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Coexistence of Relaxor Behavior and Ferromagnetic Order in Multiferroic $\text{Pb}(\text{Fe}_{0.5}\text{Nb}_{0.5})\text{O}_3\text{-BiFeO}_3$ Solid Solution

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Supplementary Materials

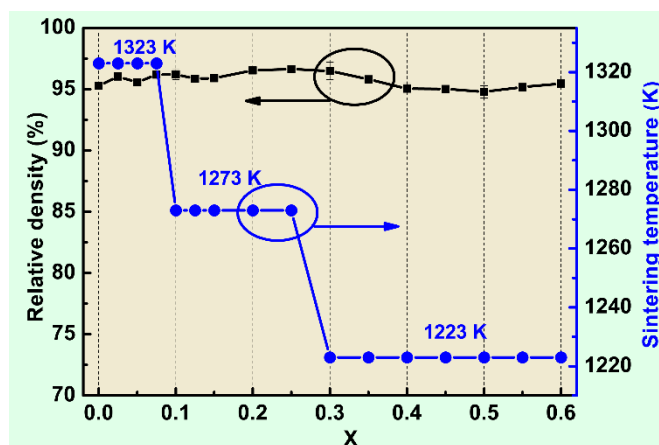


Figure S1. Variation of the relative density (ρ) of the ceramics of the $(1-x)\text{PFN-xBFO}$ solid solution sintered at different temperatures depending on composition.

Table S1. Detailed information on the XRD Rietveld refinement results of the PFN-BFO solid solution for the compositions with $x \leq 0.4$

x	Cm					$Pm\bar{3}m$		r -factor		
	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	β (°)	phase (%)	a (Å)	phase (%)	Γ_{wp}	Γ_{exp}	Γ_p
0	5.6732(3)	5.6722(4)	4.01586(8)	90.034(3)	100			11.7	11.2	8.4
0.025	5.6708(2)	5.6696(1)	4.01604(6)	89.942(2)	54.9(2)	4.01186(3)	45.1(1)	10.9	10.6	7.7
0.05	5.6708(2)	5.6697(2)	4.01537(6)	90.056(2)	57.3(1)	4.01162(3)	42.7(1)	11.3	10.9	7.9
0.075	5.6702(2)	5.6690(2)	4.01481(7)	90.054(2)	57.2(3)	4.01109(3)	42.8(1)	11.1	10.8	7.8
0.1	5.6707(4)	5.6693(5)	4.0173(1)	90.057(5)	41.2(2)	4.01106(5)	58.8(4)	11.2	7.7	7.1
0.125	5.6700(9)	5.6694(9)	4.0153(1)	90.039(6)	45.9(1)	4.01026(9)	54.1(2)	11.1	7.6	6.9
0.15	5.6684(6)	5.6674(6)	4.0144(1)	90.047(5)	39.8(3)	4.00969(5)	60.2(4)	11.1	7.2	6.9
0.2	5.6671(4)	5.6659(4)	4.0147(2)	90.077(4)	36.7(1)	4.00891(4)	63.3(4)	10.4	8.2	6.6
0.25	5.6652(9)	5.6636(9)	4.0164(3)	90.070(9)	32.2(2)	4.00854(7)	67.8(2)	11.6	9.0	7.8
0.3	5.6642(7)	5.6283(4)	4.0394(3)	89.626(8)	8.2(3)	4.00577(2)	91.8(2)	7.9	6.4	6.1
0.35						4.00441(3)	100	10.0	6.5	7.7
0.4						4.00277(3)	100	9.1	6.4	6.9

Table S2. The Bragg peak positions in terms of 2θ angle from XRD Rietveld refinement results using the Cm and $Pm\bar{3}m$ phases, respectively, and the FWHM values of the (110) and (111) peaks for $(1-x)$ PFN- x BFO solid solution ($x = 0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, \text{ and } 0.4$).

Composition x	Peak position (°)				FWHM	
	Cm		$Pm\bar{3}m$		Test data	
	(110)	(111)	(110)	(111)	(110)	(111)
0	31.54	38.85			0.0721	0.0617
0.1	31.53	38.90	31.56	38.87	0.0719	0.0618
0.2	31.57	38.90	31.54	38.88	0.0720	0.0618
0.3	31.55	38.88	31.55	38.86	0.0698	0.0603
0.4			31.56	38.86	0.0691	0.0590

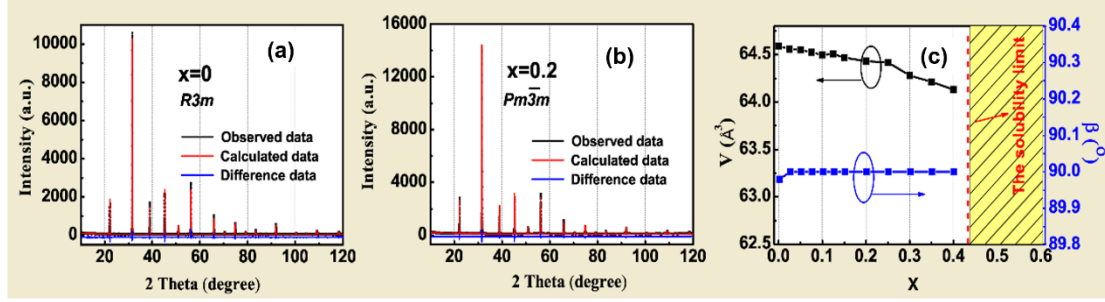


Figure S2. Rietveld refinements results using the $R3m$ and $Pm\bar{3}m$ symmetries for (a) $x = 0$ and (b) $x = 0.2$, respectively. (c) Variations of the unit cell volume and angle β of the $(1-x)$ PFN- x BFO solid solution with composition.

Table S3. Detailed information on the XRD Rietveld refinement results of the PFN-BFO solid solution using the $R3m$ and $Pm\bar{3}m$ phases for the compositions with $x \leq 0.4$.

x	Space group	a (Å)	r_{wp}	r_{exp}	r_p	β (°)
0	$R3m$	4.01225(3)	12.2	11.2	8.8	89.996(2)
0.025	$Pm\bar{3}m$	4.01159(2)	11.5	10.6	8.3	90
0.005		4.01143(2)	12.1	10.9	8.8	90
0.075		4.01092(3)	11.9	10.8	8.7	90
0.1		4.01032(5)	12.5	7.7	8.3	90
0.125		4.01052(3)	11.3	7.6	7.2	90
0.15		4.00971(2)	11.3	7.2	7.2	90
0.2		4.00900(3)	10.7	8.2	6.9	90
0.25		4.00867(5)	11.8	9.0	8.1	90
0.3		4.00582(2)	8.6	6.4	6.5	90
0.35		4.00441(3)	10.0	6.5	7.7	90
0.4		4.00277(3)	9.1	6.4	6.9	90

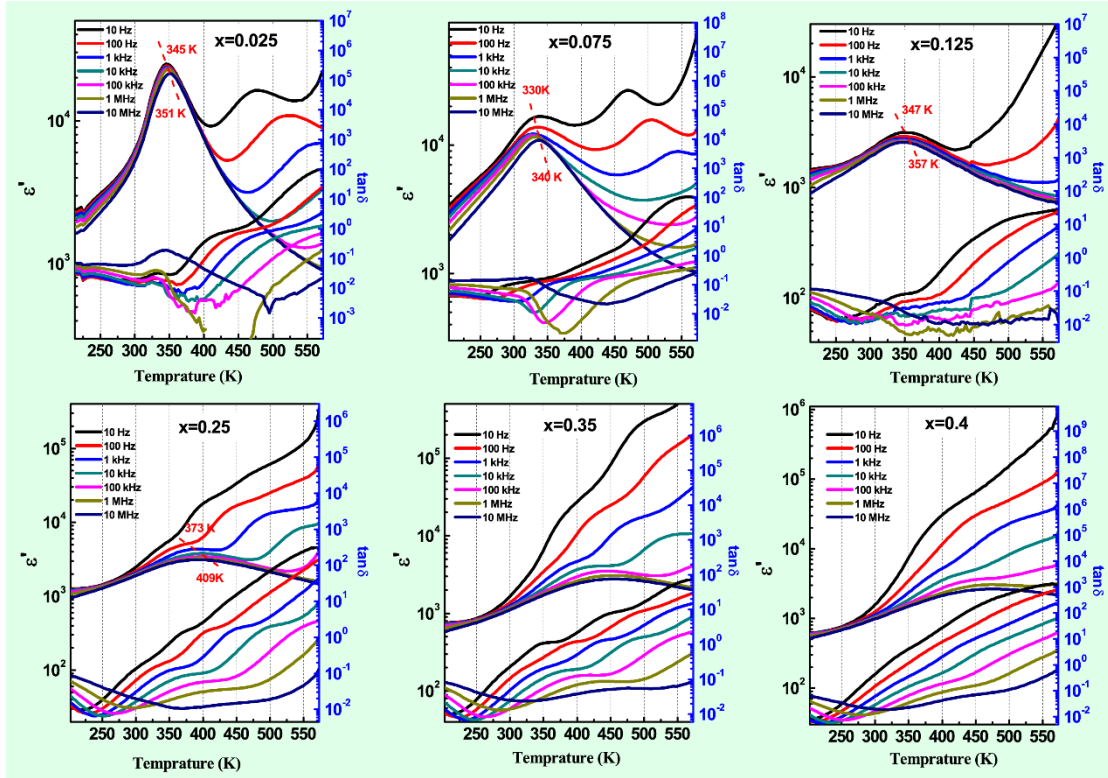


Figure S3. Temperature dependences of the dielectric permittivity (ϵ') and loss tangent ($\tan\delta$) for the $(1-x)\text{PFN-}x\text{BFO}$ ($x = 0.025, 0.075, 0.125, 0.25, 0.35,$ and 0.4) ceramics measured at different frequencies.

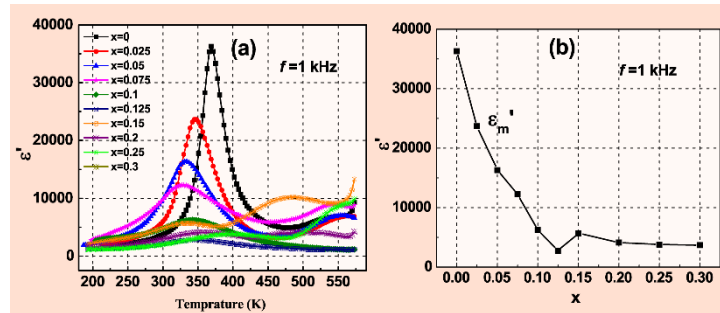


Figure S4. (a) Temperature dependences of the dielectric permittivity (ϵ') for $(1-x)\text{PFN-}x\text{BFO}$ ($x = 0, 0.025, 0.05, 0.075, 0.1, 0.125, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25$ and 0.3) ceramics measured at 1 kHz. (b) Variation of ϵ'_m at 1 kHz as a function of composition for the $(1-x)\text{PFN-}x\text{BFO}$ ceramics.

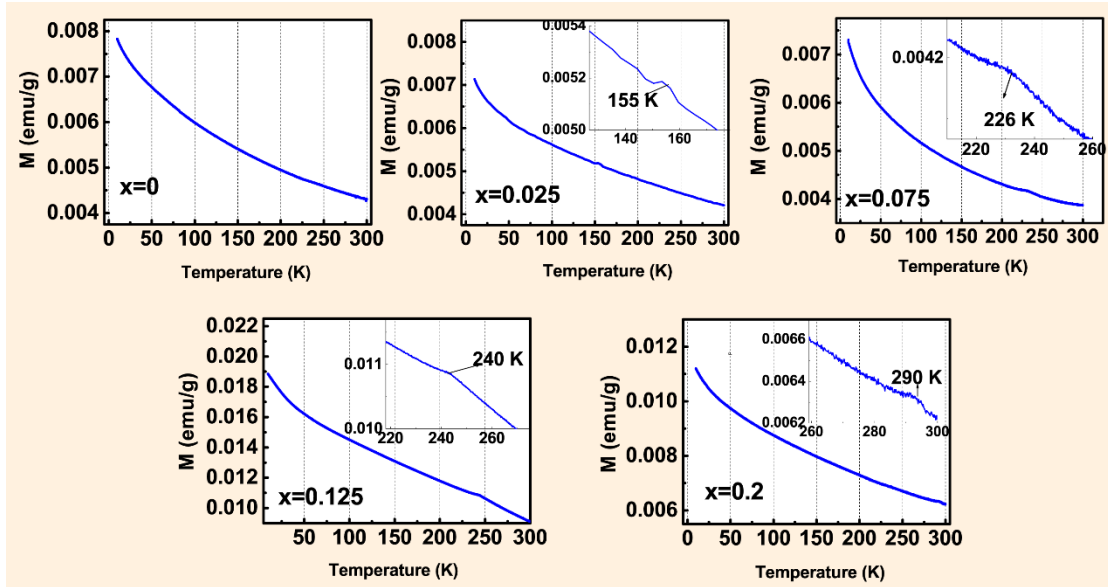


Figure S5. The $M(T)$ curves of the $(1-x)\text{PFN}-x\text{BFO}$ ceramics ($x = 0, 0.025, 0.075, 0.125$ and 0.2) measured upon heating from 5 K to 300 K under a field of 500 Oe after field cooling. The insets are the enlarged views.

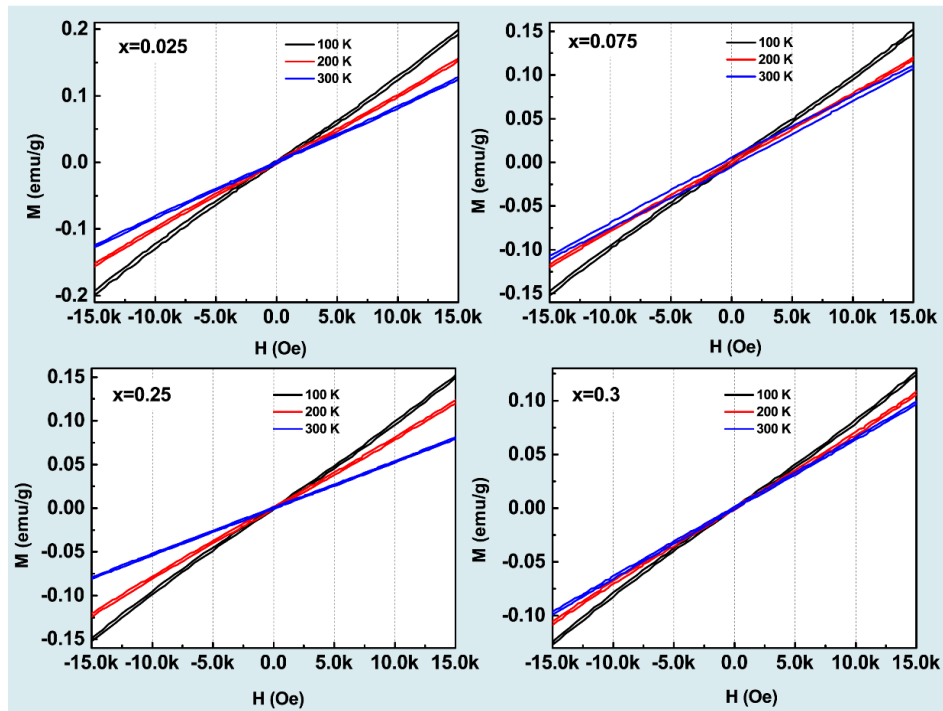


Figure S6. The magnetic hysteresis loops of the $(1-x)\text{PFN}-x\text{BFO}$ ceramics ($x = 0.025, 0.075, 0.25$ and 0.3) measured at 100 K, 200 K and 300 K.