

# HRPT

## High Resolution Powder Diffractometer for Thermal Neutrons

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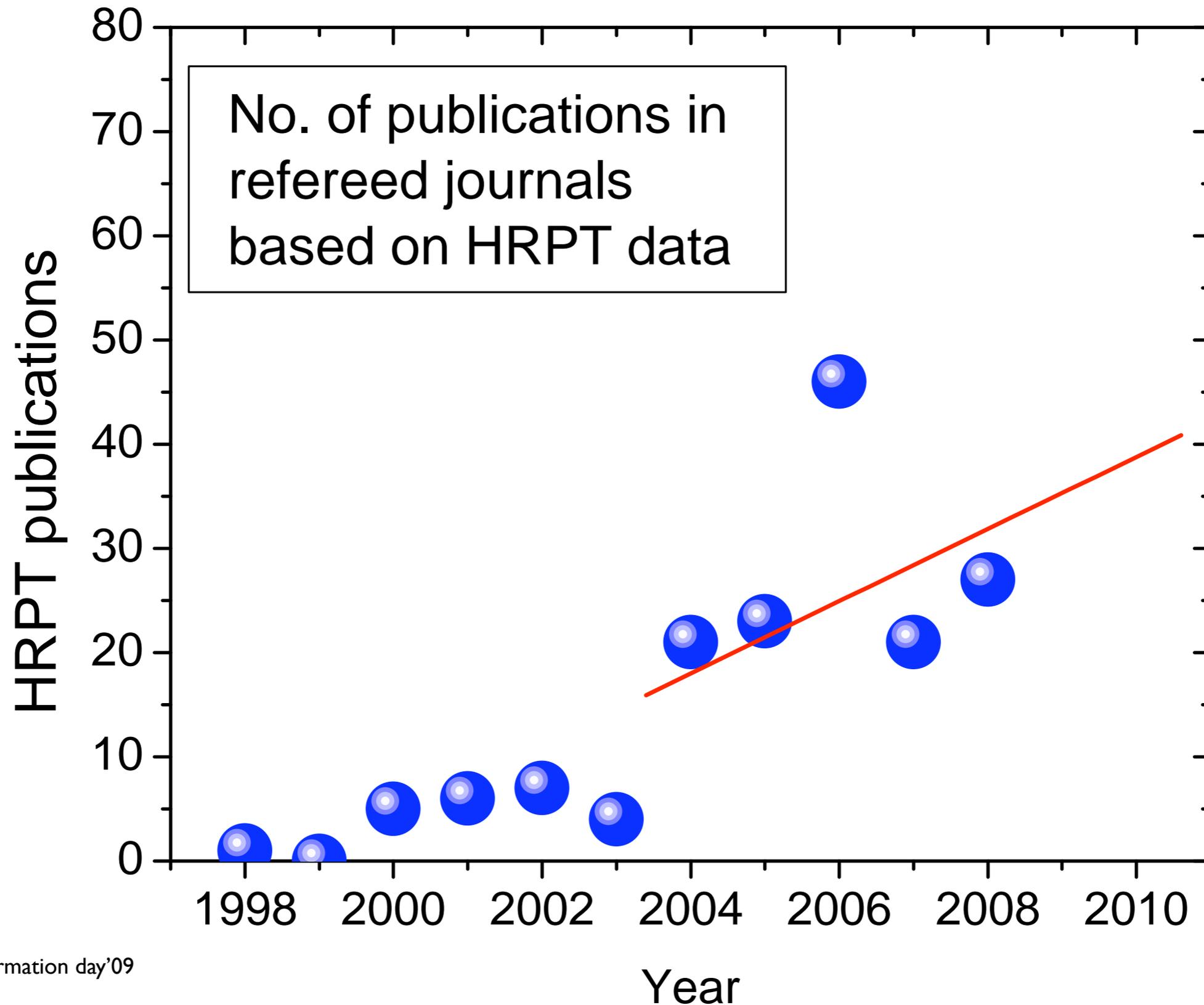
- Design, construction (CERCA) started ~1991
- Commissioned in 1999.  
HRPT father is Peter Fisher



# Instead of introduction (2): Applications of HRPT diffractometer

- 1) Precise structure refinement complementary to x-rays
- 2) Magnetic ordering phenomena
- 3) Direct structure solution. Phase analysis of (new) materials

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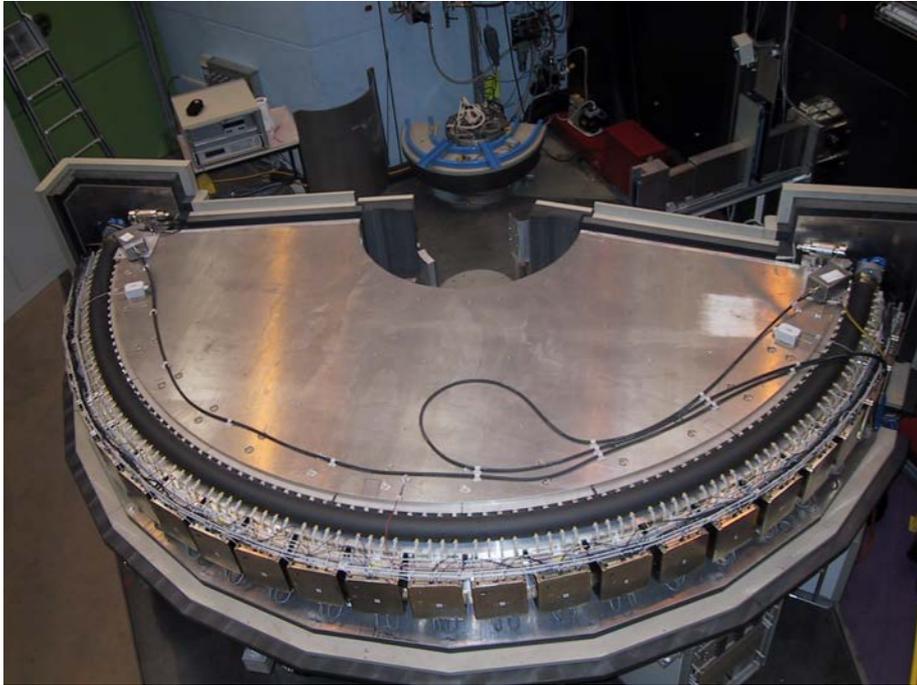
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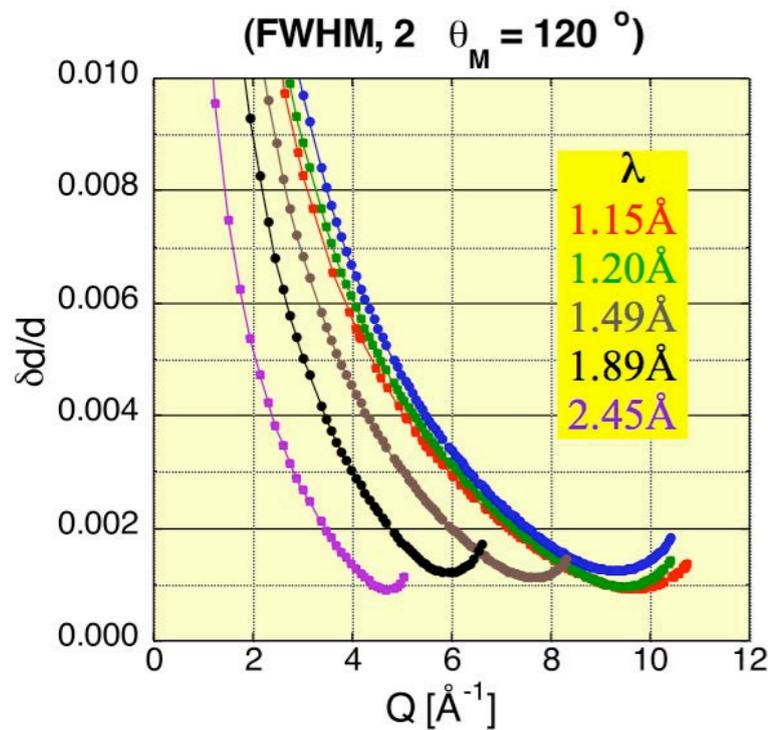
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<b>LLB, FR</b>	<b>G41, G42</b>
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<b>FRM-II, DE</b>	<b>SPODI</b>
<b>FLNP/Dubna, RU</b>	<b>HRFD, DN2, DNI2</b>
<b>ILL, FR</b>	<b>D20, D2B</b>

# Powder ND at SINQ/PSI

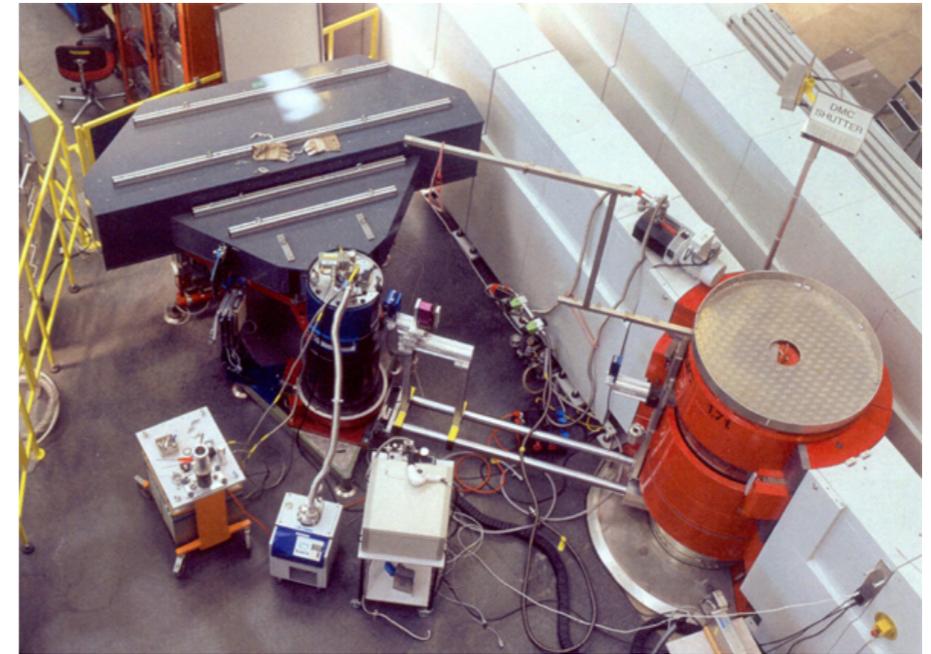
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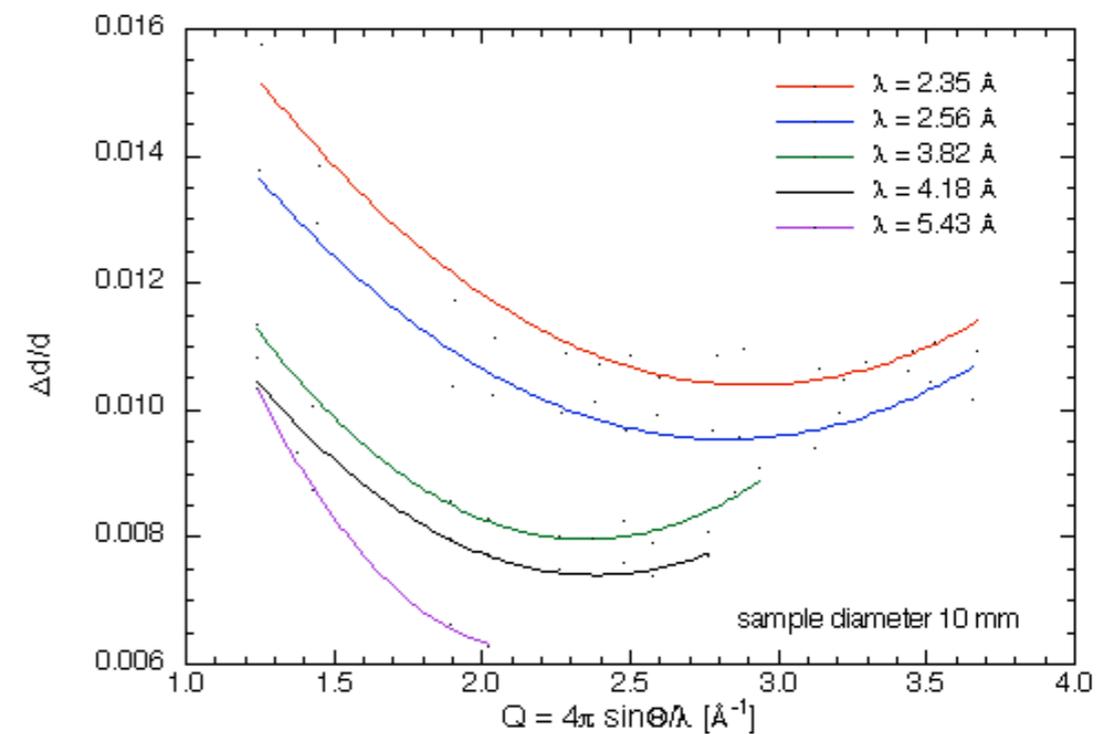
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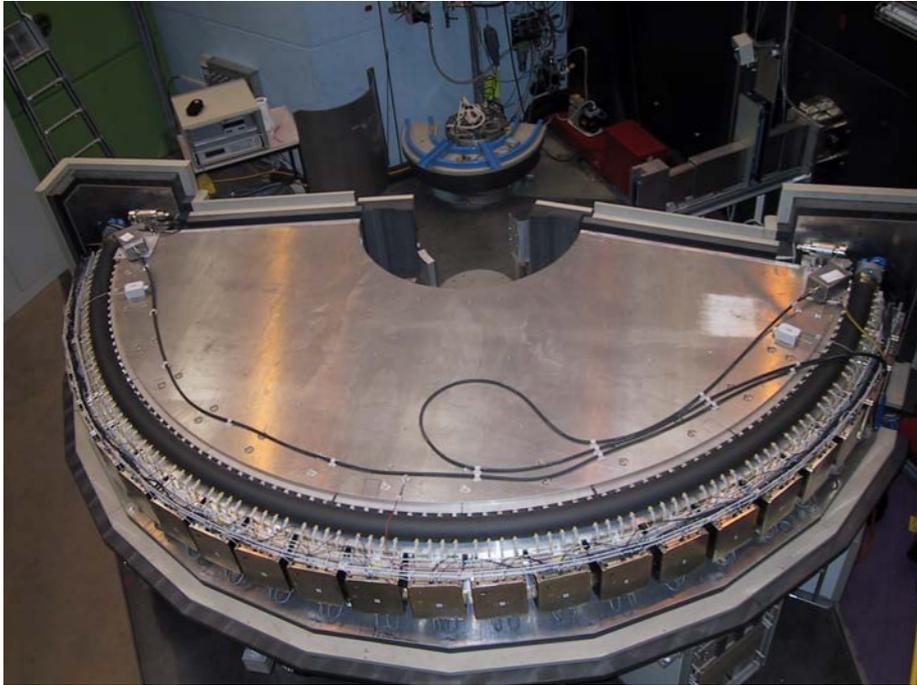


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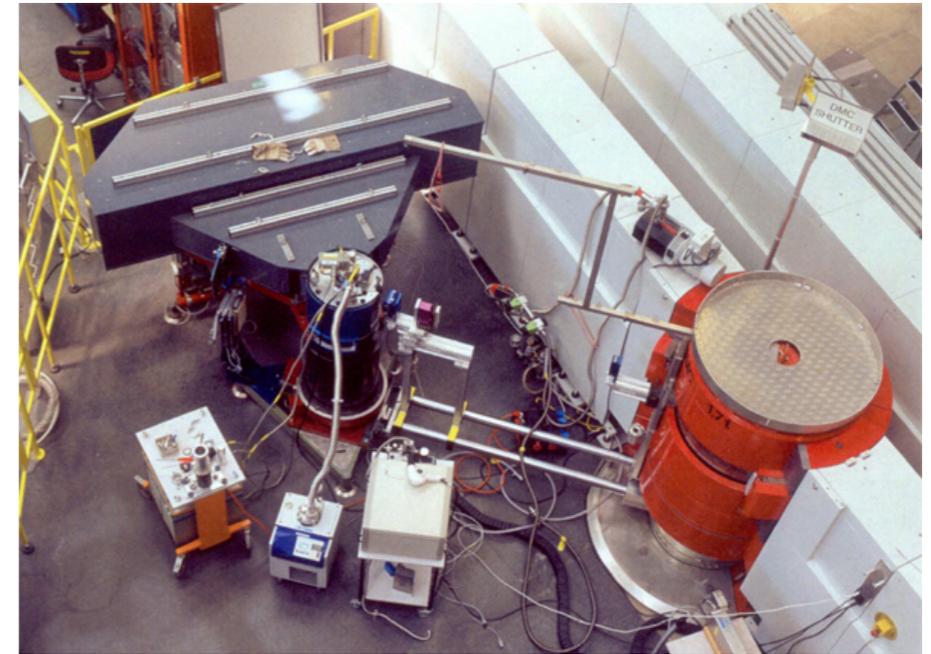


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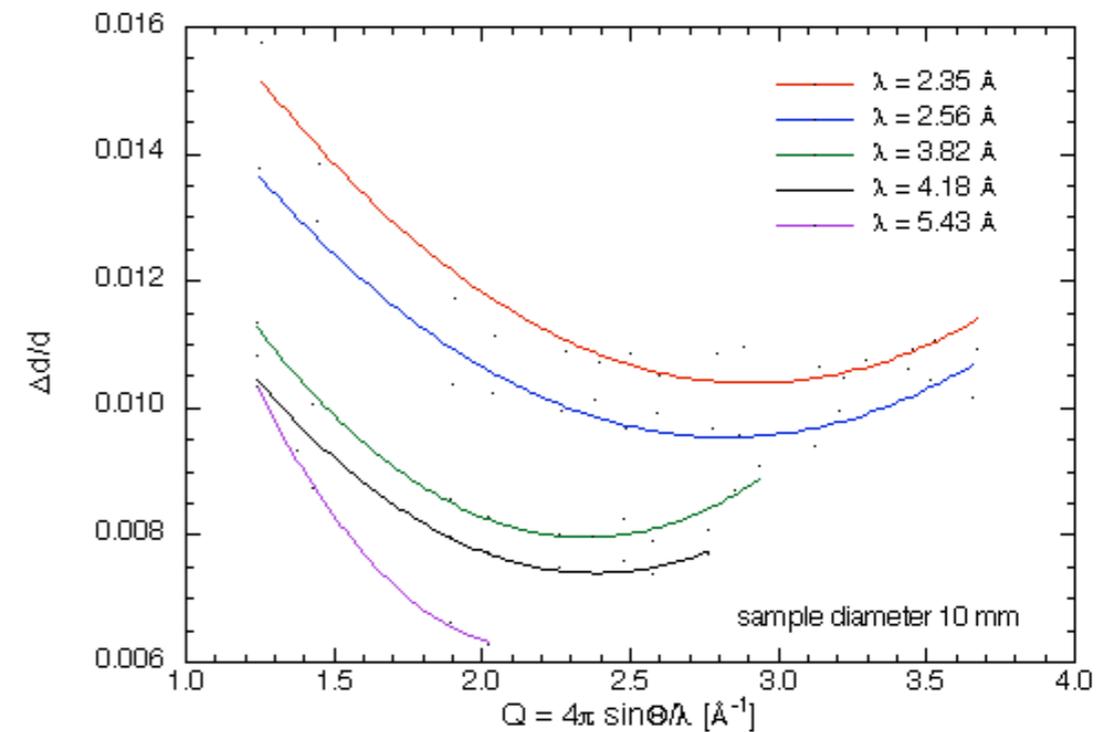
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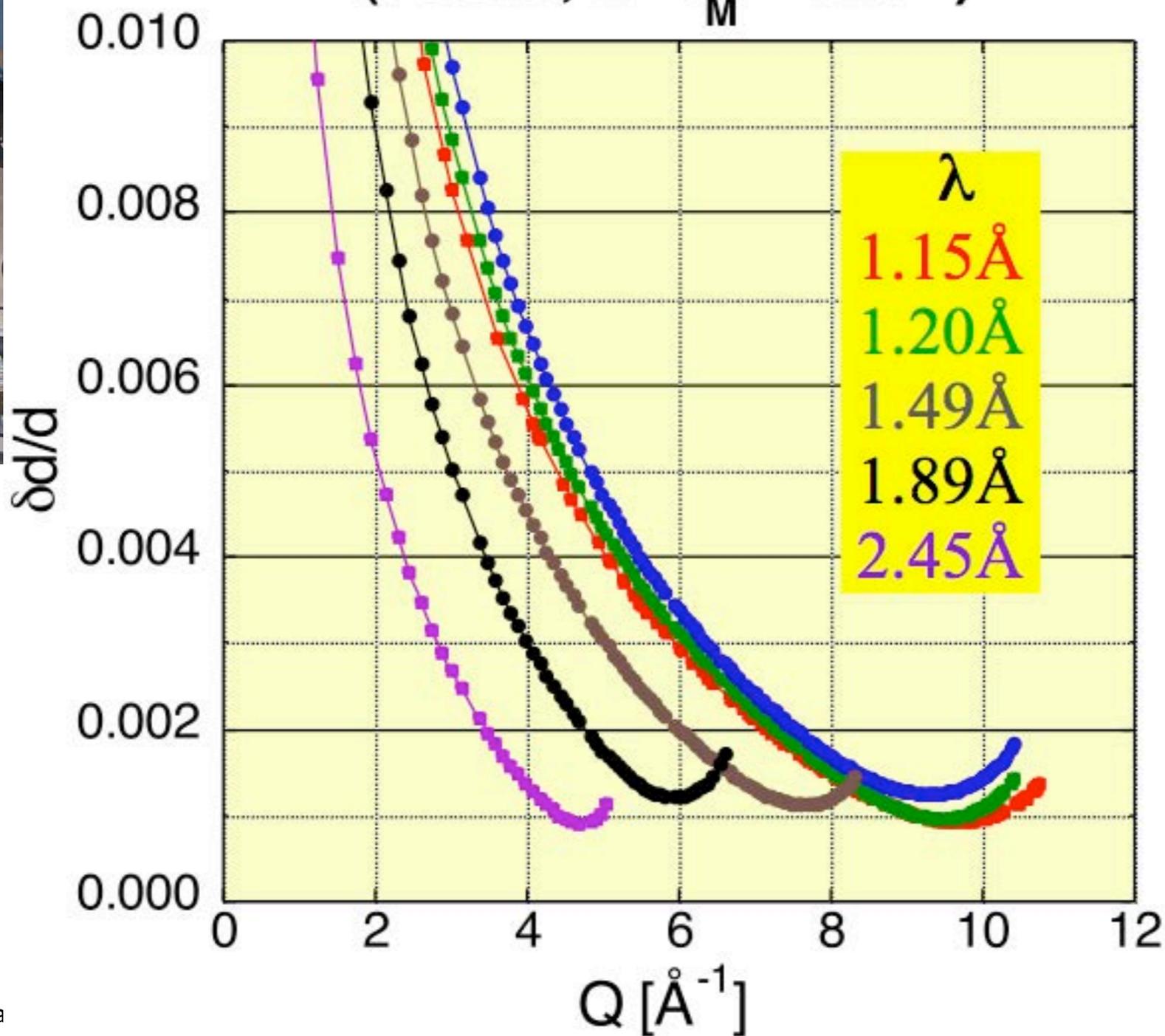
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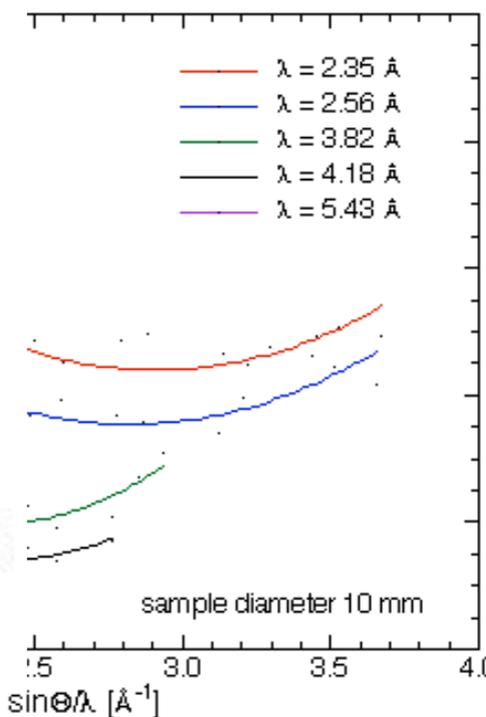
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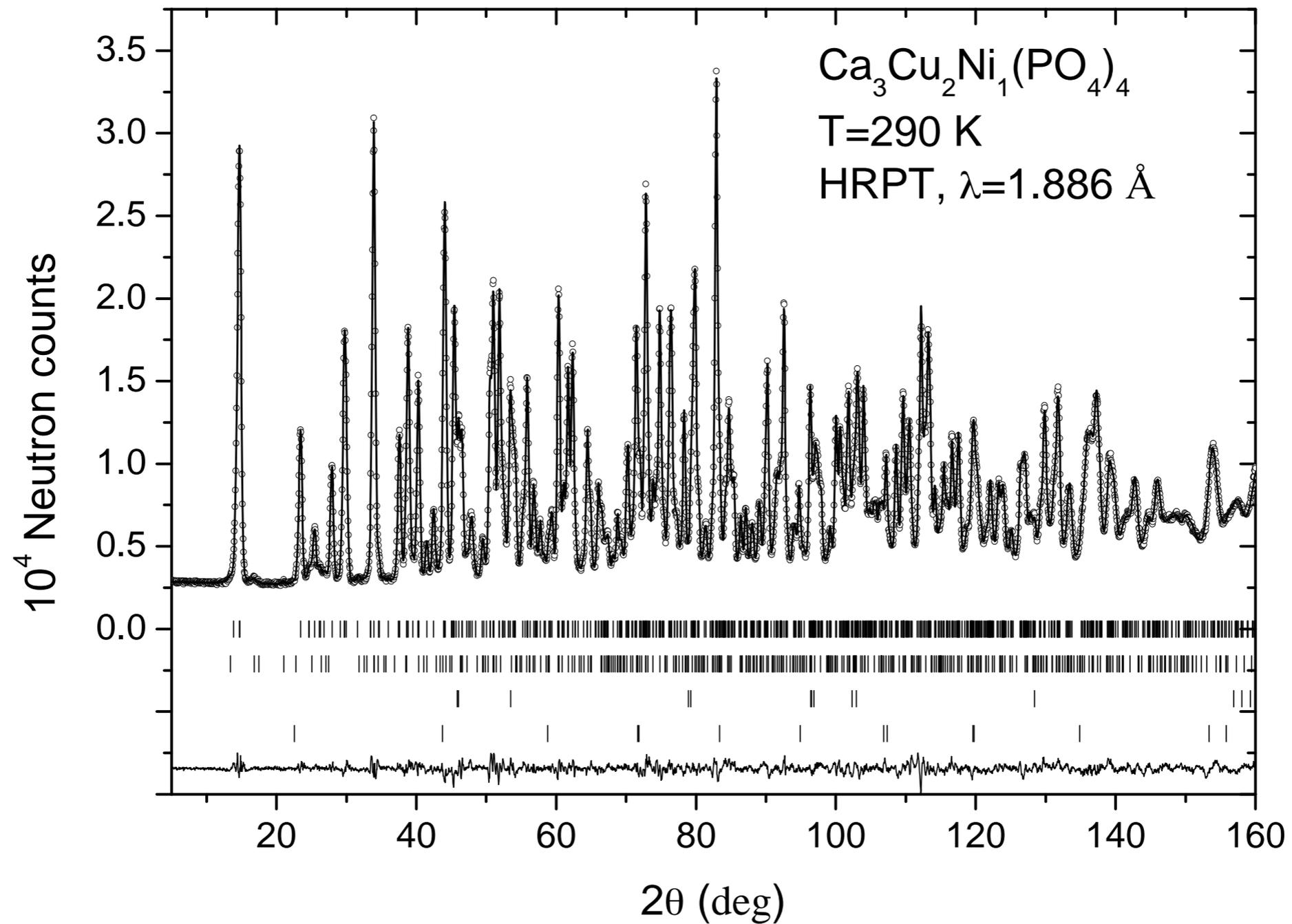
powder diffractometer



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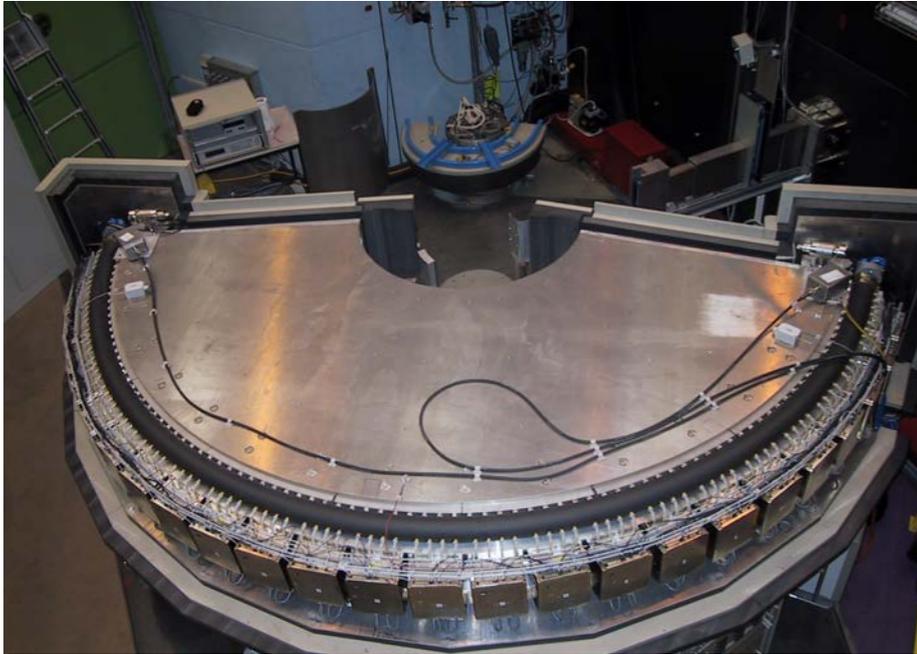


# Example of HRPT diffraction pattern

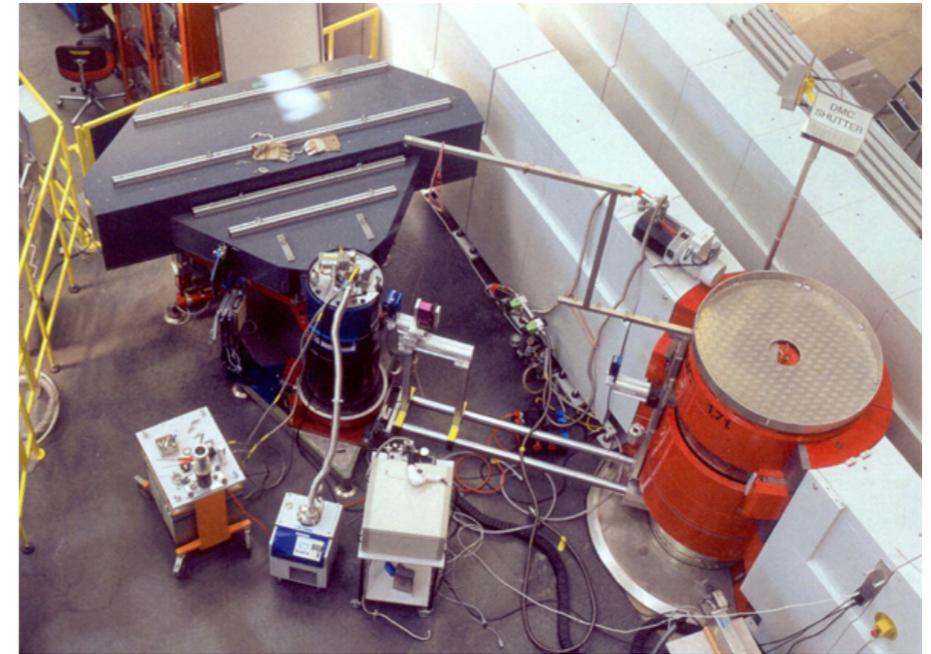


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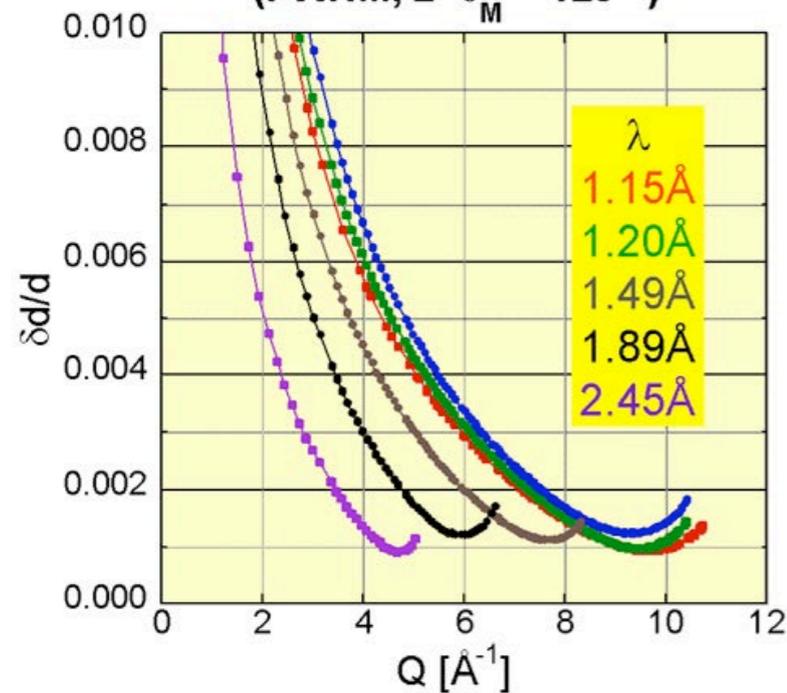


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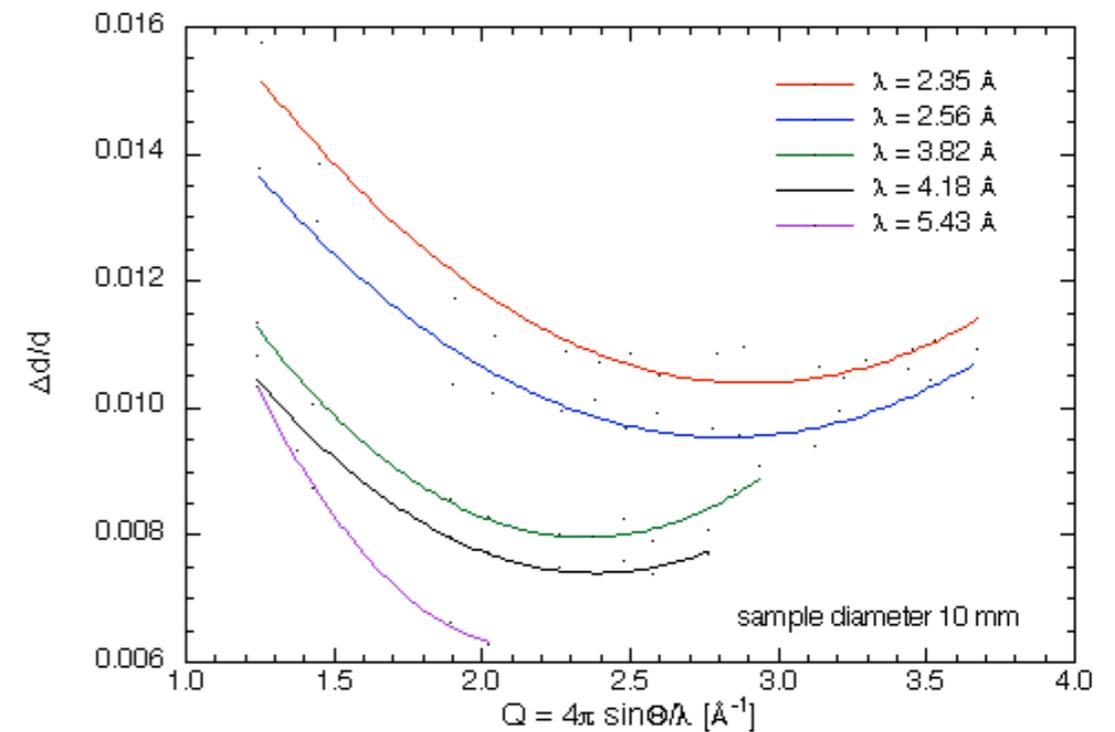


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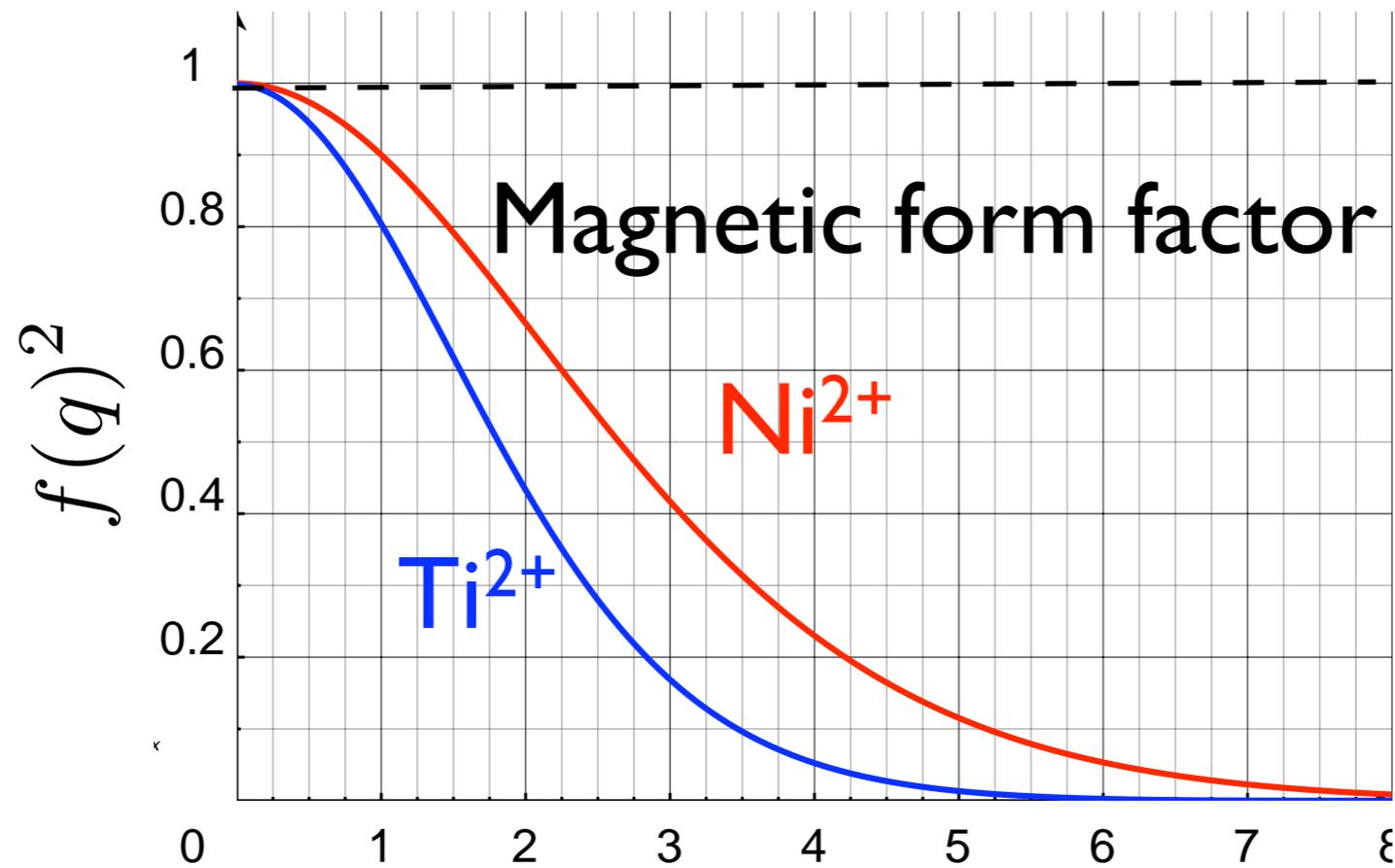
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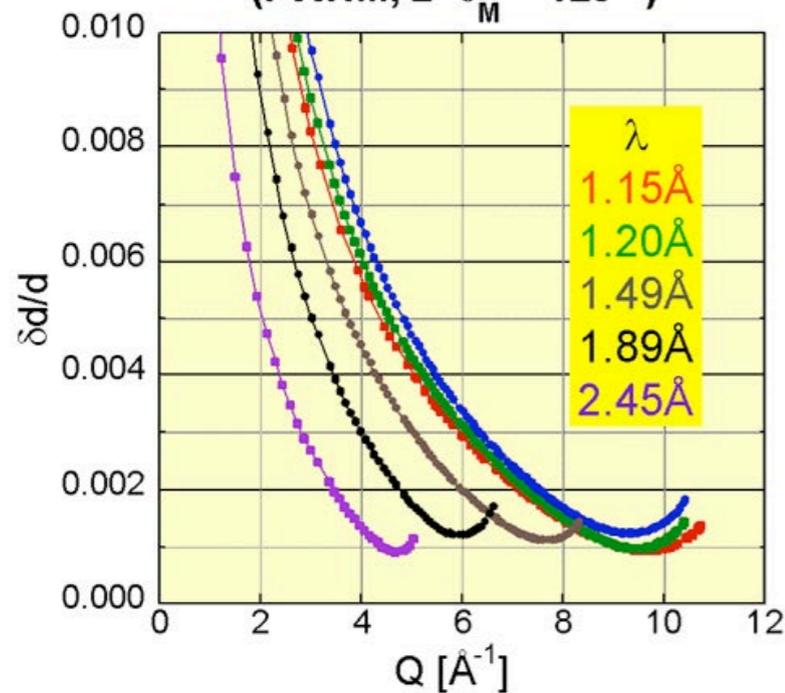


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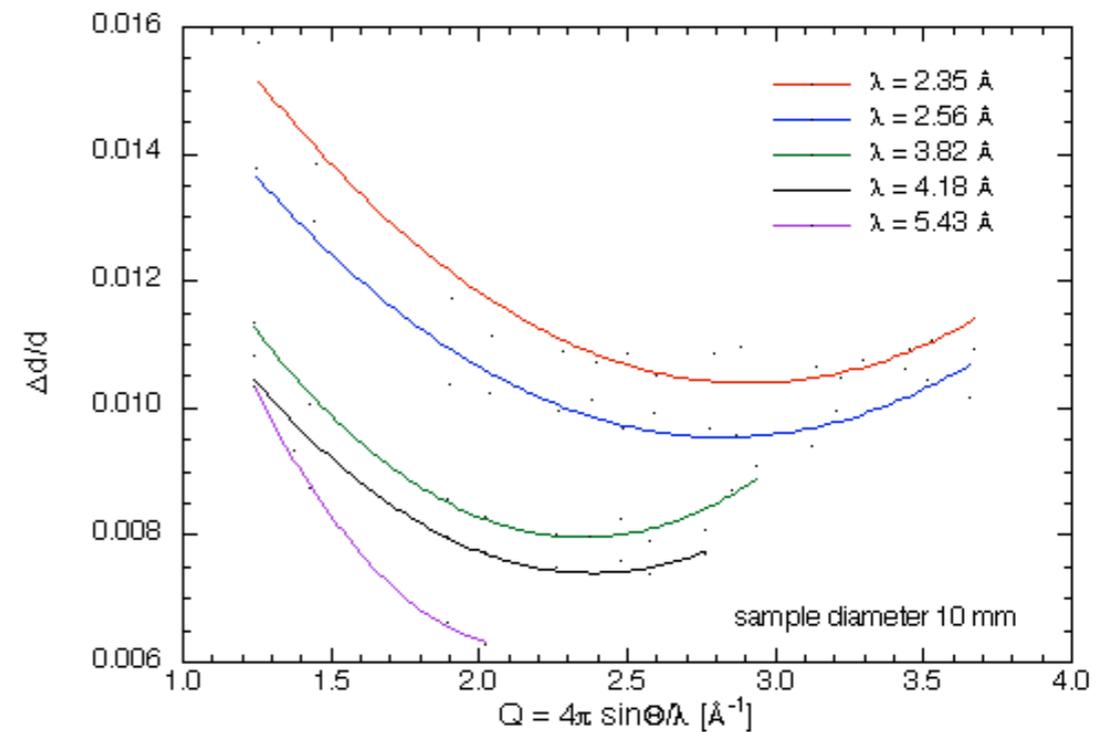


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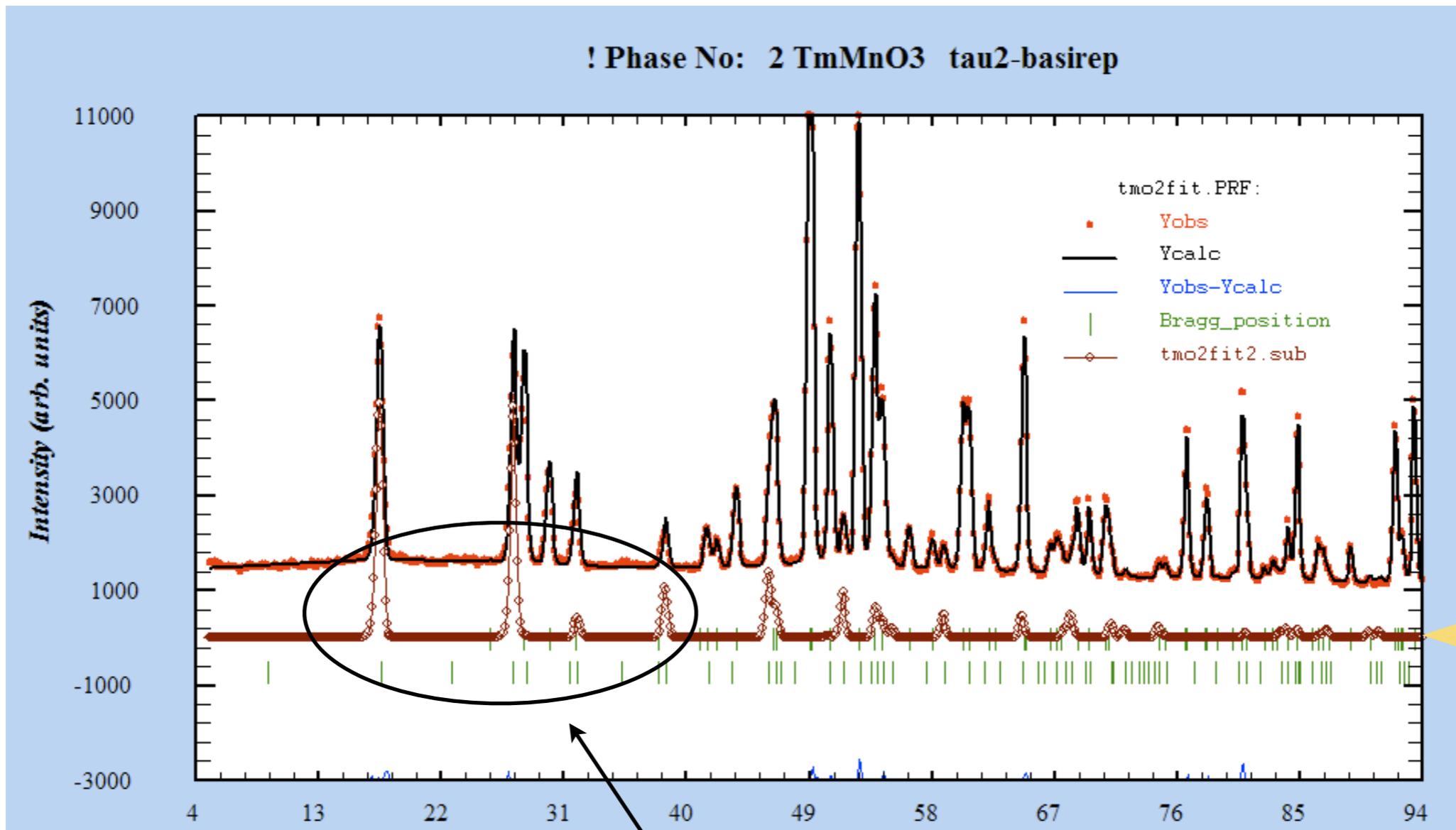


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# cf. resolution/q-range

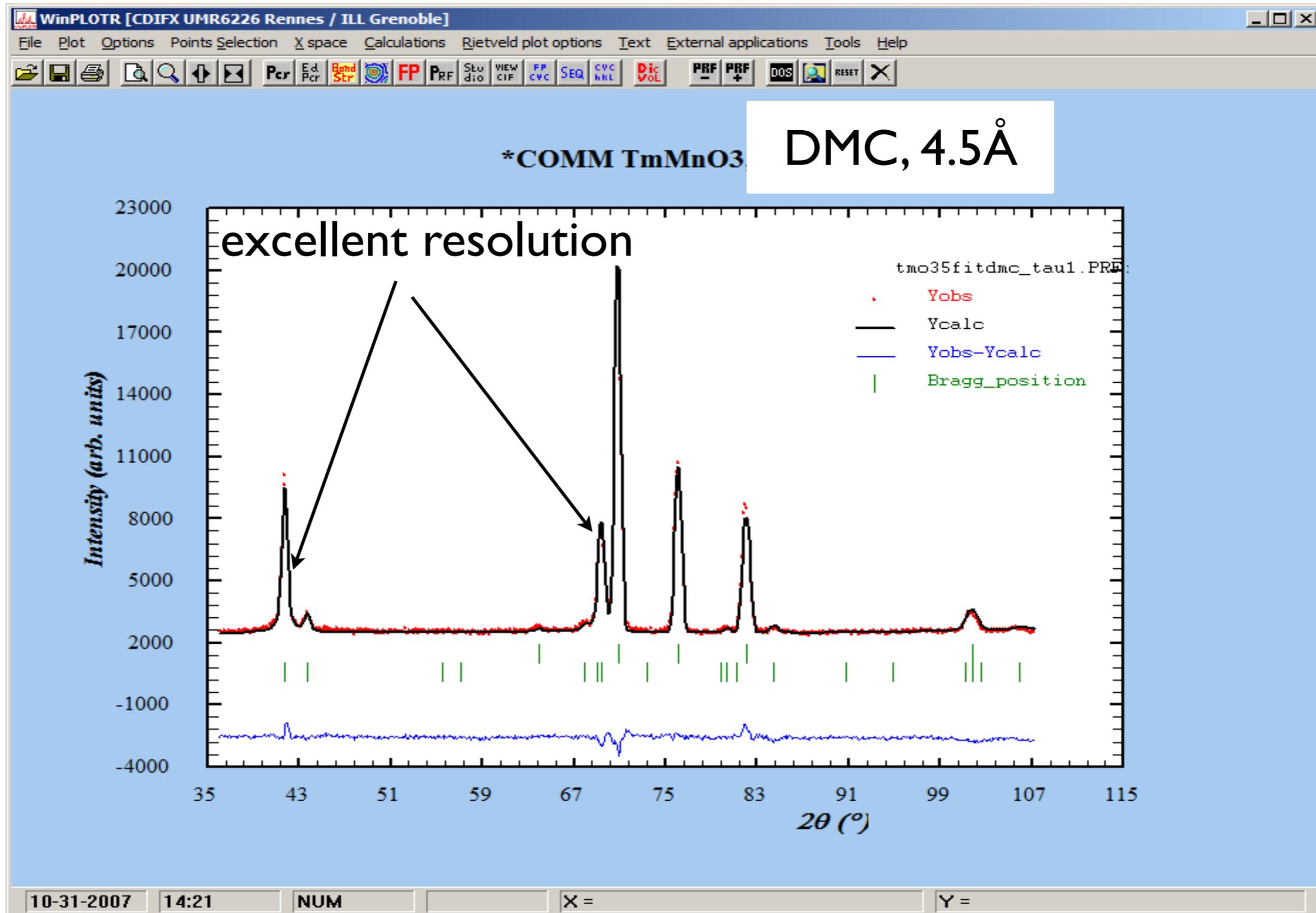
HRPT 1.9Å



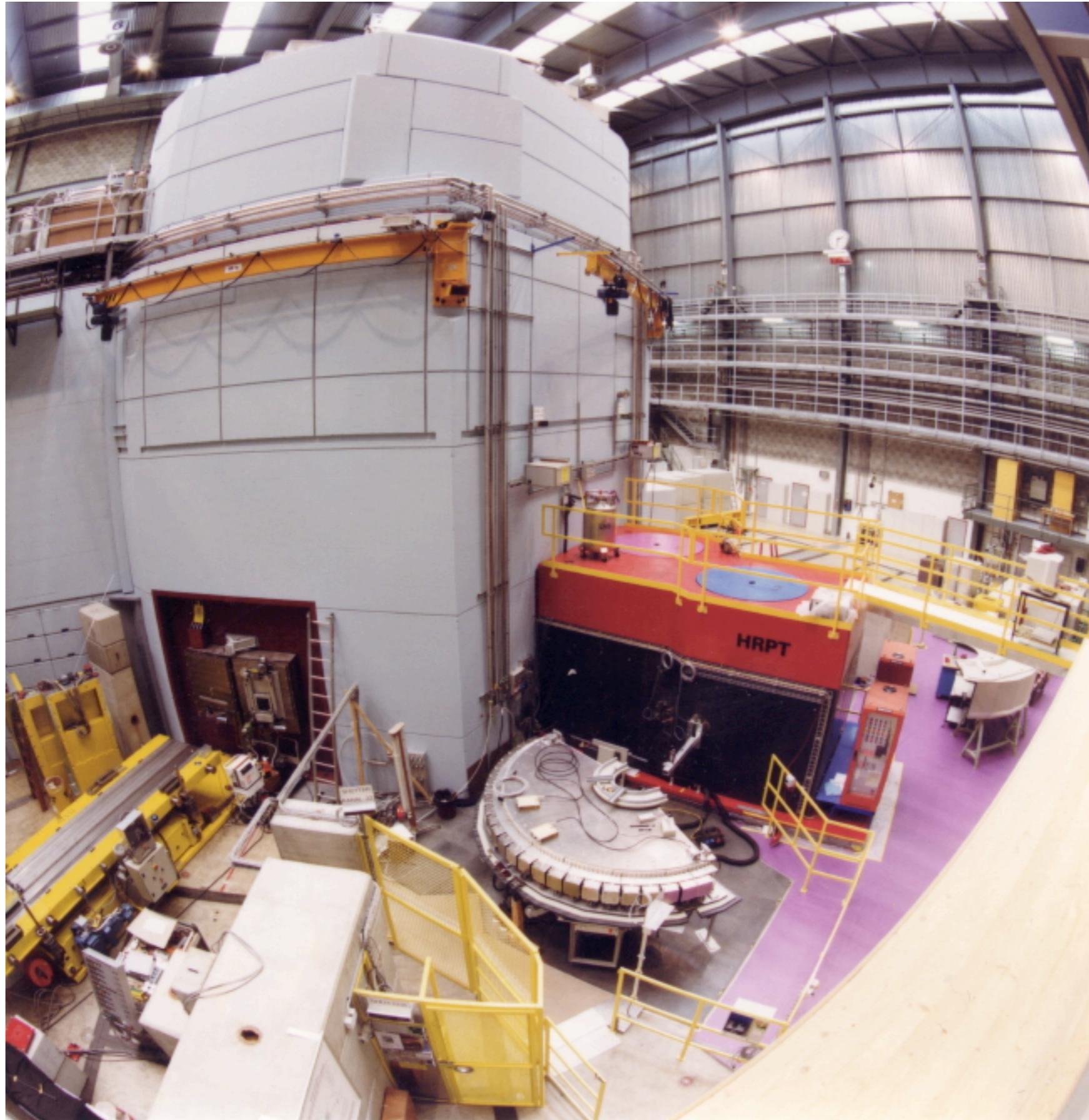
magnetic contribution

DMC range at 4.5Å

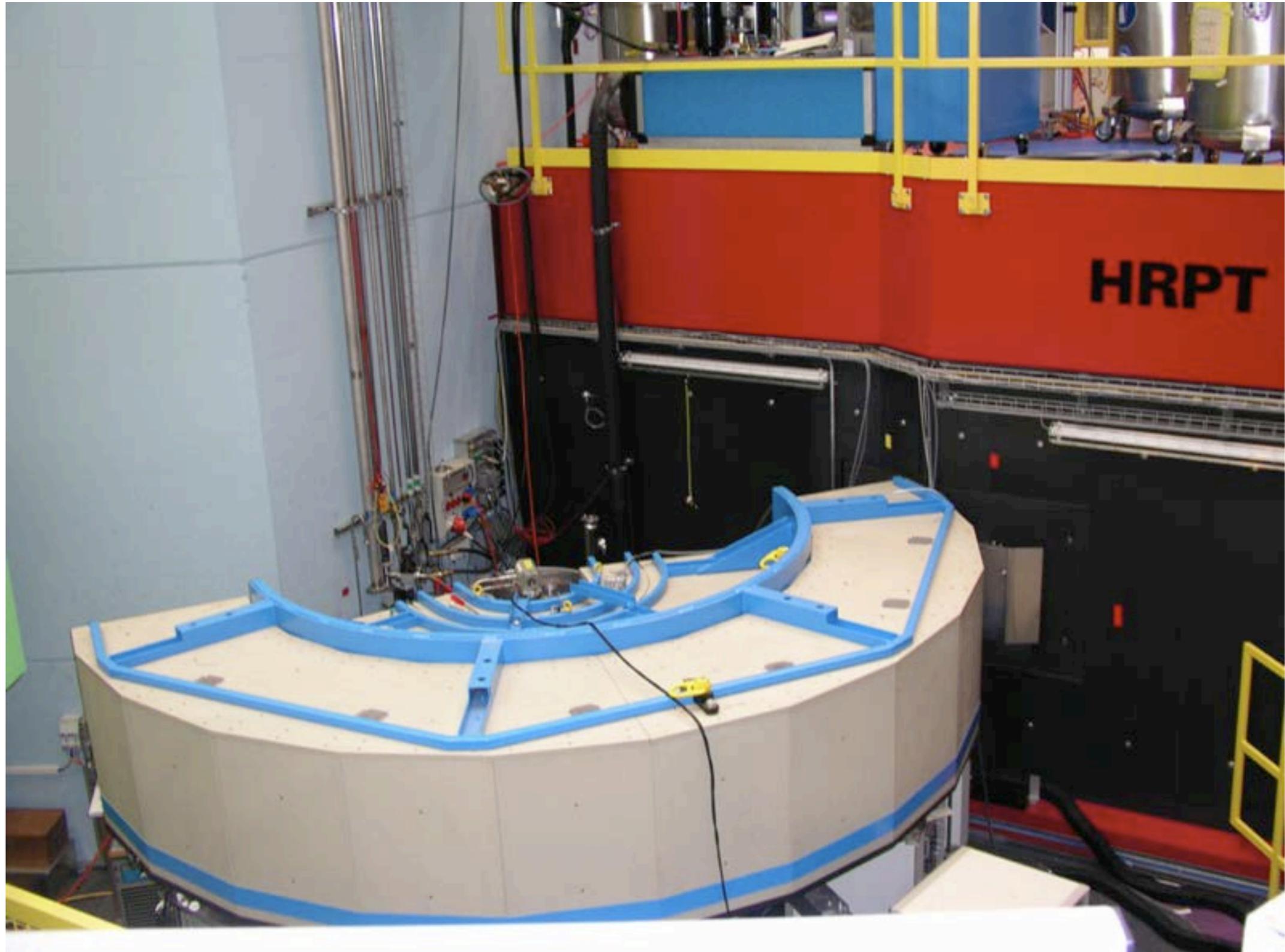
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# SINQ hall



# Instrument view at SINQ target station



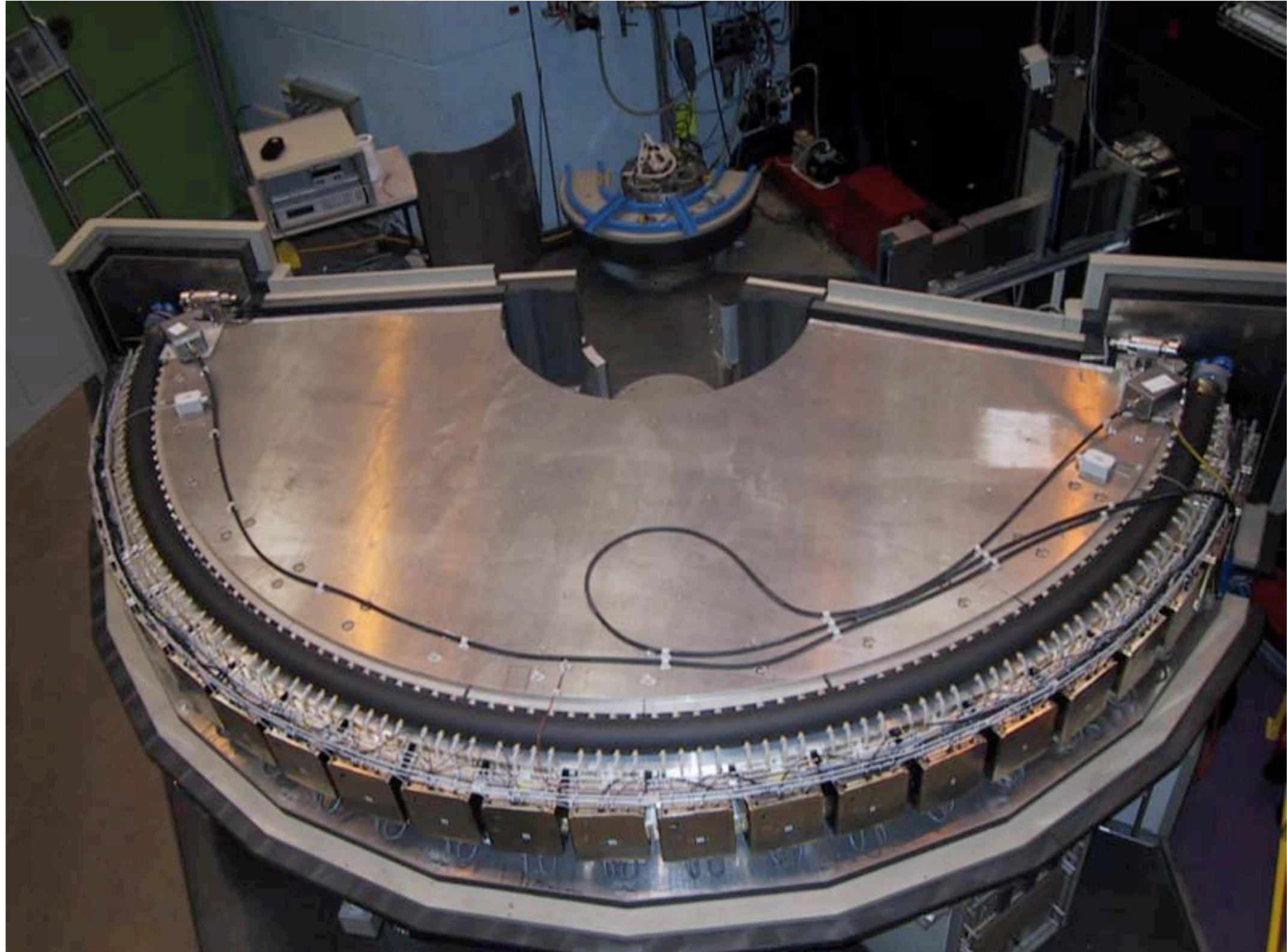
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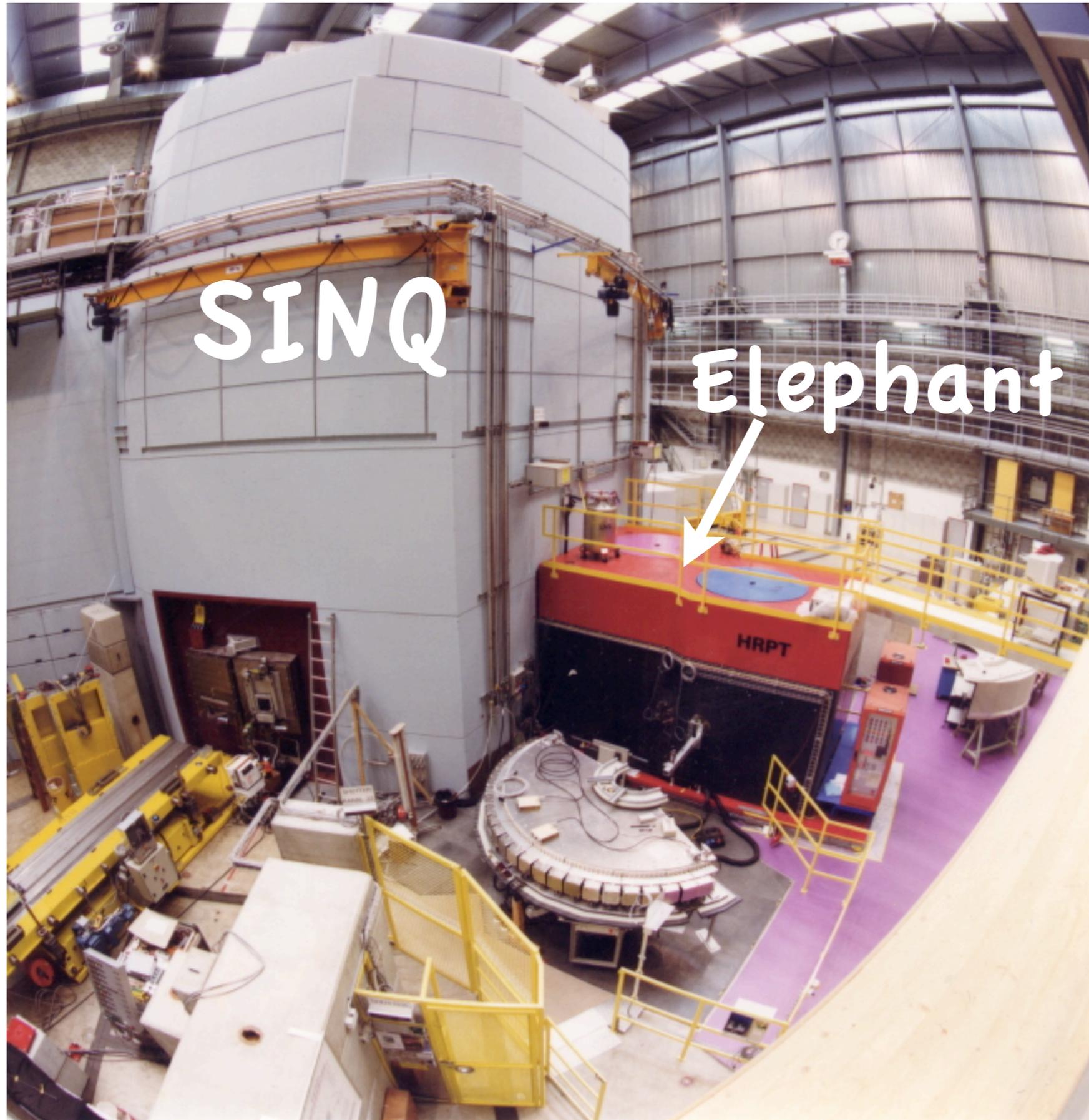
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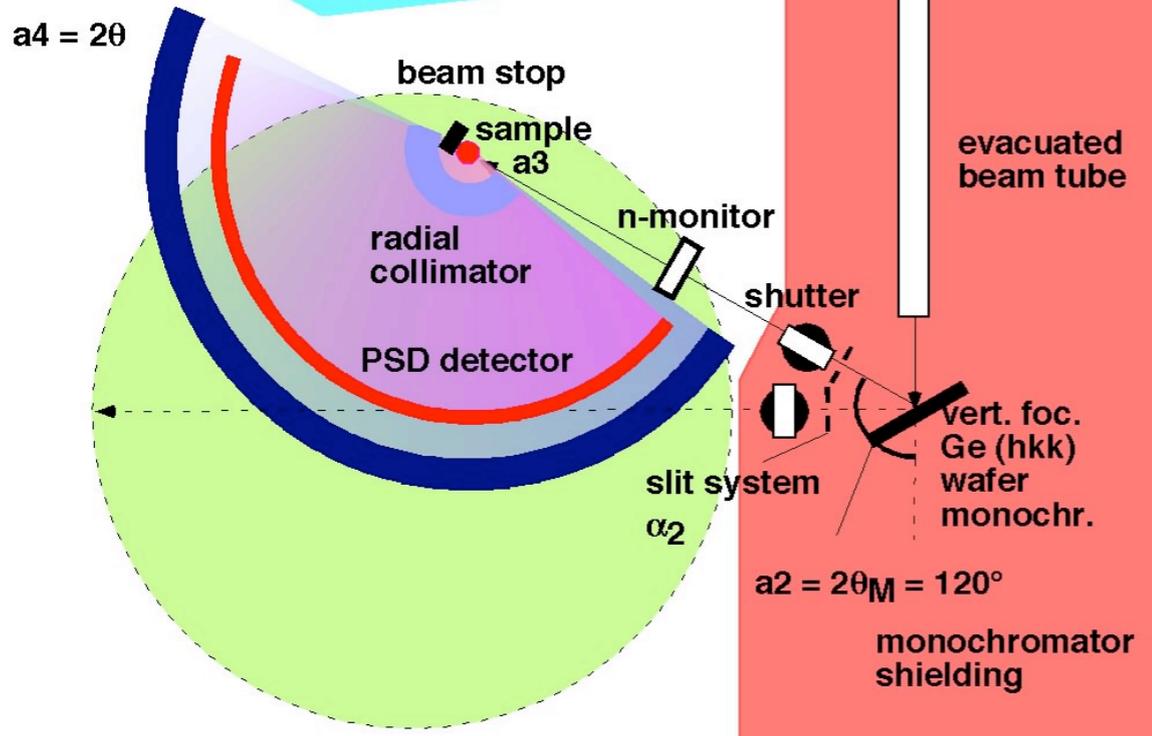
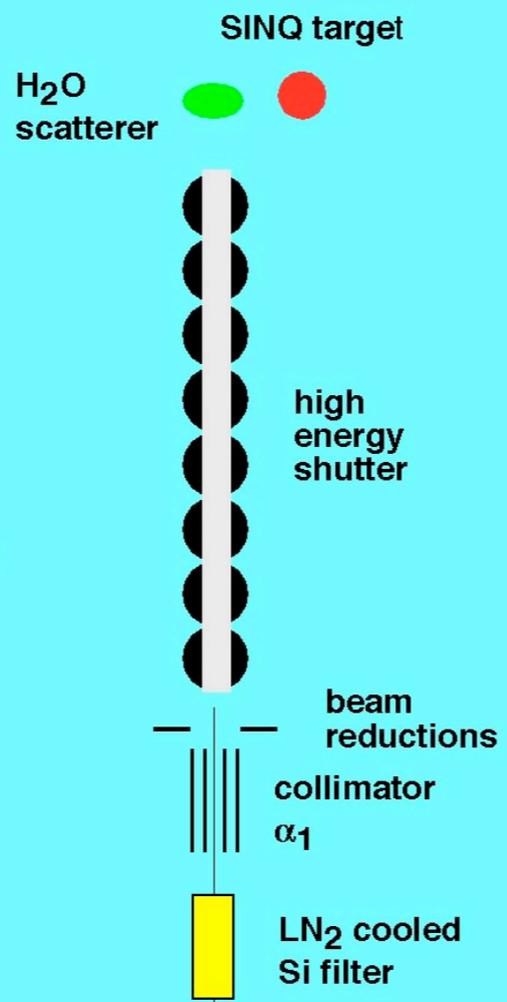


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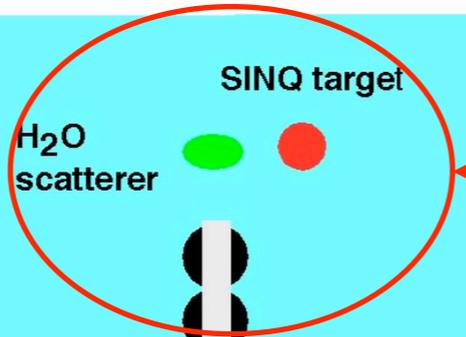
# HRPT layout

SINQ target station shielding



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neutron flux from the moderator

high energy shutter

beam reductions

collimator  $\alpha_1$

LN<sub>2</sub> cooled Si filter

$a_4 = 2\theta$

beam stop

sample  $a_3$

radial collimator

PSD detector

slit system  $\alpha_2$

n-monitor

shutter

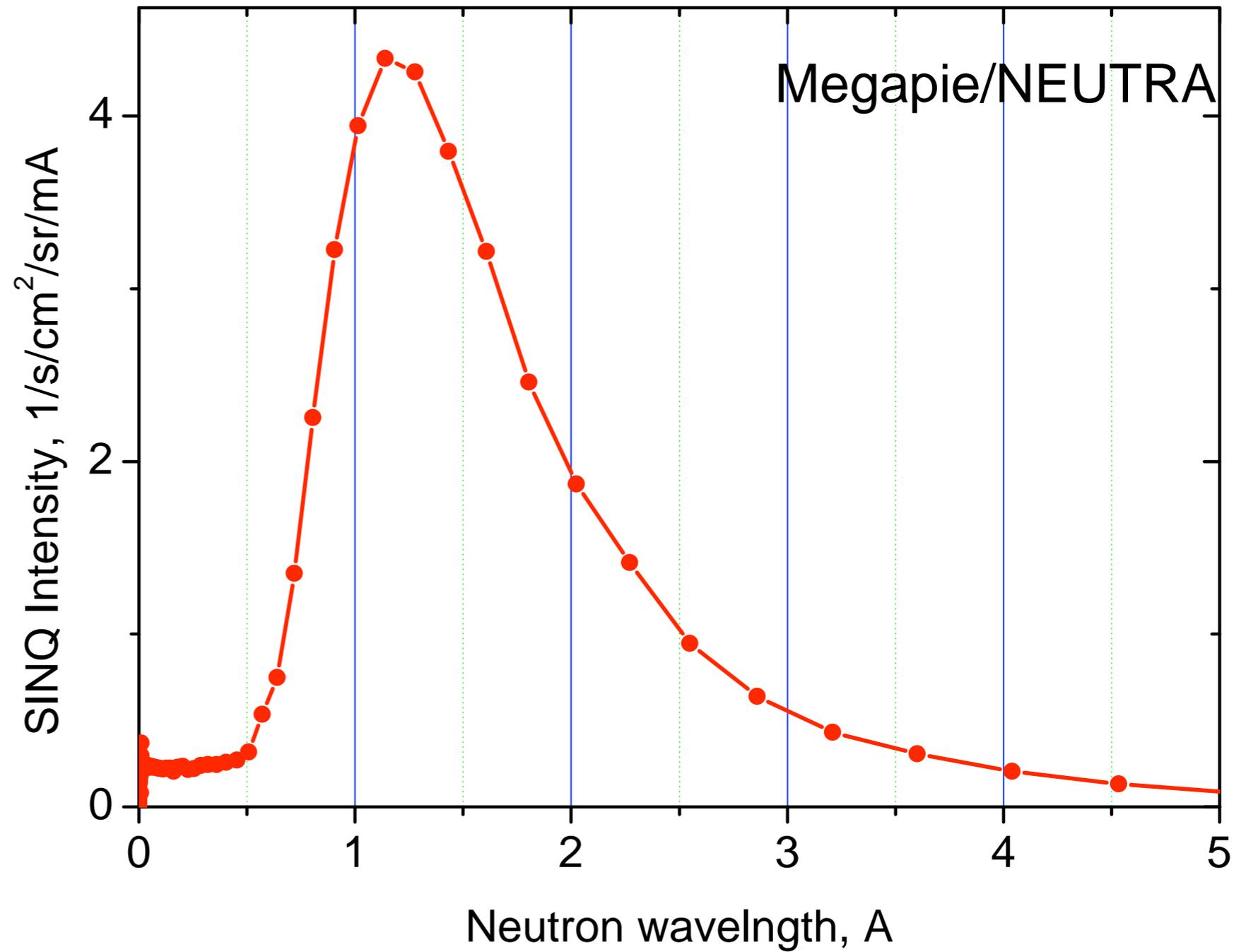
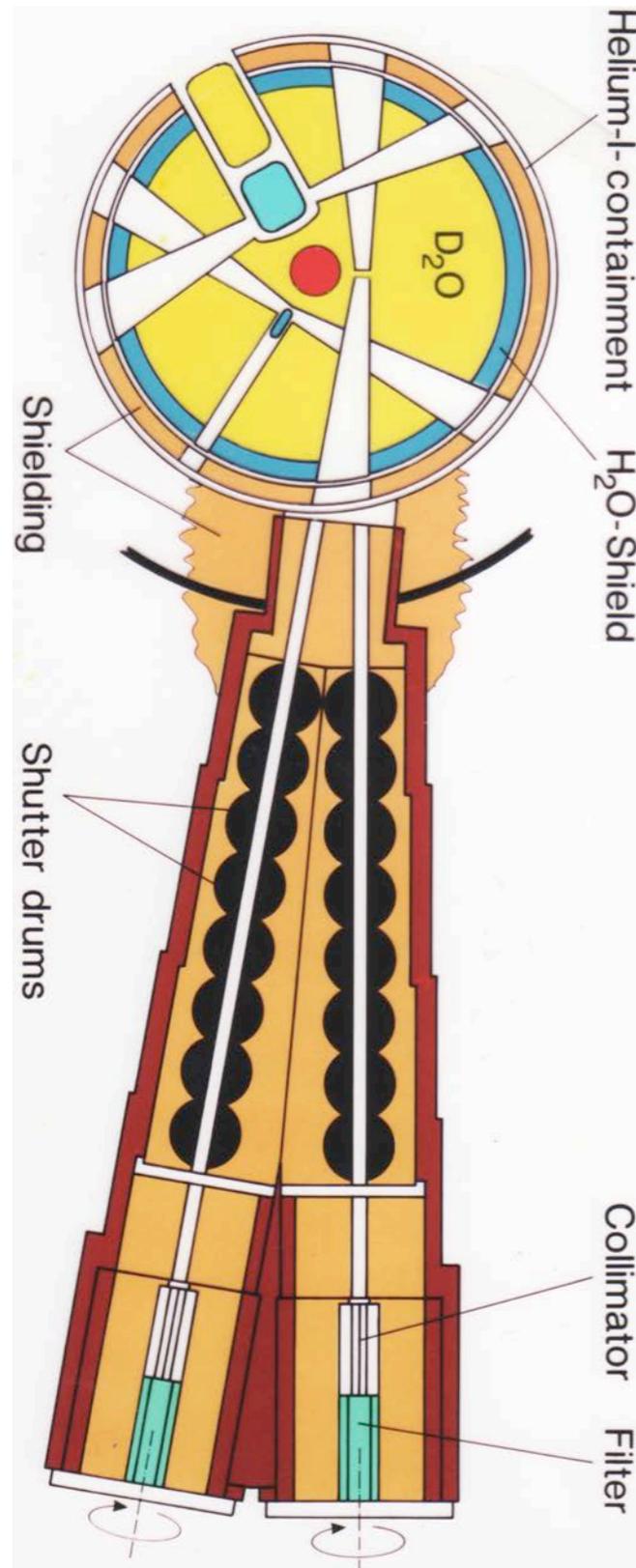
vert. foc. Ge (hkk) wafer monochr.

$a_2 = 2\theta_M = 120^\circ$

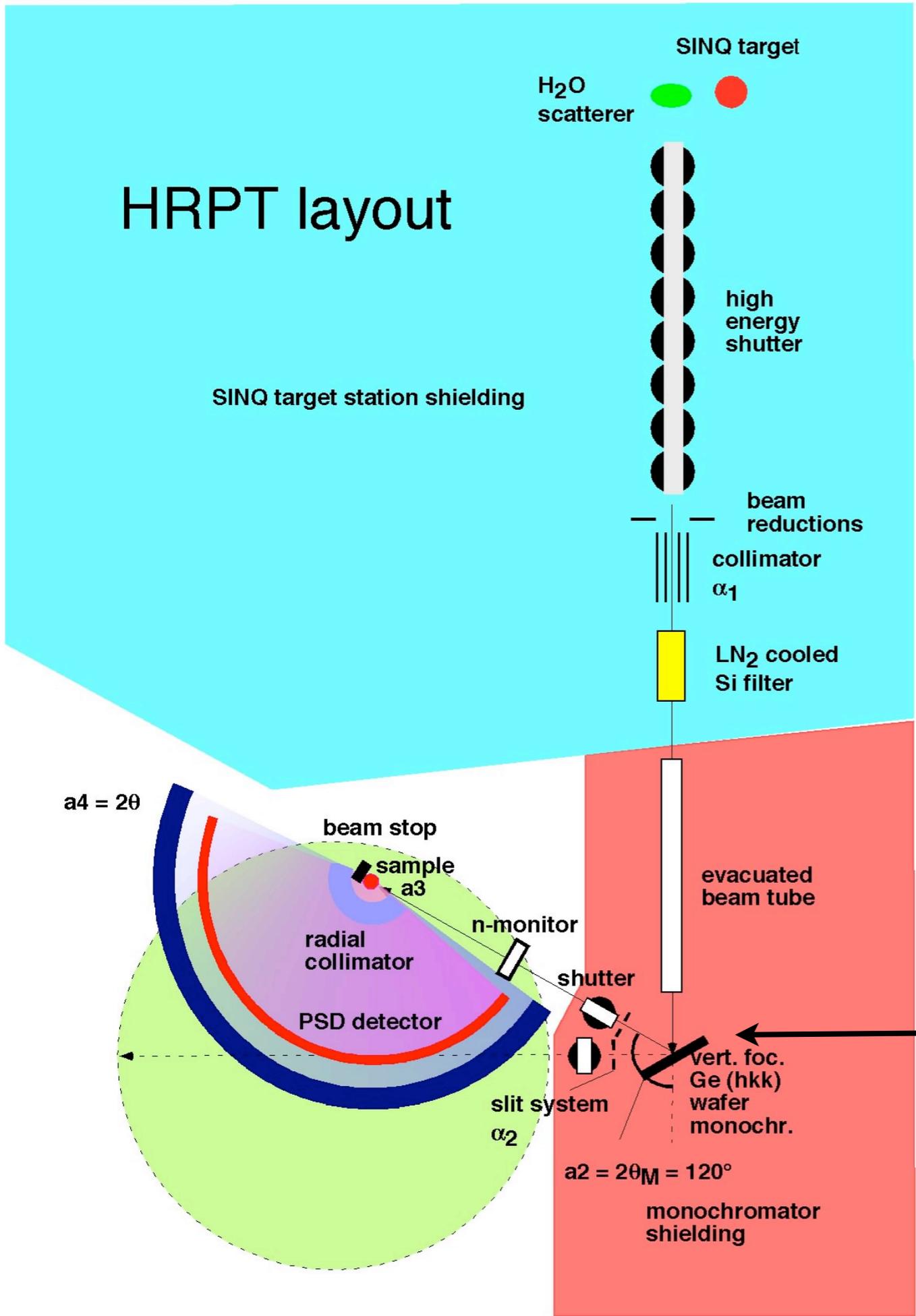
monochromator shielding

evacuated beam tube

# Neutron flux from the D<sub>2</sub>O moderator at NEUTRA (white beam)

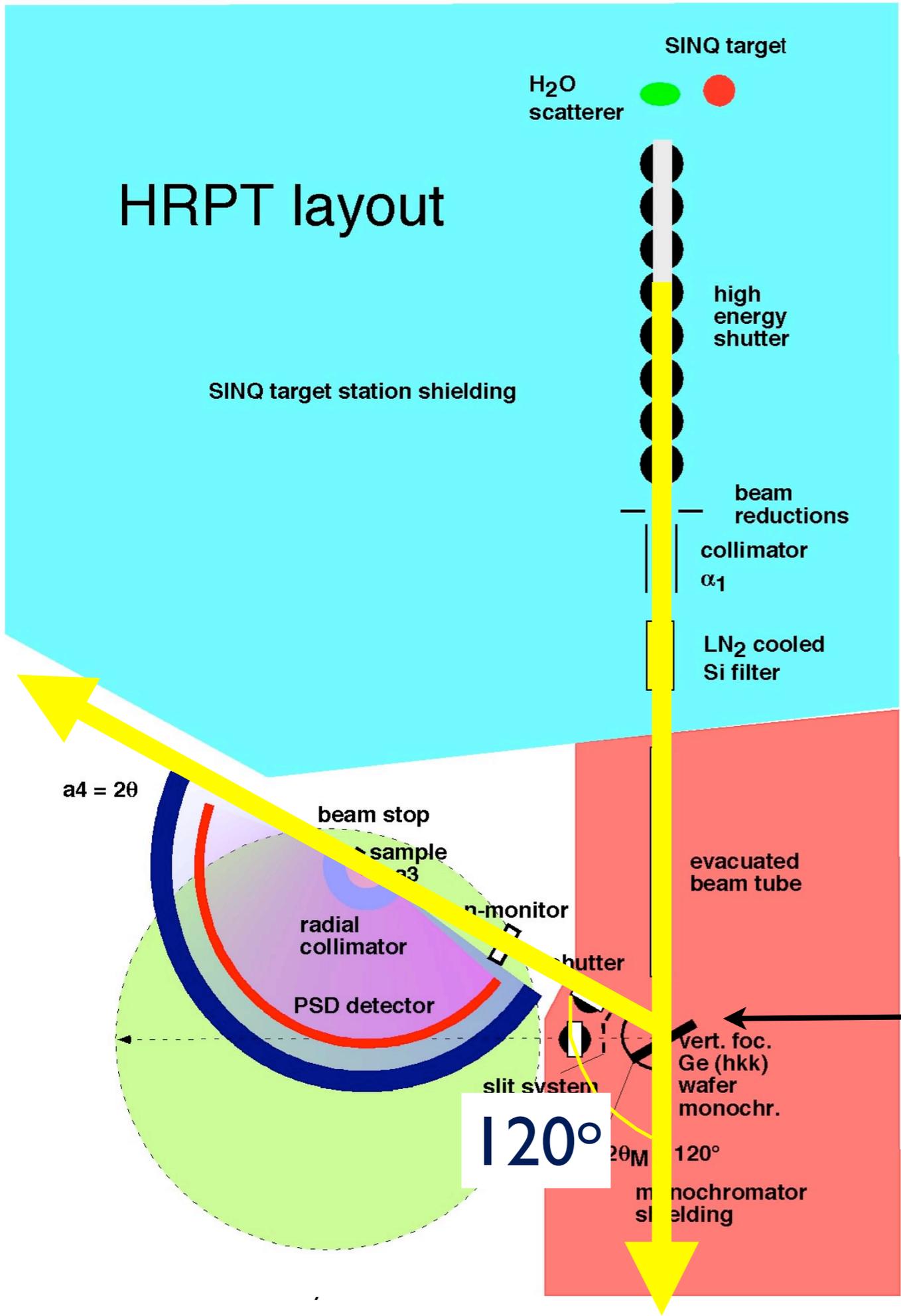


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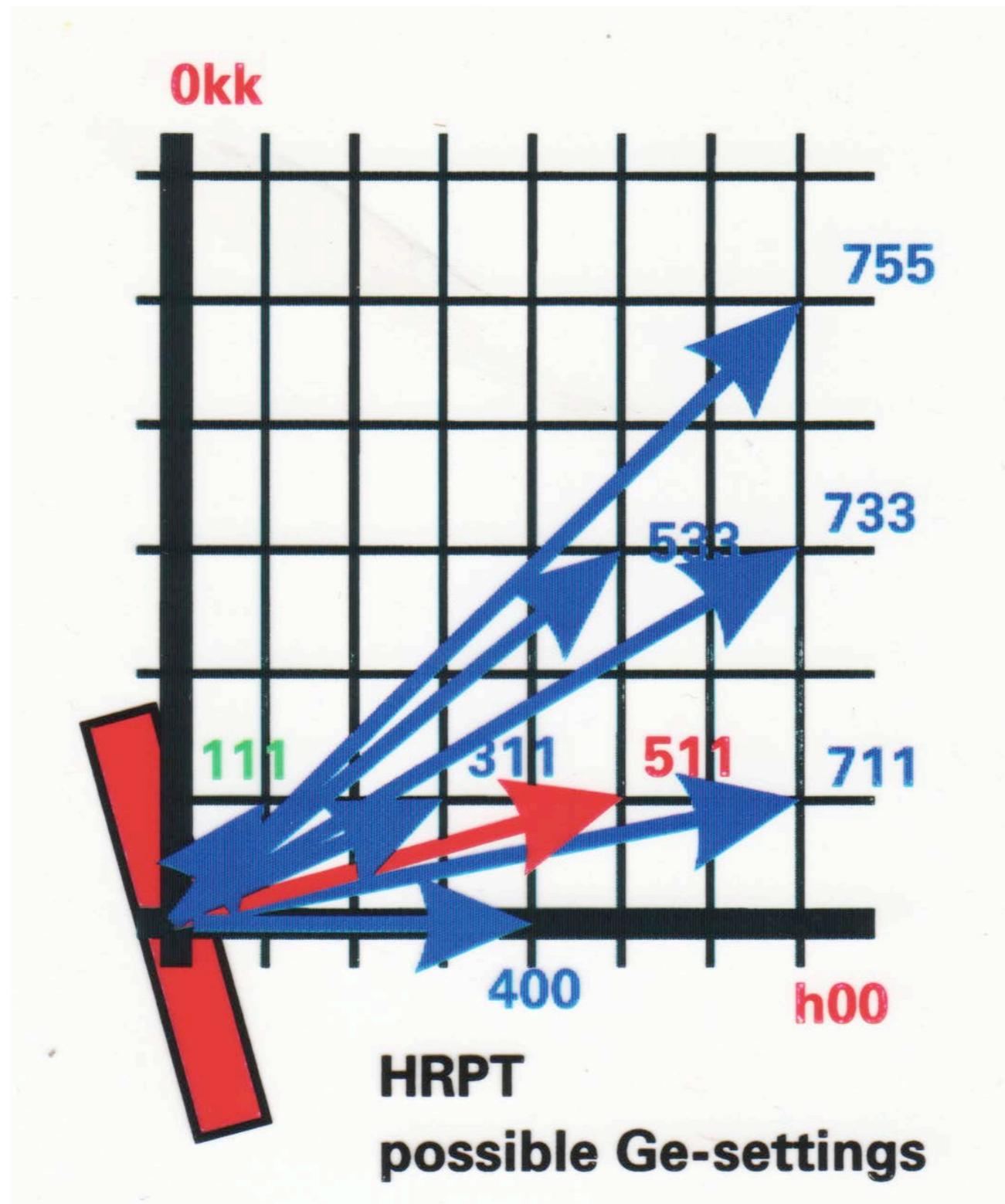
neutron monochromator  
fixed 120 take off angle

# HRPT layout



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# Ge hkk focusing monochromator



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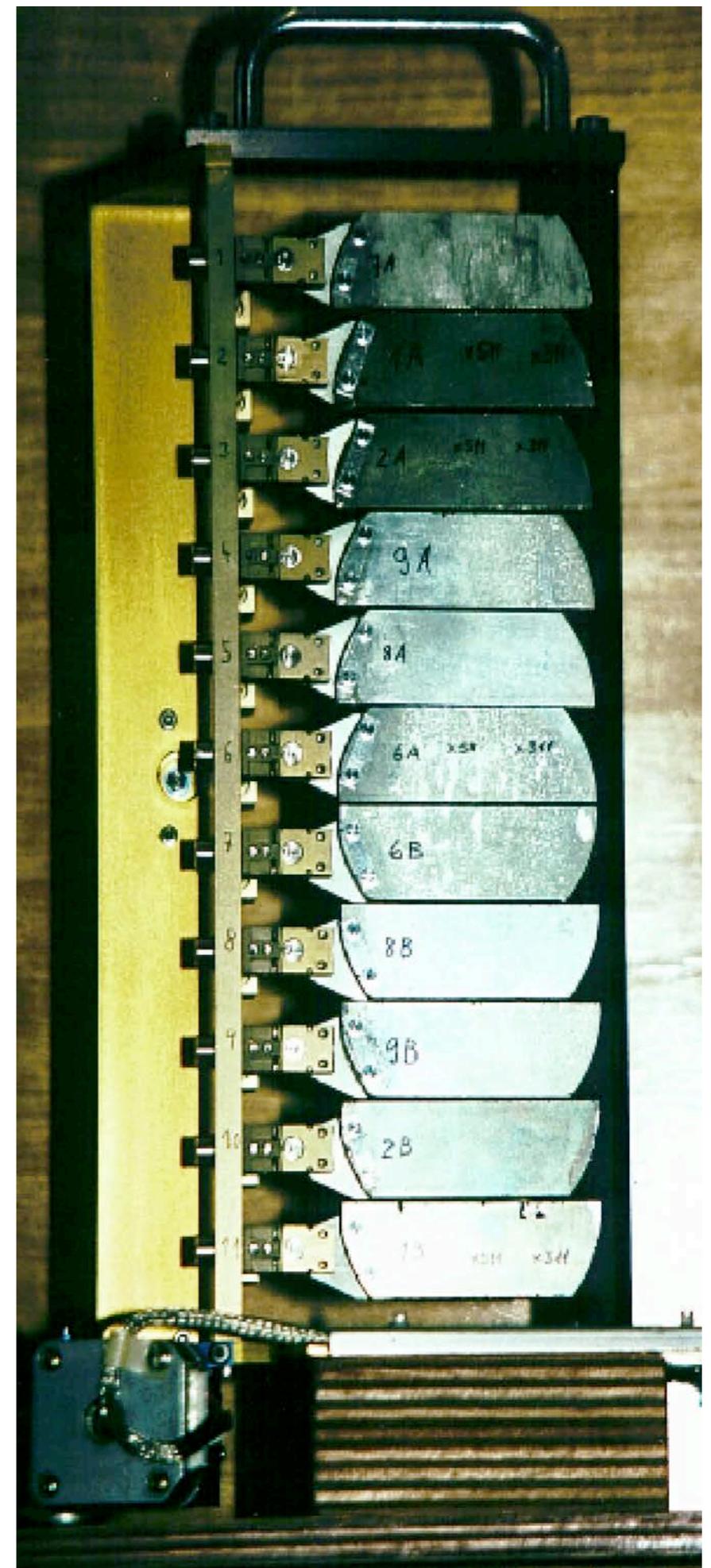
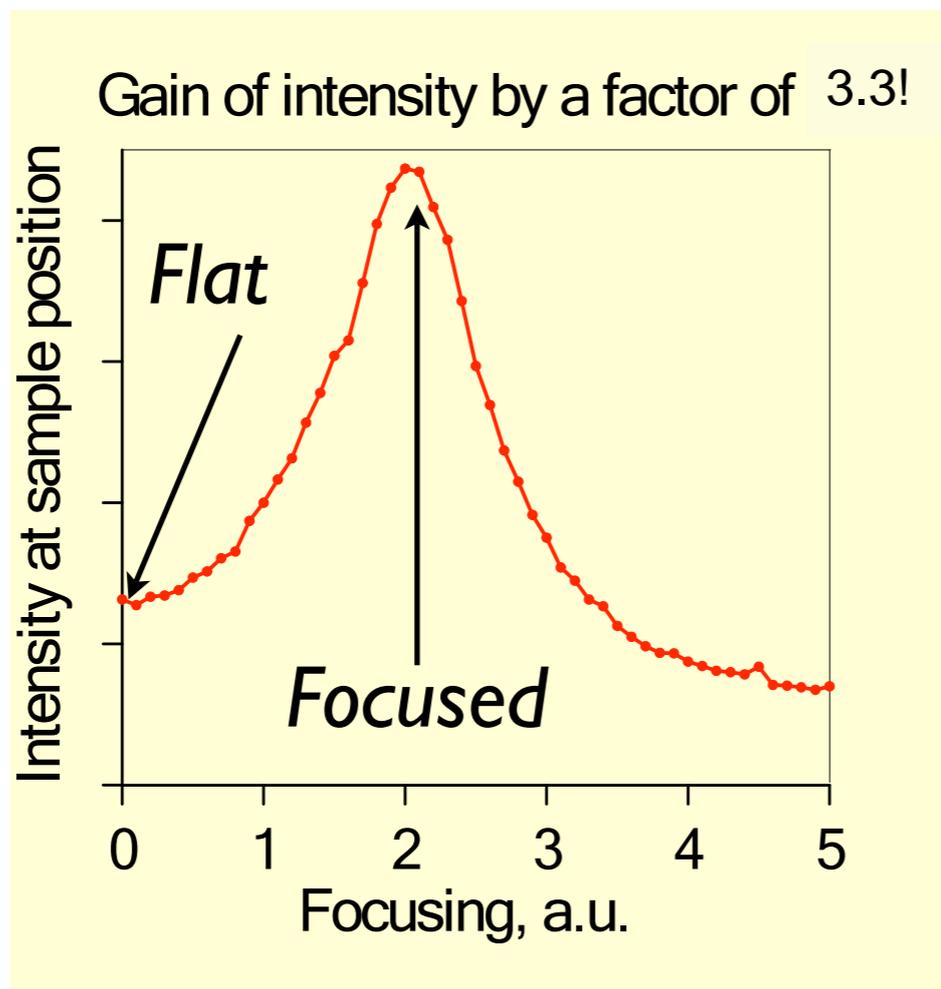
Monochromator height: 11 slabs\*25=255mm

Beam spot height at sample position

is smaller due to vertical focusing: 60mm

Wavelength is chosen by rotation along (hkk)

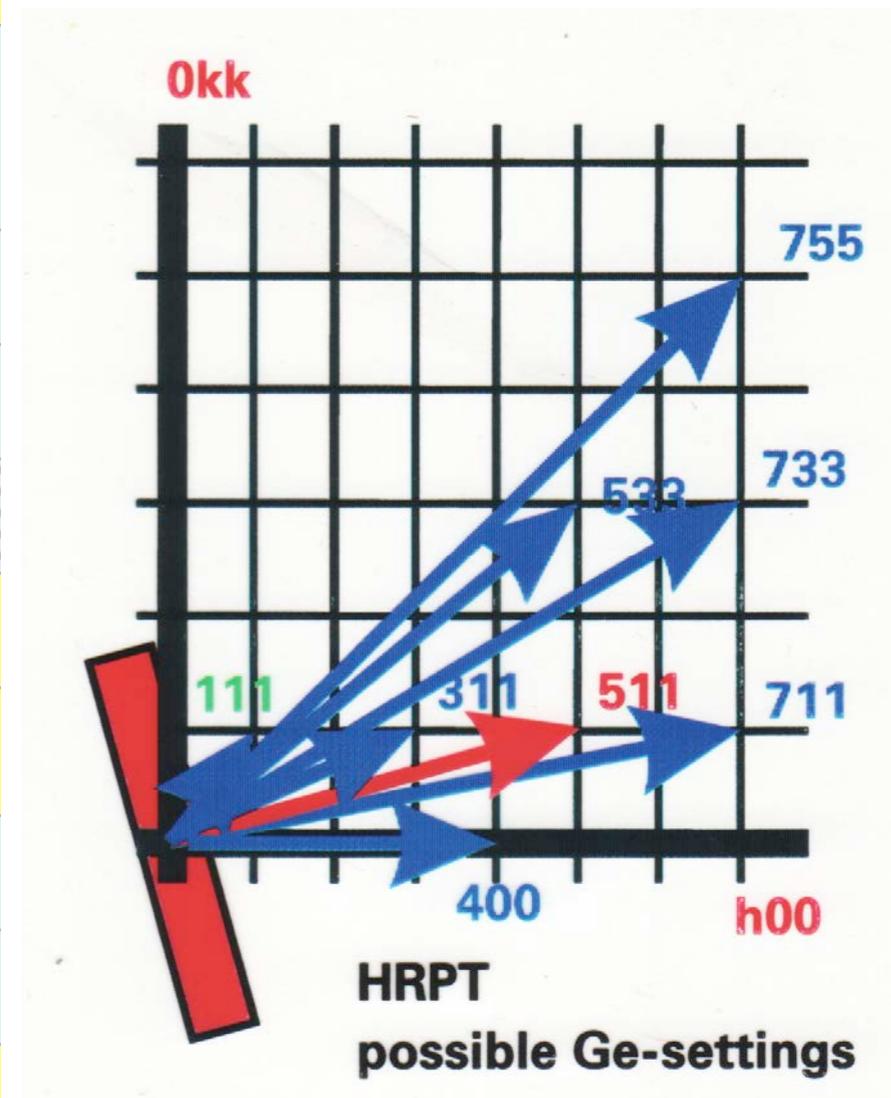
Mosaic 15'



# Flexible choice of wavelength, resolution/intensity

- Wavelength is selected by (hkk) plane of Ge-monochromator
- Resolution and intensity are controlled by appropriate primary/secondary collimations and take-off-angle of the monochromator (120° or 90°)

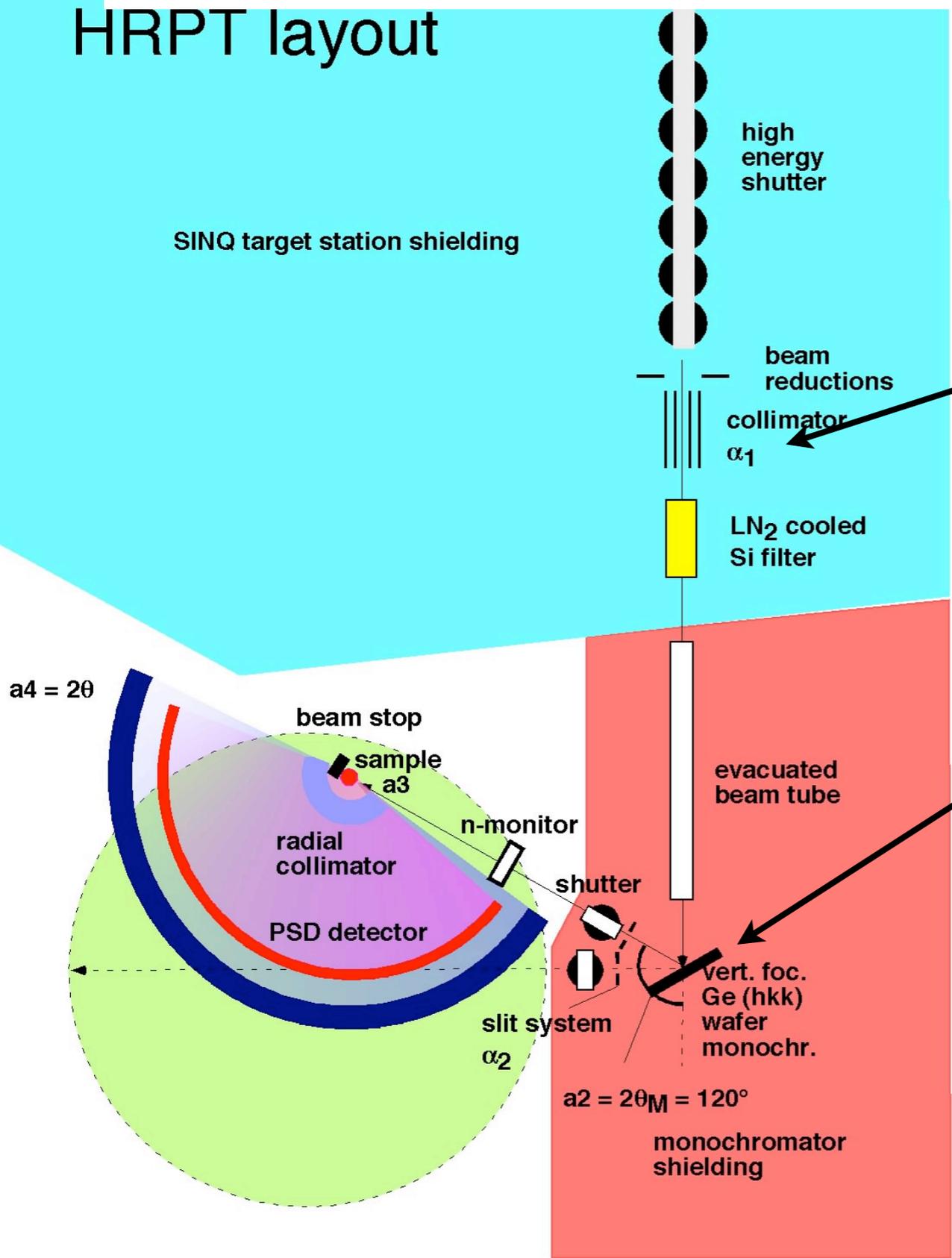
	$2\theta_M = 90^\circ$		$2\theta_M = 120^\circ$	
(hkk) Ge	$\lambda, \text{\AA}$	Effective intensity	$\lambda, \text{\AA}$	Effective intensity
311	2.40971	0.64	2.9536	~0.16
400	1.9984 <sup>4,5</sup>		2.449 <sup>1,3</sup>	0.19
133	1.8324	1.00	2.246 <sup>1,2</sup>	
511	1.5384	1.55	1.886	1.0
533	1.2183	0.83	1.494	0.90
711	1.1194	0.60	1.372	0.71
733	0.9763	0.34	1.197	0.63
822	0.9419	0.48	1.154	0.79
466			1.044	0.27



# HRPT resolution

## horizontal angular divergence control

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$\alpha_1$

primary beam collimator(s):  
6', 12', 24', 30'

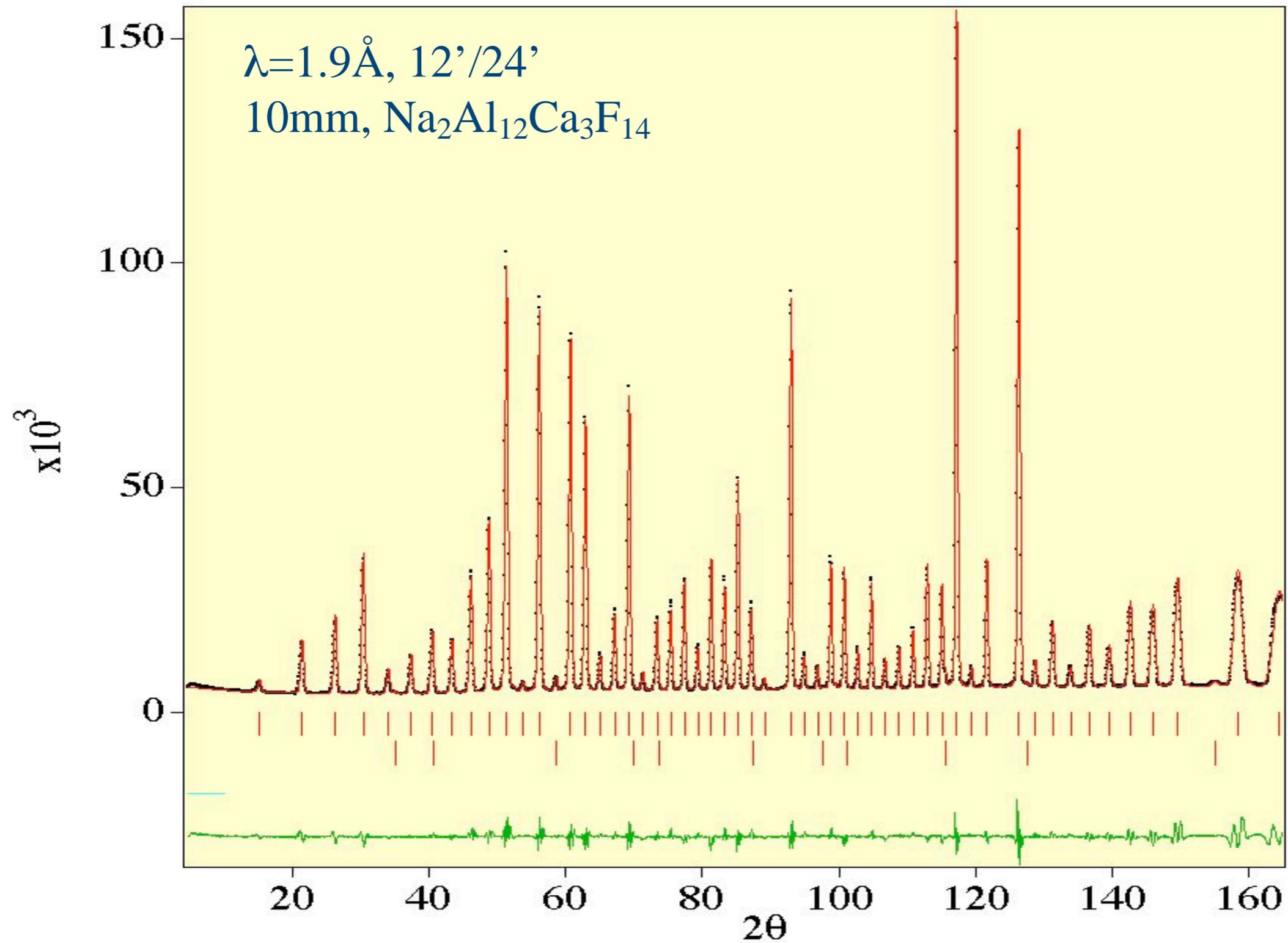
$\alpha_2$

mosaic spread of the  
monochromator 15'

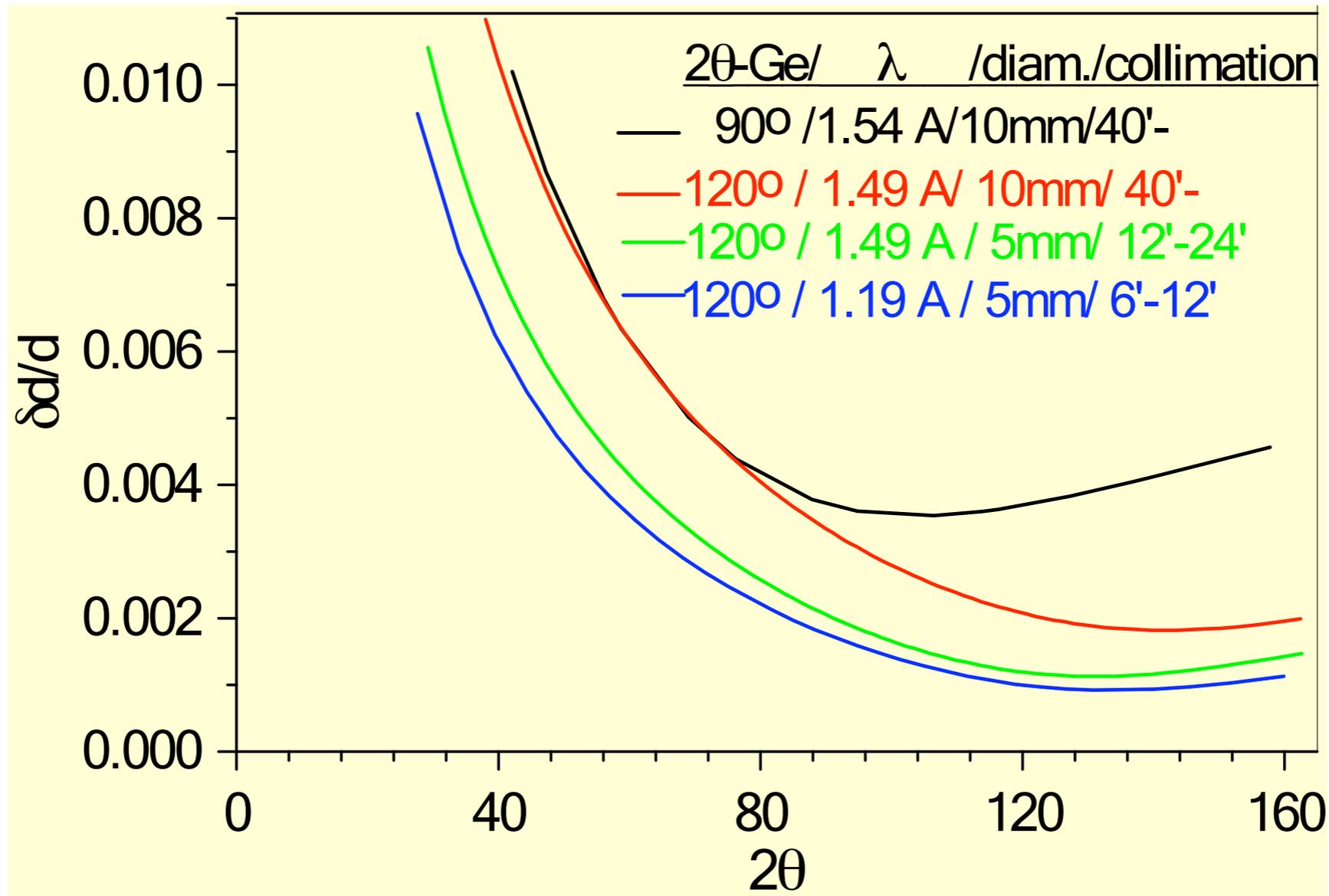
$\alpha_3$

slit system for  
monochromatic beam  
and  
sample diameter

# Resolution calibration



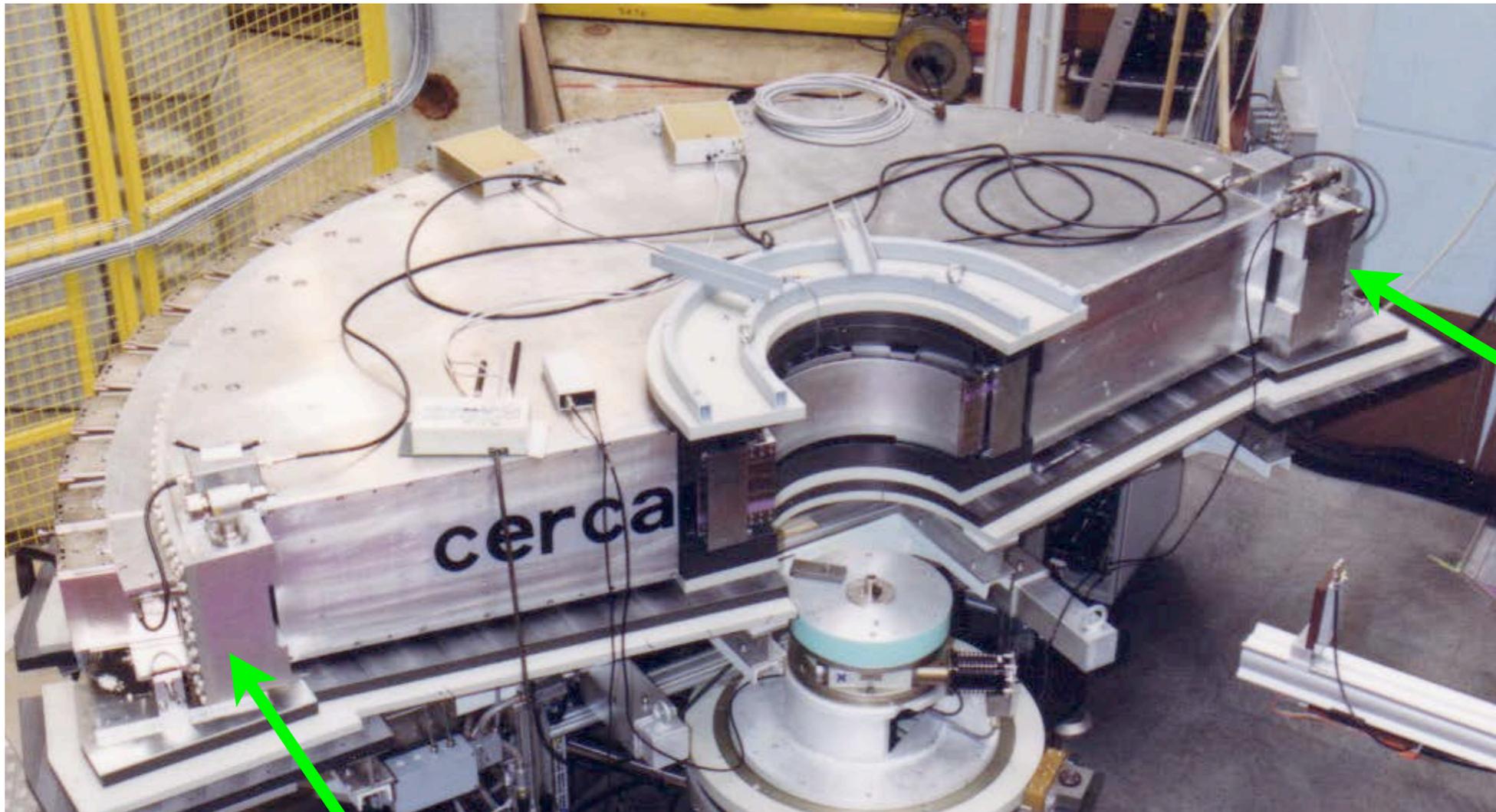
# Resolution and intensity (2)



Comparison of resolution functions for different primary-secondary collimations. Typical modes are HI:40'-, MR:12'-24', HR:6'-12'. Counting rates are decreased by a factor of ~3 and ~(8-10) for MR and HR, respectively.

# Detector

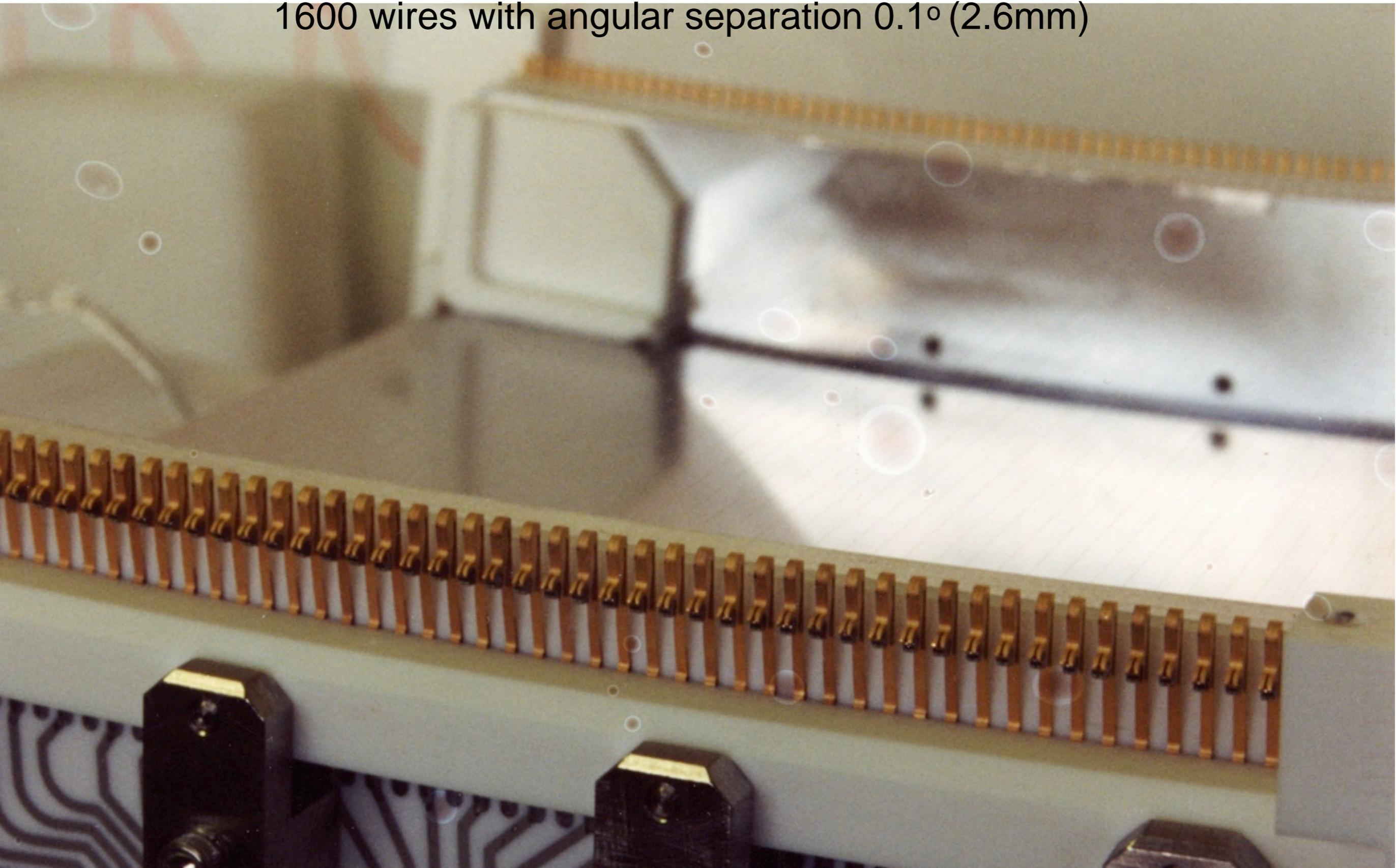
- $^3\text{He}$  (3.6 bar) +  $\text{CF}_4$  (1.1 bar), effective detection length 3.5 cm, 15 cm high
- Volume 100L, Voltage -6.7kV
- Efficiency 80% @ 1.5 Å
- 1600 wires with angular separation  $0.1^\circ$  (2.6 mm), 1500 mm to sample



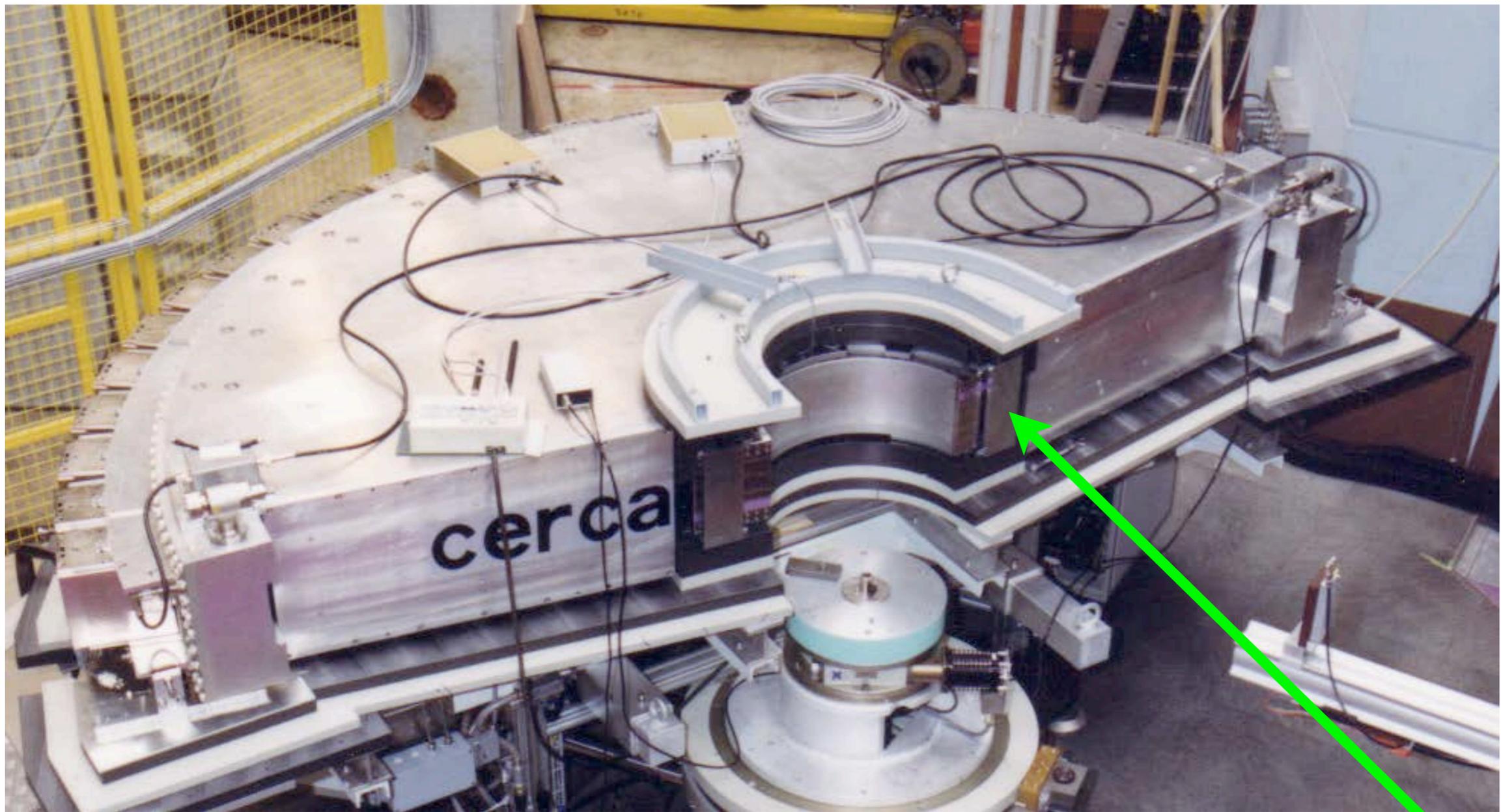
detector

# Detector chamber. 1600 wires

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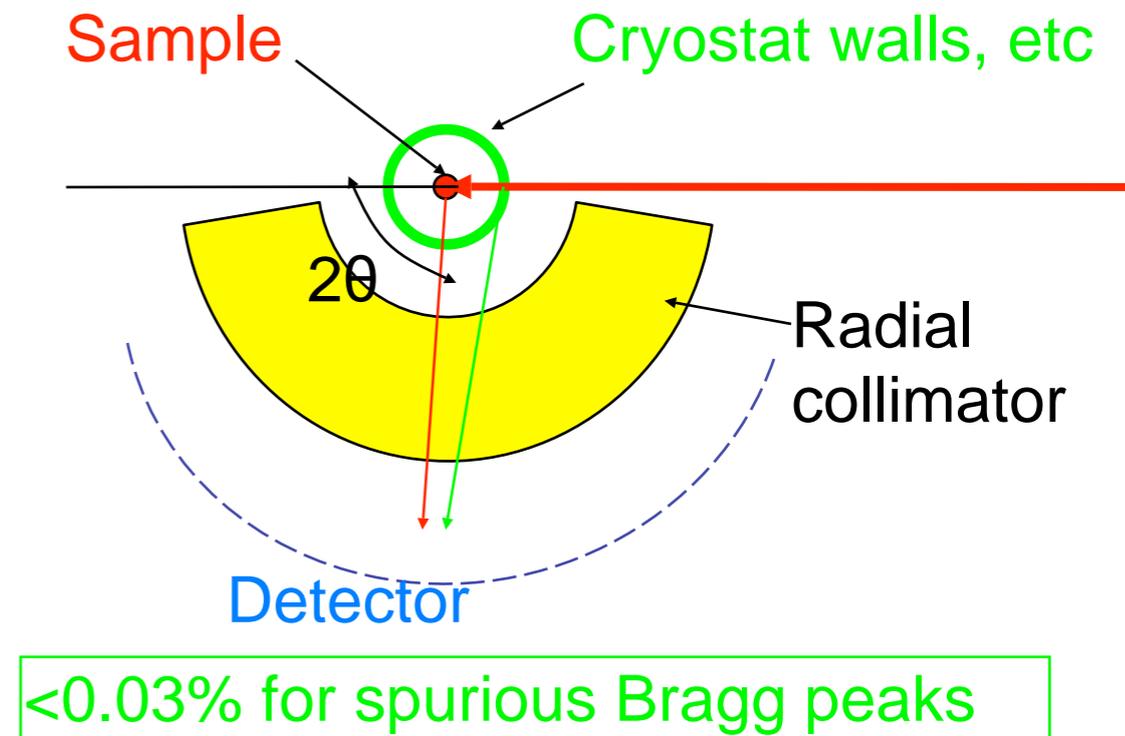
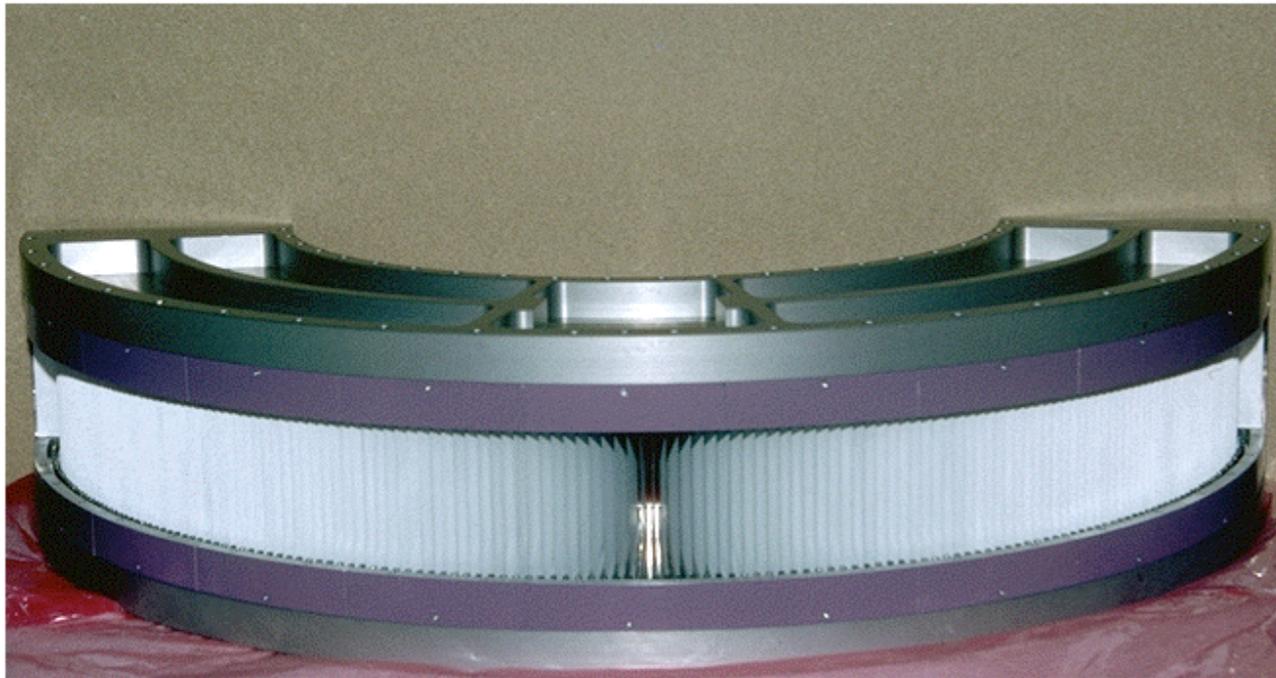


# Oscillating radial collimator to avoid scattering from sample environment.



radial  
collimator

# HRPT radial collimators



Radial collimator with the shielding.

There are two radial collimators with 14mm and 28mm full width full maximum triangular transmission function.



# Samples, T, P, H and other equipment

- **standard sample container: 6-10 mm dia x 50 mm (<math>4\text{cm}^3</math>)**
- due to low background small samples can be measured ( $30\text{ mm}^3$ )
- zero matrix high pressure cells:
  - clamp cells for 9 and 15 kbar
  - Paris Edinbrough cell 100 kbar
- standard LNS sample environment:
  - Temperature = 50 mK—1800K,
  - Magnetic field  $H = 4\text{ T}$  (vertical)
- Sample changers 4-8 samples,  $T=1.5\text{-}300\text{ K}$

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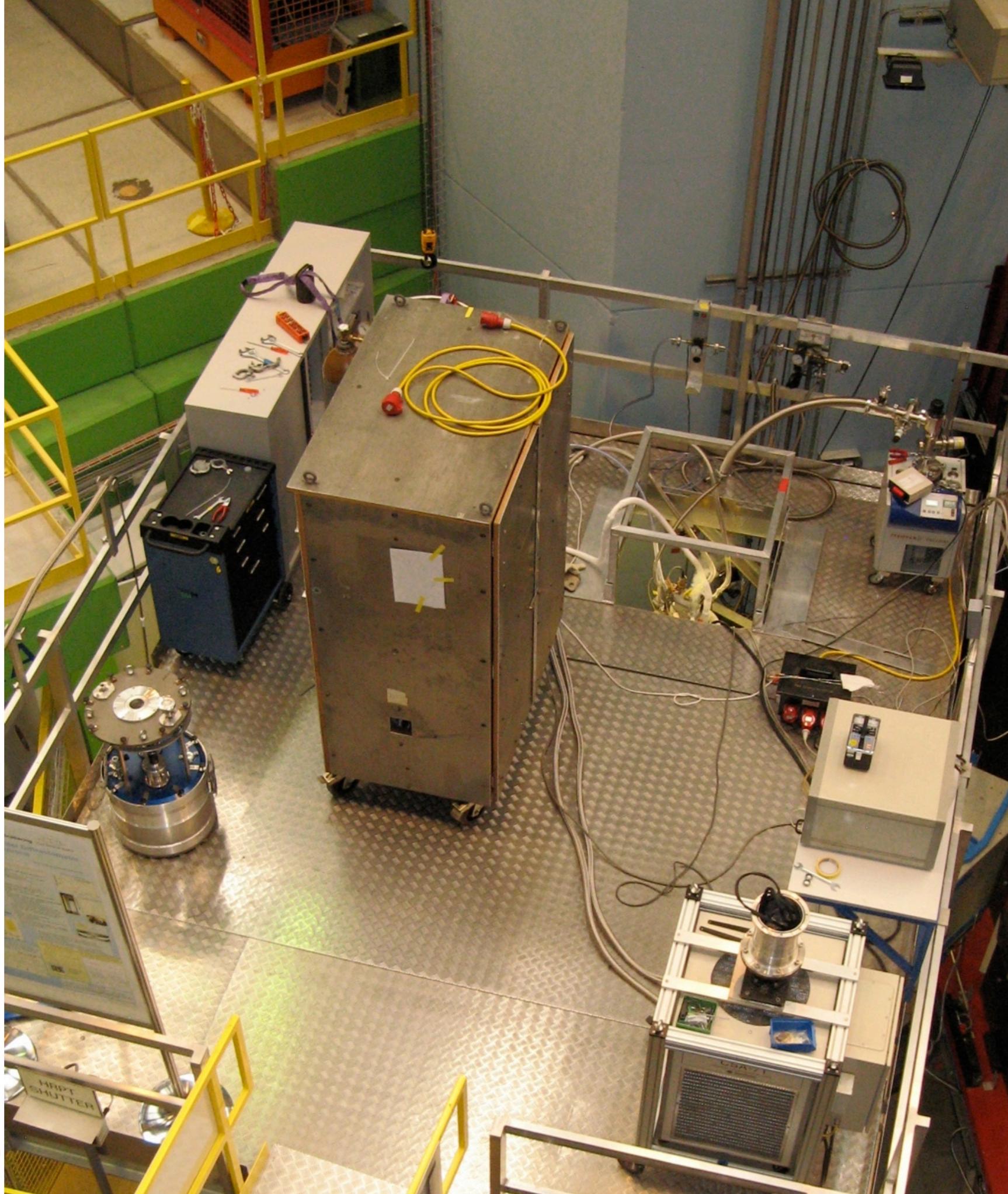
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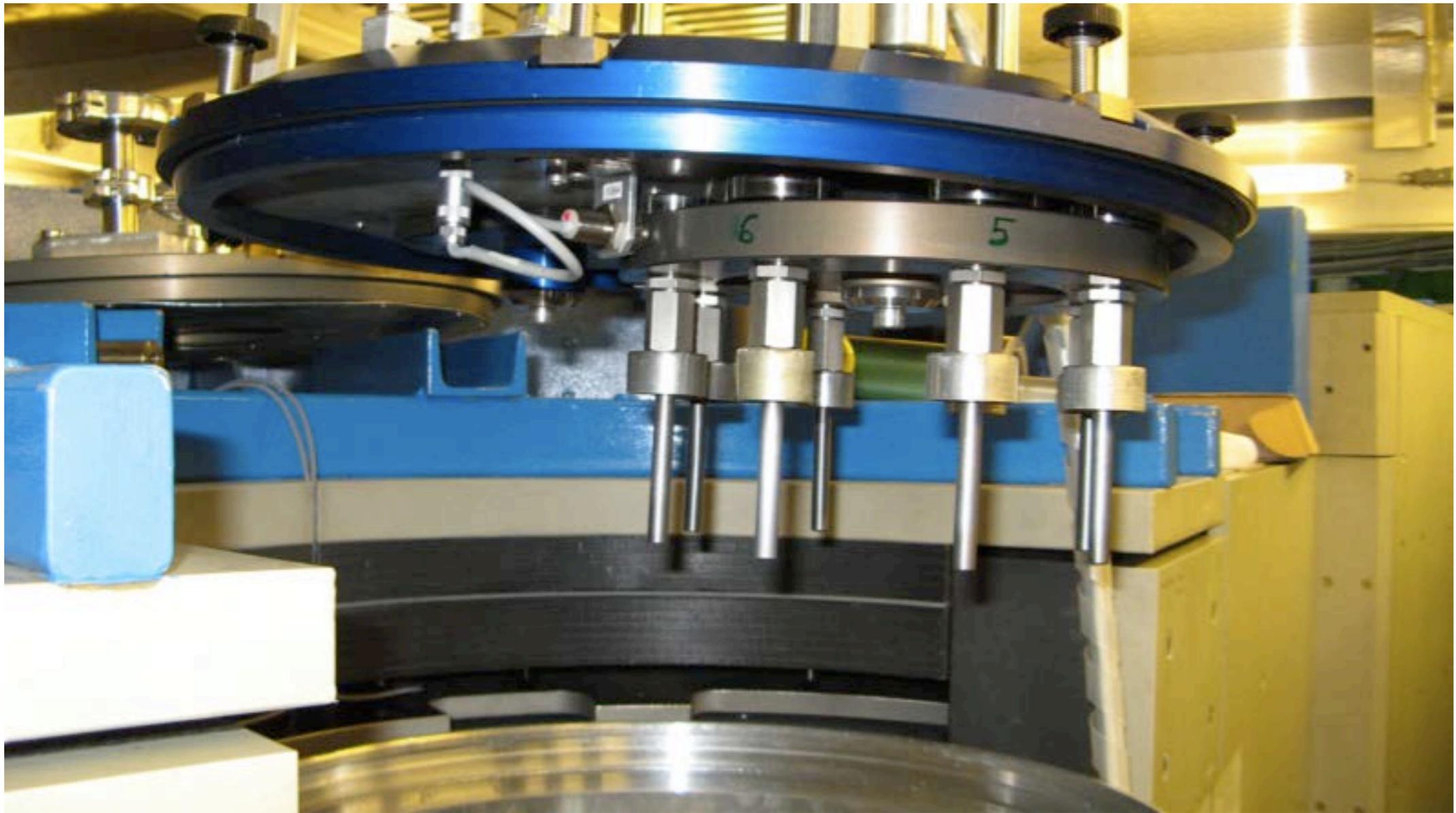
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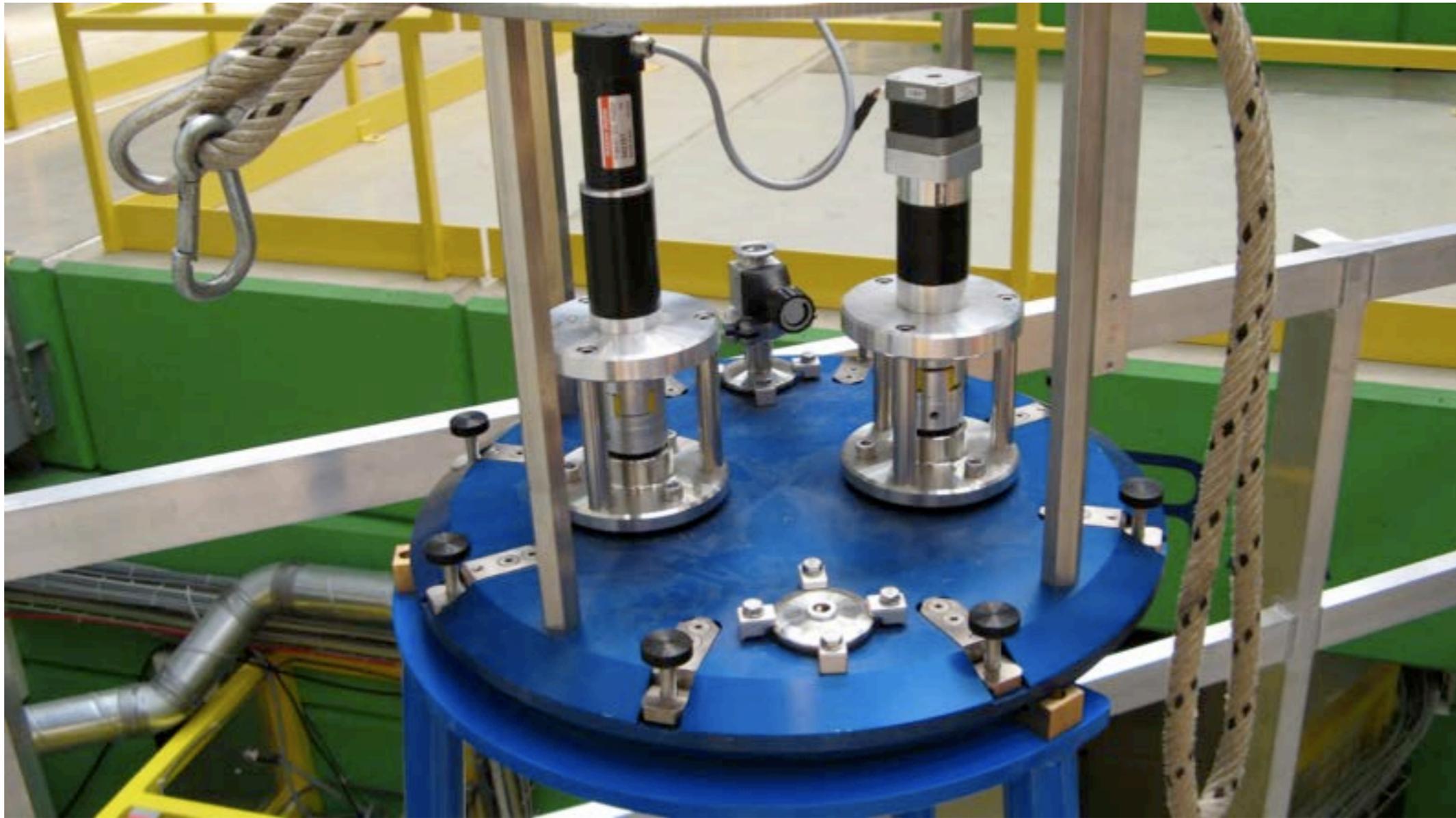
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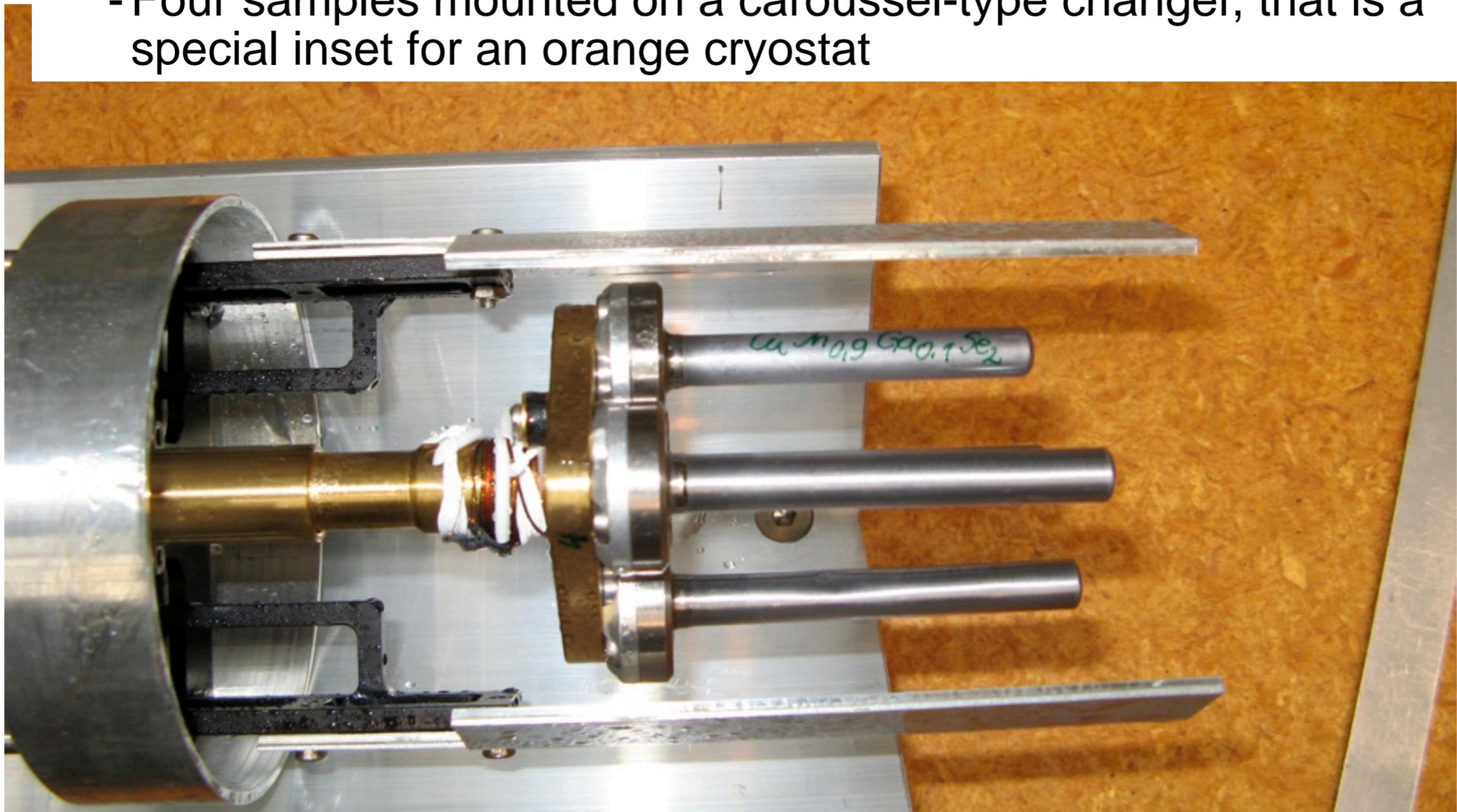


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# HRPT low temperature 4-sample changer

A device for routine powder diffraction measurements at temperatures between 1.5K -300K.

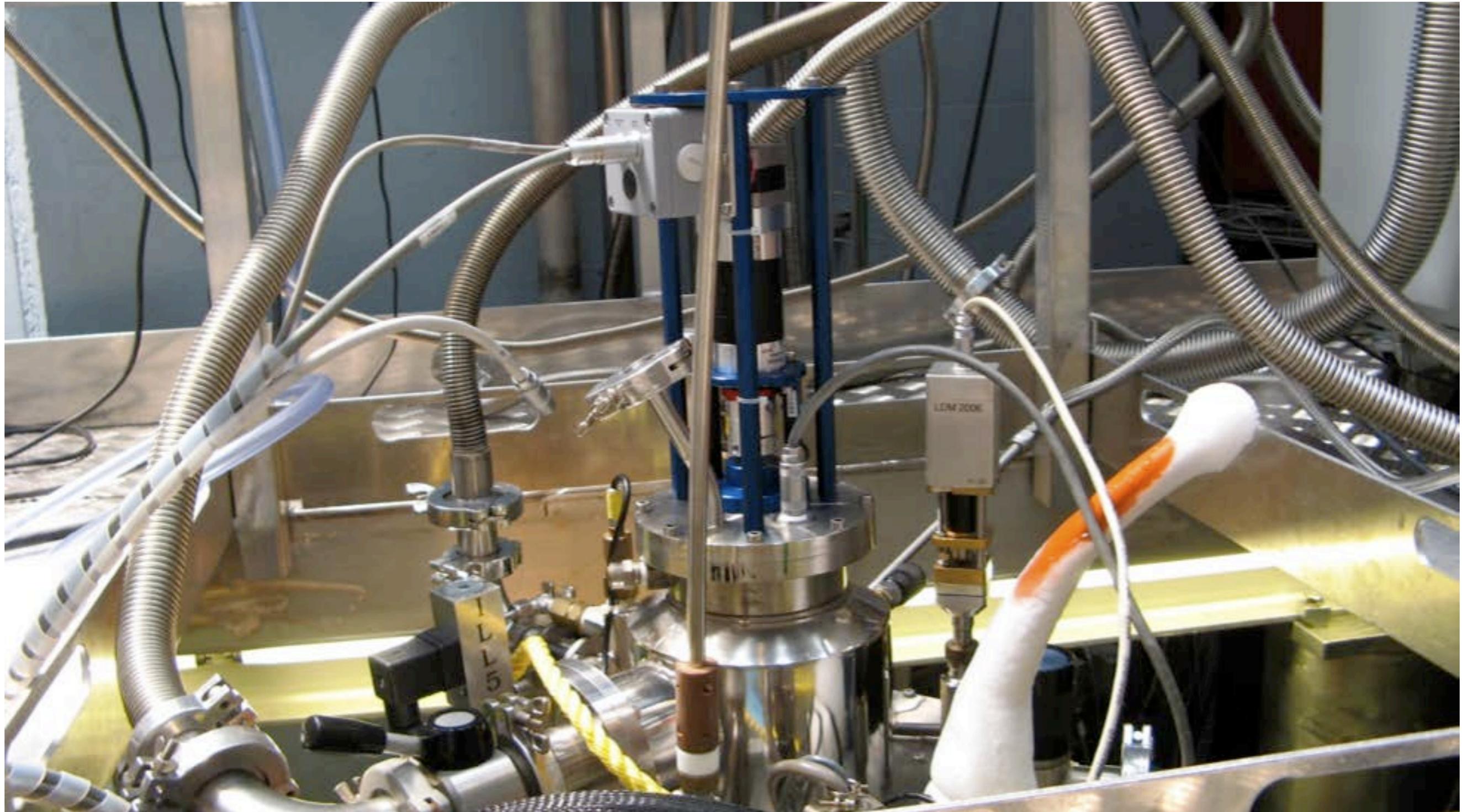
- All samples have the same temperature, i.e. time for temperature change is saved;
- Four samples mounted on a carousel-type changer, that is a special inset for an orange cryostat



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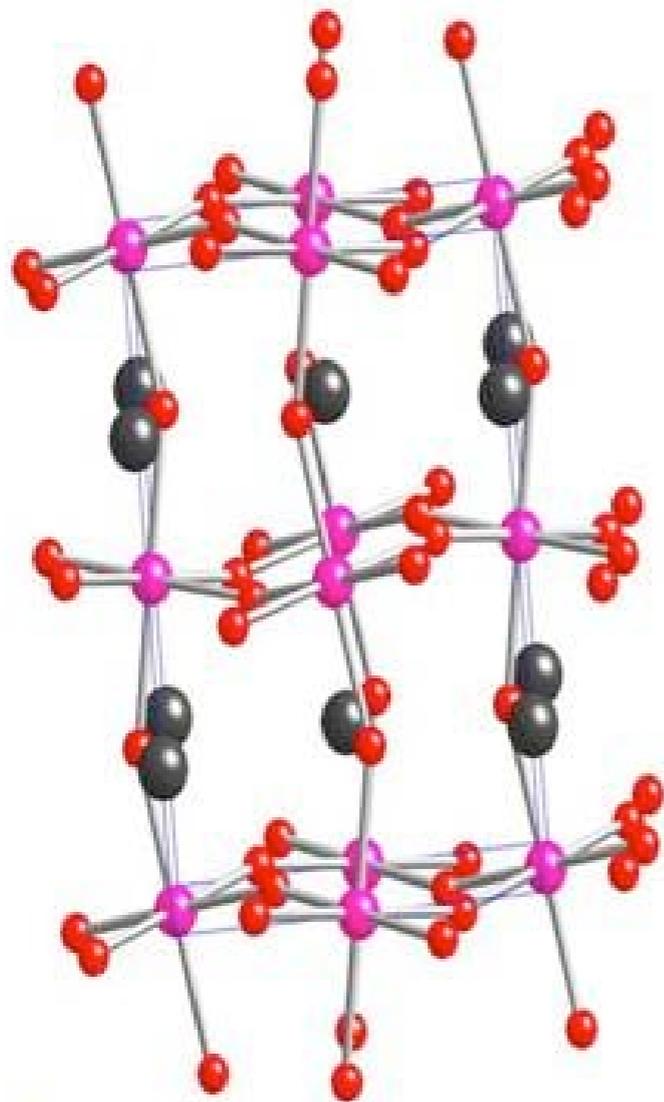


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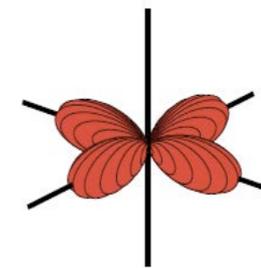
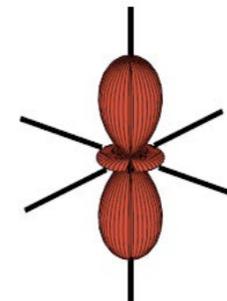


# Examples of HRPT applications

# Mn-O bond lengths



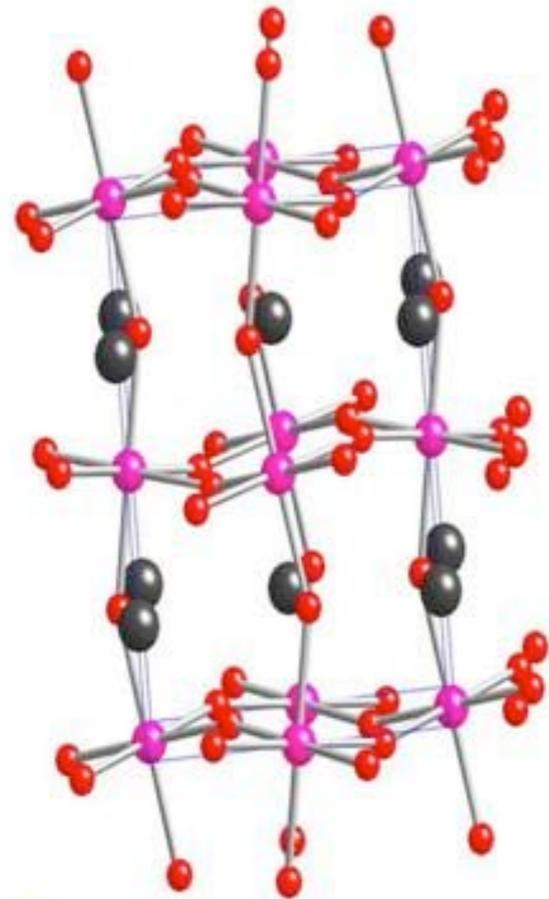
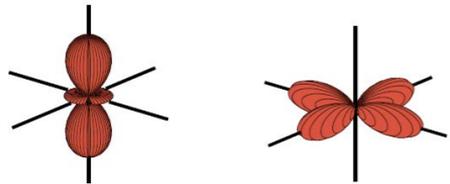
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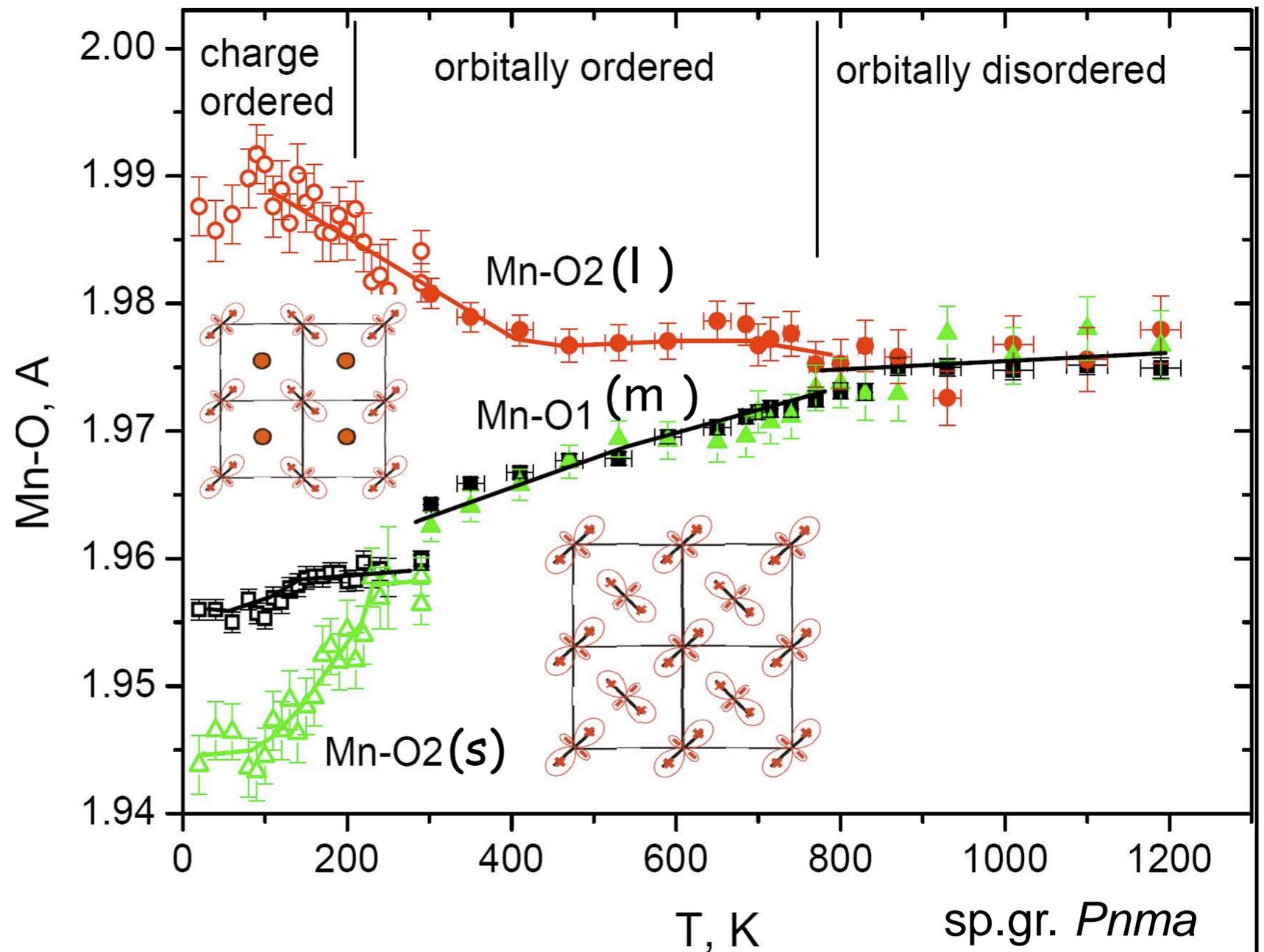
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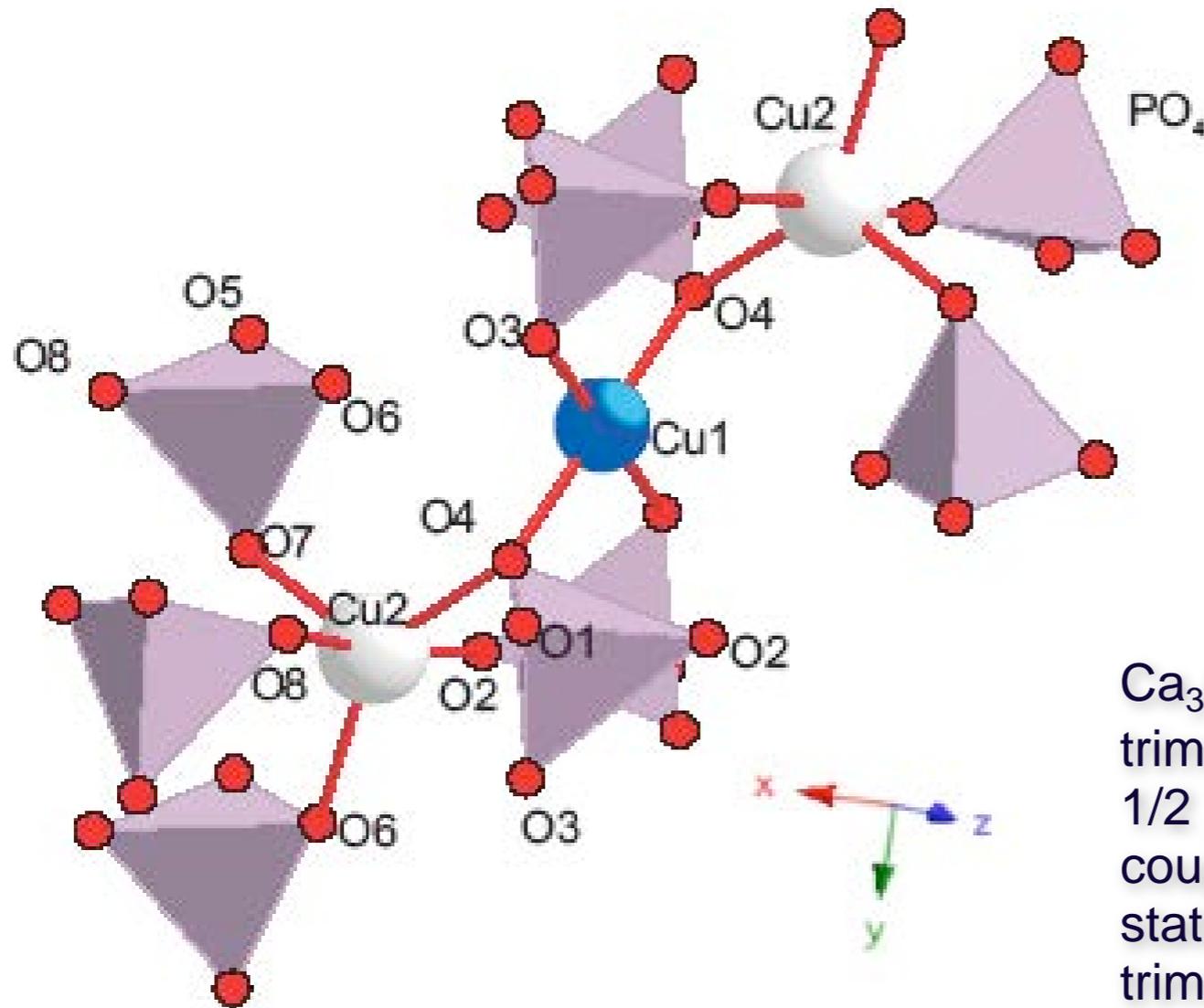
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Mn-O bond lengths in LPCM (y=0.7)



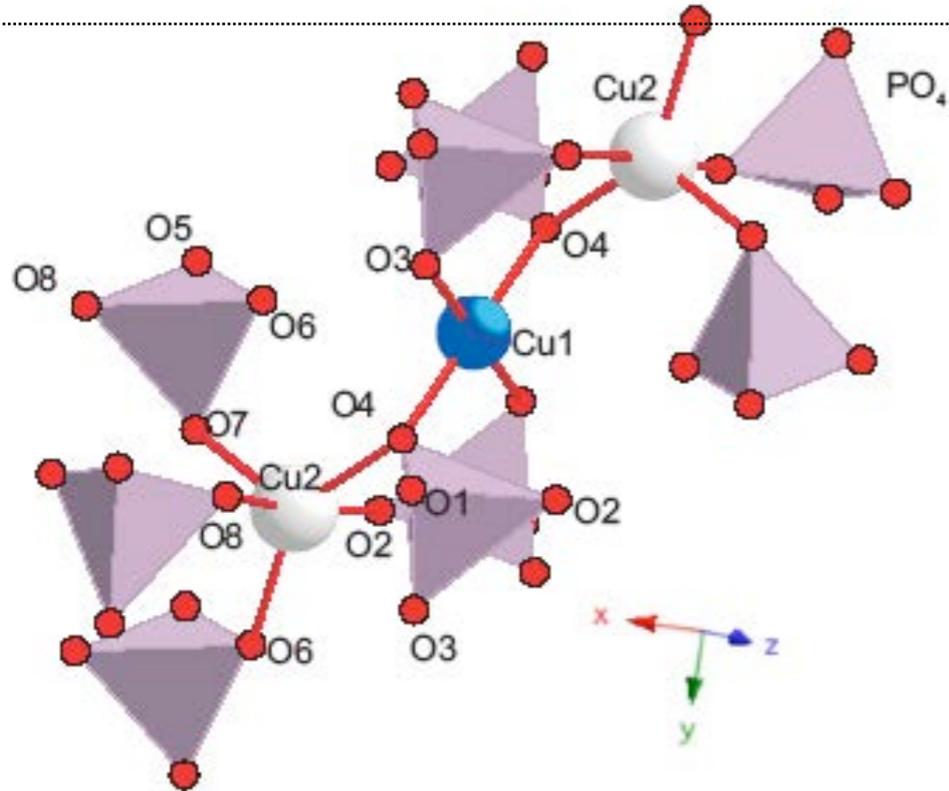
# Where are Ni ions in the trimer?



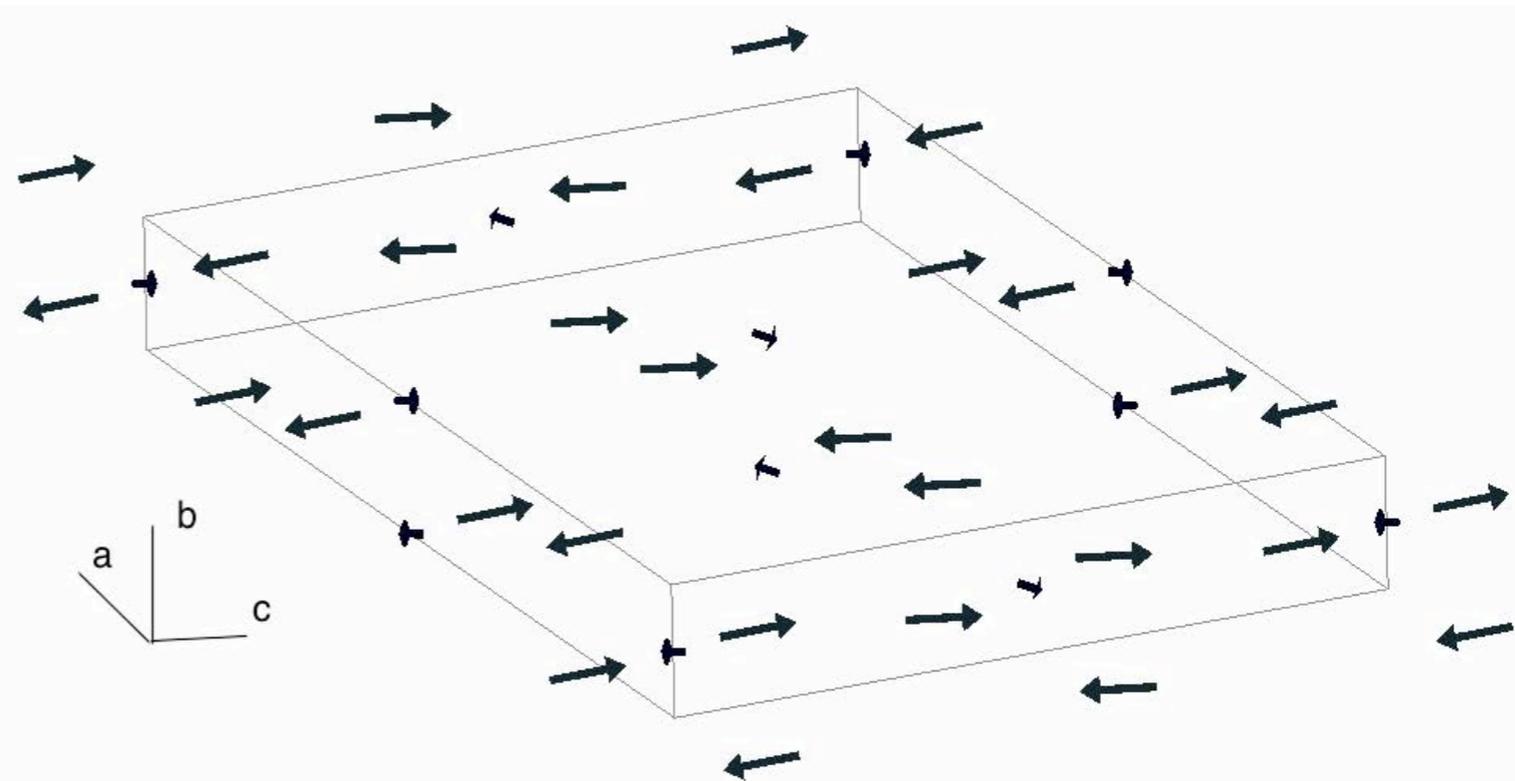
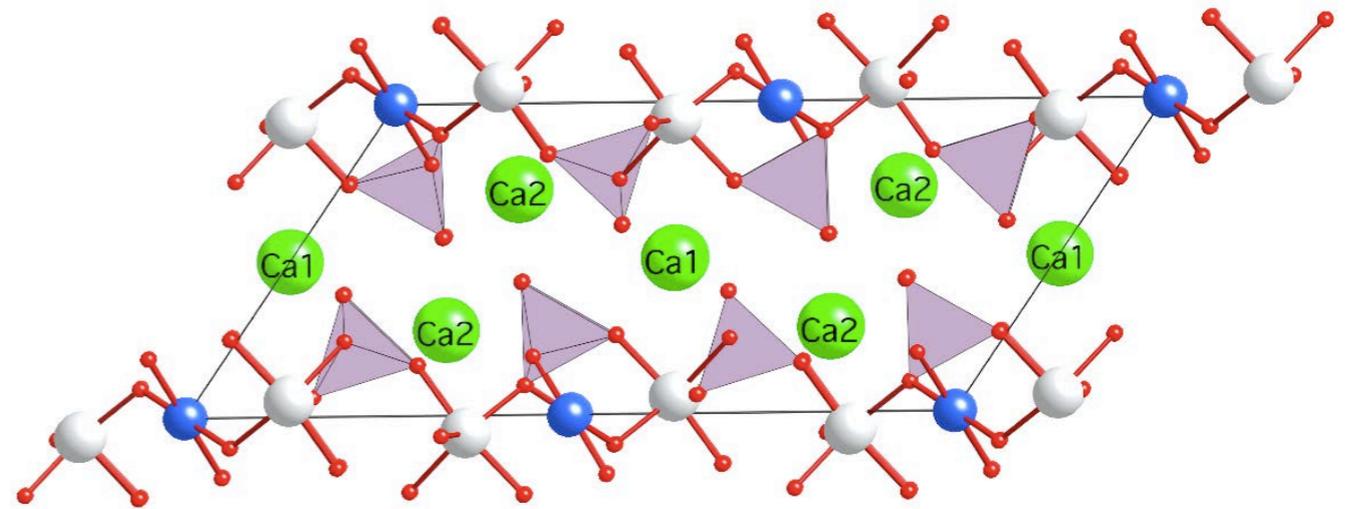
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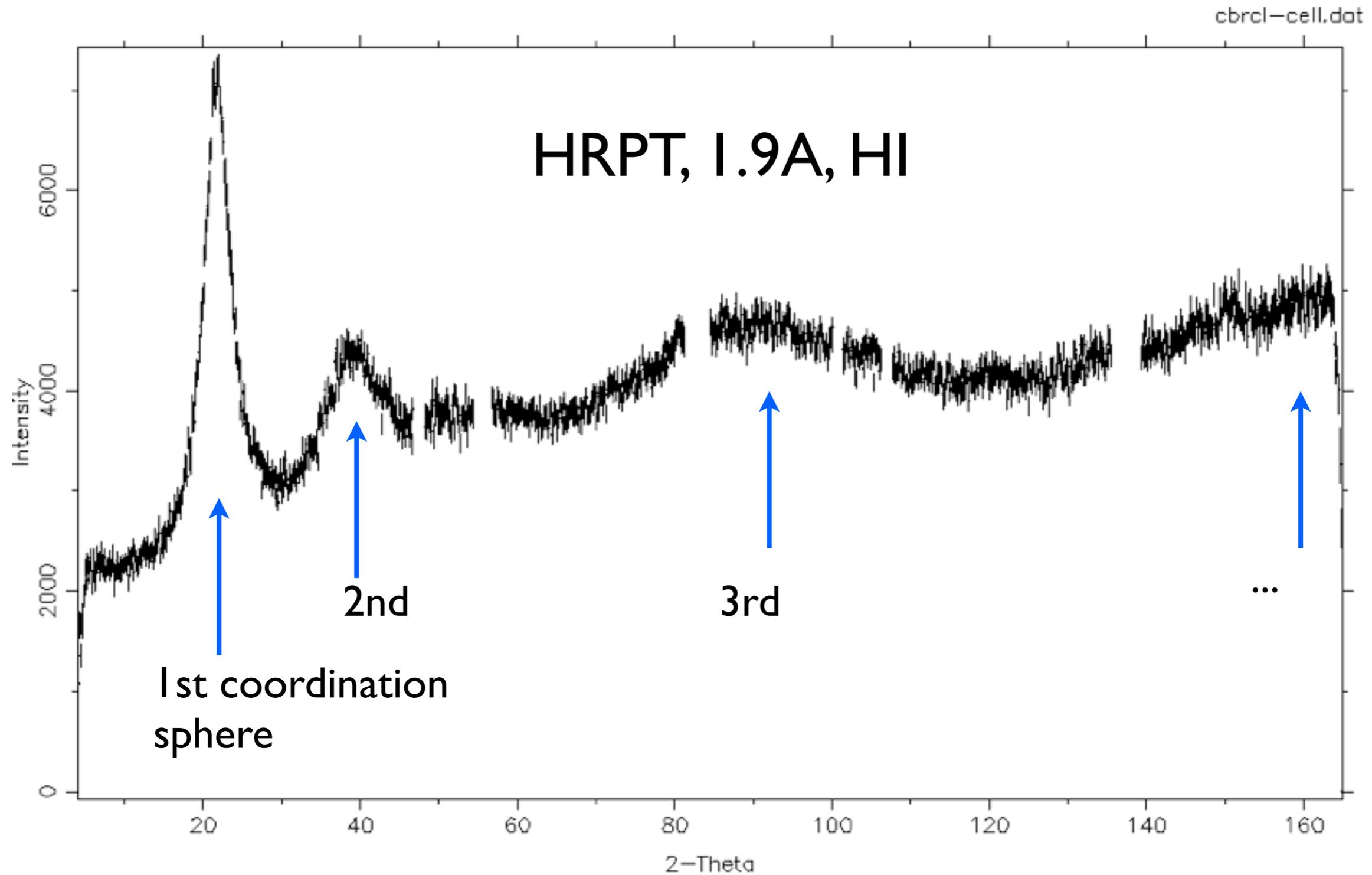
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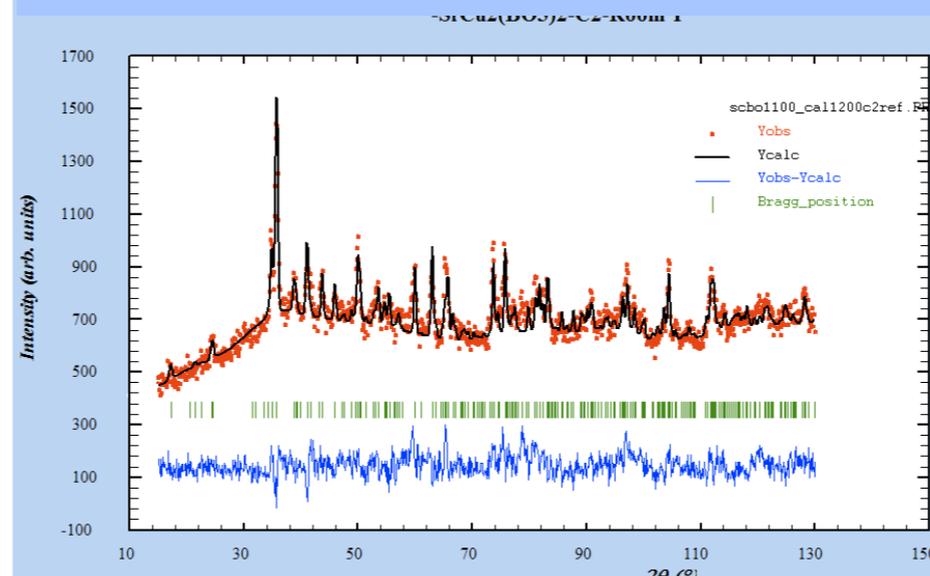
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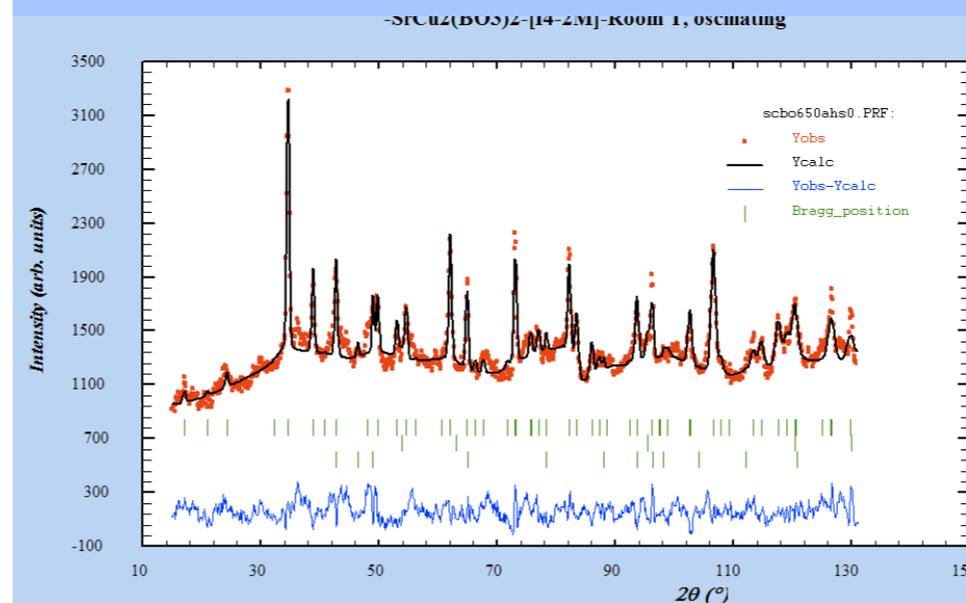
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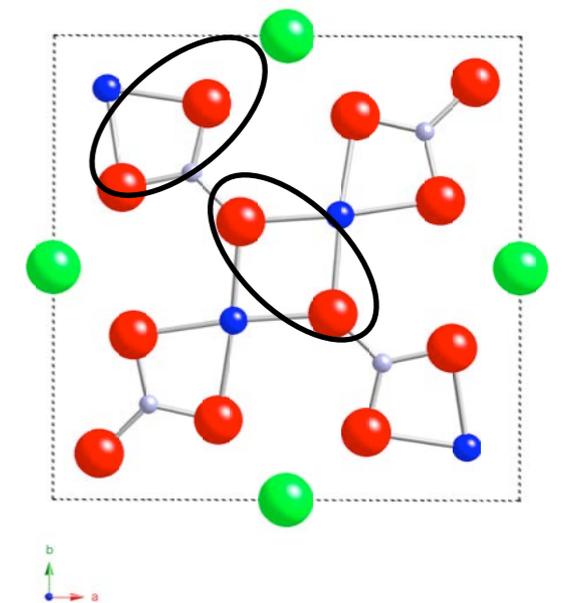
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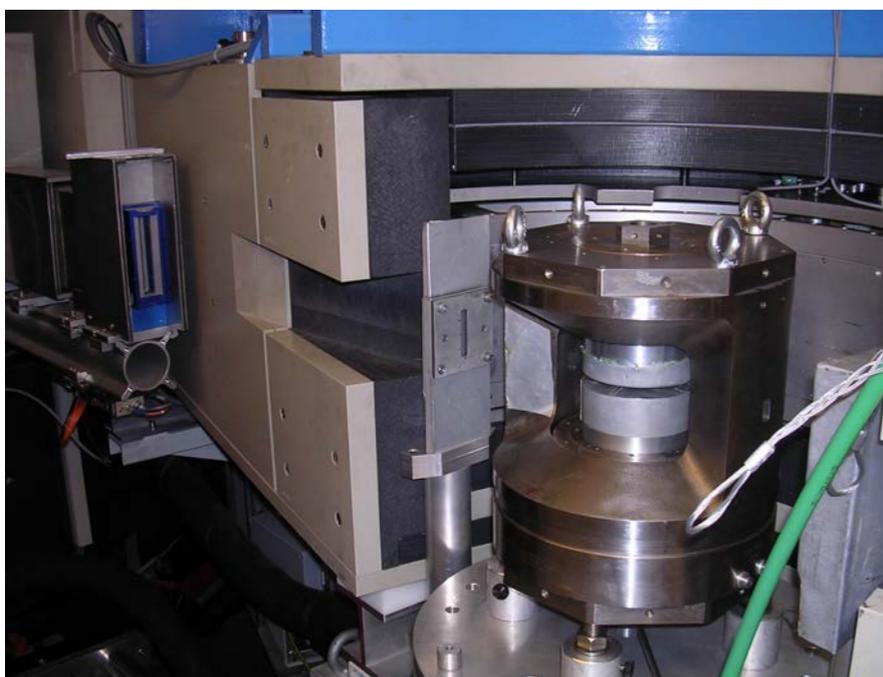
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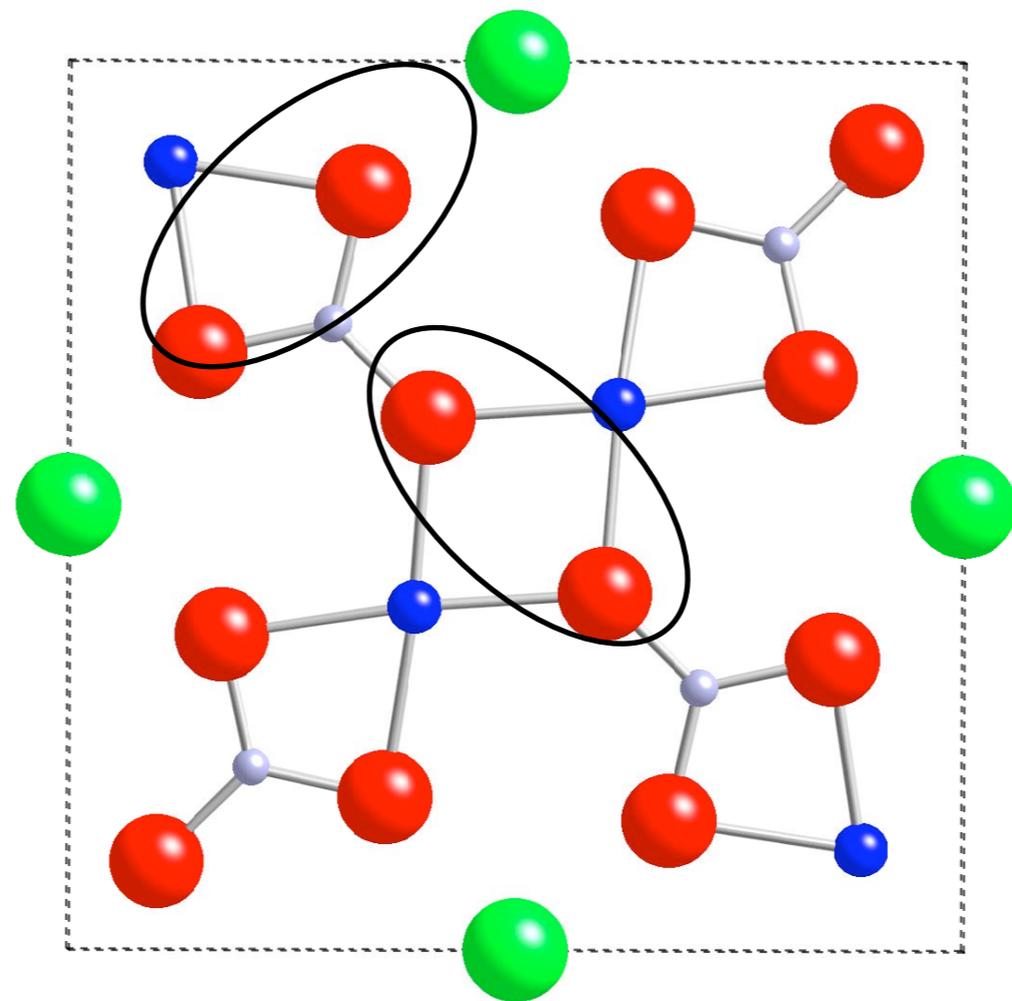
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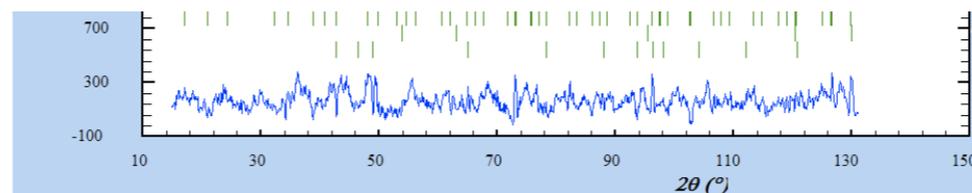
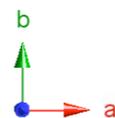


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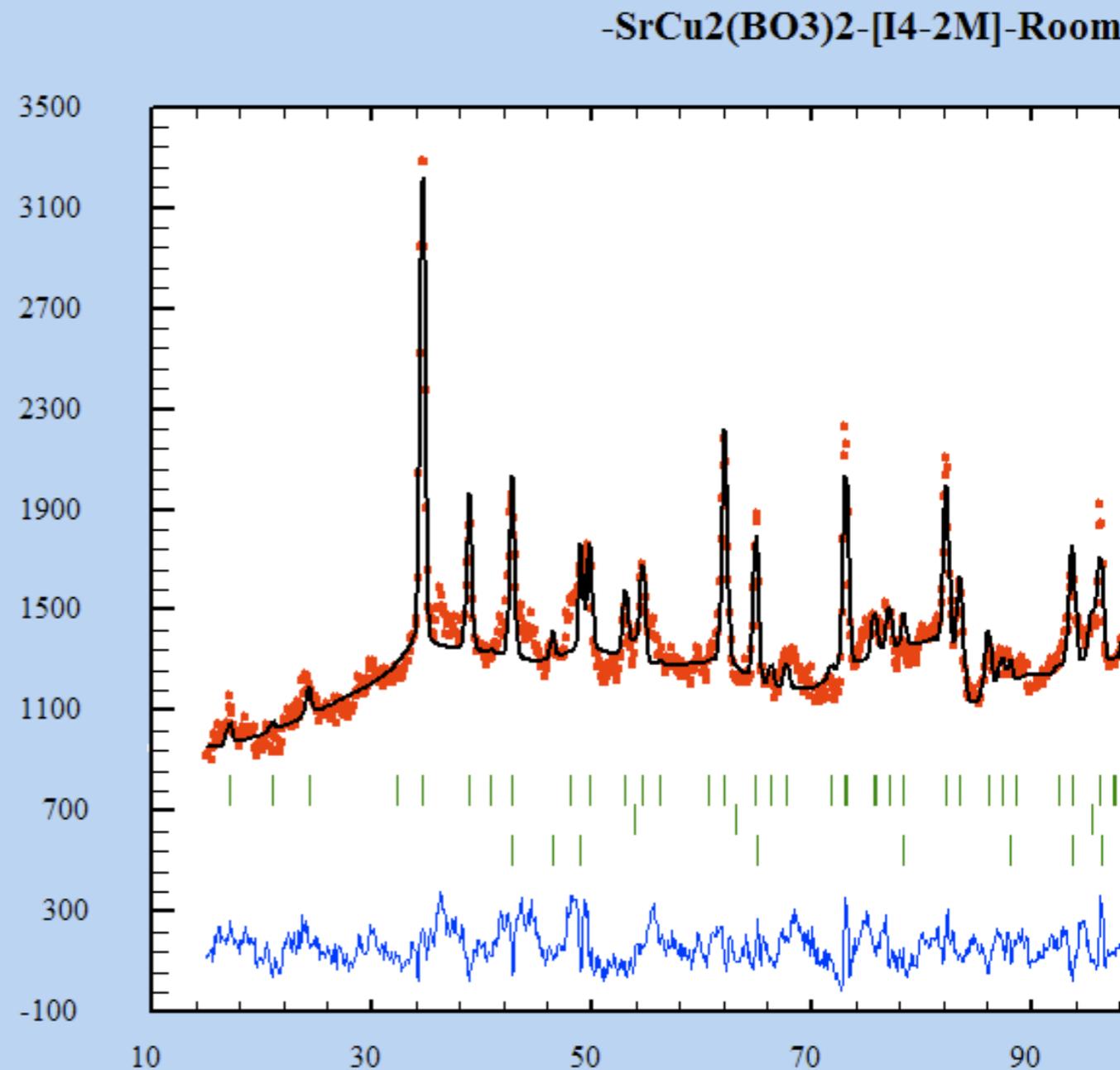
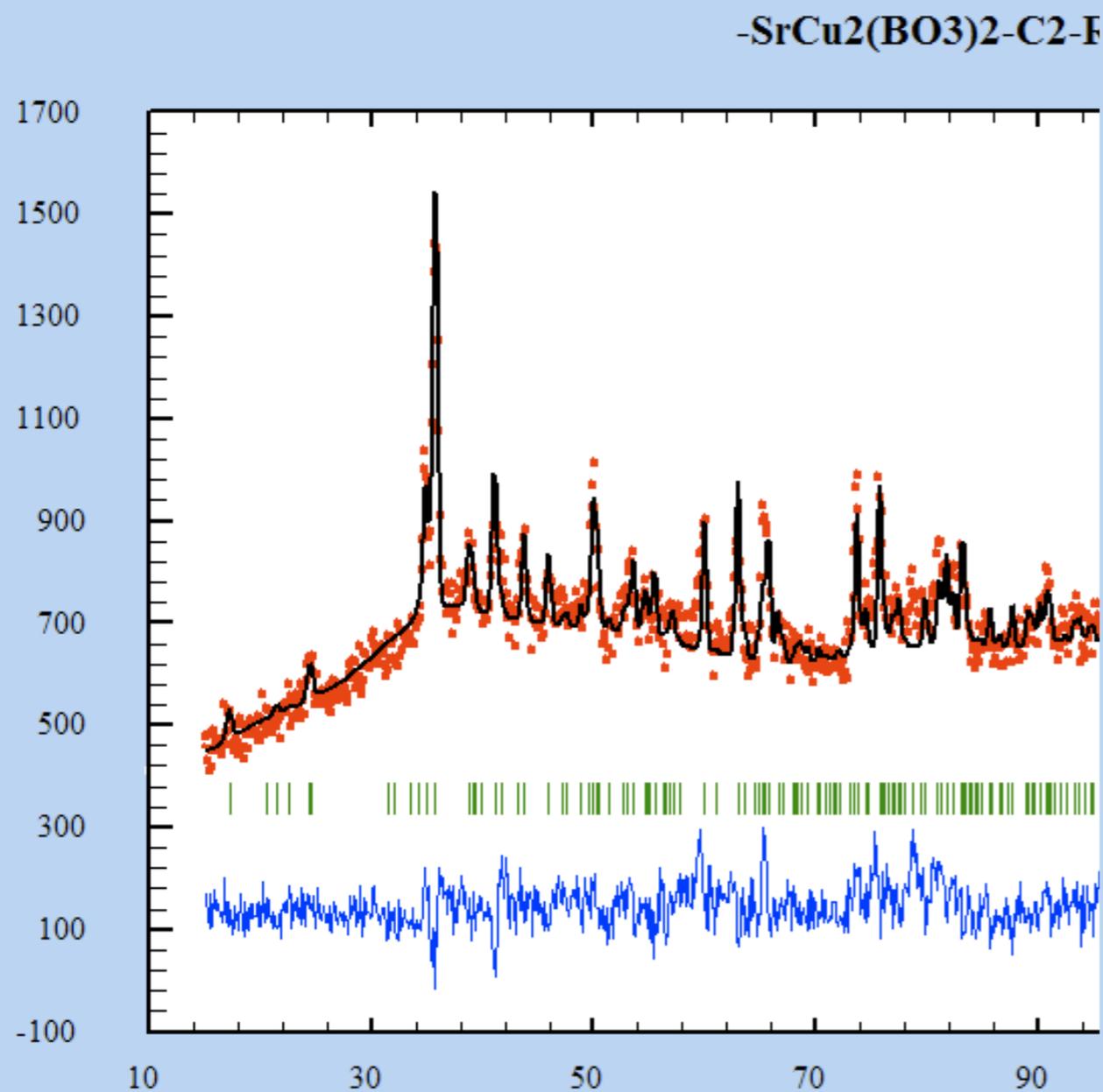


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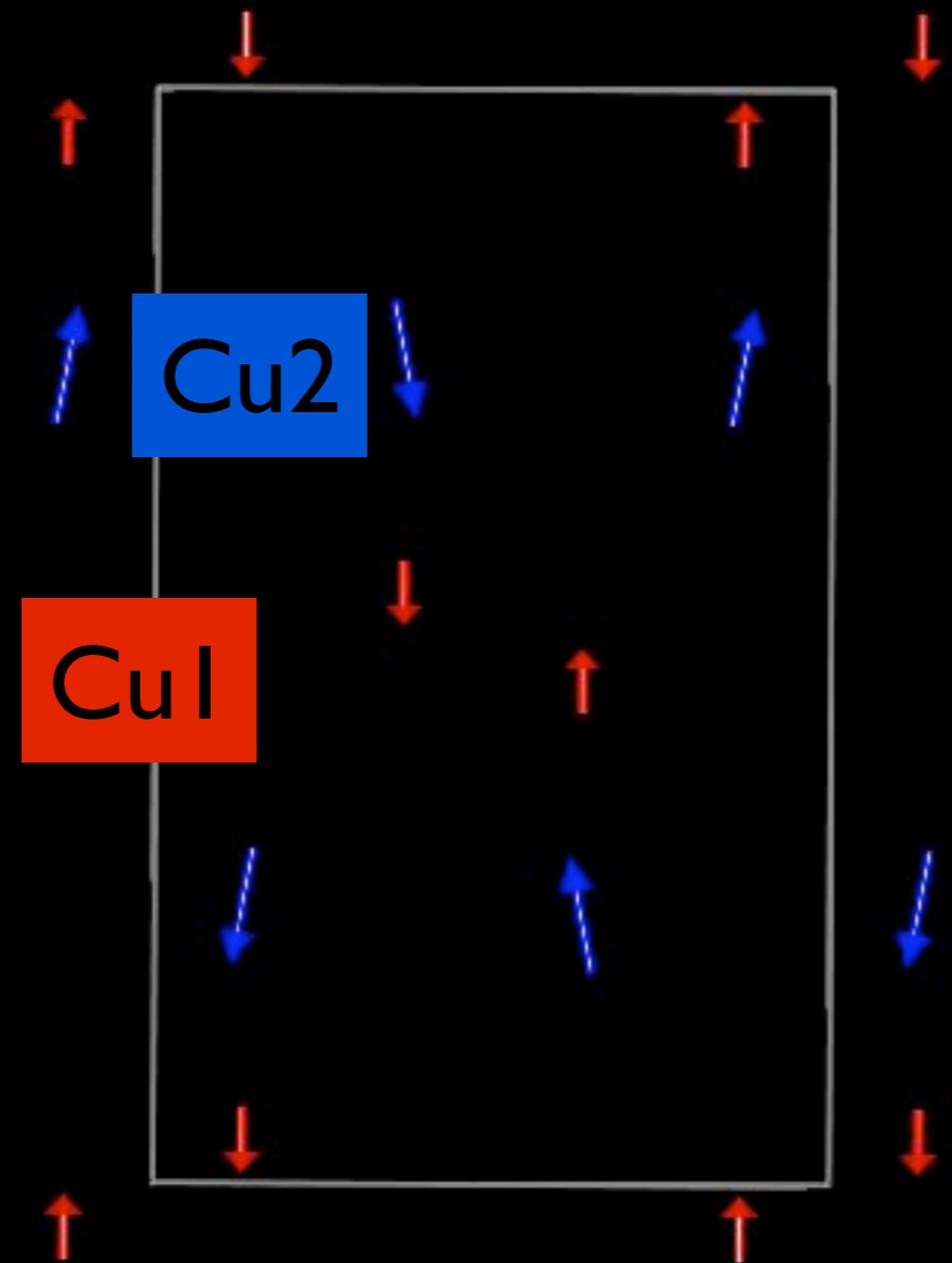
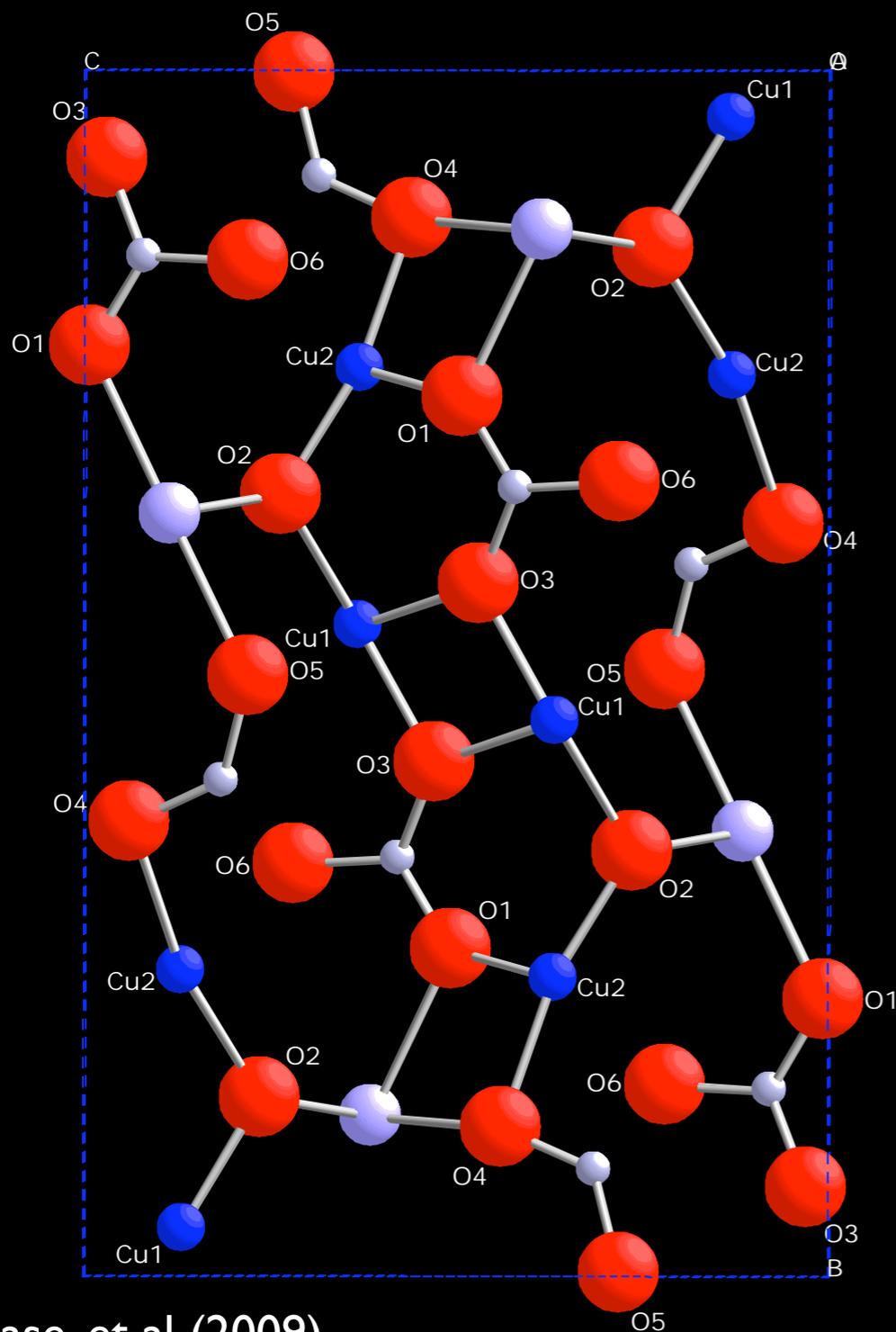
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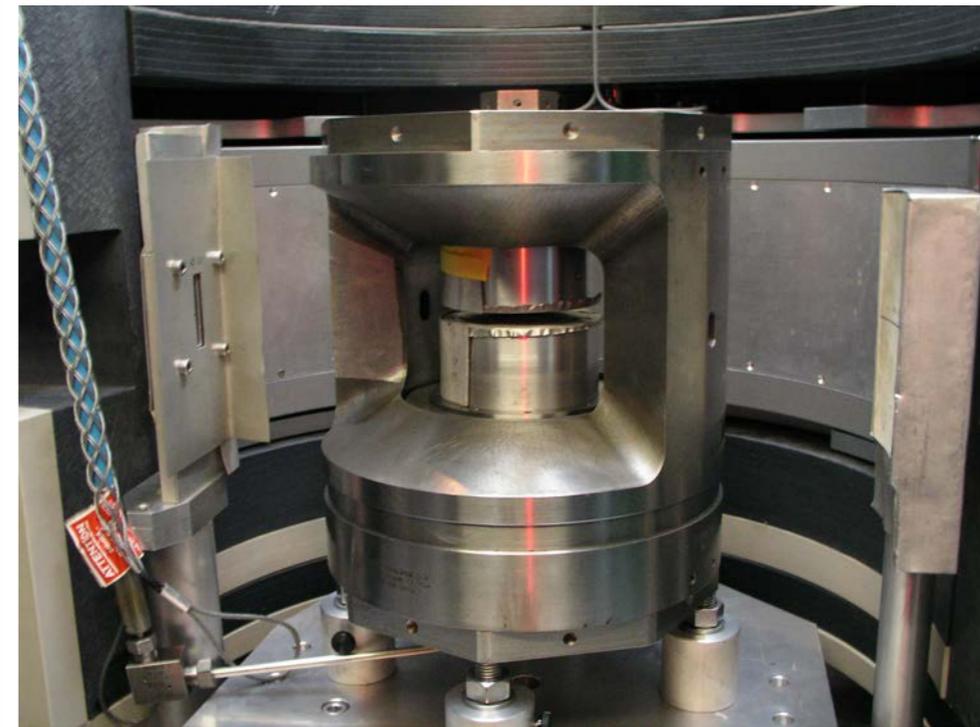
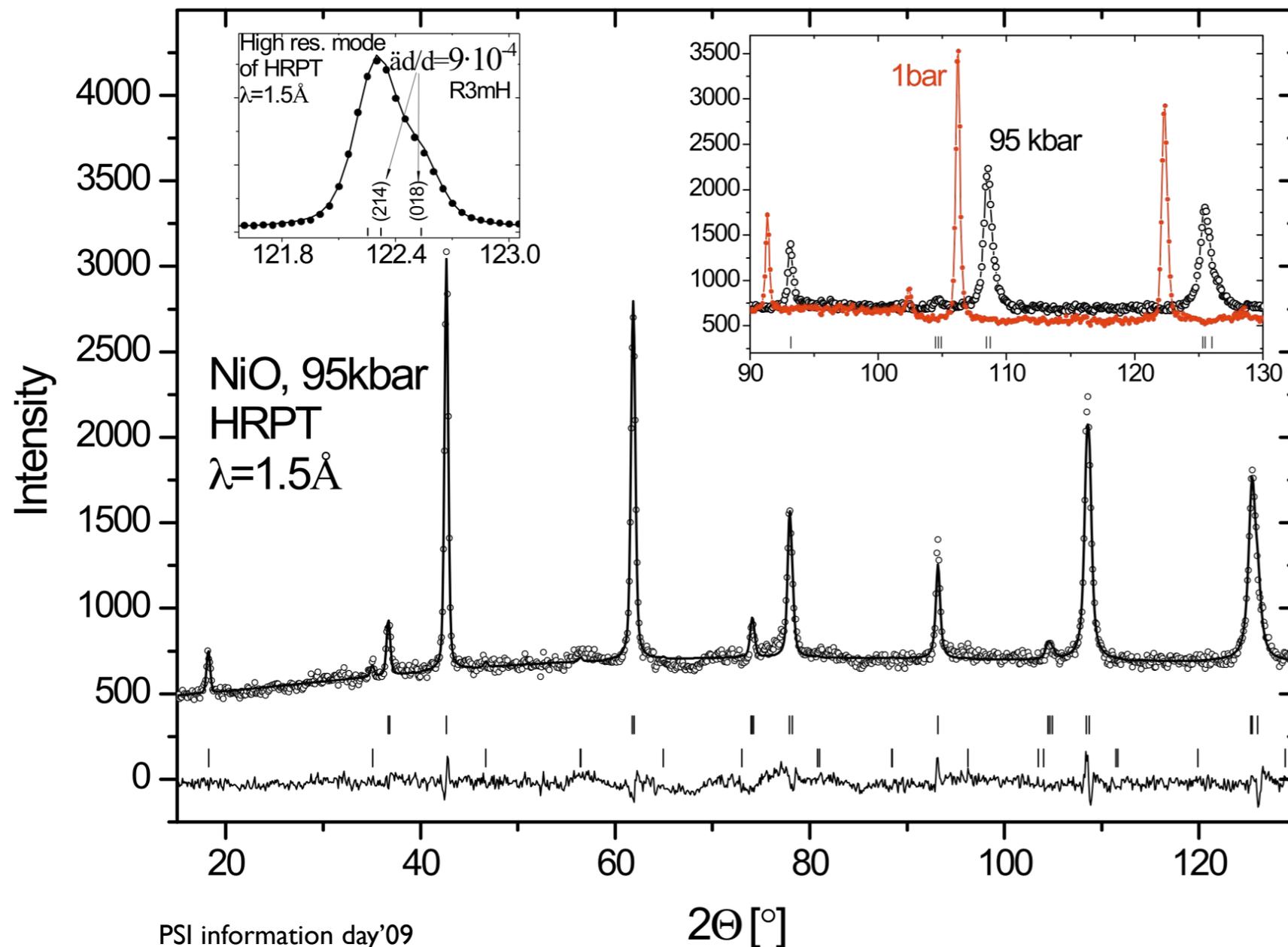
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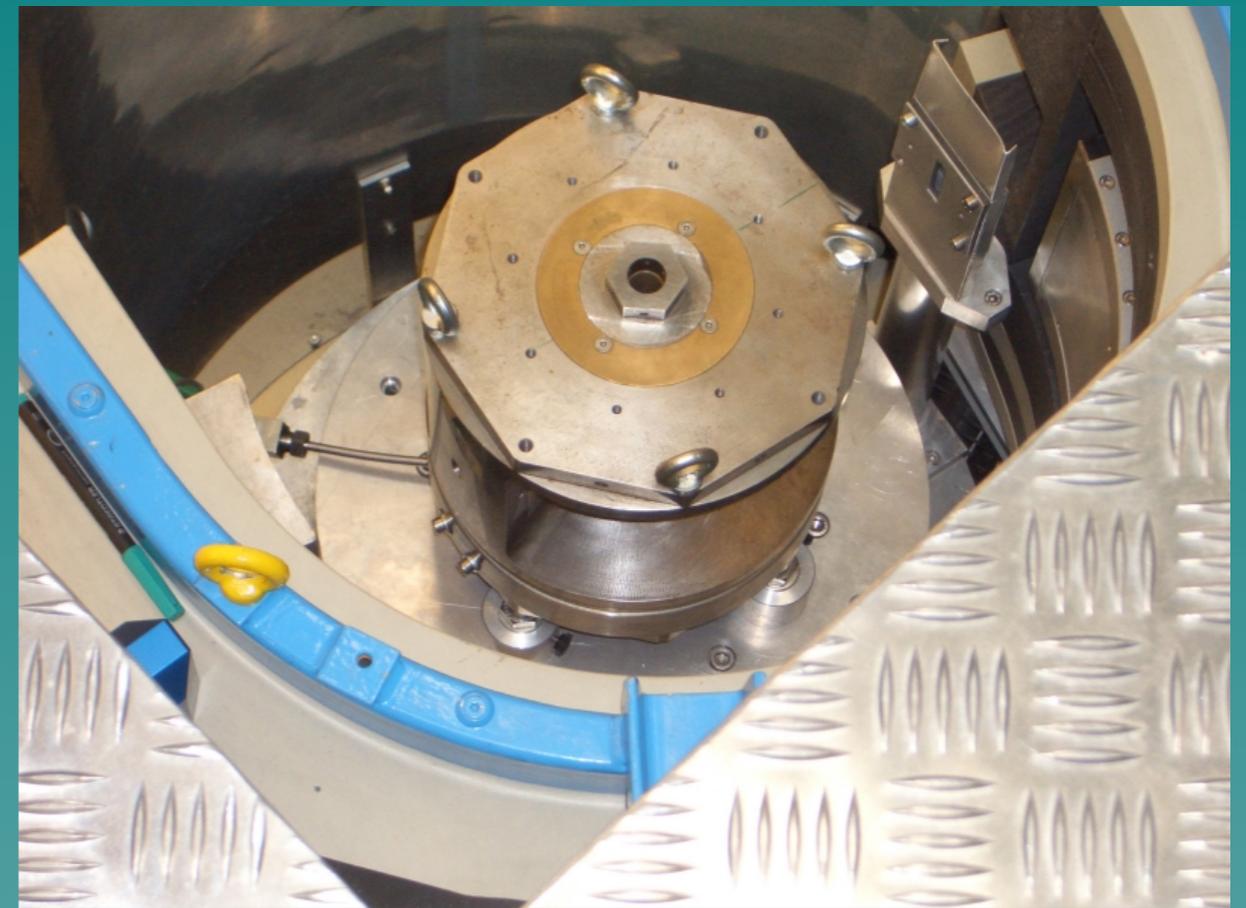
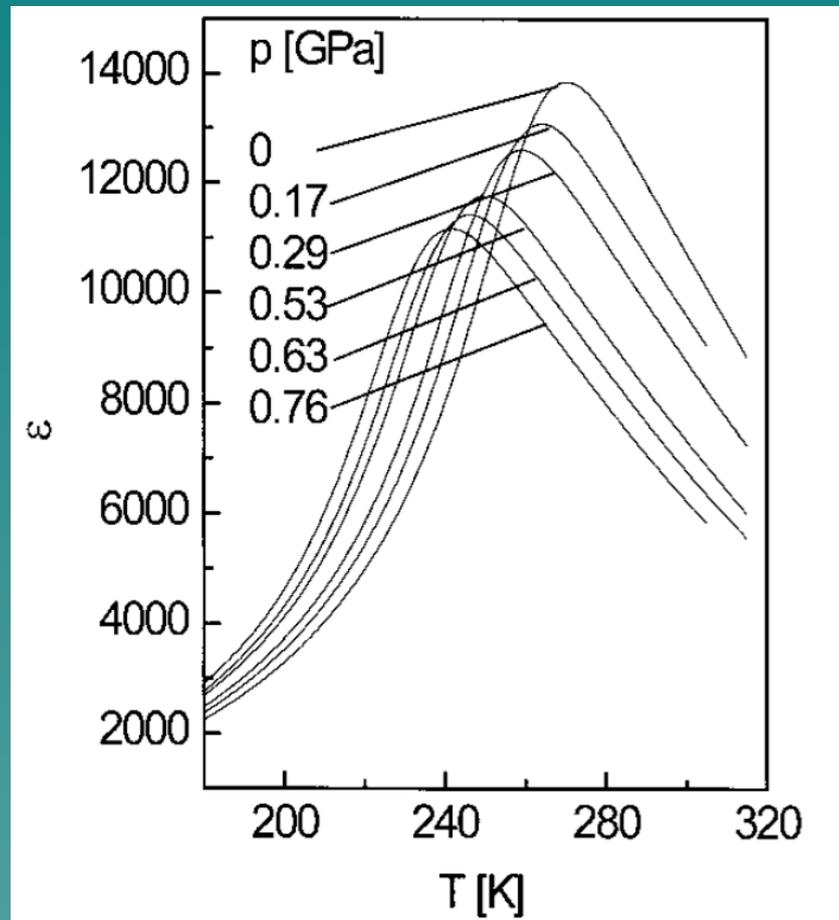
@ p=1bar:  $\mu_{\text{Ni}}=1.73(9) \mu_{\text{B}}$ ,  $k = [\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}]$  in  $Fm3m$   
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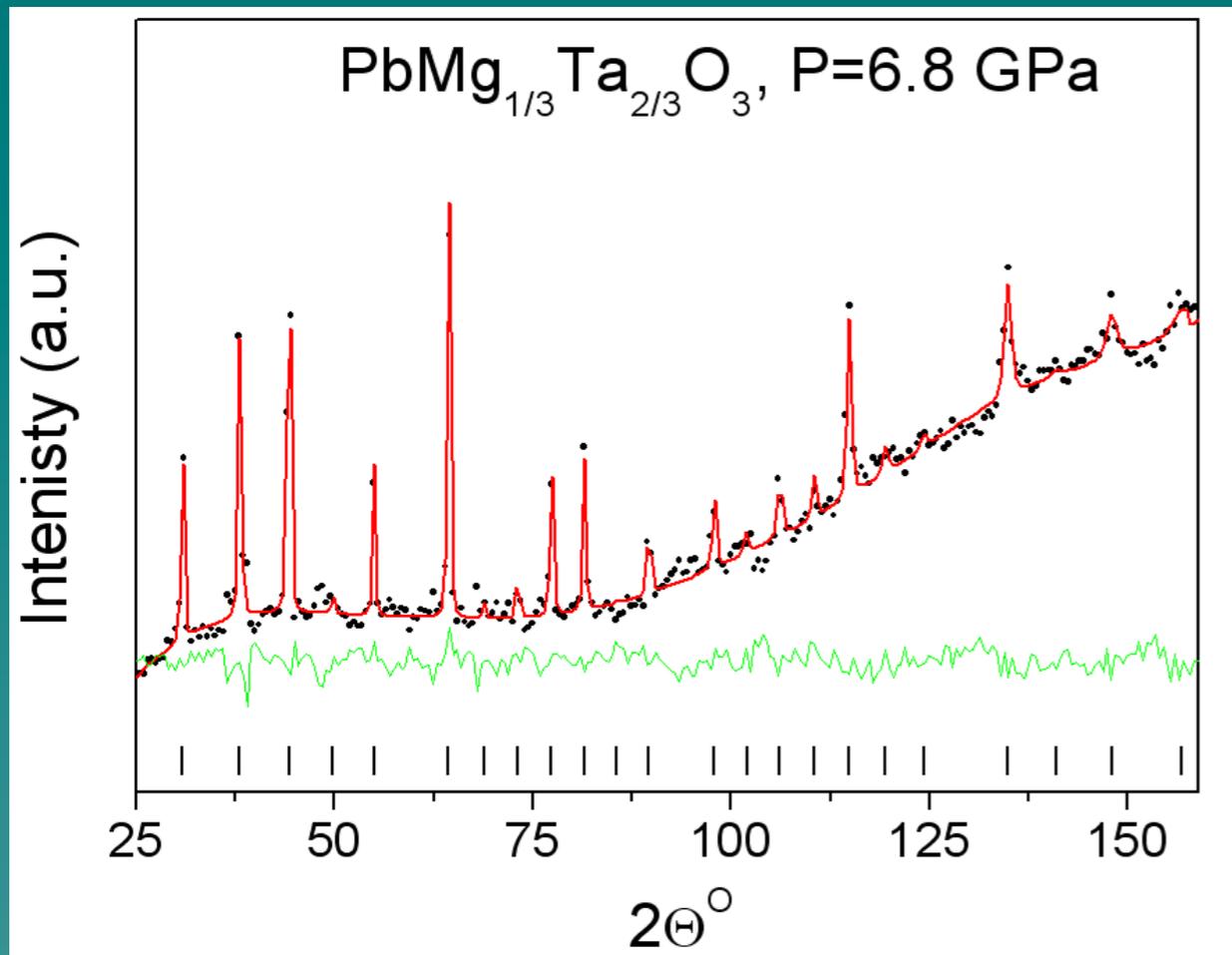
# High-pressure studies of $\text{PbMg}_{1/3}\text{Ta}_{2/3}\text{O}_3$ relaxor ferroelectric

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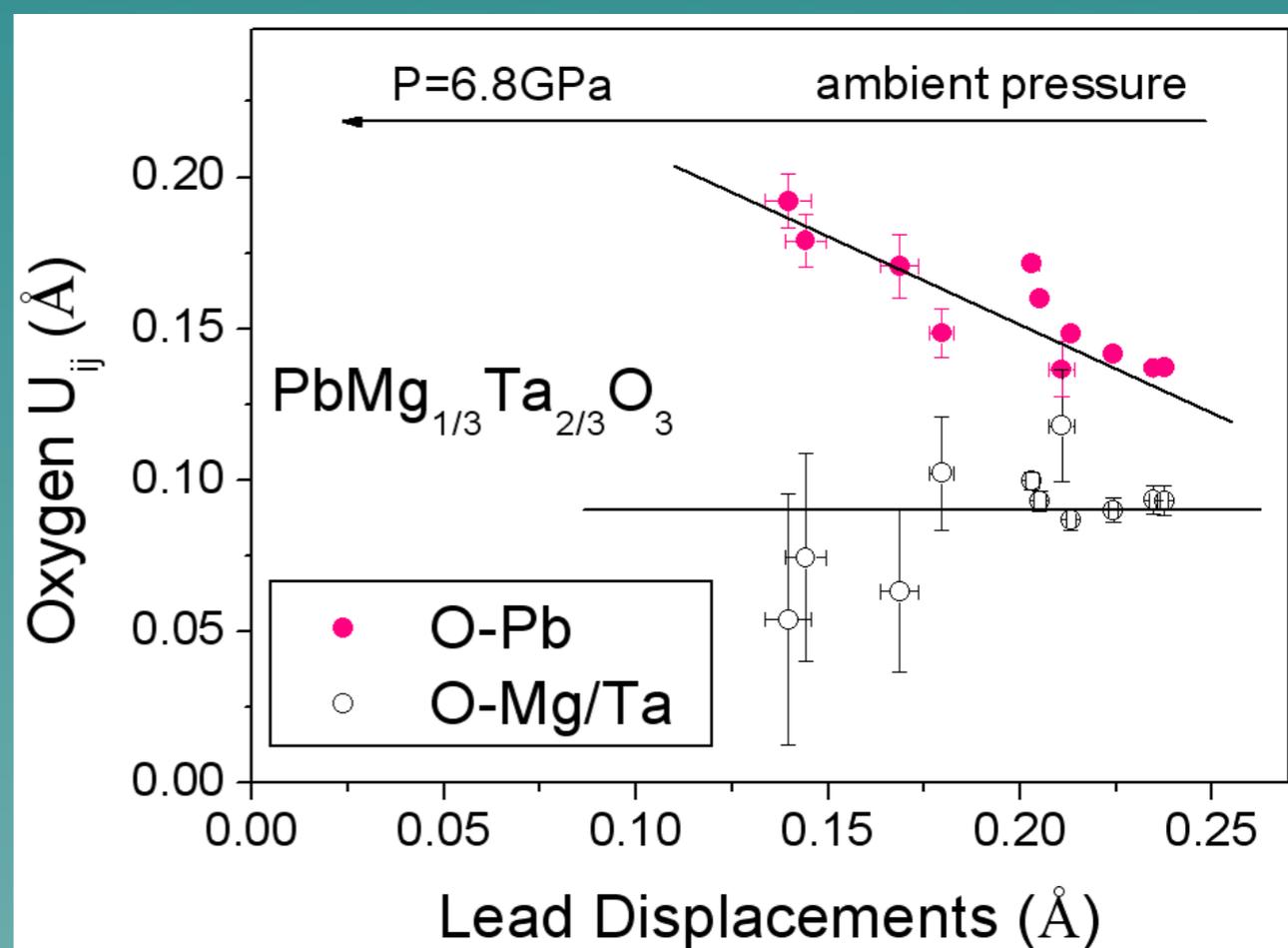
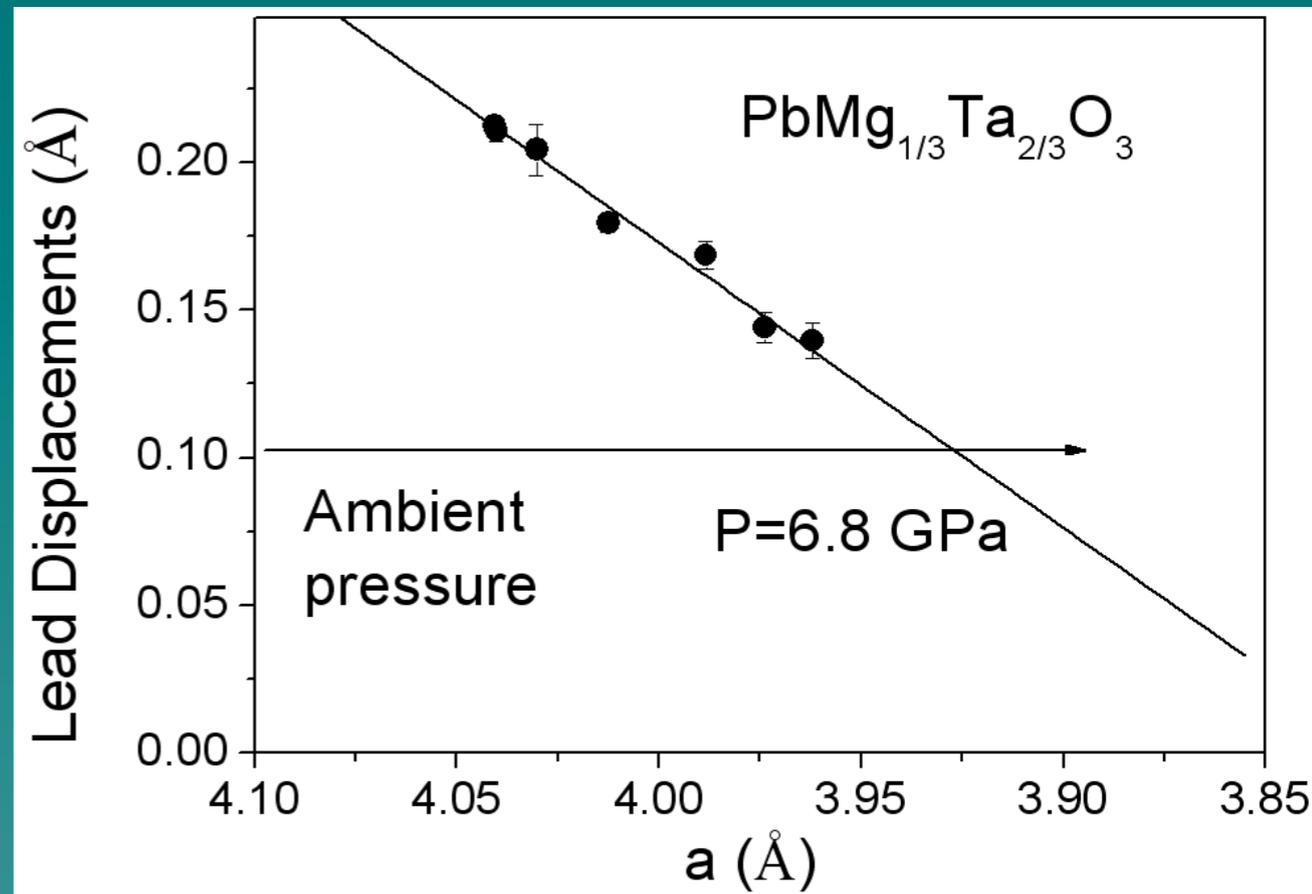


Relaxor ferroelectrics are peculiar crystals where the giant dielectric permittivity appears without structural phase transition. There is no theory which describe their properties. Among other anomalies, there is a suppression of the peak in the dielectric permittivity and of the intensity of diffuse scattering under hydrostatic pressure. In order to understand underlying physics the structure of a model relaxor was studies up to hydrostatic pressure  $P \sim 7$  GPa

Photo of a high pressure setup using Paris-Edinburgh pressure cell at HRPT diffractometer. The sample volume is less than  $100 \text{ mm}^3$ , approximately two orders of magnitude smaller than in a standard setup.



Observed and calculated diffraction spectrum from  $\text{PbMg}_{1/3}\text{Ta}_{2/3}\text{O}_3$ . Increased background is probably due to the unmasked part of the steel leg of the pressure cell. The crystal structure remains cubic at all pressures. The important changes are: (i) Reduction of the Lead displacements at increased pressures (ii) Appearance of the anisotropy in the Oxygen thermal motion – its ellipsoid becomes significantly elongated toward the Lead ions. Thus these change are responsible for the suppression of the peak in dielectric permittivity and of the diffuse scattering. Similar behaviors were never reported earlier.



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