

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 SrTiO<sub>3</sub>, CaTiO<sub>3</sub>, BaTiO<sub>3</sub>, (Bi<sub>0.5</sub> Na<sub>0.5</sub>)TiO<sub>3</sub>, (K<sub>0.5</sub> Na<sub>0.5</sub>)NbO<sub>3</sub>, BiFeO<sub>3</sub>, AgNbO<sub>3</sub> and NaNbO<sub>3</sub>-based ceramics.

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

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

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, NaNbO<sub>3</sub>, K<sub>0.5</sub> Bi<sub>0.5</sub> TiO<sub>3</sub>, K<sub>0.5</sub> Na<sub>0.5</sub> NbO<sub>3</sub>, and so on.

How to improve energy storage performance of lead-free ceramics?

To overcome the inverse correlation between polarization and breakdown strength and to improve the energy storage performance of these lead-free ceramics, strategies such as constructing relaxor features, decreasing grain and domain size, enhancing band gap, designing layered structures, and stabilizing the anti-ferroelectric phase were employed.

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 AgNbO<sub>3</sub> (AN) and NaNbO<sub>3</sub> (NN) systems. The energy storage properties of AN and NN-based lead-free ceramics in representative previous reports are summarized in Table 6.

Can lead-free MLCC be used for energy storage applications?

Currently, the electrodes of lead-free MLCC for energy storage applications are primarily composed of the noble metal of Pt, significantly increasing the cost of MLCC. In the case of AgNbO<sub>3</sub>-based lead-free anti-ferroelectric ceramics, these ceramics require sintering in an O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere during the fabrication process.

The crossover ferroelectrics of 0.9BST-0.1BMN ceramic possesses a high energy storage efficiency ( $\eta$ ) of 85.71%, a high energy storage density ( $W$ ) of 3.90 J/cm<sup>3</sup>, and an ultrahigh recoverable energy storage density ( $W_{rec}$ ) of 3.34 J/cm<sup>3</sup> under a dielectric breakdown strength of 400 kV/cm and is superior to other lead-free BaTiO<sub>3</sub> (BT)-based ...

Therefore, it is of great significance and practical value to explore lead-free ceramic based energy storage materials with high energy storage density and high power density [22]. To overcome the shortcomings such as high coercive field value, low density, and narrow operating temperature range of lead-free system materials, researchers have ...

In this investigation, MgO-doped BaTiO<sub>3</sub> (BT) ceramics were prepared by a conventional solid-state sintering method. Perovskite-structure was identified by an X-ray diffraction method. Relatively high volume density and relative density were achieved with appropriate MgO contents. With MgO doping, the temperature stability of the dielectric ...

From a brief historical summary to the BNT-based ceramics for energy storage shown in Fig 4 (f) [12, 35, 37, [39], [40], [41]], it can be seen that the potentials in energy storage of BNT-based ceramics has been aroused gradually by forming binary or ternary solid solution after ongoing investigations, especially, the 0.80BNT-0.20STZ ceramic ...

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The structural and electrical complexities inherent in multilayer ceramic structures are due to various factors, including the presence of defects, electrode material compatibility, co-firing processes, and interface challenges [24], [25]. Therefore, preliminary studies of bulk ceramics are crucial for enabling thorough assessments of dielectric energy storage devices, even within ...

Researchers often improve the energy storage performance of NaNbO<sub>3</sub> ceramics through doping with Bi-based composites. Recent studies have shown that rare-earth elements, such as La and Sm, can ...

Pulsed power and power electronics systems used in electric vehicles (EVs) demand high-speed charging and discharging capabilities, as well as a long lifespan for energy storage. To meet these requirements, ferroelectric dielectric capacitors are essential. We prepared lead-free ferroelectric ceramics with varying compositions of (1 - ...

Dielectric ceramic capacitors are fundamental energy storage components in advanced electronics and electric power systems owing to their high power density and ultrafast charge ...

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 (NaNbO<sub>3</sub>) AFE materials are emerging as eco-friendly and promising alternatives to

lead-based materials, which pose risks ...

Large  $P_{max}$  of BF-based lead-free ceramics provides favourable conditions for achieving high energy storage characteristics, but the sintering process at high temperatures can be affected by the loss of  $Bi_2O_3$  or the valence change of  $Fe^{3+}$ , leading to large  $P_r$  and low energy storage properties [9], [12], [13], [14].

Lead is present in most of the high-energy density capacitors, thus limiting their widescale application due to environmental concerns as lead is a toxic heavy metal. The power density of dielectric capacitors is higher than fuel cells, Li-ion batteries, and supercapacitors. However, their lower-energy density hinders their commercialization ...

A new strategy for achieving excellent energy storage property of NN-based ceramics was proposed. A modified two-step sintering method is employed to sustain the high  $P_{max}$  of BNT under low electric f...

The main factors that limit the practical application of bismuth ferrite-based energy storage ceramics are their low breakdown electric field strength and large remnant ...

$NaNbO_3$  (NN) is considered to be one of the most prospective lead-free antiferroelectric energy storage materials due to the merits of low cost, nontoxicity, and low density. Nevertheless, the electric field-induced ferroelectric phase remains dominant after the removal of the electric field, resulting in large residual polarization, which prevents NN ...

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 ...

Compared with other lead-free ceramics reported so far, a significant difference is that the high energy density and power density are achieved in  $0.9\text{NBT}-0.1\text{LT}$  ceramic simultaneously. ... Energy storage ceramics with a high electric breakdown strength ( $E_b$ ) should possess not only a dense microstructure, but also small and uniform grains inside ...

Recently,  $NaNbO_3$ -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  $W_{rec}$  of  $12.2 \text{ J/cm}^3$  and a satisfied  $i$  of 69% can be simultaneously achieved in ...

Novel  $Na_{0.5}Bi_{0.5}TiO_3$  based, lead-free energy storage ceramics with high power and energy density and excellent high-temperature stability. Chem. Eng. J., 383 (2020), Article 123154. View PDF View article View in Scopus Google Scholar [40] H. Ogihara, C.A. Randall, S. Trolrier-McKinstry.

To achieve the miniaturization and integration of advanced pulsed power capacitors, it is highly desirable to develop lead-free ceramic materials with high recoverable energy density ( $W_{rec}$ ) and high energy storage efficiency ( $i$ ). Whereas,  $W_{rec}$  ( $\approx 2 \text{ J/cm}^3$ ) and  $i$  ( $\approx 80\%$ ) have been seriously restricted because of low electric breakdown strength (BDS  $< 200 \dots$

The increasing awareness of environmental concerns has prompted a surge in the exploration of lead-free, high-power ceramic capacitors. Ongoing efforts to develop lead-free dielectric ceramics with exceptional energy-storage performance (ESP) have predominantly relied on multi-component composite strategies, often accomplished under ultrahigh electric fields. ...

Dielectric ceramics with outstanding energy-storage performances are nowadays in great demand for pulsed power electronic systems. Here, we propose a synergistic design strategy to significantly enhance the energy-storage properties of  $(1-x)(0.94\text{Na}0.5\text{Bi}0.5\text{TiO}_3-0.06\text{BaTiO}_3)-x\text{CaTi}0.75\text{Ta}0.2\text{O}_3$  solid solution ceramics through introducing polar ...

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 ...

Lead-free dielectric ceramics with high recoverable energy density are highly desired to sustainably meet the future energy demand.  $\text{AgNbO}_3$ -based lead-free antiferroelectric ceramics with double ferroelectric hysteresis loops have been proved to be potential candidates for energy storage applications. Enhanced energy storage performance with recoverable ...

Silver niobate,  $\text{AgNbO}_3$ , as a promising lead-free energy storage material with perovskite structure, owns rather large polarization at room temperature ( $\sim 52 \text{ mC/cm}^2$  @  $220 \text{ kV/cm}$ ) [13]. However, the non-zero  $P_r$ , low critical field and breakdown strength restrict its applications [13], attributed mainly to the phase structure. The phase structure of  $\text{AgNbO}_3$  experiences ...

Energy storage performance of  $\text{Na}0.5\text{Bi}0.5\text{TiO}_3$  based lead-free ferroelectric ceramics prepared via non-uniform phase structure modification and rolling process Author links open overlay panel Biao Guo a, Yan Yan a, Mingyang Tang a, Ziyang Wang b, Yang Li a, Leiyang Zhang c, Haibo Zhang d, Li Jin c, Gang Liu a

To further enhance the  $W_{rec}$  of BFO-based lead-free relaxor ferroelectric ceramics, the doping modification and adding sintering aids are adopted. In this work, a novel lead-free relaxor ferroelectric ceramic system of  $(1-x)(0.67\text{BiFeO}_3-0.33\text{Ba}0.8\text{Sr}0.2\text{TiO}_3)-x\text{Sr}0.7\text{La}0.2\text{TiO}_3 + 0.1 \text{ wt\% MnO}_2$  (BF-BST-xSLT) with excellent BDS and high  $i$  ...

A  $(\text{SrTiO}_3 + \text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3)/(\text{0.94Bi0.54Na0.46TiO}_3 - \text{0.06BaTiO}_3)$  (STL/BNBT) lead-free ceramic with a multilayer structure was shaped via the tape-casting and subsequent lamination technique, and sintered using the conventional solid state sintering method. The dielectric constant of the ceramic is larger than that of pure STL or BNBT and reveals excellent frequency-stability, and the ...

Recently, ceramic capacitors with fast charge-discharge performance and excellent energy storage characteristics have received considerable attention. Novel  $\text{NaNbO}_3$ -based lead-free ceramics ( $\text{0.80NaNbO}_3\text{-0.20SrTiO}_3$ , abbreviated as 0.80NN-0.20ST), featuring ultrahigh energy storage density, ultrahigh power density, and ultrafast discharge ...

In conclusion, this study successfully synthesized innovative  $\text{BZT-xBiZnTa}$  lead-free dielectric ceramics with high energy storage efficiency through relaxor and lattice strain ...

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