

Figure S1 - Resistance measurement of the undoped SnO<sub>2</sub> material at 300°C in dry air. The sensor was exposed to 200ppm H<sub>2</sub> for 4 hours, followed directly by 200ppm D<sub>2</sub> for 4 hours. The rectangles indicate the times when the respective DRIFT spectra were recorded. For our purpose the absorbance spectrum was calculated by dividing the sample spectrum through the reference spectrum 2. This has the advantage of a lower background absorption difference (same free carrier absorption) between the two spectra.

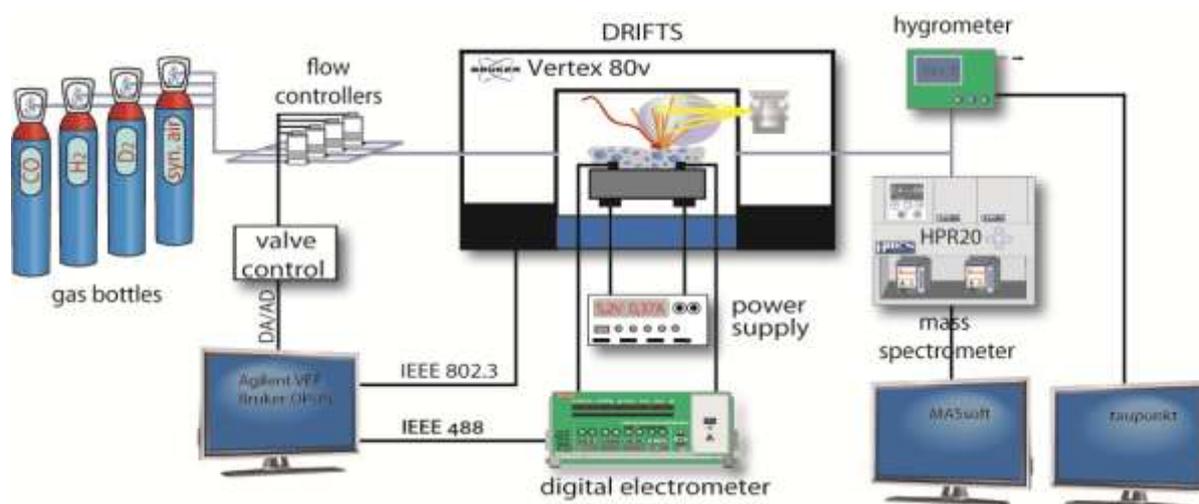


Figure S2 – Operando DRIFTS set-up; equipped with a FT-IR spectrometer (Bruker VERTEX 80v), a digital electrometer (Keithley 617), a mass spectrometer (Hiden, HPR 20, analyzer, quadrupole), and a hygrometer (Vaisala, Drycap Dewpoint Transmitter DMT 152).

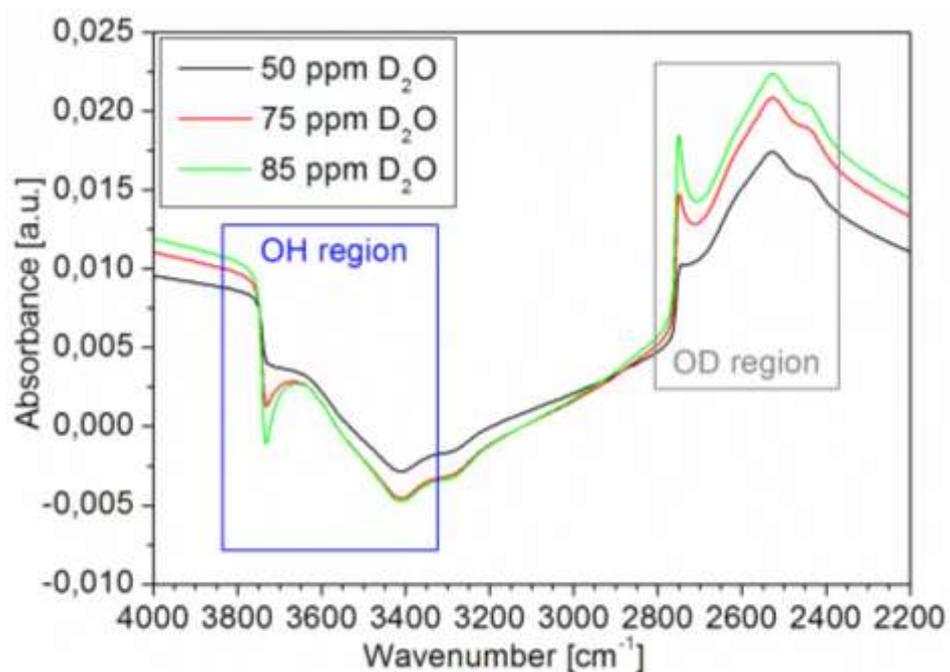


Figure S3 – 50, 75, and 85ppm D<sub>2</sub>O in N<sub>2</sub> dosed on the Pt doped SnO<sub>2</sub> sensor at 300°C. The spectra show that while the OH groups decrease reaches a maximum the OD groups still increases. Reference spectrum: N<sub>2</sub>.

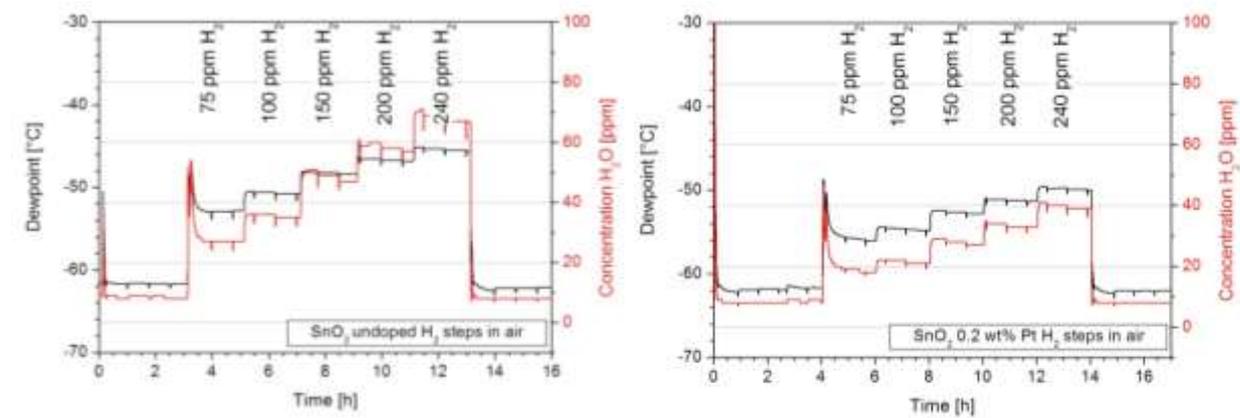


Figure S4 – Hygrometer measurement on undoped and Pt doped SnO<sub>2</sub> sensor exposed to different H<sub>2</sub> concentrations (75, 100, 150, 200, 240ppm) in air at 300°C. The corresponding DRIFTS measurements are displayed in Figure 4.

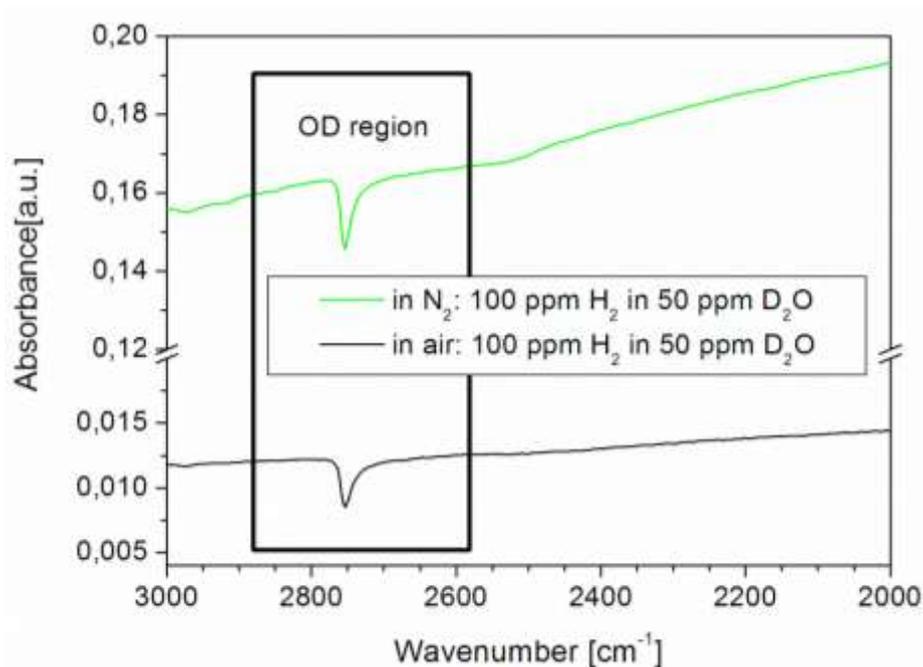


Figure S5 – Absorbance spectra of SnO<sub>2</sub>:Pt at 300°C. The sensor was kept in 50ppm D<sub>2</sub>O for 24 hours before dosing 100ppm H<sub>2</sub> for 2 hours. Black line: measurement of 100ppm H<sub>2</sub> in N<sub>2</sub> in a background of 50ppm D<sub>2</sub>O; reference: 50ppm D<sub>2</sub>O in N<sub>2</sub>; Grey line: measurement with 100ppm H<sub>2</sub> in air in a background of 50ppm D<sub>2</sub>O; reference spectrum: 50ppm D<sub>2</sub>O in air.

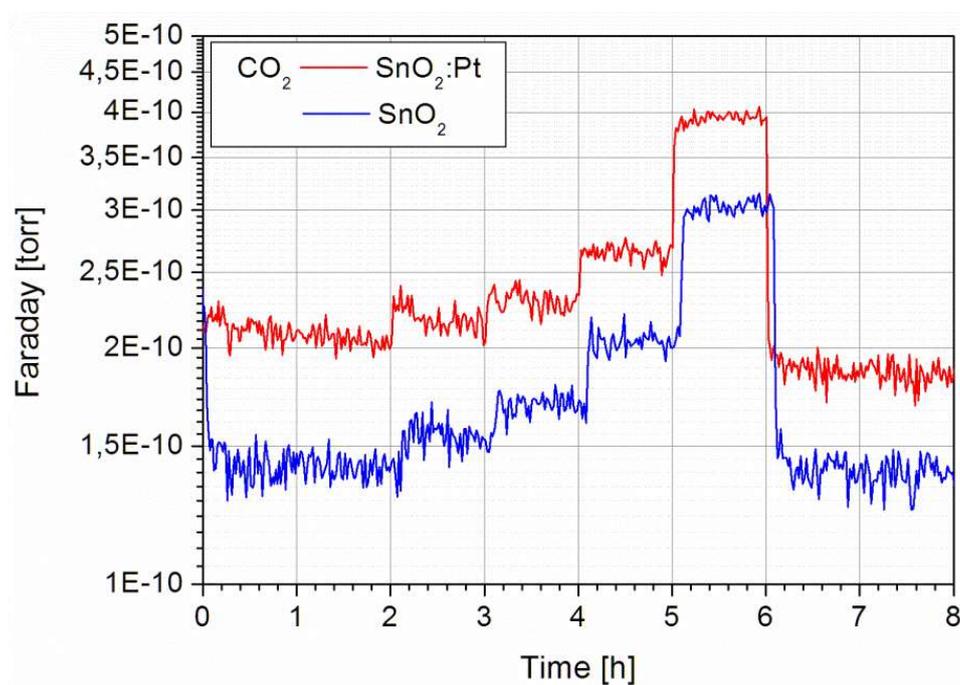


Figure S6 - MS measurement of undoped SnO<sub>2</sub> and SnO<sub>2</sub>:Pt with CO steps (70, 100, 150, 240ppm) in dry synthetic air at 300°C. The corresponding DRIFTS measurements are displayed in Figure 7.