

STRUCTURE AND MASS SPECTROMETRY STUDY  
OF NANOMETER

$\text{Sn}-\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  CARBON MONOXIDE

SENSOR MATERIALS

Qin Huibin Chen Guanqun\*

*Hangzhou Institute of Electronic Engineering, Hangzhou 310007, China.*

*\*Sichuan pedagogic university, Chengdu 610066, China*

Receive 10 July 2002; received in revised form 15 September

**Abstract**

The  $\text{Sn}-\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  is one kind of gas sensor materials, which is evolved from  $\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ . In this paper,  $\text{Sn}-\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  was fabricated by liquid phase coprecipitation, and the carrier concentration was adjusted by the n-type Sn dopant. The particle morphology was examined by TEM, the lattice parameter was determined by XRD, and the surface area to mass ratio  $S_0$  was determined by BET. The mass spectrum was used to determine absorption properties and the absorption mechanism. It was found that the  $\text{Sn}-\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  particle was taken the shape of needle, and the long axis was about 120 nm and the short axis was 30 nm. The resistivity could be improved by Sn dopant. The  $S_0$  was proportional to the Sn dopant content of the  $\text{Sn}-\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ . Mass spectrometry results showed that the change of the resistivity was due to the change of the carrier concentration.

*Keywords* Nanometer materials;  $\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ;  $\text{Sn}-\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ; CO; Gas sensor