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**The Ferromagnetic Hafnium Dioxide Thin Films Prepared by Pulsed Laser Deposition** YUNG M. HUH, R. VASELAAR, Physics Department, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD 57007, J. ZHANG, D.J. SELLMYER, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68588 — The ferromagnetic hafnium dioxide (HfO<sub>2</sub>) thin films were prepared using pulsed laser deposition (PLD) system. Ferromagnetic moment was completely suppressed and revived as HfO<sub>2</sub> film was annealed in vacuum and air. The variation of ferromagnetic moment was investigated to study the origin of the ferromagnetism in HfO<sub>2</sub> system. X-ray diffraction showed that the c-plane is perpendicular to the growth direction. Strong anisotropic moment was observed for applied magnetic fields along the parallel and perpendicular to the c-plane.

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