

Developing Lead-Free Piezoceramics

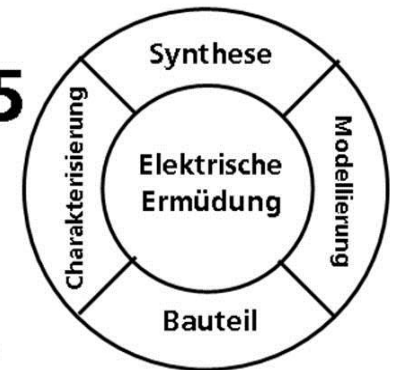


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Ferroelectrics: starting projects – 2003

5 projects ended

Synthesis

A1
Rödel
Lead-Free

A2
Hoffmann
PZT
ended 2010

Modeling

C1
Albe
Defect Structure

C3
Müller/Becker
ended 2010

C5
Genenko/von Seggern
Charge Transport

Characterization

B1
Eichel/Dinse
ended 2010

B3
Kleebe/Donner
TEM/XRD

B5
Lupascu/Rödel
ended 2006

B2
Balogh
ended 2010

B7
von Seggern/Klein
Polarization Dynamics

Components

D1
Rödel
El. Fatigue

Ferroelectrics: current projects – 2014

4 new projects started

Synthesis

A1
Rödel
Lead-Free

Modeling

C6
Xu
defect /dw
interaction
started 2012

C1
Albe
Defect Structure

C5
Genenko/von Seggern
Charge Transport

Characterization

B9
Buntkowsky
NMR
started 2009

B3
Kleebe/Donner
TEM/XRD

B7
von Seggern/Klein
Polarization Dynamics

Components

D6
Webber
Mechanics
started 2012

T2
Hoffmann
PbO Stoichiometry
started 2011

D1
Rödel
El. Fatigue

Legislation

RoHS II

Lead-containing piezoelectric devices

Category 7

ELV

Lead-containing piezoelectric devices

Category 10 (a)

Exemptions expire latest after maximum validity period

**5 years (July 2016)
Categories 1-7,10**

Continuous process

UNLESS INDUSTRY REQUESTS CONTINUATION!

18 MONTHS PRIOR TO EXPIRY → Next revision for INDUSTRY July 2016

EU-Directive 2000/53/EC: ELV. Off. J. Eur. Un. 2000;L 269:34 //EU-Directive 2011/65/EU: RoHS II. Off. J. Eur. Un. 2011;L 174:88

History of lead-free piezoceramics

KNN-based

1954 1st report KNN (Shirane et al.)

1959 Piezoelectric data of KNN (Egerton&Dillon)

2004 LF4 composition (Saito et al.)

2004 Improving the sintering, e.g. Cu-doping (Matsubara et al.)

2013 Temperature-insensitive strain in KNN (Wang et al.)

2014 KNN+ Ni electrodes (Liu et al.)

BNT-based

1957 BKT discovery (Popper et al.)
1960 BKT properties (Smolenskii et al.)

1991 BNT-BT (Takenaka et al.)

1996 BNT-BKT (Elkechai et al.)

2007 BNT-BT-KNN (Zhang et al.)

2009 hard BNT-BT for ultrasonic cleaners (Tou et al.)

2014 Mn- and Fe-doped BNT-BKT-BLT (Taghaddos et al.)

Other

1945 BaTiO₃ piezo transducer (patent)

1945 Poling process (Gray)

mid 1950s PZT ceramics

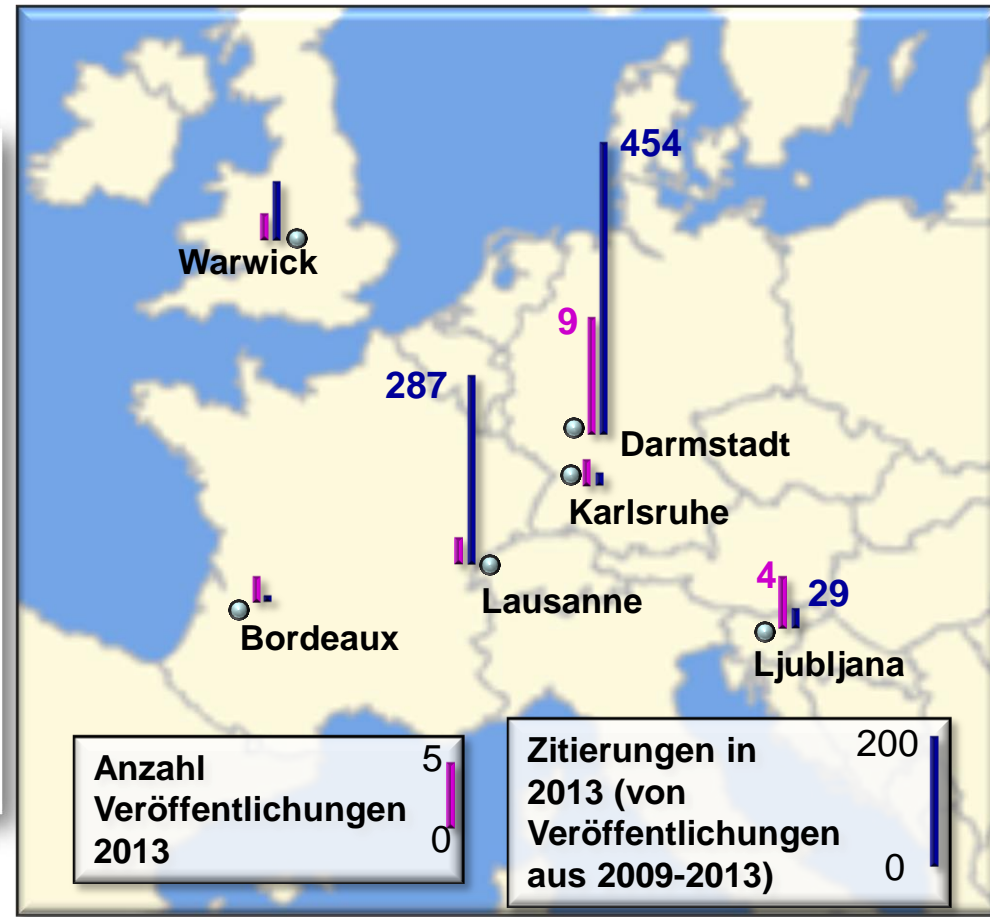
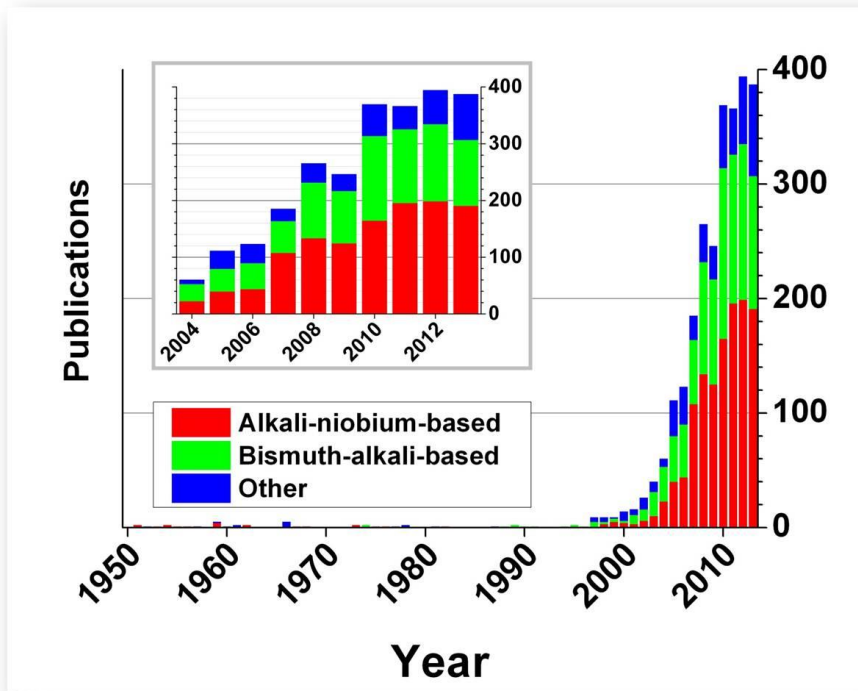
2001 EU LEAF project

2003 1st EU legislative

2009 BCT-BZT (Liu, Ren)

2014 BCT-BZT high d_{33}^* (Ehmke et al.)

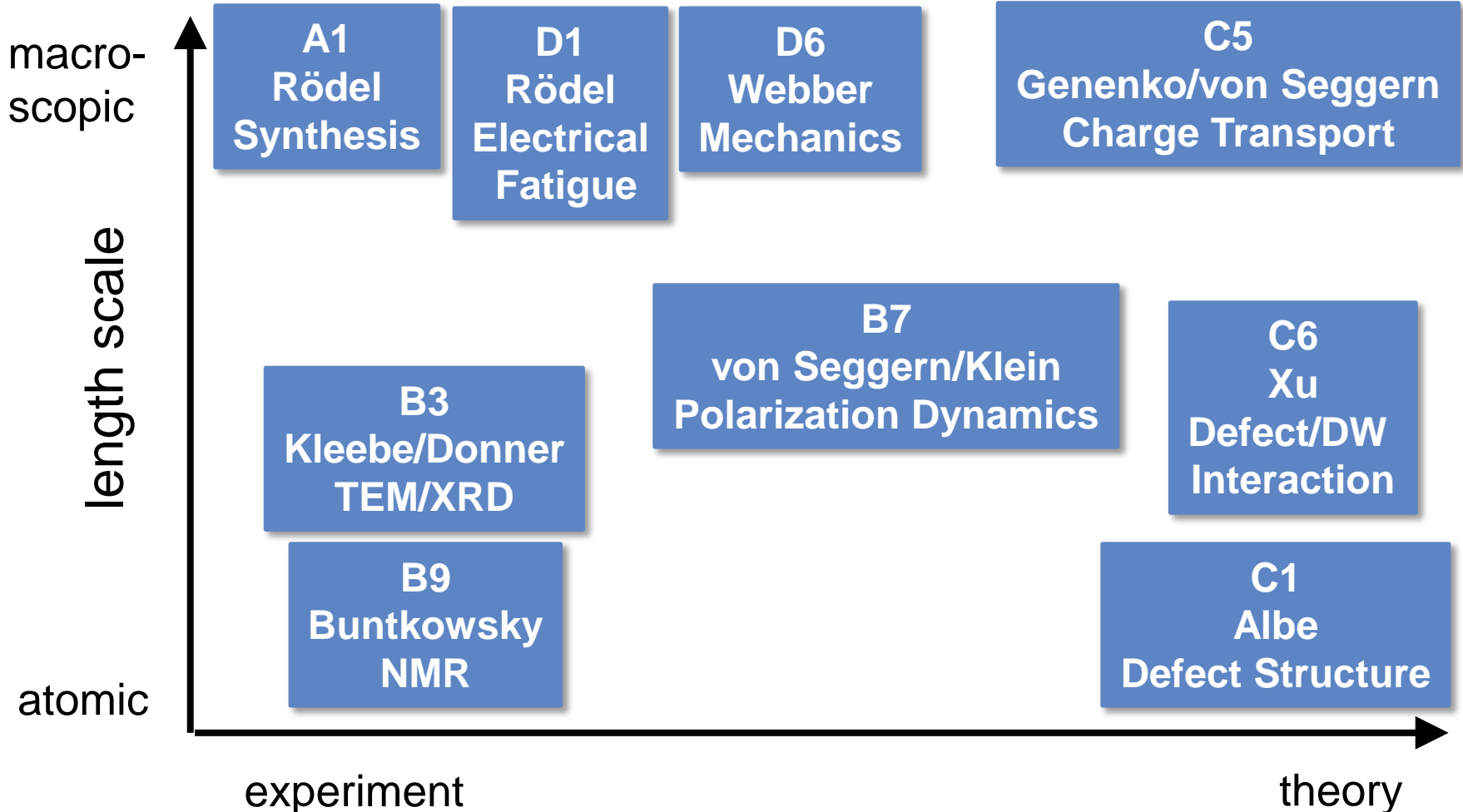
Publications on lead-free piezoceramics





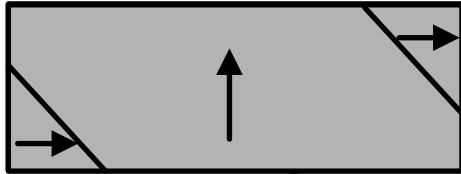
BNT-based

BNT-based piezoceramics - projects



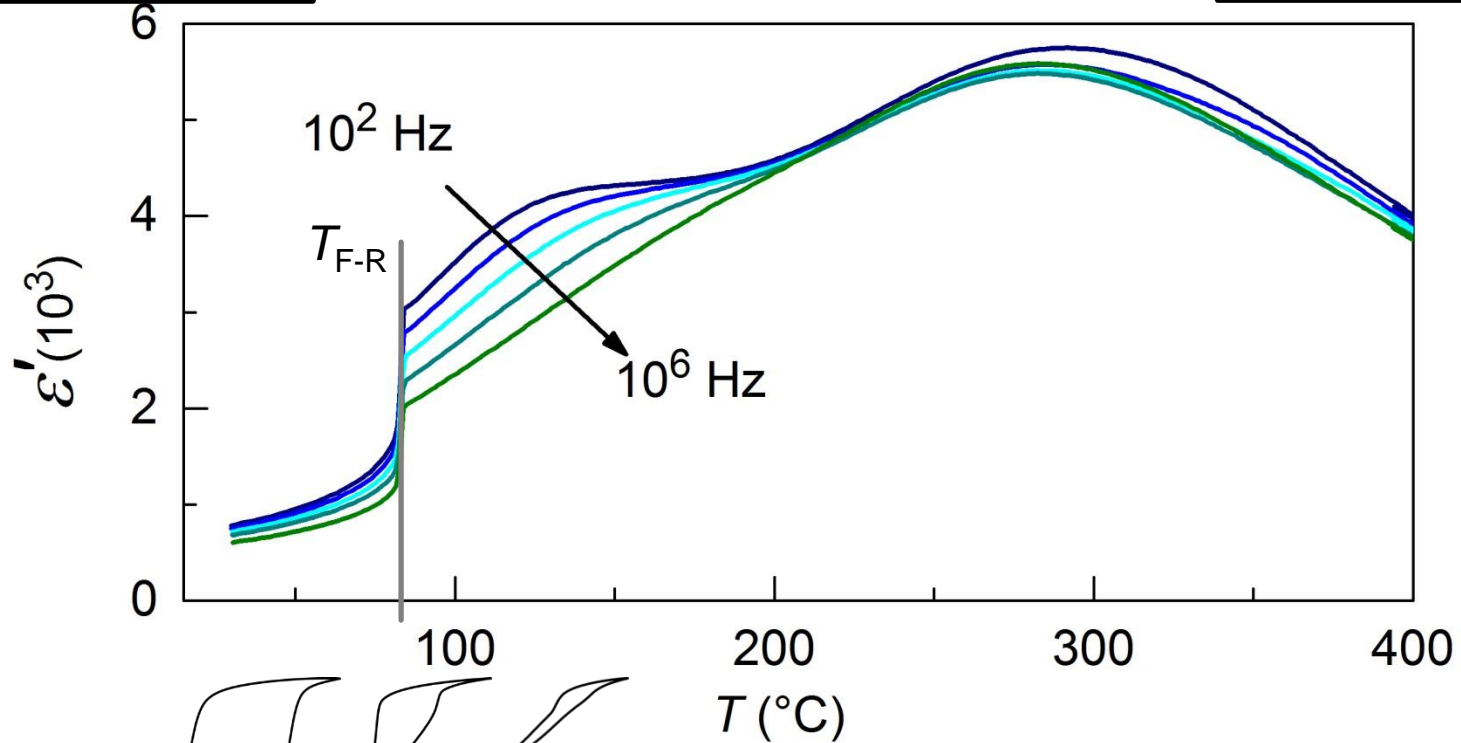
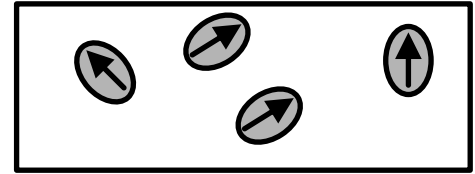
$P(E, T)$ in BNT-6BT

D1



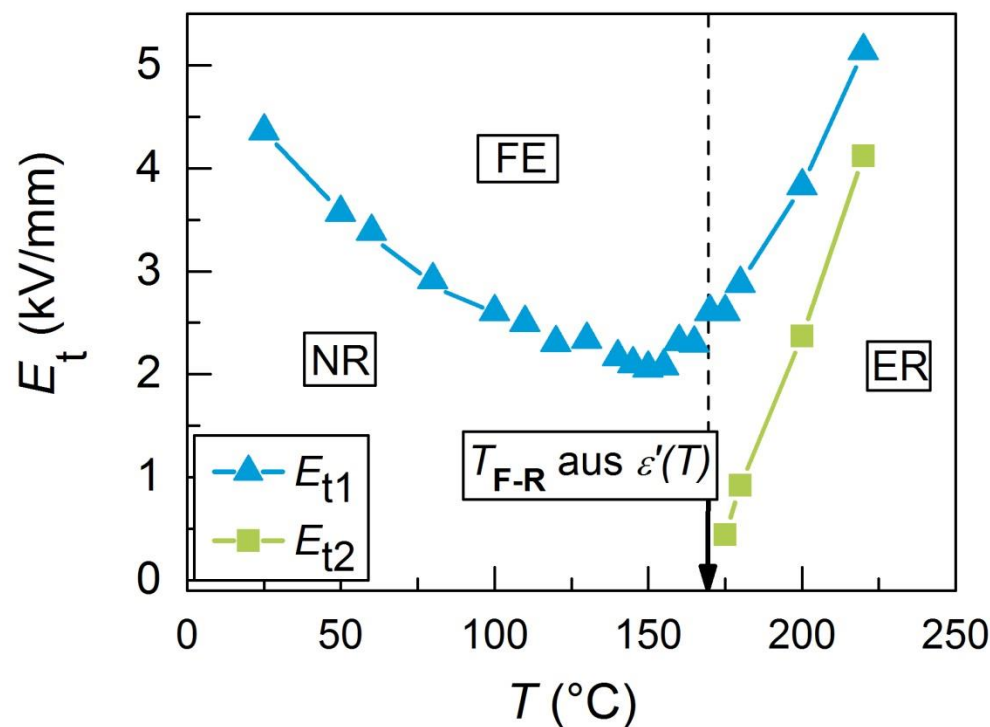
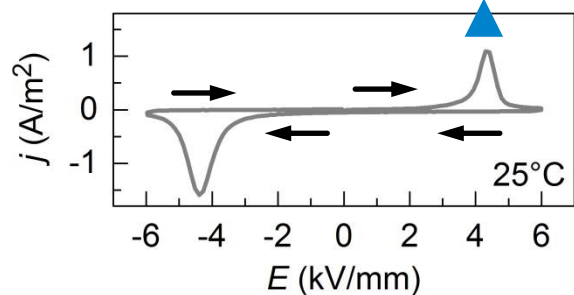
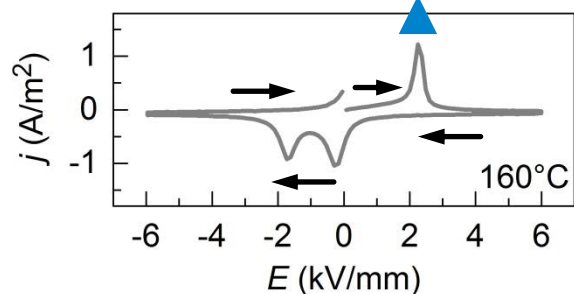
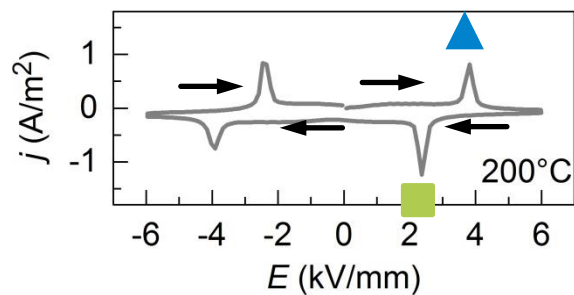
Ferroelectric
Nonergodic
Long range
Relaxor
order

Ergodic
Relaxor



E-T Diagram in BNT-3BT:Mn

D1

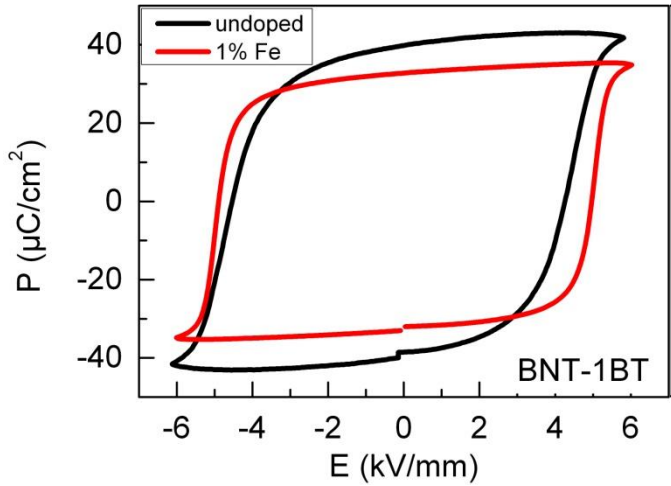


Fe-modification=hard-doping?

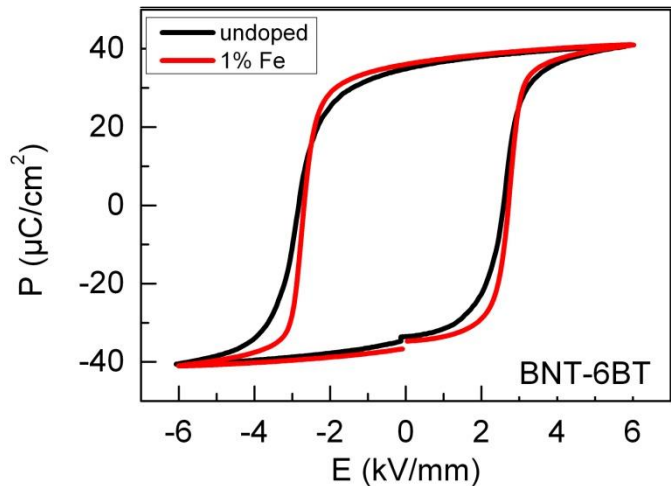
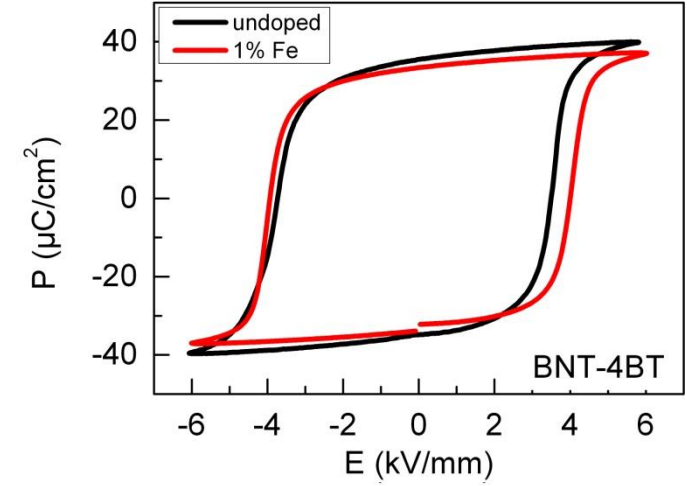
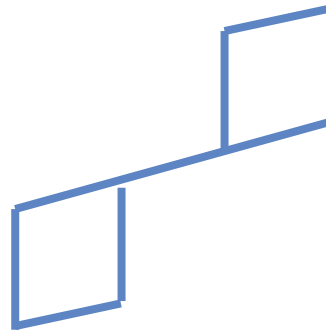
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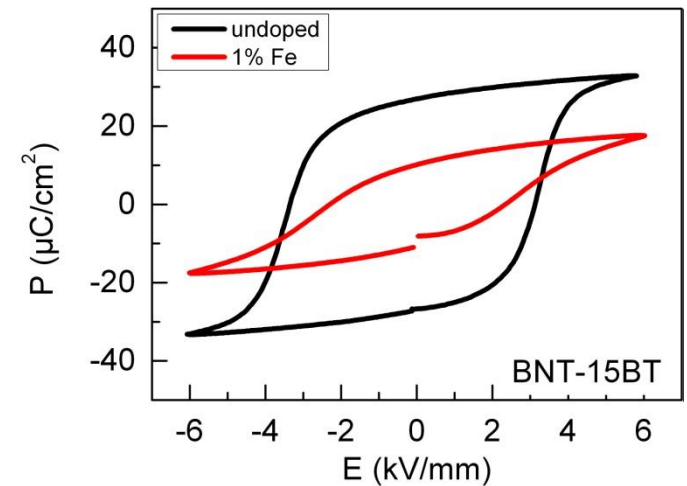
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expectation:
 E_{bias} up
 P_r down
strongly aged:
pinched loop



measurement



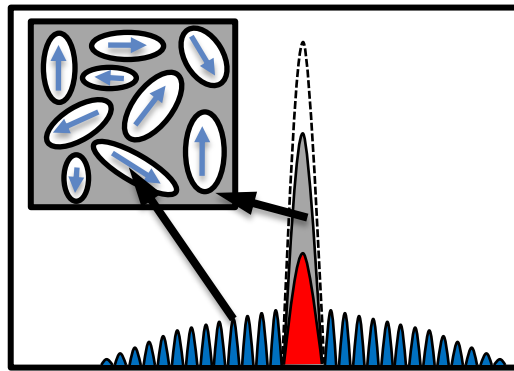
^{23}Na MAS NMR – Local structure of BNT-6BT

B9

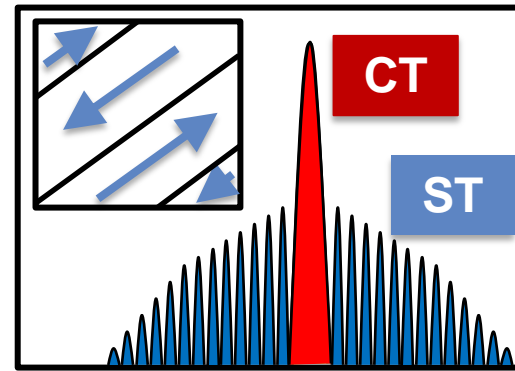
mixture

$$\frac{\text{ST}}{\text{CT}} < 1.5$$

unpoled



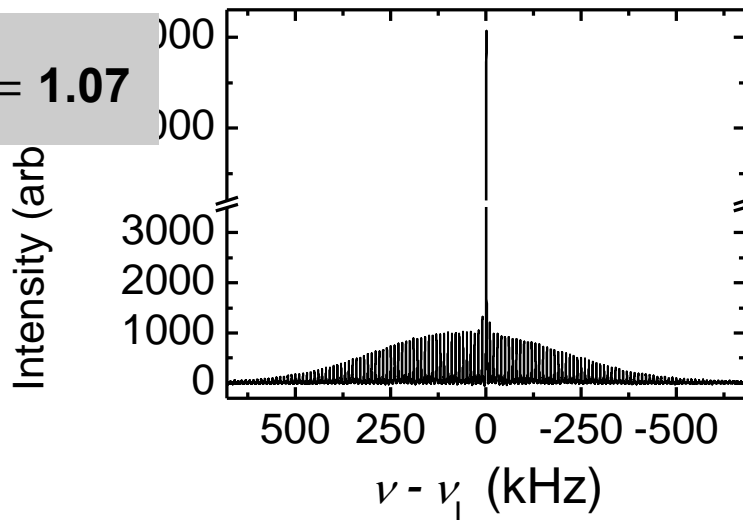
poled



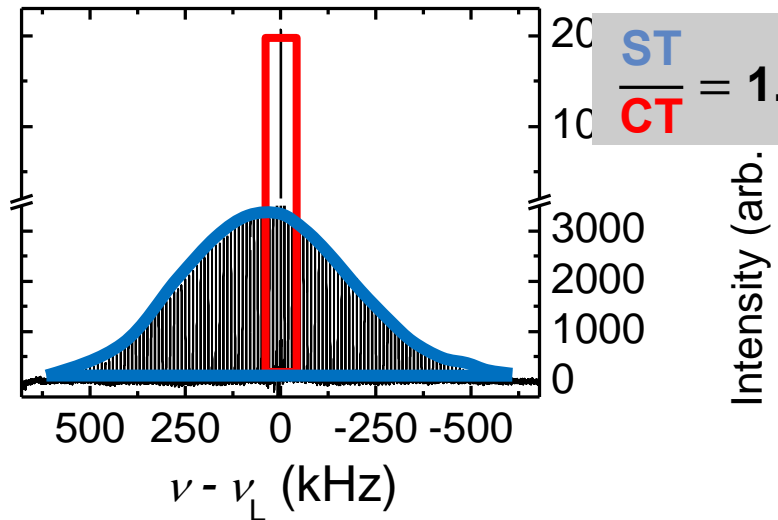
non-cubic

$$\frac{\text{ST}}{\text{CT}} = 1.5$$

$$\frac{\text{ST}}{\text{CT}} = 1.07$$

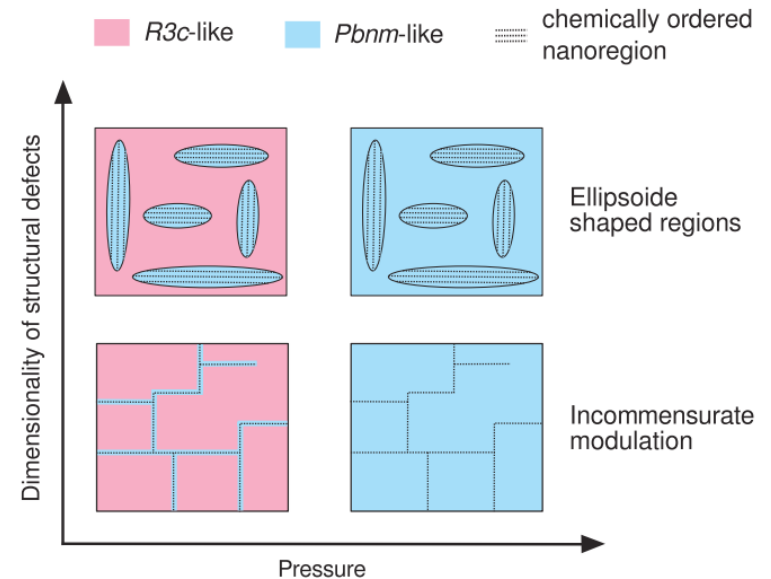
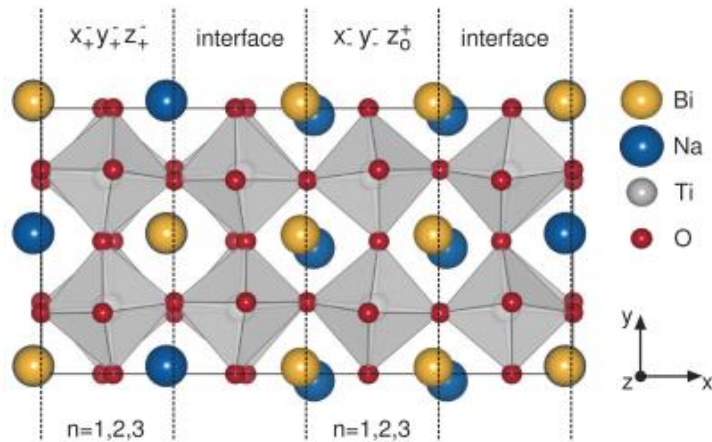


$$\frac{\text{ST}}{\text{CT}} = 1.42$$



Atomic Structure of BNT

C1



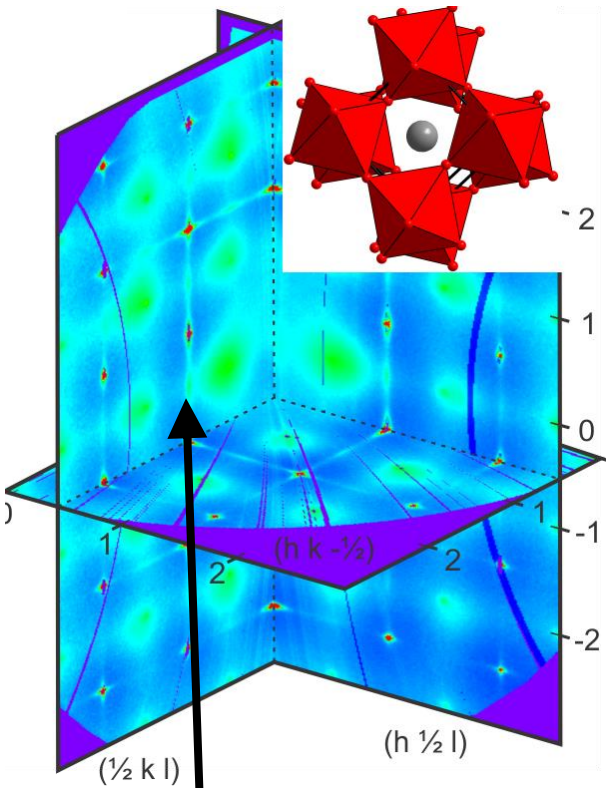
- Zero pressure: BNT is structurally frustrated
- Ab initio calculations suggest the existence of chemically ordered nanoregions (CNR)
- Matrix: $R3c$ -like CNR: $Pbnm$ -like

Diffuse scattering BNT-4BT single crystal

B3

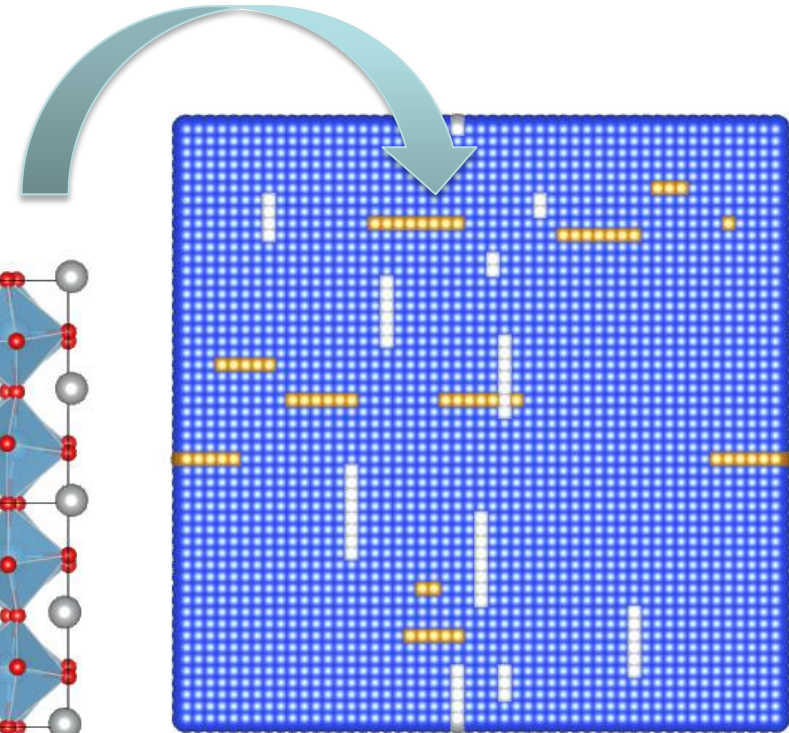
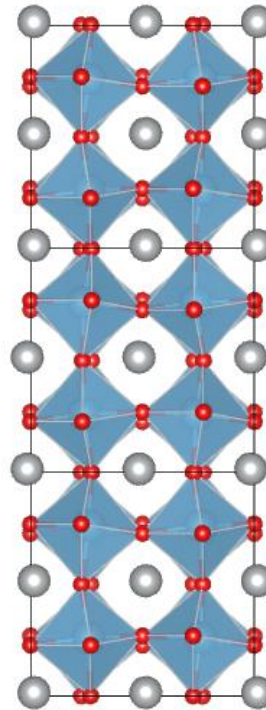


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Streaks
→ Random Stacking Faults

Defect:
Stacking Fault
in Tilt Sequence



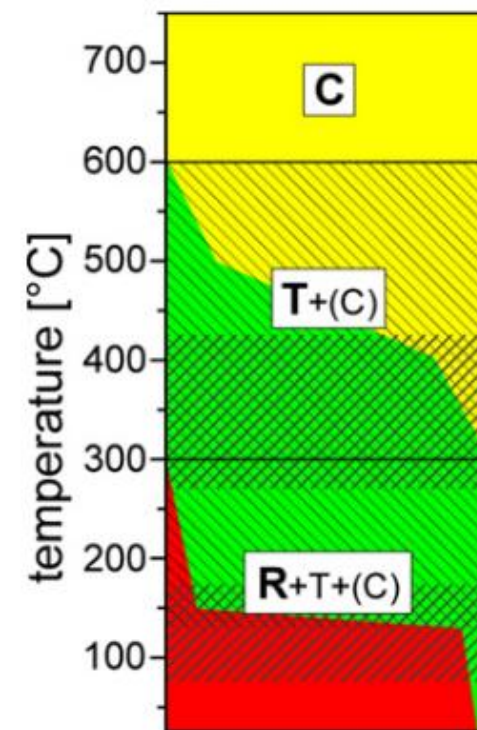
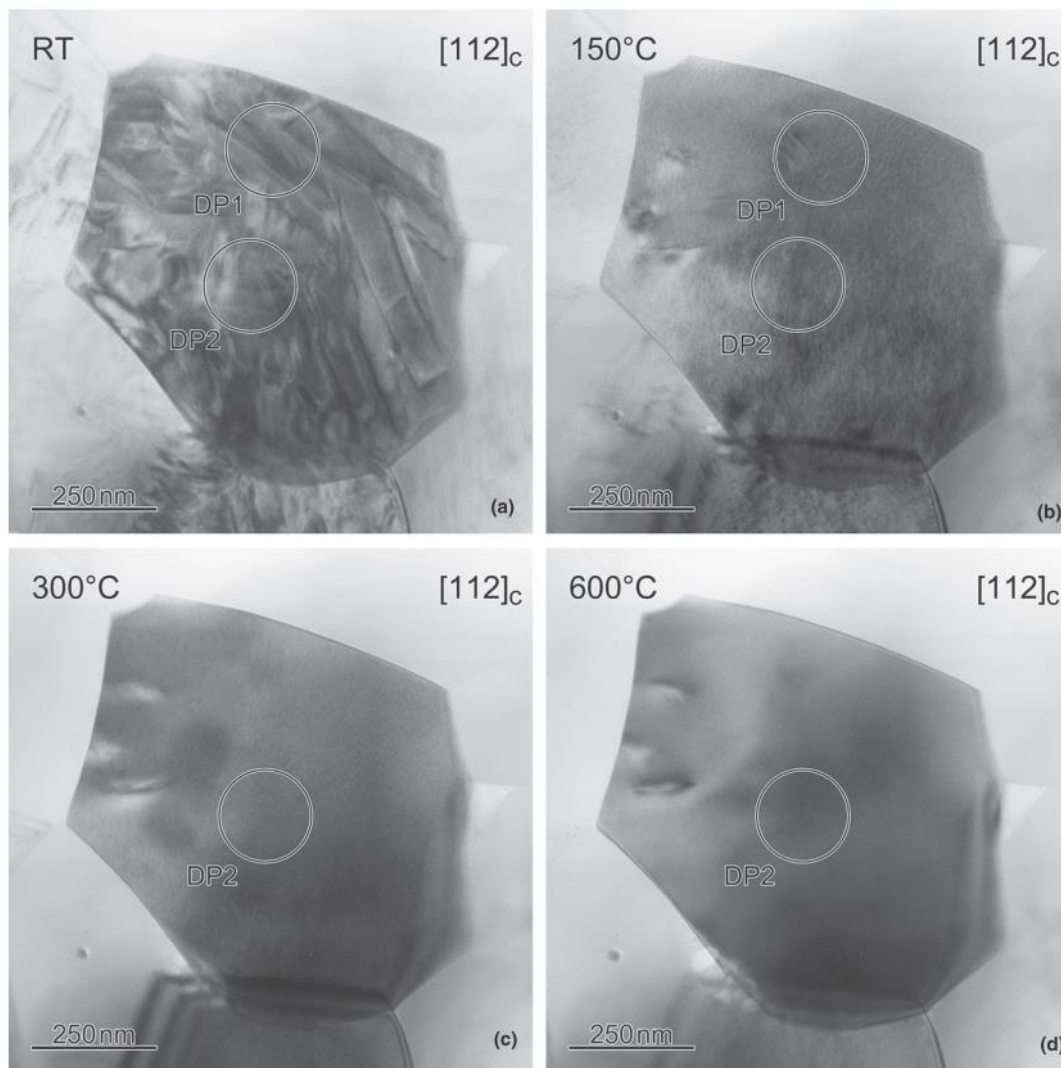
Stacking Faults are the
Boundaries of PSRs

TEM as $f(T)$ in BNT-6BT-1KNN

A1, B3



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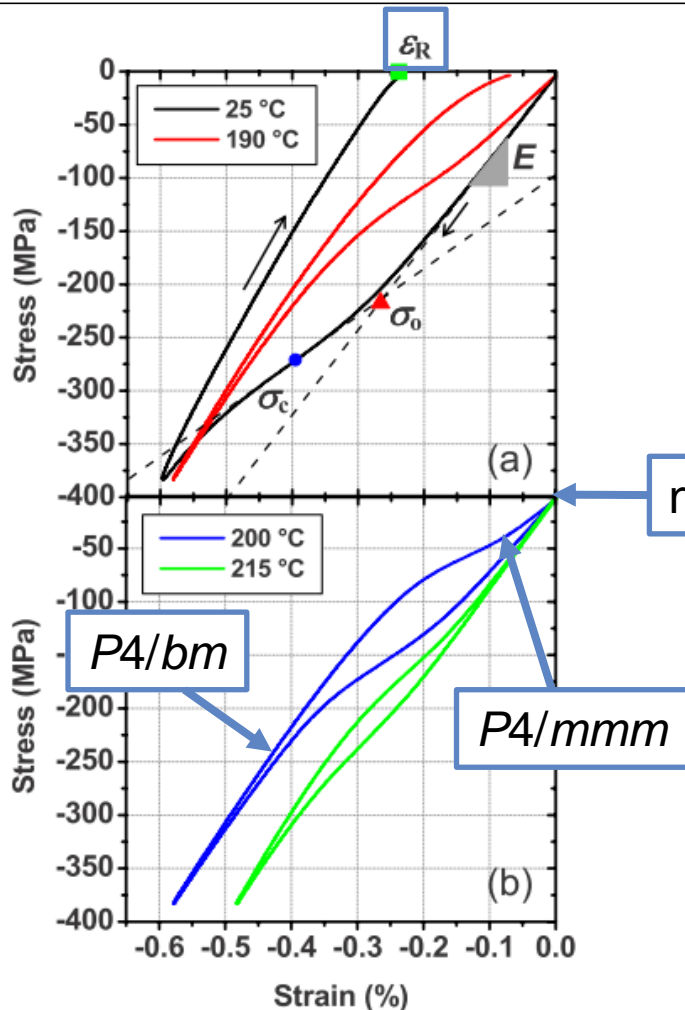
94BNT-5BT-1KNN

Phase transitions in BNT-6BT: $f(\sigma)$

A1,(D6)



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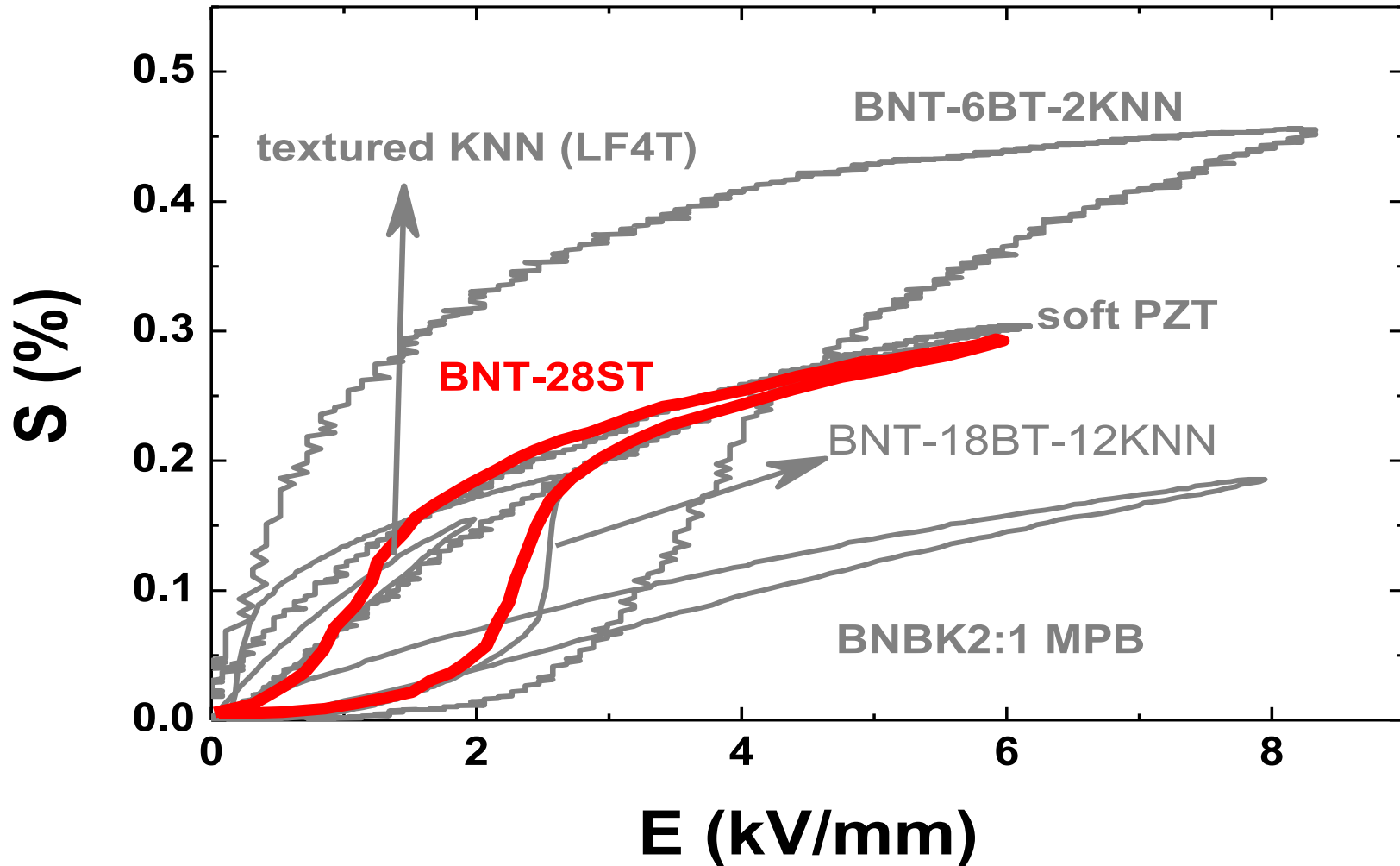


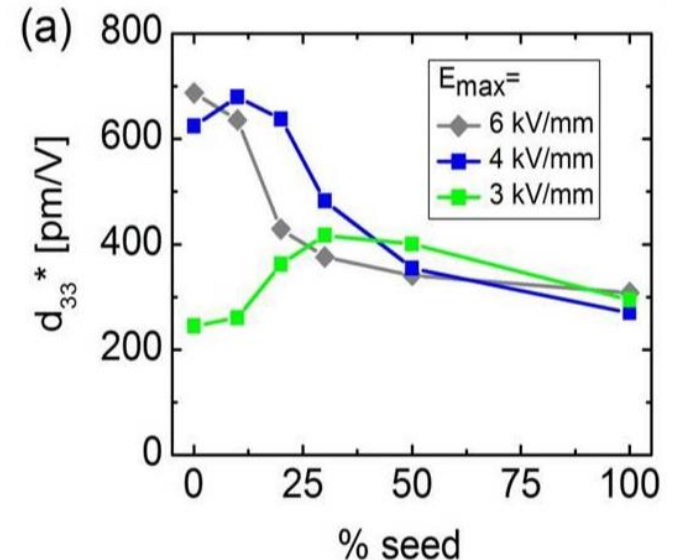
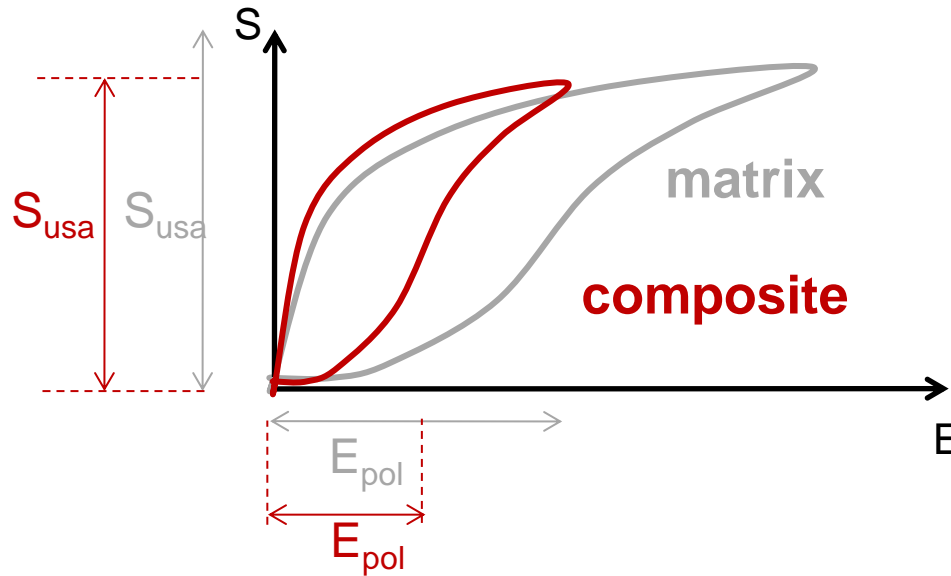
- Stress-free XRD:
polar tetragonal $P4mm$ to non-polar tetragonal $P4/mmm$ at 195 °C

no remanent strain

- Uniaxial compressive stress:
Field-induced $P4/mmm$ to $P4/bm$
→ oxygen octahedral tilting
→ stress induced phase transition

BNT-based actuator materials





Mechanism:

- Electric field \rightarrow seed gets poled first \rightarrow propagates polarization to matrix \rightarrow core gets “easier” poled $\hat{=}$ polarization at lower fields ($E_{pol} \downarrow$)
- Only small amounts of shell required (nuclei of polarization) \rightarrow maintain the high strain of matrix

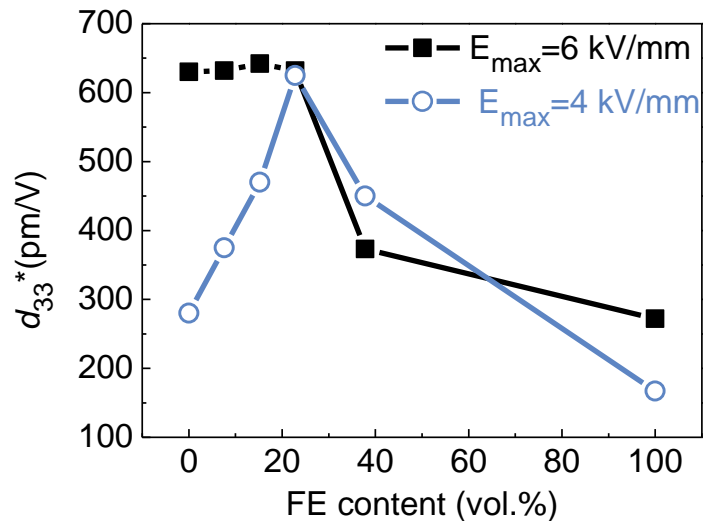
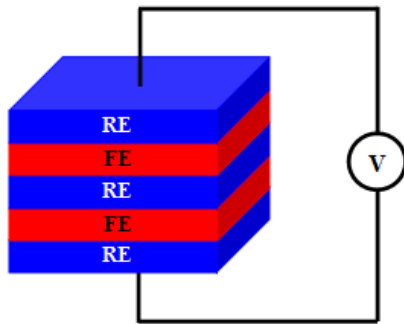
Coupling mechanisms

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Haibo Zhang (AvH)

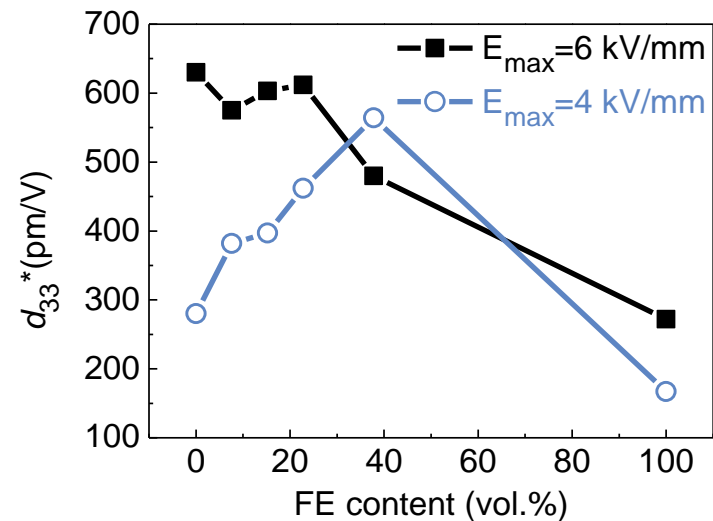
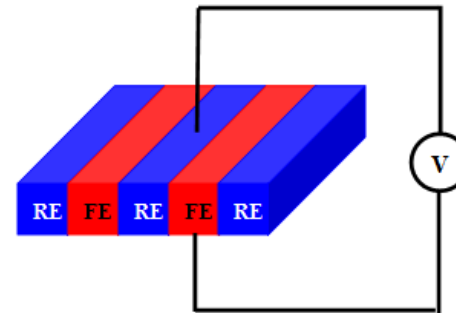


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Polarization coupling



Strain coupling

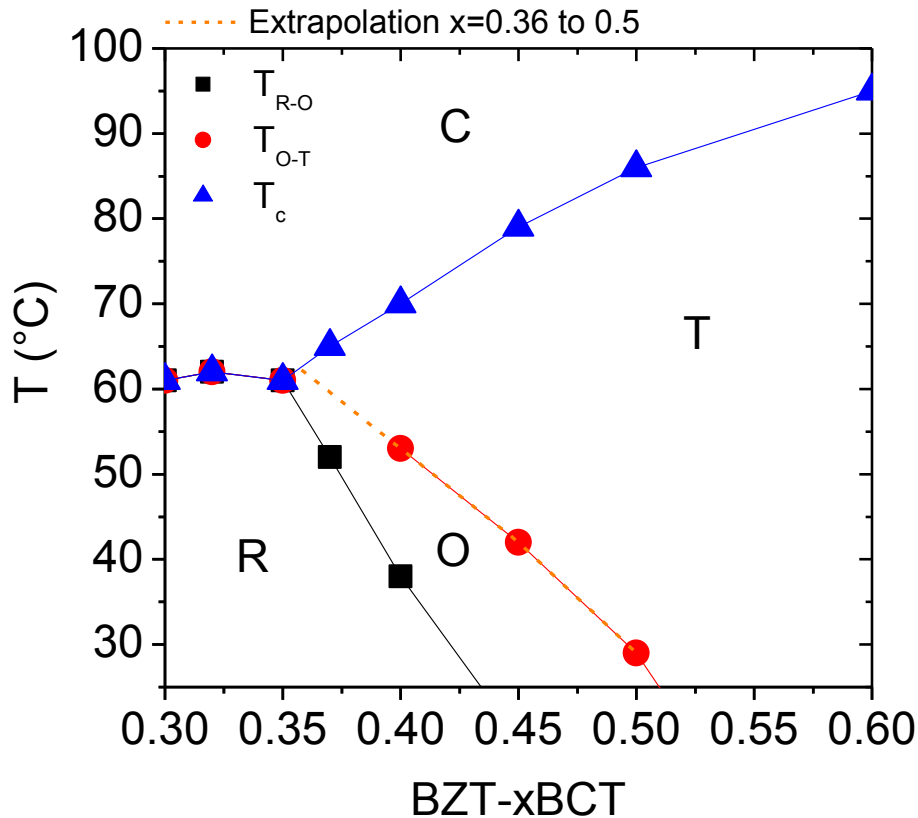




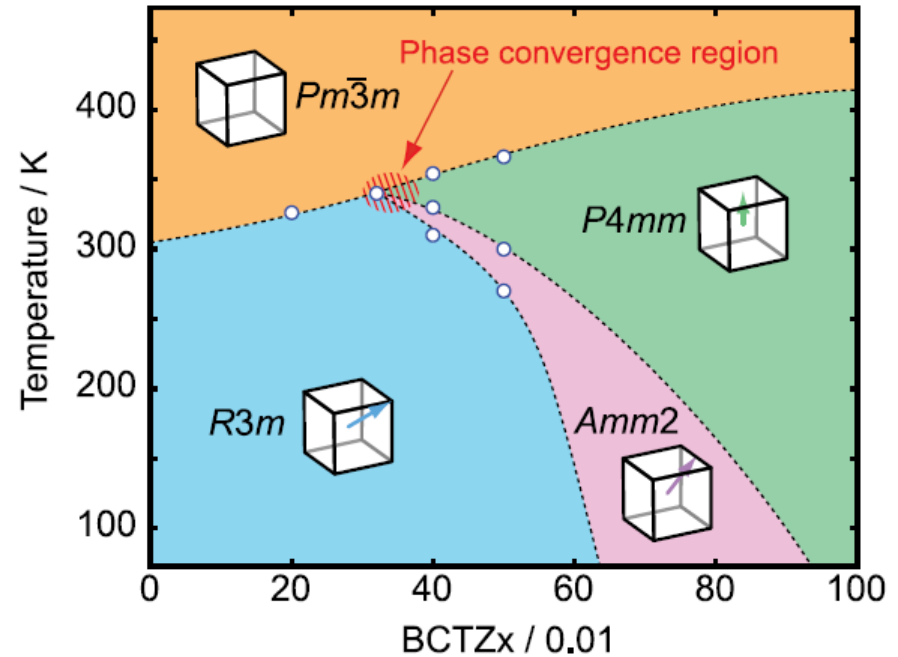
BZT-BCT

Ba(Zr_{0.2}Ti_{0.8})O₃-x(Ba_{0.7}Ca_{0.3})TiO₃

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associated

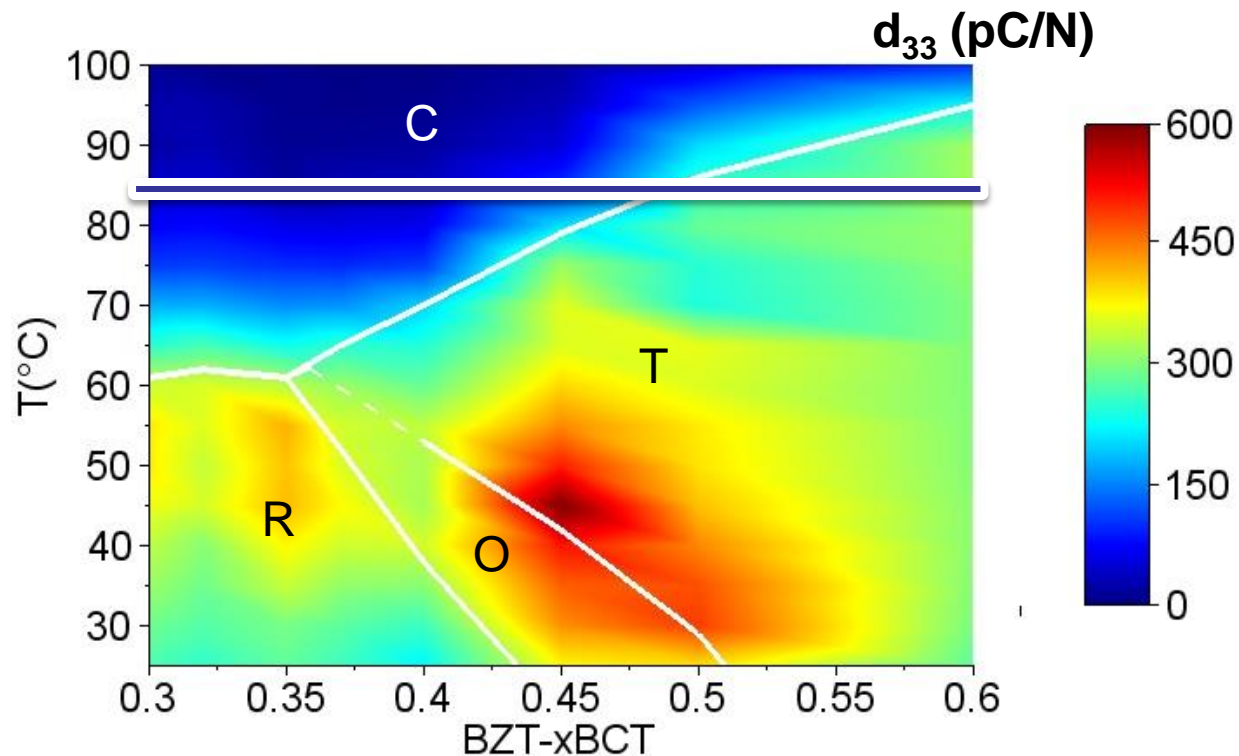


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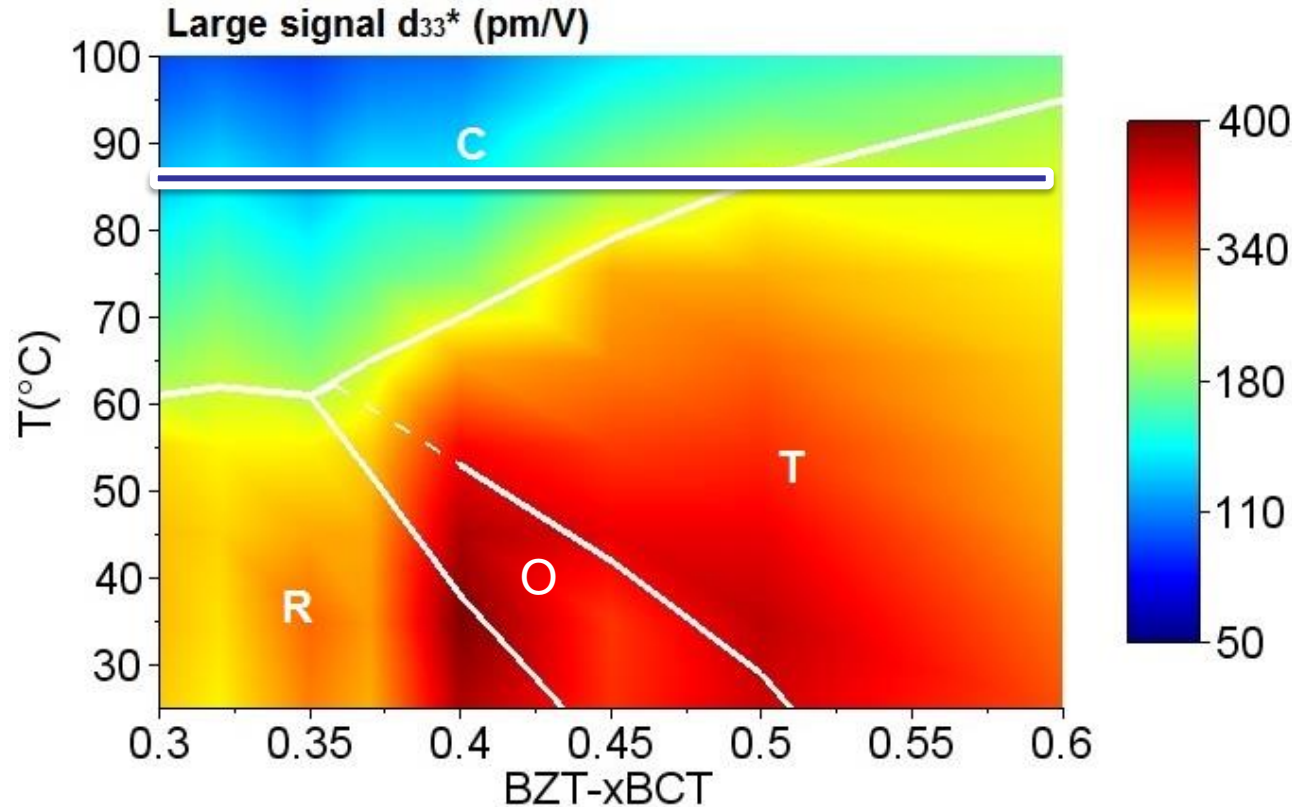
BZT-xBCT: small signal d_{33} as $f(x, T)$



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associated

- Peak at O-T phase transition
- No peaking at triple points
- Applications limited below 95 °C at $x=0.6 \rightarrow d_{33} \sim 300$ pC/N

BZT-xBCT: large signal d_{33}^* as $f(x, T)$



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associated

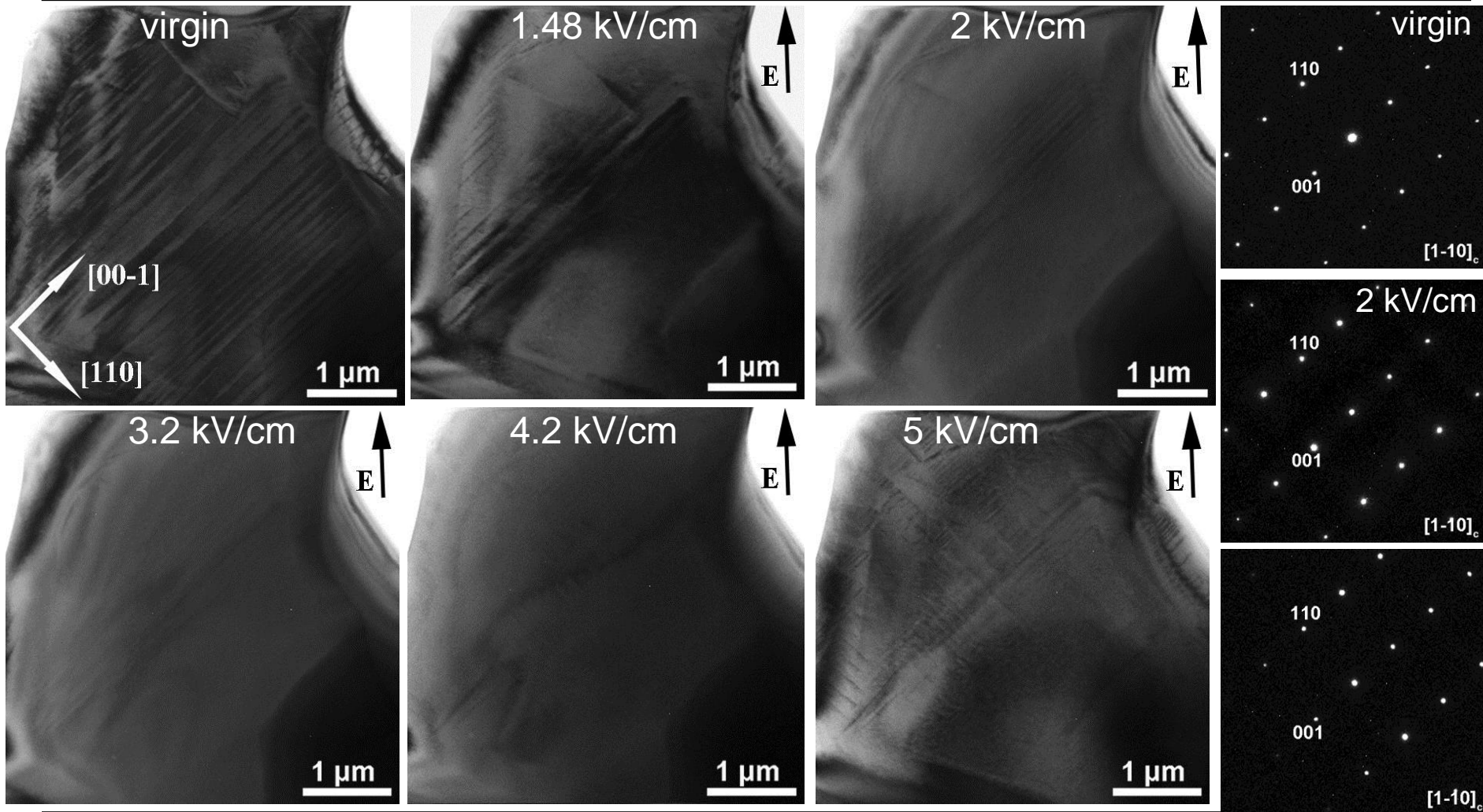
- Peak at R-O and O-T phase transitions
- No peaking at convergence region!
- Low temperature stability limits applications below 90 °C

In-situ E-field studies BZT-0.32BCT

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X. Tan (Iowa State Univ., USA)



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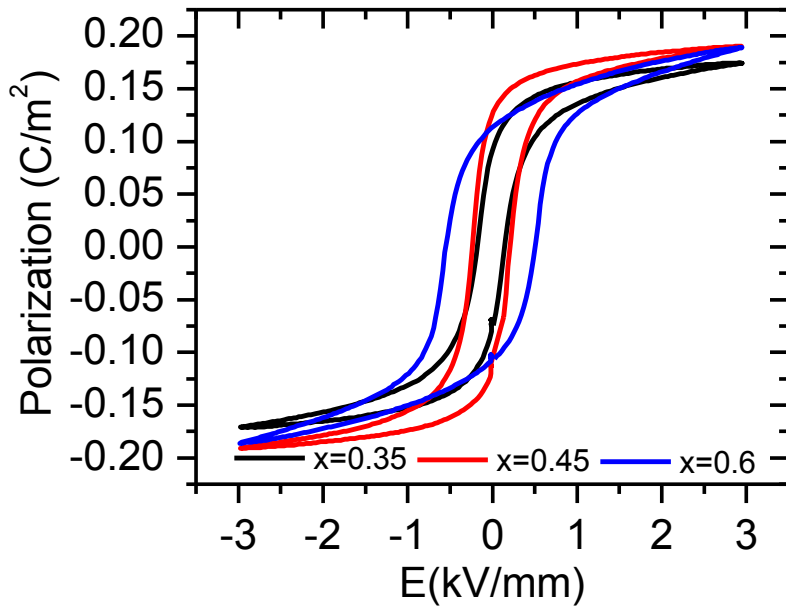


Polarization dynamics in BZT-xBCT

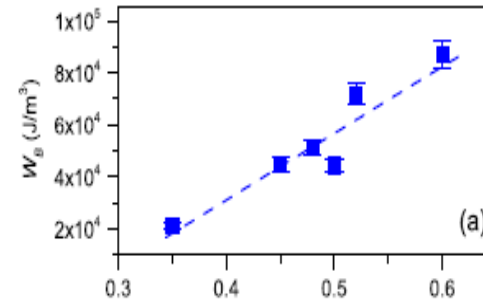
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B7, S. Zhukov



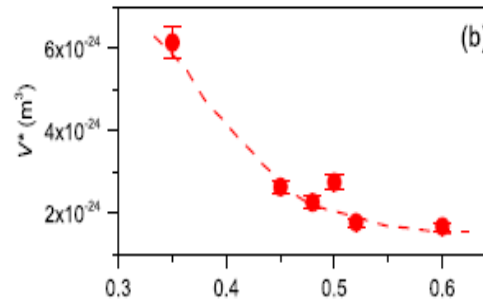
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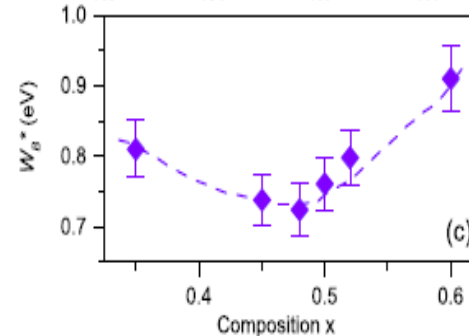
- Maximized properties due to minimum in activation barrier for domain switching



Thermodynamic
activation barrier
per unit of volume



Critical volume of
nucleating domain

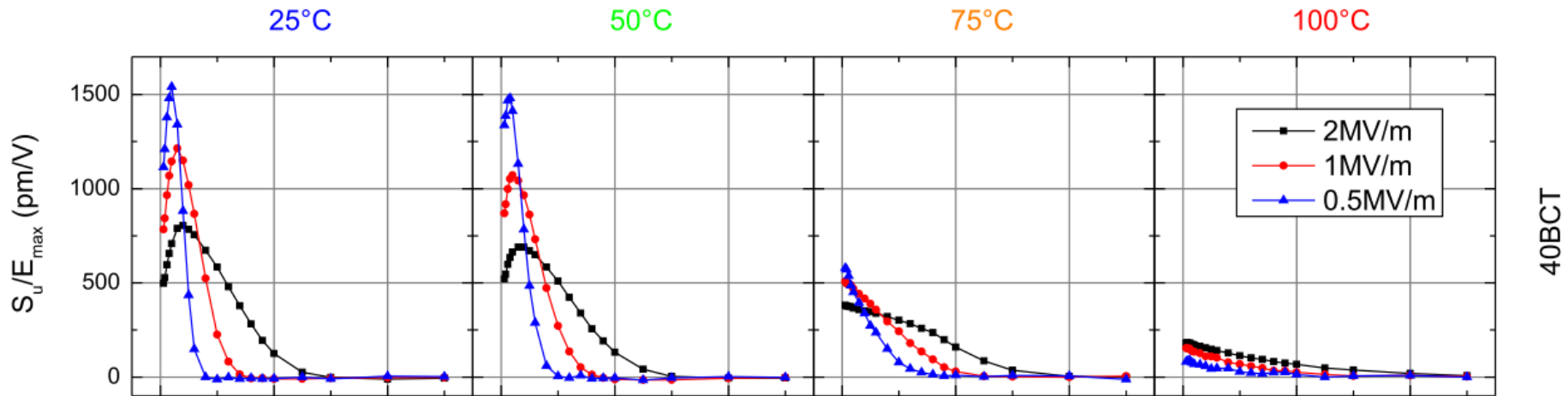


Activation barrier

$$W_B^* = W_B \times V^*$$

BZT-BCT under uniaxial compressive stress

A1, M. Ehmke
Purdue Univ., USA



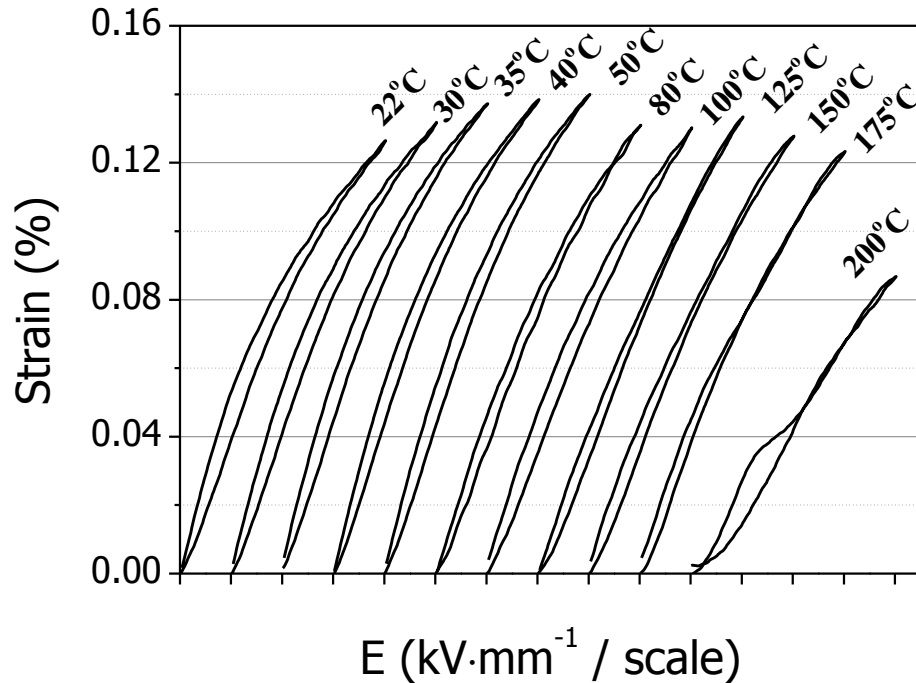
BNT-40BCT

- Stress < 50 MPa increasing d_{33}^* at low E and T
- Mechanical loading: E stabilizes domains parallel to stress
- Moderate stresses: favour strain
→ E is large enough to reorient ferroelastically switched domains



KNN-based

Temperature-Insensitive Strain in modified KNN



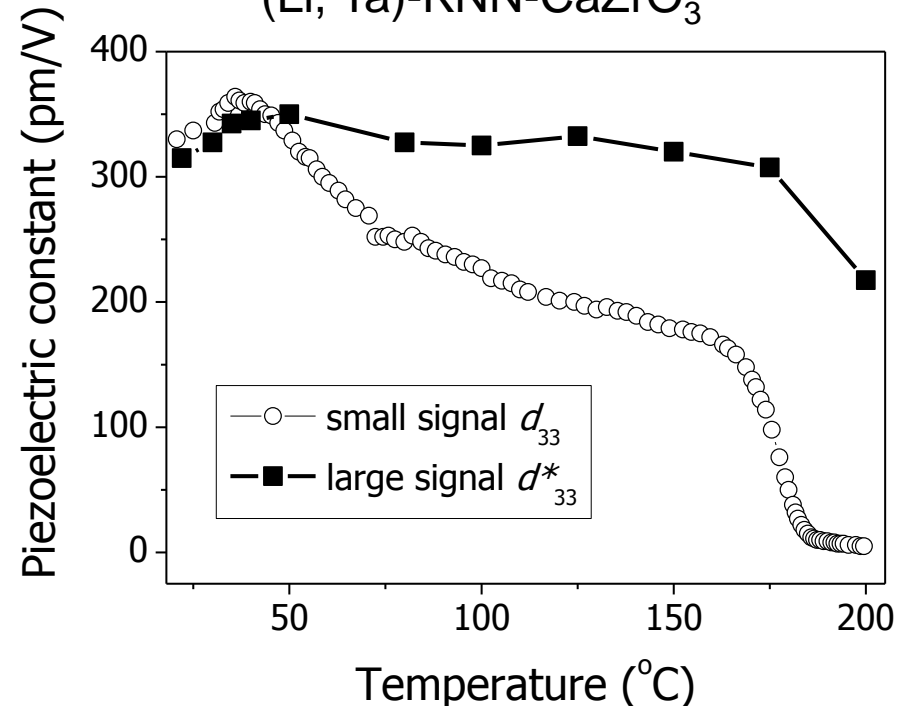
$$S = Q(P_{\max}^2 - P_r^2)$$

300pm/V < d_{33}^* < 350pm/V
from RT to 175°C

Ke Wang (AvH fellow)
Tsinghua Univ., China

@4kV/mm

(Li, Ta)-KNN-CaZrO₃

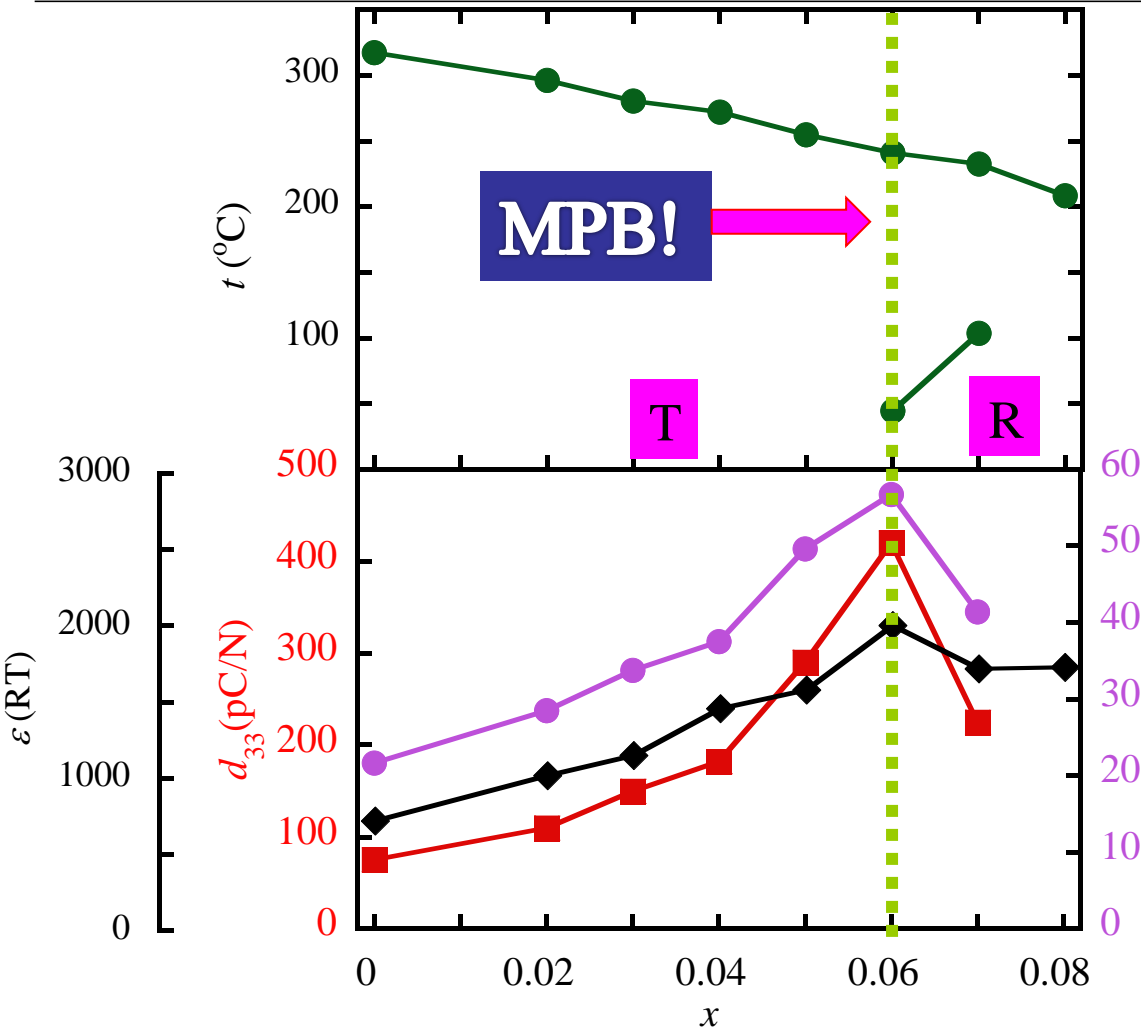


MPB in KNN-based ceramics

Ruiping Wang
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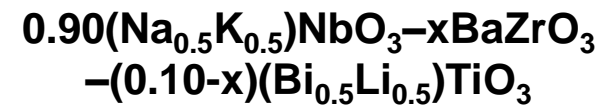
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Aim: phase boundary between
tetragonal and rhombohedral

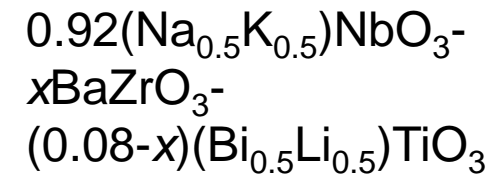
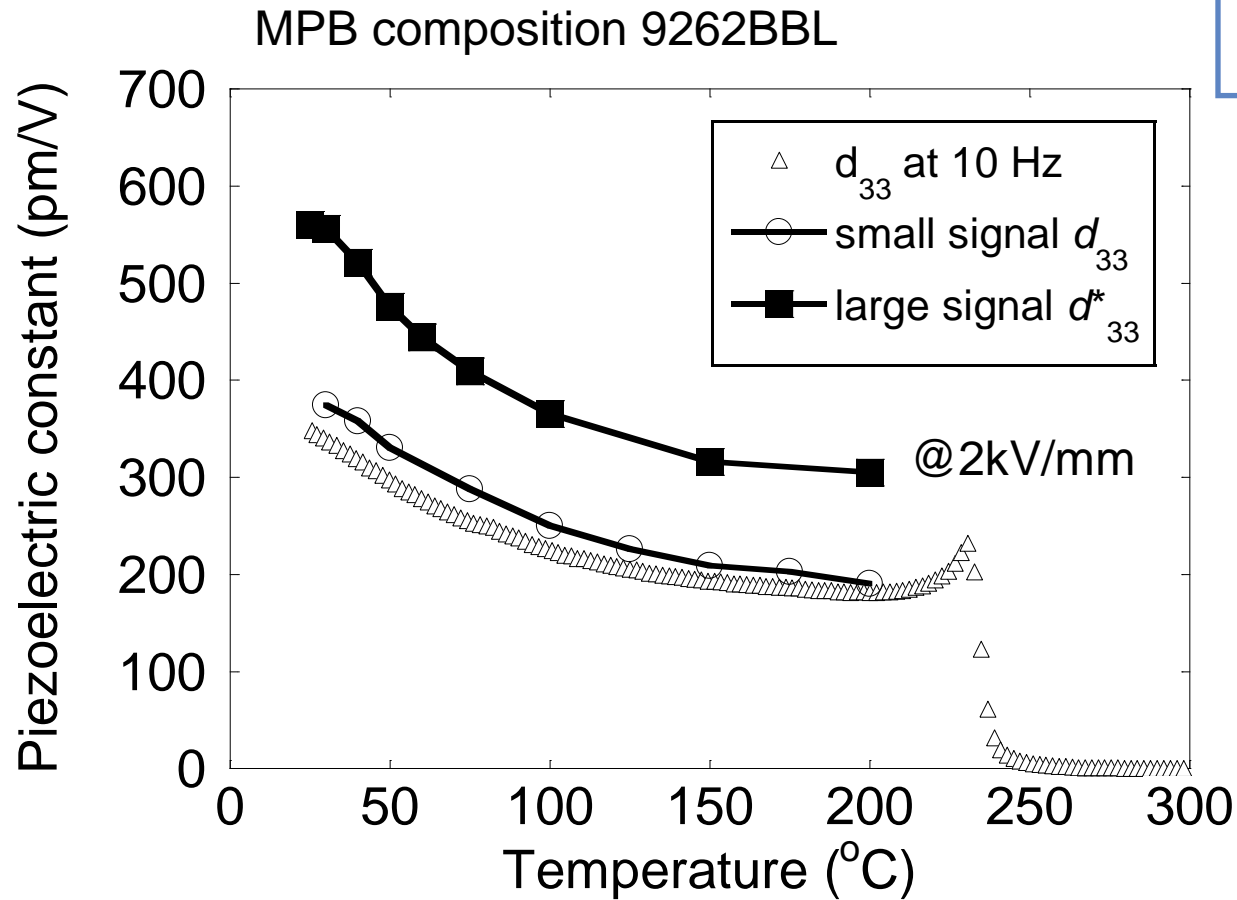
$(1-x)(\text{Na}_{0.5}\text{K}_{0.5})\text{NbO}_3-x\text{BaZrO}_3$
 • rhombohedral $0.08 \leq x \leq 0.15$
 (RT)

$(1-x)(\text{Na}_{0.5}\text{K}_{0.5})\text{NbO}_3-x(\text{Bi}_{0.5}\text{Li}_{0.5})\text{TiO}_3$
 • tetragonal $0.06 \leq x \leq 0.15$
 (RT)



$d_{33}(T)$ in KNN-based MPB material

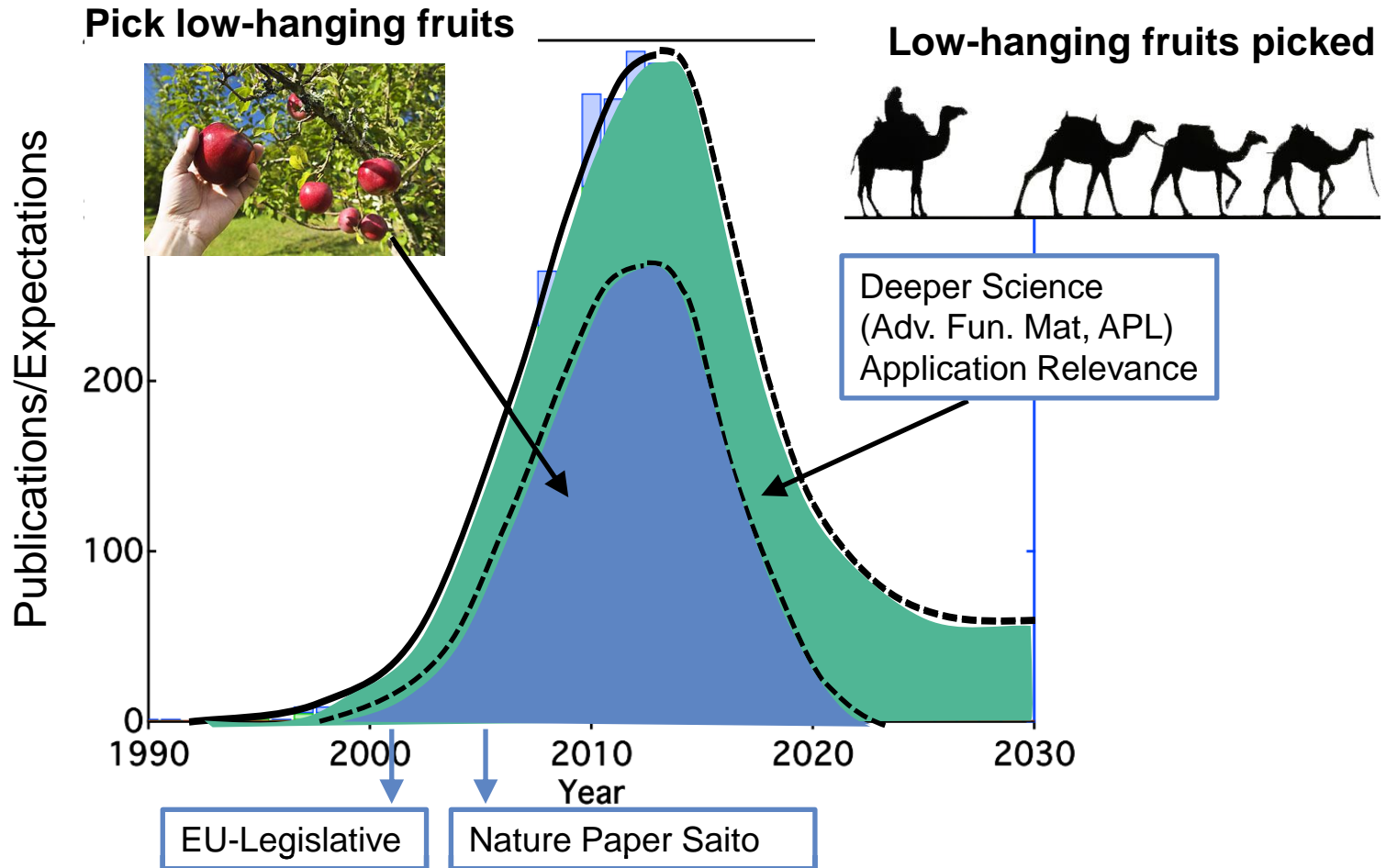
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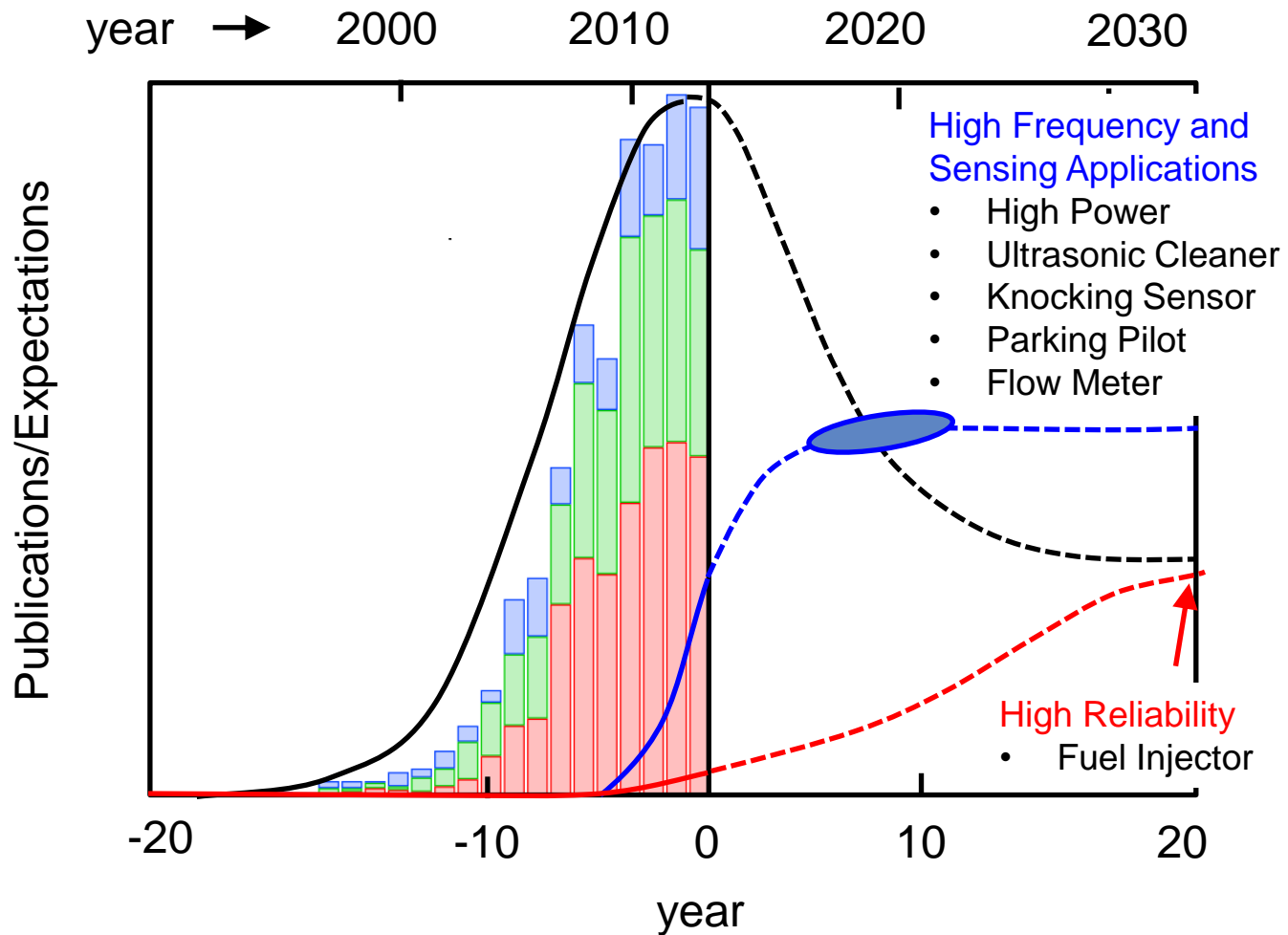
Summary: Innovation management

- Legislation trigger
- Peak of inflated expectations
- Trough of disillusionment
- Transfer enlightenment

Worldwide Research Trend



Industrial Development



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