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Current voltage measurements on magnetic ZnO $/Y_1Ba_2Cu_3O_{7-\delta}$ thin film heterostructures N. GHOSH, H. SCHMIDT, H. HOCHMUTH, M. LORENZ, Q. XU, M. GRUNDMANN, Institut für Experimentalle Physik II, Fakultät für Physik und Geowissenschaften Universität Leipzig, Germany, G. WAGNER, Institut für Mineralogie, Kristallographie und Materialwissenschaft, Universität Leipzig, Germany — We have grown ca. 200 nm magnetically doped ZnO films on $Y_1Ba_2Cu_3O_{7-\delta}$ on r-plane sapphire by pulsed laser deposition for future Andreev Reflection(AR) measurements to determine spin polarization. The critical current density, 5 x 10⁶ A/cm², of the YBCO films at zero field and 77K [1] remains in same range after growth of granular doped ZnO and critical temperature is still above 77K. Four-point transport measurements across the ZnO/YBCO interfaces with junction area ($A \ge 1 \text{ mm}^2$) resulted in nonlinear I-V characteristics. The observed conductivity fluctuations at zero bias in the low temperature range are masked by heavy noise due to the large A lying in the Maxwell range $(d\gg l)$, d = contact radius, l = mean free path). Fitting the conductivity data according to the Blonder-Tinkham-Klapwijk 0K theory shows that the superconducting gap (Δ) of YBCO and ZnO/YBCO barrier strength (Z) amount to $\leq 20.4 \ (\pm 1) \ \text{meV}$ and $\geq 0.74(\pm 0.23)$, respectively. Smaller junction area with reduced scattering AR measurements are under work. [1]M.Lorenz et al. IEEE Transactions on Applied Superconductivity 11(2001)3209.

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