



Supplementary Materials: Effect of Carrier Gas on the Gas Sensing Performance of Co_{1-2x}Ni_xMn_xFe_{2-y}Ce_yO₄ Double-Substitution Spinel in

Flammable Gases and Volatile Organic Compounds

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Figure S1. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms of $Co_{1-2x}Ni_xMn_xFe_{2-y}Ce_yO_4$ samples with (a) x = y = 0: dried with infrared lamp, (b) x = y = 0: dried naturally, (c) x = y = 0.2 and (d) x = y = 0.3. **Insets**: The corresponding pore size distribution.



Figure S2. (a) Survey spectrum, before sputtering, of CoFe₂O₄ samples. XPS spectra of Co_{1-2x}Ni_xMn_xFe_{2-y}Ce_yO₄ sample for which x = y = 0 (lamp-dried): (b) Co 2p scan, (c) Fe 2p scan, and (d) O 1s scan.



Figure S3. (a) Survey spectrum, before sputtering, of Co_{1-2x}Ni_xMn_xFe_{2-y}Ce_yO₄ samples. XPS spectra of Co_{1-2x}Ni_xMn_xFe_{2-y}Ce_yO₄ sample for which x = y = 0 (natural-dried): (b) Co 2p scan, (c) Fe 2p scan, and (d) O 1s scan.





Figure S4. XPS spectra of Co_{1-2x}Ni_xMn_xFe_{2-y}Ce_yO₄ sample for which x = y = 0.2: (a) Co 2p scan, (b) Ni 2p scan, (c) Mn 2p scan (d) Ce 3d scan, (e) Fe 2p scan, and (f) O 1s scan.



Figure S5. XPS spectra of $C_{0.2x}Ni_xMn_xFe_{2-y}Ce_yO_4$ sample for which x = y = 0.3: (a) Co 2p scan, (b) Ni 2p scan, (c) Mn 2p scan (d) Ce 3d scan, (e) Fe 2p scan, and (f) O 1s scan.



Figure S6. Gas sensing response pattern of: (a) S3 towards LPG using nitrogen as carrier gas, (b) S2 towards LPG using argon as carrier gas.



Figure S7. The transient current curve of (a) S1, (b) S2, (c) S3, (d) S4, and (e) S5 towards LPG using dry air as carrier gas at 175 °C.

Peak	cation
V	Ce ⁴⁺
V'	Ce ⁴⁺
V"	Ce ⁴⁺
V""	Ce ⁴⁺
V''''	Ce ⁴⁺
U	Ce3+

Table S1. Fitting peaks in Figures S4(d) and S5(d) and the respective cations.