ESRF	Experiment title:  Towards better sensors: insights into sensor operation from time resolved in situ XAS studies	Experiment number: MA-769
Beamline: ID 26	Date of experiment: from: 01 Juli 2009 to: 07 Juli 2009	<b>Date of report</b> : 28 February 2010
Shifts:	Local contact(s): Dr. Janine Grattage	Received at ESRF:

## Names and affiliations of applicants:

Dr. Aleksander GURLO (applicant)

Experimentists: Aleksander Gurlo, Lukas Schlicker, Carmen Elena Zvoriste, Michael Pashchanka (Technische Universitaet Darmstadt, Fachbereich Material- und Geowissenschaften, Petersenstr. 23, D-64287 Darmstadt, Germany)

## **Abstract:**

The feasibility of the in situ and operando methodology in studying the chemical and electronic phenomena associated with an active metal electrode-oxide interface in metal-oxide-based gas sensors (picture) is demonstrated. It is experimentally verified that the Pt electrodes in metal-oxide based gas sensors are partially oxidised and that the oxidised Pt electrodes contribute to overall sensing performance.

## **Publication details:**

A. Gurlo, R. Riedel, Active metal electrode-oxide interface in gas sensor operation probed by in-situ time-resolved X-ray spectroscopy, *ChemPhysChem*, 11 (**2010**), 79-82