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All of these materials display thermal phase transitions to a compound with a polar point group









Fig. 1.1. Dielectric hysteresis loop for Rochelle salt (Valasek, 1921).



Fig. 1.2. Circuit for investigating hysteresis loop (Sawyer and Tower, 1930).

The original discovery by Valacek in Rochelle salt, in 1921. The Sawyer-Tower circuit for measurements is shown below.

Rochelle salt: Potassium sodium tartrate tetrahydrate, $(KNaC_4H_4O_6\cdot 4H_2O)$

David Brewster in 1824 demonstrated piezoelectric effects thereon, which led to him naming the effect pyroelectricity.

From H. W. Megaw, Ferroelectricity in Crystals, Methuen, London, 1957 Megew, Helen Dick



Fig. 2.1. Rochelle salt: projection of structure on 001. Figures beside atom give heights above plane z = 0 in hundredths of cell edge; to convert into Ångstrom units multiply by c/100. Positions of screw axes indicated by arrows. Environments of representative atoms shown by dotted lines; where these are crossed by a short line at right angles, they involve an atom in the cell vertically above or below that whose height is marked.

Hydrogen-bonded ferroelectricity in Rochelle's salt.

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Fig. 1.5. Dielectric hysteresis loops for Rochelle salt at different temperatures (Sawyer and Tower, 1930). From H. W. Megaw, Ferroelectricity in Crystals, Methuen, London, 1957

Fig. 3.3. Fourier synthesis, (001) projection, from neutron diffraction (Bacon and Pease, 1953, 1955). (a) at room temperature, (b) at 77° K.

The heaviest peaks are K + P, with O only slightly weaker; the peaks indicated by dashed contours are H. For comparison with Fig. 3.1, put the K + P peaks at $x = \frac{1}{2}$, $y = \frac{1}{2}$ and $x = \frac{1}{2}$, y = 1.

Hydrogen-bonded ferroelectricity in potassium dihydrogen phosphate (KDP); early neutron diffraction work.

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Fig. 1.6. Diagrammatic illustration of twinning in a pseudosymmetric structure.

- (a) Crystal above transition point (high-symmetry form)
- (b), (c) Low-symmetry form: two possible orientations
 - (d) Twinned crystal, with low-symmetry form in both orientations.

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Classification of substances related to perovskite

I. Substances occurring only in ideal cubic form	SrTiO ₃ , SrZrO ₃ , SrHfO ₃ , SrSnO ₃ , SrFeO ₃ , BaZrO ₃ , BaHfO ₃ , BaSnO ₃ , BaCeO ₃ , EuTiO ₃ , LaMnO ₃
 II. Substances having at least one form with a distorted small- cell structure (C = cubic, T = tetragonal, O - ortho- rhombic, R = rhombo- hedral, ? = doubtful or not fully investigated) 	BaTiO ₃ (C, T, O, R), KNbO ₃ (C, T, O, R), KTaO ₃ (C, ?), RbTaO ₃ (C, T), PbTiO ₃ (C, T)
 III. Substances having distorted multiple-cell structures (a) cell size √2a × 2a × √2a (b) cell size √2a × 4a × √2a (c) cell size √2a × 2√2a × 2a (d) cell size 2a × 2a × a (e) others 	(a) $CaTiO_3$, $(CaZrO_3)$, $(CdTiO_3)$, (CaSnO ₃) (b) NaNbO ₃ , (NaTaO ₃) (c) PbZrO ₃ , PbHfO ₃ (d) WO ₃ (e) PbTiO ₃ (low-temp.), WO ₃ (high-temp.), NaNbO ₃ (high temp.), NaNbO ₃ (low-temp.), LaCrO ₃
 IV. Substances having structures based on close-packing (a) Ilmenite type (b) LiNbO₃ type 	(a) FeTiO ₃ , CdTiO ₃ (b) LiNbO ₃ , (LiTaO ₃)

Substances in brackets have not been investigated in detail and classification is partly by analogy. From H. W. Megaw, Ferroelectricity in Crystals, Methuen, London, 1957

Antiferrodistortive transition in $SrTiO_3$ in R-point of the Brillouin zone

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Antiferroelectrics: The example of PbZrO₃

