**Role of the growth step on the structural, optical and surface features of TiO2/SnO2 composites**

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**Electronic supplementary material**

**S1. XPS results**



**a)**



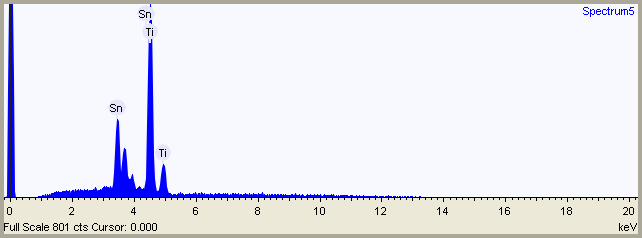
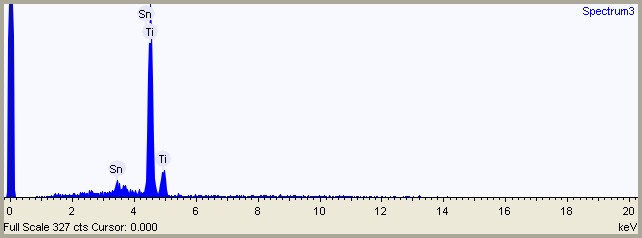
**b)**

Figure S1 – XPS survey spectra: TiSn5 (a) and TiSn5\_400 (b).

Table S1 – XPS O 1s fitting parameters.

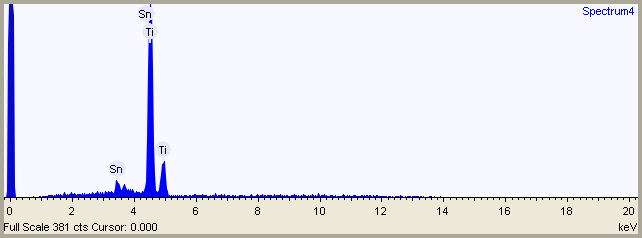
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| Sample | peak position (eV) | FWHM (eV) | area |
| TiSn5 | 529.5 | 1.4 | 256 |
| 530.7 | 1.5 | 197 |
| 531.9 | 1.8 | 230 |
| TiSn5\_400 | 529.4 | 1.4 | 382 |
| 530.5 | 1.4 | 165 |
| 531.9 | 1.7 | 82 |

**S2. EDX results**



**b)**

**a)**



**c)**

Figure S2 – Representative examples of EDX curves of TiSn5 (a), TiSn20 (b), and TiSn5\_400 (c).

Table S2 – EDX results.

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| sample | Ti %w | Sn %w |
| TiSn5 | 91.0 ± 0.5 | 9.1 ± 0.5 |
| TiSn20 | 63.3 ± 0.3 | 36.7 ± 0.3 |
| TiSn5\_400 | 91.2 ± 0.8 | 8.8 ± 0.8 |

**S3. BET results**



Figure S3 – Pore size distributions.

**S4. DRS results**



Figure S4 – Kubelka-Munk plot.

**S5. FTIR results**



Figure S5 – FTIR spectra (900-1900 cm-1 region) of TiSn20.