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# Transport properties in layered thermoelectric chalcogenides

*Intercalation, substitution and non stoichiometry : three different approaches to increase phonon scattering in  $TiS_2$*

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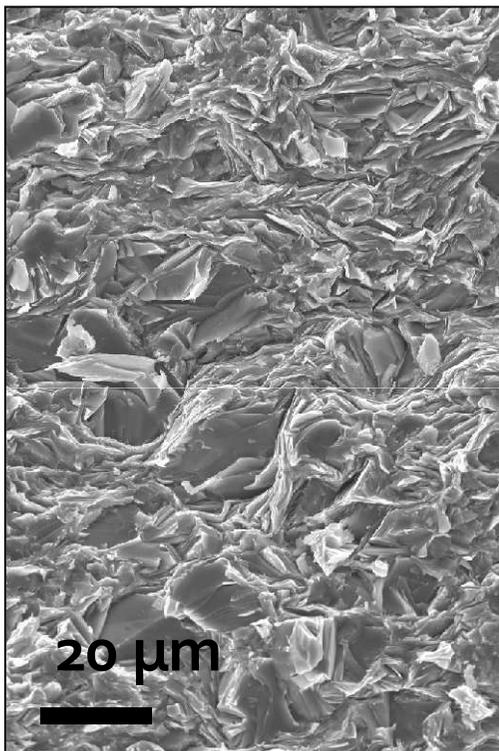
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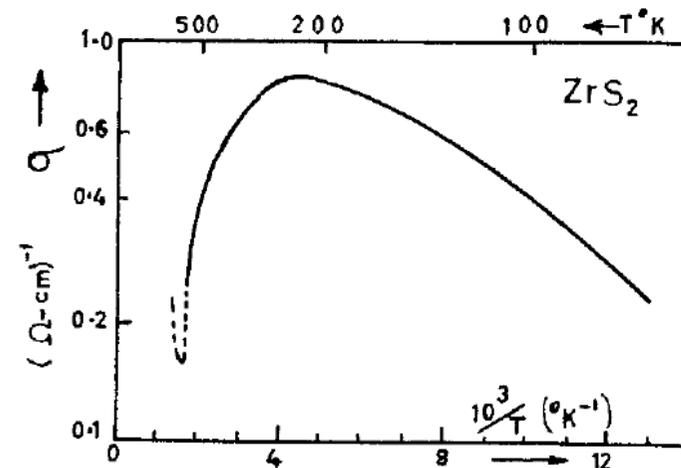
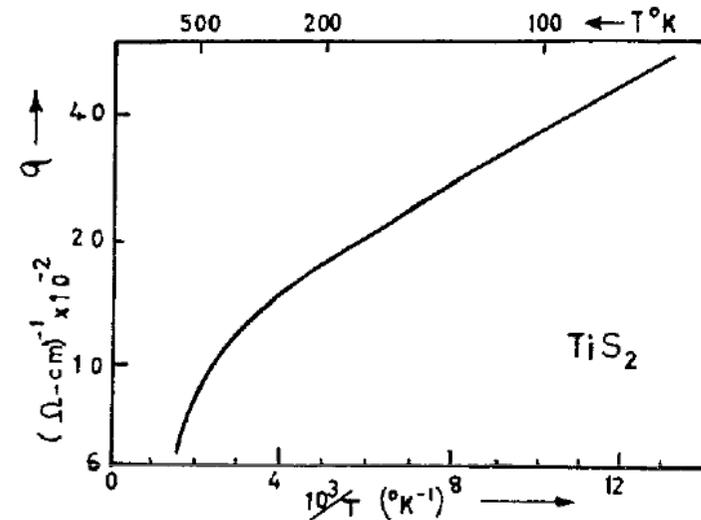
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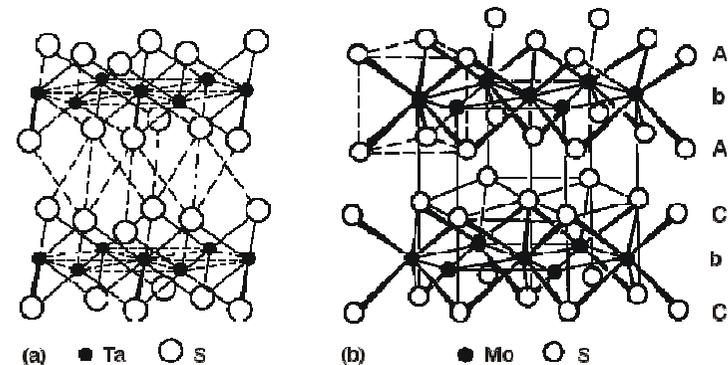
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## Strong Anisotropy

- Two-dimensional character, e.g. electrical and thermal properties
- Electron mobility in Cdl<sub>2</sub> planes
- Phonon scattering along c direction



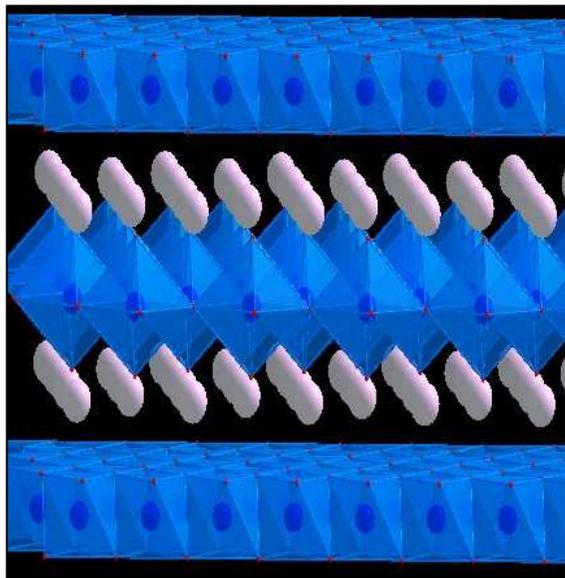
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## An Oxide Single Crystal with High Thermoelectric Performance in Air

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## Misfit-layered cobaltite with an anisotropic giant magnetoresistance: Ca<sub>3</sub>Co<sub>4</sub>O<sub>9</sub>

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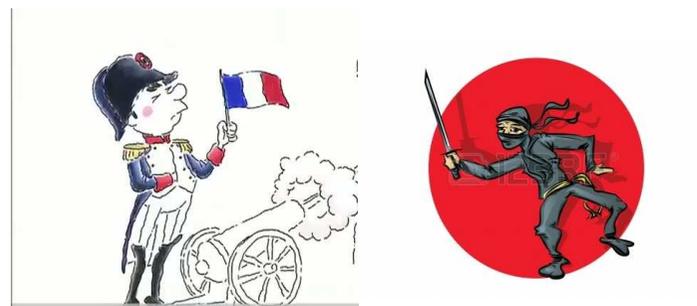
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$$\rightarrow S = +120 \mu\text{V}/\text{K}$$



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# Why $\text{TiS}_2$ as a TE element?

## Criteria for thermoelectricity

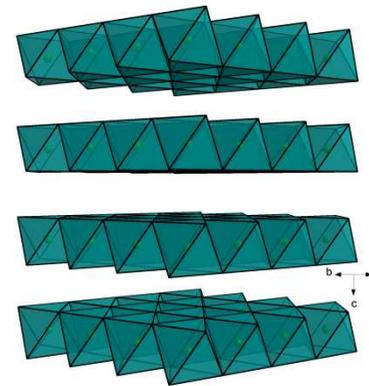
- ✓ **Narrow band-gap semiconductor**  
Low electrical resistivity, high Seebeck coefficient

$n = 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$   
High Power factor  
 $1.7 \text{ mW/mK}^2 @ 300\text{K}$

- ✓ **Flexible compositions for tuning transport properties**  
Optimum carrier concentration

- ✗ **Large unit cell, complex structure, disorder**  
Low thermal conductivity

- ✗ **Heavy elements**  
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**TARGET:**  
Decrease thermal conductivity

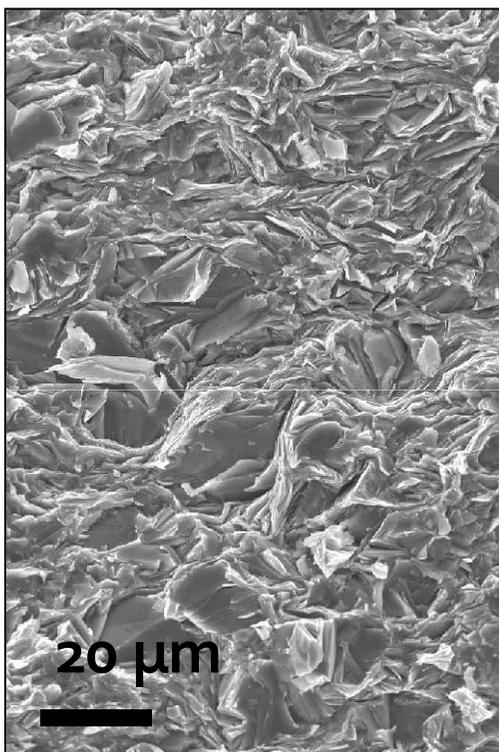
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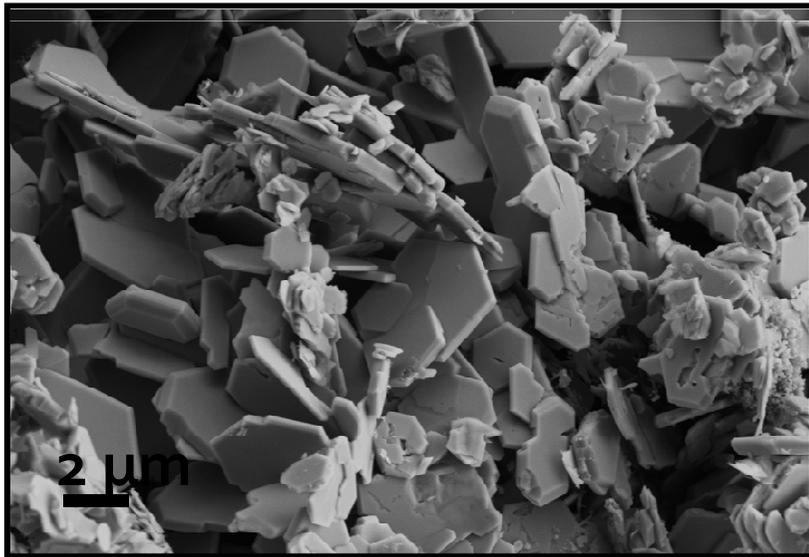
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Grain size  
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Traces of TiO<sub>2</sub>



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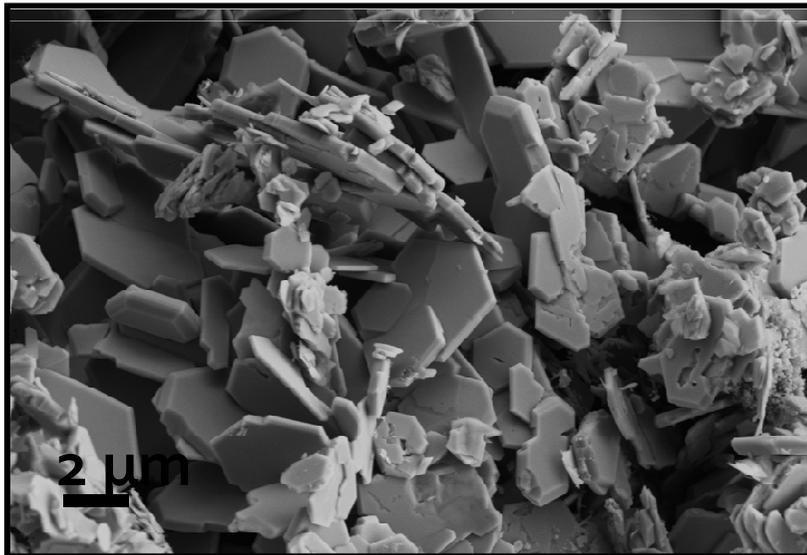
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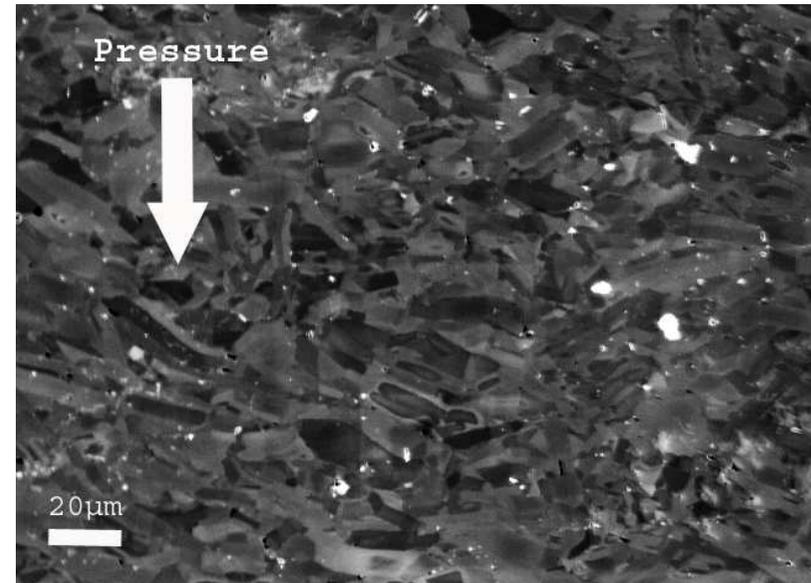
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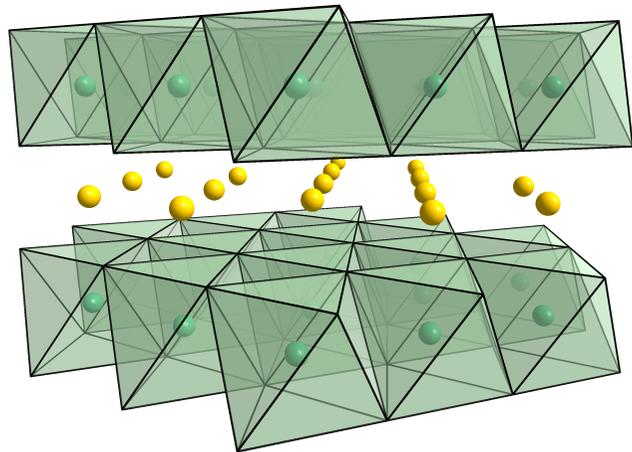
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# Intercalation in $\text{TiS}_2$

## Synthesis and Structure

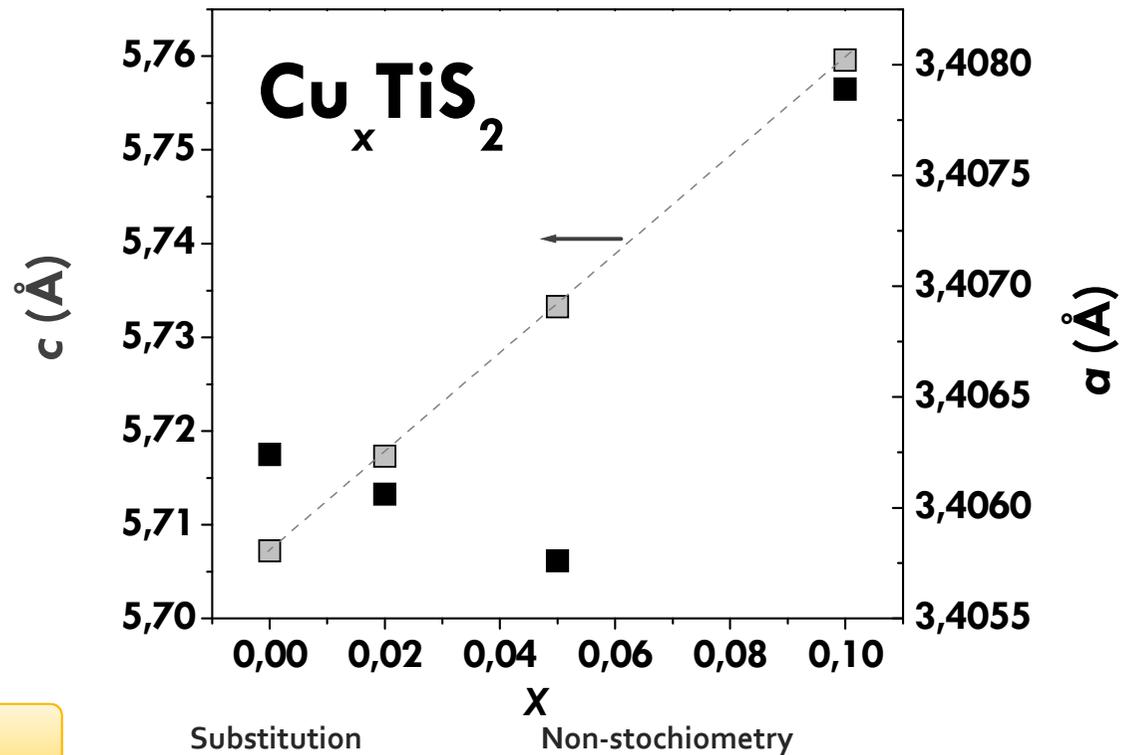
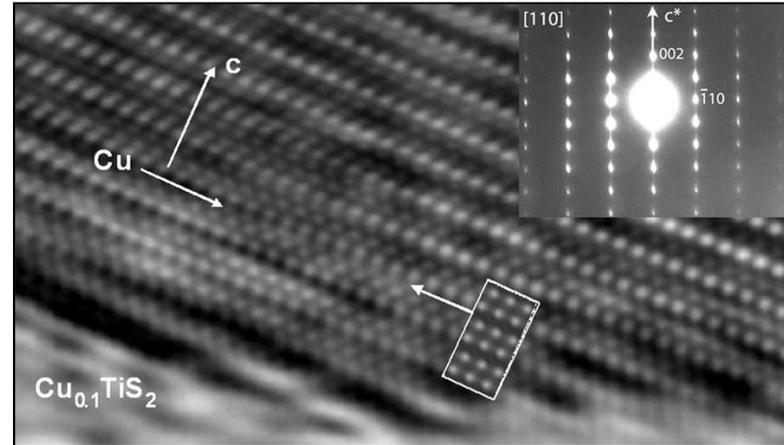
- Copper diffusion by In Situ SPS
- High density (>95%)
- Slight (001) texture
- c cell parameter increase
- TEM: Elongated dot reflexion

→ Disorder



MS<sub>2</sub> compounds

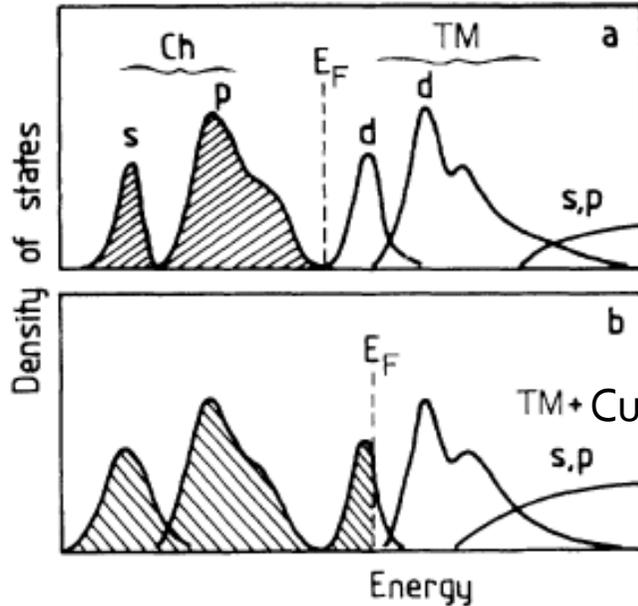
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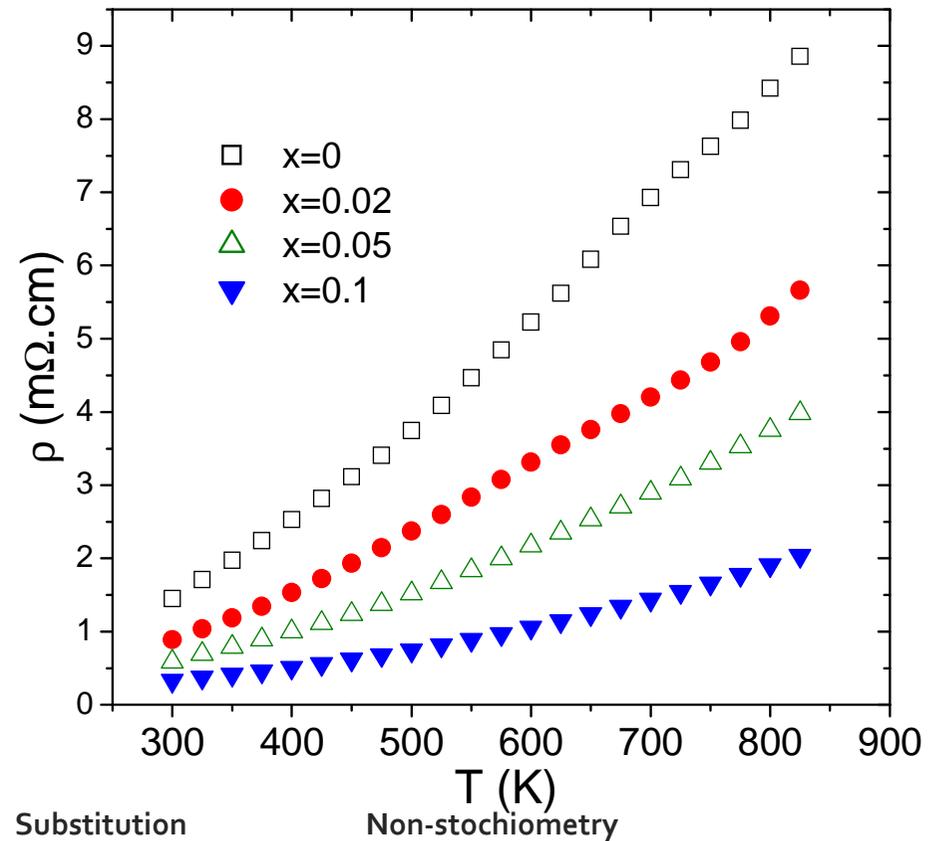
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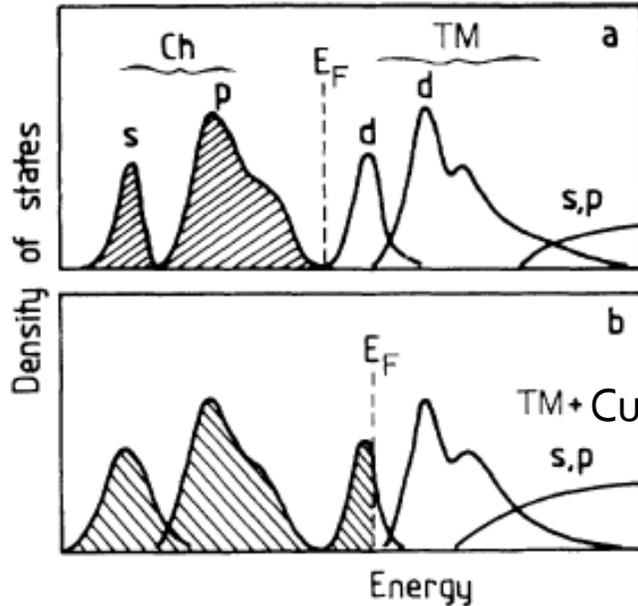
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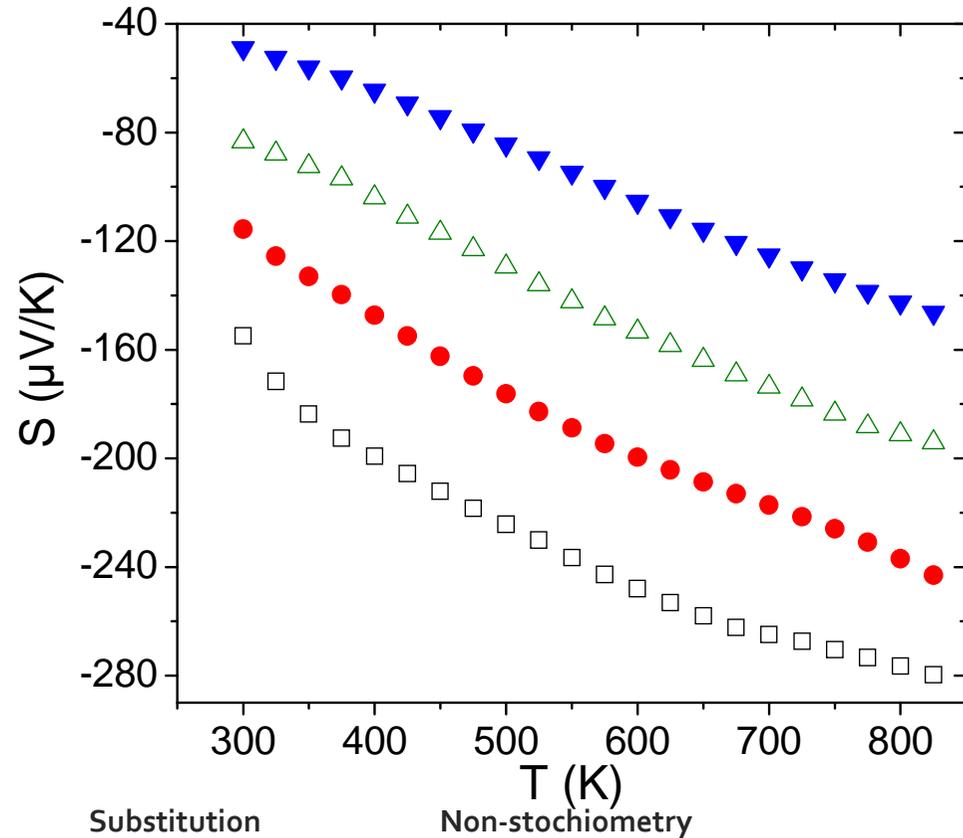
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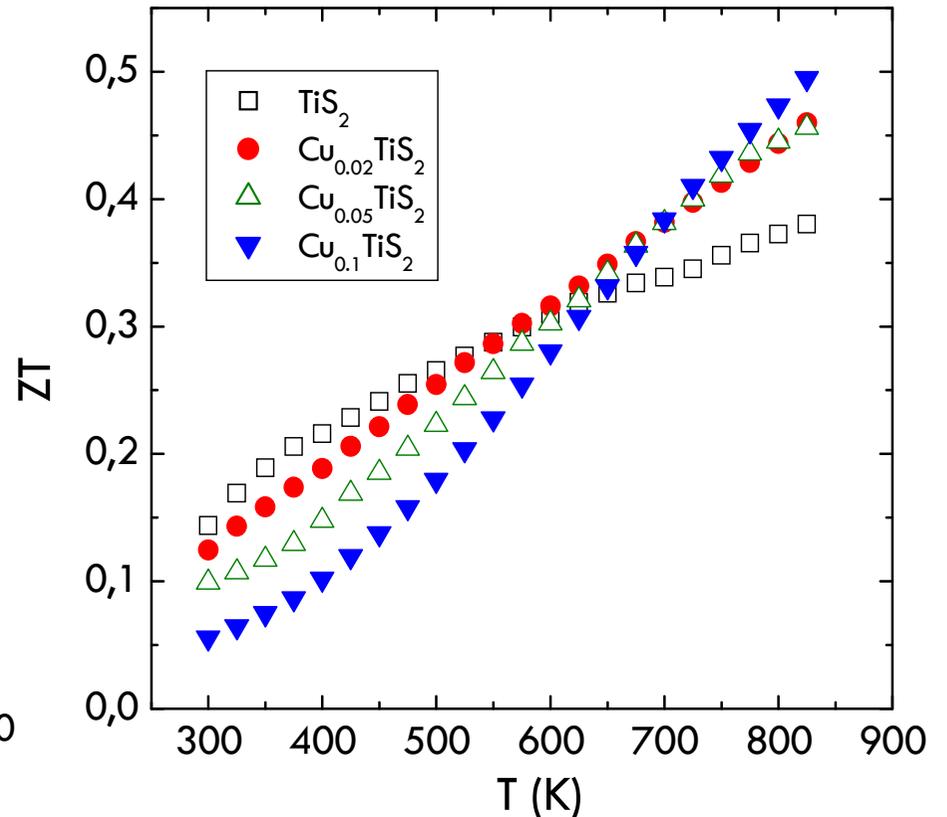
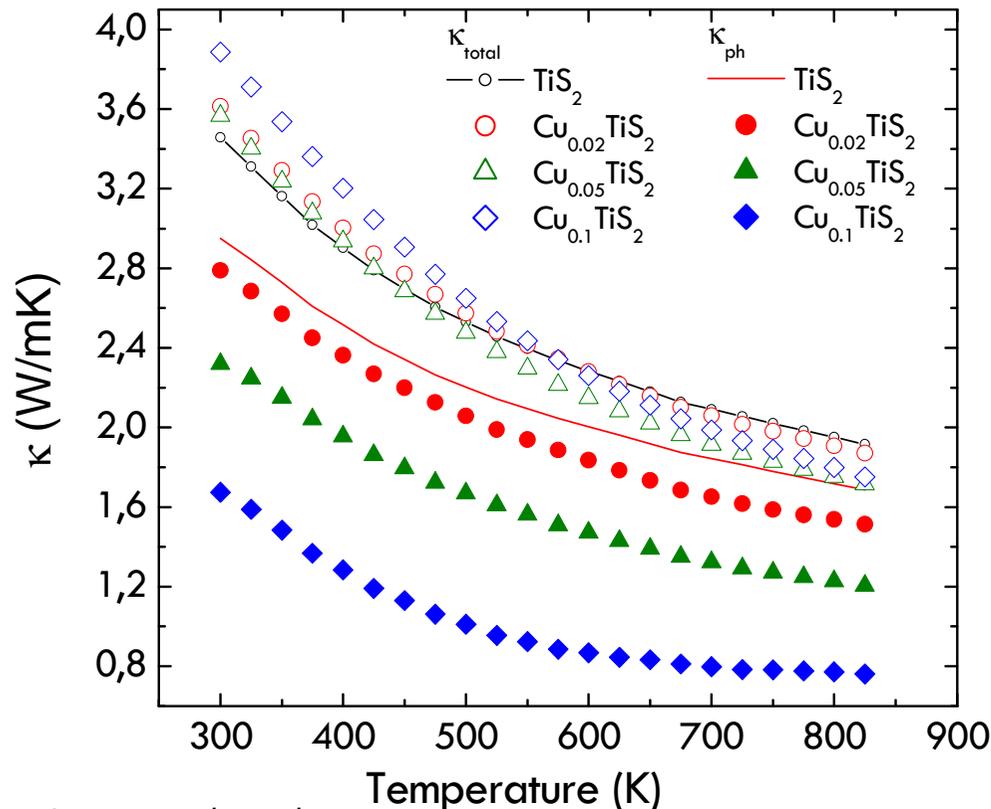


# Intercalation in $\text{TiS}_2$

## Thermal Properties

- Decrease in lattice Thermal cond.
- Phonon scattering due to local Disorder
- Disruption of periodicity along the c axis\*

- Moderate increase in ZT (0.35@ 700K)
- Rather high kappa values



\* C. Wan et al., *J. Elec. Mater.* 40 (2011) 1271

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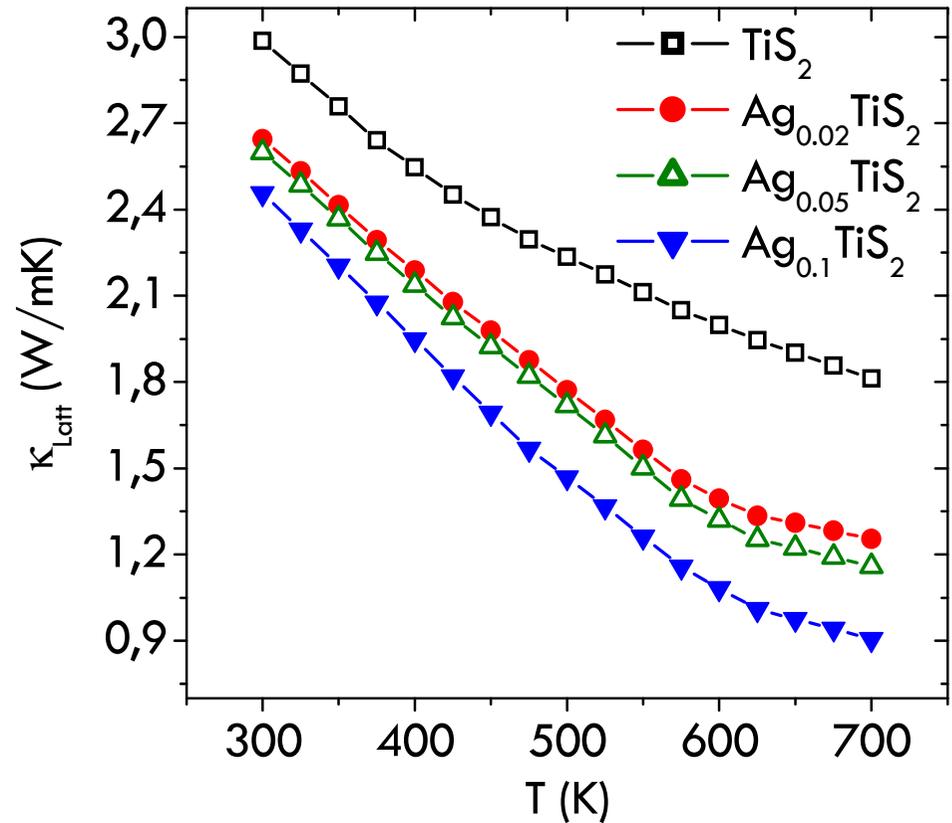
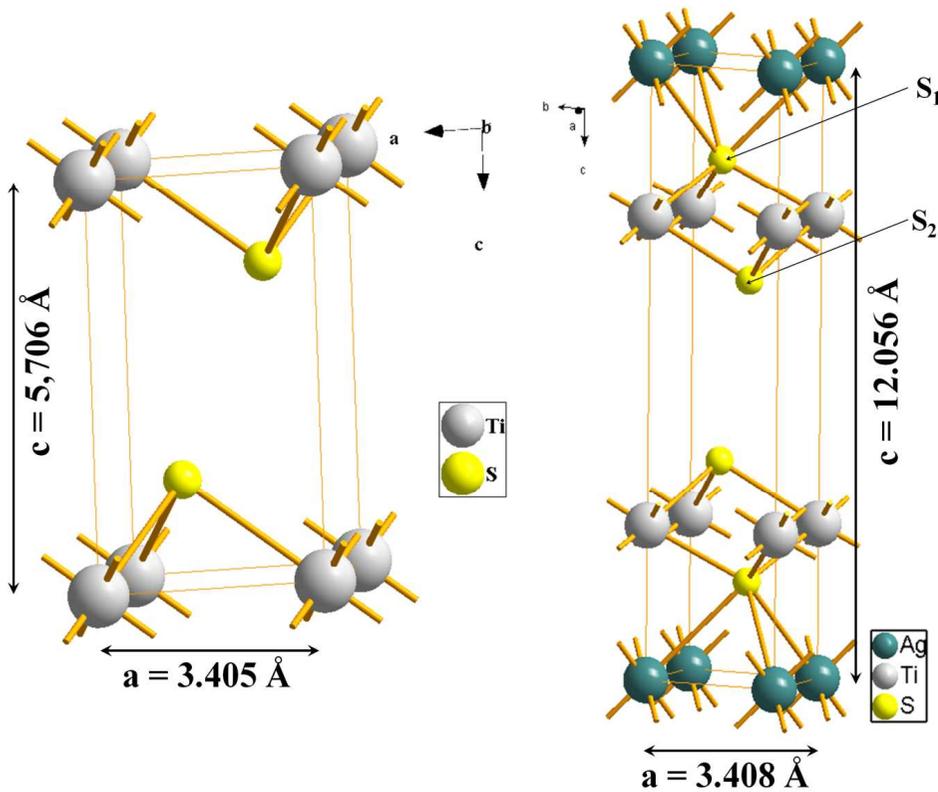
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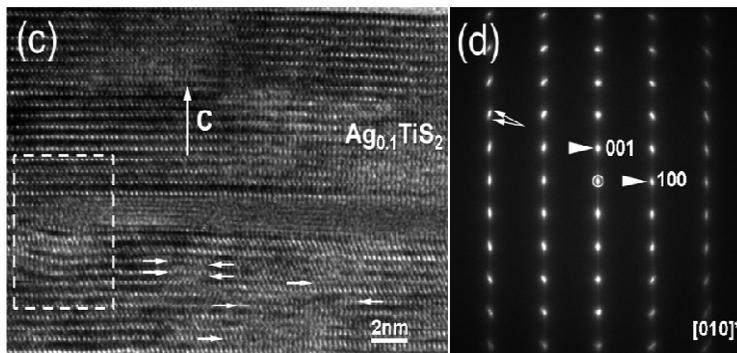
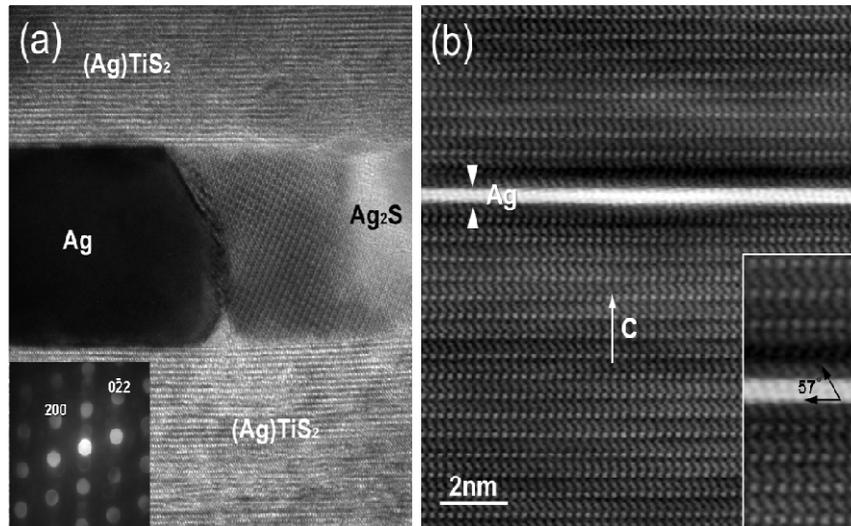
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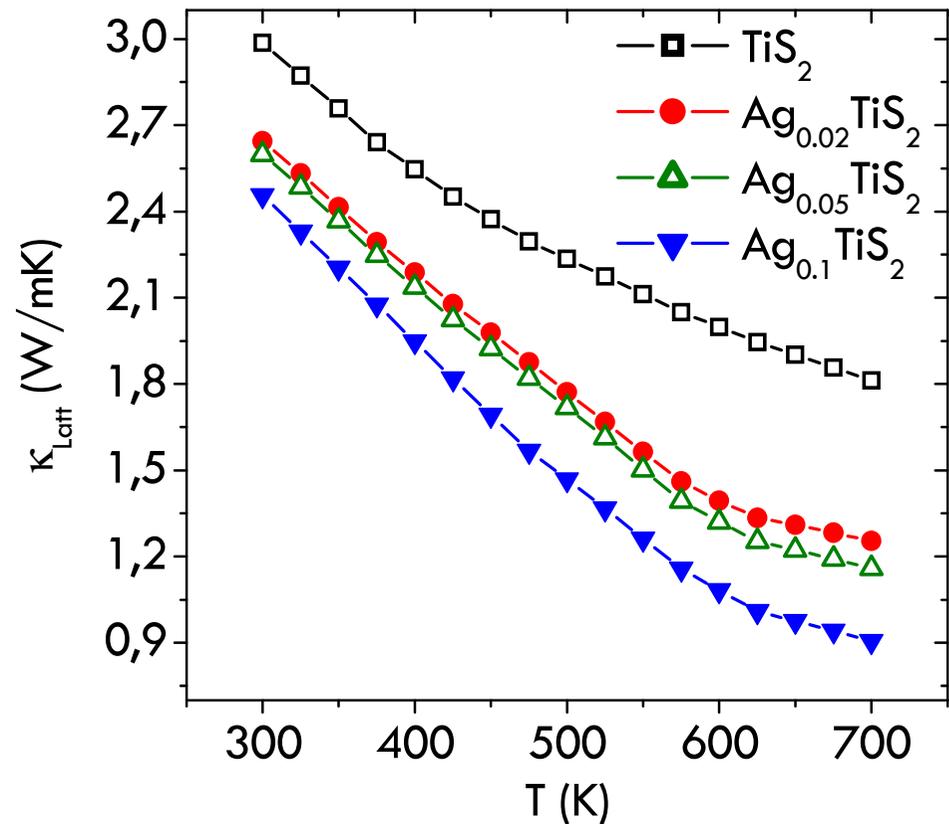
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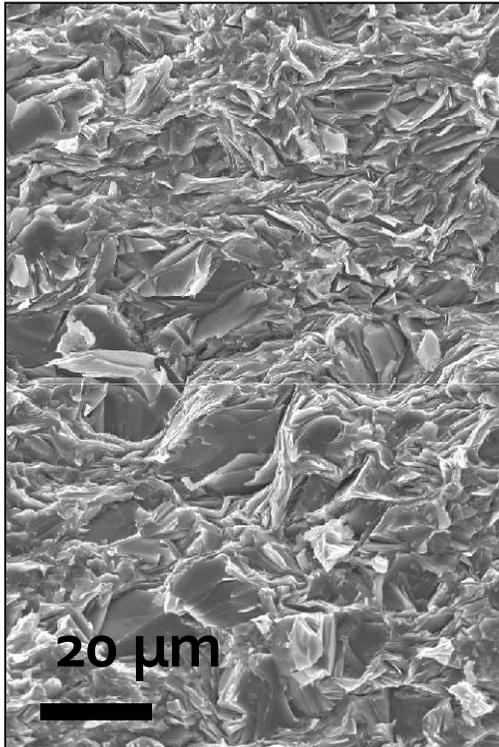
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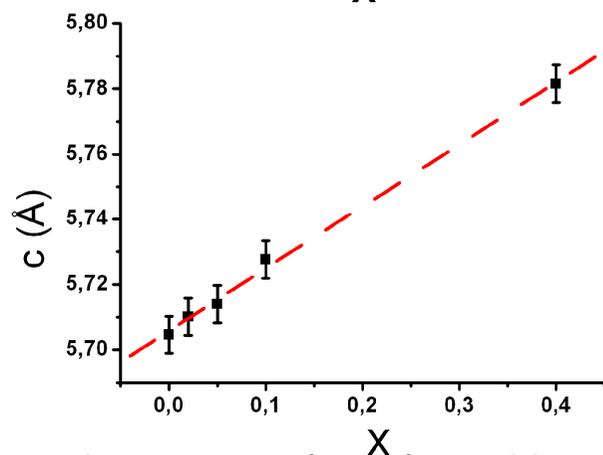
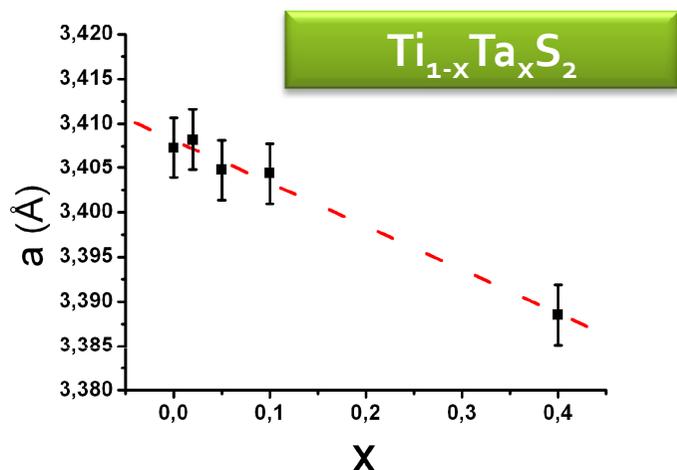
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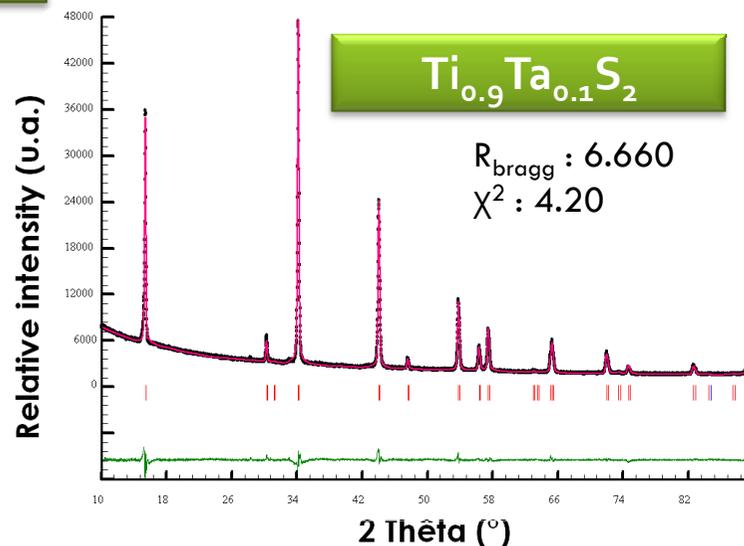
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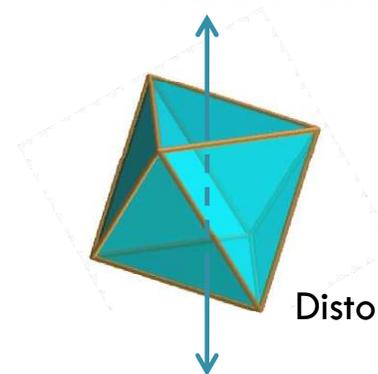
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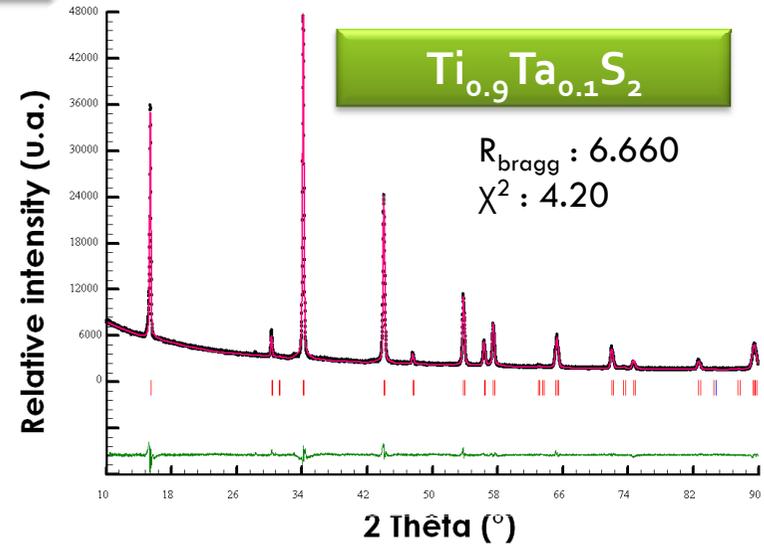
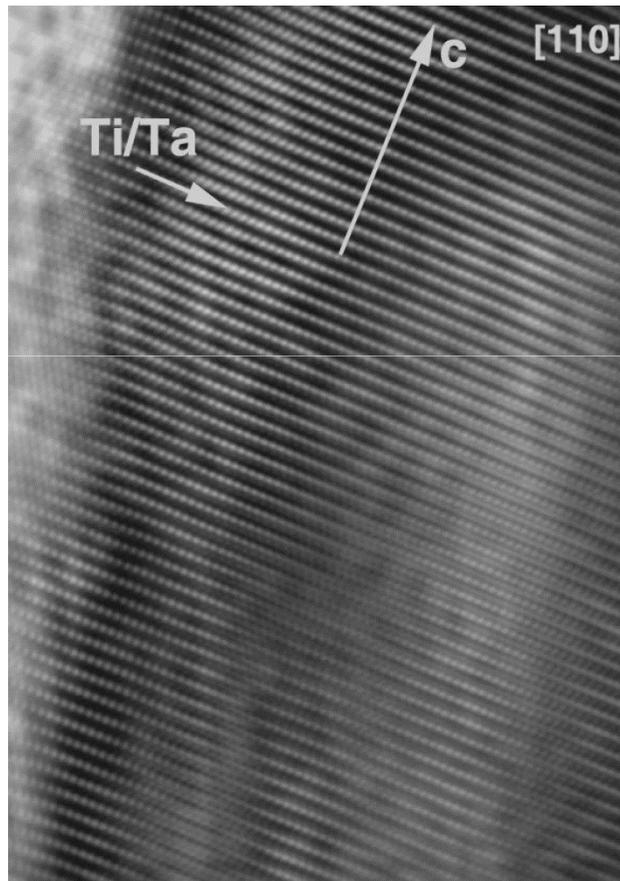
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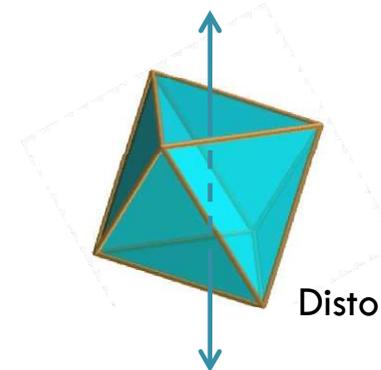
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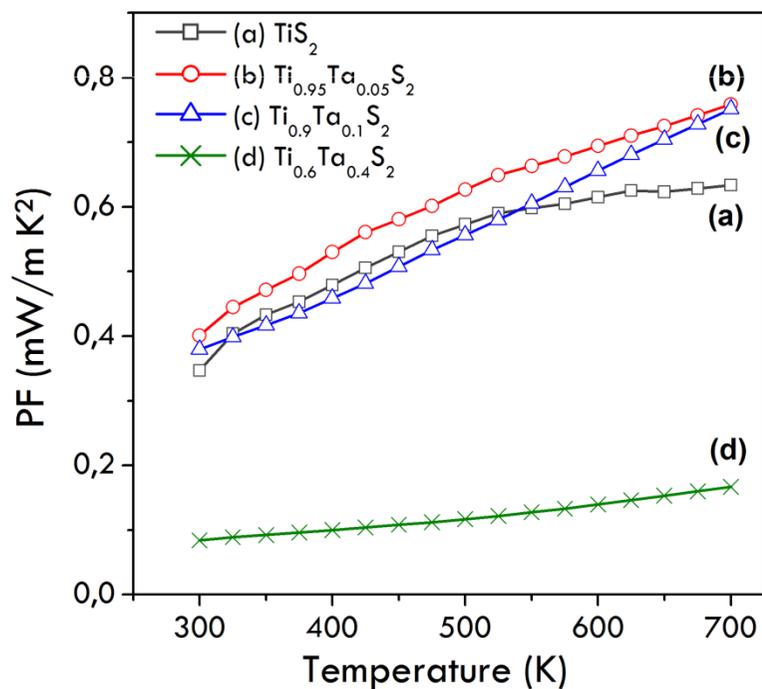
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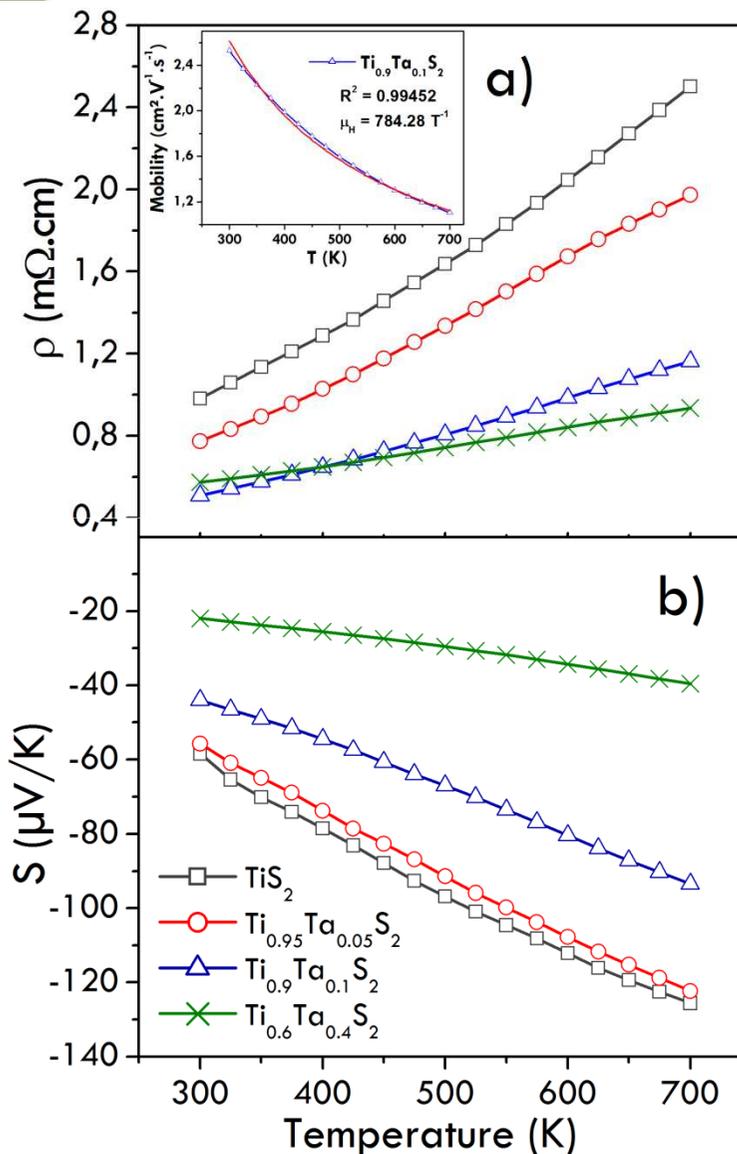


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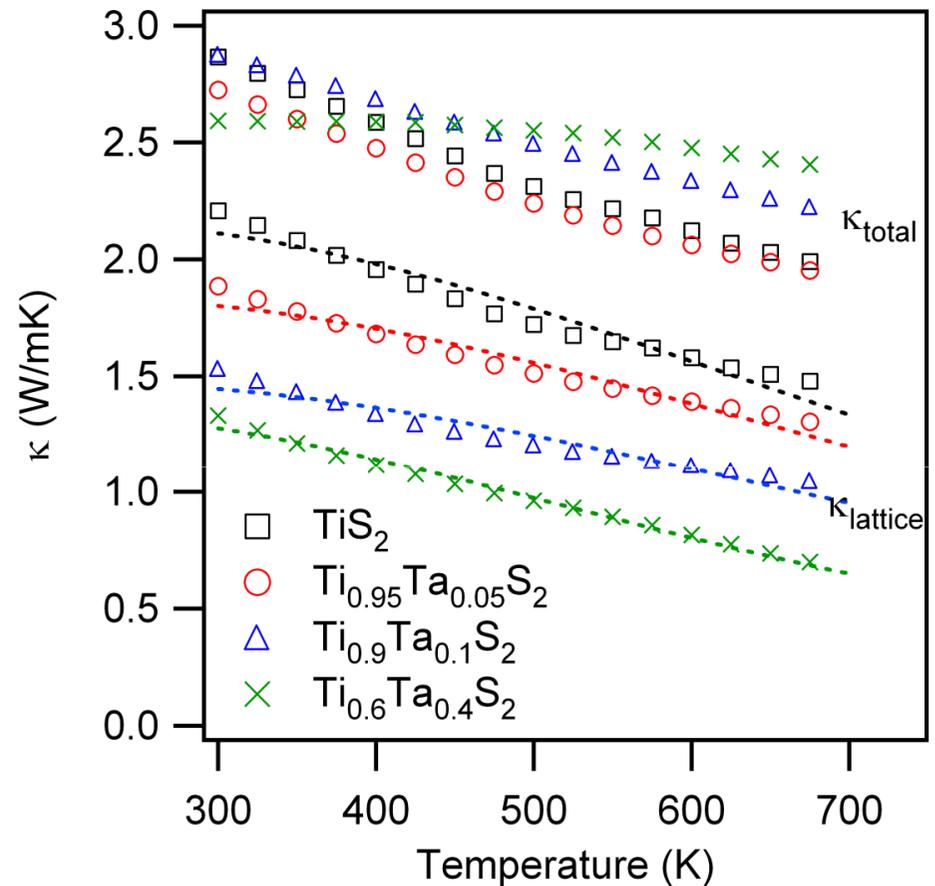
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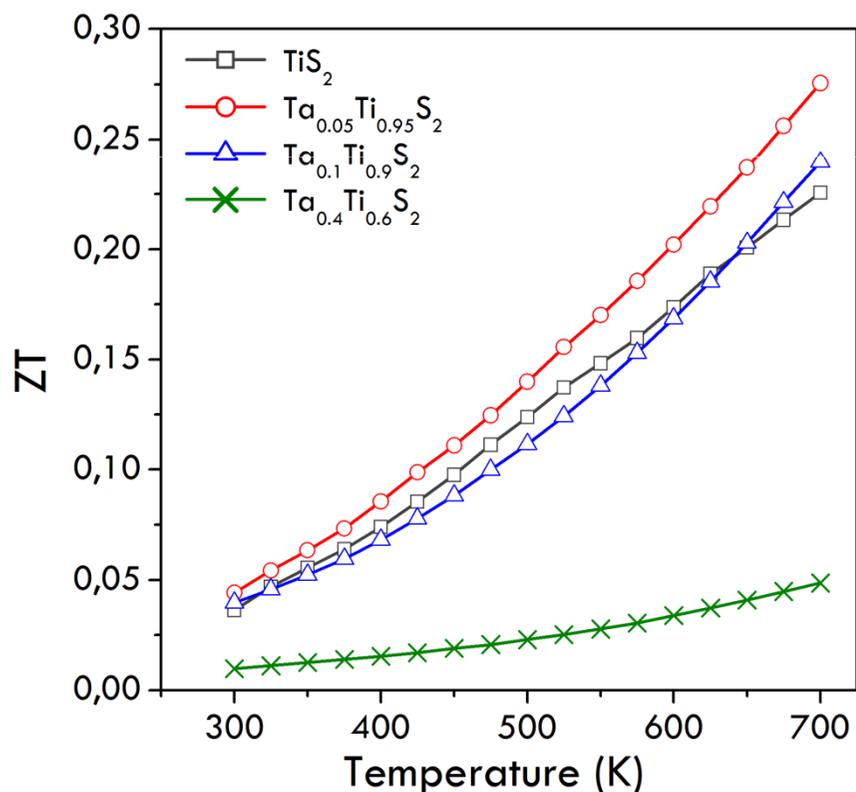
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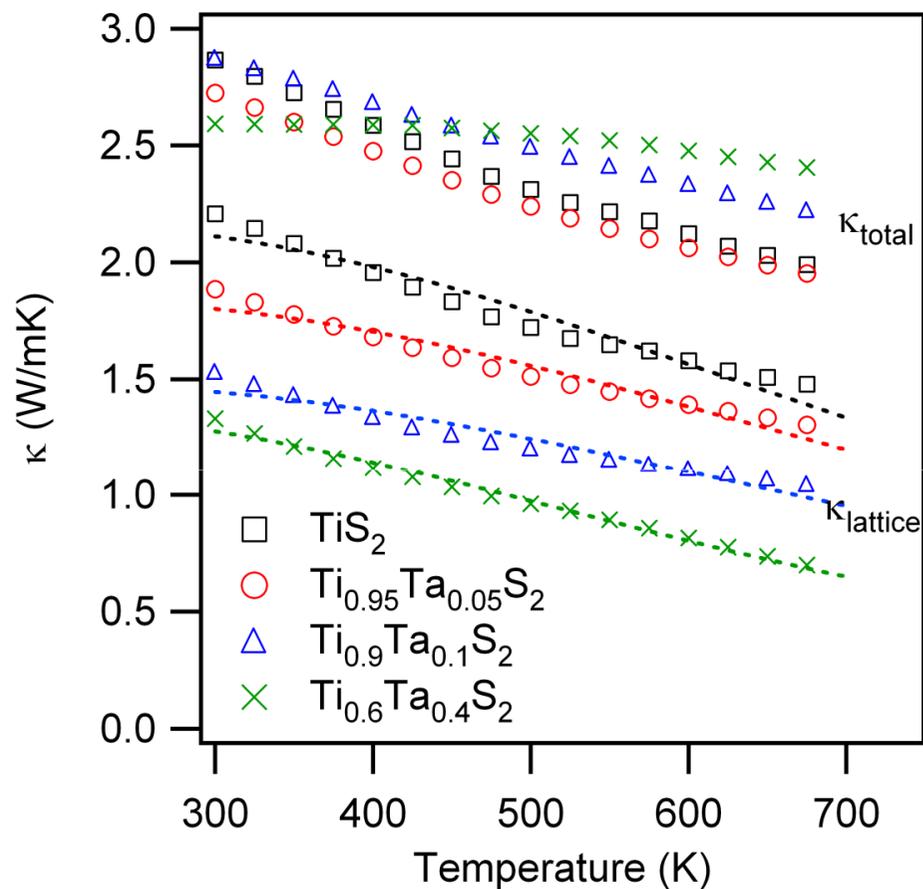
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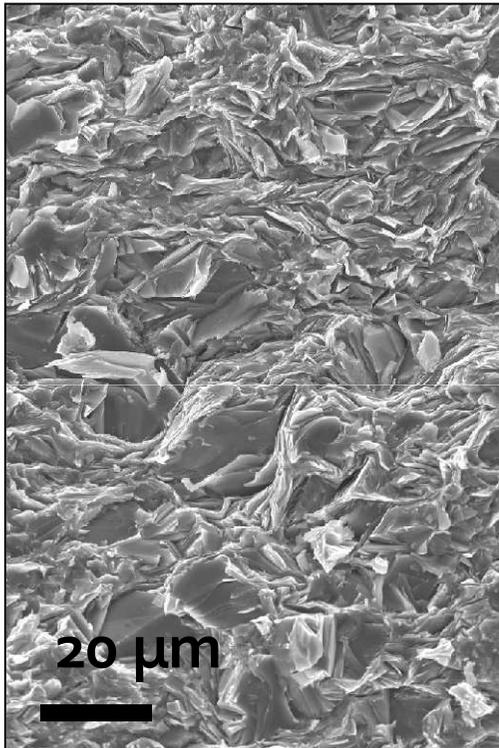
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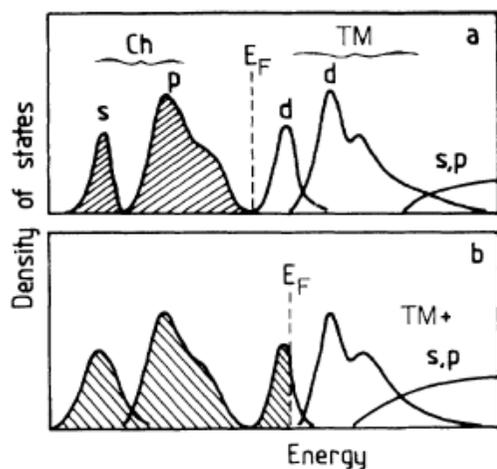
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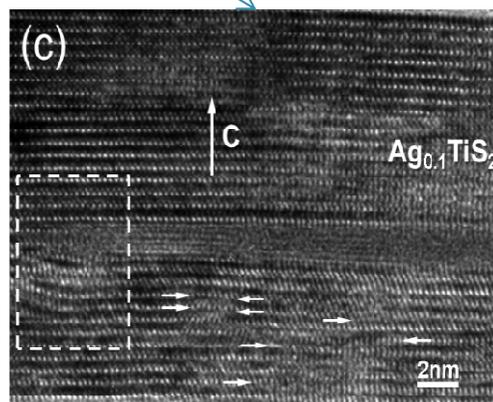
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# Ti<sub>1+x</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: Non stoichiometry Approach

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→ intercalation
- Two effects within one chemical approach:
  - Optimization of PF (carrier conc.)
  - Structural disorder (intercalation)

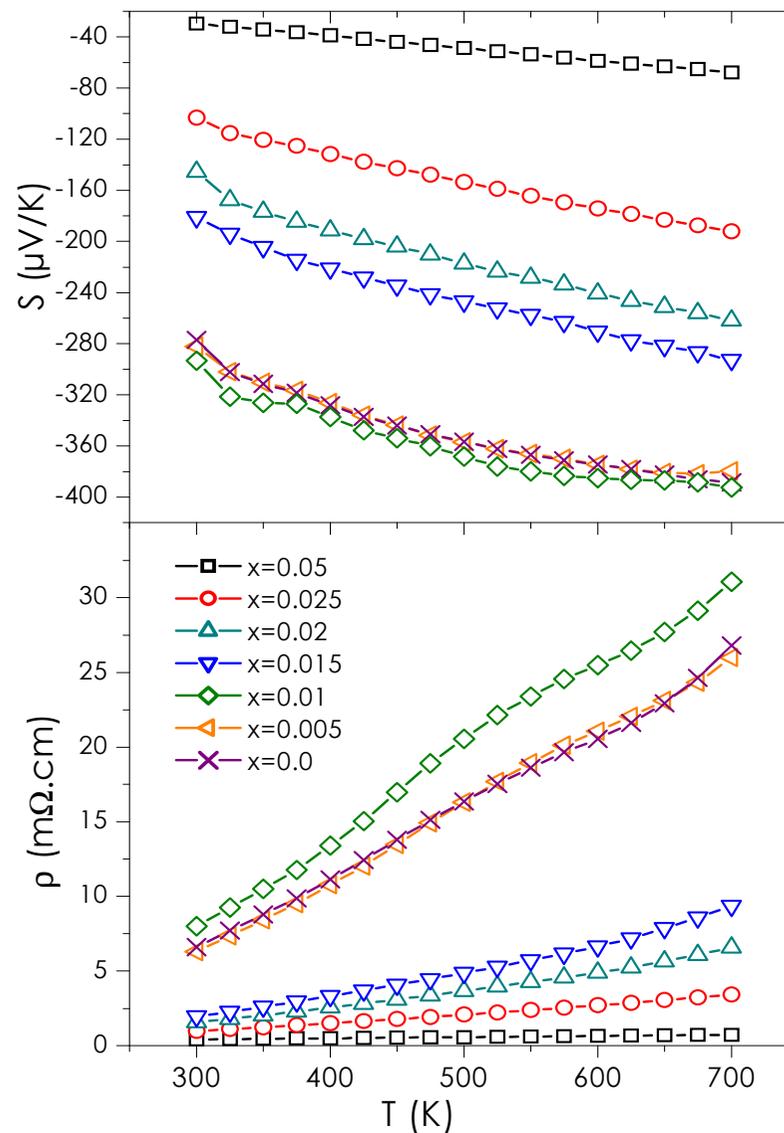


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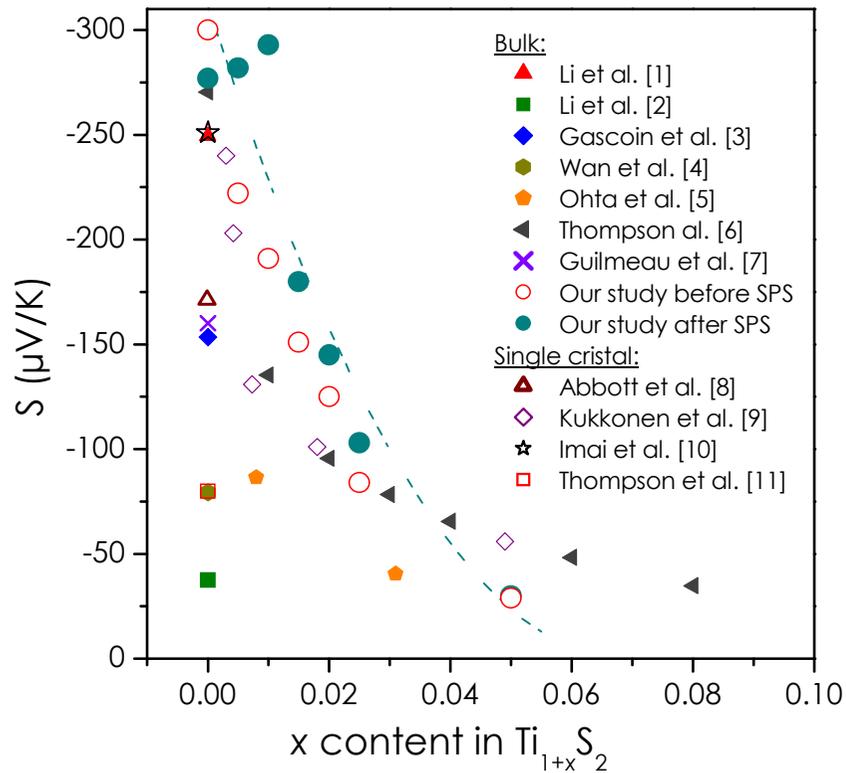


Non-stoichiometry

# Ti<sub>1+x</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: Non stoichiometry Approach

- Tuned carrier concentration
- Wide range of Seebeck coeff.

- Drastic decrease in  $\kappa_{\text{tot}}$
- Ti intercalation → disorder
- ZT improved up to 0.45 @ 700K

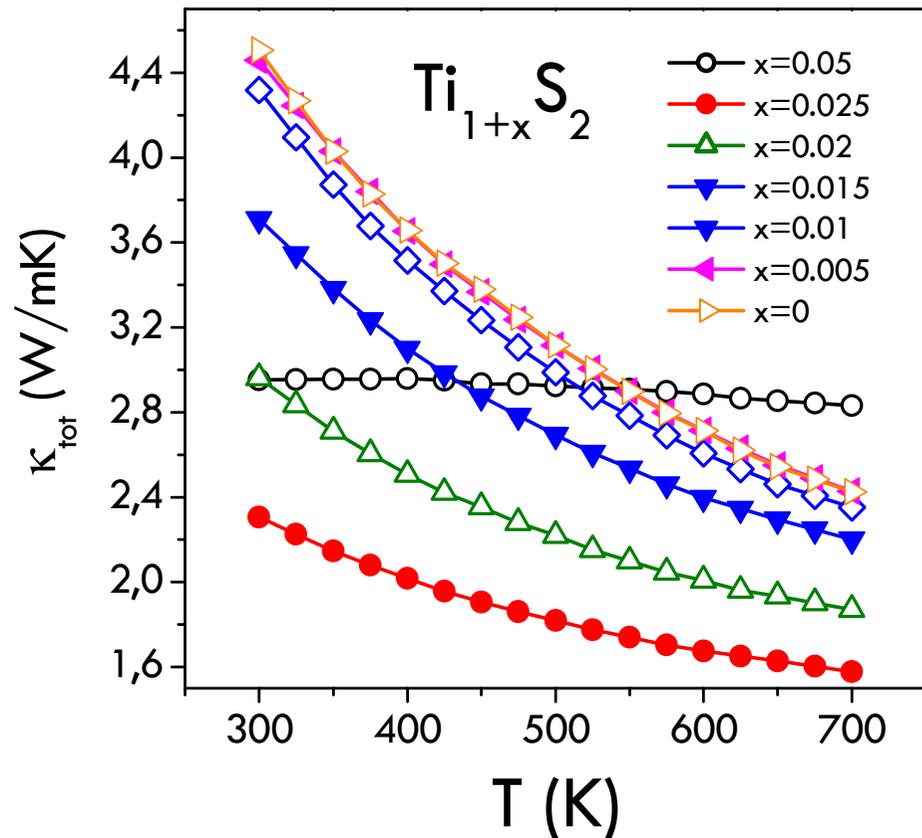


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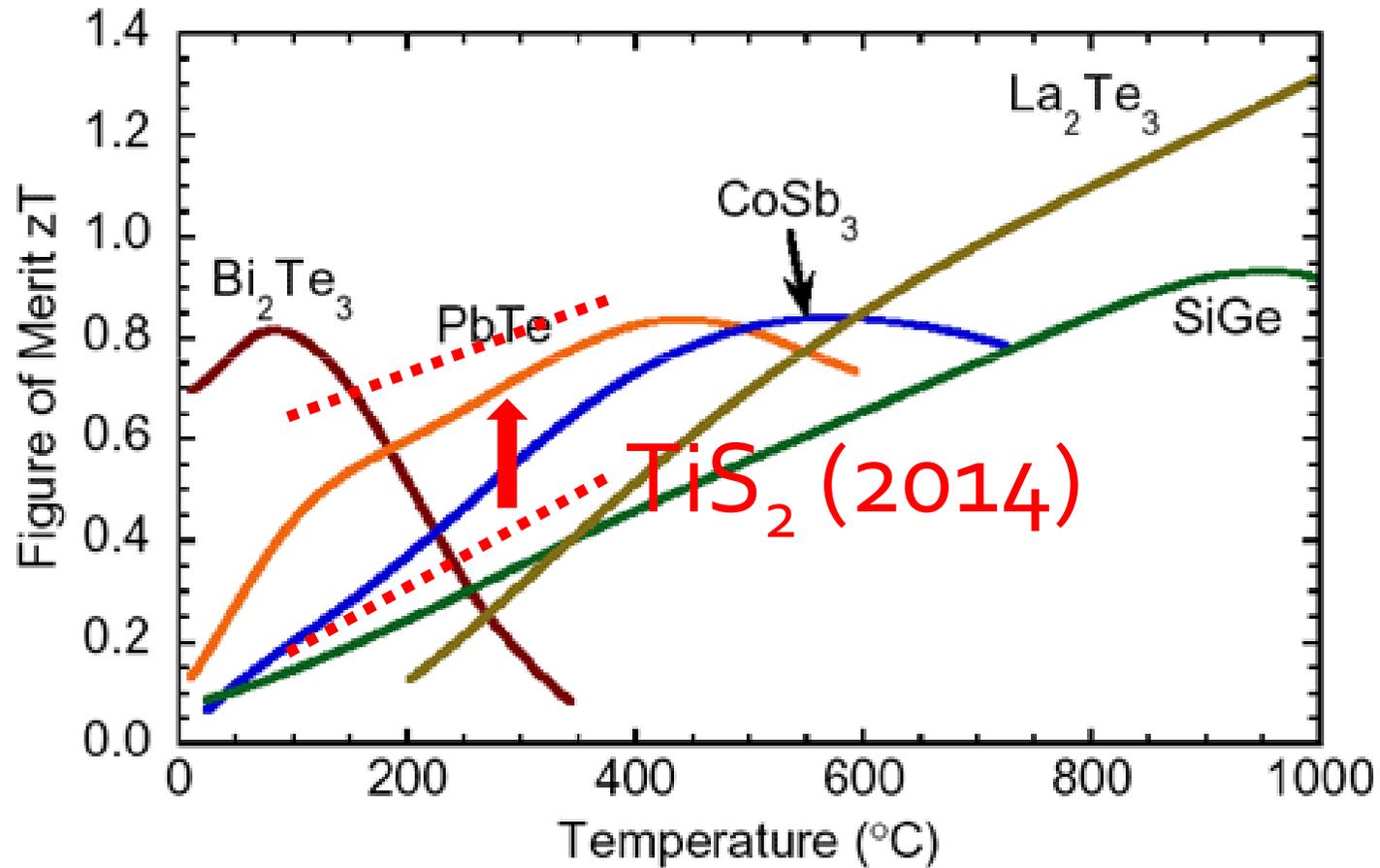


# Conclusion



1. Intercalation, Substitution, Non Stoichiometry  
Three potential approaches to decrease kappa.
2. Progress achieved with  $ZT > 0.5$  @ 700K
3. More efforts required to double  $ZT$  in the temperature range RT-700K

# Conclusion



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