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Answer: We agree with the reviewer that the most popular piezoelectric material is PZT or PMN-PT oxides, rather than the PVDF, based on the consideration of (a) useable temperature range and environmental stability, (b) processing challenges that require complex poling process such as corona poling, and (c) flexibility in implementation. In addition to the main limitation of operating temperature range and temperature stability which is determined by the Curie temperature. It is generally accepted that commercial PVDF devices should not be used above 65 – 80 °C because of deterioration of the piezoelectric performance. In poling PVDF, high electrical field and mechanical stretching (stabilization of β phase) are needed simultaneously to align the dipoles to achieve polarization. Figure R1-R3 shows the issues with temperature stability of piezoelectric, ferroelectric, mechanical properties of PVDF and copolymer PVDF-TrFE.¹



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Answer: While the fundamental reason must be explained from microscopic mechanisms at electronic level, as mentioned in our above answer to Comment 2, proximal inter-ferroelectric phase transformation also provides useful insights into this interesting question¹⁰: perovskite-type ferroelectric compounds (e.g., BaTiO₃) and pseudo-binary solid solutions (e.g., PMN-PT and PZN-PT) do exhibit similar thermodynamic behaviors in the sense of FE-FE phase transitions, wherein the former is induced by temperature while the latter is induced by composition (across morphotropic phase boundary); there are two or more FE phases in the vicinity of inter-ferroelectric phase transformation temperature or composition, which changes the ferroelectric anisotropy by flattening the free energy landscape, promoting the shear coefficient. In this sense, PT is different: as the end member of the pseudo-binary solid solutions, PT is far from MPB and there is no intermediate FE-FE phase transition below T_c , therefore PT does not show flattening of free energy function. On the other hand, the properties of PMN-PT and PZN-PT are attributed to the existence of MPB and its effects on free energy function and ferroelectric anisotropy.

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Answer: We agree with the reviewer. we have moved the previous Figure 5 [Figure 5 | Domain structures of textured SM-PT ceramic under TEM] and discussion about domains into the supporting information. We only kept previous Figure 6 [Figure 6 | PFM images of nontextured]

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Answer: In revised manuscript, we added the dependence of the anisotropy g_{33}/g_{31} on the degree of texture. We have also provided some additional piezoelectric properties, such as ε_r , d_{33} , g_{33} , k_{31} , g_{31} , as a function of the texture degree. These data suggests that we need to consider two types of anisotropy.

(a) Crystallographic anisotropy

This type of anisotropy refers to the magnitude change of a particular parameter, such as d_{33} , g_{33} , ε_r as a function of crystallographic orientation. As shown in Response Figure R5a, with the increase in <001> texture degree, the d_{33} increases, ε_r decreases, and g_{33} increases. We utilized crystallographic anisotropy to achieve the goal of large g_{33} , as we discussed in the main manuscript.



Response Figure R5 | **Piezoelectric properties of doped PT ceramics as a function of texture degree:** (a) ε_r , d_{33} and g_{33} and (b) k_{31} , g_{31} and $g_{33/g_{31}}$.

(b) Macroscopic piezoelectric property anisotropy, g_{33}/g_{31}

Figure R5b shows the ratio of g_{33}/g_{31} in <001> textured PT ceramics as a function of texture degree. It can be found that the ratio of g_{33}/g_{31} is about 10 at low texture degree, but rapidly decreases to 4.8 when the ceramic is highly textured (e.g. >0.9). Based on the literature, the distinct macroscopic piezoelectric anisotropy (high g_{33}/g_{31} or d_{33}/d_{31}) of the doped PT random ceramics may not be a property of the single crystal but of the ceramic.¹¹ In modified (such as Ca or Sm) PT ceramic, the ratio of d_{33}/d_{31} has been reported to be over 10.¹² In PT single crystal, d_{33}/d_{31} is only 4.7, as measured by Gavrilyachenko.¹¹ As suggested by experimental results and phase field modeling, <001> textured PT has multi-domain structure but 90° domain switching is difficult, thus the ratio of g_{33}/g_{31} in highly <001>-textured PT ceramics is similar to single-domain crystals.

In our study, the giant value of g_{33} was realized by exploiting crystallographic anisotropy (first type) through maximized ratio of d_{33} and ε_r . Further, a combination of both large $g_{33}\sim70 \times 10^{-3}$ Vm/N and large $g_{33}/g_{31} \sim 11$ can be achieved at partial texture around f = 0.8, which is also attractive for applications.

In the manuscript, we made the changes as marked by red color:

Anisotropy of dielectric and piezoelectric properties. Figure 4(a) shows the dependence of dielectric and piezoelectric properties on the degree of texture. With increase in <001> texture degree, it can be found that d_{33} increases while ε_r decreases, resulting in a large magnitude of g_{33} in textured samples.

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