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Background

2007-present Associate professor, Department of Physics and Materials Science, Shimane University
2004-2007 Research Associate, Department of Physics and Materials Science, Shimane University
2000-2004 Technical Assistant, Department of Physics and Materials Science, Shimane University
2000 Doctor of Engineering, Graduate School of Marine Science and Engineering, Nagasaki University
1997 Master of Engineering, Graduate School of Materials Science and Engineering, Nagasaki University
1995 Bachelor of Engineering, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Nagasaki University

Research

My research is focused on powder metallurgical process for preparation of functional materials. The sintering method mainly used in my research is pulse-current sintering (commercially called spark plasma sintering (SPS)), which allows ceramics and metal powders to be sintered at low temperature using short times. Recently, my work has targeted the texture control of functional materials, including Bi₂Te₃-based thermoelectric materials [1, 2], glass-nichrome composites for resistor [3] and oxide semiconductors [4]. I'm also interested in the preparation of nano-structured and nano-grained materials and their physical properties, in both structural and functional materials.

Key papers

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