Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

Supporting Information S-1

Table S1 Water content (%) determined in this work^a and crystalities obtained from references were listed for *B. mori* silk sericin, silk fibroin and silk cocooon..

| | Water content | Crystallinity |
|--------------|---------------|------------------------|
| | (wt %) | Degree (%) |
| Silk Cocoon | 78(±2) | 19 ^b |
| Silk Sericin | 104 (±5) | 15 ^c |
| Silk Fibroin | 50(±5) | 22 ^b |
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a. The water contents (%) of three silk fibers, silk sericin, silk fibroin and silk cocooon were determined according to the following equation.

Water content (wt %) = ((W wet – W dry) / W dry) x 100

where W wet is the weight of the hydrated silk fiber sample and W dry is the weight of the dried silk fiber sample. In the preparation of the hydrated samples, they were immersed in H_2O for at least one day. The weight of the hydrated sample was determined after wiping excess water off the sample. On the other hand, the weight of the dried sample was determined after setting the sample in 60°C oven more than 3 days. The averaged value of water content after five repeated experiments for each silk fiber was listed.

- b. Ref. 52
- c. Ref. 53

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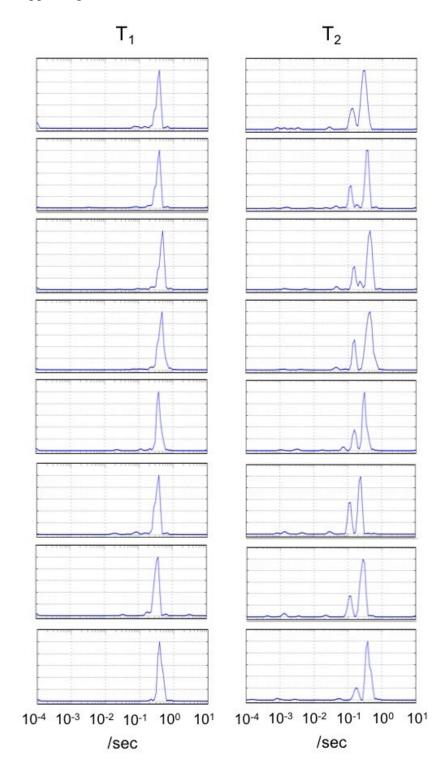


Figure S1. The ²H T_1 and T_2 projections of 2D ²H ILT T_1 - T_2 correlation maps of ²H₂O at 20°C of the SF fiber in order to check the reproducibility of the experiment.