# Ferroelectricity and Piezoelectricity





#### Paraelectric state

Above  $T_c$ , BaTiO<sub>3</sub> is paraelectric. The susceptibility (and dielectric constant) diverge like a Curie-Weiss law.

$$\chi \propto \frac{1}{T - T_c} \qquad \qquad \varepsilon = (1 + \chi) \varepsilon_0$$





### Antiferroelectricity



PbZrO<sub>3</sub>

Polarization aligns antiparallel.

Associated with a structural phase transition.

Large susceptibility and dielectric constant near the transition.

Phase transition is observed in the specific heat, x-ray diffraction.



### Piezoelectricity

Many piezoelectric materials are ferroelectric.

Electric field couples to polarization, polarization couples to structure.

lead zirconate titanate (Pb[Zr<sub>x</sub>Ti<sub>1-x</sub>]O<sub>3</sub> 0<x<1) —more commonly known as PZT barium titanate (BaTiO<sub>3</sub>)  $T_c = 408$  K lead titanate (PbTiO<sub>3</sub>)  $T_c = 765$  K potassium niobate (KNbO<sub>3</sub>)  $T_c = 708$  K lithium niobate (LiNbO<sub>3</sub>)  $T_c = 1480$  K lithium tantalate (LiTaO<sub>3</sub>)  $T_c = 938$  K

quartz (SiO<sub>2</sub>), GaAs, GaN Gallium Orthophosphate (GaPO<sub>4</sub>) Tc = 970 K

Third rank tensor, No inversion symmetry

Piezoelectric crystal classes: 1, 2, m, 222, mm2, 4, -4, 422, 4mm, -42m, 3, 32, 3m, 6, -6, 622, 6mm, -62m, 23, -43m

## Piezoelectricity

When you apply a voltage across certain crystals, they get longer.



AFM's, STM's Quartz crystal oscillators Surface acoustic wave generators Pressure sensors - Epcos Fuel injectors - Bosch Inkjet printers

# PZT (Pb[ $Zr_xTi_{1-x}$ ]O<sub>3</sub> 0<x<1)



Large piezoelectric response near the rhombohedral-tetragonal transition. Electric field induces a structural phase transition.

## Nitinol

The part of the metal that is under compression goes into the more compact phase.

#### Phase transitions

Calculate the free energy of the electrons and phonons of each phase. See which phase has the lowest energy.



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## Landau theory of phase transitions

A phase transition is associated with a broken symmetry.

magnetism cubic - tetragonal water - ice ferroelectric superconductivity direction of magnetization different point group translational symmetry direction of polarization gauge symmetry



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