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Abstract

BCZT-CuY/rGO/PDMS composites with excellent elasticity and flexibility, and their nanogenerators (NGs) with favorable electrical properties, were fabricated. The impact of rGO on the dispersion of BCZT-CuY, the mechanical properties of BCZT-CuY/rGO/PDMS, and electrical performance of BCZT-CuY/rGO-based NGs were systematically investigated. The results indicated that the distribution of BCZT-CuY in PDMS with added rGO was much more uniform than that without rGO. Moreover, its elastic modulus and elongation at the break increased to 4.6 MPa and 250%, respectively, with the introduction of rGO. Apart from a high d_{33} at the percolation threshold, the average $V_{\rm OC}$ (1.36 V) and $I_{\rm SC}$ (35 nA) achieved by finger tapping BCZT-CuY/rGO-based NGs suggested their considerable potential in harvesting tiny energy.

Keywords: rGO, piezoelectric nanogenerator, electrical properties, energy storage and conversion.

1. Introduction

Owing to its ability to convert negligible mechanical energy into electrical energy, the piezoelectric nanogenerator (NG) is considered one of the most promising devices for tiny energy harvesting [1, 2]. Among various piezoelectrics, poly-vinylidene fluoride

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