

DIELECTRIC PROPERTIES IN BaTiO₃ DERIVED CERAMICS

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Ferroelectric materials have been intensively studied during the last decades because they are of great interest for many practical applications. Electronic ceramics currently dominate applications and baryum titanate (BaTiO₃) is perhaps the best known example. Ferroelectrics are rapidly replacing low-dielectric materials in capacitors, computer memories and more exotic devices like phased-array radar (1-3). The purpose of the present work is to sinter baryum titanate perovskite at low temperature ($t_{\text{sint.}} \leq 1000^\circ\text{C}$) with the aid of fluorides and to determine the effect of the additives on the dielectric properties of BaTiO₃.

The ceramic microstructure was systematically characterized by a scanning electron microscopy observation performed on fractured samples. Dielectric measurements were carried out in the frequency and temperature ranges 50 - $4 \cdot 10^7$ Hz and 150 - 450 K, respectively. All measurements were computer controlled. At frequencies from 50 to $3 \cdot 10^5$ Hz the permittivity ϵ'_r exhibits a high maximum (>7000) at 283 K, which is independent of the frequency. At higher frequencies ($>10^6$ Hz) a dielectric relaxation is observed. A minimum of the relaxation frequency and a maximum of the dielectric dispersion appear at each phase transition temperature.

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