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BaFe2As2 (Ba122) shows high upper critical field (Hc2 > 50 T) with small electromagnetic anisotropy (γ ˜ 1-2) [1] and large critical grain boundary angle (θ c ˜9°) [2], and therefore is a promising material for applications in polycrystalline form. Foreseeing high field magnet applications, Weiss et al. have reported demonstration of trapped field of 1 T for K-doped Ba122 polycrystalline bulks synthesized by hot isostatic pressing [3]. In this study, we synthesized K-doped Ba122 bulks by combination of high-energy-milling of precursor powder [4, 5] and Spark Plasma Sintering (SPS) [6] and evaluated trapped field characteristics of them. In order to accelerate the optimization of synthesis conditions to obtain high Jc, machine learning technique has been employed [7].

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