

## Phonons in $\text{SrTiO}_3$ analyzed by difference bond-length spectrum

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- o Motivation: Functional Nanomaterials
- o New ideas about phonons in  $\text{SrTiO}_3$
- o Nano-layered Interfaces  $\text{SrTiO}_3$ - $\text{SrO}$ , ..

# Nonlinear solid-state physics effects

Piezoelectric  
 $\text{Pb}(\text{ZrTi})\text{O}_3$  (PZT)

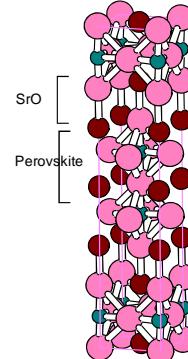
Colossal  
Dielectric  
Constant  
 $(\text{BaSr})\text{TiO}_3 \ \epsilon > 10000$

Giant-Magnetic  
Resistance  
 $(\text{LaSr})\text{MnO}_3$  (LSM)

Perovskite  
 $\text{ABO}_3, \text{A}^+\text{BO}_6^-$

Superconductor  
 $\text{Bi2212} \ T_c=120\text{K}$

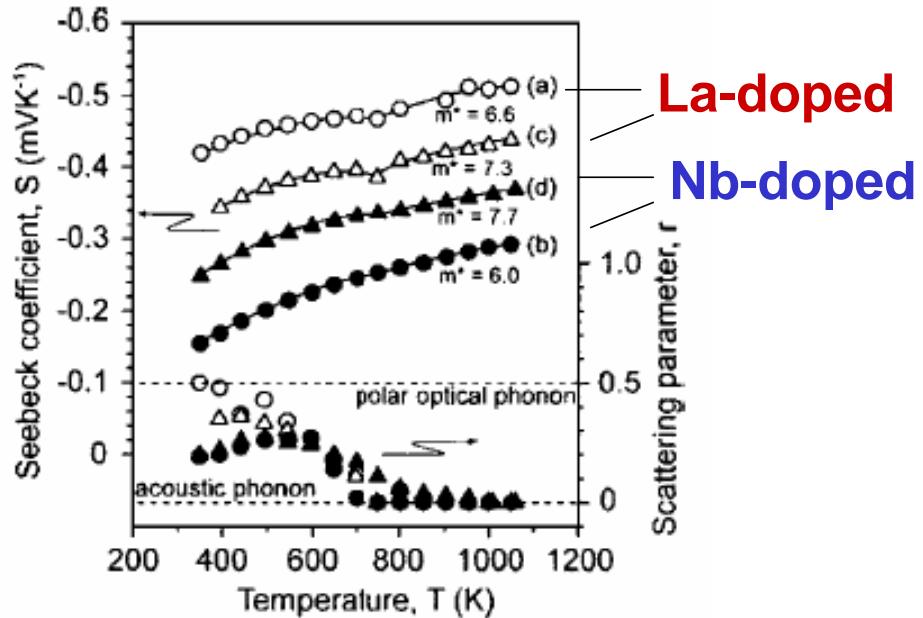
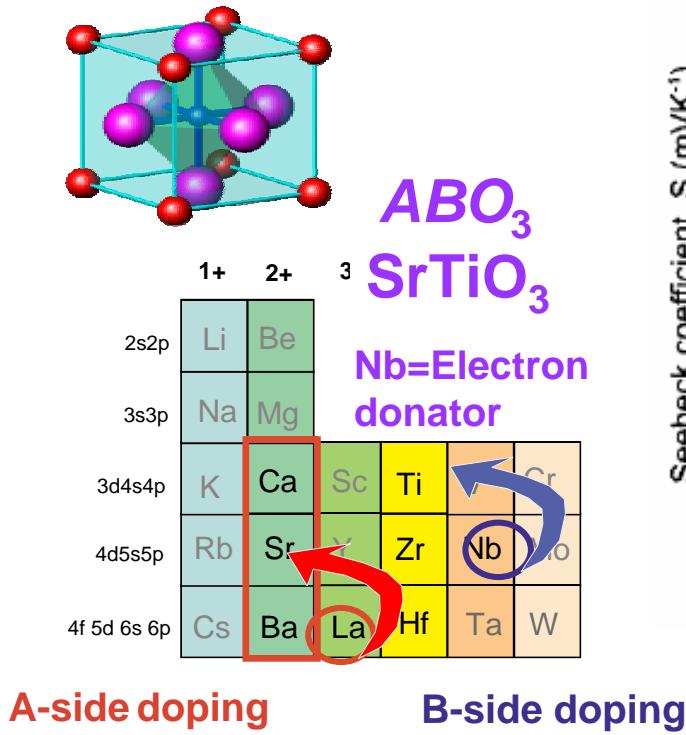
$(\text{SrTiO}_3)\text{SrO}$   
Thermoelectric



$ZT = 0.7 \ (1000\text{K})$

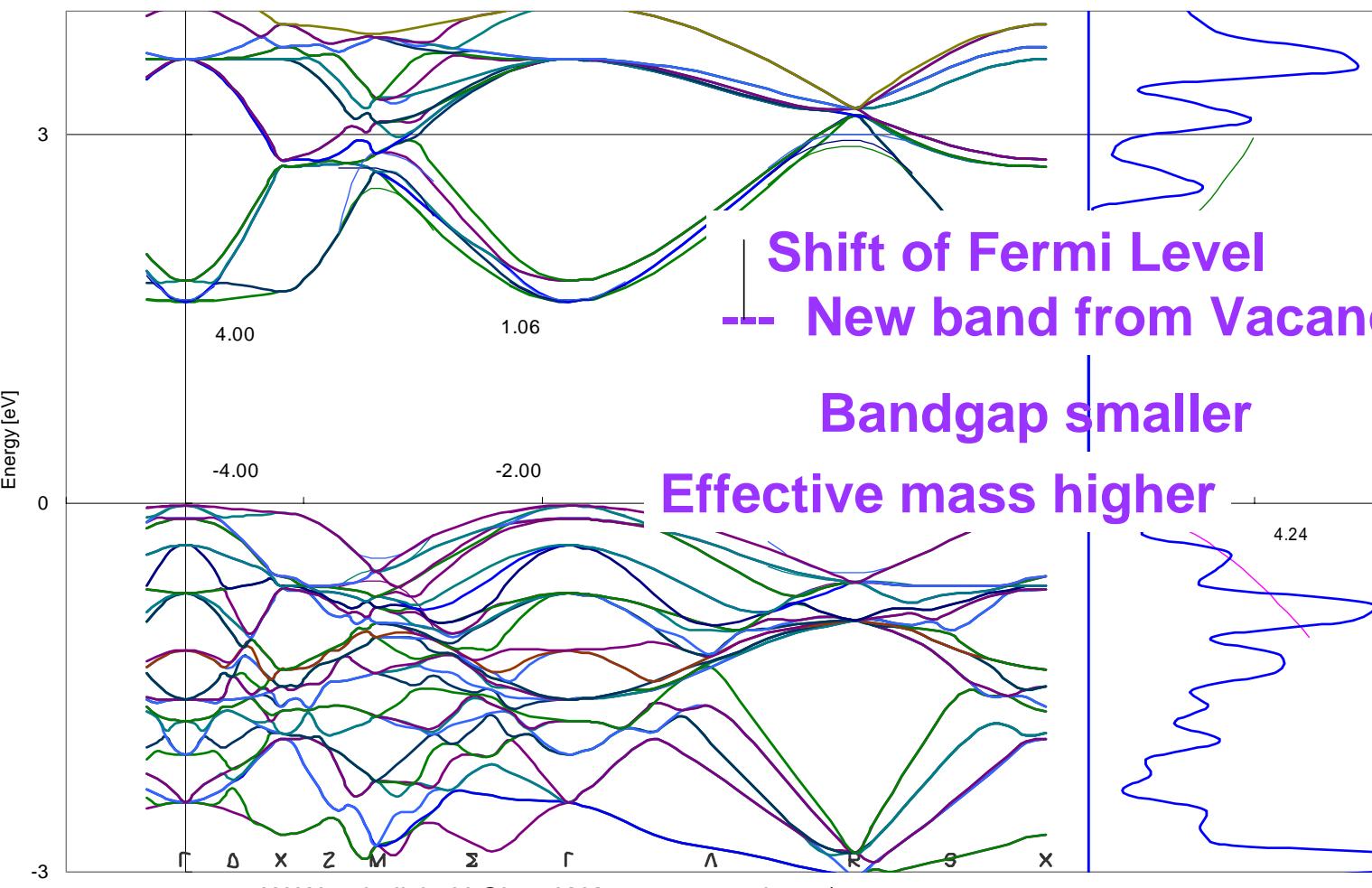
H. Ohta, S.Ohta, K. Koumoto  
Proc. ICT (2004)

# n-Doping of SrTiO<sub>3</sub>

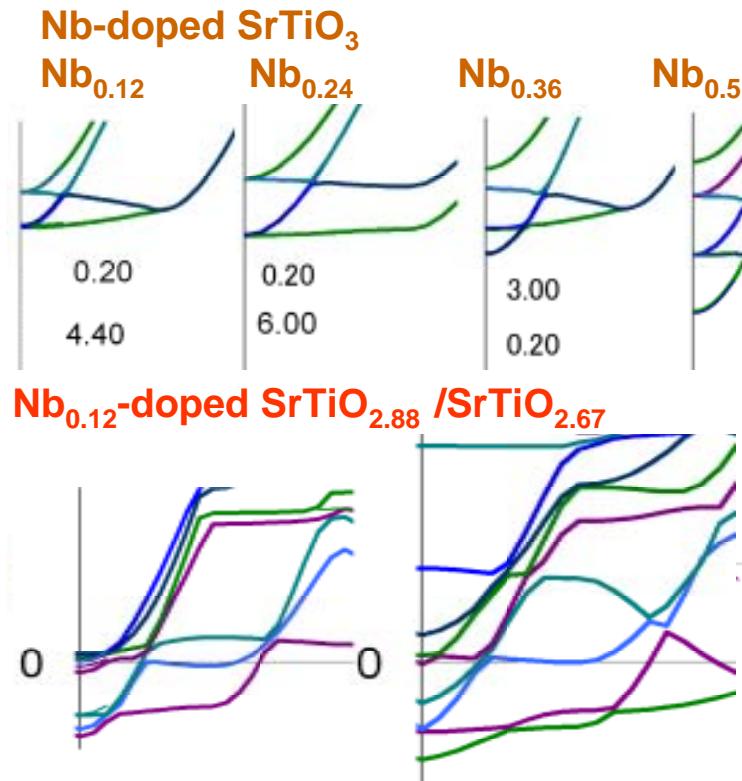


Experiment: H. Ohta, S.Ohta, K. Koumoto  
J.App.Phys. 97 (2005) 034106

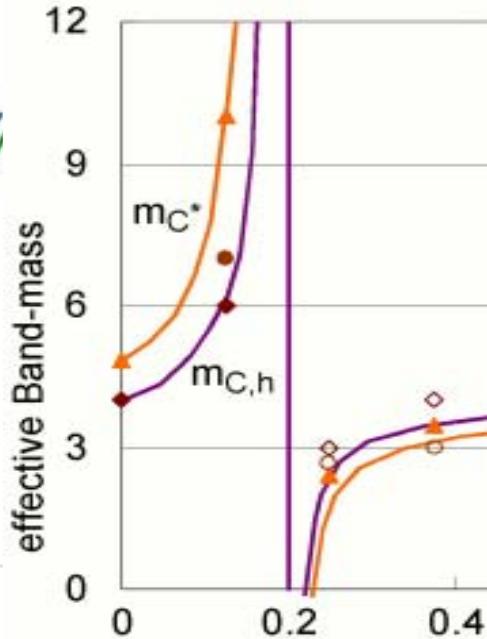
# Effective mass of Nb@ SrTiO<sub>3</sub>



W.Wunderlich, H.Ohta, K.Koumoto, cond-mat/0510013



**Result:**  
**Insulator-Metal-Transition**

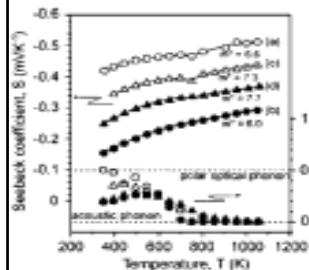


- > Effective mass > 12  
more two time larger  
than pure SrTiO<sub>3</sub>
- > 1.Guideline  
very narrow concentration range  
for best performance

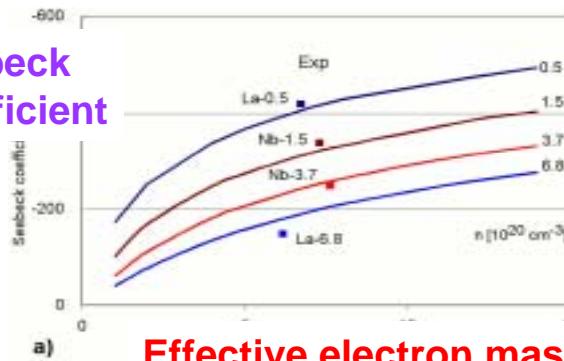
# TE properties Calculation on atomistic level

Experiment: H. Ohta, S.Ohta, K. Koumoto  
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Theory: C. B. Vining: J. Appl. Phys. 69 (1991) 331



Seebeck coefficient



a) Effective electron mass

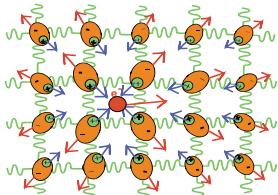
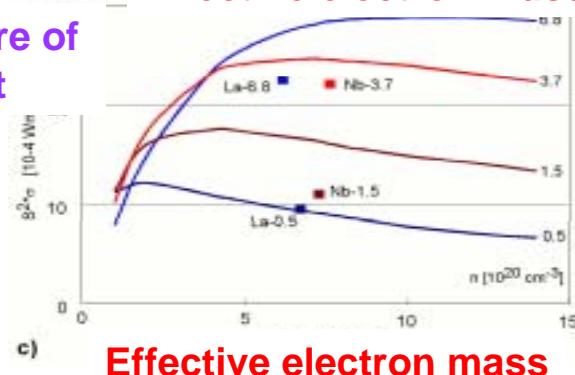
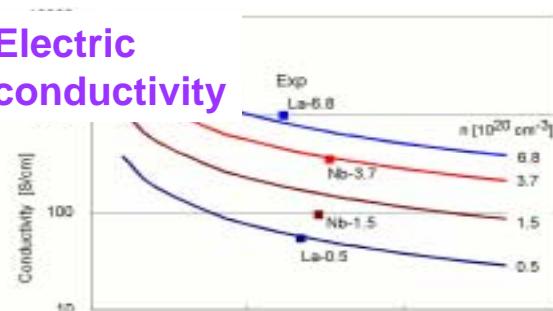


Figure of merit

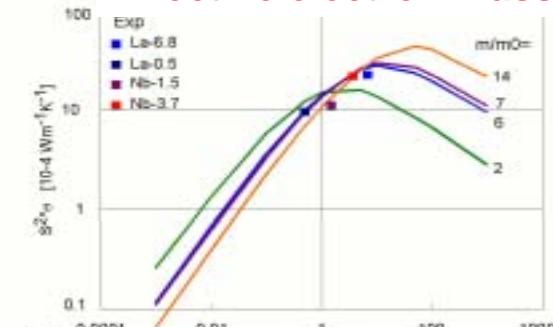


c) Effective electron mass

Electric conductivity



b) Effective electron mass

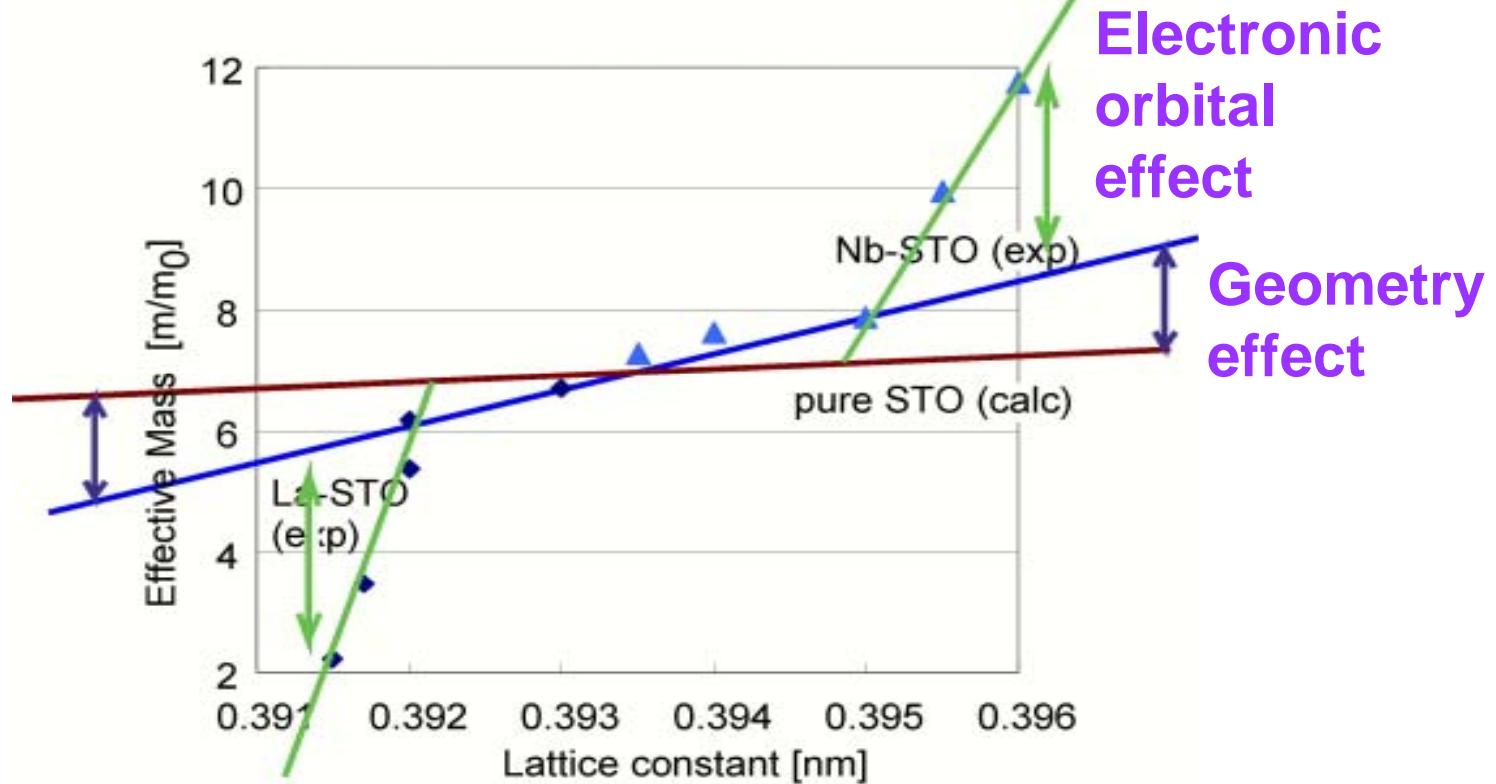


d) Charge carrier concentration

## 2.Guideline: Search for materials with large effective electron mass

W.Wunderlich, K.Koumoto, Int.J. Mat. Res. 97 (2006) 5 657-662

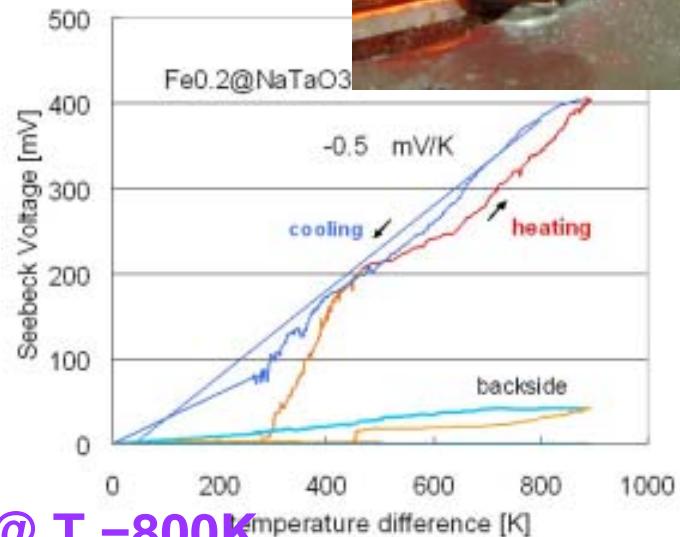
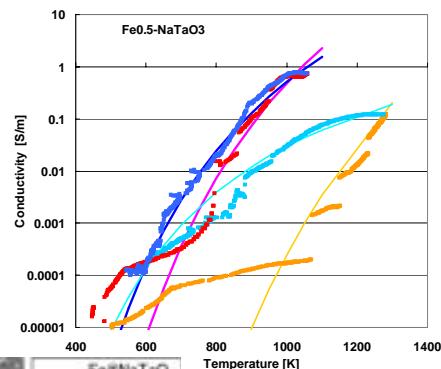
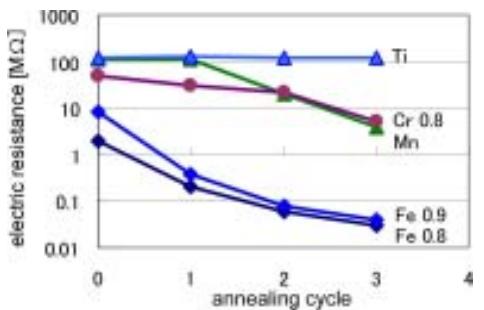
## Effective Mass of doped SrTiO<sub>3</sub>



**3.Guideline: Increase charge density on B-side  
namely Ti-Octahedron**

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# Material with large effective mass: $\text{NaTaO}_3$ (+ $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ )



$\sigma = 1 \text{ S/m} @ T = 800 \text{ K}$

$S = 400 \text{ mV/K} @ \Delta T = 800 \text{ K}$

W.Wunderlich, T.Soga, Proc.Jap.Thermoel.Soc. (2007)

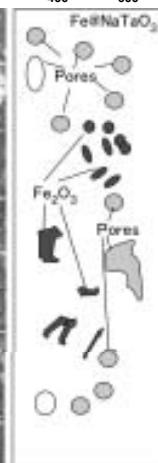
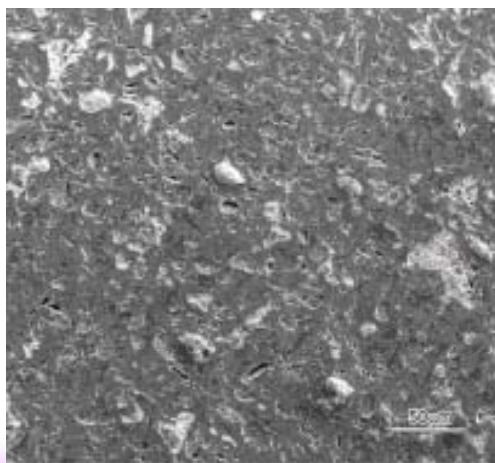
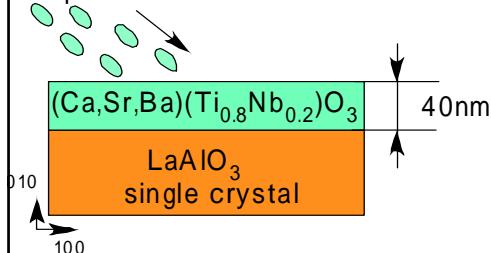


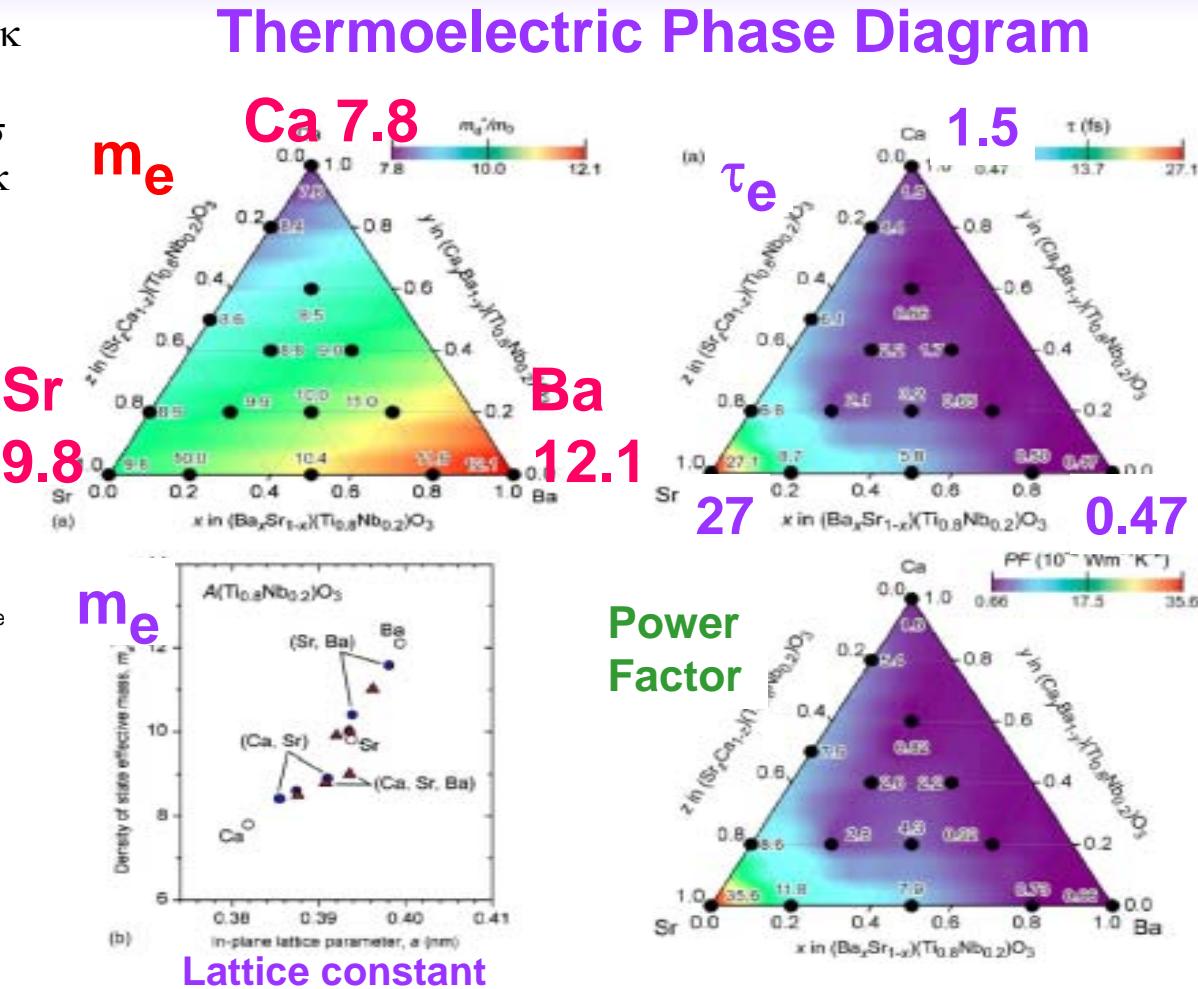
Figure of merit  $Z=S^2\sigma/\kappa$   
 Seebeck coefficient  $S$   
 Electric conductivity  $\sigma$   
 Thermal conductivity  $\kappa$

PLD Pulsed Laser Deposition



Epitaxial Orientation Relationship  
 $(001)[100]_{\text{Thin Film}} \parallel (001)[100]_{\text{Substrate}}$

$\sigma$        $m_e$   
 $\mu$        $\tau_e$   
 $S$        $n_e$   
 $\kappa$        $\tau_p$

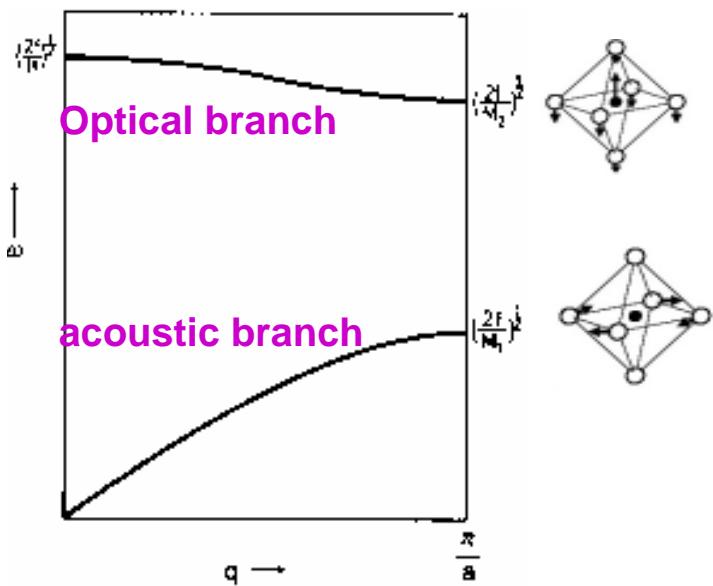


Yamamoto, Ohta, Koumoto., Appl. Phys. Lett. 90, 072101 (2007)

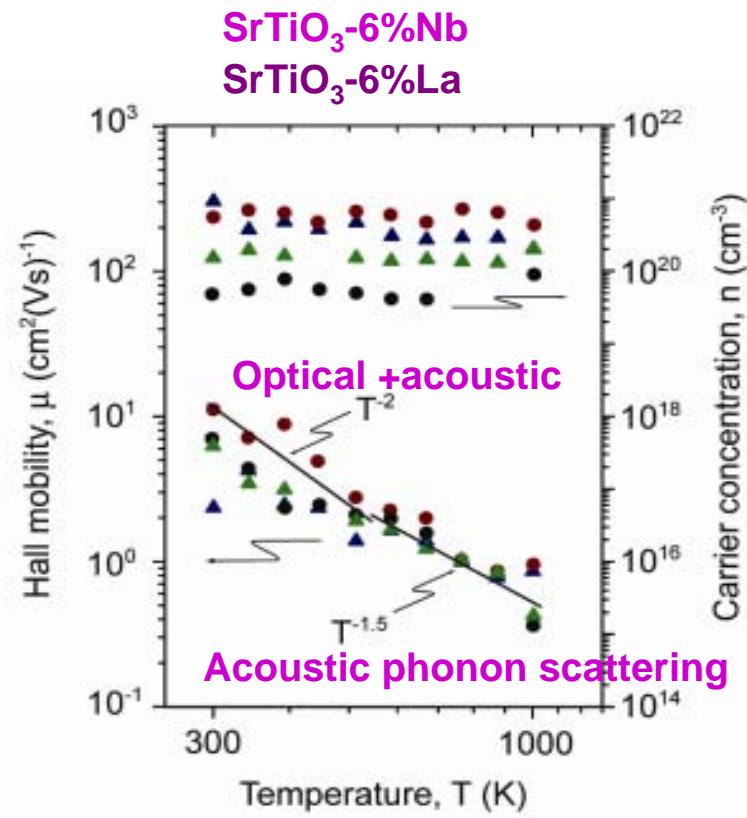
# Phonon calculations

$$k = \frac{1}{3} C \nu l$$

Specific heat      Phonon *mfp*  
Sound velocity



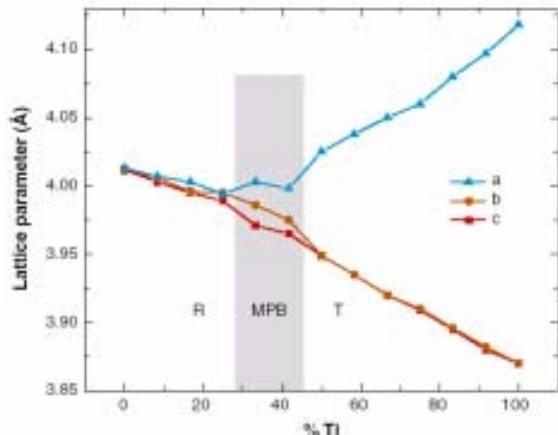
## and Comparison with experiments



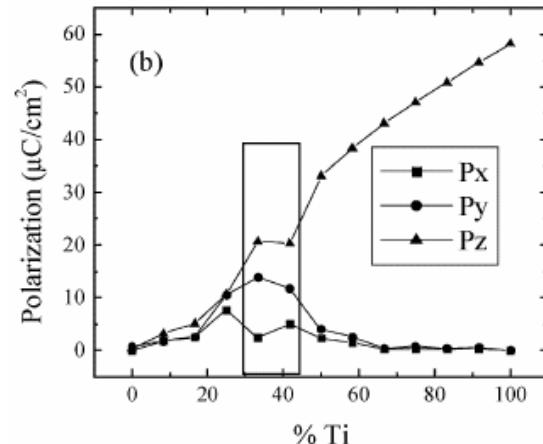
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# Soft Phonon modes indicate phase transition

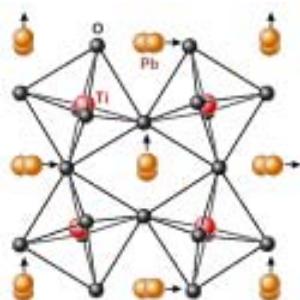
$\text{Pb}(\text{Mg}_{1/3}\text{Nb}_{2/3})\text{O}_3\text{-PbTiO}_3$  (PMN-PT),



Rhombohedral      tetragonal  
MPB: morphotropic phase boundary

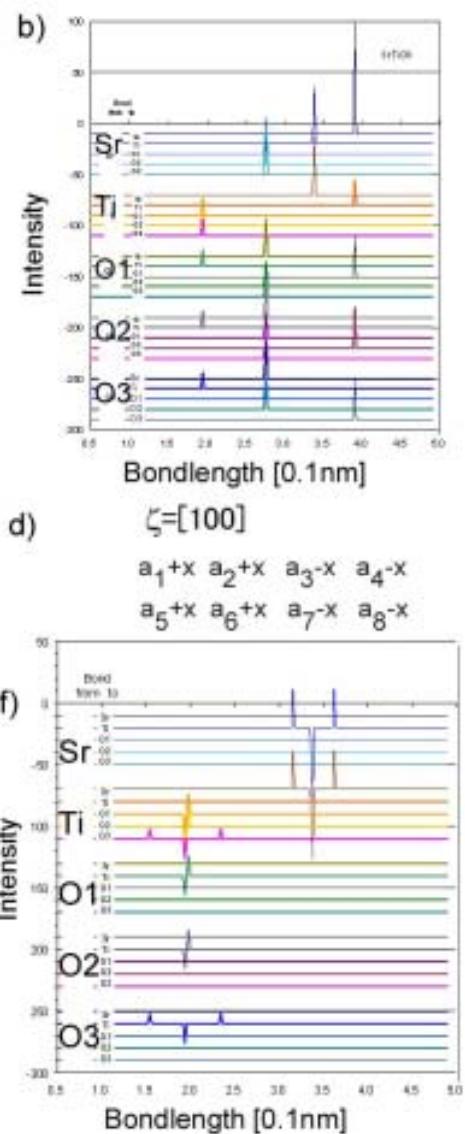
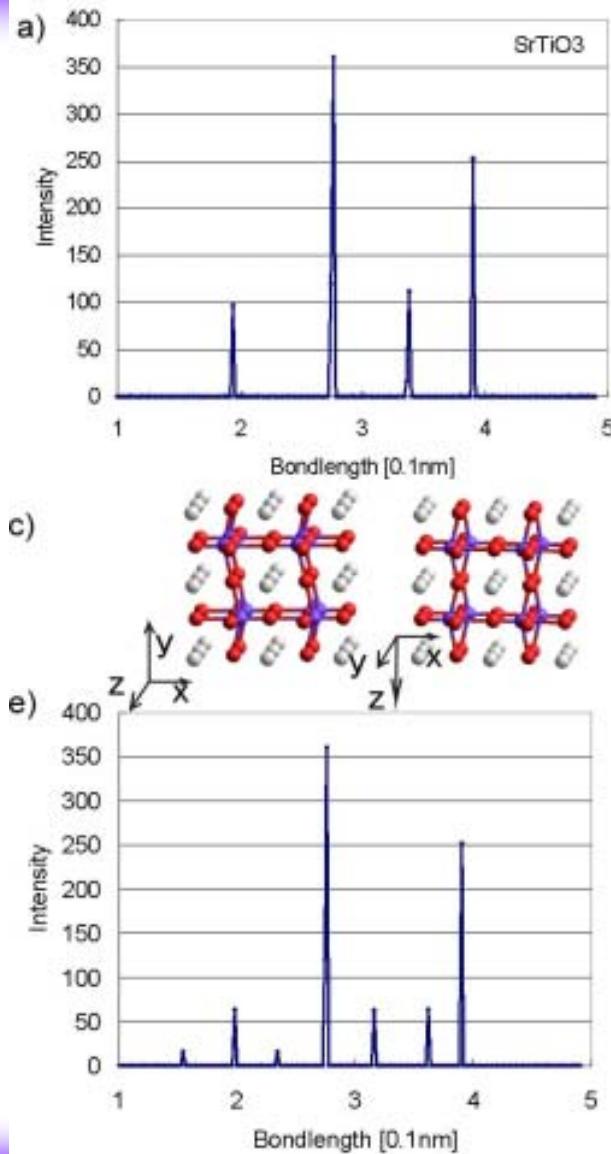


Large Polarization mode



Simon R.Phillpot, S.Sinnott, Ann.Rev.Mat Sci.37, 239-70 (2007)

Astaghiri, Wu et.al. Ferroelectrics 333, 69-78 (2006).



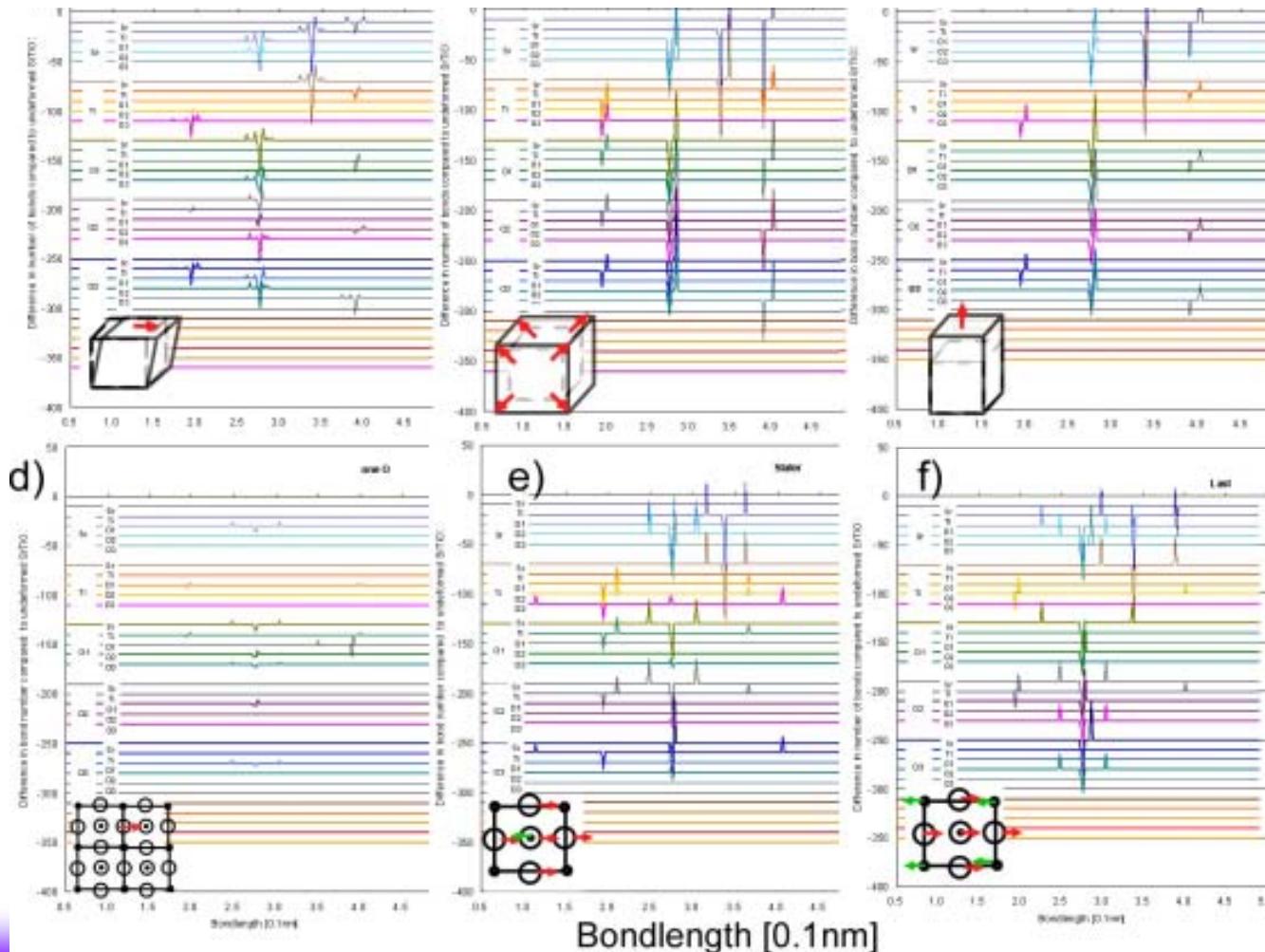
## Bond length spectrum

= Radial distribution function

= pair correlation function

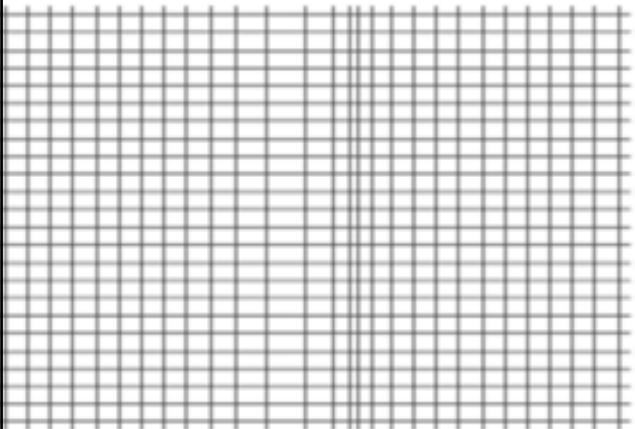
W.Wunderlich,  
[arxiv.org/abs/0711.0567](https://arxiv.org/abs/0711.0567)

# Bondlength spectrum for distortions and phonons



## Waves in solids

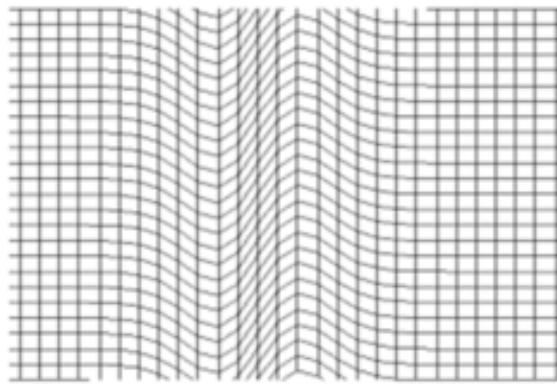
### Longitudinal wave



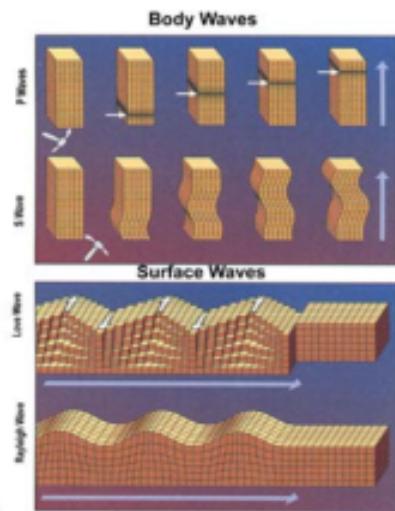
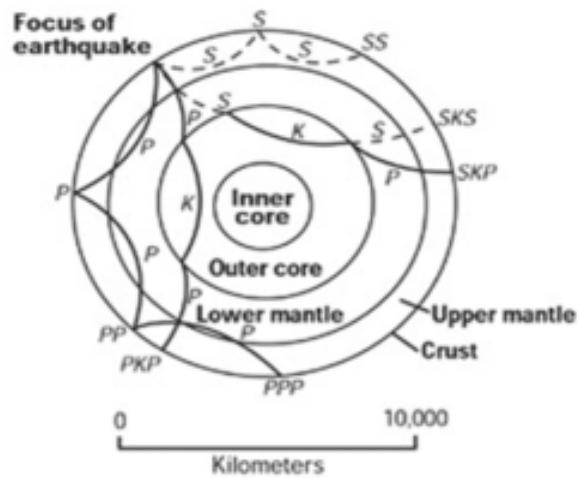
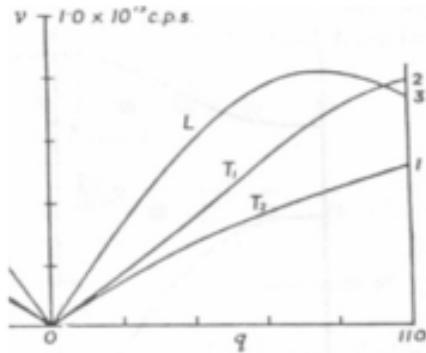
P-wave,  
5.7km/s =  
15000km/h

## Earthquake waves

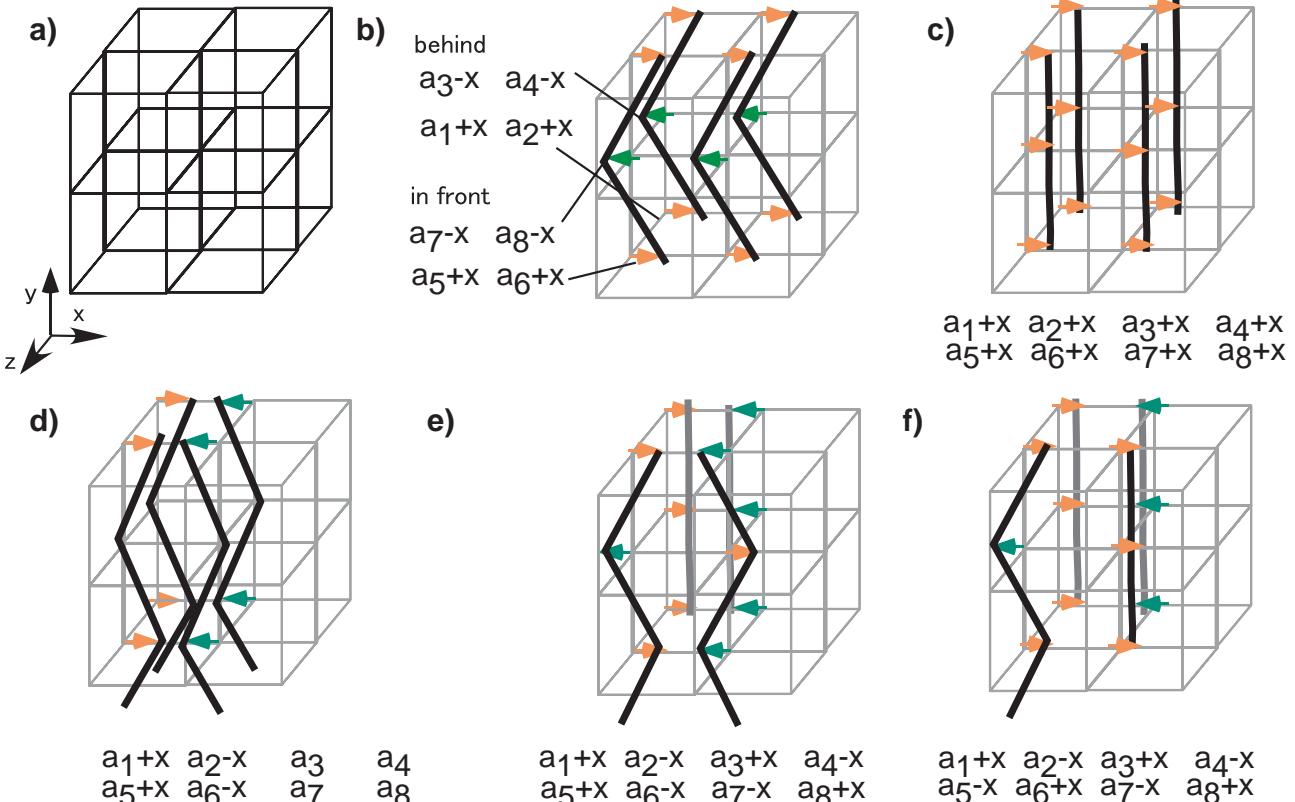
### Transverse wave



S-wave,  
3.4km/s =  
9000km/h

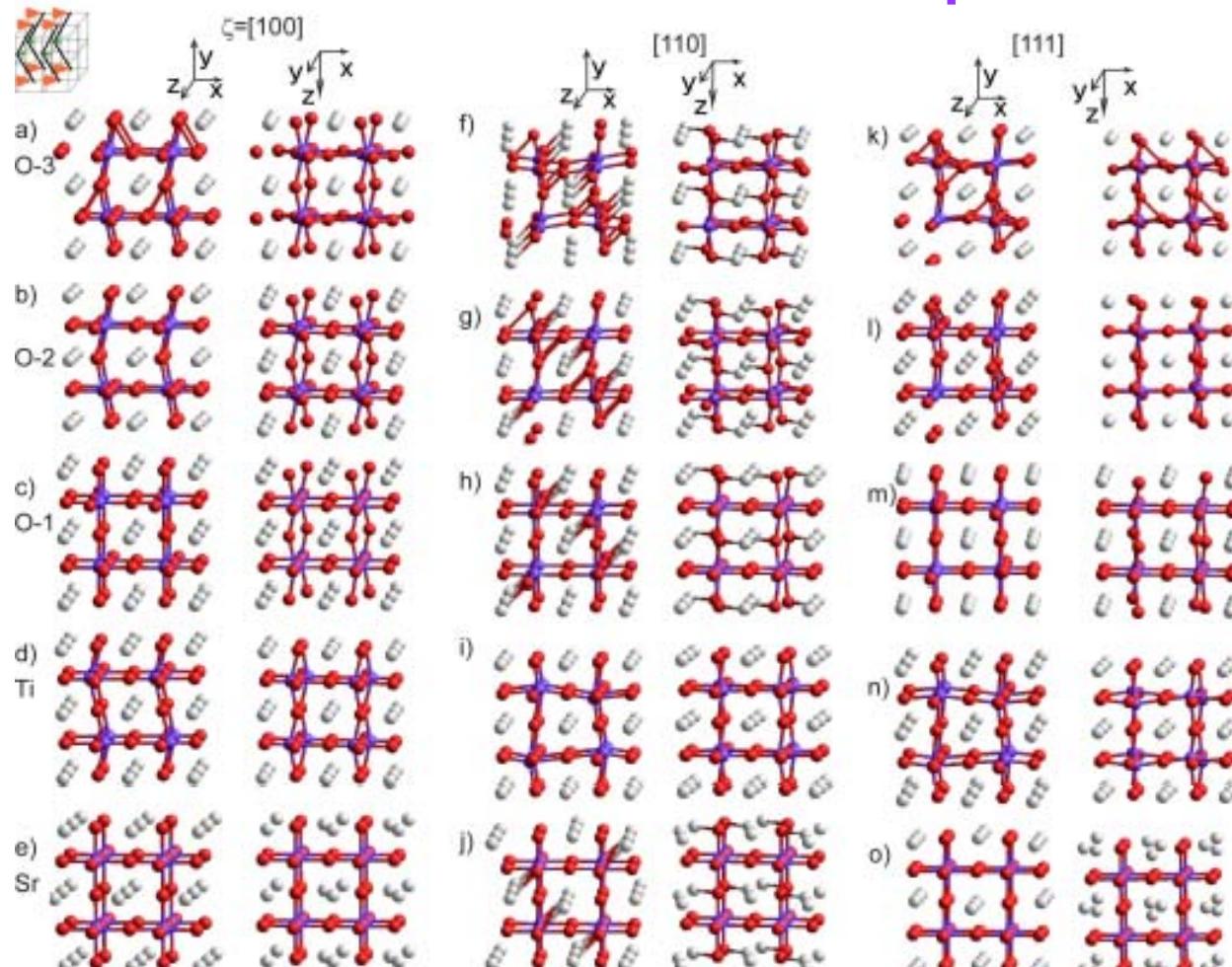


# Frozen phonon calculations

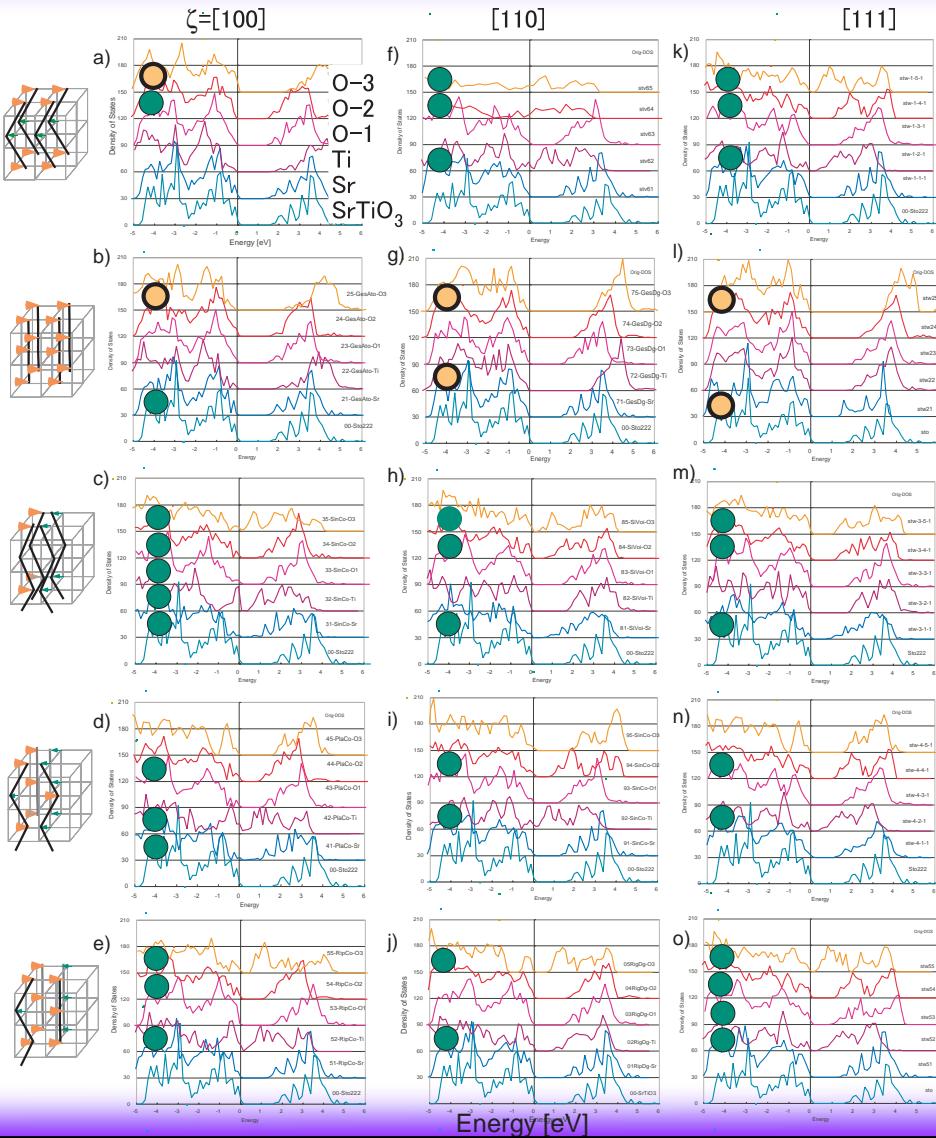


Sr, Ti, 1O, 2O, 3O

# Atomic structure of Frozen phonons



# Electronic Band structure of frozen phonons

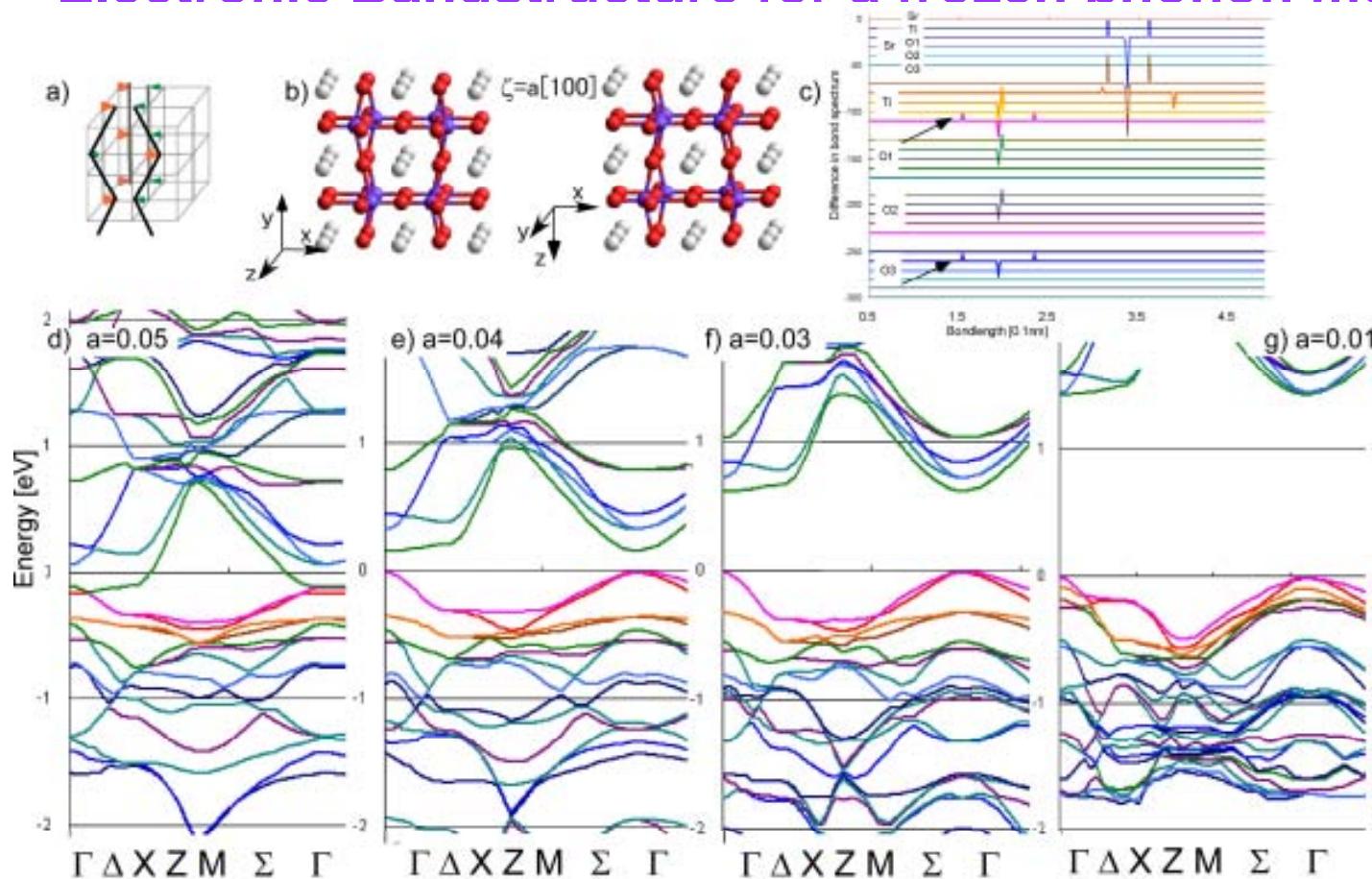


● smaller bandgap

● wider bandgap

W.Wunderlich,  
[arxiv.org/abs/0711.0567](https://arxiv.org/abs/0711.0567)

# Electronic Bandstructure for a frozen phonon mode



-> Some phonon modes decrease the electronic bandgap

# Nano-Doping $\rightarrow$ Nano-Composite Material



## 5.Guideline:

An atom is  
the smallest unit for  
doping an alloy.

## Search for proper interfaces



An (coherent) Interface is  
the smallest unit of  
Nano-Composite Material.

## Ruddlesden-Popper “natural” Superlattice

Ruddlesden, S.N.;Popper, P. Acta Crys. 11 (1958) 54-55  
J.H. Haeni, C.D.Theis, D.G. Schlom, et.al. APL 78 [21] (2001) 3292

$m=1$

$n=1$

2

3

4

5

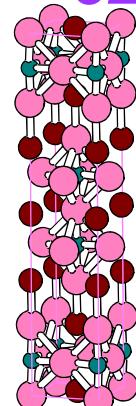
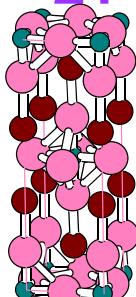
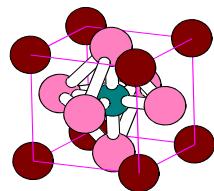
$(\text{SrTiO}_3)_n(\text{SrO})_m$



MBE-growth

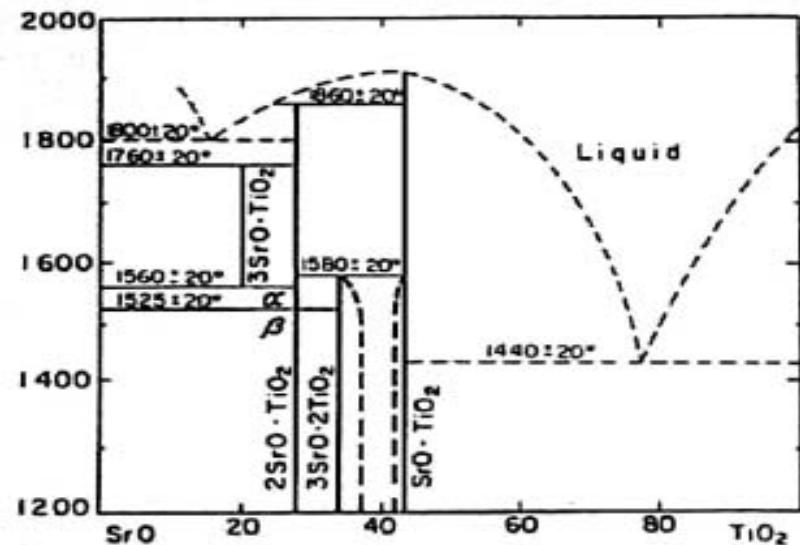
STO- 214

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Idea: SrO reduces  
the thermal conductivity

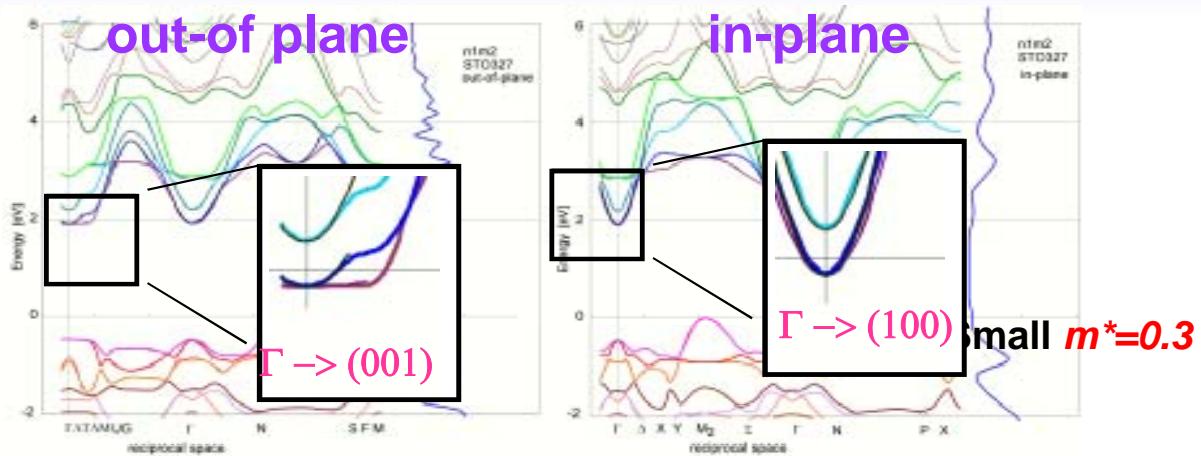
Koumoto Proc.ICT 2004



# Band structure of SrTiO<sub>3</sub>-RP phases

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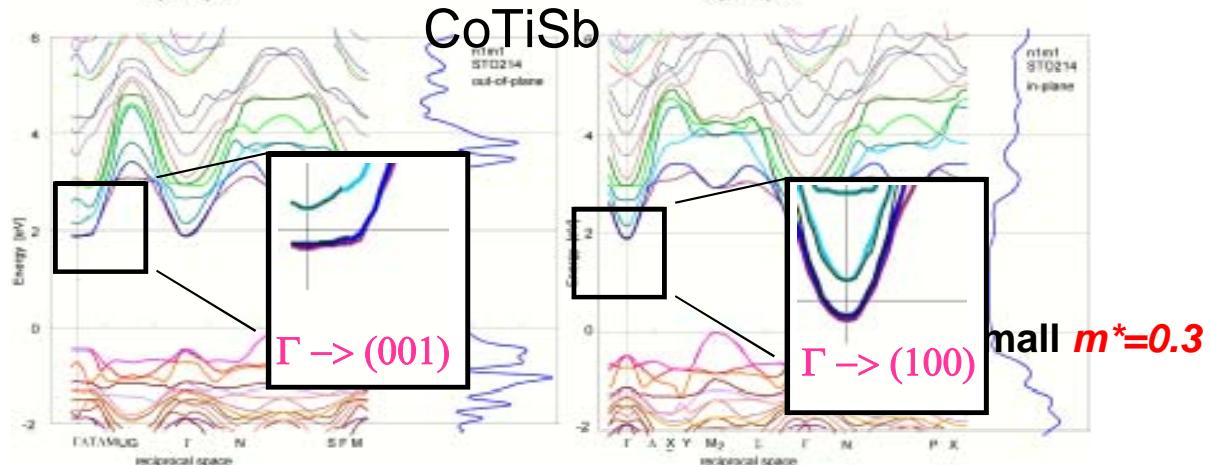
Large  $m^*=10$



**STO214**

Large  $m^*=6$

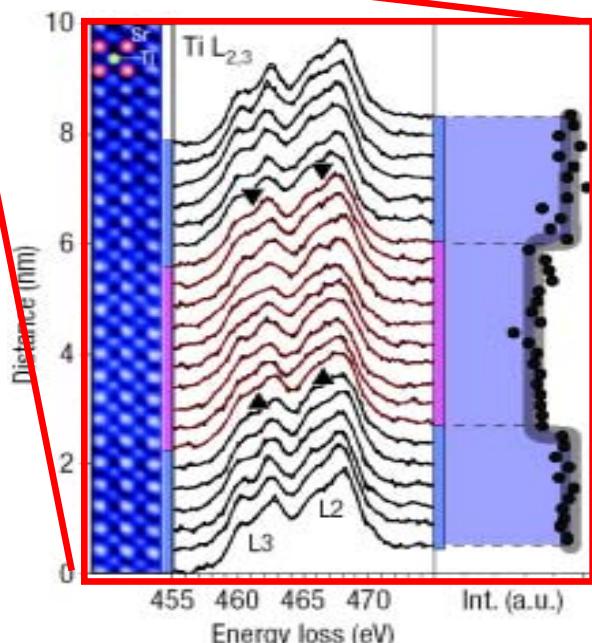
->average 1.5



-> smaller effective mass than SrTiO<sub>3</sub>

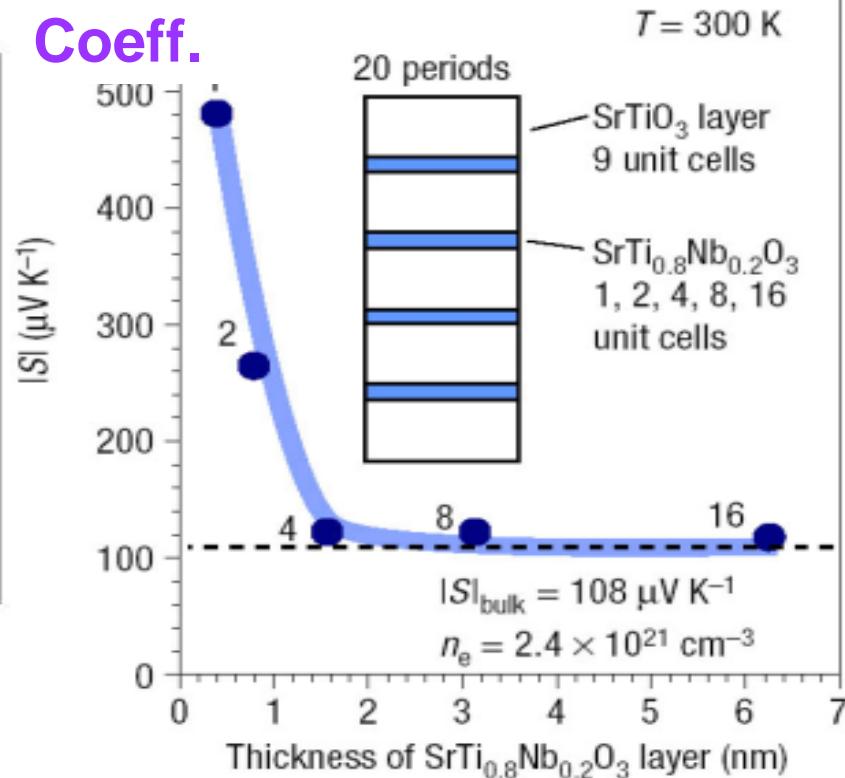
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# Giant Thermoelectric power of a 2DEG (1)



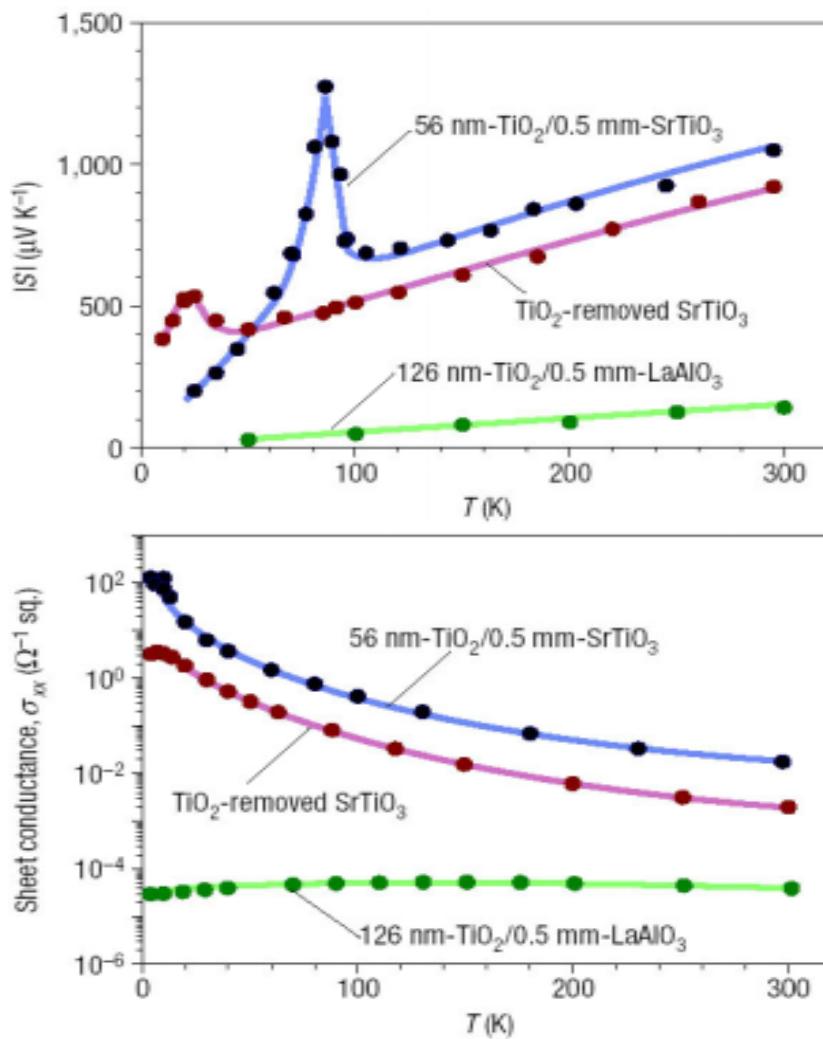
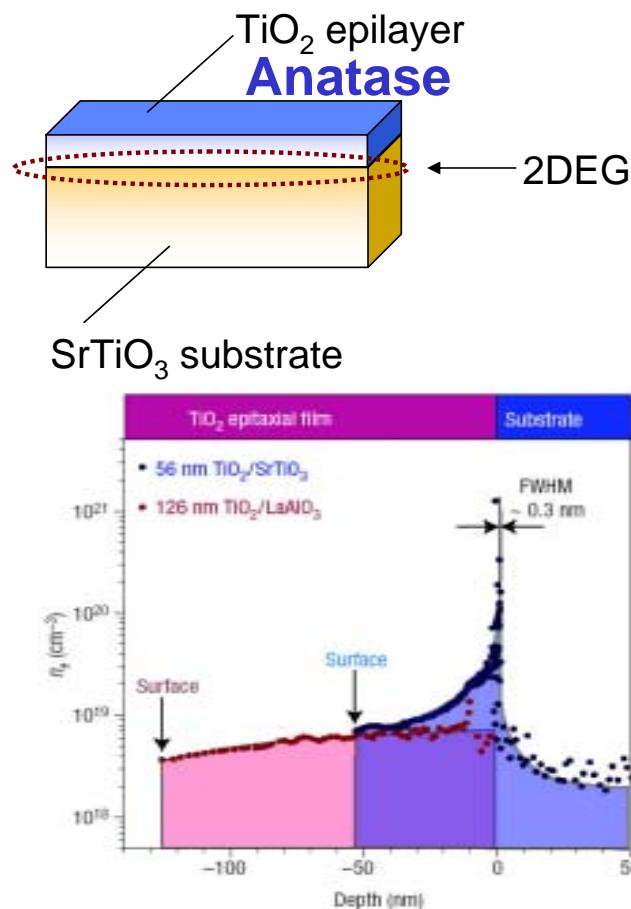
EELS in HAADF-STEM  
Ti <sup>4+</sup> → Ti <sup>3+/4+</sup>

## Seebeck-Coeff.



Ohta, K., M., M., N., O., N., N., I., H., H., Koumoto, Nature Materials 6 129 (2007)

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## Conclusion

 **Nb-doped SrTiO<sub>3</sub> showed, that Large Effective mass is one of the parameters for large Seebeck-coefficient**

 **Certain Phonon modes decrease the bandgap due to shorter Ti-O bonds in SrTiO<sub>3</sub>.**

 **Layered perovskites and NaTaO<sub>3</sub> are promising new TE-materials**