

# The development trend of lead-free energy storage ceramics

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.

Are lead-free dielectric energy-storage ceramics a hot spot?

At present, the application of dielectric energy-storage ceramics is hindered by their low energy density and the fact that most of them contain elemental lead. Therefore, lead-free dielectric energy-storage ceramics with high energy storage density have become a research hot spot.

Can lead-free ceramics be used for Advanced pulsed power systems?

This includes exploring the energy storage mechanisms of ceramic dielectrics, examining the typical energy storage systems of lead-free ceramics in recent years, and providing an outlook on the future trends and prospects of lead-free ceramics for advanced pulsed power systems applications. Graphical Abstract

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  $5 \text{ J cm}^{-3}$ , 106, and 1 kHz, respectively.

Are lead-free ceramic dielectrics suitable for energy storage?

However, the thickness and average grain size of most reported lead-free ceramic dielectrics for energy storage are in the range of 30-200 nm and 1-10 nm, respectively. This may impede the development of electronic devices towards miniaturization with outstanding performance.

What is a lead-free ceramic?

Among various lead-free materials, including  $\text{Bi}_{0.5}\text{Na}_{0.5}\text{TiO}_3$  (BNT) [9],  $\text{BiFeO}_3$  (BF) [10], and  $\text{BaTiO}_3$  (BT) [11],  $\text{K}_{0.5}\text{Na}_{0.5}\text{NbO}_3$  (KNN)-based ceramics are one of the most extensively studied dielectric for advanced energy storage applications [1, 2, 3, 4, 12].

Renewable energy can effectively cope with resource depletion and reduce environmental pollution, but its intermittent nature impedes large-scale development. Therefore, developing advanced technologies for energy storage and conversion is critical. Dielectric ceramic capacitors are promising energy storage technologies due to their high-power density, fast ...

This determines the development trend of advanced power electronic equipment towards miniaturization, lightweight and integration. Perovskite material, as an important inorganic energy storage ceramic material, has been widely concerned and studied in recent years. ... Novel  $\text{Na}_{0.5}\text{Bi}_{0.5}\text{TiO}_3$  based, lead-free energy

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storage ceramics with high ...

It is evitable for dielectrics that the P-E loops will gradually broaden with the increase of temperature owing to the ionic/electronic conductivity increases, resulting in a significant decrease in energy storage efficiency. As typical linear dielectrics,  $\text{CaTiO}_3$  [[14], [15], [16]] ceramics have attracted more attention in the fields of high temperature and voltage ...

In the early 21st century, Saito et al. reported a  $(\text{K}_{0.5}\text{Na}_{0.5})\text{NbO}_3$ -based (KNN-based) ceramic with a piezoelectric coefficient up to 416 pC/N [9]. Since then, researchers have focused on a thorough analysis of the structure and properties of KNN-based ceramics [10], [11], [12]. Furthermore, increasing attention has been paid to the energy storage and optical ...

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Owing to the current global scenario of environmental pollution and the energy crisis, the development of new dielectrics using lead-free ceramics for application in advanced electronic ...

State-of-the-art lead-free dielectric ceramics (bulk ceramics, multilayer ceramic capacitors, and ceramic thin films) are discussed along with how energy storage performance ...

This review summarizes the progress of these different classes of ceramic dielectrics for energy storage applications, including their mechanisms and strategies for ...

(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  $(\text{Bi},\text{Na})\text{TiO}_3$ ,  $\text{BaTiO}_3$ ,  $\text{SrTiO}_3$ ,  $\text{Bi}_{1-x}\text{K}_x\text{TiO}_3$ ,  $\text{NaNbO}_3$  and  $\text{K}_{1-x}\text{Na}_x\text{NbO}_3$ ; (b) the relationship between energy storage density and ...

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To further meet the development requirements of the electronic device industry, higher standards are required for the energy storage performance and operating temperature range of lead-free ceramic capacitors. ... (BNCT-xLNT) lead-free energy storage ceramics through A- and B-sites doping. In this paper, the LNT doped into BNCT improved the ...

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ment trend of energy storage technology [57], research progress of lead-free dielectric ceramics, and emerging topics in energy storage [58], but the specialized and systematic

In the context of sustainable development and energy saving, searching for high-efficient environment-friendly lead-free energy storage ceramics is in urgent need ... Evolution trend between  $E_b$  and leakage current density as a function of BNT content for CT-xBNT ceramics. Combined  $Z''$  and  $M''$  plots at  $575 \pm 176^\circ\text{C}$  for (d)  $x = 0.1$  and (e)  $x = 0.3$  ...

Sodium Bismuth Titanate ( $\text{Na } 0.5 \text{ Bi } 0.5 \text{ TiO } 3$  or NBT) ceramics, which belong to the category of bismuth-based ferroelectric ceramics, exhibit strong ferroelectric properties (The shape of its hysteresis loop is similar to that of a standard ferroelectric hysteresis loop) and superior dielectric characteristics at room temperature. Additionally, they can be sintered at ...

Yang, Z. T. et al. Grain size engineered lead-free ceramics with both large energy storage density and ultrahigh mechanical properties. *Nano Energy* 58, 768-777 (2019). CAS Google Scholar

To date, the most studied energy storage relaxor ferroelectric ceramics are based on perovskite oxides such as  $\text{BaTiO } 3$  (BT),  $\text{K } 1/2 \text{ Na } 1/2 \text{ NbO } 3$  (KNN),  $\text{BiFeO } 3$  (BF) and  $\text{Bi } 1/2 \text{ Na } 1/2 \text{ TiO } 3$  (BNT) [1, 5]. Among them,  $\text{Bi } 3+$ -containing ceramics show high polarization, thus attracting more attention.  $\text{Bi } 3+$  has a lone pair electronic structure similar to  $\text{Pb } 2+$ , and its ...

Summarized the typical energy storage materials and progress of lead-free ceramics for energy storage applications. Provided an outlook on the future trends and prospects of lead-free ceramics for energy storage. The reliability of energy storage performance under ...

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 ...

In this review, we present perspectives and challenges for lead-free energy-storage MLCCs. Initially, the energy-storage mechanism and device characterization are introduced; then, dielectric ceramics for energy-storage ...

To better promote the development of lead-free dielectric capacitors with high energy-storage density and efficiency, we comprehensively review the latest research progress on the application to energy storage of several representative lead-free dielectric materials, including ceramics (ferroelectrics-relaxor

ferroelectrics-antiferroelectrics), glass-ceramics, thin and thick ...

Over the past few decades, extensive efforts have been put on the development of lead-free high-performance dielectric capacitors. In this review, we ...

The dielectric ceramic capacitor serves as the core energy storage element in the pulsed power system. However, the inability to balance high energy storage density ( $W_{rec}$ ) and energy storage efficiency ( $\eta$ ) has become a technical challenge limiting the miniaturisation of pulsed power devices. This work proposes an entropy-driven strategy, through introducing  $Sr(Sc_{0.5}Nb_{0.5})O_3$  ...

a Comparisons of the energy storage properties between the studied ceramics ( $x \geq 0.14$ ) in this work and other recently reported KNN-based ceramics. b Comparisons of the  $W_{rec}$  between the  $x = 0.15$  ...

Lead-free relaxor ferroelectric ceramics were prepared using  $0.82Bi_{0.5}Na_{0.5}TiO_3-0.18Bi_{0.5}K_{0.5}TiO_3$  (BNKT) as the matrix and  $Sr(Mg_{1/3}Nb_{2/3})O_3$  (SMN) as the end-member. The structure and properties of the obtained ceramics were characterized. It was found that the ceramic with the composition of  $0.85BNKT-0.15SMN$  has the best overall performance ...

Lead-free relaxor ferroelectric energy-storage ceramics based on  $Bi_{0.5}Na_{0.5}TiO_3$  (BNT) systems are renowned for their exceptional properties, including a high  $P_{max}$  ( $>40$  mC/cm<sup>2</sup>) and Curie temperature ( $T_c \sim 320$  °C). In the pursuit of further enhancing their energy storage characteristics, we have developed a novel series of ceramics, namely  $(1-x)(Bi_{0.5}Na_{0.5}TiO_3)$  ...

Lead-free dielectric ceramics are increasingly sought after for various electrical device components due to their environmentally friendly nature, ultrahigh power density (PD), ...

Herein, we propose a novel weakly coupled relaxor ferroelectric ceramic system that delays premature polarization saturation of  $BaTiO_3$ -based ceramics to achieve the desirable energy storage characteristics. The ceramic exhibits a high energy storage density ( $W_{rec}$ ) of  $\sim 4.58$  J cm<sup>-3</sup> and high energy efficiency ( $\eta$ ) of  $\sim 95.2$  % under an ...

Electrostatic capacitors with simultaneously excellent recoverable energy density ( $W_{rec}$ ) and efficiency ( $\eta$ ), and wide operate temperature range are currently the main challenge in applications of modern electronics and electrical power systems. Here, a series of lead-free relaxor-ferroelectrics  $0.85[(1-x)Bi_{0.5}Na_{0.5}TiO_3-xBi_{0.1}Sr_{0.85}TiO_3]-0.15KNbO_3$  ...

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Energy storage materials and their applications have attracted attention among both academic and industrial

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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, ...

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