

Supplementary Materials: Mesoporous WN/WO₃-Composite Nanosheets for the Chemiresistive Detection of NO₂ at Room Temperature

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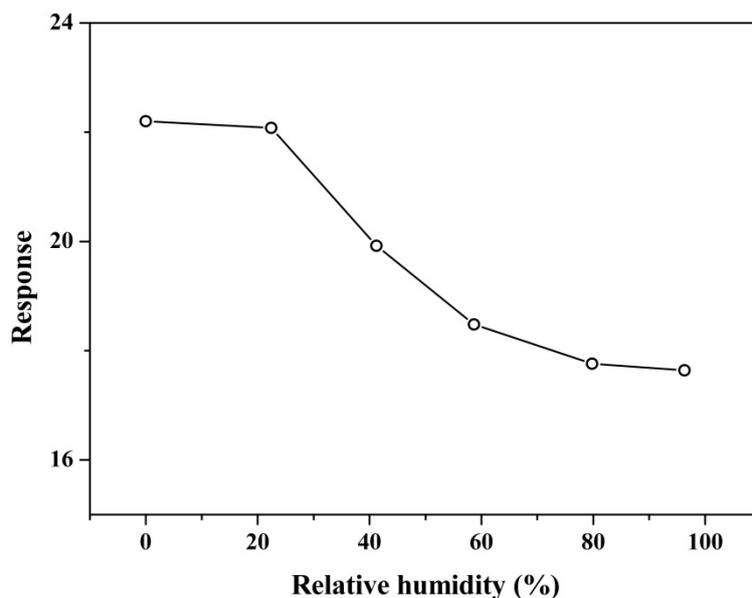


Figure S1. Sensor response of WN/WO₃ composites sensor at RT upon exposure to 200 ppb NO₂ concentration at various relative humidity (RH).

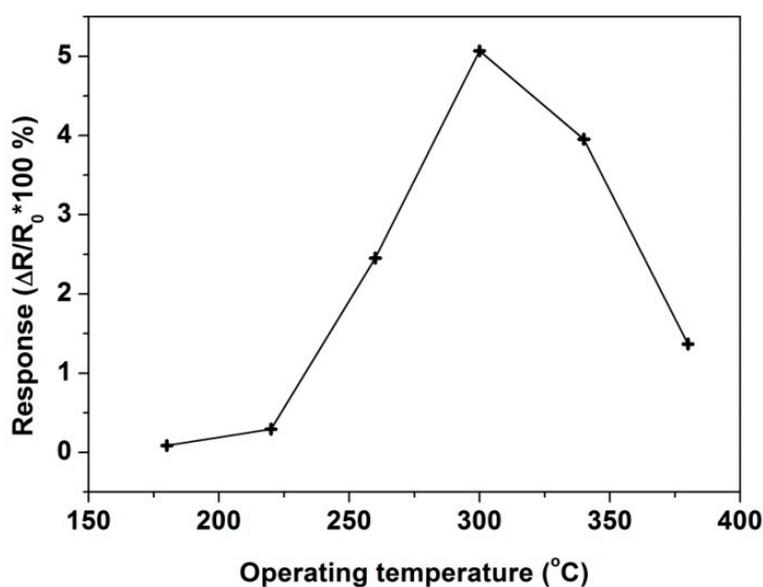


Figure S2. Response of the sensor based on WO₃ nanosheets to 100 ppb NO₂ as a function of the operating temperature.

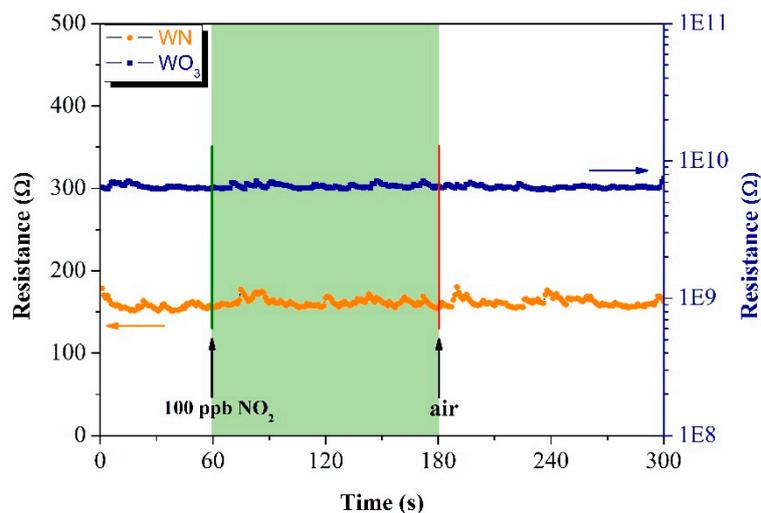


Figure S3. Resistances of the sensors based on WN and WO₃ to 100 ppb NO₂ at room temperature. (The green area represents the sensors in NO₂ gas.)

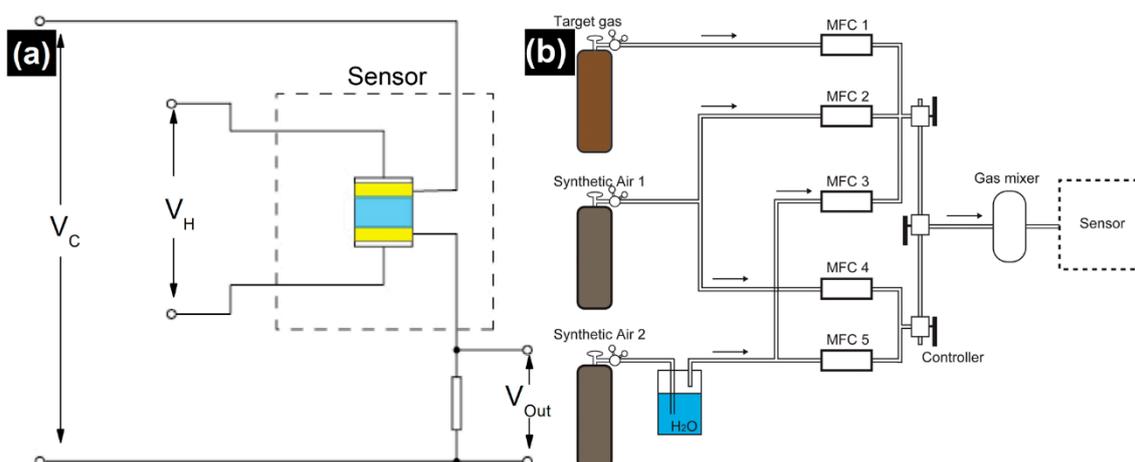


Figure S4. The schematic illustration of (a) gas sensing analysis system and (b) gas mixing line equipment. (The blue color means the sensing films and the yellow color means the electrodes of the sensor.)

Calculation of Theoretical Limit of Detection Using Signal/Noise Ratio

The sensor noise was calculated using the variation in the relative sensor response in the baseline using the root-mean-square deviation (RMSD) [7]. 60 points obtained from Figure 3a before exposure to NO₂ were averaged and a standard deviation (V_{x2}) was gathered as 0.121 (1.21×10^{-1}).

$$RMS_{noise} = \sqrt{\frac{V_{x^2}}{N}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.121}{60}} = 0.0449 \quad (1)$$

where N is the number of data points. The RMS_{noise} was calculated to be 4.49×10^{-2} . According to the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) definition, the signal (S) to noise (N) ratio (S/N) is 3, and the slope is 0.55 from Figure 3b, so that:

$$LOD = 3 \frac{RMS_{noise}}{Slope} = 3 \times 0.0449 \div 0.105 = 1.28 \text{ ppb} \quad (2)$$

Thus, the theoretical NO₂ limit of detection was calculated to be approximately 1.28 ppb in our work.