

# Ruthenium oxide peculiarities probed by the Seebeck effect and prospection of novel thermoelectric chalcogenide materials assisted by machine learning



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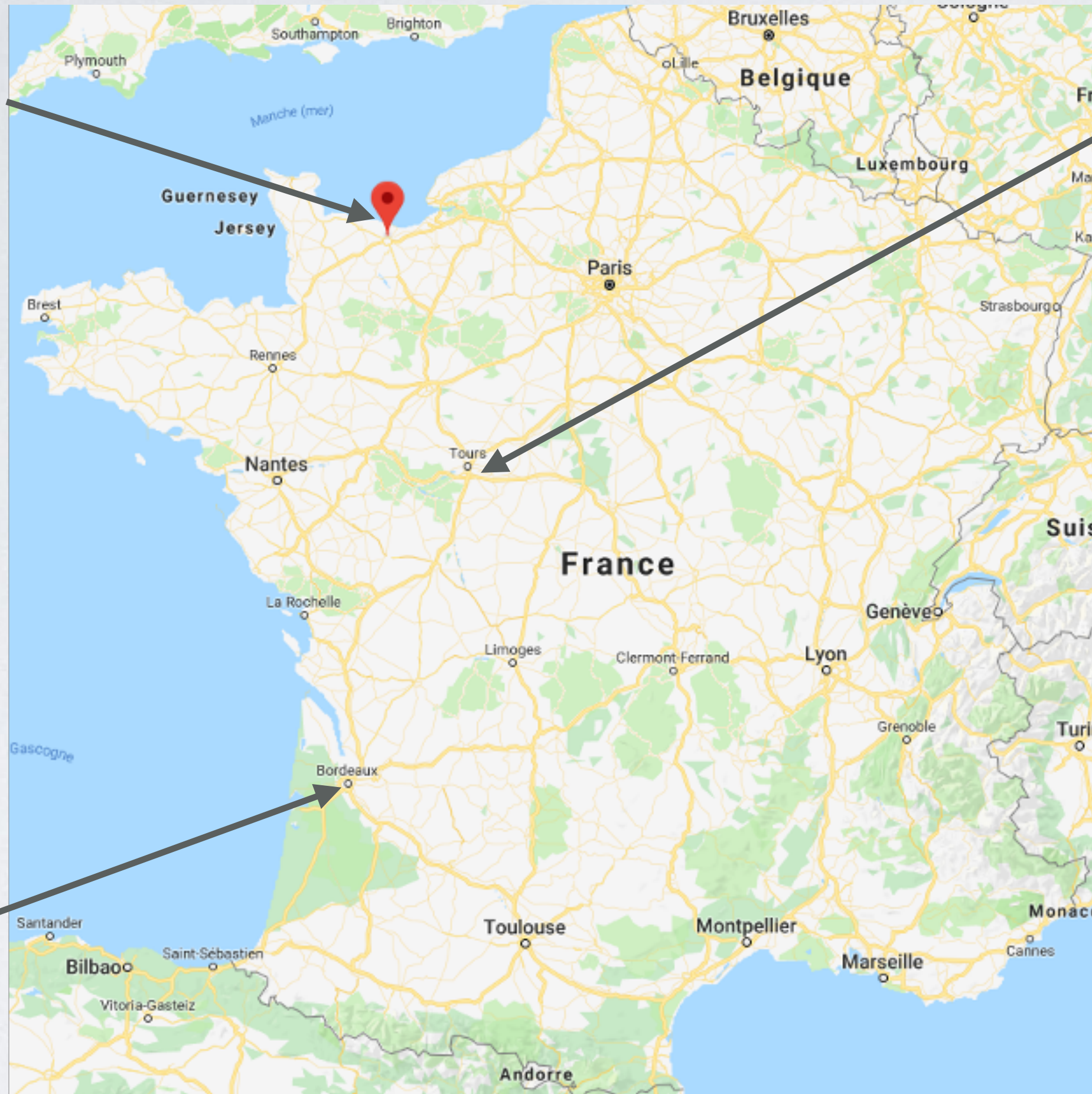
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# Overview



Caen - Normandy  
(2015-2018)



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(2019-2021)



(2009-2014)



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# PhD thesis work:

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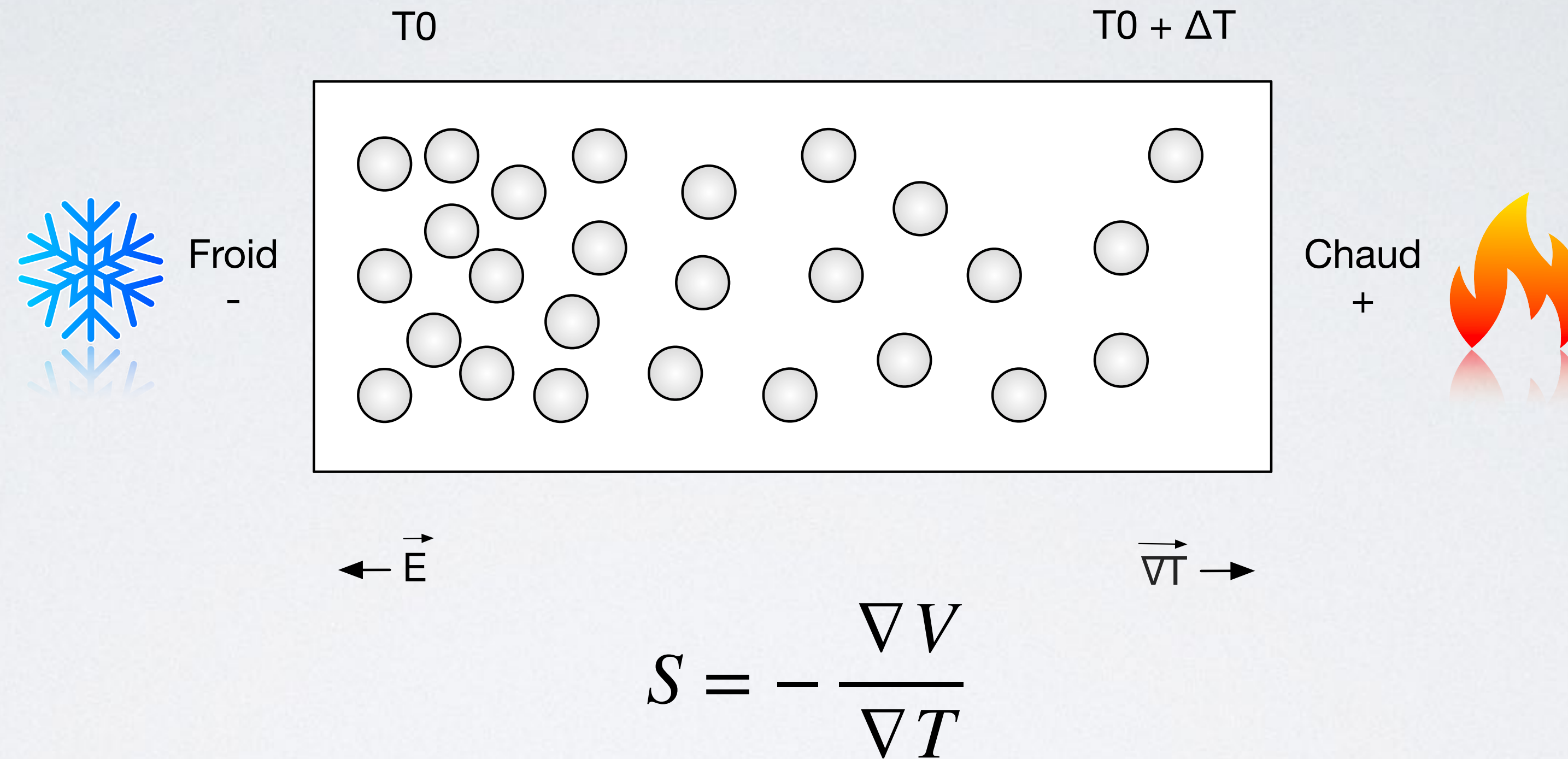
With Antoine MAIGNAN and Sylvie HÉBERT



- Solid-state synthesis of oxoruthenates
- Crystallographic characterization (XRD and TEM)
- Thermoelectric and magnetic properties characterization

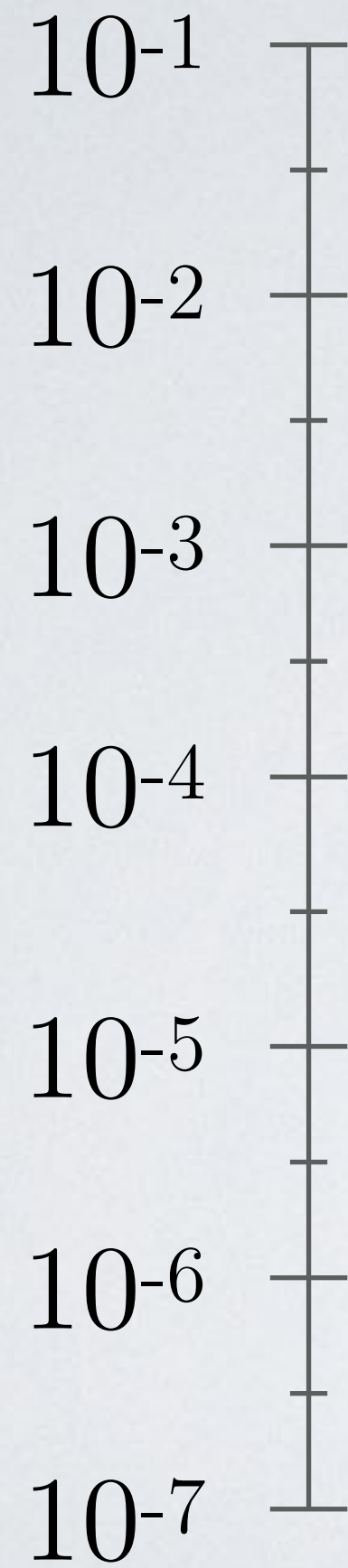
# Introduction

## The Seebeck effect:



# The Seebeck coefficient: magnitude at 300 K

$|S|$  (V.K<sup>-1</sup>)



Ge, Si

Bi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub>

Bi

Ni

Ag, Cu, Au

Insulators

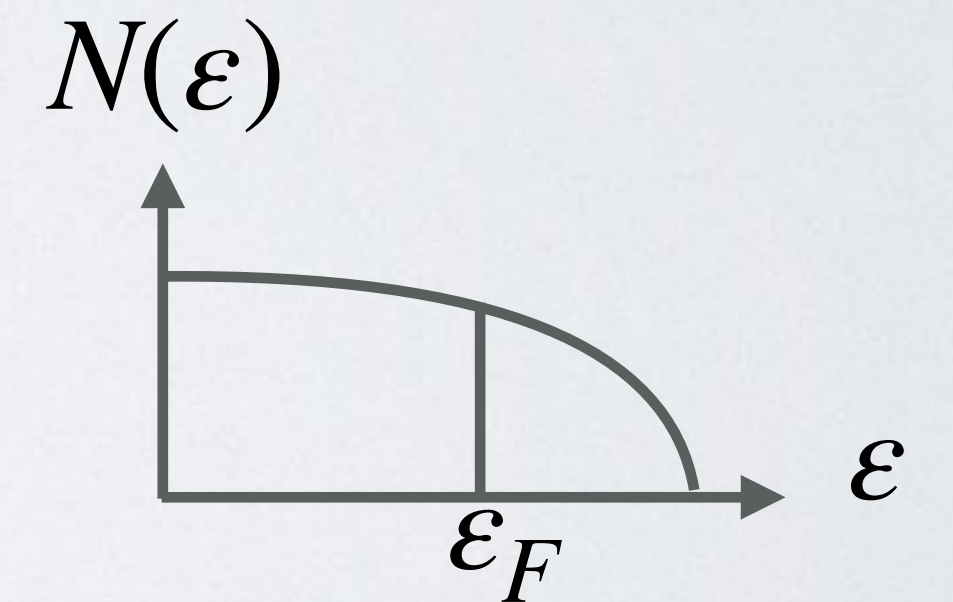
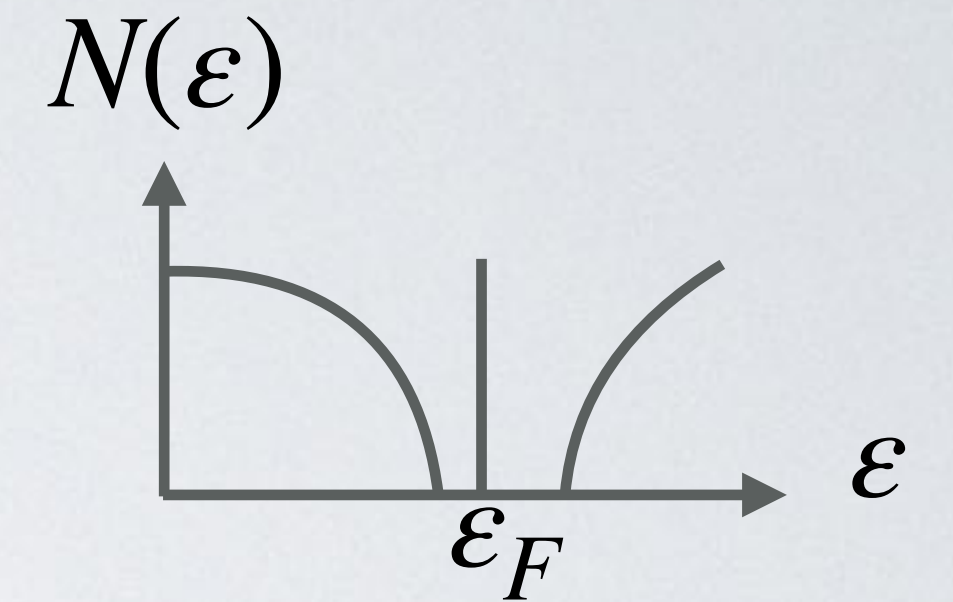
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Semimetals

Metals

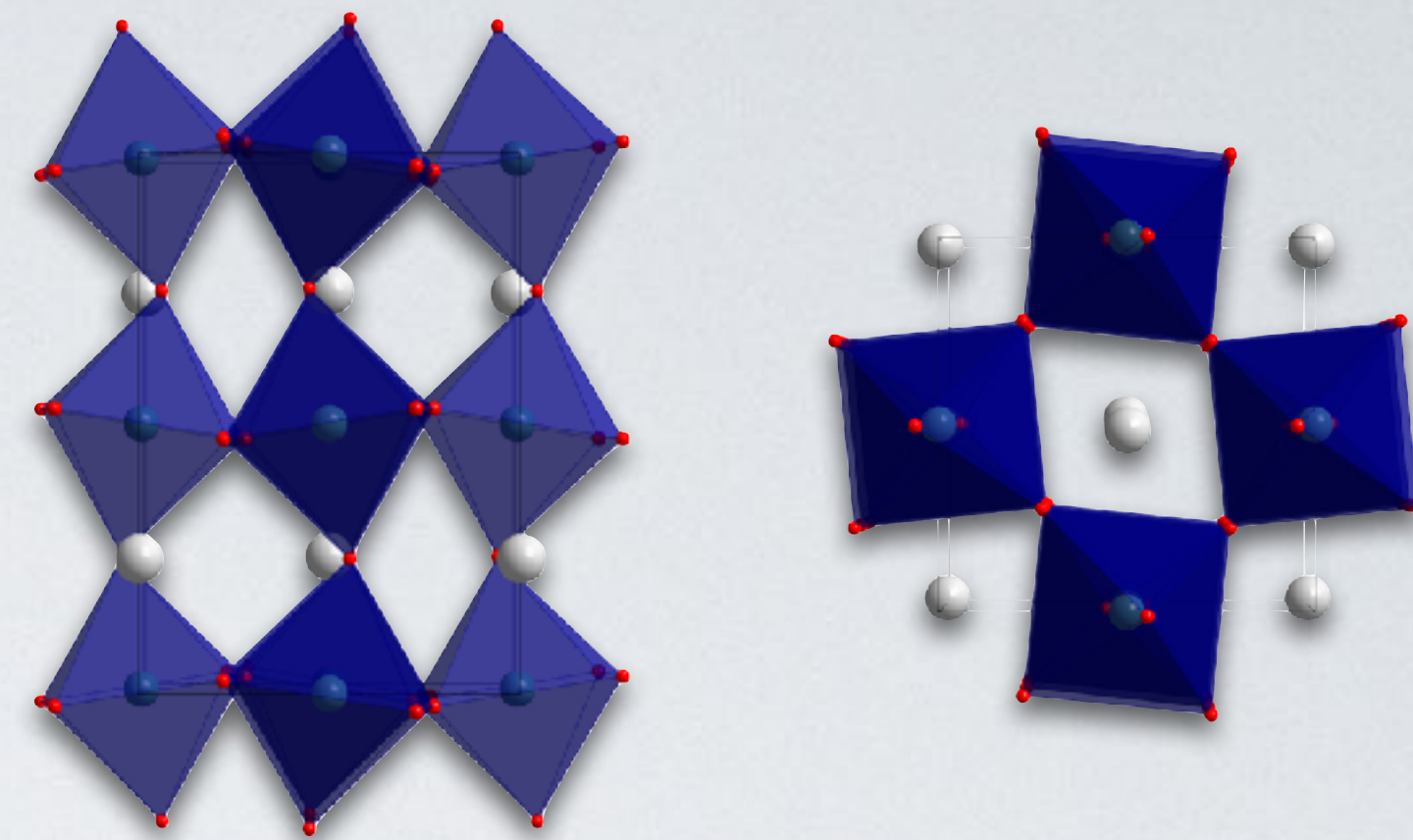
$$S \propto \frac{\epsilon_F}{k_B T}$$

$$S \propto T \left. \frac{\partial \ln(\sigma(\epsilon))}{\partial \epsilon} \right|_{\epsilon = \epsilon_F}$$



# Ruthenium oxides:

- Intriguing observation on  $S(T)$  of perovskites:
- $ARuO_3$ : corner-shared octahedra.



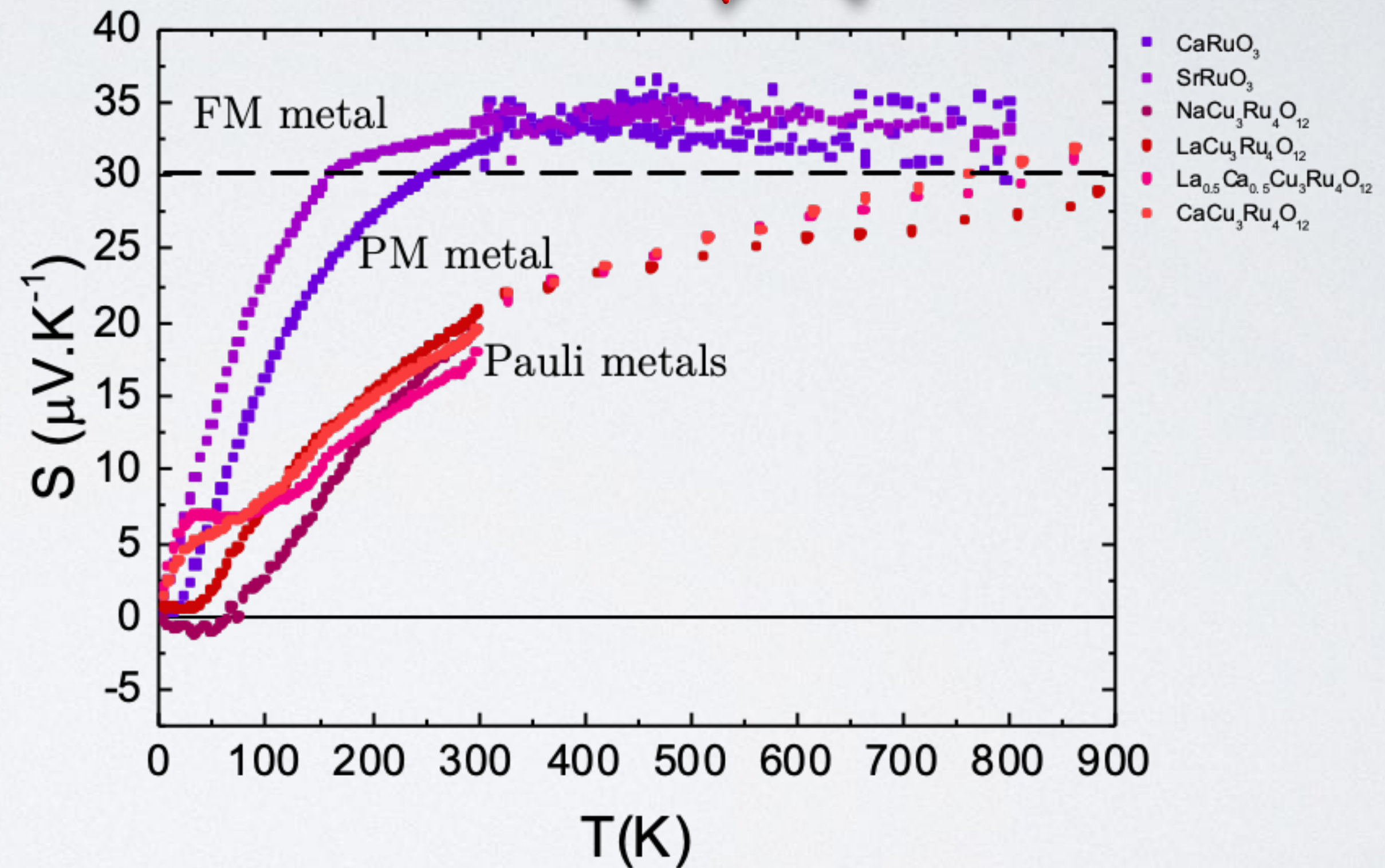
Generalized Heikes formula:

$$S = \frac{k_B}{e} \ln \left( \frac{\beta_{n+1}}{\beta_n} \frac{c}{1-c} \right)$$

Ru(IV) ↓

$$S = \frac{k_B}{2e} \ln \left( \frac{2S_{n+1} + 1}{2S_{n-1} + 1} \right) \sim 30 \mu V \cdot K^{-1}$$

$$S = S_{transport} + S_{entropy}$$

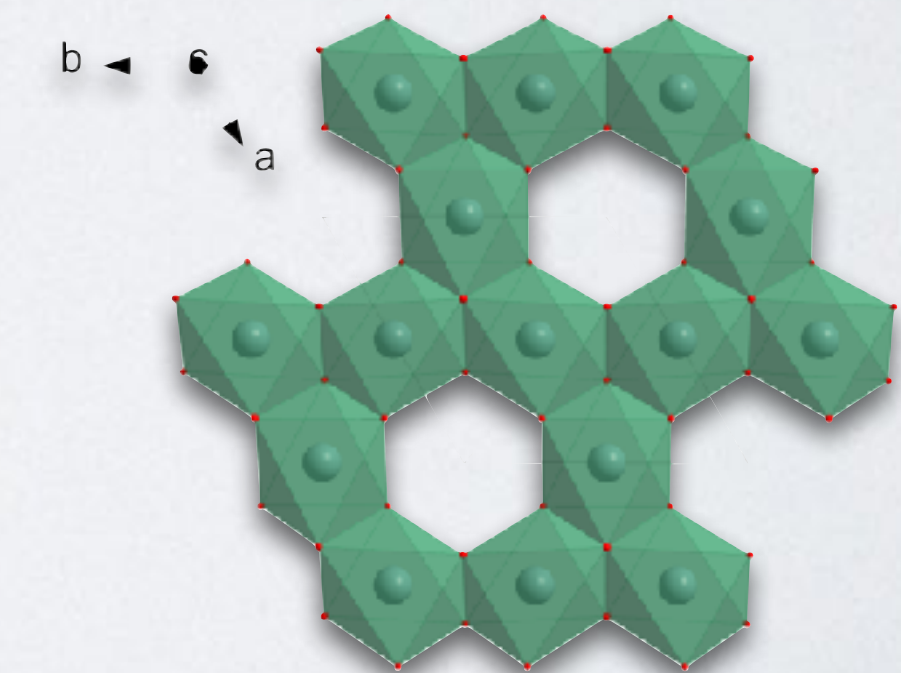
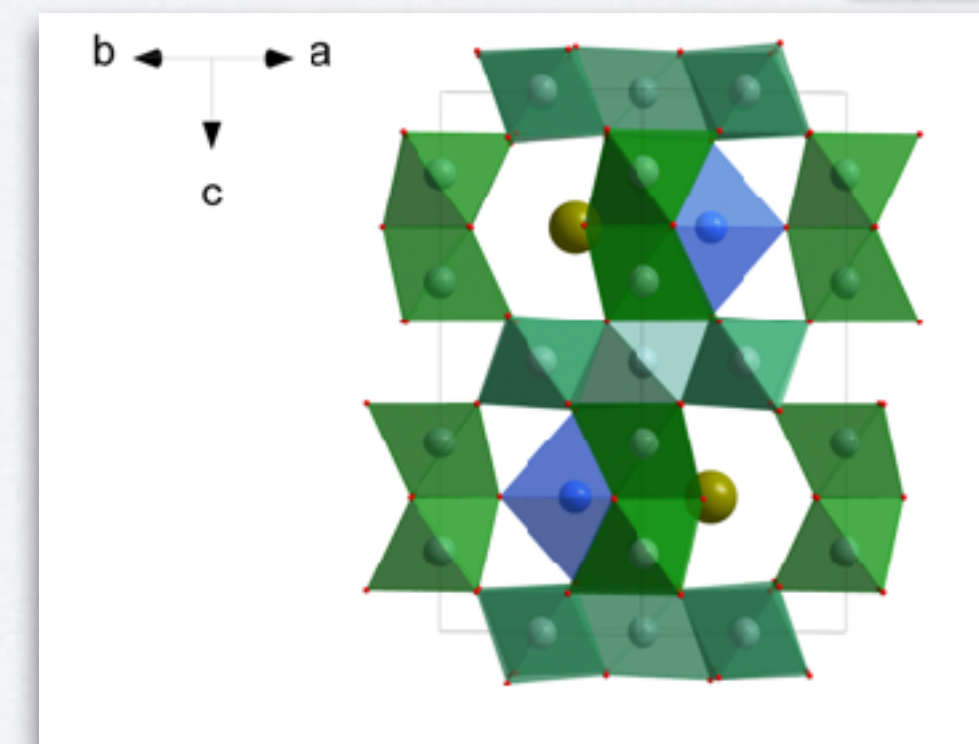
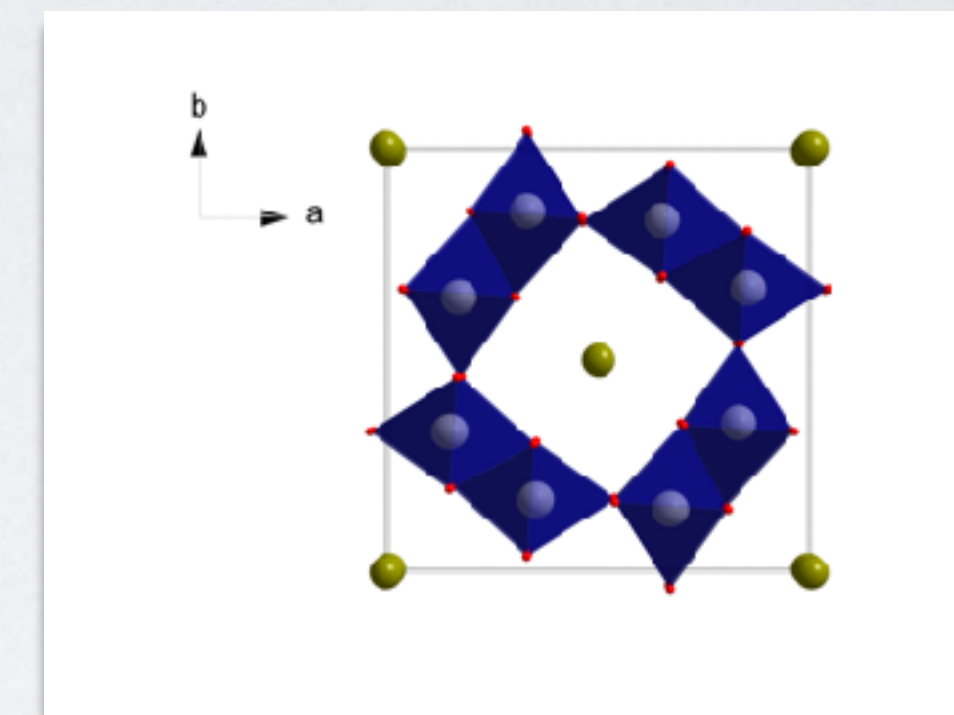
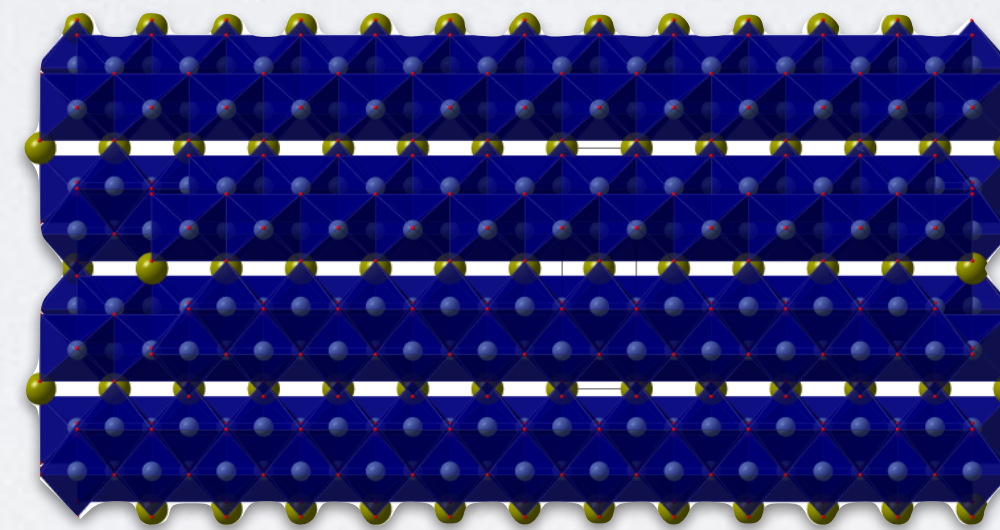
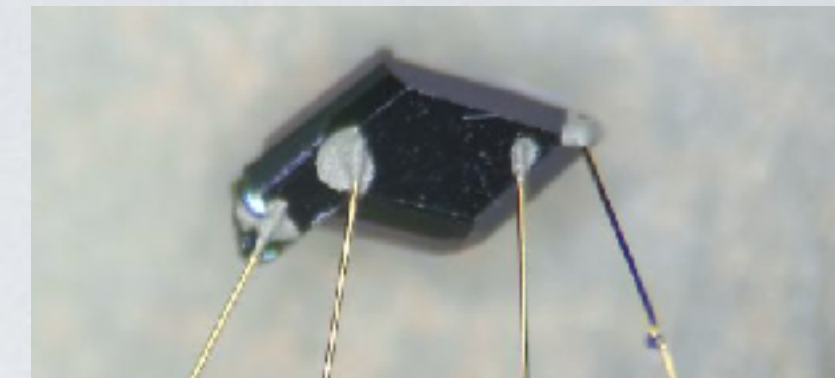
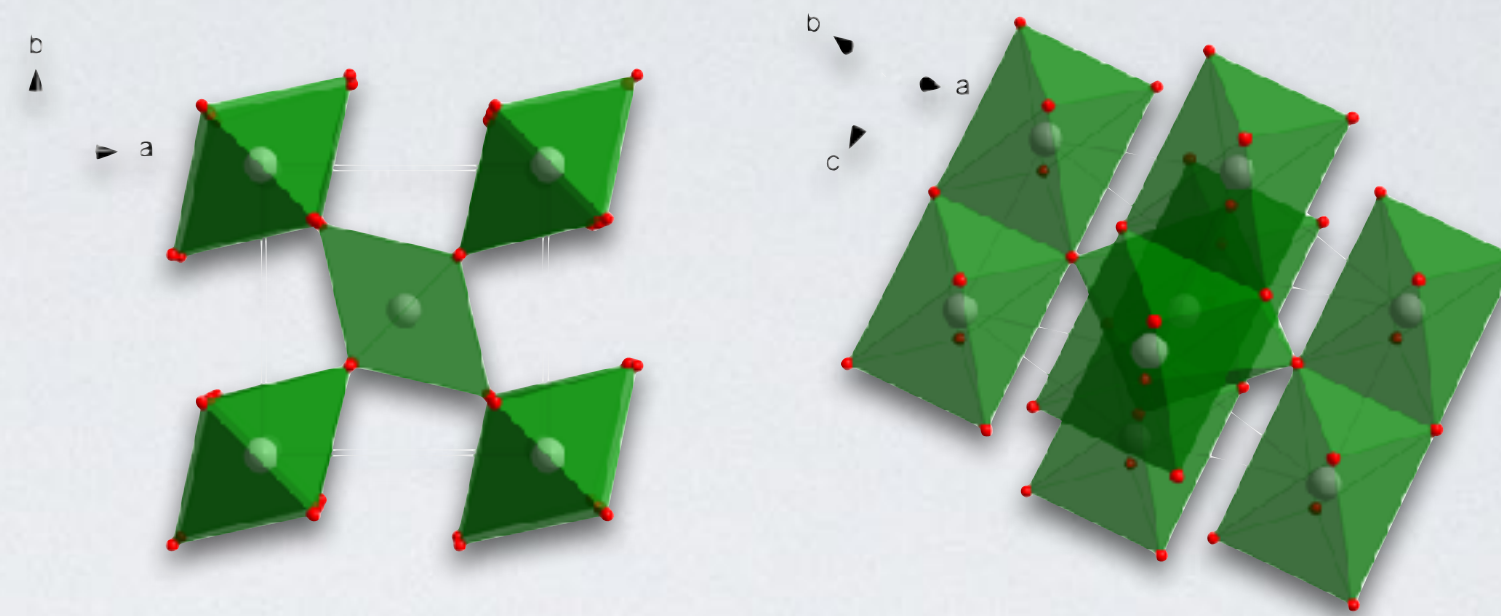


**$S$  of perovskites dominated by Ru(IV) spin entropy at high temperature**

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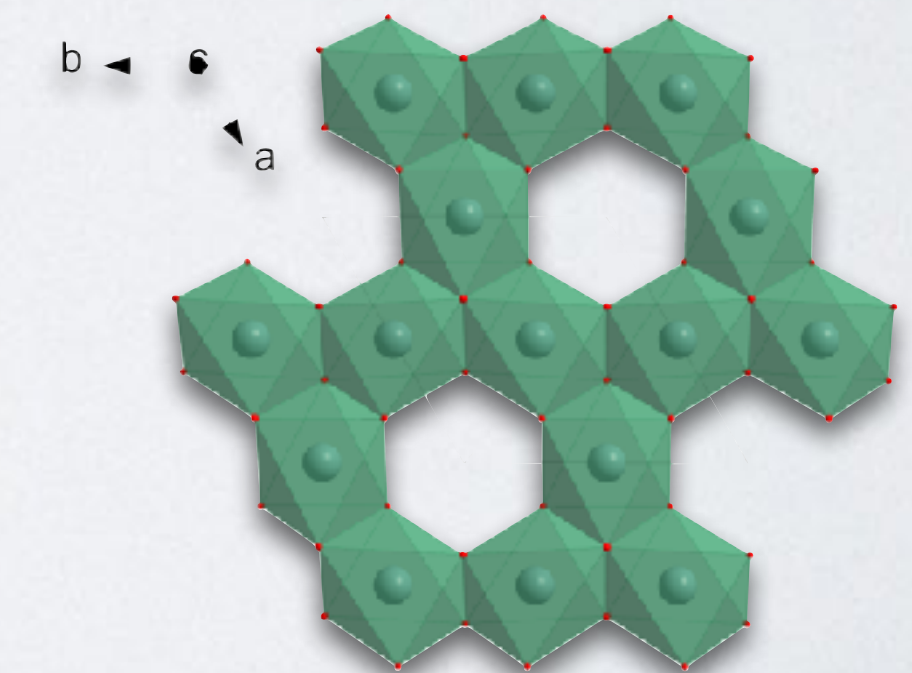
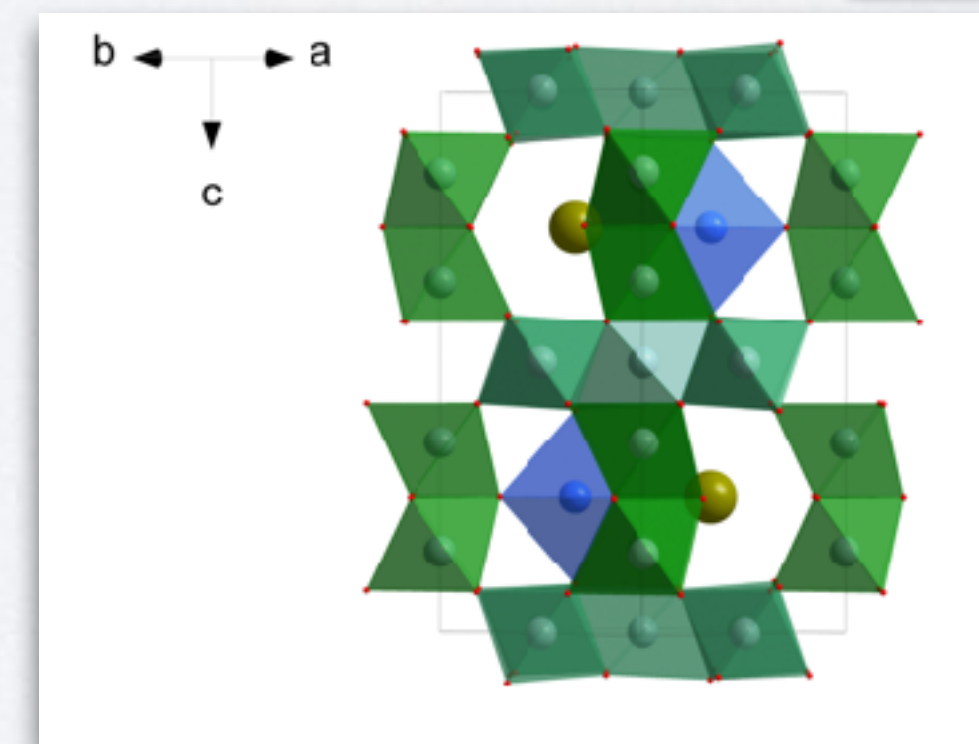
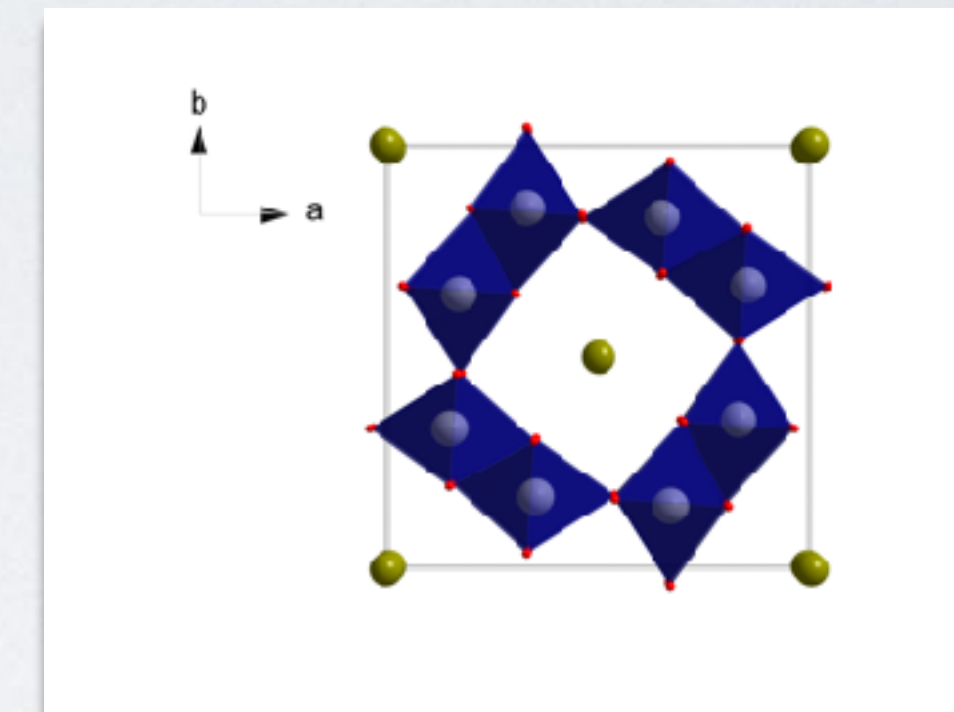
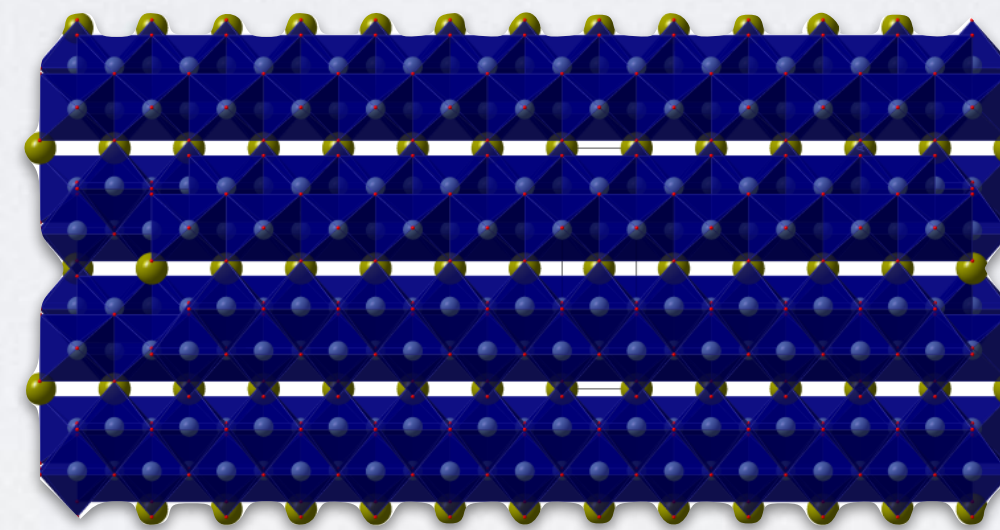
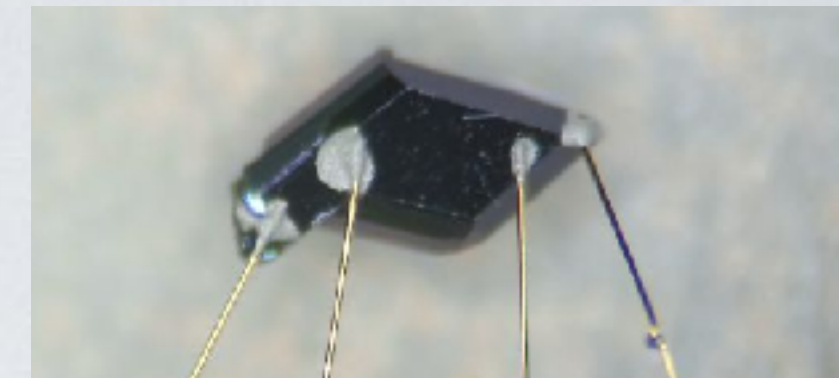
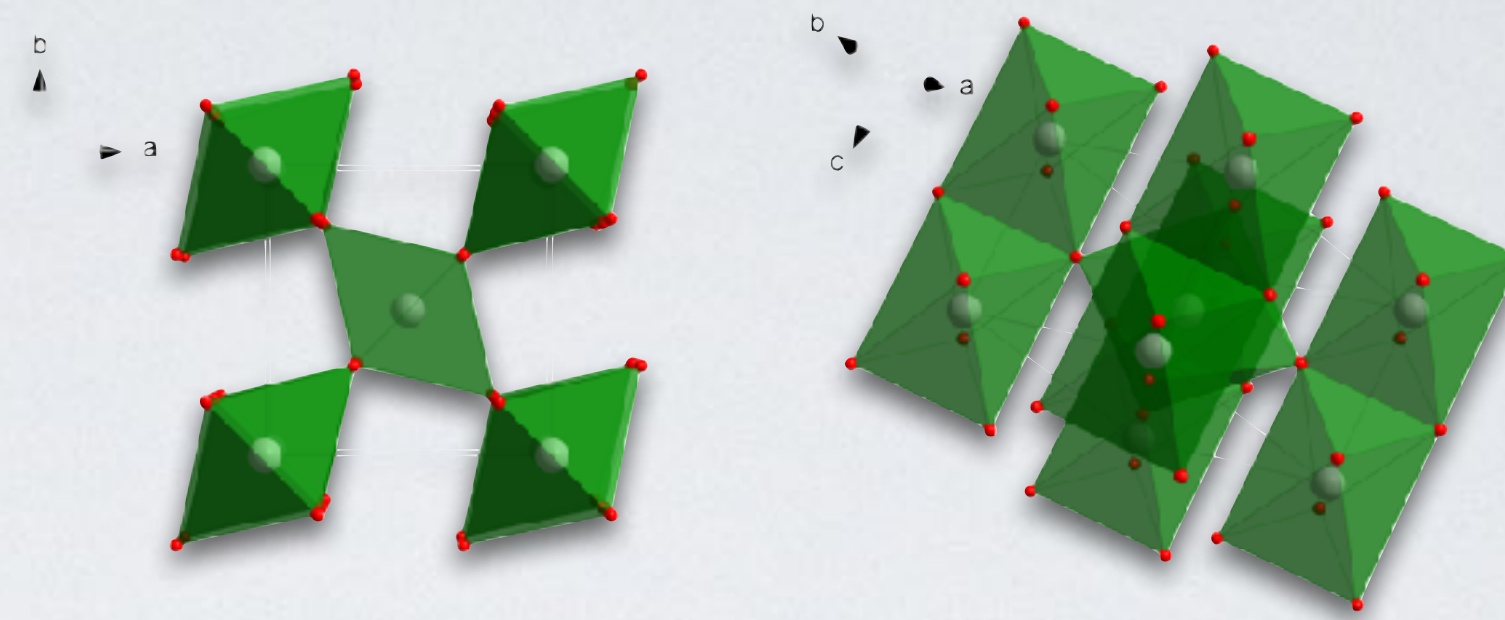
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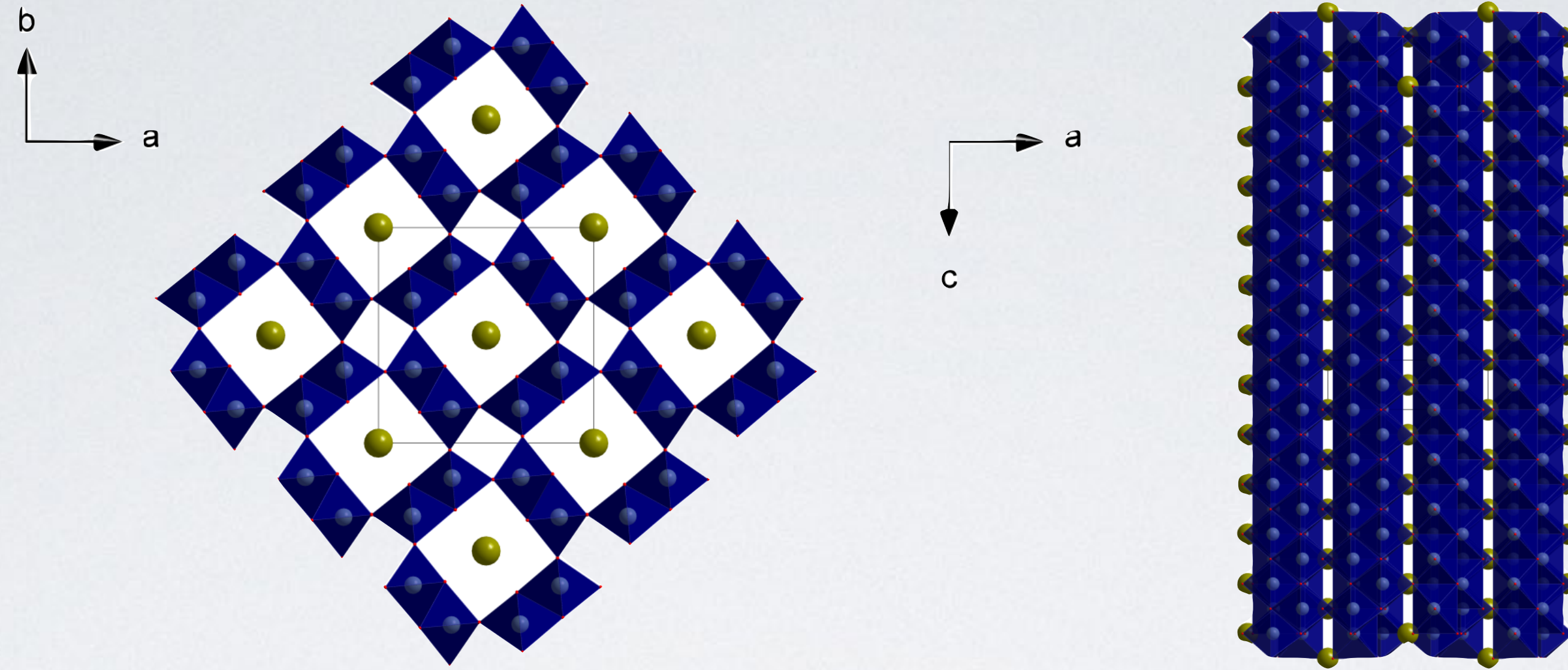
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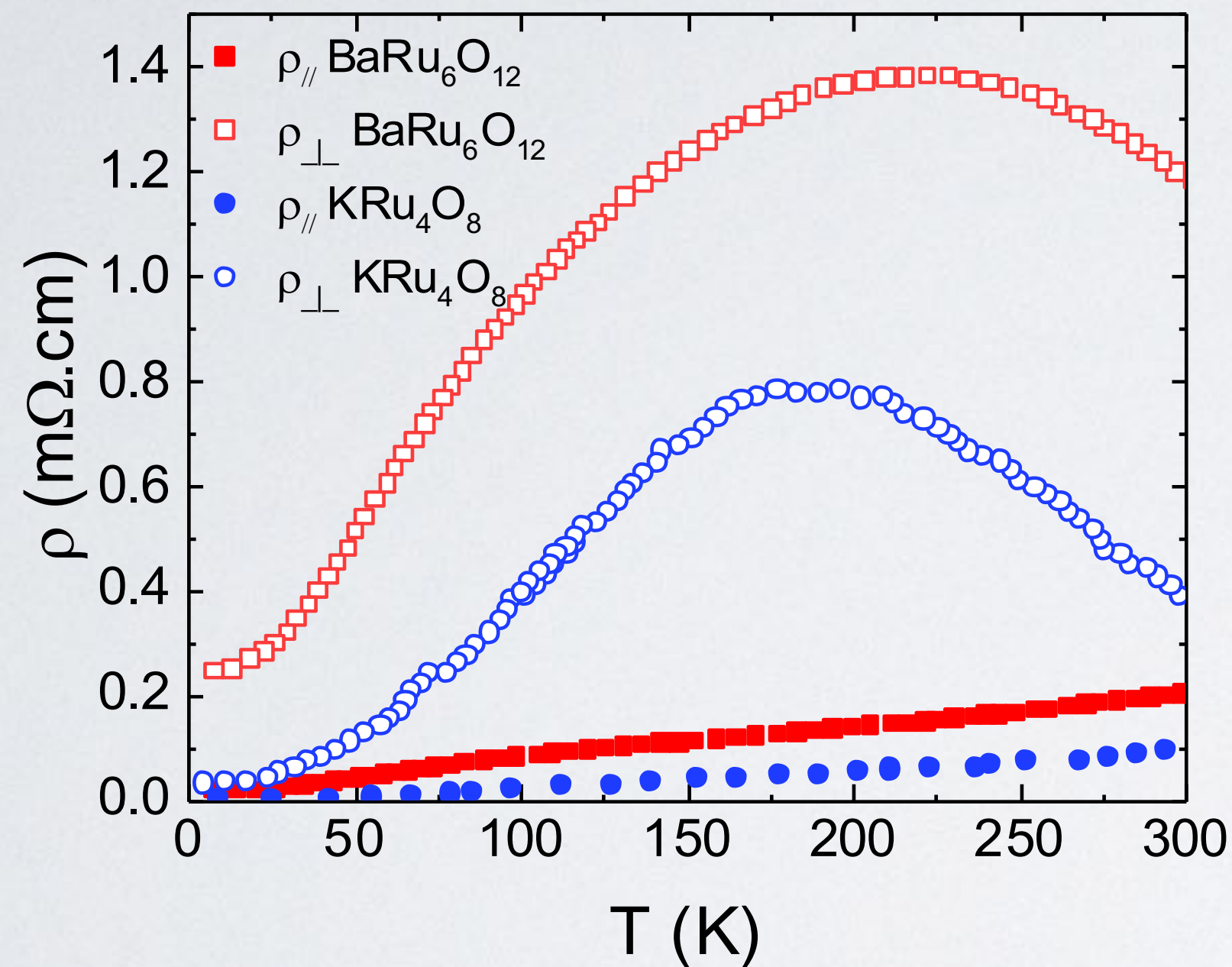
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Reported hollandites:  $A_xM_8O_{16}$  with  $M=Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Mo, Ru, Rh, Ir$   
and  $A=K^+, Li^+, Rb^+, Cs^+, Sr^{2+}, Ba^{2+}, Bi^{3+}$ .

Ru hollandites:  $BaRu_6O_{12}, KRu_4O_8, BaCr_2Ru_6O_{12}$

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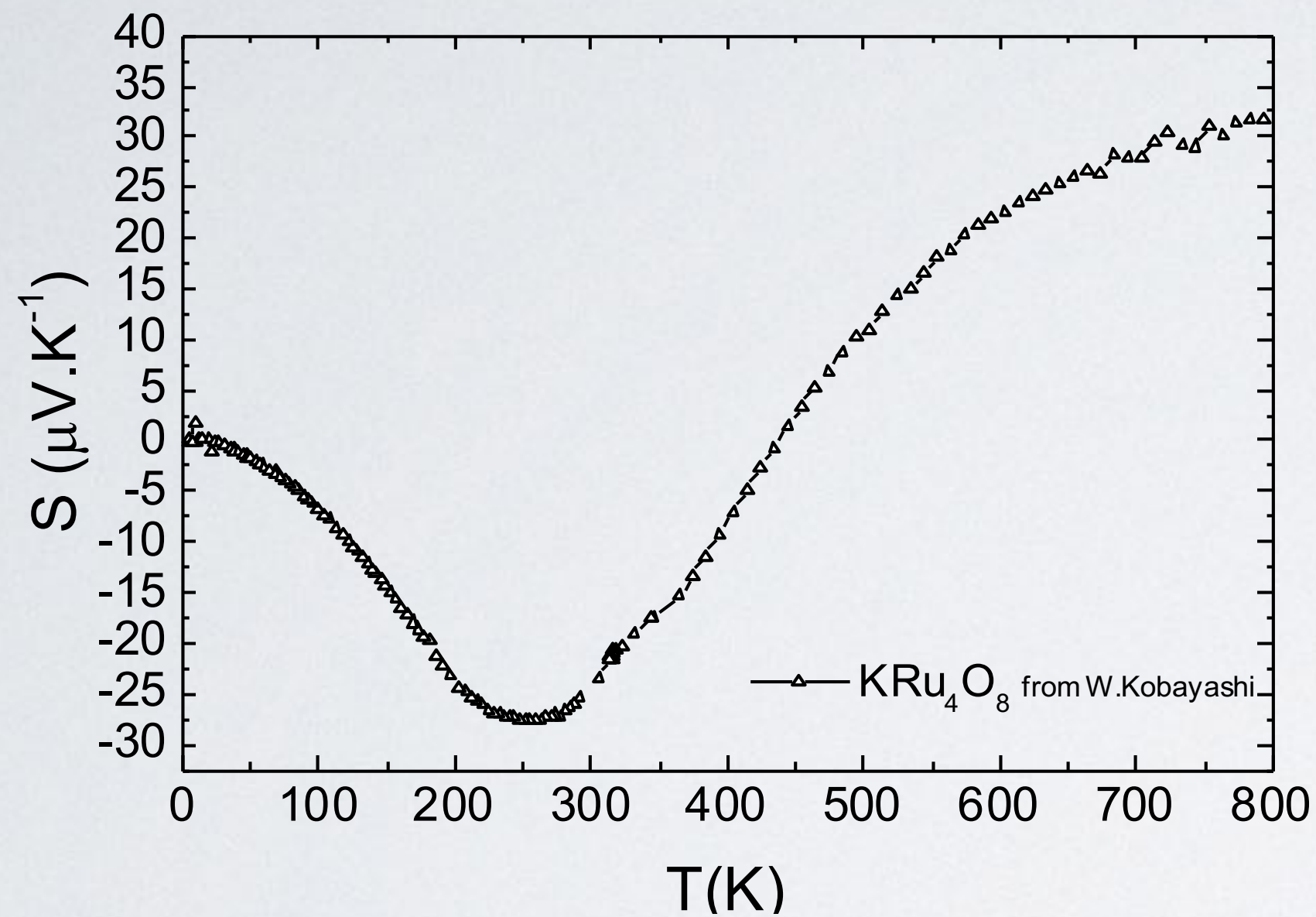
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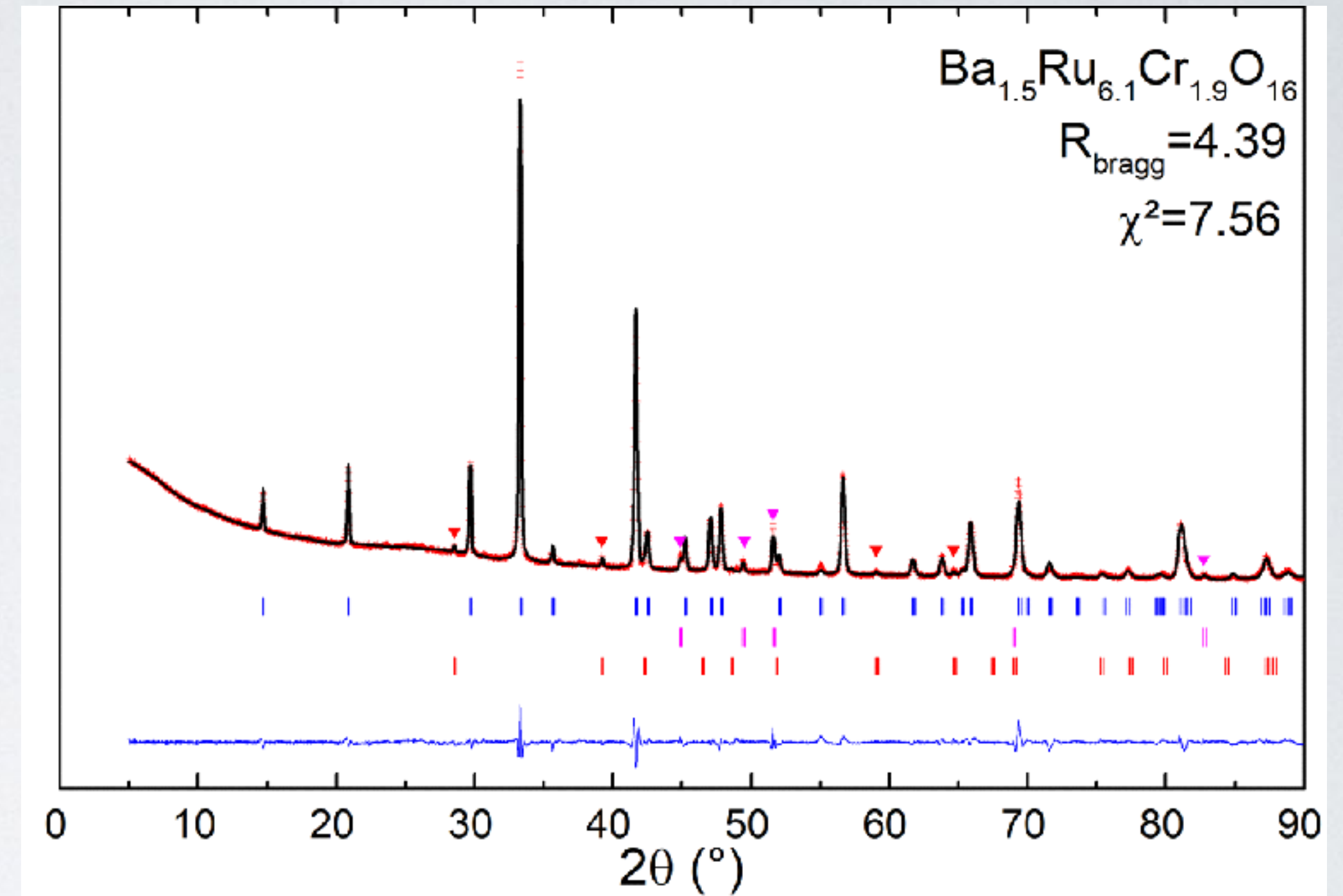
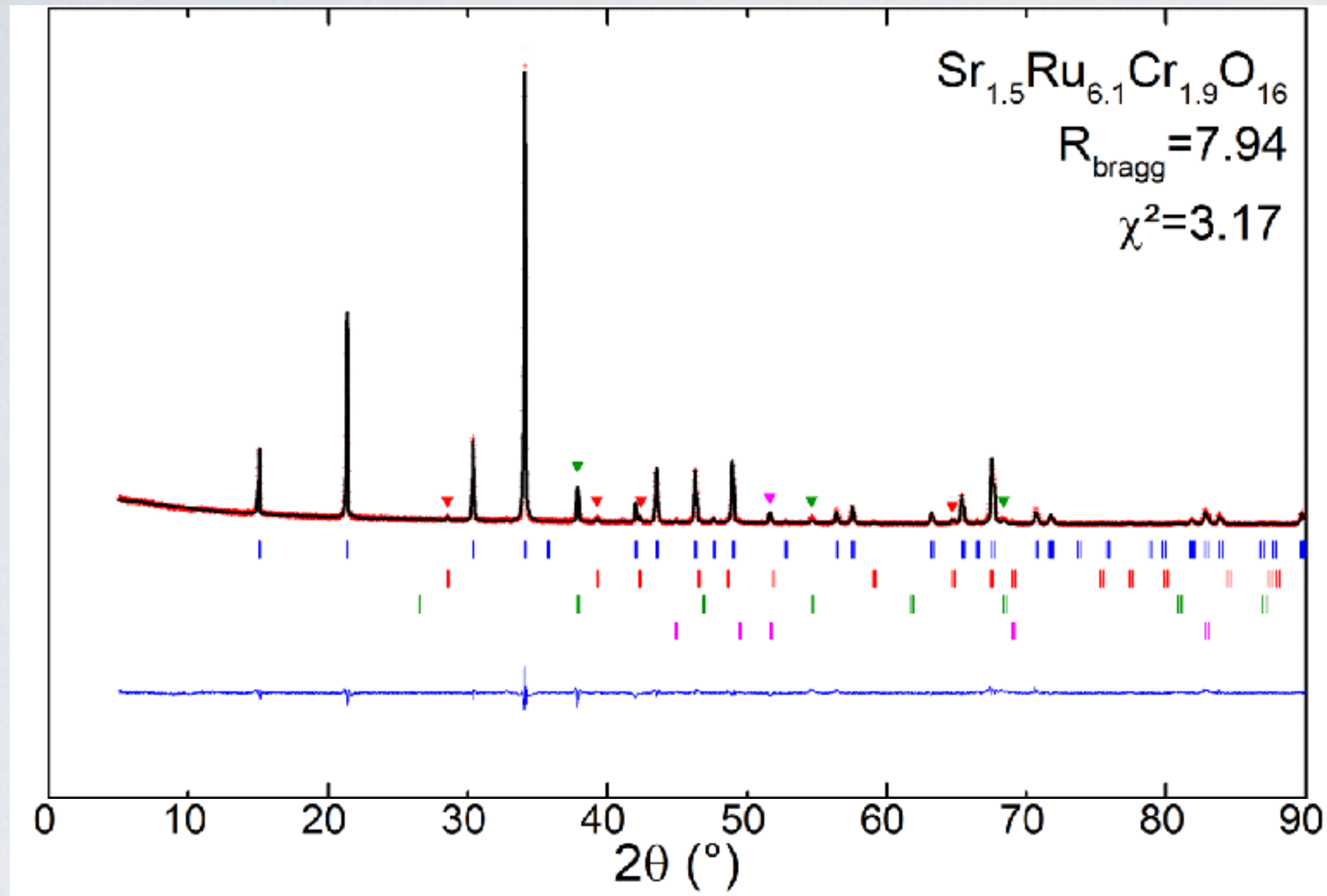
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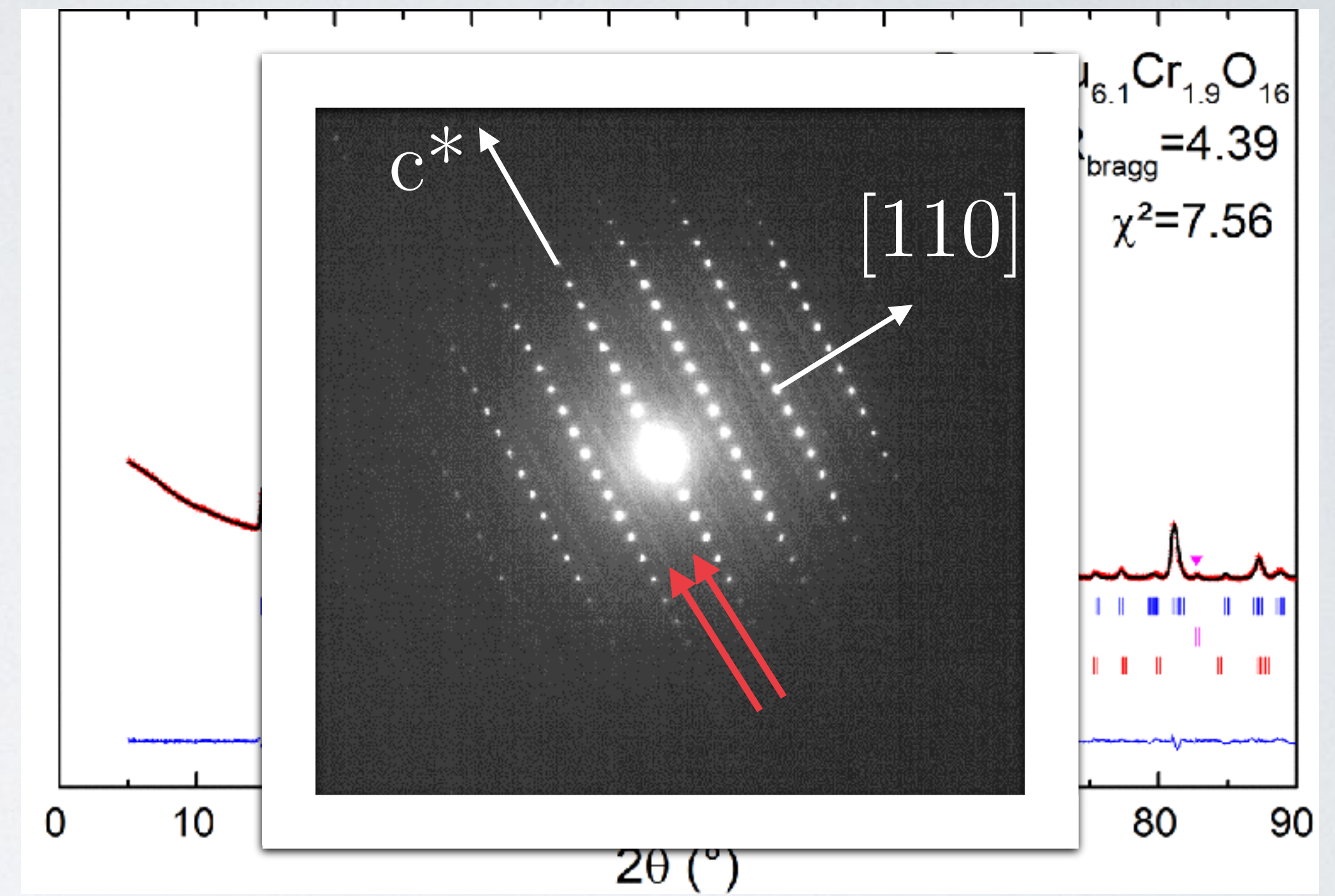
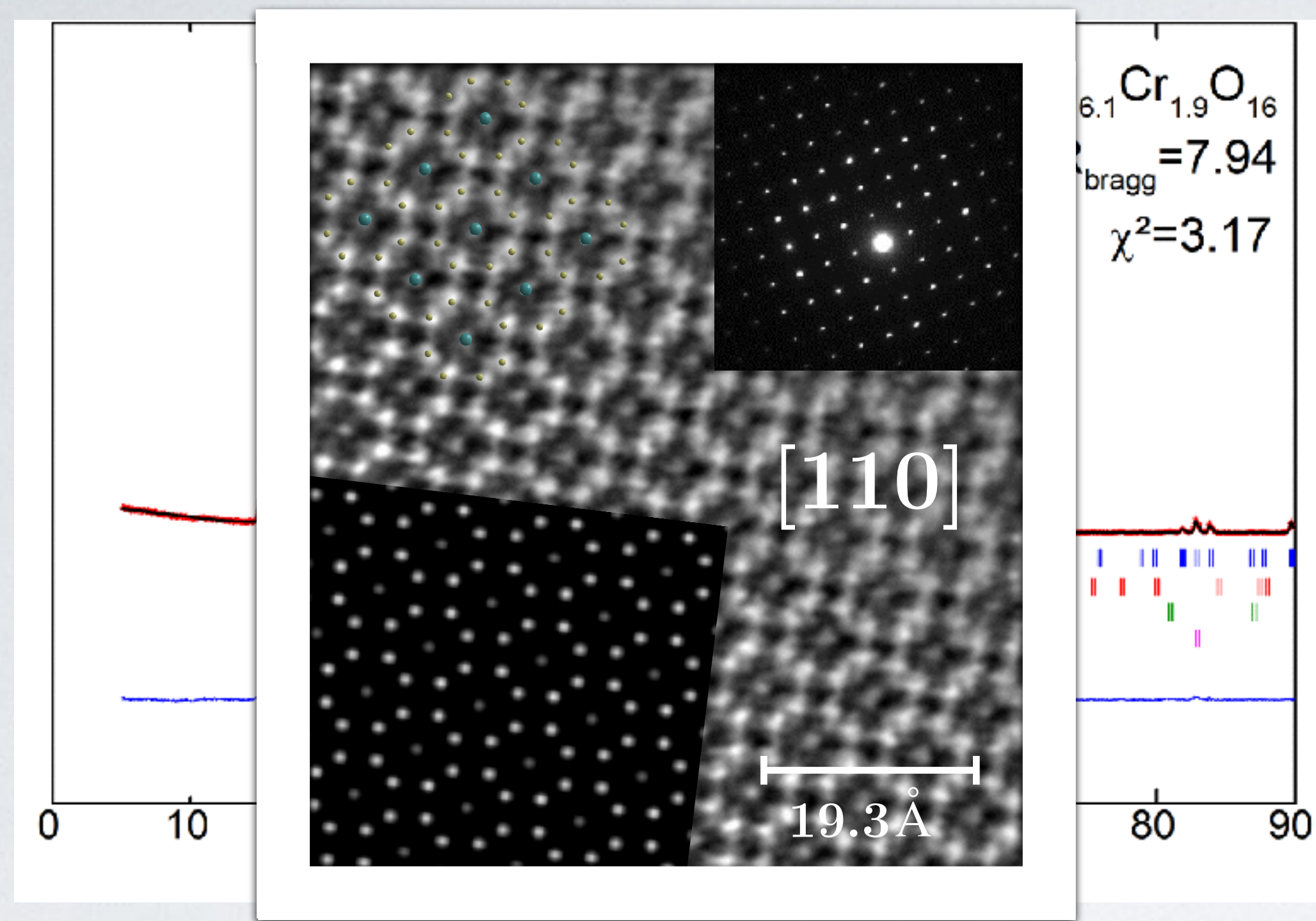
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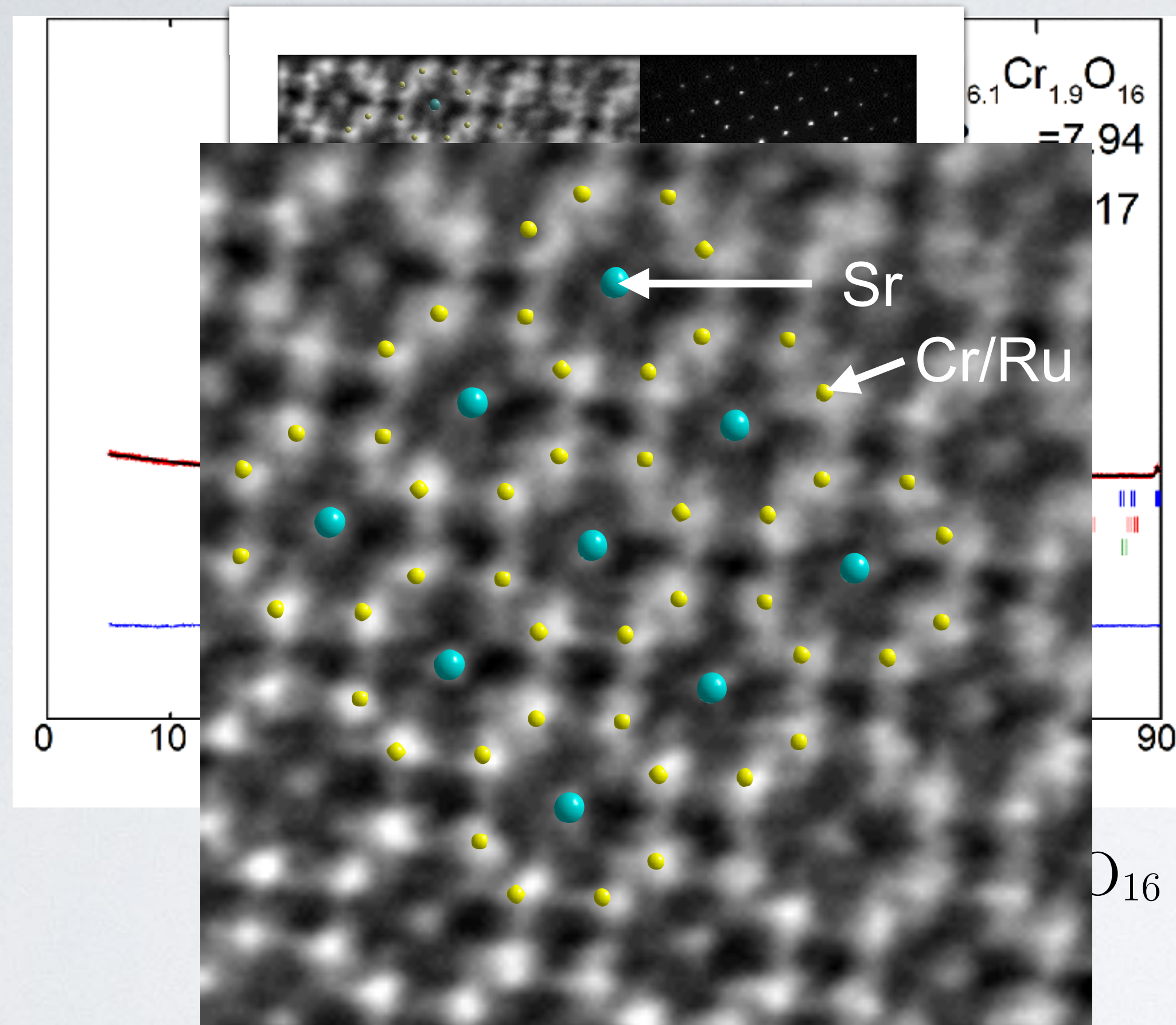
$I4/m$	$Sr_{1.5}Ru_{6.1}Cr_{1.9}O_{16}$	$Ba_{1.5}Ru_{6.1}Cr_{1.9}O_{16}$	$\Delta$
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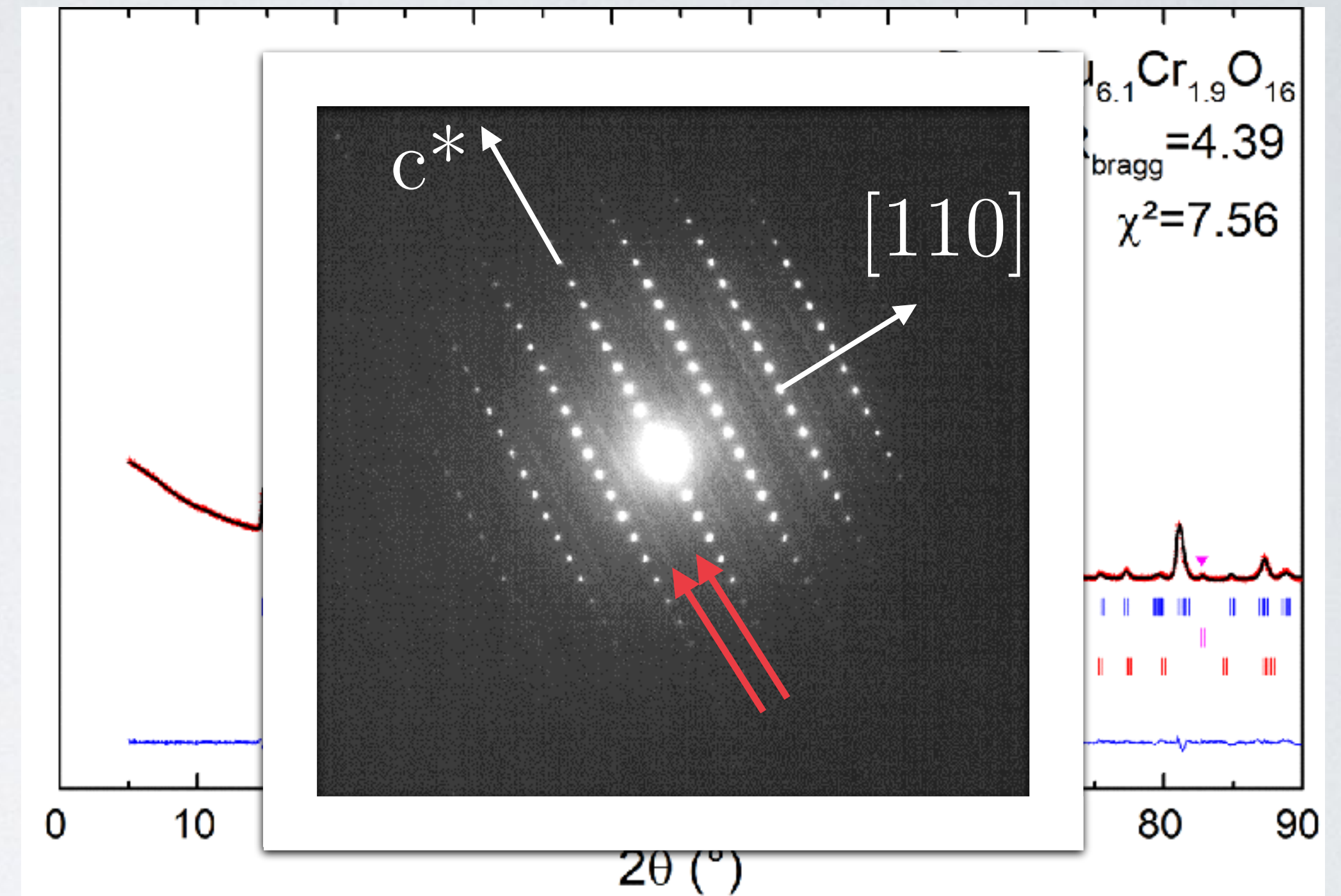


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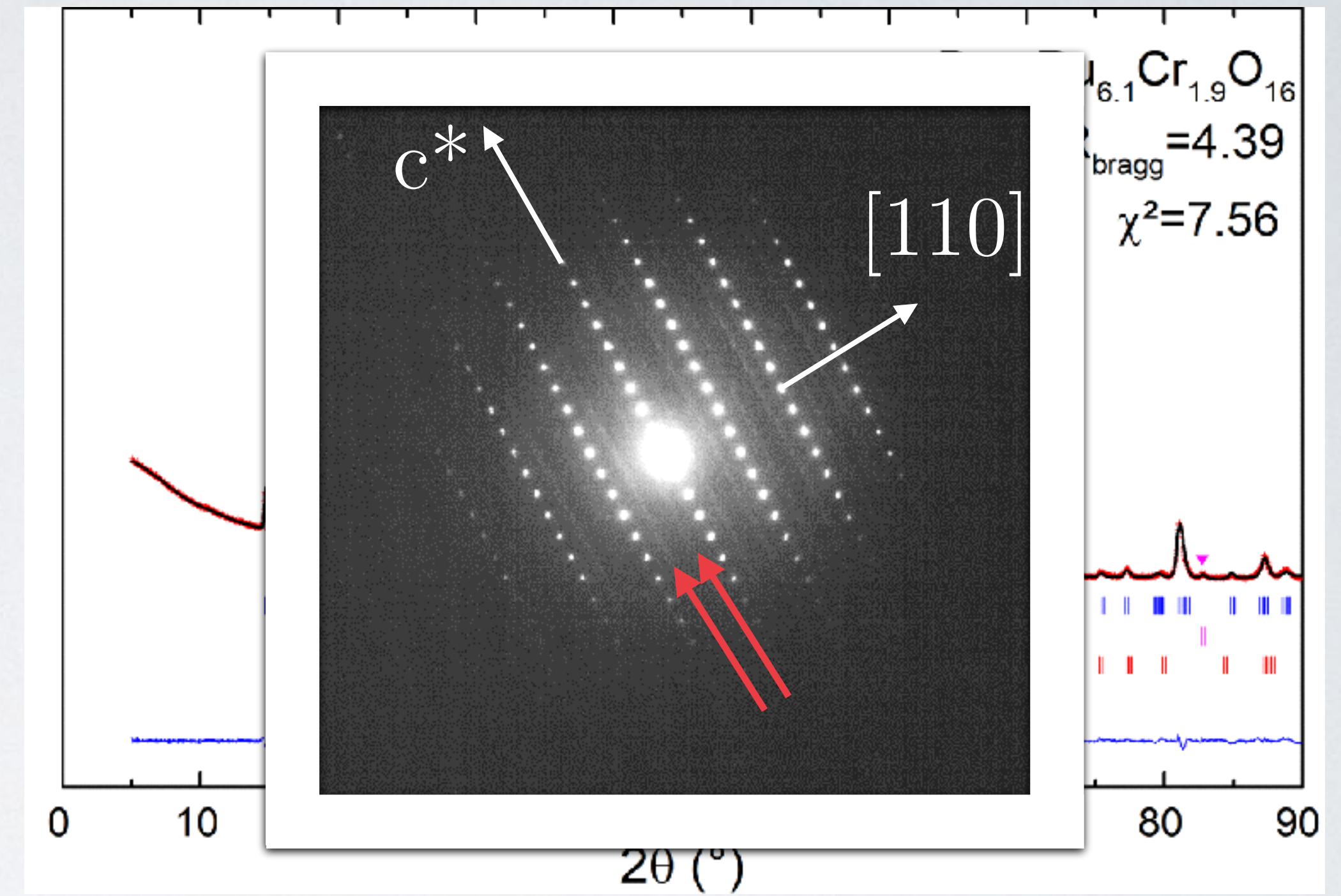
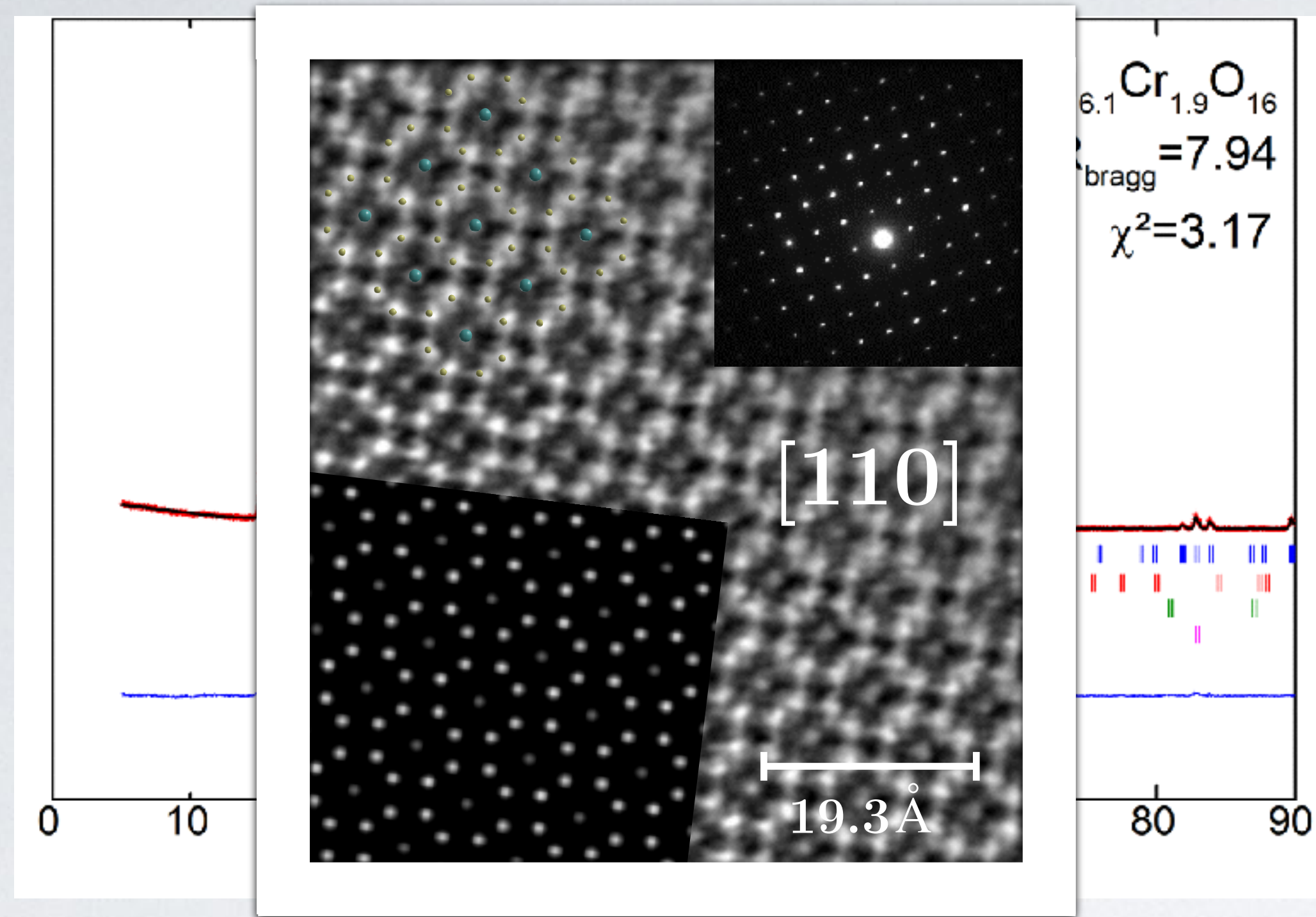


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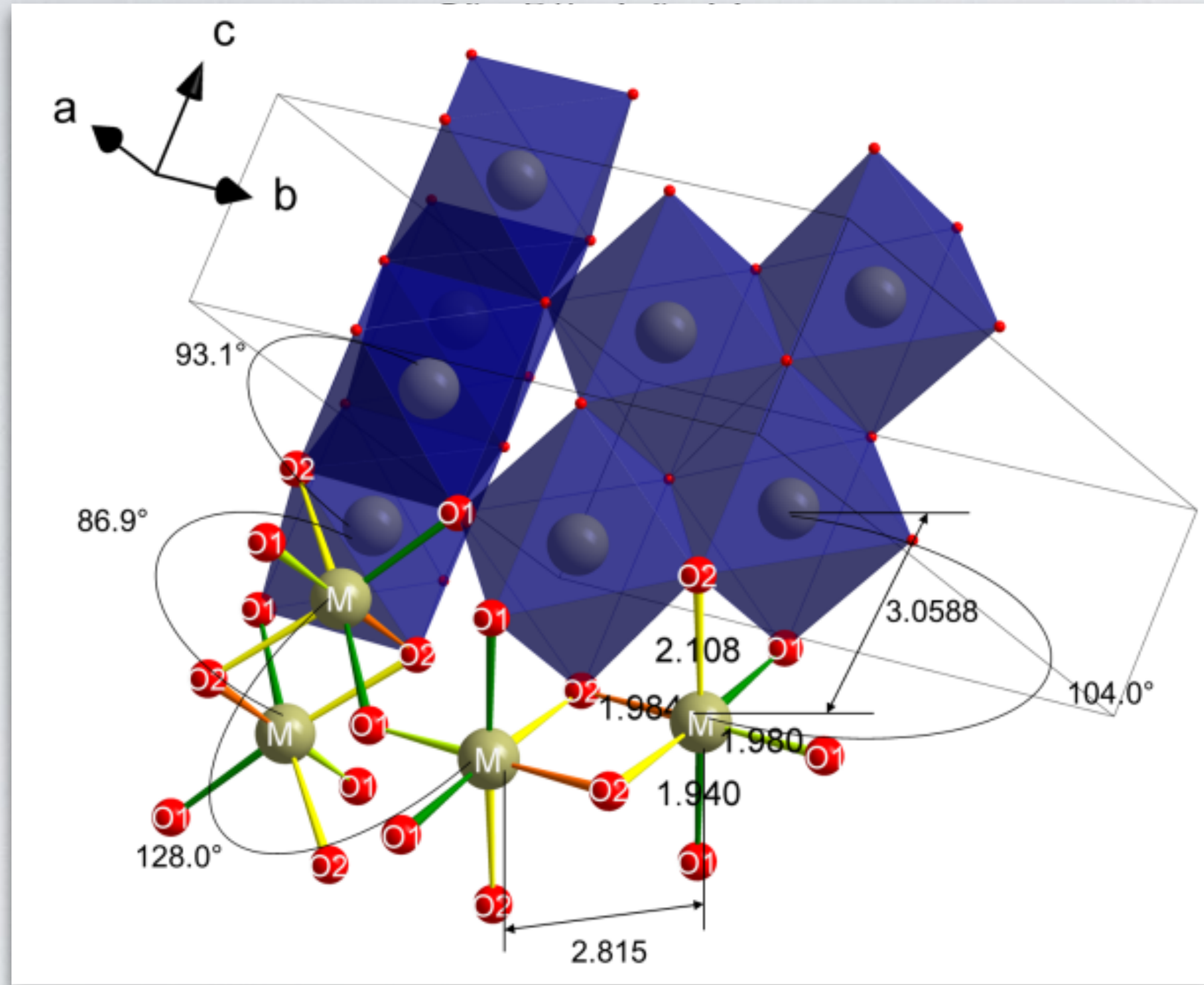
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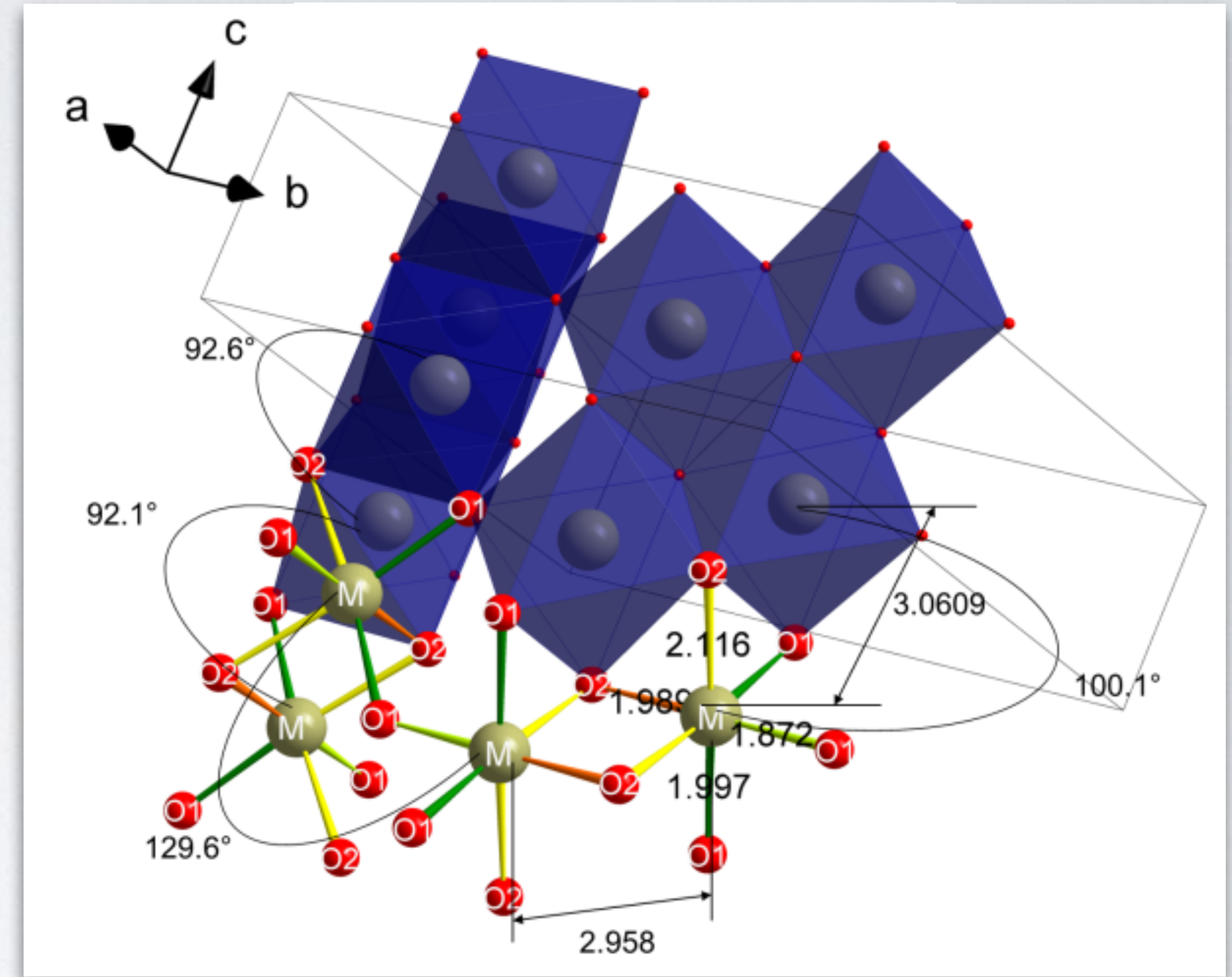


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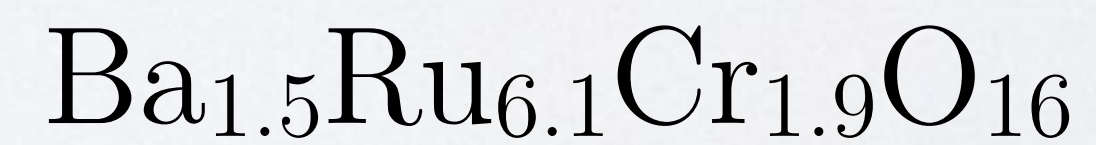
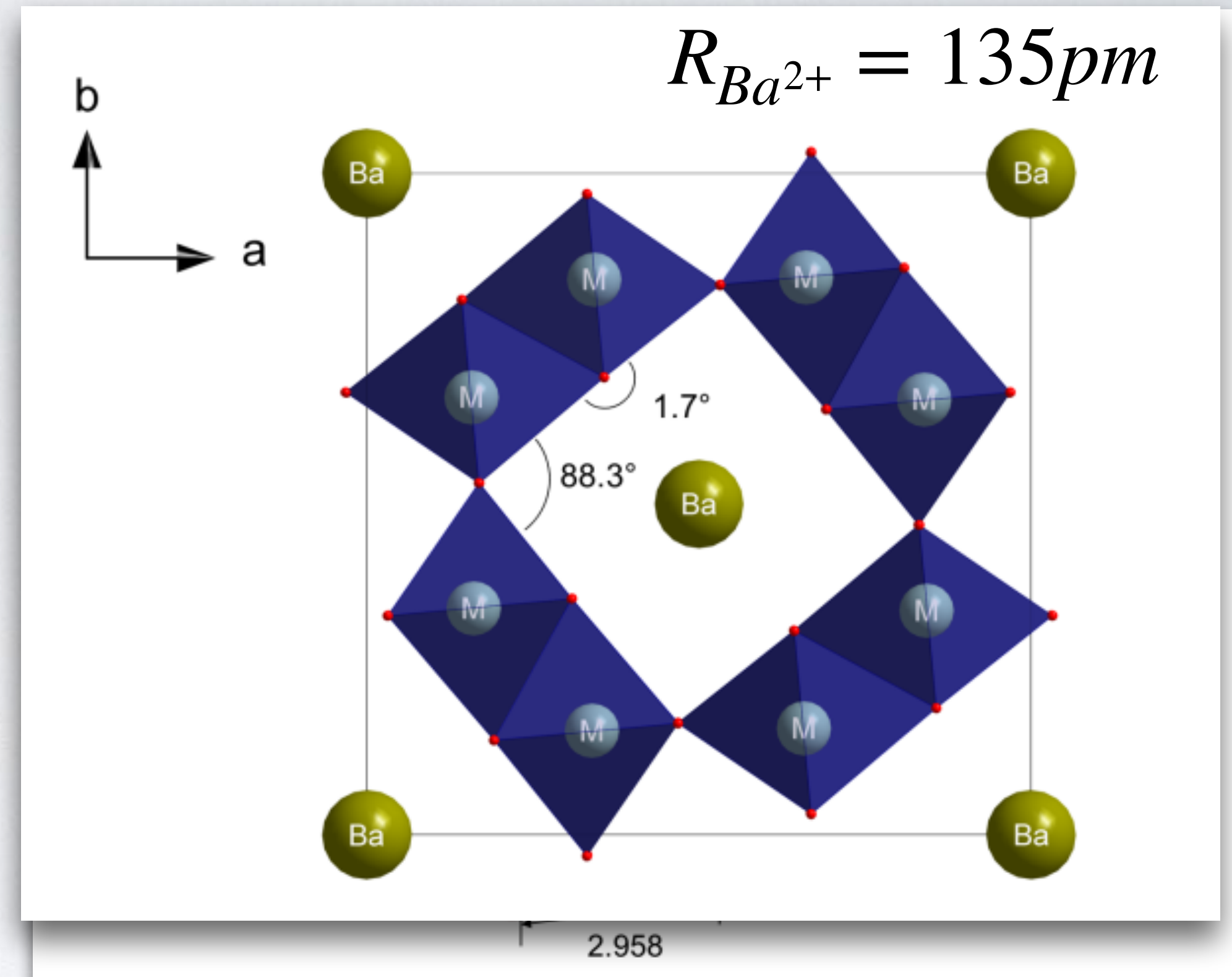
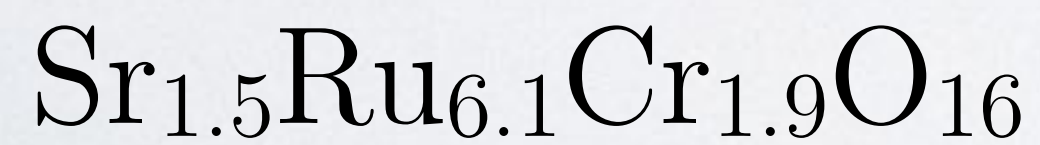
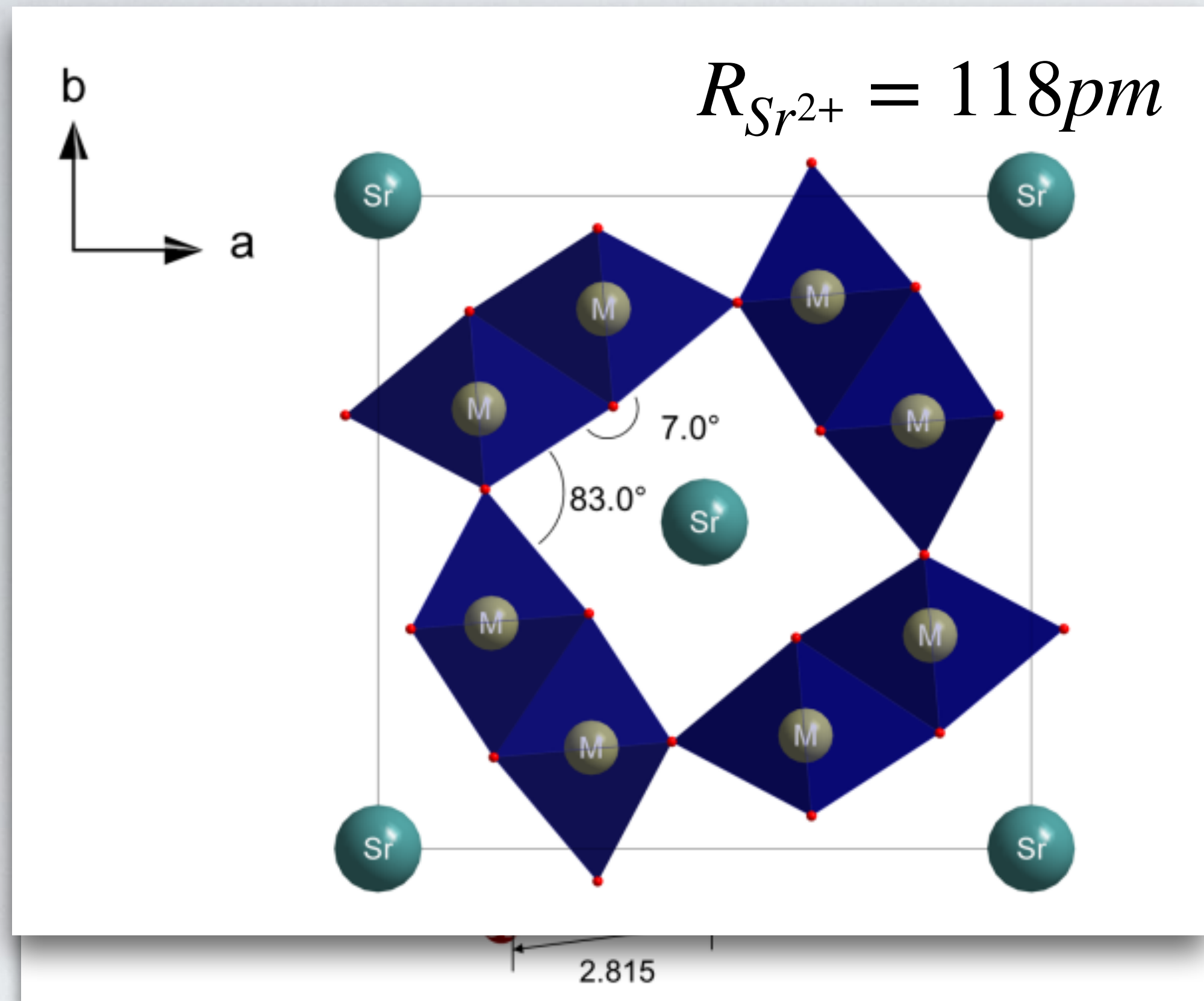


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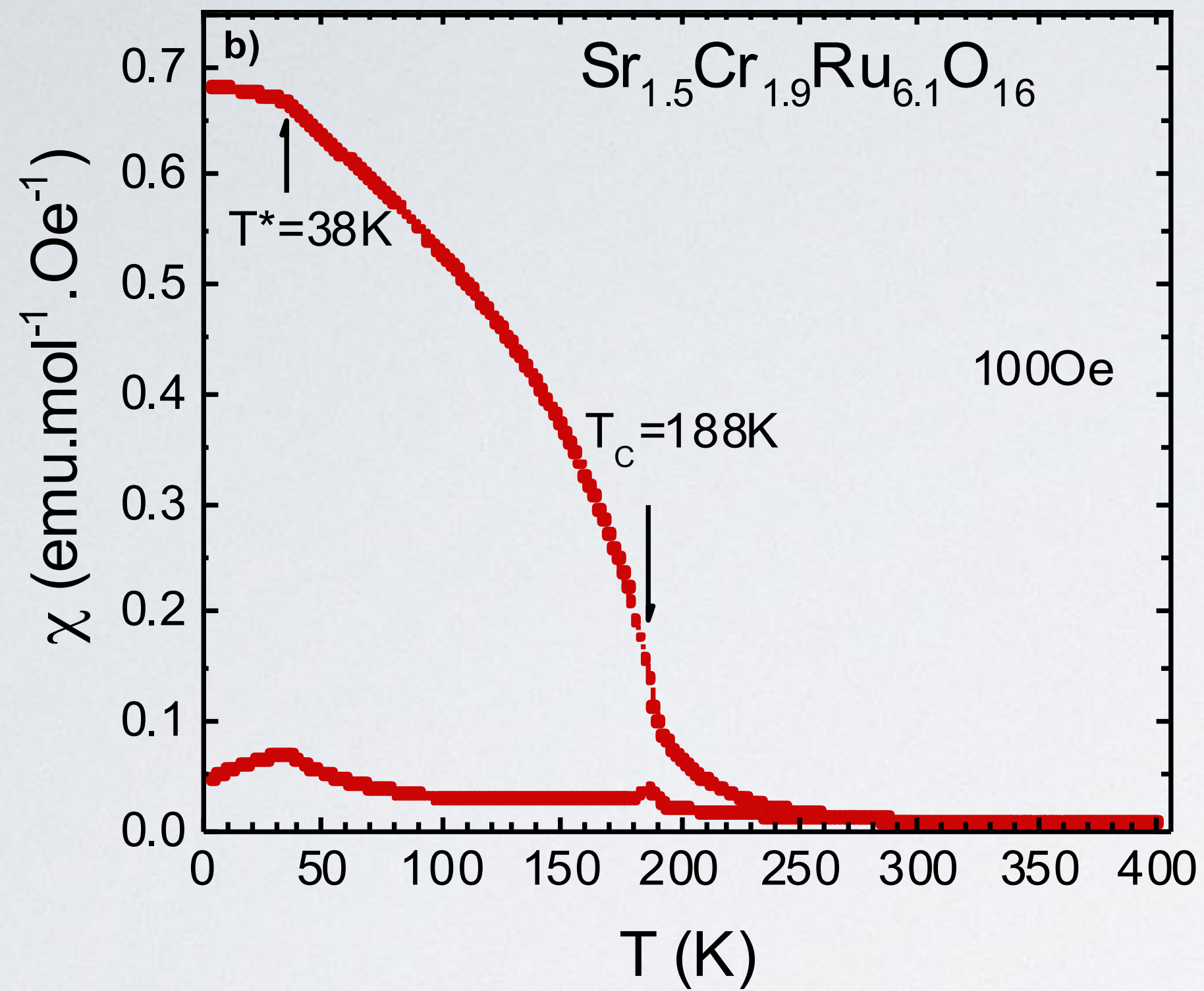


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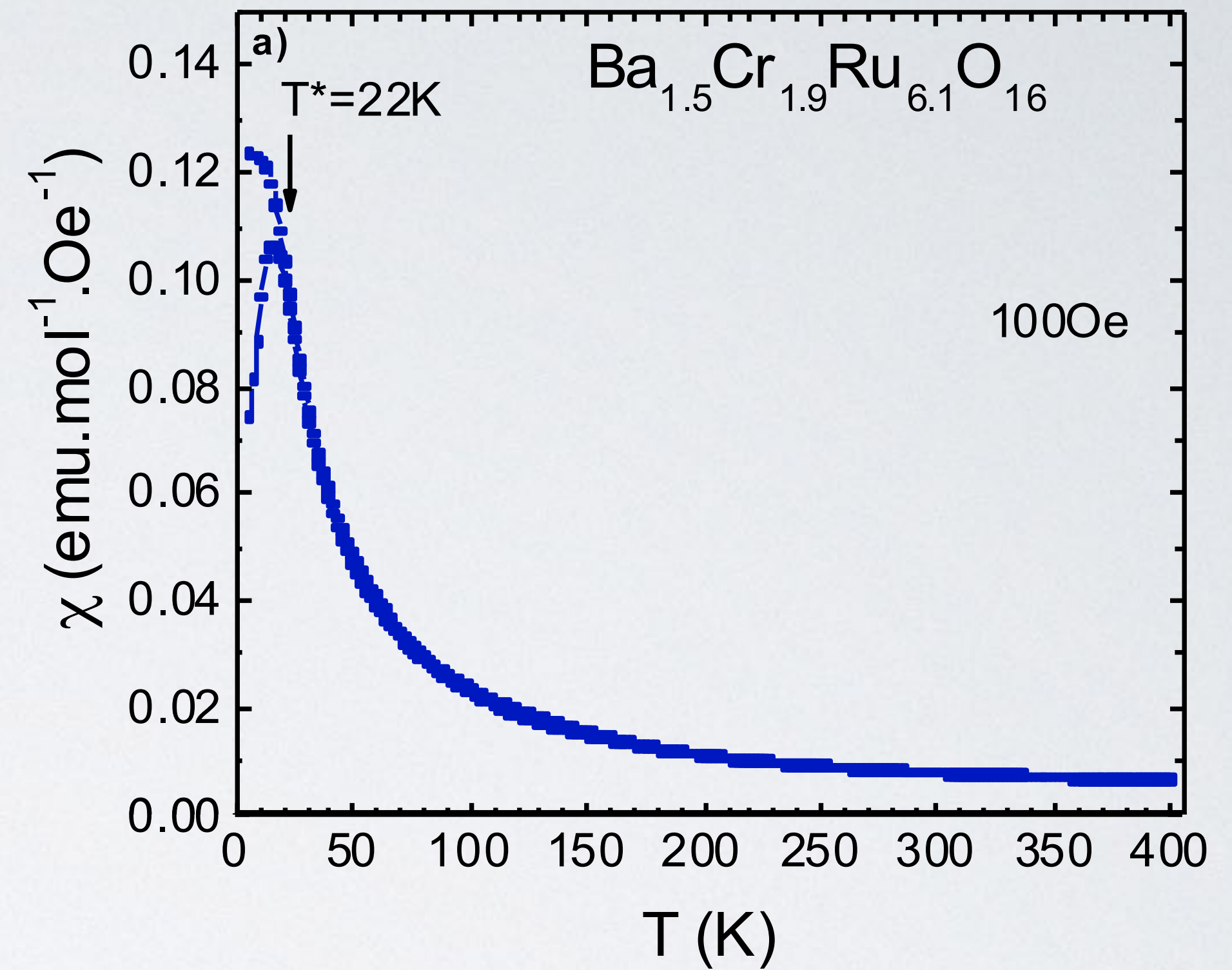
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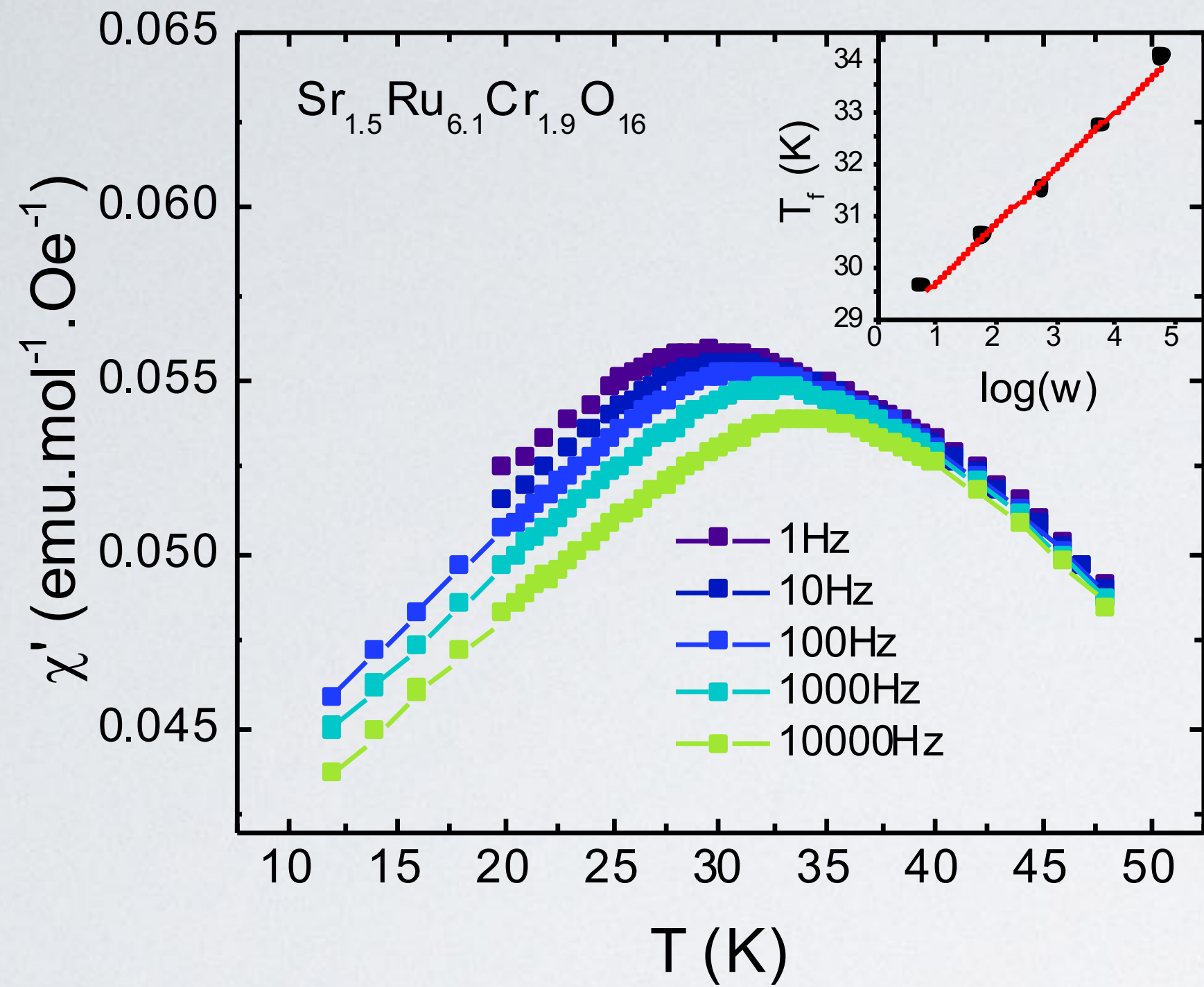


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- Transition at 188K



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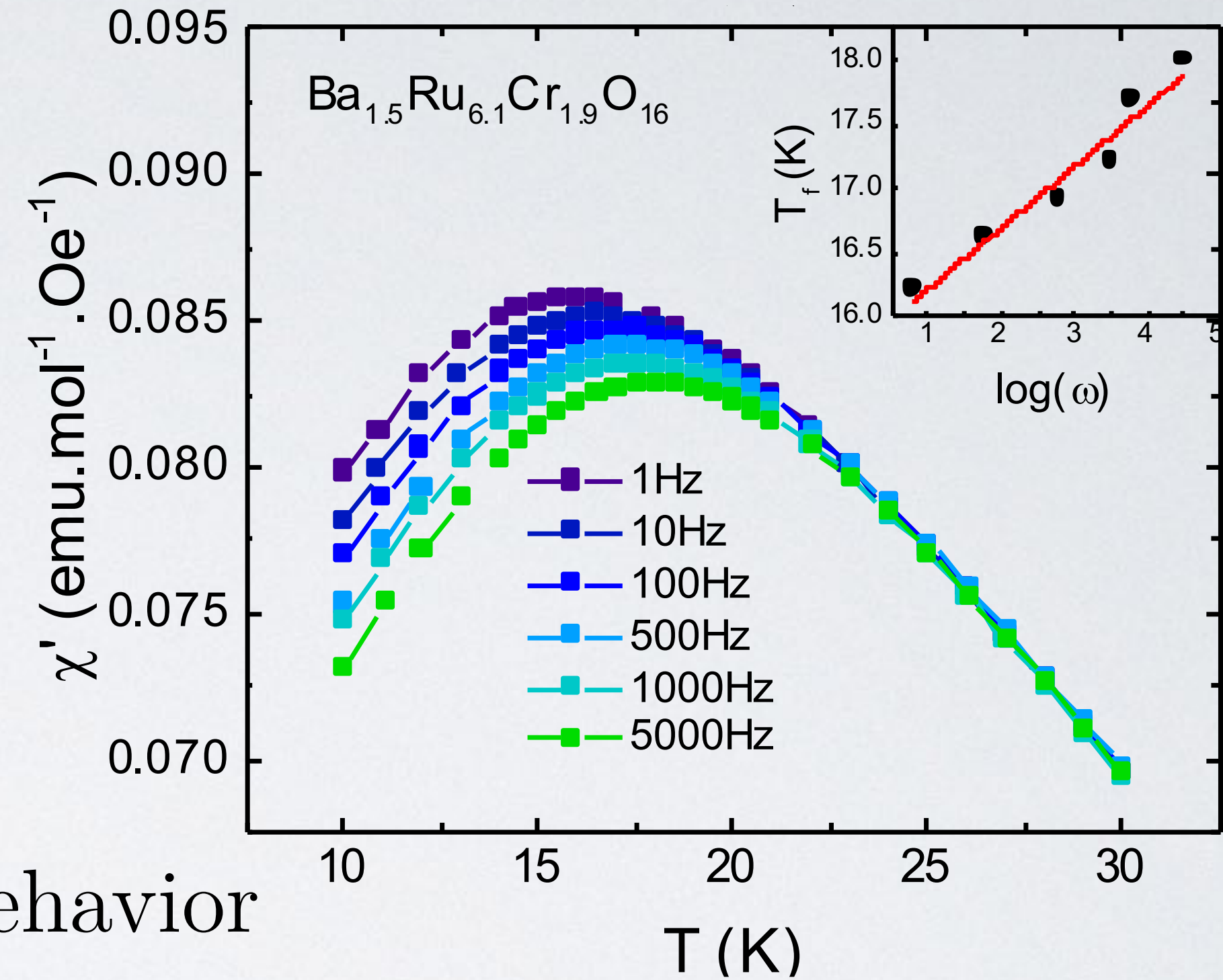


$$\delta f = 0.037(2)$$

$$\delta f = \frac{\Delta T_f}{T_f \Delta \ln(\omega)}$$

Cluster glass behavior

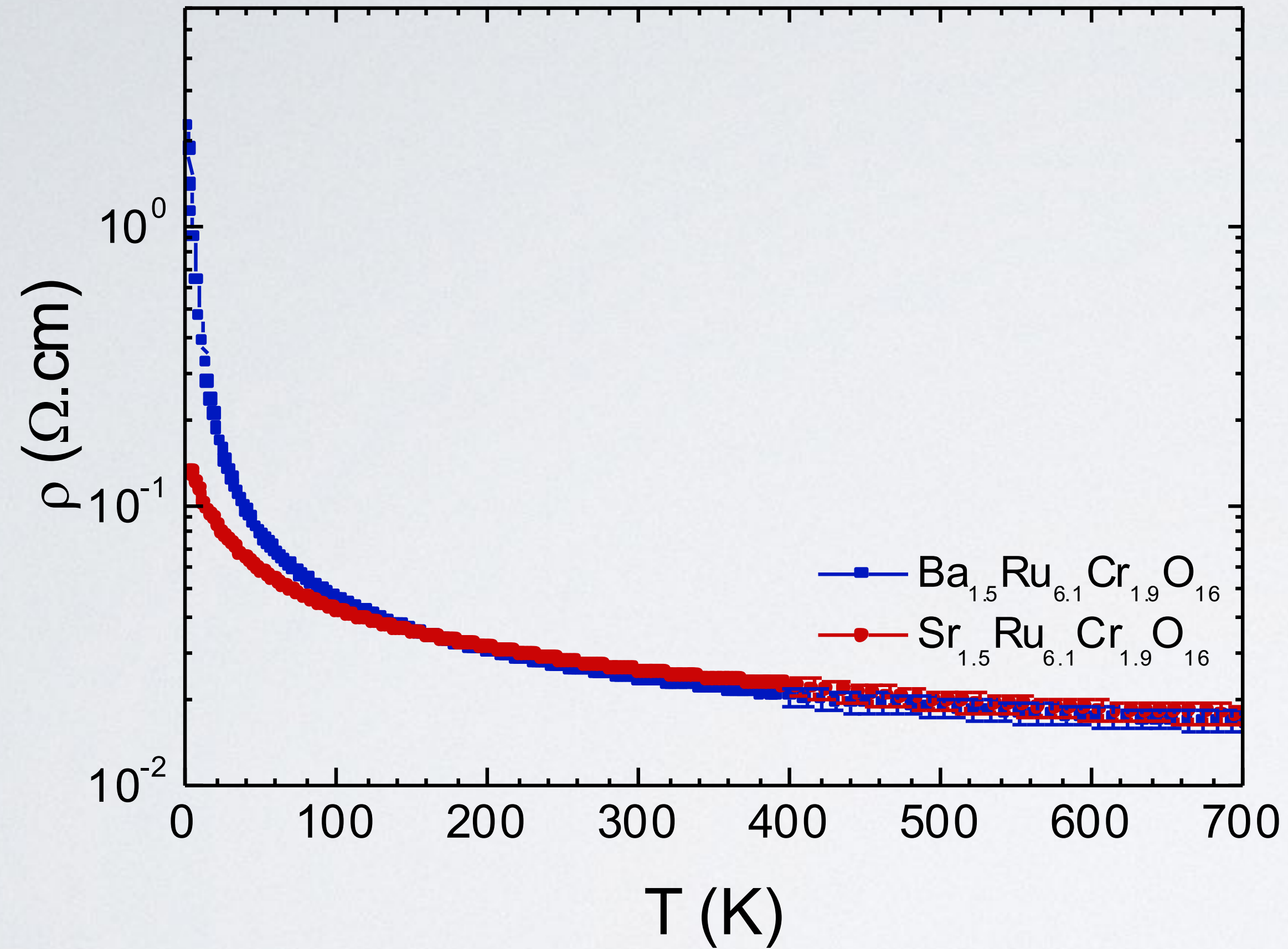
$$0.03 < \delta f < 0.06$$



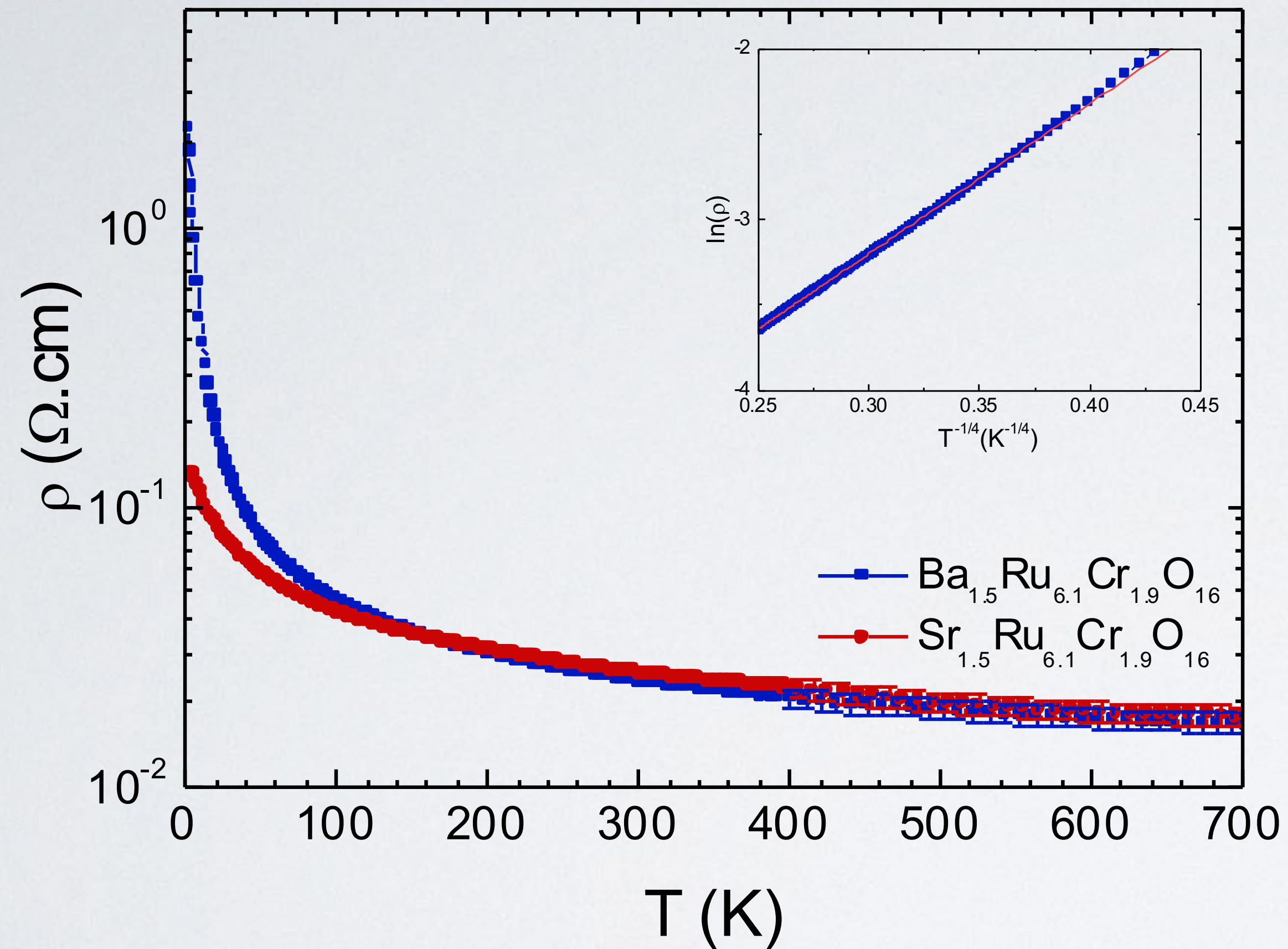
$$\delta f = 0.033(4)$$

Aging and relaxation time measurements  $\longrightarrow$  Glassy behavior confirmed

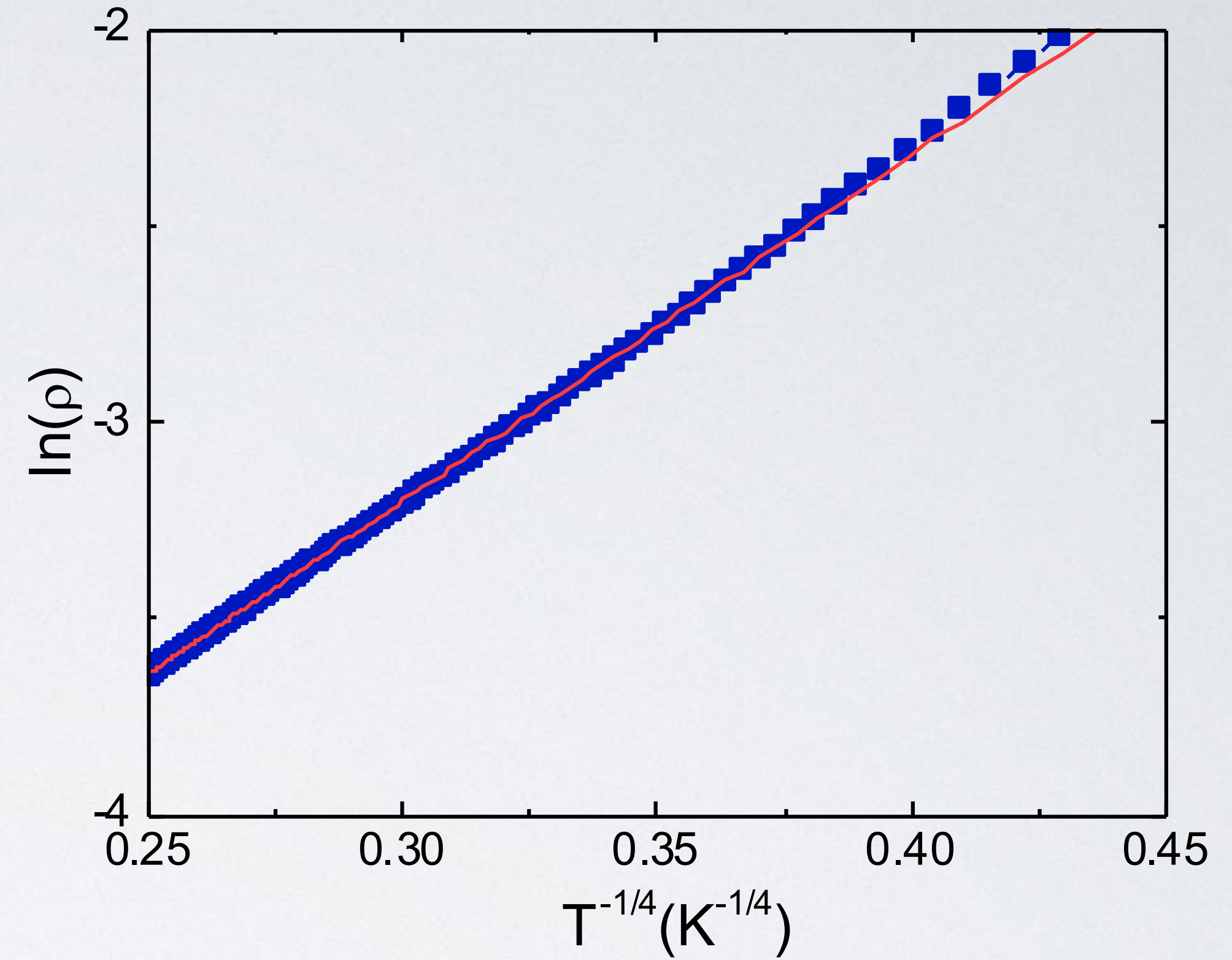
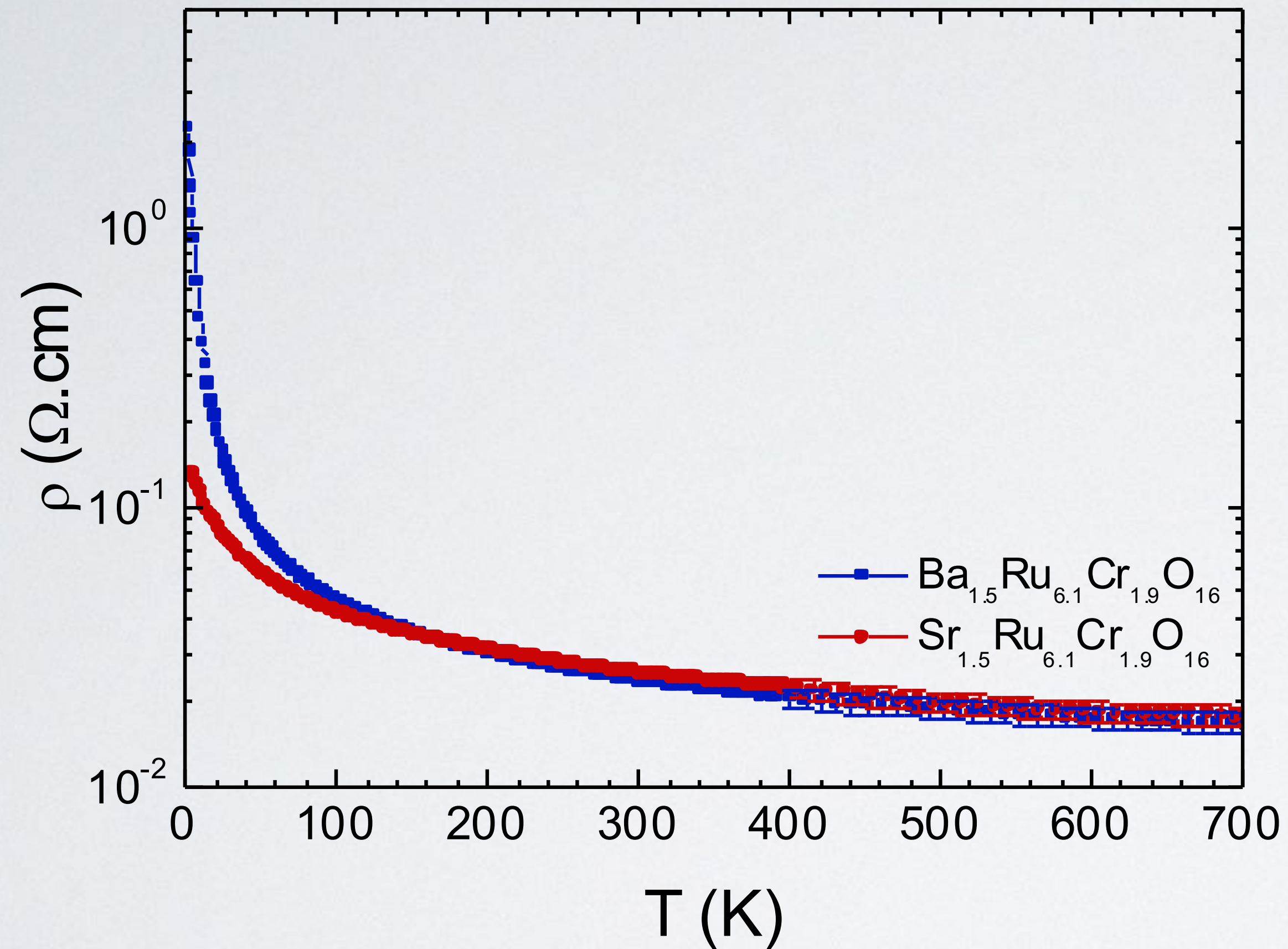
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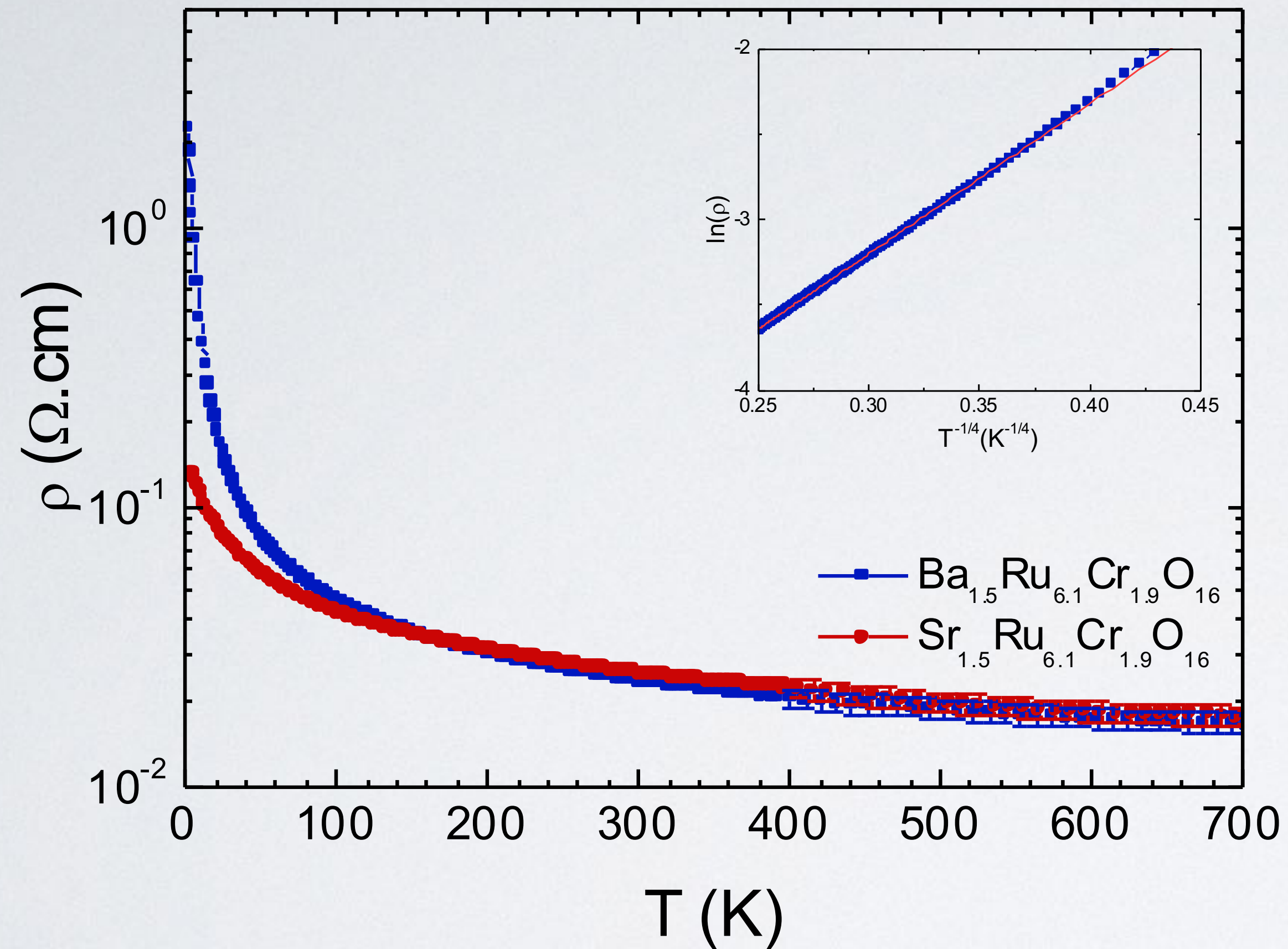
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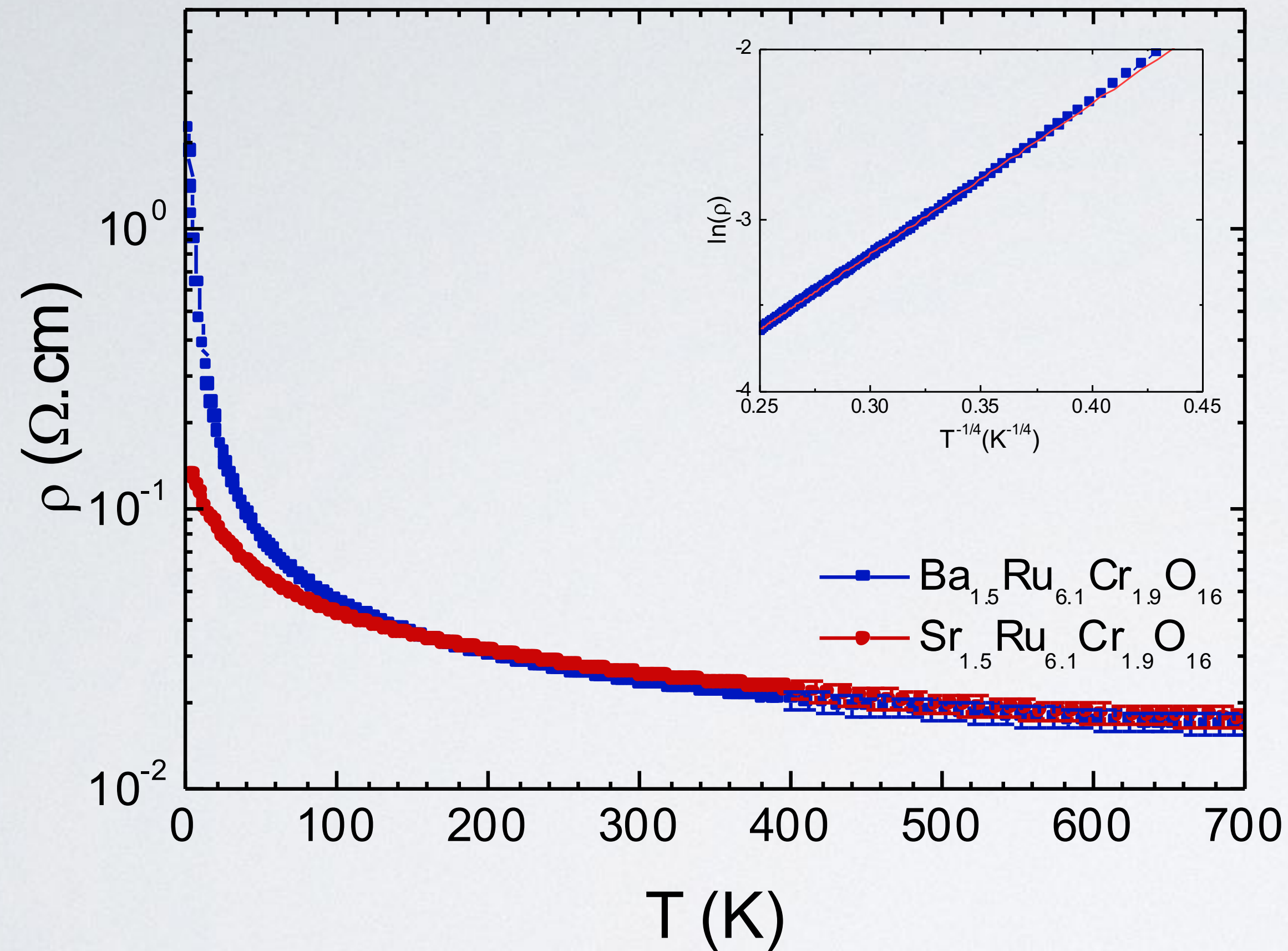
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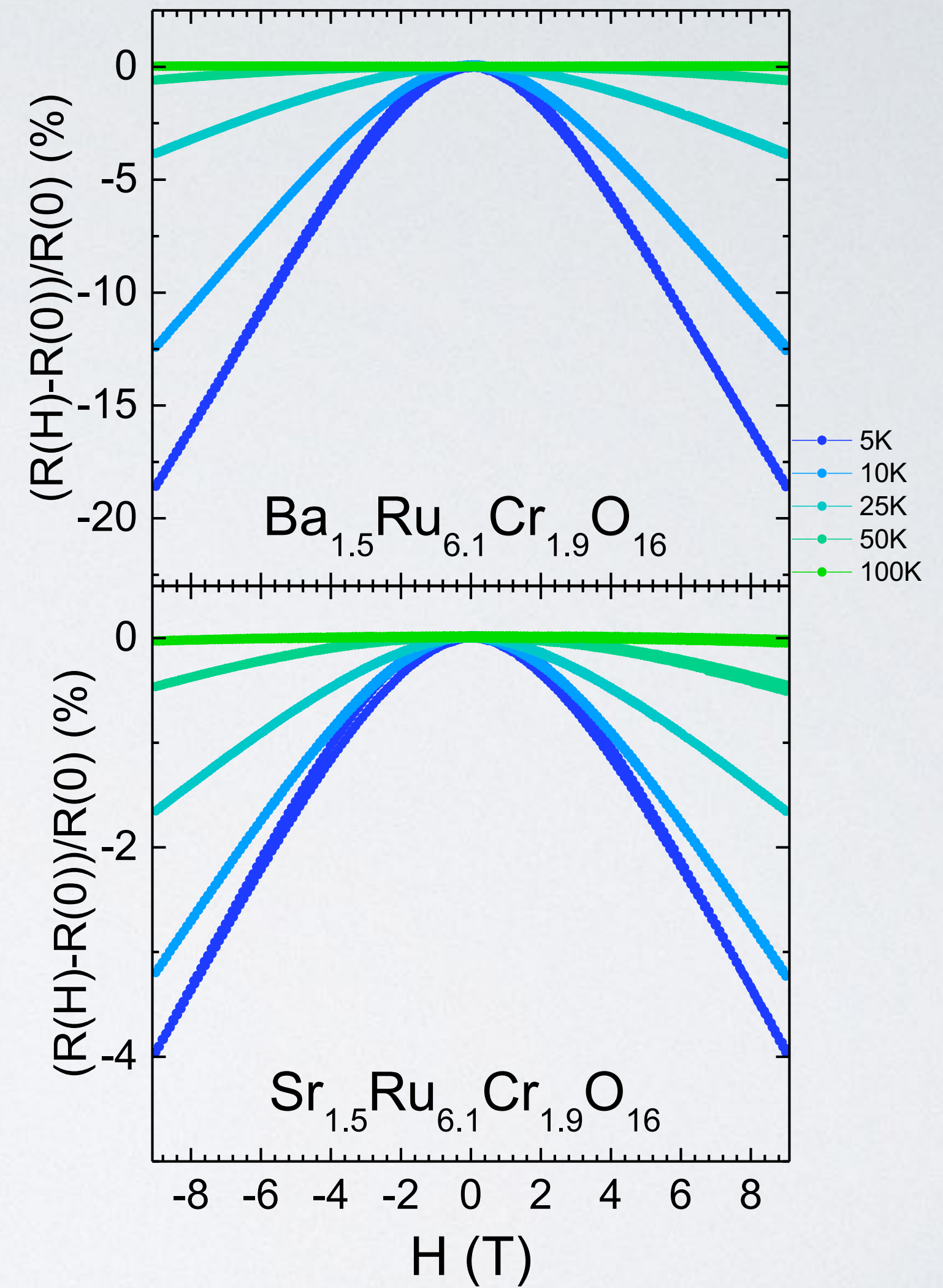
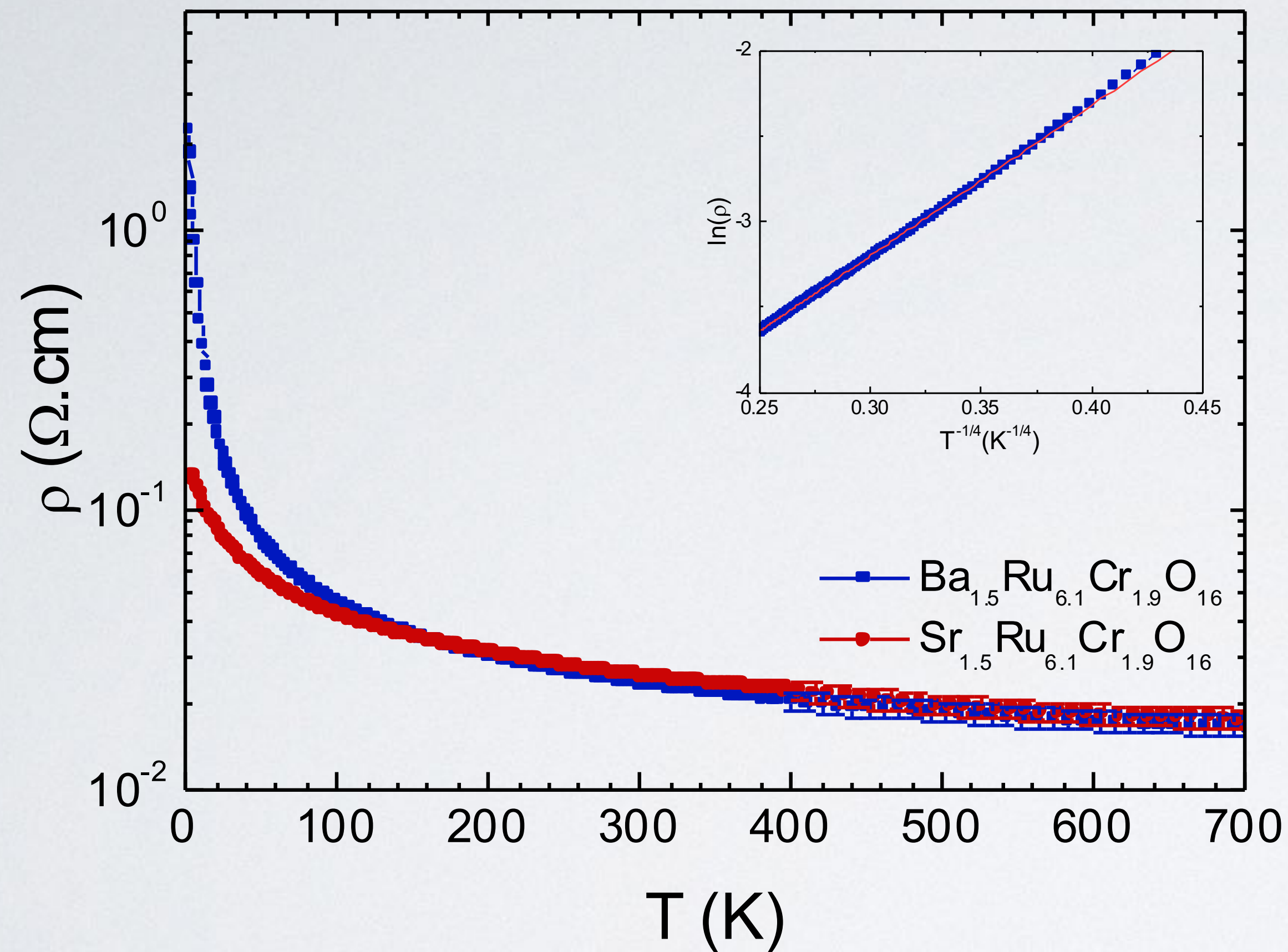


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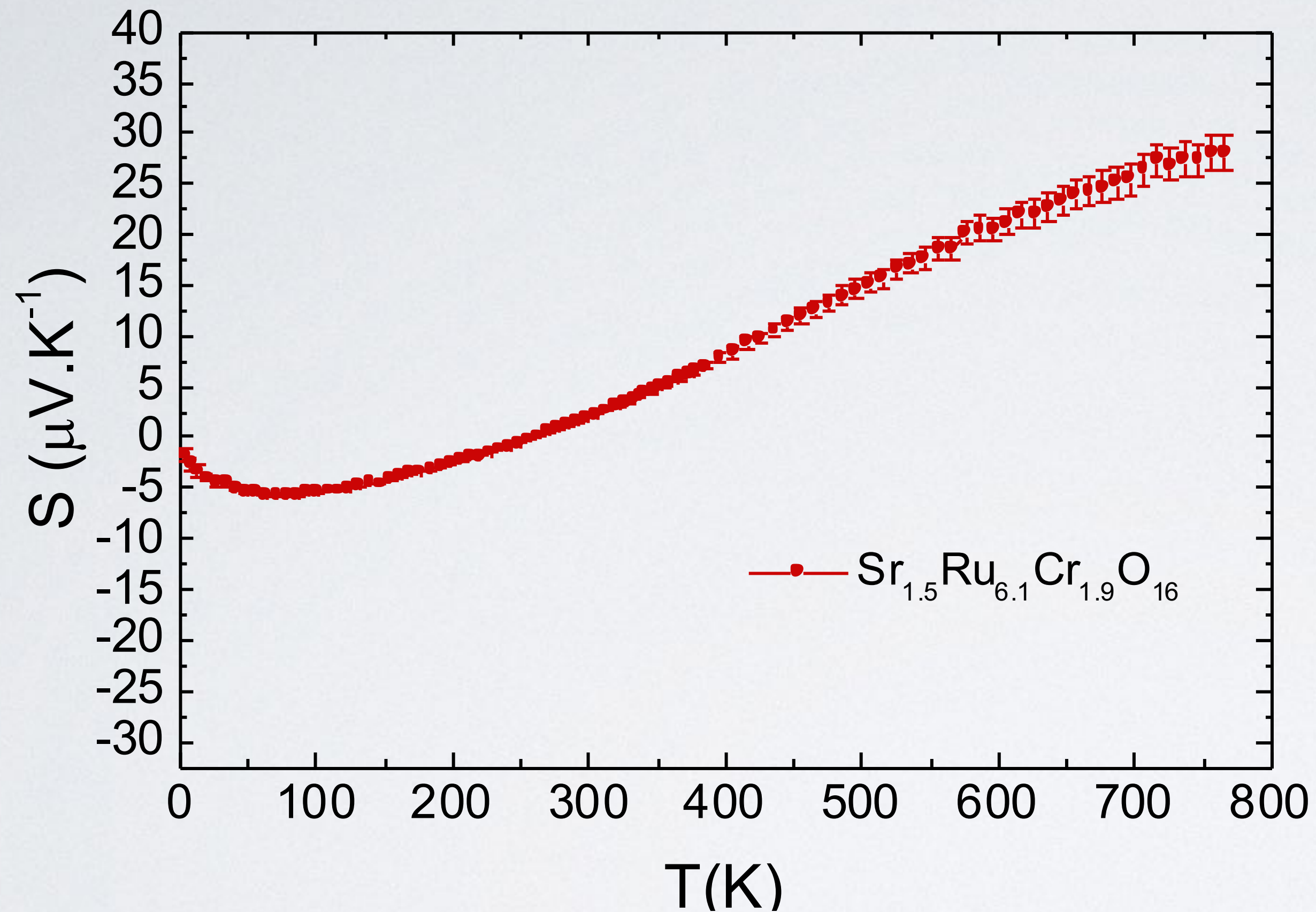


- Localised
- $\text{Ba}_{1.5}\text{Ru}_{6.1}\text{Cr}_{1.9}\text{O}_{16}$  VRH
$$\rho(T) = \rho_0 e^{\left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right)^{1/4}}$$
$$T_0 \sim 6000\text{K}$$
- Disorder dominated
- Magnetotransport coupling (MR)

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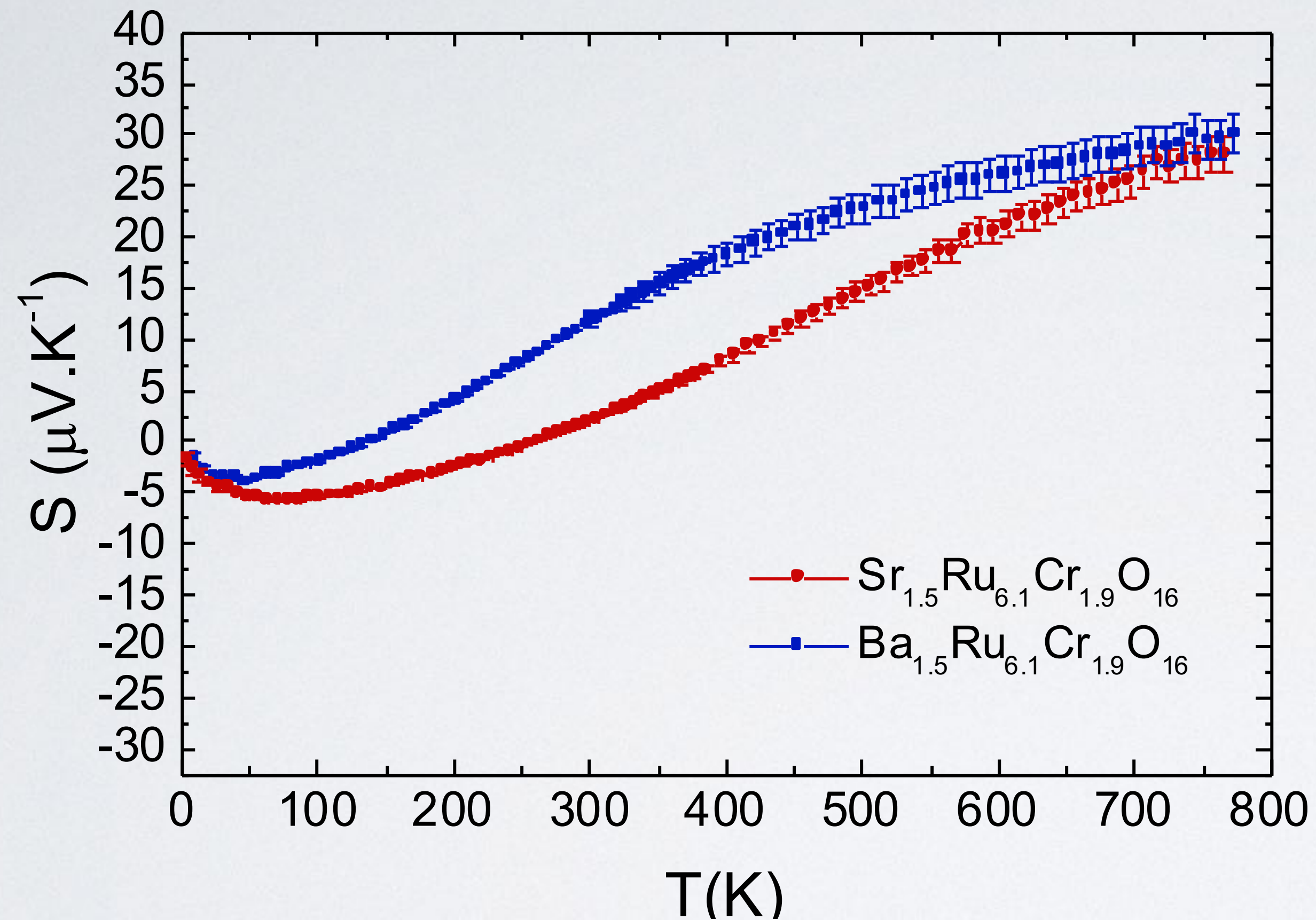


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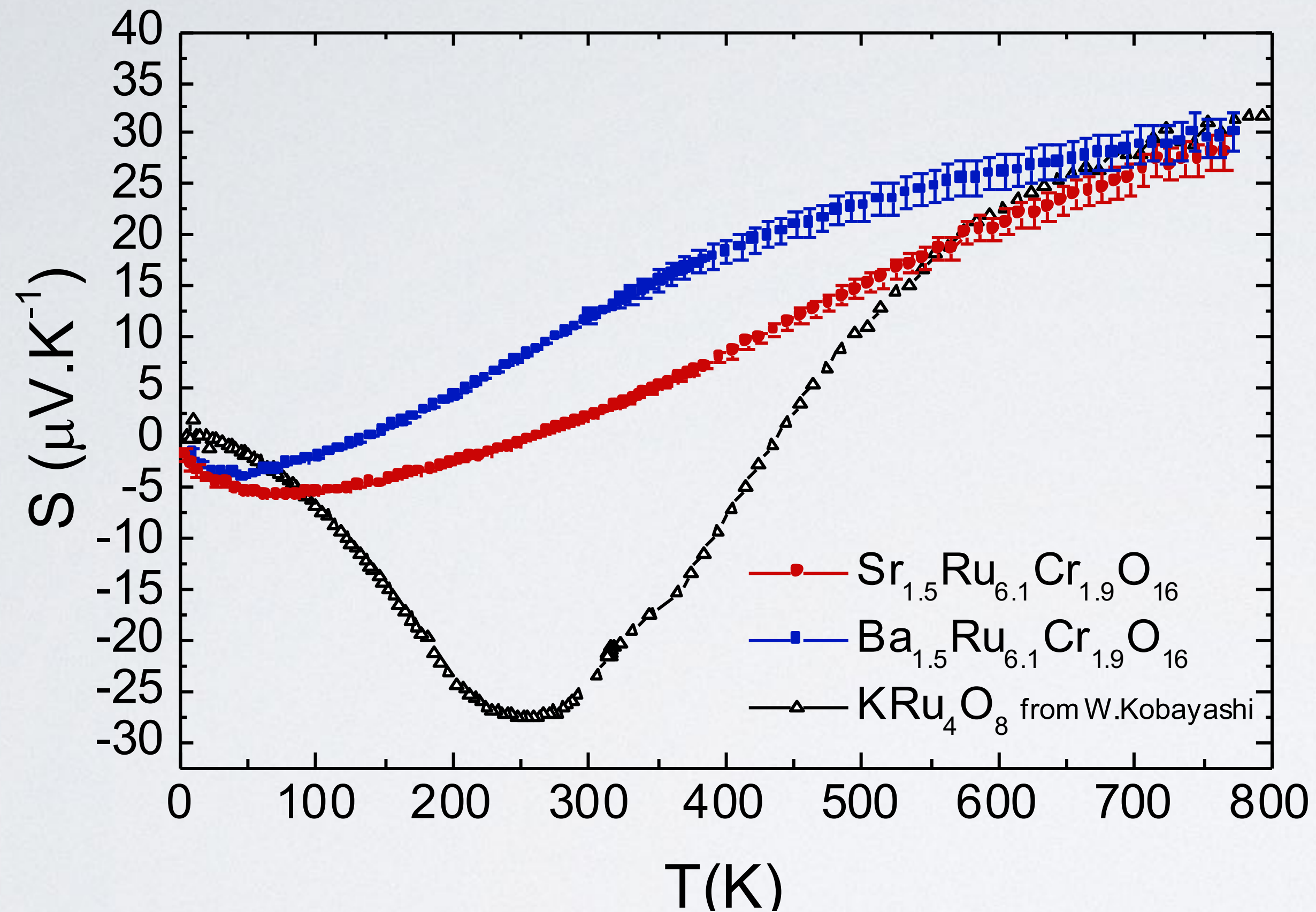
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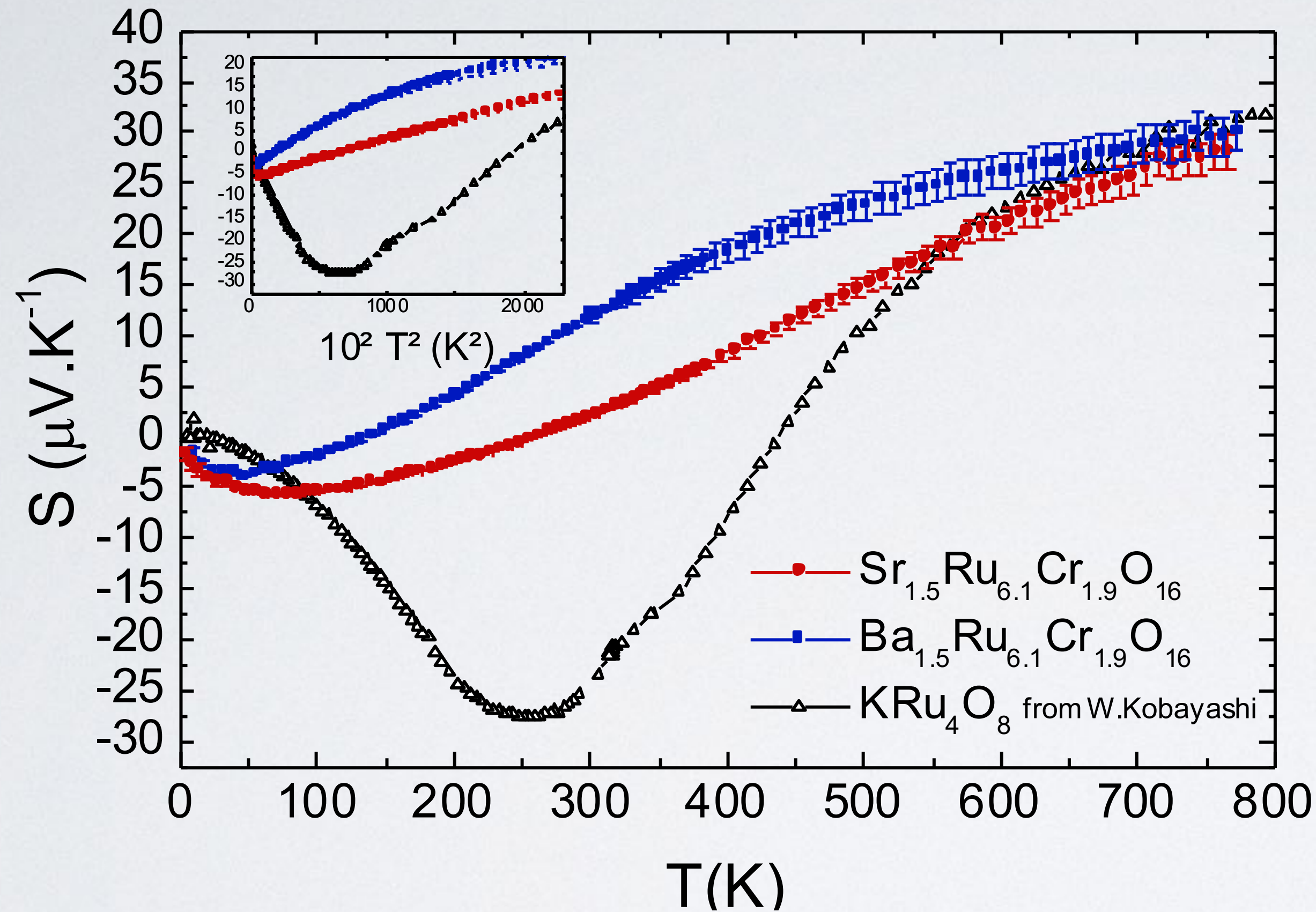
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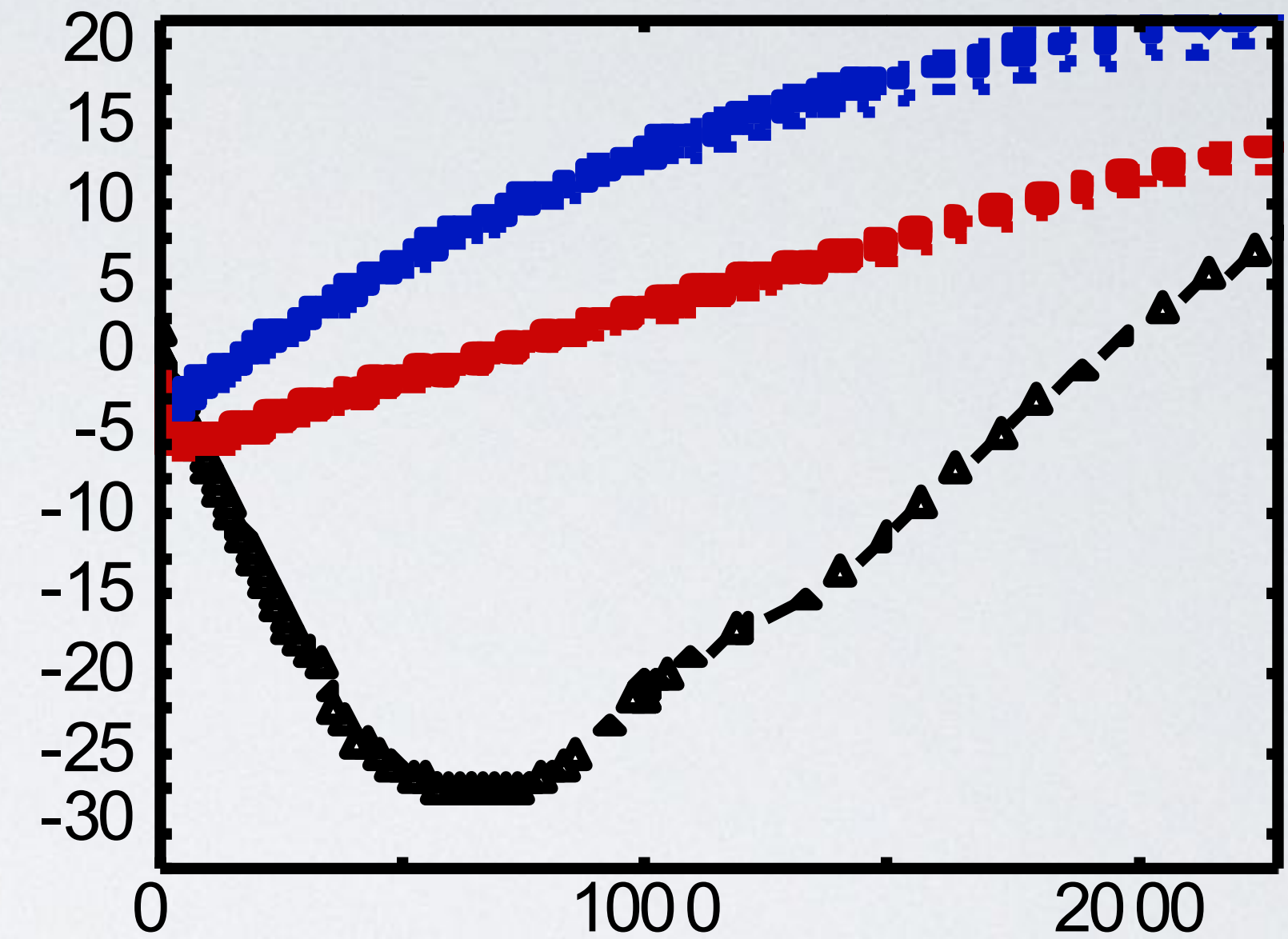
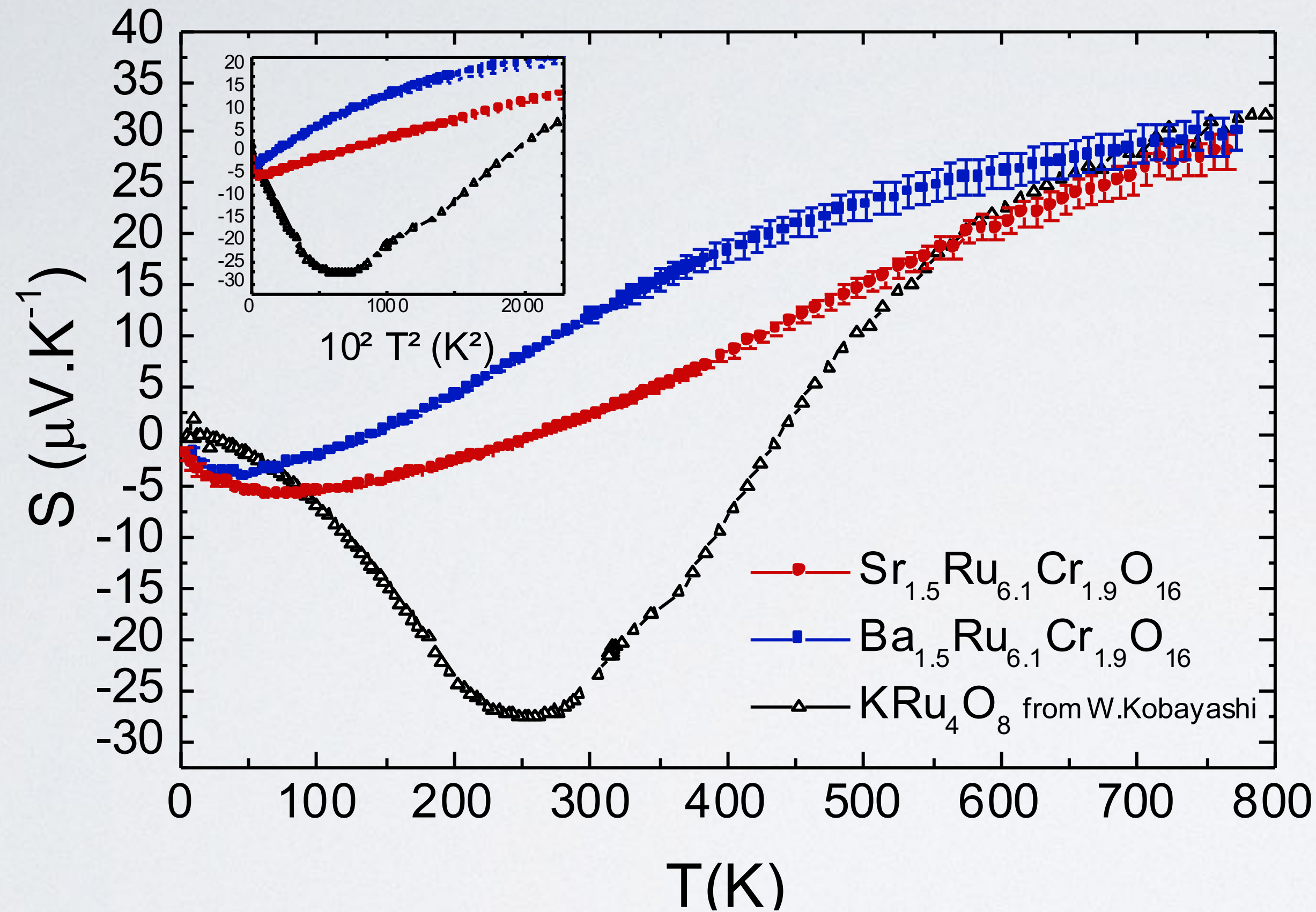
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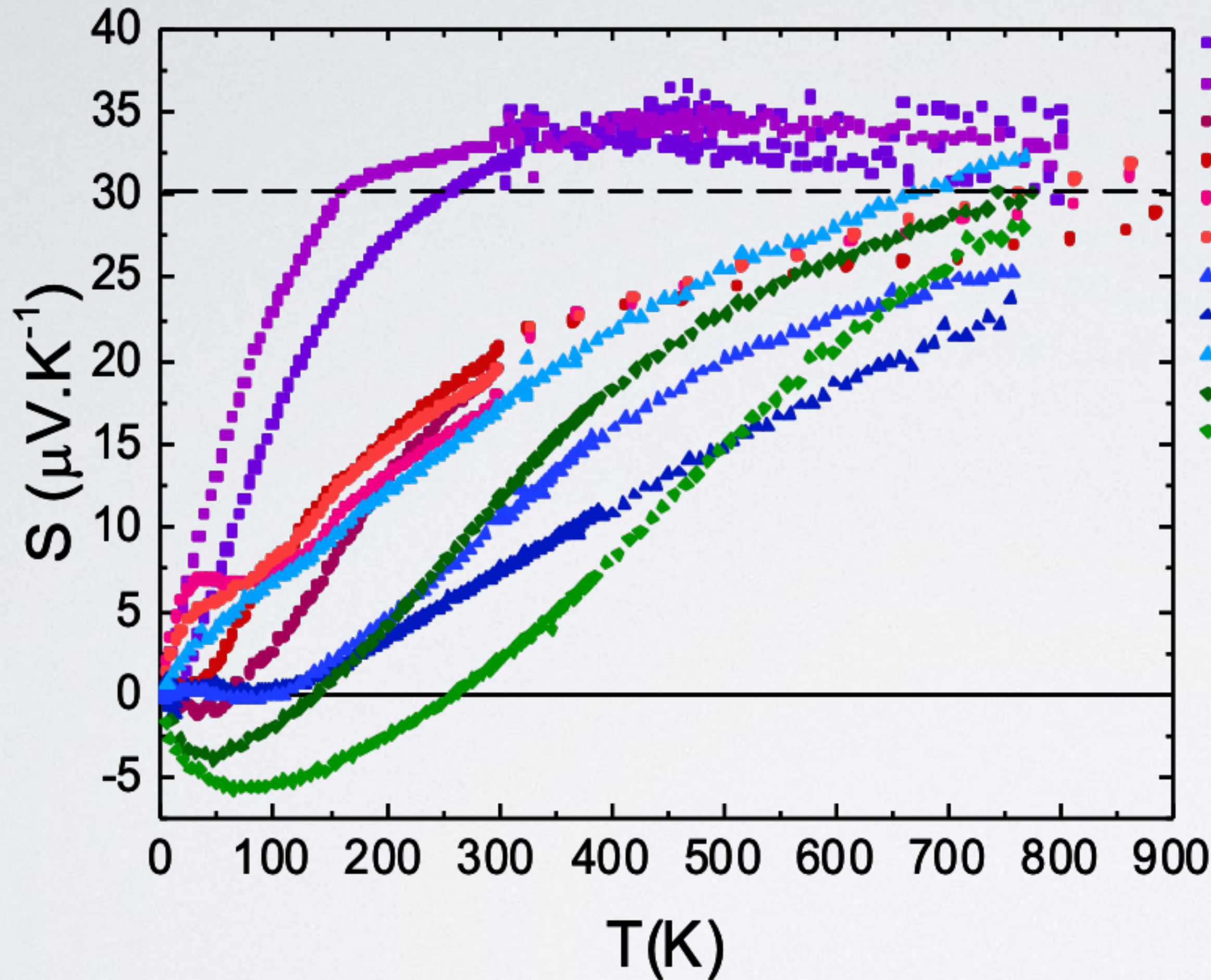
## $A_{1.5}Ru_{6.1}Cr_{1.9}O_{16}$ hollandites : summary

- Substitution 25% Cr :
  - Localized transport.
  - Magnetism: cluster-glass behavior.
- Unprecedented magnetoresistance in Ru-hollandites (MR<0 and strong).
- Seebeck coefficient:
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- $\text{LaCu}_3\text{Ru}_4\text{O}_{12}$  }
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- $\text{CaCu}_3\text{Ru}_4\text{O}_{12}$  } Soft ferromagnetic poor metals
- $\text{BaCo}_2\text{Ru}_4\text{O}_{11}$  }
- $\text{BaMn}_2\text{Ru}_4\text{O}_{14}$  }
- $\text{SrFe}_2\text{Ru}_4\text{O}_{11}$  → Ferromagnetic semiconductor
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∇  $\text{RuO}_6$  octahedra link

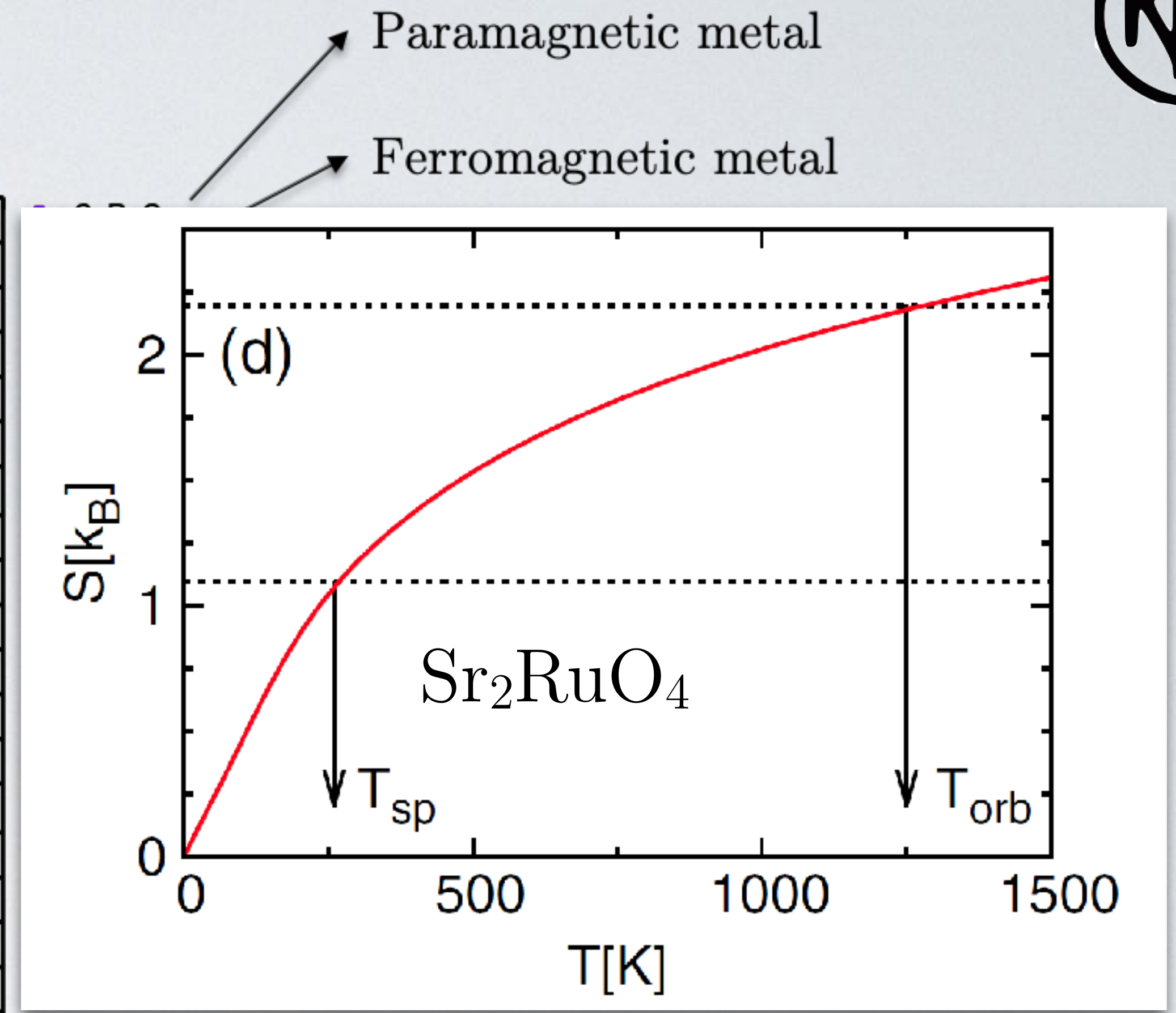
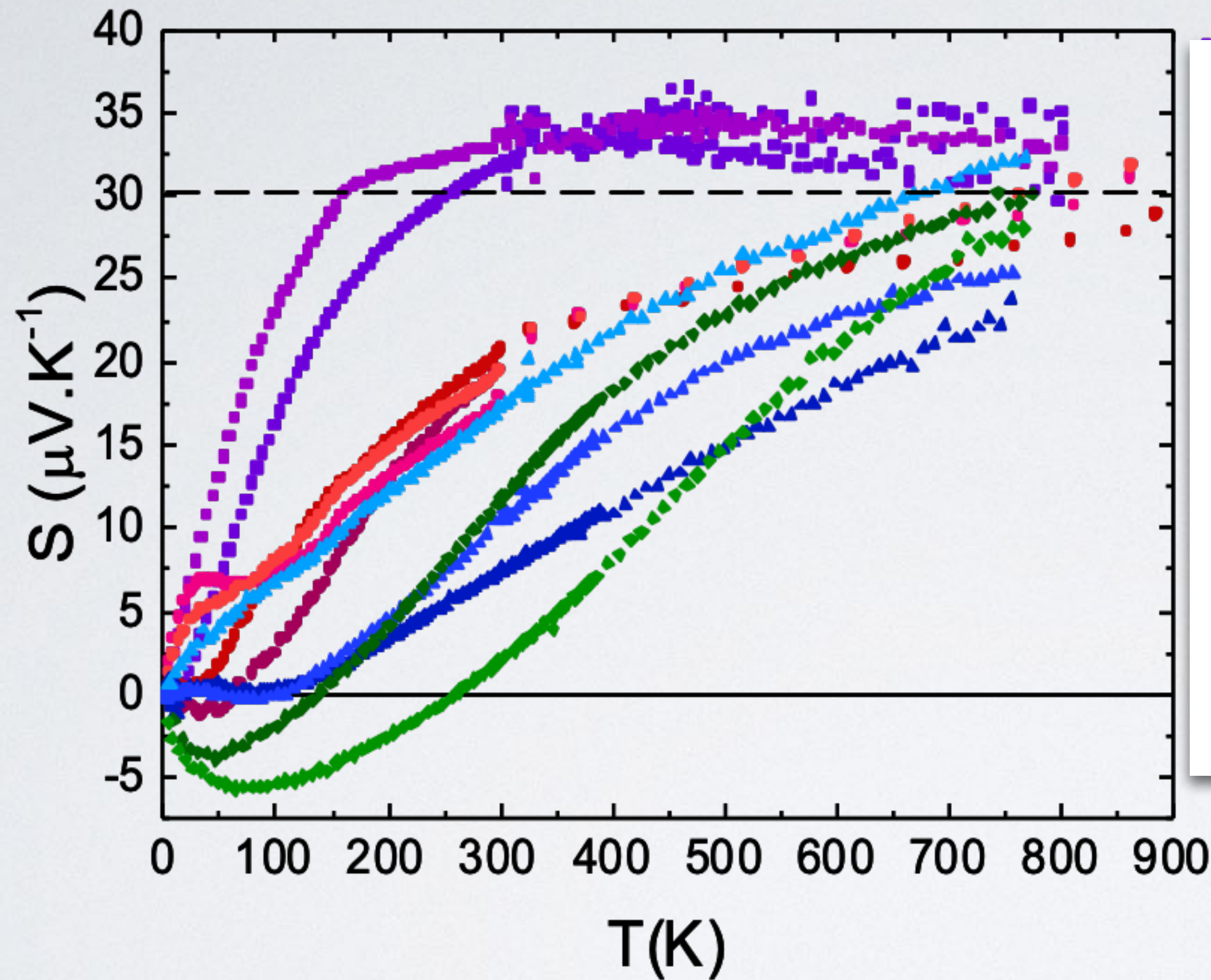
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# Postdoctoral research:

## Semi-metallic Polymers and Hybrid Halide Perovskites for Thermoelectric Application

Prof. Guillaume FLEURY and Prof. Georges HADZIIOANNOU

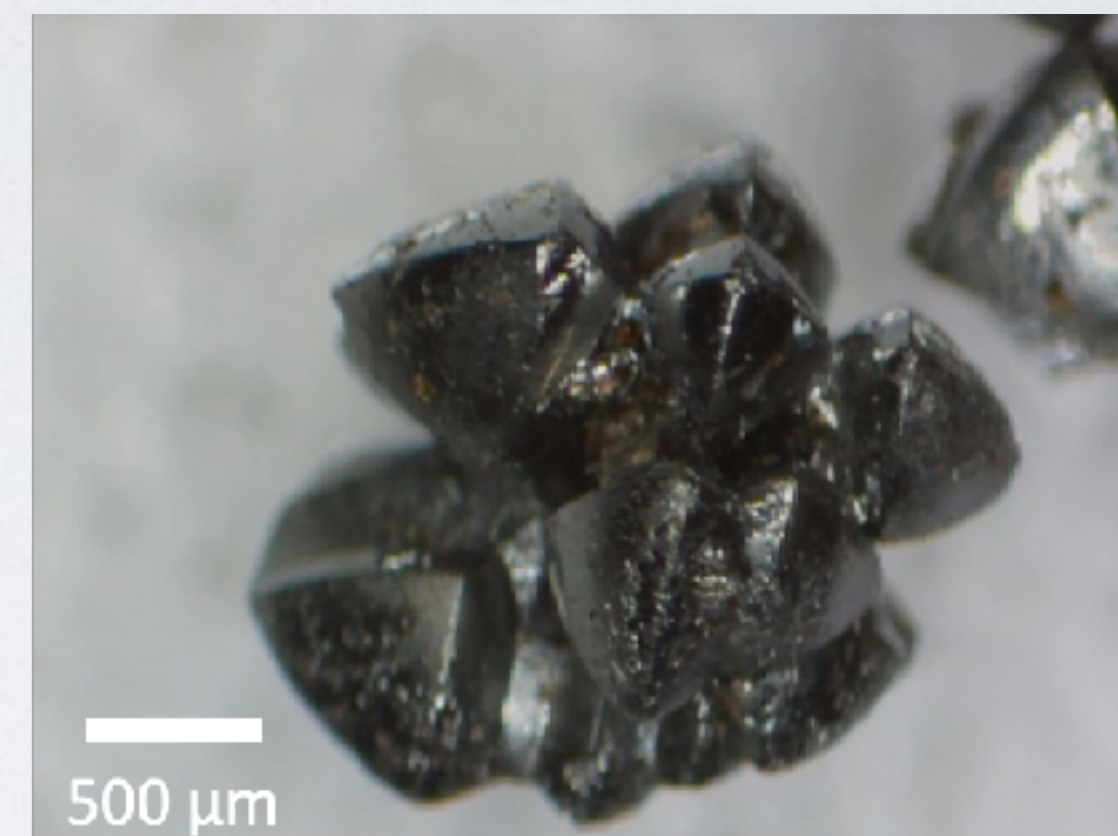


- Crystallizations:
    - Anti-solvent vapor-assisted
    - Inverse temperature crystallization
    - Acid-way
  - Crystallographic characterization:
    - SCXRD (Dr. Stan PECHEV - ICMCB)
    - TEM (Dr. Oleg LEBEDEV - CRISMAT)
  - Impedance and transport properties (myself and Dr. Ali FAKIH CRISMAT)
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# Hybrid Halide Perovskites:



Pb-based

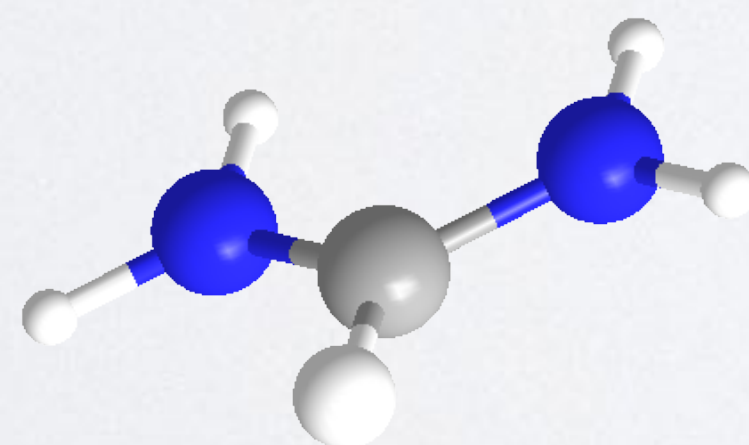


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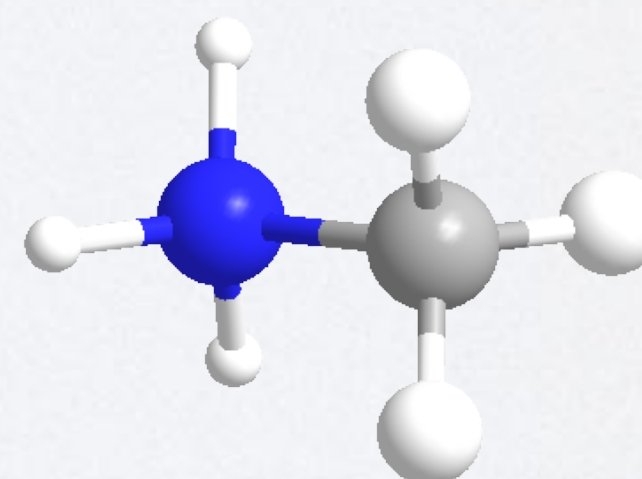
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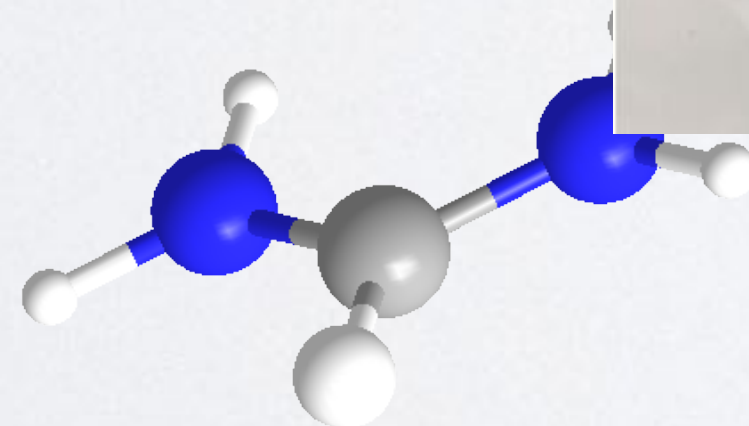
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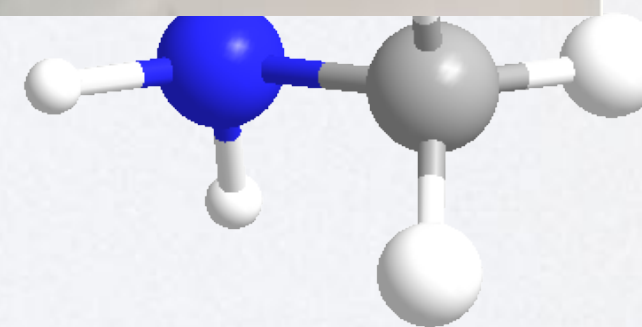
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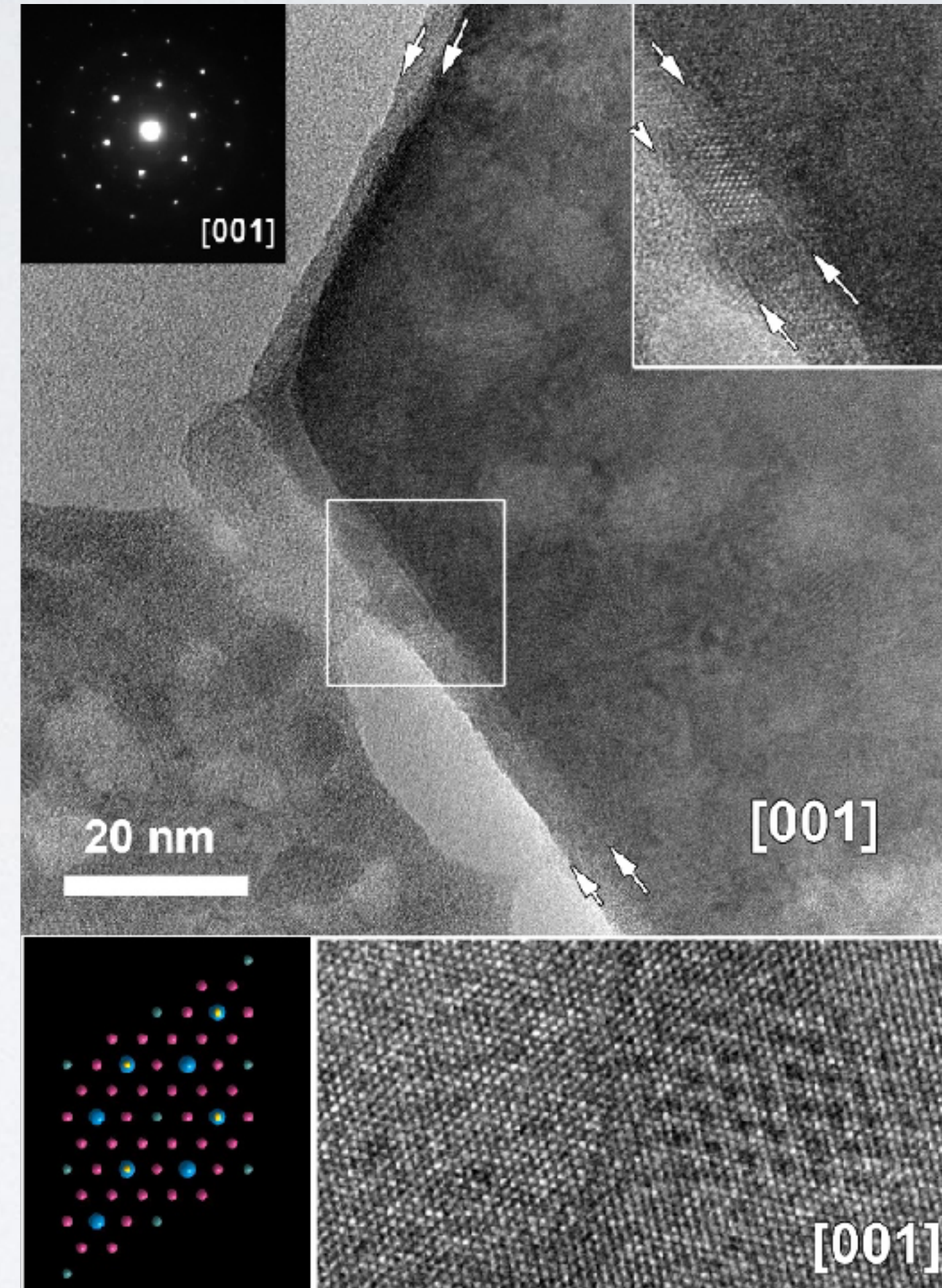
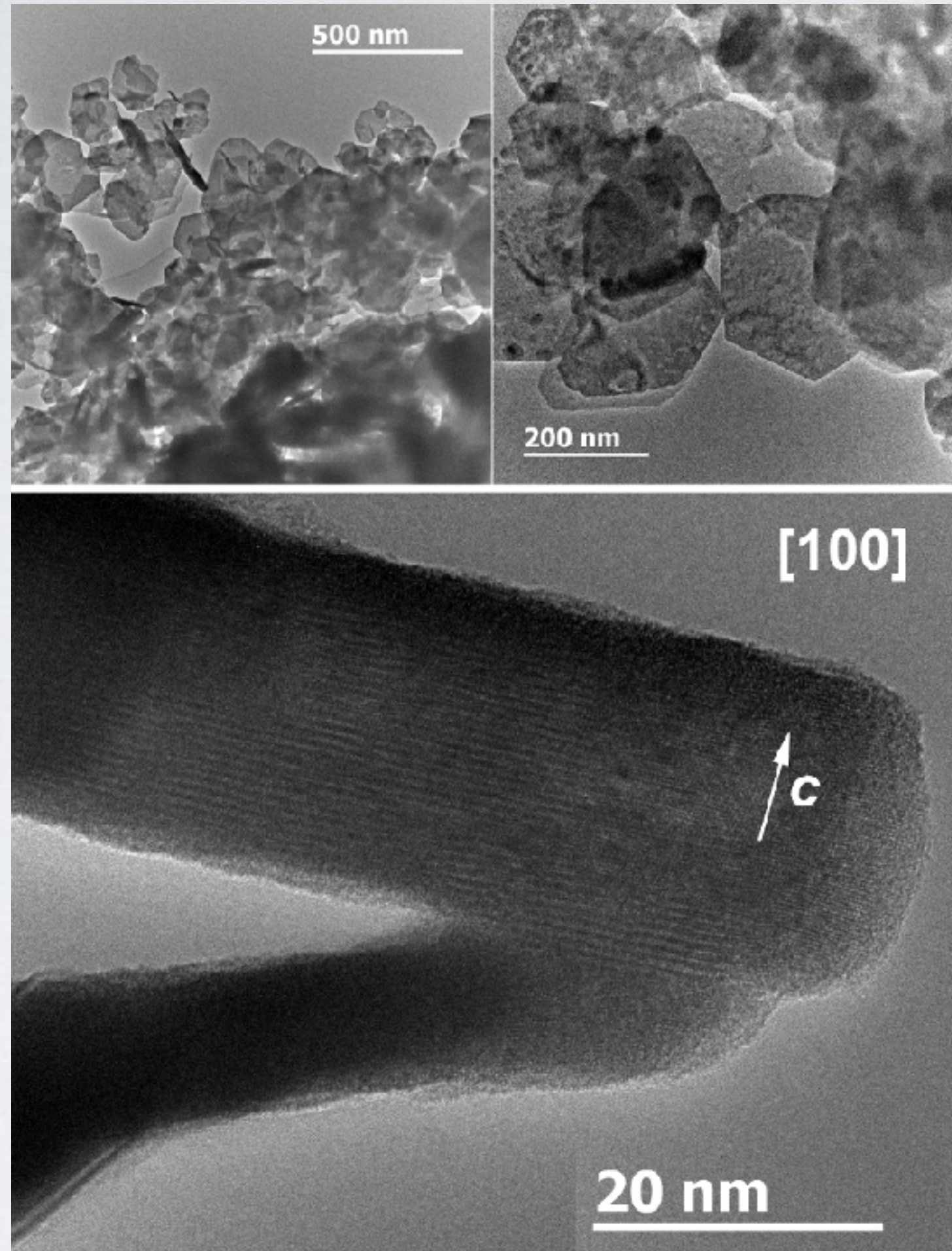
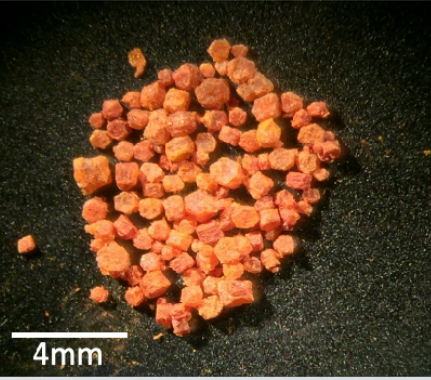
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4H-perovskite

$P6_3/mmc$

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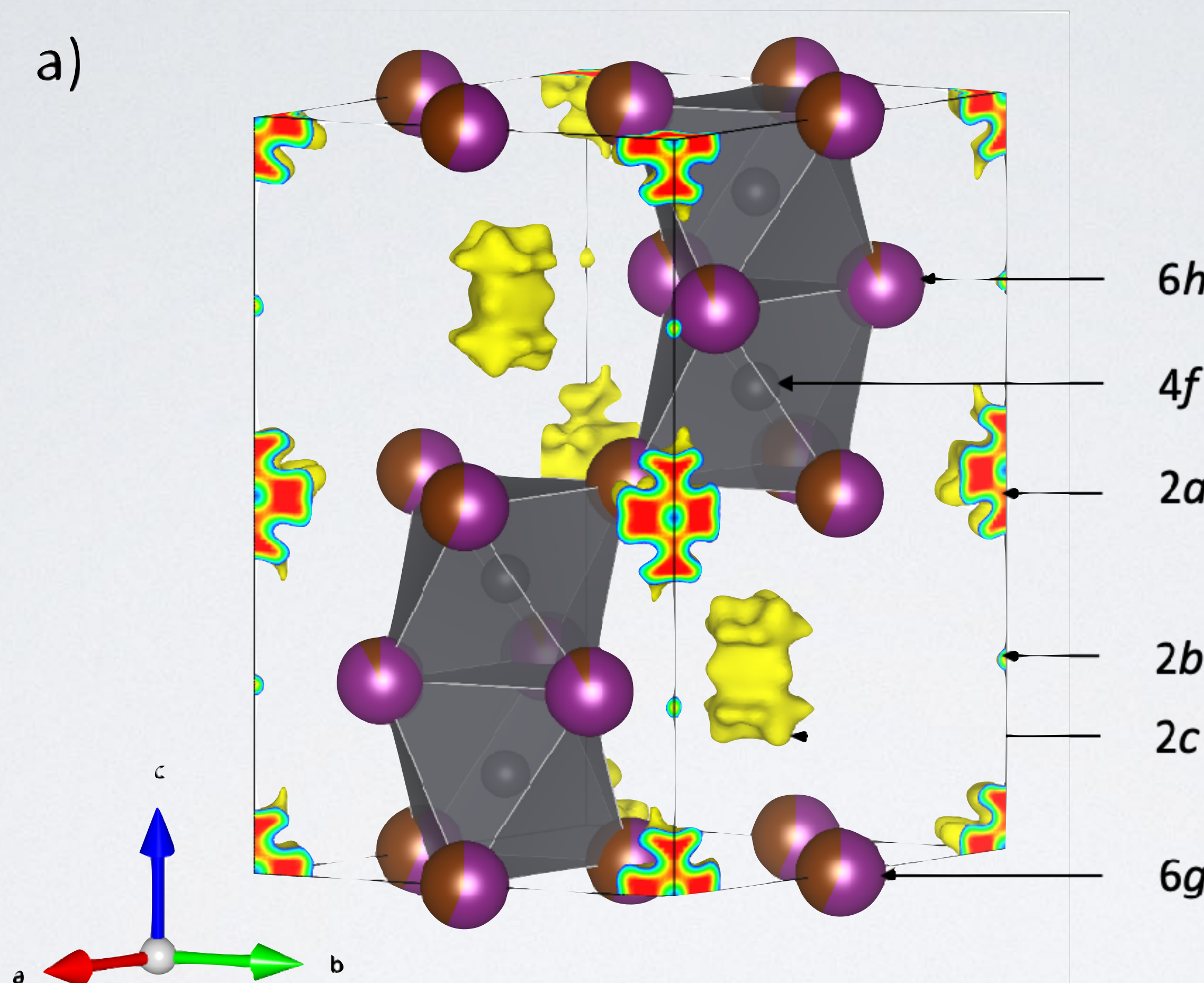
$c = 15.1119(7) \text{ \AA}$

$c/a = 1.7381$

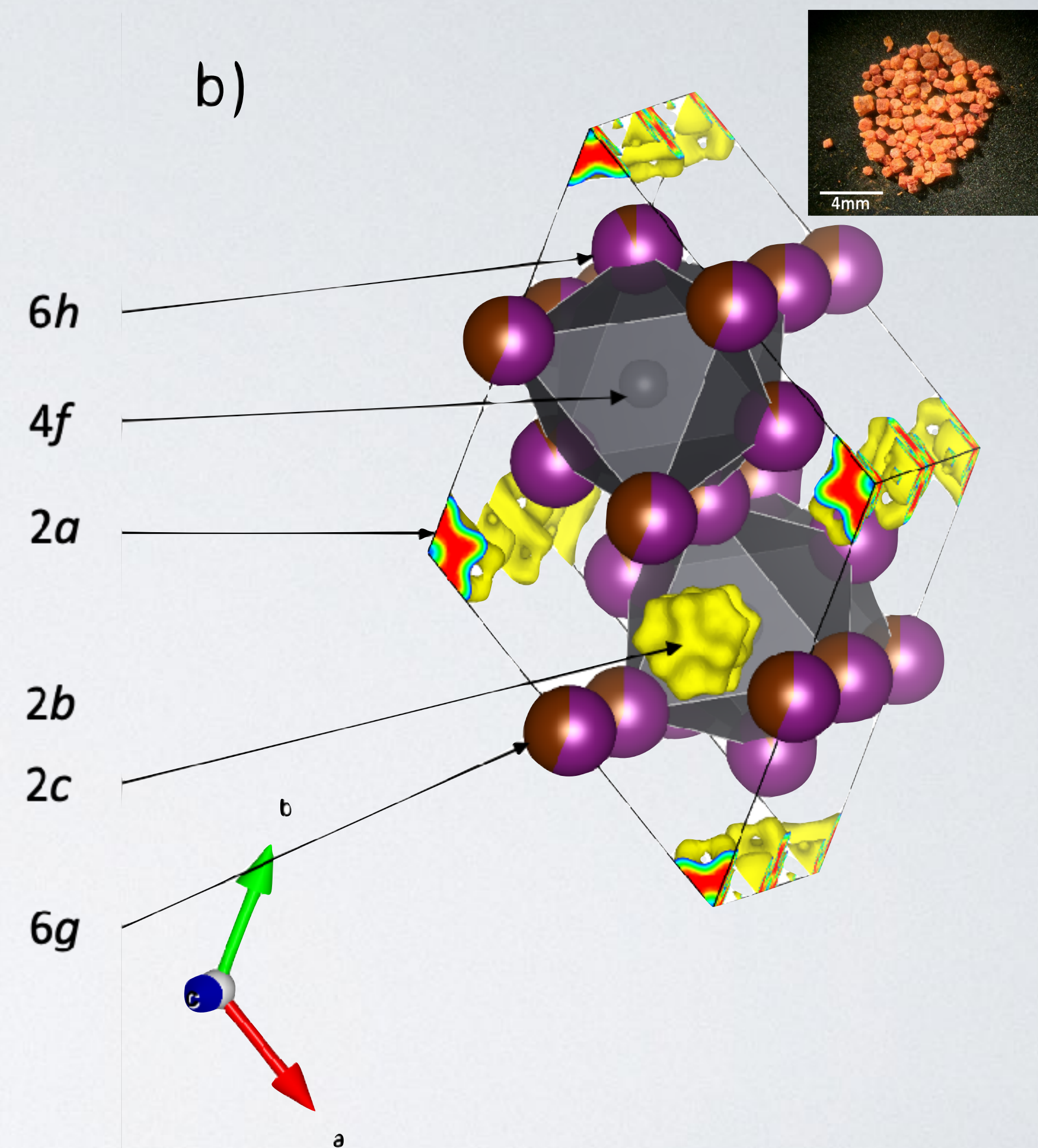
$V = 989.3(1) \text{ \AA}^3$

$Z = 4$

a)



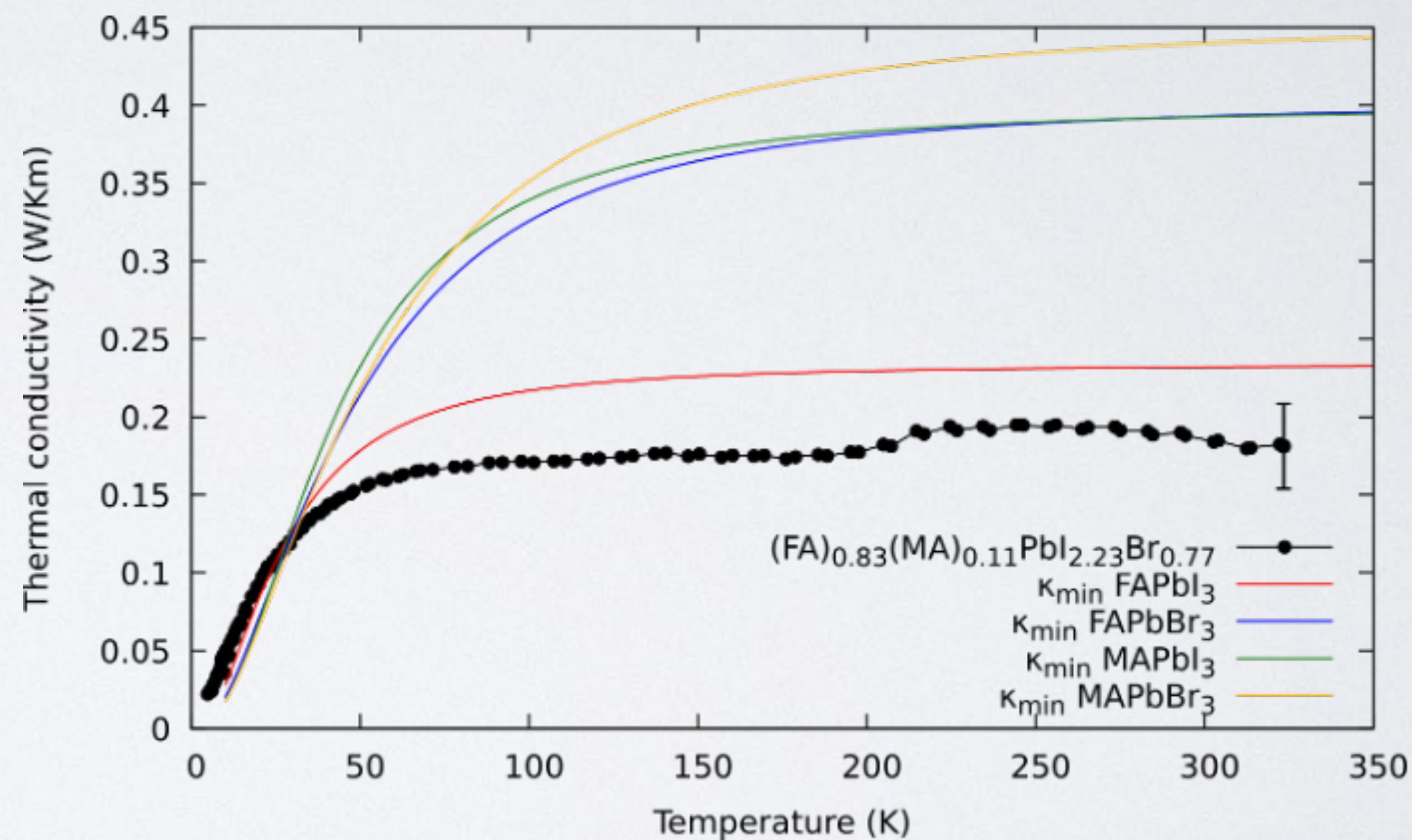
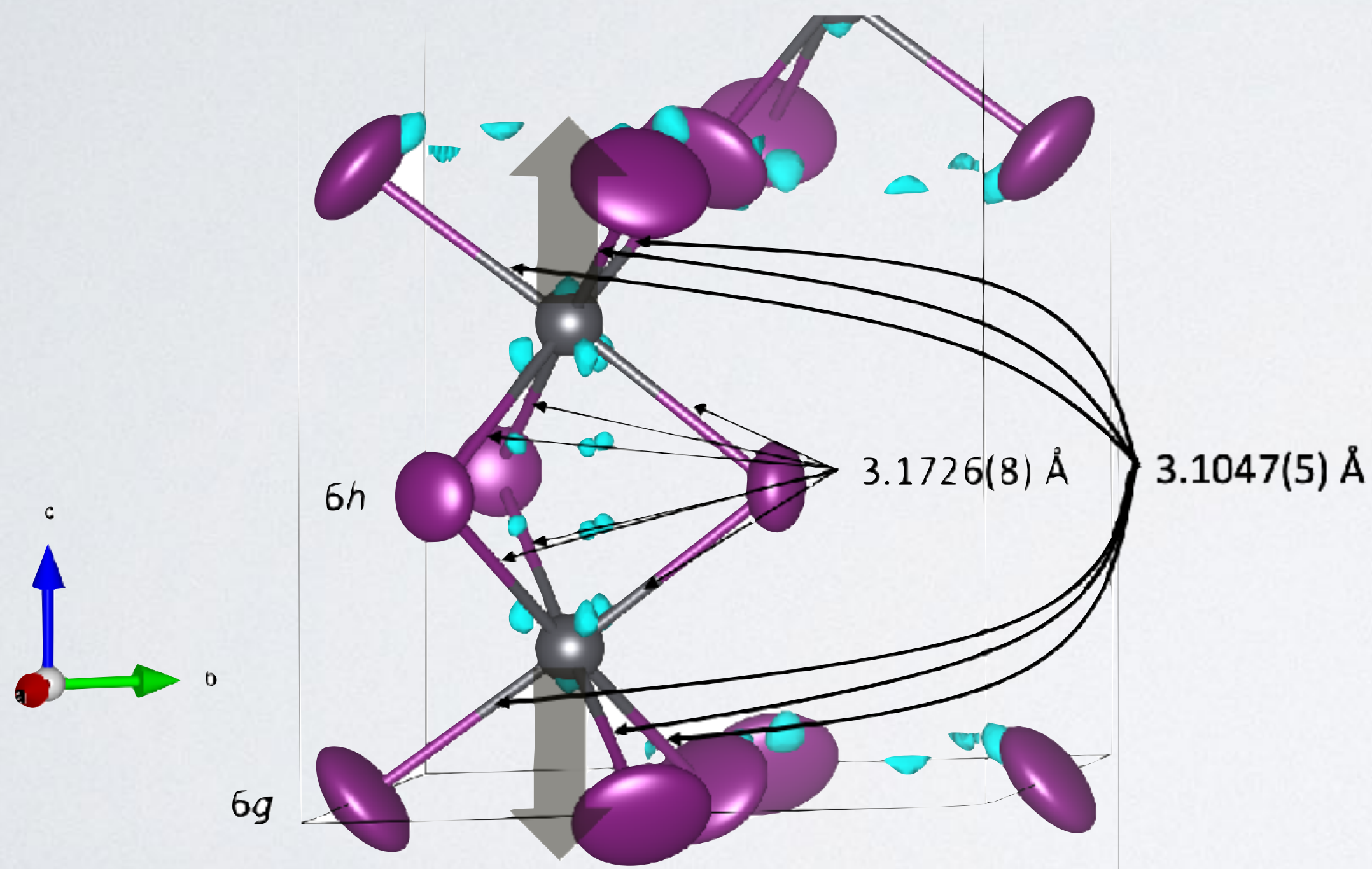
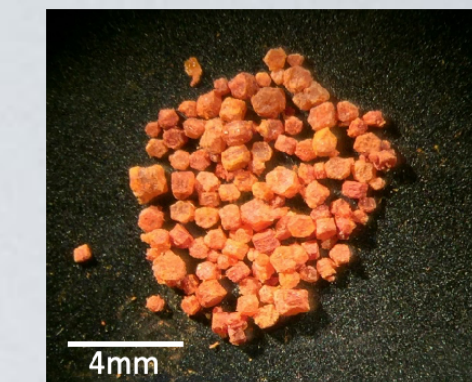
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Refined composition :  $(\text{FA})_{0.83}(\text{MA})_{0.11}\text{PbI}_{2.23}\text{Br}_{0.77}$

# Hybrid Halide Perovskites: Pb-based

- Anisotropic thermal displacement
- Distorted polyhedra



## Postdoctoral research:

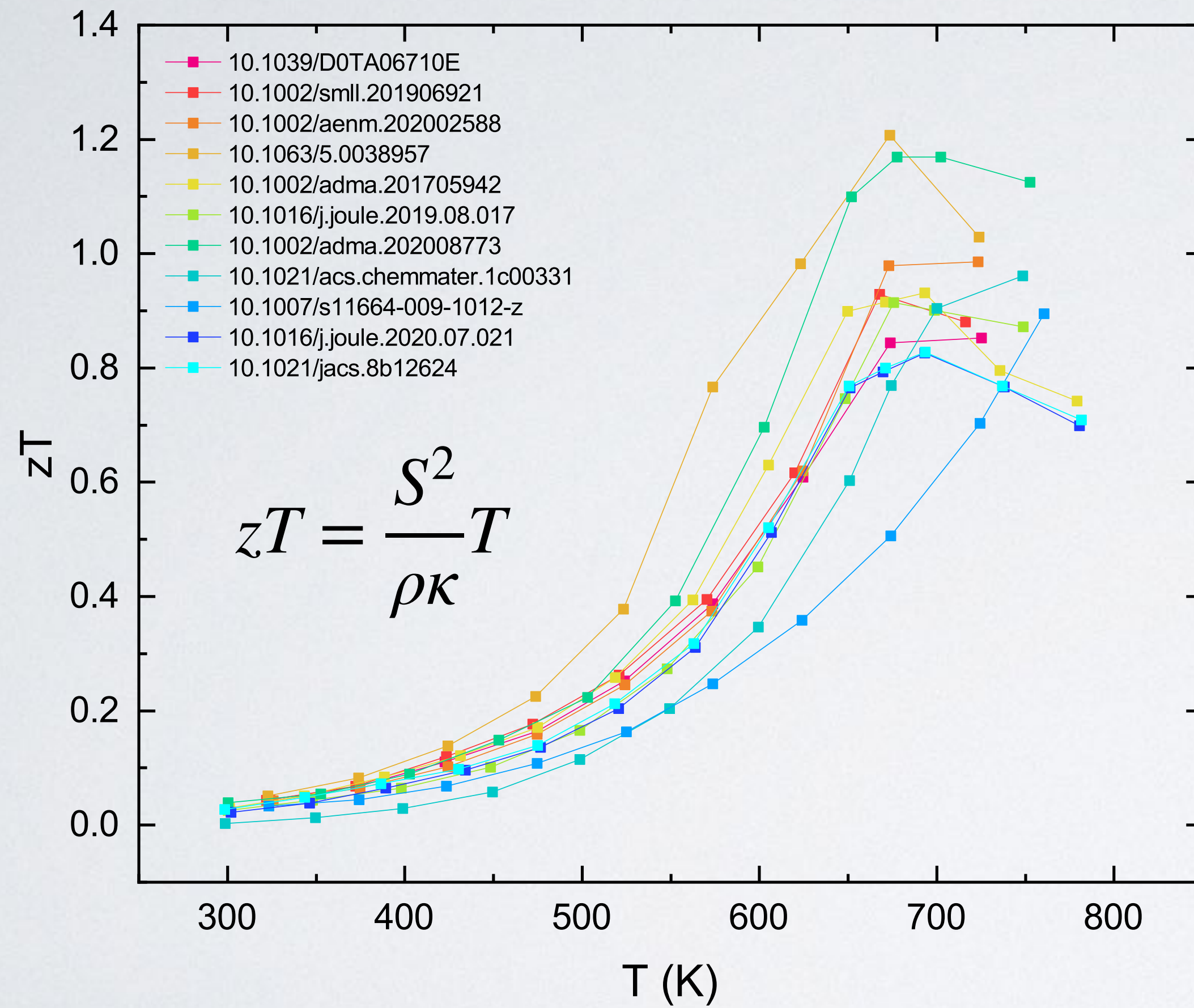
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and Dr. Guillaume LAMBARD

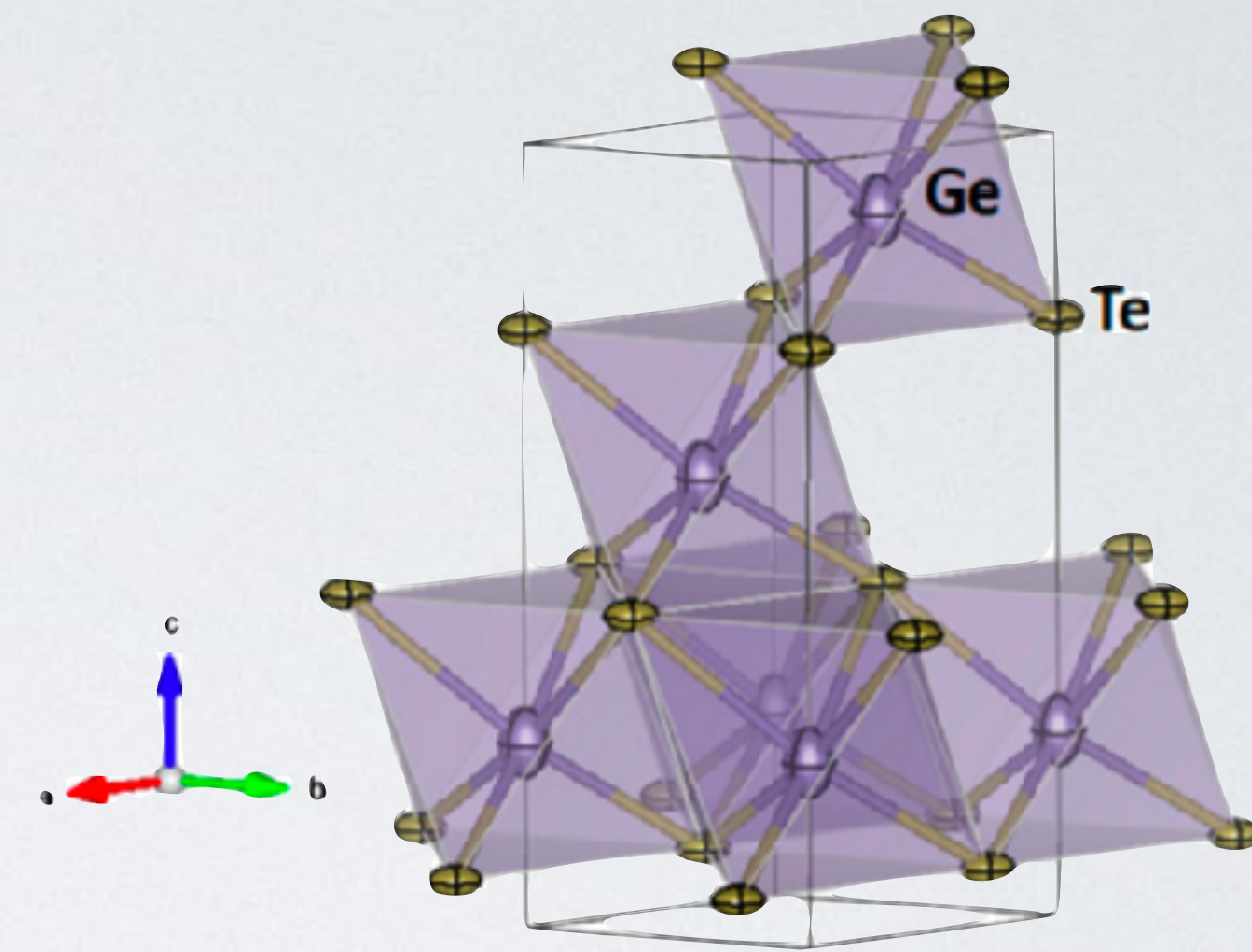


- Machine learning:  
From scratch
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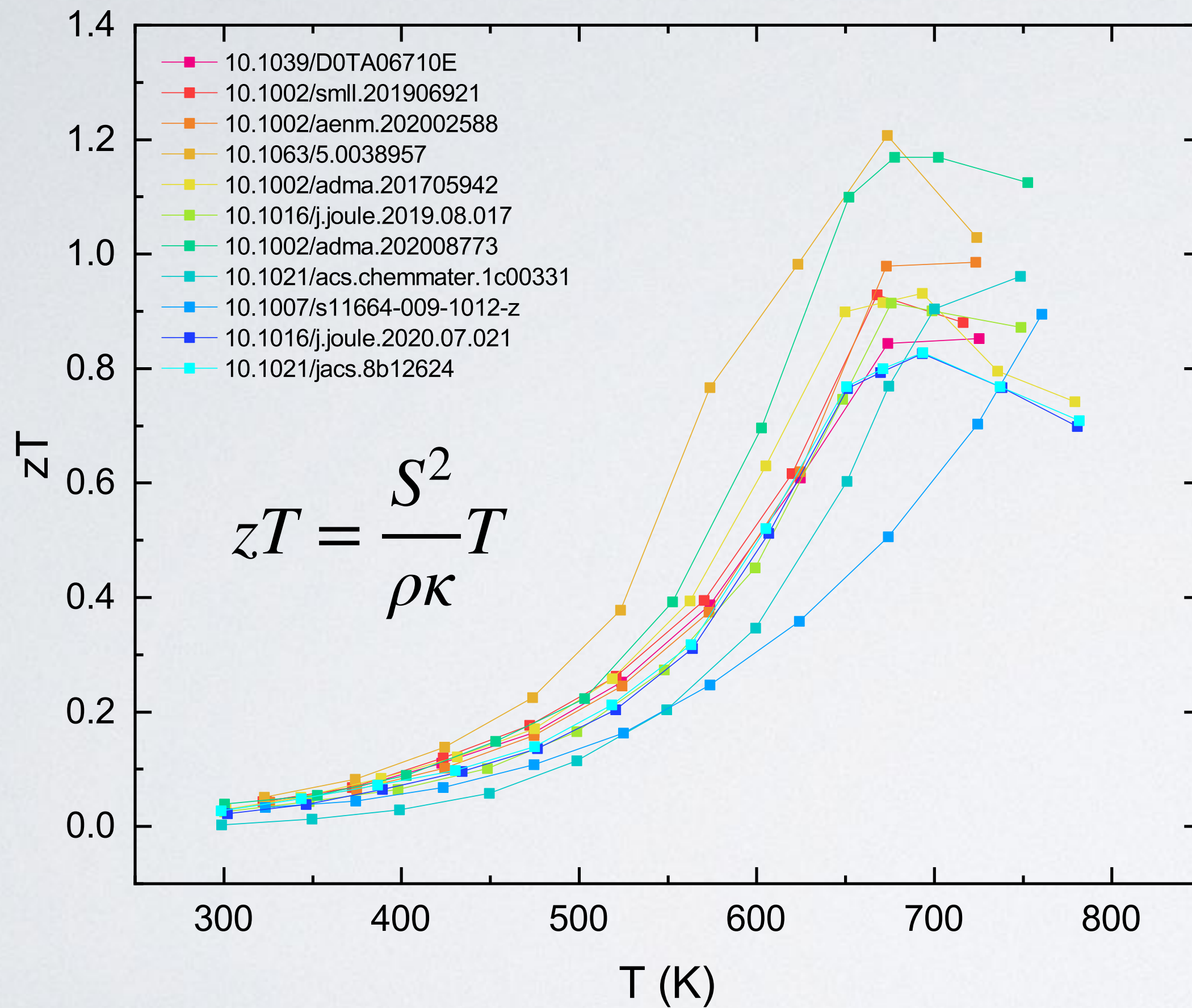
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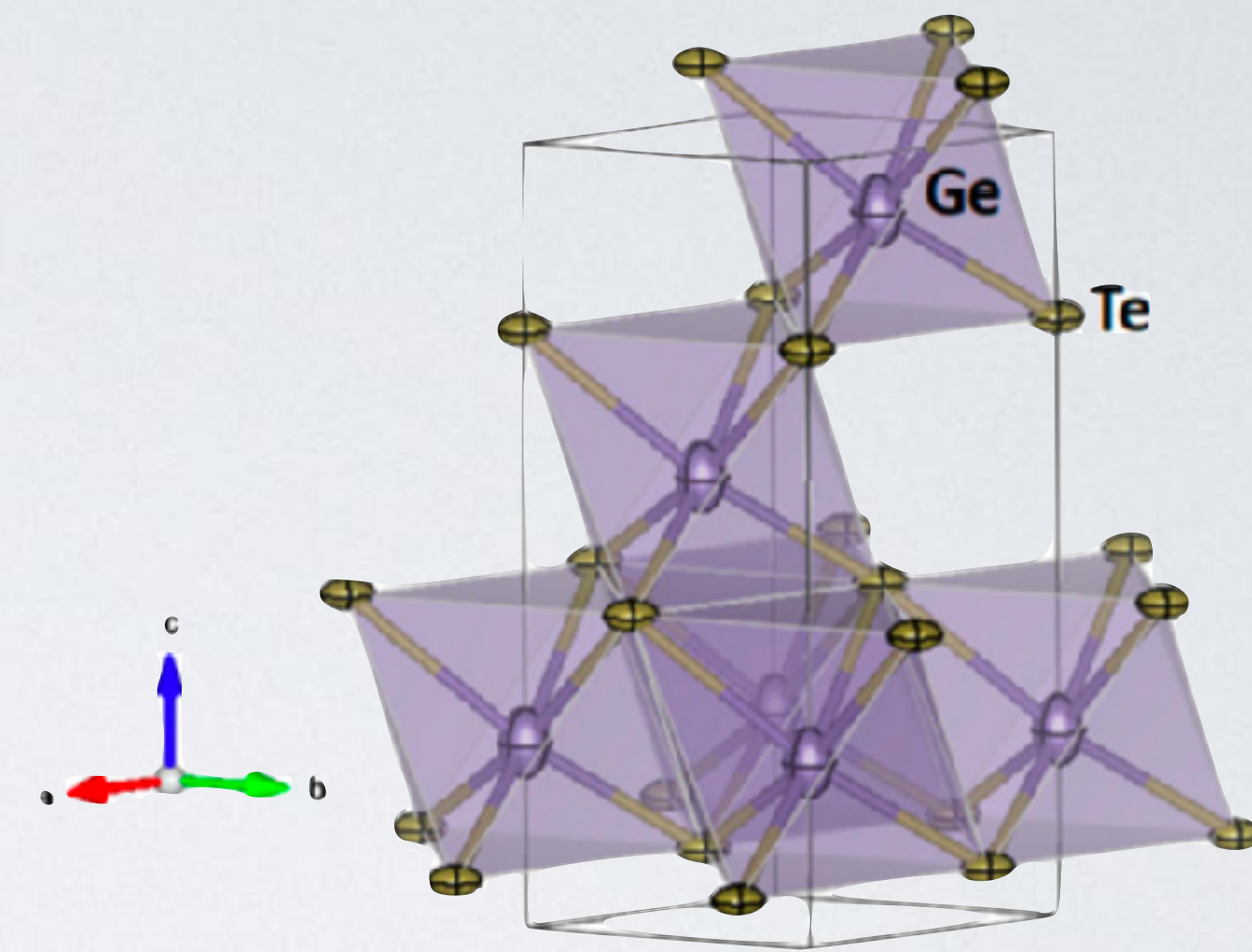
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- Cationic substitution:  $zT \approx [1;2.3]$  at 673 K
- About 60 samples synthesized in the lab

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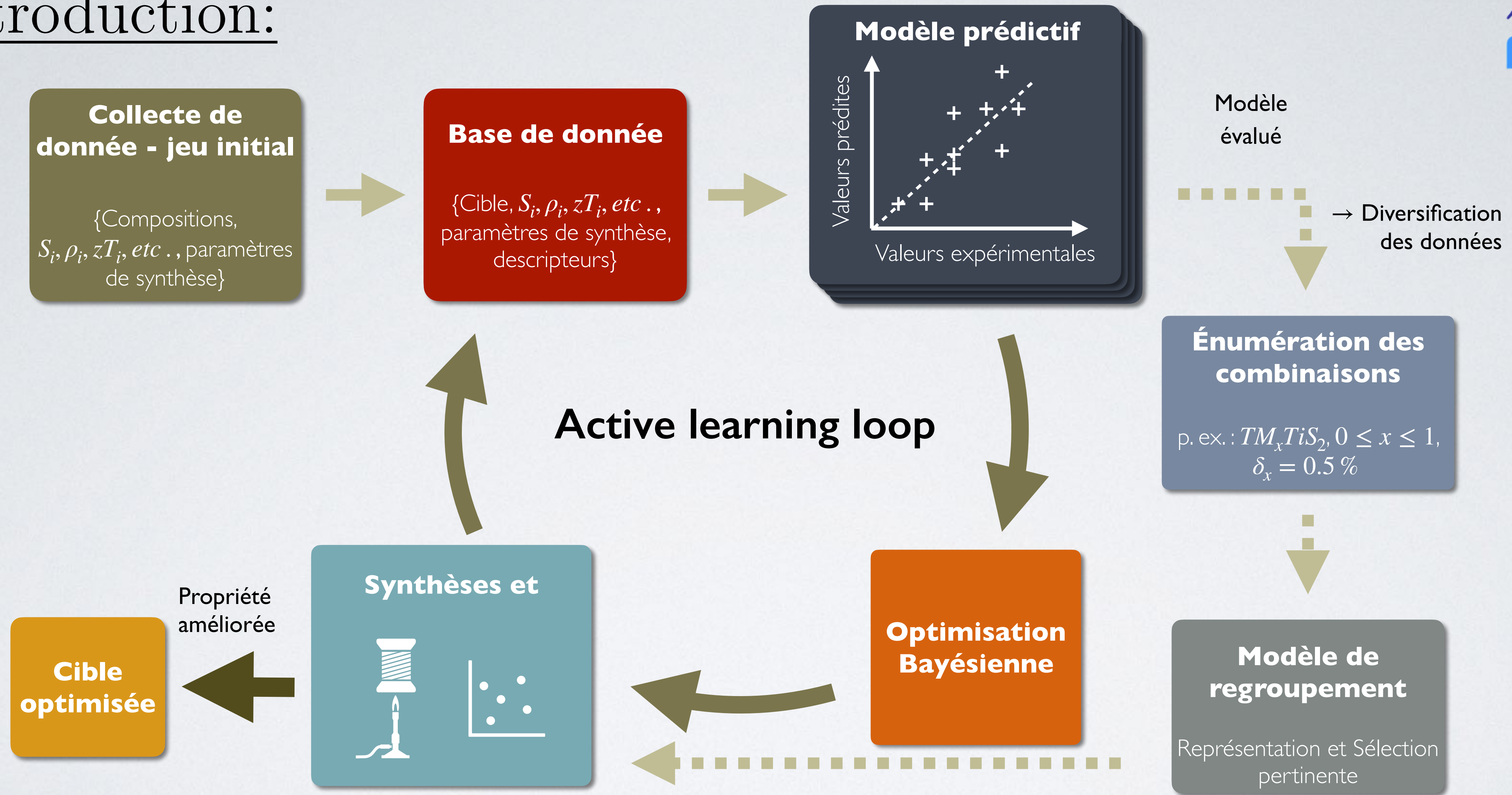
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# Introduction:



# Database overview:



## Highest zTs at 673 K

Composition	% subs.	sigma	S	PF	kappa	zT	B_E mean
		10 <sup>4</sup> S/m	μV/K	10 <sup>-3</sup> W/m/K <sup>2</sup>	W/m/K		μW/cm/K <sup>2</sup>
		673K	673K	673K	673K	673K	
Ge0.94Bi0.06Te	6	5.96	241.40	3.47	1.50	1.58	9.56 [Shuai2019] SI 10
Ge0.88Ga0.02Sb0.1Te	12	5.40	240.88	3.13	1.30	1.62	8.84 [Srinivasan2019]
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Ge0.90Ga0.02Sb0.08Te	10	8.05	216.79	3.78	1.55	1.64	10.00 [Srinivasan2019]
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Ge0.93Y0.02Bi0.05Te	7	4.50	261.14	3.07	1.23	1.67	9.61 [Gao2021] 10.106
Ge0.85Sn0.05Sb0.1Te	15	8.05	209.17	3.47	1.36	1.69	9.03 [Hong2021] 10.10
Ge0.895Sb0.1In0.005Te	10.5	4.84	237.02	3.02	1.23	1.74	8.35 [Hong2018] 10.10
Ge0.935In0.005Bi0.06Te	6.5	14.99	184.30	5.12	1.97	1.74	12.00 [Perumal2019] 10
Ge0.94Bi0.06Te	6	7.30	234.66	3.97	1.52	1.78	10.42 [Xing2021] 10.100
Ge0.88Zn0.02Sb0.1Te	12	6.34	236.16	3.63	1.24	1.84	10.13 [Hong2019] 10.10
Ge0.92Mg0.02Bi0.06Te	8	11.55	200.10	4.65	1.68	1.84	12.02 [Xing2021] 10.100
Ge0.888Sb0.1In0.012Te	11.2	4.34	267.96	3.24	1.04	1.88	10.34 [Hong2018] 10.10
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Ge0.9Mg0.04Bi0.06Te	10	9.90	236.12	5.34	1.52	2.34	14.32 [Xing2021] 10.100
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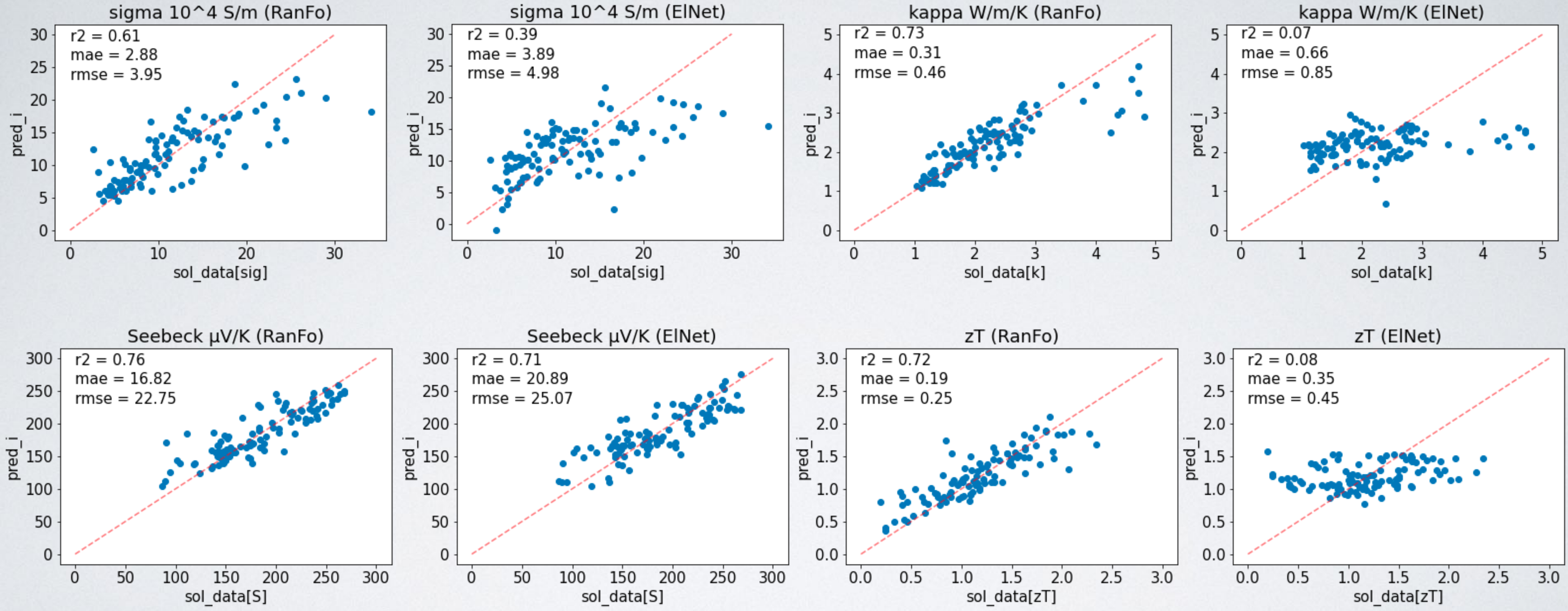
## Frame:

- Only experimental data
- Only densified samples
- Only at 673 K
- Only unique composition

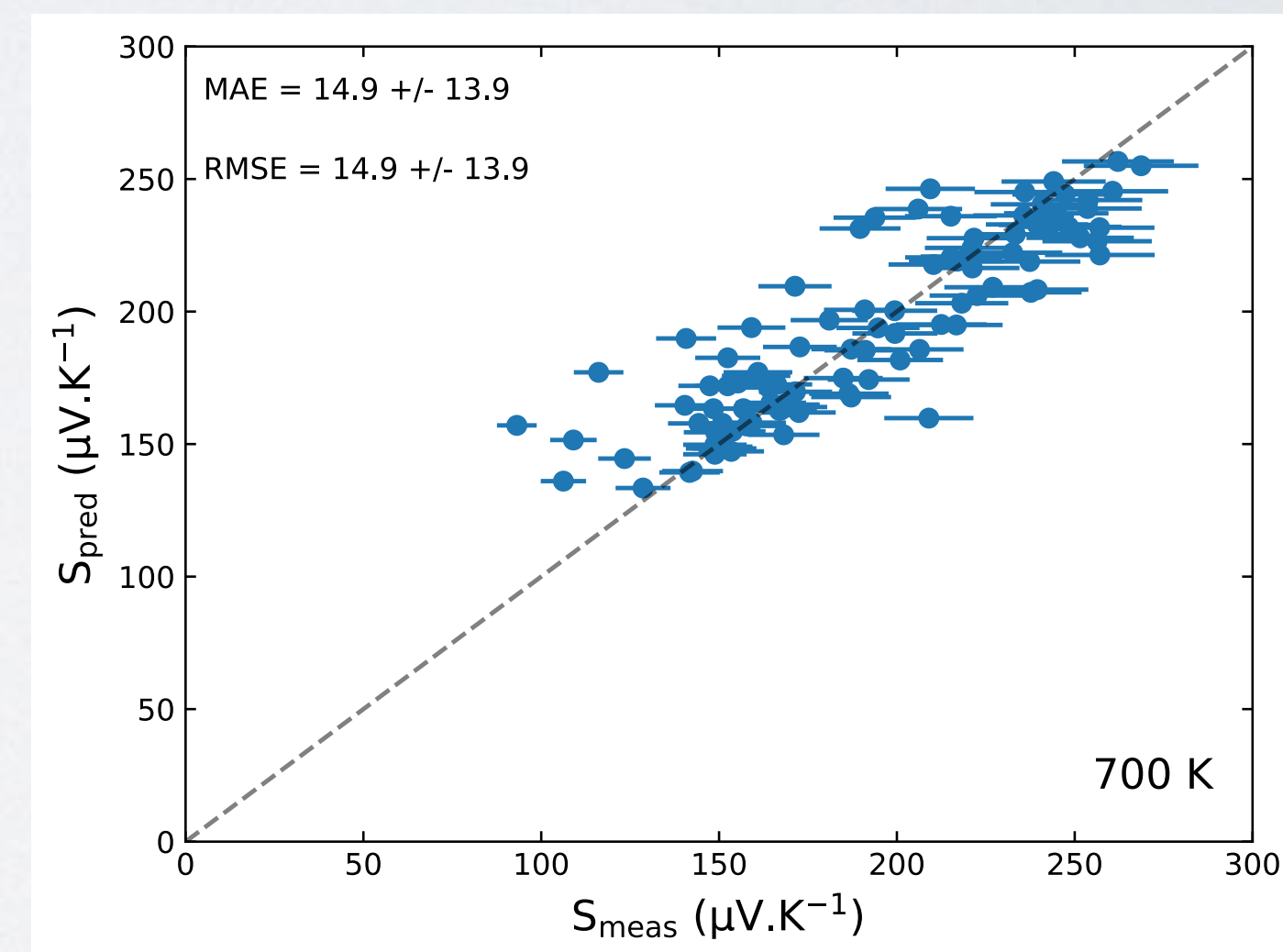
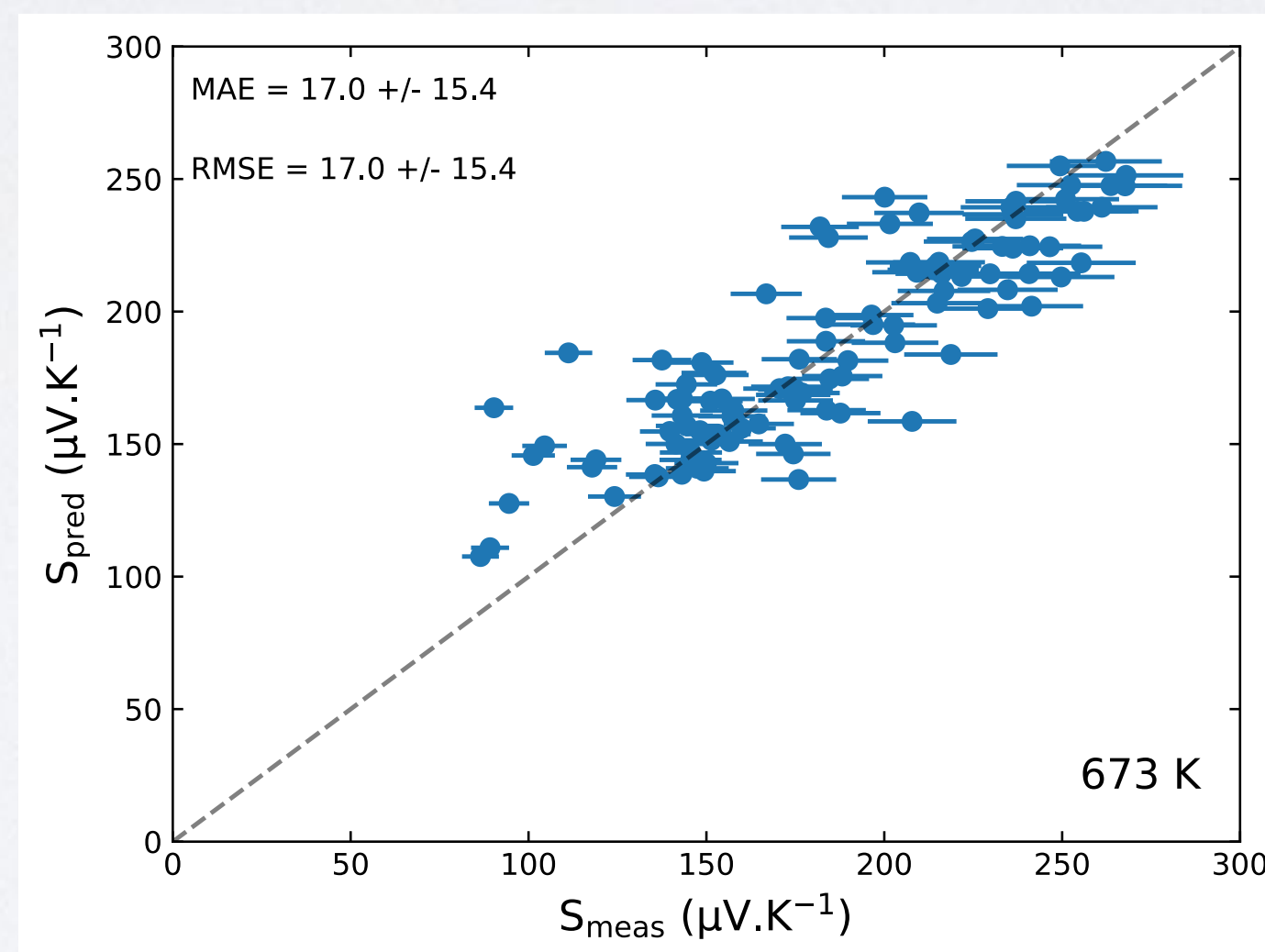
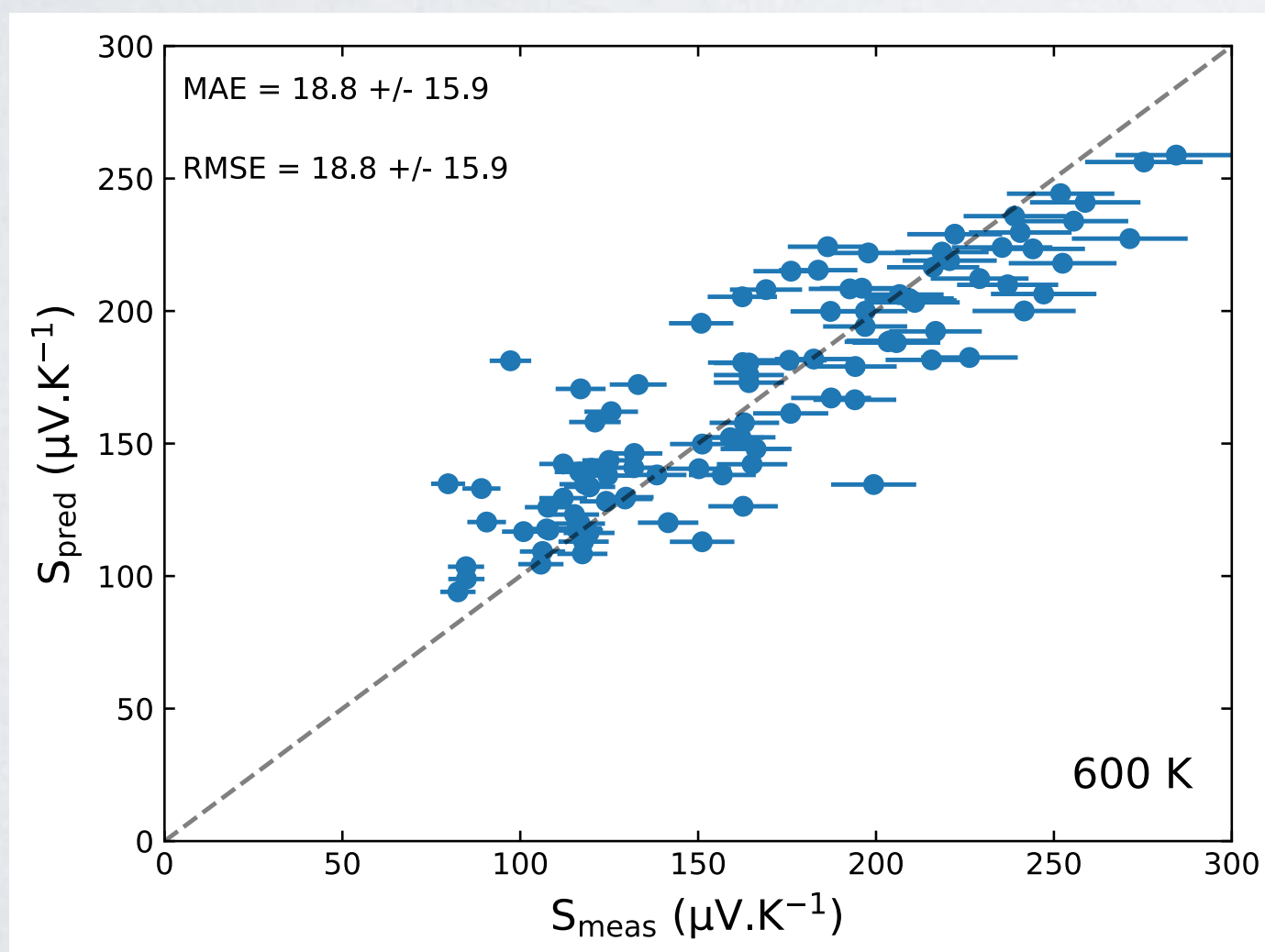
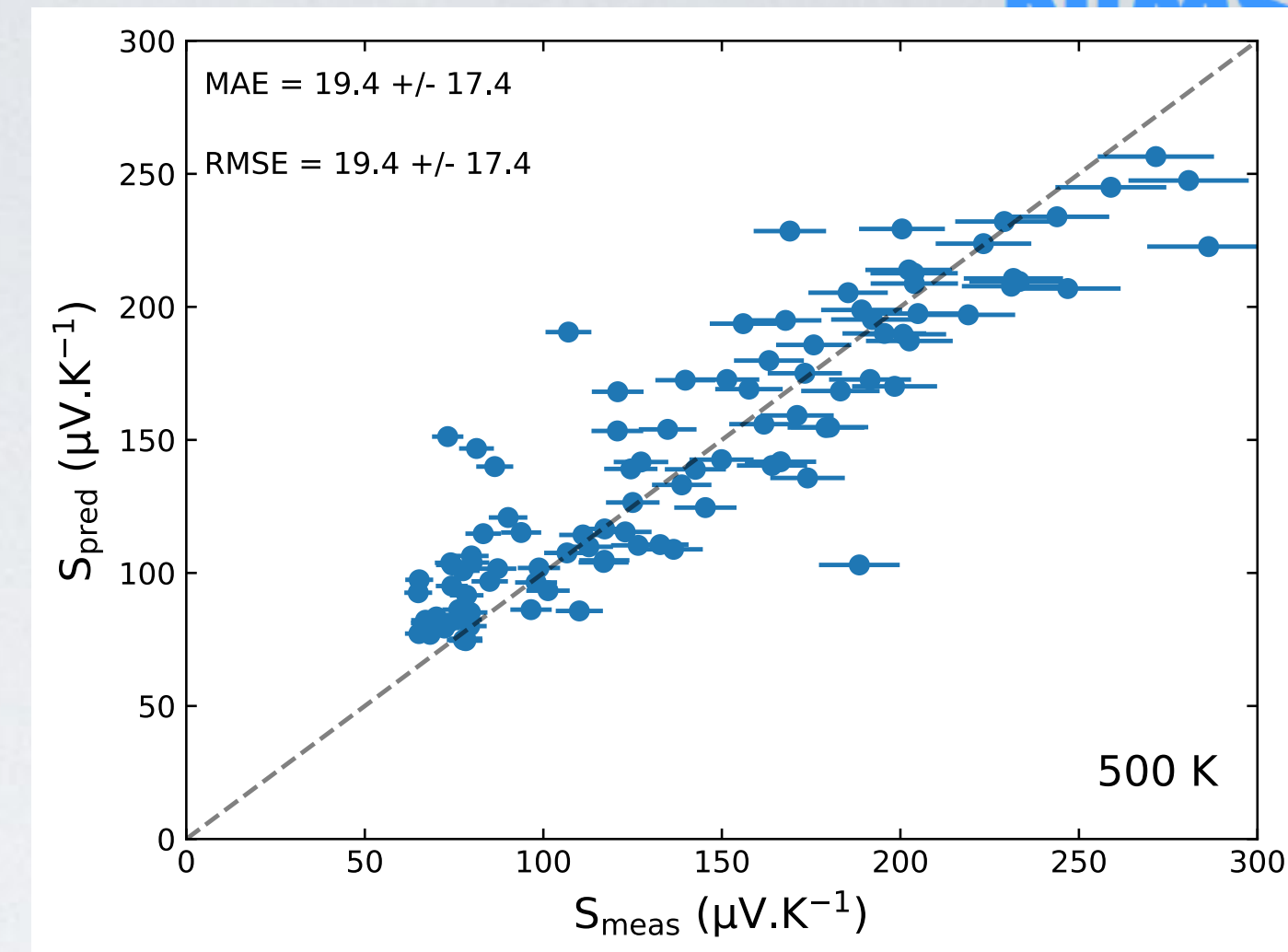
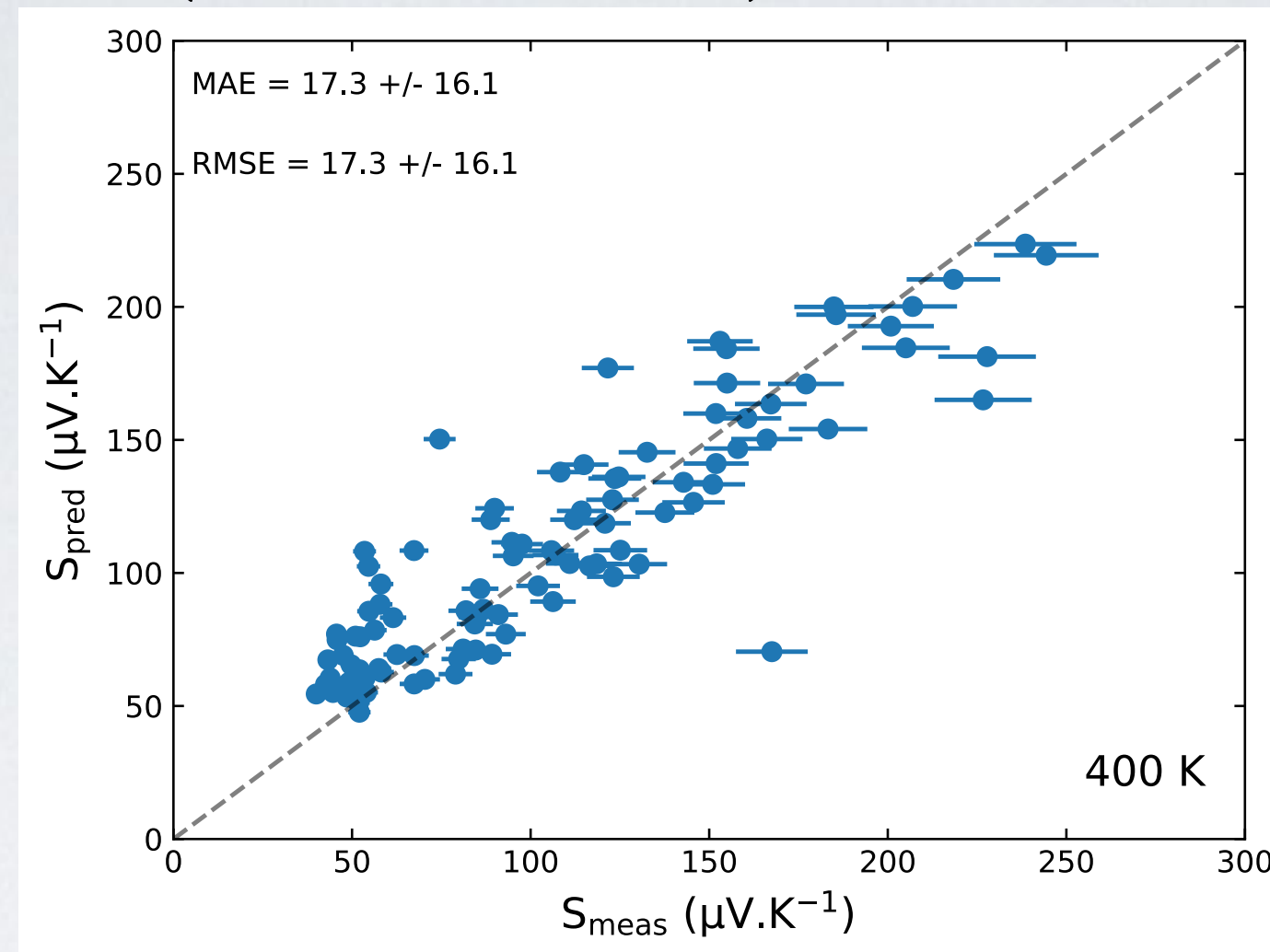
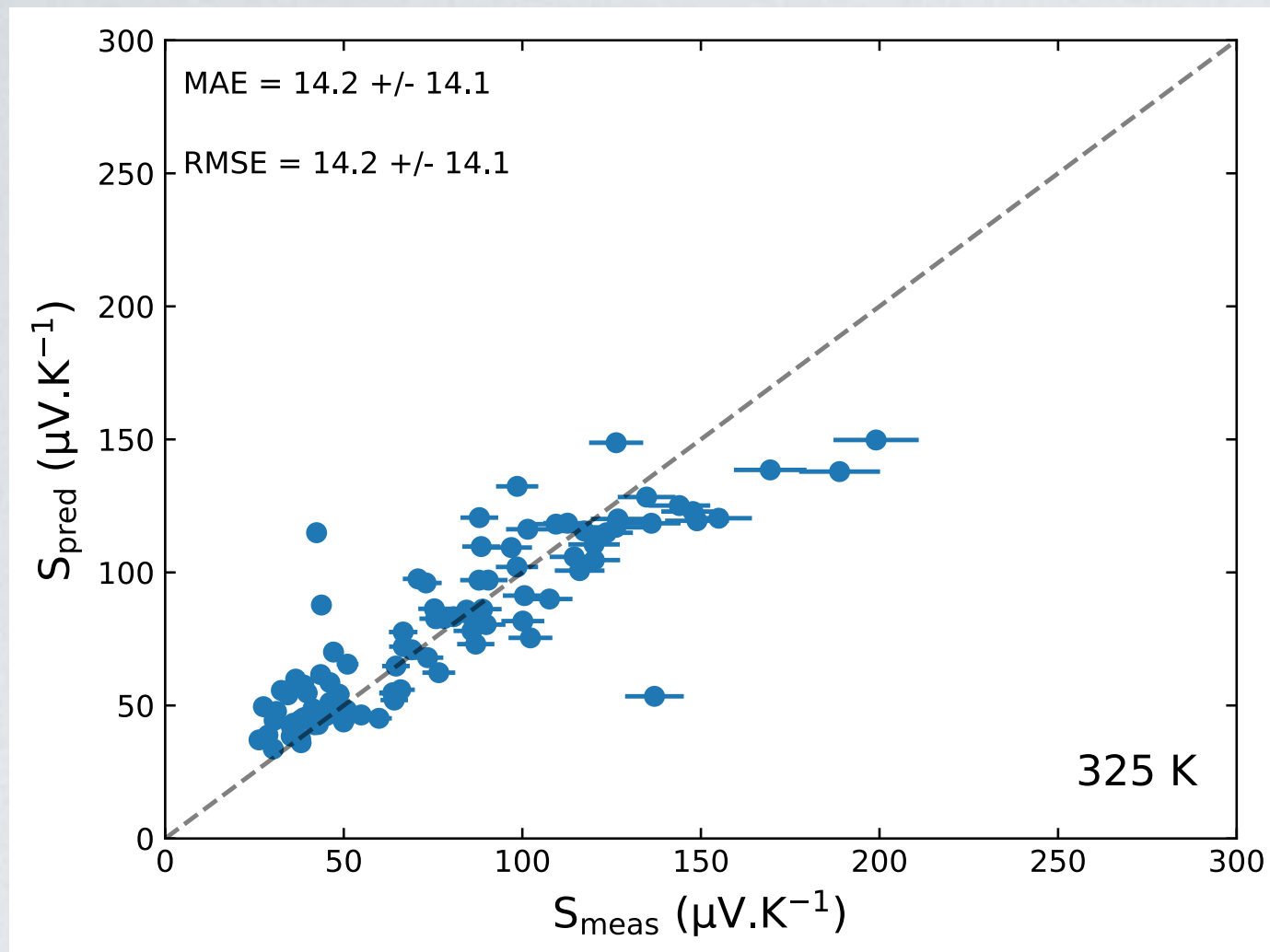
## First lesson:

- Mainly codoping
- Relatively heavy doping
- Either Sb or Bi —> bias

# Models comparison:



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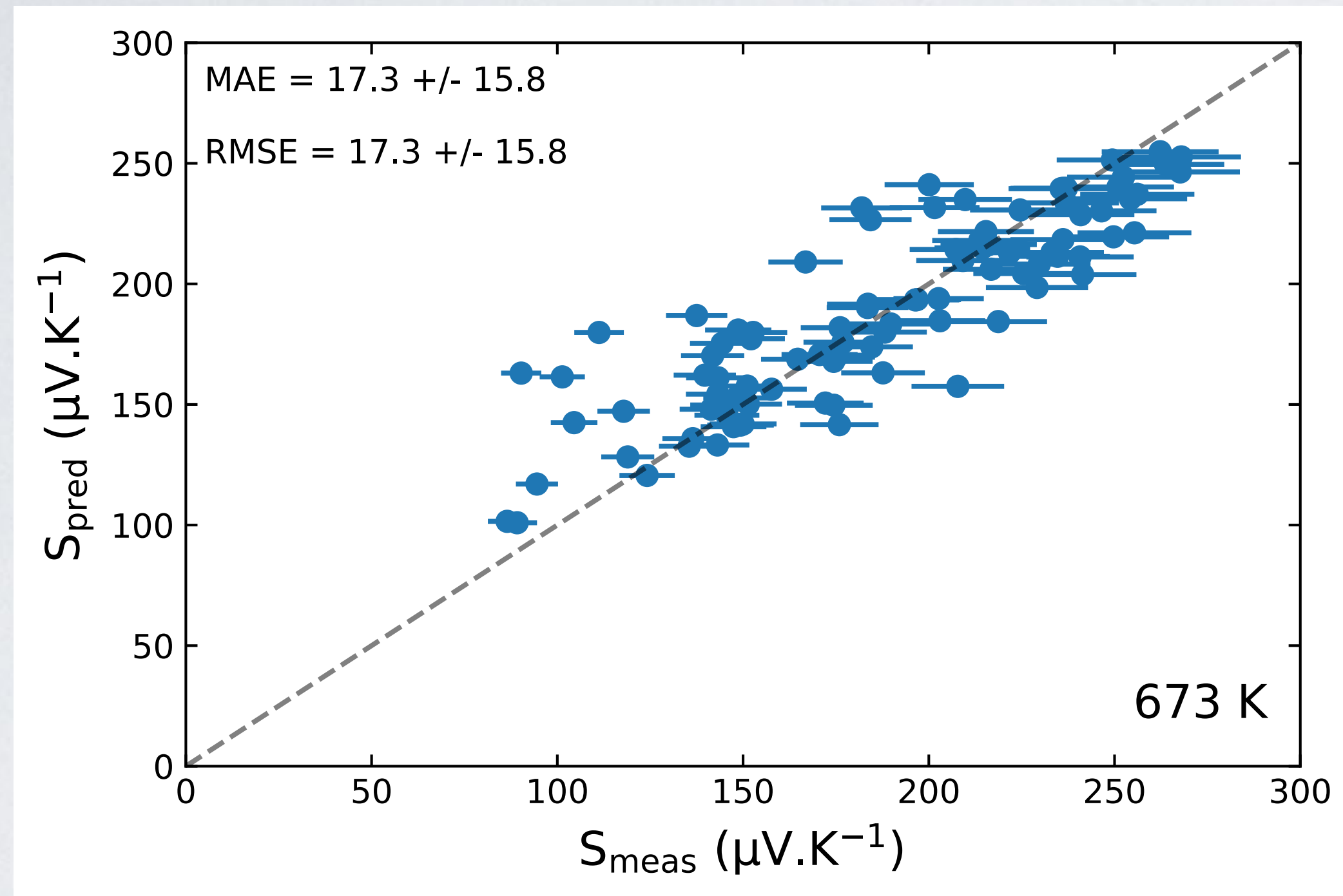


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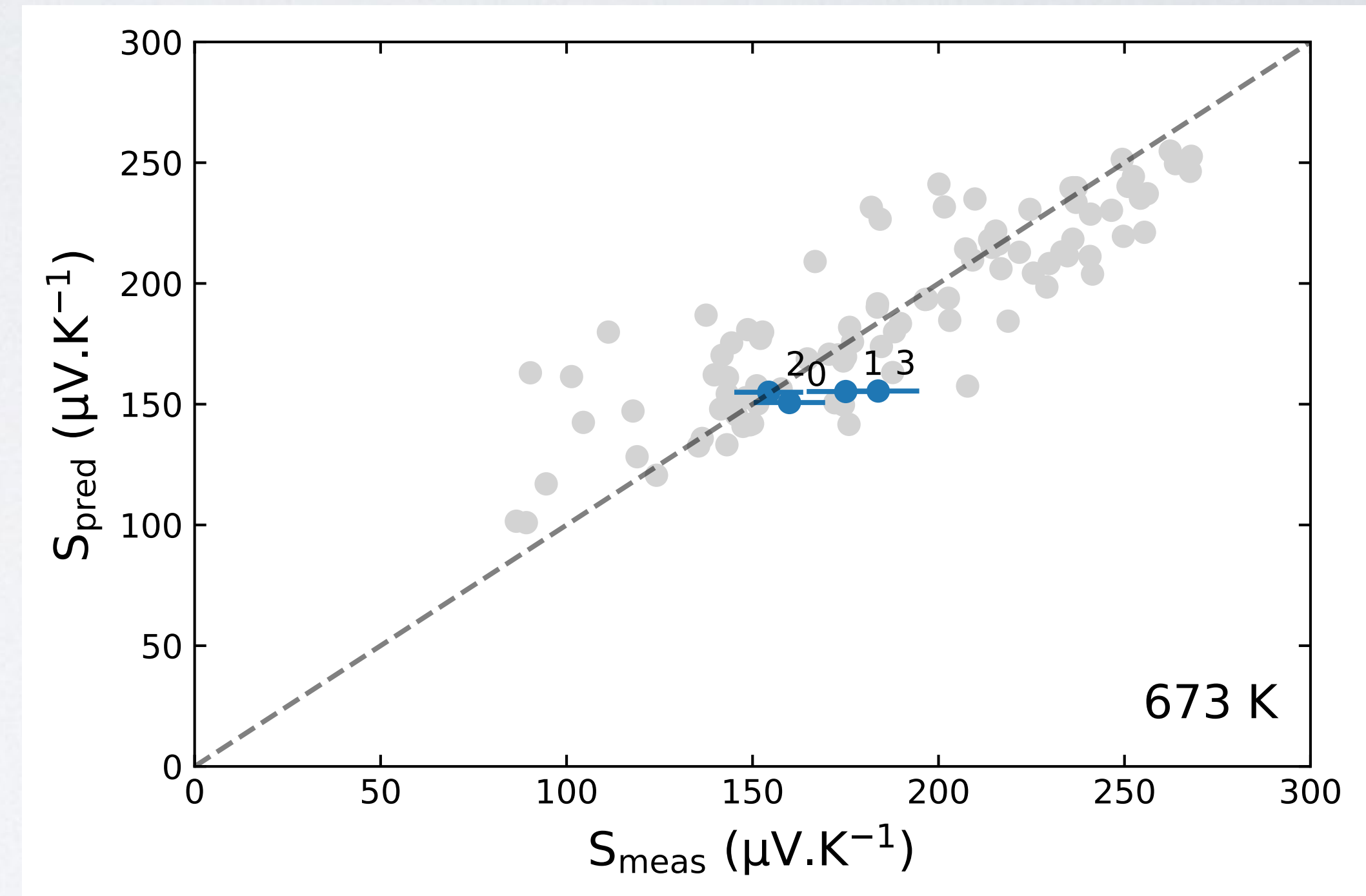


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Training



Prediction on  $\text{Ge}_{1-x-y}\text{In}_x\text{Sb}_y\text{Te}$



—> Requires improvement

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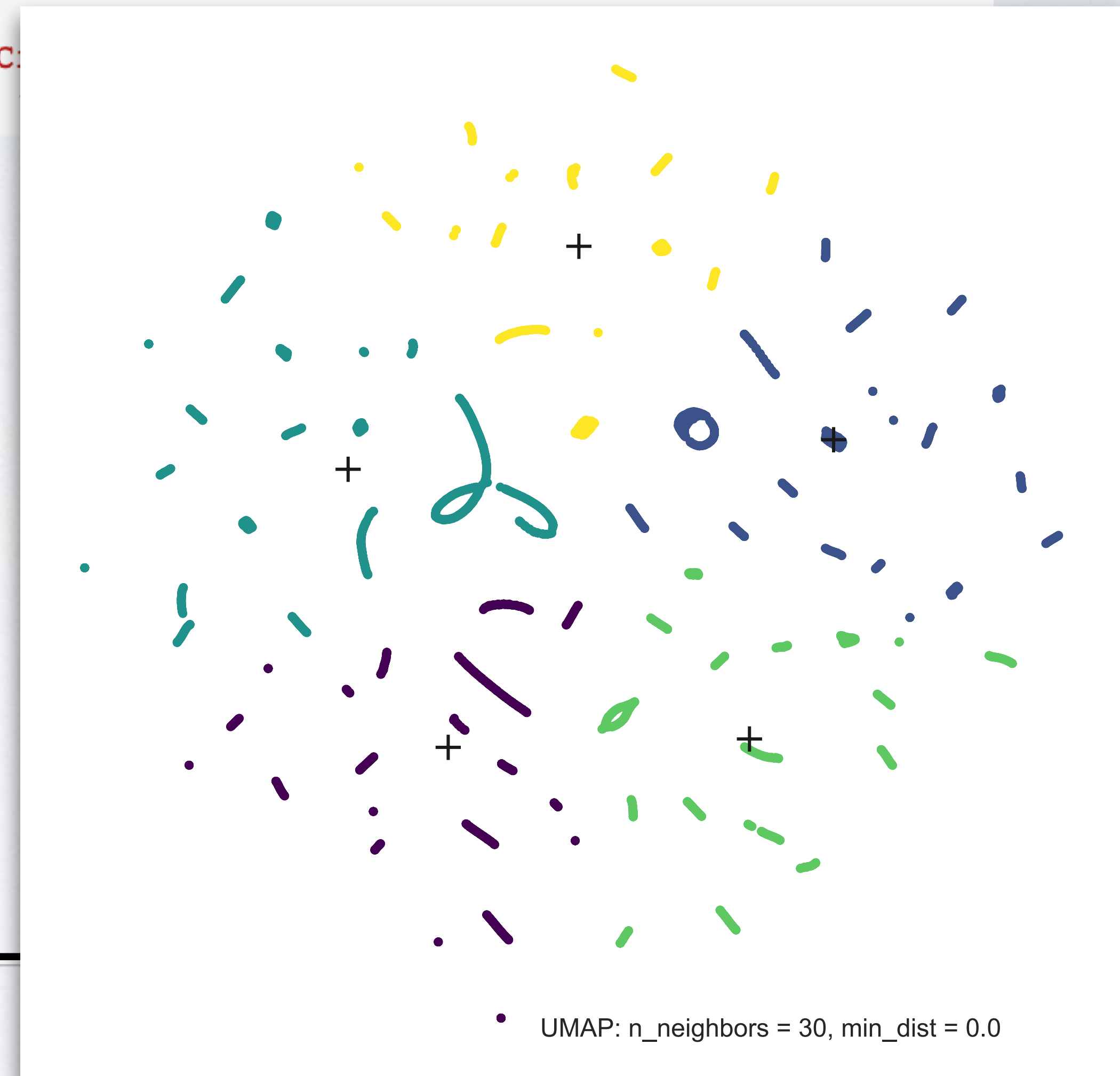
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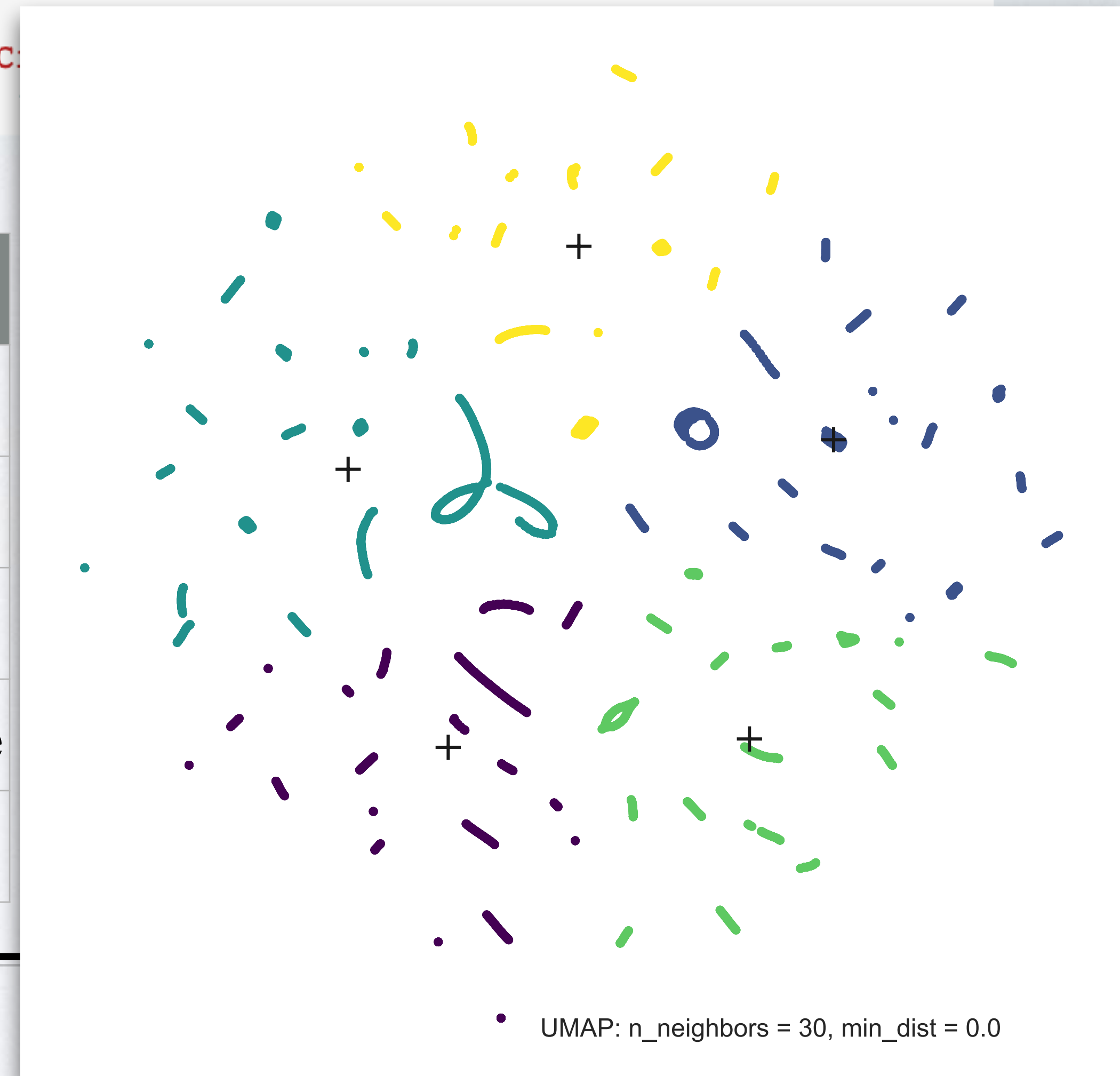
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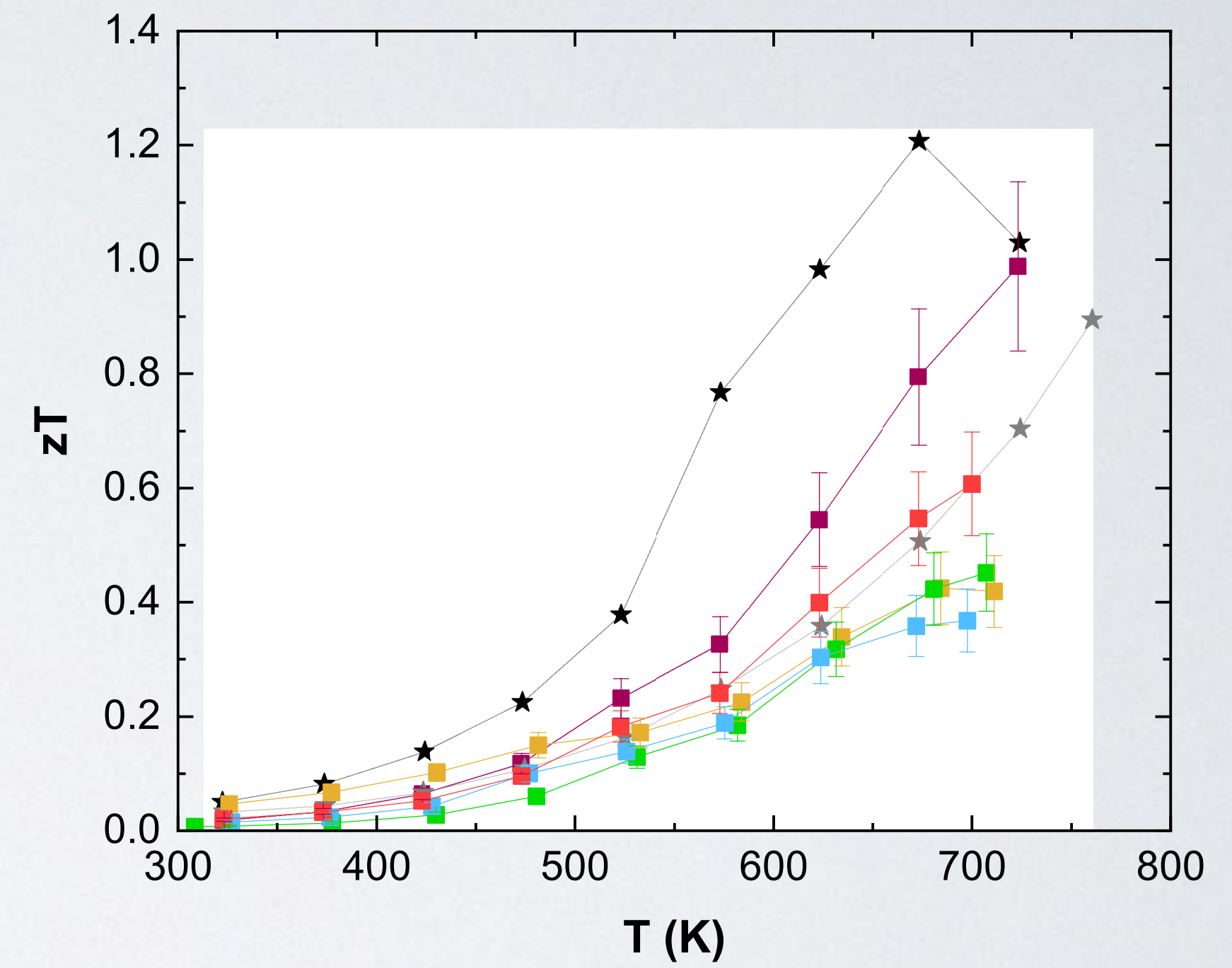
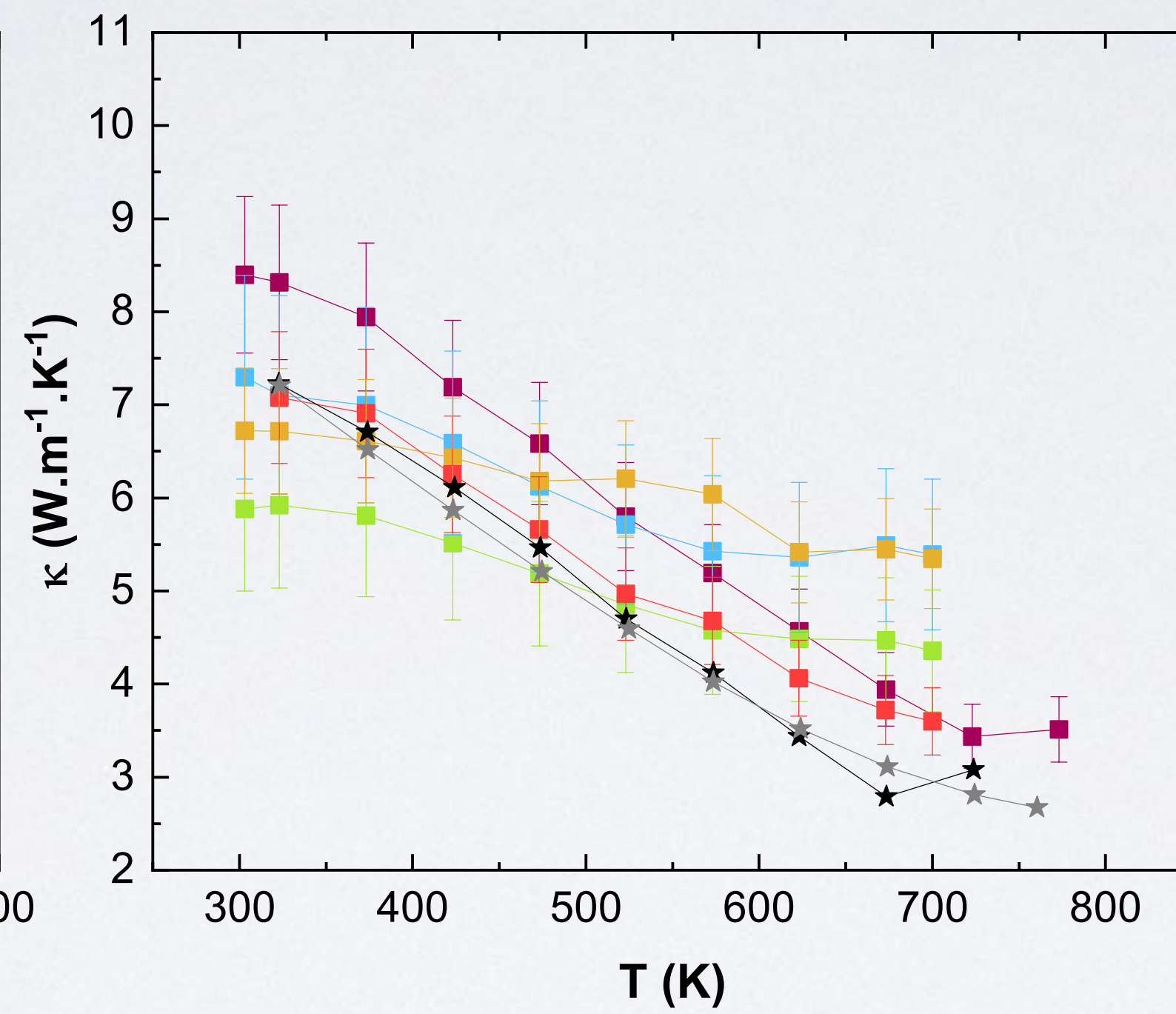
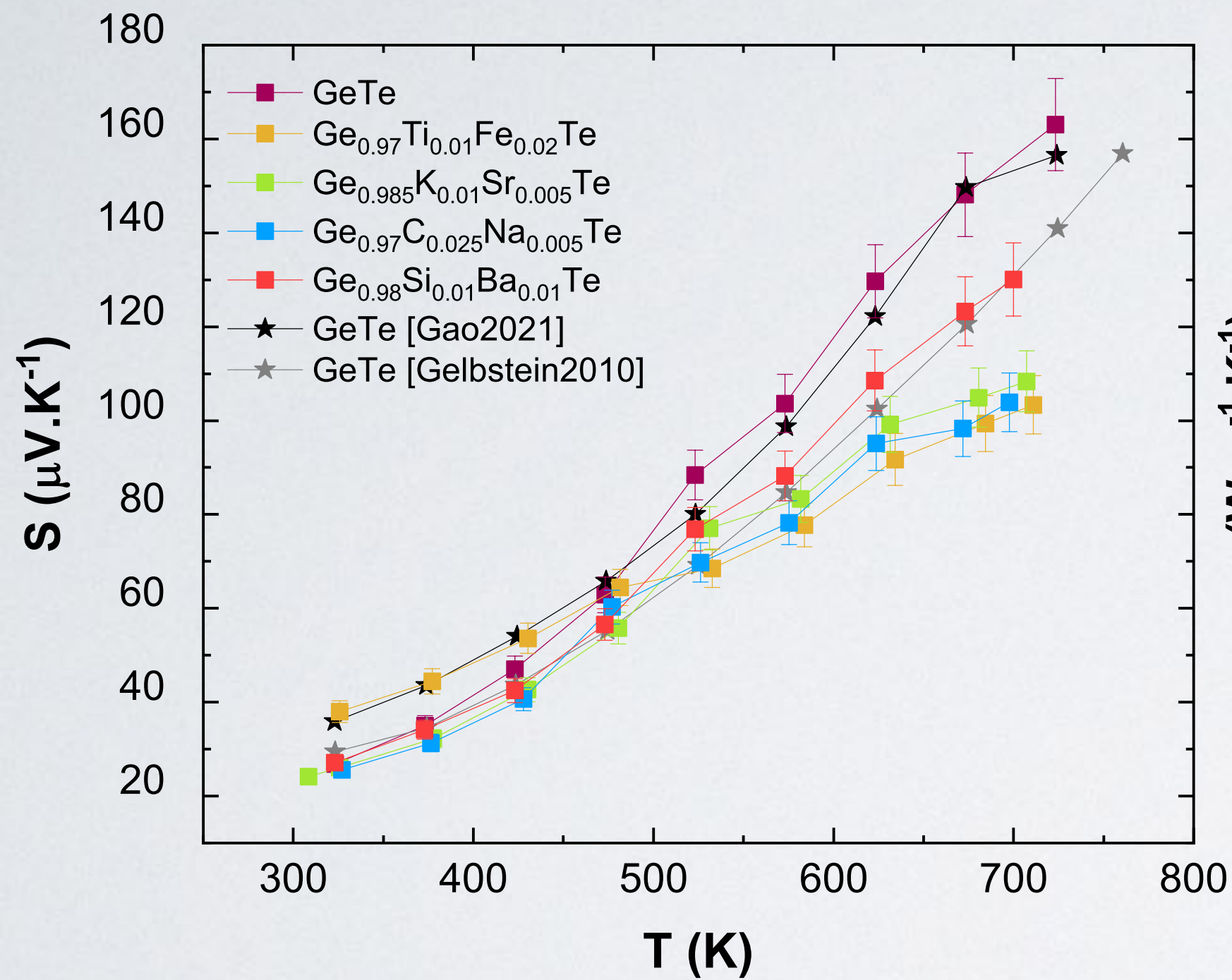
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	Centroids
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✓	$\text{Ge}_{0.98}\text{Si}_{0.01}\text{Ba}_{0.01}\text{Te}$
	$\text{Ge}_{0.985}\text{Ba}_{0.005}\text{Mg}_{0.01}\text{Te}$
✓	$\text{Ge}_{0.985}\text{K}_{0.01}\text{Sr}_{0.005}\text{Te}$



# First measurements:



## Conclusions and perspective:

- Random Forest with *matminer* descriptors are selected.  
Model seems relatively good —> need relevant feedback
  - Datasets at all T —> prediction of S(T)
  - Chemical compositions propositions —> pursue the syntheses
  - Characterizations in progress —> New data
- > Analyzing the descriptors - property correlations
  - > Ending the first loop including Bayesian optimization
  - > Application to  $\rho, \kappa, PF, zT$
  - > GeTe pristine, SnTe doped,



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