

Supplementary Materials for

A paradigm shift fully self-powered long-distance wireless sensing solution enabled by discharge-induced displacement current

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Fig. S1. The whole process of breakdown discharge.



Fig. S2. The structure, fabrication process, and working process of the SWISE. (A) The structure and photograph of the SWISE, where the gap structure and sealed cavity was shown by microscope. (B) The non-lithography fabrication process of the SWISE. The electron beam evaporation process was used to fabricate the metal layer on the FEP layer. (C) The flexible SWISE has the characteristics of (I) thin, (II) small, and (III) deformable. (D) The working process of the SWISE.



Fig. S3. The simultaneously measurement result of the transmitted signal (dark blue) and the current in the SWISE (dark orange).



Fig. S4. The illustration of FS-TENG. (a) The structure of the FS-TENG. (b) The output characteristic of FS-TENG with a load of 10 pF capacitor in zero pressure force condition.



Fig. S5. The photograph of the group of breakdown dischargers. Photo Credit: Haoyu Wang, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.



Fig. S6. The measured SWISE-induced signal of ten consecutive sliding tests in time domain.



Fig. S7. The measured SWISE-induced signal of ten consecutive sliding tests in frequency domain.



Fig. S8. The systematic study of the SWISE-induced signal. (A) The received signal with different gap distances between electrodes of breakdown discharger in frequency domain. (B) The received signal with different voltage drops on the breakdown discharger in frequency domain. (C) The relationship between the peak-to-peak voltage of the received signal and the voltage drops on breakdown discharger. (D) (E) The received signal with different motion directions in FS-TENG in frequency domain and time domain.



Fig. S9. The long-distance experiment platform of SWISE. Photo Credit: Haoyu Wang, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.



Fig. S10. The process flow of the gas environment experiment.



Fig. S11. 2D plots of the breakdown discharger outputs responding to different gas environments (as listed in the table inset of Fig. 3C).



Fig. S12. Schematic diagram of the demonstration systems. (**A**) The electronic skin motion sensing system. (**B**) The self-powered wireless soft keyboard.



Fig. S13. The adjustable of the amplitude and spectrum of the wireless signal generated by the SWISE. (A) Driven by the identical mechanical motion, the larger gap distance can generate stronger signal with larger amplitude. (**B**) By adding the metal film or positioning the SWISE surrounded by external conductors, the signal spectrum changed, where the LC resonant signal was filtered by band block filter to highlight the signal.

Influential factor	Symbol
Voltage drop on breakdown discharger	U
Gap distance between electrodes of	d
breakdown discharger	
Motion direction in FS-TENG	-
Wire length connecting FS-TENG and	1
breakdown discharger	
Space conductor distribution	-
Distance between the breakdown discharger	D
and the receiver (transmission distance)	
Gas type	Ν
Gas pressure	Р
Temperature	Т
Humidity	Н

Table S1. The major influential factors to the transmitted signal.

Note S1. The details of charged particles induced wireless EM signal.

The charged particles with an accelerated motion can generate the electric field E and magnetic field B as described below (43):

$$\boldsymbol{E} = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 c^2 r} \boldsymbol{e}_r \times \left(\boldsymbol{e}_r \times \dot{\boldsymbol{v}}\right) \tag{1}$$

$$\boldsymbol{B} = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 c^3 r} \boldsymbol{\dot{v}} \times \boldsymbol{e}_r = \frac{1}{c} \boldsymbol{e}_r \times \boldsymbol{E}$$
(2)

where the charge, vacuum permittivity, light speed, direction vector of the charged particle and distance between the observation point and charged particle can be denoted as q, \mathcal{E}_0 , c, \mathbf{e}_r and r, respectively. Therefore, the varying electric and magnetic fields can generate EM waves for omnidirectional propagation which were eventually received by the receiving part.

Note S2. The detailed different cases in Fig. 2H.

Case 1: The two wires were placed above the optical platform (around 6 cm) separately, with the distance around 20 cm.

Case 2: The two wires got closer with each other than case 1, with the distance around 10 cm.

Case 3: The two wires got closer with each other than case 2, with the distance around 5 cm.

Case 4: One wire was overlapped with another one.

Case 5: The two wires twisted with each other.

Case 6: The two wires were directly placed on the optical platform.

Note S3. The detailed model of the electrical model of the SWISE.

The SWISE can be simply concluded to an electrical model, as shown in Fig. 2J, where the V_i presented the output voltage of TENG, while C_i presented the capacitance of TENG. *R*, *C* and *L* presented the transmit system's resistor, capacitor and inductor,

respectively. The transmit system and spatial conductors' distribution nearby existed resistor, capacitor, inductor, parasitic capacitor and parasitic inductor, which can be considered as a second-order system. Similarly, the receiver system can also be considered as a second-order system with a load of oscilloscope.

Then, the breakdown signal has the relationship with

$$A_{BD} = f(\frac{di}{dt}, G(s)) = f_A(\tau, P, U, d, G(s))$$
(3)

$$f_{BD} = f_f(t_r, G(s)) = f_f(\tau, P, U, d, G(s))$$
(4)

where *i* is the current passing through the gap, t_r is the pulse current rise time, τ is the constant which is relevant to the medium characteristic, *P* is the gas pressure, *U* is the applied voltage, *d* is the gap distance, *G*(*s*) is the transmit system characteristic, A_{BD} is the amplitude of the discharge-induced signal, and f_{BD} is the frequency of the discharge-induced signal (44-46).

Movie S1. The detection of the sub-finger-nail size SWISE's signal.

Movie S2. The long-distance detection of SWISE's signal.

Movie S3. The SWISE based self-powered wireless motion sensing electronic skin system.

Movie S4. The SWISE based self-powered wireless soft keyboard system.

Movie S5. The SWISE based smart wristband system.

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