### **True Operational Range of Piezoelectric Actuators**

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- 1) Operational range of piezoactuators
- 2) Lead zirconate titanate
- 3) Lead-free piezoelectrics





### **Piezoelectric actuators**





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Bosch, Siemens, PI, Epson

### Methods for determining the operational range



Need to asses the true operational range of piezoactuators.

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#### **Measurement setup**







Capabilities: Compressive preloads (1 – 400 MPa)

> Temperatures (20 – 200 °C)

Frequencies up to 50 mHz

Simulation of external loads with different linear or non-linear stiffnesses



# Soft lead zirconate titanate (PZT)

### **Operational range of soft PZT**

Stress (MPa)

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Koruza et al. (submitted)

Chaply&Carman 2001; Dittmer et al. 2013



# **Alternatives for PZT?**



### **Blocking stress**





### Electromechanical Conversion Efficiency ( $\lambda$ )





### **Temperature stability**





### Summary and ongoing work



- Investigation of different strain mechanisms and their influence?
  - Stability of properties in lead-free compositions?
    - Stress-strain behavior of **multilayer actuators**?
      - Simulating non-linear springs?





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