

## ***Supporting Information***

### **Strong relaxor enabled excellent capacitive energy storage performance in $\text{Bi}_{0.5}\text{Na}_{0.5}\text{TiO}_3$ -based binary system**

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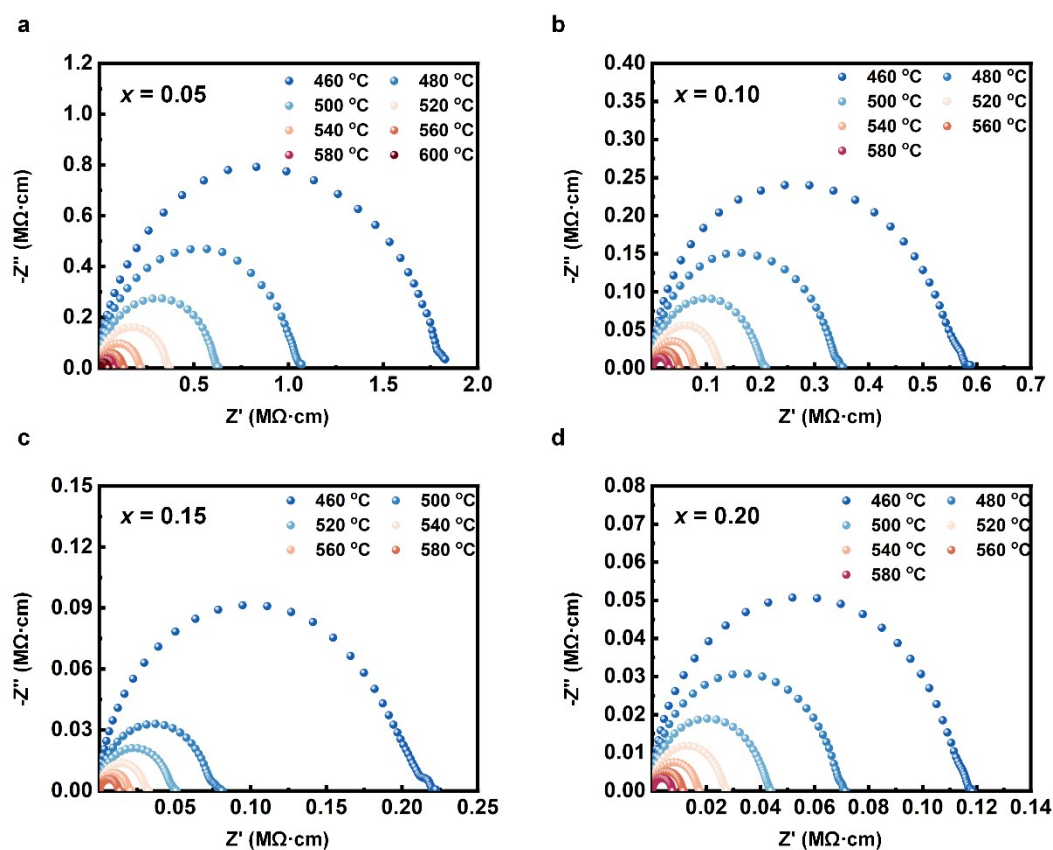
## Material preparation

Ceramics composed of  $(1-x)\text{Bi}_{0.5}\text{Na}_{0.5}\text{TiO}_3-x\text{SmFeO}_3$  [(1-x)BNT-xSF] with  $x$  values of 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, and 0.2 were synthesized using the solid-state method. High-purity raw materials, namely  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  ( $\geq 99.8\%$ ),  $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $\geq 99\%$ ),  $\text{TiO}_2$  ( $\geq 98\%$ ),  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $\geq 99\%$ ) and  $\text{Sm}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $\geq 99.9\%$ ), supplied by Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd, China, were measured in stoichiometric proportions. The powders underwent two stages of ball milling at 300 rpm for 24 hours with an intermediate calcination step at 850 °C for 6 hours. After drying, the powder mixture was granulated using 3 wt.% polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) as a binder. Subsequently, the granulated powders were compacted into pellets under a pressure of 200 MPa and then sintered at temperatures ranging from 1000 to 1100 °C for 2 hours. The thickness of the ceramic sample is around 40  $\mu\text{m}$  -80  $\mu\text{m}$ .

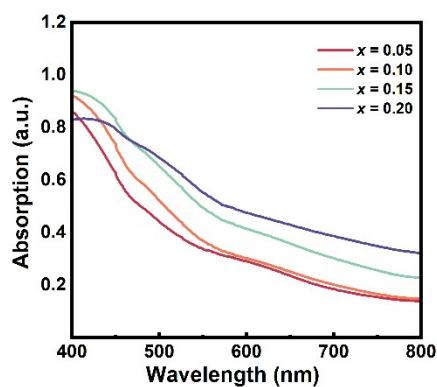
## Characterization

The phase composition of the ceramics was determined using XRD analysis with a D8 ADVANCE-A25 system from Bruker, Germany. The microstructure and elemental distribution were examined using a FE-SEM (Zeiss Gemini SEM 300, Germany) and energy-dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) with an Oxford Instruments X-MaxN SN 78861 detector, respectively. Prior to analysis, the ceramic samples were polished and subjected to thermal etching at temperatures ranging from 950 to 1050 °C for 0.5 hours. The grain sizes of the ceramics were quantified using ImageJ software. Dielectric properties, specifically the dielectric constant and loss, were measured from 25 to 400 °C and across a frequency range of 1 to 1000 kHz using a DPTS-AT-600 dielectric testing system from China. Breakdown strength was assessed using a dielectric breakdown test system from PolyK Technologies, USA, with voltage increments of

500 V per second. The  $P$ - $E$  loop characteristics of the ceramics were studied at 10 Hz using ferroelectric test equipment from PolyK Technologies, USA. The frequency and temperature stability were investigated using a PolyK Technologies, USA. Fatigue stability was recorded using another ferroelectric test device (FETS-2000, China). Finally, charge and discharge behavior were evaluated using a CCDM-1000 system.



**Figure S1** Impedance spectrum of  $(1 - x)\text{BNT}-x\text{SF}$  dielectric ceramics: (a)  $x = 0.05$ , (b)  $x = 0.1$ , (c)  $x = 0.15$ , AND (d)  $x = 0.20$ .



**Figure S2** UV-vis absorption spectrum of the  $(1 - x)\text{BNT} - x\text{SF}$  ( $x = 0.05, 0.10, 0.15,$  and  $0.20$ ) ceramics.

**Table S1.** A comparison of  $W_{\text{rec}}$  between  $0.9\text{BNT} - 0.1\text{SF}$  and other reported BNT-based lead-free bulk ceramics.

Composition	$W_{\text{rec}}$ (J/cm <sup>3</sup> )	$\eta$ (%)	Reference
0.8BNST–0.2Ba(5M)O <sub>3</sub>	4.89	92.1	1
0.8BNST–0.2Ba(5M)O <sub>3</sub>	7.16	93.3	2
BNKTYN–9NN	1.6	73.1	3
BNT–BZT–0.04Sm	1.12	89.6	4
0.8BNT–0.2CT	1.26	91.3	5
BNBT–4LZNT	1.66	73.97	6
BNBT–0.2NNCS	1.86	88.23	7
BNT–BT–BSTN	2.07	94.5	8
0.88(0.85BNT–0.15BSmT)–0.12NN	2.42	81.18	9
0.6BNT–0.4STS	2.47	83.2	10
BNT–0.25CT	2.74	91	11
0.85BNKT–0.15SMN	3.5	86	12
BNST–0.15BMS	3.76	78.8	13
0.70BLNBT–0.30STN	4.2	89.3	14
BNKMN–0.3SLT	4.03	85.2	15
BNST–0.1AN	4.3	83	16
0.94(BNST–BMN)–0.06BZ	4.07	91	17

BNST-0.15BNH	4.11	82.1	18
0.6BS-0.4NN	4.44	81.8	19
BSNBT-0.08BBT	4.62	79.1	20
BS-0.15BMT	4.82	84.9	21
0.7BNLT-0.3NN	4.83	78.9	22
BNT-NN/7wt%CZT	4.93	93.3	23
BNT-SLnT	4.94	88.45	24
BNT-BCZT-0.05BS	4.97	84.4	25
BNT-NN-0.25SZM	5.2	85	26
BNT-SBT0.12SZNT	5.2	91	27
BNST-0.16BMN	5.5	90.1	28
BNT-0.33SLZT	5.09	88	29
NBT-SBCT-0.2BMH	5.9	85	30
NBT-SBT/6AlN	5.53	90	31
BNST-0.12BMH	5.59	85.3	32
BNT-BAT-0.4CT	5.81	97.8	33
NBCSTO	5.84	80	34
BNT-BT-0.12La	5.93	77.6	35
BNT-SST-0.03LMN	5.94	86.9	36
BNT-ST-0.08BMS	5.99	76	37
BNT-0.15ANT	6.6	72	38

BNBT-0.06CH	6.19	93.5	39
BNLT-0.16SANT	6.43	88	40
BNCTZ-0.5wt%LC	6.57	70	41
0.9NBST-0.1BMS	6.68	89.1	42
BNT-SBT-0.08LMT	7.3	93	43
BNT-CBT-0.28NBCT	7.13	83	44
BNTSNA	7	95	45
0.88BNT-0.12BT	8	86	46
<b>My work</b>	<b>9.05</b>	<b>71.4</b>	

**Table S2.** Comparison of  $W_{\text{rec}}$  in these Pb-free ceramics with different  $E_b$  (Except for some of the work in **Table S1**).

Composition	$W_{\text{rec}}$ (J/cm <sup>3</sup> )	$E_b$ (kV/cm)	Reference
BTP3	0.41	75	47
Ba(Ti <sub>0.9744</sub> Mn <sub>0.01</sub> Nb <sub>0.0125</sub> )O <sub>3</sub>	0.43	105	48
0.9BT-0.1BMN-0.3 wt. % MnCO <sub>3</sub>	1.7	210	49
0.88BT-0.12BMS	2.25	240	50
0.9BT-0.1BNS	2.52	240	51
BT-Ta	2.85	350	52
0.9BST-0.1BMN	3.34	400	53
BT-BZ-0.4CT	3.46	590	54
BT-SBT-NdVPP	4.2	460	55

0.65BT-0.35(SBT-BMZ)	4.03	370	56
BT-0.16BMS	4.28	550	57
BT-BLN-0.072BMT	4.42	500	58
BT-SBT-0.015CT	4	480	59
BT-H(Mg)	5.18	640	60
BBTMT-0.1	5.97	710	61
BT-BMT-0.15NT	6.02	780	62
$(\text{Ag}_{0.92}\text{Sr}_{0.04})(\text{Nb}_{0.78}\text{Ta}_{0.22})\text{O}_3$	5.6	300	63
$\text{Ag}_{0.94}\text{La}_{0.02}\text{Nb}_{0.8}\text{Ta}_{0.2}\text{O}_3$	6.73	540	64
$\text{Ag}_{0.91}\text{La}_{0.03}\text{Nb}_{0.9}\text{Ta}_{0.1}\text{O}_3$	8.6	460	65
BF-BT-0.08SMZTN	2.4	190	66
BNFT-SBT-NT	3.44	210	67
BF-BT-0.15SSNA	3.95	300	68
BF-ST-LMN	6.3	450	69
BF-BHfTiO <sub>3</sub> -0.17NT	6.3	425	70
BFO-0.5(BST-BZN)	7.4	680	71
BF-BT-0.14SSN	8.5	470	72
0.8BNST-0.2Ba(5M)O <sub>3</sub>	4.89	351	1
BNKTYN-9NN	1.6	110	3
0.8BNT-0.2CT	1.26	150	5
BNBT-4LZNT	1.66	139	6

BNT-ST: 0.1 wt% AlN	2.07	160	73
0.88(0.85BNT-0.15BSmT)-0.12NN	2.42	170	74
0.85BNKT-0.15SMN	3.5	300	12
BNKMN-0.3SLT	4.03	300	15
BNST-0.1AN	4.3	230	16
0.94(BNST-BMN) -0.06BZ	4.07	260	17
BNST-0.15BNH	4.11	240	18
0.6BS-0.4NN	4.44	260	19
BNKST-0.15BMT	4.82	270	21
BNT-SL <sub>n</sub> T	4.94	440	24
BNT-NN-0.25SZM	5.2	370	26
BNT-SBT0.12SZNT	5.2	330	27
NBT-SBCT-0.2BMH	5.9	260	30
NBT-SBT/6AlN	5.53	360	31
NBCSTO	5.84	430	34
BNT-BT-0.12La	5.93	440	35
BNLT-0.16SANT	6.43	505	40
BNCTZ-0.5wt%LC	6.57	380	41
0.9NBST-0.1BMS	6.68	405	42
BNT-SBT-0.08LMT	7.3	390	43
0.85(0.76BNT <sub>3</sub> -0.04SZ-0.2NN)-0.	7.05	387	75



15MnO <sub>2</sub>			
0.6BNT-0.4(0.7ST-0.3BLT)-0.5at.	8.63	520	76
%Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>			
0.80NN-0.20BNH	6.45	380	77
NN-BMT-0.15BNST	6.49	540	78
0.6(0.96NN-0.04BF)-0.4CT	6.84	712	79
NN-BMT-0.15ST	6	590	80
NN-BNT-0.2CT	7.1	646	81
0.52BF-0.4ST-0.08NN	4.4	300	82
BF-ST-SBT	5.61	440	83
ST-CA-MT-BCB	1.05	287.8	84
BNT-SBT-0.24ST-0.06SZ	1.25	108	85
ST-0.4BNKTZS	1.45	100	86
0.9SBT-0.1BMH	3.1	360	87
0.9SBT-0.1Bi(M <sub>1</sub> M <sub>2</sub> )O <sub>3</sub>	3.71	340	88
BNLST-0.4ST	3.78	360	89
0.5BNT-0.5Sr <sub>0.7</sub> Sm <sub>0.2</sub> TiO <sub>3</sub>	3.81	305	90
0.3SNBT	3.94	390	91
Dy <sub>0.008</sub> Sr <sub>0.992</sub> TiO <sub>3</sub>	4	510	92
BNT-ST-SNN	5.22	340	93
0.2SNBCT	6	440	94

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