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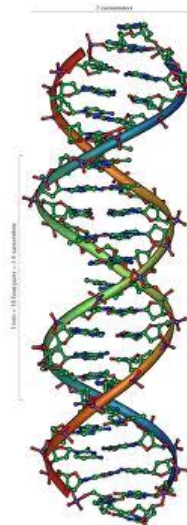
27 April - 3 May, 2011

Information storage

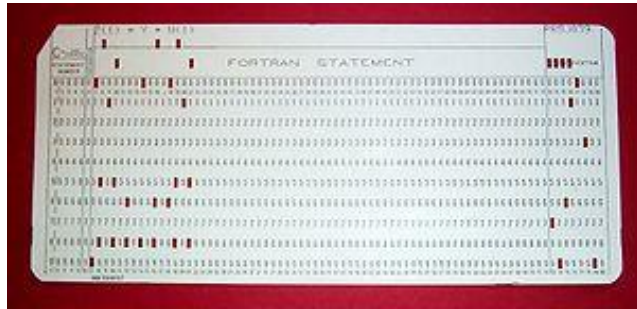
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Information Storage



40-70s: Mechanical...



For computers

50-90s electronic



2000... Materials...



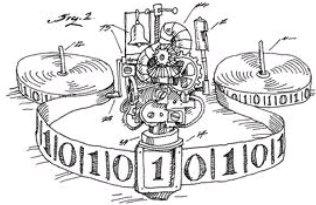
Tendencies in technology

“Macro”

1m-1cm-1mm

Mecanical
devices

bc... 50s



“Micro”

1 μ m–1mm

Electronic
devices

40s-2000

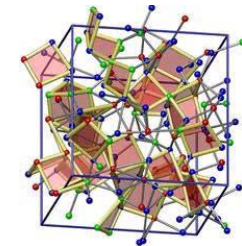


“Nano*”

10nm–1 μ m

Functional
materials

90s-...



Technology: structural
material and molecular
level

*See also: Wednesday, April, 27
10.00-11.00 Yuri GALPERIN
Introduction to nano-physics

Objective: what « smart » properties of material can be used for memory storage?

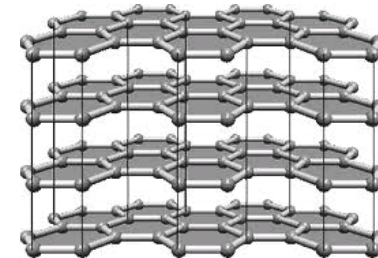
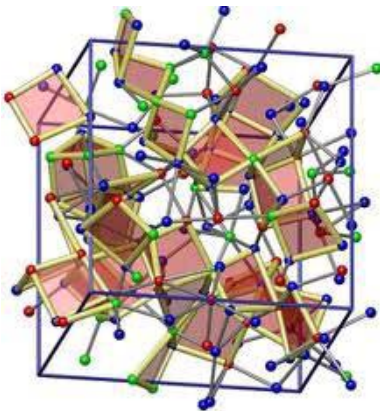


What



Physical Principle

is beyond?



See also: Thursday, April, 28
8.30-9.30 Giuseppe BALESTRINO
Tailoring of new materials

History:

First computers:

The German [Z3](#) (1941) was the first general-purpose digital **electromechanical**, computer, It used [relays](#) for all functions.

Destroyed in a bombing raid on Berlin in December 1943.



Power Consumption: Around 4000 watts

Average calculation Speed: Addition 0.8 seconds Multiplication 3 seconds

Elements: Around 2,000 relays (1,400 for the memory)

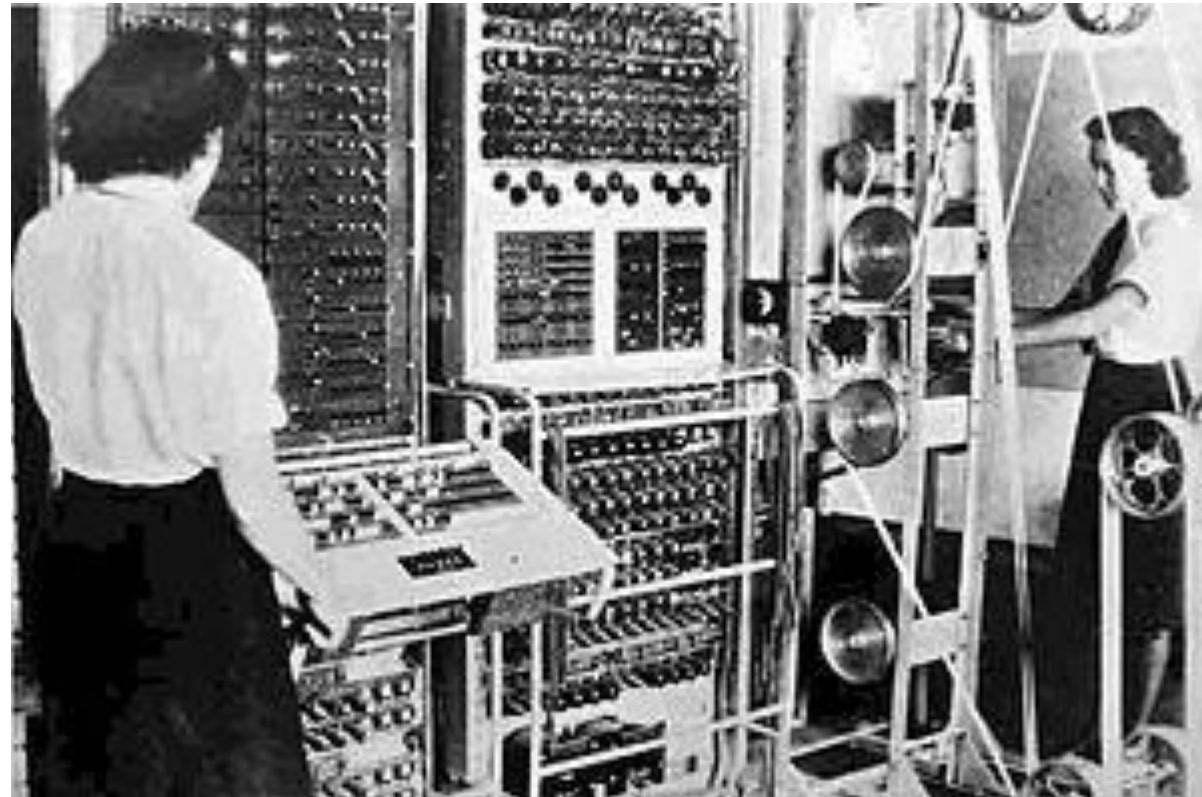
Frequency: 5.3 Hertz

Data memory: 64 words with a length of 22 bits

Relays memory



The ten [British Colossus computers](#) (used for [cryptanalysis](#) starting in 1943) were designed by [Tommy Flowers](#). The Colossus computers were digital, electronic, and were programmed by plugboard and switches, but they were dedicated to code breaking and not general purpose. [\[24\]](#)



ENIAC Electronic Numerical Integrator And Computer) was the first general-purpose digital programming **electronic computer**.

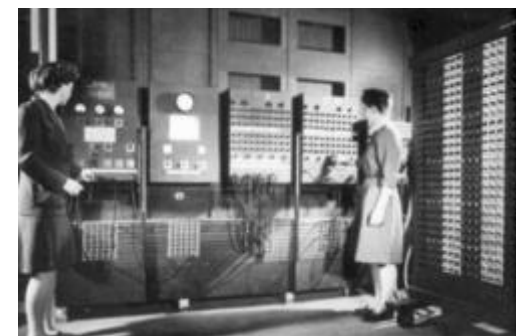
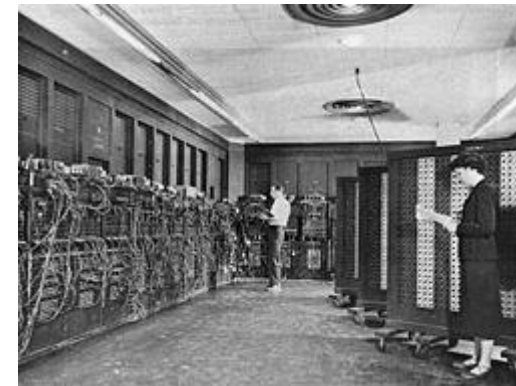
ENIAC was designed to calculate [artillery firing tables](#) for the [United States Army's Ballistic Research Laboratory](#). When ENIAC was announced in 1946 it was heralded in the press as a "Giant Brain"

July 29, 1947, - October 2, 1955

17,468 [vacuum tubes](#), 7,200 crystal [diodes](#),
1,500 [relays](#), 70,000 [resistors](#), 10,000
[capacitors](#)

weighed more than 30 tons,
took up 167 m², and consumed 150 [kW](#) of
power

Vacuum tube memory



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« Our days »



Future ...

5 qubit 215 Hz Q. Processor
(Vandersypen, Steffen, Bravyi Yarnozki, Cleve, and Chuang, 2000.)

The Molecule

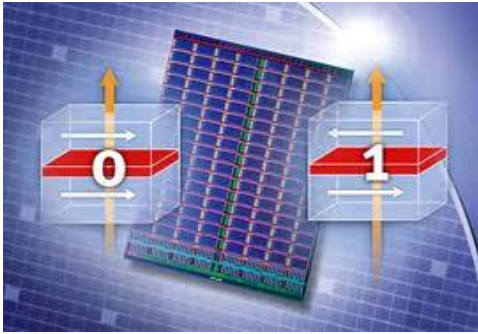
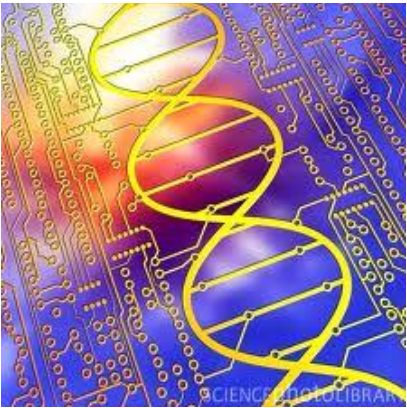
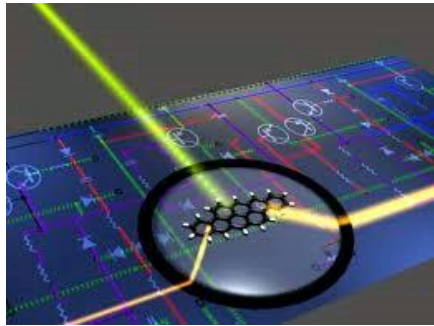
Quantum Circuit

$T_2 > 0.3 \text{ sec} ; \sim 200 \text{ gates}$

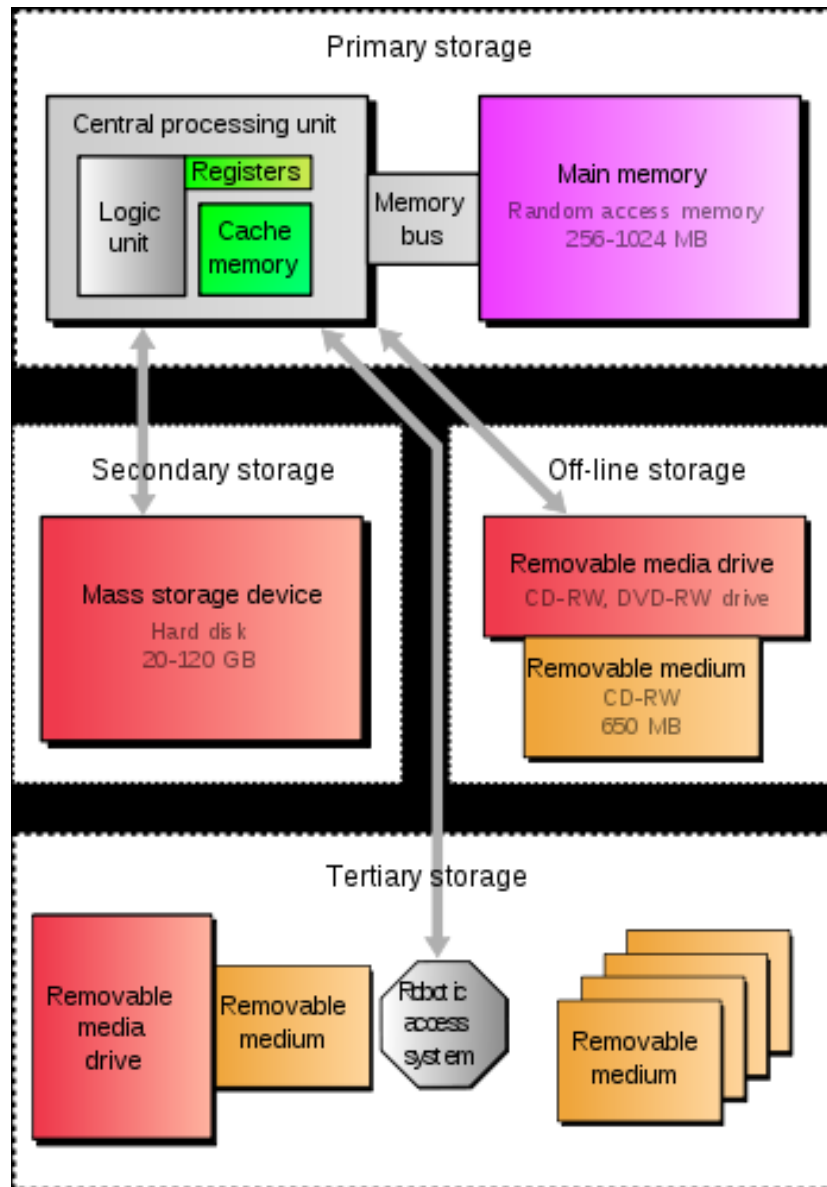
Source: IBM, IBM Chips Conference, 2000



Quantum computer*
Chemical computer,
DNA computing,
Optical computer,
Spintronics based computer



* See also: Friday, April, 29
8.30-9.30 **Boris ALTSULLER**
Towards Quantum Computer



Computer data storage

Hierarchy of storage

**Volatile Memory
(temporary)**



Dynamic RAM and Static
RAM in computer

requires power to maintain the stored
information

History...

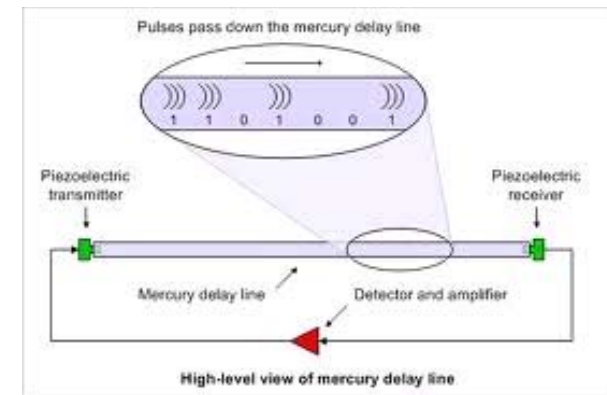
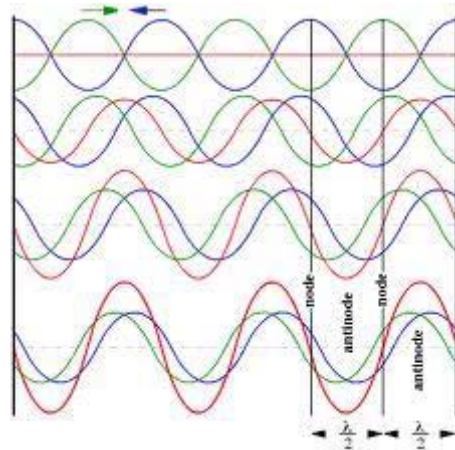
Delay line memory [serial-access](#)

invented by [J. Presper Eckert](#) in the mid-1940s for use in computers such as the [EDVAC](#) and the [UNIVAC I](#)



Physical Principle: Wave propagation in Hg

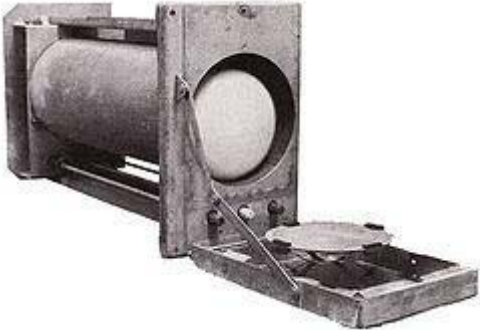
Mercury memory of [UNIVAC I](#) (1951)



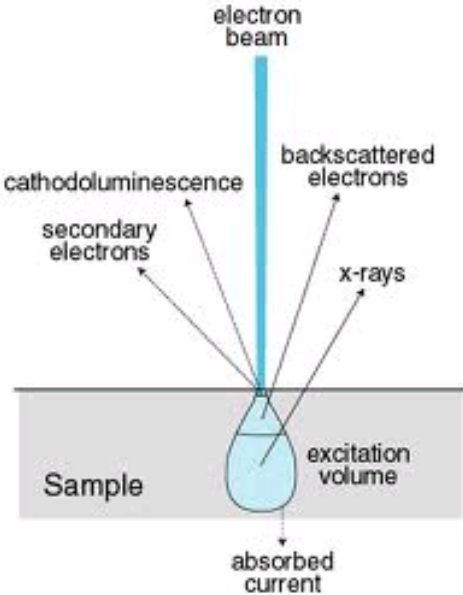
Modification: Electric and Piezoelectric delay lines, THz

Williams tube

developed in about 1946 or 1947, was a [cathode ray tube](#) used to electronically store [binary data](#). It was the first [random-access](#) digital storage device



Physical Principle: Cathod Luminescence



Electronic memory...



ENIAC, [vacuum tubes](#) memory 40-50s



Mainframe semiconducting memory: 60-70

Dynamic random-access memory (DRAM) stores each bit of data in a separate capacitor within an integrated circuit.

DRAM is volatile memory

Refresh logic is provided in a DRAM controller which automates the periodic refresh with rate 64 ms -> slowing

The transistors and capacitors are extremely small;
 Hundreds of billions can fit on a single memory chip

DRAM is much cheaper per storage cell and
 because each storage cell is very simple

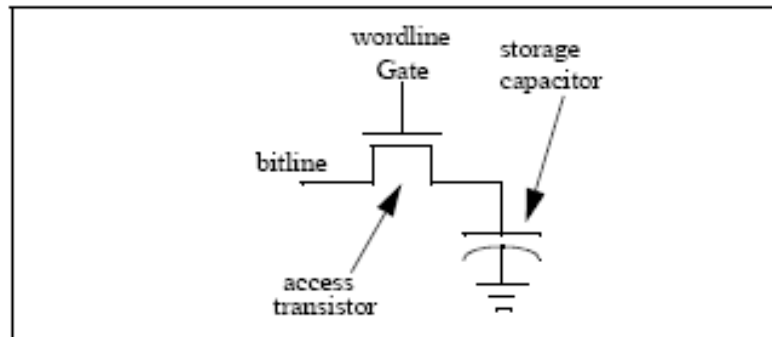
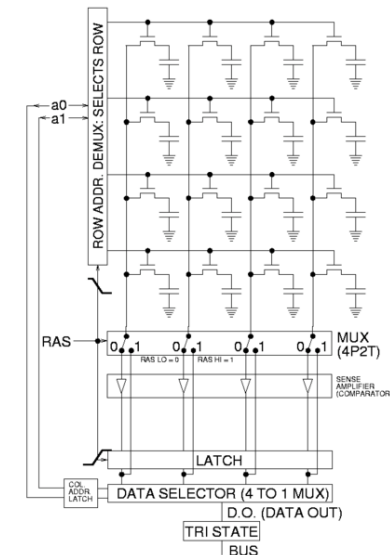


Figure 2.2: Basic 1T1C DRAM Cell Structure.



Common DRAM packages. From top to bottom: DIP, SIPP, SIMM (30-pin), SIMM (72-pin), DIMM (168-pin), DDR DIMM (184-pin).

Tendency:

Volatile DRAM, SRAM -> Nonvolatile RAM

Use the smart functional material properties:
Magnetism, ferroelectricity....

Non-Volatile Memory

Non-volatile memory, in the most basic sense, is [computer memory](#) that can retain the stored information even when not powered.



Typically, non-volatile memory either costs more or performs worse than volatile random access memory.

Mecanical recording

Read only



punched tape

Read only ???



Bunch card, « error corrections »



Flash memory

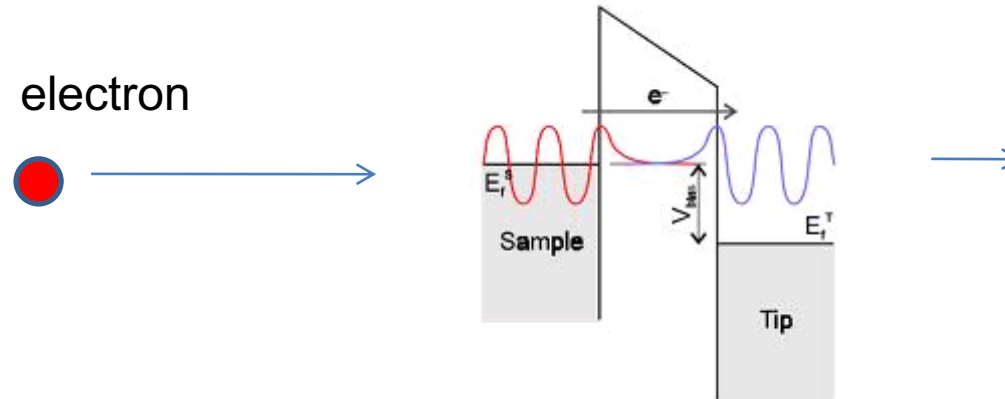
is a non-volatile computer storage chip that can be electrically erased and reprogrammed



Life-time of read: 10 years

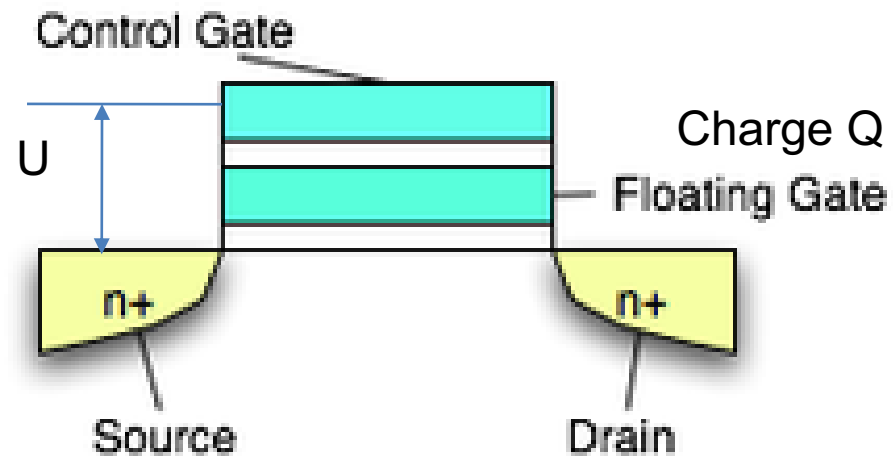


Physical Principle: Electron Tunneling



quantum mechanical phenomenon where a particle **tunnels** through a barrier that it classically could not surmount because its total kinetic energy is lower than the potential energy of the barrier.

Realization [floating-gate transistor](#)

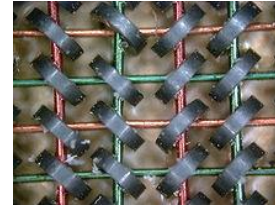


Read: resistance change $R(Q)$ of floating gate

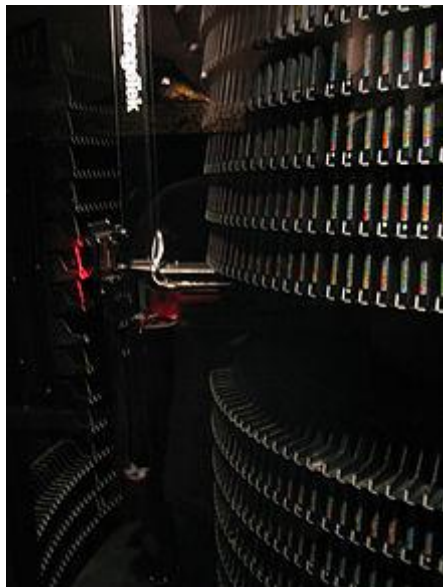
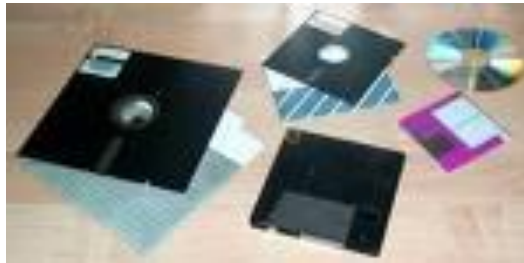
10 years « read » but

endurance is 10,000 to 1,000,000 erase cycles

Magnetic recording



Core RAM memory
50s..., nonvolatile !!!



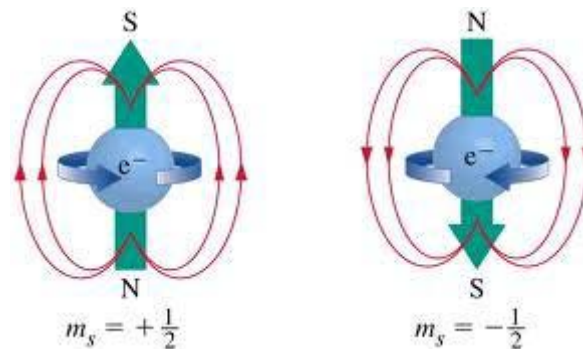
Tertiary storage



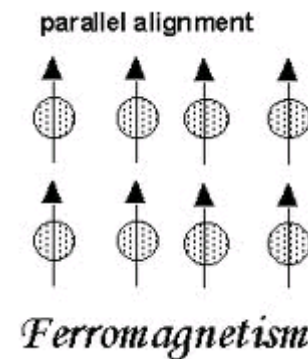
Physical Principle: Ferromagnetism



The spin of an electron, combined with its electric charge, results in a magnetic dipole moment and creates a small magnetic field,

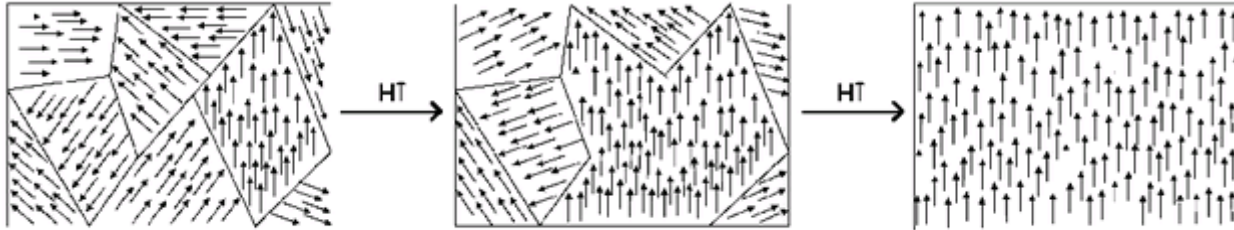


When these tiny magnetic dipoles are aligned in the same direction, their individual magnetic fields add together to create a measurable macroscopic field

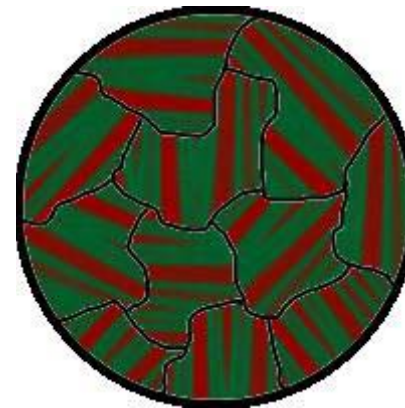
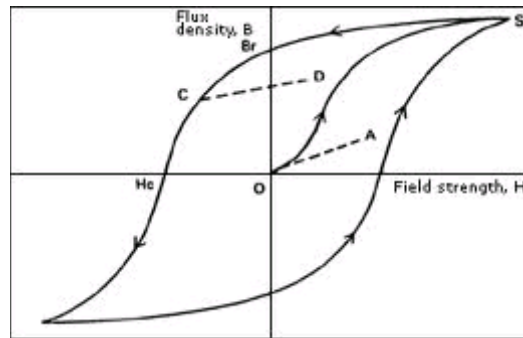




Physical Principle: Domains



Hysteresis

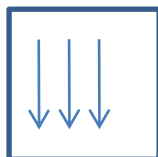


Information storage:

« up » +1



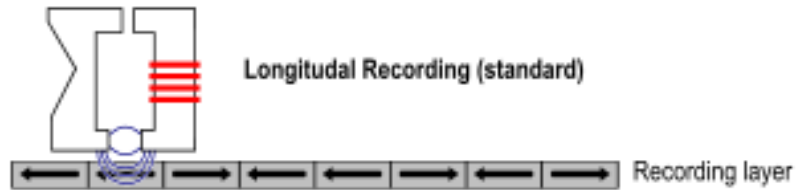
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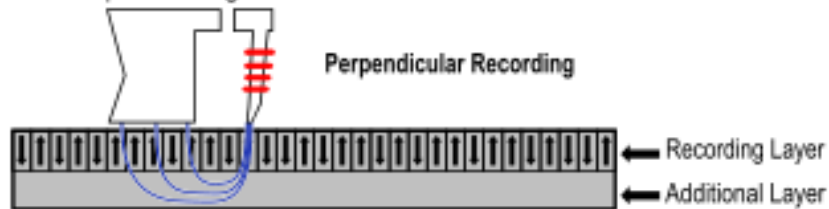
Weiss domains
Microstructure in [NdFeB](#)

PRINCIPLE OF MAGNETIC RECORDING

"Ring" writing element



"Monopole" writing element



[perpendicular recording](#), first shipped in 2005,^[10] and as of 2007 the technology was used in many HDDs.



write heads using the electromagnet

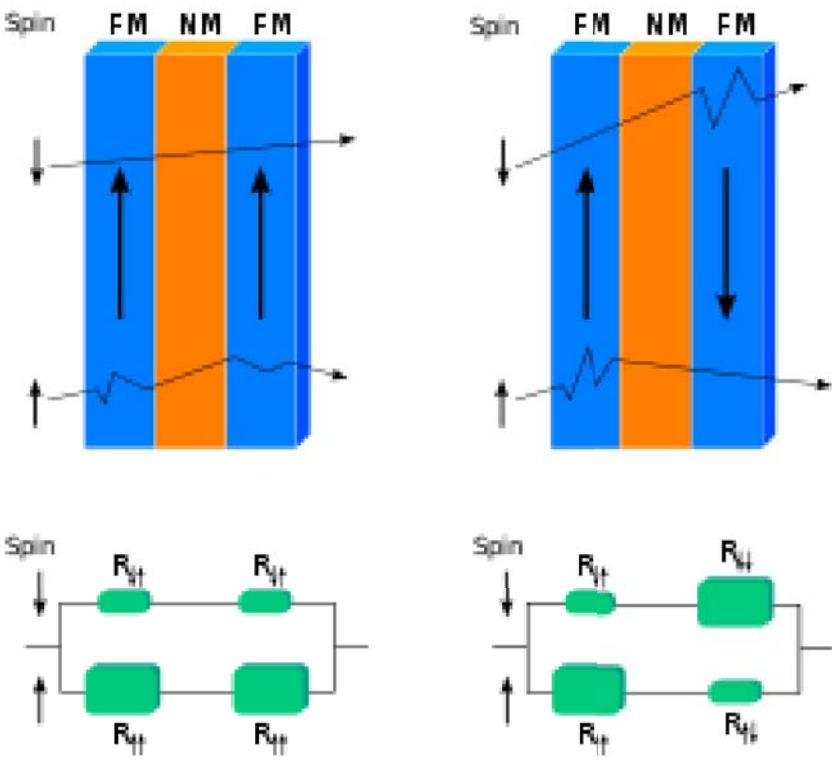
read heads using [magnetoresistance](#) : the electrical resistance of the head changed according to the strength of the magnetism from the platter.



Physical Principle: (giant) magnetoresistance

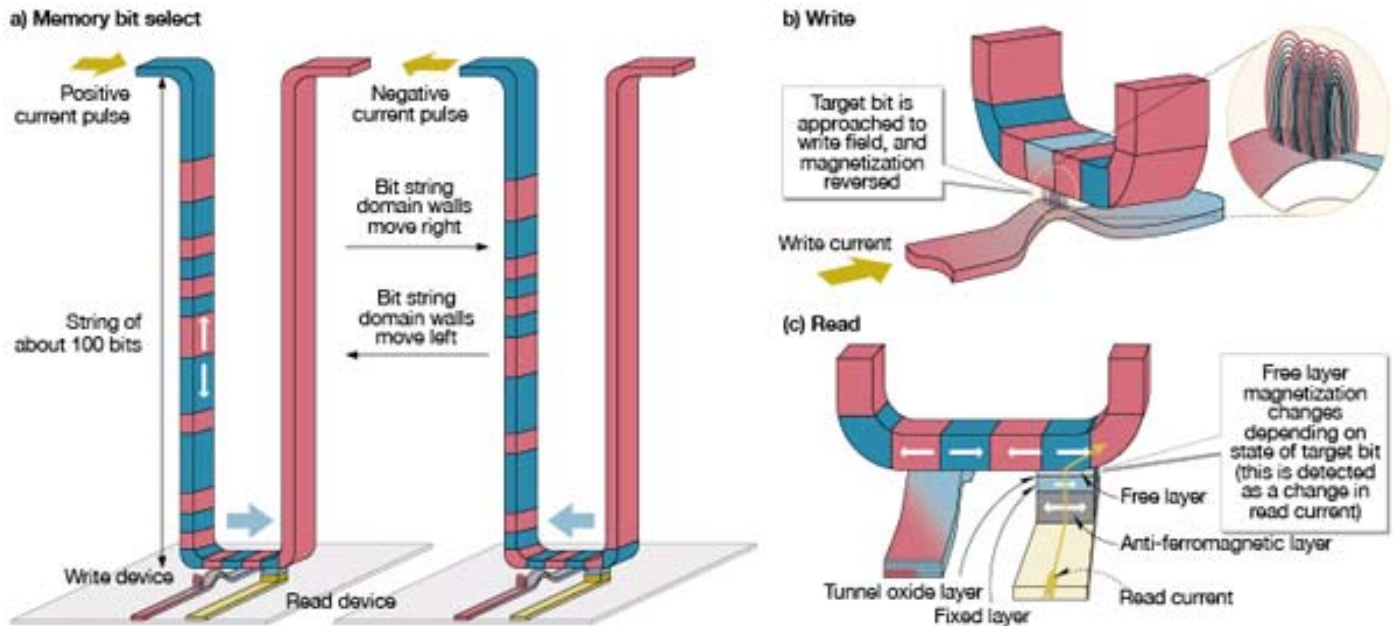
Nobel Prize 2007
Albert Fert and Peter Grünberg

Giant magnetoresistance is a quantum mechanical effect: significant change in the electrical resistance depending on whether the magnetization of adjacent ferromagnetic layers are in a parallel or an antiparallel alignment. The overall resistance is relatively low for parallel alignment and relatively high for antiparallel alignment.

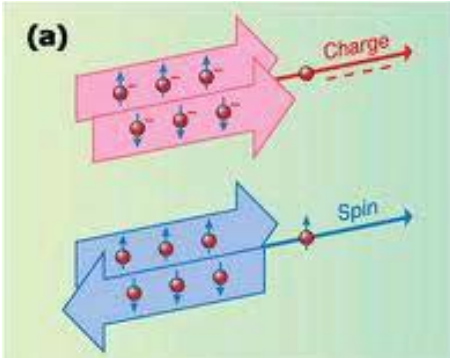


Domain motion (300m/s) - Magnetic Race-Track Memory (IBM 2005)

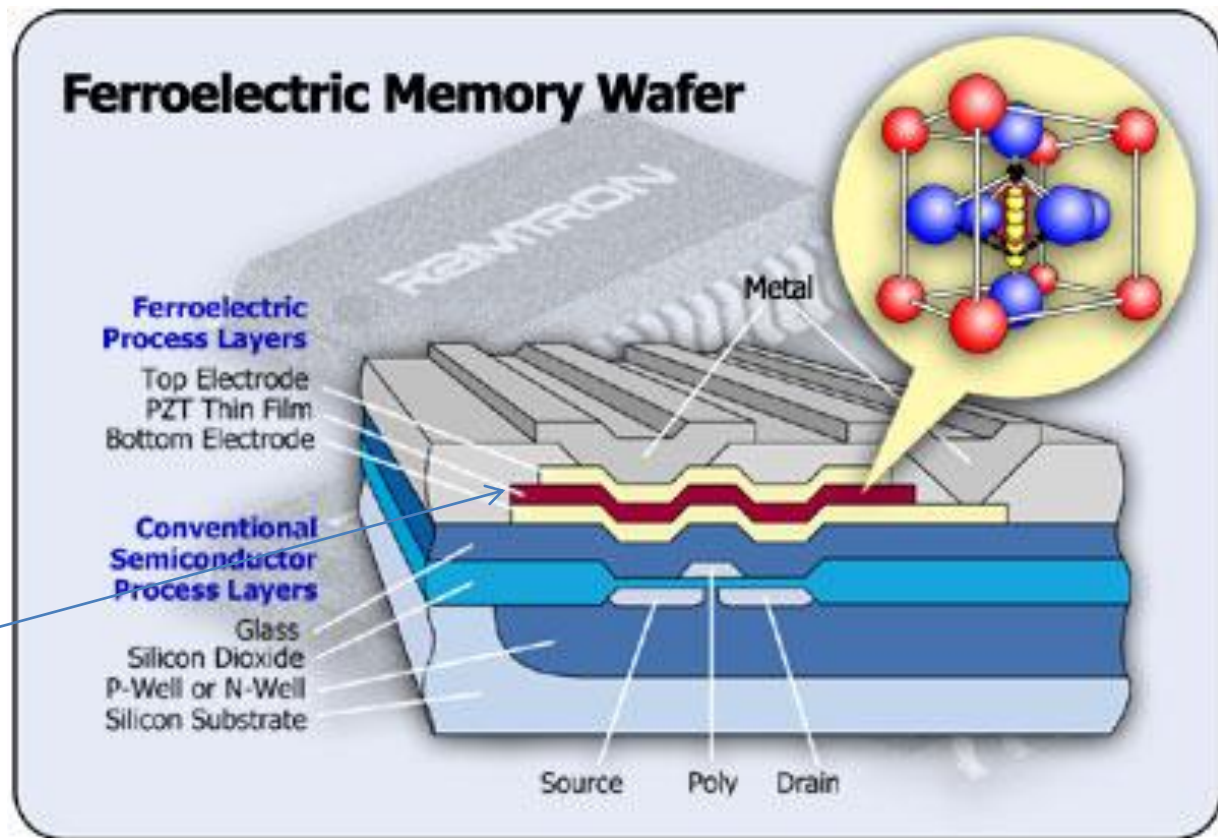
« Read », 1ns



Physical Principle: Spintronics



Ferroelectric Random-Access Memory- FeRAM



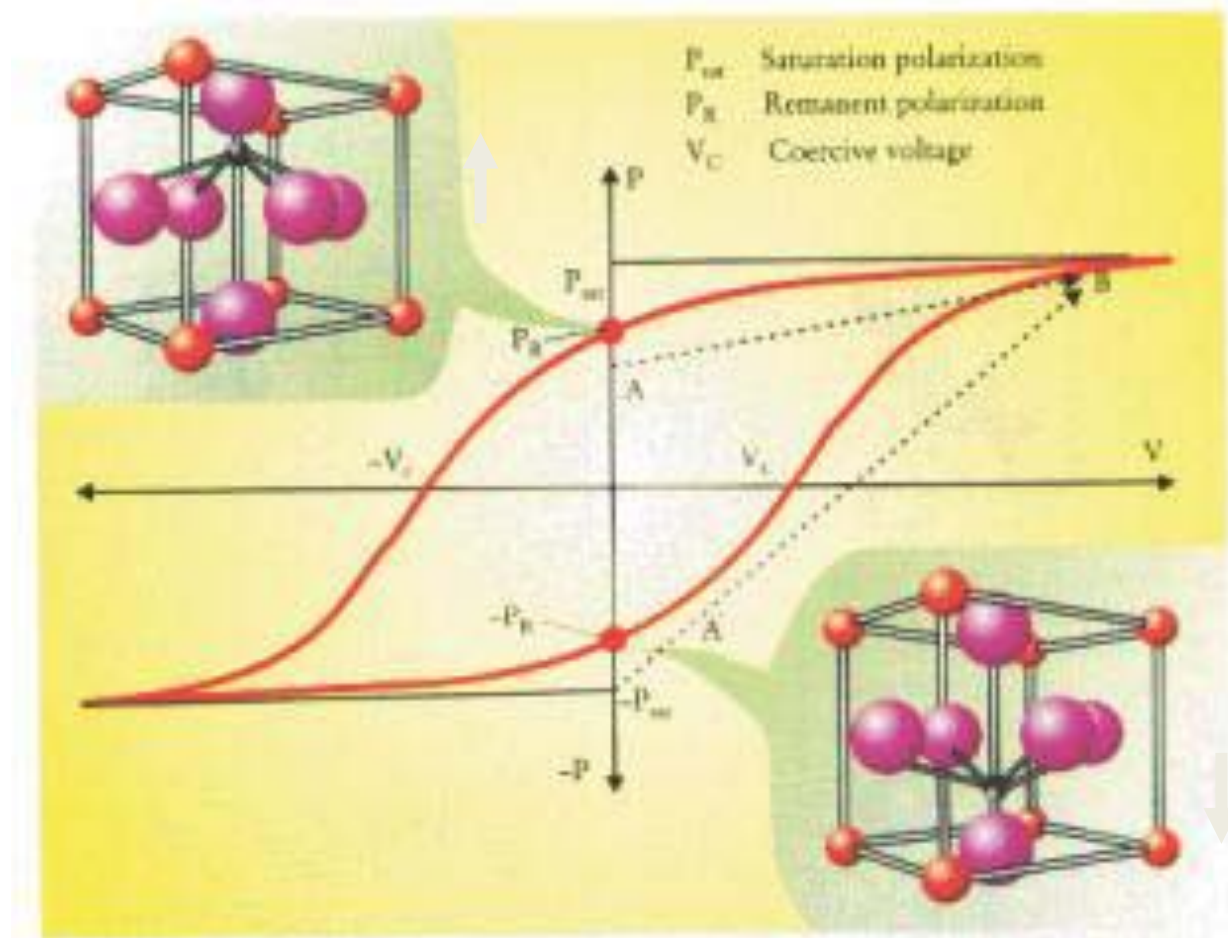
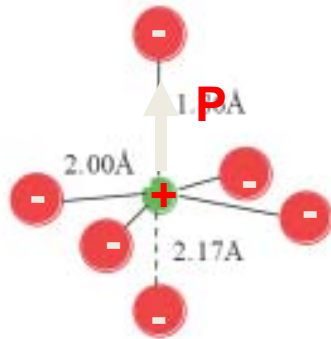
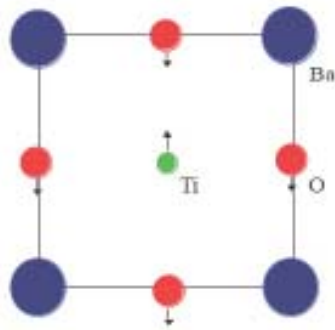
$Pb(Zr,Ti)O_3$ (PZT)



Physical Principle: Ferroelectricity

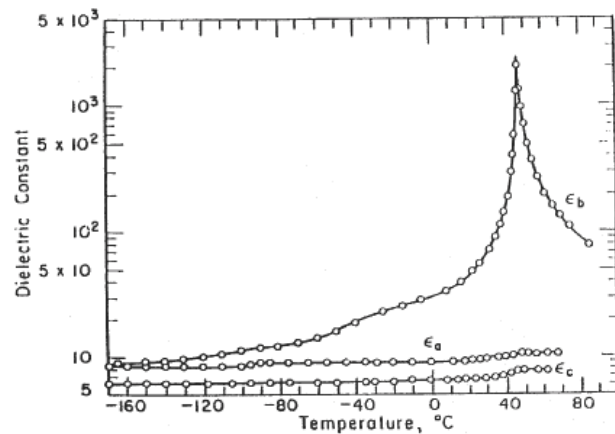
What is Ferroelectric ?

Crystal with di-polar moment **P**



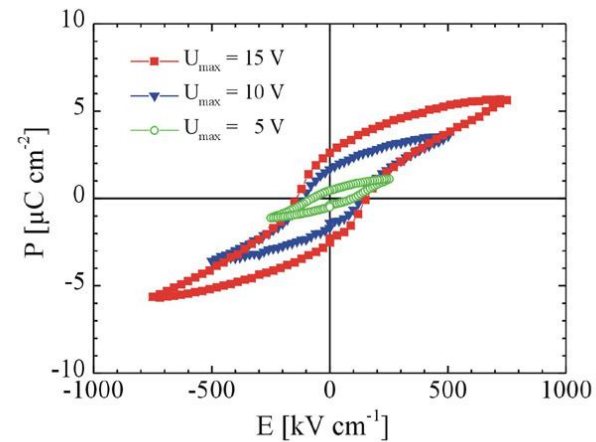
Ferroelectrics: Basic properties

- High ϵ
(Curie behavior)



[2. Dielectric constant of tri-glycine sulfate as a function of temperature

- Spontaneous polarization,
Hysteresis



- Various structural
transition

- Strong ferro-elastic coupling

Optimization for applications

- High- $\epsilon \sim 10.000$ (easy polarizability)
- Low hysteresis: $< 3V$ (domains, nano-films)
- High-k $\sim 92\%$ (Piezo-response, Relaxors)
- Optical nonlinearity (LiNbO₃, TTB)
- Lead-Free composition

Application: Commercial Fujitsu FeRAM

64Mbit
CMOS EEPROM

Embedded IC

- CPU & I/O
- 1k Byte RAM
- 16k Byte ROM
- **4k Byte FeRAM**
- Security Circuit

0.5 μ m CMOS Process

Capacitor size	: $1.6 \times 1.9 \mu\text{m}^2$
Cell size	: $27.3 \mu\text{m}^2$ (2T2C), $12.5 \mu\text{m}^2$ (1T1C)
Operating voltage	: 5V
Retention	: > 10 years @85°C
Fatigue	: > 10^{10} cycles

PlayStation.2

On **24th, January 2008**, Japan Railroad announced that all across Japan, the standard JR E-Ticket, E-Purse and credit card are the Panasonic FeRAM card.

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The future of FeRAMs

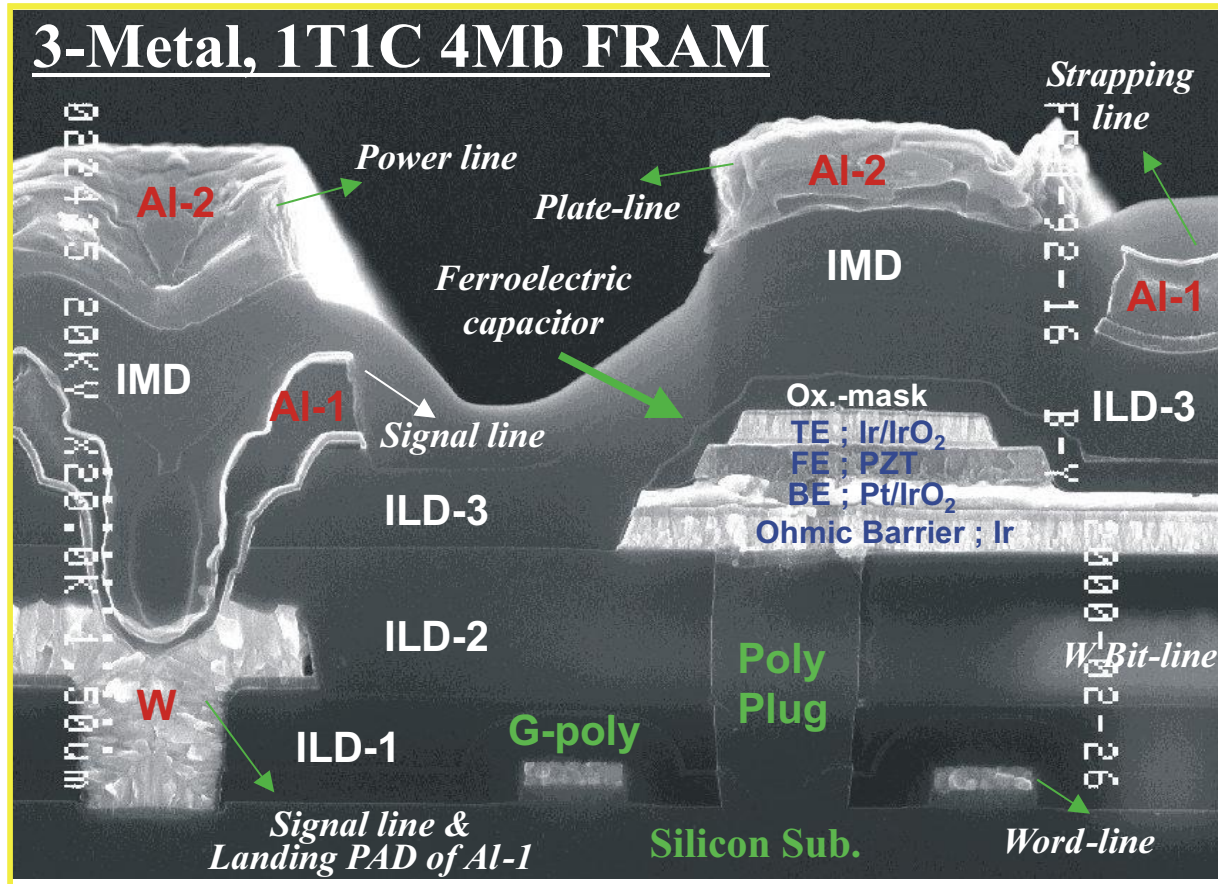
International Technology Roadmap for Semiconductors, 2005

Table 43a Non-Volatile Memory Technology Requirements—Near term

Year of Production	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
DRAM % Pitch (nm) (contacted)	80	70	65	57	50	45	40	36	32
MPU/ASIC Metal 1 (M1) % Pitch (nm)(contacted)	90	78	68	59	52	45	40	36	32
MPU Physical Gate Length (nm)	32	28	25	22	20	18	16	14	13
Flash technology NOR/NAND – F (nm) [1]	80/76	70/64	65/57	57/51	50/45	45/40	40/36	35/32	32/28
Flash NOR cell size – area factor a in multiples of F ² [2], [3], [4], [5]	9–11	9–11	9–11	9–12	10–12	9–12	9–12	10–12	10–12
Flash NAND cell size – area factor a in multiples of F ² SLC/MLC [6]	4.0/2.0	4.0/2.0	4.0/2.0	4.0/2.0	4.0/2.0	4.0/1.0	4.0/1.0	4.0/1.0	4.0/1.0
Flash NOR typical cell size (μm ²) [7], [8]	0.064	0.049	0.042	0.034	0.028	0.021	0.017	0.013	0.011
Flash NOR L _g -stack (physical – μm) [8], [9]	0.14	0.135	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.1	0.1
Flash NOR highest W/E voltage (V) [10], [11]	7-9	7-9	7-9	7-9	7-9	6-8	6-8	6-8	6-8
Flash NAND highest W/E voltage (V) [12]	17–19	17–19	15–17	15–17	15–17	15–17	15–17	15–17	15–17
Flash NOR I _{read} (μA) [13]	29–37	28–36	27–35	26–34	25–33	27–33	27–33	26–32	25–31
Flash coupling ratio [14]	0.65–0.75	0.6–0.7	0.6–0.7	0.6–0.7	0.6–0.7	0.6–0.7	0.6–0.7	0.6–0.7	0.6–0.7
Flash NOR tunnel oxide thickness EOT (nm) [15]	8–9	8–9	8–9	8–9	8–9	8	8	8	8
Flash NAND tunnel oxide thickness EOT (nm) [16]	7–8	7-8	6–7	6–7	6–7	6–7	6–7	6–7	6–7
Flash NOR interpoly dielectric thickness EOT (nm) [17]	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12
Flash NAND interpoly dielectric thickness (nm) [18]	13–15	13–15	10–13	10–13	10–13	10–13	10–13	10–13	9–10
Flash endurance (erase/write cycles) [19]	1.00E+05	1.00E+05	1.00E+05	1.00E+05	1.00E+05	1.00E+06	1.00E+06	1.00E+06	1.00E+06
Flash nonvolatile data retention (years) [20]	10–20	10–20	10–20	10–20	10–20	10–20	10–20	10–20	20
Flash maximum number of bits per cell (MLC) [21]	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4
FeRAM technology – F (nm) [22]	130	110	100	90	80	65	57	50	45
FeRAM cell size – area factor a in multiples of F ² [23]	34	34	30	30	30	24	24	24	20
FeRAM cell size (μm ²) [24]	0.575	0.411	0.300	0.243	0.192	0.101	0.078	0.060	0.041
FeRAM cell structure [25]	1T1C	1T1C	1T1C	1T1C	1T1C	1T1C	1T1C	1T1C	1T1C
FeRAM capacitor structure [26]	stack	stack	stack	stack	stack	3D	3D	3D	3D
FeRAM capacitor footprint (μm ²) [27]	0.32	0.23	0.158	0.128	0.101	0.049	0.038	0.029	0.018
FeRAM capacitor active area (μm ²) [28]	0.32	0.23	0.158	0.128	0.101	0.076	0.069	0.064	0.059
FeRAM cap active area/footprint ratio [29]	1	1	1	1	1	1.55	1.85	2.2	3.31

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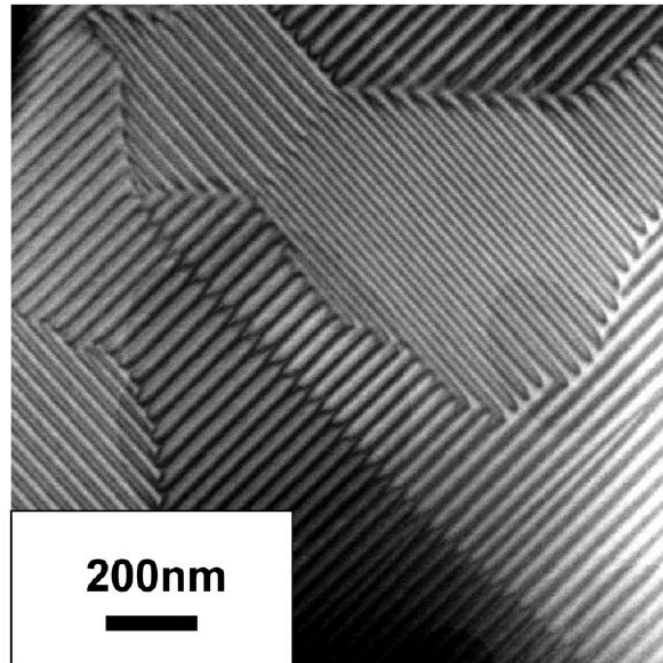
Samsung 4Mb PZT FeRAM



Ferroelectric domains as the information storage units

Nanoscale BaTiO₃

STEM micrograph of domains in sub 100 nm thick BaTiO₃ single crystal



Functional Materials

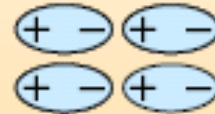
Ferromagnetism

spontaneous
magnetization



Ferroelectricity

spontaneous
polarization



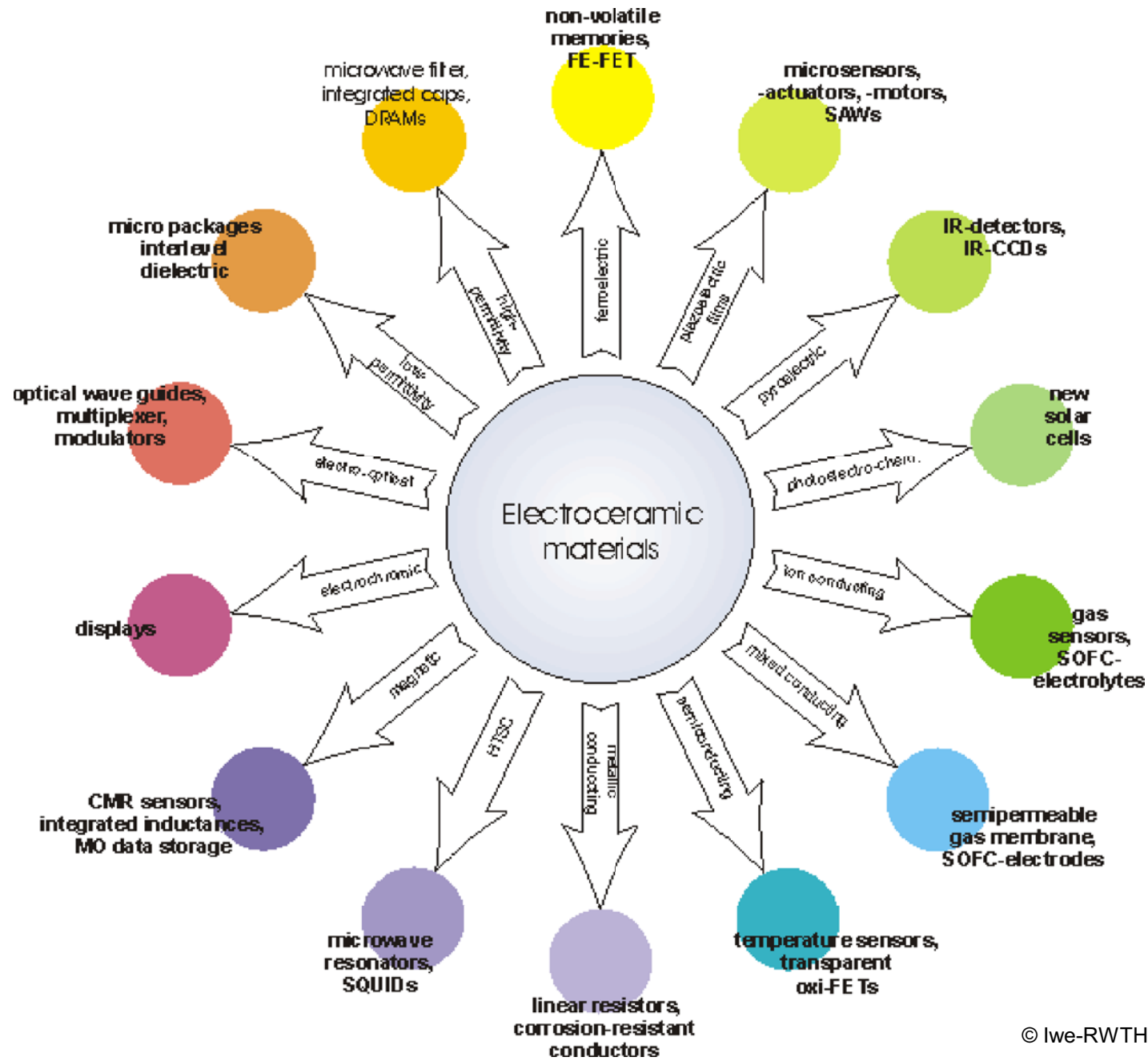
Ferroelasticity

spontaneous
strain



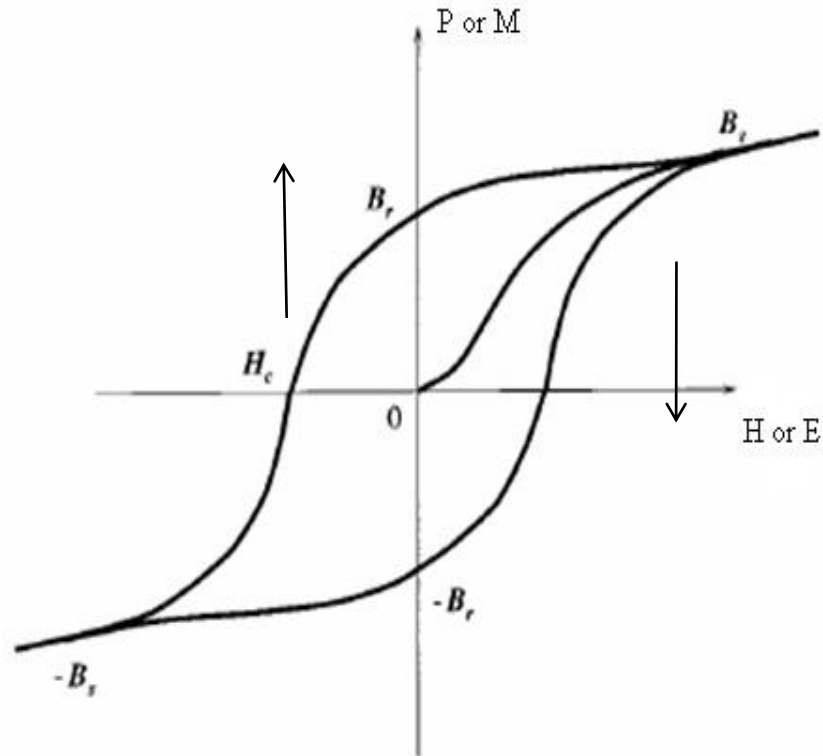
+ Superconductivity

APPLICATIONS

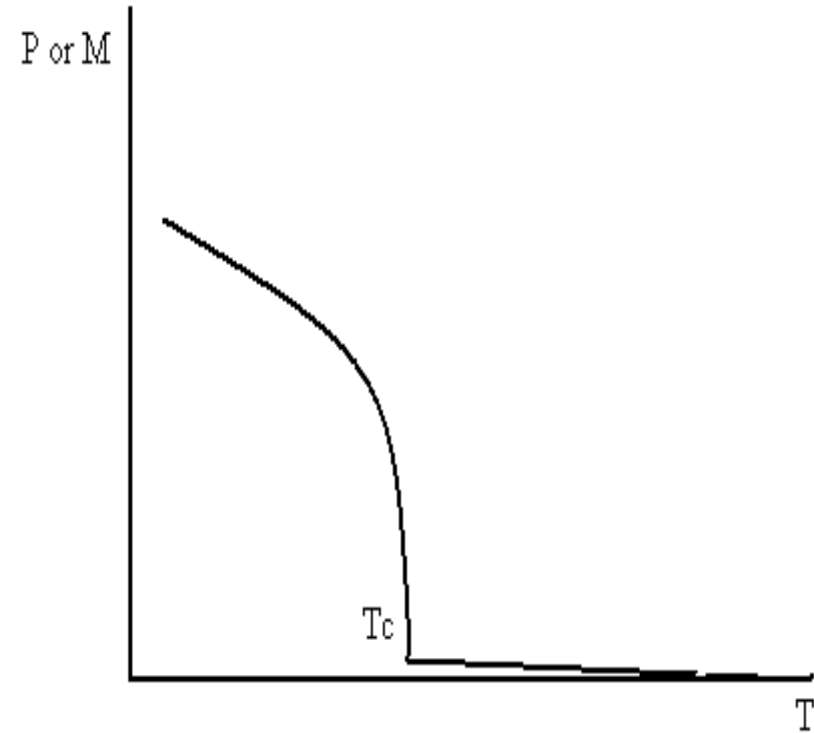


Functional properties of ordered state

Hysterisis Loop



Temperature Dependence



Ferromagnetism.

- Display spontaneous magnetization.
- Produce Hysterisis Loop.
- Can be found mainly in metals.

Ferroelectricity.

- Display spontaneous polarization.
- Produce Hysterisis Loop.
- Ferroelectrics are insulators

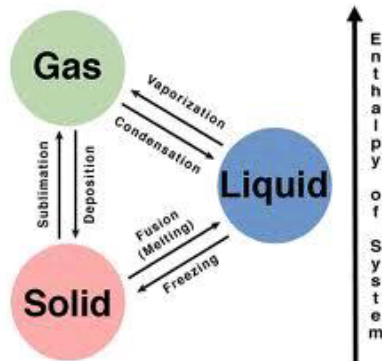


Physical Principle: Phase transition

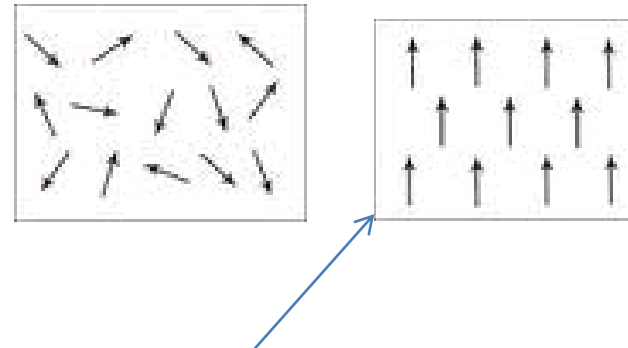
A **phase transition** is the transformation of a thermodynamic system from one phase or state of matter to another.

properties of the medium change, often discontinuously ...

Gas-Liquid-Solid



Paramagnet - Ferromagnet



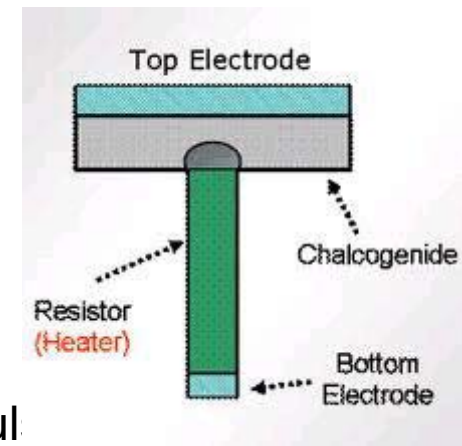
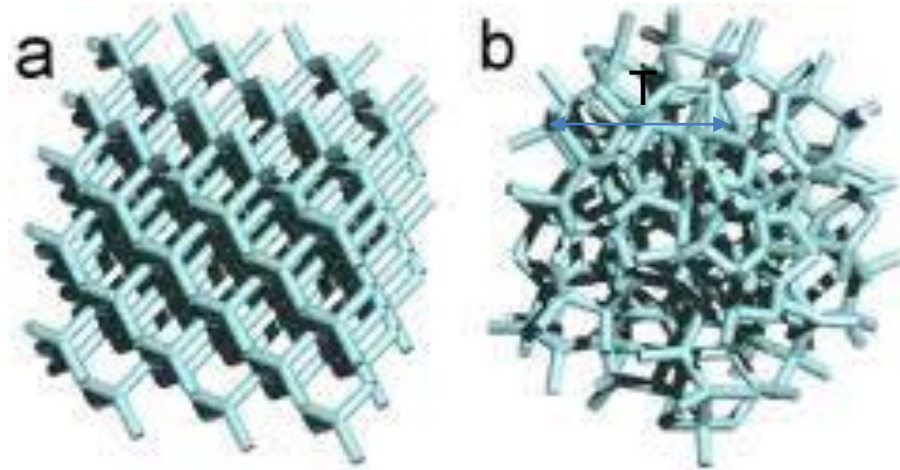
New quality – magnetisation M _ order parameter

Phase-change non-volatile memory

exploit the unique behavior of [chalcogenide glass](#). With the application of heat produced by the passage of an electric current, this material can be "switched" between two states, [crystalline](#) and [amorphous](#).

PRAM vs. Flash

Working material: phase transition in [chalcogenide glass](#)



Write: heat pul.
Read: R change

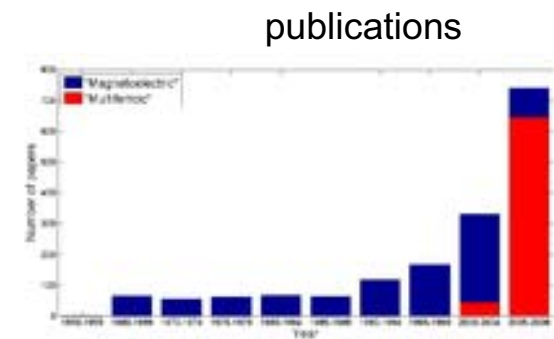
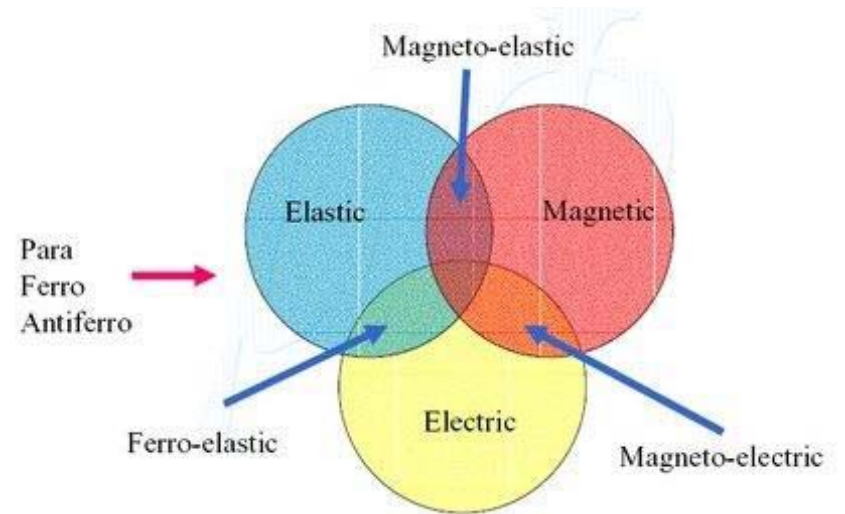
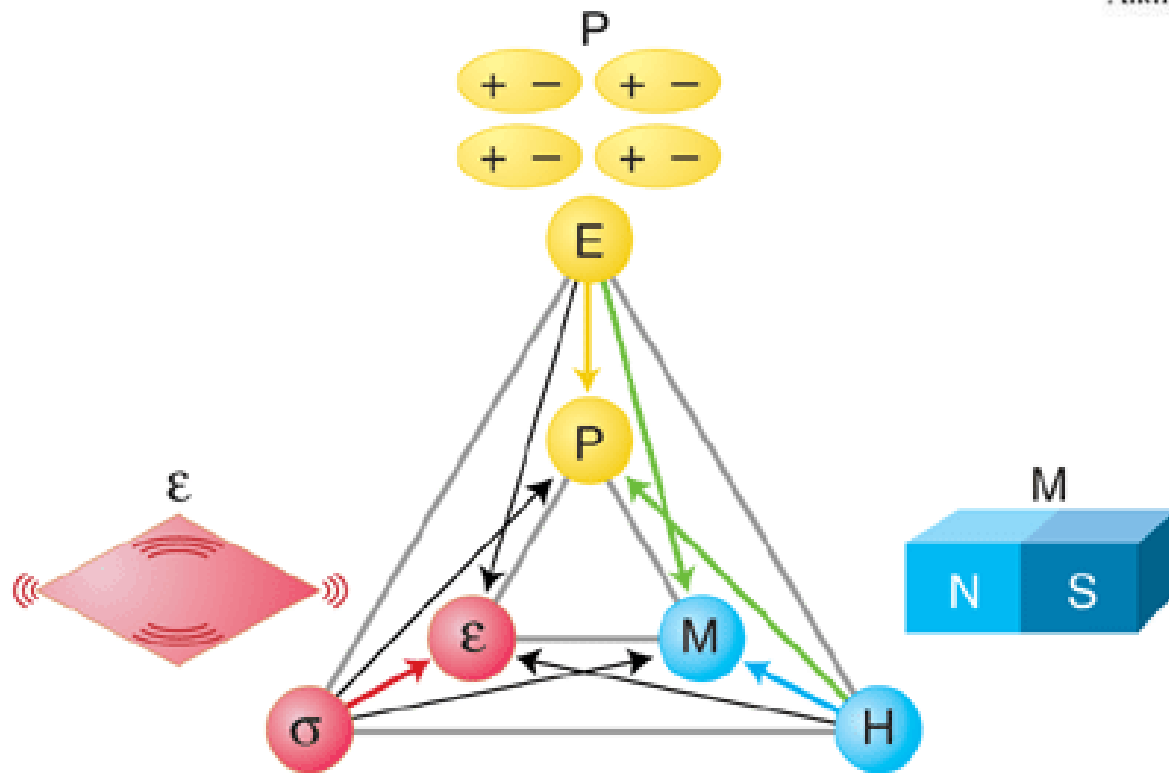
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Physical Principle: Electron localization

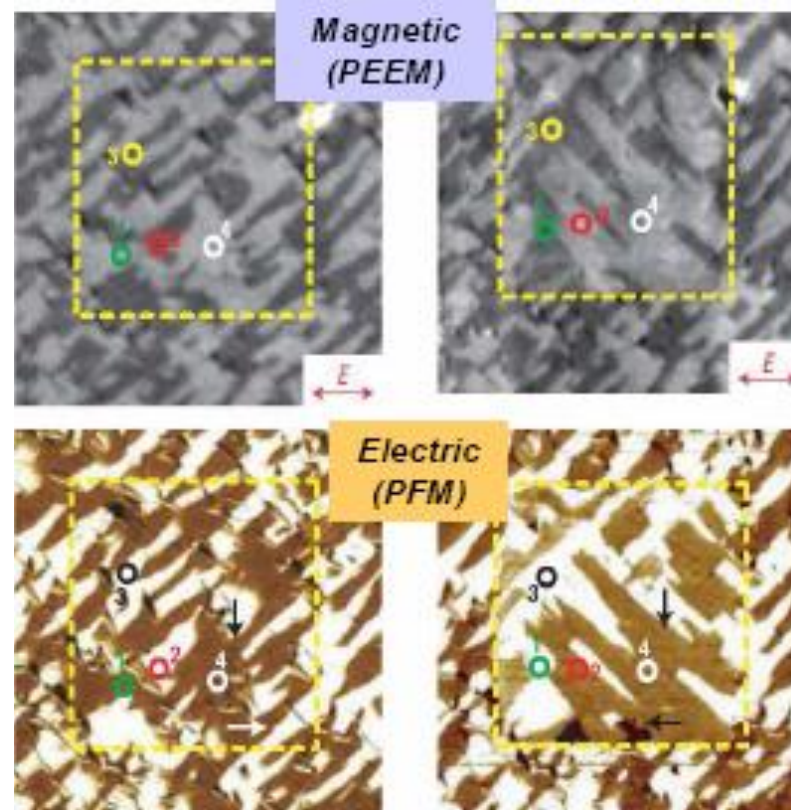
Resistivity of disordered (amorphous) Material is much higher than of crystal

Tendency: **Multiferroics**



Spalding et al., Science, Vol 309, 391-392 (2005)

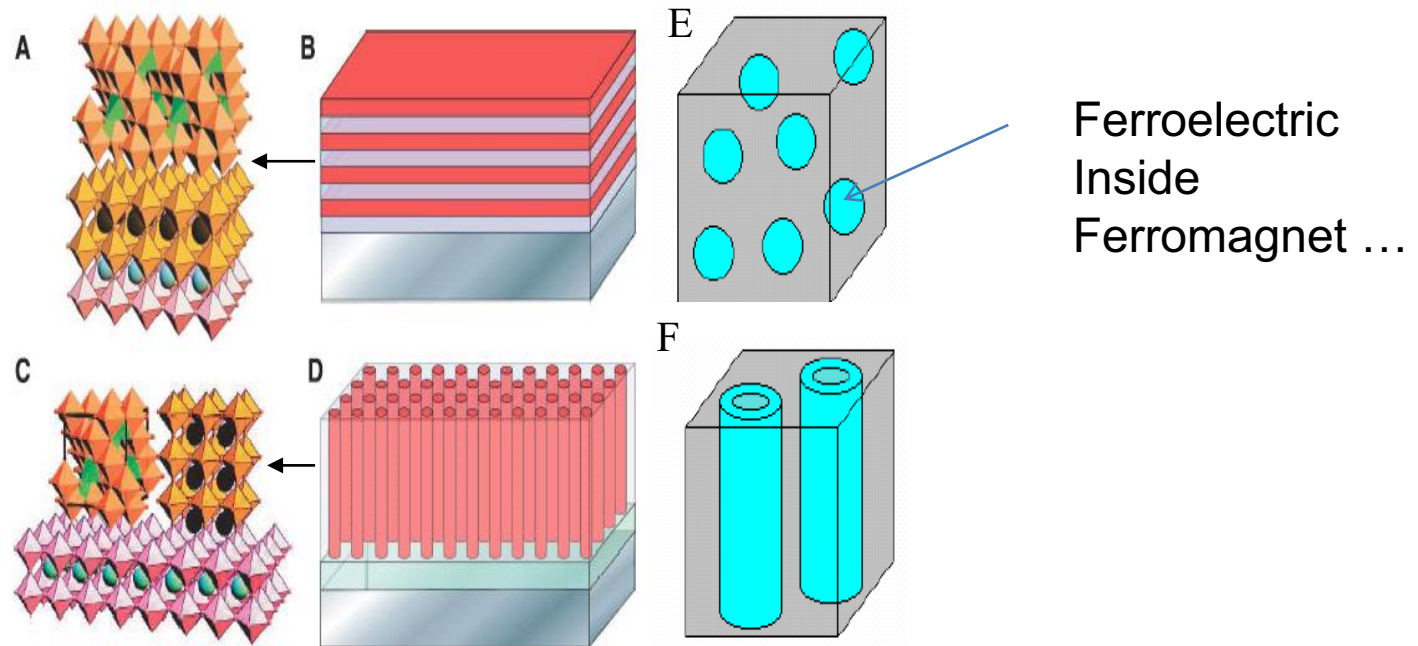
BiFeO₃



T. Zhao et al., *Nature Mat.* 5 (06)

Tendency: composite nanostructures – artificial multiferroics

(Nano-islands, Nano-pillars, nano-wires, Nano-tubes, and nano-thick layers)



Zheng et al., Science 303,661 (2004)

Towards 3D

Optical storage



Tendency: 3D optical data storage

Terabyte ..., Petabyte

Physical Principle: Nonlinear Optics

Metal-Insulator Transitions

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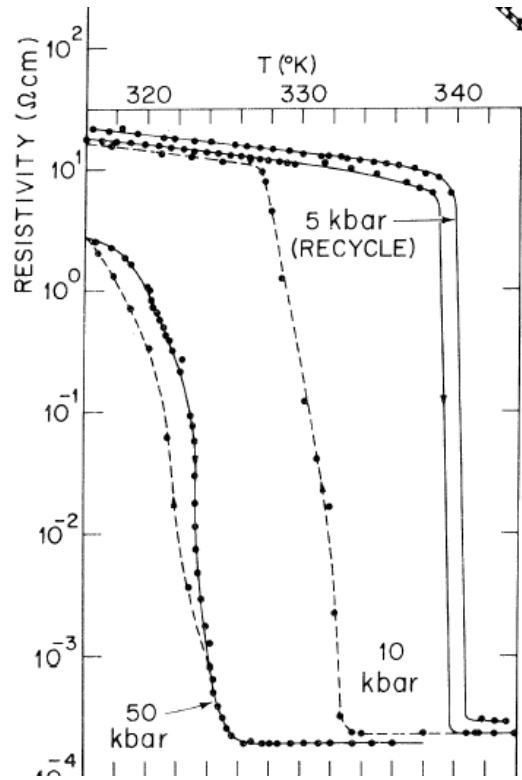
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VO₂



$\Delta R \sim 10^5$,

1st order transition

Monoclinic (Insulator) - Tetragonal (Metal)

$T_c = 68^\circ\text{C}$

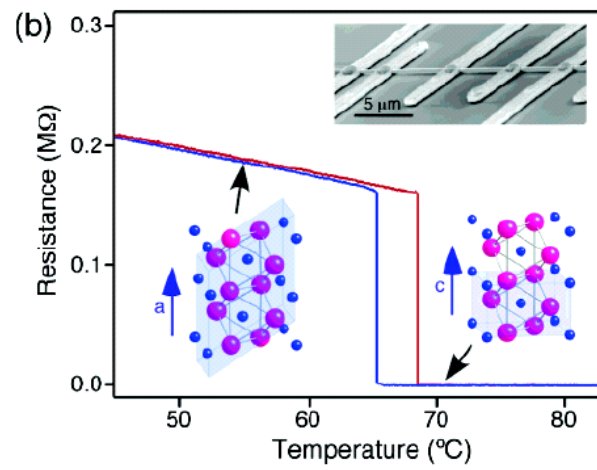
$E_g = 0.6\text{eV}$

$\Delta c/c = +1\%$, $\Delta a/a = -0.5\%$, $\Delta V/V = 0.44\%$

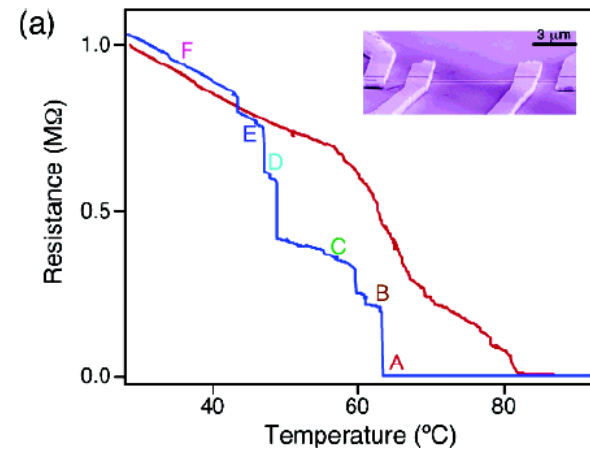
$\Delta a/a \sim \Delta b/b$

Mott field-effect transistor ?

Suspended VO₂ nanobeam



On-substrate VO₂ Nanobeam

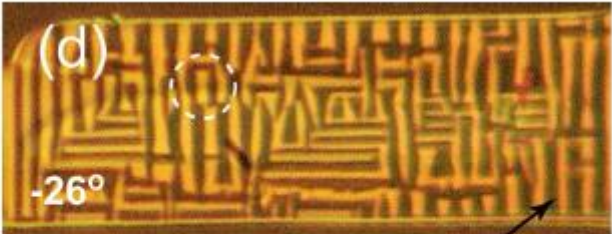
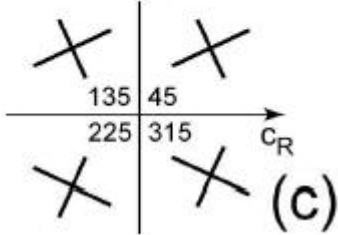
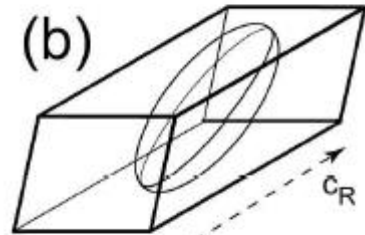
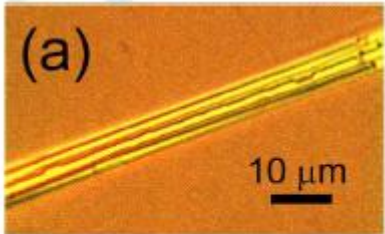
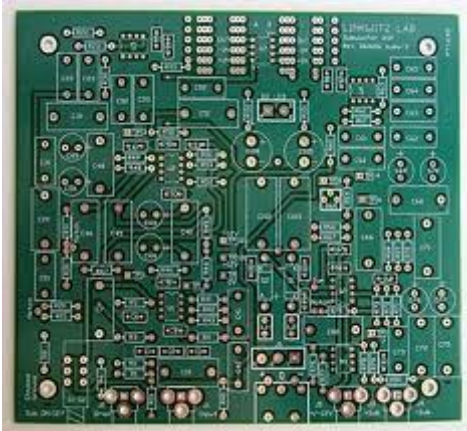


domains between HT and LT Phases

Idea: nano-interconnect

nano-level

Micro-level



CONCLUSION: state of art

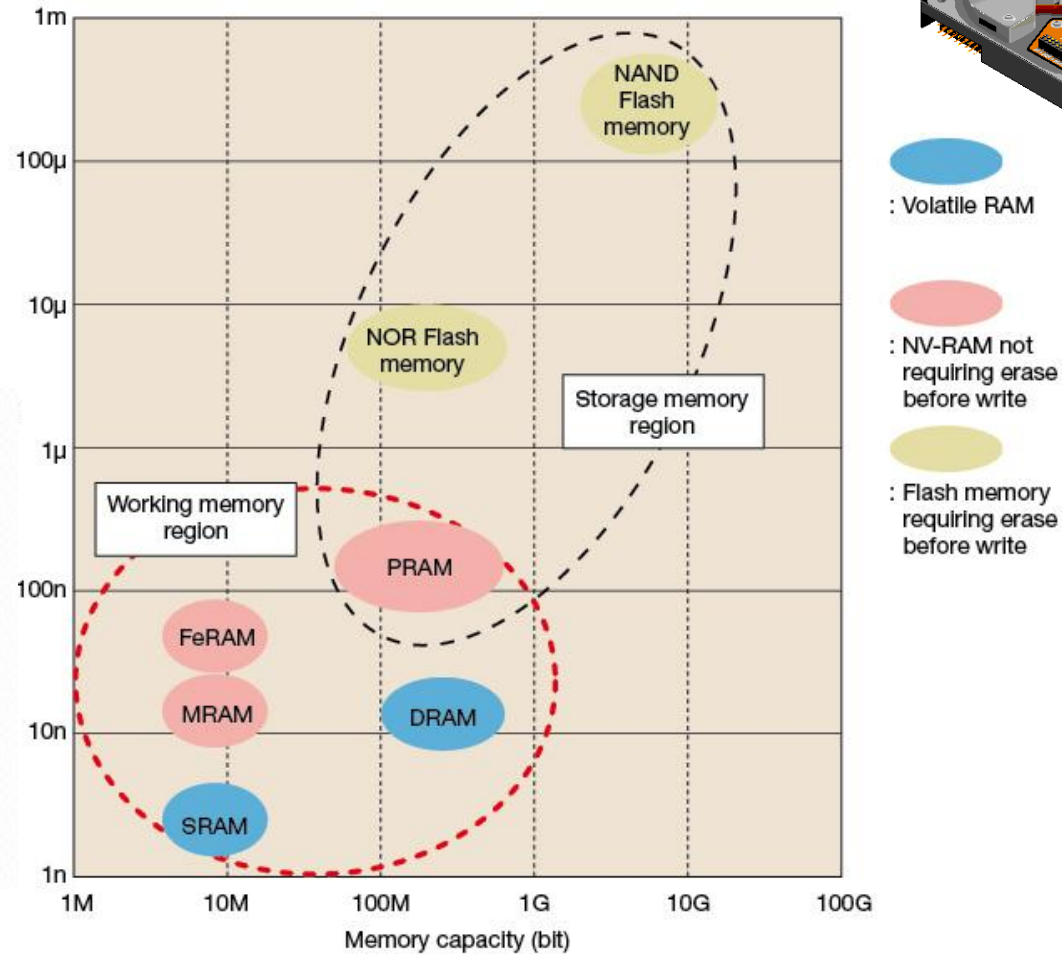
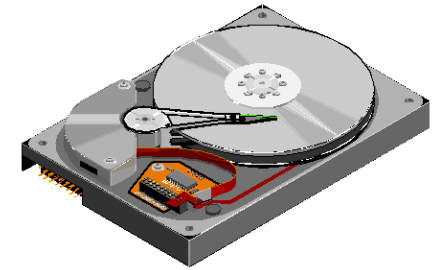
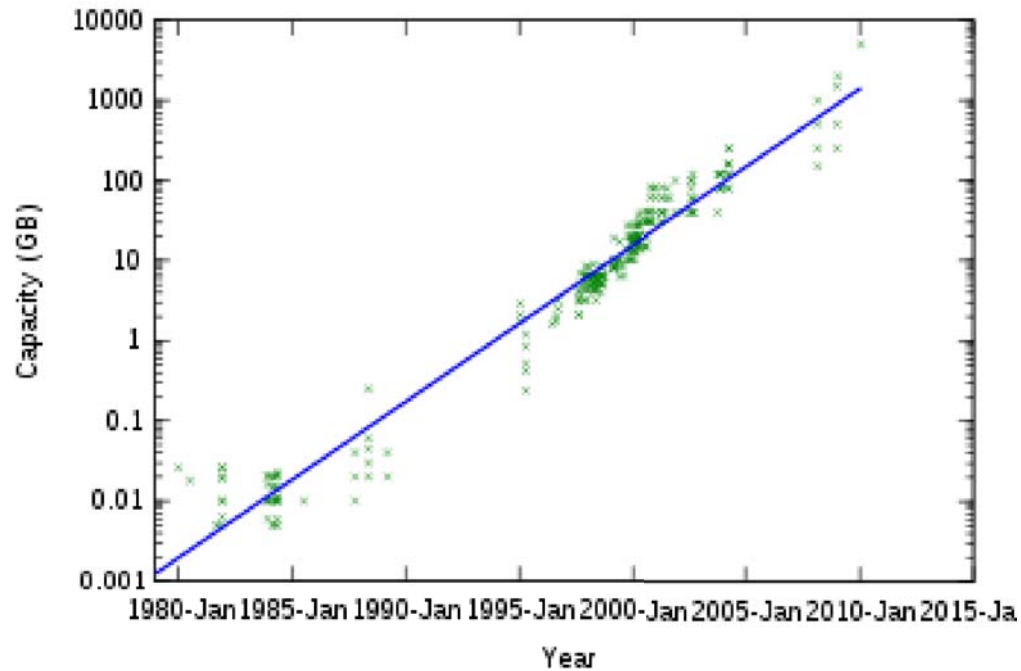


Fig 1 Host of New Non-Volatile RAMs Offer Fast Write, No Data Loss Diagram shows a comparison by write time and memory capacity. NOR Flash memory write time is per-byte, and NAND Flash memory per-page.

Moore's law (DR ROM)



Atomic level is achieved, Whats the next ??????

Saturday, April, 30, 17.30 -18.30 Giovanni FILOCAMO

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