

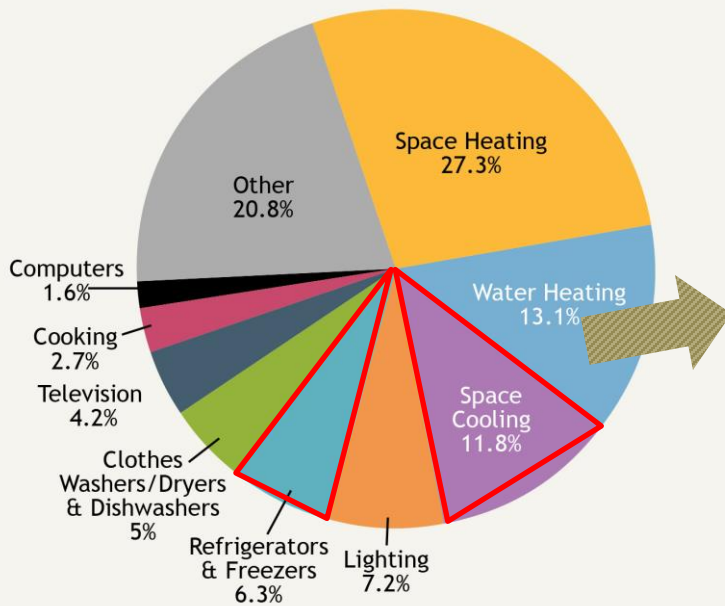
# CALORIC MATERIALS FOR COOLING AND HEATING

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Emmanuel Defay

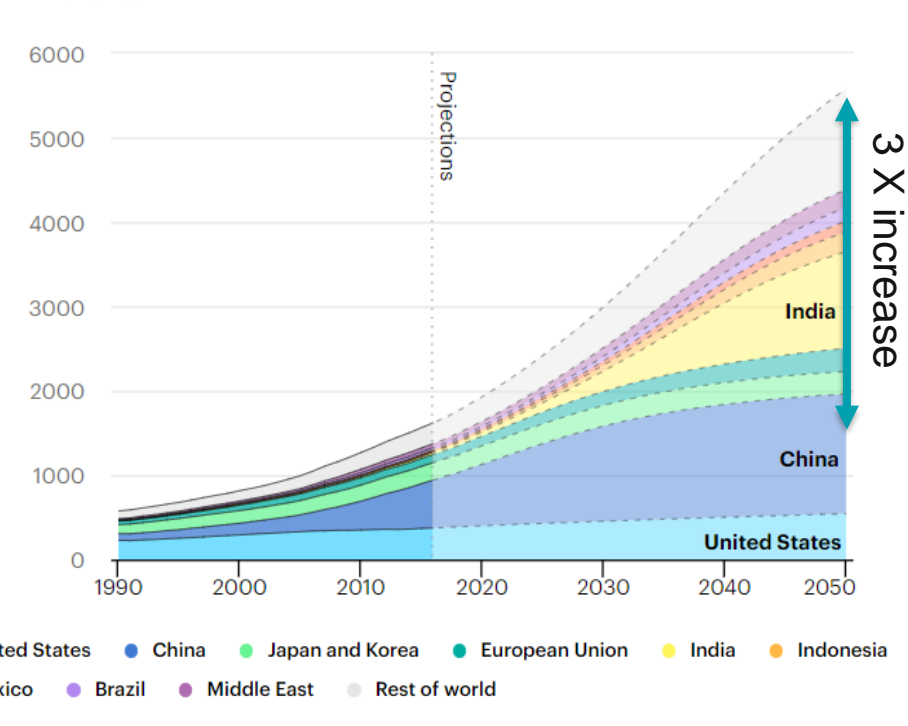
# HOW MUCH ENERGY DOES COOLING STAND FOR ?

Energy Usage in the U.S. Residential Sector in 2015



**18.1%  
for cooling  
in the US**

Global air conditioner stock, 1990-2050



World consumption for cooling = 20 % of electricity in 2020  
 Can reach 50 % in 2050  
 Global warming does not help

More than 50 % heating + cooling !

# CHALLENGES

- Decrease greenhouse gases

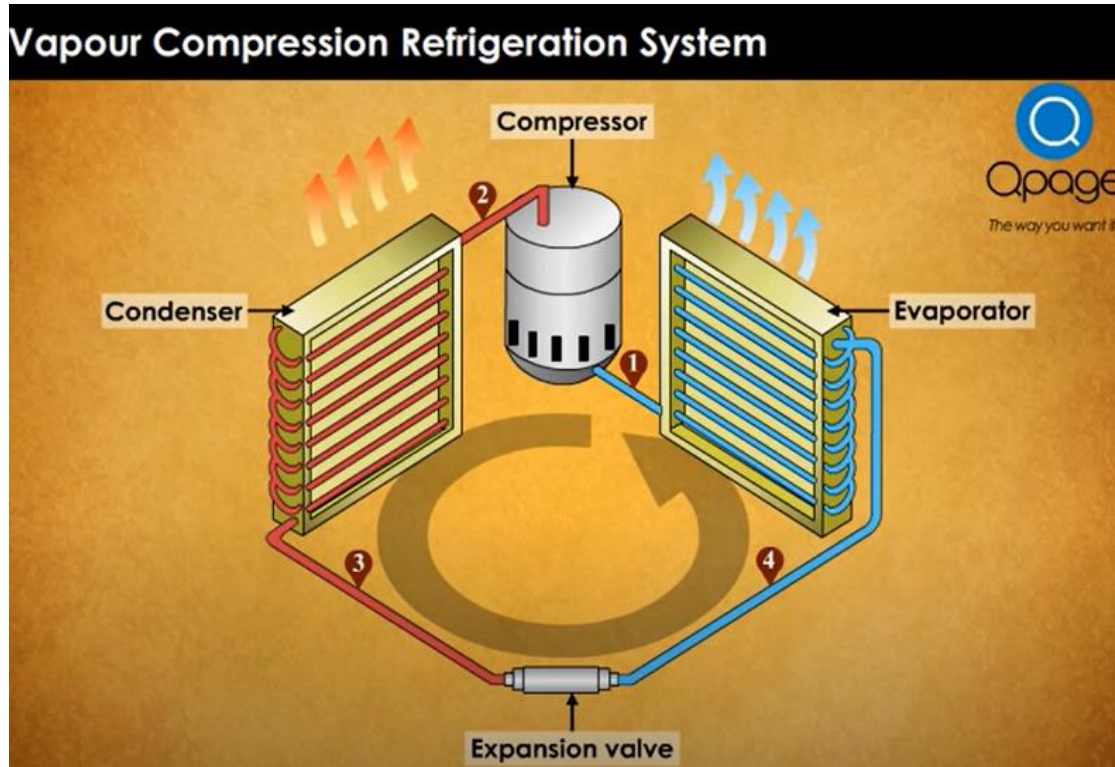


- Increase energy efficiency

- Less energy required for cooling and heating
- Heat pump programme in EU



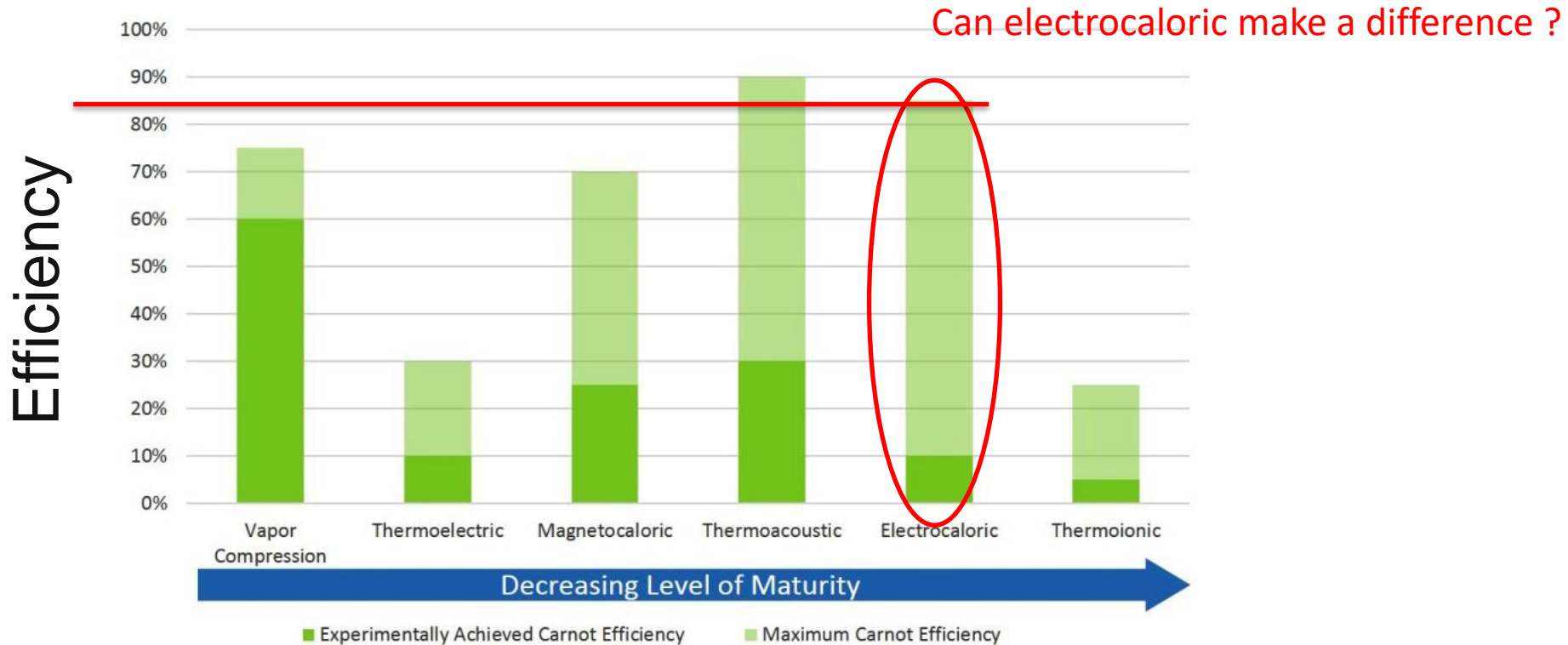
# CURRENT TECHNOLOGY



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Wj\\_MO4BqtA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Wj_MO4BqtA)

- - By far the most used system
- - Developed since 1850s
- - Work either with substances dangerous for health or greenhouse gases

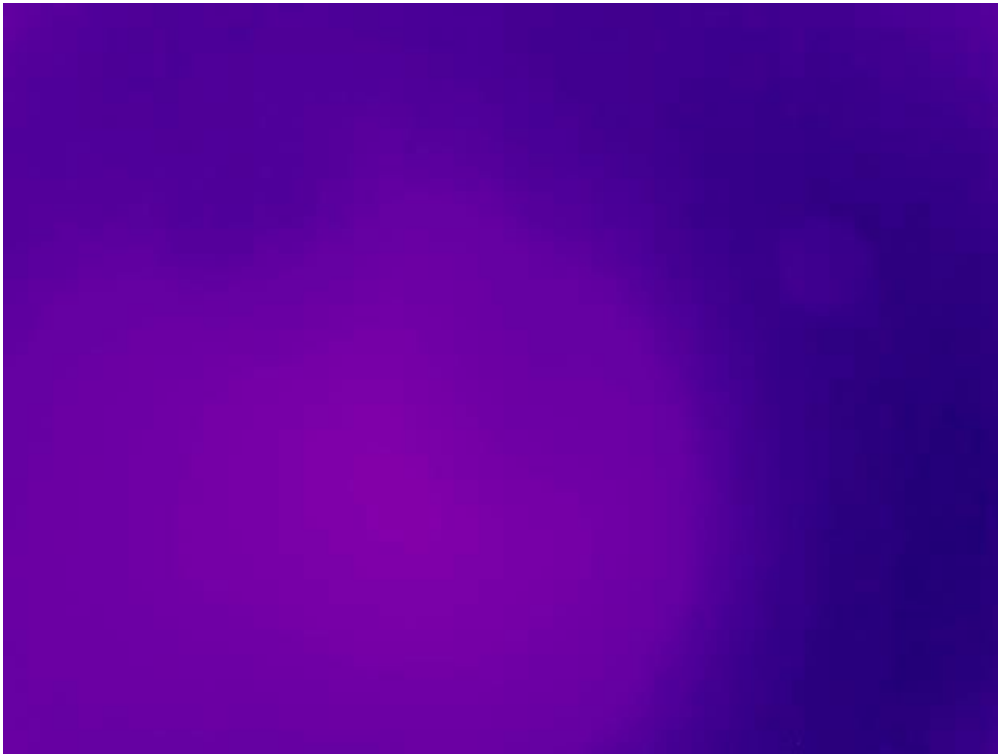
# ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES



# CALORIC MATERIALS

## Example of elasto-caloric effect in a balloon

Cf Feynman's lecture on thermodynamics

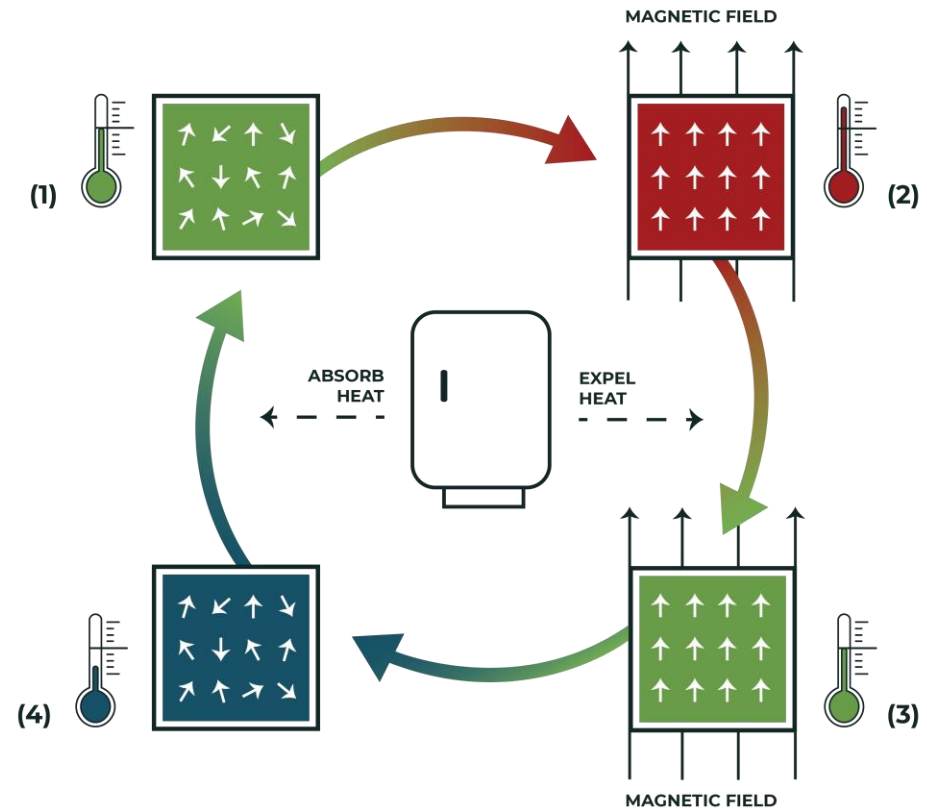


- Mechanical stress infers molecules rearrangement => entropy change
- Thermodynamic effect => positive then negative temperature change
- A cycle is required to make a fridge

Courtesy X. Moya (Cambridge, UK)

# CALORIC MATERIALS – FOUR POSSIBLE EFFECTS

- Magnetocaloric
- Elastocaloric
- Barocaloric
- Electrocaloric



MAGNETIC COOLING PRINCIPLE.

# OUTLINE

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- The electrocaloric effect
- Free energy description
- Electrocaloric materials
- A key element – multilayer capacitors
- Characterization
- Electrocaloric cooling systems

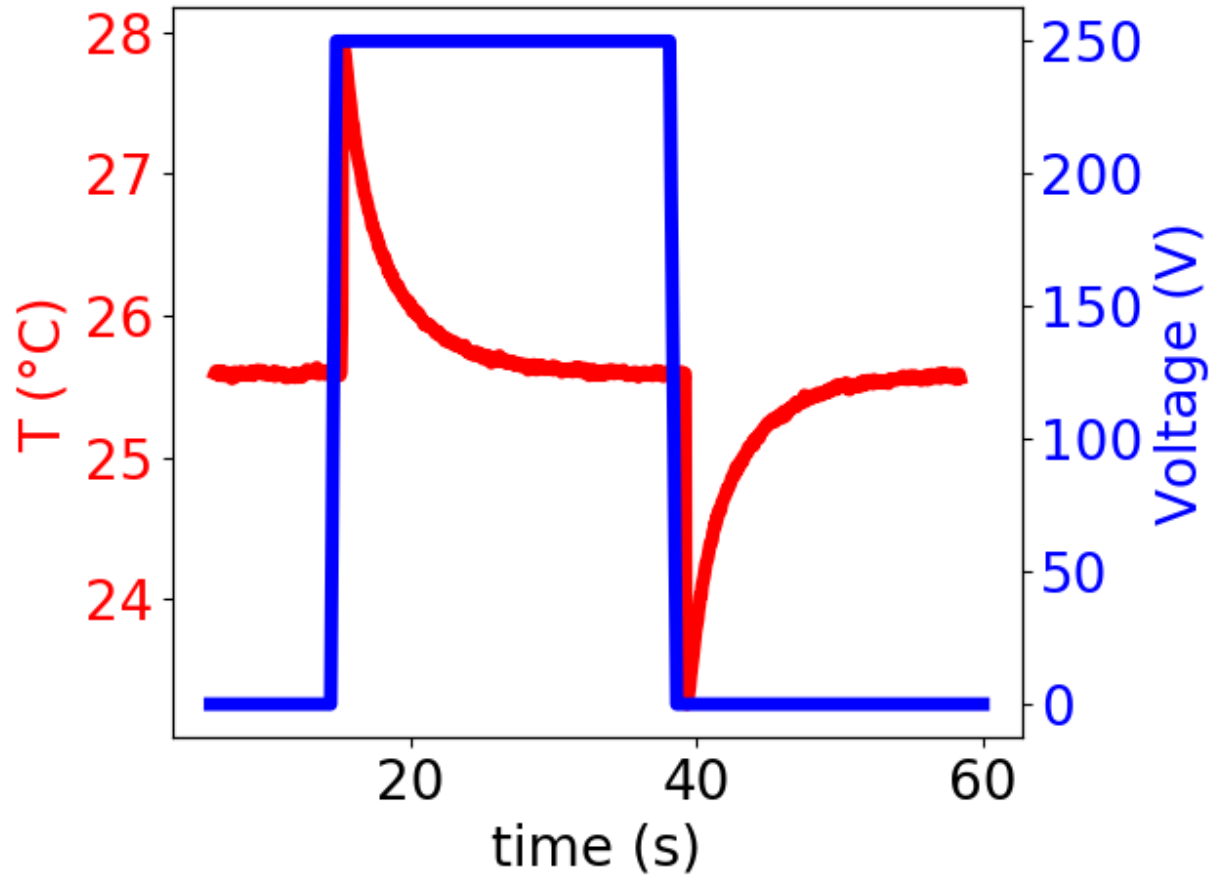


# THE ELECTROCALORIC EFFECT

## Ceramic $\text{Pb}(\text{Sc},\text{Ta})\text{O}_3$



# THE ELECTROCALORIC EFFECT



# FREE ENERGY SIMPLE ANALYSIS

- Free energy description of a ferroelectric material, close to ferro-para transition

$$G = G_0 + \frac{1}{2}\alpha(T - T_C)P^2 + \frac{1}{4}\beta P^4 - EP$$

Gibbs free energy  $G$

Polarisation  $P$

Temperature  $T$

$\alpha, \beta$ : parameters of  $G$

$G$  at zero polarisation  $G_0$

Electric field  $E$

Transition Temperature =  $T_C$

Entropy  $S$

$$dG = -SdT - PdE$$

$$S = -\left(\frac{dG}{dT}\right)_P = -\frac{1}{2}\alpha P^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta S = -\frac{1}{2}\alpha(P_{\max}^2 - P_{\min}^2)$$

**Large variations of  $S$  need large  $\alpha$  and large variations of  $P$**

# FREE ENERGY SIMPLE ANALYSIS

$$G = G_0 + \frac{1}{2}\alpha(T - T_c)P^2 + \frac{1}{4}\beta P^4 - EP$$

$$\left(\frac{dG}{dP}\right)_T \text{ equilibrium} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{dG}{dP}\right)_T = \alpha(T - T_c)P + \beta P^3 - E = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2G}{dP^2}\right)_T = \alpha(T - T_c) + 3\beta P^2 = \left(\frac{dE}{dP}\right)_T = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \quad \varepsilon - \text{dielectric constant}$$

$$\text{If } P \text{ is small} \quad \varepsilon = \frac{1}{\alpha(T - T_c)}$$

For large  $\Delta S$ , at similar  $\Delta P^2$ , we need large  $\alpha$ , meaning small  $\varepsilon$

# ADIABATIC VARIATION OF TEMPERATURE

- Adiabatic conditions  $\Rightarrow \Delta S_{total} = \Delta S_{lattice} + \Delta S_{dipoles} = 0$

$$T\Delta S_{lattice} = \rho C_p \Delta T$$

$$\Delta S_{dipoles} = -\frac{1}{2} \alpha (P_{max}^2 - P_{min}^2)$$

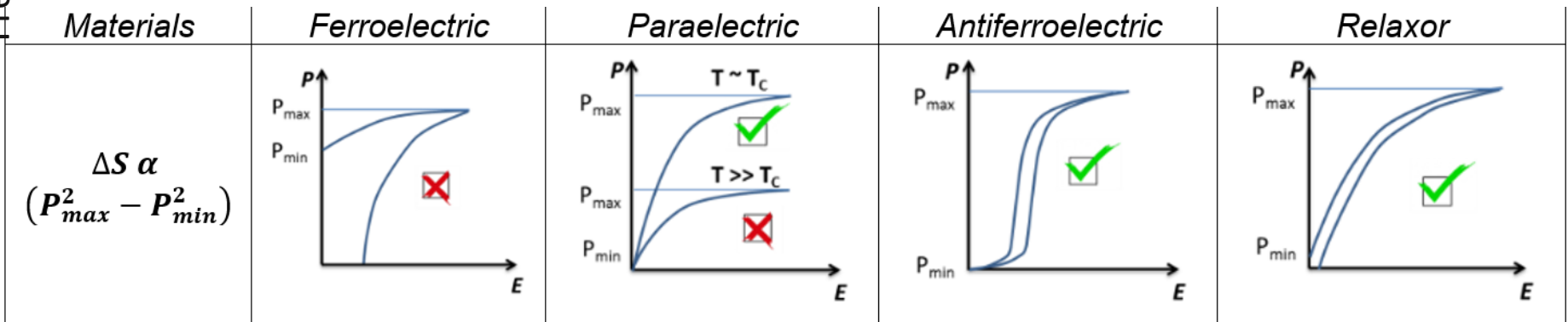
$$\Delta T = \frac{T}{2\rho C_p} \alpha (P_{max}^2 - P_{min}^2)$$

- $\rho$  – density
- $C_p$  – heat capacity

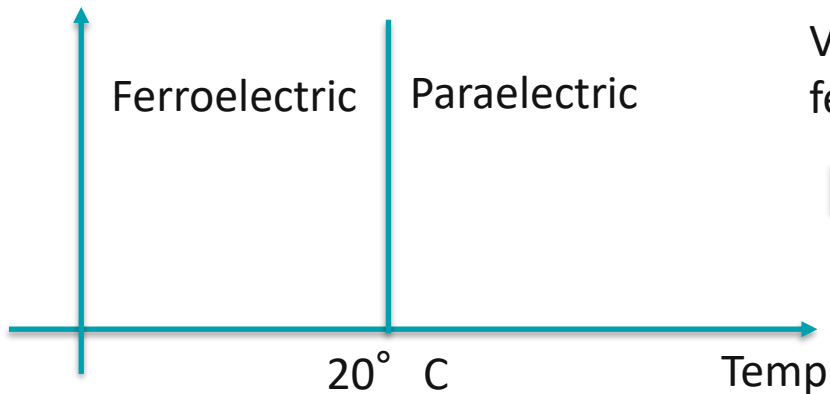
Large variations of T need large  $\alpha$  and large variations of P

# FREE ENERGY SIMPLE ANALYSIS

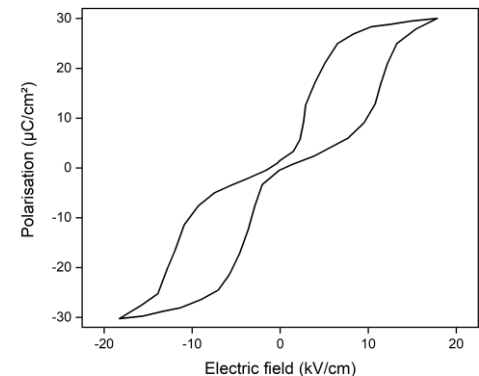
- Large variations of  $S$  (and  $T$ ) need large variations of  $P$



- Interesting case – voltage induced phase transition in PST ceramics



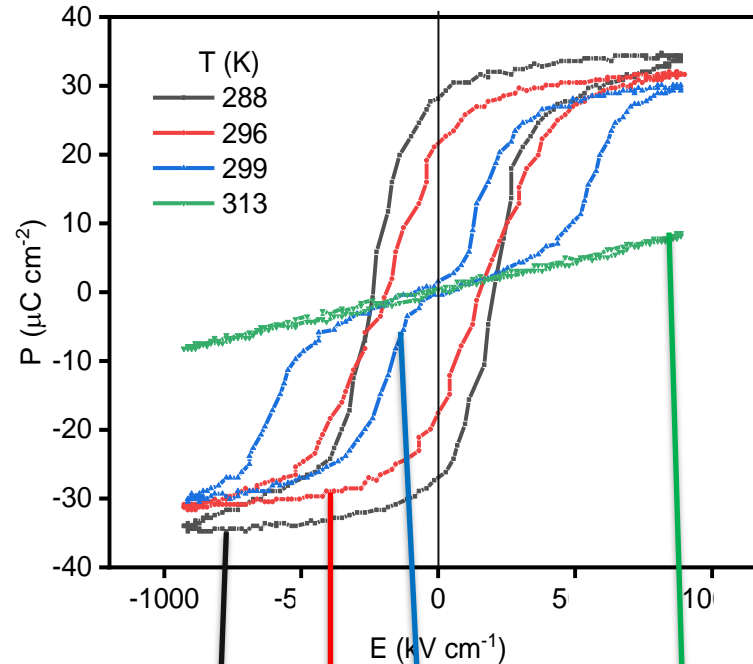
Voltage forces ferroelectricity



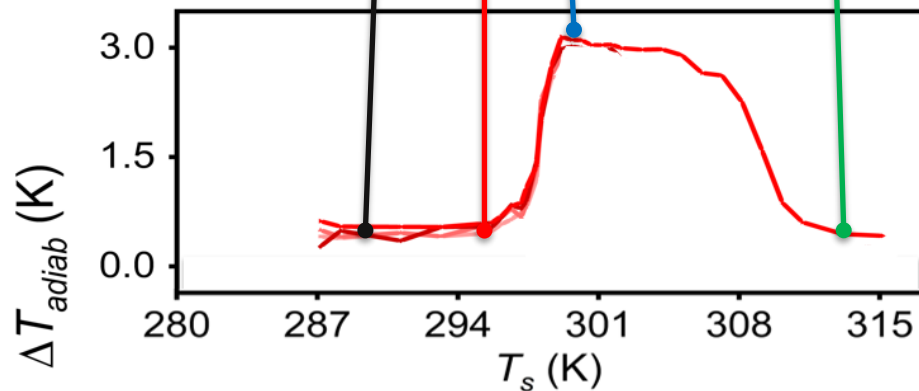
# FREE ENERGY SIMPLE ANALYSIS

Interesting case – field induced phase transition in PST ceramics

$$\Delta T = \frac{T}{2\rho C_p} \alpha (P_{\max}^2 - P_{\min}^2)$$



Electrocaloric effect at  $10 \text{ kV cm}^{-1}$

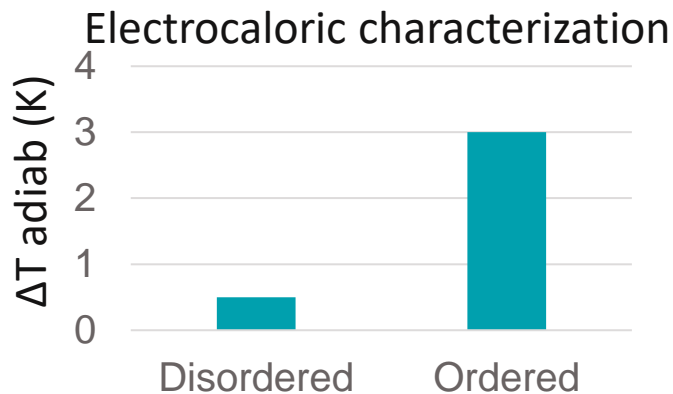
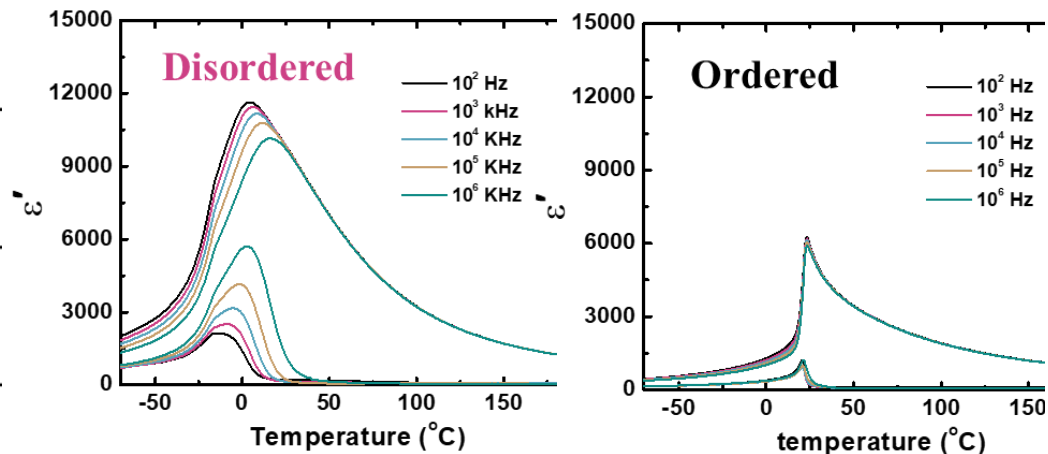
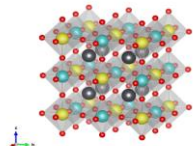
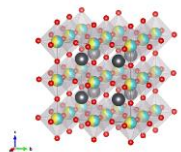
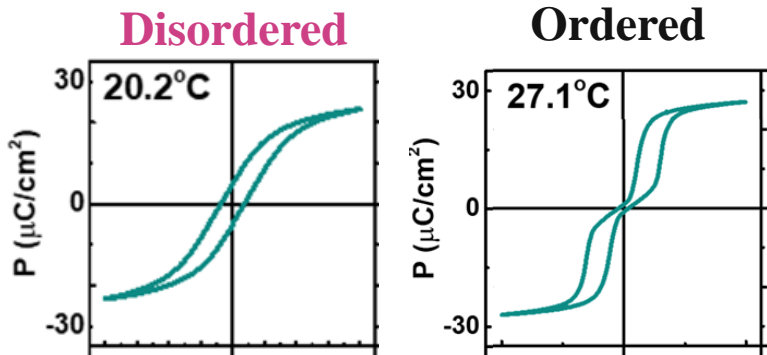


# FREE ENERGY SIMPLE ANALYSIS

## Example on lead scandium tantalate (PST)

For large  $\Delta S$ , we need large  $\Delta P^2$

and small  $\epsilon$



Large  $P$  and small  $\epsilon$   
favour electrocaloric  
effect

As expected by Landau's model

$$\Delta T = \frac{T}{2\rho C_p} \alpha (P_{\max}^2 - P_{\min}^2)$$



# ANOTHER COMMENT FROM LANDAU

Legendre transform

$$dU = TdS + EdP \quad \longrightarrow \quad G = U - TS - EP$$

U: internal energy  
G: Gibbs energy

Maxwell relation

$$dG = -SdT - PdE \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_E = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial E}\right)_T$$

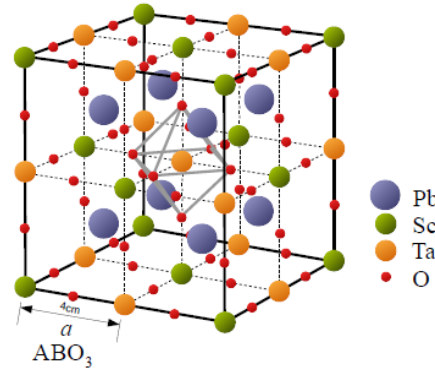
$$\text{isothermal } \Delta S = \int_{E_{min}}^{E_{max}} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_E dE$$

$$\text{adiabatic } \Delta T = -\frac{T}{c_E} \int_{E_{min}}^{E_{max}} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_E dE$$

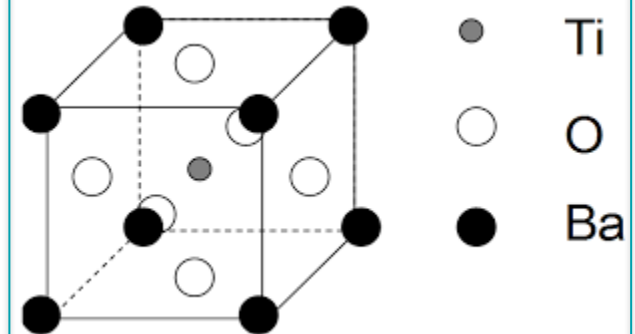
**The variation of P with temperature is the engine of electrocalorics**

# ELECTROCALORIC MATERIALS

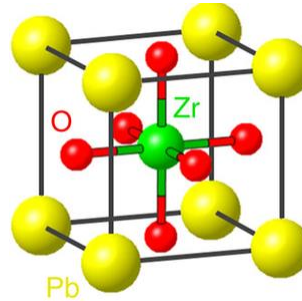
- Lead scandium tantalate
  - Probably the best EC ceramic
  - Phase transition at room  $T^\circ$



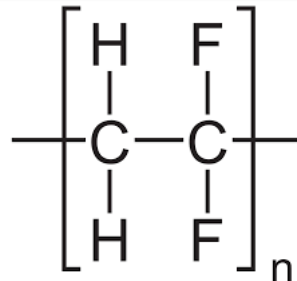
- Barium titanate
  - The lead free alternative
  - Phase transition at  $120^\circ \text{C}$



- Lead zirconate
  - Large  $<0$  EC effect



- Polyvinylidene Difluoride PVDF
  - Alternative to ceramics

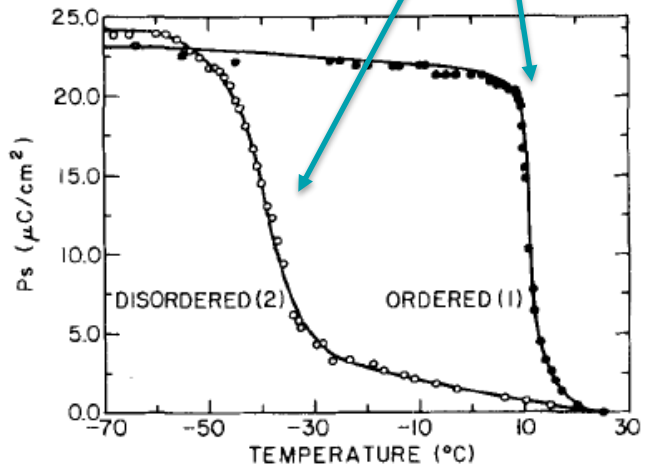


# LEAD SCANDIUM TANTALATE - PST

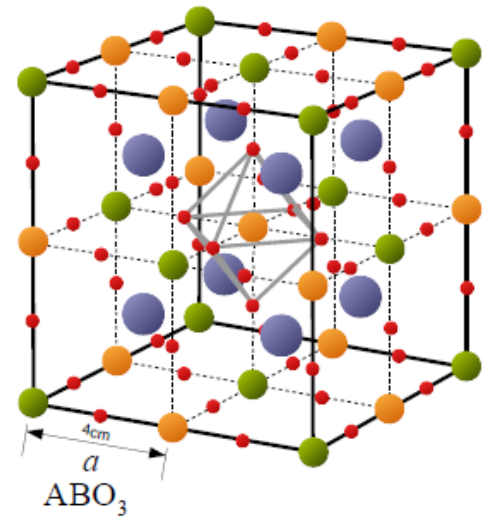
- Perovskite ABO<sub>3</sub>
- Ordered – regular alternance of Sc and Ta on B-site
- When ordered => 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition
- When disordered => ferroelectric relaxor

$$\Delta S = \int_{E_{min}}^{E_{max}} \left( \frac{\partial D}{\partial T} \right)_E dE$$

Steep => large  $\Delta S$



*N. Setter, JAP 1980*



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**The role of B-site cation disorder in diffuse phase transition behavior of perovskite ferroelectrics**

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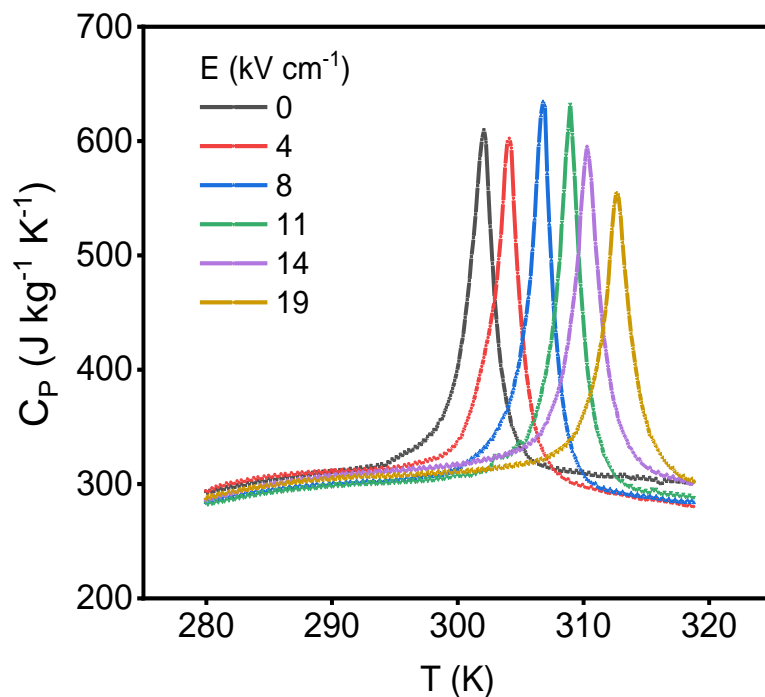
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# LEAD SCANDIUM TANTALATE - PST

## Calorimetry on PST bulk

- First order phase transition => latent heat at the transition
- Transition temperature depends on electric field (isofield DSC)



Max values

$$L = 1000 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta S = 3.4 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta T_{\text{adiab}} = 3.7 \text{ K}$$



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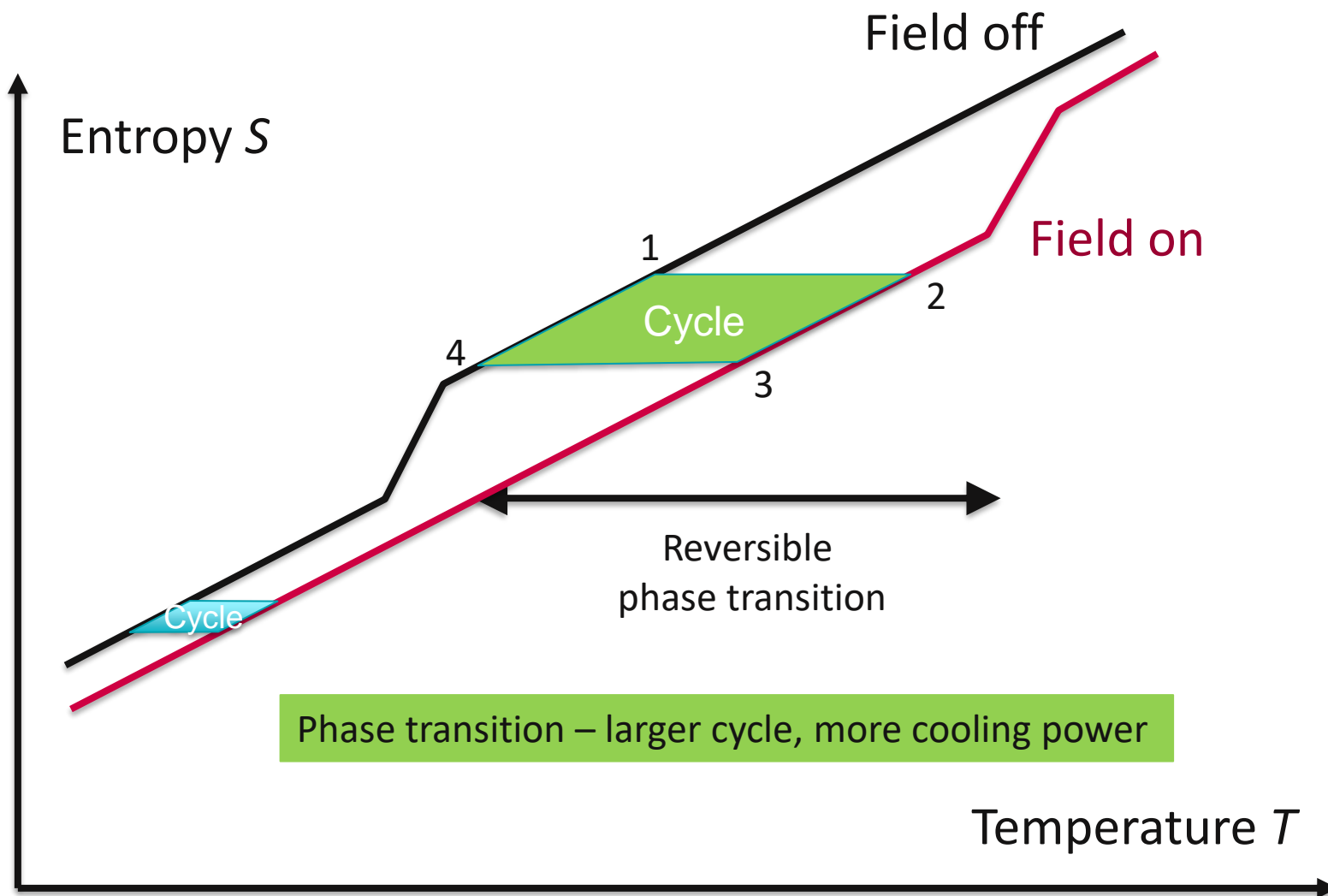
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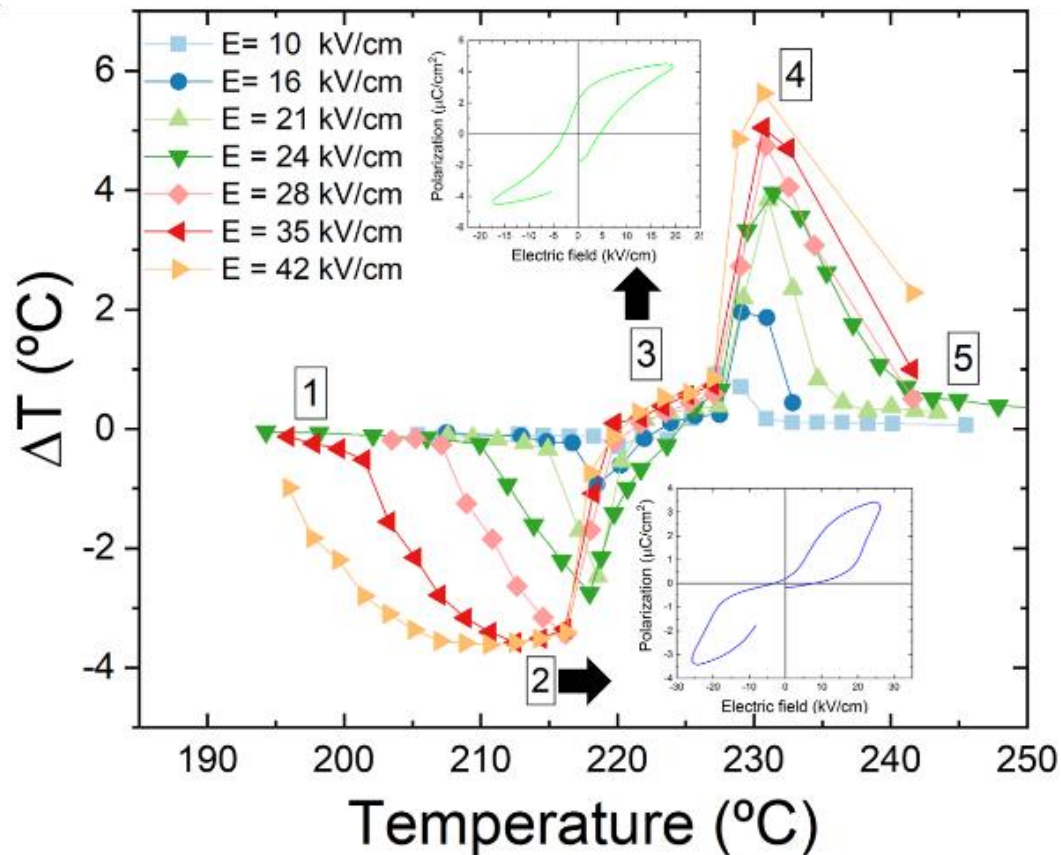
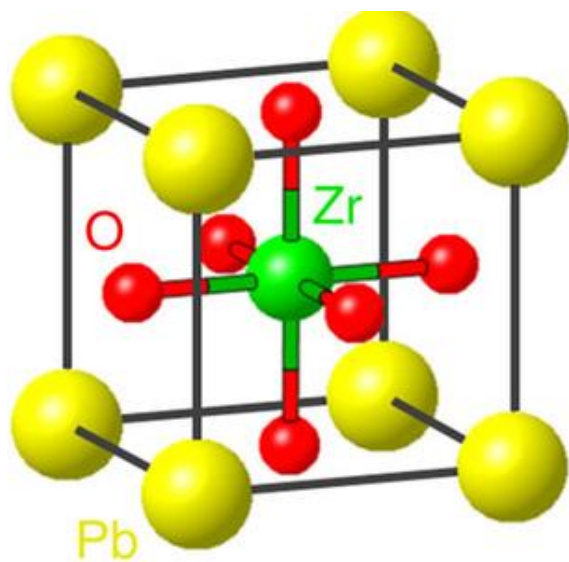
# LEAD SCANDIUM TANTALATE - PST

Entropy change with temperature at constant field (isofield)



# LEAD ZIRCONATE PZO

- Perovskite ABO<sub>3</sub>



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Positive and negative EC effects 20 K apart !

Origin of large negative electrocaloric effect in antiferroelectric PbZrO<sub>3</sub>

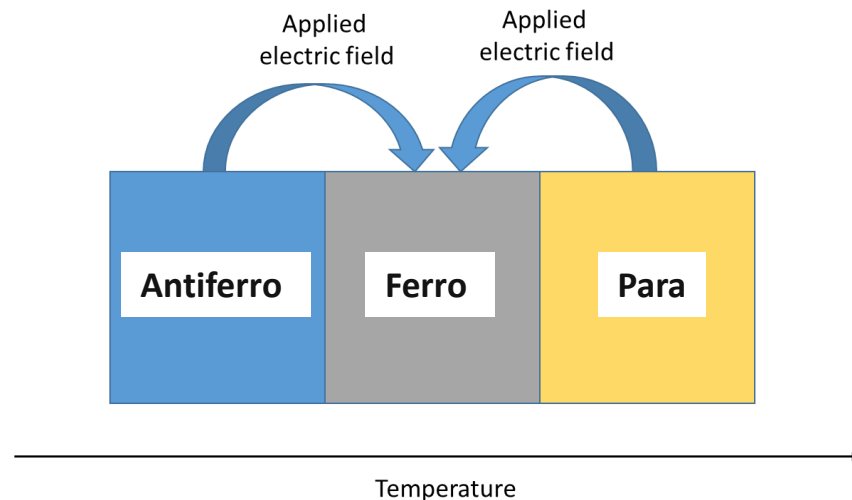
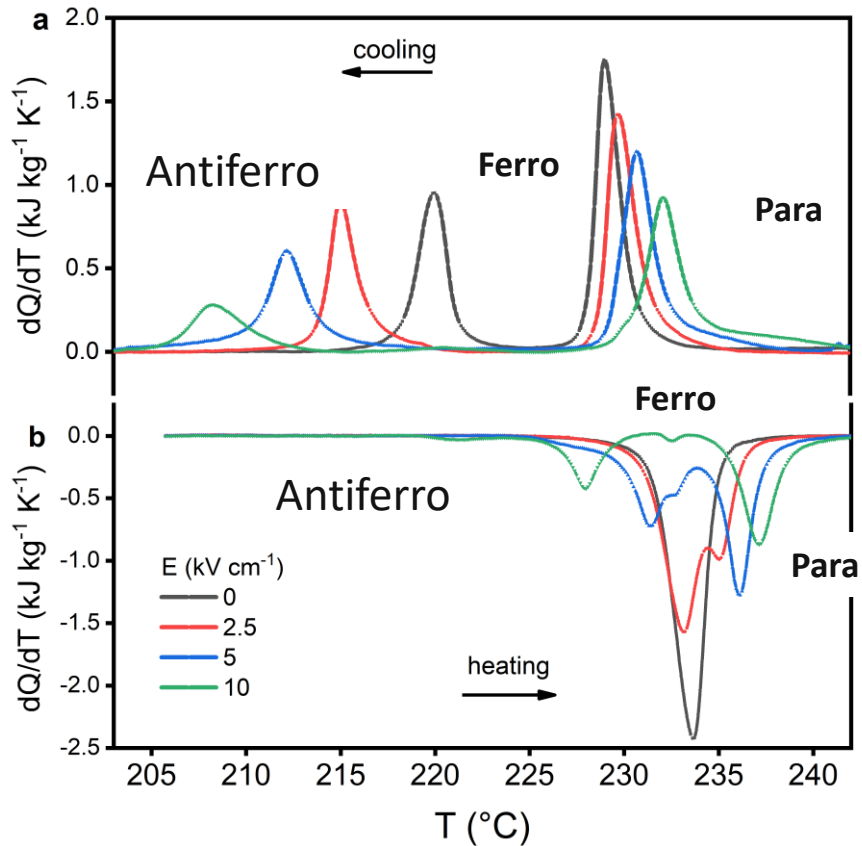
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# LEAD ZIRCONATE PZO

## Transition driven by EC field

- Differential Scanning Calorimetry

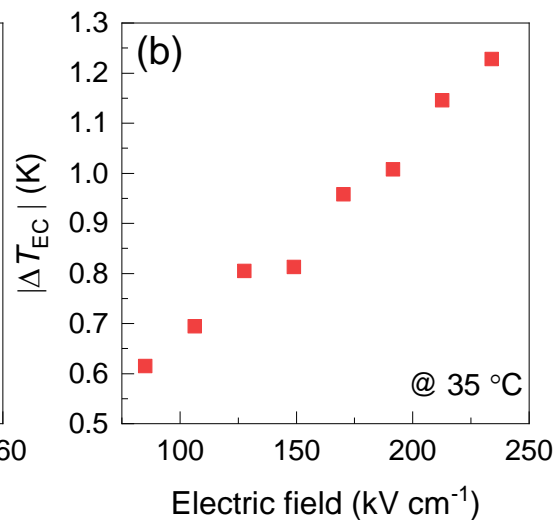
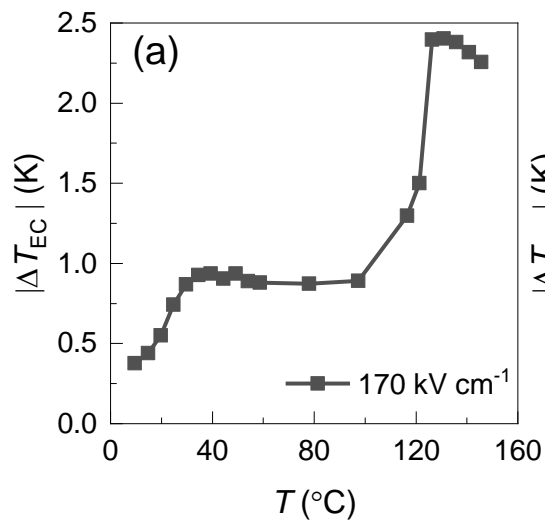
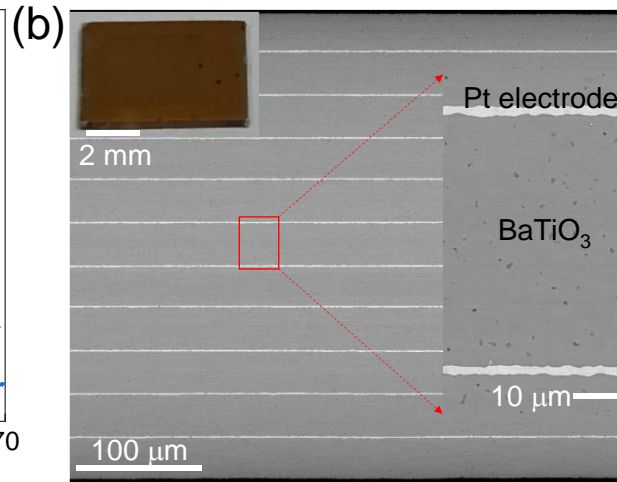
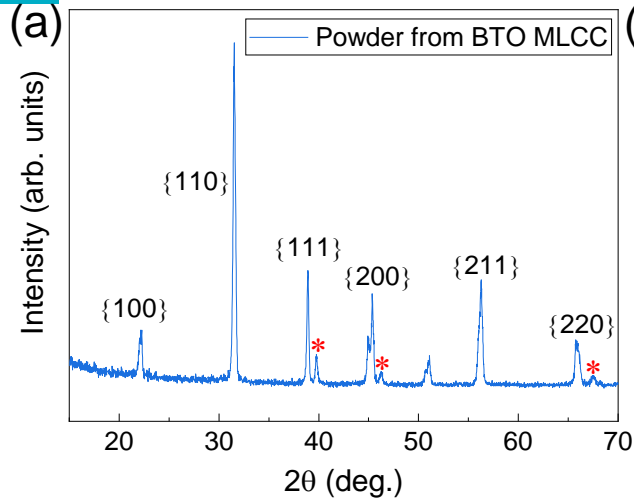
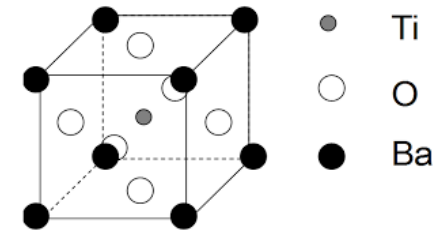


Electric field always brings to ferro !  
 antiferro to ferro => negative EC effect  
 Para to ferro => positive EC effect

Phase transition is key

# BARIUM TITANATE

## Recent work on multilayers made of BaTiO<sub>3</sub>



- $\Delta T$  max = 2.4 K @ 120  $^{\circ}\text{C}$
- $\Delta T$  max = 1.25 K @ 35  $^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Two phase transitions

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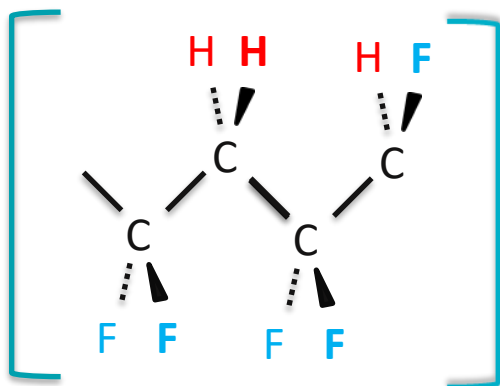
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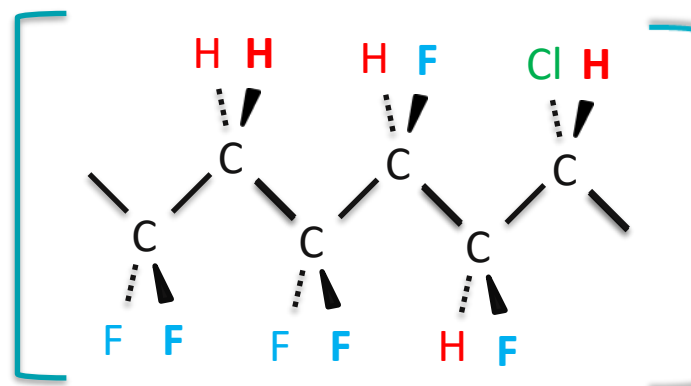


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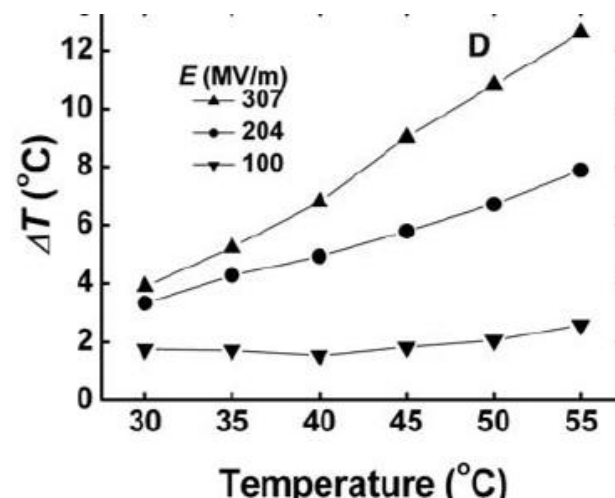
P(VDF-TrFE)



P(VDF-TrFE-CFE)



- Strong EC effect in P(VDF-TrFE) and P(VDF-TrFE-CFE)
- Neese et al., *Science*, 2008, Pennsylvania State Univ.
- $\Delta T_{\max} = 12 \text{ K}$
- $\Delta S_{\max} = 65 \text{ J}/(\text{KgK})$
- Electric field<sub>max</sub> = 3MV/cm



**Science**

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Large Electrocaloric Effect in Ferroelectric Polymers Near Room Temperature  
Bret Neese, et al.  
*Science* **321**, 821 (2008);  
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# Electrocalorics comparison

Material		PZT 95/5	P(VDF-TrFE)
Reference		<i>Mischenko, Science 2006</i>	<i>Neese et al., Science, 2008</i>
$ \Delta S_m $	[J K <sup>-1</sup> kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	8	65
$ \Delta S_v $	[kJ K <sup>-1</sup> m <sup>-3</sup> ]	62	97
$ \Delta T $	[K]	12	12
$ \Delta E $	[kV cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	480	3000
$\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0$ max	[-]	750	70
$T_C$	[°C]	222	80

10 x more entropy change in polymers for the same mass



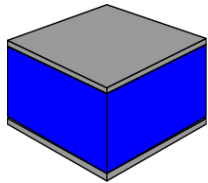
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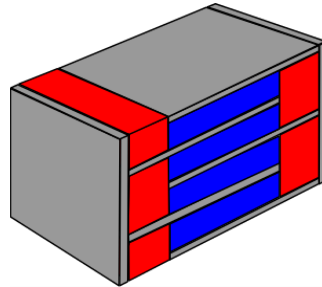
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# A KEY ELEMENT – MULTILAYER CAPACITORS

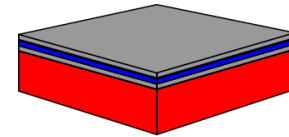
- EC active material
- Inactive material
- Electrode material



Bulk



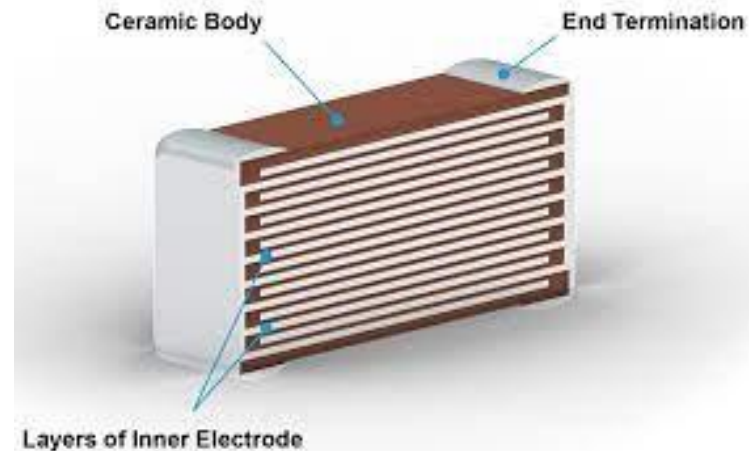
Multi-Layer Capacitor (MLC)



Thin/Thick Film

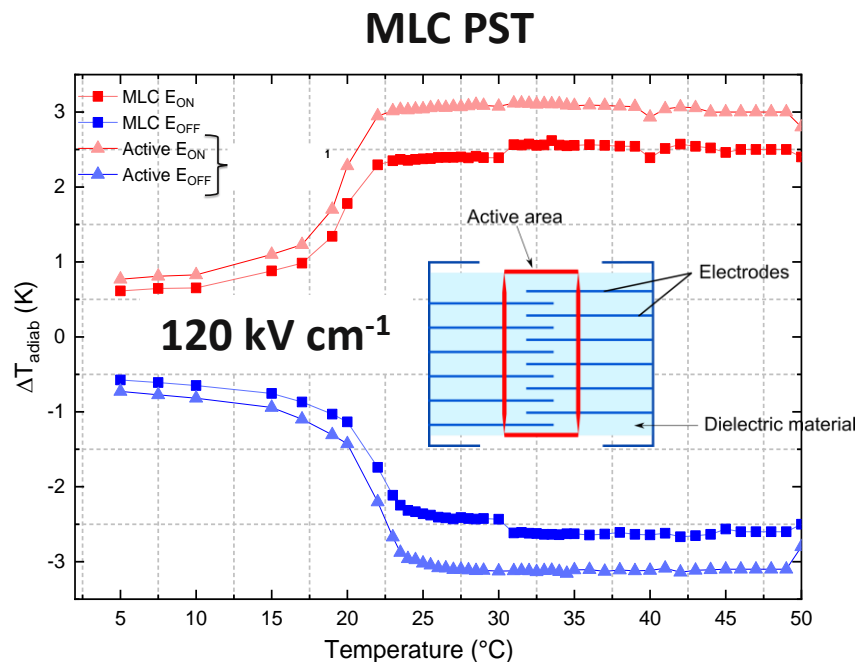
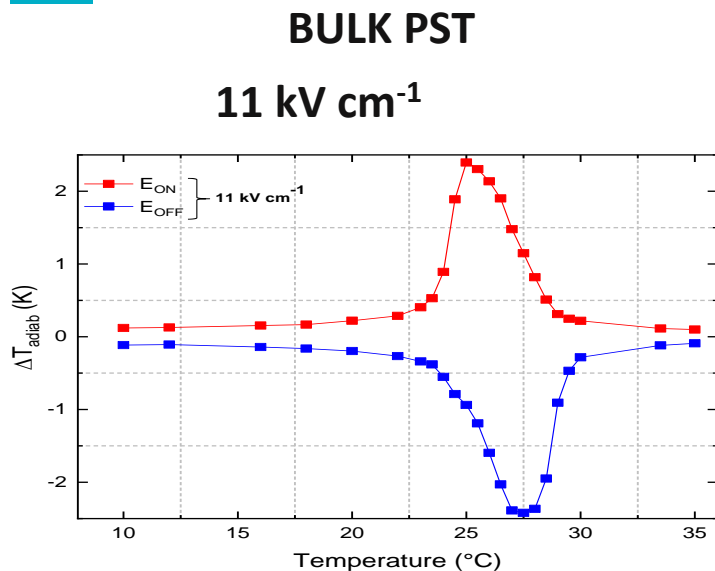
## MLCs combine bulk and films properties

- Macroscopic object
- Large field can be applied (supercritical regime)
- Inner metal electrodes increase effective thermal conductivity



Best samples for electrocaloric prototypes

# MLC BEHAVIOUR COMPARED TO BULK



- Much larger field applied in MLC
- Much larger active temperature range in MLC
- Similar heat generated



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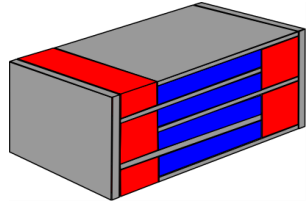
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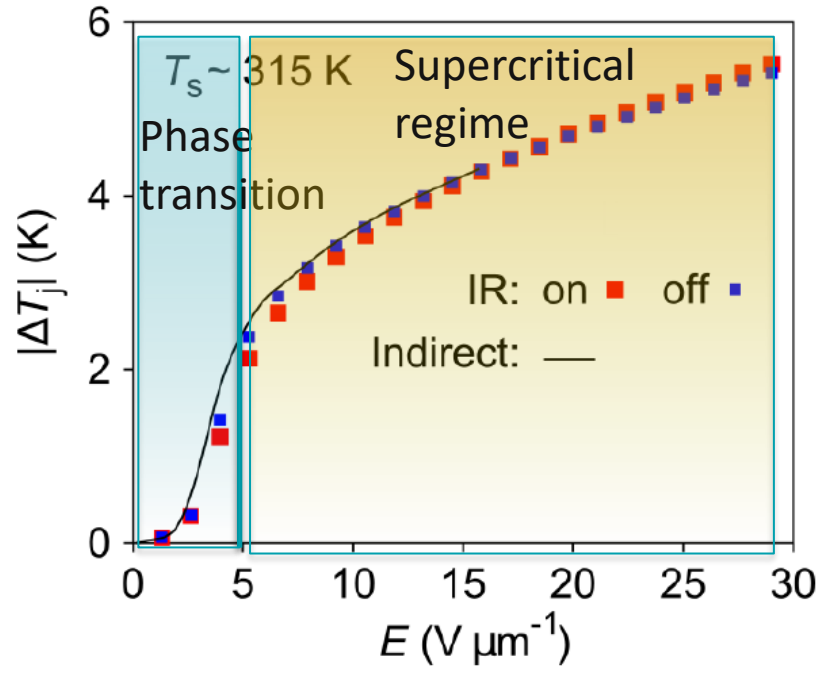


# ROLE OF PHASE TRANSITIONS ON EC EFFECT

## Example on PST multilayer capacitors (MLCs)



- Two regimes in  $\Delta T = f(\text{electric field})$  at constant temperature



Article  
**Large electrocaloric effects in oxide multilayer capacitors over a wide temperature range**  
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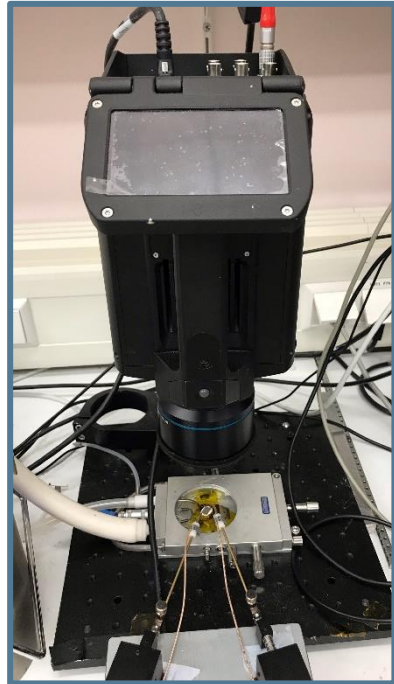
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MLC PST  
 $\Delta T$  max = 5.5 K

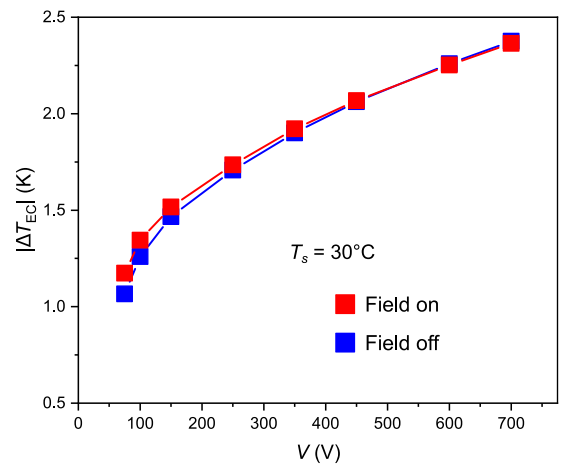
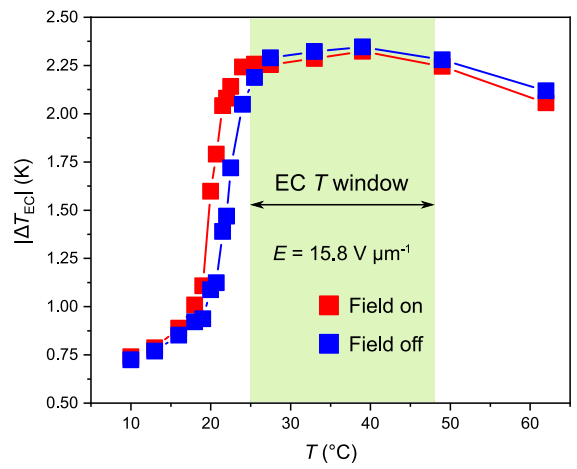
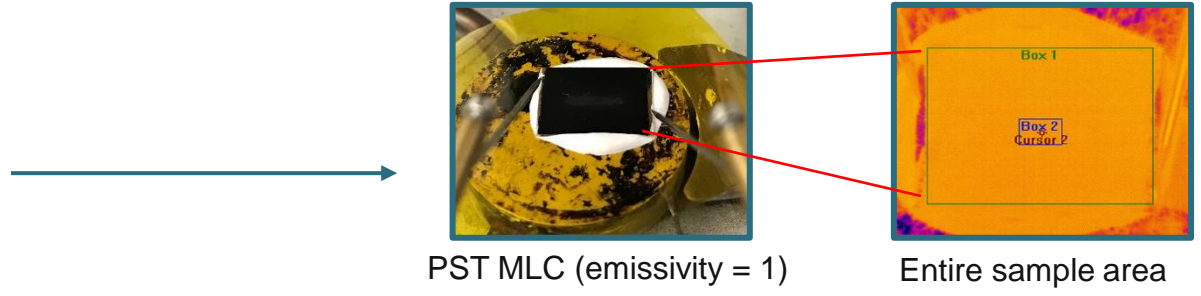


# ELECTROCALORIC CHARACTERIZATION

## Direct method (IR imaging)



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$\Delta T_{EC} = 2.2 \text{ K}$  from 25 to 50 °C at 600 V

### Other means

- Thermocouple directly on devices (big samples)
- DSC (big samples)
- Indirect methods, from Maxwell (ergodic materials, thin films)

# Cooling Systems

## What do we need to build a cooler?

### 1 Cooling mechanism

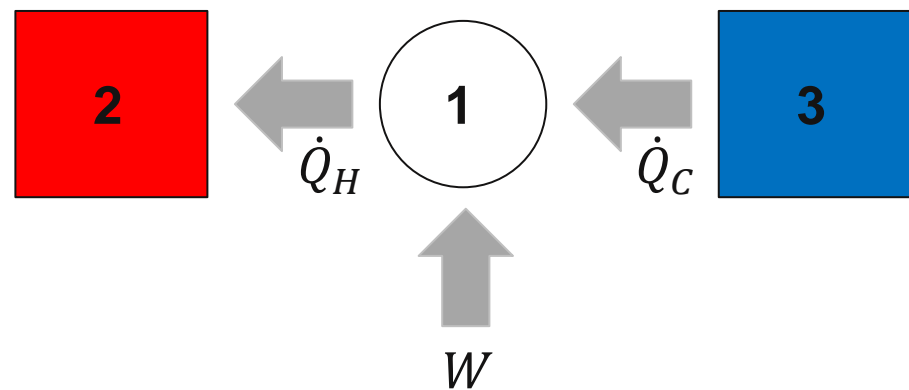
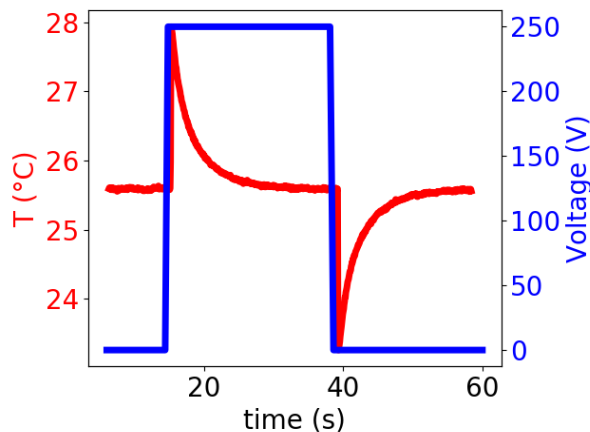
- Vapour compression / expansion
- Electrocaloric Effect

### 2 Hot side

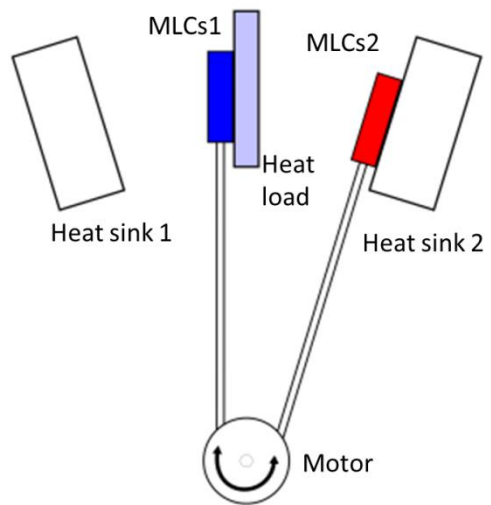
- To release the heat generated by the active material to the surroundings.

### 3 Cold side

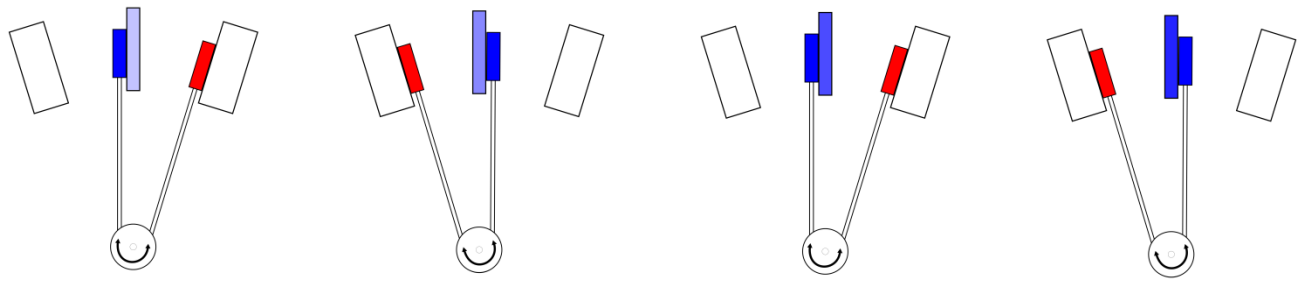
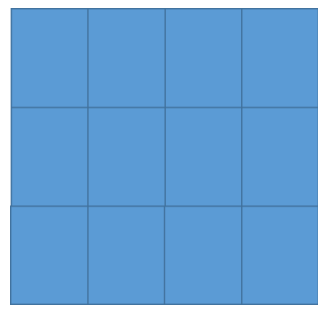
- The active material is cooled down and absorbs heat from a cooling load.



# THE SLAPPING MACHINE



2 plates of 12 BaTiO<sub>3</sub> MLCs  
(3 x 4)



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## Enhanced electrocaloric efficiency via energy recovery

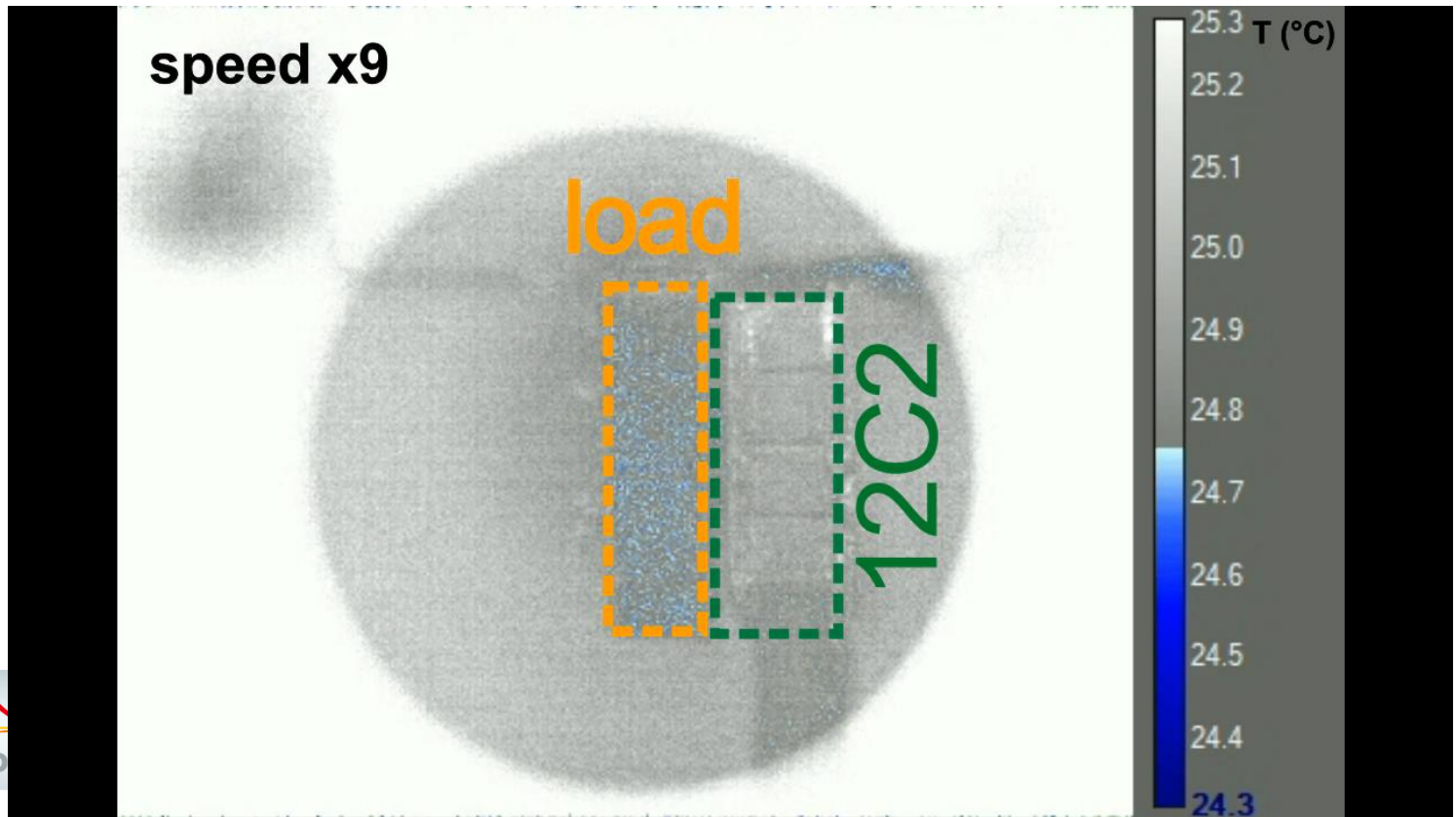
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# PROTOTYPE VIDEO

- Final  $\Delta T$  device = 0.35 K

## The slapping machine



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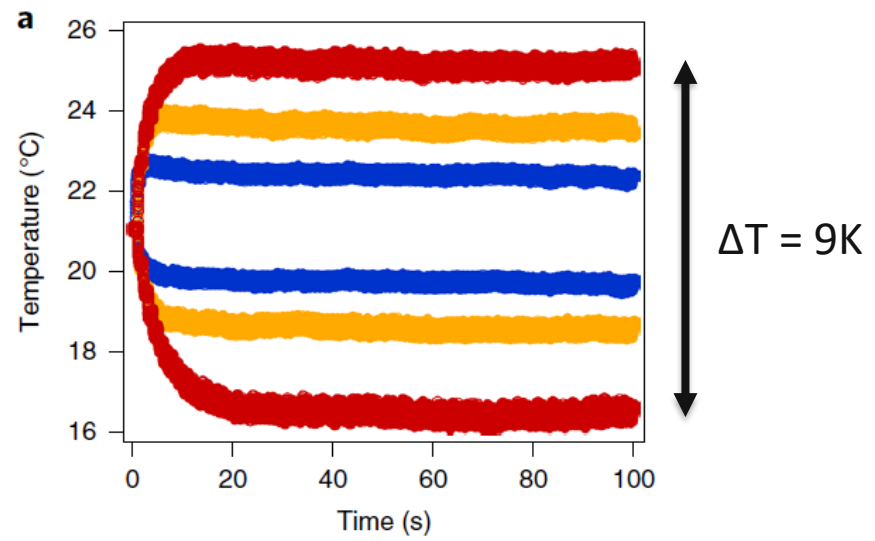
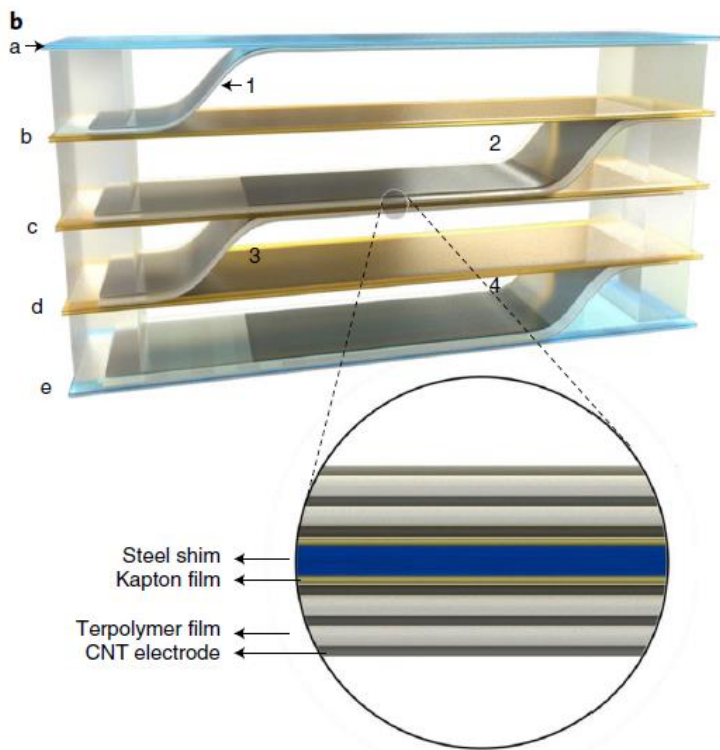
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# Cascading principle – “pass-the-parcel”



Based on PVDF  
Maximum  $\Delta T$  device = 9 K



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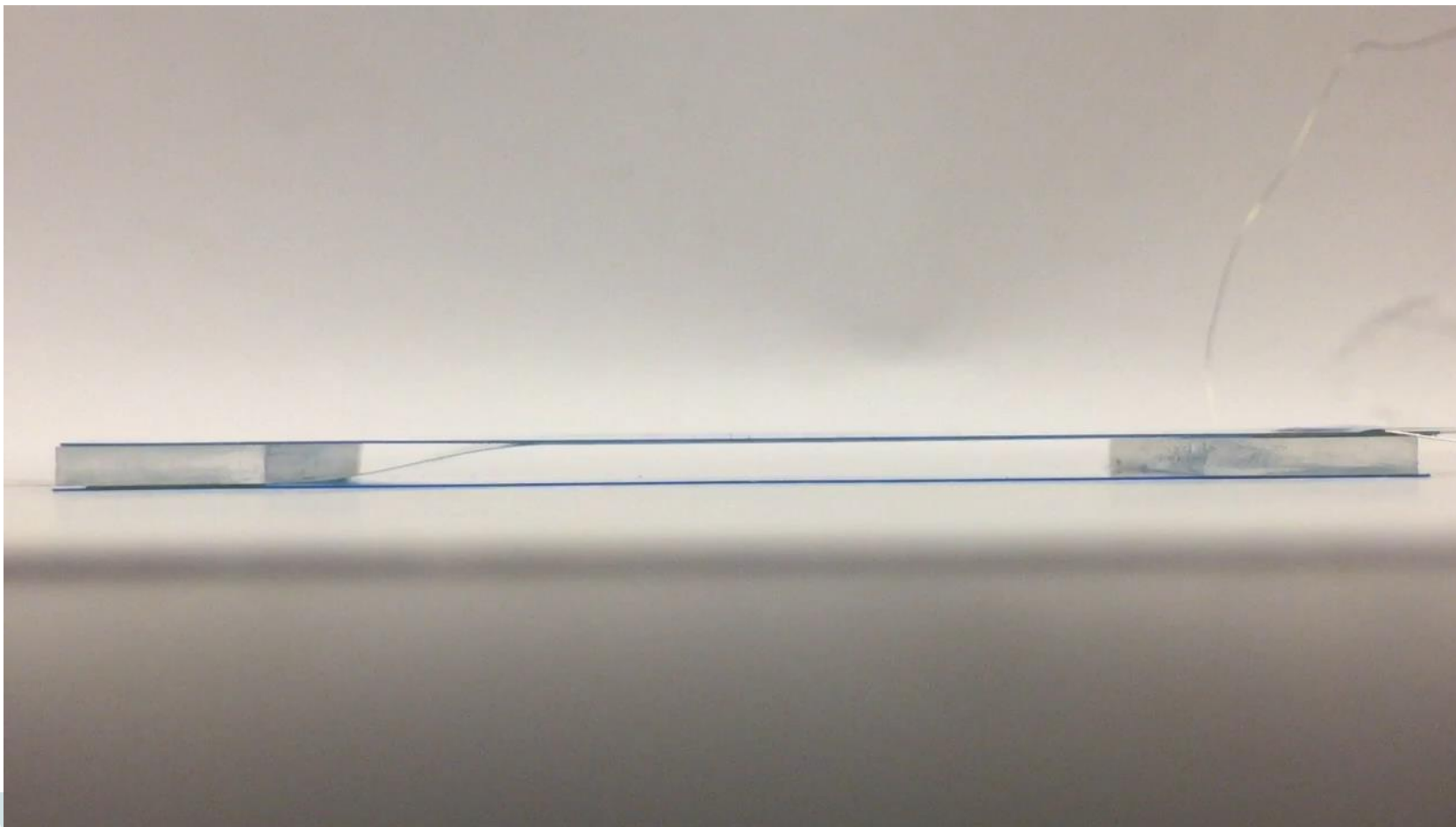
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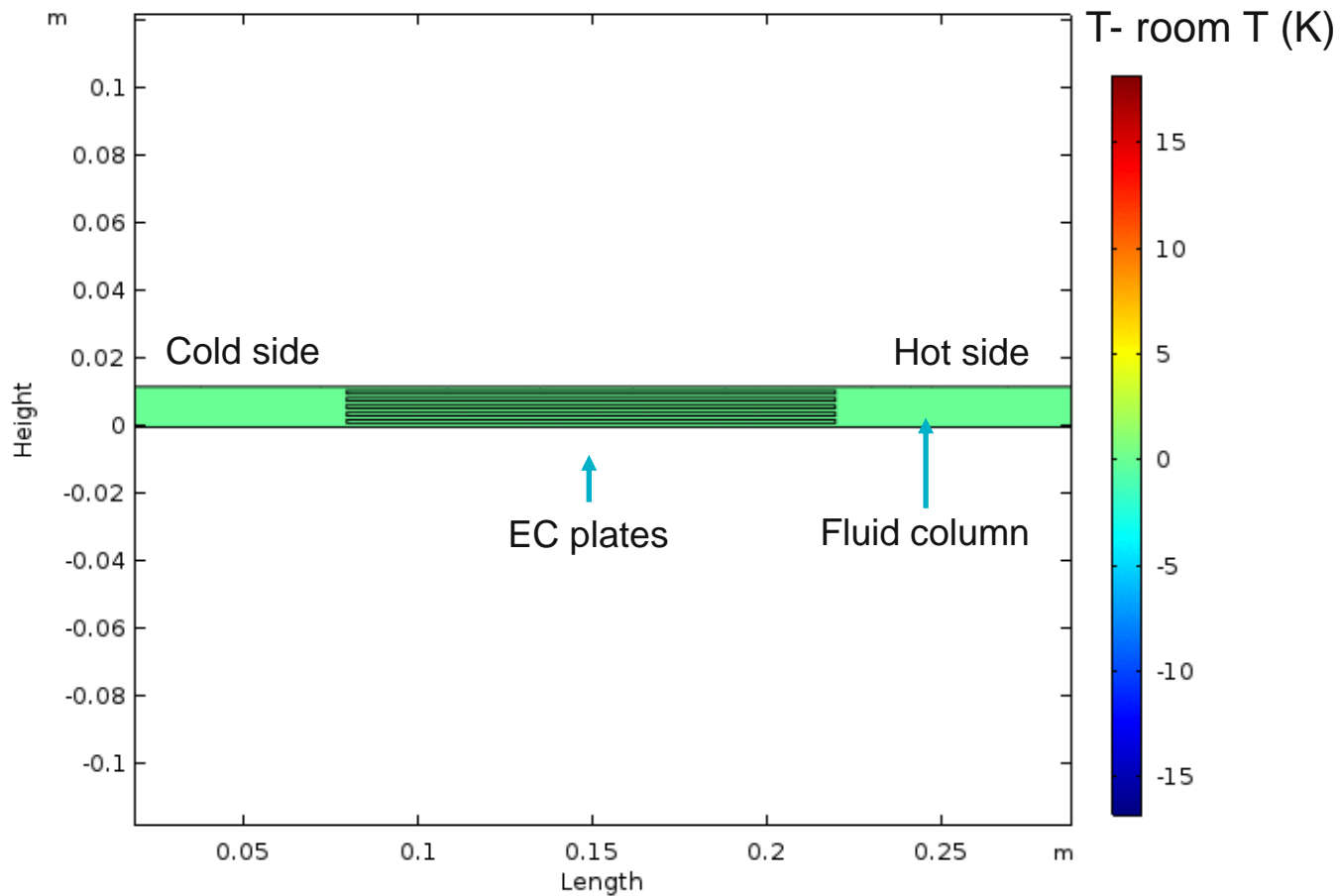
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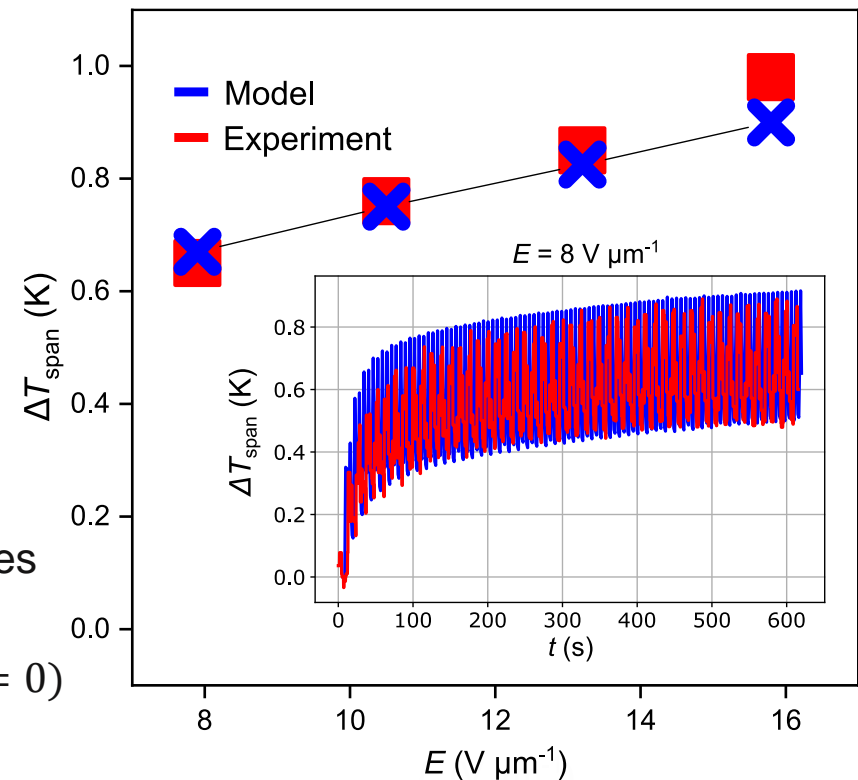
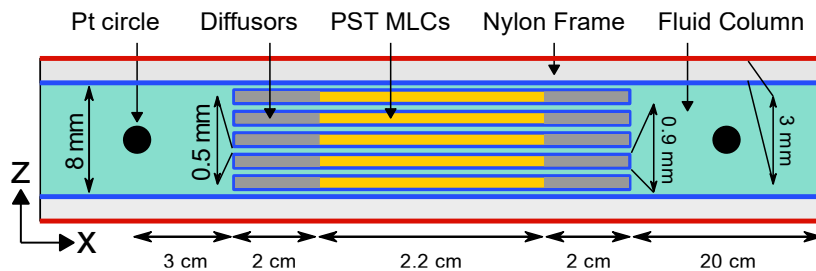
# Electrocaloric Cooling

## Fluid-based regenerators



# ELECTROCALORIC REGENERATOR – MODELLING

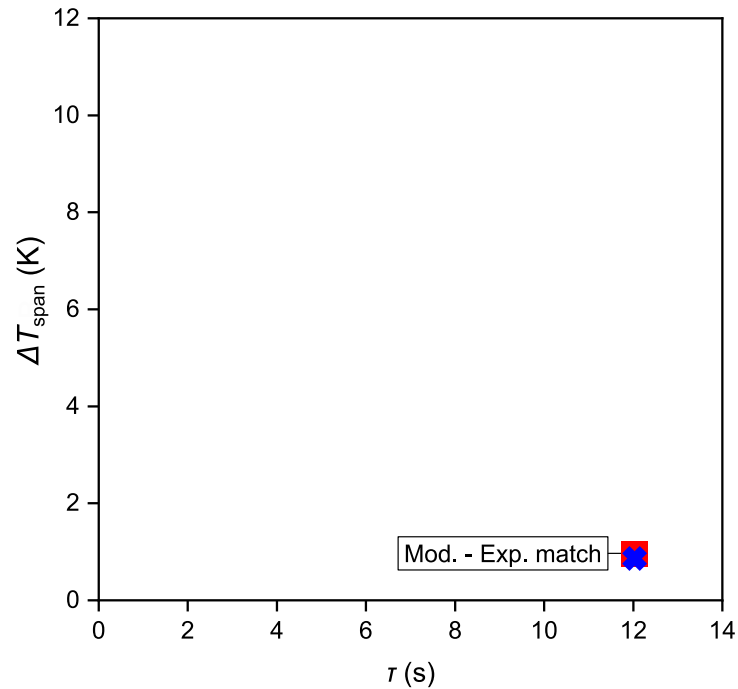
## 2D representation



- Coupling **Heat transfer** + **Fluid dynamics** modules
- **Adiabatic conditions** in the **exterior walls** ( $\frac{dq_{\vec{n}}}{dt} = 0$ )
- **No – Slip boundary** in the **fluid wall** ( $u_{\vec{n}} = 0$ ).
- **Average Temperature of Platinum Circle**

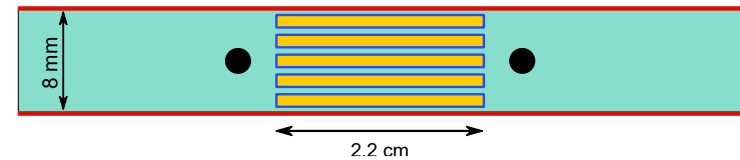
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## Road map

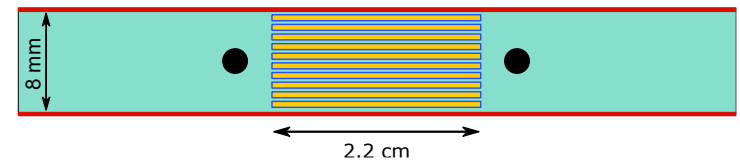


## Model configurations

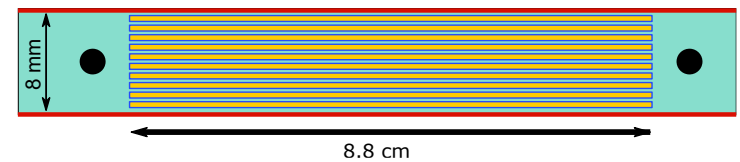
Less inactive mass



Increasing heat exchange area

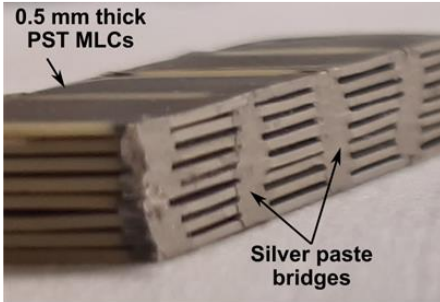


Enlarging length



# ELECTROCALORIC REGENERATOR – FABRICATION

## Self standing Parallel-Plate



- 128 0.5 mm thick PST MLCs (16 col x 8 row)
- Double-sided tape spacers
- Silver paste electrodes

## Shrinking Polymer tube to seal structure



## Gluing Polymer tube ends to fluid tubing

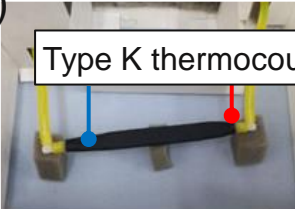



### Convenient solution

1. Negligible thermal mass
2. Minimum dead volume
3. Low cost, flexible structure

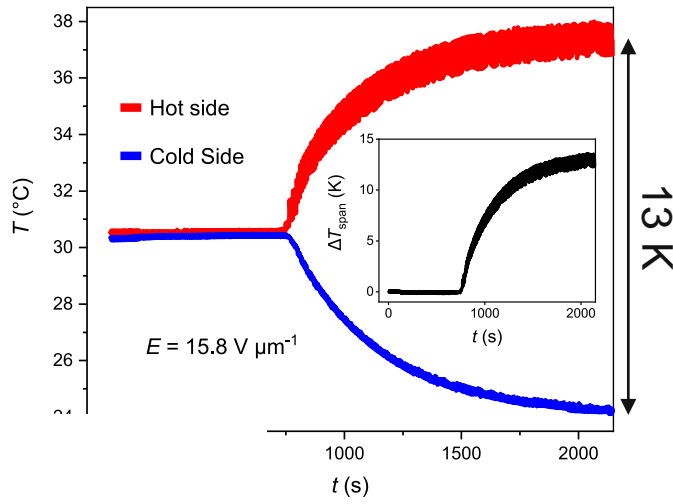
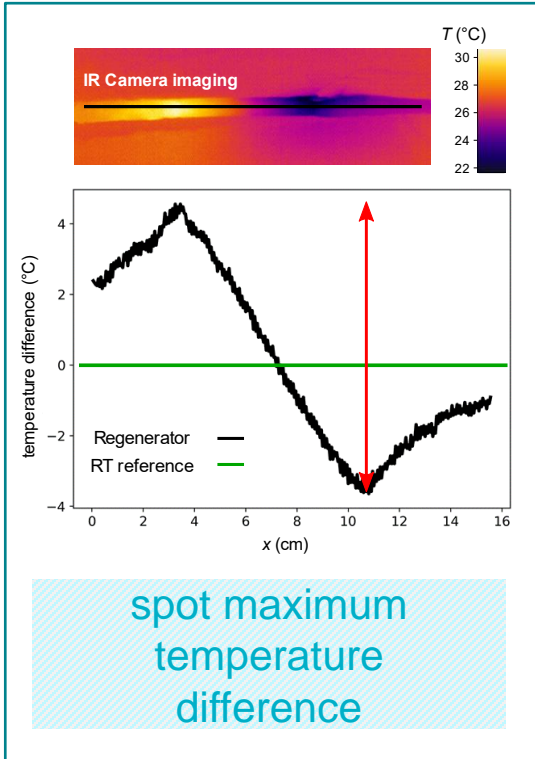
# ELECTROCALORIC REGENERATOR – RESULTS

## Final fabrication steps

1)  Type K thermocouples

2)  Polyurethane foam

3) In a box to ensure  $T_i = 30^\circ\text{C}$



temperature span larger than 10 K

What about cooling power?

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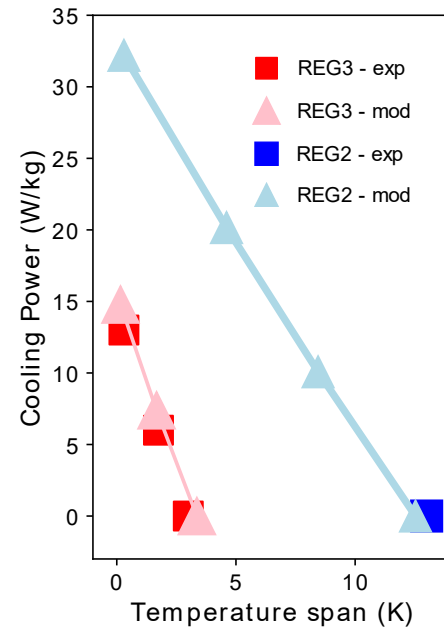
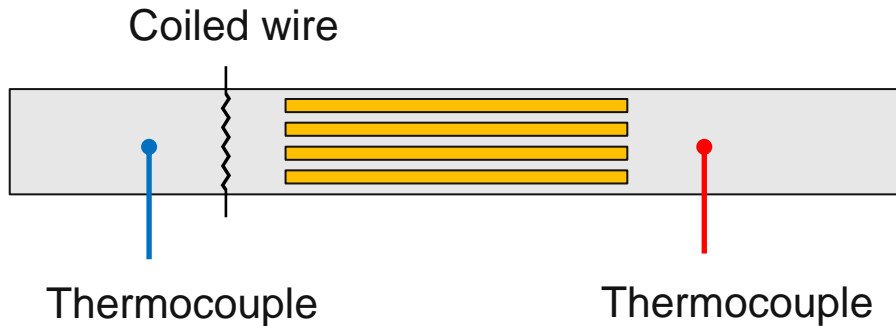
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# ELECTROCALORIC REGENERATOR – COOLING POWER

Coiled wire to act as a heat source in a 32 1 mm thick PST-MLC regenerator

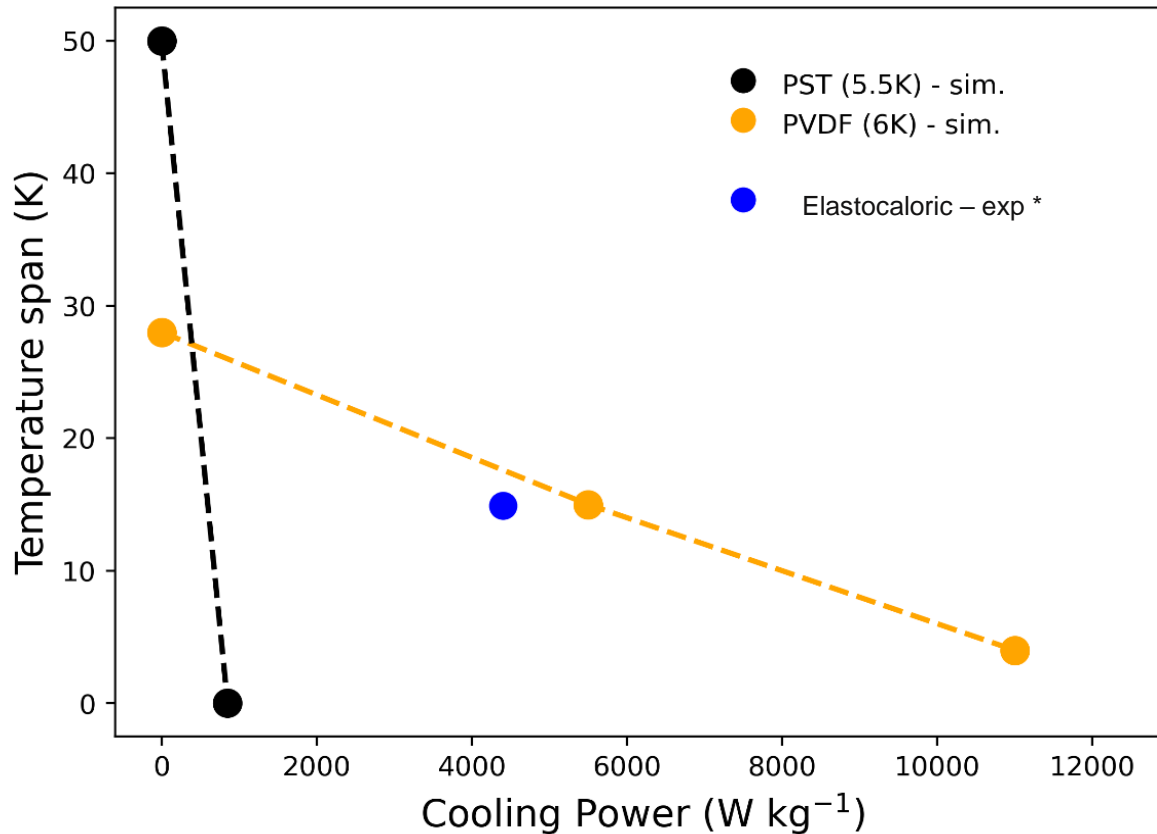


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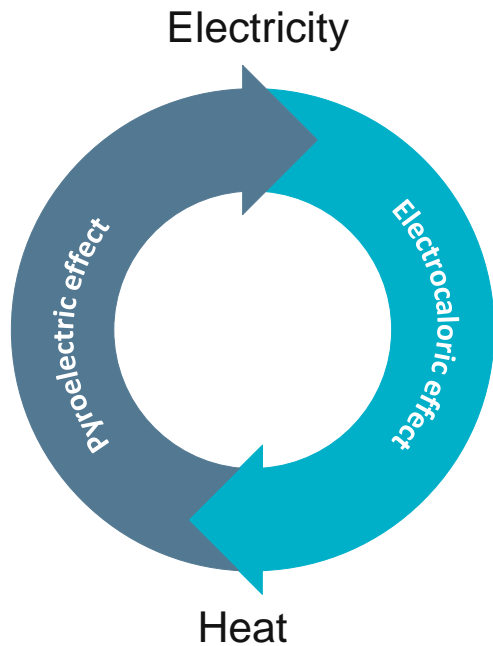
# FUTURE PREDICTIONS



- $\Delta T = 50$  K max with PST
- $\Delta T = 15$  K and cooling power =  $5500 \text{ W kg}^{-1}$  with PVDF
- Very large values !
- Main issue – heat exchange
- The potential is massive !

\*Z. Ahčin, ..., J. Tusek, *Joule* **6**, 2338-2357 (2022).

# PYROELECTRIC HARVESTING



How good are  $\text{Pb}(\text{Sc},\text{Ta})\text{O}_3$  multilayers at converting heat into electricity?

- Good electrocaloric materials must be good pyroelectrics

Pyroelectric coefficient

$$\Delta T_{EC} = -\frac{T}{C_E} \int_{E_{min}}^{E_{max}} \left( \frac{\partial D}{\partial T} \right)_E dE$$

Can we harvest energy in the Joule range?

- Scaling it up with macroscopic heat harvesting prototypes

# THE PRINCIPLE OF PYRO ENERGY HARVESTING IN CYCLES

- 1. charge a capacitance  $C$  at temp  $T_1$
- 2. disconnect the capacitance
  - => charge remains the same
- 3. heat it up to  $T_2$
- 4. discharge the capacitance at  $T_2$  (harvest)
- 5. cool it down to  $T_1$
- 6. charge it again in order to cycle

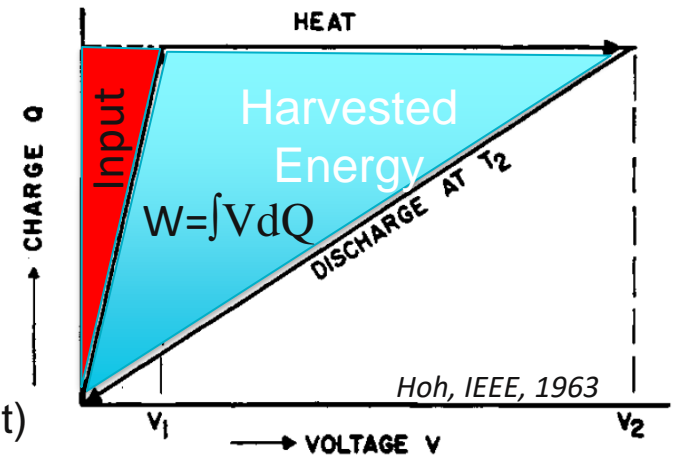


Fig. 7—Operating cycle of converter.



Need for large variation of capacitance  
Need for very low leakage

# PYROELECTRIC ENERGY HARVESTING IN CHARGE AND VOLTAGE

## Temperature oscillations with time

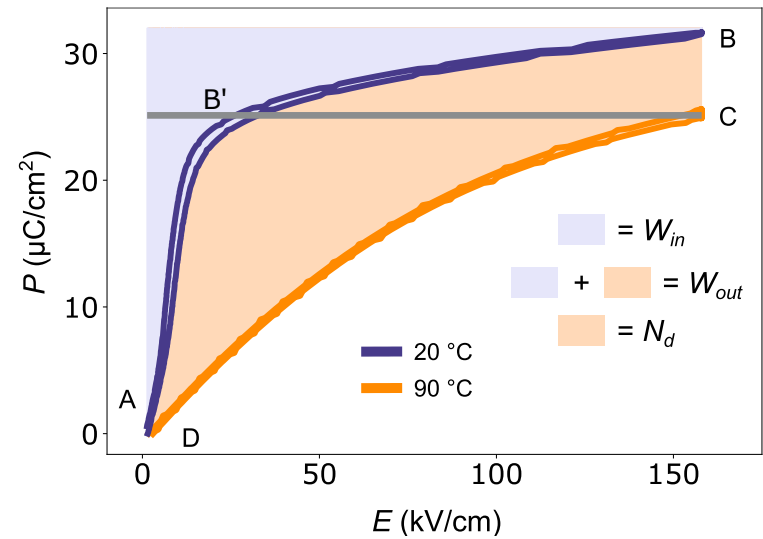
### Olsen cycle

**AB:** isothermal charge

**BC:** isofield heating

**CD:** isothermal discharge

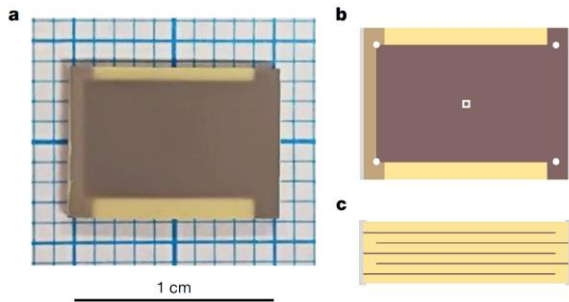
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# BUILDING A PYROELECTRIC HARVESTER

## 1. Pyroelectric material (electrocaloric)

PST-MLCs



B. Nair et al., *Nature* **575**, 468–472 (2019)

## 2. Temperature oscillation in time

(hot reservoir)

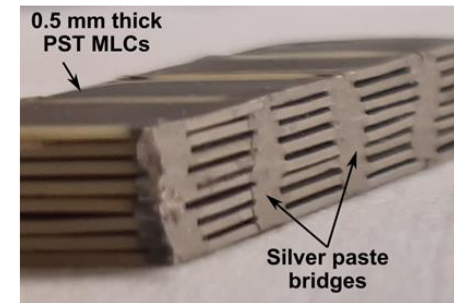


(cold bath)

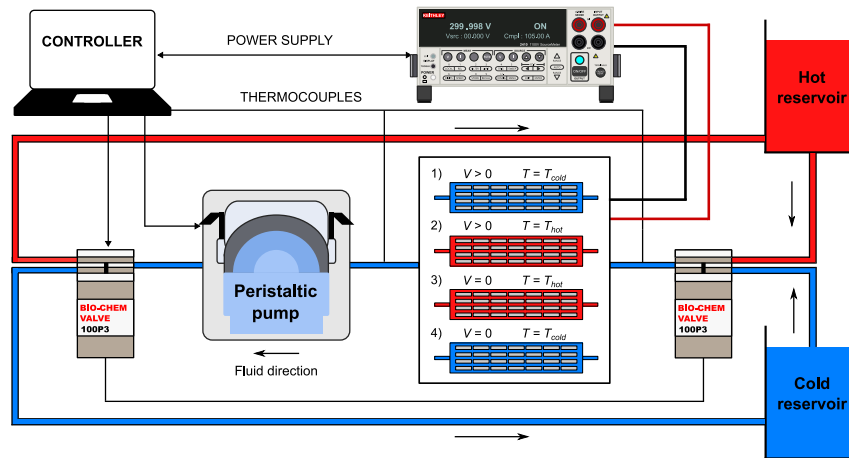


## 3. Efficient heat transfer

(dielectric fluid flowing through a parallel plate structure)



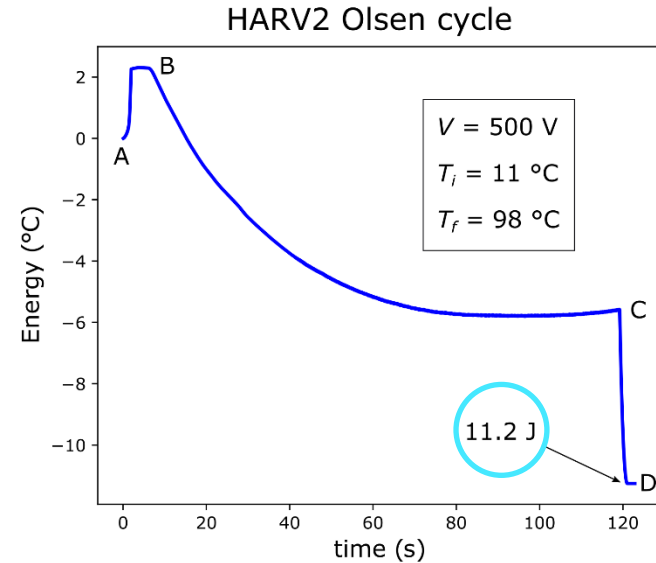
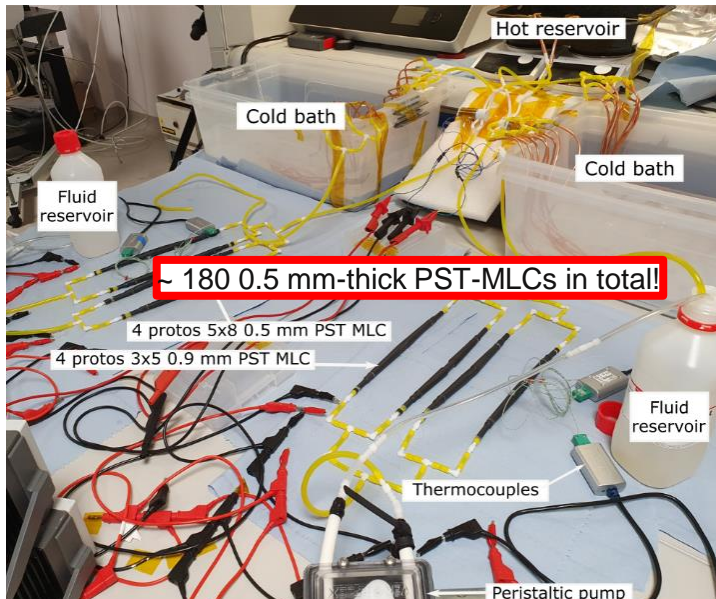
# EXPERIMENTAL SET-UP FOR ENERGY HARVESTING



28 1 mm-thick multilayers  
Parallel plate matrix: 7 col x 4 rows

One multilayer = 0.3 grams of active material

# OUR BEST RESULT



## Article

# Large harvested energy with non-linear pyroelectric modules

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11.2 J with 41.2 g of active material

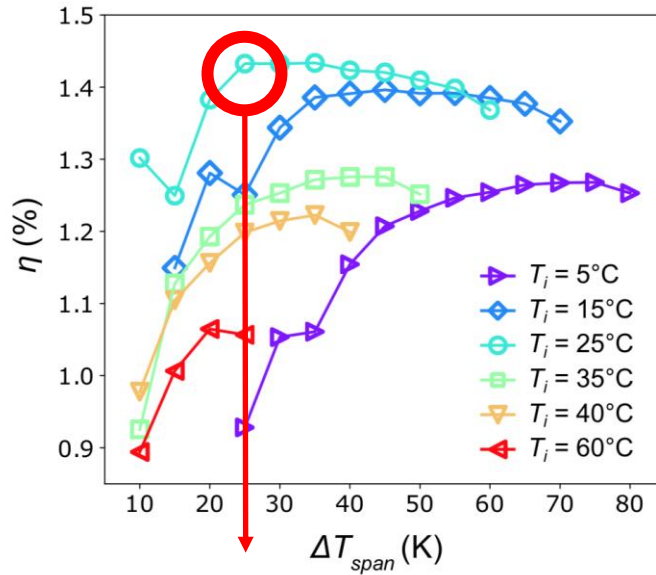
Harvesting Joules with grams



# Energy efficiency

$\eta_r$  = efficiency with respect to Carnot

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$\eta = 1.43\%$  ( solar panels  $\sim 20\%$ )

# WHAT CAN WE DO WITH IT ?

## Some ideas under investigations

- Autonomous sensors with heat energy harvester (already in the previous study)
- Energy harvesting for large facilities (steel factories)
- Energy harvesting in space (CubeSat project)
- Solar panels

## Main challenges

- Materials without lead and with phase transition
- Large heat exchange (water, designs)

# CONCLUSION

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- Large electrocaloric effect => large variation of polarisation and low  $\epsilon$
- Best electrocaloric materials => PST and PVDF
- Field-induced phase transition induces large EC effect
- Multilayer capacitors => excellent structure for prototypes (good material and large field)
- Best prototype : PST MLCs and fluid.  $\Delta T = 13 \text{ K @ room } T^\circ$
- PVDF and PST have a lot of potential. Alternative to PST required.
- Efficiency matters !
- The conjugated effect is also of interest – pyroelectric energy harvesting

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