

## Supplemental Materials

### Dielectric, Pyroelectric, and Ferroelectric Studies in (1-x)AgNbO<sub>3</sub>-xFeNbO<sub>4</sub> Lead-free Ceramics

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Table S1. Refinement parameters for AN ceramic at 25 °C

| Sample                                       | AN  |
|--|---|
| Chemical formula                             | AgNbO <sub>3</sub>                                  |
| Formula weight (g/mol)                       | 248.773   |
| Crystal system                               | Orthorhombic  |
| Space group                                  | Pmc2 <sub>1</sub>                                   |
| Unit cell dimensions (Å)                     | a= 15.66065(38)<br>b= 5.55063(14)<br>c= 5.60524(14) |
| Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )                     | 487.244(19)   |
| Density (calculated)<br>(g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | 6.920   |
| AgNbO <sub>3</sub> (Wt. Frac)                | 0.99805(1)  |
| FeNbO <sub>4</sub> (Wt. Frac)                | 0   |
| Ag (Wt. Frac)                                | 0.00195(9)  |
| Chi <sup>2</sup>                             | 2.110   |
| Fitted R- factors                            | R <sub>wp</sub> (%)<br>R <sub>p</sub> (%)           |
|  | 16.03<br>11.57                                      |

Table S2. Refinement parameters for ANF005 ceramic at 25 °C

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Sample                                       | ANF005  |
| Chemical formula                             | AgNbO <sub>3</sub>                                    |
| Formula weight (g/mol)                       | 248.773   |
| Crystal system                               | Orthorhombic  |
| Space group                                  | Pmc2 <sub>1</sub>                                     |
| Unit cell dimensions (Å)                     | a= 15.64172(68)<br>b= 5.54700(25)<br>c= 5.60189(26)   |
| Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> ) AN                  | 486.046(37)   |
| Density (calculated) (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) AN | 6.755   |
| Density (calculated) (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) FN | 5.622   |
| AgNbO <sub>3</sub> (Wt. Frac)                | 0.92239(39)   |
| FeNbO <sub>4</sub> (Wt. Frac)                | 0.07446(226)  |
| Ag (Wt. Frac)                                | 0.00315(17)   |
| Chi <sup>2</sup>                             | 4.196   |
| Fitted R- factors                            | R <sub>wp</sub> (%) 23.75<br>R <sub>p</sub> (%) 17.28 |

Table S3. Refinement parameters for ANF01 ceramic at 25 °C

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Sample                                       | ANF01   |
| Chemical formula                             | AgNbO <sub>3</sub>                                    |
| Formula weight (g/mol)                       | 248.773   |
| Crystal system                               | Orthorhombic  |
| Space group                                  | Pmc2 <sub>1</sub>                                     |
| Unit cell dimensions (Å)                     | a= 15.64202(59)<br>b= 5.54572(22)<br>c= 5.60104(24)   |
| Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> ) AN                  | 485.869(33)   |
| Density (calculated) (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) AN | 6.973   |
| Density (calculated) (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) FN | 5.497   |
| AgNbO <sub>3</sub> (Wt. Frac)                | 0.93596(28)   |
| FeNbO <sub>4</sub> (Wt. Frac)                | 0.06158(202)  |
| Ag (Wt. Frac)                                | 0.00246(16)   |
| Chi <sup>2</sup>                             | 3.689   |
| Fitted R- factors                            | R <sub>wp</sub> (%) 22.18<br>R <sub>p</sub> (%) 15.52 |

Table S4. Refinement parameters for ANF025 ceramic at 25 °C

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Sample                                       | ANF025  |
| Chemical formula                             | $\text{AgNbO}_3$                                      |
| Formula weight (g/mol)                       | 248.773   |
| Crystal system                               | Orthorhombic  |
| Space group                                  | $\text{Pmc}2_1$                                       |
| Unit cell dimensions (Å)                     | a= 15.64173(59)<br>b= 5.54641(22)<br>c= 5.60207(24)   |
| Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> ) AN                  | 486.010(33)   |
| Density (calculated) (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) AN | 6.844   |
| Density (calculated) (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) FN | 5.449   |
| AgNbO <sub>3</sub> (Wt. Frac)                | 0.92628(30)   |
| FeNbO <sub>4</sub> (Wt. Frac)                | 0.06956(176)  |
| Ag (Wt. Frac)                                | 0.00417(16)   |
| Chi <sup>2</sup>                             | 3.475   |
| Fitted R- factors                            | R <sub>wp</sub> (%) 20.15<br>R <sub>p</sub> (%) 13.54 |

Table S5. Refinement parameters for ANF05 ceramic at 25 °C

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Sample                                       | ANF05   |
| Chemical formula                             | $\text{AgNbO}_3$                                      |
| Formula weight (g/mol)                       | 248.773   |
| Crystal system                               | Orthorhombic  |
| Space group                                  | $\text{Pmc}2_1$                                       |
| Unit cell dimensions (Å)                     | a= 15.64416(64)<br>b= 5.54718(23)<br>c= 5.60014(25)   |
| Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> ) AN                  | 485.986(36)   |
| Density (calculated) (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) AN | 6.848   |
| Density (calculated) (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) FN | 5.470   |
| AgNbO <sub>3</sub> (Wt. Frac)                | 0.89411(46)   |
| FeNbO <sub>4</sub> (Wt. Frac)                | 0.09788(223)  |
| Ag (Wt. Frac)                                | 0.00800(24)   |
| Chi <sup>2</sup>                             | 3.939   |
| Fitted R- factors                            | R <sub>wp</sub> (%) 21.71<br>R <sub>p</sub> (%) 14.03 |

Table S6. Refinement parameters for ANF1 ceramic at 25 °C

| Sample  | ANF1  |
|---|---|
| Chemical formula                                | AgNbO <sub>3</sub>                                  |
| Formula weight (g/mol)                          | 248.773   |
| Crystal system                                  | Orthorhombic  |
| Space group                                     | Pmc2 <sub>1</sub>                                   |
| Unit cell dimensions (Å)                        | a= 15.62553(71)<br>b= 5.54072(25)<br>c= 5.59481(26) |
| Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> ) AN                     | 484.380(38)   |
| Density (calculated) (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )<br>AN | 6.844   |
| Density (calculated) (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )<br>FN | 5.459   |
| AgNbO <sub>3</sub> (Wt. Frac)                   | 0.83871(71)   |
| FeNbO <sub>4</sub> (Wt. Frac)                   | 0.14298(244)  |
| Ag (Wt. Frac)                                   | 0.01830(32)   |
| Chi <sup>2</sup>                                | 4.274   |
| Fitted R- factors                               | R <sub>wp</sub> (%)<br>R <sub>p</sub> (%)           |
|   | 22.63<br>15.62                                      |

Table S7. The relative density with standard error of ANF(x) ceramics

| x (%) | D <sub>relative</sub> (%) |
|-------|---------------------------|
| 0     | 97.96 ± 0.01              |
| 0.5   | 97.37 ± 0.02              |
| 1     | 97.16 ± 0.03              |
| 2.5   | 96.36 ± 0.02              |
| 5     | 96.86 ± 0.03              |
| 10    | 96.75 ± 0.03              |

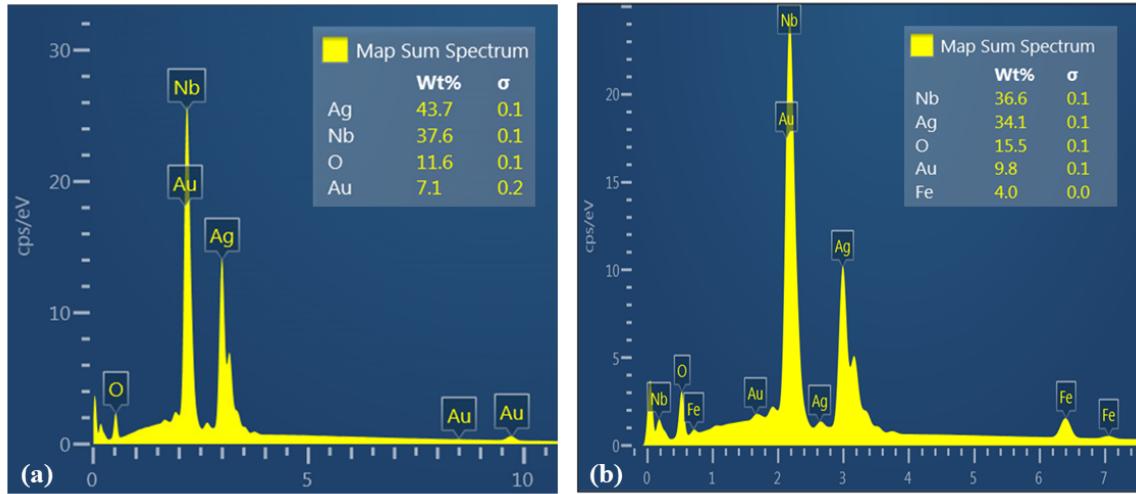
Table S8. The temperature of the phase transitions of ANF(x) ceramics is based on the real parts of the dielectric permittivity-temperature spectrum during heating at 10 kHz

| x (%)      | T <sub>M1-M2</sub> (°C) | T <sub>M2-M3</sub> (°C) | T <sub>M3-O</sub> (°C) | T <sub>f</sub> (°C) |
|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>0</b>   | 71.807                  | 262.74                  | 324.5                  | 184.6               |
| <b>0.5</b> | 100.45                  | 307.11                  | 350.85                 | 192.98              |
| <b>1</b>   | 102.84                  | 306.13                  | 349.14                 | 193.63              |
| <b>2.5</b> | 78.178                  | 287.15                  | 325.92                 | 191.02              |
| <b>5</b>   | 107                     | 326.81                  | 342.79                 | 197.52              |
| <b>10</b>  | 101.58                  | -                       | 351.62                 | 193.29              |

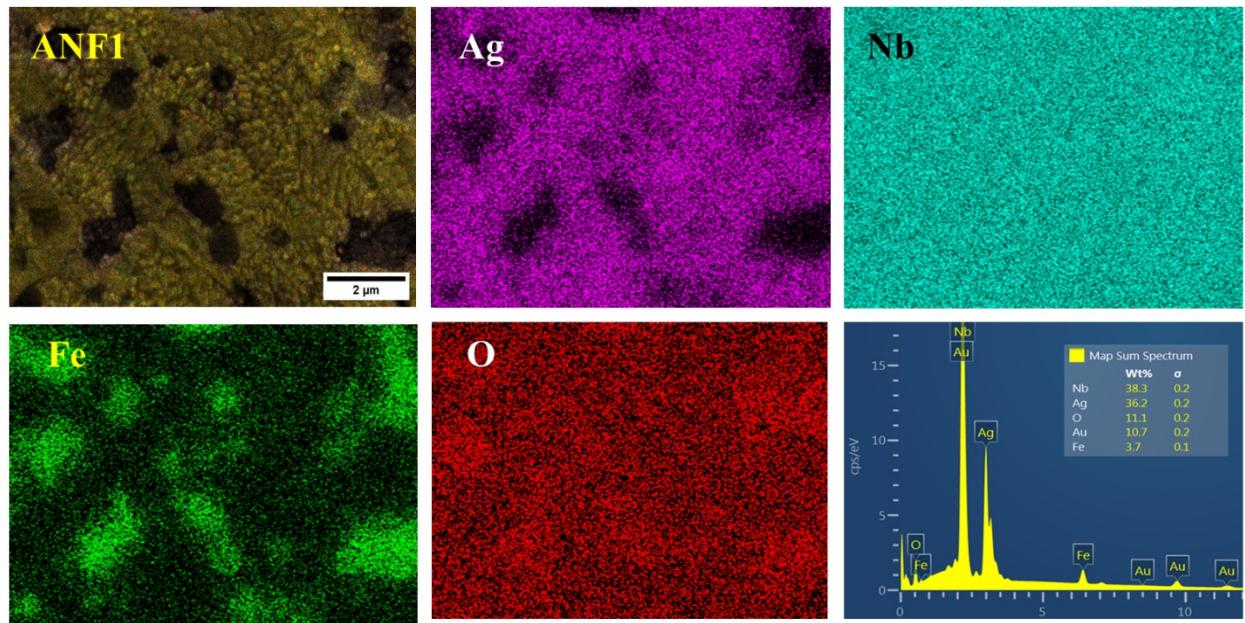
The value of  $\epsilon_0$ , e, and A for use in the Mott–Schottky equation is  $8.8541 \times 10^{-12}$  F.m<sup>-1</sup>,  $1.602 \times 10^{-19}$  C and A =  $3.142 \times 10^{-6}$  m<sup>2</sup>, respectively. The value of permittivity and N<sub>D</sub> is listed in Table S9.

Table S9. The value of the slope from the line fit in the Mott–Schottky plot, the permittivity and the calculated N<sub>D</sub>.

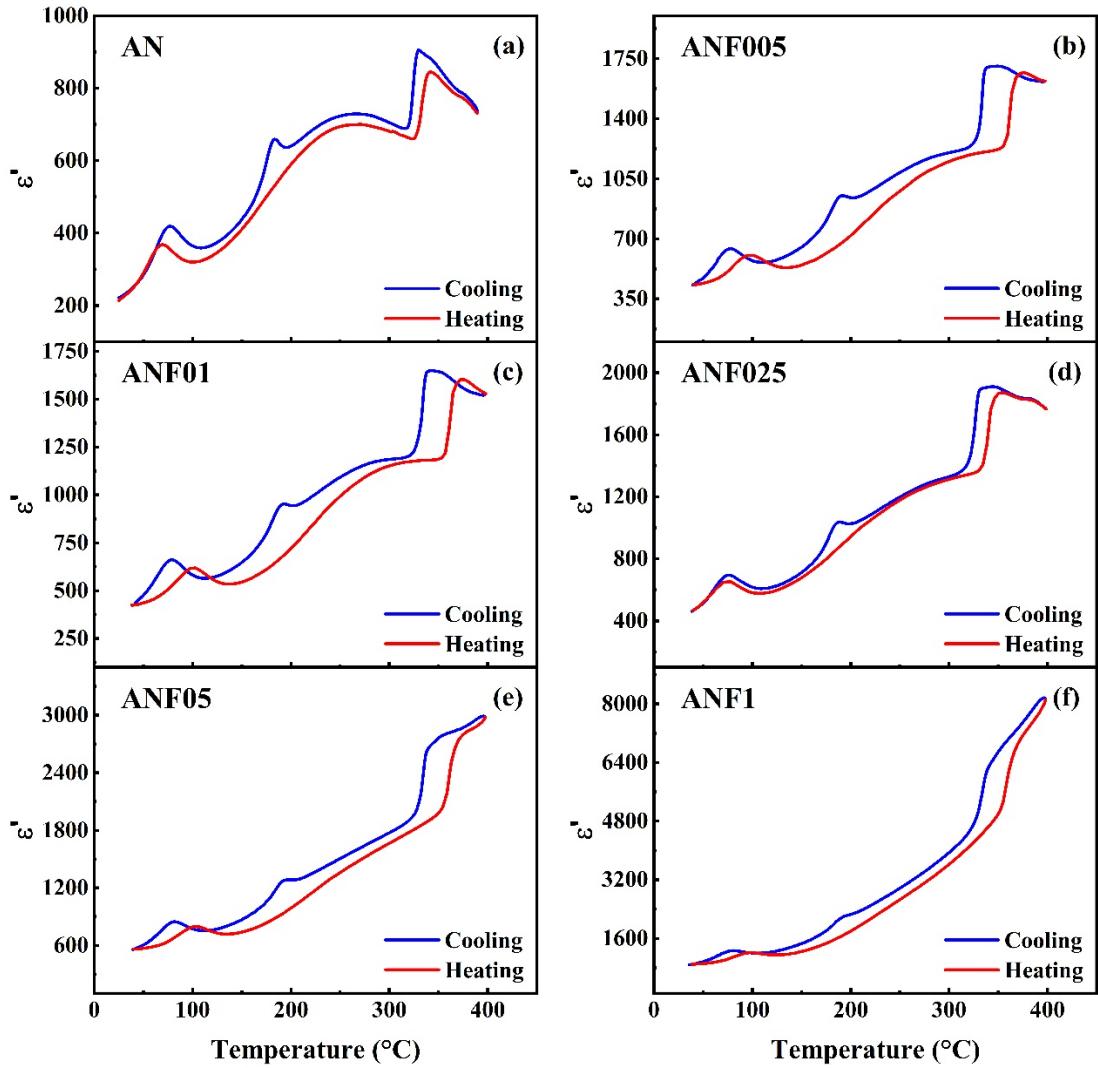
| x (%)      | Slope (F <sup>-2</sup> V <sup>-1</sup> ) | $\epsilon$ | N <sub>D</sub> ( $\times 10^{20}$ m <sup>-3</sup> ) |
|------------|--|------------|---|
| <b>0</b>   | $2.75 \times 10^{18}$                    | 256.803    | 2.02  |
| <b>0.5</b> | $1.31 \times 10^{18}$                    | 389.198    | 2.80  |
| <b>1</b>   | $6.64 \times 10^{17}$                    | 399.094    | 5.39  |
| <b>2.5</b> | $5.91 \times 10^{17}$                    | 399.248    | 6.06  |
| <b>5</b>   | $4.82 \times 10^{15}$                    | 526.01     | 563.48  |



**Fig. S1.** The EDS spectral analysis of (a) AN and (b) ANF1 ceramics.



**Fig. S2.** The EDS maps and spectral analysis of the cross-sectional of ANF1 ceramic.

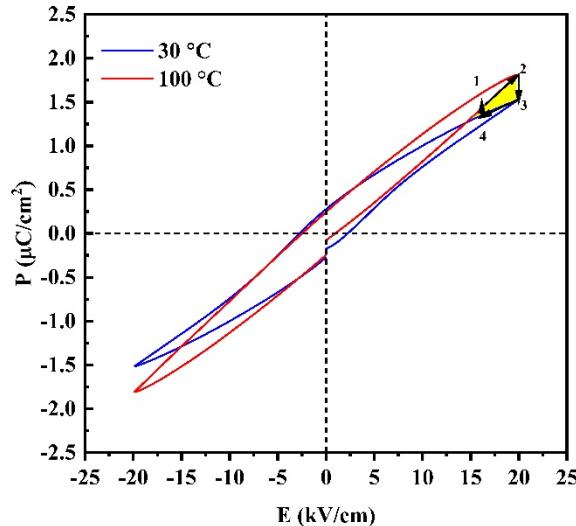


**Fig. S3.** Temperature dependence of the real ( $\epsilon'$ ) part of the dielectric permittivity of ANF(x) ceramics at 10 kHz in a heating and cooling cycle.

**Fig. S4** shows the Olsen cycle scheme by the black arrows for calculating the energy harvesting of the  $(1-x)\text{AgNbO}_3-x\text{FeNbO}_4$  ceramics. As shown, there are four processes in the Olsen cycle: (1) the isothermal process  $1 \rightarrow 2$  from a low electric field ( $E_L$ ) to a high electric field ( $E_H$ ) at low temperature ( $T_L$ ), (2) the process  $2 \rightarrow 3$  heating the sample from  $T_L$  to a high temperature ( $T_H$ ) at  $E_H$ , (3) the isothermal process  $3 \rightarrow 4$  involves decreasing from  $E_H$  to  $E_L$  at  $T_H$ , and (4) the process  $4 \rightarrow 1$  involves cooling the sample from  $T_H$  to  $T_L$  at  $E_L$  and completes a cycle. The area of the closed cycle  $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4$  corresponds to the harvested pyroelectric energy density ( $W$ ) obtained and can be calculated as follows<sup>1-4</sup>:

$$W = \oint E dP \quad \text{Eq. 5}$$

The W of  $(1-x)\text{AgNbO}_3\text{-}x\text{FeNbO}_4$  ceramics was measured between  $T_L$  ( $30^\circ\text{C}$ ) and  $T_H$  ( $100^\circ\text{C}$ ), and electrical fields of  $15\text{-}20\text{ kV/cm}^2$ .



**Fig. S4.** Olsen cycle diagram of the pyroelectric energy harvesting for the  $(1-x)\text{AgNbO}_3\text{-}x\text{FeNbO}_4$  ceramics.

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