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In this thesis, the structure, thermal diffusivity and dielectric constant of  $Ba_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$  and  $Ca_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ) ceramics were investigated. The samples were prepared using solid-state reaction technique with a sintering temperature at 1200 °C. From XRD analysis, the  $BaTiO_3$  structure obtained was tetragonal and then transformed to cubic; whilst,  $CaTiO_3$  structure changed from orthorhombic to cubic with an intermediate tetragonal phase as the amount of Sr ions increased. Surface morphology studies showed that the grain size decreased with increasing Sr ions in both  $Ba_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$  and  $Ca_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$  systems.

Photoflash technique was used to determine the thermal diffusivity of  $BaTiO_3$ ,  $CaTiO_3$  and  $SrTiO_3$  at room temperature. The effect of substitution Sr ions on the thermal diffusivity of  $Ba_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$  and  $Ca_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$  was also investigated. It was found that increasing Sr ions in  $Ba_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$  samples reduced the thermal diffusivity value from  $11.302 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$  to  $6.467 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$  and accompanying by a decrease in density. Similarly, the thermal diffusivity values of  $Ca_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$  system decreased from  $13.11 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$  to  $6.467 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$  as its density increased.

For thermal diffusivity measurement at higher temperature, laser flash technique was used. It was noticed that the thermal diffusivity of  $\text{Ba}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{TiO}_3$  and  $\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{TiO}_3$  decreased with increasing temperature from room temperature to 150 °C.

The dielectric properties of  $\text{BaTiO}_3$ ,  $\text{CaTiO}_3$  and  $\text{SrTiO}_3$  were investigated at various temperatures from 25 to 150 °C using AC impedance analyzer. Increasing Sr ions in  $\text{BaTiO}_3$  reduced the dielectric constant from 709 to 246 at frequency  $10^6$  Hz at room temperature. On the other hand, increasing Sr ions in  $\text{CaTiO}_3$  raised the dielectric constant from 106 to 246, and the highest value was found at  $x = 0.2$ . The dielectric constant of  $\text{Ba}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{TiO}_3$  decreased with increasing temperature. The highest dielectric constant value was recorded for  $\text{Ba}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{TiO}_3$  system where  $x = 0$  and 0.1 at phase change temperatures, 125 °C and 100 °C respectively.

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Dalam tesis ini, struktur, resapan terma dan pemalar dielektrik bagi seramik  $Ba_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$  dan  $Ca_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ) telah dikaji. Sampel telah disediakan dengan menggunakan teknik tindak balas pepejal dan disinter pada suhu  $1200^\circ C$ . Daripada analisis XRD, struktur  $BaTiO_3$  didapati berubah dari tetragonal kepada struktur kubus, manakala bagi struktur  $CaTiO_3$ , didapati berubah dari ortorombik kepada struktur kubus dengan pertengahan fasa tetragonal apabila ion Sr bertambah. Kajian morfologi permukaan menunjukkan bahwa saiz butiran mengecil dengan meningkatnya Sr ions di dalam kedua- dua sistem  $Ba_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$  dan  $Ca_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_3$ .

Teknik fotokilat telah digunakan untuk menentukan resapan terma  $BaTiO_3$ ,  $CaTiO_3$  dan  $SrTiO_3$  pada suhu bilik. Kesan penggantian ion Sr terhadap respon terma dalam  $BaTiO_3$  dan  $CaTiO_3$  juga telah dikaji. Didepeti bahawa pertambahan ion Sr di dalam sampel  $BaTiO_3$  mengurangkan nilai kadar resapan terma dari  $11.302 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$  kepada  $9.6467 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ , dan diikuti dengan penurunan dalam ketumpatan.

Serupa juga, nilai resapan terma sistem  $\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{TiO}_3$  berkurangan dari  $13.11 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$  kepada  $6.467 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ , sebaliknya nilai ketumpatan bertambah.

Untuk pengukuran resapan terma pada suhu yang lebih tinggi, teknik kilatan laser telah digunakan. Didapati bahawa resapan terma bagi  $\text{Ba}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{TiO}_3$  dan  $\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{TiO}_3$  menurun dengan kenaikan suhu dari  $25^\circ\text{C}$  hingga  $150^\circ\text{C}$ .

Sifat dielektrik  $\text{BaTiO}_3$ ,  $\text{CaTiO}_3$  dan  $\text{SrTiO}_3$  diukur pada belbagai suhu dalam julat  $25^\circ\text{C}$  hingga  $150^\circ\text{C}$  dengan menggunakan penganalisis impedans. Pertambahan ion Sr dalam  $\text{BaTiO}_3$  telah mengurangkan pemalar dielektrik (pada  $10^6 \text{ Hz}$ ) dari 709 kepada 246. Sementara itu, pertambahan ion Sr dalam  $\text{CaTiO}_3$  meningkatkan pemalar dielektrik dari 106 kepada 246, dan nilai tertinggi dicapai pada  $x = 0.2$ . disamping itu, pemalar dielektrik bagi sistem  $\text{Ba}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{TiO}_3$  dengan  $x = 0$  dan  $0.1$  didapati pada suhu perubahan fasa  $100^\circ\text{C}$  dan  $125^\circ\text{C}$ .



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## LIST OF SYMBOLS

$\Delta L$	Change in length.
$\Delta T$	Change in temperature.
$\lambda$	Thermal conductivity
$\beta$	Adjustable parameter of the energy pulse
$\omega$	Angular frequency
$\rho$	Density
$\tau$	Pulse time
$\Delta$	Sampling rate
$\alpha$	Thermal diffusivity
$\alpha_c$	Corrected value of thermal diffusivity
$\sigma_0$	DC contribution.
$\partial T/\partial x$	Temperature gradient
$\alpha_x$	Thermal diffusivity calculated at $x$ percent rise
$A$	Surface area
$\text{\AA}$	Angstrom unit
$C$	Capacitance
$C_0$	Capacitance of the empty system
$c_p$	Specific heat capacity
$r$	Distance between two conducting surfaces
$D$	Dielectric induction
$E$	Electric field
$E(\omega)$	Fourier transforms of the time dependent field

$f$	Frequency
$G$	Conductance
$g$	Small depth at the front surface
$J_u$	Heat flux
$K_R$	Correction factor for Taylor rising curve data
$K_x$	Constant corresponding to $x\%$ of maximum temperature rise
$l$	The mean-free path
$L$	Sample length
$L$	Sample thickness
$P$	Polarization
$P(\omega)$	Fourier transforms of the time dependent polarization
$Q$	Charge accumulated on a surface
$Q$	Energy of the light pulse
$T$	Temperature
$t$	Time
$t_{0.25}$	Time required to reach 25% maximum temperature rise
$t_{0.75}$	Time required to reach 75% maximum temperature rise
$t_{1/2}, t_{0.5}$	Time required for the back surface of the sample to reach half the maximum temperature rise
$t_a$	Time axis intercept of the temperature versus time curve
$T_C$	Phase transformation temperature (Curie temperature)
$t_c$	Characteristic rise time
$T_M, T_{max}$	Maximum temperature rise at the sample rear surface
$T_0$	Initial temperature at the rear surface of the sample
$t_x$	Time required to reach $x\%$ of $T_{Max}$
$v$	Lattice vibration velocity,

$V$	Applied voltage
$V(\omega)$	Measured voltage
$\epsilon$	Dielectric constant
$\epsilon(\omega)$	Dielectric constant as a function of angular frequency
$\epsilon^*$	Complex dielectric constant as measured by the instrument
$\epsilon'$	Real dielectric constant
$\epsilon_0$	Dielectric constant of free space
$\epsilon_r$	Relative dielectric constant
$\chi$	Electric susceptibility
$\chi'$	Real susceptibility
$\chi''$	Imaginary susceptibility
$x$	Concentration of $\text{Sr}^{2+}$ ions

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

SEM	Scanning Electron Microscope
XRD	X-ray Diffraction
Hz	Hertz
AC	Alternating Current
IR	Infra Red
DRAM <sub>S</sub>	Dynamic random access memories
MLCC <sub>S</sub>	Multi-Layer Ceramic Capacitors

# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Introduction to the Ceramics and its Applications

The term "ceramic" referred to clay-based materials. However, new generations of ceramic materials have expanded the scope and number of possible applications. Ceramic materials are inorganic compounds, usually oxides, nitrides, or carbides. The bonding is very strong either ionic or network covalent. Many adopt crystalline structures, but some form glasses. The properties of the materials are a result of the bonding and structure.

The most important thermal properties of ceramic materials are heat capacity, thermal diffusivity, and thermal conductivity. Many applications of ceramics, such as their use as insulating materials, are related to these properties. Ceramics can withstand high temperature, are good thermal insulators and do not expand greatly when heated. This makes them excellent thermal barriers, for applications such as lining industrial furnaces, thermal paint and covering the space shuttle to conserve it from high temperatures. The last generation of gas turbines hot path components (typically combustion chamber, transition pieces, rotating blades and vanes) are protected against the hot gases ( $>1300^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) by a ceramic thermal barrier coating (TBC) with a thickness ranging from 300  $\mu\text{m}$  up to 1 or more millimeters (Cernuschi et al., 2004).





Ceramics are strong, hard, and durable and have low densities and high melting points. This makes them attractive structural materials. One significant drawback is their brittleness, but this problem was overcome by the development of new materials as example composites.

Ceramics vary in electrical properties from excellent insulators to superconductors. Thus, they are used in a wide range of applications. Some are capacitors or semiconductors in electronic devices. For example, piezoelectric materials can convert mechanical pressure into an electrical signal and are especially useful for sensors.

In recent years, much attention was devoted to the development of dielectric materials for voltage controlled, frequency-fast phase shifters and filters operating. The development in electronic and related industries on dielectric materials has created the interest to synthesize new materials with suitable properties for industrial requirements (Zhaow, 2006).

One of the electronics which attracted tremendous research interest is  $\text{BaTiO}_3$  (barium titanate) this material has two crystallographic site, i.e. A and B site and the modification can lead to new materials with different properties (Walter, 2005). Ferroelectrics such as  $\text{Ba}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{TiO}_3$  (barium strontium titanate) have emerged as leading candidates for electronic applications due to their highly nonlinear dielectric