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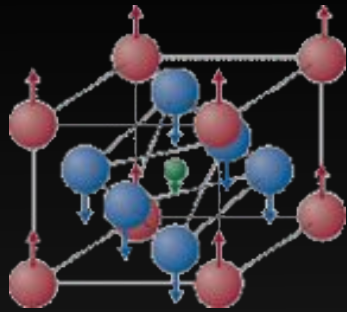
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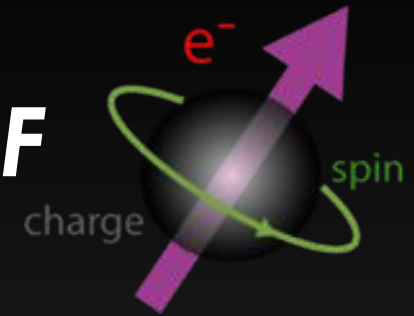
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**MULTIFERROICS:
ELECTRONIC DEGREES OF FREEDOM AT PLAY**

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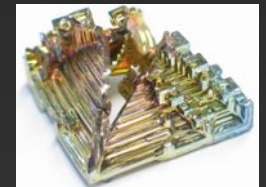


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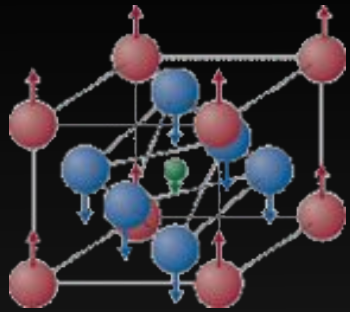
Project “BISMUTH”:

Breaking **I**nversion-**S**ymmetry in **M**agnets:
Understand via **T**heory



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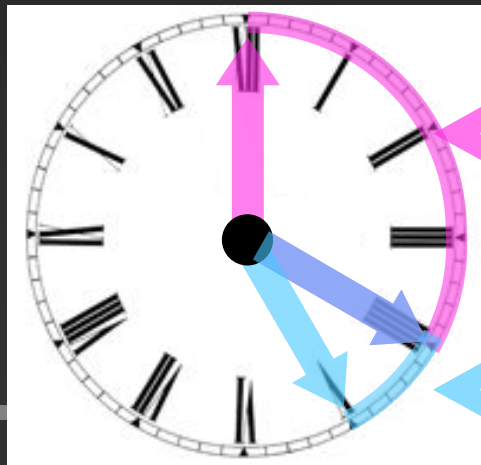
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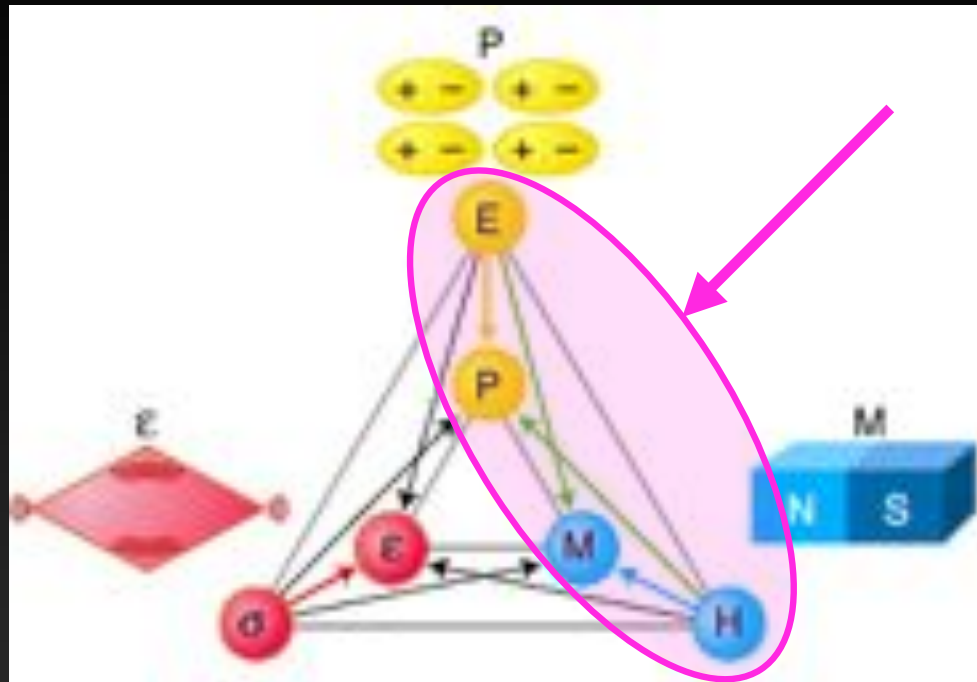
OUTLINE



Magnetically-induced ferroelectrics
Charge-order induced ferroelectrics

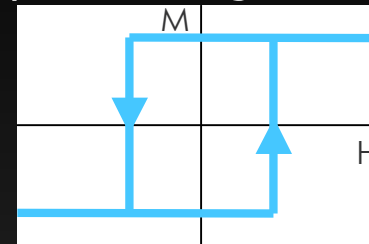
Emerging routes to ferroelectricity:
Organics & metal-organic frameworks

MULTIFERROICS & MAGNETOELECTRICS

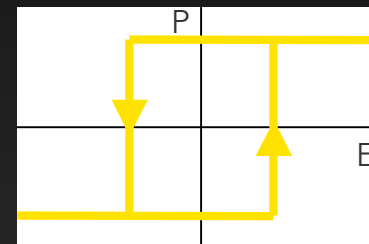


- **Ferroic:** P , M or ϵ are spontaneously formed to produce **ferroelectricity**, **ferromagnetism** or **ferroelasticity**
- **Multiferroic:** coexistence of at least two kinds of long-range ordering

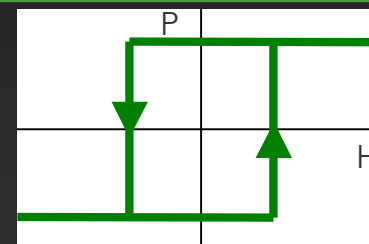
➤ **Magnetoelectrics:** Control of P (M) via magnetic (electric) field



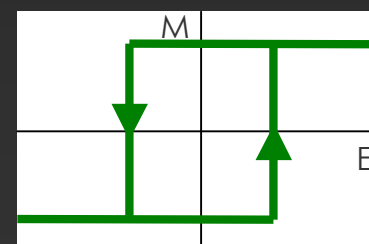
Magnetization
vs magnetic
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Polarization vs
electric field in
FEs



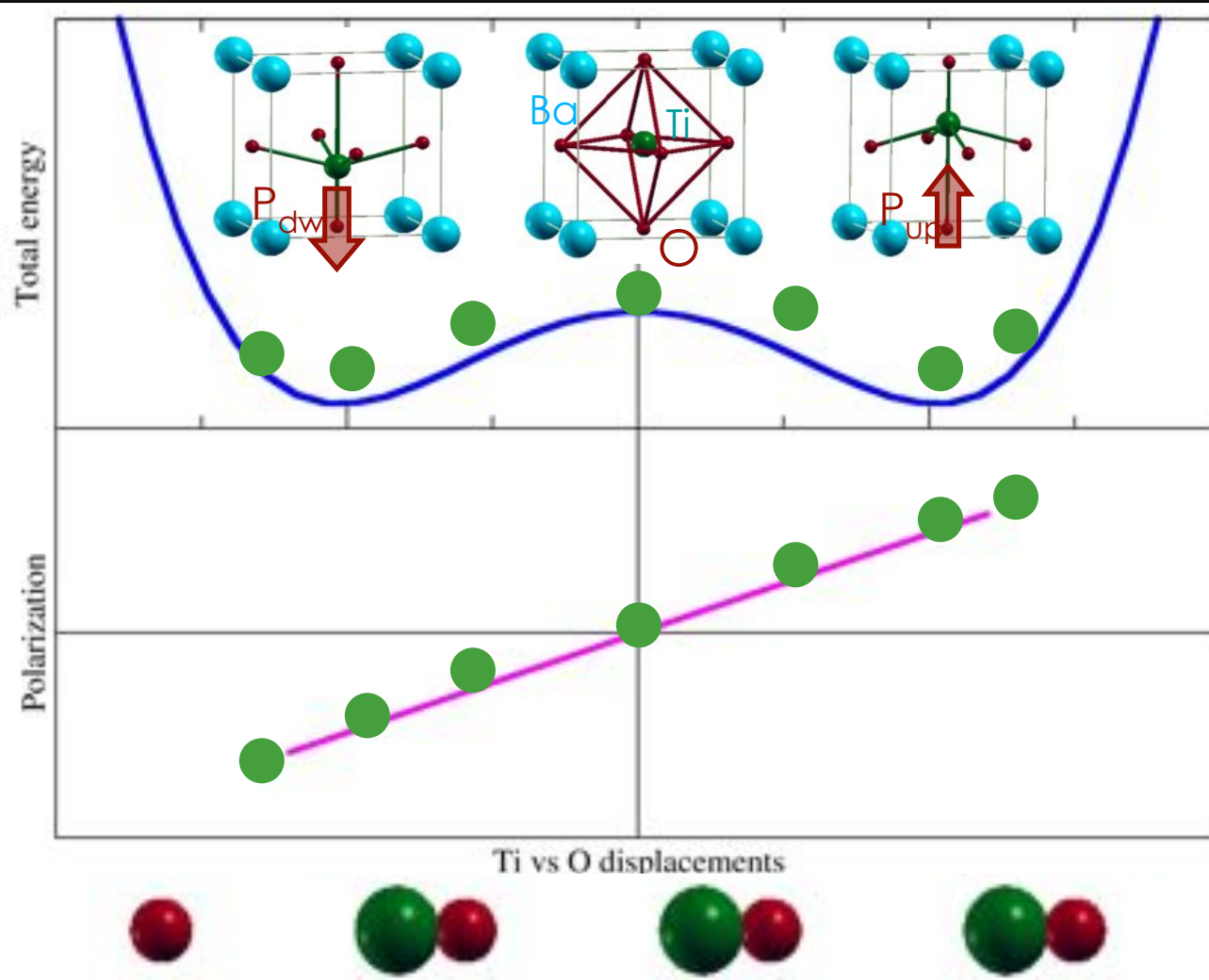
Polarization vs
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PROPER DISPLACIVE FERROELECTRICITY

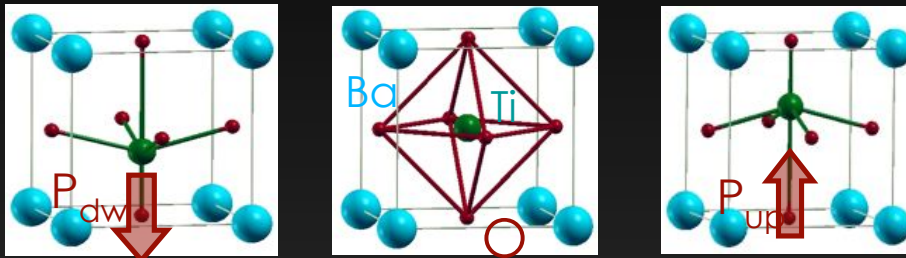
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- BaTiO_3 :
Up or down
displacement
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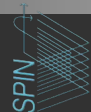
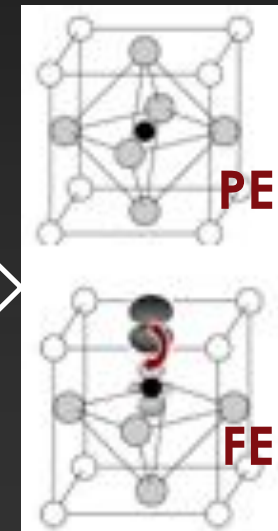
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NB: B is generally d^0 :
magnetism and FE
contraindicated
(N.Spaldin, D.Khomskii)

Hybridization:
Ti d (empty) -
O p states
“covalency-
driven”



BREAKING INVERSION SYMMETRY IN MAGNETS

Conventional

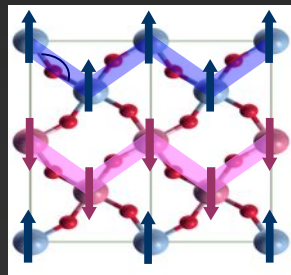
FERROELECTRICITY ↔ no Inversion Symmetry

Non-Conventional

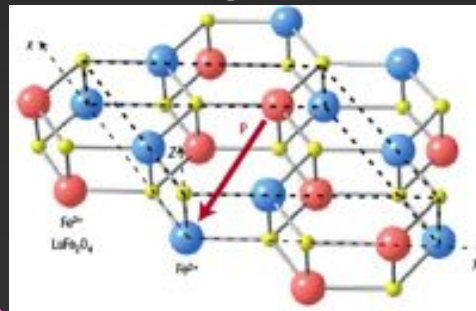
- “Proper”
- **Ionic displac.** break inversion symmetry (IS)
- “**Covalency**”-driven

- “Improper”
- **Electron degrees of freedom** break IS
- “**Correlation**”-driven

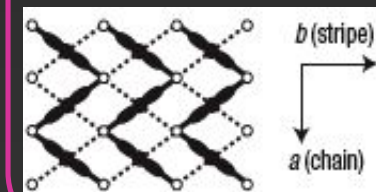
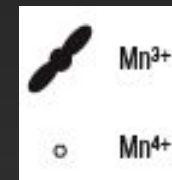
Spin-order
(some AFM or “spiral”)



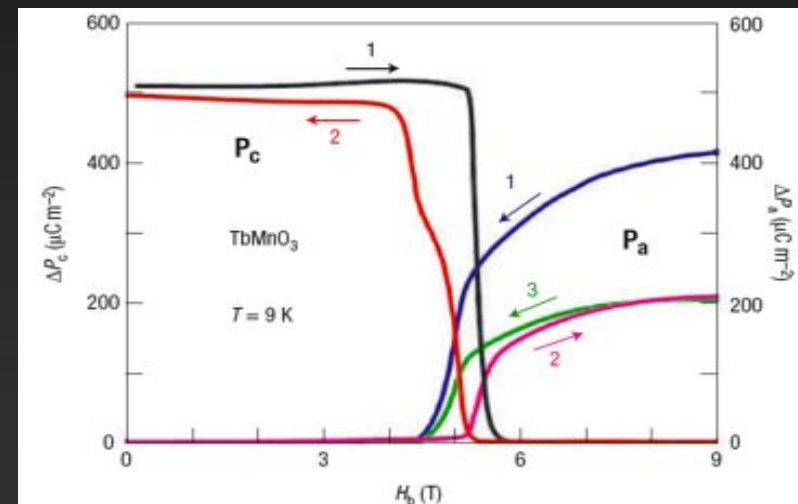
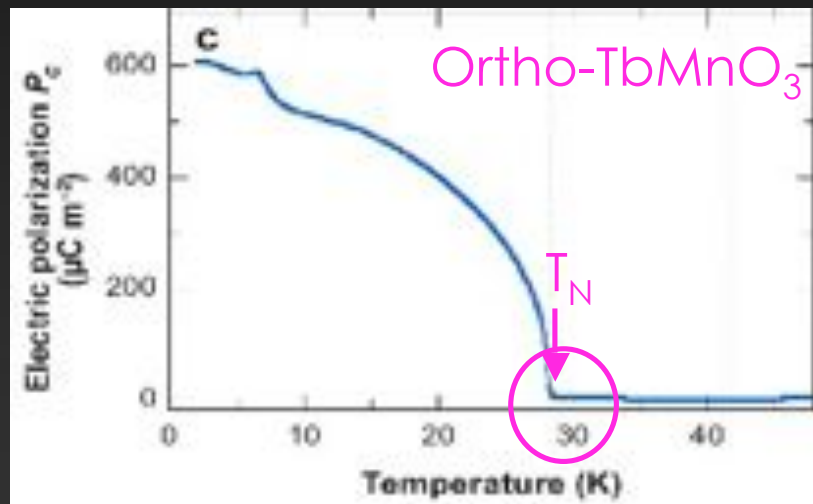
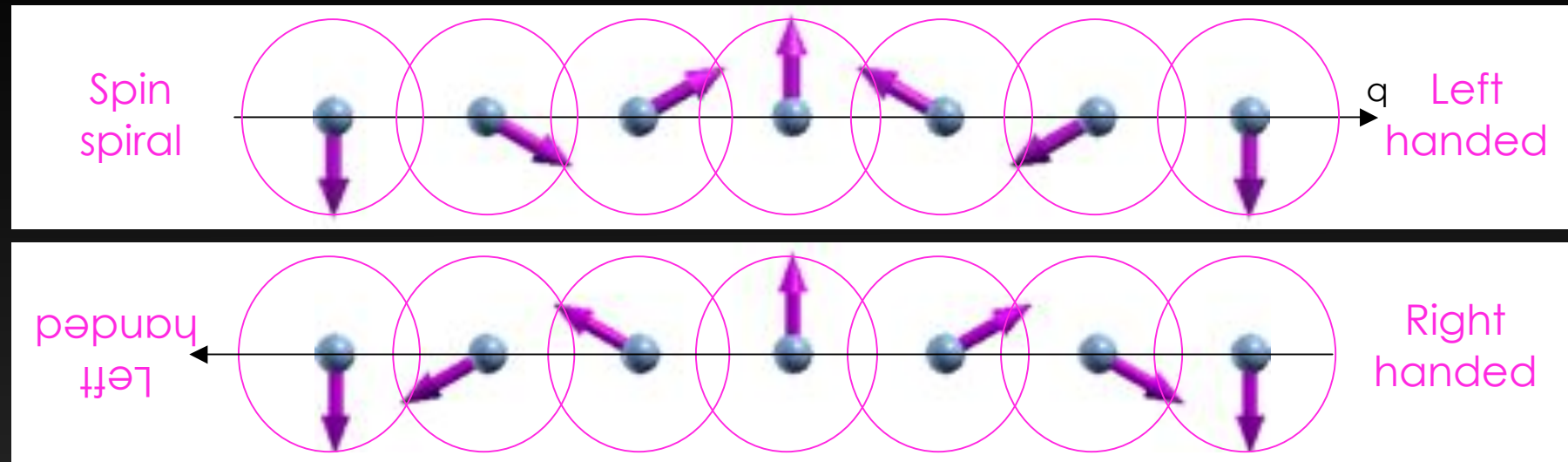
Charge-order



Orbital-order

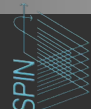
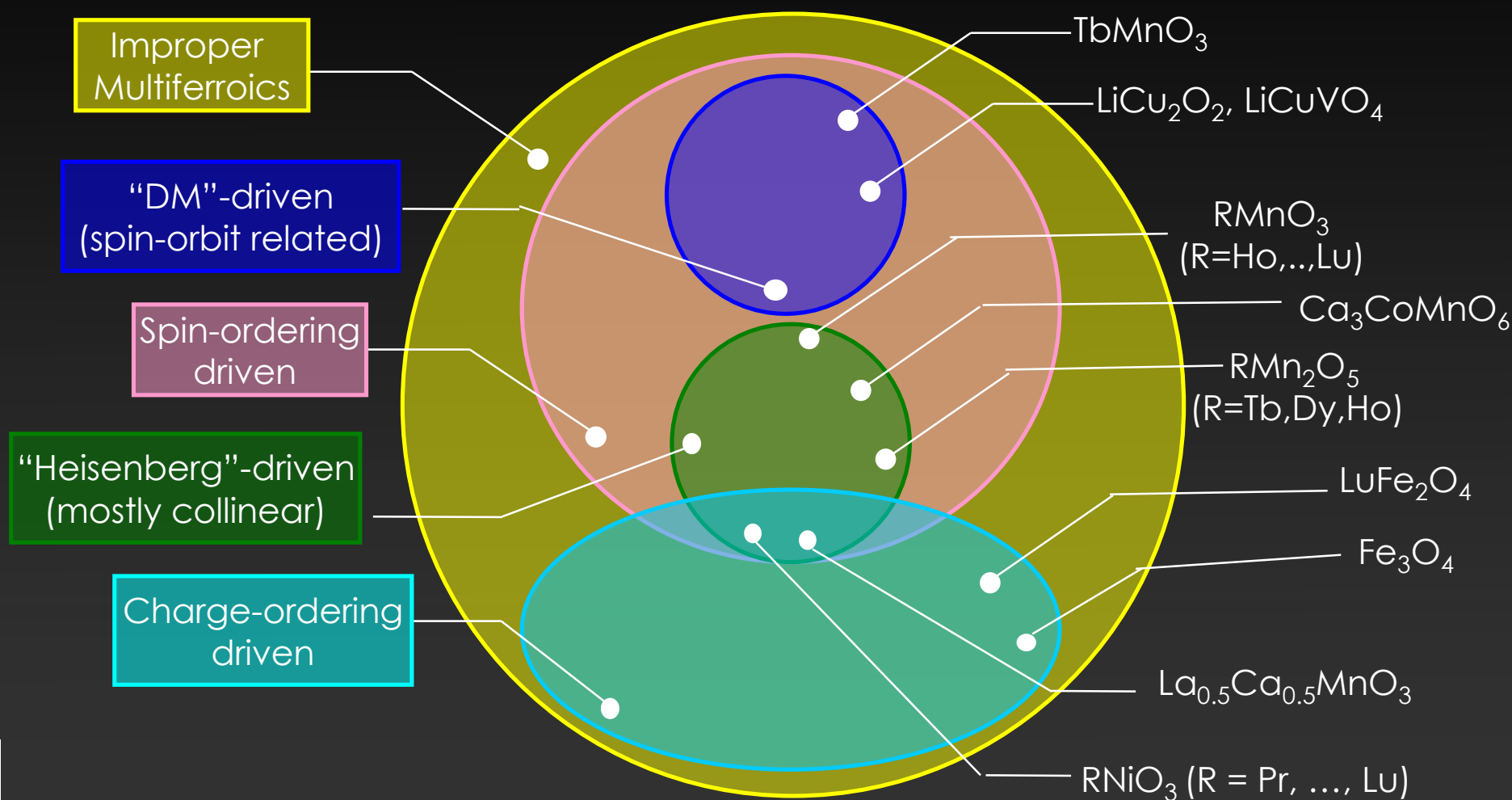


HOW MAGNETIC ORDERING CAN BREAK INV. SYM.?

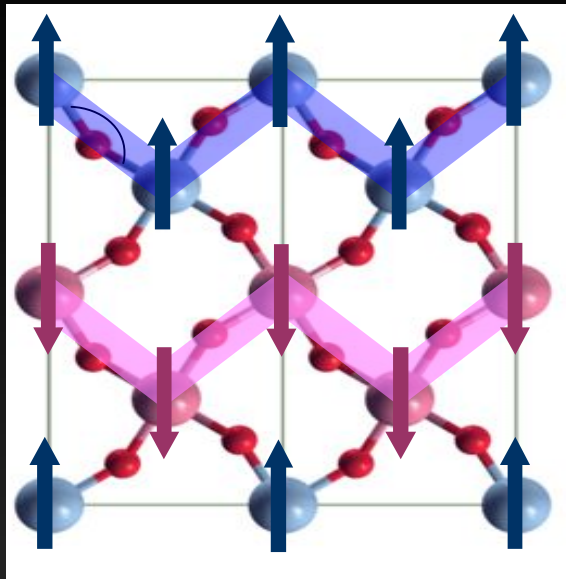


T.Kimura et al., Nature **425**, 55 (03); S.W.Cheong and M.Mostovoy, Nature Mater. **6**, 13 (07)

CLASSIFICATION OF IMPROPER MULTIFERROICS



E-TYPE MANGANITES: ELECTRONIC AND IONIC FERROELECTRICITY



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Total Energy and Force Methods

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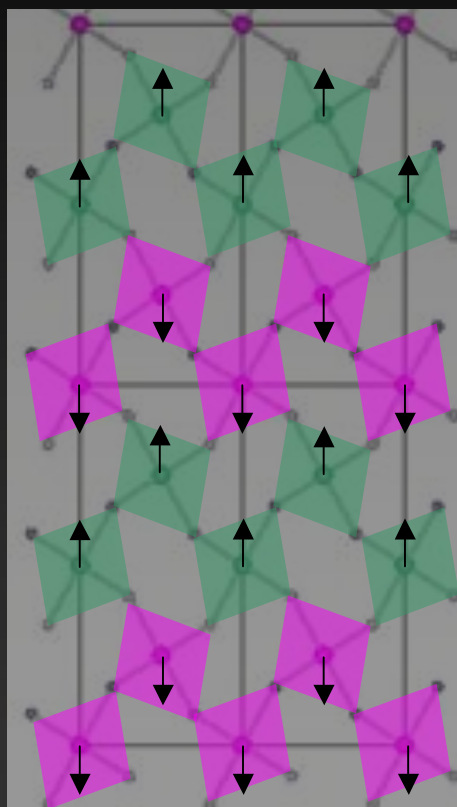


WHY THE AFM-E SHOULD BE FERROELECTRIC ?

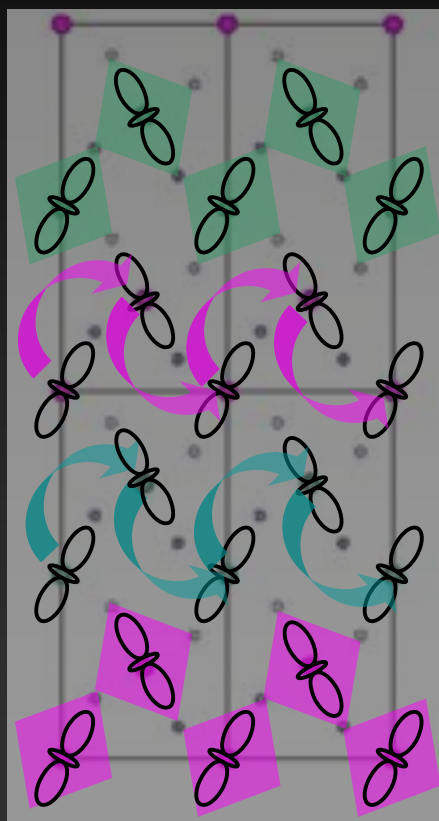
- “Electronic” mechanisms

- e_g Orbital Ordering

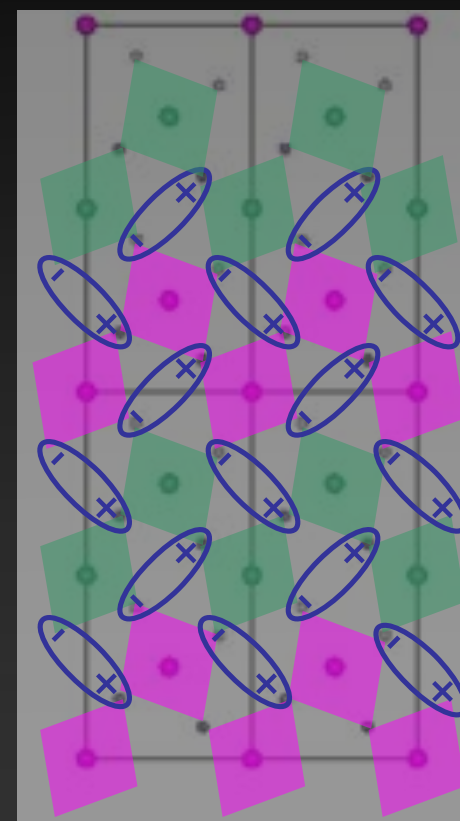
- Oxygen inequivalency



a
c



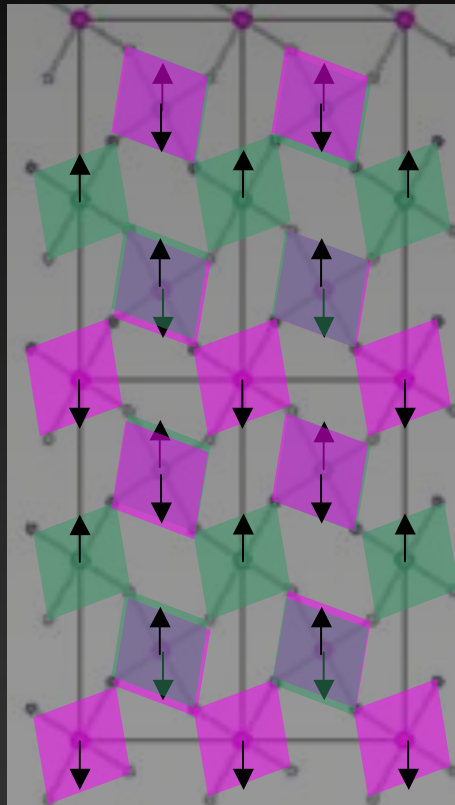
P



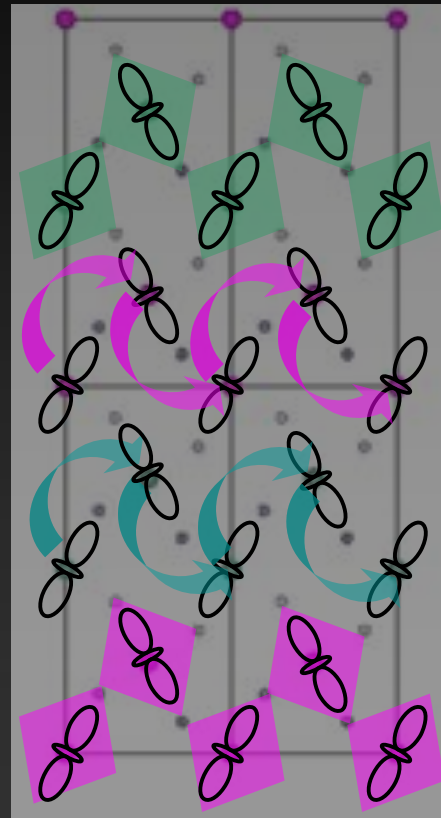
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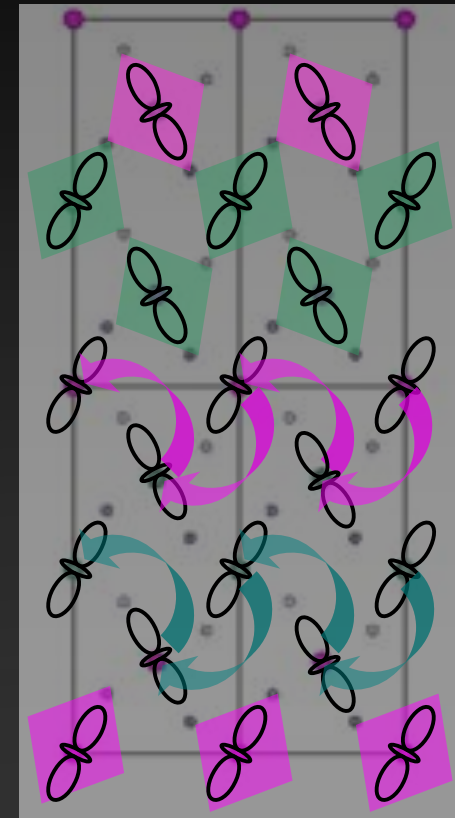
- “Switching” mechanisms: change direction of some spins
- e_g Orbital Ordering



a
c



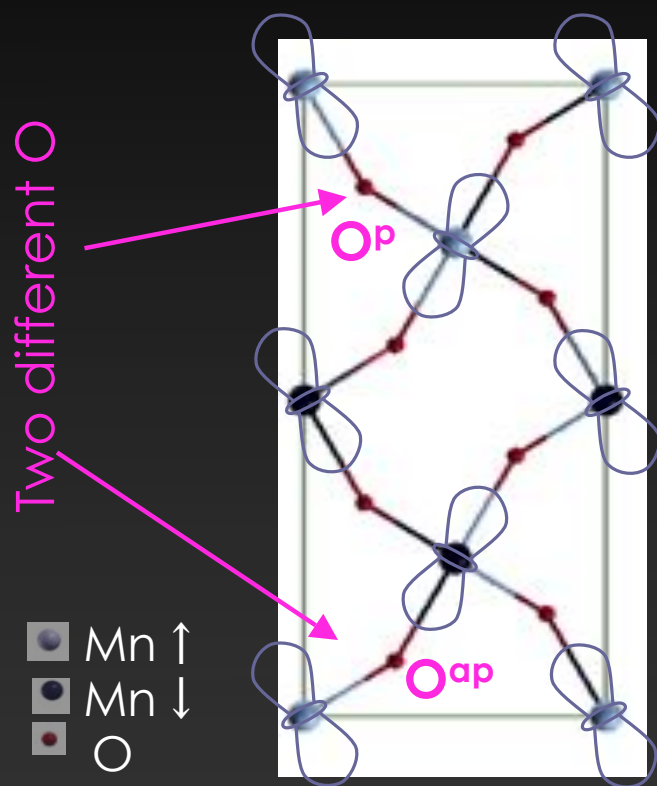
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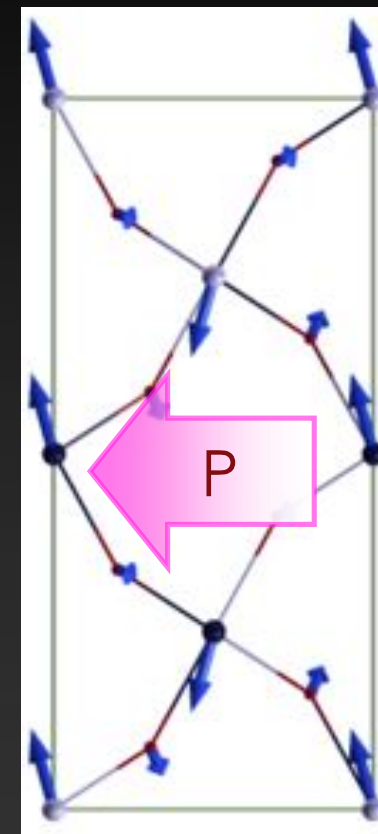
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WHY THE AFM-E SHOULD BE FERROELECTRIC ?

- “Structural” contributions: Magnetostriction



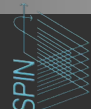
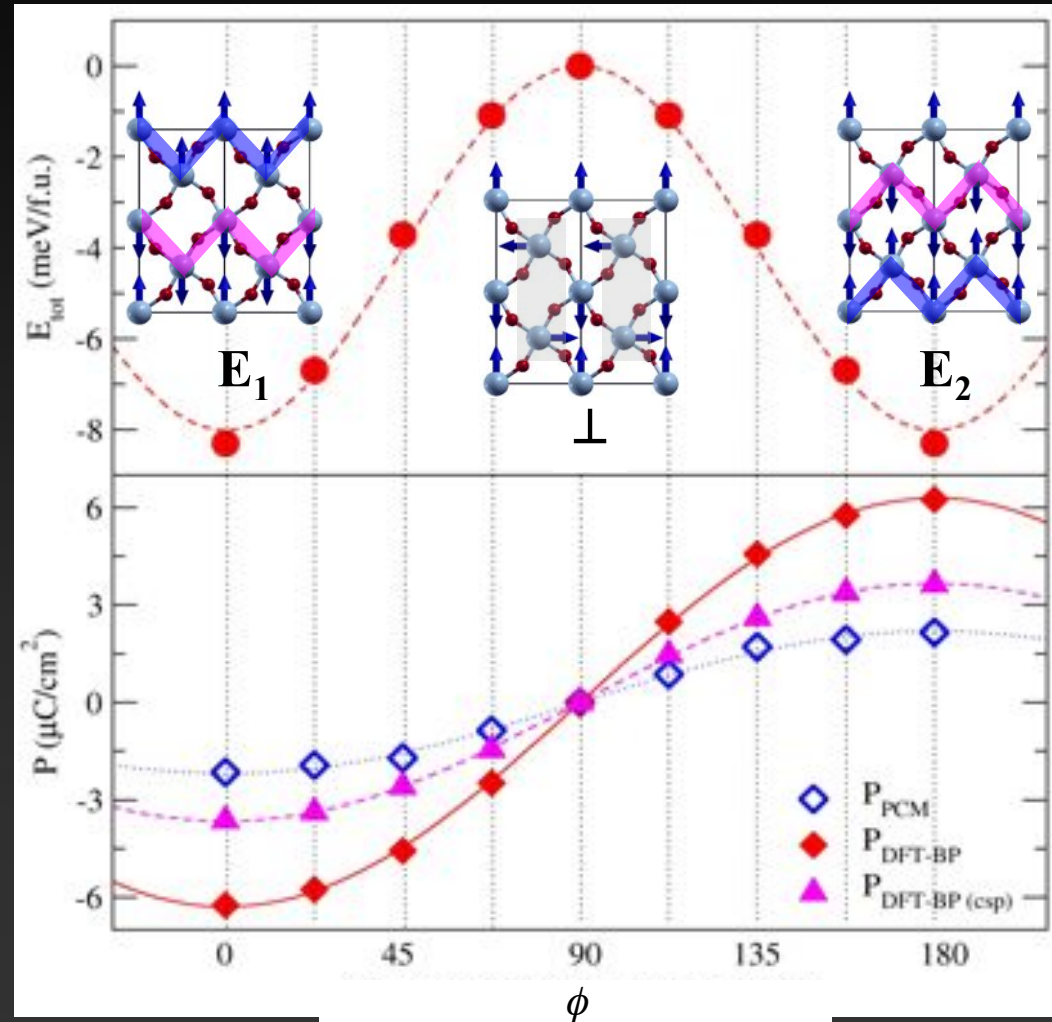
In-plane Mn and O displacements pattern from centrosymmetric AFM-A to non-centrosymmetric AFM-E



ORTHO-HoMnO₃ AS A MAGNETICALLY DRIVEN FERROELECTRIC

- First *ab-initio* calculation of P driven by AFM*
- P is \sim few $\mu\text{C}/\text{cm}^2$ (highest among magnetic improper ferroelectrics)
- FE switching path via spin-rotations
- Dual nature of P in real compounds: ionic displacements *and* electronic/magnetic effects are both important

* S. Picozzi, K. Yamauchi, B. Sanyal, I. Sergienko, E. Dagotto, PRL 99, 227201 (2007)



COUPLING BETWEEN f AND d MOMENTS

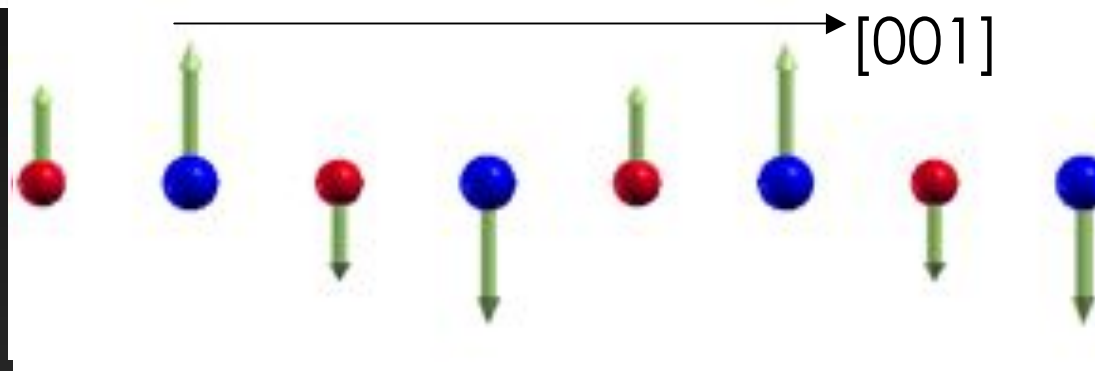
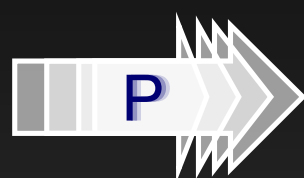
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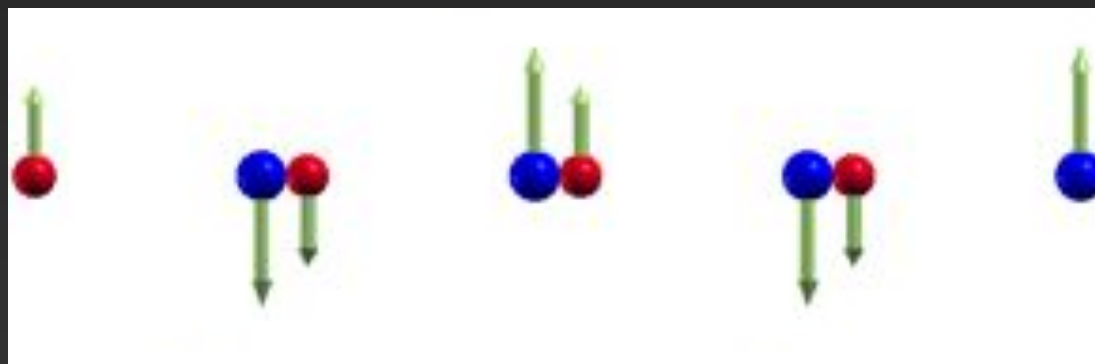
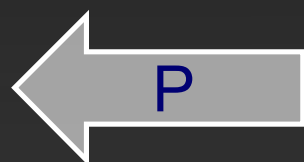
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Magnetic-Field-Induced Ferroelectric State in DyFeO_3

Y. Tokunaga,¹ S. Iguchi,² T. Arima,³ and Y. Tokura^{1,2,4,5}



HOW TO SWITCH P? REVERSE SIGN OF 4f MOMENT !!



NB: 4f-states included as valence electrons within GGA+U

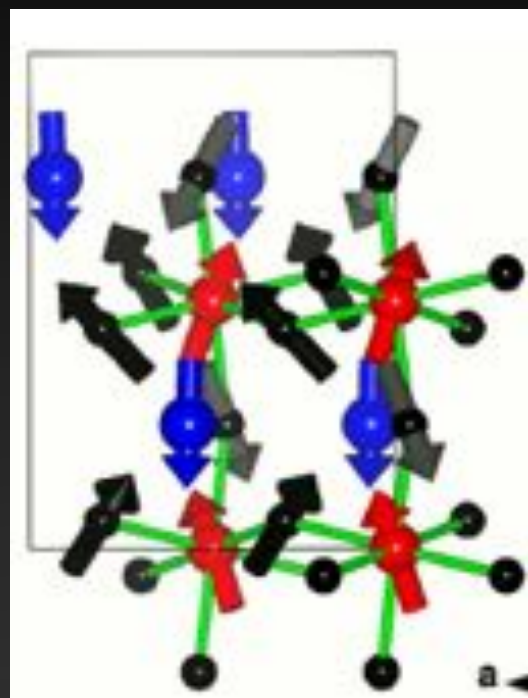


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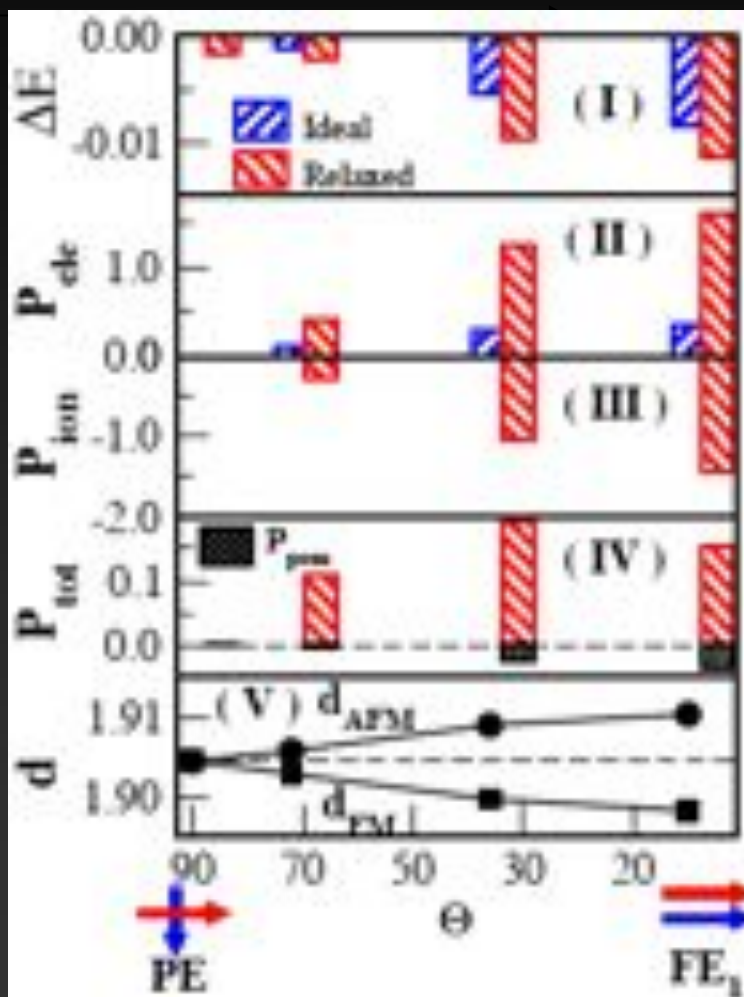


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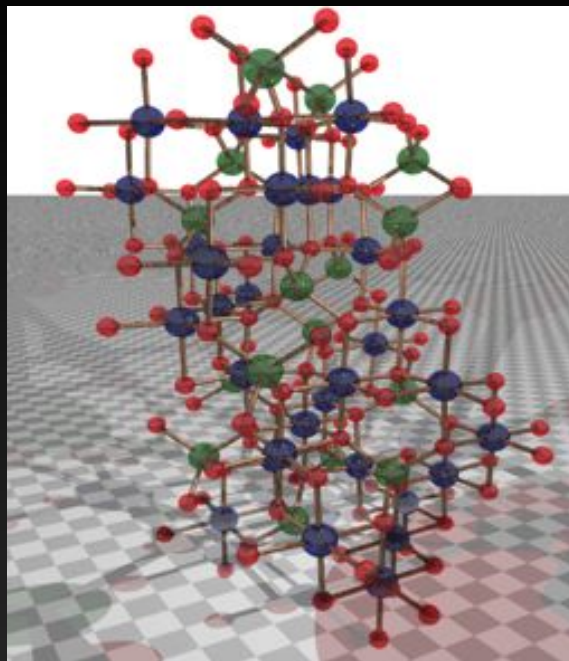
Exchange striction between Dy 4f and Fe 3d states:



Atomic displacements from PE to FE



Path from -P to P state through paraelectric state by rotating Dy spin



MAGNETITE

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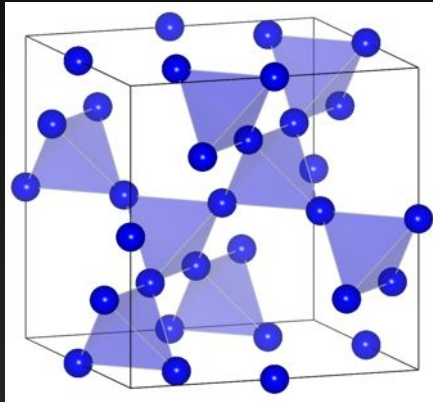
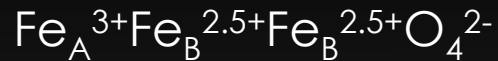
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MAGNETITE Fe_3O_4 (AB_2O_4)

Inverse spinel structure $Fd3m$

Ferrimagnetism

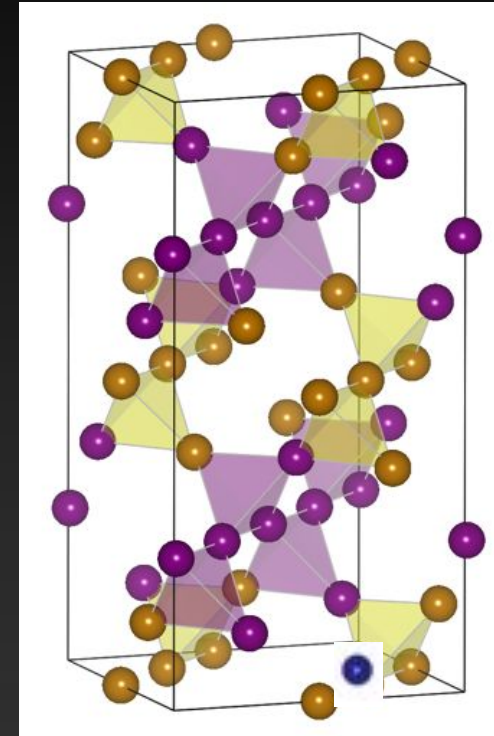
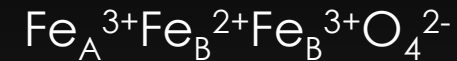


$T_V = 120 \text{ K}$
Verwey transition

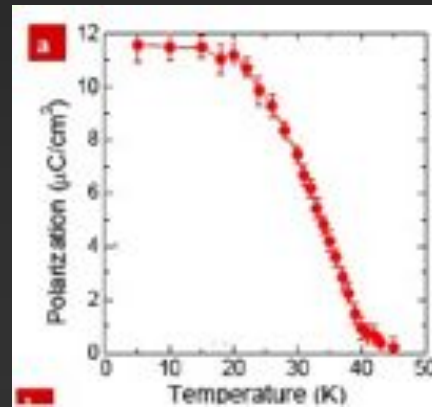
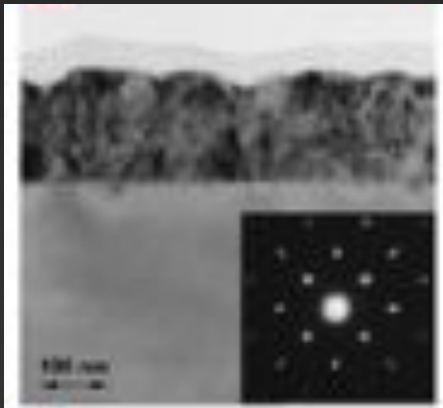
Metal-insulator
Transition (CO)

Monoclinic

Ferrimagnetism



MAGNETITE THIN FILMS: EXPTS*



- Epitaxial Fe_3O_4 films PLD-deposited on Nb:doped (100) STO

- Real-time FE switching via PUND (positive-up-negative-down)

* M. Alexe et al., Adv. Mater **21**,1 (2009)

NON-CENTROSYMMETRIC CHARGE ORDERING AS SOURCE FOR FERROELECTRICITY

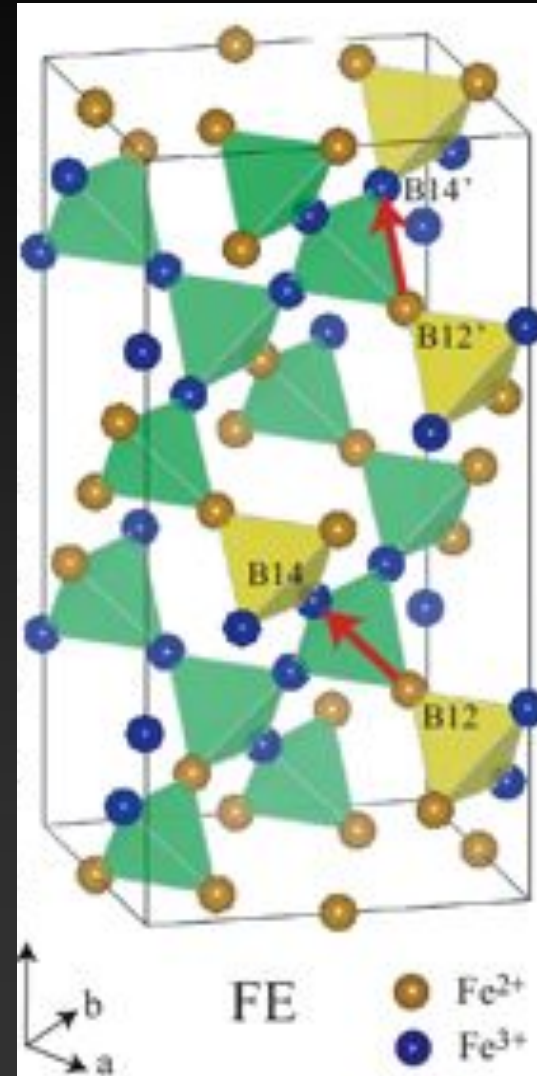
$P_{\text{berry}}^{U=4 \text{ eV}}$	P_{PCM}	P_{dip}
$(-4.4, 0, 4.1)$	$(-4.2, 0, 5.3)$	$(-4.0, 0, 5.7)$

$P_{\text{berry}}^{U=4 \text{ eV}}$	$P_{\text{berry}}^{U=6 \text{ eV}}$	$P_{\text{berry}}^{U=8 \text{ eV}}$
$(-4.4, 0, 4.1)$	$(-4.4, 0, 4.8)$	$(-4.3, 0, 5.1)$

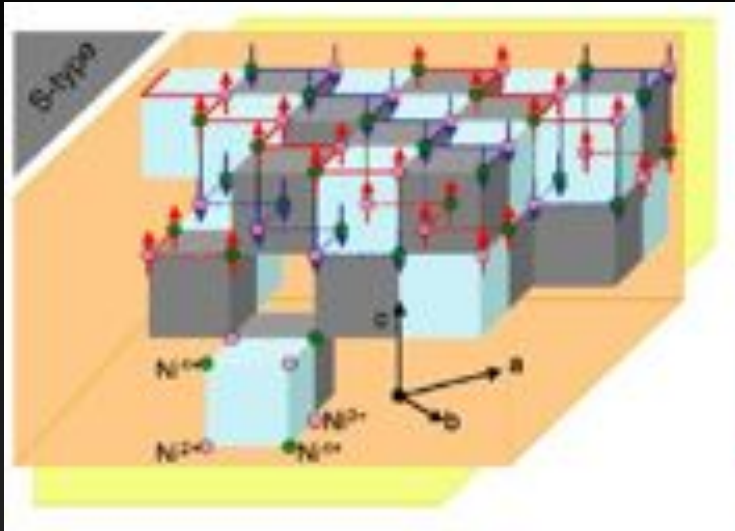
- Good agreement with expts:
 $P_{\text{exp}}^{\text{||}} = 5.5 \mu\text{C}/\text{cm}^2$

- Most of P comes from local dipoles *i.e.* charge-shifts at selected tetrahedra:

PURELY ELECTRONIC MECHANISM
(ionic contribution negligible)



C_c
symmetry
(75% 3:1,
25% 2:2)



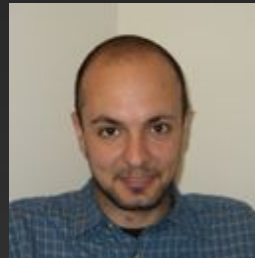
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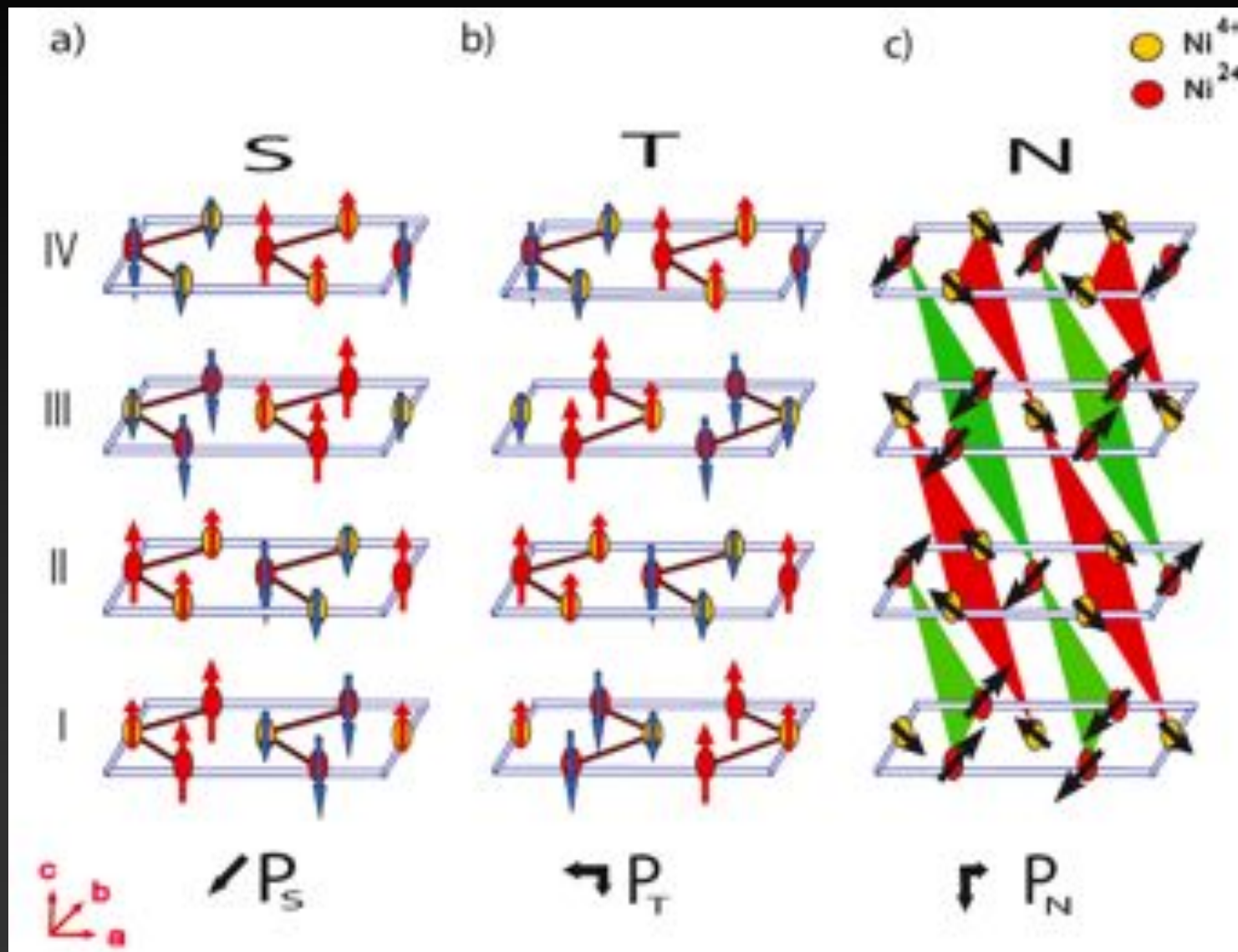
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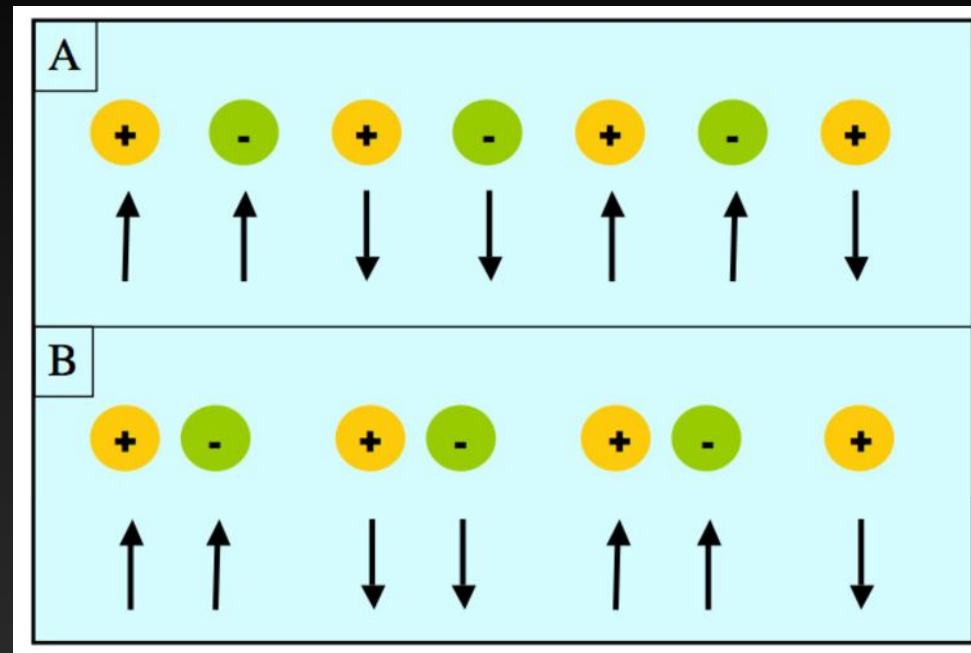
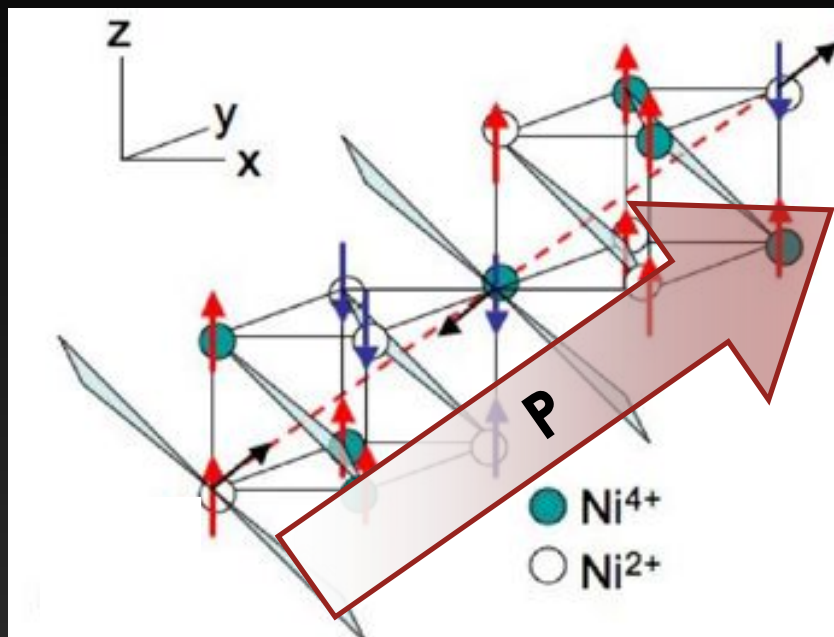
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MAGNETISM IN RNiO_3

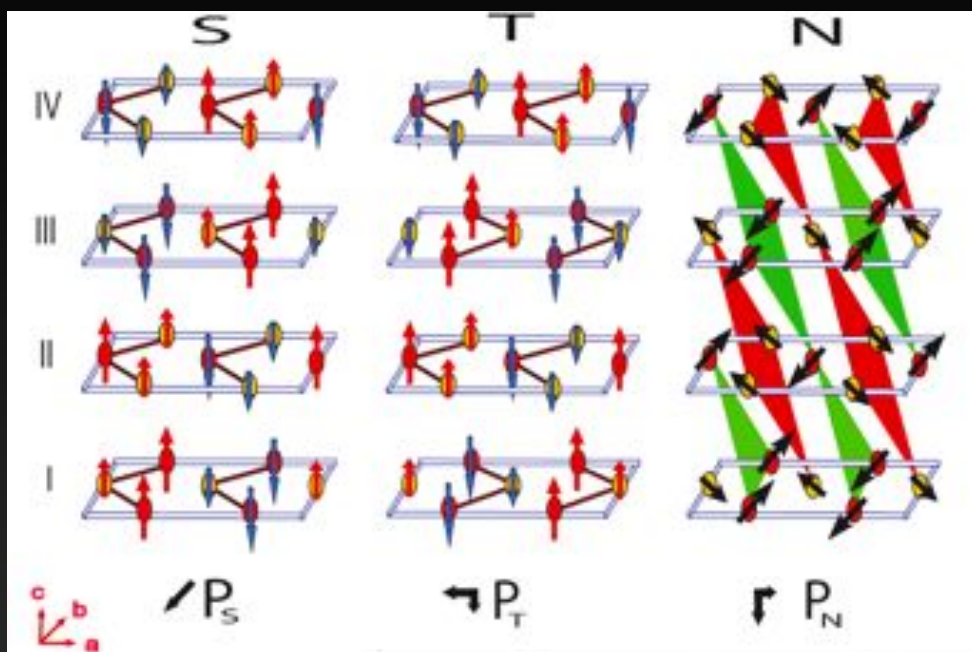


SPIN-DRIVEN FERROELECTRICITY: T-PHASE



Combination of exchange-striction (FM J_1)
in the given “E-like” spin-ordering
and CO should drive FE !

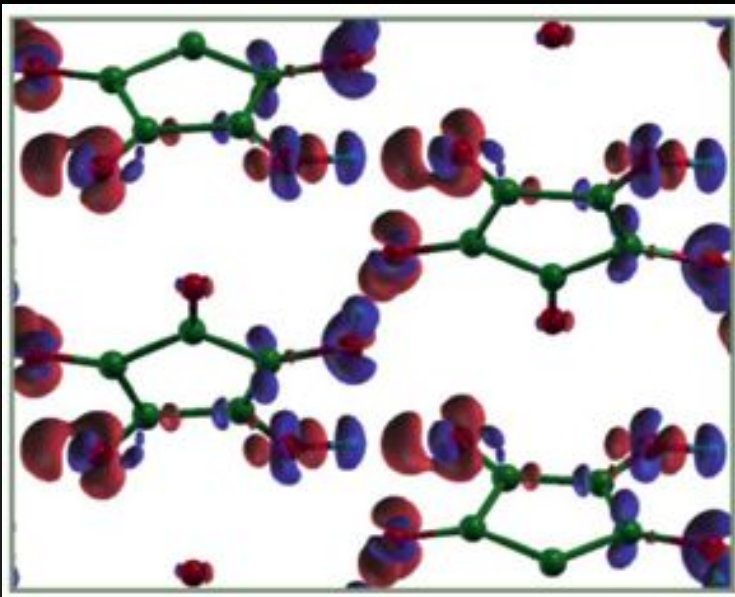
SPIN-DRIVEN FERROELECTRICITY: SUMMARY



- Magnetic propag. vector: $\mathbf{Q} = [1/2, 0, 1/2]$
- Spiral axis: $\mathbf{e} = [0, 1, 0]$ (spins rotate in ac plane)
- $\mathbf{P} \sim \mathbf{e} \times \mathbf{Q}$ along $[1, 0, -1]$
- $\mathbf{P} = (20, 0, -110) \text{ nC/cm}^2$

\mathbf{P}
($\mu\text{C/cm}^2$)

	experimental structure				relaxed structure			
Rare earth	T-type			S-type	T-type			S-type
	P_{tot}	P_a	P_c	P_b	P_{tot}	P_a	P_c	P_b
Lu	10.31	9.91	2.84	5.21	9.86	9.82	0.76	7.07
Ho	8.66	8.05	3.19	3.60	10.46	10.38	1.39	6.91
Pr	14.80	13.23	6.64	1.81	7.87	7.82	0.94	2.57



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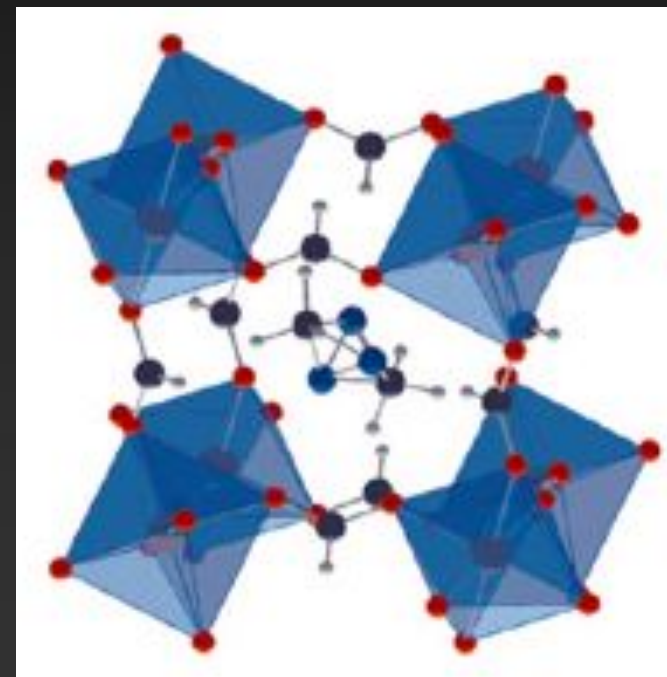
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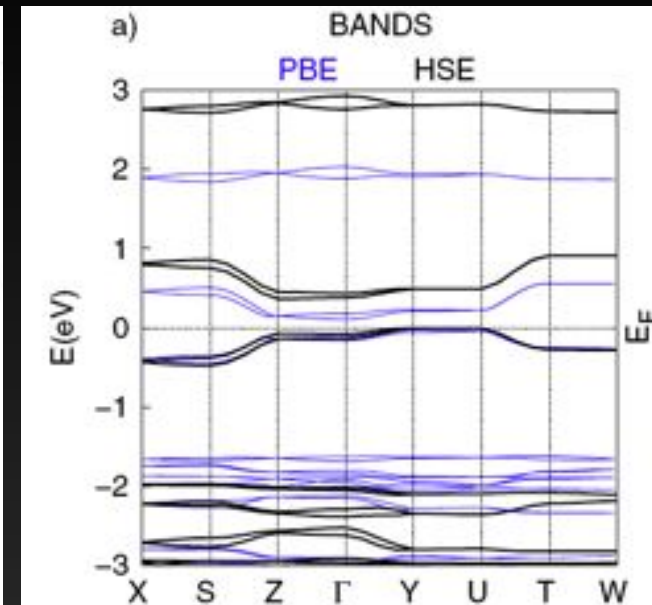
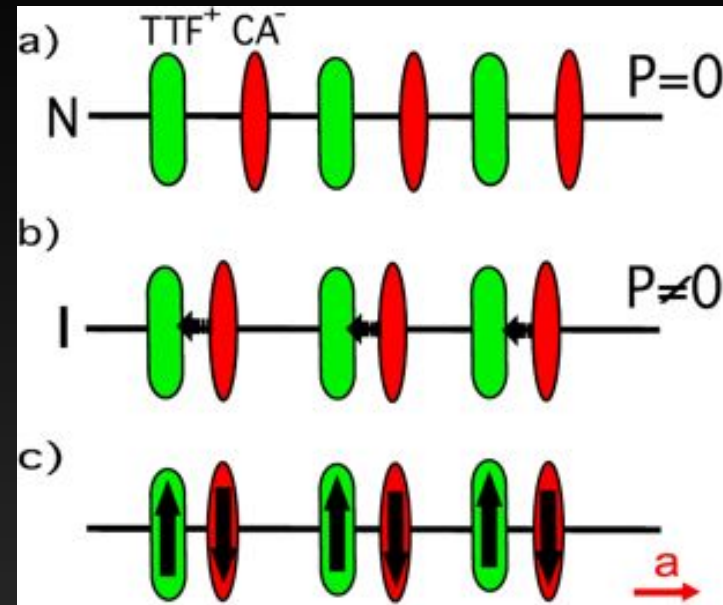
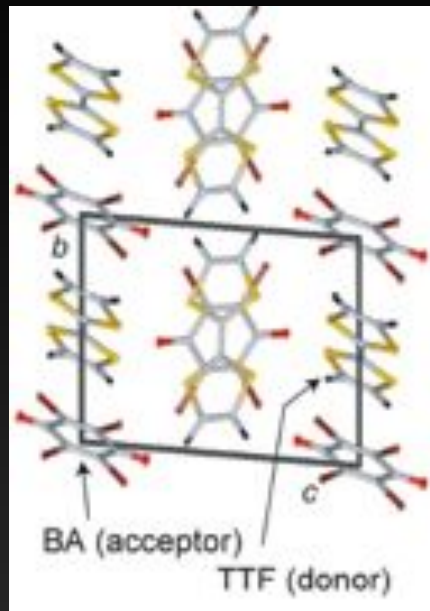
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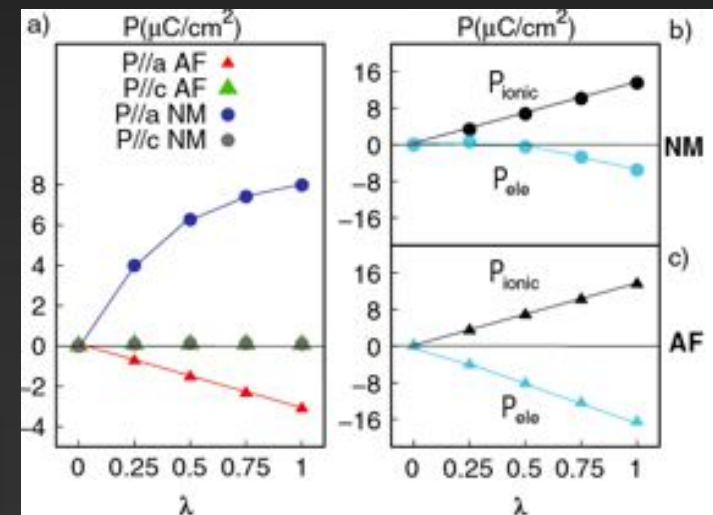
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TTF-CA: SPIN-PEIERLS AS A SOURCE OF P ?



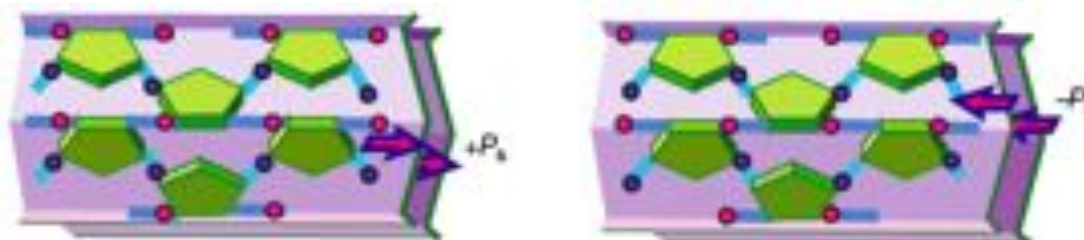
- SPIN PEIERLS: One-dimensional Heisenberg spin 1/2 chain \Rightarrow instability to a dimer-singlet (gain of symmetric exchange)
- TTF-CA: Under the neutral-ionic transition ($T_{\text{NIT}} = 81 \text{ K}$): long-short bond alternation



PROTON TRANSFER: EFFICIENT SOURCE OF P

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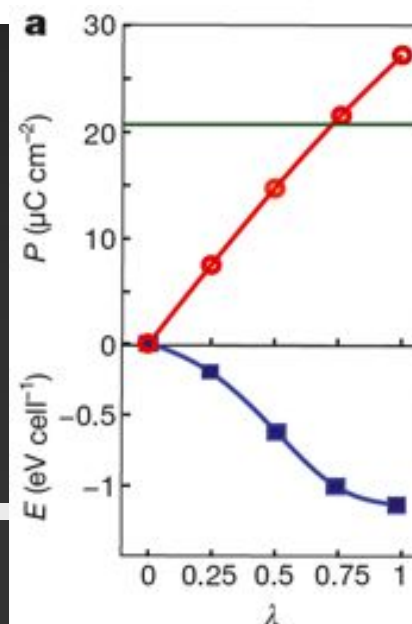
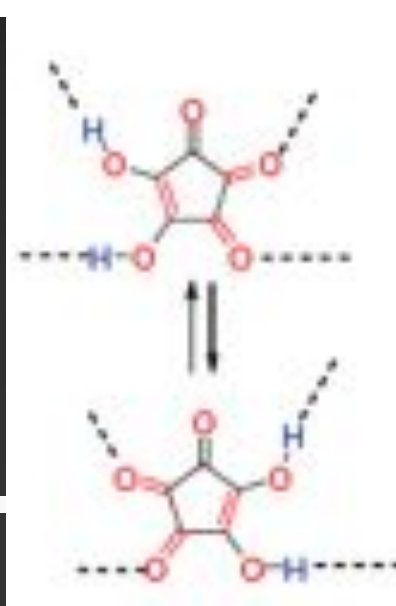
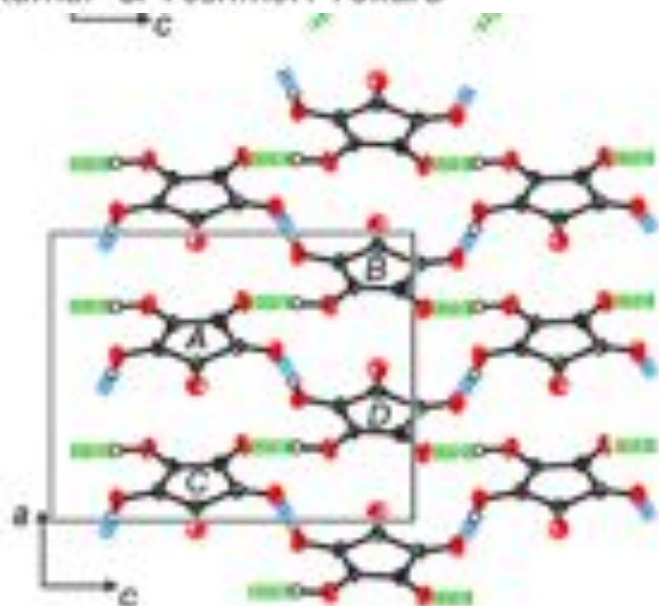
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LETTERS

Above-room-temperature ferroelectricity in a single-component molecular crystal

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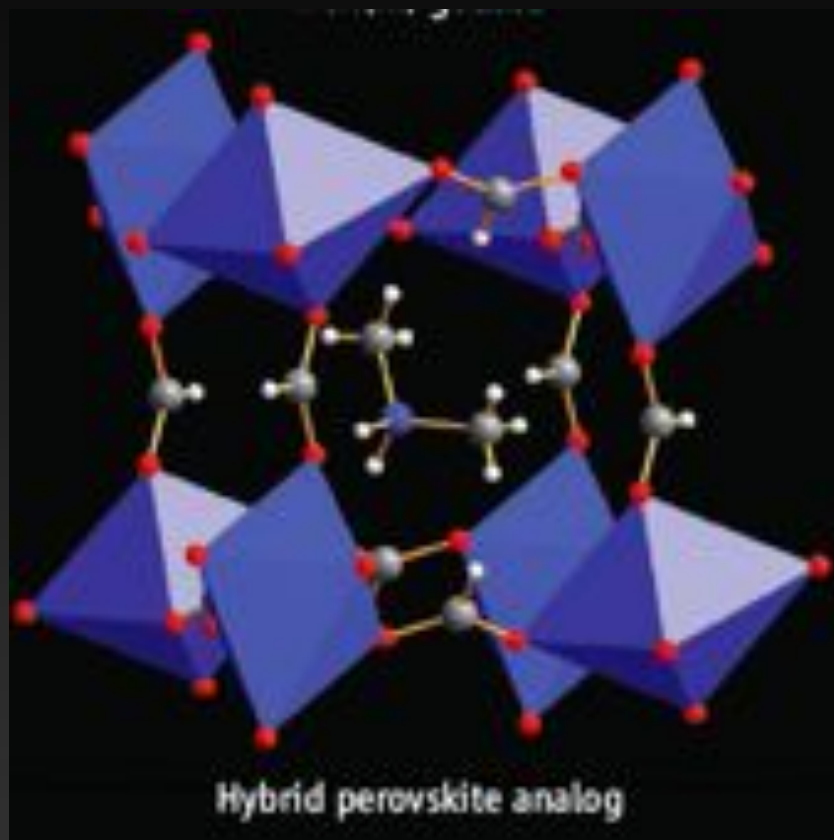


There's Room in the Middle

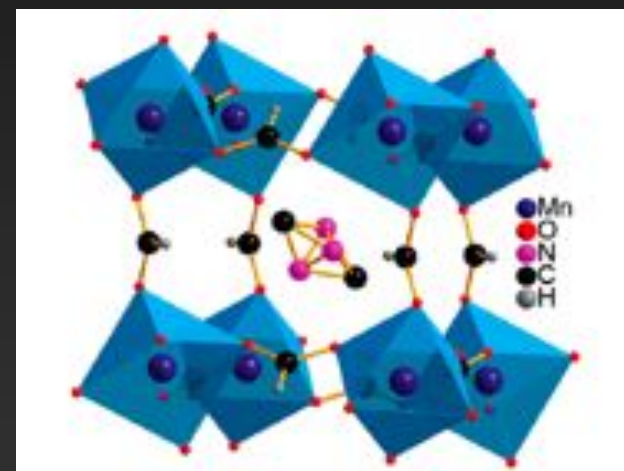
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Dense inorganic-organic hybrid materials offer opportunities for creating unusual properties or combinations of properties.



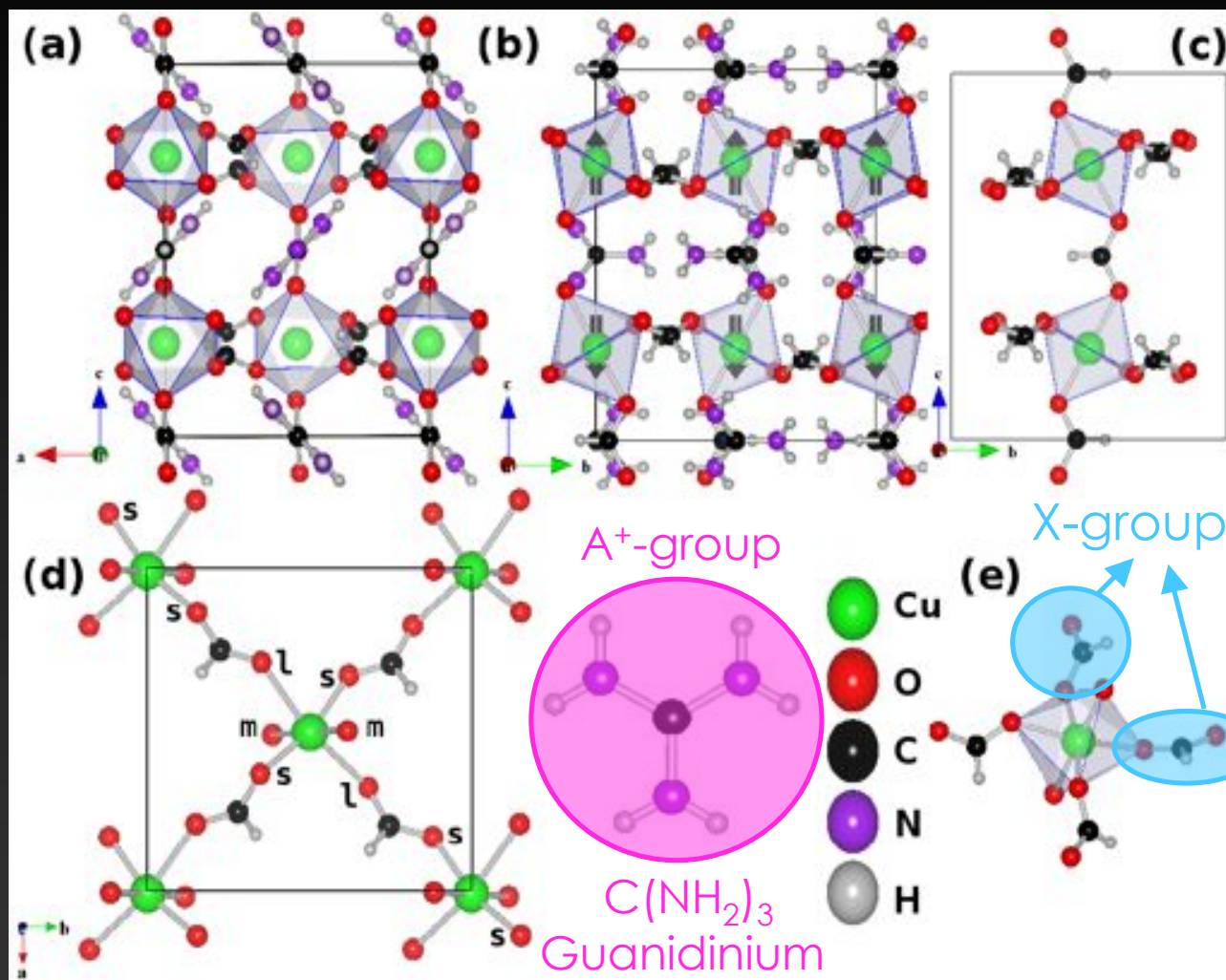
Crystalline hybrid materials like **Metal Organic Frameworks (MOFs)** are very attractive materials for gas storage, drug delivery, catalysis, optics, and magnetism



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Cu-MOF (ABX_3 , $K^+CuF^{-1}_3$ LIKE)

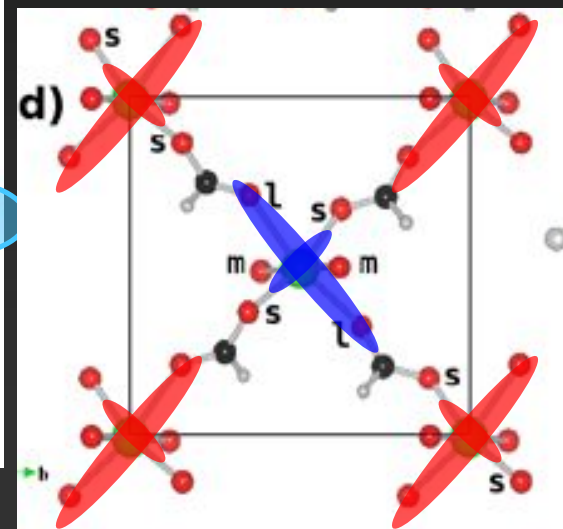


AFM-A magnetic order

Cu octahedra
connected
by $HCOO^-$ groups
(ligands)

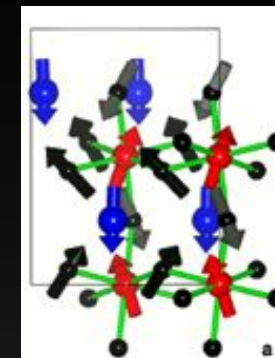
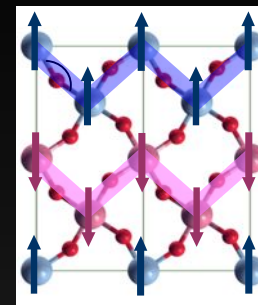
Cu^{+2} Jahn-Teller ion

Antiferrodistortive
order in the ab plane



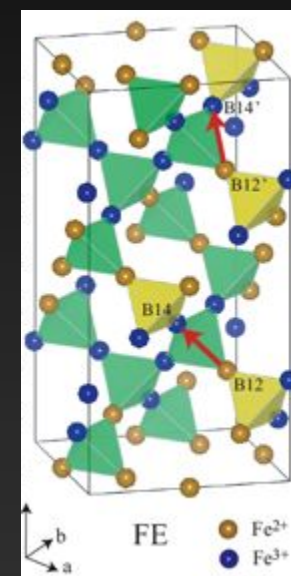
TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya is not the only mechanism to magnetically induce **P**: **Heisenberg exchange striction can drive a large polarization!**

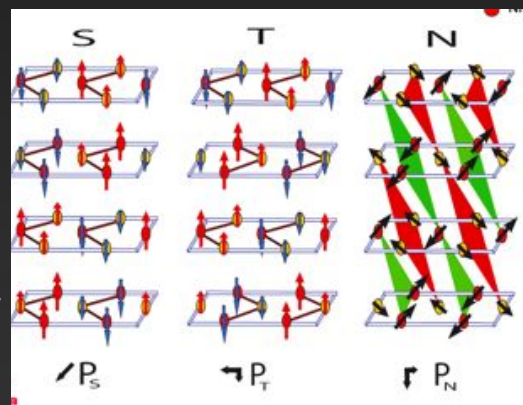


- Charge ordering** is another efficient mechanism! There are two different ways:

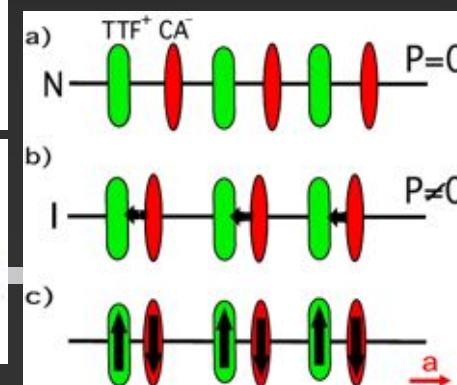
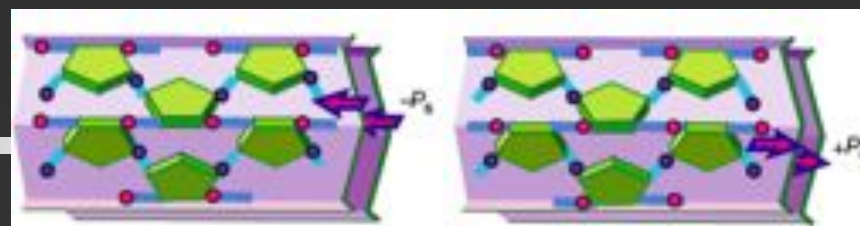
- CO alone** can drive **P** (no matter how large is the charge disproportionation, as long as it is non-centrosymmetric!)



- CO combined with spin-ordering** can drive large **P**!



- Take a look at **organics**!



THE QUAKE: April 6th 2009 3:32 am

- 6.3 Mw Richter
- 8 Km deep
- 300 casualties
- 1500 wounded
- 70.000 evacuees



Collemaggio's church
(XIII century)

From left:

T. Fukushima (now in Osaka)
A. Stroppa (staff researcher),
M. Marsman (visitor),
S. Picozzi (PI),
K. Yamauchi (back to
Osaka),
P. Barone (post-doc),
G. Giovannetti (now in Rome)



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