## Unraveling the enhancement mechanisms of H<sub>2</sub>S sensing in SnO<sub>2</sub> surface: an *ab initio* perspective

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Bond (Å)	Sn <sub>6c</sub> -O <sub>b</sub>	$Sn_{6c}$ - $O_p$	$Sn_{5c}$ - $O_p$	Sn <sub>5c</sub> -O <sub>3b</sub>
SnO <sub>2</sub> (110)	1.966	2.107	2.029	1.971
Sb <sub>5c6c</sub> /SnO <sub>2</sub> (110)	1.963	2.039	2.181	2.207



**Fig. S1** Optimized surface of  $SnO_2(110)$  and  $Sb_{5c6c}/SnO_2(110)$  with various oxygen defects. (A1; B1) skin layer bridging oxygen; (A2; B2) skin layer plane oxygen; (A3; B3) inner layer the first bridging oxygen; (A4; B4) inner layer the second bridging oxygen.

**Table S2** The adsorption energy (eV) of  $O_2$  at different positions on the surface of  $SnO_2(110)$  and  $Sb_{5c6c}/SnO_2(110)$ .

Adsorption sites	O <sub>b</sub>	Op	Sn <sub>5c</sub>	Sn <sub>6c</sub>	Sb <sub>5c</sub>	Sb <sub>6c</sub>
SnO <sub>2</sub> (110)	-0.0512	-0.1474	-0.2575	-0.0703	-	-
Sb <sub>5c6c</sub> /SnO <sub>2</sub> (110)	-0.0509	-0.1270	-0.1901	-0.0637	-0.0795	-0.0564





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Fig. S2 Optimized adsorption structure of  $O_2$  on  $SnO_2$  (110) and  $Sb_{5c6c}/SnO_2$  (110) surface at different positions. (C1-C4)  $O_2$  molecular is adsorbed respectively at the sites of  $O_b$ ;  $O_p$ ;  $Sn_{5c}$  and  $Sn_{6c}$  on the  $SnO_2(110)$  surfaces. (D1-D6)  $O_2$  molecular is adsorbed respectively at the sites of  $O_b$ ;  $O_p$ ;  $Sn_{5c}$ ;  $Sn_{6c}$ ;  $Sn_{5c}$ ;  $Sn_{6c}$ ;  $Sn_{5c}$  and  $Sb_{5c6c}/SnO_2(110)$  surfaces.

**Table S3** The dissociative O<sup>-</sup> atom adsorption energy (eV) at different positions on the surface of  $SnO_2(110)$  and  $Sb_{5c6c}/SnO_2$ .

Adsorption sites	Ob	Op	Sn <sub>5c</sub>	Sn <sub>6c</sub>	Sb <sub>5c</sub>	Sb <sub>6c</sub>
SnO <sub>2</sub> (110)	2.7858	1.3996	1.4172	2.7859	-	-
Sb <sub>5c6c</sub> /SnO <sub>2</sub> (110)	2.8527	0.2391	0.9195	1.5265	0.0627	2.8428



**Fig. S3** Optimized structure of dissociative O<sup>-</sup> atom absorption at different positions on the surface of  $SnO_2(110)$  and  $Sb_{5c6c}/SnO_2(110)$ . (E1-E4) O atom is adsorbed respectively at the sites of  $O_b$ ;  $O_p$ ;  $Sn_{5c}$  and  $Sn_{6c}$  on the  $SnO_2(110)$  surfaces. (F1-F6) O atom is adsorbed respectively at the sites of  $O_b$ ;  $O_p$ ;  $Sn_{5c}$ ;  $Sn_{6c}$ ;  $Sn_{5c}$  and  $Sb_{6c}$  on the Sb-doped  $SnO_2(110)$  surfaces.

**Table S4** The adsorption energy (eV) of  $O_2$  at different positions on the surface of Sb-doped  $SnO_2(110)$  with  $O_b$  vacancy(V( $O_b$ )). V(o)1 represents that  $O_2$  is placed above the oxygen vacancy and parallel to the X axis. V(o)2 means that  $O_2$  is placed above the oxygen vacancy and parallel to the Y axis.

Adsorption sites	O <sub>b</sub>	Op	Sn <sub>5c</sub>	Sn <sub>6c</sub>	Sb <sub>5c</sub>	Sb <sub>6c</sub>	V(o)1	V(o)2
Sb <sub>5c6c</sub> /SnO <sub>2</sub> (110)	-1.1461	-0.1217	-0.1471	-0.1066	-0.1056	-0.0899	-1.3710	-1.2153



**Fig. S4** Optimized adsorption structure of  $O_2$  on  $Sb_{5c+6c}/SnO_2$  (110) surface with  $O_b$  vacancy at different positions. (G1-G6)  $O_2$  molecular adsorption respectively at the sites of  $O_b$ ;  $O_p$ ;  $Sn_{5c}$ ;  $Sn_{6c}$ ;  $Sb_{5c}$ ;  $Sb_{6c}$ . (G7)  $O_2$  molecular is placed above the oxygen vacancy and parallel to the X axis. (G8)  $O_2$  molecular is placed above the oxygen vacancy and parallel to the Y axis.

Table S5 The adsorption energy (eV) of $H_2S$ at different positions on the surface of $SnO_2(110)$
and Sb-doped $SnO_2(110)$ .

Adsorption sites	O <sub>b</sub>	Op	Sn <sub>5c</sub>	Sn <sub>6c</sub>	Sb <sub>5c</sub>	Sb <sub>6c</sub>
SnO <sub>2</sub> (110)	-0.2809	-2.0670	-2.0749	-0.1984	-	-
Sb <sub>5c6c</sub> /SnO <sub>2</sub> (110)	-0.1629	-1.5819	-1.5921	-0.2337	-0.1158	-0.1861





**Fig. S5** Optimized structure of  $H_2S$  at different positions on the surface of  $SnO_2(110)$  and  $Sb_{5c6c}/SnO_2(110)$ . (K1-K4)  $H_2S$  molecular is adsorbed respectively at the sites of  $O_b$ ;  $O_p$ ;  $Sn_{5c}$  and  $Sn_{6c}$  on the  $SnO_2(110)$  surfaces. (P1-P6)  $H_2S$  molecular is adsorbed respectively at the sites of  $O_b$ ;  $O_p$ ;  $Sn_{5c}$ ;  $Sn_{6c}$ ;  $Sn_{5c}$ ;  $Sn_{6c}$ ;  $Sb_{5c}$  and  $Sb_{6c}$  on the  $Sb_{5c6c}/SnO_2(110)$  surfaces.

**Table S6** The adsorption energy (eV) of  $H_2S$  at different positions on the surface of Sb-doped  $SnO_2(110)$  with  $O_b$  vacancy.

Adsorption sites	Ob	Op	Sn <sub>5c</sub>	Sn <sub>6c</sub>	Sb <sub>5c</sub>	Sb <sub>6c</sub>	V(0)
Sb <sub>5c6c</sub> /SnO <sub>2</sub> (110)	-0.1214	-0.2163	-1.5280	-0.3819	-0.1921	-0.2636	-0.3746



**Fig. S6** Optimized structure of  $H_2S$  at different positions on the surface of  $Sb_{5c6c}/SnO_2(110)$  with  $O_b$  vacancy. (L1-L6)  $H_2S$  molecular is adsorbed respectively at the sites of  $O_b$ ;  $O_p$ ;  $Sn_{5c}$ ;  $Sn_{6c}$ ;  $Sb_{5c}$  and  $Sb_{6c}$  on the  $Sb_{5c6c}/SnO_2(110)$  surfaces. (L7)  $H_2S$  molecular is adsorbed at the sites of  $O_b$  vacancy.

**Table S7** The adsorption energy (eV) of  $H_2S$  at different positions on the surface of Sb-doped  $SnO_2(110)$  with pre-adsorbed  $O_2^-$ .



**Fig. S7** Optimized structure of  $H_2S$  at different positions on the surface of  $Sb_{5c6c}/SnO_2(110)$  with pre-adsorbed  $O_2^-$ . (M1-M6)  $H_2S$  molecular is adsorbed respectively at the sites of  $O_b$ ;  $O_p$ ;  $Sn_{5c}$ ;  $Sn_{6c}$ ;  $Sb_{5c}$  and  $Sb_{6c}$  on the surface.

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Adsorption sites	Ob	Op	Sn <sub>5c</sub>	Sn <sub>6c</sub>	O(Sb <sub>5c</sub> )	Sb <sub>6c</sub>
Sb <sub>5c6c</sub> /SnO <sub>2</sub> (110)	-0.2744	-3.1022	-3.1183	-0.5022	-0.3168	-0.4842



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