

## **Supporting Information:**

# **Integrating Chemical Engineering and Crystallographic Texturing Design Strategy for Realization of Practically Viable Lead-Free Sodium Bismuth Titanate-Based Incipient Piezoceramics**

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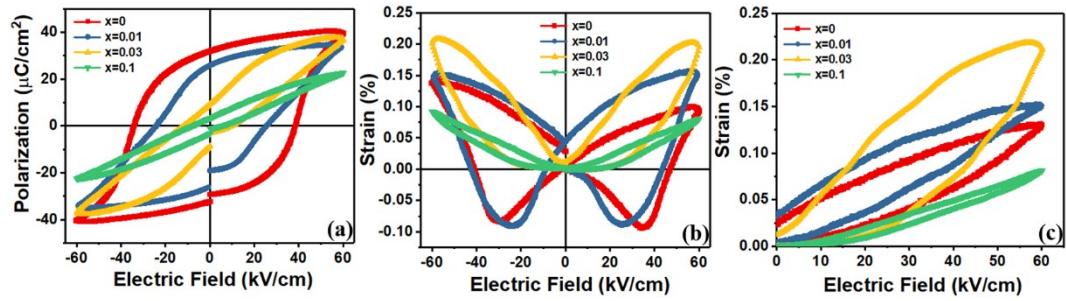
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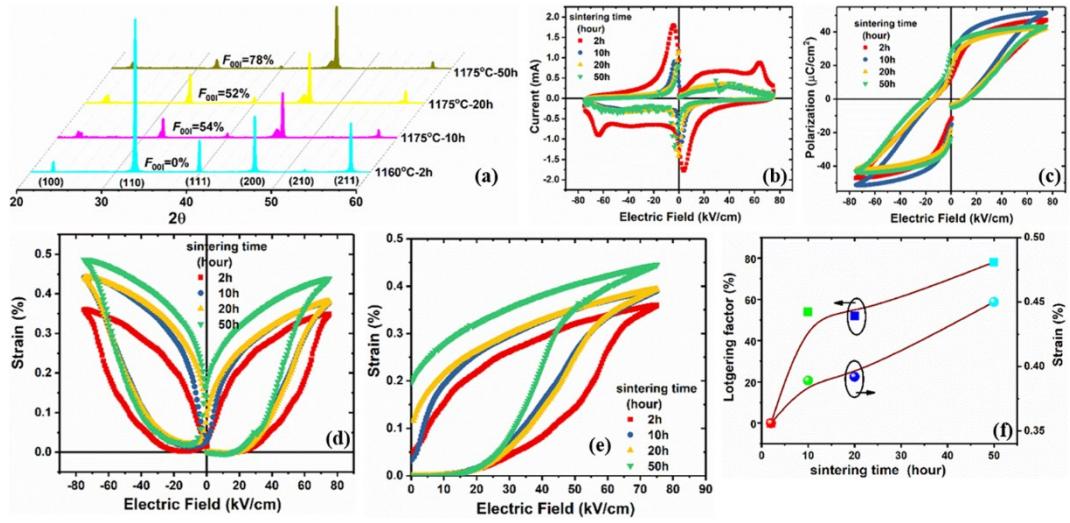
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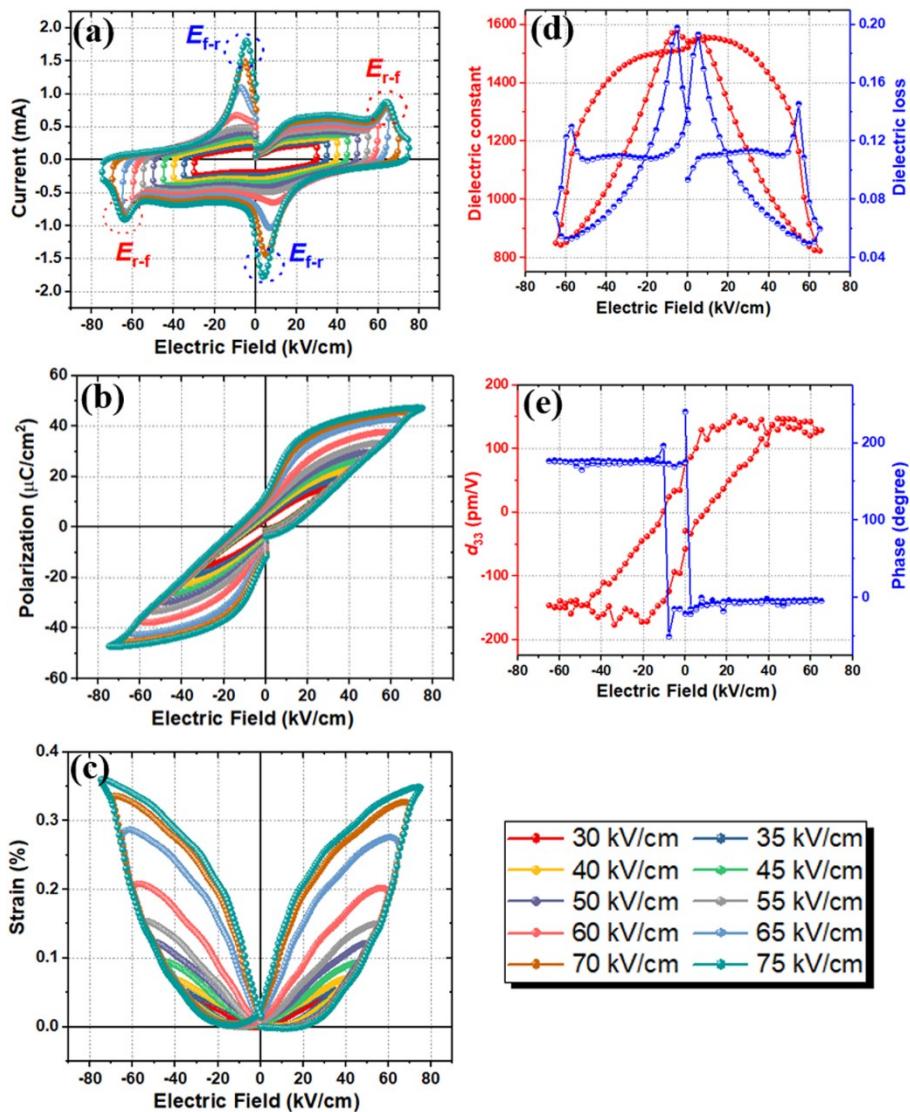
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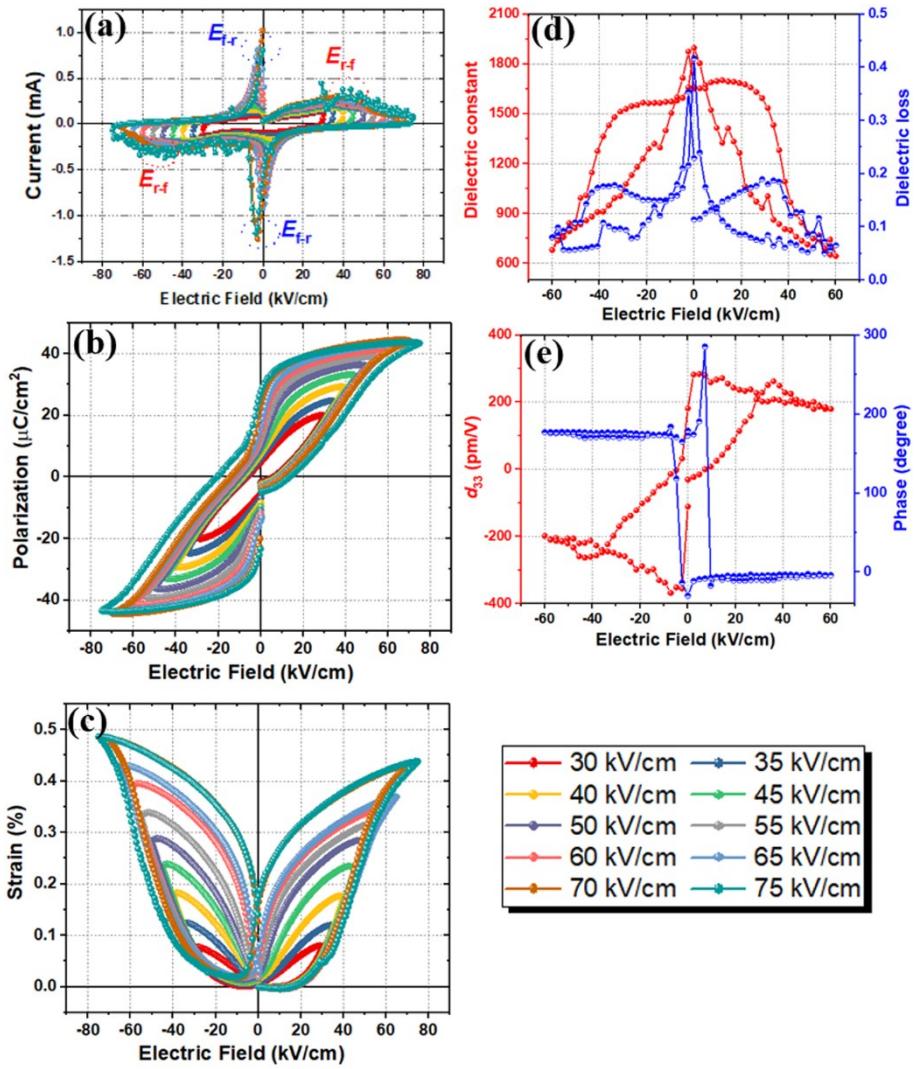
**Figure S1.** (a) Polarization hysteresis, (b) bipolar strain, and (c) unipolar strain loops for the BNT-BT-NN ceramics with different NN content prepared by CSSR method.



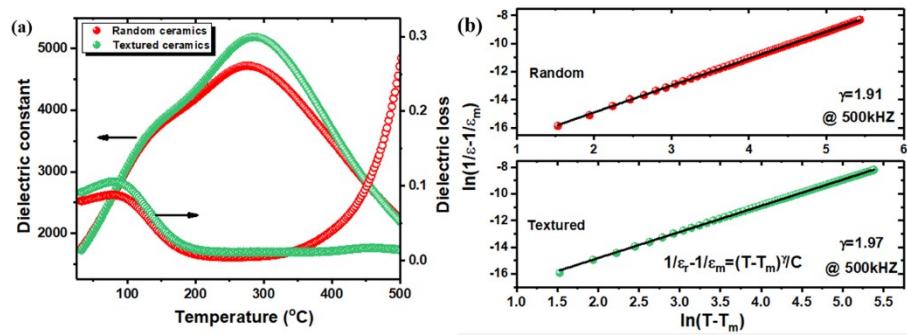
**Figure S2.** (a) XRD patterns, (b) field-current curves, (c) polarization hysteresis loops, (d) bipolar strain curves, (e) unipolar strain curves, and (f) strain values and Lotgering factor of BNT-BT-NN ceramics with respect to sintering time.



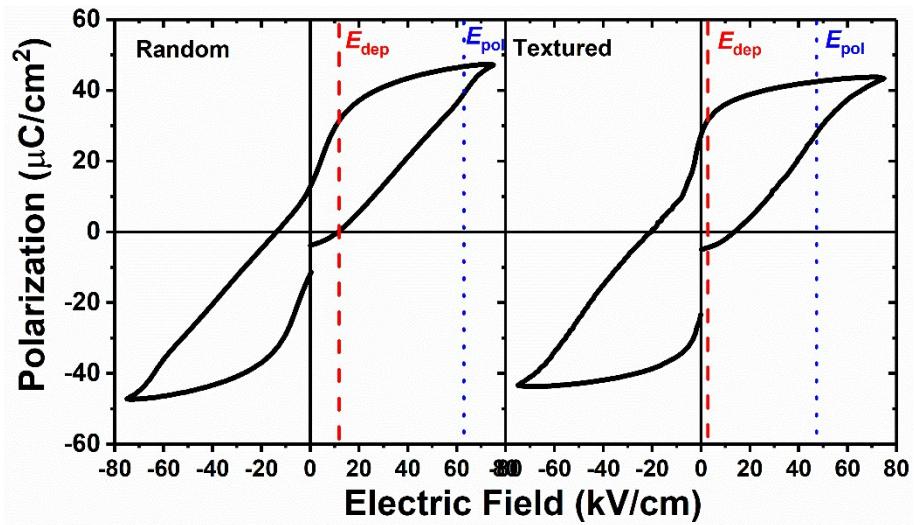
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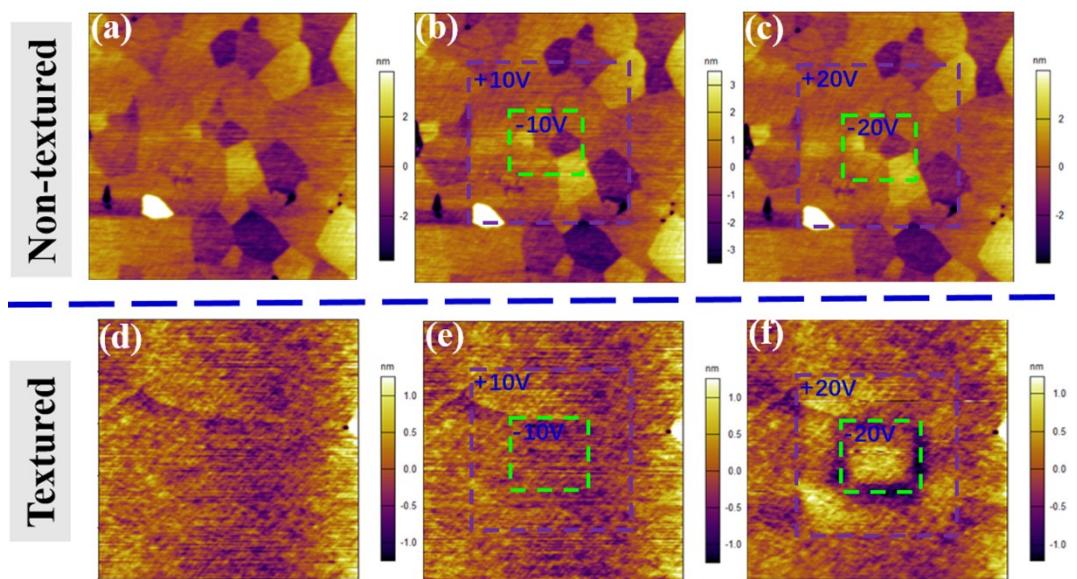
**Figure S4.** Electric field-dependent (a) current-field curves, (b) polarization hysteresis loops, (c) bipolar strain curves, (d) dielectric constant and loss, and (e) piezoelectric strain coefficient and phase curves for the oriented ceramics.



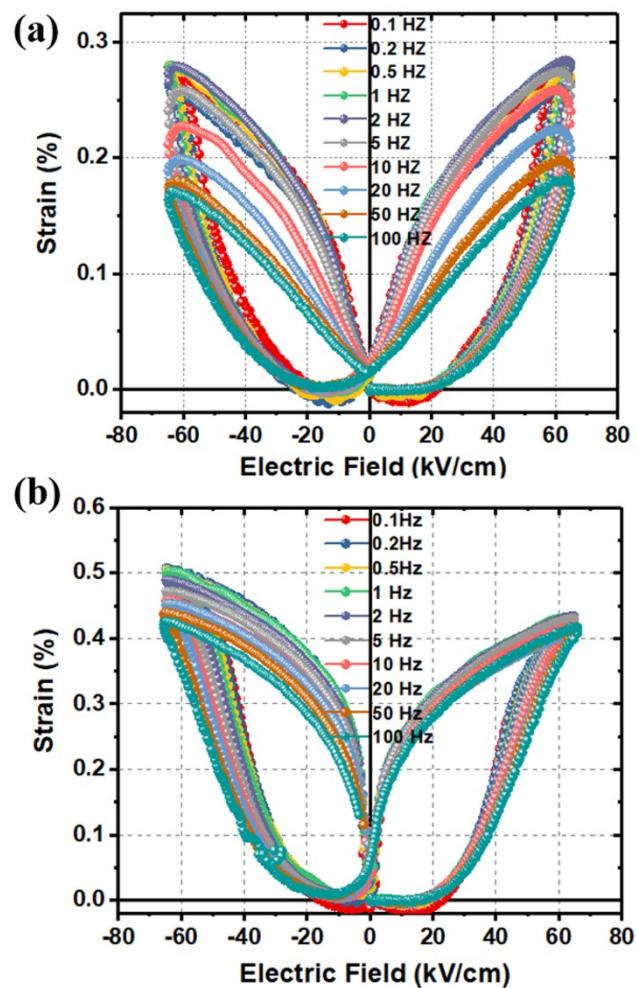
**Figure S5.** (a) Dielectric constant and loss as a function of temperature, and (b) the diffuseness parameter  $\gamma$  for the poled random and textured ceramics. The *insert* is the modified Curie-Weiss equation.



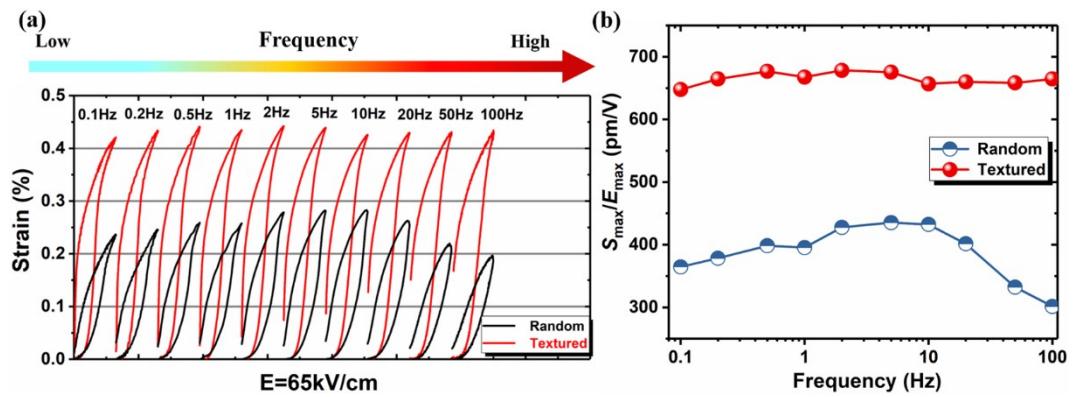
**Figure S6.** Polarization hysteresis loops of random and textured ceramics measured at 75kV/cm. The inflection point during uphill and downhill cycle corresponds to the  $E_{\text{dep}}$  and  $E_{\text{pol}}$ , respectively.



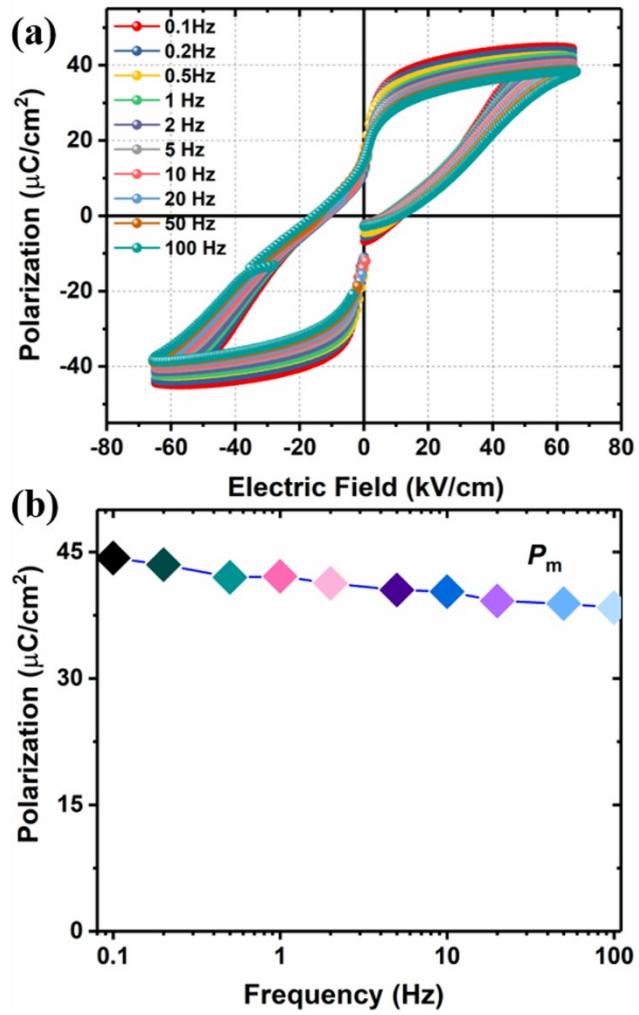
**Figure S7.** Morphology of randomly oriented and oriented BNT-BT-NN ceramics.



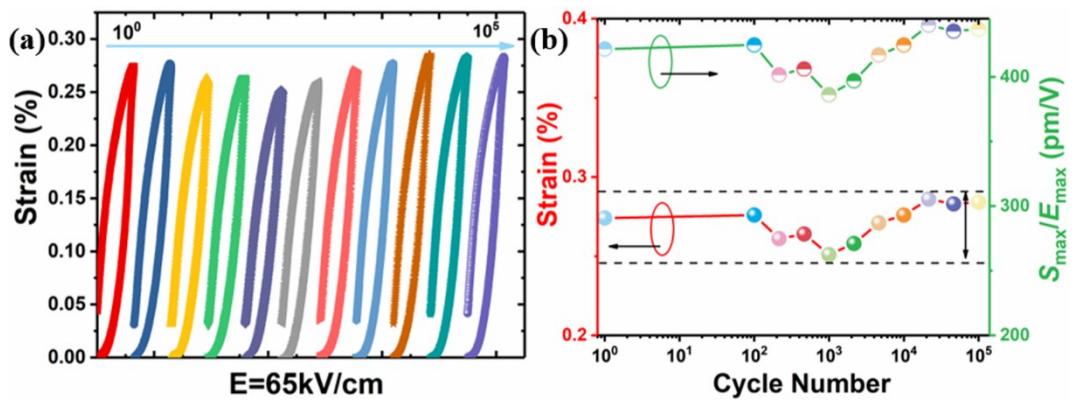
**Figure S8.** Frequency-dependent bipolar strain curves for (a) random and (b) textured BNT-BT-NN ceramics.



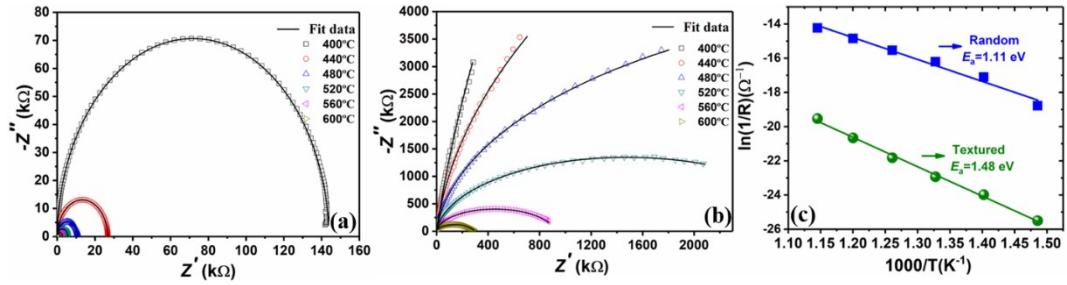
**Figure S9.** (a) Field-induced unipolar strain of the non-textured and textured BNT-BT-NN ceramics under different measuring frequency, and (b) the change of normalized  $S_{\max}/E_{\max}$  as a function of measuring frequency.



**Figure S10.** (a) Frequency-dependent polarization hysteresis loops, and (b) the variation in  $P_m$  with respect to frequency for the textured BNT-BT-NN sample.



**Figure S11.** (a) Unipolar strain curves with respect to cycle numbers, and (b) the change of unipolar strain and normalized  $S_{\max}/E_{\max}$  as a function of cycle numbers for the random BNT-BT-NN ceramics.



**Figure S12.** Complex impedance spectra of (a) random and (b) textured BNT-BT-NN ceramics measured at 400°C-600°C from 100Hz to 10MHz. (c) The change of bulk resistance with inverse of temperature. The activation energy  $E_a$  was determined using the Arrhenius law:  $\sigma = \sigma_0 \exp(-E_a/kT)$ , where  $\sigma_0$  represents the pre-exponent constant and  $k$  is Boltzmann constant.