Investigation of Dielectricl Properties of (1-x)Ba_{0.7}Sr_{0.3}TiO₃·xMgZrO₃ Ceramic Obtained by Peroxomethod

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ABSTRACT. The system $(1-x)Ba_0$, $Sr_{0.3}TiO_3$.x MgZrO₃ where x=0.15; 0.20; 0.25; 0.30; 0.35 mol at calcination temperature T=1300; 1350; 1400°C for 4 hours was synthesized. The most important electric characteristics: relative dielectric permittivity (ϵ_r), dielectric losses (tan δ) and specific volume resistivity (ρ_r) were studiedat at frequency 1 kHz. The system 0.7Ba₀, $Sr_{0.3}TiO_3$.035MgZrO₃ has ϵ_r =1050, low dielectric losses tan δ =42.10⁻⁴, in the temperature range 20-120°C temperature coefficient of the permittivity (K_{ϵ_r}), and ρ_r =10⁸ Ω cm. Those values make it suitable for production of thermal stability capacitors as well as capacitors with low dielectric losses working at high frequencies.

ИЗСЛЕДВАНЕ ДИЕЛЕКТРИЧНИТЕ СВОЙСТВА НА (1-x)Ba_{0.7}Sr_{0.3}TiO₃·xMgZrO₃. КЕРАМИКА ПОЛУЧЕНА ПО ПЕРОКСОМЕТОД

РЕЗЮМЕ. Получена е по пероксо метод системата (1-х)Ва_{0.7}Sr_{0.3}TiO₃·xMgZrO₃. Изследвани са най-важните електрични характеристики: диелектричната проницаемост (ε_i) и диелектричните загуби (tan δ), обемно специфично съпротивление (ρ_v) при честота 1кHz за следния температурен режим на изпичане на керамиката: 1300, 1350, 1400°C за време 4 часа. Керамичния материал със състав 0.7Ba_{0.7}Sr_{0.3}TiO₃·0.3MgZrO₃ изпечен при 1400°C има ε_i=1050, ниски диелектрични загуби tan δ=42.10⁴, за температурния интервал от 20 до 120°C има температурен коефициент на диелектричната проницаемост TKε_i→0 и ρ_v=10⁸ Ω cm. Тези данни го правят подходящ за производството на термостабилни кондензатори, както и за кондензатори с ниски диелектрични загуби.

Introduction

The investigation aims to study the materials suitable for the production of thermal stability capacitors with low dielectric losses. In many publications by substitution of BaTiO₃ with: CaTiO₃, SrTiO₃ (Tabata and Kawai, 1997; Cramer et al., 2003), MgTiO₃ (Parvanova, 2002), Nd₂O₃ (Kohler et al., 1996), Bi₂O₃ (Yi Zhi et al., 1998), ZnTiO₃, NiTiO₃ (Parvanova, 2002), La₂O₃, Cr₂O₃ (Fukunaga et al., 2003; Wang et al., 2001) it is achieved to smoothen the maximum of the dielectric permittivity (ϵ_r) in the range of the Curie temperature and decrease the dielectric losses.

The system $Ba_{0.7}Sr_{0.3}TiO_3$ is obtained by the peroxomethod. By adding different concentration of MgZrO₃ the last mentioned properties is aimed to be attained. In the reference data about the synthesis and the dielectric properties of the system (1-x) $Ba_{0.7}Sr_{0.3}TiO_3.x$ MgZrO₃ is missing. The synthesized material is of scientific and practical interest to be studied as it has been obtained by peroxomethod. This method has a lot of advantages in comparison with the classical ones. The temperature of synthesis is considerably lower, the obtained titanates has higher purity, they are fine crystalline with homogeneous grain-size composition.

Experimental

The starting BaTiO₃ and SrTiO₃ were prepared by peroxomethod (Genov et al., 1988; Maneva and Parvanova, 1995). The peroxomethod is based the interaction of TiCl₄ solution and 17% solution of BaCl₂ and Sr(NO₃) and H₂O₂ and

NH₃ solution up to pH=9. The obtained intermediate peroxocompounds in the process of the reaction are amorphous precipitate. They were calcinated respectively at T=600°C for BaTiO₃ and T=650°C for SrTiO₃. The size of the particles is less than 1 μ m and no milling is needed. The titanates were proved by x-ray investigation with TUR-U-62 apparatus. MgZrO₃ is obtained by classical methods. MgO and ZrO₂ with 99% purity were used. The last mentioned were calcinated at 1400°C for 4 hours. The obtained MgZrO₃ was milled in planetary ball mill. A system with the composition (1-x)Ba_{0.7}Sr_{0.3}TiO₃.x MgZrO₃ where x=0.15; 0.20; 0.25; 0.30; 0.35 mol was obtained.

The powders were pressed at P=200.10⁵Pa. 10% polyvinyl alcohol is used as a plastificator. 6 mm high discs with 10mm diameter were prepared. They were calcinated at T_{cal} = 1300; 1350 and 1400°C for 4 hours on air. The temperature T_{cal} =360°C was kept for half an hour to evaporate the plastificator. Aiming to provide a good contact during the electric measurements the discs were metaled with silver paste. The temperature dependence of the capacity and dielectric losses (tan δ) were tested at a frequency of 1 kHz by using a General Radio impedance meter (model 1687). The temperature dependence of the capacity was measured in a Heraeus Votsch temperature chamber in a temperature range from 20°C to +120°C at steps of 5°C.

Result and discussion

The dependence between the relative dielectric permittivity at T=20 °C for the system composition and the calcination

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temperature is presented on fig.1 from the figure it is obvious that ε_r at T=20°C strongly depends on the ceramic composition and at x=0.15 mol it has maximum value. However, over the given the value for "x" the dielectric permittivity decreases monotonously and it is explained by the increasing of MgZrO₃ concentration having considerably lower ε_r . The composition 0.65Ba₀₇Sr_{0.3}TiO₃.035MgZrO₃ has times lower ε_r =1050 in comparison with Ba₀₇Sr_{0.3}TiO₃ (ε_r =3450 according the data by Parvanova 2002). On the figure it is seen that the dielectric permittivity slightly depends on the temperature of calcination. It has maximum value at 1400°C ε_r =3400. T_{cal}=1300°C is insufficient for the formation of isomorphous structure of the ceramic (ε_r =2100).



Fig. 1. Dependence of the dielectric permittivity ϵ_r of the materials on the concentration of MgZrO_3 and calcination temperature



Fig. 2. Dependence of the dielectric losses tan δ of the materials on the concentration of MgZrO_3 and calcination temperature

The graphical dependence between the dielectric losses of the system composition and calcination temperature is given on fig.2. It is seen on it that the losses follow the pattern of the dielectric permittivity. It is known that $MgZrO_3$ has low dielectric losses. That is why the system $(1-x)Ba_{0.7}Sr_{0.3}TiO_3.x MgZrO_3$ would have decreasingly losses having increased the $MgZrO_3$

concentration. The increased dielectric losses having increased the temperature of calcination probably due to the structure defects caused by the high temperature calcination (T_{cal}=1400°C). Similar dependence is discussed by Jlin and Wu, 1990. The increasing of the ceramic conductivity is also confirmed by fig.3. It shows the dependence between the specific volume resistivity at the temperature of calcination and the system composition (x). It is seen on the figure that ρ_v depends at the same extent on T_{cal} and on the composition of the studied system. Having compared fig. 2 and 3 it is seen that the dielectric losses are mostly losses of conductivity. The temperature dependence between the relative dielectric permittivity and the system composition at T_{cal}=1400°C is presented on fig. 4. It follows form the figure that increasing the "x" value the maximum of the Curie temperature gradually decreases and it seems that the depressor character of MgZrO₃ is observed. It leads to improving the temperature stability of the capacitors.



Fig. 3. Dependence of the resistivity ρ_{ν} of materials on the concentration of MgZrO_3 and calcination temperature



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Fig. 4. Dependence of the dielectric permittivity ε_r on the concentration of the $MgZrO_3$ calcinated at a temperature of 1400°C; 1) x=0.15 mol; 2) x=0.20 mol; 3) x=0.25 mol; 4) x=0.30 mol; 5) x=0.35 mol

The substitution of BaTiO₃ with SrTiO₃ lead to the Curie temperature to the lower values. Similar dependence is discussed by Parvanova 2003. For x=0.35 mol the relative dielectric permittivity is constant with the temperature change i.e. temperature coefficient of dielectric permittivity TK ϵ_r →0. The composition x=0.30 mol in the range of 20-80°C has TK ϵ_r =5200.10⁻⁶°C⁻¹.

The system 0.65Ba_{0.7}Sr_{0.3}TiO₃.0.35MgZrO₃ obtained at T_{cal} =1400°C is suitable for the production of thermal stability capacitors with low dielectric losses. The system in the temperature range 20-120°C has ϵ_r =1050, TK ϵ_r →0 and very good dielectric losses tan δ =42.10⁻⁴.

Conclusion

The system $(1-x)Ba_{0.7}Sr_{0.3}TiO_{3.x}$ MgZrO₃ where x=0.15; 0.20; 0.25; 0.30; 0.35 mol at calcination temperature T=1300; 1350; 1400°C for 4 hours was synthesized.

The most important electric characteristics relative dielectric permittivity (ϵ_r), dielectric losses (tan δ) and specific volume resistivity (ρ_v) were studied.

The system $0.7Ba_{07}Sr_{0.3}TiO_3.035MgZrO_3$ has ϵ_r =1050, low dielectric losses tan δ =42.10⁻⁴, in the temperature range 20-120°C TK $\epsilon_r {\rightarrow} 0$, and ρ_v =10⁸ Ω cm. Those values make it suitable for production of thermal stability capacitors as well as capacitors with low dielectric losses working at high frequencies.

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