

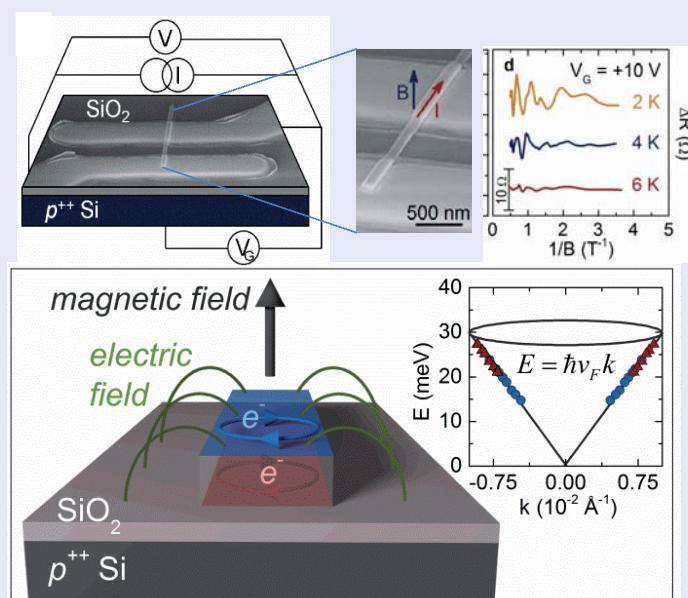
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„Chalcogenide-type nanostructures: Topological insulator nature versus thermoelectric performance“

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In this presentation we challenge the interconnection between thermoelectric performance and topological insulator nature of chalcogenide-type materials. While topological surface states seem to play minor role in the thermoelectric transport in bulk materials [1], it will be shown that they severely contribute to the transport in nanostructures due to their high surface-to-volume ratio [2-4]. Specifically, thermoelectric and magnetotransport experiments on ALD-grown Sb_2Te_3 thin films as well as on VLS-grown Sb_2Te_3 and Bi_2Te_3 nanowires are presented and the results of which are interpreted using thermoelectric transport calculations [5]. In all systems investigated, the maximum TE performance converges towards the maximum TE performance of the surface states with decreasing system size into the nanometer-range, limiting their application in efficient thermoelectric devices.



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