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Local characterization of superconductivity in BaFe₂(As_{1-x}P_x)₂ OPHIR AUSLAENDER, YUVAL LAMHOT, ALON YAGIL, NADAV SHAPIRA, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, SHIGERU KASAHARA, TATSUYA WATASHIGE, Kyoto University, Japan, TAKASADA SHIBAUCHI, University of Tokyo, Japan, YUJI MATSUDA, Kyoto University, Japan — We use magnetic force microscopy (MFM) to characterize superconductivity across the superconducting dome in BaFe₂(As_{1-x}P_x)₂, an isovalently doped pnictide that exhibits a peak in the penetration depth (λ_{ab}) at optimal doping $(x_{\rm opt})$, as shown previously in sample-wide measurements. Our local measurements show a peak at $x_{\rm opt}$ and a T_C vs. λ_{ab}^{-2} dependence similar on both sides of x_{opt} . Near the underdoped edge of the dome λ_{ab} increases sharply, suggesting that superconductivity competes with another phase. Indeed MFM vortex imaging shows correlated defects parallel to twin boundaries only in underdoped samples and not for $x \geq x_{\rm opt}$. Furthermore, in underdoped samples we report stripes parallel to twin boundaries that are visible even in the absence of vortices.

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