Apparatus and Methods for Detecting Propellant Degradation in Solid Propellant Fuel

INTRODUCTION
This technology relates to a gas sensor, a gas collecting chamber including: a nano-porous wall including alumina, on a portion of the gas collecting chamber in the near vicinity of the solid propellant fuel; a micro pump attached to the gas collecting chamber; and a gas analysis device connected to the gas collecting chamber. The gas analysis device measures both type and concentration of gases collected in the gas collecting chamber via the nano-porous wall, the gases measured being selected from the group consisting of CO, CO$_2$, NO, N$_2$O, NO$_2$ and combinations thereof. The present disclosure also relates to a method of sensing propellant degradation in solid fuel and a method of using a gas collecting chamber to sense such degradation.

CONCEPT
The technology is a device that measures both type and concentration of gases collected in the a chamber via the nano-porous wall.

INVENTION OVERVIEW
The technology is a device that measures both type and concentration of gases collected in the gas collecting chamber via the nano-porous wall. It also relates to a method on sensing propellant degradation in solid fuel and a method of using a gas collection chamber to sense such degradation.

• Improved method for detecting propellant degradation in solid propellant fuel.
• Improved applications related to gas sensing.
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POTENTIAL MARKET
• Gas Sensor Industries

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