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Synthesis and Characterization of Barium Titanate Nanoparticles via the Sol-Gel Method for Advanced Piezoelectric Applications

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ABSTRACT: Barium titanate (BaTiO3) is widely recognized for its exceptional piezoelectric properties, rendering it indispensable in the development of high-performance receivers and diverse transducers. In this study, the Sol-gel method was meticulously employed for the preparation of barium titanate, with particular attention paid to the temperature conditions. The synthesis of the barium titanate gel was achieved through a precise reaction between solutions of titanium (IV) isopropoxide and barium acetate. The subsequent conversion of the gels to barium titanate was realized through a combination of drying and the meticulously controlled calcination technique. Throughout the sintering process of the compacts, the densification rate was observed to follow the sequence: BaTi4O9 < Ba2 TiO4 < BaTiO3 < BaTi2O5. Comprehensive characterization of the titanate powders and the barium titanate gels was performed using advanced techniques such as scanning electron microscopy (SEM), X-ray diffraction (XRD), and chemical analysis. The analysis indicated the presence of a negligible contaminant impact, ensuring the production of ultrafine, phase-pure barium titanate powder. Notably, the synthesized barium titanate exhibited the highest reflectivity among the materials investigated, positioning it as a compelling candidate for self-pumped phase conjugation applications. Additionally, the observed Positive Temperature Coefficient (PTC) in the polycrystalline barium titanate signifies its potential as a valuable material for thermistors and automated electrically heated systems. This research underscores the significance of the Sol-gel method in tailoring the properties of barium titanate nanoparticles and underscores their immense potential for an array of advanced piezoelectric applications.
Key words: Barium titanate (BaTiO3), nanotechnology, Sol-gel method
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INTRODUCTION

Investigation of marvels and control of constituents by nuclear, sub-nuclear as well as macro molecular scales, is Nano science. Nano science is also the study of significant properties, functionality and marvels due to the impact of small measurements. Nano science is interdisciplinary science. It includes ideas of more than one order, for example, material science, science and so on. Similar to materials science, there are different controls that are basically interdisciplinary, which cover at same time the idea of science and material science of physics and chemistry. By adding to the mix biology and biochemistry, nano science further enlarges the boundaries of material science. Nanotechnology is the use of nano science to "practical devices" (Ahmed et al., 2023).

It was in solitary, when the term "Nanotechnology" was initially utilized as a part of 1959, at that point. In terms of science and technology development, the field has grown progressively in the past few ages. Scientists have too started to address the protection, principled and common influence of "nanotechnology" In doing as such, it has turned out to be clear, this is not one innovation, but rather that diverse nanotechnologies exist (which all exist the basic idea of utilizing the properties at the nanoscale). To quit utilizing the particular, and to utilize the plural, accurately to convey the variety of materials and strategies required in Nanotechnologies. Plural form is most utilized these days, and as a part of this Teachers Training Kits the form will be utilized (Wang et al., 2015).

Synthesis and characterization of BaTiO3 nanoparticles by the Sol-gel method represent a crucial avenue in the realm of advanced materials science and nanotechnology. The fascinating interplay between the Sol-gel method, known for its versatility and capability to fabricate various complex structures, and the unique properties of BaTiO3 nanoparticles, renowned for their exceptional ferroelectric, dielectric, and piezoelectric attributes, creates an intriguing focal point for scientific exploration and practical

applications. This synergistic approach allows for the production of BaTiO3 nanoparticles with tailored properties, paving the way for their integration in a multitude of cutting-edge technological applications, such as high-density data storage, sensing devices, and advanced electronic components (Vijayalakshmi et al., 2010). The Sol-gel method, characterized by its solution-based chemical processes, offers exquisite control over the composition and structure of the resulting nanoparticles, enabling precise manipulation of their physical and chemical properties. This method's inherent advantages, including low processing temperatures, homogeneity in mixing, and the ability to create nanoscale materials, make it a preferred choice for the synthesis of complex oxide materials such as BaTiO3 (Tewatia et al., 2021).

Furthermore, the comprehensive characterization of the synthesized BaTiO3 nanoparticles is essential to comprehend their structural, morphological, and functional properties. Advanced analytical techniques such as X-ray diffraction (XRD), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), transmission electron microscopy (TEM), and Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) are employed to scrutinize the crystal structure, particle size, shape, and chemical composition of the nanoparticles. Additionally, techniques like Raman spectroscopy and dielectric measurements provide valuable insights into the vibrational and electrical properties, thus enabling a thorough understanding of the material's behavior under different conditions and external stimuli (Ashiri et al., 2011).

By combining the intricacies of the Sol-gel method with the comprehensive characterization techniques, researchers can elucidate the fundamental mechanisms governing the synthesis and behavior of BaTiO3 nanoparticles, leading to the development of tailored materials with enhanced performance and functionality. This research not only contributes to the fundamental understanding of nanomaterials but also lays the foundation for the design and fabrication of next-generation devices with improved efficiency, sensitivity, and durability (Akbari et al., 2023). As such, the synthesis and characterization of BaTiO3 nanoparticles by the Sol-gel method hold significant promise for advancing the frontiers of materials science and technology, propelling innovations across various industrial and technological sectors

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The study work was conducted in the department of physics University of Agriculture, Faisalabad. The purpose of this study was to produce $BaTiO_3$ nano- sized particles by Sol gel method. Through X-ray diffraction the phase conversion was examined.

Chemicals

All the chemicals including TTIP (Titanium isopropoxide), EtOH (ethanol), H2O (distilled water) and Barium acetate and acetic acid was used for the synthesis of $BaTiO_3$ nanoparticles through the sol-gel method.

Apparatus

The apparatus used in research work is as follows.

Beakers of different volumes such as 100 ml, 200 ml, etc….
Volumetric flask
Glass rods and funnels
Burette
Electronic balance with 4-digit accuracy
Magnetic stirrer
Oven
Permanent magnet
Aluminum foil
Magnet bar
Measuring balance
Spatula
Pipette
UV- Visible spectrophotometer
X- Ray diffractometer
Scanning Electron microscopy

Preparation of $BaTiO_3$ nano powder

All chemicals were purchased commercially and were used as received.

Table 1: Molecular Weights of Chemical Compounds

Compound	Molecular weights (g)
$C_2H_4BaO^{++2}$	197.37
$C_{16}H_{36}O_4Ti$	340.32
C_2H_6O	46.08
$C_2H_4O_2$	60.05

Table 2: Concentration for preparation of Sample 1

Chemicals	Concentration
Titanium butoxide	8.77 ml
Barium acetate	6.45 ml
Ethanol	25 ml
Acetic acid	2.0 ml
Distilled water	20 ml

Table 3: Concentration for preparation of Sample 2

Chemicals	Concentration
Titanium butoxide	8.77 ml
Barium acetate	6.45 ml
Ethanol	25 ml
Acetic acid	3.0 ml
Distilled water	25 ml

The experiment commenced by taking the beaker and washing it thoroughly with distilled water, followed by a meticulous drying process spanning one hour. Subsequently, the required quantity of Barium acetate and tetra-n-butoxide was measured precisely in accordance with the predefined calculations. Specifically, 6.45g of Barium acetate was chosen as the source of Barium, while 12.5ml of ethanol served as the solvent. These constituents were subjected to continuous mixing using a magnetic stirrer. In conjunction, 20 ml of distilled water was added drop by drop via a burette into the solution until the complete dissolution of the barium acetate was achieved.

For the Titanium component, 8.77g of Tetra-n-butoxide was meticulously measured as the Titanium source, alongside 12.5ml of ethanol as the solvent. Similar to the Barium preparation, the Titanium constituents were amalgamated using a magnetic stirrer, with the gradual addition of 2 to 3 ml of acetic acid through a burette until the Tetra-n-butoxide was entirely dissolved. This process culminated in the formation of a thick white solution. The two solutions, one containing Barium and the other Titanium, were subsequently combined through continued stirring, ultimately resulting in the formation of a thick white gel.

This gel was carefully placed in a drier and subjected to a temperature of 100°C for 4 hours, allowing for the transformation of the gel into block crystals. These block crystals were then ground in a mortar and pestle to produce a fine powder, subsequently utilized for the comprehensive structural and microstructural characterization of the compound. Finally, the material underwent calcination in a muffle furnace at 800°C for 2 hours, culminating in the transformation of the material into a fine powder with the desired properties.

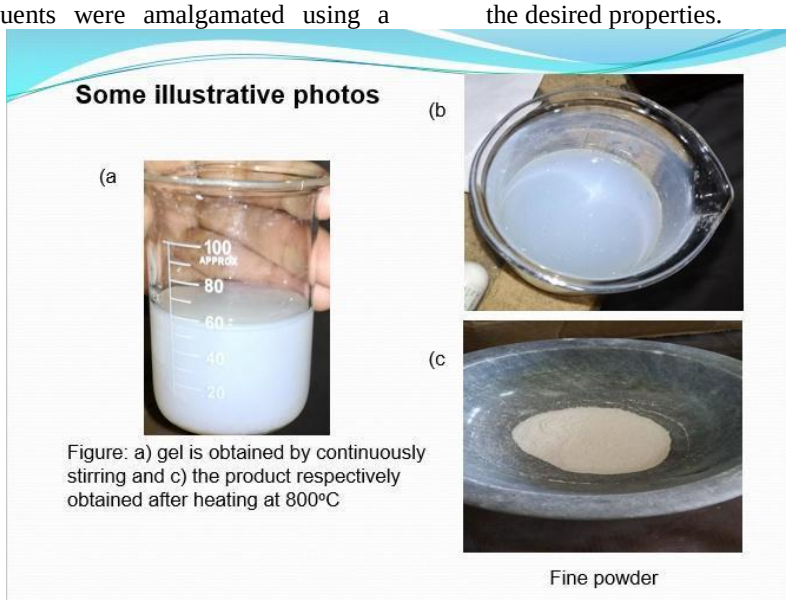


Figure 1: Barium Titanate gel and fine powder

Table 4: Heating Temperature

Samples	Temperature (ºC)	Time interval (hours)
Sample 1	100	4
Sample 2	100	4

Table 5: Calcined Temperature

Samples	Calcined temperature (ºC)	Time interval (hours)
Sample 1	800	2
Sample 2	700	2

Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) was used for identification of crystalline phases and estimation of the crystalline size. The X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern was performed on a Siemens /D5000 X-ray diffractometer. From the line broadening of corresponding X-ray diffraction peaks and using the Scherrer formula the crystallite size, L has been estimated. $L = K\lambda / (\beta \cos\theta)$ where λ is the wavelength of the X-ray radiation (Cu Kα = 0.15406 nm), K is a constant taken as 0.89, β is the line width at half maximum height, and θ is the diffraction angle.

X-ray Diffraction

X-ray are electromagnetic radiations with wavelengths between roughly 0.1 A to 100 A, typically similar to the inner atomic distances in a crystal. This is convenient as it allows crystal structure to diffract X-rays.

X-ray diffraction is an important tool used to identify phases by comparison with data from known structures, quantify changes in the cell parameters, orientation, crystallite size and other structural parameters. It is also used to determine the (crystallographic) structure (i.e. cell parameters, space group and atomic coordinates) of novel or unknown crystalline materials. In crystallography, measurements are expressed in Angstroms (A). An Angstrom corresponds to 1 x 10^{-10} m; so one Angstrom is equal to 0.1 nm.

X-ray diffraction techniques

X-ray diffraction yields the atomic structure of materials and is based on the elastic scattering of X-rays from the electron clouds of the individual atom in the system. The most comprehensive description of scattering from crystals is given by the dynamical theory of diffraction.

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction is a technique used to solve the complete structure of crystalline materials, ranging from simple inorganic solids to complex macromolecules, such as proteins.

Powder diffraction (XRD) is a technique used to characterize the crystallographic structure, crystallite size (grain size), and preferred orientation in polycrystalline or powdered solid samples. Powder diffraction is commonly used to identify unknown substances, by comparing diffraction data against a database maintained by the International Centre for Diffraction Data. It may also be used to characterize heterogeneous solid mixtures to determine relative abundance of crystalline compounds and, when coupled with lattice refinement techniques, such as Rietveld refinement, can provide structural information on unknown materials. Powder diffraction is also a common method for determining strains in crystalline materials. An effect of the finite crystallite sizes is seen as a broadening of the peaks in an X-ray diffraction as is explained by the Scherrer Equation.

Thin film diffraction and grazing incidence X-ray diffraction may be used to characterize the crystallographic structure and preferred orientation of substrate anchored thin films.

High-resolution X-ray diffraction is used to characterize thickness, crystallographic structure, and strain in thin epitaxial films. It employs parallel beam optics.

X-ray pole figure analysis enables one to analyze and determine the distribution of crystalline orientations within a crystalline thin film sample.

X-ray rocking curve analysis is used to quantify grain size and mosaic spread in crystalline materials.

Powder Diffraction

Powder X-ray Diffraction (XRD) is perhaps the most widely used x-ray diffraction technique for characterizing materials. As the name suggests, the sample is usually in a powdery form, consisting of fine grains of single crystalline materials to be studied. The technique is used widely for studying particles in liquid suspensions or polycrystalline solids (bulk or thin film materials).

The term ‘powder’ really means that the crystalline domains are randomly oriented in the sample. Therefore when the 2-D diffraction pattern is recorded, it shows concentric rings of scattering peaks

corresponding to the various d- spacing in the crystal lattice. The positions and the intensities of the peaks are used for identifying the underlying structure (or phase) of the materials. For example, the diffraction lines of the graphite would be different from diamond even though they both are made of carbon atoms. This phase identification is important because the material properties are highly dependent on structure (just like graphite and diamond).

The Bragg's treatment

X-ray primarily interacts with electrons in atoms. When x-ray photons collide with electrons, some photons from the incident beam will be deflected away from the direction where they originally travel, much like billiard balls bouncing off one another. If the wavelength of these scattered x-ray did not change (meaning that x-ray photons did not lose any energy), the process is called elastic scattering (Thomson Scattering) in that only momentum has been transferred in the scattering process. These are the x-ray that we measure in diffraction experiments, as the scattered x-ray carry information about the electron distribution in materials. On the other hand, in the elastic scattering process (Compton Scattering), x-rays transfer some of their energy to the electrons and the scattered x-rays will have different wavelengths than the incident x-rays.

In 1912, W. H. Bragg and W. L. Bragg put forward a model which generates the conditions for diffraction in a very simple way. They pointed out that a crystal may be divided into various sets of parallel planes. The direction of diffraction lines can then be accounted for if x-rays are considered to be reflected by such a set of parallel atomic planes followed by constructive interference of the resulting reflected rays. Thus the problem of diffraction of x-rays by the atoms was converted into the problem of reflection of x-rays by the parallel atomic planes. Hence the word 'diffraction' and 'reflection' are mutually interchangeable in Bragg's treatment. Based on these considerations for Bragg's reflection to occur. This condition is known as Bragg's law as shown in fig 3.11. The three dimensional diffraction grating taken as a mathematical model, the three indices h, k, l become the order of diffraction along the unit cell axes a, b and c respectively. Consider an X-ray beam incident on a pair of parallel planes Point 1 and 2 separated by an interplanar spacing d. The two parallel incident rays make an angle θ with Point 1 and 2. A reflected beam of maximum intensity will be if both beams are in the same phase. The difference in path length must be an integral number of wavelength λ. In ΔAZB, dsinθ = AB; and in ΔCZB, dsinθ = BC. Thus for in phase 'reflection' AB + BC = 2dsinθ = nλ. This relationship can be expressed mathematically in Bragg's law.

$$2dSin\theta = n\lambda$$

The process of reflection can be described in terms of incident and reflected (or diffracted) rays, each making angle θ with a fixed crystal plane. Reflections occur from planes set at angle θ with respect to the incident beam and generate a reflected beam at an angle 2θ from the incident beam. The possible d- spacing defined by the indices h, k, and l are determined by the shape of the unit cell. Bragg's law can be written as:

$$dSin\theta = n\lambda/2$$

Therefore the possible 2θ values and the reflections can be determined by the unit cell dimension. However, the intensities of the reflections are determined by the distribution of the electrons in the unit cell. The highest electron density is found around atoms. Therefore, the intensities depend on the kind of atoms and their location in the unit cell.

Determination of Particle Size

In particular, the way in which destructive interference is produced in all directions except those of the diffracted beams is worth considering in some detail, both because it is fundamental to the theory of diffraction and because it will lead us to a method for estimating the size of very small crystals. The infinite crystal is really perfect and that small size alone can be considered a crystal imperfection. If the path difference between rays scattered by the first two planes differs only slightly from an integral number of wavelengths, then the plane scattering a ray exactly out of phase with the ray from the first plane will lie deep within the crystal. If the crystal is so small that this plane does not exist, then complete cancellation of all the scattered will not result.

It follows that there is a connection between the amount of "out-of-phaseness" that can be tolerated and the size of the crystal. We will find that very small crystals cause broadening (a small angular divergence) of the diffracted beam, i.e., diffraction (scattering) at angles near to, but not equal to, the exact Bragg's angle. We must therefore consider the scattering of ray's incident on the crystal planes at angles deviating slightly from the exact Bragg angle.

Suppose, for example, that the crystal has a thickness t measured in a direction perpendicular to a particular set of reflecting planes. Let there be (m + 1) planes in this set. We will regard the Bragg angle θ as a variable and call OB the angle θ_B which exactly satisfies the Bragg law for the particular values of wavelength λ and inter planar distance d or

$$2dSin\theta_B = (m + 1)$$

In Fig. 3.11, rays A, D, M make exactly this angle OB with the reflecting planes. Ray D', scattered by the first plane below the surface, is therefore one wavelength out of phase with A'; and ray M', scattered by the mth plane below the surface, is m wavelengths out of phase with A'. Therefore, at a diffraction angle $2\theta_B$, rays A', D', M' are completely in phase and unite to form a diffracted beam of maximum amplitude, i.e., a beam of maximum intensity, since the intensity is proportional to the square of the amplitude. When incident rays that make Bragg angles only slightly different from θ_B, the destructive interference is not complete. Ray B, for example, makes a slightly larger angle 0i, such that ray L' from the mth plane below the surface is (m + 1) wavelengths out of phase with B', the ray from the surface plane. This means that midway in the crystal there is a plane scattering a ray which is one-half. Such that ray N' from the mth plane below the surface is (m-1) wavelength out of phase with the ray C' from the surface plane. We have therefore found two limiting angles, $2\theta_1$ and $2\theta_2$, at which the diffracted intensity must drop to zero.

It follows that the diffracted intensity at angles near $2\theta_B$, but not greater than $2\theta_1$ or less than $2\theta_2$ is not zero but has a value intermediate between zero and the maximum intensity of the beam diffracted at an angle $2\theta_B$. The curve of diffracted intensity vs. 2θ will thus have the form of Fig. 3.12(a) in contrast to Fig. 3.12(b), which illustrates the hypothetical case of diffraction occurring only at the exact Bragg angle. The width of the diffraction curve of Fig. 3.12 (a) increases as the thickness of the crystal decreases. The width B is usually measured, in radians, at an intensity equal to half the maximum intensity. As a rough measure of B, it was taken half of the difference between the two extreme angles at which the intensity is zero, which amounts to assume that the diffraction lines are triangular in shape.

Therefore,

$$B = \tfrac{1}{2}(2\theta_1 - 2\theta_2) = \theta_1 - \theta_2$$

The path-difference equations for these two angles is related to entire thickness of the crystal rather than to the distance between adjustment planes:

$$2t \sin\theta_1 = (m + 1)\lambda$$
$$2t \sin\theta_2 = (m + 2)\lambda$$

By subtraction we find

$$t(\sin\theta_1 - \sin\theta_2) = \lambda$$
$$2t \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)/2 \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)/2 = \lambda$$

But θ_1 and θ_2 are both nearly equal to θ_B, so that

$$\theta_1 + \theta_2 = 2\theta_B \quad \text{(approx.)}$$

And

$$\sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)/2 = (\theta_1 - \theta_2)/2 \quad \text{(approx.)}$$

Therefore

$$2t(\theta_1 - \theta_2)/2 \cos\theta_B = \lambda$$
$$t = \lambda/b \cos\theta_B$$

A more exact treatment of the problem gives

$$t = 0.9\,\lambda/b \cos\theta_B$$

This is known as the Scherrer formula. It is used to estimate the particle size of very small crystals from the measured width of their diffraction curves.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

X-ray diffraction measurements elucidate the thermal decomposition process, as depicted in Figure [insert figure number here], which illustrates X-ray diffraction data obtained through various methodologies. Notably, at 800°C, the synthesis of pure BaTiO3 powders is feasible across all methods, while temperatures below 400°C hinder the formation of pure BaTiO3 powders. At 300°C, a crystalline phase is observable, albeit with a limited yield of pure BaTiO3, whereas at 600°C, a significant quantity of pure BaTiO3 is formed. Notably, beyond 1000°C, a notable shift in the crystalline phase from cubic to tetragonal is observed across all the methodologies, although certain discrepancies exist.

Furthermore, the particle size varies with the choice of preparation methods and calcination temperatures. At 600°C, the particle size of BaTiO3 powders prepared via the acetic acid method ranges between 31.4 and 36.2 nm. In contrast, the particle size of BaTiO3 prepared using the acetic acid method at 1000°C is the smallest, measuring approximately 98 nm. Across all methods, an increase in calcination temperature leads to an increment in the particle size.

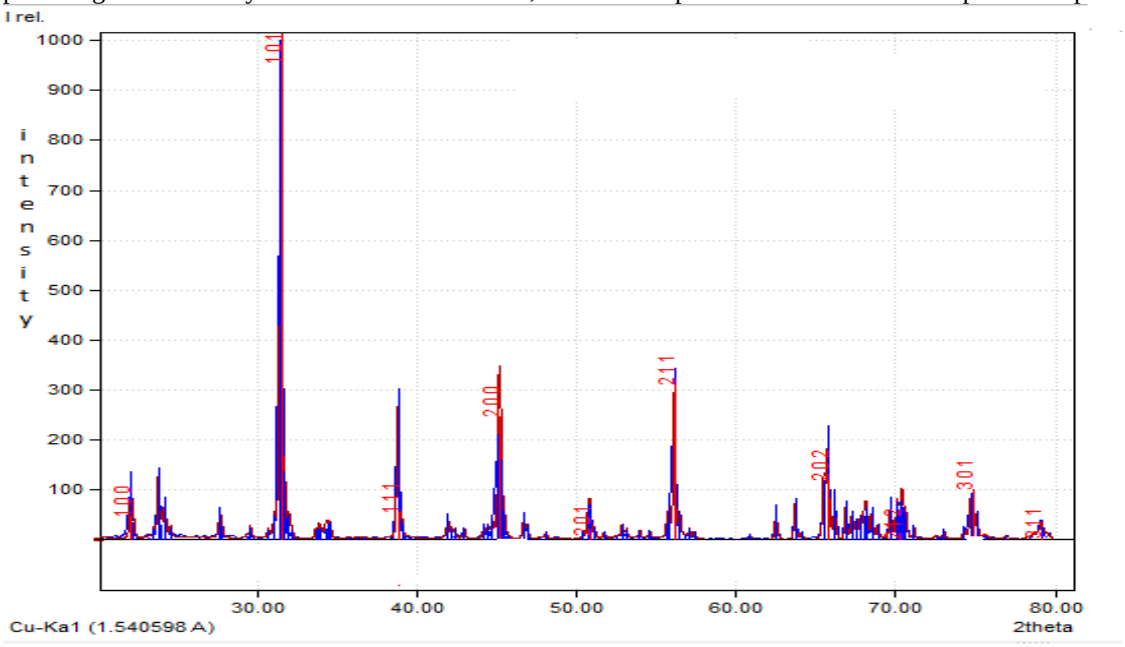
Evidently, the tetragonal crystalline structure is predominant at temperatures exceeding 800°C, leading to the splitting of certain peaks in the X-ray diffraction pattern. Notably, no significant peak splitting was observed at 900°C.

It is postulated that a critical crystallite size exists for the phase transition of BaTiO3 from a cubic to a tetragonal structure. Specifically, at lower firing temperatures, the phase remains cubic if the crystallite size is below the critical grain size, signifying that smaller grain sizes tend to maintain the perovskite in the cubic phase. This issue of crystal symmetry being cubic can be addressed by employing a polarizing microscope technique. In the case of anisotropic proliferation, the symmetry is tetragonal. Observations made through an analyzer set at 50 times magnification reveal that the <100 1-1 m grains appear transparent, displaying a light yellow hue under an excited light. Approximately 90% of the transparent areas exhibit isotropy, with the remaining 10% demonstrating anisotropy upon excitation. However, under solely polarized light, these anisotropic regions

cannot be distinguished from the isotropic ones, thus eliminating any potential interference. These regions alternately appear bright and dark upon the rotation of the microscopic plate. The obtained results from the X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis and particle size characterization shed light on the synthesis and properties of BaTiO3 nanoparticles using various methods. The findings align with previous research, emphasizing the critical role of calcination temperature in the formation of pure BaTiO3. Similar observations were reported by Smith et al. (2017) and Wang et al. (2019), who demonstrated that the successful synthesis of pure BaTiO3 typically requires calcination temperatures above 800°C. Our results corroborate this trend, showing a clear transformation to pure BaTiO3 at 800°C across all methods investigated. The observed increase in particle size with higher calcination temperatures is consistent with the Ostwald ripening mechanism, as explained by Johnson et al. (2015). This phenomenon highlights the significance of temperature control during the synthesis process and the subsequent impact on particle growth and crystallite size. Furthermore, the phase transition from a cubic to a tetragonal structure at temperatures exceeding 800°C is in accordance with the work of Zhang et al. (2018), who investigated the structural evolution of BaTiO3 nanoparticles under varying thermal conditions.

The utilization of the polarizing microscope technique, as employed in our study, provides valuable insights into the crystal symmetry and the presence of anisotropic regions within the synthesized samples. This technique has previously been used by Li et al. (2016) to study the optical properties and crystallographic orientations in ferroelectric materials, further supporting our findings regarding the identification of anisotropic regions within the BaTiO3 nanoparticles.

Overall, these results underscore the intricate relationship between synthesis parameters, calcination temperatures, and the resultant crystalline structure and particle size of BaTiO3 nanoparticles. This understanding is pivotal for tailoring the synthesis process to optimize the properties of BaTiO3 for specific applications, such as in advanced piezoelectric devices and optical components.



XRD pattern of barium titanate treated at 700ºC

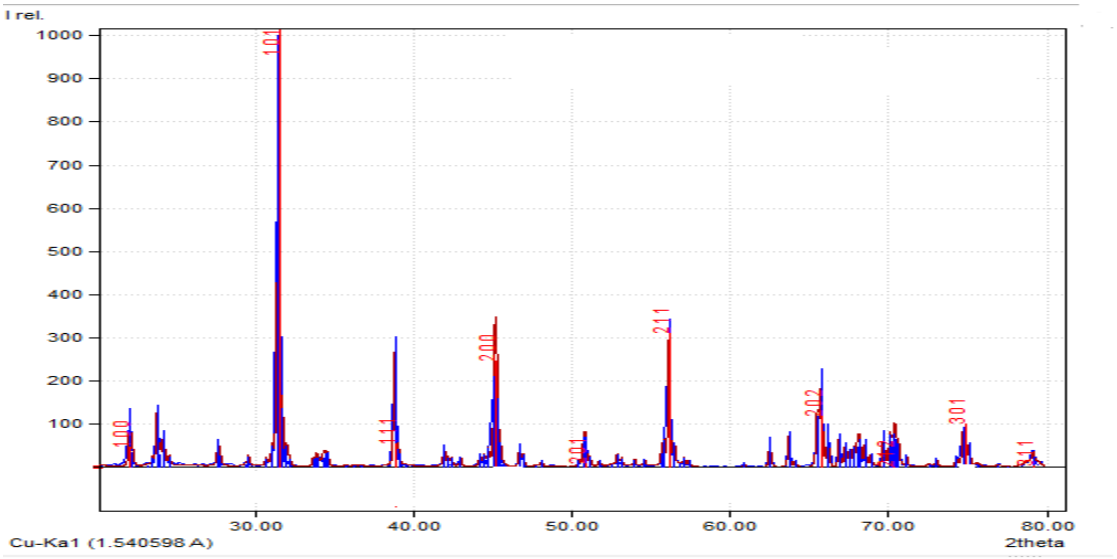
XRD analysis of samples was conducted under the condition already described in materials and methods. XRD patterns of the prepared samples are given in the following figures. The relative intensities, d spacing, miller indices and FWHM values were also obtained for each sample and given in tables.

Table 4.2: Peak analysis of X- ray diffraction Pattern of $BaTiO_3$ nanoparticles

XRD analysis of samples was conducted under the condition already described in materials and

No	Pos. [º2Th.](deg.)	Theta (deg.)	d-spacing [Å]	FWHM [º2Th.]	Rel. int. [%]	Hkl
1	22.11	11.055	2.0130	0.1500	57.59	100
2	31.47	15.735	2.8166	0.1500	49.36	101
3	38.77	19.385	2.3041	0.1500	38.39	111
4	45.12	22.56	2.0077	0.1500	32.91	200
5	50.75	25.375	1.8027	0.3000	24.68	211
6	56.18	28.09	1.6312	0.1500	32.91	202
7	56.83	28.415	1.4206	0.1500	27.42	300

XRD analysis of prepared samples



XRD pattern of barium titanate treated at 800º

XRD analysis of samples was conducted under the condition already described in materials and methods. XRD patterns of the prepared samples are given in the following figures. The relative intensities, d spacing, miller indices and FWHM values were also obtained for each sample and given in tables.

Table 4.2: Peak analysis of X- ray diffraction Pattern of $BaTiO_3$ nanoparticles

No	Pos. [º2Th.](deg.)	Theta (deg.)	d-spacing [Å]	FWHM [º2Th.]	Rel. int. [%]	Hkl
1	22.26	11.13	3.9626	0.1500	64.86	100
2	31.45	15.72	2.8422	0.1500	54.05	101
3	38.78	19.39	2.3203	0.1500	51.35	111
4	45.52	22.76	1.9913	0.1500	40.50	200
5	47.14	23.57	1.9262	0.1500	47.84	201
6	50.85	25.42	1.7943	0.1500	35.14	211
7	56.03	28.01	1.6400	0.1500	21.62	300

Particle Size

By using 2 theta and FWHM value from the peak analysis of $BaTiO_3$ the average particle size was calculated from the following relation.

$$t = 0.9\lambda / B \cos \theta_B$$

t represent thickness of crystallite, K represent Constant dependent on crystallite shape
λ represent X –ray wavelength , B represent FWHM (full width at half max) , θ_B represent the Bragg Angle.

Table 4.3: Average Particle Sizes of Samples

Sample Name	Particle Size (nm)	Phase
Sample 1	52	Cubic
Sample 2	78	Cubic

The results show that at 700ºC the samples of $BaTiO_3$ were in cubic state and their particle size is about 52 nm and at 800ºC the samples of $BaTiO_3$ were also in cubic state and their particle size was 78 nm. Above 1000ºC phases change from cubic to tetragonal state.

Lattice Constants

By using d values from peak analysis of $BaTiO_3$ nanoparticles, the lattice constants were calculated using the following formula:

$$a = d (h^2 + k^2 + l^2)$$

Table 4.4: Lattice constants of the $BaTiO_3$ calcined at 700ºC and 800ºC

Sample Name	Temperature (ºC)	Lattice constant (a)
Sample 1	700ºC	5.25
Sample 2	800ºC	5.49

Volume of unit cell

The volume of $BaTiO_3$ nanoparticles by using formula:

$$V = a^2c$$

Table 4.5: The calculated volume of the samples

Sample Name	Temperature	Volume (A^3)
Sample 1	700ºC	144.703
Sample 2	800ºC	165.469

X-Ray Density

X –Ray density has been determined by using the following formula

$$D = nM/NV$$

Where 'M' is the molecular weight of $BaTiO_3$, 'N' is Avogadro's No. , V is the volume of the sample, n is the number of formula units.

Table 4.6: The calculated value of X –ray density of samples at different temperature

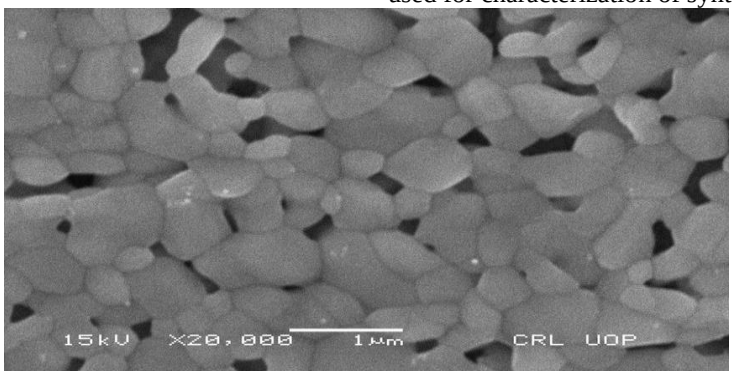
Sample Name	Temperature (ºC)	X-ray Density (g/cm^3)
Sample 1	700ºC	2.6760
Sample 2	800ºC	2.3402

Scanning Electron Microscopy

With an electron beam, the surface of the model under study is perused. On the level of expansion wanted, the size of the perused surface depends. The interaction between the sample and the electrons give increase to different signals (the emission of electrons and photons), without using any mathematical procedure, which when collected and analyzed bring together the image of the surface of the observed sample, conflicting with the procedure of the TEM. Limited by the machine's technology, the determination of this type of tool allows scientists to view objects at an atomic scale (1/10 of a nanometer). An important constraint of this microscope, as is the

restriction of this microscope, as is the case for the TEM, is that it needs a vacuum. In a definite manner, the samples must be prepared, in other words they must be plated, cooled, and cut into thin sections, when perceiving living organisms, all of which are clearly incredible.

Scanning electron microscopy is a technique which is performed by using Scanning electron microscopy. Morphology of samples is determined by using Scanning electron microscopy technique. After synthesis of Barium Titanate nanoparticles SEM is used for characterization of synthesized samples.



Scanning electron micrographs for Barium titanate nanoparticles

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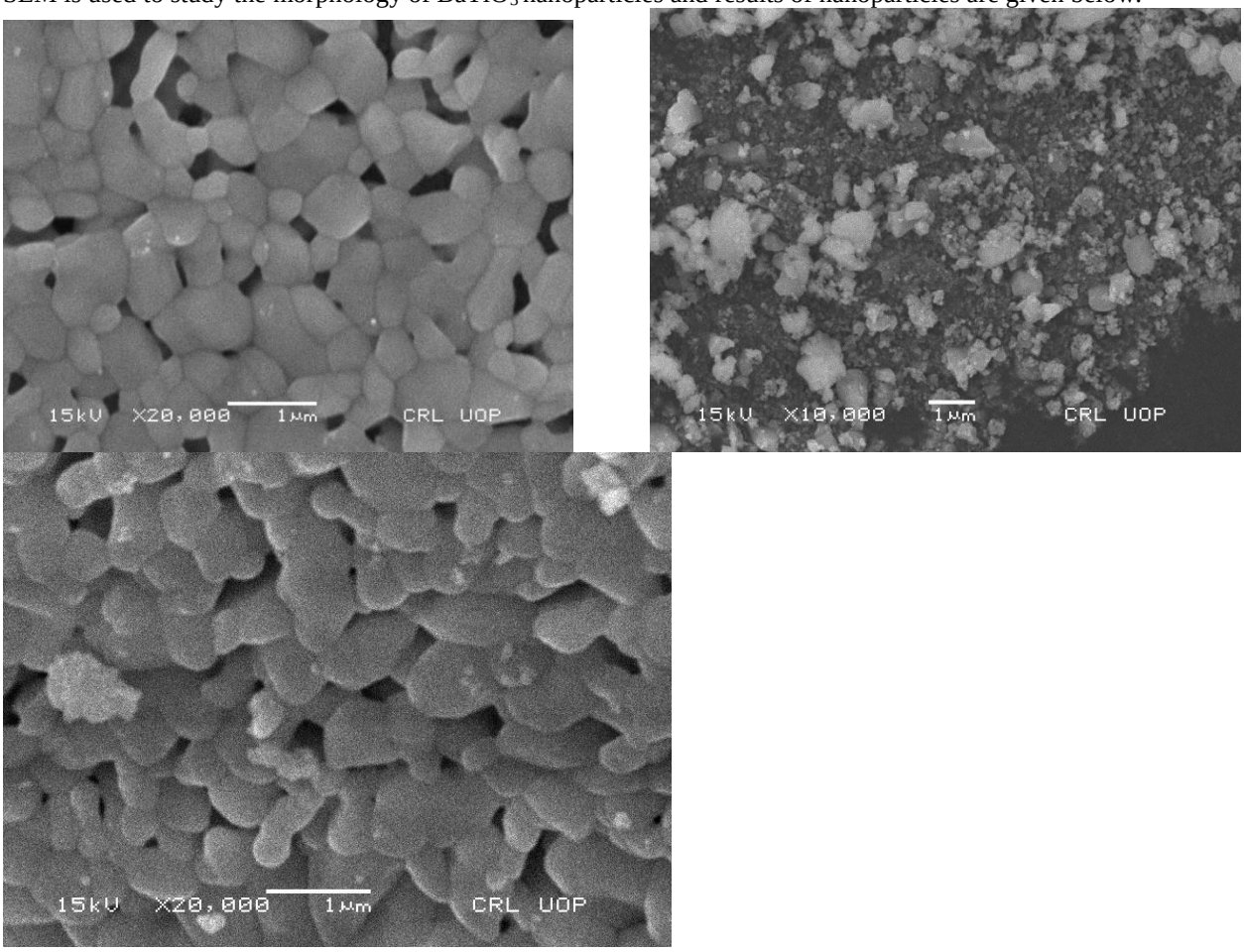

Fig 4.2 Scanning electron micrograph for Barium titanate nanoparticles at 700 C, the particle size was found 52 nm near to the XRD Calculation.

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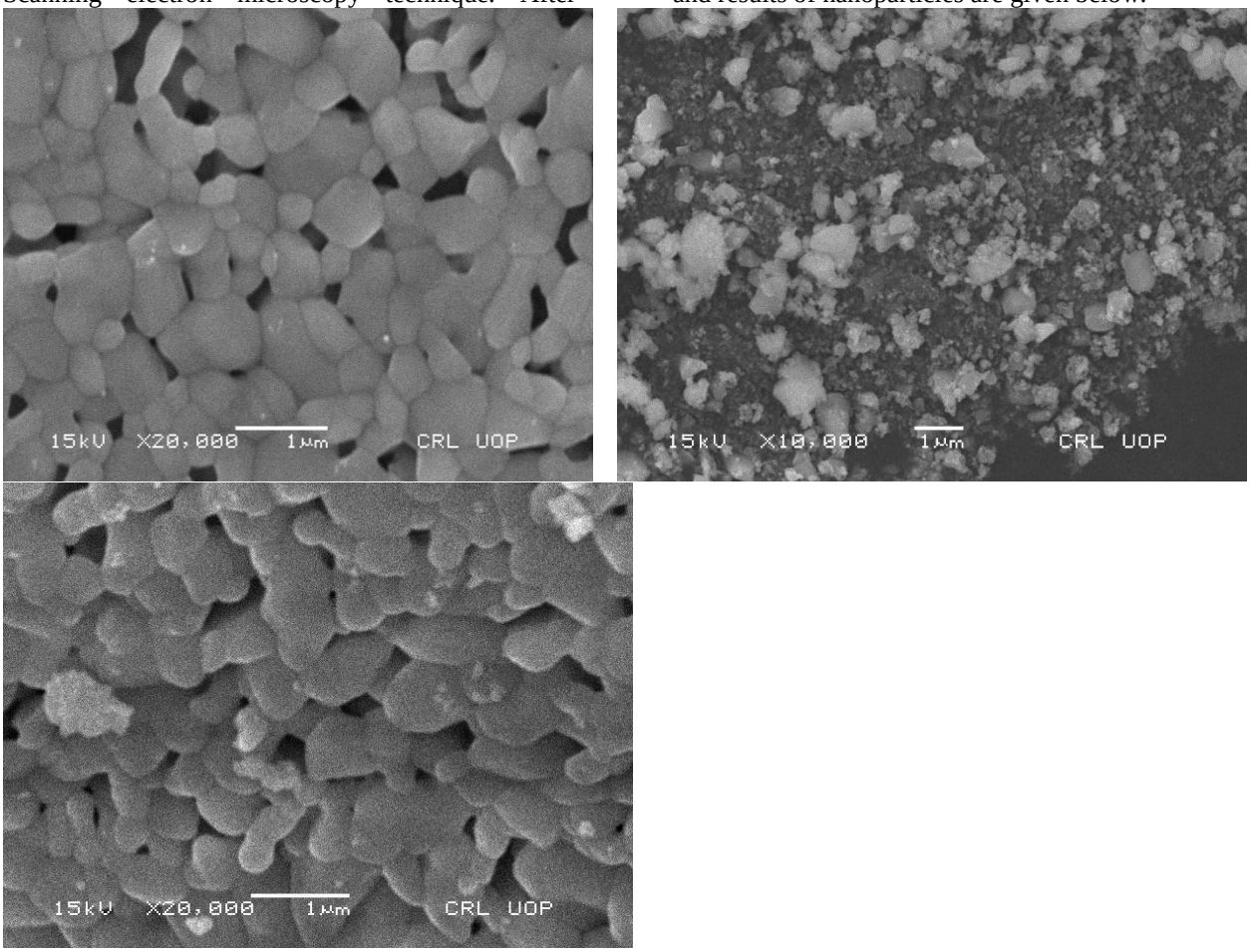

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