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## **Electronic Supplementary Information**



Figure S1 (a) Bipolar P-E loops; (b) Bipolar S-E loops for BF-BT-xNLN ceramics.



Figure S2. Frequency-dependent permittivity and loss curves for BF-0.3BT-xNLN with (a) x=0, (b) x=0.005, (c) x=0.01, (d) x=0.02 and (e) x=0.03; (f) Temperature-dependent permittivity and loss curves at 100 kHz for BF-BT-xNLN ceramics.



Figure S3. (a)  $\{111\}_p$  and (b)  $\{200\}_p$  XRD reflections at 0 and 60 kV cm<sup>-1</sup> for BF-0.3BT at  $\beta = 0^\circ$ ; d-spacing and FWHM of (c) $\{111\}_p$  and (d)  $\{200\}_p$  XRD reflection at  $\beta = 0^\circ$  obtained from the *in-situ* XRD experiment for BF-0.3BT, with two cycles of electric field poling under ± 60 kV cm<sup>-1</sup>



Figure S4. Contour plots of the {111}, {200} and {220} peak profiles at (a)  $\beta = 0^{\circ}$  and (b)  $\beta = 90^{\circ}$  obtained from the *in-situ* XRD experiment for BF-0.3BT-0.005NLN, with two cycles of electric field poling under ± 60 kV cm<sup>-1</sup>; effective lattice strains calculated from representative peaks with grain orientations of (c)  $\beta = 0^{\circ}$  and (d)  $\beta = 90^{\circ}$  for BF-0.3BT-0.005NLN; (e) Total estimated macroscopic strain for  $\beta = 0^{\circ}$  and  $\beta = 90^{\circ}$  for BF-0.3BT-0.005NLN; (f) Directly measured macroscopic S-E loop for BF-0.3BT-0.005NLN.



Figure S5 Contour plots of the {111}, {200} and {220} peak profiles at (a)  $\beta = 0^{\circ}$  and (b)  $\beta = 90^{\circ}$  obtained from the *in-situ* XRD experiment for BF-0.3BT-0.02NLN, with two cycles of electric field poling under ± 60 kV cm<sup>-1</sup>; Effective lattice strains calculated from representative peaks with grain orientations of (c)  $\beta = 0^{\circ}$  and (d)  $\beta = 90^{\circ}$  for BF-0.3BT-0.02NLN; (e) Total estimated macroscopic strain for  $\beta = 0^{\circ}$  and  $\beta = 90^{\circ}$  for BF-0.3BT-0.02NLN; (f) Directly measured macroscopic S-E loop for BF-0.3BT-0.02NLN.



Figure S6. (a)  $\{111\}_p$  and (b)  $\{200\}_p$  XRD reflections at 0 and 60 kV cm<sup>-1</sup> for BF-0.3BT-0.03NLN at  $\beta = 0^\circ$ ; d-spacing and FWHM of (c) $\{111\}_p$  and (d)  $\{200\}_p$  XRD reflection at  $\beta = 0^\circ$  obtained from the *in-situ* XRD experiment for BF-0.3BT-0.03NLN, with two cycles of electric field poling under  $\pm$  60 kV cm<sup>-1</sup>.



Figure S7 Effective lattice strains calculated from representative peaks with grain orientations of (a)  $\beta$  = 0° and (b)  $\beta$  = 90°, obtained from the *in-situ* XRD experiment for 5%BiScO<sub>3</sub> doped BF-BT ceramics, with two cycles of electric field poling under ± 50 kV cm<sup>-1</sup>



Figure S8 Effective lattice strains calculated from representative peaks with grain orientations of (a)  $\beta = 0^{\circ}$  and (b)  $\beta = 90^{\circ}$ , obtained from the *in-situ* XRD experiment for 5%BiMg<sub>2/3</sub>Nb<sub>1/3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> doped BF-BT ceramics, with two cycles of electric field poling under ± 60 kV cm<sup>-1</sup>