



## Thermoelectric Properties of Nanomaterials

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In recent years, many research groups worldwide have experienced difficulty in increasing the figure-of-merit of thermoelectric materials. This is because most of these thermoelectric materials exhibit a rather **complex microstructure**, with a **hierarchical structure** containing point (vacancies and donor defects) and extended defects (dislocations and stacking faults), secondary stable and/or metastable phases, twin boundaries and/or high-angle grain boundaries, and different atomic bonding natures. Therefore, to further increase the performance of thermoelectrics, a detailed and accurate understanding of structural, chemical, electronic, and phonon transport properties from mesoscale down to atomic level is necessary. Moreover, the impact of **nanostructuring** in thermoelectric properties is vital.

Hence, this Special Issue will attempt to cover the most recent advances in nanostructuring for thermoelectric applications, with a special attention to synthesis and characterization. Last but not least, a particular attention will be given to the structural and functional properties of these nanomaterials. Design rules of better thermoelectrics for the future are greatly welcome too.





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