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## DEVELOPMENT AND CHARACTERIZATION OF PVDF/BaTiO<sub>3</sub> COMPOSITES FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY HARVESTING

Energy harvesting from renewable sources through advanced materials offers a sustainable option to reduce dependency on fossil fuels while meeting increasing energy demands. This study proposes an advanced piezoelectric polymer composite consisting of polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) and barium titanate (BaTiO<sub>3</sub>). The composite aims to combine piezoelectric and elastic properties for efficient energy conversion. BaTiO<sub>3</sub> powders were synthesized via the sol-gel method using barium acetate (Ba(CH<sub>3</sub>COO)<sub>2</sub>) and titanium isopropoxide (Ti(OC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>4</sub>) as precursors with deionized water (H<sub>2</sub>O) and methanol (CH<sub>3</sub>O) as solvents, followed by thermal treatment at 1300°C for 2 h. Additionally, cubic BaTiO<sub>3</sub> powder from Aldrich was subjected to the same thermal treatment. Structural characterization using X-ray diffraction (XRD) and scanning electron microscopy (SEM) revealed an asymmetric tetragonal phase with an irregular morphology. PVDF films were synthesized via the solvent-casting method and characterized using XRD and Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), identifying the predominance of the beta phase. Two composites were developed: one with synthesized BaTiO<sub>3</sub> and one with BaTiO<sub>3</sub> from Aldrich. Electrical characterization was performed using an impedance analyzer to obtain capacitance curves as a function of frequency, from which the dielectric constant (k) was calculated by comparing the results of both cases. The experimental results confirmed that the synthesized BaTiO<sub>3</sub> exhibited enhanced piezoelectric properties and sufficient mechanical elasticity in the PVDF/BaTiO<sub>3</sub> composite for effective deformation and energy conversion, suggesting its effective application in sustainable energy harvesting technologies.

### Keywords

Energy harvesting, piezoelectric composite, polyvinylidene fluoride, barium titanate

### Reference

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