

## **Topotactic Anion-exchange in Thermoelectric Nanostructured Layered Tin Chalcogenides with Reduced Selenium Content; *Supporting Information.***

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### *Experimental details*

Materials Synthesis. In a typical synthesis of SnS nano/micro-plates, 150 mmol NaOH (Sigma, 99.99%) and 10 mmol  $\text{SnCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Sigma, 99.99%) were added into 50 ml deionised water (DIW) within a two-neck round-bottom flask to yield a transparent  $\text{Na}_2\text{SnO}_2$  solution. In parallel, 20 mmol  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}$  (Alfa, >96.2%) was added into 40 ml DIW within a single-neck round-bottom flask, to prepare a light yellow solution. After the  $\text{Na}_2\text{SnO}_2$  solution was heated to its boiling temperature under reflux using an oil bath, the freshly prepared 40 ml  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}$  aqueous solution was injected into the solution, leading to the formation of a black precipitate in ~15 seconds. The mixture was heated to boiling under reflux again, held for 2 h, and allowed to cool to room temperature under Ar (BOC, 99.998%) on a Schlenk line. The products were collected by centrifuge, washed with DIW and ethanol several times, and dried in ambient atmosphere at 50 °C for 12 h. Scaled-up syntheses were performed with eight-fold precursor concentrations, i.e. using 1.2 mol NaOH, 80 mmol  $\text{SnCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , and 160 mmol  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}$ ; the products demonstrated phase purity and morphology identical to the products synthesised at lower precursor concentrations.

In a typical synthesis of S-substituted SnSe ( $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9}$ ) nano/micro-plates, 40 ml of fresh NaHSe aqueous solution, prepared by mixing 10 mmol Se (Aldrich, 99.5%) and 20 mmol  $\text{NaBH}_4$  (Alfa, 98%) in 40 ml DIW within a single-neck round-bottom flask ( $2\text{Se} + 4\text{NaBH}_4 + 7\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{NaHSe} + \text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7 + 14\text{H}_2\uparrow$ ), was promptly injected into the 90 ml SnS nano/micro-plates suspension obtained after being boiled for 2 h. The new suspension was heated to boiling under reflux again, held for another 2 h (or 1 min, to study the formation mechanism of the S-substituted SnSe), and allowed to cool to room temperature under Ar on the Schlenk line. The products were collected by centrifuge, washed with DIW and ethanol several times and dried in ambient atmosphere at 50 °C for 12 h. The concentration of NaHSe solution was varied to investigate its effect on the synthesis from 0.125 through 0.2, 0.225, 0.25, 0.2875 to 0.375 mol L<sup>-1</sup> (corresponding to NaHSe: $\text{Na}_2\text{SnO}_2$  molar ratios of 0.5:1, 0.8:1, 0.9:1, 1:1, 1.15:1, 1.5:1, respectively). Due to the excellent controllability and repeatability of this synthesis method, scale-up syntheses of  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9}$  (NaHSe: $\text{Na}_2\text{SnO}_2$  molar

ratio of 1:1) with six-fold precursor concentrations were performed, i.e. using 900 mmol NaOH, 60 mmol SnCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O, 120 mmol Na<sub>2</sub>S and 240 ml NaHSe solution (0.25 mol L<sup>-1</sup>); the products demonstrated phase purity and morphology identical to the products synthesised at lower precursor concentrations. The synthesised samples used for characterisation and performance evaluation were loaded in glass vessels and stored in an Ar-filled MBraun glove box (< 0.5 ppm H<sub>2</sub>O, < 0.5 ppm O<sub>2</sub>) to avoid possible reaction with ambient air.

Materials Characterisation and Performance Evaluation. The phase composition and crystal structures of the as-prepared samples were investigated by powder X-ray diffraction (PXD), using a PANalytical X'pert Pro MPD diffractometer in Bragg-Brentano geometry (Cu Kα<sub>1</sub> radiation, λ = 1.5406 Å). Diffraction data were collected at room temperature with a step size of 0.017 ° over 10 ° ≤ 2θ ≤ 90 ° for 1 h (for phase indexing) or over 10° ≤ 2θ ≤ 100° for 4 h (for structural refinement). The crystal structures of the synthesised products were refined using the Rietveld method against PXD data using the GSAS and EXPGUI software packages,<sup>[1]</sup> with the previously published SnS and isostructural SnSe structures as a basis.<sup>[2]</sup> For the refinement, a shifted Chebyshev function (type 1 within GSAS) and a Pseudo-Voigt profile function (type 2 within GSAS) were applied to model the background and peak shape, respectively. The degree of orientation of the crystal planes, estimated by the Lotgering method,<sup>[3]</sup> was calculated to evaluate the extent of texturing in the samples. The orientation degree (*F*) of the (*h*00) planes can be calculated by  $F = (P - P_0) / (1 - P_0)$ , where  $P_0 = I_0(h00) / \sum I_0(hkl)$ ,  $P = I(h00) / \sum I(hkl)$  and  $I_0$  and  $I$  are the peak integral intensities of a randomly orientated sample and the measured sample, respectively.

The morphological and chemical characteristics of the synthesised products were investigated by scanning electron microscopy (SEM, Carl Zeiss Sigma, 5 and 20 kV for imaging and elemental analyses, respectively), equipped with energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS, Oxford Instruments X-Max 80). The synthesised powders were spread on a conductive carbon tape that was mounted on a standard SEM sample stub. Microstructure, crystal structure and chemical composition were further characterised by transmission electron microscopy (TEM) using an FEI Titan Themis

200 electron microscope equipped with an X-FEG Schottky field emission gun and a Super-X windowless EDS detector, operating at an accelerating voltage of 200 kV. TEM images, high resolution TEM (HRTEM) images, selected area electron diffraction (SAED) patterns and high angle annular dark field (HAADF) images were recorded using an FEI Ceta 16-megapixel CMOS camera. To prepare TEM samples from SnS<sub>0.1</sub>Se<sub>0.9</sub> pellets, powders were peeled from the pellet surface using a blade followed by a gentle crushing using mortar and pestle. The peeled SnS<sub>0.1</sub>Se<sub>0.9</sub> powders, solution-synthesised SnS<sub>0.1</sub>Se<sub>0.9</sub> powders or solution-synthesised SnS powders were dispersed in ethanol by sonication for 30 s to obtain a uniform dispersion. Then 2-5 drops of the suspension were dropped on to a 3 mm diameter holey C-coated Cu TEM grid.

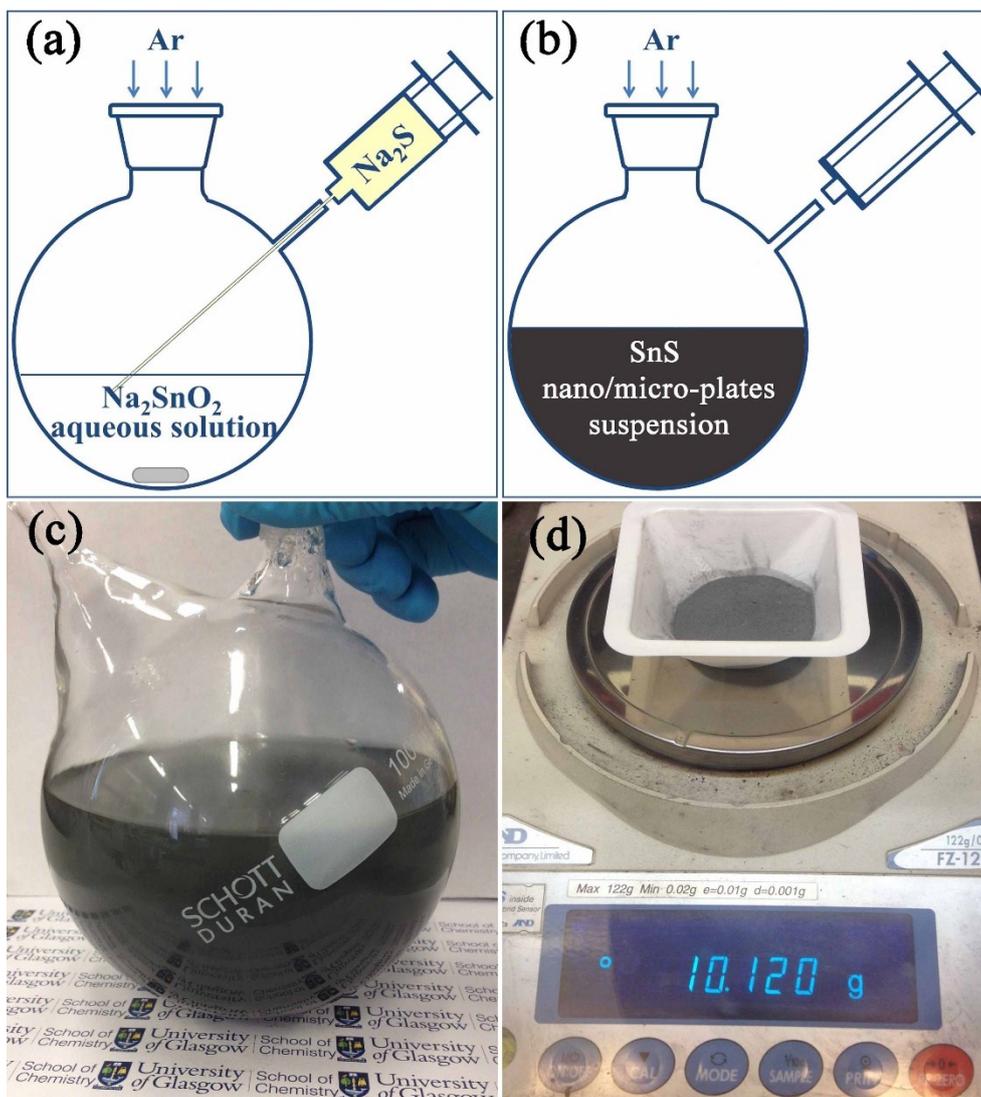
Thermogravimetric-differential thermal analysis (TG-DTA) of the samples was performed using a Netzsch STA 409 thermal analyser located in an Ar-filled MBraun glove box (< 0.1 ppm H<sub>2</sub>O, < 0.1 ppm O<sub>2</sub>). Approximately 25 mg from the pellets of either SnS or SnS<sub>0.1</sub>Se<sub>0.9</sub> was heated to 700 °C in an alumina pan under flowing Ar (60 ml min<sup>-1</sup>) at a heating rate of 5 °C min<sup>-1</sup>. Diffuse reflectance UV-Vis (DR-UV-Vis) spectra were measured using a Shimadzu, UV-2600 spectrophotometer ( $\lambda = 400\text{-}1300$  nm) using powdered samples crushed from SnS or SnS<sub>0.1</sub>Se<sub>0.9</sub> pellets, which were spread into a thin uniform layer on a layer of BaSO<sub>4</sub> powder. The diffuse reflectance (R) was expressed as the Kubela-Munk function,  $F(R) = (1-R)^2/(2R)$ , where  $h$  is Planck's constant,  $\nu$  is the frequency of vibration ( $\nu = 1/\lambda$ ) and  $h\nu$  is the photon energy. The indirect optical band gap was determined from a plot of  $(h\nu F(R))^{1/2}$  vs.  $h\nu$  by taking the tangent to the point of inflection and measuring the intercept on the  $x$ -axis (in eV).

The synthesised tin chalcogenide nano/micro-plates were sintered into dense pellets in order to measure their thermoelectric performance. Once dried, the synthesised SnS and SnSe<sub>0.1</sub>Se<sub>0.9</sub> powders were used for sintering without grinding or sieving. SnS powder was loaded into a graphite die (diameter of 15 mm) within an N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox and treated in a spark plasma sintering (SPS) furnace (FCT HP D 25, FCT System GmbH) at 500 °C for 5 min under vacuum (~4 Pa) with a uniaxial pressure of ~60 MPa. The SPS process resulted in a pellet with a diameter of 15 mm, a thickness of

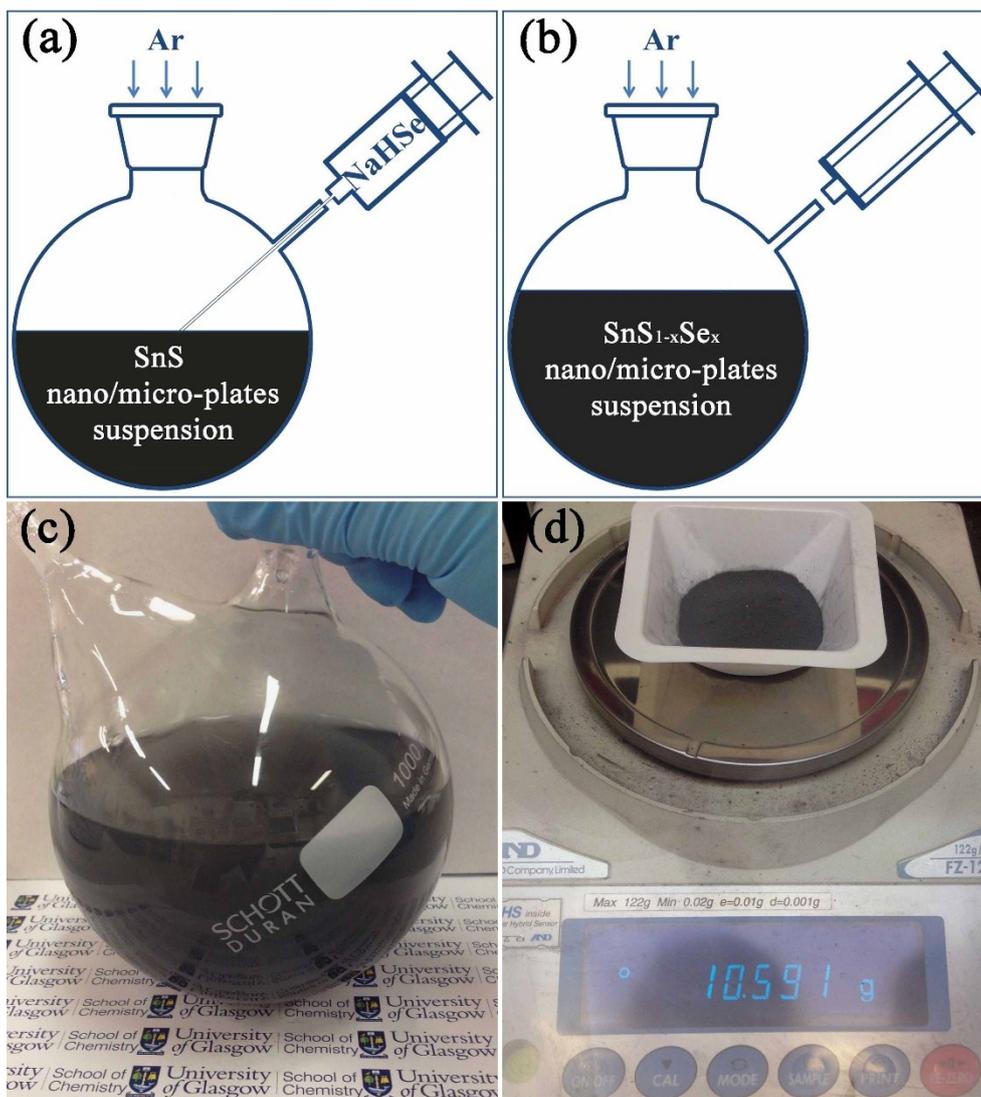
6 mm and a density of  $5.17 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  (corresponding to a relative density of  $\sim 99\%$  of the theoretical value). Similarly,  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9}$  powder was loaded into a graphite die (diameter of 15 mm) within a  $\text{N}_2$ -filled glovebox and sintered using the SPS furnace ( $500 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 5 min at  $\sim 4 \text{ Pa}$  with a uniaxial pressure of  $\sim 60 \text{ MPa}$ ), to yield a pellet of equivalent dimensions and a density of  $5.95 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  (corresponding to a relative density of  $\sim 98\%$  of the theoretical value) (denoted ***SnS<sub>0.1</sub>Se<sub>0.9</sub>-1***).  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9}$  pellets were also fabricated by a two-step SPS process to promote texturing:<sup>[4]</sup>  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9}$  powder was loaded into a graphite die (diameter of 15 mm) within the  $\text{N}_2$ -filled glovebox and then sintered using SPS at  $450 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 5 min under vacuum ( $\sim 4 \text{ Pa}$ ) with a uniaxial pressure of  $\sim 50 \text{ MPa}$ , resulting in a pellet having a diameter of 15 mm, a thickness of  $\sim 11 \text{ mm}$  and a relative density of  $\sim 88\%$ ; the pellet was then loaded into a graphite die having a larger diameter of 20 mm and sintered again by SPS under a uniaxial pressure of  $\sim 50 \text{ MPa}$  into a pellet having a diameter of 20 mm, a thickness of  $\sim 5.5 \text{ mm}$  and a relative density of  $\sim 98\%$  of the theoretical value (denoted ***SnS<sub>0.1</sub>Se<sub>0.9</sub>-2***). The second step in the two-step SPS process can promote the superplastic flow of the unconstrained samples in the transverse direction, which can be effective in producing textured samples.<sup>[3]</sup>

The obtained SnS and  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9}$  pellets were cut into bars with dimensions of  $12 \text{ mm} \times 3 \text{ mm} \times 2 \text{ mm}$ , and the Seebeck coefficient ( $S$ ) and electrical conductivity ( $\sigma$ ) of the bars were measured simultaneously perpendicular to the pressing direction using a Linseis LSR-3 instrument under a helium atmosphere within a temperature range of  $300\text{-}773 \text{ K}$ . The uncertainty in the measurement of the Seebeck coefficient and electrical conductivity is  $5\%$ , leading to  $\sim 10\%$  uncertainty for the thermoelectric power factor ( $S^2\sigma$ ) measurement. The thermal conductivity ( $\kappa$ ) of the  $\text{SnSe}_{0.9}\text{S}_{0.1}$  pellets (***SnS<sub>0.1</sub>Se<sub>0.9</sub>-1*** and ***SnS<sub>0.1</sub>Se<sub>0.9</sub>-2***) was calculated through  $\kappa = DC_p\rho$ , where  $D$ ,  $C_p$  and  $\rho$  are the thermal diffusivity coefficient, specific heat capacity and density, respectively. The  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9}$  pellets were also cut into rectangular pellets with dimensions of  $5 \text{ mm} \times 5 \text{ mm} \times 2 \text{ mm}$ , and the diffusivity,  $D$  of the  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9}$  pellets (Figure S25a) was measured perpendicular to the pressing direction using a Netzsch LFA 457 instrument under an Ar atmosphere within a temperature range of  $300\text{-}773 \text{ K}$ . The specific heat capacity,  $C_p$  of  $\text{SnSe}_{0.9}\text{S}_{0.1}$  (Figure S25b) was calculated from the weighted average<sup>[5]</sup> of

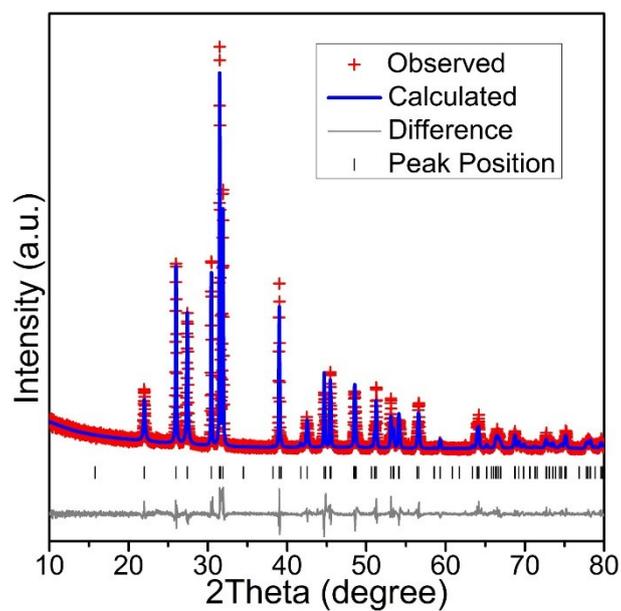
the reported  $C_p$  values for SnSe<sup>[6]</sup> and SnS.<sup>[7]</sup> The density of the pellets was measured by the Archimedes method. The uncertainty in the  $\kappa$  measurement is ~8%. Electronic thermal conductivity ( $\kappa_e$ ) was estimated using the Wiedemann-Franz law ( $\kappa_e = L\sigma T$ , where  $L$  is the Lorentz number;  $L$  of  $1.5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ V}^2 \text{ K}^{-2}$  was applied<sup>[6]</sup>), and lattice thermal conductivity ( $\kappa_L$ ) was calculated by subtracting  $\kappa_e$  from  $\kappa$ . The  $ZT$  was calculated through  $ZT = S^2\sigma T/\kappa$ , with an uncertainty of ~15%. Hall effect measurements perpendicular to the SPS pressing direction were performed on a Nanometrics HL5500 Hall system using a Van der Pauw configuration. The pellets were shaped into 5 mm x 5 mm squares with a thickness of 2 mm. Silver contacts were placed at the edges of the surface of the sample with a size of 500  $\mu\text{m}$  x 500  $\mu\text{m}$ . The Hall coefficient ( $R_H$ ) was measured directly by the Hall system. Hall carrier density ( $n_H$ ) and mobility ( $\mu_H$ ) were calculated using  $n_H = (eR_H)^{-1}$  and  $\mu_H = R_H\sigma$ , where  $e$  is the electron charge.



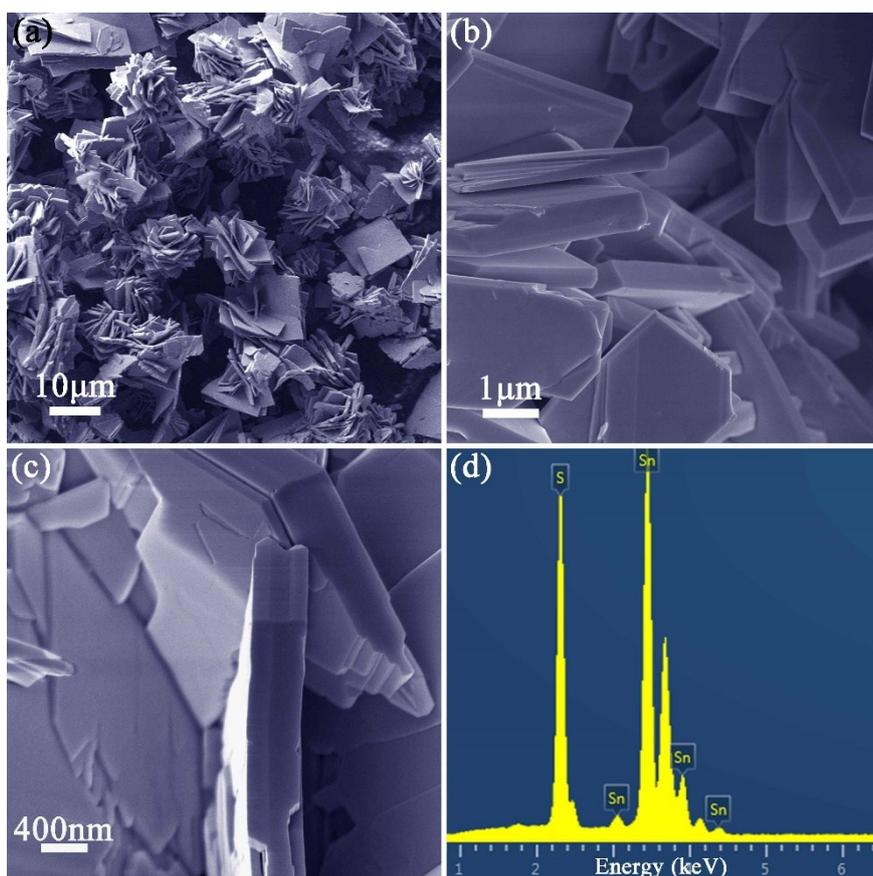
**Figure S1.** Schematics showing: (a) injection of  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_{(\text{aq})}$  into  $\text{Na}_2\text{SnO}_{2(\text{aq})}$  to trigger the direct precipitation ( $\text{Na}_2\text{S} + \text{Na}_2\text{SnO}_2 + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{SnS} + 4 \text{NaOH}$ ) and (b) formation of SnS nano/micro-plates; digital photographs showing: (c) the SnS nano/micro-plates suspension directly after synthesis and (d) a typical yield of SnS nano/micro-plates ( $\sim 10.1$  g) produced from a scaled-up one-pot synthesis.



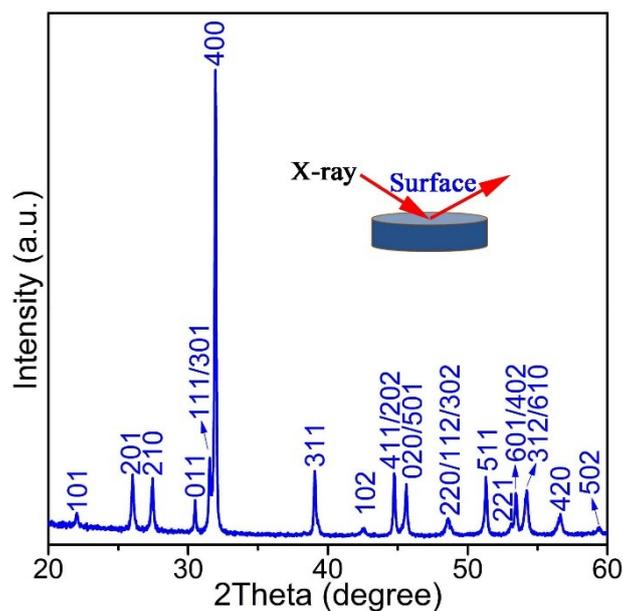
**Figure S2.** Schematics showing: (a) injection of  $\text{NaHSe}_{(\text{aq})}$  into an  $\text{SnS}$  aqueous suspension to trigger the anion exchange ( $\text{SnS} + x \text{NaHSe} + x \text{NaOH} \rightarrow \text{SnS}_{1-x}\text{Se}_x + x \text{Na}_2\text{S} + x \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ;  $0.5 \leq x \leq 1$ ) and (b) formation of  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9}$  nano/micro-plates; digital photographs showing: (c) the  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9}$  nano/micro-plates suspension directly after synthesis and (d) a typical yield of  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9}$  nano/micro-plates ( $\sim 10.6$  g) produced from an anion exchange synthesis.



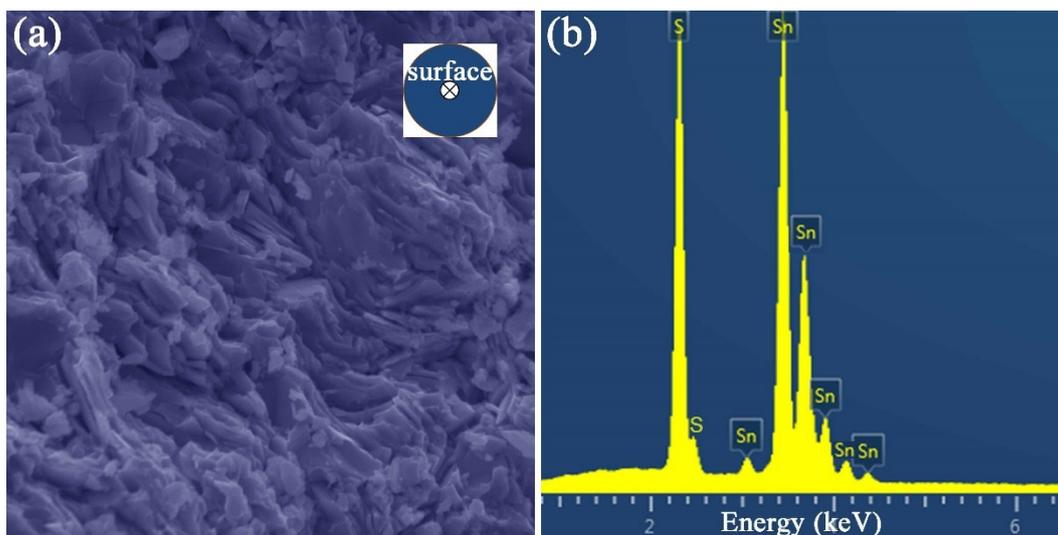
**Figure S3.** Profile plots from Rietveld refinement against PXD data for SnS nano/micro-plates synthesised after 2 h of boiling.



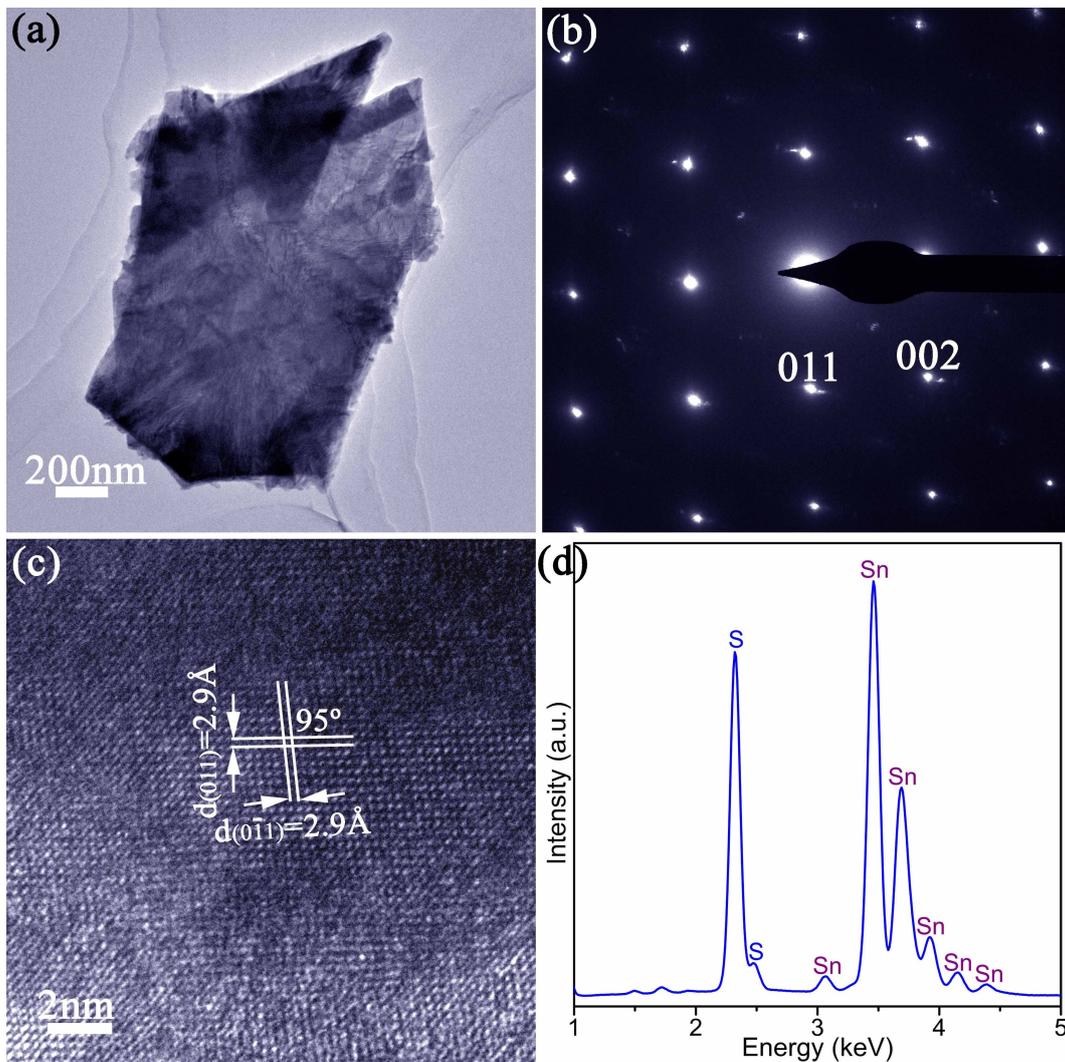
**Figure S4.** (a-c) SEM images and (d) EDS spectrum of SnS nano/micro-plates synthesised after 2 h of boiling.



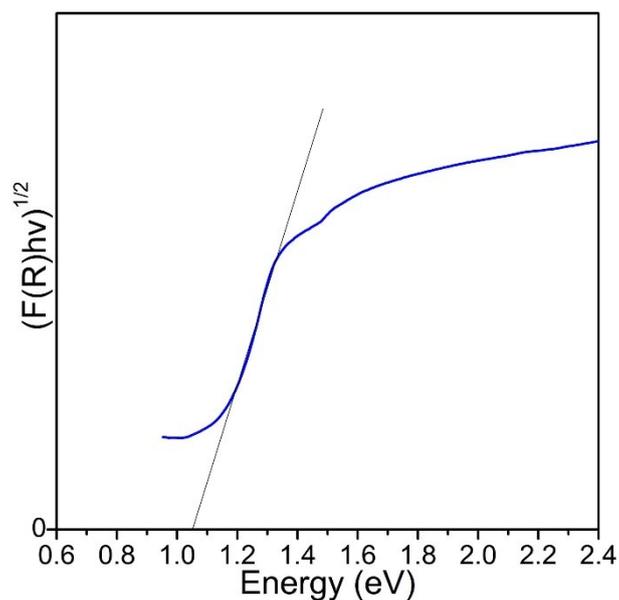
**Figure S5.** PXD pattern from an SnS pellet; the inset image indicates the orientation of the pellet in the X-ray beam.



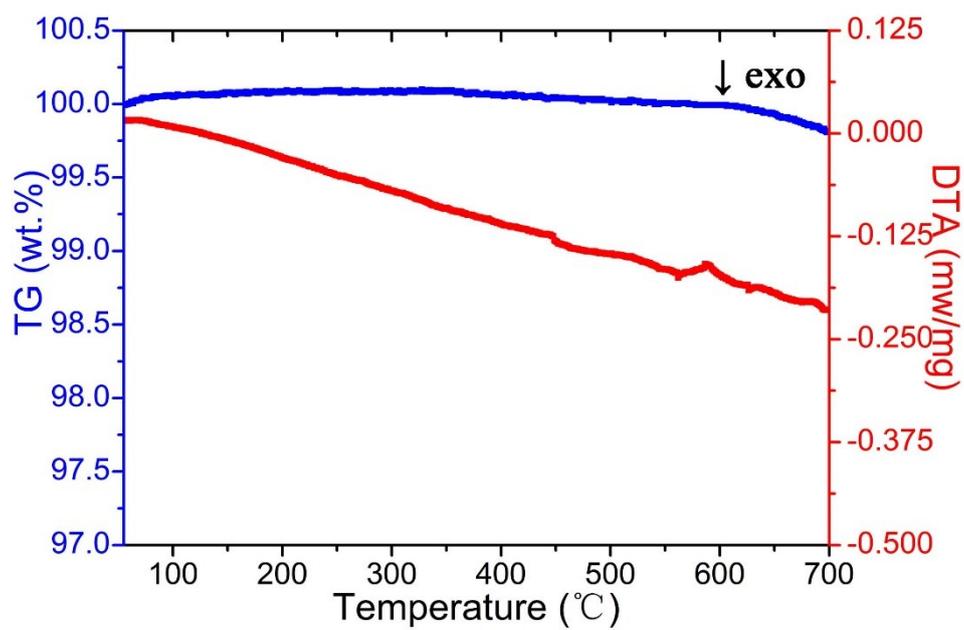
**Figure S6.** (a) SEM image (with viewing direction indicated in the inset image) and (b) EDS spectrum from an SnS pellet.



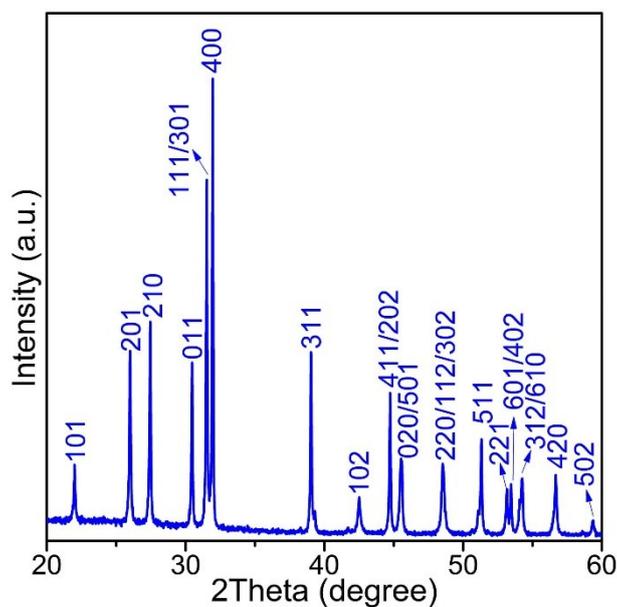
**Figure S7.** TEM characterisation of a SnS plate peeled from a SnS pellet: (a) TEM image; (b) SAED pattern along the [100] zone axis; (c) HRTEM image; (d) EDS spectrum.



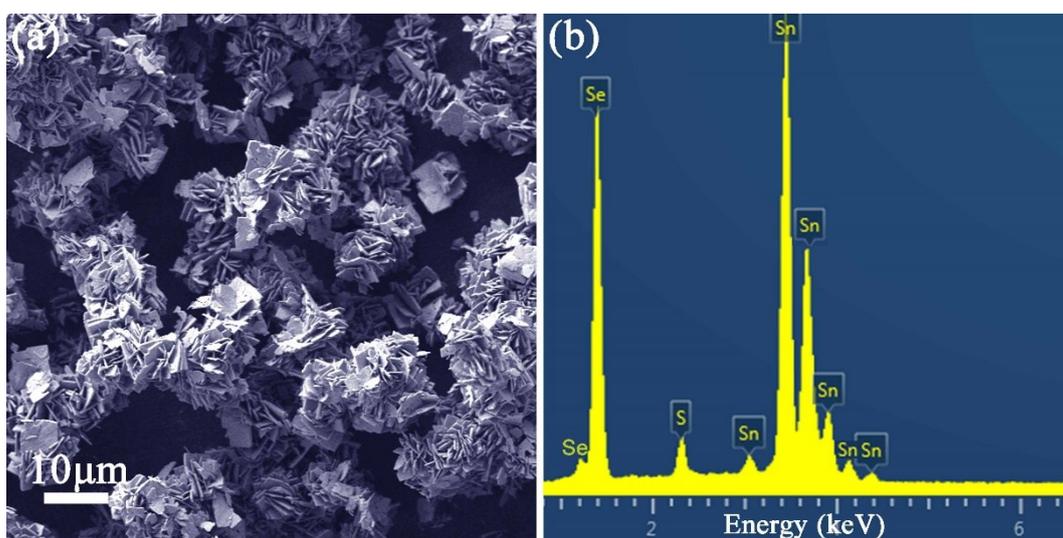
**Figure S8.**  $[F(R)hv]^{1/2}$  vs energy plot from DR-UV-Vis spectroscopy data for an SnS pellet.



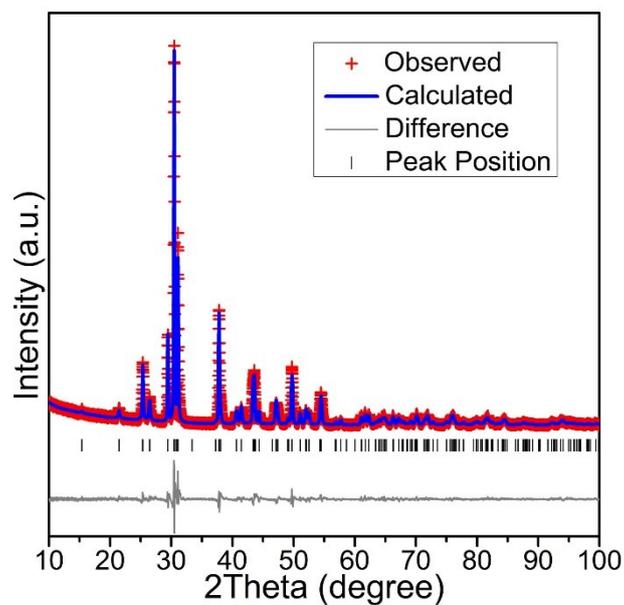
**Figure S9.** TGA (blue) and DTA (red) profiles from an SnS pellet heated to 700 °C under Ar<sub>(g)</sub>.



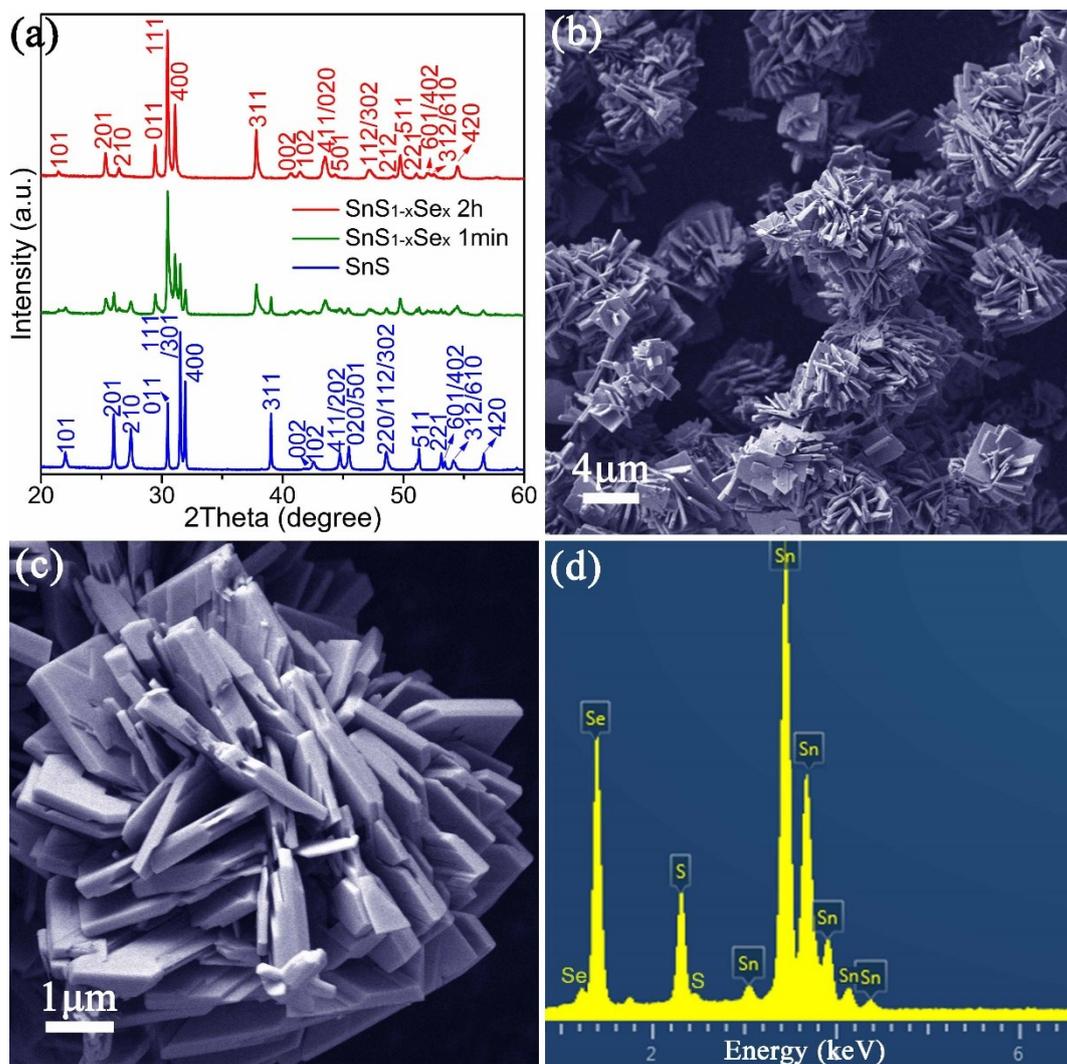
**Figure S10.** PXD pattern of crushed sample of SnS pellet after TG-DTA under Ar flow up to 700 °C.



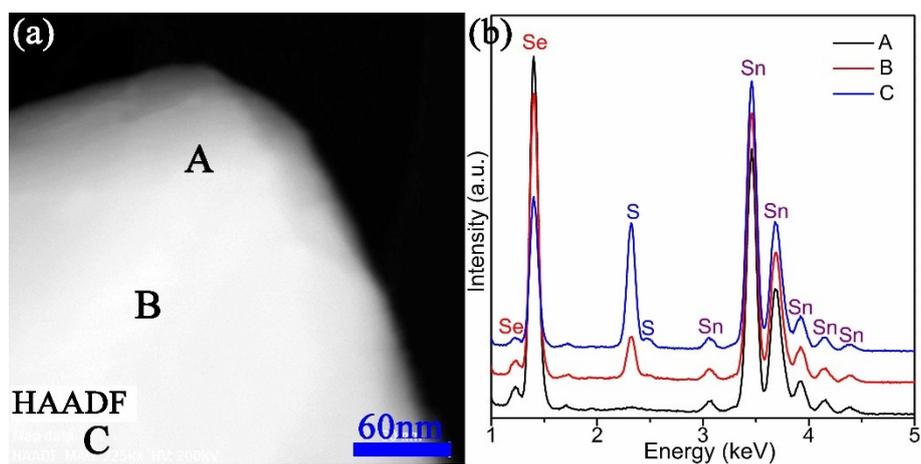
**Figure S11.** (a) SEM image and (b) EDS spectrum of  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9}$  nano/micro-plates synthesised via 2 h anion exchange from SnS nano/micro-plates ( $\text{NaHSe}:\text{Na}_2\text{SnO}_2$  molar ratio is 1:1).



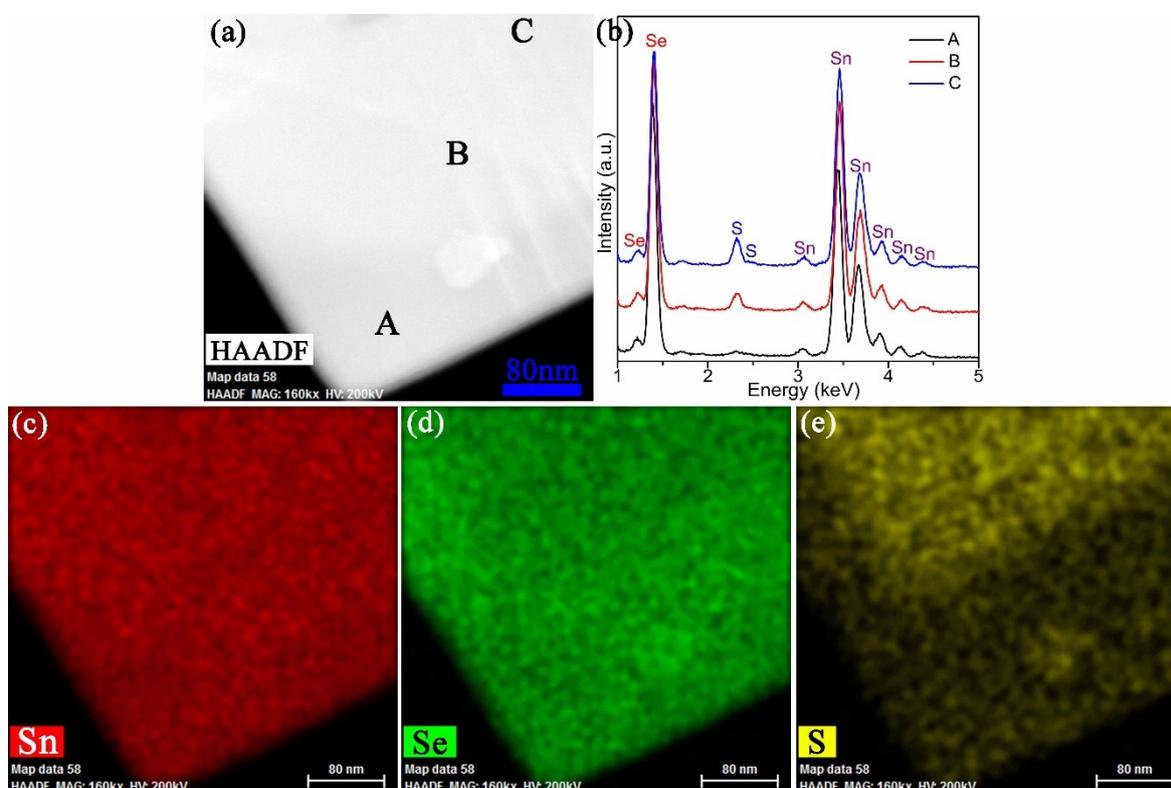
**Figure S12.** Profile plots from Rietveld refinement against PXD data for  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9}$  nano/micro-plates synthesised via 2 h anion exchange from SnS nano/micro-plates ( $\text{NaHSe}:\text{Na}_2\text{SnO}_2$  molar ratio is 1:1).



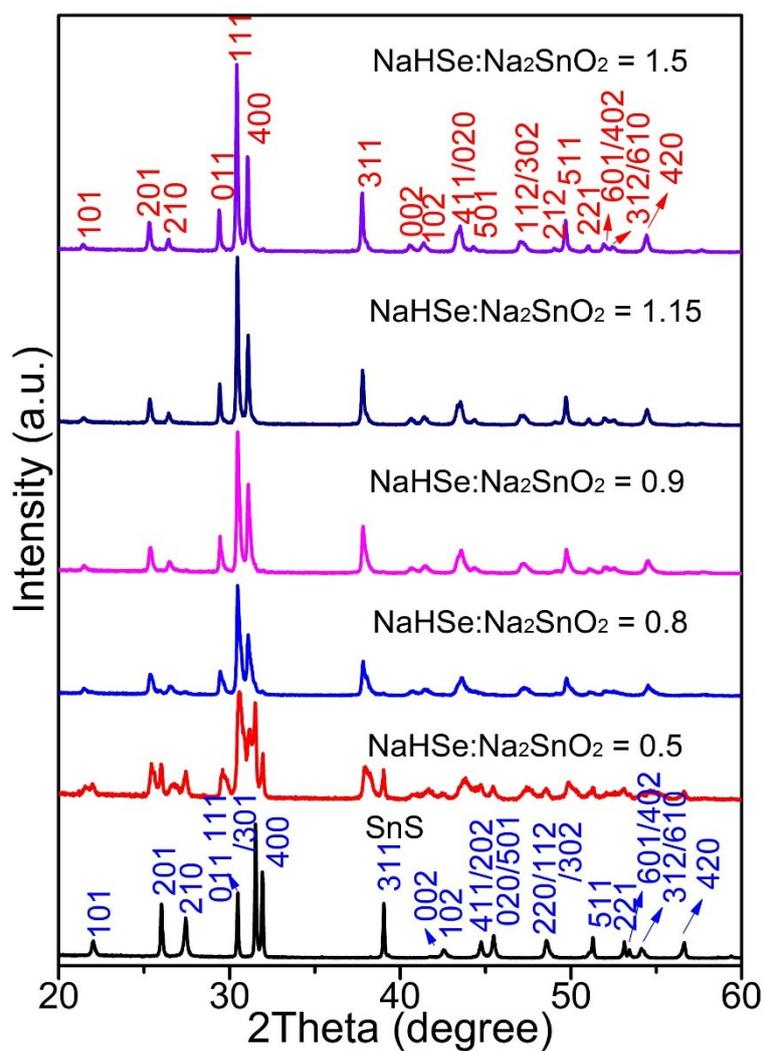
**Figure S13.** Characterisation of the product after boiling 1:1 NaHSe + SnS for 1 min showing: (a) PXD pattern (compared to SnS and the sample obtained from 2 h boiling; Rietveld refinement yields 77 wt% SnS<sub>1-x</sub>Se<sub>x</sub>, 23 wt% SnS for the 1 min sample); (b,c) SEM images and (d) EDS spectrum of the resulting nano/micro-plates.



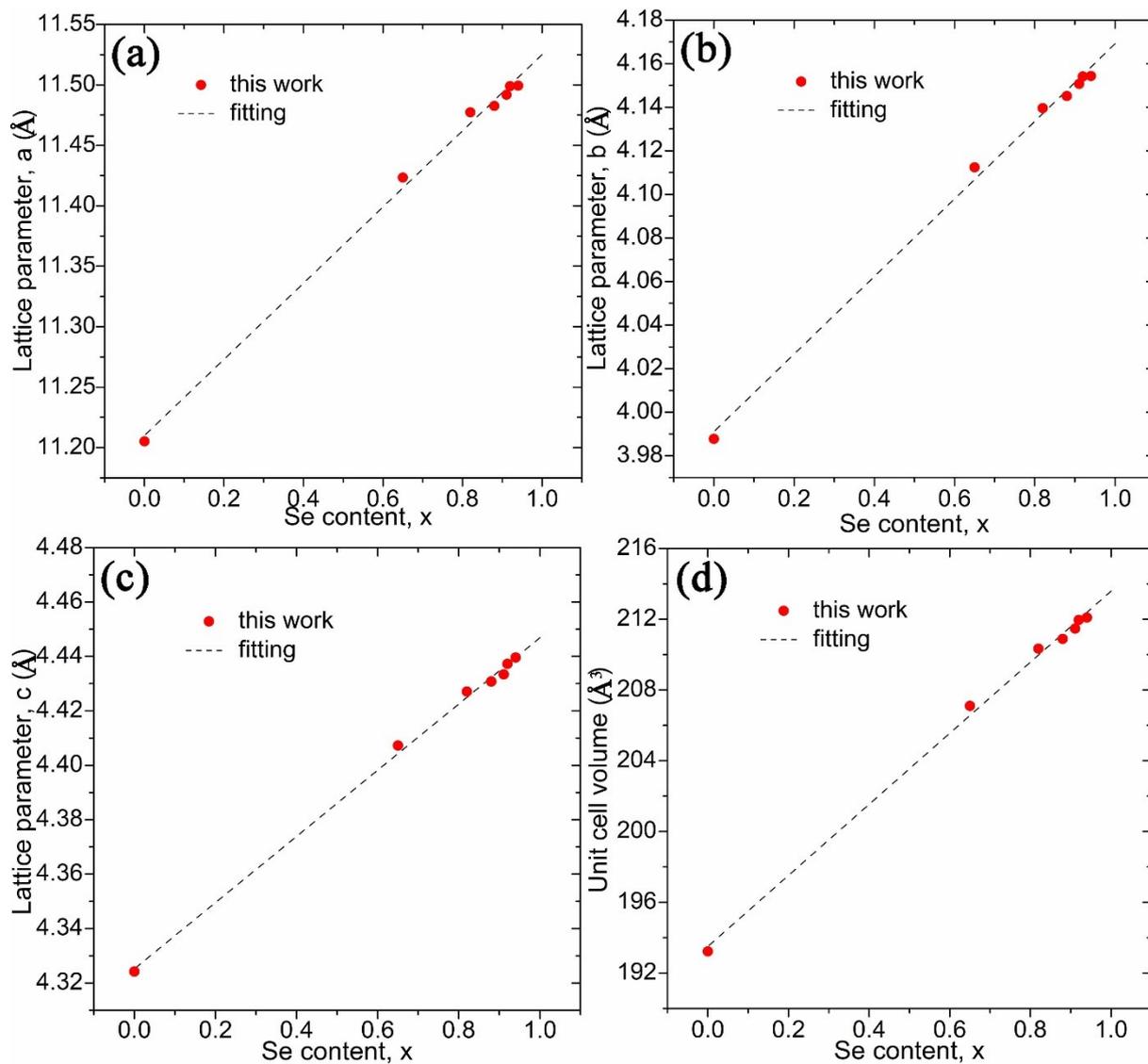
**Figure S14.** TEM characterisation of nano/micro-plates synthesised after boiling a 1:1 mixture of NaHSe and SnS for 1 min showing: (a) High angle annular dark field (HAADF) image, (b) EDS spectrum collected from the plate at locations A, B and C in (a).



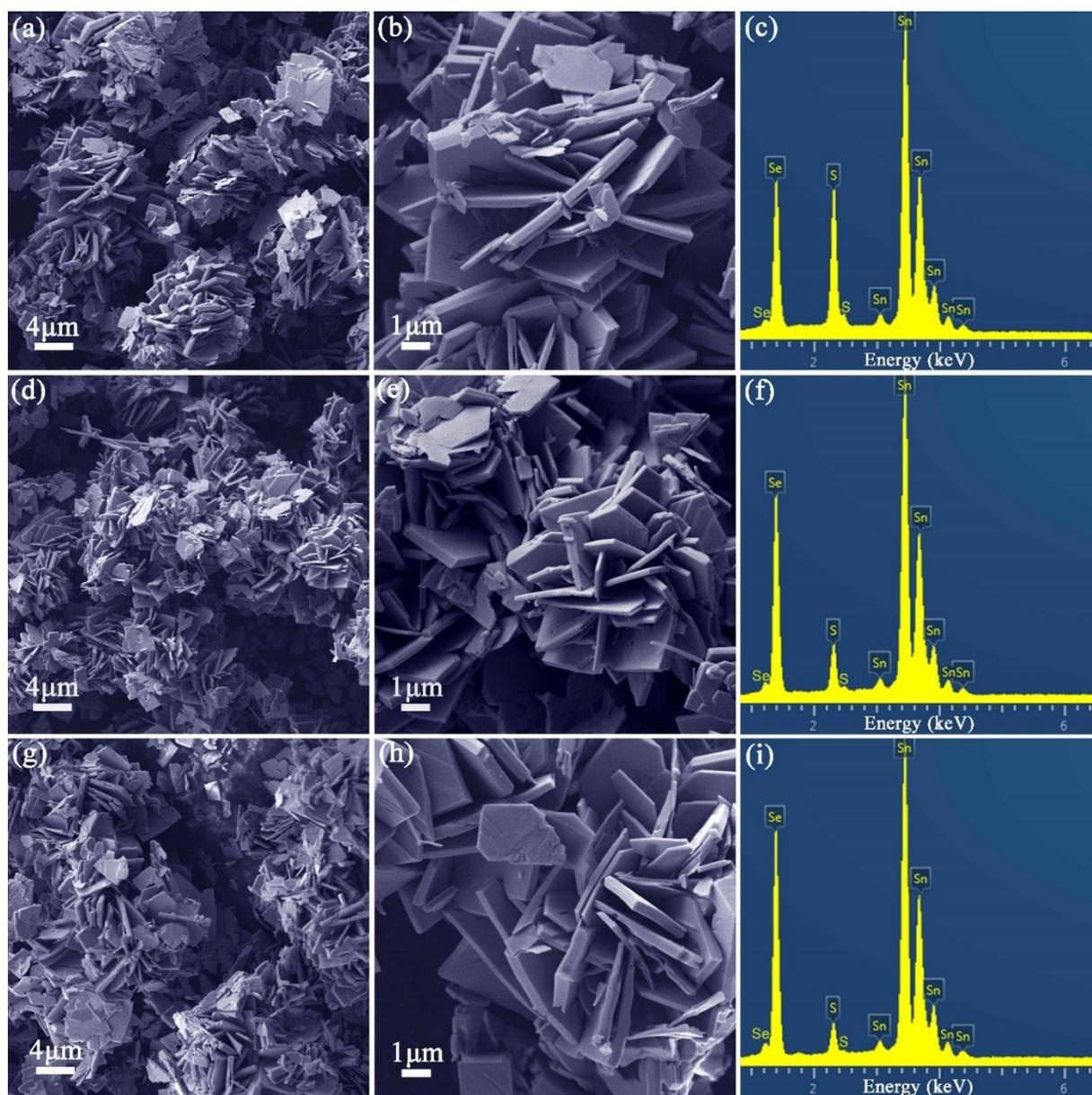
**Figure S15.** TEM characterisation of  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9}$  nano/micro-plates synthesised *via* 2 h anion exchange from SnS nano/micro-plates (1:1 molar ratio of NaHSe: $\text{Na}_2\text{SnO}_2$ ) showing: (a) High angle annular dark field (HAADF) image; (b) EDS spectrum collected from the plate locations A, B and C in (a); (c-e) elemental maps for Sn (red), Se (green) and S (yellow) respectively from the image in (a).



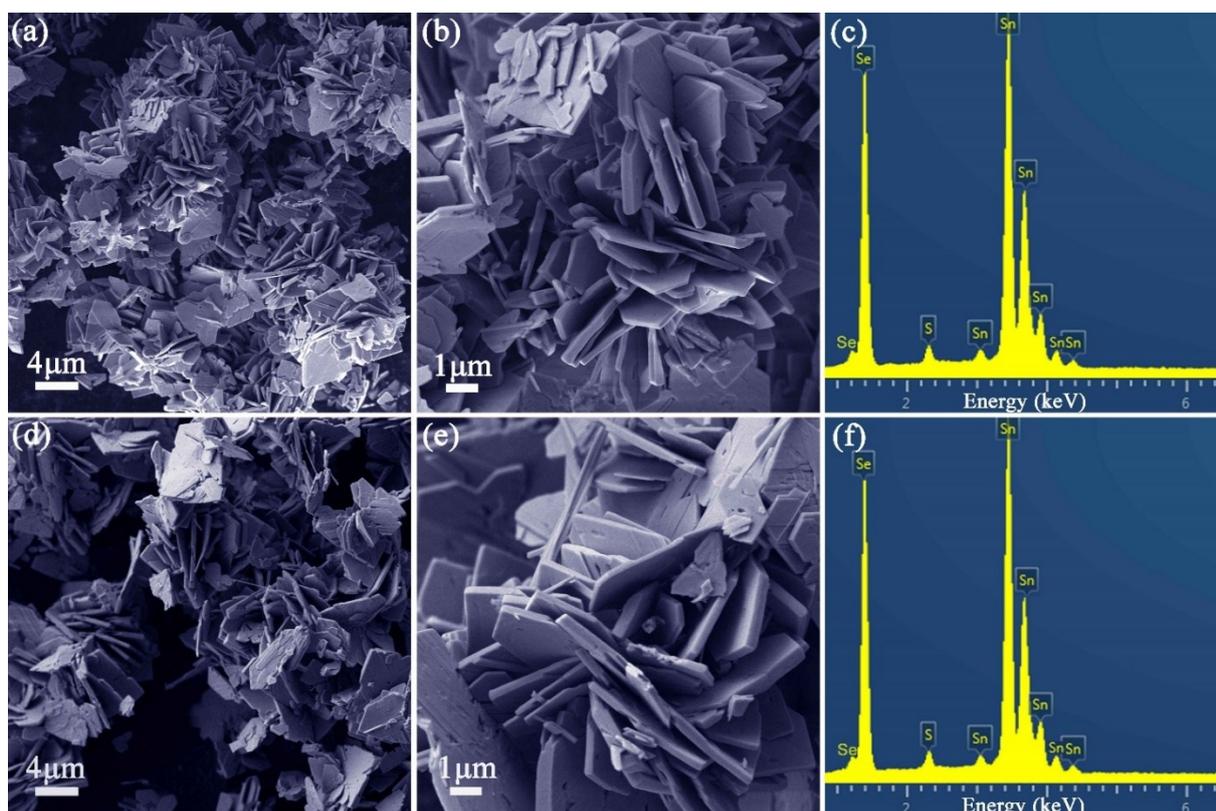
**Figure S16.** PXD patterns of  $\text{SnS}_{1-x}\text{Se}_x$  nano/micro-plates synthesised with various  $\text{NaHSe}:\text{Na}_2\text{SnO}_2$  molar ratios from 0.5:1 to 1.5:1 via 2 h anion exchange from SnS nano/micro-plates.



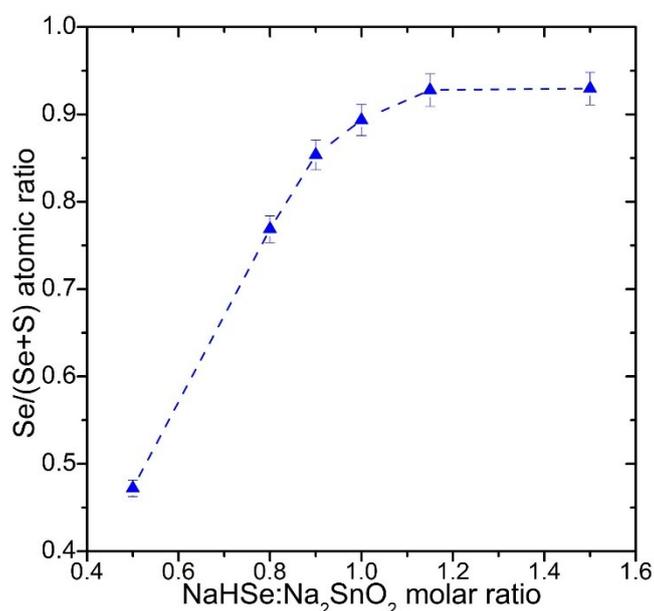
**Figure S17.** Lattice parameters and unit cell volumes of  $\text{NaHSe}:\text{Na}_2\text{SnO}_2$  samples as a function of  $x$ .



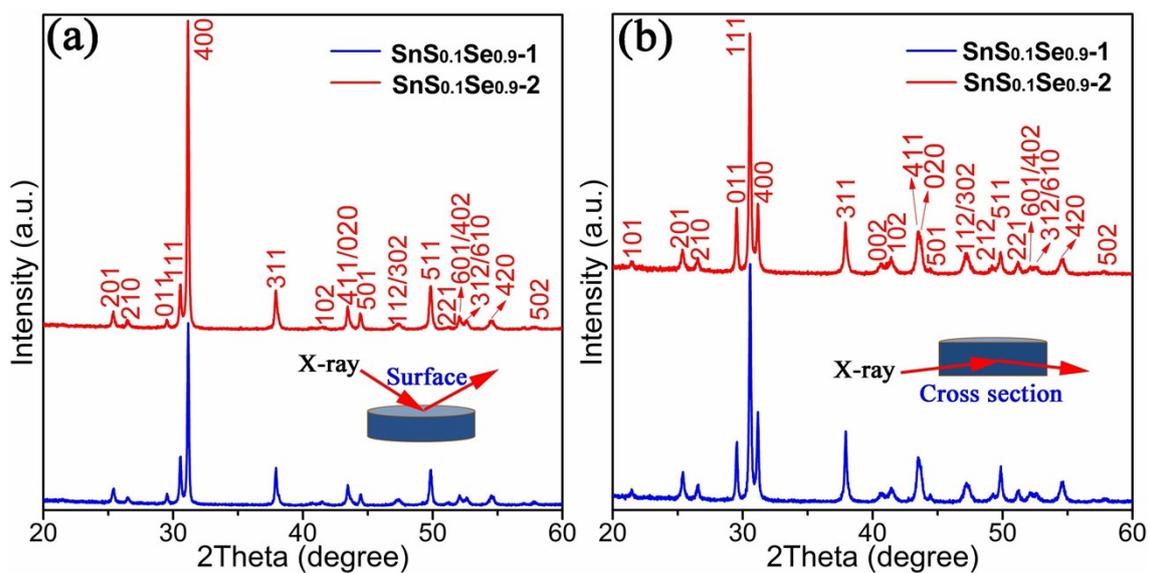
**Figure S18.** SEM characterisation of  $\text{SnS}_{1-x}\text{Se}_x$  products synthesised with varied  $\text{NaHSe}:\text{Na}_2\text{SnO}_2$  molar ratios *via* 2 h anion exchange from SnS nano/micro-plates showing images and EDS spectra for samples with an Se:Sn ratio of: (a-c) 0.5:1, (d-f) 0.8:1 and (g-i) 0.9:1.



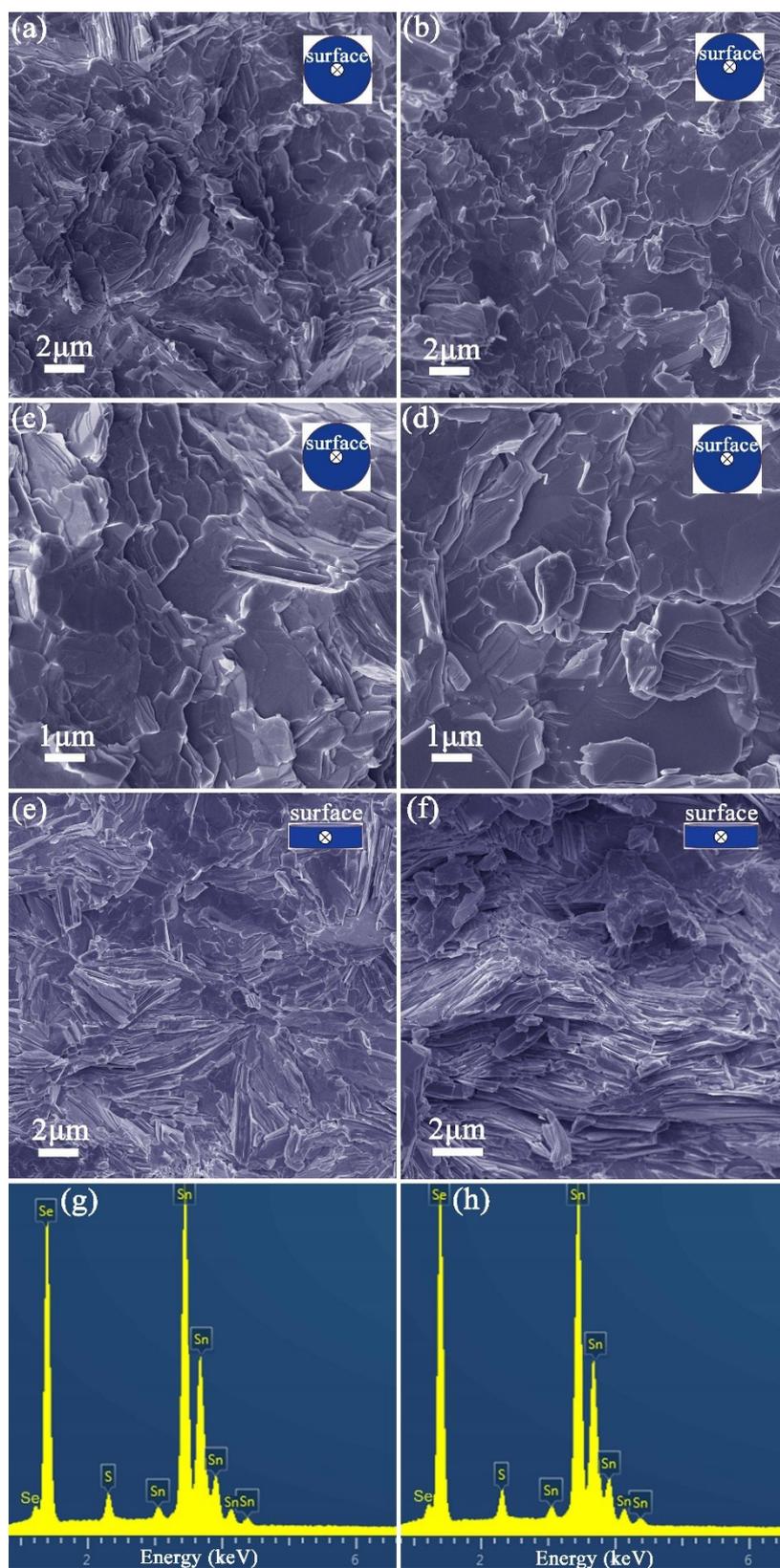
**Figure S19.** SEM characterisation of  $\text{SnS}_{1-x}\text{Se}_x$  nano/micro-plates with  $\text{NaHSe}:\text{Na}_2\text{SnO}_2$  molar ratios  $> 1:1$  after 2 h anion exchange showing images and EDS spectra for samples with an Se:Sn ratio of: (a-c) 1.15:1, (d-f) 1.5:1.



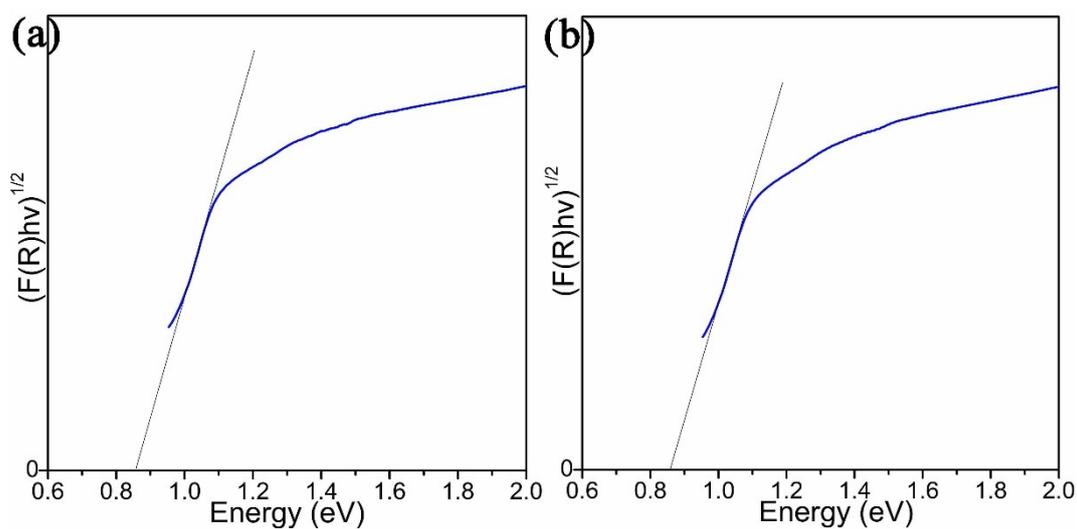
**Figure S20.** Plot of experimentally determined  $\text{Se}/(\text{Se}+\text{S})$  atomic ratios for as-synthesised nano/micro-plates (from EDS) against the corresponding nominal  $\text{NaHSe}:\text{Na}_2\text{SnO}_2$  molar ratios used in the 2 h anion exchange syntheses.



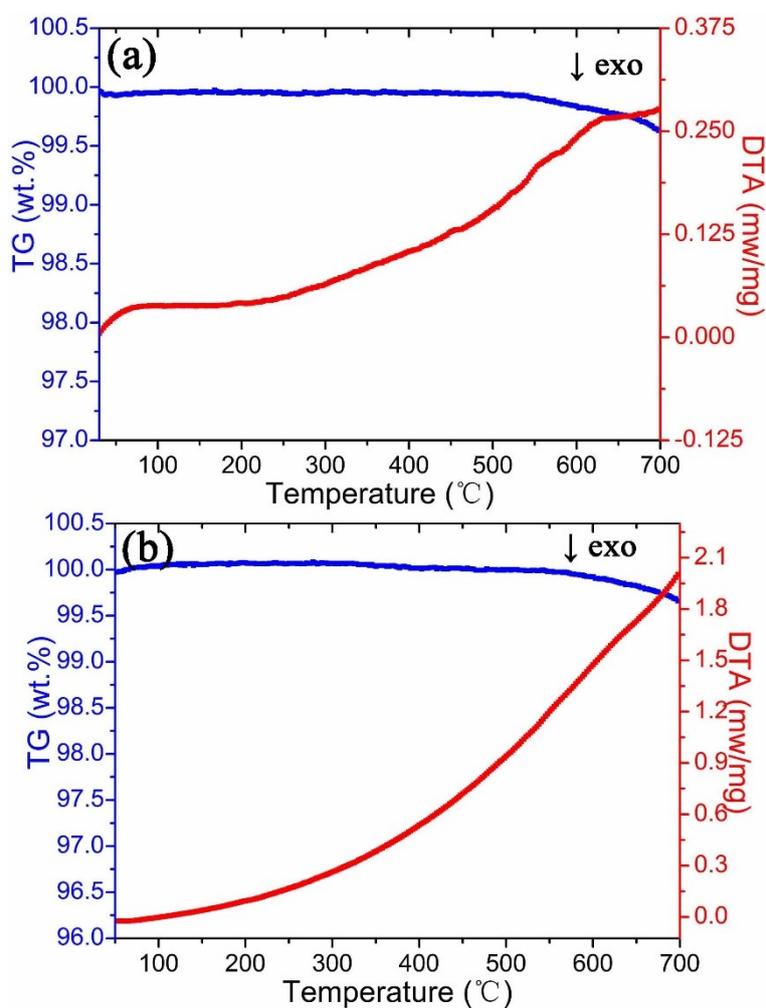
**Figure S21.** PXD patterns of  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9-1}$  (blue) and  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9-2}$  (red) collected with the pellet faces (a) perpendicular and (b) parallel to the press direction, respectively.



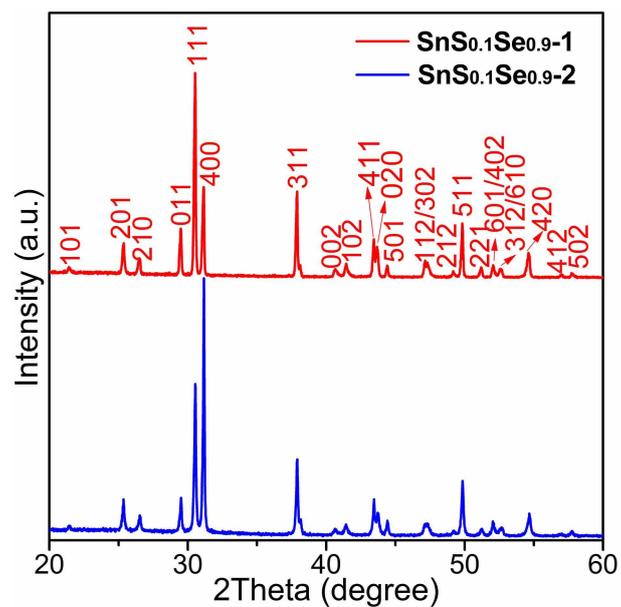
**Figure S22.** SEM images and EDS spectra from  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9}$  pellets  *$\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9-1}$*  (a,c,e,g) and  *$\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9-2}$*  (b,d,f,h). The SEM images show: (a-d) the cleavage surfaces (obtained by probing the sample once part of the polished face has been physically removed) and (e,f) fractured cross sections of the pellets. (The viewing direction is indicated in the inset schematics in each case.)



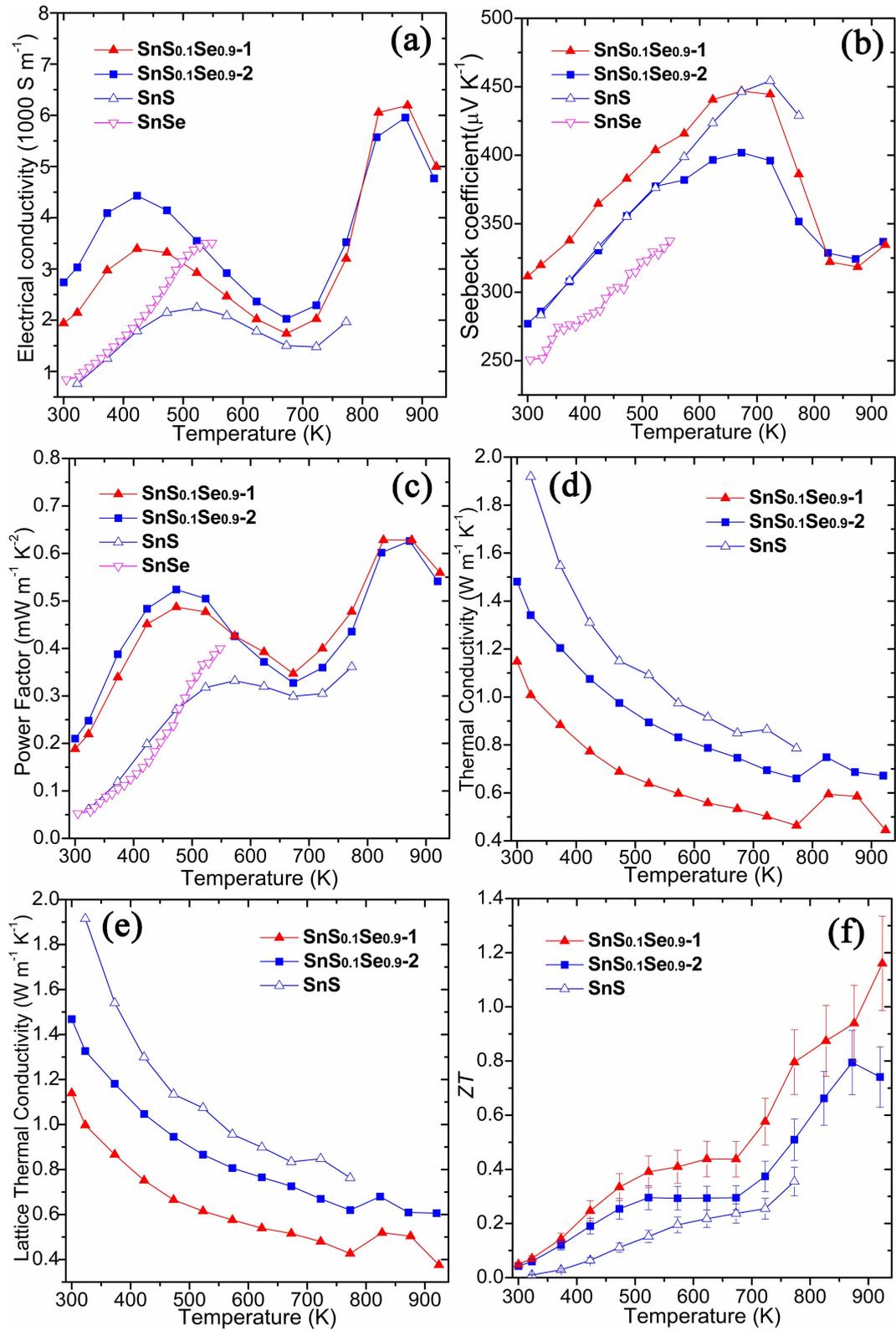
**Figure S23.**  $[F(R)hv]^{1/2}$  vs energy (eV) plots derived from the DR-UV-Vis spectroscopy data for (a)  $SnS_{0.1}Se_{0.9-1}$  and (b)  $SnS_{0.1}Se_{0.9-2}$ .



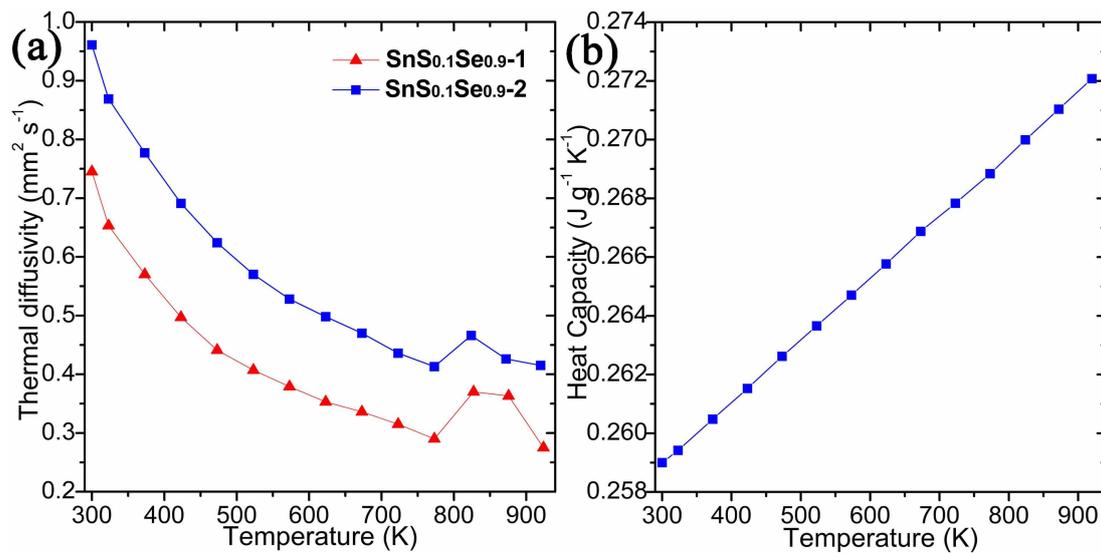
**Figure S24.** TGA (blue) and DTA (red) profiles of (a)  $SnS_{0.1}Se_{0.9-1}$ , (b)  $SnS_{0.1}Se_{0.9-2}$  on heating to 700 °C under  $Ar_{(g)}$ .



**Figure S25.** PXD patterns of crushed samples of  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9-1}$  (red) and  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9-2}$  (blue) after TG-DTA heating under flowing Ar to 700 °C. The indices mark the reflections from the orthorhombic (space group  $Pnma$ ) SnSe(S) structures.



**Figure S26.** Thermoelectric properties of  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9-1}$ ,  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9-2}$ ,  $\text{SnS}$  and  $\text{SnSe}$ <sup>[8]</sup> measured perpendicular to the pressing direction: (a) the Seebeck coefficient ( $S$ ), (b) the electrical conductivity ( $\sigma$ ), (c) the power factor ( $S^2\sigma$ ), (d) the thermal conductivity ( $\kappa$ ), (e) the lattice  $\kappa$  ( $\kappa_L$ ), and (f)  $ZT$  as a function of temperature.



**Figure S27.** (a) Thermal diffusivity of  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9-1}$  (red) and  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9-2}$  (blue) as a function of temperature; (b) calculated heat capacity of  $\text{SnS}_{0.1}\text{Se}_{0.9}$  from the weighted average<sup>[4]</sup> of the reported heat capacities,  $C_p$ , of  $\text{SnSe}$ <sup>[5]</sup> and  $\text{SnS}$ .<sup>[6]</sup>

**Table S1** Crystallographic data for SnS nano/micro-plates synthesised after 2 h boiling

Chemical Formula	SnS
Crystal System	Orthorhombic
Space Group	<i>Pnma</i>
<i>a</i> / Å	11.2052(4)
<i>b</i> / Å	3.9877(2)
<i>c</i> / Å	4.3242(2)
Volume / Å <sup>3</sup>	193.22(2)
<i>Z</i>	4
Formula Weight / g mol <sup>-1</sup>	150.75
Calculated density / g cm <sup>-3</sup>	5.182
R <sub>wp</sub>	0.1687
R <sub>p</sub>	0.1209
χ <sup>2</sup>	3.291

**Table S2** Atomic parameters for SnS nano/micro-plates synthesised after 2 h boiling

Atom	Wyckoff symbol	X	y	Z	100*U <sub>iso</sub> (Å <sup>2</sup> )	Occupancy
Sn	4 <i>c</i>	0.1208(2)	0.2500	0.1153(4)	3.95(9)	1
S	4 <i>c</i>	0.3582(7)	0.2500	0.0115(12)	2.89(27)	1

**Table S3** Crystallographic data for SnS<sub>1-x</sub>Se<sub>x</sub> nano/micro-plates synthesised via 2 h anion exchange (NaHSe:Na<sub>2</sub>SnO<sub>2</sub> molar ratio is 1:1)

Chemical Formula	SnS <sub>0.089(11)</sub> Se <sub>0.911(11)</sub>	SnS
Crystal System	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic
Space Group	<i>Pnma</i>	<i>Pnma</i>
<i>a</i> / Å	11.4919(4)	11.2075(55)
<i>b</i> / Å	4.1507(2)	3.9921(24)
<i>c</i> / Å	4.4334(2)	4.3426(27)
Volume / Å <sup>3</sup>	211.47(2)	194.29(14)
<i>Z</i>	4	4
Formula Weight / g mol <sup>-1</sup>	193.45	150.75
Calculated density / g cm <sup>-3</sup>	6.076	5.154
Phase fraction / wt.%	98.65(1)	1.35(9)
<i>R</i> <sub>wp</sub>	0.1129	
<i>R</i> <sub>p</sub>	0.0845	
$\chi^2$	4.175	

**Table S4** Atomic parameters for SnS<sub>1-x</sub>Se<sub>x</sub> nano/micro-plates synthesised via 2 h anion exchange (1:1 NaHSe:Na<sub>2</sub>SnO<sub>2</sub> molar ratio)

Atom	Wyckoff symbol	x	y	z	100*U <sub>iso</sub> / Å <sup>2</sup>	Occupancy
Sn	4 <i>c</i>	0.1187(1)	0.2500	0.1010(3)	3.54(6)	1
Se	4 <i>c</i>	0.3554(2)	0.2500	0.0165(4)	2.91(11)	0.92(1)
S	4 <i>c</i>	0.3554(2)	0.2500	0.0165(4)	2.91(11)	0.08(1)

**Table S5** Crystallographic data for SnS<sub>1-x</sub>Se<sub>x</sub> nano/micro-plates synthesised with varied NaHSe:Na<sub>2</sub>SnO<sub>2</sub> molar ratios *via* 2 h anion exchange

NaHSe:Na <sub>2</sub> SnO <sub>2</sub> ratio	1.15		1.5	
Chemical Formula	SnS <sub>0.08(2)</sub> Se <sub>0.92(2)</sub>	SnS	SnS <sub>0.06(2)</sub> Se <sub>0.94(2)</sub>	SnS
Crystal System	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic
Space Group	<i>Pnma</i>	<i>Pnma</i>	<i>Pnma</i>	<i>Pnma</i>
<i>a</i> / Å	11.4990(5)	11.1859(79)	11.4994(5)	11.1836(61)
<i>b</i> / Å	4.1541(2)	3.9930(34)	4.1543(2)	4.0011(24)
<i>c</i> / Å	4.4373(3)	4.3529(40)	4.4396(2)	4.3355(29)
Volume / Å <sup>3</sup>	211.96(3)	194.42(21)	212.09(2)	194.00(15)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4	4
Formula Weight / g mol <sup>-1</sup>	193.84	150.75	195.02	150.75
Calculated density / g cm <sup>-3</sup>	6.074	5.150	6.108	5.161
Phase fraction / wt.%	99.06(1)	0.94(11)	98.80(1)	1.20(11)
R <sub>wp</sub>	0.1342		0.1431	
R <sub>p</sub>	0.1000		0.1049	
χ <sup>2</sup>	2.237		2.524	

**Table S6** Crystallographic data for SnS<sub>1-x</sub>Se<sub>x</sub> (and SnS) nano/micro-plates synthesised with varied NaHSe:Na<sub>2</sub>SnO<sub>2</sub> molar ratios *via* 2 h anion exchange

NaHSe:Na <sub>2</sub> SnO <sub>2</sub> ratio	0.8		0.9	
Chemical Formula	SnS <sub>0.25(2)</sub> Se <sub>0.75(2)</sub>	SnS	SnS <sub>0.12(2)</sub> Se <sub>0.88(2)</sub>	SnS
Crystal System	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic
Space Group	<i>Pnma</i>	<i>Pnma</i>	<i>Pnma</i>	<i>Pnma</i>
<i>a</i> / Å	11.4773(15)	11.2209(44)	11.4826(10)	11.1937(55)
<i>b</i> / Å	4.1396(6)	3.9846(18)	4.1451(4)	3.9883(24)
<i>c</i> / Å	4.4271(8)	4.3472(20)	4.4308(5)	4.3416(27)
Volume / Å <sup>3</sup>	210.34(8)	194.37(13)	210.89(5)	193.82(15)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4	4
Formula Weight / g mol <sup>-1</sup>	185.89	150.75	192.03	150.75
Calculated density / g cm <sup>-3</sup>	5.870	5.152	6.048	5.166
Phase fraction / wt.%	94.40(7)	5.60(20)	97.86(3)	2.14(17)
R <sub>wp</sub>	0.1738		0.1630	
R <sub>p</sub>	0.1323		0.1243	
χ <sup>2</sup>	4.069		3.863	

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