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Nanowires are one-dimensional nanostructures with a diameter ranging from a few to several tens of nanometres, and a length in the micrometre range. One of the most interesting applications of nanowires is the sensing of specific molecules in gases or liquids, as their peculiar small size and high surface/volume ratio permit achieving a very high sensitivity, up to parts per billion, or even more. The modifications in electrical conductivity caused by the binding of charged species to the surface of the nanowire allows for fast, efficient, and selective sensing. Surface modifications induced by specific functional groups allow for increasing the measurable interactions and enhancing the selectivity of these nanostructures towards specific analytes. This Issue will cover a wide range of research fields in the field of semiconductor nanowires for sensing. Original reviews, communications, and scientific papers focusing on these topics are welcome.

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