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is studied by measuring its initial current-voltage curve at various temperatures. The results show

that when the field strength is higher than the threshold for flash-sintering, the curves exhibit a

nonlinear behavior by having an additional current on top of the linear current according to

Ohm's law. Analyzing its transport behavior reveals that the additional current density is due to

the extra oxygen vacancies induced by the electric field. The formation rate of the extra

vacancies and associated current was related to the field strength.

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