

## Supplementary Information

### Enhancement in Room Temperature Ammonia Sensing Properties of Naphthalene Diimides through Core Expansion

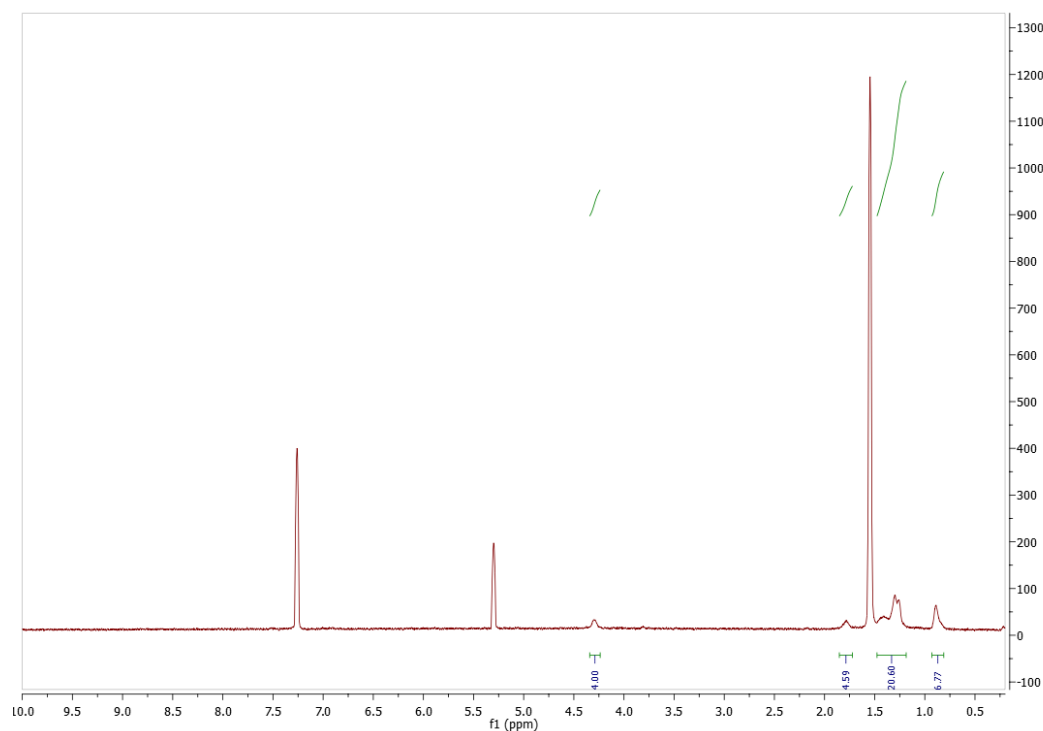
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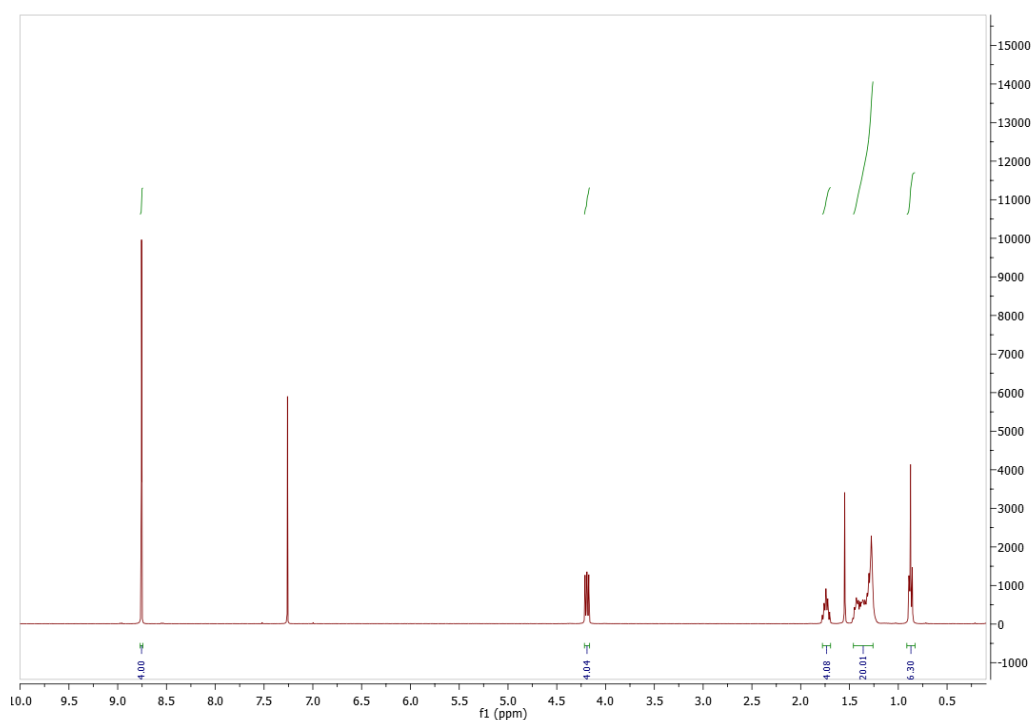
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#### NMR of NDI-CN<sub>4</sub>:



### NMR of NDI-H<sub>4</sub>:



### Recyclability studies of NDI-CN<sub>4</sub> sensor towards various concentrations of ammonia

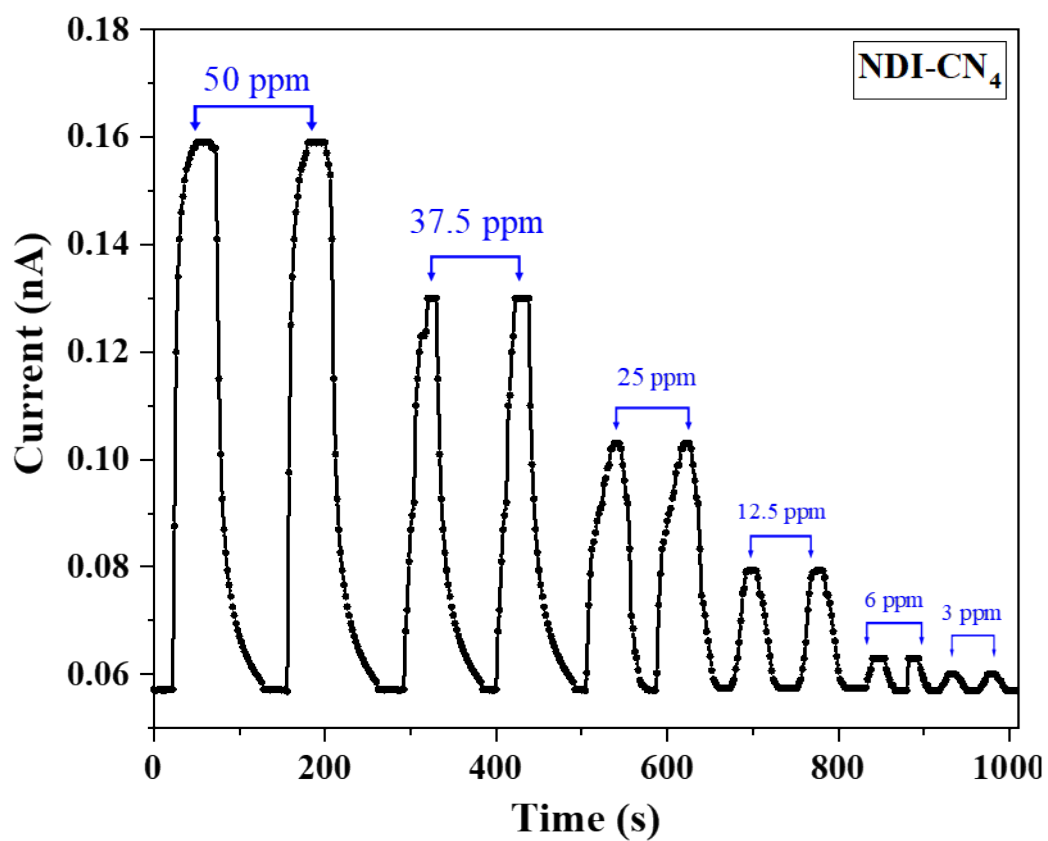
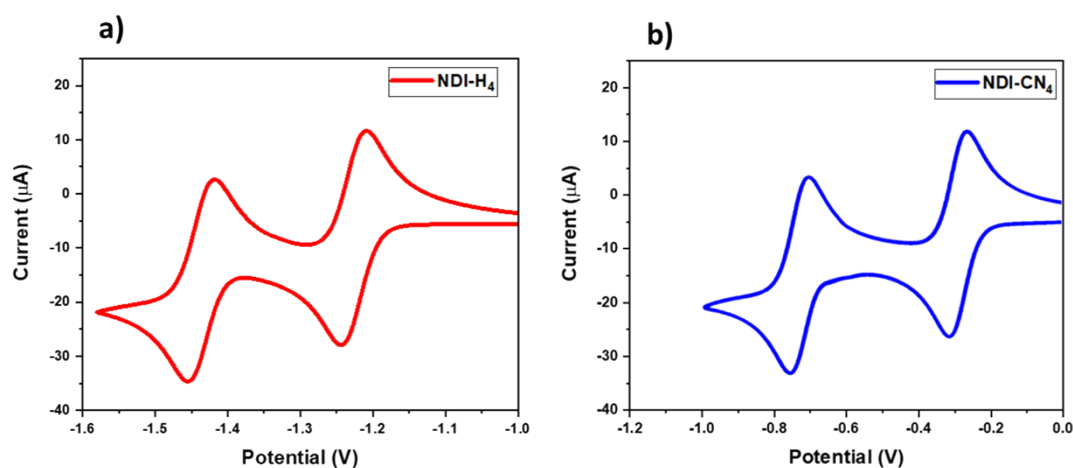


Fig. S1: Response of NDI-CN<sub>4</sub> towards various concentrations of ammonia

## Cyclic voltammetry study of NDI-H<sub>4</sub> and NDI-CN<sub>4</sub>



**Fig. S2:** Cyclic voltammograms of (a) NDI-H<sub>4</sub> and (b) NDI-CN<sub>4</sub>, run in dichloromethane (DCM) at a sweep rate of 50 mV per second.

**Table S1.** Frontier molecular orbital energies as estimated from cyclic voltammetry and optical absorption

Materials	E <sub>red onset</sub>	LUMO (eV)	HOMO (eV)	λ <sub>abs onset</sub>	E <sub>g</sub> (eV)
NDI-H <sub>4</sub>	-1.18	-3.22	-6.58	368 nm	3.36
NDI-CN <sub>4</sub>	-0.21	-4.19	-6.33	578 nm	2.14

The details of calculations regarding E<sub>red onset</sub>, HOMO/LUMO levels, λ<sub>abs onset</sub> and E<sub>g</sub> (eV) are given in the previous reports.<sup>1,2</sup>

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