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Shapes of flux domains in the intermediate state of type-I superconductors

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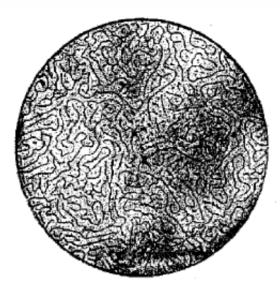


FIG. 1. Intermediate state of indium, in which superconducting regions (black) are decorated with niobium. The applied field is close to the critical field (H_a/H_c =0.931). Adapted from Haenssler and Rinderer (Ref. 3).

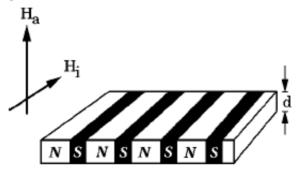


FIG. 2. Laminar state in a thin slab. The applied field H_a is normal to the slab. An ordered laminar structure is obtained with an additional in-plane component H_i .

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