoAl_2O_4 , $\text{Co}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$
Sensors	$\text{Ca}_x\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{O}_{2-x}$, SnO_2
Negative Thermal Expansion	ZrW_2O_8
Ionic Conductors (battery, SOFC)	Li_xMnO_2 , $\text{Ca}_x\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{O}_{2-x}$
Thermoelectrics	Na_xCoO_2
Non-Linear Optics	LiNbO_3

Specificities of oxides

High T synthesis and synthesis possible in oxydizing environment
 Oxides can be stable at high T and in air
 Non toxic elements, abundance of elements...

Strong electronic correlations

- Difficult to calculate the band structure
- **But** could be interesting for the Seebeck!

Kinetic energy ~ Repulsive Coulomb energy

Strong renormalization of effective masses Narrow bands

D. Basov *et al.*, Rev. Mod. Phys. 83, 471 (2011)
 A. Georges *et al.*, Rev. Mod. Phys. 68, 13 (1996)

Possible tuning of the electronic correlations

- | | |
|---|---|
| ■ LaFePO | ● VO ₂ (rutile metal) |
| □ BaFe _{2-x} As ₂ | ○ V ₂ O ₃ (metal) |
| ► La _{2-x} CuO ₄ | ● κ-(BEDT-TTF) ₂ Cu[N(CN) ₂]Br |
| ▲ La _{2-x} Sr _x CuO ₄ (x=0.1) | ○ κ-(BEDT-TTF) ₂ Cu(SCN) ₂ |
| ◀ La _{2-x} Sr _x CuO ₄ (x=0.15) | ● Sr ₂ RuO ₄ |
| ▼ La _{2-x} Sr _x CuO ₄ (x=0.2) | ○ SrRuO ₃ |
| * Nd _{2-x} CuO ₄ | ◇ CrO ₂ |
| + Nd _{2-x} Ce _x CuO ₄ (x=0.1) | ◆ Cr |
| × Nd _{2-x} Ce _x CuO ₄ (x=0.15) | ⊗ MgB ₂ |
| ⊕ NiO | ★ Ag ★ Cu |

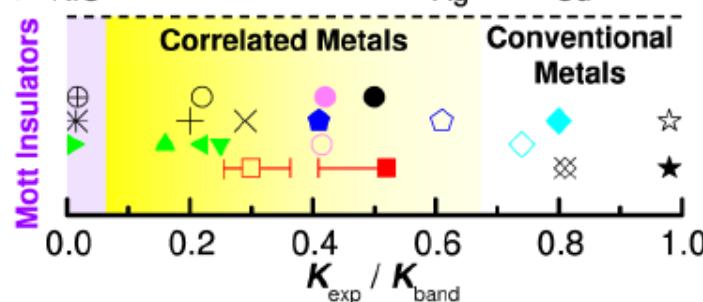


FIG. 1 (color online). The ratio of the experimental kinetic energy and the kinetic energy from band theory $K_{\text{exp}}/K_{\text{band}}$ for various classes of correlated metals and also for conventional metals. The data points are offset in the vertical direction for clarity. From Qazilbash, Hamlin *et al.*, 2009.

Influence of electronic correlations

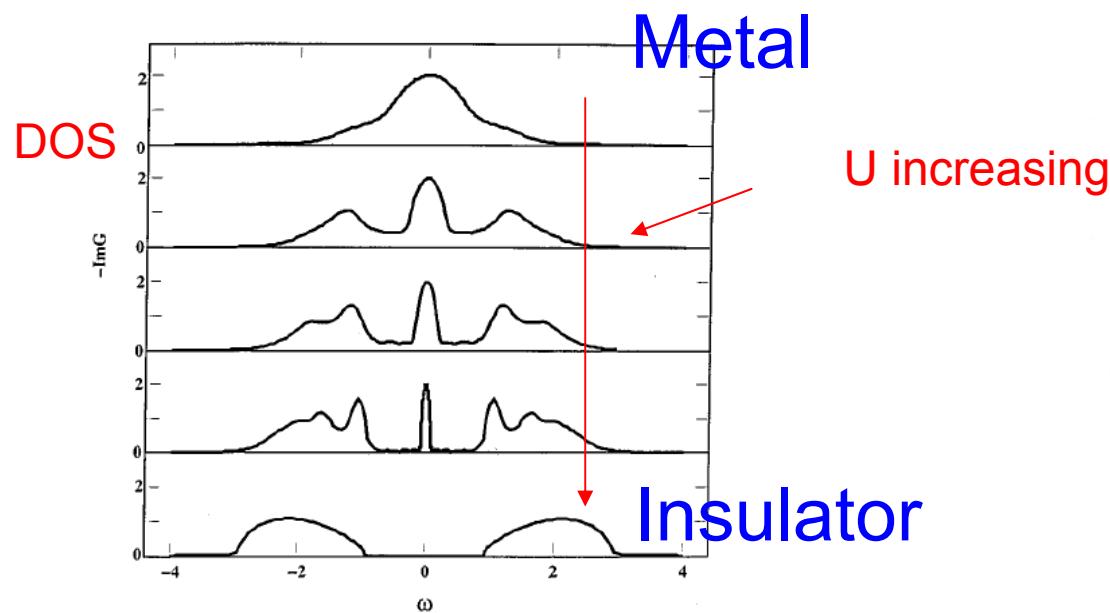
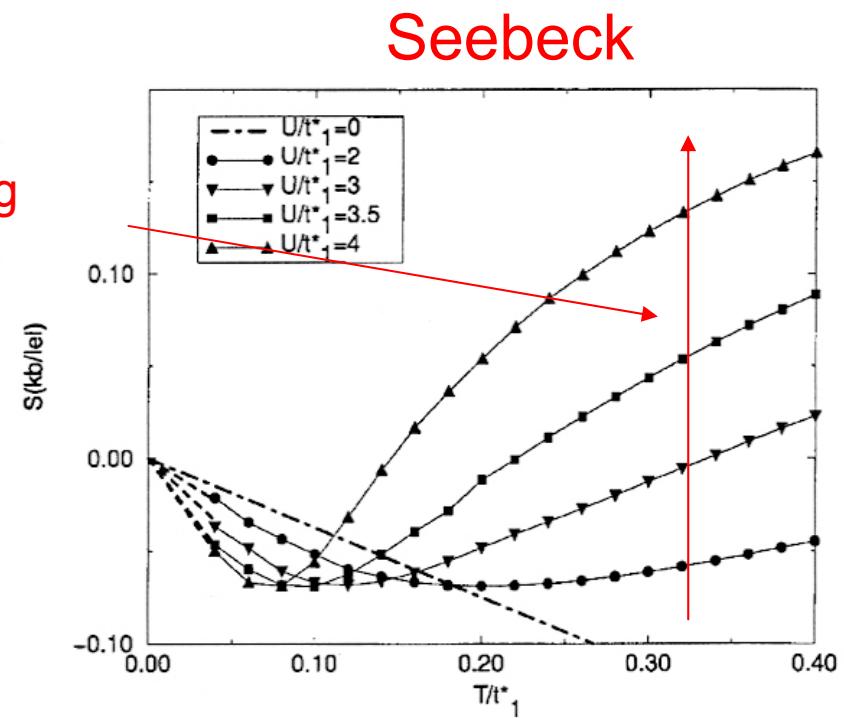


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Modification of DOS
→ Increase of S ?

A. Georges et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 68, 13 (1996)

Calcul of U impact on the
Seebeck coefficient

J. Merino et al., PRB61, 7996 (2000)

Introduction

Bibliography : Thermoelectric oxides

- First papers in the 60's : SnO_2 , SbO_2 ...
Degenerate n type semi-conductors
- 1980's : thermopower is used as a probe for the cuprates
- 1990's : Doped ZnO as best n type thermoelectric oxide (Ohtaki et al.)
- 1997 : Na_xCoO_2 (Terasaki et al.)

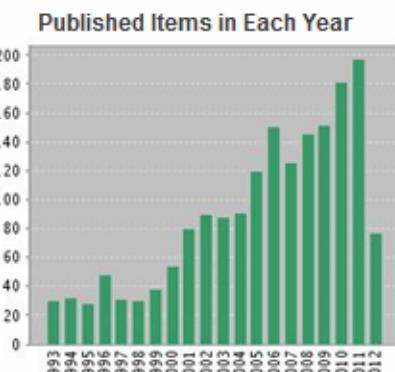
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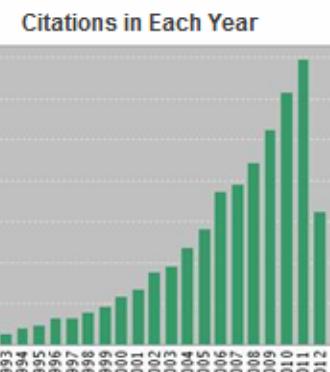
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Introduction

Systematics in the thermoelectric power of high- T_c oxides

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PRB46, 14928 (1992)

High Tc superconductors

Many superconducting cuprates show a parabolic variation of T_c with hole concentration p , there being a minimum and a maximum hole concentration for superconductivity. Thermoelectric power (TEP) measurements reported here as a function of p for a number of oxides reveal several important trends: (1) close similarities in the TEP of several compounds and a change in sign of the room-temperature TEP near the maximum T_c , (2) continuity in the TEP when doping across the two superconducting-nonsuperconducting boundaries, and (3) a universal correspondence of the room-temperature TEP with p over the whole range of doping.

Correlation between Seebeck / doping / Critical temperature

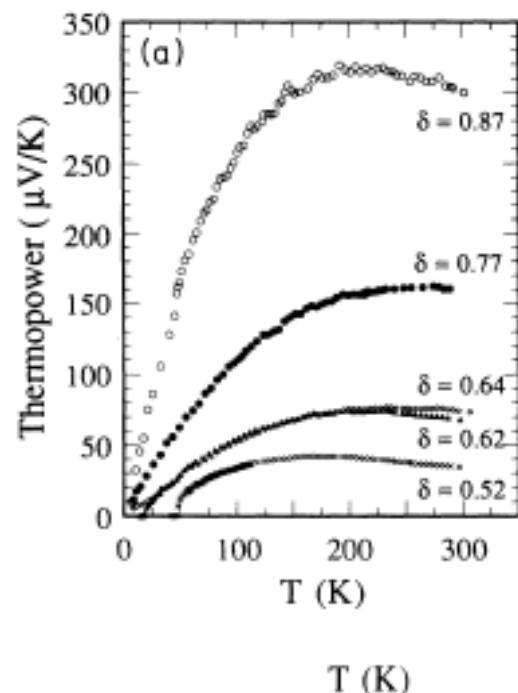


FIG. 2. (a) Thermoelectric power vs temperature for underdoped $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}$ with $0.52 \leq \delta \leq 0.87$. For $\delta > 0.5$ the es-

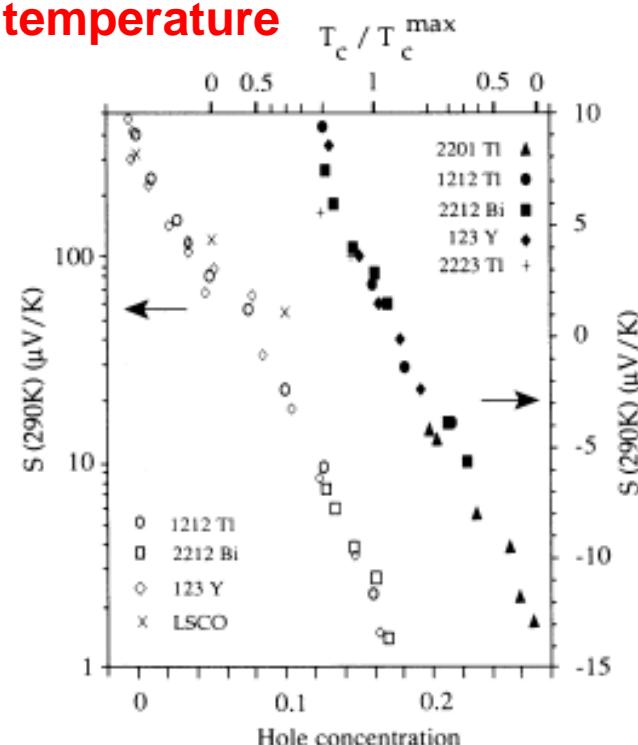
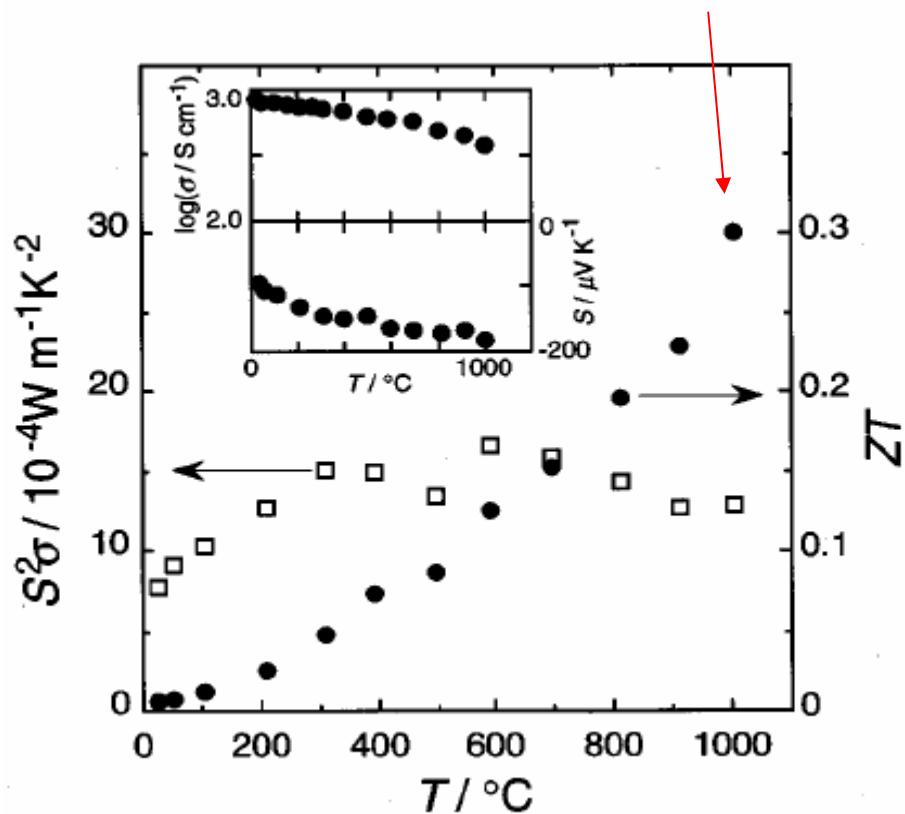


FIG. 3. Room-temperature thermoelectric power $S(290 \text{ K})$ vs hole concentration (and T_c/T_c^{\max}) for various high- T_c cuprates in both the underdoped (logarithmic scale) and overdoped (linear scale) regions. $\text{La}_{2-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CuO}_4$ (LSCO) data from Ref. 33.

$Zn_{1-x}Al_xO$ ($x = 0 - 0.1$)

$ZT = 0.3$

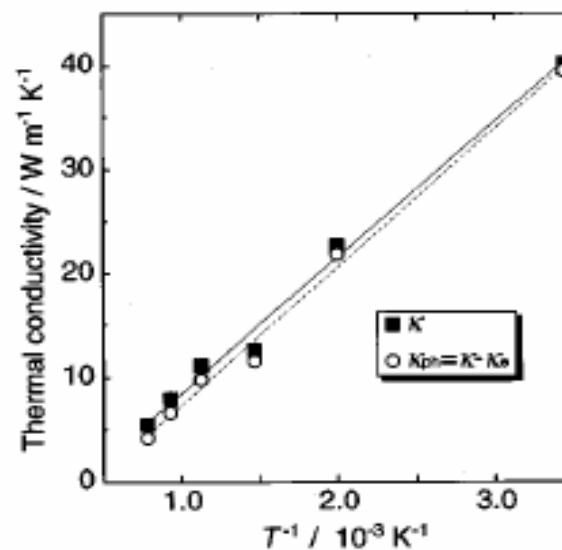


Broadband model for extrinsic n type semiconductor

$$\sigma = ne\mu,$$

$$S = -(k/e)[\ln(N_v/n) + A],$$

Large mobility of the carriers : $3 - 7 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$



But κ is too high !!!

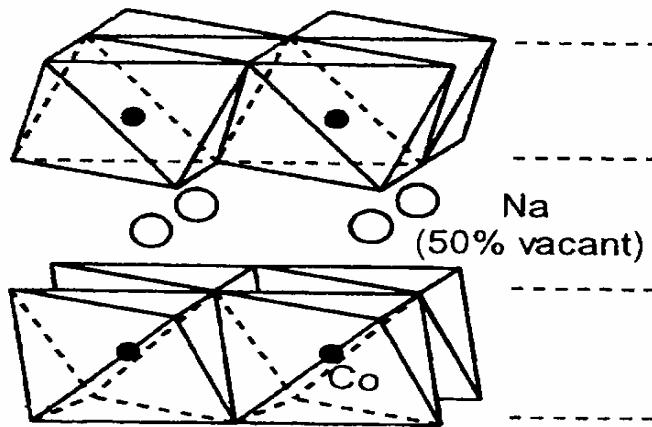
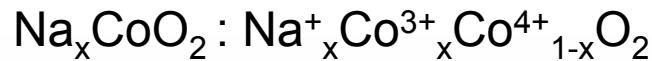
$\kappa = 40 \text{ W m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ at 300K
 $\kappa = 5.4 \text{ W m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ at 1000°C

Introduction

$\text{Na}_{0.7}\text{CoO}_2$

' Phonon Glass / Electron crystal '

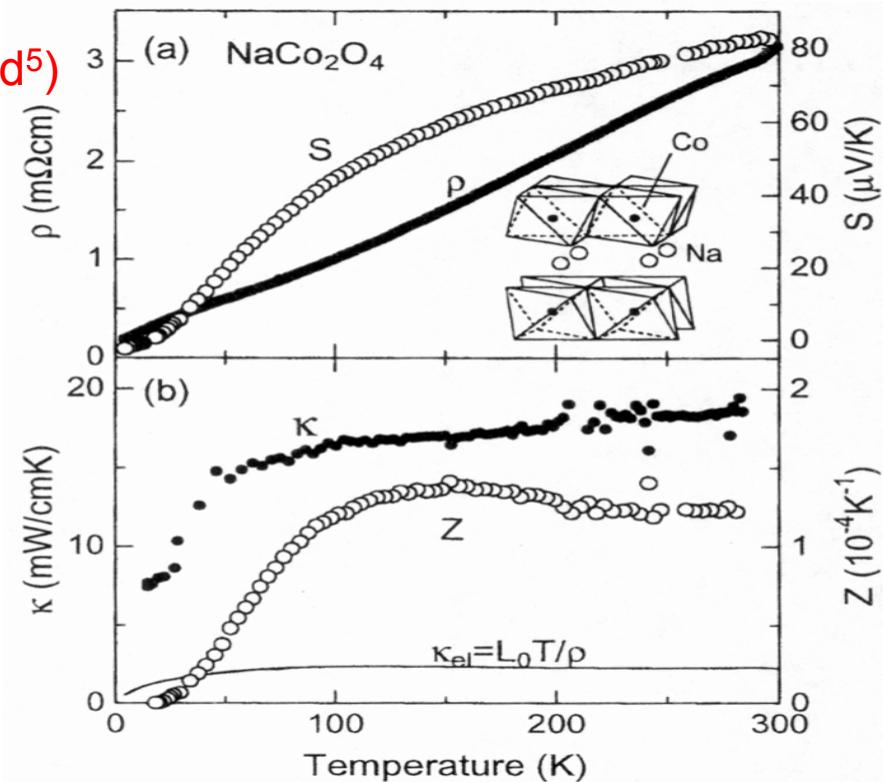
I. Terasaki et al., Phys. Rev. B 56, R12685 (1997)



Co^{3+} ($3d^6$) / Co^{4+} ($3d^5$)

At 300K
Metallicity (crystals) $\rho \sim 0.2 \text{ m}\Omega \text{ cm}$
Large S $S \sim +80 \mu\text{V/K}$
Small κ (polycrystals) $\kappa \sim 2 \text{ Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$
(crystals) $\kappa \sim 5 \text{ Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$

Measurements on polycrystals



Power factor $P=S^2/\rho$ at 300K

$\text{Na}_{0.7}\text{CoO}_2$

$P = 50 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ WK}^{-2}\text{m}^{-1}$

Bi_2Te_3

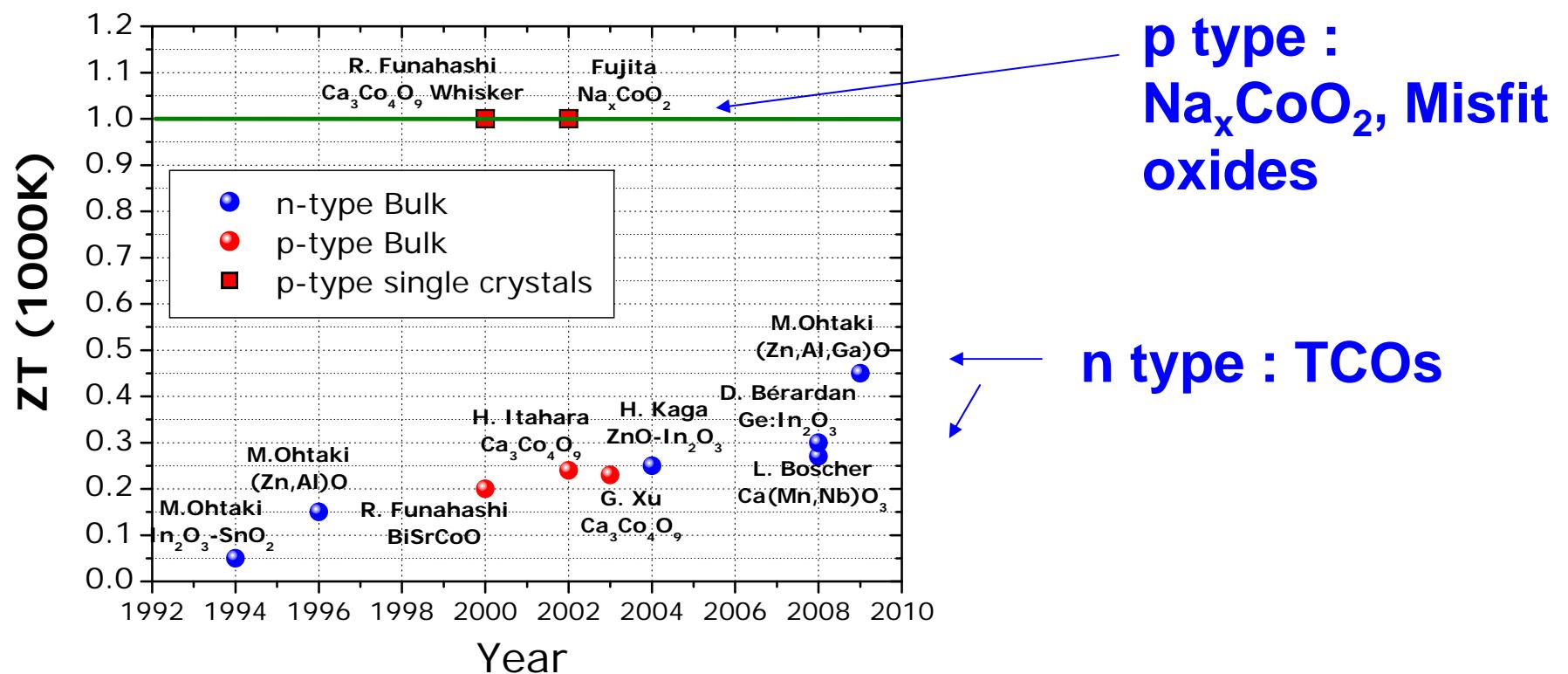
$P = 40 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ WK}^{-2}\text{m}^{-1}$

ZT of oxides

2 different families for the best thermoelectric oxides

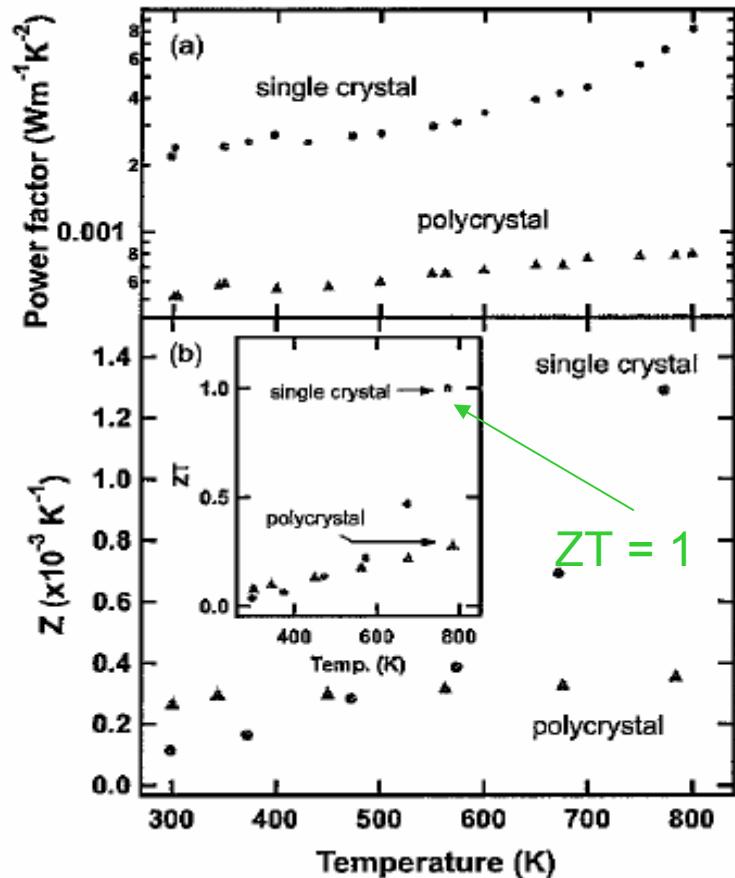
- Type p : oxides related to Na_xCoO_2 , metallic and large S
- Type n : ‘transparent conducting oxides’, degenerate semi-conductors

$\text{ZT} (\text{type p}) > \text{ZT} (\text{type n})$



High T properties of Na_xCoO_2

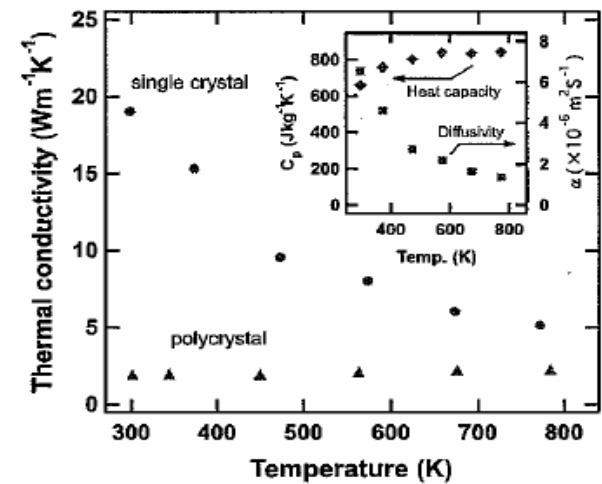
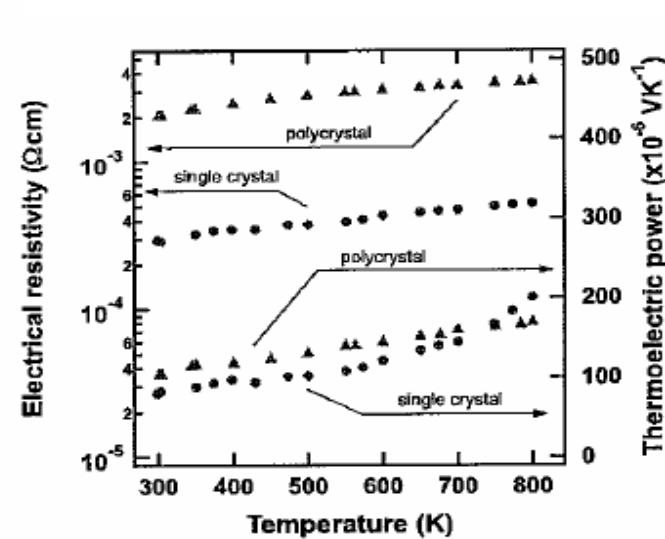
K. Fujita et al. JJAP40, 4644 (2001)



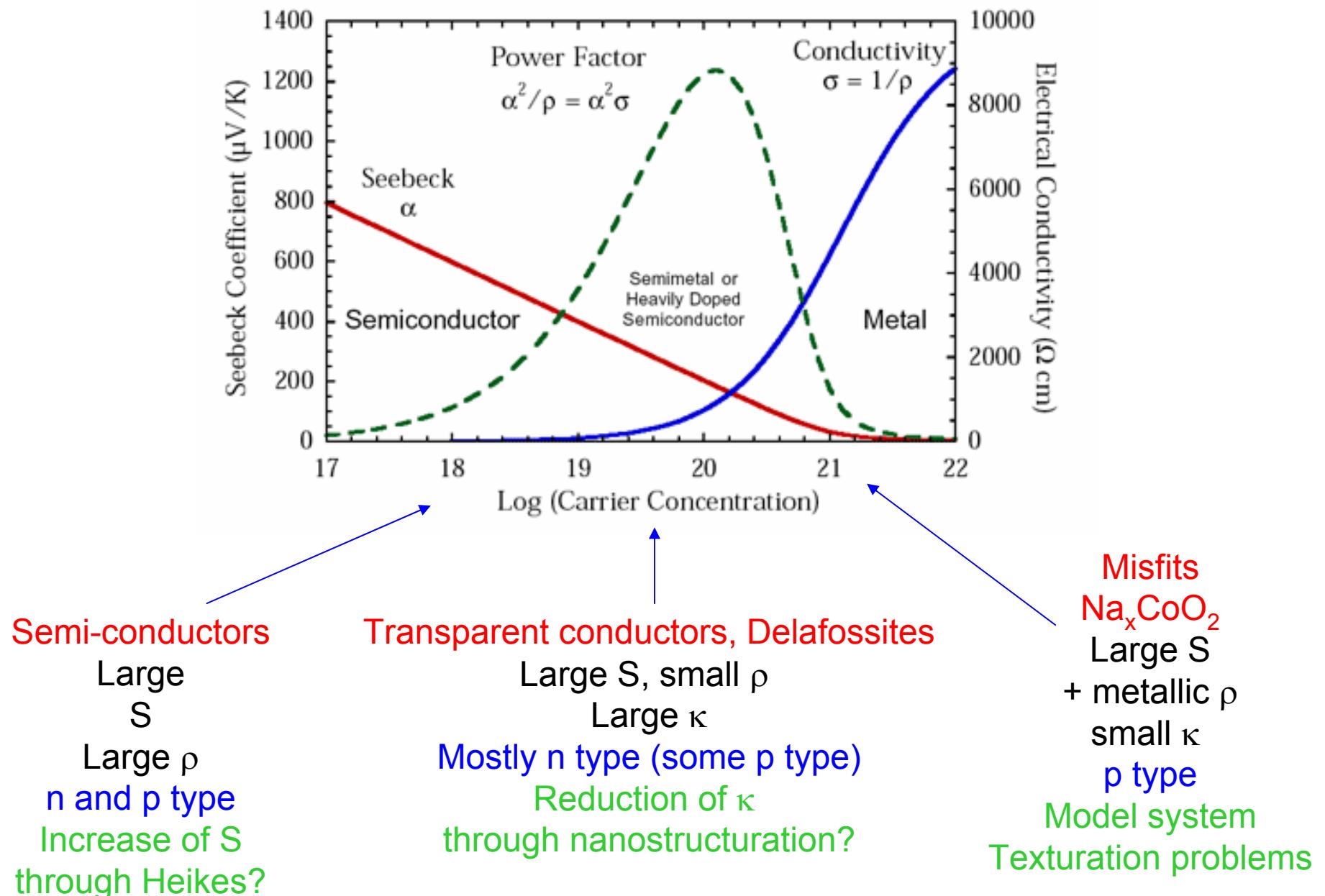
Crystal and polycrystal measurements

Crystals : $1.5 \times 1.5 \times 0.03 \text{ mm}^3$

$ZT \sim 1$ for crystals only at 800K



Oxides



Modelization of thermoelectric properties in oxides

Models

$$ZT = \frac{S^2 T}{\rho \kappa} = \frac{S^2 T}{\rho(\kappa_e + \kappa_l)}$$

- Mott's formula :**

$$S = \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2}{3e} T \left(\frac{\partial \ln \sigma(E)}{\partial E} \right)_{E=E_F}$$

$$\sigma(E) = e n(E) \mu(E)$$

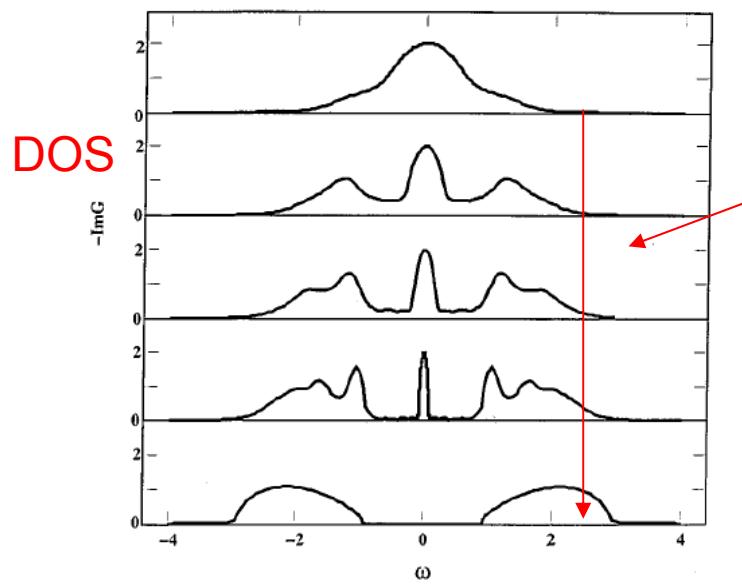
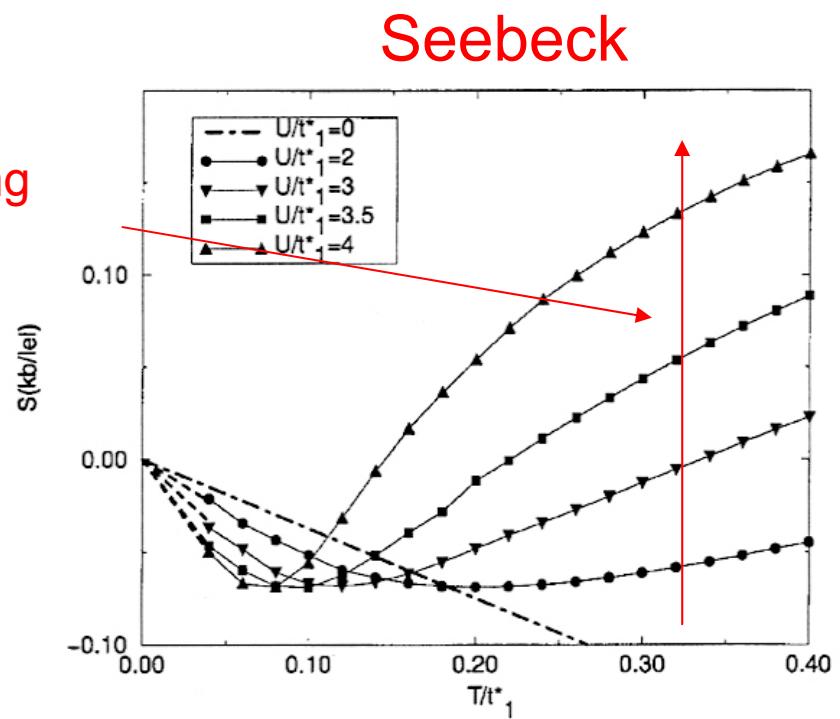


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U increasing



Possible increase of S due to strong correlations?

Models

$$ZT = \frac{S^2 T}{\rho \kappa} = \frac{S^2 T}{\rho(\kappa_e + \kappa_l)}$$

- **Resistivity** : $\rho^{-1} = en(E)\mu(E)$

A large mobility is required (difficult for oxides!)

- **Thermal conductivity**

Electronic part related to ρ^{-1} (Wiedemann Franz), usually small

Lattice part has to be minimized

Mott's formula : influence of electronic correlations

$$S = \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2}{3e} T \left(\frac{\partial \ln \sigma(E)}{\partial E} \right)_{E=E_F}$$

Free electron gas

$$S = -\frac{\pi^2}{3} \frac{k_B^2 T}{e} \frac{N(\epsilon_F)}{n} \left(1 + \frac{2\xi}{3} \right).$$

Scattering parameter

Carrier density

Very similar to the electronic specific heat

$$C_{el}/T = \gamma = \frac{\pi^2}{3} k_B^2 N(E_F)$$

γ is a probe of electronic correlations

Relationship between Seebeck and specific heat at low T??

Models

Low T limit

$$S = -\frac{\pi^2}{3} \frac{k_B^2 T}{e} \frac{N(\epsilon_F)}{n} \left(1 + \frac{2\zeta}{3} \right).$$

$$C_{el}/T = \gamma = \frac{\pi^2}{3} k_B^2 N(E_F)$$

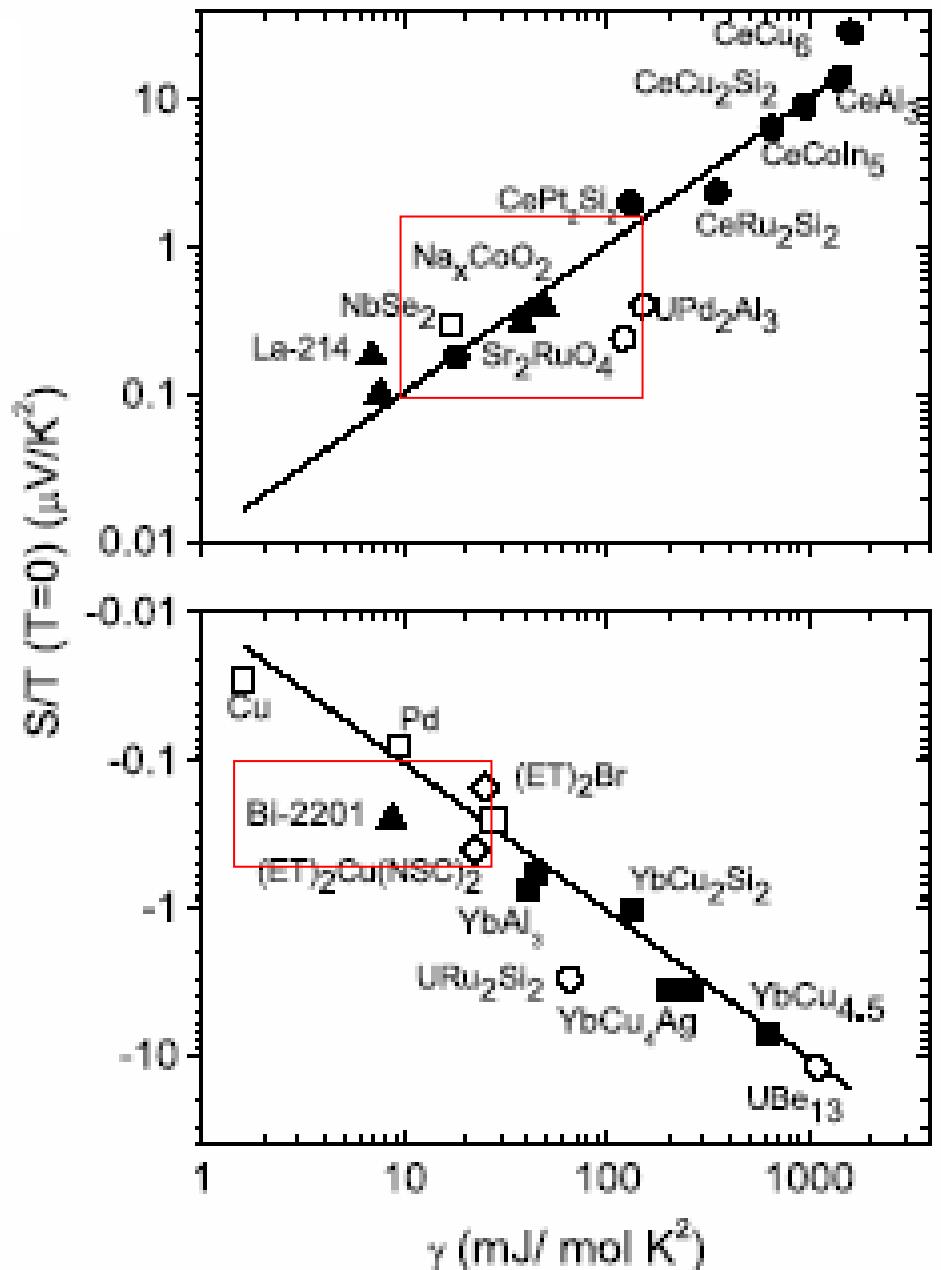
Universal value for
the ratio of S / γ

Limit $T \rightarrow 0$

$$q = \frac{S}{T} \frac{N_{Av} e}{\gamma} = \text{cste}$$

$$0.5 < |q| < 2$$

K. Behnia et al. JPCM 16, 5187 (2004)



The Heikes formula

High T limit

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Thermopower in the correlated hopping regime

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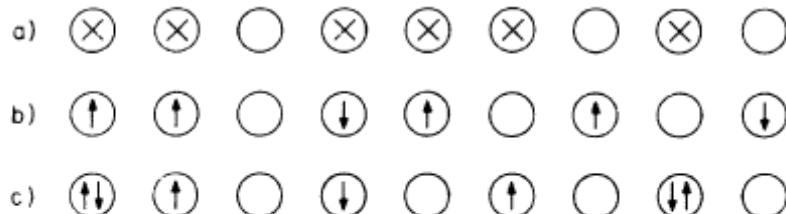
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The high-temperature limit for the thermopower of a system of interacting localized carriers is governed entirely by the entropy change per added carrier. The calculation of this quantity reduces to a simple combinatorial problem dependent only on the density of carriers and the interactions stronger than the thermal energy. We have thus been able to generalize the Heikes formula to include several cases of interacting Fermi systems with spin.

'Simple combinatorial problem'



Calculated for organic thermoelectrics

FIG. 1. Possible high-temperature site configuration of (a) spinless fermions; (b) electrons with an infinite on-site repulsion; and (c) electrons with no interactions.

The Heikes formula

Hubbard model

$$S = \frac{-S^{(2)} / S^{(1)} + \mu / |e|}{T} \rightarrow \frac{\mu / |e|}{T} \quad \text{for } T \rightarrow \infty$$

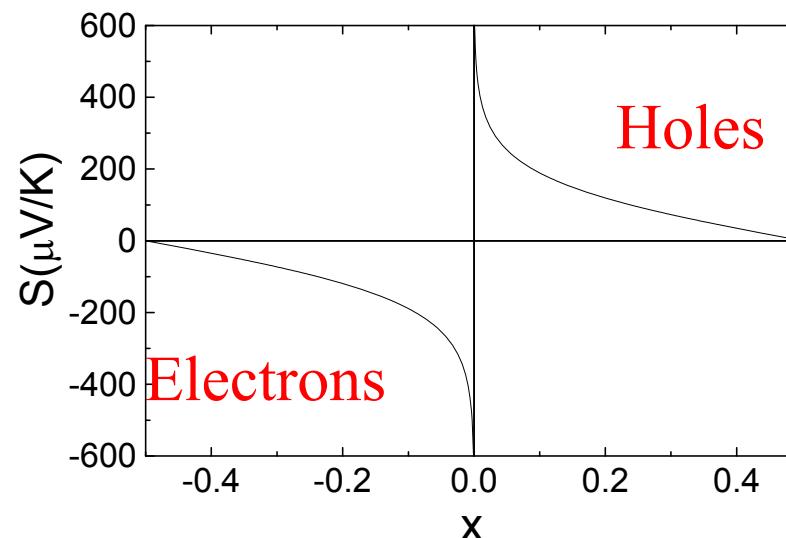
$S^{(1)}, S^{(2)}$: depend on v and Q , velocity and energy operators

Valid for narrow band systems (localized correlated particles)

Limit $T \rightarrow \infty$: $S \sim \text{entropy} / \text{carrier}$

$$S = \frac{-k_B}{|e|} \ln\left(\frac{1-x}{x}\right)$$

x = concentration of carriers



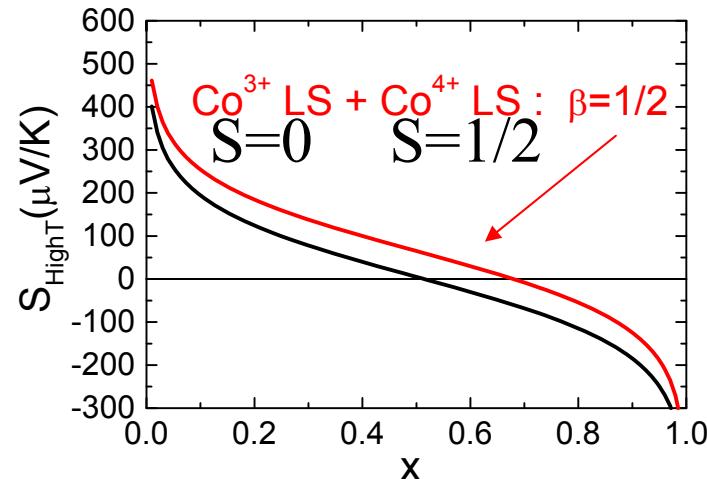
Spin entropy

Extra term in the Heikes formula due to the spin degeneracy

Mixed valency cation $M^{n+} / M^{(n+1)+}$:

$$\beta = \frac{2S_n + 1}{2S_{n+1} + 1}$$

$$S = -\frac{k_B}{|e|} \ln(\beta \frac{1-x}{x})$$



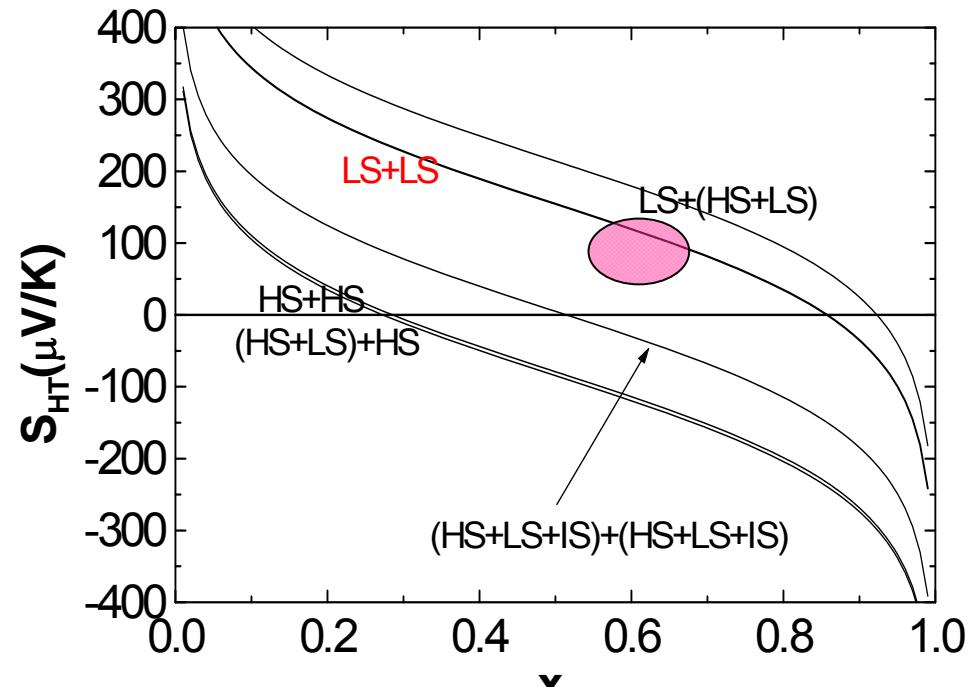
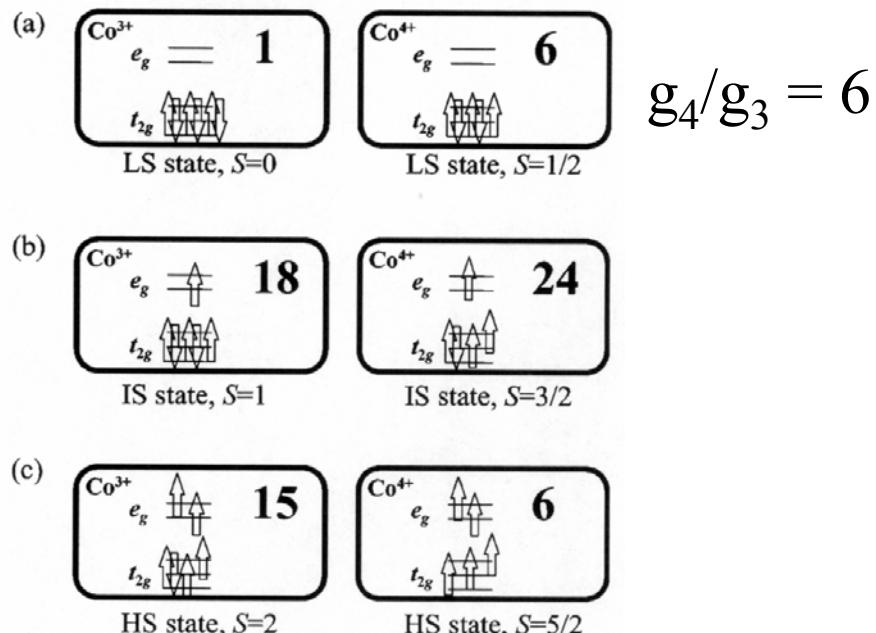
Na_xCoO_2 :

Spin and orbital degeneracy Co^{3+} ($3d^6$)/ Co^{4+} ($3d^5$)

J. P. Doumerc JSSC 109, 419 (1994)

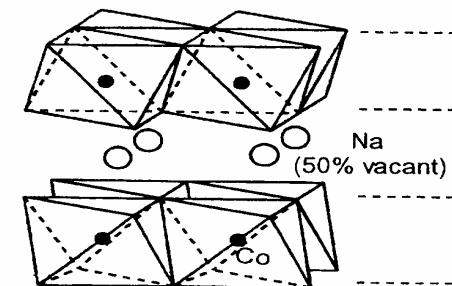
W. Koshiba et al., Phys. Rev. B 62, 6869 (2000)

$$S = - \frac{k_B}{e} \ln \left(\frac{g_3}{g_4} \frac{x}{1-x} \right)$$



Large S in Na_xCoO_2
Origin of the metallicity ?

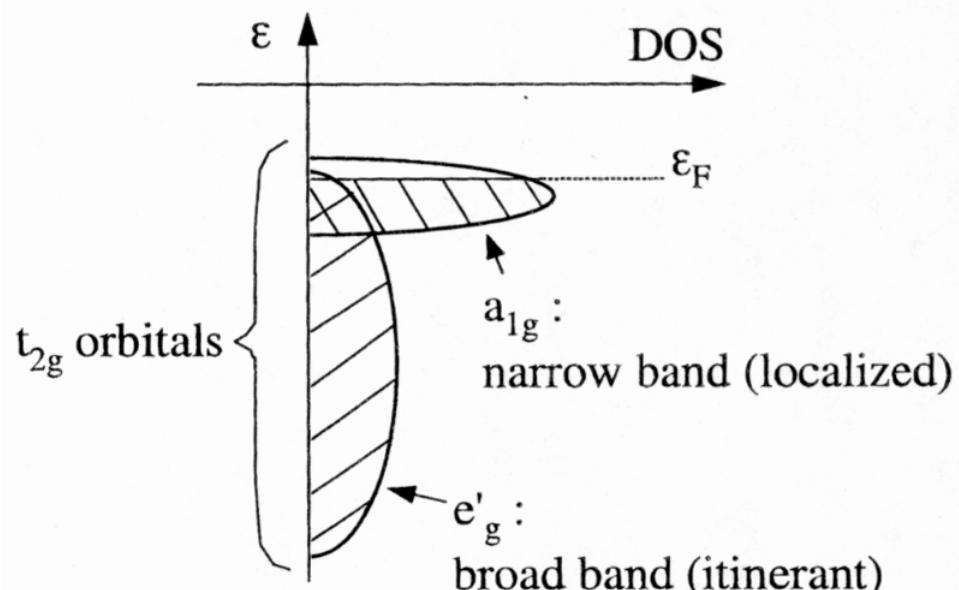
Models



Band structure?

Rhombohedral crystalline field
Lifting of the t_{2g} levels degeneracy

D. J. Singh, Phys. Rev. B 61, 13397 (2000)



a_{1g} : localized moments / heavy holes
 e'_{g} : mobile carriers / light holes

T. Yamamoto et al., Phys. Rev. B 65, 184434 (2002)

Peak of $N(E_F)$

$$\frac{S}{T} = \frac{\pi^2 k^2}{3e} \left(\frac{d \ln(\sigma)}{dE} \right)_{E=E_F}$$

avec $\sigma = N(E) \langle v_F(E)^2 \rangle$

↳ $S = +110 \mu V/K$ at 300K
calculated for NaCo_2O_4

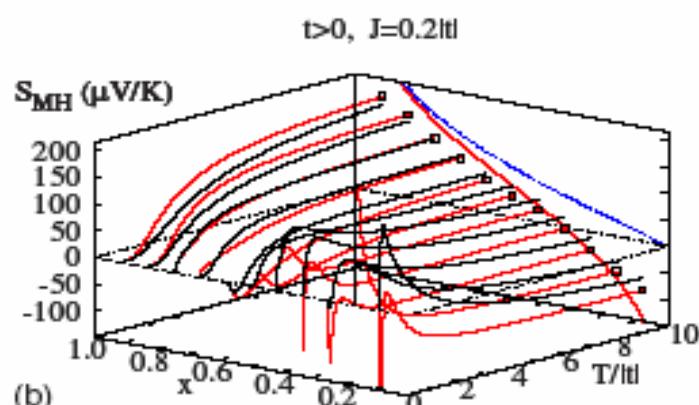
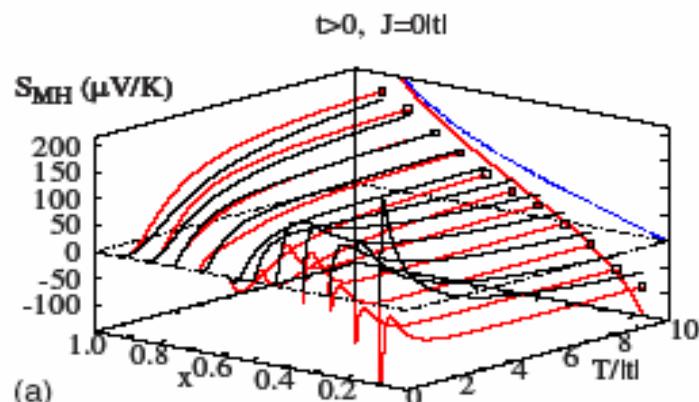
Metallic and large S

'Thermoelectric effects in a strongly correlated model for Na_xCoO_2 '

t-J model : t = hopping and J = spin coupling

Kubo formalism

Valid at any T (different from the limit $T \rightarrow \infty$)



$$S = S_{\text{transport}} + S_{\text{Heikes}}$$

Black : Heikes formula

Red : $S = S_{\text{transport}} + S_{\text{Heikes}}$

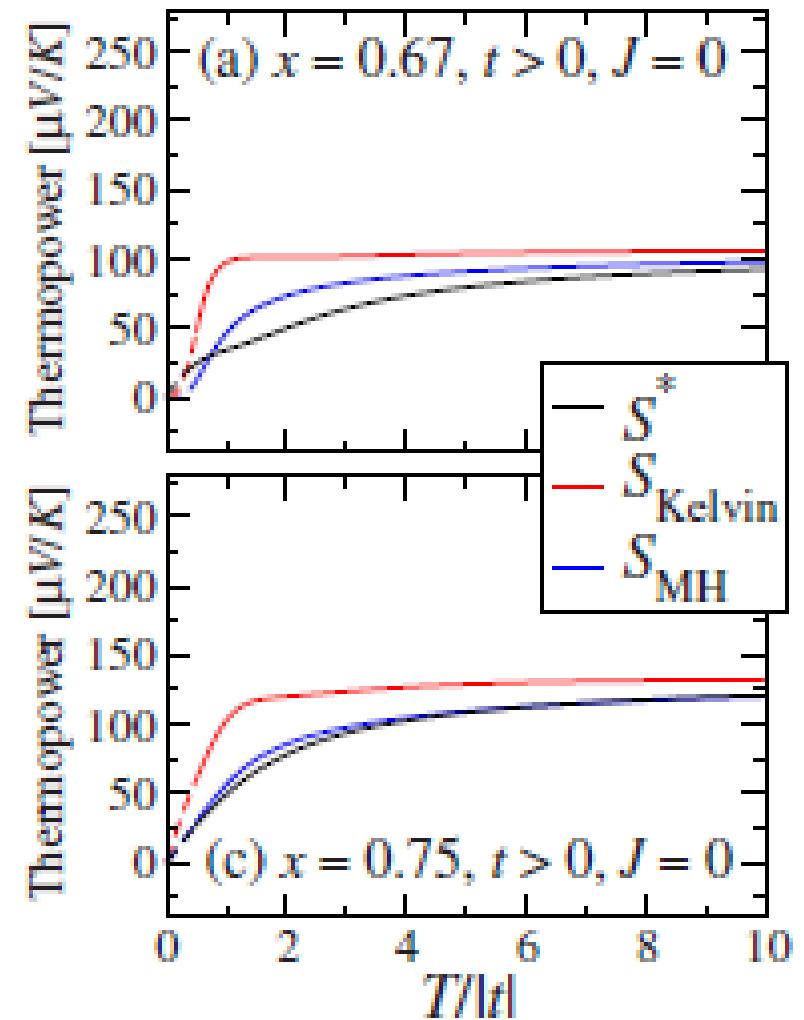
In a large part of the phase diagram (x, T, t),
the Heikes formula gives a good estimate of S

The Kelvin formula

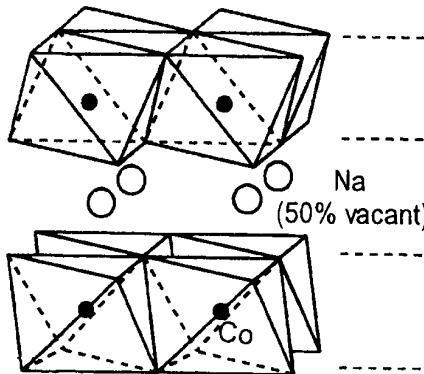
M. R. Peterson et al., PRB82, 195105 (2010)

t-J model for
 Na_xCoO_2 with $x \sim 0.7$

Heikes formula valid for $T > 6 - 8 t$
(blue curve)



Na_xCoO_2



First models : crucial role of the CoO_2 layers

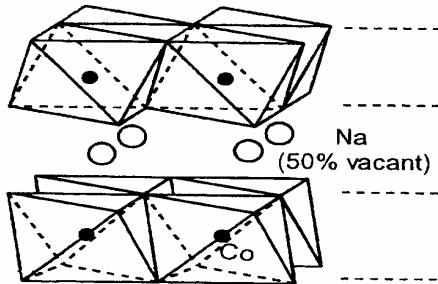
- Lifting of the t_{2g} orbitals : Seebeck calculated from the Mott's formula + metallicity
 - High T : the Heikes formula, effect of the spin and orbital degeneracies

↳ Beyond the CoO_2 layers : the impact of the block layer?

Models

Electronic correlations + Disorder effects

DMFT calculations



Disorder potential induced by Na^+ cations

Correlations effect

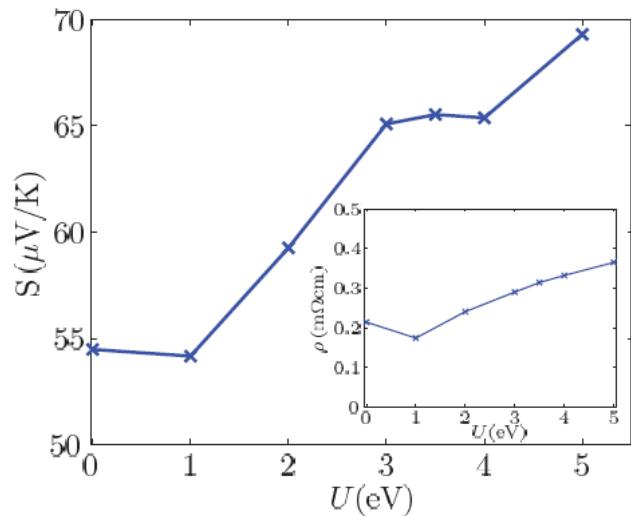
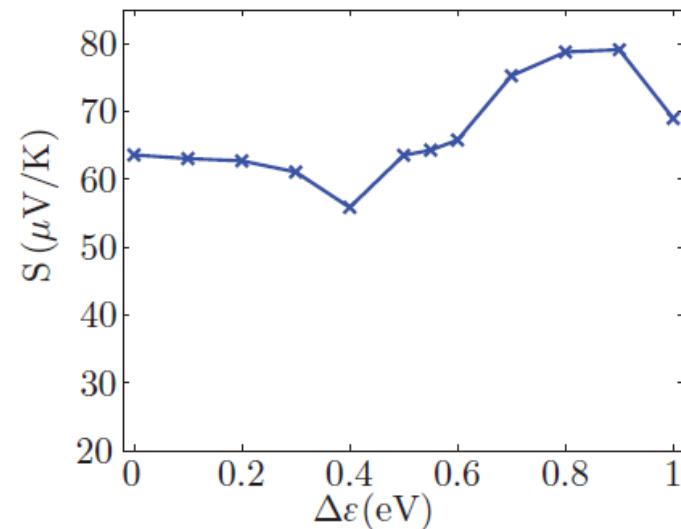


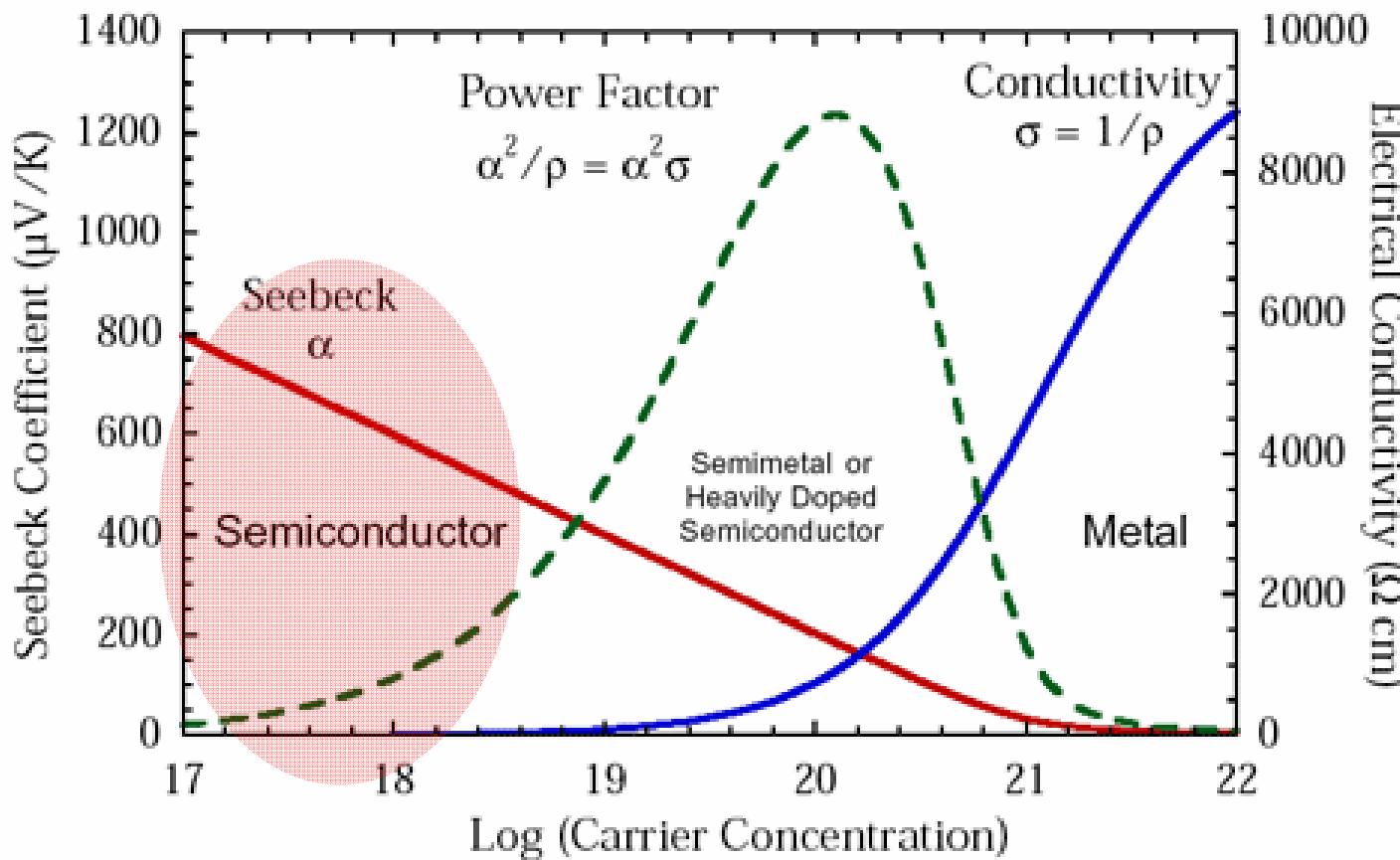
FIG. 18. (Color online) The thermopower S as a function of the correlation U without disorder ($\Delta\varepsilon = 0$) for $T = 290$ K. The inset shows the corresponding values for the resistivity ρ .

Na_xCoO_2

Disorder effect

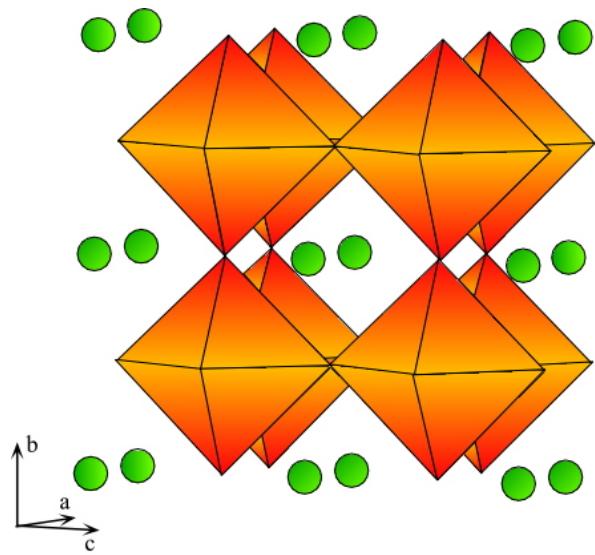


Semi-conducteurs : The Heikes formula



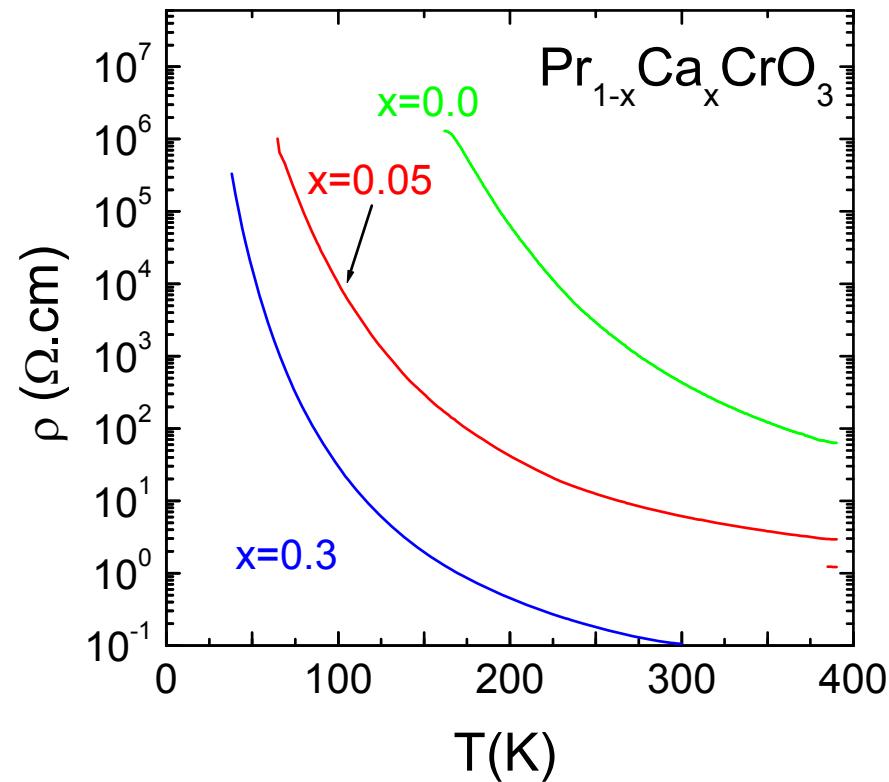
Type p : $Pr_{1-x}Ca_xCrO_3$

Orthochromites



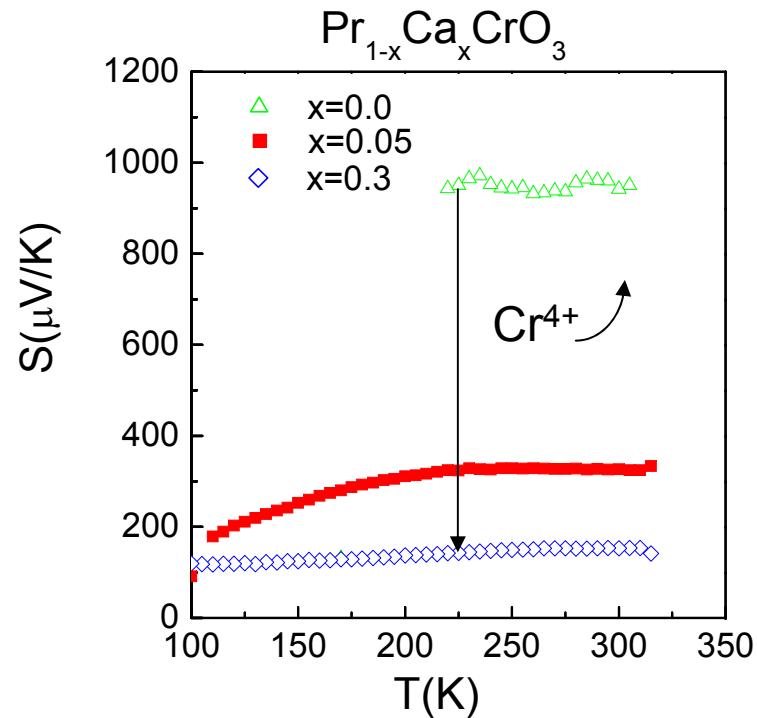
Introduction of holes :
Activated behavior with
a decrease of ρ

Perovskite structure

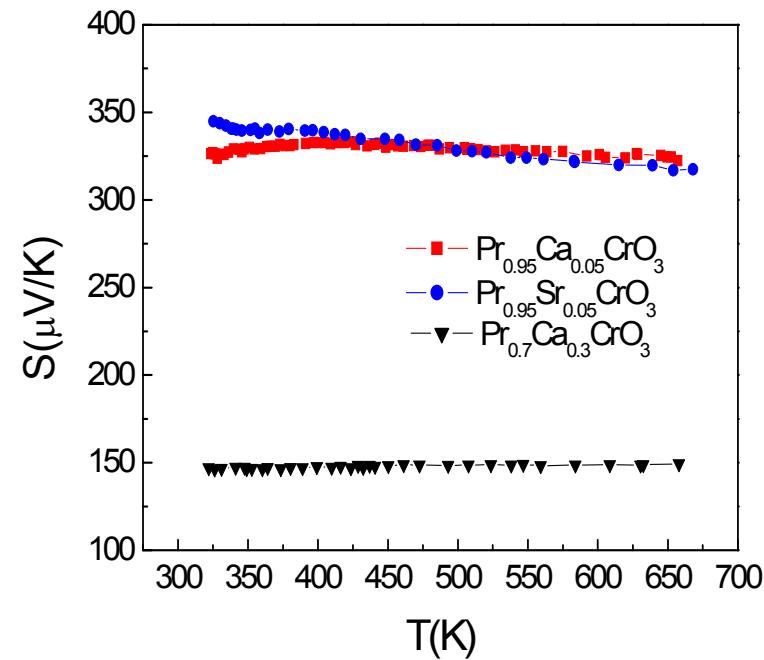


Type *p* : $Pr_{1-x}Ca_xCrO_3$

Orthochromites

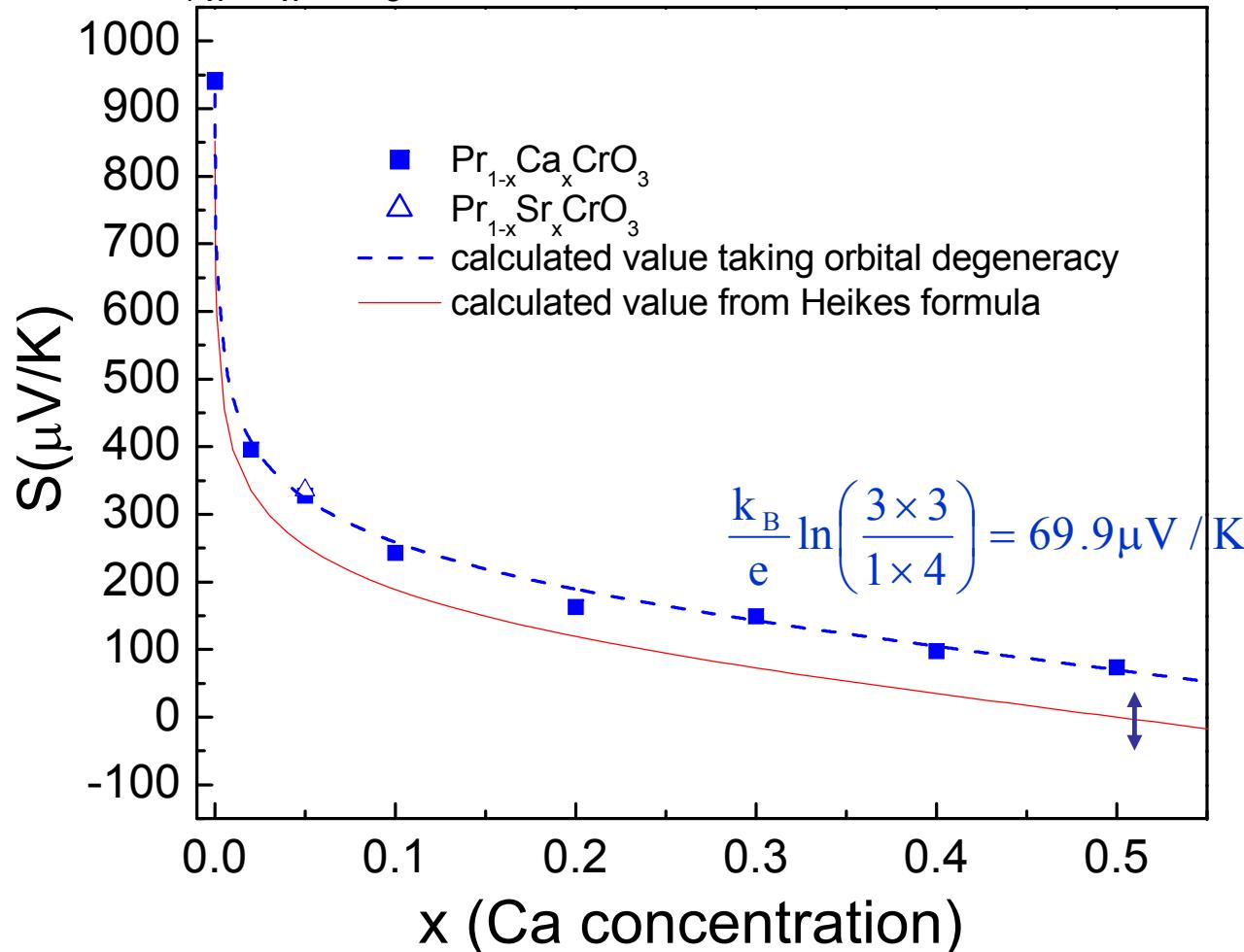


Decrease of S induced by doping

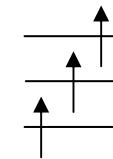


S constant from 200K to high T

Type p : $Pr_{1-x}Ca_xCrO_3$

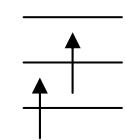


Heikes formula with spin and orbital degeneracies



$3d^3, S = 3/2$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\text{orb}} &= 1 \\ \Gamma_{\text{spin}} &= 4 \end{aligned}$$



$3d^2, S = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\text{orb}} &= 3 \\ \Gamma_{\text{spin}} &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$S = \frac{-k_B}{|e|} \ln\left(\frac{1-x}{x}\right) + \frac{k_B}{|e|} \ln(\Gamma_{\text{orb}} \Gamma_{\text{spin}})$$

Marsh and Parris, Phys. Rev. B 54, 7720 (1996)

Type *p* : $Pr_{1-x}Ca_xCrO_3$

Power factor

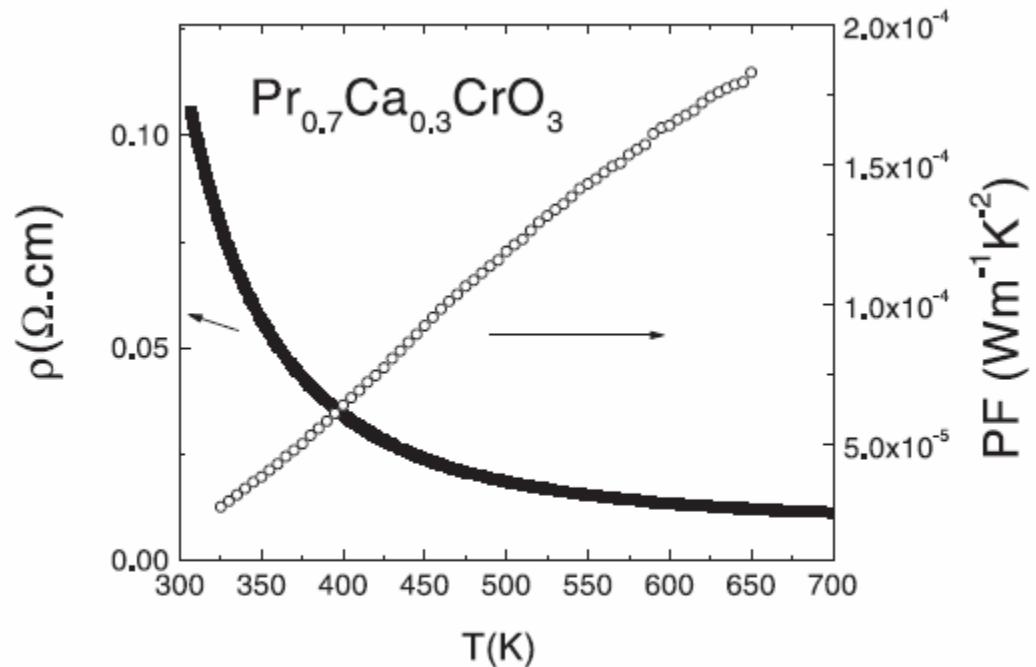
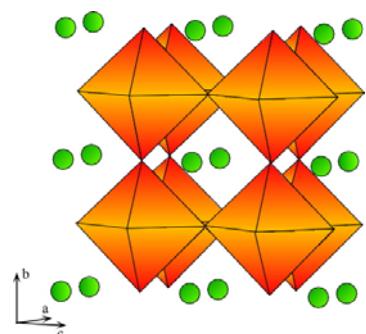


Fig. 6. ρ vs. T (left scale) and Power Factor ($PF = S^2/\rho$) (right scale) of $\text{Pr}_{0.7}\text{Ca}_{0.3}\text{CrO}_3$ measured up to 700 K.

$PF \sim 2 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$
Typical for oxides

Change of sign in LaCoO₃



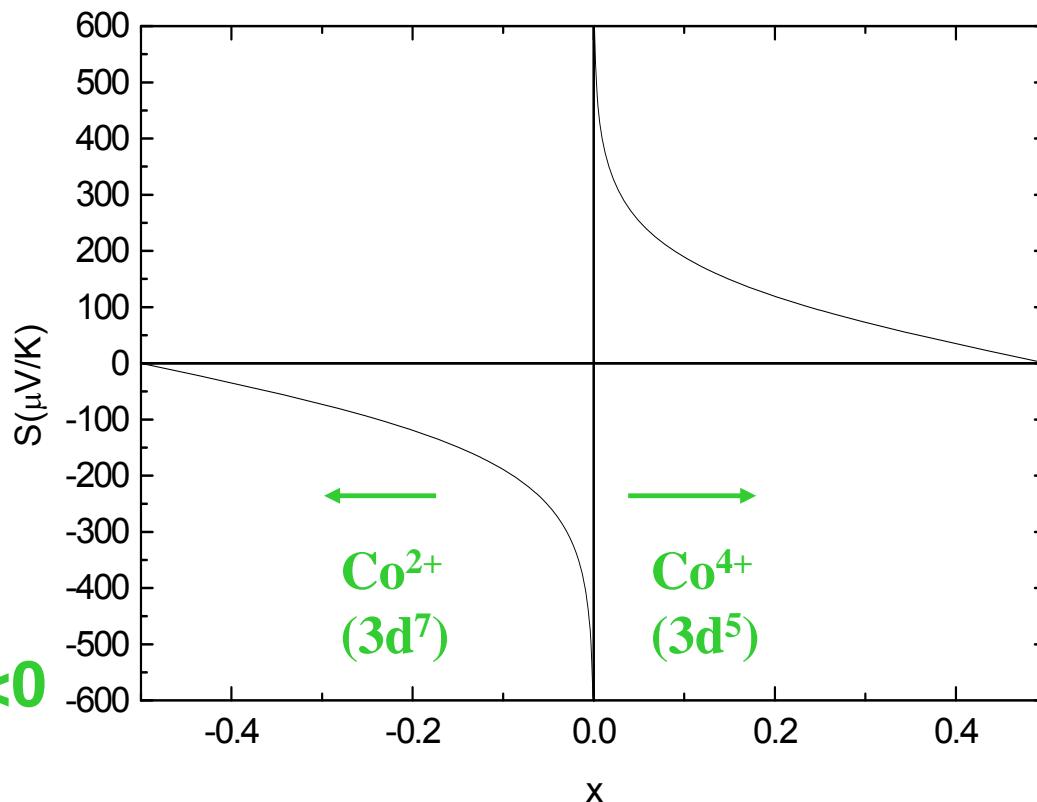
Heikes formula : possible change of sign

$$S = -\frac{k_B}{e} \ln\left(\frac{1-x}{x}\right)$$

x = carrier concentration

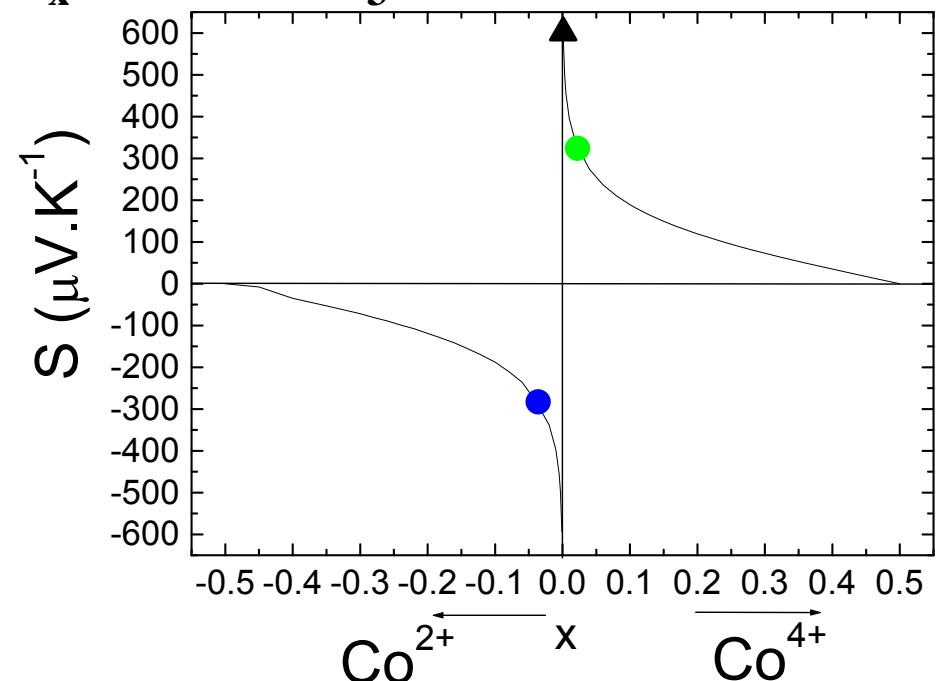
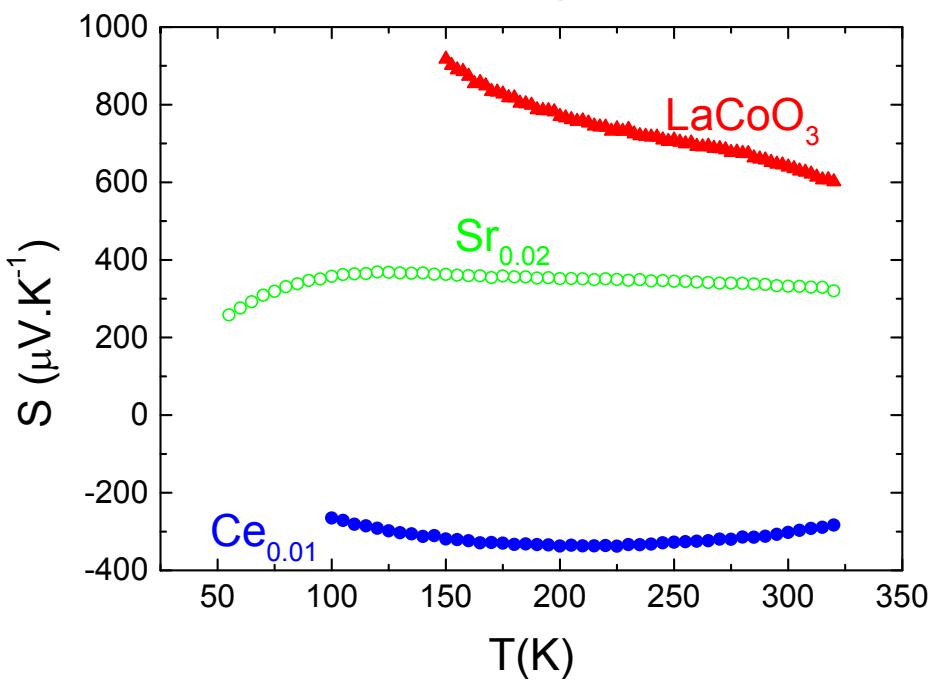
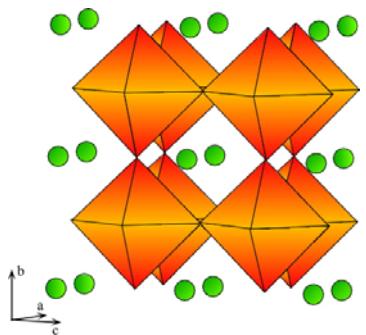
Depending on x, S>0 or S<0

Small x → |S| very large



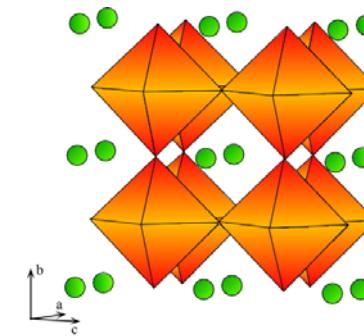
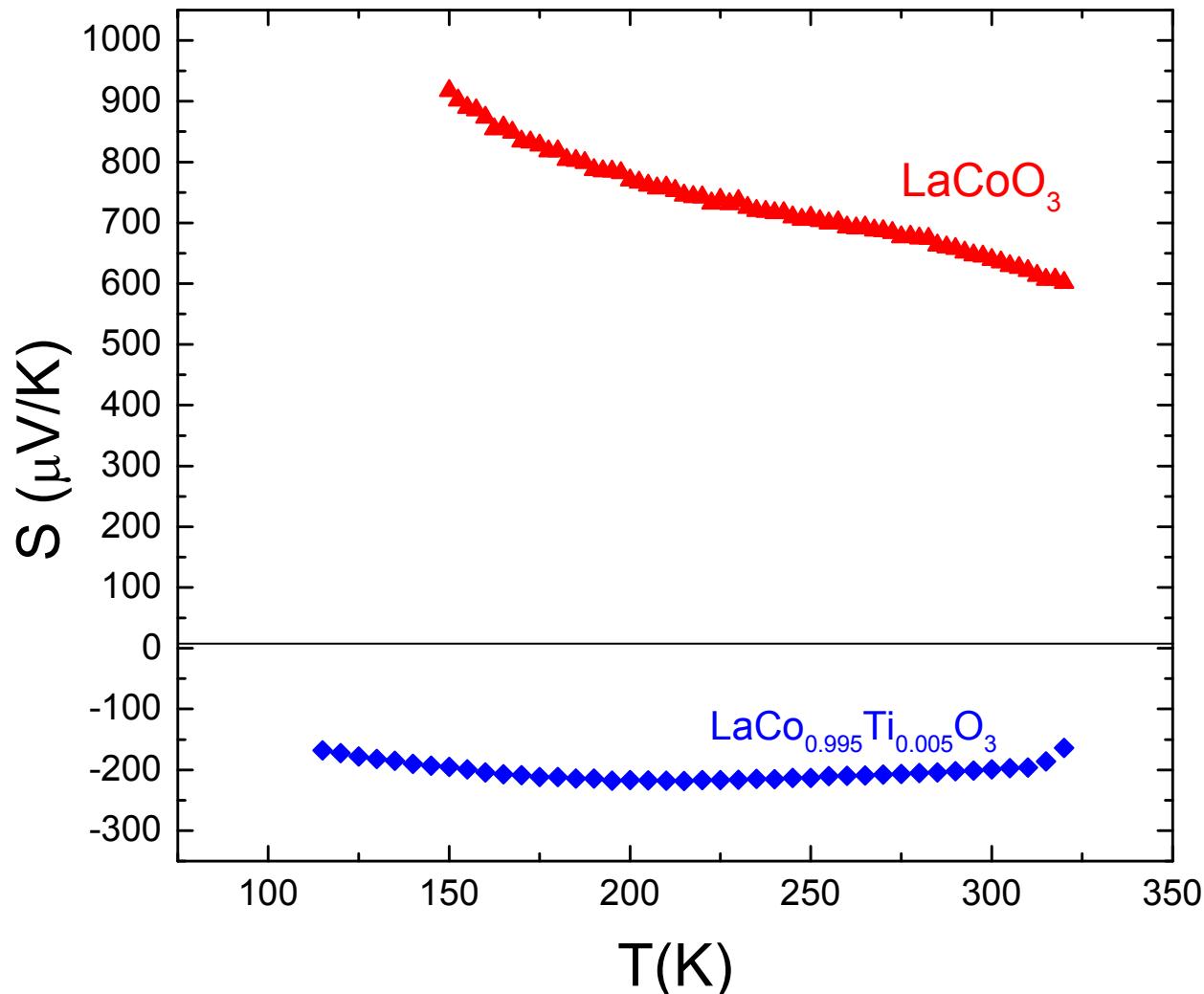
Change of sign in LaCoO₃

LaCoO₃: A site substitution



Change of sign in LaCoO₃

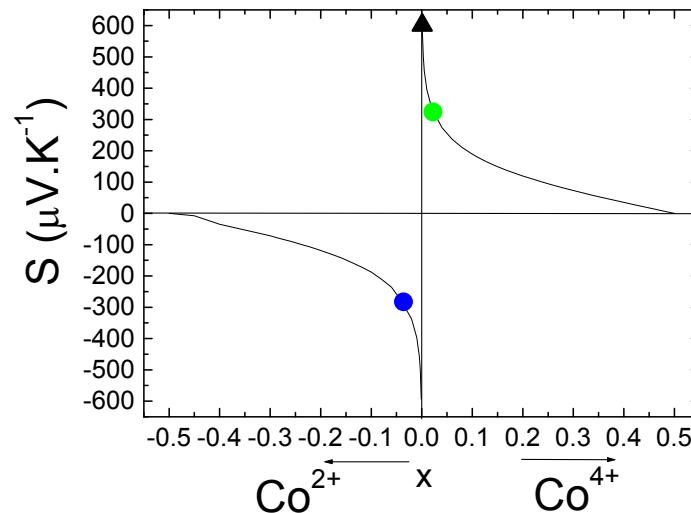
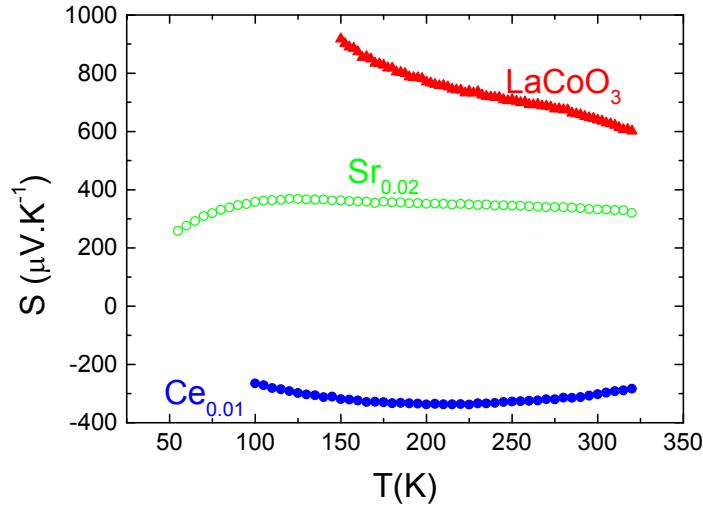
LaCoO₃ : B site substitution



LaCoO₃ $x \sim 0$: La³⁺Co³⁺O₃

Ti⁴⁺ $x < 0$:
La(Co³⁺Co²⁺)_{1-x}Ti⁴⁺_xO₃

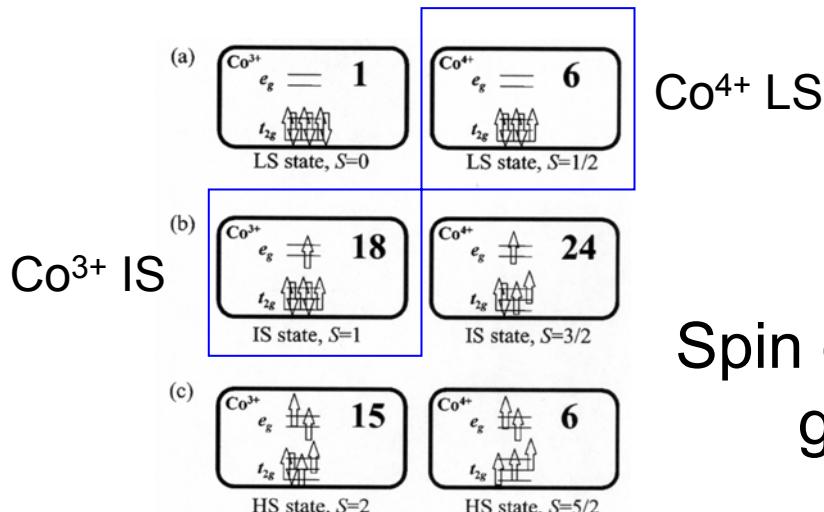
Type p : LaCoO_3



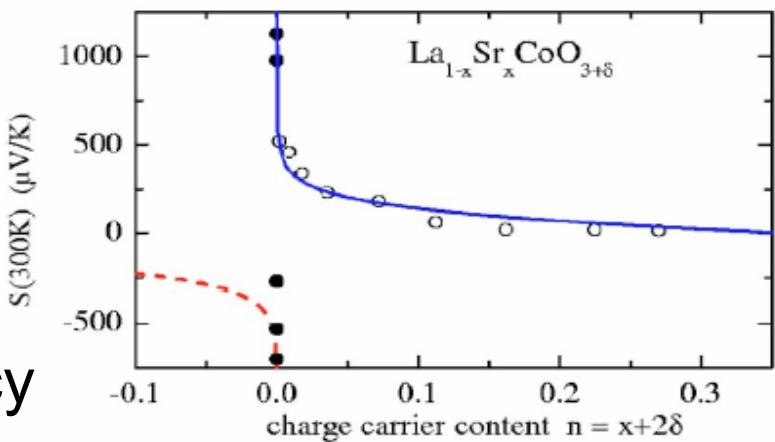
A. Maignan et al., EPJB 39, 145 (2004)

Formule de Heikes pour S, avec

$$S = -\frac{k_B}{e} \ln\left(\frac{g_3}{g_4} \frac{x}{1-x}\right)$$



Co⁴⁺ LS
Co³⁺ IS
Spin only degeneracy
 $g_3 = 3 / g_4 = 2$



K. Berggold et al., PRB72, 155116 (2005)

LaCoO_3

Single crystals measurements

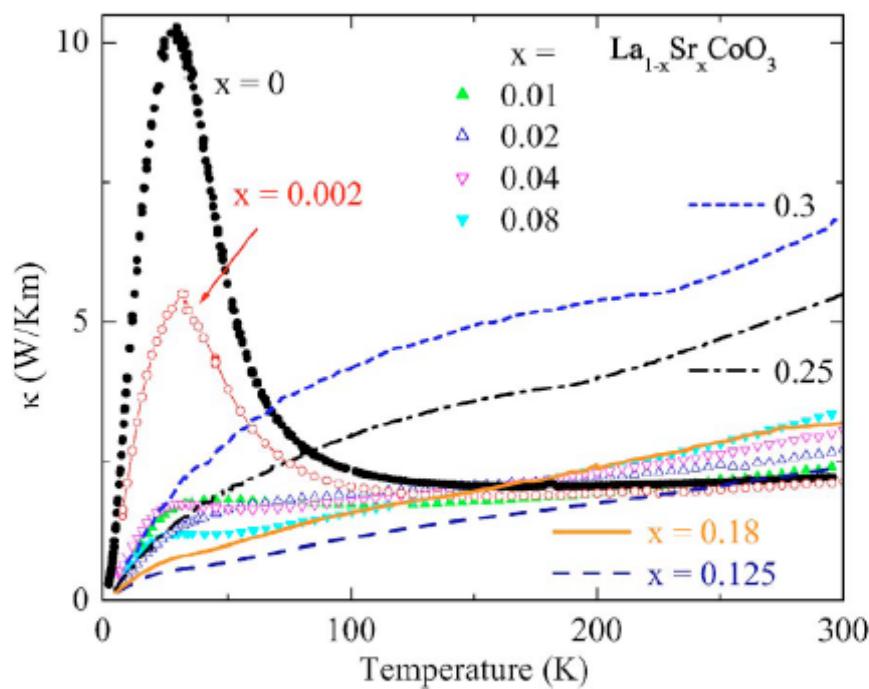


FIG. 1. (Color online) Thermal conductivity of $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CoO}_3$ as a function of temperature for different doping x .

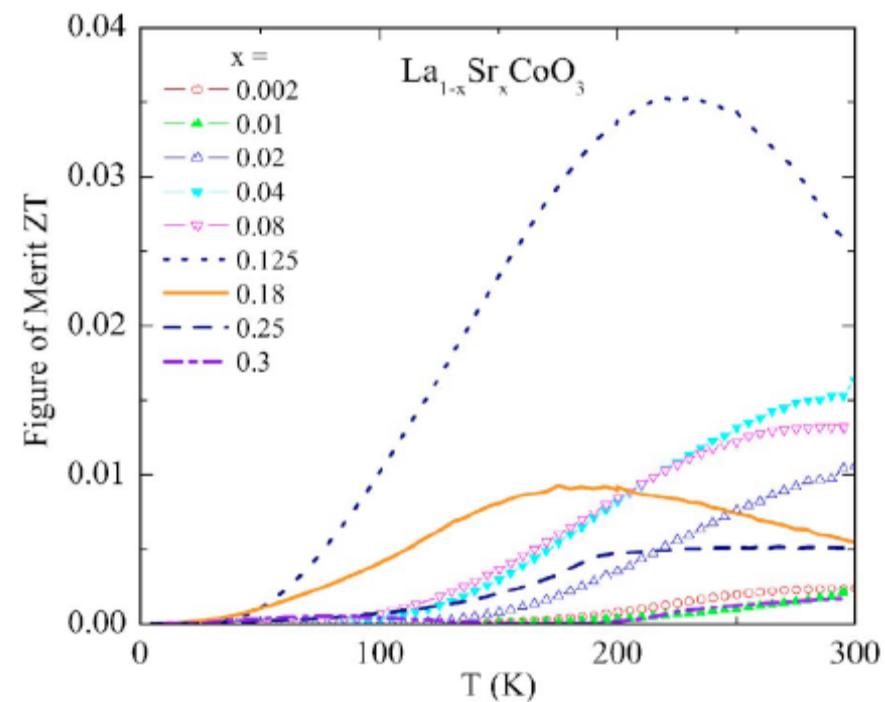
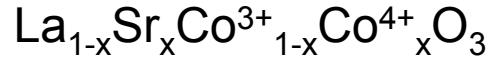


FIG. 5. (Color online) Figure of merit of $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CoO}_3$ as a function of temperature for different doping x .

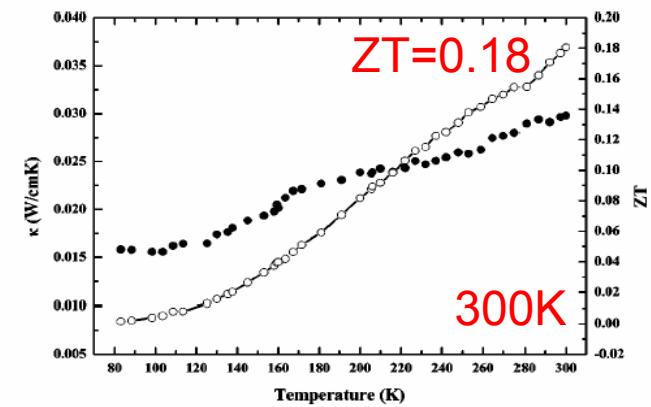
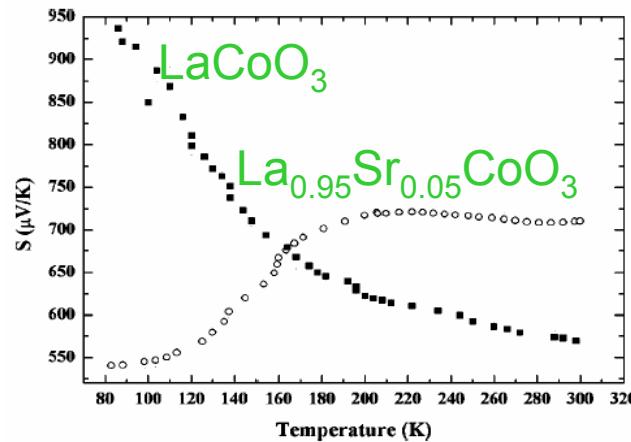
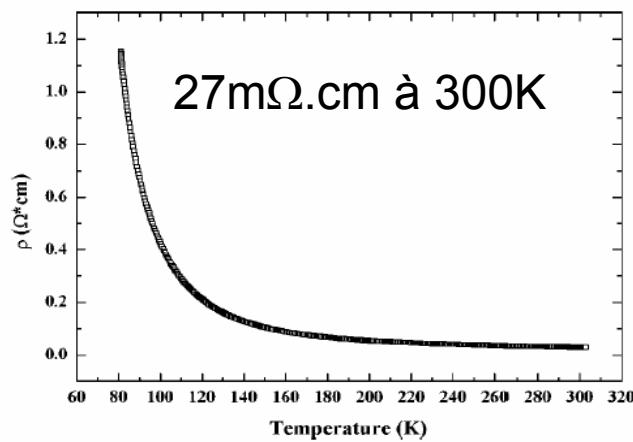
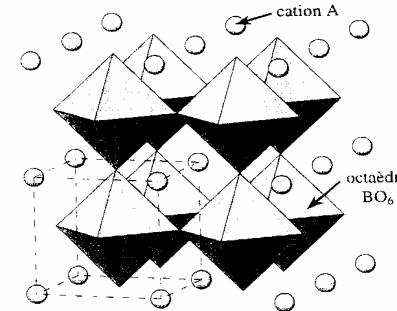
Type *p* : LaCoO_3

LaCoO₃ perovskites



ZT = 0.18 at 300K

J. Androulakis et al., APL84, 1099 (2004)



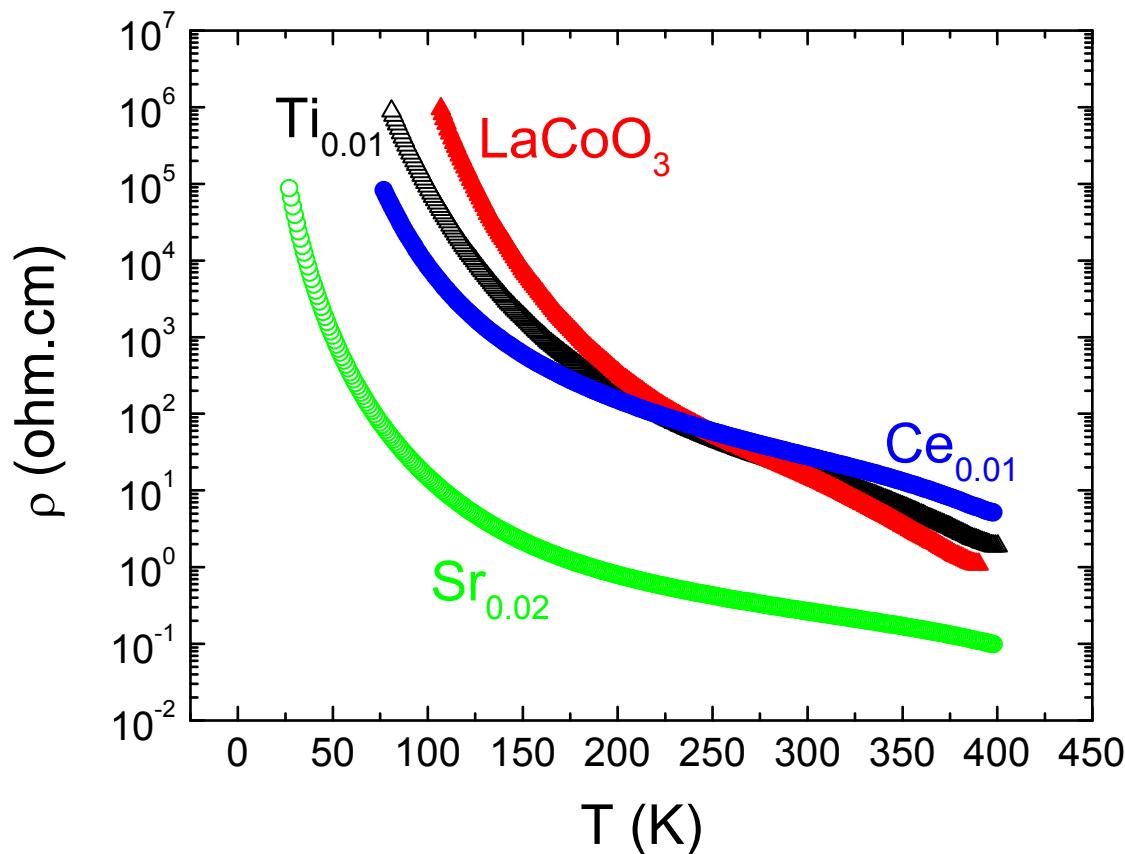
Eg decreases from 250 meV from LaCoO_3 to 36meV for $\text{La}_{0.95}\text{Sr}_{0.05}\text{CoO}_3$

Similar κ as Berggold et al.,
but much larger S
Oxygen stoichiometry?

Change of sign in LaCoO_3

Resistivity of $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{CoO}_3$

Asymmetry between hole and electron doping



$$\rho(\text{n type}) > \rho(\text{p type})$$

Typical of many oxides

Change of sign in LaCoO₃

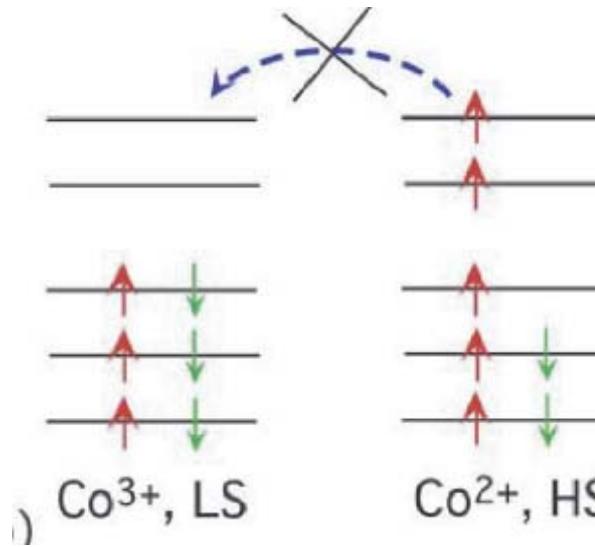
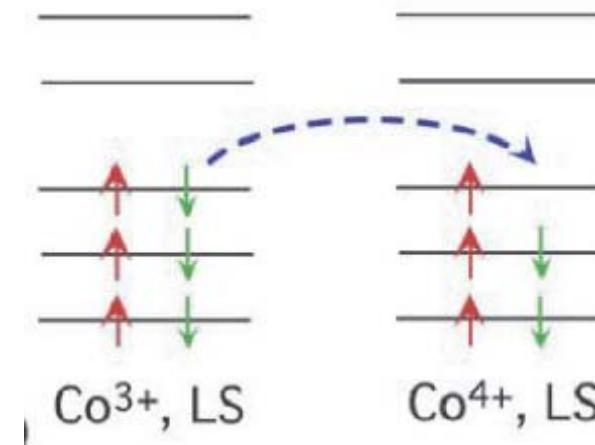
Spin blockade mechanism

A t_{2g} hole Co⁴⁺ can hop
in a background of LS Co³⁺

3d⁵ / 3d⁶

An e_g electron Co²⁺ cannot move in
a background of LS Co³⁺, requires
to flip other spins, wrong spin-states
LS Co²⁺ and IS Co³⁺ instead of LS

3d⁶ / 3d⁷



A. Maignan et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 026401 (2004)

The 112 family

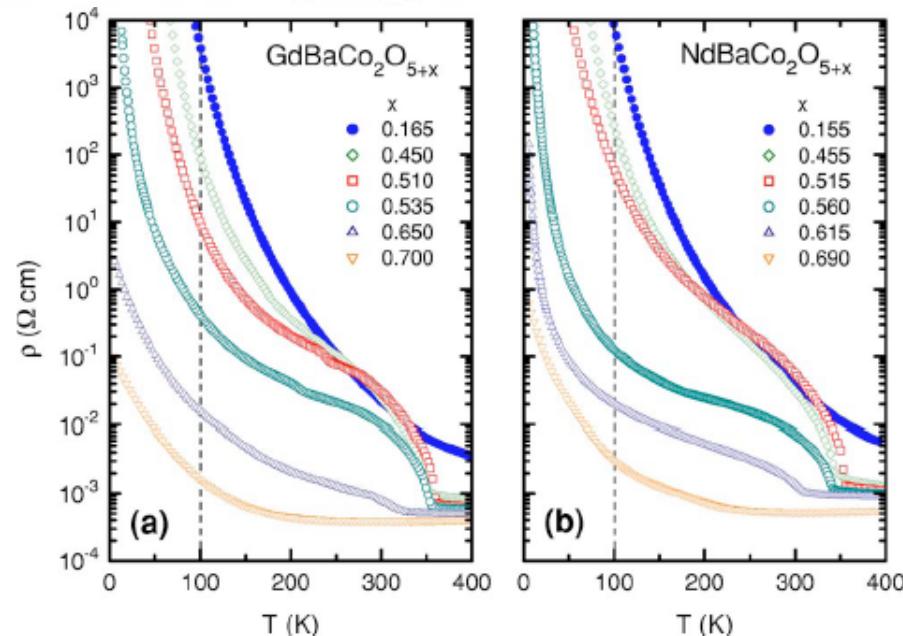
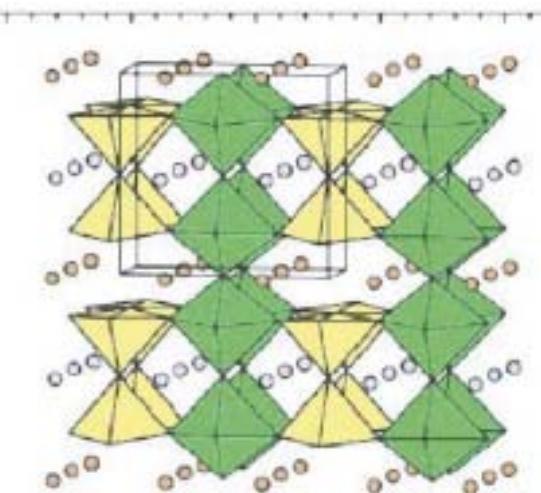


FIG. 2. (Color online) Temperature dependences of the in-plane resistivity $\rho(T)$ of (a) $\text{GdBaCo}_2\text{O}_{5+x}$ and (b) $\text{NdBaCo}_2\text{O}_{5+x}$ crystals.

The 112- family

$\text{Co}^{3+}/\text{Co}^{4+}$ or $\text{Co}^{2+}/\text{Co}^{3+}$

Pyramidal and octahedral sites
Possible spin state transitions

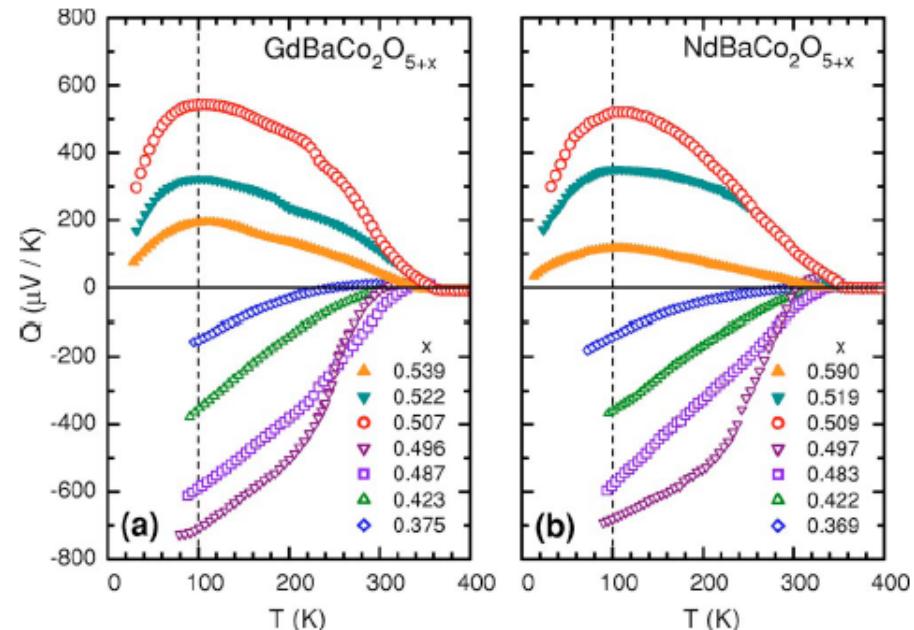


FIG. 3. (Color online) Temperature dependences of the Seebeck coefficient $Q(T)$ of (a) $\text{GdBaCo}_2\text{O}_{5+x}$ and (b) $\text{NdBaCo}_2\text{O}_{5+x}$ crystals.

A. A. Taskin et al., PRB73, 121101 (2006)

Quantitative analysis of S

Calculations of spin/orbital degeneracies taking into account the different sites
(octahedral / pyramidal)

Explains the larger values for n type (HS Co²⁺) compared to p type (LS Co⁴⁺)

Differences in orbital
degeneracies
for octahedra / pyramids

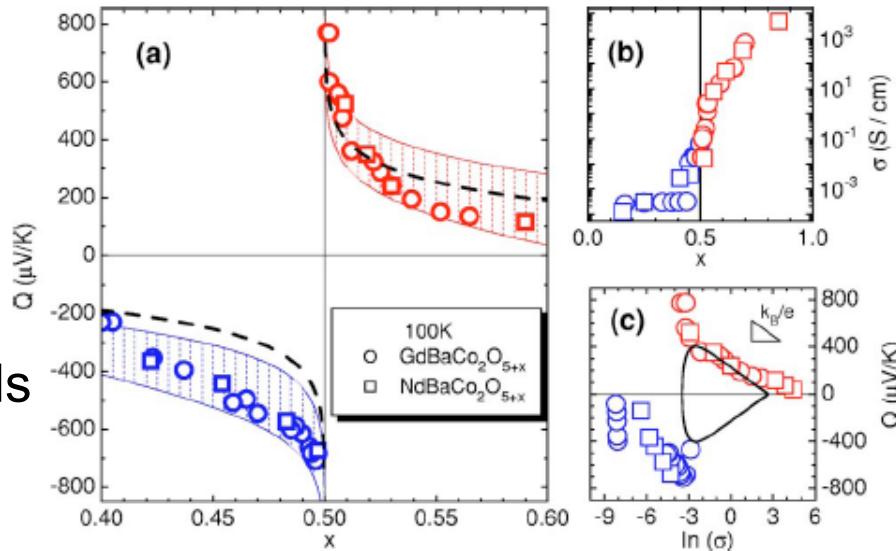
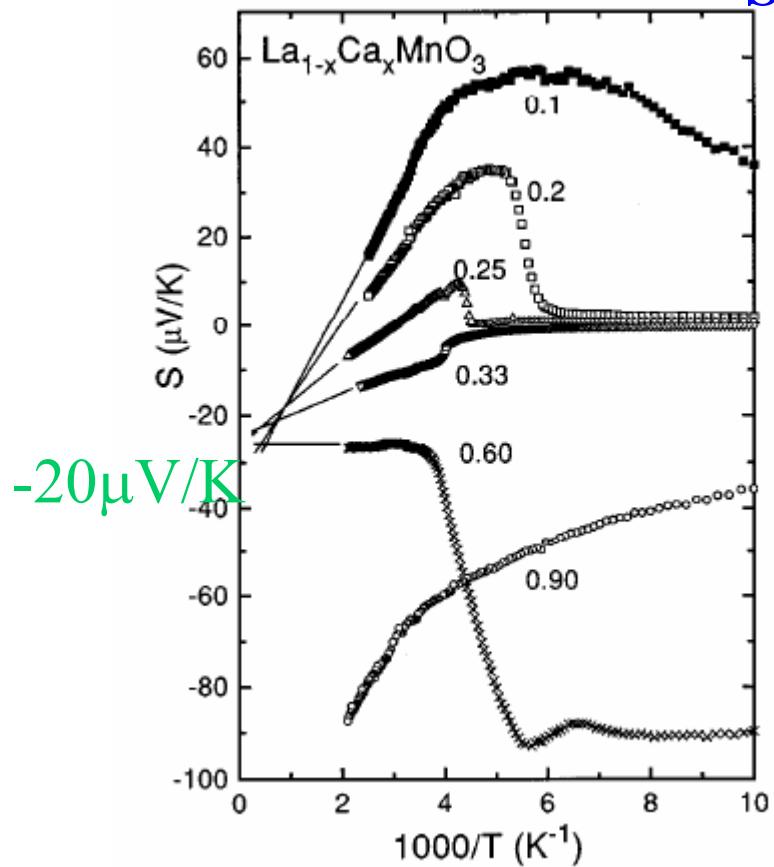


FIG. 4. (Color online) (a) The doping dependence of the Seebeck coefficient $Q(x)$ of $\text{GdBaCo}_2\text{O}_{5+x}$ (circles) and $\text{NdBaCo}_2\text{O}_{5+x}$ (squares) crystals at $T=100$ K. The hatched area represents the entire available range of the entropy contribution to the thermopower $\Delta Q_n(x)$ and $\Delta Q_p(x)$. (b) The doping dependence of the conductivity $\sigma(x)$ of $\text{GdBaCo}_2\text{O}_{5+x}$ (circles) and $\text{NdBaCo}_2\text{O}_{5+x}$ (squares) crystals at $T=100$ K. (c) Jonker plot for $\text{RBaCo}_2\text{O}_{5+x}$ (see text).

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High Temperature properties of manganites

S independent on x in
a large range of x



-20 μV/K

-80 μV/K

-100

1000/T (K⁻¹)

-20 μV/K

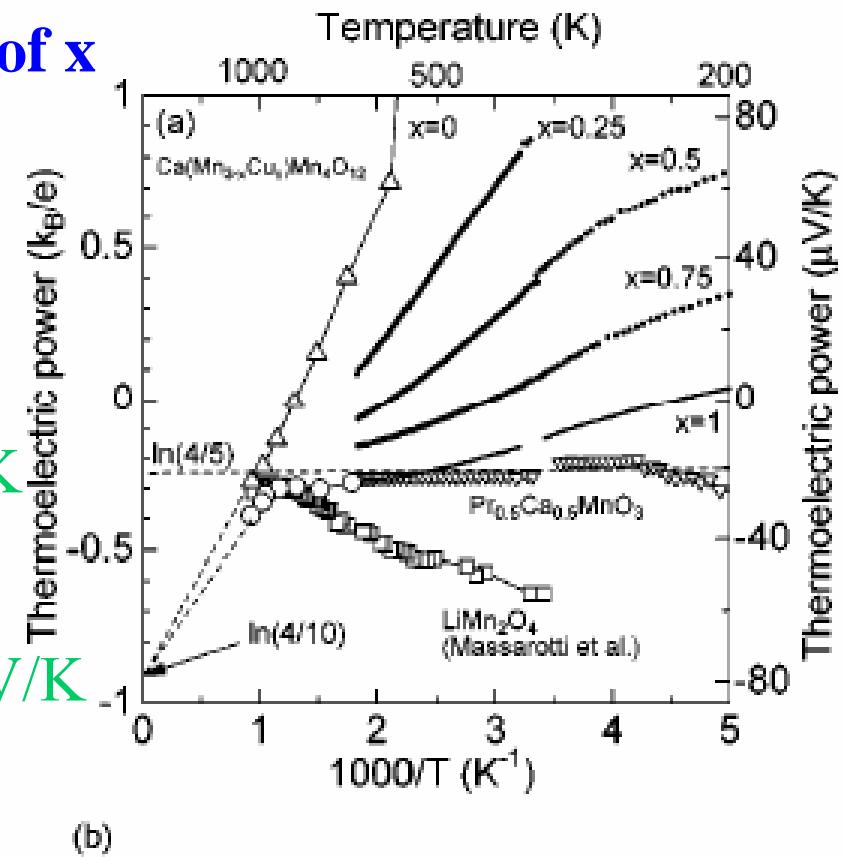
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-100

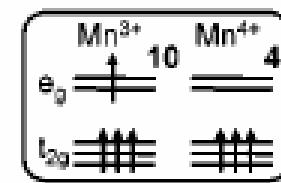
T. T. M. Palstra et al., Phys. Rev. B 56, 5104 (1997)

Spin degeneracy + Orbital degeneracy

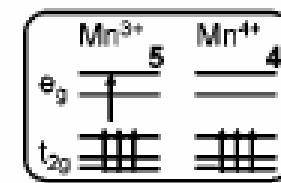
$$S = -\frac{k_B}{e} \ln\left(\frac{2S_0+1}{2S_1+1}\right) \quad S_0 = 3/2 \text{ (Mn}^{4+}) \quad S_1 = 2 \text{ (Mn}^{3+})$$



(b)



High T



Low T

'Probe' of Jahn Teller effect

W. Kobayashi et al., J. Appl. Phys. 95, 6825 (2004)

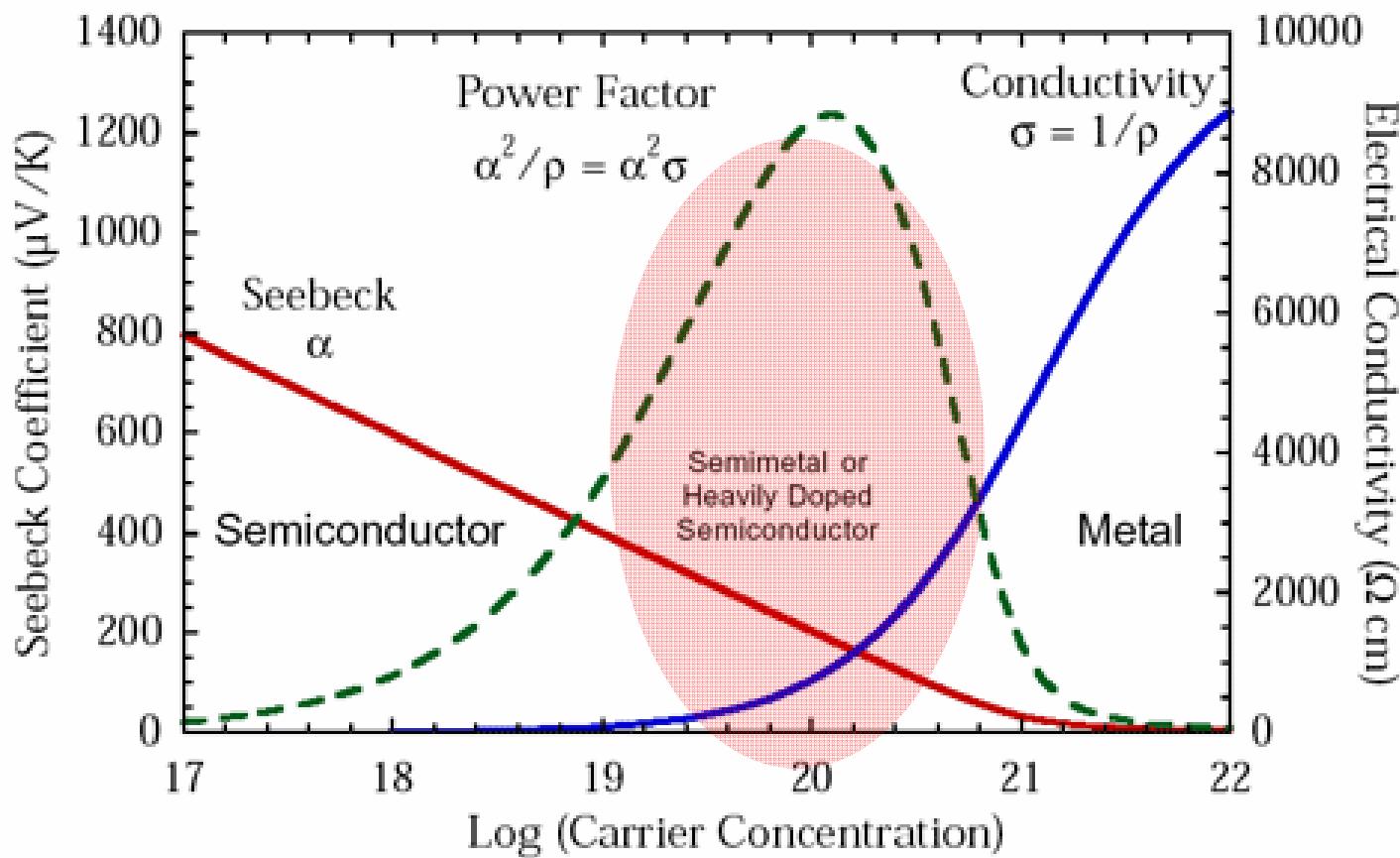
Semi – conducting oxides

The Heikes formula

- Possibility to get p and n type oxides
- Spin and/or orbital degeneracies have to be taken into account for a quantitative analysis
- Explains the asymmetry between n and p type

But too large resistivity !

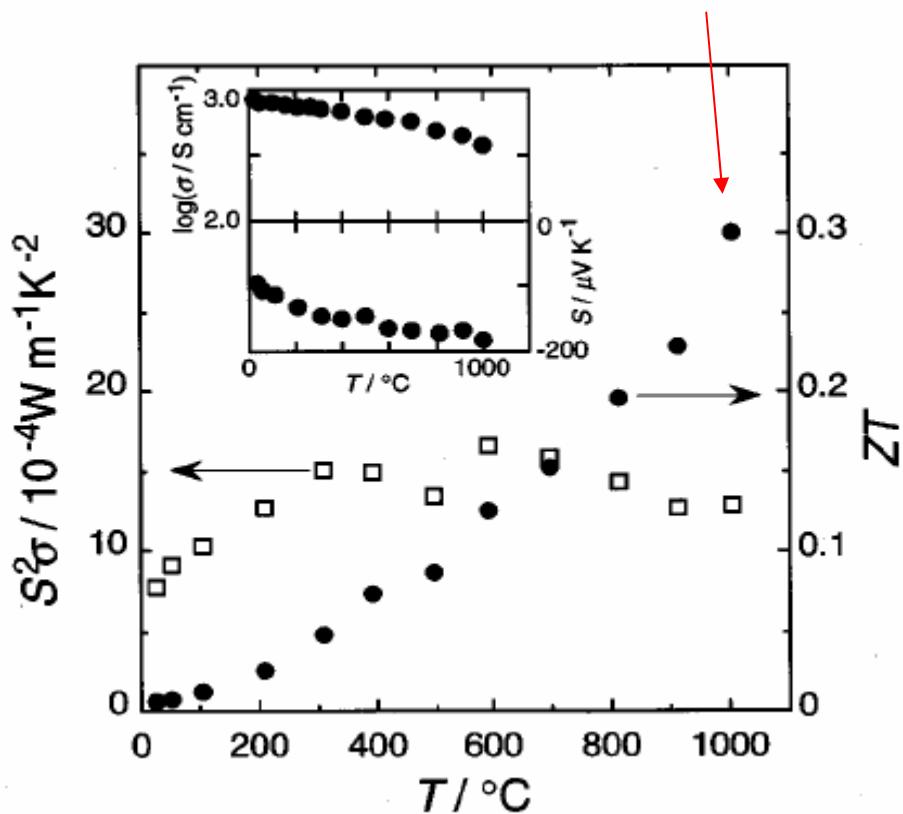
Degenerate semi-conductors : Best n type oxides



Type n : ZnO

Zn_{1-x}Al_xO (x = 0 – 0.1)

$$ZT = 0.3$$

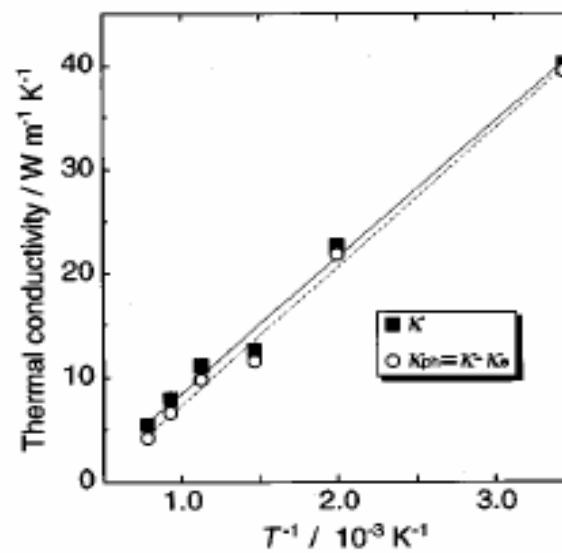


Broadband model for extrinsic n type semiconductor

$$\sigma = ne\mu,$$

$$S = -(k/e)[\ln(N_v/n) + A].$$

Large mobility of the carriers : 3 – 7 cm²/Vs



κ too high!

$\kappa = 40 \text{Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$ at 300K
 $\kappa = 5.4 \text{ Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$ at 1000°C

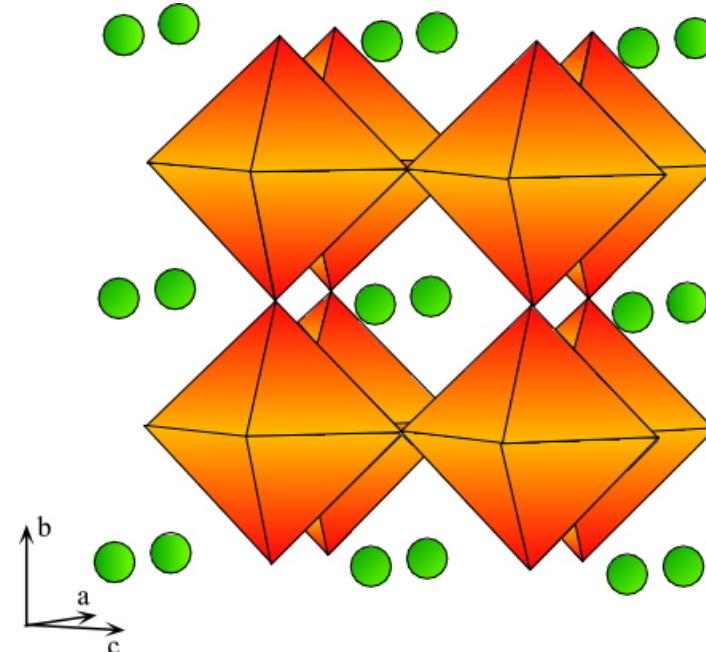
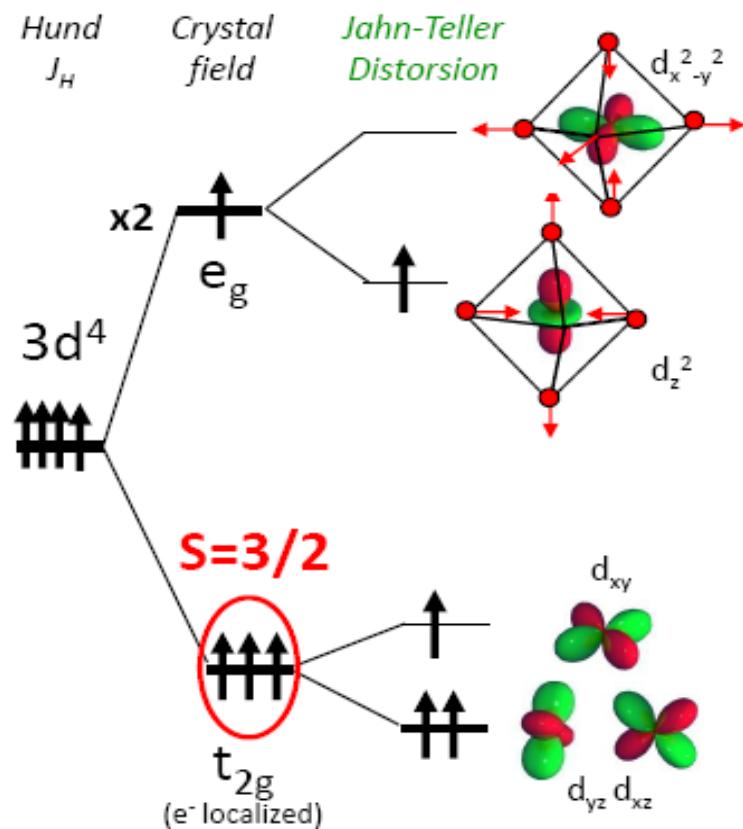
Type n : CaMnO_3

Partially filled 3d levels

Peroovskite $\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Sm}_x\text{MnO}_3$

$\text{Mn}^{3+} \text{t}_{2g}^3 \text{e}_g^1$, HS JT

$$V(\text{Mn}) = 4 - x$$



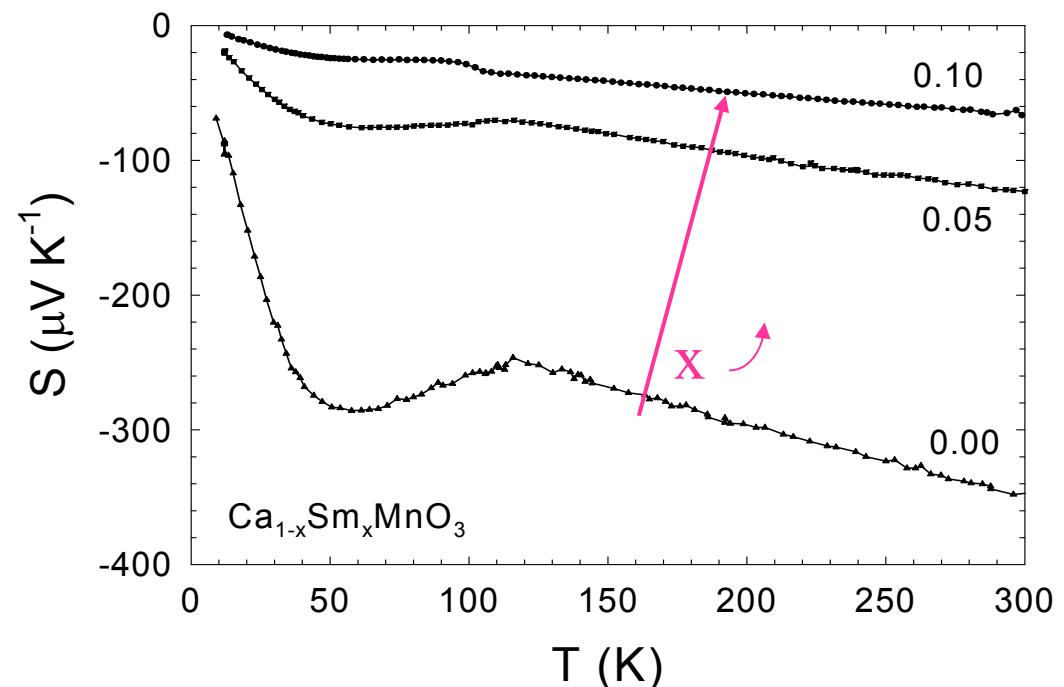
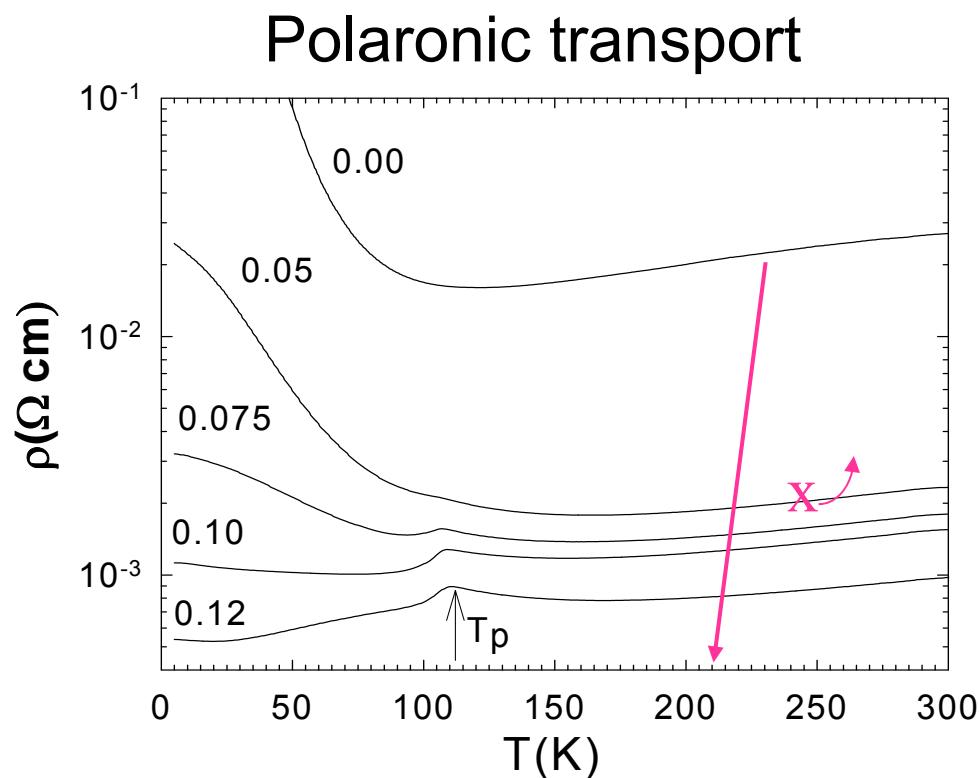
Type n : CaMnO_3

$V_{\text{Mn}} > 3.5$

Type n
Perovskite $\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Sm}_x\text{MnO}_3$
A-site doping

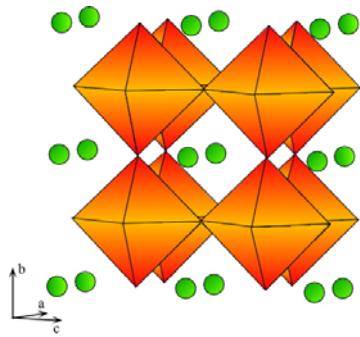
Partially filled 3d levels

$\text{Mn}^{3+} t_{2g}^3 e_g^1$, HS JT
 $\text{Mn}^{4+} t_{2g}^3$, HS



$$-\alpha = \pi^2 * k_B^2 / (3e) * T * \{N(E)/n + \text{cst.}\}|_{E=E_F}$$

J. Hejtmanek et al., PRB60, 14057 (1999)

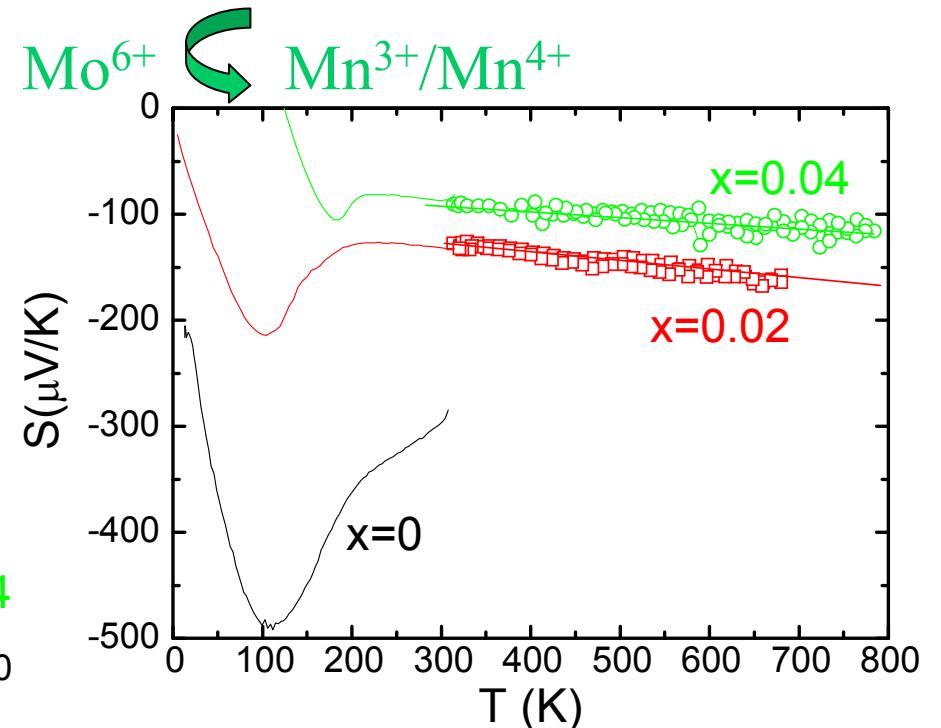
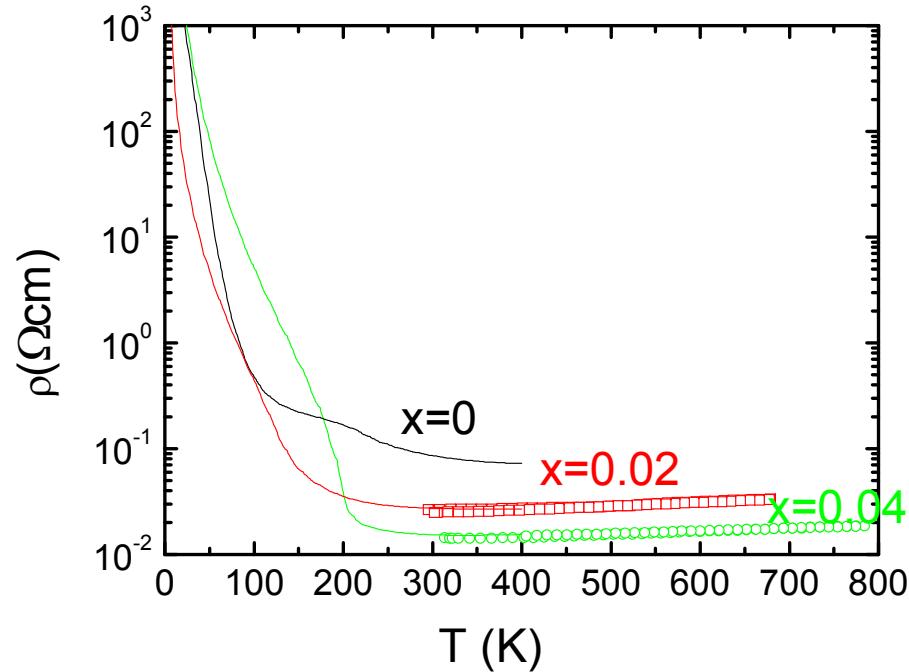


Manganese oxides

n type $\text{SrMn}_{1-x}\text{Mo}_x\text{O}_3$

$3d^3 t_{2g}^3 / 3d^4 t_{2g}^3 e_g^1$

$\text{SrMnO}_3 : \text{Mn}^{4+}$



Metallic up to high T / S linear in T

Power factor increases as T increases : $\text{PF} = 9 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-2}$ for $x=0.02$ at 800K

$$S = \pi^2 \times k_B / 3e \times k_B T (\partial \ln \sigma(E) / \partial E)$$

Measurements by J. Hejtmanek (Prague)

Type n : CaMnO_3

$\text{Ca}_{0.9}\text{M}_{0.1}\text{MnO}_3$

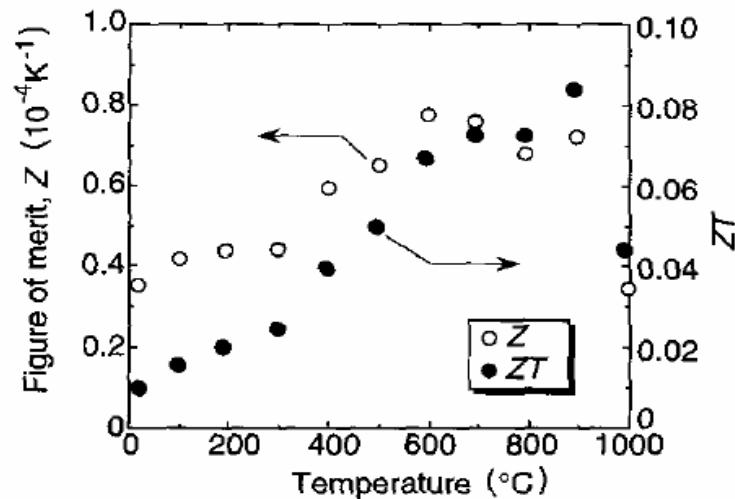
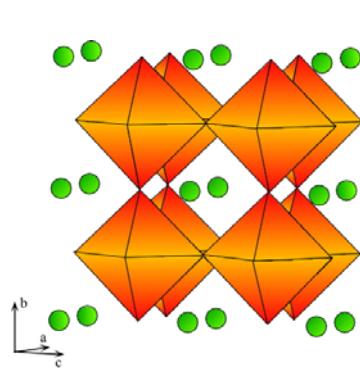
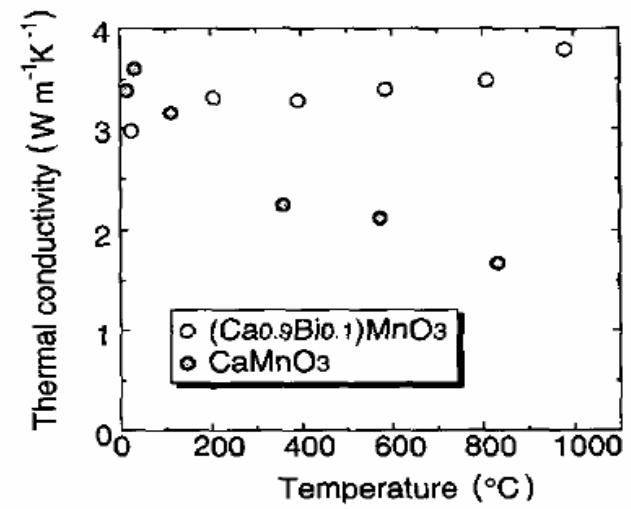
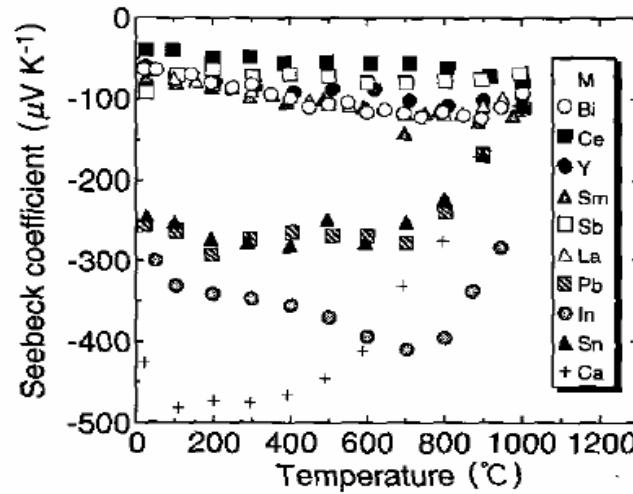
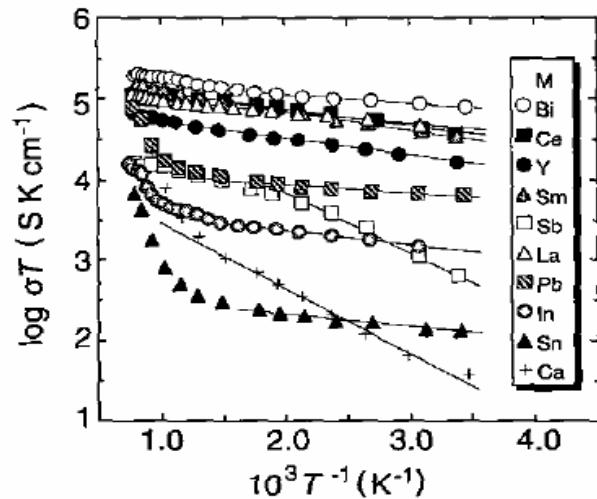


FIG. 7. The temperature dependence of the figures of merit Z and the dimensionless figures of merit ZT for $(\text{Ca}_{0.9}\text{Bi}_{0.1})\text{MnO}_3$.

M. Ohtaki et al., JSSC120, 105 (1995)

$ZT \sim 0.1$ à 900°C

Carrier concentration
 10^{19} - 10^{21} cm^{-3}

J. L. Cohn et al.,
PRB72, 024422 (2006)

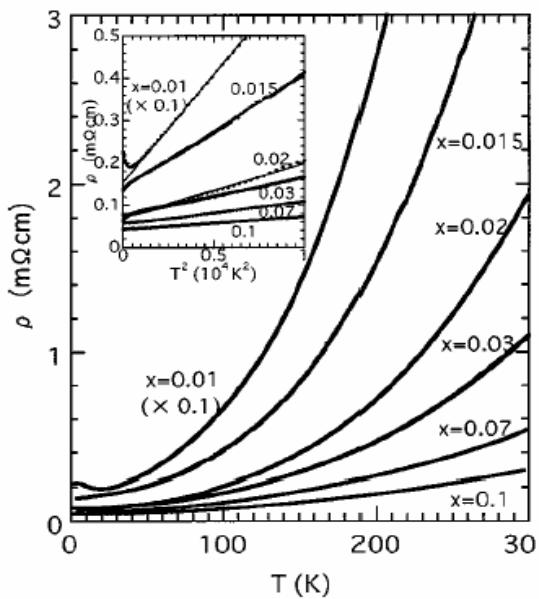
n type : SrTiO_3

$\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{La}_x\text{TiO}_3$

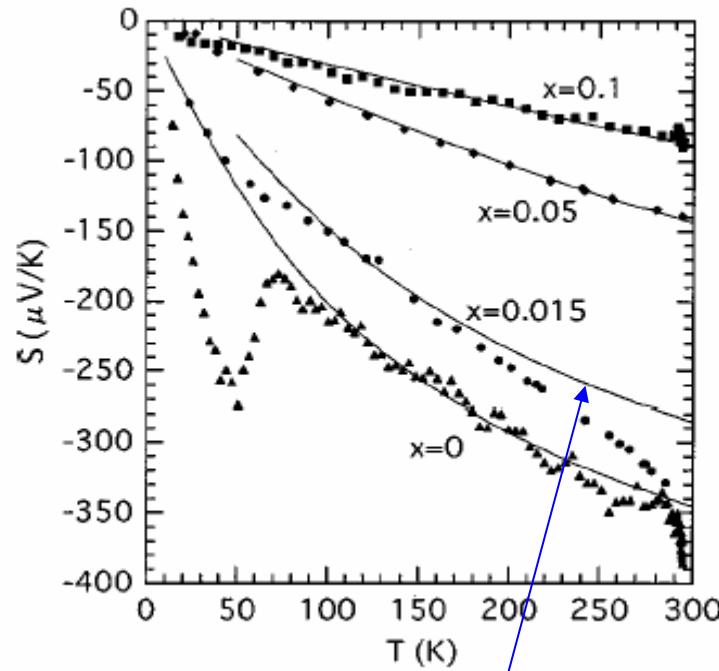
SrTiO_3 = non magnetic insulator

La^{3+} : doping of Ti^{3+} in a matrix of Ti^{4+}

$3d^0 / 3d^1$



$\sigma \sim n$
(Constant mobility)



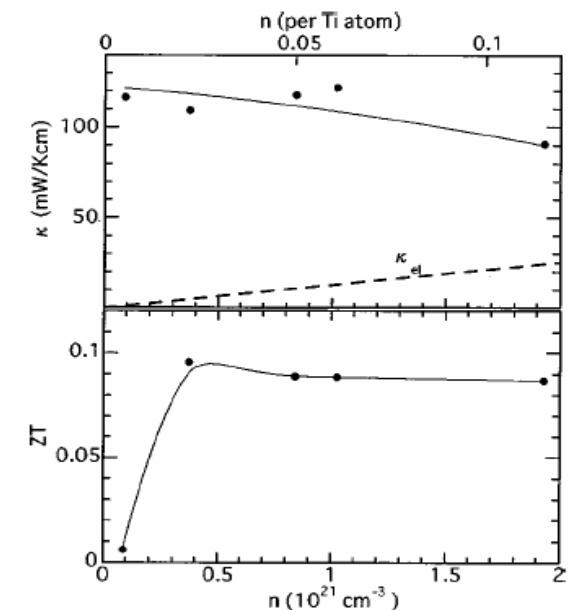
Boltzmann model for a parabolic band
Degenerate semi-conductor

$$n \sim 10^{20} - 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$\text{PF} = 28 - 36 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ WK}^{-2}\text{m}^{-1}$$

But electrical conductivity too large!!

T. Okuda et al., PRB63, 113104 (2001)



$ZT = 0.22$ for $\text{Sr}_{0.9}\text{Dy}_{0.1}\text{TiO}_3$
at 573K

H. Muta et al., J. Alloys and Comp. 350, 292 (2003)

n type : SrTiO_3

$\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{La}_x\text{TiO}_3$

TABLE I. Various physical quantities derived from measurements of the resistivity, specific heat, Hall, and Seebeck coefficients (S) in $\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{La}_x\text{TiO}_3$ crystals; n is the carrier (electron) density, A is the T^2 coefficient of resistivity, γ is the electronic specific heat coefficient, m^* is the carrier effective mass, T_F is the Fermi temperature, Θ_D is the Debye temperature, and μ is the chemical potential. S_r represents the calculated Seebeck coefficient with use of the scattering parameter r [see Eq. (1) in the text]. n , μ , S , and S_r are the values at 300 K.

x	n (1/Ti)	n (10^{20} cm $^{-3}$)	A (Ω cm/K 2)	γ (mJ/K 2 mol)	m^*/m_b	T_F (K)	Θ_D (K)	μ (eV)	$-S$ ($\mu\text{V/K}$)	$-S_0$ ($\mu\text{V/K}$)	$-S_1$ ($\mu\text{V/K}$)	$-S_2$ ($\mu\text{V/K}$)
0	0.0052	0.877	3.68×10^{-7}	0.63	1.17	343	402	0.0061	380	190	268	345
0.015	0.014	2.31	2.58×10^{-8}						350			
0.02	0.022	3.73	1.21×10^{-8}	1.04	1.51	697	378	0.0488	260	150	182	247
0.04	0.05	8.41	6.69×10^{-9}						162			
0.05	0.061	10.23	5.14×10^{-9}	1.96	1.62	1273	380	0.102	147	93	118	168
0.1	0.11	19.31	3.08×10^{-9}						88.7			

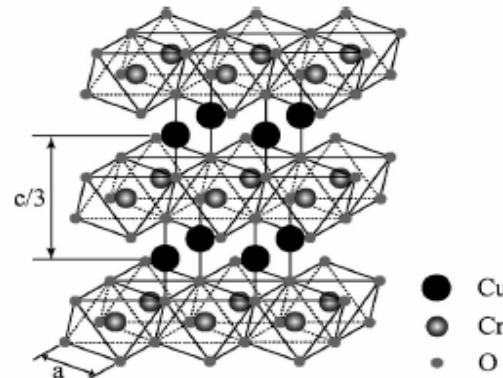
Carrier concentration
 $10^{19} - 10^{21}$ cm $^{-3}$

γ smaller than for p type oxides
Less sensitive to correlation effects

Type *p* : delafossites

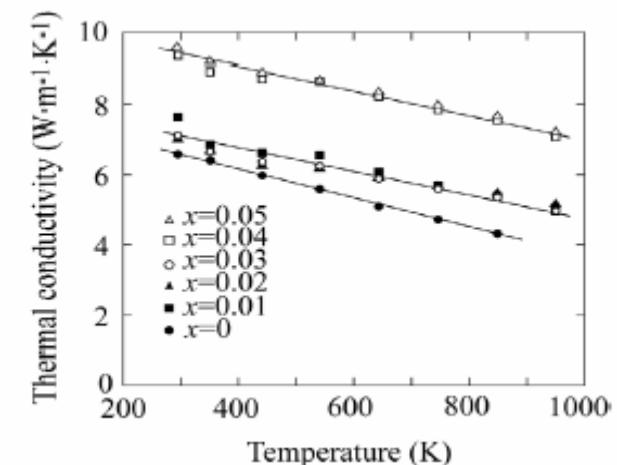
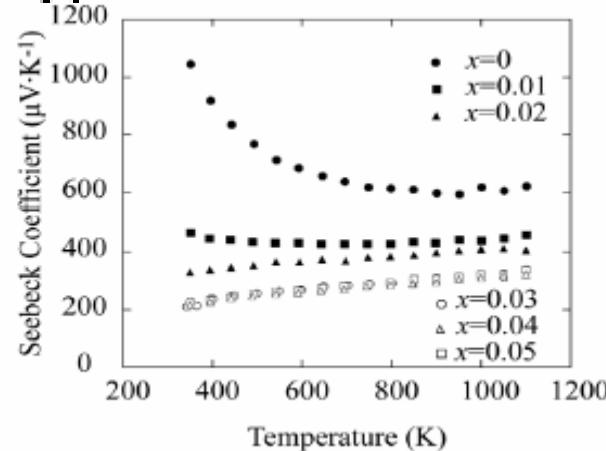
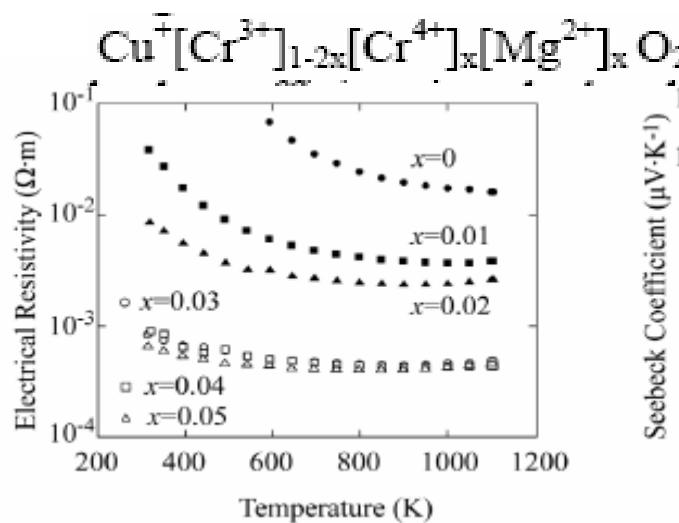
CuCr_{1-x}Mg_xO₂ delafossites

CrO₂ layers : edge shared octahedra



Possibility to get *p* type oxides

ZT = 0.04 at 950K



T. Okuda et al., PRB72, 144403 (2005), Y. Ono et al., ICT 2006

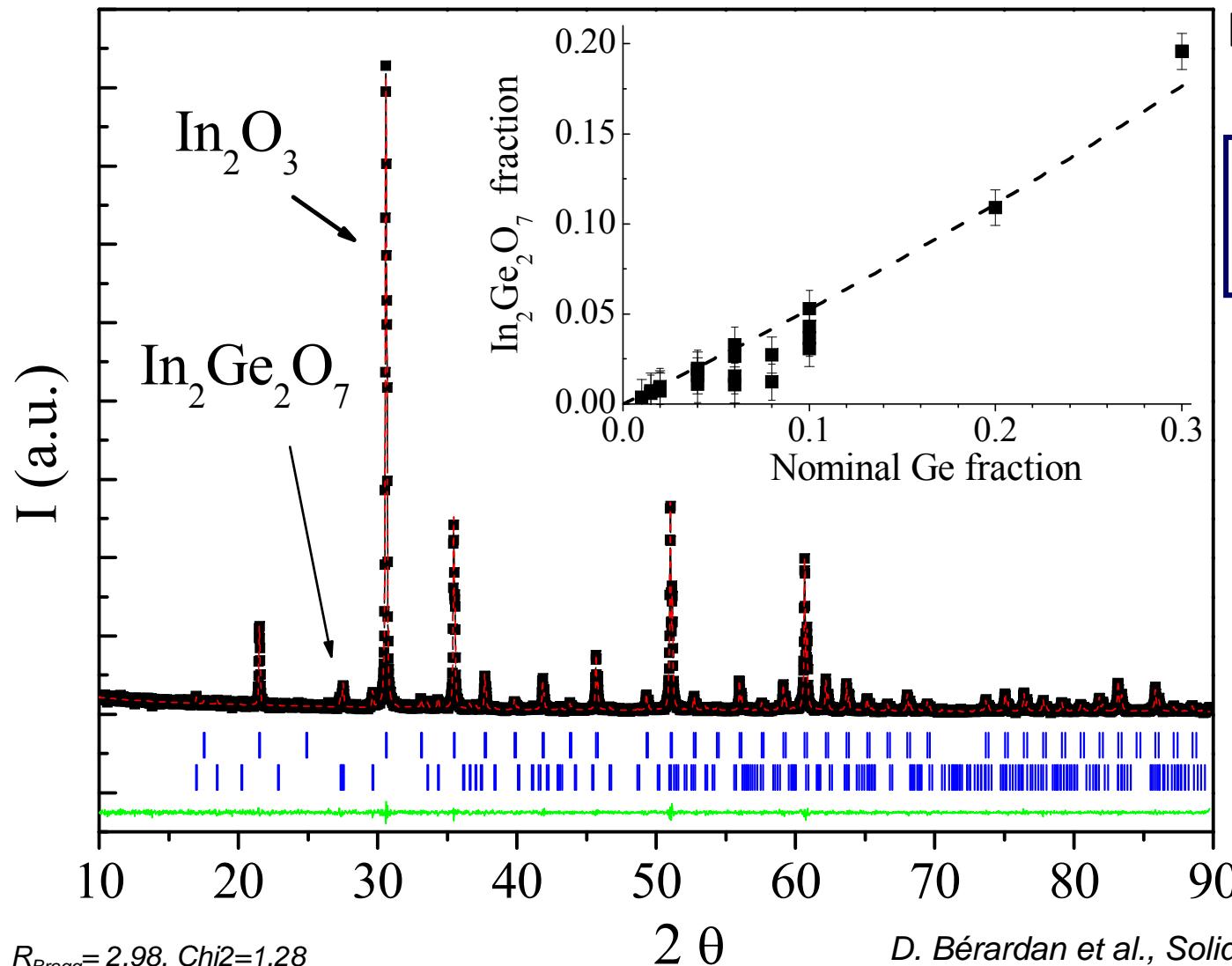
CuRh_{0.9}Mg_{0.1}O₂ : ZT = 0.15 à 1000K

H. Kuriyama et al., ICT2006



XRD

Doping or microstructure effect??



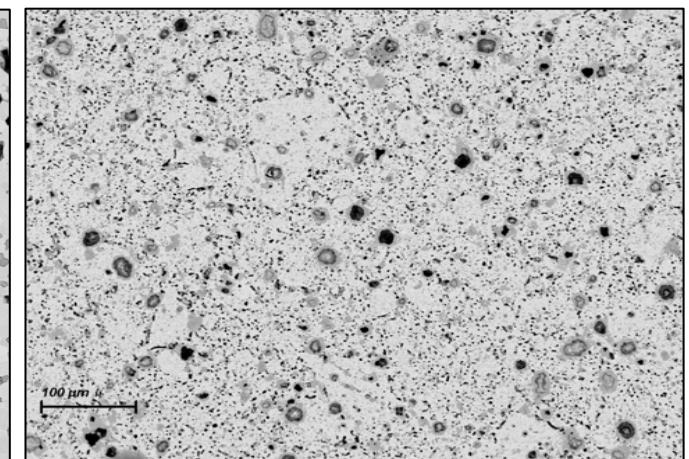
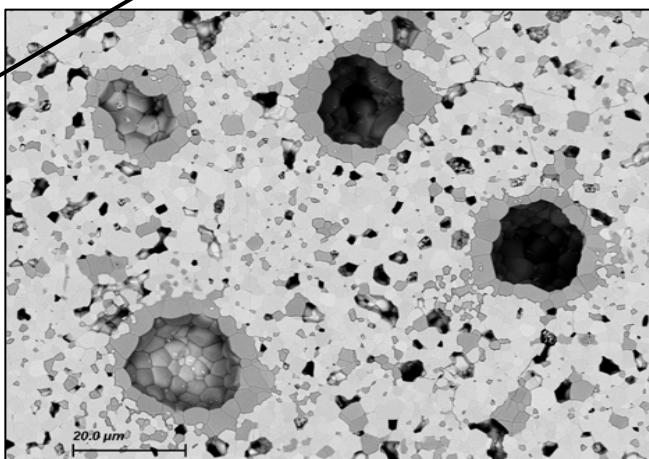
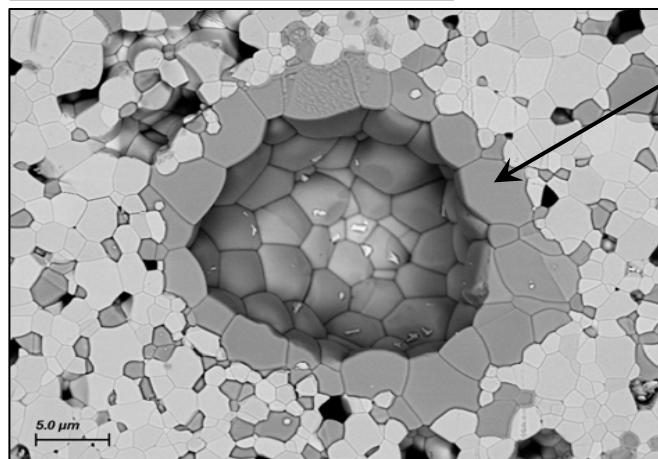
No substitution occurs
or
Small Ge solubility limit

Sample
 $\text{In}_{1.9}\text{Ge}_{0.1}\text{O}_3$

$\text{In}_{2-x}\text{Ge}_x\text{O}_3$

Microstructure

Sample
 $\text{In}_{1.8}\text{Ge}_{0.2}\text{O}_3$

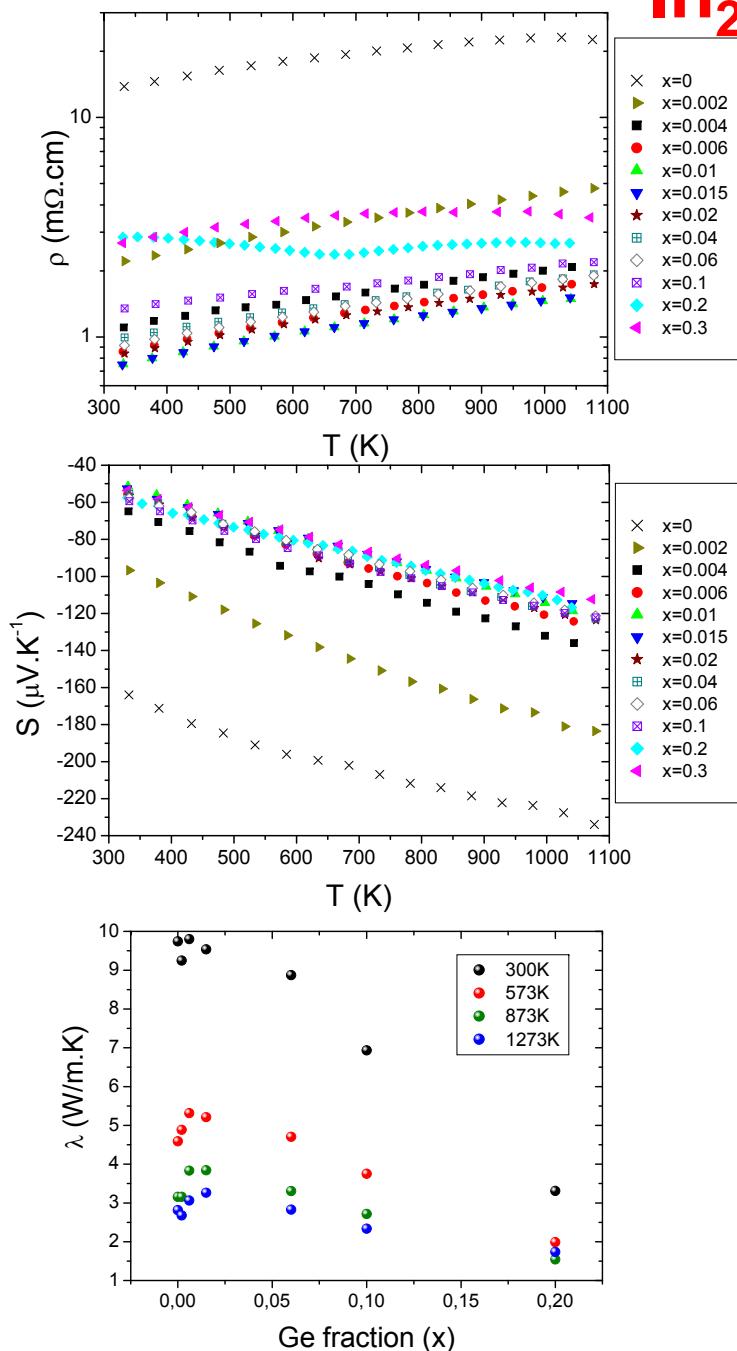


$\text{In}_2\text{Ge}_2\text{O}_7$

EDS analyses: Ge is not detectable in the grains

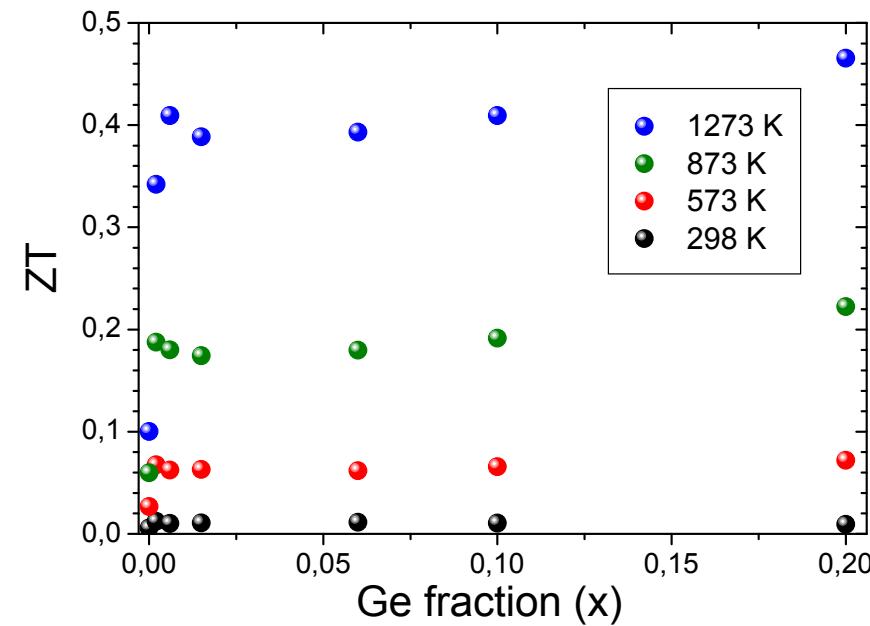
No grain size modification

Type n : In_2O_3



In_2O_3 doped with Ge

$\text{In}_{2-x}\text{Ge}_x\text{O}_3$



ZT = 0.4 à 1273K

D. Bérardan et al., Solid Stat. Comm. 2008

Doped CaMnO₃ : New preparation techniques

Soft chemistry techniques

L. Bocher et al., Inorg. Chem. 47,
8077 (2008)

Reduction of κ
Possible size effect?

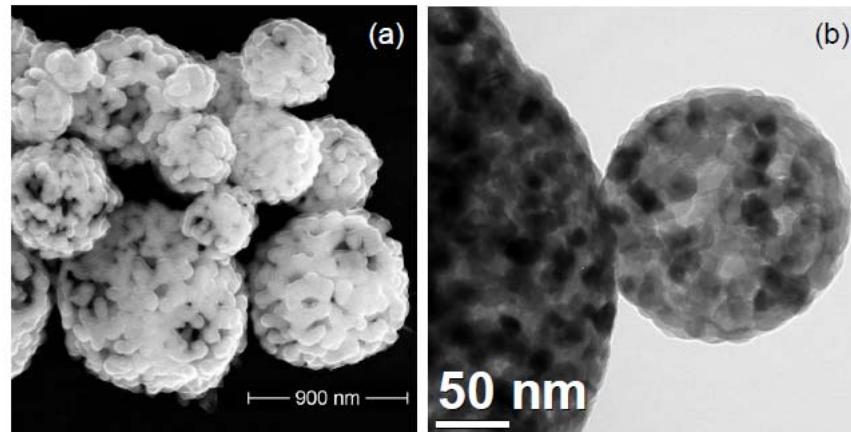


Fig. 1. a) SEM picture and b) low resolution TEM of hollow perovskite spheres

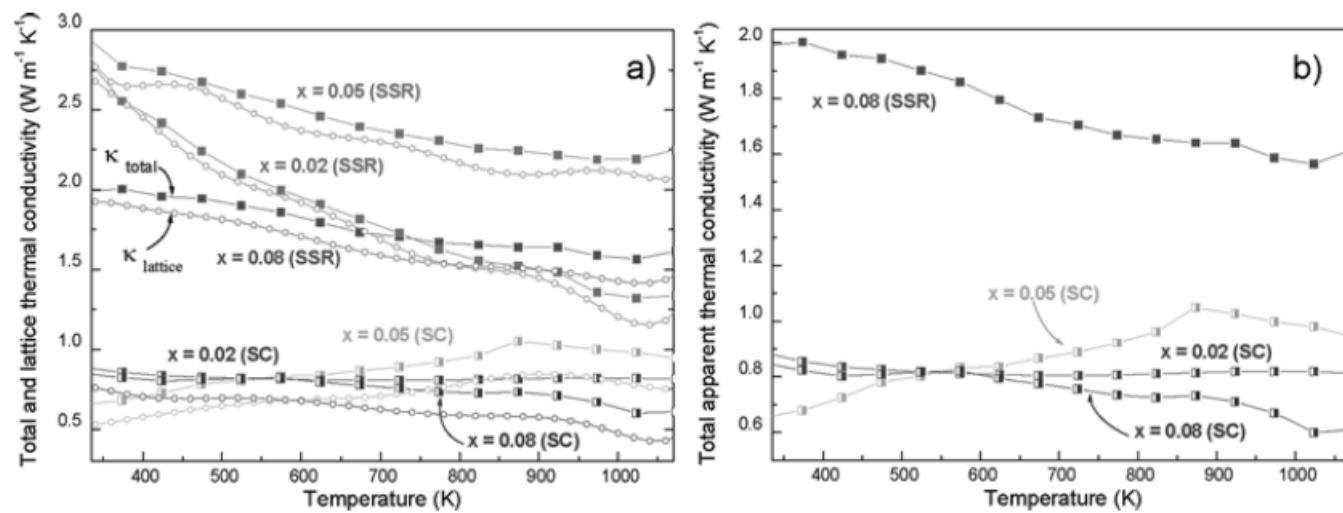


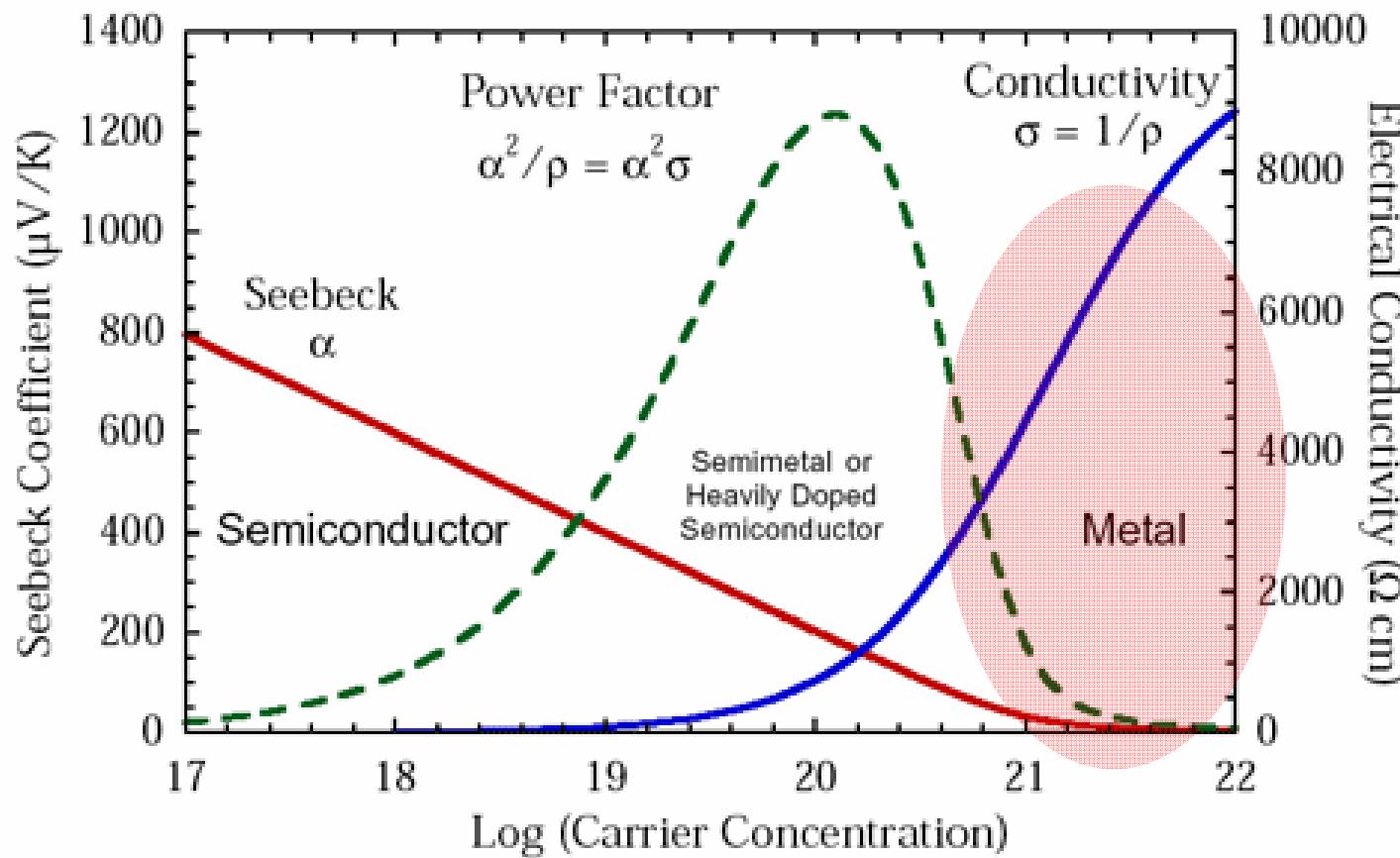
Figure 8. (a) Total thermal conductivity κ_{total} of CaMn_{1-x}Nb_xO₃ ($x = 0.02, 0.05$, and 0.08) synthesized by both SSR (closed symbols) and SC (half-open symbols) methods and lattice contribution κ_l (open symbols) versus T and (b) highlight in the low thermal conductivity range.

Degenerate semi - conductors

- Classical behavior which can be described by the Boltzmann model
Very small enhancement of the effective mass
 - Mostly n type (p tye in delafossites)
 - Problem : too large thermal conductivity

Microstructure modification is necessary to enhance ZT

Na_xCoO_2 and related metallic compounds (p type)



Na_xCoO_2
Misfits

Cobalt bronzes family of Na_xCoO_2

C. Fouassier et al., JSSC6, 532 (1973)

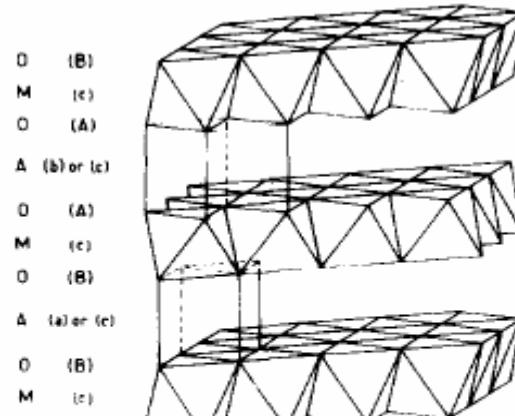


Fig. 1. Layer structure of $\text{Na}_{0.70}\text{CoO}_{2-y}$.

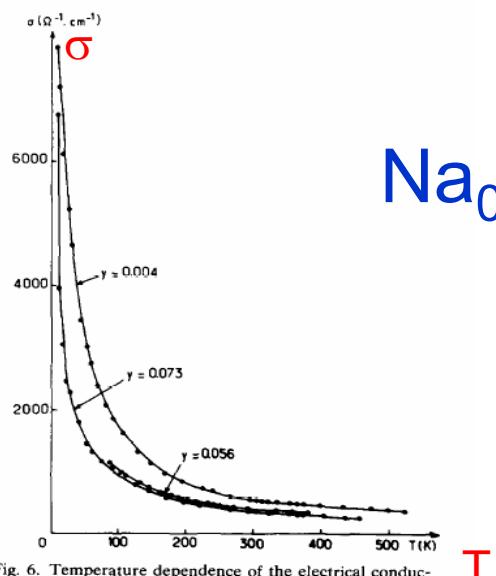


Fig. 6. Temperature dependence of the electrical conductivity of quenched pellets.

$\text{Na}_{0.7}\text{CoO}_{2-y}$

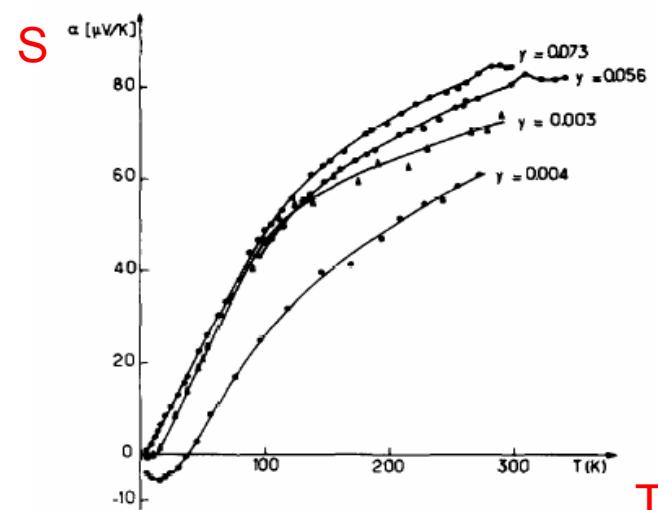


Fig. 7. Temperature dependence of the thermoelectric power of quenched pellets.

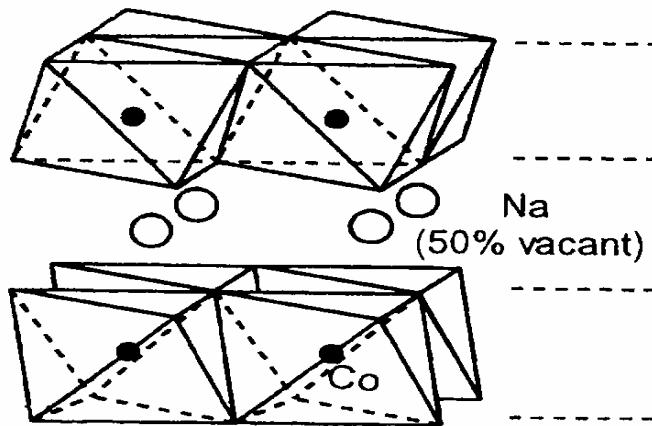
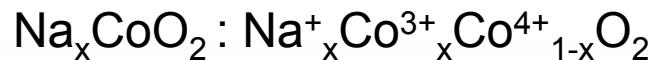
J. Molenda, C. Delmas, P. Dordor, A. Stoklosa,
Solid Stat. Ionics 12, 473 (1989)

Introduction

$\text{Na}_{0.7}\text{CoO}_2$

' Phonon Glass / Electron crystal '

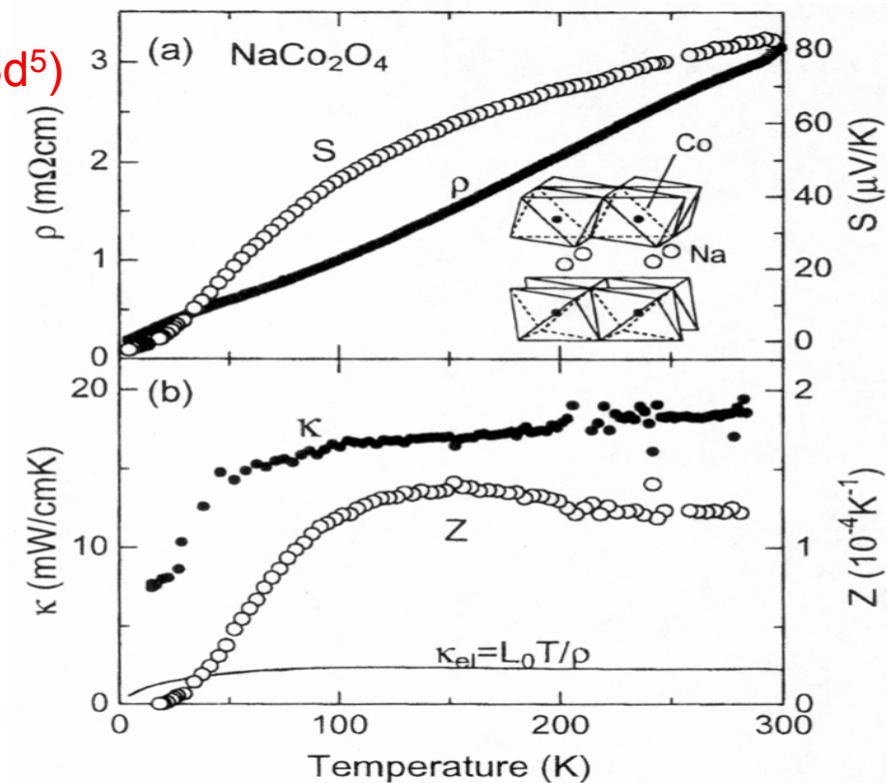
I. Terasaki et al., Phys. Rev. B 56, R12685 (1997)



Co^{3+} ($3d^6$) / Co^{4+} ($3d^5$)

At 300K
Metallicity (crystals) $\rho \sim 0.2 \text{ m}\Omega \text{ cm}$
Large S $S \sim +80 \mu\text{V/K}$
Small κ (polycrystals) $\kappa \sim 2 \text{ Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$
(crystals) $\kappa \sim 5 \text{ Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$

Measurements on polycrystals



Power factor $P=S^2/\rho$ at 300K

$\text{Na}_{0.7}\text{CoO}_2$

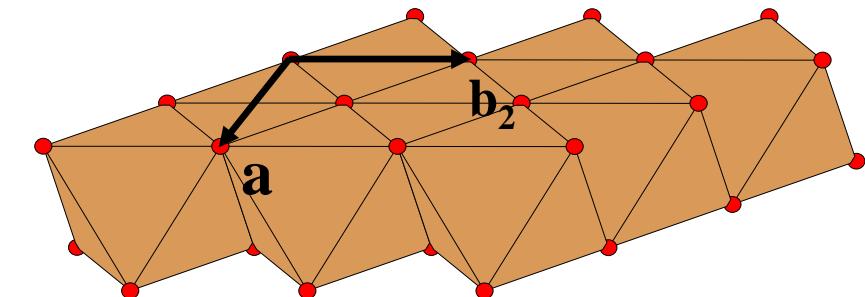
$P = 50 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ WK}^{-2}\text{m}^{-1}$

Bi_2Te_3

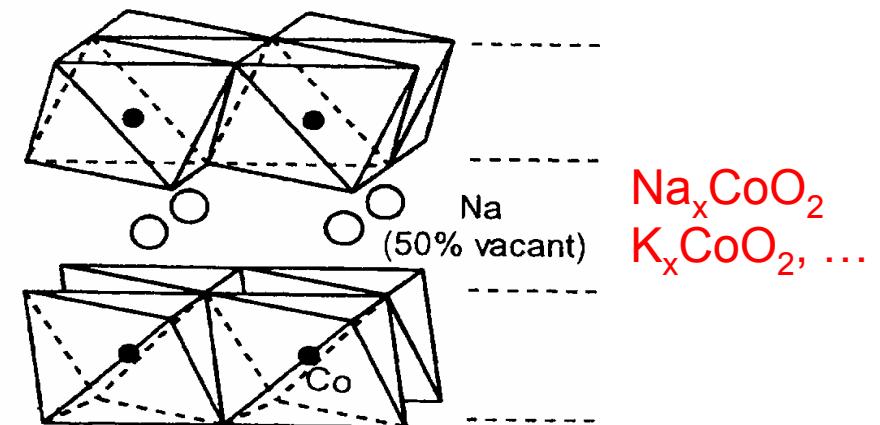
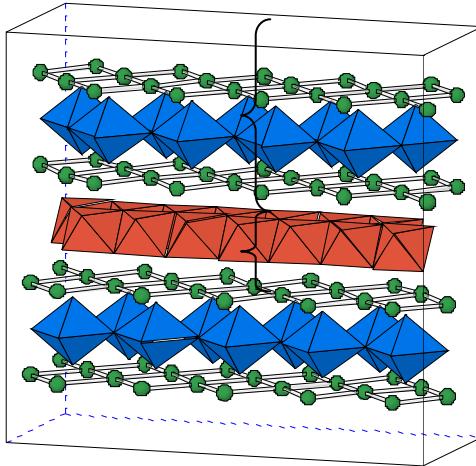
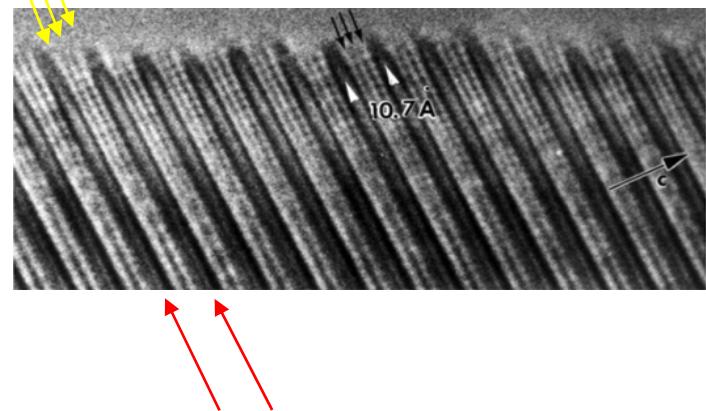
$P = 40 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ WK}^{-2}\text{m}^{-1}$

Na_xCoO_2
Misfits

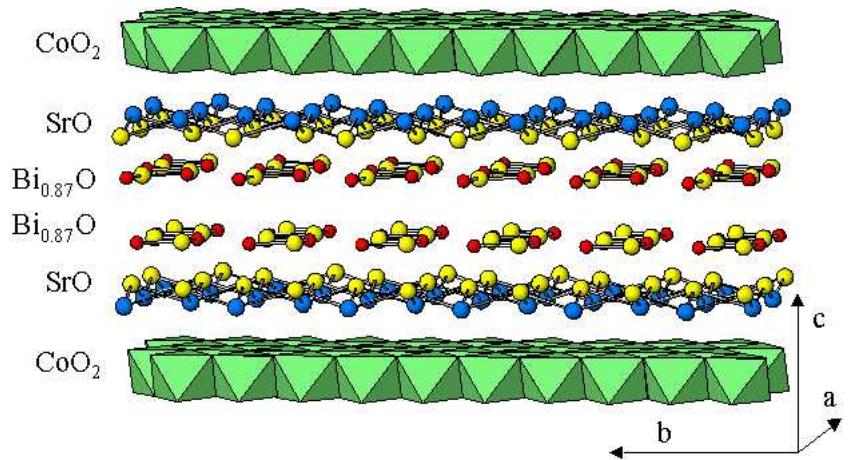
Lamellar oxides with CoO_2 layers



Triple AO layer (NaCl-type)



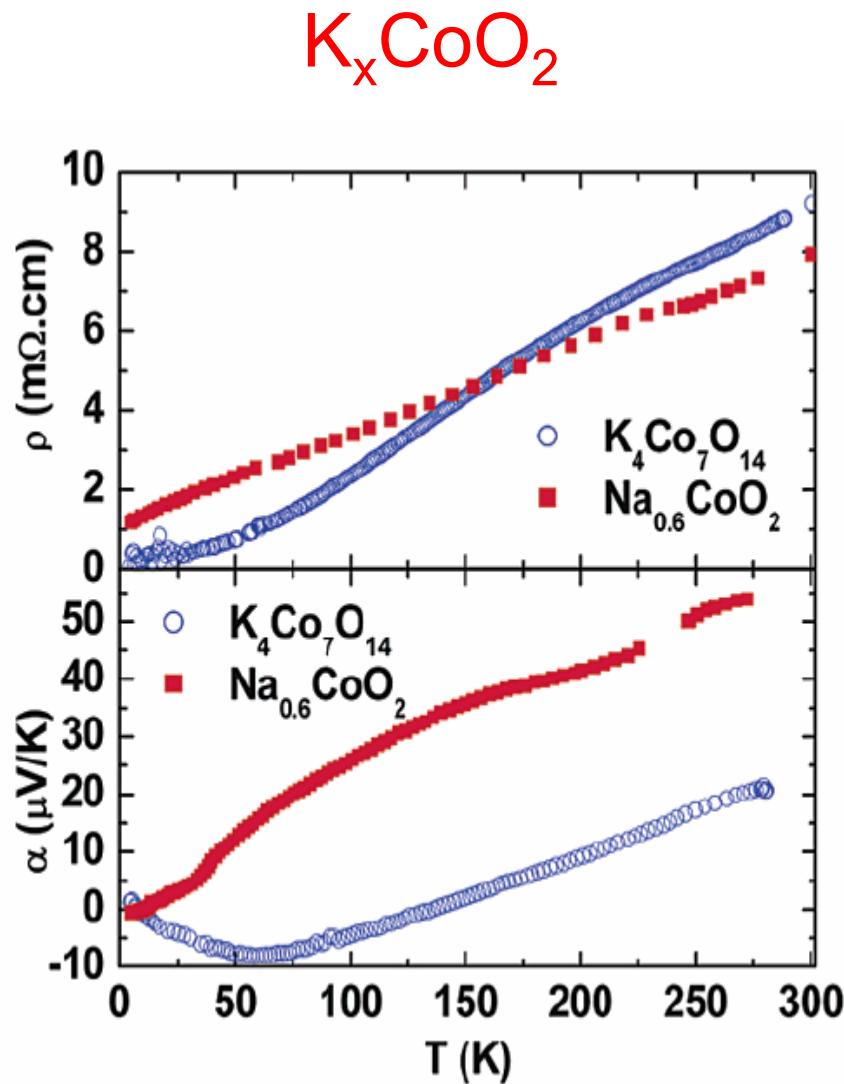
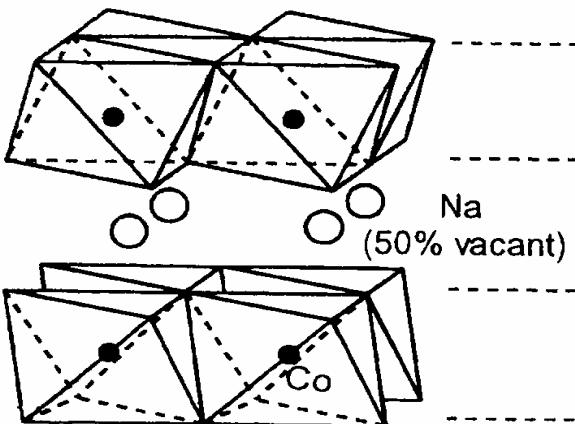
Na_xCoO_2
 K_xCoO_2 , ...



Misfit family : 2, 3 or 4 separating layers

Heikes formula : doping influence?
Band structure influence : peculiarity of CoO_2 layers ?
Role of separating block layers?

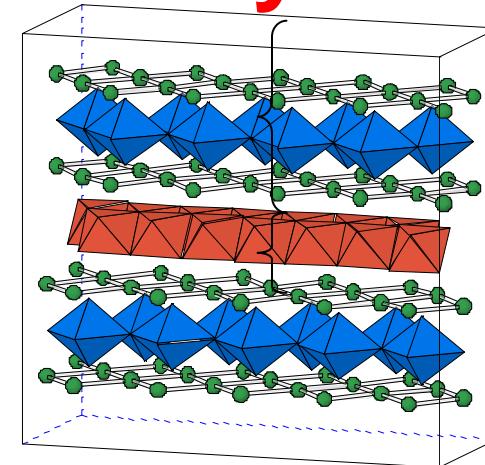
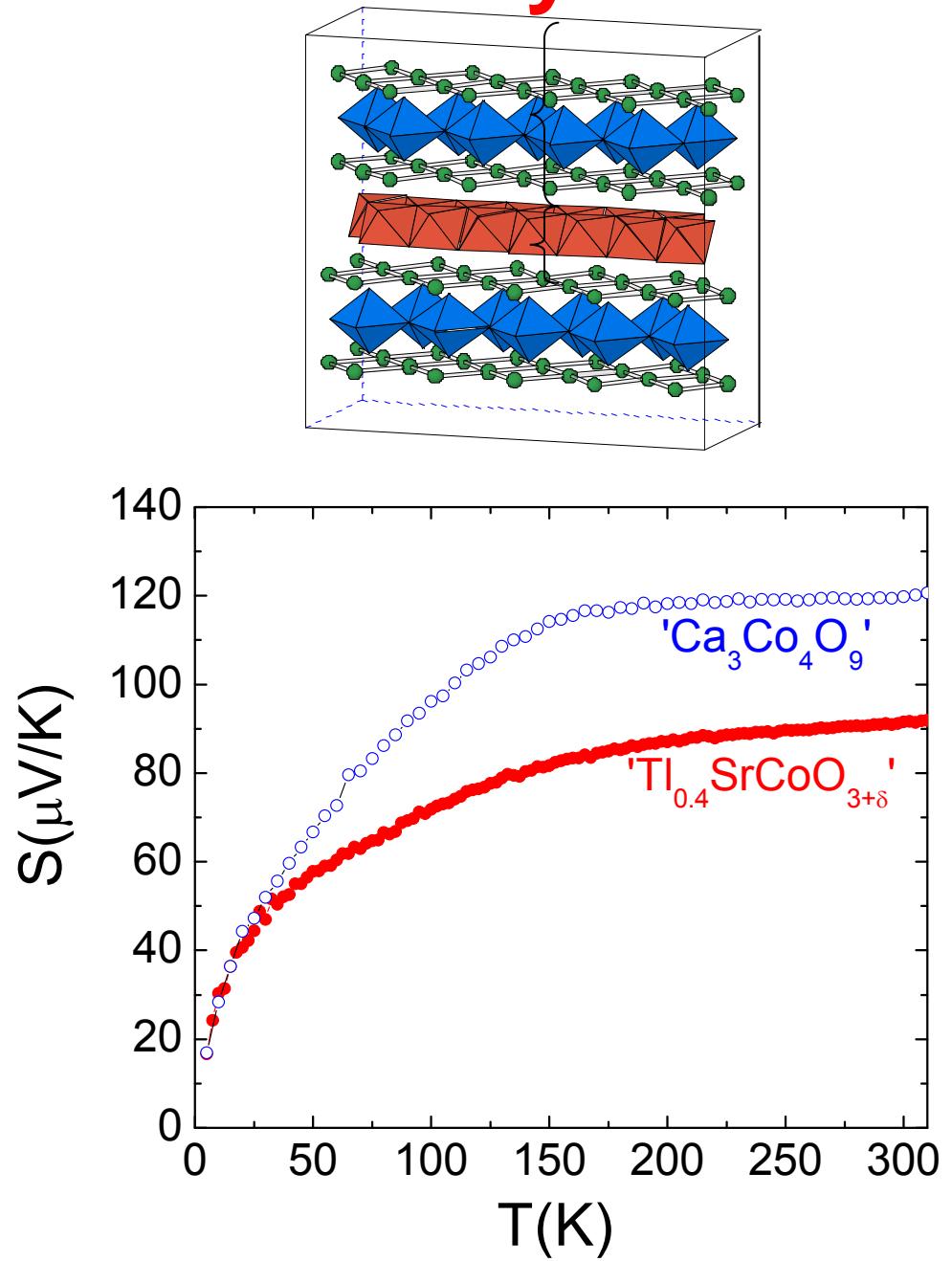
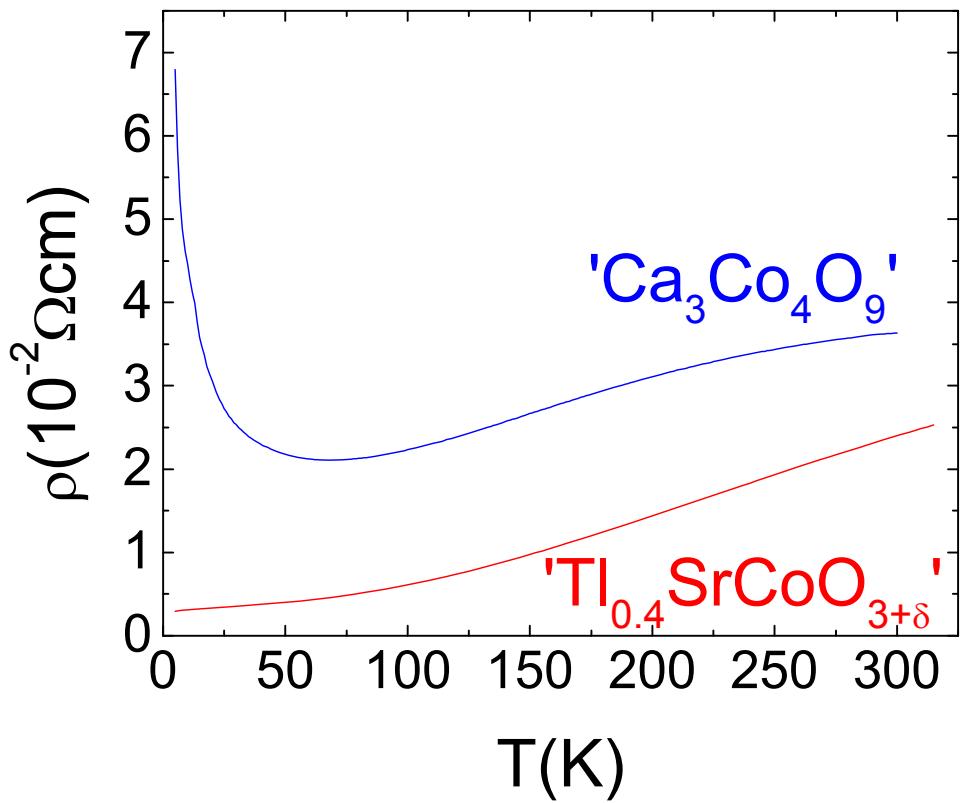
Modification of the block layers



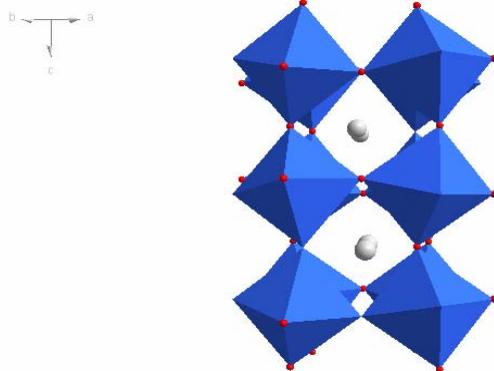
M. Blangero et al., Inorg. Chem. 44, 9299 (2005)

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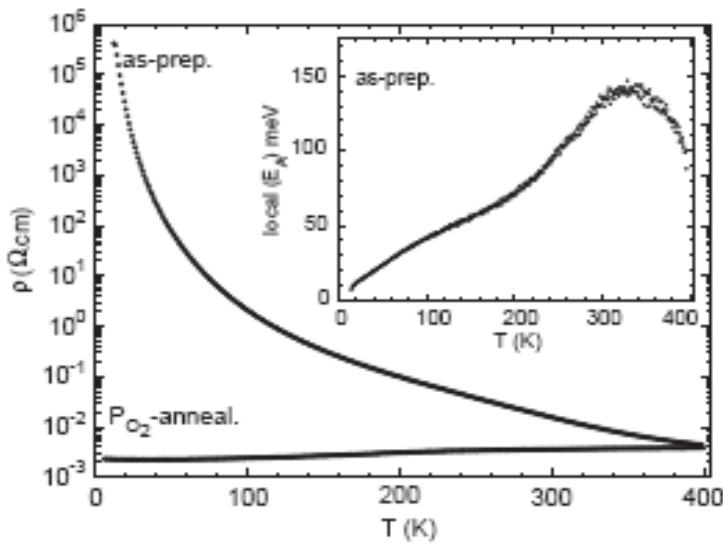


Unique behavior of CdI_2 type layers: Comparison with other oxides

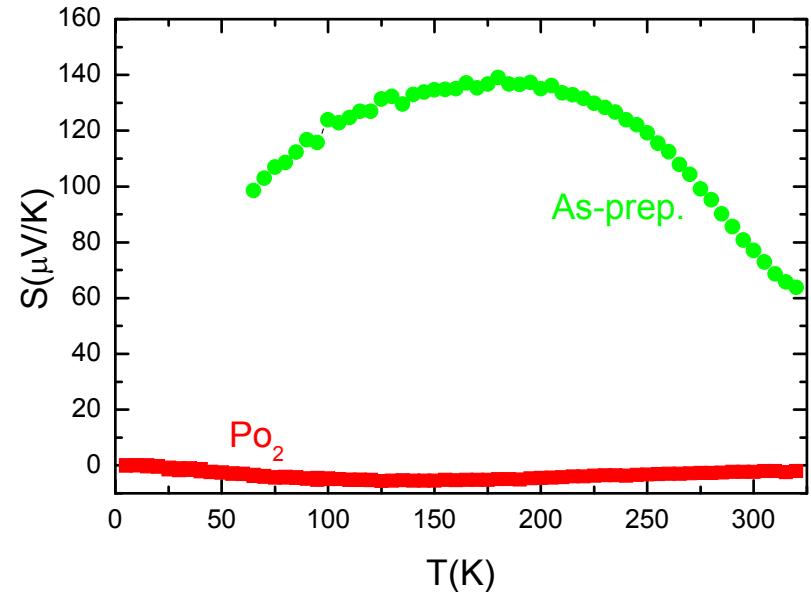


Perovskite $\text{Sr}_{2/3}\text{Y}_{1/3}\text{CoO}_{8/3+\delta}$

Corner shared octahedra
≠ edge shared octahedra



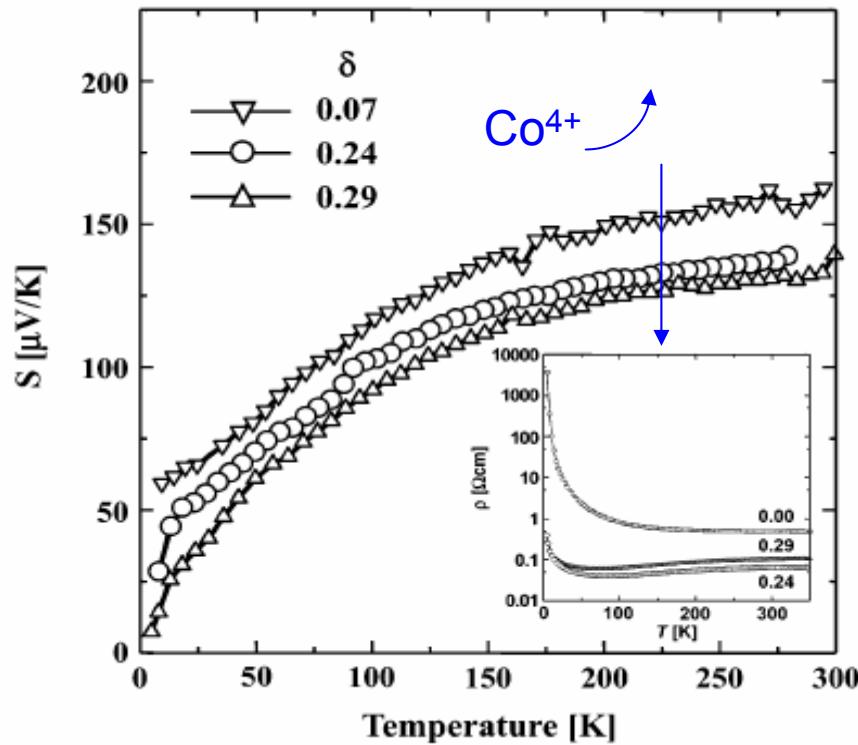
Metallicity →
Seebeck ≈ 0



Na_xCoO_2
Misfits

Oxygen content influence

$Ca_3Co_4O_{9+\delta}$



M. Karppinen et al., Chem. Mater. 16, 2790 (2004)

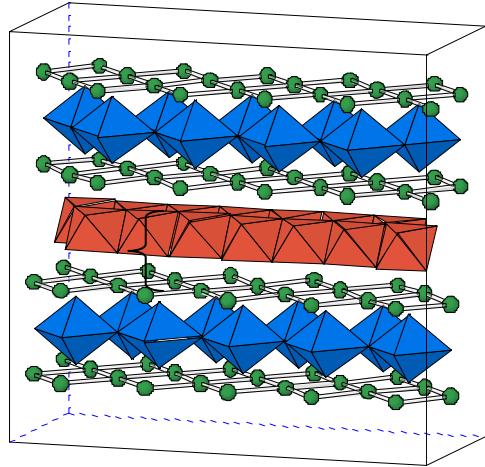
Misfits : S the largest for the smallest 'Co⁴⁺' content

Doping effect in the misfit family



Ca₂CoO₃
NaCl-like

CoO₂
CdI₂-like



Electronic neutrality :

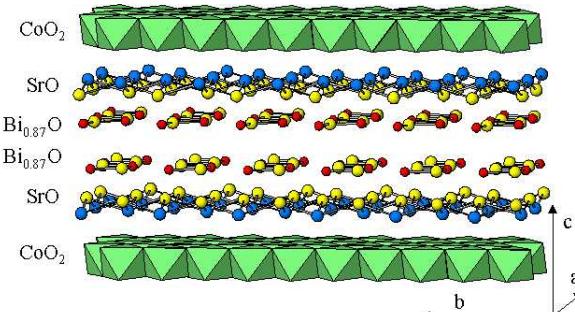


$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ 2+ \quad 3+ \quad 2- \quad v_{\text{Co}} \quad 2- \\ \underbrace{\qquad \qquad \qquad}_{\alpha > 0} \end{array}$$

$$v_{\text{Co}} = 4 - \frac{\alpha}{b_1 / b_2}$$

Modification of v_{Co} via α and b_1/b_2

Link between v_{Co} and S?



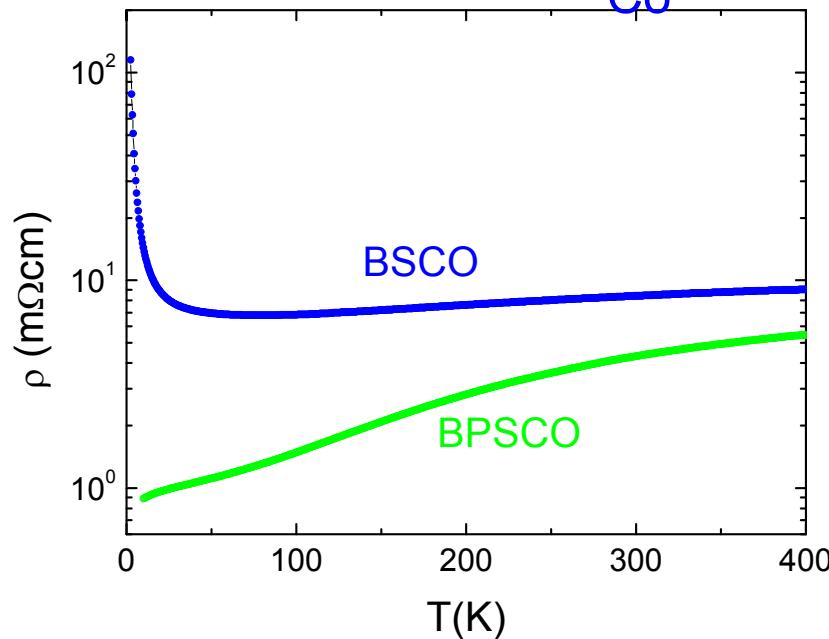
BiSrPbCoO single crystals : modification of α

$$v_{Co} = 4 - \frac{\alpha}{b_1 / b_2}$$



Substitution of Bi³⁺ by Pb²⁺ : decrease of α

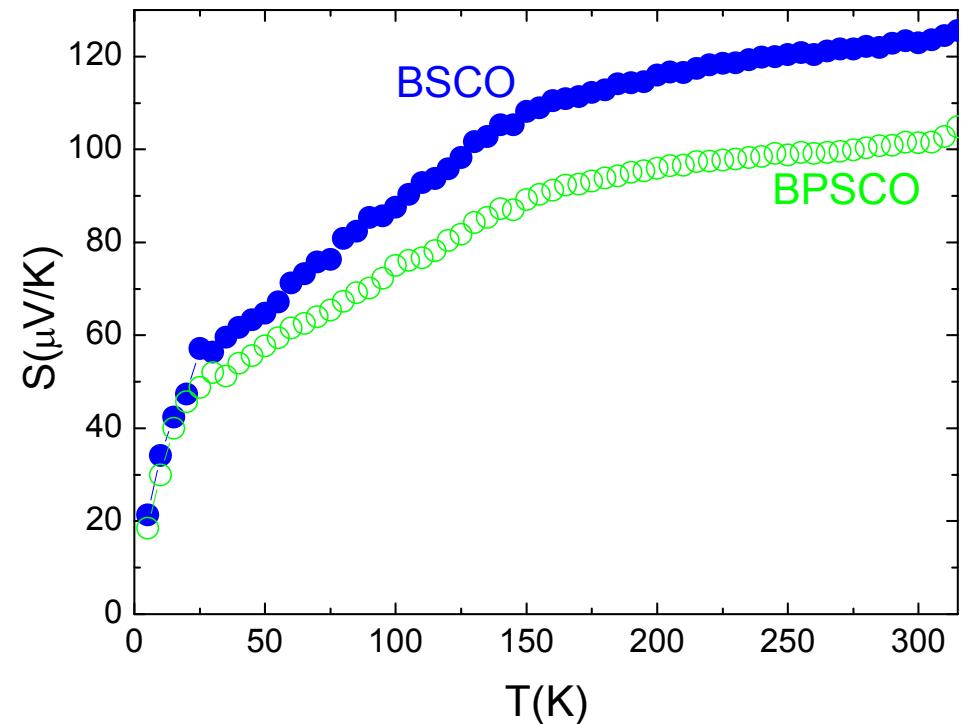
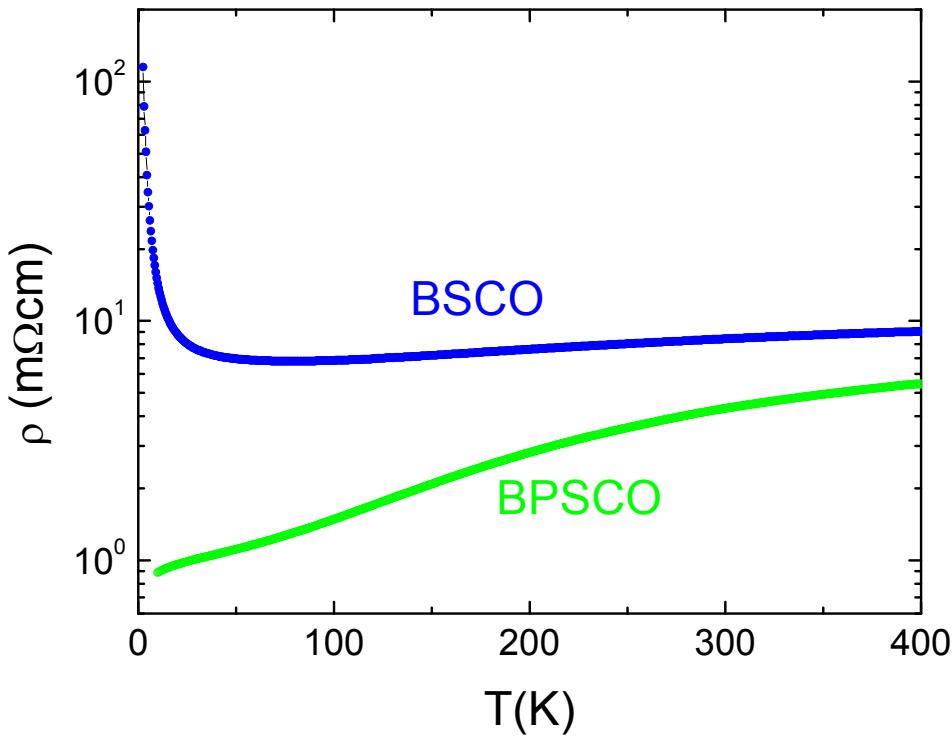
Increase of v_{Co}



Metallic behavior down to 5K with $\rho = AT^2$
Characteristic of electronic correlations

Na_xCoO_2
Misfits

BiSrPbCoO single crystals : modification of α

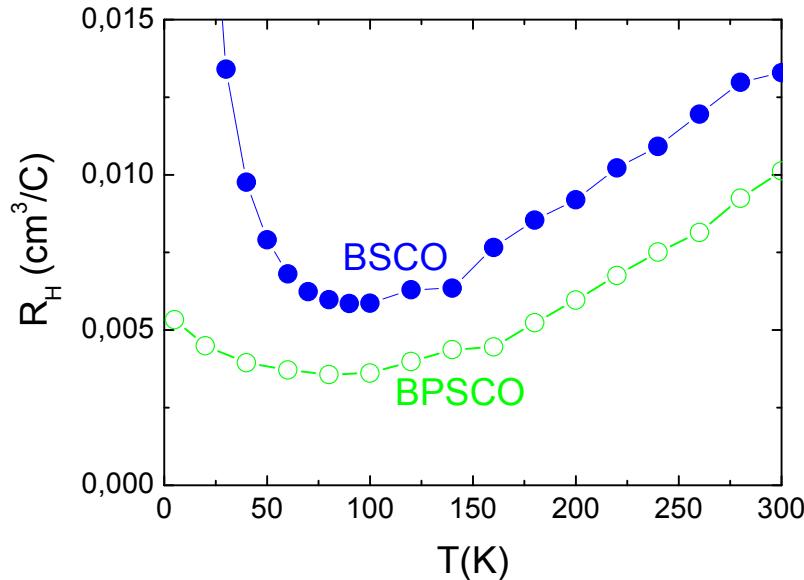


$$S = -\frac{k_B}{e} \ln\left(\frac{g_3}{g_4} \frac{x}{1-x}\right)$$

Increase of ' Co^{4+} ' associated to a decrease of S

Generalized Heikes formula : increase of v_{Co}
3.59 for BSCO and 3.65 for BPSCO

BiSrPbCoO single crystals : modification of α



At 100K
 $1.06 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ for BSCO
 $1.73 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ for BPSCO

Increase of v_{Co}
3.11
3.18

t-J model : Linear T dependence of R_H
 $t \sim 10 - 40 \text{ K}$

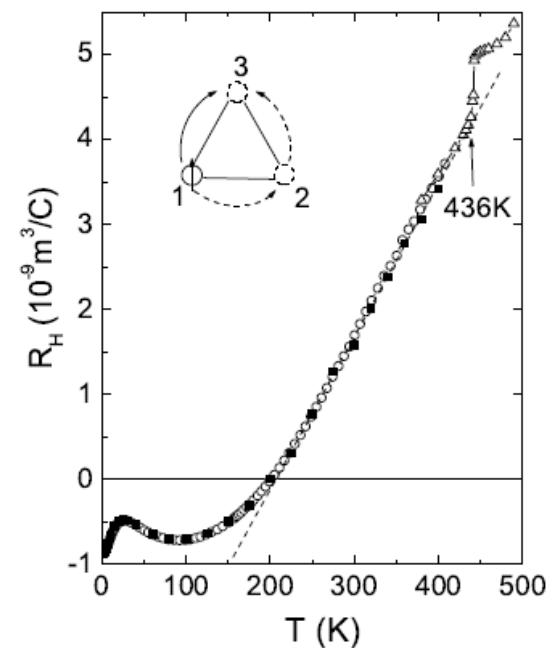
Justifies the Heikes formula

B. Kumar et al., PRB68, 104508 (2003)

Y. Wang et al., cond-mat/0305455

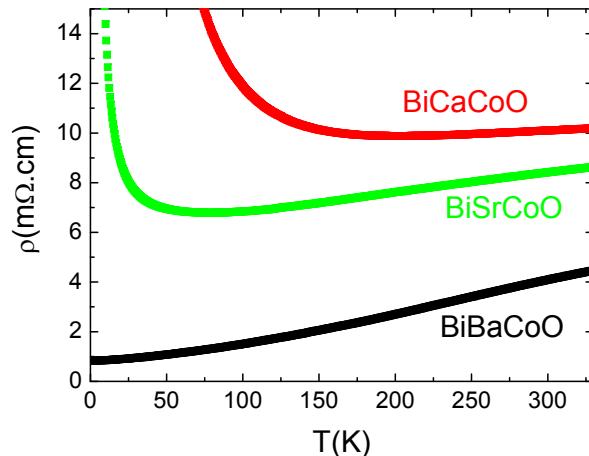
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W. Kobayashi et al., JPCM21, 235404 (2009)

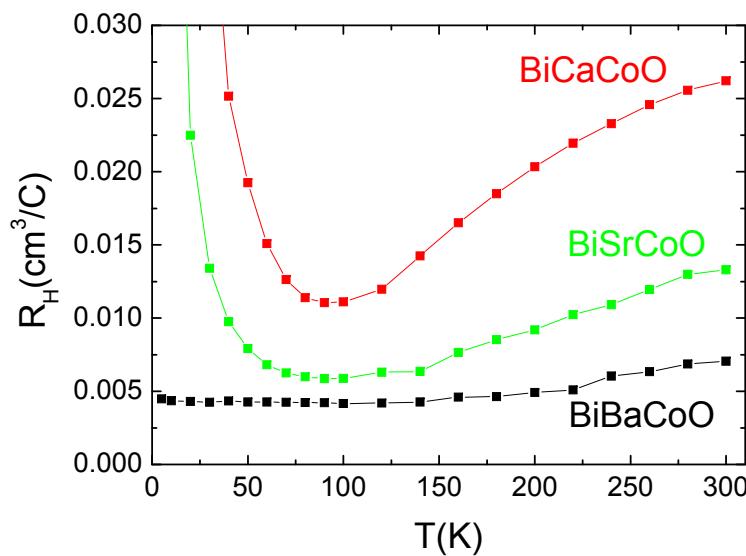
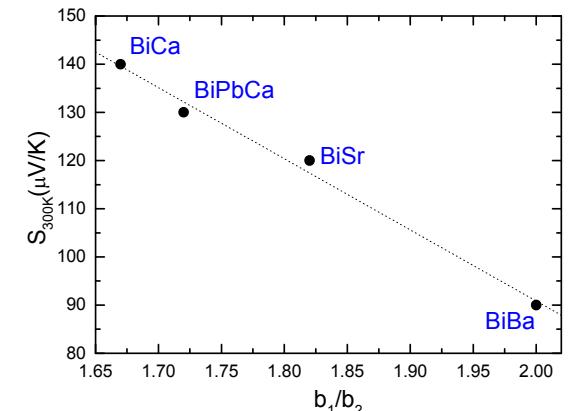
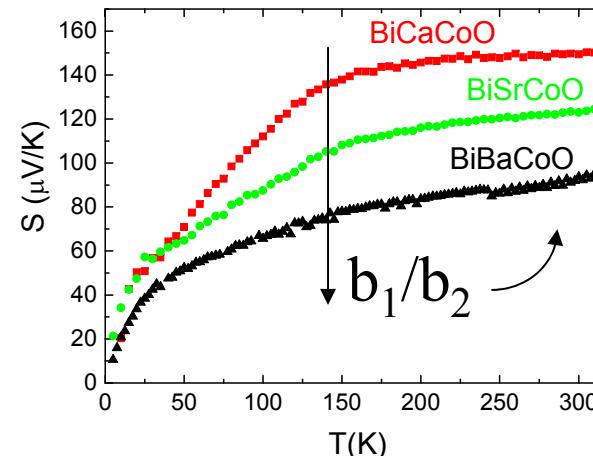


Na_xCoO_2
Misfits

b_1 : NaCl layers / b_2 : CoO_2 layers



Influence of b_1/b_2



If $b_1/b_2 \nearrow$, concentration of Co^{4+} ↑

$$V_{Co} = 4 - \frac{\alpha}{b_1 / b_2}$$

↳ S at 300K depends on Co^{4+} modified through b_1/b_2

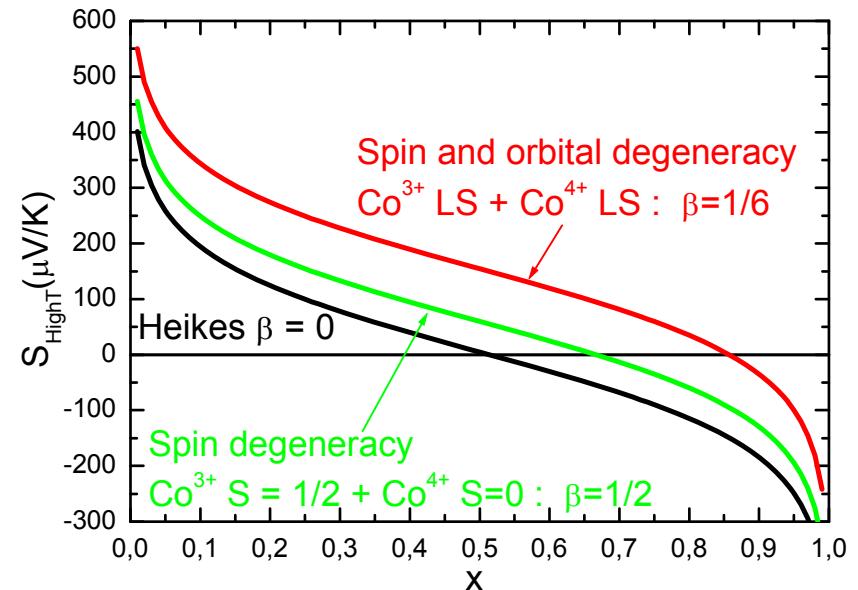
Carrier concentration $\sim 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-3}$,
larger than for conventional thermoelectrics

Na_xCoO_2
Misfits

Heikes formula

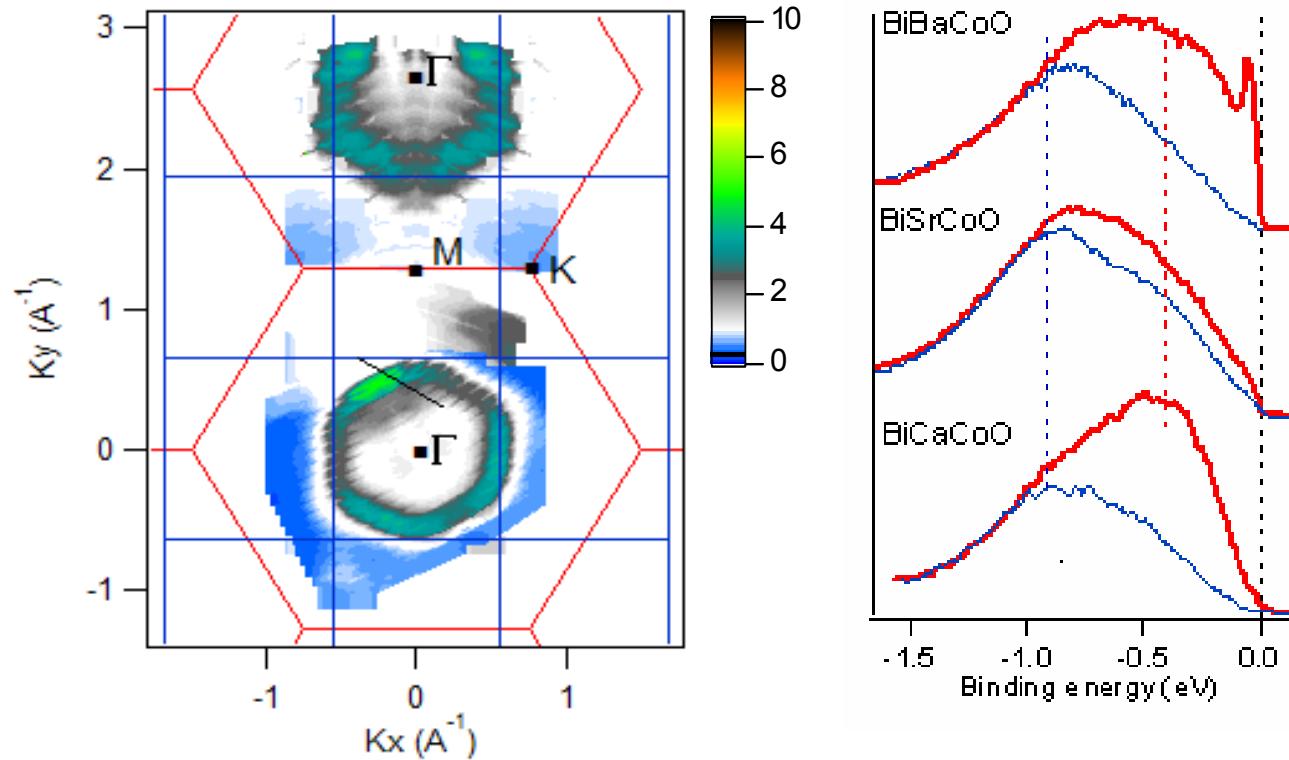
$$S = -\frac{k_B}{|e|} \ln\left(\frac{g_4}{g_3} \frac{1-x}{x}\right)$$

Co valency in BiCaCoO/ BiSrCoO / BiBaCoO?



Heikes (S at 300K)	Hall effect
3.5 -3.7 for $g_4 / g_3 = 6$	3.05 -3.15

Carrier concentration

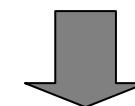


ARPES

Collaboration with V. Brouet et al., LPS Orsay

Reliable data for v_{Co} are obtained for BiBaCoO

$$v_{Co} = 4 - \frac{\alpha}{b_1/b_2} \quad (\alpha = \text{const})$$



single hole-like fermi surface (a_{1g} character)

$k_F = 0.57 \pm 0.05 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ for BiBaCoO

→ similar to k_F of Na_xCoO_2 ($x=0.7$)

→ $Co^{3.3+}$ for BiBaCoO

V. Brouet et al., PRB76, 100403 (2007)

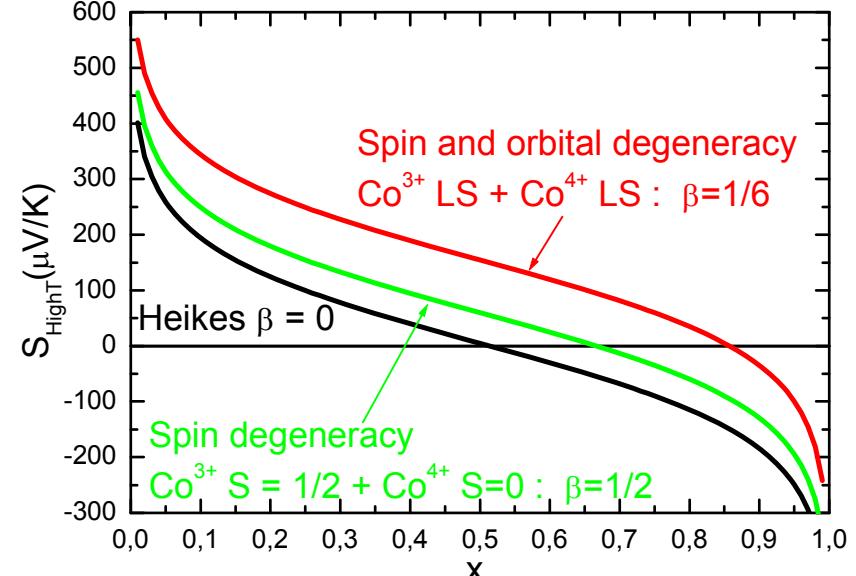
$Co^{3.2+}$ for BiSrCoO

$Co^{3.1+}$ for BiCaCoO

Heikes formula

$$S = -\frac{k_B}{e} \ln\left(\frac{g_3}{g_4} \frac{x}{1-x}\right)$$

Co valency in BiCaCoO/ BiSrCoO / BiBaCoO

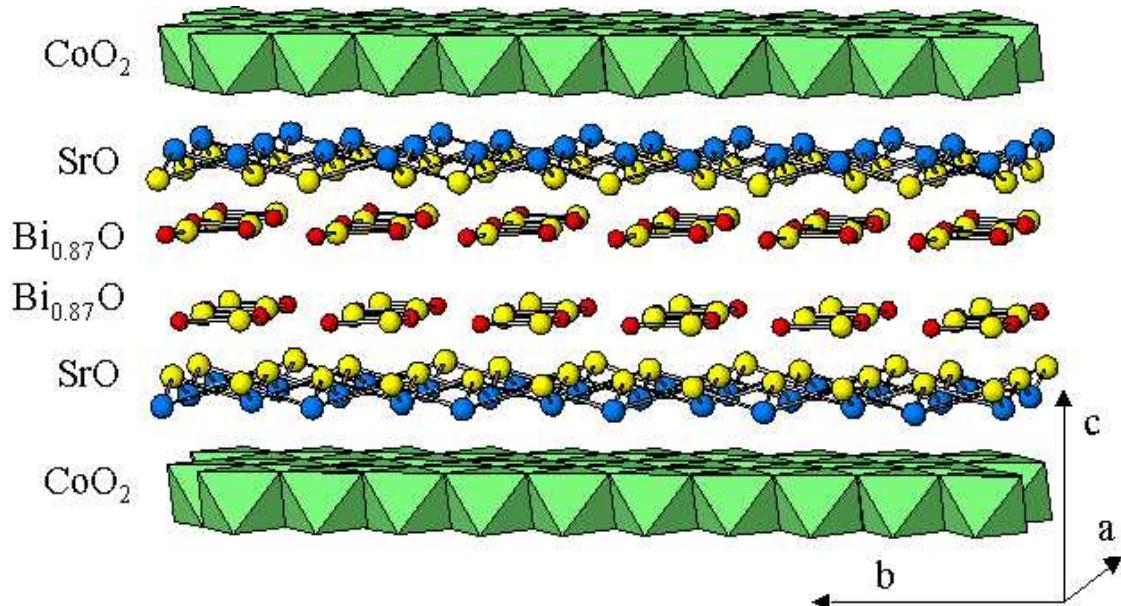


Heikes $g_3/g_4 = 1/6$ S à 300K	Seebeck avec S(H) $g_3/g_4 = 1$ BiCaCoO	Effet Hall	ARPES BiBaCoO	RMN	Susceptibilité BiCaCoO
3.5 -3.7	3.33 P. Limelette et al., PRL97, 046601 (2006)	3.05 -3.15 W. Kobayashi et al.	3.3 V. Brouet et al., PRB76, 100403 (2007)	3.1 -3.3 J. Bobroff et al., PRB76, 100407 (2007)	3.24 M. Pollet et al., JAP101, 083708 (2007)

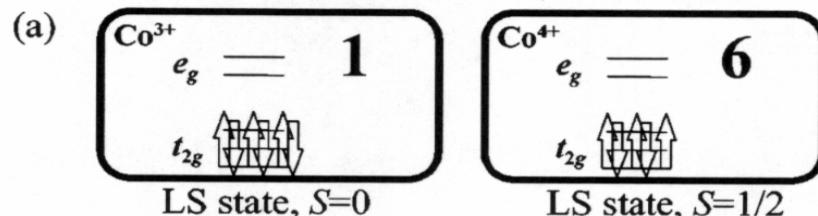
$$g_3 / g_4 = 1/2 \text{ instead of } 1/6$$

Confirms the results in BiCaCoO : $v_{\text{Co}} = 3.24$
M. Pollet et al., JAP101, 083708 (2007)

Orbital filling in Na_xCoO_2 and misfit cobaltites with edge-shared CoO_6



Ligand field splitting :
trigonal distortion



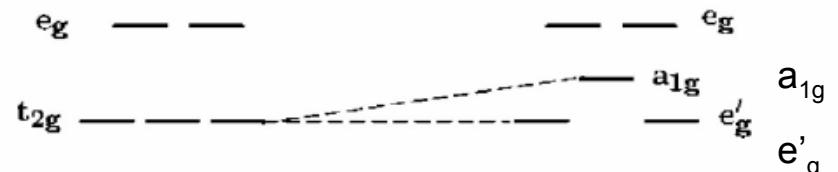
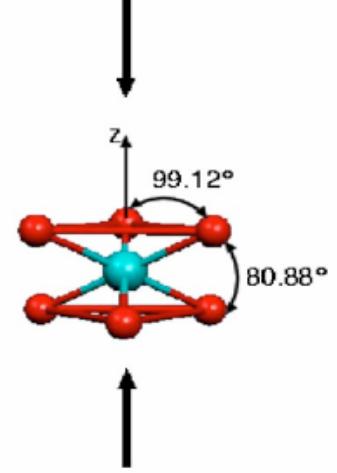
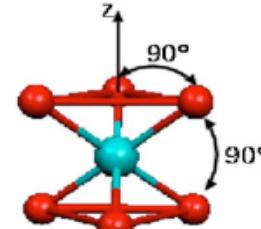
$$\beta = 1/6$$

LS $\text{Co}^{3+}/\text{Co}^{4+}$ mixed-valency

metallicity

MB Lepetit

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1 for Co^{3+} but 2 instead of 6 for Co^{4+}

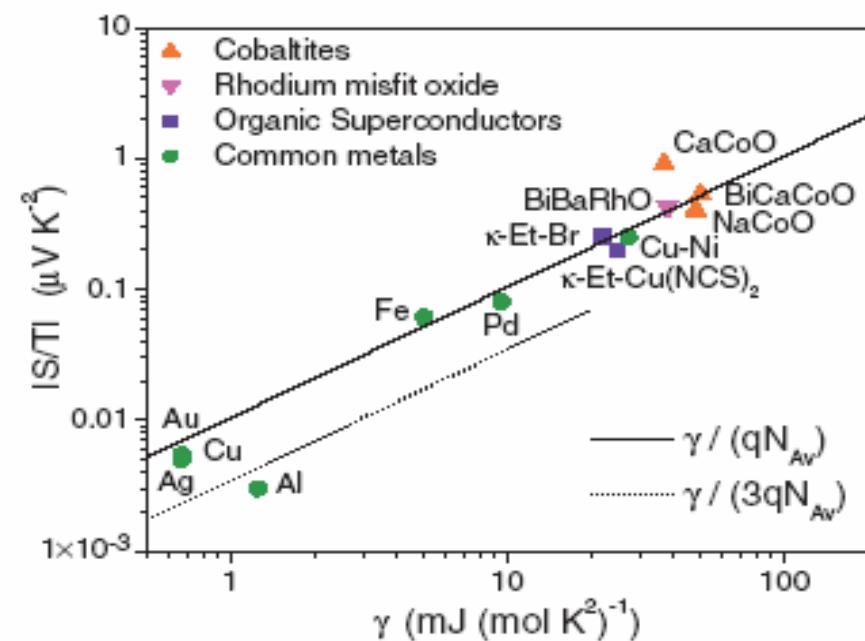
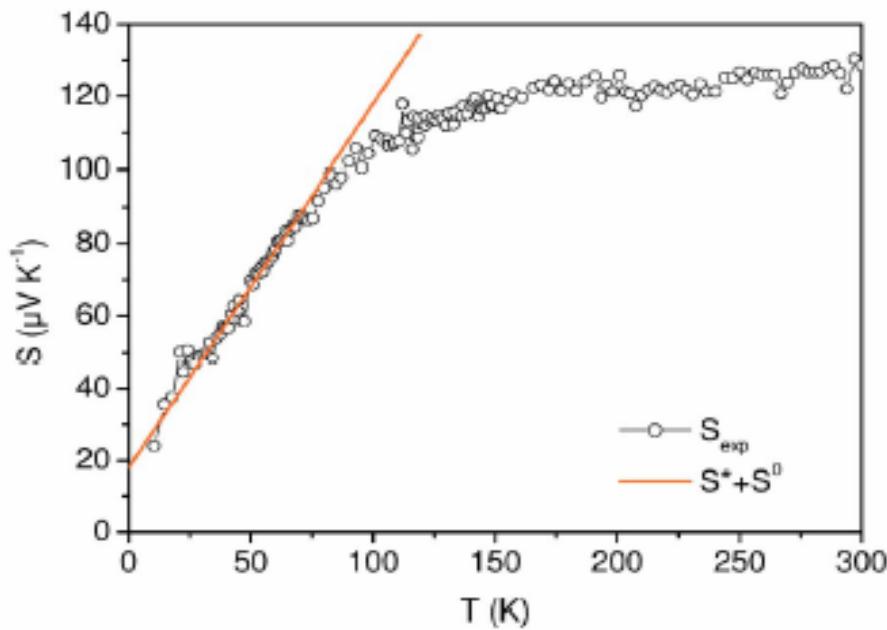
$$\beta = 1/2$$

Influence of electronic correlations

For $T \rightarrow 0$

$$q = \frac{S}{T} \frac{N_{Av} e}{\gamma} = \text{cste}$$

$$S \sim \gamma T$$



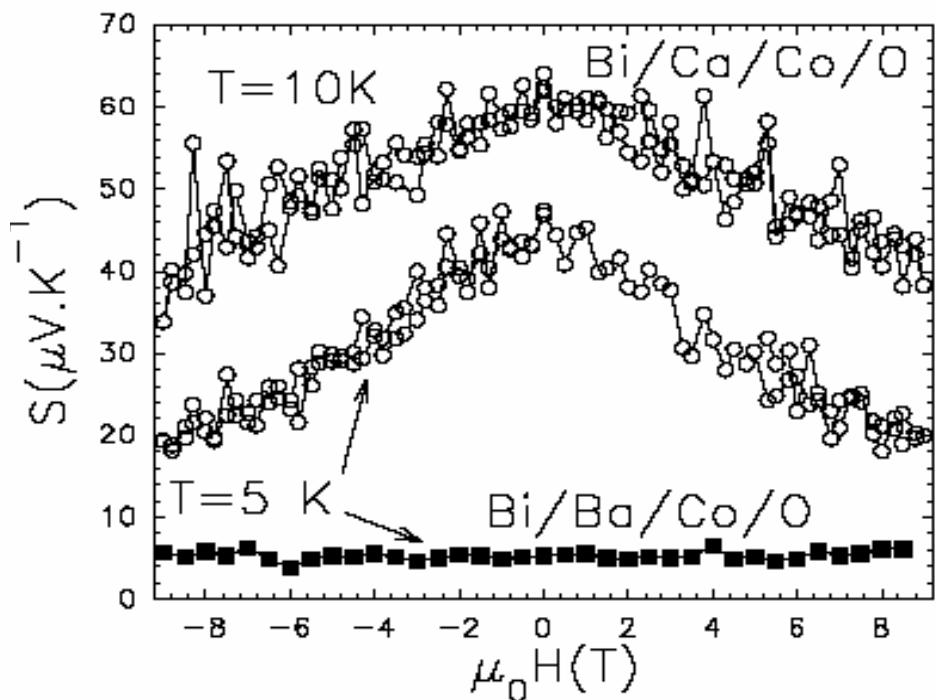
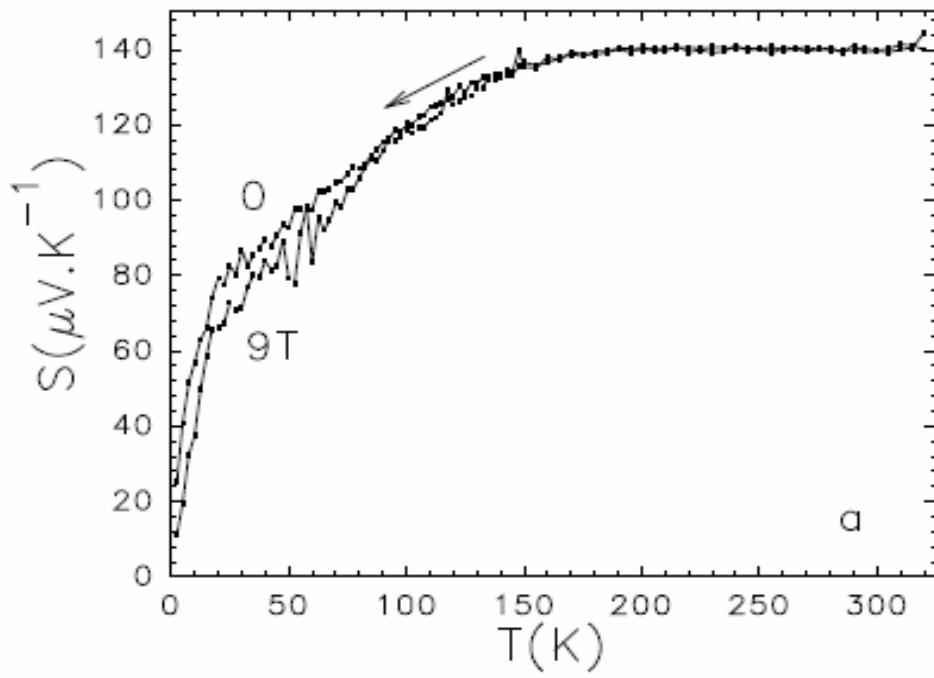
P. Limelette, PRB71, 233108 (2005)

P. Limelette, PRL97, 046601 (2006)

Low T : Spin entropy

BiCaCoO : excess of S at low T

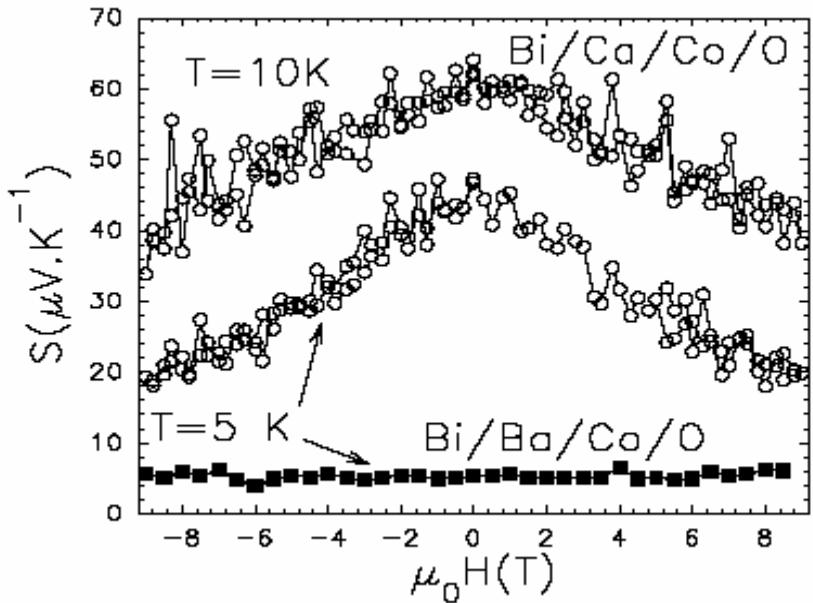
A. Maignan et al., JPCM 15, 2711 (2003)



Observed also in Na_xCoO_2
[Wang et al. Nature 423, 425 (2003)]

Spin entropy at low T

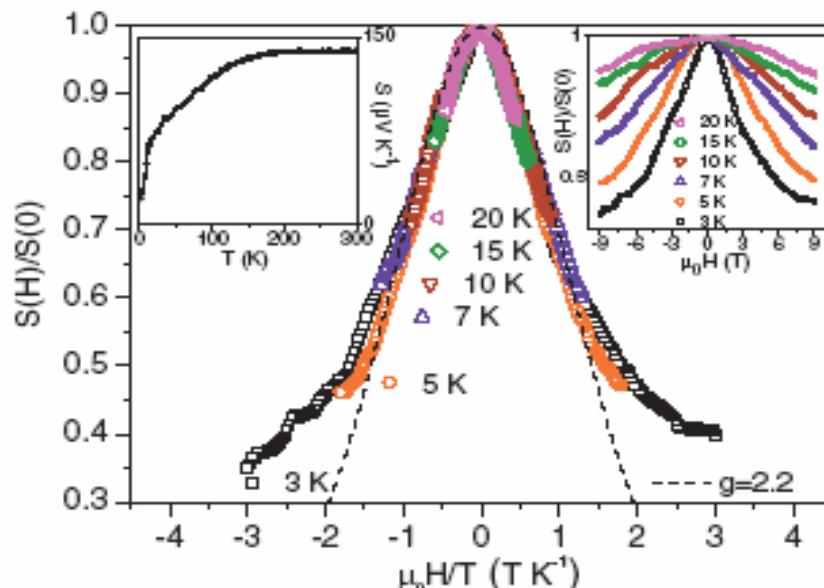
Misfit BiCaCoO



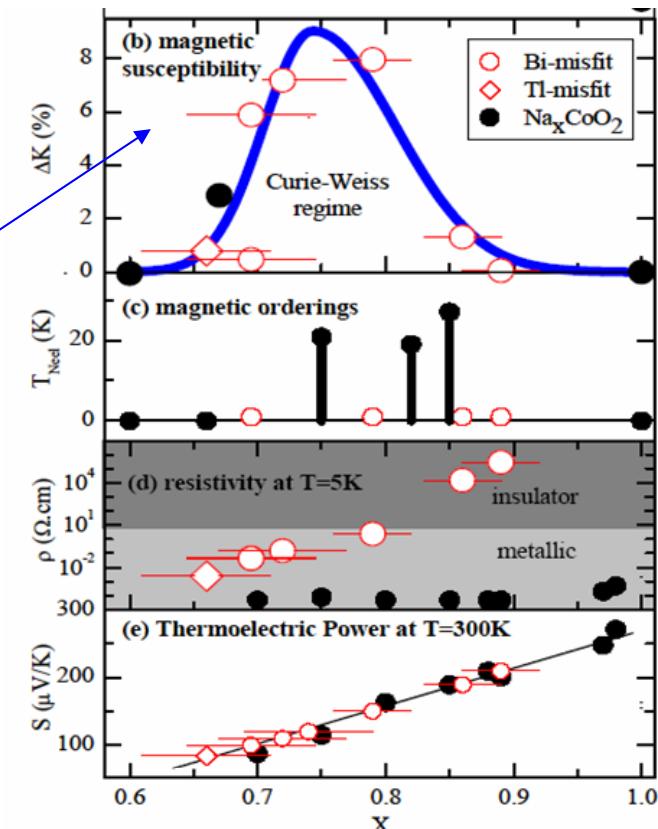
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(2003)

Decrease of S under field at low T
Due to the alignment of paramagnetic spins

Peak of susceptibility



P. Limelette et al., PRL97, 046601 (2006)



Scaling law for $S(H)$: paramagnetic spins $S=1/2$
Brillouin function

$$S(x)/S(0) = (\ln[2 \cosh(x)] - x \tanh[x]) / \ln(2).$$

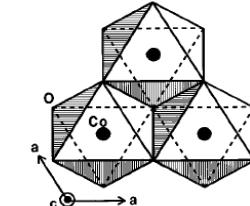
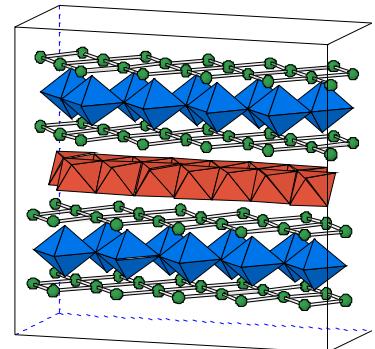
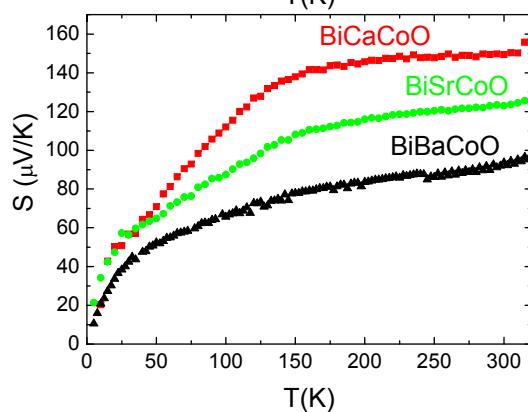
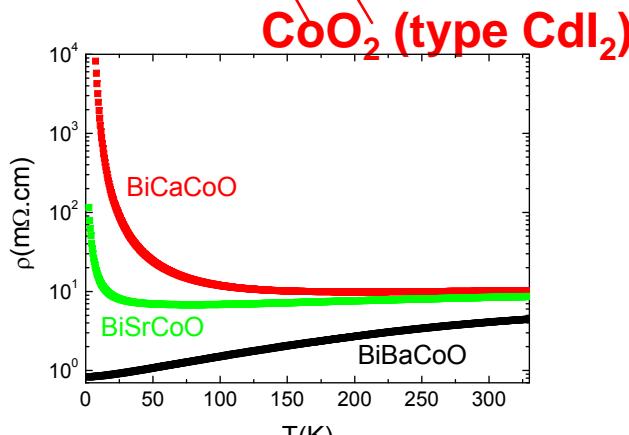
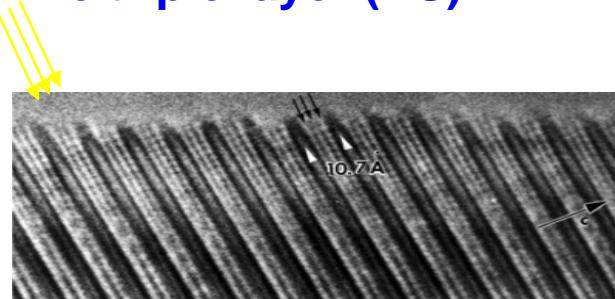
$\text{Na}_{0.7}\text{CoO}_2$

Y. Wang et al., Nature423, 425 (2003)

Na_xCoO_2
Misfits

Misfit oxides

NaCl-like triple layer (RS)



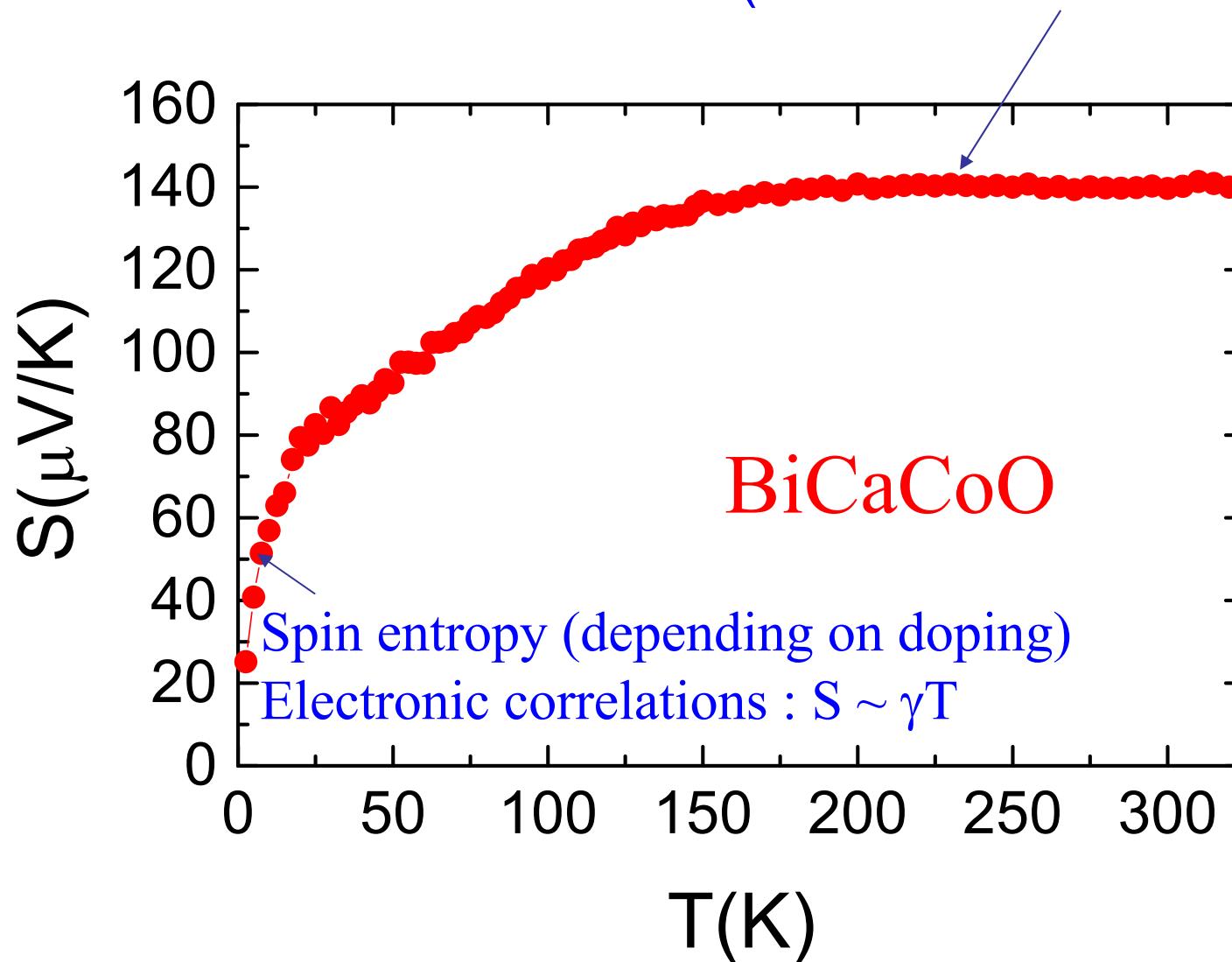
Co^{3+} ($3d^6$) / Co^{4+} ($3d^5$)
Low spin : t_{2g} orbitals
+ triangular network

For $T > 100\text{K}$: metallicity + large S

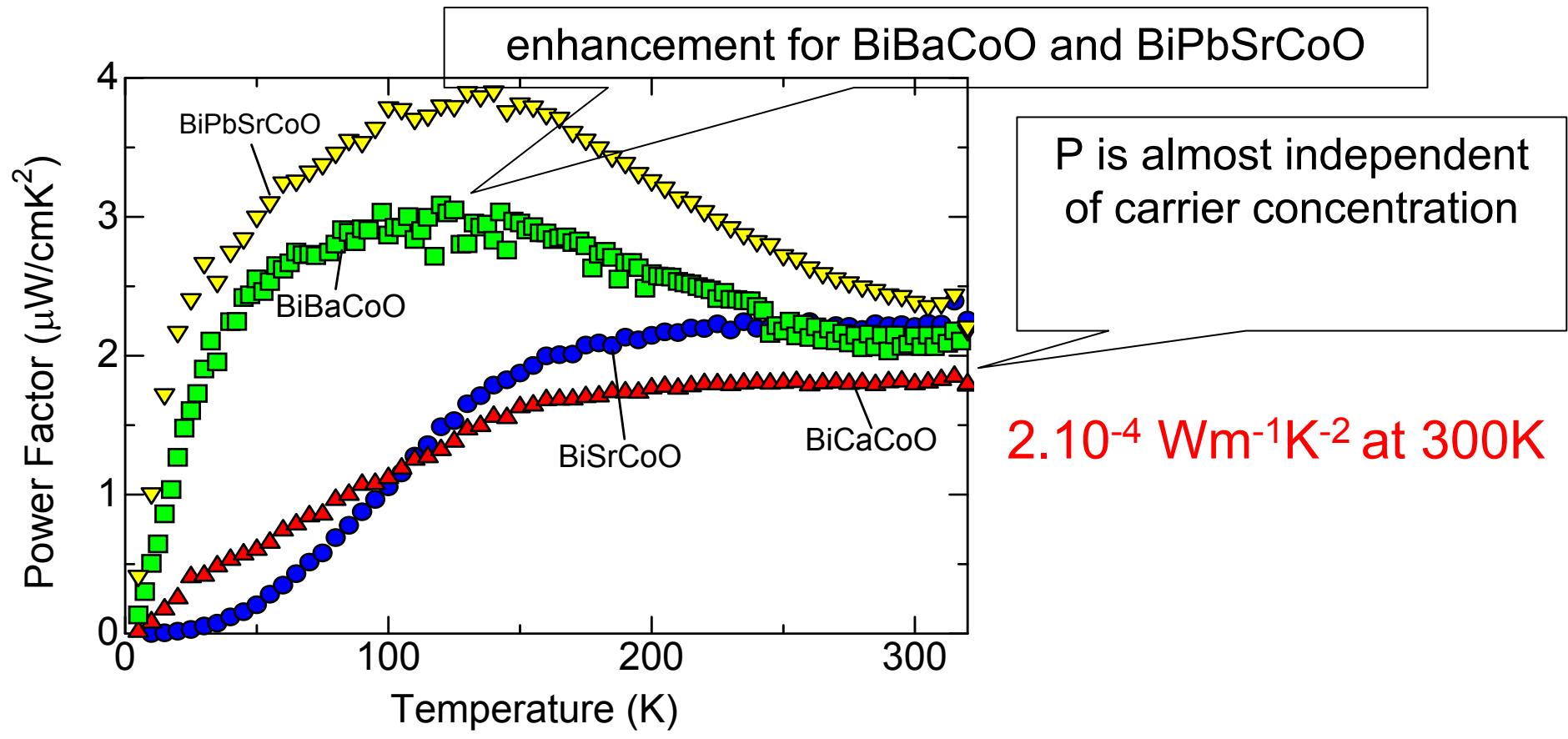
- **High T** : Seebeck depends on Co^{4+} Heikes formula with spin / orbital degeneracy)
- **Low T** : electronic correlations : $S \sim \gamma T$ + spin entropy depending on doping
- **High T limit** : small t from Hall effect. Justifies the Heikes formula

Thermoelectric power of misfits

High T Seebeck, depends on Co^{4+}
(Heikes formula with $\beta = 1/2$)



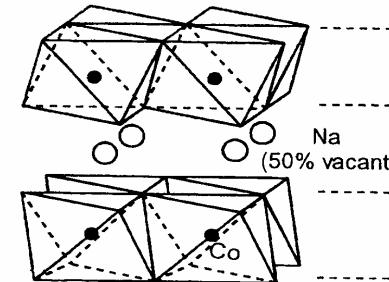
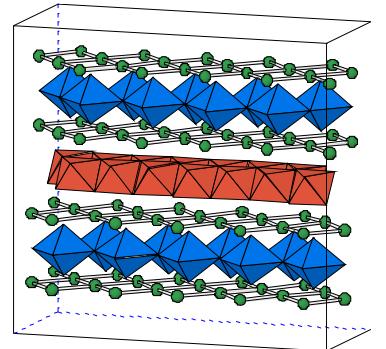
Power factor



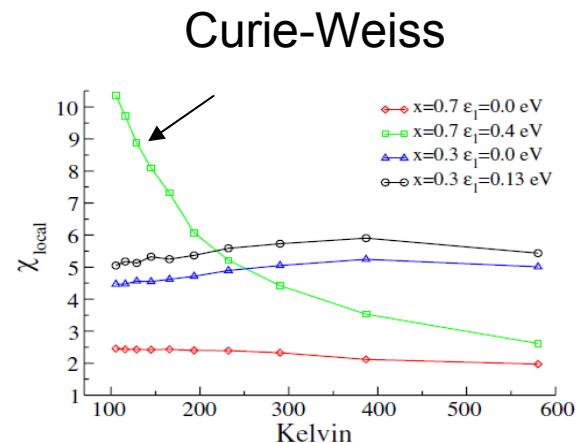
In conventional semiconducting thermoelectric material such as Bi_2Te_3 , n is an important parameter to tune the properties.

How to modify the electronic properties?
Influence of the block layer?

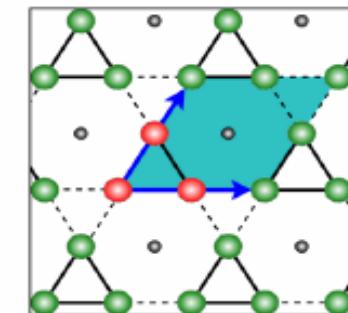
Role of the block layer?



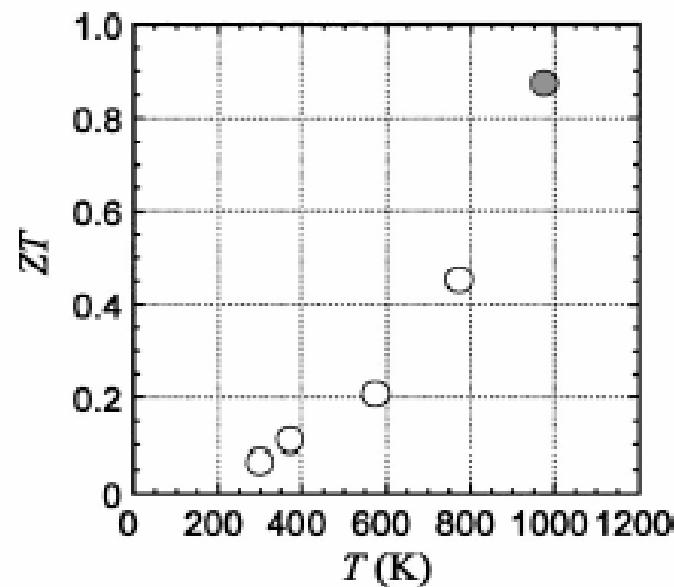
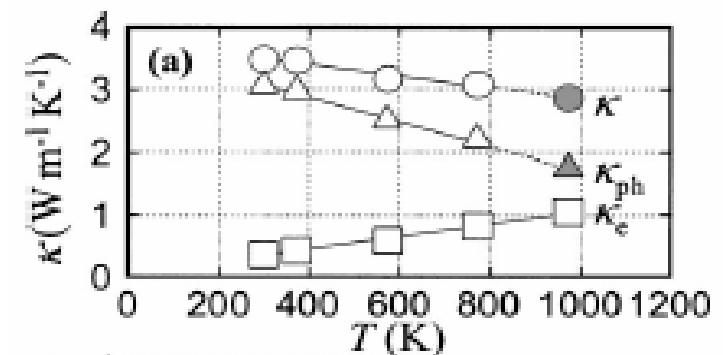
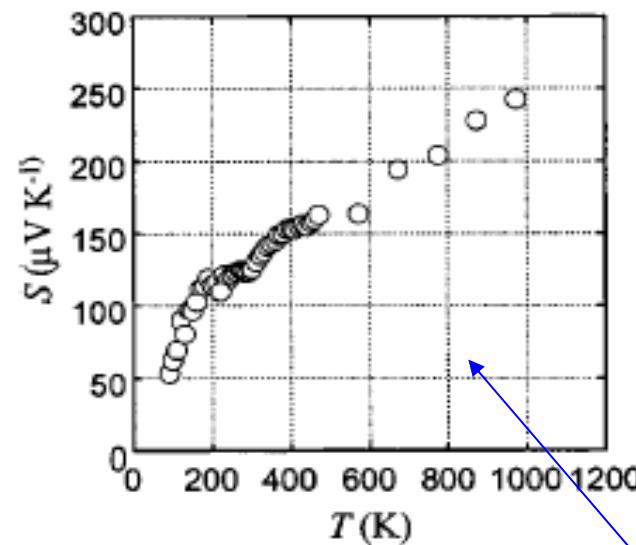
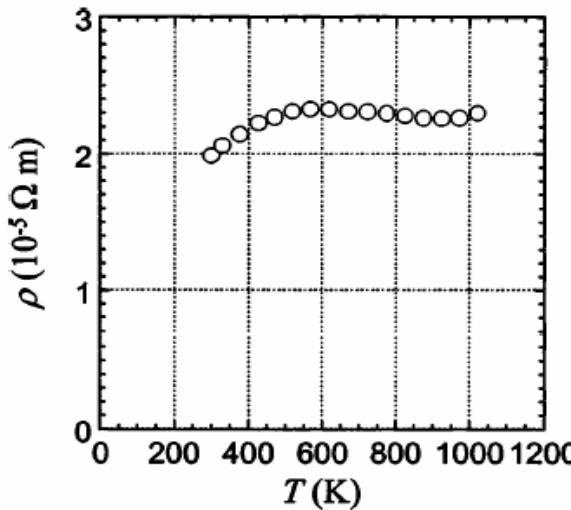
- Role of Na^+ : Curie-Weiss behavior obtained by introducing the electrostatic potential of Na^+ (Co^{3+} S = 0 / Co^{4+} S = 1/2)
- C. Marianetti et al., PRL98, 176405 (2007)



- Kagomé lattice in Na_xCoO_2 with $x = 2/3$: strong electronic correlations
- F. Lechermann et al., PRL107, 236404 (2011)



High T measurements in $\text{Ca}_3\text{Co}_4\text{O}_9$



Increase of S at high T

Measurements in air?

Thermal conductivity

Measurements of single crystals (Harman method)

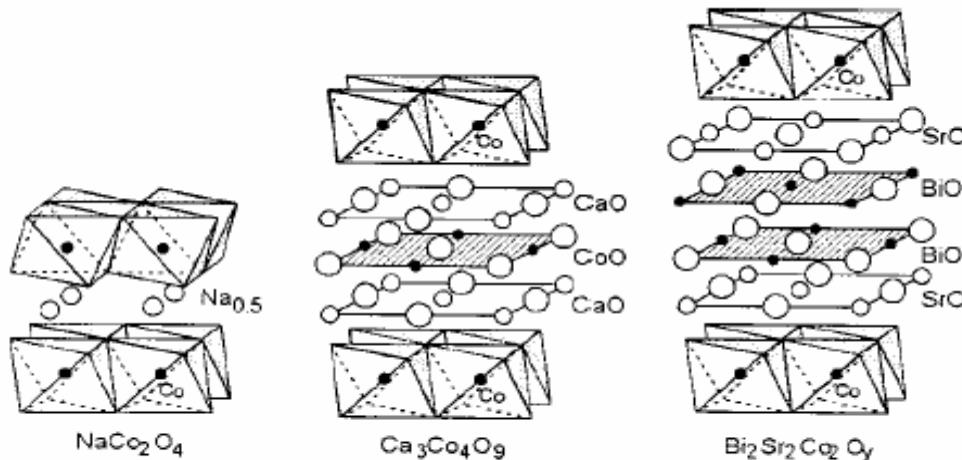
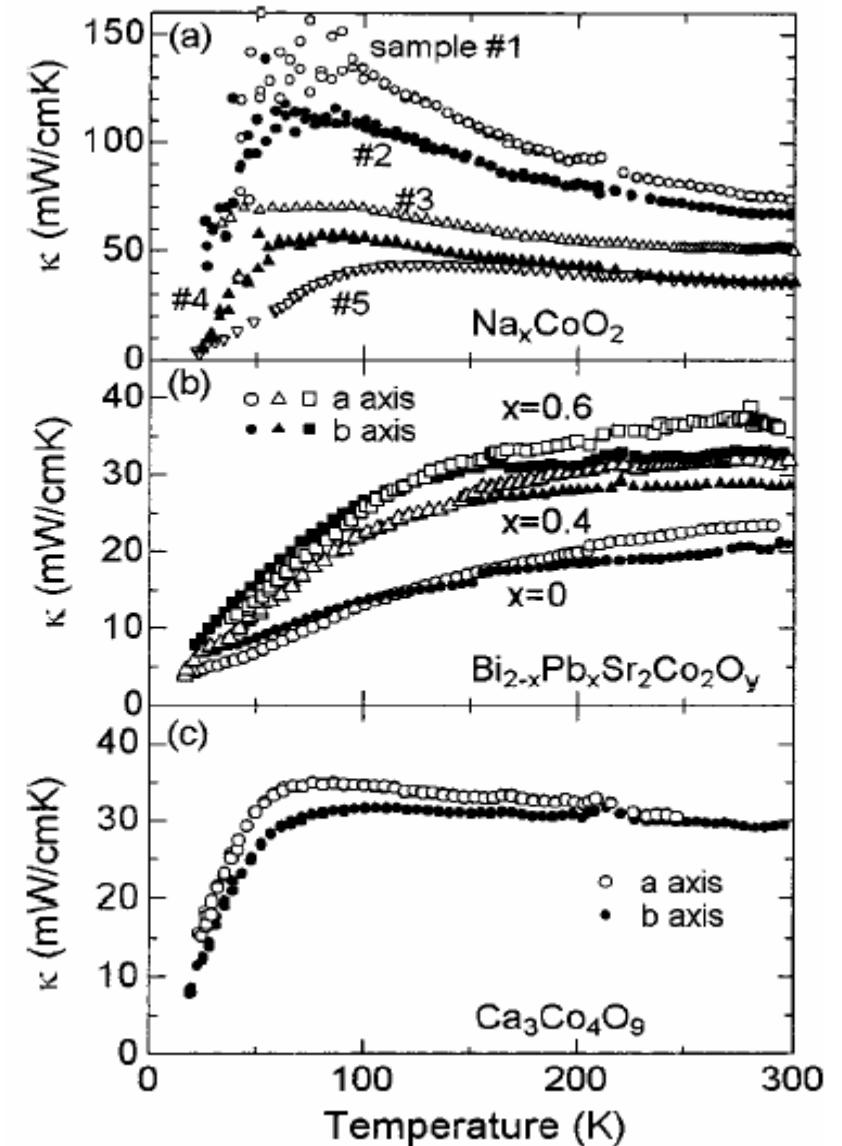


FIG. 1. Crystal structure of the layered cobalt oxides.

κ smaller in misfits

Influence of incommensurability?



Conclusion

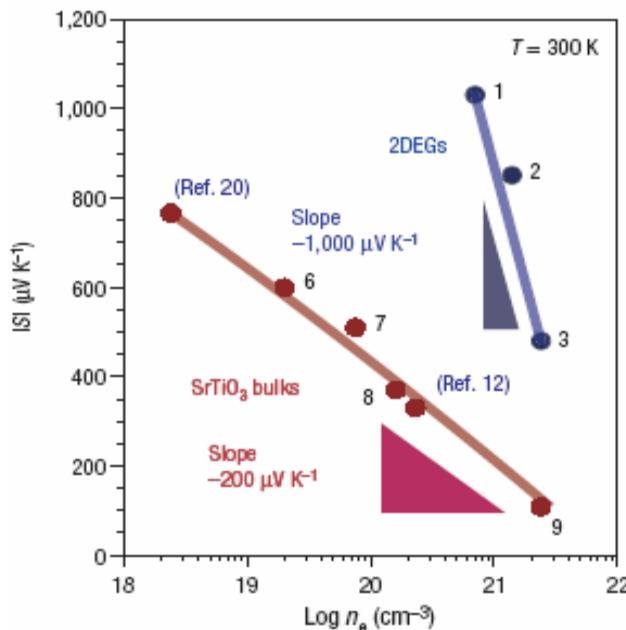
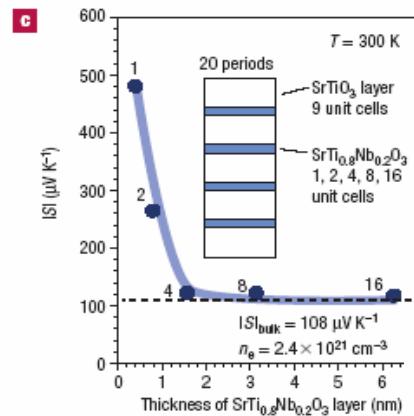
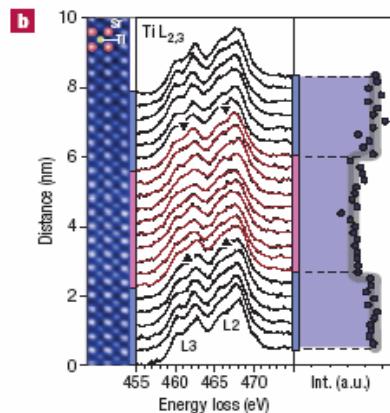
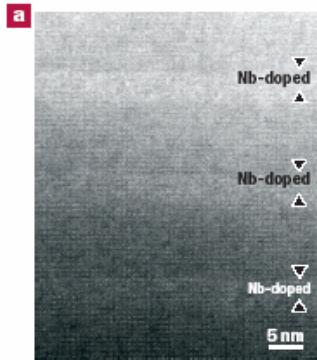
- Charge transfer between the layers :
 S_{300K} mostly depends on the ratio Co^{3+}/Co^{4+}
- Low T : electronic correlations influence ($S \sim \gamma T$) + $S(H)$ term
 - Small κ
- ☛ Power factor is constant : modification of the block layers?
 - ☛ Influence on thermal conductivity?

Nanostructuration

2DEG SrTiO_3

2D electron gas in SrTiO_3

H. Ohta et al., Nat. Mater. 6, 129 (2007)



$$|S| = -k_B/e \cdot \ln 10 \cdot A \cdot (\log n_e + B)$$

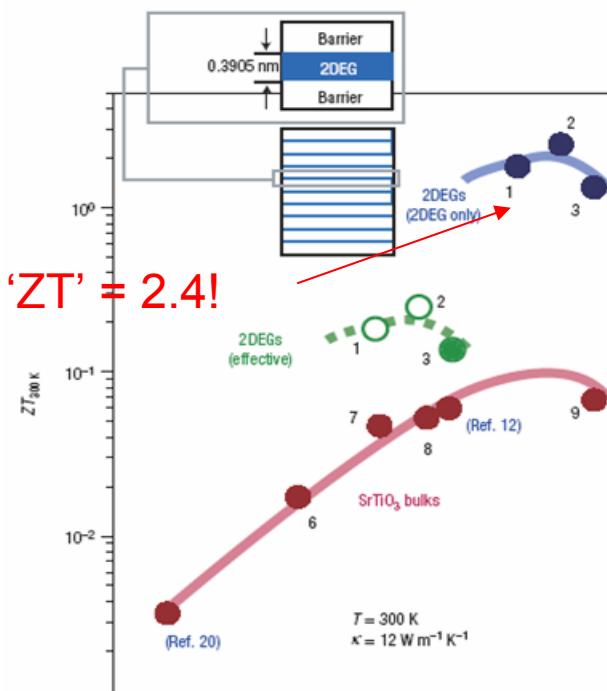
κ of SrTiO_3 single crystals

$\text{SrTi}_{1-x}\text{Nb}_x\text{O}_3$

Nanostructuration :
Increase of S

$$\sigma_{\text{eff.}} = \sigma_{\text{2DEG}} / (1 + N_{\text{barrier}})$$

$$ZT_{\text{eff.}} = ZT_{\text{2DEG}} / (1 + N_{\text{barrier}})$$



Na_xCoO₂ nanowires

Sol-gel electrospinning

Same technique as for
Ca₃Co₄O₉
Lin et al., J. Phys.
Chem. C 114, 10061
(2010)

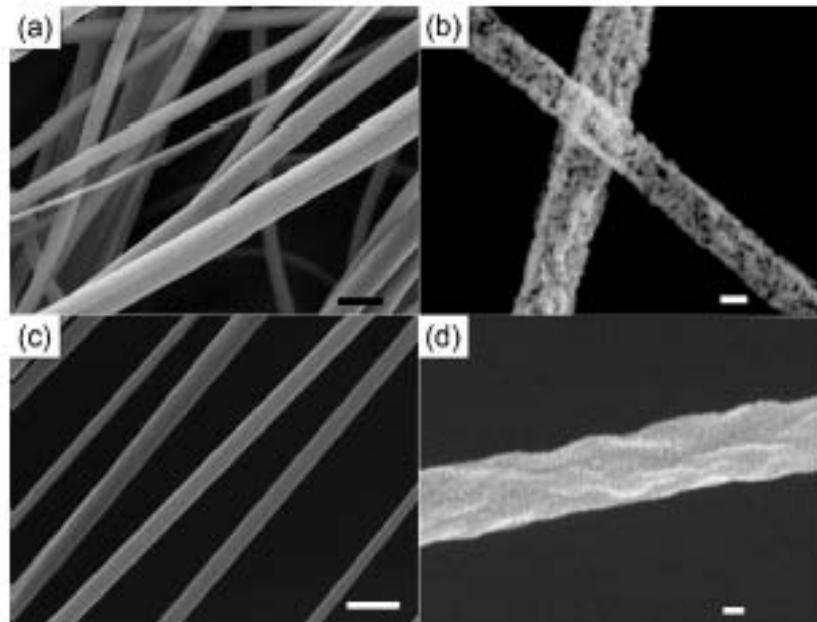


Figure 1. SEM image of NaCo₂O₄ nanofibers before and after annealing, synthesized with two different solvents; (a) and (b) methanol-based nanofibers before (a) and after (b) annealing; (c) and (d) water-based nanofibers before (c) and after (d) annealing; scale bars in (a) and (c) represent 1 μ m, and in (b) and (d) represent 100 nm.

$\rho \sim \Omega \cdot m$?
Resistivity
overestimated by 3
orders of
magnitude by the
measurement
technique?

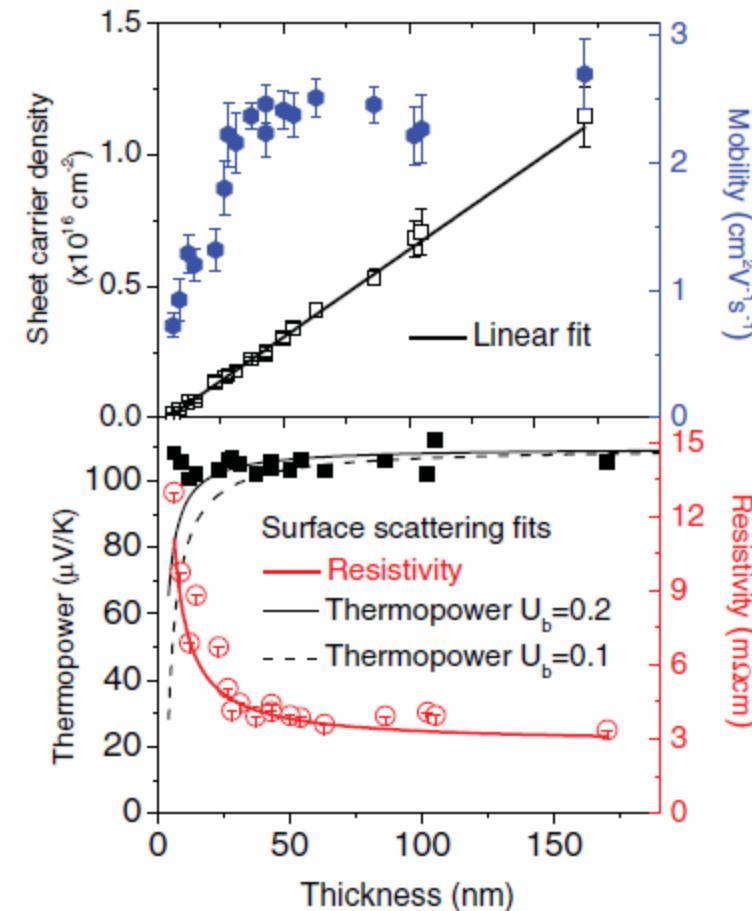
Strong correlations + Size effects

Thin films of BiSrCoO misfits

Correlation effect :

Behavior different from the one
classical observed through the
surface diffusion mechanism
(Fuchs – Sondheimer model)

Decoupling of resistivity and Seebeck?

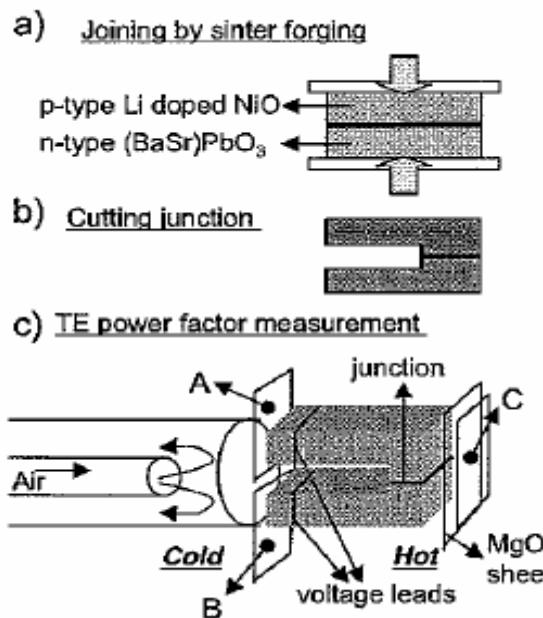


Oxide modules

Oxide prototypes

1st prototype in 2000

$$\begin{aligned} n &: \text{Ba}_{0.4}\text{Sr}_{0.6}\text{PbO}_3 \quad Z = 2.10^{-4} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ at } 673\text{K (ZT = 0.13)} \\ p &: \text{Li}_{0.025}\text{Ni}_{0.975}\text{O} \quad Z = 0.75 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ at } 1273\text{K (ZT = 0.095)} \end{aligned}$$



One leg : $4.8 \times 4.9 \times 17.5 \text{ mm}^3$

One pair : 7.91mW

$$\begin{aligned} T_H &= 987\text{K} \\ \Delta T &= 552\text{K} \end{aligned}$$

Oxide prototypes

$n : \text{Ca}_{0.92}\text{La}_{0.08}\text{MnO}_3 / p : \text{Ca}_{2.75}\text{Gd}_{0.25}\text{Co}_4\text{O}_9$
8 pairs $3 \times 5 \times 30 \text{ mm}^3$

TABLE I. Thermoelectric power S , resistivity ρ , and power factor S^2/ρ of p and n legs used for fin-type device.

Materials	$\rho-T$	S (700 °C)	ρ (700 °C)	S^2/ρ (700 °C)
		$\mu\text{V/K}$	$\text{m}\Omega \text{ cm}$	$10^{-4}\text{W m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-2}$
$\text{Ca}_{2.75}\text{Gd}_{0.25}\text{Co}_4\text{O}_9$ (p leg)	Semiconducting	185	7.8	4.8
$\text{Ca}_{0.92}\text{La}_{0.08}\text{MnO}_3$ (n leg)	Metallic	-120	6.6	2.2

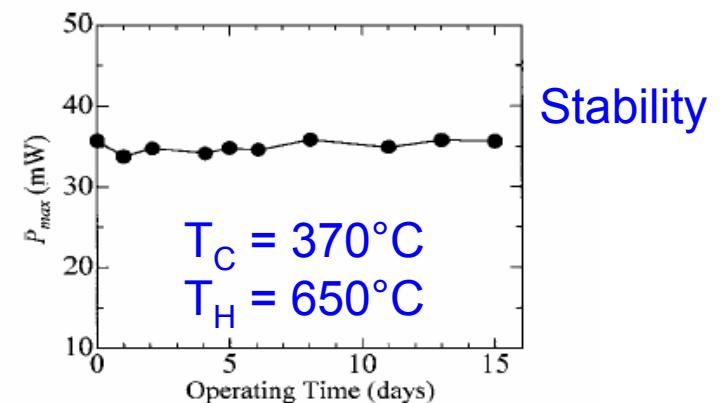
$$T_h = 1046\text{K}, \Delta T = 390\text{K}, \\ P=63.5\text{mW}$$

TABLE II. Thermal conditions, open circuit voltage V_o , and maximum output power P_{\max} for fin-type device with eight $p-n$ couples.

Condition	T_h , °C	ΔT , °C	V_o , mV	P_{\max} , mW
a	477	235	550	19.8
b	580	290	694	31.8
c	672	335	838	46.5
d	773	390	988	63.5

T_h : Hot side temperature.

ΔT : Temperature difference.



Modules

$\text{La}_{0.9}\text{Bi}_{0.1}\text{NiO}_3 / \text{Ca}_{2.7}\text{Bi}_{0.3}\text{Co}_4\text{O}_9$

n : $\text{La}_{0.9}\text{Bi}_{0.1}\text{NiO}_3$ / p : $\text{Ca}_{2.7}\text{Bi}_{0.3}\text{Co}_4\text{O}_9$

1 junction : $T_H = 1073\text{K}$, $\Delta T = 500\text{K}$, $P = 94\text{mW}$

140 paires

$T_H = 1072\text{K}$, $\Delta T = 551\text{K}$



FIG. 4. (Color) Comparative photographs of the oxide module and a mobile phone, and a demonstration of charging a lithium-ion battery in the mobile phone. Red LED on the mobile phone indicates charging of the lithium-ion battery is in progress.

For mobile phone
 $T_H = 1072\text{K}!$

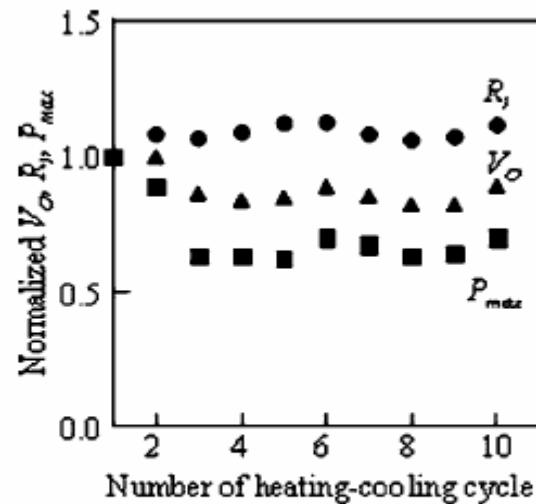


FIG. 3. Thermal resistance of the oxide module at T_H of ~ 723 K and ΔT of ~ 385 K. R_I (●), V_O (▲), and P_{max} (■) normalized by the values of the first trial are plotted against the number of heating-cooling cycles.

R. Funahashi et al., APL 85, 1036 (2004)

R. Funahashi et al., JAP99, 066117 (2006)

Comparison of modules

Manufacturing factor

$$MF = R_{\text{ideal}} / R_{\text{int}},$$

Name	Materials	Type	Nb Couple	Power (W)	MF
Funahashi et al.	$\text{Ca}_{2.7}\text{Bi}_{0.3}\text{Co}_4\text{O}_9$ / $\text{La}_{0.9}\text{Bi}_{0.1}\text{NiO}_3$	PN	1	0.03	0.15
Shin et al.	(Li) NiO / (Ba, Sr) PbO ₃	PN	2	0.034	0.3
Matsubara et al.	(Gd) Ca ₃ Co ₄ O ₉ / (La) CaMnO ₃	PN	8	0.089	0.82
Sudhakar et al.	Ca ₃ Co ₄ O ₉ / Ca _{0.95} Sm _{0.05} MnO ₃	PN	2	0.031	0.57
Present work	Ca _{0.95} Sm _{0.05} MnO ₃ / Ca _{0.95} Sm _{0.05} MnO ₃	N	2	0.016	0.15

Important to optimize the contacts quality!

S. Lemonnier, C. Goupil et al.

Modules and prototypes

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Monolithic oxide–metal composite thermoelectric generators for energy harvesting

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Monolithic oxide–metal composite thermoelectric generators (TEGs) were fabricated using multilayer co-fired ceramic technology. These devices consisted of $\text{Ni}_{0.9}\text{Mo}_{0.1}$ and $\text{La}_{0.035}\text{Sr}_{0.965}\text{TiO}_3$ as p- and n-type thermoelectric materials, and $\text{Y}_{0.03}\text{Zr}_{0.97}\text{O}_2$ was used as an insulator, sandwiched between p- and n-type layers. To co-fire dissimilar materials, p-type layers contained 20 wt. % $\text{La}_{0.035}\text{Sr}_{0.965}\text{TiO}_3$; thus, these were oxide–metal composite layers. The fabricated device had 50 pairs of p-i-n junctions of $5.9 \text{ mm} \times 7.0 \text{ mm} \times 2.6 \text{ mm}$. The calculated maximum value of the electric power output from the device was 450 mW/cm^2 at $\Delta T = 360 \text{ K}$. Furthermore, this device generated $100 \mu\text{W}$ at $\Delta T = 10 \text{ K}$ and operated a radio frequency (RF) transmitter circuit module assumed to be a sensor network system. © 2011 American Institute of Physics.

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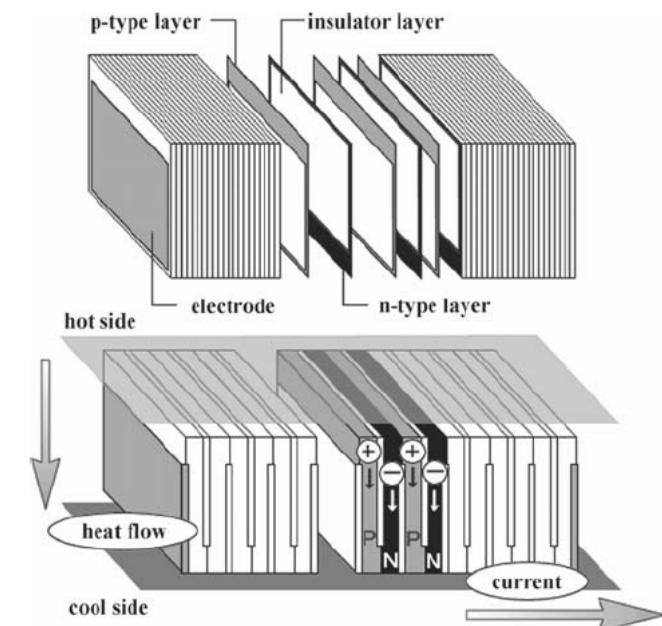


FIG. 1. Structure of the monolithic thermoelectric generator (TEG), based on multilayer ceramic capacitor (MLCC) technology. The p- and n-type layer printed insulators were stacked and co-fired.

Type n : SrTiO_3 dopé au La
 450mW/cm^2 pour $\Delta T = 360\text{K}$

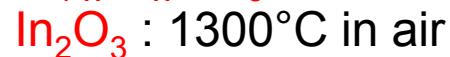
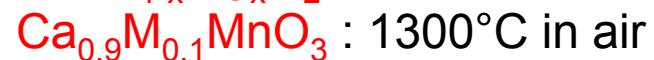
Stability problems

Thermal stability

Oxygen stoichiometry?

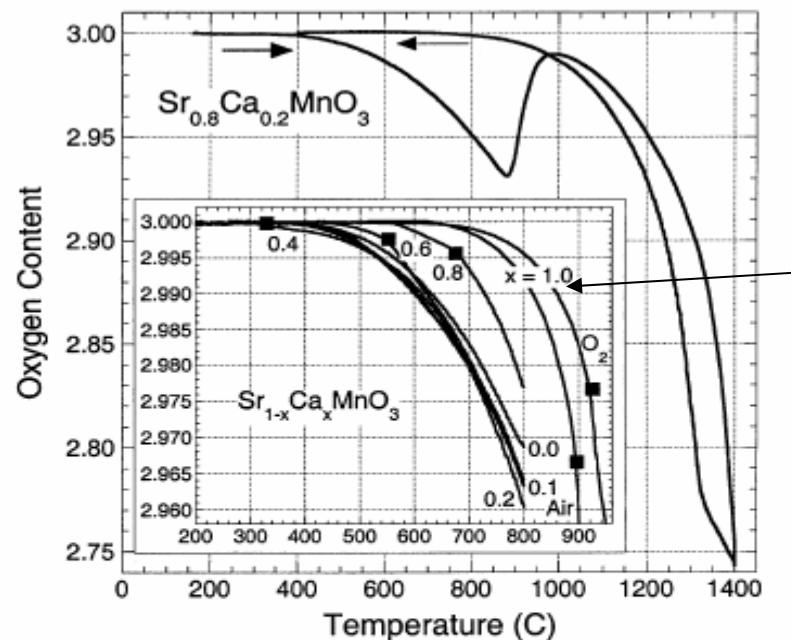
Oxides : can be synthesized in air or controlled atmosphere at 800°C – 1500°C

Misfits : 800 - 1000 °C in air, or controlled atmosphere



Peroxsites

Type n : manganese oxides



CaMnO_3
Stable jusqu'à ~ 700 -800°C
sous O_2

Fig. 2. Thermogravimetric analysis measurements on heating and cooling in a 20% O_2/Ar gas mixture for perovskite $\text{Sr}_{0.8}\text{Ca}_{0.2}\text{MnO}_3$. Inset: Oxygen nonstoichiometry during heating the perovskite phases $\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x\text{MnO}_3$ ($x = 0.0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0$) in oxygen at low temperatures. Filled squares denote temperatures at which an increased formation of oxygen vacancies is observed on heating (legend the same as for main panel).

Thermal stability

Misfits

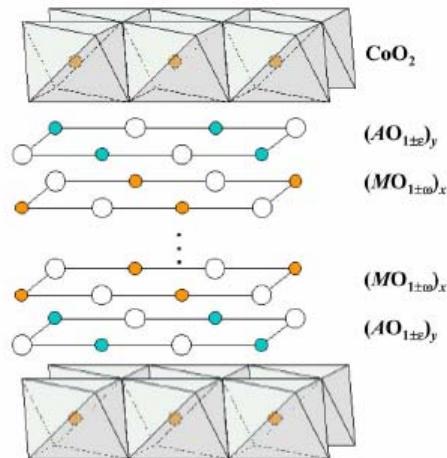


Fig. 1. Schematic illustration of the crystal structure of an ML cobalt-oxide phase, $[(MO_{1\pm\delta})_n](AO_{1\pm\delta})_yCoO_2$, consisting of two subsystems, CoO_2 and $AO_{1\pm\delta}-(MO_{1\pm\delta})_n-AO_{1\pm\delta}$, that are incommensurate along the b -axis direction, but have the lattice parameters, a , c and β , in common.

Oxygen stoichiometry?

Thermogravimetric
+ titration analysis

N_2 annealing

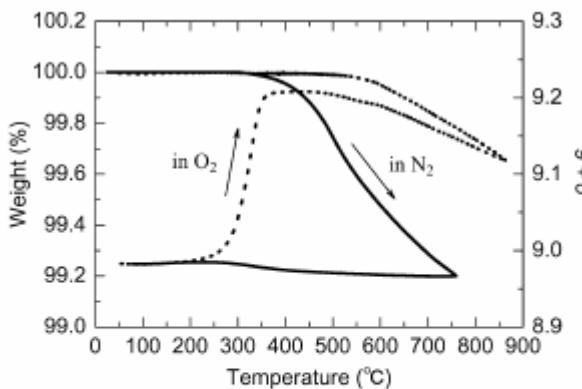


Fig. 2. TG curves for $Ca_3Co_{19.5}O_{9+\delta}$ showing its deoxygenation and oxygenation characteristics. First as-air-synthesized $Ca_3Co_{19.5}O_{9.24}$ is deoxygenated by heating (up to 750°C) and cooling in N_2 (—) and subsequently oxygenated by heating (up to 850°C) and cooling in O_2 (---). The mass of the sample was ~ 60 mg and the heating and cooling rates were 0.5°C/min.

Y. Morita et al., JSSC177, 3149 (2004)

Synthesis and measurements conditions : ZnO

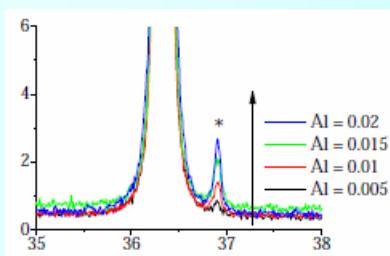
Al-doped ZnO revisités : conditions de synthèse

Précurseurs identiques, préparation de lots de poudre (ball-milling, liant organique), séparation en 2 lots

1400°C, flux de N₂, 5h



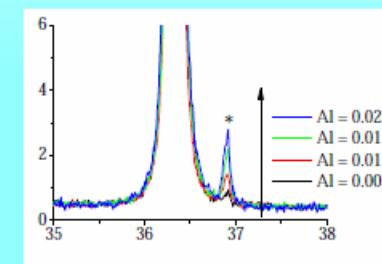
15-20% pertes en masse
densité > 90%
barreaux bleu-nuit



1400°C, flux d'air sec, 5h



5% pertes en masse
densité > 90%
barreaux bleu-vert

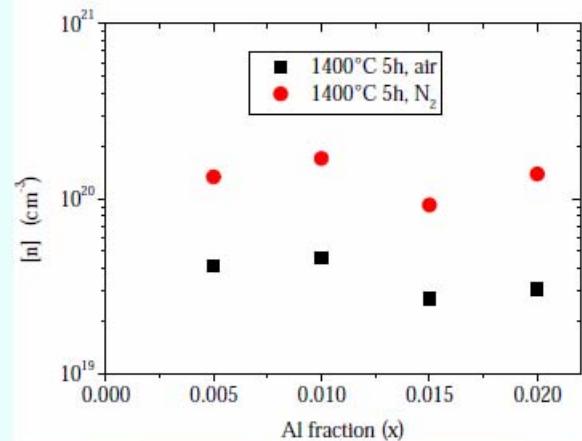


XRD (+ rietveld) :
pas de différence significative
présence de spinelle ZnAl₂O₄

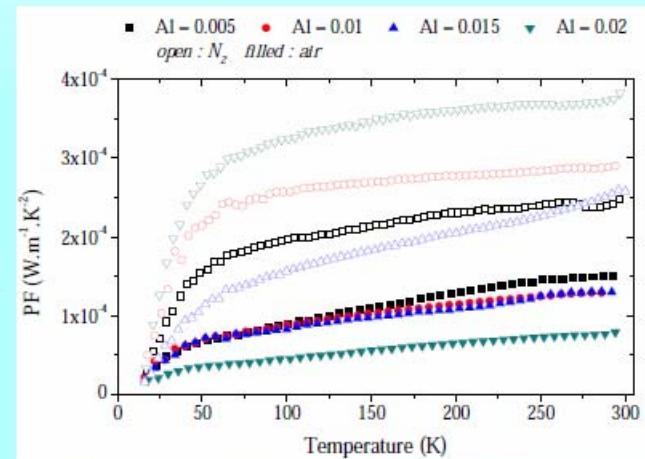
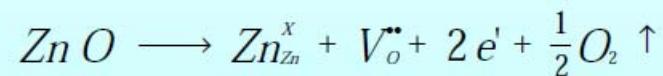
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[n] nettement plus élevée après frittage N₂



conséquence : frittage N₂ → $S^2\sigma$ plus élevé
(plus d'un facteur 2 d'écart)

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Conclusion

$ZT \text{ (n type)} < ZT \text{ (p type)}$

Thermal conductivity : coming from the lattice

- n type oxides : degenerate semi-conductors

Seebeck described in a first approach by Mott's formula

- p type oxides

Seebeck coefficient : **Major role of the spin and orbital term**

Importance of electronic correlations

$$S = -\frac{k_B}{|e|} \ln(\beta \frac{1-x}{x})$$

How to enhance ZT??

- ↳ Investigation of thermal conductivity
- ↳ Nanostructuration and electronic correlations?
 - ↳ Low dimensional structures
 - ↳ Microstructures
- ↳ Anionic substitutions (oxyselenides)

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