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Comparison Study of the Flux Pinning Enhancement of YBCO Superconductor with BZO and BZO + Y₂O₃ Mixed Phase Additions

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Adding nanophase defects to YBa₂Cu₃O_{7-δ} (YBCO) superconductor thin films is well-known to enhance flux pinning, resulting in an increase in current density (J_c). While many previous studies focused on single phase additions, the addition of several phases simultaneously shows promise in improving current density by combining different pinning mechanisms. This paper compares the effect of the addition of two insulating, nonreactive phases of barium zirconium oxide (BZO) and yttrium oxide (Y₂O₃); both as a single addition of BZO and as a double addition in conjunction with Y₂O₃. Processing parameters varied the target composition volume percent of BZO from 2-6 vol. %, while maintaining 3 vol. % Y₂O₃, and the remaining vol. % YBCO. Pulsed laser deposition produced thin films on LaAlO₃ (LAO) and SrTiO₃ (STO) substrates at various deposition temperatures. Comparison of strong and weak flux pinning mechanisms, current densities, critical temperatures, and microstructures of the resulting films will be presented. The temperature dependence of the current density, $J_c(T)$, will be mathematically modeled to compare the isotropic weak and anisotropic strong pinning contributions.

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