

Which lead-free bulk ceramics are suitable for electrical energy storage applications?

Here, we present an overview on the current state-of-the-art lead-free bulk ceramics for electrical energy storage applications, including  $\text{SrTiO}_3$ ,  $\text{CaTiO}_3$ ,  $\text{BaTiO}_3$ ,  $(\text{Bi} \ 0.5 \ \text{Na} \ 0.5)\text{TiO}_3$ ,  $(\text{K} \ 0.5 \ \text{Na} \ 0.5)\text{NbO}_3$ ,  $\text{BiFeO}_3$ ,  $\text{AgNbO}_3$  and  $\text{NaNbO}_3$ -based ceramics.

Does lead-free bulk ceramics have ultrahigh energy storage density?

Significantly, the ultrahigh comprehensive performance ( $W_{\text{rec}} \sim 10.06 \text{ J cm}^{-3}$  with  $\eta \sim 90.8\%$ ) is realized in lead-free bulk ceramics, showing that the bottleneck of ultrahigh energy storage density ( $W_{\text{rec}} \geq 10 \text{ J cm}^{-3}$ ) with ultrahigh efficiency ( $\eta \geq 90\%$ ) simultaneously in lead-free bulk ceramics has been broken through.

Are lead-free anti-ferroelectric ceramics suitable for energy storage applications?

At present, the development of lead-free anti-ferroelectric ceramics for energy storage applications is focused on the  $\text{AgNbO}_3$  (AN) and  $\text{NaNbO}_3$  (NN) systems. The energy storage properties of AN and NN-based lead-free ceramics in representative previous reports are summarized in Table 6.

How stable is energy storage performance for lead-free ceramics?

Despite some attention has been paid to the thermal stability, cycling stability and frequency stability of energy storage performance for lead-free ceramics in recent years, the values of  $W_{\text{rec}}$ , cycle numbers and frequency are often less than  $5 \text{ J cm}^{-3}$ ,  $10^6$ , and  $1 \text{ kHz}$ , respectively.

What are the energy storage properties of BNT-based lead-free ceramics?

The energy storage properties of BNT-based lead-free ceramics are summarized in Table 3. Table 3. Energy storage performance of reported BNT-based lead-free ceramics. Generally, BNT can form solid solutions with many perovskite structure dielectrics, such as BT,  $\text{NaNbO}_3$ ,  $\text{K} \ 0.5 \ \text{Bi} \ 0.5 \ \text{TiO}_3$ ,  $\text{K} \ 0.5 \ \text{Na} \ 0.5 \ \text{NbO}_3$ , and so on.

How can BT-based lead-free ceramics improve energy storage performance?

To better optimize the energy storage performance of BT-based lead-free ceramics, B. Liu et al. coated BT with  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{SiO}_2$  using the chemical coating method and reduced the average grain size below  $200 \text{ nm}$ . This led to improved breakdown strength ( $190 \text{ kV cm}^{-1}$ ) and enhanced energy storage density ( $0.725 \text{ J cm}^{-3}$ ). Q.

Based on the SEM images of  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 0.06$  and  $x = 0.08$  ceramics, the simulated breakdown paths are shown in Fig. 3 (d-e) and ... Novel  $\text{Na} \ 0.5 \ \text{Bi} \ 0.5 \ \text{TiO}_3$  based, lead-free energy storage ceramics with high power and energy density and excellent high-temperature stability. Chem. Eng. J., 383 (2020), Article 123154.

The amplitude and phase images for ceramics without any addition are indicated in Fig. 3 (a) and (b). The

alternately dark and bright zones show typical macro domains, indicating that there is normal ferroelectric phase in this sample. ... Ultrahigh energy storage density lead-free multilayers by controlled electrical homogeneity. Energy ...

This review briefly discusses the energy storage mechanism and fundamental characteristics of a dielectric capacitor, summarizes and compares the state-of-the-art design ...

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In the past decade, efforts have been made to optimize these parameters to improve the energy-storage performances of MLCCs. Typically, to suppress the polarization hysteresis loss, constructing relaxor ferroelectrics (RFEs) with nanodomain structures is an effective tactic in ferroelectric-based dielectrics [e.g., BiFeO<sub>3</sub> (7, 8), (Bi<sub>0.5</sub> Na<sub>0.5</sub>)TiO<sub>3</sub> (9, ...

For practical applications of pulsed capacitors, environmentally friendly (lead-free) energy storage ceramics with the combined benefits of high recoverable energy density ... as can be seen from the scanning electron microscope (SEM) images of the NBT-BT-xCTH ceramics. The relative density of all samples was measured by Archimedes method. The ...

Chemical modification is an important method for preparing ceramics with excellent energy storage performance. For example, Wang et al. have added Sr<sub>0.85</sub> Bi<sub>0.1</sub> TiO<sub>3</sub> and NaNbO<sub>3</sub> to BNT and obtained  $W_r$  of 3.08 J/cm<sup>3</sup> and  $\eta$  of 81.4% [15]. Hao et al. prepared NaNb-Bi(Mg<sub>0.5</sub> Zr<sub>0.5</sub>)TiO<sub>3</sub> ceramics and obtained  $W_r$  of 2.31 J/cm<sup>3</sup> and  $\eta$  of 80.2% ...

A giant  $W_{rec} \sim 10.06 \text{ J cm}^{-3}$  is realized in lead-free relaxor ferroelectrics, especially with an ultrahigh  $\eta \sim 90.8\%$ , showing breakthrough progress in the comprehensive ...

Lead-Free High Permittivity Quasi-Linear Dielectrics for Giant Energy Storage Multilayer Ceramic Capacitors with Broad Temperature Stability. Xinzhen Wang, ... Diffraction contrast images and electron diffraction patterns from NN-10ST-2LMT (RFE) ... lead-free, high energy density capacitors reported have either been RFE type (i.e., BF and NBT ...

However, the energy density of lead-free ceramics is still lagging behind that of lead-containing counterparts, severely limiting their applications. Significant efforts have been made to enhance the energy storage performance of lead-free ceramics using multi-scale design strategies, and exciting progress has been achieved in the past decade.

The mainstream dielectric capacitors available for energy storage applications today include ceramics, polymers, ceramic-polymer composites, and thin films [[18], [19], [20]]. Among them, dielectric thin films have an energy storage density of up to  $100 \text{ J/cm}^3$ , which is due to their breakdown field strength typically exceeding  $500 \text{ kV/mm}$ . The ability to achieve such high field ...

Fig. 3 a-d shows the surface SEM images of  $0.8\text{BNT}-0.2\text{NN}-x\text{La}_2\text{O}_3$  ceramics. All specimens display compacted structure and well-distributed. ... Novel  $\text{Na}_{0.5}\text{Bi}_{0.5}\text{TiO}_3$  based, lead-free energy storage ceramics with high power and energy density and excellent high-temperature stability. Chem. Eng. J., 383 (2020)

Yan Z, Zhang D, Zhou X, et al. Silver niobate based lead-free ceramics with high energy storage density. J Mater Chem A 2019, 7: 10702-10711. ... The images or other third party material in this article are included in the article's Creative Commons licence, unless indicated otherwise in a credit line to the material. ...

Ceramic-based capacitors have attracted great interest due to their large power density and ultrafast charge/discharge time, which are needful properties for pulsed-power devices. Antiferroelectric ceramics normally show ultrahigh energy density and relatively low efficiency, which is ascribed to the electric field-induced antiferroelectric-ferroelectric phase ...

Lead-free  $\text{BaTiO}_3$  (BT)-based multilayer ceramic capacitors (MLCCs) with the thickness of dielectric layers  $\sim 9 \text{ nm}$  were successfully fabricated by tape-casting and screen-printing techniques. A single phase of the pseudo-cubic structure was revealed by X-ray diffraction. Backscattered images and energy-dispersive X-ray elemental mapping indicated ...

Recently,  $\text{NaNbO}_3$ -based ceramics have achieved superior energy storage properties by constructing relaxor antiferroelectrics, which integrates the feature of antiferroelectrics (low  $P_r$ ) and relaxor ferroelectrics (high  $i$ ). For example, Qi et. al. found that an ultrahigh  $W_{\text{rec}}$  of  $12.2 \text{ J/cm}^3$  and a satisfied  $i$  of 69% can be simultaneously achieved in ...

The breakdown strength ( $E_b$ ) or electrical strength is the highest electric field that dielectric materials can withstand and is a key parameter for evaluating material energy storage density. Undoubtedly, much attention has been paid to enhance the  $E_b$  value in an effort to boost the energy-storage performance (ESP). Although many successful methods, such as refining ...

In the research of ceramic dielectric capacitors in recent decades, the energy storage performance of lead-based ceramics is far superior to that of lead-free ceramics. However, the toxicity of lead limits its further development. Therefore, it is significant to research and develop high-performance lead-free ceramics [5], [6], [7], [8].

The burgeoning significance of antiferroelectric (AFE) materials, particularly as viable candidates for electrostatic energy storage capacitors in power electronics, has sparked substantial interest. Among these, lead-free sodium niobate ( $\text{NaNbO}_3$ ) AFE materials are emerging as eco-friendly and promising alternatives to lead-based materials, which pose risks ...

Over the past decades,  $\text{Na}_{0.5}\text{Bi}_{0.5}\text{TiO}_3$  (NBT)-based ceramics have received increasing attention in energy storage applications due to their high power density and relatively large maximum polarization. However, their high remnant polarization ( $P_r$ ) and low breakdown field strength are detrimental for their practical applications. In this paper, a new solid solution ...

(a) The development of ferroelectric materials and the energy storage applications of BNT-based ceramics, the energy storage properties of several typical lead-free ferroelectric ceramic systems such as  $(\text{Bi},\text{Na})\text{TiO}_3$ ,  $\text{BaTiO}_3$ ,  $\text{SrTiO}_3$ ,  $\text{Bi}_x\text{K}_{1-x}\text{TiO}_3$ ,  $\text{NaNbO}_3$  and  $\text{K}_x\text{Na}_{1-x}\text{NbO}_3$ ; (b) the relationship between energy storage density and ...

The single layer thickness was determined to be  $20.4 \pm 0.6$  nm based on SEM images. The ... Z. N. et al. Silver niobate based lead-free ceramics with high energy storage density. J. Mater. Chem.

The SEM pictures of BZT-40BCT ceramic are depicted in Fig. 3. It can be observed that fine-grained microstructure and most of the grain are agglomerated on the pellet's surface. ... Dielectric and ferroelectric properties of  $\text{SrTiO}_3$ - $\text{Bi}_{0.5}\text{Na}_{0.5}\text{TiO}_3$ - $\text{BaAl}_{0.5}\text{Nb}_{0.5}\text{O}_3$  lead-free ceramics for high-energy-storage applications. Inorg. Chem., 56 ...

The study provides a viable approach for the development of new lead-free energy storage ceramic capacitor and Class II-type ceramic capacitor.  $(1-x)\text{Ba}_{0.8}\text{Sr}_{0.2}\text{TiO}_3$ - $x\text{Bi}(\text{Mg}_{0.5}\text{Zr}_{0.5})\text{O}_3$  [(1-x)BST-xBMZ] relaxor ferroelectric ceramics were prepared by solid-phase reaction. ... a-e SEM images of (1-x)BST-xBMZ ceramics; f average ...

$\text{NaNbO}_3$  (NN)-based materials have attracted widespread attention due to their advanced energy storage performance and eco-friendliness. However, achieving high recoverable energy storage densities ( $W_{\text{rec}}$ ) and efficiency ( $\eta$ ) typically requires ultrahigh electric fields ( $E > 300$  kV/cm), which can limit practical use this work, we present a synergistic ...

As a result, it is of great significance to develop high performance lead-free energy storage ceramics. Based on the methods of computation for electrostatic energy storage, ... Fig. 1 (a) and (c) show the SEM images of the CS-NBNT and SPS-NBNT ceramics. For a visual overview, it can be intuitively seen that the SPS-NBNT ceramics have much ...

Achieving high discharge energy density and efficiency with NBT-based ceramics for application in capacitors. Lead-free nonlinear dielectric ceramics for energy storage applications: current status and

challenges. ...

The development of dielectric ceramics with simultaneously high energy-storage density ( $W_{\text{rec}}$ ) and efficiency ( $\eta$ ) for capacitive energy storage poses a significant challenge. Herein, an effective strategy to achieve ultrahigh comprehensive energy-storage performance via designing polymorphic antiferrodistortive polar nanodomains is proposed, ...

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