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Abstract

In this study, we analyzed the transient of microsensors based on tin oxide sol-gel thin film. A novel method to this research field for data analysis and discrimination among different volatile organic compounds is presented. Moreover; several feature extraction methods have been considered, both steady-state (fractional change, relative, difference and log) and transient (Fourier and wavelet descriptors, integral and derivatives) information. Feature extraction methods have been validated qualitatively (by using principal component analysis) and quantitatively on the classification rate (by using a radial basis function neural network).



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