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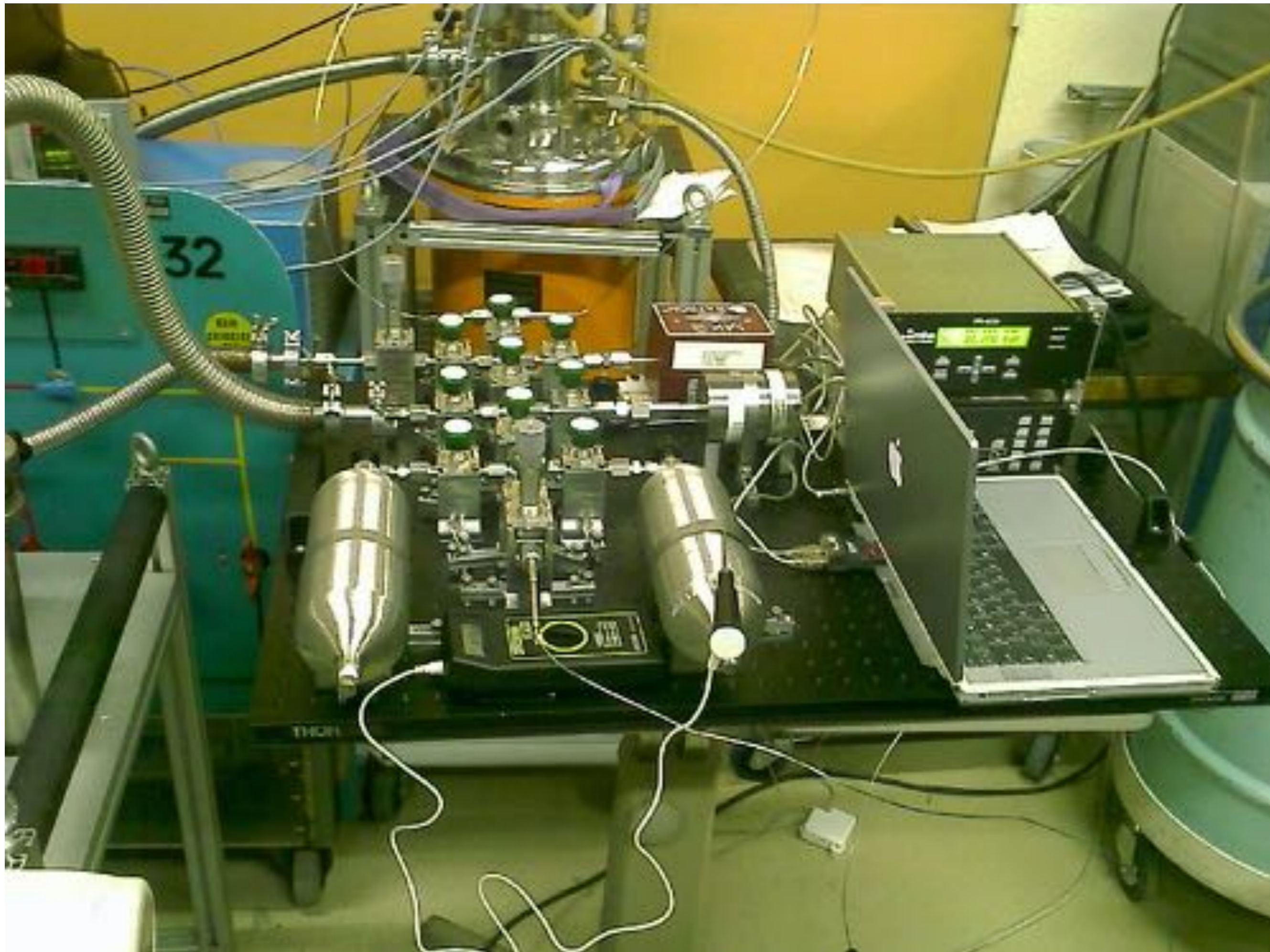
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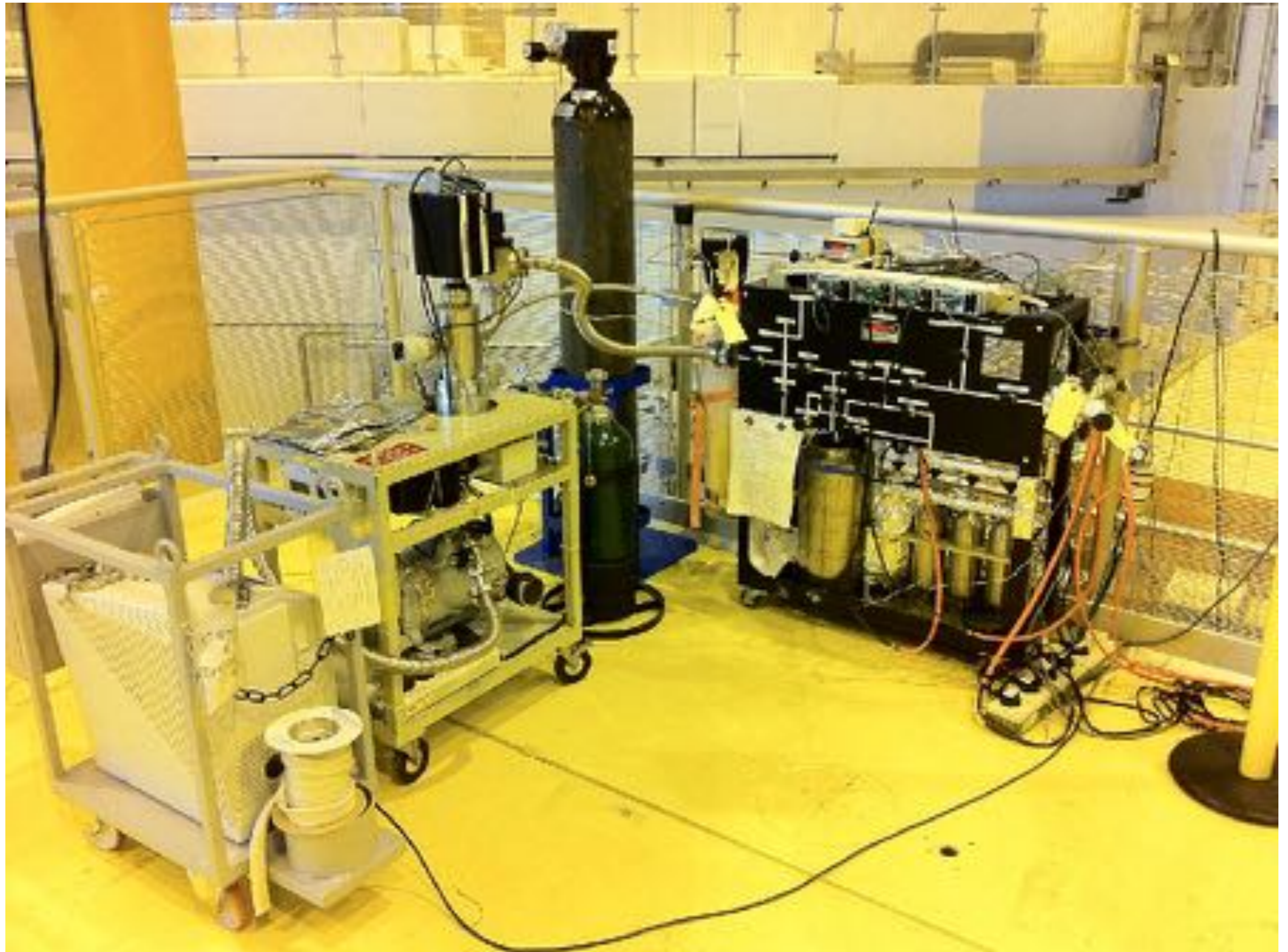
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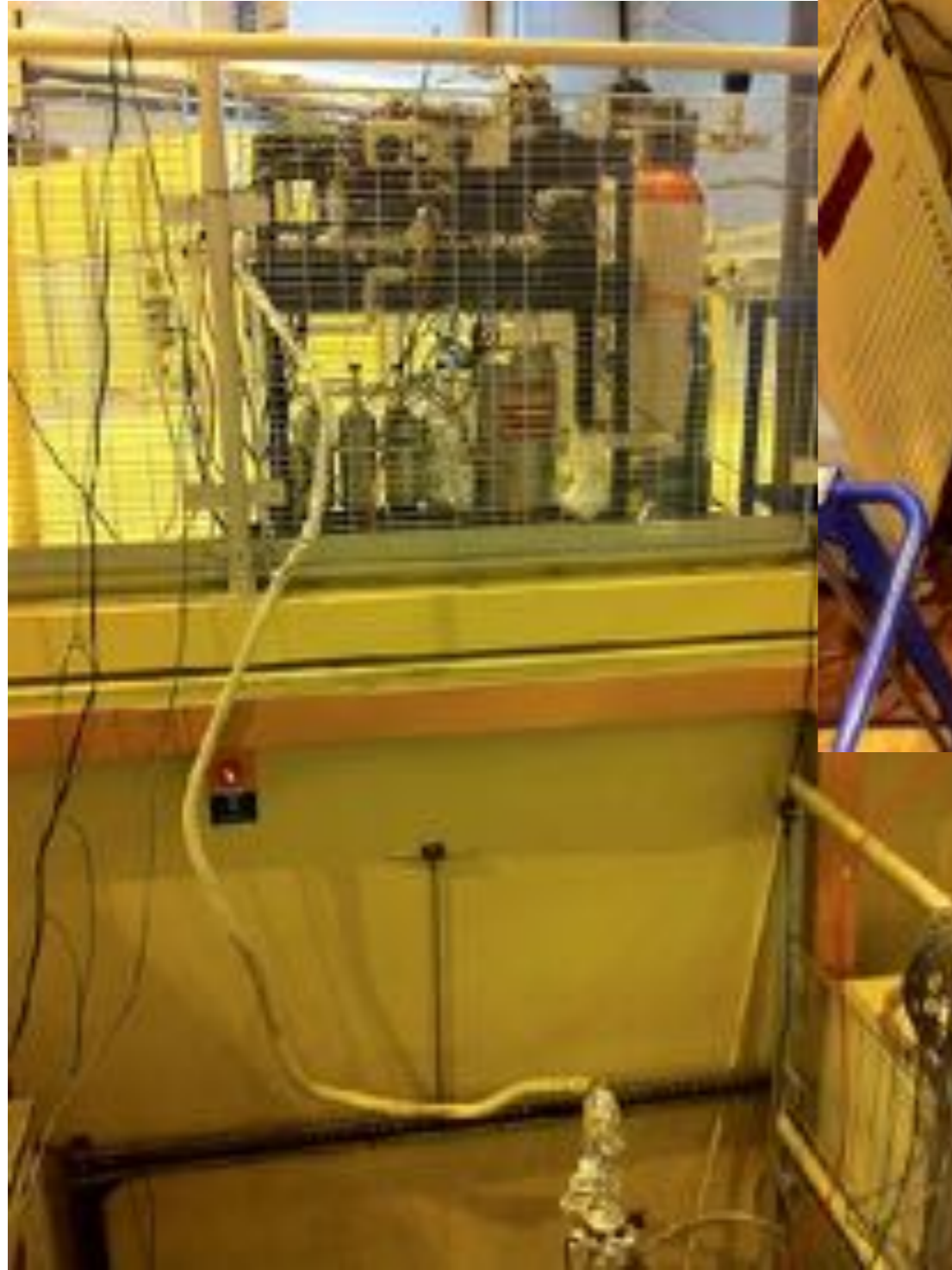
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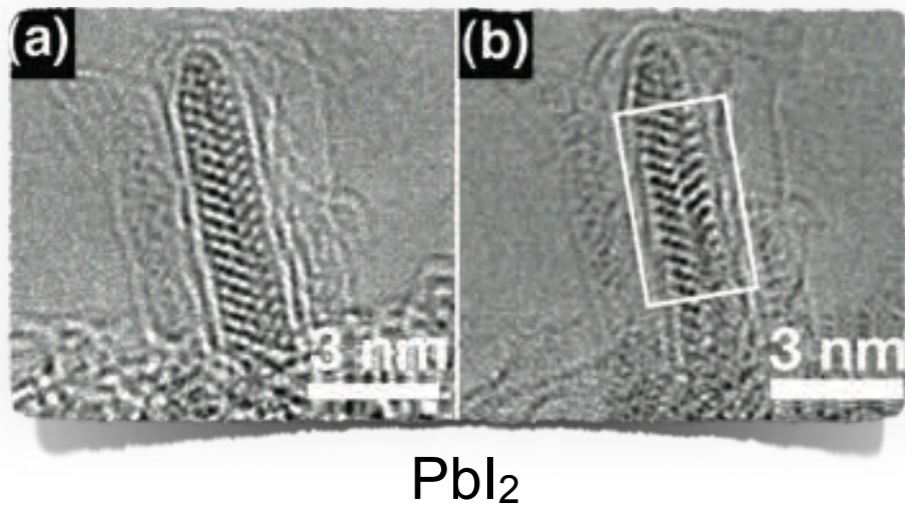




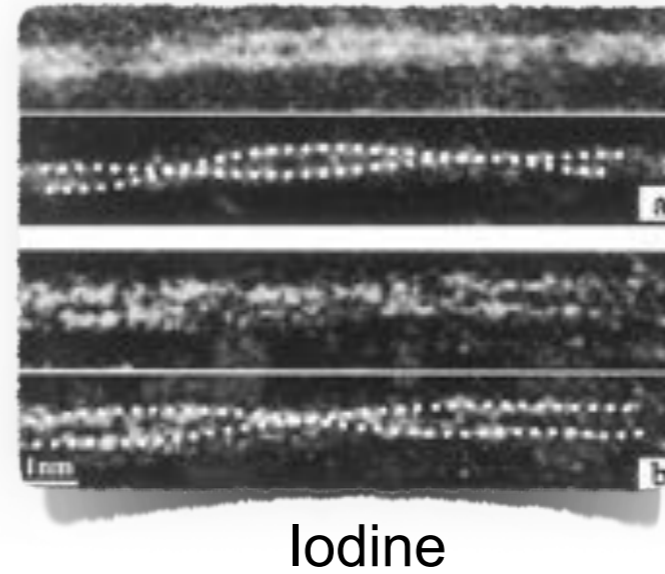
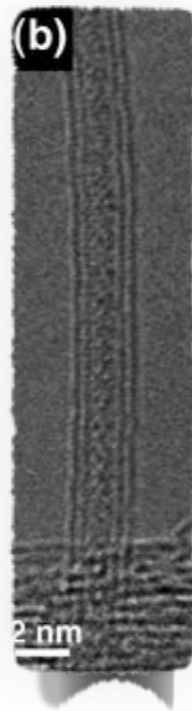


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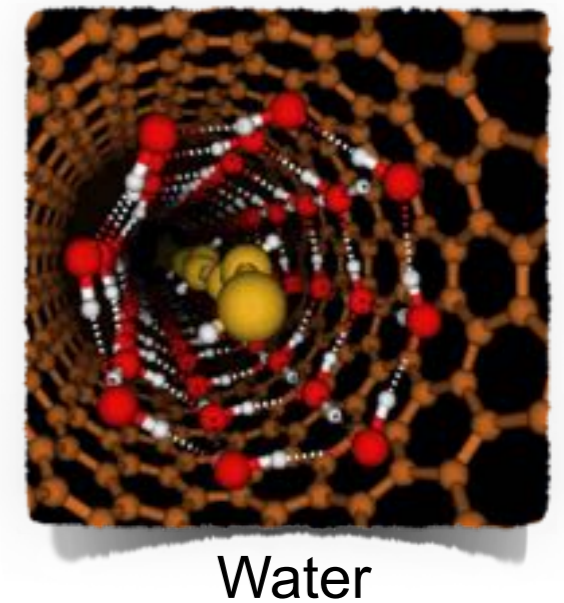
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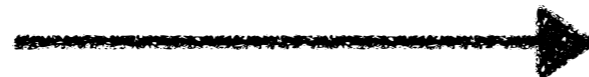
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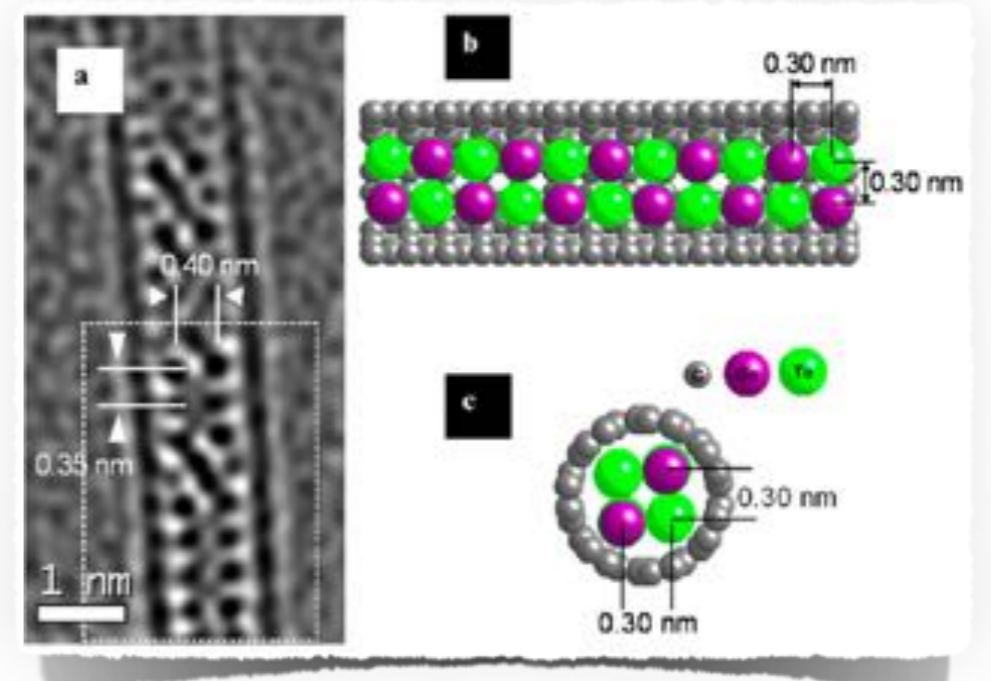
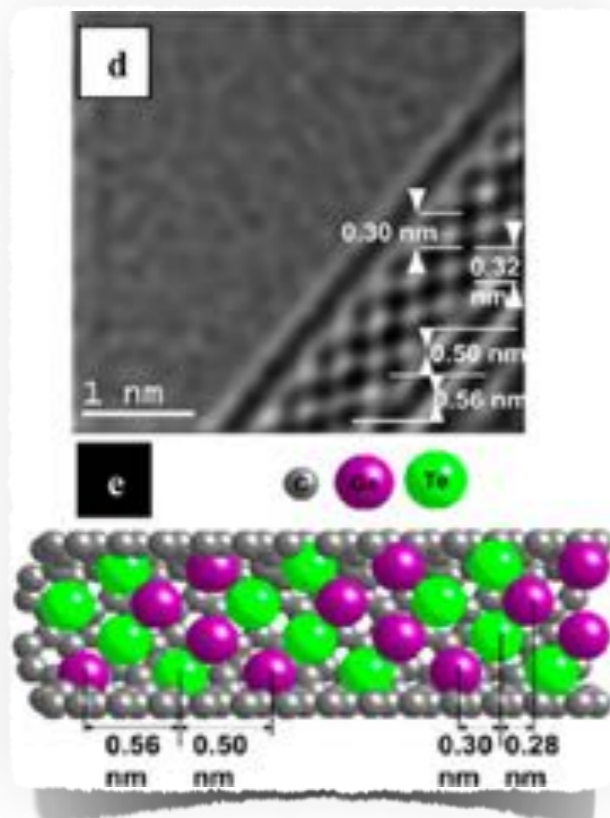
Cohesive interaction >> Adsorption interaction

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Strict 1D limit

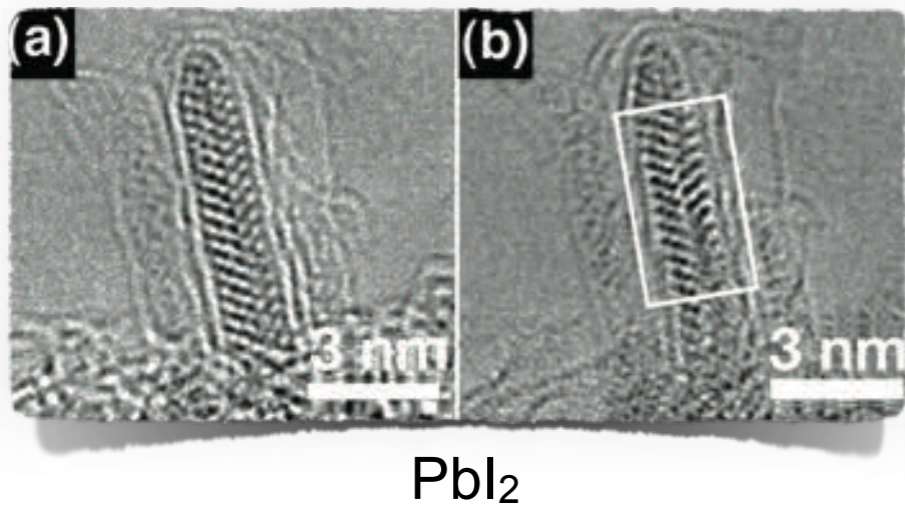


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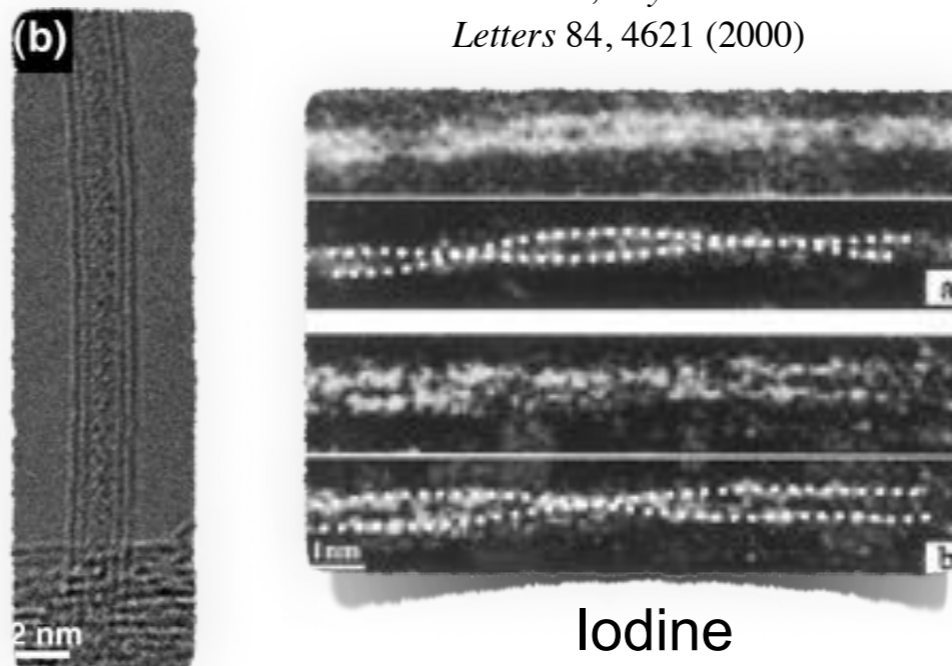


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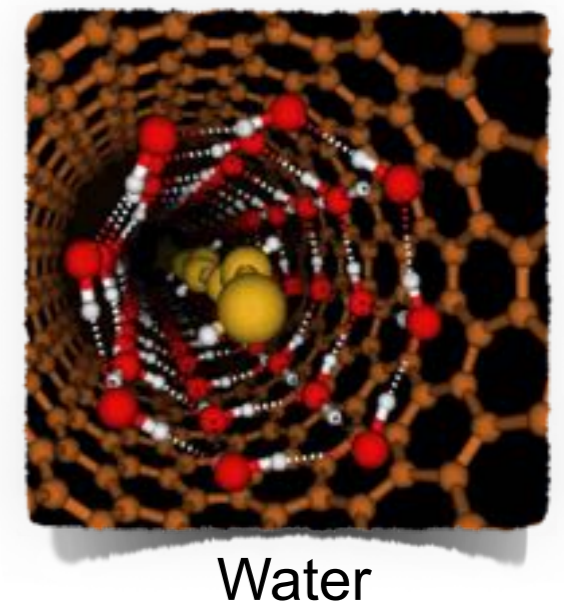
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H₂

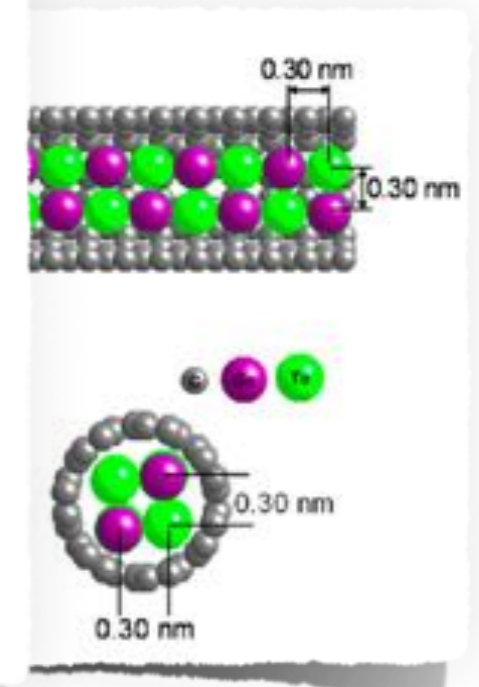
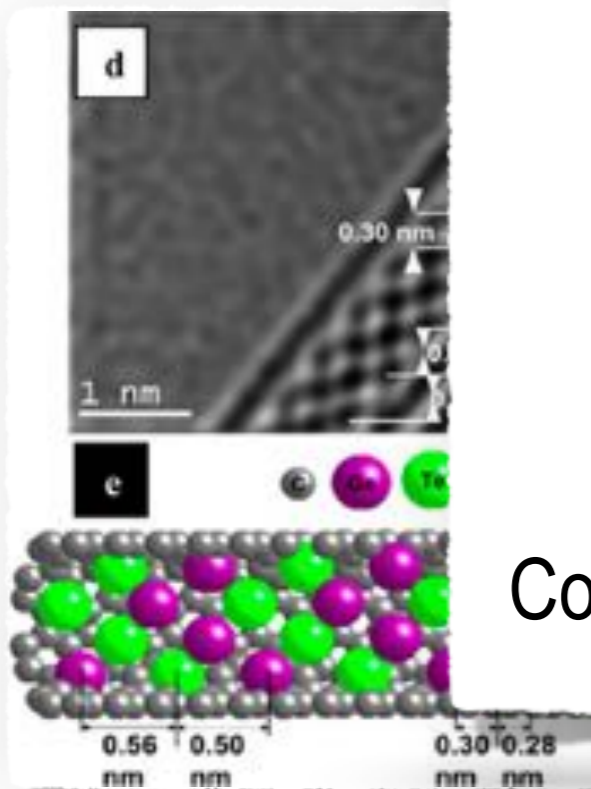
H₂ interaction potential depth:

- 2.77 meV

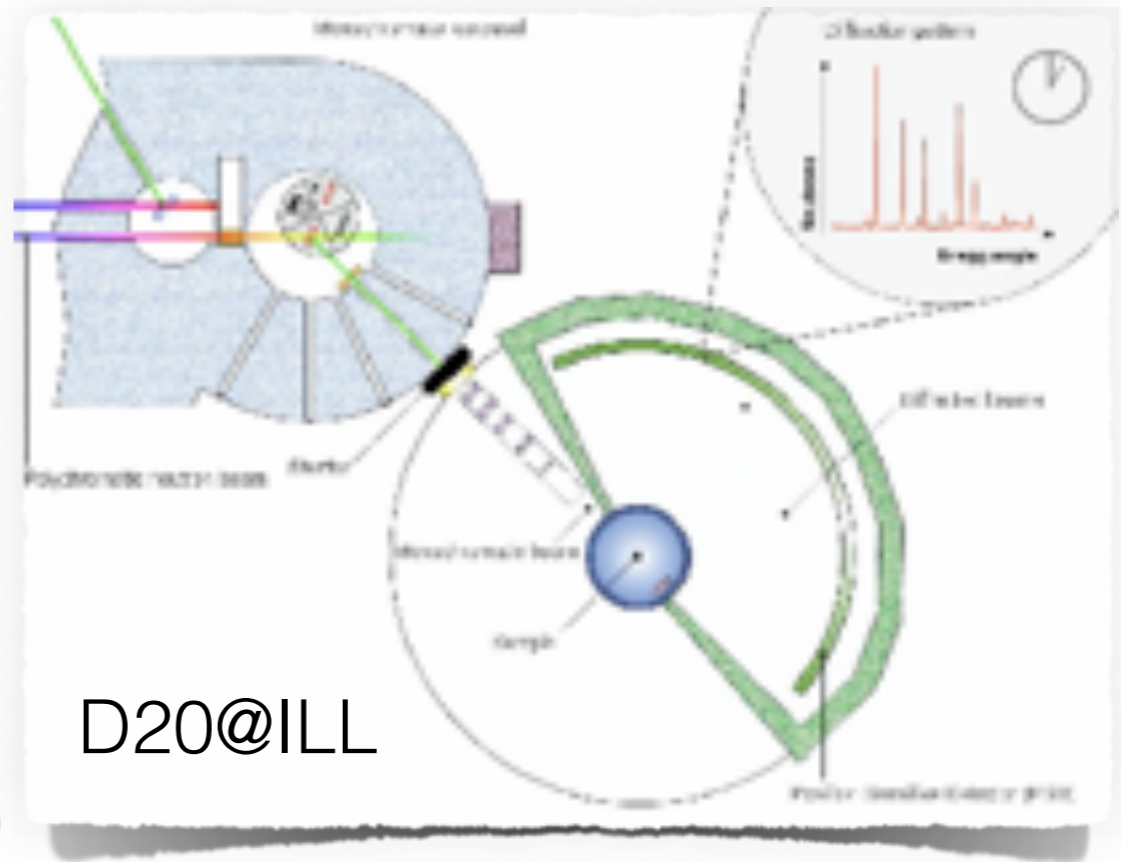
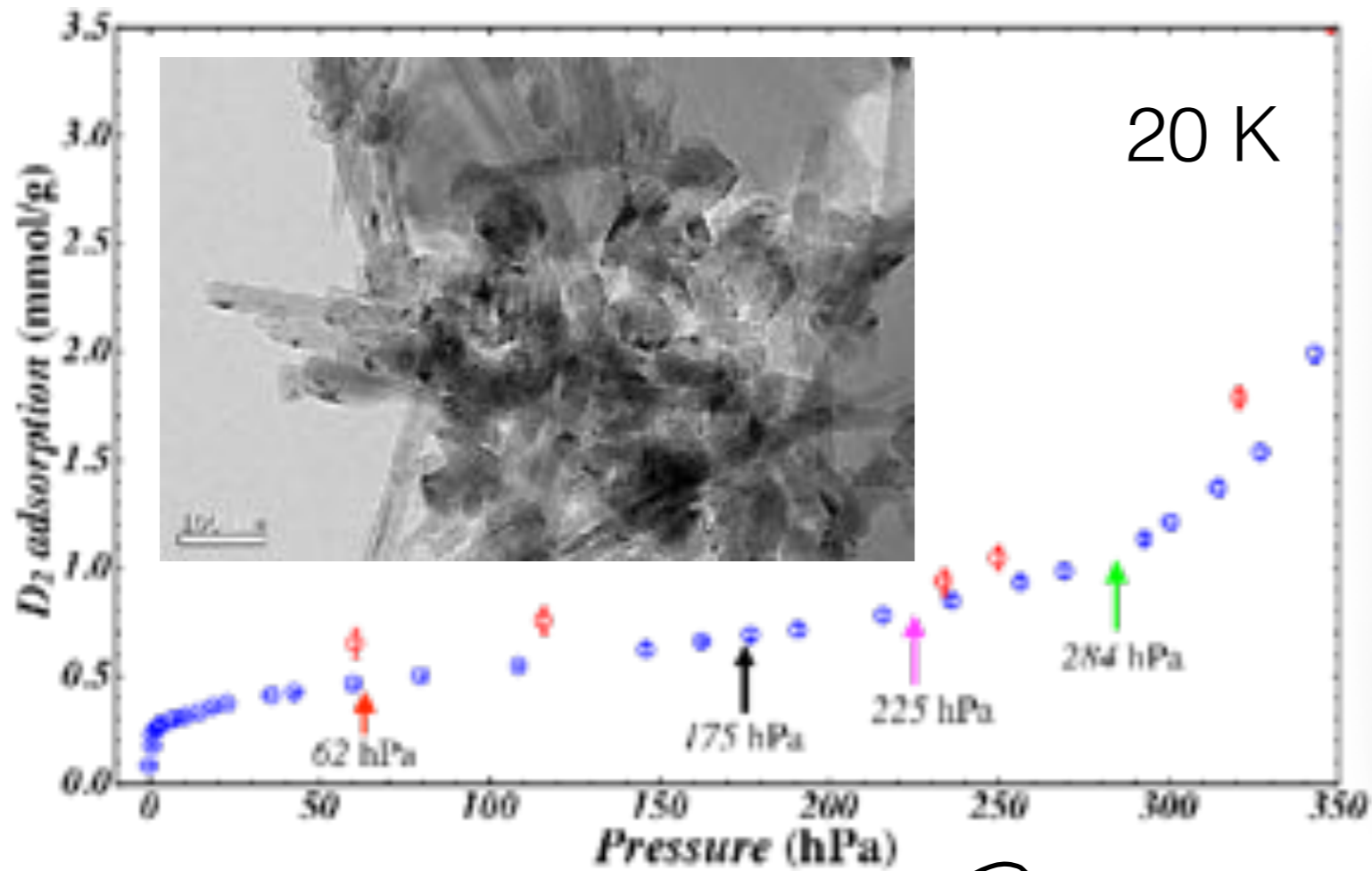
Graphite adsorption potential depth:

~ - 50 meV

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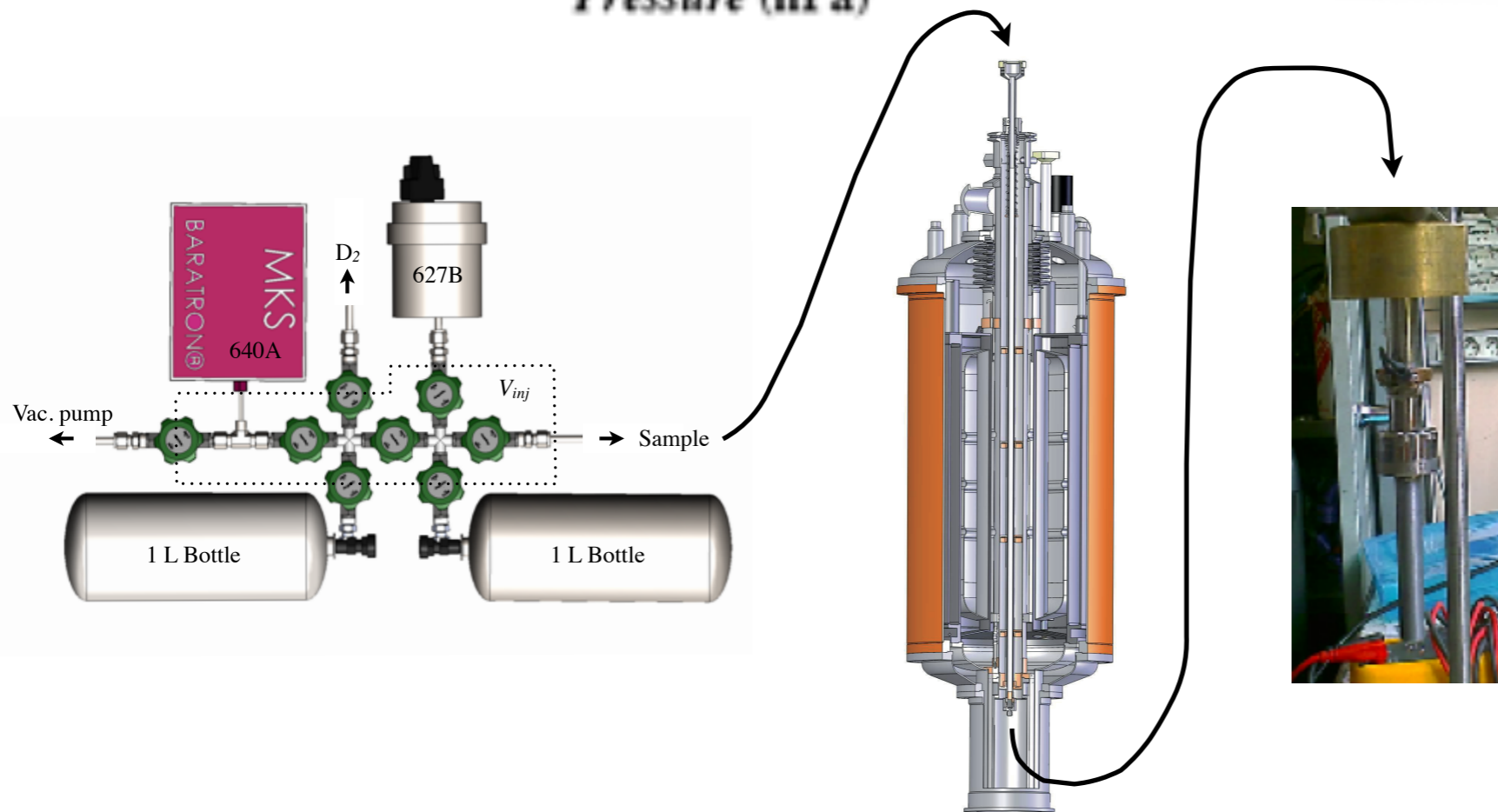


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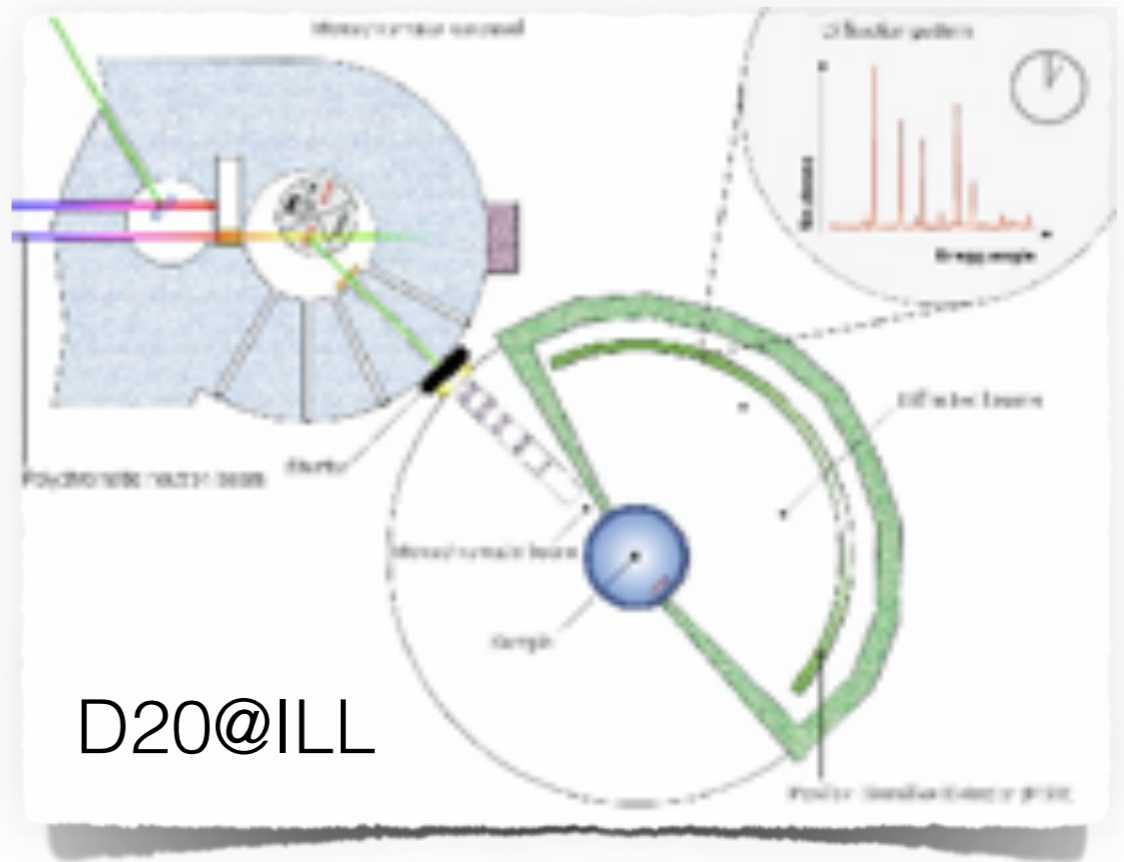
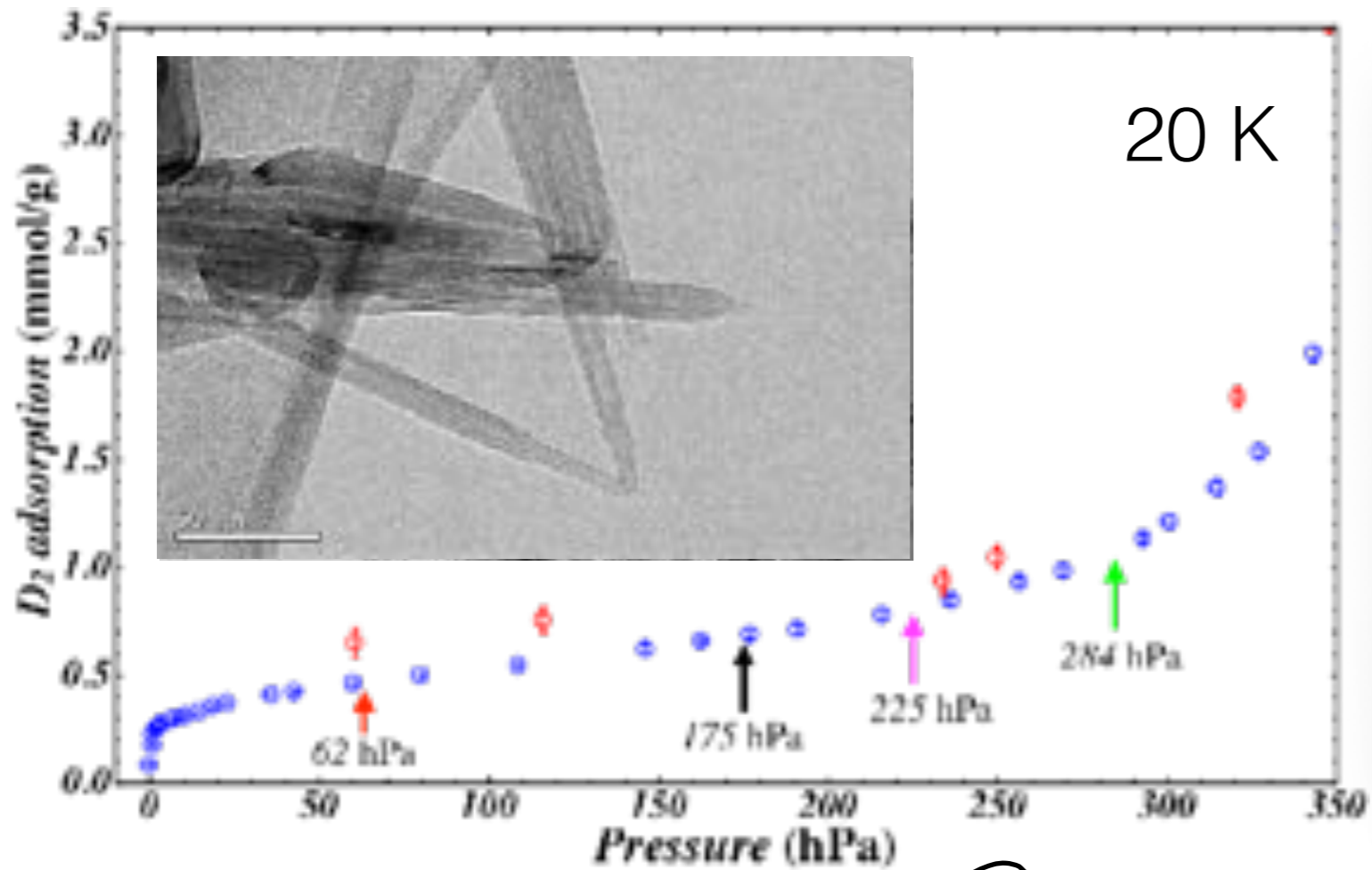


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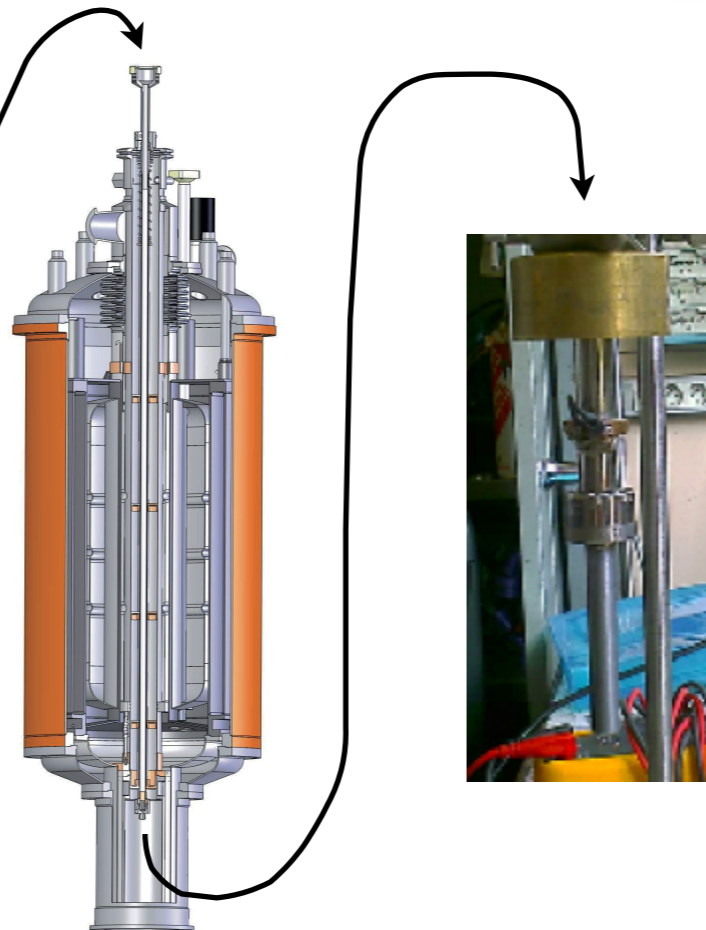
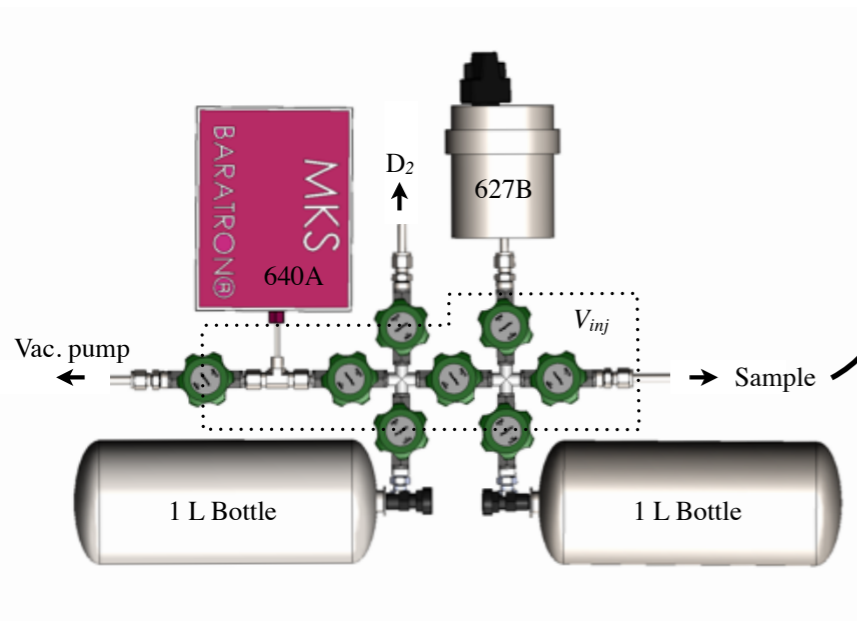


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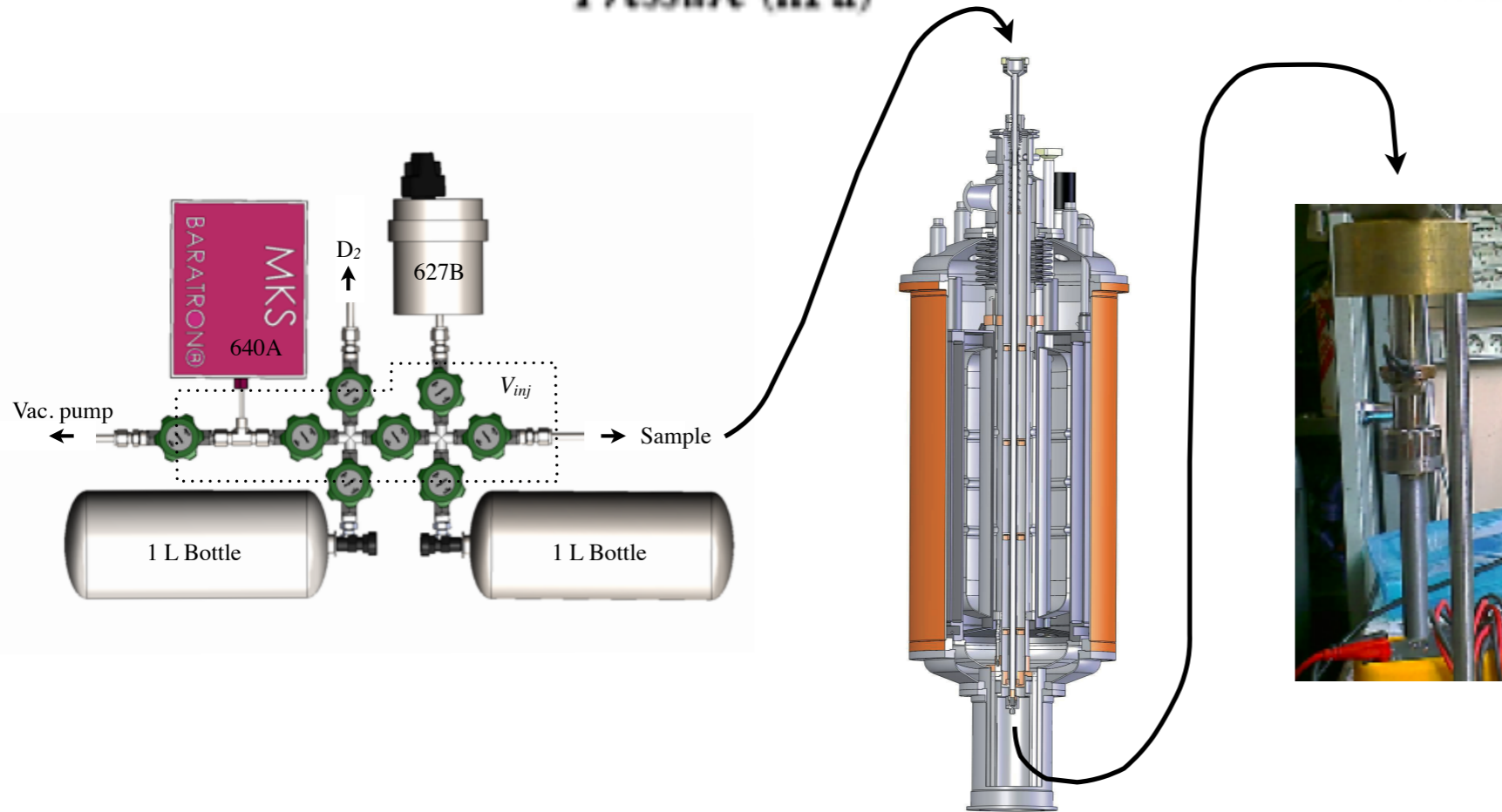
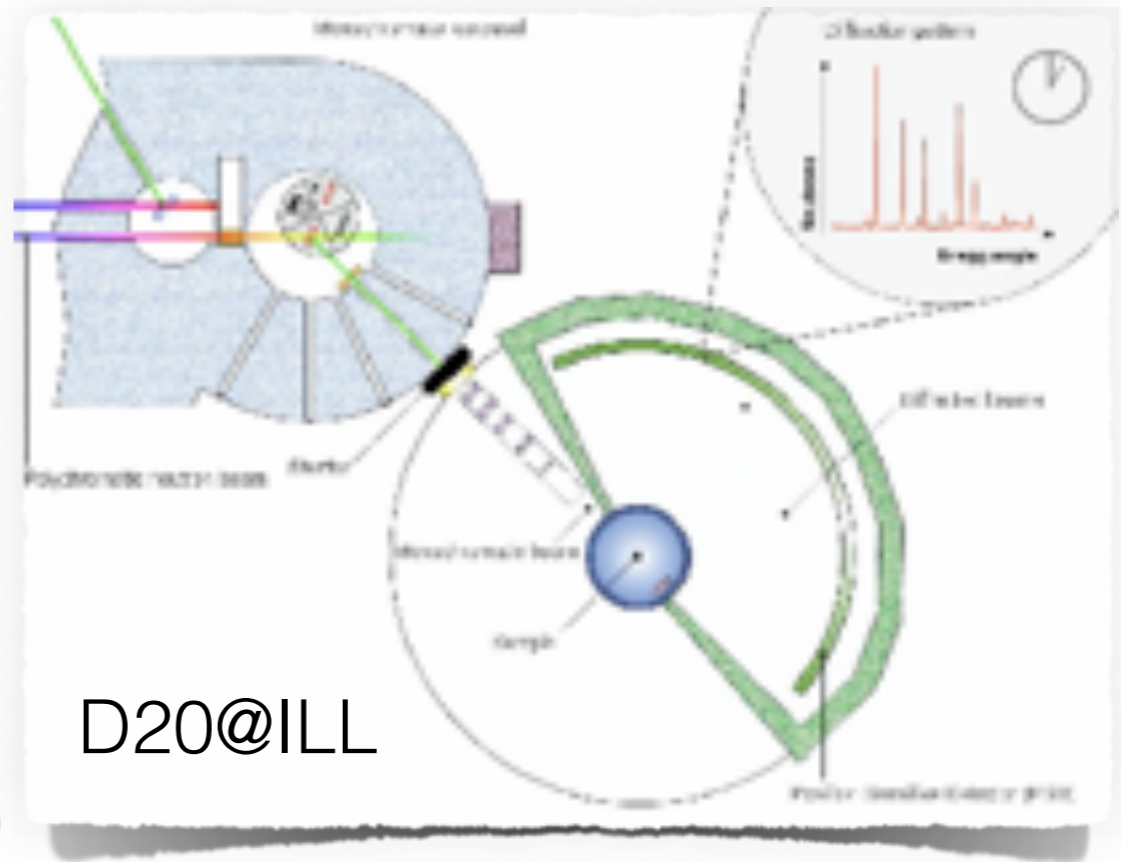
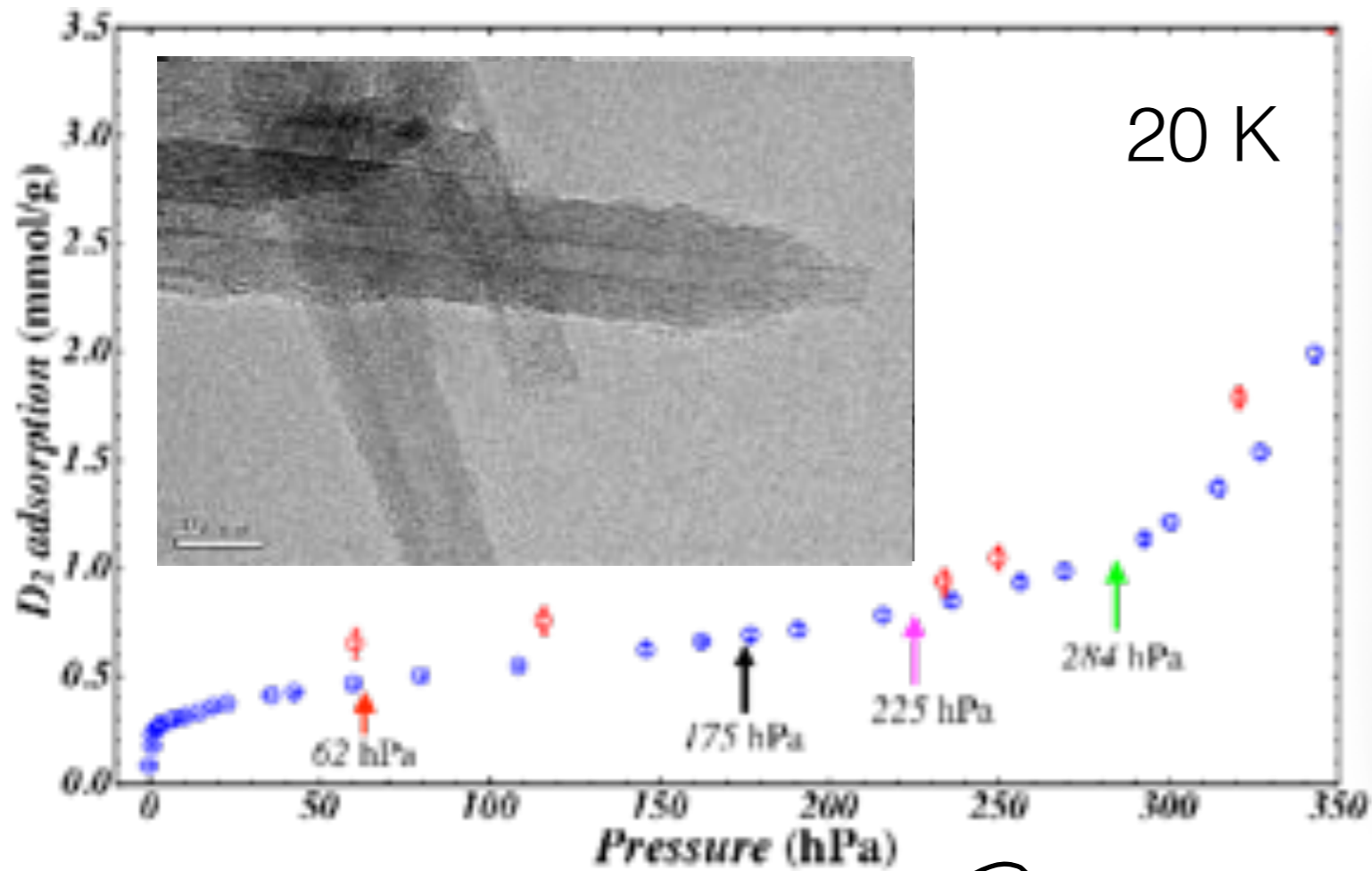


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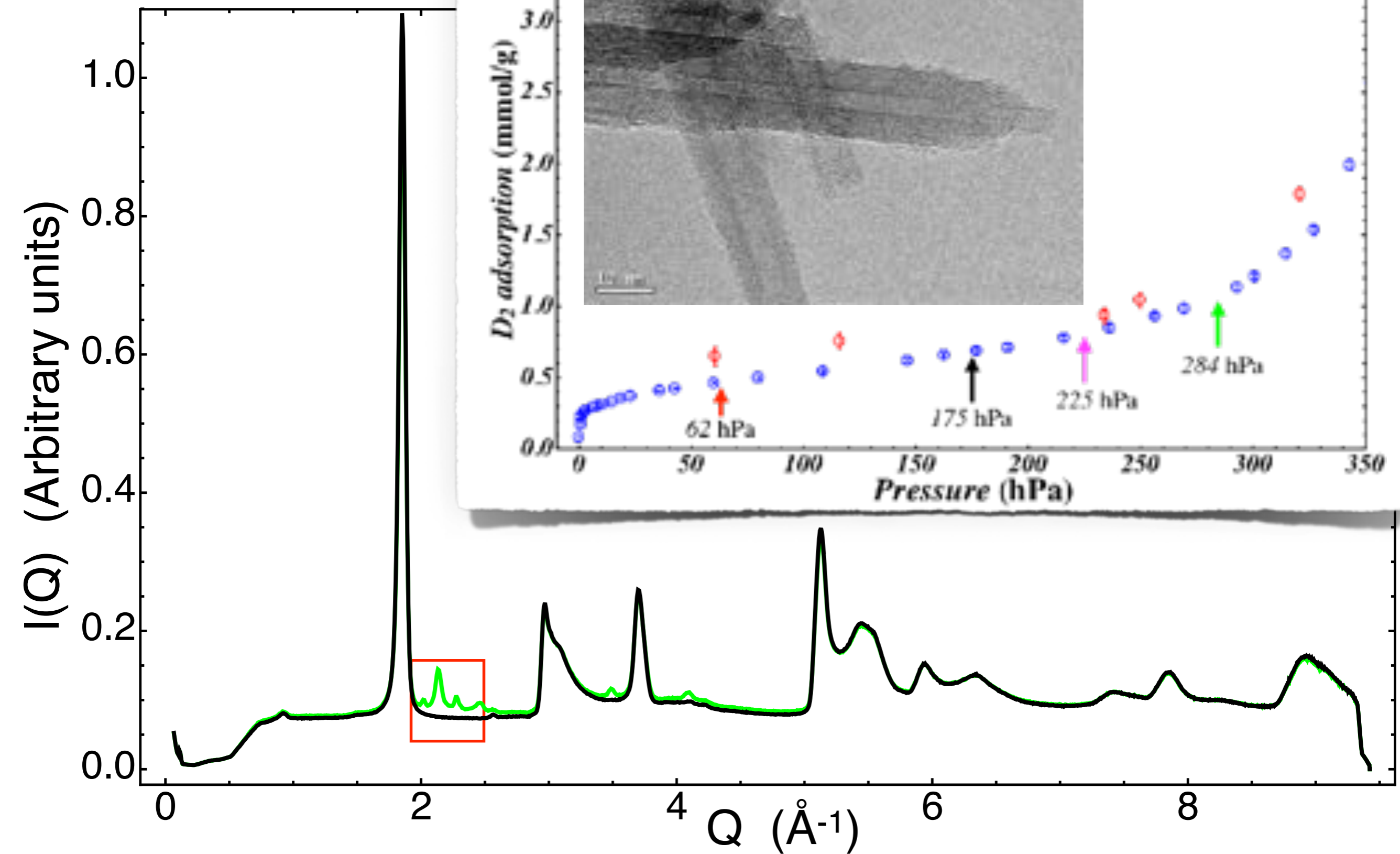


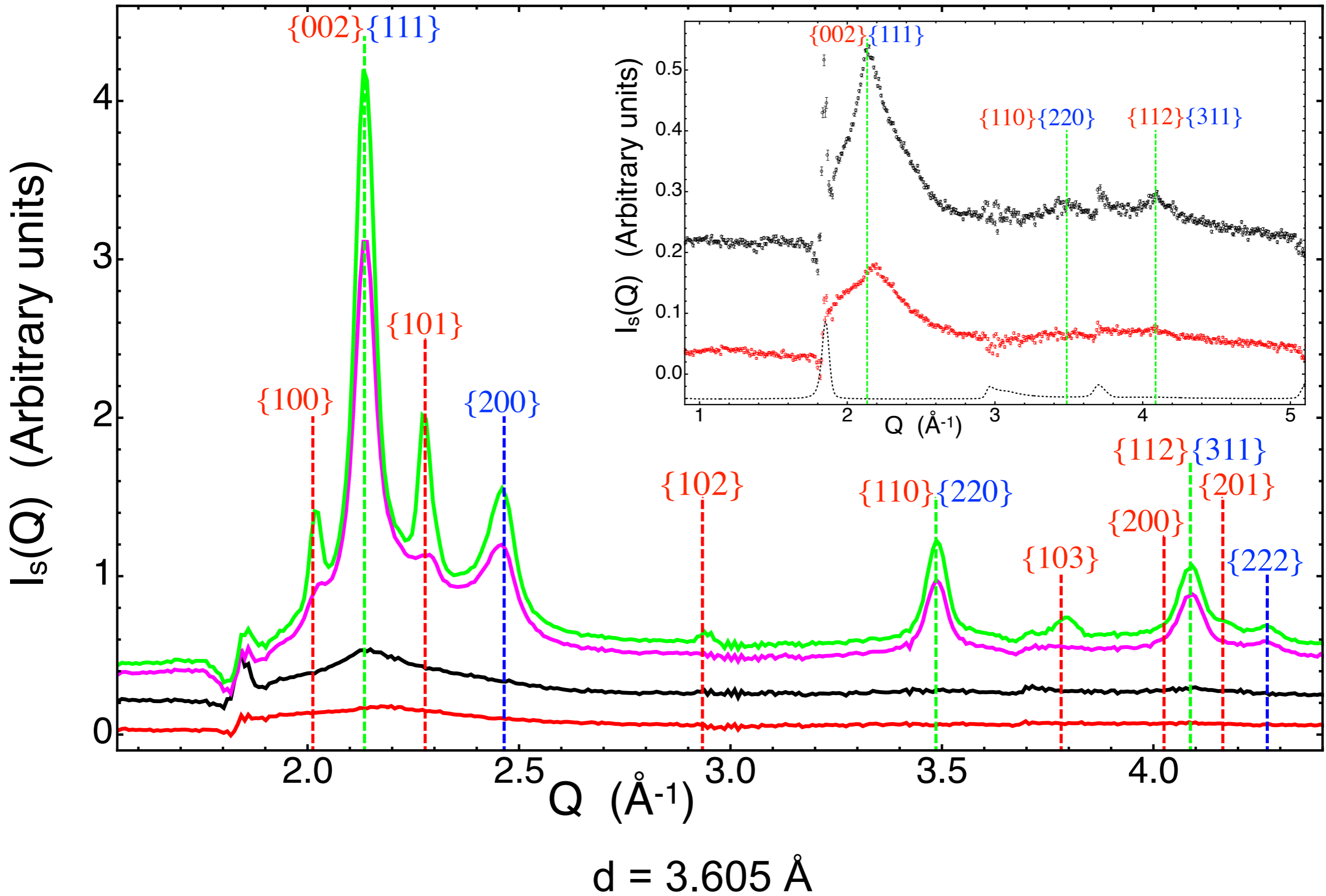
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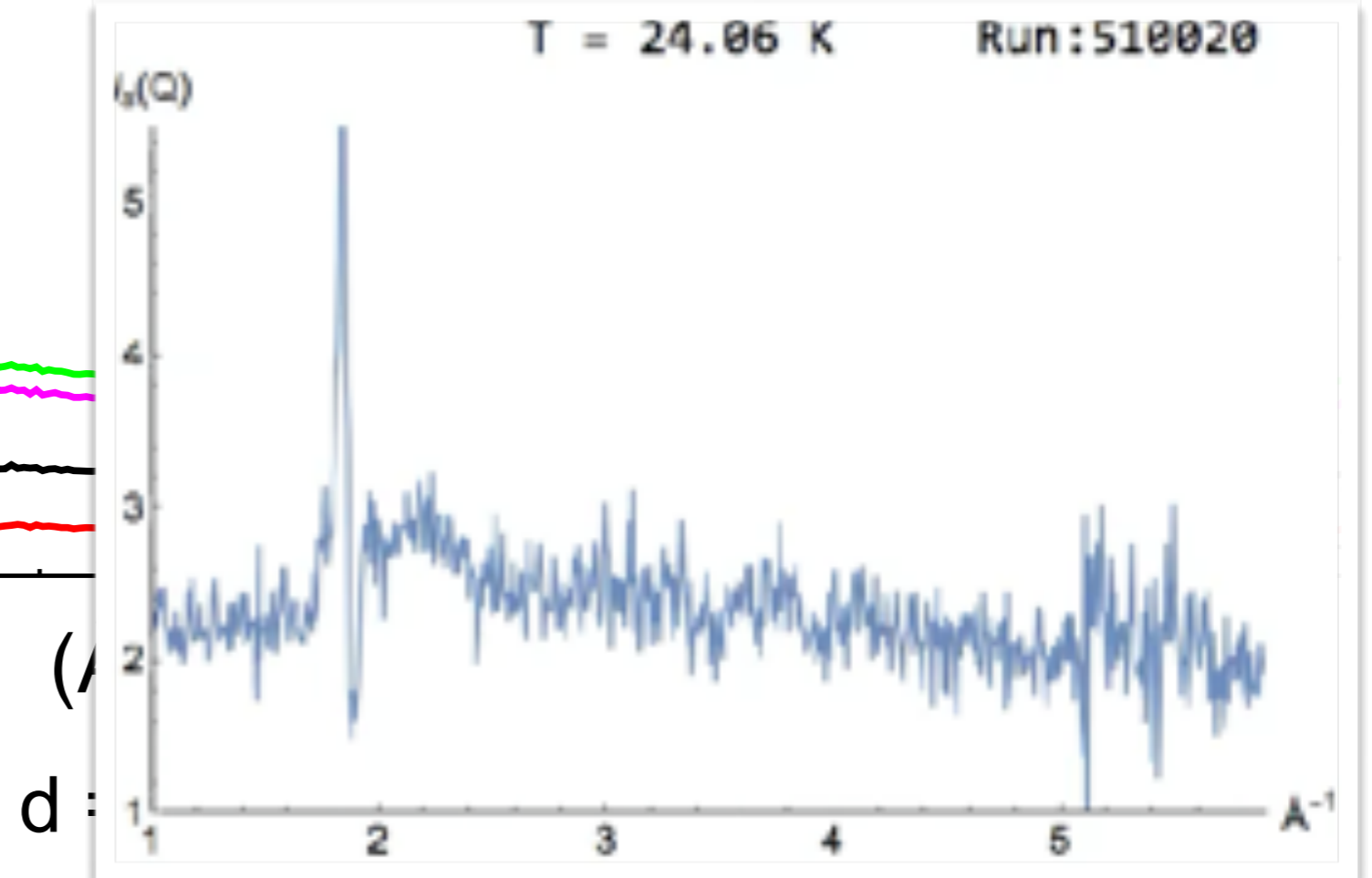
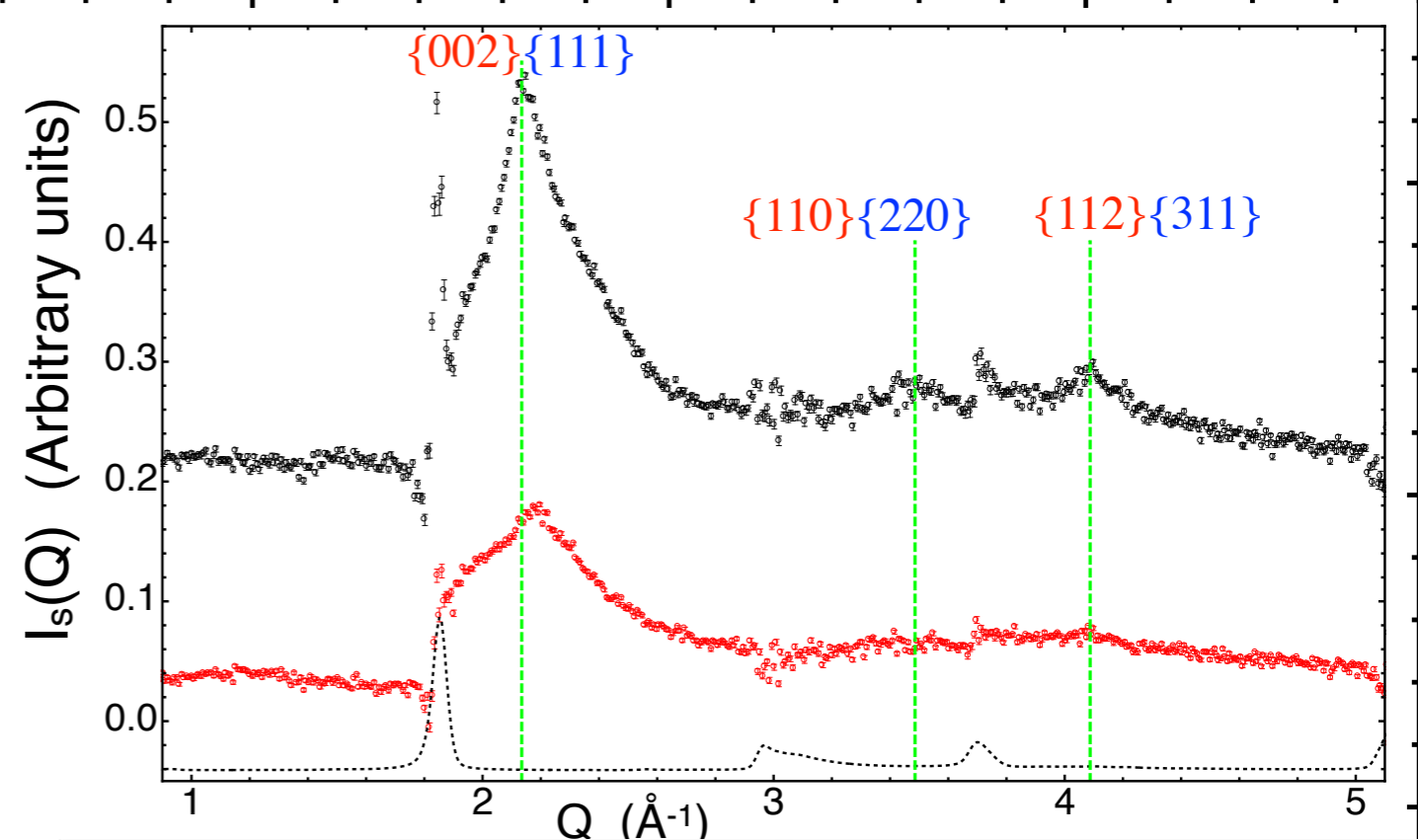
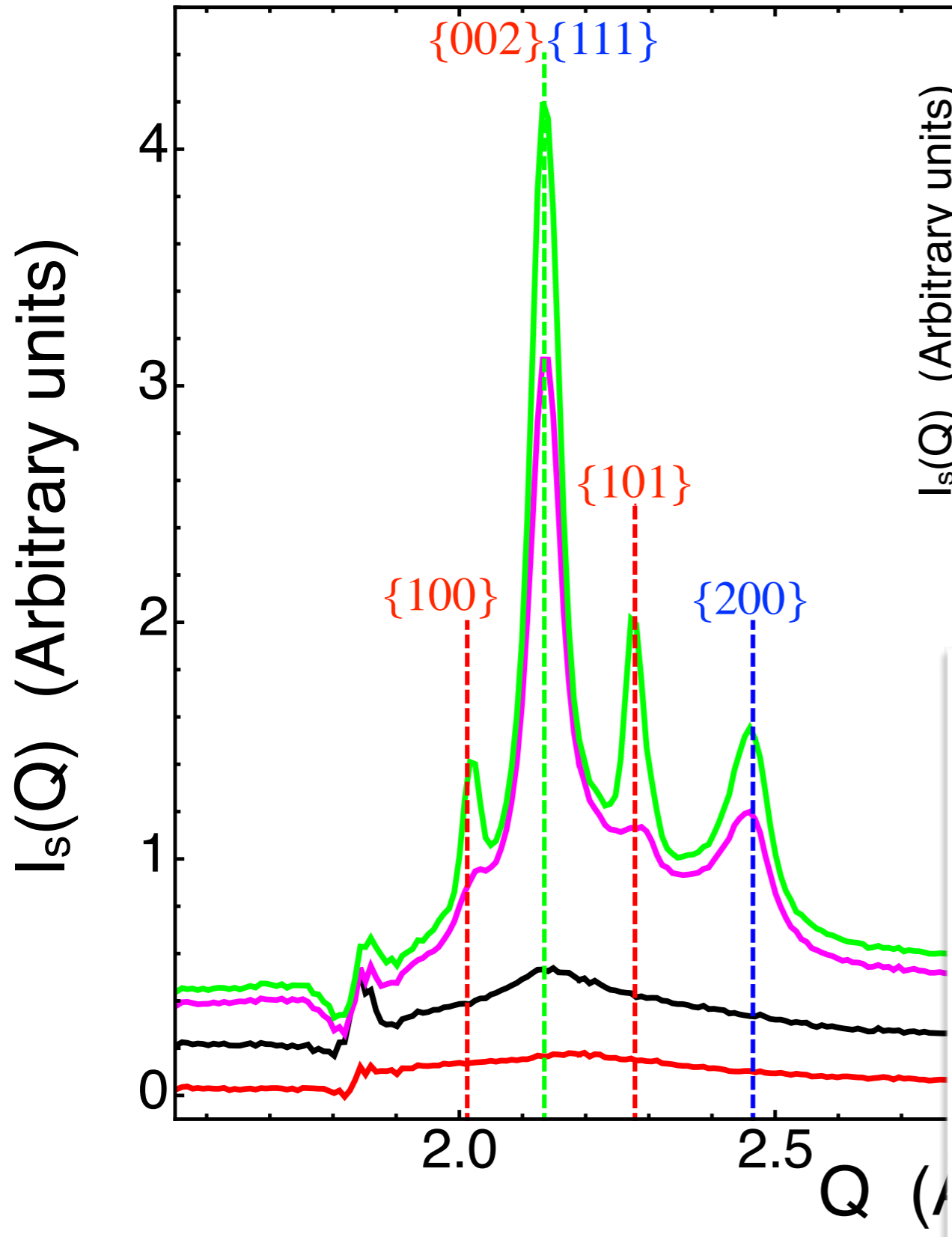


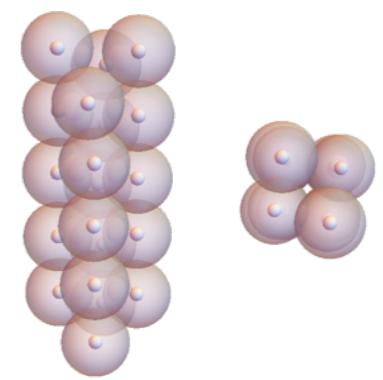
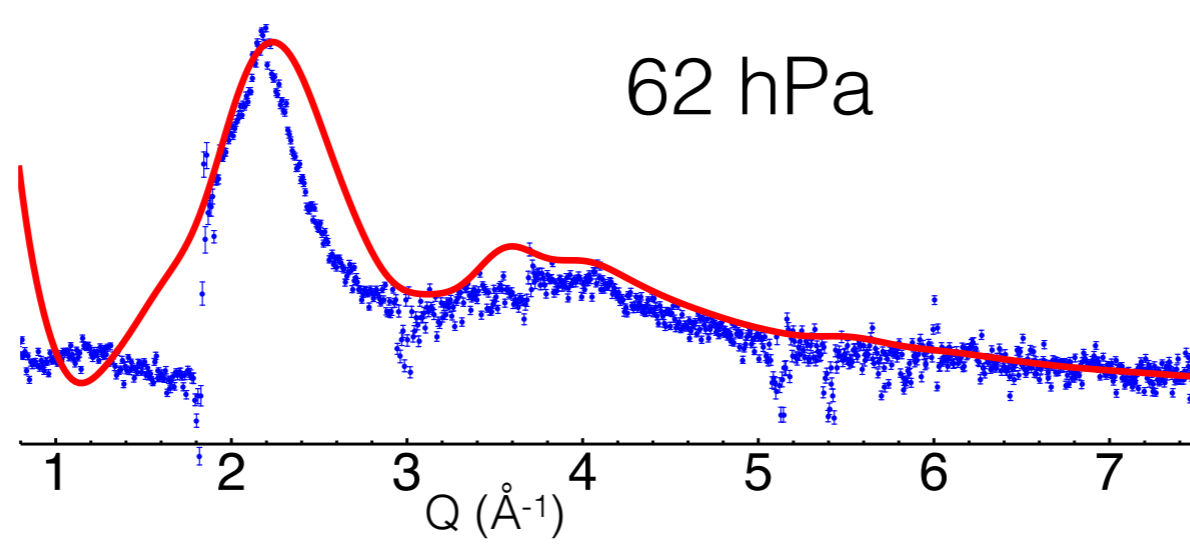
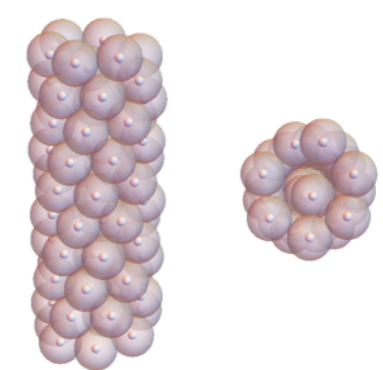
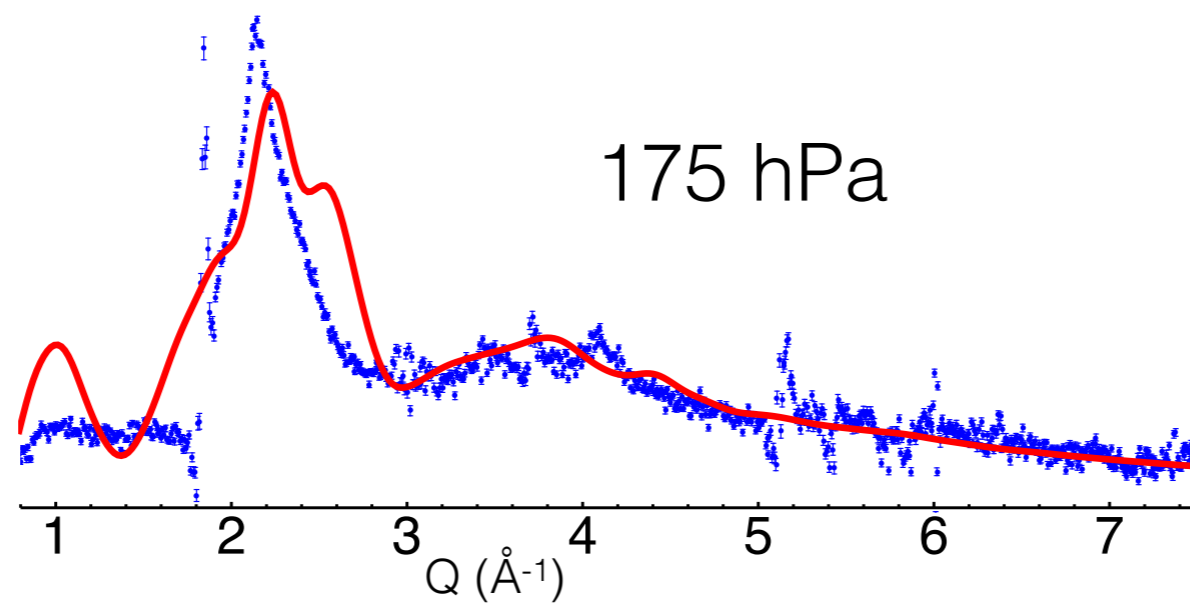
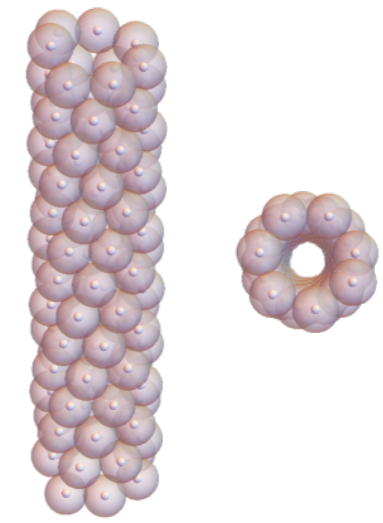
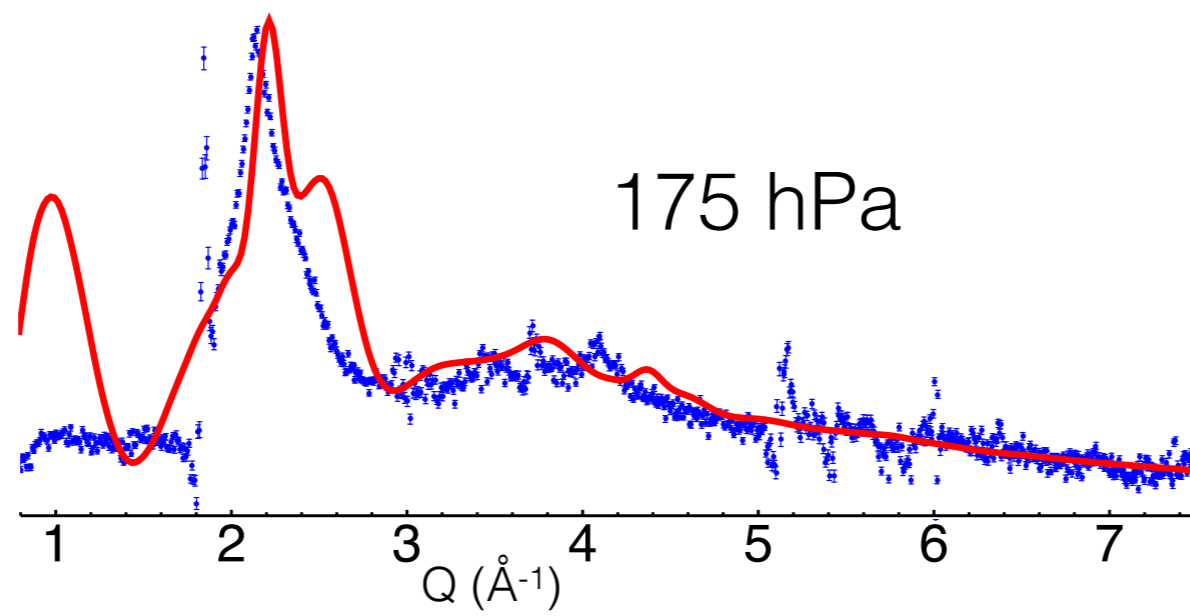
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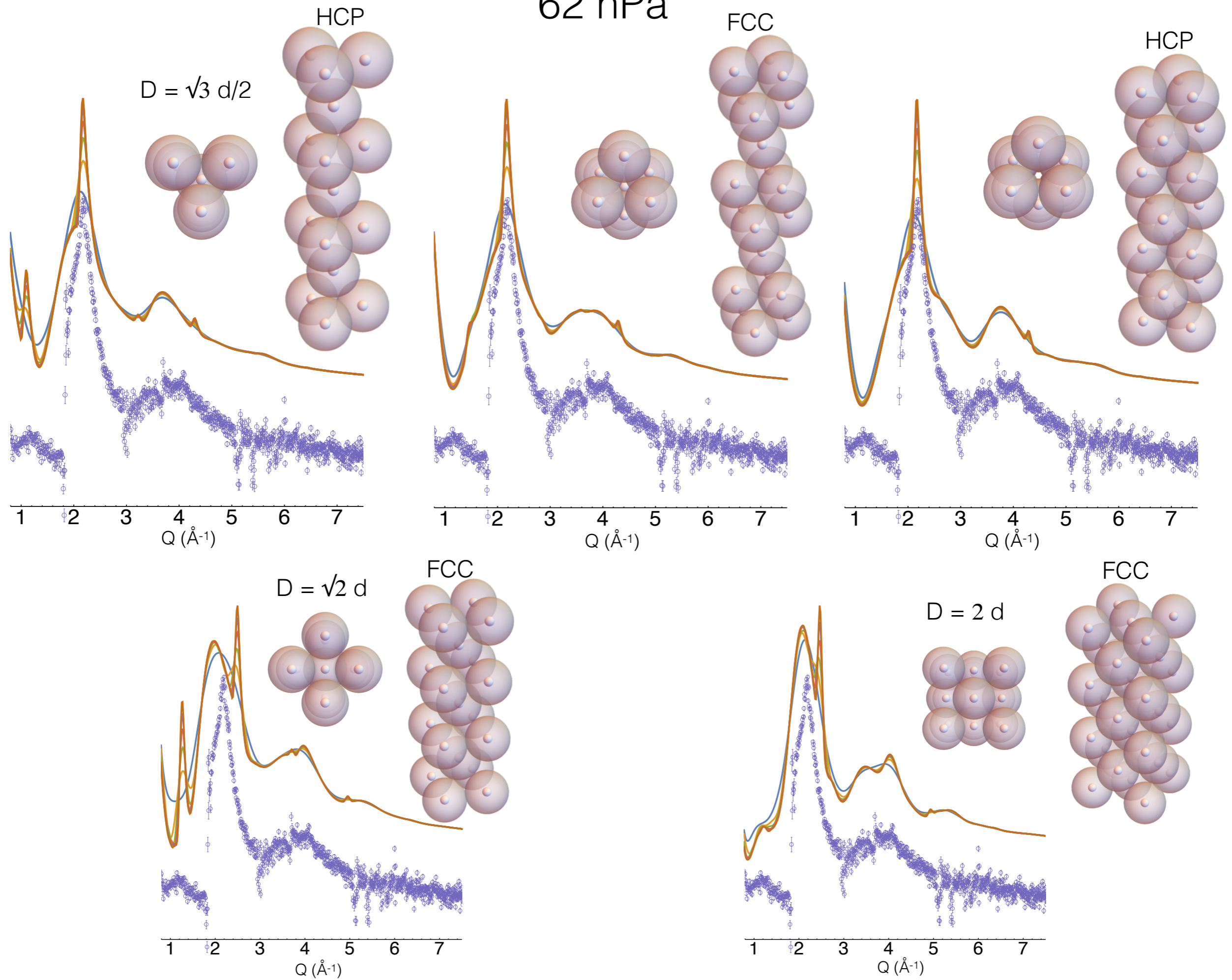




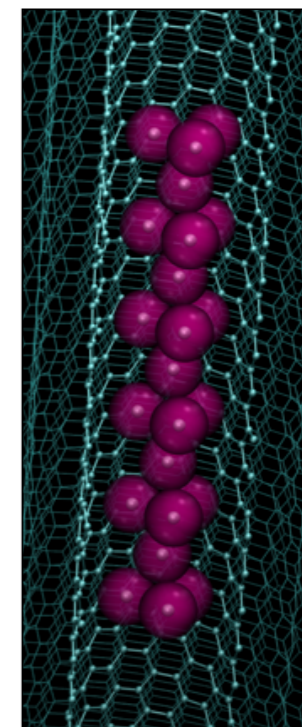
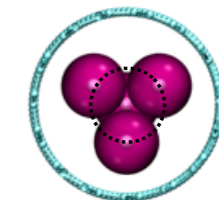
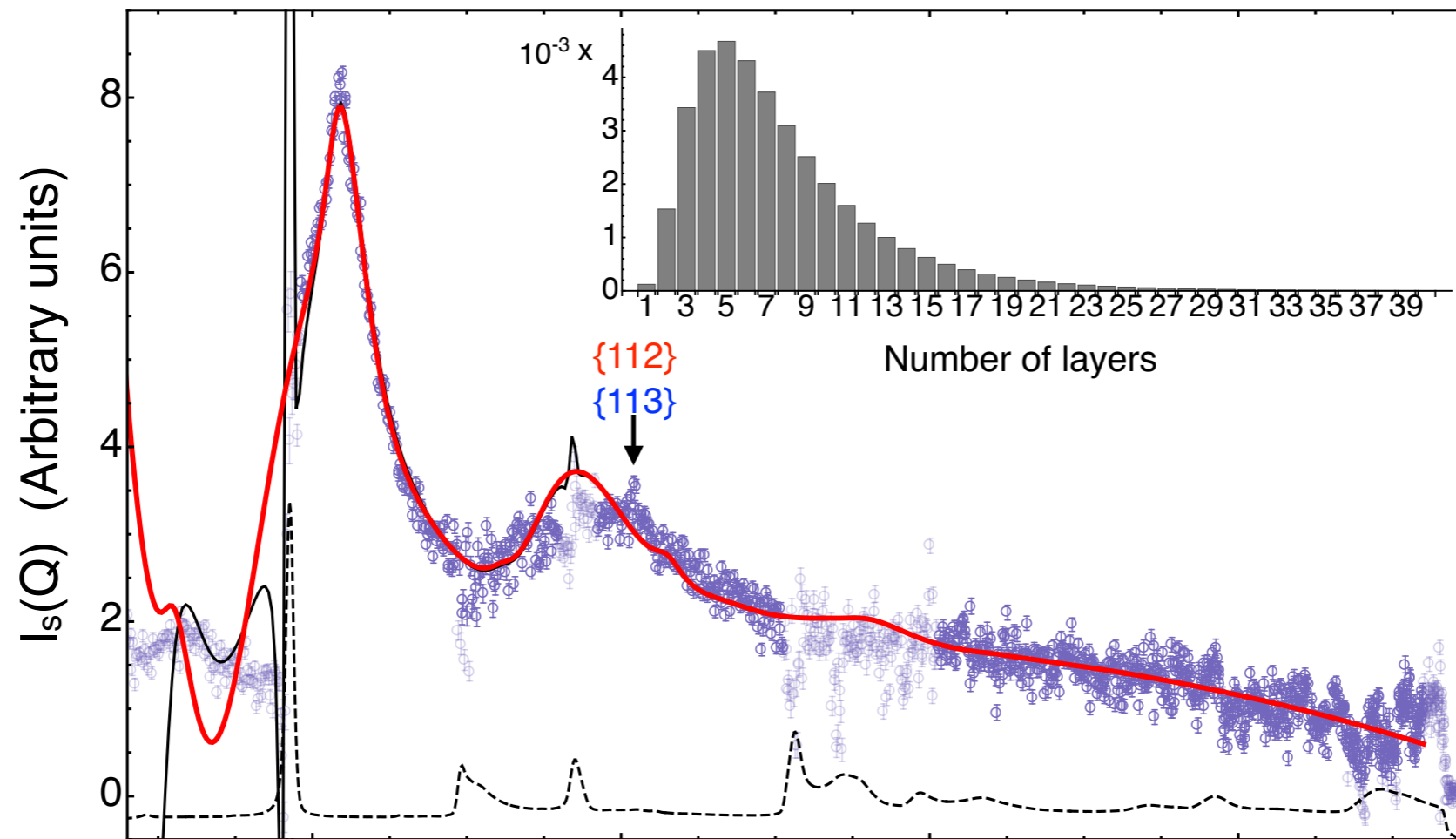




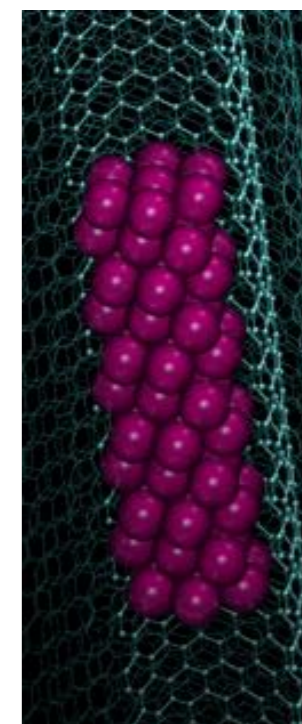
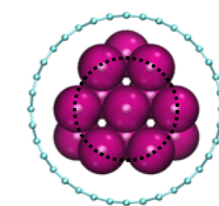
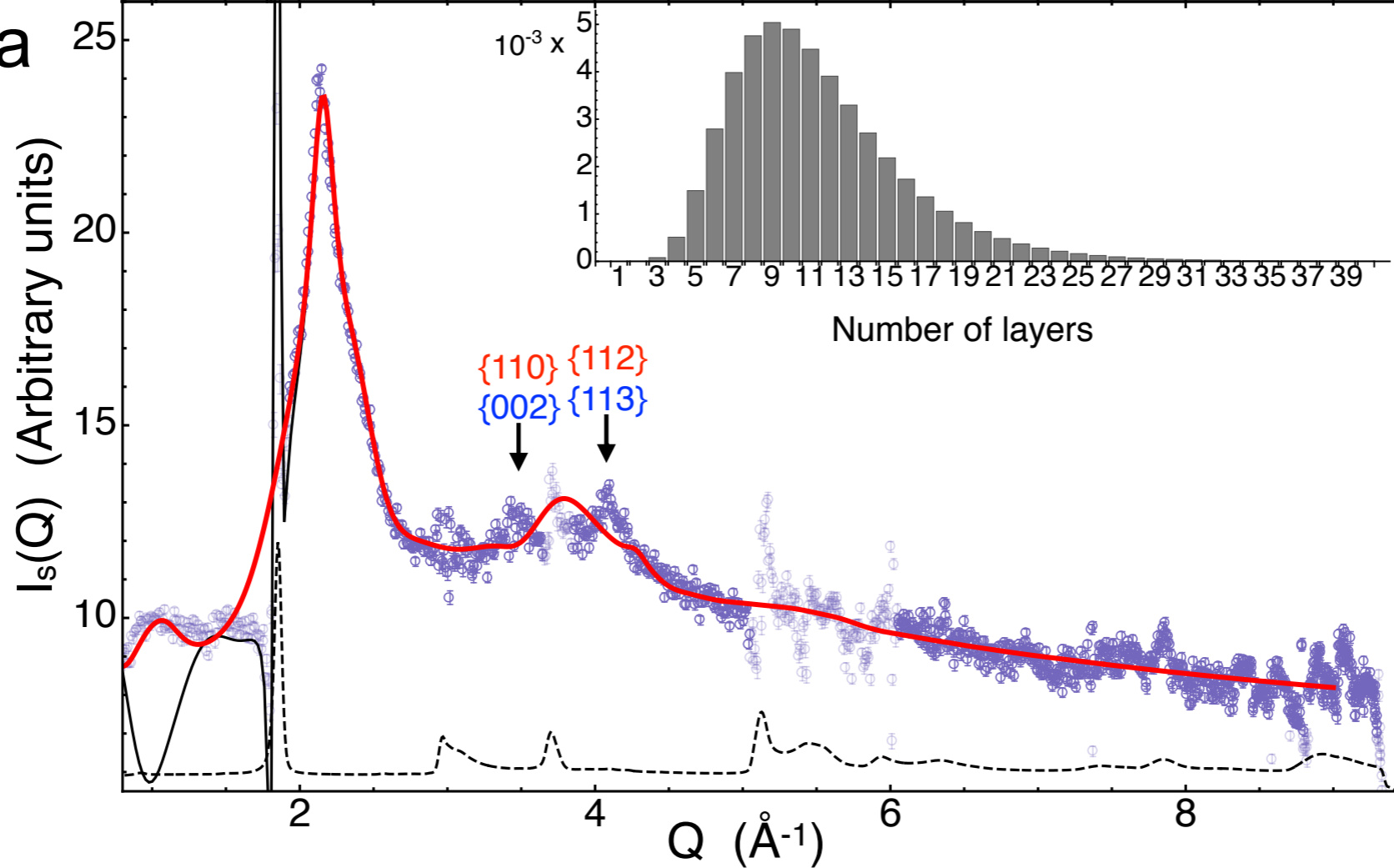
62 hPa

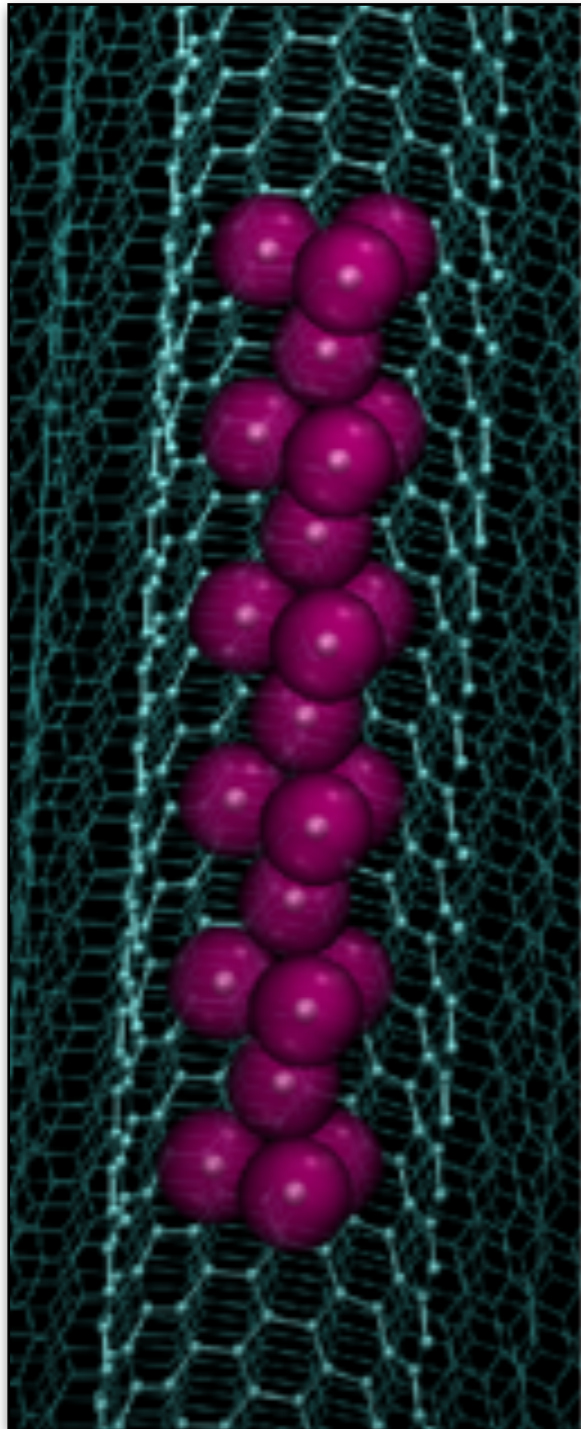
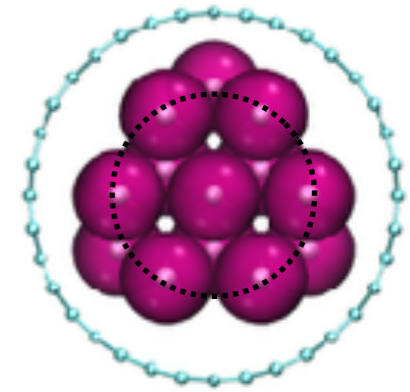
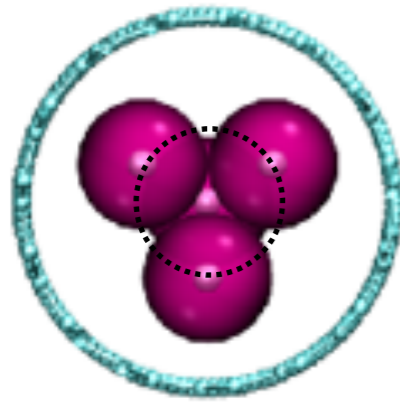


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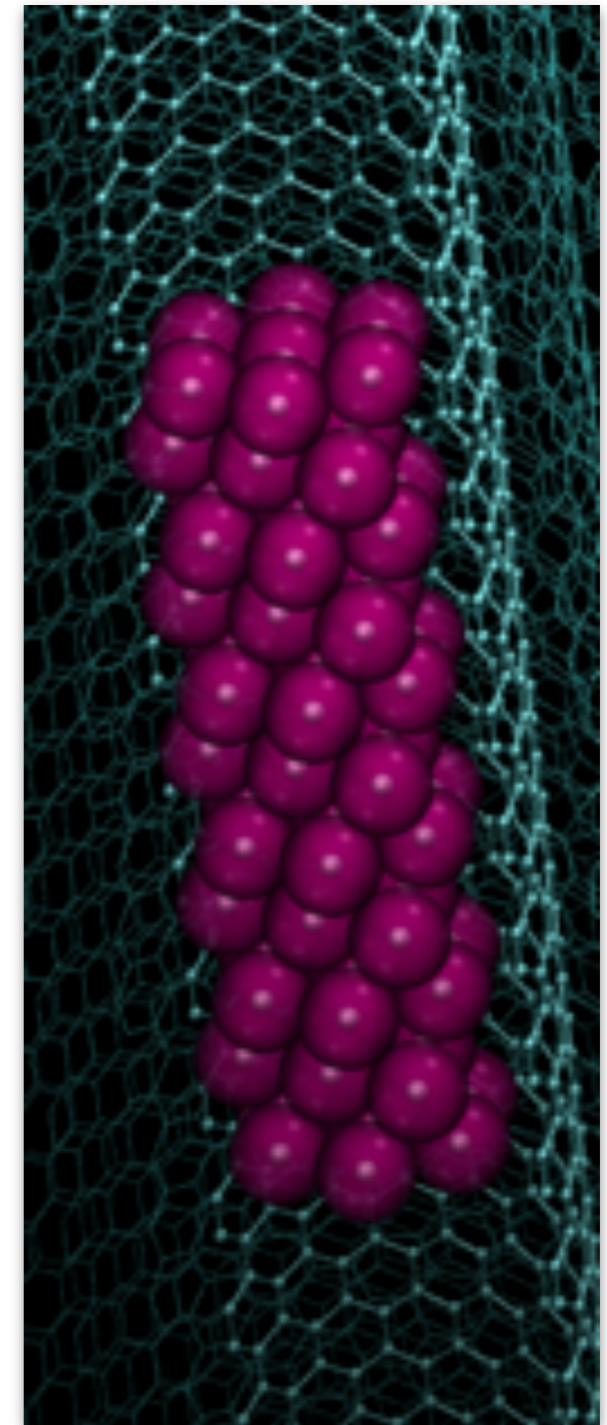


175 hPa





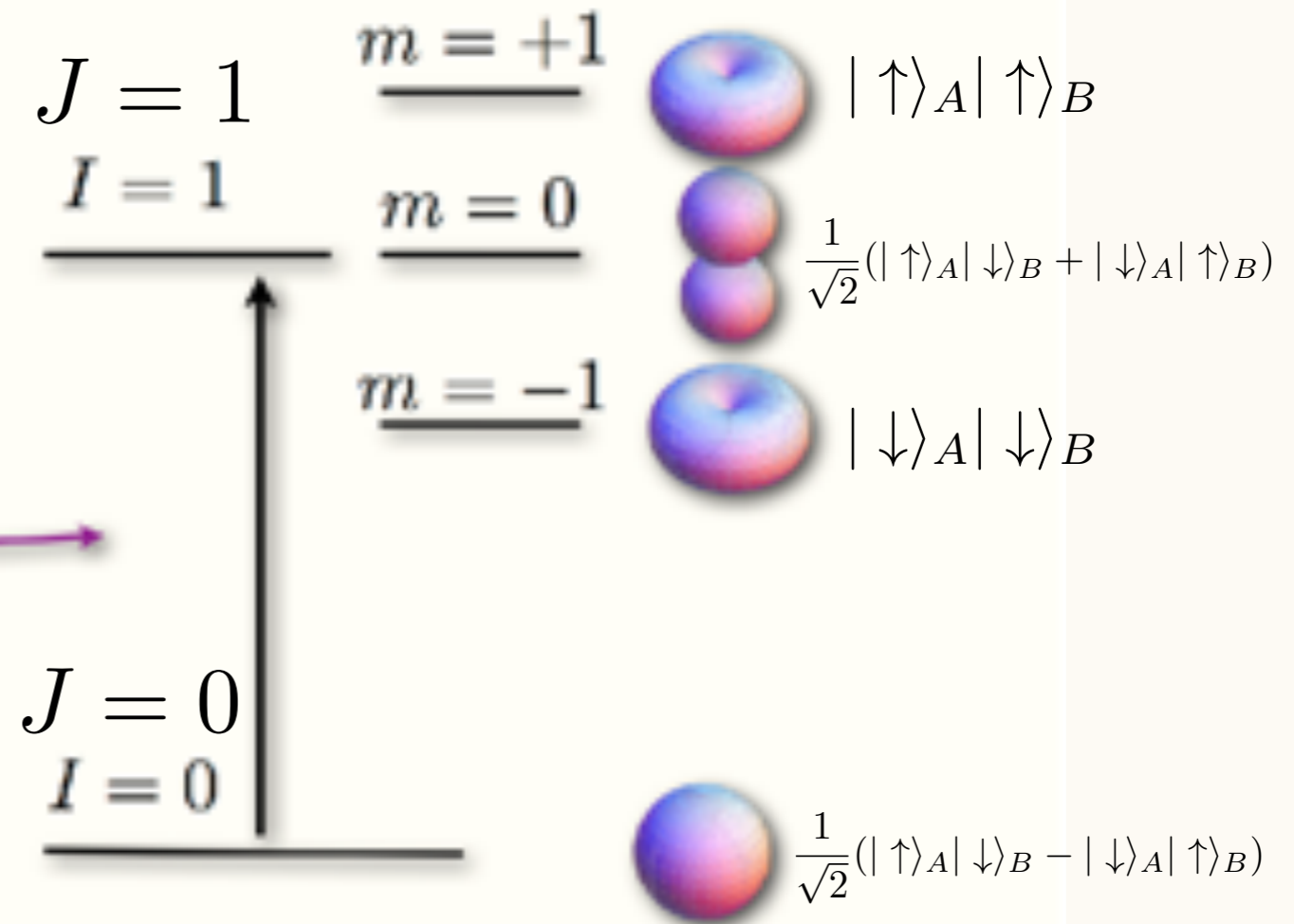
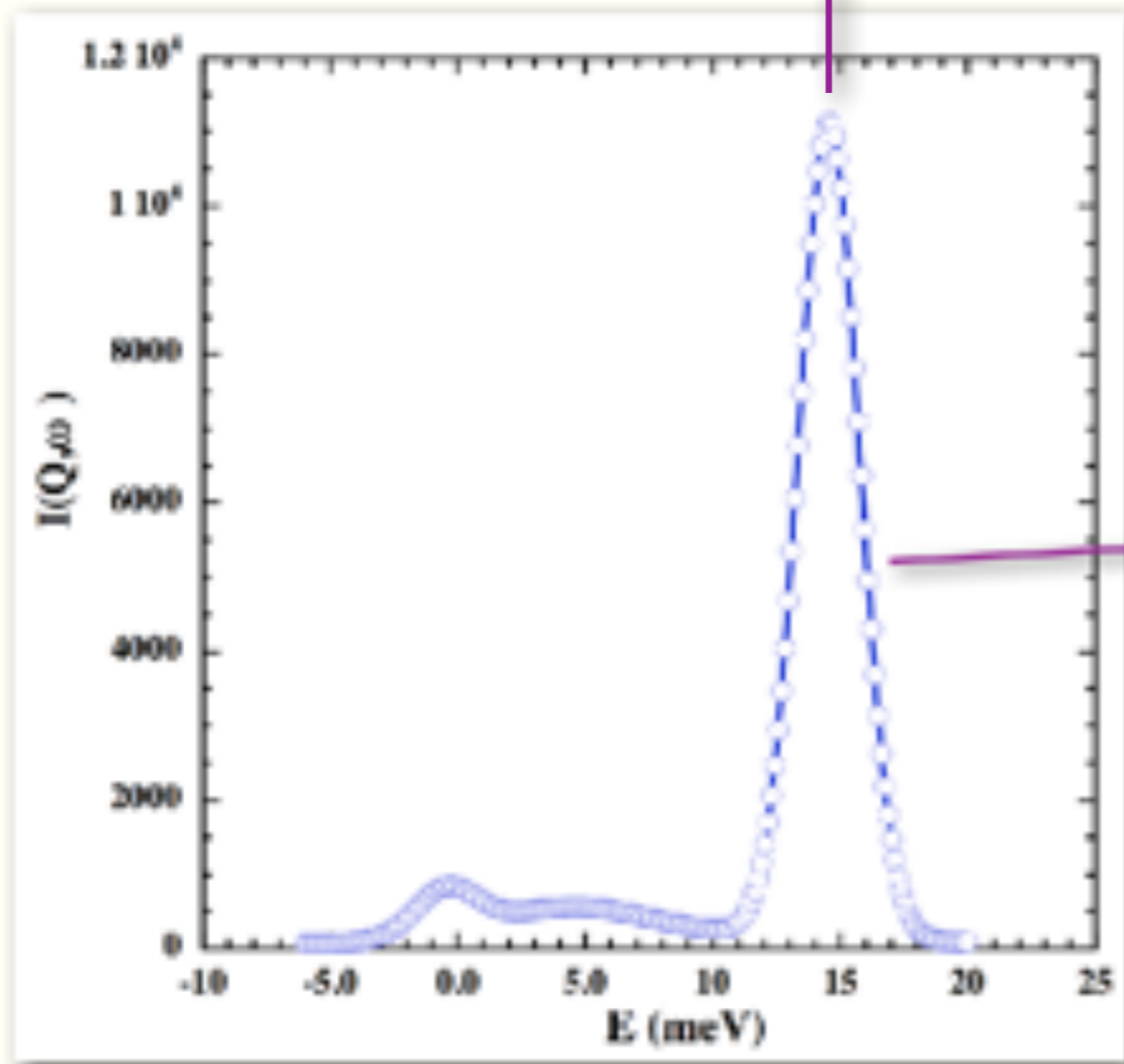
Quantum nuclear effects
must be essential to
stabilise the 1D Crystals



H₂ quantum aspects

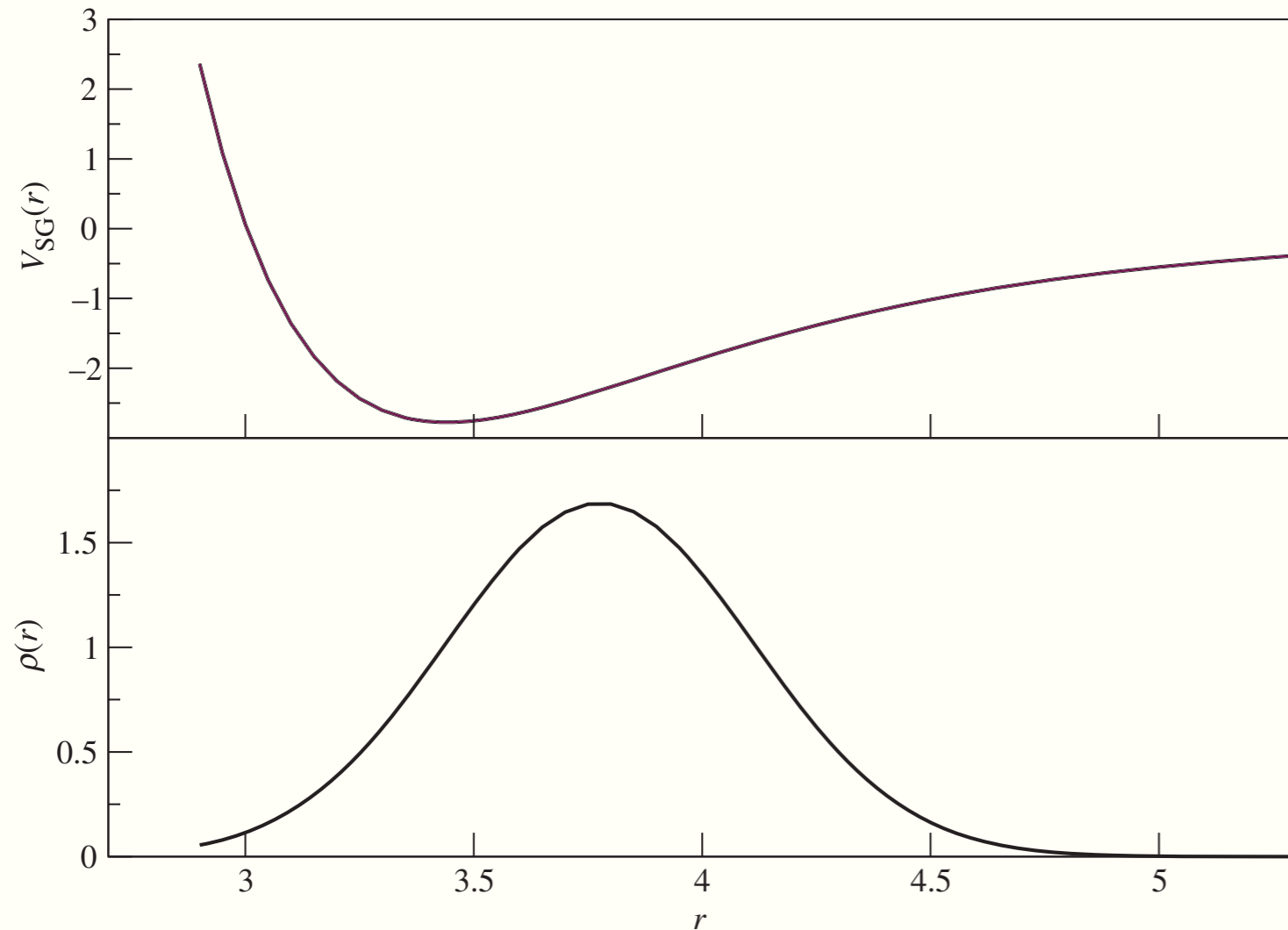
Rotational degrees of freedom

$$E_{01} \simeq 14.6 \text{ meV} \rightarrow T \simeq 169 \text{ K}$$



Molecules in the $J = 0$ (fundamental level) are very well approximated by structureless entities
 Interaction very well approximated by an isotropic (T independent) potential (Silvera-Goldman)
 I. F. Silvera and V. V. Goldman, *J. Chem. Phys.* **69**, 4209 (1978)

Translational degrees of freedom (crystal)



Anharmonic crystal even at low temperatures.
Breakdown of the harmonic approximation around equilibrium position

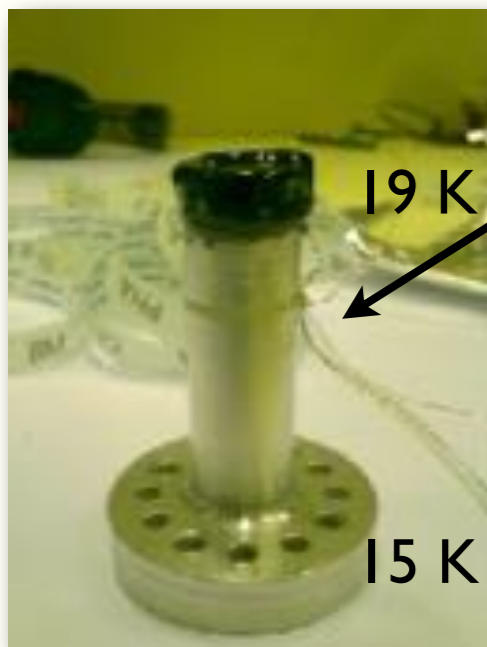
Thermal expansion ~ 0 below a threshold temperature

para-H₂: experimental $T_{tp} = 13.8$ K (*hcp*)

Quasiclassical T_m well above T_{tp} (25 K, i.e., $\sim 1.8 T_{tp}$)

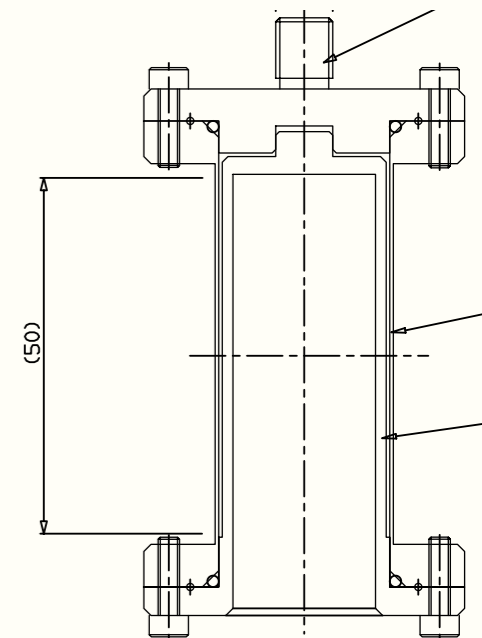
$$\sqrt{\langle u^2 \rangle_{qc}} = 0.75 \text{ \AA}$$

Experiment



Half filled with
6 g of Oxisorb (CrO_3)

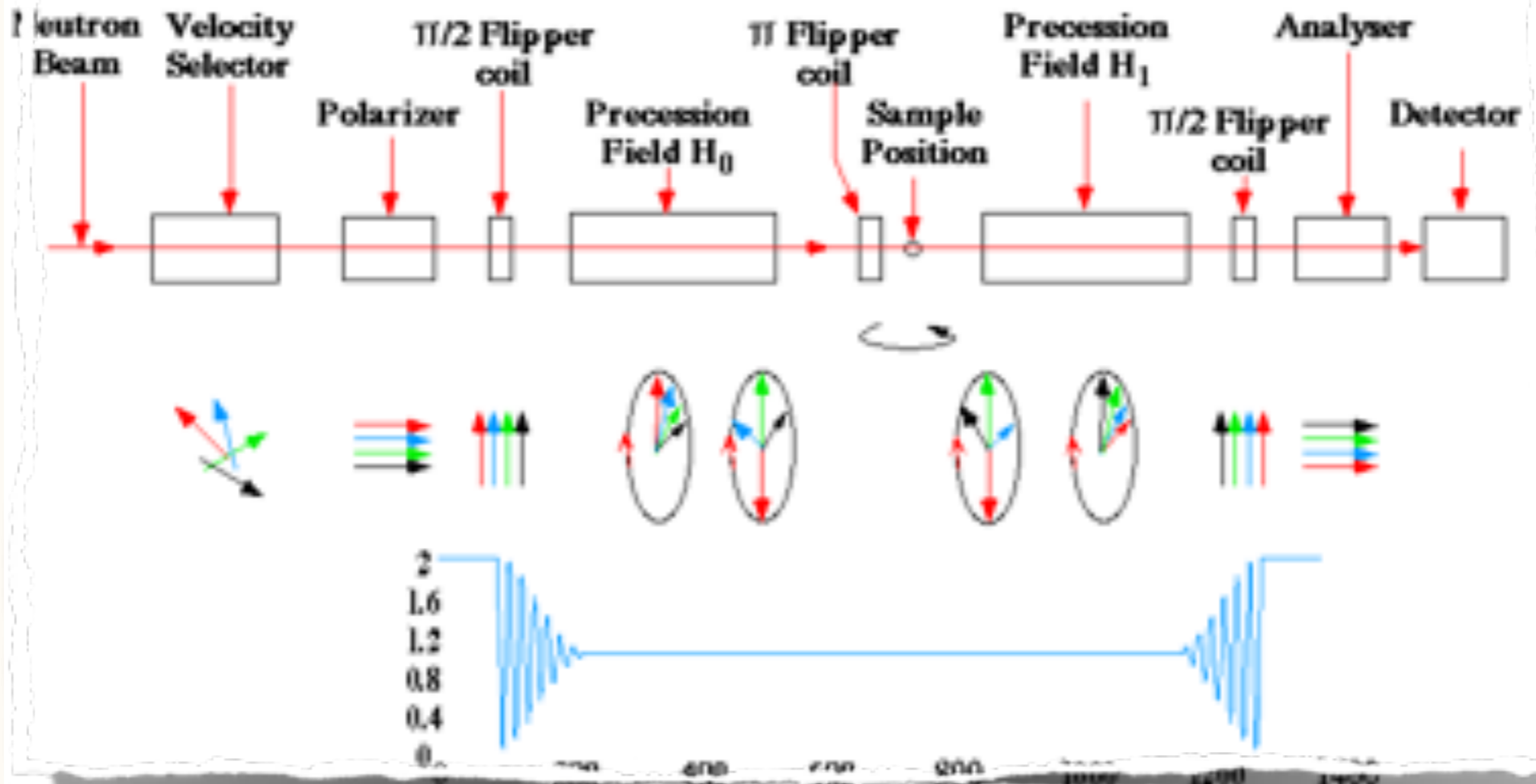
Liquid H_2 were left in
this catalytic cylinder
during 5 days before
loading to the sample can
while cooling to 13 K



Experimental: *Inelastic TAS Spin Echo*

Practical Neutron Spin Echo

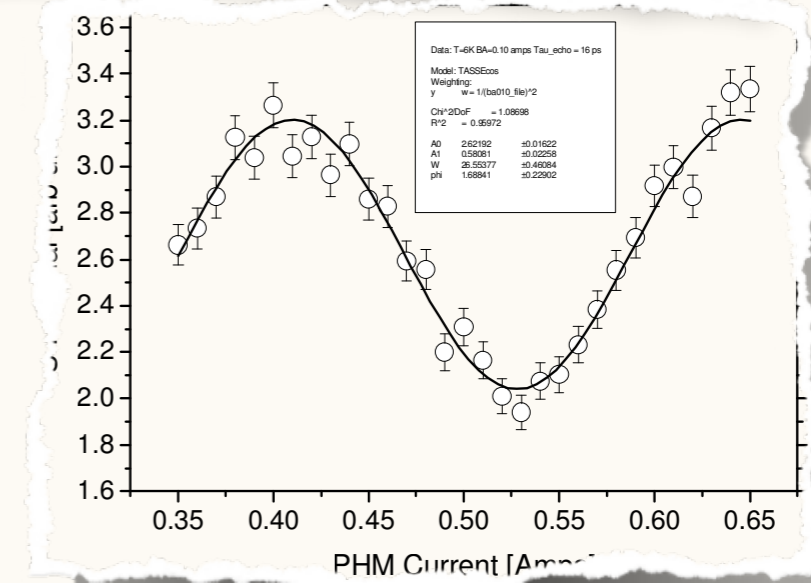
- To start and stop the precession of the neutrons at a well defined plane, $\pi/2$ flippers are used
- For the precession in the opposite sense, instead of applying opposite B field the precession plane is turned around (π flipper)



$$k_f = 2.66 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$$

$$(Q, \omega) = (2.5 \text{ \AA}^{-1}, 14.7 \text{ meV})$$

Incoherent SE = 1/3 Coherent SE

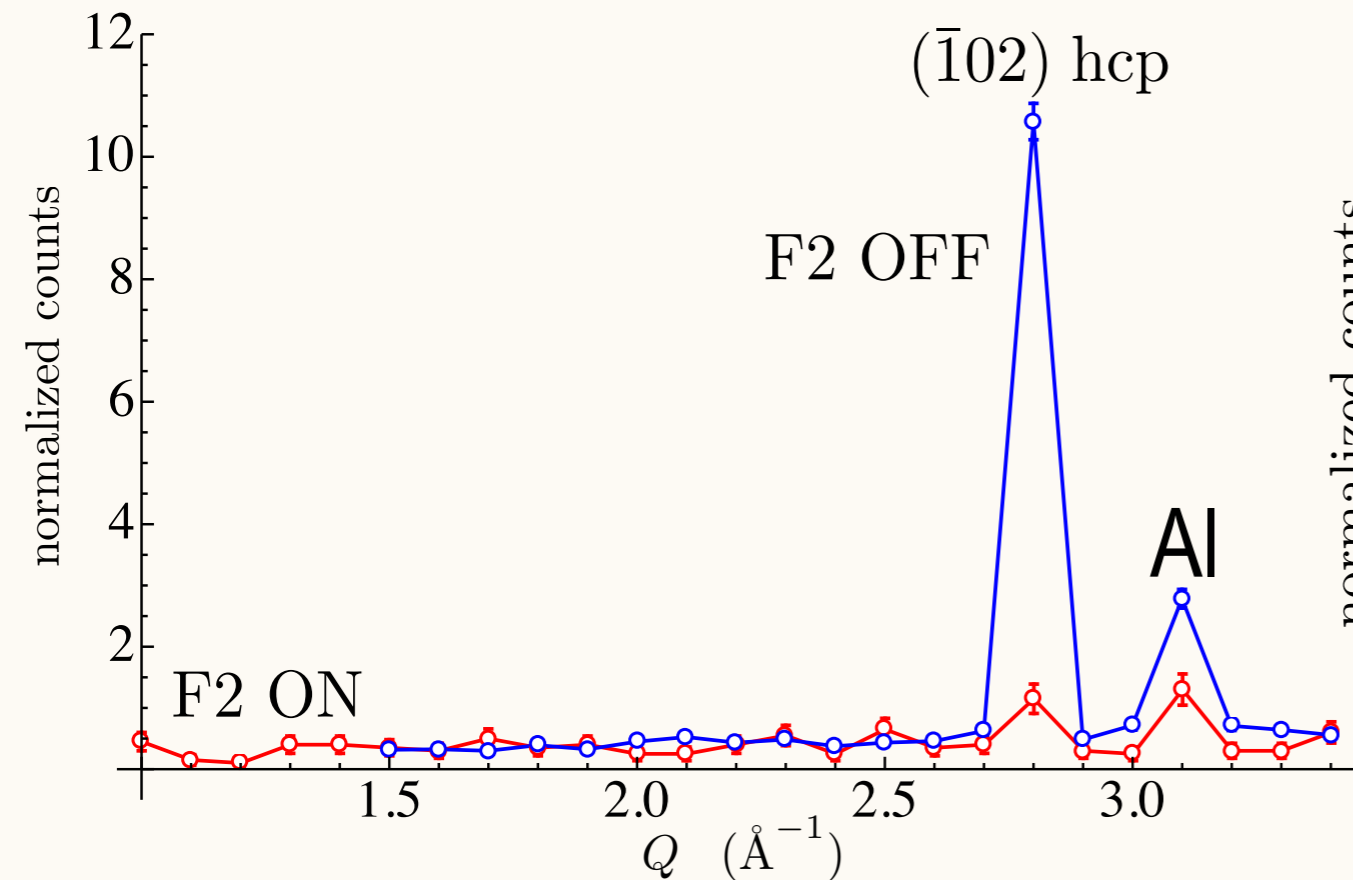


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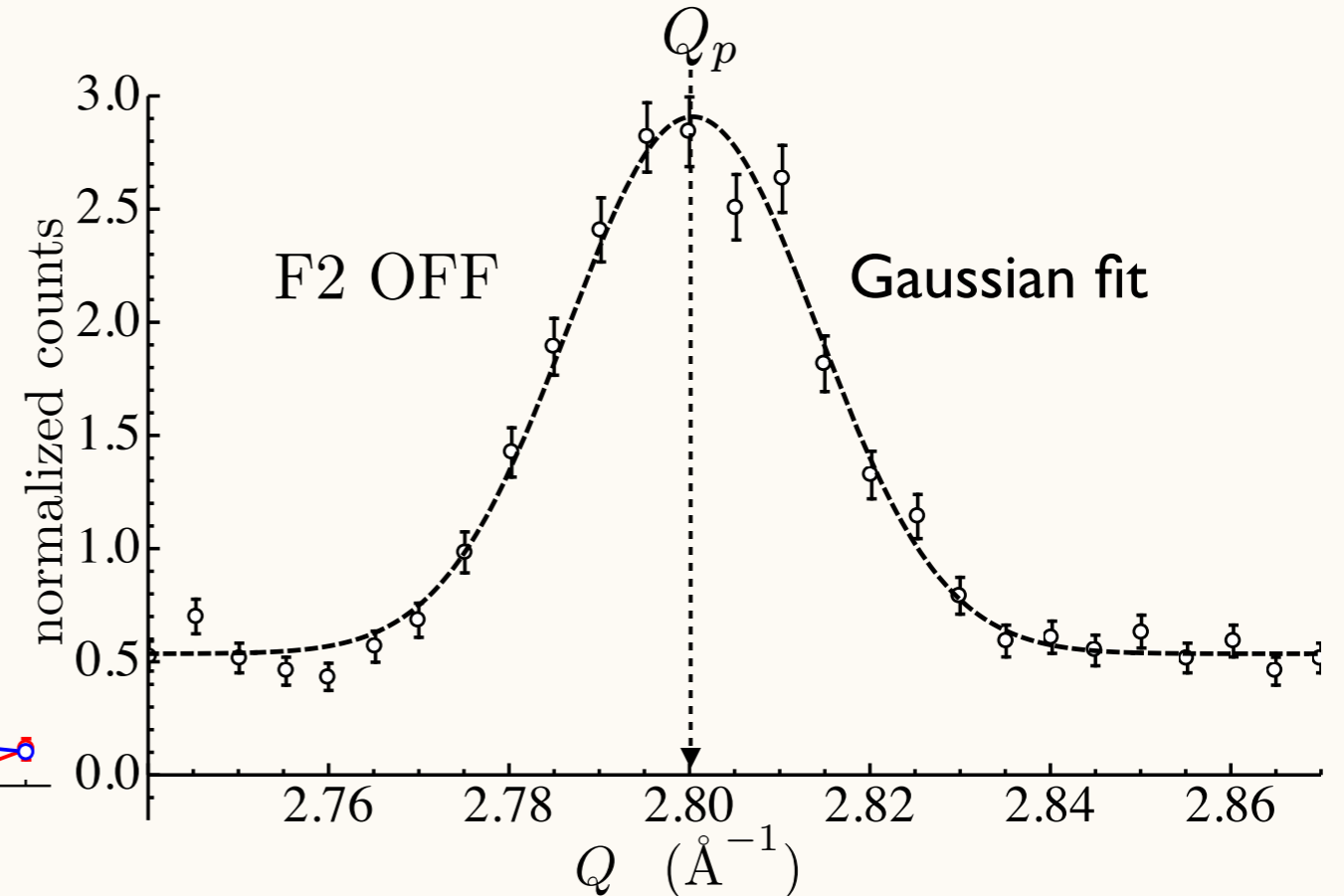
Bragg scattering

F1 OFF, $E = 0$ meV, $T = 13.2$ K

Rough scans



Fine scans around 2.8



- Monocrystalline sample
- High-purity *para*-H₂

$$c_0 = 0.001 \pm 0.002$$

$$Q_p = 2.8004 \pm 0.0008 \text{ \AA}^{-1}, T = 13.17 \text{ K, i.e., } 0.95 T_{tp}$$

$$Q_p = 2.8023 \pm 0.0006 \text{ \AA}^{-1}, T = 3.1 \text{ K, i.e., } 0.22 T_{tp}$$

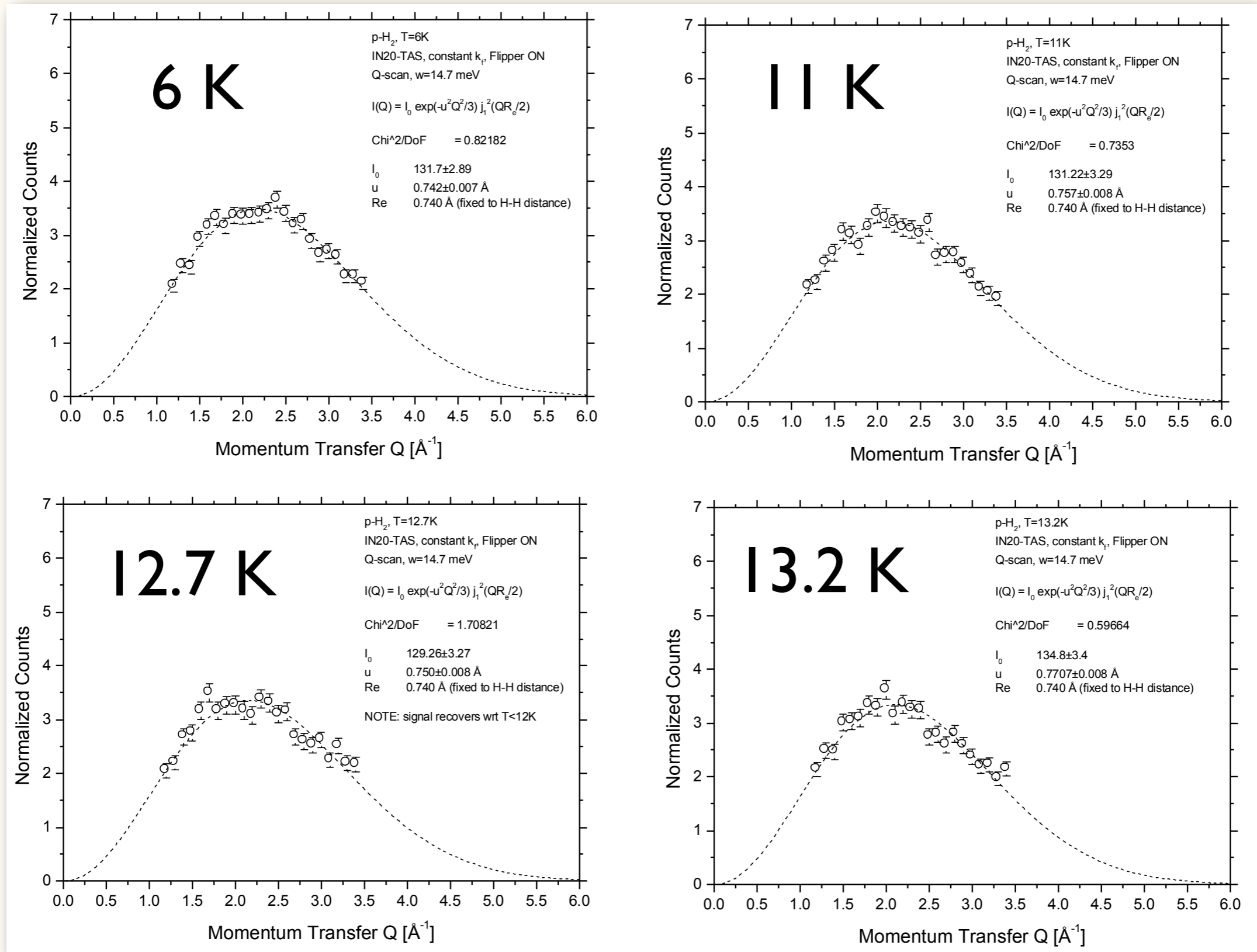
$$Q_p(13.7)/Q_p(3.1) = 1.0007$$

$$\text{hcp with } R_{NN} = 3.78 \text{ \AA}$$

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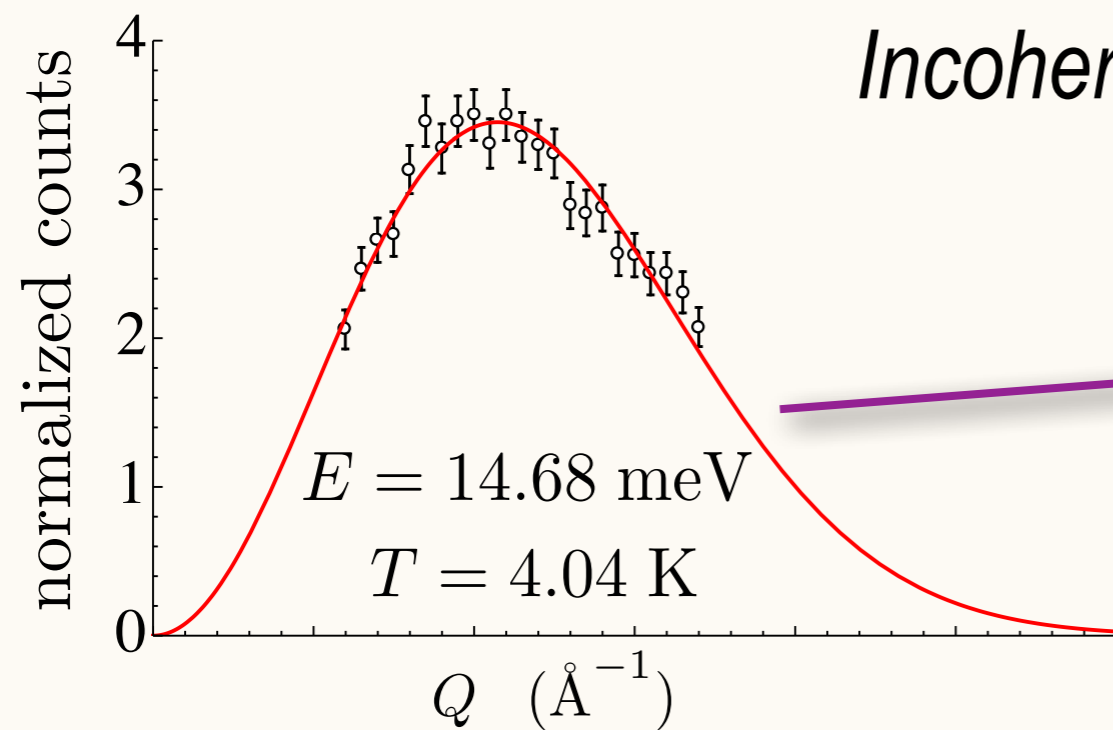
Incoherent Q-scans

F2 ON, $E \simeq 14.7$ meV



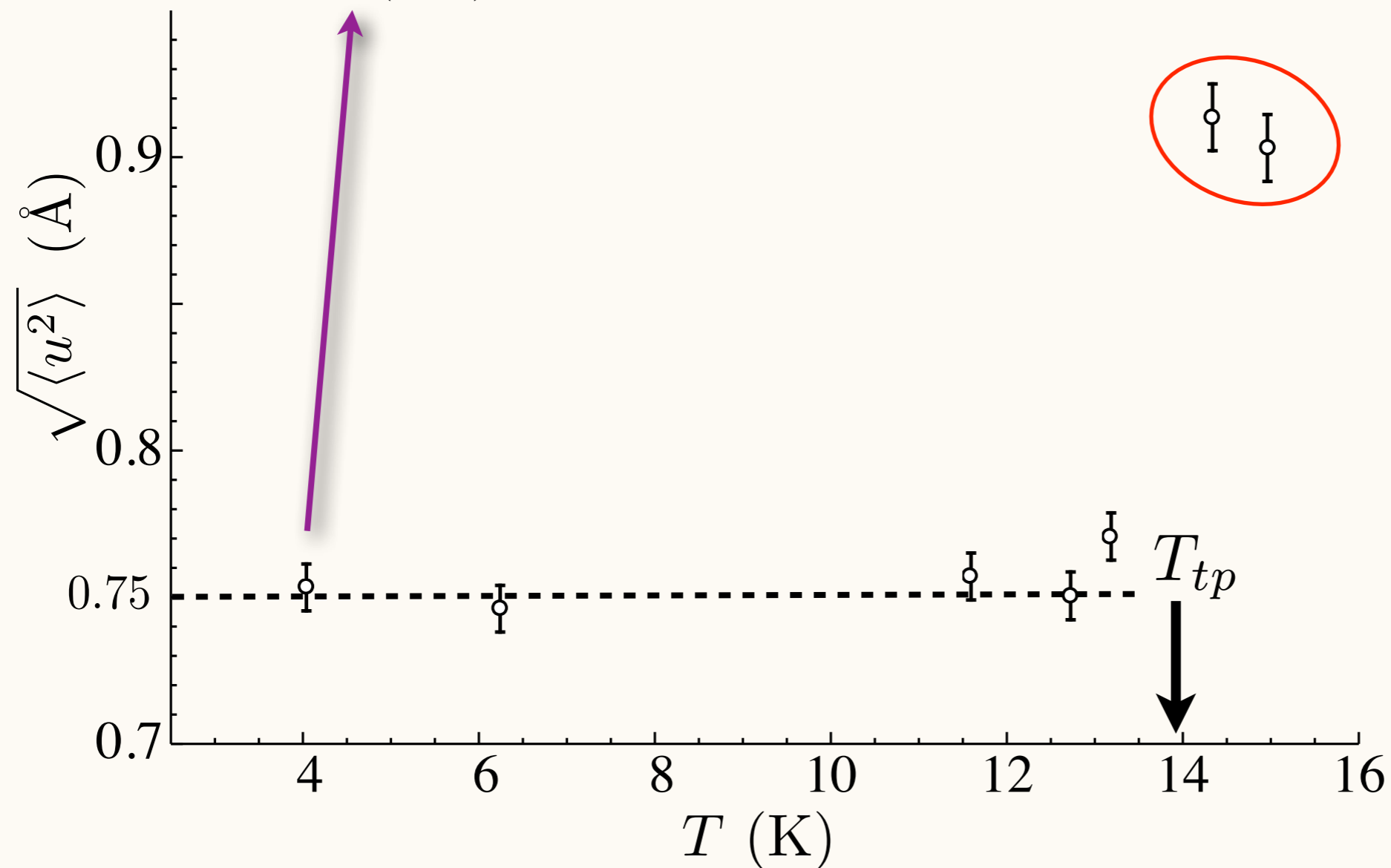
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$$I(Q) = j_1(Q d/2) \exp\left(-\frac{\langle u^2 \rangle}{3} Q^2\right)$$

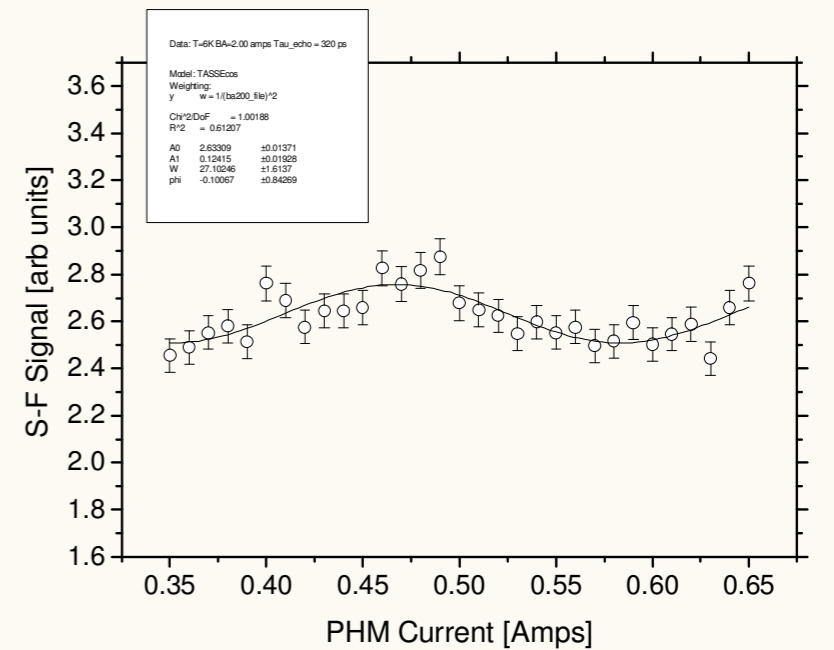
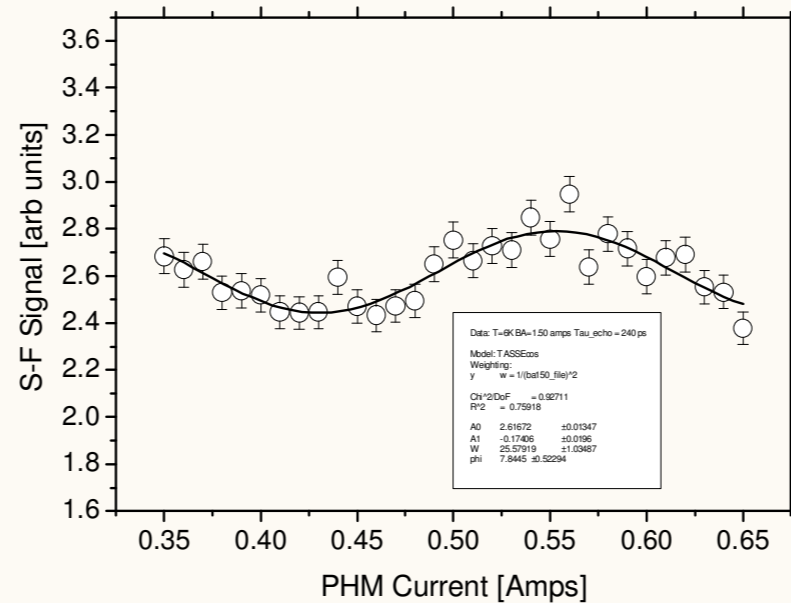
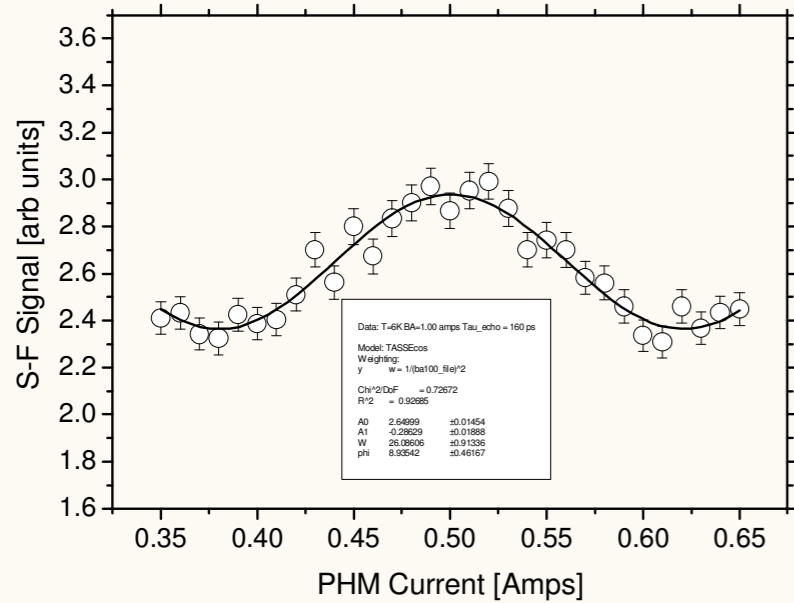
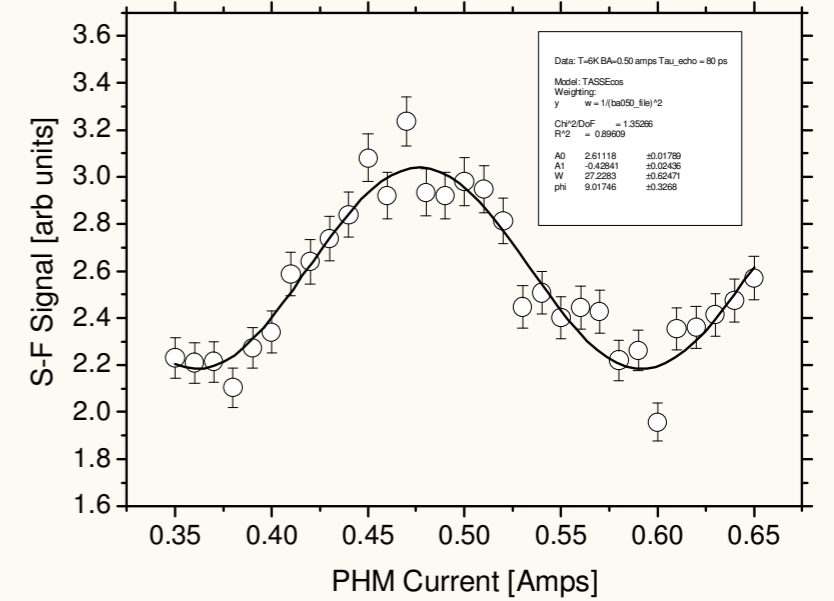
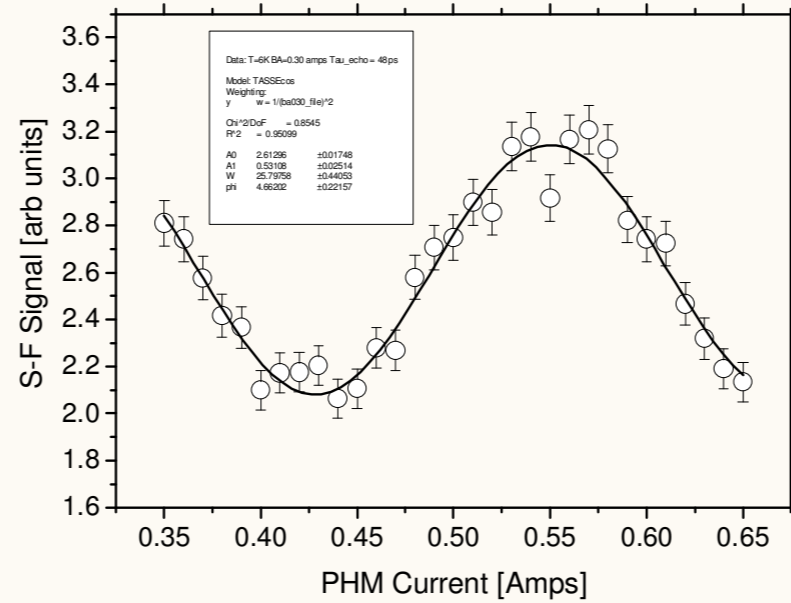
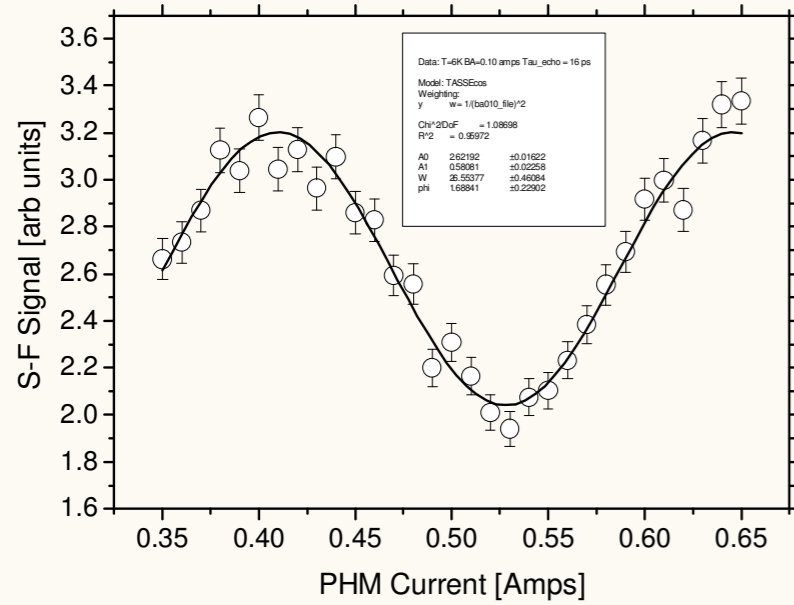
$$d = 0.74 \text{ \AA}$$



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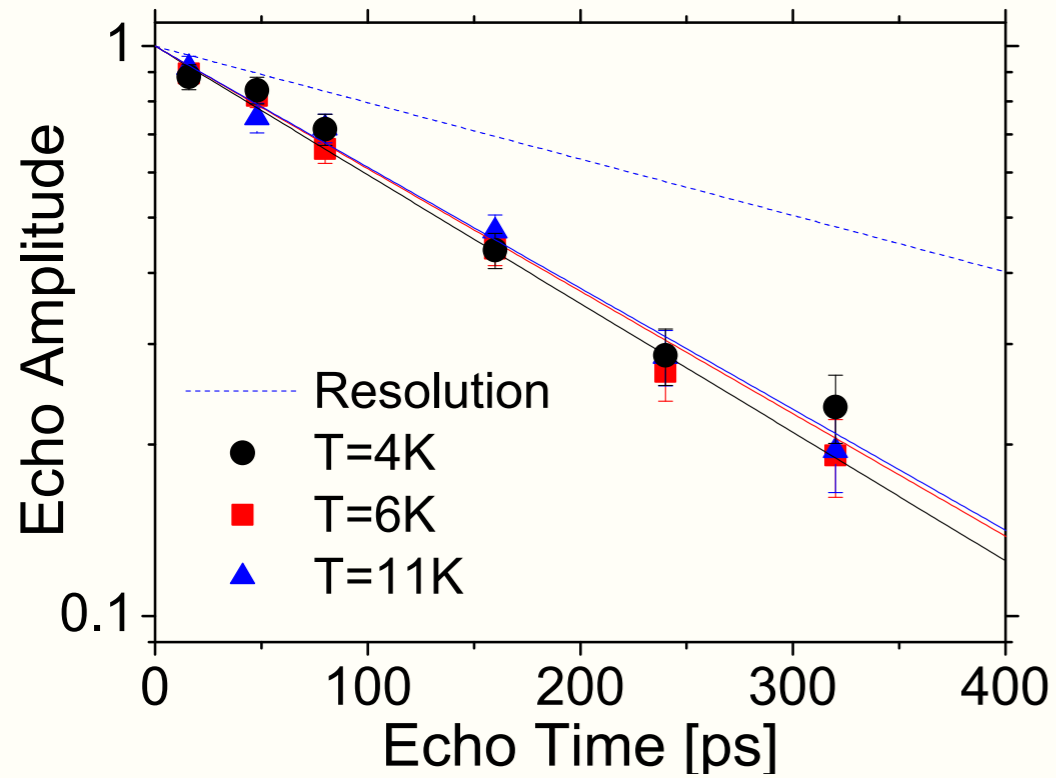
Spin echo scans

$$E \simeq 14.7 \text{ meV}, Q = 2.5 \text{ \AA}^{-1}, T = 6 \text{ K}$$



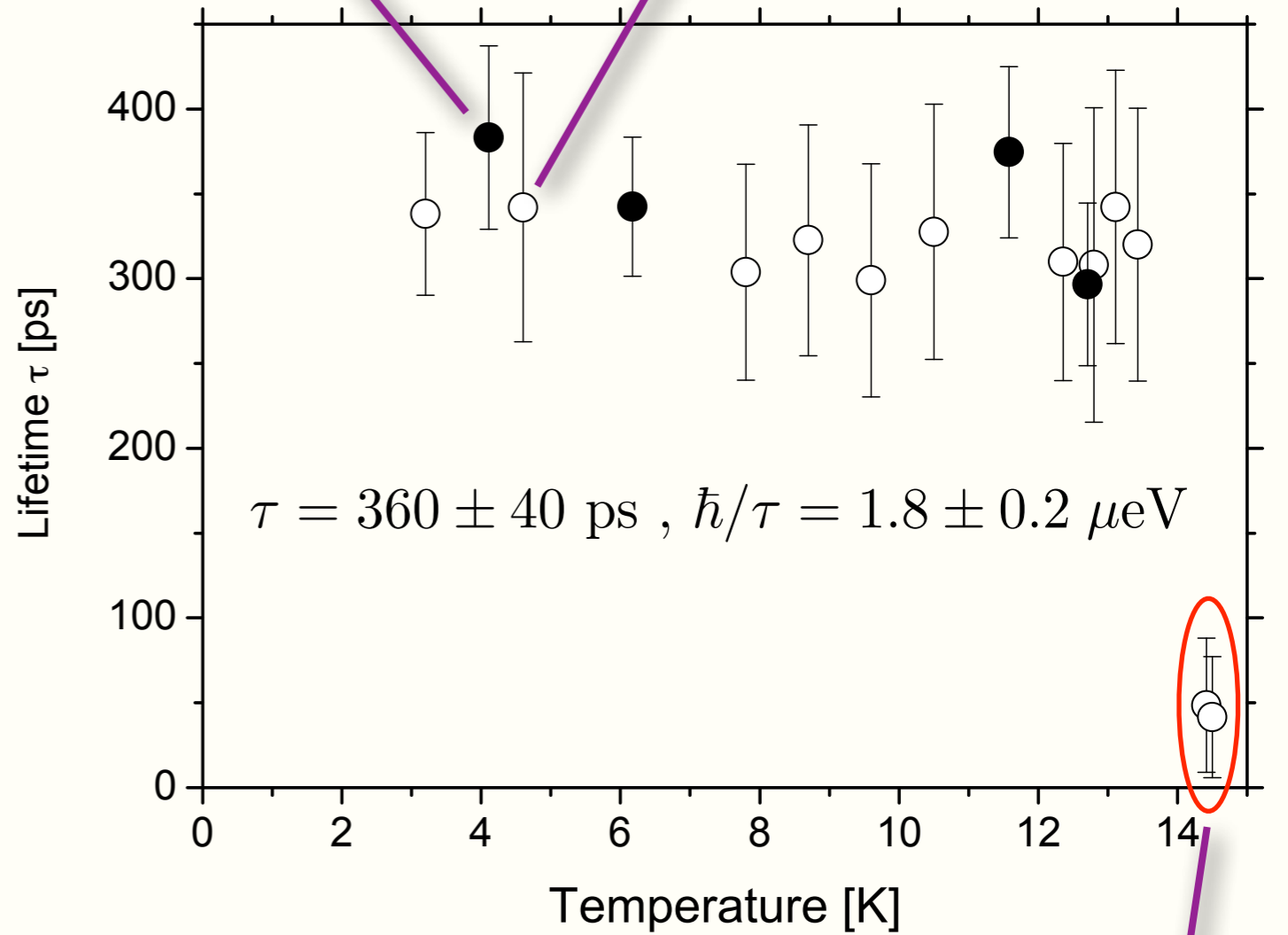
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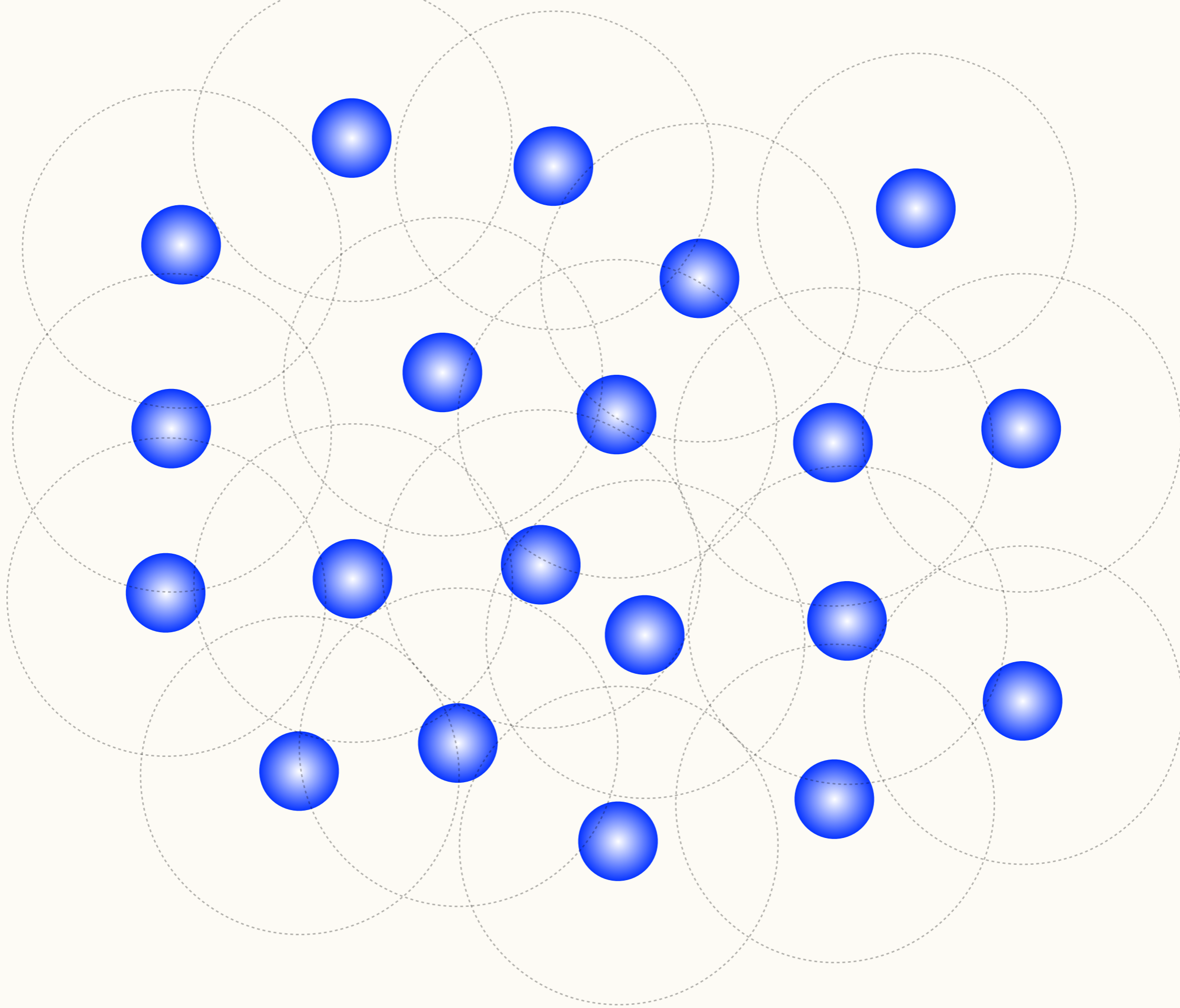


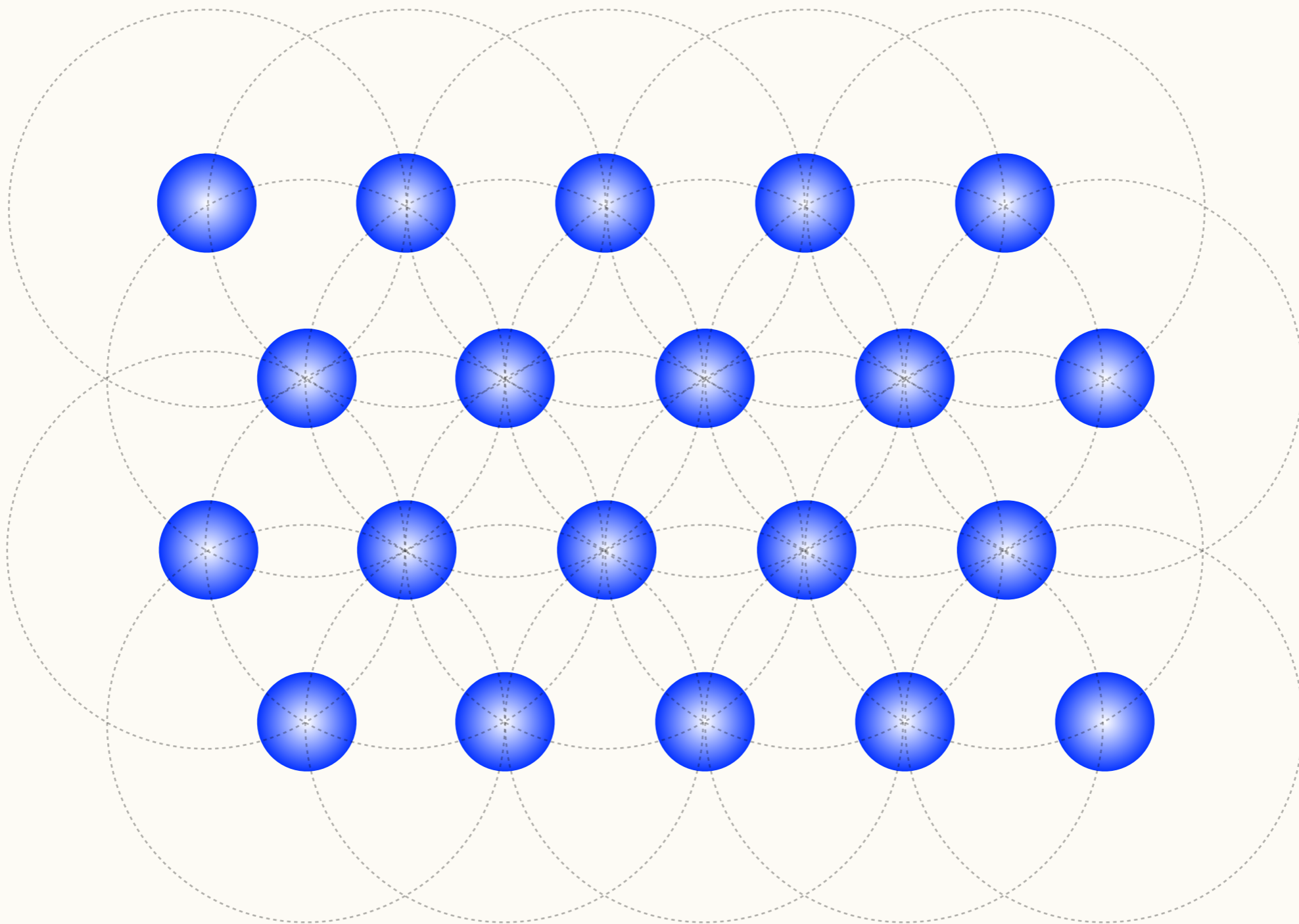
Full decay echo

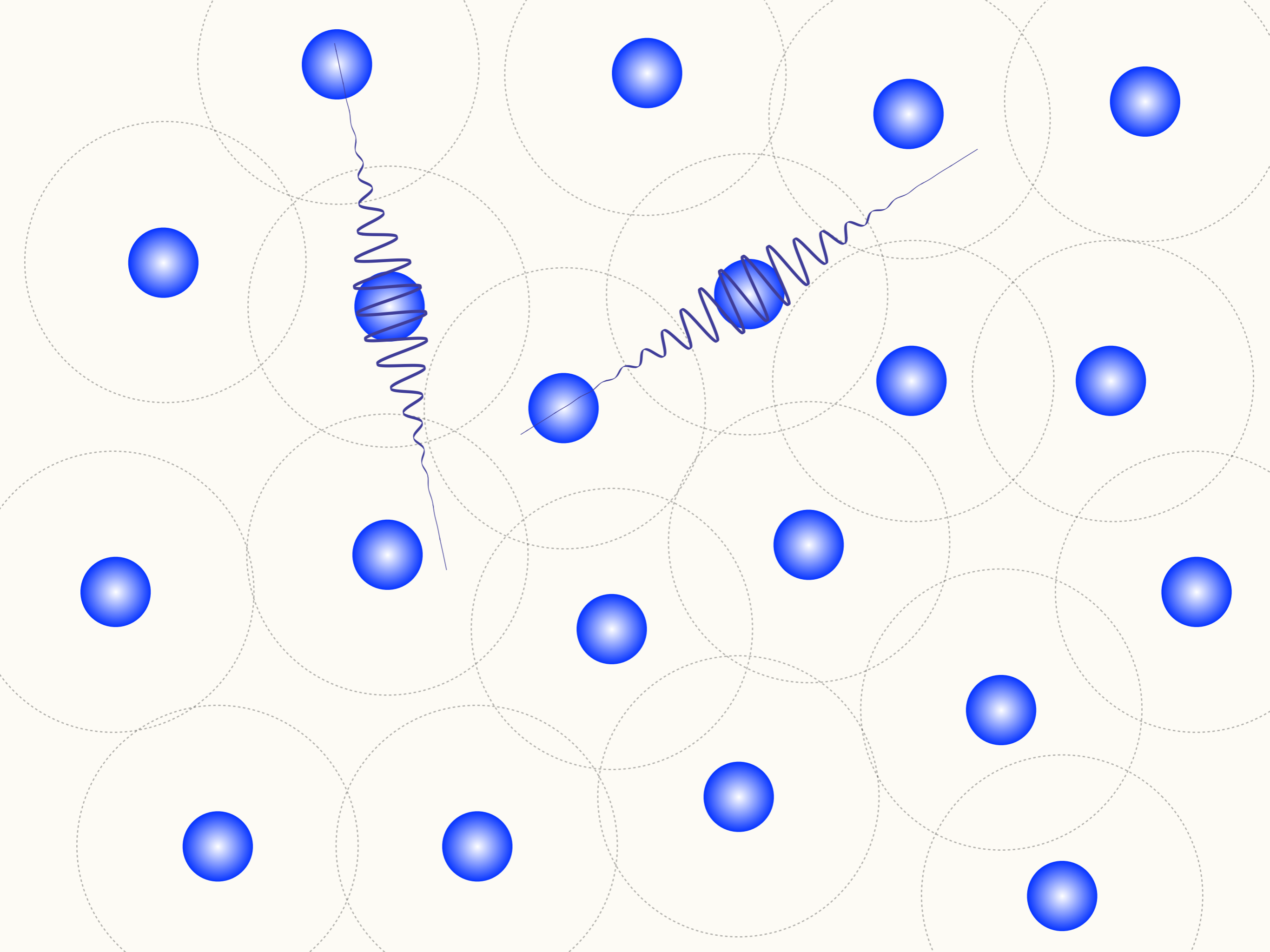
Four points scans

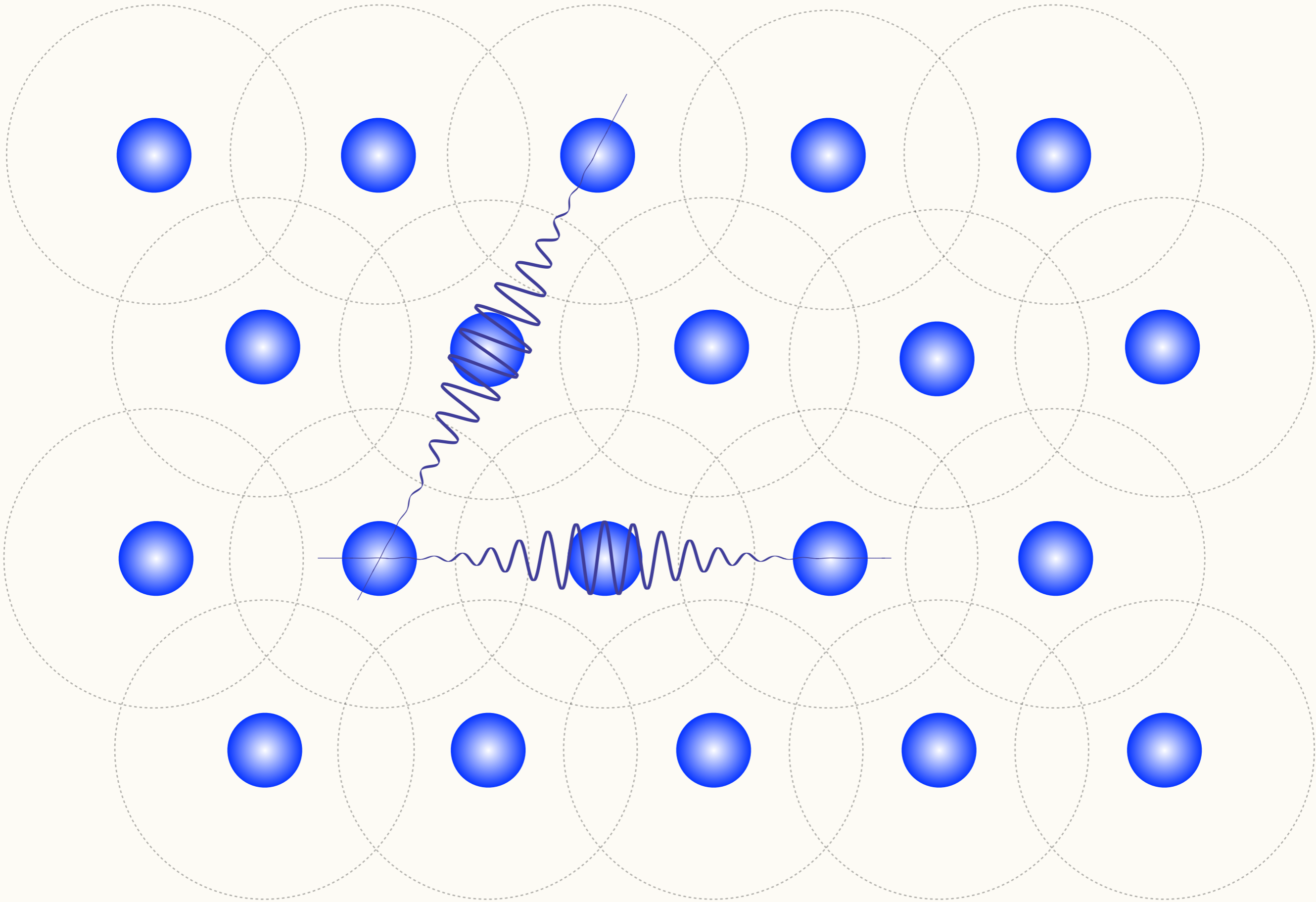


Liquid









Formación en Investigación

- Becas JAE Intro (CSIC): Introducción a la investigación (5 meses prorrogables). Alumnos de los dos últimos cursos de grado

Después del grado:

- Contratos garantía juvenil (CAM)
- Acciones de Formación de Profesorado Universitario (FPU): Contratos para realizar Tesis Doctorales
- Contratos predoctorales para la formación de doctores (antiguas FPI). Contratos asociados a proyectos de investigación típicamente para realizar una tesis doctoral. En nuestro caso: posibilidad en 2023 en un proyecto conjunto con el Materials Physics Center en San Sebastian con base en dicho centro (METASTABLE AND ACTIVE CARBON-BASED MATERIALS FOR THE STORAGE AND MANAGEMENT OF CLEAN ENERGY – NOVEL PHYSICO-CHEMICAL STRATEGIES (MACMAT))