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Multiferroic and magnetoelectric materials - fundamentals and novel developments

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Abstract:

The magnetoelectric (*ME*) effect, *i.e.* crosscoupling between magnetization ***M*** and electric field ***E***, and between polarization ***P*** and magnetic field ***H***, respectively, as envisioned by Pierre Curie was discovered on antiferromagnetic Cr_2O_3 only 50 years ago. The recent revival of the field is accompanied by a systematic exploration of multiferroic materials, whose coexistence of (anti)ferro-magnetic and ferroelectric long-range order promises to maximize the *ME* effect. Switching magnetization with electric fields at minimum heat dissipation comes into reach. Beside Cr_2O_3 the single phase *type I* multiferroic BiFeO_3 is a candidate for applications. Strongest *ME* coupling is presently realized in bi-phase multiferroics such as the stress-strain coupled composite PZT/FeBSiC. Much interest is focused onto *type II* multiferroics, which reveal electric polarization due to spiral (*e.g.* TbMnO_3) or modulated spin structure (*e.g.* HoMnO_3). My report will include disordered "*type III*" multiferroics, such as quantum paraelectric EuTiO_3 , relaxor ferroelectric $\text{PbFe}_{0.5}\text{Nb}_{0.5}\text{O}_3$, and the „multiglass“ $\text{Sr}_{0.98}\text{Mn}_{0.02}\text{TiO}_3$ with dominating nonlinear *ME* response.

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