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An Excellent Humidity Sensor based on In-SnO₂ Loaded Mesoporous Graphitic Carbon Nitride

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Fabrication and performance test of humidity sensors

The procedure for sensor fabrication and %RH sensing measurements was similar to that described in our earlier reported work.^{1,2} In a typical experimental procedure, the ceramic substrate (13.4mm x 7mm x 0.5mm) consisting of 5 pairs of Ag-Pd interdigitated electrodes were utilized to measure humidity response. To prepare the sensors, a paste of 1:20 weight ratio of sample/ethanol was drop coated on the substrate (between the Ag-Pd tracks) using a 10 μ L pipette, where after, the sample coated substrate was left for drying in oven for 2h at 60 °C to form a sensing film of thickness of \sim 10 μ m. The humidity sensing experiments were performed at 25 °C in controlled %RH environments generated by using self made air-tight chambers containing saturated aqueous salts solution of high purity salts of LiCl (11 %RH), MgCl₂•6H₂O (33 %RH), MgNO₃•4H₂O (54 %RH), NaCl (75 %RH), KCl (84 %RH) and K₂SO₄ (98 %RH).¹ During the measurements, the sample coated substrate was put sequentially into the six chambers with different %RH for the uptake of water molecules and impedance changes were measured using a two-probe LCR Hitester (Hioki 3532-50). A 1V AC voltage with frequency ranging from 50 Hz to 5 kHz was applied. The effects of exposing the sensor to laboratory environmental conditions were minimized by quickly completing the chamber change process within 1 s.

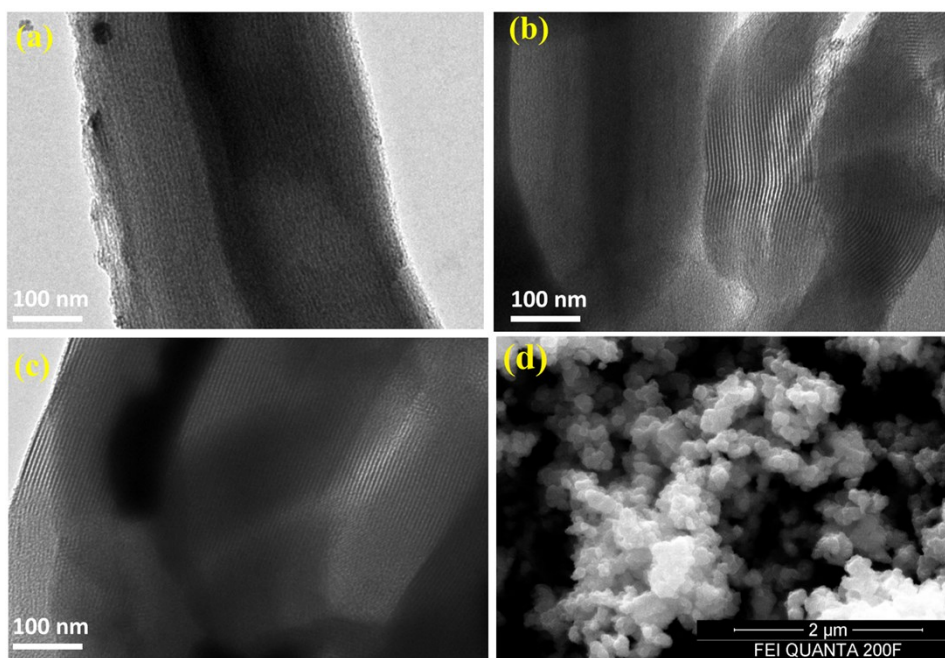


Figure S1: (a-c) Low resolution TEM image and (d) SEM image showing morphology and microstructure of nanocasted mesoporous In-SnO₂/meso-CN nanocomposite

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