



# DFT-Based Investigation of Opto-Electronic, Mechanical, and Thermoelectric Properties of $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$ for Green Energy Applications

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## Abstract

The present study on double perovskite  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  has used a full potential linearized augmented plane wave (FP-LAPW) approach in conjunction with density functional theory (DFT) and semiclassical Boltzmann theory. The study has used PBE-GGA, PBE-sol, mBJ, mBJ+SOC exchange potentials to obtain clear electronic structure of the material. The electronic structure analysis indicates that  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  compound exhibits semiconductor behavior with an indirect energy gap of 2.150 eV, using TB-mBJ. Further, material is mechanically and thermodynamically stable. The no negative frequencies in the phonon spectra confirm dynamical stability as well. This study investigates optical properties of  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$ , including dielectric function, refractive index, electrical conductivity, absorption, reflectivity and electron loss function. We report static optical reflectivity 0.085, which expresses, 8.5% of incident light is reflected rest is absorbed. A static refractive index is estimated to be 1.82, suggests that  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  has moderate optical density and transparency in the long-wavelength range, which is useful in designing optical and photonic devices. Further, on the ground of thermoelectric performances, the values for Seebeck coefficient, power factor and figure of merit are estimated to be 214.8  $\mu\text{V/K}$ , 7.34  $10^{11}\text{W/K}^2\text{ms}$  and 0.062 at 300 K, respectively. The value of figure of merit increases to 0.7 at high temperature of 1200 K. Thermodynamic behavior and elastic properties have also been investigated for this compound. Our computed results are in accordance with the other double perovskites. The findings demonstrate that this double perovskite material is outstanding for both UV and visible-light photovoltaic applications, as well as for thermoelectric devices.

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## 1 Introduction

In recent years, perovskites have become a focal point of research due to their wide range of applications. These compounds are crucial in ground breaking fields like spintronics technology [1], solar cells [2], and solid oxide-based fuel cells [3]. Double-perovskite (DP) oxides are known for their exceptional physical properties, leading to their diverse use in areas such as thermoelectric materials [4], heterogeneous catalysis [5], photovoltaic cells, and photocatalysis [6]. Their impressive attributes make them particularly valuable for various industrial applications [7]. As industrialization advances and the demand for natural resources grows, there is an increasing imperative to lessen energy ingesting and pursue substitute sources [8]. To contend expanding ecological contamination and energy dearth, there is a need for the development of environmentally friendly and sustainable energy sources [9]. The thermoelectric figure of merit (ZT) is used to evaluate the performance of thermoelectric materials [10] and is calculated based on four key factors:  $ZT = \frac{S^2 \sigma T}{(\kappa_e + \kappa_l)}$  where T is absolute temperature, S is Seebeck coefficient,  $\sigma$  is electrical conductivity,  $\kappa_l$  is lattice thermal conductivity, and  $\kappa_e$  is electronic thermal conductivity [11]. These factors collectively determine the effectiveness of a thermoelectric material. Thermoelectric materials, which can transform waste heat into electrical energy, have gained significant global interest as eco-friendly energy sources [12]. The present requirement to lessen the dependence on traditional fossil fuels underscores the importance of these materials [13]. Perovskite materials are especially notable for their impressive thermoelectric properties and are extensively used in thermoelectric devices [14]. Recently, there has been increasing focus on their application in high-temperature thermoelectric research [15, 16]. Recent applications of DFT have focused on exploring the optical, thermoelectric, and electronic properties of not only double perovskite (DP) oxides [17–24] but various materials [25–43].

Rameshe et al. studied the various properties of  $\text{Sr}_2\text{Al}(\text{Nb}/\text{Ta})\text{O}_6$  in cubic phase and found that  $\text{Sr}_2\text{AlNbO}_6$  and  $\text{Sr}_2\text{AlTaO}_6$  were semiconductors with a direct band gap [44]. They also calculated the optical properties, including the real and imaginary parts of the dielectric function, for both materials. Meanwhile, Haid et al. examined  $\text{Sr}_2\text{CrTaO}_6$ , investigated its ground state properties and its half-metallic ferromagnetic behavior [45]. Parrey et al. [46] investigated the spin-oriented bands of  $\text{La}_2\text{NbMnO}_6$  and confirmed its half-metallicity. Due to its substantial absorption across ultraviolet and infrared frequencies, this material is well-suited for use in optoelectronic devices designed for these spectral ranges. Dar et al. [47] provided insights into the

thermoelectric behaviour of  $\text{Ba}_2\text{InTaO}_6$ , demonstrating that the material functioned as a semiconductor with electrons as the majority charge carriers. Their results also highlighted that  $\text{Ba}_2\text{InTaO}_6$  exhibited a high-power factor, suggesting its potential for use in thermoelectric devices. Khandy et al. [48] studied  $\text{Ba}_2\text{CdReO}_6$  and confirmed its stability in ferromagnetic state. Their analysis of the band structure indicates that the material exhibits half-metallic behavior. These properties make it a promising candidate for applications in spintronics, spotlight technologies, and as an electrode material. Al-Qaisi et al. [49] studied the optoelectronic characteristics of  $\text{Ba}_2\text{NaIO}_6$  and found that it functioned as a p-type semiconductor with a direct band gap. Aziz et al. [50] examined the properties of  $\text{X}_2\text{NaIO}_6$  with X=Pb or Sr and found that the investigated materials belong to semiconductor-family.  $\text{Pb}_2\text{NaIO}_6$  unveiled a direct band gap of 3.75 eV, while  $\text{Sr}_2\text{NaIO}_6$  a band gap of 5.48 eV. Additionally,  $\text{Sr}_2\text{NaIO}_6$  achieved a higher ZT value of 0.773 compared to  $\text{Pb}_2\text{NaIO}_6$ . The cubic phases of these materials are considered suitable for thermoelectric and optoelectronic device applications. Hanif et al. [51] conducted a theoretical investigation of the semiconducting compounds  $\text{Sr}_2\text{XNbO}_6$  (where X=La or Lu). Their results suggest that the examined materials are promising contenders for applications in the Ultraviolet (UV) region. Alongside experimental investigations of oxide and halogen-based double perovskite compounds for their thermoelectric properties, numerous theoretical studies have utilized first-principles for investigating band structure and Boltzmann transport theory to analyze these materials. Pillai et al. [52] have synthesized  $\text{Ba}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  nanoparticles using low temperature sol-gel technique. The examination of XRD data reveals that the synthesized compound exhibits its cubic perovskite ( $\text{A}_2\text{BB}'\text{O}_6$ -type) phase. On the other hand, some other experimental techniques such as Tunneling electron microscope (TEM) and Scanning electron microscope (SEM) micrograph confirmed the behavior of powder (20–40 nm) nature and found that size of grain varies between 0.07 and 0.21  $\mu\text{m}$  respectively. The energy gap of  $\text{Ba}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  has been found to be 2.78 eV as scrutinized by UV–vis spectrometry. However,  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$ , a prominent member of the perovskite's family, has not been investigated for its structural, optoelectronic as well as thermoelectric characteristics. As a result, the current literature does not provide an efficient study of this compound. Therefore, (i) lack of studies on Seebeck coefficient, electrical conductivity, and thermal conductivity based on Boltzmann Transport Theory for thermoelectric applications (ii) insufficient analysis on the role of hybridization between Bi-6s, Y-4d, and O-2p orbitals, influencing band structure and electronic performance (iii) no theoretical insights into absorption coefficient, refractive index, and dielectric function, which are vital for photonic and photovoltaic applications

have motivated us to perform this study. The present venture inspects the structural, electronic, elastic, and transport properties of DP  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  with a cubic structure using the most effective DFT approach. Recently, Pan et al., predicted the improved electronic and optical properties of semiconductors by first principles methods [67–70]. The material  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  is chosen for the reason of (i) lead-free and environmentally friendly nature (ii) the presence of  $\text{Bi}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Y}^{3+}$  in a double perovskite structure influences bandgap tenability (iii) expected to exhibit high Seebeck coefficient and optical absorption, making it promising for renewable energy technologies.

We utilize ab initio method along with the Boltzmann transport theory, applying stiff band as well as persistent relaxation time estimates for charge carriers. The relaxation time ( $\tau$ ) in the present calculations is considered by constant relaxation time approximation (CRTA), where  $\tau$  is treated as a fitting parameter. Its constant value in the present calculations is taken as  $1 \times 10^{-14}$  sec. Our findings show that  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  is a semiconductor with narrow band gaps, making them potential candidates for thermoelectric applications. We also evaluate the mechanical stability by calculating elastic constants  $C_{ij}$ . Additionally, we analyze the thermoelectric properties over a range of chemical potentials ranging between  $-2.0$  eV and  $4.0$  eV at 300 K, 700 K, and 1200 K. There is currently a shortage of theoretical and experimental evidence on these materials' elastic and thermoelectric properties. The article is organized into sections: "Computational Methods" describes the techniques used, "Results and Discussion" presents the findings, and "Conclusion" summarizes the overall results.

## 2 Computational Method

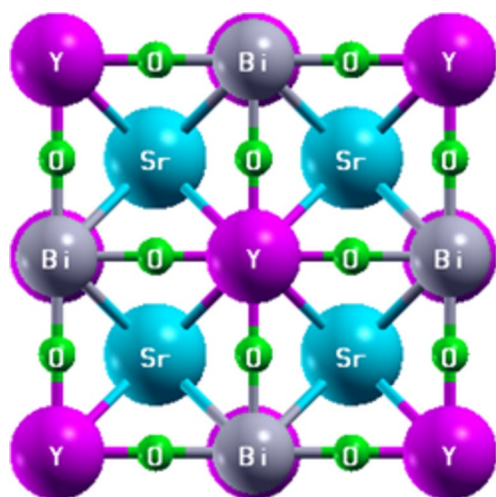
In the present investigation, we executed DFT-based calculations utilizing the full potential linearized augmented plane wave (FP-LAPW) method [53]. The calculations were performed using the WIEN2k code [54], which is well-matched for determining the electronic behavior of solids. The structural parameters of  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  were calculated using the PBE-GGA [55] as well as LDA method to evaluate the inclusion of the exchange-correlation potential approximation. Although PBE-GGA accurately determines structural properties ground state energies, it typically underestimates the band gap in semiconductors. To address this issue, modified potential like modified Becke-Johnson (mBJ) [56] potential has been used for the computation of band gap accurately. The mBJ exchange potential, implemented via the Trans-Blaha (TB) method, was found to be the most suitable for accurately predicting the electronic structure of the material. However, we have computed

electronic structure using LDA, PBE-GGA, PBE-sol and mBJ+SOC potentials. LDA and PBE-GGA tend to underestimate band gaps significantly due to their inherent self-interaction errors. PBE-sol (PBE for solids) is slightly better than PBE-GGA for lattice parameters but does not improve band gap predictions. mBJ+SOC improves band gaps but is necessary only for materials with strong relativistic effects. TB-mBJ corrects the band gap underestimation effectively, often providing values close to experimental results without requiring expensive hybrid functionals [57–61]. In the DFT procedure, the unit cell was apportioned into interstitial regions and non-overlapping of muffin-tin spheres. In the interstitial region, wave functions were expanded as a linear combination of radial functions and spherical harmonics, with  $l$  values extending up to 10. The charge density was expanded using a Fourier series and curtailed at  $G_{max} = 12$  a.u. For the single-electron wave functions, the cutoff parameter  $R_{MT} * K_{max}$  was set to 7 to increase the plane-wave basis set in the constant potential region. In this context,  $R_{MT}$  represents the atomic radii of muffin tin spheres, and in reciprocal space,  $K_{max}$  is the biggest K-vector applied to the smallest unit cell. The muffin-tin radii ( $R_{MT}$ ) used were 1.73 a.u. for Sr, 2.12 a.u. for Y, 2.12 a.u. for Bi, and 2.5 a.u. for O. Self-consistent calculations, where the electron density, potential, and energy are mutually consistent, are used to solve KS Eqs. [62, 63]. Iterating up to 0.0001e for charge convergence between subsequent cycles and iterating up to 0.0001Ry improves energy convergence. All the investigated properties were determined using Monkhorst Pack grid of  $14 \times 14 \times 14$  k-points for the studied compound. A finer k-point mesh of  $36 \times 36 \times 36$  was employed for accurate determination of the final electronic structures. The optical properties were calculated using a dipole-matrix approach in the WIEN2k package, with a broadening parameter of 0.1 eV applied to the spectra [64]. To assess the thermoelectric performance as a variable of temperature and chemical potential in the BoltzTraP code, which rely on rigid band approximation, was used. The transport distribution is integrated to provide the electrical conductivity ( $\sigma$ ) and Seebeck coefficient ( $S$ ) as functions of chemical potential ( $\mu - \epsilon_F$ ) and absolute temperature (T).

## 3 Results and Discussion

### 3.1 Structural Properties

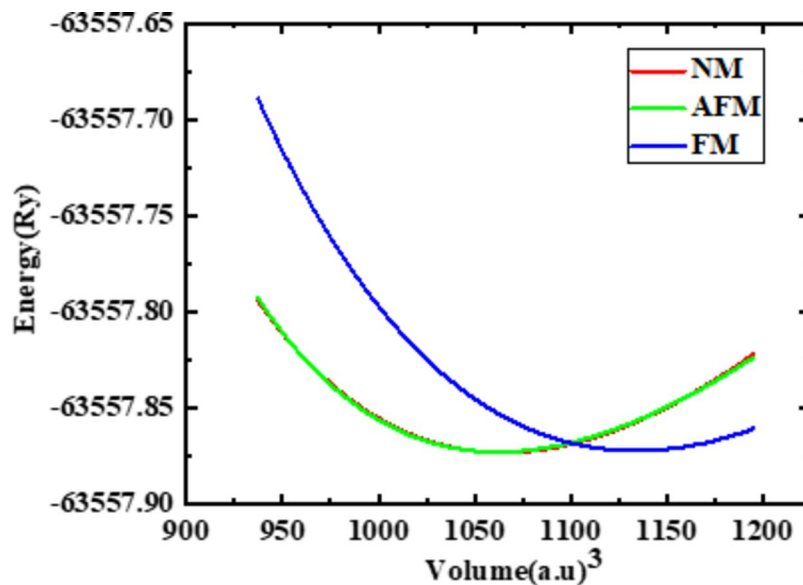
To analyze the structural properties of  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$ , we utilized the Birch's equation of state in relation to the unit cell volume and optimized with PBE-GGA and LDA using the experimental lattice parameters [17], as illustrated in Figs.



**Fig. 1** Optimized crystal structure of double perovskite  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  in the space group cubic  $Fm-3m$ . The figure is produced using X-Crystden software, which is embedded in WIEN2k code

1 and 2. The experimental lattice parameter of  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  was measured as  $8.627 \text{ \AA}$  in its cubic phase, which crystallizes in the  $Fm-3m$  space group. In the unit cell, the Wyck-off positions are as follows: Sr atoms are at  $(1/4, 1/4, 1/4)$ , Bi atoms are at  $(0, 0, 0)$ , Y atoms are at  $(0, 0, 0.5)$ , and O

**Fig. 2** The Energy versus volume optimization graph of  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$ , where NM (red color) represents non-magnetic phase, AFM (green color) represents anti ferromagnetic phase and FM (blue) represents ferro-magnetic phase (Color figure online)



**Table 1** Calculated lattice parameter  $a$  ( $\text{\AA}$ ), bulk modulus  $B$ , its derivative  $B_p$ , the minimum total energy  $E_{\text{tot}}$ , energy of cohesion  $E_{\text{coh}}$ , enthalpy of formation  $E_f$ , tolerance factor ( $t_f$ ), bader charges ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and effective mass of double perovskite  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$

XC	$a$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$V$ ( $\text{a.u.}^3$ )	$B$ (GPa)	$B.P$	$E_{\text{tot}}$ (Ry)	$E_c$ (eV/atom)	$E_f$ (eV/atom)	Bader charges ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$t_f$	Effective mass
FM-GGA	8.57	1064.60	118.14	4.51	-63557.872	5.069	-2.594	Sr=1.58	0.894	$m_e^* = 2.10$
AFM-GGA	8.57	1062.40	116.34	6.41	-63557.873			Y=1.86		$m_h^* = 1.08$
NM-GGA	8.57	1064.53	117.71	4.98	-63557.873			Bi=2.37		
Ref.	8.34 <sup>a</sup> 8.13 <sup>b</sup>	978.56 <sup>a</sup>	150.48 <sup>a</sup> 124.05 <sup>b</sup>	4.65 <sup>a</sup> 4.86 <sup>b</sup>	-69235.930 <sup>a</sup> -29911.696 <sup>b</sup>	5.53 <sup>a</sup> 4.58 <sup>b</sup>	-2.853 <sup>a</sup>	O=-1.23	0.99 <sup>b</sup>	

<sup>a</sup>Ref. [15], <sup>b</sup>Ref. [18]

atoms are at  $(0, 0, 0.2439)$ . The equilibrium state structural parameters, including lattice constants ( $a_0$ ), bulk modulus ( $B$ ) and its pressure derivative ( $B'$ ), and, using PBE-GGA and LDA are detailed in Table 1. The calculated results of lattice constant with PBE-GGA show well agreement with the available experimental results which confirm the accuracy of the present calculations. The melting temperature of the investigated DP is calculated to be  $1898.738 \text{ K}$ .

The cohesive energy as well as formation energy of the studied compound are also studied to confirm its stability and presented in Table 1.

$$E_f = \frac{E_{\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6} - (2E_{\text{Sr}} + E_{\text{Y}} + E_{\text{Bi}} + 6E_{\text{O}})}{10} \quad (1)$$

The negative value of  $E_f$  indicates their stability as well as the amount of energy gets released during the formation of the studied DP. In addition to this, cohesive energy of the compound is also computed using the relation:

$$E_C = \frac{(2E_{\text{Sr}} + E_{\text{Y}} + E_{\text{Bi}} + 6E_{\text{O}}) - E_{\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6}}{10} \quad (2)$$

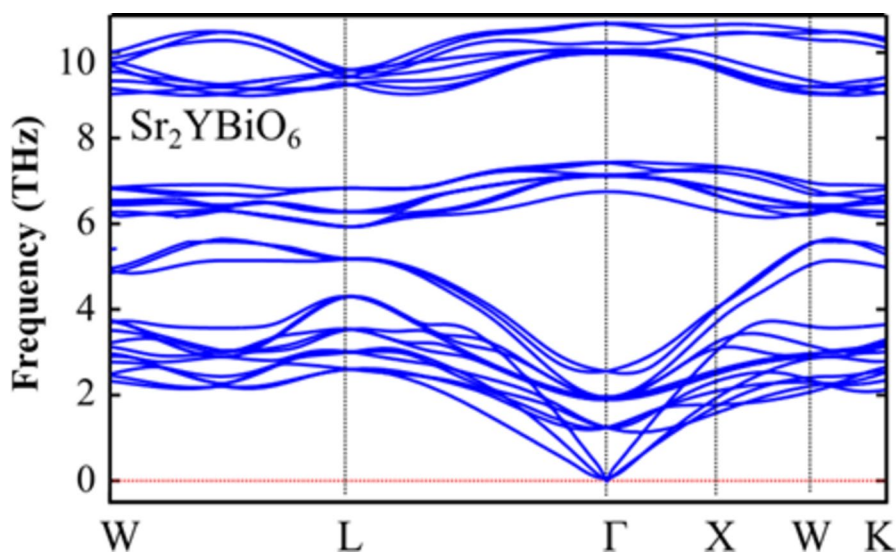
where  $E_{Sr_2YBiO_6}$  denotes the total energy of the compound and  $E_{Sr}$ ,  $E_Y$ ,  $E_{Bi}$ ,  $E_O$  their individual energies. The positive value of 5.069 eV/atom again reveals that the studied DP is stable in cubic phase. From the values of formation energy as well as cohesive energy, the mechanical stability of the compound has been confirmed. The tolerance factor ( $t_G$ ) for perovskites is computed using equation is

$$t_G = \frac{R_{Sr} + R_O}{\sqrt{2} \left( \frac{R_Y + R_{Bi}}{2} + R_O \right)} \quad (3)$$

where,  $R_{Sr/Y/Bi/O}$  are effective ionic radii of individual elements obtained from the Shannon ionic radius. The computed tolerance factor has been computed and tabulated in Table 1. If  $t_G$  lies between 0.80 and 1.0, the perovskite is said to be stable in cubic phase. As observed from Table 1,  $t_G$  is obtained to be 0.894, showing that the studied DP  $Sr_2YBiO_6$  is stable in its cubic phase. Our results are compared with the available similar DPs [15, 18], a good agreement is presented.

To evaluate the dynamical stability of  $Sr_2YBiO_6$  perovskites, phonon dispersion calculations were performed using the Vienna Ab-initio Simulation Package (VASP) [65]. The dynamical stability of a material is directly linked to its phonon dispersion, which depicts the dependence of phonon frequencies on wavevectors throughout the Brillouin zone. The results are displayed in the phonon dispersion curve (PDC) in Fig. 3. The absence of any negative (imaginary) frequencies across the Brillouin zone confirms that the examined double perovskites are dynamically stable [66].

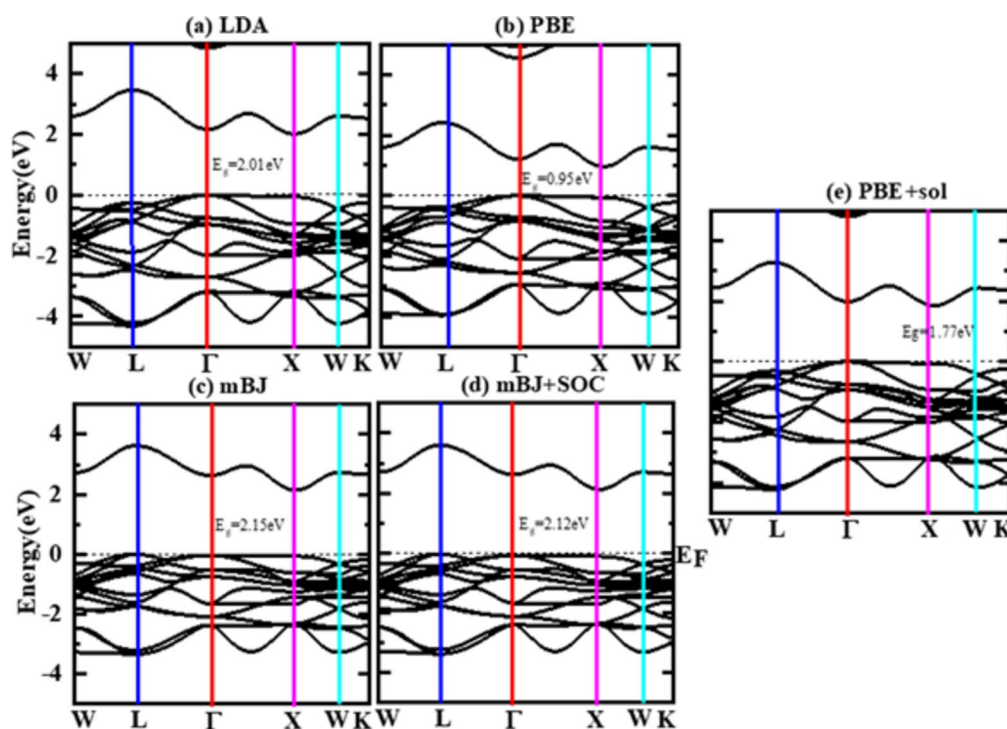
**Fig. 3** Computed phonon dispersion curve for double perovskite  $Sr_2YBiO_6$ . No negative frequencies confirm its dynamical stability



### 3.2 Electronic Properties

For the brief analysis of electronic properties, we have energy band structure with total and partial density of states (Figs. 4 and 5) that aids in distinguishing the material behaviour to gain understanding of the field or area in which their possible technological applications may be used. Usually, it is seen that PBE-GGA computations underrates the band gap in semiconductors and insulators. The primary reason for this is that its basic structure is too rigid to accurately capture the exchange-correlation potential and its charge derivative. The TB-mBJ approximation employed in the present paper has been effectively utilized in various recent papers as a substitute for the underestimating of the band-gap [17–24].

Figure 4(a–d) illustrated the computed electronic band plot in k-space along high-symmetry paths  $W - L - \Gamma - X - W$  using different approximations like LDA, PBE-GGA, mBJ and mBJ+Spin orbital coupling (SOC). The electronic band structures calculated using all four different exchange potential are found to be similar in nature and the value of obtained band gaps are listed in Table 2. From Fig. 3, it can be seen that with PBE-GGA and mBJ,  $Sr_2YBiO_6$  is an indirect band-gap semiconductor with the value of 2.150 eV (displayed in Table 2), between the top most the valence band at  $\Gamma$ -point and the bottom most in the conduction band at X-point, respectively. This calculated energy band gap ( $E_g$ ) agreed well with the previous reported theoretical data of similar compounds, in the literature [19–24, 67, 68]. The examined DP's indirect energy gaps, which cause phonon excitations when electrons move from the bottom of the conduction band to the direct band, balance the wave vector. As a result, it limits the devices' time performance and makes them better suited to thermo-electric qualities.



**Fig. 4** Electronic band structure diagrams along with the high symmetry directions and considering **a** LDA, **b** PBE-GGA, **c** mBJ and **d** mBJ+SOC, **e** PBEsol exchange potentials

We have also calculated total density of states (TDOS) and projected density of states (PDOS) spectra to provide a deep insight for the electronic structure. The PDOS and TDOS of  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  using the TB-mBJ method for energies ranging from  $-10$  to  $+10$  eV is shown in Fig. 5. The valence band near to Fermi level i.e., in the range between  $-3.500$  eV and  $0$  eV consists of ‘5p’ like states of O and ‘6p’ like states of Bi in  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$ . The valence bands were formed by merging the Sr-4p, Y-4d, Bi-7s and O-2p orbitals with energies extending from  $-7.500$  to  $0.0$  eV. The valence band, vacillating from  $-2.600$  eV to Fermi level is dominated by the O-2p states. The empty band in the range of  $6.100$  to  $9.970$  eV for  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  is dominated by Sr-4d, Y-4d, and Bi-6p states. The lower part of the conduction bands was dominated primarily by ‘7s’ like states of Bi and ‘2p’ like states of O, with a negligible contribution of ‘4d’ like states of Yttrium.

An important tool for examining the localization and dispersion of electrons of a crystalline structure is the charge density profile. Charge density contour provides information about the location of electrons in the lattice space and the bonding properties of materials by quantifying the likelihood of locating electrons with the same spin and established positions inside a reference electron field. The 2D 110 and 101 plane along crystal dimension Charge density maps for the  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  compounds are displayed in Fig. 6(a and b). Lower electron density regions are shown

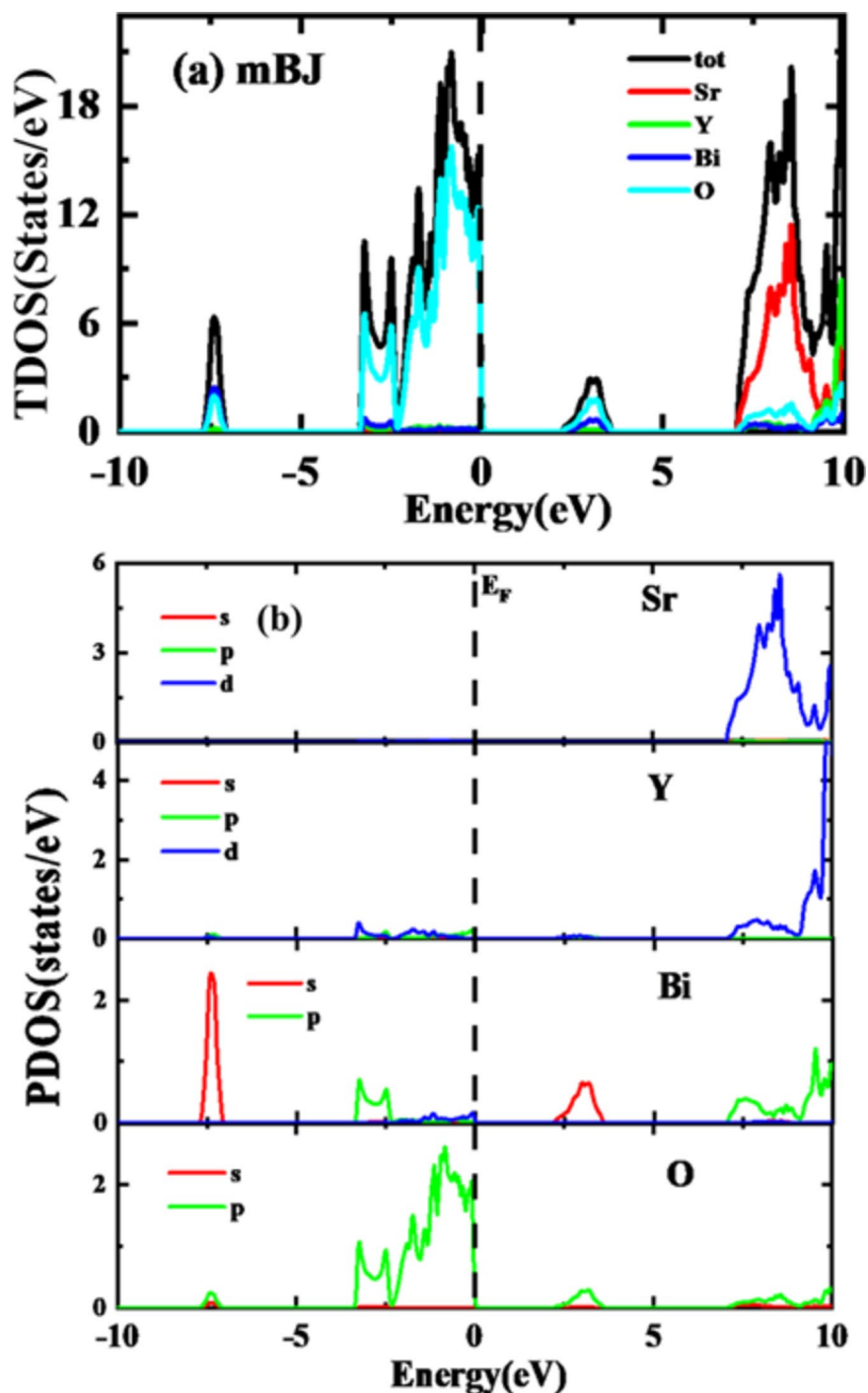
in blue, and greater electron density regions are shown in red on the right side of the contour maps, which show the charge density scaling, including the coordination scaling. The  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  compounds’ substantial electronegativity is responsible for the increased level of electron localization around the O ions that was seen in the charge density contour maps analysis. This observation aligns with the results of the examination of Bader charges.

### 3.3 Optical Properties

Optical properties of the investigated DP  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  give an insight into how the material interact with the incident electromagnetic radiations [18]. The understudy material is in its cubic phase with the isotropy. The dielectric function enlightens us about the interaction of photons and electrons in the material. We have calculated the dielectric function  $\epsilon(\omega)$  as a tensor, which is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix. For isotropic materials, all diagonal elements are equal, and off-diagonal elements are zero. Since the components of the tensor (e.g.,  $\epsilon_{xx}$ ,  $\epsilon_{yy}$ ,  $\epsilon_{zz}$ ) are equal, therefore, properties are expressed in xx direction only. Cohen-Ehrenreich devised an equation which represents dielectric function  $\epsilon(\omega)$  in a complex form:

$$\epsilon(\omega) = \epsilon_1(\omega) + i\epsilon_2(\omega) \quad (4)$$

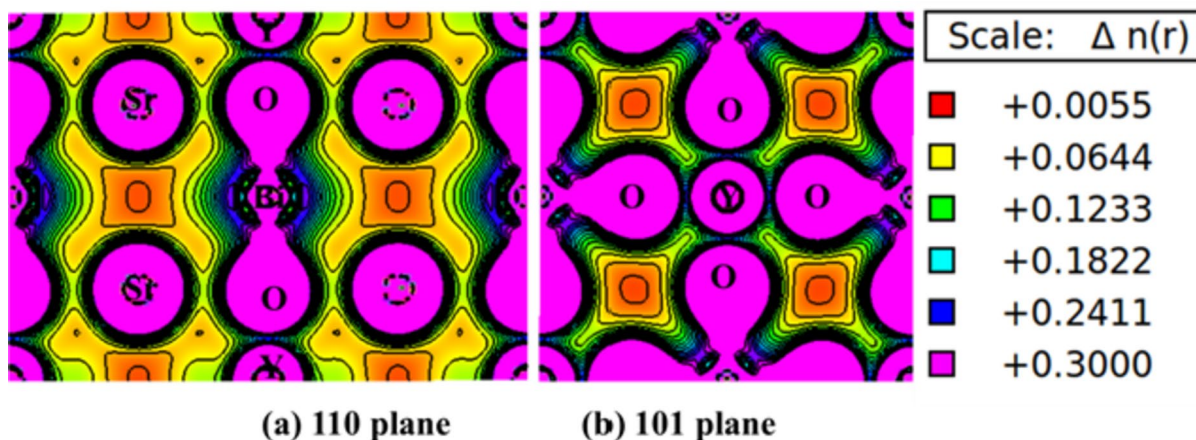
**Fig. 5** Density of states plots for  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  compound using mBJ potential **a** total density of states (TDOS), **b** partial density of states (PDOS)



**Table 2** Calculated energy bandgap (in eV) by different potentials LDA, PBE, mBJ and mBJ+SOC

Properties	LDA	PBE	mBJ	PBEsol	mBJ+SOC
$\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$	2.015	0.959	2.150	1.777	2.122
Ref.	1.295	0.922 [19]	2.147	1.156 [19]	3.610 [22]
		1.68 [20]	[19]		3.319 [23]
	2.874	0.71 [21]	1.2 [67]		3.952 [24]
		[23]	2.1 [68]		

In the above equation  $\omega$  represents angular frequency of the incident electromagnetic radiation. The real part  $\epsilon_1(\omega)$  of the complex dielectric function is linked with dispersion as well as electronic polarization, whereas its imaginary part  $\epsilon_2(\omega)$  is associated to the optical absorption. Therefore, the  $\epsilon_2(\omega)$  spectrum reveals how the electrons get excited from the filled valence band to the unfilled conduction band. The imaginary part of dielectric function,  $\epsilon_2(\omega)$  can be inscribed as [69–71].



**Fig. 6** Charge density contour plots for double perovskite  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  considering **a** 110 plane, **b** 101 plane

$$\epsilon_i(\omega) = \frac{e^2 \hbar}{\pi m^2} \sum_{v,c} \int_{BZ}^{\infty} |M_{CV}(k)|^2 \delta[\omega_{cv}(k) - \omega] d^3k \quad (5)$$

To determine the real part of the dielectric, below mentioned Kramer-Kronig relation is used.

$$\epsilon_r(\omega) = 1 + \frac{2}{\pi} P \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\omega' \epsilon_i(\omega')}{\omega'^2 - \omega^2} d\omega' \quad (6)$$

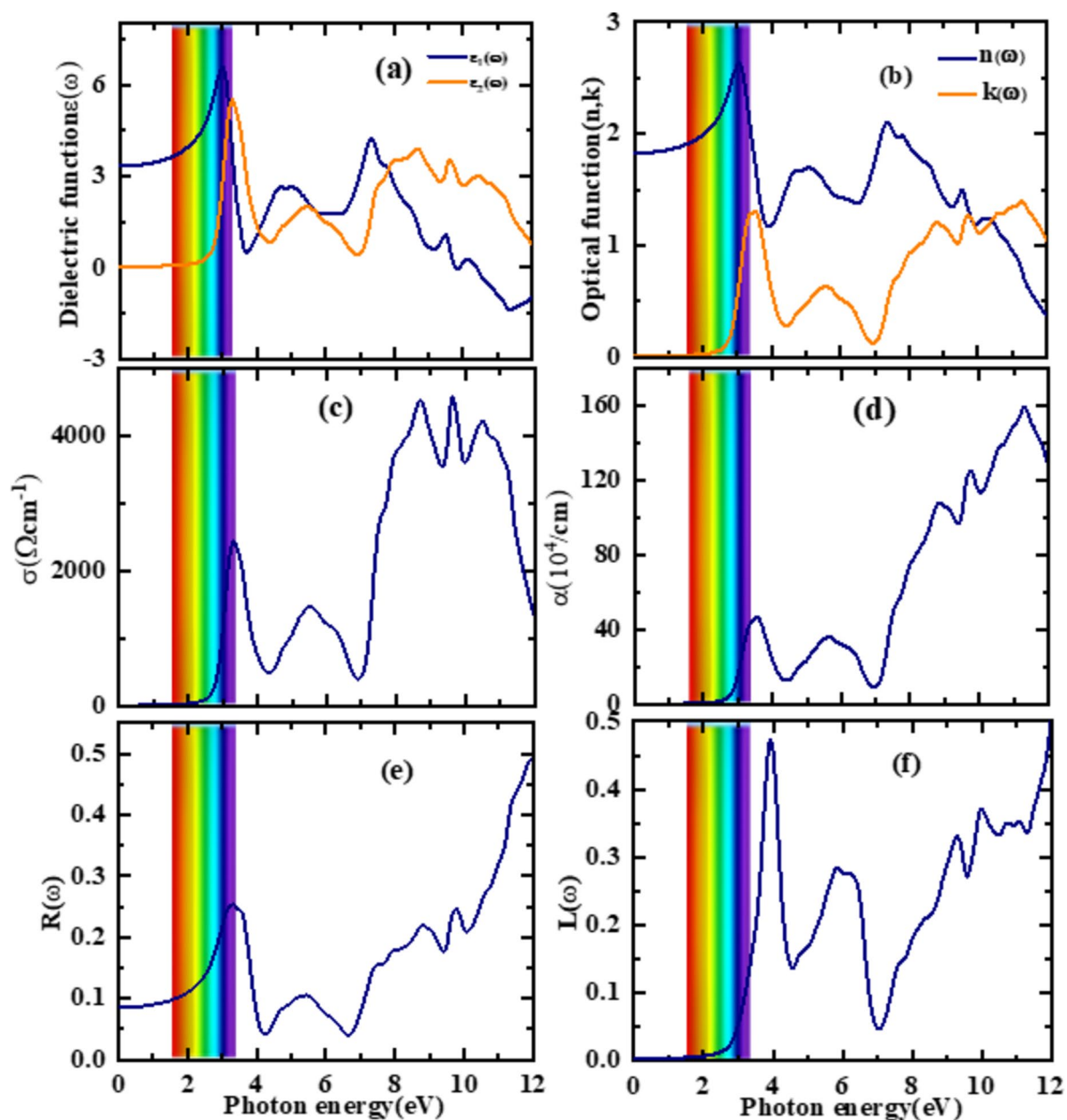
Here, P is the principal integral. The Kramer's-Kronig relation has been utilized to compute the real part of dielectric function  $\epsilon_1(\omega)$  [65].

Optical characteristic quantities, such as extinction coefficient  $k(\omega)$ , absorption coefficient  $\alpha(\omega)$ , optical conductivity  $\sigma(\omega)$ , refractive index  $n(\omega)$ , reflectivity  $R(\omega)$  and energy loss  $E_{loss}(\omega)$  have also been computed. The computed optical characteristics with the incident photonic energy ranging from 0 to 12 eV are illustrated in Fig. 7 (a–e) and Table 3. Figure 7 (a) portrays the imaginary as well as real dielectric constants  $\epsilon(\omega)$  as a variable of the incident electromagnetic energy. We have noticed that the investigated DP  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  is isotropic as well as homogeneous, which indicates that the magnitude of its dielectric value is not affected by the orientation of the electric field of the incoming light, although it fluctuates to some amount with the incoming light frequency. The static dielectric constant  $\epsilon_1(0)$  epitomizes the material's dielectric constant and its value is found to be 3.320. It can be seen in Fig. 7 (a) that the magnitude of  $\epsilon_1(\omega)$  gradually increases with the incident photon energy with two peaks. The initial dielectric peak  $\epsilon_1(\omega)$  occurs around 3.100 eV in the visible region, trailed by additional protruding peak at 7.250 eV in the UV region. Afterwards, it starts to decrease gradually and becomes negative after 10 eV. The material demonstrates metallic behaviour with negative values of  $\epsilon_1(\omega)$ ; otherwise, it is dielectric.

The value of  $\epsilon_2(\omega)$  is found to be zero till 2.150 eV, revealing its semiconducting behaviour as seen from Fig. 7(a) and the optimal value of  $\epsilon_2(\omega)$  for this compound is found to be in the vicinity of 3.150 eV. The gap between the energy bands (2.150 eV) has been calculated from the electronic band structure, illustrating the accurateness of the obtained results. At this moment, an optical excitation occurs among the lowest conduction and highest valence bands. After this point, the curve rises due to contributing to  $\epsilon_2(\omega)$ . The protruding two optimal in the spectrum of  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  were at 5.120 eV and 7.280 eV. These peaks originated from electronic excitations from the filled O-2p state to the empty Bi-7s state.

Figure 7(b) also illustrates the refractive index  $n(\omega)$  and extinction coefficient  $k(\omega)$ .  $n(\omega)$  gives an insight to the optical feature that gives clear evidence showing the propagation of light through a material. In addition, it determines the absorption capability of the materials. The static refractive index of the compound  $n(0)$ , is obtained as 1.820 for  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$ . This graph illustrates that the  $n(\omega)$  increases with the incident electromagnetic radiation, with the optimal peak at 3.1 eV. Then it sharply declines with the incident photon energy to attain the low value in the UV region. From Fig. 7 (a) and (b), both  $n(\omega)$  and  $\epsilon_1(\omega)$  follow the similar trend. The extinction coefficient  $k(\omega)$  has been computed Fig. 6(b). It is observed to follow the similar trend as of  $\epsilon_2(\omega)$ . Next to this, we have computed  $\alpha(\omega)$ , determines the quantity of incident photon energy riveted per unit thickness of the studied compound. While the absorption coefficient rises, the material becomes more effective in transferring electrons from the occupied bands to the unoccupied bands. The static values are compared with the similar DPs [19, 45, 47] in Table 3.

Figure 7 (d) shows how  $\alpha(\omega)$  varies with incident electromagnetic radiation energy. This figure shows several absorption zones spanning from visible to UV region, with



**Fig. 7** Optical parameters aspects plots against photon energy for  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  compound. **a** Dielectric function  $\epsilon$ , where  $\epsilon_1(\omega)$  (black color) represents real part of  $\epsilon$  and  $\epsilon_2(\omega)$  (orange color) represents imaginary part of  $\epsilon$ , **b** optical function ( $n, k$ ), where  $n(\omega)$  represents refractive index

(black color) and  $k(\omega)$  represents excision coefficient (orange color), **c** optical conductivity  $\sigma(\omega)$ , **d** absorption coefficient  $\alpha(\omega)$ , **e** reflectivity  $R(\omega)$ , **f** electron loss function  $L(\omega)$  (Color figure online)

the maximum at 11.520 eV. Besides, the material's absorption edge was 2.150 eV, matching to the indirect change-over among the lowest and highest of the unoccupied and occupied bands, respectively. From Fig. 7(c and d) absorption can be seen zero where  $\sigma(\omega)$  is found to be zero. We can also notice that when the absorption is at its peak, the  $\sigma(\omega)$  is maximum. The results have indicated that the  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  compound is suitable for visible-light and UV optoelectronic applications.

The optoelectronic conductivity with incident photon is characterized as  $\sigma(\omega)$  in Fig. 7 (d) It is found to be zero till 2.150 eV, after which  $\sigma(\omega)$  of  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  began to rise. The maximum of  $\sigma(\omega)$  was attained between 8.0 eV and 10 eV with  $4358.2 \Omega^{-1}$  in magnitude. Reflectivity in optics refers to the fraction of incident light (or photon energy) that is reflected off a surface rather than being absorbed or transmitted. The refractive index ( $n = n + ik$ ) is frequency-dependent, where:  $n$  (real part) determines phase velocity,  $k$  (imaginary part, extinction coefficient) determines

**Table 3** Calculated optical and transport properties of Sr<sub>2</sub>YBiO<sub>6</sub> using mBJ-GGA potential at 300 K

	Material property	Sr <sub>2</sub> YBiO <sub>6</sub>	Other work
Optical properties	$\epsilon_1(0)$	3.320	3.420 [19] 2.460 [45]
	$R(0)$	0.085	0.084 [19] 0.054 [45] 0.07 [45]
	$n(0)$	1.820	1.840 [19] 1.710 [47]
	$\sigma/\tau(10^{18}\Omega^{-1}\text{m}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1})$	1.591	1.680 [45]
Transport properties (300 K)	$S(\mu\text{V}/\text{K})$	214.800	243 [19]
	$\kappa_L(\text{W}/\text{mK})$	1.561	2.240 [19]
	$\kappa_E(10^{15}\text{W}/\text{mKs})$	0.143	0.100 [19]
	$\kappa_{\text{tot}}(10^{15}\text{W}/\text{mKs})$	1.704	2.350 [19]
	$S^2\sigma/\tau(10^{12}\text{W}/\text{K}^2\text{ms})$	0.734	~0.400 [47]
	ZT	0.064	0.75 [19] 0.15[45]
	Debye temperature	422.200	443.30 [49]
	charge carrier concentration (e/uc)	0.112	–

absorption. When photon energy matches the bandgap of a material, absorption increases, reducing reflectivity. Reflectivity spectrum  $R(\omega)$  is illustrated in Fig. 7 (e). We computed reflectivity at zero frequency  $R(0)$  to be 8.50% as seen from this Fig. 7 (e), which means 8.5% of incident light is reflected. The optical  $R(\omega)$  value increased with the radiation energy. The maximum value of  $R(\omega)$  was almost 49.50% in the UV region at 12.0 eV. Though, the compound's  $R(\omega)$  value was 1% in the energy gap range. The material confirmed transparent nature for incident photon energy till bandgap energy, suggesting that the Sr<sub>2</sub>YBiO<sub>6</sub> is apt for lens manufacture. Figure 7 (f) illustrates the photonic response of electron loss function (ELF)  $L(\omega)$ .  $L(\omega)$  is a crucial component in determining the loss of energy of electron as it traverses through the material. The ELF peaks at the plasmon frequency, which corresponds to the collective oscillations of free electrons in a material. Peaks in the ELF also arise due to transitions between electronic energy bands, providing insights into the band structure. A sharp increase occurs around 2 eV, indicating a significant optical transition or absorption edge. Several peaks appear at different energy levels (e.g., around 4 eV, 6 eV, 8 eV, and 10+eV), likely corresponding to electronic transitions in the material. The rainbow-colored band (ranging from red to violet) on the left side (around 1.5–3 eV) suggests that this portion of the spectrum corresponds to the visible light range. The sharp increase near 2 eV indicates the material's optical bandgap, beyond which it begins interacting strongly with light. The sharp rise at ~2 eV could be the plasma resonance or an interband transition.

### 3.4 Thermoelectric Properties

Due to the energy consumption as well as substantial heat losses, researchers are intrigued in assessing novel compounds and developing techniques for adapting thermal into electrical energy [19–22]. Several features impede this search for novel substances which possess an excellent thermal energy into electrical energy transformation aspect, are effortlessly readily available plentiful in nature, less expensive, and configurable for acceptable qualities [23, 24]. The material's energy band gap is best evaluated using the TB-mBJ technique. As a result, the thermoelectric characteristics have been evaluated with BoltzTraP package [72] depending on the computed TB-mBJ band plot.

The temperature dependence of transport properties like Seebeck coefficient ( $S$ ), power factor ( $\text{PF} = \sigma S^2/\tau$ ), figure of merit ( $ZT = S^2\sigma T/\kappa$ ), electrical conductivity ( $\sigma/\tau$ ) have been studied in the range of 0 to 1200 K and presented in Fig. 8 (a)–(e). The Seebeck coefficient denoted by  $S$ , which is computed as the potential temperature gradient between different metallic contacts. The positive value of  $S$  indicates the p-type nature of the investigated DP, which again align with that we observed in band structures also. The variation of  $S$  with temperature is depicted in Fig. 8(a). The value of  $S$  at 300 K is  $214\mu\text{V}/\text{K}$  and tabulated in Table 4. The Seebeck coefficient is found to be decreasing with increasing temperature. We have estimated power factor value for the studied material and its variation with temperature is presented in Fig. 8(b). Our estimated value is  $0.734 \times 10^{12} \text{W}/\text{K}^2\text{ms}$ , which is in agreement with the other DPs [47]. The electrical conductivity  $\sigma/\tau$  and thermal conductivity  $\kappa/\tau$  of the investigated compound have been studied with the temperature. The thermal conductivity  $\kappa$

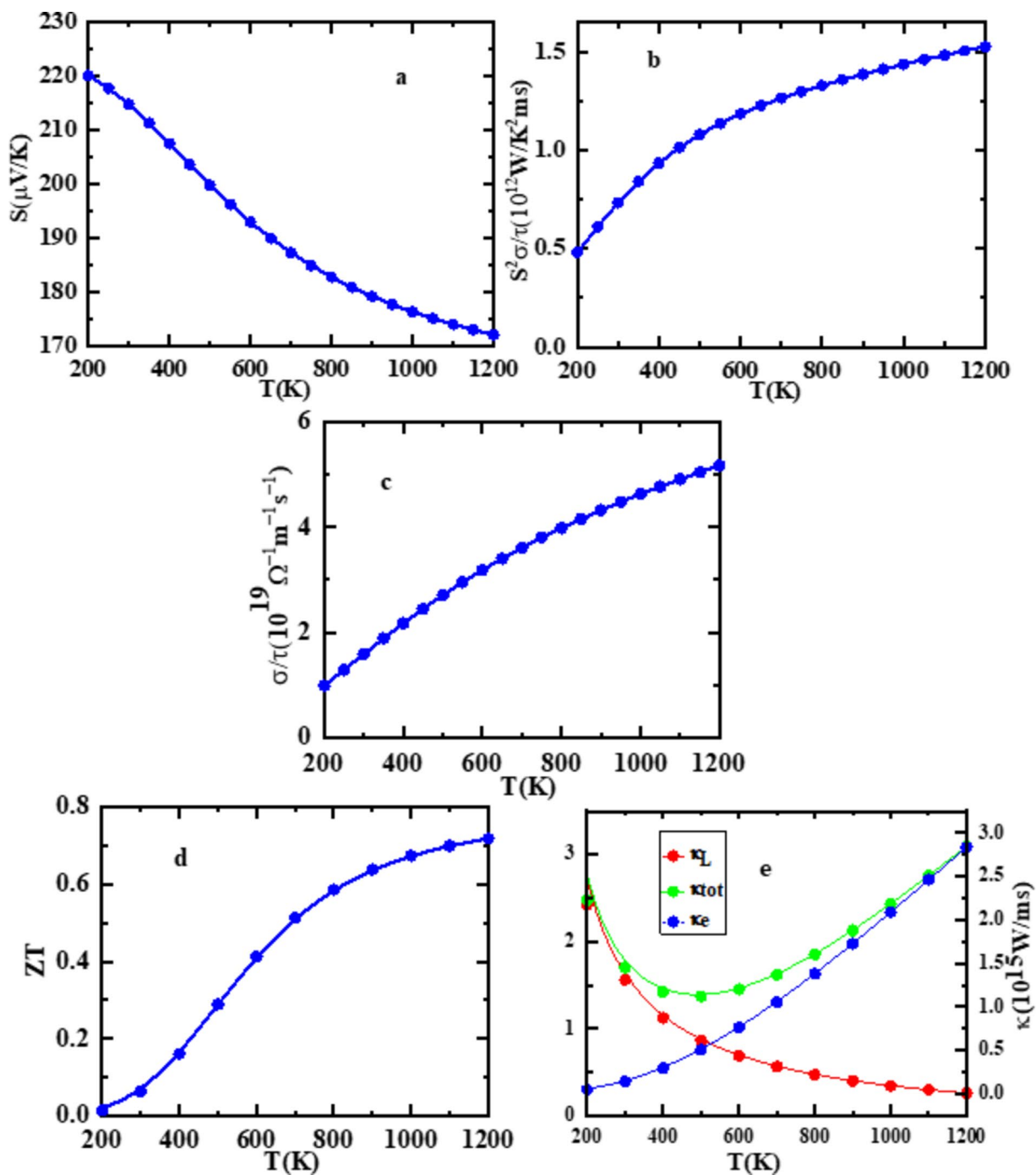
$$\kappa = \kappa_e + \kappa_l \quad (7)$$

where  $\kappa_e$ -electronic thermal conductivity and  $\kappa_l$ - lattice thermal conductivity [44].

Electrical conductivity of the studied DP is found to be increasing (Fig. 8(c)) whereas thermal conductivity increases with the temperature (Fig. 8(e)). The increase in electrical conductivity with temperature confirms its semi-conducting nature. BoltzTraP can compute only electronic part of thermal conductivity, and doesn't support for lattice part. Therefore, we have computed the lattice part of thermal conductivity using the Slack equation [73] relation.

$$\kappa_l = A \cdot \frac{M\theta^3\delta}{\gamma^2 T n^{\frac{2}{3}}} \quad (8)$$

Where  $M$ - total molecular mass,  $A$ - constant,  $n$ - number of atoms in the unit cell,  $\delta$ - atomic volume,  $T$ - absolute



**Fig. 8** Variation of thermoelectric properties against temperature (0–1200 K). (a) Seebeck coefficient  $S$  (b) power factor with relaxation time  $\tau$ ,  $S^2\sigma/\tau$  (c) electrical conductivity with relaxation time  $\tau$ ,  $\sigma/\tau$  (d)

temperature,  $\gamma$  - Gruneisen parameter,  $\theta_D$  - Debye temperature. The thermal dependence of  $\kappa_e$ ,  $\kappa_l$  and  $\kappa_{tot}$  has been studied and displayed in Fig. 8 (e). It is found that  $\kappa_e$  increases with temperature whereas  $\kappa_l$  decreases. In the low temperature region,  $\kappa_{tot}$  decreases and it increases steadily after 600 K. Figure of merit  $ZT$  is one of the critical parameters in determining the thermoelectric capability

figure of merit,  $ZT$  (e) thermal conductivity  $\kappa$ , where  $\kappa_l$  represents lattice thermal conductivity,  $\kappa_e$  represents electronic thermal conductivity and  $\kappa_{tot}$  represents overall thermal conductivity

of the material. As observed in Fig. 8 (d),  $ZT$  increases with the temperature, which shows it is a promising candidate for thermoelectric applications. Our calculated thermoelectric parameters are summarized and compared with the similar double perovskite oxides [19, 45, 47, 49] in Table 3.

The double perovskite  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  is thoroughly explored in regards to thermoelectric features like power factor

**Table 4** Calculated values of elastic constants ( $C_{ij}$ ), bulk modulus (B), shear modulus (G), Young's modulus (E), Poisson's ratio ( $\sigma$ ), Pugh ratio, Frantsevich ratio, shear anisotropy factor (A) cauchy pressure  $C^P$ , sound velocities (m/s), Debye temperature  $\Theta_D$  (K) of double perovskite  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  at 0GPa and 0 K

Material property	$\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$	Other work
$C_{11}$ (GPa)	227.705	170.410 [49]
$C_{12}$ (GPa)	55.270	56.570 [49]
$C_{44}$ (GPa)	51.7343	69.500 [49]
Bulk modulus, B (GPa)	112.747	94.520 [49]
Shear modulus, G (GPa)	63.557	64.160 [49]
Young modulus, E (GPa)	160.510	156.960 [49]
Poisson ratio, $\sigma$ (GPa)	0.262	0.223 [49]
Pugh ratio, B/G (GPa)	1.770	1.470 [49]
Frantsevich ratio, G/B(GPa)	0.560	0.680 [49]
Shear anisotropy factor, A (GPa)	0.600	0.891 [47]
Cauchy pressure $C^P$ (GPa)	3.530	6.13 [47]
Transverse sound velocity (m/s)	3277.170	3280.510 [49]
Longitudinal sound velocity(m/s)	5776.830	5495.810 [49]
Average sound velocity (m/s)	3643.770	3630.86 [49]
Debye Temperature $\Theta_D$ (K)	430.788	443.30 [49]
Melting temperature $T_m$ (K)	1898.738	1560 $\pm$ 300 [49] 2223 $\pm$ 300 [47]

( $PF$ ), figure of merit ( $ZT$ ), thermal conductivity ( $\kappa/\tau$ ), electrical conductivity ( $\sigma/\tau$ ), and  $S$  with  $\mu - \epsilon_F$  at 300, 700, and 1200 K under this study is shown in Fig. 9 (a–e). The dashed lines showed that the Fermi level was zero energy, as shown in Fig. 5. The electron-doped zone (n-type doping) and the hole-doped region (p-type doping) have positive and negative  $\mu - \epsilon_F$  values, respectively. Figure 9 (a) illustrates that when the temperature rises from 300 to 1200 K, the peaks decrease and shift towards higher chemical potential values. One can see from the Fig. 9 (a) that the optimal value of  $S$  for the solid was accomplished in the positive  $\mu - \epsilon_F$  at about of 3100.500  $\mu\text{V}/\text{K}$  at 300 K.  $S$  was approximately 214.800  $\mu\text{V}/\text{K}$  for DP  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  at  $\mu - \epsilon_F = 0$  (Fermi level). The positive number indicates that most charge carriers are holes, implying that the  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  compound is p-type semiconductor.

Figure 9 (b) displays an illustration of electrical conductivity ( $\sigma/\tau$ ) vs.  $\mu - \epsilon_F$  demonstrating that the material's  $\sigma/\tau$  was negligible in the chemical potential region linked with the bandgap energy. The optimal value of  $\sigma$  was obtained due to p-type doping at higher potential chemical values. The value of  $\sigma$  increases from origin to an optimal value of  $2.75 \times 10^{20} \Omega^{-1} \text{m}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$  at  $-0.95$  eV. The transport distribution function or DOS affects the value of  $\sigma$ , not temperature. Hence, it is found that  $\sigma$  is found to be constant with the temperature for the double perovskite  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  compound [74–76]. The electronic thermal conductivity ( $\kappa_e/\tau$ ), and electronic conductivity ( $\sigma$ ) were measured in the hole-doped region of the  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  compound, as shown in Fig. 9 (c). The electronic

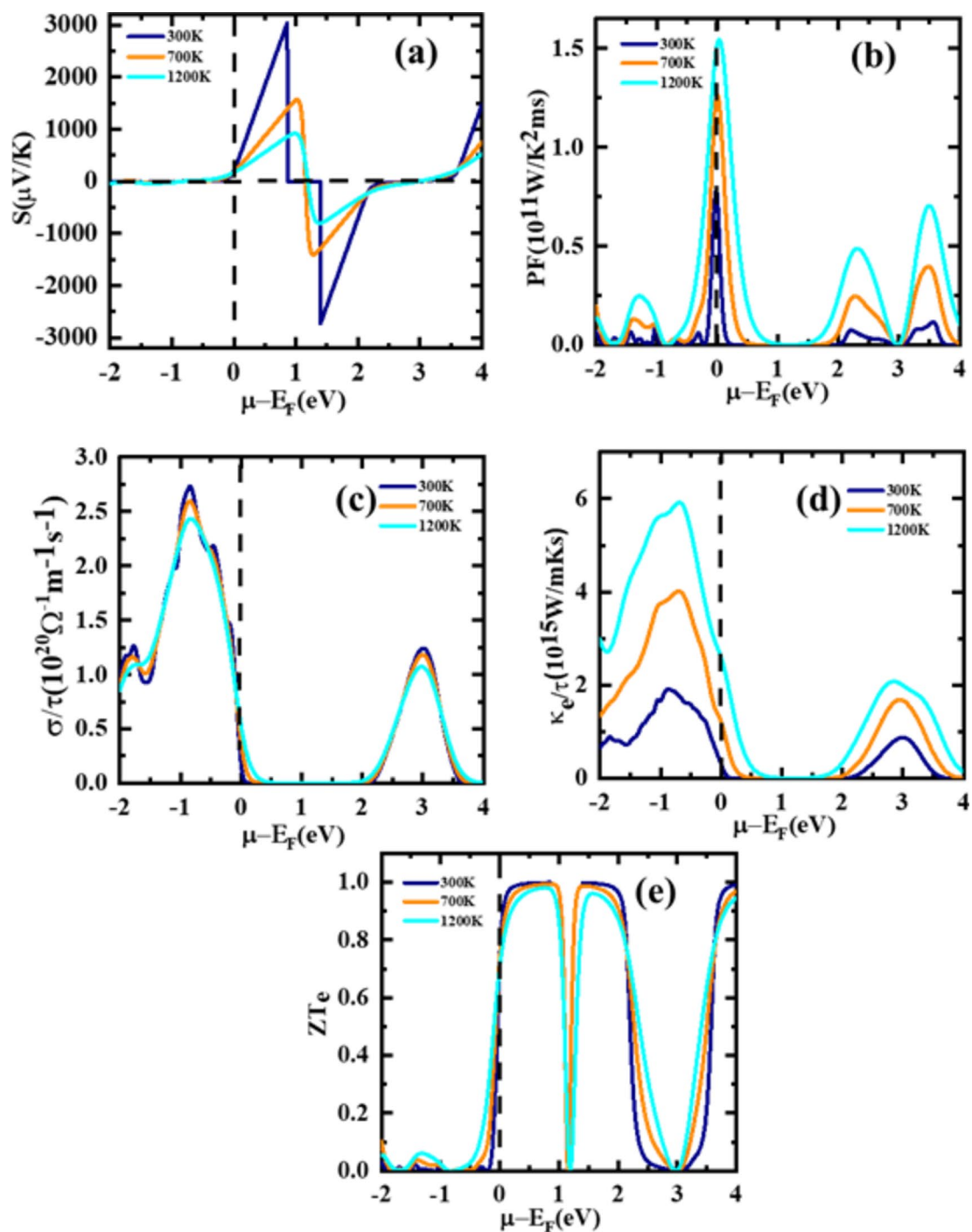
thermal conductivity ( $\kappa_e/\tau$ ), like the electronic conductivity ( $\sigma/\tau$ ), was obtained in the holes-doped region for the  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  compound as in Fig. 9 (c). The chemical potential dependence of figure of merit  $ZT$  has been studied and plotted in Fig. 9(d).  $ZT$  approaches almost 1.0 in the range of 0 to 2.0 eV. The carrier concentration dependence of thermoelectric parameters like power factor, figure of merit, electrical and thermal conductivity of studied DP  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  compound and presented in Fig. 9(d and e).

We computed the effective mass for electron and hole to gain an understanding of charge carrier movement.

$$m_{e,a}^* = \left[ \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \frac{\partial^2 E_{CBM}(k)}{\partial k_a^2} \right]^{-1}, \quad m_{h,a}^* = \left[ \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \frac{\partial^2 E_{VBM}(k)}{\partial k_a^2} \right]^{-1} \quad (9)$$

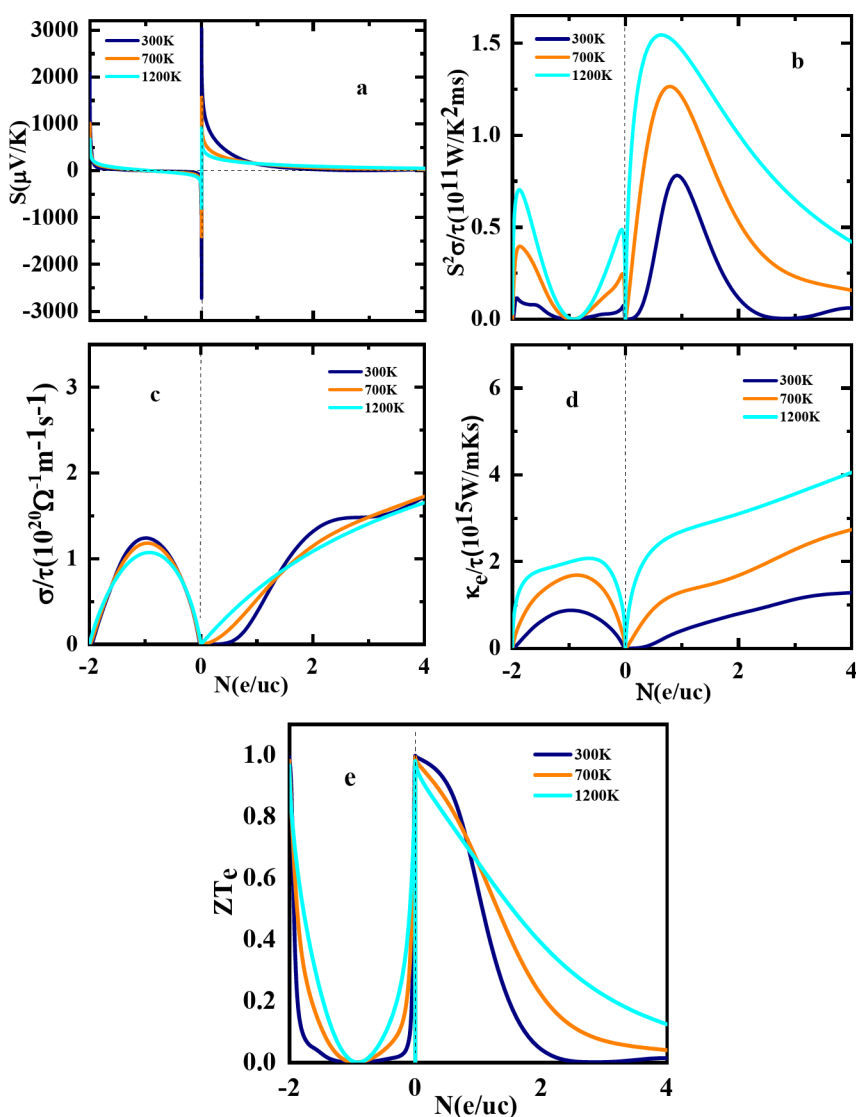
where the eigen energies versus wave number vector  $k$  at conduction band minima (CBM) and valence band minima (VBM) are  $E_{CBM}(k)$  and  $E_{VBM}(k)$ , correspondingly, and the Cartesian component is denoted by ( $\alpha=x, y, z$ ). or the situations of DPs, it was discovered that the effective mass vectors, computed at the  $\Gamma$  point of BZ, were somewhat anisotropic for holes  $m_{h,x}^* = m_{h,y}^* m_{h,z}^*$  but isotropic for electrons  $m_{e,x}^* = m_{e,y}^* = m_{e,z}^*$ . For the electron and hole estimated at the  $\Gamma$  and X locations, correspondingly, they were totally anisotropic  $m_{h,x}^* m_{h,y}^* m_{h,z}^*$ . The unusually heavy hole in the Sb-based perovskites along the X (1/2, 0, 1/2), L (1/2, 1/2, 1/2) line in the Brillouin zone is the primary cause of the hole effective mass's high anisotropy. It is evident that the effective masses of holes and electrons are greater for both DPs [77, 78]. In Fig. 10, we have presented variation of thermoelectric parameters as a function of carrier concentration. Figure 10(a) Seebeck coefficient, Fig. 10(b) power factor with relaxation time  $\tau$ ,  $S^2\sigma/\tau$  Fig. 10(c) electrical conductivity with relaxation time  $\tau$ ,  $\sigma/\tau$  Fig. 10(d) electronic thermal conductivity  $\kappa_e$  and Fig. 10 (e) electronic figure of merit,  $ZT_e$ . The graph includes data for three different temperatures: Blue line for 300 K, Orange line for 700 K, Cyan line for 1200 K. The Seebeck coefficient changes sign Fig. 10(a), which suggests that both electrons and holes contribute to transport at different energy levels.

From Fig. 10(c), it can be understood that the conductivity varies with carrier concentration. There is a minimum near  $N=0$ , suggesting a low carrier density leads to minimal conductivity. As  $N$  increases positively or negatively, the conductivity increases. The differences between the curves suggest temperature dependence, with higher temperatures leading to slight variations in conductivity. However, importantly, Fig. 10(e) expresses at higher temperatures (e.g., 1200 K), the peak value of  $ZT_e$  is slightly reduced compared to lower temperatures. The drop-off in  $ZT_e$  at large positive and negative  $N$  values suggests that excessive doping may degrade thermoelectric performance. The



**Fig. 9** Variation of thermoelectric parameters versus chemical potential. **a** Seebeck coefficient  $S$ , **b** power factor,  $PF$ , **c** electrical conductivity with relaxation time  $\tau$ ,  $\sigma/\tau$ , **d** electronic thermal conductivity  $\kappa_e$  with relaxation time  $\tau$ , **e** electronic figure of merit,  $ZT_e$

**Fig. 10** Variation of thermoelectric parameters as a function of carrier concentration. **a** Seebeck coefficient, **S** **b** power factor with relaxation time  $\tau$ ,  $S^2\sigma/\tau$ , **c** electrical conductivity with relaxation time  $\tau$ ,  $\sigma/\tau$ , **d** electronic thermal conductivity,  $\kappa_e$ , **e** electronic figure of merit,  $ZT_e$

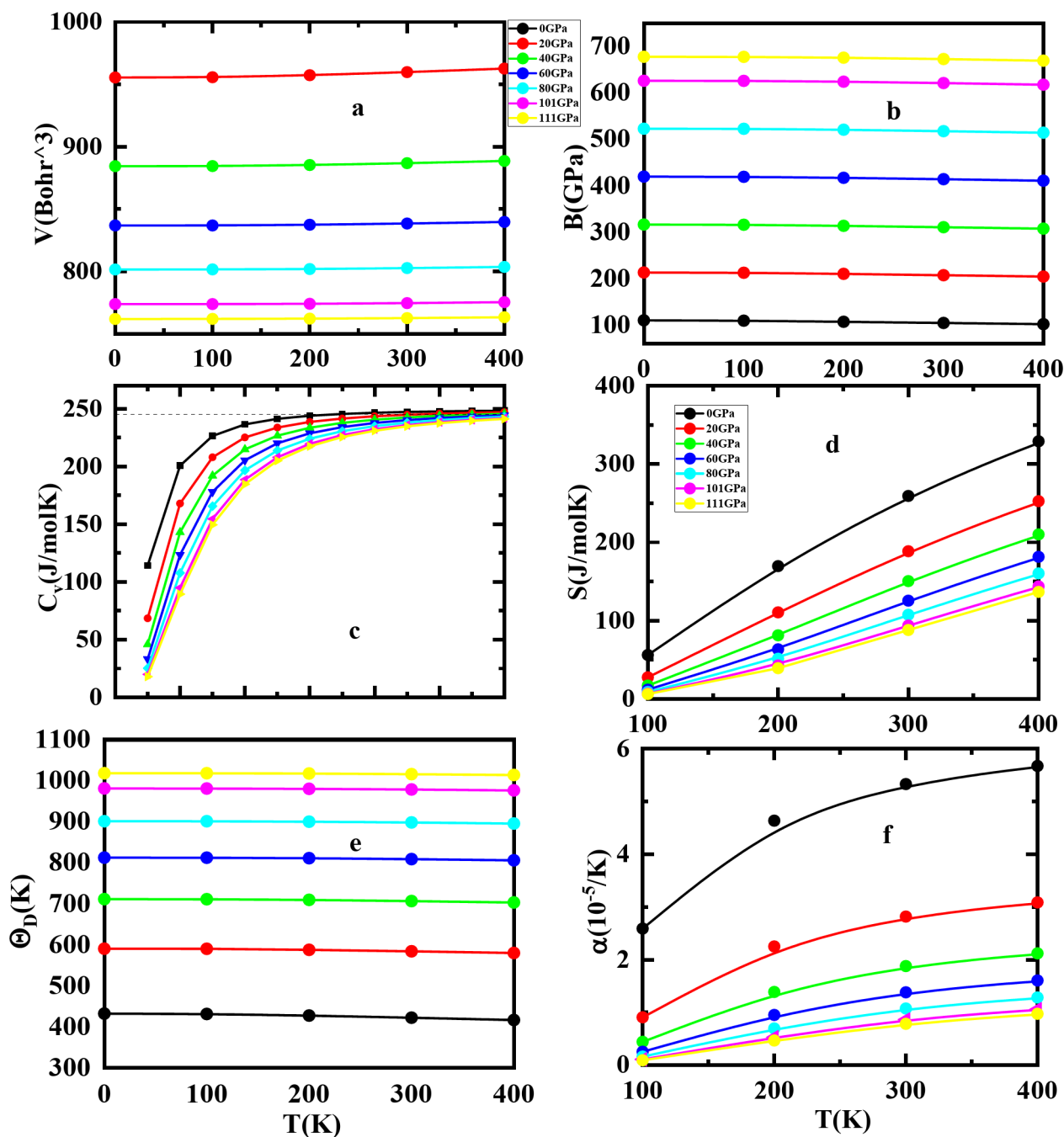


dependence on temperature suggests that optimizing doping levels and operating temperatures is crucial for maximizing thermoelectric efficiency.

### 3.5 Thermodynamic Properties

The thermodynamic behavior of the double perovskite  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  has been studied with Gibb's2 software [79], that depends semi empirical quasi harmonic Debye theory in the range 0 to 400 K & pressure up to 111 GPa and presented in Fig. 11 (a)–(f). The volume of the compound is found to increase with temperature and decrease with the pressure as observed in Fig. 11 (a). The increase in kinetic energy at high temperatures generates higher zig-zag movement for thermally produced carriers, and compounds can be shrunken more quickly, ending in a decreased relative volume at a particular pressure. As seen from Fig. 11 (b), bulk modulus is found to be constant in the low temperature

region and slightly decreasing in the high temperature region and its value increases with the pressure. Therefore, we can conclude that at a particular pressure, compressibility ( $1/B$ ) is constant with temperature. At the same temperature, compressibility diminishes with rising pressure [80–82]. As the pressure increases, the compression coefficient gets decreased. It can be countered by increasing the temperature, thus reducing the effect of rising pressure. This outcome indicates that the cubic double perovskite  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  displays brilliant compression resistance even when exposed to high pressure. Specific heat capacity  $C_V$  is found to be increasing in the low temperature region whereas it attains a constant value ( $\sim 250 \text{ J/mol}\cdot\text{K}$ ), obeying Dulong Petit's law, as seen in Fig. 11 (c). Each curve corresponds to a different pressure level, ranging from 0 GPa to 110 GPa. Higher pressures tend to reduce heat capacity at lower temperatures but still follow a similar saturation trend at high temperatures. The effect of pressure is significant at lower



**Fig. 11** Variation of thermodynamics parameters against temperature at varying pressure (0GPa- 111GPa) for Sr<sub>2</sub>YBiO<sub>6</sub>. **a** Unit cell volume  $V$ , **b** bulk modulus  $B$ , **c** heat capacity at constant volume  $C_v$ , **d** entropy  $S$ , **e** Debye temperature  $\theta_D$ , **f** absorption coefficient  $\alpha$

temperatures but diminishes at higher temperatures where all curves tend to a similar asymptotic value. This behavior is typical of many solids, where vibrational modes dominate heat capacity at low temperatures, and classical limits are reached at high temperatures. Entropy  $S$ , which measures the degree of disorderness in the system, has also been studied with temperature and pressure and illustrated in Fig. 11 (d). Entropy is also found to increase with the temperature while decreasing with the pressure. Debye temperature  $\theta_D$

gives an insight on the amount of dynamic distortion applicable to the crystal lattice. Numerous physical qualities of the materials are related with it, including elasticity, melting point, and heat capacity etc [82–84]. The temperature as well as pressure dependence of  $\theta_D$  has been studied and illustrated in Fig. 11 (e). We report its value 430.788 K at 0 GPa and 0 K. The different colored curves likely correspond to different pressure values, each maintaining a relatively constant Debye temperature across the temperature range.

The nearly horizontal lines suggest that the Debye temperature does not significantly change with increasing temperature for these cases. A Debye temperature of 438–788 K for  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  suggests that its lattice vibrations are frozen out (quantum effects dominate) at much lower temperatures. It would be worth to mention that at temperatures below  $\theta_D$ , the heat capacity ( $C_v$ ) follows a  $T^3$  dependence (Debye's law), while above  $\theta_D$ , it approaches the classical Dulong-Petit limit (constant heat capacity).

The coefficient of thermal expansion  $\alpha$ , displays structural stability of materials. The temperature as well as pressure dependence of thermal expansion coefficient ( $\alpha$ ) is depicted in Fig. 11 (f). It increases rapidly up to 200 K, after becomes almost constant in the higher temperature region. This could be because, due to electronic contributions,  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$ 's thermal expansion coefficient is unaffected by temperature rise. At 0 GPa (black curve), the thermal expansion coefficient is highest and increases significantly with temperature. As pressure increases (red, green, blue, etc.), the values of  $\alpha$  decrease. At the highest pressure (111 GPa, yellow curve),  $\alpha$  is the lowest and shows minimal variation with temperature. Therefore, elevating both temperature and pressure has the opposite impact on thermal expansion. The graph suggests that applying higher pressure suppresses the thermal expansion of the material. This is a common phenomenon in many materials, where increased pressure limits atomic vibrations and lattice expansion. The thermodynamic behavior obtained for the studied DP is in well agreement with the similar reported DPs.

### 3.6 Elastic Properties

In this section, we have also studied the elastic properties of the investigated DP  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$ , which aids in understanding the crucial information about the material that can give an insight into knowing about its effect on design and applications in the field of technological as well as industrial field. We have computed them with the help of IRelast software [85], which is incorporated with the WIEN2k code and the obtained results are tabulated in Table 4. The studied DP  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  is found to be mechanically stable as it satisfies Born's criteria i.e.,

undefined

$$C_{11} > 0, C_{44} > 0, (C_{11} - C_{12}) > 0, C_{12} < B < C_{11} \quad (10)$$

The following relations can be used to find mechanical properties of the compounds, like the bulk modulus  $B$ , Young's modulus  $E$ , shear modulus  $G_v, G_R, G$  and anisotropy factor  $A$ .

$$B = \frac{C_{11} + 2C_{12}}{3} \quad (11)$$

$$E = \frac{9BG}{3B + G} \quad (12)$$

$$G_v = \frac{C_{11} - C_{12} + 3C_{44}}{5} \quad (13)$$

$$G_R = \frac{5C_{44}(C_{11} - C_{12})}{4C_{44} + 3(C_{11} - C_{12})} \quad (14)$$

$$G = \frac{G_v + G_R}{2} \quad (15)$$

$$A = \frac{2C_{44}}{C_{11} - C_{12}} \quad (16)$$

In order to get an insight into how the materials resist to compression as well as rigidity, we have calculated bulk modulus with the help of computed second order elastic constants and tabulated in Table 4. The calculated value of  $B$  from elastic constants is found to be 112.747 GPa, which is slightly less than that got from volume optimization method. Similarly, we have computed the shear modulus value of 63.557 GPa. This indicates how much the material's resist to shear deformation on application of parallel external forces. We have also evaluated Young's modulus that quantifies stiffness of materials by depicting its response to tensile-stress and Poisson's ratio which defines the ratio of lateral strain to axial strain, when a material undergoes expansion or compression. The  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  gives a value of 160.510 GPa for  $E$  and 0.262 for  $\sigma$ . The ductility or brittle nature of the compounds can be assessed with the help of Pugh's ratio, Frantsevich's ratio and Cauchy's pressure. In accordance with Pugh's criterion, if the value of  $\frac{B}{G} > 1.75$ , the material exhibits ductile behavior otherwise brittle. As per Table 4, this compound has  $\frac{B}{G}$  value of 1.77, which indicates its ductile nature. Frantsevich's ratio,  $G/B$  is found to be 0.56, which again reconfirms its ductility.

Cauchy's pressure  $C^P = C_{12} - C_{44}$ , also tests the ductility/brittleness of the materials. Positive value of it demonstrates ductile nature, otherwise brittle. Positive value of  $C^P$  indicates the studied compound's ductile nature. We also calculated the shear anisotropy factor, which is an estimate of how the shear modulus changes with direction in a crystal. It is particularly helpful for cubic crystals and determines how anisotropic (direction-dependent) a material's mechanical properties are. From Table 4, we can see that DP  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  has a value of 0.60 indicates that the studied

compound is anisotropic in nature, and these findings are in well agreement with the reported similar compounds [47, 49].

We have also computed the longitudinal velocity ( $v_l$ ), transverse velocities ( $v_t$ ) and average velocity from the below mentioned expressions [70].

$$v_l = \sqrt{\frac{3B + 4G}{3\rho}} \quad (17)$$

$$v_t = \sqrt{\frac{G}{\rho}} \quad (18)$$

$$v_m = \left[ \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{2}{v_l^3} + \frac{1}{v_t^3} \right) \right]^{-1/3} \quad (19)$$

To compute the maximum possible temperature value of crystal under normal vibration model, Debye temperature is calculated

$$\theta_D = \frac{\hbar}{k_B} \left[ \frac{3n}{4\pi} \left( \frac{N_A \rho}{M} \right) \right]^{-1/3} V_m \quad (20)$$

where terms  $N_A$ ,  $k_B$ ,  $\hbar$ ,  $\rho$  represent Avogadro number, Boltzmann constant, Planck's constant and density, respectively. The relation between the elastic properties of the solids with their thermodynamic features could be understood by Debye temperature such as melting point, specific heat, vibrational entropy etc., making it a vital parameter [86, 87]. The calculated values of these elastic constants can be seen in Table 4. Debye hardness, also the hardness of solids can be explained by Debye temperature [87–90].

Melting point  $T_m$  is correlated to both bonding energy and thermal expansion of crystalline materials. Materials with lower thermal expansion, higher cohesive energy, higher bonding energy and strong atomic interaction have higher melting points [51]. In addition, melting point of compounds or element can be used to predict the temperature up to which the materials are functional without excessive distortion or changes in chemical composition or undergoing substantial oxidation [91, 92]. The melting point  $T_m$  of the material in the current study were predicted by the following equation [52]:

$$T_m (K) = [553 (K) + (5.911) C_{12}] GPa \pm 300 K$$

The predicted melting point of  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  is  $1898.738 \pm 300$  K using GGA-PBE was used, and these findings imply that it is a suitable material for high-temperature applications. The melting point was treated as a rough estimate since

there is a large uncertainty ( $\pm 300$  K) and there is no experimental value available at present to compare [86, 87].

## 4 Conclusion

The present work predicts several basic properties such as crystal structure, band plots, including some application properties like optical as well as thermoelectric properties of the double perovskite  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  compound. The same were explored within the framework of (DFT) and BoltzTraP calculations. The calculated electronic properties showcase  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  belongs to p-type semiconductor-family possessing an indirect energy-gap of 2.150 eV along  $\Gamma$ -X direction. The optical characteristics described indicate that the studied material responds actively in the UV and visible part of electromagnetic spectrum. Finally, the thermoelectric properties of  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  were evaluated, with prominent values for figure of merit as well as power factors, which are prominent factors to check the suitability in thermoelectric applications. With the aid of Slack's equation, we found an exceptionally low lattice thermal conductivity of  $0.50 \text{ W m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$  at 1200 K. ZT value of 0.06385 is achieved at room temperature, for the studied DP. At 300K, the value of Seebeck coefficient and power factor have been computed as  $214.8 \mu\text{V K}^{-1}$  and  $0.73423 \times [10]^{-12} \mu\text{W cm}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-2}$ , respectively. Elastic as well as thermodynamic properties are also investigated for this compound. These investigations of  $\text{Sr}_2\text{YBiO}_6$  were presented for the very first time in this paper, thus they may be beneficial as points of reference for the forthcoming theoretical and experimental prospectus.

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