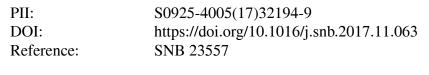
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$SnO_2(n)$ -NiO (p) composite nanowebs: gas sensing

properties and sensing mechanisms

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Highlights

- We optimized SnO₂-NiO nanocomposite sensors for detection of hazardous gases
- Depending on the composition, SnO₂-NiO composite nanowebs showed either n-type or p-type behavior
- The p-n junctions, NiO with high oxygen adsorption capability, and crystallographic defects generated by possible substitution of Ni⁺² in Sn⁺⁴ were the main reasons for the efficient sensing

ABSTRACT

Aiming to optimize SnO₂-NiO nanocomposite sensors for detection of hazardous gases, a series of xSnO₂-

(1-x) NiO composite nanowebs with different compositions (x=0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7, and 0.9) were synthesized

using an electrospinning process. The formation of long and continuous SnO₂-NiO nanowebs was verified.

Depending on the composition, $xSnO_2$ -(1-x) NiO composite nanowebs showed either n-type (SnO₂-rich

composition) or p-type (NiO-rich composition) gas-sensing behavior. The best sensing performance was

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