



# High K- nano smart materials

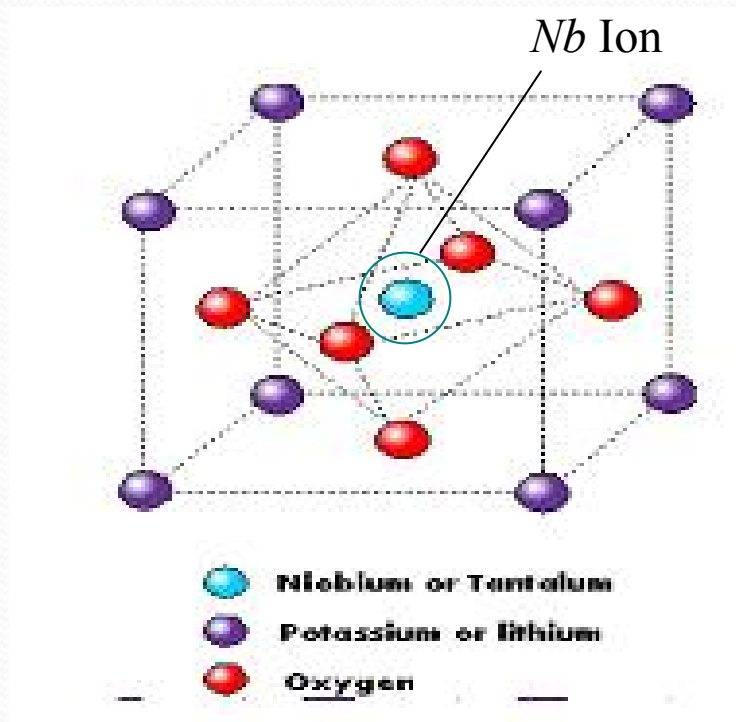
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# What is High K Nano Smart?

- High K
  - Beyond a great term for Funding Agencies??!!
  - Derived from the world of microelectronic capacitances where  $\epsilon > 3.9$  (Silicon Oxide)
  - Solid state
- Nano
  - Specific dielectric behaviour governed at the nano scale
  - And another great term for the Funding Agencies!!

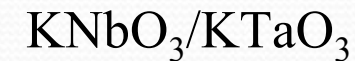
# KTN

## Crystals



*Perovskite Structure  $ABO_3$*

1959 – S. Triebwasser



2001 - Y. Girshberg, Y. Yacoby

$$\epsilon_s = \frac{C}{(T - T_0)}$$

High temperature

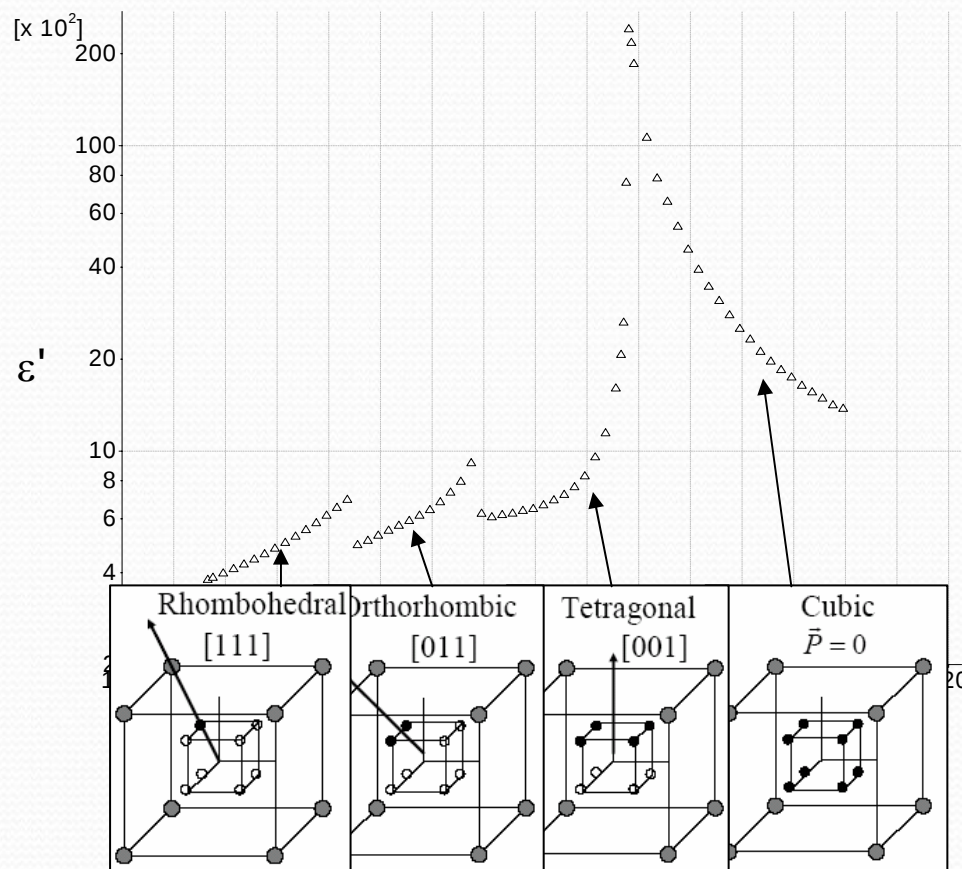
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Low temperature

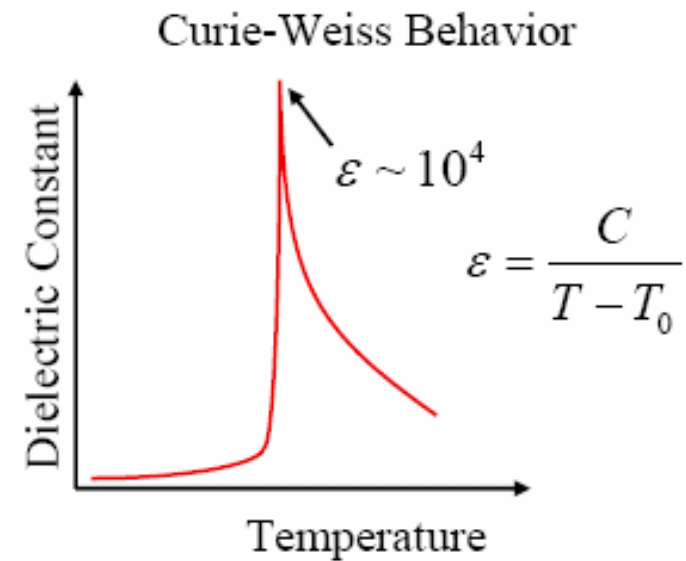
cubic → tetragonal → orthorhombic → rhombohedral

# Structural 2<sup>nd</sup> Order FE Phase Transitions

- Displacement of center ion at low temperatures creates dipole moment



The phase transition is mediated by the interaction between the Nb ion and the Soft-mode phonon of the crystal lattice<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Y. Girshberg and Y. Yacoby, J. Phys. Condens. Mat. **13** (2001), 8817

# Soft mode Phonon Models

The simplest model considers the movement of the central ion and its equation of motion

$$m\ddot{x} + \gamma\dot{x} + (K_S - K_L + BT)x = eE_0 \exp(-i\omega t)$$

Where

- $K_S$  is the short range harmonic restoring force
- $K_L$  is the long range electrostatic force
- $BT$  is an effective anharmonic restoring force

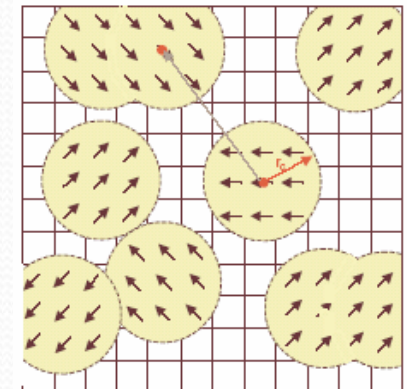
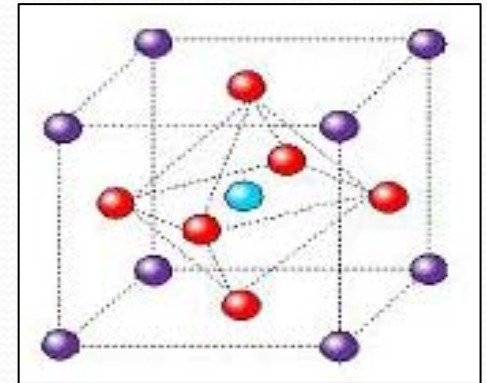
The resulting susceptibility is

$$\chi = \frac{N e^2 / m}{\bar{\omega}^2 - \omega^2 + i\gamma\omega/m} \quad \text{where} \quad \bar{\omega}^2 = \frac{B}{m} \left( T - \frac{K_L - K_S}{B} \right)$$

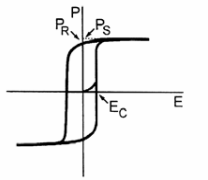
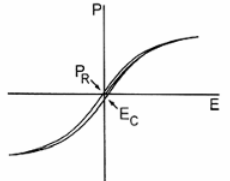
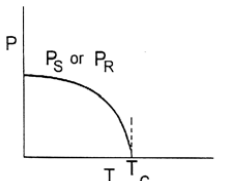
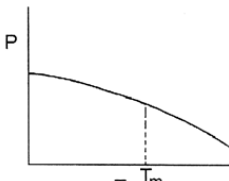
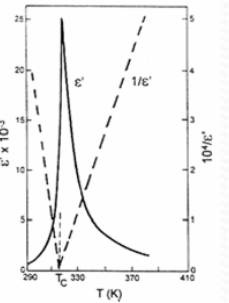
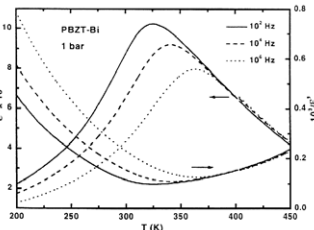
Predicting Curie-Wiess behaviour at

$$T_c = \frac{(K_L - K_S)}{B}$$

These are highly polarizable lattices, where small concentrations of dopants can have an extraordinary effect!

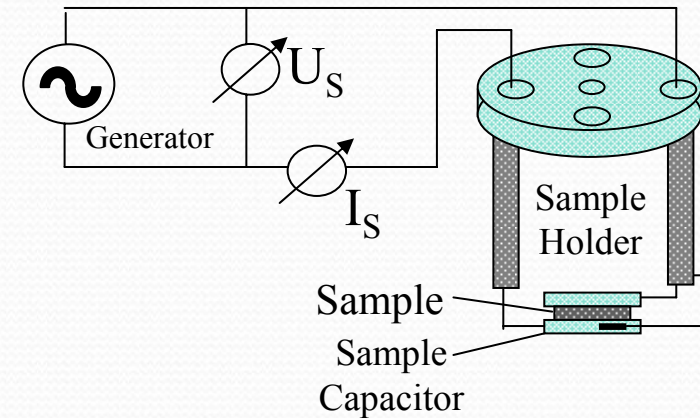


# Relaxors

| Ferroelectrics                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Relaxors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <p>Macroscopic polarization domains</p>                                                                                                            | <p>Nanoscale polarization domains</p>                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>No macroscopic polarization above <math>T_c</math></p>                                                                                          | <p>Nanoscale polarization existing above <math>T_m</math></p>                                                                                                                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharp phase transitions</li> <li>• Curie-Weiss Law obeyed</li> <li>• No frequency dispersion</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broad transition peaks</li> <li>• Divergence from Curie Weiss behaviour</li> <li>• Frequency dispersion in <math>T_m</math></li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase transition with macroscopic symmetry change at <math>T_c</math></li> </ul>                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No structural change at <math>T_m</math></li> <li>• Critical slowing down of dipolar relaxation below <math>T_m</math></li> </ul>                                                                                            |

# Methodologies – Broadband Dielectric Spectroscopy

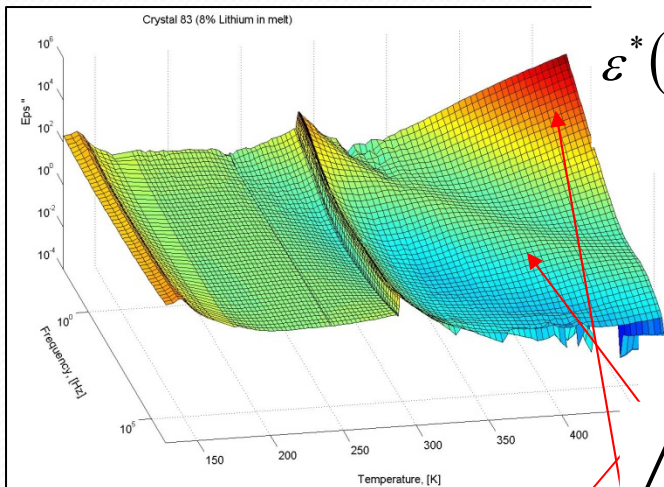
**Broad-Band Dielectric Spectrometer BDS 80 (NOVOCONTROL) in the frequency range 10 mHz – 3 MHz with automatic temperature control by QUATRO Cryosystem (temperature range -150 °C – +400 °C)**



$$Z^*(\omega) = Z'(\omega) + iZ''(\omega) = U_s(\omega) / I_s(\omega)$$

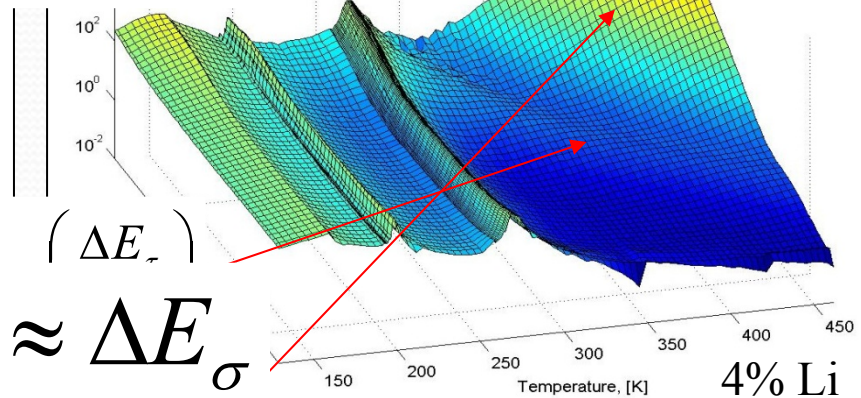
$$\varepsilon^*(\omega) = \varepsilon'(\omega) - i\varepsilon''(\omega) = -i / 2\pi f Z(f) C_0$$

# Dielectric Results



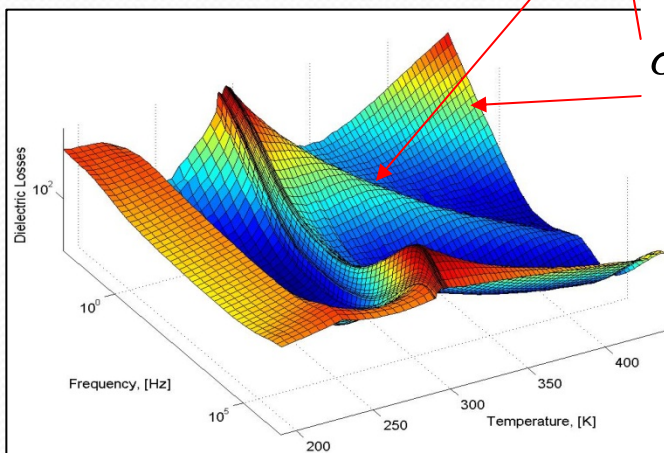
2% Cu, 8% Li

$$\varepsilon^*(\omega) - \varepsilon_\infty = \frac{\Delta\varepsilon}{1 + (i\omega\tau)^\alpha}$$



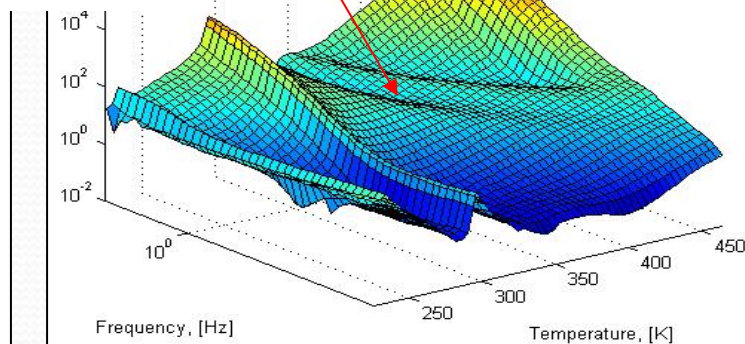
4% Li

$$\Delta E_\tau \approx \Delta E_\sigma$$



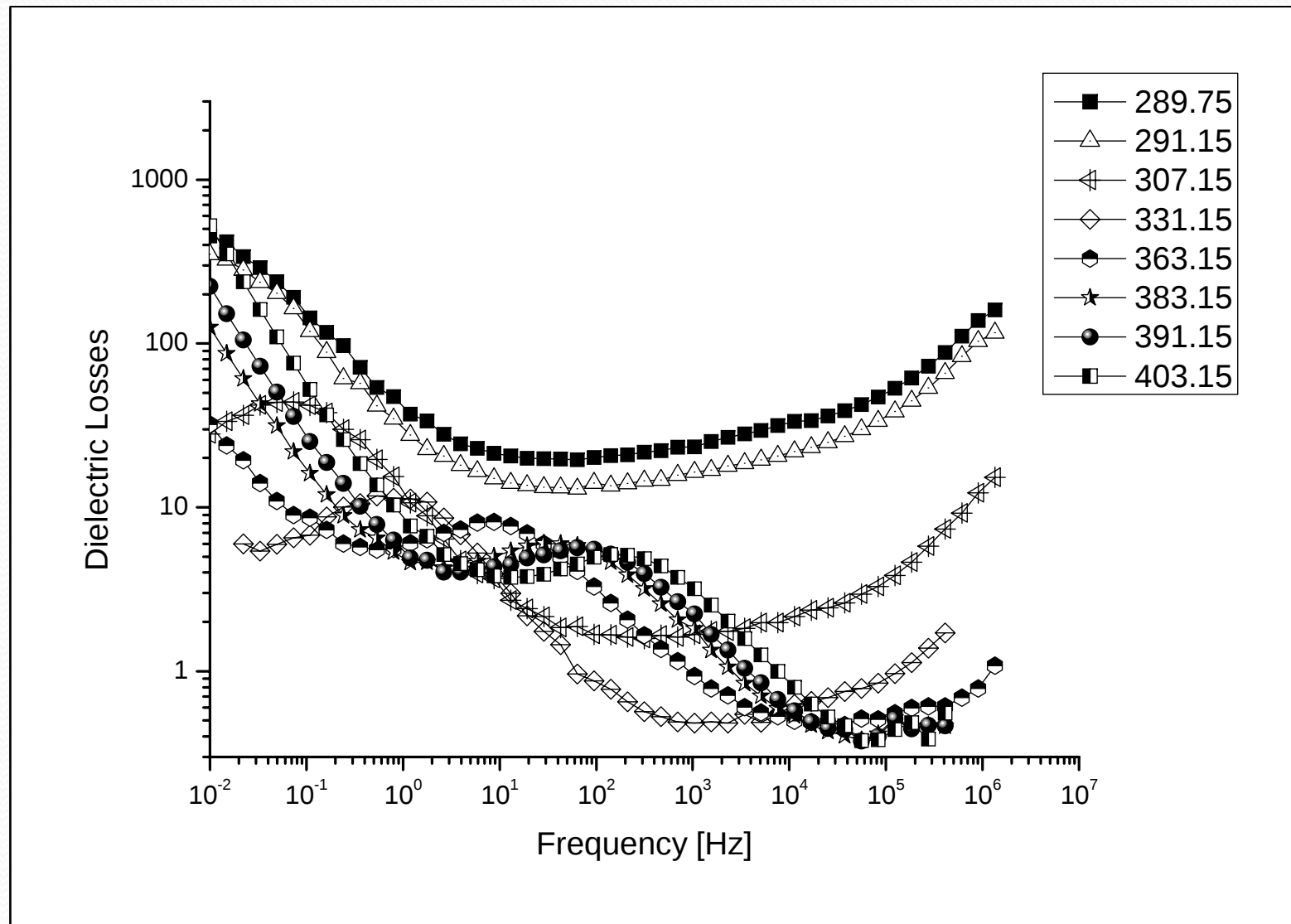
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$$\sigma = \sigma_0 \exp\left(\frac{\Delta E_\sigma}{k_B T}\right)$$

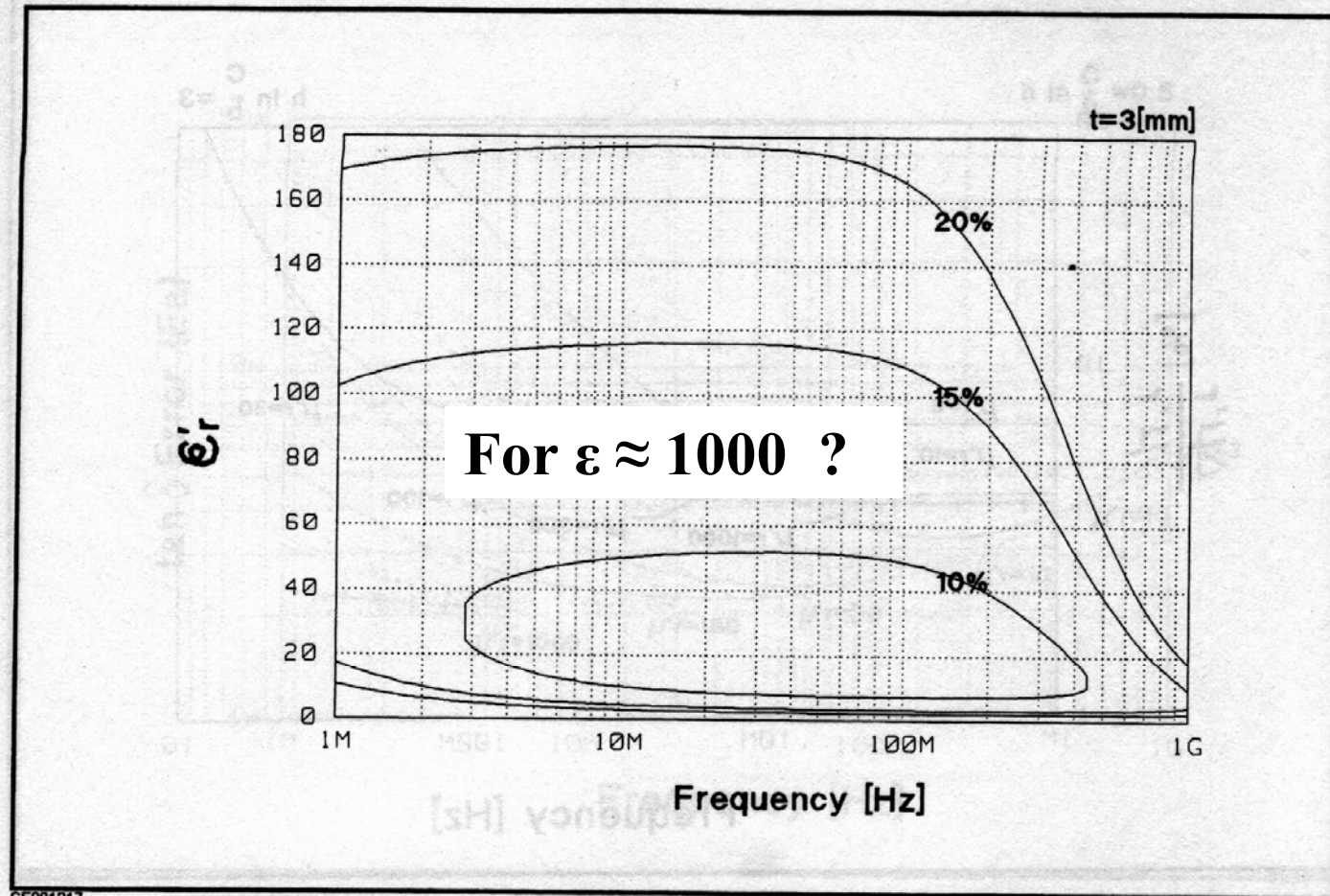


1.2% Cu

# Lithium Series Results



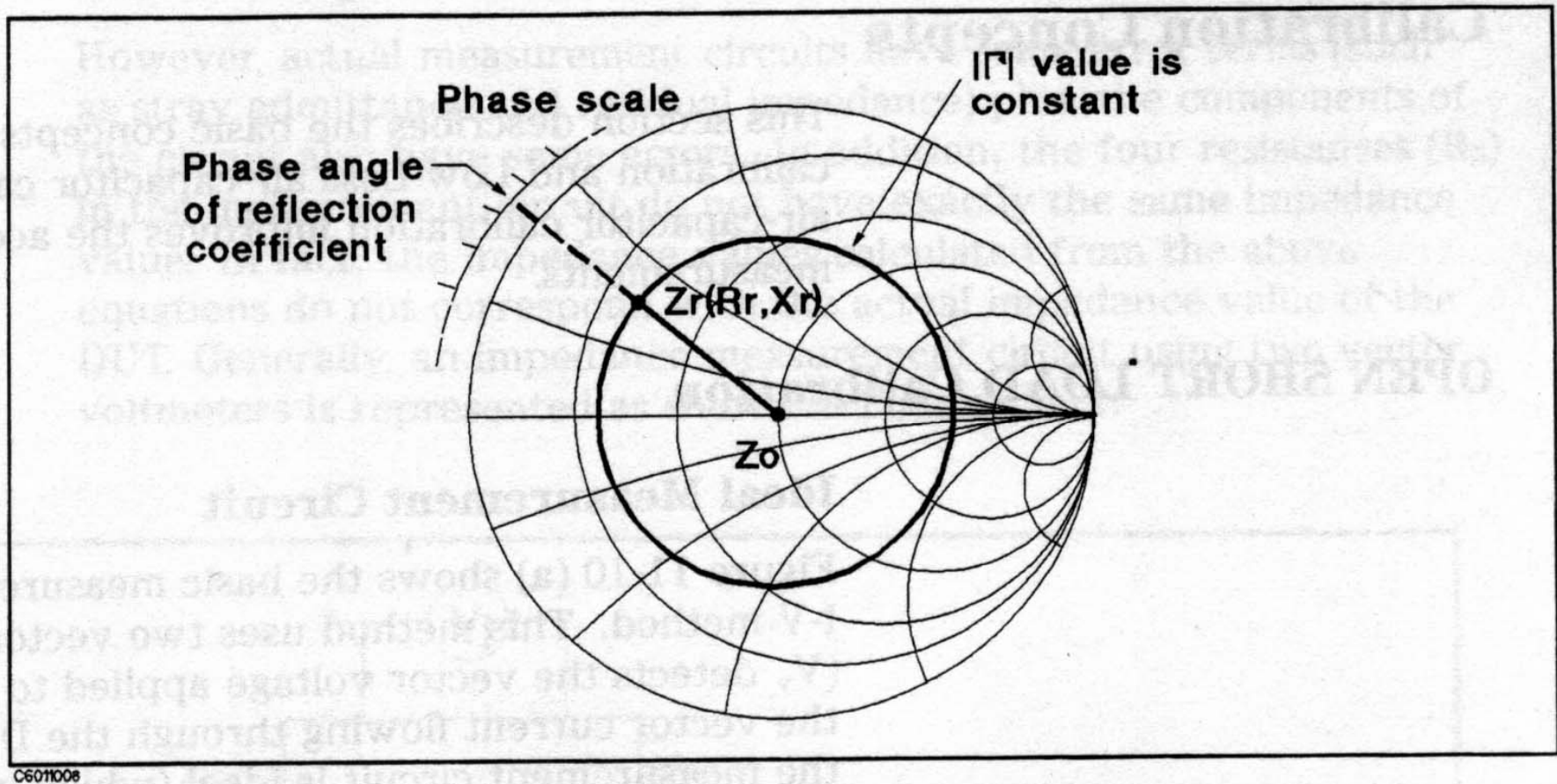
# Frequency Impedance Analyzers



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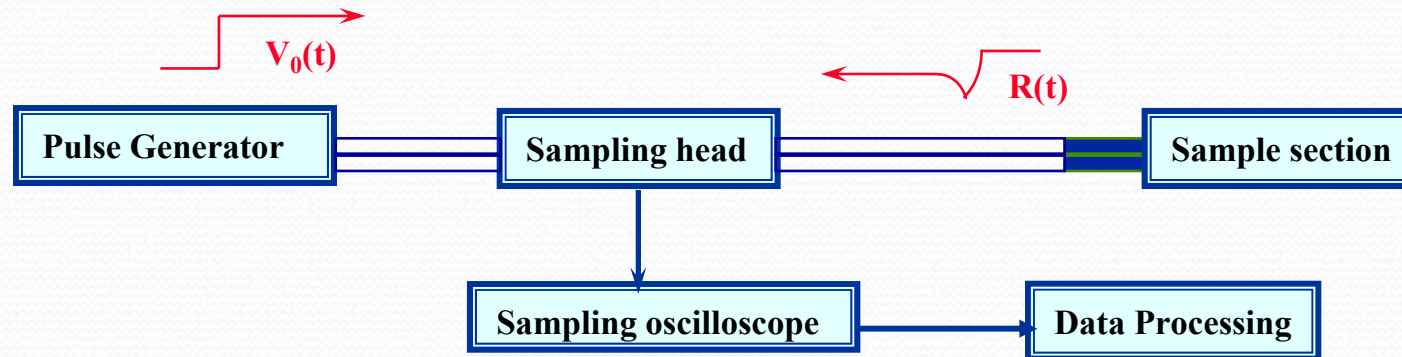
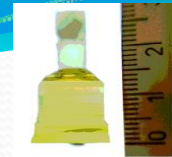
**Figure 12-24.**  
**Typical Permittivity Measurement Accuracy ( $\epsilon_r$  v.s. Frequency, @thickness = 3 mm)**

# Smith Chart



**Figure 11-8. Impedance Read-out**

# TDS measurements

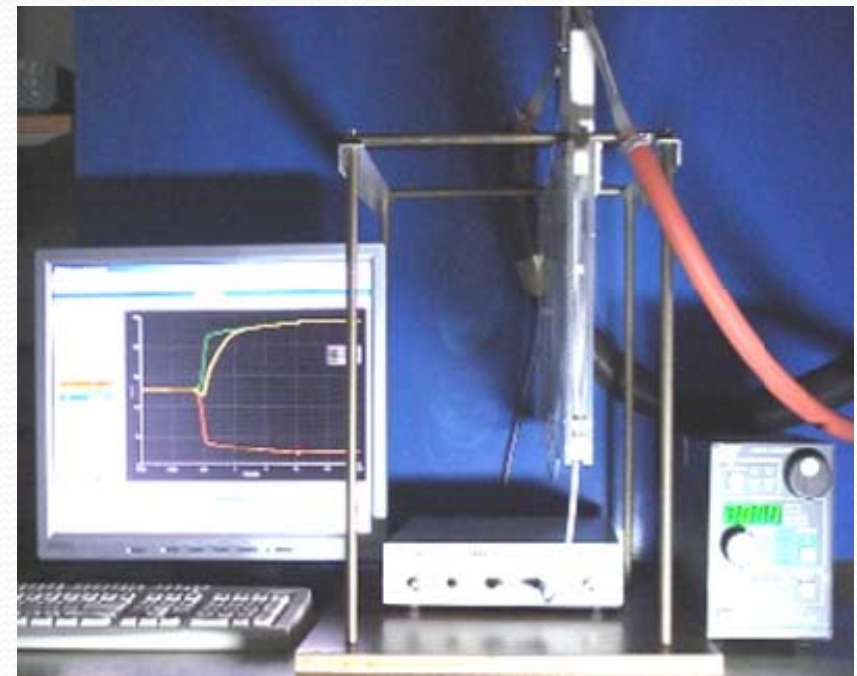


*lumped capacitance approximation in time domain:*

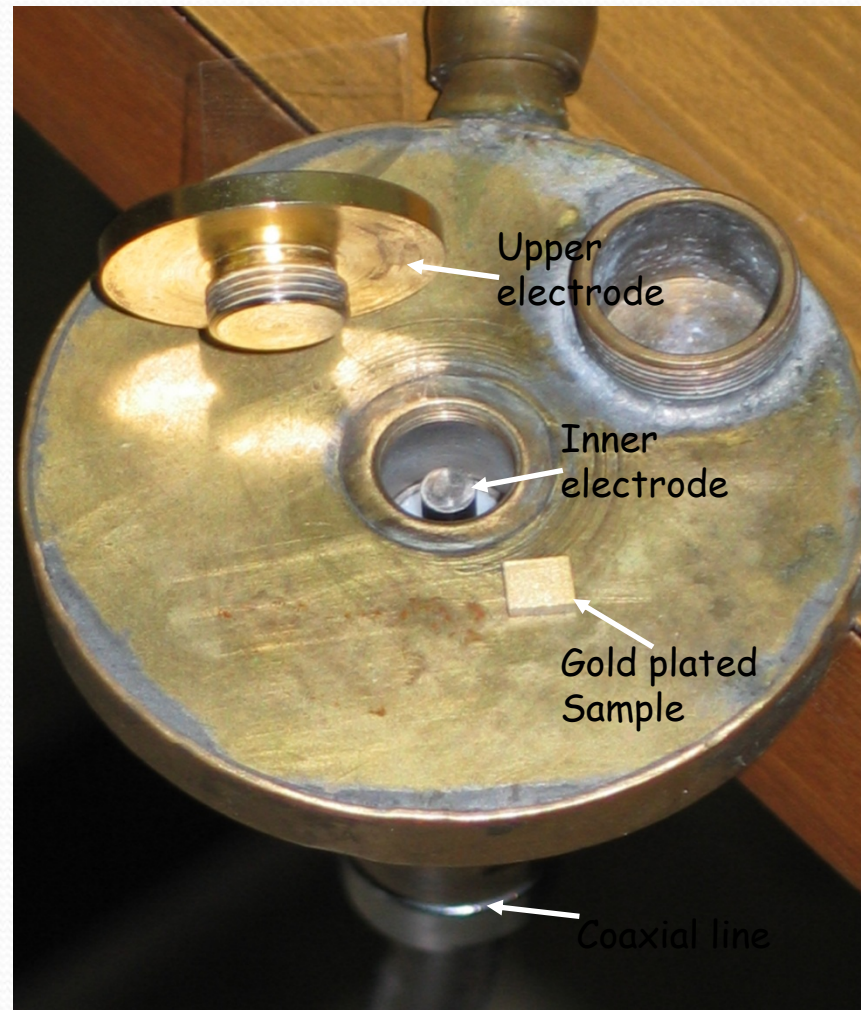
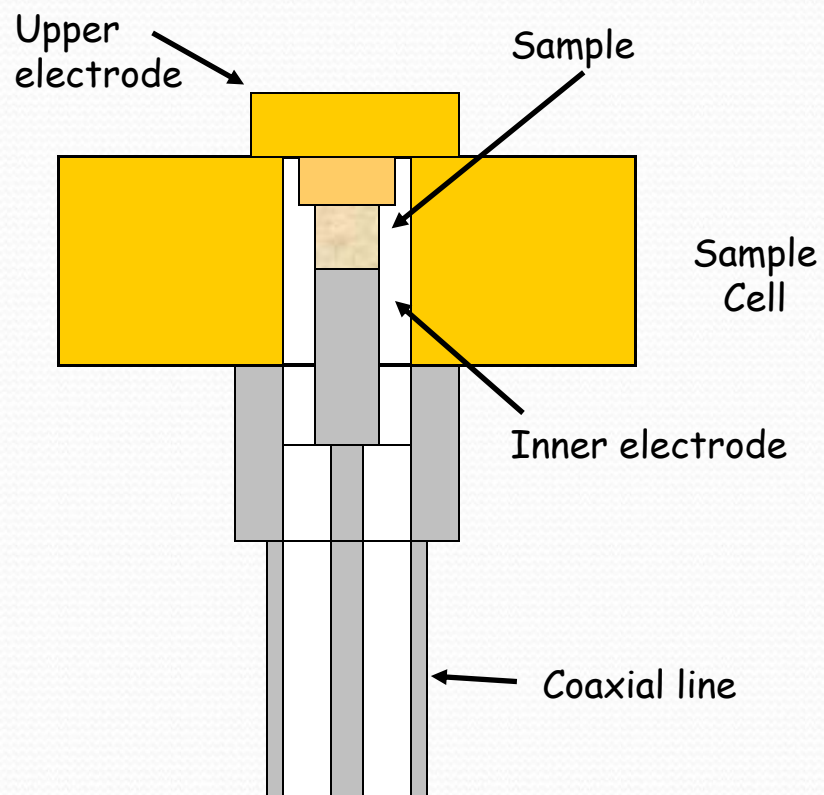
$$Q(t) = C_0 \left[ \epsilon_\infty V(t) + \int_0^t \dot{\Phi}(t-t') V(t') dt' \right]$$

$$\Phi(t) = (\epsilon_s - \epsilon_\infty) [1 - \psi(t)]$$

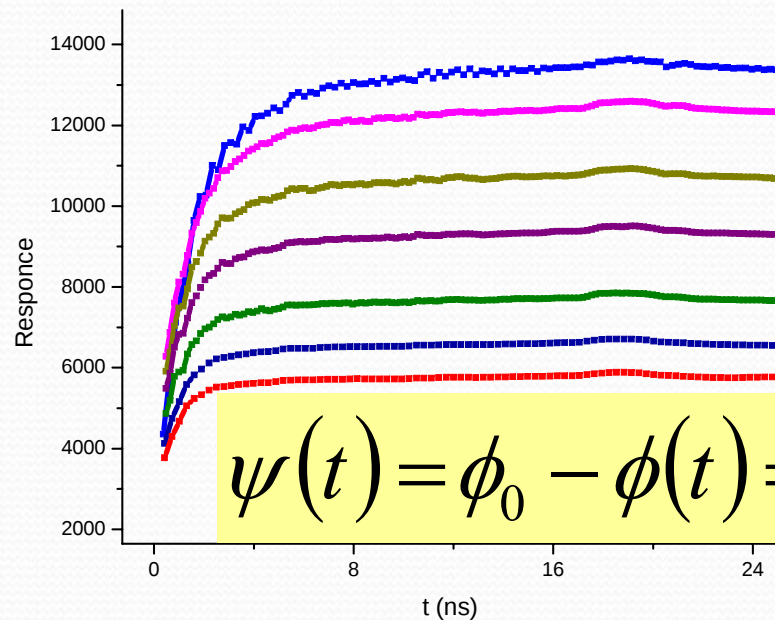
$$\psi(t) \cong \Gamma(t) = \frac{\langle \bar{M}(0) \cdot \bar{M}(t) \rangle}{\langle \bar{M}(0) \cdot \bar{M}(0) \rangle}$$



# TDS Sample Cell

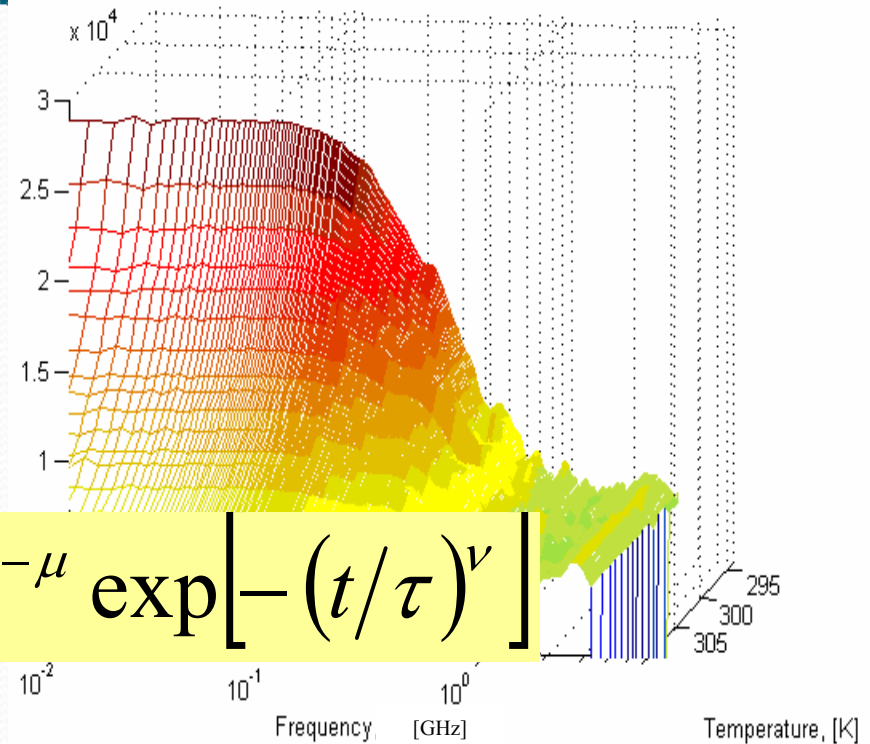


# Typical Results



$$\psi(t) = \phi_0 - \phi(t) = At^{-\mu} \exp\left[-(t/\tau)^\nu\right]$$

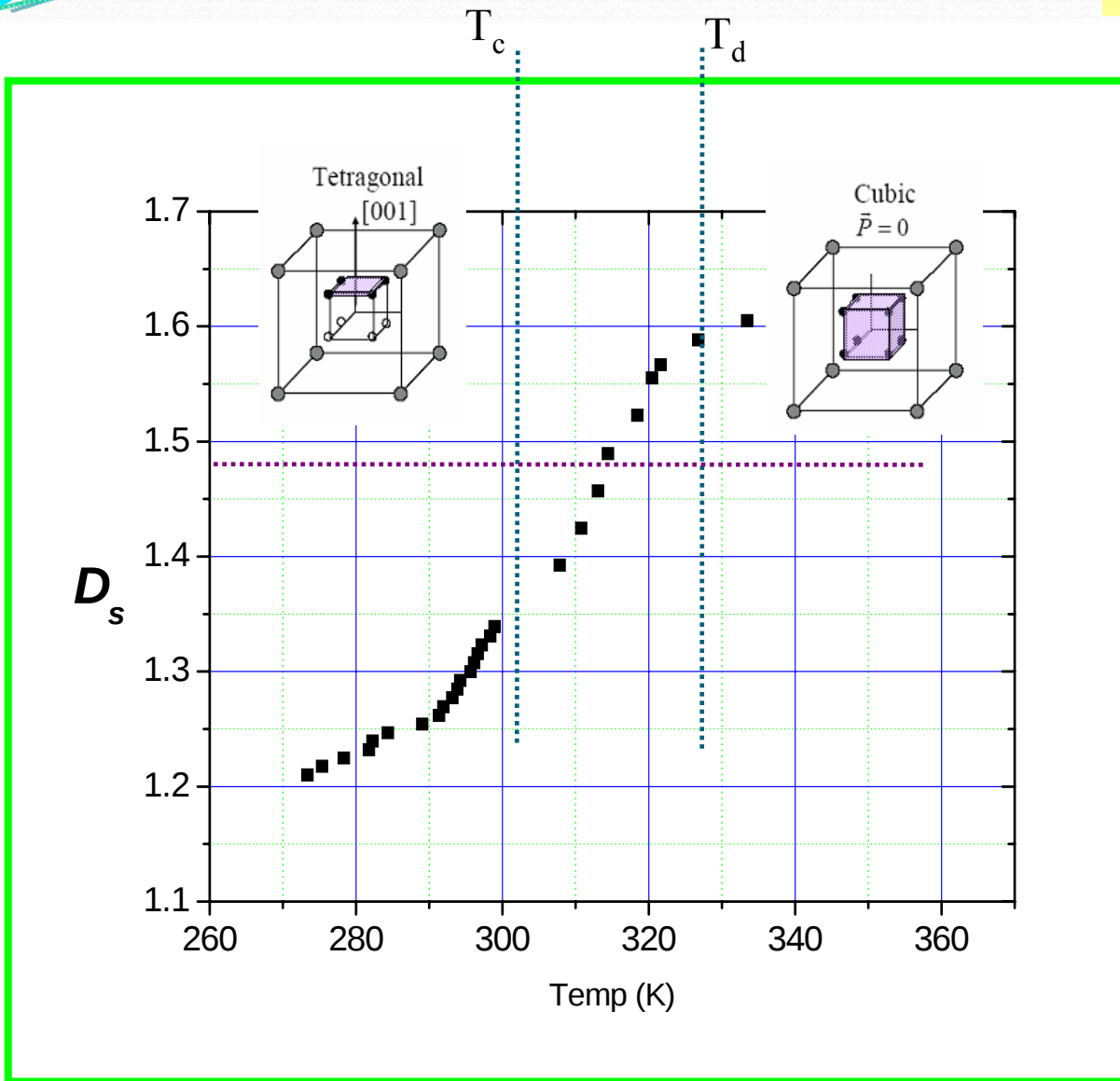
*Time domain  
Dielectric response  
function:  $\Phi(t)$*



*Frequency domain Spectrum  
of dielectric permittivity:  
 $\varepsilon'(\omega)$*

# Parameters - $\mu$ and $\nu$

$$\Psi(t) \sim \exp\left[-(t/\tau)^\nu\right]$$

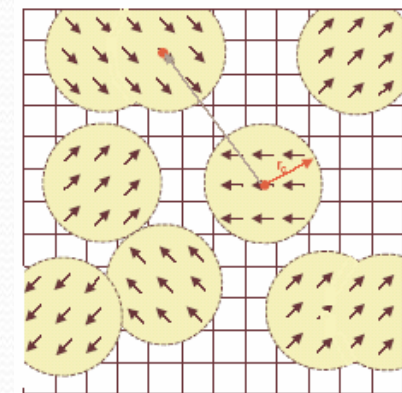


$\nu$  - is related to the fractal dimension<sup>1</sup>

$$D_s = d\nu$$

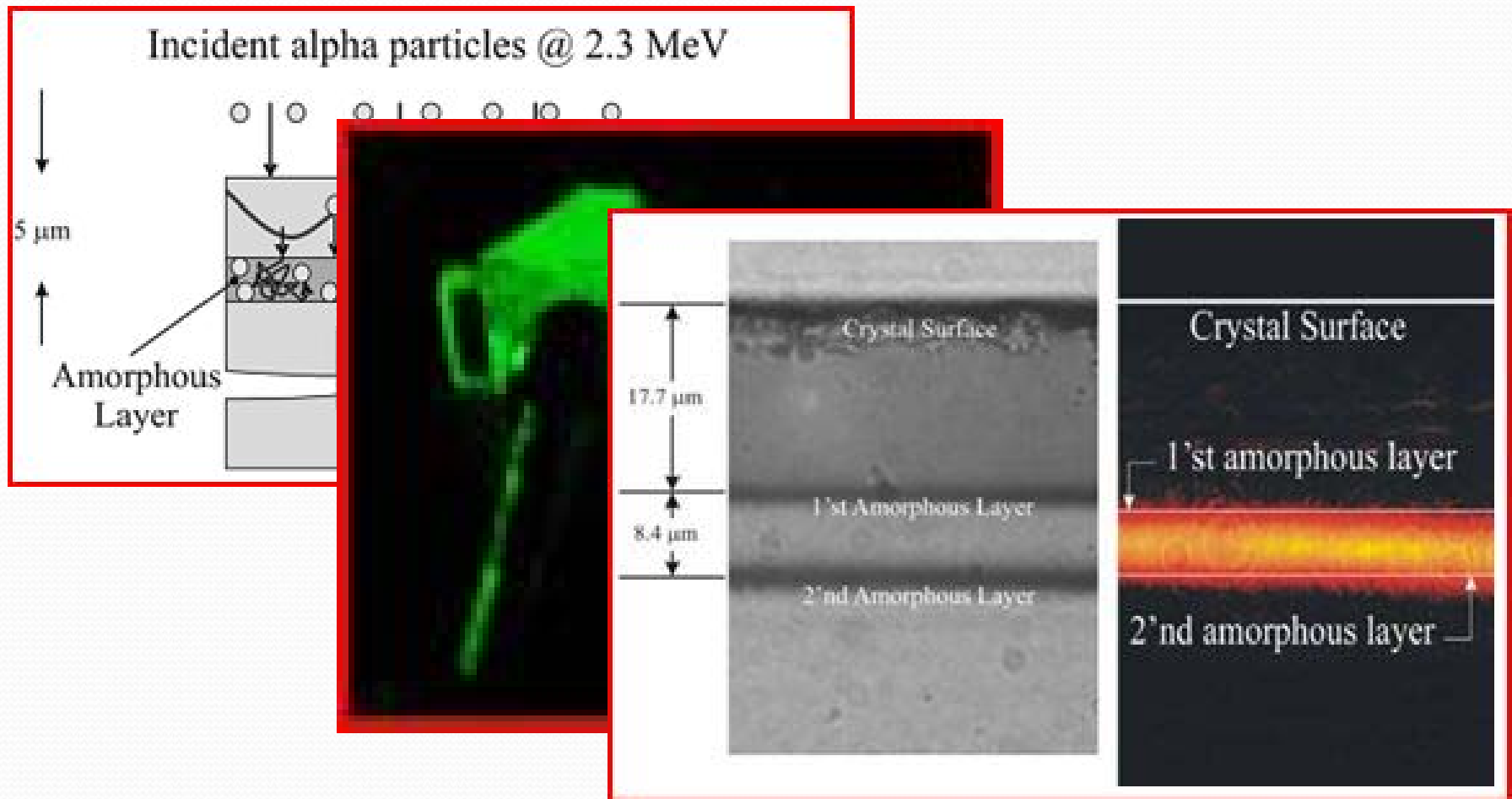
Where  $d$  is the dimension of the system

$$d = \frac{[Ta]}{[Nb]} = 1.6$$



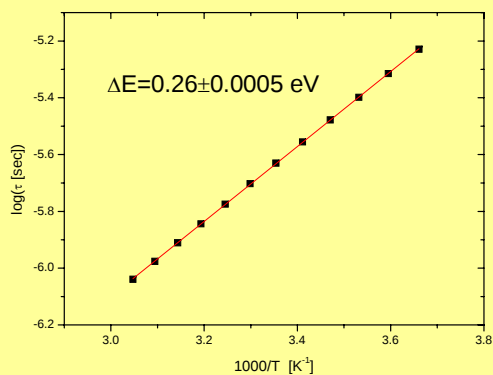
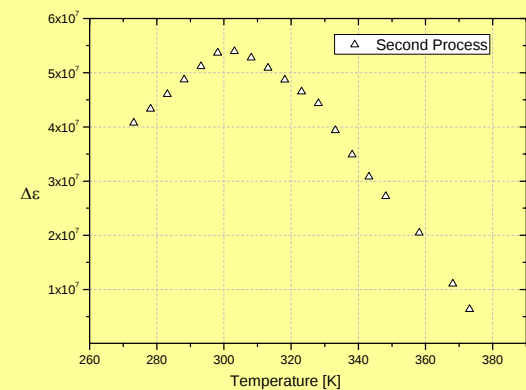
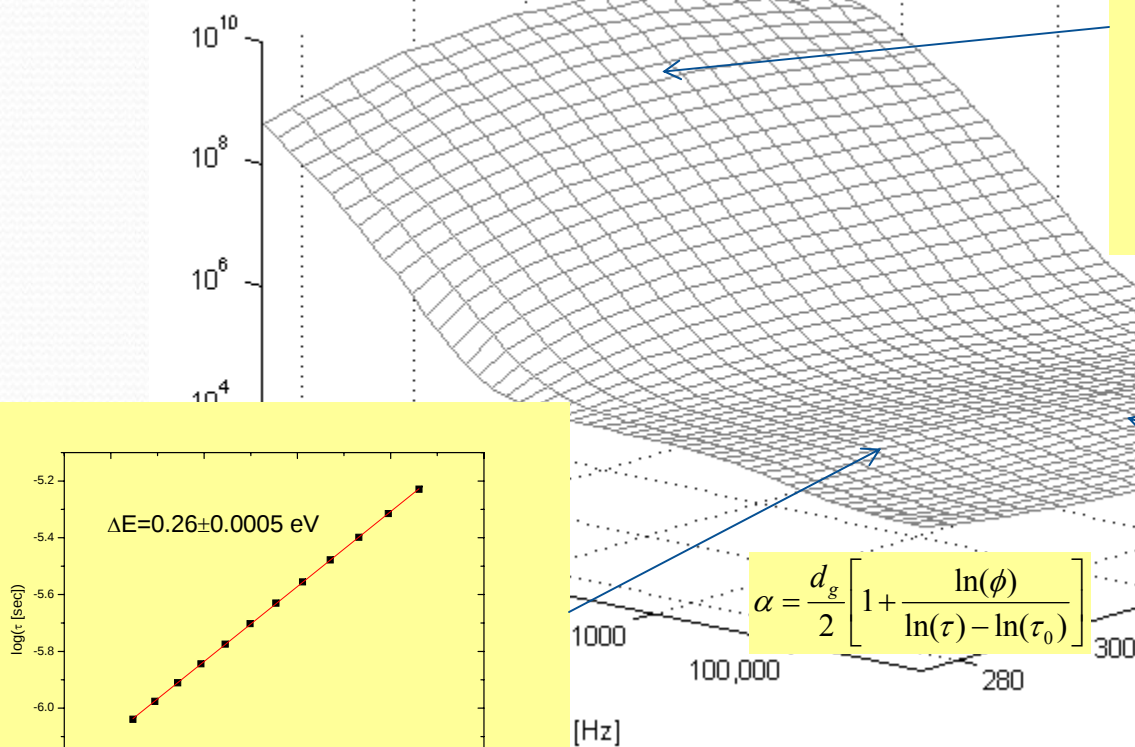
<sup>1</sup> Yu. Feldman et al., Phys. Rev. E, 54 (1996), 5420

# Using the Nanoscale

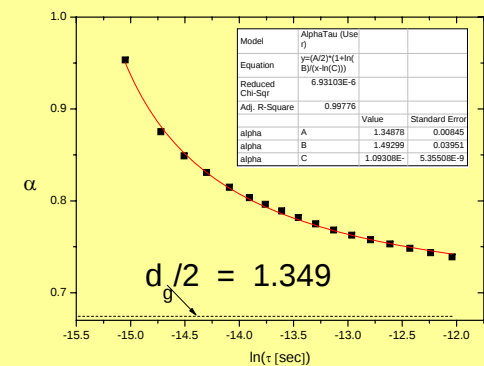


# The Dielectric Behaviour of the amorphous layer

## Relaxor Behaviour



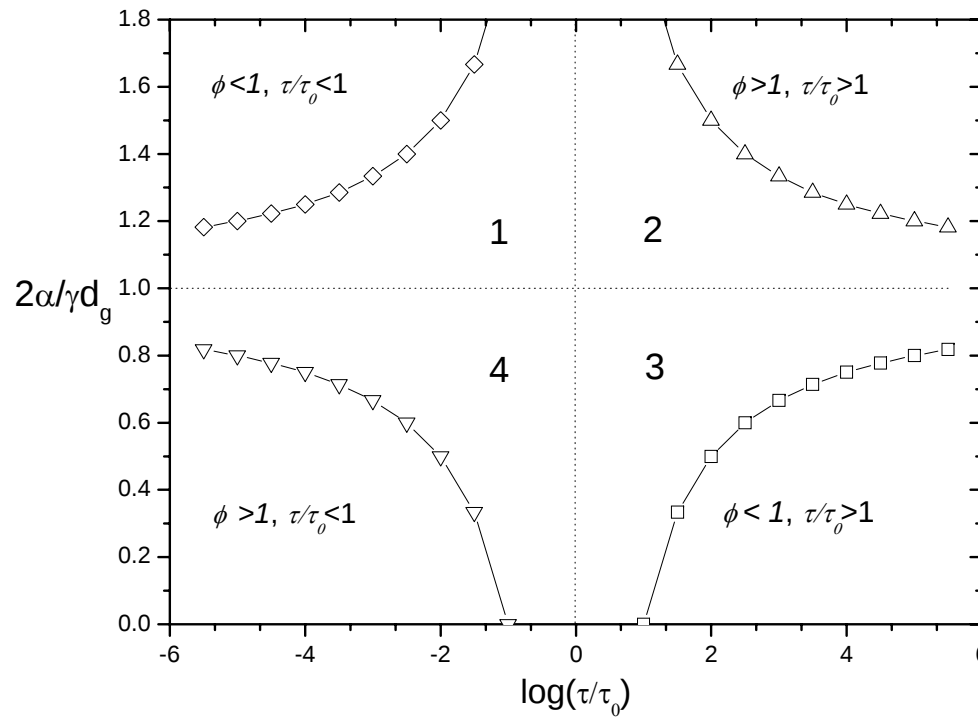
$$\alpha = \frac{d_g}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{\ln(\phi)}{\ln(\tau) - \ln(\tau_0)} \right]$$



# The me

$\alpha$  Is a fractal di  
Matrix that con  
diffusion model

$$\phi =$$

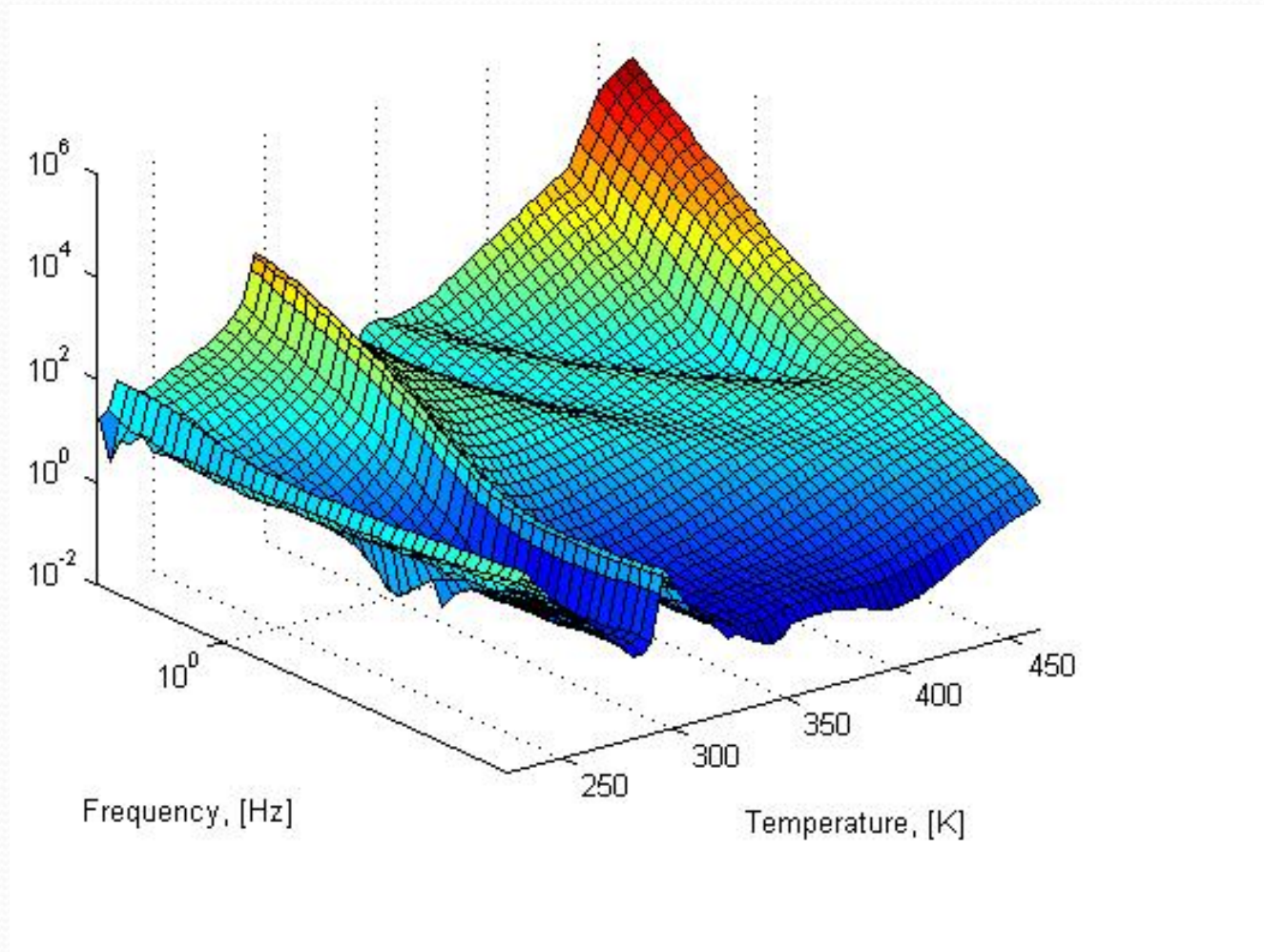


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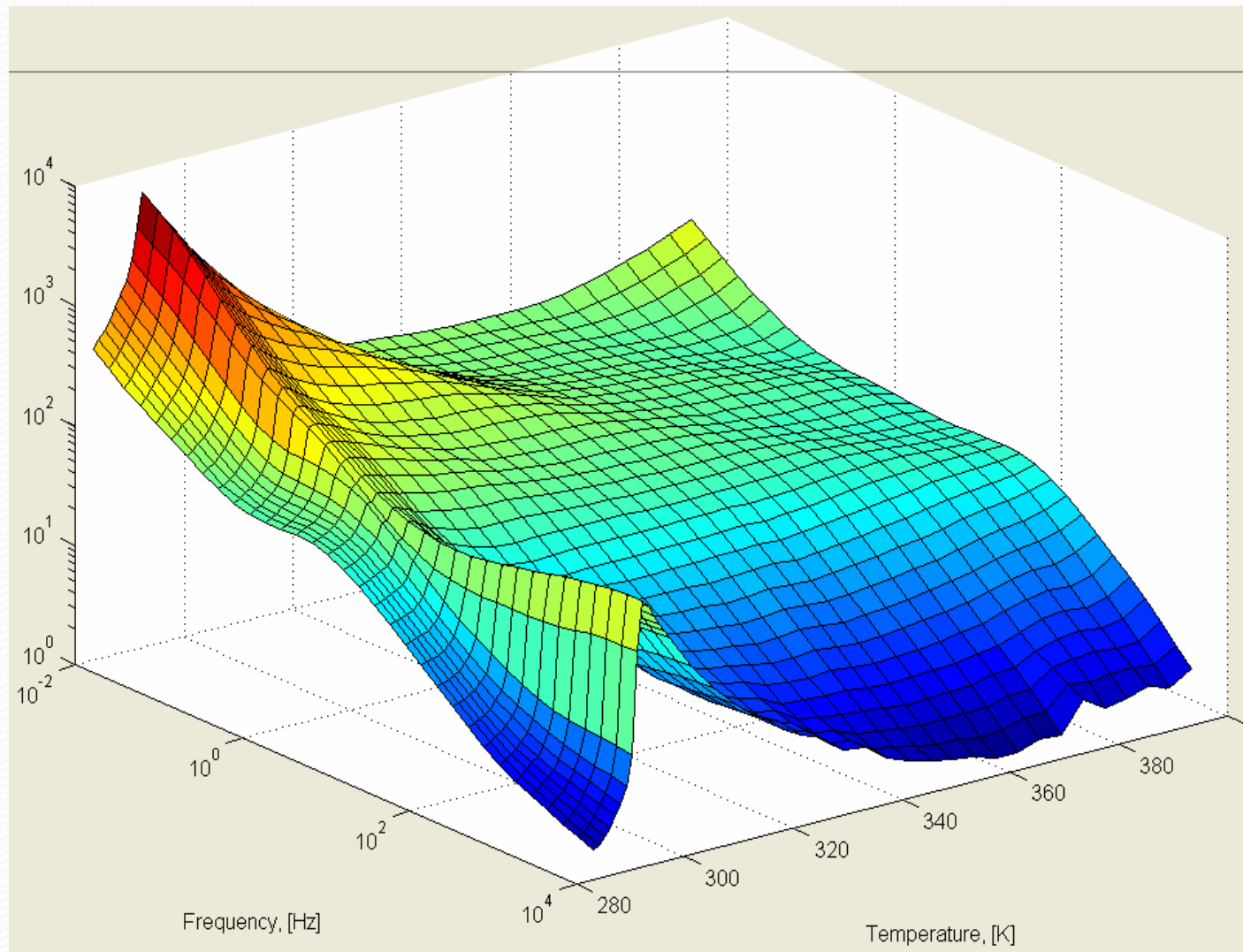
$\gamma$

|                               | $\phi > 1$                             |                    | $\phi < 1$       |                    |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
|                               | $\tau > \tau_0$                        | $\tau < \tau_0$    | $\tau > \tau_0$  | $\tau < \tau_0$    |
| Dominant feature in Diffusion | Hopping Kinetics<br>(Diffusion length) |                    | Matrix Structure |                    |
| Relaxation                    | Microscopic unit                       | Mesoscopic cluster | Microscopic unit | Mesoscopic cluster |

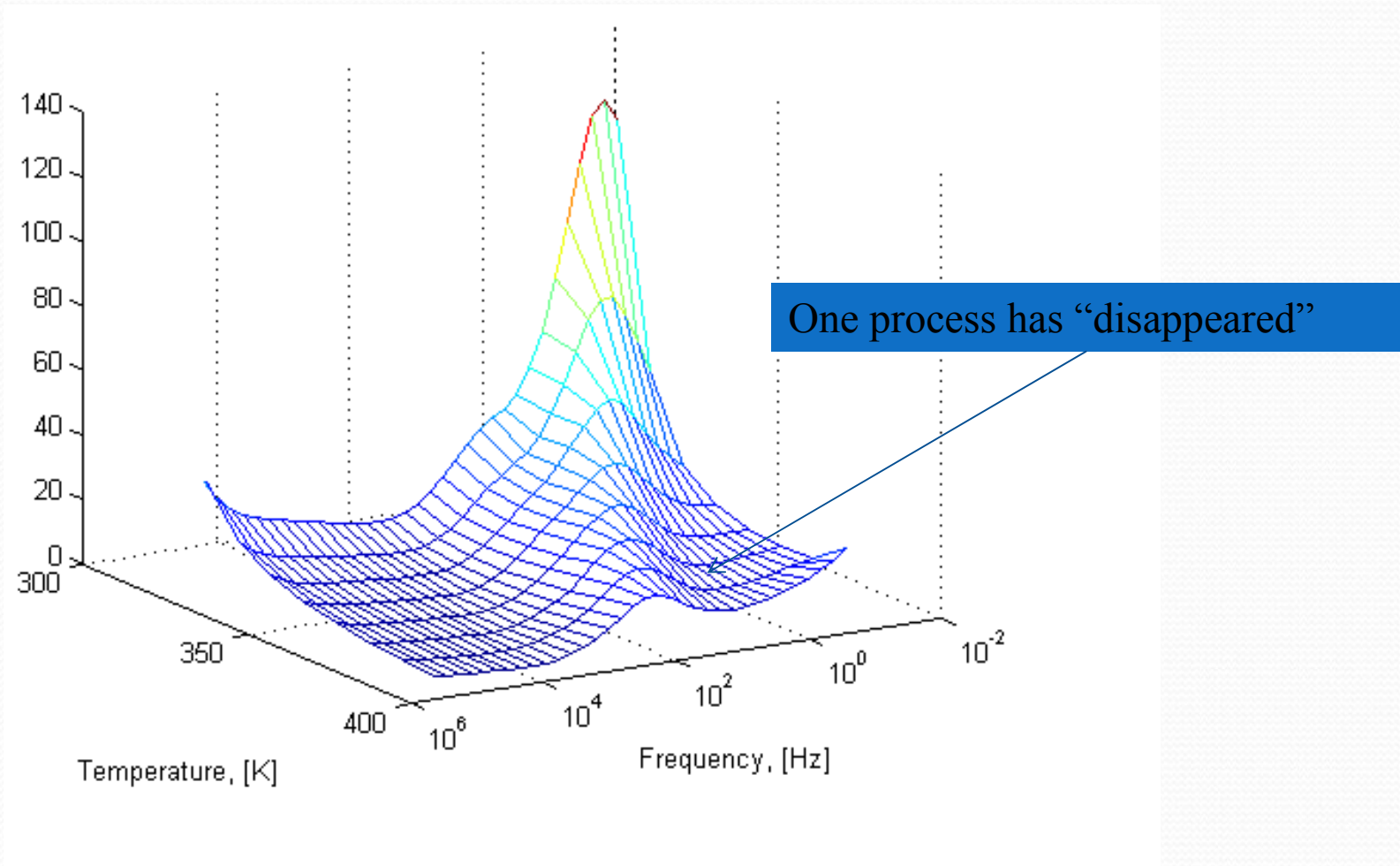
# Physics or artifact?



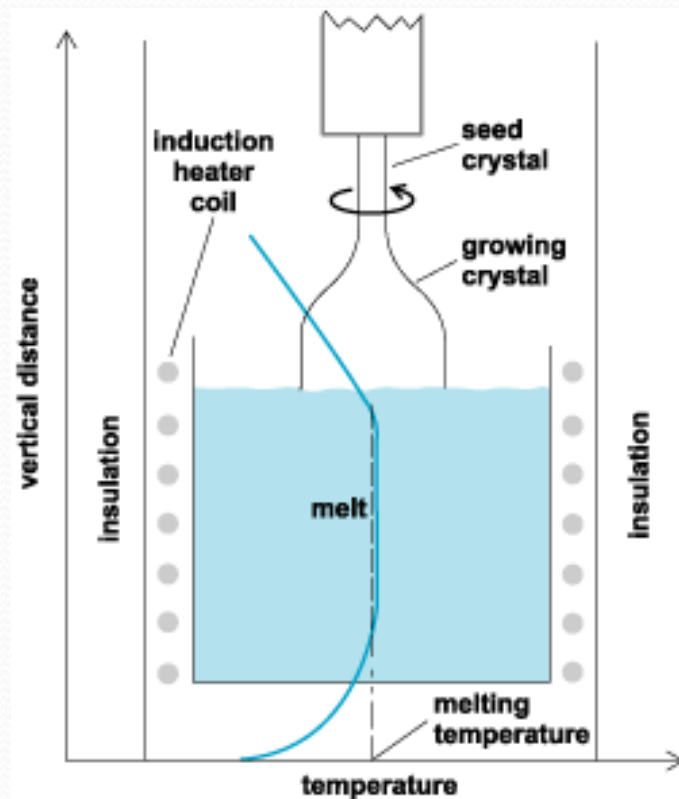
# Bad Electrodes or Bad Crystal



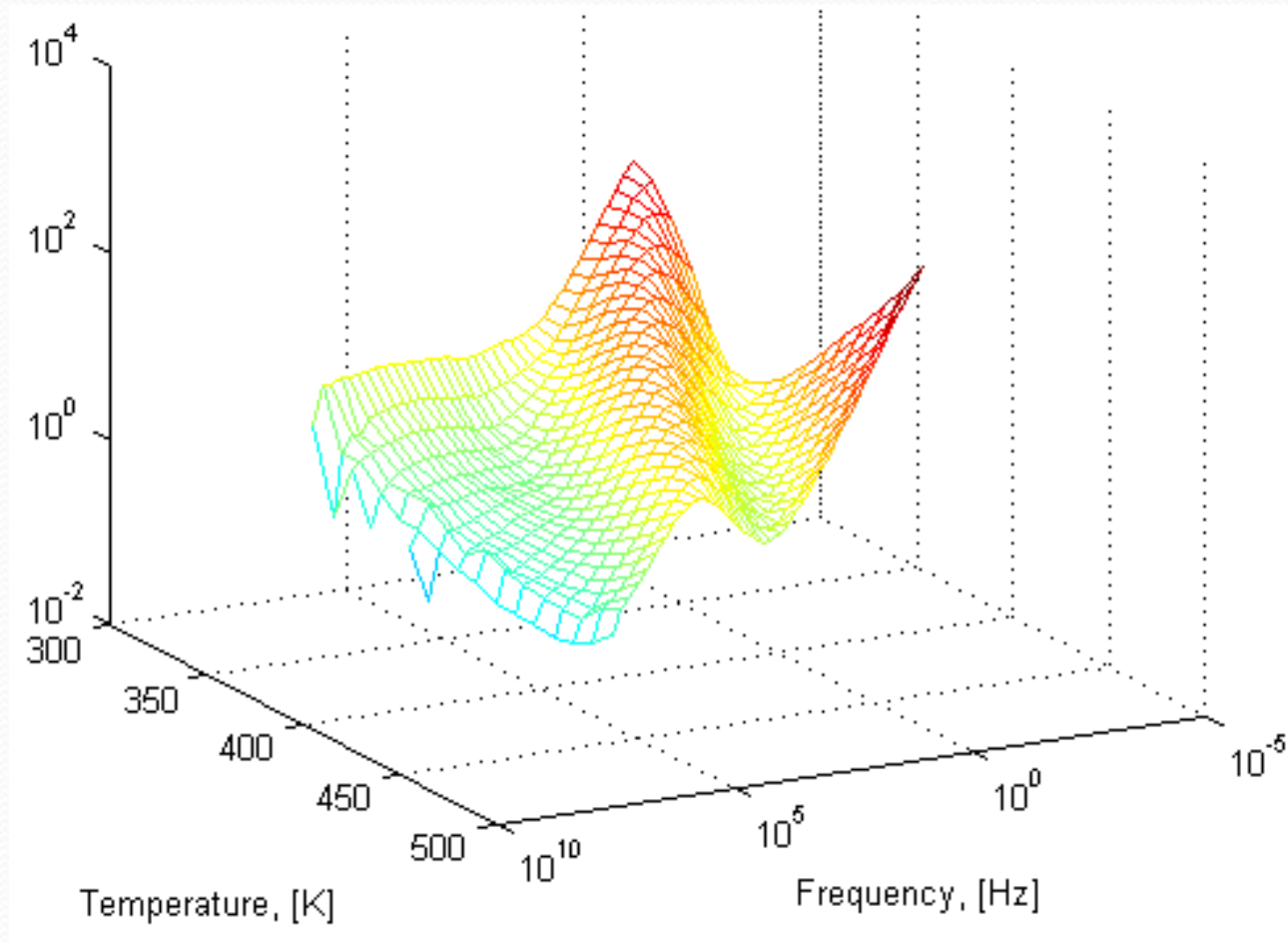
# Looking at the “brother”



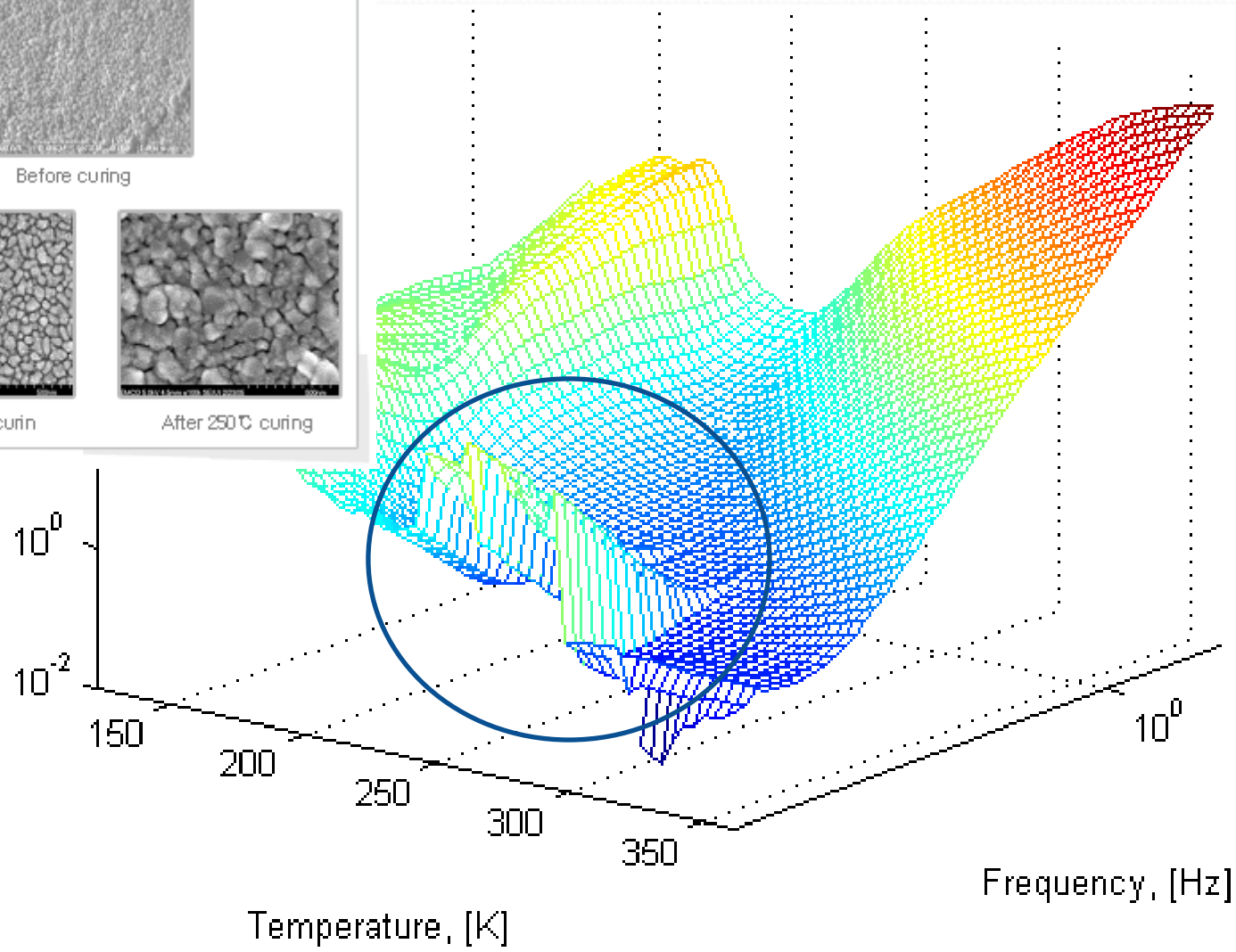
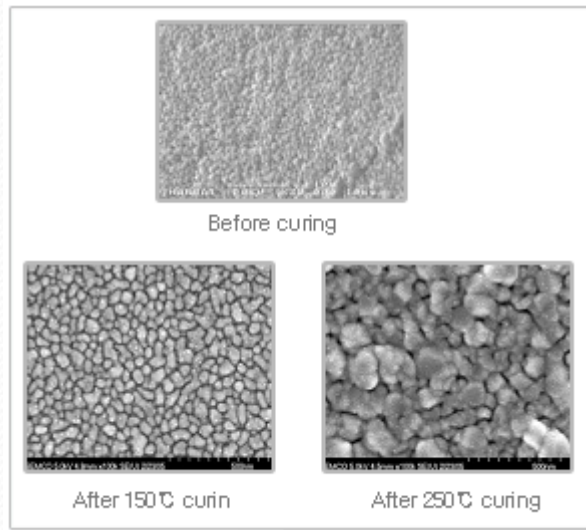
# Czochralski crystal growth



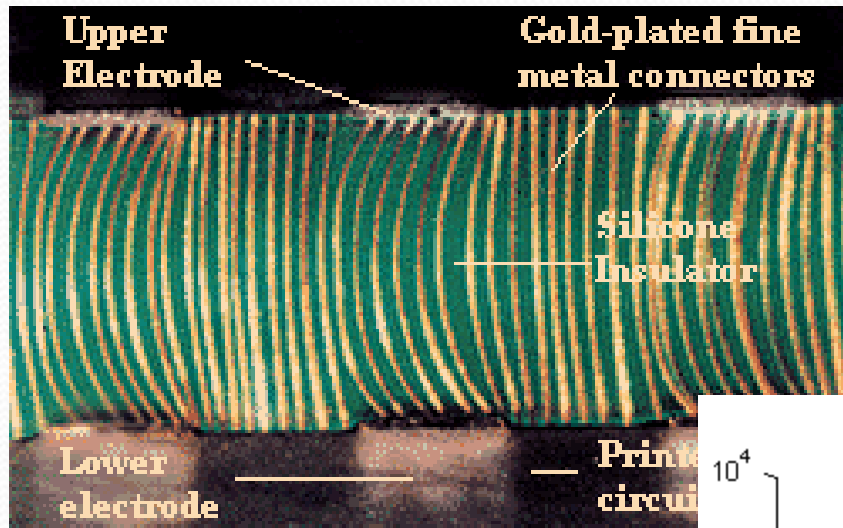
# New Crystal – Same composition



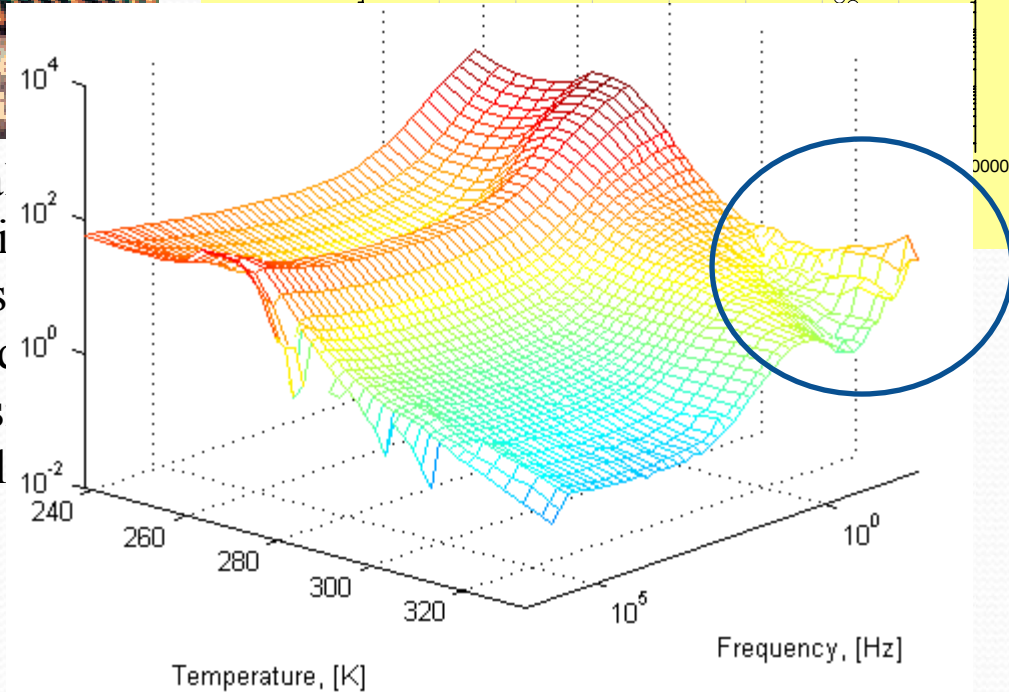
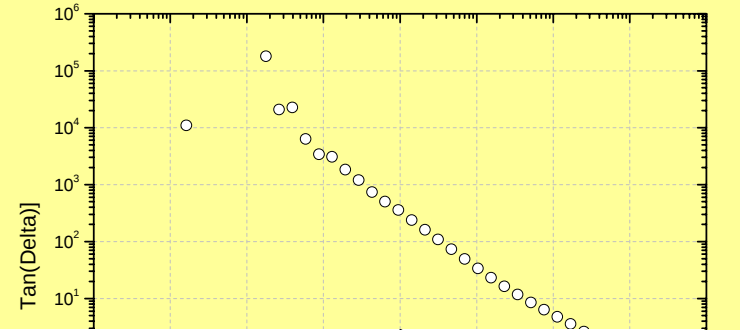
# Paste electrodes



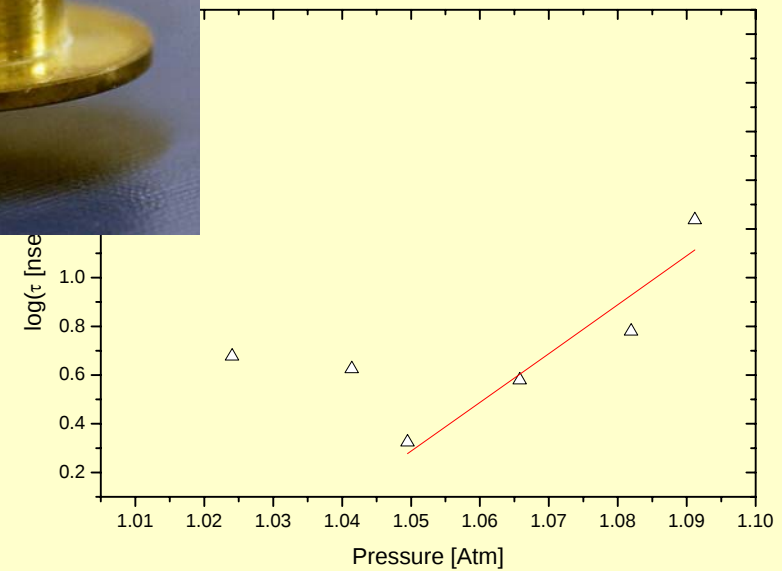
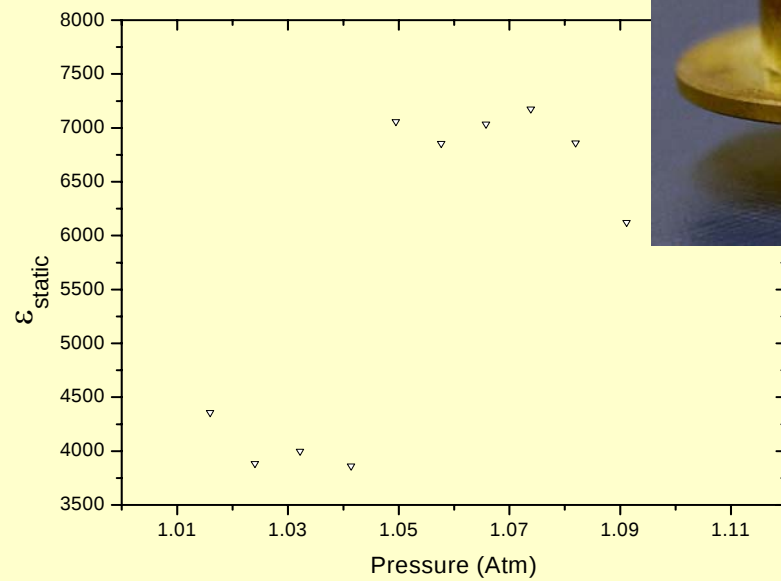
# Zebra Electrodes



A range of 300 to 2,000 fine metal per 1 cm<sup>2</sup> are embedded in the thin direction of the transparent silicone rubber sheet. The fine metal connectors are gold-plated to ensure low resistance and the ability to withstand a relatively high current flow.



# Pressure



$$\tau = \tau_0 \exp \left[ \frac{\Delta VP}{k_B T} \right]$$

# Conclusions

- Never trust your results blindly!!!
- All contacts must be ohmic! (you don't need additional surface effects)
- Axis directions are important.
- Beware of Pressure.