

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Ultrafast NH₃ Sensing Properties of WO₃@CoWO₄ Heterojunction Nanofibres at Room Temperature

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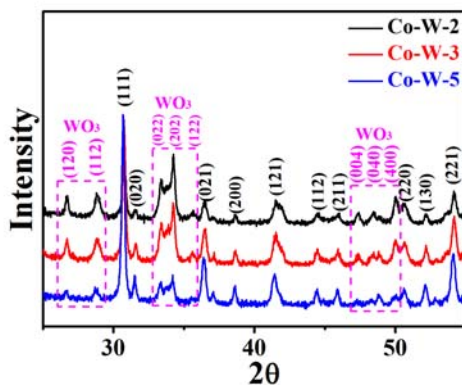


Figure S1. XRD patterns of Figure 1a with 2θ ranged from 25 to 55.

In Figure S1, the peaks at about 26.59, 28.92, 35.66, 47.24, 48.24 and 49.93 degrees were aimed to peaks (120), (112), (122), (004), (040) and (400) of WO_3 , and about 31.43, 36.39, 38.52, 41.45, 44.33, 45.79, 50.53, 52.02 and 54.12 degrees were aimed to peaks (020), (021), (200), (121), (112), (211), (220), (130) and (221) of CoWO_4 .

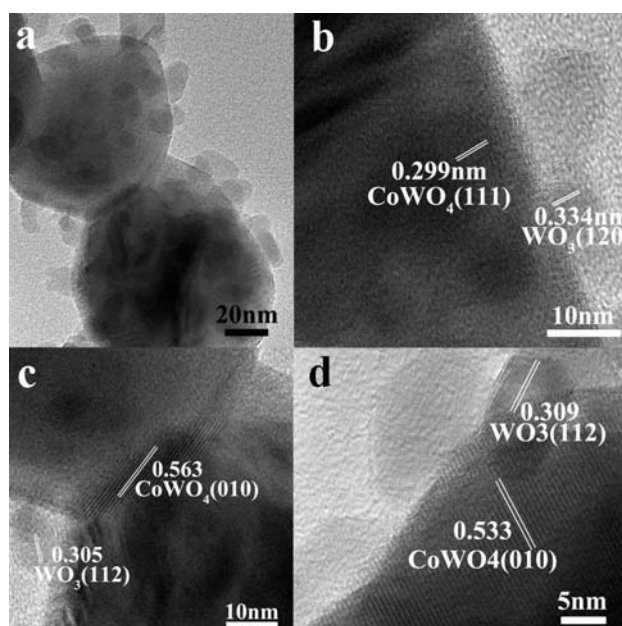


Figure S2. TEM images of Co-W-2.

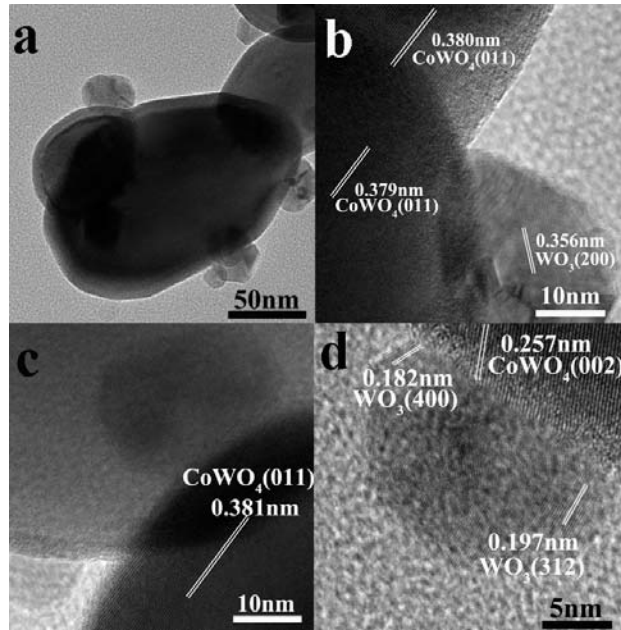


Figure S3. TEM images of Co-W-5.

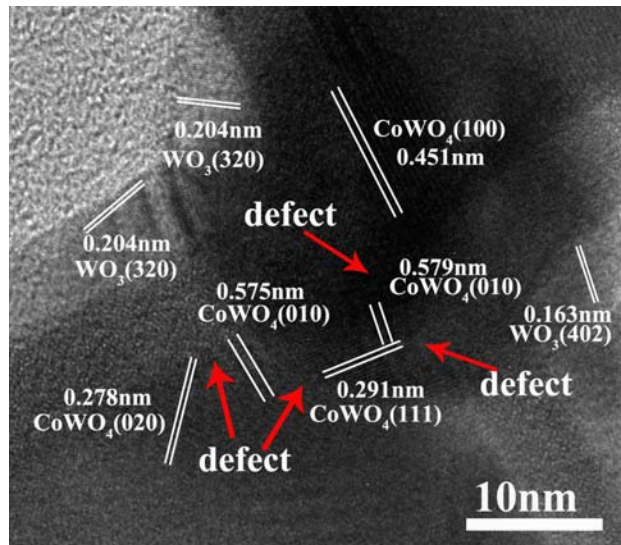


Figure S4. TEM image of Co-W-3, showing CoWO₄-WO₃ p-n heterojunction and CoWO₄-CoWO₄ p-p homojunction.

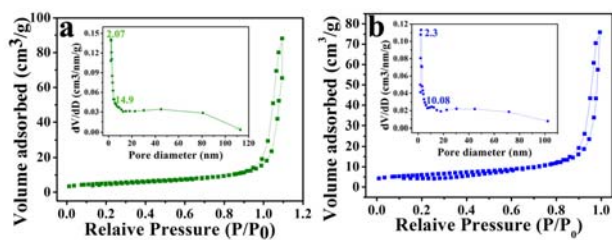


Figure S5. N₂ adsorption–desorption isotherms and pore-size distribution curves (the inset) of (a) Co-W-2 and (b) Co-W-5.

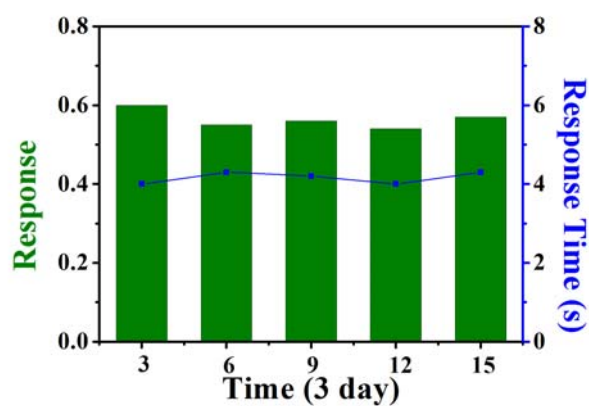


Figure S6. The response of the Co-W-3 for 15 days with 100ppm NH₃ at RT.

Table S1. O 1s peak position and peak area ratio of the four samples

Sample	WO ₃		Co-W-2			Co-W-3			Co-W-5		
	O ₁	O ₂	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃
Peak position(eV)	529.9	531.0	529.9	530.5	532.0	529.8	530.5	531.8	529.9	530.5	531.9
Peak area ratio(%)	71.9	28.1	51.4	22.1	26.5	41.9	20.5	37.6	37.3	28.4	34.3

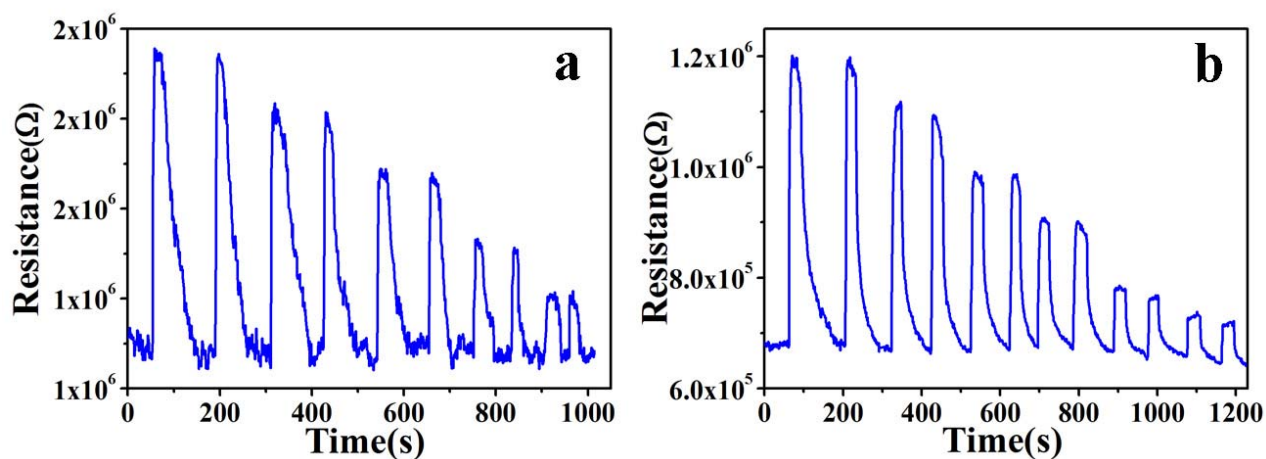


Figure S7. Dynamic response-recovery curves of samples. (a) Co-W-2, (b) Co-W-5 (RH: 26%).

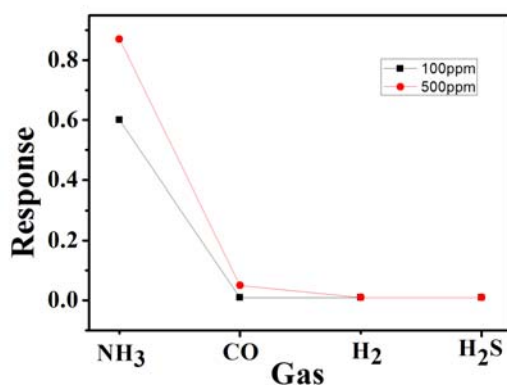


Figure S8. Gas selectivity chart of Co-W-3 sample with different concentration of gas.

We had injection 500 and 100ppm different kinds of gas. For 500ppm, the response to NH_3 was 0.87, and to CO was 0.05, to other two gas had no response; to 100ppm, the response to NH_3 was 0.6, but the response to CO had no response like other two gas. So that it could show the excellent gas selectivity for NH_3

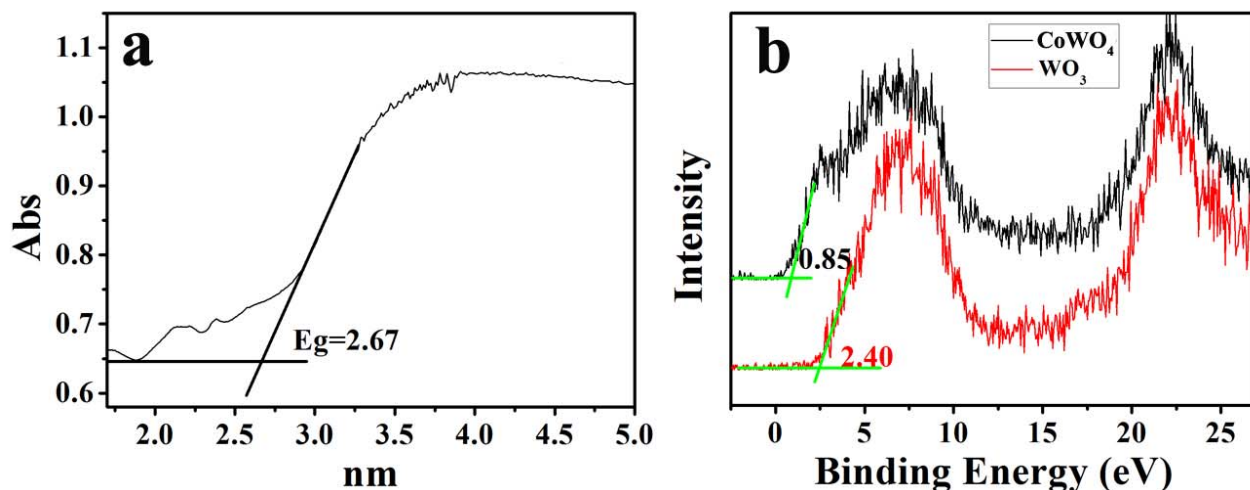


Figure S9. (a) The E_g value of CoWO_4 and (b) the valence band spectrum of WO_3 and CoWO_4 .

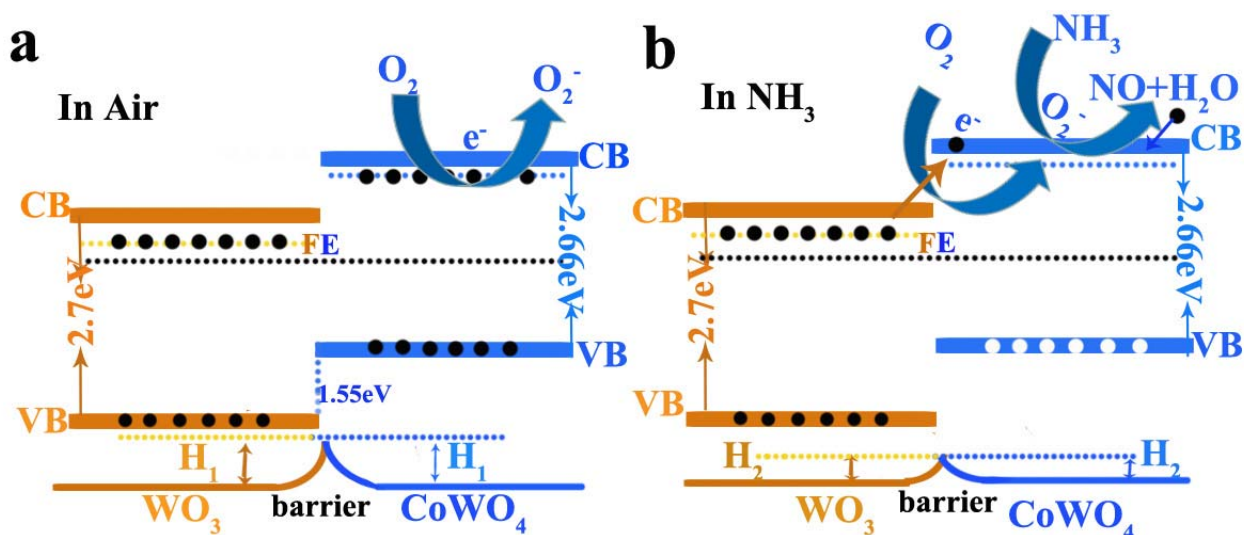


Figure S10. Schematic illustrations of gas sensing: energy band diagrams and the corresponding interfacial potential barrier heights (a) in air; (b) in NH_3

Table S2: The response and response time of WO_3 and $\text{WO}_3\text{-CoWO}_4$ sensor to different NH_3 concentrations at room temperature

Sample	cycle number	concentration (ppm)	1000	500	100	50	10	5
WO_3	1	Response	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Response time	-	-	-	-	-	-

		(s)						
		Response	0.25	0.21	0.15	0.09	0.05	-
	1	Response time	4.3	4.6	5.3	5.3	6.0	-
Co-W-2		(s)						
		Response	0.24	0.20	0.15	0.09	0.05	-
	2	Response time	4.6	4.8	4.6	5.3	5.7	-
		(s)						
		Response	1.17	0.93	0.60	0.38	0.24	-
	1	Response time	3.0	3.3	4.0	4.3	4.6	-
Co-W-3		(s)						
		Response	1.19	0.83	0.57	0.40	0.25	-
	2	Response time	3.6	4.3	4.0	4.3	4.6	-
		(s)						
		Response	0.77	0.64	0.45	0.34	0.15	0.07
	1	Response time	2.0	2.6	3.0	3.3	3.7	4.0
Co-W-5		(s)						
		Response	0.76	0.62	0.45	0.33	0.12	0.06
	2	Response time	2.7	3.0	3.6	3.3	3.6	4.0
		(s)						

Table S3. Comparison of the sensing performances of our proposed NH₃ sensor with those reported in the literature

Material	NH ₃ (ppm)	Sensor response	Temperature(°C)	Response time (s)	References
ZnO/WO ₃	100	1.69(Ra/Rg)	RT	-	1.
Pt/WO ₃	100	12(Rg/Ra)	125	-	2.
WO ₃	100	5.5(Ra/Rg)	500	1	3.

WO ₃ NFs	100	5.5(Rg/Ra)	200	-	4.
WO ₃ -CoWO ₄	100	0.6(Δ Rg/Ra)	RT	4	Present work

Table S4. The BET surface and pore size of the three samples.

sample	BET surface (m ² /g)	Pore size (nm)
Co-W-2	37.27	2.07, 14.9
Co-W-3	38.35	2.1, 15.1
Co-W-5	36.82	2.3, 10.8

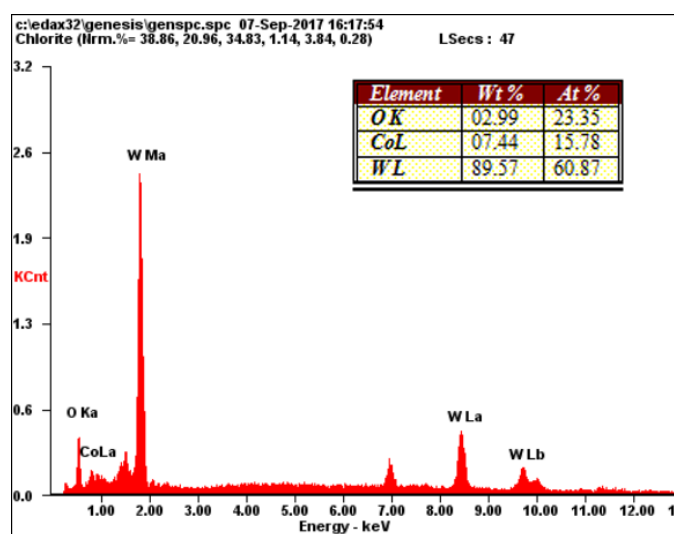


Figure S11. The EDS of Co-W-3.

Table S5. Comparison of the sensing performances of NH₃ sensors at room temperature

Material	NH ₃ (ppm)	Sensor response	Temperature(°C)	Response time (s)	References
WS ₂	250	2.5	RT	200	5.
ZnO-PANI	100	1.3	RT	21	6.
Plasma CNTS	100	22.5%	RT	60	7.
PANI -Fe ₂ O ₃	100	72%	RT	50	8.
PANI-WO ₃	100	1.5	RT	39	9
MoS ₂ -ZnO	50	45%	RT	10	10
CVD graphene	1300	1.5	RT	156	11
WO ₃ -CoWO ₄	100	60%	RT	4	Present work

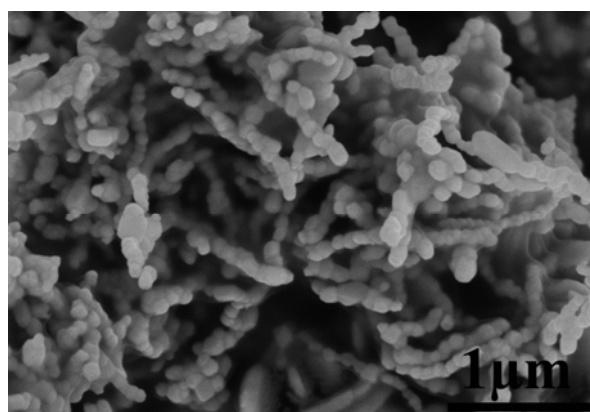


Figure S12. The SEM of Co-W-3.

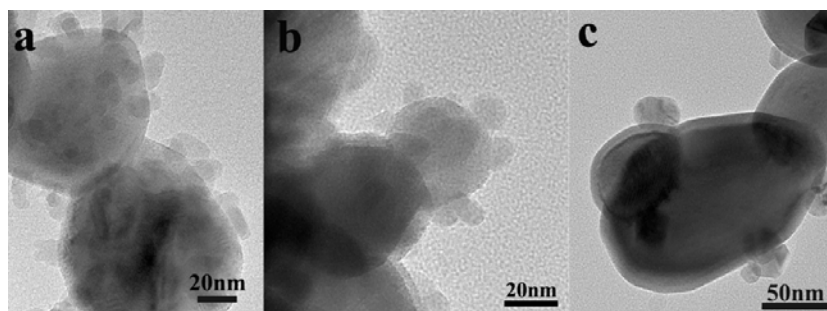


Figure S13: HRTEM images of (a) Co-W-2; (b) Co-W-3; (c) Co-W-5.

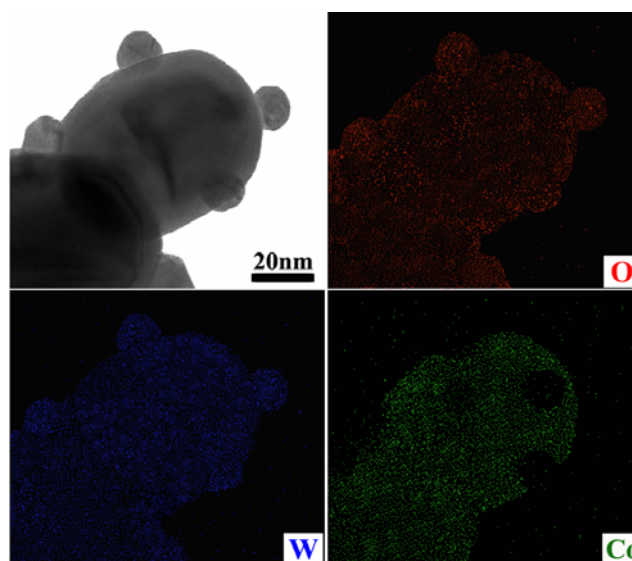


Fig. S14. EDS mapping of the sample Co-W-3: (a) TEM image; (b–d) corresponding to O, W and Co elemental mapping, respectively.

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