# (Supplementary Information): Understanding the changes in thermoelectric properties of bournonite, CuPbSbS<sub>3</sub>, with substitutions.

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## 1 Heatmaps: Fraction of compounds that result in bournonite-type structure

N P As Sb Bi, O S Se Te fixed: bournonite type



Si Ge Sn Pb , N P As Sb Bi fixed: bournonite type



Na K Cu Ag, N P As Sb Bi fixed: bournonite type



Na K Cu Ag , O S Se Te fixed: bournonite type



Na K Cu Ag, O S Se Te fixed: bournonite type



Na K Cu Ag , Si Ge Sn Pb fixed: bournonite type



**Figure S1.** The fraction of compounds that relax into a bournonite-type structure (see the manuscript for definition). Note that compounds containing K almost never relaxes to a bournonite structure and those containing O rarely do so.

### 2 Band Structures: projected band structures and band gap statistics



**Figure S2.** Comparing the band structures and their atomic projections for CuPbSbS3 (top-left), CuPbSbSe (top-right), CuSnSbS3 (bottom-left) andCuSnSbS3 (bottom-right).



**Figure S3.** Distribution of calculated band gaps for elements that tend to be relatively stable in bournonite (i.e., excluding Na, K, Si, N, and O), there appear to be two broad groups of bournonite materials. Group 1 are large unit cells with relatively low electronegativity differences (>725 A<sup>3</sup> cells with standard deviation of electronegativity <0.2). Group 2 are smaller unit cells with medium electronegativity differences (<725 A<sup>3</sup> cells with standard deviation of electronegativity >0.2).

# no SOC



TIIX



AgPbAsS<sub>3</sub>

-4





X S Y F Z U R T Z|YT|UX|S

CuPbAsS<sub>3</sub>







X S Y F Z U R T Z IYTIUXIS R Pb





U

ZIYTIUXIS



Γ X S Y Γ Z U R T Z|YT|UX|S



S Y T Z U R T Z|YT|UX|S R





SOC

Pb

CuSnSbS<sub>3</sub>



**Figure S4.** Comparing the band structures without (left) and with (right) spin orbit coupling (SOC) contributions. It is noteworthy that only the conduction bands hence n-type transport properties are significantly affected when SOC is included, but valence bands (and hence *p*-type power factors are largely unaffected by spin-orbit coupling.



**Figure S5.** The band structure and atom-projected density of states of bournonite (CuPbSbS<sub>3</sub>) with GGA (left) and GGA+U (right, U=3) functionals. Although the band gap increases (0.66 vs. 0.78 eV) upon the use of GGA+U, the Cu-d states remain dominant in the valence band.

## 3 Defects: intrinsic for CuPbSbS<sub>3</sub>, CuPbSbSe<sub>3</sub>, CuSnSbSe<sub>3</sub> and extrinsic for CuPbSbS<sub>3</sub>





**Figure S6.** Formation energies of intrinsic defects in CuPbSbS<sub>3</sub> in different regions of phase diagram followed by the chemical potential in eV of each element in this region:

(a)  $Cu_3SbS_4-Cu_{12}Sb_4S_{13}-CuSbS_2-PbS$  {Pb: -4.501, Sb: -4.41, S: -4.413, Cu: -4.233} (b)  $Cu_3SbS_4-Sb_8(PbS_5)_3-CuSbS_2-PbS$  {Pb: -4.614, Sb: -4.523, S: -4.3, Cu: -4.346} (c)  $Cu_{12}Sb_4S_{13}-CuSbS_2-PbS-Sb$  {Pb: -4.293, Sb: -4.124, S: -4.621, Cu: -4.103} (d)  $Sb_8(PbS_5)_3-CuSbS_2-PbS-Sb$  {Pb: -4.348, Sb: -4.124, S: -4.566, Cu: -4.213}



**Figure S7.** Formation energies of intrinsic defects in CuPbSbSe<sub>3</sub> in different regions of phase diagram followed by the chemical potential in eV of each element in this region:

(a) Cu<sub>3</sub>SbSe<sub>4</sub>-Cu<sub>3</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>-CuSbSe<sub>2</sub>-PbSe {Pb: -4.554, Sb: -4.357, Cu: -4.13, Se: -3.775}

(b) Cu<sub>3</sub>SbSe<sub>4</sub>-CuSbSe<sub>2</sub>-PbSe-Sb<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub> {Pb: -4.571, Sb: -4.373, Cu: -4.147, Se: -3.758} (c) Cu-Cu<sub>3</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>-CuSbSe<sub>2</sub>-PbSe {Pb: -4.508, Sb: -4.295, Cu: -4.099, Se: -3.821}

(d) Cu-CuSbSe<sub>2</sub>-PbSe-Sb<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub> {Pb: -4.475, Sb: -4.23, Cu: -4.099, Se: -3.853}



**Figure S8**. Formation energies of intrinsic defects in a) CuSnSbSe<sub>3</sub> and b) CuPbAsSe<sub>3</sub> with chemical potentials chosen at only one region of phase diagram. Chemical potential is in eV unit. Two dashed vertical lines are VBM and CBM respectively.

(a)  $CuSnSbSe_3$  at  $Cu-Cu_2SnSe_3-Sb_2Se_3-SnSe$  region, where chemical potentials are { Cu: -4.099, Sn: -4.465, Sb: -4.16, Se: -3.9}.

(b) CuPbAsSe<sub>3</sub> at As<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>-Cu<sub>3</sub>AsSe<sub>4</sub>-CuAsSe-PbSe region, where chemical potentials are { Cu: -4.27, Pb: -4.68, As: -4.71, Se: -3.64}







**Figure S9.** Formation energies of defects in CuPbSbS<sub>3</sub> including extrinsic impurity As on S in different regions of phase diagram followed by the chemical potential in eV of each element in this region:

(a)  $Cu_6As_4S_9$ - $CuAsS-Cu_{12}As_4S_{13}$ - $CuSbS_2$ -PbS {Pb: -4.51, Sb: -4.387, S: -4.404, As: -4.736, Cu: -4.273} (b)  $Cu_6As_4S_9$ - $Sb_8(PbS_5)_3$ - $CuAsS-CuSbS_2$ -PbS {Pb: -4.52, Sb: -4.382, S: -4.394, As: -4.72, Cu: -4.299} (c)  $Cu_6As_4S_9$ - $Sb_8(PbS_5)_3$ - $CuSbS_2$ - $Cu_3SbS_4$ -PbS {Pb: -4.614, Sb: -4.523, S: -4.3, As: -4.861, Cu: -4.346} (d)  $Cu_{12}Sb_4S_{13}$ - $Cu_{12}As_4S_{13}$ - $CuSbS_2$ - $Cu_3SbS_4$ -PbS {Pb: -4.501, Sb: -4.41, S: -4.413, As: -4.829, Cu: -4.233} (e)  $CuAsS-Cu_{12}Sb_4S_{13}$ - $Cu_{12}As_4S_{13}$ - $CuSbS_2$ -PbS {Pb: -4.44, Sb: -4.326, S: -4.474, As: -4.744, Cu: -4.195} (f)  $CuAsS-Cu_{12}Sb_4S_{13}$ - $CuSbS_2$ -Sb-PbS {Pb: -4.293, Sb: -4.124, S: -4.621, As: -4.689, Cu: -4.103} (g)  $CuAsS-CuSbS_2$ -Sb-As-PbS {Pb: -4.324, Sb: -4.124, S: -4.59, As: -4.658, Cu: -4.165} (h)  $Sb_8(PbS_5)_3$ - $CuSbS_2$ -Sb-As-PbS {Pb: -4.348, Sb: -4.124, S: -4.566, As: -4.658, Cu: -4.236} (i)  $Sb_8(PbS_5)_3$ - $CuSbS_2$ -Sb-As-PbS {Pb: -4.348, Sb: -4.124, S: -4.566, As: -4.658, Cu: -4.233}

(j) Cu<sub>6</sub>As<sub>4</sub>S<sub>9</sub>-Cu<sub>12</sub>As<sub>4</sub>S<sub>13</sub>-CuSbS<sub>2</sub>-Cu<sub>3</sub>SbS<sub>4</sub>-PbS {Pb: -4.605, Sb: -4.514, S: -4.309, As: -4.855, Cu: -4.337}



**Figure S10.** Formation energies of defects in CuPbSbS<sub>3</sub> including extrinsic impurity Ge on Sb in different regions of phase diagram followed by the chemical potential in eV of each element in this region:

(a)  $Cu_2GeS_3-Cu_{12}Sb_4S_{13}-CuSbS_2-Cu_3SbS_4-PbS$  {Pb: -4.501, Sb: -4.41, S: -4.413, Ge: -5.438, Cu: -4.233} (b)  $Cu_2GeS_3-Cu_{12}Sb_4S_{13}-CuSbS_2-Sb-PbS$  {Pb: -4.293, Sb: -4.124, S: -4.621, Ge: -5.074, Cu: -4.103} (c)  $Sb_8(PbS_5)_3-Cu_2GeS_3-CuSbS_2-Cu_3SbS_4-PbS$  {Pb: -4.614, Sb: -4.523, S: -4.3, Ge: -5.55, Cu: -4.346} (d)  $Sb_8(PbS_5)_3-Cu_2GeS_3-CuSbS_2-Sb-PbS$  {Pb: -4.348, Sb: -4.124, S: -4.566, Ge: -5.019, Cu: -4.213}



**Figure S11.** Formation energies of defects in CuPbSbS<sub>3</sub> including extrinsic impurity In on Pb in different regions of phase diagram followed by the chemical potential in eV of each element in this region:

(a) InCuS<sub>2</sub>-Cu<sub>12</sub>Sb<sub>4</sub>S<sub>13</sub>-CuSbS<sub>2</sub>-Cu<sub>3</sub>SbS<sub>4</sub>-PbS {Pb: -4.501, Sb: -4.41, S: -4.413, Cu: -4.233, In: -3.983}

- (b) InCuS<sub>2</sub>-Cu<sub>12</sub>Sb<sub>4</sub>S<sub>13</sub>-CuSbS<sub>2</sub>-Sb-PbS {Pb: -4.293, Sb: -4.124, S: -4.621, Cu: -4.103, In: -3.696}
- (c) InCuS<sub>2</sub>-Sb<sub>8</sub>(PbS<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-CuSbS<sub>2</sub>-Cu<sub>3</sub>SbS<sub>4</sub>-PbS {Pb: -4.614, Sb: -4.523, S: -4.3, Cu: -4.346, In: -4.095}
- (d) InCuS<sub>2</sub>-Sb<sub>8</sub>(PbS<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-CuSbS<sub>2</sub>-Sb-PbS {Pb: -4.348, Sb: -4.124, S: -4.566, Cu: -4.213, In: -3.696}





**Figure S12.** Formation energies of defects in CuPbSbS<sub>3</sub> including extrinsic impurity P on S in different regions of phase diagram followed by the chemical potential in eV of each element in this region:

(a)  $CuSbS_2-Cu_3PS_4-CuP_2-PbS-Sb$  {Pb: -4.316, Sb: -4.124, S: -4.598, Cu: -4.149, P: -5.555} (b)  $CuSbS_2-Cu_3SbS_4-Cu_{12}Sb_4S_{13}-Cu_3PS_4-PbS$  {Pb: -4.501, Sb: -4.41, S: -4.413, Cu: -4.233, P: -6.043} (c)  $CuSbS_2-Cu_3SbS_4-P_2Pb_3S_8-Cu_3PS_4-PbS$  {Pb: -4.598, Sb: -4.508, S: -4.315, Cu: -4.33, P: -6.141} (d)  $CuSbS_2-Cu_{12}Sb_4S_{13}-Cu_3PS_4-PbS-Sb$  {Pb: -4.293, Sb: -4.124, S: -4.621, Cu: -4.103, P: -5.601} (e)  $CuSbS_2-P_2Pb_3S_8-PPbS_3-Cu_3PS_4-PbS$  {Pb: -4.534, Sb: -4.411, S: -4.38, Cu: -4.298, P: -5.98} (f)  $CuSbS_2-PPbS_3-Cu_3PS_4-CuP_2-PbS$  {Pb: -4.32, Sb: -4.126, S: -4.594, Cu: -4.155, P: -5.552} (g)  $CuSbS_2-PPbS_3-Cu_3PS_4-CuP_2-PbS$  {Pb: -4.32, Sb: -4.124, S: -4.594, Cu: -4.157, P: -5.551} (h)  $Sb_8(PbS_5)_3-CuSbS_2-Cu_3SbS_4-P_2Pb_3S_8-PbS$  {Pb: -4.614, Sb: -4.523, S: -4.3, Cu: -4.346, P: -6.179} (i)  $Sb_8(PbS_5)_3-CuSbS_2-P2Pb_3S_8-PbS$  {Pb: -4.348, Sb: -4.124, S: -4.566, Cu: -4.213, P: -5.607}



**Figure S13.** Formation energies of defects in CuPbSbS3 including extrinsic impurities Sn on Sb and Sn on Pb in different regions of phase diagram followed by the chemical potential in eV of each element in this region:

(a)  $Cu_2SnS_3-Cu_{12}Sb_4S_{13}-Cu_3SbS_2-Cu_3SbS_4-PbS$  {Pb: -4.501, Sb: -4.41, S: -4.413, Sn: -4.867, Cu: -4.233} (b)  $Cu_2SnS_3-Cu_{12}Sb_4S_{13}-CuSbS_2-Sb-PbS$  {Pb: -4.293, Sb: -4.124, S: -4.621, Sn: -4.503, Cu: -4.103} (c)  $Cu_2SnS_3-Sb_8(PbS_5)_3-CuSbS_2-Cu_3SbS_4-PbS$  {Pb: -4.614, Sb: -4.523, S: -4.3, Sn: -4.98, Cu: -4.346} (d)  $Cu_2SnS_3-Sb_8(PbS_5)_3-SnS-CuSbS_2-PbS$  {Pb: -4.359, Sb: -4.141, S: -4.555, Sn: -4.47, Cu: -4.218} (e)  $Cu_2SnS_3-SnS-CuSbS_2-Sb-PbS$  {Pb: -4.342, Sb: -4.124, S: -4.571, Sn: -4.454, Cu: -4.202}

(f) Sb<sub>8</sub>(PbS<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-SnS-CuSbS<sub>2</sub>-Sb-PbS {Pb: -4.348, Sb: -4.124, S: -4.566, Sn: -4.459, Cu: -4.213}





















#### 5 Comparison of predicted transport properties via AMSET and BoltzTraP



**Figure S15.** Comparing AMSET and BoltzTraP calculated conductivity and Seebeck coefficient that were used to calculate the power factors reported in Table 1. On top, the original calculated data (from Table 1) is presented plus the BoltzTraP conductivity if  $\tau = 4.0 \times 10^{-14}$  s instead of  $10^{-14}$  s which was originally assumed. Bottom plot: the fitted top valence bands in AMSET with R<sup>2</sup> higher than 0.99 in all the cases; the order of the calculated conductivity values have the same order as the slope of the valence bands (proportional to the group velocity) except CuSnSbS<sub>3</sub> and CuSnAsS<sub>3</sub> with very low AMSET conductivities. The reason for that is the inter-band scattering that is present in the two degenerate valence bands in these two compounds as discussed in the manuscript. The inset is a plot of the valence bands zoomed in for better illustration.

## 6 Heatmaps: how properties change within two groups

Cu Ag, P As Sb Bi fixed: formation energy



Cu Ag, P As Sb Bi fixed: E above hull







Cu Ag, Ge Sn Pb fixed: formation energy









Figure S16. How average properties change with (left) B and D and (right) C and D excluding Na, K, Si, N and O.