### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# To Switch or Not to Switch – a Machine Learning Approach for Ferroelectricity

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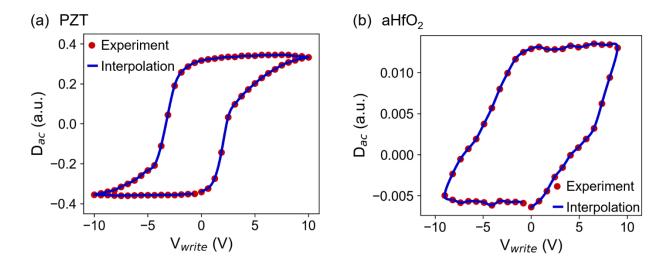
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## Section I

Experimental cKPFM data and interpolation extracted from cKPFM maps shown in Figure 3 for (a) PZT and (b) aHfO<sub>2</sub> between data points. Interpolation was performed using the scikit-image transform function.<sup>40</sup>

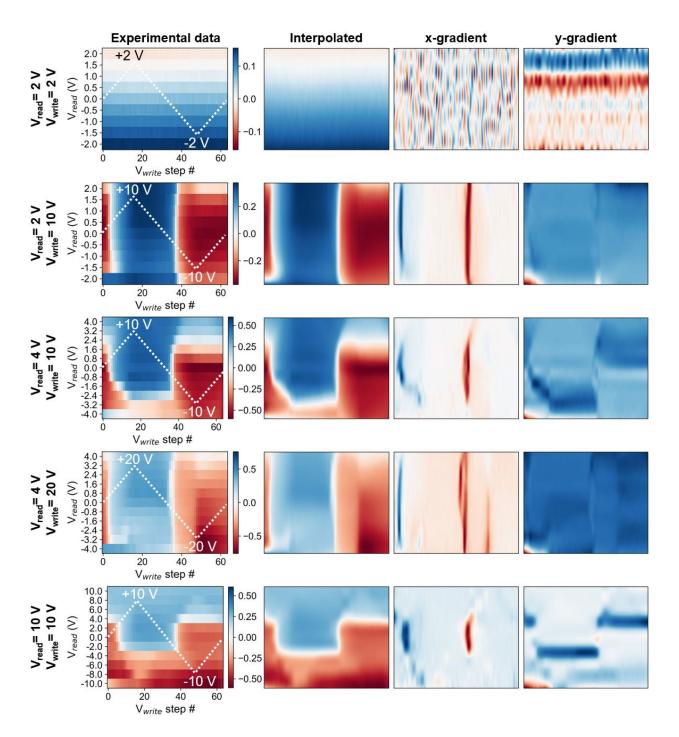


**Figure S1:** Experimental and interpolated response data measured (a) on PZT as a function of  $V_{write}$  and (b) on aHfO<sub>2</sub>. Data were extracted from the cKPFM maps shown in Figure 3 at <sub>Vread</sub> = 0 V.

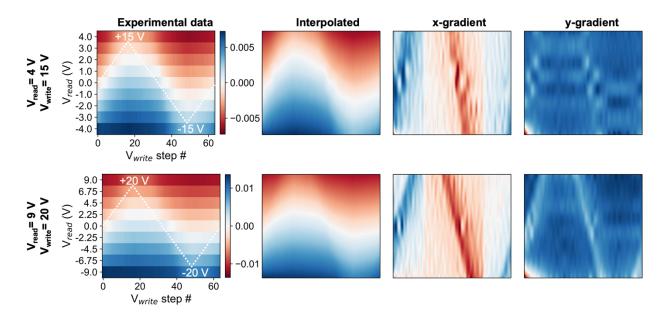
#### Section II

Maps of experimental and interpolated cKPFM data and their x- and y- gradients shown for

different Vread and Vwrite amplitudes for PZT (Figure S2) and aHfO<sub>2</sub> (Figure S3).



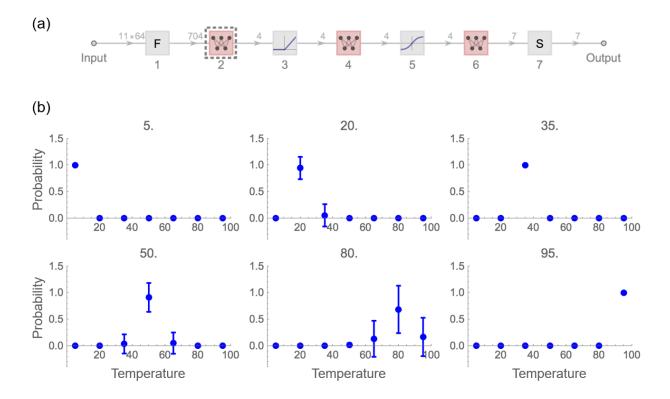
**Figure S2**: Maps of experimental cKPFM data acquired on PZT, interpolated data and the gradients in x- and y-direction calculated from interpolated maps. The  $V_{read}$  and  $V_{write}$  ratios vary according to the labels on the left. The first row shows response to sub-coercive read and write voltages.



**Figure S3:** Maps of experimental cKPFM data acquired on  $aHfO_2$ , interpolated data and the gradients in x- and y-direction calculated from interpolated maps. The V<sub>read</sub> and V<sub>write</sub> amplitudes vary according to the labels on the left.

#### Section III

A multilayer perceptron ANN was trained on cKPFM maps within the data set shown in Figure 5(a), where 100 maps were acquired at 7 different temperature steps on PLZT across the ferroelectric – relaxor phase transition. Subsequently, the ANN was used to identify the temperature at which test data sets were measured.



**Figure S4**: (a) Graph of linear multi-perceptron neural network used to predict temperatures based on the structure of the 2D response function. Layer structure of the network is as follows: (1) flattening image into a 704-dimensional vector; (2) mapping into 4 layer perceptron; (3) rectifying activation; (4) another mapping into 4 layer perceptron; (5) sigmoid activation; (6) mapping into 7 layer perceptron; (7) softmax normalization layer for normalization into class labels (each corresponding to specific temperature); (b) shows the average performance of the network to predict a specific temperature (labeled at the top) obtained by applying the network to validation data-set. (x - axis in each plot is the temperature in C; y-axis is the probability of predicted temperature)