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Study of novel configuration of columnar defects in the high temperature superconductor $YBa_2Cu_3O_7^{-1}$ LAUREN DORSETT, ANDRA TRON-CALLI, Austin College, LISA PAULIUS, Western Michigan University, WAI -K KWOK, Argonne National Laboratory, AUSTIN HOWARD, NICHOLAS COR-NELL, ANVAR ZAKHIDOV, University of Texas at Dallas — Columnar defects have proven to be highly effective at pinning vortices in high temperature superconductors. However, most studies have been performed with the defects oriented either *perpendicular* or at large angles relative to the superconducting Cu-O planes. Our study is novel due to the introduction of defects *parallel* to the superconducting planes. We will discuss the effect of the defects on the vortex pinning anisotropy of the YBa₂Cu₃O_{7- δ} single crystals.

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