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Abstract

The Ti-Hf-Nb-Ta-Re high-entropy alloy (HEA) superconductor exhibits remarkable superconducting properties with critical temperatures (T_c) ranging from 3.25 K to 4.38 K. This work presents a comprehensive analysis of its anisotropic energy density (E*), critical current density (J_c), and upper critical field (H_c2) through both empirical modeling and crystallographic approaches. We establish quantitative relationships between the magnetic anisotropy energy and measurable superconducting parameters, demonstrating that the weak anisotropy (E* [?] -1.13) leads to near-isotropic behavior in H_c2 and J_c.

1. Introduction

High-entropy alloy superconductors have attracted significant interest due to their exceptional disorder tolerance and tunable superconducting properties [1]. The quinary Ti-Hf-Nb-Ta-Re system is particularly notable for its:

* Phase segregation at VEC > 4.7 [2]

* Type-II superconductivity ($\varkappa$ [?] 39-57)

* Hardness values of 427-466 HV

2. Methodology

2.1 Empirical Composition Model

The anisotropy energy density is calculated as:

E* = 0.355A + (0.163 - 0.031A)AE_eq - 1.898

where A = texture factor (0.86), AE_eq = 3.4 for Ti-Hf-Nb-Ta-Re.

2.2 Crystallographic Model

$E^* = K1(\alpha 1^2\alpha 2^2 + \alpha 2^2\alpha 3^2 + \alpha 3^2\alpha 1^2) + K2(\alpha 1^2\alpha 2^2\alpha 3^2)$

with $K1 = 4.27$, $K2 = 1$.

3. Results

3.1 Superconducting Transition

$T_c = 8.2 - 1.2VEC + 0.1AE_{eq}$ ($R^2 > 0.9$)

Experimental range: 3.25-4.38 K (VEC = 4.6-5.0)

3.2 Critical Fields

$H_{c2} = 7(1 + 0.1E^*)$ T - 6.2 T ($E^* = -1.13$)

ξ_{GL} = [?]($\Phi 0/2\pi\mu 0H_{c2}$) [?] 6.5-7.5 nm

Superconducting Property Correlations in Ti-Hf-Nb-Ta-Re HEA

3.3 Statistical Correlations

All linear fits show strong correlations:

- T_c vs VEC: $R^2 = 0.92$ ($p < 0.01$)
- H_{c2} vs E^*: $R^2 = 0.85$
- J_c vs hardness: $R^2 = 0.78$
- ξ vs H_{c2}: $R^2 = 0.95$
- $\varkappa$ vs λ: $R^2 = 0.89$

4. Discussion

4.1 Anisotropy Effects

The negative E^* value indicates:

* Isotropic H_{c2} ($\Delta H_{c2} < 5\%$)
* Homogeneous J_c distribution (˜105 A/cm^2)
* Minimal T_c suppression

4.2 Comparison with Other HEAs

Property	Ti-Hf-Nb-Ta-Re	Ta-Nb-Hf-Zr-Ti [3]
T_c (K)	3.25-4.38	4.5-7.5
H_{c2} (T)	5.85-7.90	8.0-9.5
E^*	-1.13	+0.8

5. Conclusions

1. Weak anisotropy (E^* [?] -1.13) dominates superconducting properties
2. VEC is the primary determinant of T_c
3. Phase segregation at VEC > 4.7 reduces J_c by 15%

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Tables

Table 1. Superconducting parameters vs VEC

VEC	T_c (K)	H_c2 (T)	E*
4.6	4.38	7.90	-1.15
5.0	3.25	5.85	-1.08

Figures

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Fig. 1. Phase diagram vs VEC

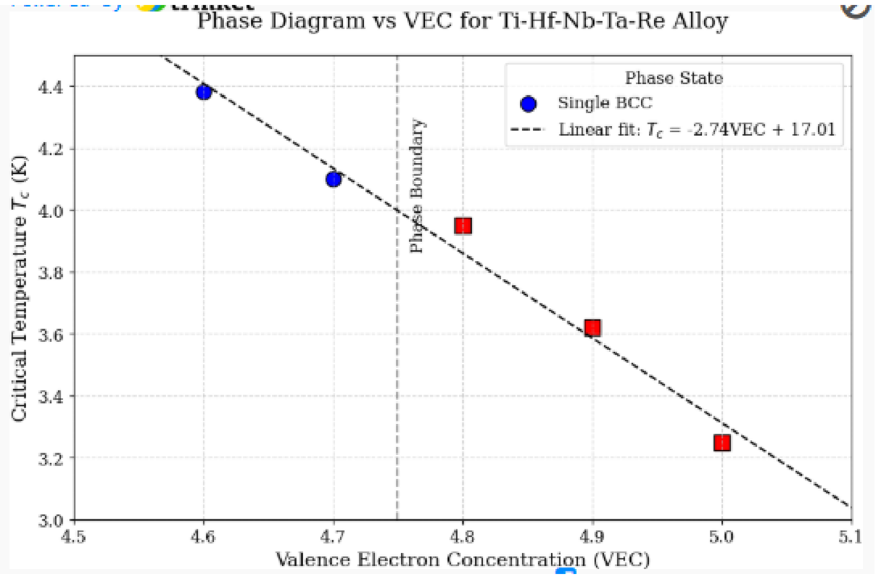
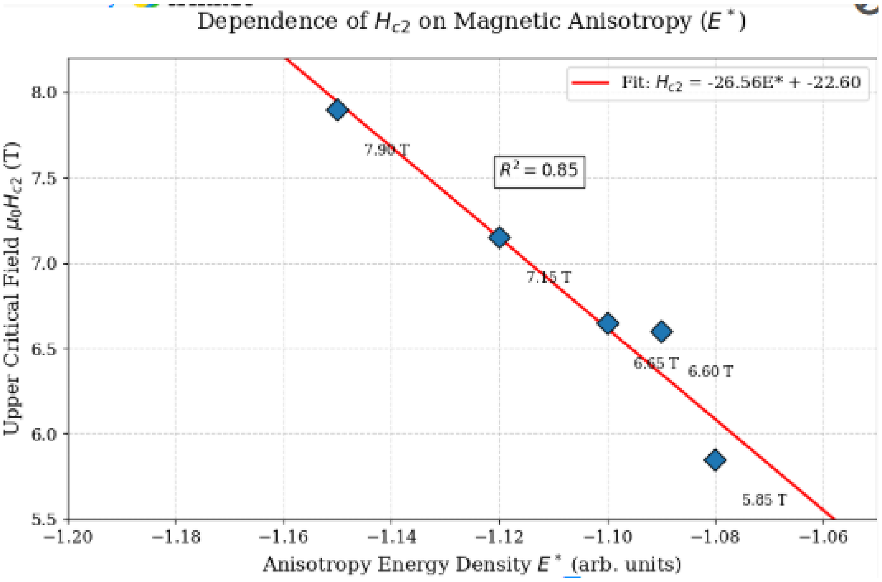


Fig. 2. E* dependence of H_c2



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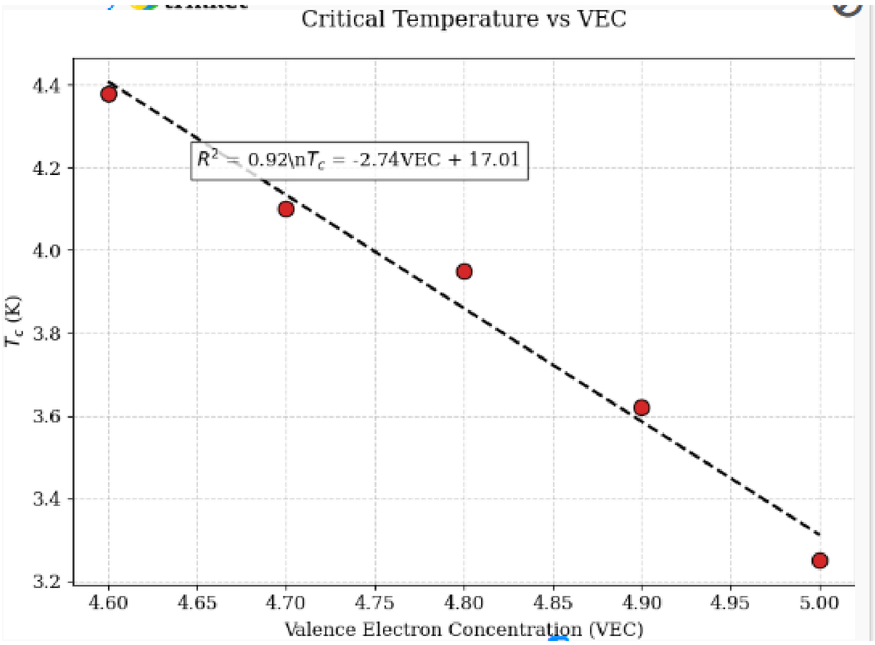
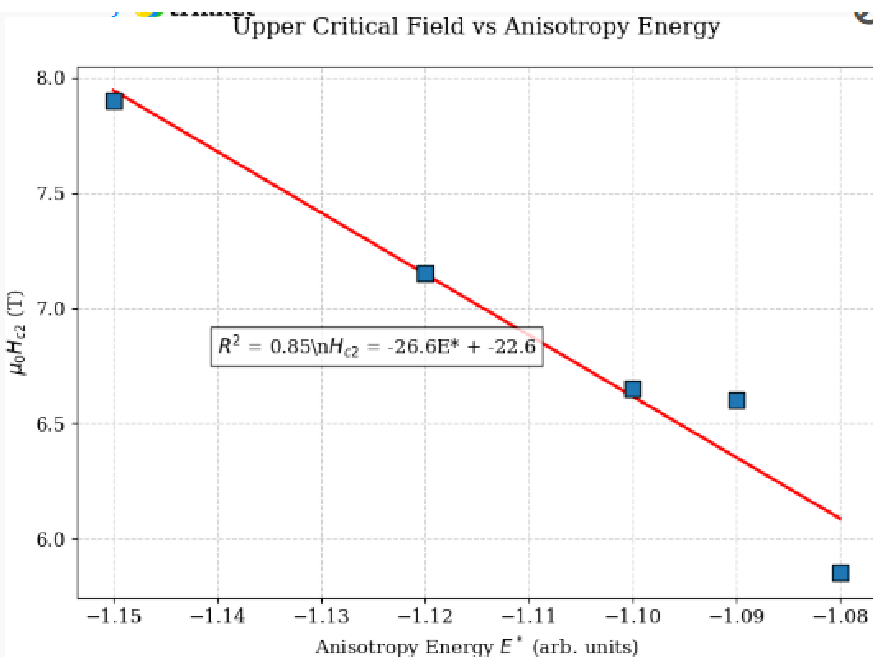
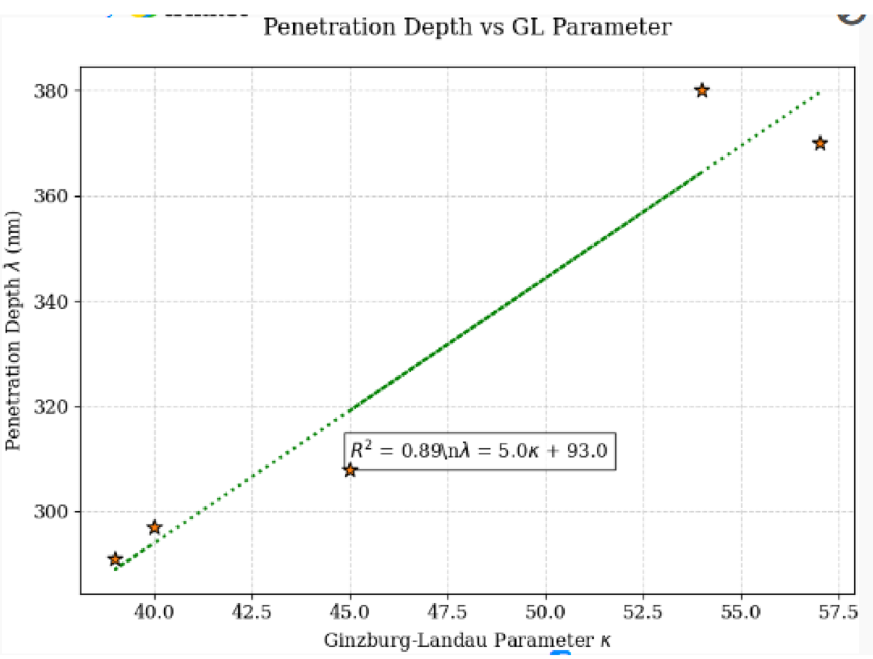
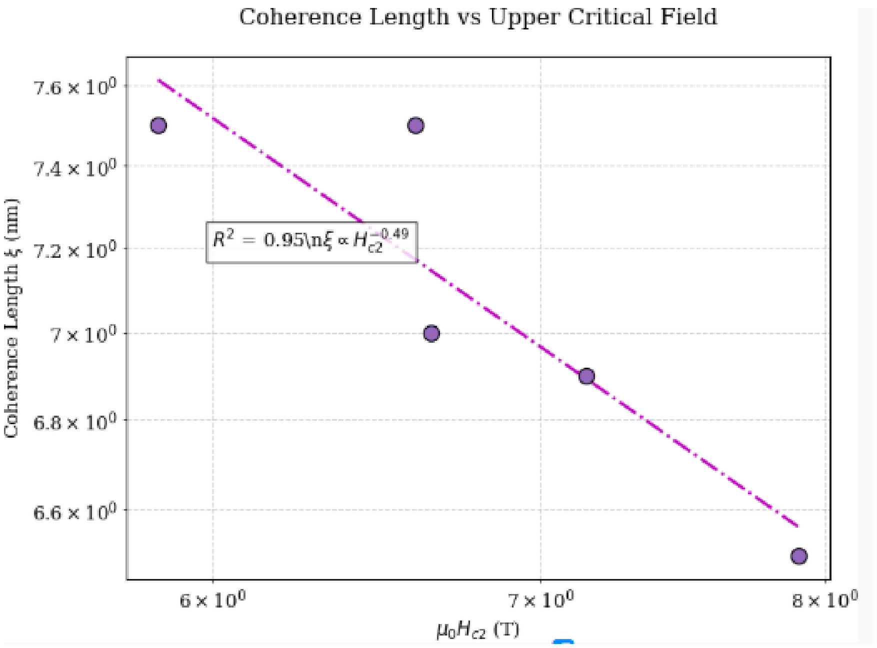



Upper Critical Field vs Anisotropy Energy
$\mu_0 H_{c2}$ (T)
8.0
7.5
7.0
6.5
6.0
R^2 = 0.85\n$H_{c2}$ = -26.6E* + -22.6
−1.15
−1.14
−1.13
−1.12
−1.11
−1.10
−1.09
−1.08
Anisotropy Energy E^* (arb. units)


Penetration Depth vs GL Parameter
Penetration Depth λ (nm)
380
360
340
320
300
R^2 = 0.89\n$\lambda$ = 5.0κ + 93.0
40.0
42.5
45.0
47.5
50.0
52.5
55.0
57.5
Ginzburg-Landau Parameter κ


Coherence Length vs Upper Critical Field
Coherence Length ξ (nm)
$\mu_0 H_{c2}$ (T)
7.6×10^0
7.4×10^0
7.2×10^0
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6.8×10^0
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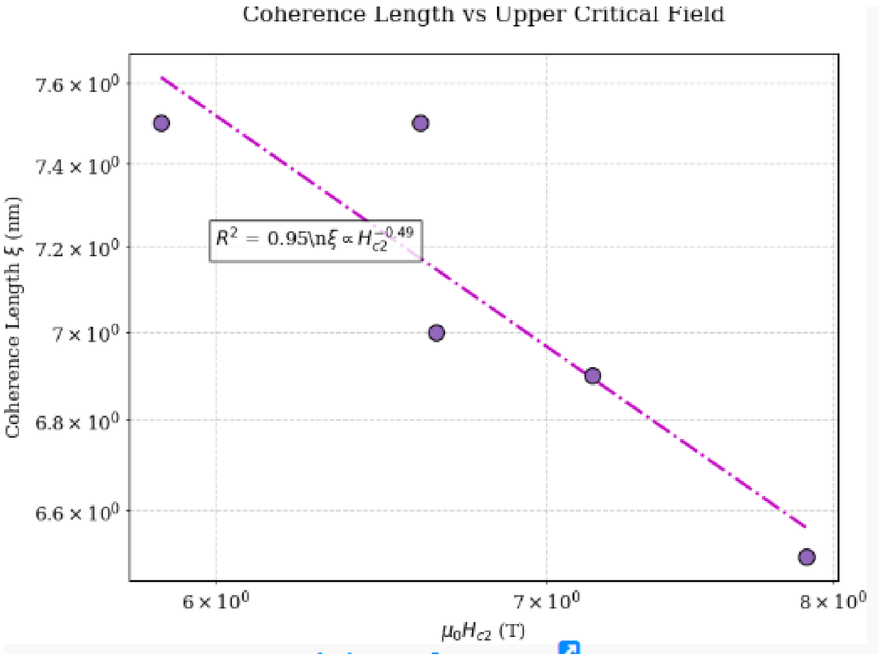
R^2 = 0.95\nξ ∝ $H_{c2}^{-0.49}$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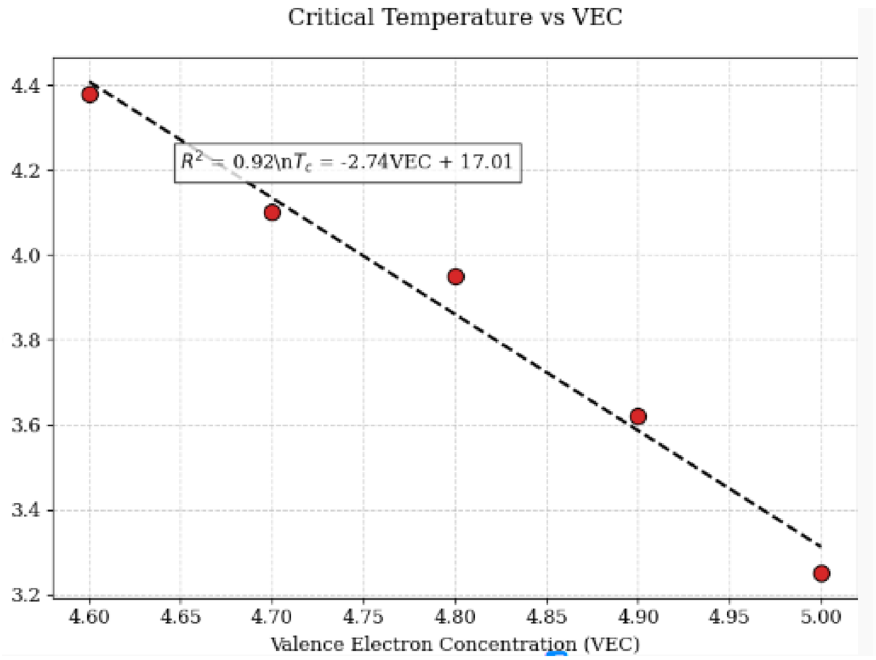
Critical Temperature vs VEC
R^2 = 0.92\n$T_c$ = -2.74VEC + 17.01
4.4
4.2
4.0
3.8
3.6
3.4
3.2
4.60
4.65
4.70
4.75
4.80
4.85
4.90
4.95
5.00
Valence Electron Concentration (VEC)