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研究成果の概要(和文)：望ましい熱特性を備えた機能化材料を設計することは、熱交換器、熱界面材料、熱電、遮熱コーティング、および絶縁体の用途において重要です。このプロジェクトでは、ハイスループットスクリーニングやベイズ最適化などのマテリアルズインフォマティクス手法を開発して、マテリアルのシミュレーション/実験と機械学習ツールとの熱機能通信を設計しました。目的関数、記述子の選択、目的関数を評価するための特性計算機、および情報学の最適化手法を設定することにより、高熱伝導率結晶、高選択性放射冷却材料、熱電膜、および磁気トンネル接合の探索に成功しました。この結果は、熱機能材料を設計するための材料情報学の利点をもたらしました。

研究成果の学術的意義や社会的意義

The target of this research is to develop high efficiency and novel materials informatics method for designing thermal functionalized materials. The developed method can be easily extended to other transport property designing, which is expected to contribute to both research and industry society.

研究成果の概要(英文)：Designing functionalized materials with desired thermal property holds its critical importance in applications of heat exchanger, thermal interface materials, thermoelectrics, thermal barrier coating and insulators. In this project, materials informatics methods including high-throughput screening and Bayesian optimization have been developed to design thermal functional materials. The key of designing thermal functional materials via materials informatics is to build communications between materials' simulations/experiments and machine learning tools. By setting the objective function, descriptor selection, property calculator to evaluate the objective function, and an informatics optimization method, we have successfully explored the high thermal conductivity crystals, highly selective radiative cooling materials, thermoelectric films and magnetic tunnel junctions. Those results have shown great advantage of materials informatics to design thermal functional materials.

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1. 研究開始当初の背景

Designing functionalized materials with desired thermal property holds its critical importance in applications of heat exchanger, thermal interface materials, thermoelectrics, thermal barrier coating and insulators. However, two bottlenecks limit the designing efficiency: material selection and nanostructure designing. Selecting of most suitable material from tens of thousands of candidates is usually the first key question to face during the designing of thermal devices. The other one is more challenging and difficult: as the length scale of materials decreases to nanoscale, heat conduction becomes more controllable through manipulating the nanostructures. However, due to the various choice of structure parameters and coupled effect, it's rather difficult to obtain the optimal nanostructure quickly with desired thermal property from tremendous number of candidates. The key technology here is materials informatics (MI), which is a new interdisciplinary research to provide efficient tools to accelerate the materials discovery and design.

2. 研究の目的

The target of this proposal is to develop high efficiency and novel materials informatics method, aiming to solve the two bottlenecks during the designing of thermal functionalized materials. The project not only realizes the goal of using informatics, but also aims to explore new mechanisms of heat transfer behind the designing or optimization result via informatics. The developed materials informatics method will not be limited to heat transport property, but can be easily extended to other transport property designing (such as electron, photon, and magnon transport), which is expected to contribute to both research and industry society.

3. 研究の方法

The method mainly developed and adopted during this research project is materials informatics including high-throughput screening and Bayesian optimization. The key of designing thermal functional materials via materials informatics is to build communications between materials' simulations/experiments and machine learning tools [1]. By setting the objective function, descriptor selection, property calculator to evaluate the objective function, and an informatics optimization method, we have successfully explored the high thermal conductivity crystals, highly selective radiative cooling materials, thermoelectric films and magnetic tunnel junctions. Those results have shown great advantage of materials informatics to design thermal functional materials.

4. 研究成果

(1) Exploring high lattice thermal conductivity crystals via feature-based transfer learning

Screening ultrahigh lattice thermal conductivity crystals via machine learning hold great importance since they play a critical role in the thermal management of electronic and optical devices. However, the lack of sufficient data to train a model is a serious hurdle. Transfer learning approach [2-3], as shown in Fig. 1, has been developed and employed to screen over 60000 compounds with phonon scattering phase space as the feature quantity and identified a set of semiconducting compounds with high thermal conductivities. The final, obtained

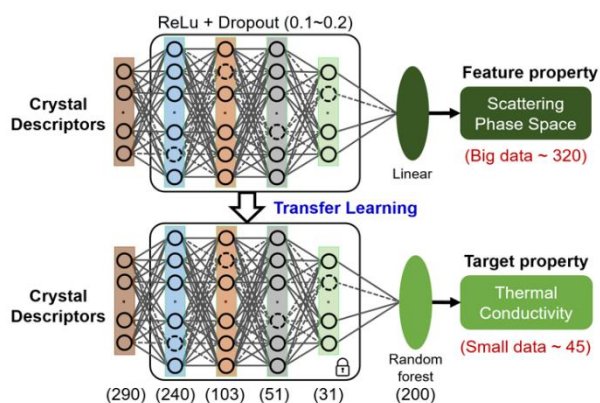


Fig. 1 Schematics of feature-based transfer learning.

materials in the top-14 list by feature-based and transfer learning screening all show high thermal conductivities, including boron arsenides (BAs), carbon (C), boron nitride (BN), and heterodiamond (BC₂N). They have thermal conductivities on the order of 1000 Wm⁻¹K⁻¹, validating the accuracy and high-efficiency of the developed screening method. Even though most materials in the top list are superhard materials, we reveal that superhard property do not necessarily lead to high lattice thermal conductivity. Large hardness means high elastic constants and group velocity of phonons in the linear dispersion regime, but the lattice

thermal conductivity is determined also by other important factor such as the phonon relaxation time. What's more, the average or maximum dipole polarizability and the van der Waals radius are revealed to be the leading descriptors among those that can also be qualitatively related to anharmonicity.

Similar approach has also been used to explore the intrinsic origins of the hydrodynamic thermal transport and to find new materials interesting for science and engineering [4]. The hydrodynamic thermal transport is governed intrinsically by the hydrodynamic scale and the thermal conductivity. The correlations between these intrinsic properties and harmonic and anharmonic properties, and a large number of compositional (290) and structural (1224) descriptors of 131 crystal compound materials are obtained, revealing some of the key descriptors that determines the magnitude of the intrinsic hydrodynamic effects, most of them related with the phonon relaxation times. Then, a trained black-box model is applied to screen more than 5000 materials. The results identify materials with potential technological applications. Understanding the properties correlated to hydrodynamic thermal transport can help to find new thermoelectric materials and on the design of new materials to ease the heat dissipation in electronic devices. The key descriptors that determines the magnitude of the intrinsic hydrodynamic effects were revealed by machine learning, most of them related with the phonon relaxation times.

(2) Design of a highly selective radiative cooling structure accelerated by materials informatics

The thermal photonic structure for radiative cooling application has been designed by the method combining the rigorous coupled wave analysis and Bayesian optimization [5], as shown in Fig. 2. The structure with optimal thermal radiative property can be obtained by calculating only less than 1% of total candidate structures. The present work is the first trial using Bayesian optimization for radiative cooling device design and successfully tailored the thermal emittance selectively falling within the atmospheric window by hybrid grating and multilayer structures.

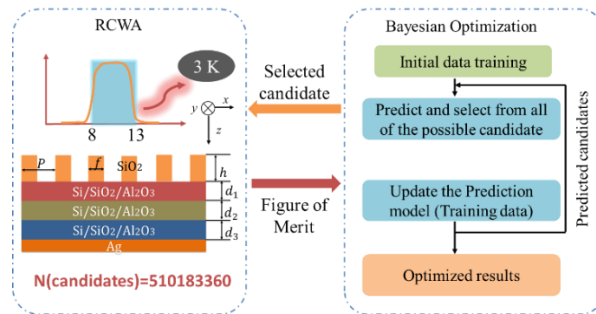


Fig. 2 Schematics of feature-based transfer learning.

(3) Identifying optimal strain in bismuth telluride thermoelectric film by combinatorial gradient thermal annealing and machine learning

To identify the optimal internal strain in Bi_2Te_3 that gives high thermoelectric performance, we developed a design framework that directly combines experimental measurements and machine learning, as illustrated in Fig. 3 [6]. XRD is widely used to analyze crystal structural information, including the lattice constants, grain size, and presence of defects. Meanwhile, thermoelectric characteristics, such as thermal conductivity and Seebeck coefficient, are readily collected through mapping. Herein, we focus on Seebeck coefficient because it shows the largest sensitivity on the strain as will be shown later. Using artificial neural network, we trained the relation between XRD and Seebeck coefficient based on collected pairs of XRD signals and Seebeck coefficient data. Based on the trained prediction model, we screen a large number of candidates of Bi_2Te_3 structures that are randomly generated to have different internal strain to identify the internal strain that gives large Seebeck coefficient.

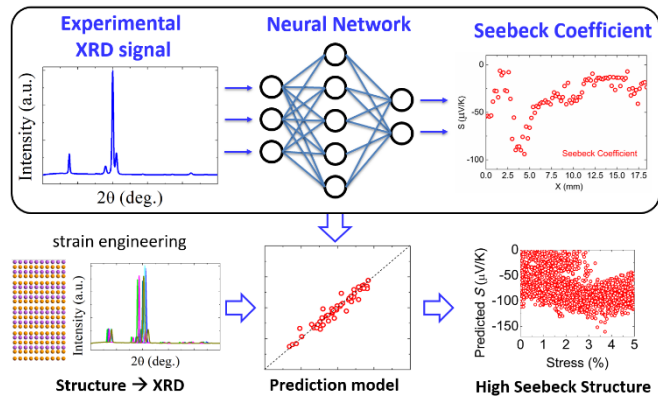


Fig. 3 Diagram of design thermoelectrics via machine learning.

(4) Machine learning analysis of tunnel magnetoresistance of magnetic tunnel junctions with disordered MgAl_2O_4

Through Bayesian optimization and the LASSO technique combined with first-principles calculations as shown in Fig. 4, we studied the tunnel magnetoresistance (TMR) of Fe/disordered-MgAl₂O₄(MAO)/Fe(001) magnetic tunnel junctions (MTJ) to determine structures of disordered-MAO that give large TMR ratios [7]. The optimal structure with the largest TMR ratio was obtained by Bayesian optimization with 1728 structural candidates, where the convergence was reached within 300 structure calculations. Characterization of the obtained structures suggested that the in-plane distance between two Al atoms plays an important role in determining the TMR ratio. Since the Al-Al distance of disordered MAO significantly affects the imaginary part of complex band structures, the majority-spin conductance of the Δ_1 state in Fe/disordered-MAO/Fe MTJs increases with increasing in-plane Al-Al distance, leading to larger TMR ratios. Furthermore, we found that the TMR ratio tended to be large when the ratio of the number of Al, Mg, and vacancies in the [001] plane was 2:1:1, indicating that the control of Al atomic positions is essential to enhancing the TMR ratio in MTJs with disordered MAO. The present work reveals the effectiveness and advantage of material informatics combined with first-principles transport calculations in designing high-performance spintronic devices based on MTJs.

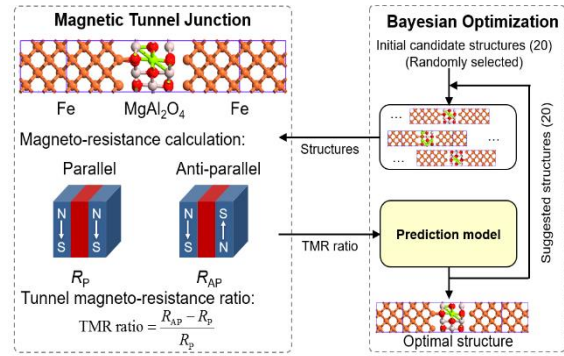


Fig. 4 Schematics of Bayesian optimization for magnetic tunnel junctions design.

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