Heterogeneous Laminate Magnetoelectrics: Analysis, Fabrication, and Testing

Abstract: This presentation briefly describes the analysis, fabrication and testing conducted on several heterogeneous layered magnetoelectric systems (i.e. piezoelectric with magnetostrictive) being investigated at UCLA. Layered magnetoelectrics represent a new class of materials capable of converting energy between electrical to magnetic states using mechanical transduction. Applications for these novel systems include magnetometers, memory devices, and EM waveguides. The UCLA modeling efforts focuses on understanding the discrepancies between analytical predictions and experimental results, something we found attributable to demagnetization effects and mechanical shear lag rather than interface effects as suggested in the literature. Experimental results also show equivalence between the direct and converse magnetoelectric effects. Tests conducted on thin film systems containing single domain structures confirm of electro-magnetic coupling in the small scale.

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