

## Supporting Information

**High conductivity graphite paste for radio frequency identification tag with wireless hydrogen sensor based on CeO<sub>2</sub>-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-graphene oxide.**

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### **1- Optimization of UHP-GE pastes on different substrates**

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Table S1. Comparing the resistance of UHP-GE pastes with different substrates at different curing temperatures.

Paste Type	Temperature	Curing Time (min)	Resistance ( $\mu\Omega\cdot m$ )
UHP-GE@ Al <sup>a</sup>	80°C	20	$\sim 10^8$
	100°C	20	$\sim 5$
	120°C	20	1.5
	140°C	20	0.8
	160°C	20	0.15
	180°C	20	0.14
	200°C	20	0.14
	220°C	20	0.14
UHP-GE@ Kapton foil	80°C	20	$\sim 10^9$
	100°C	20	$\sim 1000$
	120°C	20	2.4
	140°C	20	2.2
	160°C	20	2.1
	180°C	20	2.1
	200°C	20	2.1
	220°C	20	2.1
UHP-GE@ fire-resistant paper	80°C	20	$\sim 10^9$
	100°C	20	$\sim 1000$
	120°C	20	2.5
	140°C	20	2.2
	160°C	20	2.1
	180°C	20	2.1
	200°C	20	2.1
	220°C	20	2.1

<sup>a</sup>Al = Aluminium.

## 2- EDS of UHP-GE and UHP-GE paste

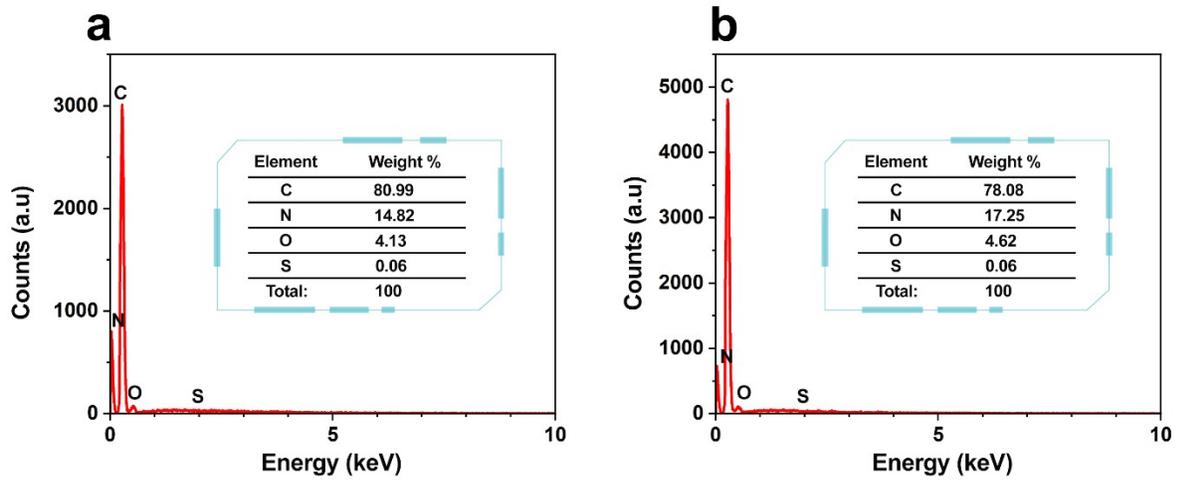


Figure S1: Effects of treatment on graphite powder. EDS spectrum of UHP-GE powder before (a) and after (b) treatment.

## 3- EDS mapping of UHP-GE and UHP-GE paste

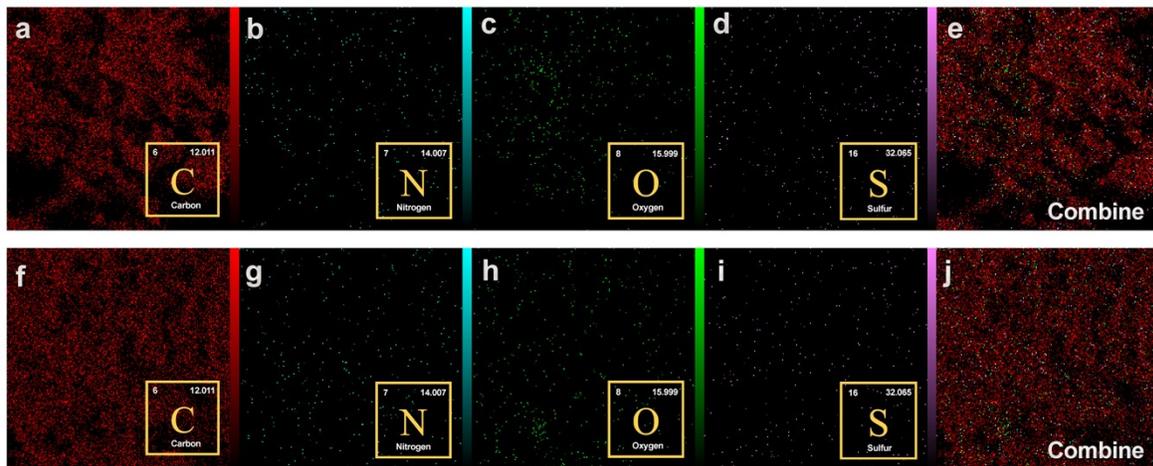


Figure S2: Effects of treatment on UHP-GE powder.

a-e) UHP-GE powder before treatment and (f-j) after treatment.

#### 4- Optimizing the designed antenna

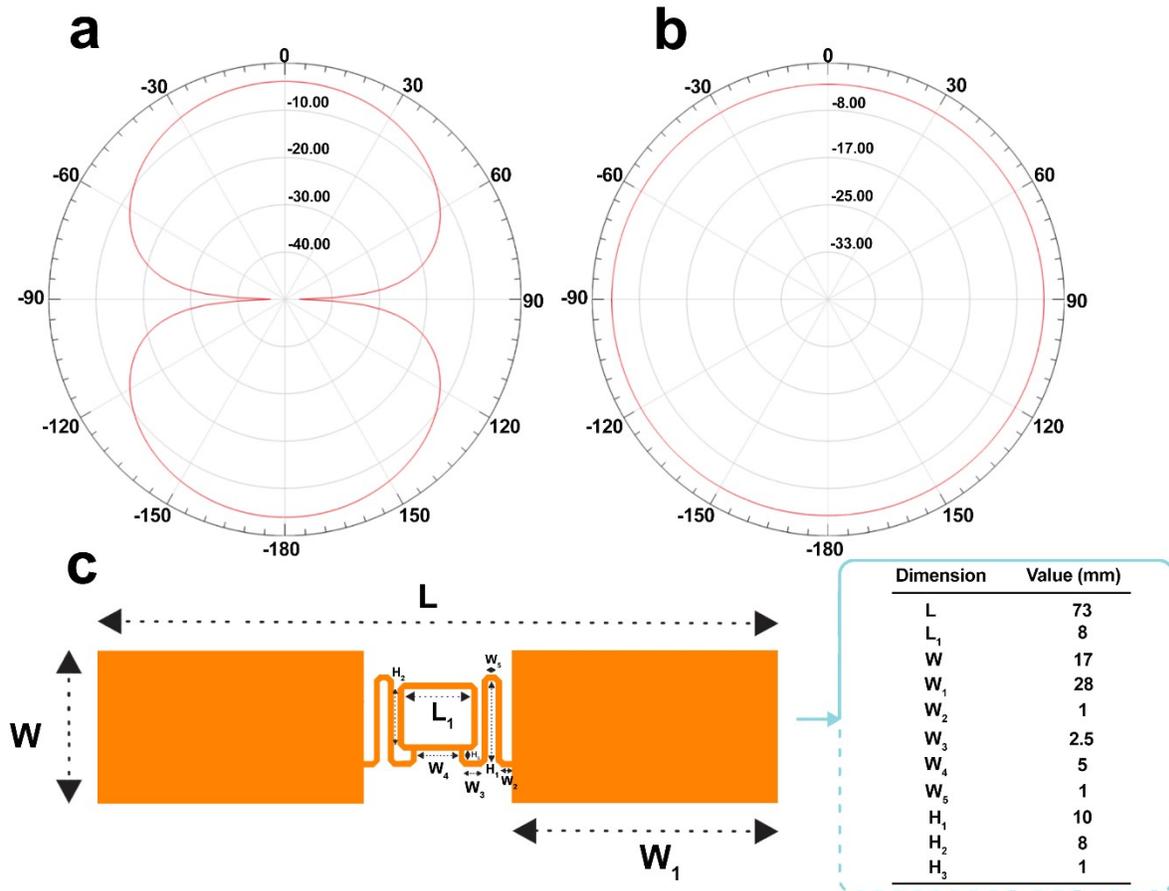


Figure S3: a) The H-plane and b) E-plane radiation patterns of the antenna model were simulated using HFSS software. c) Structure diagram.

## 5- RFID tags antenna application

Table S2. Important parameters of the designed dipole antenna.

type	VSWR	reflection coefficient ( $S_{11}$ )	Transmitted Power	Reflected Power
UHP-GE@ Al	1.08	-28.299	99.851	0.148
UHP-GE@ FRP <sup>a</sup> or UHP-GE@ KF <sup>b</sup>	1.58	-12.964	94.946	5.053

<sup>a</sup>FRP=fire-resistant paper, <sup>b</sup>KF=kapton foil.

## 6- Characteristics of the UHF RFID tags

Table S3. Basic features of UHF RFID tags produced.

	Tag a	Tag b	Tag c	Tag d
Conductive material	UHP-GE	UHP-GE	UHP-GE	aluminum
Substrate	kapton foil	fire-resistant paper	aluminum foil	kapton foil
$R_s$ ( $\Omega$ sq <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>	0.08	0.08	0.01	0.00289
$\sigma$ (S m <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>b</sup>	$4.75 \times 10^5$	$4.75 \times 10^5$	$4 \times 10^6$	$1.38 \times 10^7$
$S_{11}$	-13	-13	-28	-37
Read range (m)	6	5.9	10	15.2

<sup>a</sup>  $R_s$ =sheet resistance, <sup>b</sup>  $\sigma$ =conductivity

## 7- The environmental conditions under which H<sub>2</sub>

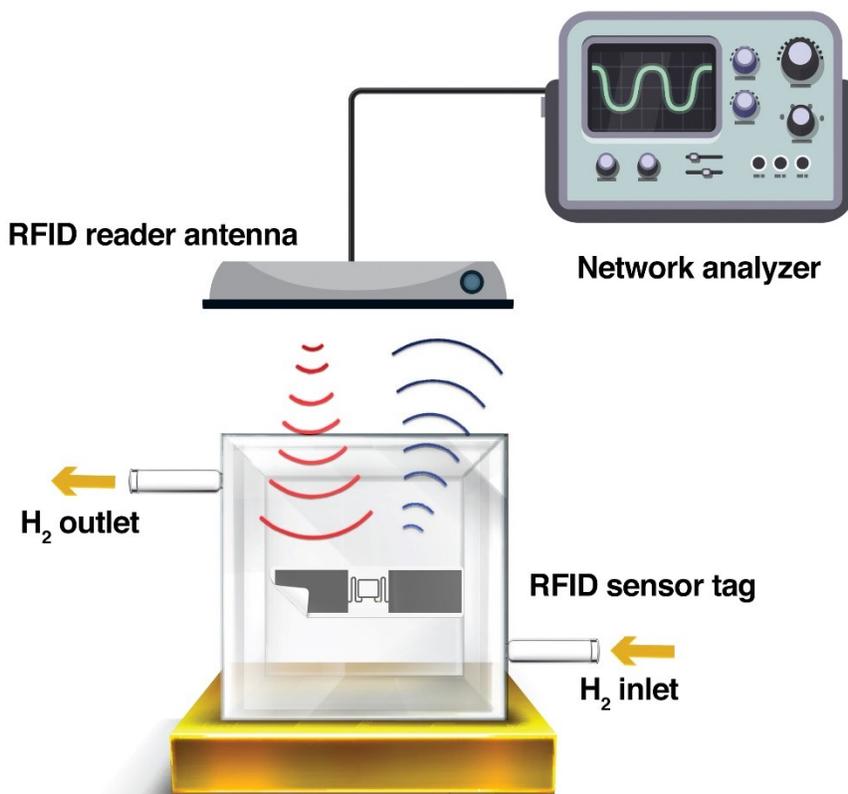


Figure S4: illustrates a wireless system designed for measuring H<sub>2</sub> gas, which includes an RFID reader, a network analyzer, and a sealed container that houses an RFID tag. The tag is placed 15 cm away from the antenna, and all tests are conducted at room temperature (25°C). Following this, the labels are stabilized in air for two hours before being subjected to a test to check the sensor's functionality. Pure hydrogen gas is injected into the chamber for 5 minutes, followed by free air for the next 5 minutes. Throughout the investigation, the tags are exposed to varying concentrations of H<sub>2</sub> gas, ranging from 1-40 ppm.



## 9- Response and recovery time of hydrogen detection sensors

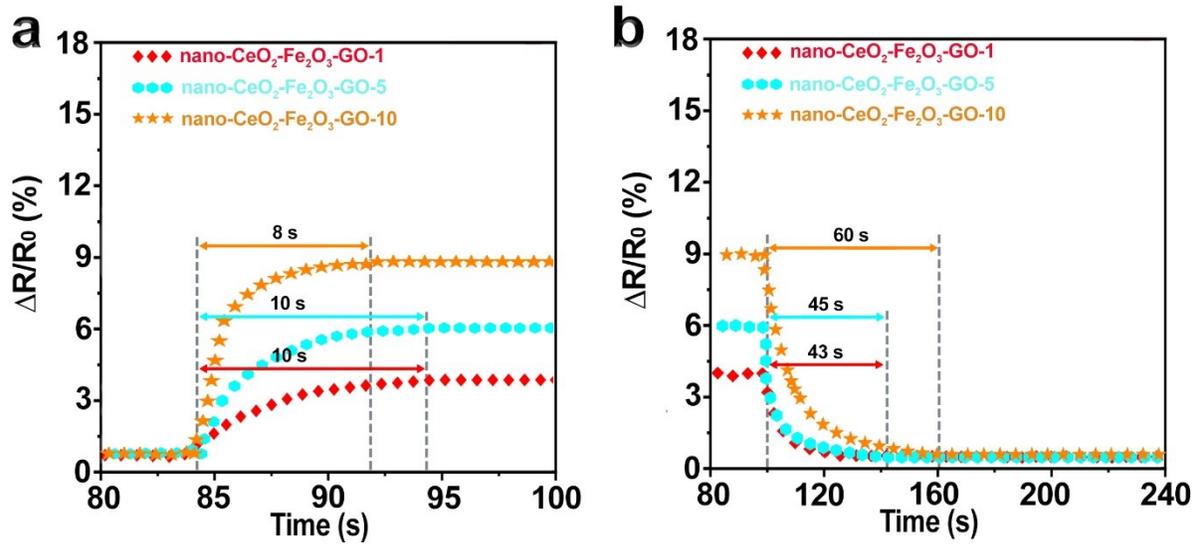


Figure S6: a) Response time and b) Recovery time of sensors based on nano-CeO<sub>2</sub>-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-GO in 40 ppm concentration of H<sub>2</sub> gas.