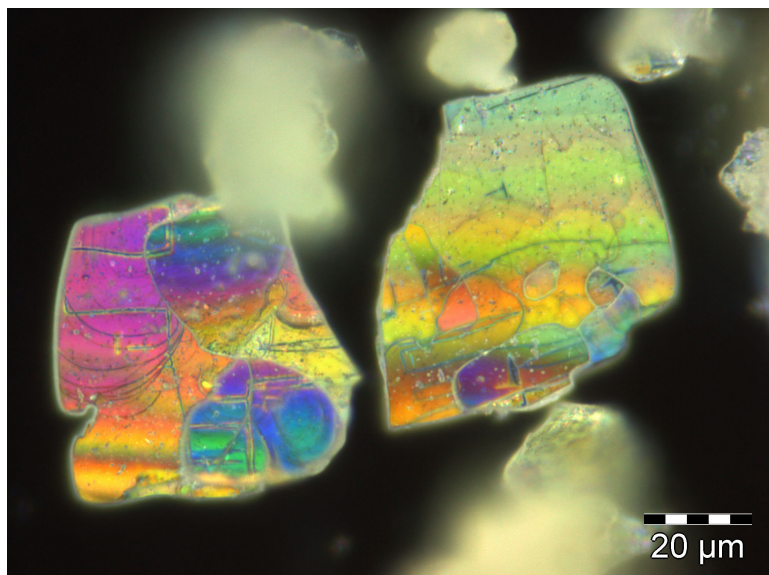




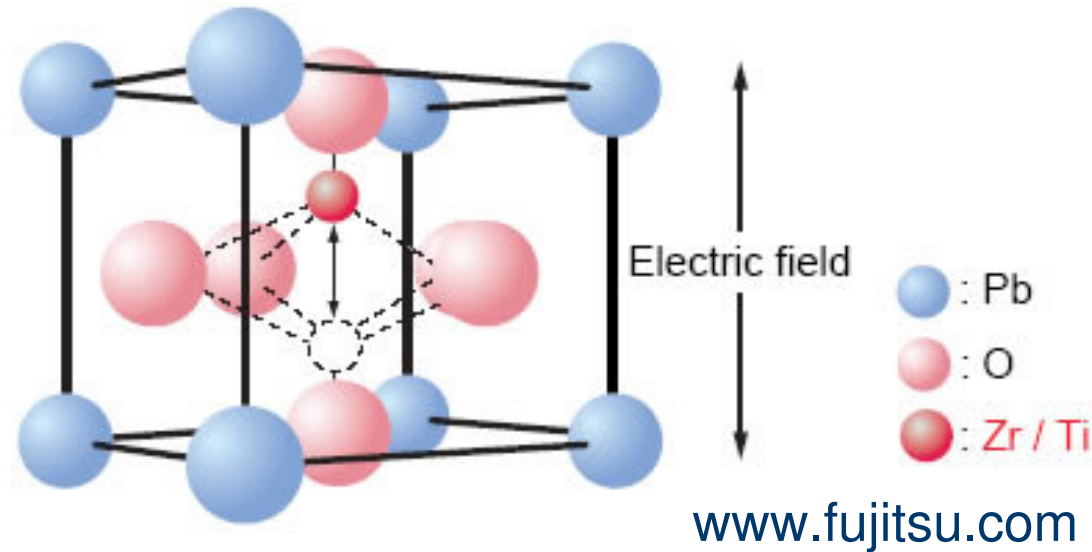
Texture for Industry: Leveraging 2454 Capabilities to Demonstrate Manufacturability of Textured Lead-free Ferroelectrics



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Ferroelectrics exhibit spontaneous, re-orientable polarization

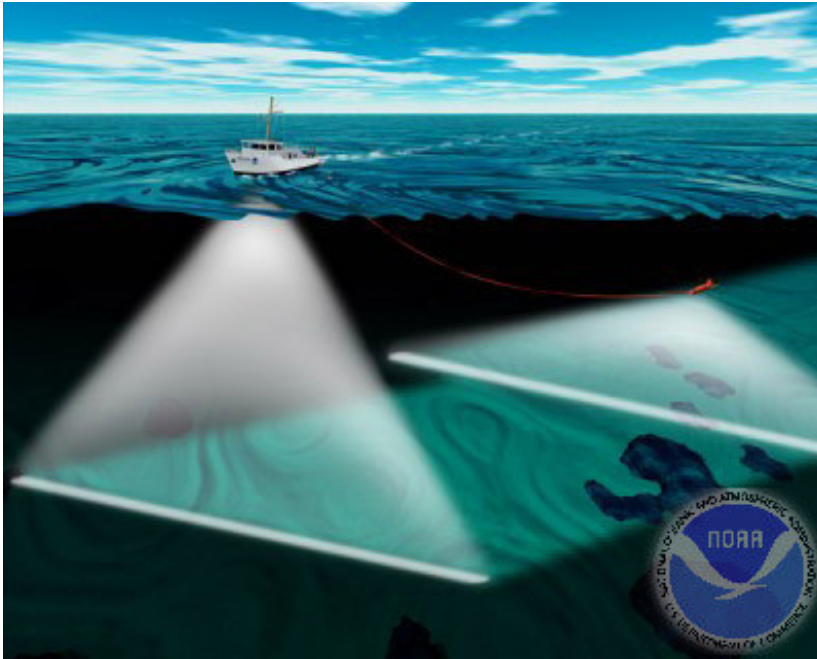


direct piezoelectric effect - strain generates electric charge
converse piezoelectric effect - electric field generates strain

pyroelectrics - heat generates electric charge
electro-optics - electric field changes optical properties

Lead-based ferroelectrics are used in a variety of applications

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optical waveguides and displays

actuators

heat sensors

ferroelectric RAM

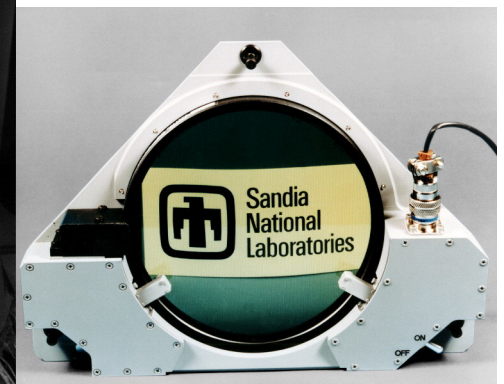
Ultrasound



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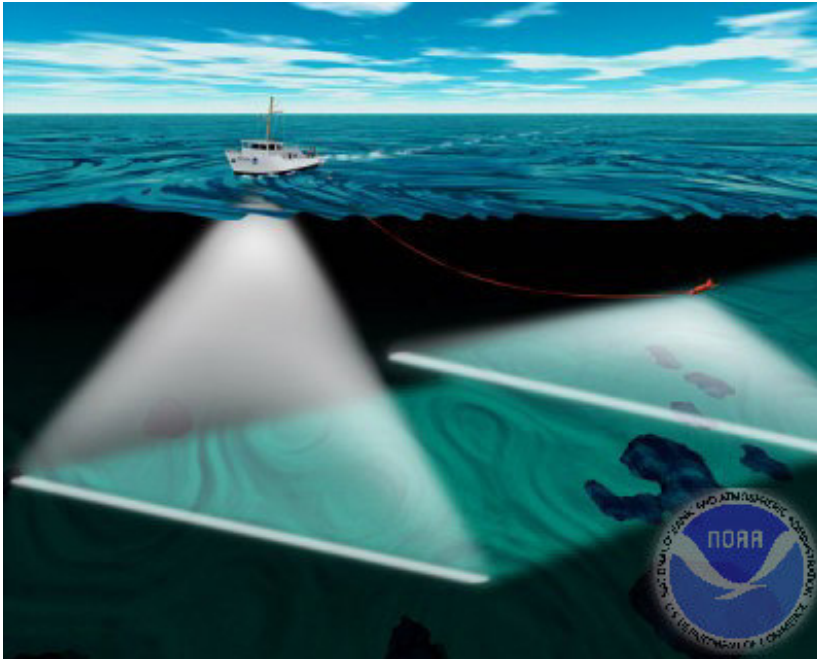


Thermal flash protection



Relevant properties are application dependent

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frequency

charge storage

temperature

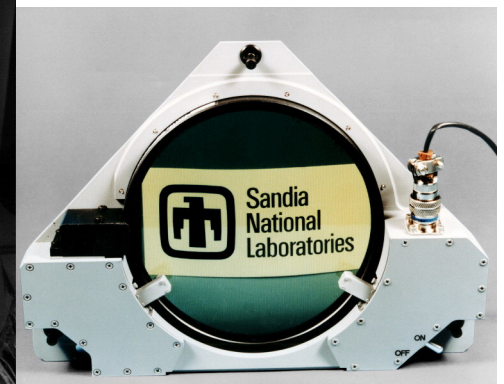
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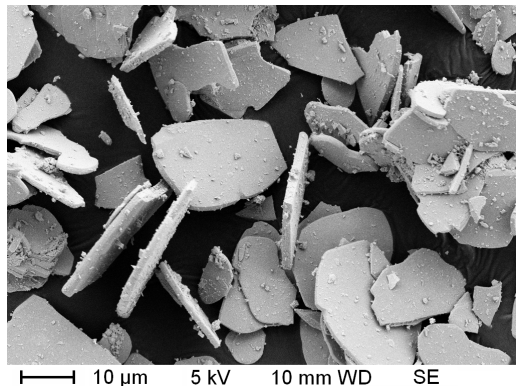
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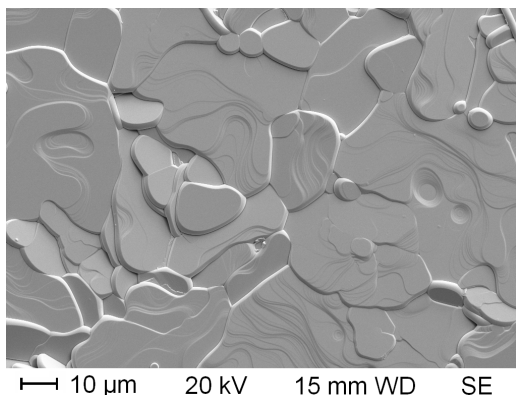
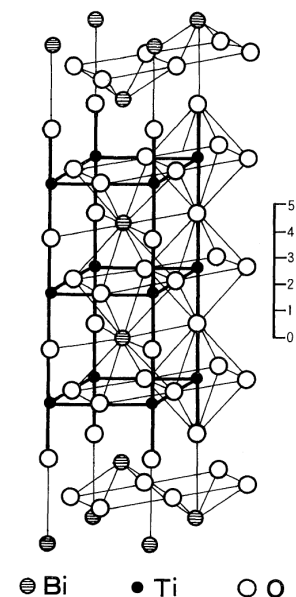
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This presentation focuses on improving the dielectric properties of lead-free materials textured by screen printing

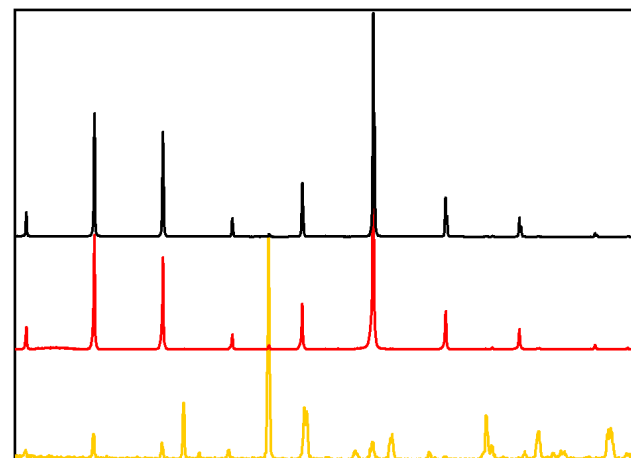


Lead-free dielectrics



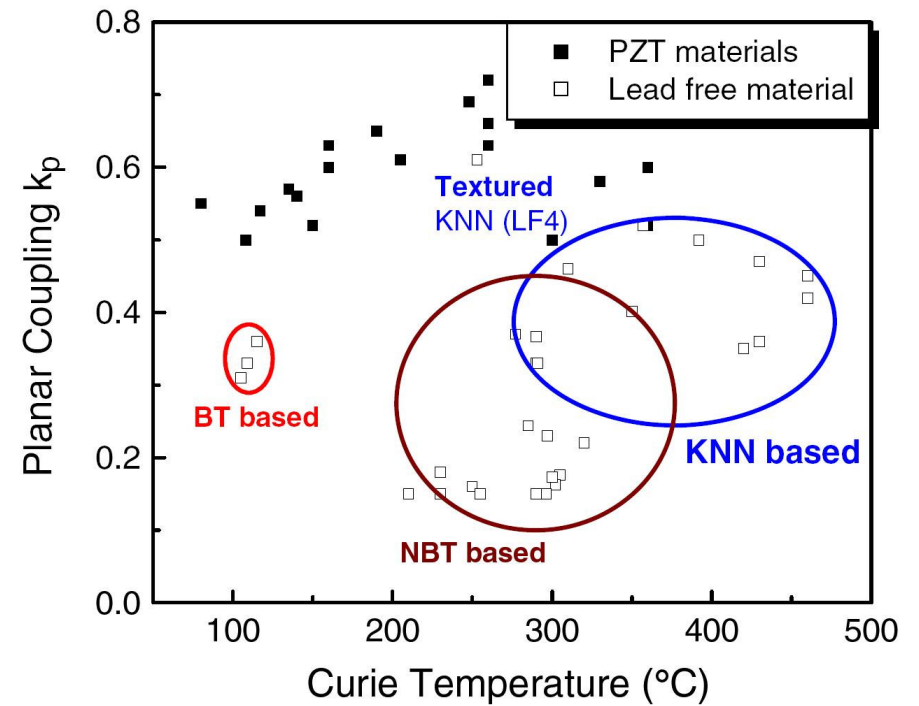
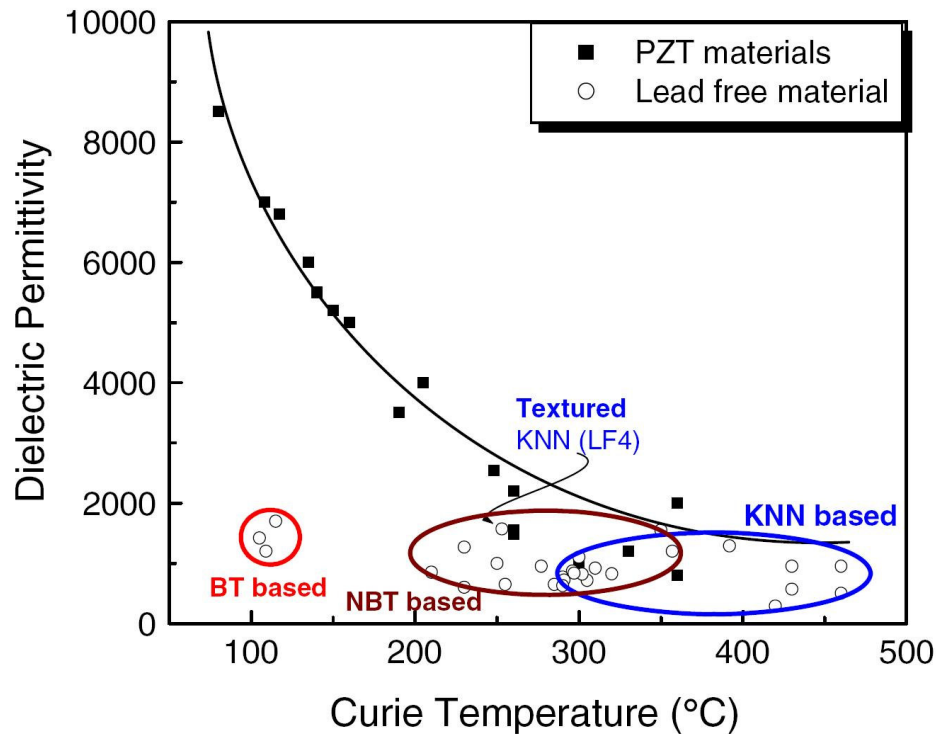
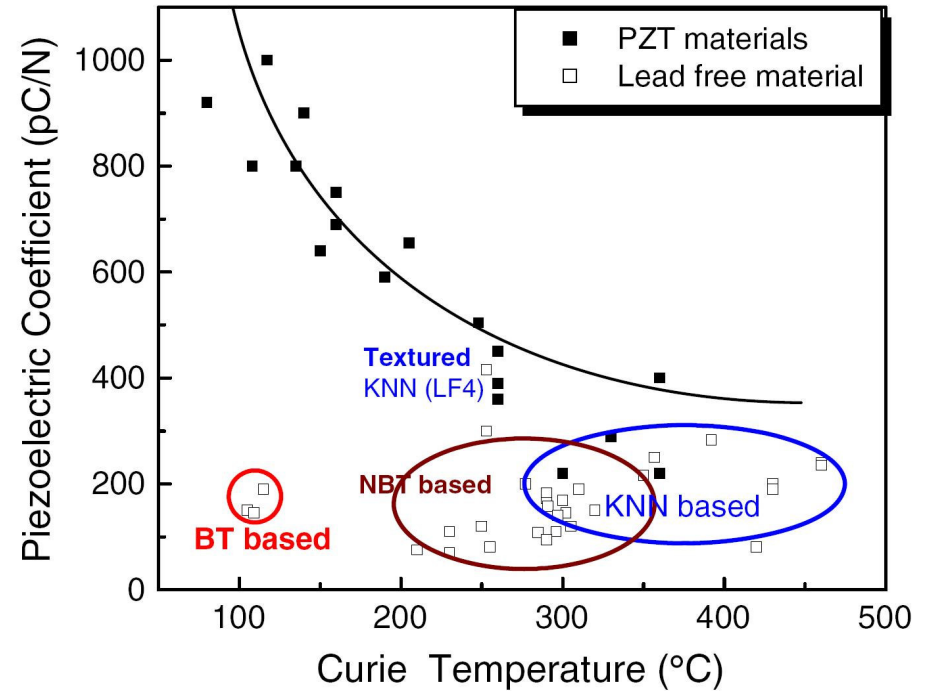
Scalable industrial techniques

Near single crystal texture

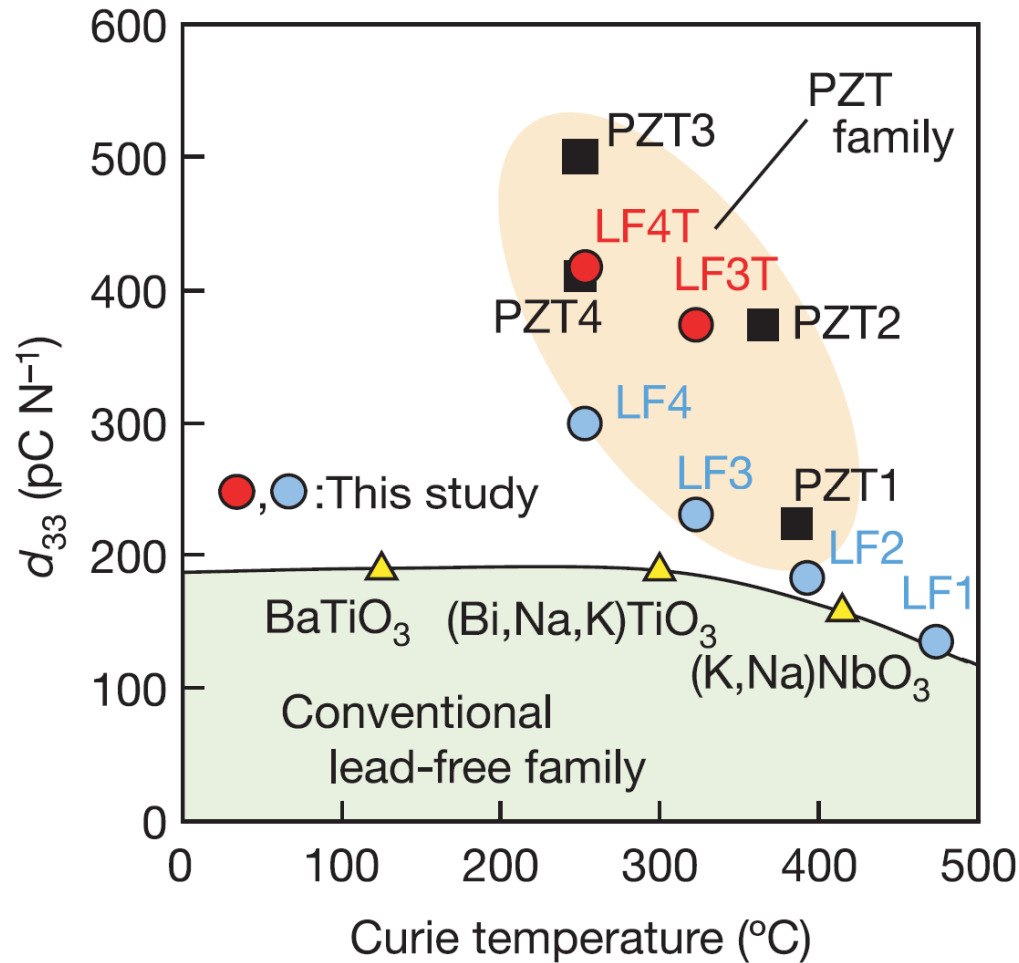


Lead Zirconium Titanate VS Lead-free

T.R. Shrout, J Electroceram (2007)



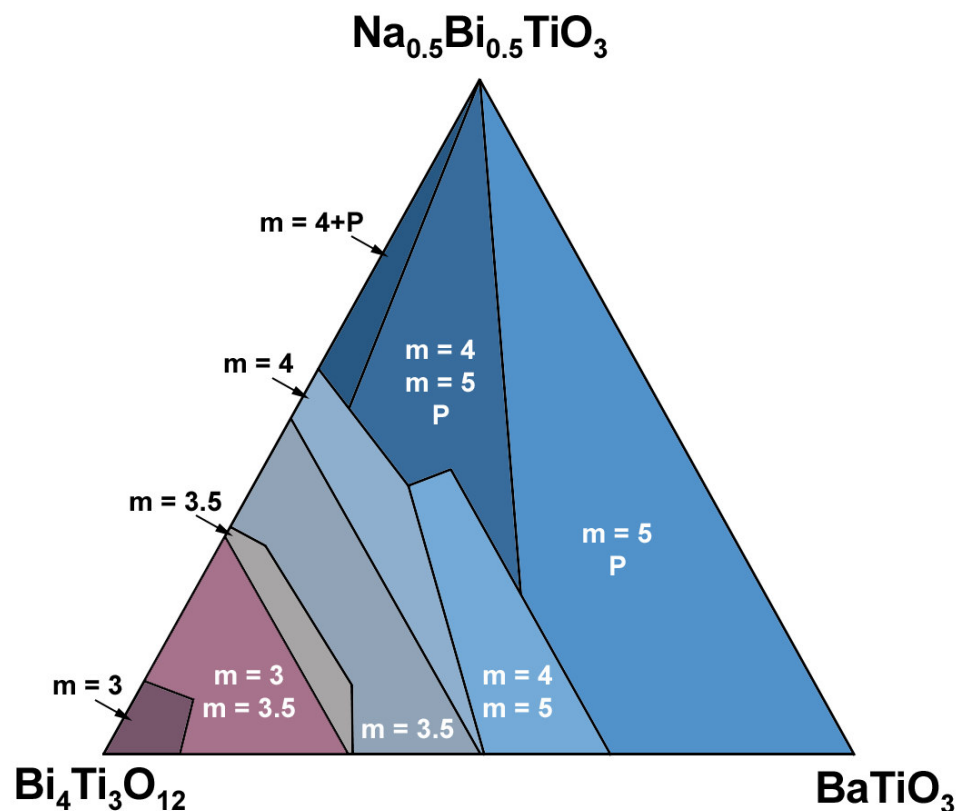
The motivation is to develop replacements for current lead-based systems that are rapidly scalable to industry



Y. Saito, Nature (2004)

When textured, materials in the alkali niobate-based perovskite system have improved dielectric properties

Several compositions in the ternary are potential lead-free dielectrics

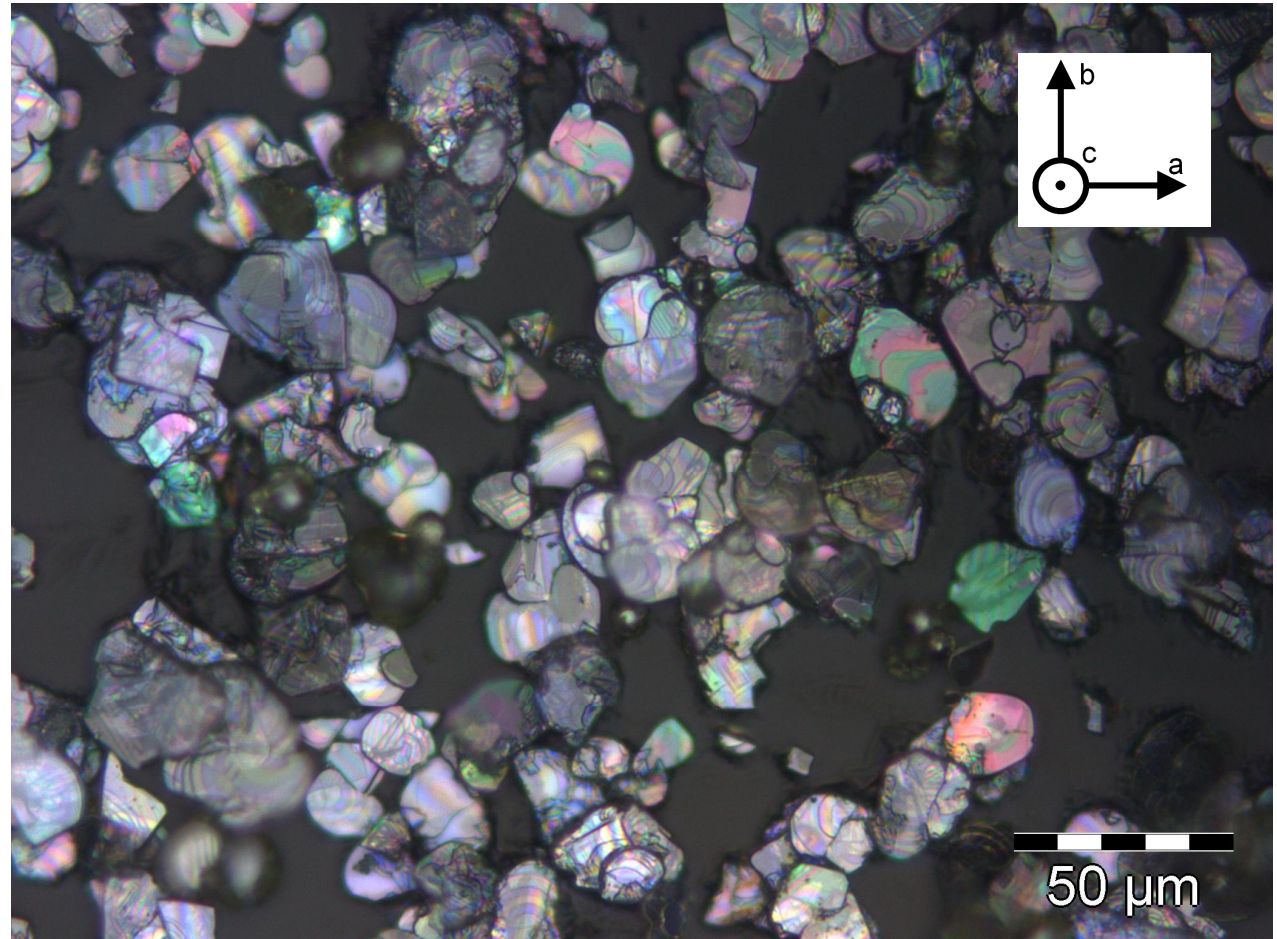
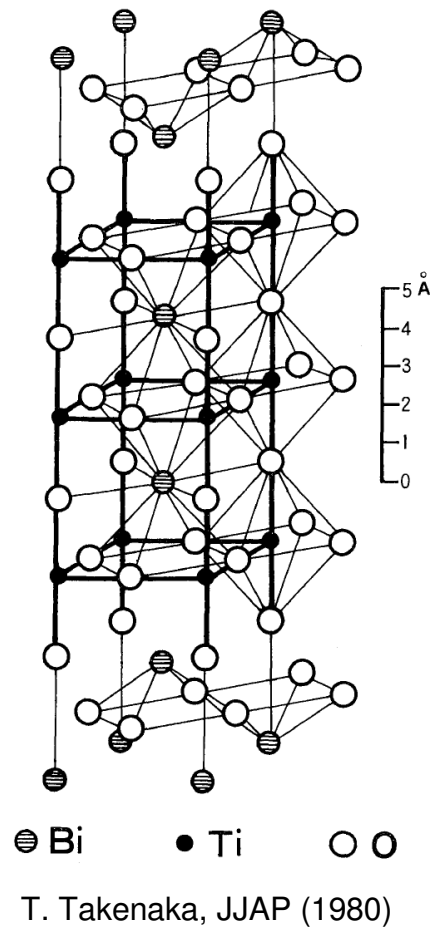


A. Sanson, JACS (2005)

| $\text{Bi}_4\text{Ti}_3\text{O}_{12}$ | $\text{Na}_{0.5}\text{Bi}_{0.5}\text{TiO}_3$ | BaTiO_3 |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| 100% | 0% | 0% |
| 0% | 100% | 0% |
| 0% | 0% | 100% |
| 33% | 33% | 33% |
| 50% | 50% | 0% |
| 8.6% | 43.3% | 48.1% |

Materials in the $\text{Bi}_4\text{Ti}_3\text{O}_{12}$ - $\text{Na}_{0.5}\text{Bi}_{0.5}\text{TiO}_3$ - BaTiO_3 ternary have a variety of layer structures for different compositions

Layer-structure materials are excellent candidates for crystallographic texturing



High aspect ratio ($\sim 100:1$) seeds of $\text{Bi}_4\text{Ti}_3\text{O}_{12}$ and $\text{Na}_{0.5}\text{Bi}_{4.5}\text{Ti}_4\text{O}_{15}$ can be grown through molten salt synthesis

Union Process attrition mill to decrease matrix particle size



High energy milling of slurries and dry powders to sub-micron particle size

Up to 500 cc per run

Adjustable milling speed

Accommodates media from 1 mm to 2 mm

Horiba particle size analyzer to determine particle size distribution of matrix powder

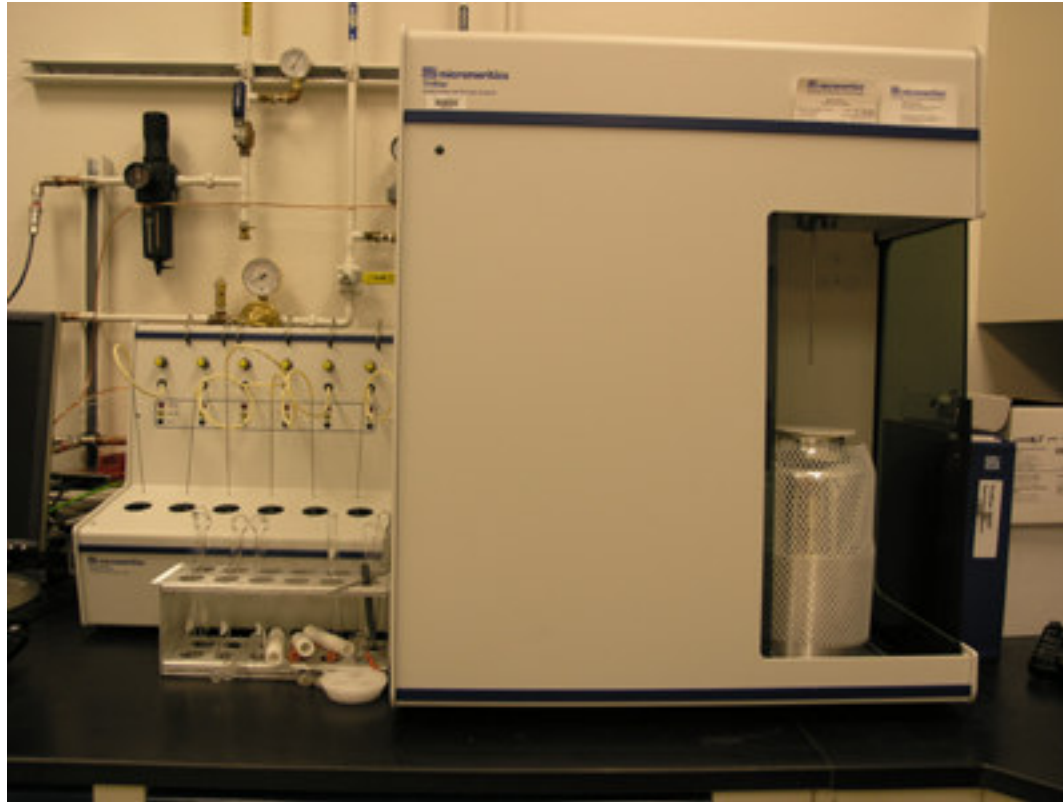


Analyze particle size and distribution of powders

Wet and dry analysis possible

Variety of statistical information on particle size distribution

Micromeritics surface area analysis to determine matrix powder surface area

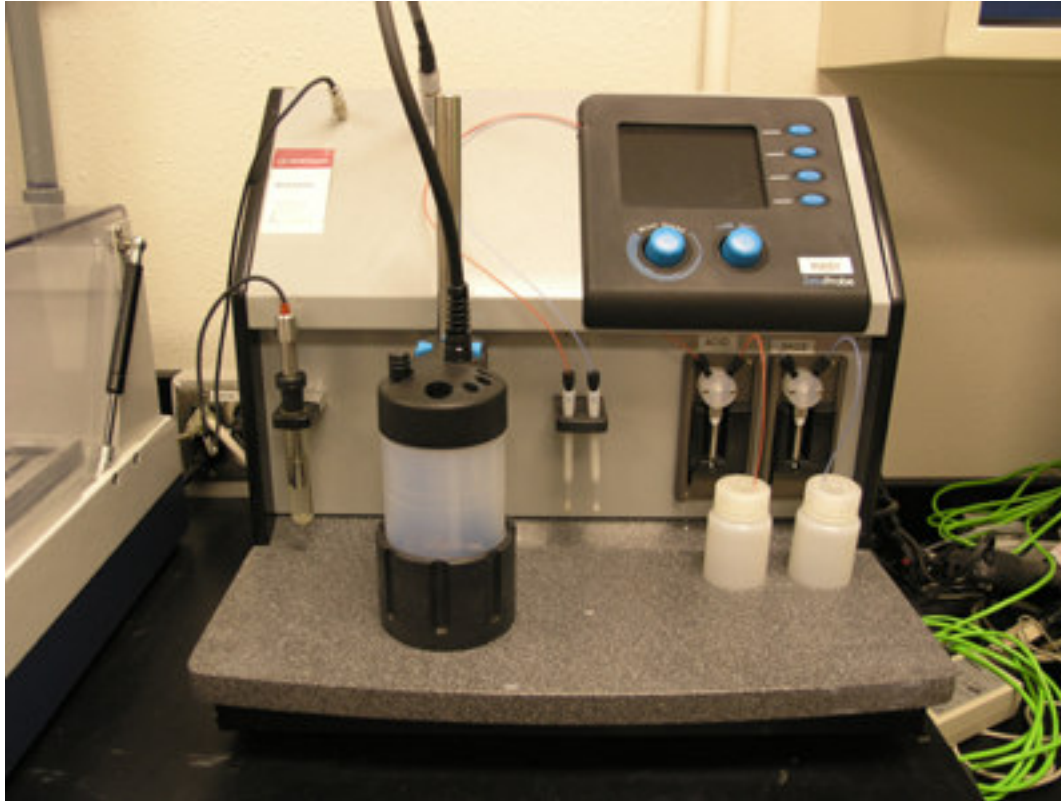


Measures specific surface area of powders

Up to 3 samples analyzed simultaneously

Degas up to 6 samples in preparation simultaneously at up to 300°C under nitrogen purge

Colloidal Dynamics zeta-probe to determine matrix powder surface charge

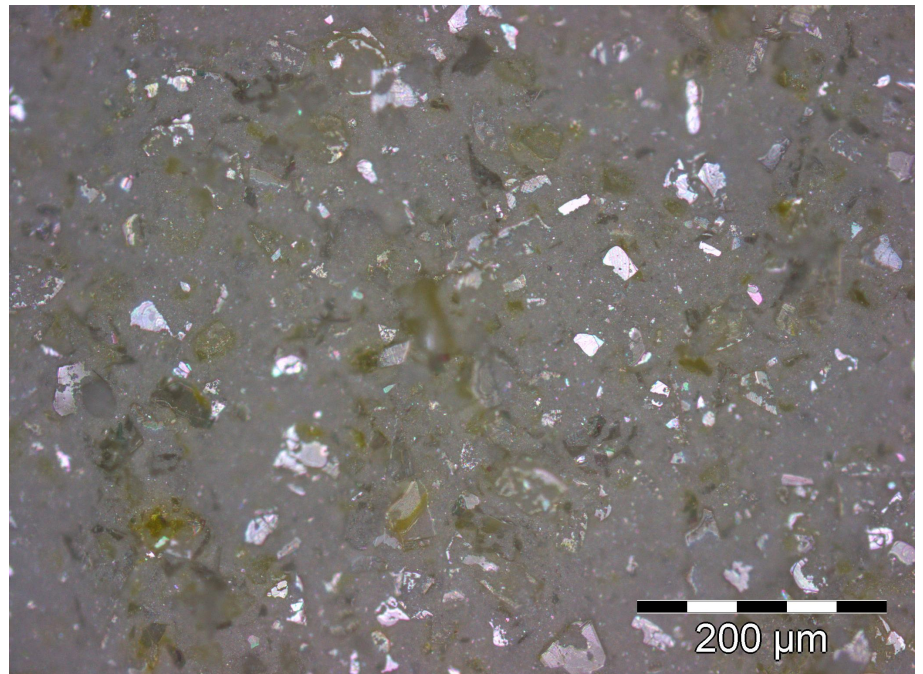
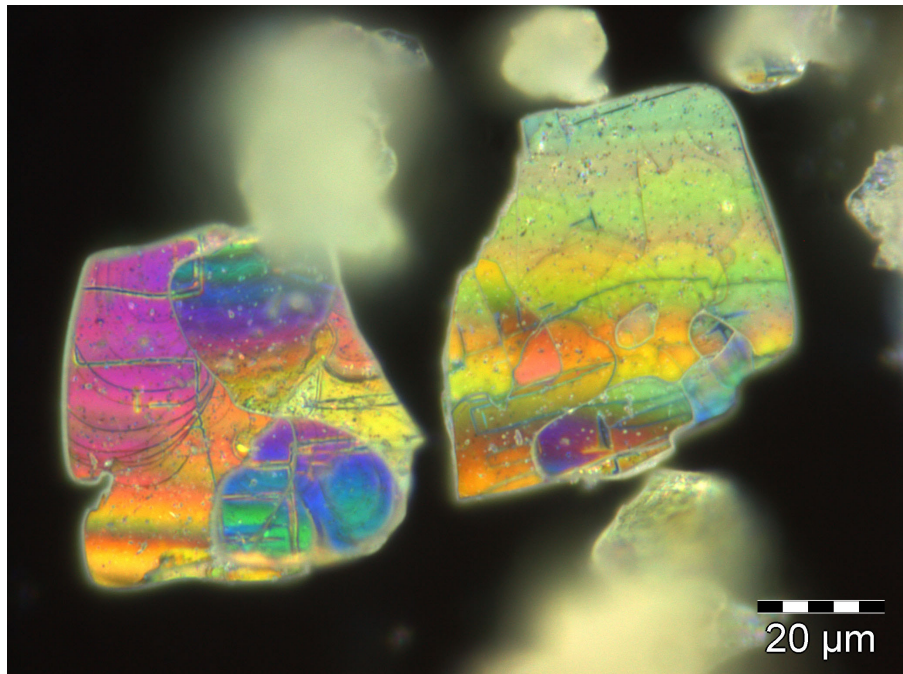


Analysis of zeta potential under a variety of pH, solvent and surfactant conditions

Zeta potential as a function of pH, surfactant addition
Both aqueous and solvent compatible
Variety of solids loading

Screen printing ink formulation is controlled to achieve the correct ink rheology and robust test samples

10 weight percent seeds + equi-axed powder + vehicle



Ratio of seeds to equi-axed powder is optimized to obtain fully dense, textured samples

Thinky ARE-250 centrifugal mixer to initially homogenize ink



**Homogenous mixing of slurries
and pastes**

Up to 2000 rpm

**Several programmable cycles for
simultaneous mixing and de-
airing**

Up to 210 g per run

Exakt 80E 3-roll mill to fully homogenize ink



**Homogenization of tape
casting slips and
screen printing inks
Calendar green tape**

Multiple speeds

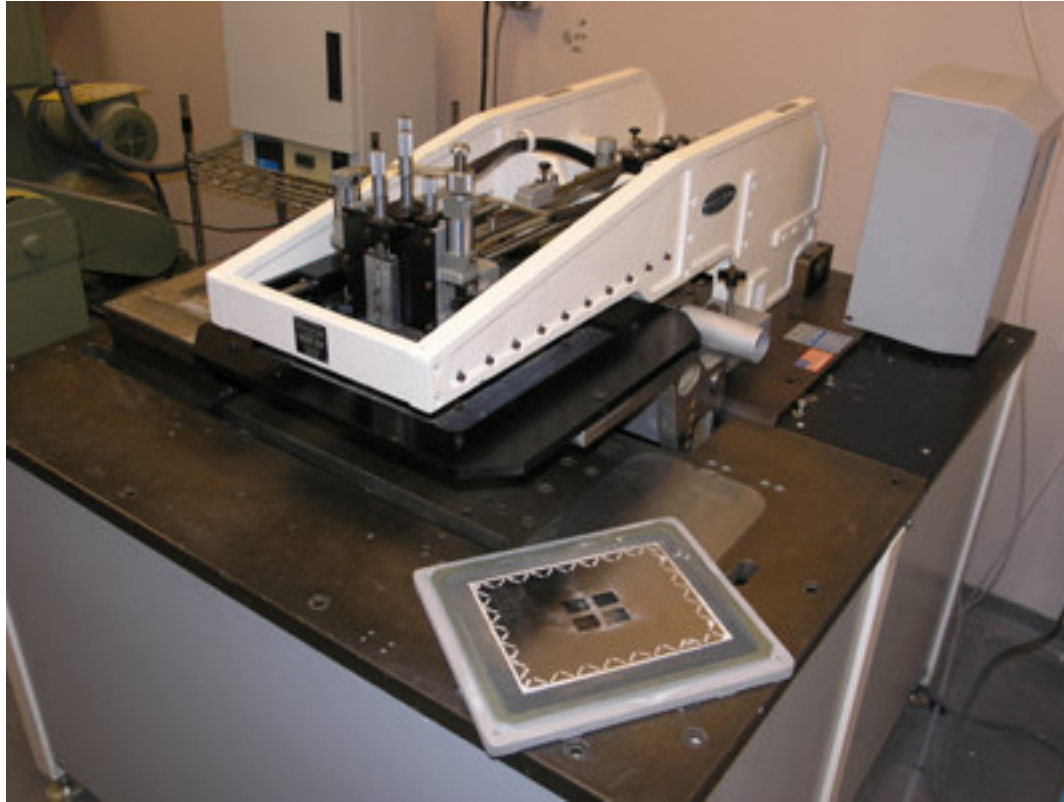
Temperature controlled rollers (10°C to 80°C)

Multiple gap widths

Force-mode to disperse nanometric powders

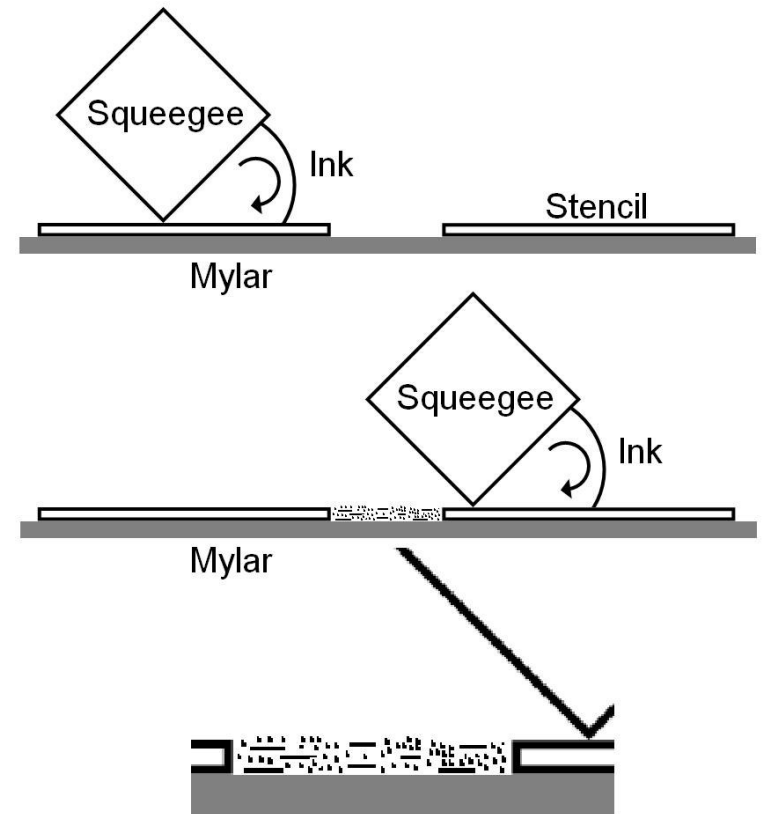
Data logging for milling conditions

Presco MSP-885 screen printer to fabricate textured green samples



4 inch wafer printing
x, y, z, and rotational control
Variety of squeegee hardness
Print speed and distance control
Both stencil and screens available

Fabricate thick films of materials



Furnaces and ovens to remove organics and sinter samples



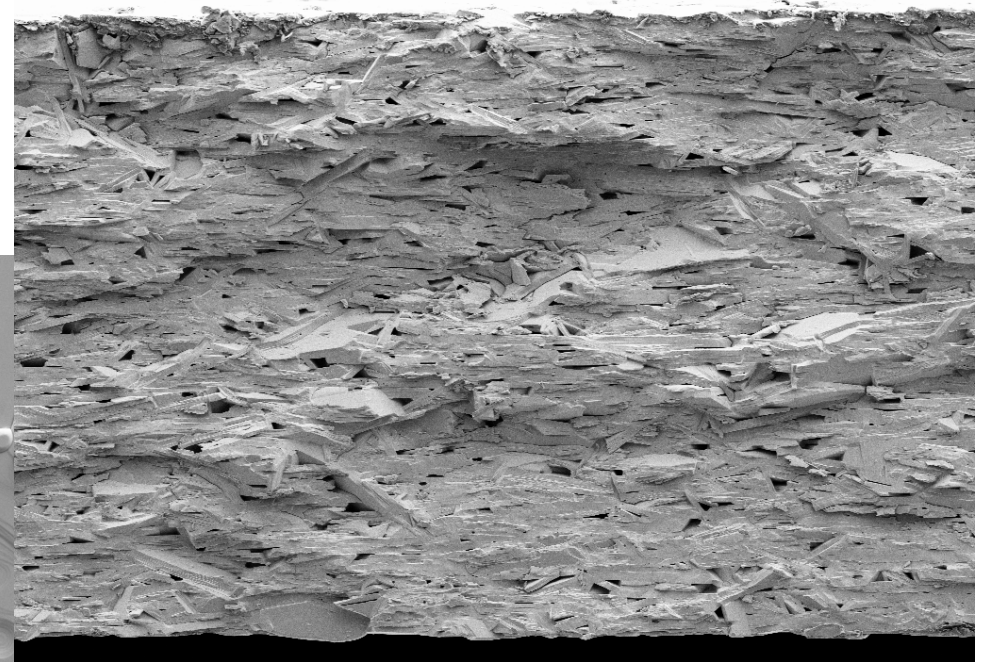
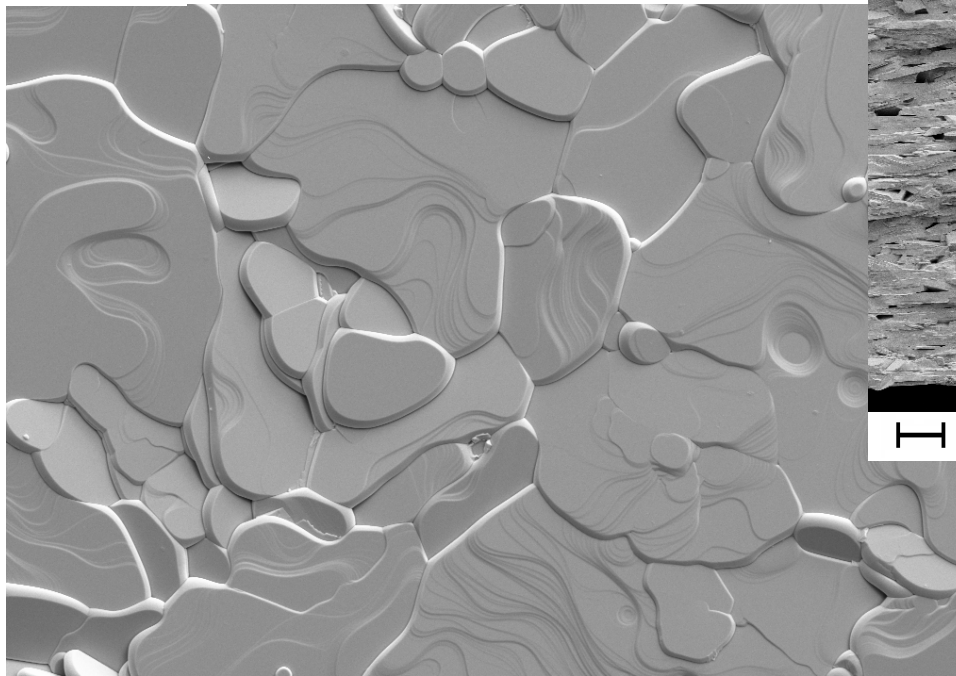
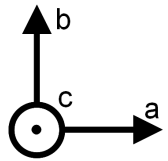
**Sintering of samples
Removal of organics**

Multiple furnaces reaching 1200°C, 1500°C, and 1700°C

Several ovens for organic removal

Tube furnaces with controlled atmosphere

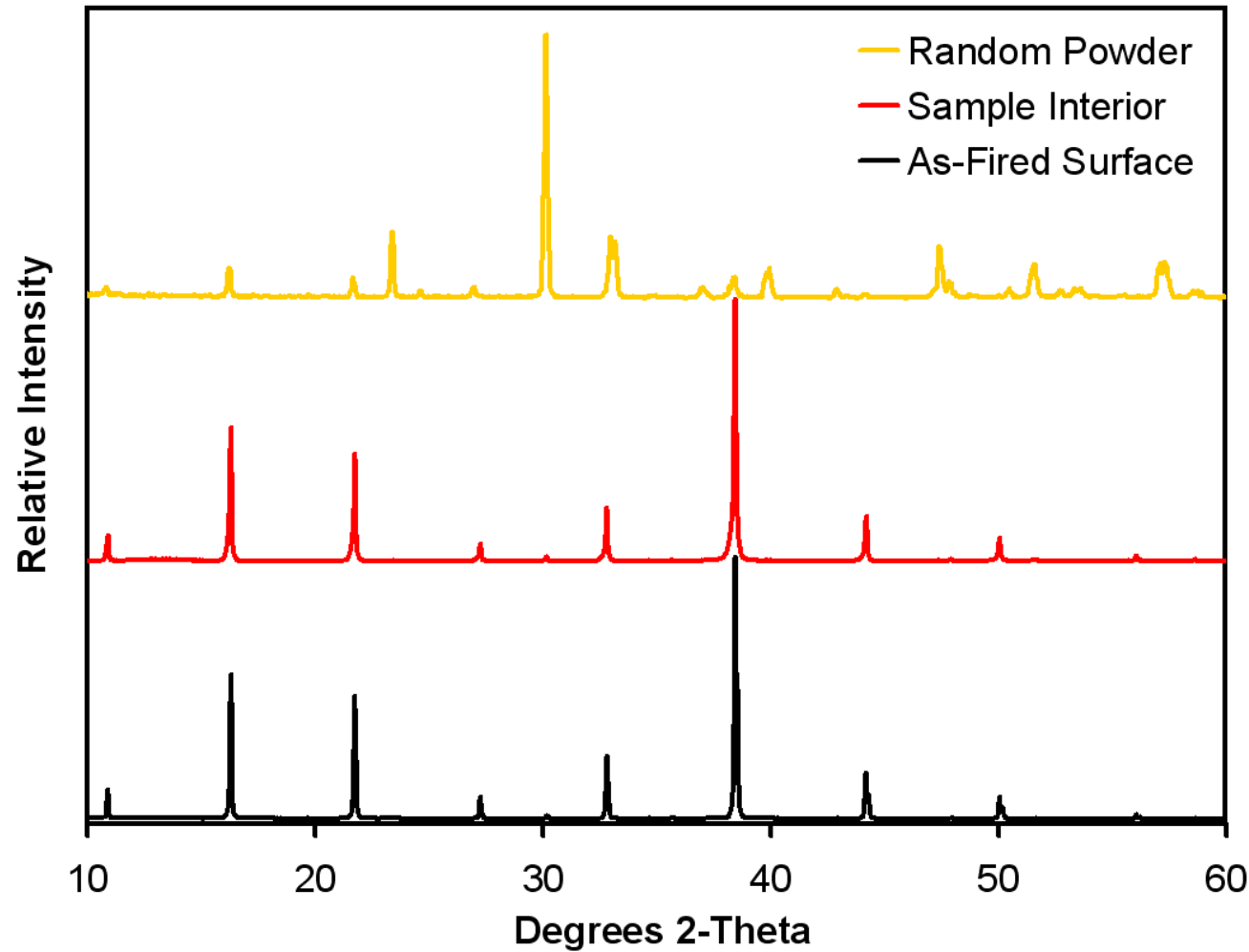
Upon sintering, seeds grow at the expense of the equi-axial powder matrix



B McKenzie
Sandia Labs

10 weight percent seeds is sufficient to induce a large degree of texture in the sintered samples

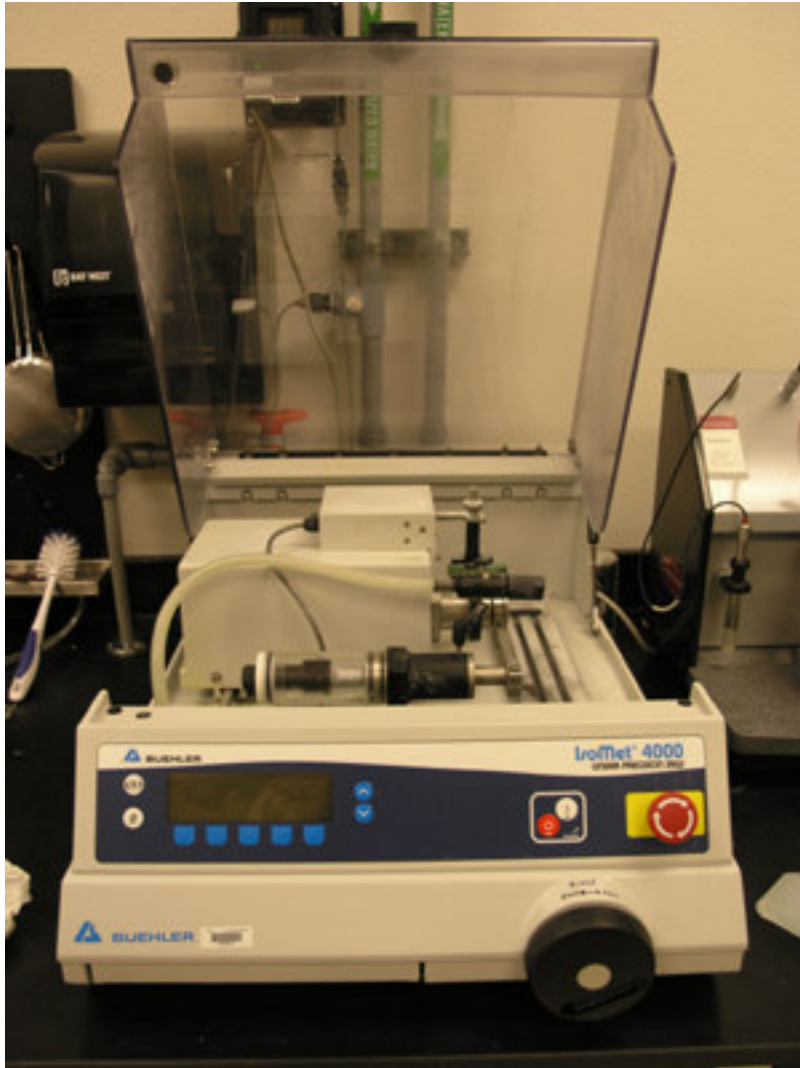
A high degree of texture is induced by printing



M Rodriguez
Sandia Labs

The Lotgering factor is 0.99 for the as-fired surface of the sintered screen printed sample and 0.98 for the sample interior

Buehler Isomet 4000 high speed saw to section samples



Cutting samples to precise dimensions

Up to 7" blade

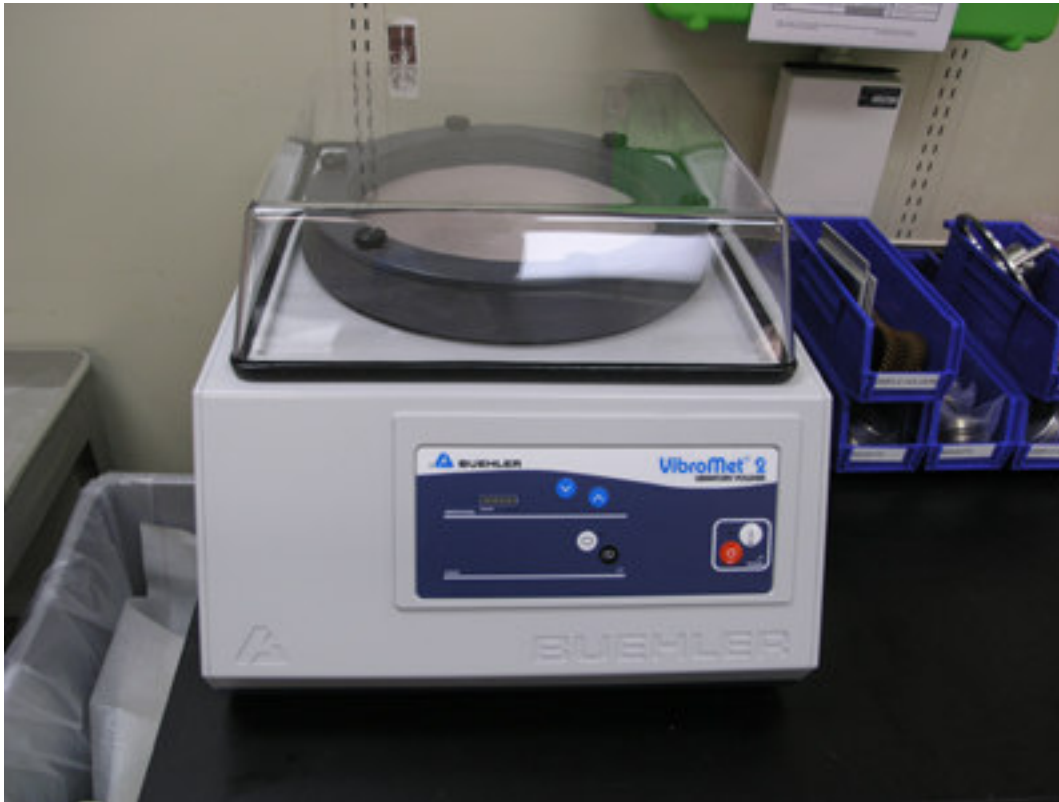
Variety of sample chucks

Wide range of feed rates and cutting speeds

Automatic dressing

Multiple programs

Buehler VibroMet 2 vibratory polisher to achieve sub-micron surface finish for analysis

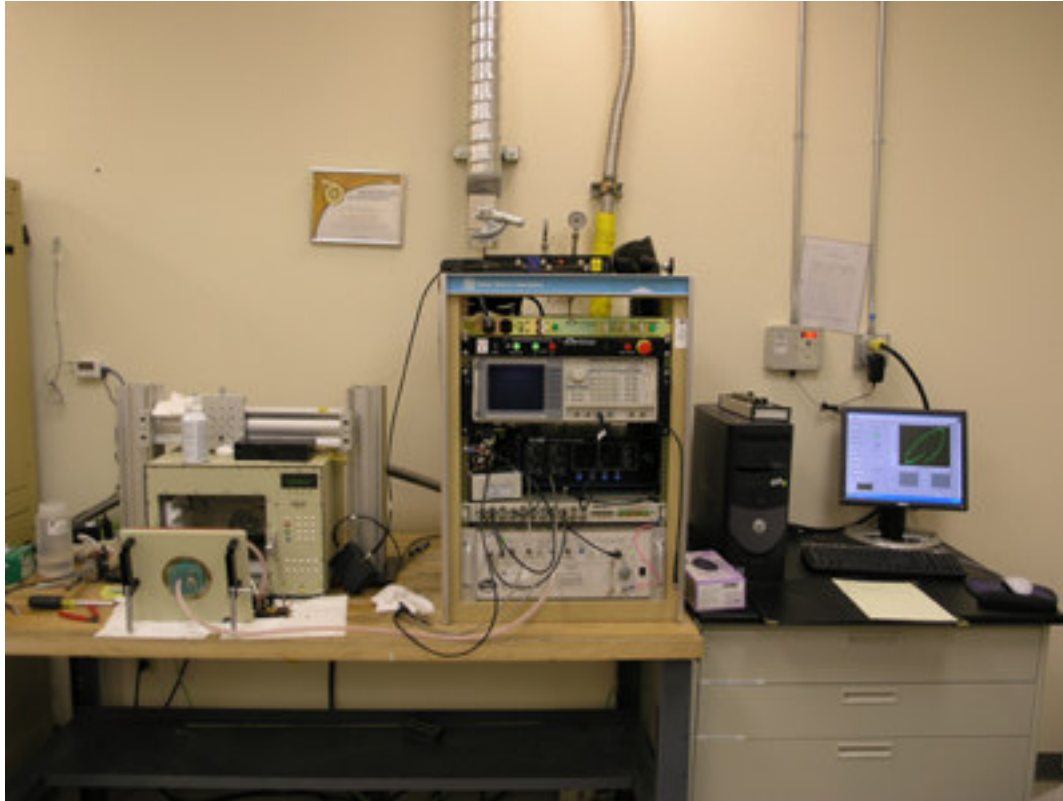


**Final surface polishing
for SEM, EBSD, etc
analysis**

Multiple speeds

Variety of finishing cloths and polishing pastes

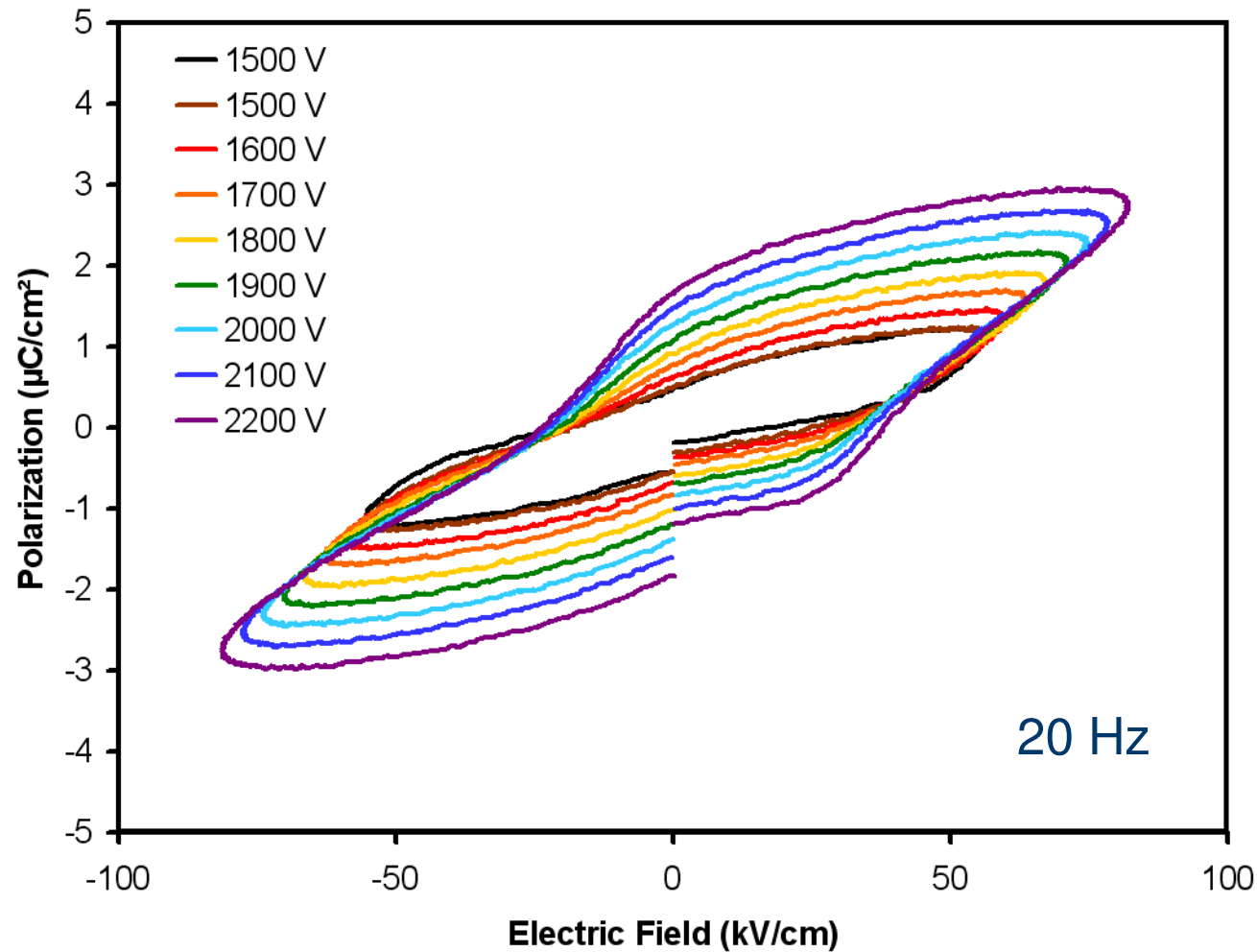
Sandia looper to evaluate polarization behavior



**Polarization as a function
of electric field**

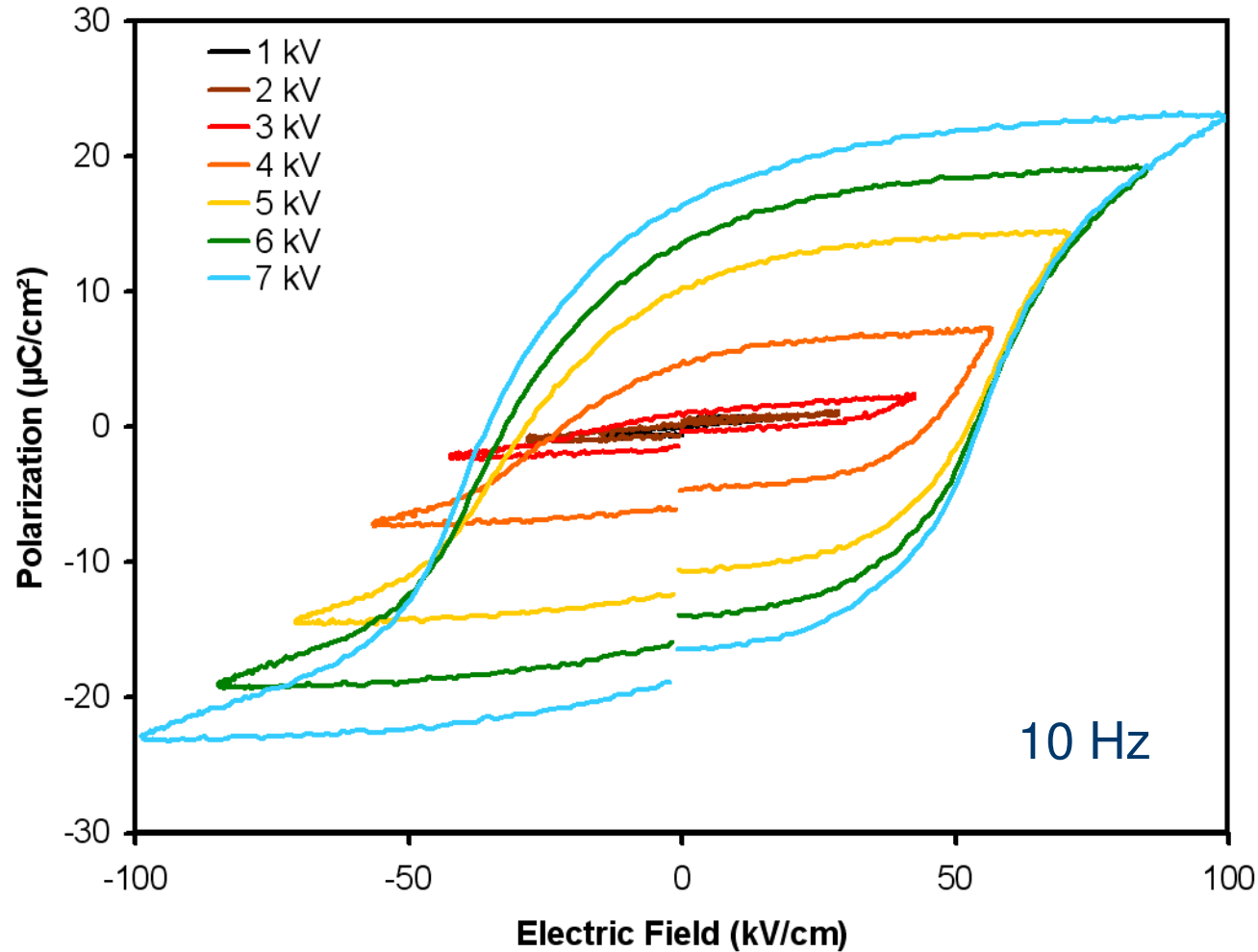
**-100°C to 250°C measurement
Effectively DC to 20 Hz
 $\pm 10,000$ V drive voltage**

Printed samples withstand high electric fields but show poor polarization along the c-axis



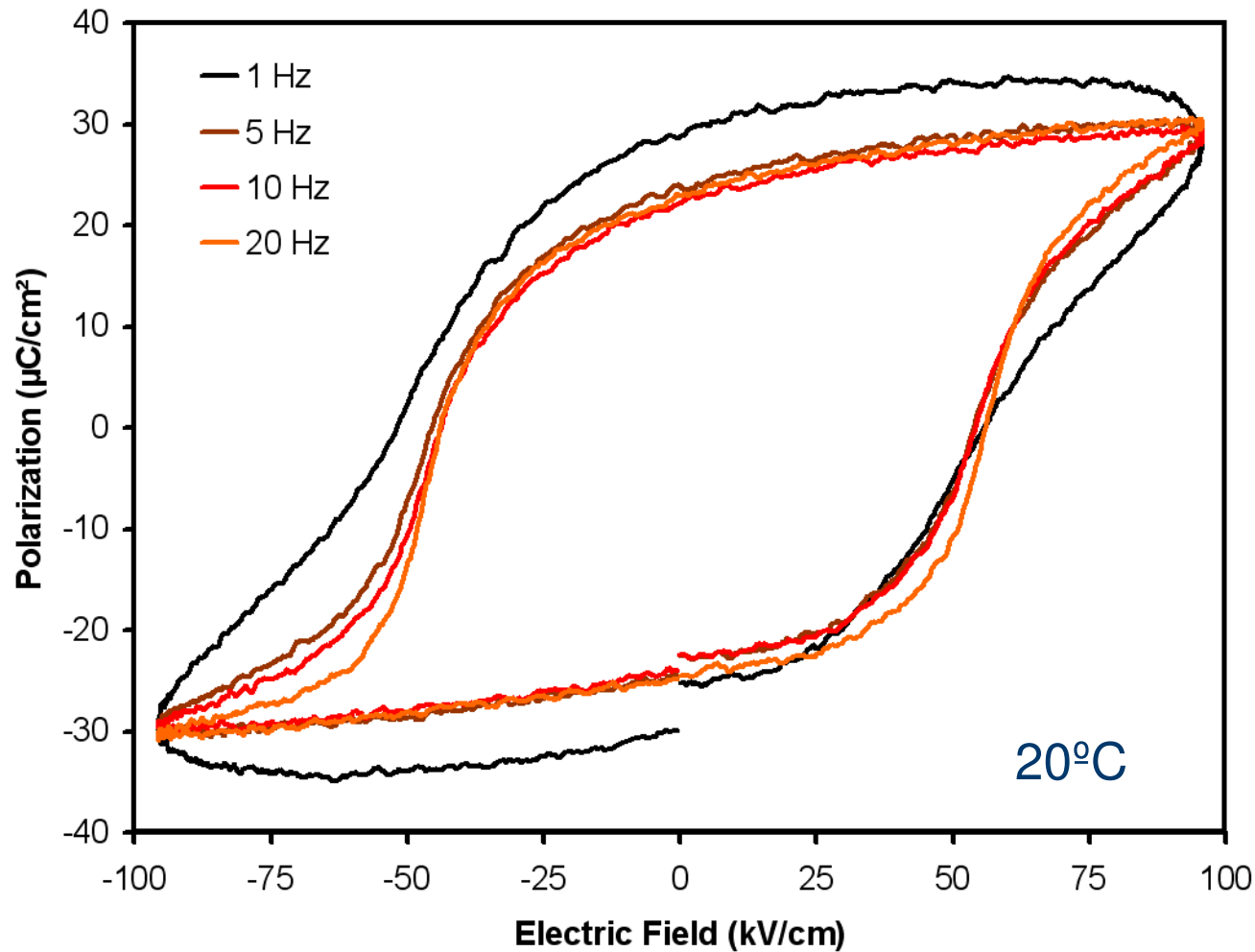
The P-E loops show some aging effects and do not maintain a consistent shape over larger drive voltages

Samples withstand high electric fields and show excellent polarization and high coercive fields in the a-b plane



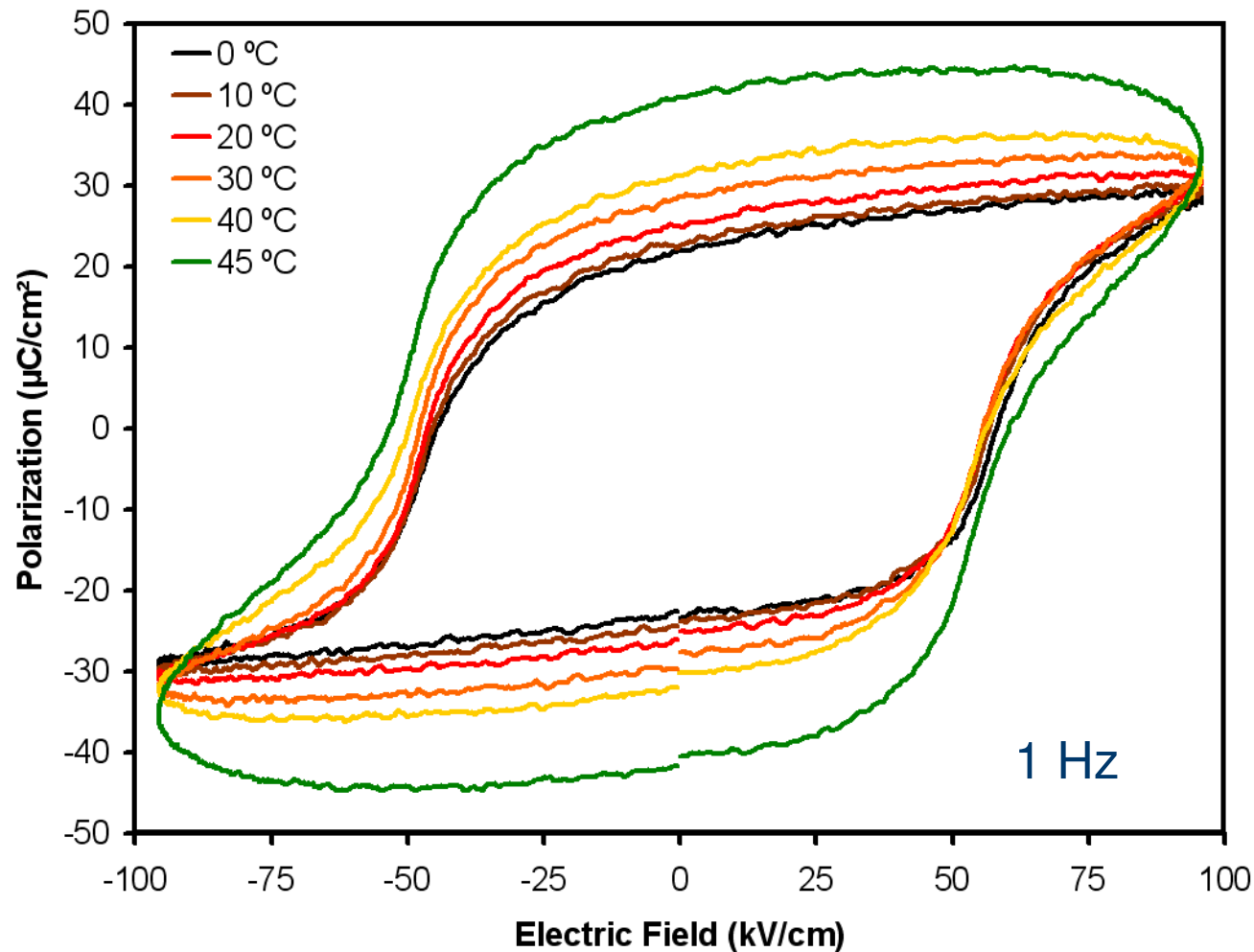
The P-E loops are not centered about the origin and show a degree of pinching at negative electric fields

The polarization loop decays at low frequency



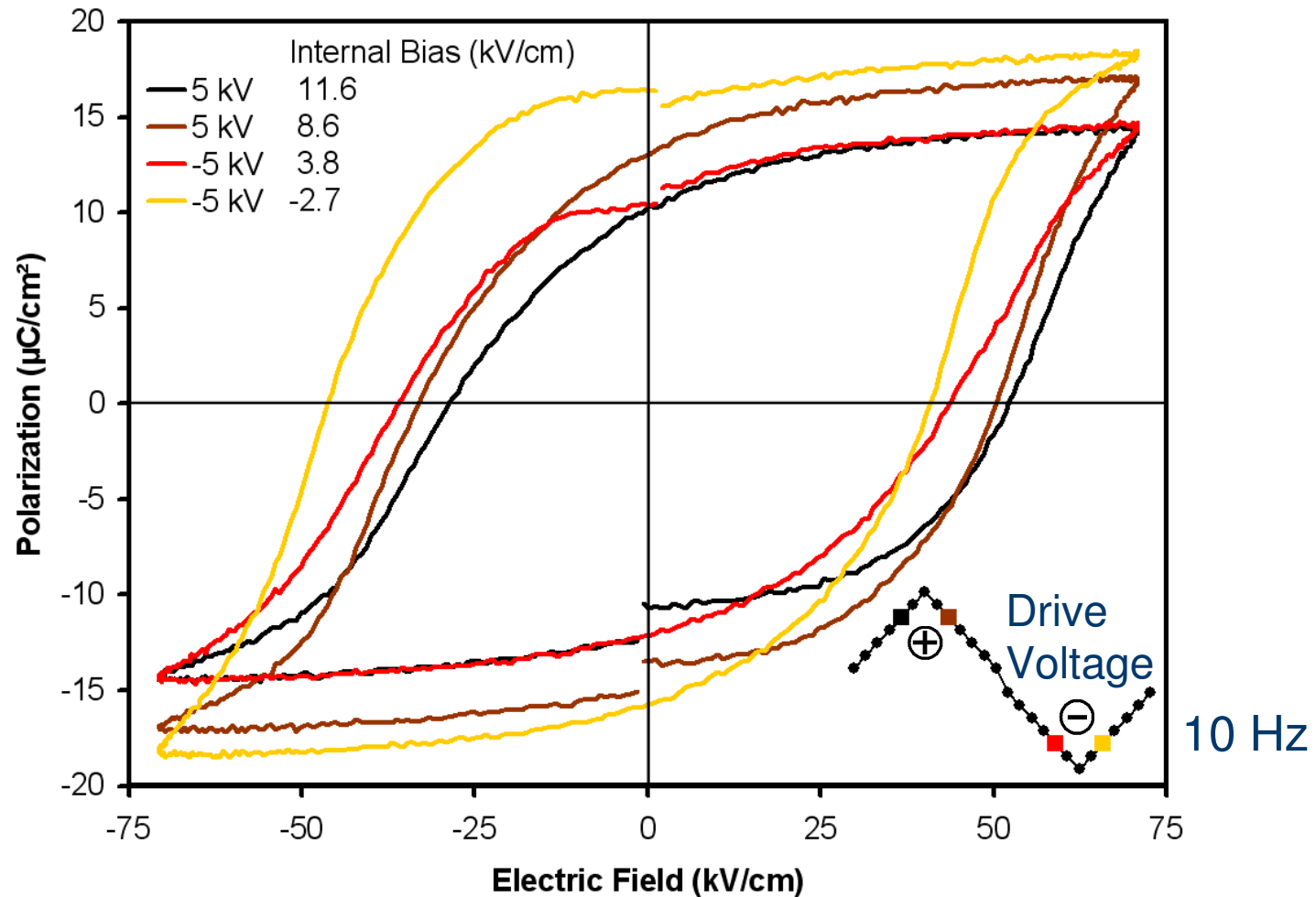
Some aging is present at lower frequencies and the loop begins to open, indicating conduction mechanisms

The polarization loop begins to decay just above room temperature



The opening of the loop indicates loss through conduction mechanisms

The polarization depends on the electric field history



The P-E loops are not centered about the origin and the shape changes depending on the drive voltage previously experienced

High temperature Sandia weak-field relative permittivity



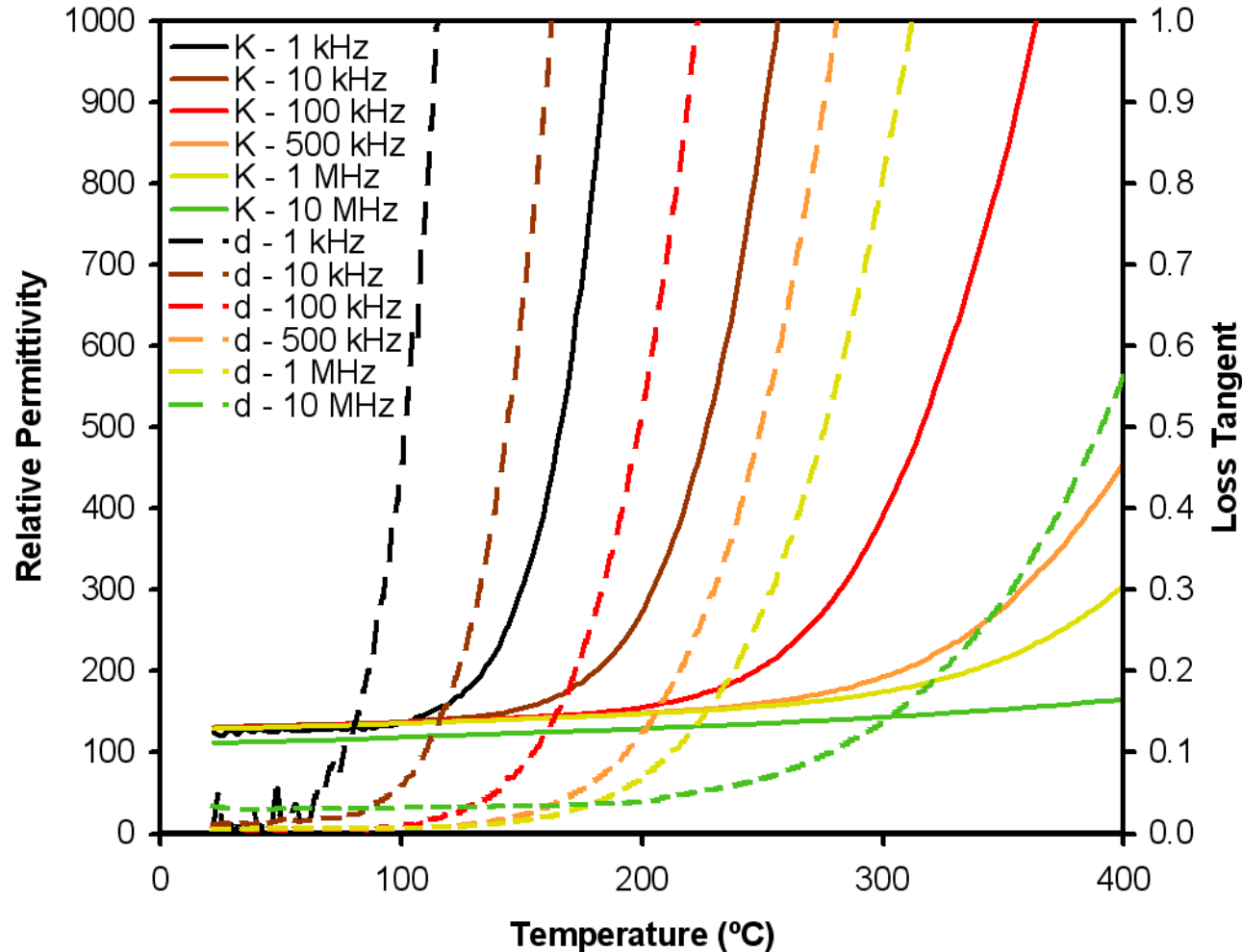
Relative permittivity
characterization as a
function of temperature
and frequency

Room temperature to 800°C measurement

40 Hz to 15 MHz

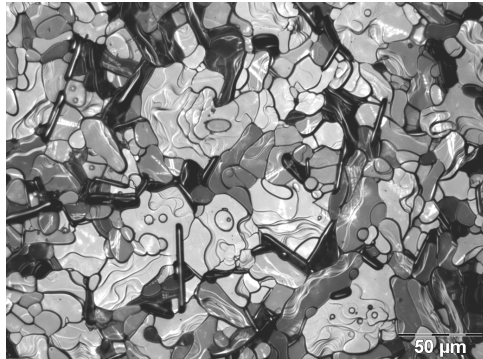
Programmable thermal profile

Higher frequencies show the best relative permittivity and lowest loss tangent



Previous work shows that the conduction mechanisms can be mitigated by doping with group V, VI, and other elements

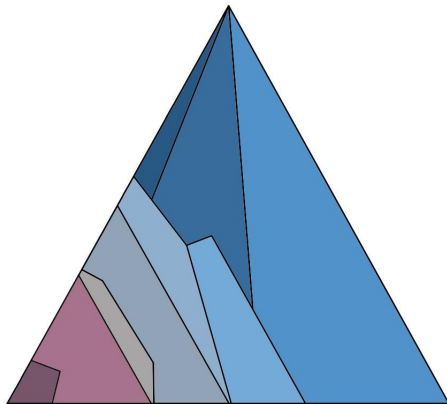
Textured layer-structure, lead-free materials show considerable promise to replace lead-based dielectrics



Screen printing has been shown to result in near single crystal texture

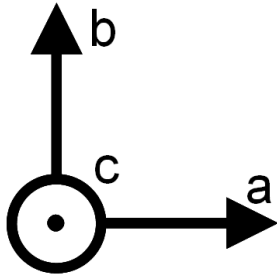


Textured materials show promise to achieve significant gains in dielectric properties

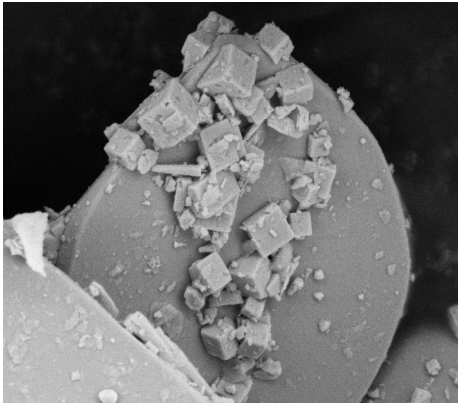


Several layer-structure materials have yet to be examined in the textured and untextured state

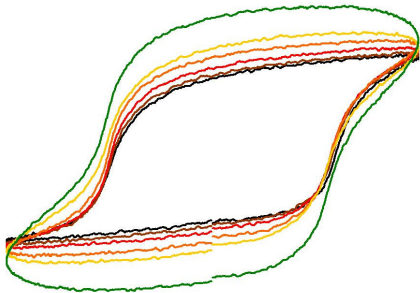
Textured ceramics: the big picture



Benefits of texturing are heavily influenced by material system characteristics



Anisotropic properties give rise to many unique opportunities



Crystalline texturing may also enhance “undesirable” properties – application dependent

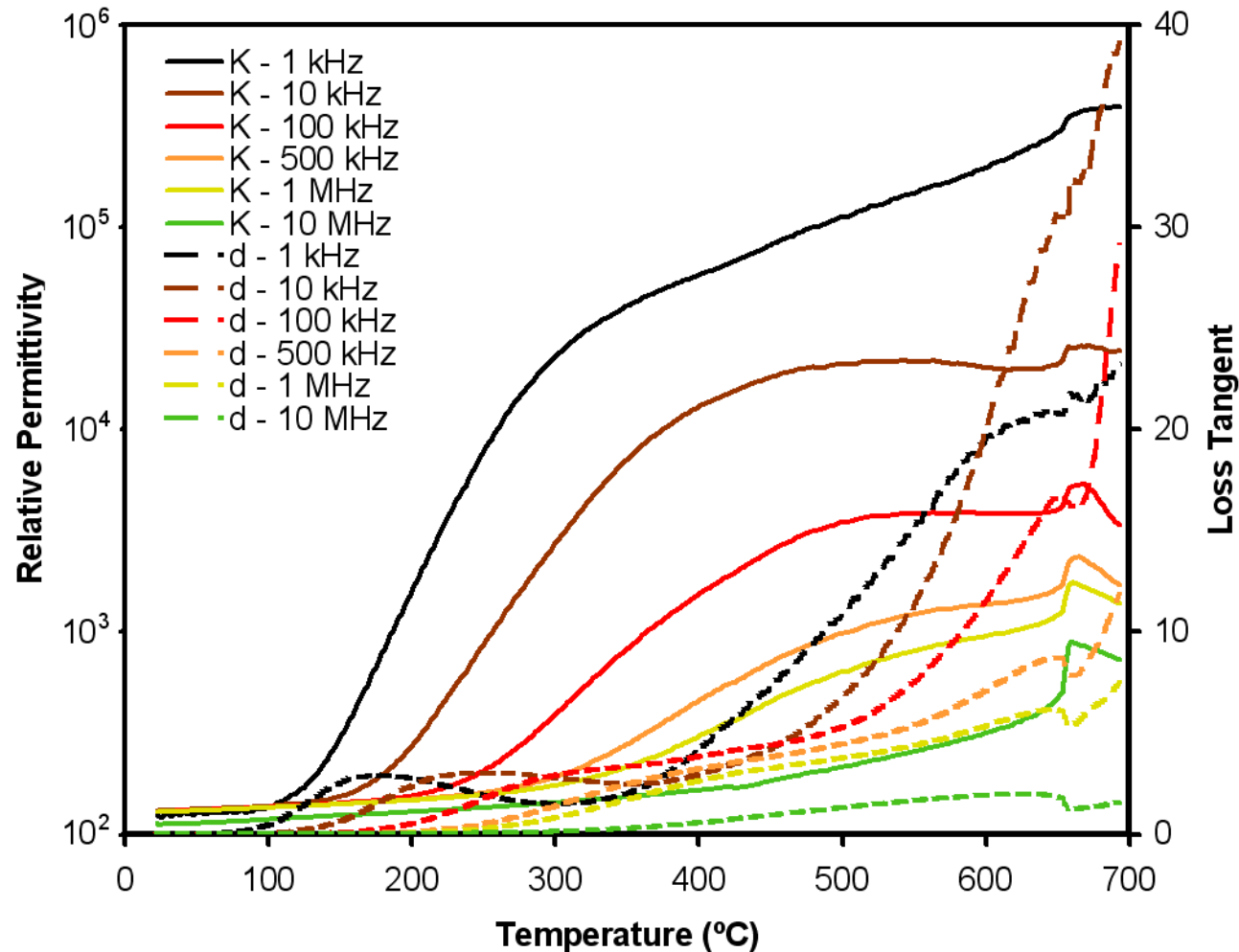
Questions?

Lotgering Factor is calculated from the powder diffraction pattern from 10 to 50 degrees 2-Theta

$$F = \frac{P - P_0}{1 - P_0}$$

$$P = \frac{\sum I(00l)}{\sum I(hkl)}, P_0 = \frac{\sum I_0(00l)}{\sum I_0(hkl)}$$

Textured samples show a small increase in relative permittivity but high loss in the a-b plane



The phase transition occurs at approximately 660°C for this material