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The importance of a high shear coefficient d_{15} (or d_{24}) to the piezoelectric properties of domain-engineered and polycrystalline ferroelectrics is discussed. The extent of polarization rotation, as a mechanism of piezoelectric response, is directly correlated to the shear coefficient. The terms "rotator" and "extender" are introduced to distinguish the contrasting behaviors of crystals such as 4mm BaTiO₃ and PbTiO₃. In rotator ferroelectrics, where d_{15} is high relative to the longitudinal coefficient d_{33} , polarization rotation is the dominant mechanism of piezoelectric response; the maximum longitudinal piezoelectric response is found away from the polar axis. In extender ferroelectrics, d_{15} is low and the collinear effect dominates; the maximum piezoelectric response is found along the polar axis. A variety of 3m, mm2, and 4mm ferroelectrics, with various crystal structures based on oxygen octahedra, are classified in this way. It is shown that the largest piezoelectric anisotropies d_{15}/d_{33} are always found in 3m crystals; this is a result of the intrinsic electrostrictive anisotropy of the constituent oxygen octahedra. Finally, for a given symmetry, the piezoelectric anisotropy increases close to ferroelectric-ferroelectric phase transitions; this includes morphotropic phase boundaries and temperature induced polymorphic transitions.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Much work has gone into investigating the origins of the "giant" piezoelectric properties of lead based relaxor-ferroelectric single crystals, (1-x)Pb(Mg_{1/3}Nb_{2/3})O₃-xPbTiO₃ (PMN-xPT)(1and -x)Pb(Zn_{1/3}Nb_{2/3})O₃-xPbTiO₃ (PZN-xPT), since their "rediscovery"¹ in 1997. Specifically, attention has been centered on the importance of *polarization rotation*² in the presence of the monoclinic phases^{3,4} recently discovered at their morphotropic phase boundary (MPB) regions.

In the monoclinic phases of PMN-xPT and PZN-xPT, as in that of (1-x)PbZrO₃-xPbTiO₃ (PZT),⁵ the polarization is not fixed along a crystallographic axis but can rotate freely within a single mirror plane. Thus, the M_A (M_B) and M_C monoclinic states (see Fig. 1), with $\{101\}_C$ and $\{010\}_C$ mirror planes, respectively, form "structural bridges"³ between the $\langle 111 \rangle_C, \langle 101 \rangle_C$, and $\langle 001 \rangle_C$ polar directions of the 3*m* rhombohedral (R), mm2 orthorhombic (O), and 4mm tetragonal (T) phases typically observed in cubic perovskite ferroelectrics; the subscript C means that the direction is defined with respect to the cubic axes of the high temperature, parent phase. It has been suggested that *polarization rotation*, in the presence of one or more of these monoclinic phases, is responsible for the giant piezoelectric response of PMN-xPT and PZN-xPT single crystals when an electric field is applied in a nonpolar, often $\langle 001 \rangle_C$, direction.³ Importantly, such a piezoelectric response, via rotation of the polar vector, is distinct from the collinear piezoelectric effect whereby the polar vector elongates (polarization extension) in the presence of an electric field applied along the polar direction. In situ diffraction studies have shown that in PZT ceramics with MPB compositions, the large piezoelectric response is due predominately to polarization rotation rather than the elongation of the polar vector.⁶

However, polarization rotation does not actually require the presence of a zero-field or spontaneously formed monoclinic phase.^{2,7} For any ferroelectric, when an electric field Eis applied along a nonpolar direction, the polar vector \boldsymbol{P} will generally rotate towards the direction of applied field due to a biasing energy term in the free energy expansion $\Delta G =$ $-P \cdot E = -PE \cos \theta$.⁸ Indeed, in truly 3*m* rhombohedral, *mm*2 orthorhombic, or 4mm tetragonal phases, it can be shown



FIG. 1. (Color online) Mirror planes of the monoclinic phases recently discovered at the morphotropic phase boundaries of PZT, PMN-xPT, and PZN-xPT. The polar axes of the monoclinic phases are not fixed but can lie anywhere within their mirror plane between the limiting directions of the rhombohedral (R), orthorhombic (O), and tetragonal (T) phases. The notation is that after Vanderbilt and Cohen (Ref. 9).

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that application of an electric field along a nonpolar $\langle 001 \rangle_{C^-}$, $\langle 101 \rangle_{C^-}$, or $\langle 111 \rangle_{C^-}$ type direction will lead to rotation of the polar vector in a $\{101\}_C$ (M_A or M_B) or $\{010\}_C$ (M_C) "monoclinic plane."⁹ Importantly, when this occurs the zero-field 3m, mm2, or 4mm symmetry will be broken and monoclinic symmetry will result.⁷ It is debatable whether the resultant, non-zero-field structure constitutes a monoclinic "phase;"¹⁰ likewise, it is debatable whether some residual monoclinic distortion remains in the crystal or is lost after removal of the field. Whether the monoclinic "phases" observed correspond to truly zero-field monoclinic "phases or to locally field-distorted versions of their R, O, or T parents has been discussed at length elsewhere.^{4,11,12} However, although polarization rotation does not require a monoclinic phase, it may be enhanced by some degree of "monoclinicity."¹³

In Sec. II, we will discuss explicitly how in 3m, mm2, and 4mm ferroelectrics the extent of polarization rotation, when an electric field is applied away from the polar direction, is related to the piezoelectric shear coefficients d_{15} and d_{24} and more fundamentally to the transverse dielectric susceptibilities χ_{11} and χ_{22} . In contrast, polarization extension and the collinear piezoelectric effect, as quantified by the longitudinal piezoelectric coefficient d_{33} , are directly related to the longitudinal susceptibility χ_{33} . Therefore, the relative effects of polarization rotation and polarization extension, when a field is applied in a general, nonpolar direction, will be related to the anisotropy factors d_{15}/d_{33} and χ_{11}/χ_{33} .

In Sec. III, by comparing these factors for various ferroelectrics, we will introduce the concepts of "rotator" and "extender" ferroelectrics to differentiate two distinct classes of crystal. We will then show how the proximity of phase transitions between ferroelectric phases affects the propensity for polarization rotation and polarization extension. Finally, in Sec. IV, we will discuss how rotator and extender ferroelectrics behave in domain-engineered configurations.

II. ROTATION VERSUS EXTENSION OF THE POLAR VECTOR

For any ferroelectric crystal, the extent of polarization rotation under an applied field is related to the shear deformation of the crystal lattice, as determined by the piezoelectric shear coefficients, e.g., d_{15} and d_{24} , and more fundamentally to the transverse dielectric susceptibilities χ_{11} and χ_{22} . In contrast, the relative extension of the polar vector under an applied field is related to the collinear piezoelectric effect, as quantified by the longitudinal piezoelectric coefficient d_{33} , and more fundamentally to the longitudinal dielectric susceptibility χ_{33} .

Consider a ferroelectric crystal with polarization $P = (0,0,P_3)$ defined with respect to its standard crystallographic, or principal, axes $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$. For 4*mm*, *mm*2, and 3*m* symmetries, the dielectric susceptibility χ_{ij} will have nonzero components χ_{11} , χ_{22} , and χ_{33} .¹⁴ Application of an electric field $E = (0,0,E_3)$ along the polar direction will lead to a lengthening of the polar vector (polarization extension) by an amount $\Delta P = (0,0,\Delta P_3)$, where $\Delta P_3 = \varepsilon_0 \chi_{33} E_3$. Because the dielectric susceptibility matrix is diagonal, there is no change in the perpendicular components of the polar vector (no polarization rotation).

For a field *E* applied in an arbitrary direction, the change in the polarization vector is $\Delta P_i = \varepsilon_0 \chi_{ij} E_j$. The spontaneous strain^{15,16} $S_{ij} = Q_{ijkl} P_k P_l$ becomes $S_{ij} + \Delta S_{ij} = Q_{ijkl} (P_k + \Delta P_k) (P_l + \Delta P_l)$, where Q_{ijkl} are the electrostrictive coefficients of the parent phase¹⁶ defined, here, with respect to the principal axes of the ferroelectric phase. Note that, although the electrostrictive coefficients are usually given (for convenience) with respect to the principal axes of the cubic parent phase, it is equally valid to define the electrostrictive tensor with respect to the principal axes of the ferroelectric phase. In matrix notation, $4Q_{1313} = Q_{55}$, $Q_{1133} = Q_{13}$, and $Q_{3333} = Q_{33}$.

It follows that the resultant, piezoelectric lattice strain ΔS_{ii} can be expressed as

$$\Delta S_{ij} = E_p d_{pij} \approx Q_{ijkl} (\Delta P_k P_l + \Delta P_l P_k). \tag{1}$$

Therefore, for a field applied along the polar direction, the purely longitudinal lattice strain (due to the collinear piezoelectric effect) will be given by

$$\Delta S_{33} = E_3 d_{333} = 2Q_{3333} \Delta P_3 P_3, \tag{2}$$

such that

$$\Delta P_3 = \frac{E_3 d_{333}}{2P_3 Q_{3333}}.$$
(3)

Thus, the relative extension of the polar vector is given by

$$\frac{\Delta P_3}{P_3} = \frac{E_3 d_{333}}{2P_3^2 Q_{3333}^2}.$$
(4)

That is, at least at low fields where linearity holds, the extension of the polar vector is proportional to the longitudinal piezoelectric coefficient.

In contrast, if an electric field is applied perpendicular to the polar vector, the polar vector will rotate away from its original position by some angle θ . For the special case of an electric field applied along the principal x_1 axis, there will be a change in polarization given by $\Delta P = (\Delta P_1, 0, 0)$, where $\Delta P_1 = \varepsilon_0 \chi_{11} E_1$; there is no polarization extension ($\Delta P_3 = 0$). The corresponding lattice strain, the piezoelectric shear strain, will be given by

$$\Delta S_{13} = E_1 d_{113} = 2Q_{1313} \Delta P_1 P_3, \tag{5}$$

such that

$$\Delta P_1 = \frac{E_1 d_{113}}{2P_3 Q_{1313}}.$$
(6)

The angle of polarization rotation is thus given by

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\Delta P_1}{P_3} = \frac{E_1 d_{113}}{2P_3^2 Q_{1313}}.$$
(7)

That is, rotation of the polar vector is directly proportional to the piezoelectric shear coefficient d_{113} or, in matrix notation, d_{15} .

More fundamentally, the above breaks down to permittivity. From Eqs. (2) and (5) we have¹⁵

$$d_{333} = 2\varepsilon_0 \chi_{33} Q_{3333} P_3, \tag{8}$$

$$d_{113} = 2\varepsilon_0 \chi_{11} Q_{1313} P_3, \tag{9}$$

which are familiar equations of thermodynamic phenomenology.¹⁵ Therefore, Eqs. (4) and (7) become in their most obvious and fundamental form,

$$\frac{\Delta P_3}{P_3} = \frac{E_3 \varepsilon_0 \chi_{33}}{P_3},\tag{10}$$

and

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\Delta P_1}{P_3} = \frac{E_1 \varepsilon_0 \chi_{11}}{P_3},\tag{11}$$

which are, of course, direct results of the relation $\Delta P_i = \varepsilon_0 \chi_{ij} E_i$.

In summary, polarization extension, when an electric field (or some component of an electric field) is applied along the polar vector, is directly related to the collinear piezoelectric effect and the coefficient d_{33} (= d_{333}). On the other hand, when an electric field (or some component of an electric field) is applied perpendicular to the polar vector, the resultant polarization rotation is directly related to the shear coefficients $d_{15} (\equiv 2d_{113})$ and $d_{24} (\equiv 2d_{223})$. Polarization extension will be strongest in materials with a large longitudinal coefficient d_{33} due to a large, relative χ_{33} . Polarization rotation will be strongest in materials with a large shear coefficient d_{15} (or d_{24}) due to a large transverse susceptibility χ_{11} . Therefore, when an electric field is applied in some arbitrary direction, the relative contributions to the piezoelectric response from polarization extension (due to any component of field along the polar axis) and polarization rotation (due to any perpendicular component) will be described by the ratios d_{15}/d_{33} and χ_{11}/χ_{33} , the piezoelectric and dielectric anisotropy factors, respectively. Again, both are intrinsically related via Eqs. 8 and 9.

III. ROTATOR AND EXTENDER FERROELECTRICS

The dielectric susceptibilities (at constant stress) of various 4mm, mm2, and 3m ferroelectric crystals are given, with respect to their principal crystallographic axes, in Table I. Unless otherwise stated, the values correspond to those at room temperature and are experimentally derived. Values marked with an asterisk were calculated within the framework of sixth order Landau-Ginzburg-Devonshire (LGD) theory;^{15,17} the coefficients used were taken from the articles by Haun *et al.*¹⁸ (PZT) and Bell (BaTiO₃).⁸ Note that the value of Q_{44} quoted by Bell⁸ for BaTiO₃ should be $0.059 \text{ m}^4/\text{C}^2$. The values for PbTiO₃, taken from another article by Haun et al.,¹⁷ are also based on a phenomenological fitting of experimental data from ceramic samples. The dielectric anisotropy factor, i.e., the ratio of transverse and longitudinal susceptibilities χ_{11}/χ_{33} , is also given for each material.

The corresponding piezoelectric coefficients for each material are listed in Table II. Again, they are experimentally derived unless otherwise marked. The piezoelectric anisotropy factor, defined as the ratio d_{15}/d_{33} , is also given. Notably, a second piezoelectric anisotropy factor d_{24}/d_{33} could also be defined for the orthorhombic crystals, for which d_{15}

TABLE I. Dielectric susceptibilities for various oxygen-octahedra ferroelectrics with 3m, mm2, and 4mm point group symmetries. Dependent quantities are shown in parentheses. Most data are experimentally derived and are taken from quoted values of unclamped relative permittivity ($\chi_{ij} = \varepsilon_{ij}^{\sigma} - 1$). The data marked with an asterisk are calculated according to sixth order Landau-Ginzburg-Devonshire (LGD) theory. All data correspond to room temperature, unless noted otherwise.

[-]	χ_{11}	X22	X33	χ_{11}/χ_{33}							
Tetragonal (4mm)											
BaTiO ₃ ^a	4 400	$(4\ 400)$	130	34							
$BaTiO_3 (380 \text{ K})^*$	2 030	(2 0 3 0)	1 0 3 0	2.0							
PbTiO ₃ ^b	124	(124)	67	1.9							
K _{2.9} Li _{1.6} Nb _{5.1} O ₁₅ (KLN) ^c	305	(305)	114	2.7							
PMN-38PT ^d	4 300	(4 300)	733	5.9							
PMN-42PT ^e	8 630	(8 630)	660	13							
Pb _{0.33} Ba _{0.70} Nb _{1.98} O ₆ ^f	360	(360)	140	2.6							
Pb _{0.56} Ba _{0.44} Nb _{2.00} O ₆ ^f	2 500	(2 500)	350	7.1							
PZ-60PT*	498	(498)	197	2.5							
PZ-90PT*	120	(120)	72	1.7							
Orthorhombic (<i>mm</i> 2)											
KNbO ₃ ^g	149	984	43	3.5							
PZN-9PT ^h	9 000	21 000	800	11							
Pb _{0.86} Ba _{0.19} Nb _{1.98} O ₆ ^f	225	1 200	1 900	0.1							
$BaTiO_3 (225 \text{ K})^*$	498	2 620	147	3.4							
Rhombohedral (3m)											
LiTaO3 ⁱ	50	(50)	44	1.1							
LiNbO ₃ ⁱ	83	(83)	29	2.9							
PMN-33PT ^j	3 950	(3 950)	640	6.2							
PZN-7PT ^k	11 000	(11 000)	700	16							
PZ-10PT*	73	(73)	63	1.2							
PZ-40PT*	120	(120)	98	1.2							
BaTiO ₃ (0 K)*	30	(30)	18	1.7							

^aReference 46.

^bReference 17. ^cReference 23.

^dReference 47.

^eReference 48.

^fReference 24.

^gReference 49.

^hReference 44.

ⁱReference 50.

^JReference 43 and 51.

^kPresentation by Rajan *et al.* at the 2006 Navy Workshop on Acoustic Transduction Materials and Devices, State College, PA, USA.

 $\neq d_{24}$. For simplicity, we shall restrict our discussion here to d_{15}/d_{33} ; the relative importance of both d_{15} and d_{24} and their evolution with temperature in orthorhombic BaTiO₃ has been discussed elsewhere.¹⁹

Of the ferroelectric materials listed, BaTiO₃, PbTiO₃, (1-x)PbZrO₃-*x*PbTiO₃ (PZT), KNbO₃, PMN-*x*PT, and PZN-*x*PT are all perovskites.²⁰ BaTiO₃ transforms from its cubic paraelectric phase (point group *m*3*m*) to a 4*mm* phase at 120 °C. Upon further cooling, it undergoes successive transformations to *mm*2 orthorhombic and 3*m* rhombohedral phases at 5 and -90 °C, respectively.²⁰ KNbO₃ shows the same sequence of transformations but is *mm*2 orthorhombic at room temperature; it transforms from its tetragonal phase at around 203 °C and has a Curie point of around 418 °C.^{20,21} In contrast, PbTiO₃ remains 4*mm* tetragonal down to 0 K; its Curie point is 490 °C.²² The (1

TABLE II. Piezoelectric coefficients for various oxygen-octahedra ferroelectrics with 3m, mm2, and 4mm point group symmetries. Dependent quantities are shown in parentheses. Most data are experimentally derived. The data marked with an asterisk are calculated according to sixth order Landau-Ginzburg-Devonshire (LGD) theory. All data correspond to room temperature, unless noted otherwise..

(pC/N)	<i>d</i> ₃₁	<i>d</i> ₃₂	<i>d</i> ₃₃	<i>d</i> ₂₂	d_{24}	<i>d</i> ₁₅	d_{15}/d_{33}
		Tetrago	nal (4 <i>mm</i>)			
BaTiO ₃ ^a	-33.4	(-33.4)	90	0	(564)	564	6.0
$BaTiO_3 (380 \text{ K})^*$	-185	(-185)	452	0	(240)	240	0.5
PbTiO ₃ ^b	-23.1	(-23.1)	79.1	0	(56.1)	56.1	0.7
K _{2.9} Li _{1.6} Nb _{5.1} O ₁₅ (KLN) ^c	-14	(-14)	57	0	(68)	68	1.2
PMN-38PT ^d	-123	(-123)	300	0	(380)	380	1.3
PMN-42PT ^e	-91	(-91)	260	0	(131)	131	0.5
Pb _{0.33} Ba _{0.70} Nb _{1.98} O ₆ ^f			60	0	(52)	52	0.9
Pb _{0.56} Ba _{0.44} Nb _{2.00} O ₆ ^f			185	0	(380)	380	2.1
PZ-60PT*	-58.9	(-58.9)	162	0	(169)	169	1.0
PZ-90PT*	-23.6	(-23.6)	80.0	0	(51.8)	51.8	0.6
		Orthorho	mbic (mm	2)			
KNbO ₃ ^g	9.8	-19.5	29.3	0	156	206	7.0
PZN-9PT ^h	120	-270	250	0	950	3 200	13
Pb _{0.86} Ba _{0.19} Nb _{1.98} O ₆ ^f			70	0		<500	<7.1
$BaTiO_3 (225 \text{ K})^*$	19.8	-50.1	52.6	0	447	233	4.4
		Rhombo	hedral (3n	n)			
LiTaO ₃ ⁱ	-2	(-2)	8	7	(26)	26	3.3
LiNbO ₃ ⁱ	-1	(-1)	6	21	(68)	68	11
PMN-33PT ^j	-90	(-90)	190	1 340	(4 100)	4 100	22
PZN-7PT ^k	-35	(-35)	93	1 280	(6 000)	6 000	65
PZ-10PT*	-1.1	(-1.1)	14.4	6.7	(37.2)	37.2	2.6
PZ-40PT*	-5.2	(-5.2)	32.5	23.4	(112)	112	3.4
$BaTiO_3 (0 K)^*$	-0.5	(-0.5)	4.3	8.1	(30.9)	30.9	7.2

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^bReference 17.

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-x)PbZrO₃-xPbTiO₃ (PZT or PZ-xPT) solid solution exhibits a morphotropic phase boundary between 3m and 4mm ferroelectric phases at a lead titanate content of around x = 48 mol %.²⁰ As noted in the Introduction, similar morphotropic phase boundaries are observed in PZN-xPT and PMN-xPT at around x=9 and x=35 mol %, respectively; monoclinic phases have been reported at the MPBs of PZT, PMN-xPT, and PZN-xPT.³

In contrast, $K_{2.9}Li_{1.6}Nb_{5.1}O_{15}$ (KLN) (Ref. 23) and members of the $Pb_{1-x}Ba_xNb_2O_6$ (PBN) (Ref. 15) solid solution assume the tungsten bronze structure. A morphotropic phase boundary, similar to that of PZT, is found between low barium content *mm*2 and high barium content 4*mm* ferroelectric phases in $Pb_{1-x}Ba_xNb_2O_6$ at around x=40 mol %.²⁴ $K_{2.9}Li_{1.6}Nb_{5.1}O_{15}$ is 4*mm* tetragonal at room temperature and has a Curie temperature of 405 °C.²³ Finally, LiNbO₃ and LiTaO₃ are isostructural.²⁵ Both are rhombohedral 3*m* (space group *R3c*) at room temperature. LiTaO₃ has point group $\overline{3m}$ in its nonpolar phase above its Curie point of 650 °C, while LiNbO₃ remains ferroelectric to temperatures above $1200 \,^{\circ}\text{C.}^{26}$ The structures of LiNbO₃ and LiTaO₃ are described in detail elsewhere.²⁶

Notably, however, the perovskite, tungsten bronze, and $LiNbO_3$ -type structures are all based on BO_6 oxygen octahedra; all the crystals considered in this paper are "oxygen-octahedra ferroelectrics."²⁷ As noted by Yamada, the electromechanical properties of such crystals will be related to those of an idealized oxygen octahedron and, hence, to those of each other.²⁷ For all oxygen-octahedra ferroelectrics, it can be assumed that the piezoelectric effect in the ferroelectric phase is due to the electrostriction of the high temperature, paraelectric phase biased by spontaneous polarization. Moreover, the piezoelectrics can be predicted based on electrostrictive coefficients which assume m3m cubic symmetry in their high temperature, parent phases, as is the case



FIG. 2. (Color online) d_{33}^* (pm/V) as a function of orientation in (tetragonal) PbTiO₃ at room temperature. The highest value is found along the (vertical) polar direction; PbTiO₃ is an extender ferroelectric.

for perovskites.²⁷ In the following, cubic, paraelectric symmetry will be assumed for the electrostrictive coefficients of all the ferroelectric crystals considered.

Comparison of the room temperature piezoelectric coefficients d_{ij} of two "classical" perovskite ferroelectrics, BaTiO₃ and PbTiO₃, reveals important differences between the two. As noted above, both have identical crystal structures and are 4mm tetragonal at room temperature. However, as shown in Table II, although their longitudinal d_{33} and transverse d_{31} coefficients differ by less than 40%, the shear coefficient d_{15} of BaTiO₃ is around ten times higher than that of PbTiO₃. The piezoelectric anisotropy, defined as the ratio of shear and longitudinal coefficients d_{15}/d_{33} , is around 6 in BaTiO₃ but only 0.7 in PbTiO₃. As has also been pointed out elsewhere,¹⁹ and as discussed in Sec. II, this is related to very different dielectric anisotropies. In PbTiO₃, at room temperature, the ratio of longitudinal and transverse susceptibilities χ_{11}/χ_{33} is around 2; in BaTiO₃ it is 34.

If all the piezoelectric properties (d_{ij}) of a monodomain single crystal are known, we can calculate its piezoelectric properties along a general nonpolar direction (d_{ij}^{*}) via simple coordinate transforms.²⁸ For example, calculation of the longitudinal piezoelectric coefficient d_{33}^{*} as a function of orientation reveals much about the piezoelectric anisotropy of a material.

 d_{33}^{*} has been calculated as a function of orientation for both room temperature BaTiO₃ and PbTiO₃ using the method described elsewhere^{28,29} and the coefficients in Table II. It is shown in Figs. 2 and 3(b) for PbTiO₃ and BaTiO₃, respectively. Most notably, d_{33}^{*} is maximum along the [001]_C polar direction in PbTiO₃ (see Fig. 2); in contrast, the maximum value of d_{33}^{*} lies at an angle away from the [101]_C polar direction in BaTiO₃ [Fig. 3(a)]. As pointed out by Damjanovic *et al.*, the maximum value of d_{33}^{*} for 4mm BaTiO₃ lies close to the [111]_C direction at room temperature.³⁰



FIG. 3. (Color online) d_{33}^* (pm/V) as a function of orientation in (tetragonal) BaTiO₃ at (a) 298 K and (b) 380 K. At room temperature (a), the highest value is found away from the (vertical) polar direction: BaTiO₃ is a rotator ferroelectric. At 380 K (b), BaTiO₃ is an extender and the highest value of d_{33}^* is found along the polar direction.

For any 4mm crystal, the longitudinal piezoelectric coefficient as a function of angle θ away from the polar axis is given by¹¹

$$d_{33}^{*} = (\cos \theta \sin^2 \theta) d_{31} + (\cos \theta \sin^2 \theta) d_{15} + \cos^3 \theta d_{33}.$$
(12)

The contribution from the transverse piezoelectric coefficient is usually negative and generally small. However, at *all* angles away from the polar direction ($\theta \neq 0$), d_{33}^* picks up a contribution from the shear coefficient d_{15} but an increasingly small contribution from the longitudinal coefficient d_{33} . Therefore, wherever d_{15} is large compared to d_{33} , there will be a propensity for a larger piezoelectric response d_{33}^* away from the polar axis. This is indeed the case in room temperature BaTiO₃, but not so in PbTiO₃.

From now on, we will refer to any ferroelectric, such as PbTiO₃, which has a piezoelectric anisotropy d_{15}/d_{33} below some critical value,³⁰ as an "extender;" from the above, its piezoelectric response when an electric field is applied in an arbitrary direction will be dominated by the collinear piezoelectric effect due to extension of the polar vector. As a consequence, its longitudinal coefficient d_{33}^* will be highest *along* the polar direction. In contrast, we will refer to any ferroelectric such as BaTiO₃, which has a piezoelectric anisotropy d_{15}/d_{33} greater than some critical value,³⁰ as a "rotator." In such a material, polarization rotation, as related to the shear piezoelectric effect, is the dominant mechanism of piezoelectric response. As a result, d_{33}^* is highest away from the polar direction.

The critical value for d_{15}/d_{33} is generally between 1 and 2 and can be derived analytically, for a given material, if the electrostrictive coefficients are known.³⁰ For a 4mm crystal, using the condition that $\partial d_{33}^*/\partial \theta = 0$ at the angle of maximum d_{33}^* (i.e., θ_{max}), it can be shown that the largest piezo-electric response will be found away from the polar direction $(\theta_{\text{max}} \neq 0^\circ)$ whenever

$$\frac{d_{15}}{d_{33}} > \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{Q_{1133}}{Q_{3333}}\right). \tag{13}$$

For BaTiO₃, the critical value is calculated³⁰ to be 1.9. From the electrostrictive coefficients given by Haun *et al.*,¹⁷ it is around 1.8 for PbTiO₃. It is also around 1.8 for both PZ-60PT and PZ-90PT.¹⁸ Using the electrostrictive coefficients for KLN,²³ the critical value is 1.7. Assuming that the electrostrictive coefficients do not change with temperature, the critical value for a given material will be a constant.³⁰

Calculation of the critical value is more complicated for mm2 and 3m crystals. For mm2 symmetry, the piezoelectric coefficient in an arbitrary, nonpolar direction d_{33}^{*} is a function of two Euler angles^{11,28} θ and ϕ . It is given by¹¹

$$d_{33}^{*} = \cos\theta\sin^2\theta\sin^2\phi(d_{15} + d_{31}) + \cos\theta\sin^2\theta\cos^2\phi(d_{24} + d_{32}) + \cos^3\theta d_{33}.$$
(14)

Thus, to calculate the critical value we first need to solve the two equations given by $\partial d_{33}^*/\partial \theta = 0$ and $\partial d_{33}^*/\partial \phi = 0$. It turns out that the condition for a maximum in piezoelectric response being away from the polar axis (i.e., a rotator ferroelectric) is the same as that for 4mm crystals, i.e., that given

in Eq. 13. Care is needed, however, when calculating the critical value since the electrostrictive coefficients are usually quoted with respect to the principal axes of the cubic, parent phase (the pseudocubic axes). Thus we need to transform the quoted values to the principal axes of the mm2 ferroelectric phase. With respect to the principal axes of the orthorhombic phase, the electrostrictive coefficients Q_{3333} and Q_{1133} are given by

$$Q_{3333} = \frac{1}{2}(Q_{11}^{\ C} + Q_{12}^{\ C}) + \frac{1}{4}Q_{44}^{\ C}$$
(15a)

and

$$Q_{1133} = \frac{1}{2}(Q_{11}^{\ C} + Q_{12}^{\ C}) - \frac{1}{4}Q_{44}^{\ C}, \tag{15b}$$

where $Q_{11}^{\ C}$, $Q_{12}^{\ C}$, and $Q_{44}^{\ C}$ are the electrostrictive coefficients with respect to the principal axes of the cubic, paraelectric phase.

In this way, the critical value is calculated to be 1.1 for mm2 BaTiO₃ (assuming that the electrostrictive coefficients are independent of temperature^{15,30}). For orthorhombic KNbO₃, using the electrostrictive coefficients given by Günter,³¹ the critical value is around 1.0. Finally, the electrostrictive coefficients are not known for PZN-9PT but we can assume³² that they lie between the limiting values for pure Pb(Zn_{1/3}Nb_{2/3})O₃ (PZN) and PbTiO₃ (PT); using the coefficients quoted in Ref. 32 transformed to the orthorhombic axes, both limiting critical values are close to 1.2.

For 3m symmetry, the piezoelectric coefficient in an arbitrary direction is given by¹¹

$$d_{33}^{*} = \cos \theta \sin^{2} \theta \sin^{2} \phi (d_{15} + d_{31}) + \cos^{3} \theta d_{33} + \sin^{3} \theta \cos \phi (3 \sin^{2} \phi - \cos^{2} \phi) d_{22}.$$
(16)

Note that when $\phi = 90^{\circ}$ there is no contribution from d_{22} and the condition again reduces to that for 4mm crystals [Eq. (13)]. Thus, the critical value given by Eq. (13) is an upper limit for the condition that the maximum piezoelectric response lies away from the polar axis. In general, the d_{22} coefficient also adds a tendency for a maximum in response away from the polar axis; that is, it generates a larger piezoelectric anisotropy than that resulting from the shear piezoelectric effect alone and a stronger rotator quality in general.

For 3*m* crystals, the quoted values of electrostrictive coefficient need to be transformed to the principal axes of the rhombohedral phase as follows:

$$Q_{3333} = \frac{1}{3}(Q_{11}^{C} + 2Q_{12}^{C} + Q_{44}^{C})$$
(17a)

and

$$Q_{1133} = \frac{1}{6} (2Q_{11}^{\ C} + 4Q_{12}^{\ C} - Q_{44}^{\ C}).$$
(17b)

In this way, the overestimated critical value (ignoring the contribution from d_{22}) is calculated to be 1.6 for 3m BaTiO₃. For PMN-33PT, the critical value is expected to lie between the values calculated for pure PT and Pb(Mg_{1/3}Nb_{2/3})O₃ (PMN), using the relevant coefficients transformed to the rhombohedral axes:^{16,33} that is, 1.5 and 1.3, respectively. For

PZN-7PT, the critical value is expected to lie between 1.6 and 1.5. Using the normalized electrostrictive coefficients given by Yamada, assuming cubic symmetry,²⁷ the overestimated critical values are 1.5 and 1.4 for LiTaO₃ and LiNbO₃, respectively. Finally, the critical values are 1.6 and 1.7 for PZ-10PT and PZ-40PT, respectively.

We can now start to classify the ferroelectrics in Tables I and II as either rotators or extenders. Although the electrostrictive coefficients are not quoted by Shrout et al. for the $Pb_{1-r}Ba_rNb_2O_6$ tungsten bronzes, we might assume that it is close to the value for another tungsten bronze,²⁷ 4mm Ba₂NaNb₅O₁₅, which is 1.7. In any case, we can note that the critical value is dominated in all cases by the geometrical component of Eq. (13), that is, 3/2=1.5; therefore, it can always be expected to lie close to 1.5. As will be discussed below, none of the 3m rhombohedral or mm2 orthorhombic materials in Table II can be classified as extenders; they are all rotators. In contrast, of the 4mm tetragonal crystals, there are only two room temperature rotators, BaTiO₃ (d_{15}/d_{33}) =6.0) and Pb_{0.56}Ba_{0.44}Nb_{2.00}O₆ (2.1). The rest, including PbTiO₃ $(d_{15}/d_{33}=0.7)$, Pb_{0.33}Ba_{0.70}Nb_{1.98}O₆ (0.9), and the tetragonal PZT compositions, are all extenders.

According to Eqs. (8) and (9), the piezoelectric anisotropy factor d_{15}/d_{33} is directly related to the dielectric anisotropy χ_{11}/χ_{33} via the electrostrictive coefficients. The ratio between d_{15}/d_{33} and χ_{11}/χ_{33} will depend on the ratio of two electrostrictive coefficients; from Eqs. (8) and (9),

$$\left(\frac{d_{15}}{d_{33}}\right) = 2\frac{Q_{1313}}{Q_{3333}} \left(\frac{\chi_{11}}{\chi_{33}}\right). \tag{18}$$

Again, the electrostrictive coefficients in Eq. (18) are given with respect to the principal axes of the relevant ferroelectric phase. For 4mm crystals, the principal axes coincide with those of the cubic phase such that $4Q_{1313}=Q_{44}^{\ C}$ and Q_{3333} $=Q_{33}^{\ C}$. For 3m crystals, the electrostrictive coefficient Q_{1313} in the principal axis system is related to those in the cubic system by

$$Q_{1313} = \frac{1}{6} \left(2Q_{11}{}^C - 2Q_{12}{}^C + \frac{1}{2}Q_{44}{}^C \right).$$
(19)

For mm2 crystals, the relevant equation is simply

$$Q_{1313} = \frac{1}{2}(Q_{11}^{\ C} - Q_{12}^{\ C}).$$
⁽²⁰⁾

For 4mm PZ-60PT, PZ-90PT, PbTiO₃, and BaTiO₃, the ratios of electrostrictive coefficients $(2Q_{1313}/Q_{3333})$ are 0.41, 0.39, 0.38, and 0.27, respectively. For mm2 KNbO₃ and BaTiO₃ they are 3.2 and 3.3, respectively. Lastly, for 3m PZ-40PT, LiNbO₃, LiTaO₃, PZN, and BaTiO₃, they are 2.8, 6.7, 4.9, 7.9, and 4.3, respectively.

 d_{15}/d_{33} and χ_{11}/χ_{33} are plotted together in Fig. 4 for the three symmetry classes of materials listed in Tables I and II. Various points can be made. Firstly, there is strong, linear correlation between d_{15}/d_{33} and χ_{11}/χ_{33} for crystals of the same point group symmetry (3*m*, *mm*2, or 4*mm*); the correlation does not depend on crystal structure (i.e., perovskite, tungsten bronze, and LiNbO₃ type). Furthermore, the tendency for a larger piezoelectric anisotropy, for the same di-



FIG. 4. Piezoelectric anisotropy vs dielectric anisotropy for the crystals listed in Tables I and II, classified by their point group symmetry.

electric anisotropy, is highest in rhombohedral crystals and lowest in tetragonal crystals. Lines of best fit (forced through the origin) yield gradients of 0.17, 1.2, and 4.0 for the 4mm, mm2, and 3m crystals, respectively. The relative trends in these values fit well with those for the theoretical values calculated above.

Why the ratio between d_{15}/d_{33} and χ_{11}/χ_{33} depends primarily on point group symmetry, and not on the crystal structure of the various oxygen-octahedra ferroelectrics considered, is a consequence of geometry. From the work of Yamada,²⁷ we can assume that the ratios between electrostrictive coefficients will vary little between crystals with oxygen-octahedra based structures. Therefore, the differing gradients for the 3m, mm2, and 4mm crystals will result from the relevant coordinate transformation of the ratio $2Q_{1313}/Q_{3333}$ required in each case [Eqs. (15a), (17a), (19), and (20)]. That is, the different correlations between the dielectric and piezoelectric anisotropies, χ_{11}/χ_{33} and d_{15}/d_{33} , for the three symmetries result from different orientations of the polar axis with respect to the component oxygen octahedra; the three distinct correlations observed in Fig. 4 are a consequence of the intrinsic m3m anisotropy of the electrostrictive coefficients of the constituent oxygen octahedron. We can note that, for an isotropic material, there are two instead of three independent electrostrictive coefficients, since Q_{44} $=2(Q_{11}-Q_{12})$.¹⁶ If this condition is substituted into Eqs. (15a), (17a), (19), and (20), the ratio $2Q_{1313}/Q_{3333}$ will become identical for all three symmetries. Finally, as noted by Yamada, the electrostrictive coefficients of all oxygenoctahedra ferroelectrics can be reduced to those of an ideal oxygen octahedra.²⁷ For these values $(Q_{11}^{\ C}=0.10 \text{ m}^4/\text{C}^2, Q_{12}^{\ C}=-0.034 \text{ m}^4/\text{C}^2, \text{ and } Q_{44}^{\ C}=0.029 \text{ m}^4/\text{C}^2)$, the predicted ratios are 0.15, 3.3, and 4.6 for 4mm, mm2, and 3m crystals, respectively.

Budimir *et al.* have recently shown that a large dielectric anisotropy, and hence a large piezoelectric anisotropy, is related to a proximity to ferroelectric-ferroelectric phase transitions whether induced by changes in composition or temperature, or by application of an electric field or stress.¹⁹ In more fundamental terms, this can be seen to be due to a



FIG. 5. (a) Piezoelectric coefficients of 4mm PbTiO₃ as a function of temperature. PbTiO₃ is an "extender" at all temperatures. (b) Piezoelectric coefficients of 4mm BaTiO₃ as a function of temperature. BaTiO₃ is a "rotator" at low temperatures close to the phase transition to an orthorhombic phase. However, it becomes an extender at high temperatures.

flattening of the free energy function when two or more ferroelectric phases become nearly degenerate.³⁴ Such free energy flattening also occurs when a field or stress is applied close to the coercive limit.³⁴

Therefore, the weak piezoelectric anisotropy of PbTiO₃ (Table II) is explained by an absence of ferroelectricferroelectric phase transitions. As noted above, in contrast to BaTiO₃, PbTiO₃ remains tetragonal down to very low temperature. On the other hand, BaTiO₃ undergoes a phase transition to an *mm*2 orthorhombic phase at around 0 °C. The effect of the phase transition can be clearly seen by plotting the piezoelectric coefficients of the 4*mm* phases of BaTiO₃ and PbTiO₃, calculated within the framework of sixth order LGD theory, as a function of temperature. These coefficients, taken from a previous publication,³⁵ are shown in Fig. 5.

The effect of the proximity of the phase transition to an orthorhombic phase is clearly evident in Fig. 5(b). From Table II, the ratio of d_{15}/d_{33} is 6.0 for BaTiO₃ at room temperature but only 0.5 for BaTiO₃ at 380 K, far away from the phase transition. Thus, although BaTiO₃ is a rotator ferroelectric at room temperature, close to the transition to an orthorhombic phase, it becomes an extender ferroelectric at high temperatures. As a result the maximum piezoelectric response is observed along the polar axis in high temperature BaTiO₃; this is shown in Fig. 3(b). In contrast, PbTiO₃ is an extender at all temperatures. However, it is interesting to note that when destabilized by external, compressive stress, PbTiO₃ becomes a rotator.³⁴

The phenomenologically derived piezoelectric coefficients for BaTiO₃ across the entire temperature range, for 4mm, mm2, and 3m phases, can be found in a previous publication.¹⁹ Importantly, both the orthorhombic and rhombohedral phases of BaTiO₃ are rotators at *all* temperatures. As shown in Table II, the piezoelectric anisotropy d_{15}/d_{33} in the mm2 phase at 225 K is 4.4; in rhombohedral BaTiO₃ at 0 K, it is around 7. This may be related to the fact that none of the mm2 and 3m ferroelectric crystals listed are extenders. Orthorhombic KNbO₃, for example, has a d_{15}/d_{33} ratio of 7.0 at room temperature and is a strong rotator. As discussed elsewhere,¹⁹ in mm2 BaTiO₃, d_{15}/d_{33} increases toward the orthorhombic-tetragonal phase transition, whereas d_{24}/d_{33} increases toward the orthorhombic-rhombohedral phase transition. However, both ratios are always much greater than the critical value of 1.

An increase in piezoelectric and dielectric anisotropies is also observed close to MPBs, which constitute chemically induced phase transitions. As shown in Table II, and elsewhere,³⁶ there is a clear increase in piezoelectric anisotropy close to the morphotropic phase boundary in both rhombohedral and tetragonal phases of PZT. In rhombohedral PZT, the rotator character is strongest near the MPB and decreases in compositions away from the MPB.³⁷ It can also be seen by comparing the piezoelectric coefficients of 4mm PMN-38PT and PMN-42PT (Table II). The ratio of d_{15}/d_{33} is 1.3 in PMN-38PT but only 0.5 in PMN-42PT, further in composition from the MPB. Importantly, extremely large shear coefficients <6000 pm/V are measured experimentally close to the MPB in PMN-xPT and PZN-xPT; as shown in Table II, the piezoelectric anisotropy of rotator PZN-7PT is 65. Moreover, the effect is not unique to perovskites and is also observed, for example, in the $Pb_{1-x}Ba_xNb_2O_6$ tungsten bronze system^{24,38} (see Table II). There, the increase in piezoelectric anisotropy close to the MPB occurs markedly in both orthorhombic and tetragonal phases.³⁸ Close to the MPB, $4mm \text{ Pb}_{0.56}\text{Ba}_{0.44}\text{Nb}_{2.00}\text{O}_6$ is a rotator $(d_{15}/d_{33}=2.1)$; in contrast 4mm Pb_{0.33}Ba_{0.70}Nb_{1.98}O₆, away from the MPB, is an extender $(d_{15}/d_{33}=0.9)$.

Finally, we can note from Fig. 5 that all piezoelectric coefficients increase near to the Curie point; such an increase corresponds to a dielectric softening of the material in all directions. This may have relevance to the abnormally large dielectric, piezoelectric, and compliance coefficients observed in relaxor ferroelectrics compared to other perovskite ferroelectrics.^{7,11} The phase transition from the high temperature cubic, paraelectric phase is characteristically diffuse,³⁹ or martensitelike, in relaxor ferroelectrics such as PMN-*x*PT and PZN-*x*PT with low PT contents. Therefore, the low temperature ferroelectric softening may therefore be felt even at temperatures much lower than the temperature of peak permittivity.

IV. DOMAIN-ENGINEERED CRYSTALS AND CERAMICS

Lastly, we can use the concepts of rotators and extenders to explain the piezoelectric properties of various domain-

First, it has been shown both experimentally and by calculation that one can domain engineer large, positive values of d_{33}^* in room temperature BaTiO₃, KNbO₃, PMN-*x*PT, and PZN-*x*PT.^{28,29,40,41} As noted in the Introduction, giant piezoelectric coefficients are observed in $[001]_C$ -poled rhombohedral or orthorhombic PMN-xPT and PZN-xPT. For example, the d_{33}^{*} coefficient of [001]_C-poled PMN-33PT is around 2800 pm/V;⁴² in contrast, in $[111]_C$ -poled, 3m rhombohedral PMN-33PT the longitudinal piezoelectric coefficient d_{33} is only 190 pm/V (Table II).⁴³ As has been pointed out, this is predominantly due to the large piezoelectric anisotropy of PMN-33PT $(d_{15}/d_{33}=22)$.²⁹ Similarly, although the longitudinal piezoelectric coefficient d_{33} is only 90 along the $[001]_C$ polar axis of 4mm BaTiO₃ (Table II), d_{33}^* coefficients of around 200 pm/V are measured in [111]_C-poled, domainengineered crystals.⁴⁰ Again, this is due to the large piezoelectric anisotropy of rotator BaTiO₃ $(d_{15}/d_{33}=6.0)$. Similar enhancements in d_{33}^{*} are observed in mm2 KNbO₃ and PZN-9PT when poled along the nonpolar $[001]_C$ direction.41,44

Importantly, PMN-33PT, BaTiO₃, KNbO₃, and PZN-9PT are all rotators. In contrast, extender ferroelectrics such as PbTiO₃, where the piezoelectric coefficient is highest along the polar axis (see Fig. 2), will not profit from domain engineering. d_{33}^{*} can only be enhanced by domain engineering in rotator ferroelectrics.

The transverse piezoelectric coefficient d_{31}^{*} is also important to certain applications, such as piezoelectric benders, and should be minimized to reduced cross-talk in ultrasonic transducer arrays.²⁸ Thus, it is useful to know how the transverse piezoelectric coefficient might be tailored, for example, by domain engineering. In a previous paper we showed, by calculation, that large negative values of d_{31}^{*} (>1000 pm/V) can be predicted in $[001]_C$ - and $[101]_C$ -poled, domain-engineered PMN-33PT.²⁸ As we discuss, this is also a consequence of a strong piezoelectric anisotropy and a large shear coefficient. Similarly, enhanced transverse coefficients can be domain engineered in BaTiO₃ and KNbO₃ as well.²⁸ Moreover, large transverse coefficients have also been measured experimentally in $[101]_{C}$ -poled PMN-30PT.⁴⁵ The general result is, therefore, that large, negative values of d_{31}^{*} can be domain engineered in rotator ferroelectrics.

In contrast, however, there is a propensity for small and even positive values of d_{31}^* in domain-engineered extender ferroelectrics such as PbTiO₃ and BaTiO₃ at high temperatures. Whereas a d_{31}^* of -190 pm/V is predicted for [111]_C-poled BaTiO₃, the equivalent value for [111]_C-poled PbTiO₃ is +4 pm/V.²⁸ As we discuss, the tendency for positive or zero transverse piezoelectric coefficients is not unique to polycrystalline ceramics nor lead titanate.^{28,35}

V. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

The basic paradigm for the origin of the giant piezoelectric response of relaxor-ferroelectric single crystals PMN-*x*PT and PZN-*x*PT is that it results from polarization rotation in the presence of one or more monoclinic planes.³ However, as pointed out in Sec. II, the concept of polarization rotation follows simply from the transverse component of dielectric susceptibility; that is, it does not require a monoclinic phase. Monoclinic symmetry will necessarily result when an electric field is applied to a 4*mm* tetragonal, *mm*2 orthorhombic, or 3*m* rhombohedral ferroelectric in a nonpolar $\langle 001 \rangle_C$, $\langle 101 \rangle_C$, or $\langle 001 \rangle_C$ direction. As pointed out by Kisi *et al.*, the resultant, field-induced structure might be regarded as a monoclinic distortion rather than a true monoclinic phase.^{7,10}

Of course, the "giant" piezoelectric properties of PMN-xPT and PZN-xPT close to the MPB may indeed be due to true, zero-field monoclinic phases, the presence of which has been reported by many authors;³ polarization rotation might be "easier" in zero-field monoclinic phases. As shown by Bell, an enhancement in piezoelectric activity can be predicted phenomenologically in monoclinic PZT over that of the rhombohedral and tetragonal phases.¹³ Importantly, however, polarization rotation and monoclinic symmetry can also be expected in 4mm, mm2, or 3m crystals when an electric field is applied in a nonpolar direction; this includes the classical ferroelectrics BaTiO₃, PbTiO₃, and KNbO₃. Since the piezoelectric shear coefficients of the simpler perovskites are around an order of magnitude smaller than those of PMN-*x*PT and PZN-*x*PT (see Table II), the resultant monoclinic shear distortions when a field is applied in a nonpolar direction will be around ten times smaller; they will therefore be difficult to resolve in diffraction experiments.

This article can be summarized as follows. Firstly, we have pointed out how the piezoelectric shear effect, as quantified by the coefficients d_{15} and d_{24} , is related by electrostriction to polarization rotation, itself quantified by the transverse susceptibilities χ_{11} and χ_{22} . In contrast, the collinear piezoelectric effect (d_{33}) is related to extension of the polar vector and the longitudinal susceptibility χ_{33} . The piezoelectric and dielectric anisotropies, d_{11}/d_{33} and χ_{15}/χ_{33} , are therefore directly correlated by the ratio of two electrostrictive coefficients. This correlation has been verified using both experimental and phenomenologically derived data for a range of oxygen-octahedra ferroelectric crystals. From the range of data investigated, it seems that the correlation depends on point group symmetry only. Moreover, since the relative electrostrictive coefficients of all perovskite, tungsten bronze, and LiNbO₃-type structures are closely correlated,²⁷ this is a result of the intrinsic, m3m, electrostrictive anisotropy of the constituent oxygen octahedra. As a result, for a given dielectric anisotropy, piezoelectric anisotropy will be largest in 3m crystals and smallest in 4mmcrystals.

Secondly, in crystals with large piezoelectric anisotropies (d_{15}/d_{33}) , the piezoelectric response when a field is applied in a nonpolar direction will be dominated by polarization rotation rather than polarization extension. The concept of "rotator" and "extender" ferroelectrics has been introduced. Rotator ferroelectrics have d_{15}/d_{33} greater than a critical value and show enhanced piezoelectric properties along nonpolar directions; the critical value lies close to 1.5 and is determined primarily by crystal symmetry. As a result they benefit from domain engineering; large, positive longitudinal piezoelectric coefficient d_{33}^{*} and large, negative transverse coefficient d_{31}^* values can be domain engineered in rotators such as PMN-33PT, KNbO₃, and BaTiO₃. In contrast, extender ferroelectrics such as PbTiO₃ have d_{15}/d_{33} ratios below this critical value; they show a maximum value of d_{33}^* along the polar direction and will not generally benefit from domain engineering. Domain-engineered, extender ferroelectrics show a propensity for small and even positive values of d_{31}^{*} .

Finally, a large piezoelectric anisotropy can be expected close to phase transitions between two or more ferroelectric phases. This includes those induced by changes in electric field, stress, temperature, and composition. For example, 4mm BaTiO₃ is a rotator at room temperature close to the transition to an mm2 phase; in contrast, it becomes an extender at high temperatures. Morphotropic phase boundaries constitute chemically induced phase transitions between ferroelectric phases. As a result, large piezoelectric anisotropies are observed close to the MPBs in PZT, PMN-*x*PT, PZN-*x*PT, and the Pb_{1-x}Ba_xNb₂O₆ solid solution; the effect is not unique to perovskites.

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