

## Supplementary material

### **Remarkably improving microwave absorption by cloaking micro-scaled tetrapod hollow with helical carbon nanofibers**

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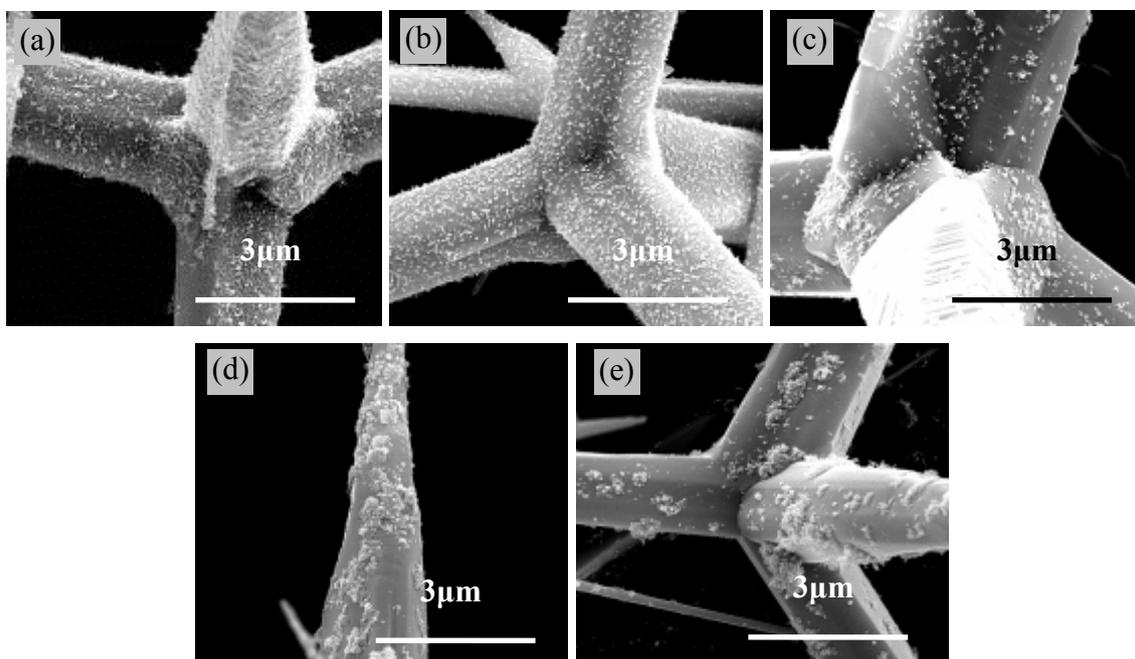
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**Fig. S1**



**Fig. S1** SEM images of n-Cu/T-ZnO obtained from the decomposition of copper ttrate/T-ZnO under H<sub>2</sub> at 271 °C. Cu/T-ZnO: (a) 0.2 mol%; (b) 0.4 mol%; (c) 0.6 mol%; (d) 0.8 mol%; (e) 1.0 mol%.

Fig. S2

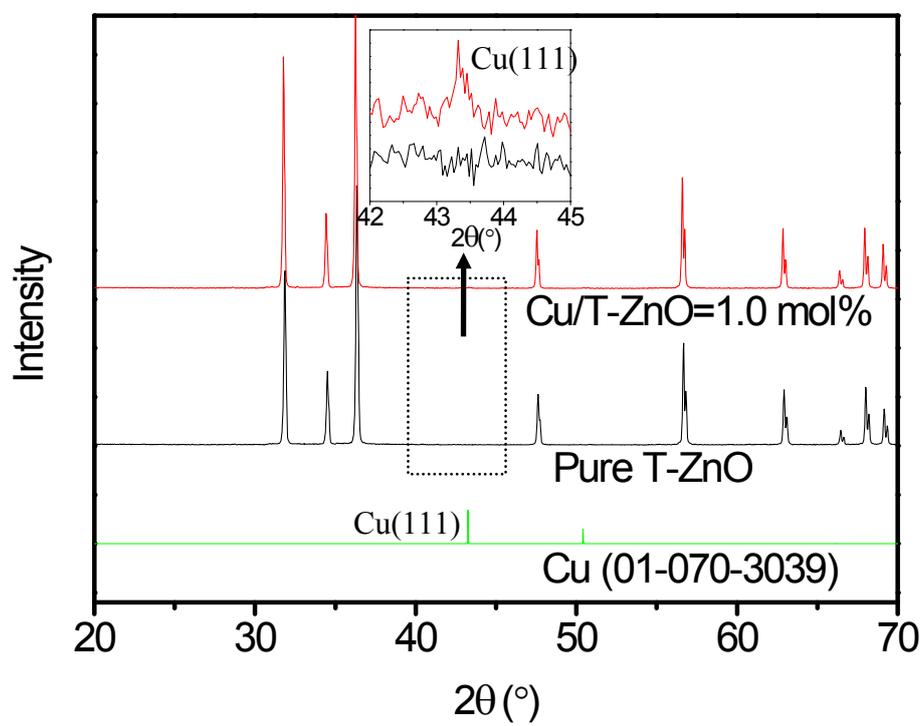


Fig. S2 XRD patterns of pure T-ZnO, n-Cu/T-ZnO and Cu(01-070-3039).

Fig. S3

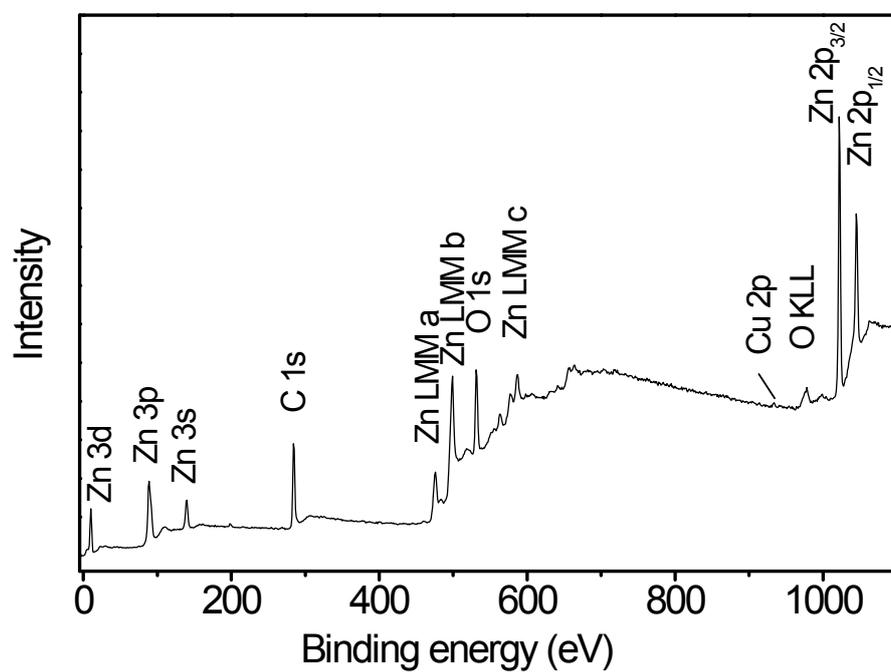
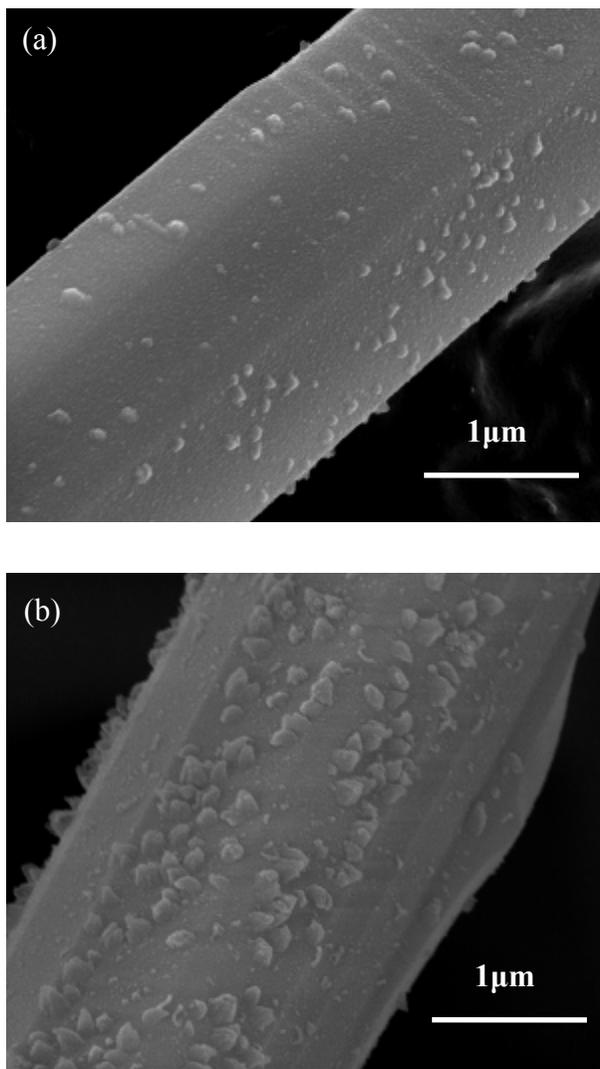


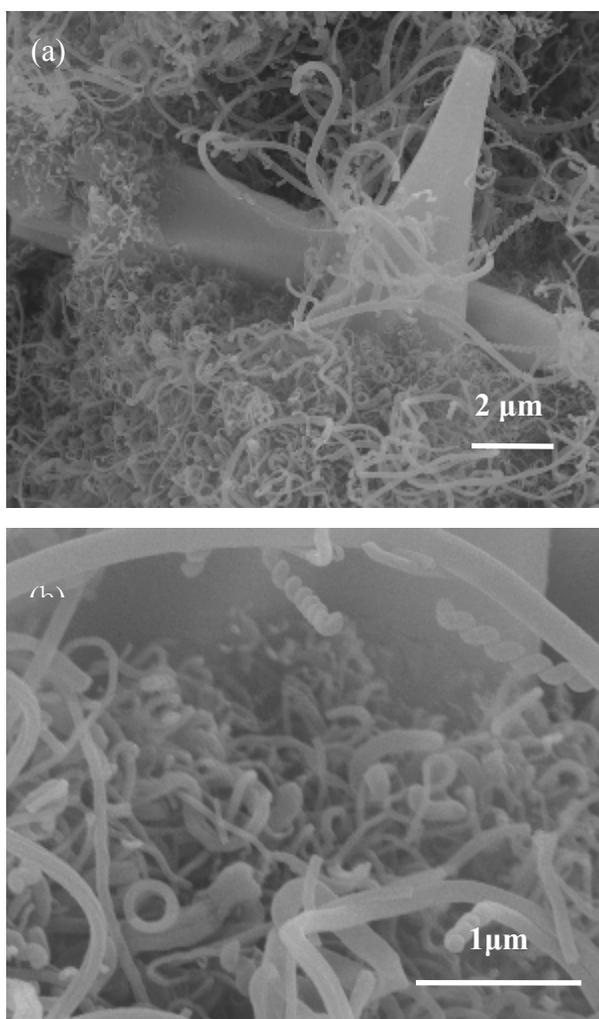
Fig. S3 XPS spectrum of n-Cu/T-ZnO (Molar ratio of n-Cu/T-ZnO is 0.4 mol%).

**Fig. S4**



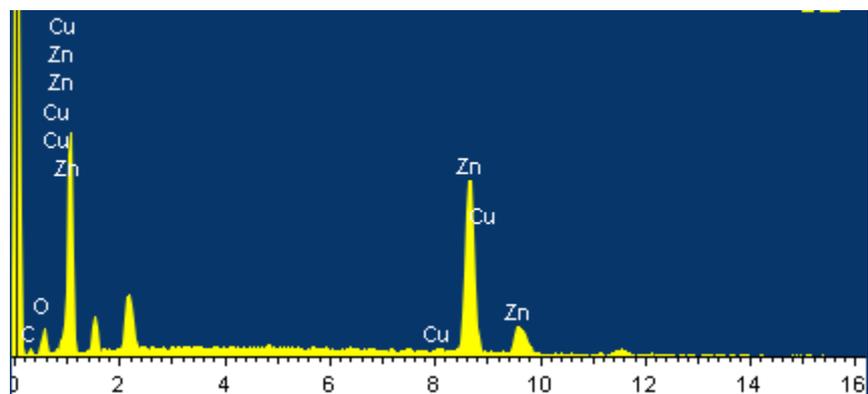
**Fig. S4** SEM image corn cob-like ZnO prepared from n-Cu/T-ZnO after catalyzing  $C_2H_2$  at  $271^\circ C$ . Molar ratio of n-Cu/T-ZnO: (a) 0.2 mol% and (b) 0.4 mol%.

**Fig. S5**



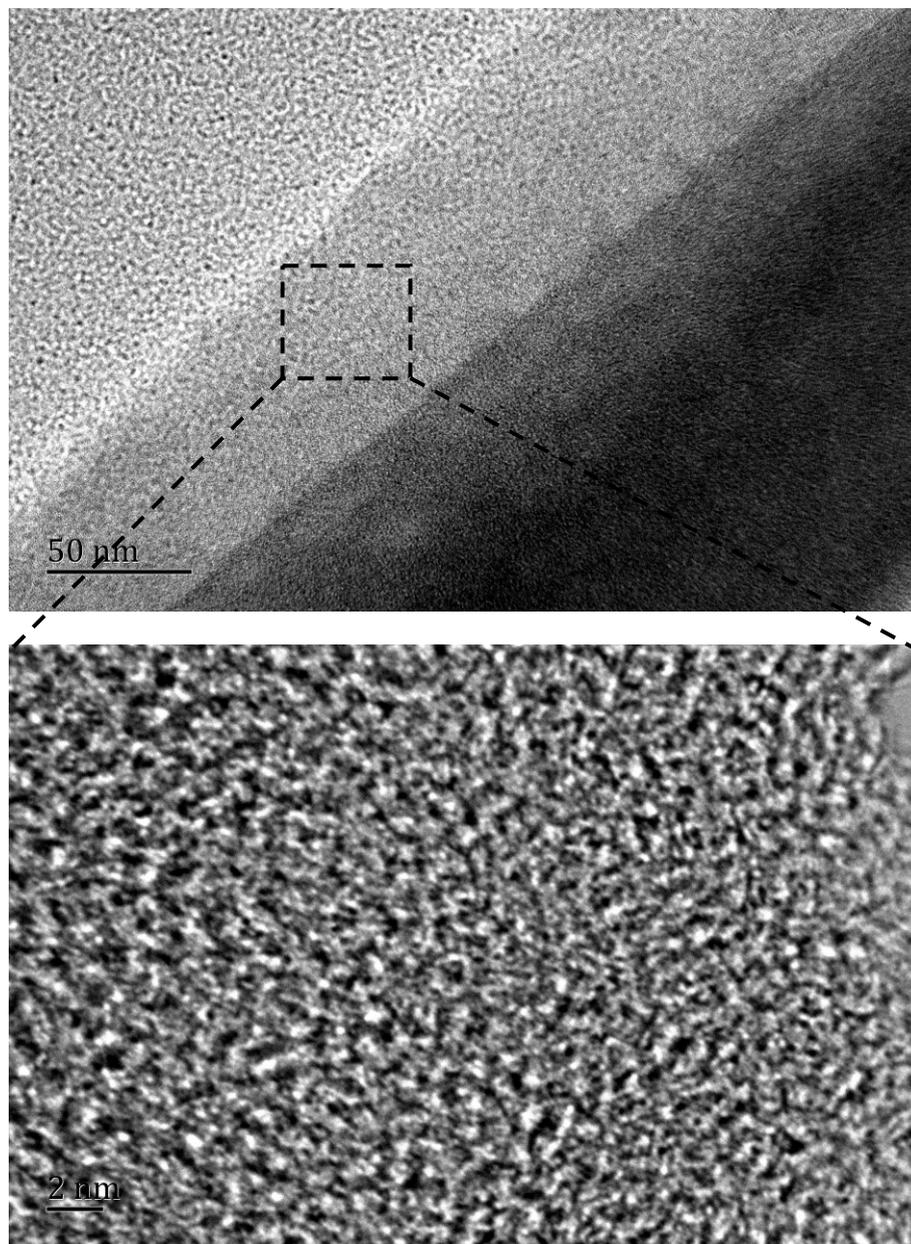
**Fig. S5** SEM image of n-Cu/T-ZnO after catalyzing  $C_2H_2$  at  $271^\circ C$ . Molar ratio of n-Cu/T-ZnO: (a) 0.8 mol% and (b) 1.0 mol%.

**Fig. S6**



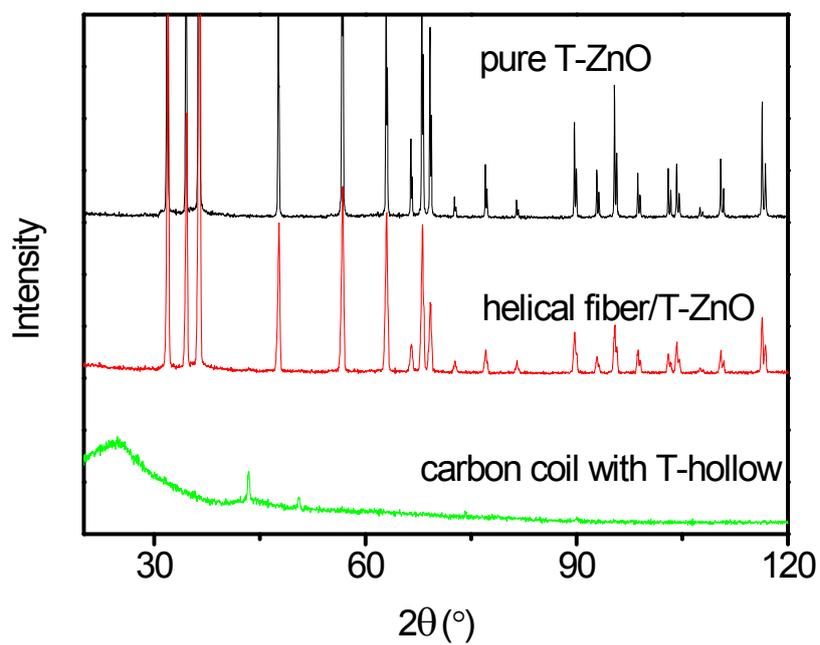
**Fig. S6** EDX patterns of the black buck having metal luster coheres at the end of the quartz tube after heatment of helical fiber/T-ZnO at 900 °C.

**Fig. S7**



**Fig. S7** TEM images of “tetrapod hollow” formed after heatment of helical fiber/T-ZnO at 900 °C.

Fig. S8



**Fig. S8** XRD patterns of pure T-ZnO, helical fiber/T-ZnO and carbon coil with tetrapod-hollow (T-hollow).