

# Avalanche criticality during ferroic switching

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# *Outline*

*Domain walls properties*

*Domain motion on:*

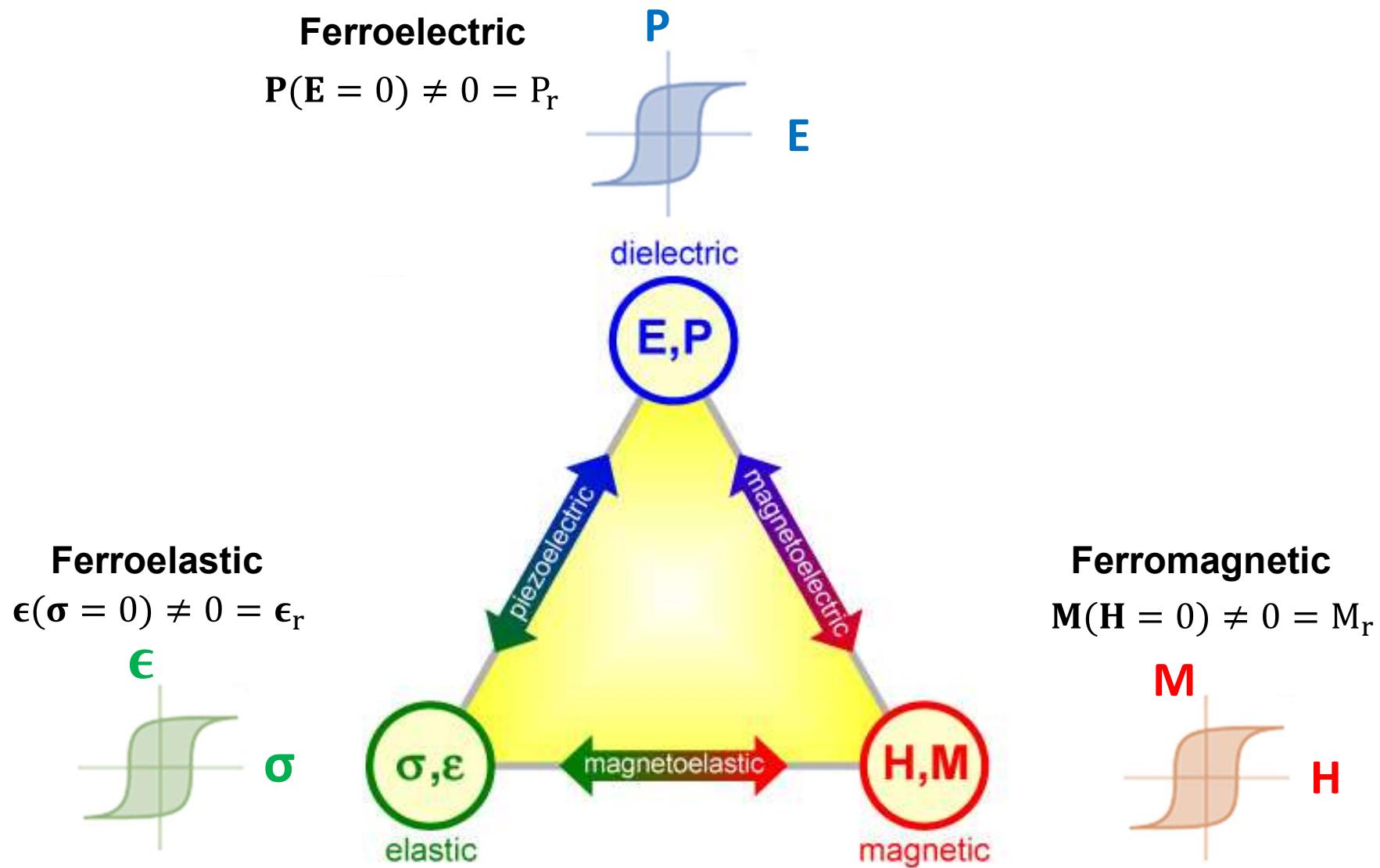
*Ferroelectrics*

*Ferroelastics*

*Ferrowrinkles*

*Ferromagnetics*

# Ferroic materials under field

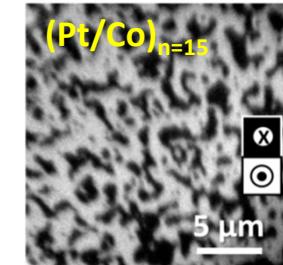
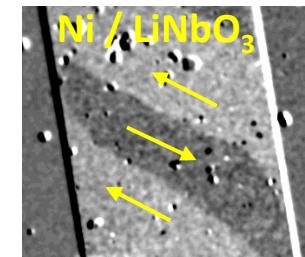
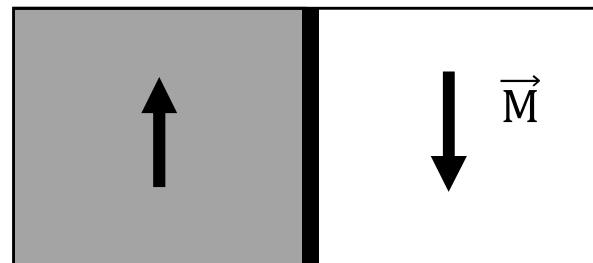


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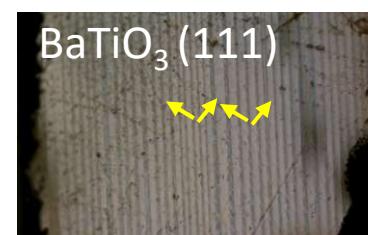
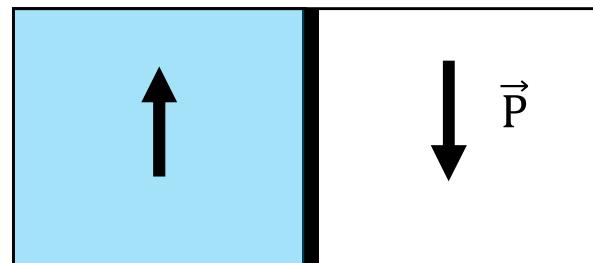
# Domain walls (DW)

DW

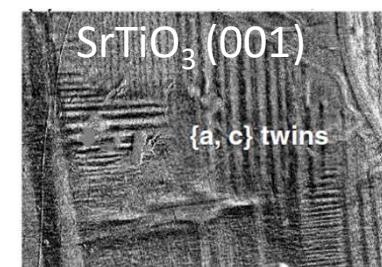
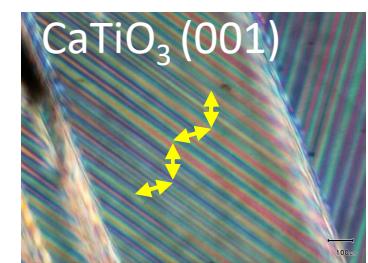
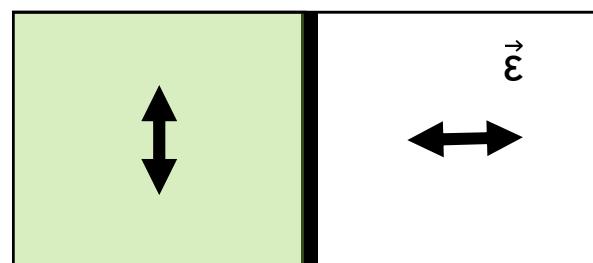
Ferromagnetic



Ferroelectric



Ferroelastic



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# Zoology of domain wall properties

## Superconductivity

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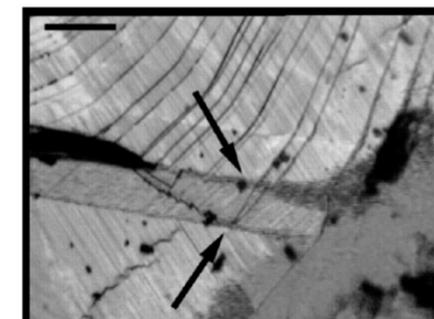
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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Sheet superconductivity in twin walls: experimental evidence of $\text{WO}_{3-x}$

Alison Aird and Ekhard K H Salje

IRC in Superconductivity and Department of Earth Sciences, University of Cambridge, Downing Street, Cambridge CB2 3EQ, UK



## Conduction

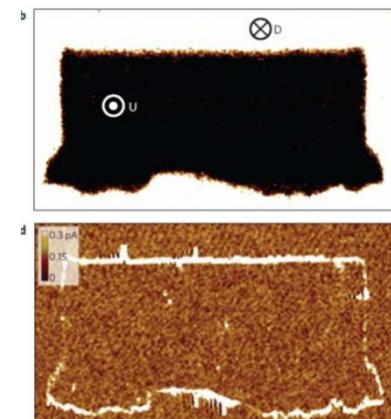
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#### Conduction at domain walls in oxide multiferroics

J. Seidel<sup>1,2\*</sup>, L. W. Martin<sup>2,3\*</sup>, Q. He<sup>1</sup>, Q. Zhan<sup>2</sup>, Y.-H. Chu<sup>2,3,4</sup>, A. Rother<sup>5</sup>, M. E. Hawkridge<sup>2</sup>, P. Maksymovych<sup>6</sup>, P. Yu<sup>1</sup>, M. Gajek<sup>1</sup>, N. Balke<sup>1</sup>, S. V. Kalinin<sup>6</sup>, S. Gemming<sup>7</sup>, F. Wang<sup>1</sup>, G. Catalan<sup>8</sup>, J. F. Scott<sup>8</sup>, N. A. Spaldin<sup>9</sup>, J. Orenstein<sup>1,2</sup> and R. Ramesh<sup>1,2,3</sup>



## Polarity

PRL **111**, 247603 (2013)

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#### Domains within Domains and Walls within Walls: Evidence for Polar Domains in Cryogenic $\text{SrTiO}_3$

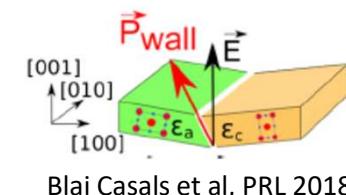
E. K. H. Salje,\* O. Aktas, and M. A. Carpenter

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J. F. Scott



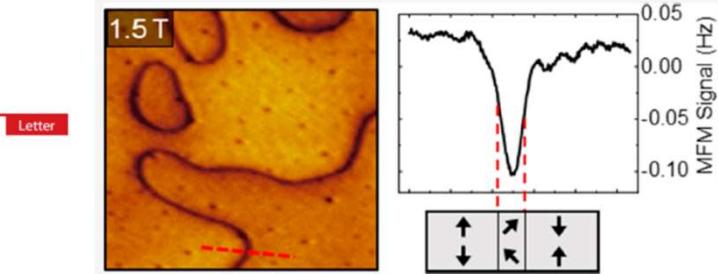
Blai Casals et al, PRL 2018

# Zoology of domain wall properties

## Magnetism



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### Magnetic Imaging of Domain Walls in the Antiferromagnetic Topological Insulator MnBi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>4</sub>

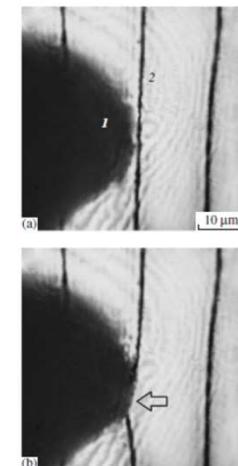
Paul M. Sass, Wenbo Ge, Jiaqiang Yan, D. Obeysekera, J. J. Yang, and Weida Wu\*

## Polarity on ferromagnet

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Original Russian Text © A.S. Logginov, G.A. Meshkov, A.V. Nikolaev, A.P. Pyatakov, 2007, published in Pis'ma v Zhurnal Èksperimental'noi Teoreticheskoi Fiziki, 2007, Vol. 86, No. 2, pp. 124–127.

### Magnetoelectric Control of Domain Walls in a Ferrite Garnet Film

A. S. Logginov, G. A. Meshkov, A. V. Nikolaev, and A. P. Pyatakov



## Switch Polar

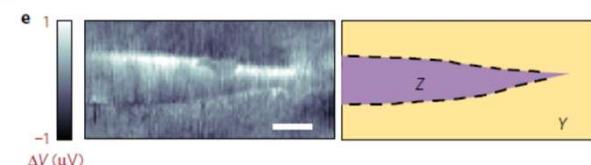
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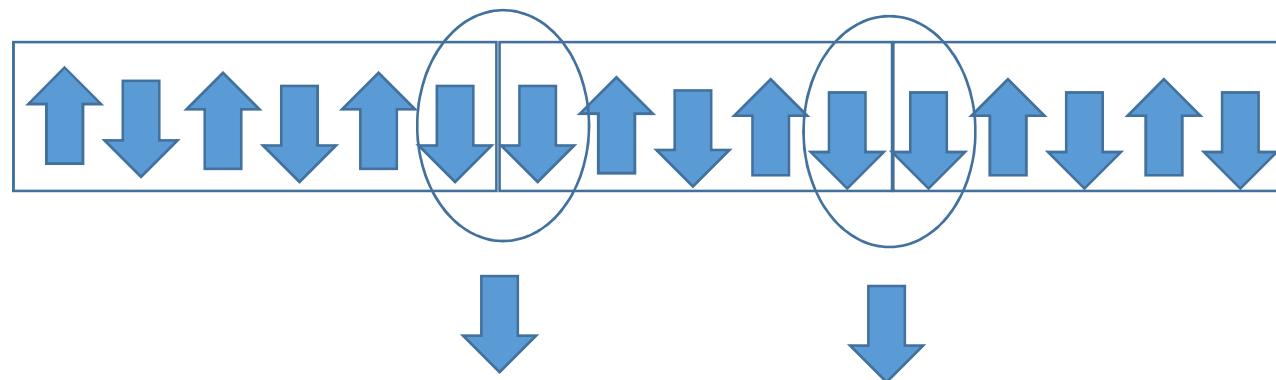
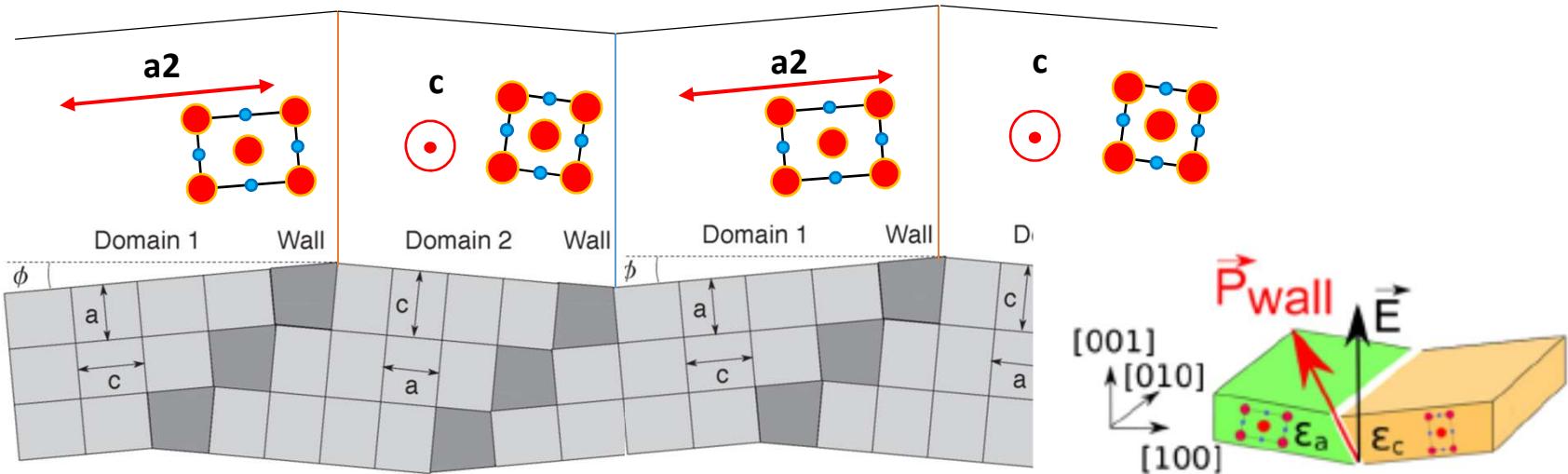
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### Imaging and tuning polarity at SrTiO<sub>3</sub> domain walls

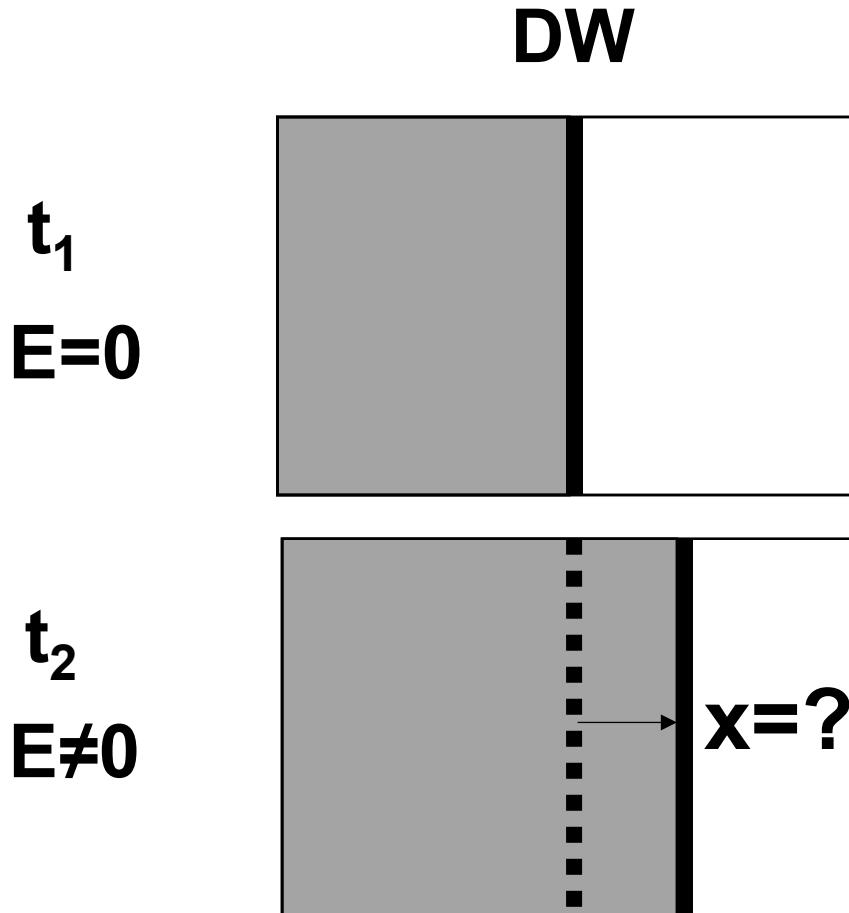
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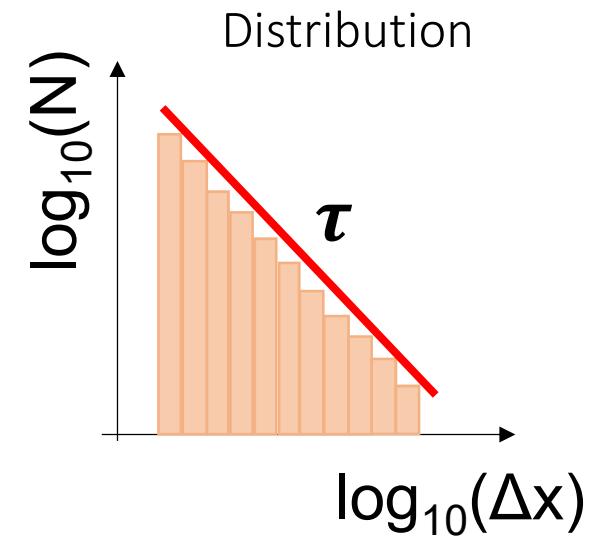
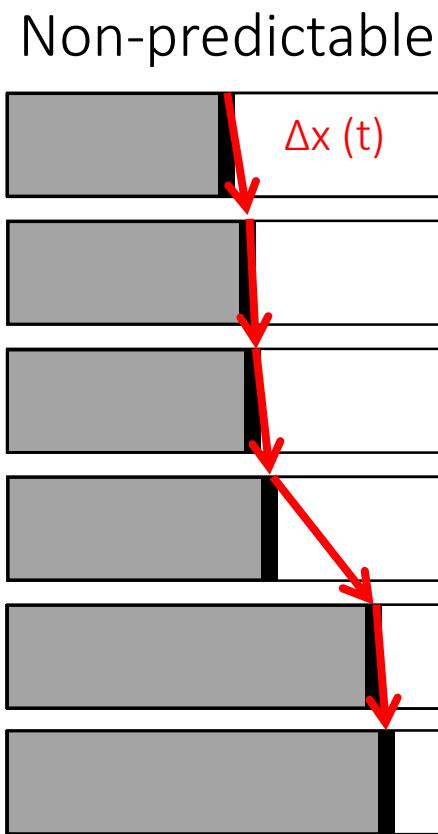
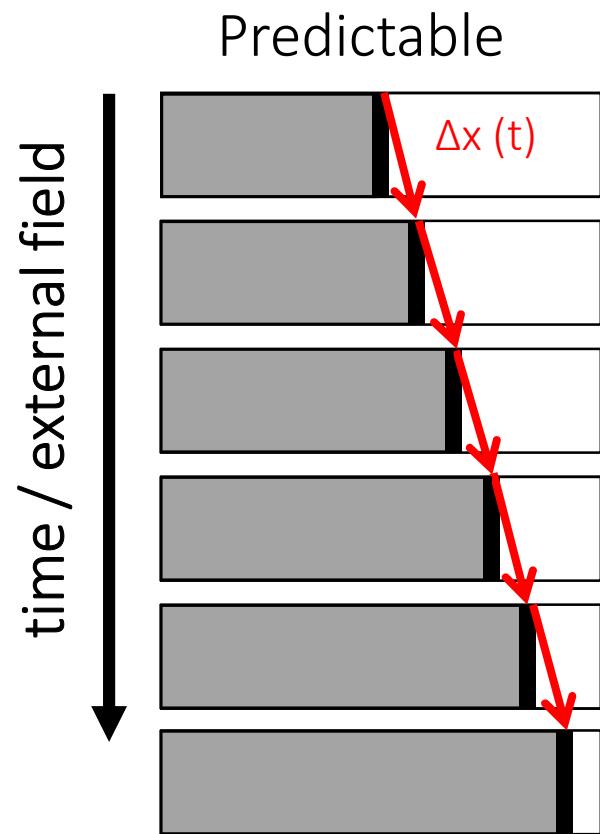
# Origin flavour of the DW properties



# *How a domain wall move?*



# Domain wall motion

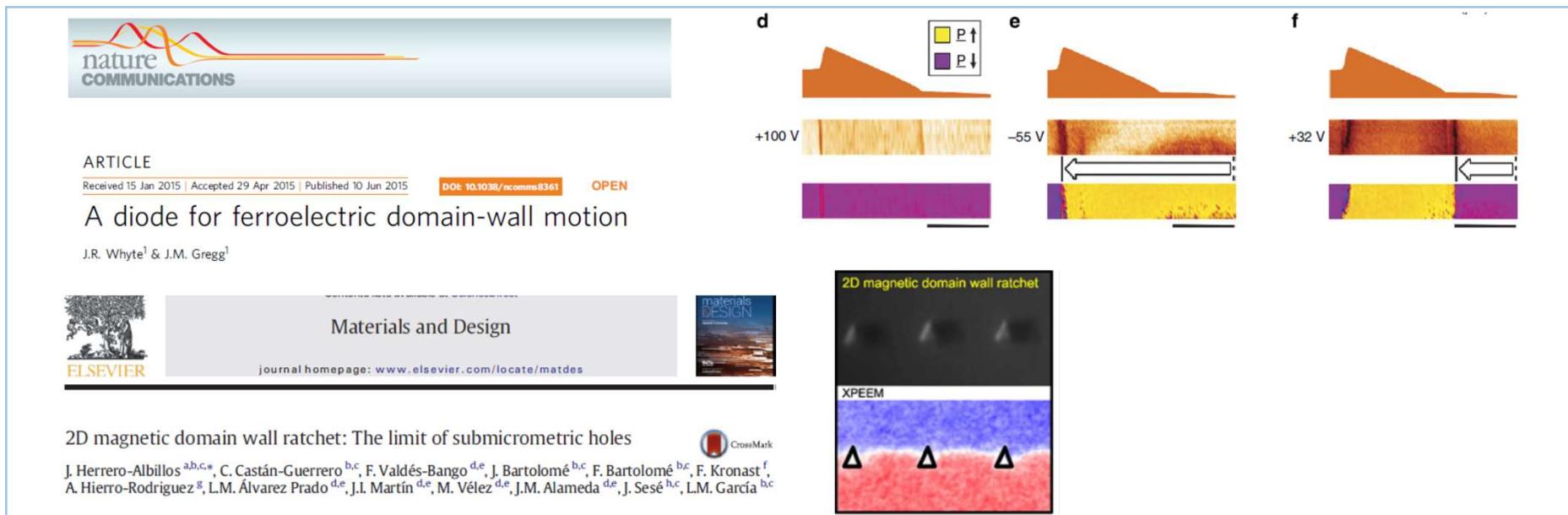


Avalanches on domain motion.

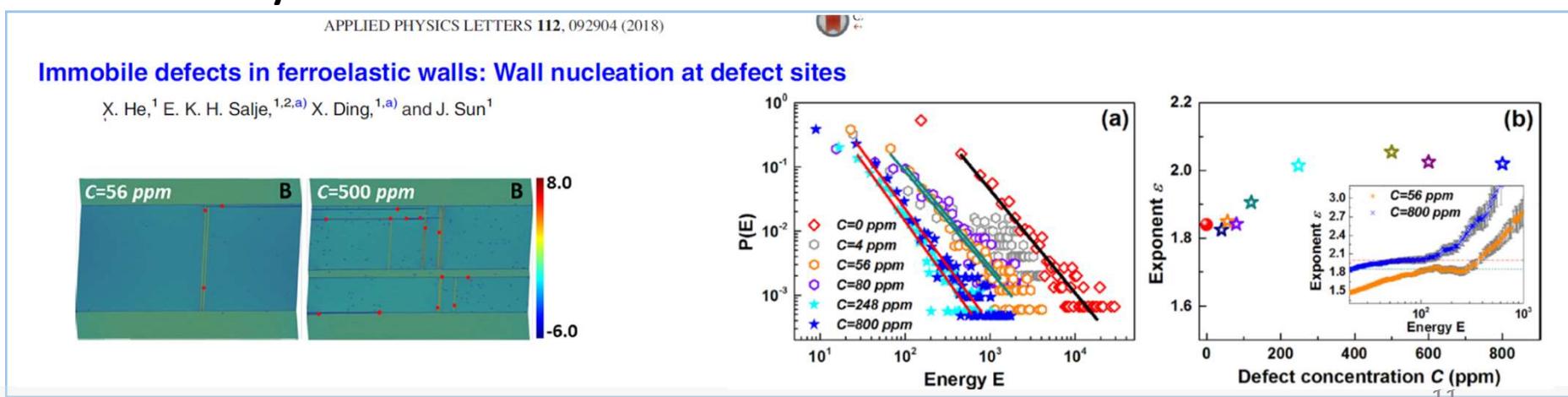
$$\text{PDF}(\Delta x) \sim \Delta x^{-\tau}$$

# Strategies to control the DW motion / position

## Coupling/pinning with the topography

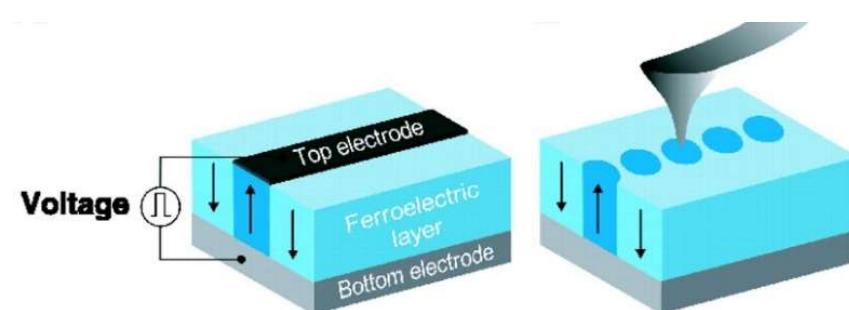


## Defects density



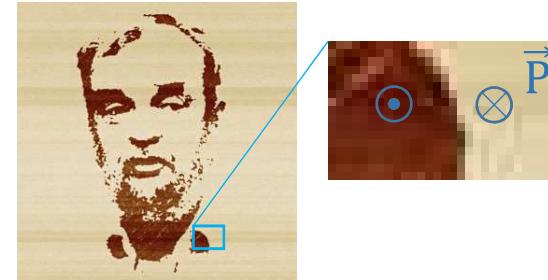
# *Strategies to control the DW motion / position*

## Writing (contacts, AFM, ...)



C. H. Ahn et al., Science 23, 303, 488-491 (2004)

James F. Scott (1942 - 2020)

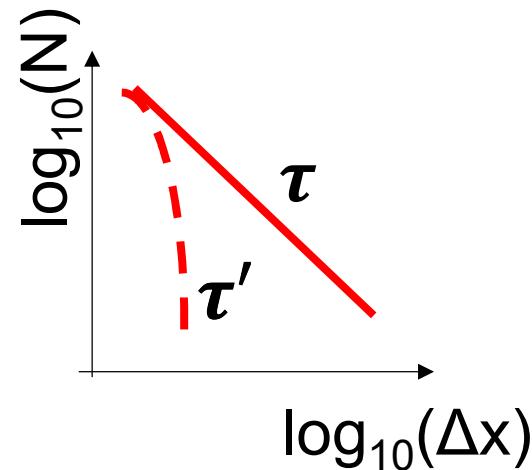


bismuth ferrite,  $30 \mu\text{m} \times 30 \mu\text{m}$ .

G. Catalan et al., Nature Materials volume 19, 580 (2020)

## Non-invasive and reversible strategies?

Study the Dynamics + perturbation



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*Ferroelastics*

*Ferrowrinkles*

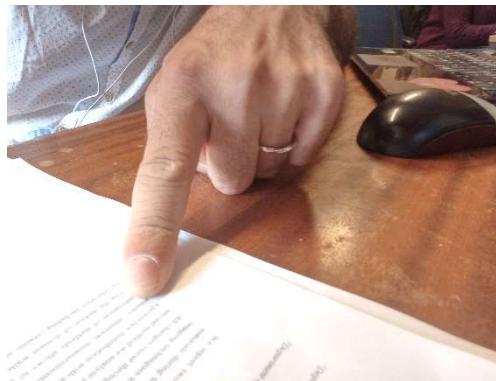
*Ferromagnetics*

# Measuring avalanches on ferroelectrics

“Listen”



“Touch”

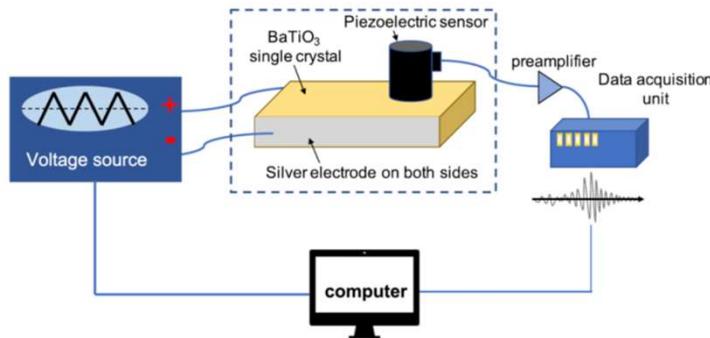


“Watch”



Acoustic Emission

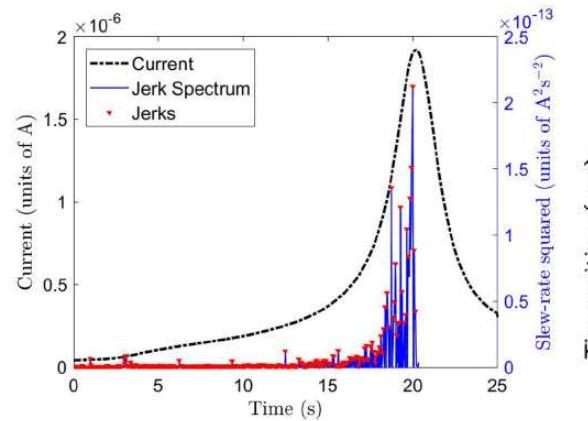
Strain changes



E. K. H. Salje et al., Phys Rev Mat (2019)

Displacement current

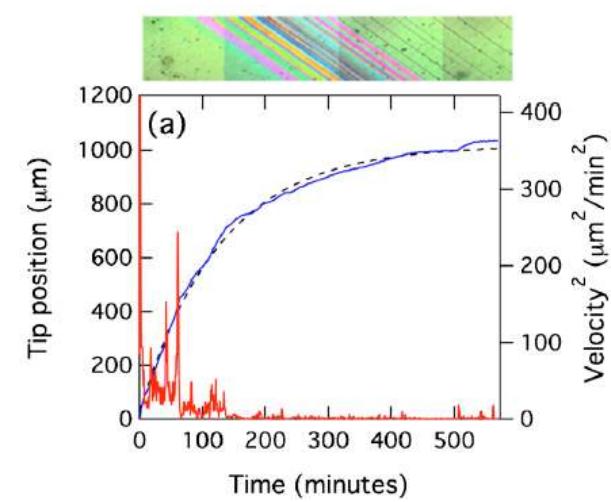
Polarization changes



Tan et al, Phys Rev Mat (2019)

Imaging pattern changes

Polarization and Strain

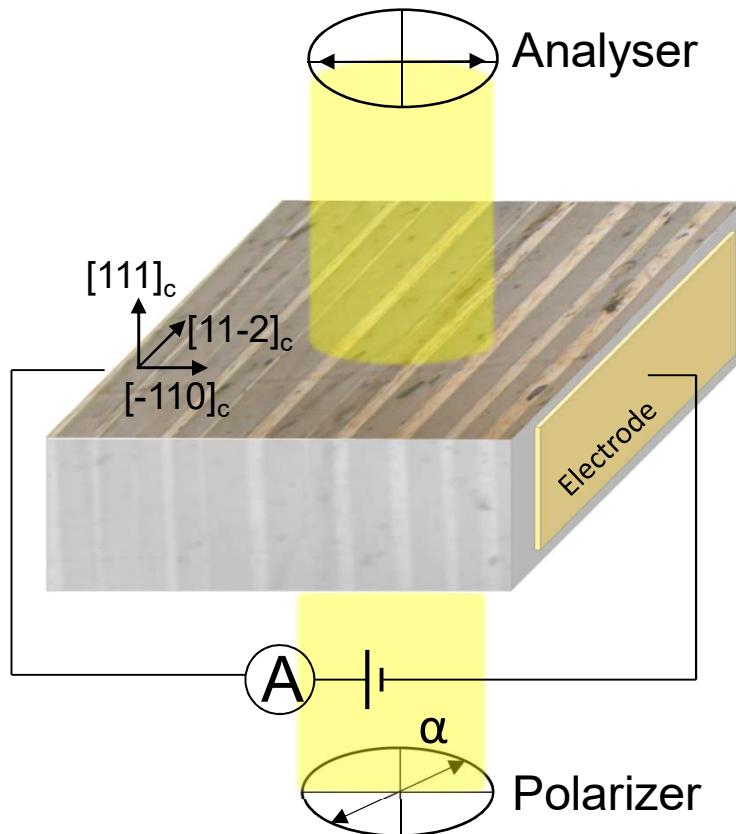


R. Harrison, E. K. H. Salje.  
Appl. Phys. Lett. (2010)

B. Casals et al. , APL Mater. 8, 011105 (2020)

# The Experiment, imaging pattern changes

**Simultaneous measurement:**  
Birefringence images and  
displacement current



BaTiO<sub>3</sub> (111)

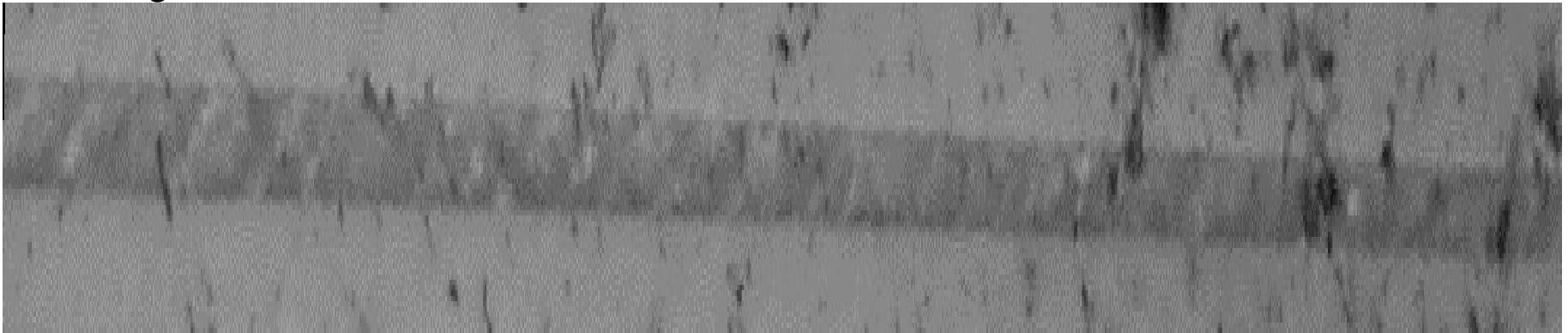


PMN-PT (001)  $(1-x)[\text{Pb}(\text{Mg}_{1/3}\text{Nb}_{2/3})\text{O}_3]-x[\text{PbTiO}_3]$ ,  $x=0.32$



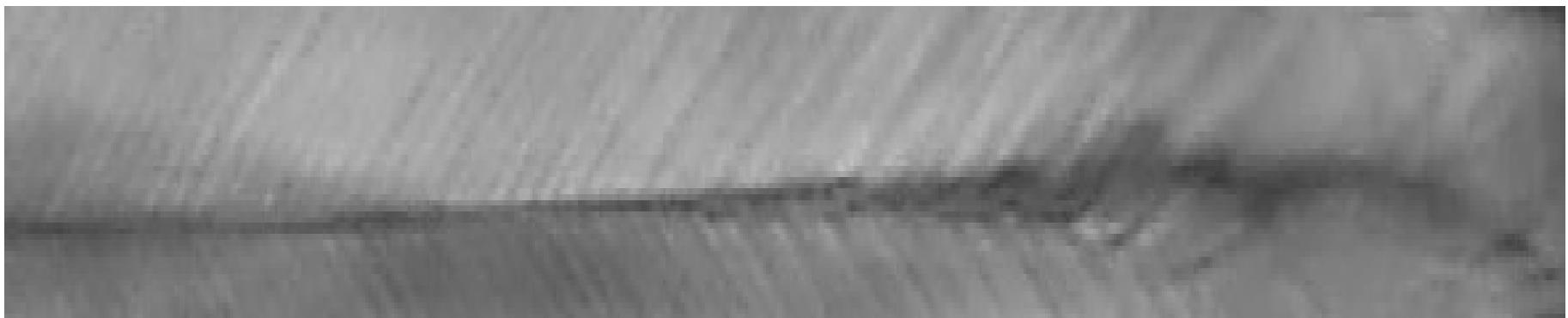
# *Two Ferroelectrics*

**BaTiO<sub>3</sub> (111)**



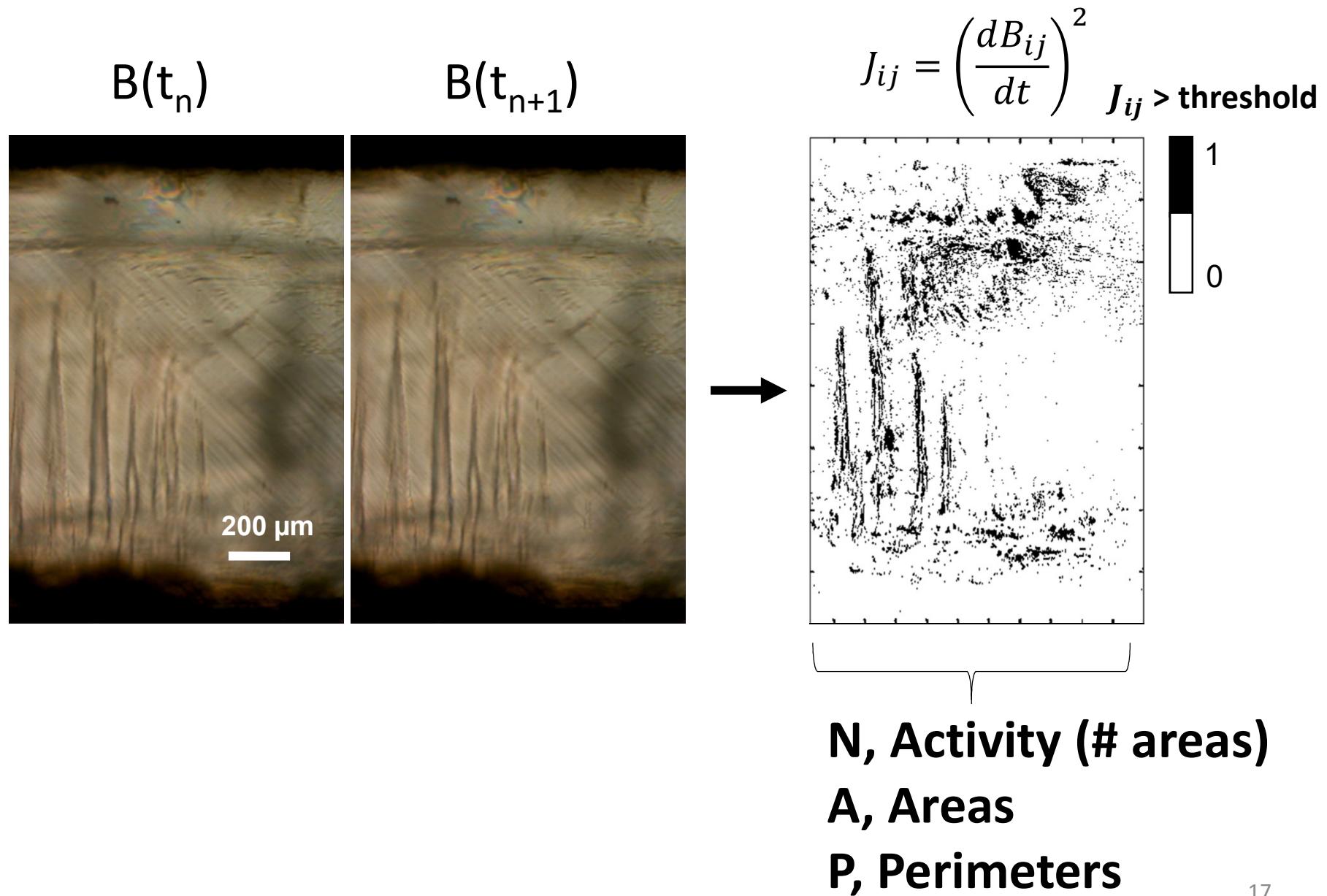
Simple domain pattern with parallel DWs

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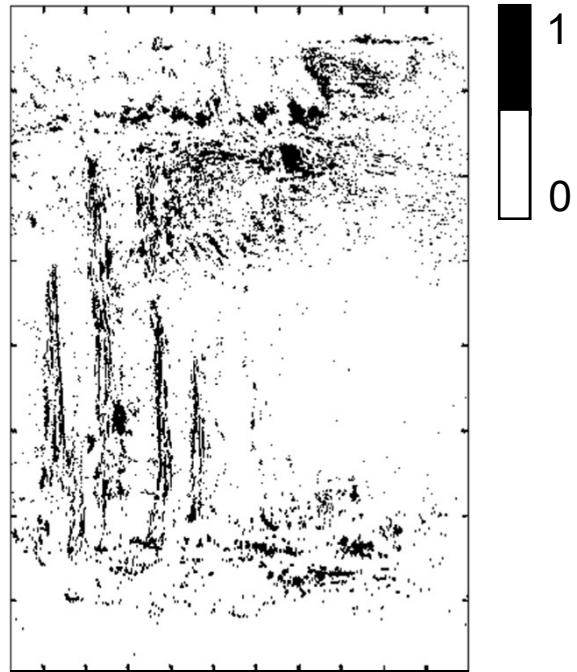
Complex domain pattern with junctions of DWs

# *Pixel by Pixel analysis*



# Pixel by Pixel analysis

$$J_{ij} = \left( \frac{dB_{ij}}{dt} \right)^2 \quad J_{ij} > \text{threshold}$$



Fractal dimension (Hausdorff dimension)

$$P \sim A^{H_D/2}$$



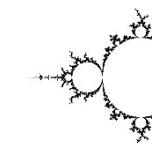
$$H_D = 1$$



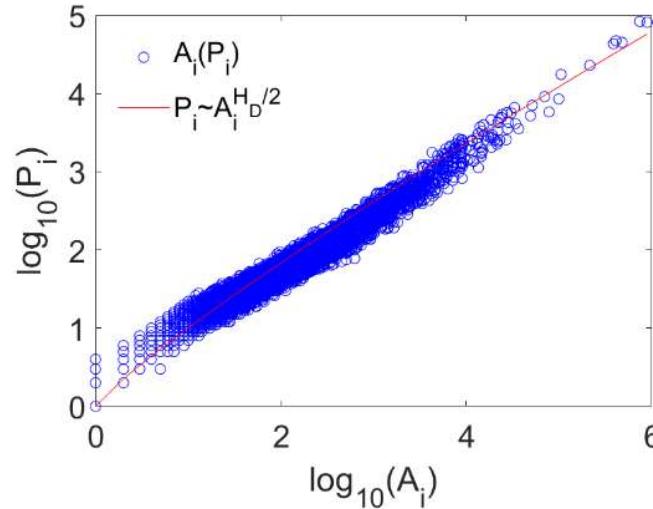
$$H_D = 1.08$$



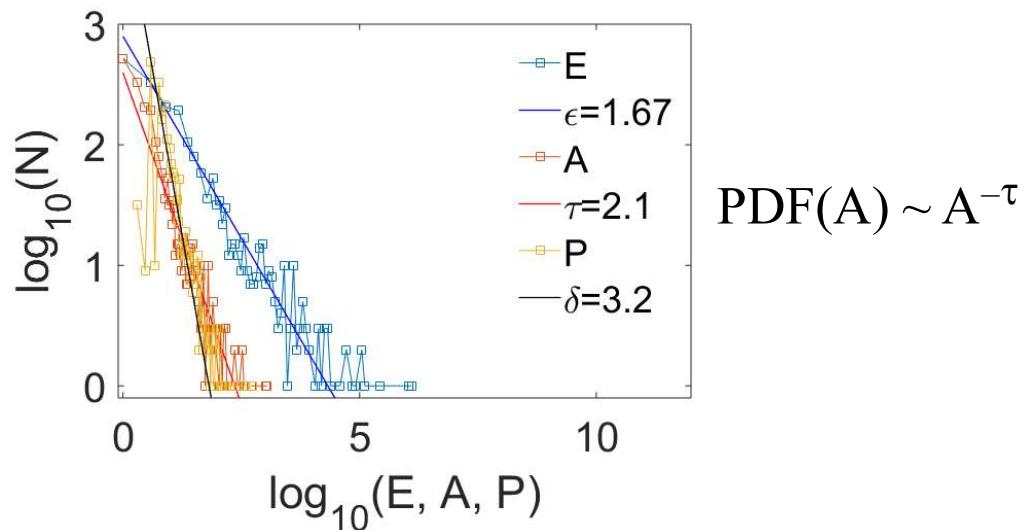
$$H_D = 1.26$$



$$H_D = 2$$

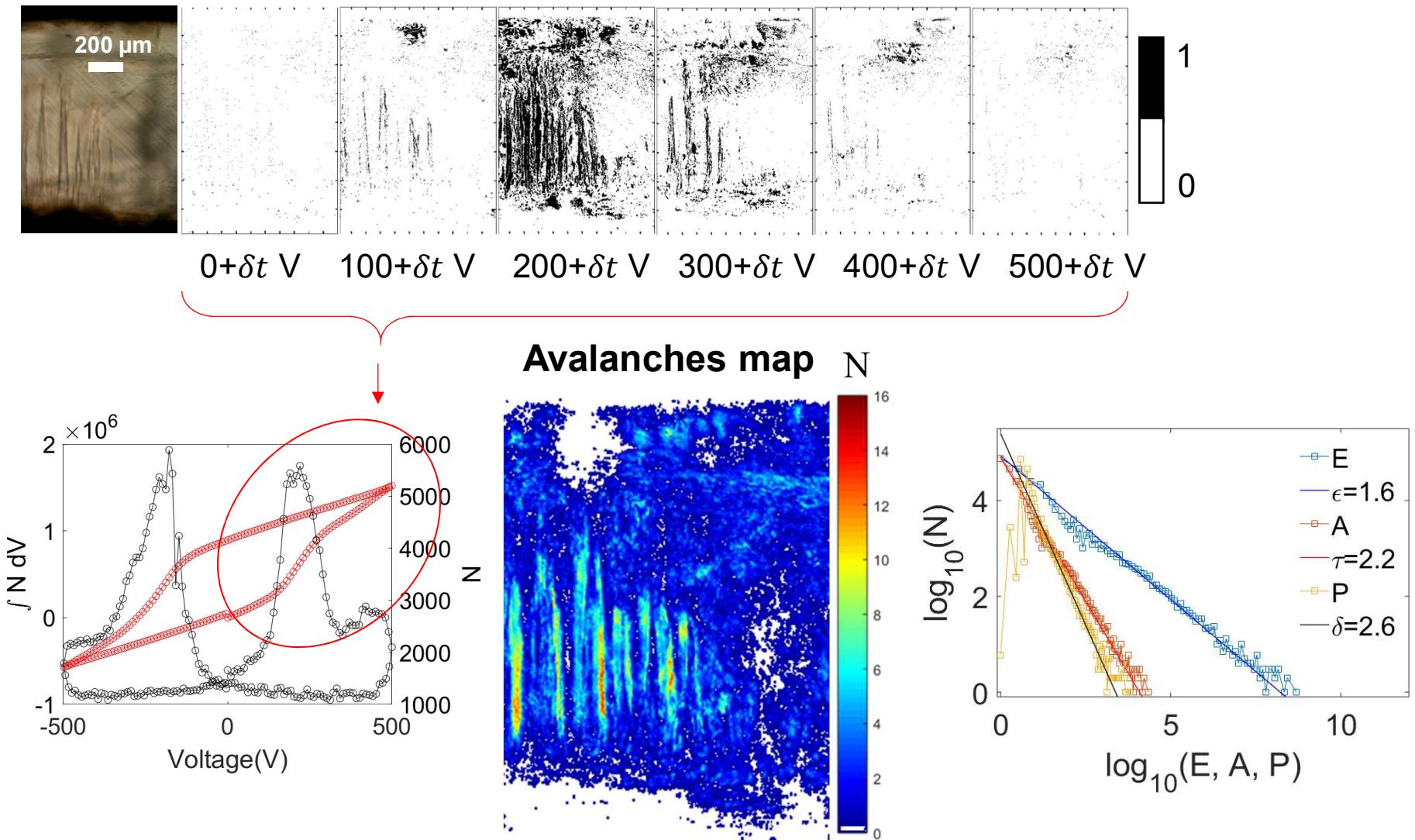


**Distribution of Areas A, Perimeters P and Energies E.**

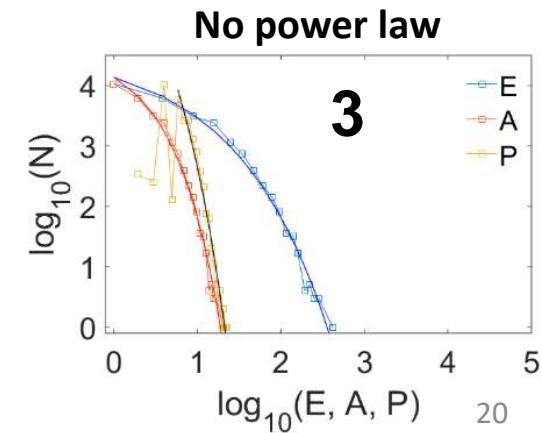
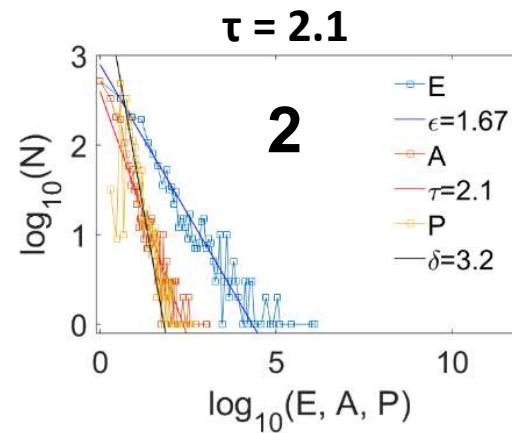
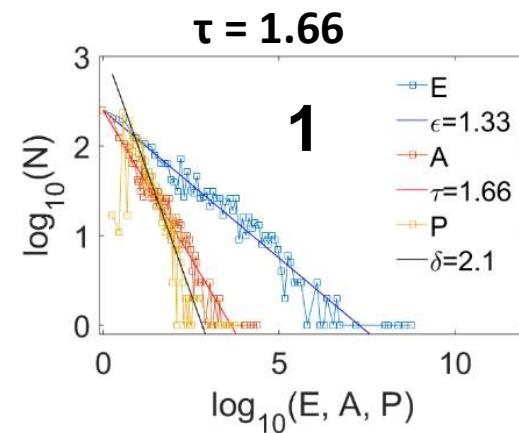
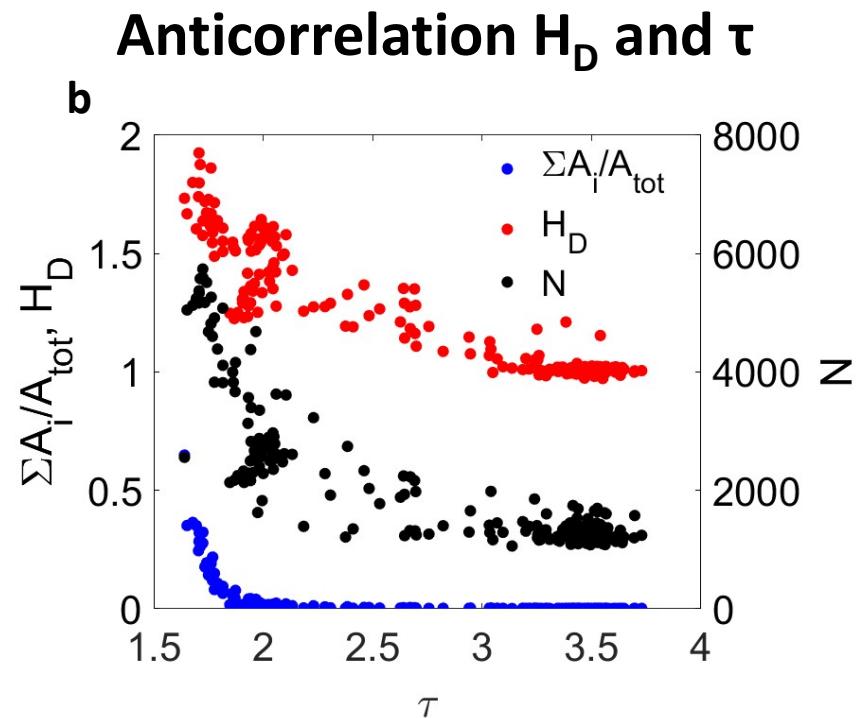
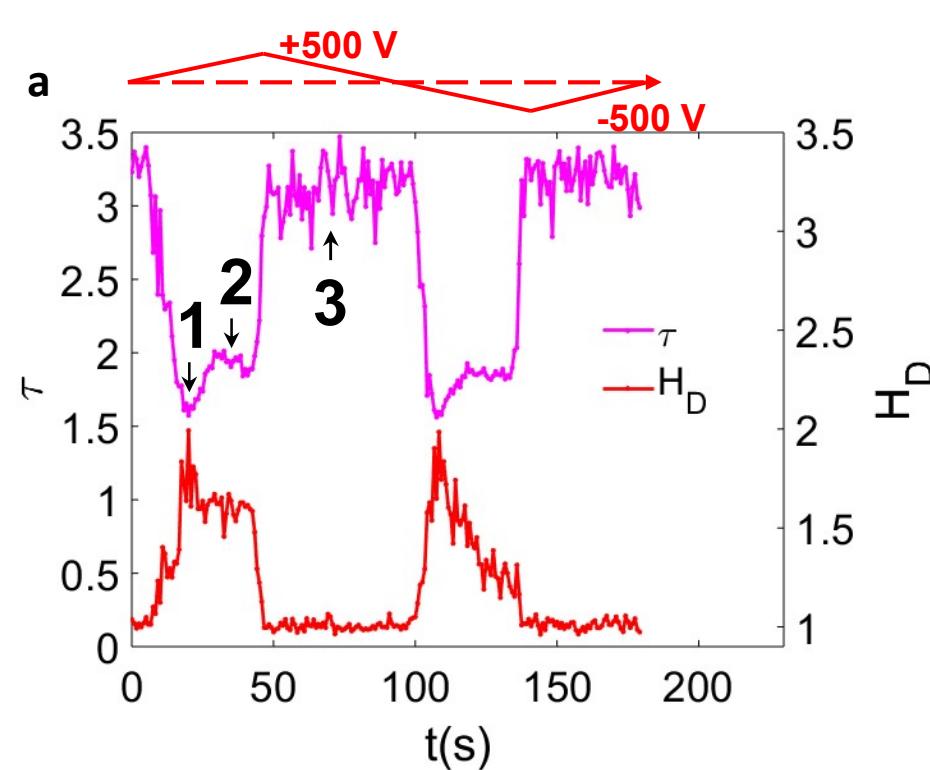


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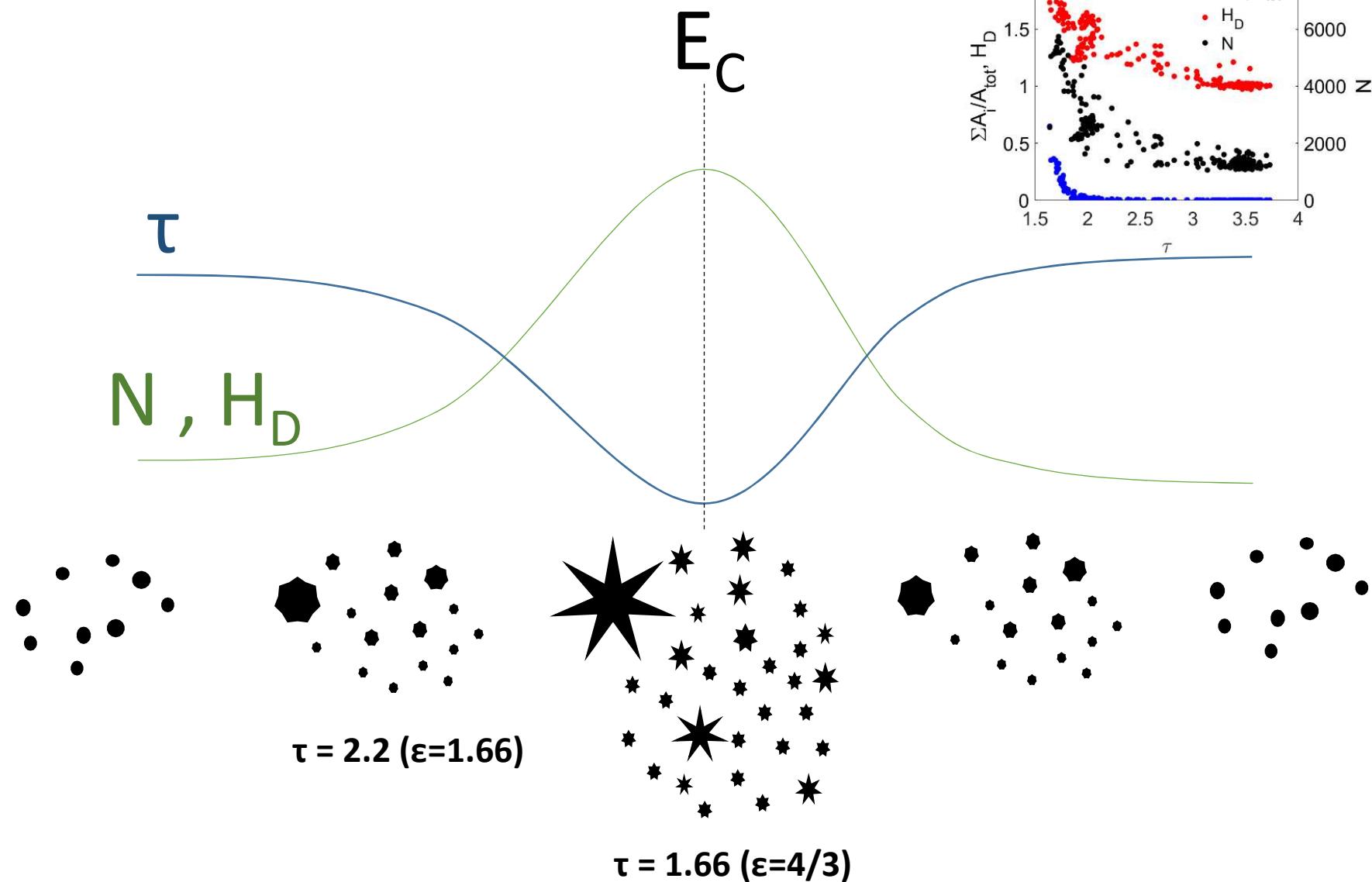
# Ferroelectric switching



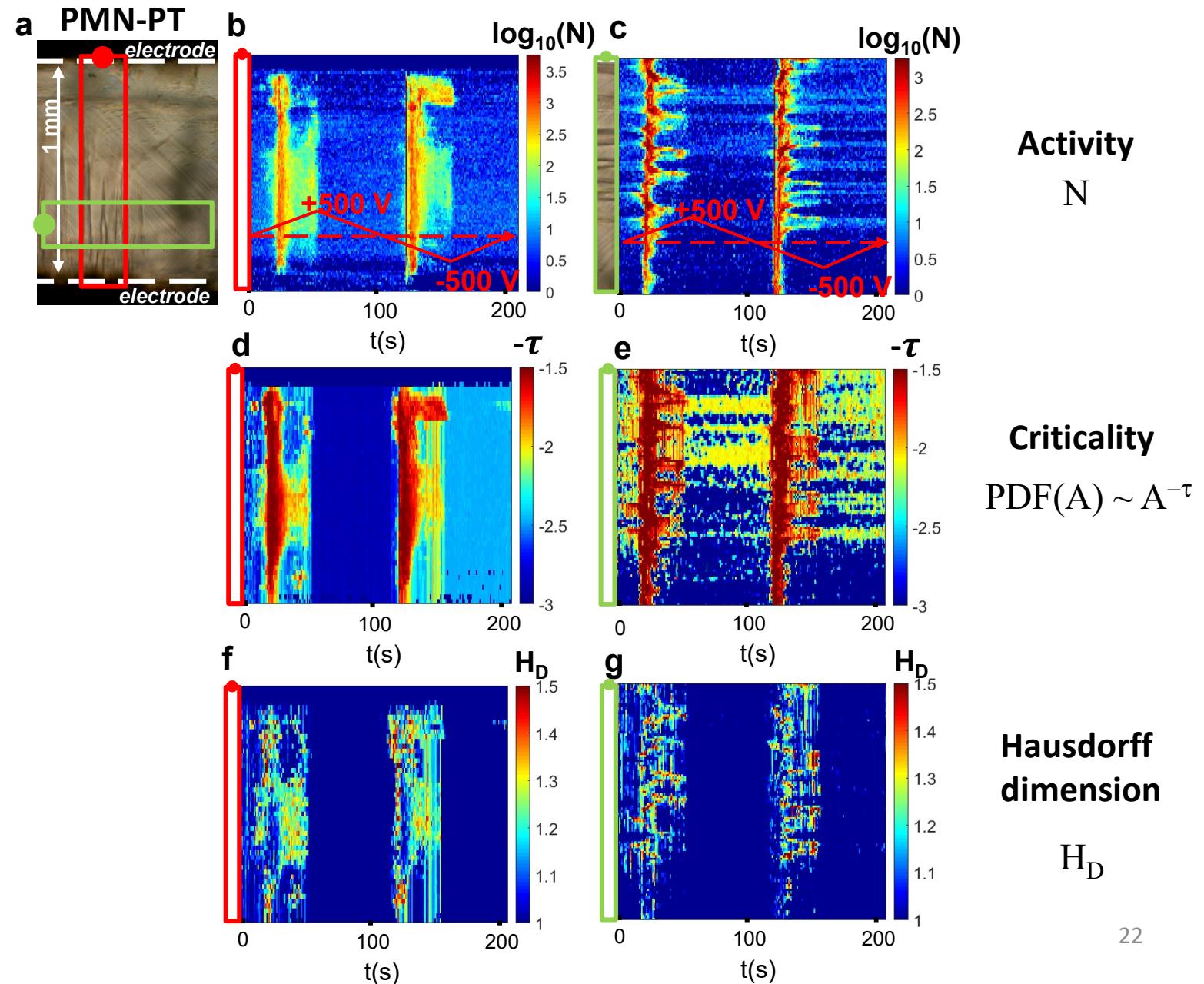
# Avalanches during FE switching, PMN-PT



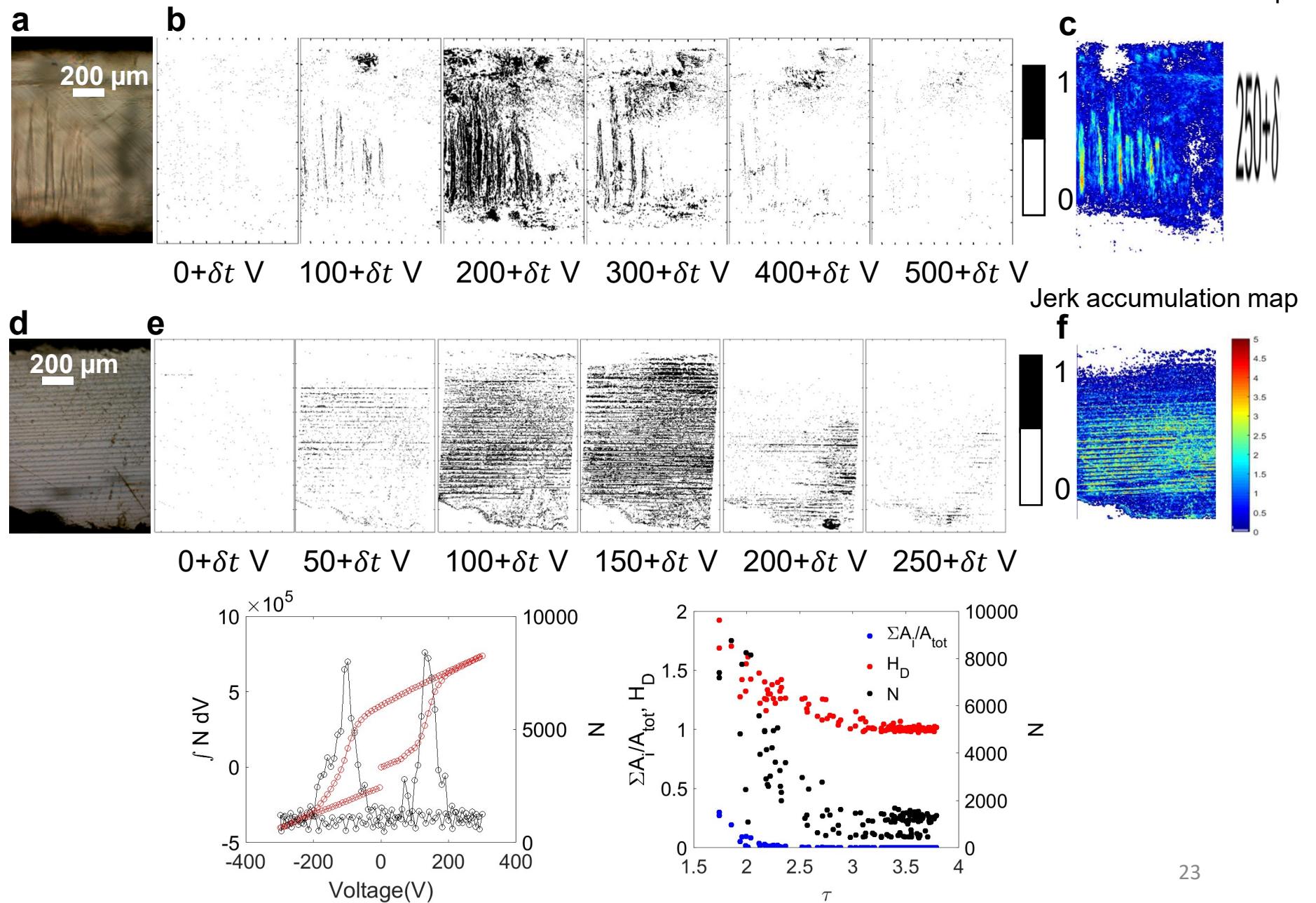
# $H_D$ and $\tau$ during FE switching



# Spatiotemporal mapping, PMN-PT



# PMN-PT, BaTiO<sub>3</sub>



# Avalanche criticality in ferroelectrics switching



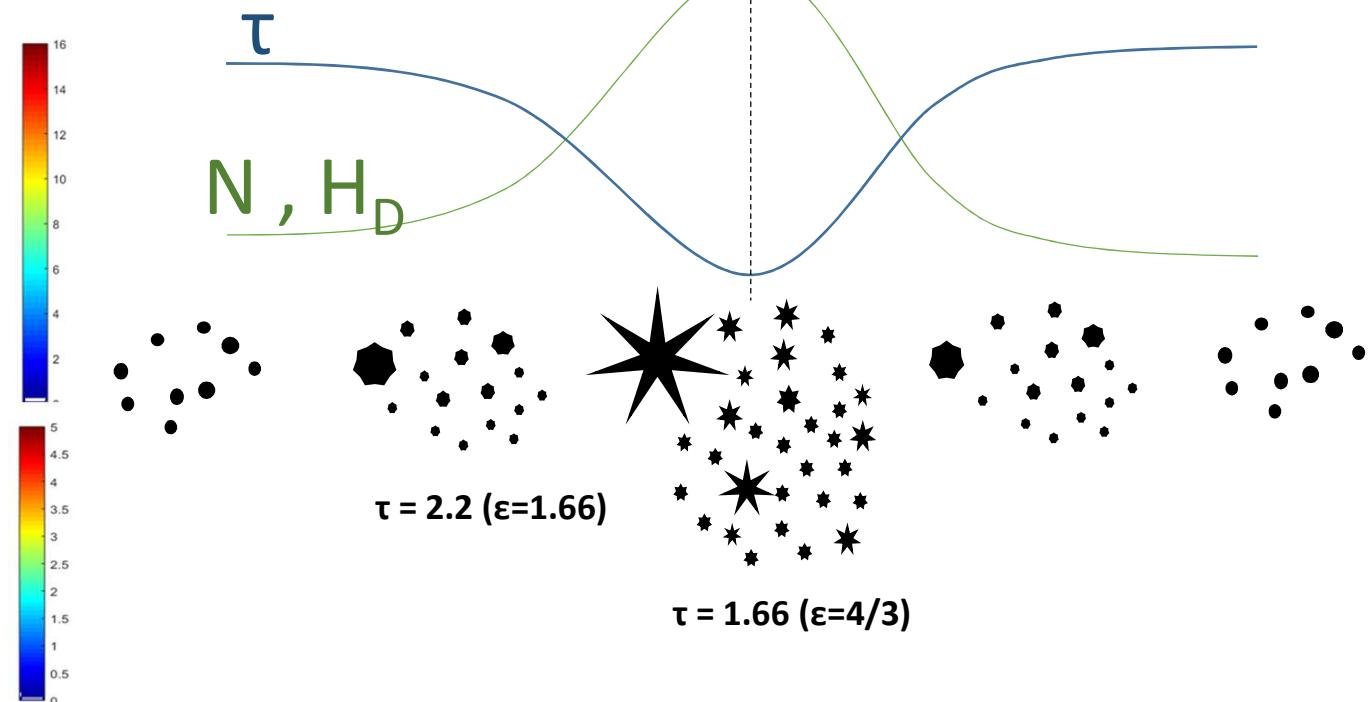
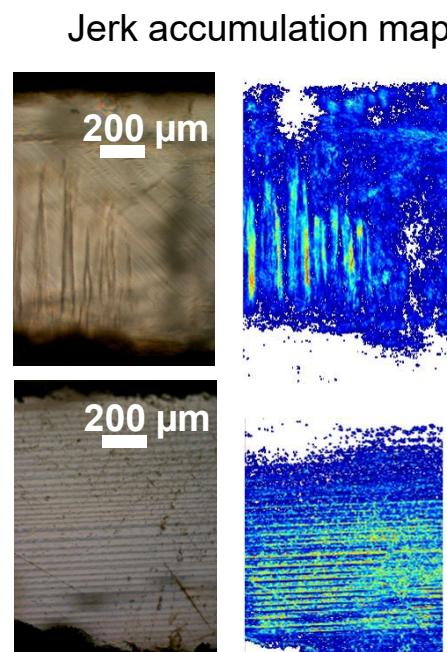
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## Avalanche criticality during ferroelectric/ferroelastic switching

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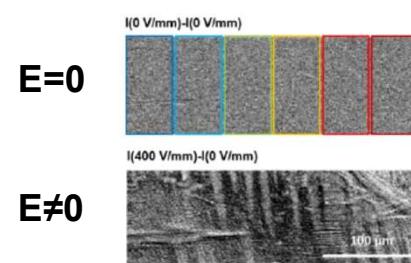
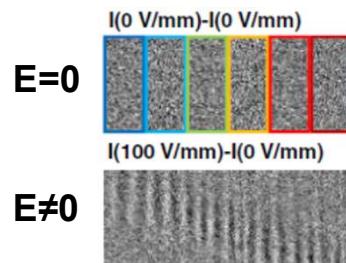
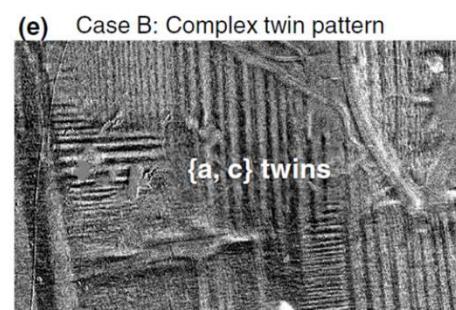
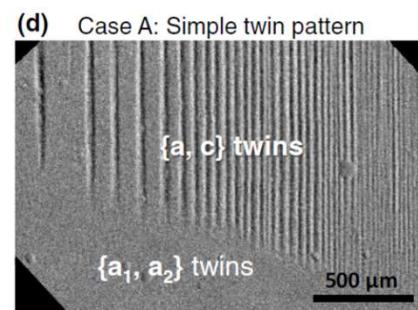
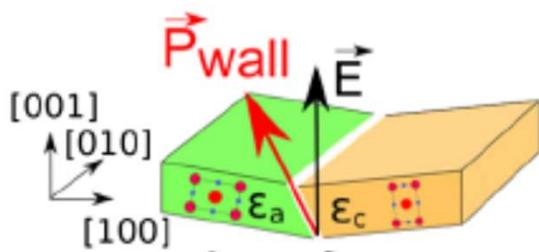
*Ferromagnetics*

# Domain wall interaction change the dynamics

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**SrTiO<sub>3</sub>**  
Ferroelastic



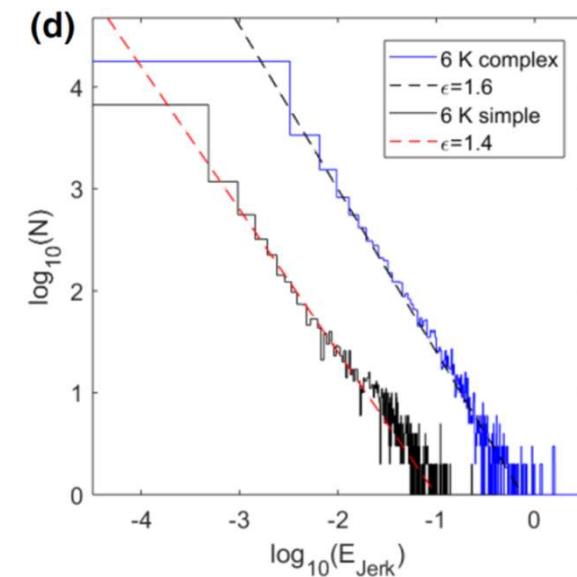
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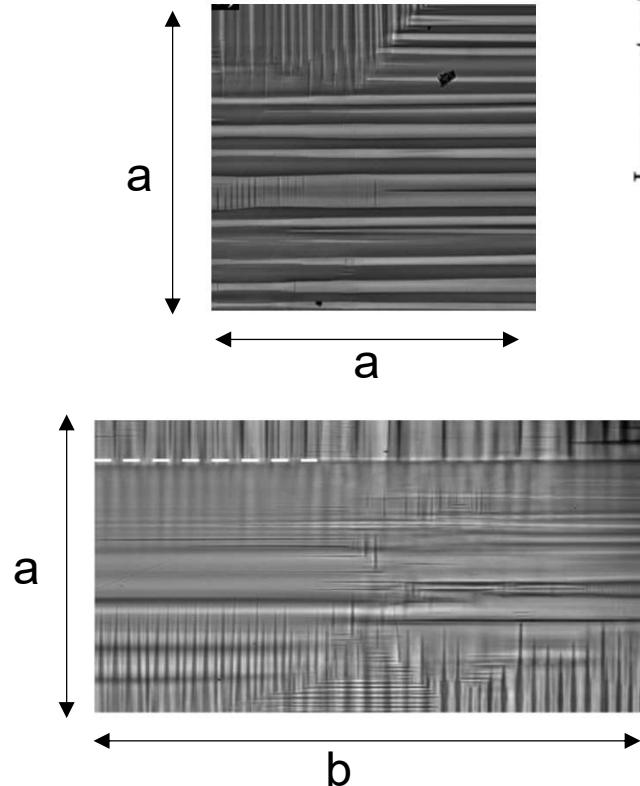
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# Aspect ratio, domain pattern

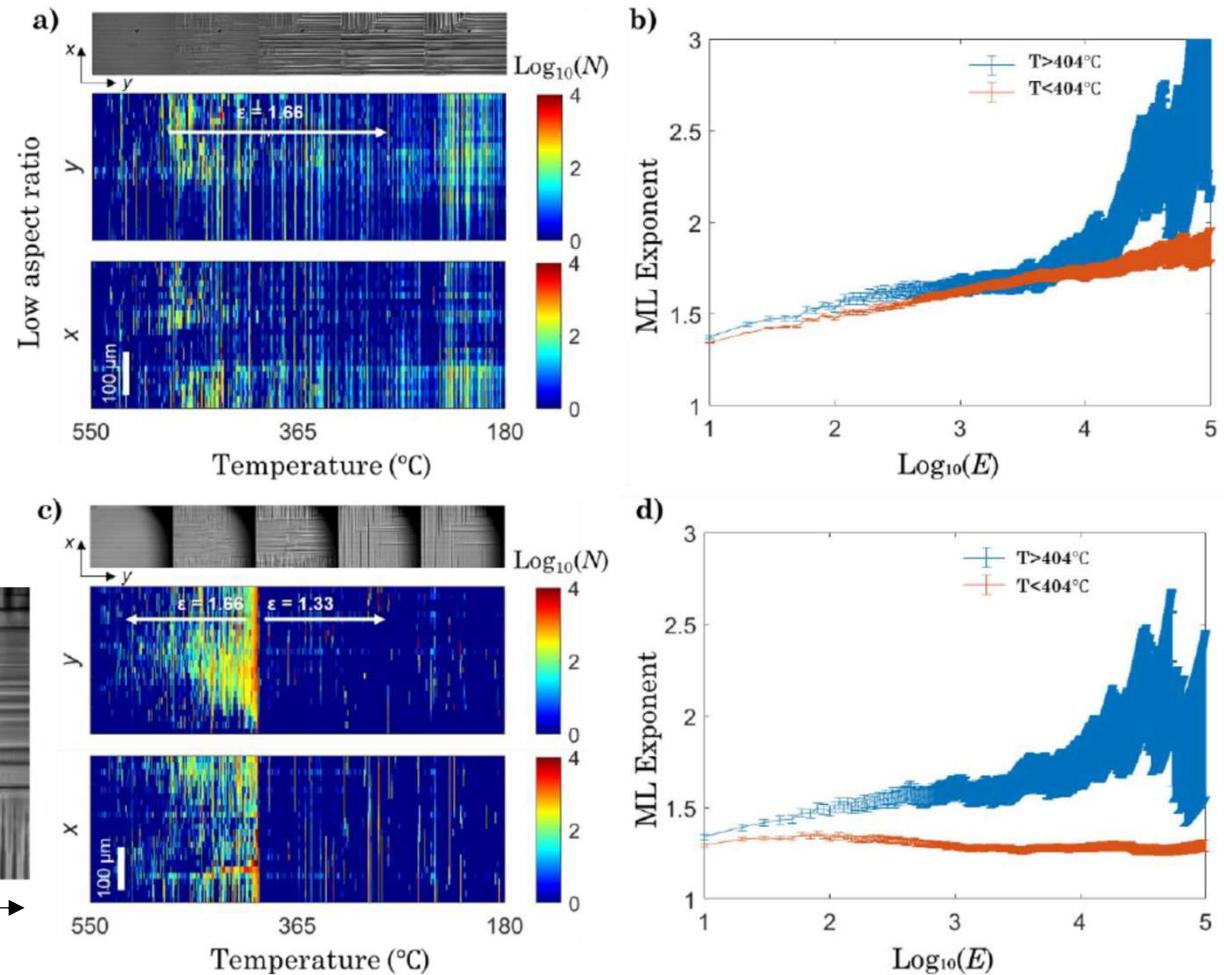
**LaAlO<sub>3</sub>**  
Ferroelastic



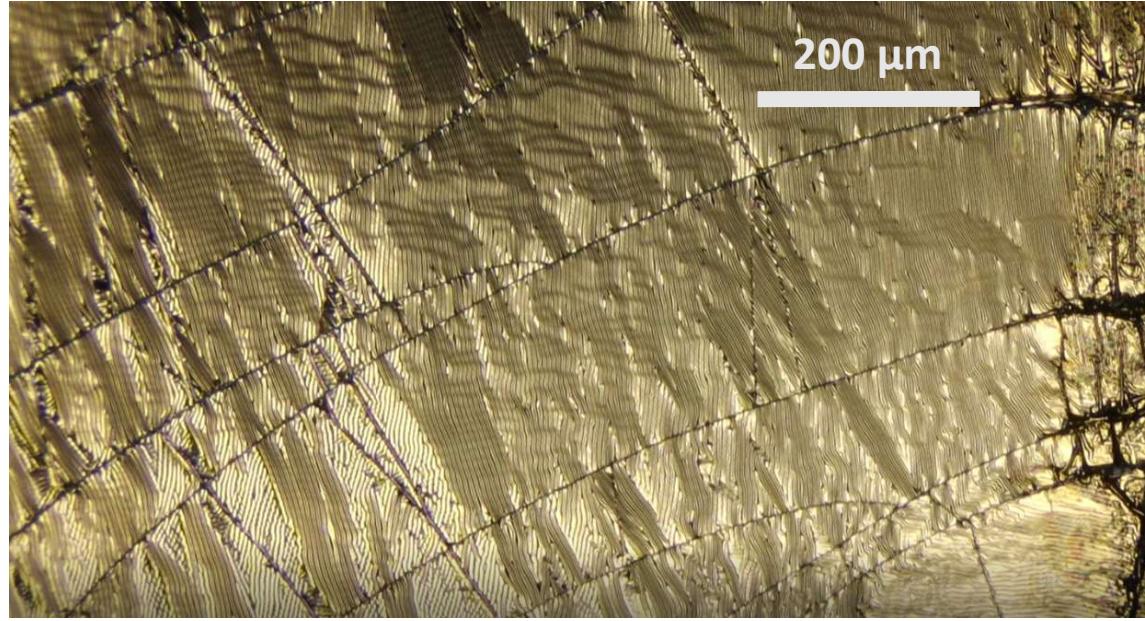
## Avalanche Criticality in LaAlO<sub>3</sub>: The Effect of Aspect Ratio

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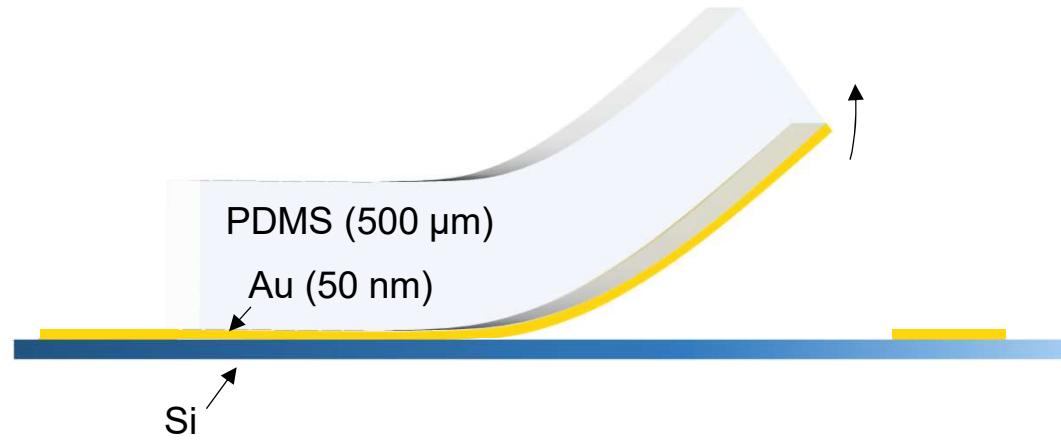
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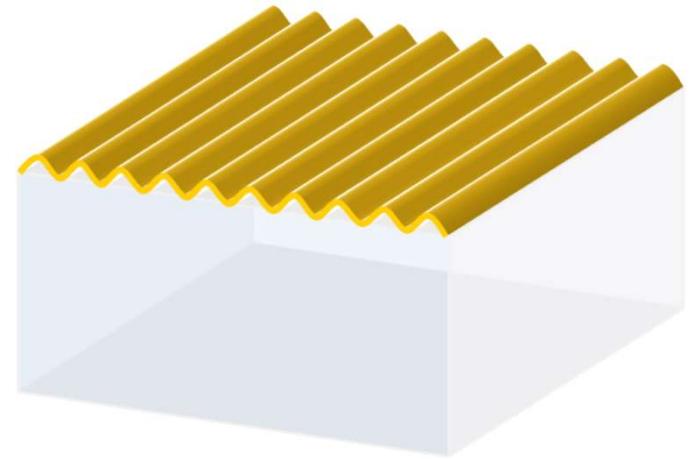
# *Wrinkle, film on a viscoelastic*



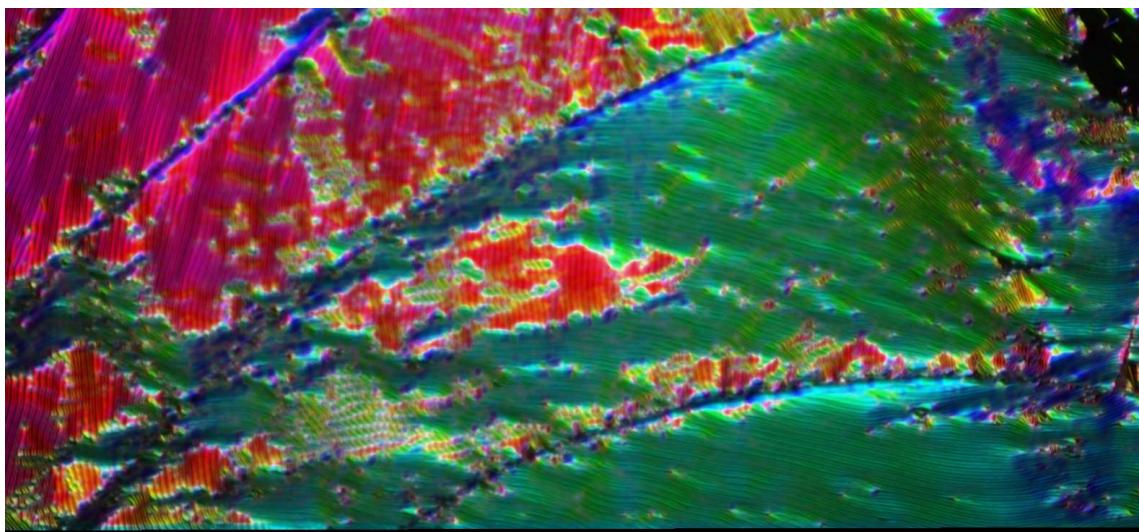
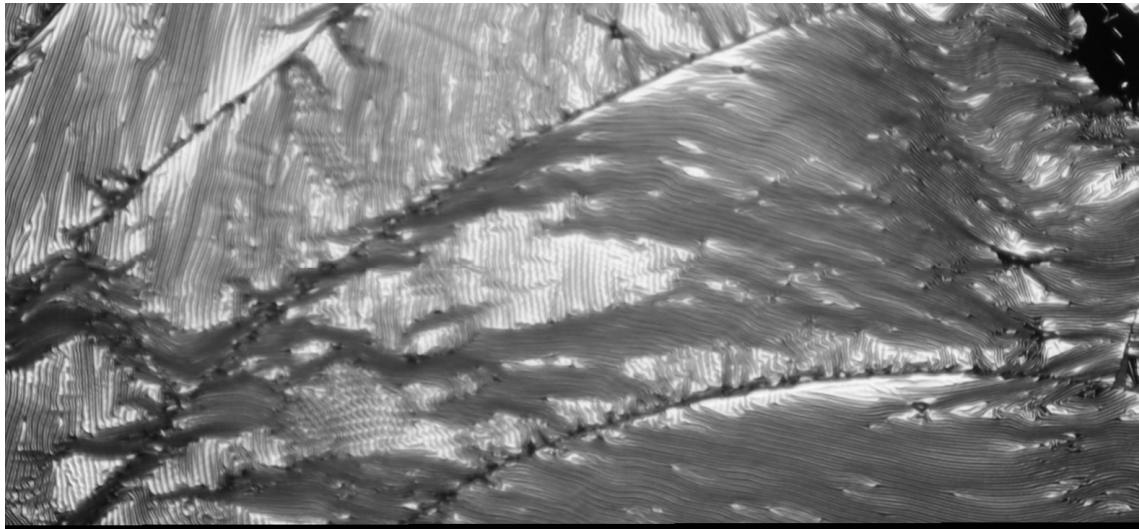
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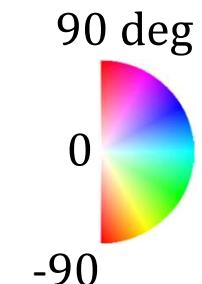
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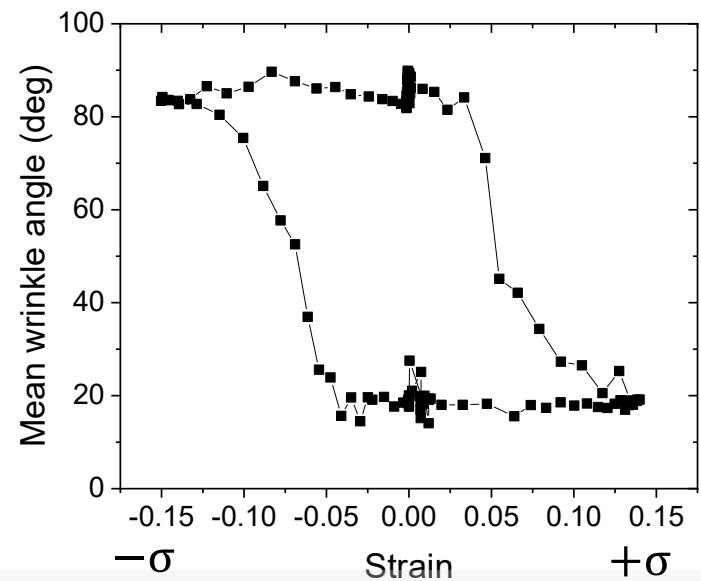
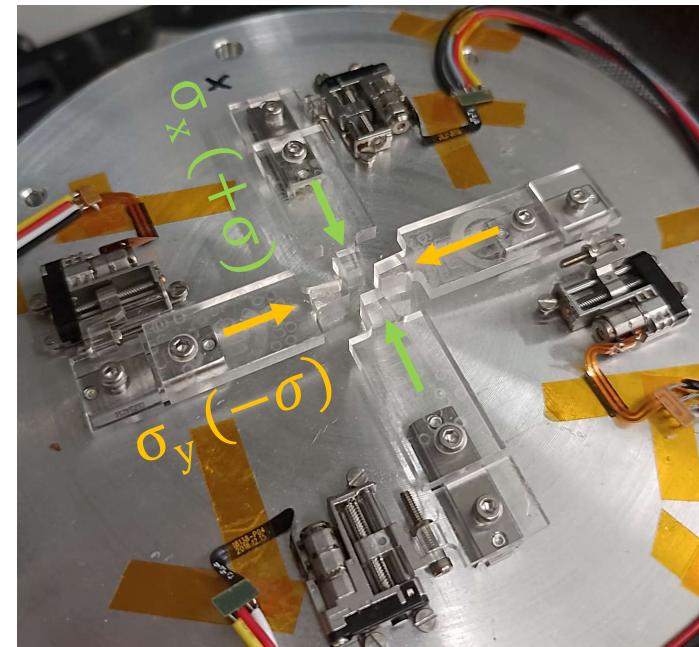
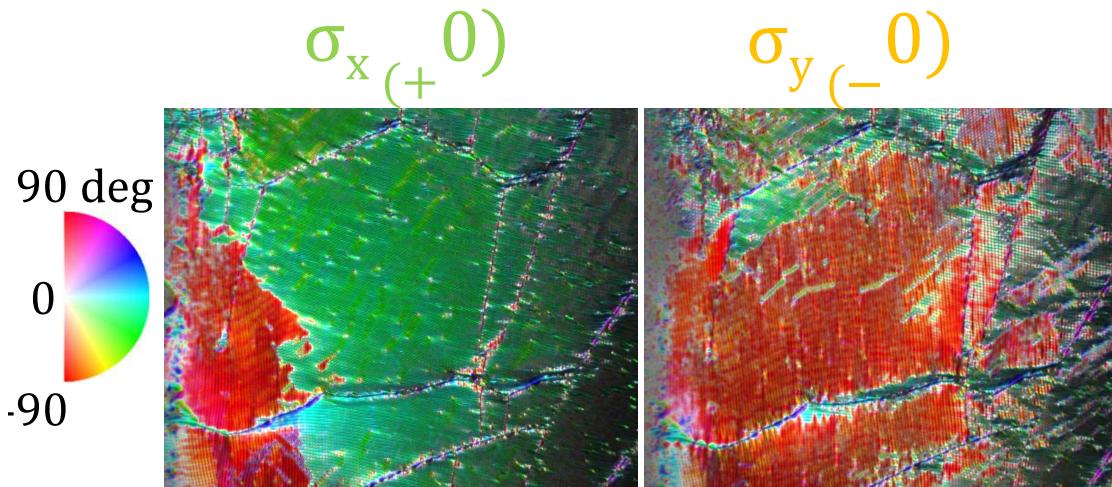
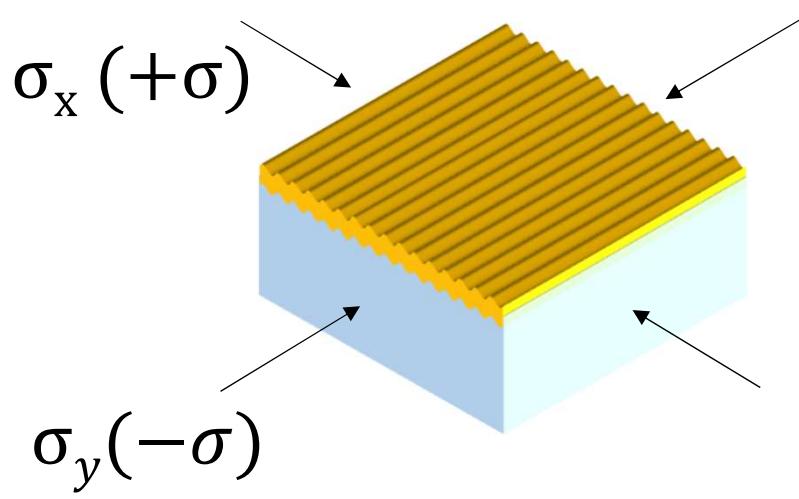


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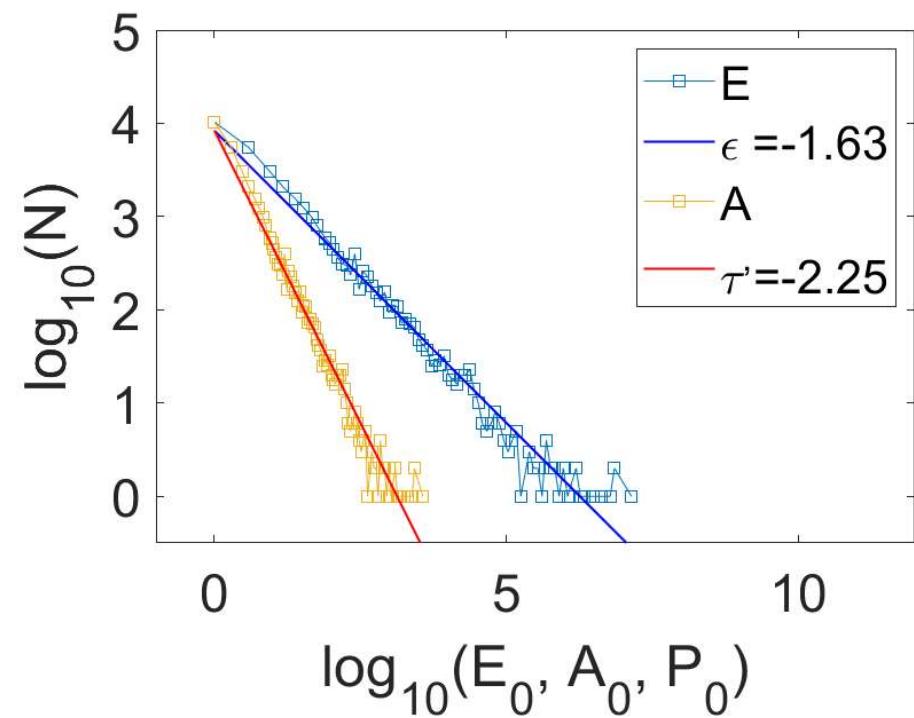
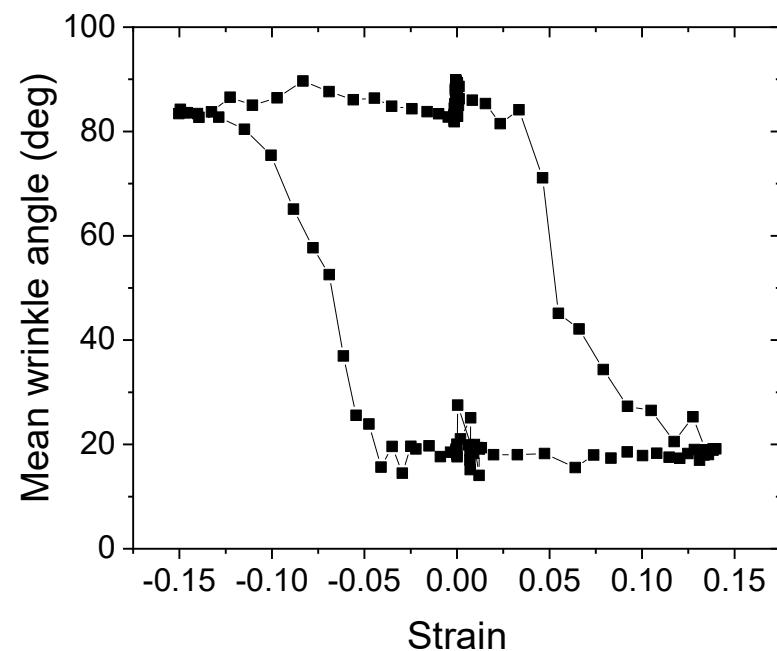


# Ferrowrinkle, wrinkles as ferroelastics

Scheme of compression device

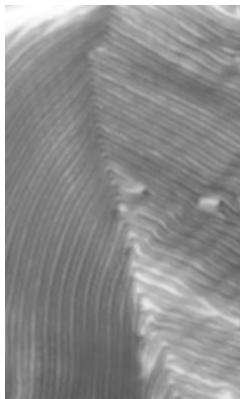


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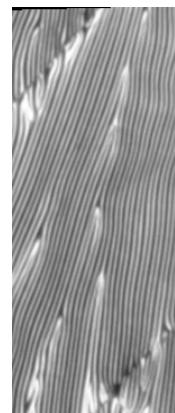


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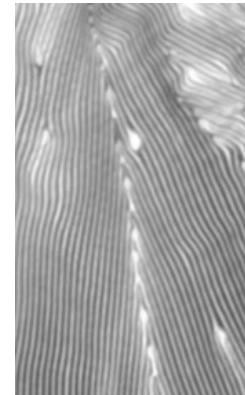
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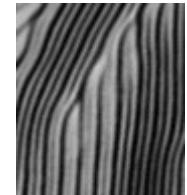
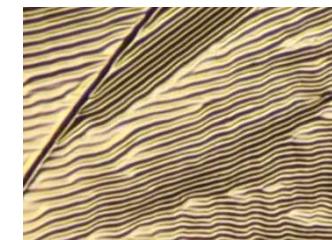
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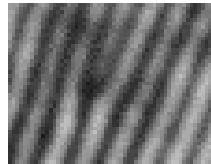
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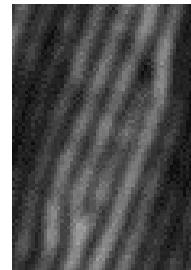
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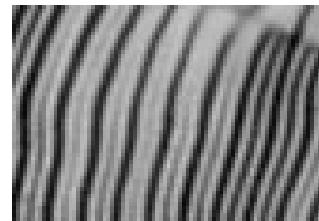
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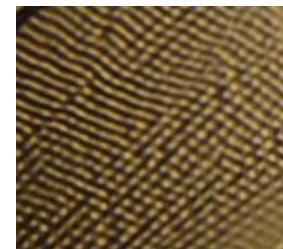
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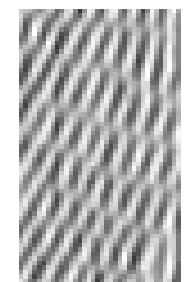
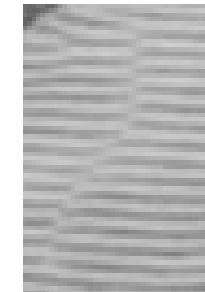
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Tweed



Antiphase Boundary



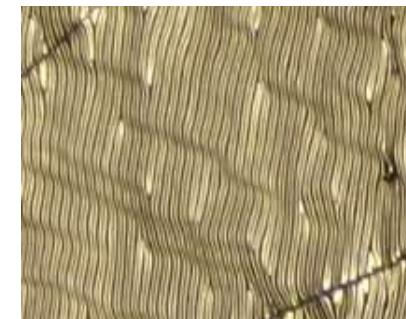
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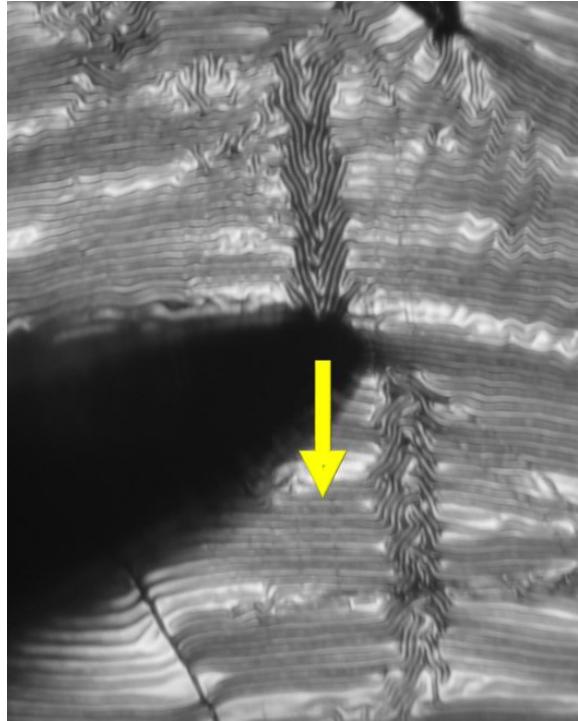
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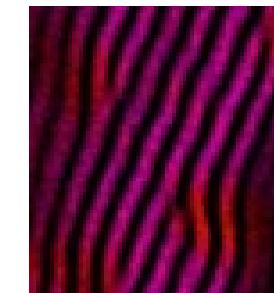
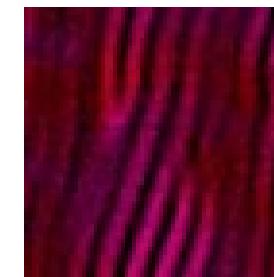
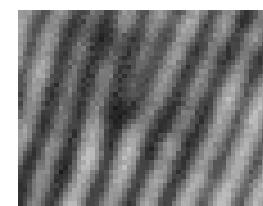
Shear bands, leading dislocation



*All animals in the same field of view*



Dislocacions



# *Outline*

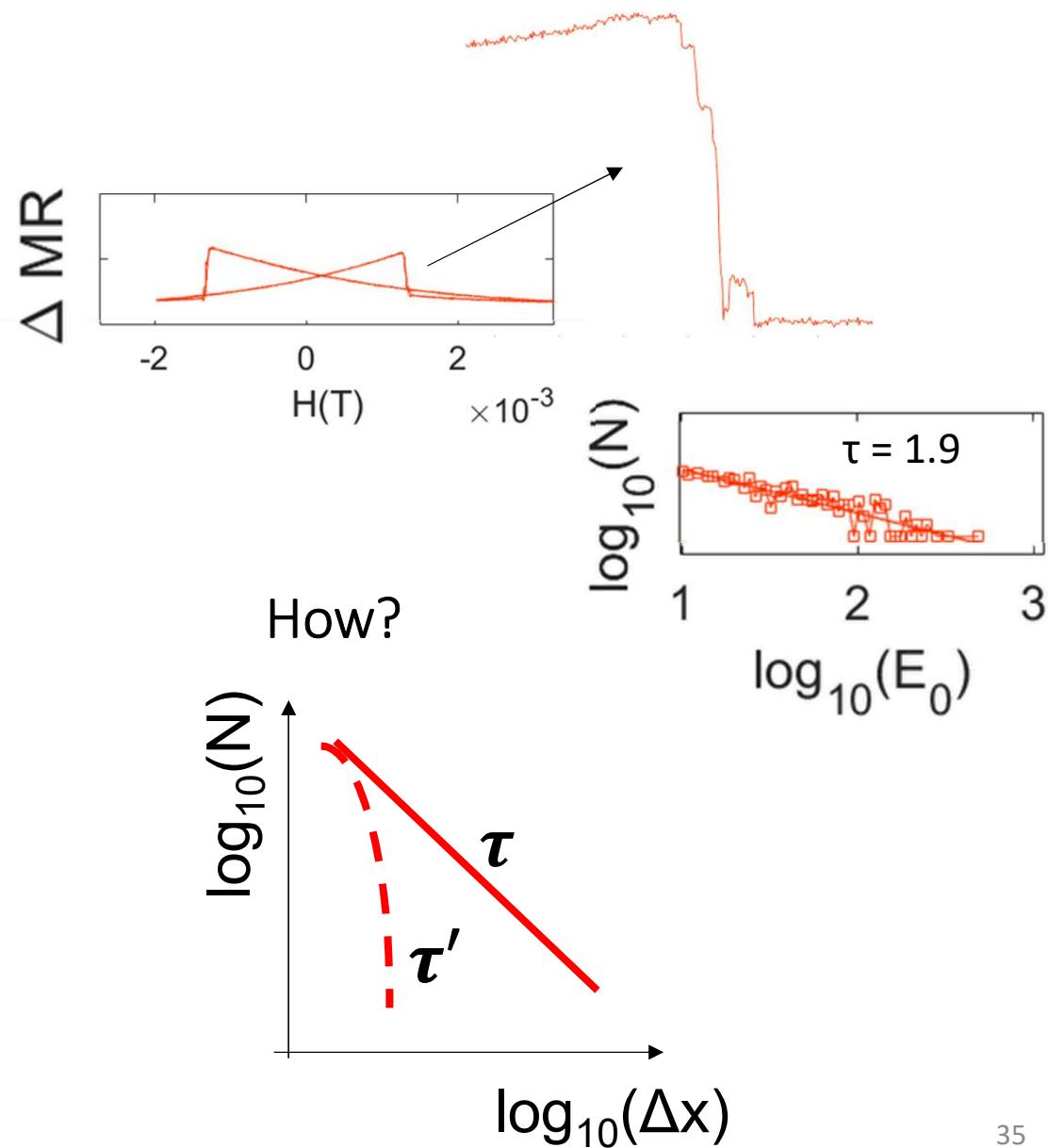
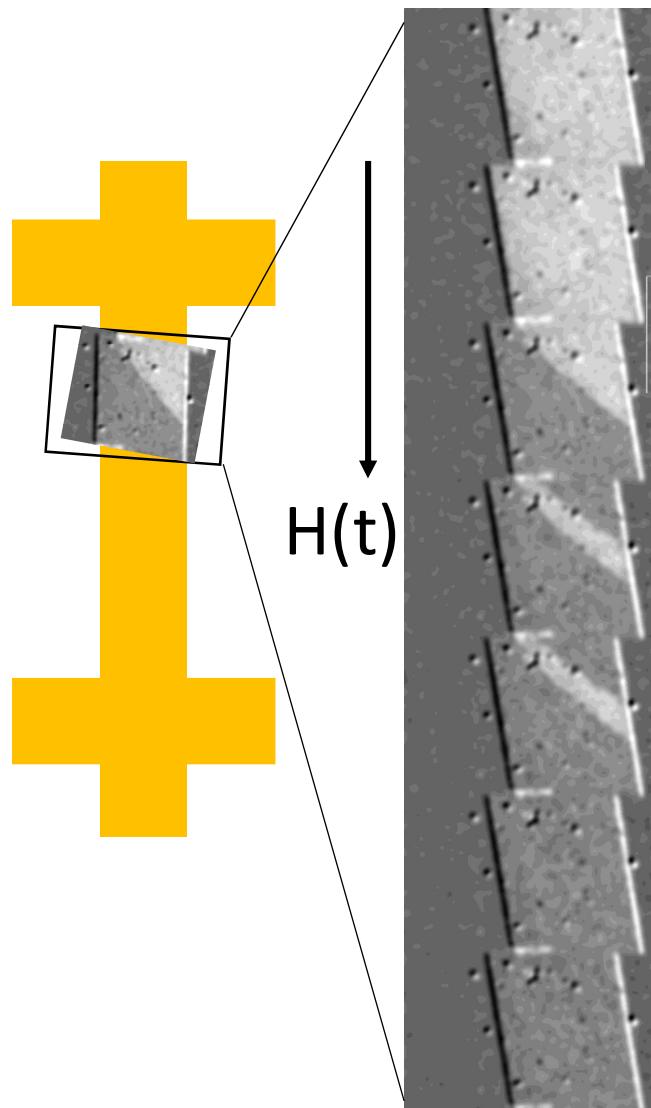
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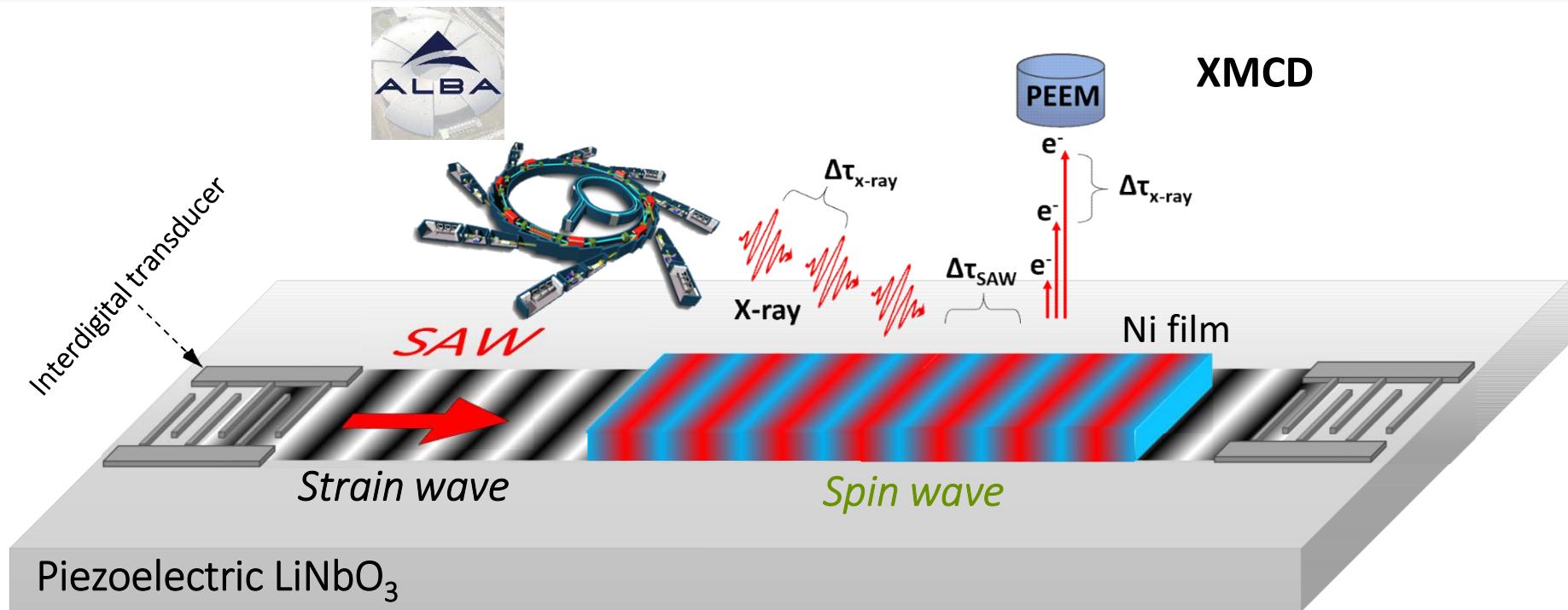
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# Magnetic waves, magnetoelastic coupling



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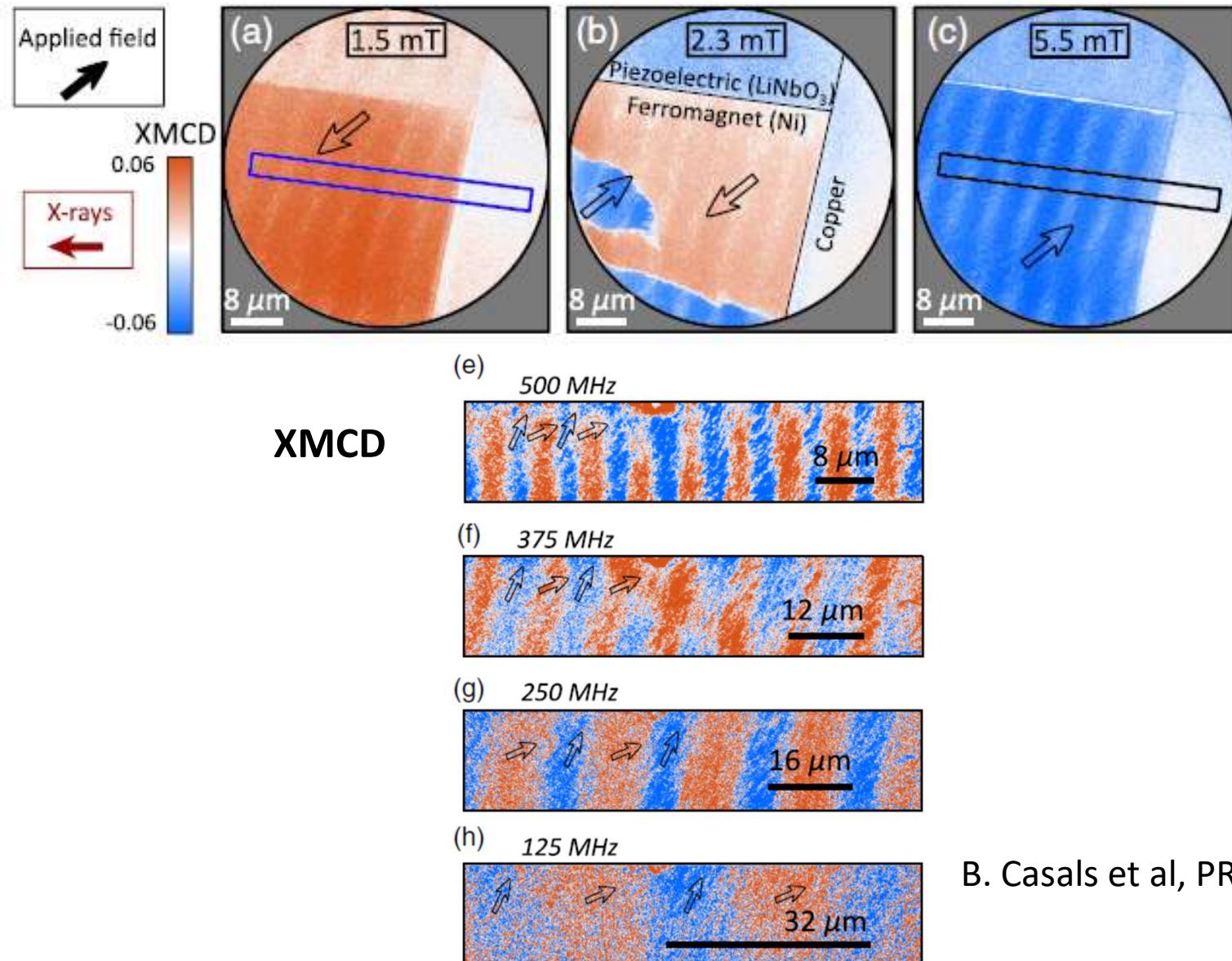
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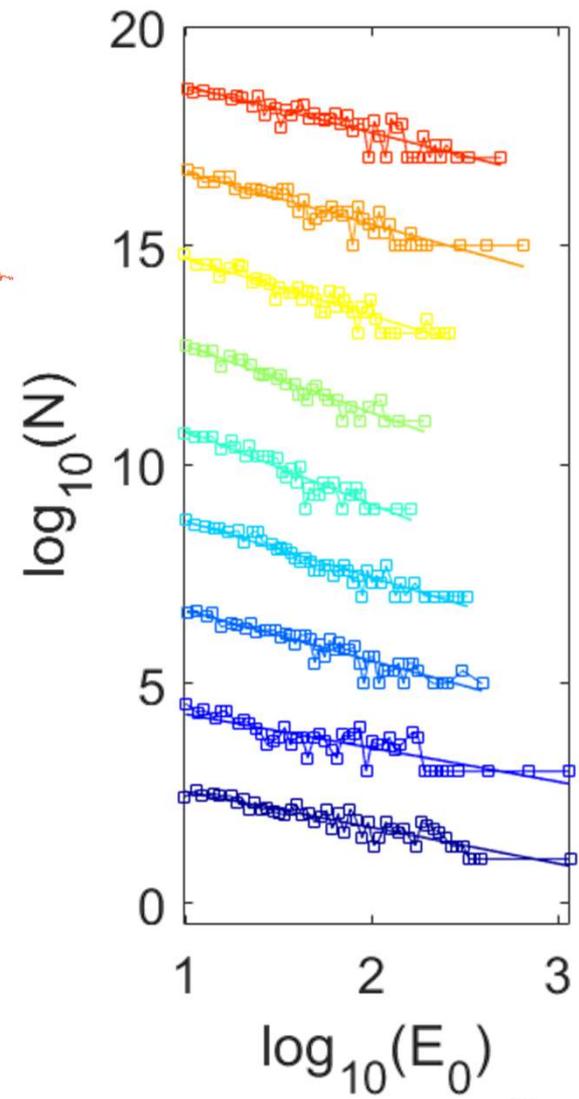
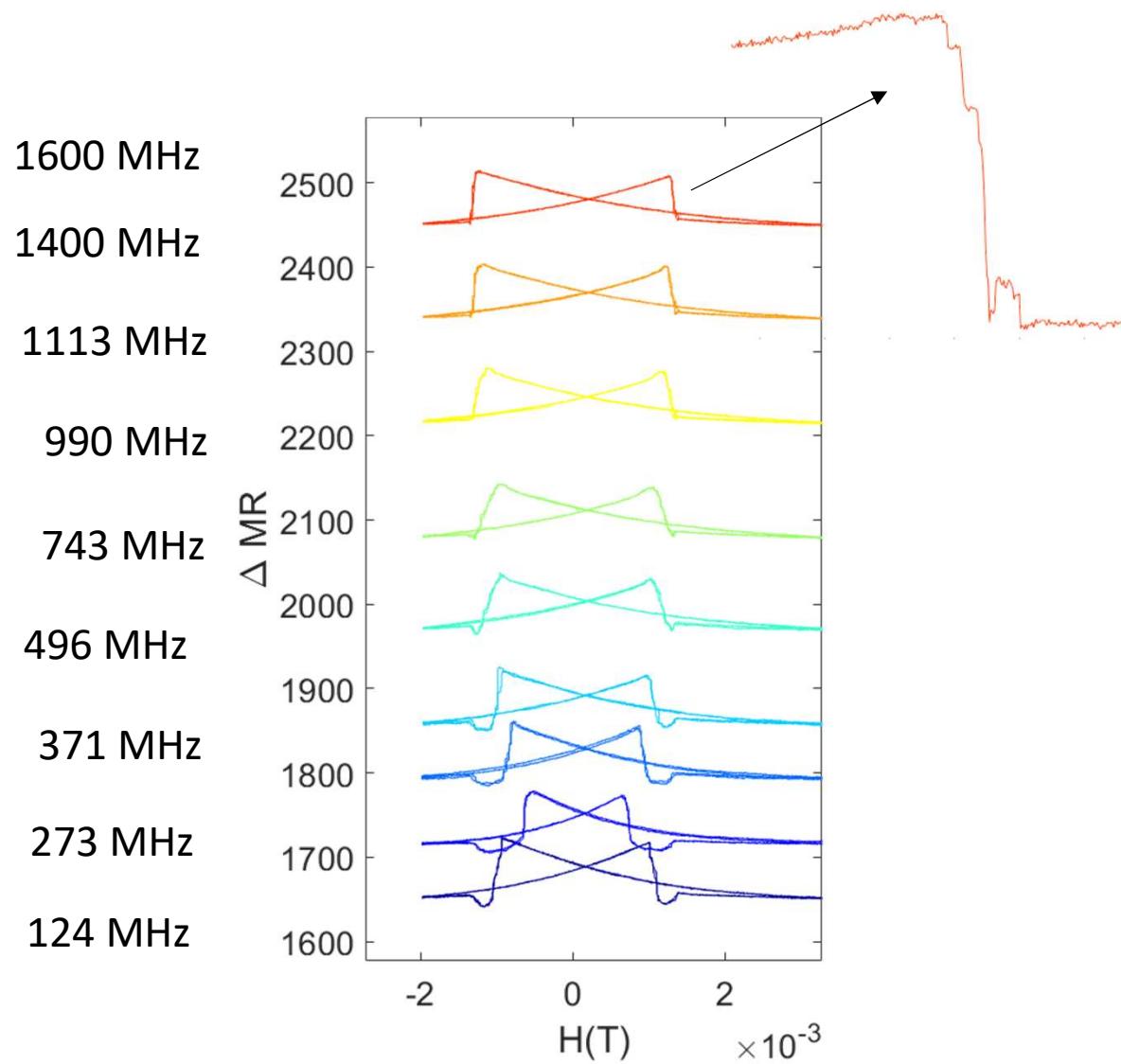
## Generation and Imaging of Magnetoacoustic Waves over Millimeter Distances

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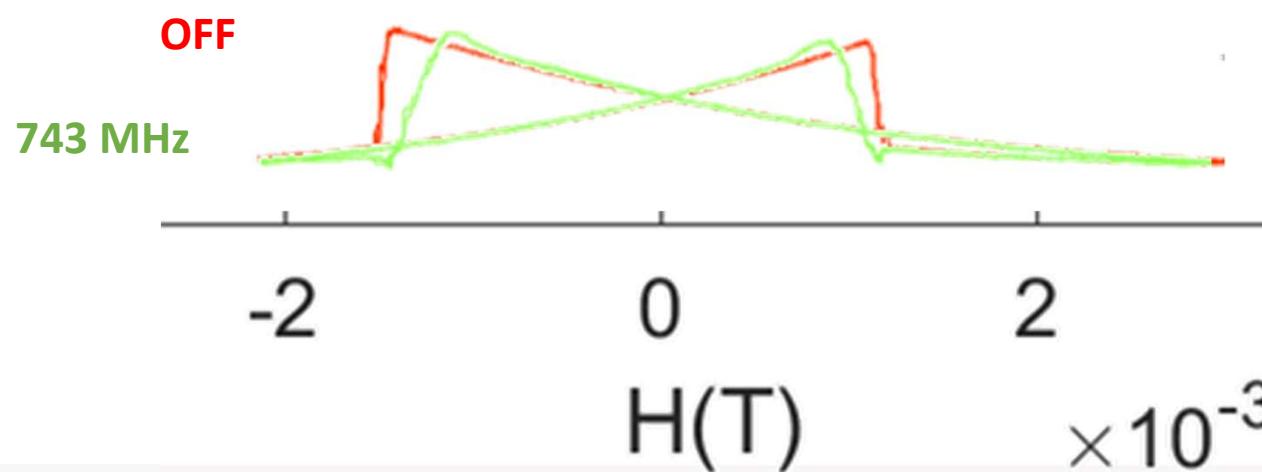
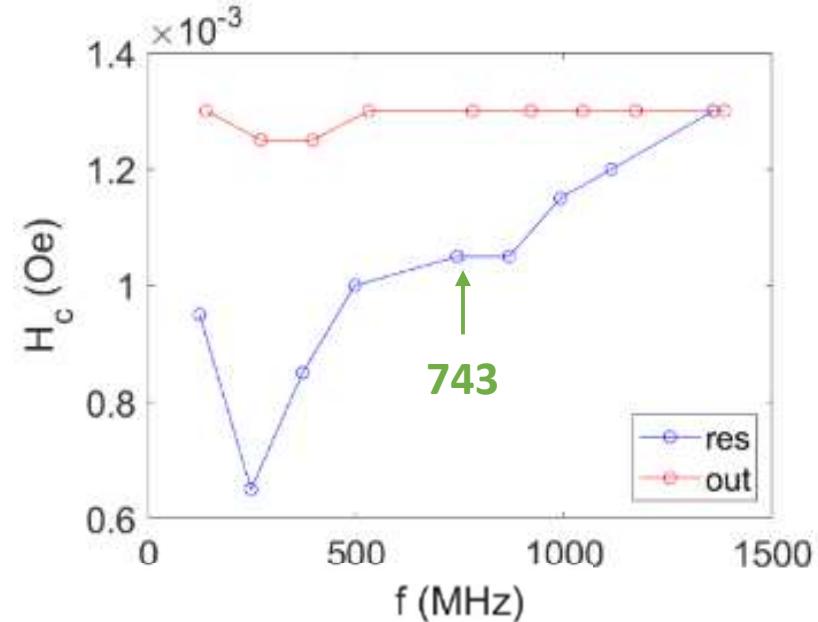
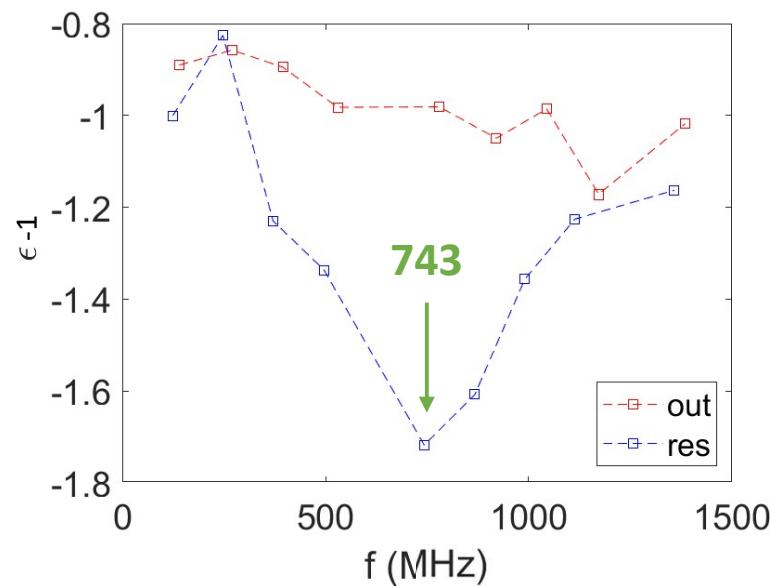


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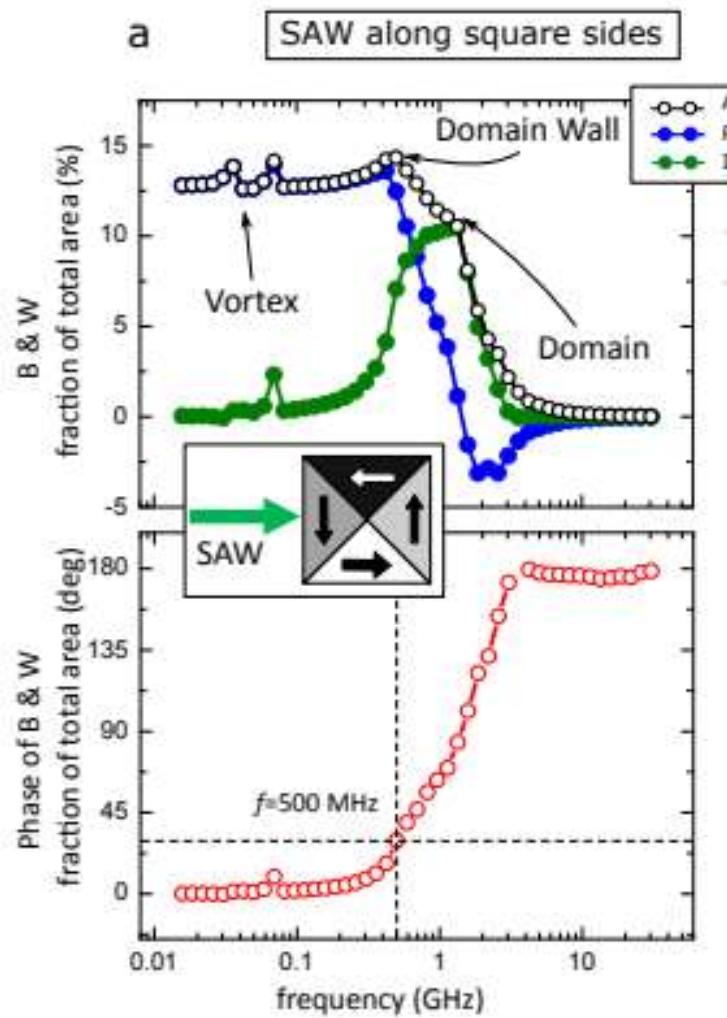
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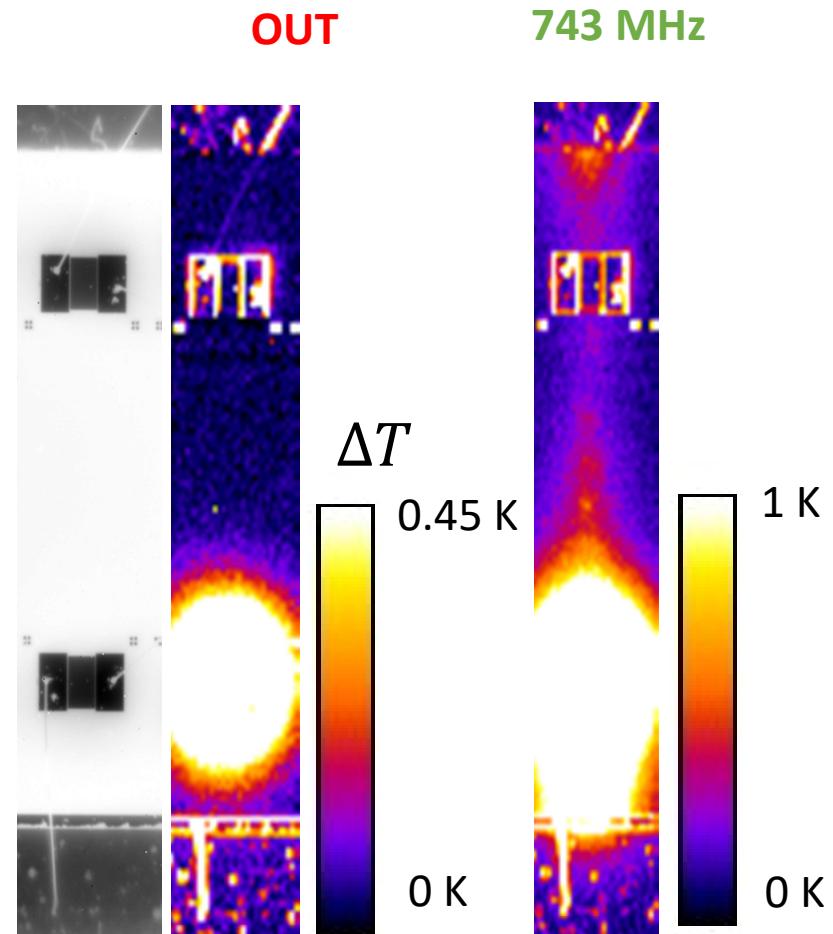


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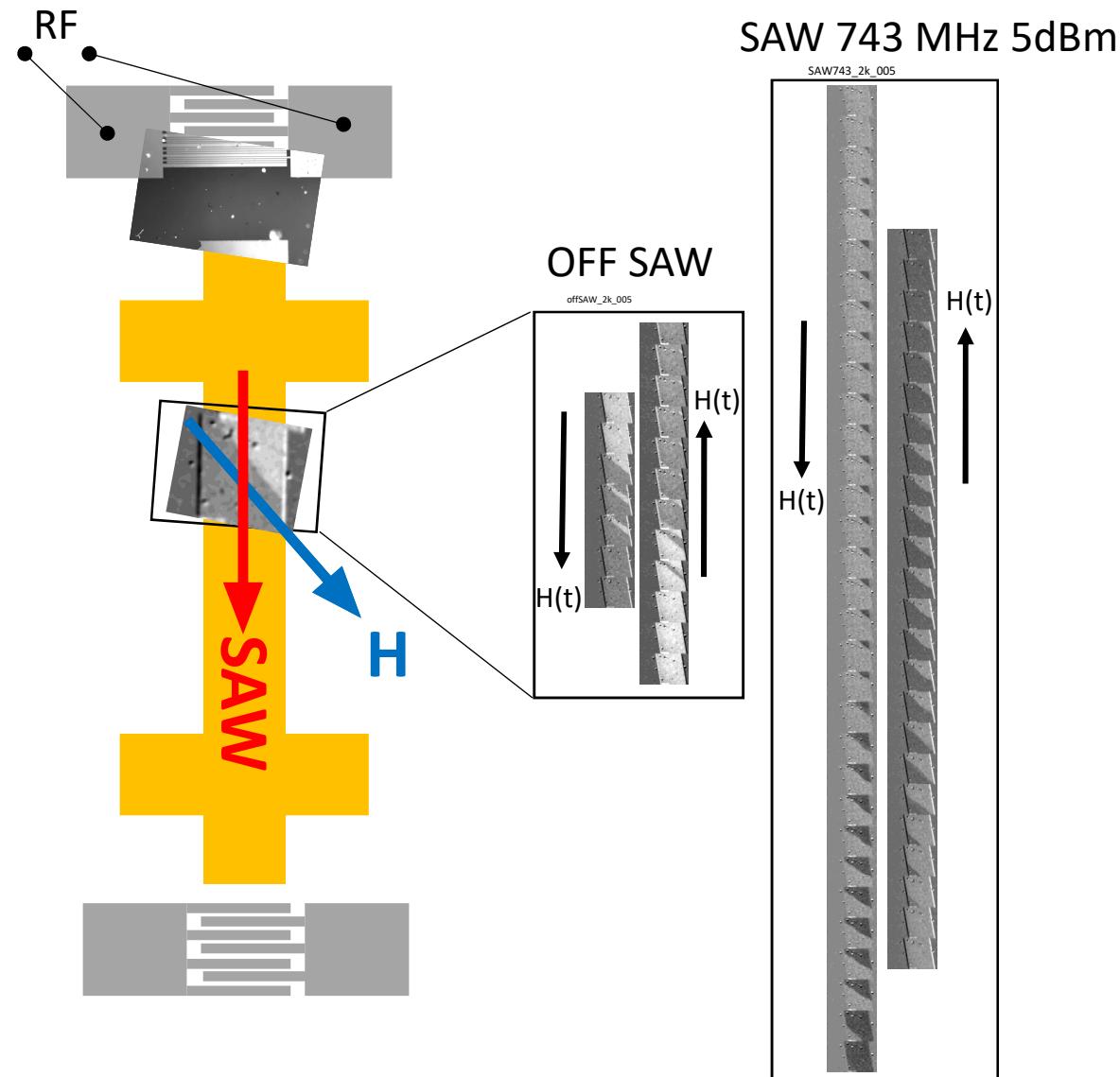
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Temperature changes?  
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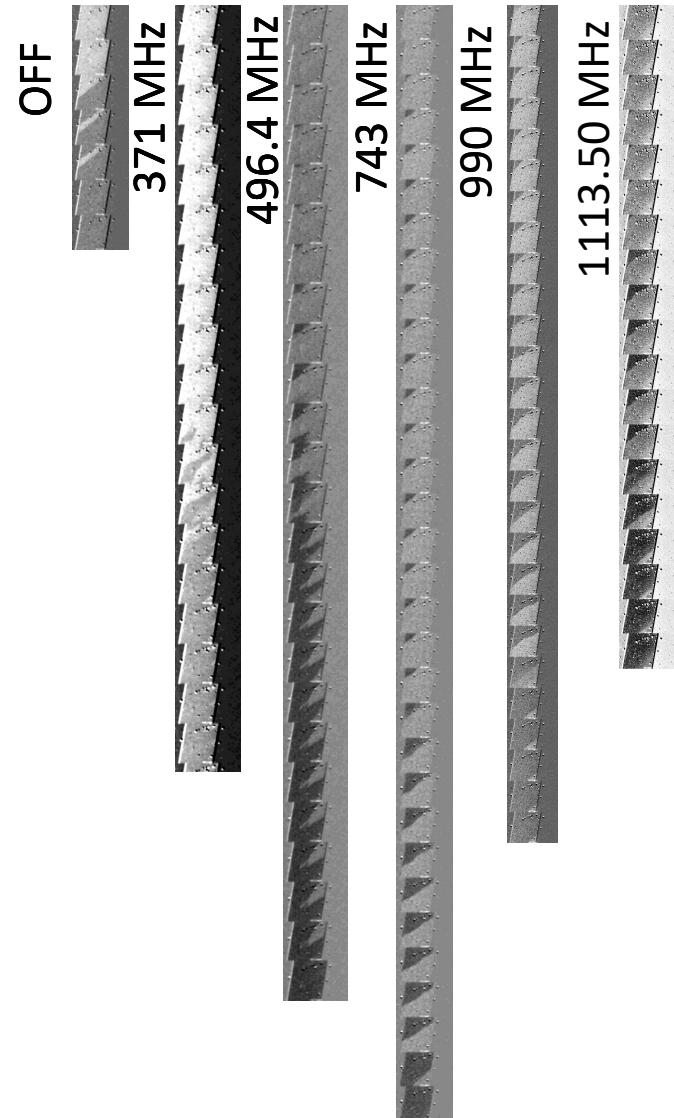
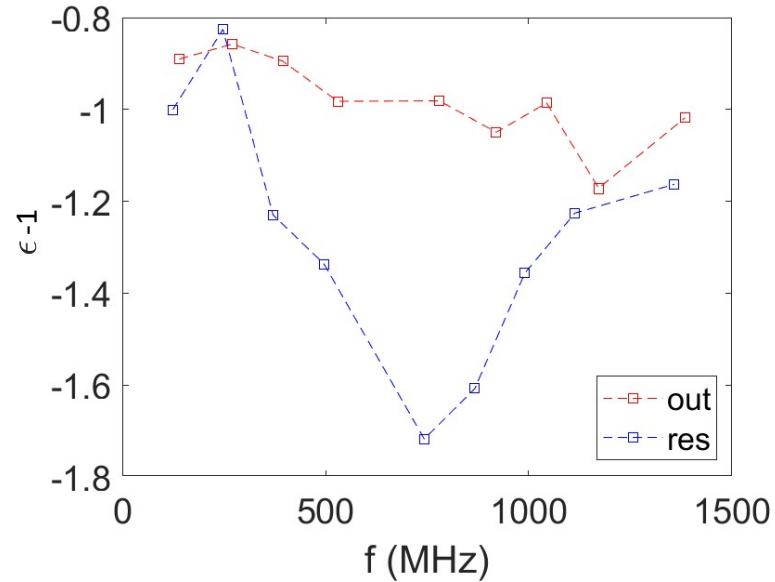


*It can be observed with MOKE*



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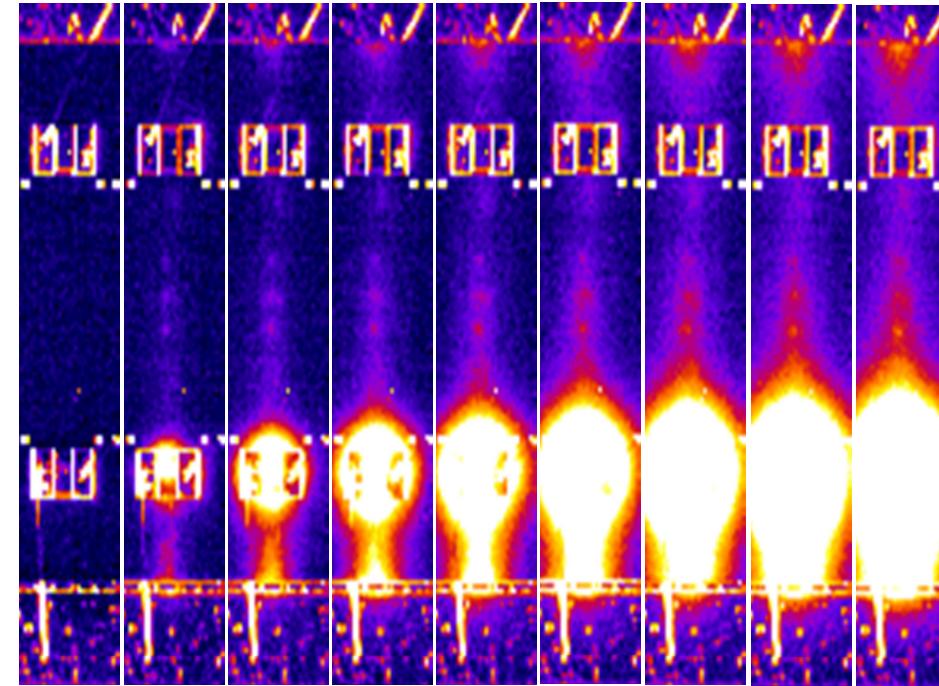




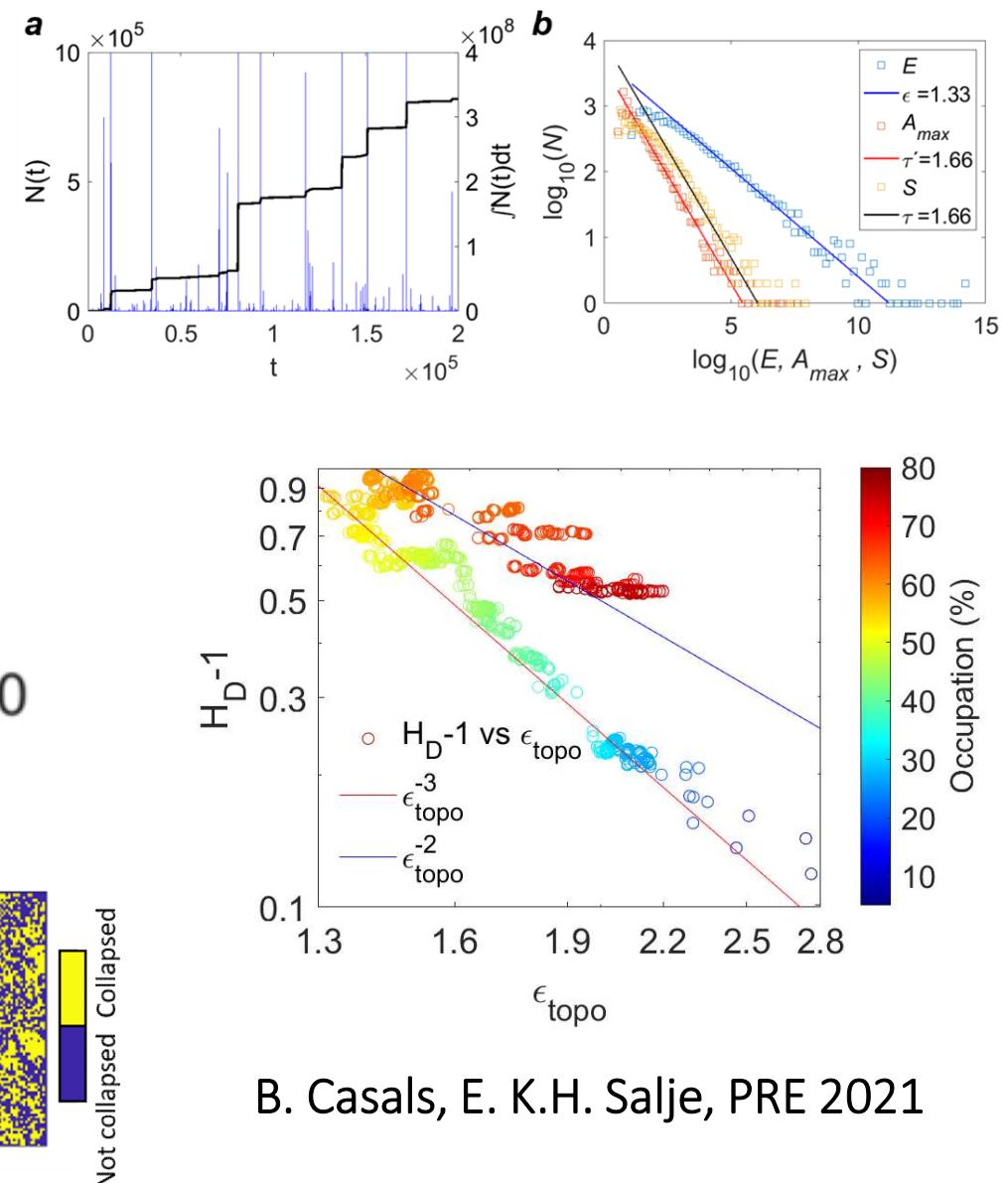
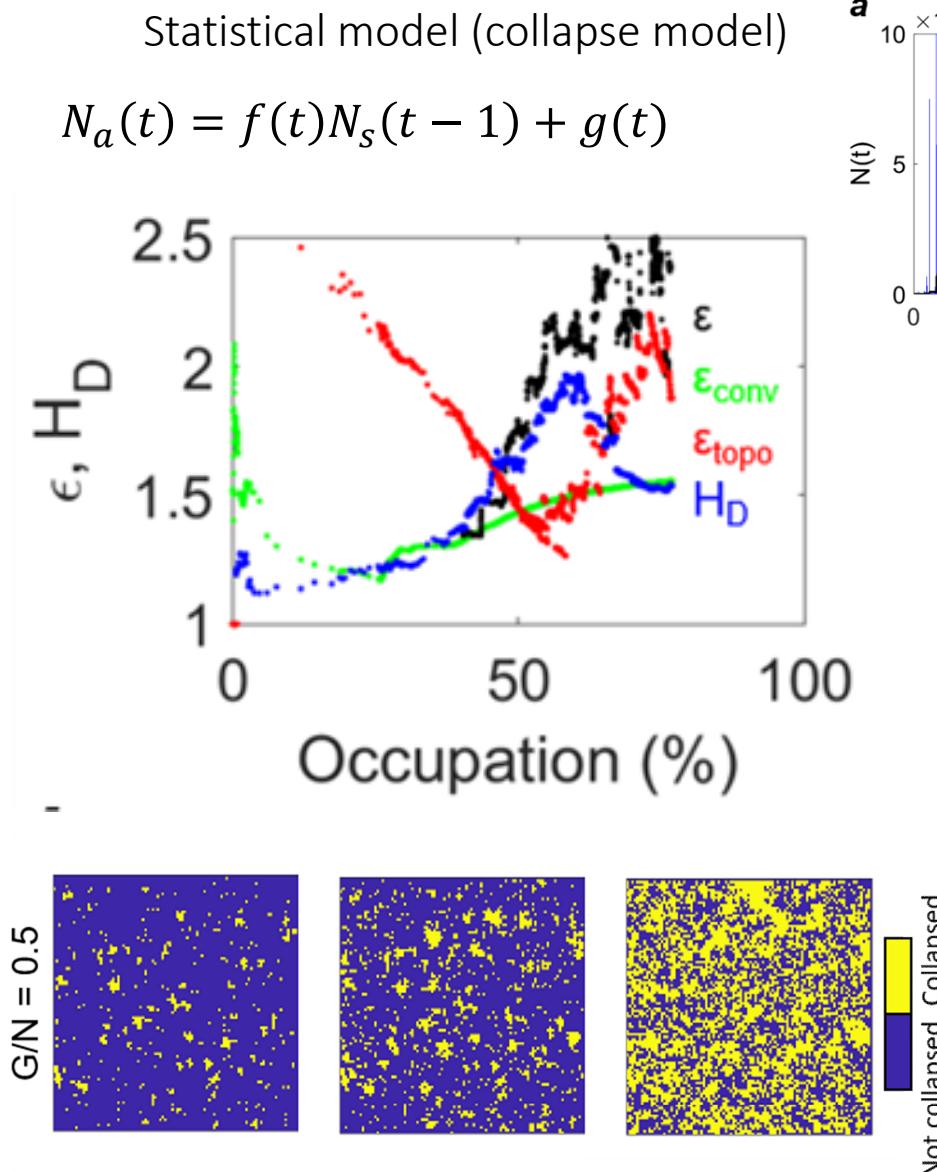
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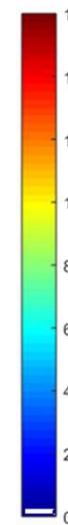
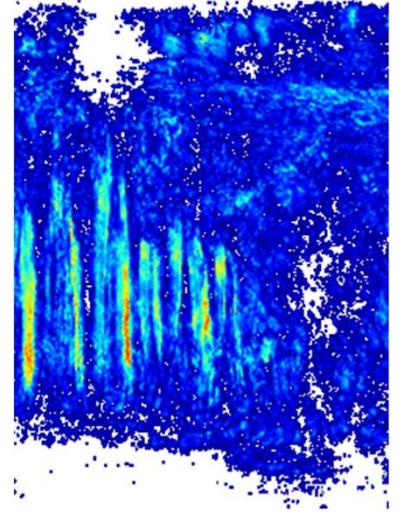


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# Ferroelectrics, ferroquakes

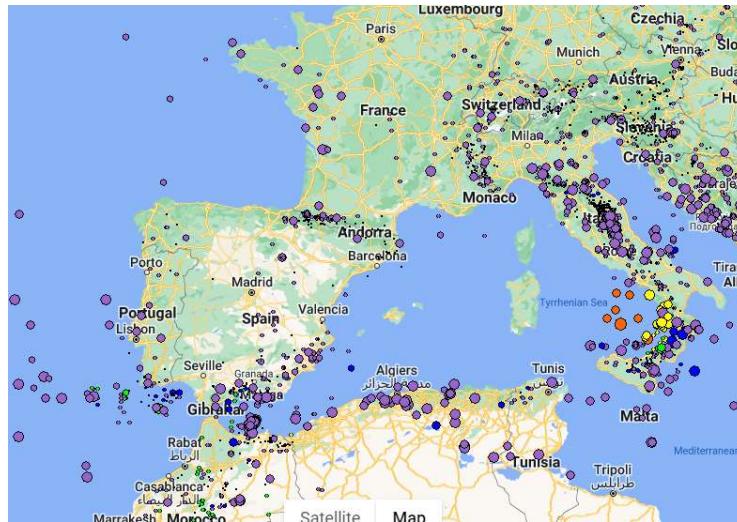


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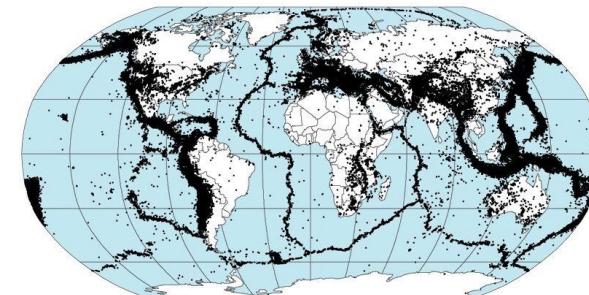


**$10^5$  events  
on a cycle**

Earthquakes since 1970 in mediterranean united nations



**$10^5$  events**



# Ferroelectrics, neuromorphics

Neuromorphic computing

Ferroelectric materials for neuromorphic computing 

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## Control of criticality and computation in spiking neuromorphic networks with plasticity

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Relation between criticality, task-performance

# *From unit cell to the sky*

Same ferroelectric sample

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nm

PFM  
nm -  $\mu\text{m}$

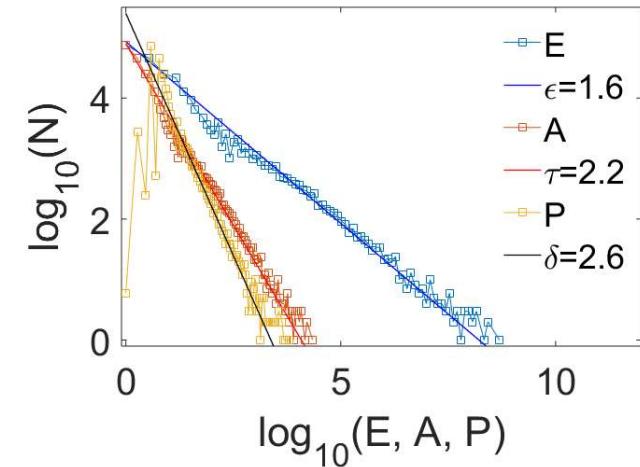
Optics  
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Shelly Conroy data (?)

Thin film PZT (1.98–2.87)

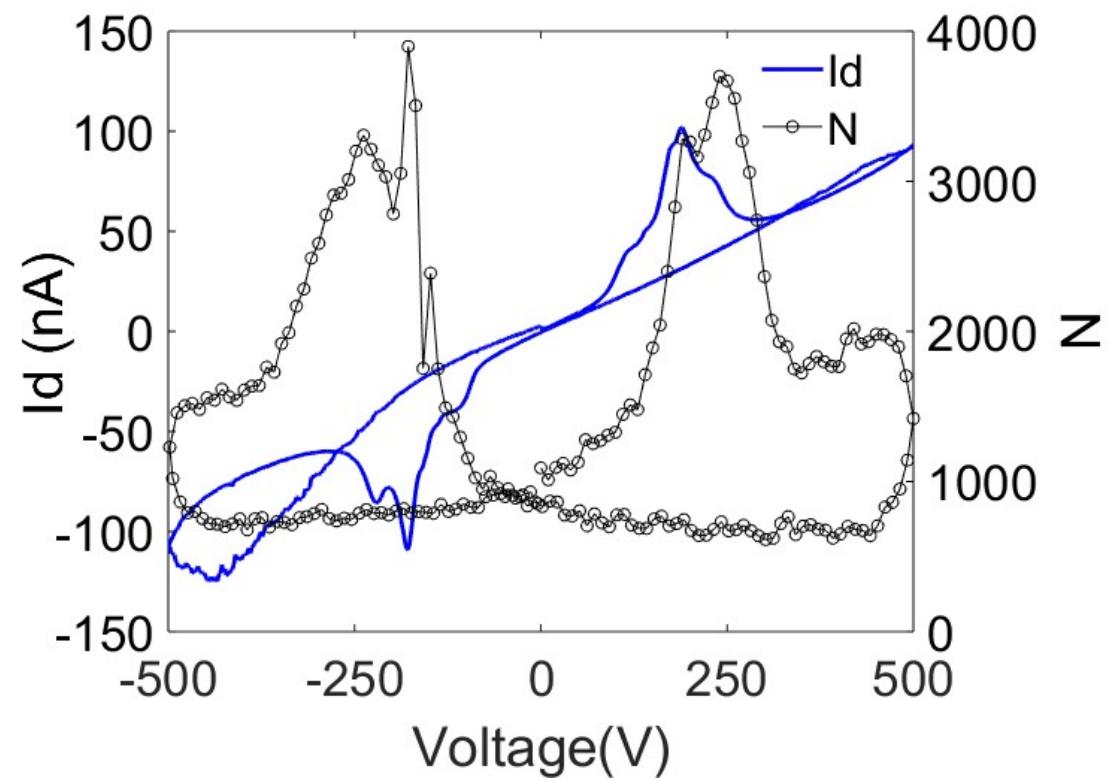
Bulk BTO PMNPT (2.2)

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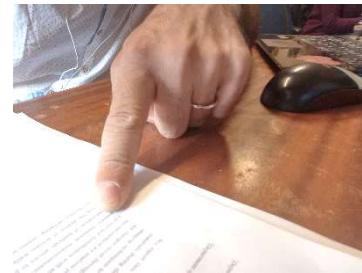


# *Same material, different measurements*

“Listen”



“Touch”



“Watch”



**Acoustic Emission**

Strain changes

**Displacement current**

Polarization changes

**Imaging pattern changes**

Polarization and Strain

**References:**

Phase transition

BaTiO<sub>3</sub> ,...  
 $\epsilon=1.35$

BaTiO<sub>3</sub> ,PMNPT, ...  
 $\epsilon=1.3$      $\epsilon=1.5$

STO, LAO (Ferroelastic)

Ferroelectric Switching

BaTiO<sub>3</sub> ,...  
 $\epsilon=1.65$

PZT  
 $\epsilon=1.61$

$\epsilon=1.4 - 1.6$

**Same sample for all measurements, same energy exponent?**

$$\text{PDF}(E) \sim E^{-\epsilon}$$

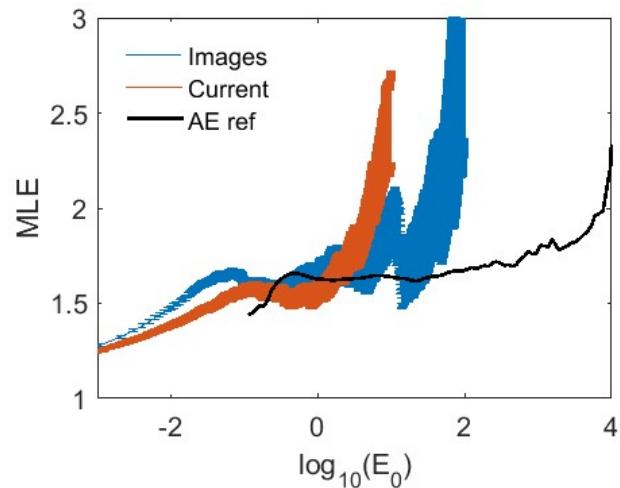
# Same dynamics

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“Listen”



$$\text{PDF}(E) \sim E^{-\varepsilon}$$

Acoustic Emission

Strain changes

$$\varepsilon=1.6$$

“Touch”



Displacement current

Polarization changes

$$\varepsilon=1.6$$

“Watch”



Imaging pattern changes

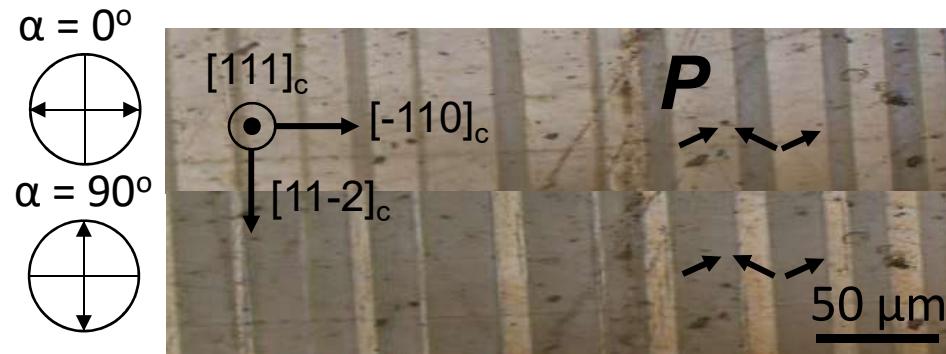
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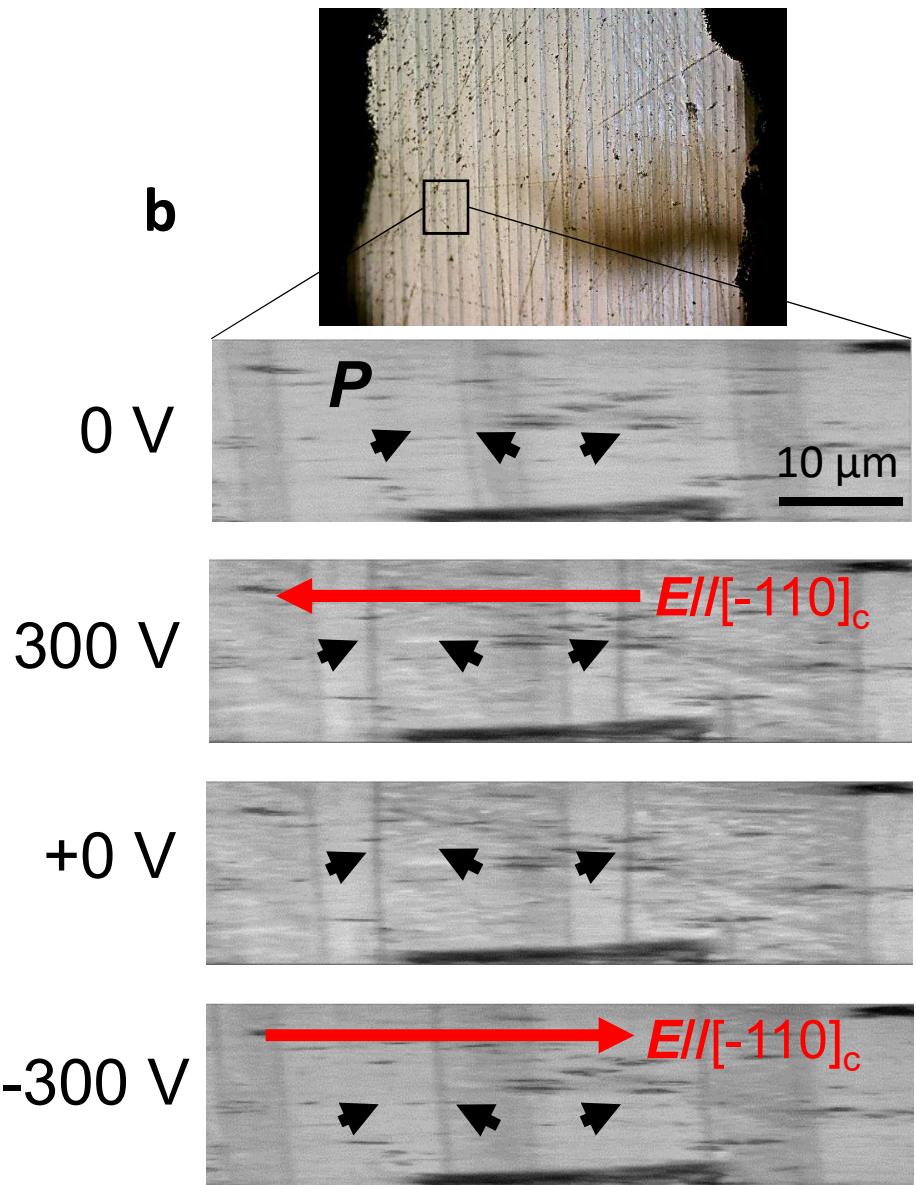
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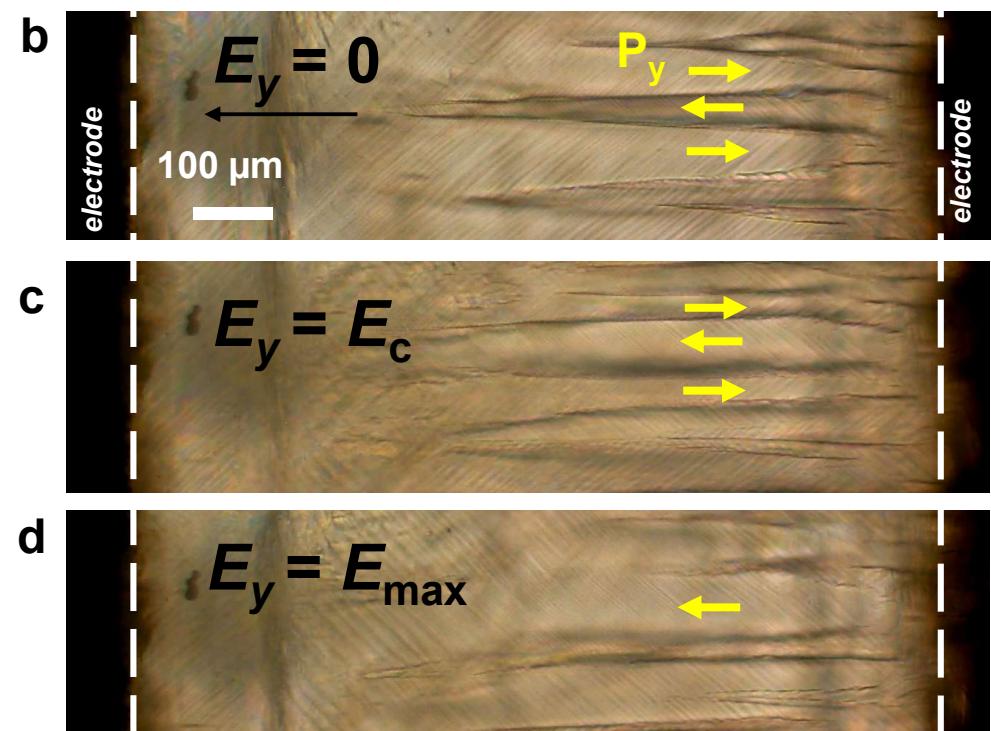
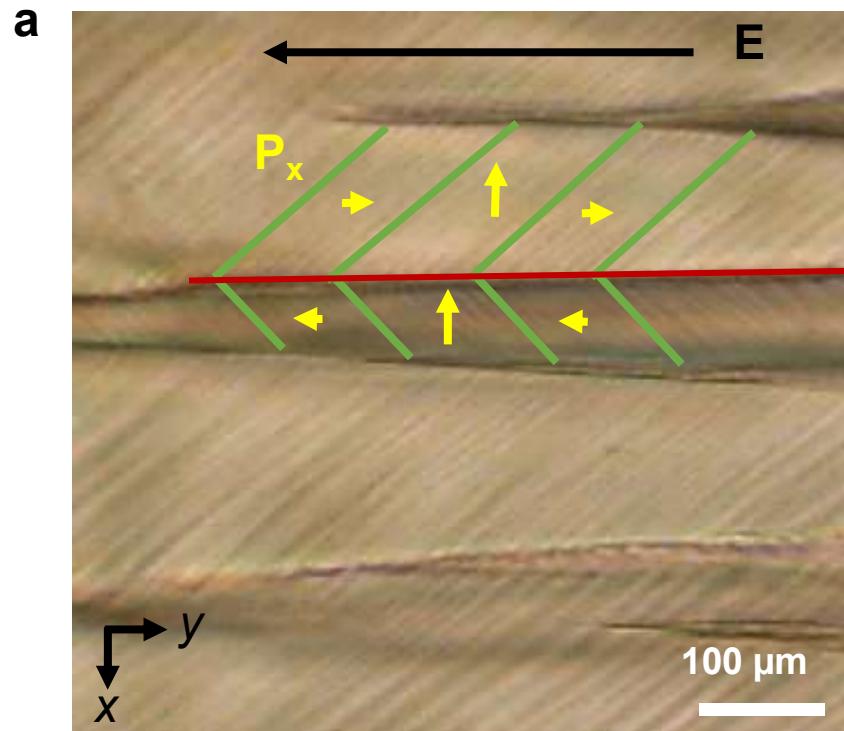
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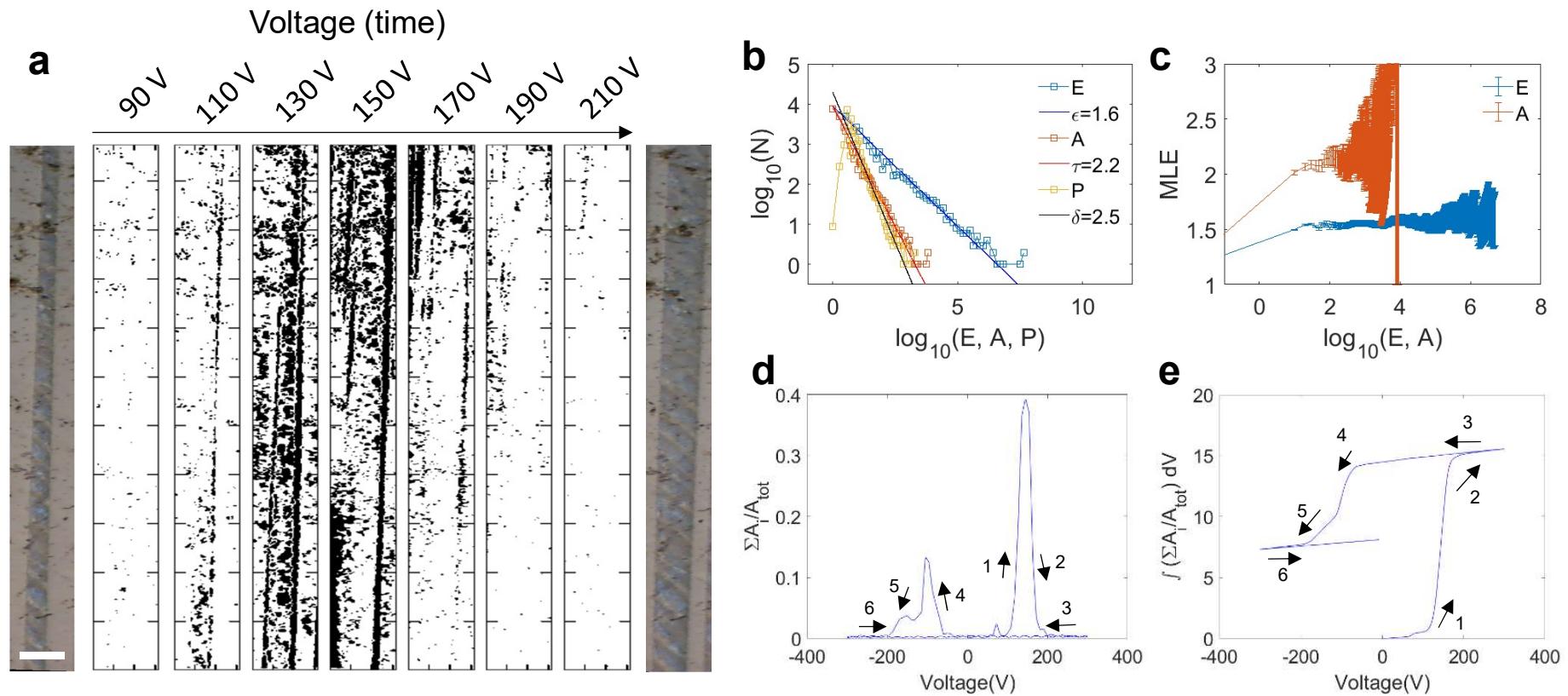
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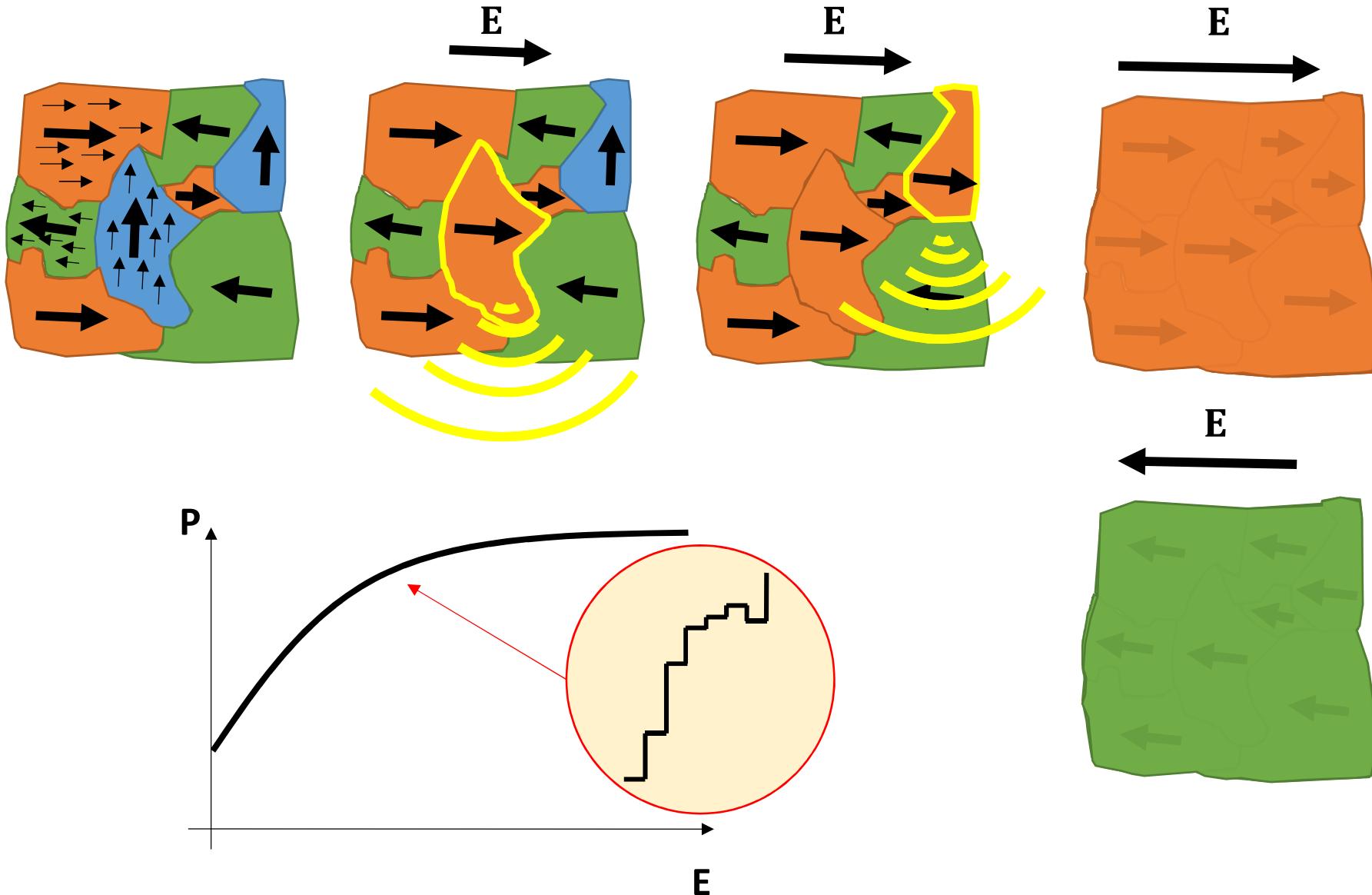
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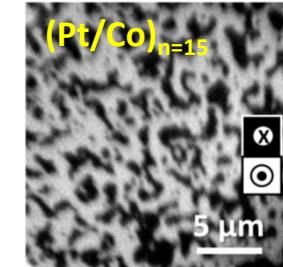
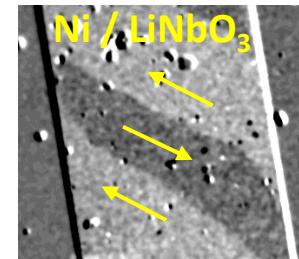
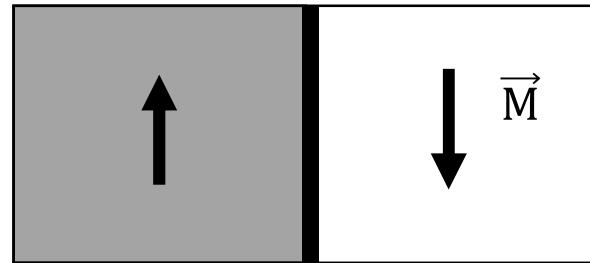
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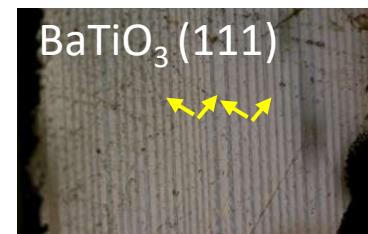
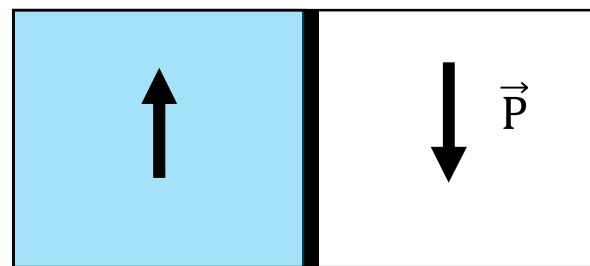
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DW

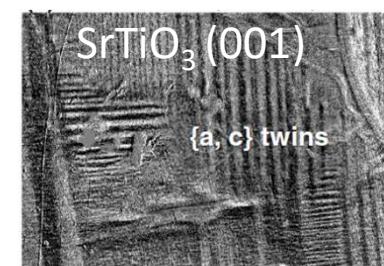
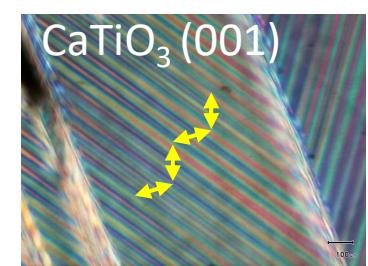
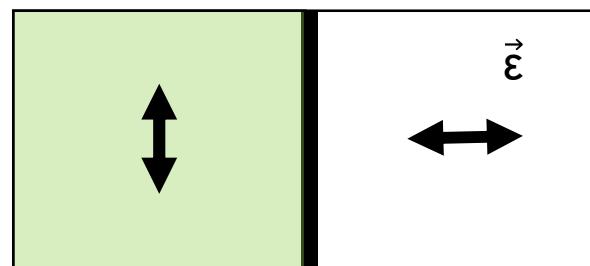
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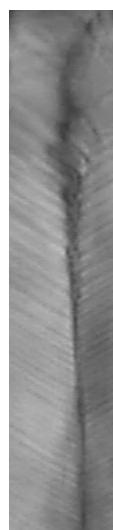


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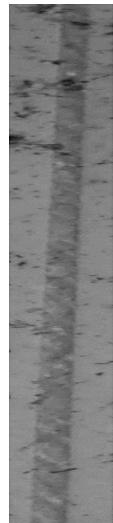
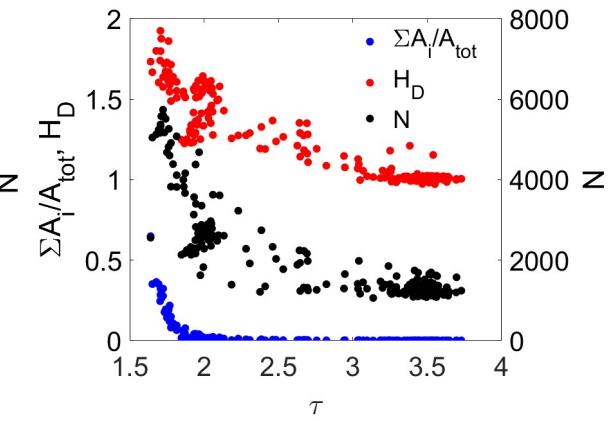
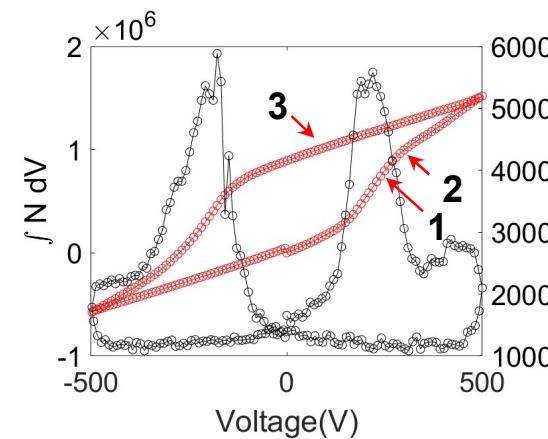
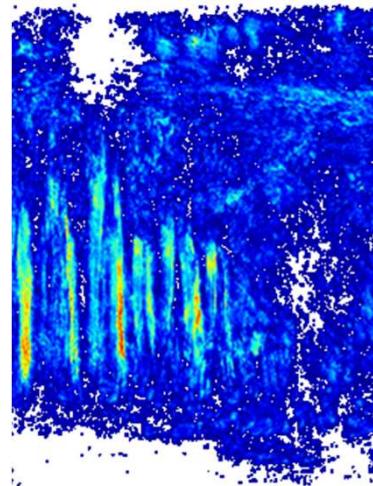
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# Summary and conclusions

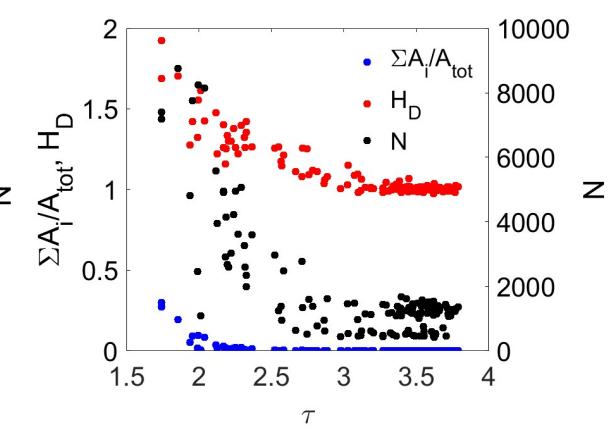
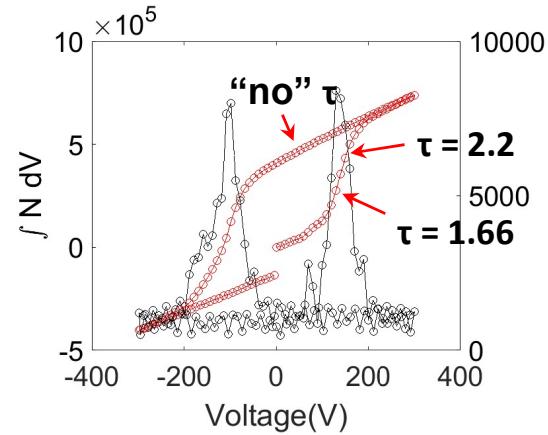
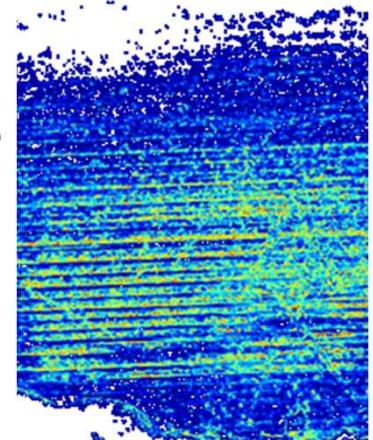


Avalanches accumulation map

**PMN-PT**



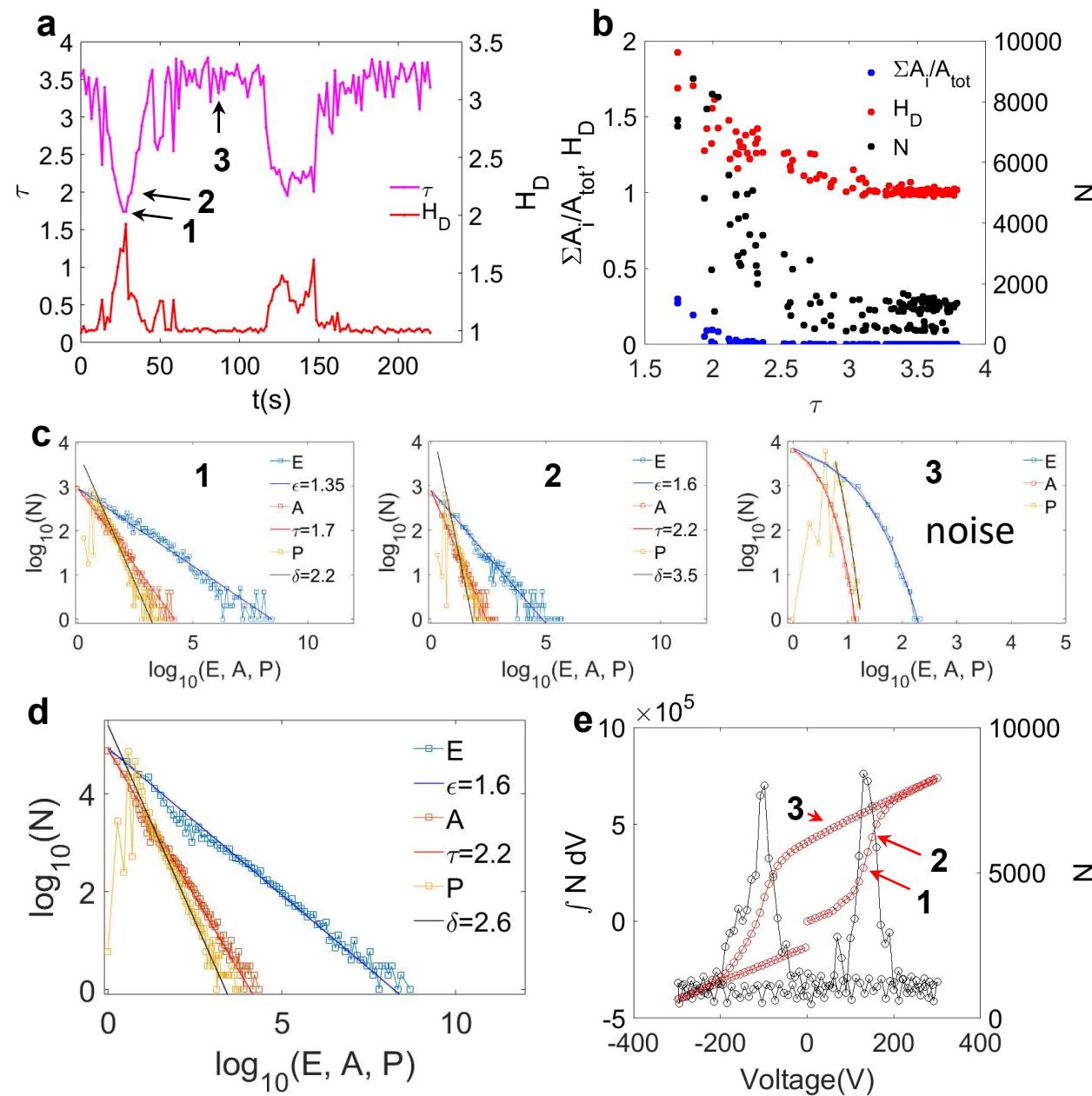
**BaTiO<sub>3</sub>**



## Anticorrelation between $\tau$ and $H_D$

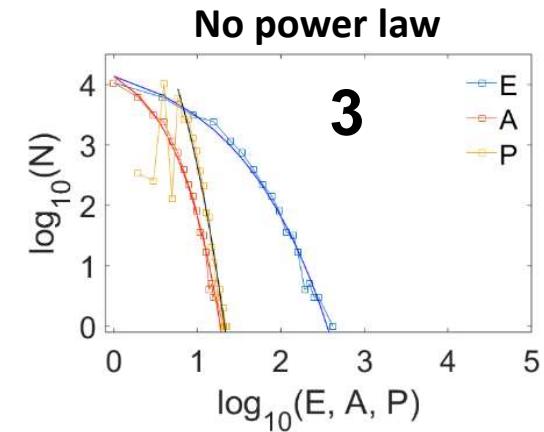
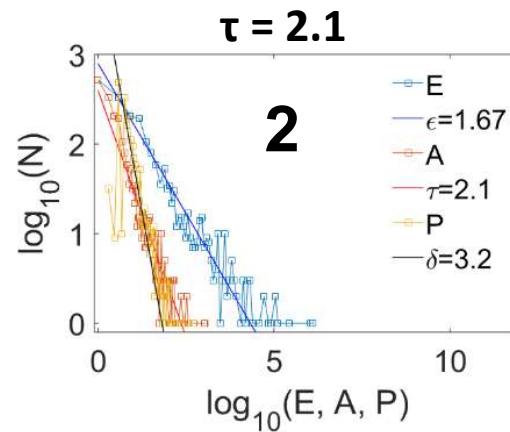
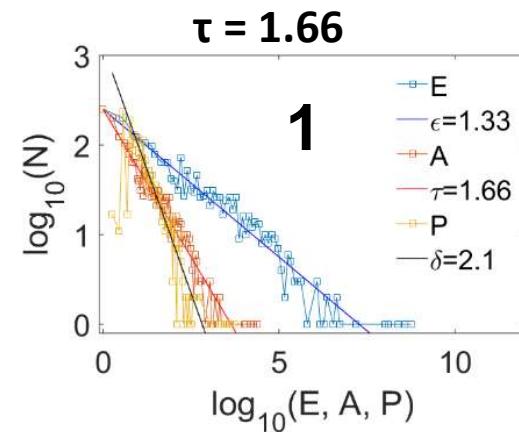
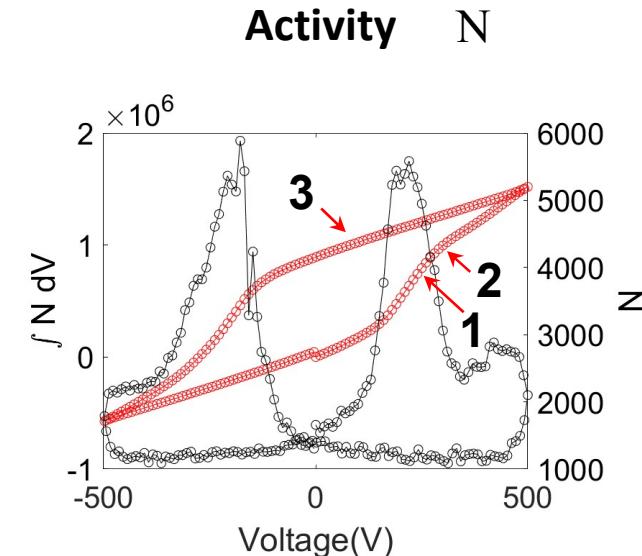
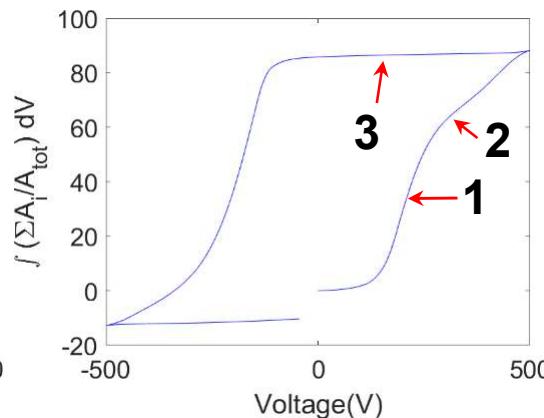
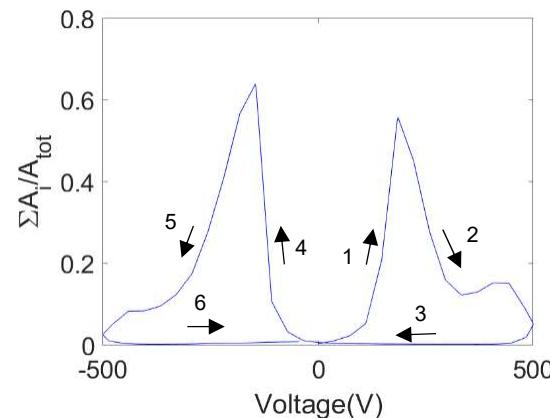
$\tau = 1.66$  (unrelaxed mean-field) at the Coercive field,  
 $\tau = 2.2$  (integrated mean-field) before and after Ec.

# Avalanches during FE switching, BaTiO<sub>3</sub>



# Hysteresis from avalanches

Area occupied by avalanches  $\Sigma(A_i)/A_{\text{tot}}$



$\tau = 1.66$  (Mean-field) at the coercive field

# Same dynamics

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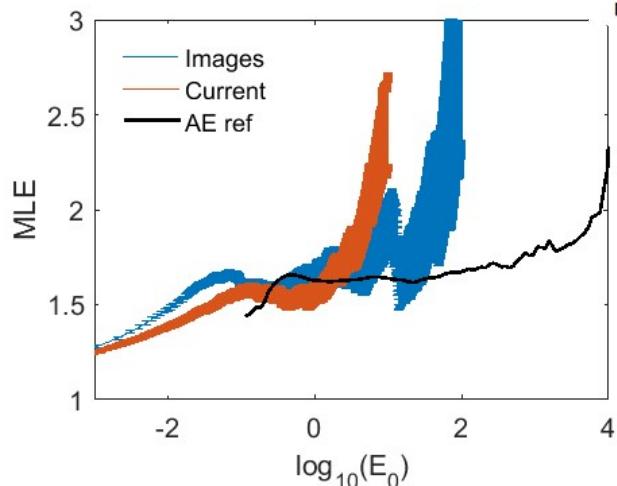
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“Listen”

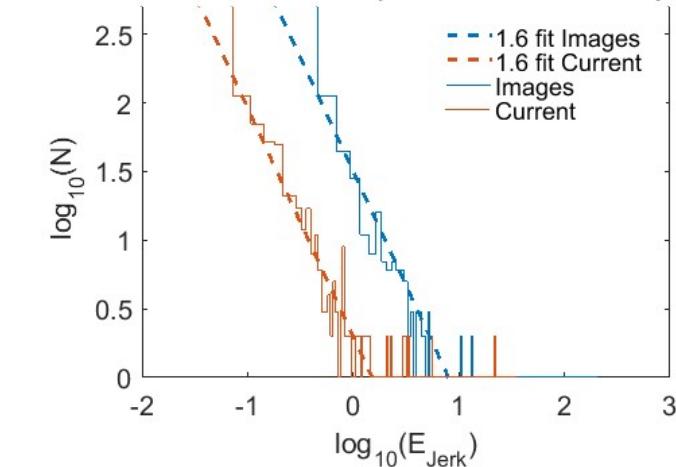


$$\text{PDF}(E) \sim E^{-\varepsilon}$$

Acoustic Emission

Strain changes

$$\varepsilon=1.6$$



“Touch”



Displacement current

Polarization changes

$$\varepsilon=1.6$$

“Watch”



Imaging pattern changes

Polarization and Strain

$$\varepsilon=1.6$$

# Ferroelectrics, beyond memories

FeRAM



Neuromorphic computing

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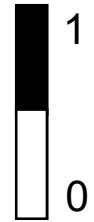
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Relation between criticality, task-performance

# Pixel by Pixel analysis

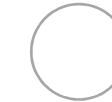
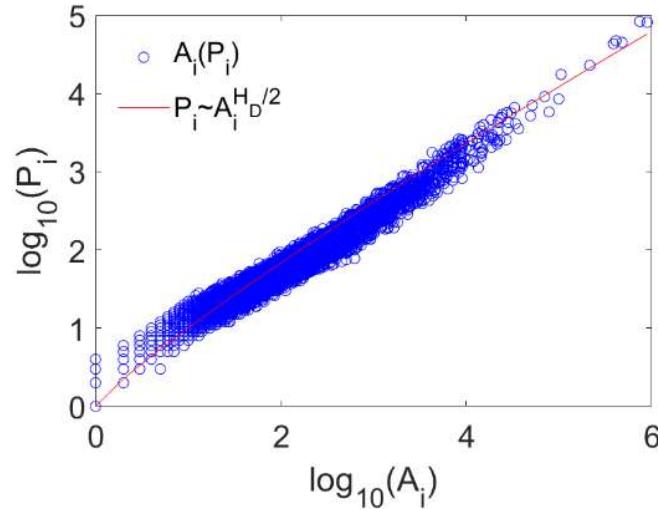
$$J_{ij} = \left( \frac{dB_{ij}}{dt} \right)^2 \quad J_{ij} > \text{threshold}$$

P~A<sup>H<sub>D</sub>/2</sup>



Fractal dimension (Hausdorff dimension)

$$P \sim A^{H_D/2}$$



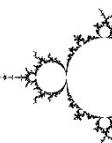
$$H_D = 1$$



$$H_D = 1.08$$



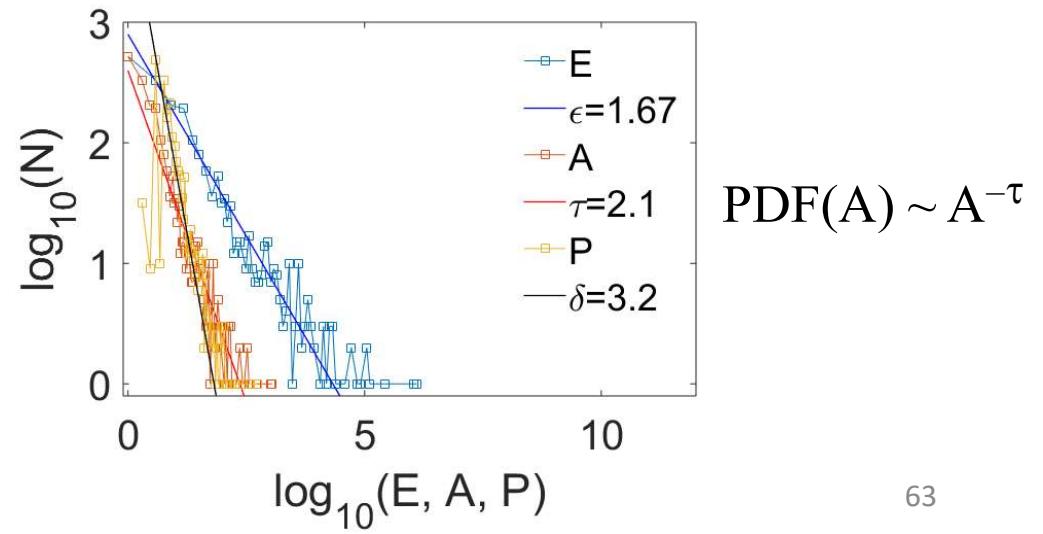
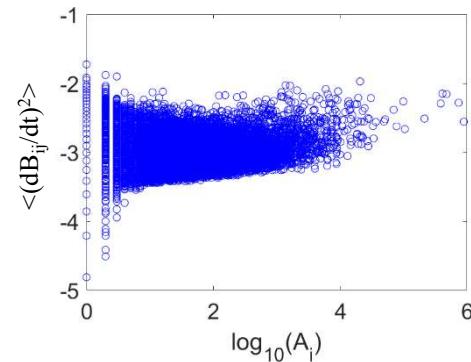
$$H_D = 1.26$$



$$H_D = 2$$

**Distribution of Areas A, Perimeters P and Energies E.**

The spread of  $J_{ij}$  at each  $A_i$  is similar



$$\text{PDF}(A) \sim A^{-\tau}$$

# *Avalanche statistics, power law distribution*

Snow avalanches



Earthquakes



Landslides



Neuronal activity

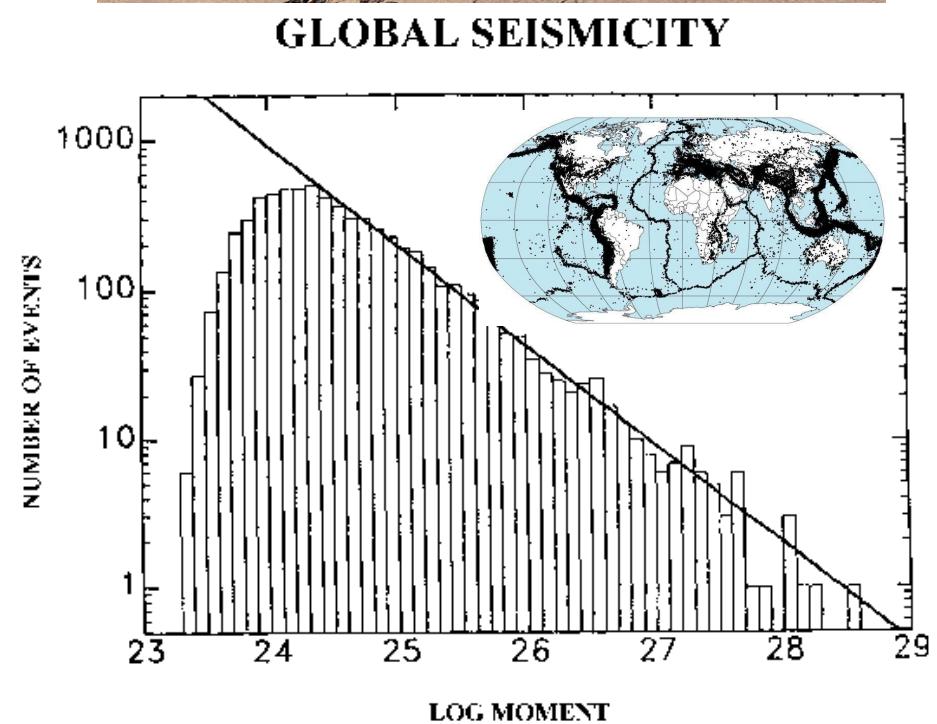


FIGURE 6