

## Novel Metal Oxides with Promising High-Temperature Thermoelectric Performance

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### Detailed computations: method of verification

In the detailed calculations of ATa<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (A = Mg, Ca) and SrTiO<sub>3</sub>, the PBEsol exchange-correlation functional<sup>1</sup> was used better to describe the structural properties. The LDA + *U* method of Dudarev *et al.*<sup>2</sup> with *U* - *J* = 5<sup>3</sup> and of Liechtenstein *et al.*<sup>4</sup> with *U* = 5 eV and *J* = 0.64 eV<sup>5</sup> were used for the Ta 5d states of ATa<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (A = Mg, Ca) and the Ti 3d states of SrTiO<sub>3</sub>, respectively. Considering the underestimation of the size of the bandgap in GGA-based calculations, the Heyd-Scuseria-Ernzerhof (HSE06) hybrid functional<sup>6</sup>, with accurate exchange and correlation energy, was applied to calculate the band gaps of ATa<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (A = Mg, Ca), as shown in Fig. S1a and Fig. S1c. Our results coincide with the results of other theoretical calculations<sup>3</sup> and experimental results.<sup>7, 8</sup> Moreover, the spin-orbit coupling (SOC) effects on the electronic structure of ATa<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (A = Mg, Ca) and SrTiO<sub>3</sub> were also studied (see Fig. S1b, Fig. S1d and Fig. S2a) but there are no obvious changes. Therefore, SOC effects are not considered in the following calculations. To accurately estimate the electronic-transport properties, fine *k*-point meshes of 18 × 18 × 12 for MgTa<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, 20 × 20 × 20 for CaTa<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> and 27 × 27 × 27 for SrTiO<sub>3</sub> were used. Meanwhile, the scissor operator was also applied to correct the bandgap but leave the band dispersion unchanged. For CaTa<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, the phonon dispersion was calculated with a 2 × 2 × 2 supercell and a 2 × 2 × 2 *k*-point mesh. For the thermal-conductivity calculation of MgTa<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, the linearized phonon version of the

Boltzmann transport equation was solved, considering only two- and three-phonon scattering processes, using the ShengBTE code.<sup>9</sup> The second-order interatomic force constants (IFCs) were obtained via a  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  supercell with a  $2 \times 2 \times 2$   $k$ -point mesh using density-functional perturbation theory (DFTP), as implemented in Phonopy.<sup>10</sup> The third-order IFCs were calculated using a  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  supercell and a  $1 \times 1 \times 1$   $k$ -point mesh with only the gamma point, where interactions further than third neighbors in the supercell were neglected.

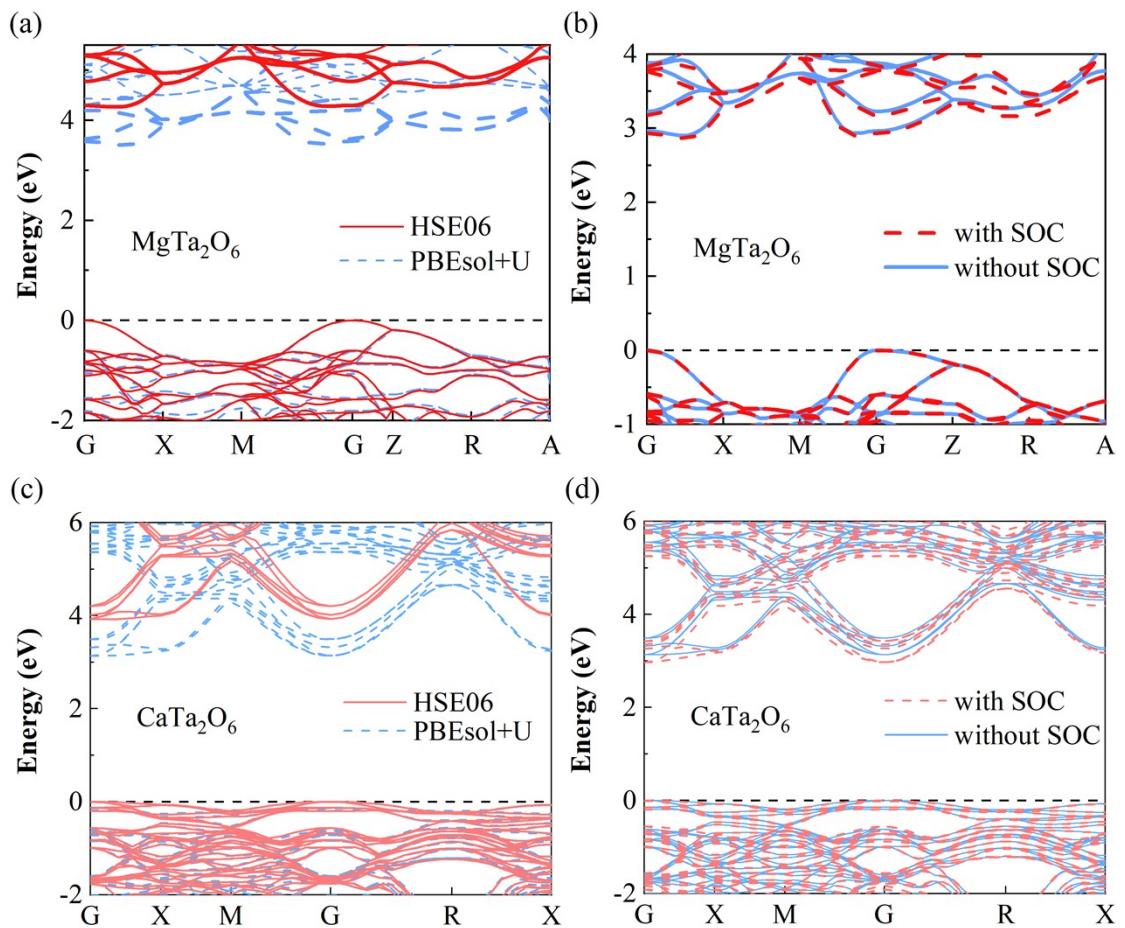


Fig S1. The effects of: (a) exchange-correlation functional; (b) spin-orbit coupling (SOC), on the electronic band structure of  $\text{MgTa}_2\text{O}_6$  calculated with the PBEsol exchange-correlation functional and without using the LDA + $U$  correction.

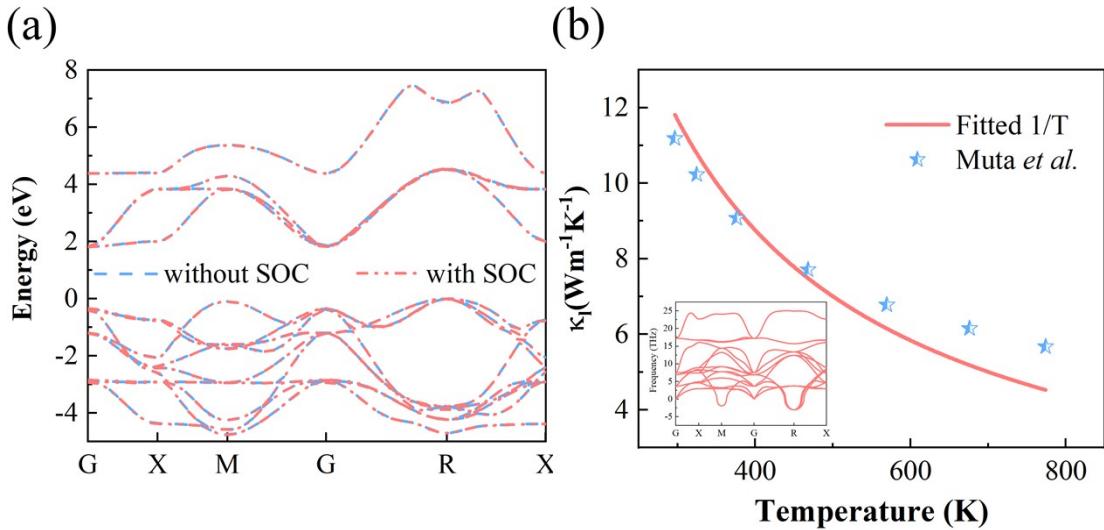


Fig S2 (a) The effects of spin-orbit coupling (SOC) on the electronic band structure of  $\text{SrTiO}_3$  calculated with the PBEsol exchange-correlation functional. (b) The fitting curve plotting for  $\text{SrTiO}_3$  with the  $\kappa_l \sim 1/T$  relation in which the data points for the temperature dependence of the lattice thermal conductivity are extracted from the experimental results of Muta *et al.*<sup>11</sup> The inset shows the phonon-dispersion curves for  $\text{SrTiO}_3$  calculated at 0 K.

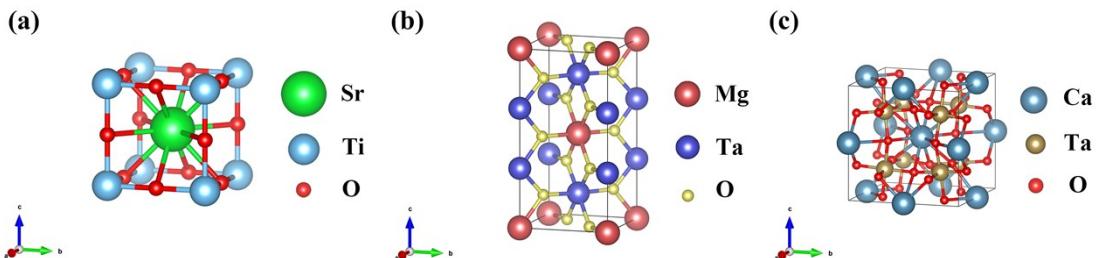


Fig S3 Crystal structure of: (a)  $\text{SrTiO}_3$ ; (b)  $\text{MgTa}_2\text{O}_6$ ; (c)  $\text{CaTa}_2\text{O}_6$ .

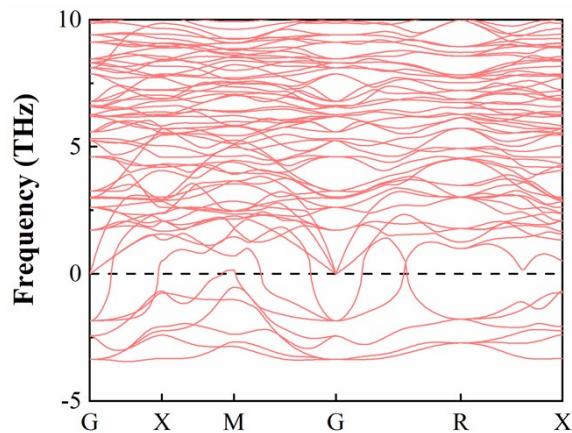


Fig S4 The phonon-dispersion curves for  $\text{CaTa}_2\text{O}_6$ .

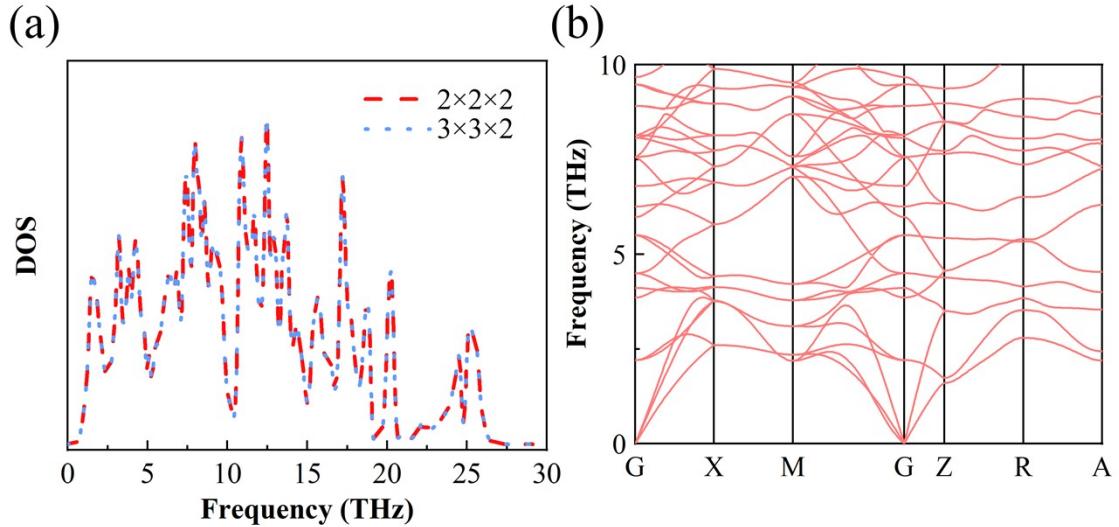


Fig. S5. (a) The phonon density of states of  $\text{MgTa}_2\text{O}_6$  computed from supercell expansions of  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  and  $3 \times 3 \times 2$ . (b) The phonon-dispersion curves for  $\text{MgTa}_2\text{O}_6$ .

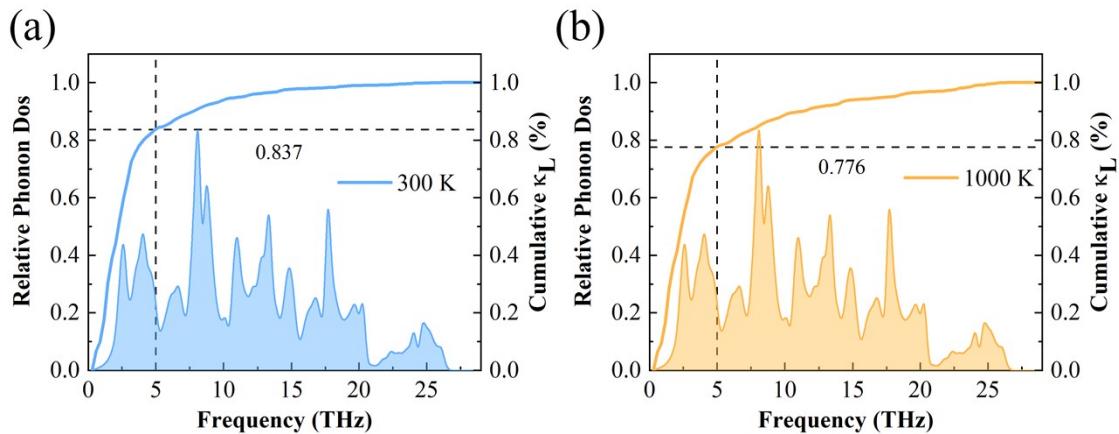


Fig. S6. The normalized phonon DOS and cumulative lattice thermal conductivity of  $\text{MgTa}_2\text{O}_6$  at: (a) 300 K; (b) 1000 K.

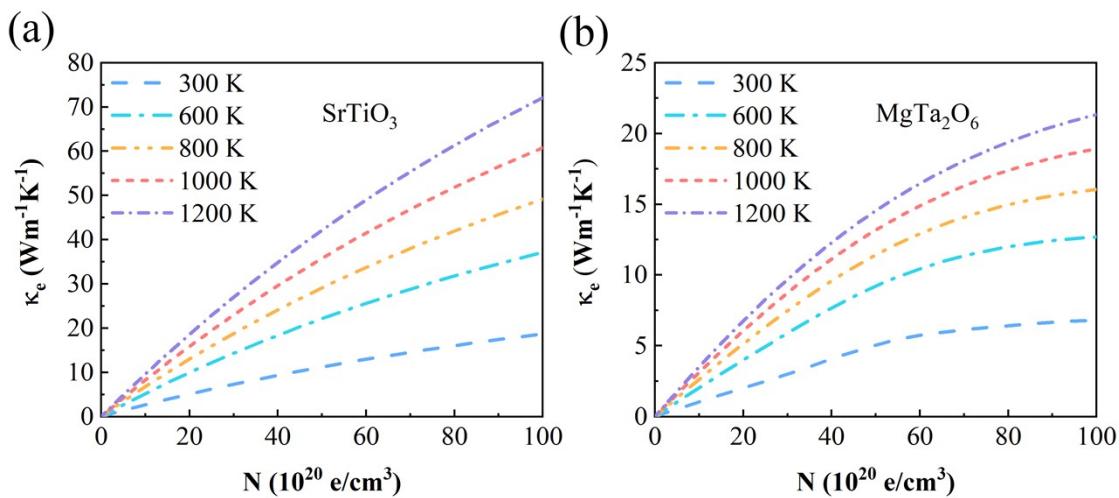


Fig. S7. Temperature-dependent electronic thermal conductivity of: (a) SrTiO<sub>3</sub>; and (b) MgTa<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, as a function of carrier concentration.

Table S1 The formula, space-group symbols (SG), space-group numbers (SN), bandgap ( $E_g$ ), semiconductor type (n-type or p-type), and the corresponding carrier concentration ( $n_{max}$ ,  $p_{max}$ ), effective conductivity mass ( $m_c$ ) and Seebeck mass ( $m_s$ ), Fermi-surface complexity factors ( $N_v^* K^*$ ) calculated at the maximum  $PF$  of the binary and ternary oxides at 1000 K. The table of electrical-transport properties from  $KCoO_2$  onwards are left blank as their bandgaps are less than 0.1 eV (the bandgap screening criterion).

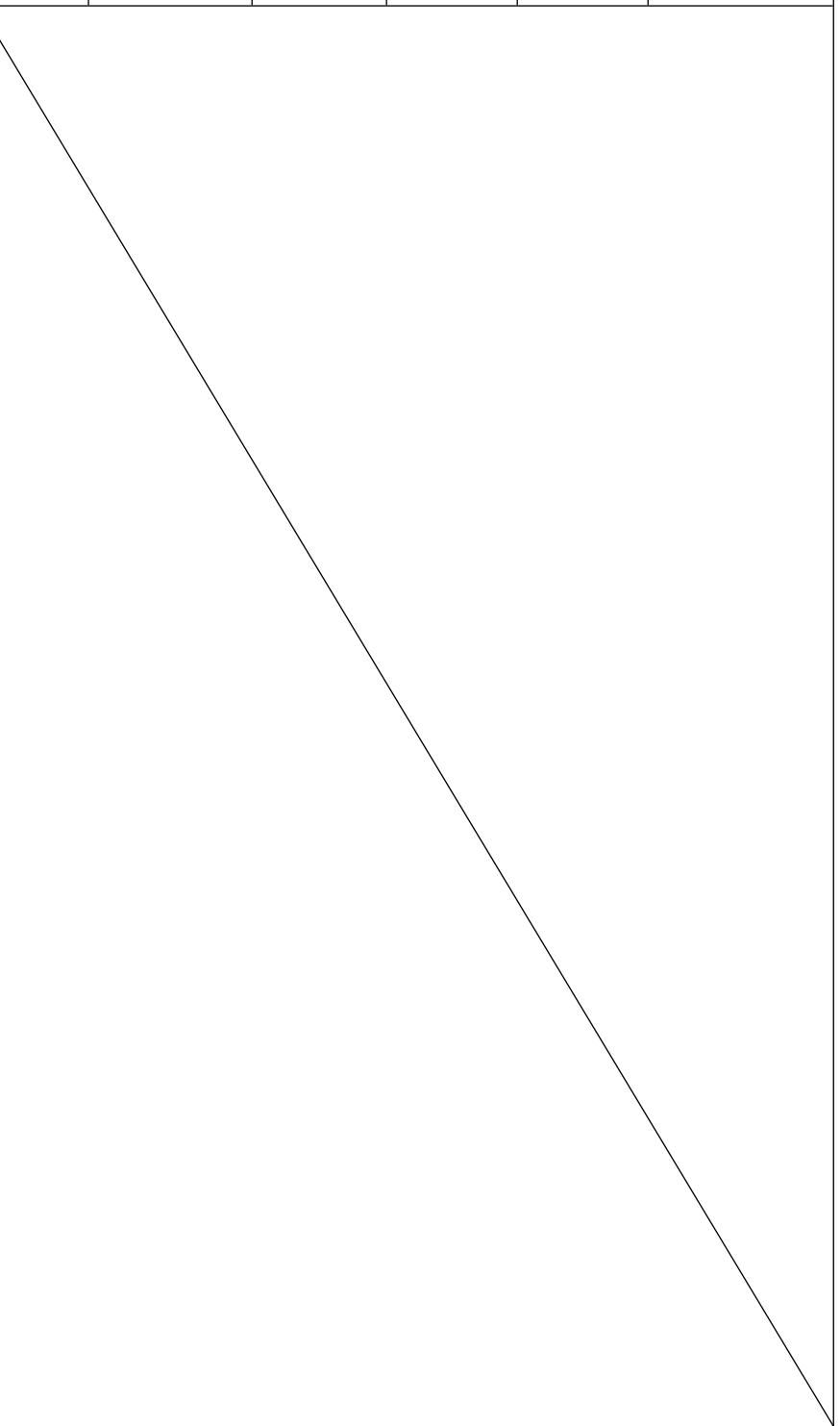
formula	SG	SN	$E_g$	type	$n_{max}, p_{max}$ ( $10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ )	$m_s$ ( $PF_{max}$ )	$m_c$ ( $PF_{max}$ )	$N_v^* K^*$ ( $PF_{max}$ )	$PF_{max}$ ( $\mu\text{W}/(\text{cmK}^2)$ )
$Al_2O_3$	$R\bar{3}c$	167	5.868	p	50.000	6.387	6.266	1.029	65.655
$As_2O_3$	$Fd\bar{3}m$	227	4.026	n	10.000	2.566	2.419	1.093	40.648
$As_2O_5$	$P4_12_12$	92	1.357	n	100.000	5.139	12.894	0.252	22.852
$B_2O_3$	$P3_121$	152	6.347	n	25.000	3.133	4.030	0.686	43.850
$Ba_2ZrO_4$	$I4/mmm$	139	3.156	p	25.000	5.503	6.700	0.744	55.952
$Ba_3Mn_2O_8$	$R\bar{3}m$	166	1.592	n	10.000	2.531	7.825	0.184	15.272
$Ba_3Y_4O_9$	$R32$	155	3.214	n	100.000	6.864	17.465	0.246	31.175
$Ba_4Nb_2O_9$	$P6_3/m$	176	3.518	n	10.000	2.668	5.681	0.322	18.188
$Ba_5Ta_4O_{15}$	$P\bar{3}m1$	164	3.083	n	10.000	1.708	85.310	0.003	44.049
$Ba_8V_7O_{22}$	$R\bar{3}m$	166	0.438	p	10.000	2.480	$43460.5$ $45$	0.000	6.200
$BaCoO_2$	$P3_121$	152	1.129	n	7.500	1.449		0.564	23.531
$BaHgO_2$	$R\bar{3}m$	166	2.301	p	25.000	5.325	4.317	1.370	71.597
$BaMnO_3$	$P6_3/mmc$	194	1.932	p	25.000	4.494	5.488	0.741	44.279
$BaMoO_4$	$I4_1/a$	88	4.375	p	25.000	6.377	13.730	0.317	26.510
$BaO_2$	$I4/mmm$	139	2.218	n	50.000	2.410	1.054	3.458	238.158









$\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$	$Ia\bar{3}$	206	4.119	p	25.000	4.309	10.732	0.254	20.425
$\text{ZnO}_2$	$Pa\bar{3}$	205	2.113	p	50.000	4.169	1.662	3.974	132.473
$\text{ZrO}_2$	$P4_2/nmc$	137	4.045	p	50.000	7.532	3.302	3.446	167.613
$\text{KCoO}_2$	$I\bar{4}2d$	122	0.092						
$\text{BaV}_{13}\text{O}_{18}$	$R\bar{3}$	148	0.075						
$\text{Sr}_5(\text{CoO}_3)_4$	$P\bar{3}c1$	165	0.057						
$\text{Ca}_3(\text{CoO}_3)_2$	$R\bar{3}c$	167	0.039						
$\text{Ba}_3\text{W}_2\text{O}_9$	$R\bar{3}c$	167	0.018						
$\text{PbO}_2$	$P4_2/mnm$	136	0.015						
$\text{Mg}_2\text{VO}_4$	$Fd\bar{3}m$	227	0.008						
$\text{Ba}_2\text{Co}_9\text{O}_{14}$	$R\bar{3}m$	166	0.000						
$\text{Ba}_2\text{Nb}_{15}\text{O}_{32}$	$R\bar{3}$	148	0.000						
$\text{Ba}_2\text{Nb}_5\text{O}_9$	$P4/mmm$	123	0.000						
$\text{Ba}_3\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_8$	$R\bar{3}m$	166	0.000						
$\text{Ba}_3\text{Ta}_5\text{O}_{15}$	$P4/bbm$	127	0.000						
$\text{Ba}_5\text{Co}_5\text{O}_{14}$	$P\bar{3}m1$	164	0.000						
$\text{BaCoO}_3$	$P6_3/mmc$	194	0.000						
$\text{BaIrO}_3$	$Pm\bar{3}m$	221	0.000						
$\text{BaMoO}_3$	$Pm\bar{3}m$	221	0.000						
$\text{BaNb}_4\text{O}_6$	$P4/mmm$	123	0.000						

BaRhO <sub>3</sub>	<i>P</i> 6 <sub>3</sub> / <i>mmc</i>	194	0.000
Bi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	<i>Pn</i>  <i>m</i>	224	0.000
BiO <sub>2</sub>	<i>Fm</i>  <i>m</i>	225	0.000
Ca <sub>2</sub> IrO <sub>4</sub>	<i>P</i>  <i>2m</i>	189	0.000
CaMn <sub>7</sub> O <sub>12</sub>	<i>Im</i> 	204	0.000
CdO	<i>Fm</i>  <i>m</i>	225	0.000
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	<i>Fd</i>  <i>m</i>	227	0.000
Cr <sub>3</sub> O	<i>Pm</i>  <i>n</i>	223	0.000
CrO <sub>2</sub>	<i>P</i> 4 <sub>2</sub> / <i>mnm</i>	136	0.000
Cu <sub>3</sub> TeO <sub>6</sub>	<i>Ia</i> 	206	0.000
FeO	<i>Fm</i>  <i>m</i>	225	0.000
IrO <sub>2</sub>	<i>Pa</i> 	205	0.000
K(IrO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	<i>I</i> 4/ <i>m</i>	87	0.000
K(Mo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<i>P</i> 4/ <i>mbm</i>	127	0.000
K <sub>2</sub> Ta <sub>15</sub> O <sub>32</sub>	<i>R</i> 	148	0.000
K <sub>4</sub> (CoO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub>	<i>P</i> 6 <sub>3</sub> / <i>m</i>	176	0.000
KCr <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	<i>I</i> 4/ <i>m</i>	87	0.000
KIrO <sub>3</sub>	<i>Pn</i> 	201	0.000
KO <sub>2</sub>	<i>I</i> 4/ <i>mmm</i>	139	0.000

KV <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	<i>I</i> 4/ <i>m</i>	87	0.000	
MgTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	<i>F</i> d $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i>	227	0.000	
MgV <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	<i>F</i> d $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i>	227	0.000	
Mn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	<i>I</i> a $\bar{3}$	206	0.000	
MnO <sub>2</sub>	<i>P</i> 4 <sub>2</sub> / <i>mnm</i>	136	0.000	
MoO <sub>2</sub>	<i>P</i> 4 <sub>2</sub> / <i>mnm</i>	136	0.000	
Na(Mo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<i>P</i> 4/ <i>mbm</i>	127	0.000	
NaMn <sub>7</sub> O <sub>12</sub>	<i>I</i> m $\bar{3}$	204	0.000	
NaO <sub>2</sub>	<i>P</i> a $\bar{3}$	205	0.000	
NaTi <sub>8</sub> O <sub>13</sub>	<i>R</i> $\bar{3}$	148	0.000	
NaV <sub>6</sub> O <sub>11</sub>	<i>P</i> 6 <sub>3</sub> <i>mc</i>	186	0.000	
NaWO <sub>3</sub>	<i>P</i> m $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i>	221	0.000	
Nb <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	<i>P</i> 4 <sub>2</sub> / <i>nmc</i>	137	0.000	
Rb <sub>2</sub> Ta <sub>15</sub> O <sub>32</sub>	<i>R</i> $\bar{3}$	148	0.000	
Rb <sub>4</sub> Nb <sub>11</sub> O <sub>30</sub>	<i>R</i> $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i>	166	0.000	
ReO <sub>2</sub>	<i>P</i> 4 <sub>2</sub> / <i>mnm</i>	136	0.000	
ReO <sub>3</sub>	<i>I</i> m $\bar{3}$	204	0.000	
RhO <sub>2</sub>	<i>P</i> 4 <sub>2</sub> / <i>mnm</i>	136	0.000	
Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	<i>F</i> d $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i>	227	0.000	

SbO <sub>2</sub>	<i>Fd</i>  <i>m</i>	227	0.000	
Sr <sub>2</sub> IrO <sub>4</sub>	<i>I4</i> <sub>1</sub> / <i>acd</i>	142	0.000	
Sr <sub>2</sub> Nb <sub>5</sub> O <sub>9</sub>	<i>P4</i> / <i>mmm</i>	123	0.000	
Sr <sub>2</sub> TcO <sub>4</sub>	<i>I4</i> / <i>mmm</i>	139	0.000	
Sr <sub>2</sub> VO <sub>4</sub>	<i>I4</i> / <i>mmm</i>	139	0.000	
Sr <sub>3</sub> (CoO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<i>R</i>  <i>c</i>	167	0.000	
Sr <sub>4</sub> Cr <sub>3</sub> O <sub>9</sub>	<i>P</i> 3	143	0.000	
Sr <sub>4</sub> IrO <sub>6</sub>	<i>R</i>  <i>c</i>	167	0.000	
Sr <sub>4</sub> RhO <sub>6</sub>	<i>R</i>  <i>c</i>	167	0.000	
Sr <sub>4</sub> V <sub>3</sub> O <sub>10</sub>	<i>I4</i> / <i>mmm</i>	139	0.000	
Sr <sub>7</sub> Nb <sub>6</sub> O <sub>21</sub>	<i>R</i> 	148	0.000	
SrCo <sub>12</sub> O <sub>19</sub>	<i>P</i> 6 <sub>3</sub> / <i>mmc</i>	194	0.000	
SrCo <sub>6</sub> O <sub>11</sub>	<i>P</i> 6 <sub>3</sub> / <i>mmc</i>	194	0.000	
SrMoO <sub>3</sub>	<i>Pm</i>  <i>m</i>	221	0.000	
SrNbO <sub>3</sub>	<i>Pm</i>  <i>m</i>	221	0.000	
SrV <sub>6</sub> O <sub>11</sub>	<i>P</i> 6 <sub>3</sub> / <i>mmc</i>	194	0.000	
TaO <sub>2</sub>	<i>P</i> 4 <sub>2</sub> / <i>mnm</i>	136	0.000	
TeO <sub>2</sub>	<i>P</i> 4 <sub>2</sub> / <i>mnm</i>	136	0.000	
Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	<i>R</i>  <i>c</i>	167	0.000	

Ti <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	<i>I</i> 4/ <i>m</i>	87	0.000
Ti <sub>6</sub> O	<i>P</i> 3̄1 <i>m</i>	162	0.000
Tl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	<i>I</i> a3̄	206	0.000
Tl <sub>2</sub> TeO <sub>6</sub>	<i>P</i> 321	150	0.000
V <sub>13</sub> O <sub>16</sub>	<i>I</i> 4 <sub>1</sub> / <i>amd</i>	141	0.000
V <sub>16</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	<i>I</i> 4/ <i>mmm</i>	139	0.000
WO <sub>2</sub>	<i>P</i> 4 <sub>2</sub> / <i>mnm</i>	136	0.000
Yb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	<i>I</i> a3̄	206	0.000



BaZnO <sub>2</sub>	79.781	32.948	1.893	0.707	0.795	0.740	0.740
BaZrO <sub>3</sub>	148.340	93.162	1.455	1.211	1.322	10.226	10.226
Ca <sub>2</sub> Hf <sub>7</sub> O <sub>16</sub>	188.244	91.240	1.720	1.184	1.312	0.895	1.184
Ca <sub>2</sub> MnO <sub>4</sub>	120.441	68.360	1.556	1.517	1.665	2.026	2.026
Ca <sub>2</sub> Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	140.721	88.295	1.456	1.526	1.666	4.023	4.023
Ca <sub>2</sub> Ta <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	155.654	97.299	1.459	1.327	1.449	3.778	3.778
CaCrO <sub>4</sub>	17.264	27.497	0.713	0.862	0.970	5.062	5.062
CaMoO <sub>4</sub>	67.730	33.595	1.696	0.972	1.076	1.051	1.051
CaO	105.983	75.109	1.338	1.528	1.662	21.468	21.468
CaO <sub>2</sub>	70.875	47.407	1.393	1.346	1.466	7.369	7.369
CaTa <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	160.749	35.484	2.592	0.809	0.992	0.176	0.809
CaTa <sub>4</sub> O <sub>11</sub>	165.369	33.330	2.692	0.770	0.959	0.149	0.770
CaV <sub>4</sub> O <sub>9</sub>	42.214	37.634	1.133	1.077	1.171	1.728	1.728
CdIn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	122.470	45.614	2.008	0.864	0.982	0.850	0.864
CdO <sub>2</sub>	107.251	36.554	2.107	0.868	0.997	0.617	0.868
CoO <sub>2</sub>	43.671	6.573	2.997	0.502	0.664	0.056	0.502
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	206.172	114.571	1.578	1.974	2.168	3.286	3.286
Cs <sub>2</sub> V <sub>5</sub> O <sub>13</sub>	25.348	8.231	2.161	0.447	0.517	0.069	0.447
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	191.441	85.539	1.808	1.678	1.872	1.619	1.678
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	199.308	87.752	1.824	1.581	1.767	1.470	1.581
GeO <sub>2</sub>	52.015	26.520	1.667	0.843	0.931	0.902	0.902
HfO <sub>2</sub>	254.816	115.216	1.795	1.296	1.444	8.581	8.581
In <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	118.390	55.450	1.757	0.979	1.088	0.692	0.979
K <sub>2</sub> V <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	40.422	19.441	1.729	0.787	0.872	0.347	0.787





TeO <sub>3</sub>	99.154	97.622	1.051	1.395	1.520	13.642	13.642
TiO <sub>2</sub>	213.729	111.104	1.647	2.051	2.262	9.814	9.814
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	193.063	64.784	2.124	1.524	1.753	0.667	1.524
VO <sub>2</sub>	234.644	117.597	1.685	2.089	2.309	9.701	9.701
Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	137.879	64.126	1.765	1.141	1.269	1.064	1.141
ZnO <sub>2</sub>	144.282	62.406	1.843	1.422	1.591	1.784	1.784
ZrO <sub>2</sub>	165.676	52.087	2.197	1.150	1.335	1.485	1.485

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