Supplementary Information for

Advanced lightweight lightning strike protection composites based on super-aligned carbon nanotube films and thermal-resistant zirconia

fibers

Text S1: Preparing process of SA-CNTF.

A chemical vapor deposition (CVD) method was employed to synthesize superaligned CNT arrays with a height of 0.3 mm on eight-inch silicon wafers. A single layer of SA-CNTF was extracted from an array using a dry method and placed on a glass substrate, ensuring the CNTs were aligned parallel to the drawing direction. By stacking multiple layers in parallel and shrinking them with ethanol, multilayer SA-CNTFs (dimensions: 300 mm * 300 mm) were produced. For a 1000-layer SA-CNTF, the areal density and the thickness reached approximately 20 g/m² and 30 μ m, respectively.



Figure S1. Typical morphology of the zirconia fiber. (a,b) SEM image of zirconia fiber paper. (c) EDS of zirconia fiber paper.



Figure S2. Ultrasonic characterization before lightning strikes. (a) Typical C-scan image. (b) Typical B-scan image.

| Table S1. Surface electrical resistivity of LSP laminate samples. | | | | | |
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| No | Name | Electrical resistivity (Ω/\Box) | | | |
| 1 | Z1 | > 1M | | | |
| 2 | Z1C1000 | 2.56 | | | |
| 3 | Z1C1200 | 1.85 | | | |

Table S2. Relevant parameters for calculating thermal conductivity of several isolation layer with CFRP

| Isolation layer with CFRP | Specific heat capacity J/(g*K) | Thermal diffusion coefficient mm ² /s | Thermal conductivity W/m*K |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Glass fiber | 1.12 | 0.406 | 0.7102 |

| Quartz fiber | 1.17 | 0.458 | 0.7823 |
|------------------------|------|-------|--------|
| ZrO ₂ fiber | 1.05 | 0.510 | 0.6821 |