

Supporting Information

Enhancement of Dielectric Performance upto GHz of the Composites with Polymer Encapsulated Hybrid BaTiO₃-Cu as Fillers: Multiple Interfacial Polarizations Playing a Key Role

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The mass and volume fractions of a mixture are respectively the sum of each component. Where the m_{BT-Cu} , m_{BT} , m_{Cu} , m_{PVDF} , m_c , are the mass of BT-Cu hybrid particles, BT particles, Cu particles, PVDF and BT-Cu/PVDF composites respectively; ρ_{BT-Cu} , ρ_{BT} , ρ_{Cu} , ρ_{PVDF} , ρ_c stand for the density of BT-Cu hybrid particles, BT particles, Cu particles, PVDF and BT-Cu/PVDF composites, V_{BT-Cu} , V_{BT} , V_{Cu} , V_{PVDF} , and V_c are the volume of BT-Cu hybrid particles, BT particles, Cu particles, PVDF and BT-Cu/PVDF composites respectively, t_{pvdf} and t_c are the thickness of the sample of PVDF and BT-Cu/PVDF composites, wt% is the mass fraction of BT-Cu hybrid particles in BT-Cu/PVDF composites. The volume fraction of BT-Cu (BT-Cu vol%), BT (BT vol%) and Cu (Cu vol%) are calculated according to the following equations:

$$(1) \quad m_{BT} + m_{Cu} = m_{BT-Cu} \rightarrow \rho_{BT} \cdot V_{BT} + \rho_{Cu} \cdot V_{Cu} = \rho_{BT-Cu} \cdot (V_{BT} + V_{Cu});$$

$$(2) \quad \text{From (1) we can get: } \frac{V_{BT}}{V_{Cu}} = \frac{\rho_{Cu} - \rho_{BT-Cu}}{\rho_{BT-Cu} - \rho_{BT}} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\frac{m_{Cu}}{m_{BT}} = \frac{\rho_{Cu} \cdot V_{Cu}}{\rho_{BT} \cdot V_{BT} + \rho_{Cu} \cdot V_{Cu}} = \frac{\rho_{Cu}}{\rho_{BT} \frac{V_{BT}}{V_{Cu}} + \rho_{Cu}};$$

- (3) Mass fraction of Cu in BT-Cu hybrid particles: $wt\%(Cu) = \frac{\frac{1}{\rho_{BT}} - \frac{1}{\rho_{BT-Cu}}}{\frac{1}{\rho_{BT}} - \frac{1}{\rho_{Cu}}}$;
- (4) Mass fraction of BT in BT-Cu hybrid particles: $wt\%(BT) = 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{\rho_{BT}} - \frac{1}{\rho_{BT-Cu}}}{\frac{1}{\rho_{BT}} - \frac{1}{\rho_{Cu}}}$;
- (5) Volume fraction of BT-Cu hybrid particles in BT-Cu/PVDF composites: $BT - Cu(vol\%) = \frac{wt\%}{wt\% + \frac{\rho_{BT-Cu} \cdot (1 - wt\%)}{\rho_{PVDF}}}$;
- (6) The density of PVDF: $\rho_{PVDF} = \frac{4m_{PVDF}}{\pi D_{PVDF}^2 t_{PVDF}}$;
- (7) The density of BT-Cu/PVDF: $\rho_c = \frac{1}{\frac{wt\%}{\rho_{BT-Cu}} + \frac{1 - wt\%}{\rho_{PVDF}}}$;
- (8) Volume fraction of BT in BT-Cu/PVDF: $BT(vol\%) = \frac{wt\%(BT) \cdot wt\% \cdot \rho_{BT-Cu} / \rho_{Cu}}{wt\% + \frac{\rho_{BT-Cu} \cdot (1 - wt\%)}{\rho_{PVDF}}}$;
- (9) Volume fraction of Cu in BT-Cu/PVDF: $Cu(vol\%) = \frac{wt\%(Cu) \cdot wt\% \cdot \rho_{BT-Cu} / \rho_{BT}}{wt\% + \frac{\rho_{BT-Cu} \cdot (1 - wt\%)}{\rho_{PVDF}}}$.

The reason of inoxidizability of BT-Cu particles lies on the polymer layer capped on the surface of BT-Cu particles, because the thickness of oleic acid layer is extremely thin, it is hardly to detect the existence of this polymer through XRD. So FT-IR was used to analyze the chemical composition of the surface of BT-Cu particles. As is shown in Fig 6, the two strong absorption peaks at 578.6 cm⁻¹ and 437.8 cm⁻¹ and absorption at 1442.7 cm⁻¹ are assigned to the characteristic peaks of BT.

contrast with the spectra of BT powder, the difference of BT-Cu hybrid particles absorption peaks of 3413.8 cm^{-1} is stretching vibration band of hydroxyl, 2889.3 cm^{-1} and 1340.4 cm^{-1} are respectively assigned to stretching vibration band and scissoring vibration band of methylene, 1110.9 cm^{-1} is the stretching vibration from C-O-C of PEG-4000 repeating unit. These above indicate that polyethylene glycol 4000 was successfully coated on the surface of BT-Cu particles, presenting the BT-Cu hybrid particles with antioxidant properties.

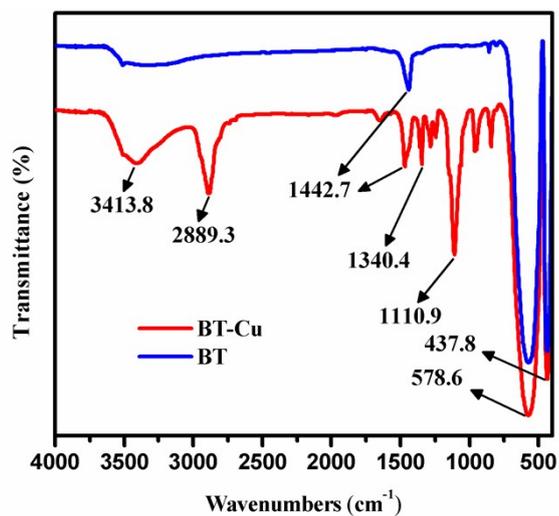


Fig. S1 FT-IR spectra of oleic acid capped BT-Cu nanoparticles