

# Low-Temperature Sintered PZT-Based Ceramics and Their Applications on Actuators

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## ABSTRACT

PZT-based ceramics, modified with  $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{CuO}$ ,  $\text{MnO}_2$  and  $\text{Ba}(\text{Cu}_0.5\text{W}_0.5)\text{O}_3$ , were prepared by conventional mixed-oxide technique, with sintering temperature at 930 for 90 minutes. The dielectric constant measured at 1KHz is about 900 and the tangent loss is smaller than 0.1%. It has been shown that these additives were helpful in both lowering the sintering temperature and improving the dielectric properties. Microstructural and compositional analyses of the low-temperature sintered PZT-based ceramics have been carried out using XRD and SEM observation. We also successfully simulated the behavior of PZT-based piezoelectric transducers by utilizing the transmission-line-equivalent circuit model which based on Mason model and Leach's controlled-source analogous models. The simulation results fit quite well with the experimental data, which will be very helpful in designing corresponding piezoelectric transducers.  $0.25\text{Pb}(\text{Ni}_{1/3}\text{Nb}_{2/3})\text{O}_3$ - $0.75\text{Pb}(\text{Zr}_{0.5}\text{Ti}_{0.5})\text{O}_3$  (PNN-PZT) piezoceramics, doped and undoped with  $\text{BiFeO}_3$  and  $\text{Ba}(\text{Cu}_0.5\text{W}_0.5)\text{O}_3$  oxides, were then prepared by conventional mixed-oxide technique, using sintering temperature at 850 ~ 950 to obtain better piezoelectric/dielectric properties. Microstructural and compositional analyses of these low-temperature sintered PNN-PZT-based ceramics have been carried out using XRD and SEM. The effects of dopants on the sintering temperature and dielectric properties of the PNN-PZT ceramics have been investigated. In this paper, we successfully showed that these additives were helpful in both the lowering of the sintering temperature and the improvement of the dielectric properties. The sintering condition is also found.

Keywords : PZT-Based Ceramics ; Low-Temperature Sintered

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