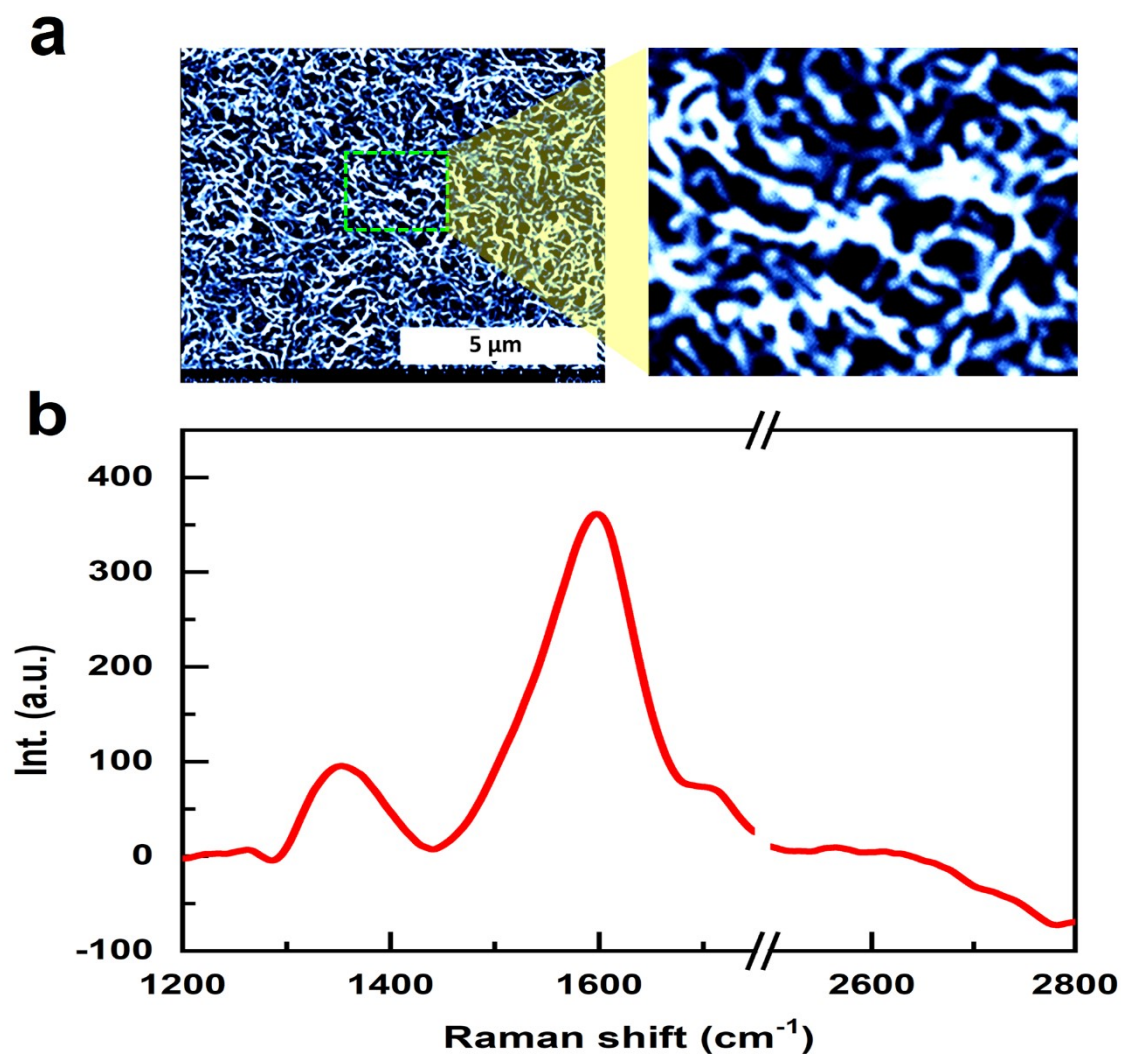


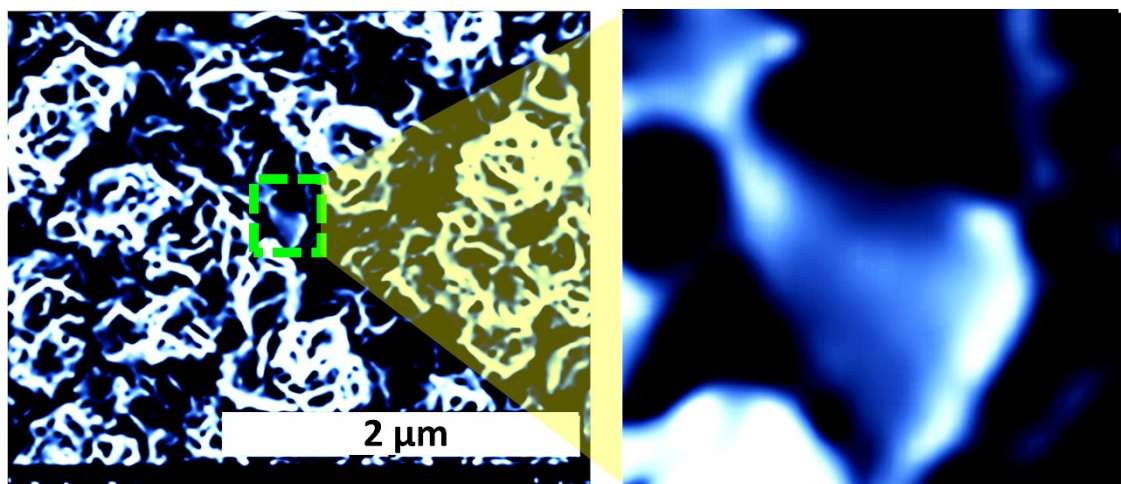
### Electronic supplementary information

#### Laser-engineering of heterostructured graphitic petals on carbon nanotubes forests (GP/CNTF) for robust thermal interface capable of swift heat transfer

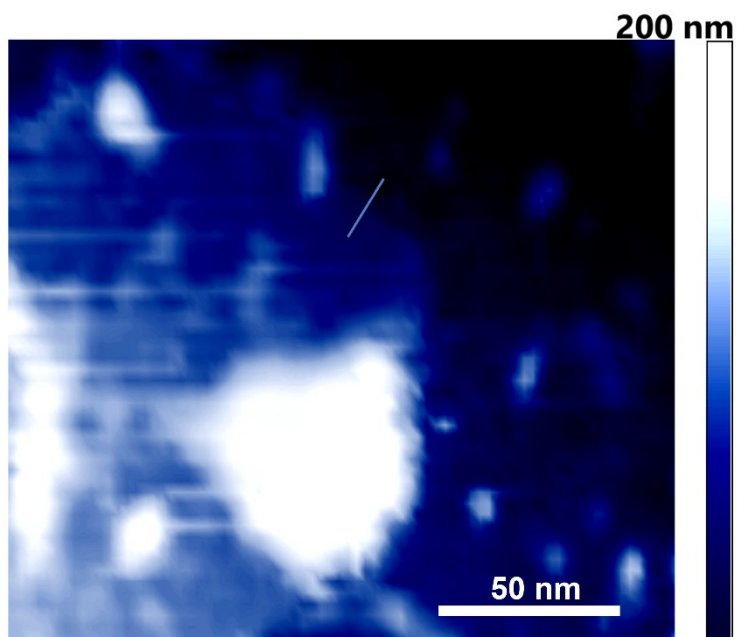
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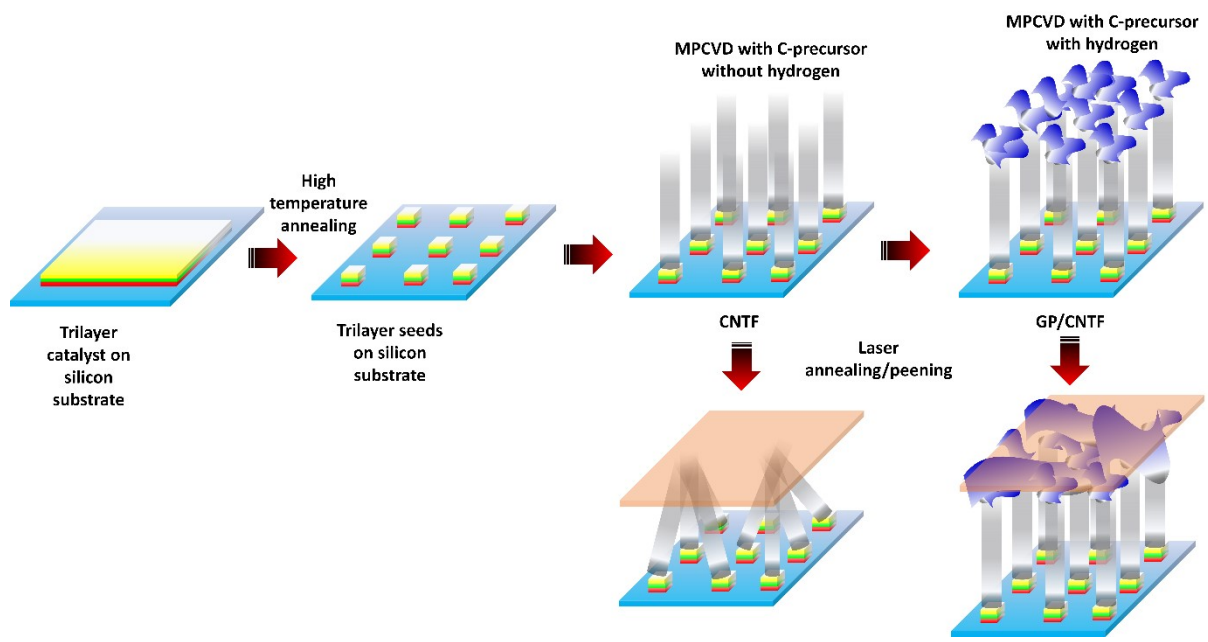
**Figure S1** (a) FESEM image and (b) Raman spectrum of CNTF laser annealed for 3 minutes at 5 Hz pulse rate at laser fluence value of 0.8 J/cm<sup>2</sup>.



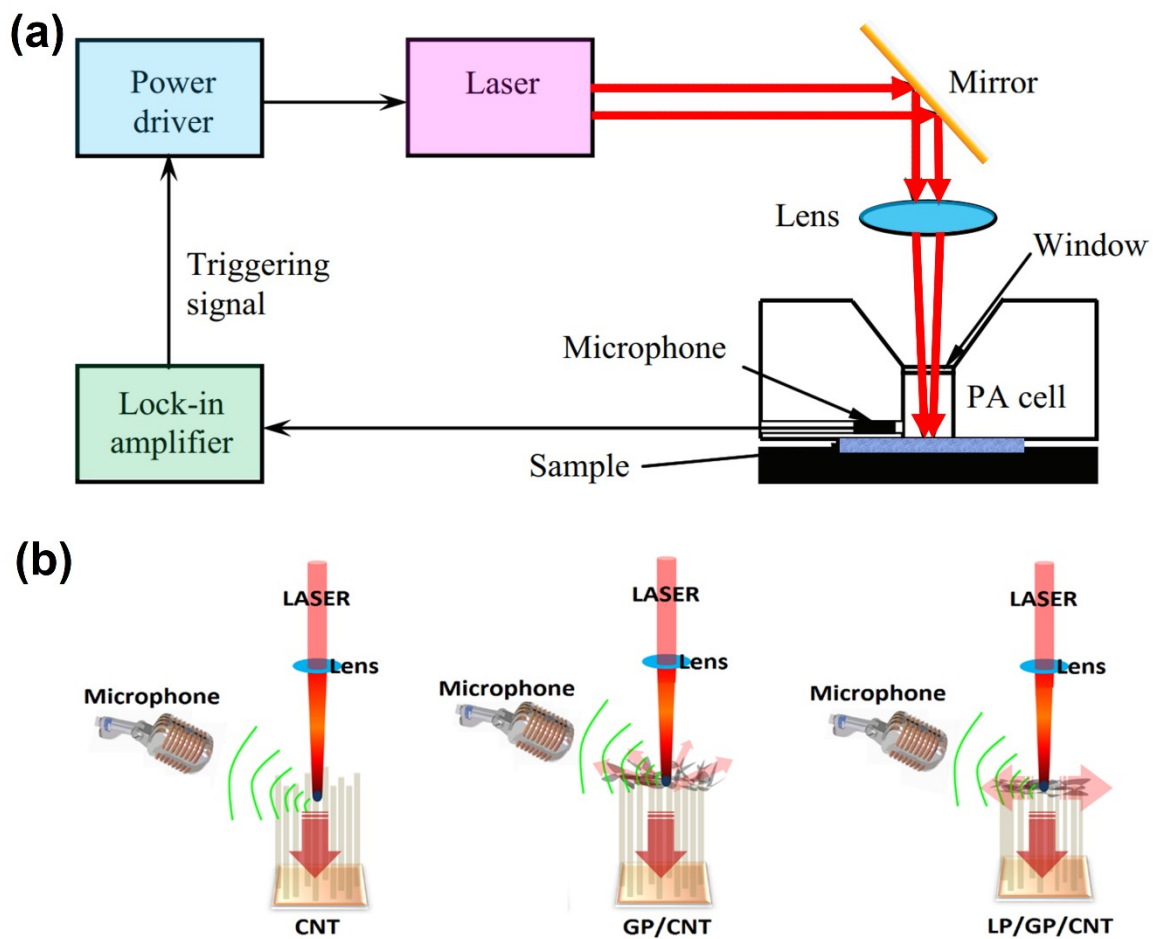
**Figure S2** FESEM image of GP/CNTF laser annealed for 10 minutes at 5 Hz pulse rate at laser fluence value of 0.8 J/cm<sup>2</sup>.



**Figure S3** AFM image of GP/CNTF laser annealed for 10 minutes at 5 Hz pulse rate at laser fluence value of 0.8 J/cm<sup>2</sup>.



**Figure S4** Schematic diagram showing growth of CNTF and GP/CNTF and laser annealing/shock peening.



**Figure S5.** (a) Photo-acoustic (PA) testing of samples for thermal interface resistance at 34 and 138 kPa Helium pressure. (b) PA on various samples.