

## Supporting Information

### **Nano- and microstructure engineering: an effective method for creating high efficiency magnesium silicide based thermoelectrics**

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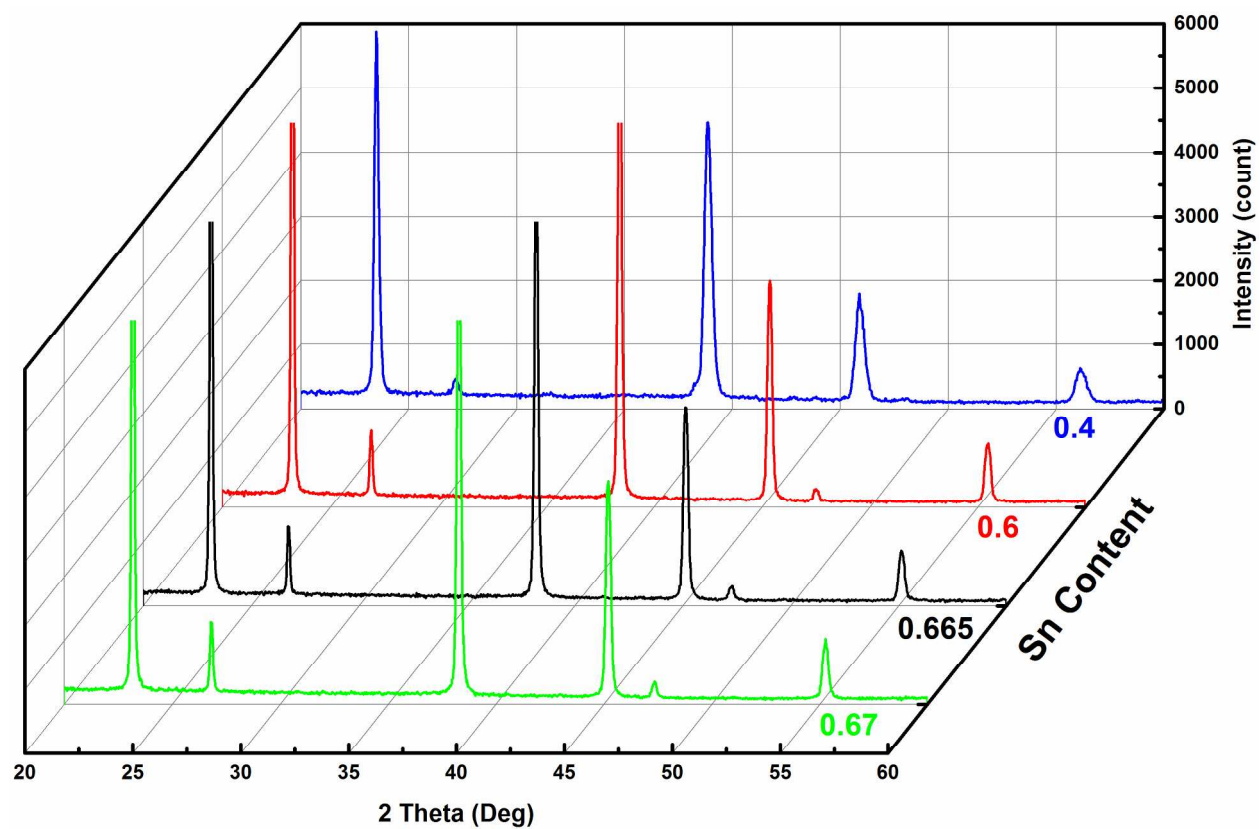
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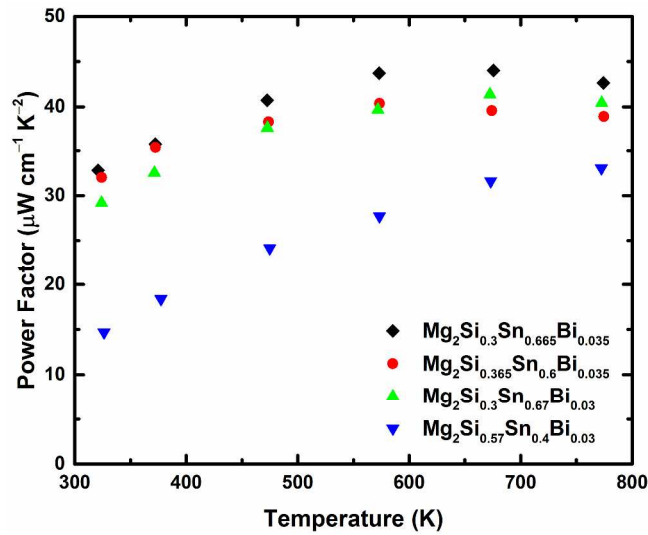
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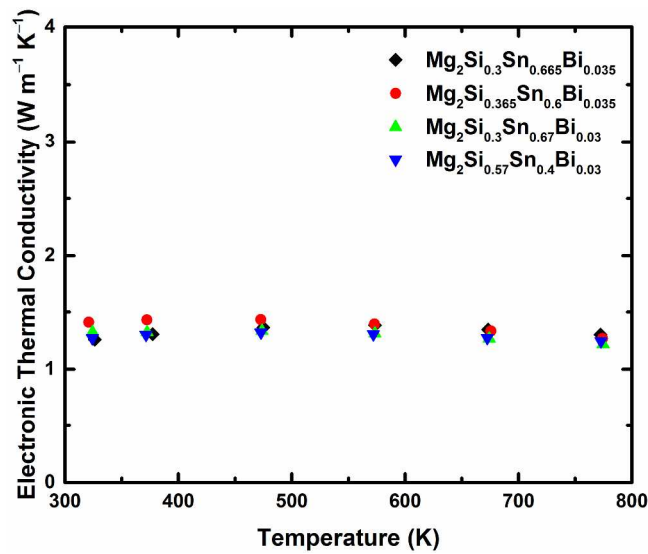
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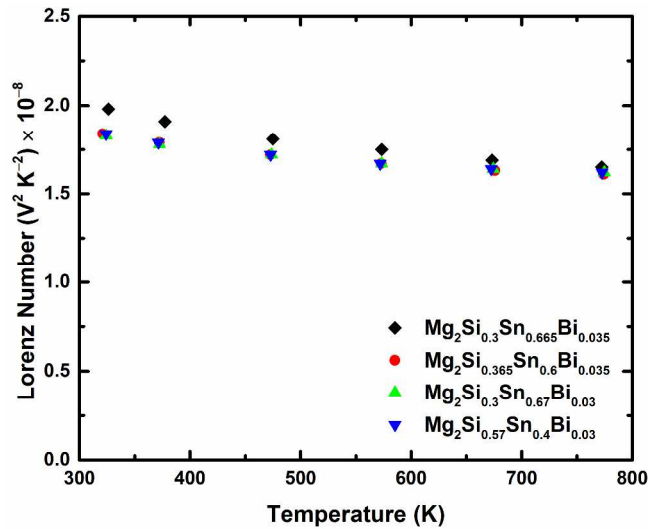
**Fig. S1.** Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of  $\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}_{1-x-y}\text{Sn}_x\text{Bi}_y$  solid solutions.



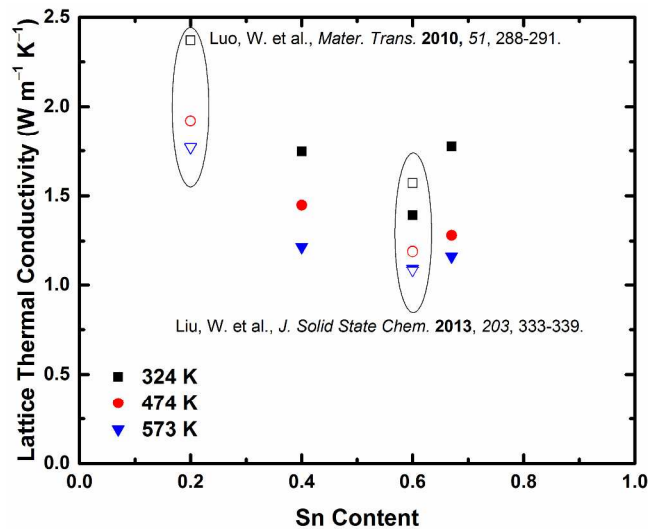
**Fig. S2.** Power factor of the  $\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}_{1-x-y}\text{Sn}_x\text{Bi}_y$  solid solutions.



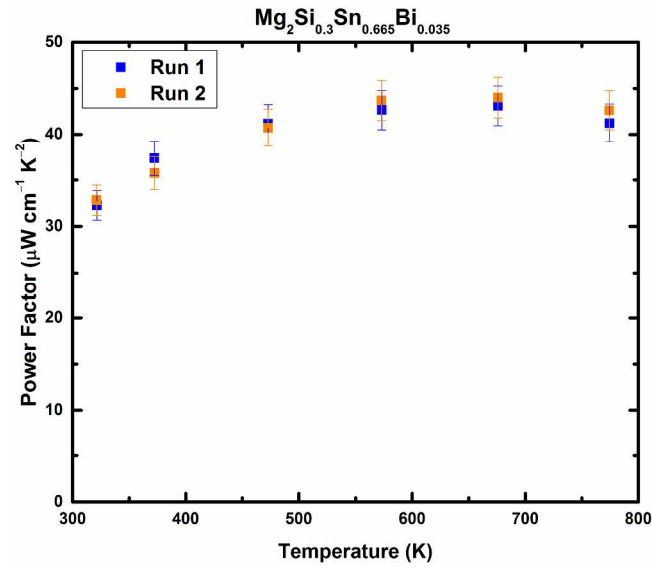
**Fig. S3.** Electronic thermal conductivity of the  $\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}_{1-x-y}\text{Sn}_x\text{Bi}_y$  solid solutions.



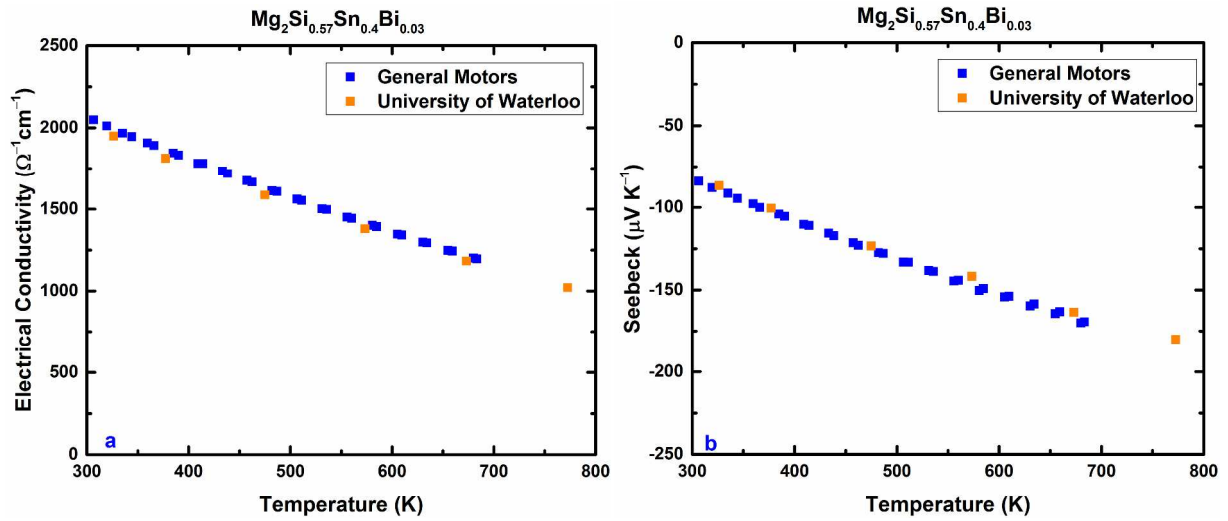
**Fig. S4.** Calculated Lorenz numbers between 300 K and 800 K of the  $Mg_2Si_{1-x}Sn_xBi_y$  solid solutions.



**Fig. S5.** Lattice thermal conductivity of all samples with respect to Sn content including the reported values for Bi doped  $Mg_2Si_{0.8}Sn_{0.2}$  and  $Mg_2Si_{0.4}Sn_{0.6}$  samples.



**Fig. S6.** Power factor of  $\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}_{0.3}\text{Sn}_{0.665}\text{Bi}_{0.035}$  for two consecutive measurements.



**Fig. S7.** Electrical conductivity (a) and Seebeck coefficient (b) of  $\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}_{0.57}\text{Sn}_{0.4}\text{Bi}_{0.03}$  measured at University of Waterloo and General Motors laboratory to examine the consistency of the data.