



Structural, dielectric and electrical properties of homovalent doped $\text{SrSn}_{1-x}\text{Ti}_x\text{O}_3$ ($0 \leq x \leq 0.08$) system

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Supplementary File

Fig S1 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of all the samples. All the diffraction peaks are sharp and belongs to the crystal structure orthorhombic under space group $Pbnm$ reported in theoretical database COD-1533387 for SrSnO_3 ¹.

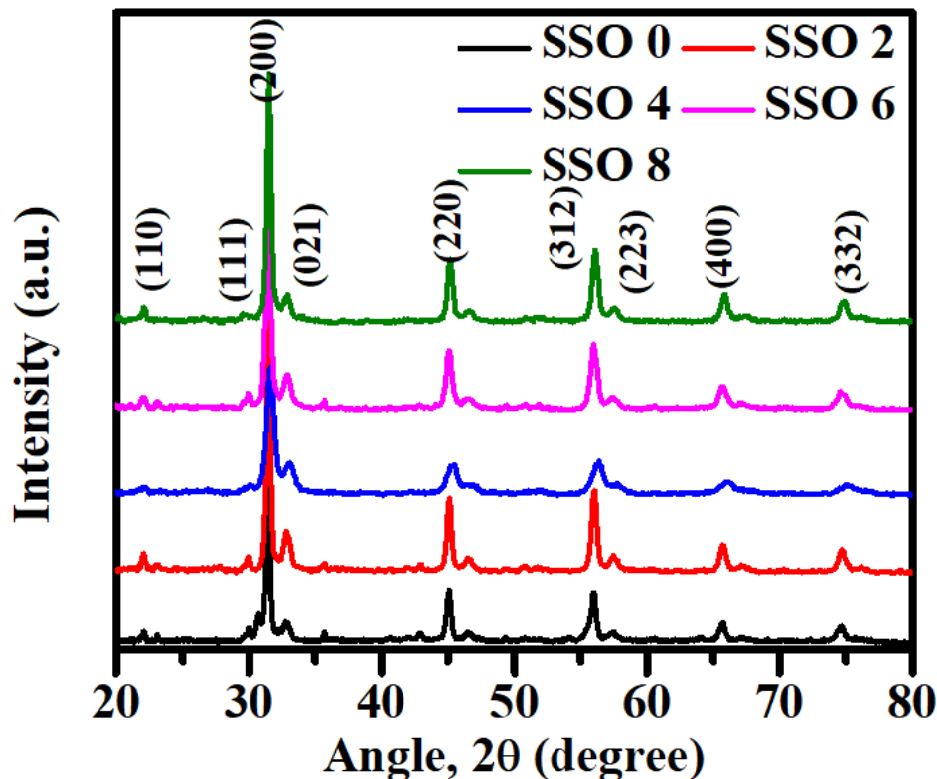


Fig S1 — X-ray diffraction pattern of obtained samples.

The Rietveld refinement performed on XRD data further reconfirmed the crystallization of samples in orthorhombic structure under space group $Pbnm$. The quality of fitting has been judged by calculating parameter S using formula R_{wp}/R_p (where R_{wp} is weighted pattern profile parameter, R_p is pattern profile parameter)². The relevant parameters obtained from Rietveld refinement are given in Table S1.

Table S1 — Lattice parameters, Volume, Angle, Refinement parameters, Bond length, Bond angle, Crystallite size, micro-strain of all samples.

Parameters	SSO0	SSO2	SSO4	SSO6	SSO8
Structural parameters					
a (Å)	5.678	5.680	5.663	5.663	5.660
b (Å)	5.684	5.682	5.692	5.692	5.662
c (Å)	8.059	8.020	8.029	8.031	7.968
Volume (Å ³)	260.01	258.92	258.84	258.83	255.35
X-ray density (gm/cm ³)	6.44	6.25	6.18	6.17	6.15
$\alpha = \beta = \gamma$	90	90	90	90	90
Rietveld refinement parameter					
R _p	3.52	2.11	1.817	1.652	1.43
R _{wp}	4.26	3.73	1.79	1.44	1.69
R _e	4.12	3.51	1.48	1.14	1.23
S= R _{wp} /R _e	1.03	1.06	1.20	1.26	1.37
χ^2	2.55	2.2	1.68	1.63	1.32
Bond length (Å)					
Sr-O	2.9443	2.7990	2.7989	2.7850	2.4840
Ti/Sn-O	2.0512	2.0436	2.0434	2.0411	2.0290
Sr-Sn	3.4600	3.4720	3.4717	3.4940	3.5420
Bond angle (°)					
O1-Ti/Sn-O1	180	180	180	180	180
O2-Ti/Sn-O1	90.067	90.20	89.80	89.88	89.8819
W-H plot					
Crystallite size (nm)	48.46	36.09	34.22	33.31	28.86
Micro-strain (x 10 ⁻³)	1.36	1.45	2.04	2.45	2.86

Determination of crystallite size and Micro-strain

Presence of definite width in the XRD peaks of sample ascribed to the smaller crystallite size, micro-strain, instrumental broadening, etc. Since the width of diffraction peaks initially corrected by recording the XRD pattern of Si-single crystal. Further, the contribution of crystalline size and micro-strain present in XRD peaks has been extracted using a well-known relation Williamson-Hall (W-H) plot. According to W-H plot, the total width of XRD peak can be written as the sum of the contribution arises due to smaller crystallite size (β_D) and due to micro-strain (β_ϵ)³.

$$\beta = \beta_D + \beta_\epsilon \quad (S1)$$

The value of β_D from Debye equation, and β_ϵ as $4\epsilon \tan \theta$ were putting in equation (S1) and found to be;

$$\beta = \frac{0.9\lambda}{D \cos \theta} + 4\epsilon \tan \theta \quad (S2)$$

$$\beta \cos \theta = \frac{0.9\lambda}{D} + 4\epsilon \sin \theta \quad (S3)$$

The W-H plot for all the samples are generated using equation (S3) and shown in Figure S2. A linear equation ($y = mx + c$; $y = \beta \cos \theta$, $x = 4 \sin \theta$) has been fitted to the experimental data to obtain the crystallite size and micro-strain. The slope of straight line gives micro-strain whereas intercept on y-axis is $\frac{0.9\lambda}{D}$ is used to determine the crystallite size. The value of crystallite size and micro-strain of all the samples are given in Table S1.

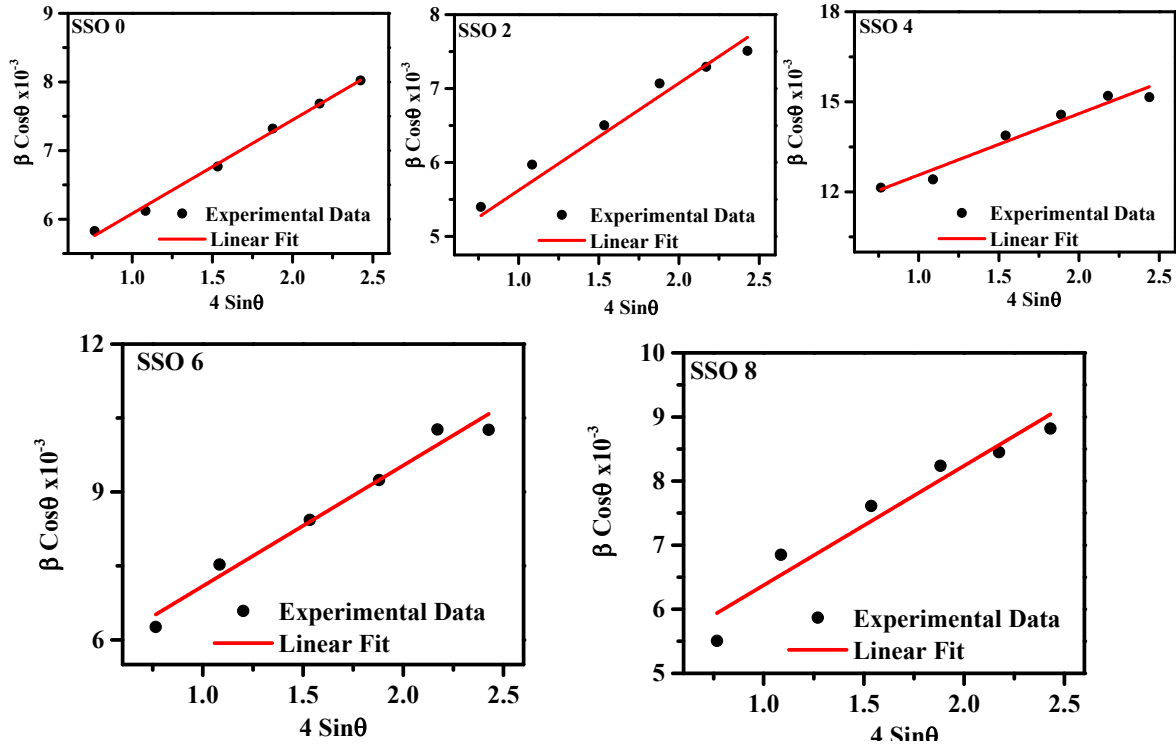


Fig S2 — W-H plot generated using equation S (3) for all samples.

It has been noticed from Table S1 that the value of crystallite size decreases, whereas micro-strain increases with increasing Ti in the lattice. The variation observed in crystallite size can be directly correlated with the ionic radii of Ti^{4+} (0.605 \AA) than Sn^{4+} (0.69 \AA)⁴. However, as Ti occupied the Sn-site it gives instability to structure and to prevent this instability a micro-strain arised in crystal structure. Thus, the value of micro-strain also increased as Ti increases in the lattice.

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