Electronic Supporting Information

Polyaniline/(Ta₂O₅-SnO₂) Hybrid Nanocomposite for Efficient Room Temperature CO Gas Sensing

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| Composition | Operating | % response | Response | Recovery |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| | temp. (°C) | | time (s) | time (s) |
| TaSn:PANI(1:0.25) | RRTT | 4.7 | 15 | 13 |
| | 50 | 4.2 | 15 | 12 |
| | 75 | 4.1 | 16 | 14 |
| | 100 | 2.3 | 13 | 15 |
| | 125 | 0.09 | 16 | 18 |
| | 150 | No response | - | - |
| TaSn:PANI(1:0.50) | RRTT | 5.2 | 14 | 13 |
| | 50 | 4.6 | 18 | 15 |
| | 75 | 4.2 | 15 | 14 |
| | 100 | 2.9 | 13 | 16 |
| | 125 | 1.5 | 14 | 15 |
| | 150 | No response | - | - |
| TaSn:PANI(1:0.75) | R RTT | 3.8 | 22 | 20 |
| | 50 | 3.5 | 23 | 22 |
| | 75 | 2.3 | 20 | 24 |
| | 100 | 1.8 | 22 | 21 |
| | 125 | No response | - | - |
| | 150 | No response | - | - |

Table S1: Dynamic range of sense (maximum and minimum CO gas response) for eachcomposition at different operating temperatures.



Figure S1: p-XRD patterns of a) PANI, b) TaSn:PANI (1:0.75), c) TaSn:PANI (1:0.25), d) (Ta₂O₅-SnO₂).



Figure S2: PL emission spectra of hybrid TaSn:PANI (1:0.50), PANI and (Ta₂O₅-SnO₂).



Figure S3: XPS survey spectra of hybrid TaSn:PANI (1:0.50) composite.



Figure S4: Gas sensing results of TaSn:PANI (1:0.25) nano composite for the detection of 10 ppm CO gas at a) RT °C, b) 50 °C, c) 75 °C.



Figure S5: Gas sensing results of TaSn:PANI (1:0.75) hybrid nanocomposite for the detection of 10 ppm CO gas at a) RT °C, b) 50 °C, c) 75 °C.



Figure S6: Sensor response with reference to concentration of CO.



Figure S7: Sensor stability studies for 3 sensors as a function of time with error calculation.