

## Supporting Information

# In Situ-Derived N-Doped ZnO from ZIF-8 for Enhanced Ethanol Sensing in ZnO/MEMS Devices

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## Supporting Figure

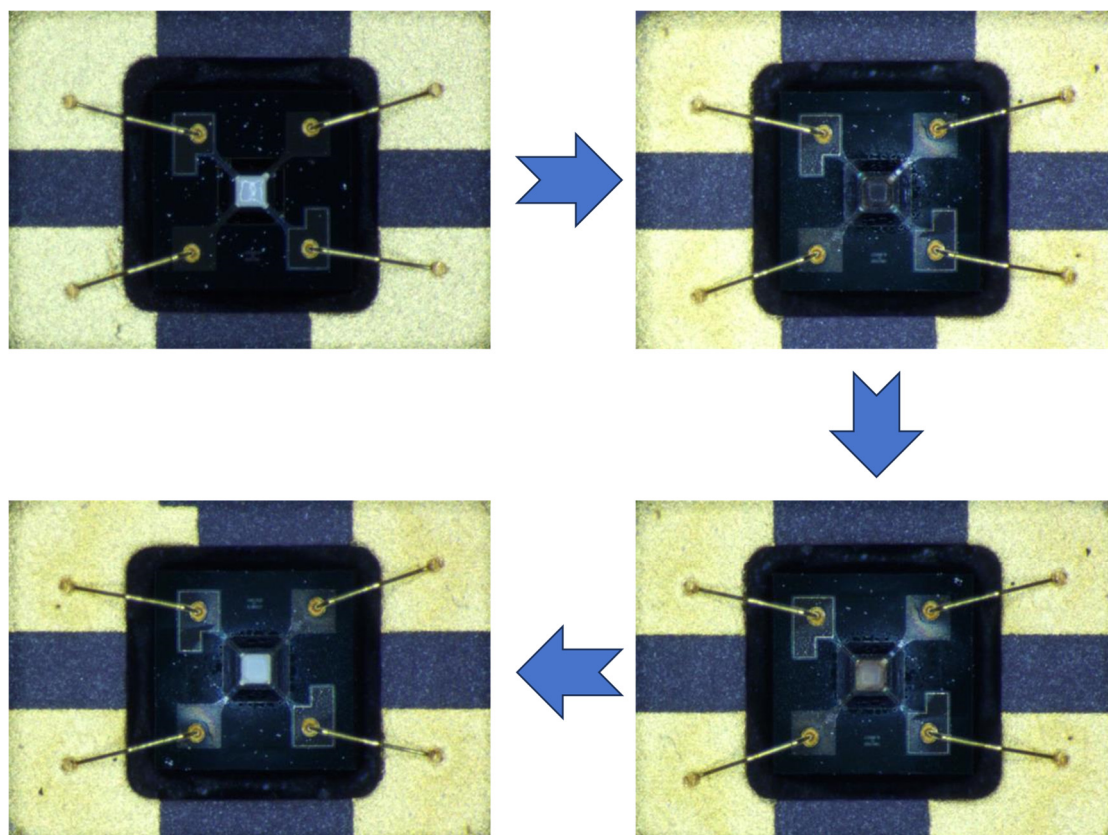


Figure S1. Photos showing the color change of the chip due to the heating of the gas-sensitive film

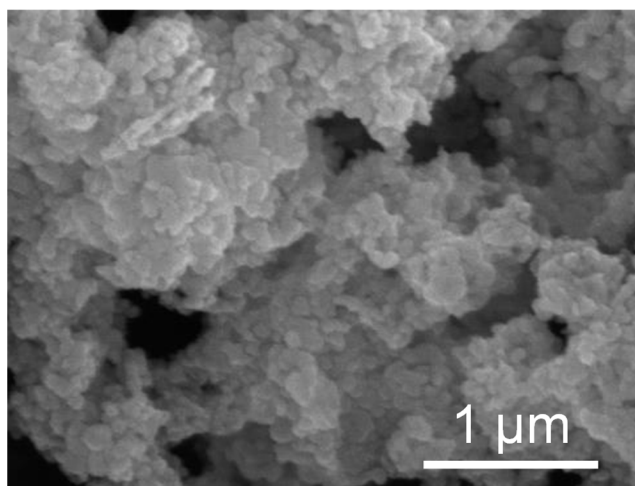


Figure S2. SEM images of ZIF (3) - ZnO nanoparticles

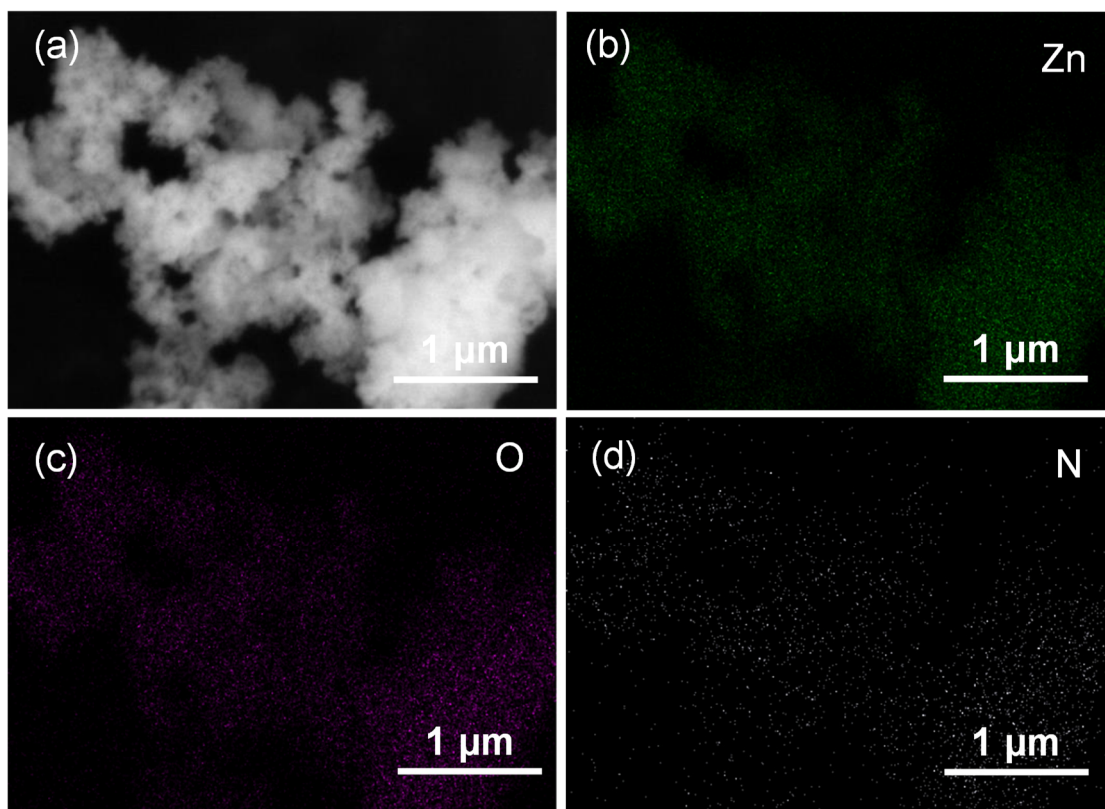


Figure S3. SEM images of ZIF (3) - ZnO nanoparticles (a), element mapping of ZIF (3) - ZnO nanoparticles with uniform distribution of C, N, O, and Zn (b-d)

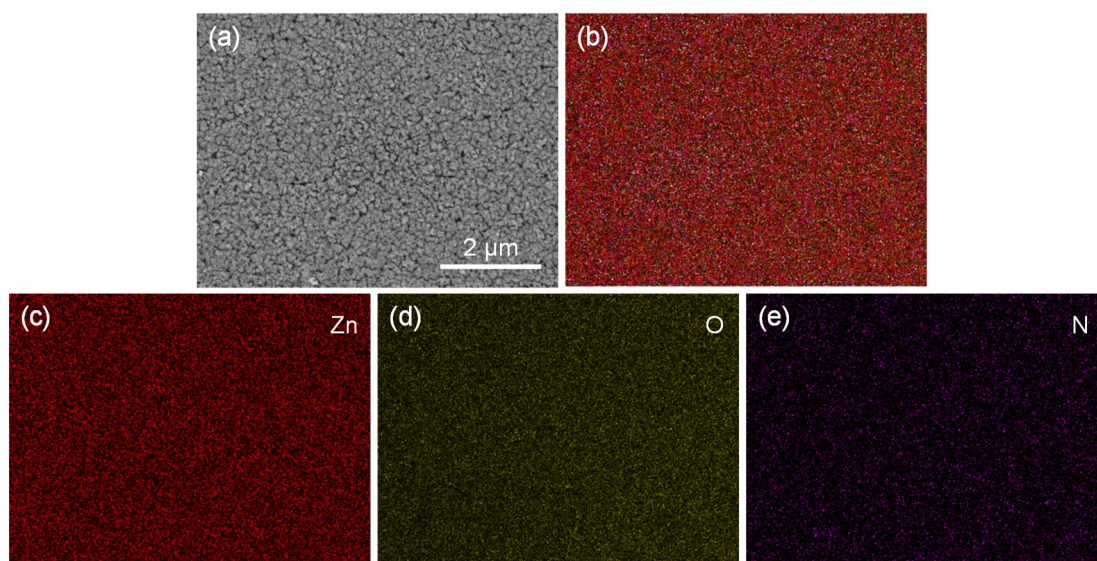


Figure S4. SEM images of ZIF (3) -ZnO/MEMS (a); C, N, O, and element mapping of uniformly distributed ZIF (3)-ZnO/MEMS (b-e)

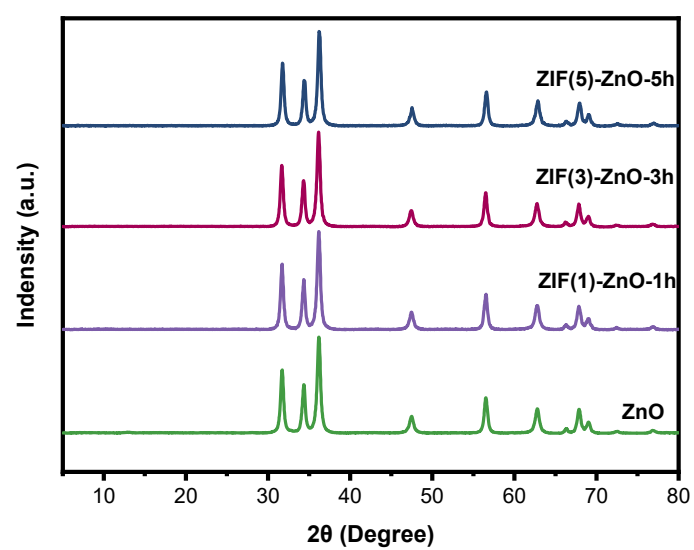


Figure S5. XRD spectra of ZnO, ZIF (1)-ZnO, ZIF (3)-ZnO, and ZIF (5)-ZnO

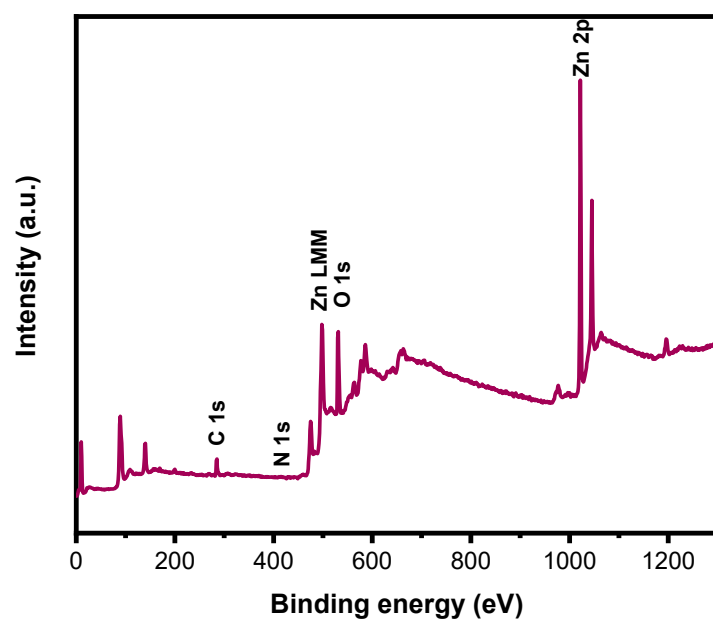


Figure S6.XPS full spectrum of ZIF (3)-ZnO nanoparticles

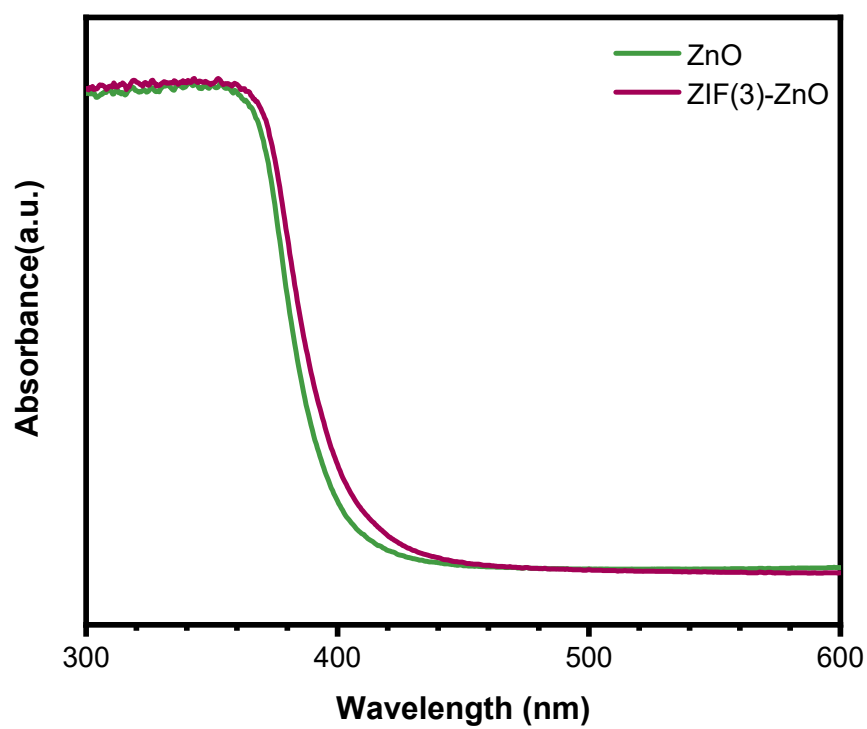


Figure S7. UV-Vis absorption spectra of ZnO and ZIF (3)-ZnO nanoparticles



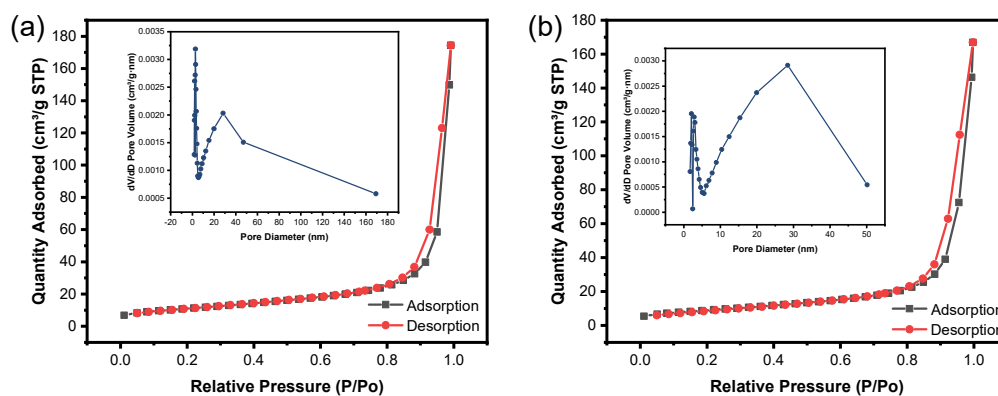


Figure S8. N<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherms and pore size distributions of (a) ZnO; (b) ZIF (3)-ZnO

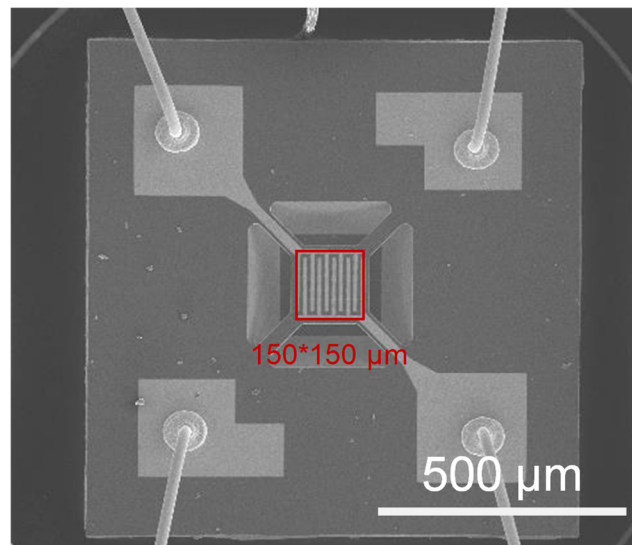


Figure S9. SEM images of blank MEMS chips

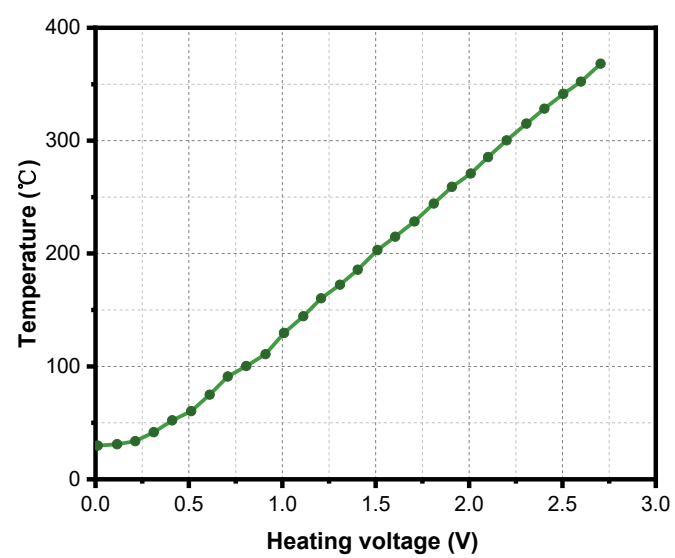


Figure S10. The relations between temperature and heating voltage

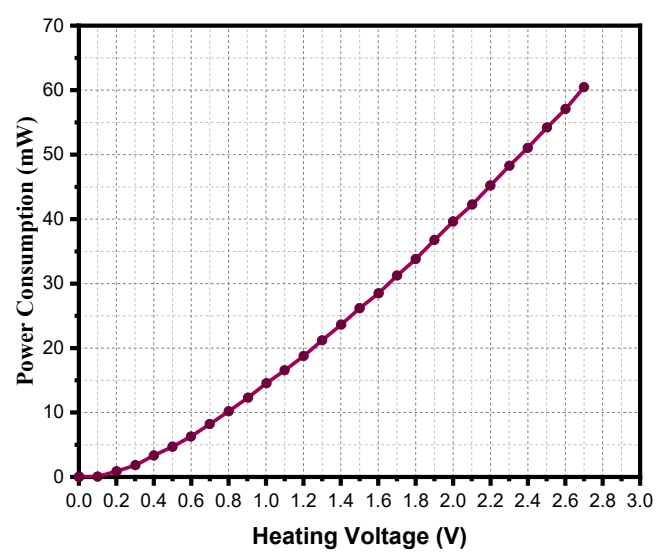


Figure S11. The relations between the power consumption and heating voltage

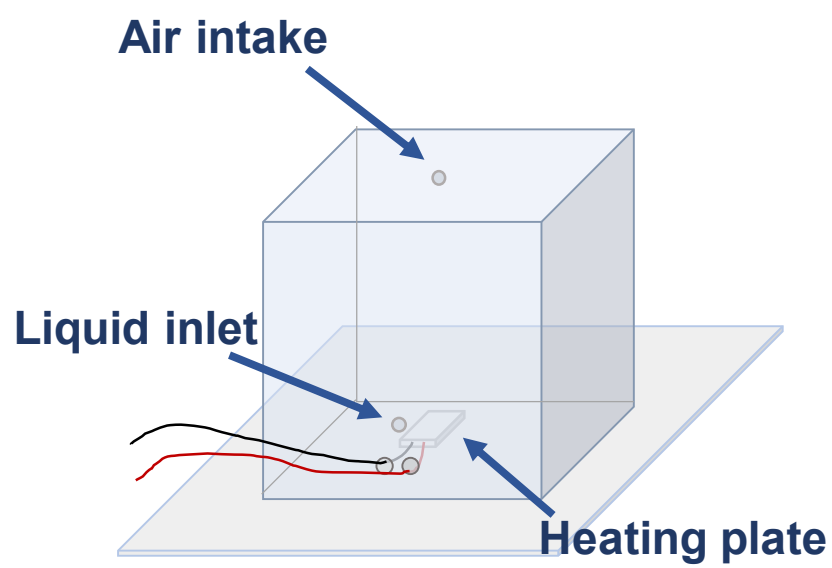


Figure S12. Gas generation device

## Supporting Table

Table S1. Specific surface area, pore size, and pore volume of ZnO and ZIF (3)-ZnO

Samples	S <sub>BET</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	D <sub>pore</sub> (nm)	V <sub>pore</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)
ZnO	39.29	27.48	0.27
N-ZnO-3h	32.74	27.69	0.26

Table S2. A comparison of the ethanol sensing performance of the sensors.

Sensing materials	[C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH] (ppm)	R <sub>a</sub> /R <sub>g</sub>	T <sub>sens</sub> (°C)	Refs.
ZnO nanosheet	25	15	400	[1]
Double-shell ZnO hollow microspheres	100	47.4	275	[2]
HHQD-ZnO nanocages	100	139.4	325	[3]
ZnO cubes	5	1.9	400	[4]
ZnO@ZIF-8 porous nanosheets	50	58	240	[5]
ZnO@ZIF-8 core-shell material	100	35.9	160	[6]
NC-ZnO	50	124	375	[7]
N-ZnO	100	115	190	[8]
ZIF (3)-ZnO/MEMS	25	80.2	290	This work

Table S3. Definition of samples

Sample	Definition
ZnO	Untreated ZnO
ZnO/MEMS	ZnO deposited on MEMS chip
ZIF (1)-ZnO	Nanoparticles derived from the growth of ZIF-8 on ZnO nanoparticles for 1 h followed by heat treatment.
ZIF (3)-ZnO	Nanoparticles derived from the growth of ZIF-8 on ZnO nanoparticles for 3 h followed by heat treatment.
ZIF (5)-ZnO	Nanoparticles derived from the growth of ZIF-8 on ZnO nanoparticles for 5 h followed by heat treatment.
ZIF (1)-ZnO/MEMS	The ZnO/MEMS chip that underwent heat treatment after 1 h of in-situ growth of ZIF-8.
ZIF (3)-ZnO/MEMS	The ZnO/MEMS chip that underwent heat treatment after 3 h of in-situ growth of ZIF-8.
ZIF (5)-ZnO/MEMS	The ZnO/MEMS chip that underwent heat treatment after 5 h of in-situ growth of ZIF-8.



Table S4. points at the baseline without target gas

y <sub>i</sub>	0.99259	1	0.99778	0.99111	0.99432	0.99901	1	0.99876
	0.99827	0.99827	0.99975	1.00049	1.00346	1.00569	0.99555	1.00569
	0.99852	1.00198	0.99975	1.00148	0.99506	1.00223	1.00124	1.0047
	0.99506	0.99679	1.00668	1.00396	0.99407	1.00148		

The exact procedures used for calculation of LOD.

$$\text{LOD (ppm)} = 3 \frac{\text{rms}}{\text{slope}}$$

$$\text{rms}_{\text{noise}} = \sqrt{\frac{V_{x^2}}{N}}$$

$$V_{x^2} = \sum (y_i - y)^2$$

Where y<sub>i</sub> is the measured response data at the baseline without target gas, y is the optimal response value (y=1) without target gas and the N is the number of data points. The sensor noise is y<sub>i</sub>-y and the corresponding y<sub>i</sub> have been shown in Table S4.

The slope of the fitting line for the ZIF (3)-ZnO/MEMS sensor was 1.03 (Figure S14)

The rms noise is calculated as rms<sub>noise</sub>=0.00396

$$\text{LOD (ppm)} = 3 \times \text{rms} \div \text{slope} = 3 \times 0.00396 \div 1.03 = 0.0115 \text{ ppm} = 11.5 \text{ ppb}$$

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