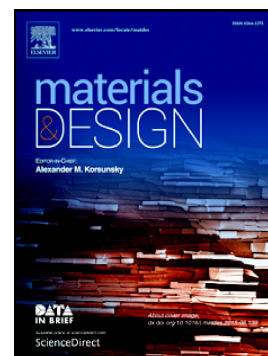


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Abstract

With excellent piezoelectric properties, $(\text{Ba}_{0.85}\text{Ca}_{0.15})(\text{Ti}_{0.9}\text{Zr}_{0.1})\text{O}_3$ (BCTZ) has been widely used in actuators, capacitors, sensors, etc. In this work, we fabricated BCTZ nanowires (NWs) by using sol-gel based electrospinning technique. By applying plate-electrode and parallel-electrode collectors, random BCTZ NWs (R-NWs) and well-aligned BCTZ NWs (A-NWs) were obtained. X-ray diffraction and high resolution transmission electron microscopy indicated that the NWs have good crystallinity. Furthermore, two flexible energy harvesting devices (EHDs) based on A-NWs and R-NWs were fabricated and their piezoelectric properties were measured. Under a load resistance of 1 M Ω , the output power of the R-NWs-based EHD is only $\sim 0.95 \mu\text{W}$ while that for A-NWs-based EHD can reach up to $\sim 2 \mu\text{W}$, which can easily light a commercial light-emitting diode. Finally, we further demonstrated that the EHD could function as a non-invasive self-powered bio-compatible flexion sensor to apperceive the human knuckle flexion/extension movements.

Keywords: Nanowires; Flexible; Energy harvesting; Electrospinning; BCTZ.

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