

Investigating the Effects of Uniaxial Pressure on the Preparation of MgTiO₃-CaTiO₃ Ceramic Capacitors for MRI Systems

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Abstract

Today's healthcare system relies on MRI (medical resonance imaging) for early diagnosis and treatment planning. For open MRI systems to achieve resolutions of about a hundred microns, a high voltage is required, as well as a specialized power supply. NP0 (Negative-Positive-Zero) ceramic is selected for the fabrication of adjustable capacitors. Specifically, it stands for which is a classification based on the temperature coefficient of capacitance (TCC) of the ceramic material used in the capacitor. NP0 capacitors have a TCC of 0 ± 30 ppm/°C, which means that their capacitance value does not change significantly with temperature and frequency. They are known for their stability and low losses, making them ideal for applications that require high accuracy and reliability, such as timing circuits for RF applications. In this paper, MgTiO-CaTiO ceramic is used to make an adjustable capacitor with desired properties for MRI systems. To enhance the dielectric properties of MgTiO₃ ceramics, CaTiO₃ was added in varying concentrations. After pressing and sintering, the resulting samples were tested using a vector network analyzer in the frequency range of 10 MHz to 130 MHz. The adjustable capacitor fabricated using high co-fired NP0 ceramic may have been used for MRI applications such as tuning circuits and matching networks, where precise capacitance values and low loss are critical[1]. MRI systems with resonance frequencies of 128 MHz require trimmers with ceramic cores.

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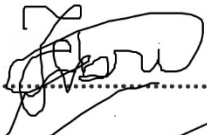
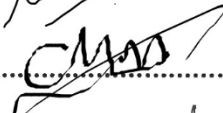
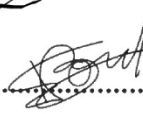
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