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Upper critical and irreversibility magnetic fields and transport properties of bulk K-, Ni-, and Co-doped BaFe₂As₂ pnictides for different granularities and their prospects in magnet design

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A comprehensive study of upper critical (H_{c2}) and irreversibility magnetic fields (H_{irr}) in $(\text{Ba}_{0.6}\text{K}_{0.4})\text{Fe}_2\text{As}_2$, $\text{Ba}(\text{Fe}_{0.95}\text{Ni}_{0.05})_2\text{As}_2$, $\text{Ba}(\text{Fe}_{0.94}\text{Ni}_{0.06})_2\text{As}_2$, $\text{Ba}(\text{Fe}_{0.92}\text{Co}_{0.08})_2\text{As}_2$, and $\text{Ba}(\text{Fe}_{0.92}\text{Co}_{0.09})_2\text{As}_2$ polycrystalline bulk pnictide superconductors for different average grain sizes was made in pulsed fields at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. The magnetic field-temperature (H_{c2} -T) phase diagrams with H_{c2} as high as 65 T at 28 K for the K-doped samples and critical current density (J_c) measurements as high as 105 A/cm² for the smallest, sub micron grain size samples were obtained. The high H_{c2} , H_{irr} , and J_c data shows the suitability of these materials for magnet design as their mechanical strength and random grain alignment show promise in the manufacturing process.

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