

Ba_{1/3}CoO₂ エピタキシャル薄膜の熱電特性の温度依存性

Temperature Dependence of Thermoelectric Properties of Ba_{1/3}CoO₂ Epitaxial Films

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Last October, we reported that a layered cobalt oxide, Ba_{1/3}CoO₂ shows thermoelectric figure of merit $ZT = 0.11$ at room temperature.^[1] This value is the highest among oxide-based thermoelectric materials ever reported as a “reliable value”. In this presentation, we show that the ZT increases up to 0.2 at 200 °C in air.

We fabricated Ba_{1/3}CoO₂ epitaxial films on sapphire or YSZ substrate by the reactive solid phase epitaxy^[2] followed by the ion exchange method^[1]. Note that the crystal structure of Ba_{1/3}CoO₂ is composed of CoO₂ and Ba layers alternately stacked along the c -axis. The thermoelectric properties were measured parallel to the CoO₂ layer.

Figure summarizes the thermoelectric properties of the resultant Ba_{1/3}CoO₂ epitaxial film at several temperatures in air. The thermopower (**Fig. a**) slightly increased and the electrical conductivity (**Fig. b**) gradually decreased with increasing temperature. We observed hydrated phase disappeared when the film was heated at 100 °C. We guess that the increase of the electrical conductivity (RT – 50 °C) is due to the decomposition of the hydrated phase. The resultant power factor gradually decreased with temperature (**Fig. c**). The thermal conductivity parallel to the CoO₂ layer was extracted from the thermal conductivity of c -axis oriented and c -axis inclined film. The thermal conductivity slightly decreased with temperature (**Fig. d**). The resultant ZT reached 0.2 at 200 °C (**Fig. e**).

In addition, we have clarified that Ba_{1/3}CoO₂ epitaxial films show excellent thermal stability at high temperature (800 °C) in air. The present result clearly indicates that Ba_{1/3}CoO₂ shows rather large ZT at high temperature in air.

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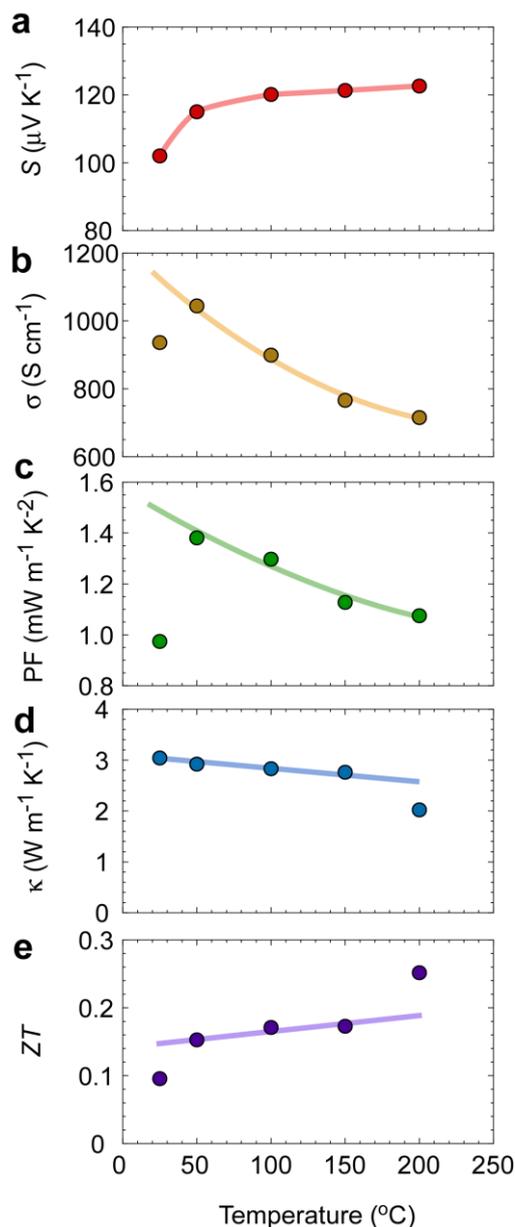


Figure Thermoelectric properties of the Ba_{1/3}CoO₂ epitaxial film at several temperatures. (a) Thermopower, S , (b) electrical conductivity, σ , (c) power factor, PF, (d) thermal conductivity, κ , (e) ZT