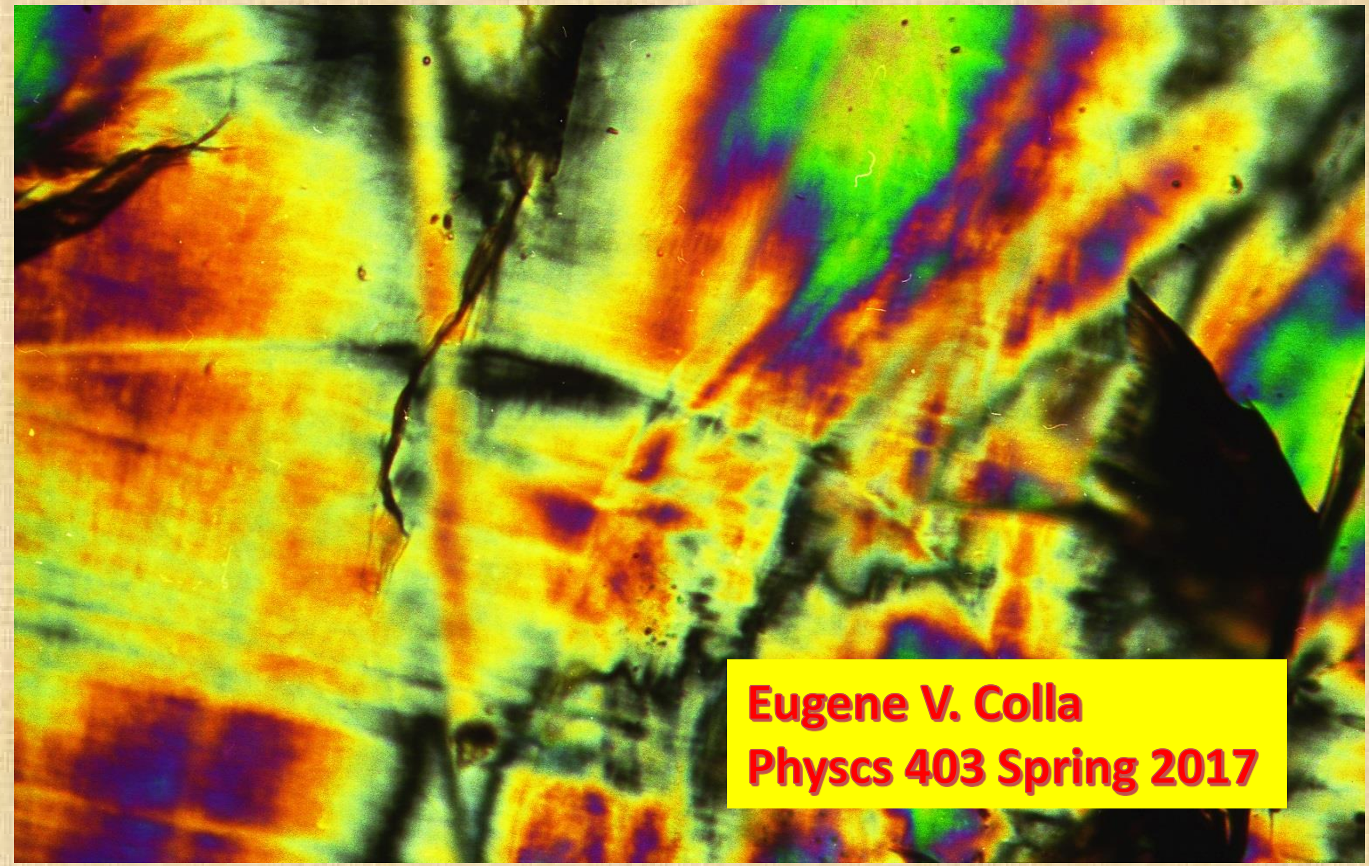
Ferroelectrics. Disordered Ferroelectrics – Relaxors.



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Outline

- Ferroelctricity
  - Main properties
    - History. Discovery. Materials
      - Relaxors
        - Applications

Ferroelectricity. Definition.

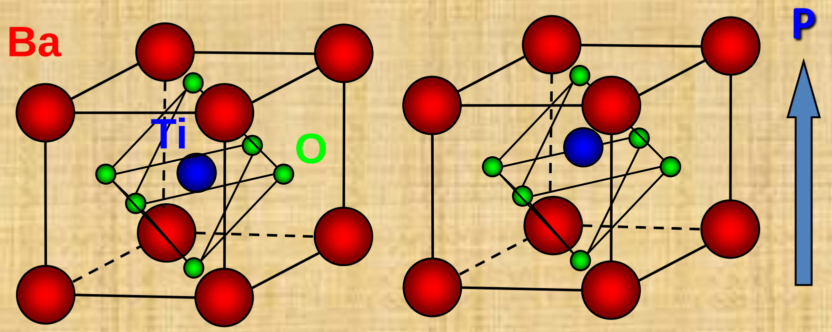
- **Ferroelectric Materials. A ferroelectric material is a material that exhibits, over some range of temperature, a spontaneous electric polarization that can be reversed or reoriented by application of an electric field.**

An American National Standard
IEEE Standard Definitions of
Primary Ferroelectric Terms

Ferroelectricity: Two classes of ferroelectrics

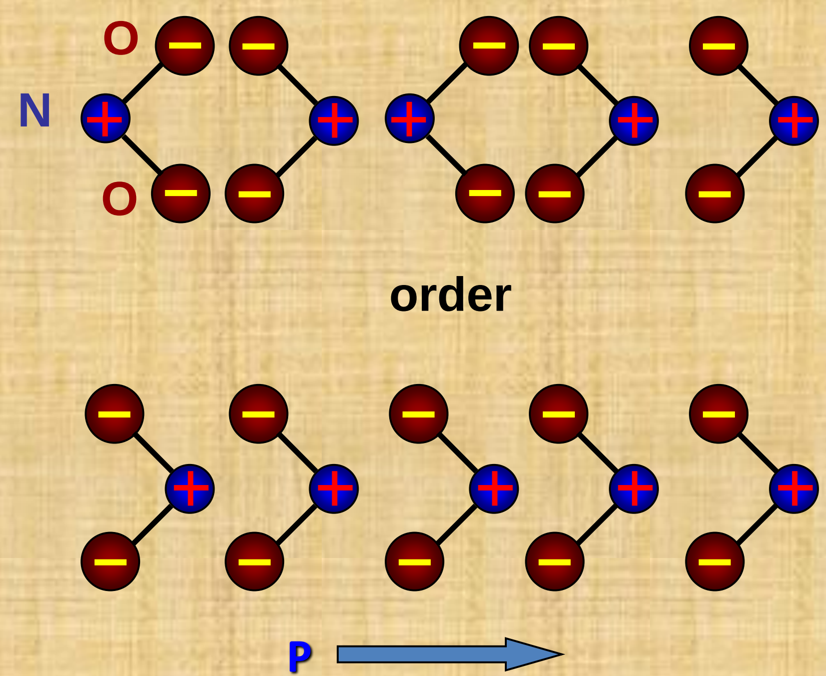
Order-Disorder

Displacement type



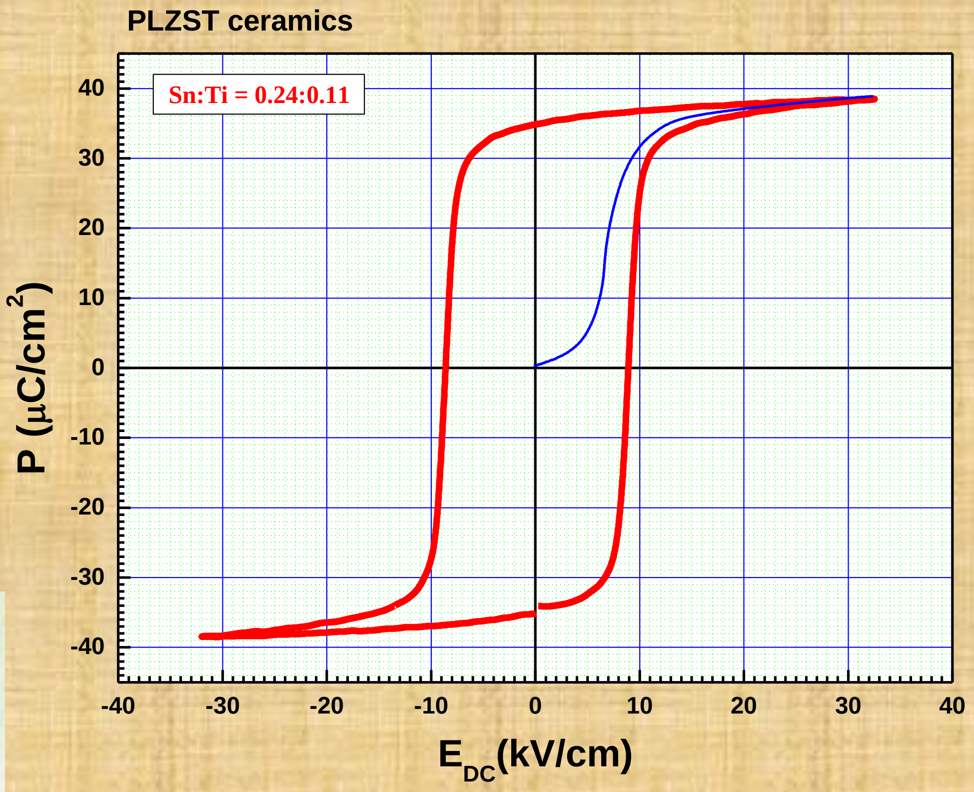
$BaTiO_3$

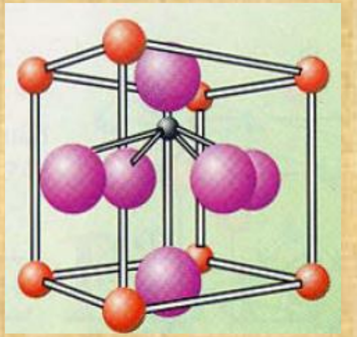
disorder

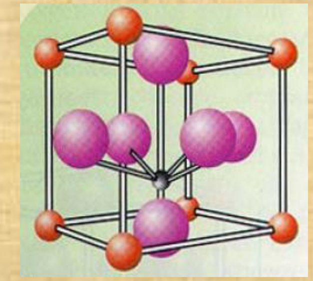


$NaNO_2$

Ferroelectricity: Polarization reversible. (P-E hysteresis)







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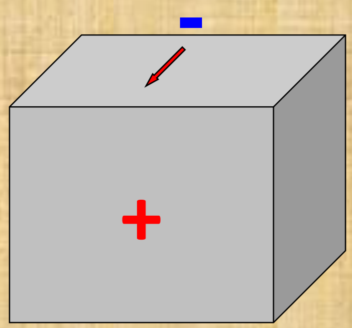

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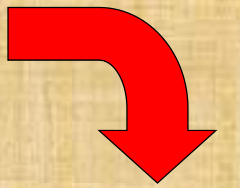
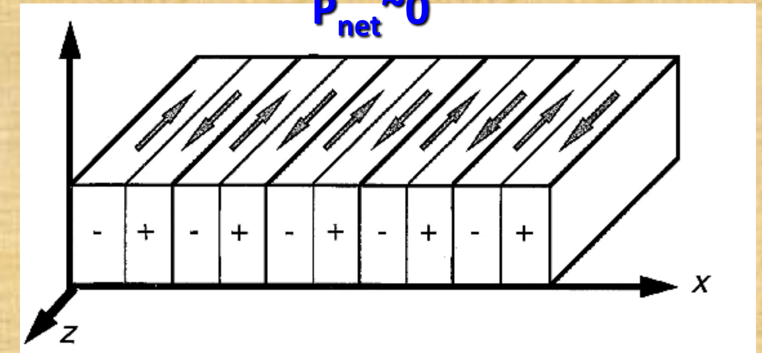


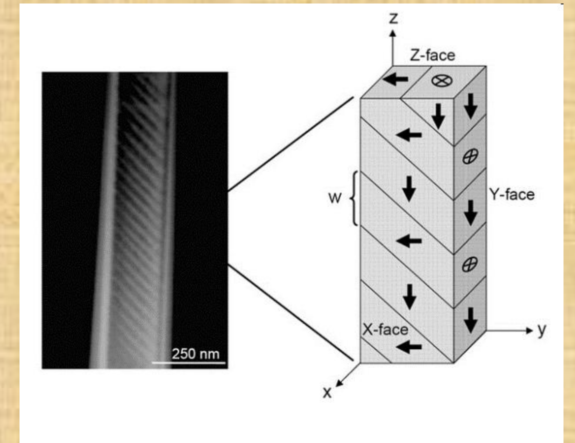
Multi domain state

P_{net}~0



180º domain pattern

Y Lu et al. Science 1997;276:2004-2006



90º domains

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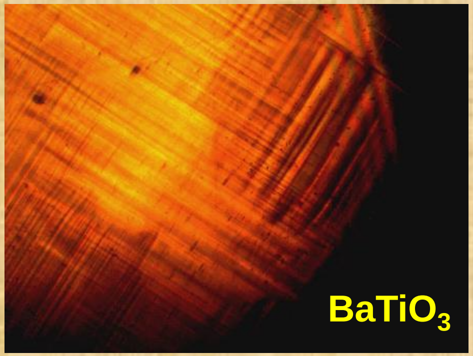
Ferroelectricity: Domains



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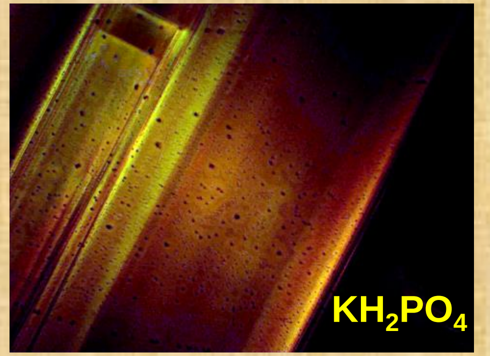

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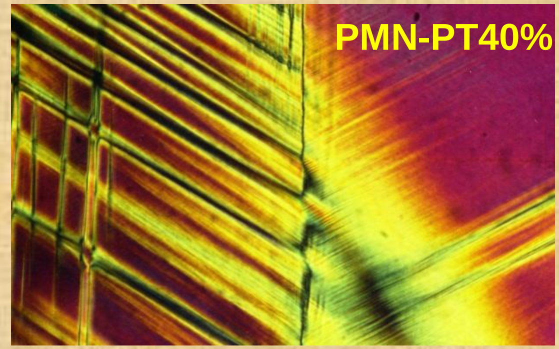
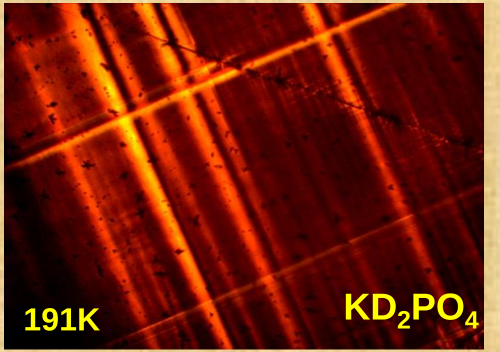
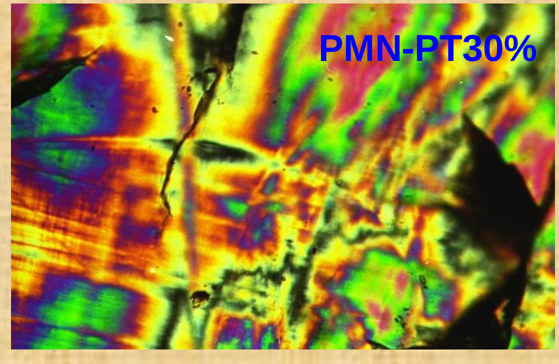


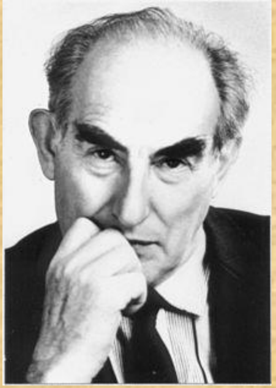
Crystal from Forschungsinstitut für mineralische und metallische

Werkstoffe -Edelsteine/Edelmetalle

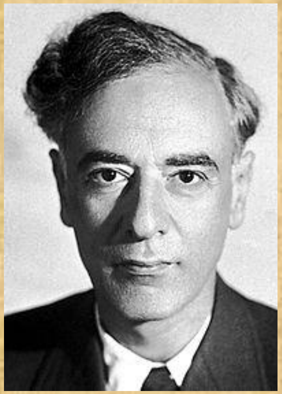




Ferroelectricity: Landau-Ginzburg phenomenological theory



Vitaly Ginzburg
1916-2009



Lev Landau
1908-1968

Free energy

Order parameter (polarization)

$$F_P = \frac{1}{2}aP^2 + \frac{1}{4}bP^4 + \frac{1}{6}cP^6 + \ldots - EP$$

Electric field

the equilibrium solution $\frac{\partial F}{\partial P} = 0$

Ignoring higher terms we can get the linear solution:

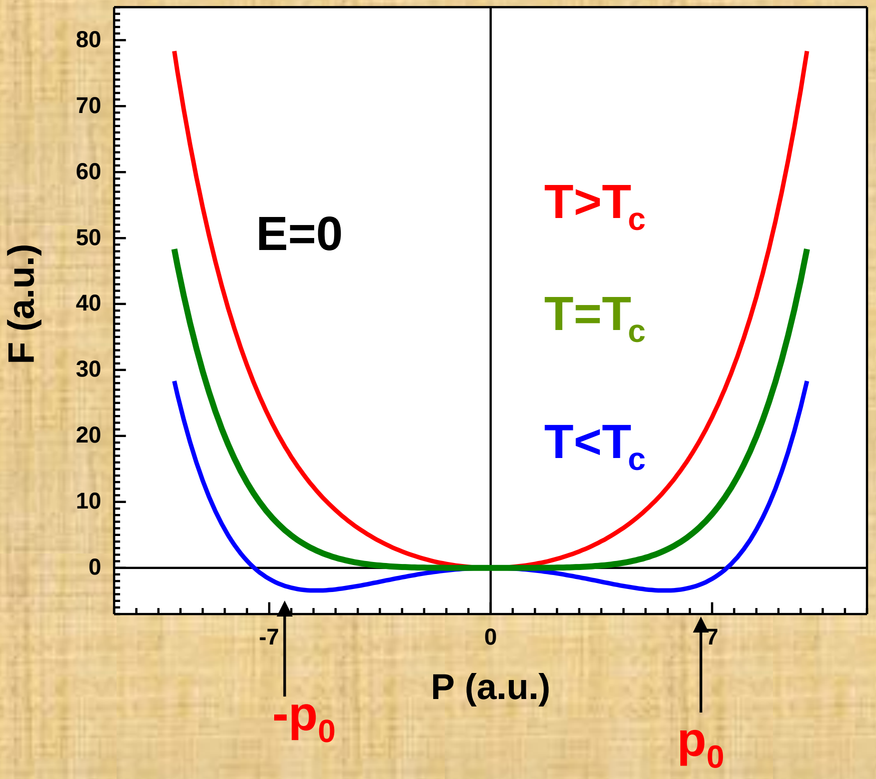
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial P} = aP - E = 0 \qquad \chi = \frac{\partial P}{\partial E} = \frac{1}{a}$$

Assuming linear dependence of a on temperature we will have:

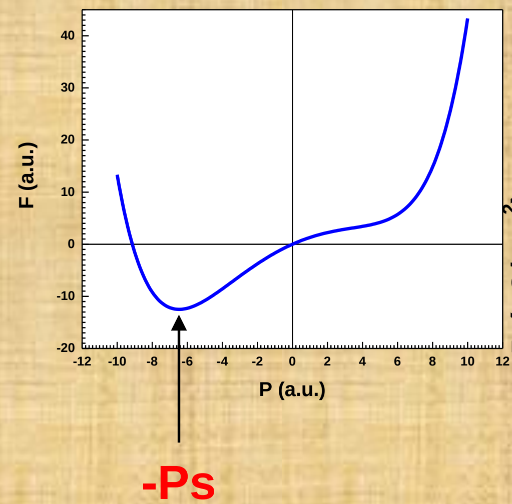
$\alpha = \frac{1}{C}(T - T_c)$ and finally we will have Curie-Weiss law $\boxed{\chi = \frac{C}{(T - T_c)}}$

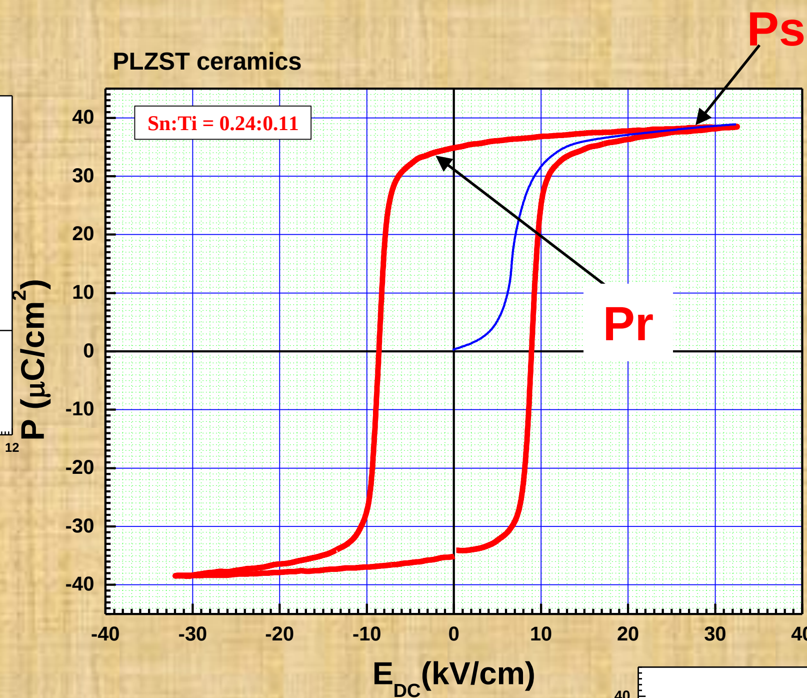
Ferroelectricity: Landau-Ginzburg phenomenological theory

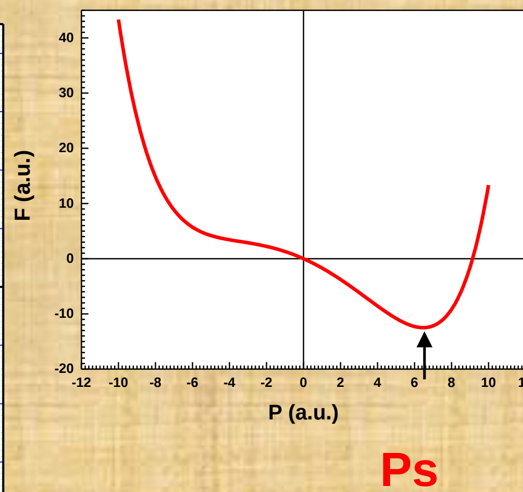
In case of b>) (C>0 also) We will have the solution for second order phase transition with two equilibrium points $-p_0$ and p_0. Both these states are equivalent



Ferroelectricity: Landau-Ginzburg phenomenological theory

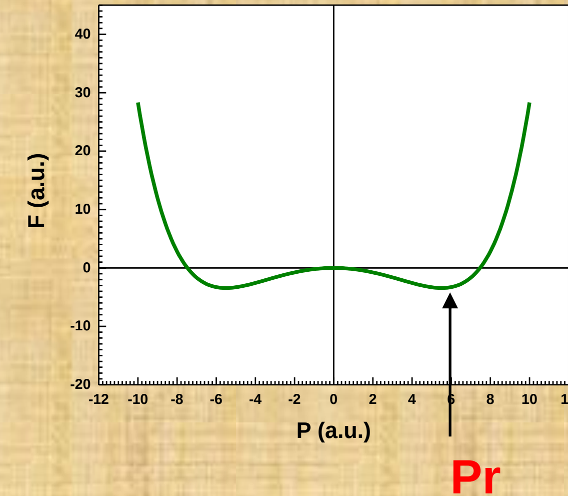






Including EP term can illustrate the P-E hysteretic behavior

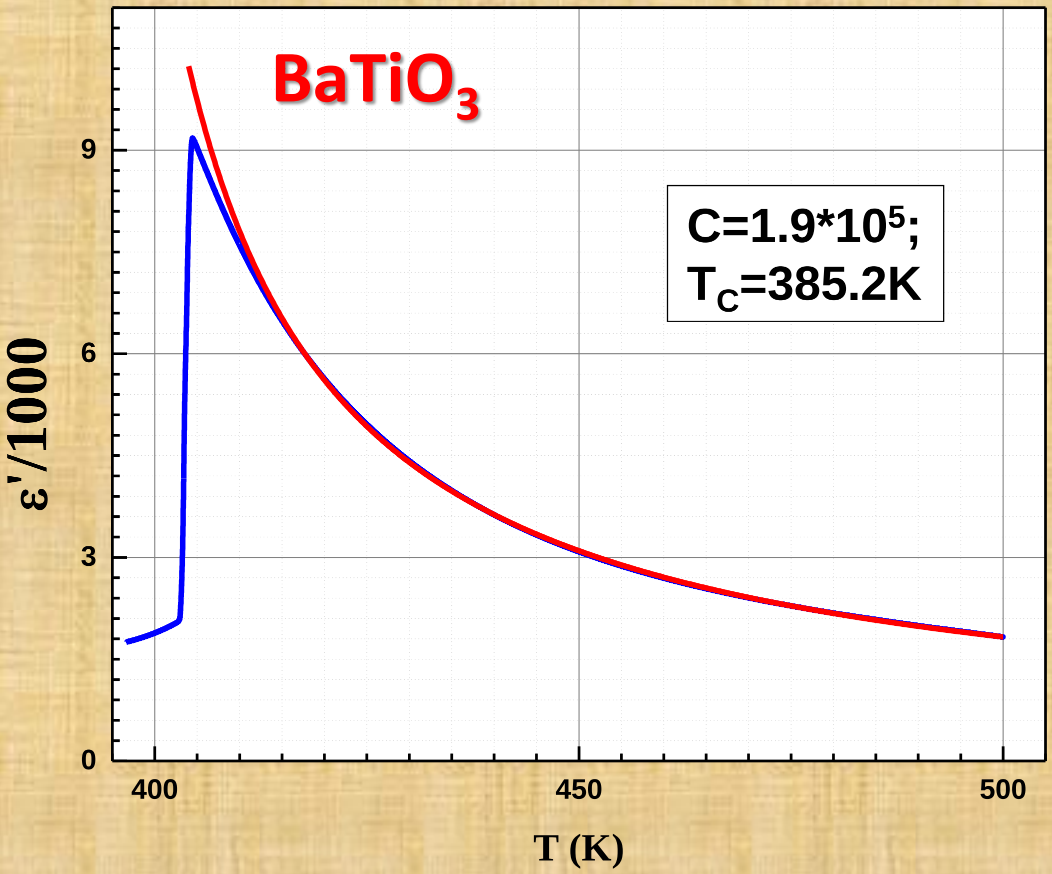
$$F_P = \frac{1}{2}aP^2 + \frac{1}{4}bP^4 + \frac{1}{6}cP^6 + \ldots - EP$$



Ferroelectricity: Susceptibility

$$\vec{P} = \varepsilon_0 \chi \vec{E} \qquad \vec{D} = \varepsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} = \varepsilon_0 \vec{E} + \varepsilon_0 \chi \vec{E} = \varepsilon_0 (1+\chi) \vec{E} = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon \vec{E}$$

For ferroelectrics ε>>1 and $\varepsilon \approx \chi$



Curie-Weiss law:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{C}{(T - T_{CW})} + \varepsilon_{00}$$

Ferroelectricity: Discovery

Rochelle Salt $KNaC_4H_4O_6*4H_2O$

Elie Seignette

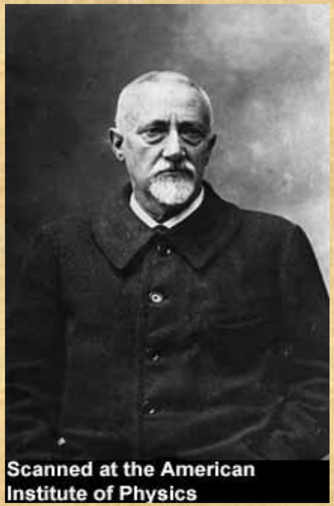
Potassium sodium tartrate discovered (in about 1675) by an apothecary, *Pierre Seignette*

Rochelle Salt originates from French city of La Rochelle where it was produced by *Pierre Seignette* another name of this material is Seignette salt

Rochelle Salt was used in medicine and food industry

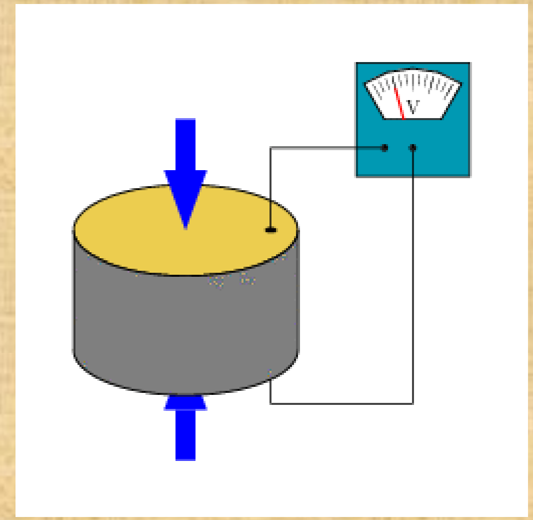
Ferroelectricity: Discovery

Rochelle Salt $KNaC_4H_4O_6*4H_2O$



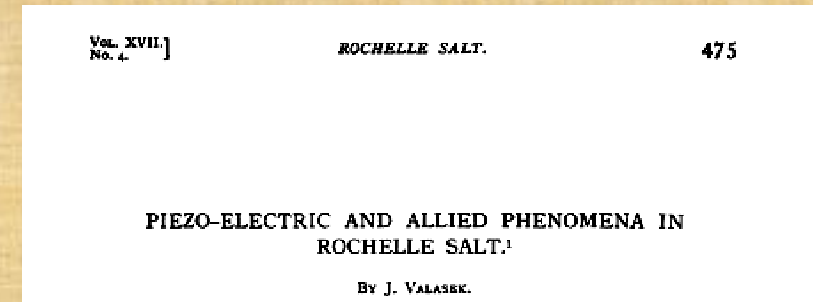
Paul-Jacques Curie
1856 – 1941

Pierre Curie
1859-1906



Brothers Curie discovered and investigated the piezoelectric effect I several materials including Rochelle salt

Ferroelectricity: Discovery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PIEZO-ELECTRIC AND ALLIED PHENOMENA IN ROCHELLE SALT.[1]

By J. Valasek.

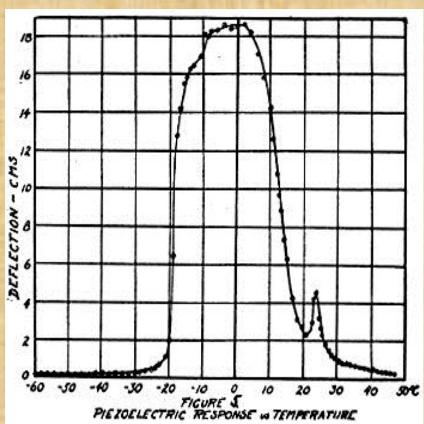

Fig3. Piezoelectric response as a function of temperature [2]

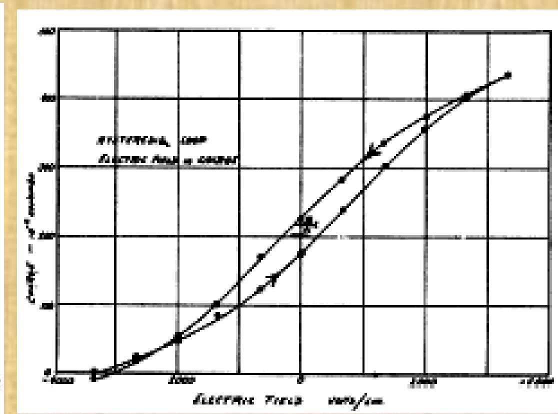

Fig.1. The first published hysteresis loop [1]

Joseph Valasek (1897-1993)
University of Minnesota

1. J. Valasek, Phys. Rev. 17, 475 (1921)
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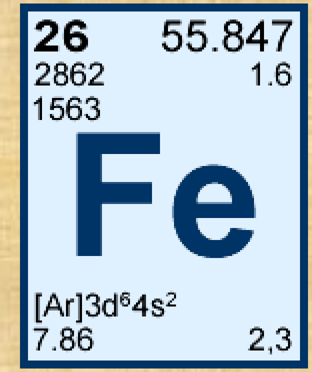
Rochelle Salt $KNaC_4H_4O_6*4H_2O$

Ferroelectricity. Terminology.



ferrum (Lat) gave the name of the broad class of magnetic materials – *ferro*magnetics

Fe has no relation to the phenomenon of *ferro*elctricity but because of a lot of common features of *ferro*electric phase transition to *ferro*magnetic the "new" class of dielectrics was named as *ferro*electrics.

There is another name for this class of materials - Seignette-electrics named after the alternative name of the Rochelle salt

Ferroelectrics, 1987, Vol. 71, pp. 15–16
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A NEW SEIGNETTE-ELECTRIC SUBSTANCE

Translated from *Naturwiss*. **23** 737 (1935) *by G. Busch*

G. BUSCH and P. SCHERRER
Physikalisches Institut der Technischen Hochschule, Zürich,

(Received August 26, 1935)

Materials. KDP

KDP (KH_2PO_4) - potassium dihidrophosphate

1935

G. Busch and P. Scherrer, Naturwiss. **23**, 737 (1935). Eine neue *Seignetteelektrische* Substanz.

Georg Busch
1908-2000

Paul Scherrer
1890-1969

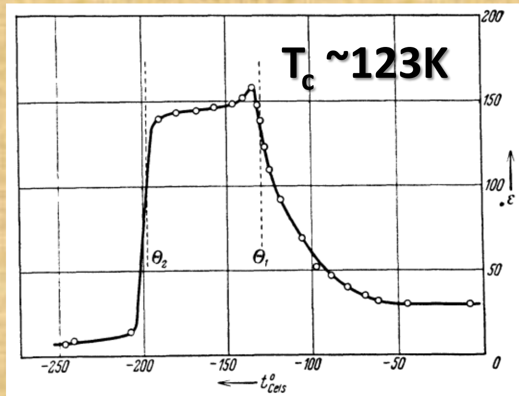

Fig. 1. Temperaturverlauf der Dielektrizitätskonstanten ε_{33} an KH_2PO_4.

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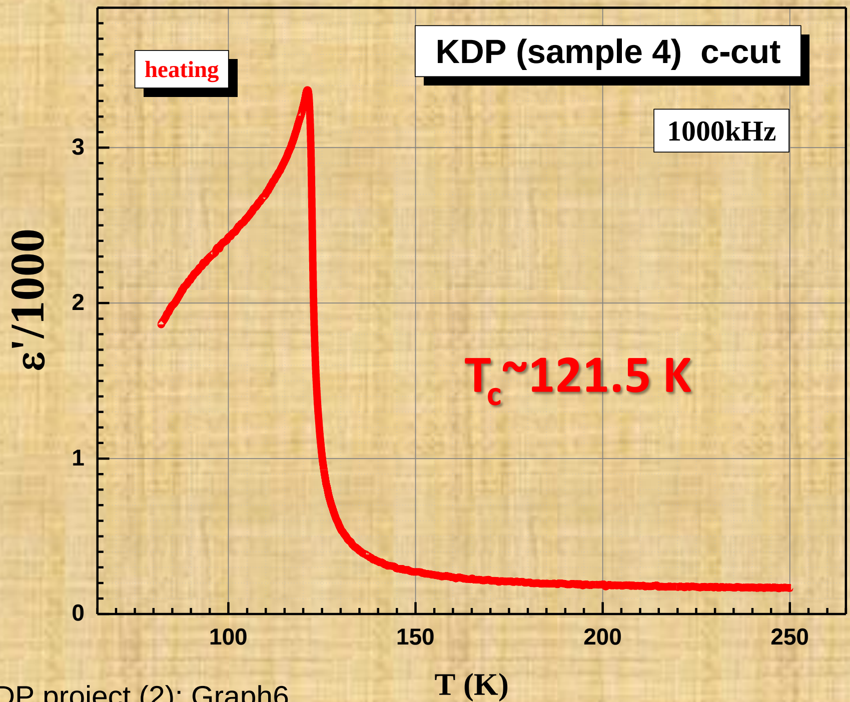
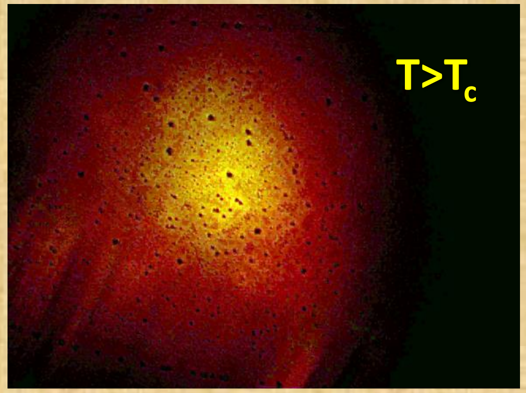
Eine neue seignette-elektrische Substanz.

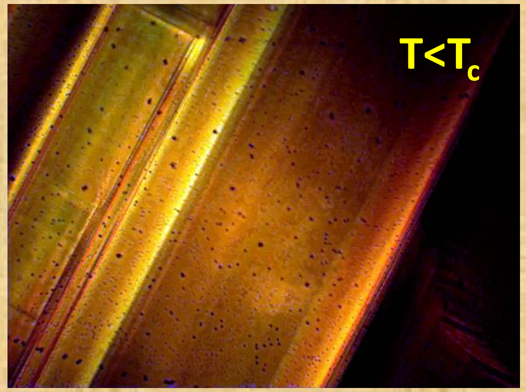
Materials. KDP

KDP (KH_2PO_4) - potassium dihidrophosphate T_c ~123K



KDP project (2): Graph6





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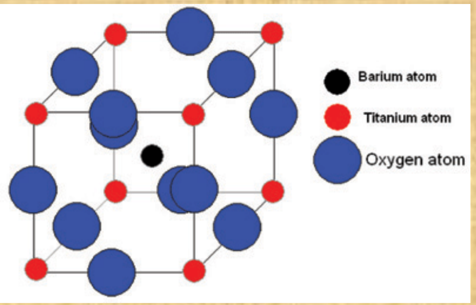
Materials. Barium Titanate.

1943 – material with high (>1200) value of the dielectric constant (Wainer, Solomon (USA); Wul, Goldman (USSR))

1945 – discovered the ferroelectric properties of BaTiO3 A. von Hippel (USA); Wul, Goldman (USSR))



T_c ~400K

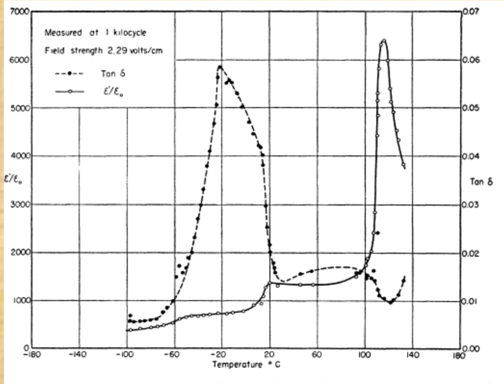


FIG. 6. Dielectric constant and loss of barium titanate ceramic.

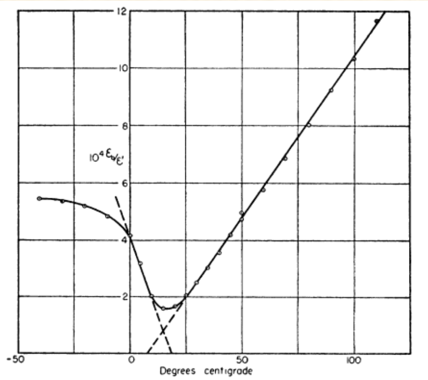
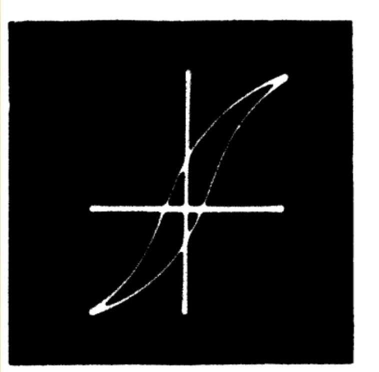


FIG. 15. Confirmation of Curie-Weiss laws in (Ba-Sr)TiO_3 (400 kc).



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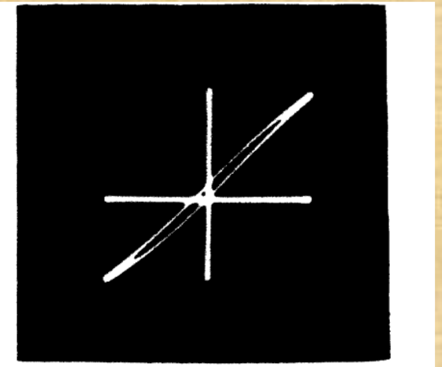

+125°

Arthur R. von Hippel
1898-2003

A. Von Hippel, Rev. Mod. Phys. 22,221, 1950

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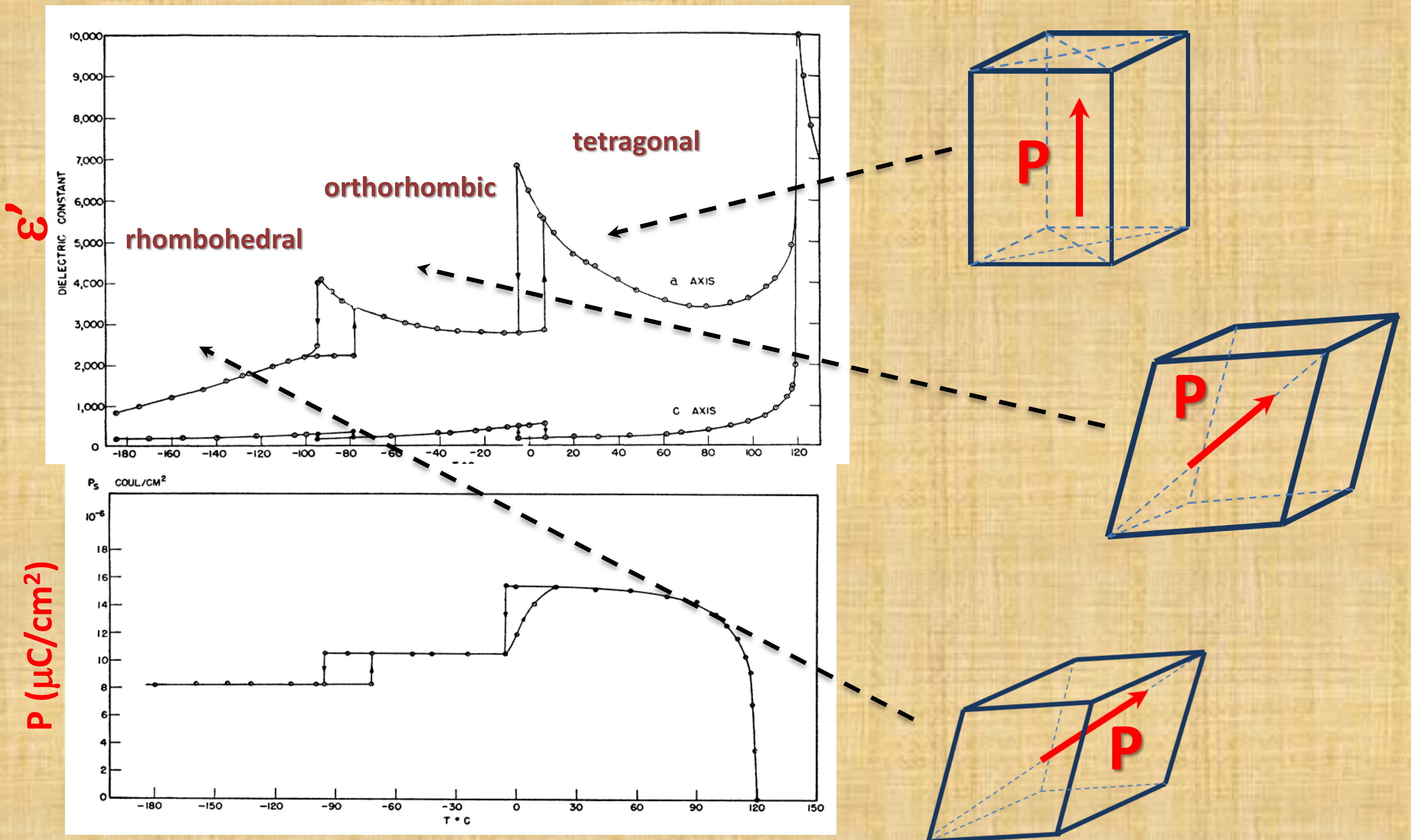

Walter J. Merz, Phys. Rev. 76, 1221, 1949

Materials. $BaTiO_3$. Domains.

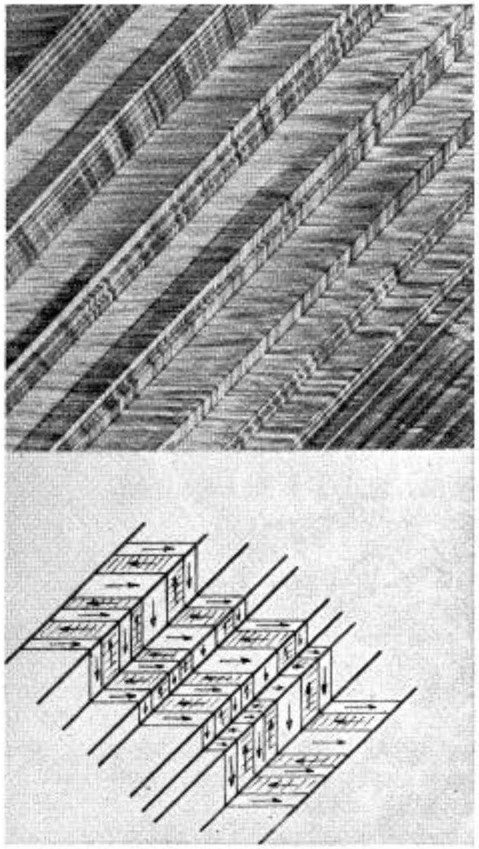

FIG. 4. Surface of an a-domain crystal showing 90° walls and antiparallel domains.

John A. Hooton, Walter J. Merz, Phys. Rev. 98, 409,1955

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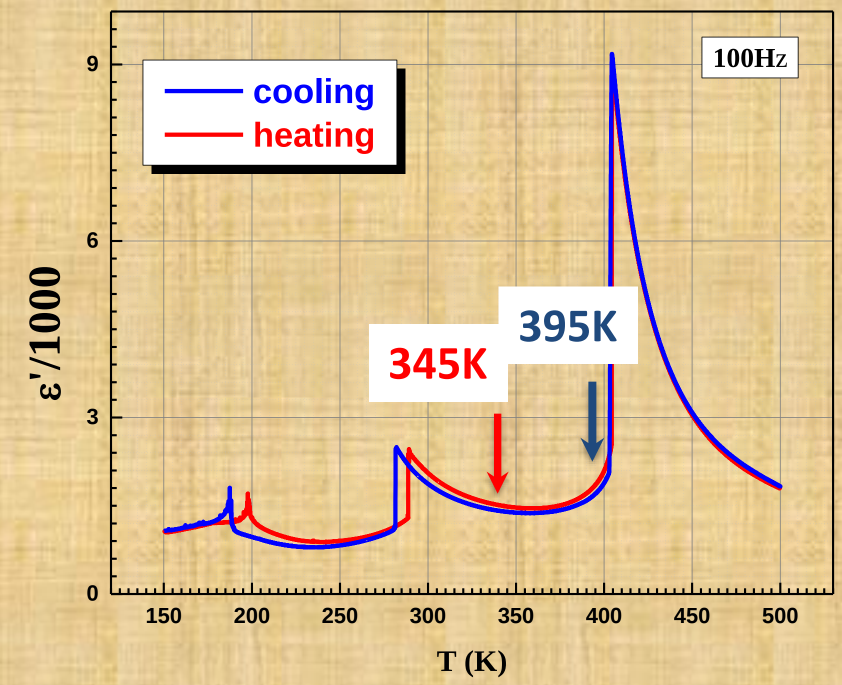
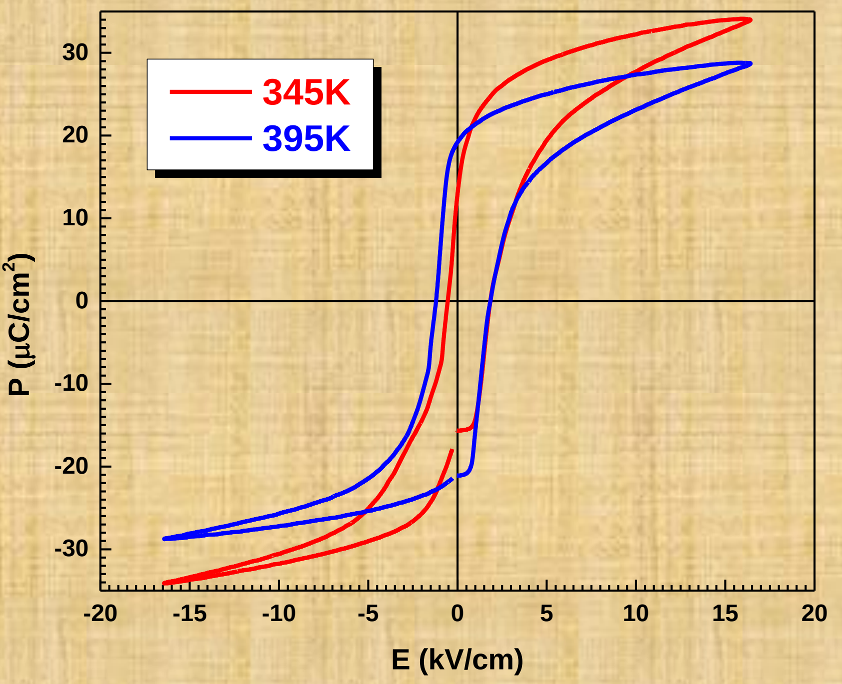
Materials. $BaTiO_3$. P-E hysteresis.





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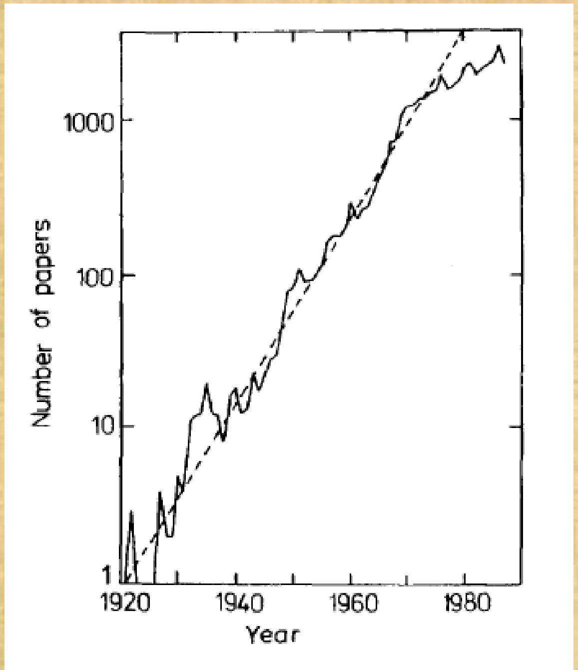
Ferroelectricity: Typical ferroelectric materials

		T_C(K)	Ps ($\mu C/cm^2$)
KDP type	KH_2PO_4	123	4.75
	KD_2PO_4	213	4.83
	RbH_2PO_4	147	5.6
Perovskites	$BaTiO_3$	408	26
	KNbO3	708	30
	$PbTiO_3$	765	>50
	$LiTiO_3$	938	50
	$LiNbO_3$	1480	71

ABO_3

Springer Handbook of Condensed Matter and Materials Data



Number of publications concerning ferroelectricity. From Jan Fousek "*Joseph Valasek and the Discovery of Ferroelectricity*"

New Perovskite Materials - Relaxors

B-site complex	Lead magnesium niobate (PMN)	$PbMg_{l/3}Nb_{2/3}0_3$
	Lead scandium tantalate (PST)	$PbSc_{1/2}Ta_{1/2}0_3$
	Lead zinc niobate (PZN)	$PbZn_{l/2}Nb_{1/2}0_3$
	Lead indium niobate (PIN)	$PbIn_{1/2}Nb_{1/2}0_3$
A-site complex	Lead lanthanum titanate (PLT)	$Pb_{1\text{-}x}La_xTiO_3$
Both sites complex	Lead lanthanum zirconate titanate (PLZT)	$Pb_{1-x}La_xZr_yTi_{1-y}O_3$
	Potassium lead zinc niobate	$K_{1/3}Pb_{2/3}Zn_{2/9}Nb_{7/9}0_3$

L. Eric Cross[1]

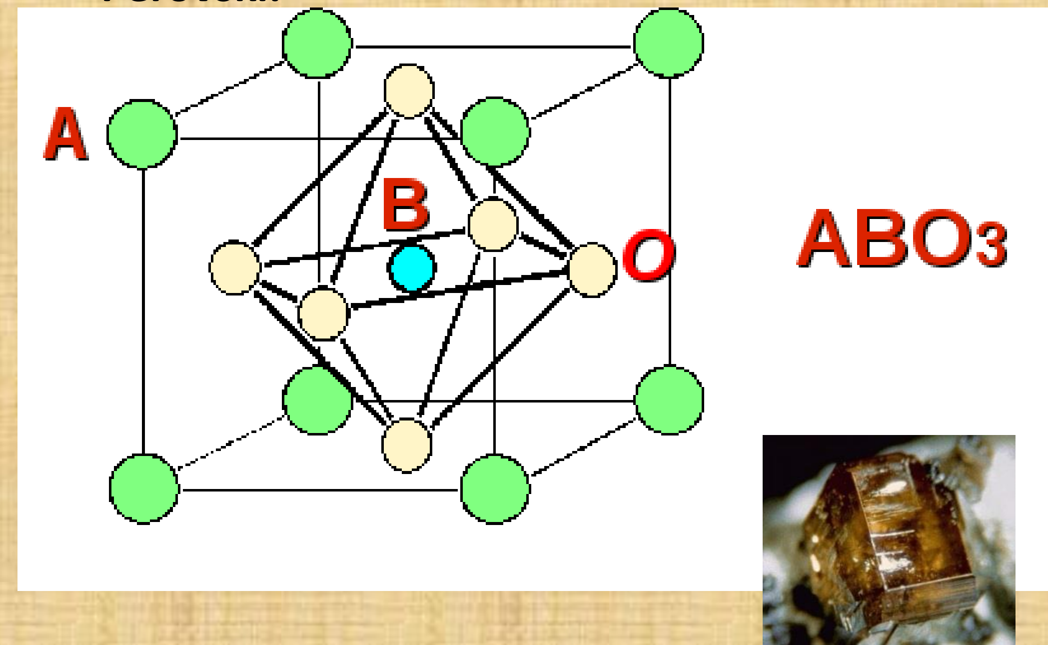
Smolenskii G.A.[2]
1910 - 1986

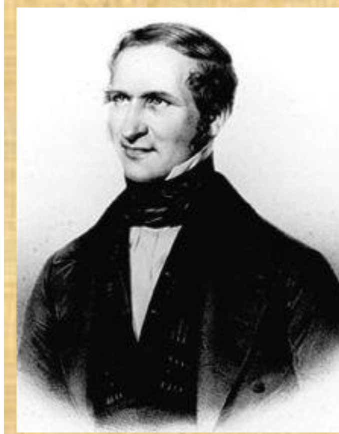
1. Pennsylvania State University, USA
2. A.F. Ioffe Institute, USSR

$AB1_{(1\text{-}x)}B2_xO_3$ $A1_{(1\text{-}x)}A2_xBO_3$ $A1_{(1\text{-}x)}A2_xB1_{(1\text{-}y)}B2_yO_3$ typical complex oxides with perovskite structure

Perovskite Structure

Perovskite is a mineral $CaTiO_3$. The mineral was discovered in the Ural Mountains of Russia by Gustav Rose in 1839 and is named after Russian mineralogist Lev Perovski.





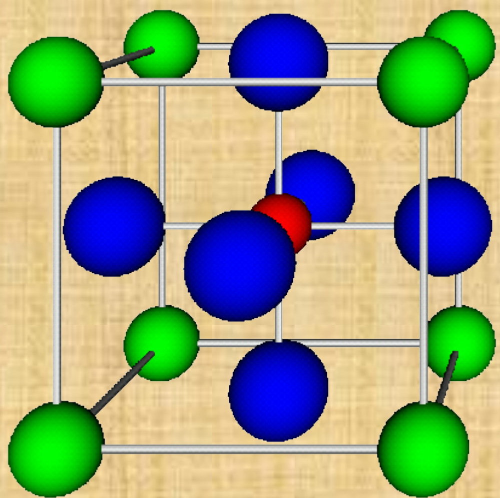
Gustav Rose
1798-1873

Lev Perovski
1792-1856

$AB1_{(1-x)}B2_{x}O_3$ $A1_{(1-x)}A2_{x}BO_3$ $A1_{(1-x)}A2_{x}B1_{(1-y)}B2_{y}O_3$ typical complex oxides with perovskite structure

Relaxors

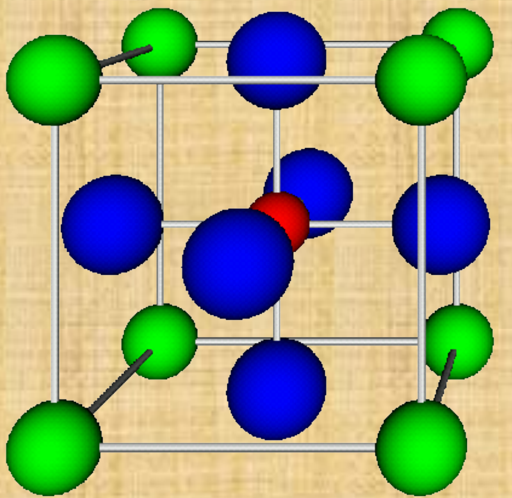
Regular ferroelectric $BaTiO_3$



$T > T_c$ (cubic)

Ba O Ti

Relaxor - PMN $Pb(Mg_{1/3}\ Nb_{2/3})O_3$

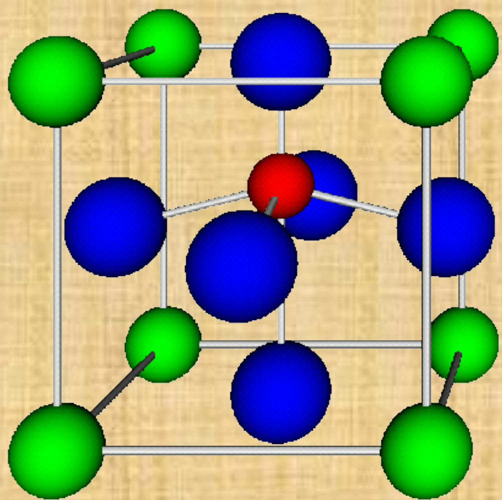


(cubic)

Pb O Mg^{+2} or Nb^{+5}

Relaxors

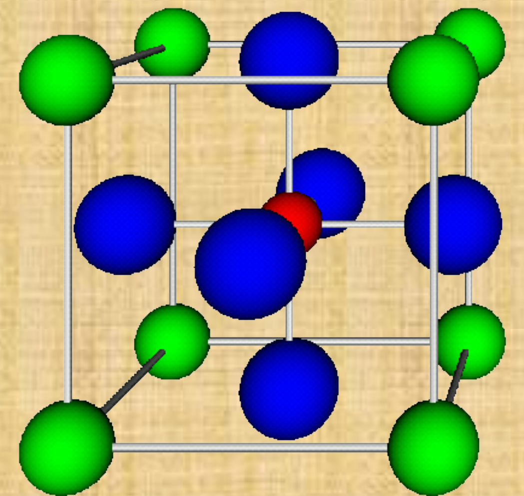
Regular ferroelectric $BaTiO_3$



$T < T_c$ (tetragonal)

Ba O Ti

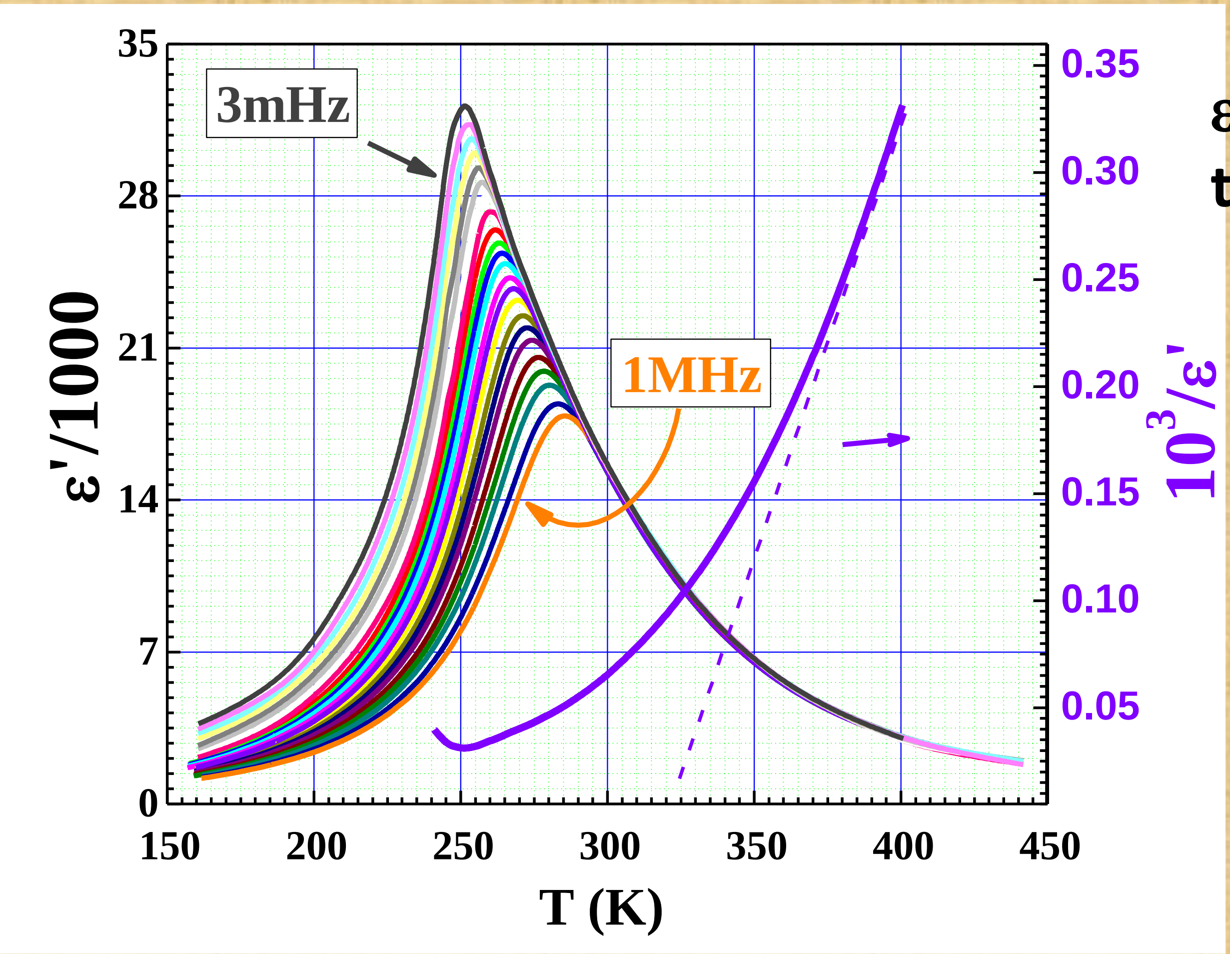
Relaxor - PMN $Pb(Mg_{1/3}\ Nb_{2/3})O_3$



(cubic)

Pb O Mg^{+2} or Nb^{+5}

Relaxor. PMN dielectric susceptibility

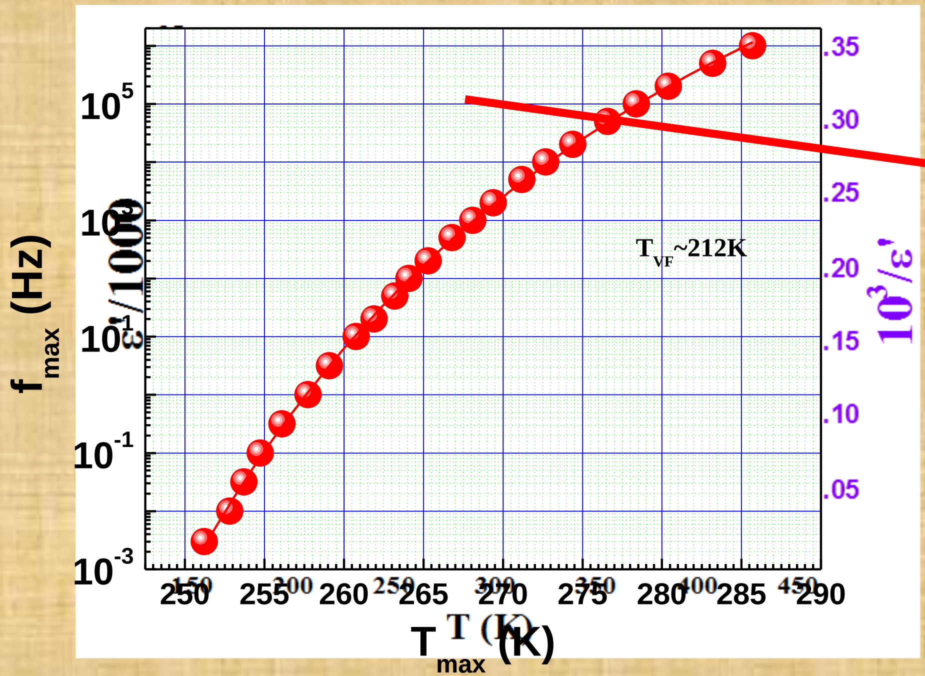


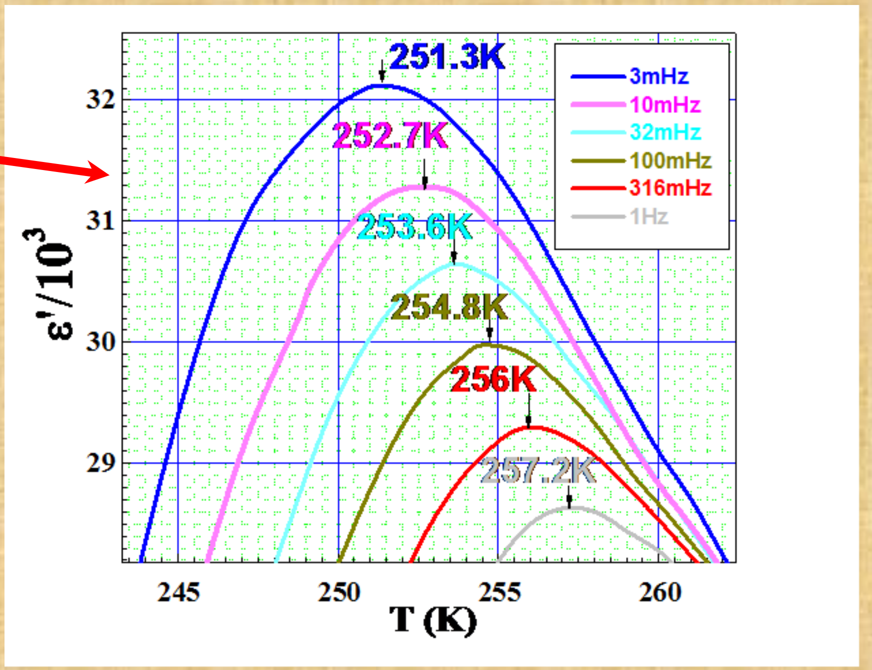
ε'_{max} and T_{max} depend on the measuring frequency

ε' does not follow Curie-Weiss law

Temperature dependencies of ε' measured in a broad frequency range: 3mHz -1MHz

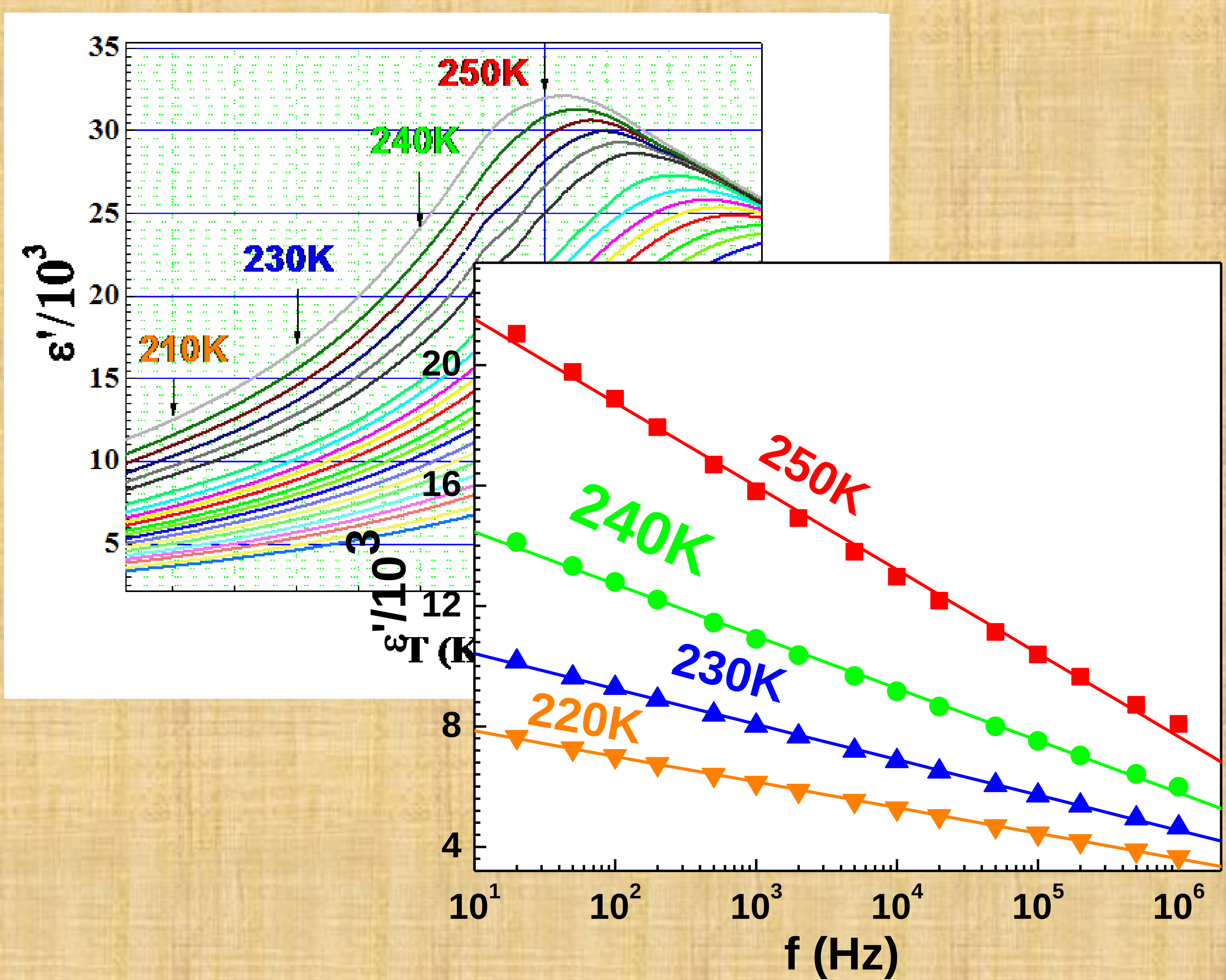
PMN. *Vogel – Fulcher* dependence





$$f_{max} = f_0 \exp\left[\frac{-E_0}{T - T_{VF}}\right]$$

PMN. Frequency Dispersion.



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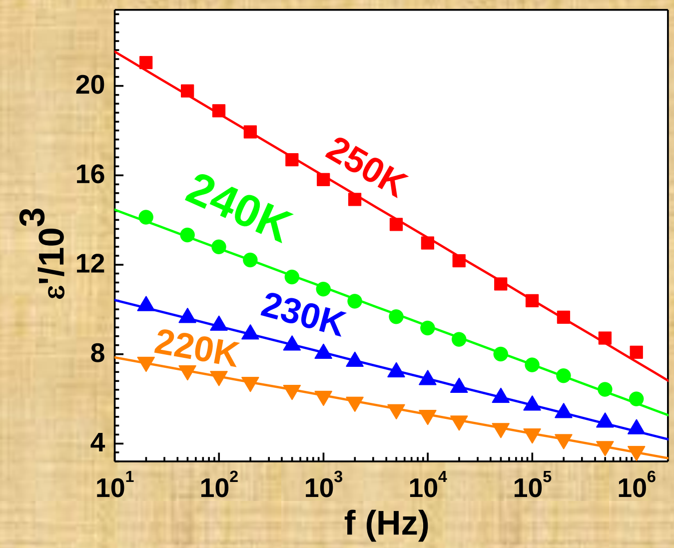

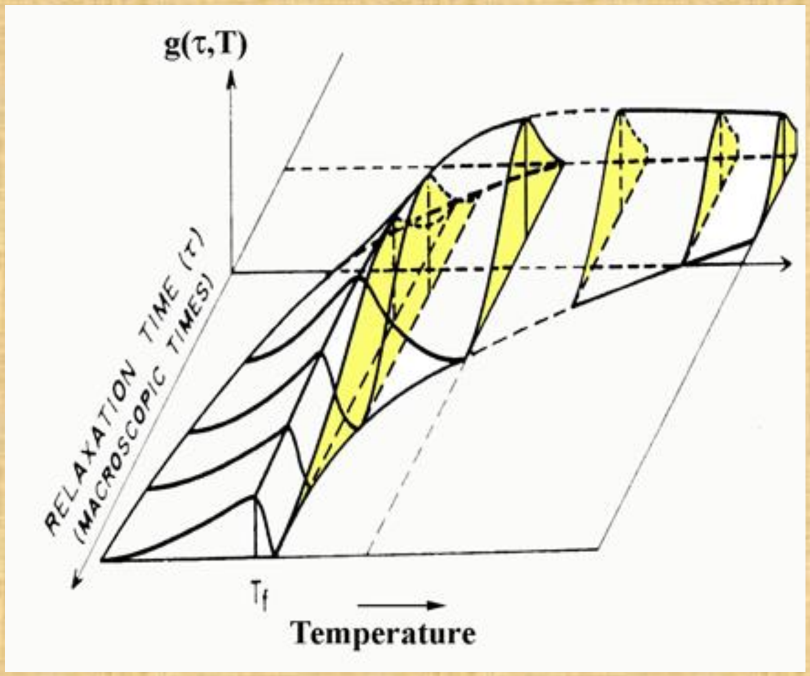

$$\varepsilon'(\omega,T) = \varepsilon_\infty + \Delta\varepsilon \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{g(\tau,T)\ln\tau}{1+(\omega\tau)^2}$$

Relaxors. Nanodomains.

PNR – polar nanodomains
COR – chemically ordered regions

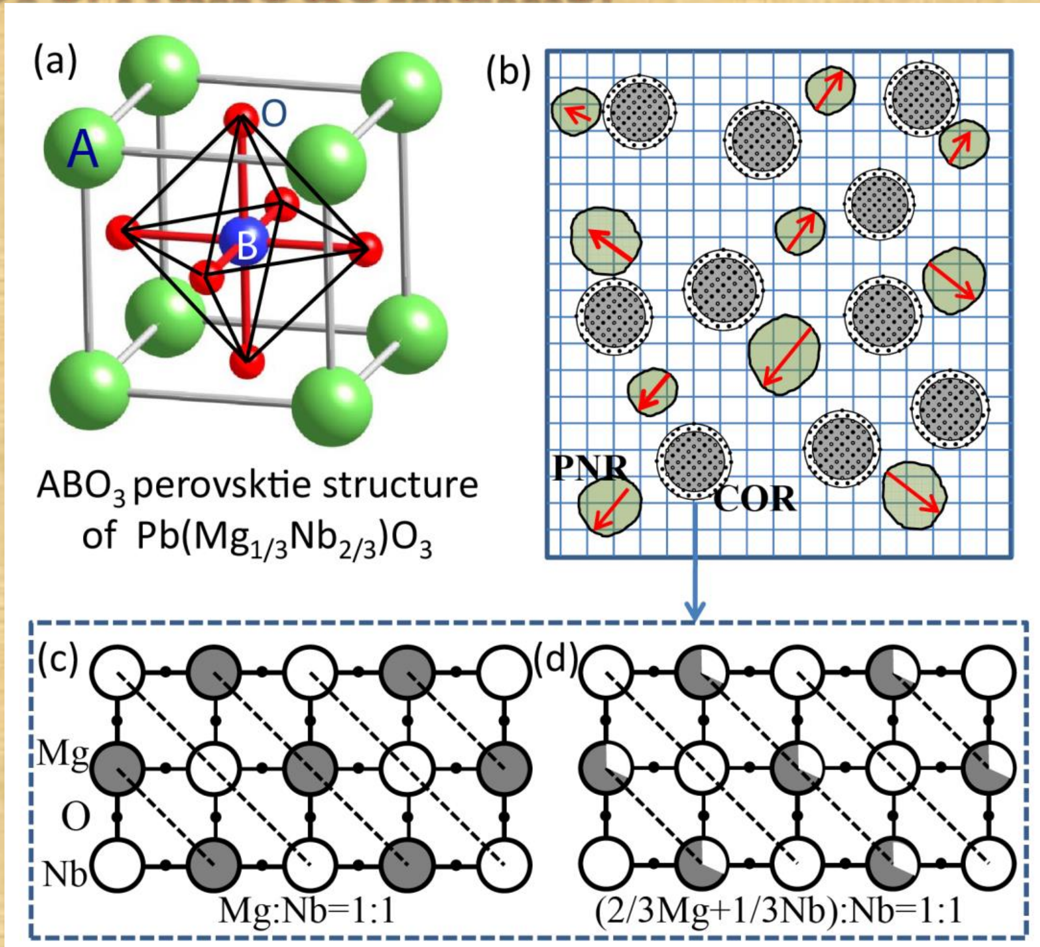

Figure 3.
(a) ABO_3perovskite structure. (b) Model for relaxor structure. PNR and COR represent the polar nano-region and chemically order region, respectively. (c) &(d) show two models of atom arrangement for COR. To maintain the electric neutrality, a Nb-rich layer is required for case (c).

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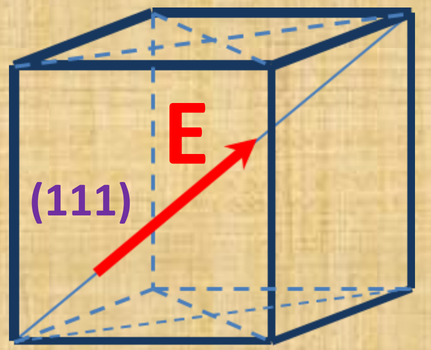
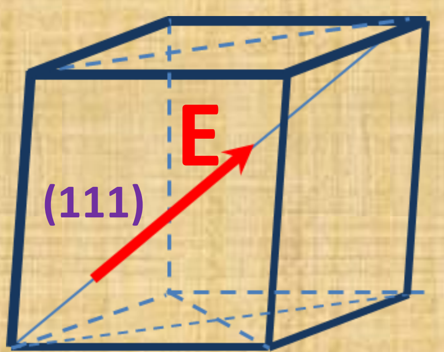
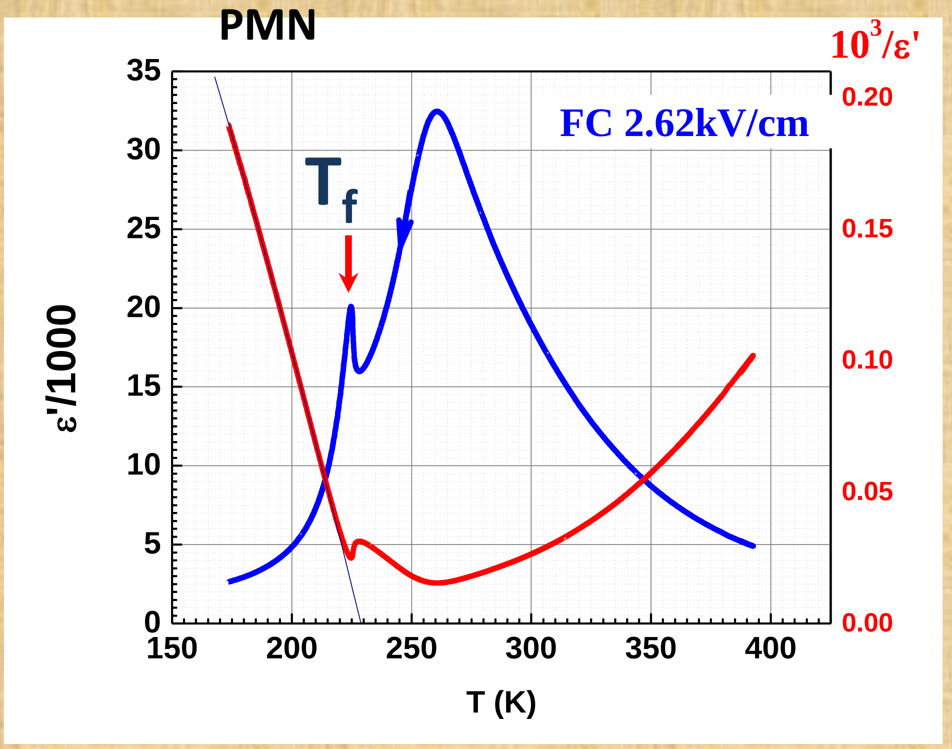
Relaxors. Field Induced Ferroelectric Transition. .



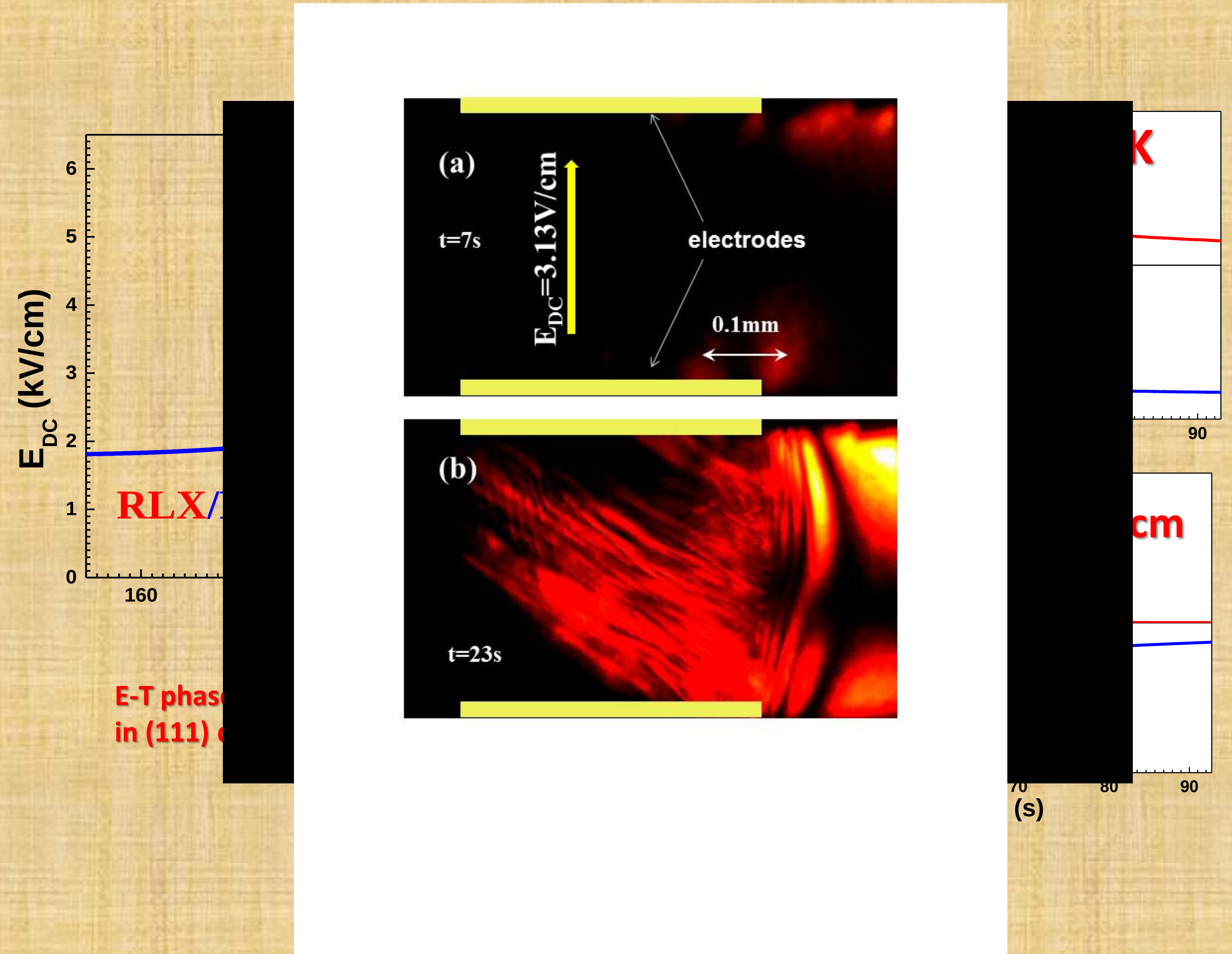




E_{DC} is applied in (111) direction
T_f – temperature of the induced relaxor – ferroelectric transition

Rhombohedral distortion

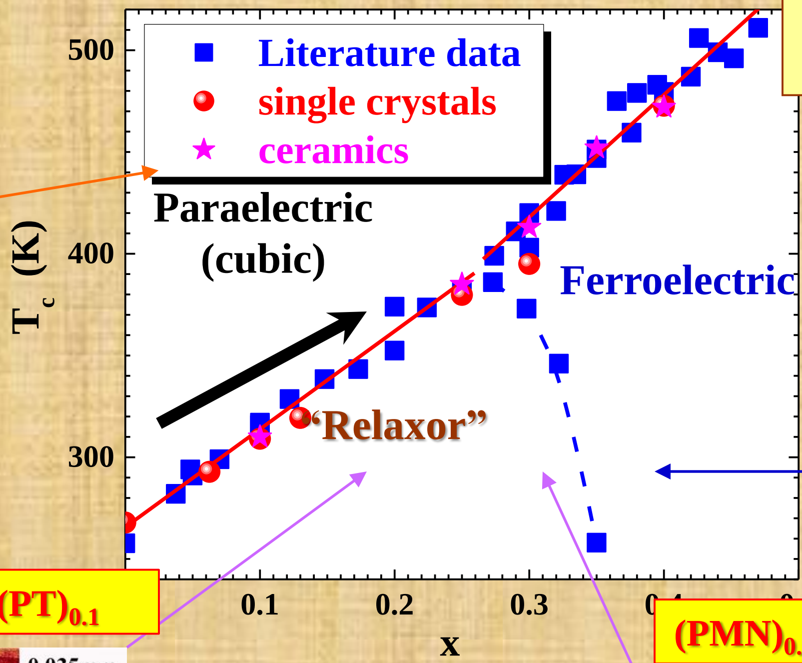
PMN. Field Induced. Ferroelectric Transition.



Solid solution relaxor-regular ferroelectric.

$(PMN)_{0.97}(PT)_{0.03}$

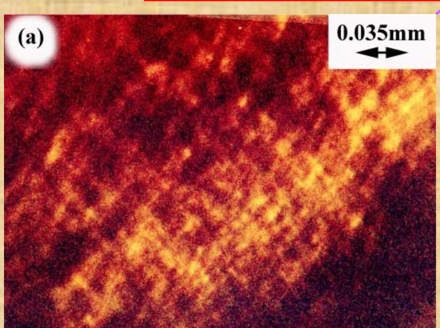
$(PMN)_{(1-x)}(PT)_{(x)}$
phase diagram



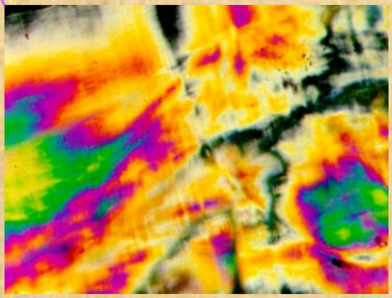
PT: $PbTiO_3$, ferroelectric with Curie temperature 763K

$(PMN)_{0.6}(PT)_{0.4}$

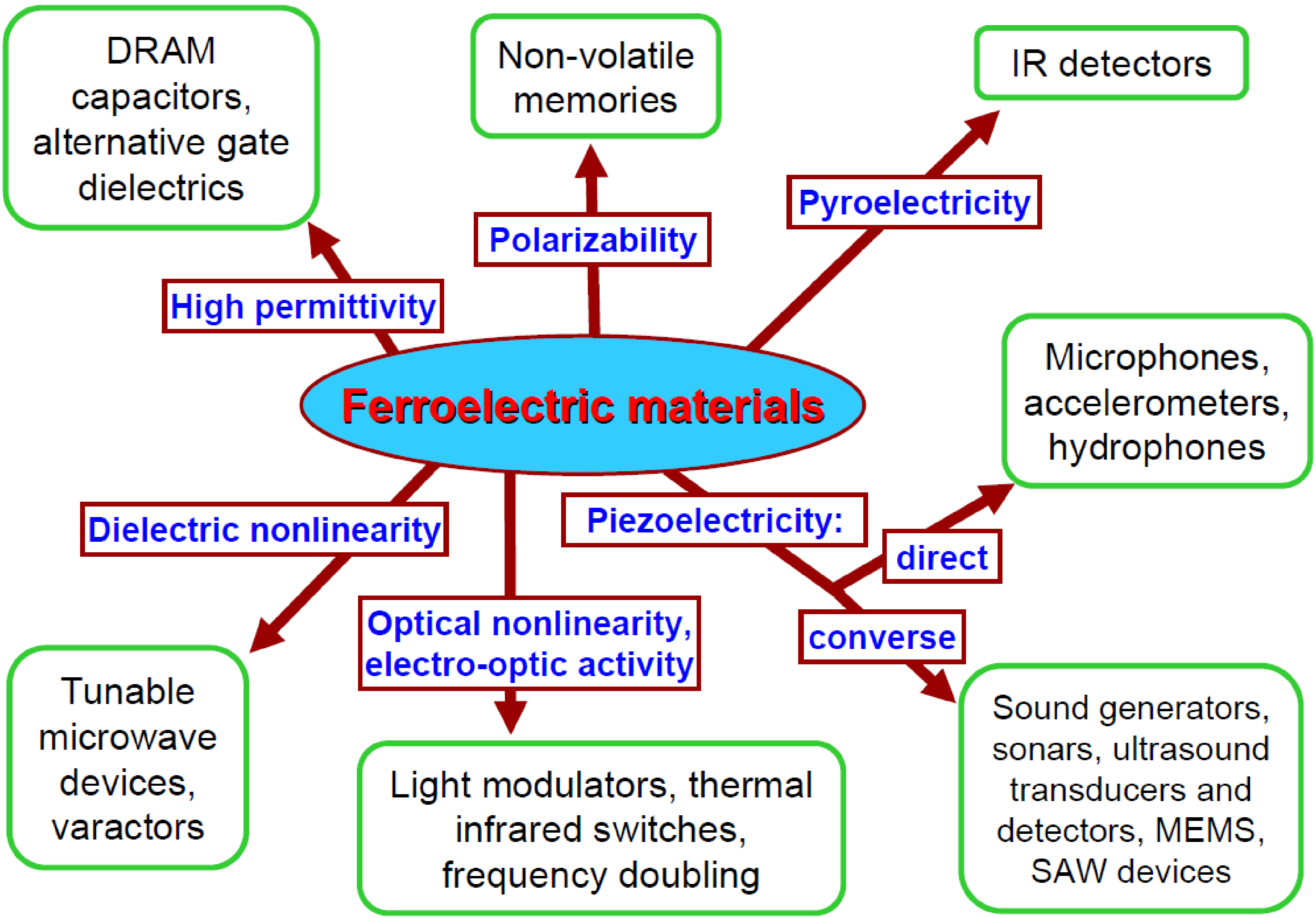
$(PMN)_{0.9}(PT)_{0.1}$



$(PMN)_{0.7}(PT)_{0.3}$



Applications of ferroelectrics



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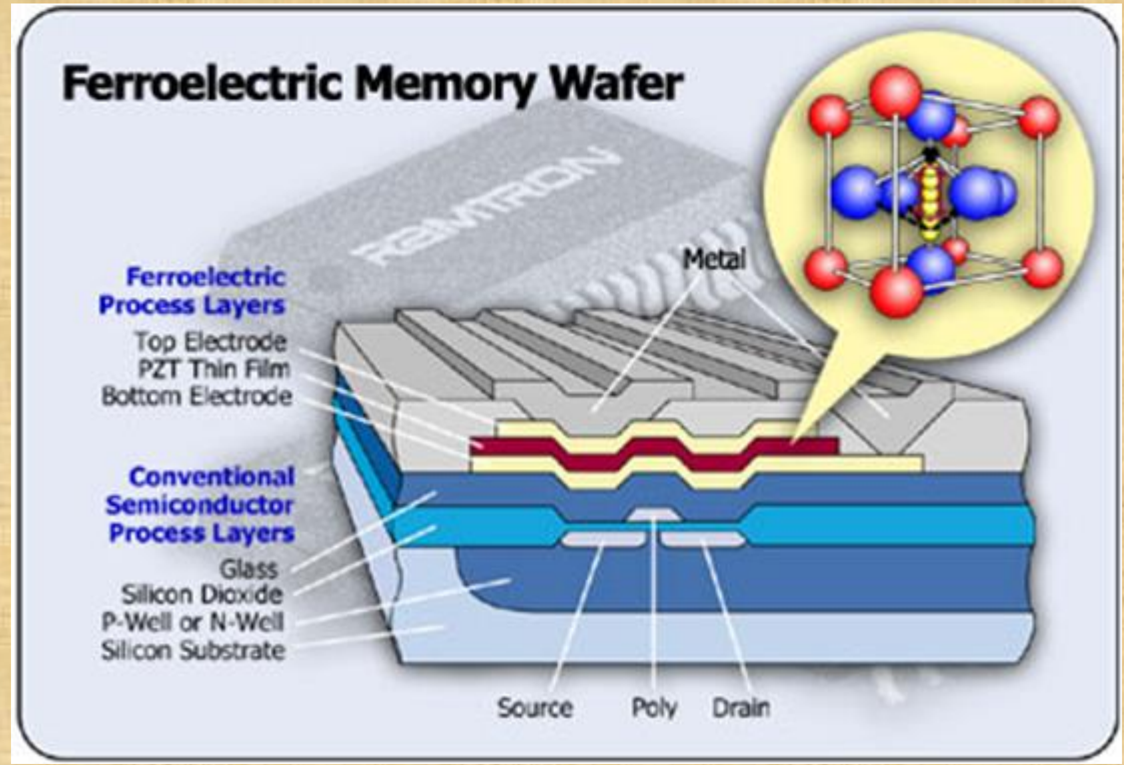
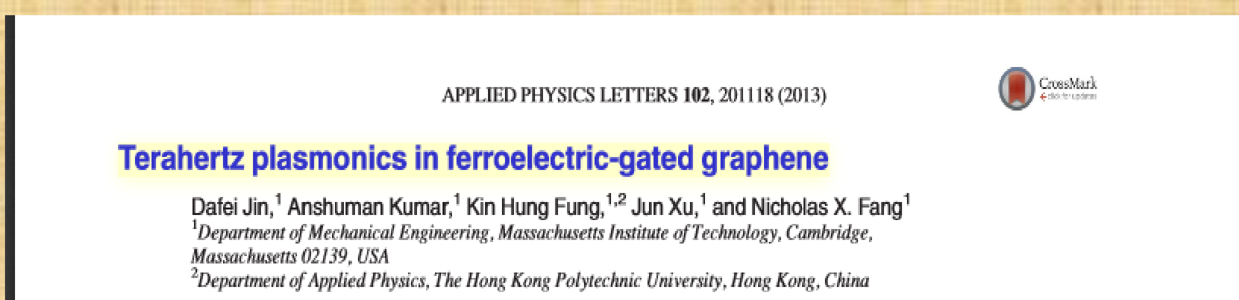
Applications. Nonvolatile Memory



Fast write speed (65-70ns)
High endurance (10^{14} cycles)
Low power consumption



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Terahertz plasmonics in ferroelectric-gated graphene

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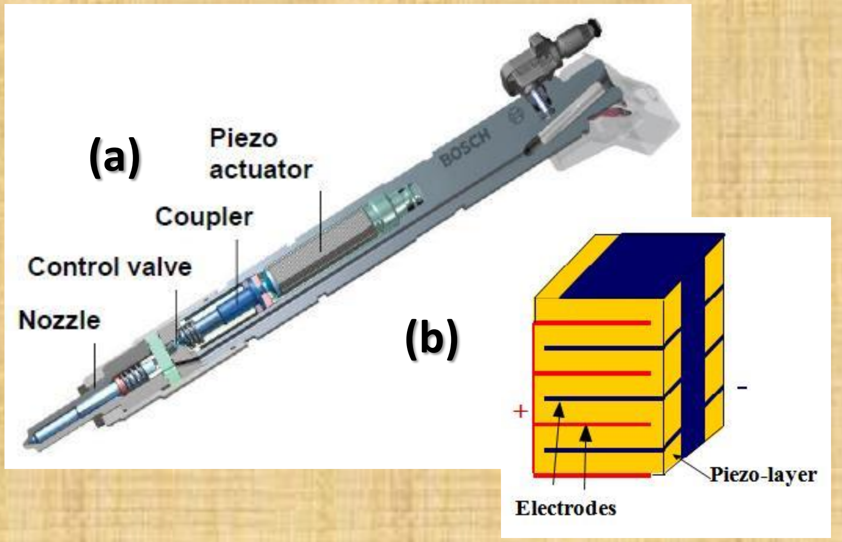
Applications. Actuators



Piezo-injector for diesel engines, (b) Multilayer piezoelectric actuator scheme.

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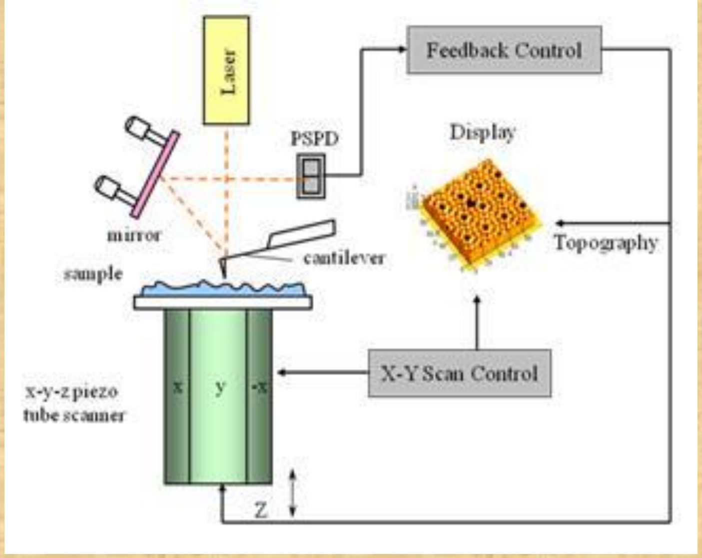
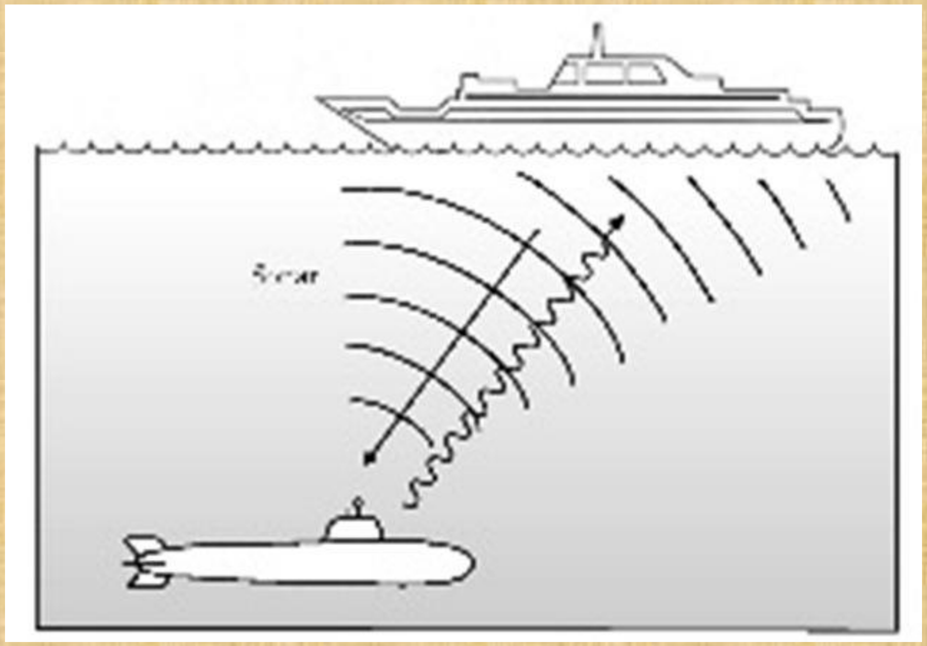
Atomic Force Microscope



Lead Zirconium Titanate piezo scanner

PI (www.pi.ws)

Applications. Sonars
Military Applications



APPLICATIONS:

MINE HUNTING
WEAPONS SONAR
COUTERMEASURES
ACOUSTIC COMMUNICATIONS
PROJECTOR ARRAYS
HYDROPHONE ARRAYS
VIBRATION CONTROL

Piezocomposite materials have been tested by the United States military since 1992.

Applications. Sonars
Civil Applications

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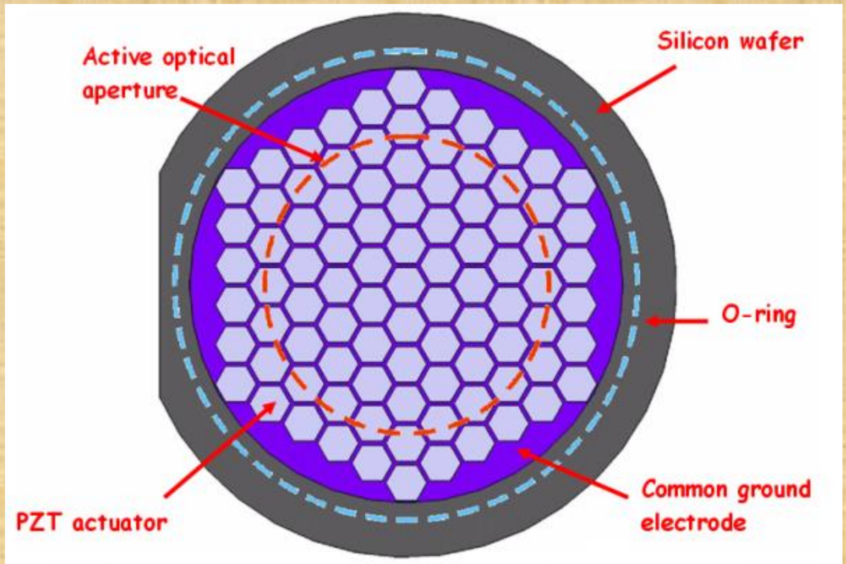
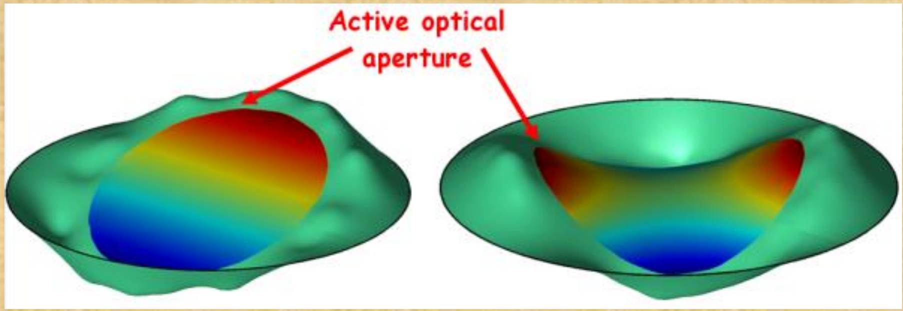
Fish Finder

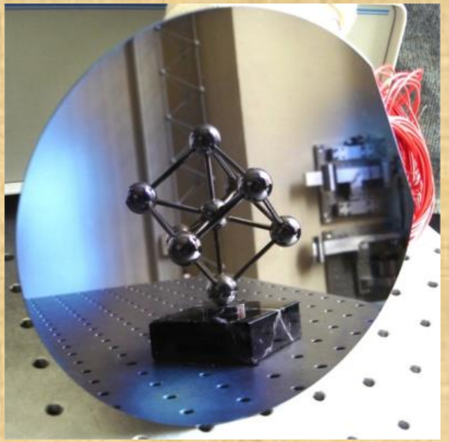
Applications. Adaptive Optics



PZT – Lead Zirconium Titanate $Pb[Zr_xTi_{1-x}]O_3$



Soldered control and mass wires



Reflecting surface

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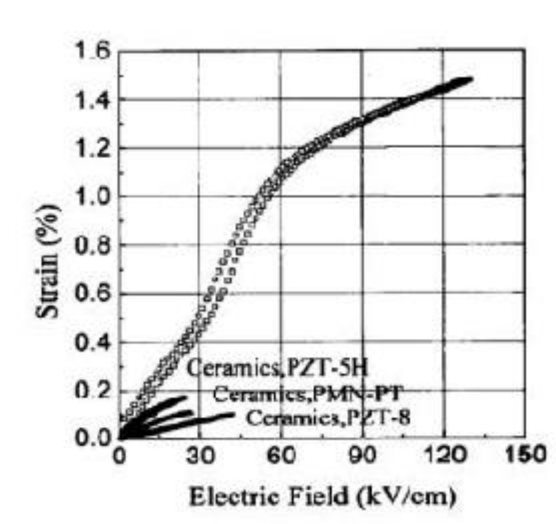
Ferroelectricity: Relaxors - aplications



DARPA PIEZOCRYSTALS

TRS Ceramics

- Actuators
- Transducers
- Adaptive optics
- Capacitors
- Line motors for SFM

Transducer stack for ultrasonic sonar application (TRS Ceramics)

Material	Dielectric constant	Piezoelectric coefficient, (pC/n)	Electromechanical coupling factor
Quartz	4.5	2.3	0.1
Rochelle salt (30C)	9.2	27	0.3
Barium titanate ceramic	1700	190	0.52
Lead zirconate titanate PZT 45/55	450	140	060
PMN-PT (sc)	4200	2200	0.92-0.94
PZN-PT (sc)	2500	2400	0.91-0.93

Piezoelectric properties of different materials