

# Application prospects of lead-free energy storage ceramics

Are lead-free ceramics the future of energy storage?

Lead-free ceramics with high energy storage performance will meet the urgent need for advanced pulsed power systems and environmental protection. Despite the breakthroughs achieved in lead-free ceramics over the past few years, challenges still exist for both theoretical and experimental investigations.

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  $\mu\text{m}$  and 1-10  $\mu\text{m}$ , respectively. This may impede the development of electronic devices towards miniaturization with outstanding performance.

Can lead-free MLCC be used for energy storage applications?

Currently, the electrodes of lead-free MLCC for energy storage applications are primarily composed of the noble metal of Pt, significantly increasing the cost of MLCC. In the case of  $\text{AgNbO}_3$ -based lead-free anti-ferroelectric ceramics, these ceramics require sintering in an  $\text{O}_2$  atmosphere during the fabrication process.

Are lead-free anti-ferroelectric ceramics suitable for energy storage applications?

At present, the development of lead-free anti-ferroelectric ceramics for energy storage applications is focused on the  $\text{AgNbO}_3$  (AN) and  $\text{NaNbO}_3$  (NN) systems. The energy storage properties of AN and NN-based lead-free ceramics in representative previous reports are summarized in Table 6.

What are the energy storage performance metrics of lead-free bulk ceramics?

The energy storage performance metrics ( $E_{\text{max}}$ ,  $P$ ,  $W_{\text{rec}}$  and  $\eta$ ) of lead-free bulk ceramics are summarised and depicted in Fig. 17.  $W_{\text{rec}}$  vs.  $\eta$  (Fig. 17a) NN and NBT-based bulk ceramics currently demonstrate superior performance, exhibiting  $W_{\text{rec}} > 8 \text{ J cm}^{-3}$  and  $\eta > 80\%$ . AN-based bulk ceramics present lower  $W_{\text{rec}}$  ( $< 8 \text{ J cm}^{-3}$ ) and lower  $\eta$  ( $< 80\%$ ).

How to optimize energy storage performance of nn-based lead-free ceramics?

The ceramics exhibit well-defined double P - E loops and reduced Pr. M. Zhang et al. proposed a strategy by adjusting the local structure and defect chemistry with  $\text{SrSnO}_3$  and  $\text{MnO}_2$  to optimize the energy storage performance of NN-based lead-free ceramics from anti-ferroelectric to relaxor states, as shown in Fig. 26 (e).

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Lead-free antiferroelectric ceramics have drawn widespread interest recently on account of their environmentally friendly components and potential applications in high-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 ...

Hence, it is crucial to enhancing the energy storage characteristics of KNN-based lead-free materials while simultaneously addressing their thermal stability for energy storage ...

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Significant efforts have been made to enhance the energy storage performance of lead-free ceramics using multi-scale design strategies, and exciting progress has been achieved in the past decade.

In this review, we present a summary of the current status and development of ceramic-based dielectric capacitors for energy storage applications, including solid solution ...

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Here, we present an overview on the current state-of-the-art lead-free bulk ceramics for electrical energy storage applications, including SrTiO<sub>3</sub>, CaTiO<sub>3</sub>, BaTiO<sub>3</sub>, (Bi ...

This chapter broadly covers the studies on energy storage properties of lead-based and lead-free ferroelectric, relaxor ferroelectric, and antiferroelectric bulk ceramics and ...

In terms of energy storage applications, some NBT-based ceramics with pinched/double P-E loops are promising materials due to their high maximum polarization and ...

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However, the  $\text{NaNbO}_3$ -based ceramics still show relatively low energy density and efficiency in comparison with the lead-based counterparts or other lead-free ceramics, ...

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