Pb(Zn,Mg)_{1/3}Nb_{2/3}O₃-PbTiO₃Relaxor Ferroelectric System: (II) Dielectric Properties (Pb(Zn,Mg)_{1/3}Nb_{2/3}O₃-PbTiO₃ 완화형 강유전계: (II) 유전특성)

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The main purpose of the present study was to investigate the effects of the addition of constitutive metal oxides (PbO, MgO, and ZnO) on the dielectric properties of Pb(Zn,Mg)_{1/3}Nb_{2/3}O₃-PbTiO₃ system. The excess addition of constitutive oxides was made to fully stabilize perovskite phase.

Sintered 0.9(PZN-PMN)-0.1PT specimen with approximately 100 % perovskite phase was successfully obtained by the addition of 5 wt % excess PbO. In this case, however, dielectric constant at the Curie temperature was significantly reduced. This is due to the presence of intergranular phase derived from a liquid phase during sintering. The thickness of a thin intergranular PbO-rich layer was estimated using the series mixing model and the compositional fluctuation model of relaxor ferroelectrics. It was approximately 3 nm for the PZMN-0.1PT system with 5 wt% excess PbO. The excess addition of MgO (~5 mol %) fully stabilizes perovskite phase and increases dielectric constant at the Curie temperature (120 °C) to ~21,000. The increase in dielectric permittivity of the 0.9(PZN-PMN)-0.1PT system was attributed to the enhanced grain growth in the presence of excess MgO. The enhanced characteristics of a diffused phase transition (DPT) in the presence of ZnO was interpreted in terms of the substitution of Zn atoms for Nb atoms in the Bsite of perovskite structure. This conclusion was drawn from the results of complex impedance patterns of 0.9(PZN-PMN)-0.1PT specimens with and without excess additives.