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Multiferroics: controlling magnetism with electric fields

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Multiferroic materials, which exhibit multiple ferroic orders simultaneously, have garnered significant scientific interest thanks to their potential for electric-field control of magnetism. These materials present unique domain formations and poling behavior under external fields. Here, we will showcase a remarkable reversible transfer of domain patterns between magnetization and electric-polarization spaces in $Dy_{0.7}Tb_{0.3}FeO_3$ (DTFO) – the ideal multiferroic material. A magnetic field can impress a ferromagnetic domain pattern onto an identical ferroelectric domain pattern, effectively erasing the original magnetic domain. The process can be reversed, completing a cycle of domain transfer. This attribute of DTFO extends our understanding of domain coupling in multiferroics and opens up new possibilities for their application.

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