

Supporting information

Au-Covered Hollow Urchin-like ZnO Nanostructures for Surface-Enhanced Raman Scattering Sensing

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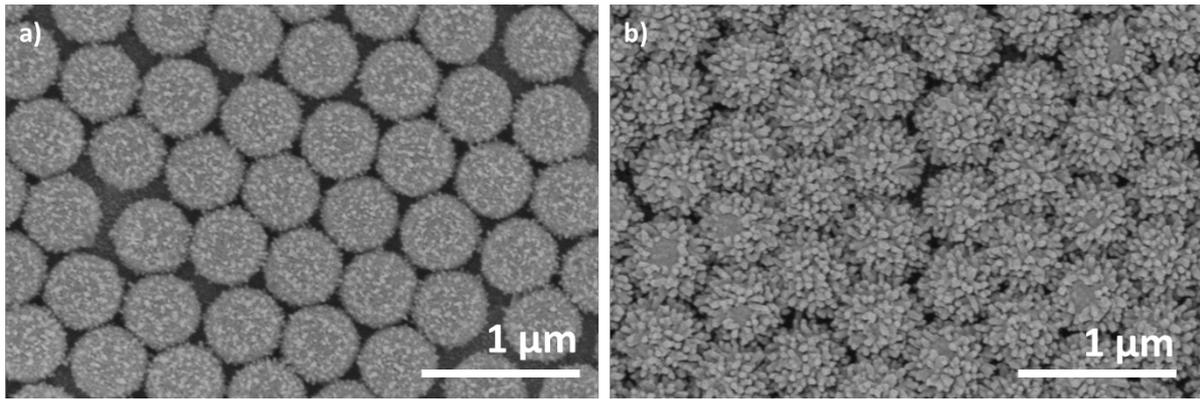


Figure S1. SEM micrographs of urchin-like ZnO structures covered by a gold layer deposited by e-gun evaporation with thicknesses of a) 10 nm and b) 50 nm.

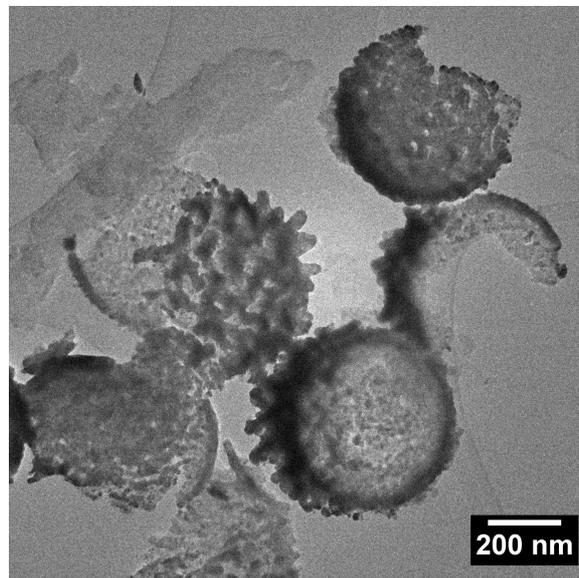


Figure S2. TEM image of an Au-covered ZnO urchin-like structures. The cavity has a reduced contrast and a shell with a uniform dark gray color.

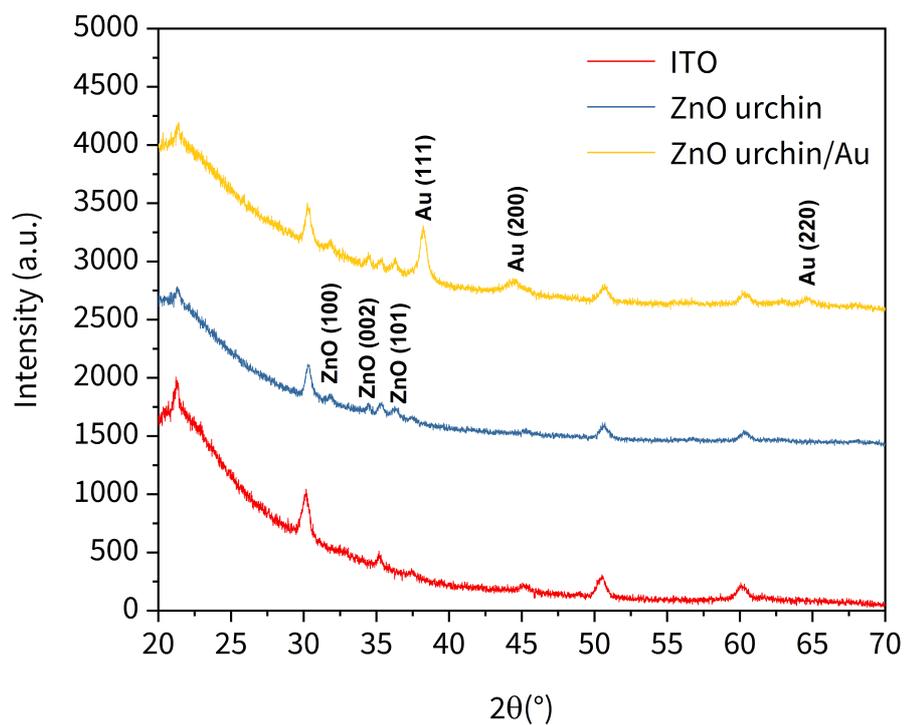


Figure S3. XRD patterns of ITO, urchin-like ZnO, and Au-covered urchin-like ZnO structures.

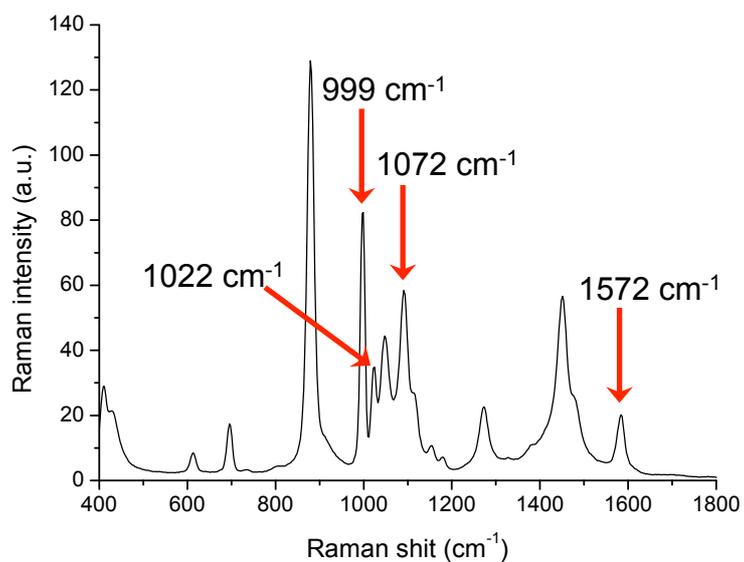


Figure S4. Raman spectrum of thiophenol in ethanol recorded at the excitation wavelength of 785 nm, where the four Raman peaks studied here are displayed. The other peaks correspond either to thiophenol or ethanol.