

Origin of Structural Change Driven by A-Site Lanthanide Doping in ABO₃-Type Perovskite Ferroelectrics

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Supplement materials

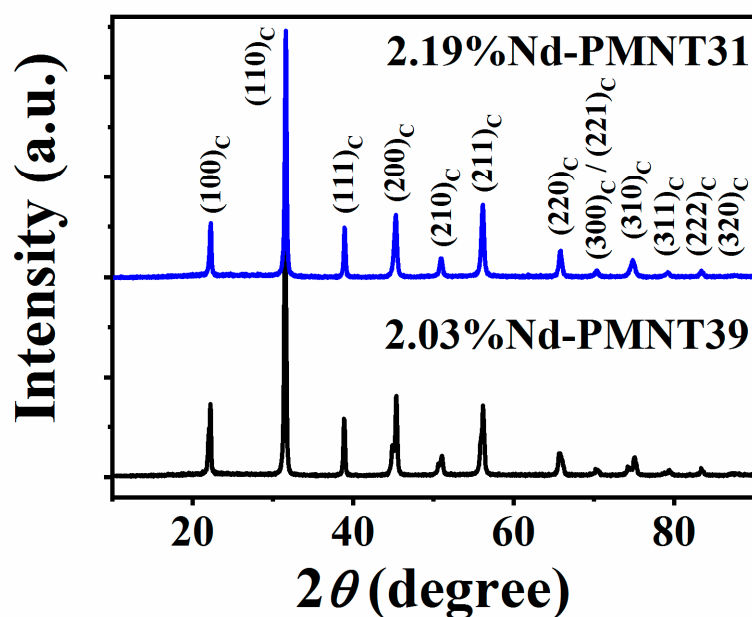


Figure S1. XRD patterns of 2.19%Nd-PMNT31 and 2.03%Nd-PMNT39 crystals, indexed to $Pm\bar{3}m$ cubic system.

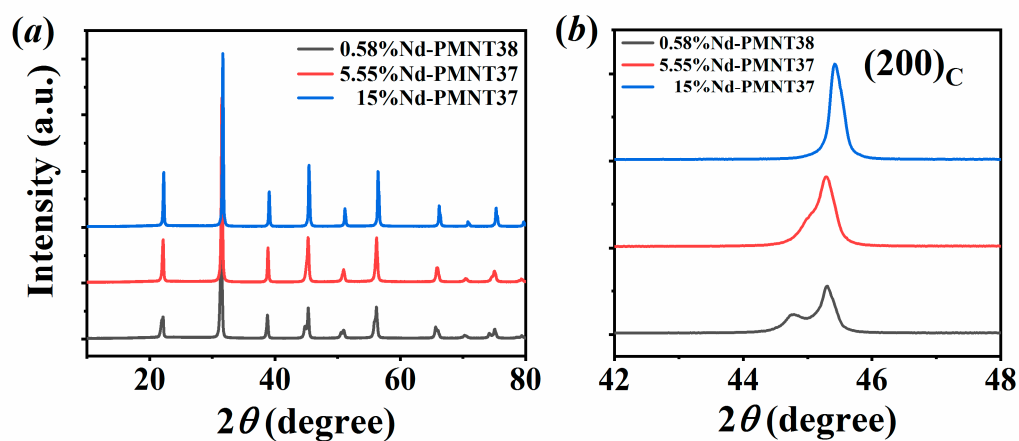


Figure S2. (a) The powder XRD patterns of Nd-PMNT crystals and (b) the enlarged $(200)_c$ reflections of the different compositions.

Table S1. Lattice parameters, cell volumes and theoretical densities of Nd-PMNT crystals based on the Rietveld refinement.

Samples	Space group (fractions)	a and b (Å)	c (Å)	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma$	Cell volume (Å ³)	ρ (g/cm ³)
0.58%Nd-PMNT38	$P4mm$ (100 wt%)	4.0017	4.0423	90°	64.73	7.874
5.55%Nd-PMNT37	$P4mm$ (71 wt%)	4.0143	4.0356	90°	65.03	7.896
	$Pm\bar{3}m$ (29 wt%)	3.9089	3.9089	90°	59.73	8.874
15%Nd-PMNT37	$Pm\bar{3}m$ (100 wt%)	3.9888	3.9888	90°	63.46	8.392

Table S2. Fractional coordinates (x , y and z) and U_{iso} of all atoms of Nd-PMNT crystals for Rietveld refinement.

Samples	Space Group (Fractions)	Atom (Wyckoff site, Symmetry)	(x , y , z) and U_{iso}
0.58%Nd-PMNT38	$P4mm$ (100 wt%)	Pb/Nd ($1a$, $4mm$)	(0, 0, 0), 0.02784
		Mg/Nb/Ti ($1b$, $4mm$)	(0.5, 0.5, 0.54112), 0.00239
		O1 ($1b$, $4mm$)	(0.5, 0.5, 0.07096), 0.01582
		O2 ($2c$, $2mm$)	(0.5, 0, 0.58177), 0.00367
5.55%Nd-PMNT37	$P4mm$ (71 wt%)	Pb/Nd ($1a$, $4mm$)	(0, 0, 0), 0.03647
		Mg/Nb/Ti ($1b$, $4mm$)	(0.5, 0.5, 0.53236), 0.0112
		O1 ($1b$, $4mm$)	(0.5, 0.5, 0.0806), 0.00822
		O2 ($2c$, $2mm$)	(0.5, 0.0, 0.54557), 0.03534
	$Pm\bar{3}m$ (29 wt%)	Pb/Nd ($1a$, $m\bar{3}m$)	(0, 0, 0), 0.03862
		Mg/Nb/Ti ($1b$, $m\bar{3}m$)	(0.5, 0.5, 0.5), 0.01236
		O ($3c$, $4/mm.m$)	(0.5, 0.5, 0), 0.02844
15%Nd-PMNT37	$Pm\bar{3}m$ (100 wt%)	Pb/Nd ($1a$, $m\bar{3}m$)	(0, 0, 0), 0.03931
		Mg/Nb/Ti ($1b$, $m\bar{3}m$)	(0.5, 0.5, 0.5), 0.01037
		O ($3c$, $4/mm.m$)	(0.5, 0.5, 0), 0.03259

Table S3. The Shannon ionic radii [22], bond strengths in diatomic molecules at 298 K [56] of Pb^{2+} , Ba^{2+} , Ti^{4+} , Mg^{2+} , Nb^{5+} and lanthanide ions commonly used in perovskite ferroelectric materials.

Ions	Ion radius in 12-coordinate ($\text{\AA}$)	Ion radius in 6-coordinate ($\text{\AA}$)	Molecule	Bond strengths (kJ/mol)
La^{3+}	1.36	1.032	La-O	799
Ce^{3+}	1.34	1.01	Ce-O	795
Pr^{3+}	-	0.99	Pr-O	753
Nd^{3+}	1.27	0.983	Nd-O	703
Pm^{3+}	-	0.97	Pm-O	674
Sm^{3+}	1.24	0.958	Sm-O	565
Eu^{3+}	-	0.947	Eu-O	479
Gd^{3+}	-	0.938	Gd-O	719
Tb^{3+}	-	0.923	Tb-O	711
Dy^{3+}	-	0.912	Dy-O	607
Ho^{3+}	-	0.901	Ho-O	611
Er^{3+}	-	0.89	Er-O	615
Tm^{3+}	-	0.88	Tm-O	502
Yb^{3+}	-	0.868	Yb-O	397
Lu^{3+}	-	0.861	Lu-O	678
Ce^{4+}	1.14	0.87	-	-
Pr^{4+}	-	0.85	-	-
Pb^{2+}	1.49	-	Pb-O	382
Ba^{2+}	1.61	-	Ba-O	561.9
Ti^{4+}	-	0.605	Ti-O	672.4
Mg^{2+}	-	0.72	Mg-O	363.2
Nb^{5+}	-	0.64	Nb-O	771.5

Table S4. The previous reported ions occupancy of lanthanide ions in PbTiO₃ and BaTiO₃.

	PbTiO ₃			BaTiO ₃		
	A-site	B-site	A-site+ B-site	A-site	B-site	A-site + B-site
La	√	-	-	√	-	-
Ce	-	-	-	√	√	-
Pr	√	-	-	-	-	-
Nd	√	-	-	√	-	-
Pm	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sm	√	-	-	√	-	-
Eu	√	-	-	√	√	√
Gd	-	-	√	√	√	√
Tb	-	-	-	√	√	√
Dy	-	-	√	√	√	√
Ho	-	-	-	√	√	√
Er	√	-	-	√	√	√
Tm	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yb	-	-	-	√	√	-
Lu	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table S5. The decrease rate of T_c in PbTiO_3 and BaTiO_3 systems with increasing A-site Ln doping contents (≥ 5 at%).

Sample	Decrease rate of T_c	Ref.	Sample	Decrease rate of T_c	Ref.
La-PbTiO ₃	~20.87 K/at%	[24]	La-BaTiO ₃	~19.45 K/at%	[53]
Pr-PbTiO ₃	~13.87 K/at%	[25]	-	-	-
Nd-PbTiO ₃	~18.5 K/at%	[26]	Nd-BaTiO ₃	~18.95 K/at%	[29]
Sm-PbTiO ₃	~16.7 K/at%	[27]	Sm-BaTiO ₃	~6.93 K/at%	[31]