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Processing of $\text{Bi}(\text{Zn}_{1/2}\text{Ti}_{1/2})\text{O}_3$ - BaTiO_3 dielectrics for reliable high field operation

or: what you don't know can't hurt you... can it?

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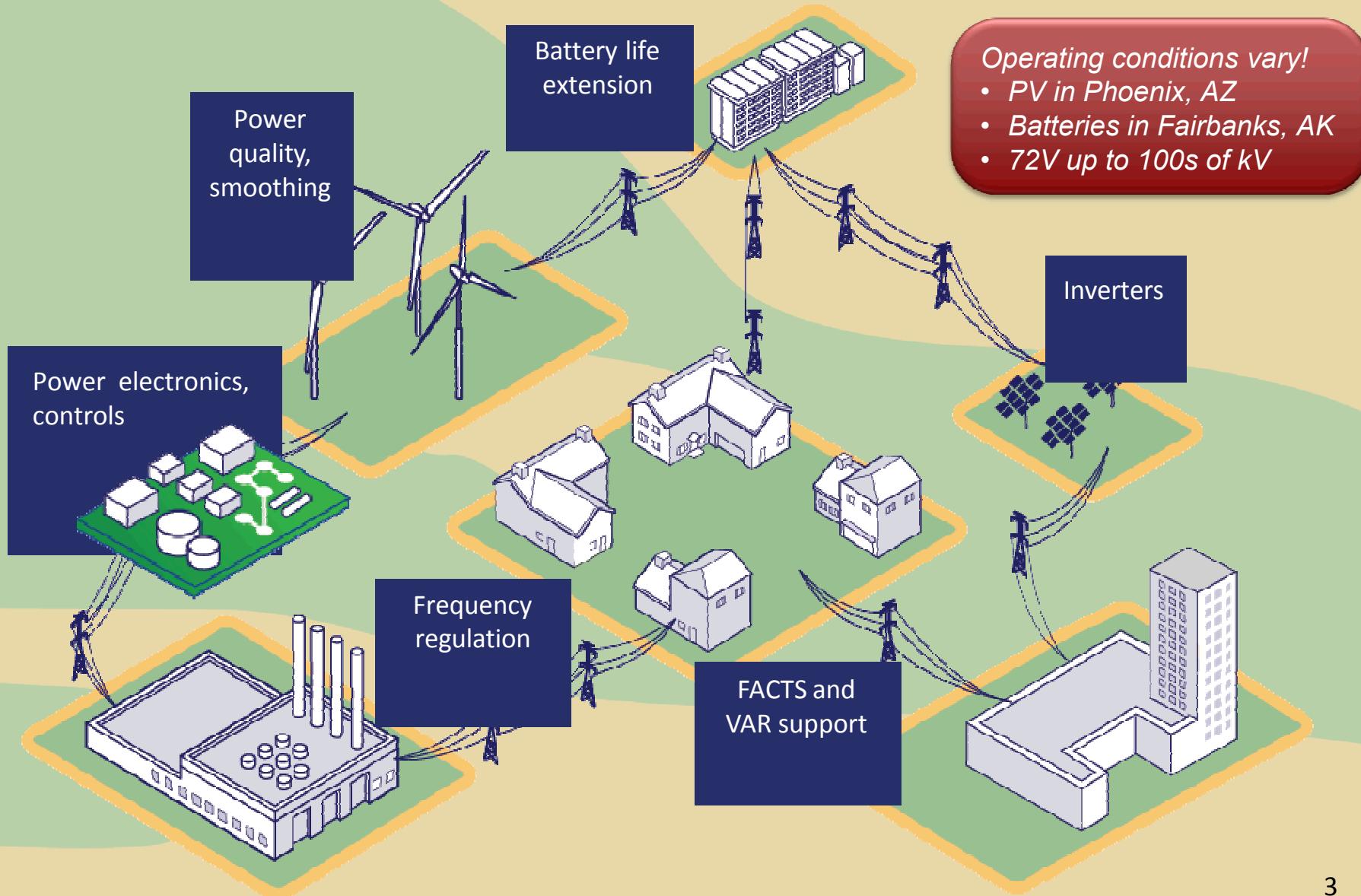
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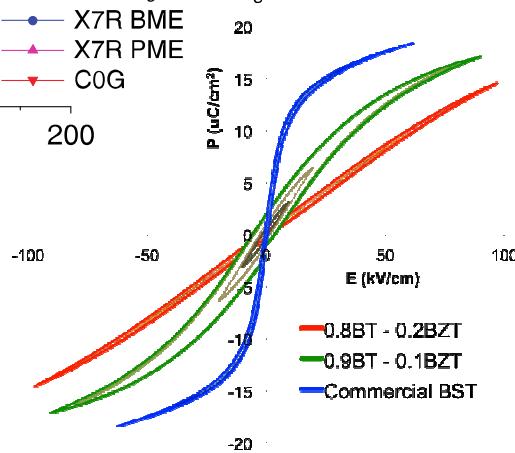
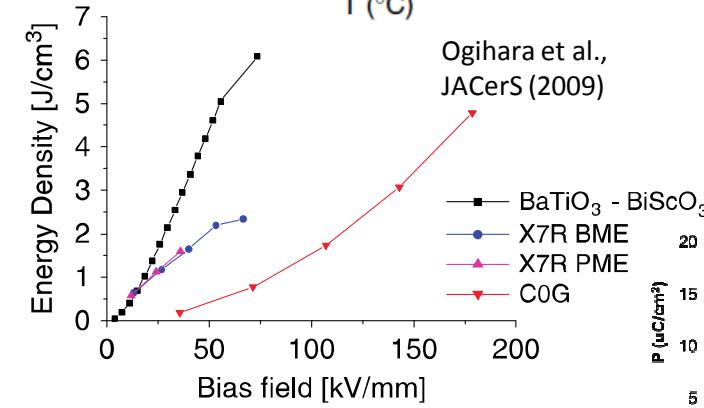
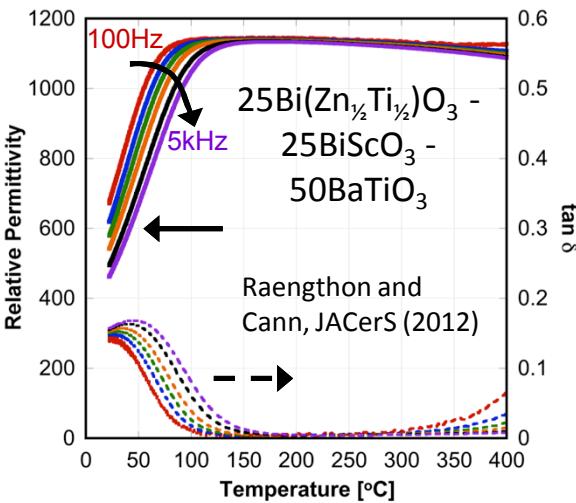
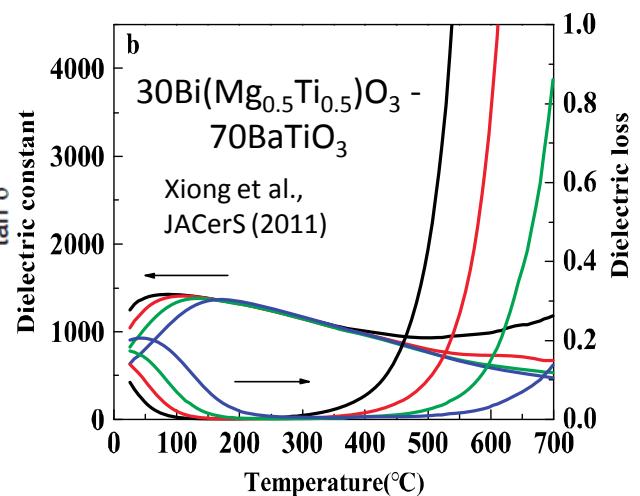
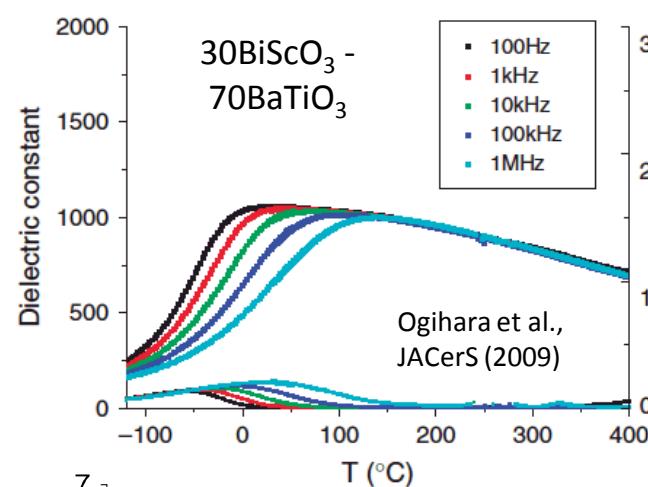
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Capacitor Needs for Grid Storage

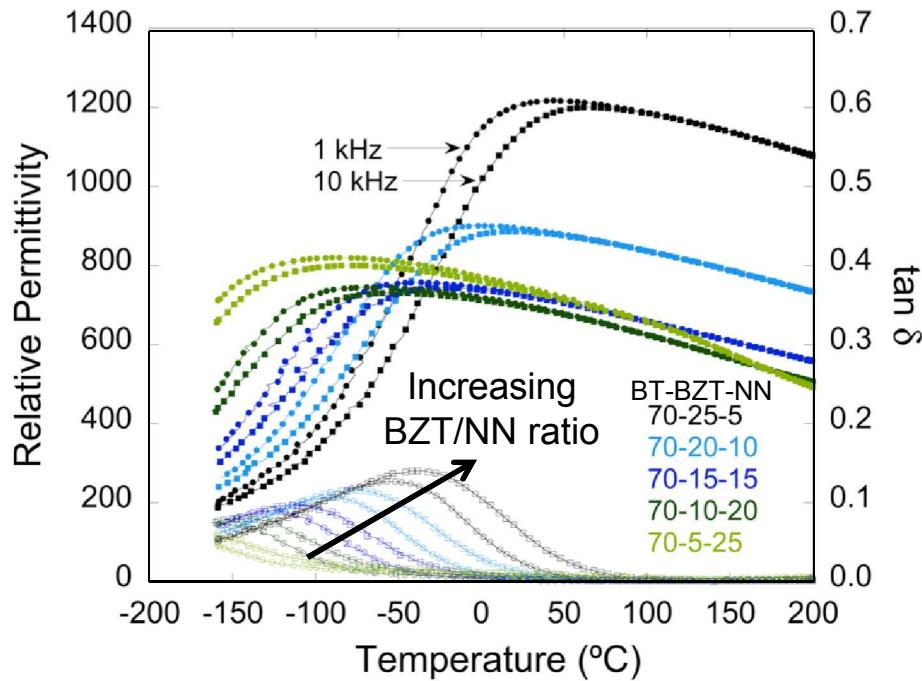
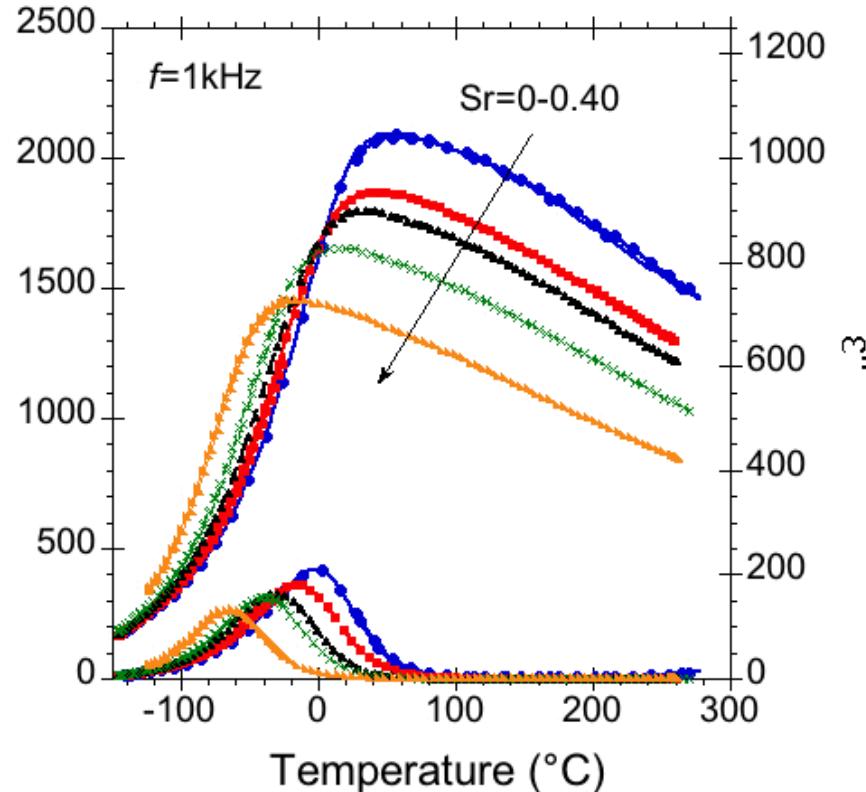


Bi-modified BaTiO_3 Relaxors



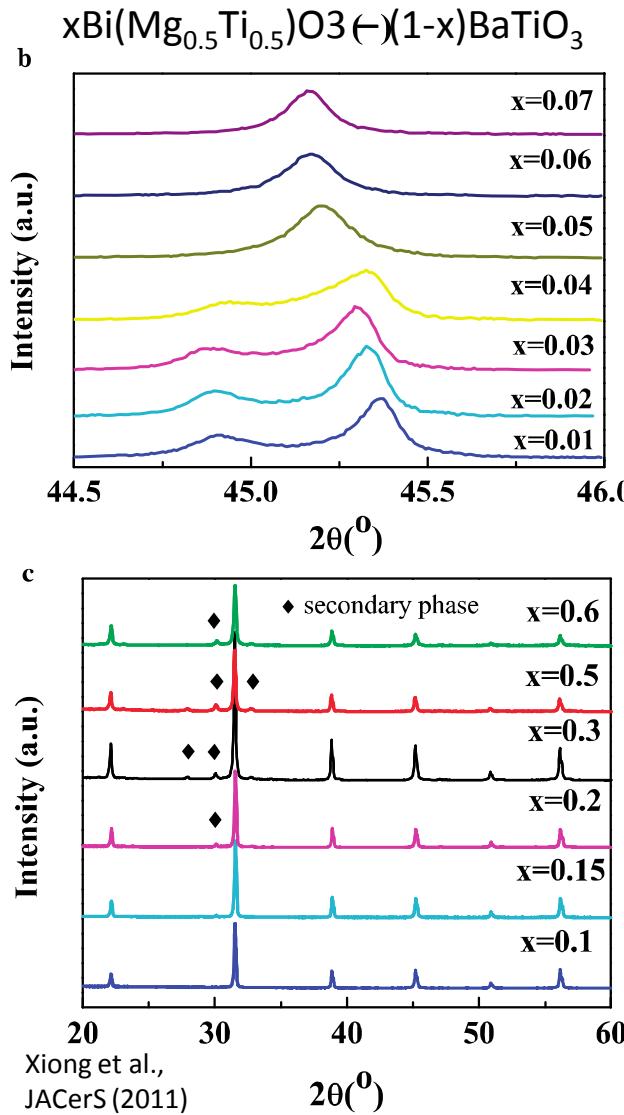
- 'Weakly-coupled relaxors'
- BaTiO₃ +
 - Bi(Zn_{0.5}Ti_{0.5})O₃
 - Bi(Mg_{0.5}Ti_{0.5})O₃
 - BiScO₃
 - ...
- Voltage stable, moderately-high permittivity above relaxor transition

BT-BZT: Modifications can Shift T_{\max}

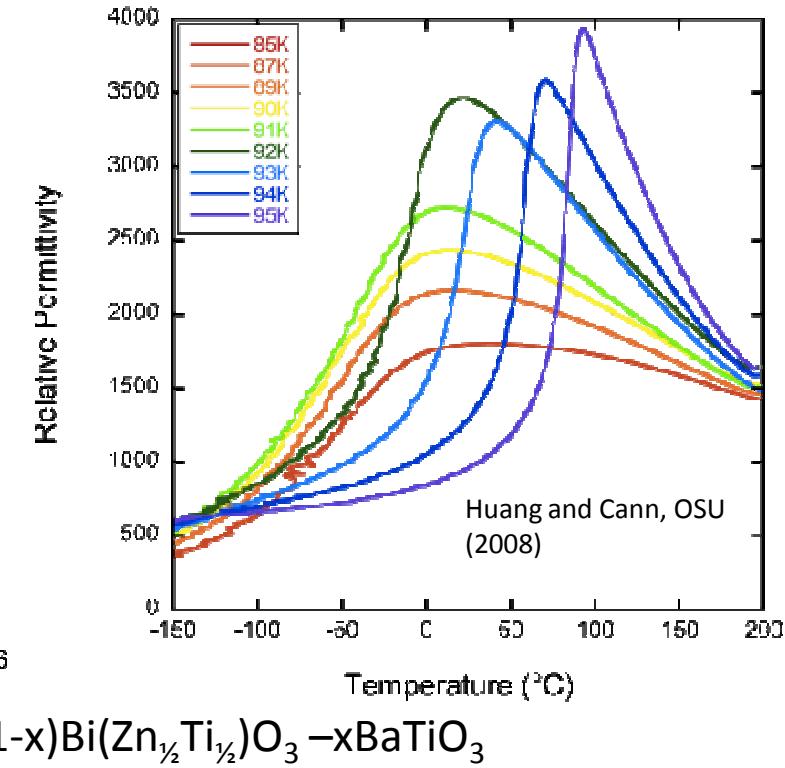
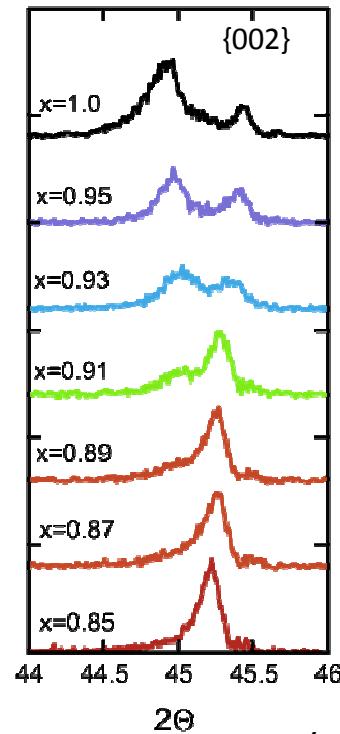


- NaNbO_3 , SrTiO_3 , BaZrO_3 , La_{Bi}^x , etc. shift T_{\max} down
- BiScO_3 , PbTiO_3 and others shift T_{\max} up

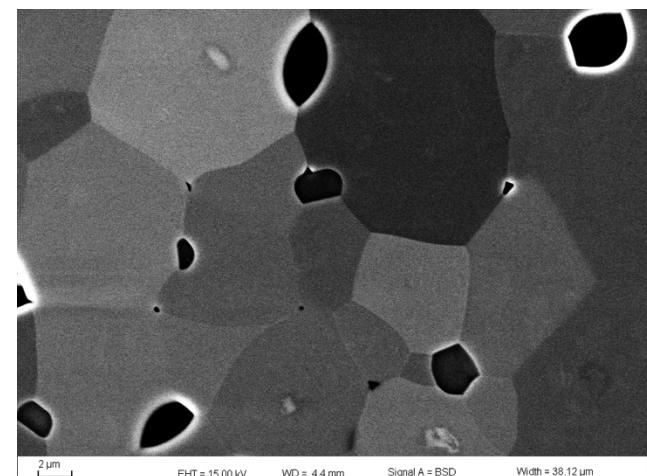
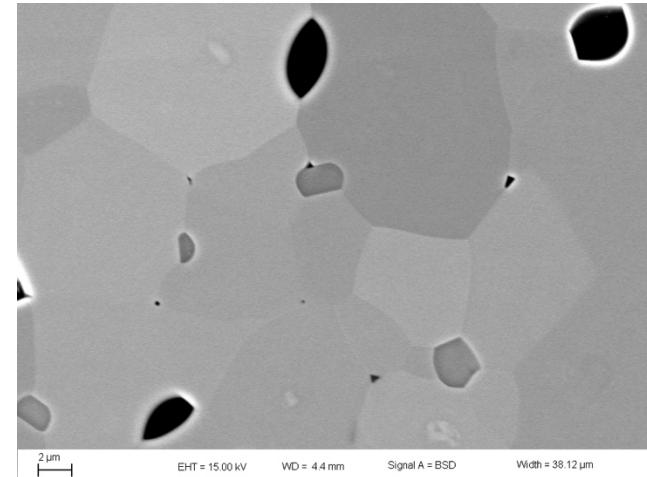
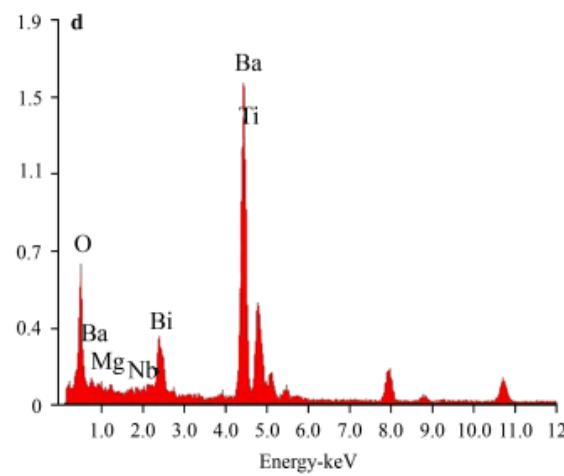
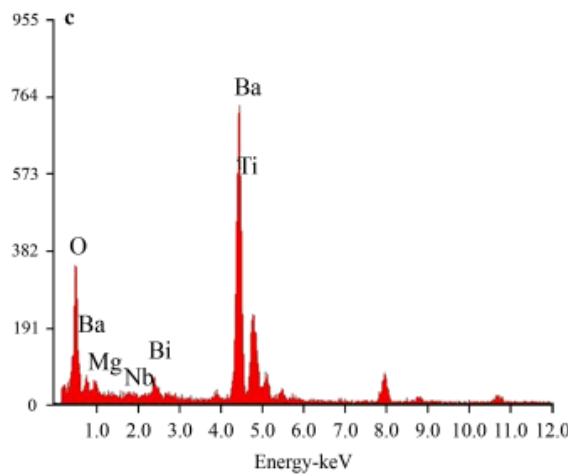
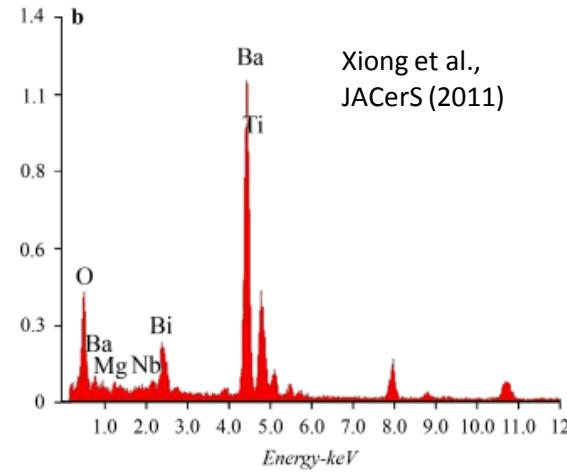
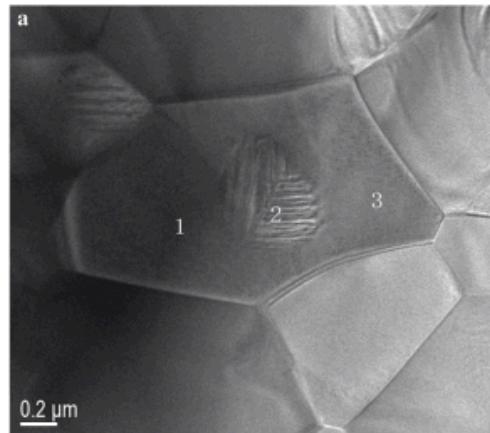
Diffraction Studies are Limited



- Pure $\text{Bi}(\text{Zn}_{0.5}\text{Ti}_{0.5})\text{O}_3$ and $\text{Bi}(\text{Mg}_{0.5}\text{Ti}_{0.5})\text{O}_3$ end members unstable; additional phases observed for large substitutions
- Unusual behaviors suggest complexity...

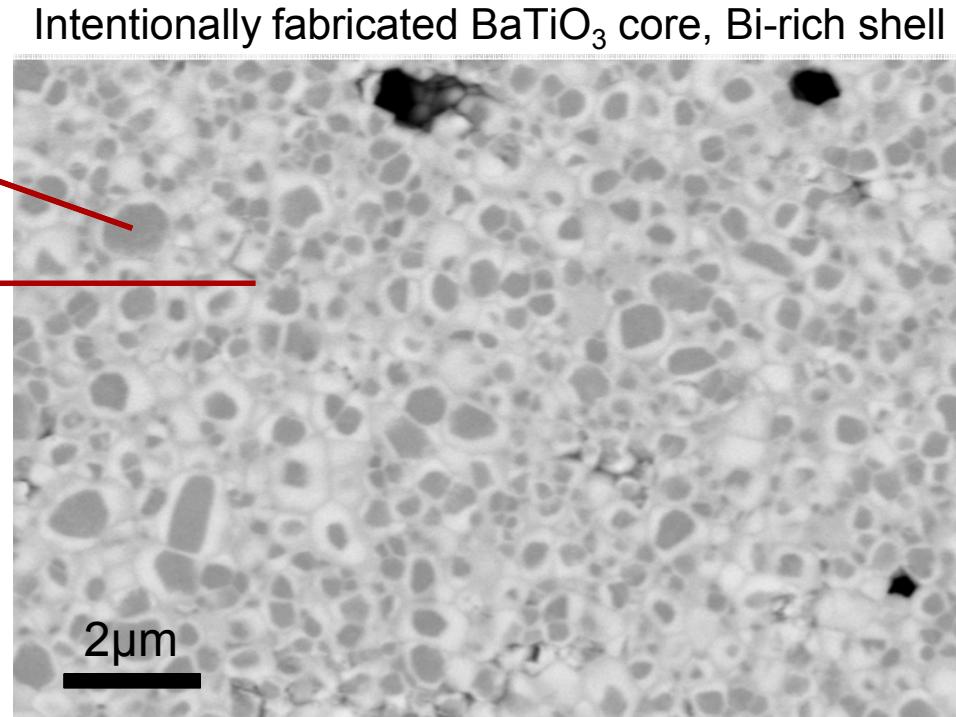
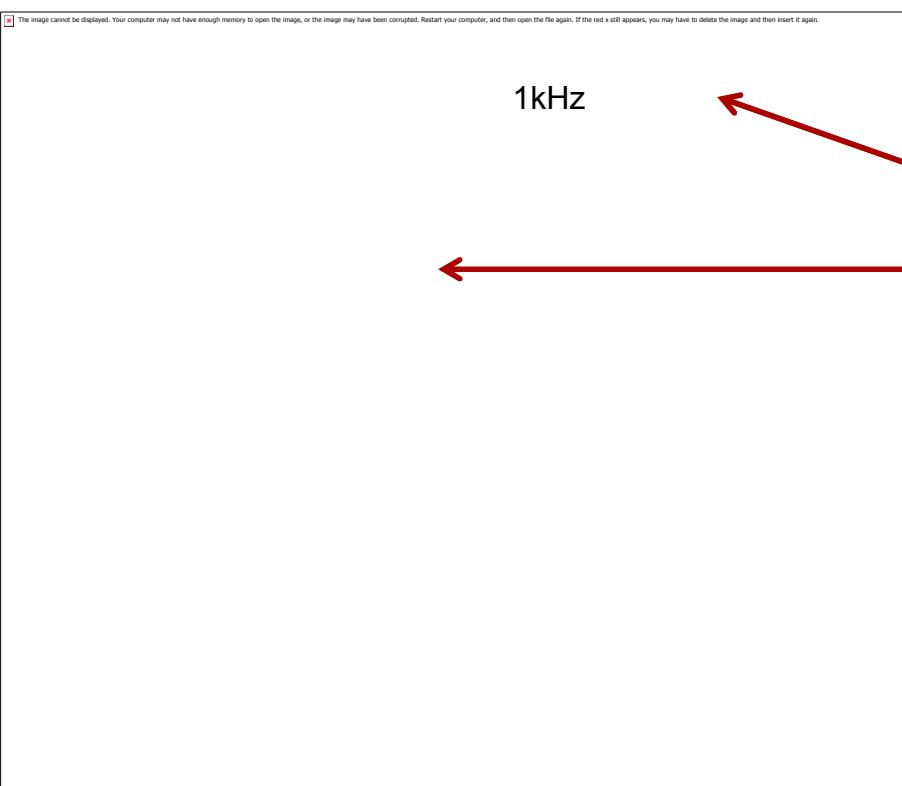


BT-BZT: Modifications can Shift T_{\max}



- Reminder: 'single phase by XRD' \neq homogeneous

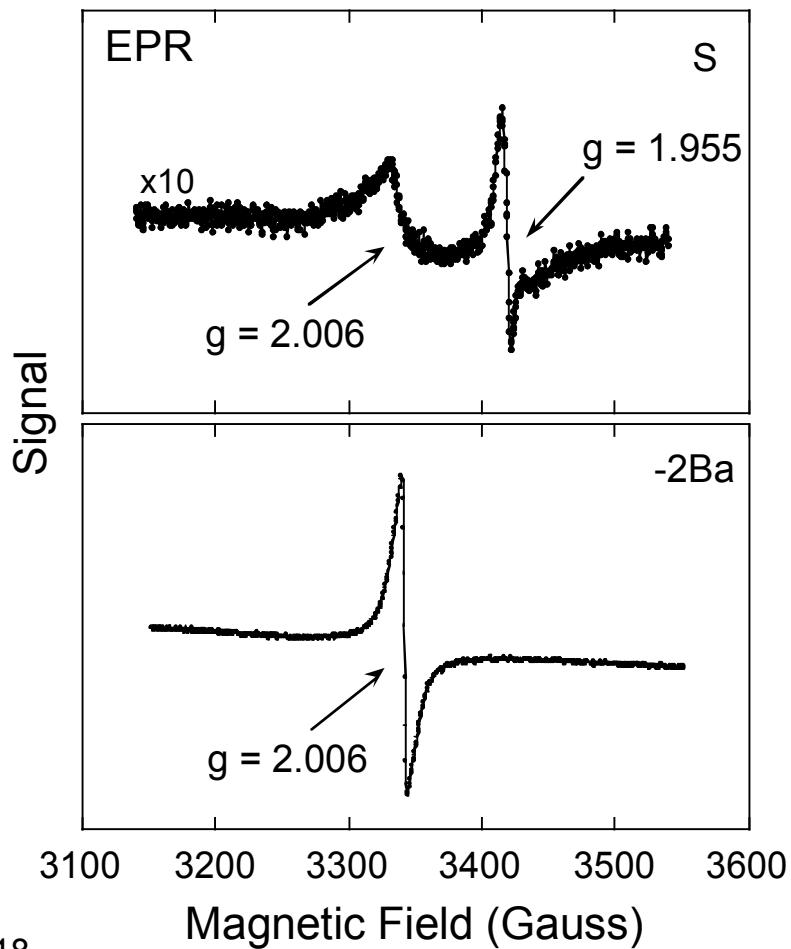
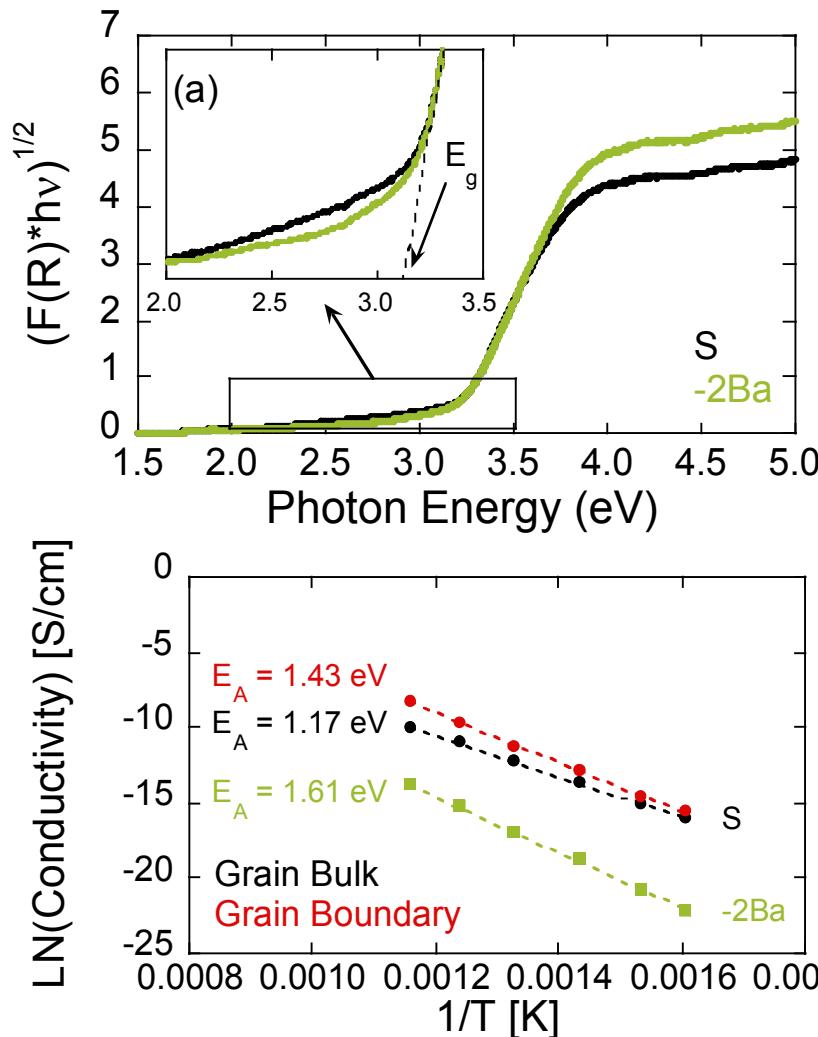
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Core exhibits $T_C \sim 125^\circ\text{C}$
Shell exhibits relaxor behavior

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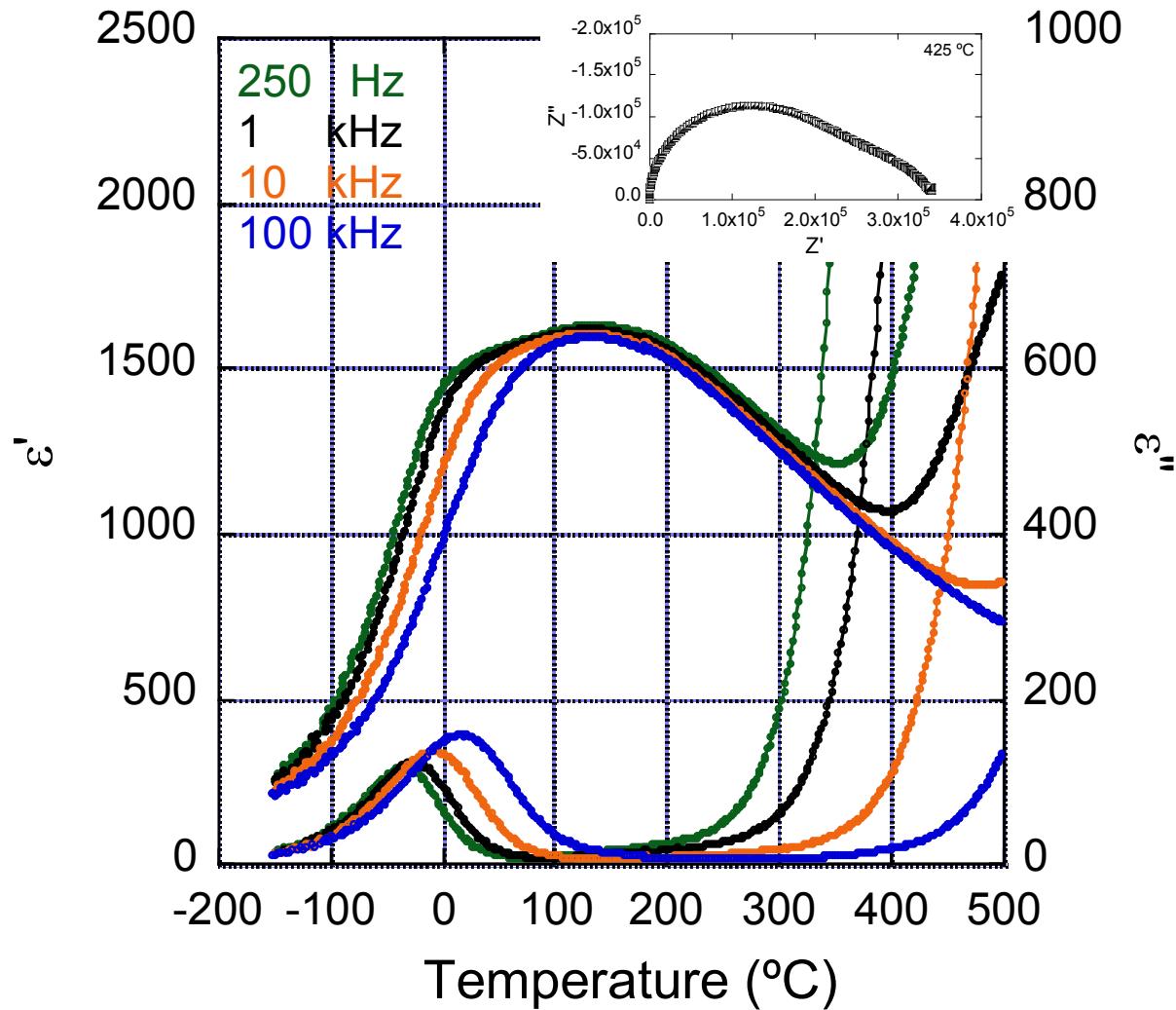
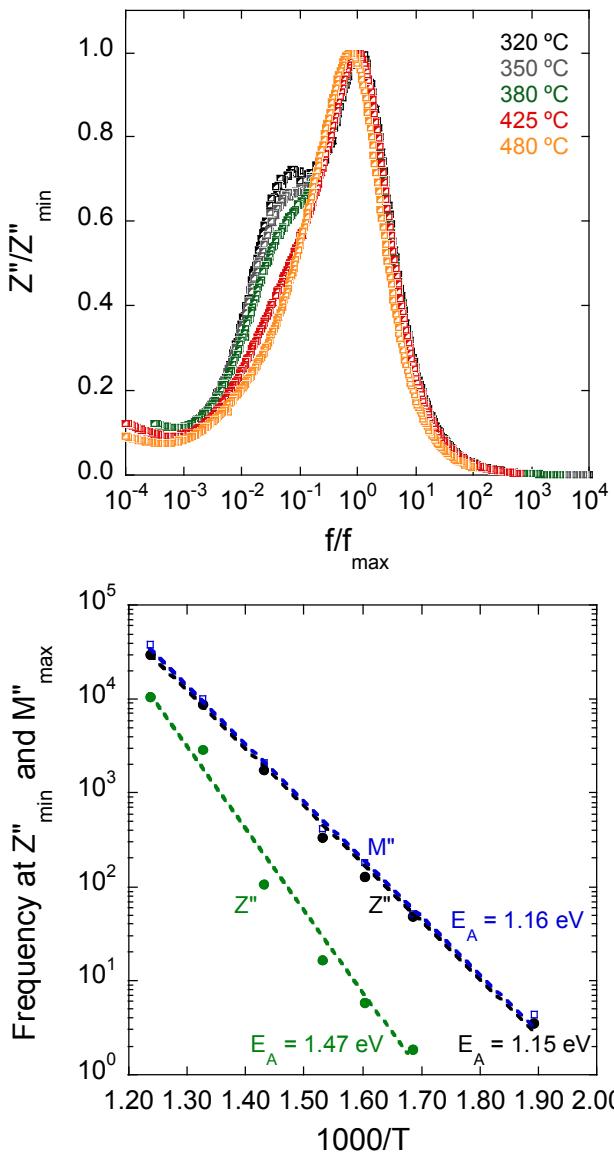
Defects: Optical & Electrical Info



Raengthon, et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. (2012)

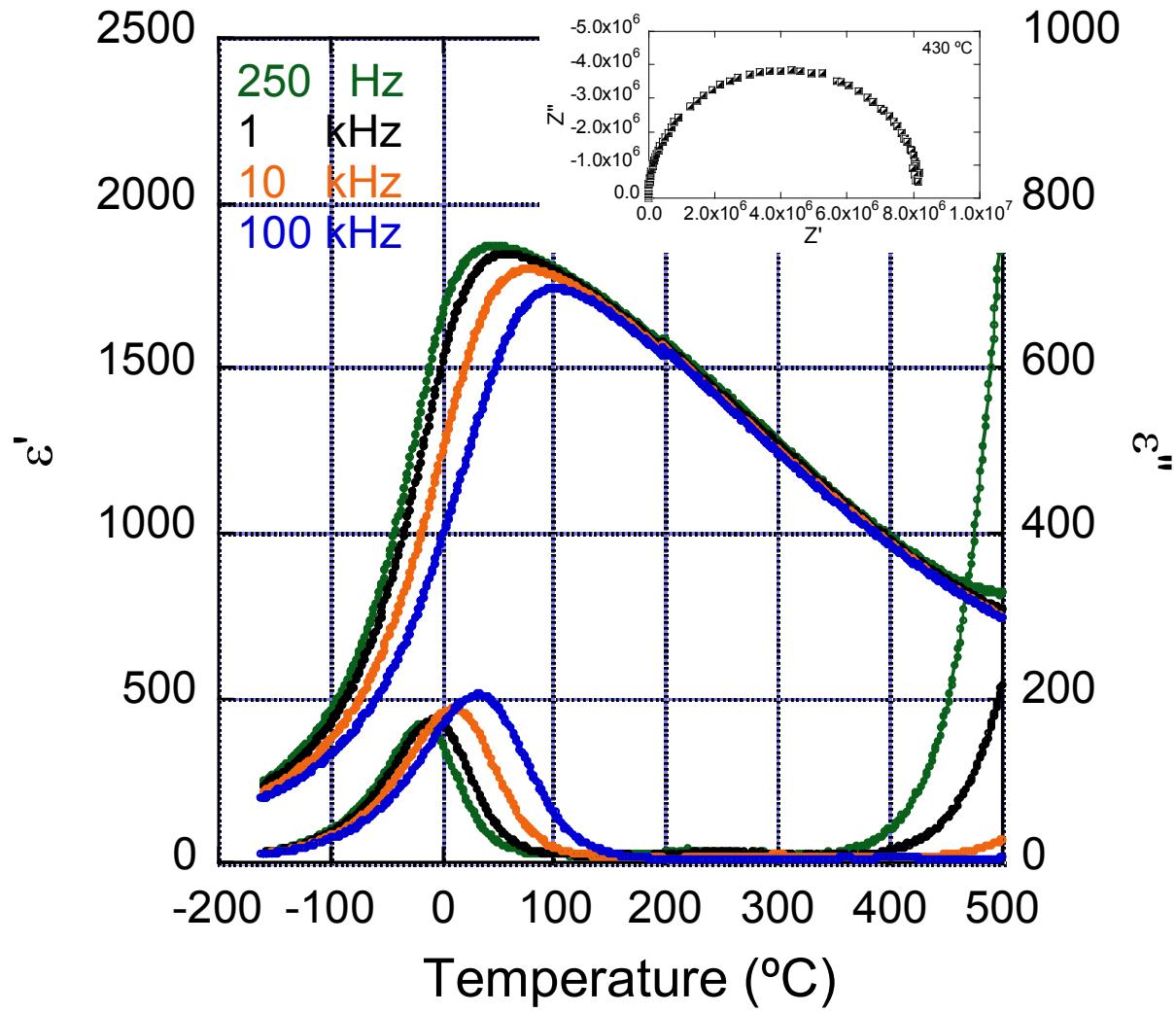
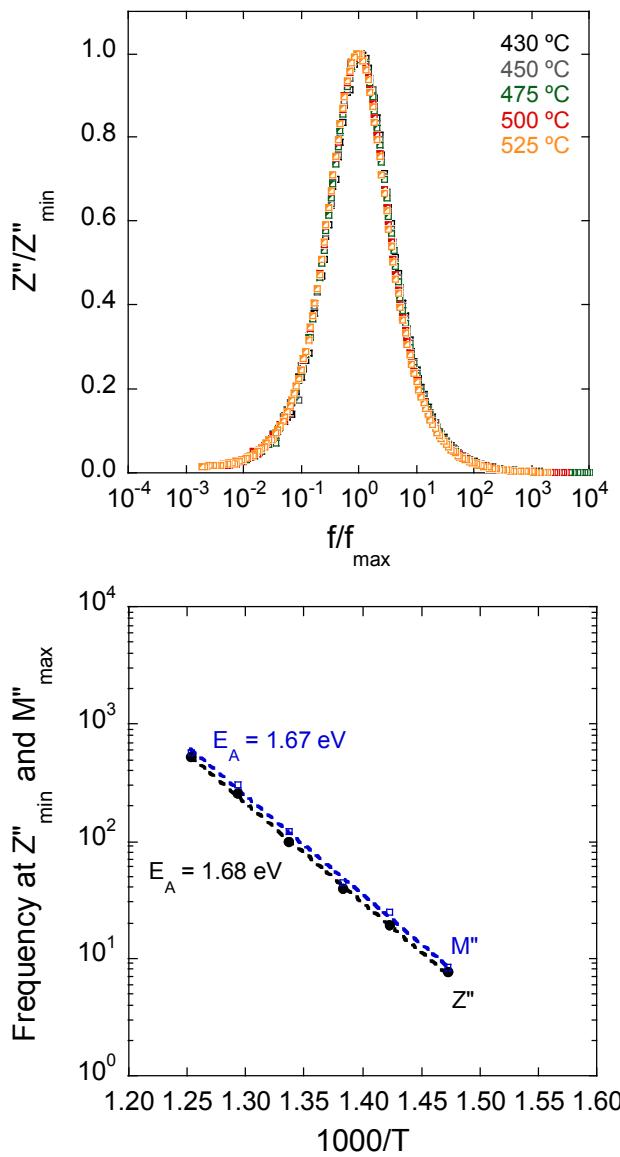
- Defect studies suggest $V_{\text{Ba}}'' - V_{\text{O}}^{00}$ pairs are strong carrier traps

Nominally Stoichiometric, Acceptor



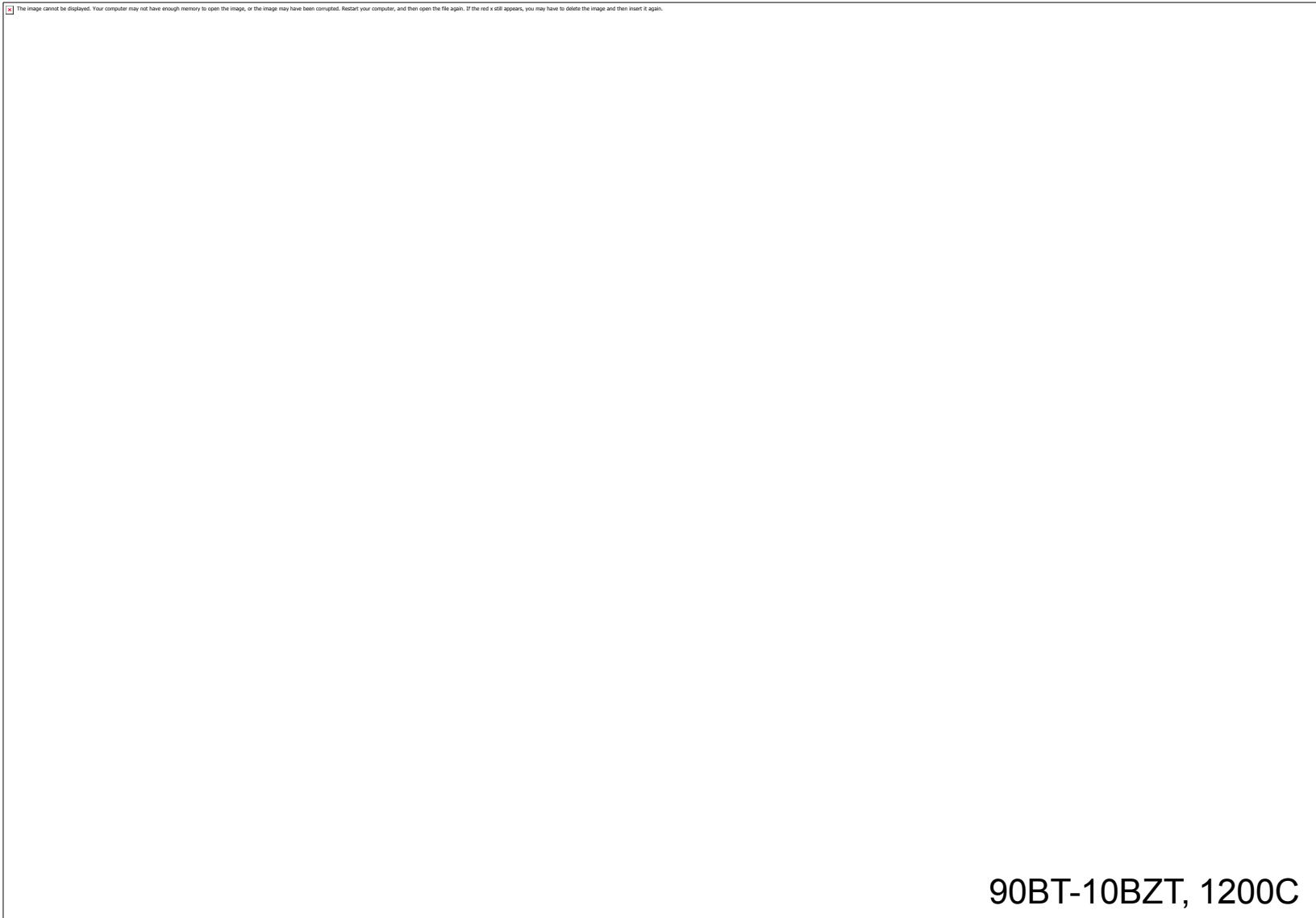
- (Nominally) stoichiometric and acceptor-doped samples are ‘electrically heterogeneous’

Donor-Doped



- Donor-doped samples are 'electrically homogeneous'

Typical Microstructures



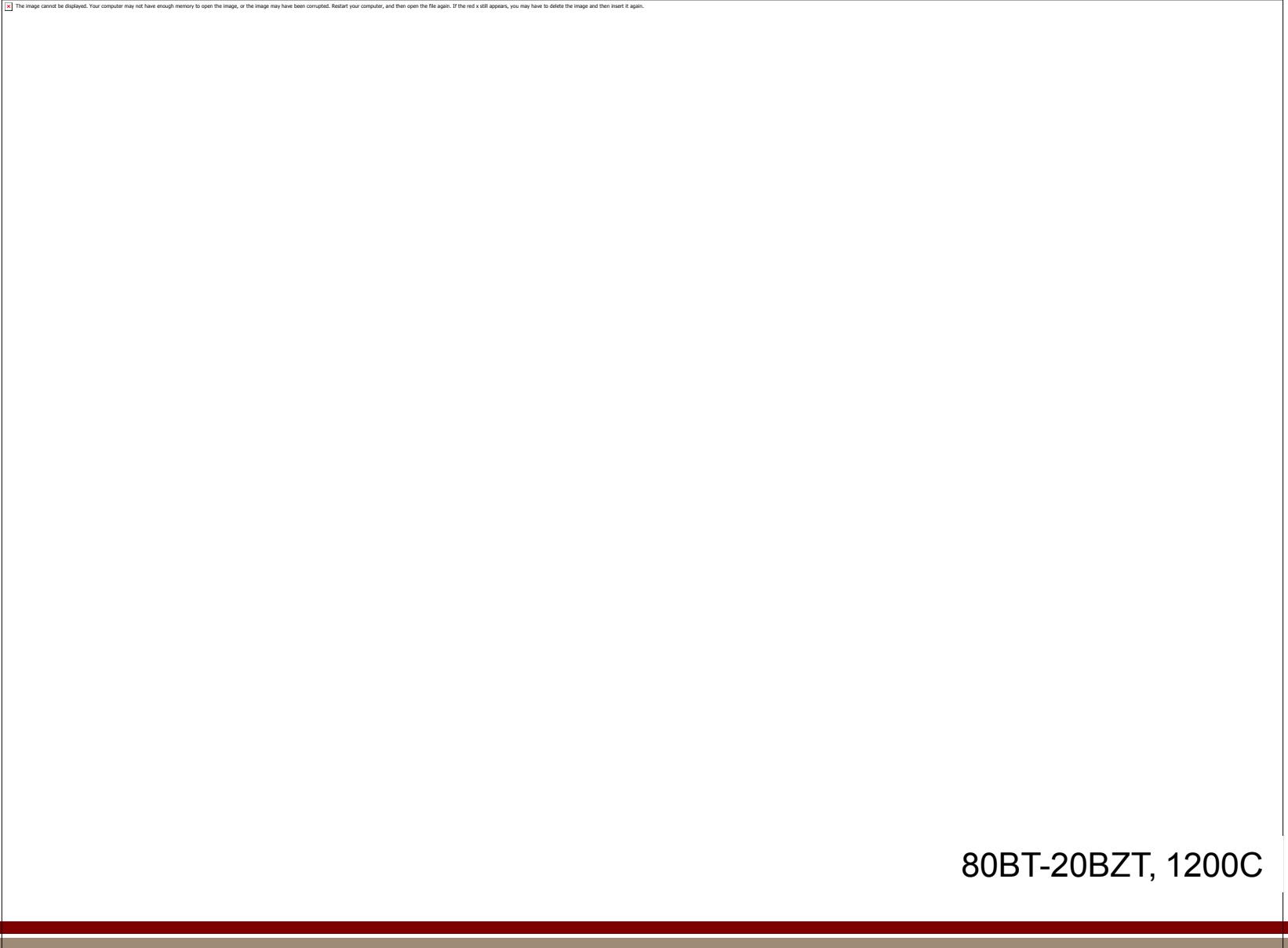
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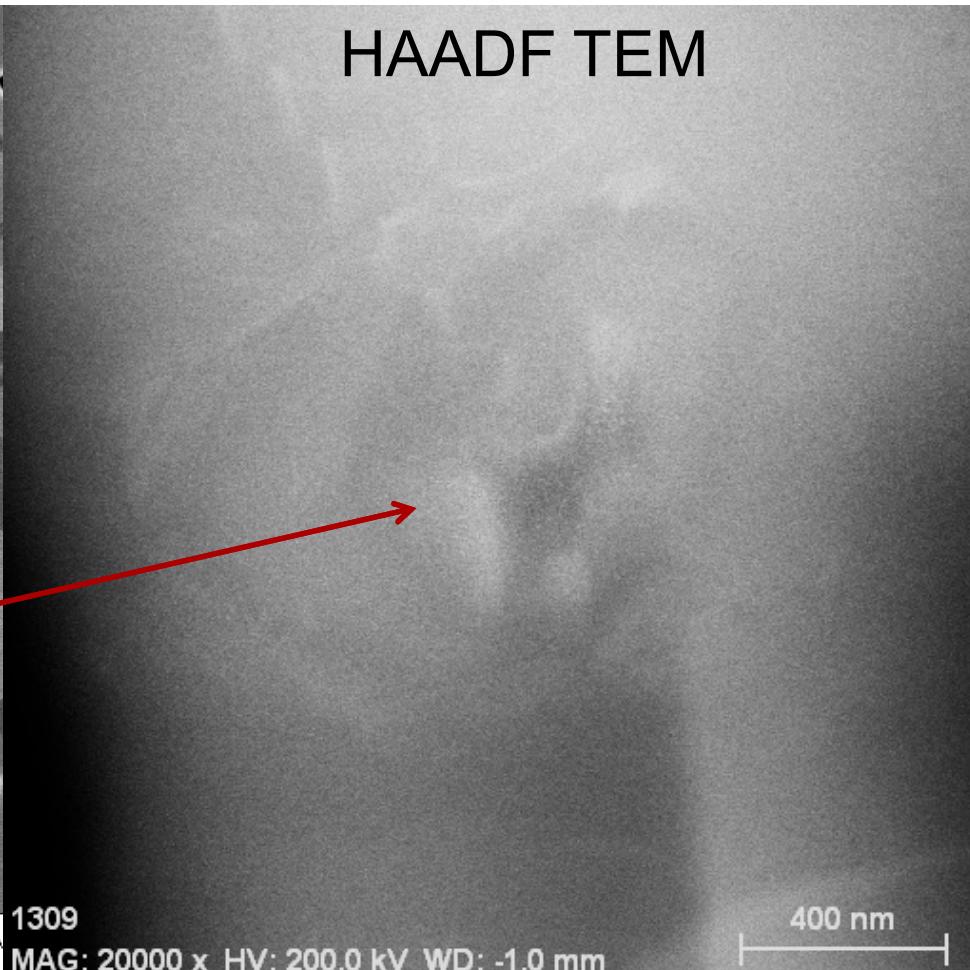
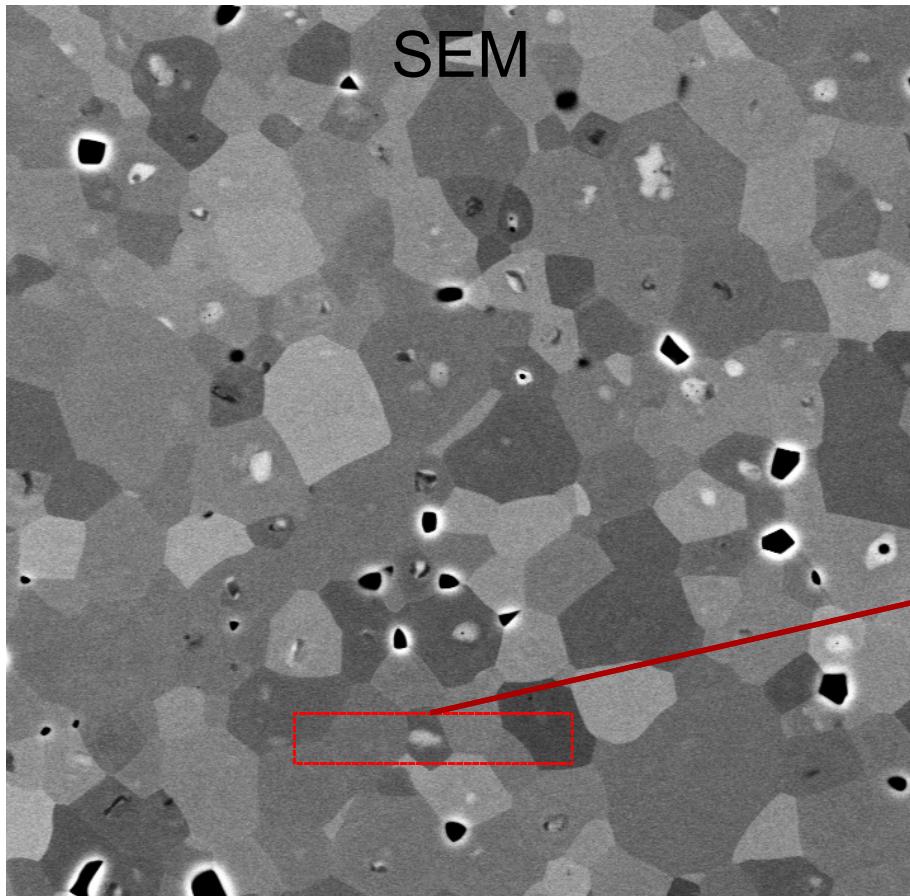
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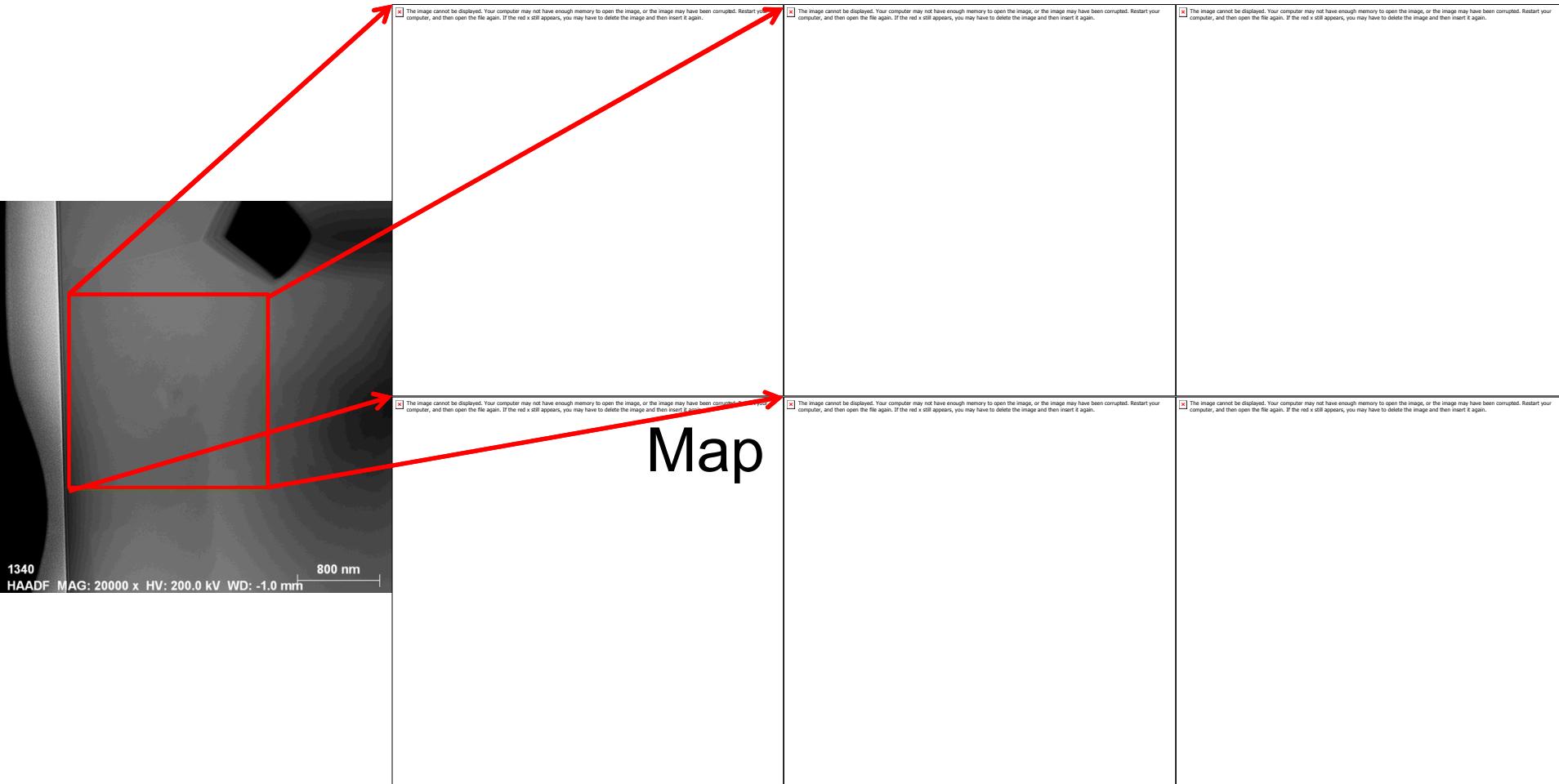


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Compositional Variation



Bi and Zn Variation



Summary

- Electrical response(s) of weakly-coupled relaxor systems tied to multi-scale chemical heterogeneities
- Complex microscale chemical distributions appear to be (somewhat) independent of relaxor behavior, but likely contribute strongly to high-field electrical behavior
- Reminder: no single view (or characterization technique) provides the complete picture!