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A theoretical study of thermoelectric metamaterial¹ JIANWEI CAI, GERALD MAHAN, Department of Physics, Penn State University — An artificial crystalline material with nanoparticles connected by conducting linkers is proposed for thermoelectric application. Such materials can be synthesized with chemical approaches. The advantage of such materials for thermoelectric application will be discussed. A simple theoretical model for such materials is proposed. Basic theoretical results about the band and properties of the materials based on perturbation theory will be presented.

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