Impedance Spectroscopy Study of Ba(Me_{1/3}Nb_{2/3})O₃ (Me=Zn and Co) Microwave Ceramics

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Abstract:

The electrical properties of Ba(Me_{1/3}Nb_{2/3})O₃ (Me=Zn and Co) ceramics were investigated by impedance spectroscopy in the temperature range of 20-800°C. The data from Ba{ $(Co_{0.7}Zn_{0.3})_{1/3}$ Nb_{2/3} O_3 (BCZN) ceramics showed a semicircle in the high frequency region corresponding to the grain properties of the ceramic, followed by a second semicircle attributed to the grain boundary properties. Both bulk and grain boundary conductivity of BCZN ceramics follow an arrhenius low with activation energies of 0.77 and 0.88 eV respectively.