



**Supporting Information** for Advances in Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD) Nanolaminate Synthesis of Thermoelectric Films in Porous Templates for Improved Seebeck Coefficient

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The composition and stoichiometry of the samples were observed by energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy analysis (EDS), shown as figure s1. The result from EDS reveals the chemical element composition in PbTe and PbSe films grown at 150 °C with 1000 ALD deposition cycles. Table s1 lists the element compositions in PbTe and PbSe samples. Both PbTe and PbSe are slightly non-stoichiometric being Pb rich, which indicates the PbTe and PbSe films are n-type semiconductors, and electrons are the charge carriers.



**Figure S1.** Energy dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy analysis (EDS) of a PbSe film deposited with 1000 ALD cycles and of a PbTe samples grown with 1000 ALD deposition cycles [1].

The Seebeck coefficient of PbTe/PbSe nanolaminates grown on porous silicon templates along crossplane direction was measured by IR Seebeck Characterization Systems at MicroXact, Inc. Figure s2 displays voltage and temperature response to infrared heat pulse at room temperature for PbTe/PbSe nanolaminates grown on planar and porous silicon templates.



**Figure S2.** Voltage and temperature response to infrared heat pulse at room temperature for PbTe/PbSe (10 / 10 nm) (a) grown on planar Si substrates and (b) on porous Si templates [2].

Samples	Pb	Te (Se)	Pb	Te (Se)
	(Weight %)	(Weight %)	(Atom %)	(Atom %)
PbTe (1000cys-170 °C)	6.53±1.61	1.98±0.22	0.86±0.21	0.42±0.05
PbSe (1000cys-170 °C)	12.07±0.81	3.68±0.26	1.88±0.13	1.5±0.1

Table S1. The composition of lead, tellurium and selenide in PbTe and PbSe films [1]

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