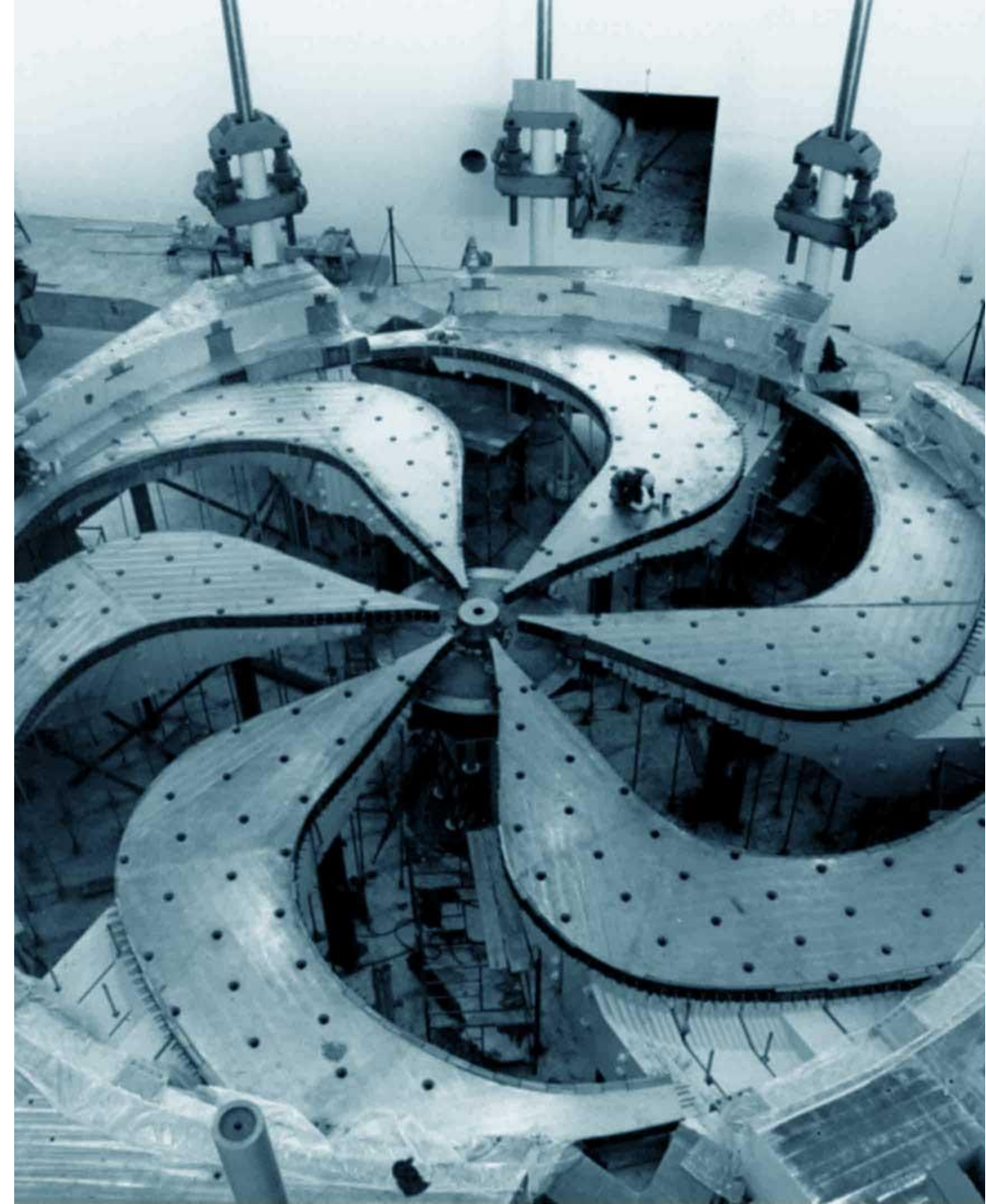


# First Results from beta-SRF - testing SRF samples at high parallel field

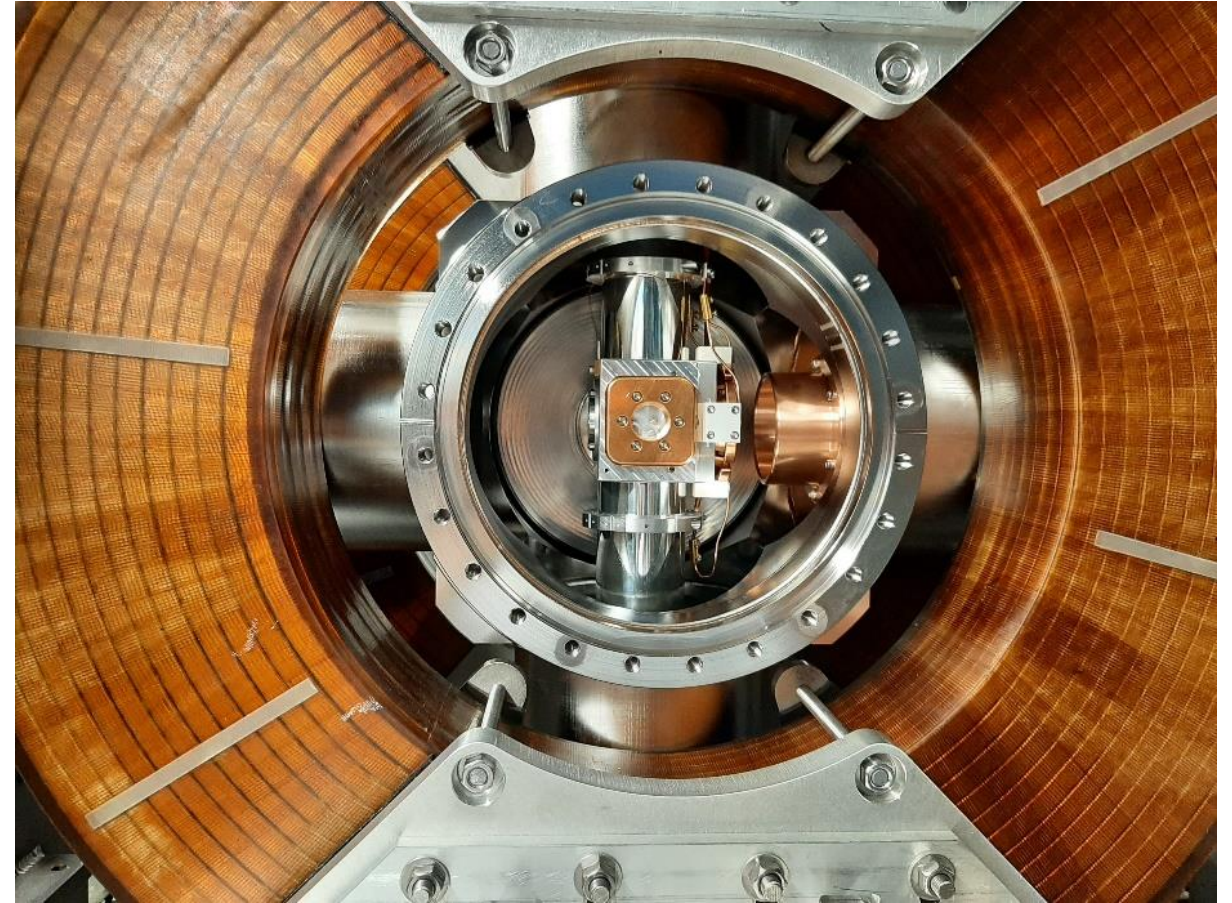
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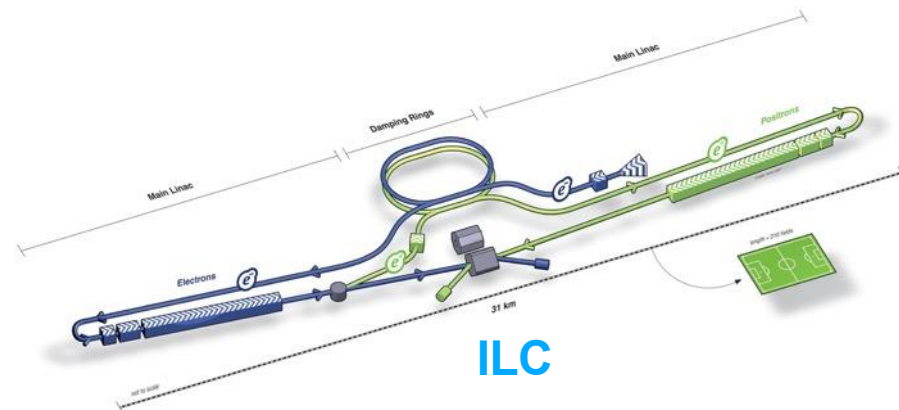
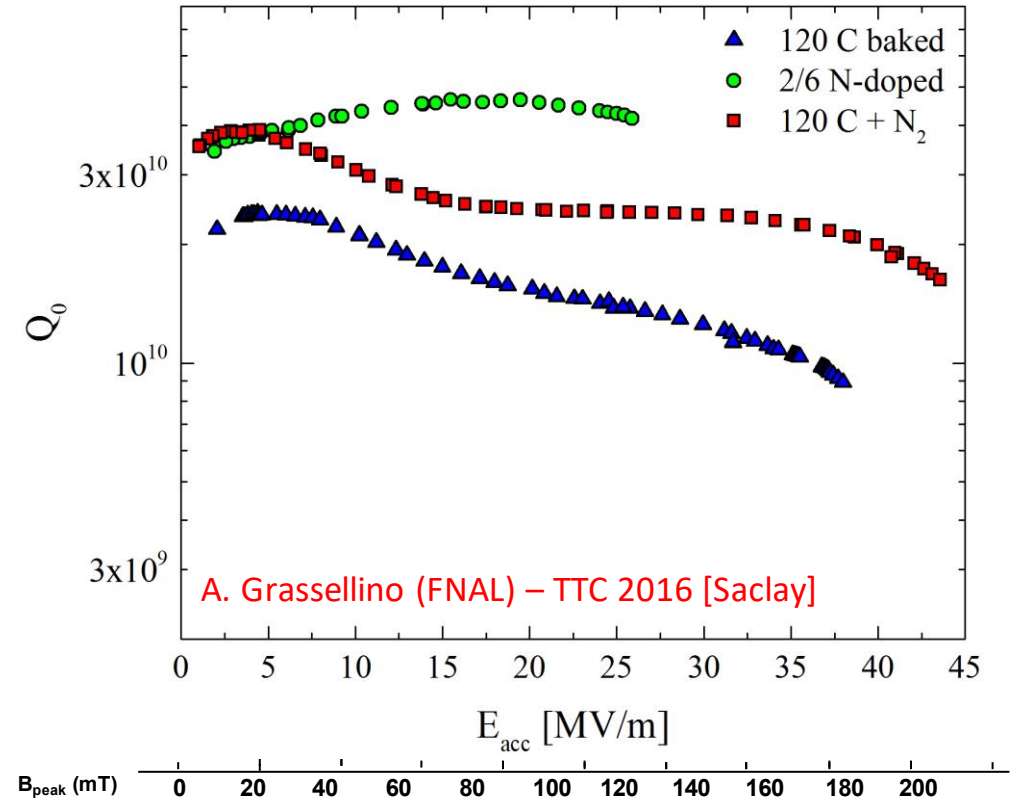
# Outline

- Introduction/Motivation
- The beta-NMR Technique
- The New beta-SRF Facility
- Experimental Results
- Summary



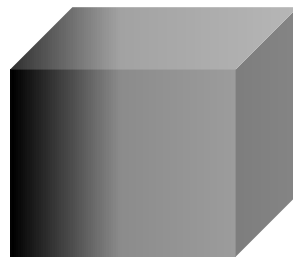
# SRF Global Status

- **SRF Frontier** is **high Q** and **high gradient** → support existing + future project
- **Various Recipes:**
  - Proven effective → Empirical
  - Modify the near surface
- **Underlying mechanism ?**
  - Develop better recipes

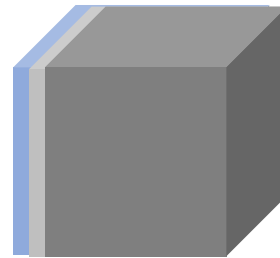


# Role of the Surface

- For high gradient we need a material that can withstand magnetic vortex penetration (maintain **Meissner state**) up to a high rf magnetic field (**~200 mT**)
- Depends on surface modifications:
  - Customized **heat treatments** are being developed that alter the near surface
  - **Layered structures** are proposed to increase the field of first vortex penetration

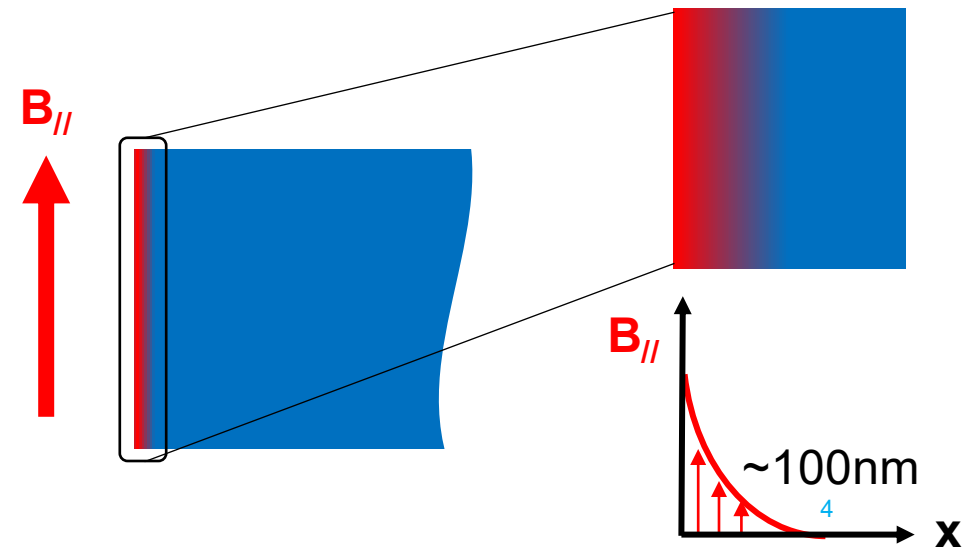
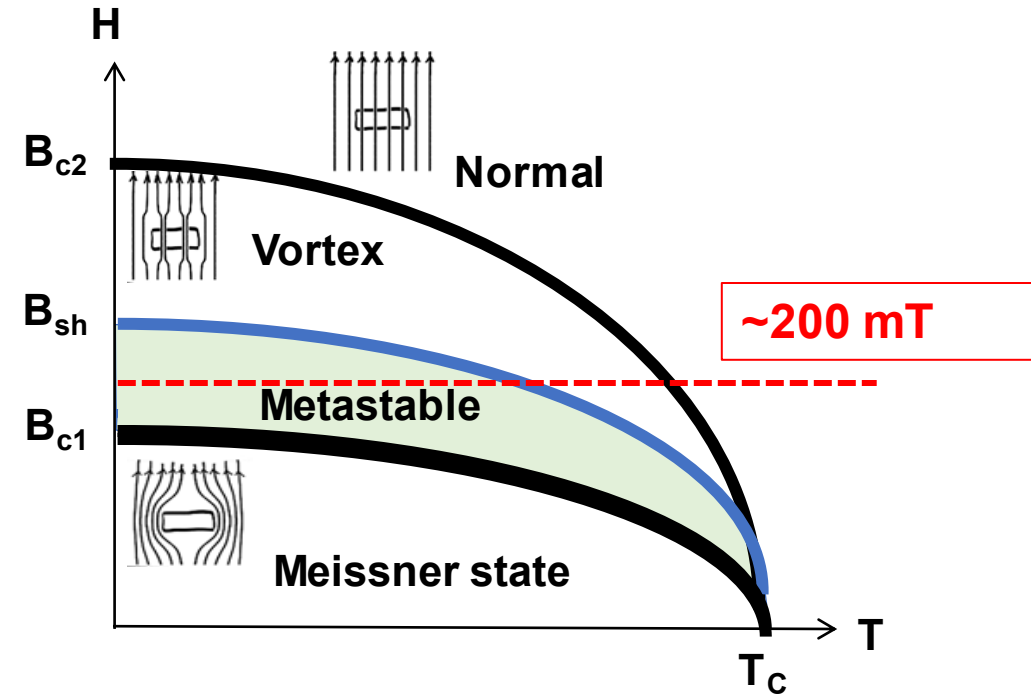


Heat treatments



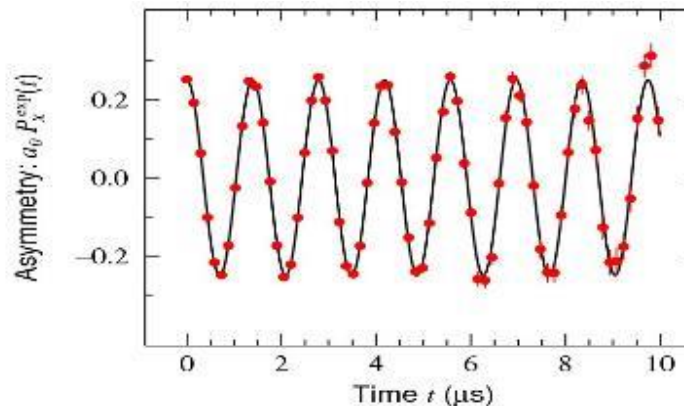
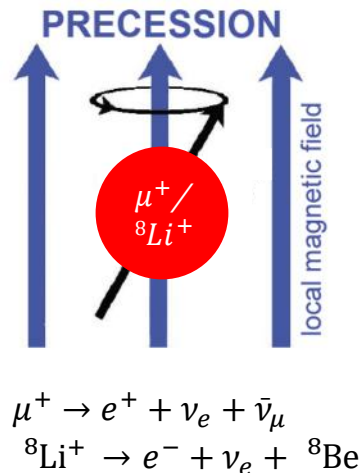
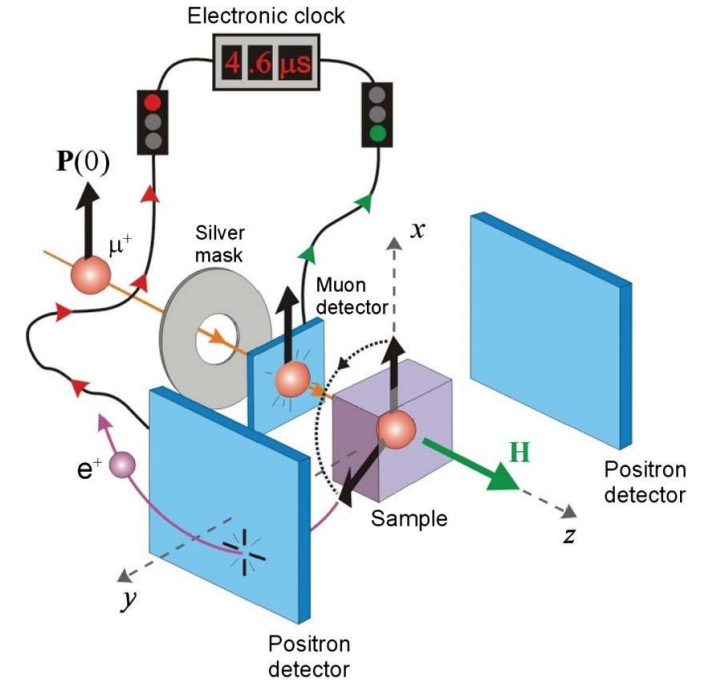
Layers

Need a **surface probe** that can diagnose magnetic screening in the London layer (**~100 nm**) at fields up to **200 mT**



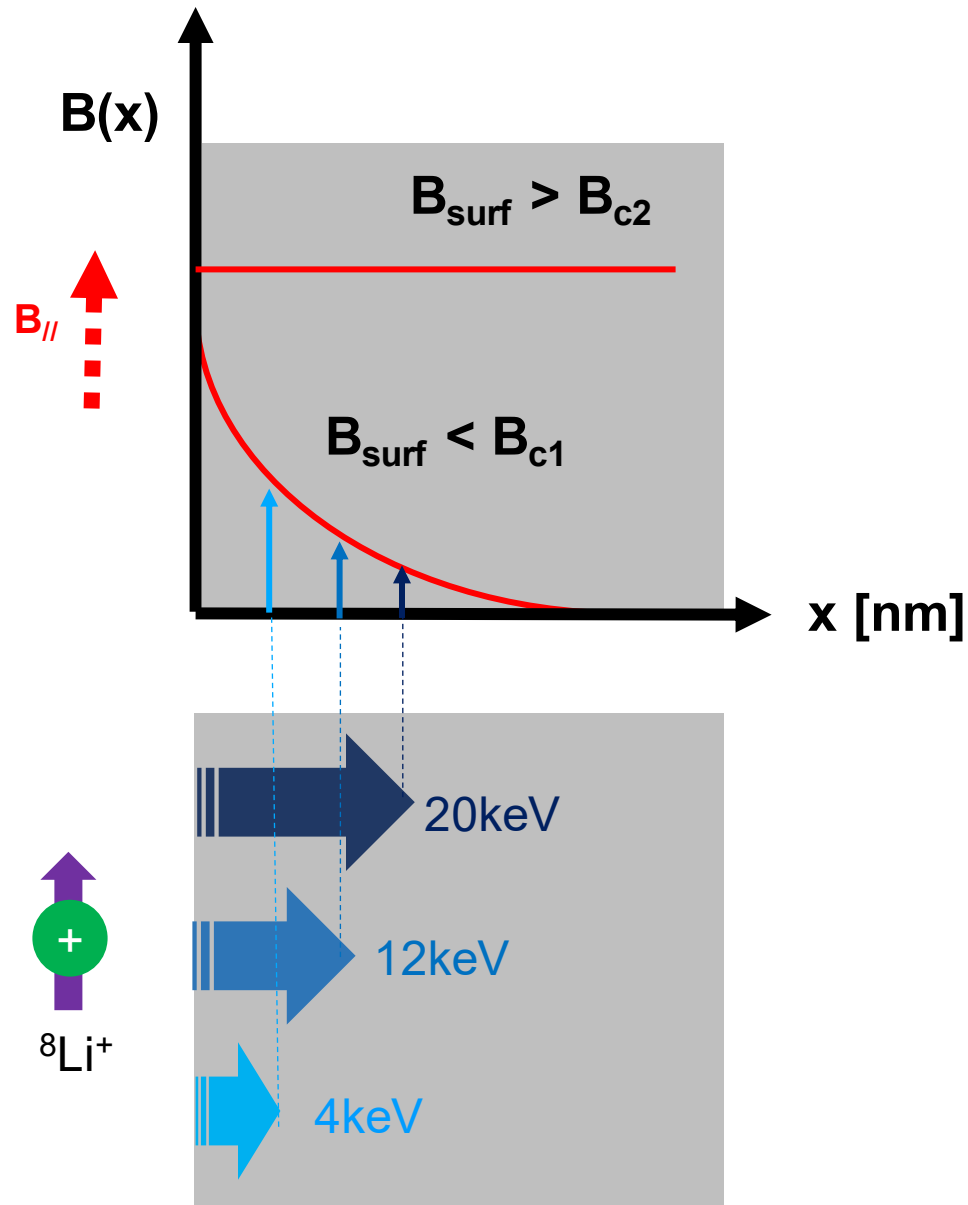
# Material Probes – $\mu$ SR & $\beta$ -NMR

- TRIUMF has two world class material science probes in  $\mu$ SR and  $\beta$ -NMR
- Similarities:
  - embed a beam of polarized muons or  $^8\text{Li}$  ions + monitor the  $\beta$ -decay as probes of local magnetic fields.
- Different capabilities:
  - TRIUMF HE- $\mu$ SR: bulk probe (100 $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - TRIUMF  $\beta$ -NMR: surface probe (0 – 100nm)



# The beta-NMR Method

# $\beta$ NMR Facility: Depth controlled probe of local magnetic field



## Measure field screening in surface layer:

- Implanting spin-polarized  ${}^8\text{Li}^+$  (vary  $E$ )
- Monitor rate of at which spin depolarizes  $\rightarrow$  depends on local fields

## Available facilities before upgrade:

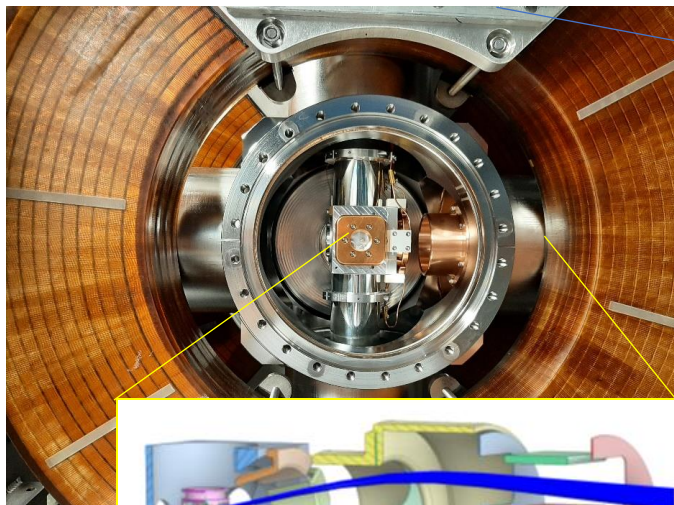
- $\beta$ NMR (and LE-muSR PSI)
  - ✓ Depth-control (nm) scale by varying ion energy
  - ✗ Limited to Low (parallel) fields:  $\sim 24\text{-}30$  mT

## Upgrade challenge:

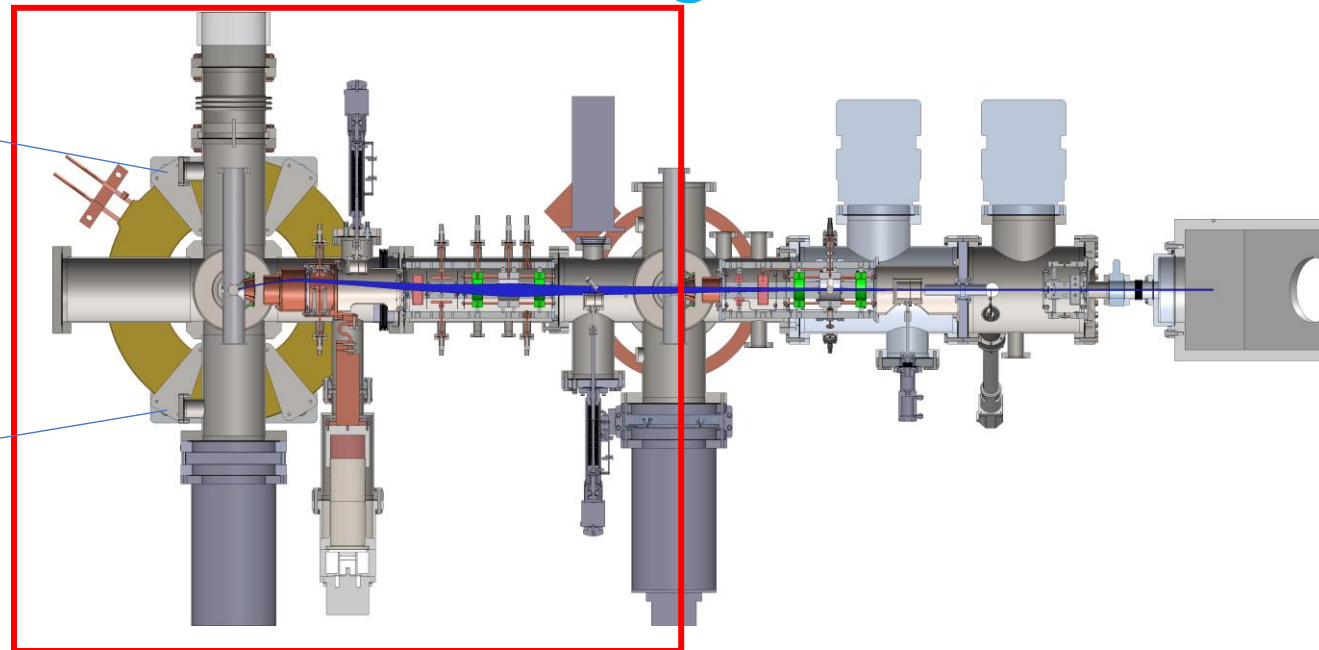
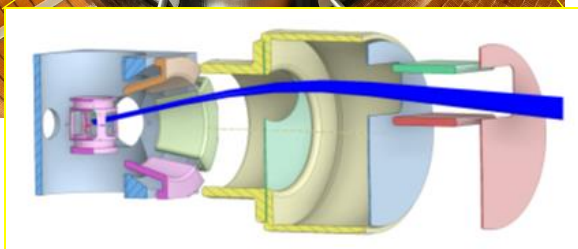
- Want high parallel fields near  $B_{c1}$  of Nb  $\rightarrow 200$  mT
- Low energy beam (depth-control) + strong fields parallel to sample surface  $\rightarrow$  **large transverse deflection (much more difficult with LE- $\mu$ SR)**

# $\beta$ NMR High-parallel-field Upgrade & Commissioning

200 mT Magnet



Strong deflection



Added ~1 m beamline

## Upgrade for SRF Studies:

- New 200 mT coils
- Transverse deflection compensation: new beamline optics + diagnostics

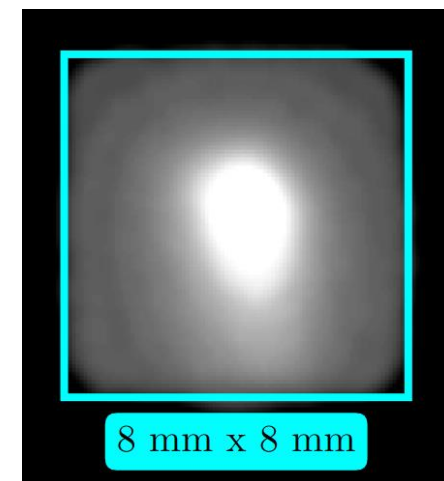
Depth-resolved measurements now possible at high-parallel-field.

## Beamline + Optics Commissioned

- Beam successfully transported up to 200 mT

## Measurements Completed

- First SRF measurements up to 200 mT

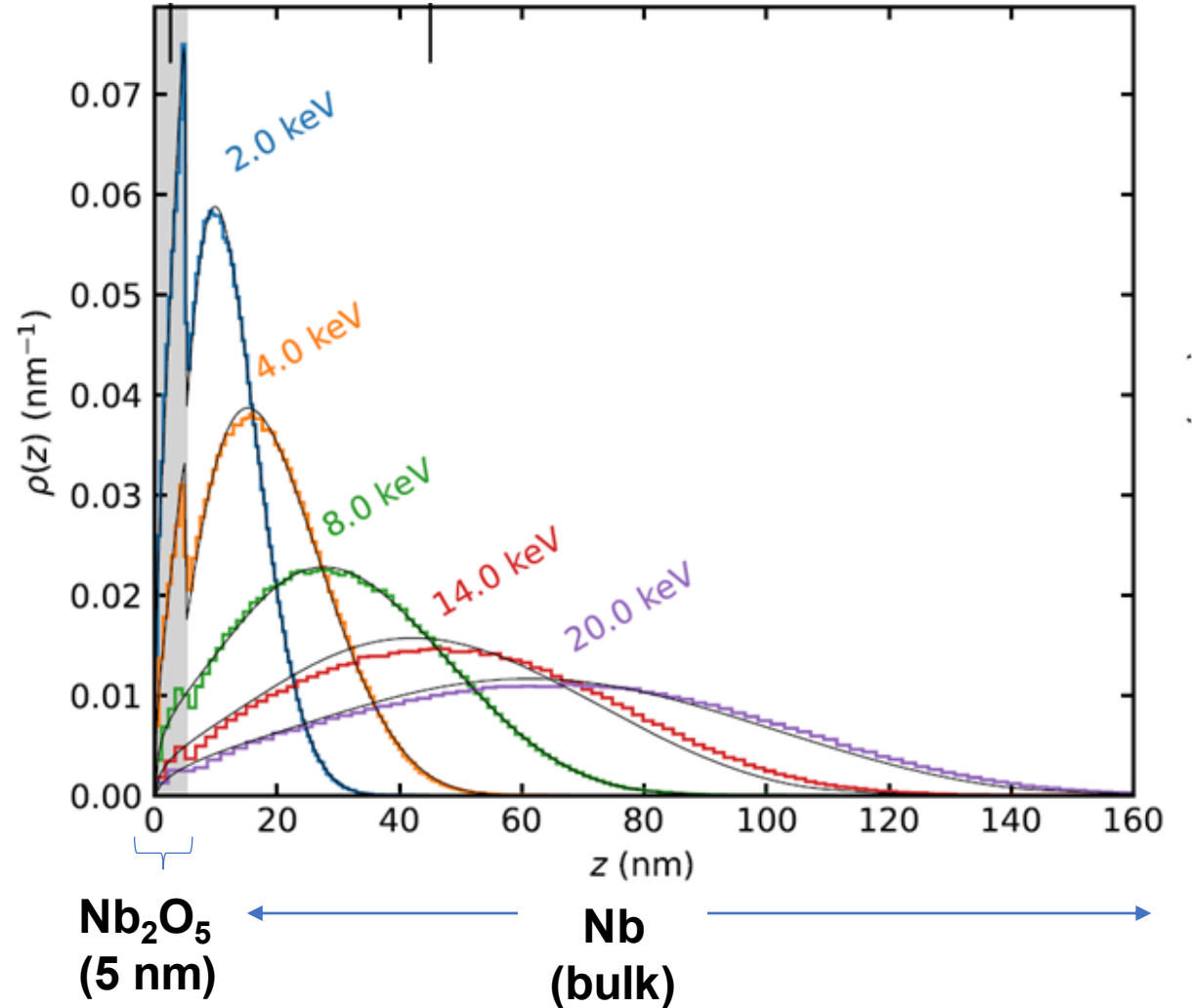
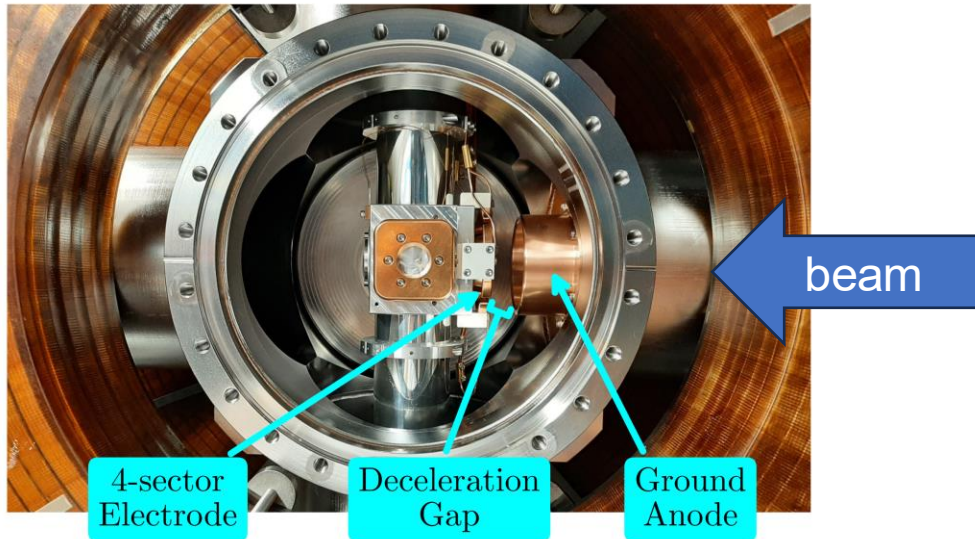




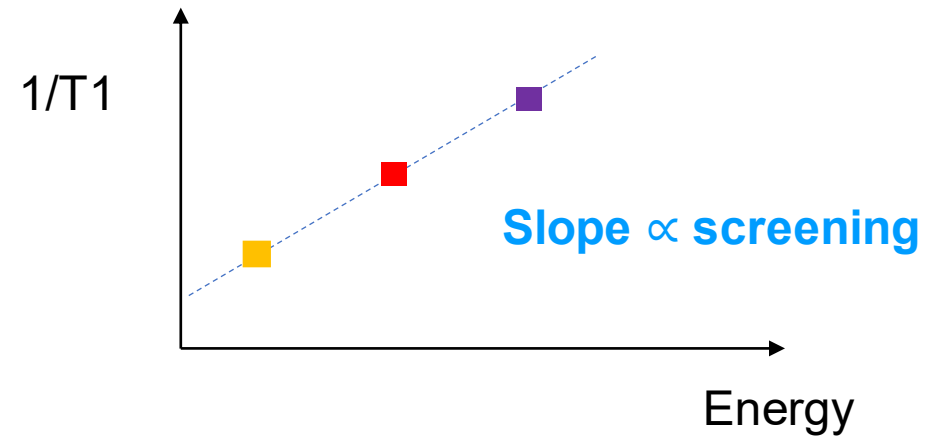
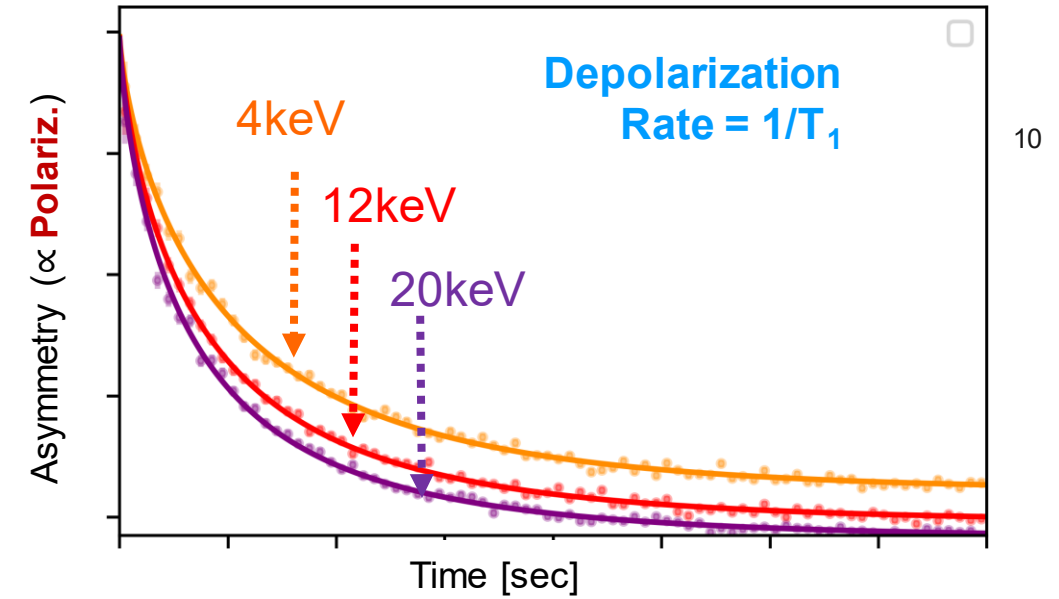
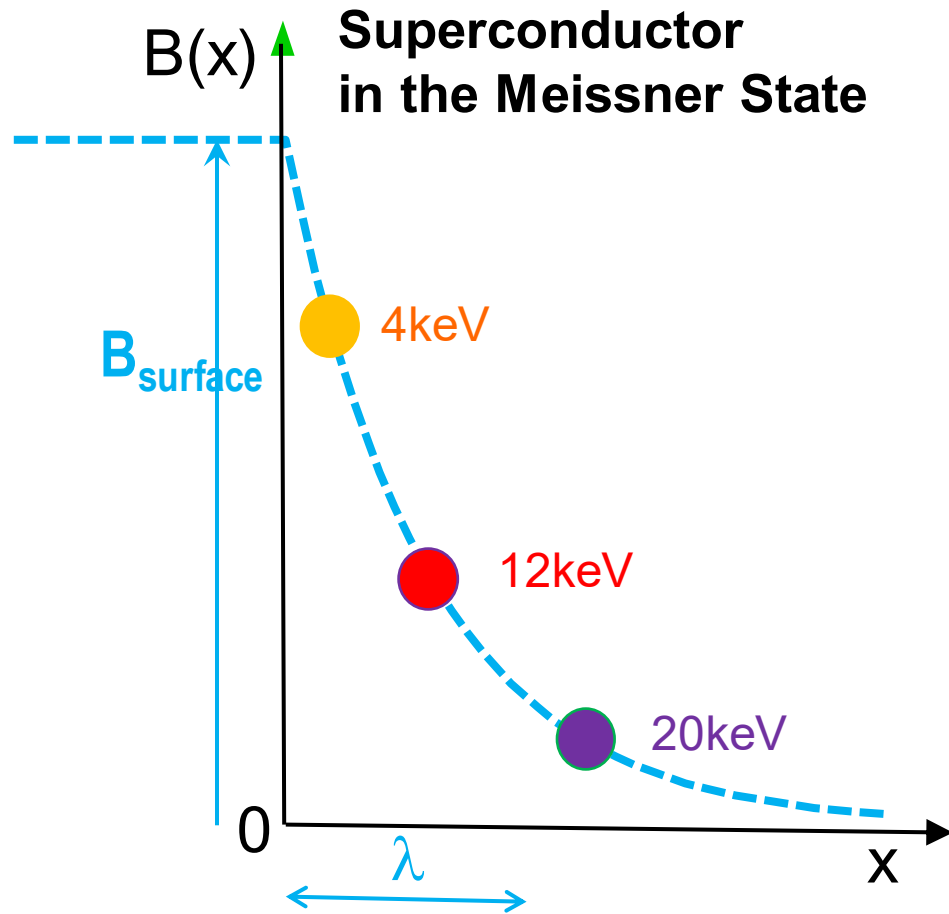
# Depth Resolved: Beam Implantation

Depth control:

- Incoming (radioactive) beam with constant Energy, e.g., 20 keV
- Samples are HV biased.



# Local Field: Spin-Lattice-Relaxation

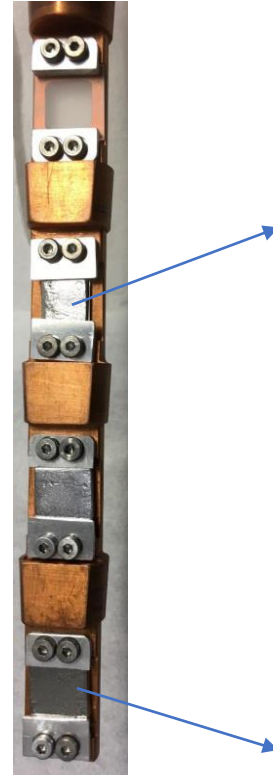


$$\frac{1}{T_1} = \frac{a}{b + \langle B_{\text{loc}} \rangle^2}$$

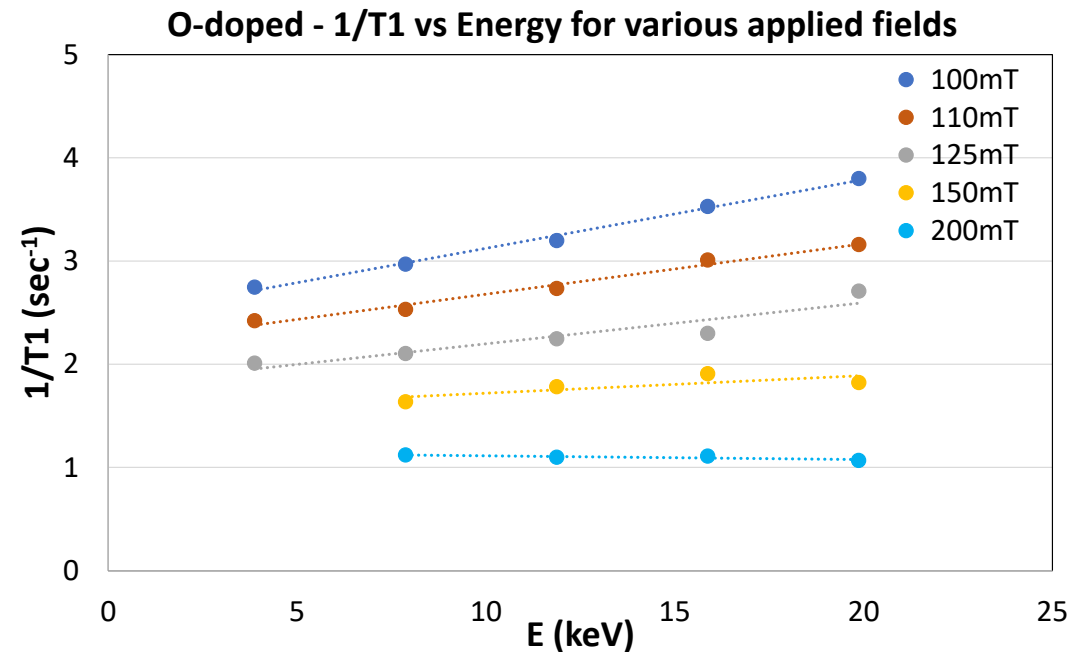
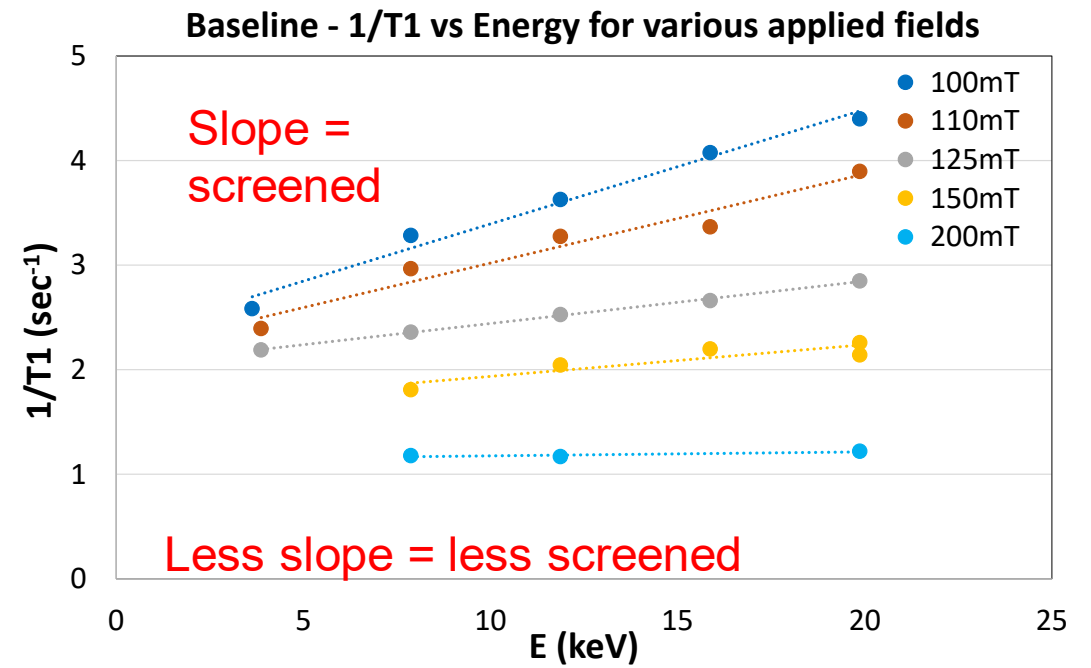
# Experimental Results

# Field Scans up to 200 mT

- **Two Nb samples:** RRR Niobium
  - **Baseline:** 1400 °C annealing for 4 hours + BCP
  - Custom treated with mid-T bake (“oxygen doping”): Same as baseline + 400°C for 3 hours
- **Field screening profile measured as a function of the applied field**
  - $B(x; B_{\text{applied}} = 100 \rightarrow 200)$



Sample ladder



# Sample 1: Baseline

## Geometry effects

- **Slabs**

- w/ dimensions:  $a \times b \times c = 1.8 \times 8.1 \times 9.8$  mm

- **Surface enhancement**

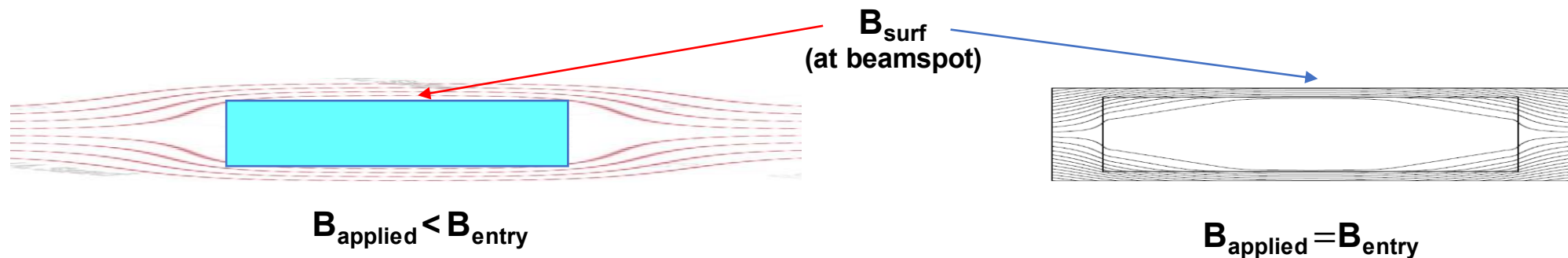
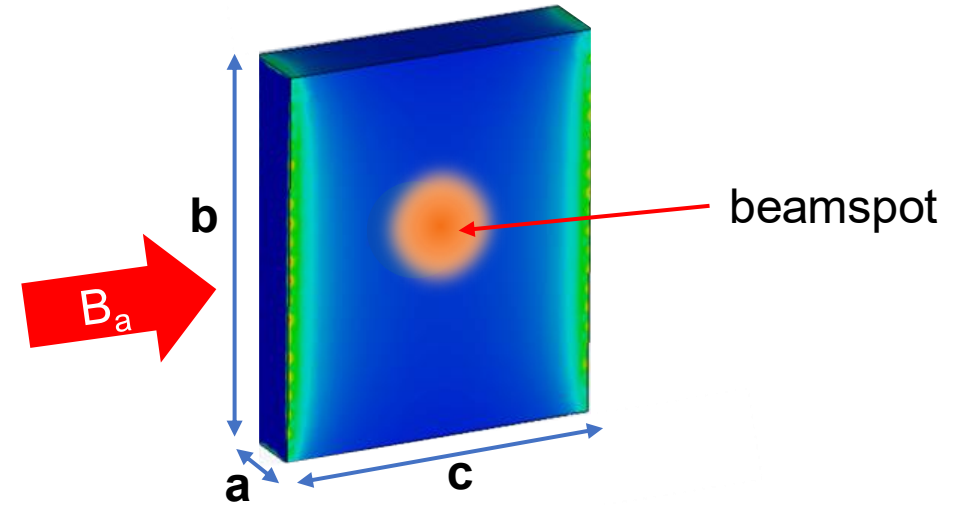
- over a 4 mm beam spot -  $\mathbf{B}_{\text{surface}} / B_{\text{applied}} = 1.07$

- **Flux entry**

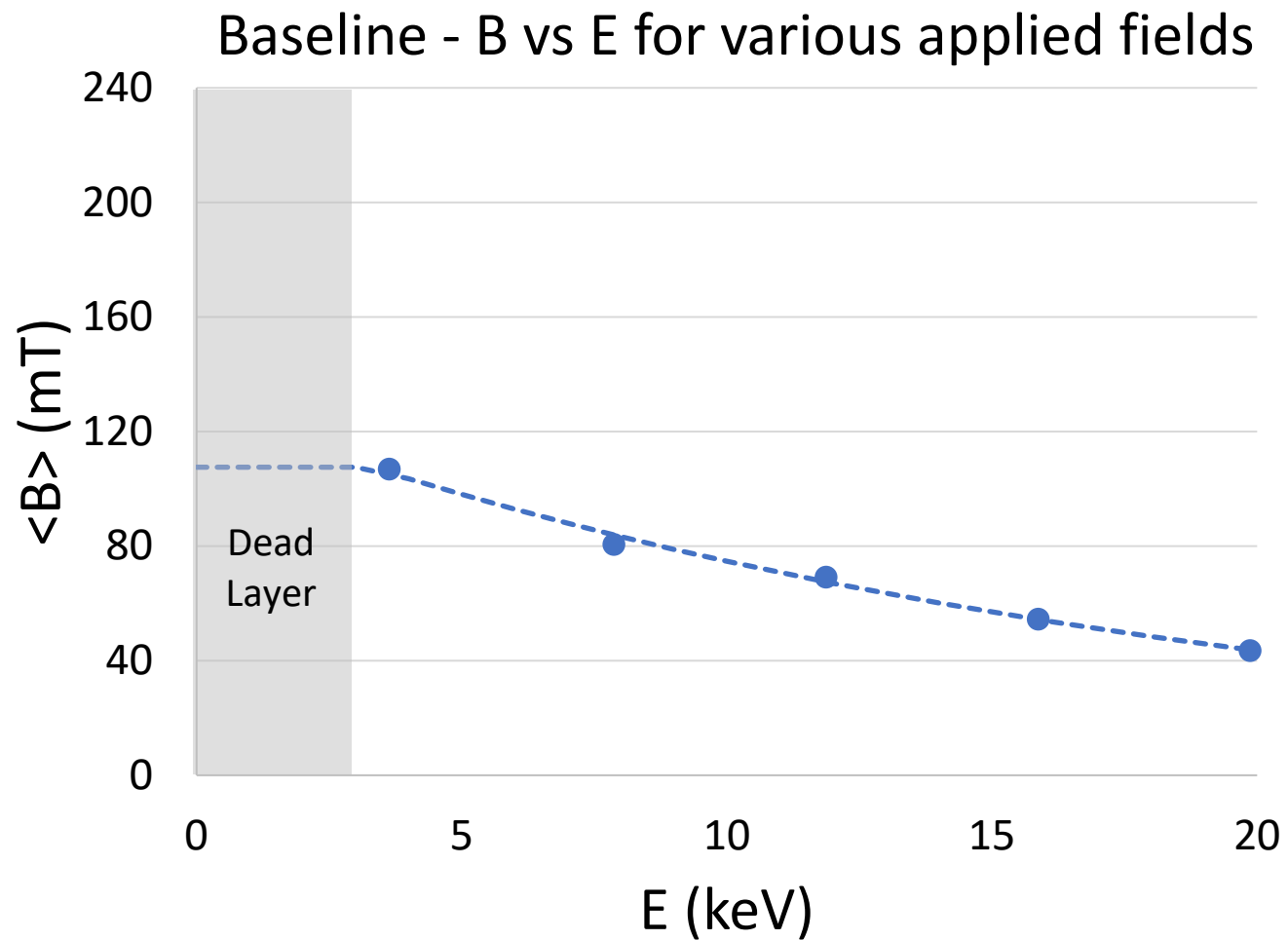
- expected at  $\mathbf{B}_{\text{entry}} = B_{c1} \times \tanh(\sqrt{0.36 * c/a}) = 0.885 B_{c1}$   
([E.H. Brandt, Physica C, 2000](#))

- Assuming @  $T=0\text{K}$ :  $B_{c1}=180\text{mT}$

→ @  $T=4.5\text{K}$ :  $B_{c1}=137\text{mT}$  and  $\mathbf{B}_{\text{entry}}=121\text{mT}$



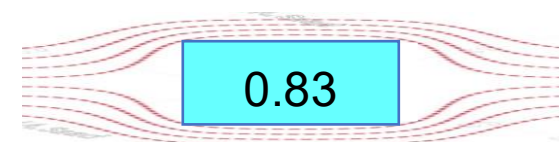
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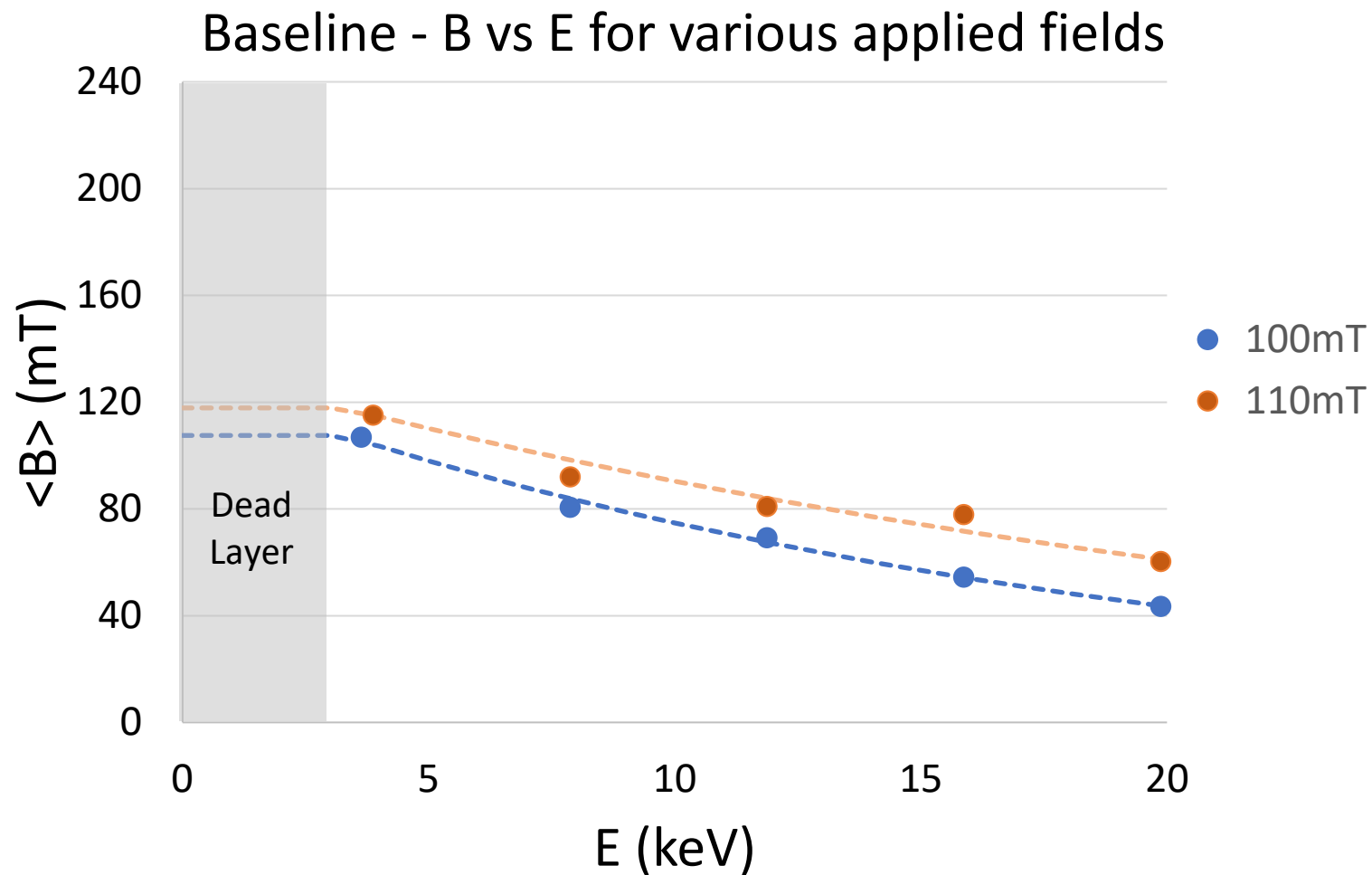
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(mT)	-	-	(nm)
100	1.07	0.83	40

SPD = Screening profile depth

● 100mT

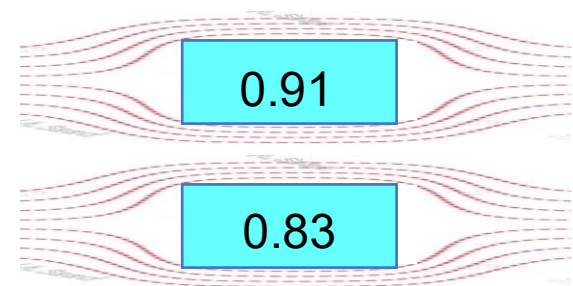


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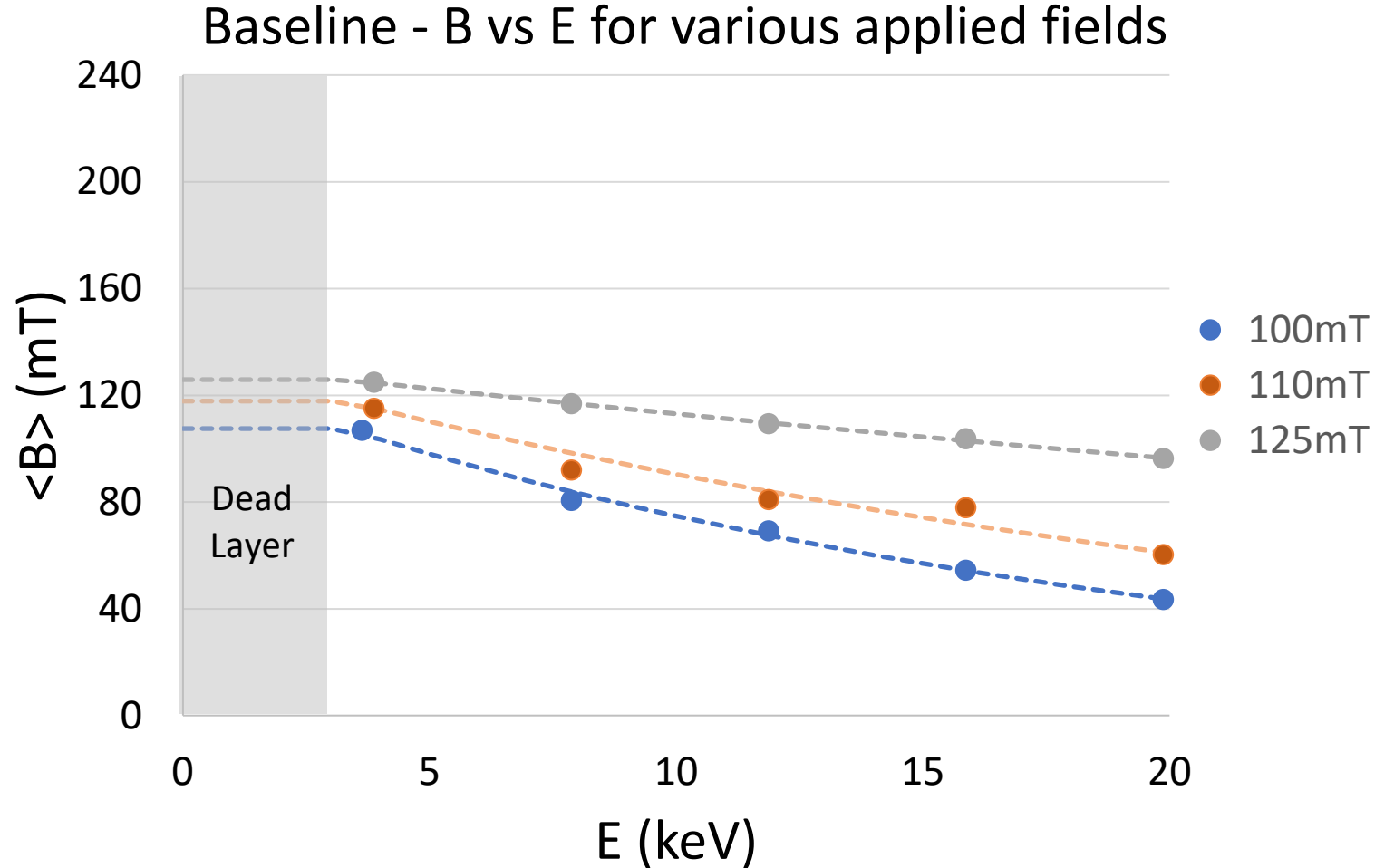


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100	1.07	0.83	40
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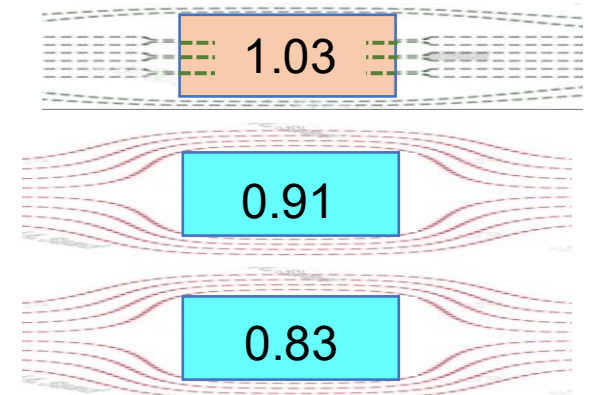


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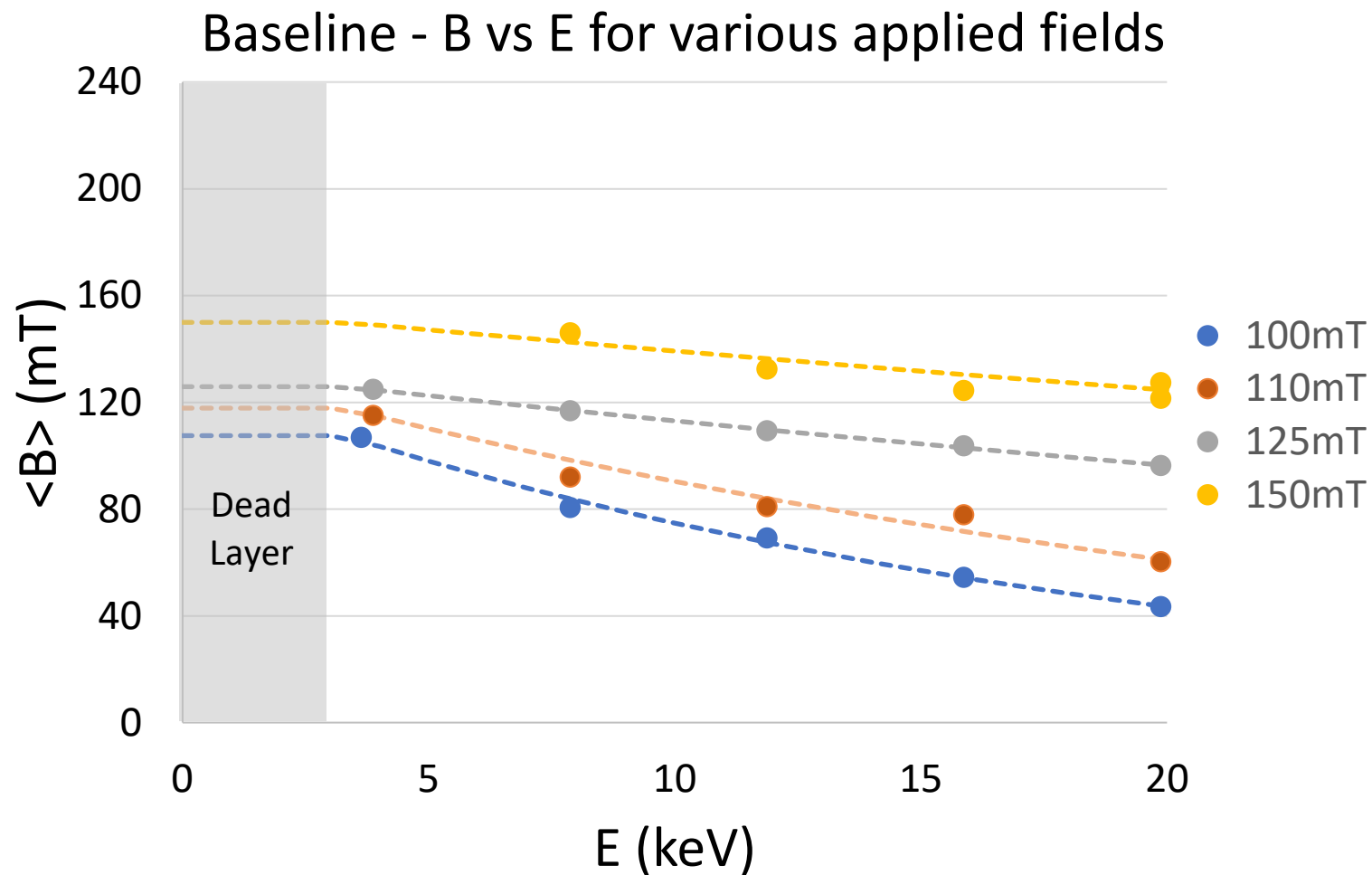
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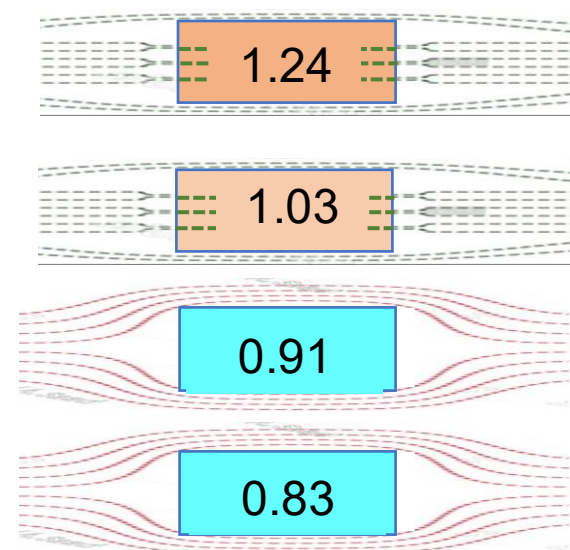


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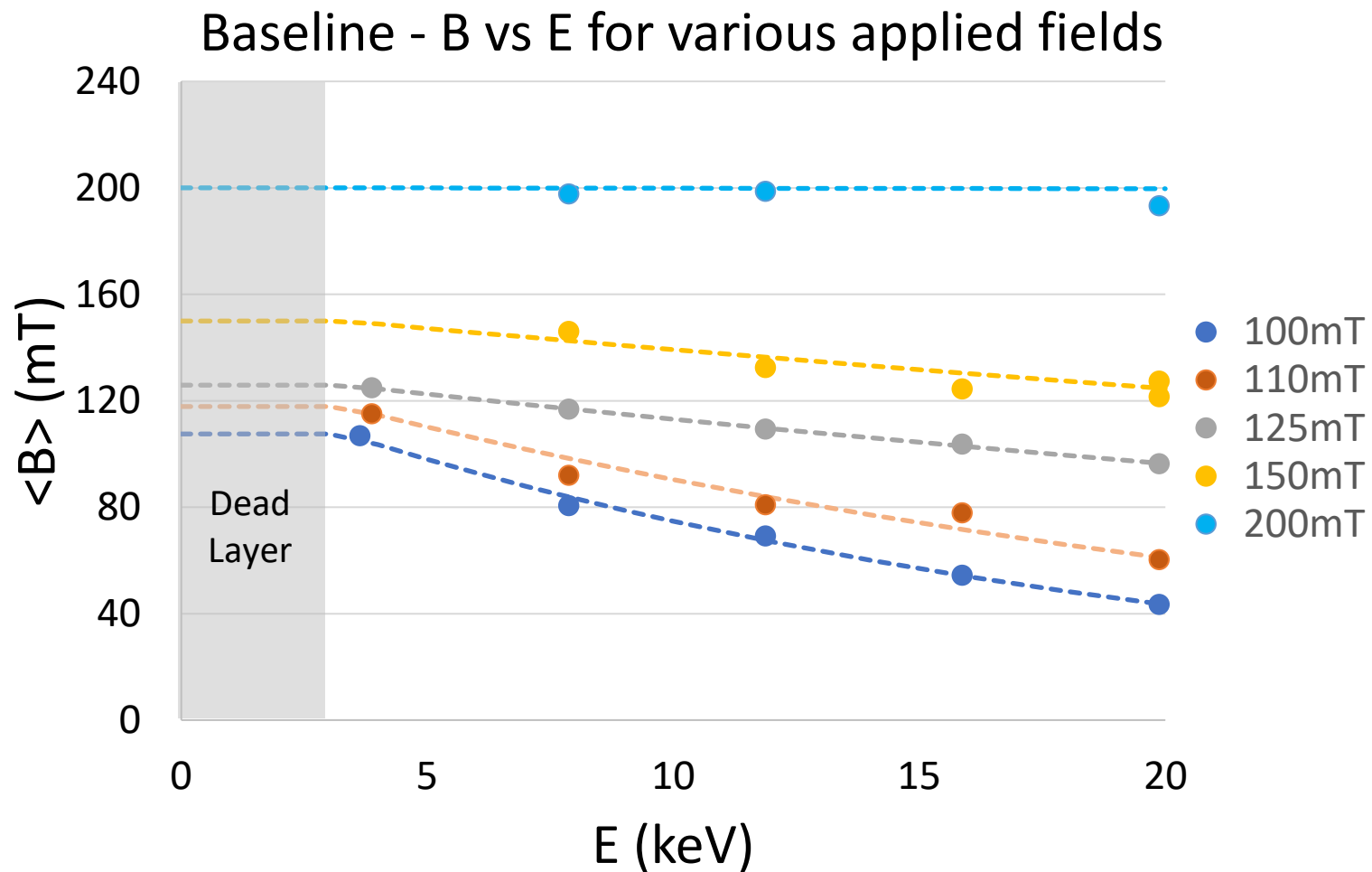


$B_{app}$	$B_{surf}/B_{app}$	$H_{app}/H_{entry}$	SPD
(mT)	-	-	(nm)
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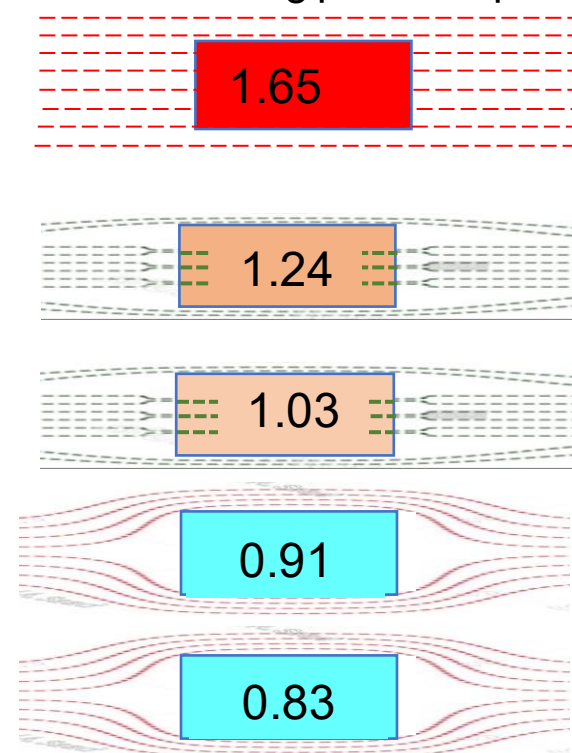


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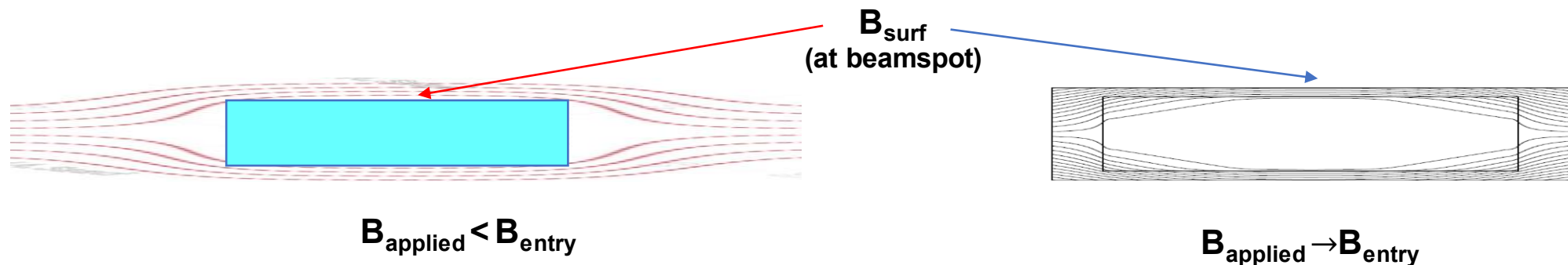
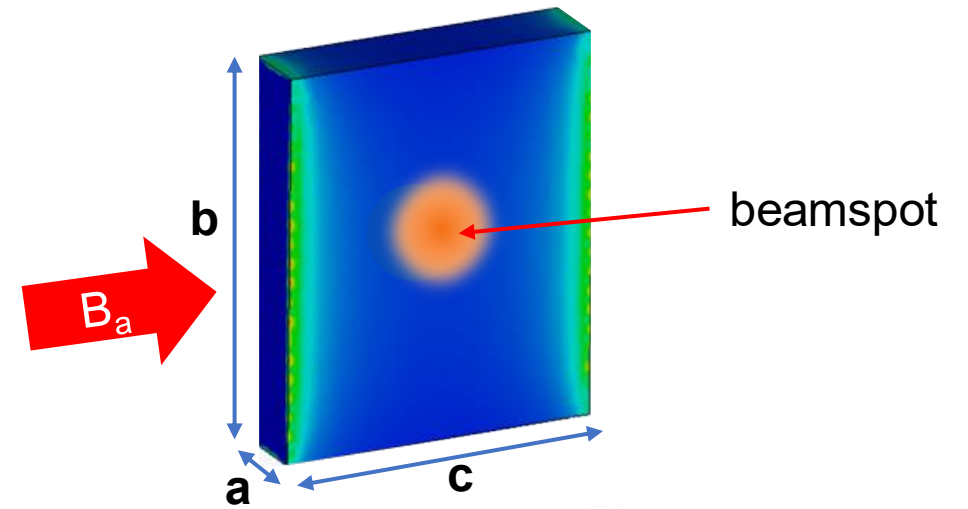


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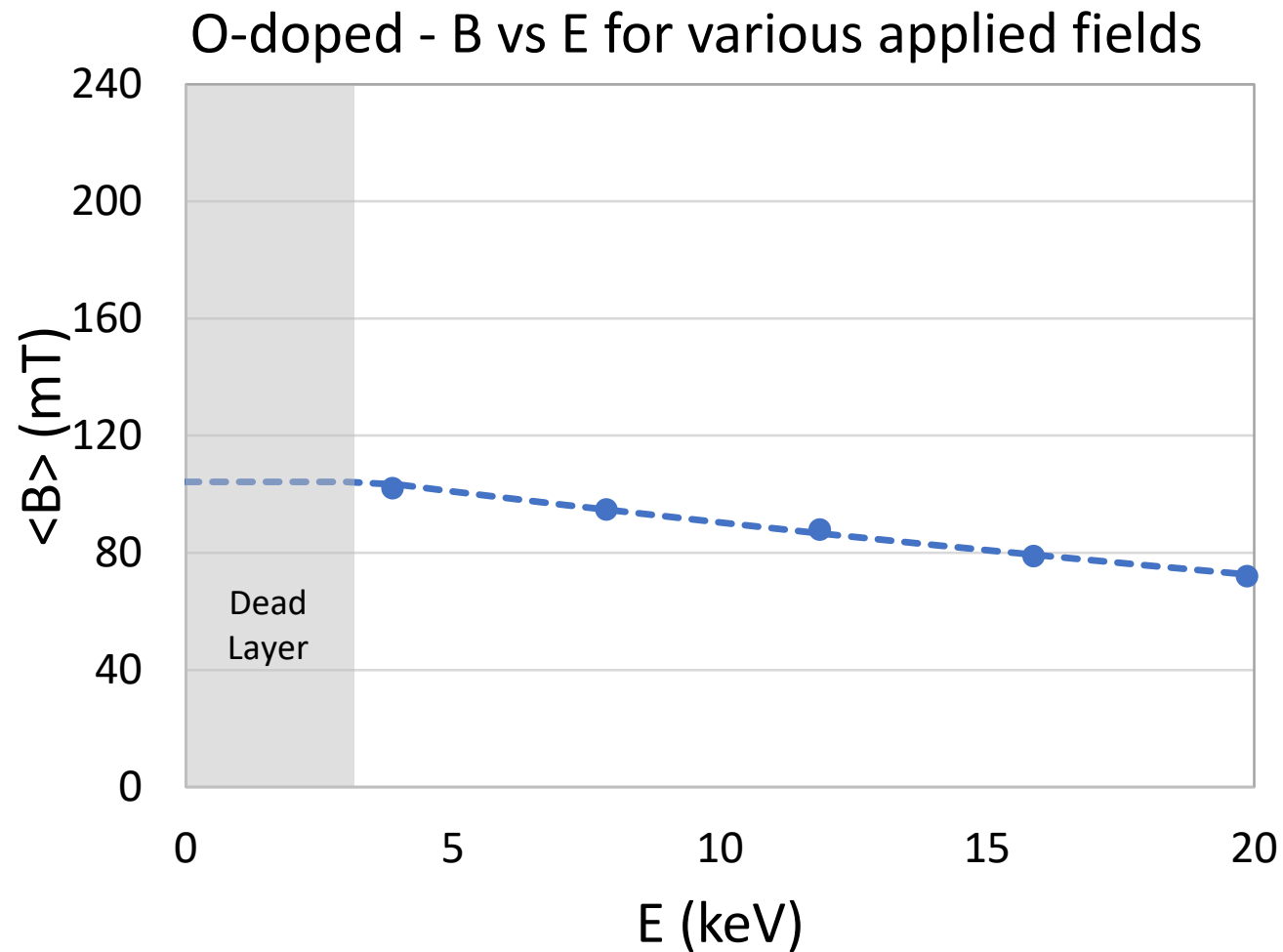
### Geometry effects:

#### Same analysis, slightly different geometry

- **Slabs**
  - w/ dimensions:  $a \times b \times c = 1.7 \times 12.5 \times 12.6$  mm
- **Surface enhancement**
  - over a 4 mm beam spot -  $\mathbf{B}_{\text{surface}} / B_{\text{applied}} = 1.04$
- **Flux entry**
  - expected at ([E.H. Brandt, Physica C, 2000](#)):  
 $\mathbf{B}_{\text{entry}} = B_{c1} \times \tanh(\sqrt{0.36 * c/a}) = 0.926 B_{c1}$
  - Assuming @ T=0K:  $B_{c1}=180\text{mT}$   
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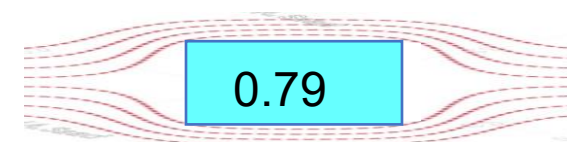
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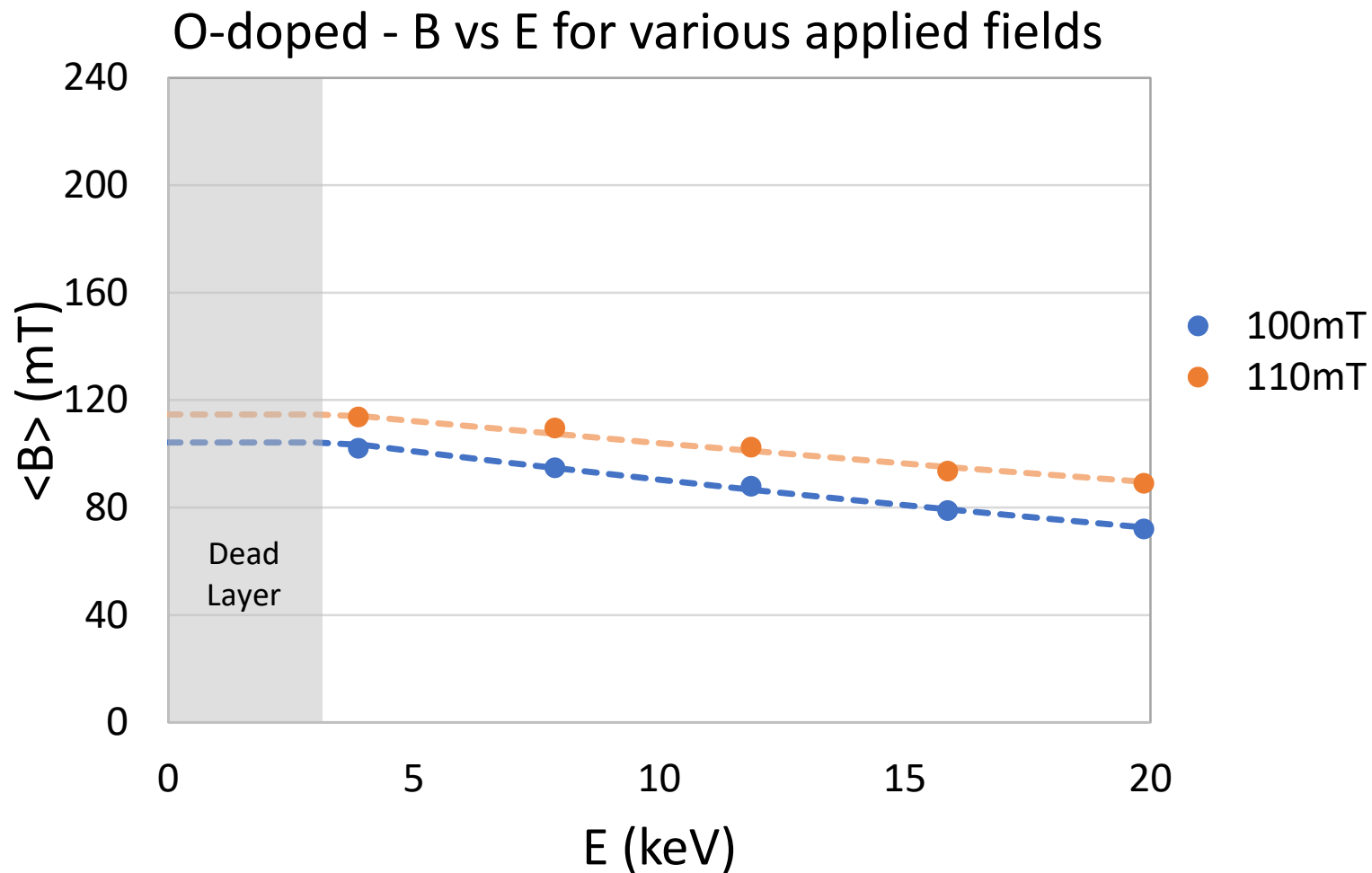
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● 100mT

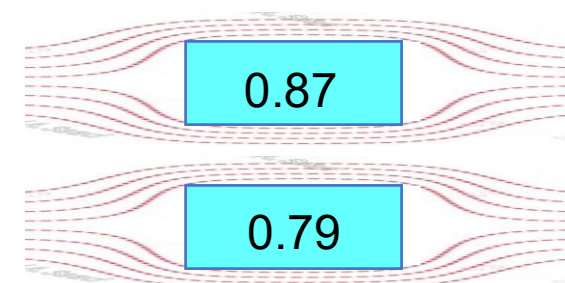


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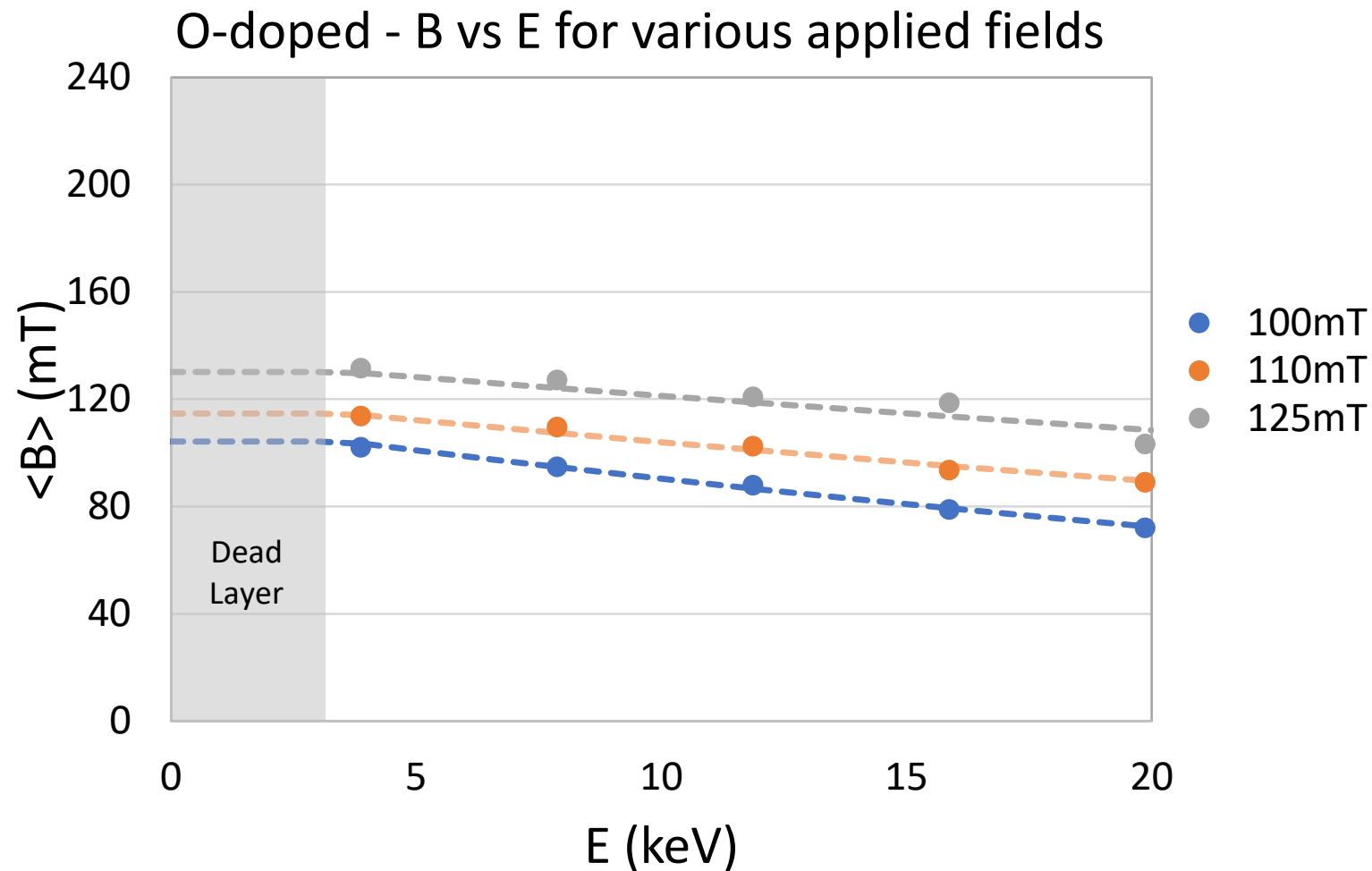


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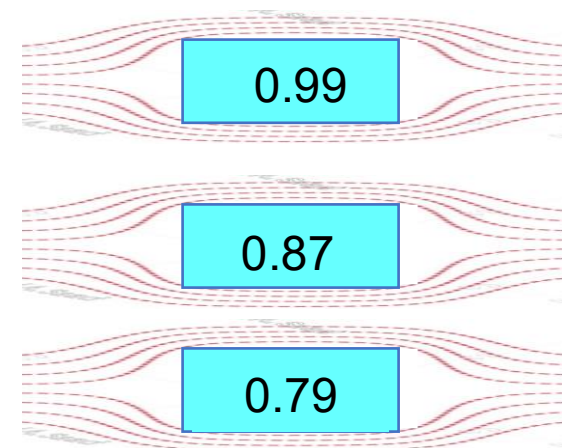


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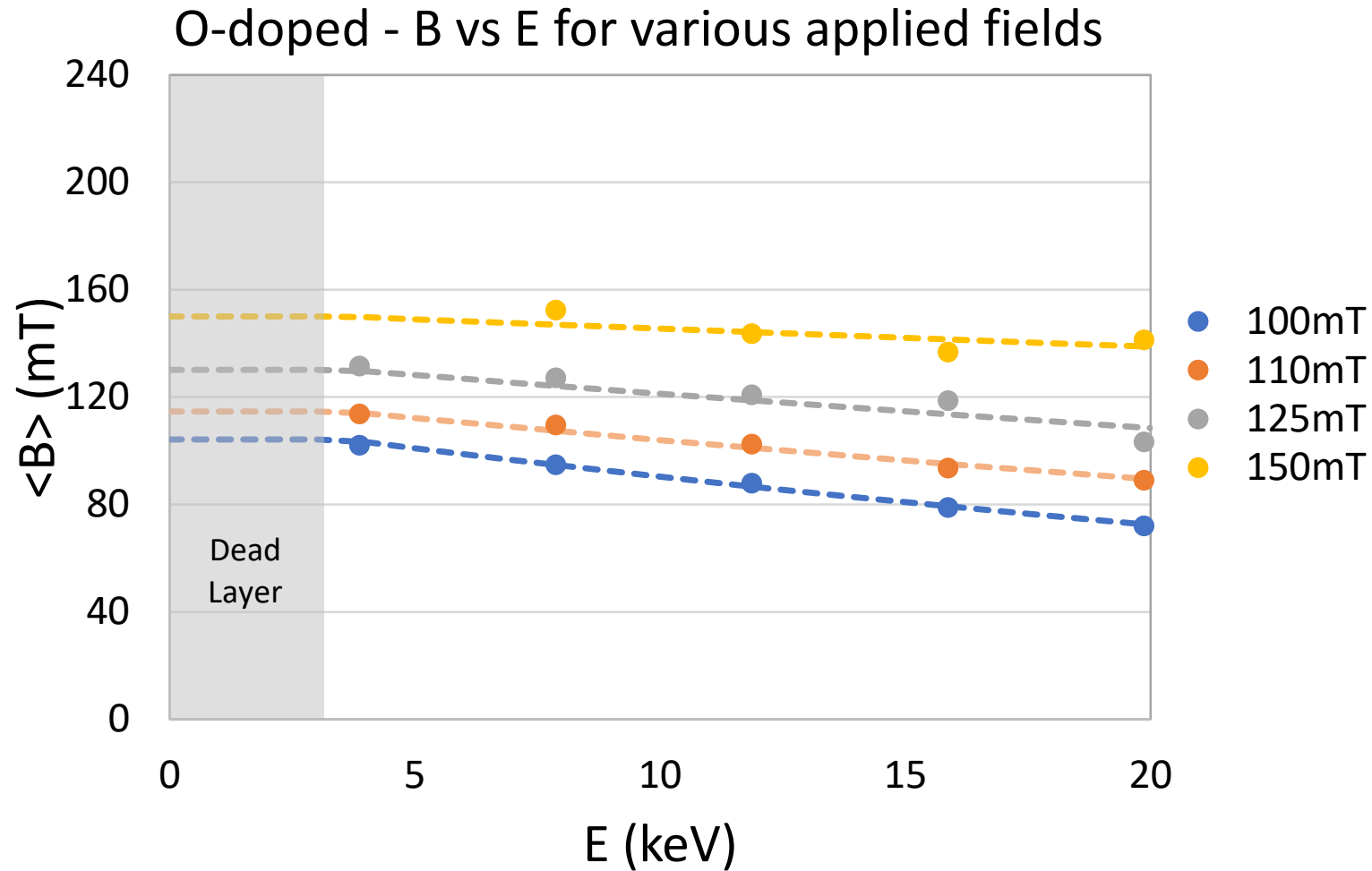


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110	1.04	0.87	178
125	1.04	0.99	248

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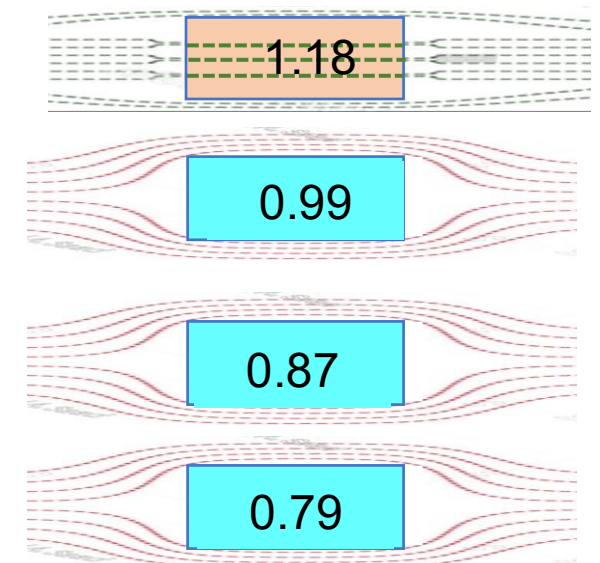


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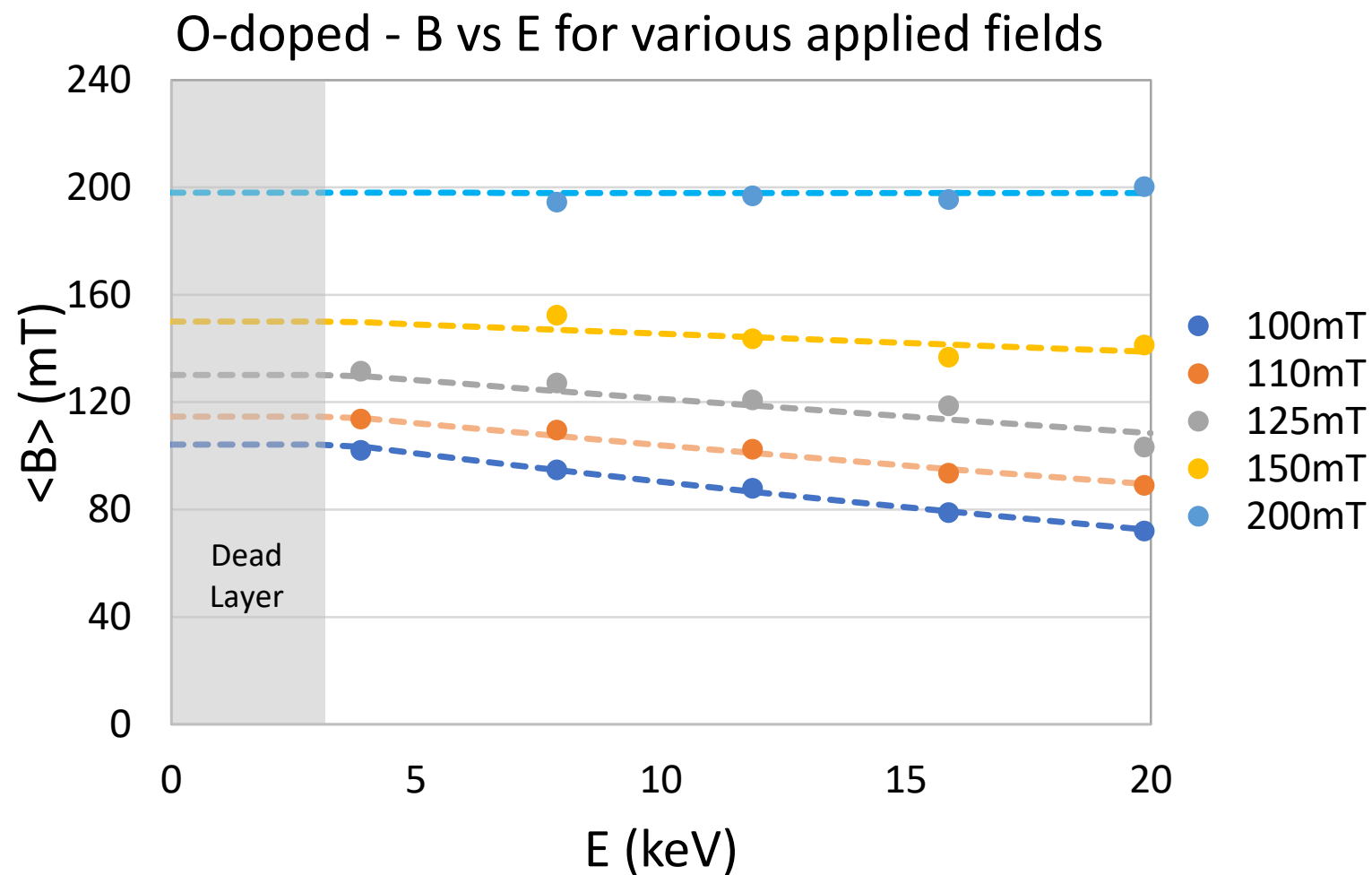


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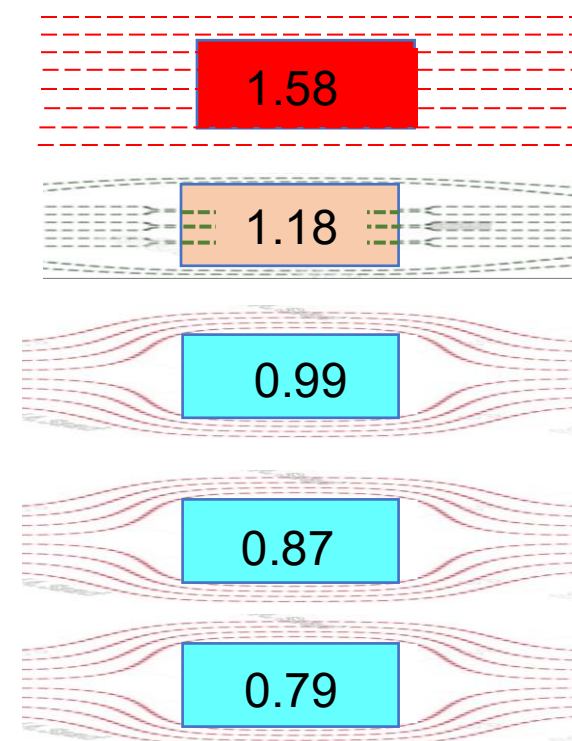


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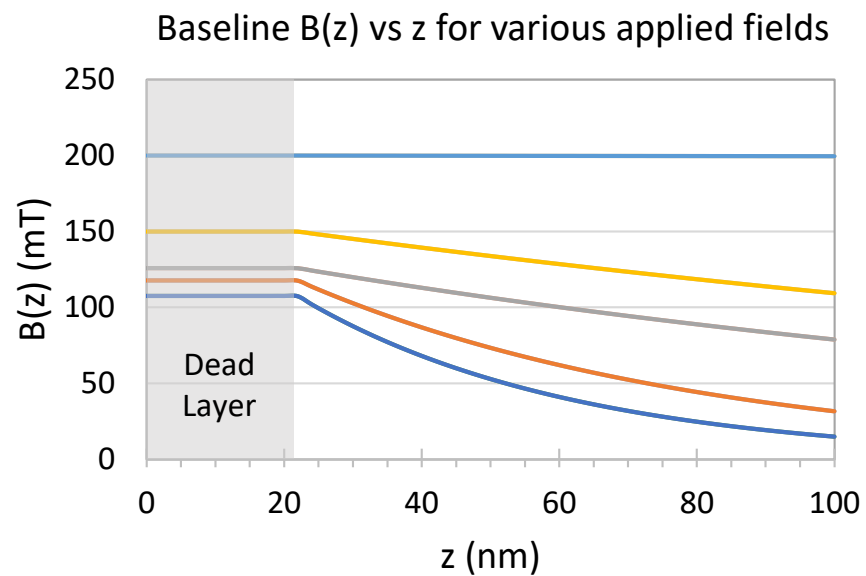
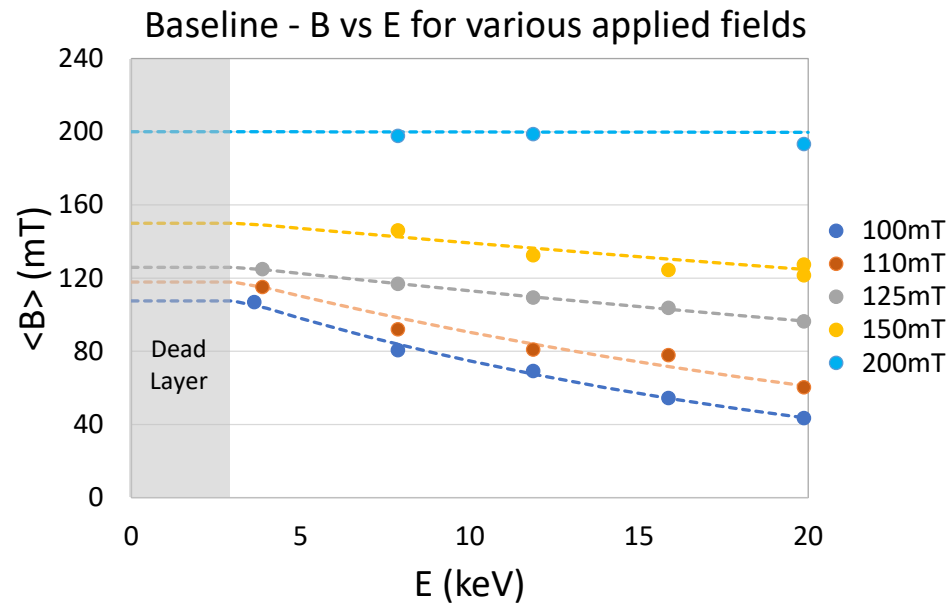
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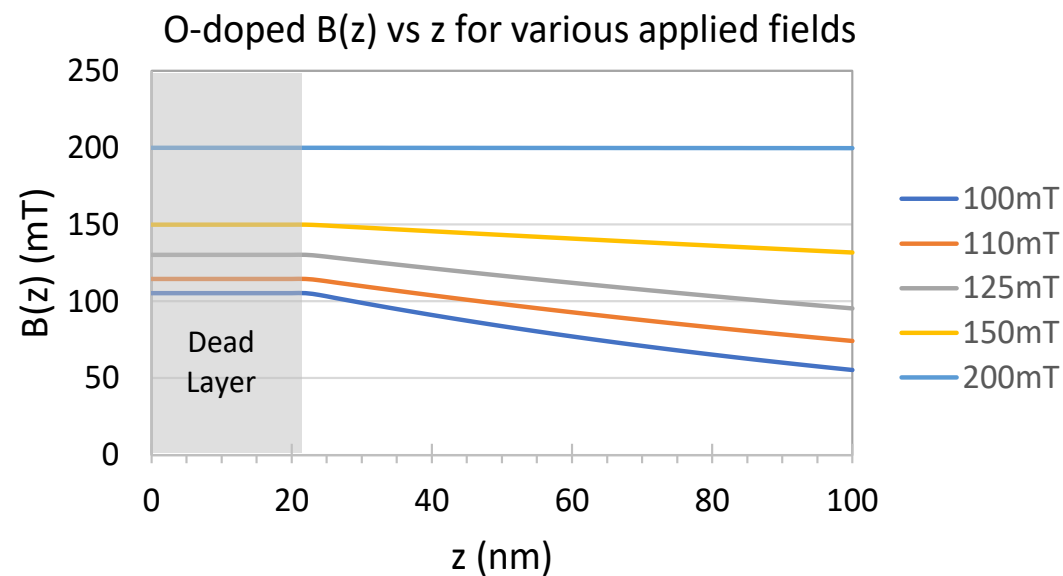
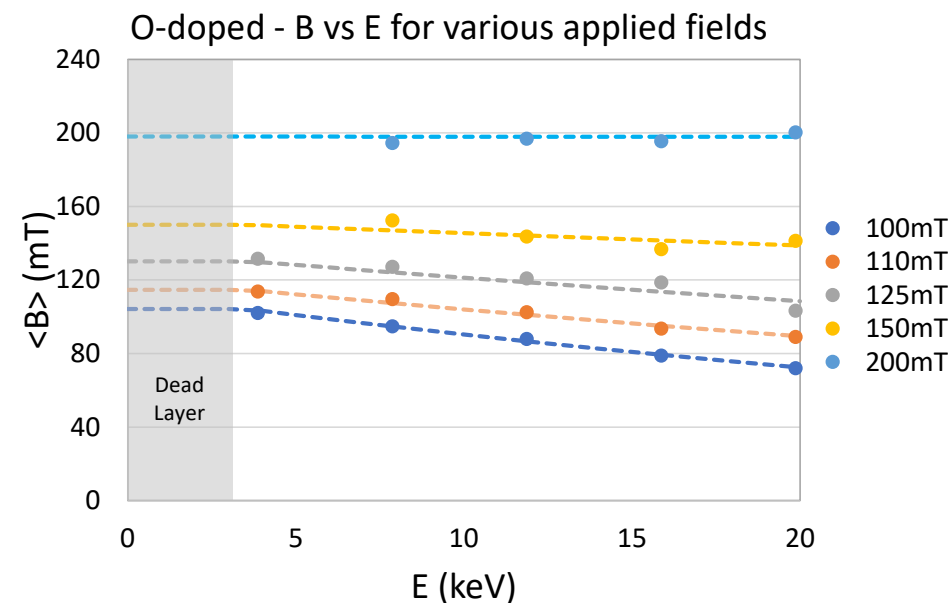


# Field Profile: $B(z)$ ; $B_{app} \rightarrow 200 \text{ mT}$

## Baseline

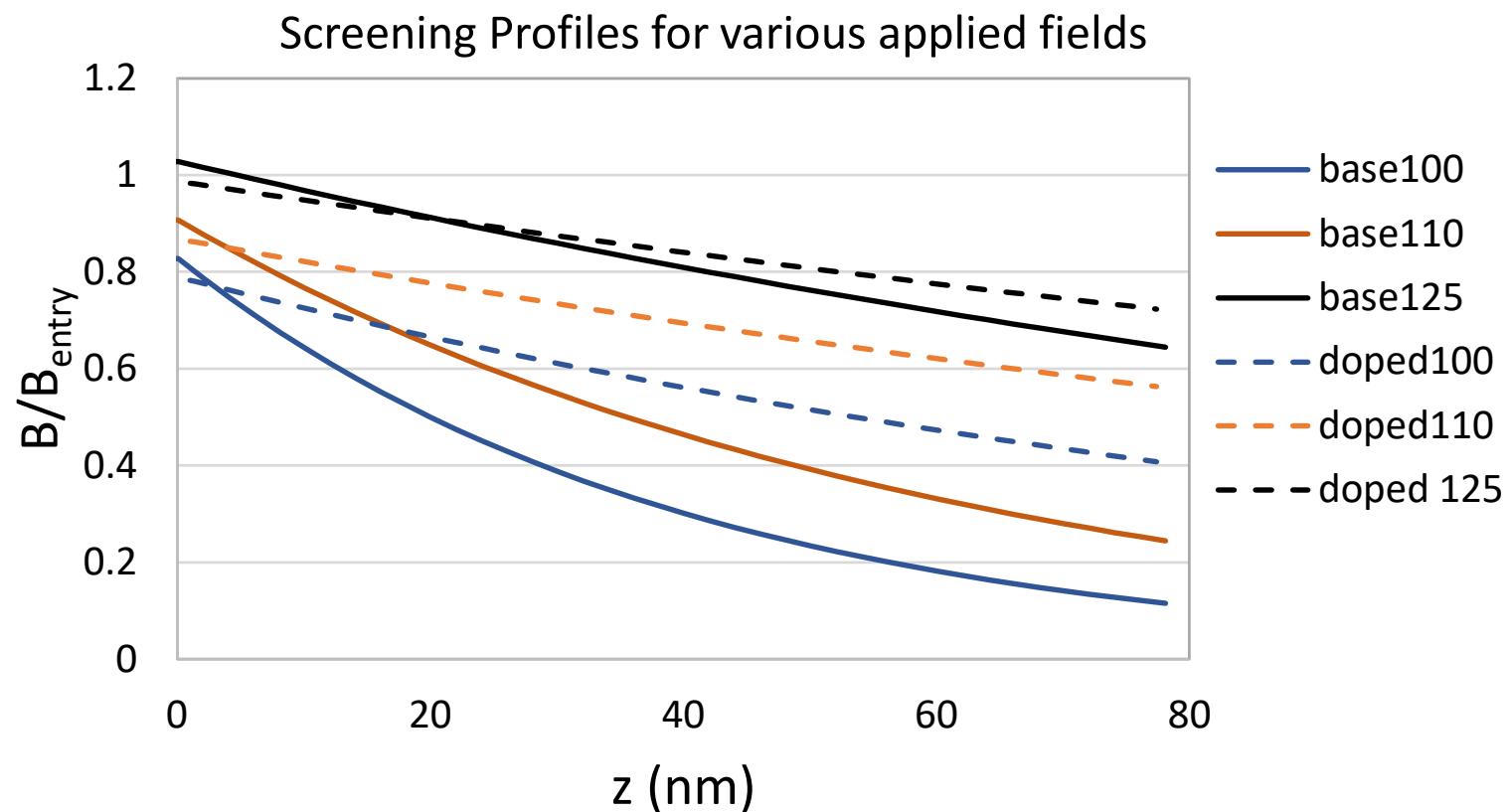


## O-Doped



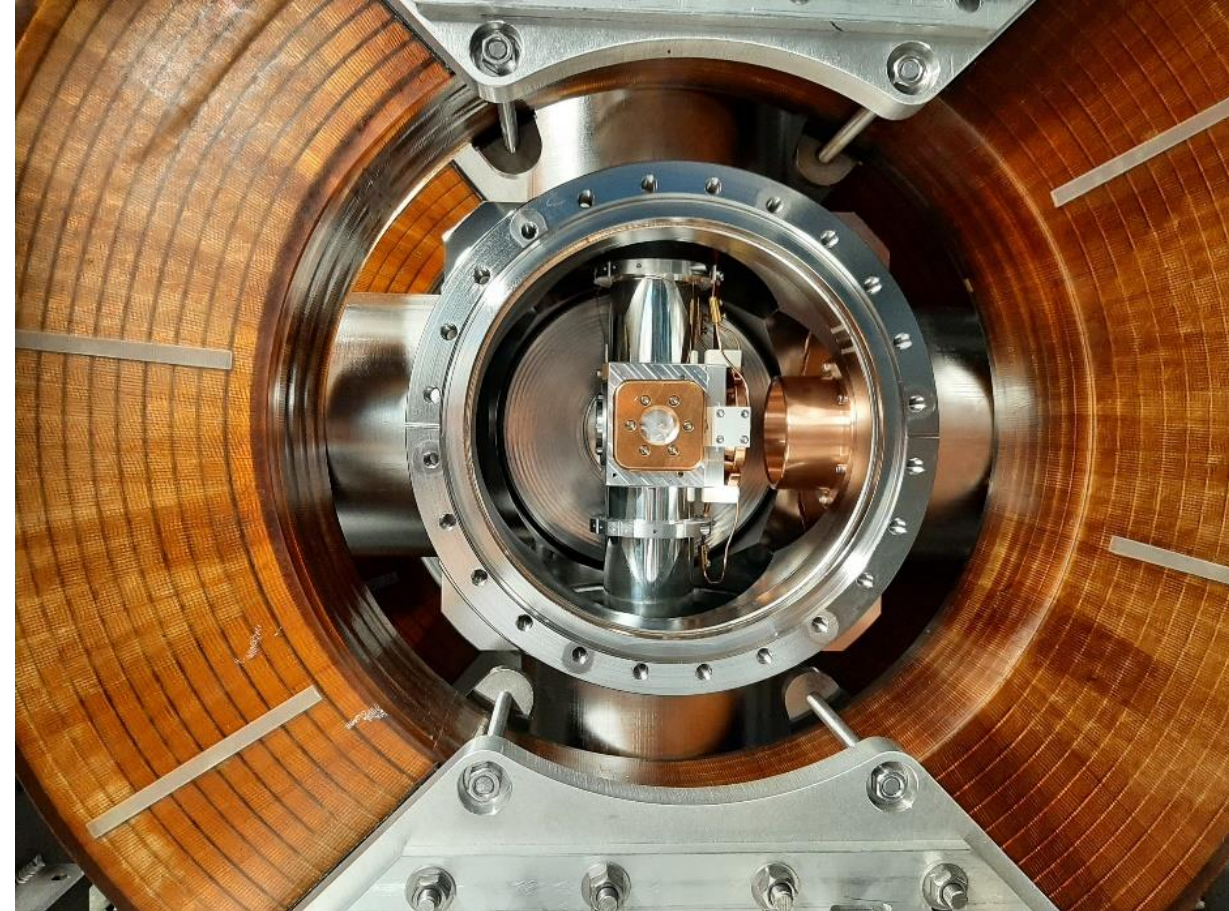
## Findings

- **Screening profile is significantly longer in the doped sample** compared to the baseline
- Screening profile in the Meissner state near  $B_{c1}$  **increases with applied field**
- Clear slope change in screening profile when the **Meissner state begins to break down**



# Summary

- We have successfully completed a verification experiment at the new beta-SRF facility at TRIUMF with parallel fields up to 200mT for two samples, baseline and O-doped
- Beta-SRF is a unique facility for probing the surface layer of SRF samples
- The high parallel field near Hc1 and variable implantation depth makes it ideal for characterizing new treatments, new materials and layered structures



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