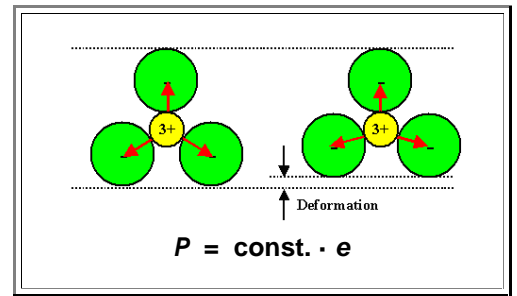


### 3.6.3 Summary to: Special Dielectrics

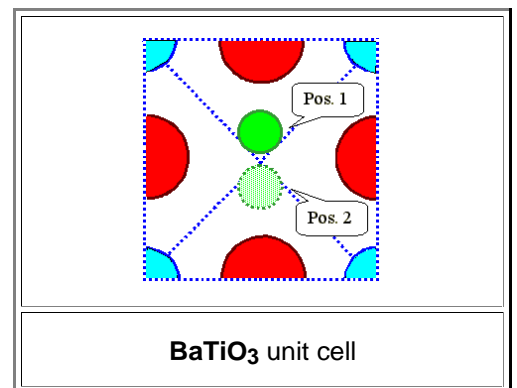
- ▶ Polarization  $\underline{P}$  of a dielectric material can also be induced by mechanical deformation  $\underline{e}$  or by other means.
  - **Piezo electric materials** are anisotropic crystals meeting certain symmetry conditions like crystalline quartz ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ): the effect is linear.
  - The effect also works in reverse: Electrical fields induce mechanical deformation
  - Piezo electric materials have many uses, most prominent are quartz oscillators and, recently, fuel injectors for Diesel engines.



- ▶ **Electrostriction** also couples polarization and mechanical deformation, but in a quadratic way and only in the direction "electrical fields induce (very small) deformations".
  - The effect has little uses so far; it can be used to control very small movements, e.g. for manipulations in the **nm** region. Since it is coupled to electronic polarization, many materials show this effect.

$$e = \frac{\Delta l}{l} = \text{const} \cdot E^2$$

- ▶ **Ferro electric materials** possess a permanent dipole moment in any elementary cell that, moreover, are all aligned (below a critical temperature).
  - There are strong parallels to ferromagnetic materials (hence the strange name).
  - Ferroelectric materials have large or even very large ( $\epsilon_r > 1.000$ ) dielectric constants and thus are to be found inside capacitors with high capacities (but not-so-good high frequency performance)



- ▶ **Pyro electricity** couples polarization to temperature changes; **electrets** are materials with permanent polarization, .... There are more "curiosities" along these lines, some of which have been made useful recently, or might be made useful - as material science and engineering progresses.

Questionnaire

Multiple Choice questions to all of 3.6