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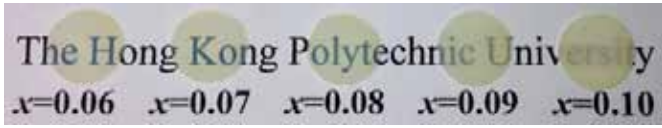
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# Research Overview

## Lead-free Transparent Electro-optical ( $K_{0.5}Na_{0.5/1-x}Li_xNb_{1-x}Bi_xO_3$ ) Ceramics

The first lead-free electro-optic (EO) polycrystalline ceramic with excellent transparency and strong linear electro-optic response, which are even better than the lead-based counterparts that are widely used in industries for various optoelectronic applications.



### Fabrication:

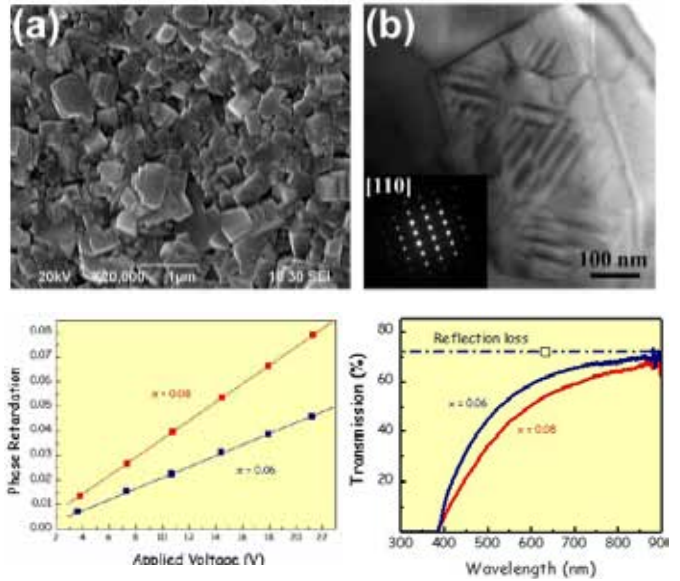
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### Features:

- Dense & fine-grained structure
- Nearly cubic crystal structure
- Relaxor-like ferroelectrics

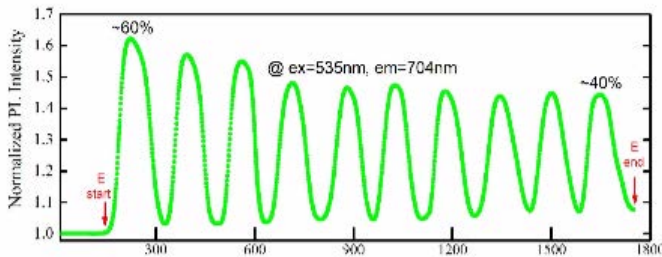
### Properties:

Strong linear electro-optic response ( $r_c \sim 130 - 200$  pm/V)  
 Good ferroelectric and piezoelectric properties ( $d_{33} \sim 80$  pC/N)

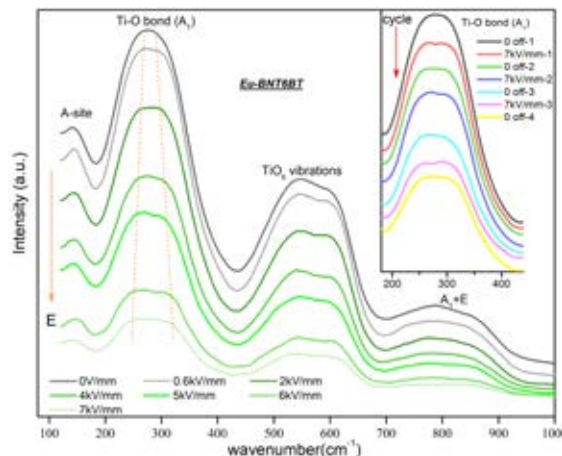
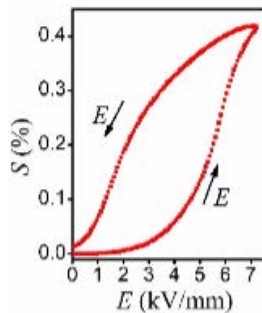
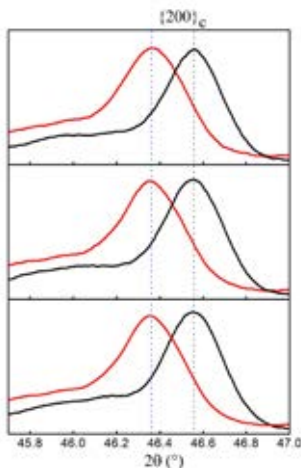


## Ferroelectric Ceramics with Strong and Tunable Photoluminescence Response

Via taking the advantages of the characteristics of ferroelectric materials such as the switchable spontaneous polarization, phase transformation, ergodicity and electric field-induced strains, we have successfully realized real-time and reversible modulation of photoluminescence by in situ electric field in lead-free ferroelectric ceramics at room temperature. The physical mechanism and the interplay process between the electric field and photoluminescence have also been elucidated in detail based on the in situ structural investigation.



- Large and tunable photoluminescence responses of Eu-BNT6BT relaxor subject to a biased ac E field varying sinusoidally between 0 and 7 kV/mm for cycles.



- Reversible lattice distortion, strain and crystal deformation of Eu-BNT6BT relaxor induced by in situ electric field.