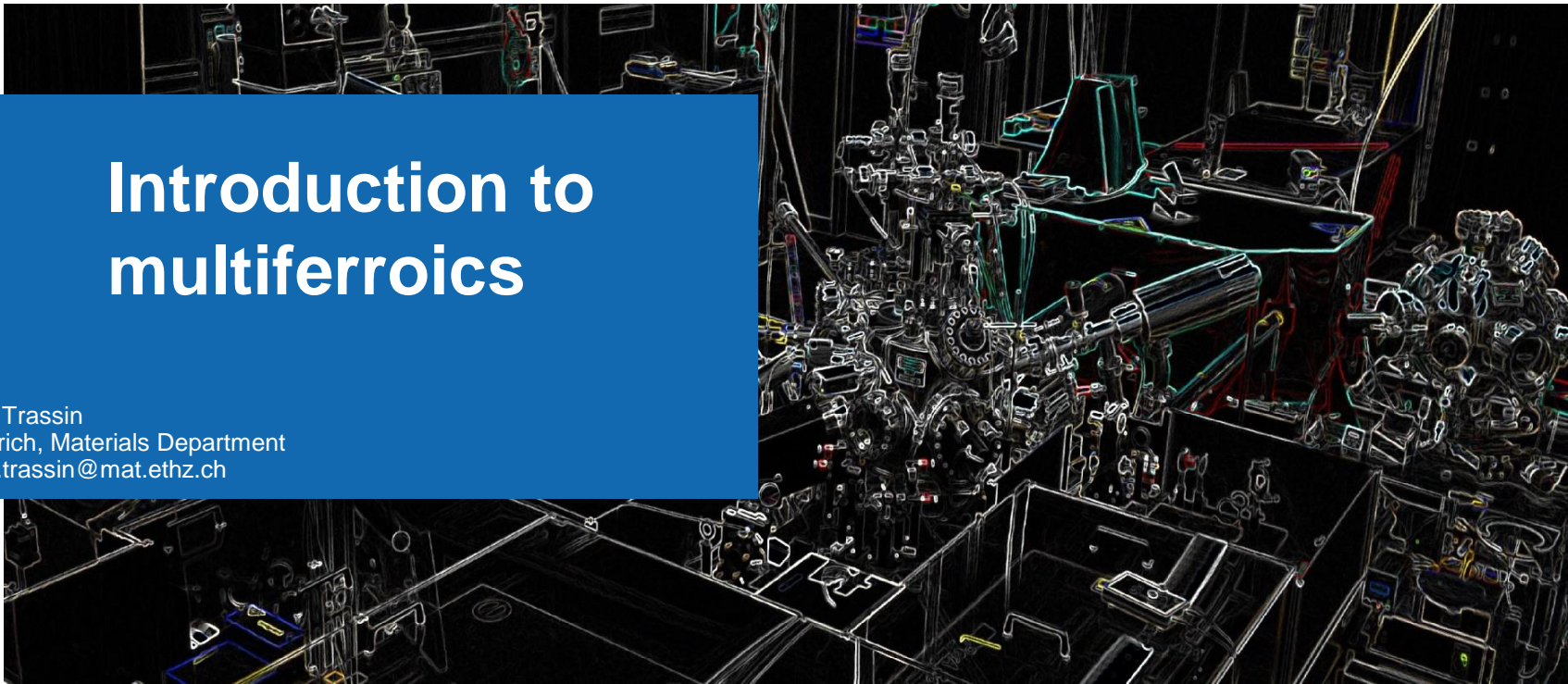


Introduction to multiferroics

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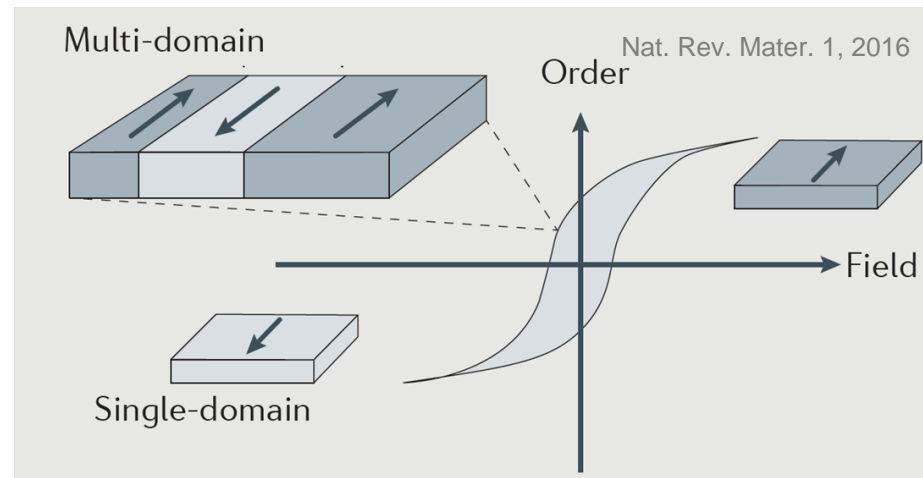
Ferroic Materials (brief definition)

Materials displaying a long-range order with respect to at least one macroscopic property. They develop domains which orientation can be changed by a conjugate field. The ferroic state results in the observation of a nonvolatile switching and a hysteresis

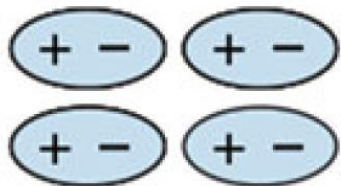
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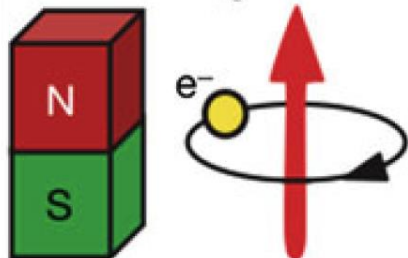


Ferroelectric



spontaneous polarization

Ferromagnetic



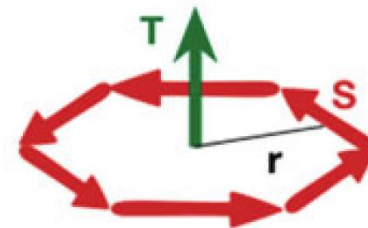
spontaneous magnetization

Ferroelastic



spontaneous strain

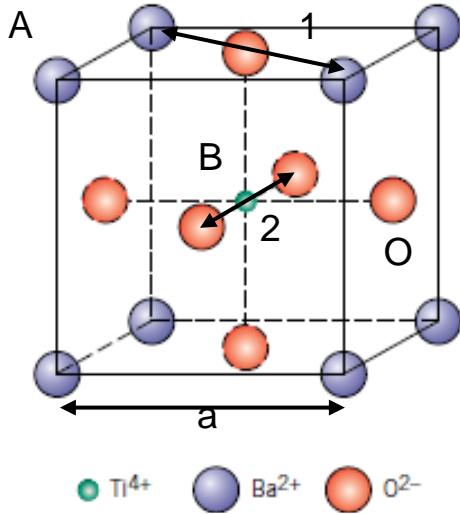
Ferrotoroidic



spontaneous magnetic vortex

Ferroelectric Materials

(brief reminder –
the perovskite case)



In the perfect cubic structure

$$a\sqrt{2} = 2R_A + 2R_O \quad (1)$$

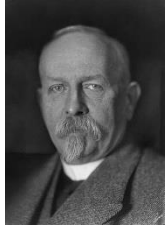
And

$$a = 2R_O + 2R_B \quad (2)$$

Goldschmidt factor

Defines the stability of crystal structures.
Predicts deviations from the cubic unit cell

$$t = \frac{R_A + R_O}{\sqrt{2}(R_B + R_O)}$$



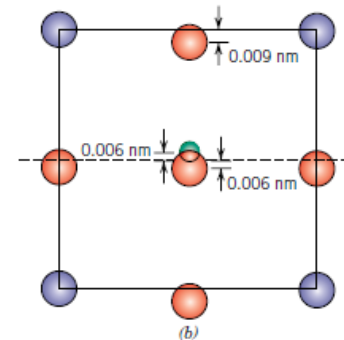
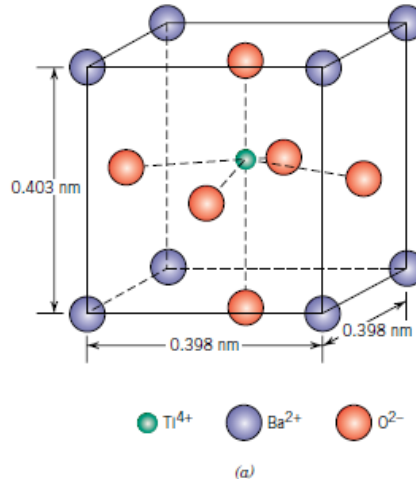
Victor Goldschmidt
(1888-1947)

$t = 1$: Structure is frozen in the cubic phase

$t > 1$: B cation is small, can “move” within the unit cell

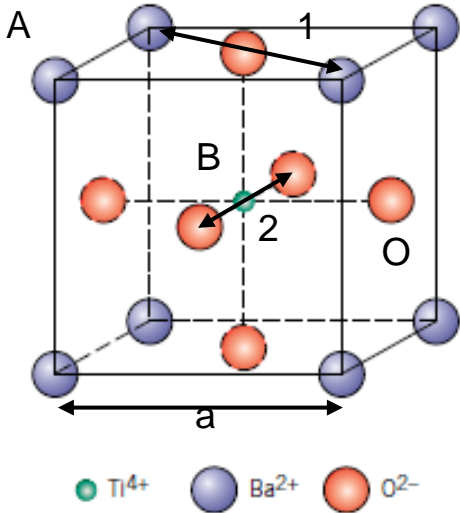
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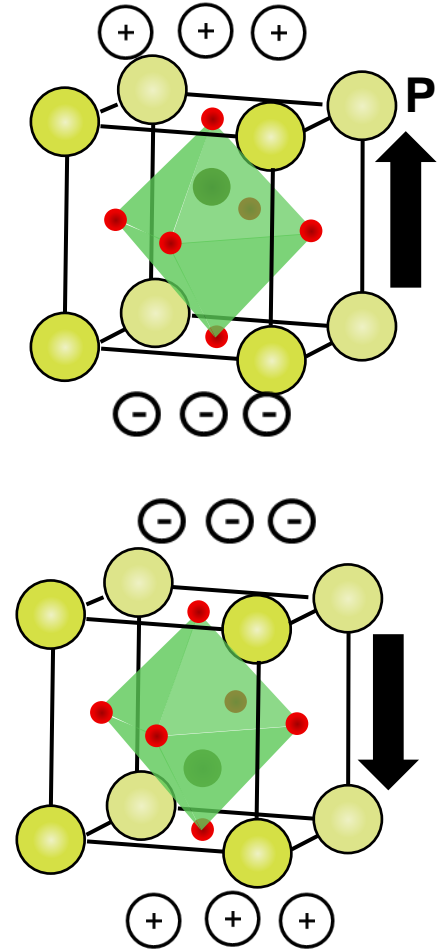
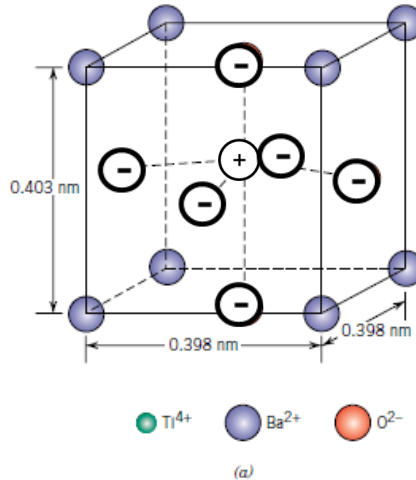
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The B cation off-centering leads to the emergence of an electric dipole in the unit cell and a macroscopic polarization (**P**) within the material

Insulating (can't be metallic)

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Ferroelectric Materials

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How to measure ferroelectric polarization

In the ideal case (perfect insulator), we measure:

$$Q = 2P_r A$$

Q charge measured, P_r polarization (at remanence), A electrode area

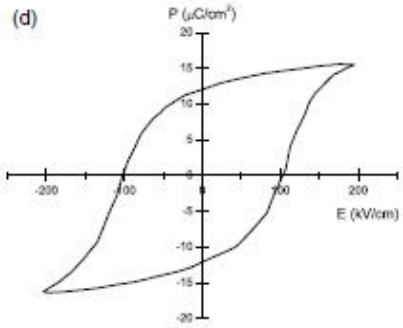
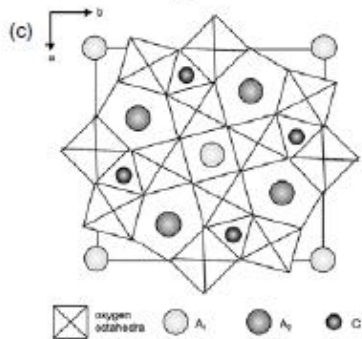
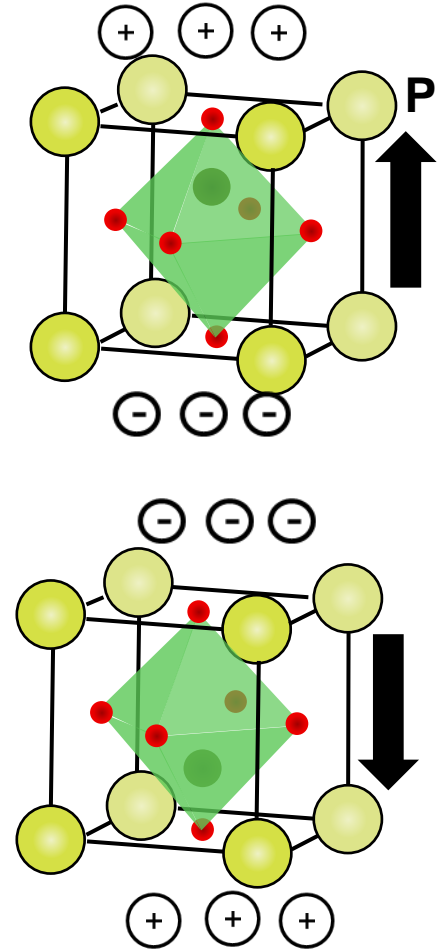
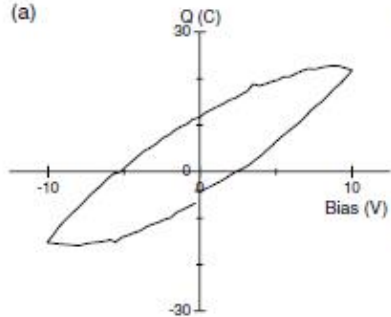


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In reality, we measure:

$$Q = 2P_r A + \sigma E A t.$$

σ electrical conductivity, E applied field, t measuring time

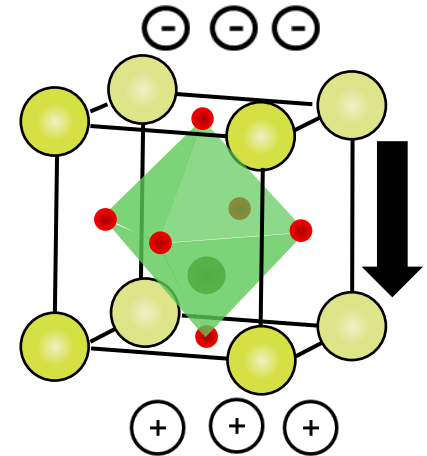
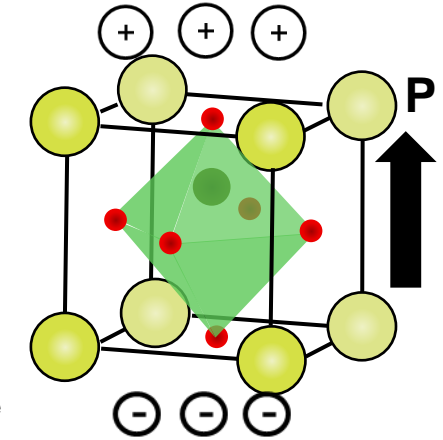
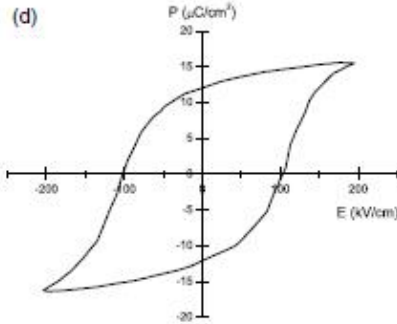
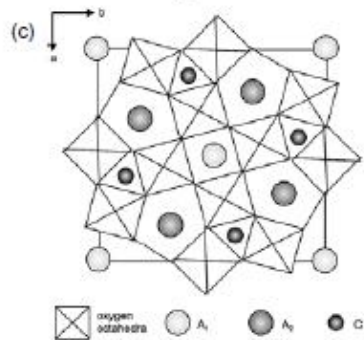
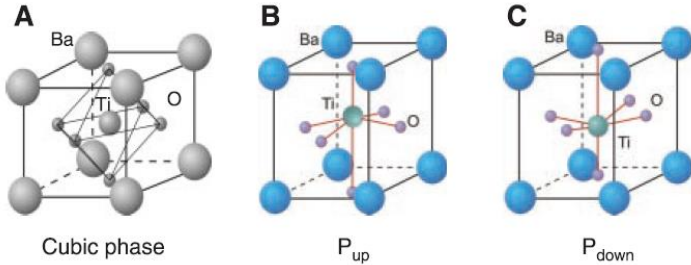


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Ferroelectric Materials

(brief reminder)

Ceramics



Science (2004), 303, pp. 488-491

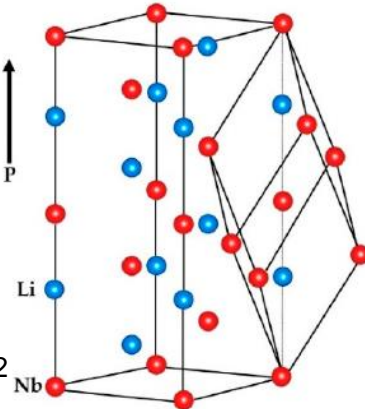
$BaTiO_3$, $P \approx 20 \mu C/cm^2$

$Pb(Zr,Ti)O_3$, $P \approx 40 \mu C/cm^2$

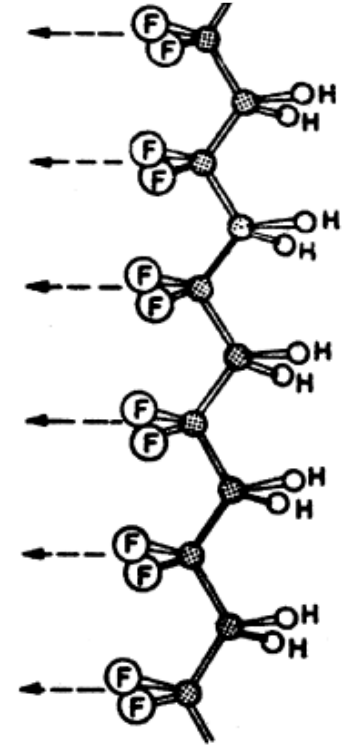
$BiFeO_3$, $P \approx 60 \mu C/cm^2$

$LiNbO_3$, $P \approx 50-90 \mu C/cm^2$

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Polymers



Polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF)
 $P \approx 5 \mu C/cm^2$

Polymers, Ferroelectric (2003)

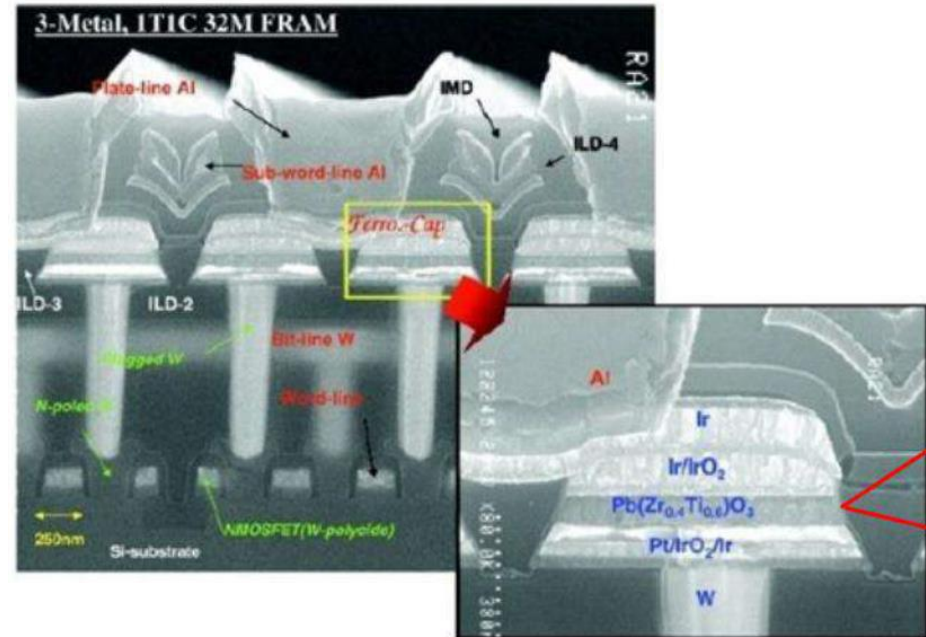
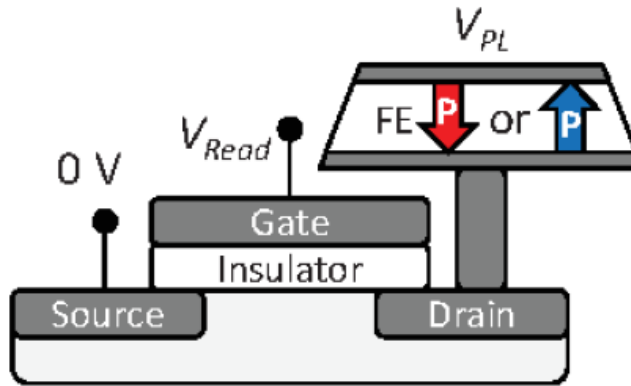
Ferroelectric Materials

(brief reminder)

- Ferroelectric memory and DRAM

DRAM is a volatile type of memory, the charged accumulated in the capacitor slowly leaks and the memory needs to be rewritten constantly (refreshed ~ 16 times/sec).

The insertion of ferroelectric materials in FeRAM renders the memory storage non-volatile.



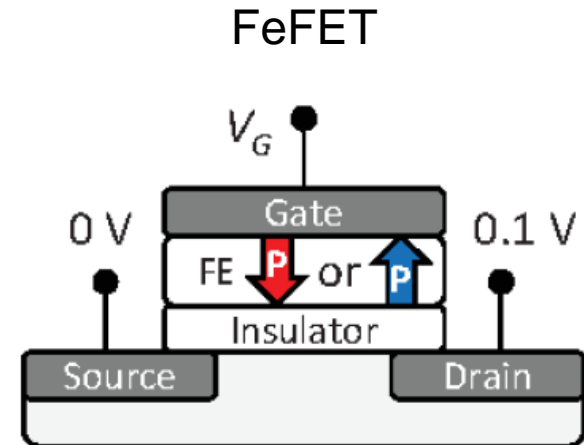
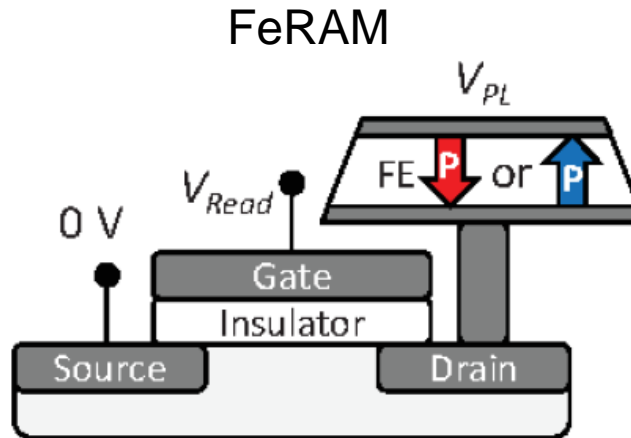
Ferroelectric Materials

(brief reminder)

- Ferroelectric memory, the Ferroelectric Field Effect Transistor (FeFET)

Writing the state of the of the Ferroelectric is performed by applying an electric field. The reading process is based on the switching current detection. The reading is destructive, the state needs to be restored after each read operation.

The ferroelectric field effect transistor architecture is now developed for non-destructive readout.



Ferroelectric Materials

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Giant Electroresistance in Ferroelectric Tunnel Junctions

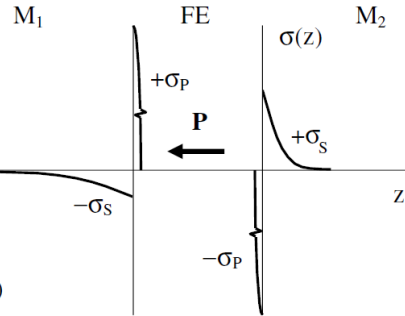
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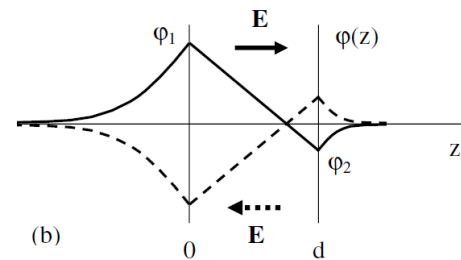
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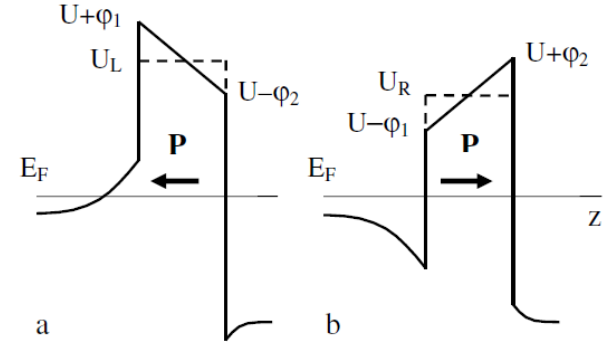
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(a)



(b)



a

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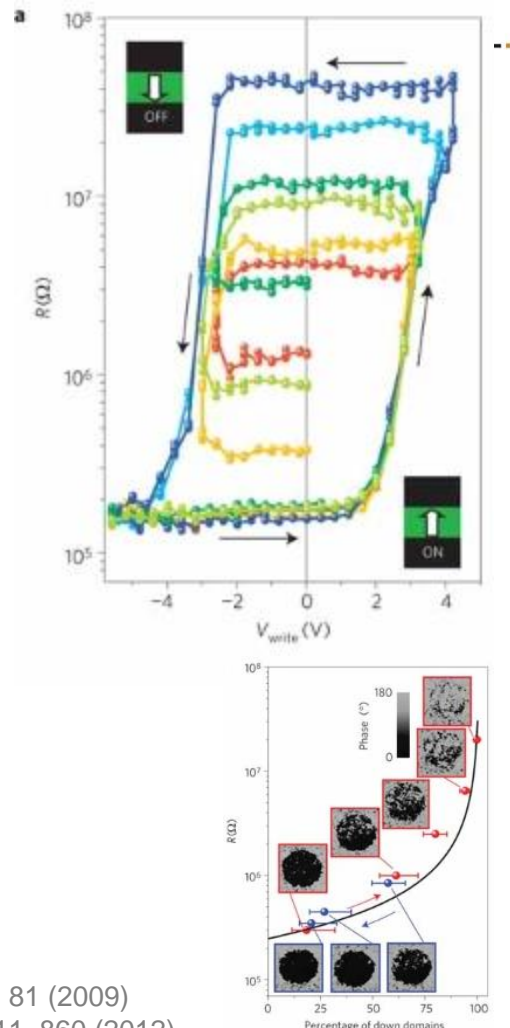
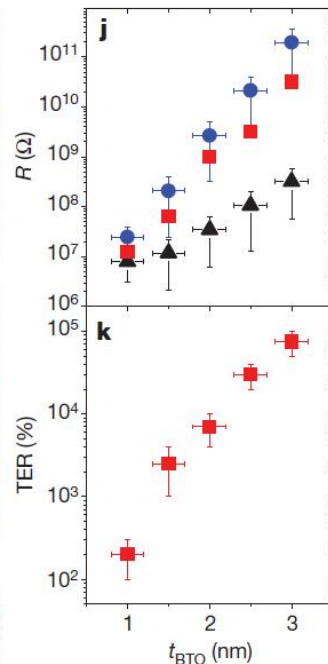
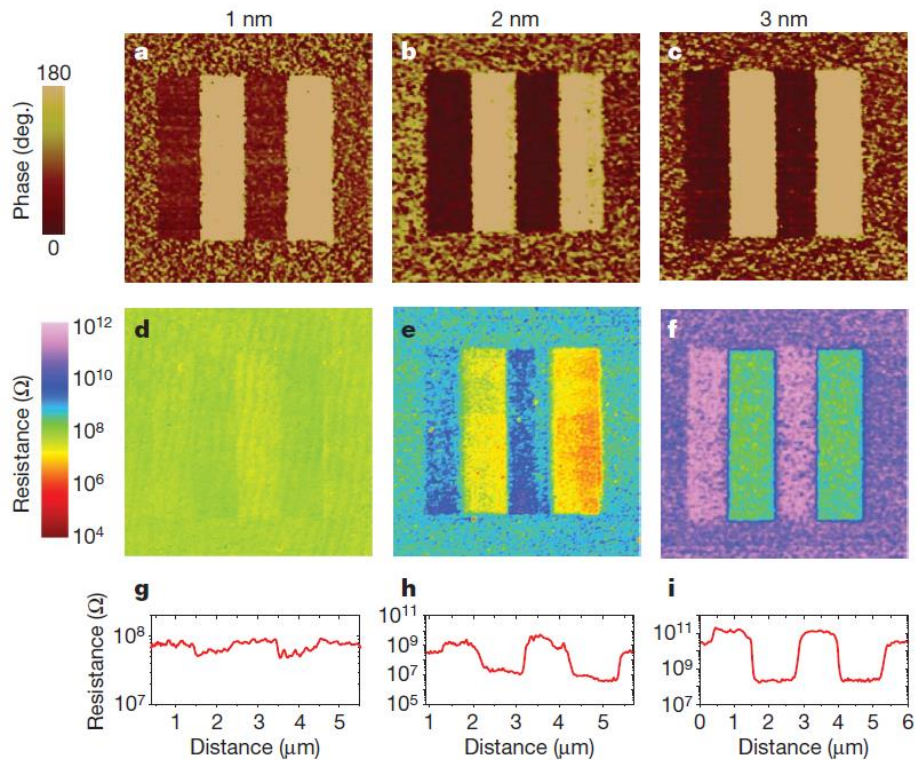
Ferroelectric tunnel junction (FTJ)

- Electrostatic effect – Imperfect screening at the ferroelectric/metal interface leading to asymmetric potential profile seen by the transport electrons.
- Interface atomic displacement, polarization dependent orbital hybridization at the interface.
- Strain effect, tunnel barrier width vary under electric field application.

Ferroelectric Materials

(brief reminder)

Non volatile readout of polarization state



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Magnetically ordered Materials

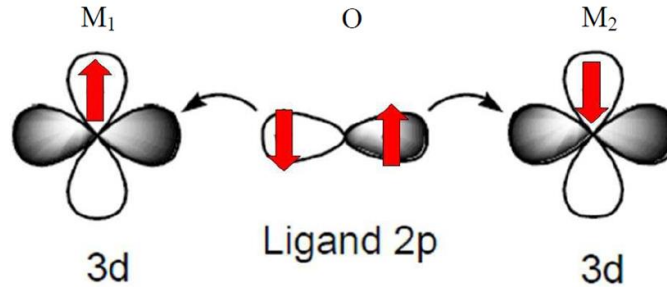
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In oxides two types of interactions dominate

- Super exchange

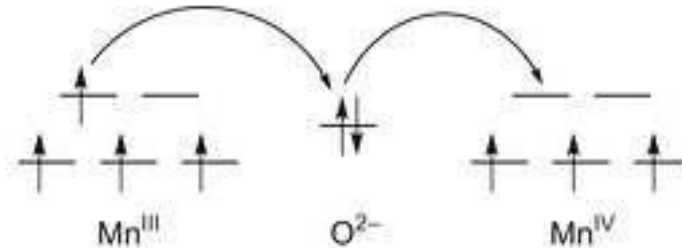
Magnetic ions separated by O^{2-}

The distance between d orbital does not allow a direct overlap



- Double exchange

Magnetic species exhibiting mixed-valence states (Mn^{3+} , Mn^{4+} in $La, SrMnO_3$ or Fe^{2+}, Fe^{3+} in Fe_3O_4) The electron mobility of the less oxidized state stabilizes a parallel arrangement of the spins

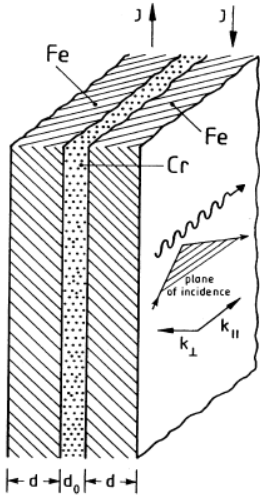


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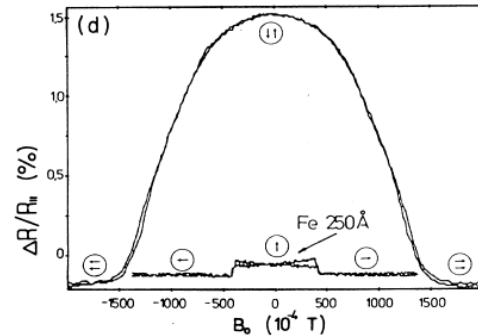
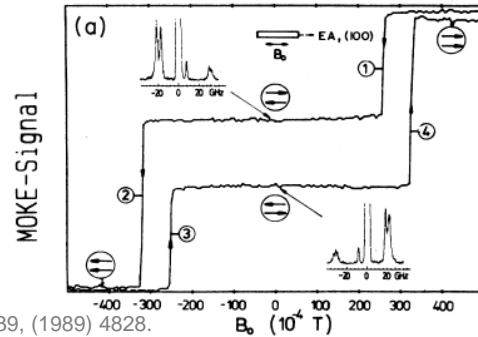
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The discovery of “Giant Magnetoresistance” (GMR), leading to the radical miniaturizing of hard drives

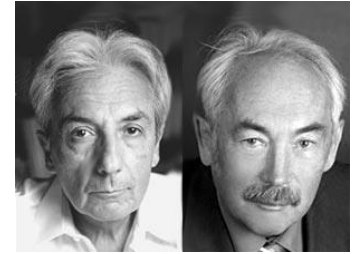
Magnetic based data storage



Phys. Rev. B 39, (1989) 4828.



Alber Fert, Peter Grünberg
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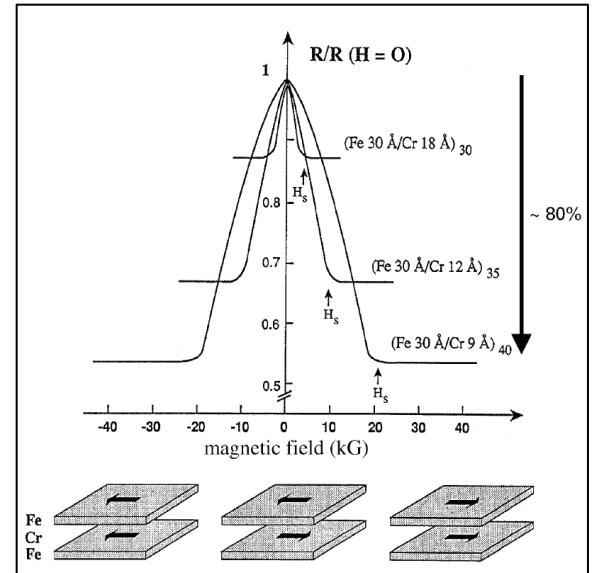
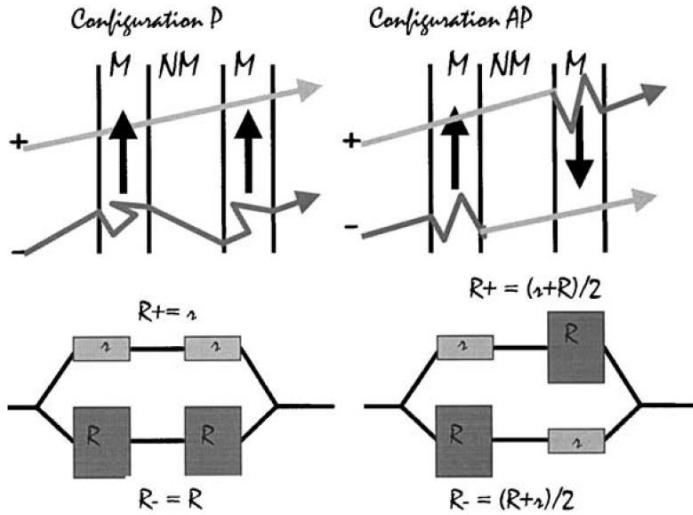


FIG. 1. Ferromagnetic double layer with antiparallel alignment of the magnetizations. Also indicated is the plane of incidence of the laser light for the observation of light scattering from spin waves and hysteresis curves via MOKE.

Magnetically ordered Materials (brief reminder – the perovskite case)

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1956 IBM R&D Laboratory

1000 kg

5 Mo

500 bits/cm²

<https://www.computerhistory.org>

<https://www.cpu-galaxy.at/>

From 1997, GMR read head were out. At this point it becomes cheaper to store data on magnetic hard disk than to print it out on paper

-> great impact on our society (social media, google, big data, etc...)

Nowadays
few grams
> 8 TB

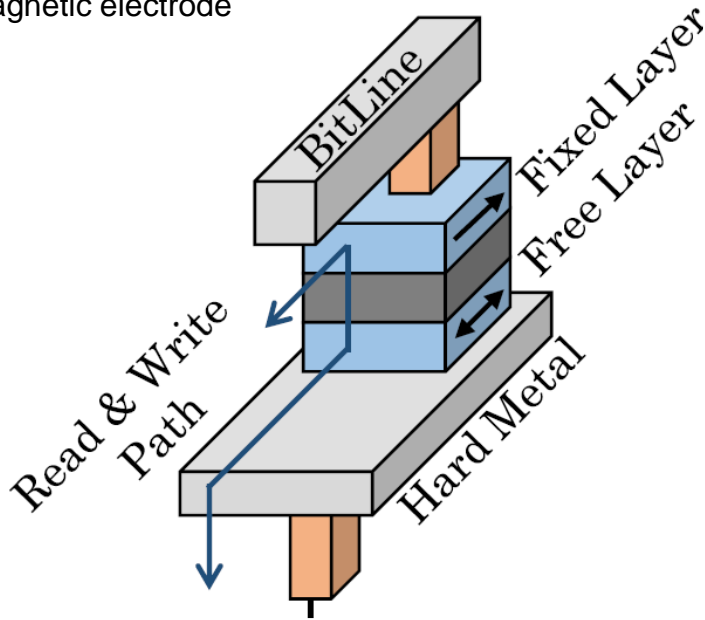


Magnetically ordered Materials

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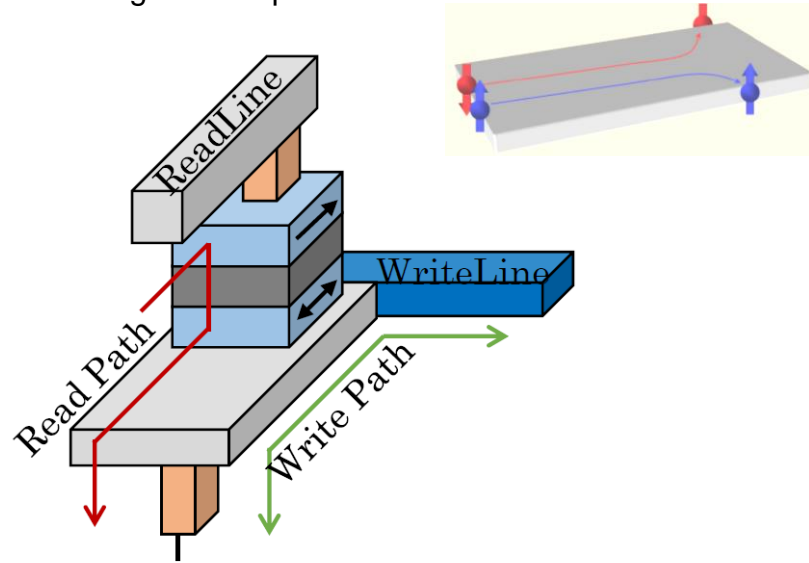
Spin Transfer Torque

switching using spin-polarized
currents generated through
the magnetic electrode



Spin Orbit Torque

The spin Hall effect in high spin-orbit material (Pt, W) results in a spin accumulation that induces a magnetic torque



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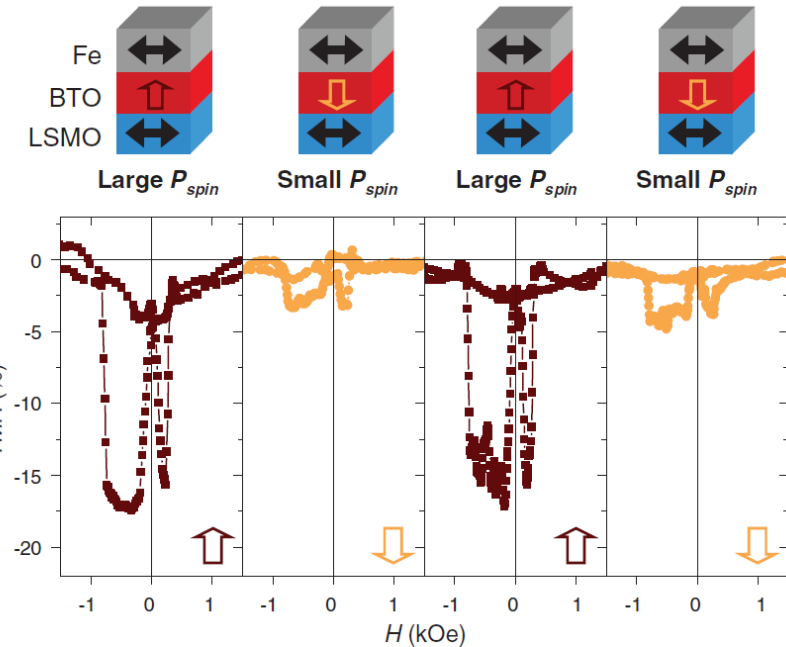
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Using magnetic electrodes and ferroelectric barrier
 Increased storage density, 4 resistance states

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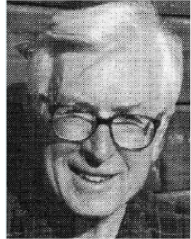


Using a multiferroic material

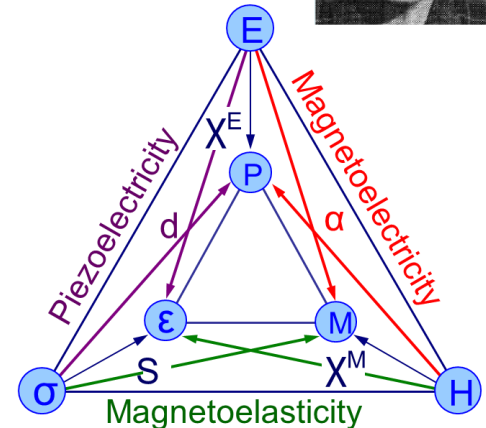
Crystals can be defined as multiferroic when two or more of the primary ferroic properties are united in the same phase.

Hans Schmid

Ferroelectrics 162, 665 (1994)



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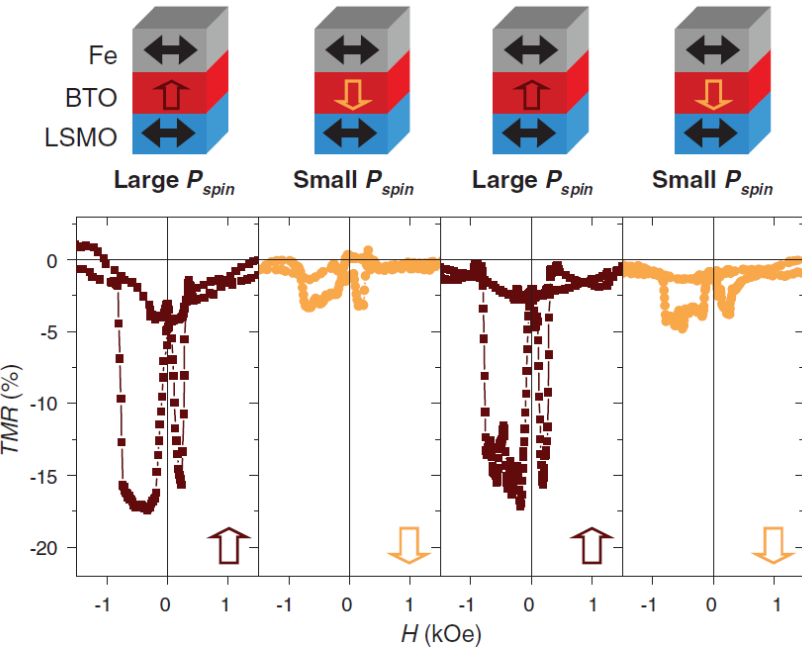
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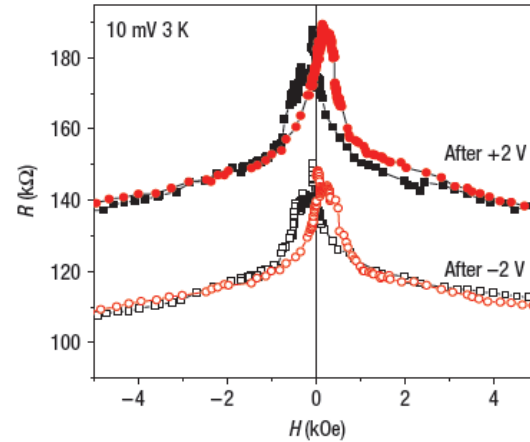
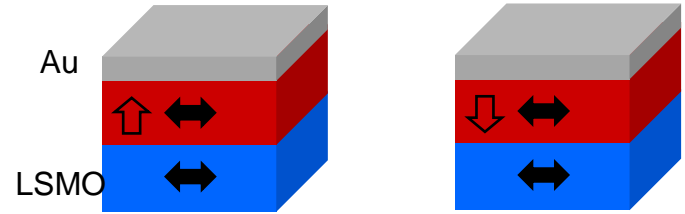
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Using a **multiferroic material**

Using a multiferroic tunnel barrier



Combining Ferroelectric and Magnetic order

Electrical Manipulation of Magnetization Reversal in a Ferromagnetic Semiconductor

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Surface Magnetoelectric Effect in Ferromagnetic Metal Films

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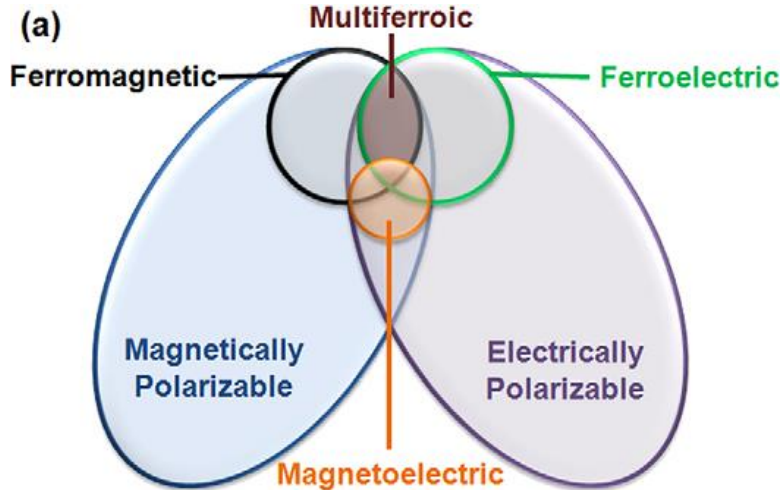
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Induction of coherent magnetization switching in a few atomic layers of FeCo using voltage pulses

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Using multiferroic magnetolectric materials with coexisting and coupled magnetic and ferroelectric order parameters

Ferroelasticity is defined by its hysteresis, as are its sister ferroic properties, ferroelectricity and ferromagnetism (Figure 1). An elastic hysteresis represents the effect of the mechanical switching between at least two orientation states of a crystal by external stress. One of the first full hysteresis loops was seen in 1976 for the prototypic material $\text{Pb}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ (3, 9). Macroscopic hysteresis relates to the switching of atomic positions, usually across twin boundaries. Such switching occurs between ferroelastic states. These states relate in $\text{Pb}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ to the displacement of Pb inside its oxygen coordination (Figure 1) (10–16). The Pb atom establishes chemical bonds with two oxygen positions with shorter bond distances than the distances between Pb and the remaining four oxygen atoms. This anisotropic bonding shears the structural network and lowers the symmetry of the crystal structure from trigonal to monoclinic. The different orientations of short bond distances correspond to the different orientational strain states, and mechanical switching occurs between these states. The size of the ferroelastic hysteresis depends on thermodynamic

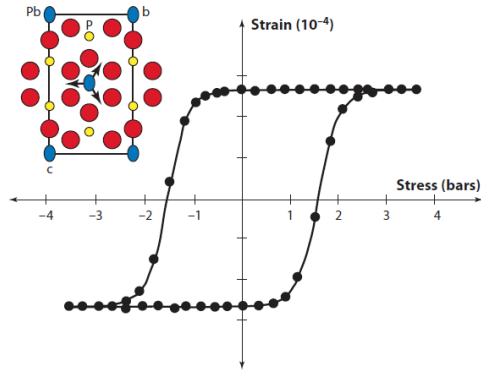
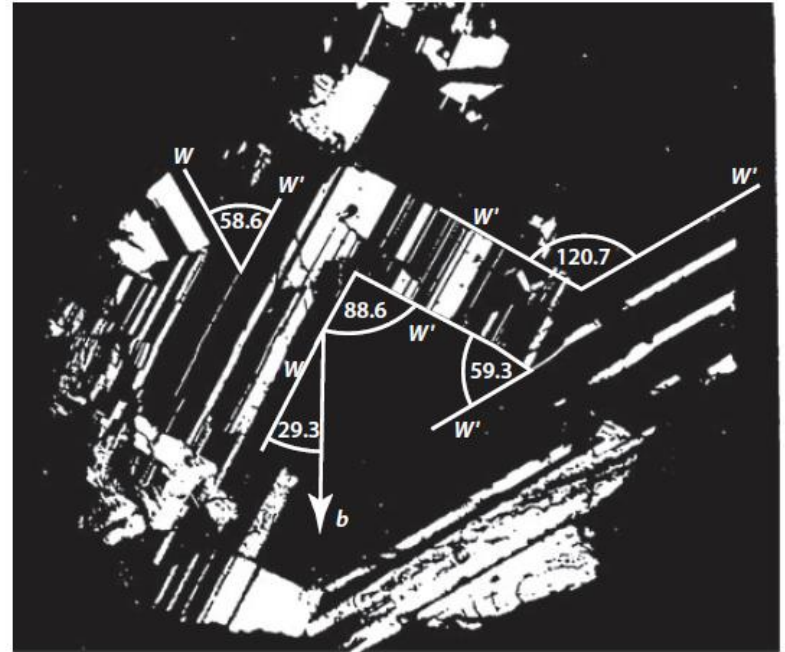


Figure 1
Ferroelastic hysteresis and atomic switching in $\text{Pb}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$. The structural mechanism for ferroelasticity originates from the shift of the Pb atom away from the center of its oxygen cage towards one pair of oxygen. This leads to a monoclinic distortion of the crystal structure that can be inverted or rotated (in the direction of the arrows) under external stress.

Some ferroelectric switchings correspond to ferroelastic events, 90° domains in BaTiO_3



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Ferroc nature of magnetic toroidal order

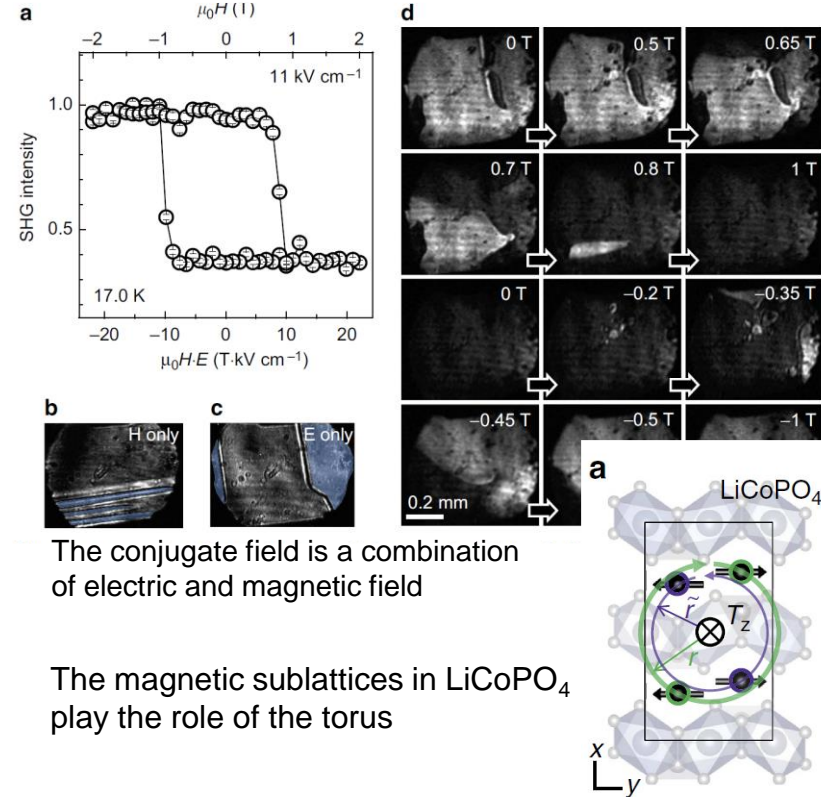
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Classification of the ferroic states

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Time \ Space	Invariant	Change
	Invariant	Ferroelastic
Change	Ferromagnetic 	Ferrotorroidic

The magnetic order breaks inversion symmetry, inherent magnetoelectric materials




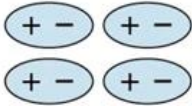
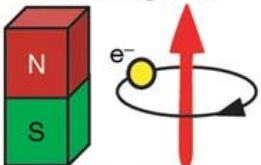
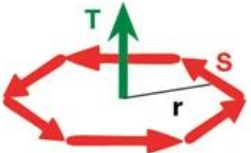
The conjugate field is a combination of electric and magnetic field

The magnetic sublattices in LiCoPO₄ play the role of the torus

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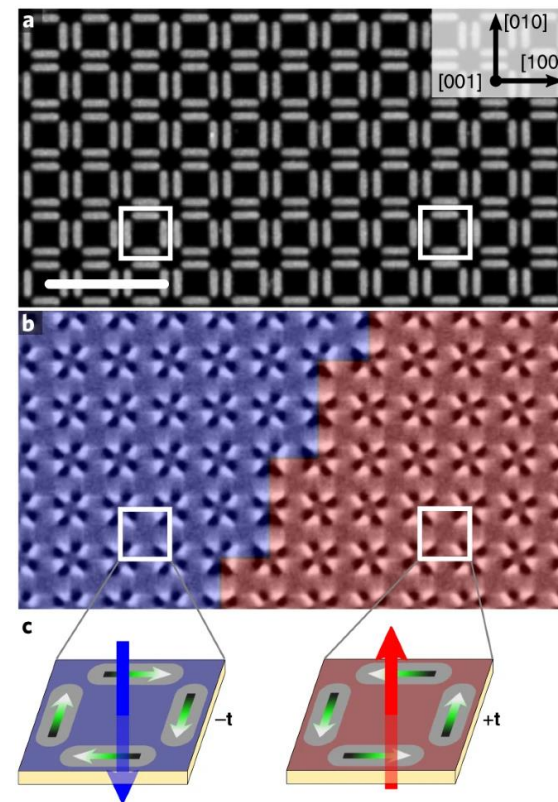
Classification of the ferroic states

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Time \ Space	Invariant	Change
Invariant	Ferroelastic 	Ferroelectric 
Change	Ferromagnetic 	Ferrotorroidic 

The magnetic order breaks inversion symmetry, inherent magnetoelectric materials

Alternative to antiferromagnetic poling



Multiferroics

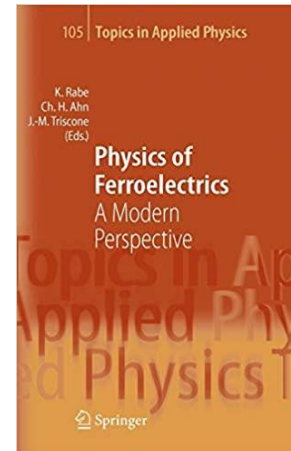
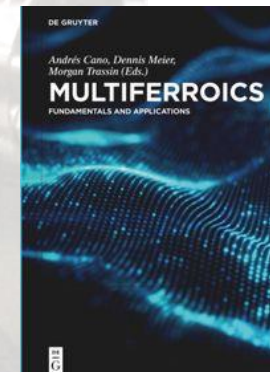
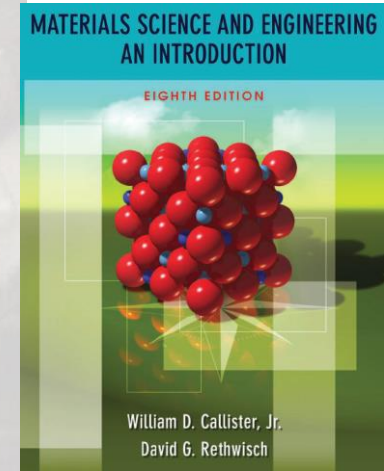
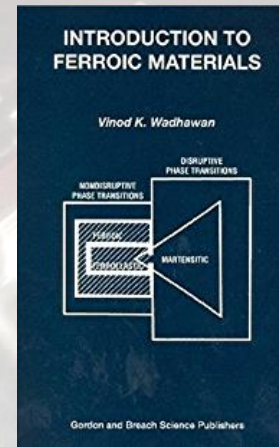
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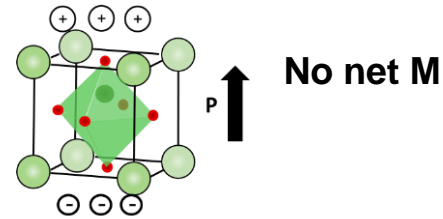
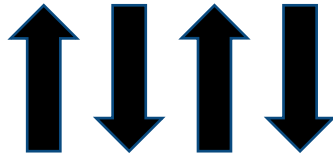
Magnetically ordered Materials

(brief reminder –
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In oxides two types of interactions dominate

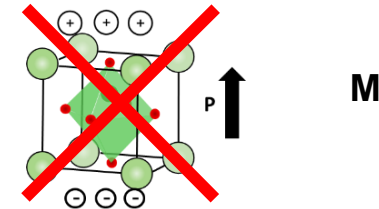
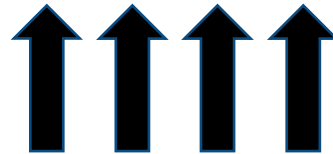
- Super exchange

Magnetic ions separated by O^{2-} , The distance between d orbital does not allow a direct overlap



- Double exchange

Magnetic species exhibiting mixed valence states (Mn^{3+} , Mn^{4+} in $La, SrMnO_3$ or Fe^{2+}, Fe^{3+} in Fe_3O_4) The electron mobility of the less oxidized state stabilizes a parallel arrangement of the spins



FEATURE ARTICLE

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The B cation displacement is stabilized an orbital hybridization

In BaTiO₃, the Ti⁴⁺ is formally in a d⁰ state so that the lowest unoccupied energy levels are d states that tend to hybridize with O 2p ions.

➡ Size of B cation and “d⁰-ness”

By definition, ferroelectric materials break inversion symmetry

Among the 31 point group allowing a spontaneous polarization (Pyroelectrics), only 13 allow coexisting spontaneous magnetization

➡ Symmetry

The polarization in ferroelectric materials can be reversed by the application of an external electric field

Hence a ferroelectric material must be an insulator otherwise an applied electric field would induce an electrical current flow rather than causing an electric al polarization reversal.

➡ Electrical property

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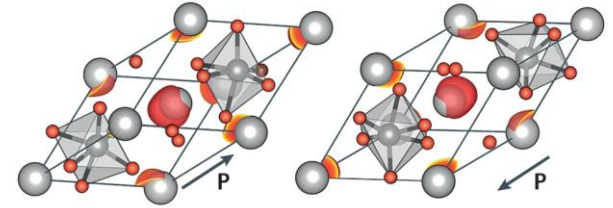
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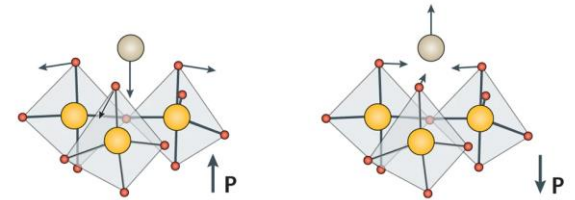
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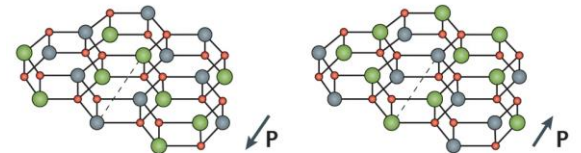
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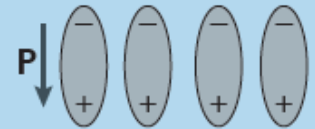
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Type I

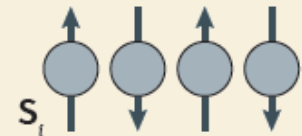
Temperature ↑

Transitions

Ferroelectric



Magnetic

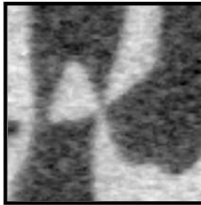
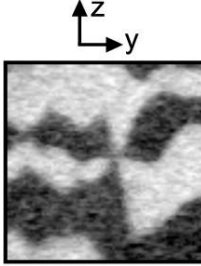
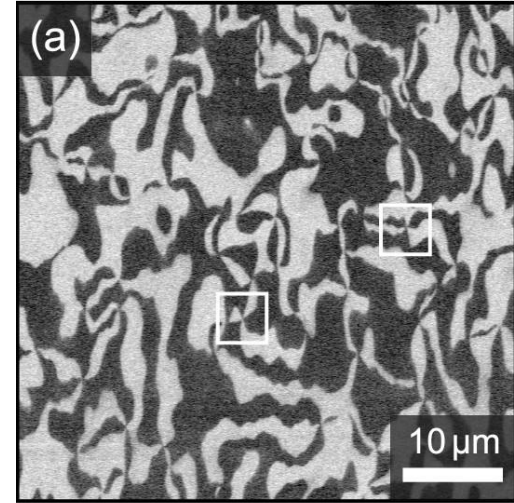
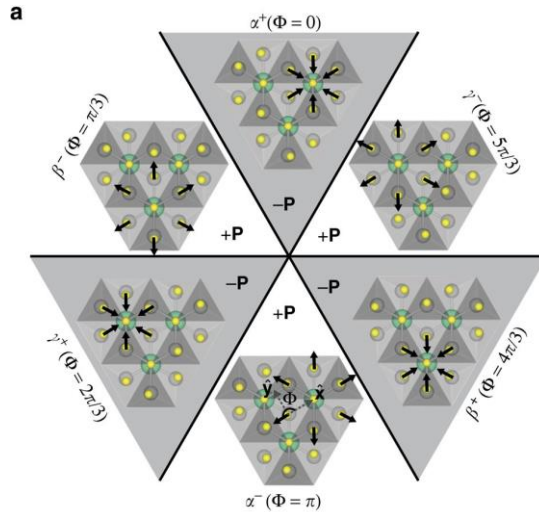
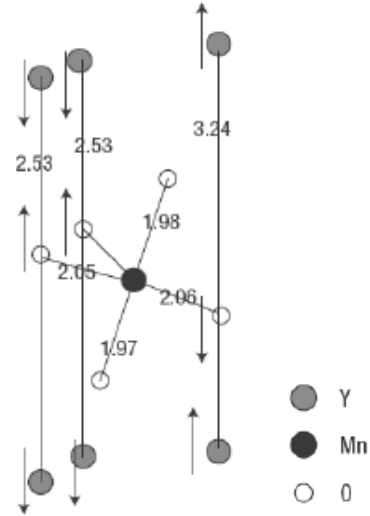


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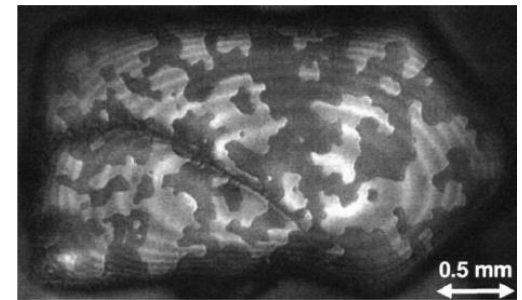
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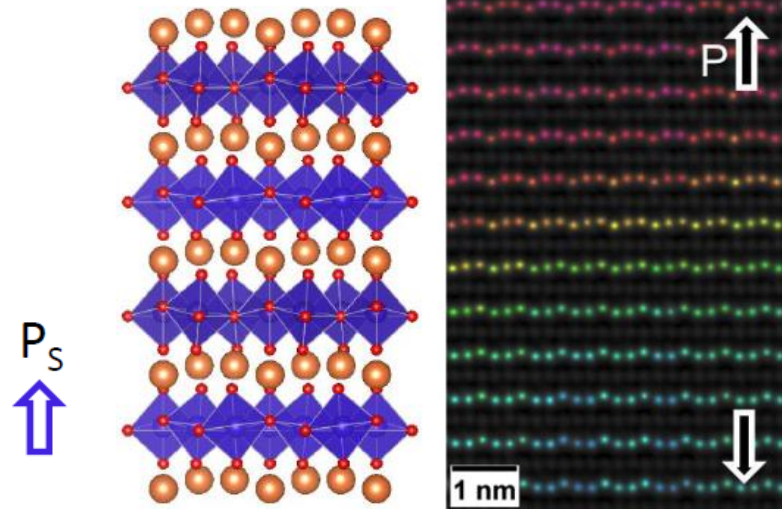
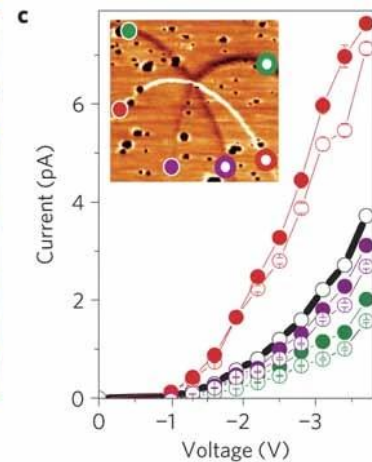
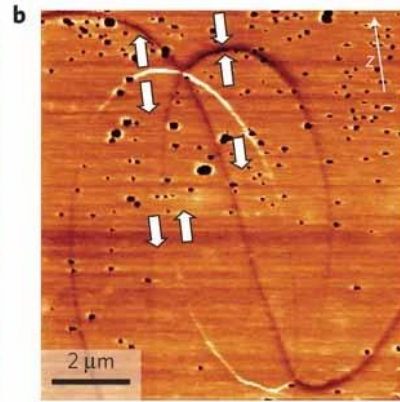
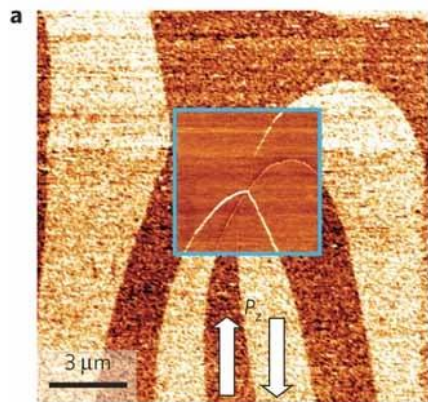
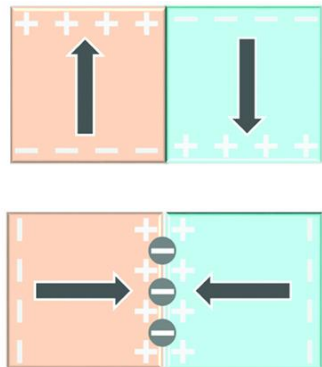
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Geometric ferroelectric domain formation is not affected by electrostatics in contrast to “classical” or “proper” ferroelectrics like BaTiO₃

Head-to-head and tail-to-tail charged domain walls may form.

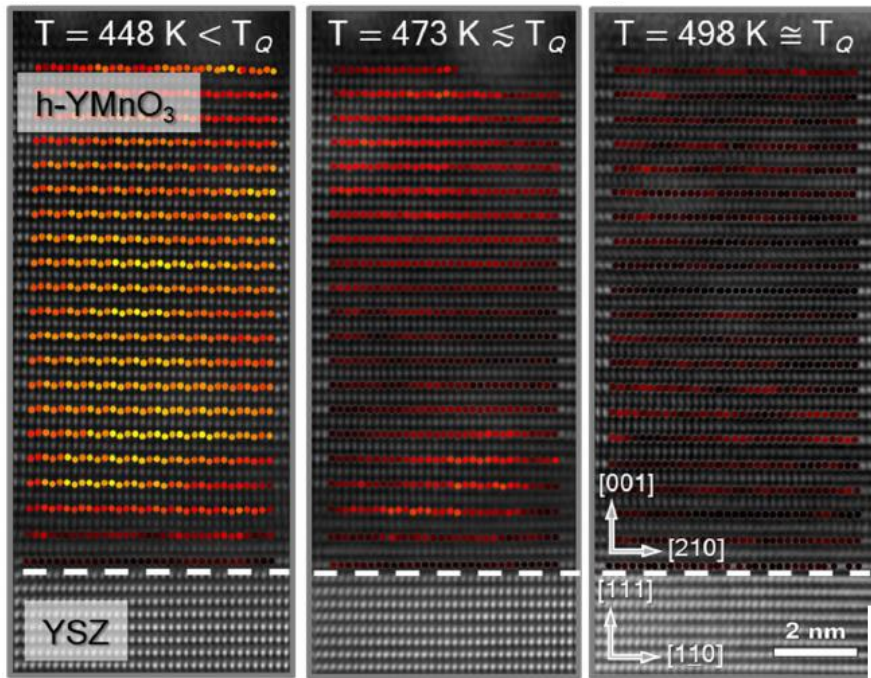


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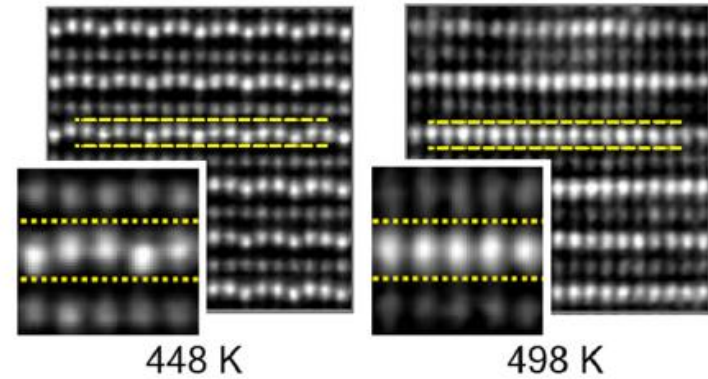
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Polarization suppression
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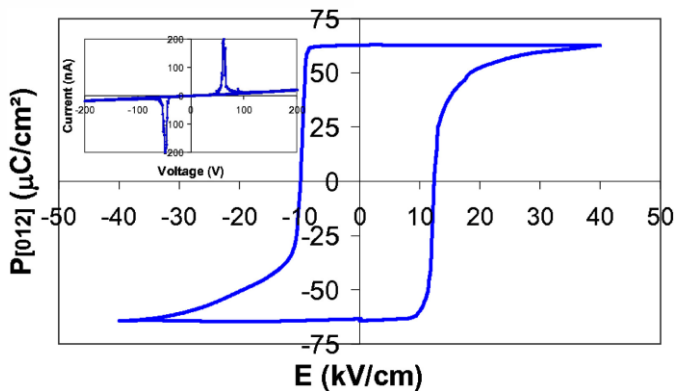
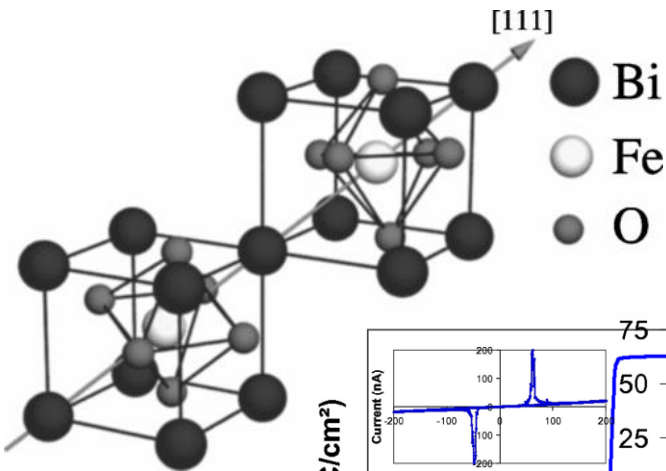
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G-type antiferromagnetic order

BiFeO₃

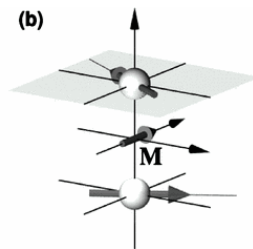
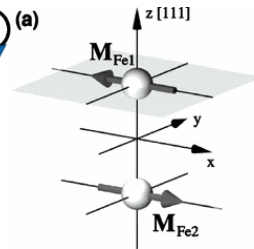
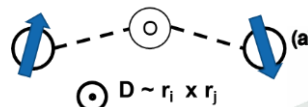
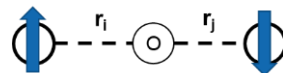
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$$H_{DM} = D \cdot S_i \times S_j,$$

Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction

A non centrosymmetric environment promotes antisymmetric exchange, non collinear S_{i,j}



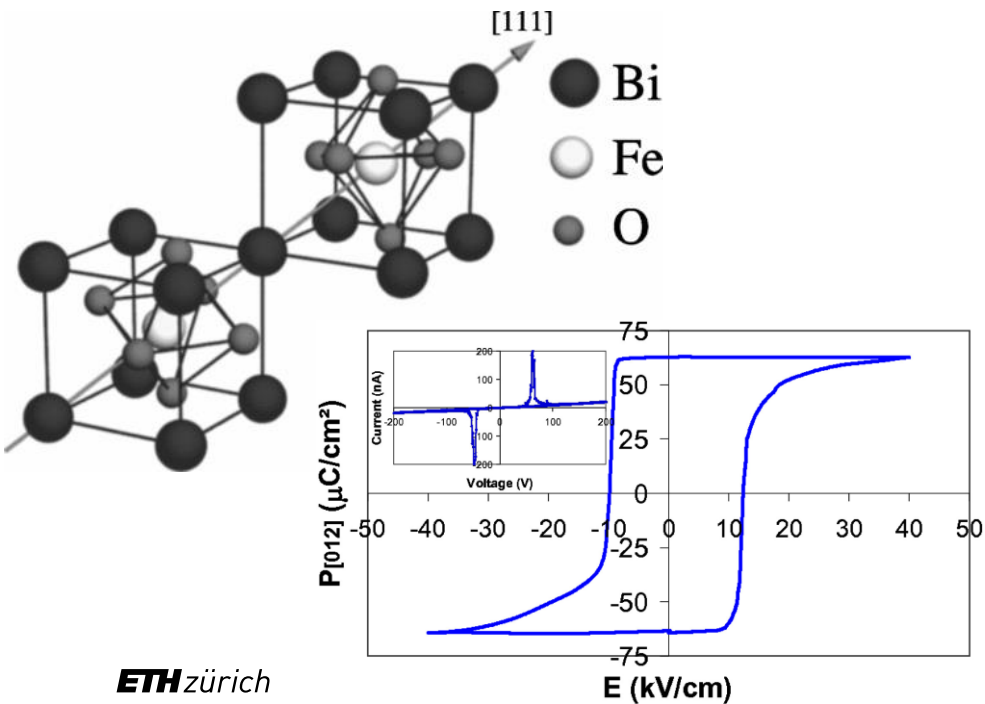
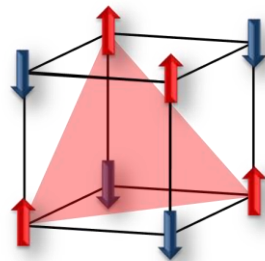
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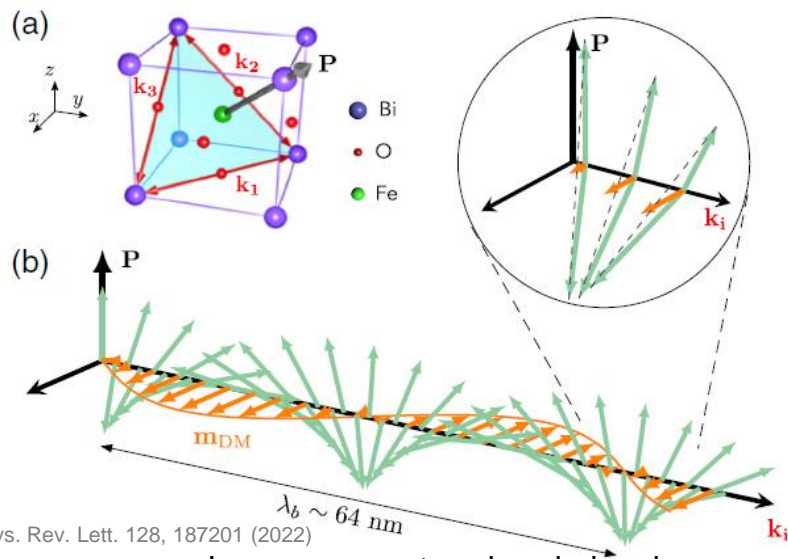
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Second DMI



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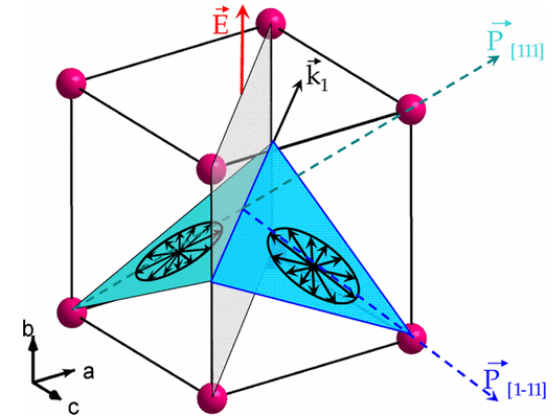
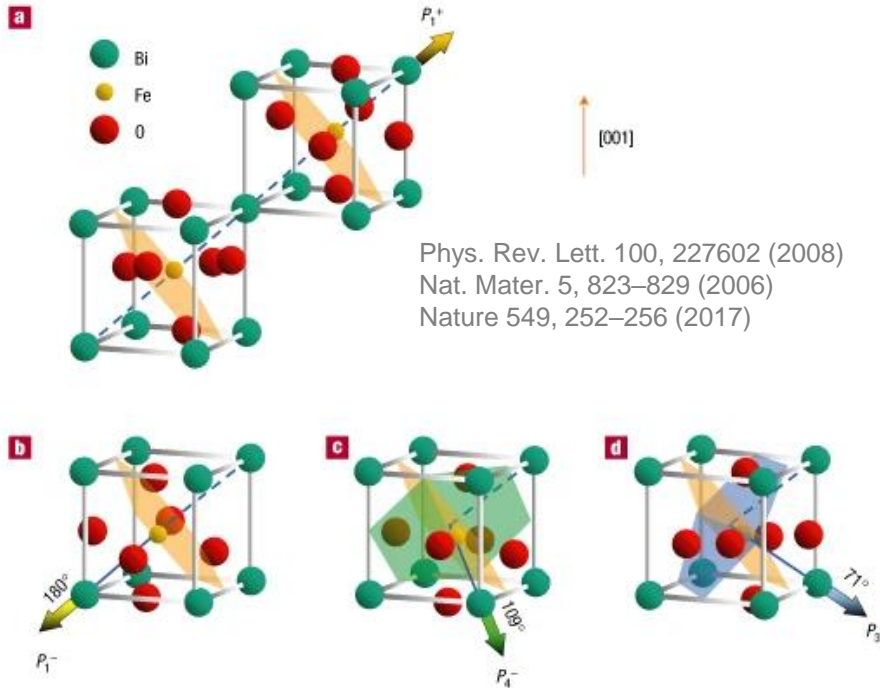
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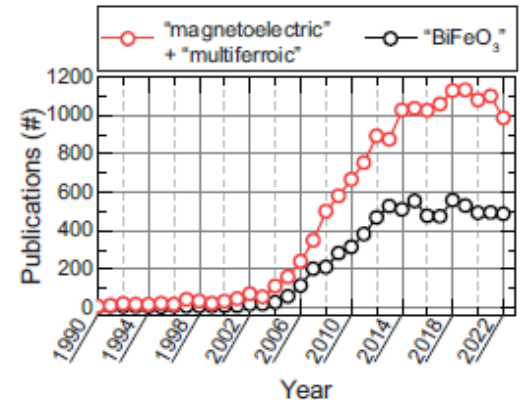
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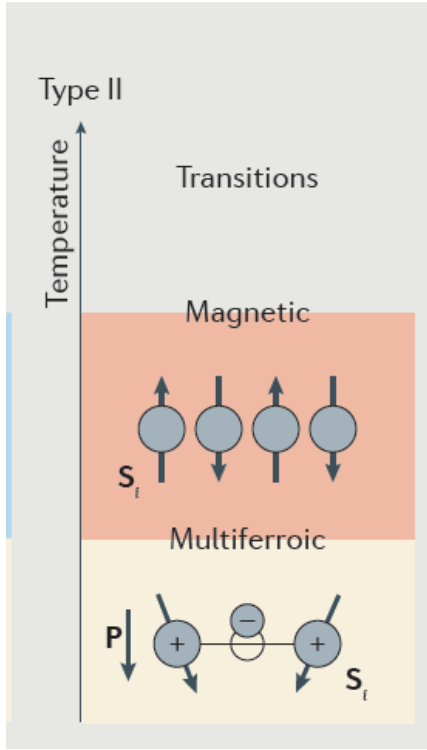


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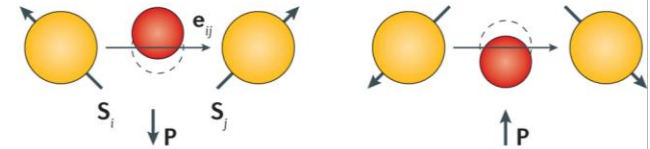
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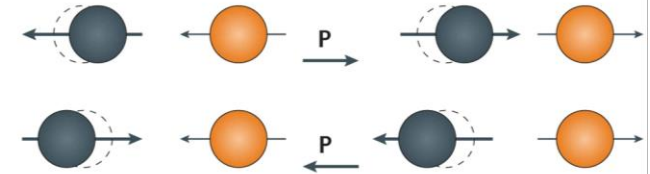


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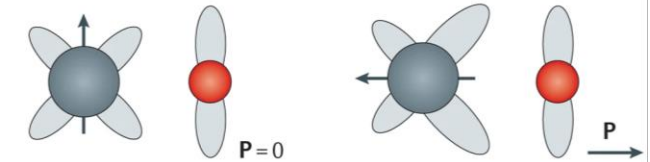
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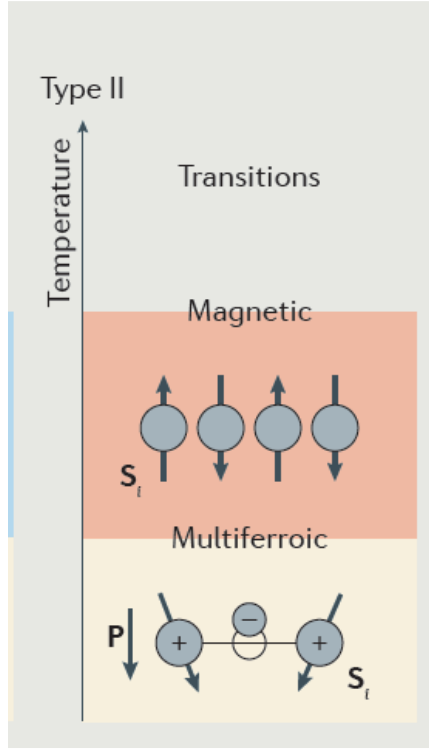
Spin-dependent p - d hybridization



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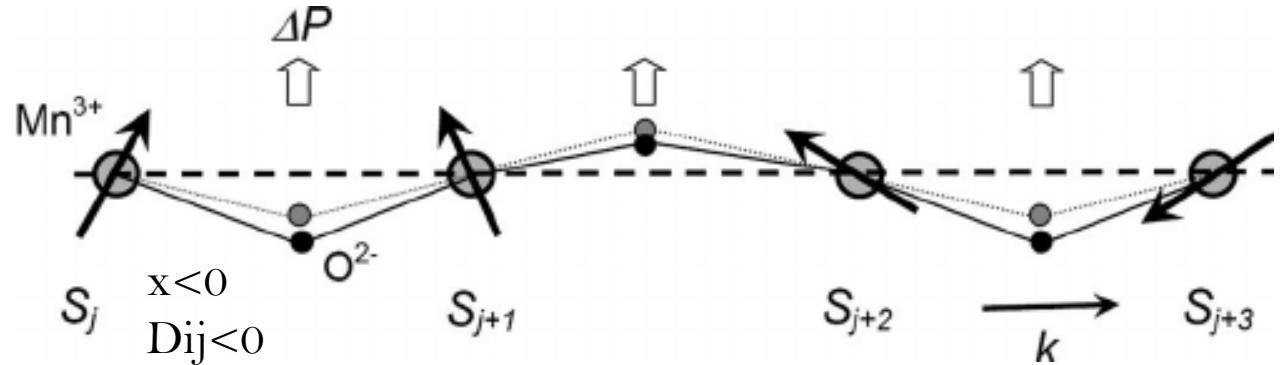
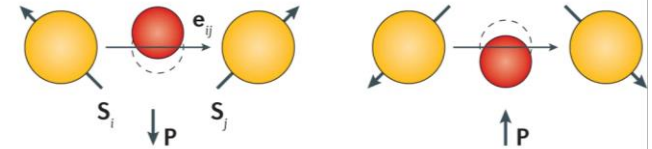
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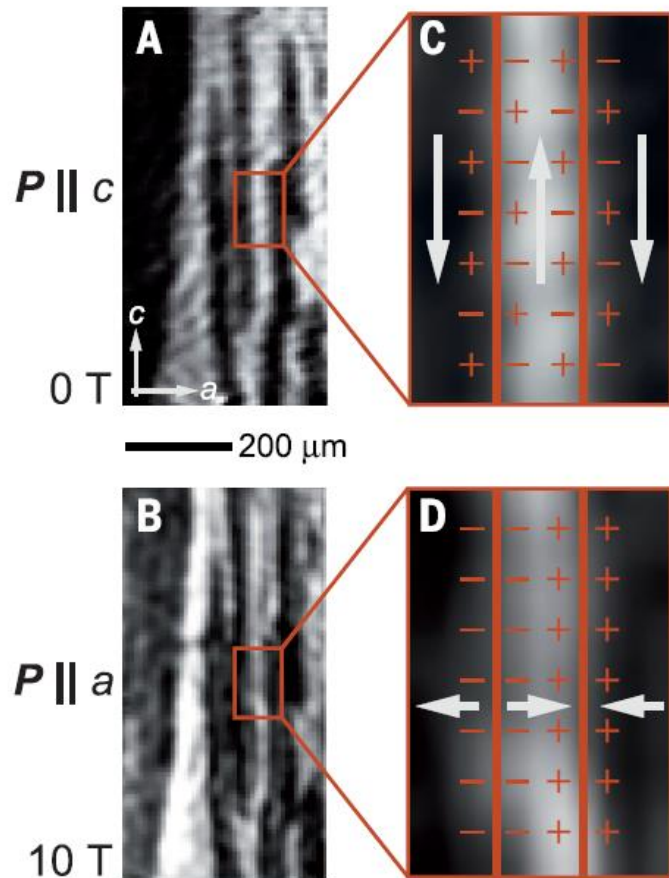
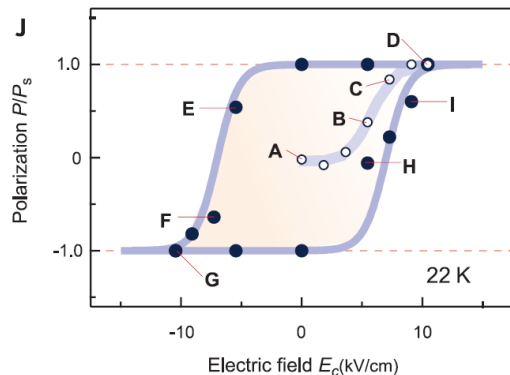
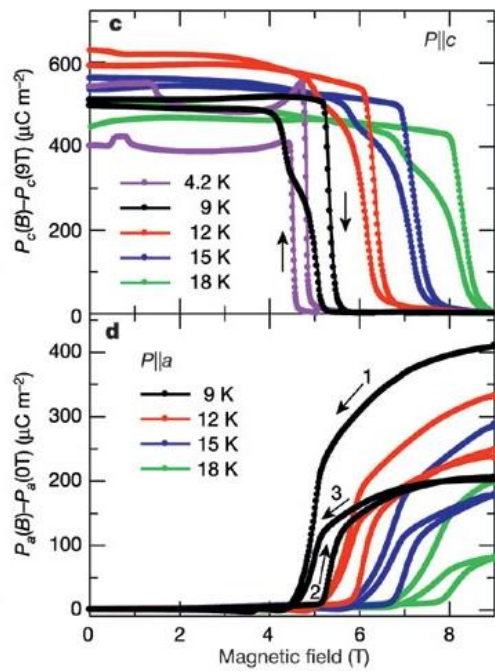


$S_i \times S_j$ is fixed and D_{ij} is proportional to $x \times r_{ij}$

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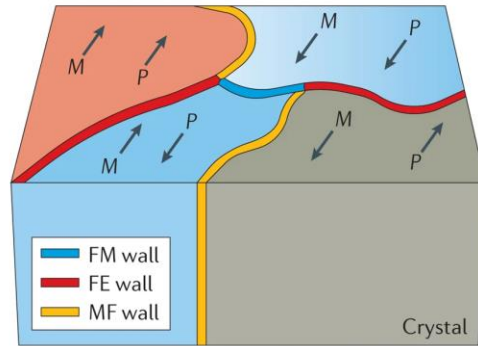
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Type I and Type II multiferroics

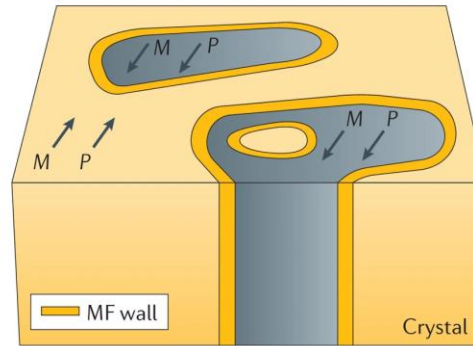
A domain correlation naturally appears in Type II (magnetoelectric coupling expected due to the common origin of magnetic order and ferroelectricity)
 However Low $P_s \sim 0.1 \mu\text{C}/\text{cm}^2$, Low $T_c \sim 20 \text{ K}$

a Type I



b Type II

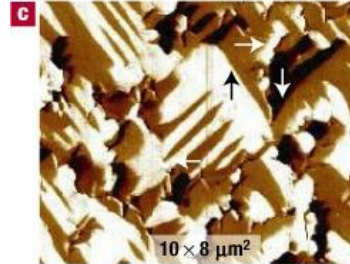
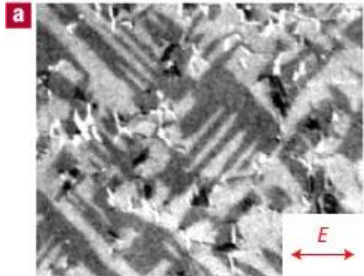
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Antiferromagnetic domains

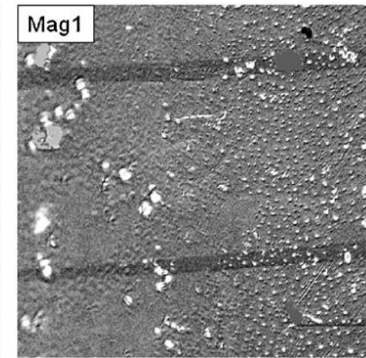
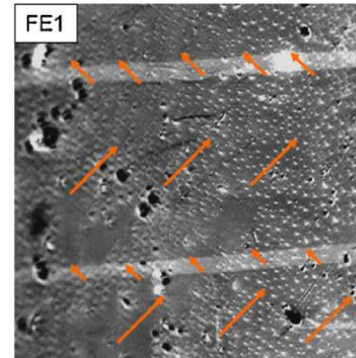
Ferroelectric domains



BiFeO₃ films

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BiFeO₃ bulk

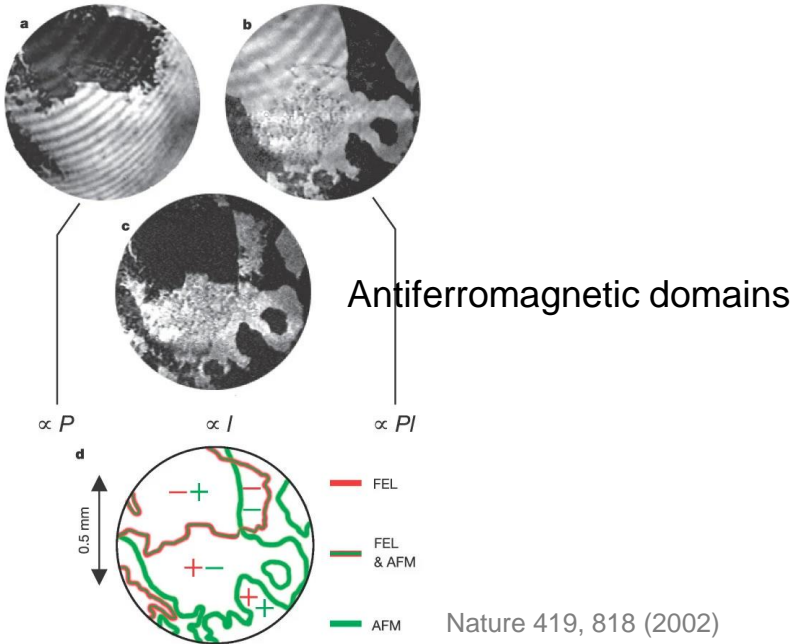


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bulk YMnO_3

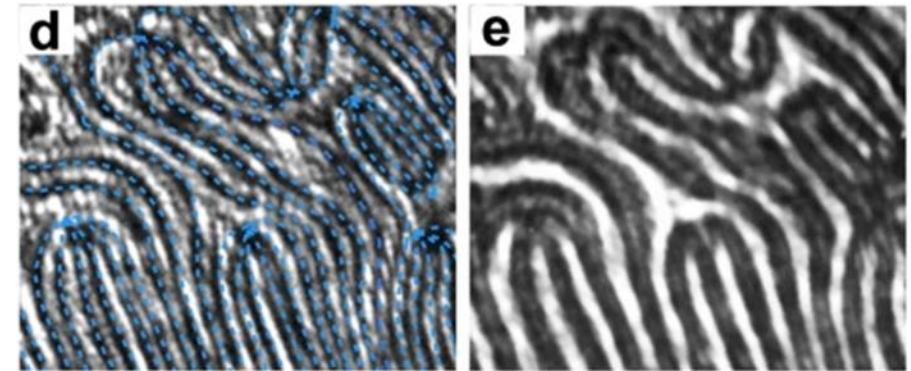


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The lattice trimerization impacts the spin ordering and the ferroelectric domain architecture

Ferroelectric domains

Antiferromagnetic domains



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Multiferroics

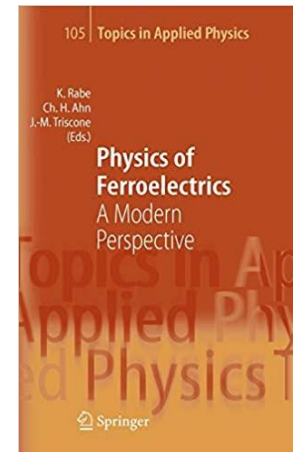
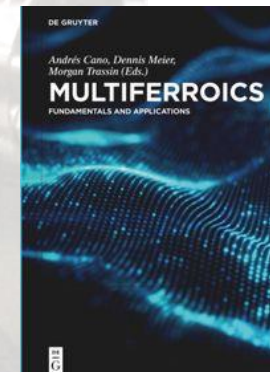
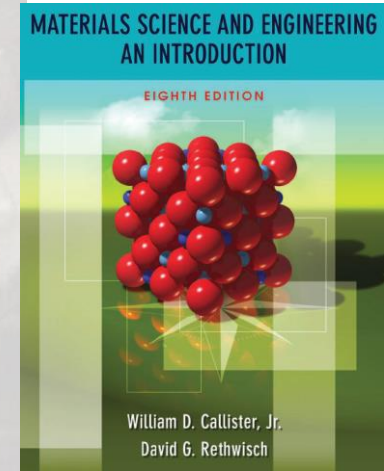
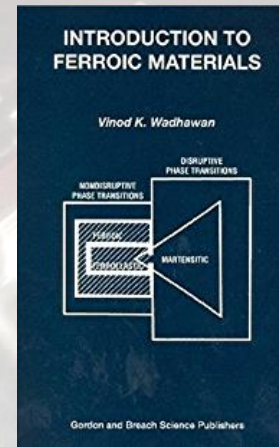
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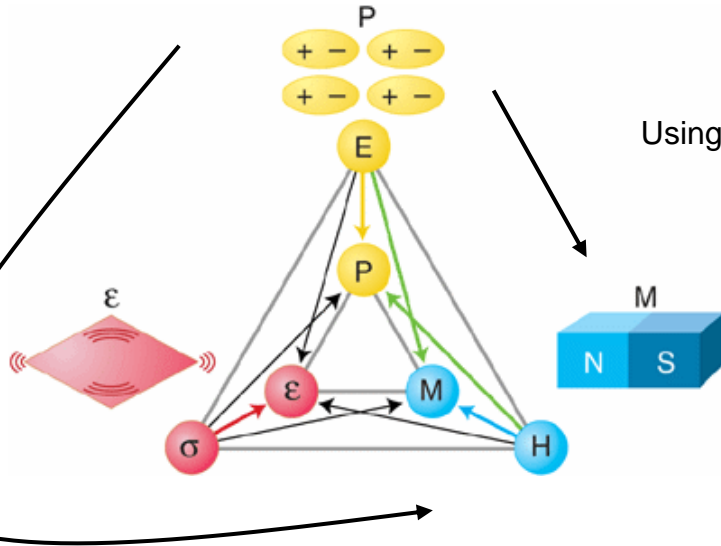
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Electric field control of ferromagnetism

Two ways to act on magnetic order using multiferroics/magnetoelastics

Combining piezoelectricity with magnetostriction

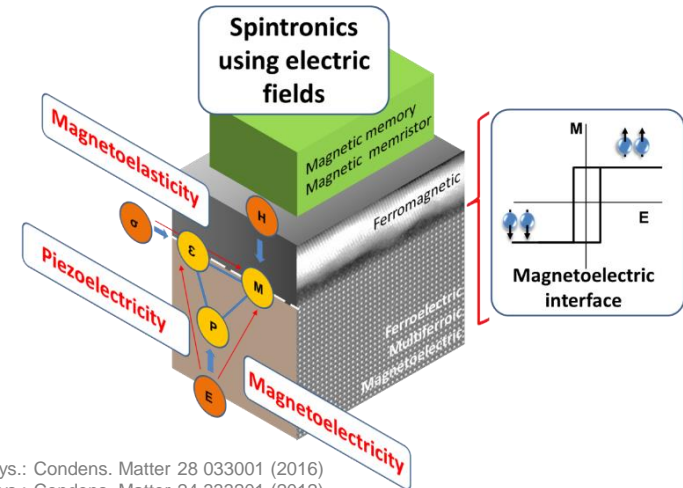


Using the magnetoelectric coupling

Symmetry restriction
No net M (Type I)
Low temperature (Type II)

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In the so-called artificial multiferroic heterostructures, each layer brings its own ferroic contribution



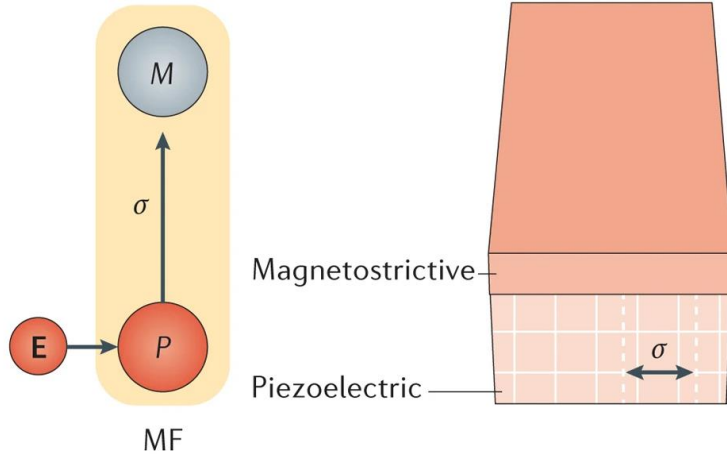
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Electric field control of ferromagnetism

Acting on magnetic order using artificial multiferroics heterostructures

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Strain coupling



Ferromagnet

magnetoelastic anisotropy, high magnetostrictive coefficient
Ni, Co50Fe50, Terfenol-D, etc..

Applying a mechanical strain to a ferromagnetic material induces a magnetoelastic anisotropy, also known as inverse magnetostriction effect.

$$E_{me} = -K_{me} \sin^2 \phi$$

For a sufficient strain value ϵ_c , the magnetoelastic energy dominates over the magnetocrystalline anisotropy

$$\epsilon_c = \frac{|K_1|}{|B_1|}$$

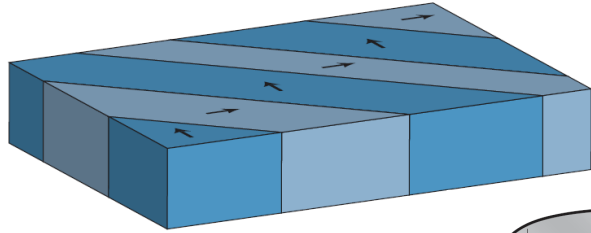
Ferroelectric/Piezoelectric

Switching events need to involve a ferroelectric event, no equivalent initial and final strain state

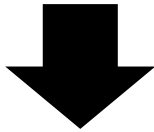
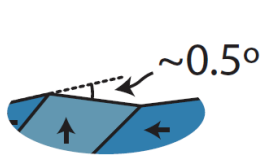
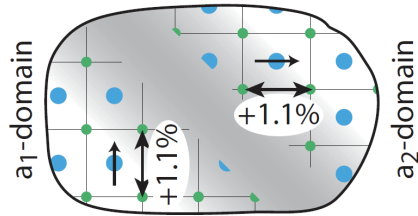


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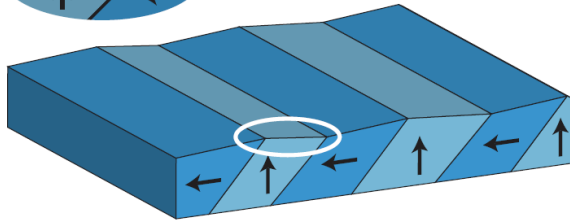
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As-grown 90° domains in-plane



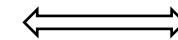
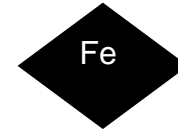
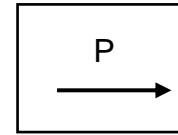
Voltage out-of-plane:
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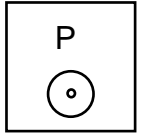
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Fe on BaTiO₃ bulk

a-domain

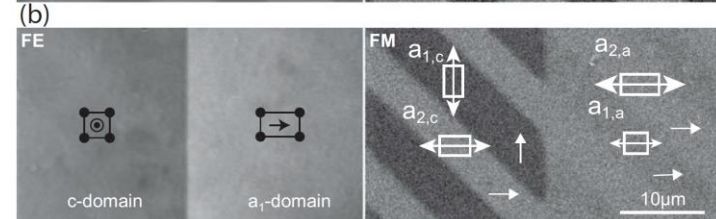
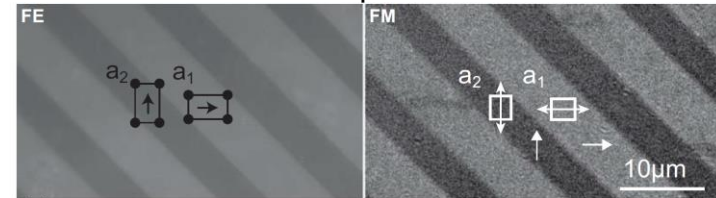


c-domain



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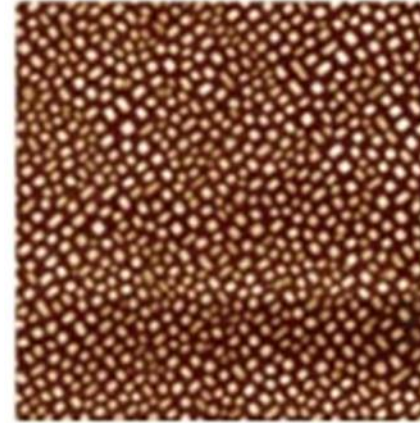
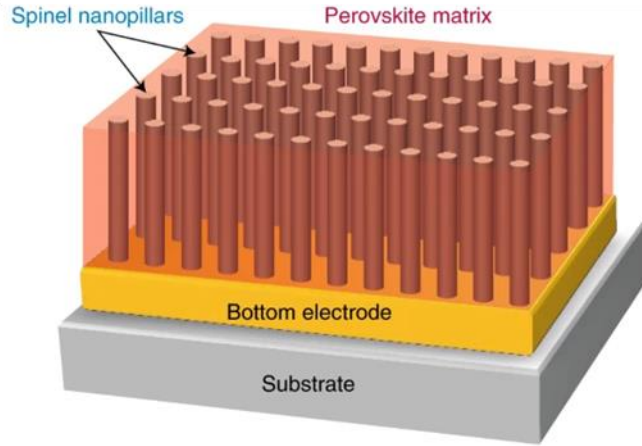
1.6% compressive strain



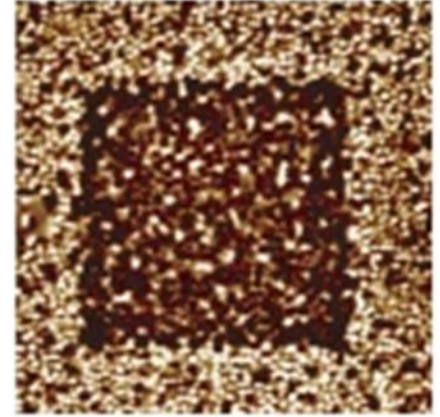
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BiFeO_3 and CoFe_2O_4



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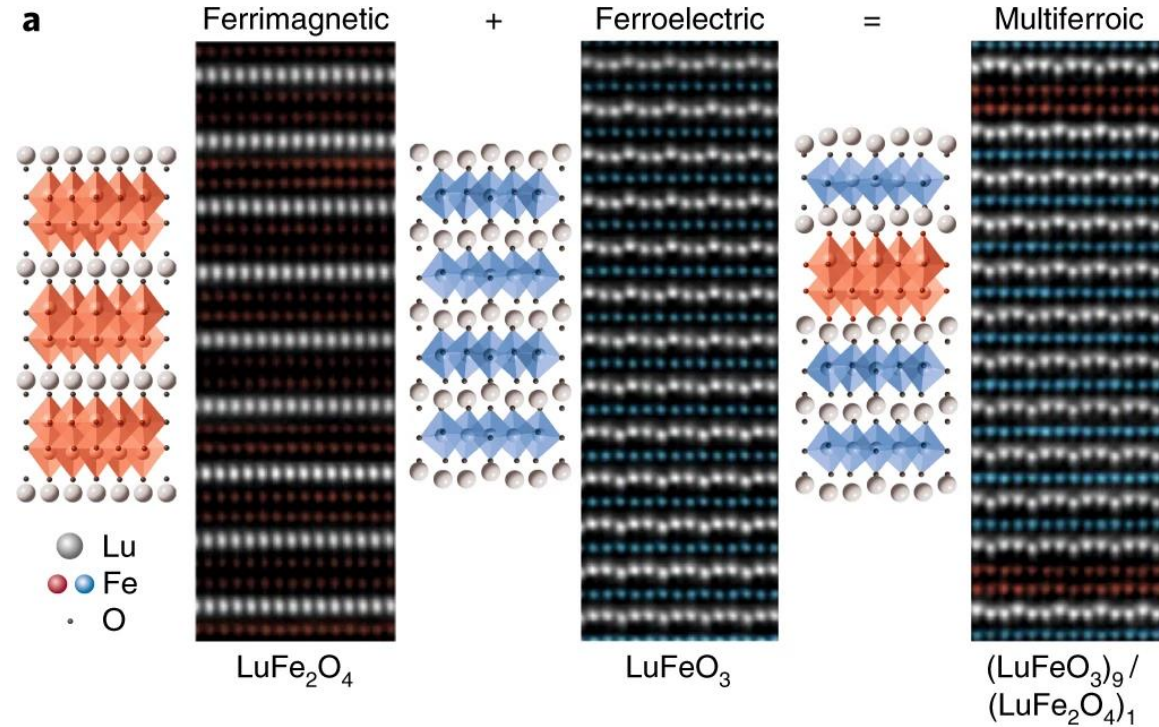
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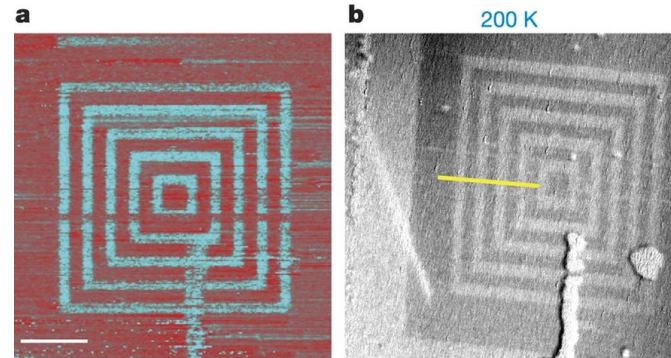
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Synthetic multiferroics

LuFeO_3 and LuFe_2O_4



Growth of oxides thin films with atomic precision. Interface driven magnetoelectric properties in superlattices



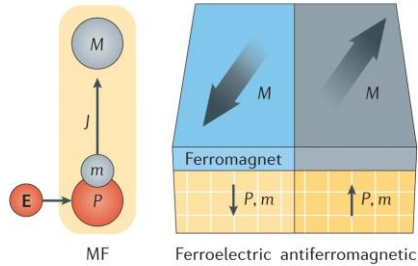
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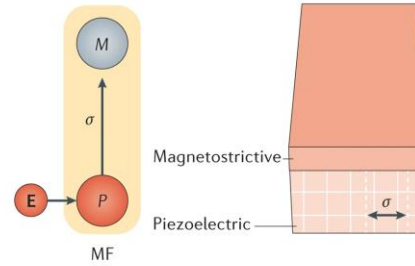
3D transfer multiferroics

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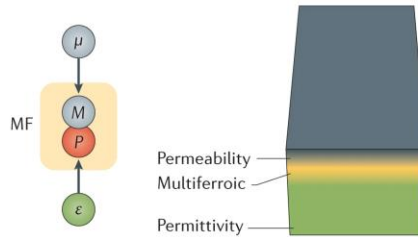
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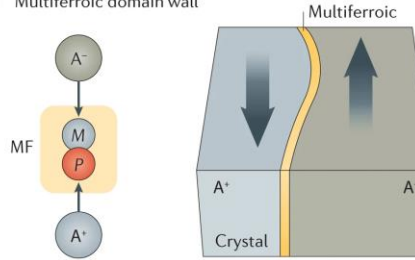


2D confined multiferroics

c Multiferroic interface

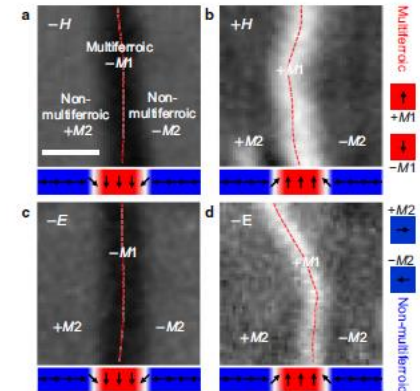
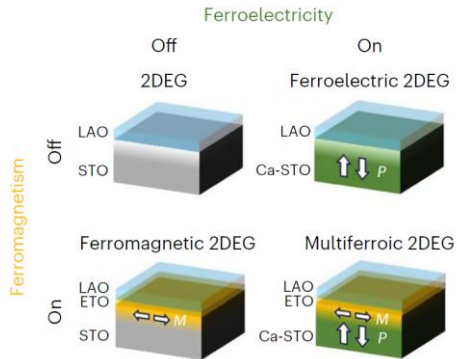


d Multiferroic domain wall



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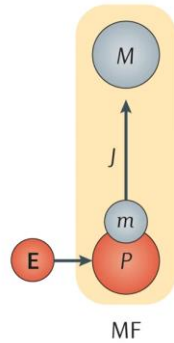


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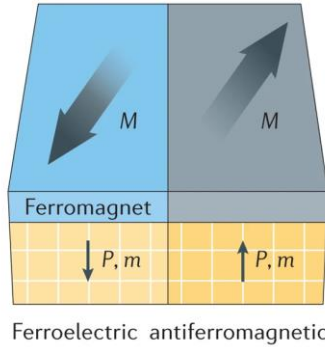
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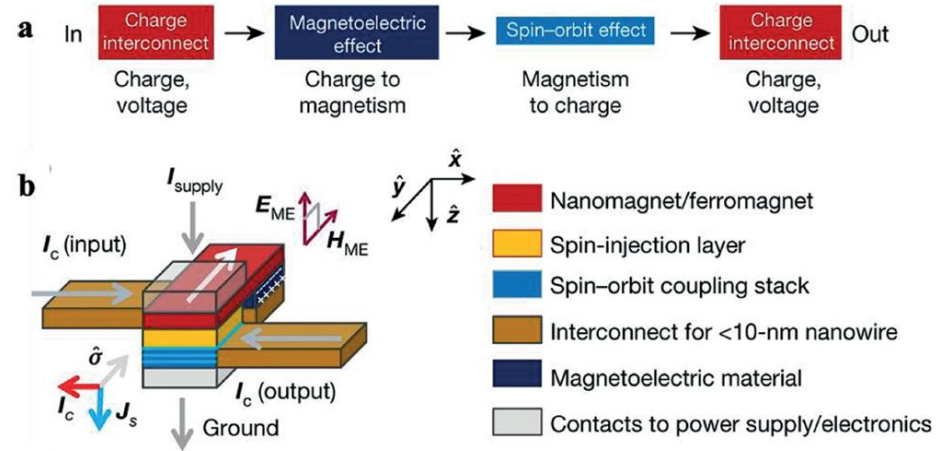


CoFe and BiFeO₃



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Integration into magnetoelectric spin orbit devices



Nat. Phys. 14, 338 (2018)
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Nature Materials 5, 823 (2006)

Electrical control of antiferromagnetic domains in multiferroic BiFeO₃ films at room temperature

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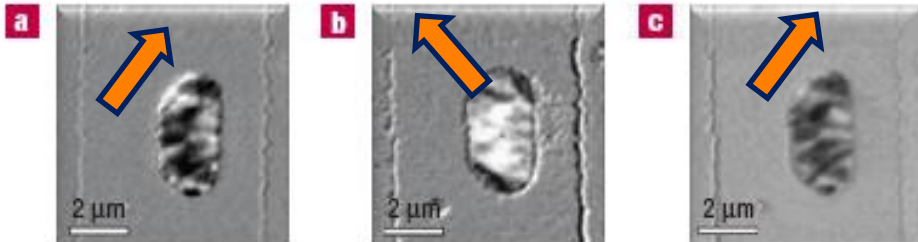
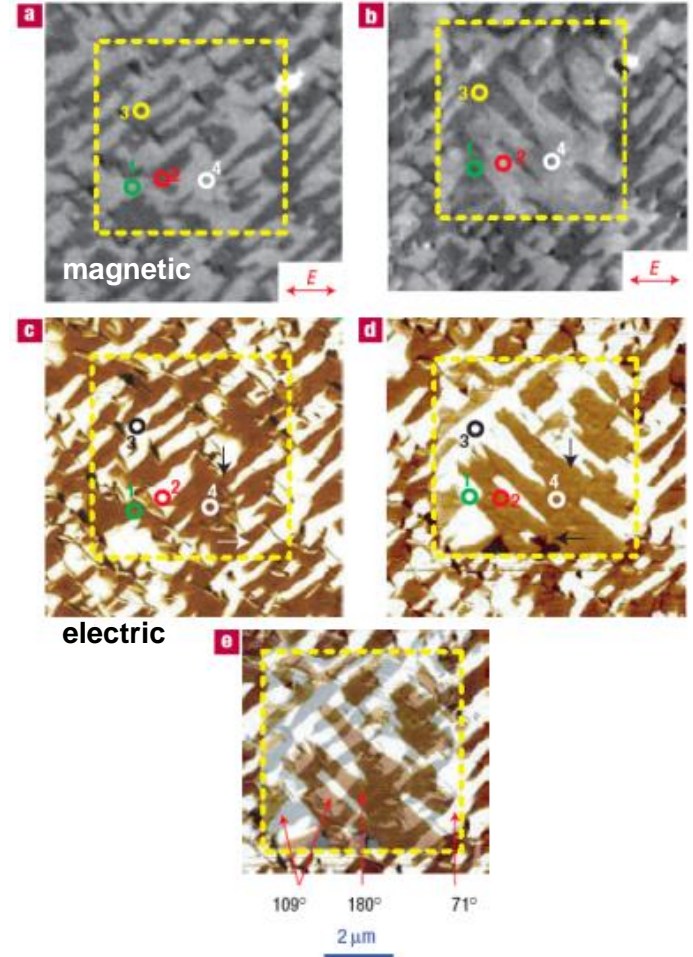
No net magnetization

A Co dot is exchange coupled to the antiferromagnetic order in BiFeO₃

Electric-field control of local ferromagnetism using a magnetoelectric multiferroic

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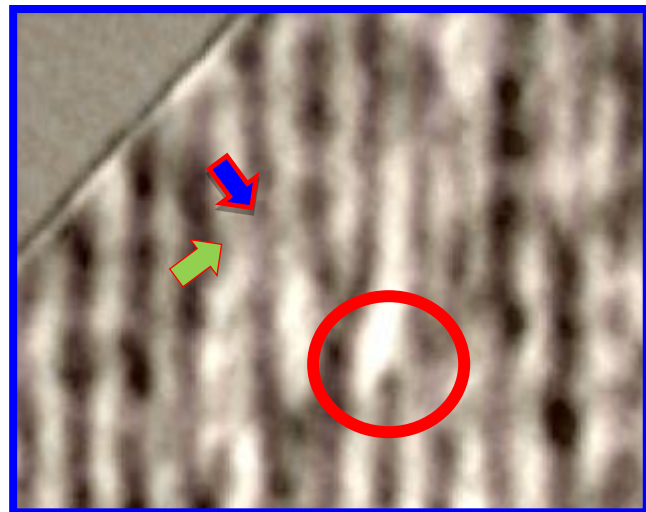
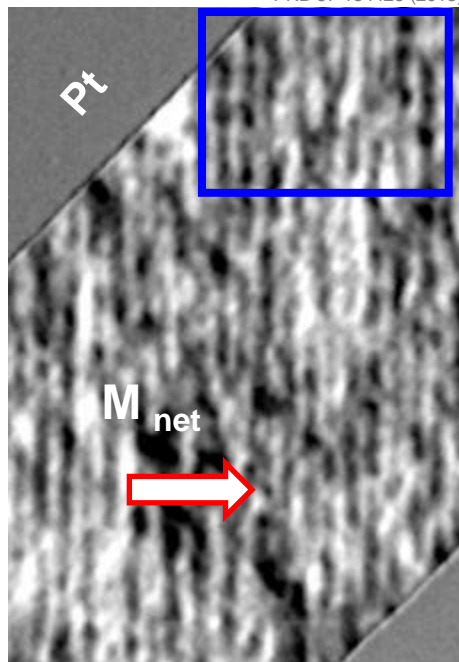
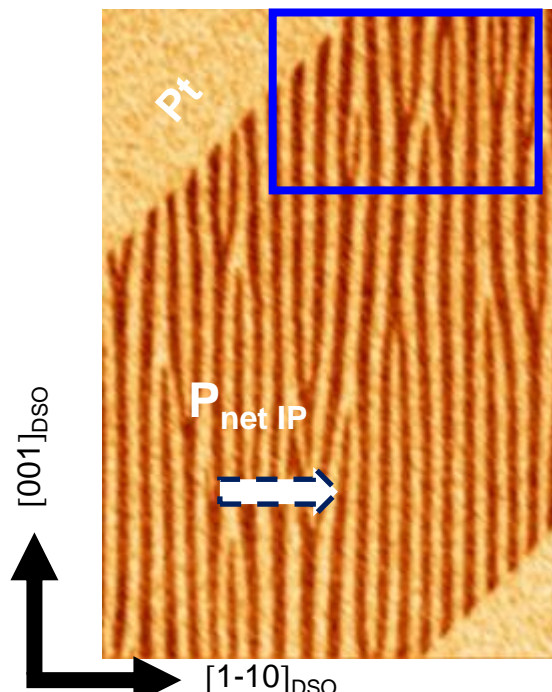
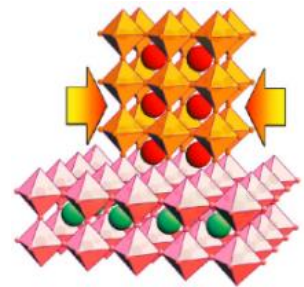
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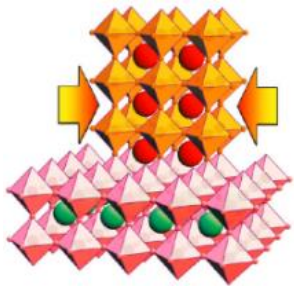
Epitaxial growth of BiFeO_3 thin films with well defined ferroelectric domain architecture.

Net in-plane polarization, Net in-plane magnetization

CoFe and BiFeO_3

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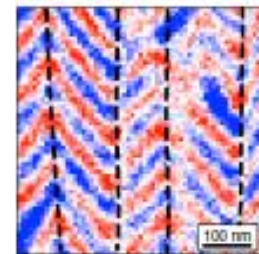
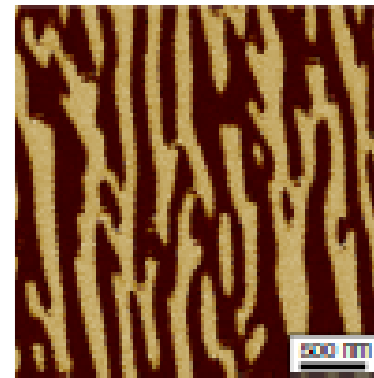
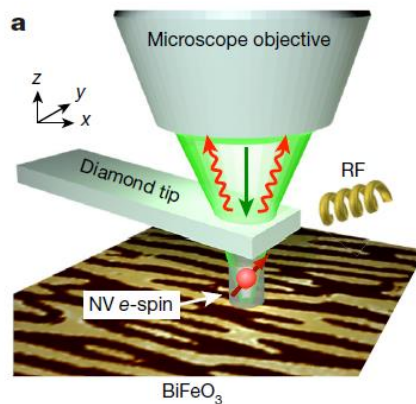




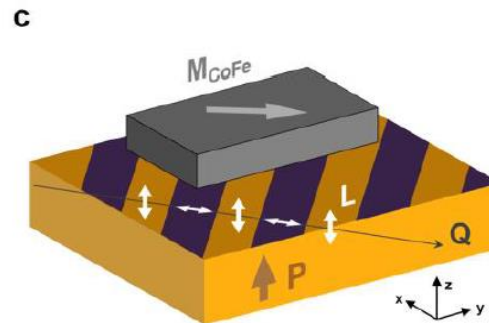
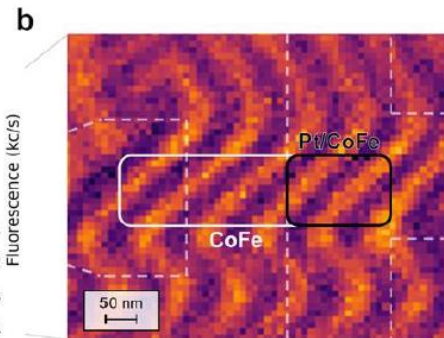
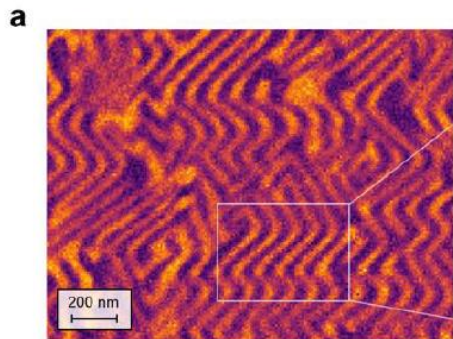
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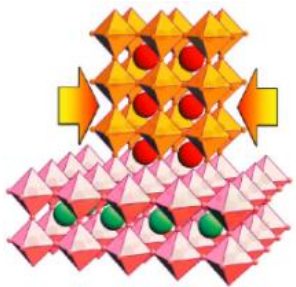
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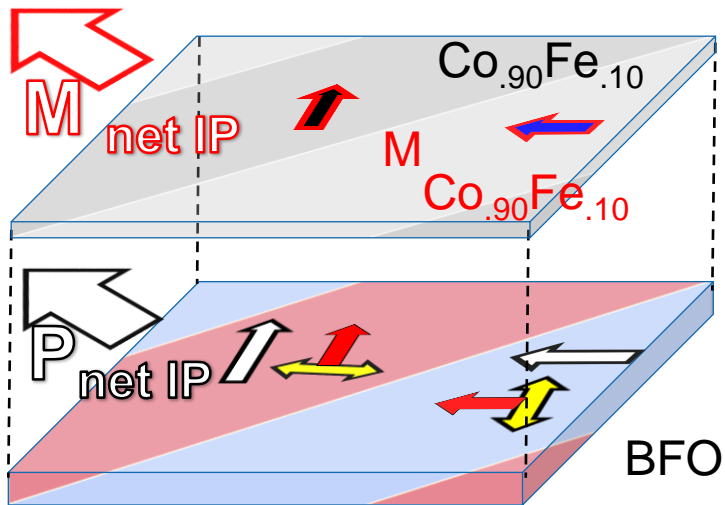


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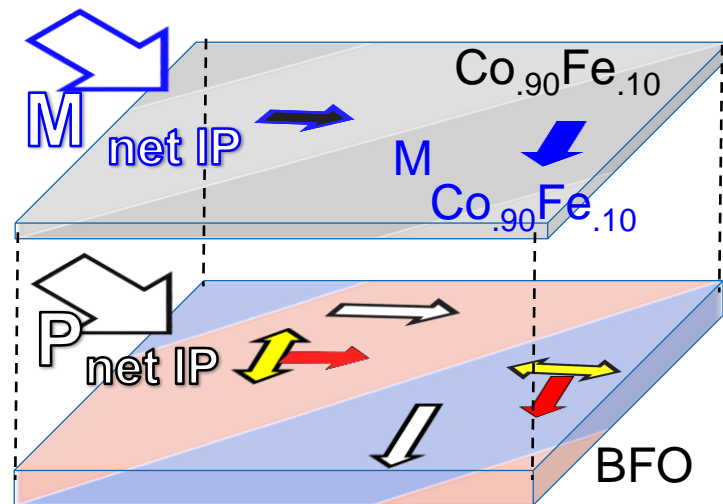


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Electric field IP



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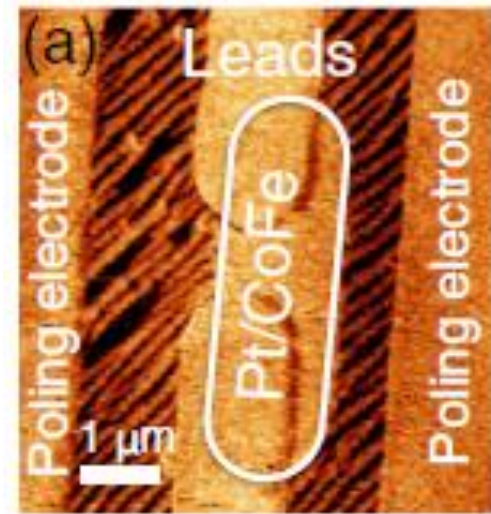
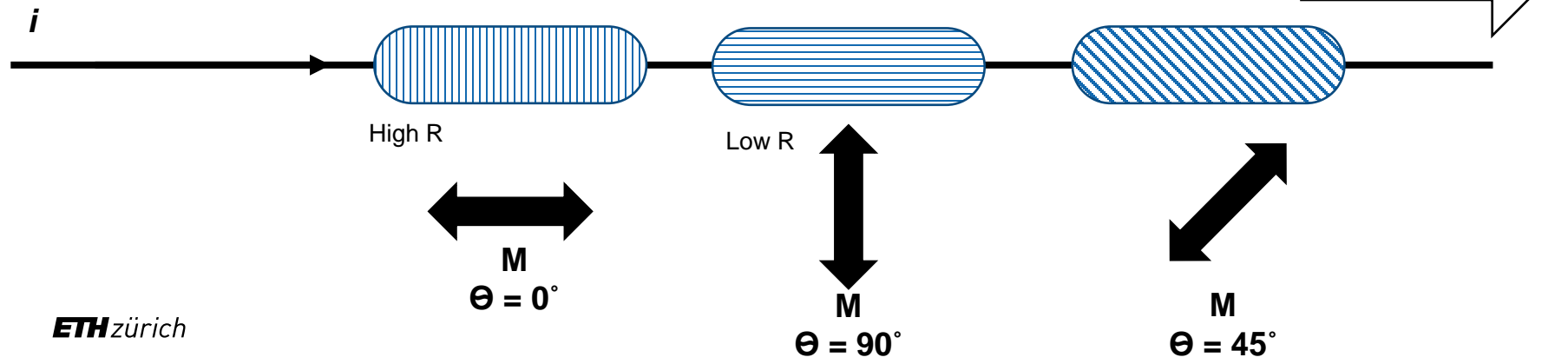
Probing electric field induced magnetization reversal

Using anisotropic magnetoresistance

$$R(\theta) = R_0 + (R_{\parallel} - R_0)\cos^2(\theta)$$

The magnetic layer is spin filtering the current mainly when the current is along its magnetization (R min when $\theta = 90^\circ$)

Low field M slightly moves away from its easy axis, change in R .

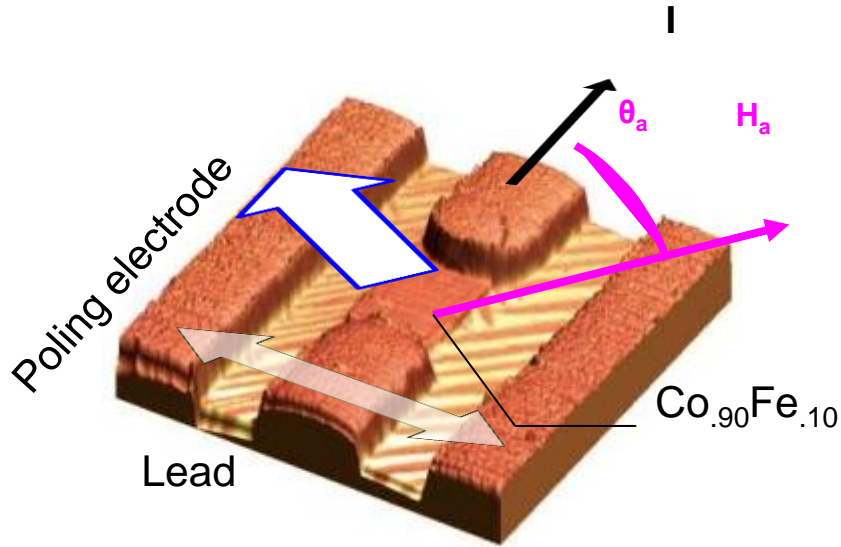


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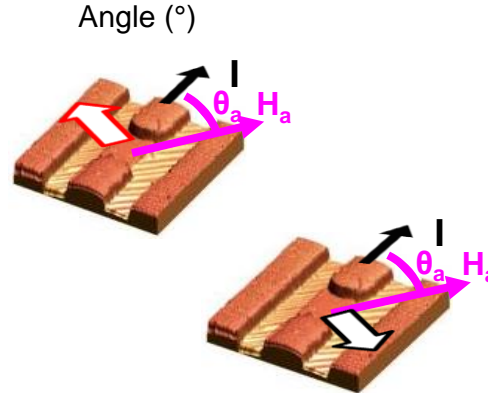
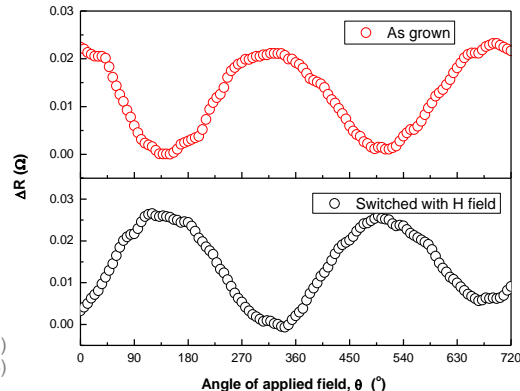
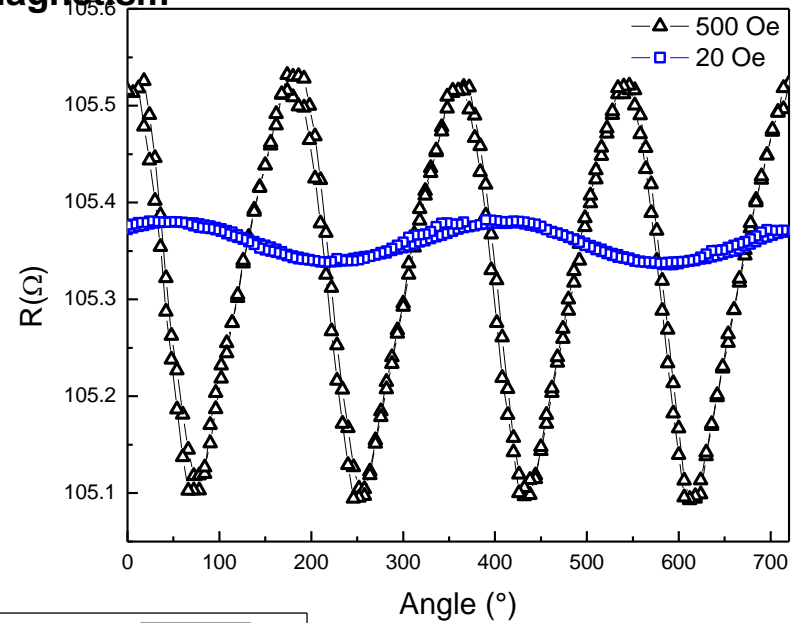
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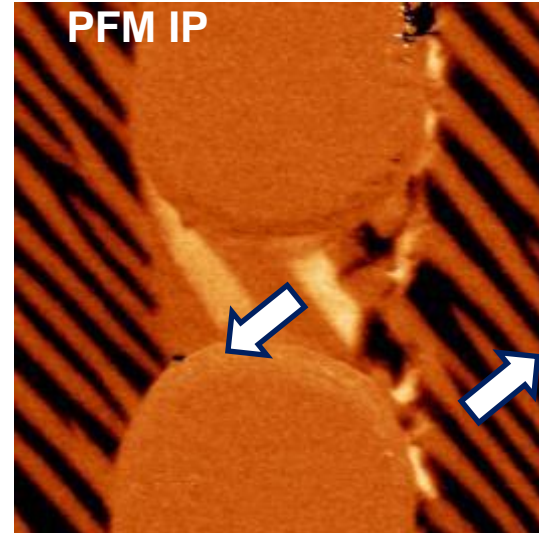
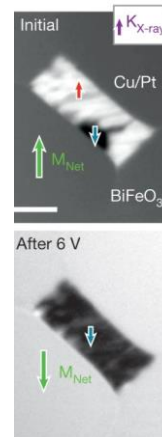
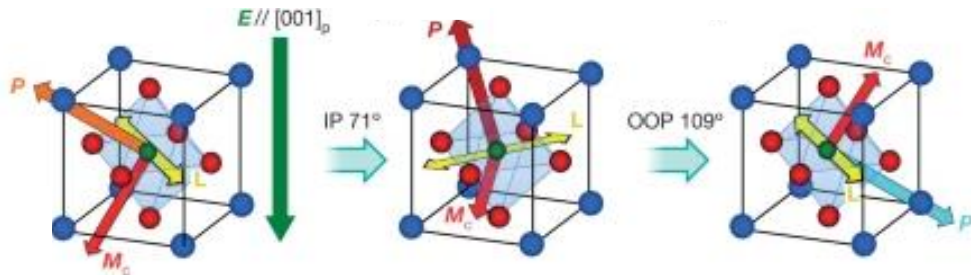
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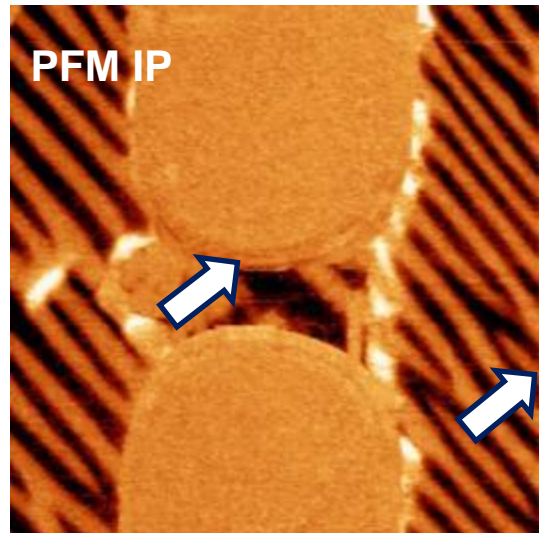
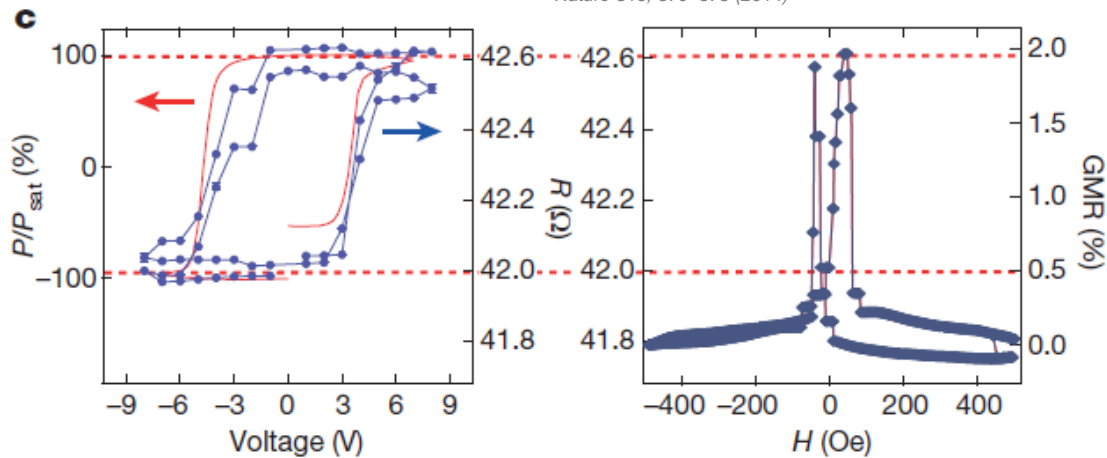
Magnetically induced reversal



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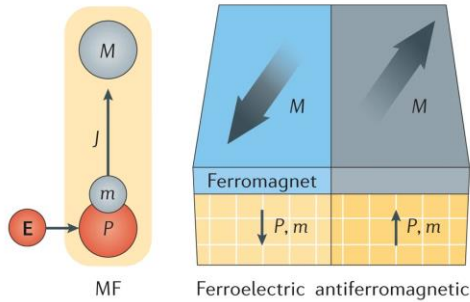


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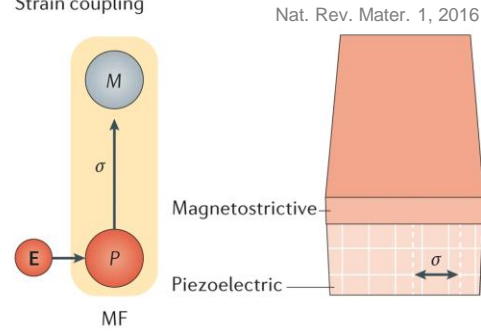
The domain correlation drives multiferroics heterostructures functionality

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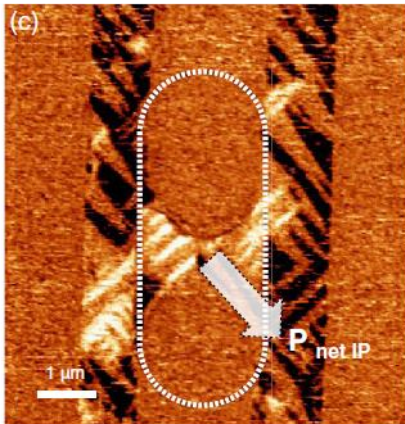
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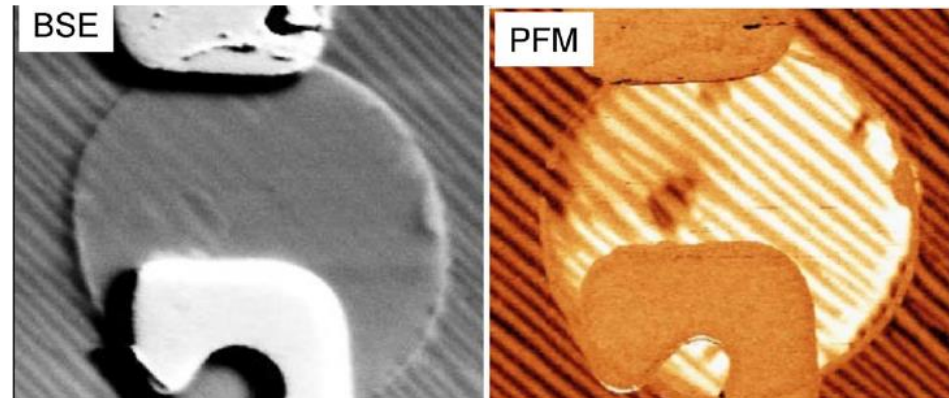
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Difficulty to probe buried domains, antiferromagnetic domains



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Multiferroics

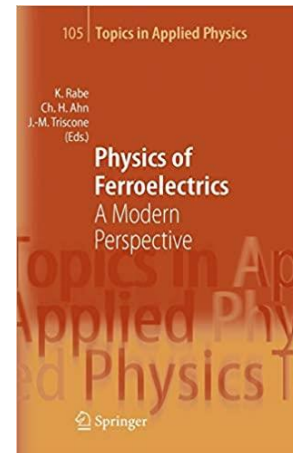
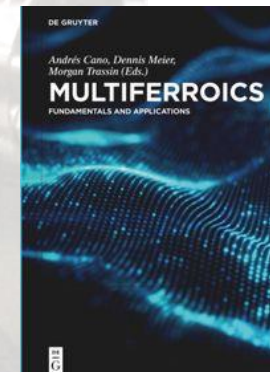
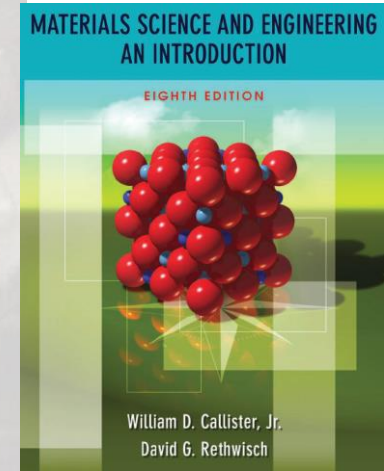
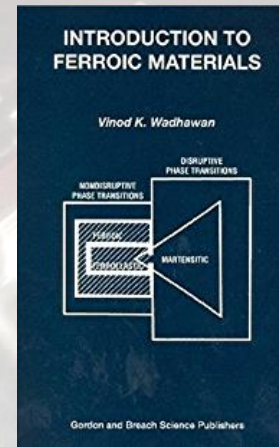
- Why are there so few ferromagnetic-ferroelectric materials?
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Electric-field control of ferromagnetism using multiferroics

- Artificial / synthetic multiferroics
- Electric-field-induced magnetization reversal

On the way to the ultimate goal

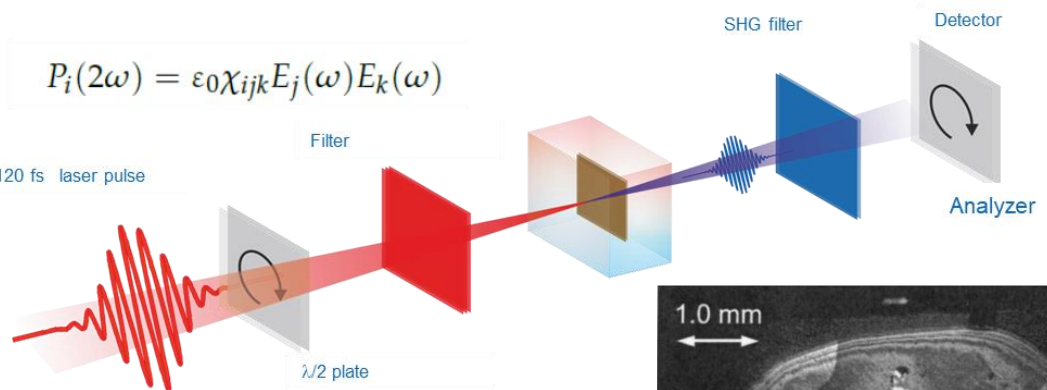
- Characterization of multiple order parameters
- Beyond the low energy control of magnetization



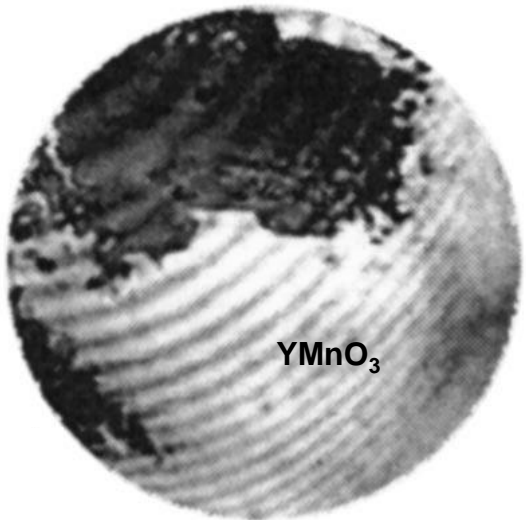
Probing multiferroic domains

Non invasive probes

Optical second harmonic generation

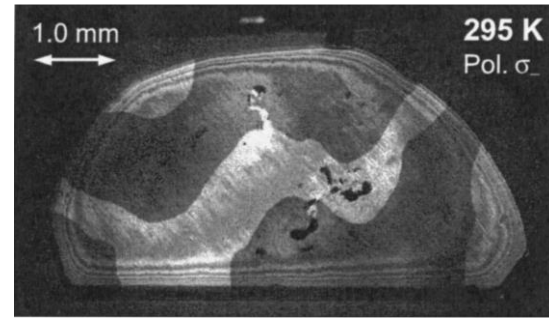


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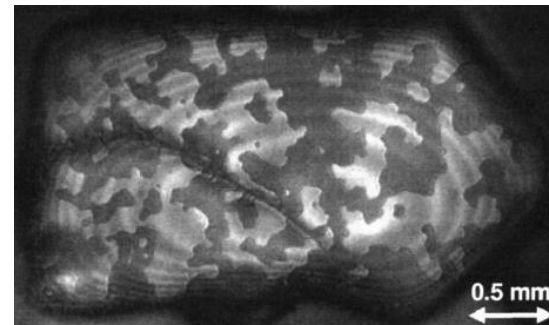


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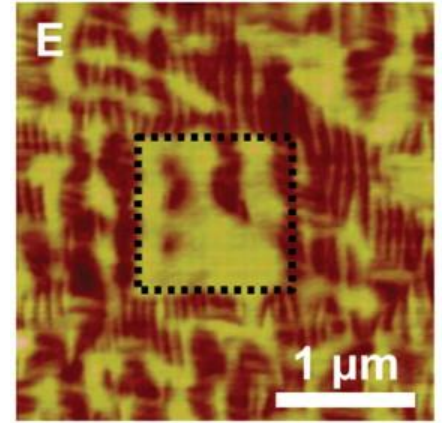
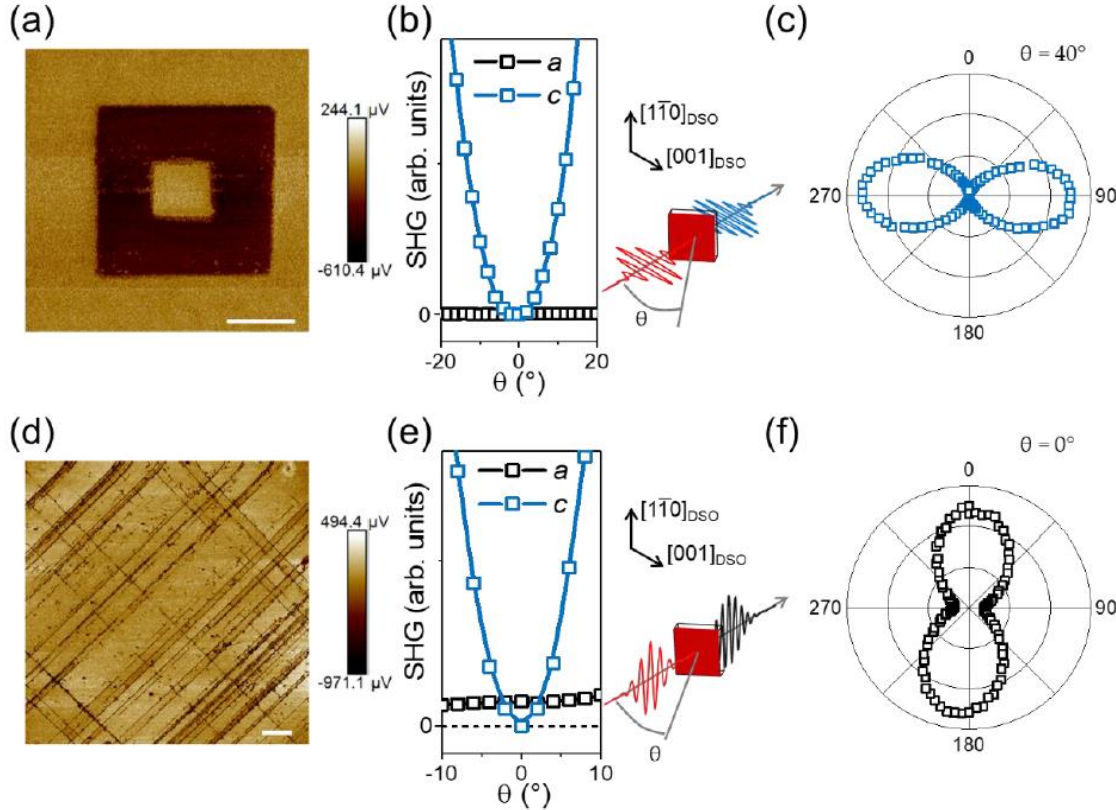


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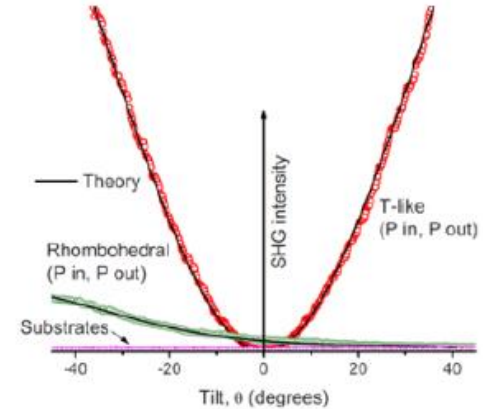


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Probing polarization states and ferroelectric phases in thin films.

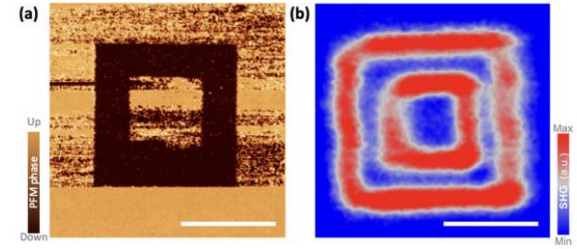
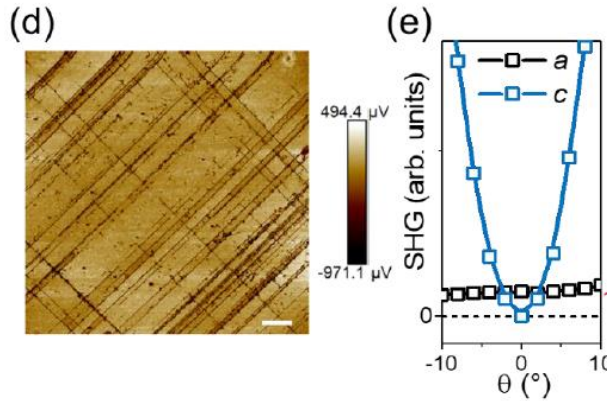
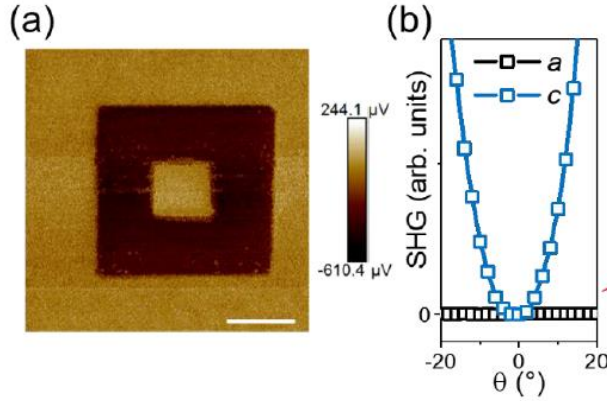


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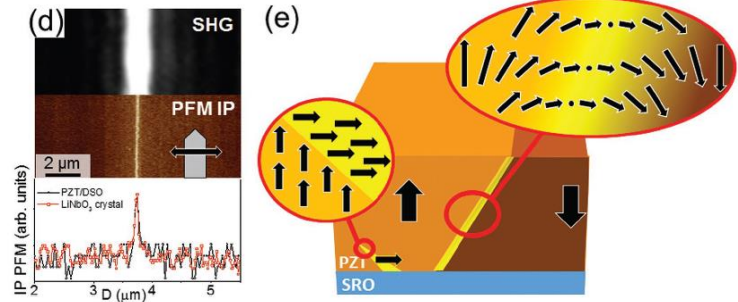
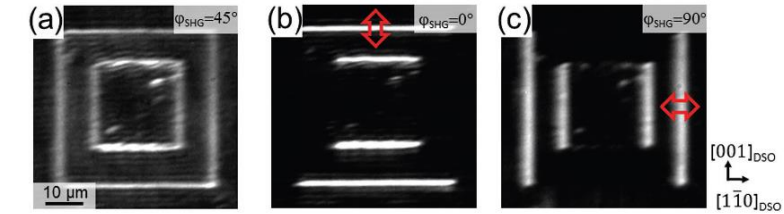


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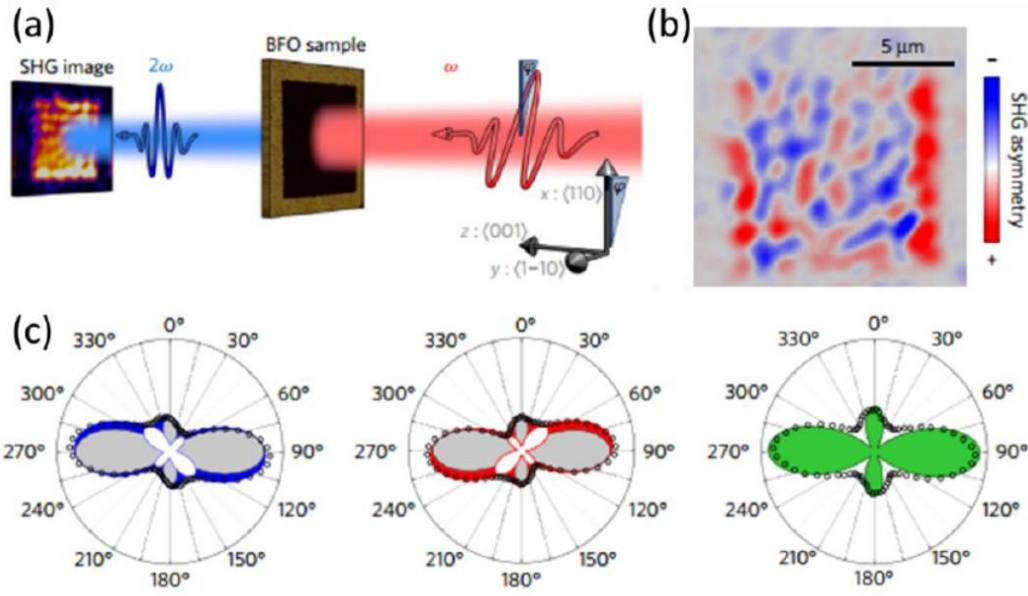


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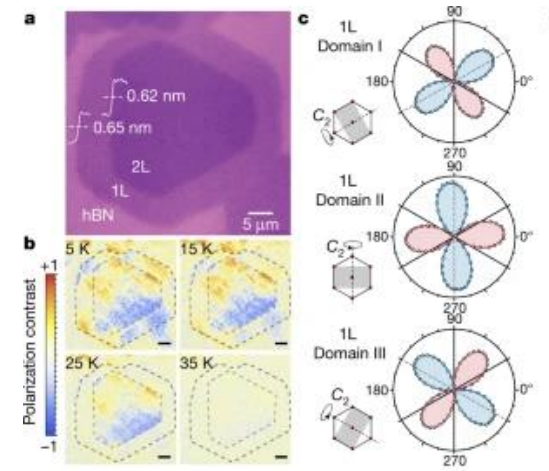


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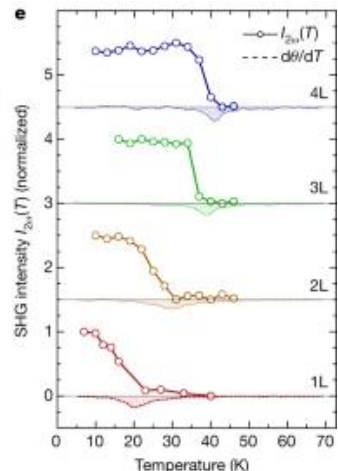


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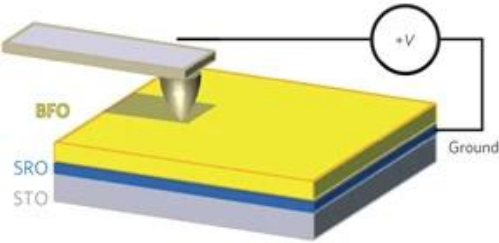
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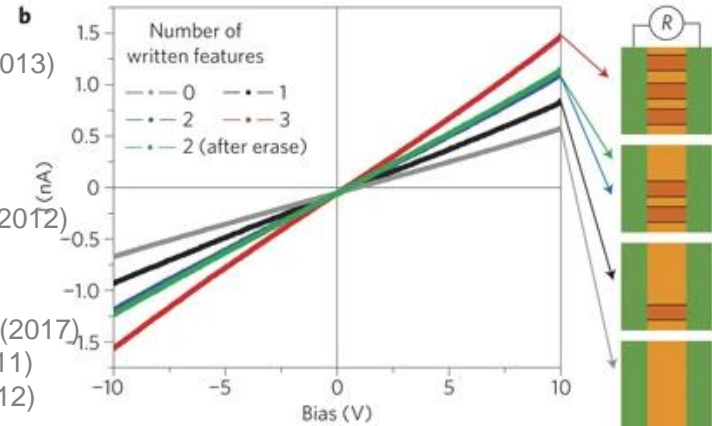
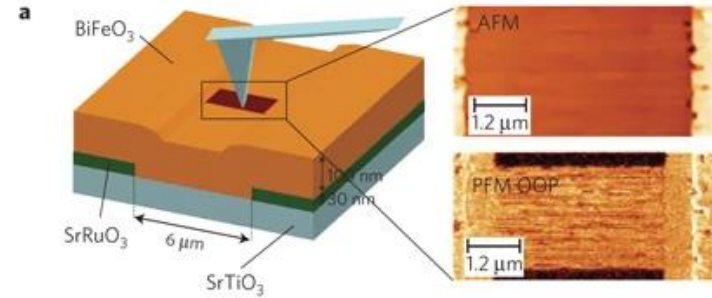
Beyond the electrical control of magnetism : ferroelectric domain wall conduction

Probes sensitive to ferromagnetic and ferroelectric states
Piezoresponse force microscopy



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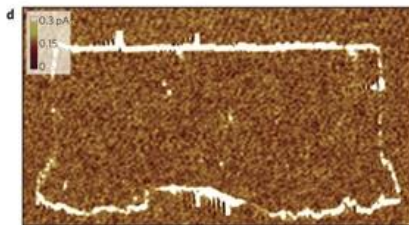
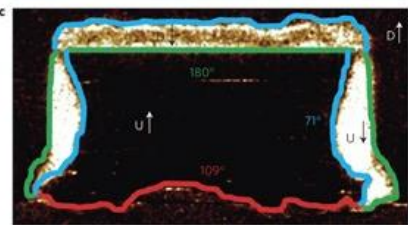
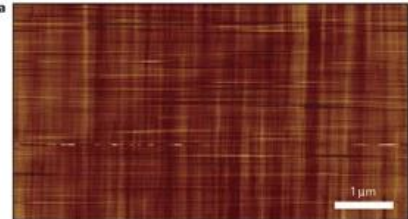
Discovery of conduction at charged ferroelectric domain walls in BiFeO₃



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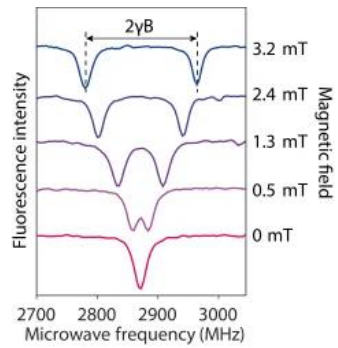
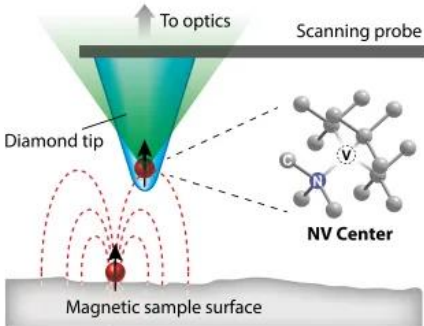


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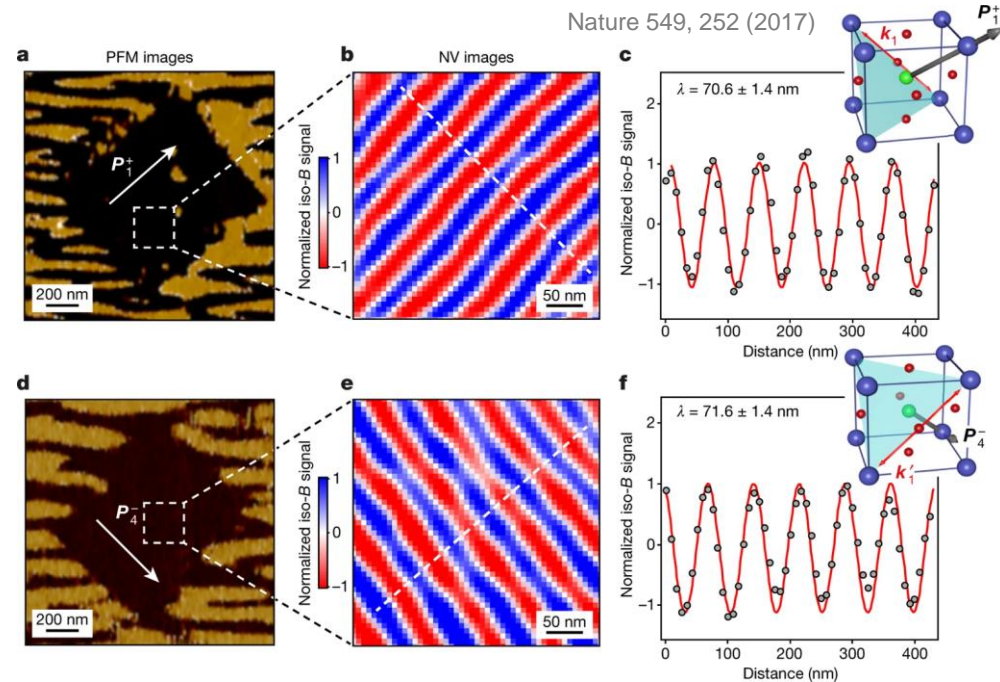
Probes sensitive to antiferromagnetic states

Single spin magnetometry : Nitrogen-vacancy (NV) defect in diamond

The electronic spin of a single NV defect is placed at the apex of a diamond scanning probe tip for atom-sized magnetic field sensor (nT)

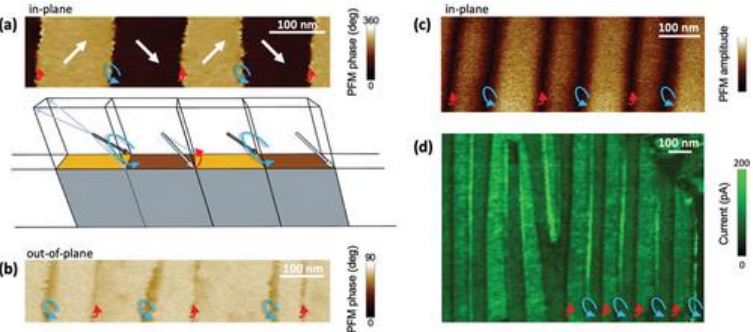


The magnetic interaction is probed by microwave excitations. When the energy of the microwaves equals the magnetic interaction: rapid reorientation -> drop in fluorescence



Beyond the electrical control of magnetism : ferroelectric domain wall chirality

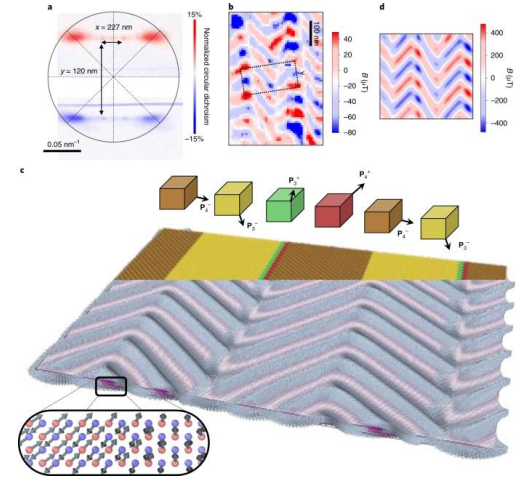
Chirality at polar domain walls and electric analogue of the DMI



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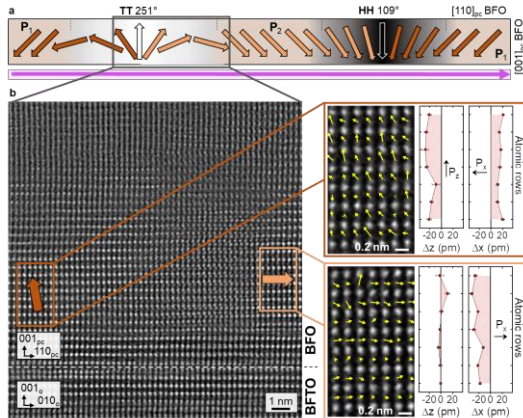
Origin of the homochirality

Symmetry allowed non collinear electric dipoles (mediated by oxygen octahedral tilting)

Bulk or interface?

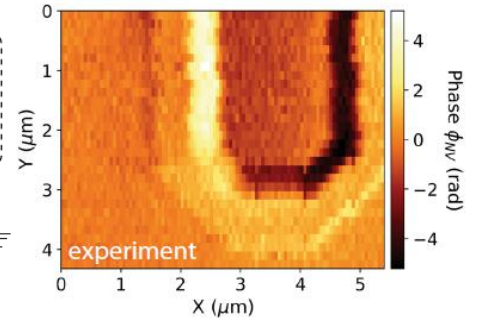
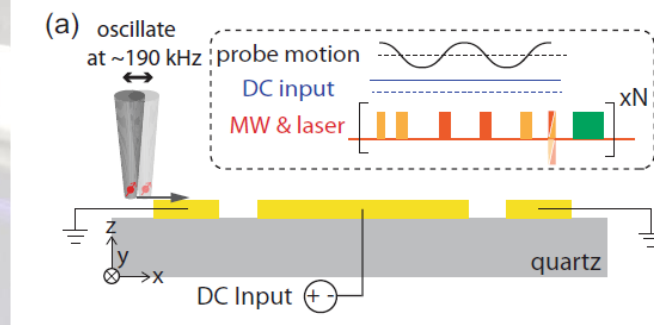
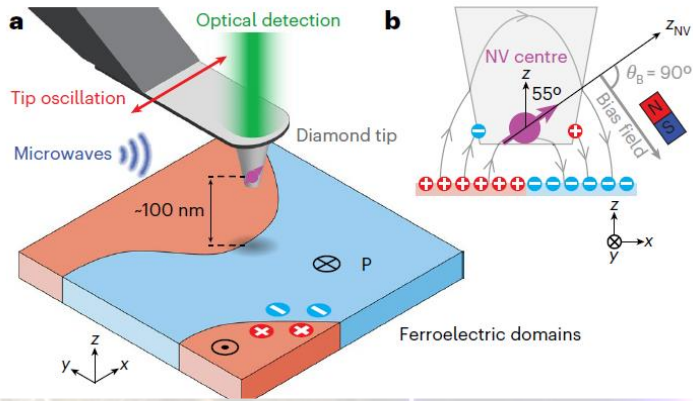
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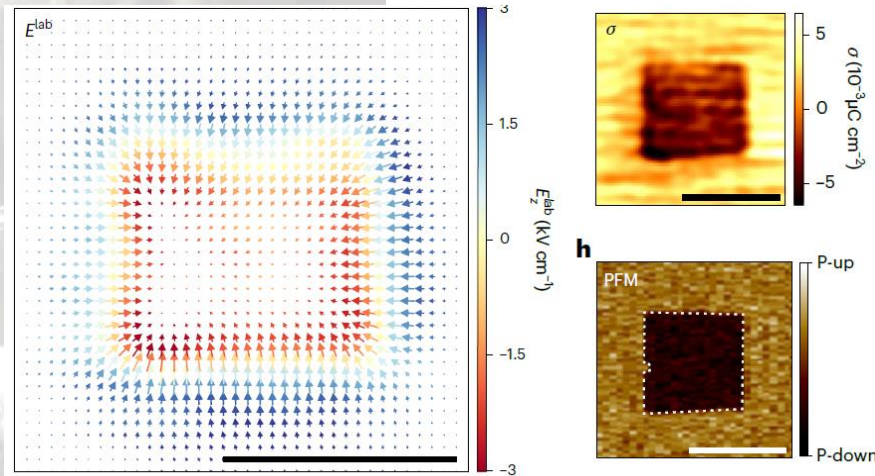
What's next?

Single spin electrometry



Synchronizing the NV response to the tip oscillation frequency allows for electric field sensing.

Electric field variation faster than screening charge displacement at the surface of the tip:
Stark effect detection enables



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