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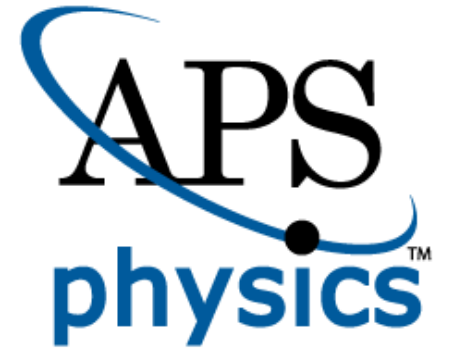
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# Transport and Magnetic Properties of Amorphous Fe-Dy-Oxide Thin Films

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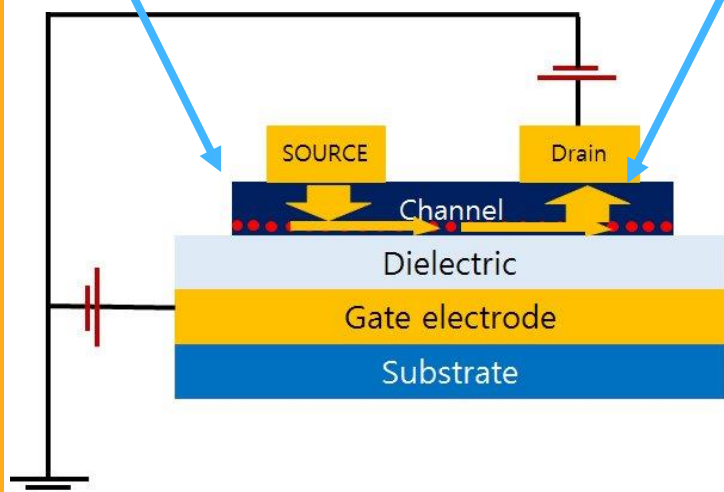
# Applications of Multi-Functional Oxides

High mobility,  
low carrier  
concentration

Transparency

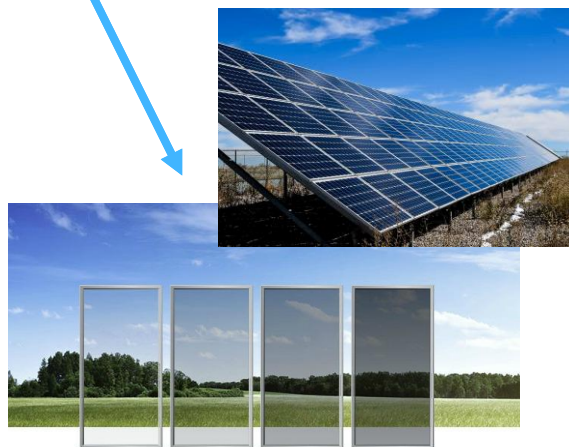
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Magnetism

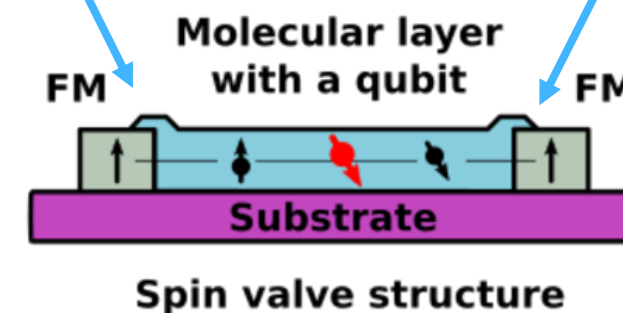


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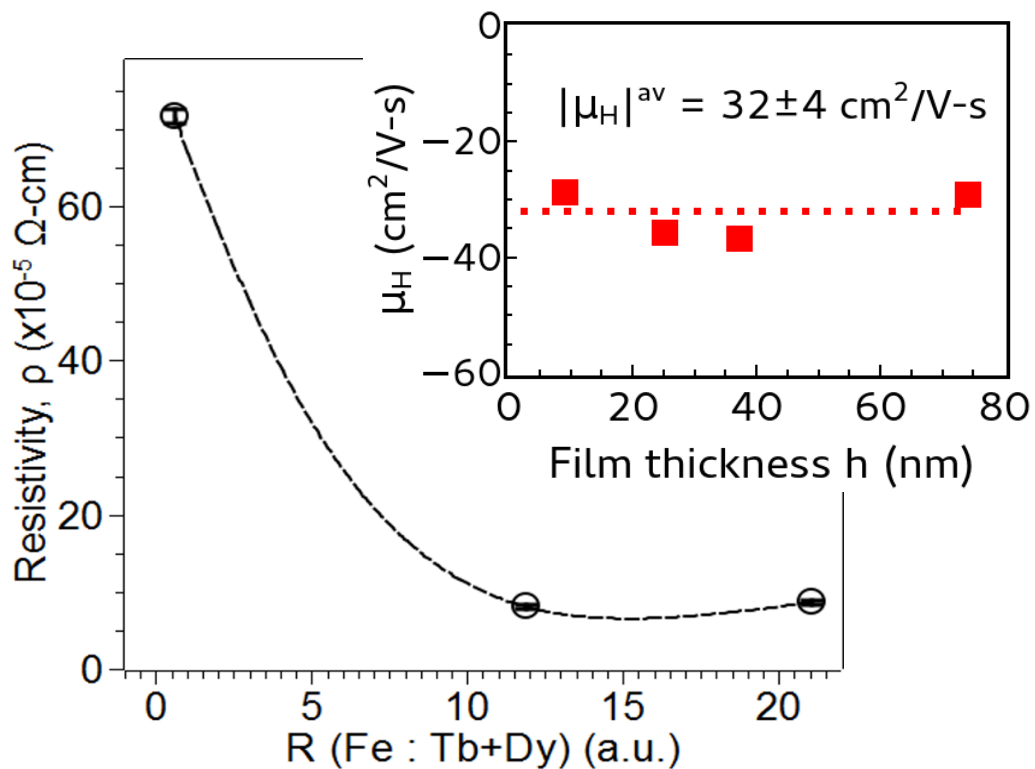


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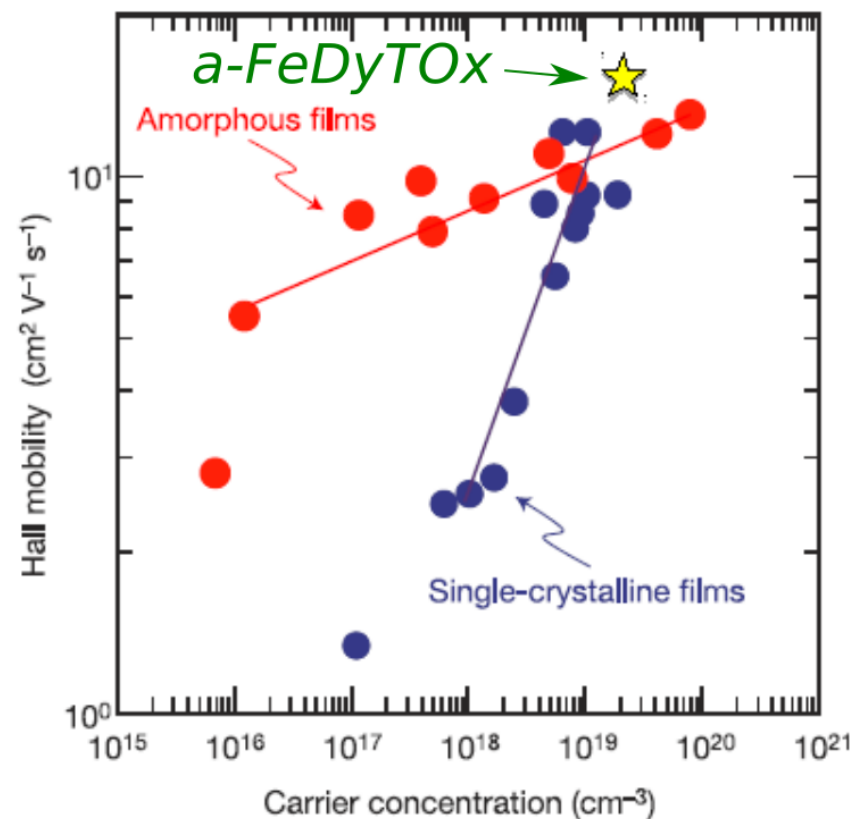
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# Fe-Tb-Dy-Oxide Transport Properties

## Hall Mobility and Resistivity

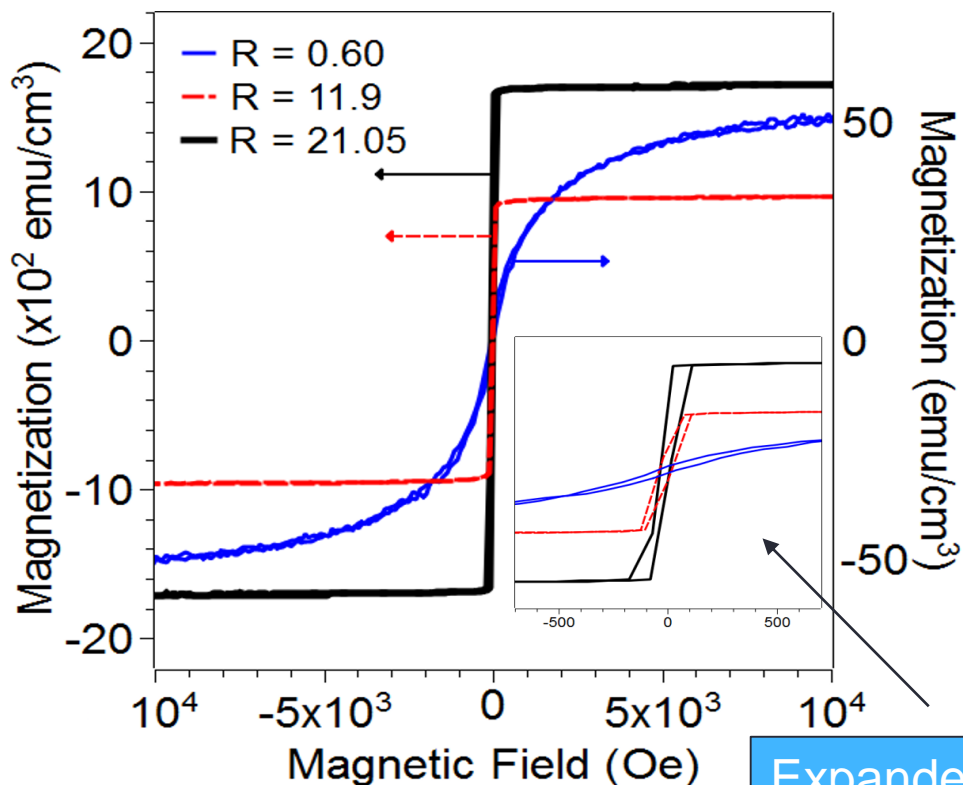


R=0.60 semiconducting and transparent.

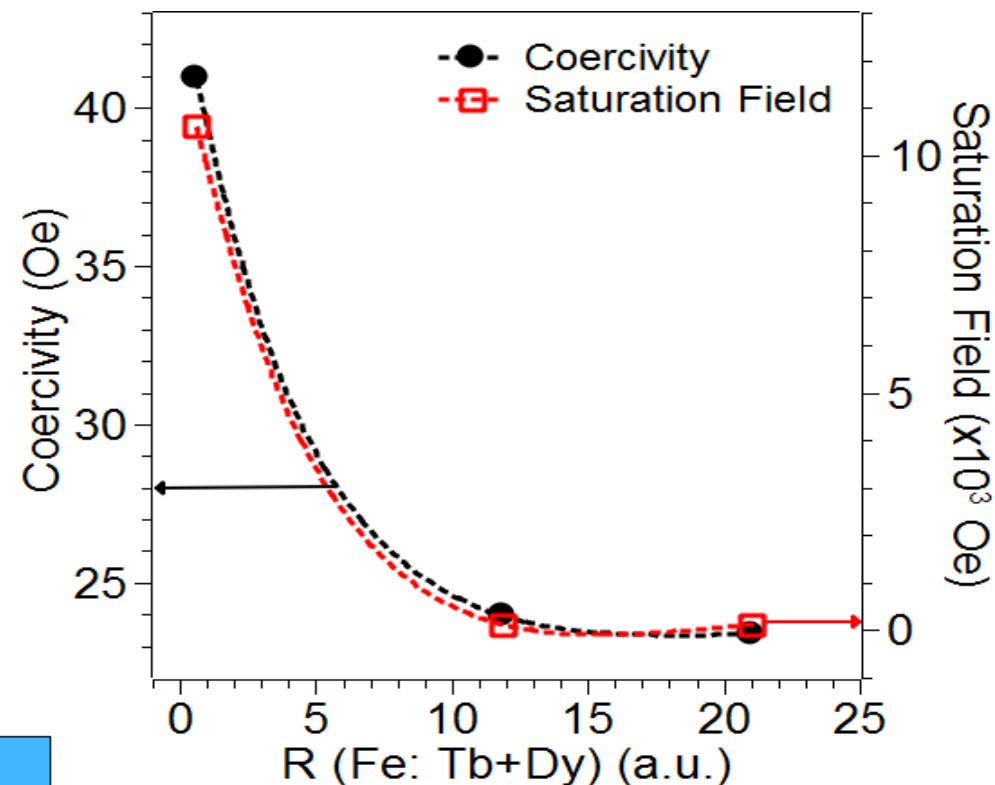


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Nomura et al *Nature*, vol. 432, 2004

# Fe-Tb-Dy- Oxide Room Temperature Magnetism



Expanded near zero field to show coercivity

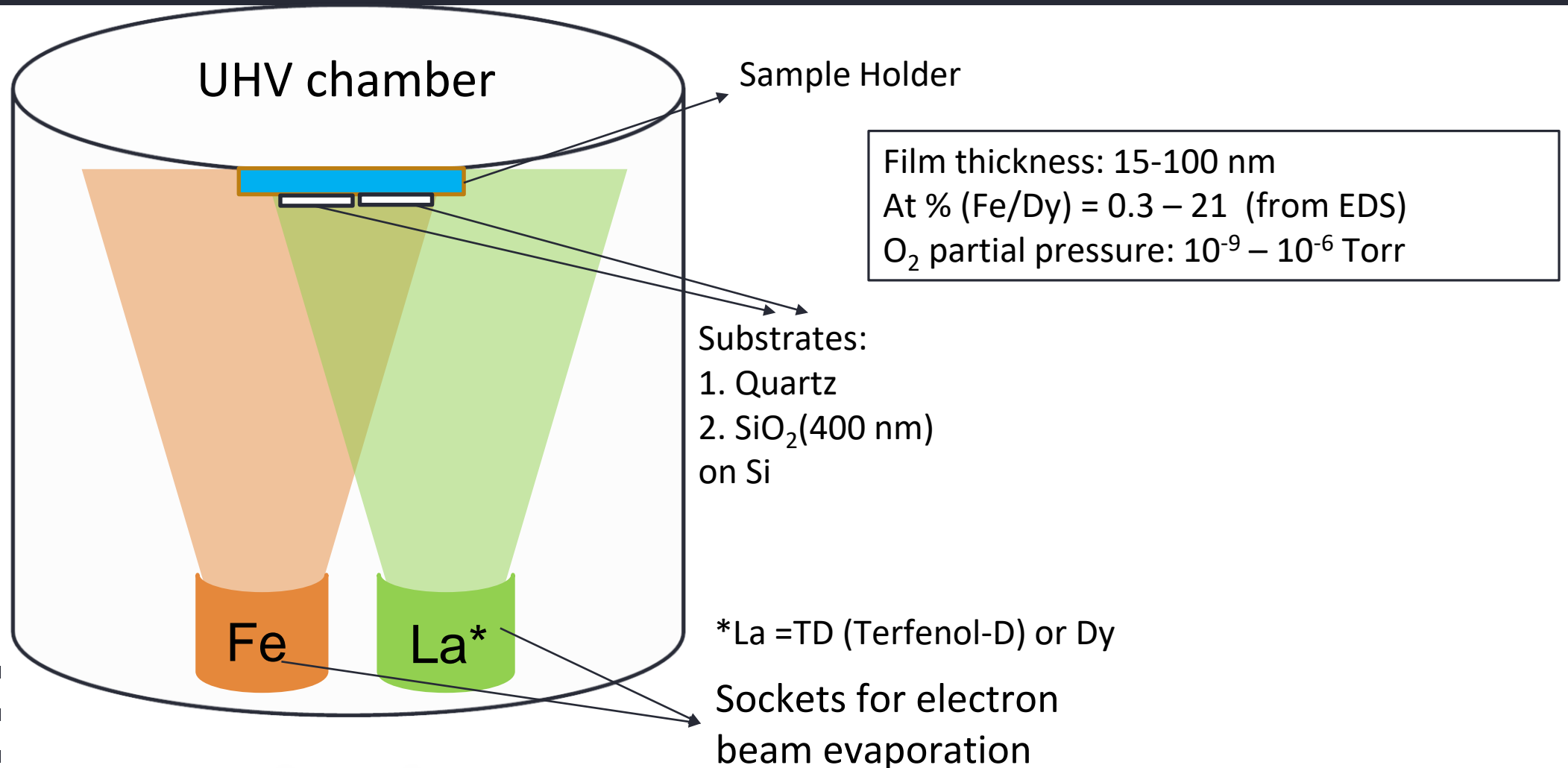


$$R_{value} = \frac{\text{atomic \% Fe}}{\text{atomic \% of (Dy + Tb)}}$$

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Question: What role do Tb and Dy play and how do we focus on studying their individual mechanisms?

# Electron Beam Evaporation System

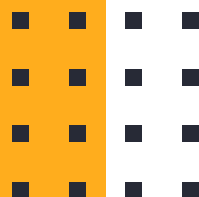


## Finding #1 – Atomic % and Oxygen Pressure

Atomic % of Fe and Dy depends on the amount of Oxygen partial pressure in the vacuum chamber during deposition.

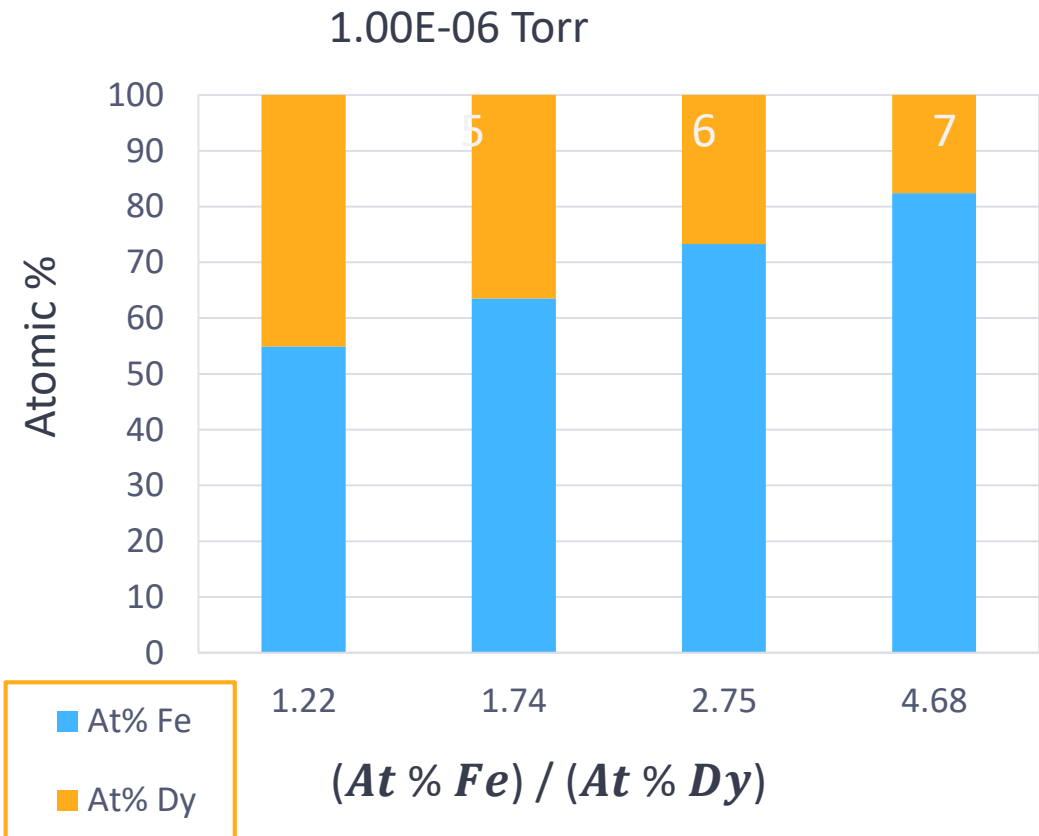
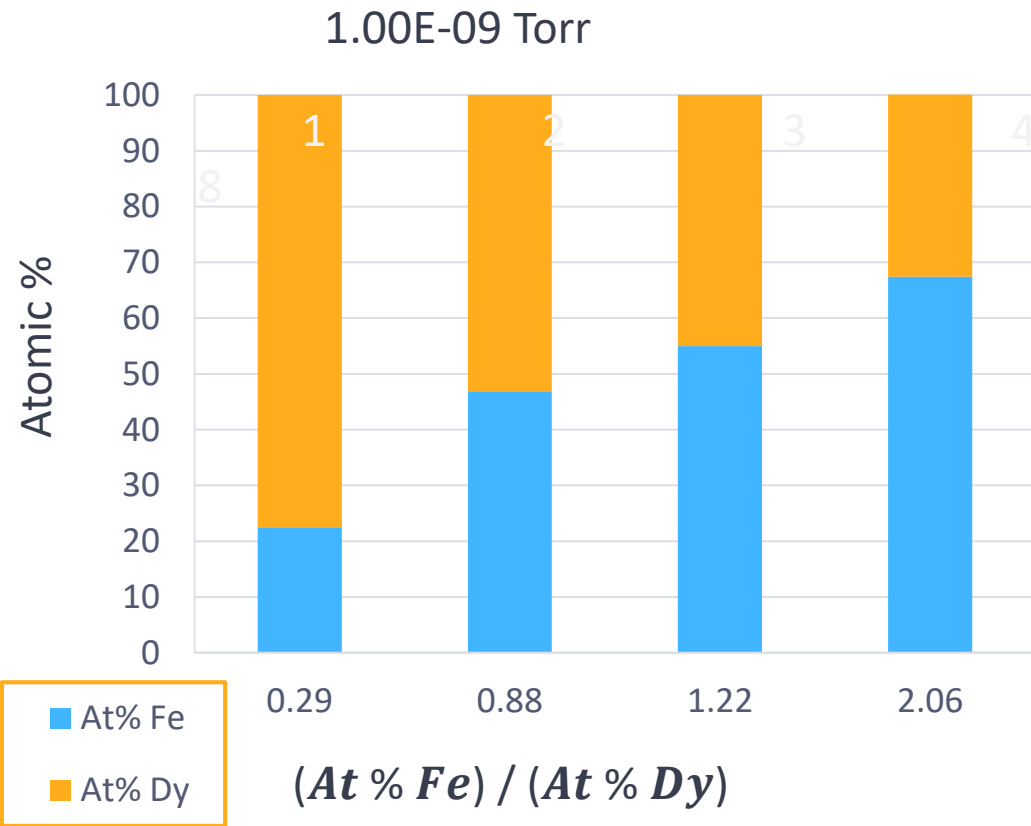
As the oxygen partial pressure increases, the amount of Iron increases.

Expected	At % Fe/Dy 1.0E-06 Torr	At % Fe/Dy 1.0E-08 Torr	At % Fe/Dy 1.0E-09 Torr
6:1	5.33	3.08	1.34
3:1	3.43	1.41	1.97
1:1	1.61	0.77	1.61
1:3	1.1	*in progress	0.28





# Total of eight Fe-Dy-Oxide samples deposited on Si/SiO<sub>2</sub> by E-Beam Evaporation with varying O<sub>2</sub> partial pressure



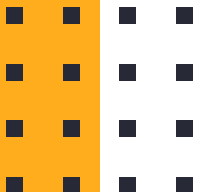
# Characterization Methods Used

## Room Temperature Transport

- Hall Measurement system from MMR: Resistivity and Hall effect
  - magnetic field up to 1.3 T
  - Temperature up to 700K available.

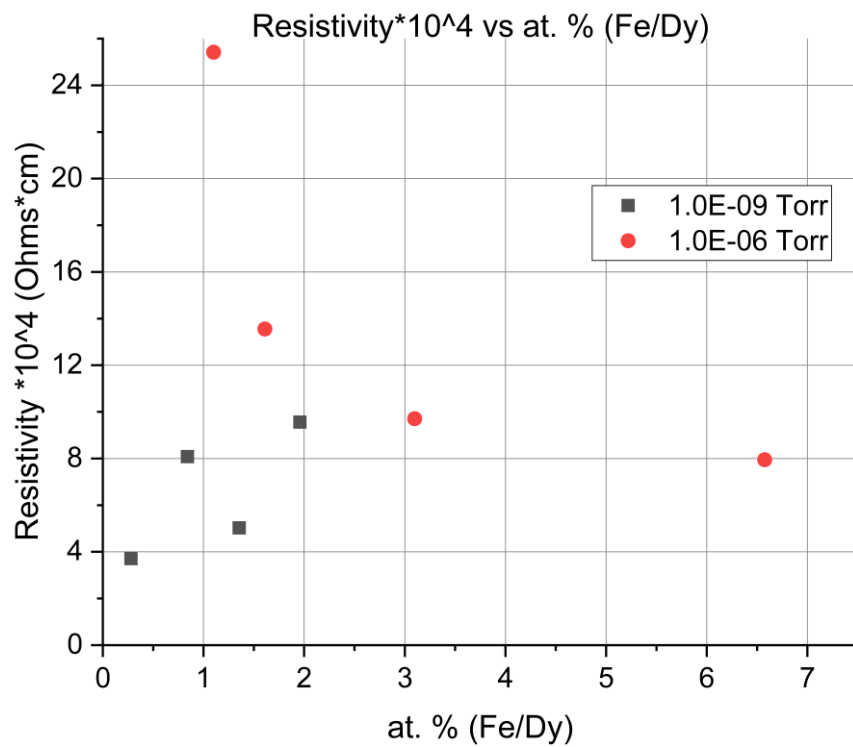
## Magnetic Characterization

- **Quantum Design PPMS**  
**Vibrating Sample**  
**Magnetometry**
- **Superconducting Quantum**  
**Interference Device (SQUID)**

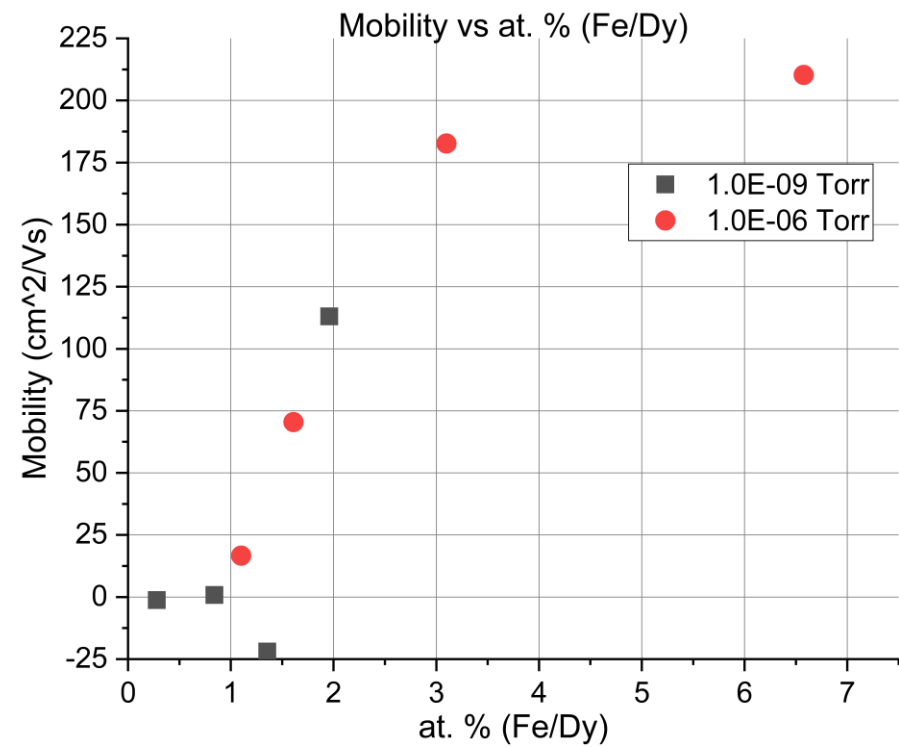


## Finding #2 Low Resistivity and #3 High Mobility

As more Dysprosium is incorporated, samples become more insulating.

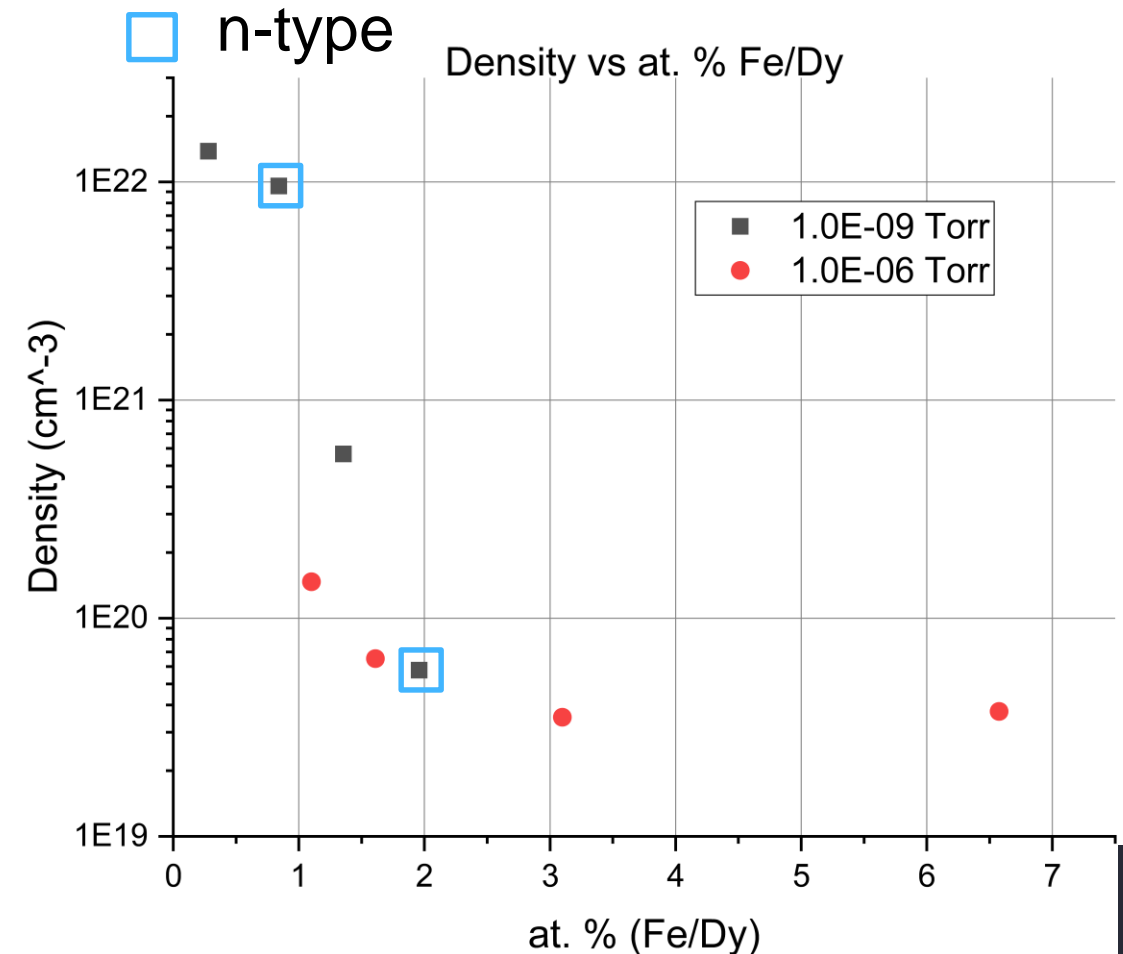


Anomalous Hall effect contributes to high value, particularly in Fe rich samples



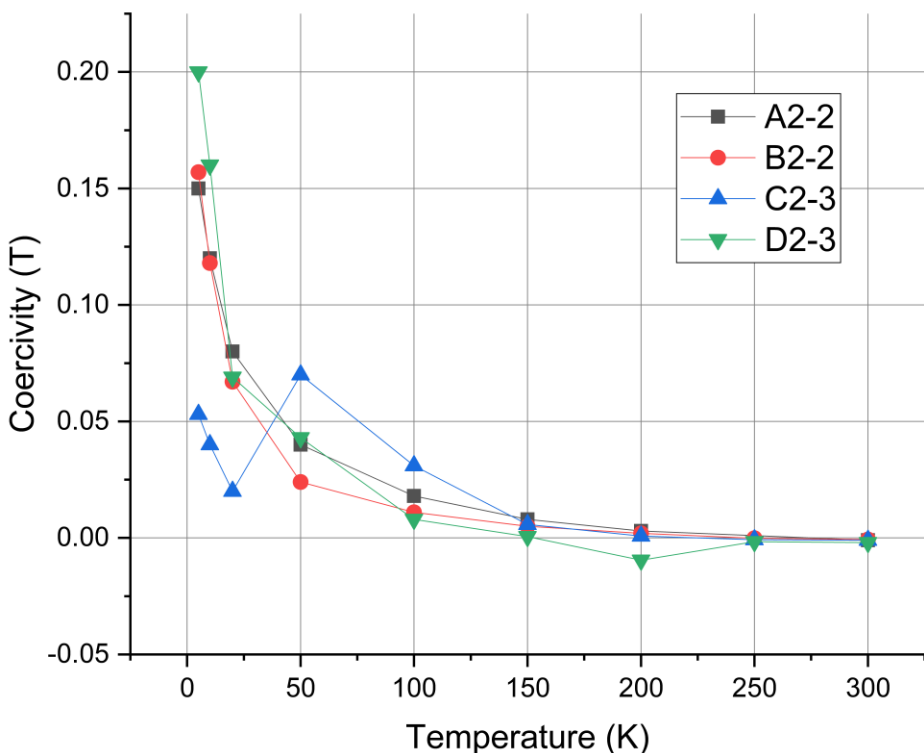
## Finding #4 Carrier Concentration and Dysprosium

- **Dy-rich films** (R value < 2.5) tend to have high carrier concentrations ( $10^{20}$ - $10^{22}$   $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ). Concentration strongly depends on the amount of Dy in the film.

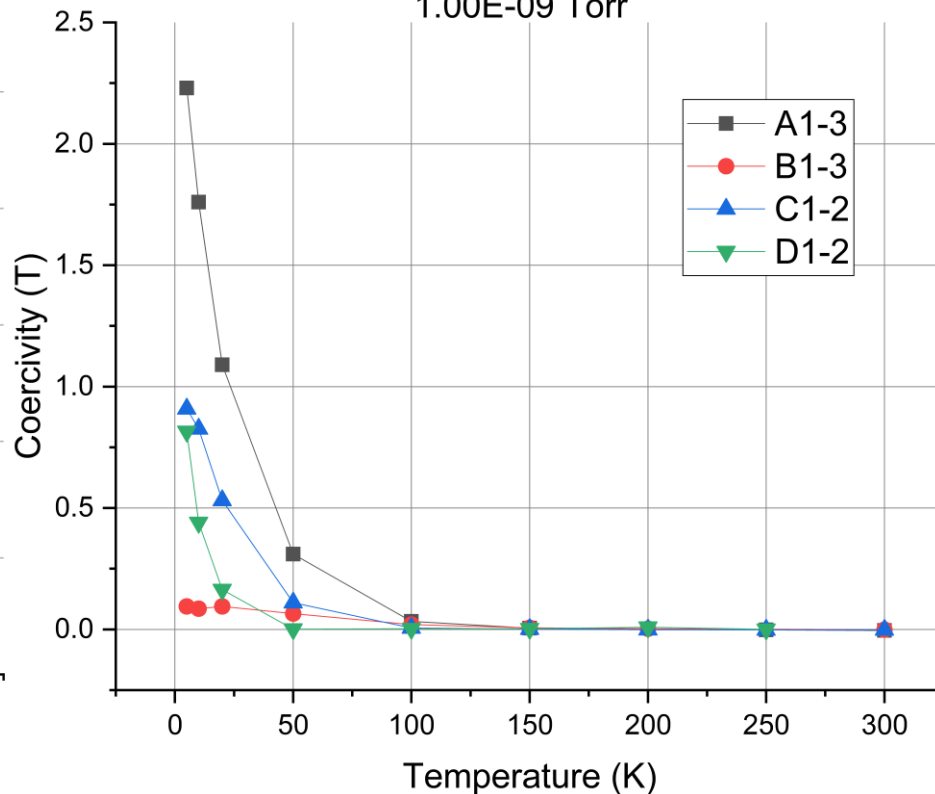


## Finding #4 Coercivity and Oxygen

Coercivity vs Temperature  
1.00E-06 Torr



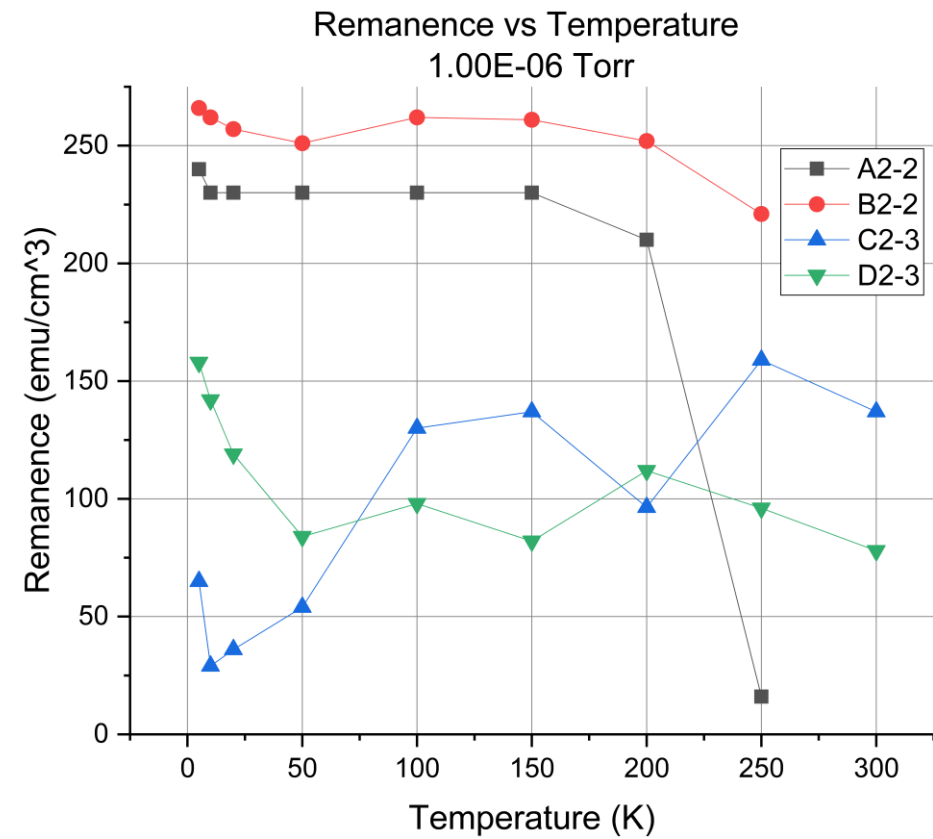
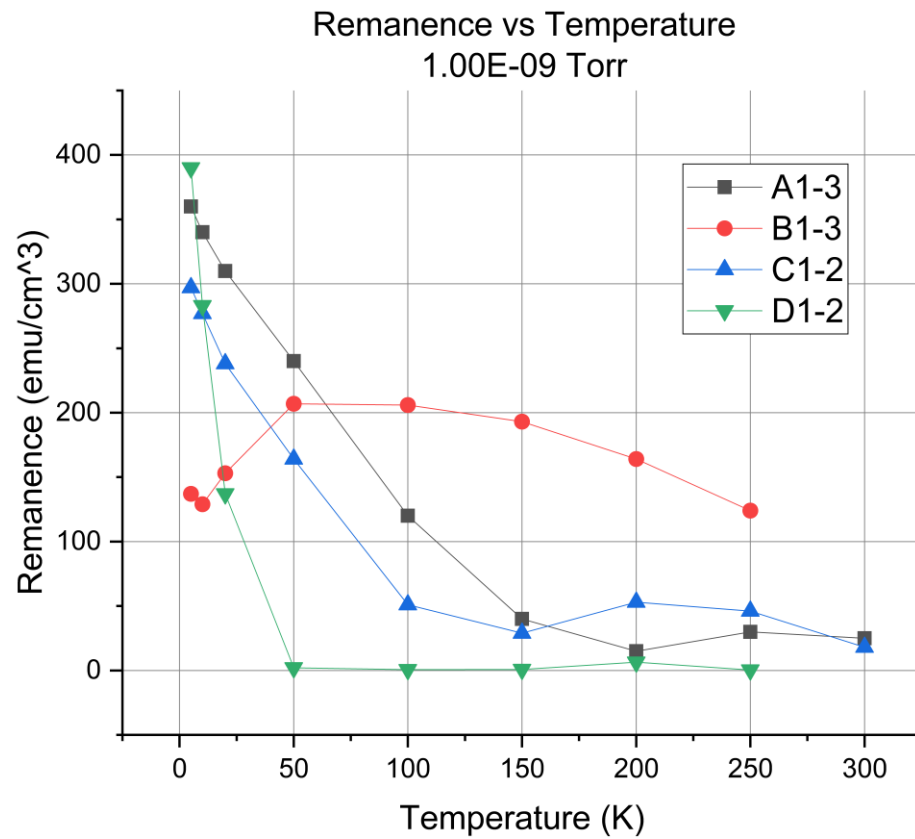
Coercivity vs Temperature  
1.00E-09 Torr



Coercivity at temperatures with counter clockwise hysteresis X10 greater for samples deposited at lower oxygen partial pressure. Possible that coercivity increases with dysprosium

## Finding #5 Remanence: Highest Value and Decay

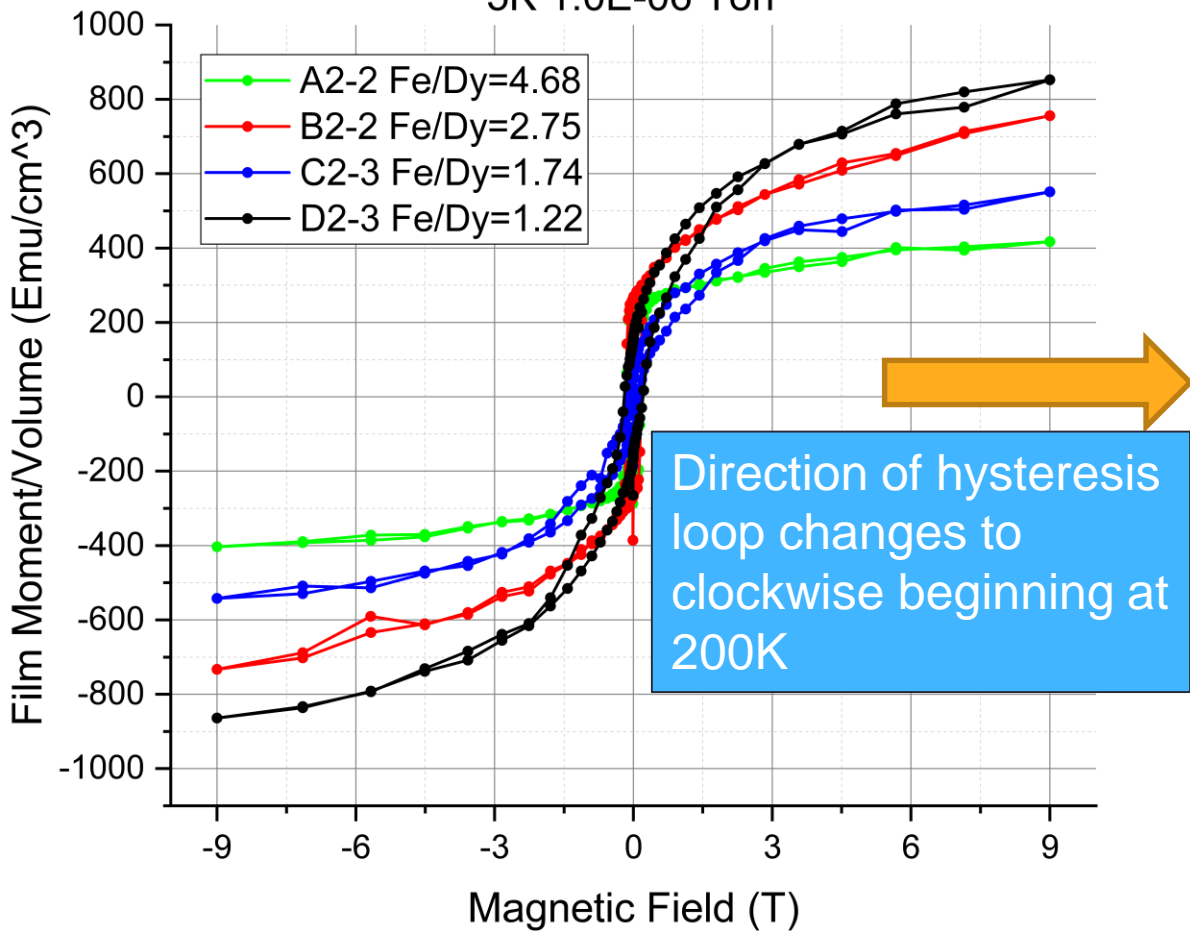
Remanence at low temperature is greater for samples with more Dy, but decays faster than for samples deposited at 1.00E-06 Torr with less Dy.



# Finding #6 Clockwise Hysteresis above 200K

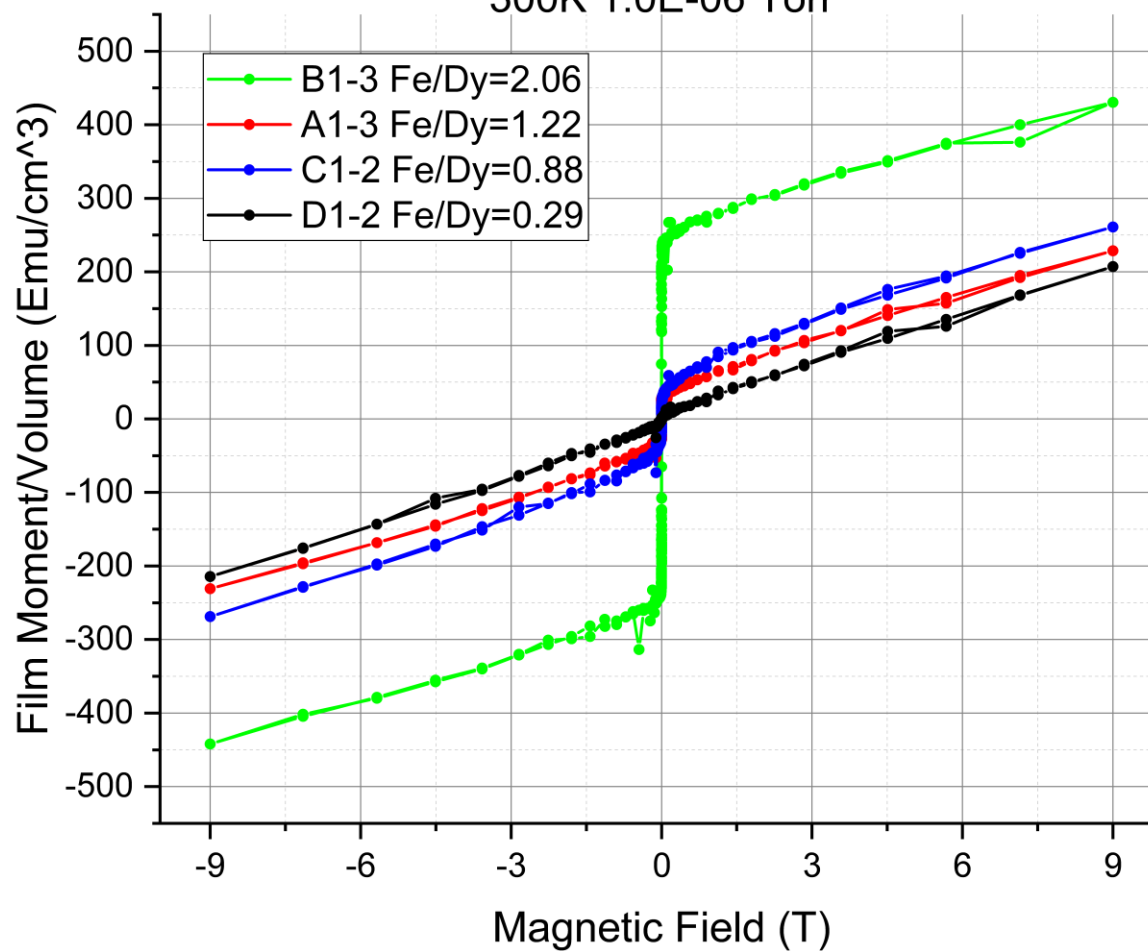
## Counter-clockwise

5K 1.0E-06 Torr



## Clockwise

300K 1.0E-06 Torr





This work has shown interesting results which, while in preliminary stages, could be applied to tunable materials for electronic devices.

We plan to repeat these measurements and explore new options in deposition methods. This would allow for more control of the amount of incorporated lanthanides.

