



# Supplementary Materials: Improved Electrical Signal of Non-Poled 3D Printed Zinc Oxide-Polyvinylidene Fluoride Nanocomposites

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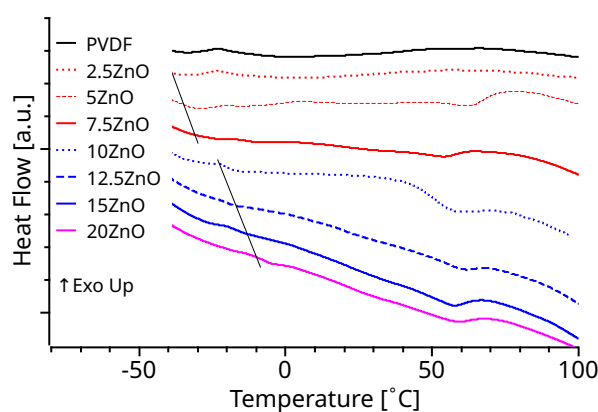
## Supporting Information

**Table S1.** ZnO concentration measurements by weight

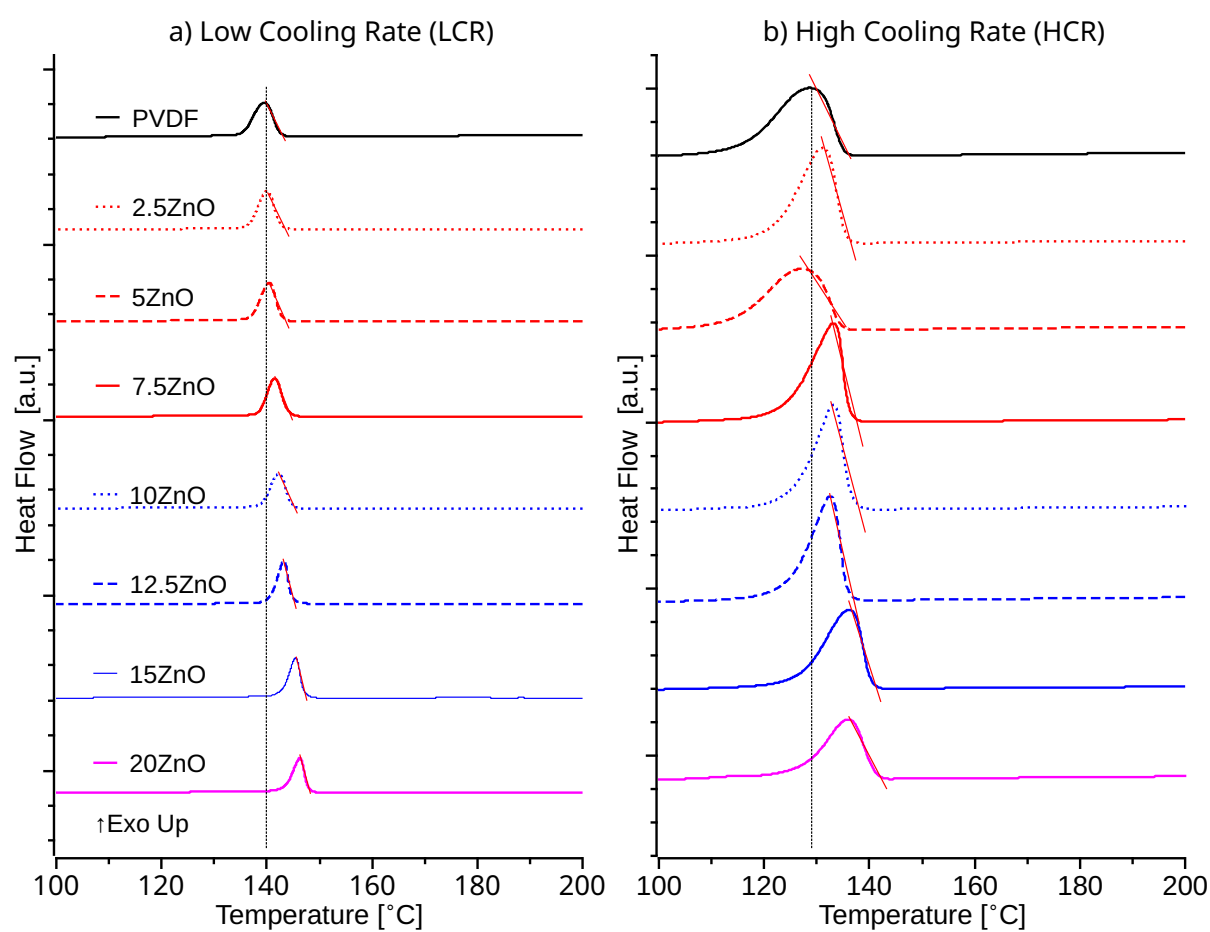
Sample	ave	stdev	error
PVDF	0	0	0.
2.5ZnO	3.093	0.113	0.06
5ZnO	4.683	0.213	0.12
7.5ZnO	6.853	0.277	0.16
10ZnO	9.193	1.137	0.65
12.5ZnO	11.856	0.8452	0.48
15ZnO	14.666	0.786	0.45
20ZnO	20.103	0.436	0.25

avg=average,

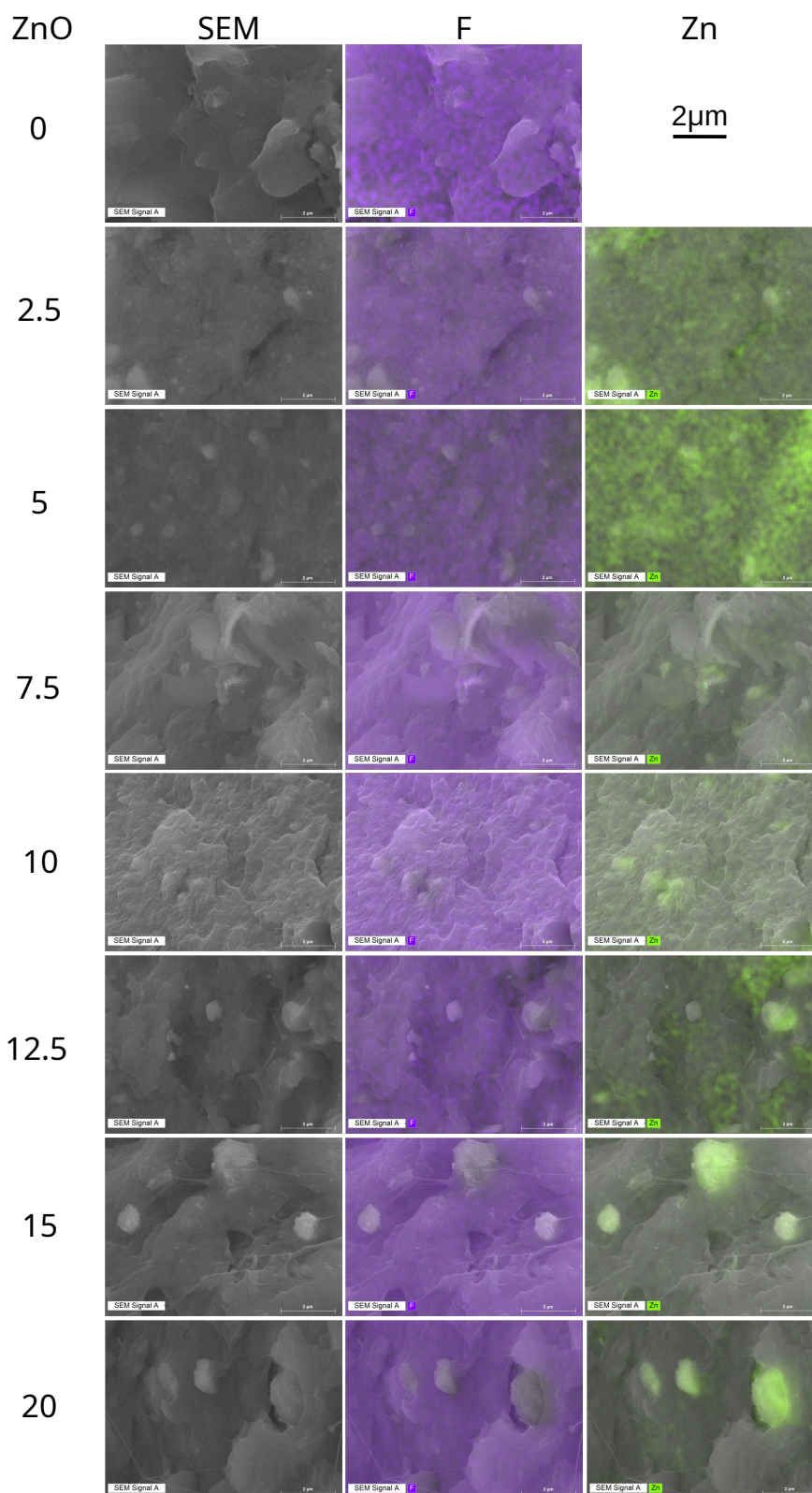
stdev=standard deviation



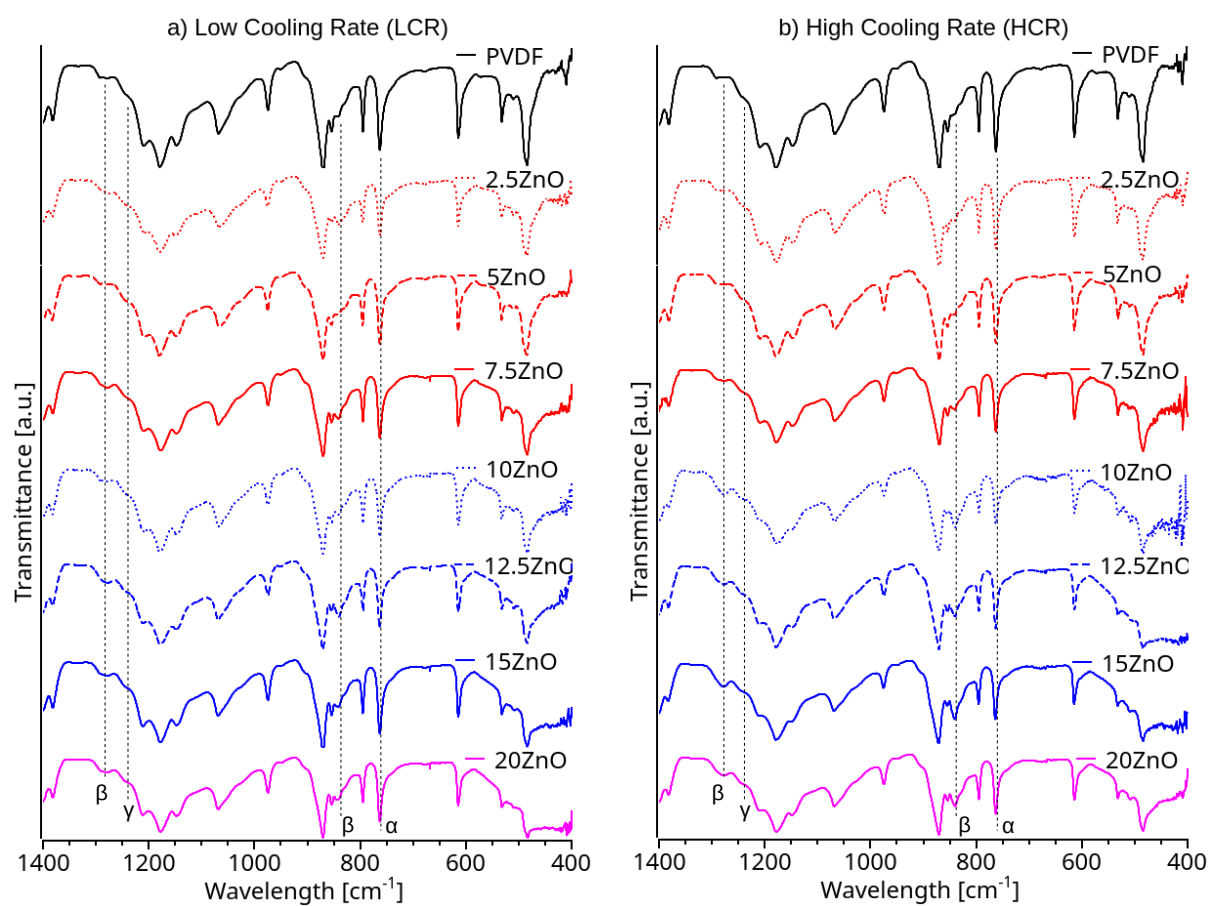
**Figure S1.** Glass transition temperature as function percentage of ZnO content.



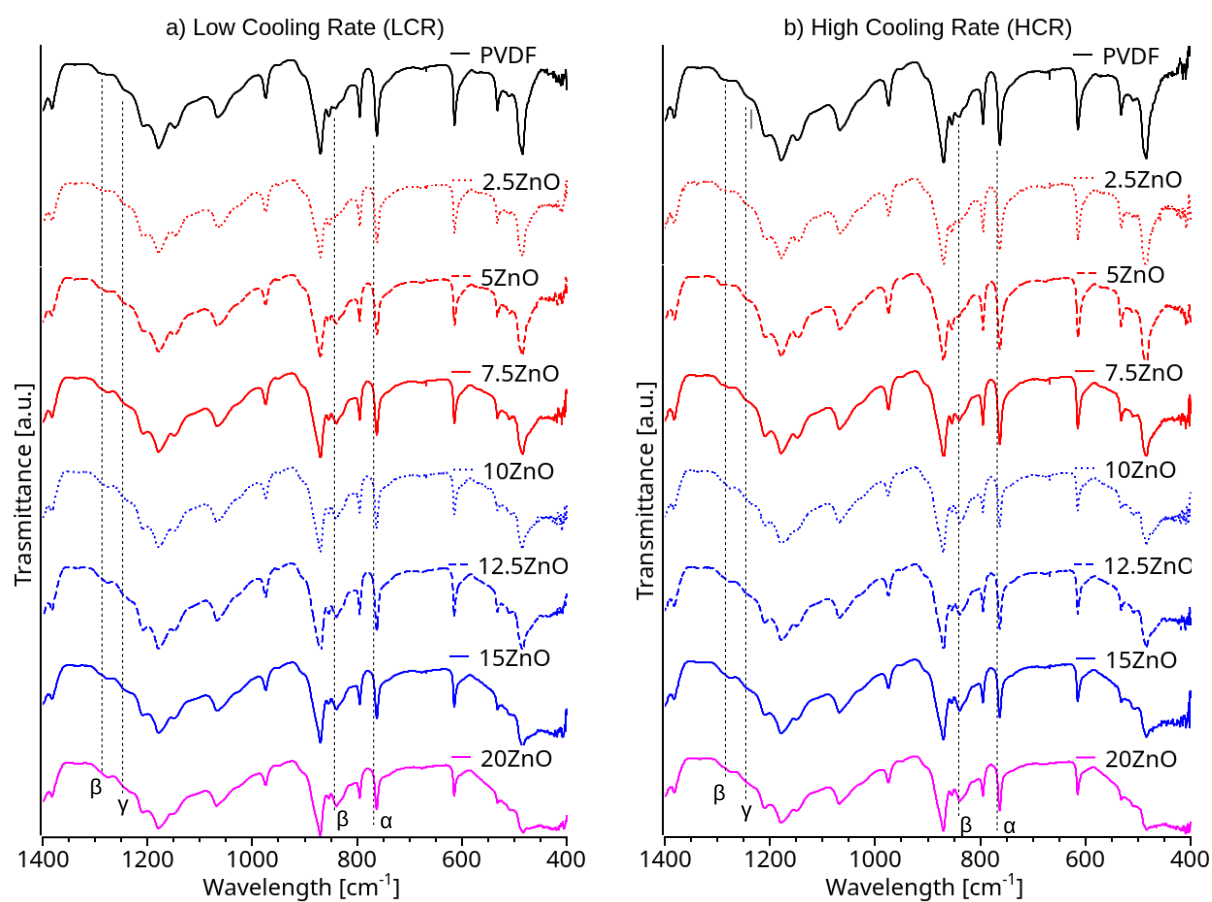
**Figure S2.** DSC crystallization for a cooling rate of a) 5°C min<sup>-1</sup> LCR, and b) 30°C min<sup>-1</sup> HCR.



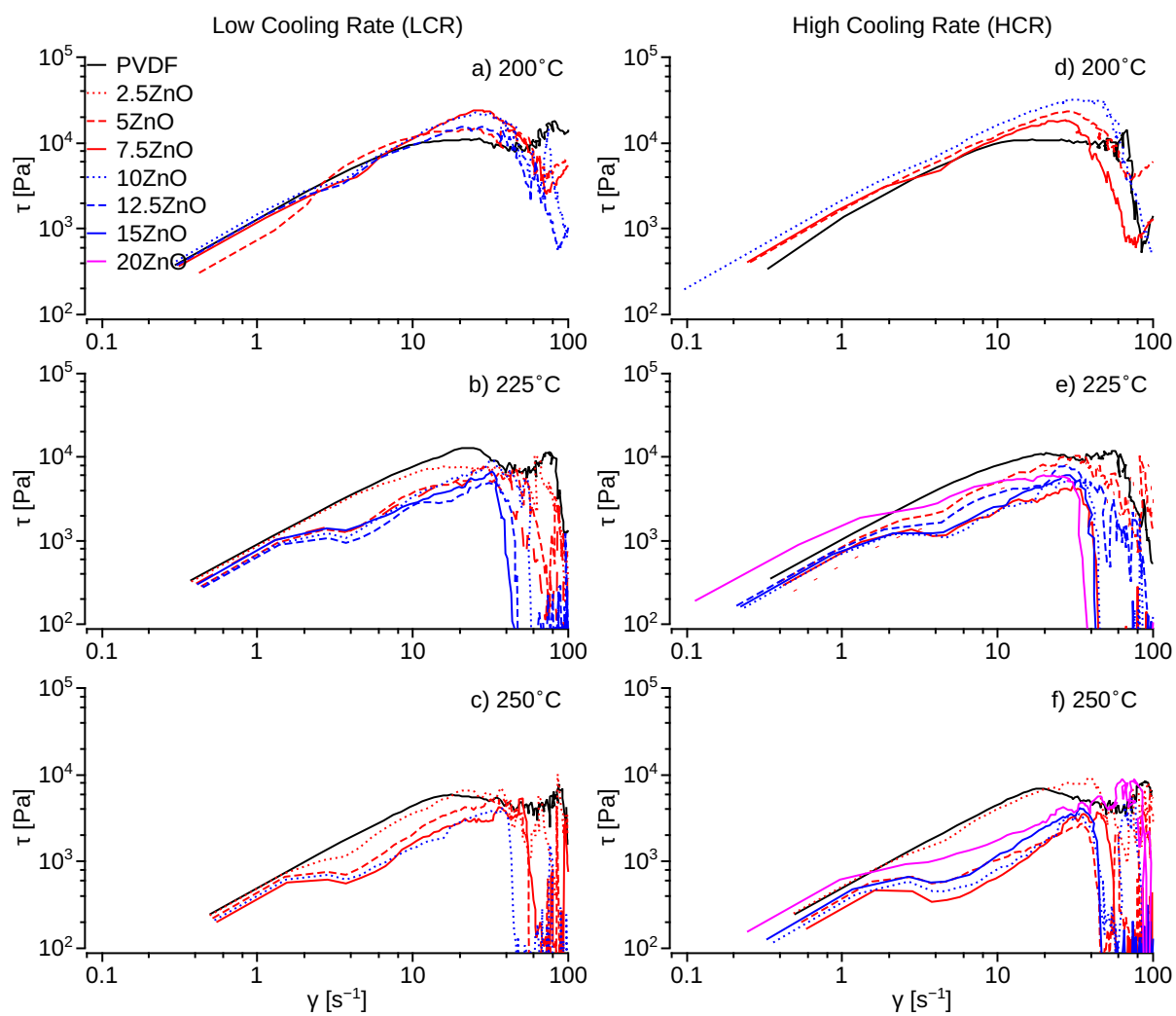
**Figure S3.** XEDS analysis at the failure of 3D printed specimens [45°,135°] tested under tensile stress.



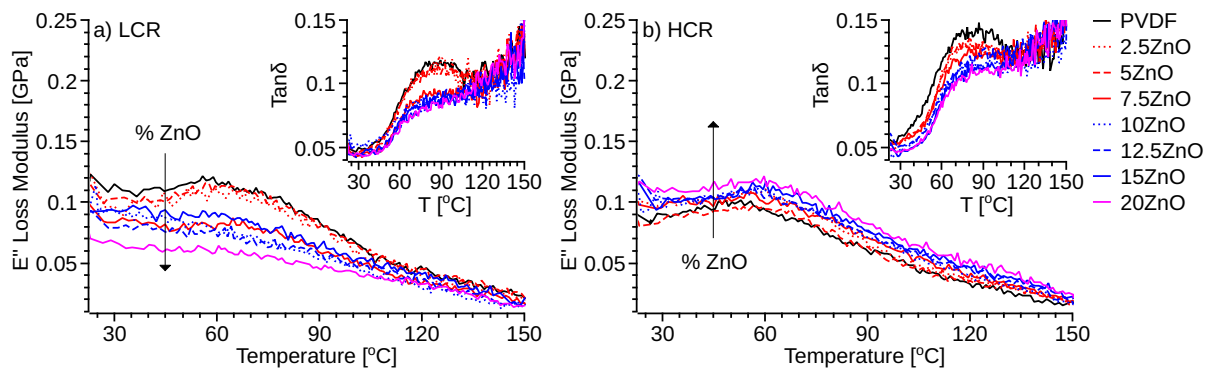
**Figure S4.** FTIR spectra of DSC samples after a cooling rate of: a) 5 °C min<sup>-1</sup> LCR, and b) 30 °C min<sup>-1</sup> HCR



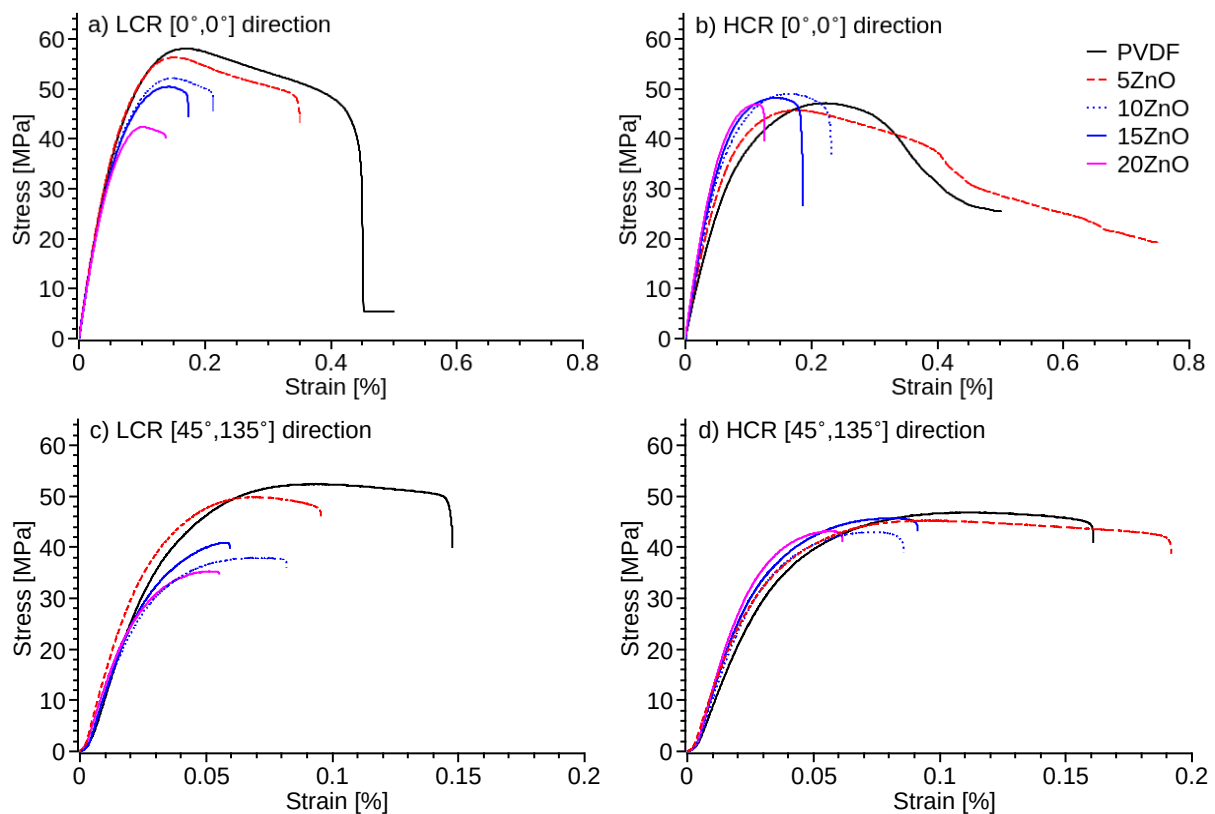
**Figure S5.** FTIR spectra from the top of a 3D printed DMA samples printed with a: a)  $5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C min}^{-1}$  LCR, and b)  $30\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C min}^{-1}$  HCR.



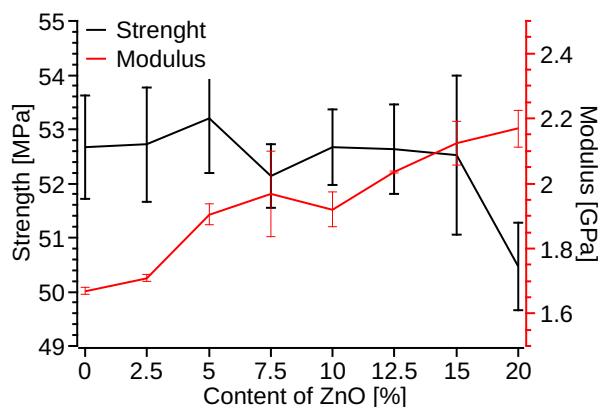
**Figure S6.** Shear stress  $\tau$  versus shear rate  $\gamma$  at different temperature profiles for low and high cooling rate 3D printed samples.



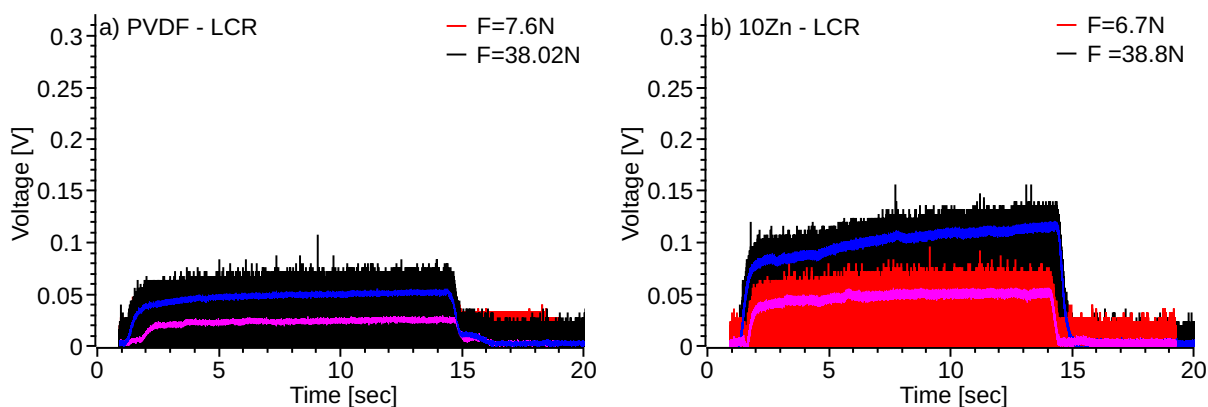
**Figure S7.** Loss modulus ( $E''$ ) of DMA specimens 3D printed with: a) low cooling rate (LCR), and b) high cooling rate (HCR).



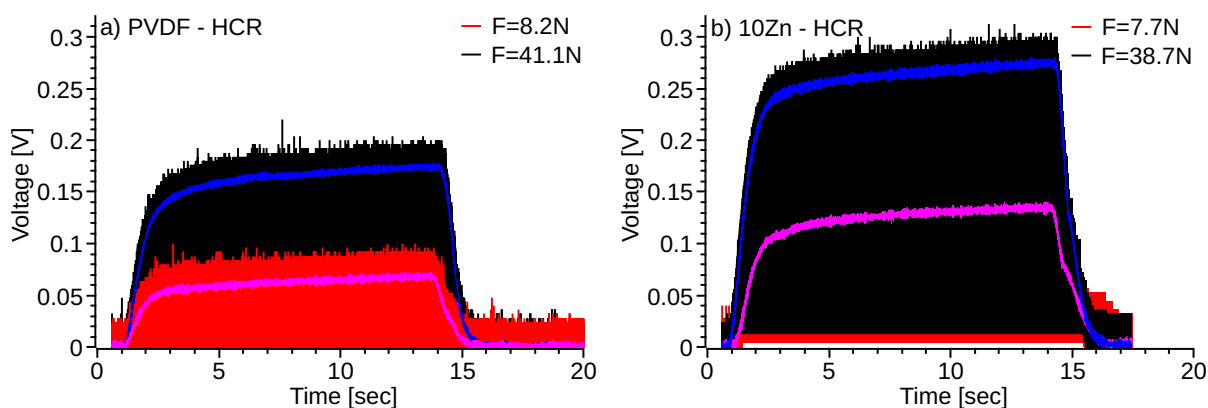
**Figure S8.** Sample stress vs. strain curves of tensile tests for 3D printed a) LCR with infill in the  $[0^{\circ}, 0^{\circ}]$  direction, HCR with infill in the  $[0^{\circ}, 0^{\circ}]$  direction, c) LCR with infill in the  $[45^{\circ}, 135^{\circ}]$  direction, and HCR with infill in the  $[45^{\circ}, 135^{\circ}]$  direction.



**Figure S9.** Strength (black) and elastic modulus (red) of the extruded filaments.

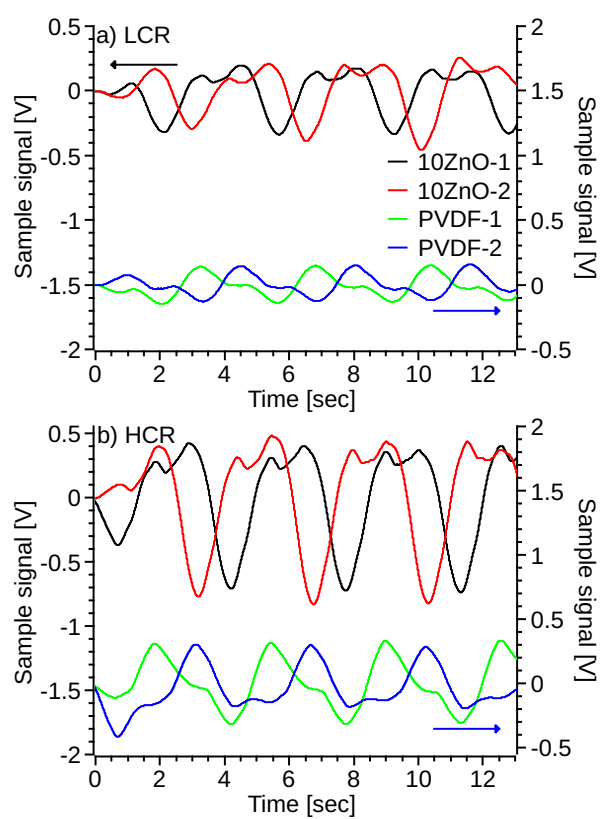


**Figure S10.** Voltage output in response to a 6Hz strain ( $\epsilon$ ) with an amplitude of  $0.0058 \text{ mm} \cdot \text{mm}^{-1}$  (red) and  $0.0274 \text{ mm} \cdot \text{mm}^{-1}$  (black) for LCR samples: a) pristine PVDF and b) PVDF with 10% ZnO. The blue and purple line represents a filtered voltage signal.



**Figure S11.** Voltage output in response to a 6Hz strain ( $\epsilon$ ) with an amplitude of  $0.0058 \text{ mm} \cdot \text{mm}^{-1}$  (red) and  $0.0274 \text{ mm} \cdot \text{mm}^{-1}$  (black) for HCR samples: a) pristine PVDF and b) PVDF with 10% ZnO. The blue and purple line represents a filtered voltage signal.





**Figure S12.** Voltage signal generated in response to a walking profile simulated on an MTS tensile frame by two different specimens of pristine PVDF and 10%ZnO PVDF nanocomposite.