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## Giant dielectric response and low dielectric loss in $\text{PbTiO}_3$ grafted $\text{CaCu}_3\text{Ti}_4\text{O}_{12}$ ceramics evaluated by impedance spectroscopy

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There is an ever-increasing tendency to employ Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS) as a strong tool to characterize thin films or ceramic layers demonstrating electrical properties in Tribology. In this regard, colossal dielectric materials with reasonable energy storage and dielectric loss are on the core interest of potential applications in sustainable energy industry. In this study,  $\text{PbTiO}_3$  (PT) was coated on the surface of  $\text{CaCu}_3\text{Ti}_4\text{O}_{12}$  (CCTO) particles via sol-gel method to enhance the characteristics of grain boundary and interface towards efficient application in Capacitors and Supercapacitors.

The X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern of CCTO/PT ceramics represents the PT phase exists mainly at the interface between the CCTO grains. The field-emission scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images captured from the fracture surfaces confirm the grains were formed in cuboid-like taking regular form with an increase in sintering time. The line scan Energy-Dispersive X-ray Spectrometry (EDS) result demonstrates that PT are slightly substituted in Cu site of CCTO structure. EIS data demonstrates an enhanced dielectric constant in low frequency with low dielectric loss in high frequency for the grafted CCTO composite ceramics (CCTO/PT composite ceramics with the PT weight concentration of 10%) over the entire frequency

range. The dielectric loss for the CCTO-30% and -50% PT samples is abruptly decreased to a value of  $\sim 0.0013$  at 100 kHz. These observations were attributed to the change in characteristics of grains and grain boundaries where the insulating properties of the grain boundaries are improved following the addition of PT.

### Speaker Biography

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