Preparation and Characteristics of a Magnetic-Dielectric (F₃O₄/BaTiO₃) Composite by Ferrite Plating with Ultrasound Irradiation

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There has been a great of interest on magnetic composites. Recently, magnetic composites have been reported in the ferrite-forsterite and ferrite-cordierite systems, which exhibit considerable changes in properties [1, 2]. However, such composites require usually high temperature for crystallization of ferrite. Ferrite plating with ultrasound irradiation enables formation of ferrite films directly on substrates of various shapes at low temperatures ($60\sim100\,^{\circ}$ C).

Fe₃O₄-encapsulation was performed on BaTiO₃ powder with grain size of 500 nm using ultrasound enhanced ferrite plating to prepare a magnetic-dielectric composite powder. The effect of the plating conditions on the formation of Fe₃O₄ was investigated and the optimum plating conditions were determined [3]. The Fe₃O₄/BaTiO₃ composite powder exhibited Fe₃O₄ grains deposited densely on the surface of the BaTiO₃ powder.

In this study, comparative microwave absorbing measurements was performed on Fe₃O₄, Fe₃O₄/BaTiO₃ mixed, synthesized Fe₃O₄/BaTiO₃ composite and BaTiO₃ specimens, The results showed that the matching frequency of those specimens of the same thickness shifted to higher frequency in sequence, compared to that of the BaTiO₃ one. In sintered Fe₃O₄/BaTiO₃ composite powder, the nanosized coated Fe₃O₄ grains helped a low temperature sintering of Fe₃O₄/BaTiO₃ composite at a much lower temperature, compared to the sintering temperature of the pure BaTiO₃, The sintered Fe₃O₄/BaTiO₃ composite revealed a large magneto-electric properties, simultaneously.

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