

## *Electronic Supplementary Information*

### **Multichannel Pathways-Enriched Mesoporous NiO Nanocuboids for Highly Sensitive and Selective Detection of 3-Hydroxy-2-Butanone Biomarkers**

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#### **Outline**

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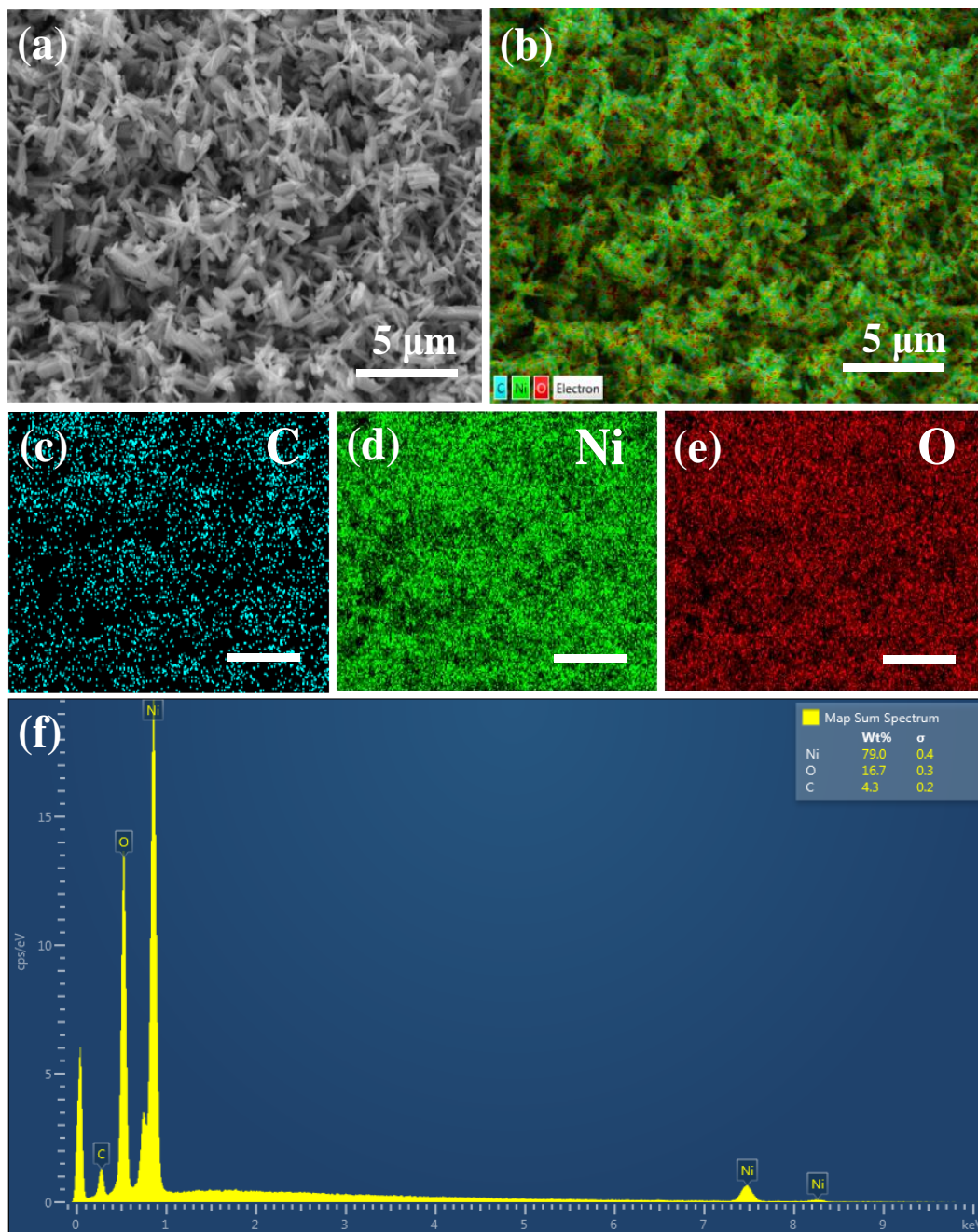
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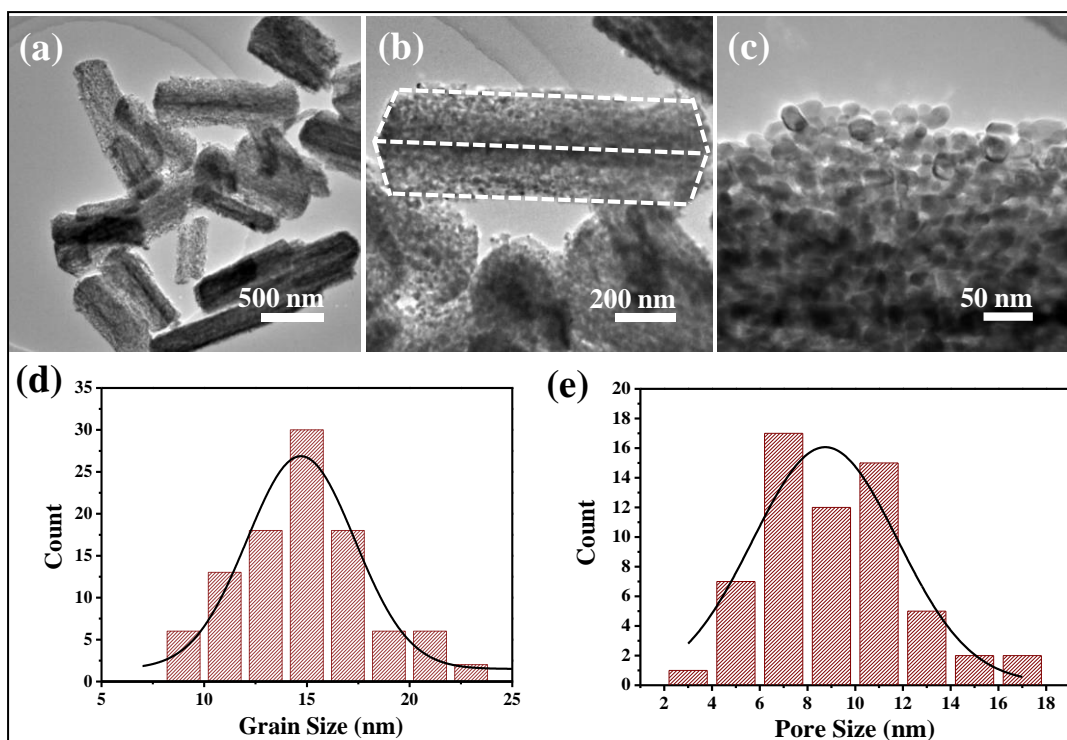
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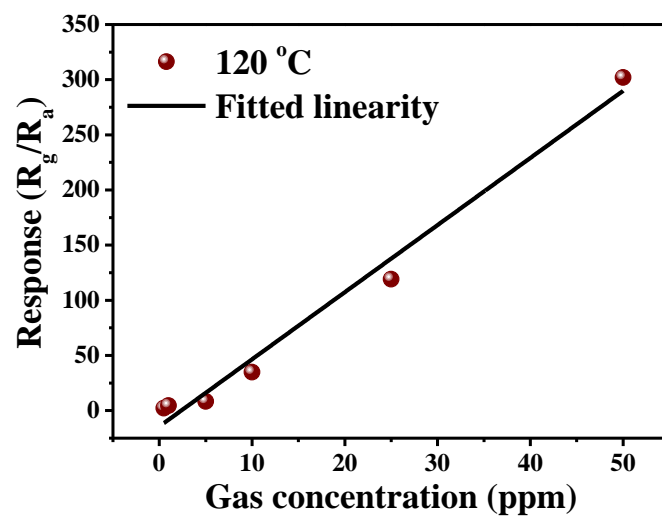
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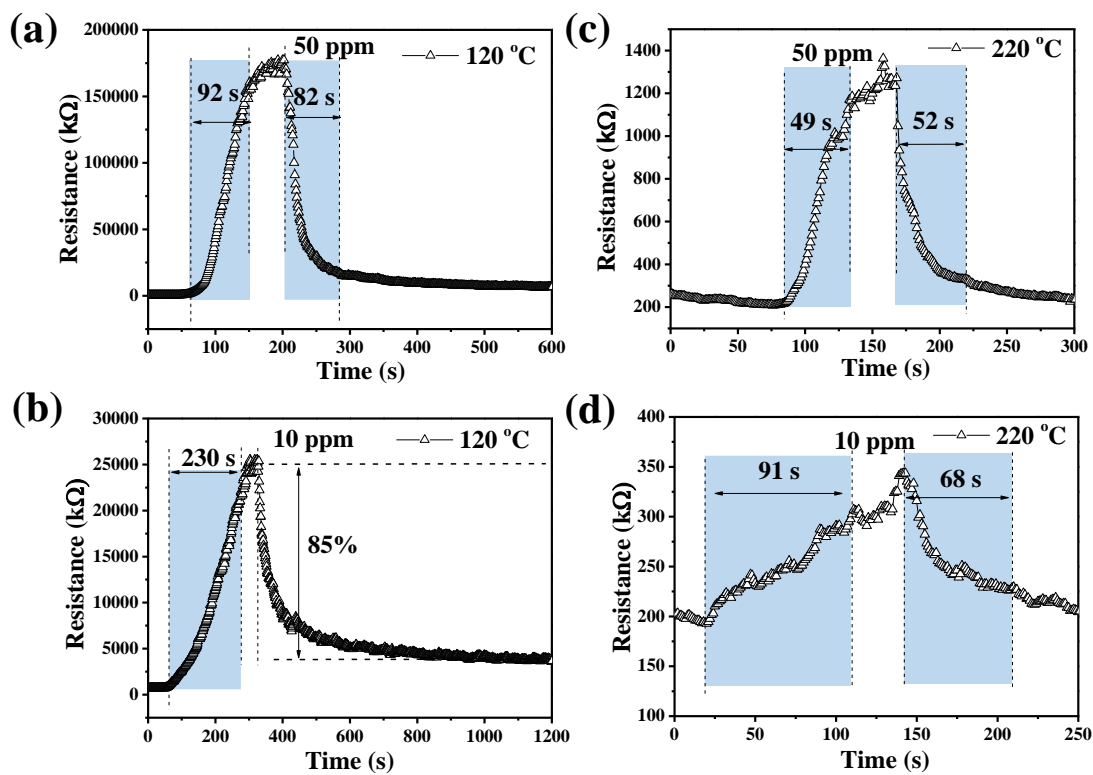
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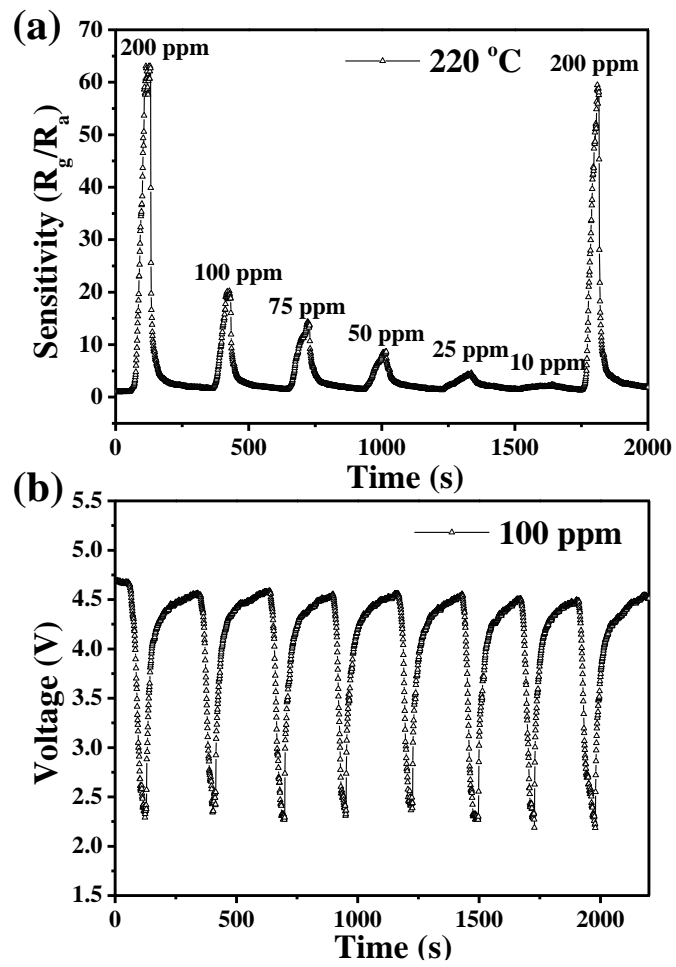
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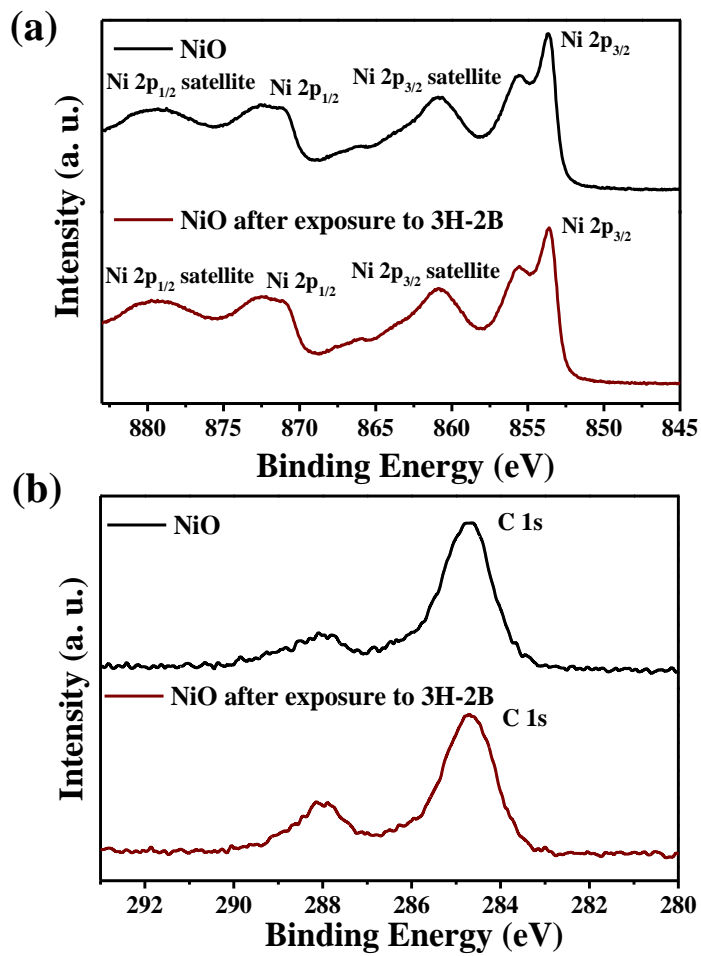
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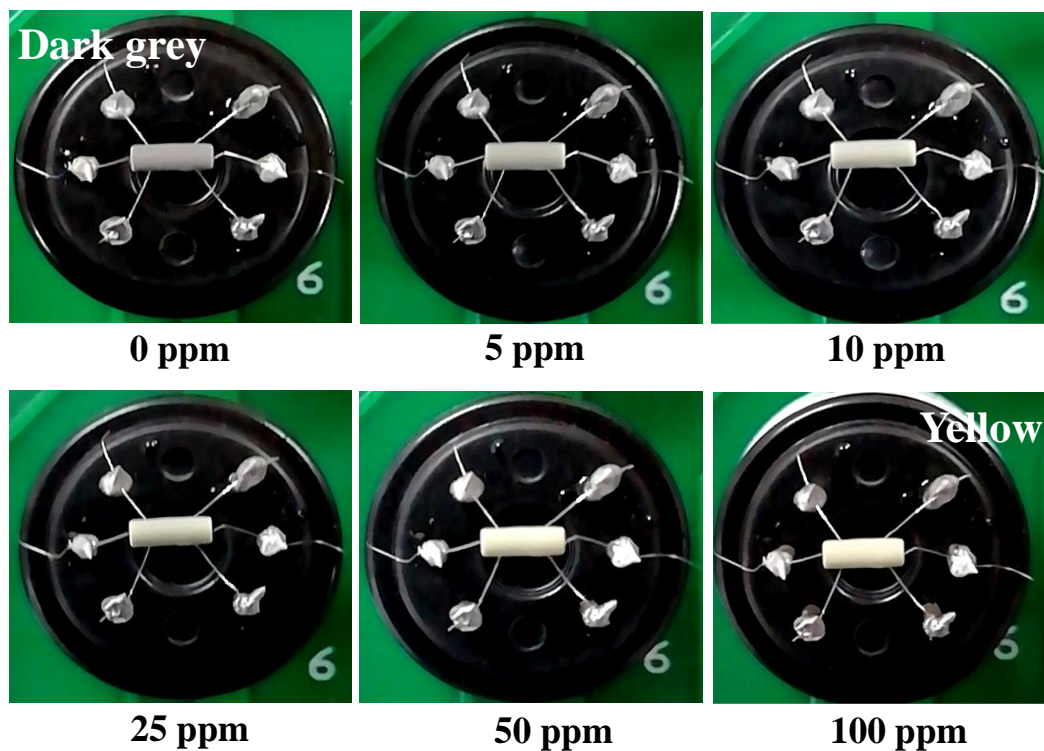


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