

Supporting Information for

# Probing the Local Strain-Mediated Magnetoelectric Coupling in Multiferroic Nanocomposites by Magnetic Field-Assisted Piezoresponse Force Microscopy

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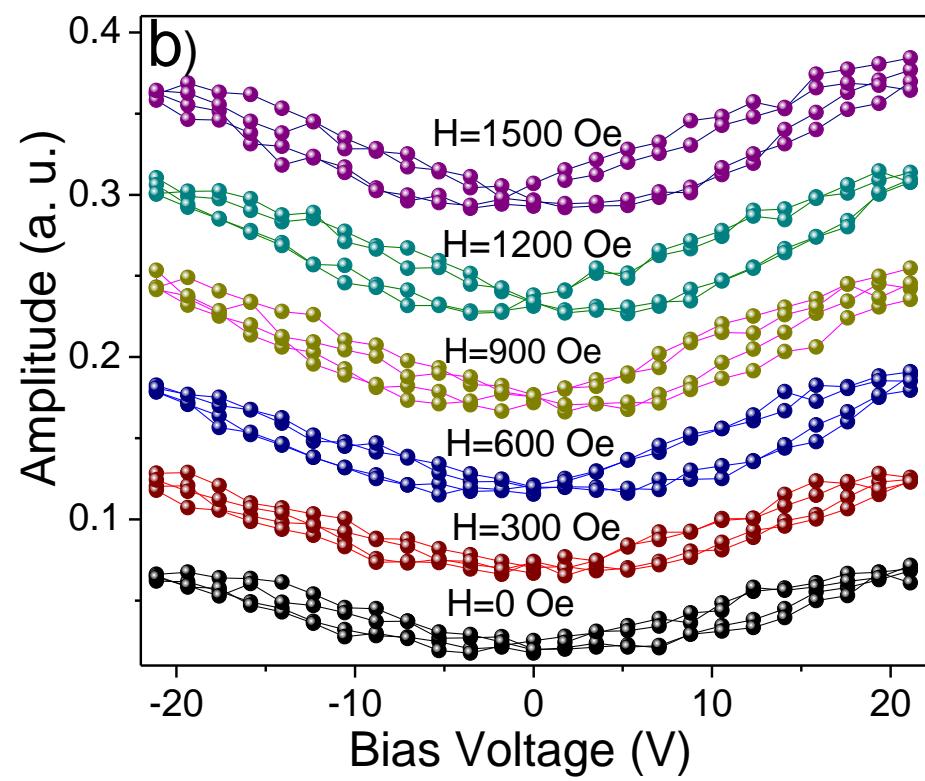
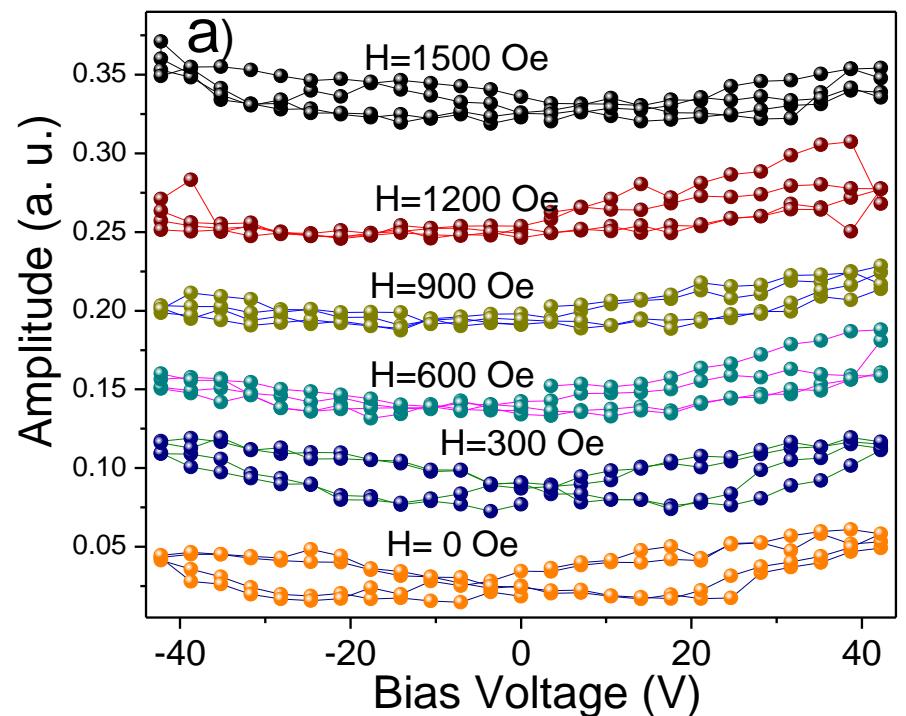
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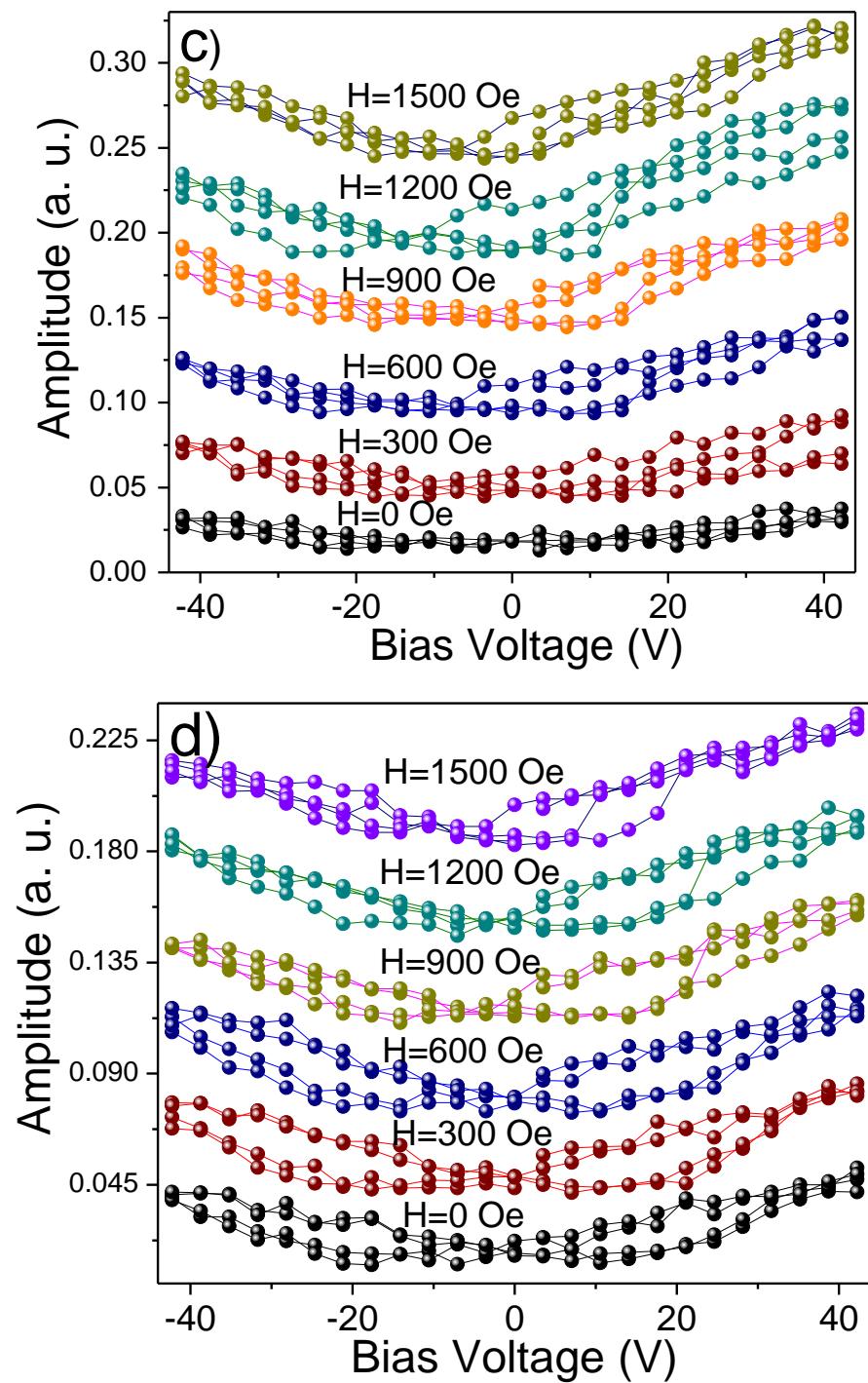
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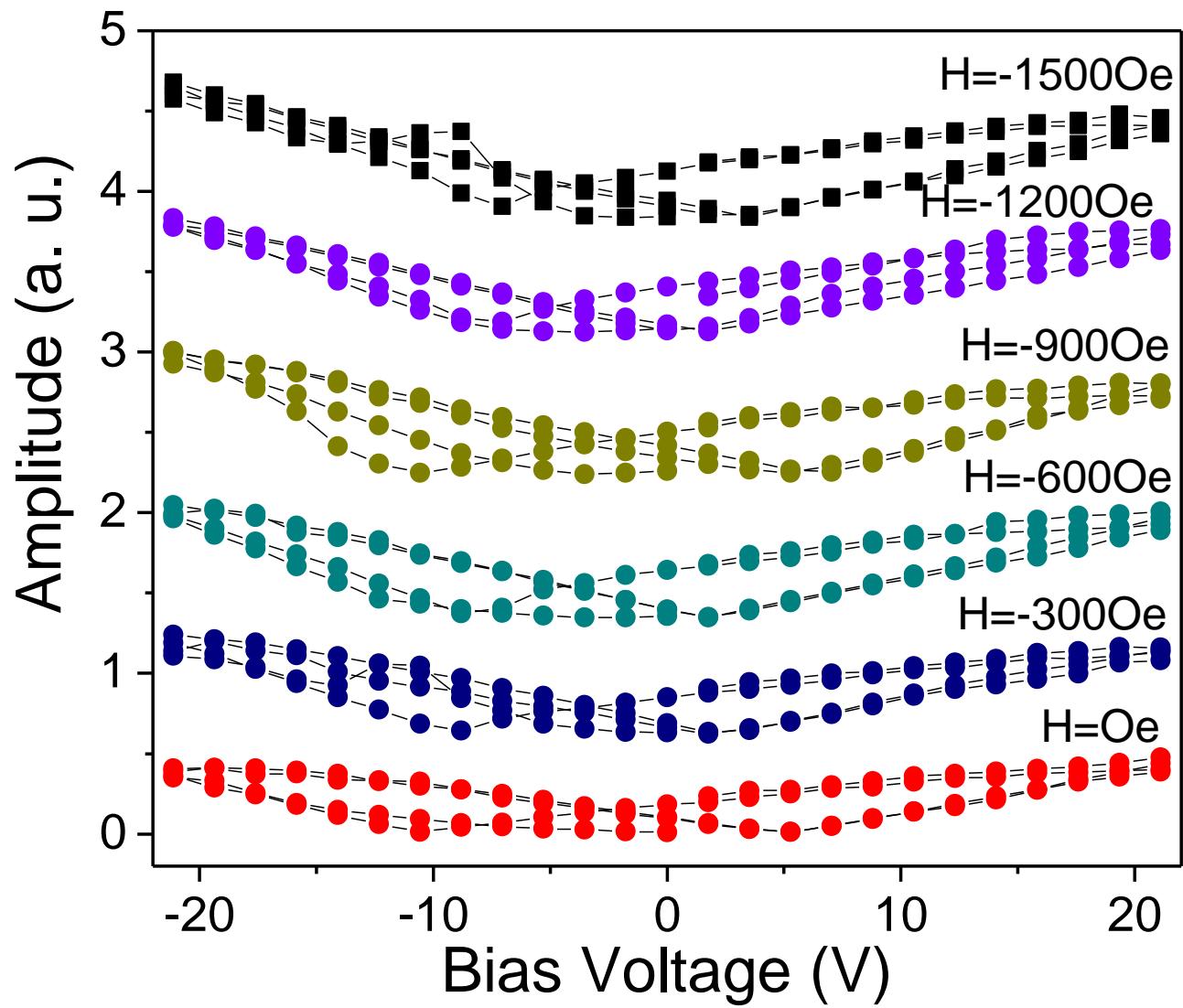
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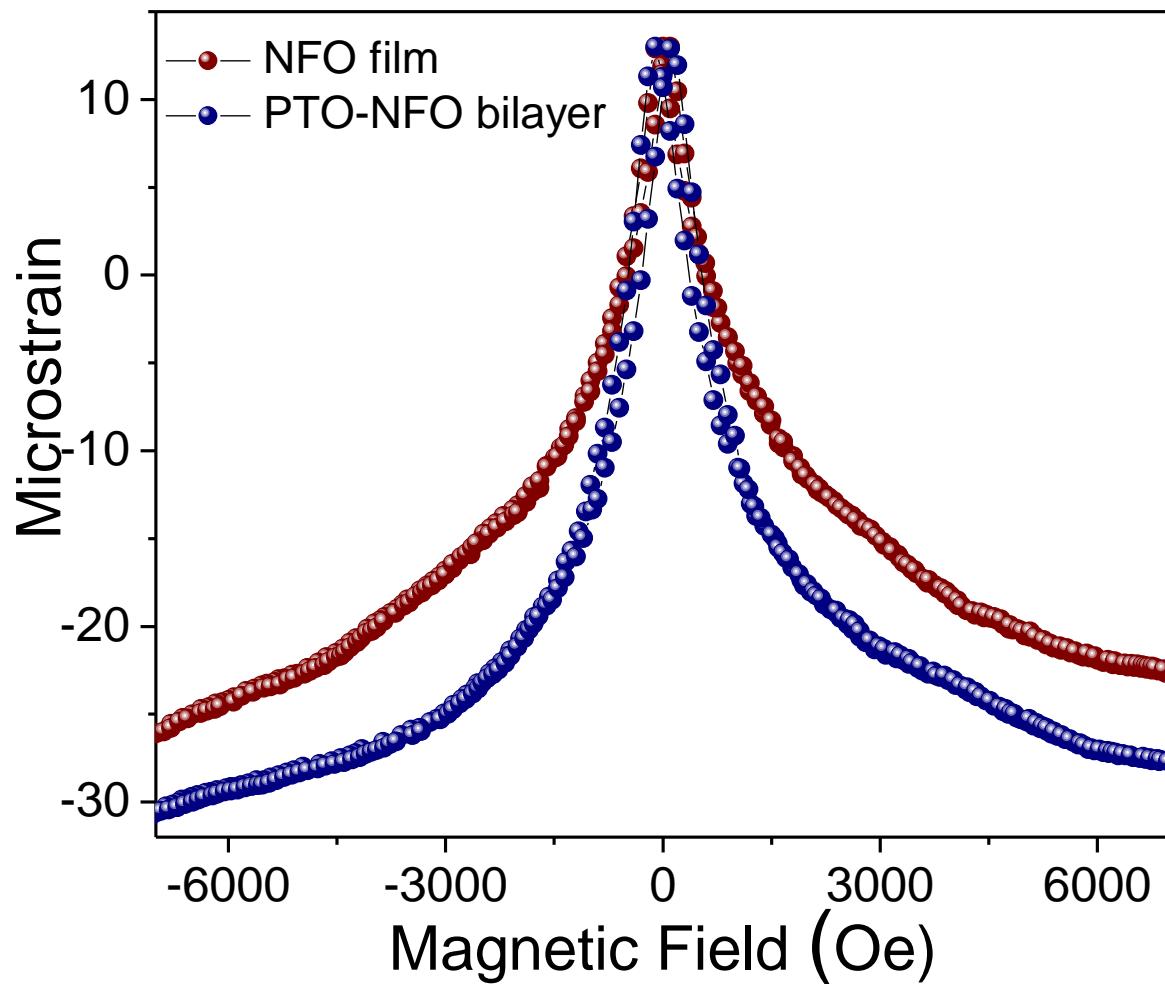




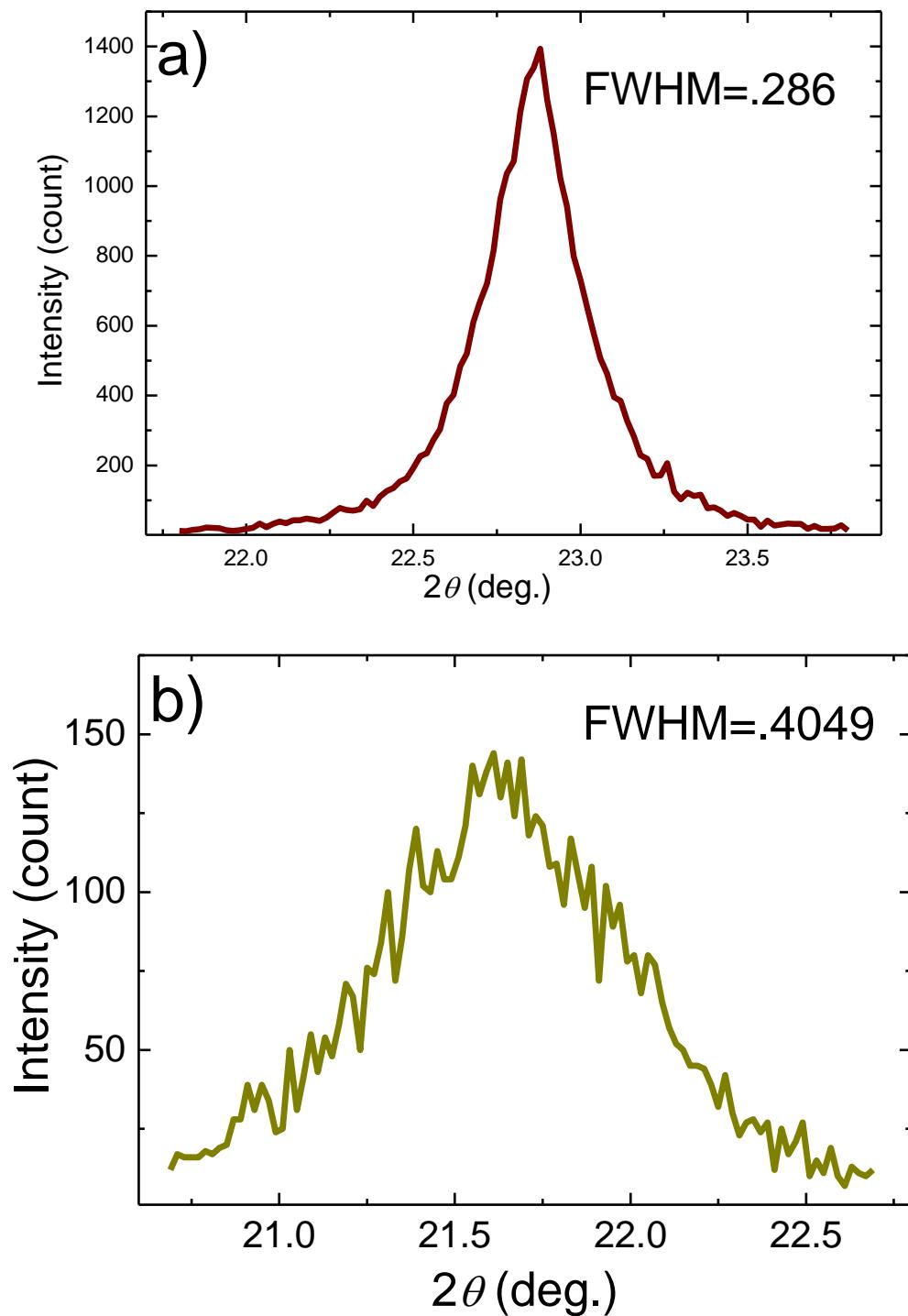
**Figure SI1.** Magnetic field-dependent piezoresponse amplitude curves of the PTO-NFO bilayered structure measured in DART mode at different frequencies: 80 kHz (a), 120 kHz (b), 200 kHz (c) and 240 kHz (d), respectively



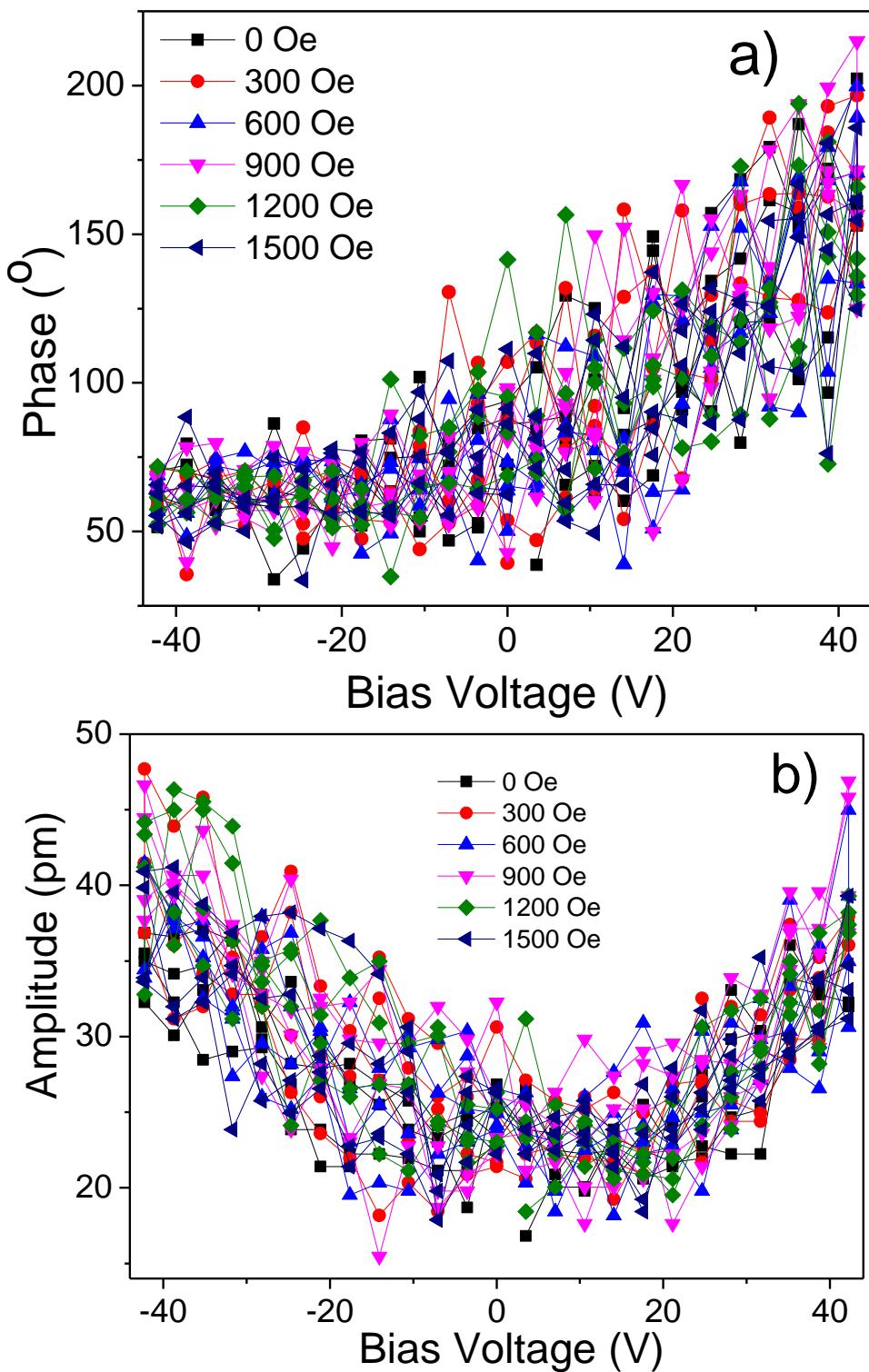
**Figure SI2.** Magnetic field-dependent piezoresponse amplitude curves of the PTO-NFO bilayered structure measured by applying a negative magnetic field. The plots were translated vertically to increase their visibility



**Figure SI3.** Magnetostriiction of the NFO (red curve) and the NFO-PTO (blue curve) bilayered structure



**Figure SI4.** Rocking curves of the  $\text{BaTiO}_3$  (a) and  $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4$  (b) layers of the epitaxial bilayered nanocomposite film



**Figure S15.** Phase and amplitude curves of the piezoelectric signal of a  $\text{SrTiO}_3\text{-Ni}$  ferrite bilayered structure used as a reference under various magnetic field