New Multiferroics: GaFeO₃ and BaFe₁₂O₁₉

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I will discuss new work on multiferroic switching in GaFeO₃ up to T = 410K. This is a ferromagnet with 0.3 Bohr magnetons per unit cell net magnetization and large (>20 macrocell/cm²) polarisation. It is rather low-loss at room temperature and can be made as epitaxial films and single crystals. I will also discuss Quantum Critical Point studies (QCPs) in the multiferroic hexaferrites BaFe₁₂O₁₉, SrFe₁₂O₁₉, and PbFe₃Ga₉O₁₉. These are the most profitable commercial magnetic devices (3 billion euros/year) and used for magnetic stripe credit cards. The all exhibit ferroelectric QCPs with d=5 dimensionality and electric susceptibility temperature exponent 3.0; and the mixed Fe/Al compound exhibits a magnetic QCP.