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Multiferroic behavior on nanometric La<sub>2/3</sub>Ca<sub>1/3</sub>MnO<sub>3</sub> / BaTiO<sub>3</sub> bilayers PEDRO PRIETO, Excellence Center for Novel Materials-CENM, Cali, Colombia, JOHN EDWARD ORDONEZ, MARIA ELENA GOMEZ, WILSON LOPERA, Department of Physics, Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia — We have deposited bilayers of the FM  $La_{2/3}Ca_{1/3}MnO_3$  and FE BaTiO<sub>3</sub> as a route to design systems with artificial magnetoelectric coupling on LCMO/BTO/Nb:STO system. We maintain a fixed magnetic layer thickness ( $t_{LCMO} = 48$  nm) and varying the thickness of the ferroelectric layer ( $t_{BTO} = 20, 50, 100 \text{ nm}$ ). We analyze the influence of the thickness ratio  $(t_{BTO}/t_{LCMO})$  in electrical and magnetic properties of manganite. From X-ray diffraction analysis we observed that the samples grew textured. Magnetization and transport measurements indicate a possible multiferroic behavior in the bilayer. We found an increase in the Curie and metal-insulator transition temperature in the bilayer in comparison with those for LCMO (48nm)/STO. Hysteresis loops on bilayers show ferromagnetic behavior. This work has been supported by the "El Patrimonio Autónomo Fondo Nacional de Financiamiento para CT&I FJC" Colciencias-CENM Research Projects: No. 1106-48-925531 and CI7917-CC 10510 contract 0002-2013 COLCIENCIAS-UNIVALLE.

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