

Special Issue

Lead-free Ferro-/Piezoelectric Ceramics and Thin Films

Message from the Guest Editors

With increasing concerns about the environmental and health problems in traditional lead-based ferro-/piezoelectric materials (such as lead zirconate titanate, PZT), it is imperative to develop environmentally friendly “lead-free ferro-/piezoelectric” alternatives with a similar performance. However, there are still obstacles to overcome in order to realize this objective. Therefore, this Special Issue aims to encourage efforts towards this research direction, including the latest progress in the fabrication process, the high performance, the fundamental mechanisms, the novel structural strategies, and the relationship between the structures and macroscopic properties of lead-free ferro-/piezoelectric ceramics and thin films. Research on state-of-the-art piezo-/ferroelectrics devices, namely, nanogenerators, memorizers, sensors, and transducers, is also encouraged. These materials include both inorganic (e.g., perovskite and bismuth layer-structured ferro-/piezoelectric ceramics and ZnO nanostructures) and organic (e.g., polyvinylidene difluoride (PVDF) and its copolymers and their composites, and biopolymers) lead-free ferro-/piezoelectric materials.

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