

Supplementary Information for

Enhanced thermoelectric performance in TiNiSn-based half-Heuslers

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Table S1. Refined lattice parameters (*a*), phase fraction (*f*), microstrain (*S*) and goodness-of-fit (χ^2) for the arc-melted $\text{Ti}_{1-x}\text{Zr}_x\text{NiSn}_{0.95}$ phases.

<i>x</i>	<i>a</i> (Å)	<i>f</i>	<i>S</i> (%) ^a	χ^2
0	5.9293(1)	0.34(1)	0	2.9
	5.9354(1)	0.66(1)	0.02(1)	
0.05	5.9459(2)	0.16(1)	0.01(1)	2.6
	5.9501(1)	0.84(1)	0	
0.5	5.9909(1)	0.23(1)	0.70(1)	2.4
	6.0301(1)	0.10(1)	0.70(1)	
	6.0612(1)	0.67(1)	0.30(2)	
1	6.1085(1)	0.08(1)	0	2.5
	6.1148(1)	0.92(1)	0	

^a microstrain: S (%) = $\pi/0.18$ (LY-LY_i); LY_i = 0.08°; GW fixed at 0.12°, LY_i = instrumental contribution taken from *x* = 0 sample.

Fig. S1. Laboratory X-ray powder diffraction patterns for the arc-melted $\text{Ti}_{1-x}\text{Zr}_x\text{NiSn}_{0.95}$ samples after two weeks of annealing at 900 °C. Data were collected over a period of 8 hours on a Bruker D8 Advance diffractometer with monochromated $\text{Cu K}\alpha_1$ radiation. Small amounts of full-Heusler (*) and Ti_5Sn_3 (#) remain after prolonged annealing.

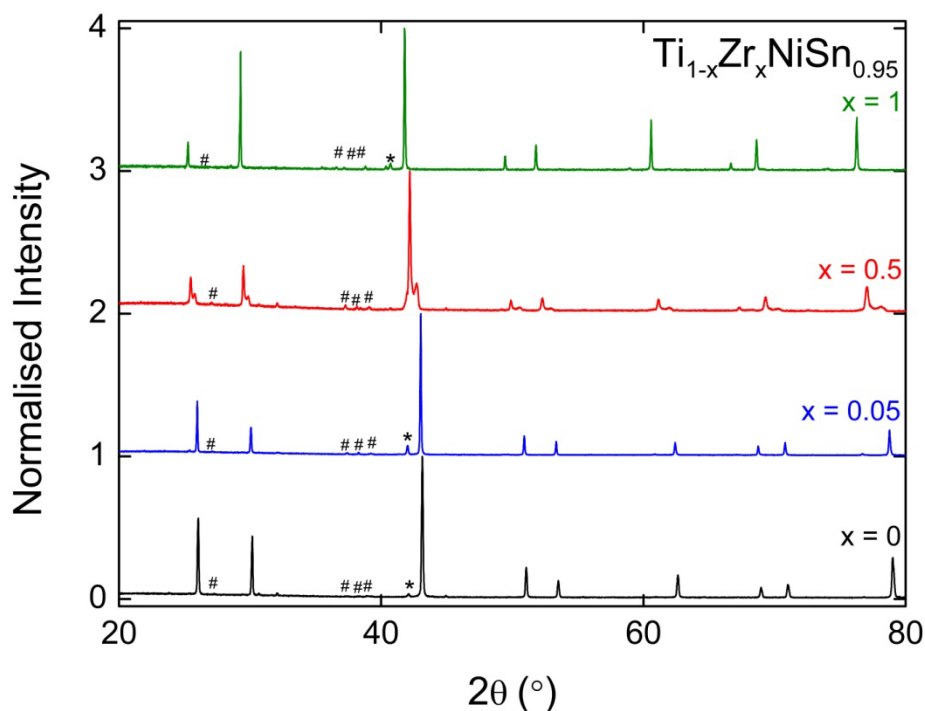


Fig. S2. Thermoelectric power factor (S^2/ρ) for the $\text{Ti}_{1-x}\text{Zr}_x\text{NiSn}_{0.95}$ samples.

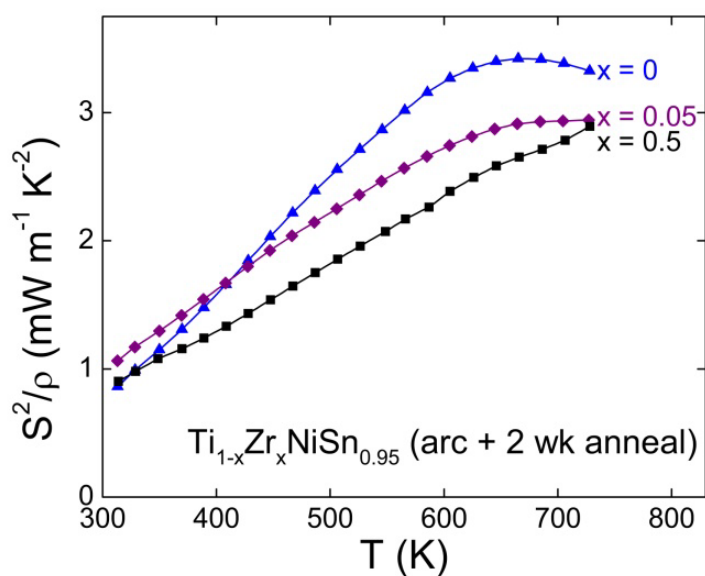


Fig. S3. Rietveld fit to Polaris neutron powder diffraction data for the nominally stoichiometric TiNiSn sample. Prepared by arc-melting and annealing for two weeks at 900 °C. Top markers (blue) are for Ti₅Sn₃ (2.3(1) wt%), middle markers (red) are for TiNi_{1.76(2)}Sn (4.7(2) wt%), and bottom markers are for TiNi_{1.036(1)}Sn.

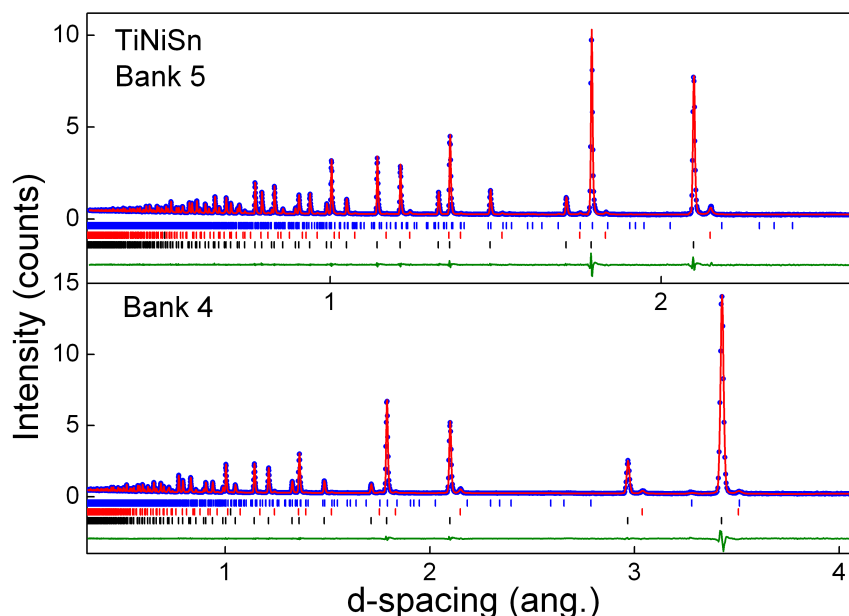


Table S2. Refined structural parameters for nominally stoichiometric TiNiSn from the Rietveld fit against Polaris neutron powder diffraction data.

	Wyckoff	x	y	z	occupancy	U _{iso} (Å ²)
Ti	4a	0	0	0	1.002(2)	0.00478(7)
Ni1	4c	0.25	0.25	0.25	1.000(3)	0.00525(5)
Ni2	4d	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.036(3)	0.00426(5)
Sn	4b	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.000(2)	0.00525(5)

Space group F-43m, a = 5.9327(1) Å; Final fit statistics: $\chi^2 = 6.5$; Bank 5: wR_p = 2.5%, R_p = 3.8%; Bank 4: wR_p = 1.9%, R_p = 3.6%; Bank 3: wR_p = 2.5%, R_p = 3.1%. The sample contains TiNi_{1.76(2)}Sn impurity (4.7(2) wt%, a = 6.0753(3) Å) and Ti₅Sn₃ (2.3(1) wt%) impurities.

Fig. S4. Temperature dependence of the electrical resistivity (ρ), Seebeck coefficient (S), power factor (S^2/ρ), the total (κ) and lattice thermal conductivities ($\kappa_{\text{lat}} = \kappa - LT/\rho$; $L = 2.4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W } \Omega \text{ K}^{-2}$), and the thermoelectric figure of merit (ZT) for the arc-melted nominally stoichiometric TiNiSn sample.

