



# High Temperature Ferroelectrics for Actuators: Recent Developments and Challenges

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### Venus

- Development of Earth-like planets in our solar system and elsewhere.
- Pathways toward habitable environments.
- Determine planet evolution: The nature, geochemical composition, surface and atmosphere interaction and the role of impacting objects.
- Venus is a planet very similar to Earth in mass, size and bulk density, but very different in surface environment and general geology.
- The Venera and Vega lander missions were accomplishments, but their chemical analyses did not permit detailed confident interpretation by the standards of terrestrial rock analyses.
- The harsh Venus environment caused short mission durations under two hours.

Surface Temperature: 467 °C Hotter than Mercury due to atmosphere 96.5% carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) 3.5% nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>) Surface Pressure 92 bars High radiation and chemical/physical corrosion

## **Ultrasonic drilling**

- Future NASA missions, New Frontier (Venus In-Situ Surface Explorer) and Flagship (e.g., Venus Surface Explorer and Venus Sample Return), will require advanced surface drilling technology to extract cores from the subsurface.
- Ultrasonic drills driven by piezoelectric motors offer significant advantages over rotary electric motors in terms weight, volume, and power requirement.
- Technology developed by Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Cybersonics.





Y. Bar-Cohen, Z. Chang, S. Sherrit, M. Badescu and X. Bao, Proceedings of SPIE: Smart Structures and Materials, **5762**, 152-159, (2005).

The ultrasonic drill design is compact, low mass of 450 grams and low power consumption of 5W. Presently, ultrasonic drill technology does not exist for harsh environments due to low operational temperature of the piezoelectric materials. Piezoelectric actuators are smaller, lighter, cheaper an outperform magnetostrictive actuators at high frequencies

# **Motivation**

- Stirling heat engine technology to replace RTG
- Increase conversion efficiency, reduce launch mass (specific power > 10 W/kg) and reduce cost.
- Reduces the Pu238 mass for safety cost.
- Several technical challenges: vibrations, electromagnetic interference and reliability/life due to piston motion.



Flat Plate Hot Heat Exchange



Piezoelectric replaces alternator

- Piezoelectric technology eliminates electromagnetic interference, enhances reliability/life by eliminating motion, reduces vibration caused by piston motion and reduces mass by eliminating magnets and coils required for power generation.
- Stirling engines have conversion efficiency on the order of 20-30%, linear alternators operate with >90% efficiency

Achieve 10-100 watt generator using piezoelectric technology.

 Nine proposed missions to the surface of Venus launching between 2016-2040 •No other technology capable of supporting long-lived surface operations

**Baseline Review** 



### **Thermal Depoling Temperature**

Thermally activated randomization of domains in ferroelectrics resulting in decreasing net polarization and piezoelectricity with or without a FE-FE or T>T<sub>f</sub> phase transformation. Weakening of bonds between A-site cations and oxygen atoms.

How to define depolarization: E.M. Anton, W. Jo, D. Damjanovic, and J. Rödel, J.Appl.Phys. 110, 094108 (2011)

 $T_d$  = the temperature of the steepest decrease of remanent polarization.

- 1- Thermally stimulated depolarization current
- 2- Dielectric constant / tan d characteristics as a function of temperature
- 3- Resonance peaks and electromechanical coupling coefficients.
- 4- Annealing and room temperature d<sub>33</sub>
- 5- In-situ XRD

6- In situ temperature-dependent piezoelectric coefficient d<sub>33</sub>



Qiang Zhang, Zhenrong Li,w Fei Li, Zhuo Xu, and Xi Yao, J. Am. Ceram. Soc., 93 [10] 3330–3334 (2010)





### **Piezoelectric Ceramics**







Shrout T., Zung P. C., Namchul K., Markgraf S. Ferroelectrics Letters **12**: 63-69, 1990.



H.C. Materials Corp.

A. Sehirlioglu, P.D. Han, and D.A. Payne, J. Appl. Phys. **99**, 064101 (2006).









- Tri $\rightarrow$ M $\rightarrow$ PC $\rightarrow$ R $\rightarrow$ T
- Hybridization of Bi-6p and O-2p orbitals drive the FE instabilities.
- Strong Bi- O covalency favoring FE and high Tc.
- Competition between presence of Bi and decreasing t for FE activity,
   <sup>arger</sup> and random field effects

Inaguma et al., J. Appl. Phys. 95, 231 (2004)

## Guidelines



case 1: *b* >0 and *c* >0, case 2: *b* >0, *c* <0, and *|*2*c|* >*b*, case 3: *b* <0 and *c* <0,

 $T_c(x) = a + bx + cx^2$ 

 Additional requirement for t-Tc trend: Enhancement of Tc in tetragonal phase (Case II)

- Spread of tolerance factor Δt: Difference between max and min permissible t in a solid solution.
  V,Mn,Al,Ni
- Variance of B-site ionic radius (σ<sup>2</sup>).
- Effectively, the largest  $\Delta t$  and  $\sigma^2$  values give the greatest enhancement in transition temperature.
- Random strain fields

C. J. Stringer, T. R. Shrout, C. A. Randall, and I. M. Reaney, Journal of Applied Physics **99**, 024106 (2006);

- A-site distortion magnitude depends on the B-site cation
- In T phase larger cations forming (001) face, (i) smaller displacement, (ii) tilt in the distortion direction.
- Larger B cations will shift the x(MPB) to higher PT content



# High $T_c$ with high tetragonality = problem



Stein, Suchomel, and Davies Appl. Phys. Lett. 89, 132907 2006

 $xBiFeO_3$ -(1-x)PbTiO<sub>3</sub>: R3c, T<sub>c</sub> =836°C,

- MPB: x=0.66-0.73
- c/a near MPB: 1.187 (1.06 for PT)
- Possible intermediate phase at MPB
- Fragile: large c/a and NTEC

#### **Properties:**

- Highly conductive
- Difficult to pole both due to tetragonality and conductivity (ferroelastic measurements show unstable domains)
- Thermal hysteresis
- Adding BaTiO<sub>3</sub> improves resistivity at the cost of  $T_c$  but the dielectric losses remain high.
- Attempts to decrease conductivity, decreased T<sub>c</sub> Kounga Njiwa et al., J. Am. Ceram. Soc., 89 [5] 1761 (2006)

xBi(Zn,Ti)O<sub>3</sub>-(1-x)PbTiO<sub>3</sub>  $\rightarrow$  similar problems to BF-PT. Zn, Ti, and Fe are all FE-active, stronger coupling between A- and B-site distortions.

vs. xBi(Mg,Ti)O<sub>3</sub>-(1-x)PbTiO<sub>3</sub>: Mg<sup>2+</sup>:72pm, Zn<sup>2+</sup>:74pm→ importance of off-centering MPB x=0.37, higher T<sub>c</sub> than BS, lower d33 vs. xBi(Zn,Zr)O<sub>3</sub>-(1-x)PbTiO<sub>3</sub>: Zr<sup>4+</sup>:72pm, Ti<sup>2+</sup>:60.5pm→ limited displacement of Zr limited solubility, MPB cannot be processed.

#### **Case II materials**

- Necessary to get high T<sub>c</sub> at the MPB
- xBi(Mg,Ti)O<sub>3</sub>-(1-x)PbTiO<sub>3</sub> T<sub>c</sub>>400°C, d<sub>33</sub>>200pm/V
  - R3c-P4mm core shell structure at MPB with R core and T shell, with frozen in polarization state (no frequency dispersion).
  - Poling can change the local symmetry Randall et al., Journal of Applied Physics **95**, 3633 (2004)
- xBi(Ni,Ti)O<sub>3</sub>-(1-x)PbTiO<sub>3</sub>
  - High conductivity and dielectric losses Choi et al., J. Appl. Phys. **98**, 034108 (2005).
- BMT metastable, high pressure synthesis, O, AFE, with strong driving force for ordering

Suewattana et al. Phys. Rev B 86, 064105 (2012)

 At 325°C pseudo-cubic peak appears – so there might be a phase coexistence range (similar to BF-PT, BS-PT)

Chen et al., Journal of Applied Physics 106, 034109 (2009)

•  $T_d$  lower for  $d_{33}$  than tan  $\delta$ ,  $d_{33}$  reflects the temperature where a structural instability starts. BMT-PT, BS-PT, BF-PT-La

Leist et al., J. Am. Ceram. Soc., 95 [2] 711–715 (2012)



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Reports on mixed phases as a function of Temp:

- T+C in BZT-PT and BS-PT (coexistence range varying from >100° down to 5° with increasing PT content. 111 invariant plane.
- T1+R  $\rightarrow$  T1+T2+R for BF-PT

Lalitha et al. J. Am. Ceram. Soc., 95 [8] 2635–2639 (2012) Kothai et al. J. of Appl. Phys. **113**, 084102 (2013);

### Two volatile species = a more complicated world

What we learned from PZT, guides us but not always applicable the same way.

- Effect of dopants are material specific [i.e., Donor doping with volatile species (PZT) vs. non-volatile species (BaTiO<sub>3</sub>)]
- $La_{Pb}^{\bullet}$ ,  $Nb_{Ti}^{\bullet}$  does not have the same enhancements. Mn is the most successful dopant.
- Zr<sup>•</sup><sub>Sc</sub> = not multi-valent, cannot be used in PZT as an aliovalent dopant.

#### **Observations:**

- Increased dielectric constant
- Lower temperature dependence of FE properties
- Square hysteresis loops
- Higher symmetry in bipolar measurements

- Decrease in electromechanical coefficients
- Lack of change in E<sub>c</sub>

"On the basis of vacancies facilitating domain boundary motion"



#### Two volatile species = a more complicated world



# Structure specific behavior?



## Perovskite but which symmetry?

In BF-PT different ranges have been reported to be MPB (PT = 0.27-0.40 range)

- R and T ratio differences for same composition near MPB. Not observed away from MPB
- R phase crucial to keep the samples mechanically intact.
- Energy difference between R and T is small near MPB
- Local kinetic factors determine if metastable R will form.
- Samples are not inhomogeneous (microprobe/broadening)



Kothai et al. J. of Appl. Phys. **113**, 084102 (2013) Bhattacharjee et al. Phys.Rev. B 84, 104116 (2011).

- T1-T2 difference is the extent of hybridization
- R phase 11%→7% with temperature. (R3c)
- R+T needs to be shared in the same grain.



It was claimed to be due to sample prep.

D. I. Woodward et al., J. Appl. Phys. 94, 3313 (2003).











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PZT5A3	38670	0.08	0	0	0	354	366

\* d<sub>33</sub> values calculated from thickness mode

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# Doping of BiScO<sub>3</sub>-Bi(Zn,Zr)O<sub>3</sub>-PbTiO<sub>3</sub>

SIZZD- BZZ1-5BI (5BZZ-30BS-5BI-60PT), BZZ2-1Mn<sub>Ti</sub>



	K	tan $\delta$	d <sub>33</sub> (pm/V)*	k <sub>p</sub>	Q <sub>m</sub>	T <sub>d</sub> (°C)	T <sub>c</sub> (°C)
BZZ2	780	0.017	526	0.45	38	382	422
1Mn(Ti)	610	0.005	304	0.34	100	382	421
SIZZD	1760	0.062	630	0.45	13	342	398
PZT5A3	1910	0.013	982	0.507	64	354	366

\*Engineering high field d<sub>33</sub> values

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	К	tan δ	d <sub>33</sub> (pm/V)*	k <sub>p</sub>	<b>Q</b> <sub>m</sub>	T <sub>d</sub> (°C)	T <sub>c</sub> (°C)
BZZ2	6250	0.077	260	0.44	65	382	422
1Mn(Ti)	4828	0.09	281	0.32	68	382	421
SIZZD+	6630	0.036	485	0.50	59	342	398
PZT5A3	38670	0.08	0	0	0	354	366

+ Data at 300°C for SIZZD

\* d<sub>33</sub> values calculated from thickness mode

## Summary

- Increasing demand for high temperature piezoelectrics.
- $xBi(Me_1, Me_1, \dots)O_3$ -(1-x)PbTiO<sub>3</sub> solid solutions drive research.
- Factors that increase  $T_c$  (c/a ratio, FE active cations) lead to difficulties in poling, increased dielectric losses and dc conductivity.
- Depoling Temperature
- Multiple volatile cations: Complicated charge compensation possible.
- Local inhomogeneties, local random fields.
- Relearning what we have learned from PZT.
- Initial breakthrough but minor improvements since then.
- However, lots of interesting science still waiting. Acknowledgments: Thomas Sabo (CWRU), Fred Dynys, Ali Sayir, Nathan Jacobson, Rodger Dyson, Kirsten Duffy, James B. Min (NASA), Jacob Jones (NC State), Morgan Electroceramics

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