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**Xylene sensing performance of WO$_3$ decorated anatase TiO$_2$ nanoparticles as a sensing material for gas sensor**

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Figure S1 (a) sketch of the structure of the gas sensor, (b) The WS-30A system (Weisheng Instruments Co., Zhengzhou, China), and (c) basic working principle of gas sensor test.
Figure S2 Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms of as-synthesized 7.5 mol% WO$_3$ decorated TiO$_2$ nanoparticles, and the inset is the corresponding pore size distributions.
**Figure S3** Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms of as-synthesized 20.0 mol% WO$_3$ decorated TiO$_2$ nanoparticles, and the inset is the corresponding pore size distributions.
Figure S4 (a) XPS survey spectrum of the 7.5 mol% WO$_3$ decorated TiO$_2$ nanoparticles, (b) high-resolution XPS spectrum of O 1s, (c) Ti 2p, and (d) W 4f for 7.5 mol% WO$_3$ decorated TiO$_2$ nanoparticles.
Figure S5 (a) XPS survey spectrum of the 20.0 mol% WO$_3$ decorated TiO$_2$ nanoparticles, (b) high-resolution XPS spectrum of O 1s, (c) Ti 2p, and (d) W 4f for 20.0 mol% WO$_3$ decorated TiO$_2$ nanoparticles.