



## **Synthesis of ZnO Hollow Microspheres and Analysis of Their Gas Sensing Properties for** *n***-Butanol**

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## Characterization of ZnO hollow microspheres

The crystal structures of the synthesized samples were analyzed using x-ray diffraction (XRD) in the 2 $\theta$  range of 20°–80° at a scan of 4 ° min<sup>-1</sup> using monochromatic Cu K<sub>a</sub> radiation ( $\lambda$  = 0.154 nm, V = 40 kV, I = 50 mA, Rigaku D/Max2500PC, Japan). The surface characteristics of the samples were examined by a high-resolution field emission scanning electron microscope (FESEM, FEI Nova Nanosem 450, USA). High-resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM, JEOL JEM 2100F) was used to characterize the morphology and inner structure of the samples. The specific surface areas of the samples were characterized by N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption (JW-BK 122W, JWGB, China) at 77 K.



Figure S1. Photograph of the gas sensor.



**Figure S2.** Nitrogen adsorption and desorption isotherm of ZnO-1 (**a**) and ZnO-3 (**b**) (the insets are pore size distribution).

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