## Supplementary Material (ESI) for PCCP

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## **Supplementary Information**

Figure S1. Schematic setup of the gas-sensing measurement.

Figure S2. XRD pattern of Cu<sub>2</sub>O nanocubes.

Figure S3. A) FESEM image of Cu<sub>2</sub>O nanocubes. Inset: high magnification image of

two Cu<sub>2</sub>O nanocubes. B) TEM image of Cu<sub>2</sub>O nanocubes. Inset: the SAED of one

cubic Cu<sub>2</sub>O. Scale bar: 400 nm.

Figure S4. PL spectra of the obtained Cu<sub>7</sub>S<sub>4</sub> nanoboxes with A) single wall, and B)

double walls with exciting wavelength of 370 nm.

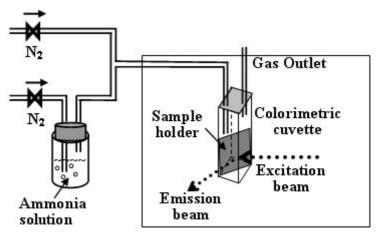
Figure S5. Room temperature time profiles of PL intensity of sensor based on

double-walled Cu<sub>7</sub>S<sub>4</sub> nanoboxes to NH<sub>3</sub> for 20 cycles.

**Figure S6.** Time profiles of PL intensity of sensors based on A) single-walled and B)

double-walled Cu<sub>7</sub>S<sub>4</sub> nanoboxes to water vapor at room temperature.

Figure S1



Fluorescence Spectrophotometer

Figure S2

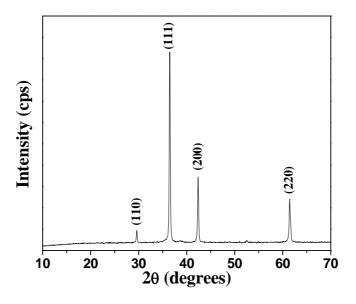


Figure S3

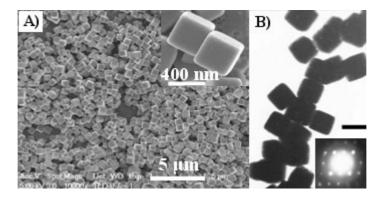


Figure S4

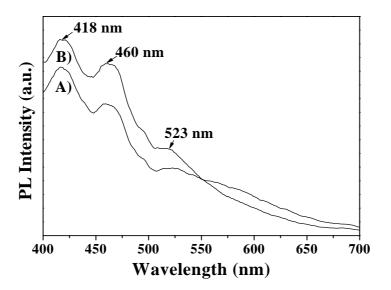


Figure S5

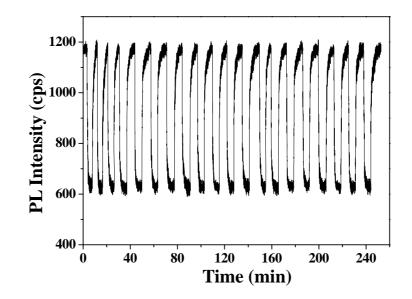


Figure S6

