## **Supporting Information**

## Enhanced out of plane electrical conductivity in polymer composites induced by CO<sub>2</sub> laser irradiation of carbon fibers

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**S1.** SEM micrographs of PCF and TCF fibers. TCF denotes Toray CFs (T700SC), while PCF denotes the Pyrofil fibers (TR50S). bTCF and bPCF represent control bare non-exposed CFs.



Figure S1. PCF sample irradiated at 2.5 W (25 J/cm<sup>-2</sup>).



Figure S2. PCF sample irradiated at 3.75 W (37 J/cm<sup>-2</sup>).



Figure S3. PCF sample irradiated at 4 W (39 J/cm<sup>-2</sup>).



Figure S4. PCF sample irradiated at 4.25 W (42 J/cm<sup>-2</sup>).



Figure S5. PCF sample irradiated at 4.5 W (44 J/cm<sup>-2</sup>).



Figure S6. PCF sample irradiated at 4.75 W (47 J/cm<sup>-2</sup>).



Figure S7. PCF sample irradiated at 5 W (49 J/cm<sup>-2</sup>).



**Figure S8.** Area of the irradiation for TCF representative samples. (a) TCF<sub>4.75 W</sub> (47 J/cm<sup>-2</sup>), (b) TCF<sub>7.5 W</sub> (74 J/cm<sup>-2</sup>), (c) TCF<sub>10 W</sub> (99 J/cm<sup>-2</sup>).



Figure S9. bTCF sample.



Figure S10. TCF sample irradiated at 3.75 W (37 J/cm<sup>-2</sup>).



Figure S11. TCF sample irradiated at 4.25 W (42 J/cm<sup>-2</sup>).



Figure S12. TCF sample irradiated at 4.75 W (47 J/cm<sup>-2</sup>).



Figure S13. TCF sample irradiated at 7.5 W (74 J/cm<sup>-2</sup>).



Figure S14. TCF sample irradiated at 10 W (99 J/cm<sup>-2</sup>).



Figure S15. bPCF sample.



Figure S16. PCF sample irradiated at 4.25 W (42 J/cm<sup>-2</sup>).

S2. Raman characterization of the PCF UD cloths



Figure S17. Raman spectra of PCF sample irradiated at various powers.