

Supplementary information

Laser co-ablation of bismuth antimony telluride and diamond-like carbon nanocomposites for enhanced thermoelectric performance

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Table S1 Estimated grain sizes using full width at half maximum (FWHM) of some selected XRD peaks

| BST | (015) | (0015) |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Deposition temperature | Grain size (nm) | Grain size (nm) |
| 400 °C | 47.8 | 74.9 |
| 500 °C | 117.8 | 63.2 |
| 600 °C | 134.9 | 80.6 |
| BST:DLC | (015) | (0015) |
| Deposition temperature | Grain size (nm) | Grain size (nm) |
| 400 °C | 43.3 | 21.5 |
| 500 °C | 51.0 | 28.3 |
| 600 °C | 89.9 | 47.5 |

Table S2 Energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX) characterization

| BST:DLC | at % | | | |
|---------|------|------|------|------|
| | Bi | Sb | Te | C |
| 400 °C | 5.0 | 14.7 | 28.5 | 51.7 |
| 500 °C | 5.0 | 15.5 | 28.9 | 50.5 |
| 600 °C | 4.7 | 19.0 | 31.6 | 44.7 |

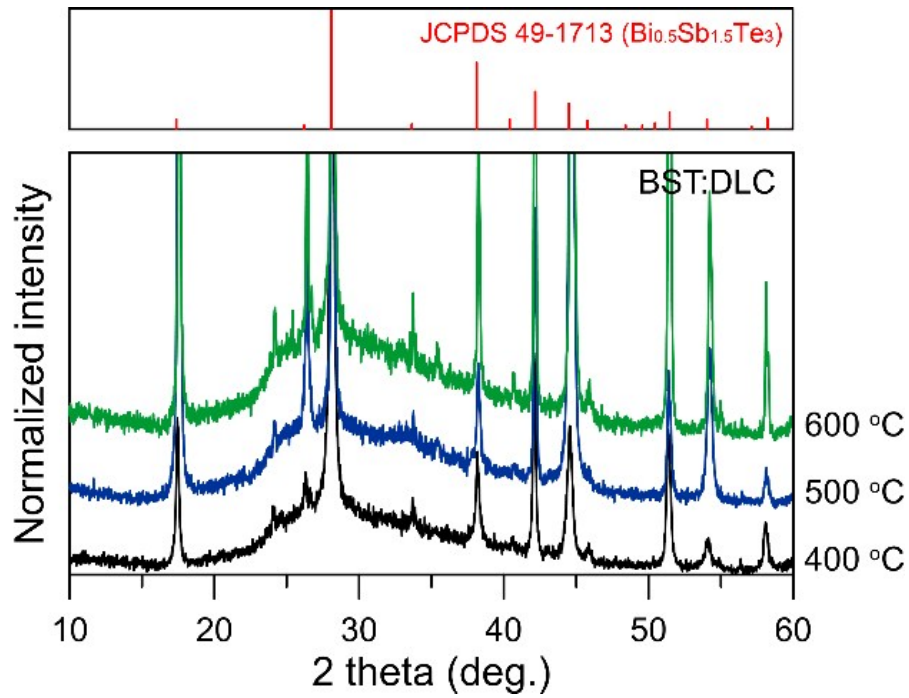


Fig. S1 The XRD patterns clearly displaying the extremely broadening diffraction peak around $2\theta=24^{\circ}$ - 26° which can be indexed as (002) of DLC (carbon).

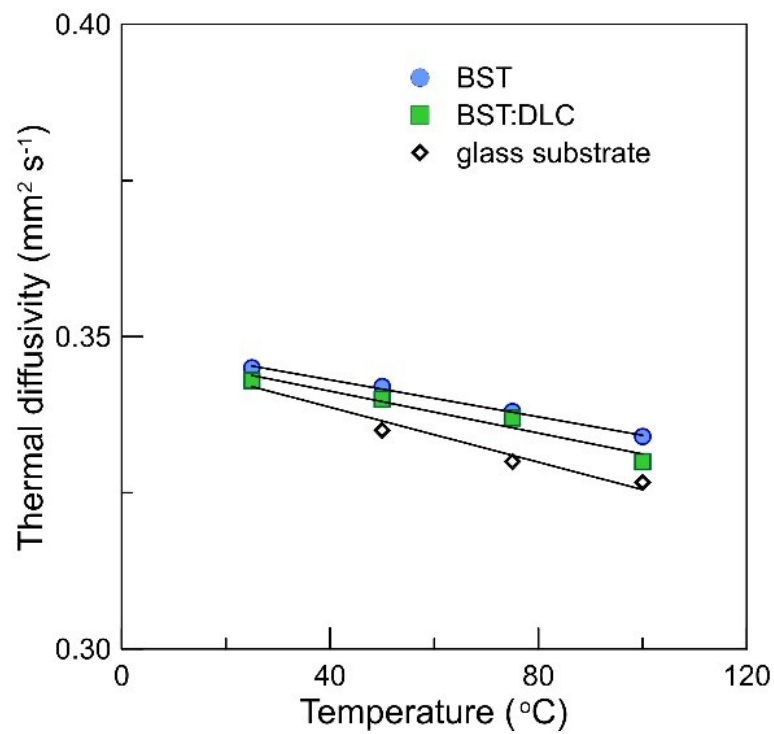


Fig. S2 Temperature dependent thermal diffusivities obtained from the BST and BST:DLC films deposited at 500 °C on glass substrates.