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ABSTRACT

In this data article, we provide energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX) spectra of the electrospun composite (SnO₂-TiO₂) nanowires with the elemental values measured in atomic and weight%. The linear sweep voltammetry data of composite and its component nanofibers are provided. The data collected in this article is directly related to our research article “Synergistic combination of electronic and electrical properties of SnO₂ and TiO₂ in a single SnO₂-TiO₂ composite nanowire for dye-sensitized solar cells” [1].

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How data was acquired	potentiostat-galvanostat (Autolab PGSTAT30, Eco Chemie B.V., The Netherlands) and energy dispersive X-ray measurements (EDX-720, Shimadzu, Japan)
Data format	analyzed
Experimental factors	50 mg powder samples were pressed into pellets of thickness ~ 1 mm and diameter ~8 mm using a hydraulic press at 5 t for 30 sec.
Experimental features	forward bias range: up to 5 V for linear sweep voltammetry measurement
Data source location	Universiti Malaysia Pahang, Gambang, 26300, Kuantan, Malaysia
Data accessibility	Synergistic combination of electronic and electrical properties of SnO ₂ and TiO ₂ in a single SnO ₂ -TiO ₂ composite nanofibers for dye-sensitized solar cells

Value of the data

- Chemical analysis of composite nanowires using EDX further supports our interpretation homogeneous structure of composite nanowire.
- Linear sweep voltammetry curves presented in this article for nanowires materials would be useful for insight of electrical properties behavior.
- The data obtained can be used in investigating the electrical conductivity of the metals oxide relating to its nature

1. Data

In order to identify the chemical analysis of SnO₂-TiO₂ composite nanofibers (CNFs) synthesized by electrospinning technique [1], EDX analysis was carried out. Three areas of these nanofibers were investigated as shown in Fig. 1. Details of the elemental values of Sn, Ti and O measured in atomic and weight % are listed in Table 1. The electrical properties characterization of the CNFs and counterparts are shown in Fig. 2.

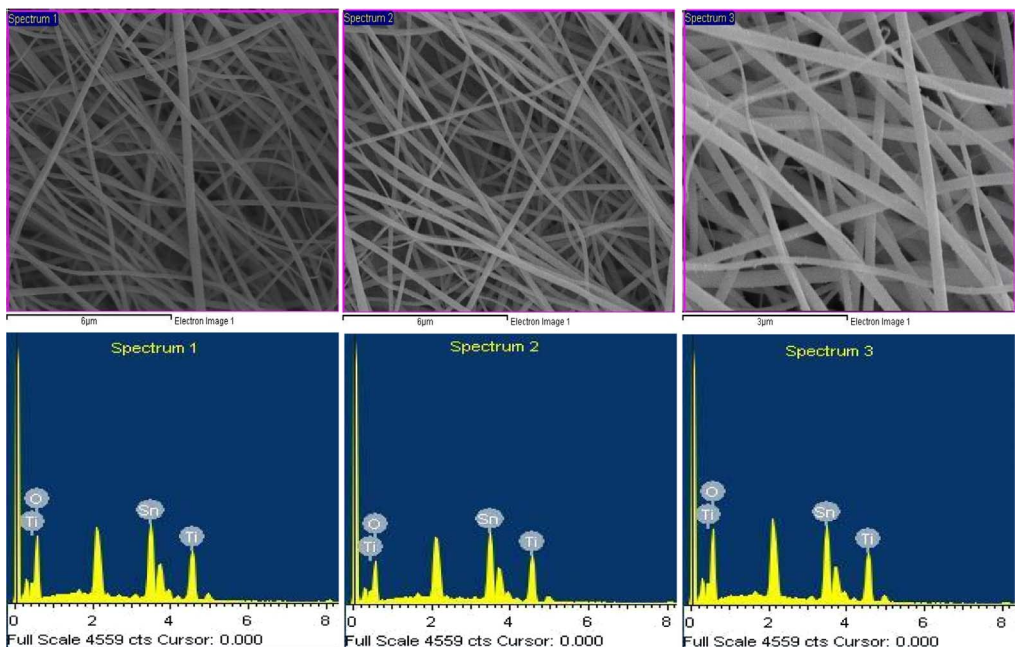
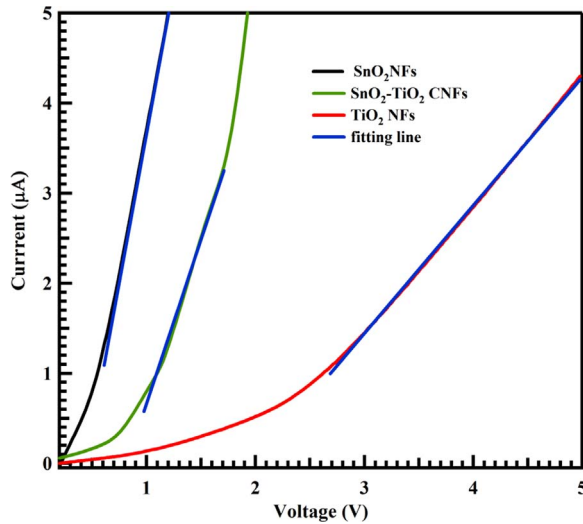


Fig. 1. EDX analysis of the electrospun SnO₂-TiO₂ CNFs composite from three different selected areas.

Table 1EDX weight ratios of electrospun (SnO₂-TiO₂) CNFs using three spectrums focused three distinct areas.

SnO ₂ -TiO ₂ CNFs	Tin (Sn)		Titanium (Ti)		Oxygen (O)	
	Wt. (%)	At. (%)	Wt. (%)	At. %	Wt. (%)	At. (%)
Spectrum 1	39.10	9.67	17.48	10.71	43.41	79.62
Spectrum 2	42.91	11.67	19.99	13.48	37.10	74.85
Spectrum 3	37.05	8.86	17.37	10.29	45.58	80.85

**Fig. 2.** Linear sweep voltammetry of TiO₂ NFs, SnO₂ NFs and SnO₂-TiO₂ CNFs.

2. Experimental design, materials and methods

The chemical composition of the nanofibers was determined by EDX. The three EDX spectrums of the calcined nanofibers at 500 °C, shown in Fig. 1 with the corresponding peaks, indicate the presence of Sn, Ti and O elements. In spectrum 1, the quantity of Sn, Ti and O were 9.67, 10.71 and 79.62, respectively, while in spectrum 2, the values were (11.67, 13.48 and 74.85 measured in atomic % for Sn, Ti and O, respectively). Details of the three EDX spectra of the electrospun (SnO₂-TiO₂) NFs values measured in atomic and weight % are listed in Table 1. Fig. 2 shown the dependence of the applied voltage for CNFs and counterparts measured by linear sweep voltammetry method. SnO₂ shown sharp increase compared to TiO₂. While CNFs is midway. Therefore, CNFs has conductivity midway the counterparts.

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