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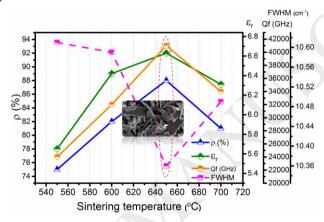
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#### **TOC Graph**

**TOC Synopsis:** Raman spectrum, low temperature sintering and high quality factor  $\alpha$ -MoO<sub>3</sub> binary ceramics



#### **Abstract**

The  $\alpha$ -MoO<sub>3</sub> ceramics were prepared by uniaxial pressing and sintering of MoO<sub>3</sub> powder at 650 °C and their structure, microstructure, densification and sintering and microwave dielectric properties were investigated. The sintering temperature of  $\alpha$ -MoO<sub>3</sub> was optimized based on the best densification and microwave dielectric properties. After sintering at 650 °C the relative permittivity was found to be 6.6 and the quality factor was 41,000 GHz at 11.3 GHz. The full-width half-maximum of the  $A_{1g}$  Raman mode of bulk  $\alpha$ -MoO<sub>3</sub> at different sintering temperatures correlated well with the Qf values. Moreover, the sintered samples showed a temperature coefficient of the resonant frequency of -25 ppm/°C in the temperature range from -40 to 85 °C and they exhibited a very low coefficient of thermal expansion of  $\pm 4$  ppm/°C. These microwave dielectric properties of  $\alpha$ -MoO<sub>3</sub> will be of great benefit in future MoO<sub>3</sub> based materials and their applications.

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