

Supplementary Information

**Structural origin of the enhanced ionic conductivity upon Nb doping in
 $\text{Sr}_{11}\text{Mo}_4\text{O}_{23}$ defective double perovskite**

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Figures

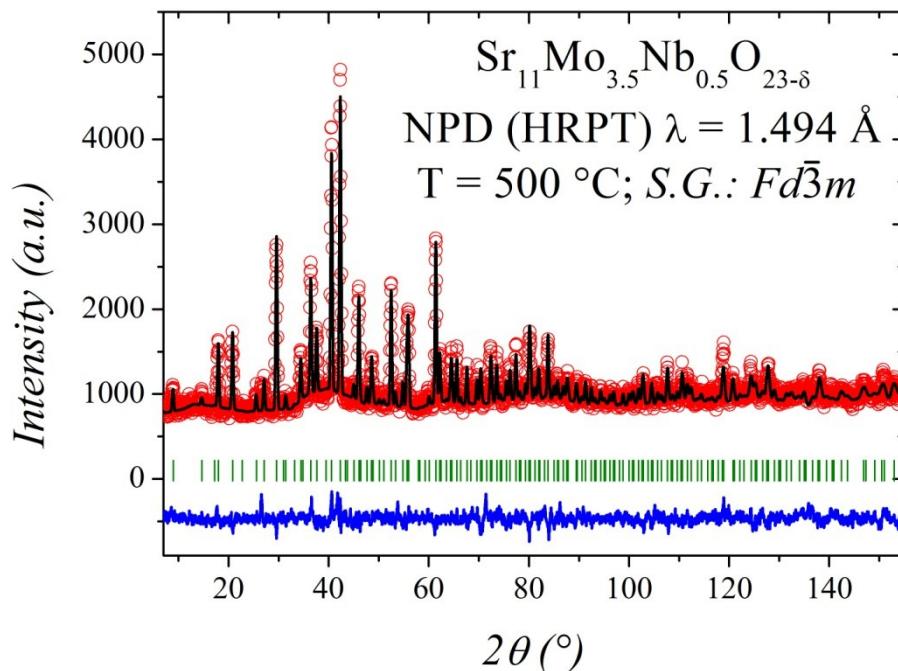


Figure S1: Observed (circles), calculated (full line) and difference (bottom) Rietveld profiles at 500 °C for $\text{Sr}_{11}\text{Mo}_{3.5}\text{Nb}_{0.5}\text{O}_{23-\delta}$ after NPD refinement.

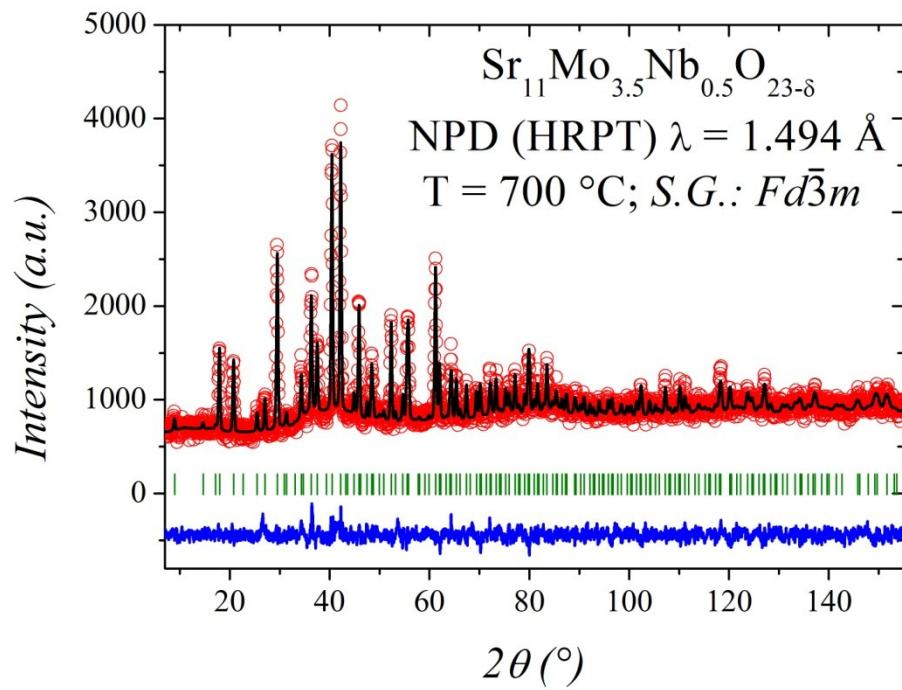


Figure S2: Observed (circles), calculated (full line) and difference (bottom) Rietveld profiles at $700\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for $\text{Sr}_{11}\text{Mo}_{3.5}\text{Nb}_{0.5}\text{O}_{23-\delta}$ after NPD refinement.

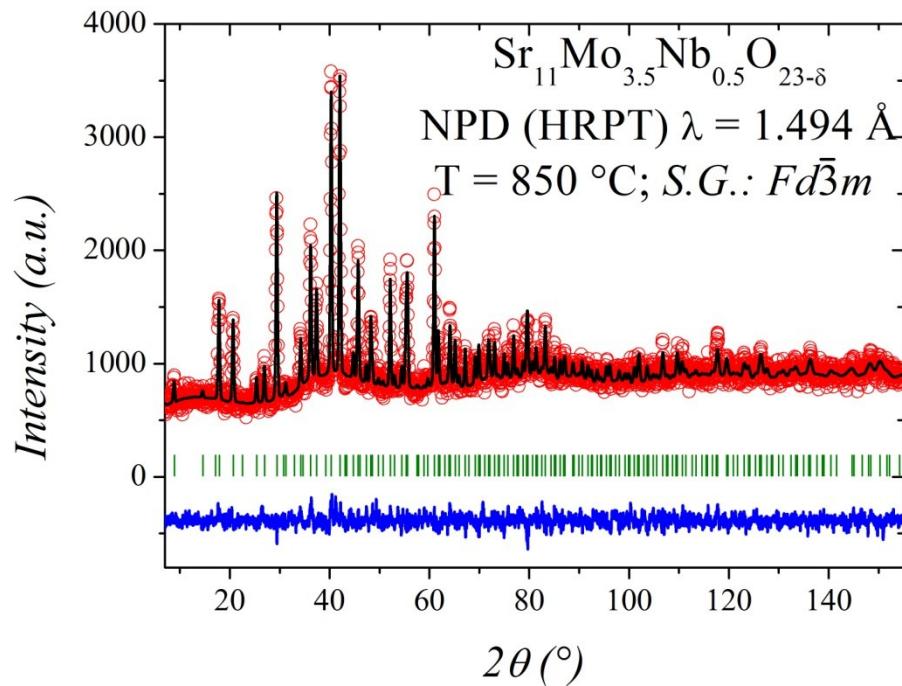


Figure S3: Observed (circles), calculated (full line) and difference (bottom) Rietveld profiles at $850\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for $\text{Sr}_{11}\text{Mo}_{3.5}\text{Nb}_{0.5}\text{O}_{23-\delta}$ after NPD refinement.

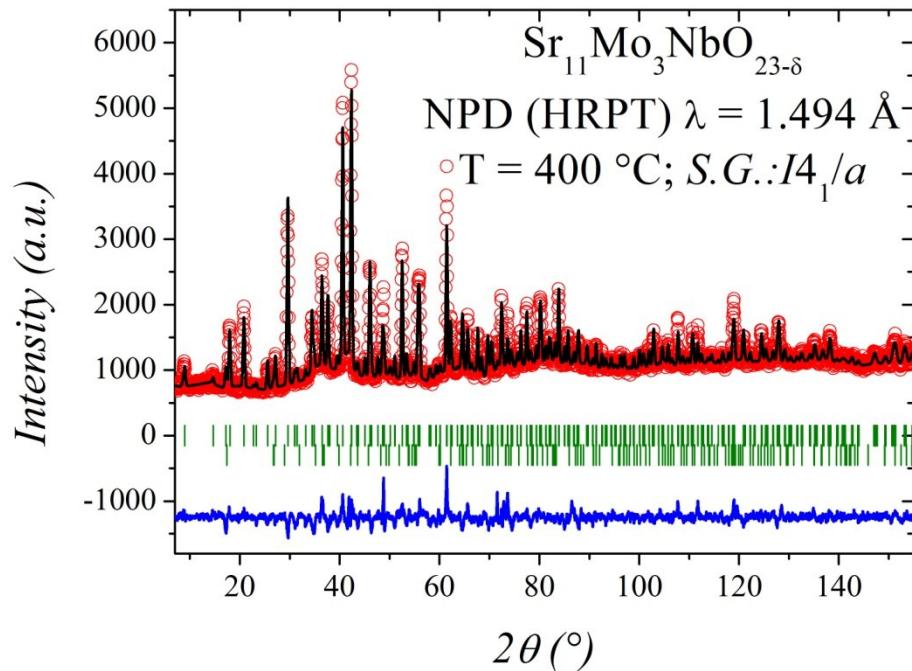


Figure S4: Observed (circles), calculated (full line) and difference (bottom) Rietveld profiles at 400 °C for $\text{Sr}_{11}\text{Mo}_3\text{NbO}_{23-\delta}$ after NPD refinement.

Tables

Table S1: Crystallographic parameters for $\text{Sr}_{11}\text{Mo}_{3.5}\text{Nb}_{0.5}\text{O}_{23-\delta}$ phase from NPD data at 500 °C. System: Cubic, Space group: $Fd\bar{3}m$, $Z = 8$. Unit-cell parameters: $a = 16.5510(7)$ Å, and $V = 4533.9(3)$ Å³.

Atom		x	y	z	B _{iso} (Å ²)	Occ
Sr1	8b	0.375	0.375	0.375	7.9(9)	1
Sr2	48f	0.4004(1)	0.125	0.125	3.1(1)	1
Sr3	32e	0.2290(3)	0.2290(3)	0.2290(3)	4.2(2)	1
Mo1	16d	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.2(2)	1
Mo2	16c	0	0	0	3.0(2)	0.75
Nb2	16c	0	0	0	3.0(2)	0.25
O1	96g	0.5011(4)	0.5011(4)	0.6169(4)	3.7(1)	1
O2	96g	0.0802(7)	0.0802(7)	-0.014(2)		0.48(2)
O3	96h	0	-0.0802(9)	0.0802(9)	3.2(7)	0.24(1)
O4	96g	0.977(1)	0.977(1)	0.112(2)	4.5(9)	0.22(1)
Anisotropic displacement parameters						
O2		$\beta_{11} \times 10^4$	$\beta_{22} \times 10^4$	$\beta_{33} \times 10^4$		
		$\beta_{12} \times 10^4$	$\beta_{13} \times 10^4$	$\beta_{23} \times 10^4$		
		126(10)	126(10)	130(11)		
		-79(11)	48(7)	48(7)		

NPD: R_p: 4.4%; R_{wp}: 5.7%; R_{exp}: 4.8%; χ^2 : 1.4; R_{Bragg}: 12.0%

Table S2: Crystallographic parameters for $\text{Sr}_{11}\text{Mo}_{3.5}\text{Nb}_{0.5}\text{O}_{23-\delta}$ phase from the NPD data at 700 °C. System: Cubic, Space group: $Fd\bar{3}m$, $Z = 8$. Unit-cell parameters: $a = 16.598(1)$ Å, and $V = 4572.7(6)$ Å³.

Atom		x	y	z	B _{iso} (Å ²)	Occ
Sr1	8b	0.375	0.375	0.375	5.9(8)	1
Sr2	48f	0.4025(1)	0.125	0.125	2.0(1)	1
Sr3	32e	0.2273(4)	0.2273(4)	0.2273(4)	4.3(3)	1
Mo1	16d	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4(1)	1
Mo1	16c	0	0	0	3.8(3)	0.75
Nb2	16c	0	0	0	3.8(3)	0.25
O1	96g	0.5026(4)	0.5026(4)	0.6173(4)	4.0(1)	1
O2	96g	0.0807(6)	0.0807(6)	-0.015(2)		0.44(2)
O3	96h	0	-0.078(1)	0.078(1)	6.0(9)	0.29(2)
O4	96g	0.981(1)	0.981(1)	0.110(2)	6.0(9)	0.29(2)
Anisotropic displacement parameters						
O2		$\beta_{11} \times 10^4$	$\beta_{22} \times 10^4$	$\beta_{33} \times 10^4$		
		$\beta_{12} \times 10^4$	$\beta_{13} \times 10^4$	$\beta_{23} \times 10^4$		
		44(8)	44(8)	182(7)		
		-27(7)	51(6)	51(6)		

NPD: R_p: 5.3%; R_{wp}: 6.6%; R_{exp}: 5.9%; χ^2 : 1.3; R_{Bragg}: 10.7%

Table S3: Crystallographic parameters for $\text{Sr}_{11}\text{Mo}_{3.5}\text{Nb}_{0.5}\text{O}_{23-\delta}$ phase from the NPD data at 850 °C. System: Cubic, Space group: $Fd\bar{3}m$, $Z = 8$. Unit-cell parameters: $a = 16.649(2)$ Å, and $V = 4614.8(7)$ Å³.

Atom		x	y	z	B _{iso} (Å ²)	Occ
Sr1	8 <i>b</i>	0.375	0.375	0.375	6.2(8)	1
Sr2	48 <i>f</i>	0.4028(1)	0.125	0.125	2.6(1)	1
Sr3	32 <i>e</i>	0.2271(4)	0.2271(4)	0.2271(4)	5.7(3)	1
Mo1	16 <i>d</i>	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2(1)	1
Mo1	16 <i>c</i>	0	0	0	4.9(4)	0.75
Nb2	16 <i>c</i>	0	0	0	4.9(4)	0.25
O1	96 <i>g</i>	0.4995(5)	0.4995(5)	0.6159(5)	4.3(2)	1
O2	96 <i>g</i>	0.0784(7)	0.0784(7)	-0.016(2)		0.51(2)
O3	96 <i>h</i>	0	-0.078(1)	0.078(1)	6.0(9)	0.27(2)
O4	96 <i>g</i>	0.983(1)	0.983(1)	0.112(2)	1.0(9)	0.14(2)
Anisotropic displacement parameters						
O2		β11 x10 ⁴	β22 x10 ⁴	β33 x10 ⁴		
		β12 x10 ⁴	β13 x10 ⁴	β23 x10 ⁴		
		84(12)	84(12)	149(11)		
		-60(11)	38(7)	38(7)		

NPD: R_p: 5.0%; R_{wp}: 6.4%; R_{exp}: 5.9%; χ²: 1.2; R_{Bragg}: 10.6%

Table S4: Crystallographic parameters for Sr₁₁Mo₃NbO_{23-δ} phase from the NPD data at 400 °C. System: Tetragonal, Space group: I4₁/a, Z = 4. Unit-cell parameters: *a* = 11.6967(4) Å, *c* = 16.533(1) Å and V = 2262.0(2) Å³.

Atom		x	y	z	B _{iso} (Å ²)	Occ
Sr1	4 <i>a</i>	0	0.25	0.125	3.4(4)	1
Sr2	8 <i>e</i>	0.5	0.25	0.603(2)	3.0(5)	1
Sr3	16 <i>f</i>	0.224(2)	0.971(1)	0.879(1)	2.1(2)	1
Sr4	16 <i>f</i>	0.216(1)	0.255(2)	0.524(1)	3.0(2)	1
Mo1	8 <i>c</i>	0	0	0	0.8(1)	1
Mo2	8 <i>d</i>	0	0	0.5	1.8(2)	0.5
Nb2	8 <i>d</i>	0	0	0.5	1.8(2)	0.5
O1	16 <i>f</i>	0.876(2)	0.144(2)	0.251(2)	2.0(4)	1
O2	16 <i>f</i>	0.644(2)	0.127(2)	0.247(2)	2.8(5)	1
O3	16 <i>f</i>	0.246(2)	0.254(3)	0.370(1)	4.1(5)	1
O4	16 <i>f</i>	0.836(2)	0.160(2)	0.670(1)	1.7(2)	0.79(2)
O5	16 <i>f</i>	0.873(2)	0.070(2)	0.528(2)	4.0(4)	0.87(3)
O6	16 <i>f</i>	0.328(2)	0.300(2)	0.662(2)	4.0(4)	0.80(4)

NPD: R_p: 4.5%; R_{wp}: 6.0%; R_{exp}: 3.7%; χ²: 2.6; R_{Bragg}: 11.7%