Fabrication of the SmBa₂Cu₃O_{7-δ} Superconducting Thin Films on the LaAlO₃(100) Single Crystalline Substrate by the TFA-MOD Method

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The trifluoroacetate-metal organic deposition(TFA-MOD) method has been developed as a low-cost non-vacuum process for coated conductor. Under the oxygen partial pressure(PO₂) of 10ppm and the firing temperatures ranging from 810 to 850 °C, we have fabricated a high quality SmBa₂Cu₃O_{7- δ}(SmBCO) thin films on LaAlO₃(LAO) (100) single crystalline substrates by a modified TFA-MOD method. The highest value of the critical temperature(T_c) was 90.2K, and the highest critical current density(J_c) was 0.8MA/cm² at 77K in the self-field, implying that MOD-processed SmBCO films can be a promising alternative to YBa₂Cu₃O_{7- δ}(YBCO) films for coated conductors. We discuss the relationship between processing conditions, microstructures, and superconducting properties.

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