

## Supplementary Information

Enhancing the tribopositive characteristics of polyvinyl alcohol (PVA)-carbon composites by optimizing the PVA-carbon interaction with various carbon fillers

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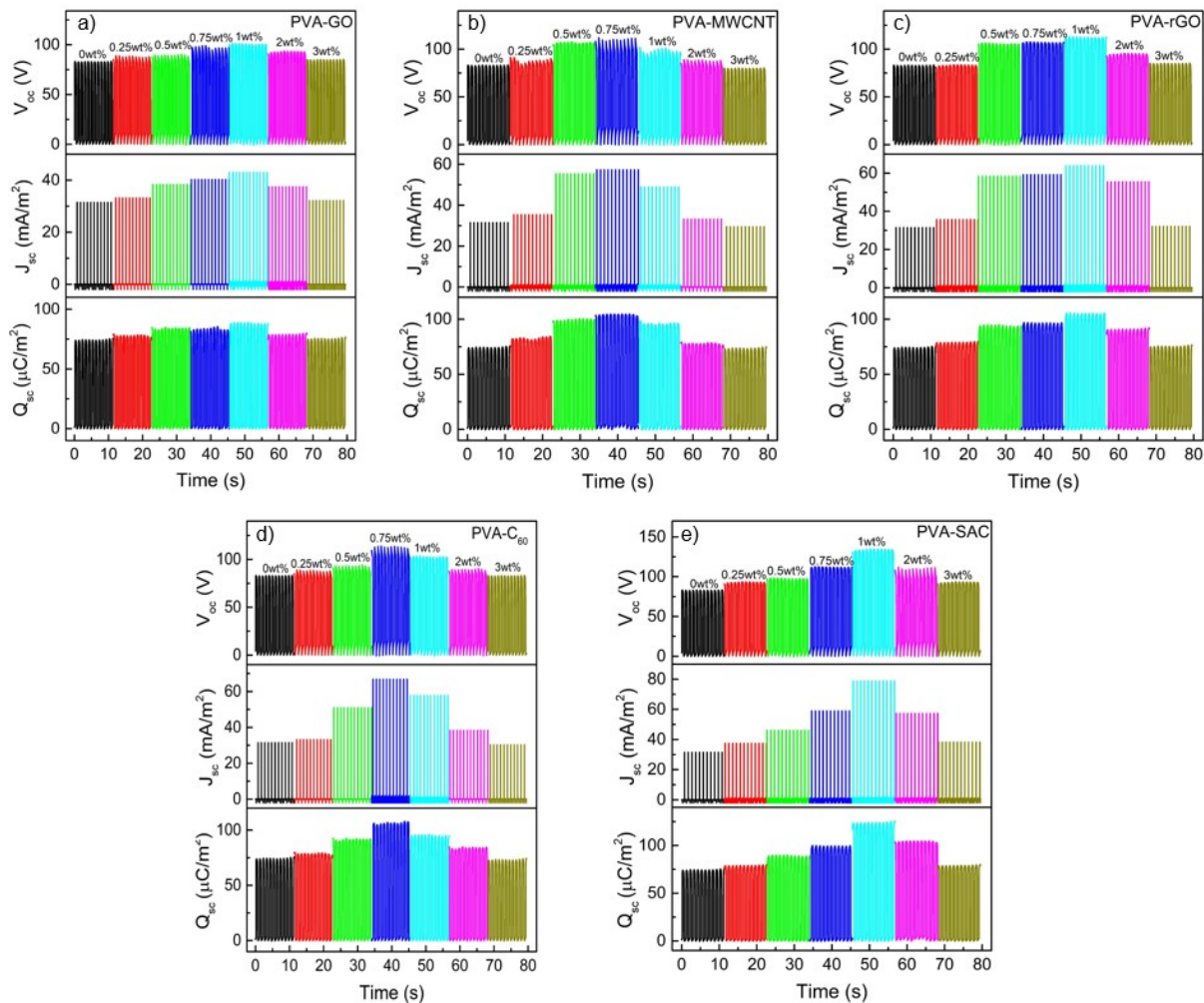


Figure S1: Open circuit voltage ( $V_{oc}$ ), short-circuit current density ( $J_{sc}$ ) and short-circuit charge density ( $Q_{sc}$ ) of pristine PVA and each PVA-carbon at loading concentrations from 0.25 wt% to 3 wt%.

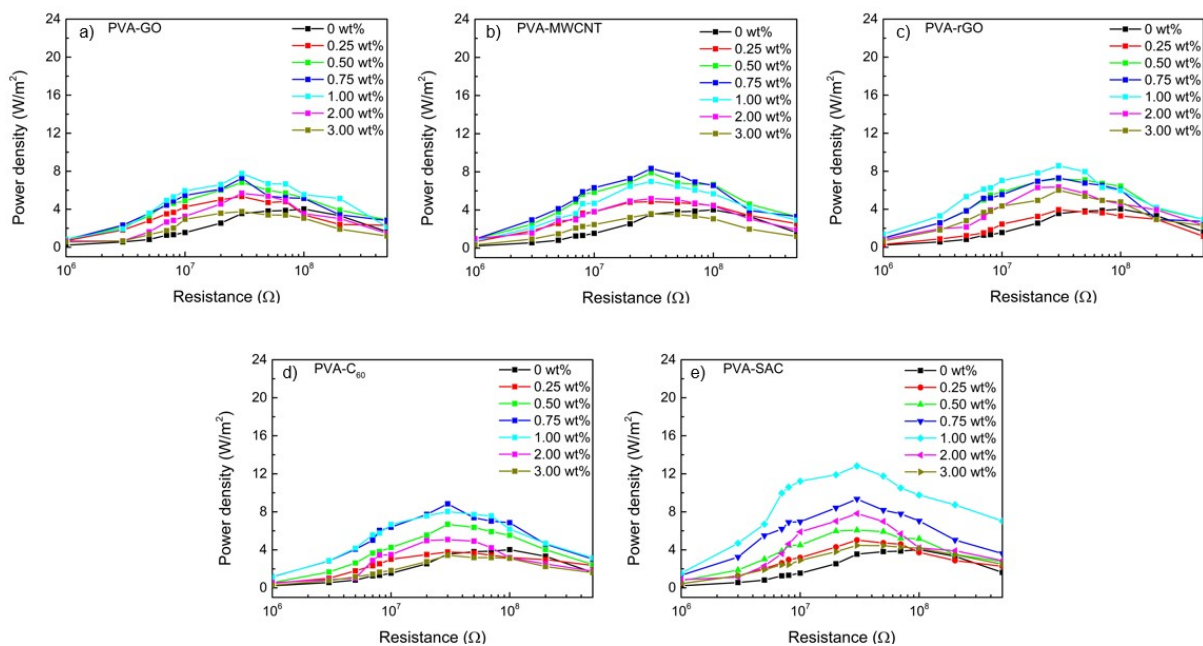


Figure S2: Power density curves of pristine PVA and each PVA-carbon at loading concentrations from 0.25 wt% to 3 wt%.

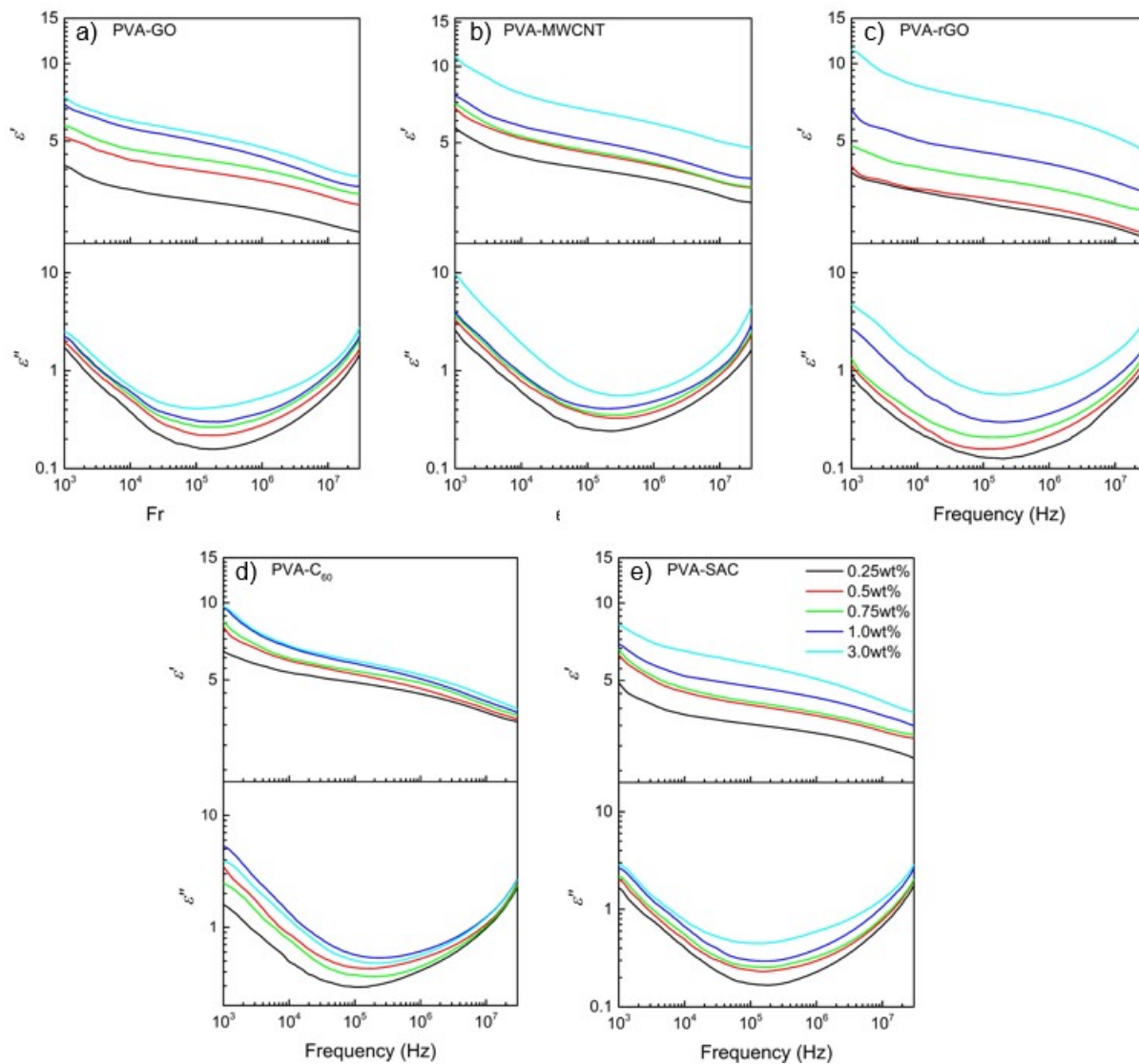


Figure S3: Dielectric constant and dielectric loss of pristine PVA and each PVA-carbon at loading concentrations from 0.25 wt% to 3 wt%.

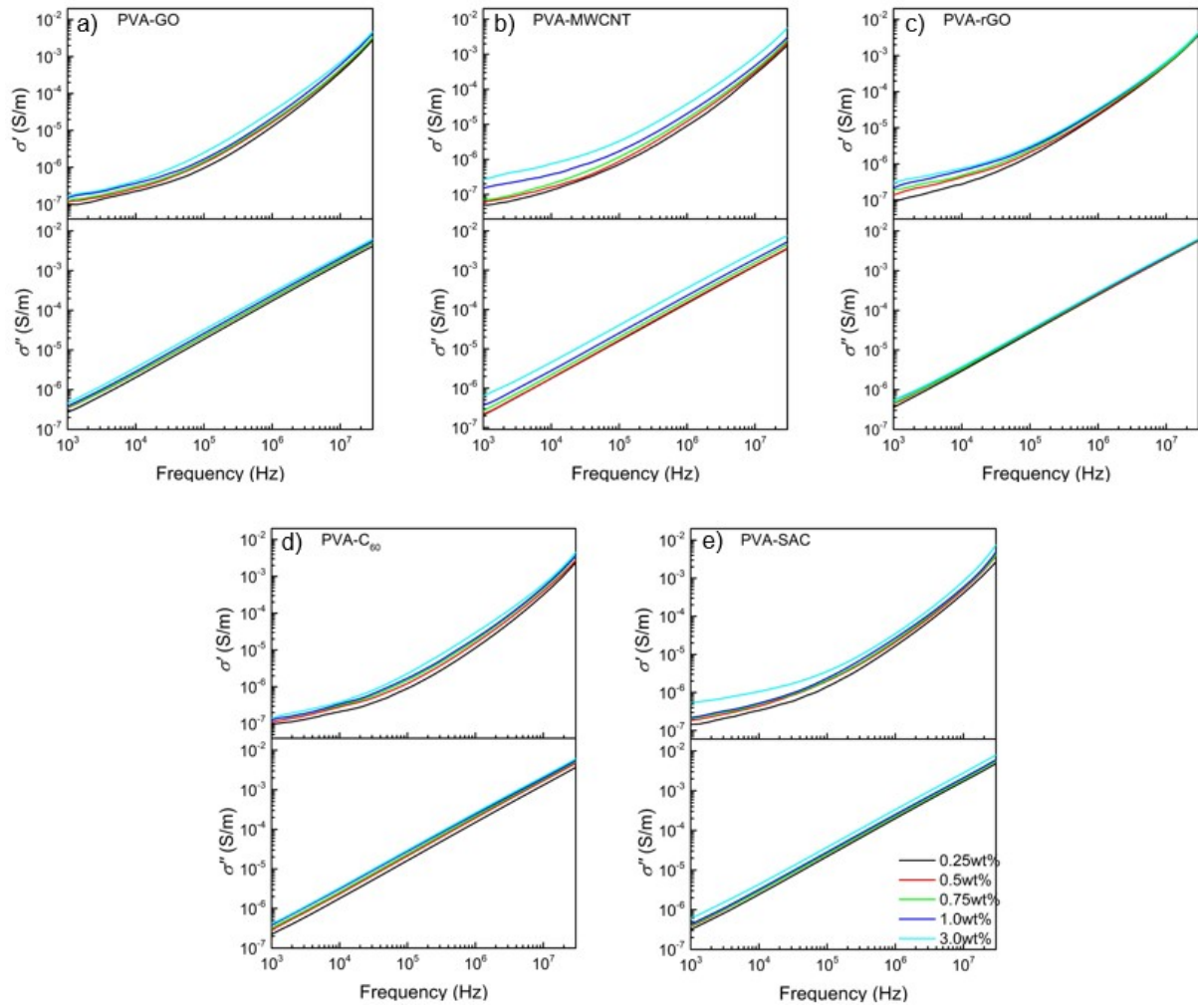


Figure S4: Real and imaginary conductivity of pristine PVA and each PVA-carbon at loading concentrations from 0.25 wt% to 3 wt%.

Table S1: Typical dielectric constants at 1kHz of polymers before and after the addition of carbon-based fillers.

Host polymer	Carbon filler	Loading concentration	Host polymer's dielectric constant	Composite's dielectric constant	References
PVA	rGO	1.00 wt%	3.6	9.6	Current Work
PVA	SAC	1.00 wt%		7.7	
PVA	GO	1.00 wt%		6.9	
PVA	C <sub>60</sub>	0.75 wt%		5.8	
PVA	MWCNT	0.75 wt%		4.8	
Ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer	CNT	1.00 vol%	<10	>450	Mittal et al. 2023 <sup>[1]</sup>
Polyurethane /polyaniline (70/30) copolymer	rGO	2.00 wt%	100	>800	Dash et al. 2023 <sup>[2]</sup>
PDMS	MWCNT	1.00 wt%	2.6	>400	Liu et al. 2020 <sup>[3]</sup>
Poly-propylene	MWCNT	2.56 vol%	2.4	>3000	Ameli et al. 2014 <sup>[4]</sup>

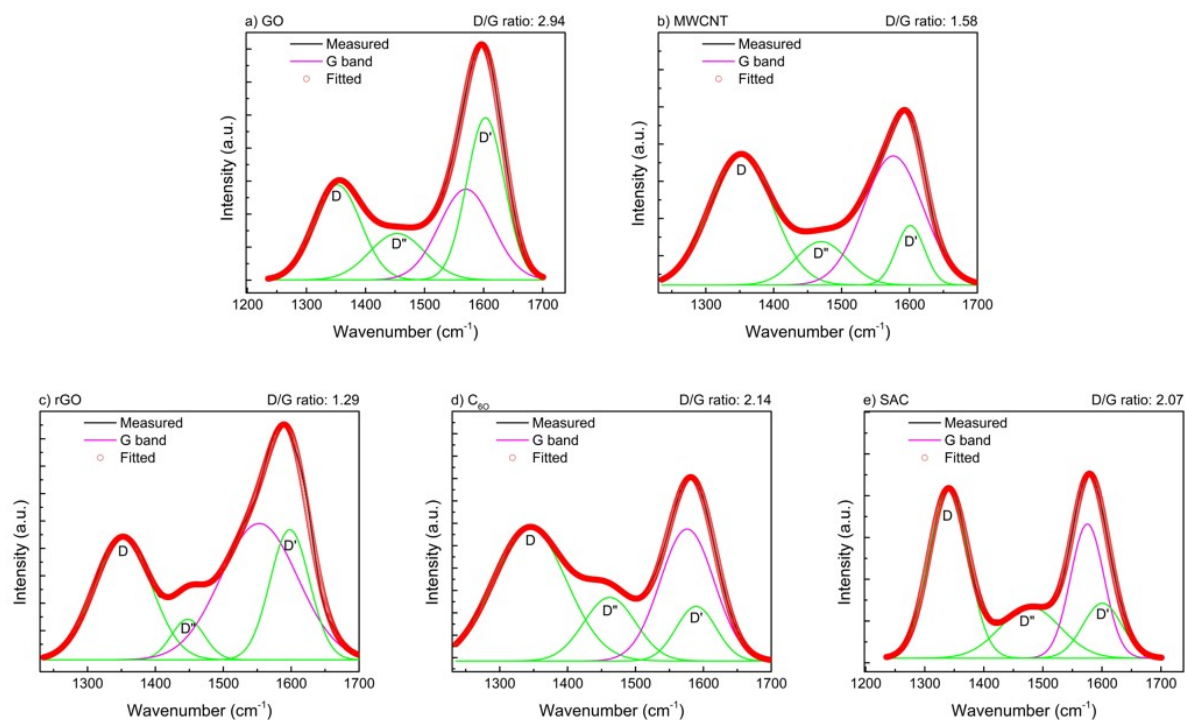


Figure S5: Peak deconvolution of the Raman spectra and calculated D/G ratio of each carbon allotrope.

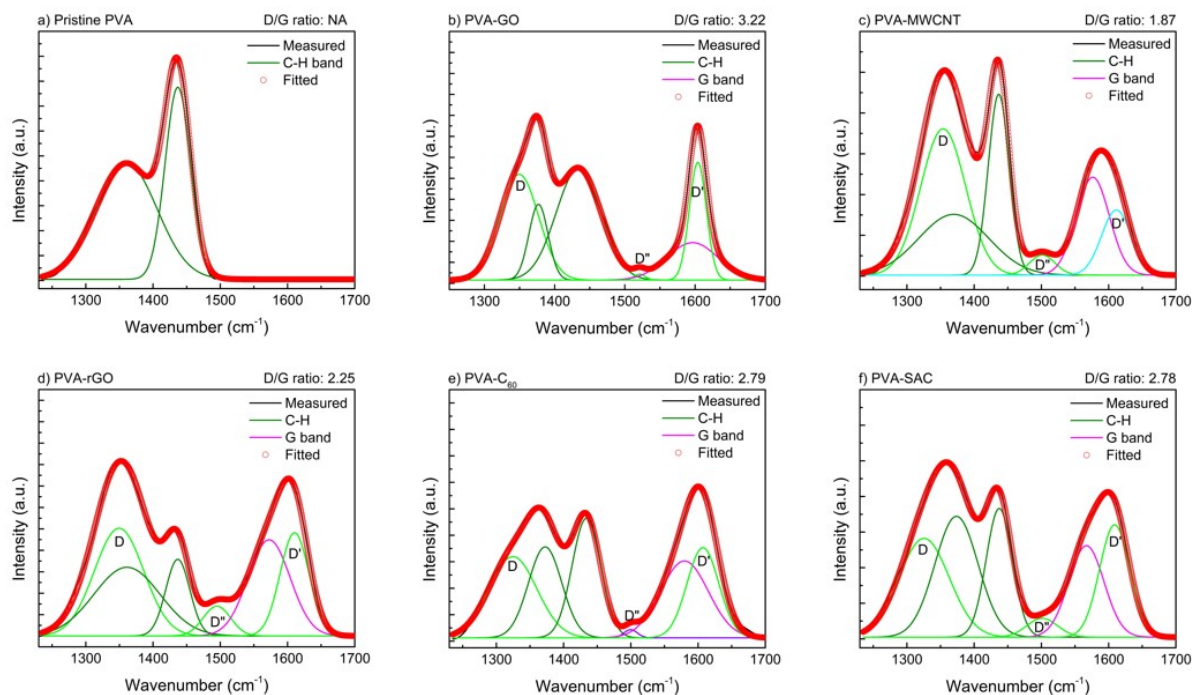


Figure S6: Peak deconvolution of the Raman spectra and calculated D/G ratio of each PVA-carbon.

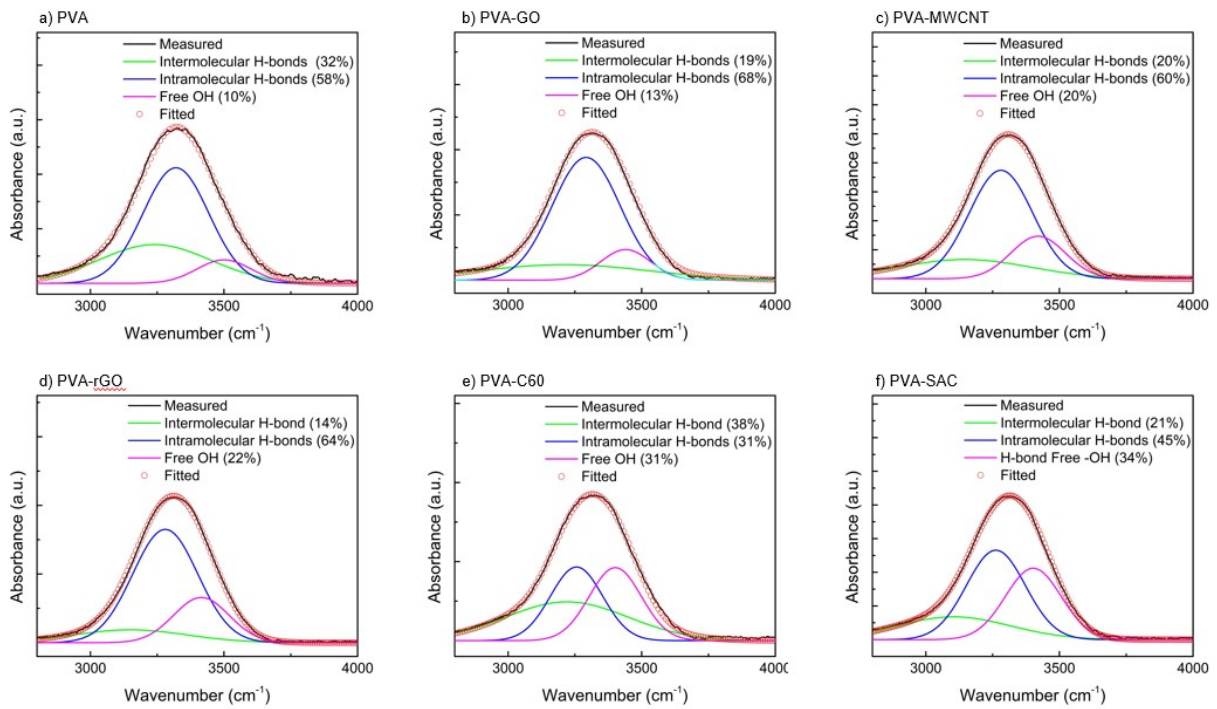


Figure S7: Peak deconvoluted FTIR spectra of pristine PVA and each PVA-carbon.

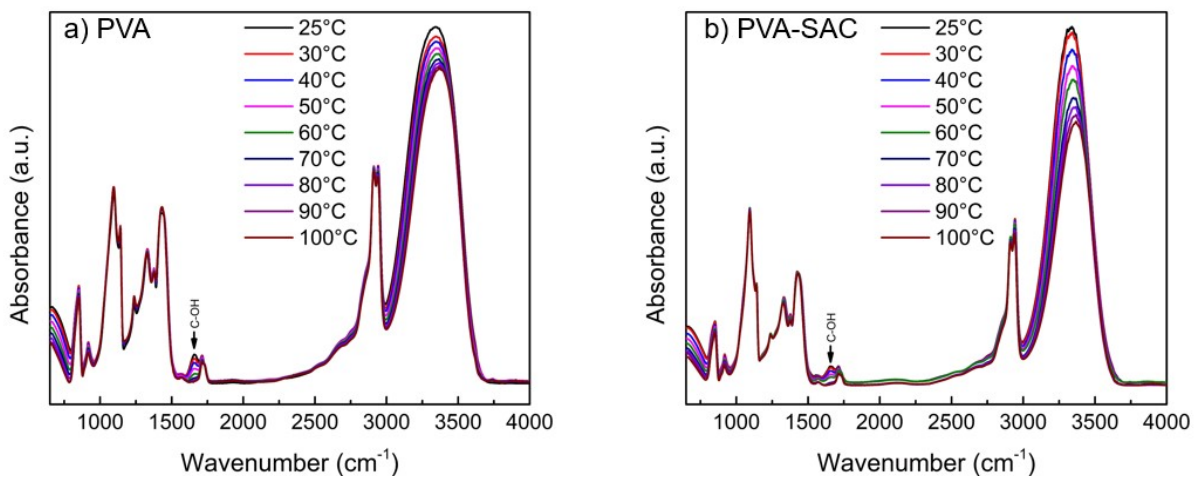


Figure S8: Temperature dependent FTIR for pristine PVA and PVA-SAC ranging from 25°C to 100°C.

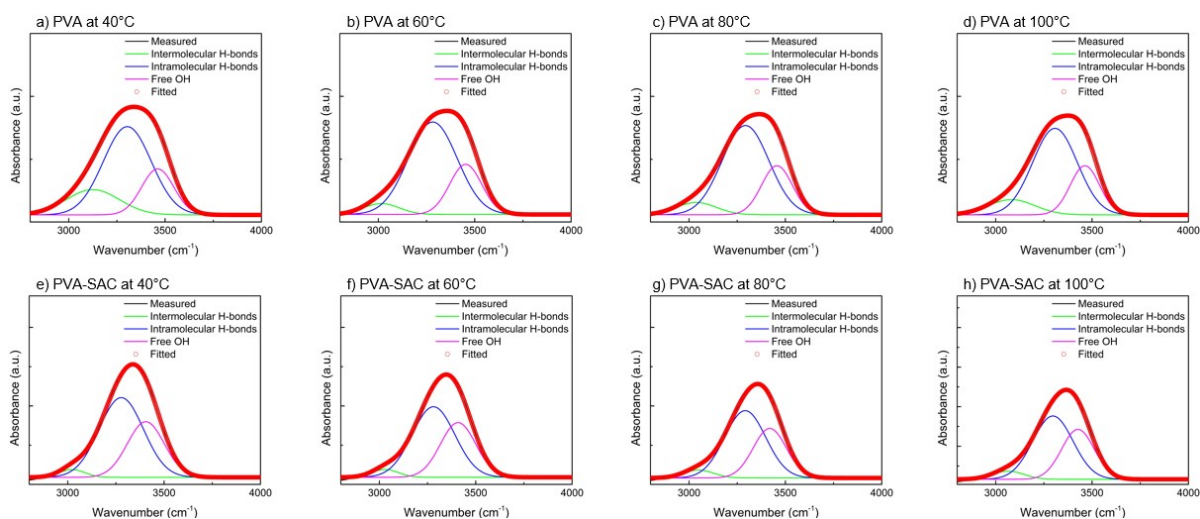


Figure S9: Deconvolution of temperature-dependent FTIR spectra of pristine PVA and PVA-SAC at 40°C, 60°C, 80°C and 100°C.

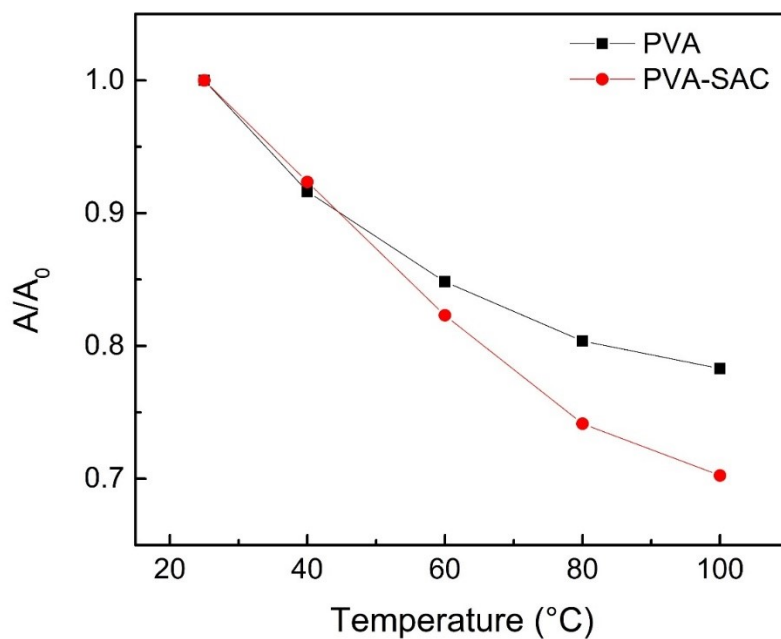


Figure S10: Normalized area under the curve ( $A/A_0$ ) as a function of temperature for pristine PVA and PVA-SAC. A represents the area under the curve at 25°C, while  $A_0$  denotes the area under the curve at the specified temperature.



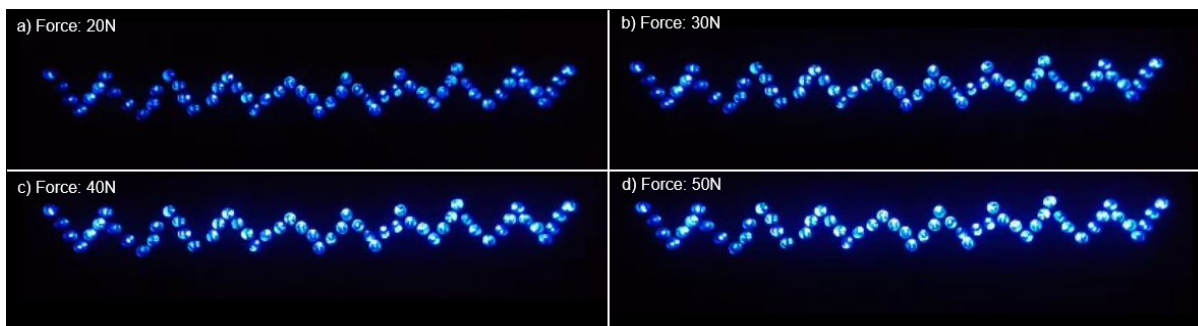
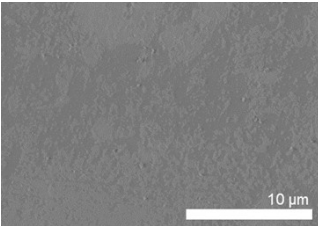
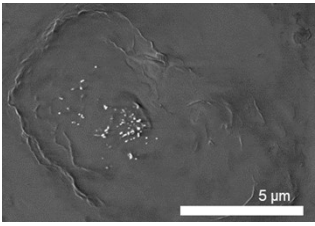
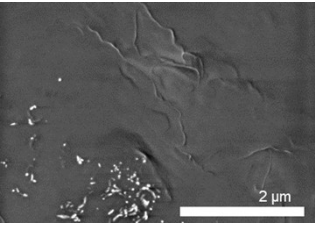
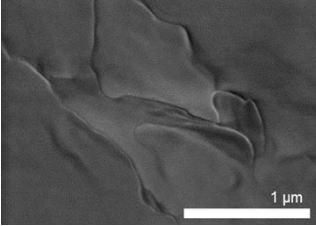
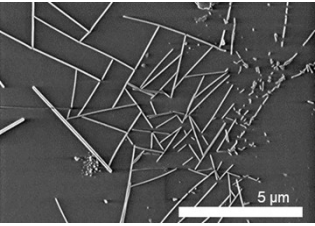
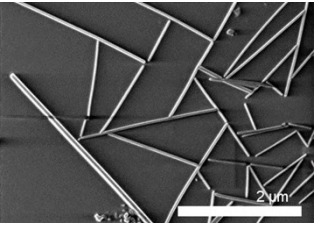
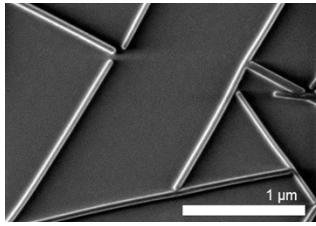
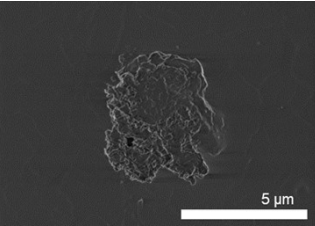
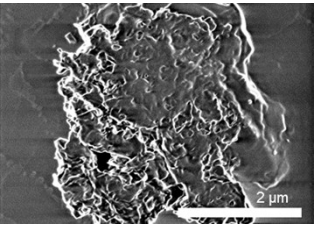
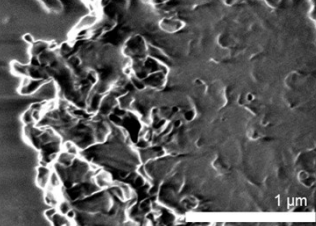
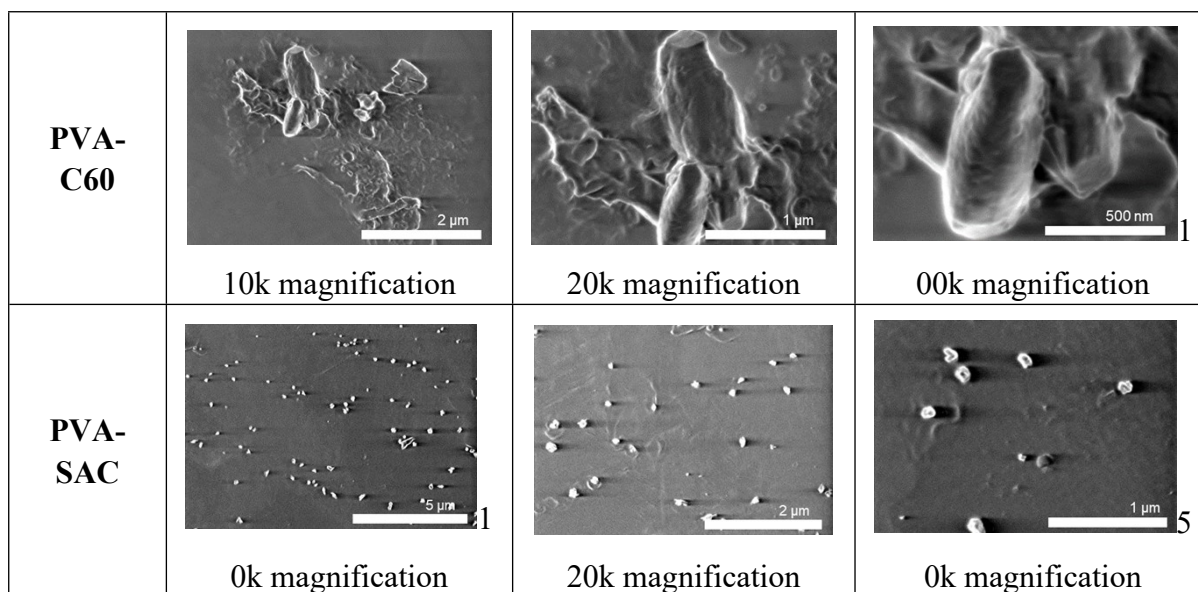


Figure S11: PVA-SAC/SR TENG lighting up LEDs during CS under different forces.

Table S2: SEM images of pristine PVA at 5k, as well as PVA-GO, PVA-MWCNT, PVA-rGO, PVA-C60, and PVA-SAC at magnification of 10k, 20k and 50k.

Sample	FESEM Images		
<b>Pristine PVA</b>	 <p>10 μm</p> <p>5k magnification</p>		
<b>PVA-GO</b>	 <p>5 μm</p> <p>10k magnification</p>	 <p>2 μm</p> <p>20k magnification</p>	 <p>1 μm</p> <p>50k magnification</p>
<b>PVA-MWCNT</b>	 <p>5 μm</p> <p>10k magnification</p>	 <p>2 μm</p> <p>20k magnification</p>	 <p>1 μm</p> <p>50k magnification</p>
<b>PVA-rGO</b>	 <p>5 μm</p> <p>10k magnification</p>	 <p>2 μm</p> <p>20k magnification</p>	 <p>1 μm</p> <p>50k magnification</p>



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