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M2Po2E-04: The effect of Ca doped buffer layers on BaHfO₃ doped YBa₂Cu₃O_{7-x} composite multilayer superconducting films

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The addition of different insulating, non-reactive nano-phases to YBa₂Cu₃O_{7-x} (YBCO) superconductor thin films improves current density by combining different flux pinning mechanisms. Additions of BaZrO₃, BaSnO₃, and BaHfO₃ nano-rods has been shown to have positive effects on flux pinning and the resulting current densities attained. In particular, BaHfO₃ is an attractive addition since it has less lattice mismatch with YBCO when compared to the lattice mismatch of BZO and YBCO. This research explores the impact of calcium doped YBCO buffer layers (Ca_{0.3}Y_{0.7}Ba₂Cu₃O_{7-x}) on the BaHfO₃ doped YBCO film layers, for multilayer films that are produced by pulsed laser deposition. The combination of calcium doped YBCO buffer layers between BHO doped YBCO layers impacts film microstructure and performance of current density and flux pinning. Current density and pinning force over a wide landscape of 65 –5 K with applied field of 0 –9 Tesla will be presented for these films.

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