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Thermoelectric properties of mechanically milled $AgSbTe_2$[1]
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$AgSbTe_2$ and $AgBiTe_2$ have gained much importance recently due to their low thermal conductivity and possible potential thermoelectric applications [1, 2]. $AgSbTe_2$ is the parent composition for the $AgPbSb_{18}Te_{20}$ high figure of merit thermoelectric alloy [3]. Crystalline size is one of the crucial parameters which affect the thermoelectric properties. In order to investigate the size effects we have ball milled $AgSbTe_2$ up to 4 hrs and measured the thermoelectric figure of merit, Seebeck coefficient and thermal conductivity from 10K to 350 K for different milled samples. The results will be presented in detail. [1]. D.T. Morielli et al., Phys.Rev.Lett., 101 (2008) 035901 [2]. K. Wojciechowski et al., J. Phys.Chem.Solids., 69 (2008) 2748 [3]. K.F. Hsu et al., Science 303 (2004) 818

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