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1. Introduction and objectives

Continuous monitoring of air quality and the concentration of pollutants is an important factor and a great challenge for researchers. In the past decades the industrial and mobility development raised serious environmental and health safety issues. The reduction of environmental pollution, toxic compounds and explosive gases is essential, thereby, during industrial production, product development and environmental control the continuous monitoring and the accurate measurement of critical pollutant concentration are indispensable.

Gas sensors detect some of the physical parameters or phenomena caused by the chemical reaction of the measurable gas. The detection is converted into an electronic signal and interpreted by direct quantification or via computer connection. Sensors developed in recent decades are able to detect almost every kind of dangerous and flammable gases; however the complexity of their operation leads to high production costs and also to high power consumption in most cases. The inherent advantage of solid state sensors is their fabrication by semiconductor technologies, therefore small-sized, energy-efficient, portable sensor systems can be produced in large quantities. By widespread application of these sensors personal protection equipment and large-scale monitoring networks can be prepared. Implemented in appropriate communication systems (IoT, Internet of Things) sensors can provide faster and more accurate picture of the environmental status than ever. The huge potential of microsensors is well demonstrated by the Japanese example from the 60's¹ when the thin film SnO₂-based carbon-hydrogen detectors were introduced in retail market led to dramatic reduction in the number of residential fire and explosion accidents.

In my thesis I present the development of sensor fabrication technologies to form nanostructured WO₃, a gas sensing semiconductor metal-oxide that utilizes conductivity transduction principle. The thesis also includes a detailed description of the gas sensing properties of the developed sensors tested primarily for NH₃ and H₂S gases in the ppb-ppm concentration range.

The vast majority of gas sensors – especially retail devices² – are fabricated on alumina substrate and approximately 1 W power is necessary for heating their sensing layer to reach the optimum operating temperature. This level of energy consumption is too high for portable systems powered by battery³. The easiest way to achieve lower energy consumption is the reduction of the sensing area and the improvement of its heat insula-

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tion. The latter is not only important for total optimal energy consumption but also for integration of the electrical signal processor and different sensors on the same chip⁴. Different mathematical models can improve the selectivity and accuracy of sensing and/or classification of gas mixtures using a multi-element system⁵. Therefore the energy-efficient, high temperature micro-hotplate is an important component of the sensor. During my work I used micro-hotplates that had been developed in the MFA MEMS laboratory and improved for optimum thermomechanical properties by Ferenc Bíró⁶. My job was to integrate the unique preparation steps of different nanostructured WO₃ sensing layers into the fabrication sequence.

Tungsten-oxide is an n-type semiconductor with 2.6-3.6 eV band gap energy⁷ and used not only in catalytic/photocatalytic and electrochromic applications, but also as the active layer of solid state gas sensors. Among others WO₃ is a widely examined material, because its many different morphologies and structures are potential candidates for gas sensing.

By the rapid development of nanotechnology processes, materials with well-controllable nanostructures can be prepared (e.g. WO₃), which opened new opportunities in sensor research. In the preparation of semiconductor metal-oxide solid state gas sensors the elaboration of appropriate metal-oxide structures and their processing compatibility with mass fabrication technologies of Si microtechnology is equally important.

The main motivation of my doctoral work was to develop WO₃-based gas sensors that – due to their new nanostructures – are able to detect certain gases in a quick, stable and selective manner. In order to achieve these properties I prepared nanostructured WO₃-based systems and thin layers by alternative technologies and compared their gas sensing characteristics. I doped the WO₃ structures with gold and platinum particles by different technologies to investigate the effect of sensitization. The preparation of nanostructured WO₃ layers were performed by wet-chemical processes, taking into consideration the future implementation possibilities of the preparation steps into mass fabrication technology. Therefore, significant part of my research was the design and application of the entire sensor preparation technology.

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2. Experimental methods

The hexagonal WO₃ samples of different morphologies were synthesized by wet-chemical processes. Pure WO₃ nanocrystals, which can be prepared by acid-catalyzed hydrolysis at room temperature have monoclinic crystal structure⁸, however combined with certain „contaminants” nanoparticles of other crystal structures can be formed. The Na⁺ content of all precursors (Na₂WO₄*2H₂O) used during the synthesis facilitates the development of stable, hexagonal crystal-structured WO₃ nanocrystals. Apart from the precursors, the presence of other salts also contributes to the development of different morphologies. Certain additives and cleaning steps also affect the evolving morphologies. Investigating several materials I treated all samples in a sealed autoclave at 120-180 °C. As a result of the optimal nucleation process I synthesized hexagonal crystal-structured WO₃ nanorods, nanonets and nanocarnations.

The chip size reduction can be achieved by proper adaptation of some special microelectromechanical (MEMS) processes to the standard CMOS technology. With MEMS technologies sensors can be fabricated cost efficiently in minimum size and large quantity. The technique includes the masking, doping, etching and layer-depositing processes and can be supplemented with other unique steps. The membrane-structure is prepared by back side silicon bulk etching method and of course by appropriate layer-depositing and etching techniques. The operation of the Taguchi-type gas sensors needs elevated temperature to facilitate the ad- and chemisorption of gases (oxygen, water) which lead to the conductivity change of the sensing layer. The energy consumption of the device can be reduced by decreasing its size and by using appropriate thermal insulation. Therefore the sensors consist of a heated membrane that supports the sensing layer and an interdigital electrode for read-out. Most of the micro-hotplates operate steadily at elevated temperature (150-600 °C). Our micro-hotplate can achieve 400-500 °C with 20 mW power dissipation. During my work I deposited WO₃ samples of different morphologies by suspension dropping method onto the middle of the micro-hotplates. Having been dried the samples were tested for NH₃ gas in 10-100 ppm concentration range.

WO₃ nanorods with 70 nm diameter showed the most advantageous characteristics. To increase the sensitivity and enhance selectivity the sensing layer can be activated with certain other metals (or semi-metals)⁹. The most effective way is the sensitization with catalytic noble metals¹⁰. In my work I prepared platinum and gold nanoparticles and added them to the suspension of the WO₃ nanorod samples. The noble metal sensitized sensors were tested for ammonia and hydrogen-sulfide gas in the ppb-ppm concentration range.

Another main objective of my work was to develop a sensor layer-fabrication technology that can be easily integrated into the wafer-scale MEMS process. Taking these requirements into consideration I also prepared porous WO₃ thin layers in two ways (sol-gel and electrochemical etching) and optimized the processes such as to achieve the highest possible pore volume, while preserving the chemical and physical stability of the layer.

By sol-gel process well-controllable thin layers can be synthesized. Mesoporous WO₃ thin films were deposited on oxidized silicon substrate using different tenside concentrations. The objective of these experiments was to prepare layers with the highest possible pore volume meanwhile sustaining the compact and uniform layer. The used non-ionic Pluronic F127 tenside forms sphere micelles in the layer. After a heat treatment the finalized porous structure is created by the holes left behind by these sphere micelles. The prepared sols were selectively deposited on the micro-hotplate surface by

spin-coating combined with lift-off technique to achieve optimal layer thickness. In order to implement this process into fabrication technology I had to make minor modifications of the basic sensor structure.

Another widely applied method for controlled preparation of porous metal-oxide layer is the electrochemical dissolution process - also known as anodization. The structure of the metal-oxides produced this way is controllable within certain limits. On one hand it depends on the electronic characteristics of the initial metal (wolfram in my case), its contaminants and orientation, on the other hand also depends on the applied experimental parameters during the anodization; such as composition and concentration of the electrolyte, the temperature and the applied current density. In order to achieve optimum parameters I used 0.3 M oxalic acid – that is described in the literature as showing the best etching properties¹¹ – at room temperature and investigated the effect of current density. During the experiments I let the process run at constant voltage until the current reached the range of mA. The complete lateral etching and oxidization of the wolfram metal are preconditions of the sensor functionality, preferably forming a pore system perpendicular to the metal surface. I integrated this process into the chip production technology by developing a laterally selective etching method, however I had to apply minor modifications of the basic sensor structure.

The mesoporous WO₃ thin layers prepared in these two ways were also sensitized by noble metals, which initiate changes either inside the structure or on the surface of the layer and could lead to increased gas sensitivity.

In the first method, I doped the surface of the WO₃ sensor layer with noble metal (for porous WO₃, the inside surface of the pores), so it can achieve higher gas sensitivity. The quality of the noble metal could affect the gas selectivity. The noble metal nanoparticles deposited on the layer surface by dropping were usually separated; however in some case they formed smaller aggregates.

The mesoporous WO₃ thin layers prepared by sol-gel or electrochemically etching technique were also sensitized with ALD Pt-layer in order to compare the effect of metal deposition techniques on gas sensor sensitivity. As the Pt-layer was to deposit inside the pores, precursor pulses and intermediate purging phases had to be extended, allowing the products to diffuse into the pores, and let the unreacted precursors and by-products to leave the surface. These modifications enhance the activation by covering the entire surface of the porous WO₃ thin layers.

3. Results

3.1 Preparation and comparison of different WO₃ nanocrystals

In the first part of my work, I prepared WO₃ samples with hexagonal crystal structure and different nano-morphologies. The additives and the purification processes used in the preparation play an important role in the formation of appropriate crystal structure and morphology. The tungsten-oxide samples prepared by hydrothermal process using Na₂SO₄ formed bundles of 50 to 70 nm diameter nanorods that can be separated by ultrasonic treatment. All the WO₃ layers were droplet deposited in suspended form to the micro-hotplate and dried. Sensors were tested with 10-100 ppm ammonia gas. I concluded that both the morphology of the samples and the "impurities" have high influence on the gas sensitivity. The 50-70 nm diameter nanorod structured WO₃ showed excellent gas detection properties. This sensor exhibited fast response and regeneration time with a stable signal to NH₃ concentration below 100 ppm (*Figure 1.*). Comparing the bundled and separated nanorod structures the separated sample presented 5-times higher gas sensitivity due to the comparability of the diameter and the space charge layer thickness.

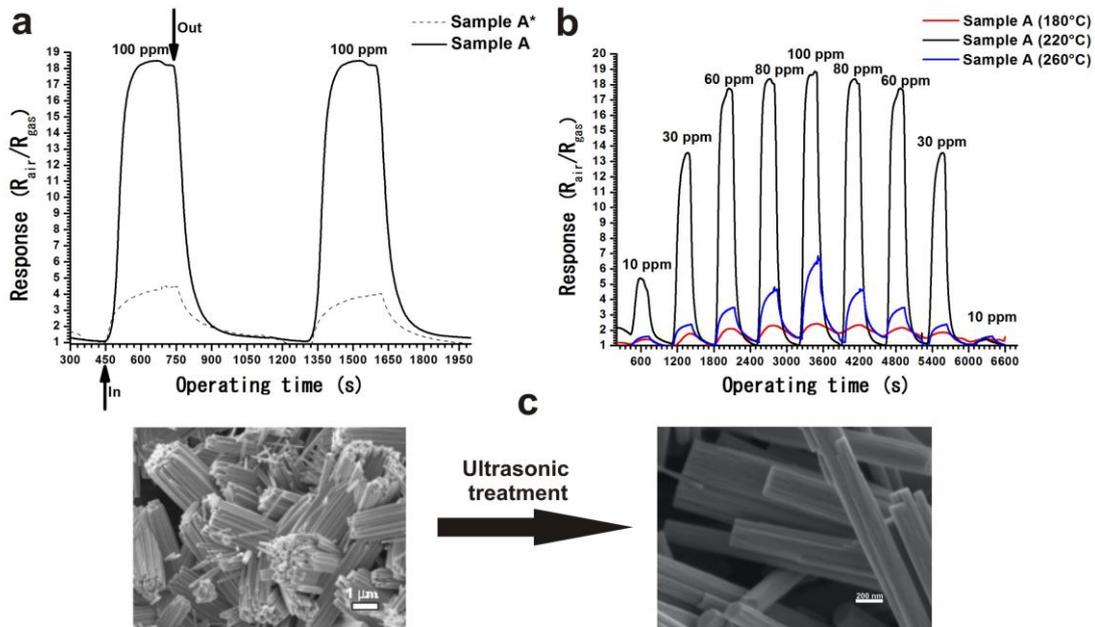


Figure 1. (a) Response of Na₂SO₄ catalyzed WO₃ layers with and without ultrasonic treatment for 100 ppm NH₃, and (b) response of ultrasonic treated WO₃ layers tested for different temperatures. (c) SEM views of the two different WO₃ samples.

3.2 Metal activated nanocrystals and their gas selectivity

In order to increase the gas selectivity and sensitivity, WO₃ nanorod samples were sensitized with gold and platinum nanoparticles. I tested the prepared gas sensors with ammonia and hydrogen-sulfide gases and found that the gold nanoparticles significantly increased the H₂S sensitivity and selectivity (5-times higher sensitivity compared to the non-doped sample). The sensors also reliably measure hydrogen-sulfide in the low (ppb) concentration range. The signal of the sensors can be characterized by 30-60 s response time and slow (300 s) regeneration time. During the regeneration of the sensor two separate processes can be distinguished: rapid regeneration (oxygen chemisorption) on bare WO₃ and slow sulphur desorption in the vicinity of gold particles (*Figure 2.*).

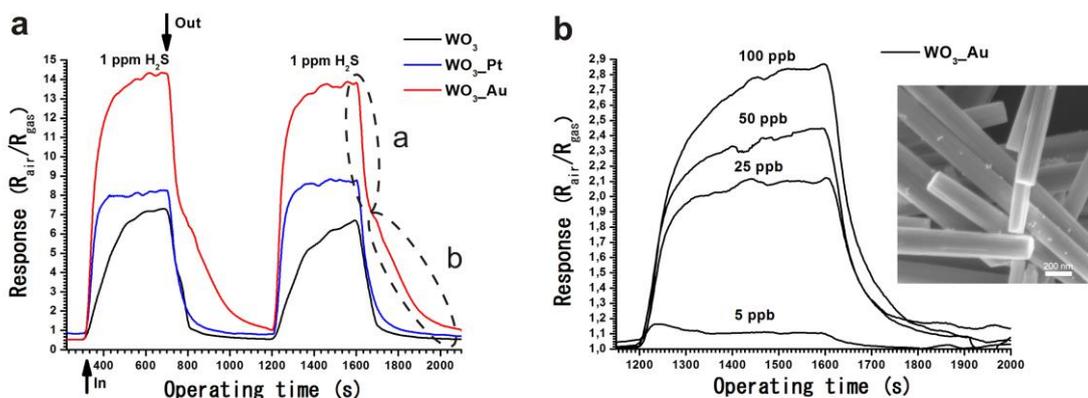


Figure 2. Signal shape of pure and metal-activated hexagonal WO_3 nanorod layers for 1 ppm H_2S gas concentration at 260 °C. (b) SEM image and signal shape of the gold nanoparticles activated WO_3 layers for H_2S gas below 1 ppm at 260 °C.

3.3 Mesoporous WO_3 layers

As the drop coating technique used to deliver the sensing WO_3 onto the micro-hotplate surface did not provide reproducible layers, the second part of the dissertation focuses on wafer-scale, microtechnology compatible techniques for preparation of mesoporous WO_3 thin films on the surface of micro-hotplates. Pluronic F127 surfactant was used to increase the pore volume of thin films prepared by sol-gel technique. Using a 0.8 mM surfactant and 300 °C heat treatment I achieved a compact mesoporous layer of characteristic 5 to 20 nm pore diameter (Figure 3.).

Additionally, I prepared porous WO_3 layer by electrochemical etching of deposited wolfram metal layer. The completely etched layer has perpendicular pores to the surface.

The process parameters of the two porous structures were optimized to achieve the maximum pore volume while maintaining the compact, contiguous layer with uniform properties. For better functional comparability, I set the film thickness of both WO_3 layers at 200 nm.

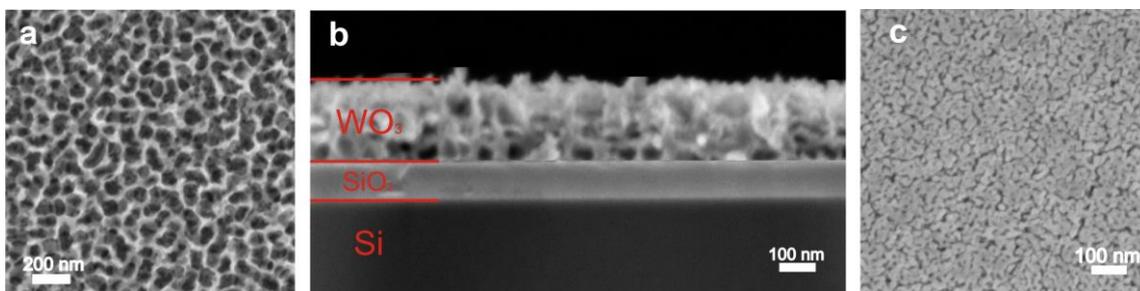


Figure 3. (a) SEM image of the electrochemically formed (55 V) and heat treated WO_3 thin layer at 400 °C. (b) Sectional SEM image of WO_3 layer (~250 nm) anodized from 200 nm wolfram metal on 55 V constant voltage. (c) SEM image of the WO_3 thin layer prepared with sol-gel method.

3.4 Noble metal doped mesoporous WO_3 thin layers

I activated the surface of the WO_3 sensing layer with noble metal (in case of porous WO_3 , the inside of the pores) in order to achieve higher gas sensitivity. The material quality of the noble metal influenced the gas selectivity. The metal nanoparticles applied by the dropping technique are separate, or they may form smaller aggregates on the surface of the layer. Calculating with a drop of 150 μm diameter mesoporous WO_3 and 1 nM nanoparticle concentration, approximately 50 to 70 individual noble metal nanoparticles appear on the lateral surface of 1 μm^2 WO_3 .

The mesoporous WO_3 thin films were sensitized with atomic layer deposited (ALD) platinum and also with drop delivered noble metal nanoparticles. Applying extended pulses and purgetime the surface of the mesoporous layers can be uniformly coated with ALD platinum along the 200 nm depth of pores. However, instead of contiguous layers, evenly distributed, well-separated Pt particles of 2-5 nm diameters were found over the surface (*Figure 4.*).

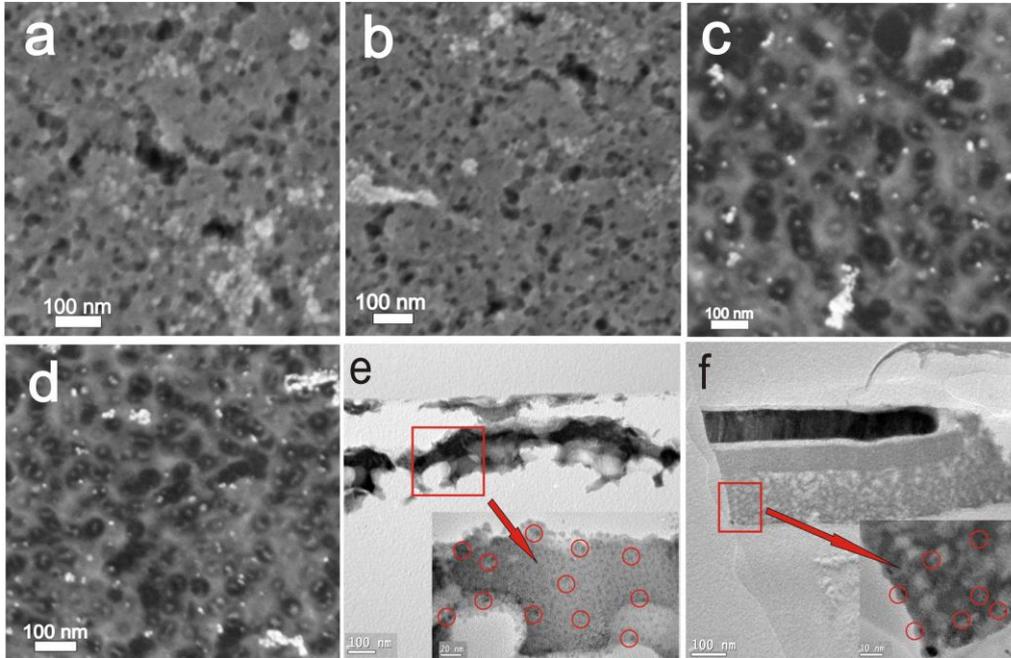


Figure 4. Droplet-deposited gold (a) and platinum (b) nanoparticles on sol-gel formed mesoporous WO_3 layers (SEM views), Anodized WO_3 layers sensitized with gold (c) and platinum (d) nanoparticles (SEM views) Anodized (e) and sol-gel formed (f) WO_3 layer sensitized with ALD Pt (TEM views).

3.5 Mesoporous WO_3 sensing layers

The advantage of thin films over the piles of nanorods is that they have stable and reproducible structure, but typically exhibit less sensitivity. In my experiments, I examined the sensitivity and signal characteristics for NH_3 and H_2S gases of all layers (non-doped, platinum and gold nanoparticle sensitized and the ALD platinum doped). The responses of the electrochemically formed and sol-gel WO_3 layers clearly show that the noble metal doped samples exhibit higher sensitivity at all temperatures and at all gas concentrations than non-doped WO_3 references when exposed to hydrogen-sulfide gas. For H_2S gas the layers doped with ALD platinum have significantly increased sensitivity by more than one order of magnitude, and on the other hand, the responses of the sample doped with gold nanoparticles are higher than the layer doped with platinum nanoparticles. The analyzed parameters of the gas sensors are therefore strongly depend on the nanostructure of the WO_3 layer and the operating temperature. For H_2S , stable, reproducible signal characteristics were obtained at ~ 220 °C, and for NH_3 at ~ 260 °C (*Figure 5.*). The electrochemically formed WO_3 sensor showed quick response and regeneration time acceptable in practice ($t_{90} < 45$ s). Another difference in signal characteristic is that the noble metal activated sensors are much more sensitive for H_2S than for NH_3 . Typical response signal is 5-7 times higher for H_2S , which offers selective sensing of hydrogen sulfide. Selective gas detection can be achieved by operating the two types at different temperatures. The phenomena of sensitivity and selectivity were also explained and verified by calculating the activation energies of adsorption mechanism.

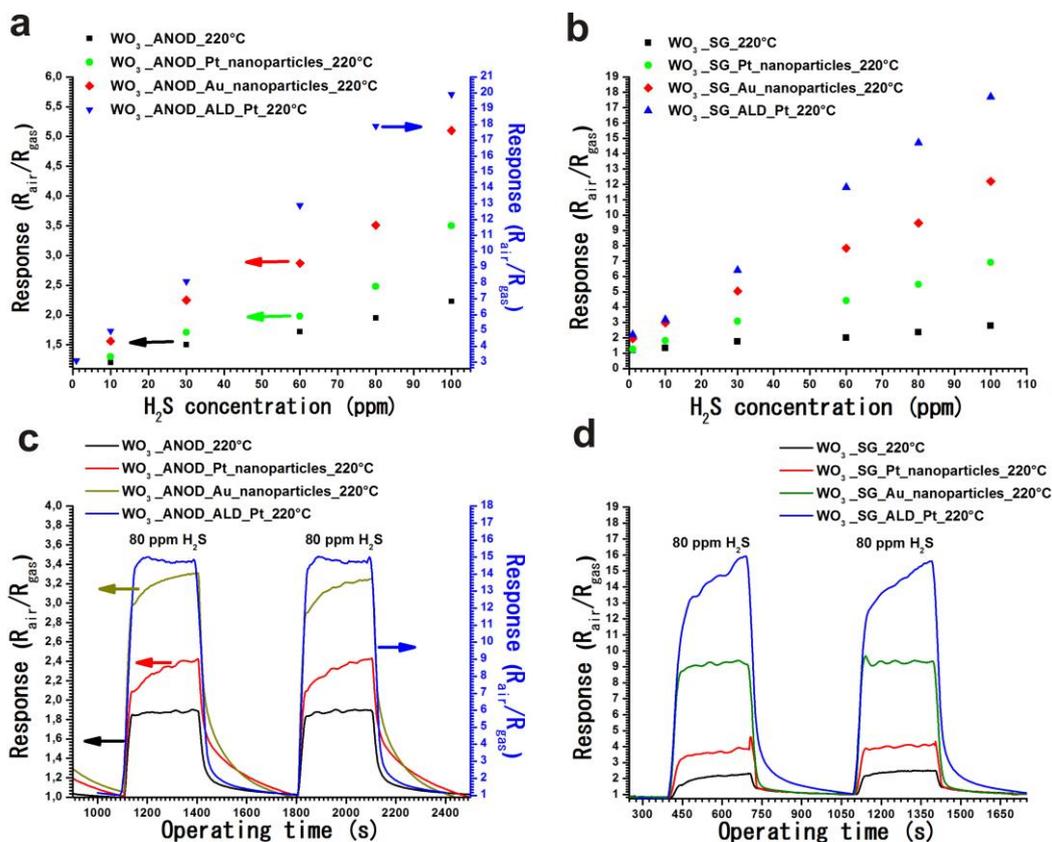


Figure 5. Responses of electrochemically formed (a) and sol-gel deposited (b) layers for H₂S exposure. Transients of electrochemically (c) and sol-gel (d) formed sensors for pulse-type exposure of 80 ppm H₂S.

3.6 Comparison of WO₃ nanorod based and electrochemically prepared sensors in H₂S gas measurement

Gold nanoparticles activated WO₃ nanorods and ALD platinum sensitized porous WO₃ thin films synthesized by anodization method showed the highest sensitivity and selectivity (stable and quick response) for H₂S gas. The gold nanoparticles sensitized WO₃ nanorods-based sensor exhibits 9-times higher sensitivity at optimum operating temperature than the ALD platinum coated porous (anodized) WO₃ thin-film. The difference can be explained by the higher sensitizing effect of gold particles and the structural difference of WO₃ layers. The gold metal activated WO₃ nanorods (~30 s) and ALD platinum coated mesoporous WO₃ thin layer (~45 s) sensors have small difference between the response time for hydrogen-sulfide (t₉₀), however the differences between their regeneration time and signal characteristics are much more significant. While the signal of anodized, Pt coated WO₃ sensor has “fast” desorption kinetics (~100 s), signal of the gold-doped WO₃ nanorods sample consists of two different reactions, and therefore has much longer regeneration time (~300 s) (Figure 6).

A sensor can be applied in practice if the responses are reproducible and stable during long-term testing. The sensitivity of 3-3 pieces of the two structures was investigated for a 1 week-long continuous measurement for cyclic exposure to 10 ppm H₂S gas (stability test). None of the samples' sensitivity reduced during the measurement. The small variation of the signal response may be attributed to the fluctuation of the baseline. The difference in the stability test is that while the wafer-scale technology prepared, ALD platinum coated porous WO₃ samples had minor variance of sensitivity (<1 %), the gold nanoparticle activated WO₃ samples were prepared by dropping had higher variance of sensitivity (8 %) (Figure 6).

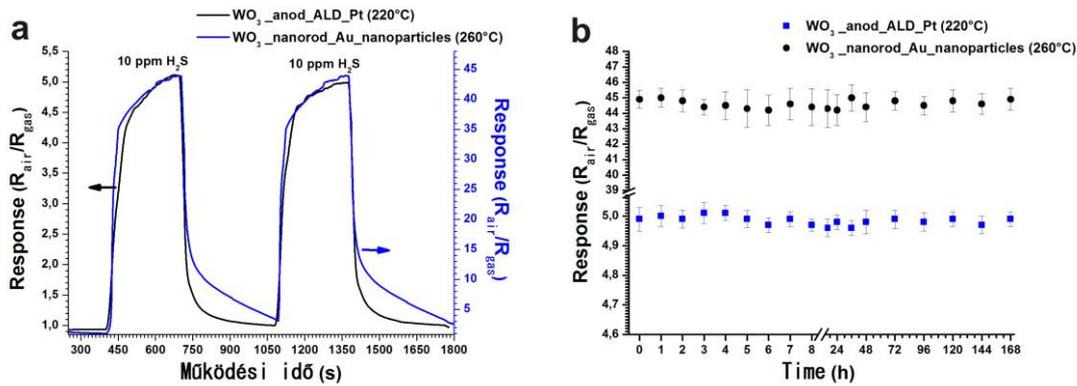


Figure 6. Sensor signals (a) and stability test (b) of gold nanoparticle activated WO_3 nanorods and ALD platinum sensitized porous WO_3 thin-films synthesized by anodization method for 10 ppm H_2S gas.

4. List of theses

1. I synthesized hexagonal crystal-structured WO_3 nanocrystal suspension of different morphologies by hydrothermal method in presence of Na_2SO_4 , K_2SO_4 , NaCl , and first using ZnSO_4 additives. Gas sensing properties of the WO_3 layers drop deposited on the surface of micro-hotplates were compared with layers formed by sol-gel process, anodization and reactive deposition methods [1][2].
2. I have experimentally determined how the characteristic geometric dimensions influence the sensitivity of the nanostructured WO_3 gas sensors. Bundles of 50-70 nm diameter nanorods were formed by hydrothermal process and Na_2SO_4 additive layers, which can be separated by ultrasonic treatment. Comparing the two structures of different diameters, I found that the sensor with smaller rod diameter exhibits 5-times higher sensitivity due to the comparability of the diameter and space charge layer thickness. The phenomenon is similar to the known effect for thin films, however in my case the dimensional effect is much more intense [2].
3. Investigating gold and platinum nanoparticles sensitized WO_3 nanorods I have determined that gold-doped sensors can selectively detect H_2S over 25 ppb. These sensors are characterized by 30 to 60 s response and slow (300 s) regeneration times. During the regeneration of the sensor two separate processes can be distinguished: rapid regeneration (oxygen chemisorption) on bare WO_3 and slow sulphur desorption in the vicinity of gold particles [3][4].
4. I have developed wafer-scale, laterally selective mesoporous WO_3 thin film processes to cover the micro-hotplate surface by sol-gel method or electrochemical etching of a W layer. For the MEMS compatible layer preparation by sol-gel method (lift-off, photolithography, etc.) I have used for the first time Pluronic F127 tenside for pore volume extension. I have experimentally determined that compact mesoporous layer with 5-20 nm pore diameter can be achieved by heat treatment at 300 °C with 0.014 : 0.0046 : 1 (WCl_6 : F127 : ethanol) mol ratio and 0.8 mM tenside concentration. At higher temperatures the layer becomes fragmented, whereas higher tenside concentrations is not suitable for layer formation [5][6].

5. For the first time, I integrated the electrochemical process in the sensor fabrication technology to selectively form porous WO₃ layer on the top of micro-hotplates. By electrochemical etching with 0.3 M oxalic acid and constant voltage (55 V) I prepared WO₃ layer with pores of 50-70 nm diameter and perpendicular to the surface. I experimentally determined the required processing parameters for the completely etched 220 – 250 nm thick porous WO₃ film (200 nm wolfram layer and approximately 20 minutes of etching) [6].
6. For the first time I used atomic layer deposition technique for sensitizing the nanostructured sensing layer of a conductivity-type gas sensor. By the extension of pulses (0.4 and 4 s) and purge (15 s) time the surface of the sol-gel or electrochemically formed mesoporous layers can be uniformly coated with Pt along the pore depth of 200 nm. I found that during the nucleation period of layer growth the nominally 8 nm thick Pt does not form contiguous layer, but composed of 2–5 nm diameter metal particles evenly distributed over the surface. [6].
7. I concluded that the sensitivity and dynamics of gas sensors are significantly depend on the nanostructure of the WO₃ layer and also on the operating temperature. For H₂S stabile, reproducible signal characteristics were obtained at ~ 220 °C, whereas for NH₃ ~ 260 °C proved the best. The electrochemically formed WO₃ sensor showed quick response and regeneration time making them realistic in practice (t₉₀<45 s). Selective gas detection can be achieved by operating the two types of sensors at different temperatures. The phenomena of sensitivity and selectivity were also explained and verified by calculating the activation energies of adsorption mechanisms [6].

5. List of publications

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