## **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

## Highly infrared sensitive VO<sub>2</sub> nanowire as nano-optical device

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Figure S1: The optimized monoclinic structure of (a)  $CO_2$  gas molecule adsorbed on 1D  $VO_2$ , (b)  $N_2$  gas molecule adsorbed on  $VO_2$  nanowire and (c)  $SO_2$  gas molecule adsorbed on  $VO_2$  nanowire structure.

Table S1: Structural parameters of 1D VO<sub>2</sub> rutile and monoclinic structure nanowires calculated within GGA and GGA+U method. The experimental values [18] of V-V bond length of bulk VO<sub>2</sub> is also given for comparison.

Structure	Lattice constant, a (Å)	V-V bond length for VO <sub>2</sub> NW(Å)	V-V bond length in bulk VO <sub>2</sub>		
			GGA	GGA+U	Expt [1]
VO <sub>2</sub> (R)	5.70	2.86	3.01	2.81	2.85
VO <sub>2</sub> (M)	5.73	2.60	2.47	2.56	2.66
		3.13	3.12	3.16	3.12

Table S2: Table for polarization and magnetic moment for VO<sub>2</sub>(R) and VO<sub>2</sub>(M)

Structure	Polarization	Magnetic moment (Bohr magneton)
$VO_2(M)$	0	0.30
$VO_2(R)$	1	0.41

Table S3: Different parameters like bond length (b) of gas molecules, bond angle ( $\theta$ ), change in bond length ( $\Delta b$ ), change in bond angle ( $\Delta \theta$ ), change in charge transfer ( $\Delta Q$ ) and adsorption energy ( $E_{ad}$ ) of different gas molecules adsorbed on monoclinic VO<sub>2</sub> nanowire structure.

	Fr mole	ee cules	Adsorption of gas molecules on VO <sub>2</sub> (M) nanowire			
Gas Molecules	b (Å)	θ (°)	∆b (Å)	Δθ (°)	ΔQ	E <sub>ad</sub> (eV)
SO <sub>2</sub>	1.47	119	0.01	0.7	0.4877	-0.30
$N_2$	1.10	-	0.01	-	0.1582	-0.06
CO <sub>2</sub>	1.16	180	0.01	0.84	0.2721	-0.12

## References

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