

Supplementary Material

BaTiO₃-NaNbO₃ energy storage ceramics with an ultrafast charge-discharge rate and temperature-stable power density

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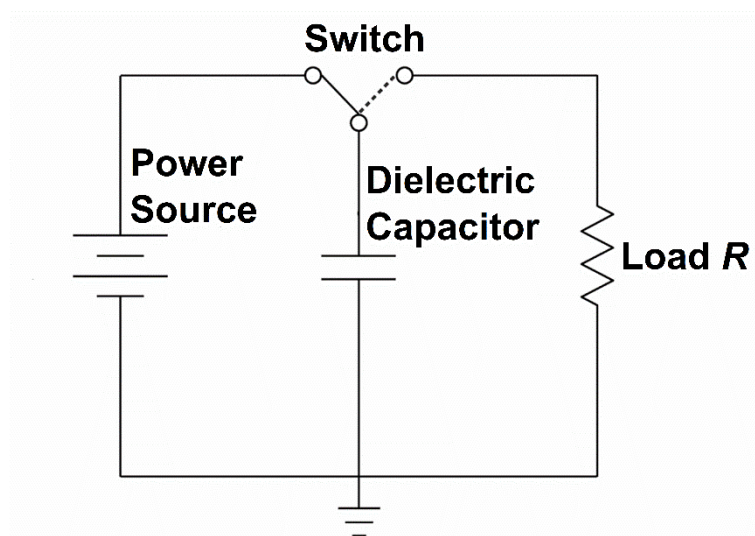


Figure S1. Schematic diagram of the resistor-capacitance circuit measurement system.

The dielectric capacitor as shown in Figure S1 is the (1-x)BT-xNN ceramics with gold electrodes, which is charged by the power source before measurement. After charging, the dielectric capacitor discharges to the load resistor (R). For overdamped discharge measurement, the R should meet the condition: $R^2 \gg 4L/C$, where the L is the circuit inductance and the C is the capacitance of the dielectric capacitor (here $R = 100 \Omega$). For underdamped discharge measurement, the R should be small enough to

be ignored ($R^2 \ll 4L/C$). Here, the dielectric capacitor discharges to the wire of the circuit.

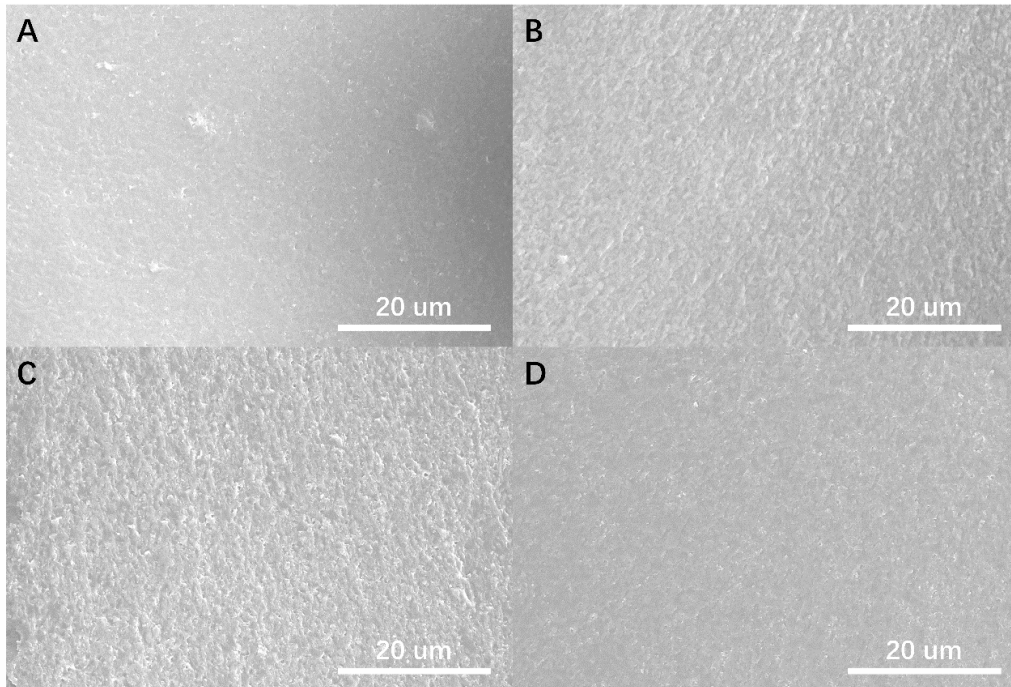


Figure S2. The cross-section SEM images of the $(1-x)\text{BT}-x\text{NN}$ ceramics: (A) $0.65\text{BT}-0.35\text{NN}$, (B) $0.60\text{BT}-0.40\text{NN}$, (C) $0.55\text{BT}-0.45\text{NN}$, and (D) $0.50\text{BT}-0.50\text{NN}$.

There are no obvious pores in the cross-section of $(1-x)\text{BT}-x\text{NN}$ ceramics, suggesting that the ceramics possess high relative density.

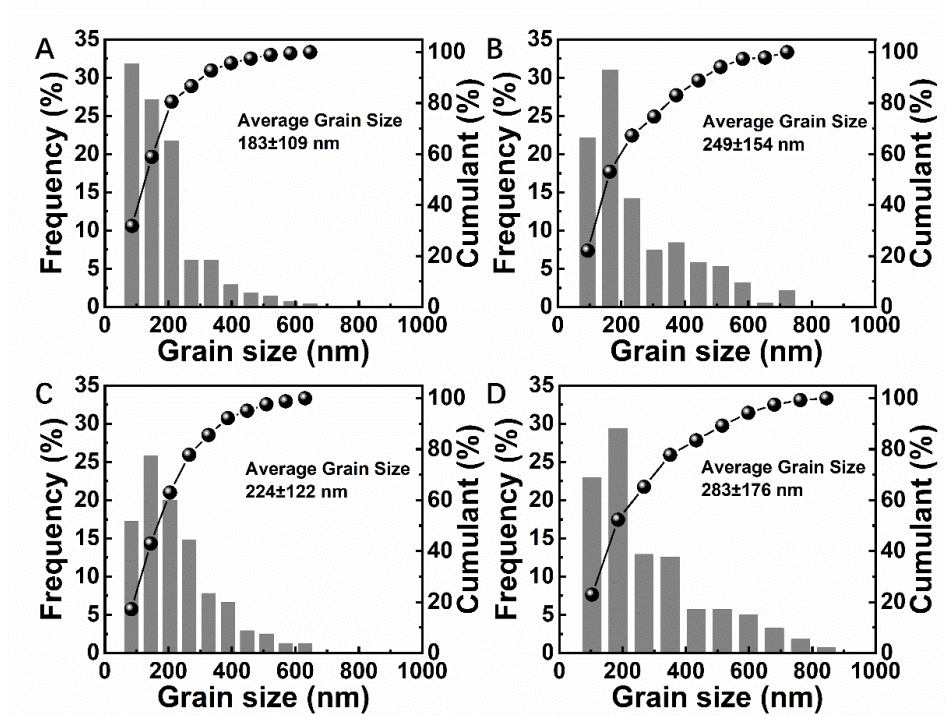


Figure S3. The grain size distributions of all samples: (A) 0.65BT-0.35NN, (B) 0.60BT-0.40NN, (C) 0.55BT-0.45NN, and (D) 0.50BT-0.50NN.

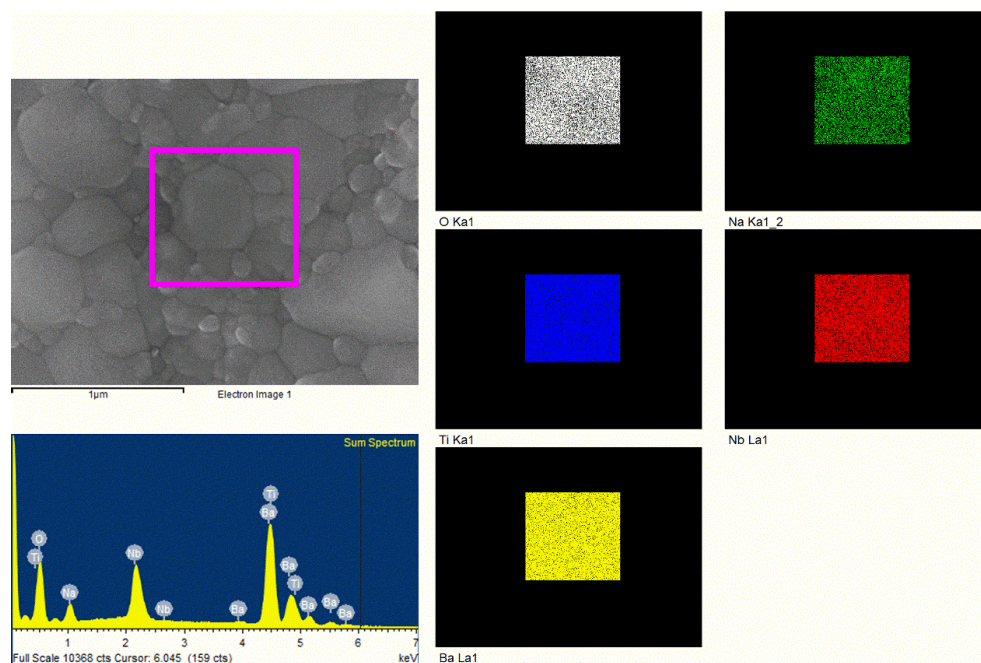


Figure S4. The elements (O, Na, Ti, Nb, and Ba) distribution in the 0.60BT-0.40NN ceramics.

All elements (O, Na, Ti, Nb, and Ba) are uniformly distributed in the 0.60BT-0.40NN ceramics.

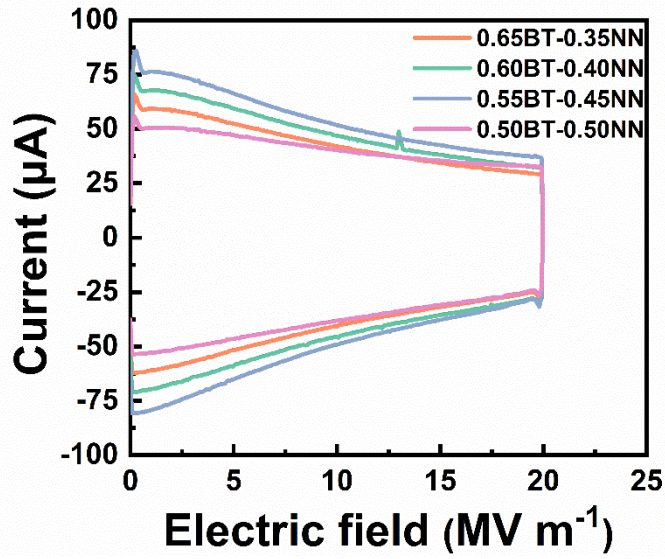


Figure S5. The current-field (J - E) curves of $(1-x)\text{BT}-x\text{NN}$ ceramics.

Table S1. The amount of the secondary phase ($\text{Ba}_6\text{Ti}_7\text{Nb}_9\text{O}_{42}$).

Composition	The ratios of the main peak intensities	The amounts of the $\text{Ba}_6\text{Ti}_7\text{Nb}_9\text{O}_{42}$
0.65BT-0.35NN	0.012	4.31%
0.60BT-0.40NN	0.006	2.20%
0.55BT-0.45NN	0.013	4.66%
0.50BT-0.50NN	0.006	2.20%

The ratios of the two main peak intensities (the main peak intensities of the secondary phases $\text{Ba}_6\text{Ti}_7\text{Nb}_9\text{O}_{42}$ and the main peak intensities of BT-NN ceramics) are about 0.012, 0.006, 0.013, and 0.006 for $x=0.35$, 0.40, 0.45, and 0.50 respectively. The reference intensity ratio (RIR) of $\text{Ba}_6\text{Ti}_7\text{Nb}_9\text{O}_{42}$ is 2.22^[1]. The RIRs of BT-NN ceramics are unknown, and here we choose the RIR of BT (8.34) for calculation. The amounts of the $\text{Ba}_6\text{Ti}_7\text{Nb}_9\text{O}_{42}$ can be calculated by the following equations:

$$W_1 = \frac{I_1}{I_1 + \frac{I_2}{K}}$$

$$K = \frac{RIR_2}{RIR_1}$$

$$W_2 = 1 - W_1$$

where the W is the amount, 1 and 2 are the BT-NN phases and $Ba_6Ti_7Nb_9O_{42}$ phases respectively. The W_2 s for (1- x)BT- x NN ceramics are about 4.31%, 2.20%, 4.66%, and 2.20% for $x=0.35, 0.40, 0.45,$ and 0.50 respectively (Supplementary Table 1). The amounts of $Ba_6Ti_7Nb_9O_{42}$ phases in various ceramics are irregular. The dielectric constants of all BT-NN ceramics at room temperature are about 1000~1200, and the $Ba_6Ti_7Nb_9O_{42}$ phases are considered to have paraelectric characteristics^[2]. Hence, the $Ba_6Ti_7Nb_9O_{42}$ phases may not greatly affect the dielectric characteristics of the ceramics.

Table S2. The cell parameters of the (1- x)BT- x NN ceramics.

Composition	Cell parameters
0.65BT-0.35NN	$a=b=c=3.9938(4) \text{ \AA}, \alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$
0.60BT-0.40NN	$a=b=c=3.9916(5) \text{ \AA}, \alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$
0.55BT-0.45NN	$a=b=c=3.9854(6) \text{ \AA}, \alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$
0.50BT-0.50NN	$a=b=c=3.9833(2) \text{ \AA}, \alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$

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