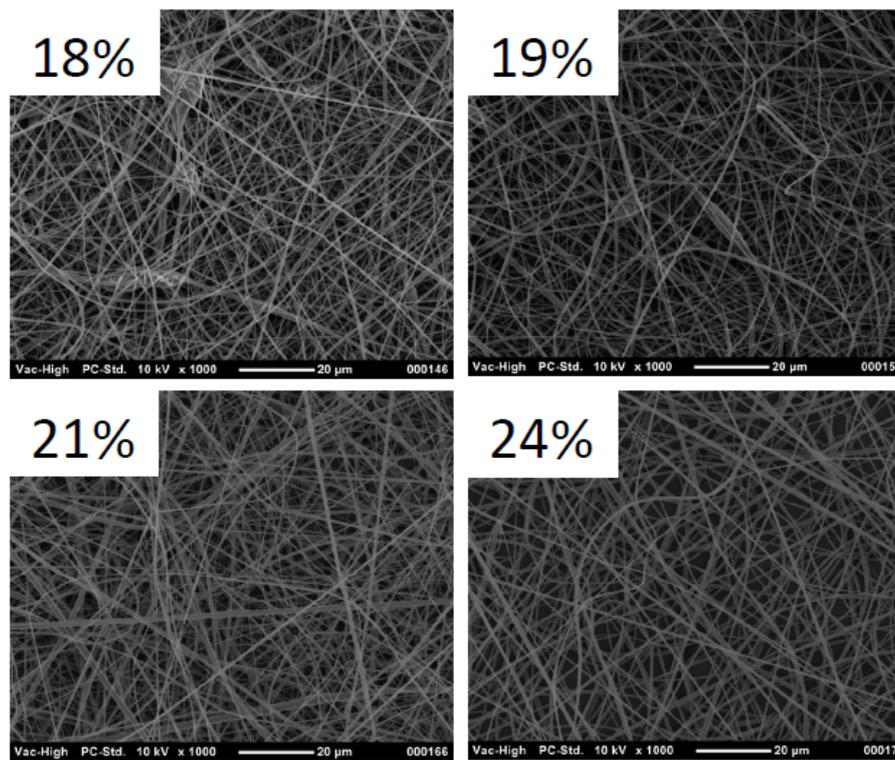


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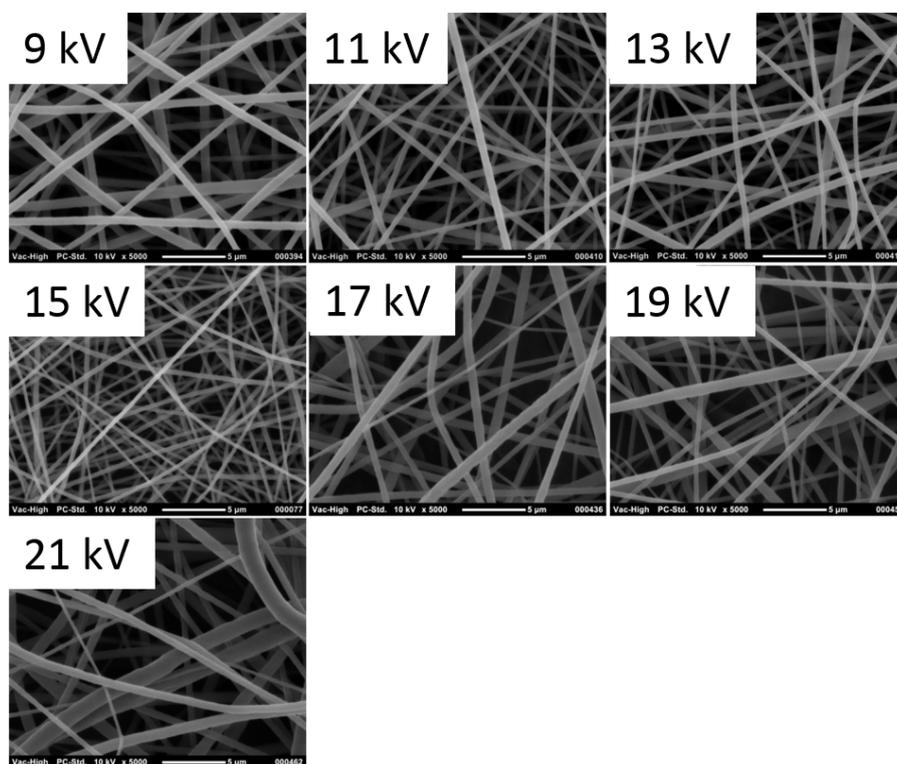
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## S1 Morphology of the PVDF nanofibers prepared at different PVDF concentrations



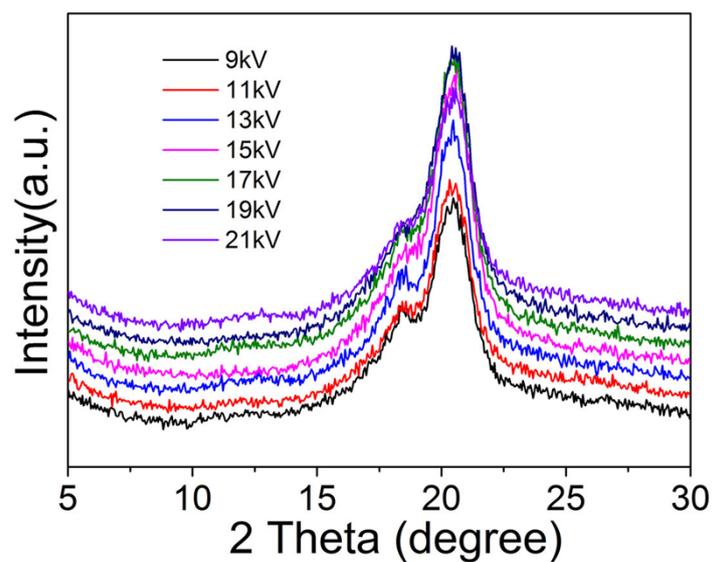
**Figure S1** SEM images of the PVDF nanofibers prepared at different PVDF concentrations  
(Applied voltage: 15 kV; Spinning distance: 15 cm; Nanofiber web thickness: 70 μm)

## S2 Morphology of the PVDF nanofibers prepared at different applied voltages



**Figure S2** SEM images of the PVDF nanofibers prepared at different applied voltages (Solution concentration: 20%; Spinning distance: 15 cm; Nanofiber web thickness: 100 μm)

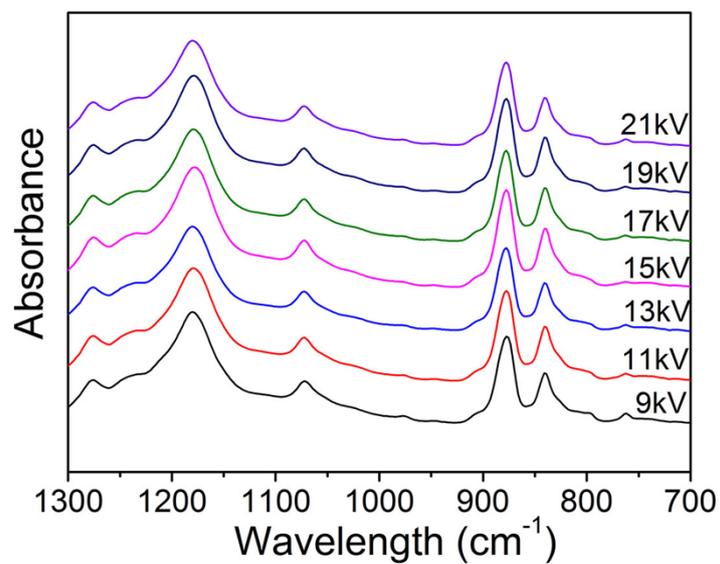
### S3 XRD result of the PVDF nanofiber webs prepared at different applied voltages



**Figure S3** XRD curves of the PVDF nanofiber webs prepared at different applied voltages

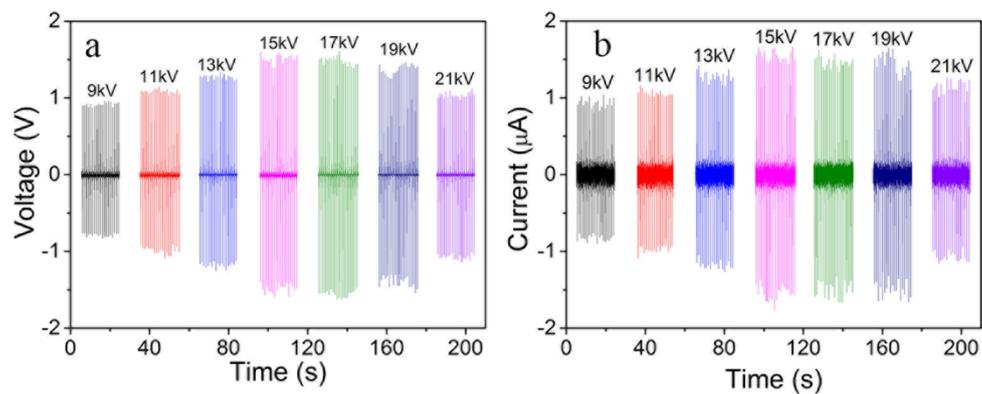
(Solution concentration: 20%; Spinning distance: 15 cm; Nanofiber web thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$ )

#### S4 FTIR result of the PVDF nanofiber webs prepared at different applied voltages



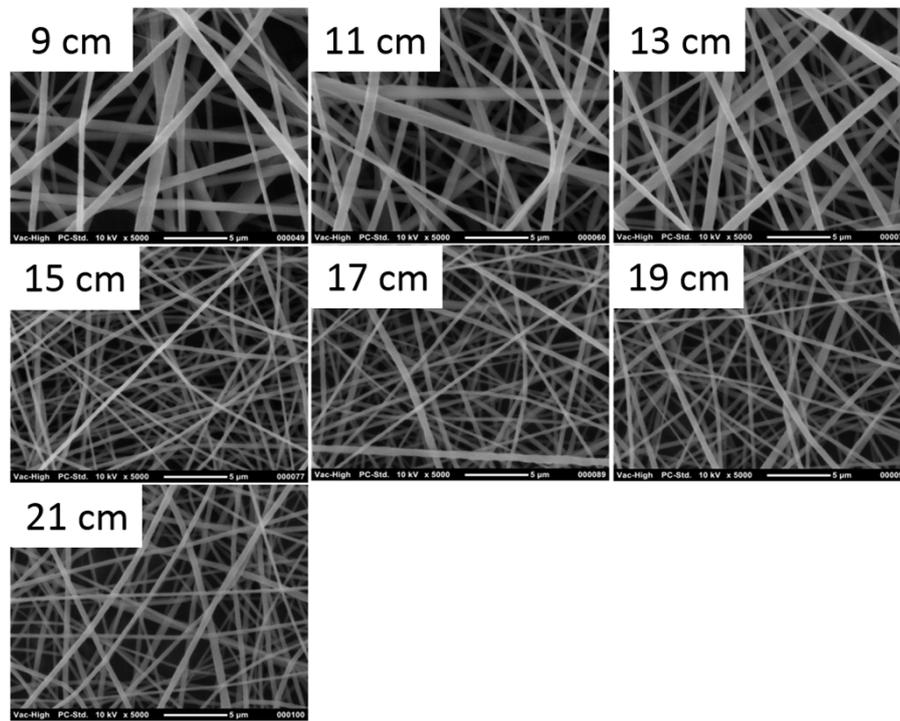
**Figure S4** FTIR spectra of the PVDF nanofiber webs prepared at different applied voltages (Solution concentration: 20%; Spinning distance: 15 cm; Nanofiber web thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$ )

## S5 Electrical outputs of the PVDF nanofiber webs prepared at different applied voltages



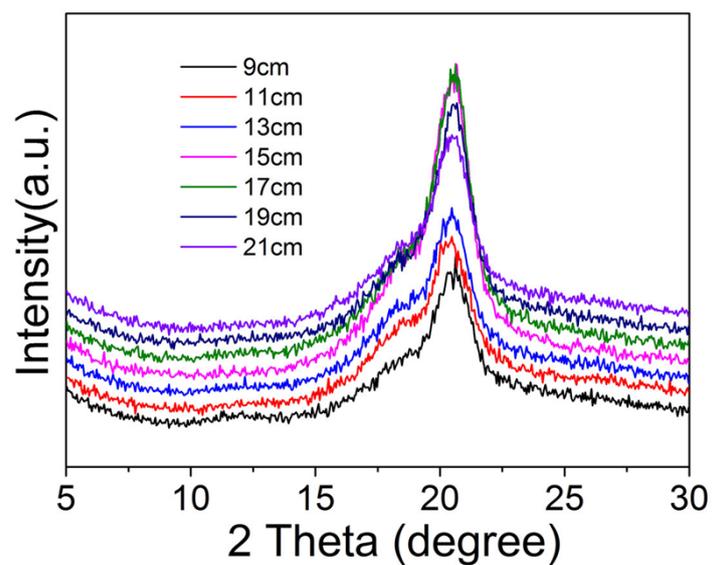
**Figure S5** Voltage and current outputs of the PVDF nanofiber webs prepared at different applied voltages (Solution concentration: 20%; Compression force: 10N; Frequency: 1 Hz; Spinning distance: 15 cm; Nanofiber web thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$ )

## S6 Morphology of the PVDF nanofibers prepared at different spinning distances



**Figure S6** SEM images of the PVDF nanofibers prepared at different spinning distances (Solution concentration: 20%; Applied voltage: 15 kV; Nanofiber web thickness: 100 μm)

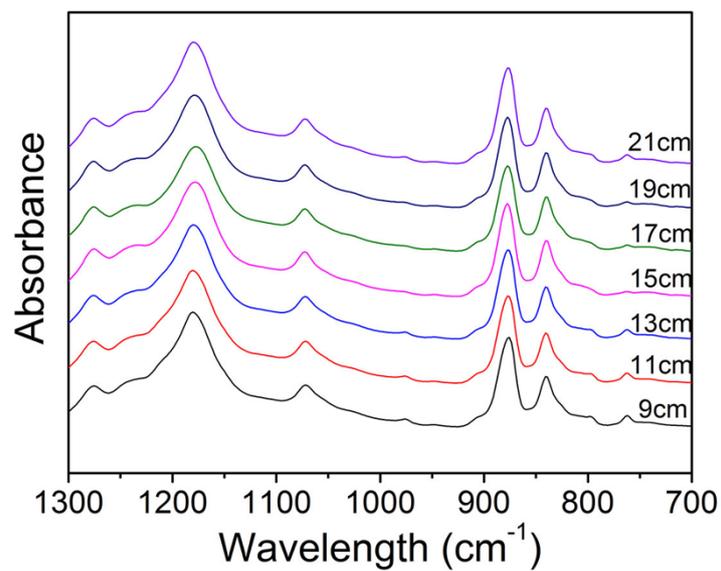
**S7 XRD result of the PVDF nanofiber webs prepared at different spinning distances**



**Figure S7** XRD curves of the PVDF nanofiber webs prepared at different spinning distances

(Solution concentration: 20%; Applied voltage: 15 kV; Nanofiber web thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$ )

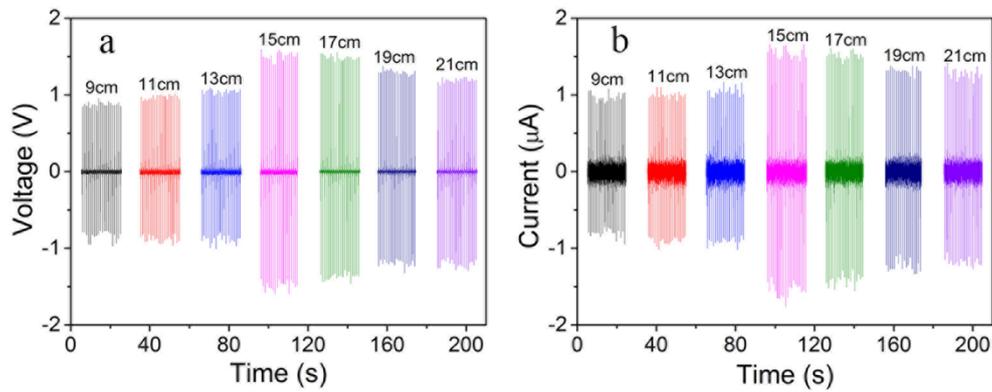
**S8 FTIR result of the PVDF nanofiber webs prepared at different spinning distances**



**Figure S8** FTIR spectra of the PVDF nanofiber webs prepared at different spinning distances

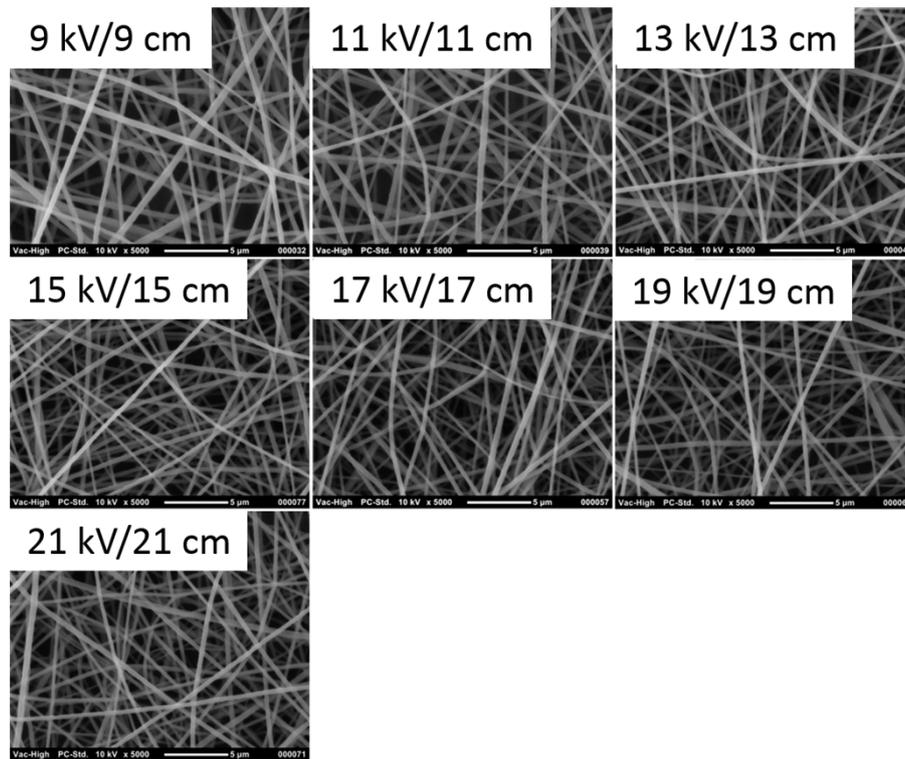
(Solution concentration: 20%; Applied voltage: 15 kV; Nanofiber web thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$ )

## S9 Electrical outputs of the PVDF nanofiber webs prepared at different spinning distances



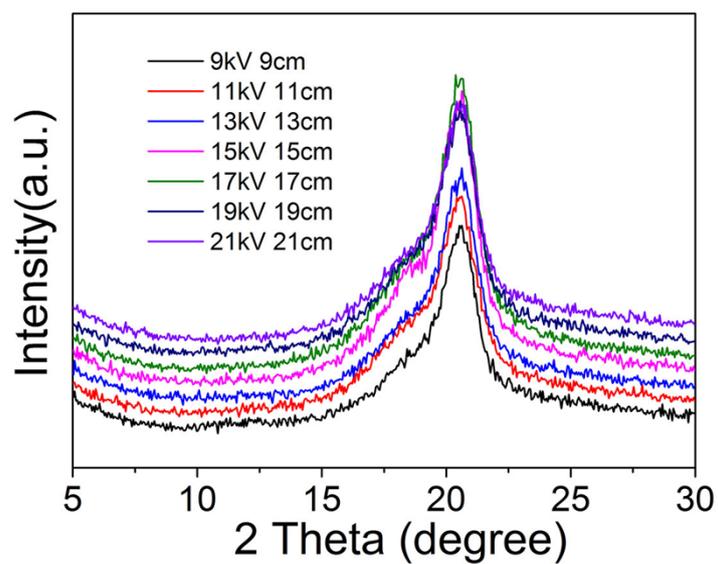
**Figure S9** Voltage and current outputs of the PVDF nanofiber webs prepared at different spinning distances (Solution concentration: 20%; Compression force: 10N; Frequency: 1 Hz; Applied voltage: 15 kV; Nanofiber web thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$ )

## S10 Morphology of the PVDF nanofibers prepared at a constant electric field intensity



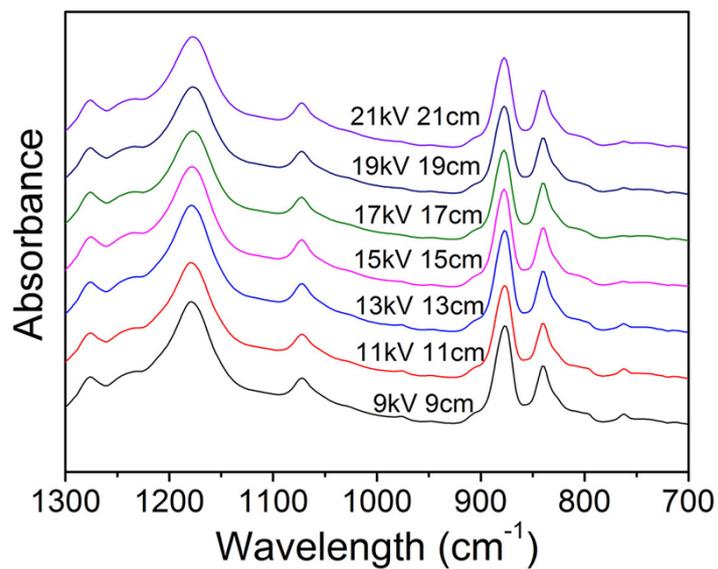
**Figure S10** SEM images of the PVDF nanofibers prepared at a constant electric field intensity (Solution concentration: 20%; Nanofiber web thickness: 100 μm)

**S11 XRD result of the PVDF nanofiber webs prepared at a constant electric field intensity**



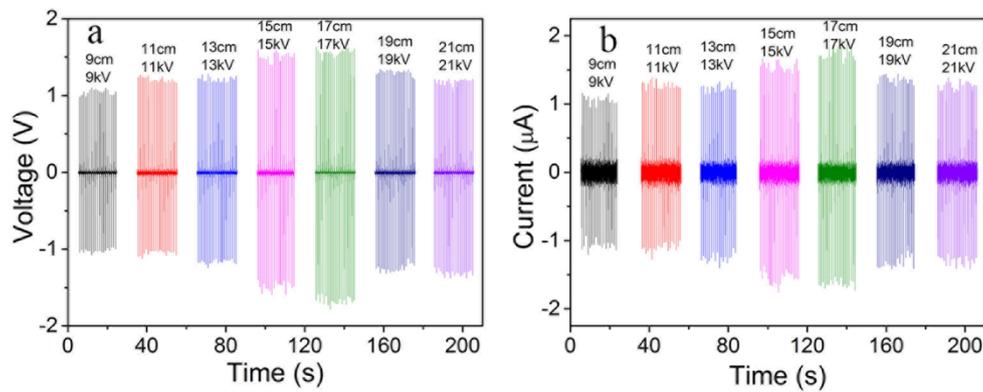
**Figure S11** XRD curves of the PVDF nanofiber webs prepared at a constant electric field intensity (Solution concentration: 20%; Nanofiber web thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$ )

**S12 FTIR result of the PVDF nanofiber webs prepared at a constant electric field intensity**



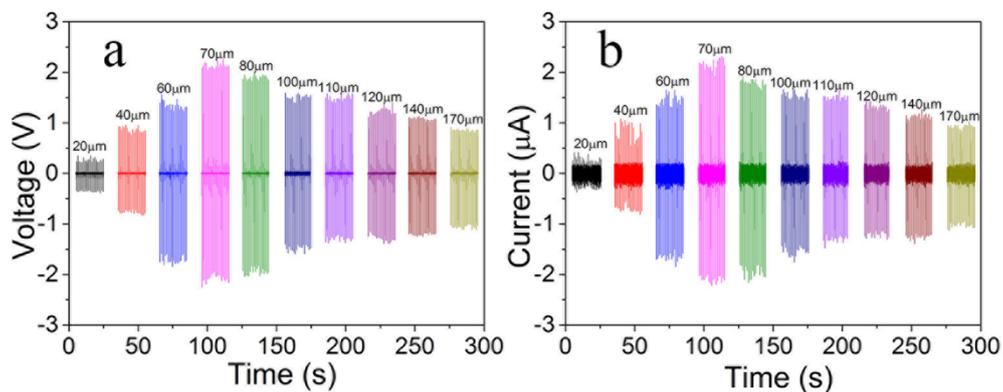
**Figure S12** FTIR spectra of the PVDF nanofiber webs prepared at a constant electric field intensity (Solution concentration: 20%; Nanofiber web thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$ )

**S13 Electrical outputs of the PVDF nanofiber webs prepared at a constant electric field intensity**



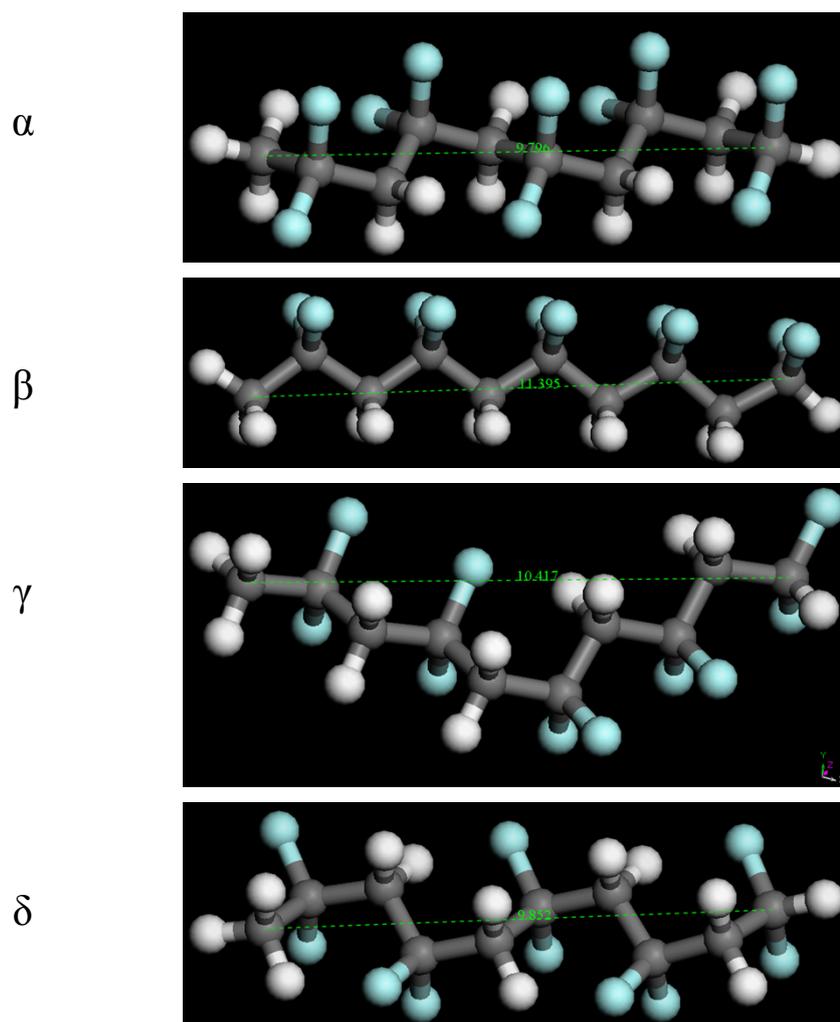
**Figure S13** Voltage and current outputs of the PVDF nanofiber webs prepared at a constant electric field intensity (Solution concentration: 20%; Compression force: 10N; Frequency: 1 Hz; Nanofiber web thickness: 100 µm)

### S14 Electrical outputs of the PVDF nanofiber webs with different thicknesses



**Figure S14** Voltage and current outputs of the PVDF nanofiber webs with different thicknesses (Solution concentration: 20%; Compression force: 10N; Frequency: 1 Hz; Applied voltage: 15 kV; Spinning distance: 15 cm)

## S15 Chain conformations of different PVDF crystal phases



**Figure S15** Chain conformations of different PVDF crystal phases and distance between C1 and C10. The geometries were optimized by Molecular Studio 3.0 using DMol<sup>3</sup> (GGA/BLYP/DND). The distances marked are in Å.

Table S1 Chain length of a PVDF segment (10 carbon atoms) in different conformations.

Crystal phase	Chain length (Å)	
	DFT method	From cell dimension
$\alpha$	9.796	11.55
$\beta$	11.395	12.80
$\gamma$	10.417	11.50
$\delta$	9.895	11.55

Table S2 Unit cell dimension of different PVDF crystal phases [1-3]

Crystal phase	Unit cell (nm)		
	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
$\alpha$ and $\delta$ (4 carbon atoms/unit)	0.496	0.964	0.462
$\beta$ (2 carbon atoms/unit)	0.847	0.490	0.256
$\gamma$ (8 carbon atoms/unit)	0.496	0.967	0.920

The column *c* in Table S2 represents the molecular chain unit length of different crystal phases. It can be used to calculate chain length. Both calculations indicate that main chain length in  $\beta$  crystal phase is the longest among all the conformations.

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