

## Supporting Information

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**Table S1.** Materials constants of BTO and PVA.

BTO:

relative dielectric permittivity  $\epsilon_r$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1200 & & \\ & 1200 & \\ & & 1200 \end{bmatrix}$$

piezoelectric coefficient  $\mathbf{d}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 270 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 270 & 0 & 0 \\ -79 & -79 & 191 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (pC/N)}$$

elastic stiffness  $\mathbf{c}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 178 & 96.4 & 96.4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 96.4 & 178 & 96.4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 96.4 & 96.4 & 178 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 122 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 122 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 122 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (GPa)}$$

PVA:

relative dielectric permittivity  $\epsilon_r$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & & \\ & 10 & \\ & & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

piezoelectric coefficient  $\mathbf{d}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (pC/N)}$$

elastic stiffness  $\mathbf{c}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.69 & 0.87 & 0.87 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.87 & 1.69 & 0.87 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.87 & 0.87 & 1.69 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.41 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.41 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.41 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (GPa)}$$

**Note S1.** Expressions of quality factors

In the fitting, the results are dissimilar by using different ranges of data. This is because in the entire 20×20 range, the magnitude of the data is very different. The fitting will choose the case where the average error is small, but this will cause the error of (0.1, 0.1) and nearby points (their values to change drastically) become larger. So here, we choose the geometric ratio from 0.1 to 1, and do another fitting with 10×10 points. For the fitting function in a small area, the error is reduced, but the applicable range is also reduced.

The range of 10×10 in **Fig. 4**:

$$d_{33}/c_{33} = \frac{a+b\ln x+c\ln^2 x+d\ln y+e\ln^2 y+f\ln^3 y}{1+g\ln x+h\ln^2 x+i\ln y+j\ln^2 y} \quad (1)$$

$$k_{33} = \frac{a+b\ln x+c\ln^2 x+d\ln^3 x+e\ln y+f\ln^2 y}{1+g\ln x+h\ln^2 x+i\ln y+j\ln^2 y} \quad (2)$$

$$d_{33}s_{11} = \frac{a+b\ln x+c\ln^2 x+d\ln^3 x+e\ln y+f\ln^2 y}{1+g\ln x+h\ln^2 x+i\ln y+j\ln^2 y} \quad (3)$$

The range of 20×20 in **Fig. S6**:

$$z = \frac{a+c\ln x+e\ln y+g\ln^2 x+i\ln^2 y+k\ln x\ln y}{1+b\ln x+d\ln y+f\ln^2 x+h\ln^2 y+j\ln x\ln y} \quad (4)$$

This expression is exactly the same for the three quality factors, so  $z$  represents  $d_{33}/c_{33}$ ,  $k_{33}$ , and  $d_{33}s_{11}$  respectively.

The specific value of the coefficients in the expressions are in **Table S2**.

**Table S2.** Coefficients for expressions of the quality factorIn the range of  $10 \times 10$ :

	<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>d</b>	<b>e</b>
$d_{33}/c_{33}$	0.112824	0.095863	0.080419	-0.037756	-0.093693
$k_{33}$	0.000683	0.000597	0.000487	-0.000494	-0.000241
$d_{33}s_{11}$	0.015309	-0.007259	-0.015120	-0.015243	0.005455
	<b>f</b>	<b>g</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>i</b>	<b>j</b>
$d_{33}/c_{33}$	-0.080056	0.454427	0.085712	0.285105	0.089104
$k_{33}$	-0.000589	0.468187	0.089616	0.279146	0.086415
$d_{33}s_{11}$	0.004178	0.119441	0.058024	0.529040	0.078339

In the range of  $20 \times 20$ :

	<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>d</b>	<b>e</b>	<b>f</b>
$d_{33}/c_{33}$	0.101357	0.394589	-0.001939	0.402369	-0.001294	0.004402
$k_{33}$	0.000611	0.397090	-0.000010	0.403412	-0.000007	0.005104
$d_{33}s_{11}$	0.015706	0.373282	-0.000543	0.422551	-0.000097	-0.003383
	<b>g</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>i</b>	<b>j</b>	<b>k</b>	
$d_{33}/c_{33}$	-0.001493	0.008120	-0.001224	0.150060	0.004721	
$k_{33}$	-0.000009	0.008285	-0.000007	0.150417	0.000028	
$d_{33}s_{11}$	-0.000323	0.011846	-0.000518	0.153484	0.000993	

**Table S3.** Material parameters for different ceramic fillers

	$c_{11}$ (GPa)	$c_{12}$ (GPa)	$c_{33}$ (GPa)	$c_{44}$ (GPa)	$\epsilon_{33}$	$d_{33}$ (pC/N)	$d_{31}$ (pC/N)	$d_{15}$ (pC/N)
<b>ZnO</b>	209.7	121.0	211.2	42.4	10.2	11.67	-5.43	-11.34
<b>KNN</b>	136.2	86.2	98.5	22.8	2000	380.0	-140	690.00
<b>PZT</b>	121.0	77.0	111.0	21.0	1700	374.0	-171	584.00
<b>PMN-35</b>								
<b>PT</b>	115.0	103.0	103.0	69.0	8200	2820	-1300	146.00
<b>BTO</b>	178.0	96.4	178.0	122.0	1200	191.0	-79.00	270.00
<b>ZnS</b>	120.4	69.2	127.6	22.8	8.7	3.23	-1.13	-2.80
<b>CdS</b>	90.7	58.1	93.8	15.0	9.5	10.3	-5.00	-14.00
<b>PZT</b>	126.0	67.9	117.0	22.2	3400	593.0	-274.00	741.00
<b>LNO</b>	203.0	53.0	245.0	60.0	29.0	6.0	-1.00	68.00
<b>LTO</b>	233.0	53.0	275.0	94.0	43.0	8.0	-2.00	26.00
<b>BFO</b>	239.0	144.0	164.0	41.0	1000	18.0	-12.67	27.60
<b>BNN</b>	239.0	104.0	135.0	65.0	32.0	37.0	-7.00	42.00

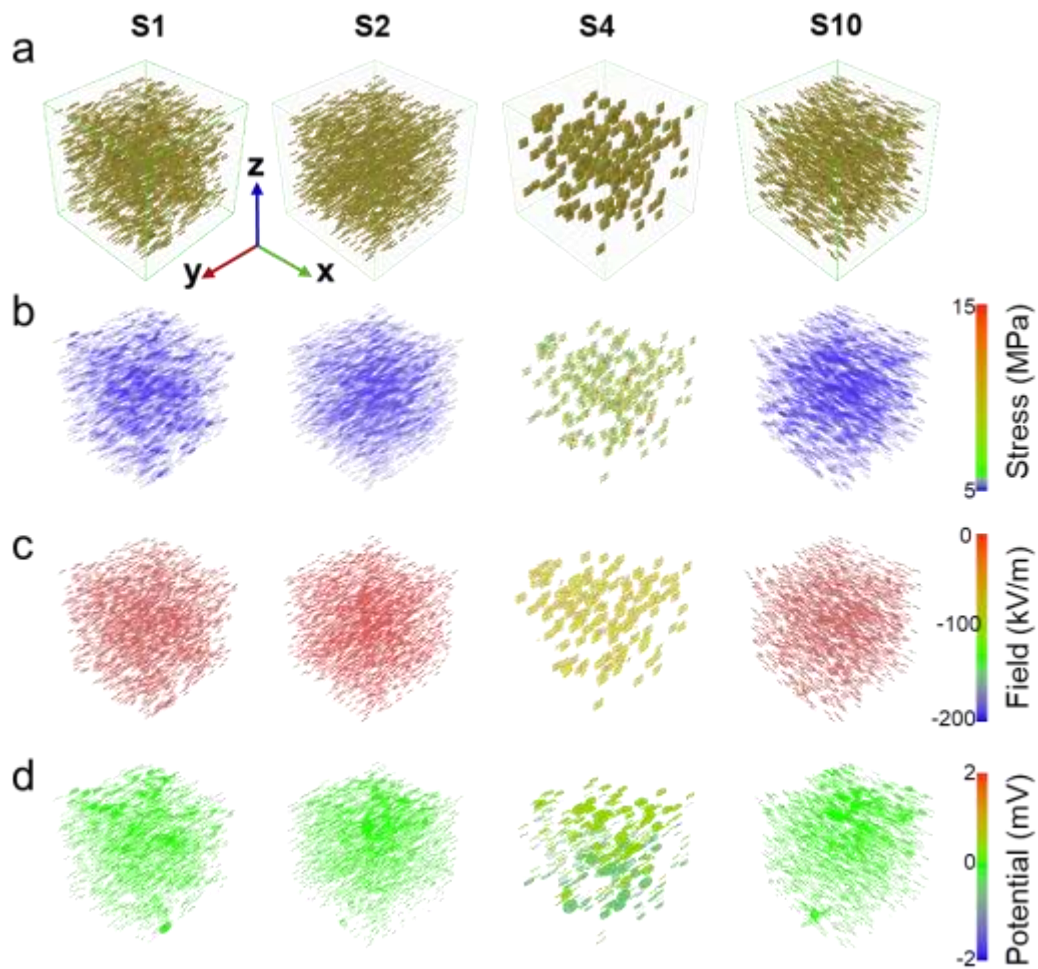
**Table S4.** Complete data of the trained model

$\beta =$

-3.18E-4	2.12E-4	1.52E-4	1.74E-3	-2.70E-6	-2.40E-5	-6.92E-5	5.06E-6	2.57E-2
-1.44E-3	8.64E-4	3.26E-4	1.38E-3	-2.03E-6	-9.56E-6	-3.57E-5	2.36E-6	1.18E-2
6.04E-2	-3.13E-2	2.93E-2	1.40E-2	3.06E-6	-3.18E-4	-5.48E-4	1.14E-4	2.07E-1
1.09E-3	-7.47E-4	2.12E-4	6.87E-4	2.40E-7	3.05E-6	6.85E-6	5.00E-7	1.00E-2
-6.63E-1	2.14E+0	-9.15E-1	4.31E+0	3.79E-3	-4.33E-4	1.97E-2	6.25E-3	9.09E-1
2.10E+0	6.22E+0	-5.38E+0	8.41E+0	-6.69E-3	5.85E-2	-1.79E-1	4.11E-2	2.93E+0
1.16E-2	-2.20E+0	1.89E+0	-3.49E+0	1.80E-3	2.20E-2	6.27E-2	-1.26E-2	-1.11E+0
1.55E+0	-2.45E+0	-5.08E-2	-4.50E-1	5.36E-4	1.35E-3	4.98E-3	7.86E-4	1.21E-1

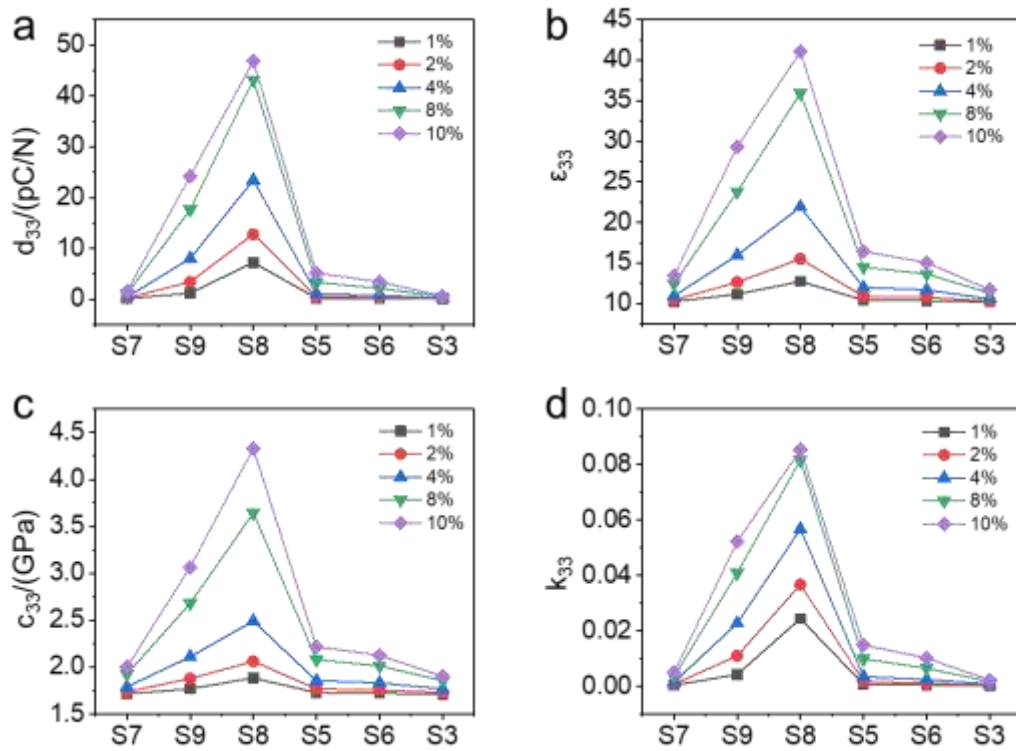
$\alpha =$

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-8.239
1.870
-0.869

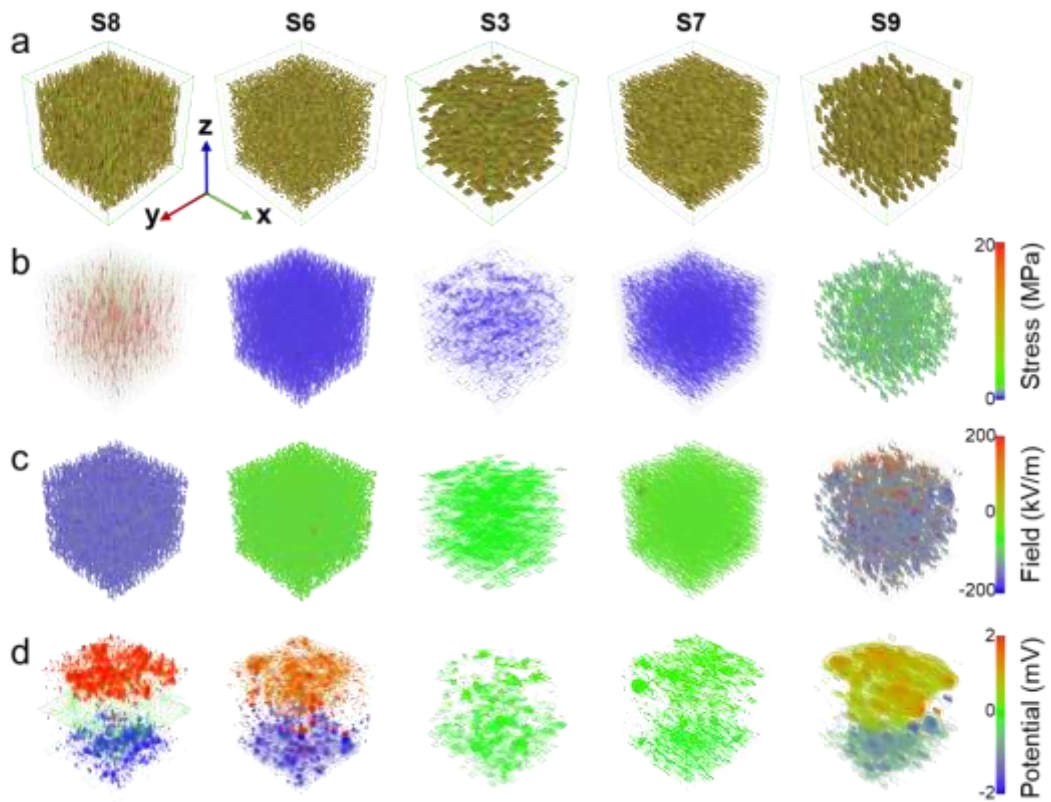


**Figure S1.** Phase-field simulation results of (a) four types of nanocomposites with randomly aligned nanofillers with diverse shape and orientation. Their corresponding (b) stress distribution, (c) electric field and (d) electric potential in response to the applied stress of 1 MPa along the z-axis.

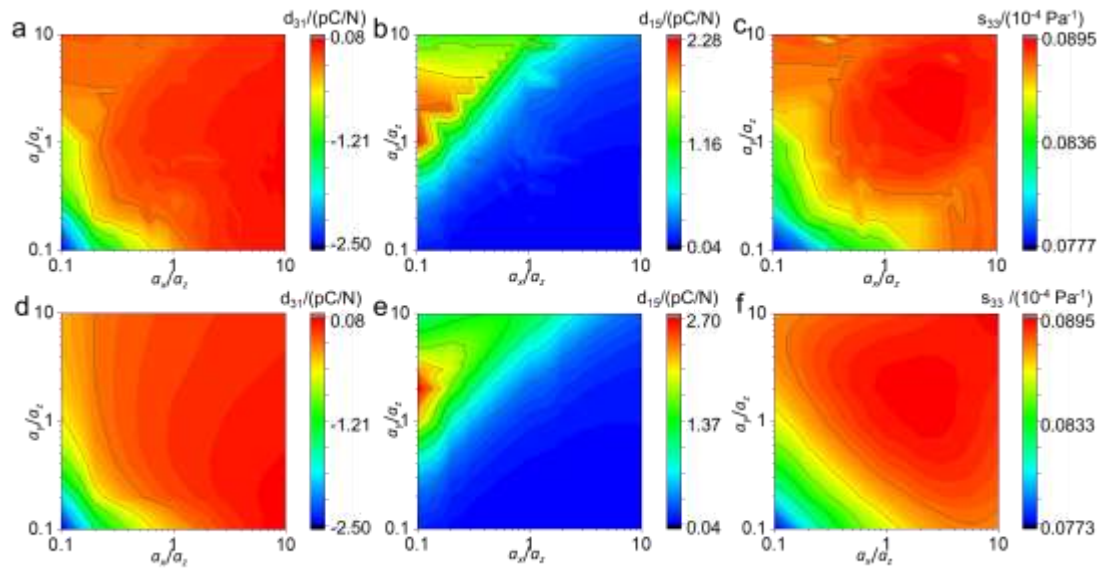




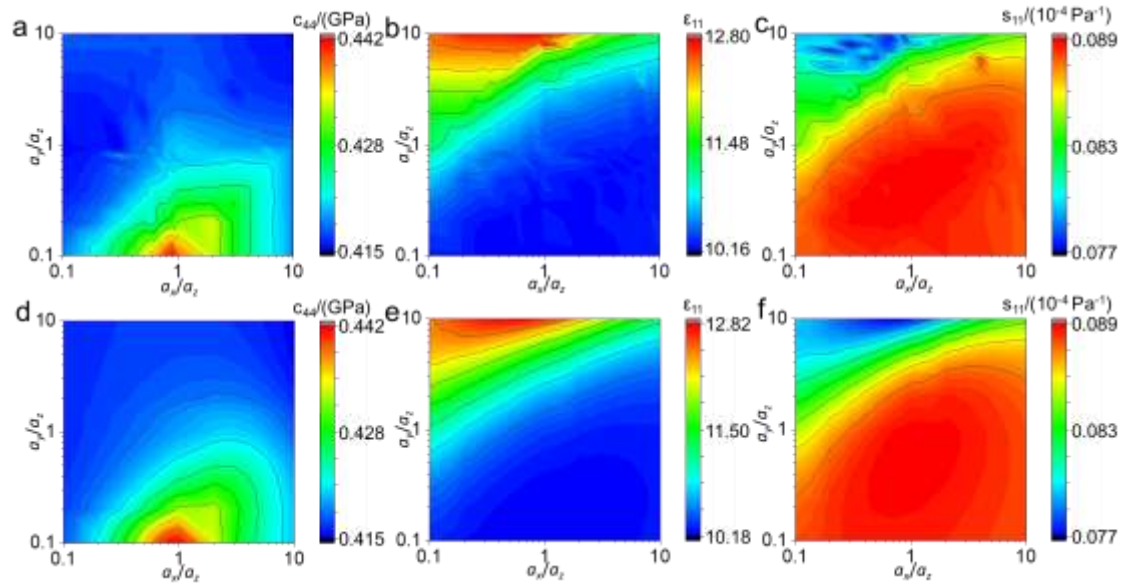
**Figure S2.** The dependence of material constants  $d_{33}$ ,  $\epsilon_{33}$ ,  $k_{33}$ , and  $c_{33}$  on the type of geometric architectures (S7, S9, S8, S5, S6, S3) under given volume fractions.



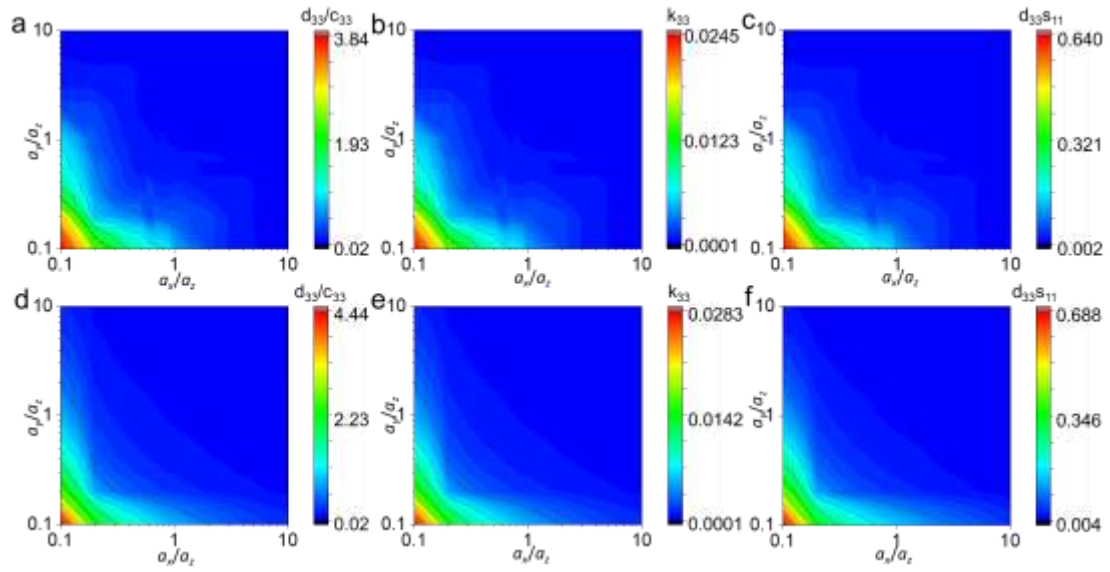
**Figure S3.** Phase-field simulation of 5 types of nanocomposites with different filler configurations at a 4 vol% filler fraction. (a) Structure of the selected types of nanocomposites. (b-d) Their corresponding (b) stress, (c) electric field, and (d) electric potential distribution in response to an applied stress of 1 MPa along the z-axis.



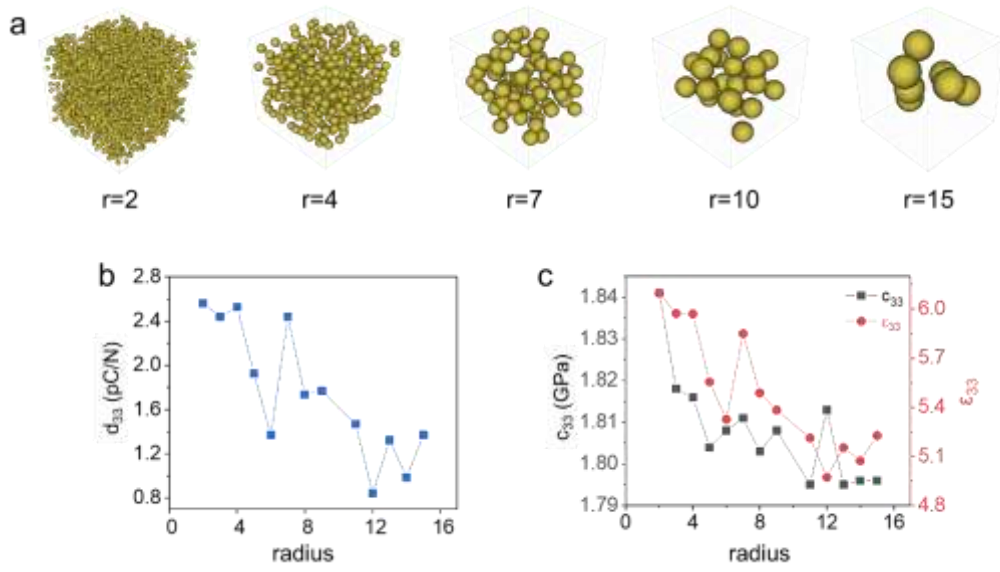
**Figure S4.** The high-throughput simulation results of the whole dataset ( $20 \times 20$ ) of the nanocomposites, (a) piezoelectric coefficient ( $d_{31}$ ), (b) piezoelectric coefficient ( $d_{15}$ ) and (c) compliance coefficient ( $s_{33}$ ). The machine learning results of (d) piezoelectric coefficient ( $d_{31}$ ), (e) piezoelectric coefficient ( $d_{15}$ ), and (f) compliance coefficient ( $s_{33}$ ).



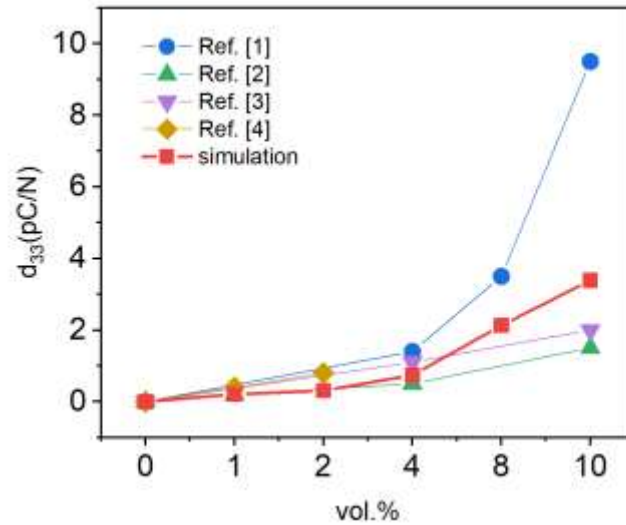
**Figure S5.** The high-throughput simulation results of the whole dataset ( $20 \times 20$ ) of the nanocomposites, (a) elastic stiffness ( $c_{44}$ ), (b) relative permittivity ( $\epsilon_{11}$ ) and (c) compliance coefficient ( $s_{11}$ ). The machine learning results of (d) elastic stiffness ( $c_{44}$ ), (e) relative permittivity ( $\epsilon_{11}$ ) and (f) compliance coefficient ( $s_{11}$ ).



**Figure S6.** A set of quality factors including (a)  $d_{33}/c_{33}$ , (b) electromechanical coupling efficiency ( $k_{33}$ ), and (c)  $d_{33}s_{11}$  of the whole dataset ( $20 \times 20$ ) of the nanocomposites. The machine learning results of (d)  $d_{33}/c_{33}$ , (e)  $k_{33}$ , and (f)  $d_{33}s_{11}$  along with the geometry variation.



**Figure S7.** PMN-35PT/PVA phase field simulation results. The absolute size of ceramic particles increases, and the parameters obtained by phase field simulation. (a) A schematic diagram of the morphology of the composite structure as the radius increases. (b) Piezoelectric coefficient  $d_{33}$ , (c) stiffness coefficient  $c_{33}$  and relative permittivity  $\epsilon_{33}$ .



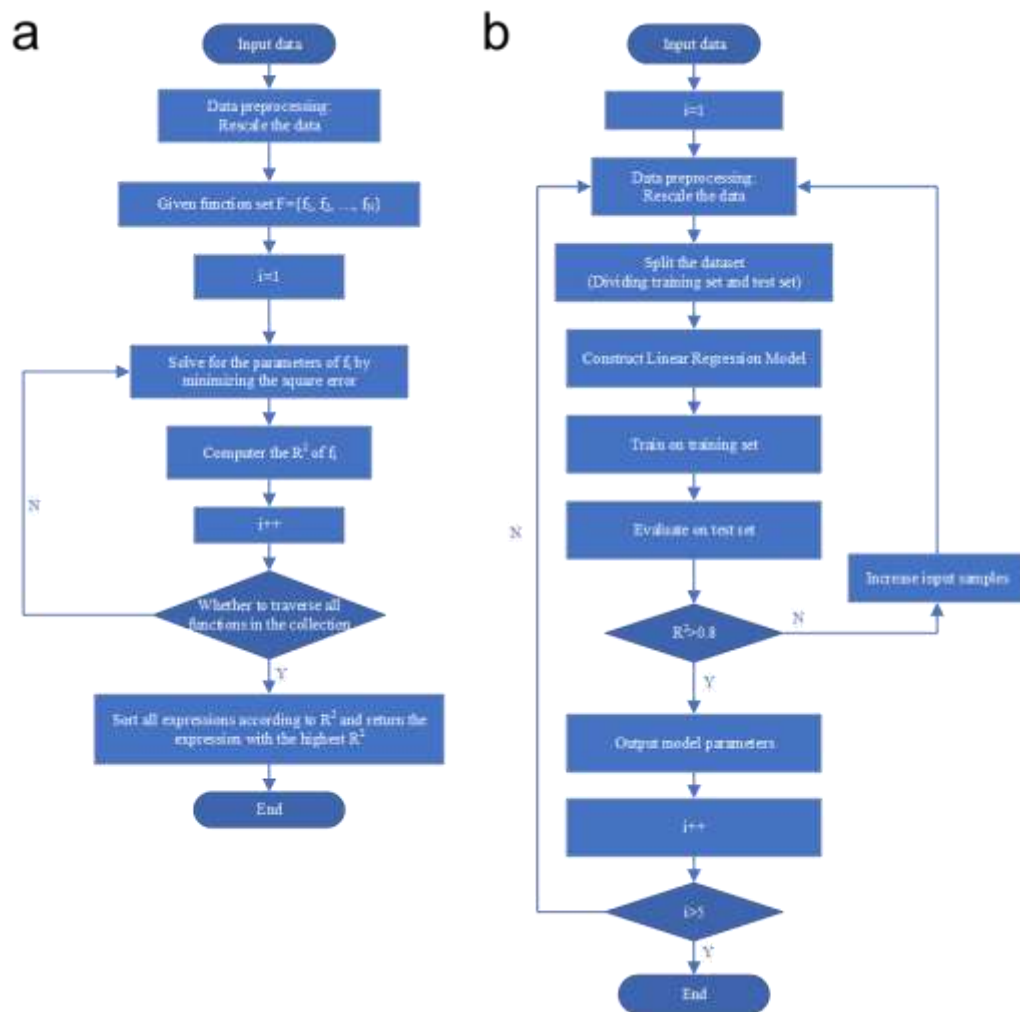
**Figure S8.** Comparison of the  $d_{33}$  of the BTO-polymer experimental results [R1-R4] with phase-field simulations.

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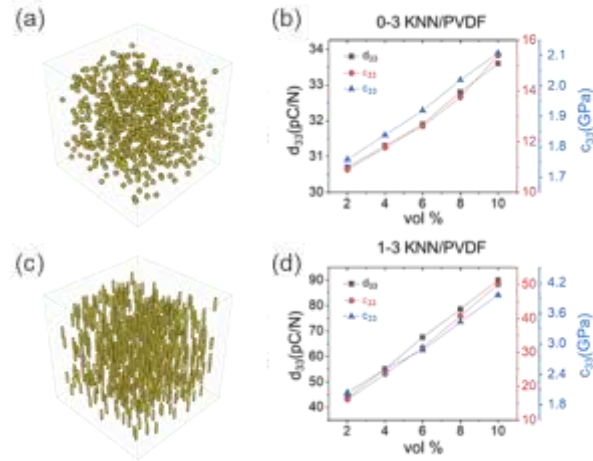
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**Figure S9.** Flow chart of (a) fitting the surface formed and (b) linear regression.





**Figure S10.** Phase-field simulations of the KNN/PVDF composites. (a) S6 structure, (b) piezoelectric coefficient ( $d_{33}$ ), relative permittivity ( $\epsilon_{33}$ ) and stiffness coefficient ( $c_{33}$ ) of the 0-3 KNN/PVDF composite. (c) S8 structure, (d)  $d_{33}$ ,  $\epsilon_{33}$  and  $c_{33}$  of the 1-3 KNN /PVDF composite. It can be discovered that the 1-3 composite show much higher piezoresponse as compared to the 0-3 composite.