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Study on the Thermoelectric Properties of Nanostructured Materials

Message from the Guest Editors

Traditional carbon-based fossil energy resources emit greenhouse gases from human activities, making the average global temperature increase by 1\(\times \) in 2018, and be estimated to continue to increase by 1.5\(\times \) by as early as 2030. Thermoelectric materials can convert heat to electricity and vice versa without any noise, vibration, and emissions, facilitating the minimization of energy consumption and environmental damage. The advent of nanostructured thermoelectrics in the early 2000s led to a resurgence of interest in waste-heat utilization. Since nanostructuring can exert great influence over the carrier mobility, the Seebeck coefficient (energy filtering effect) and the phonon transport, a rational design of nanostructure can strike a superior synergy for high thermoelectric performance. This Special Issue welcomes efforts to discover new nanomaterials, novel synthesis methods, experimental characterization, computational modeling studies, as well as research on electrical and thermal transport properties.

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