

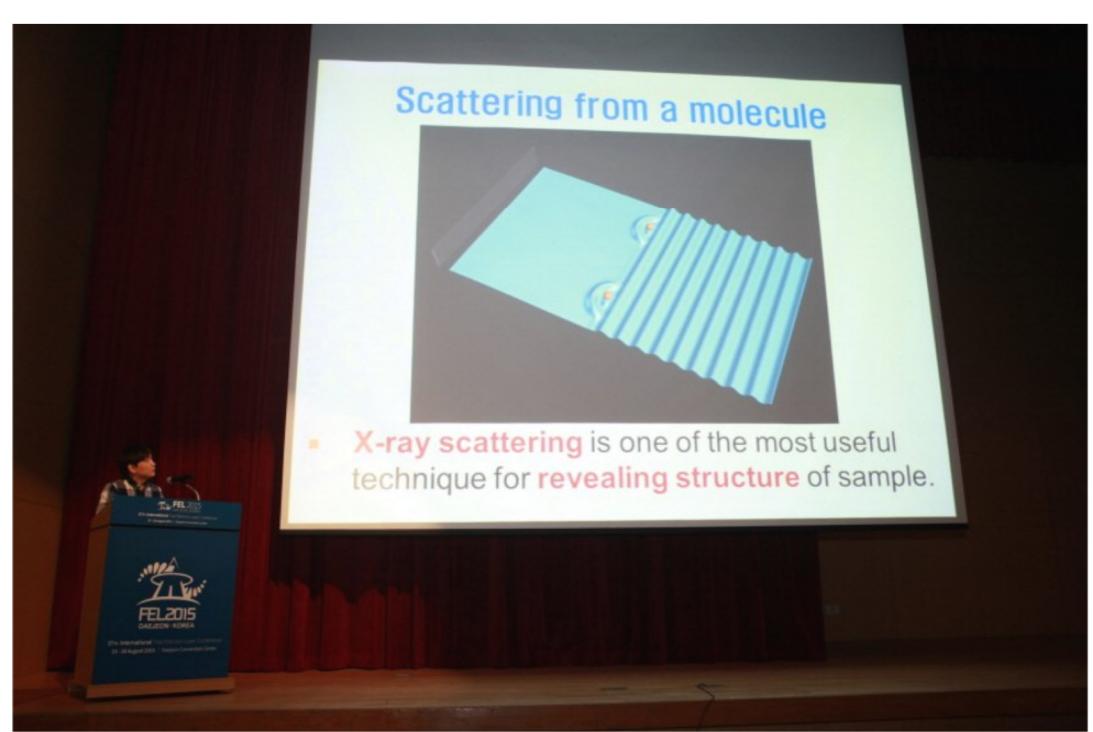
The 39th Free Electron Laser Conference (FEL19)

# **Searching for the Hypothesized Liquid-Liquid Critical Point in Supercooled Water with X-ray Free Electron Laser**

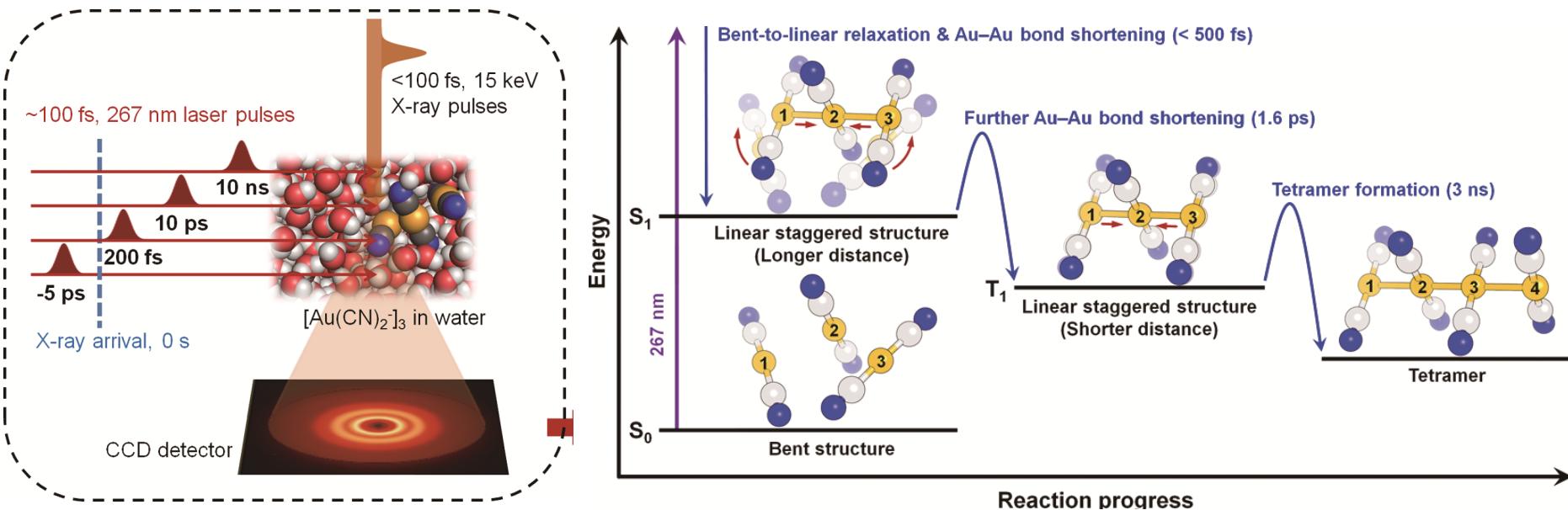
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# Direct observation of bond formation in solution



- Laser induced Au–Au bond formation.
- The first direct observation of bond-making process in solution by utilizing **ultrashort X-ray pulses**.

K. H. Kim *et al.*, *Nature*, **518**, 385 (2015).  
Measurements done at **SACLA**

# PAL-XFEL



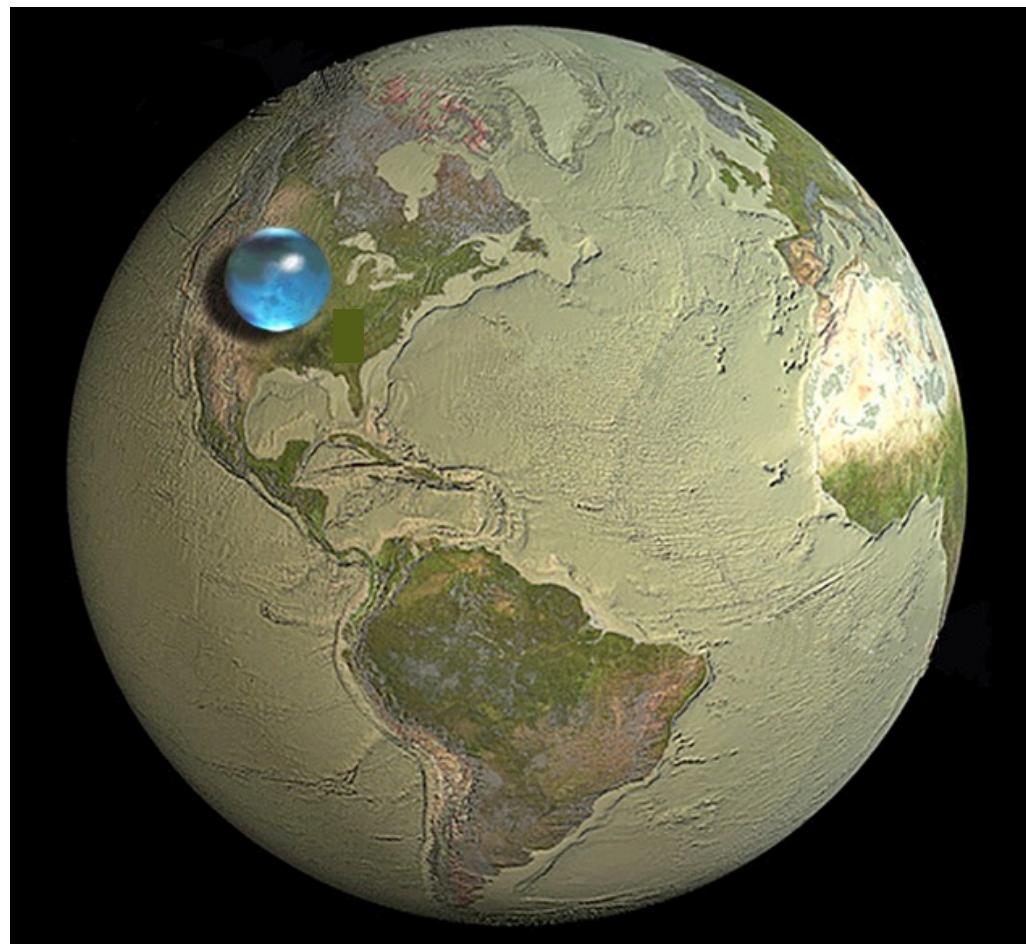
# Beamtime at PAL-XFEL



- **The first user experiment at PAL-XFEL (2017. 6)**
- The first paper based on the user experiment.  
*K. H. Kim and A. Späh et al. Science, 358, 1589-1593 (2017).*
- Three more beamtime experiments afterwards.  
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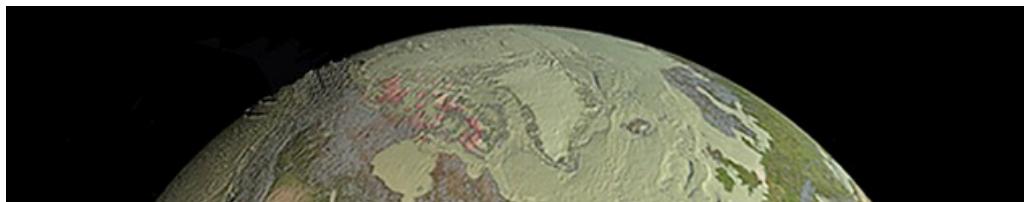
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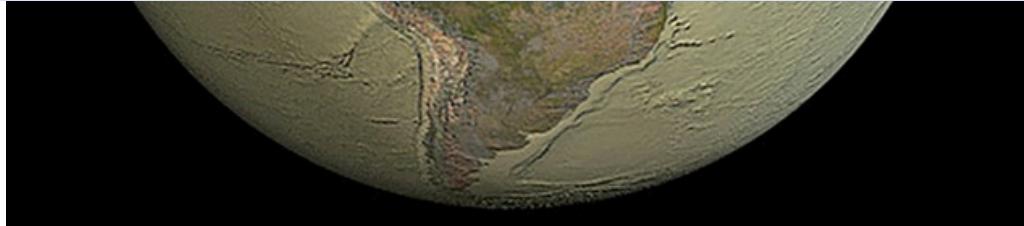
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**Do we understand  
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**No!**



# Anomalous Properties of Water



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- Water has numerous physical and chemical properties which are **very different from other liquids.**

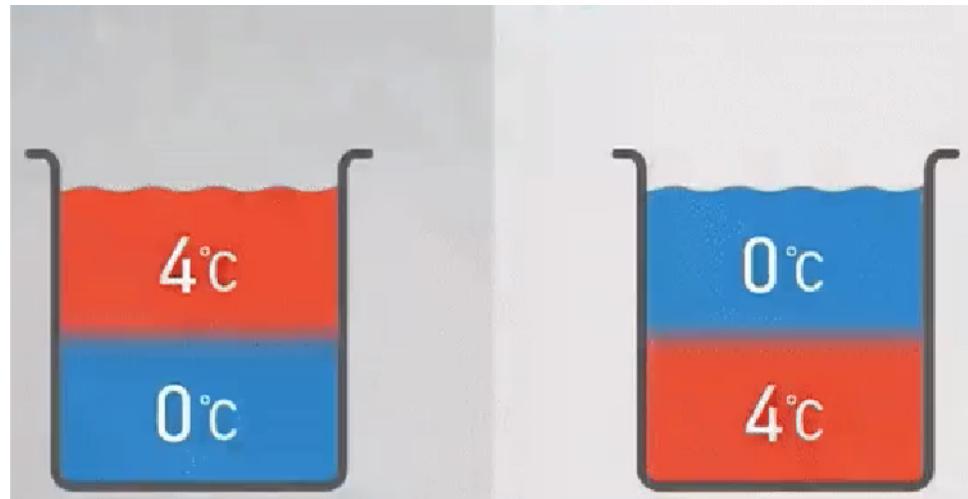
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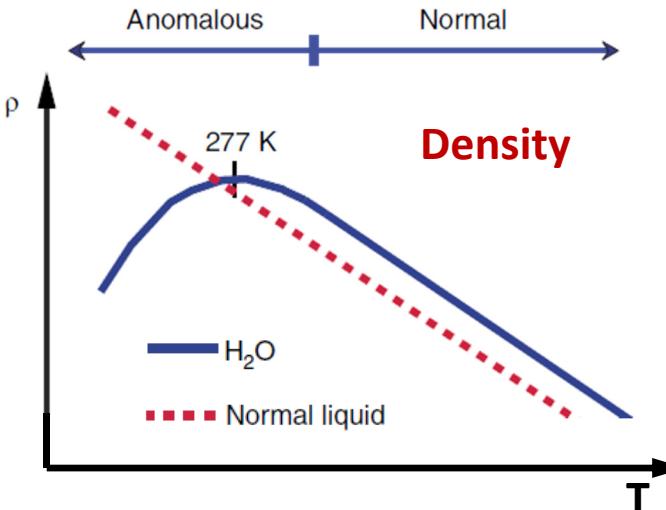
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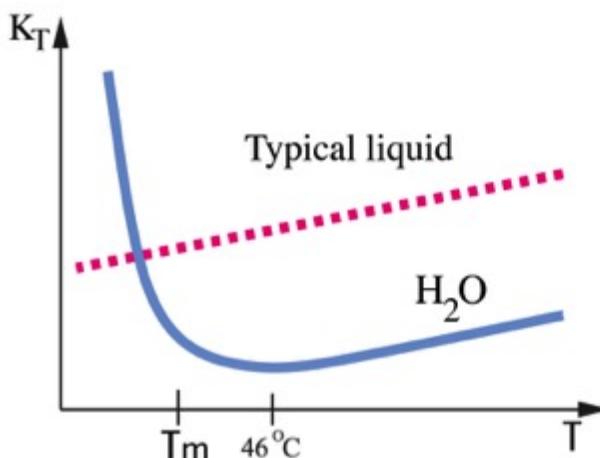
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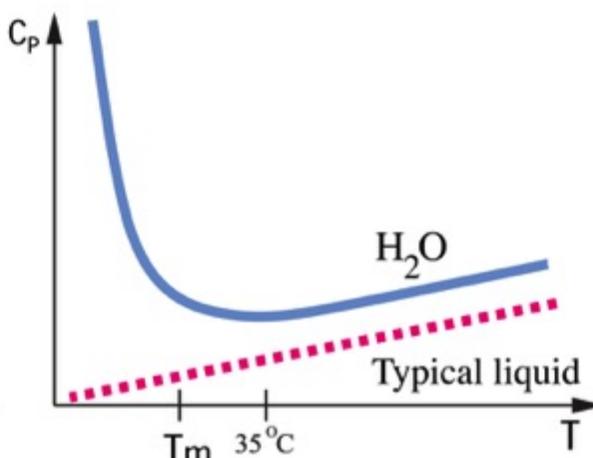
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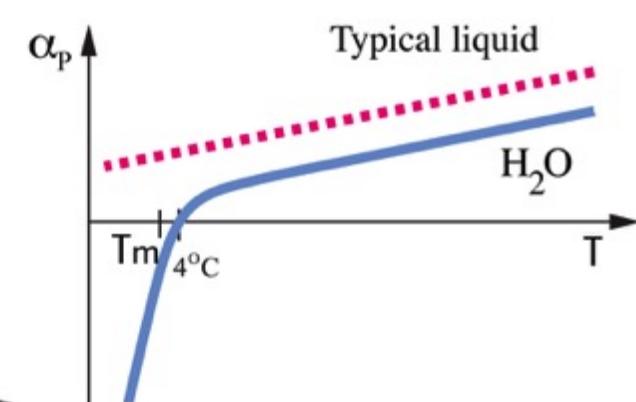
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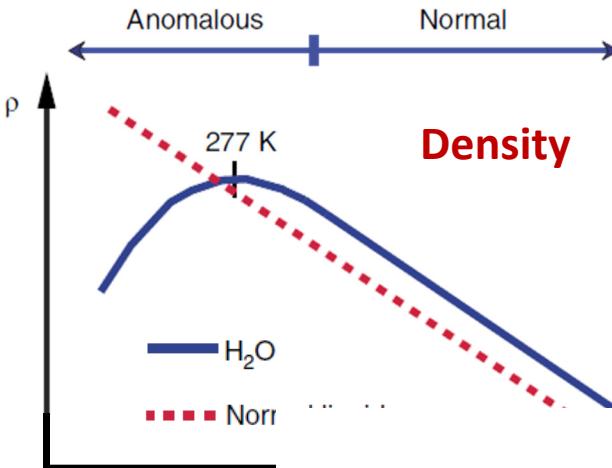


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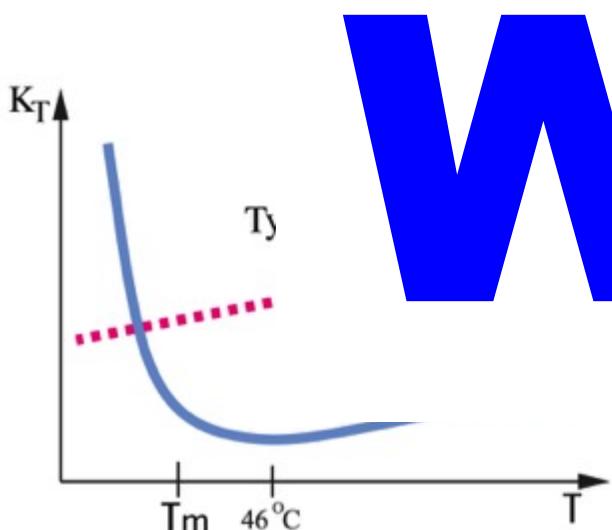


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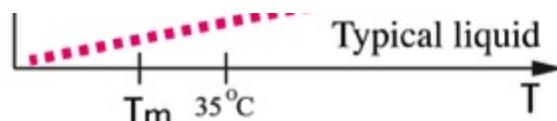


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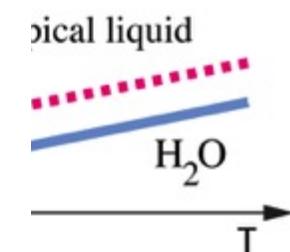


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# Why?



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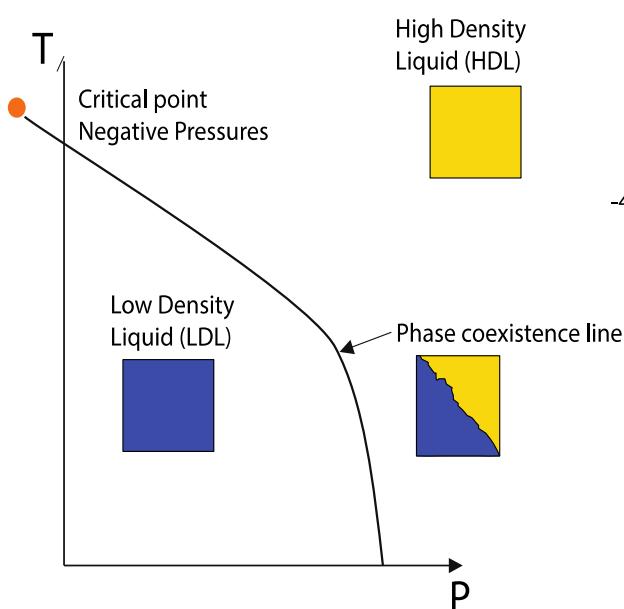
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# Origin of the Anomalous properties

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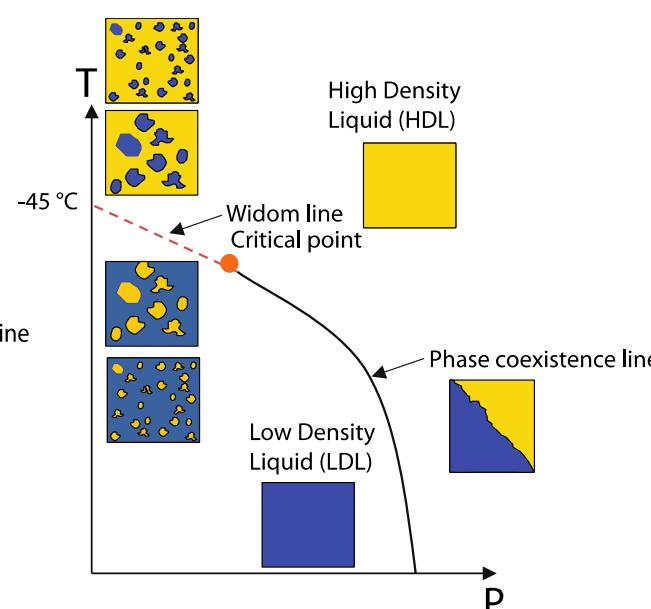
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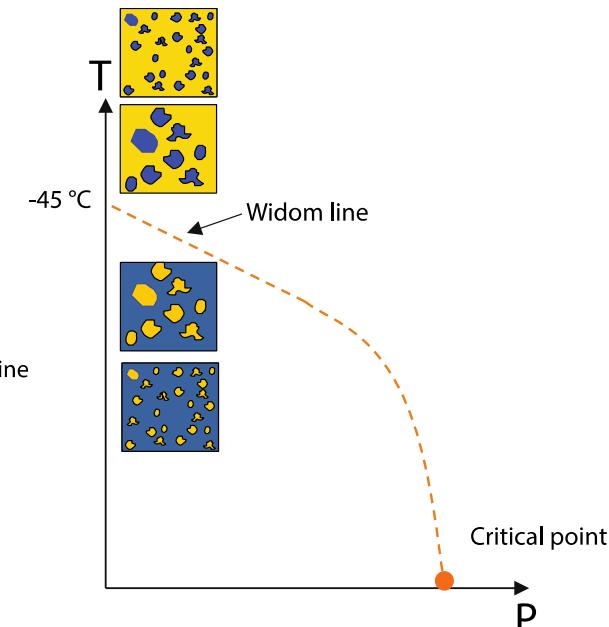
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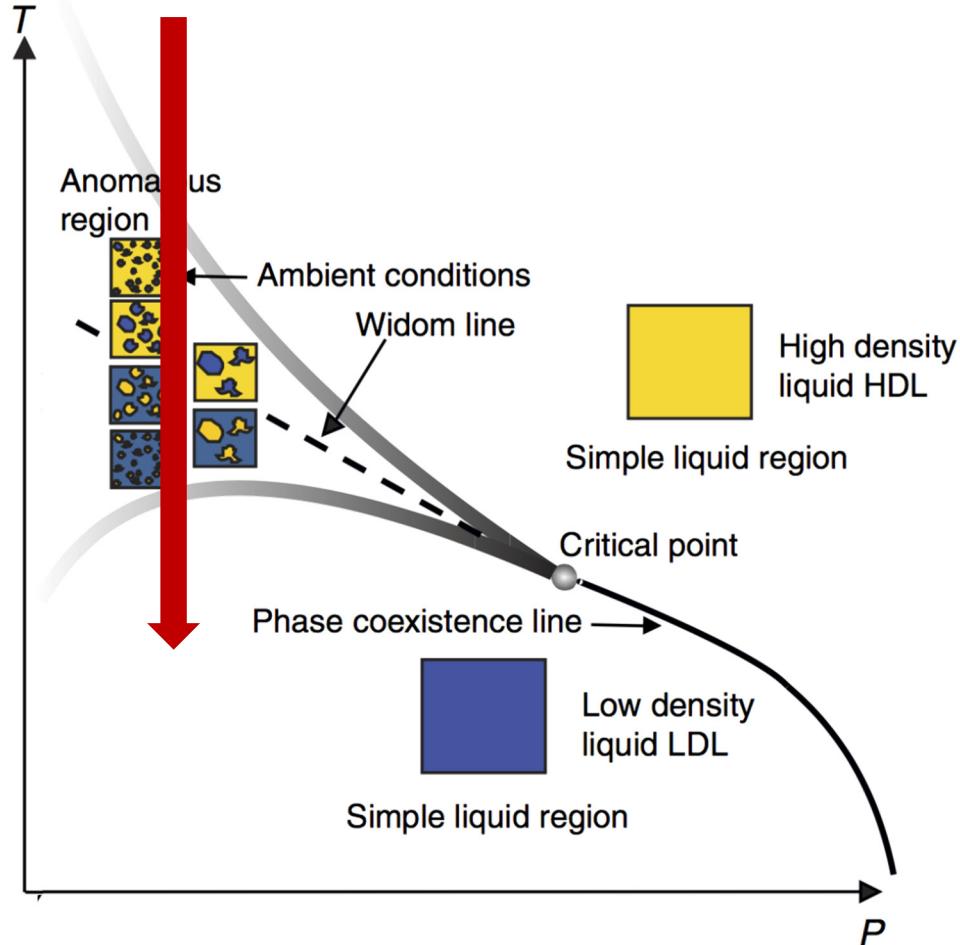
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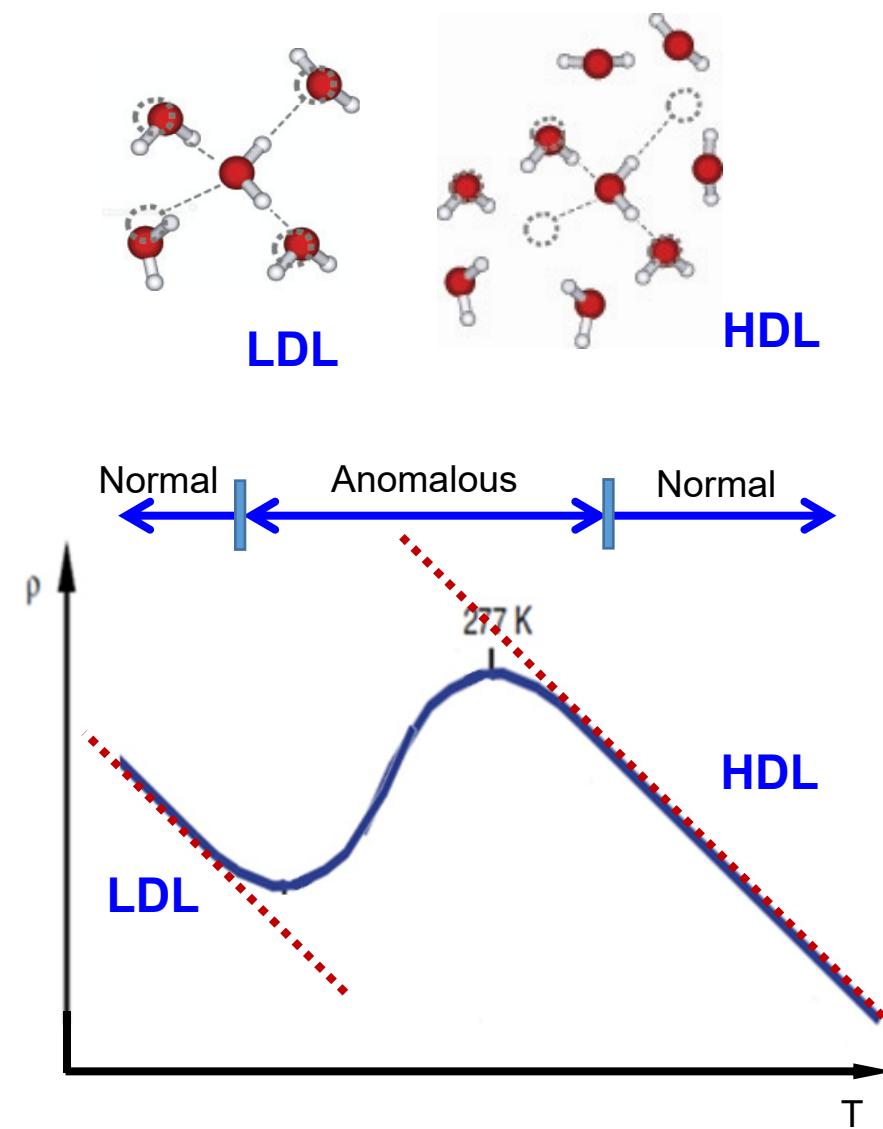
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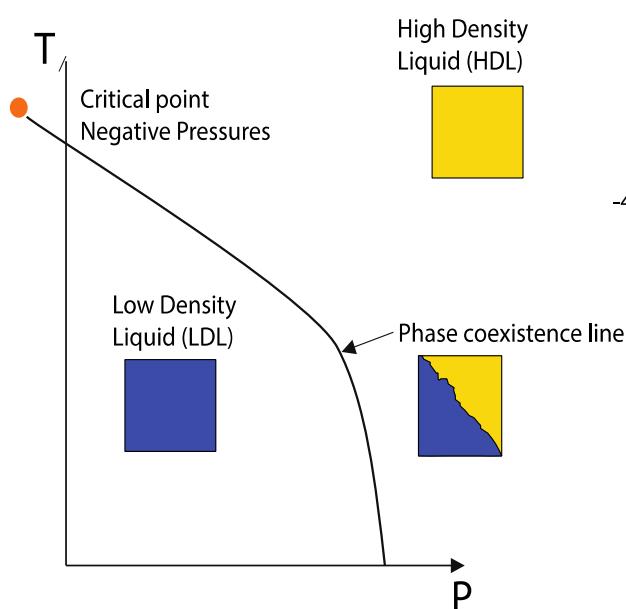


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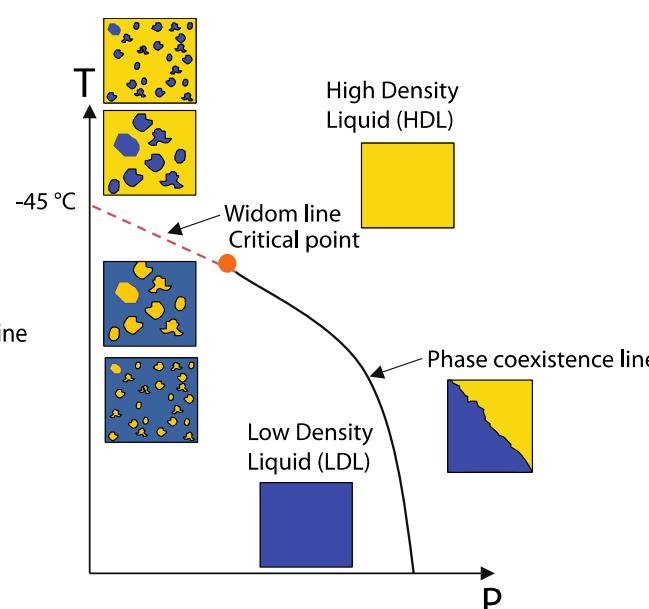
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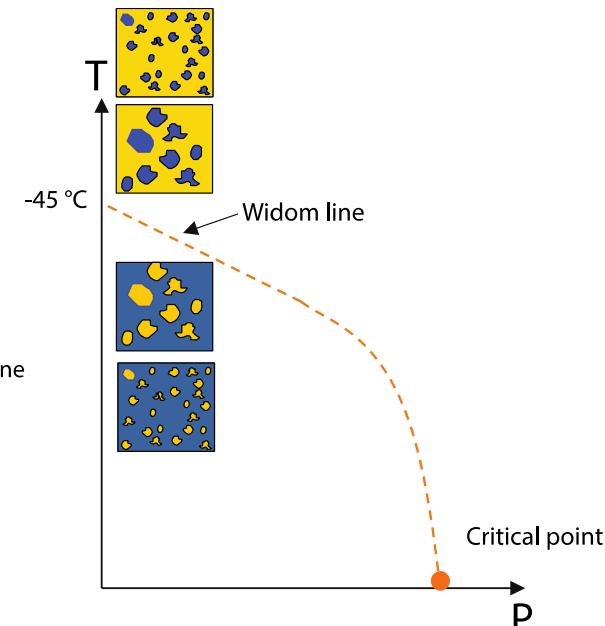
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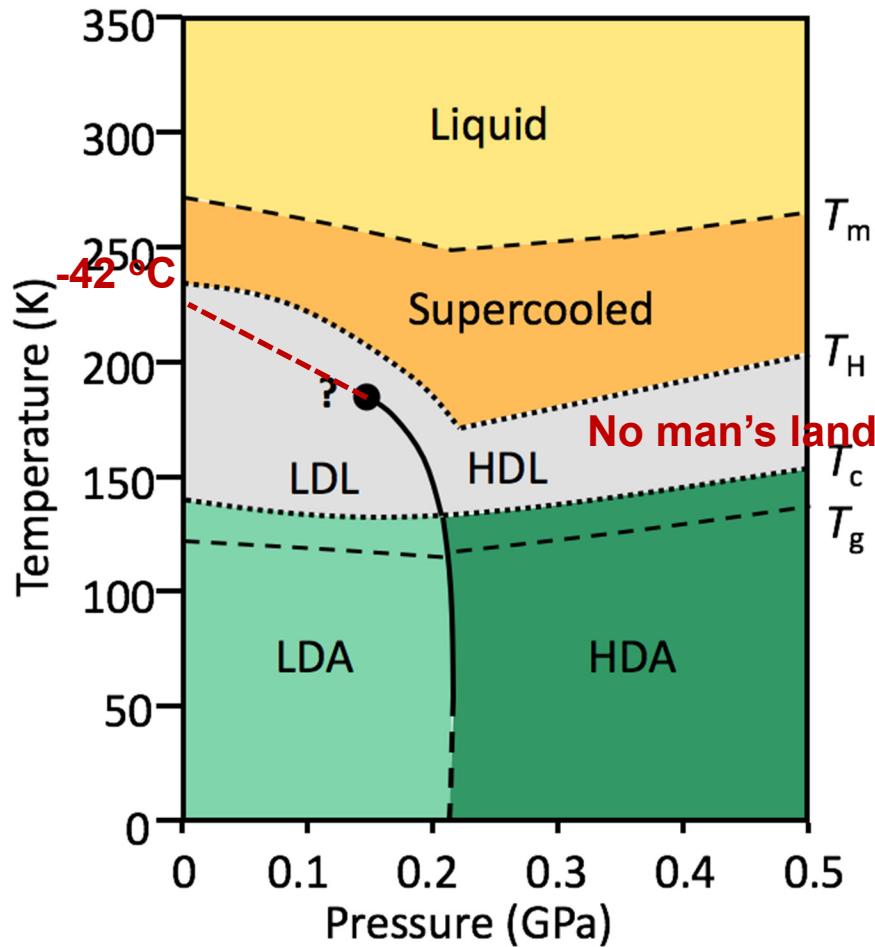
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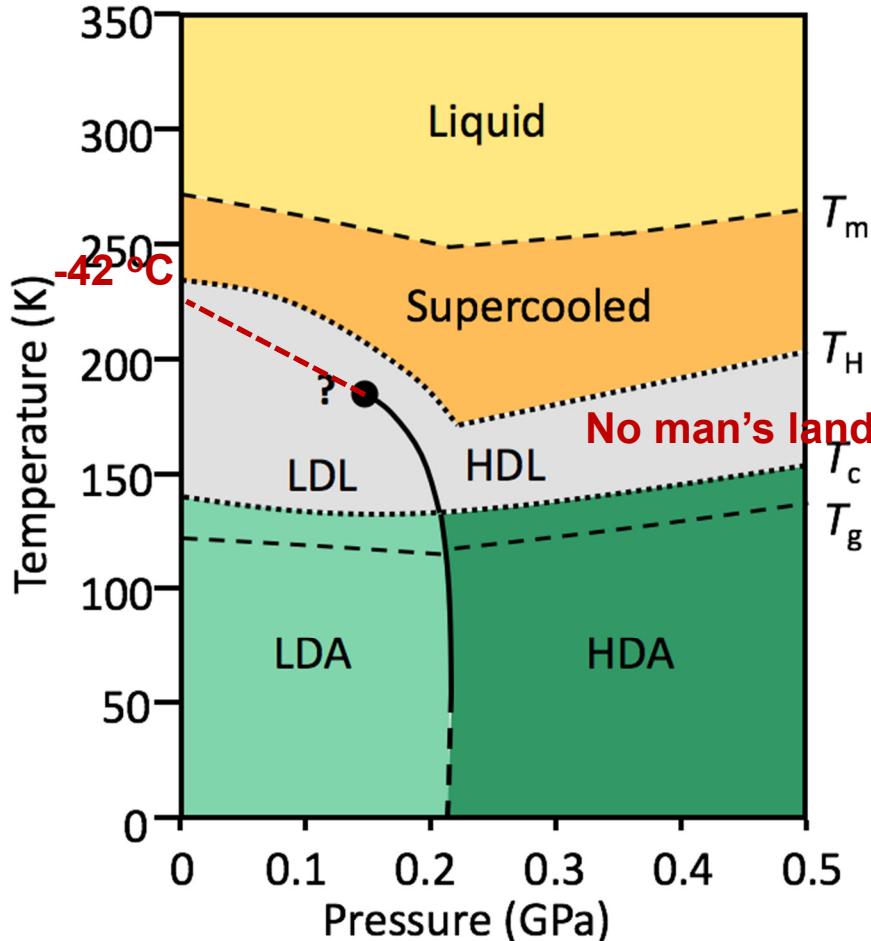
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# Supercooled Water



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# Expedition to the LLCP



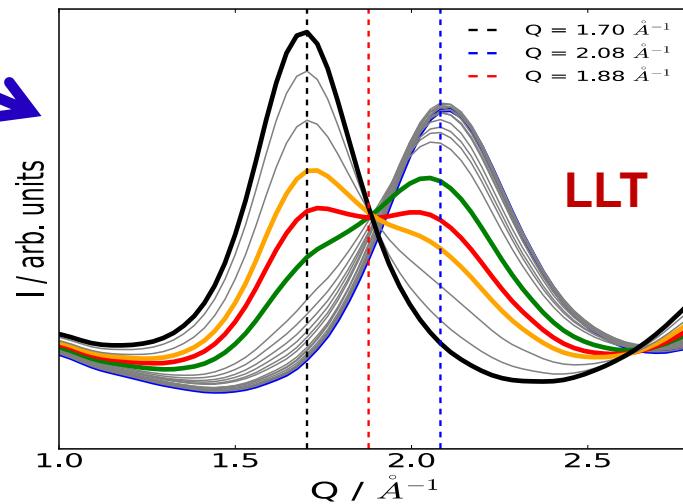
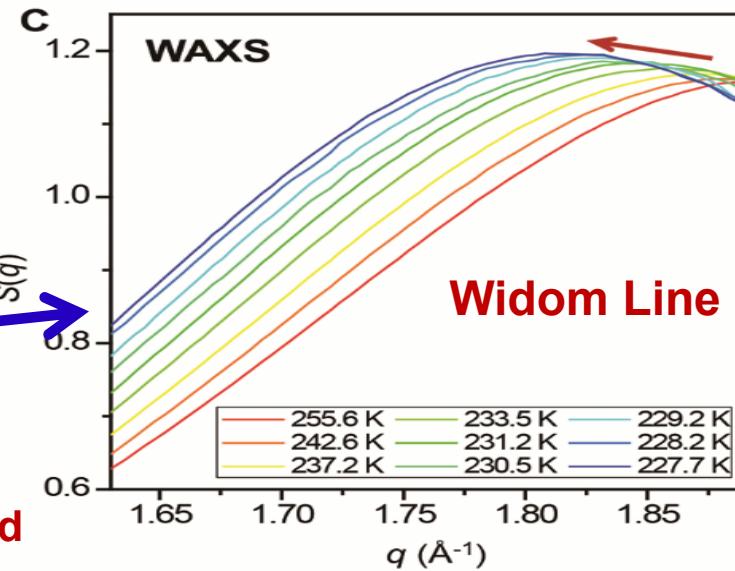
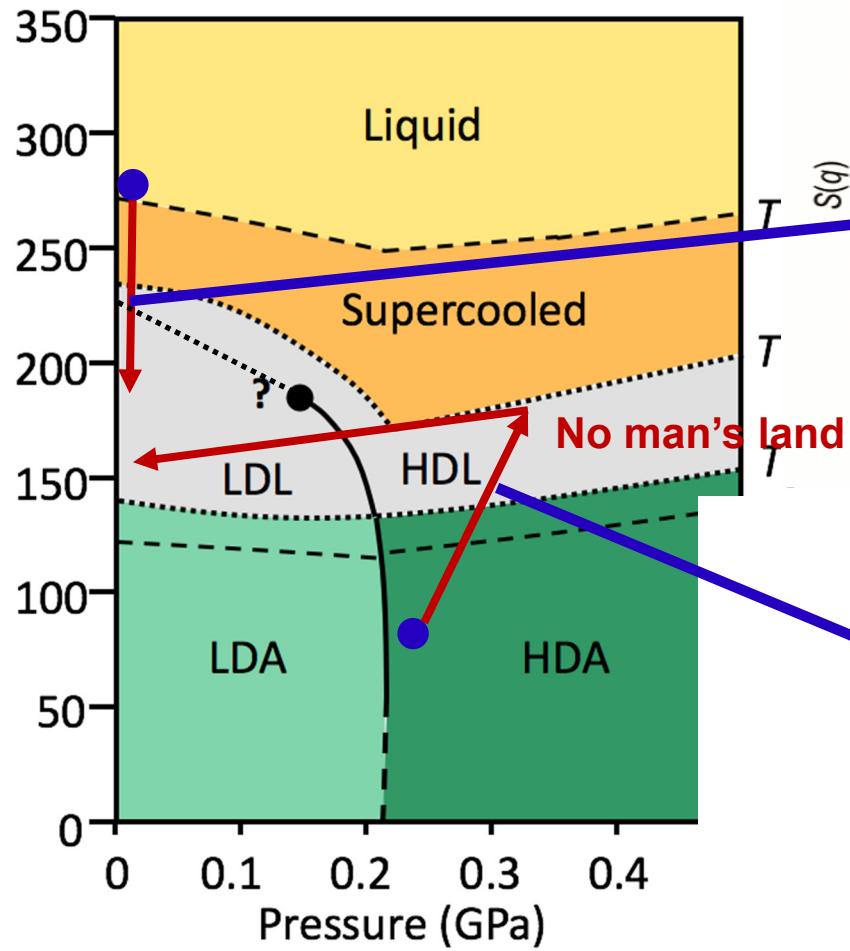
- Crystallization has prevented measurements below the homogeneous nucleation temperature ( $T_H$ ) leading to a “no-man’s land”.
- Phase transition between HDL and LDL, second critical point, and Widom line are hidden in **No man’s land** and were experimentally inaccessible.

**Make deeply supercooled bulk liquid  
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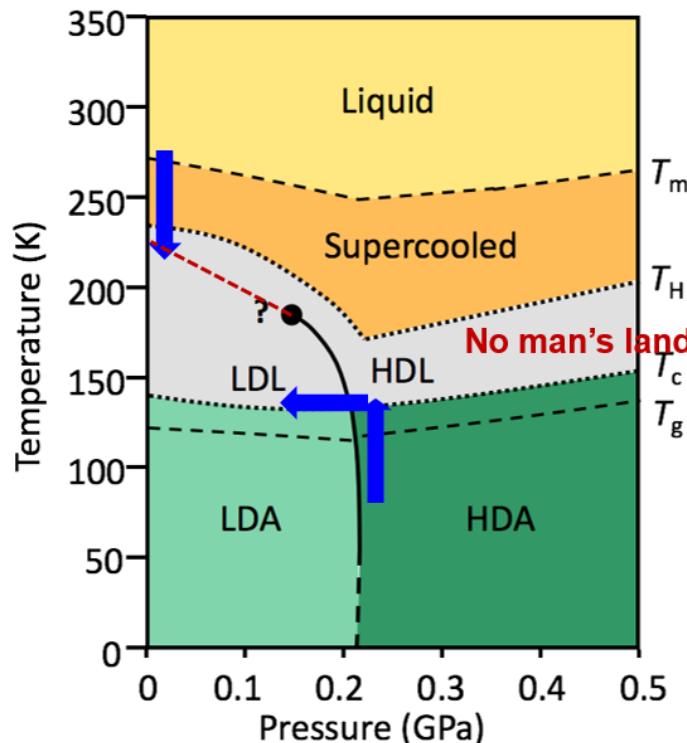
**Advent of 4<sup>th</sup> generation X-ray source  
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# Expected Results: WAXS



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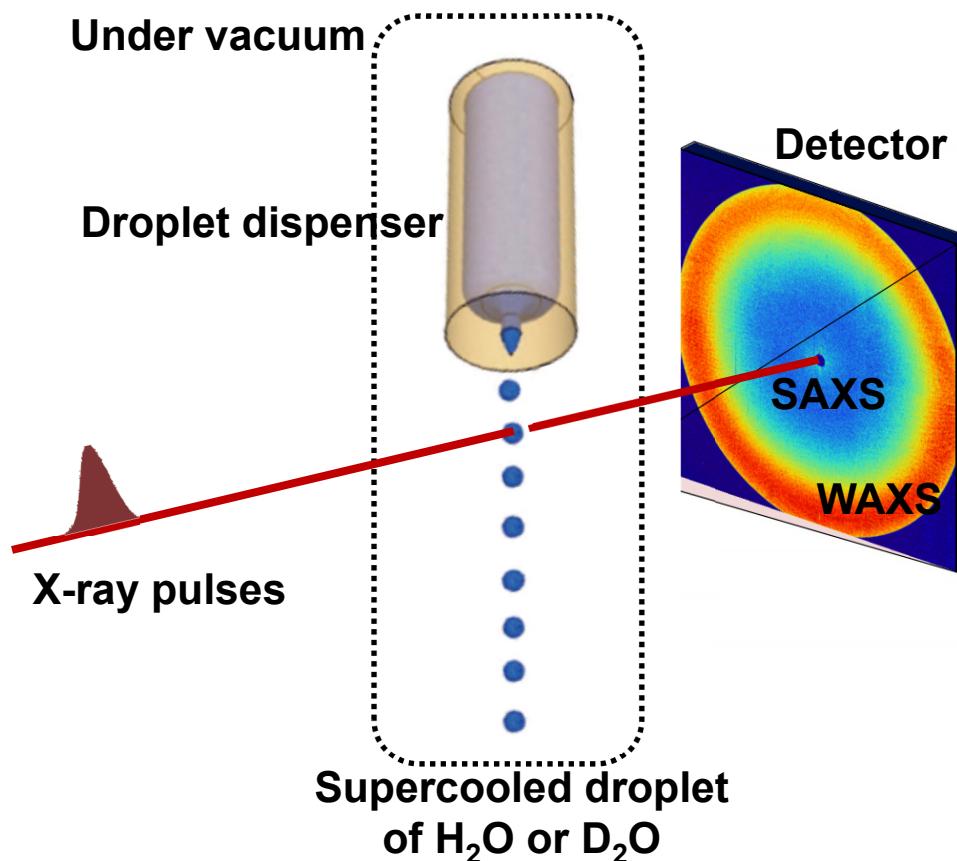
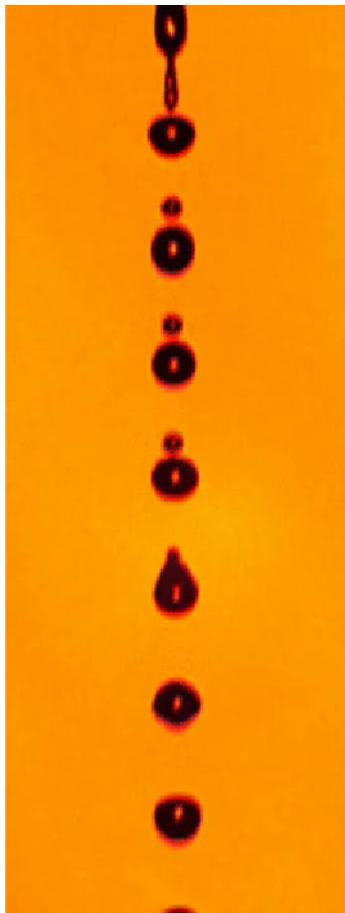
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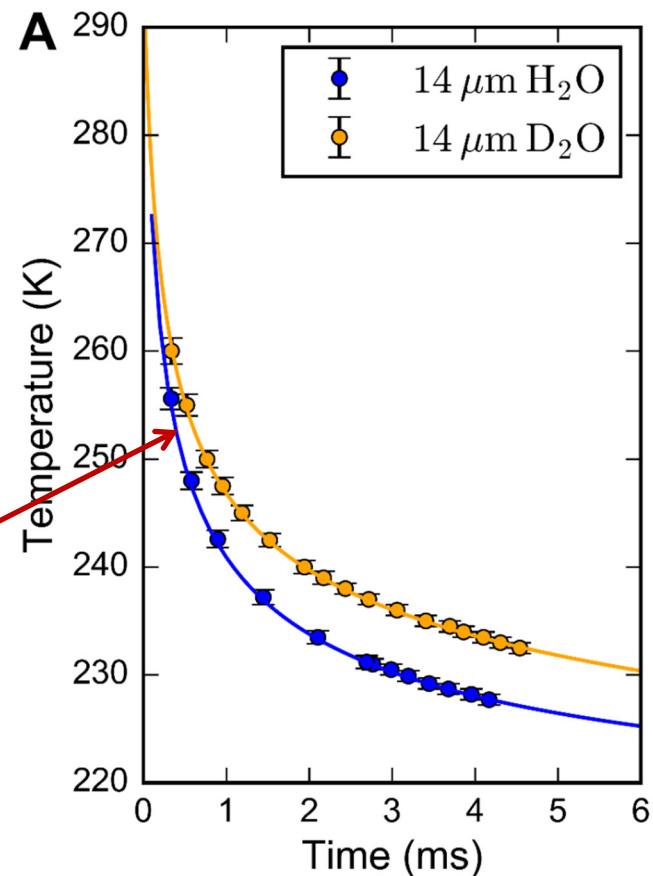
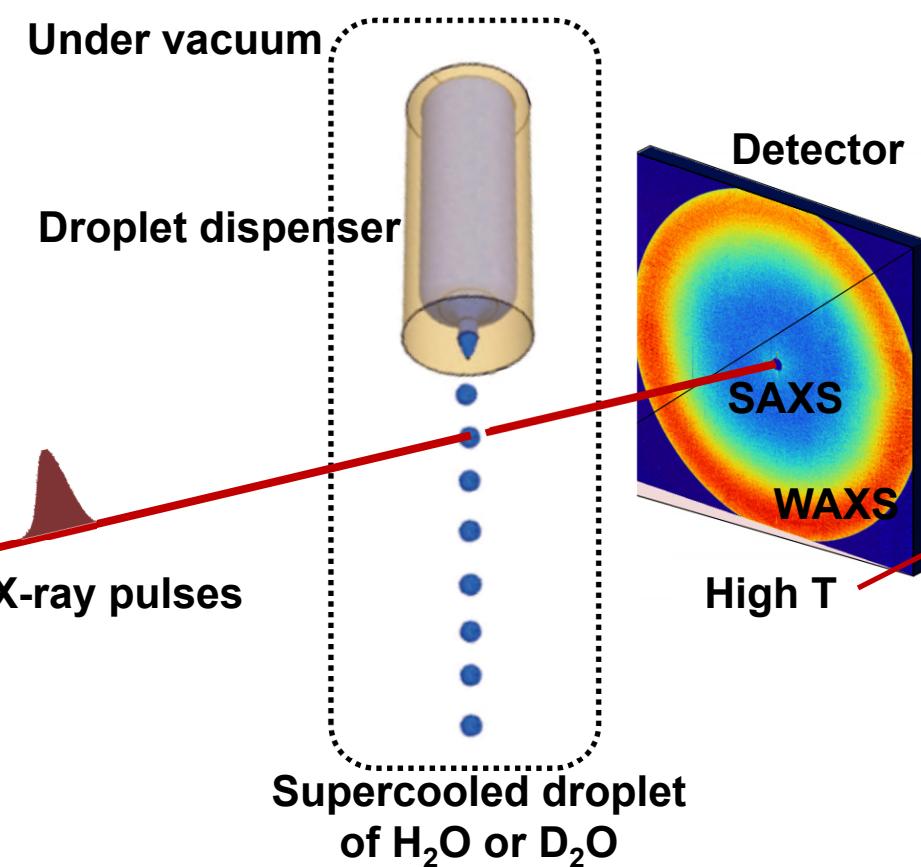
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# Evaporative cooling



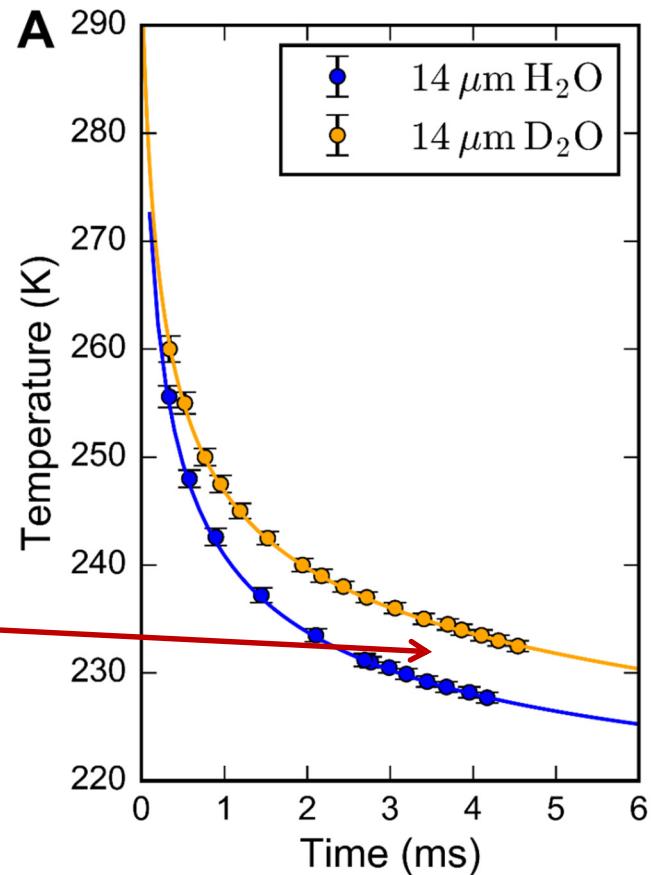
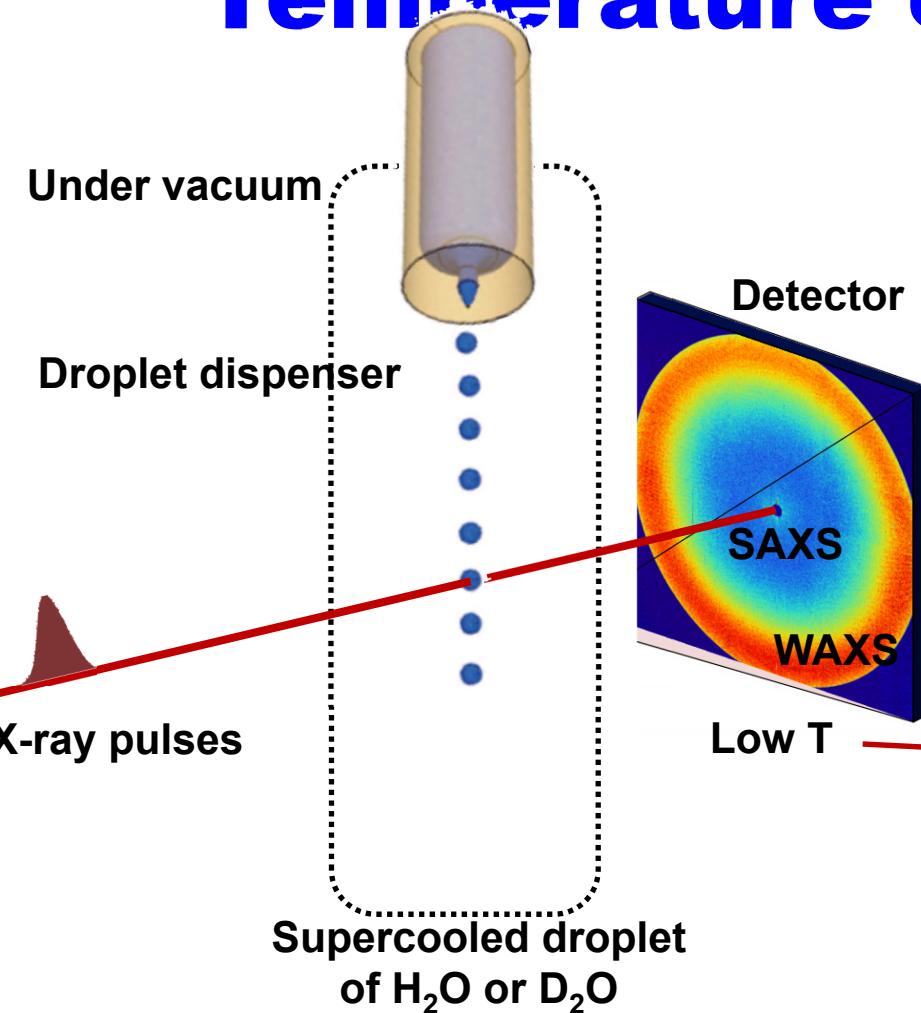
- Cooling rate is faster than homogeneous nucleation rate down to ~227 K.

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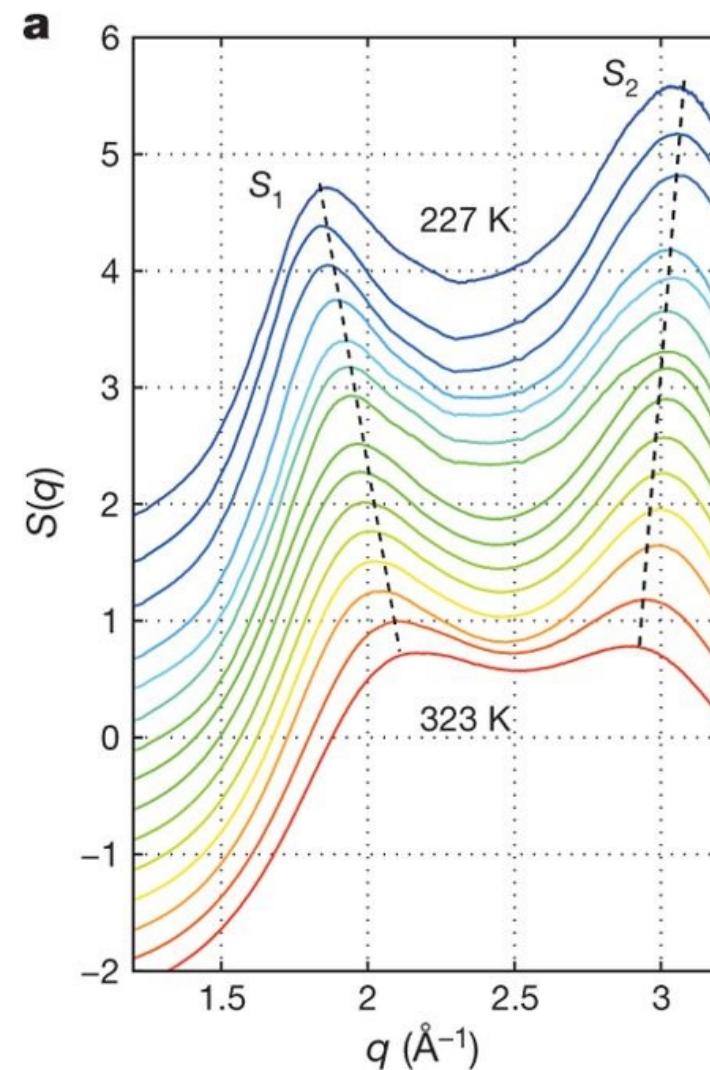
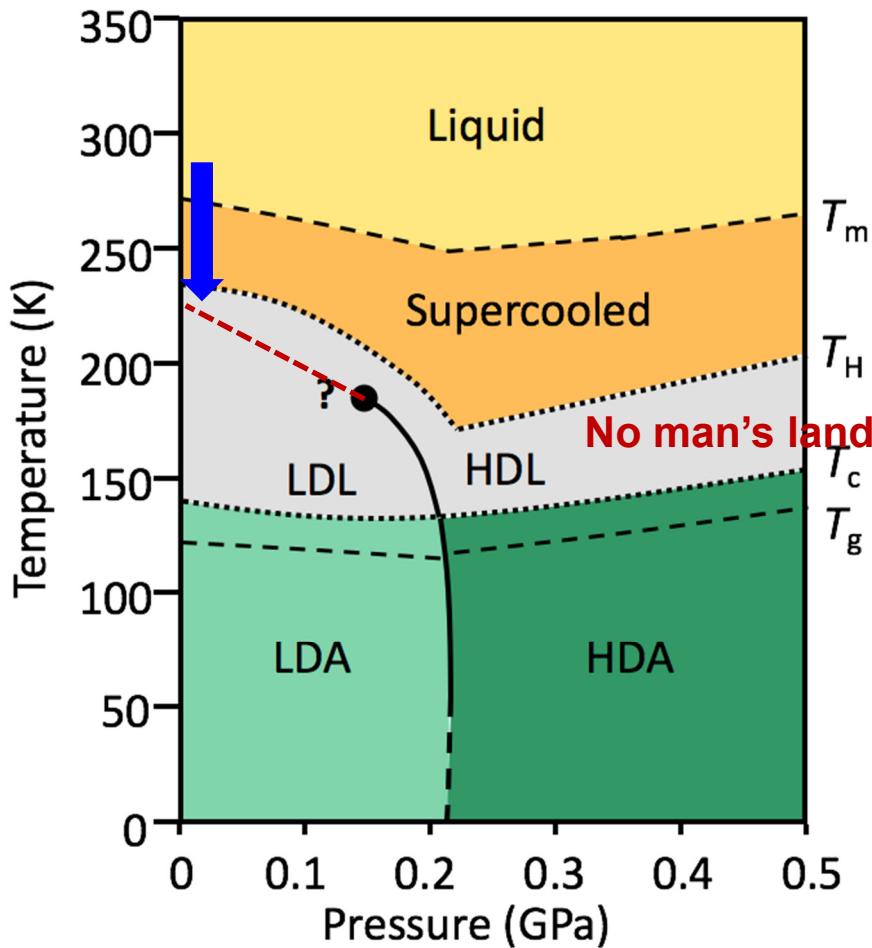
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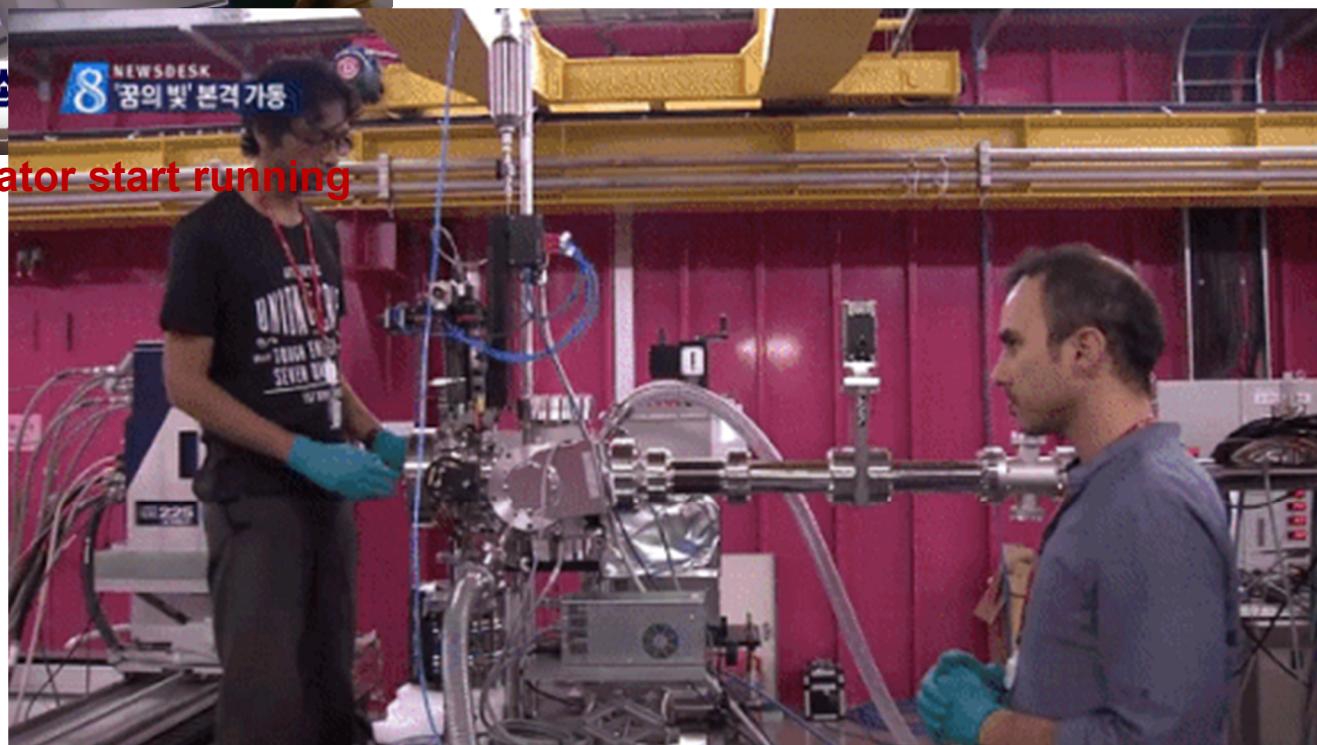


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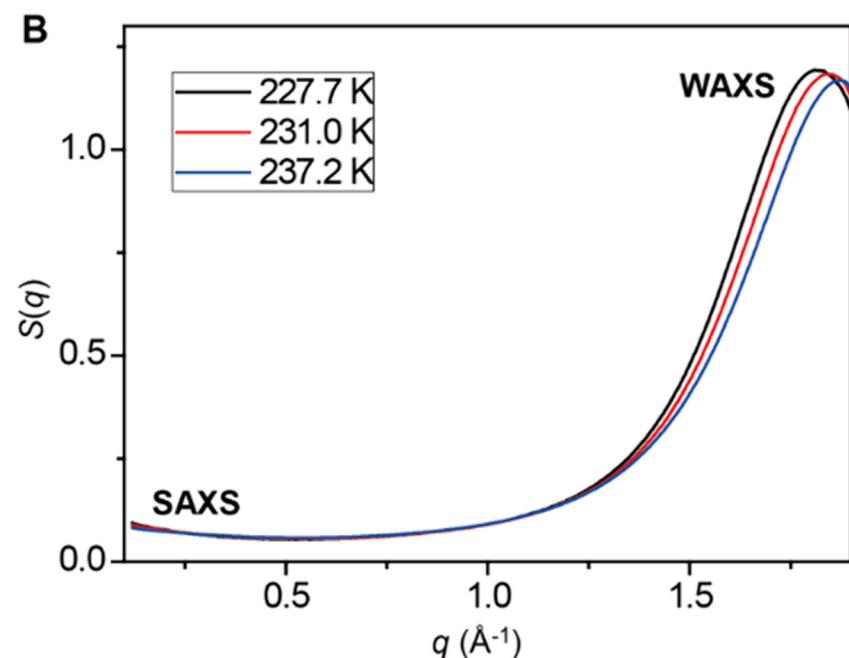
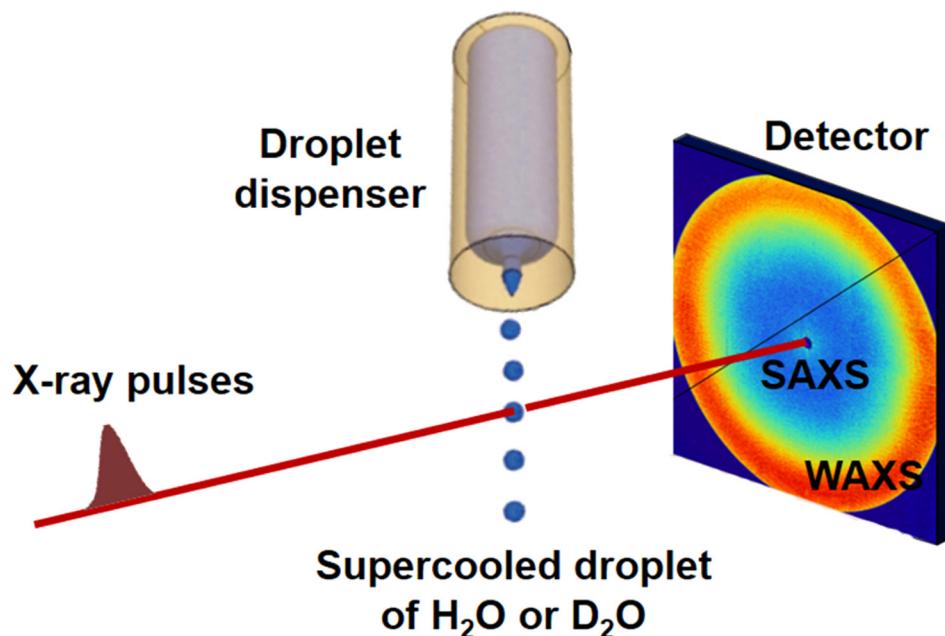
4<sup>th</sup> generation accelerator start running

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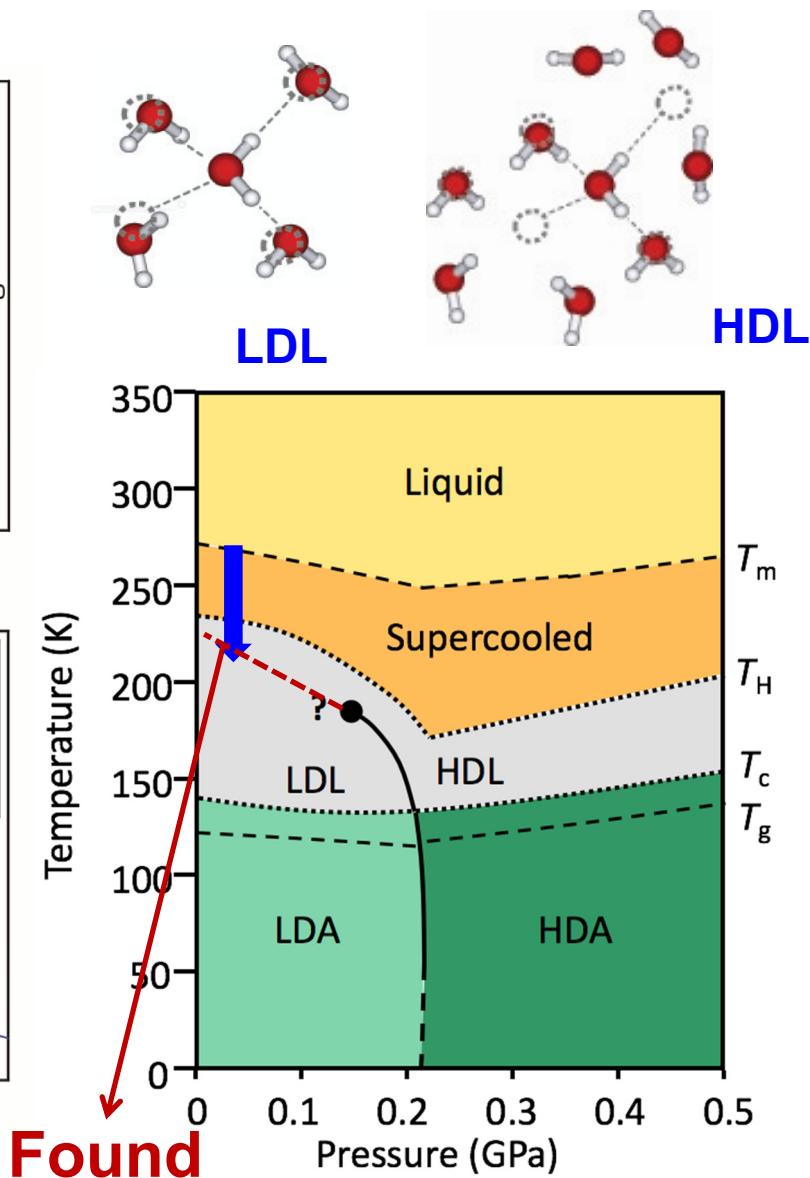
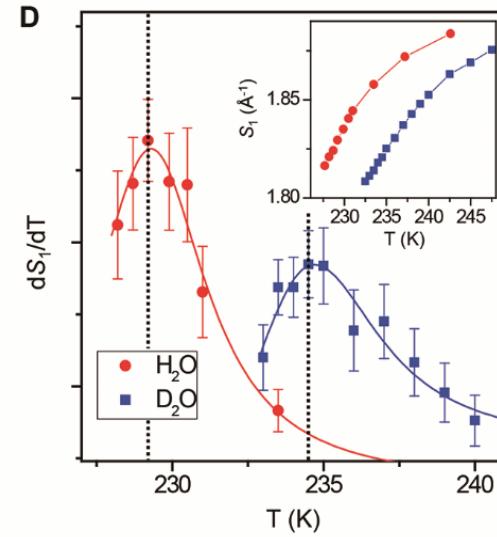
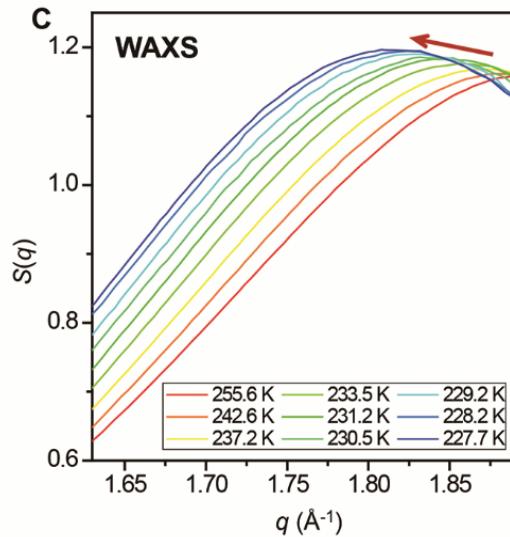
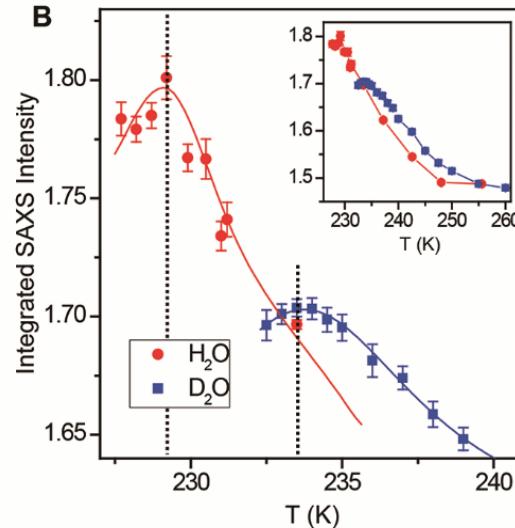
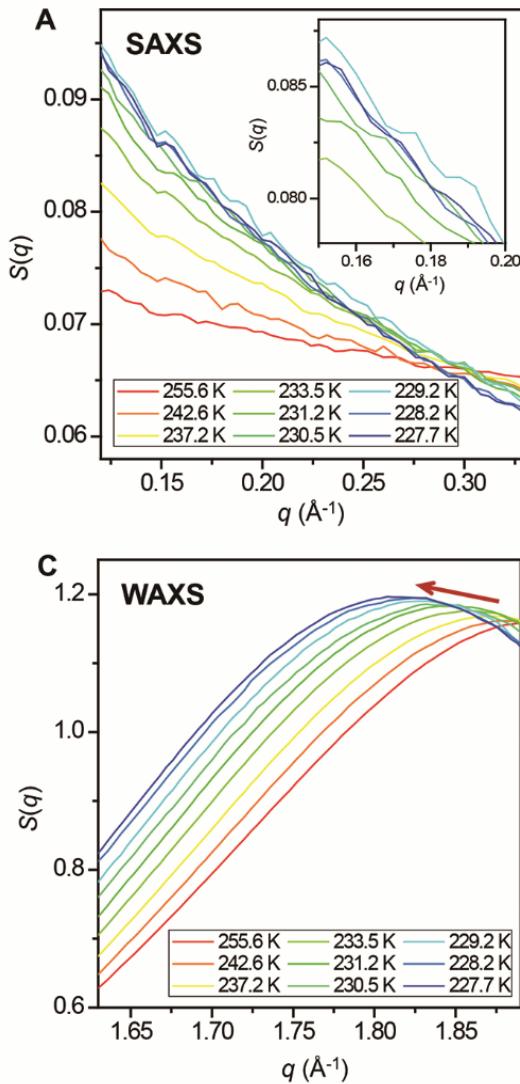
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# X-ray scattering (SAXS/WAXS)



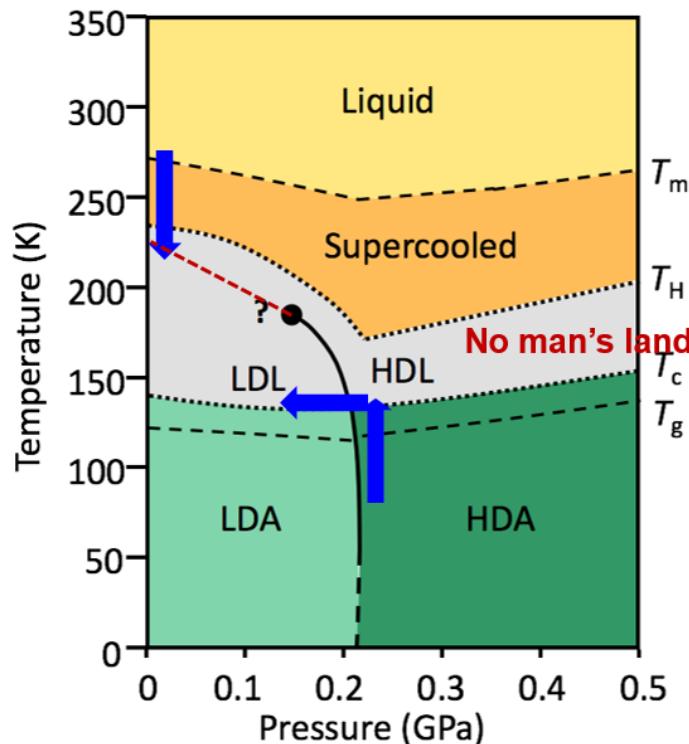
- ◆ Measure SAXS and WAXS at the same time with large area detector (Rayonix MX 225)

# Beyond the Widom line



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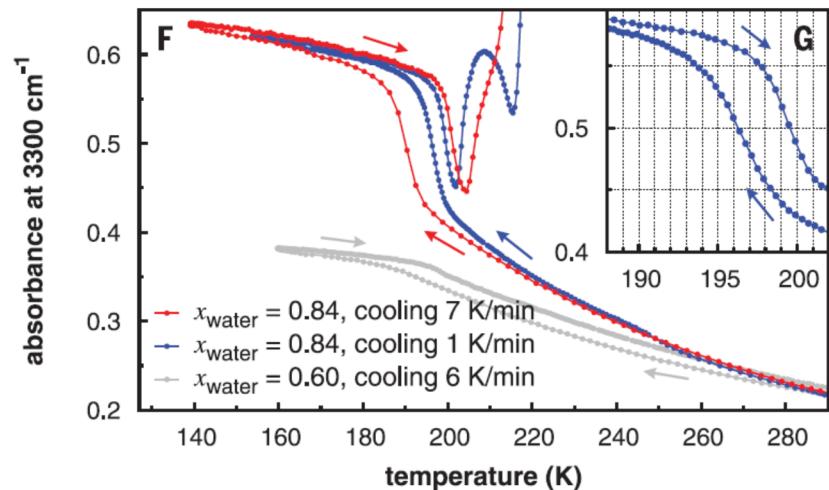
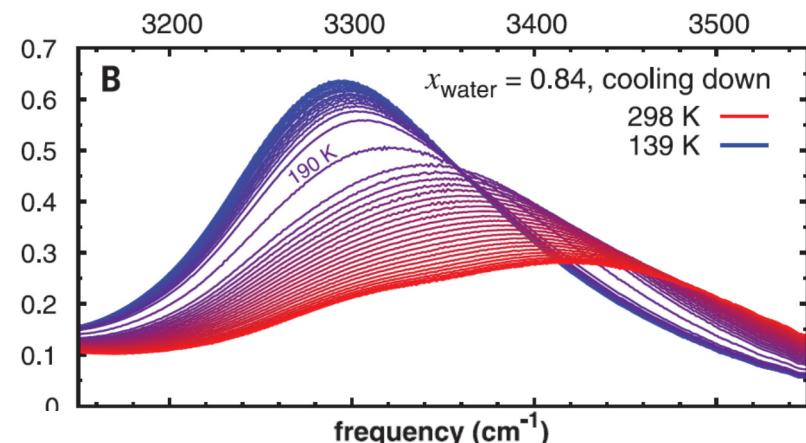
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# LLT in aqueous solution

## WATER STRUCTURE

### A liquid-liquid transition in supercooled aqueous solution related to the HDA-LDA transition

Sander Woutersen,<sup>1,\*</sup> Bernd Ensing,<sup>1,2</sup> Michiel Hilbers,<sup>1</sup>  
Zuofeng Zhao,<sup>3</sup> C. Austen Angell<sup>3,\*</sup>



- Found LLT from ionic liquid hydrazinium trifluoroacetate ( $\text{N}_2\text{H}_5\text{TFA}$ ) solution (0.84 mole fraction of water)

# Absence of LLT?

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# LETTER

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-019-1204-5>

## Absence of amorphous forms when ice is compressed at low temperature

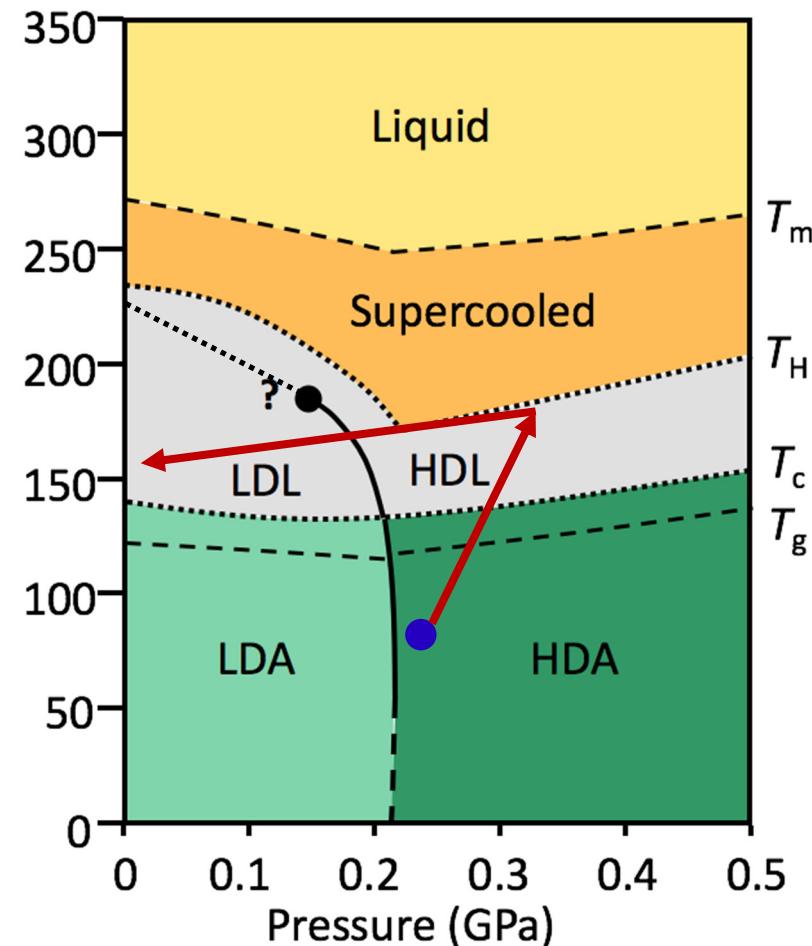
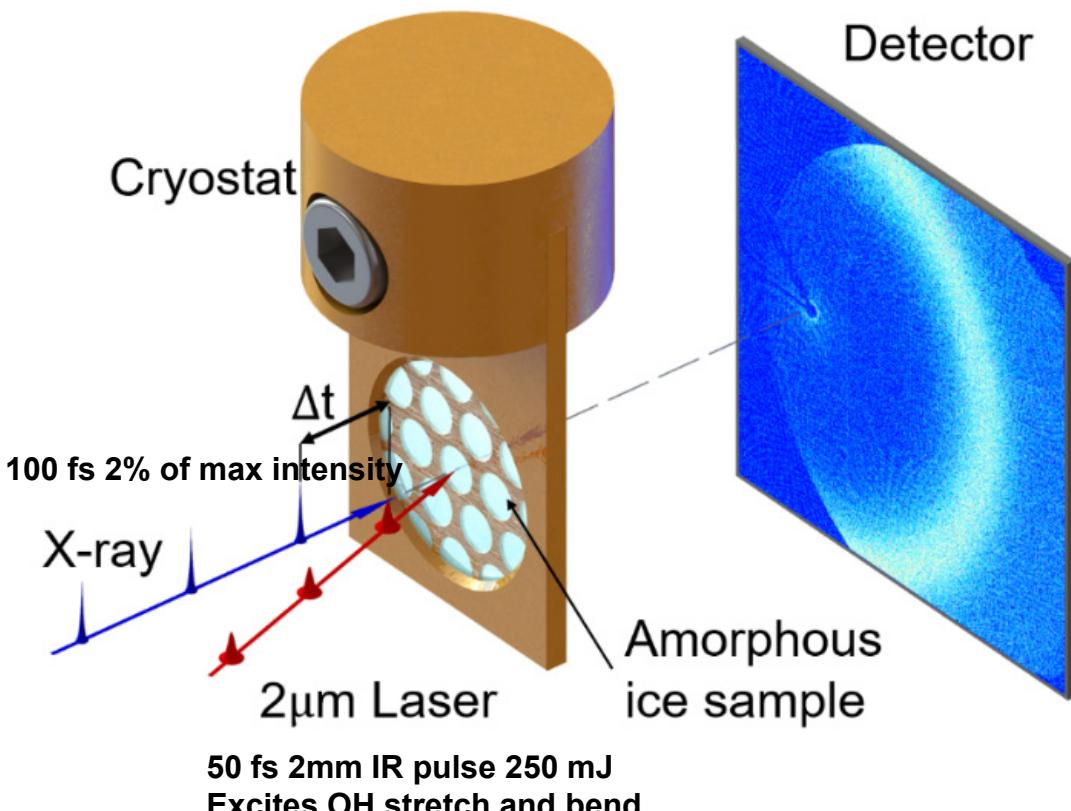
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By contrast, fast compression yields HDA but no ice IX, and direct transformation of ice I to ice XV' is structurally inhibited. These observations suggest that HDA formation is a consequence of a kinetically arrested transformation between low-density ice I and high-density ice XV' and challenge theories that connect amorphous ice to supercooled liquid water.

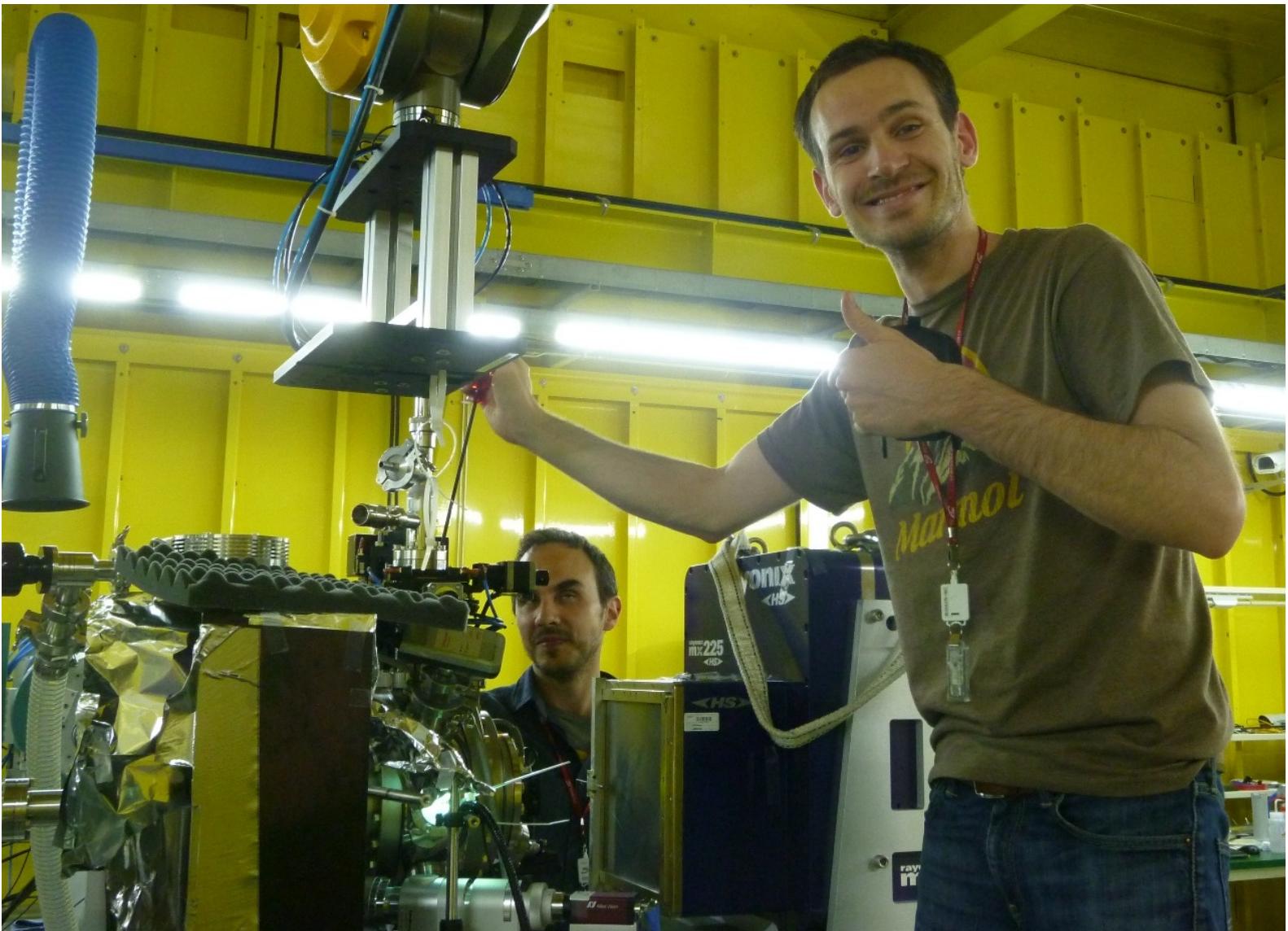
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# **Direct & Clear evidence of the Liquid-Liquid Transition from pure bulk water?**

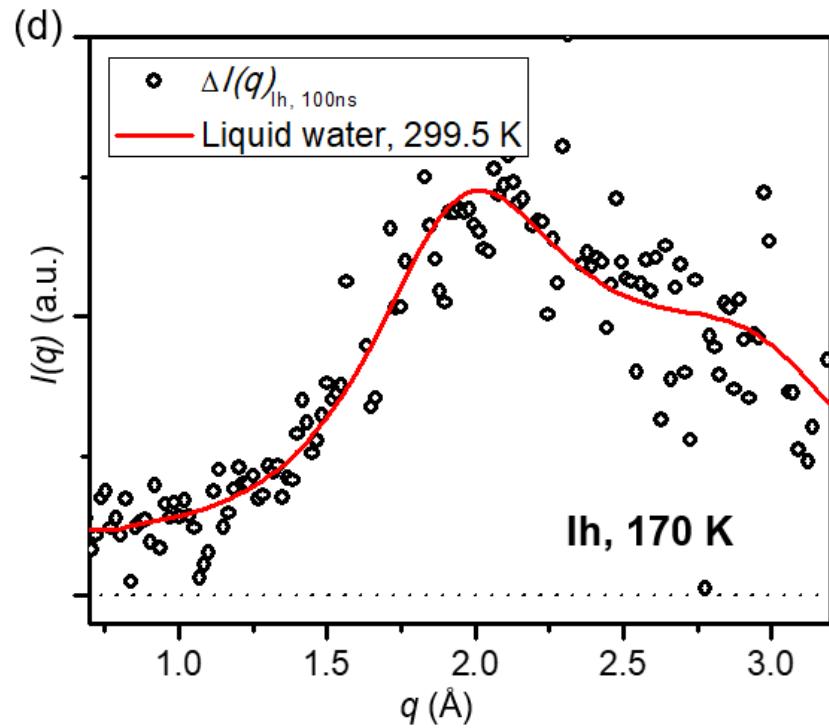
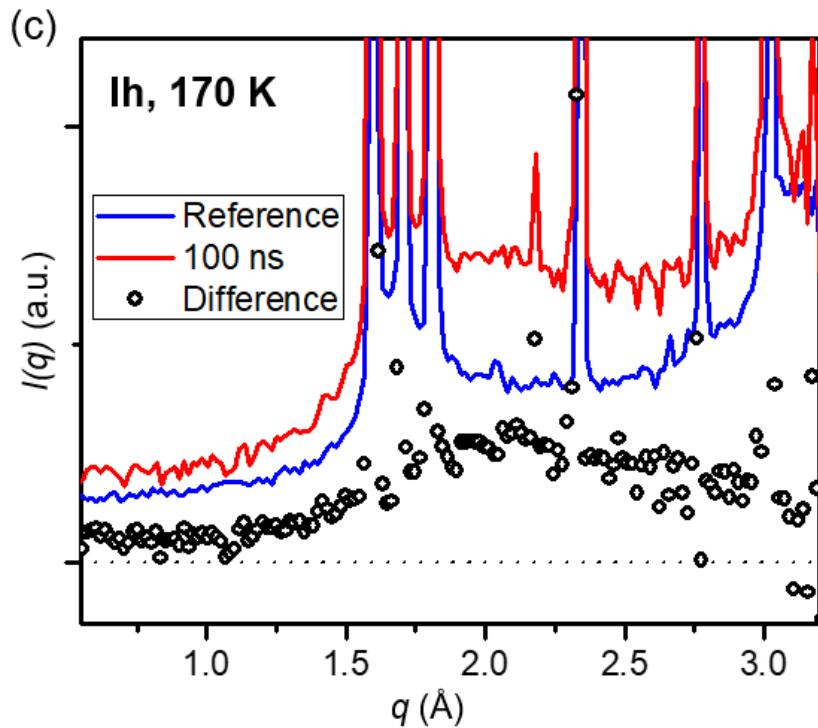
# Introduce the Pump-Probe Scheme to Heat HDA to HDL



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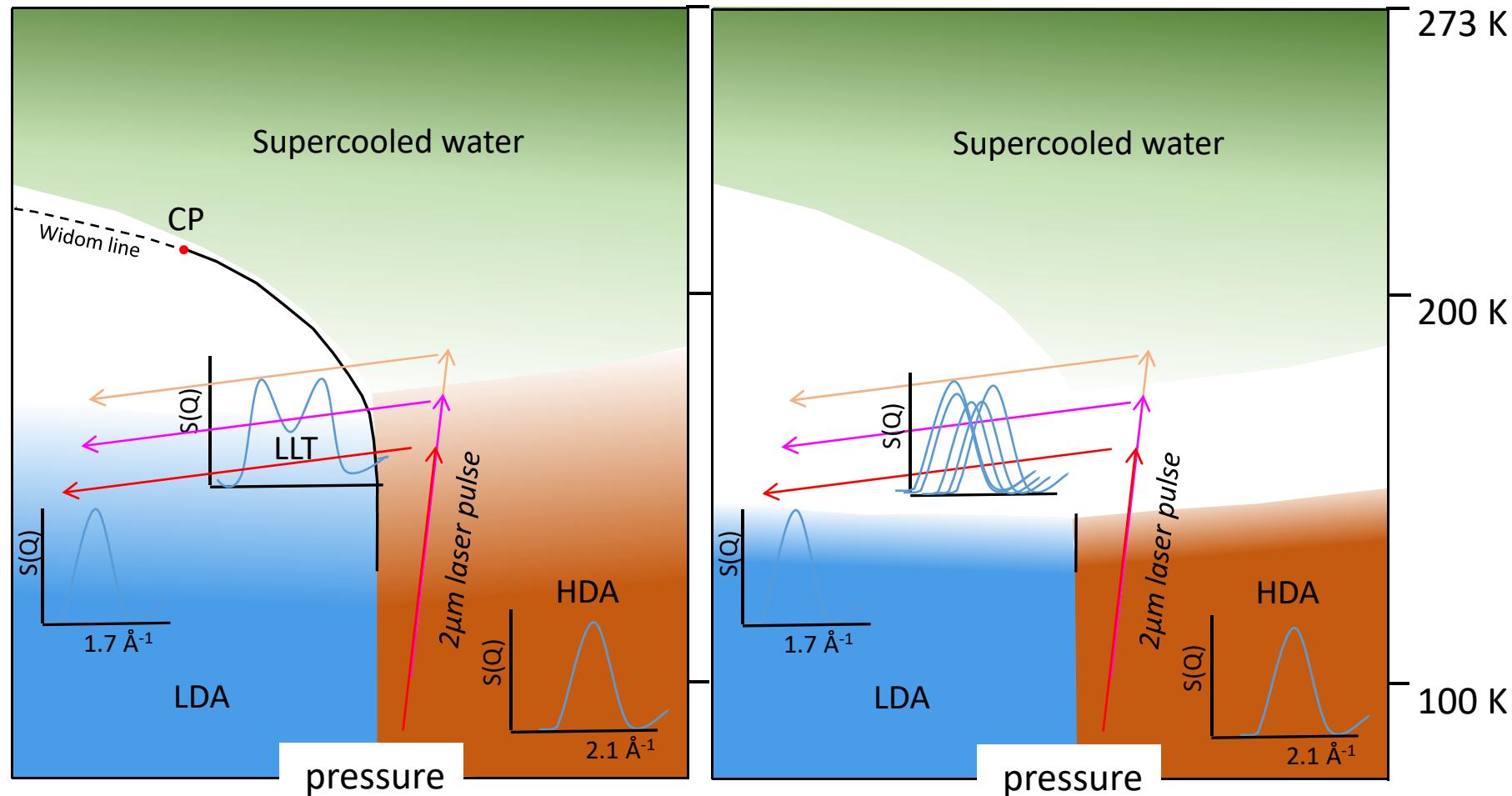
# Melting of hexagonal ice



- ◆ We see liquid water at early delays
- ◆ Recrystallize after  $\sim 3\text{us}$ .
- ◆ T jump of  $\sim 100$  K

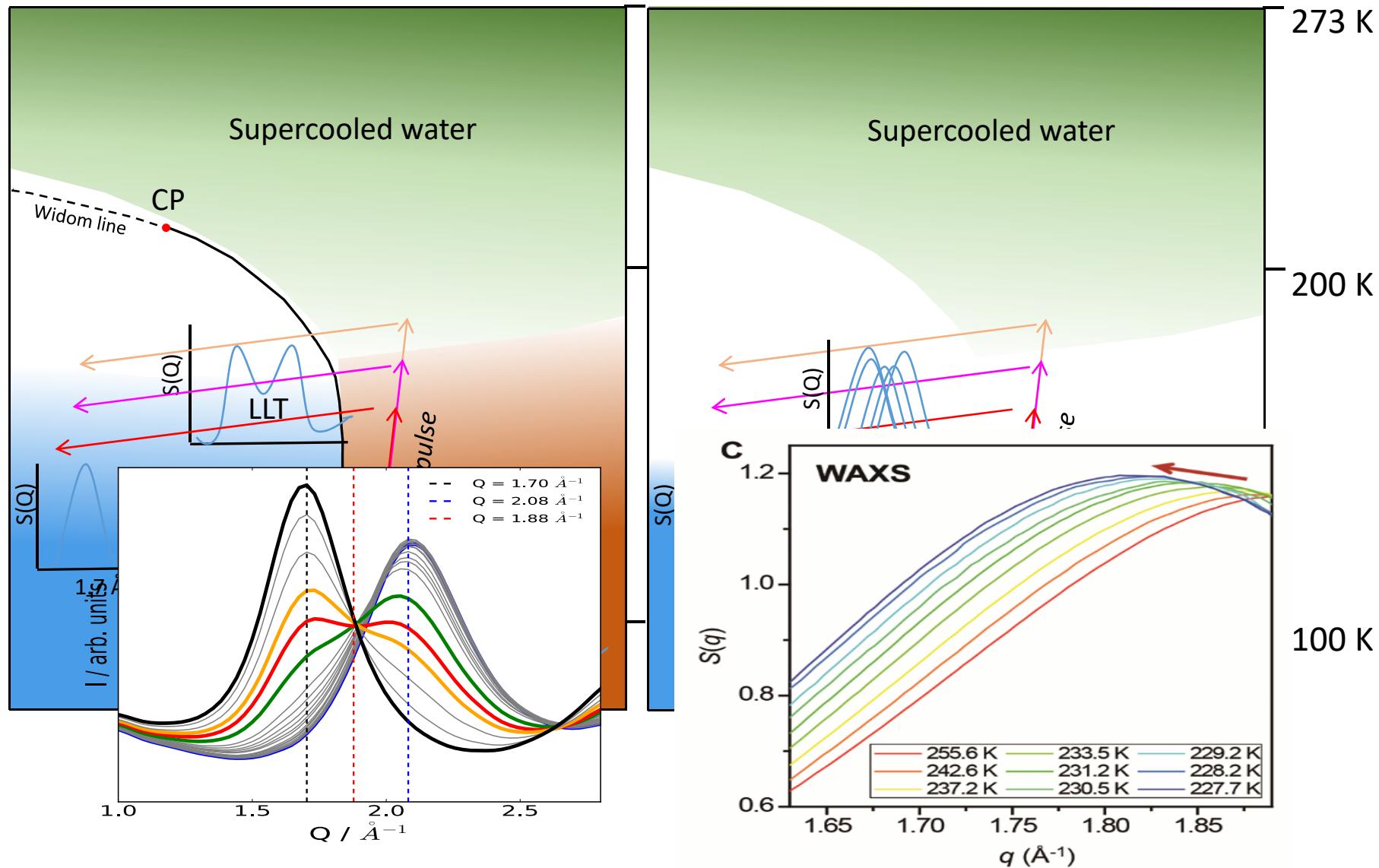
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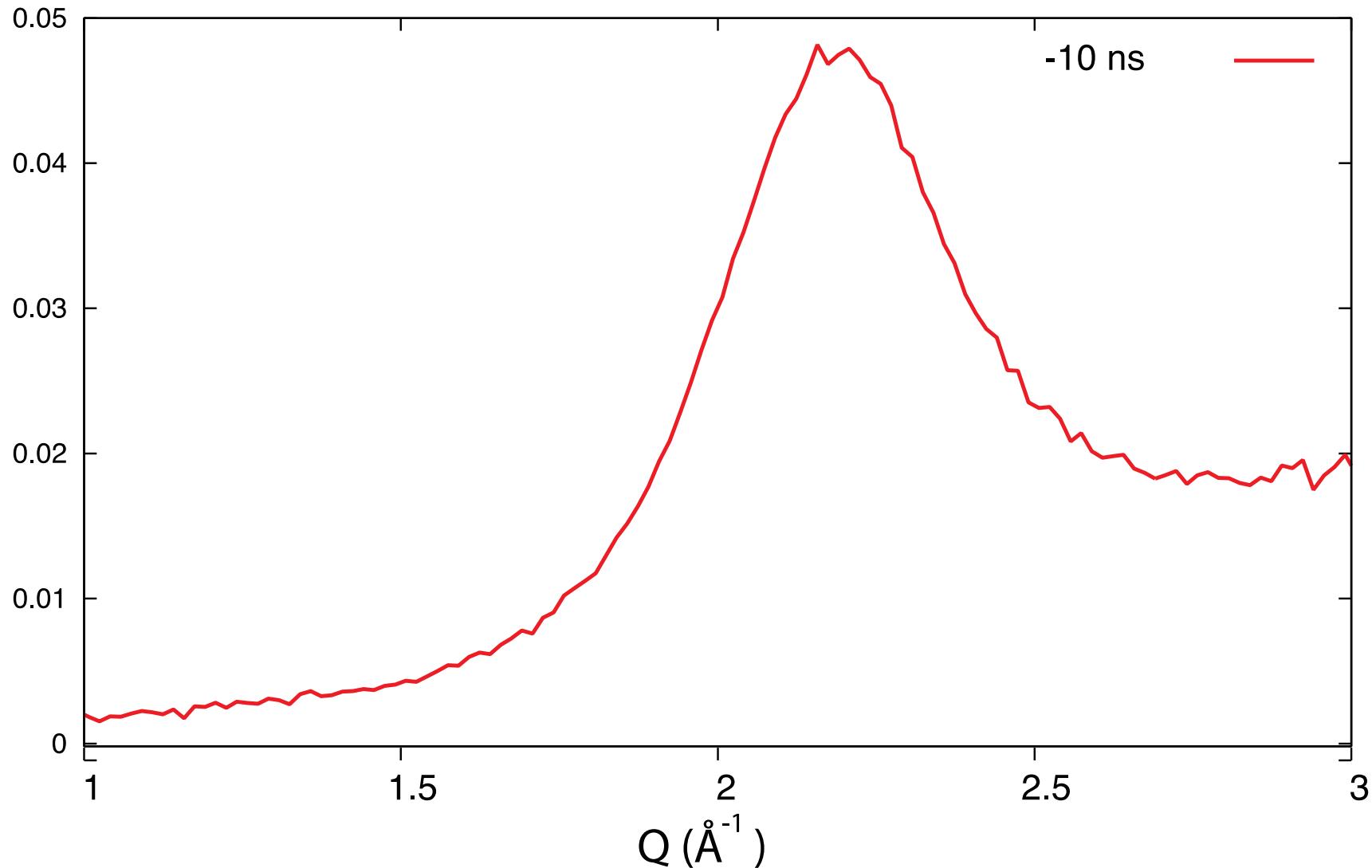


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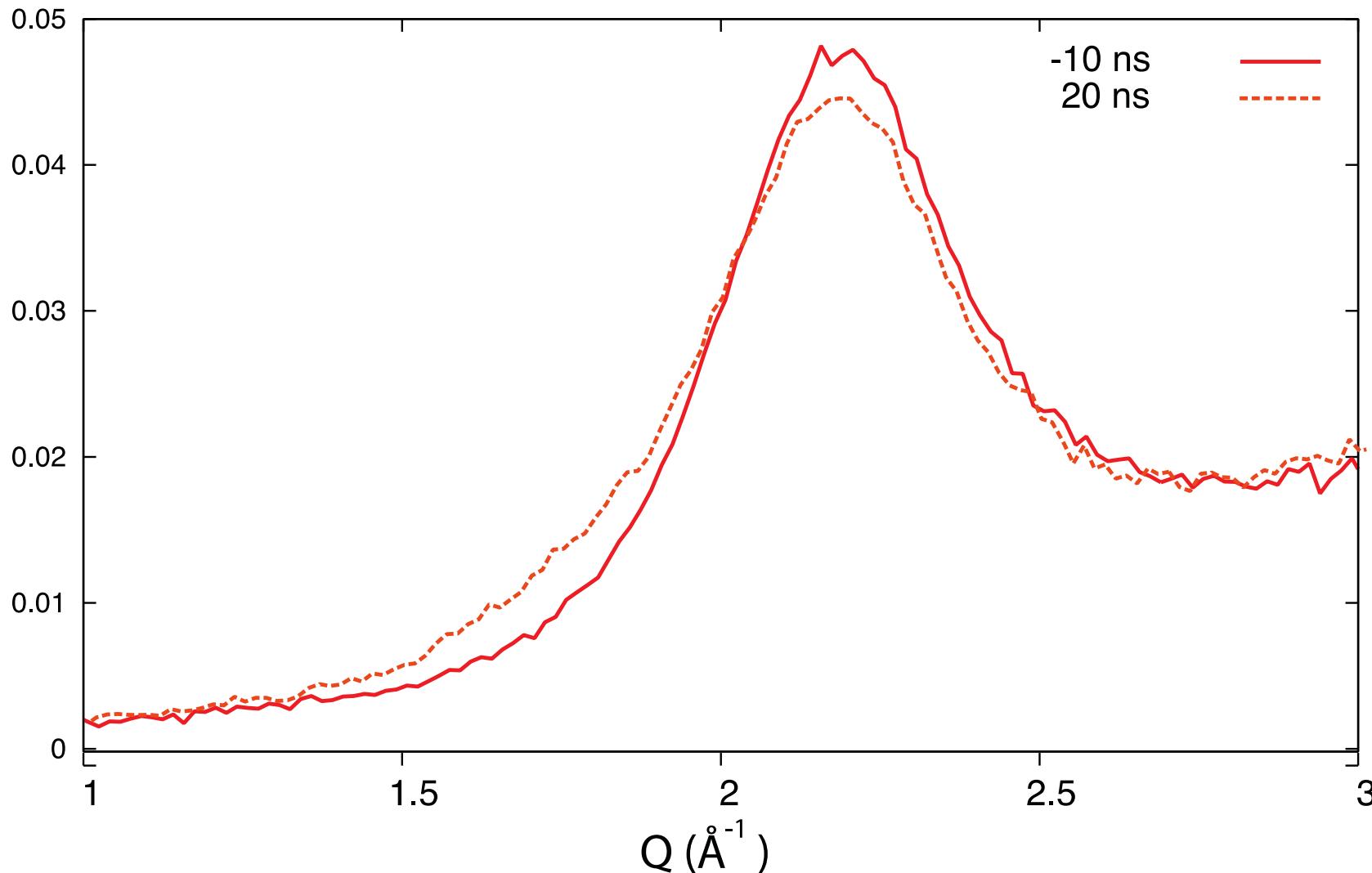
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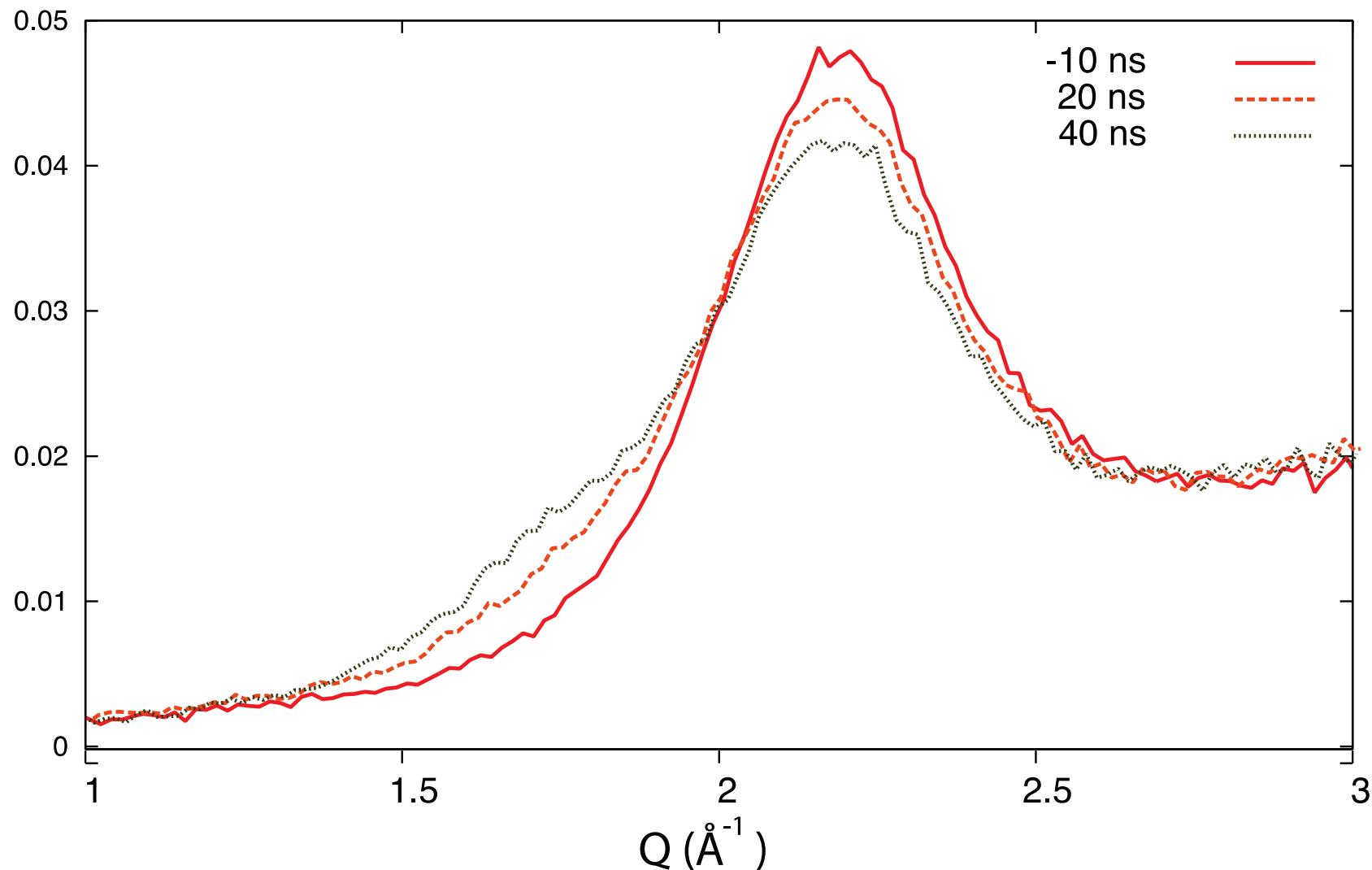
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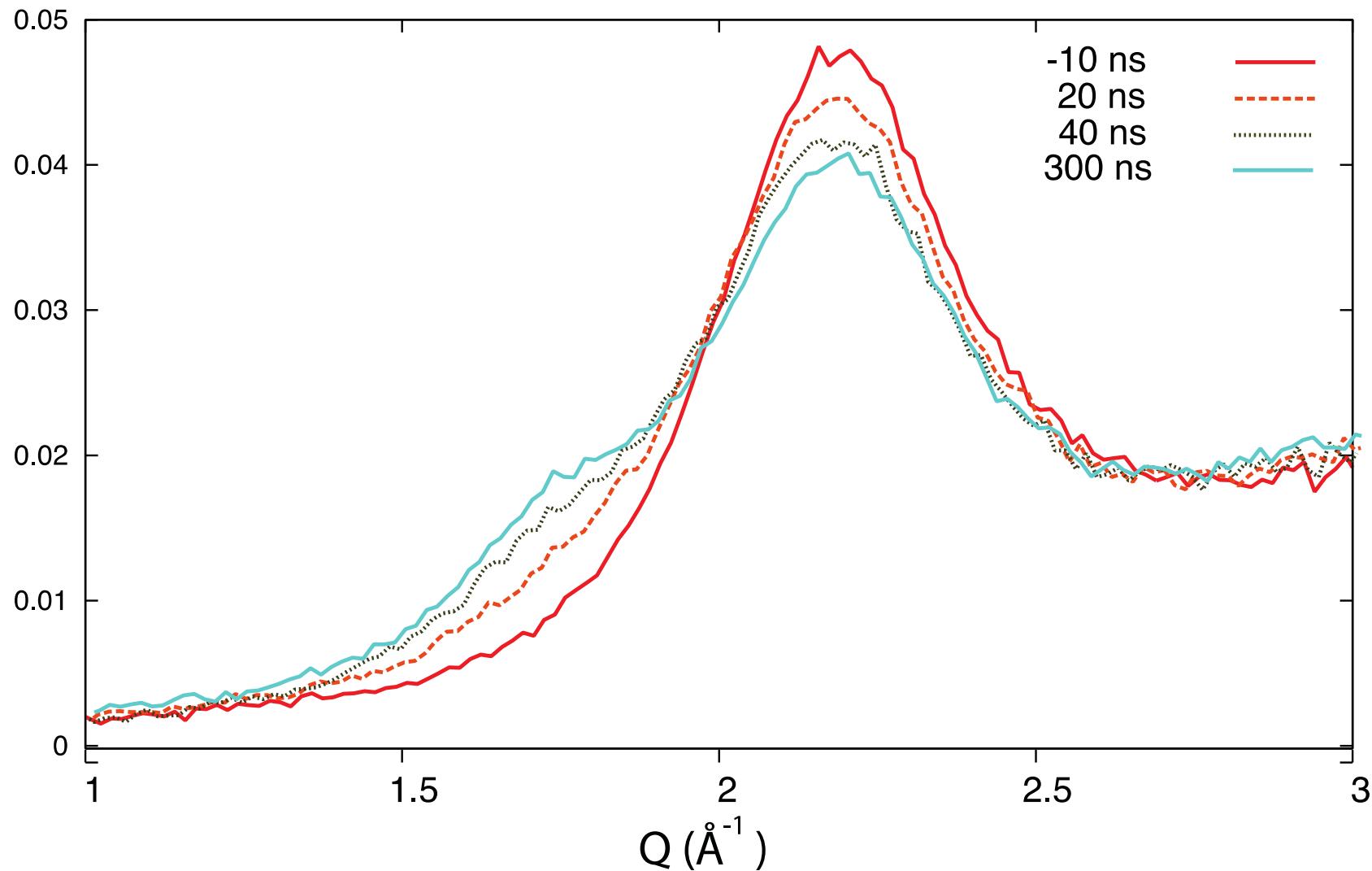
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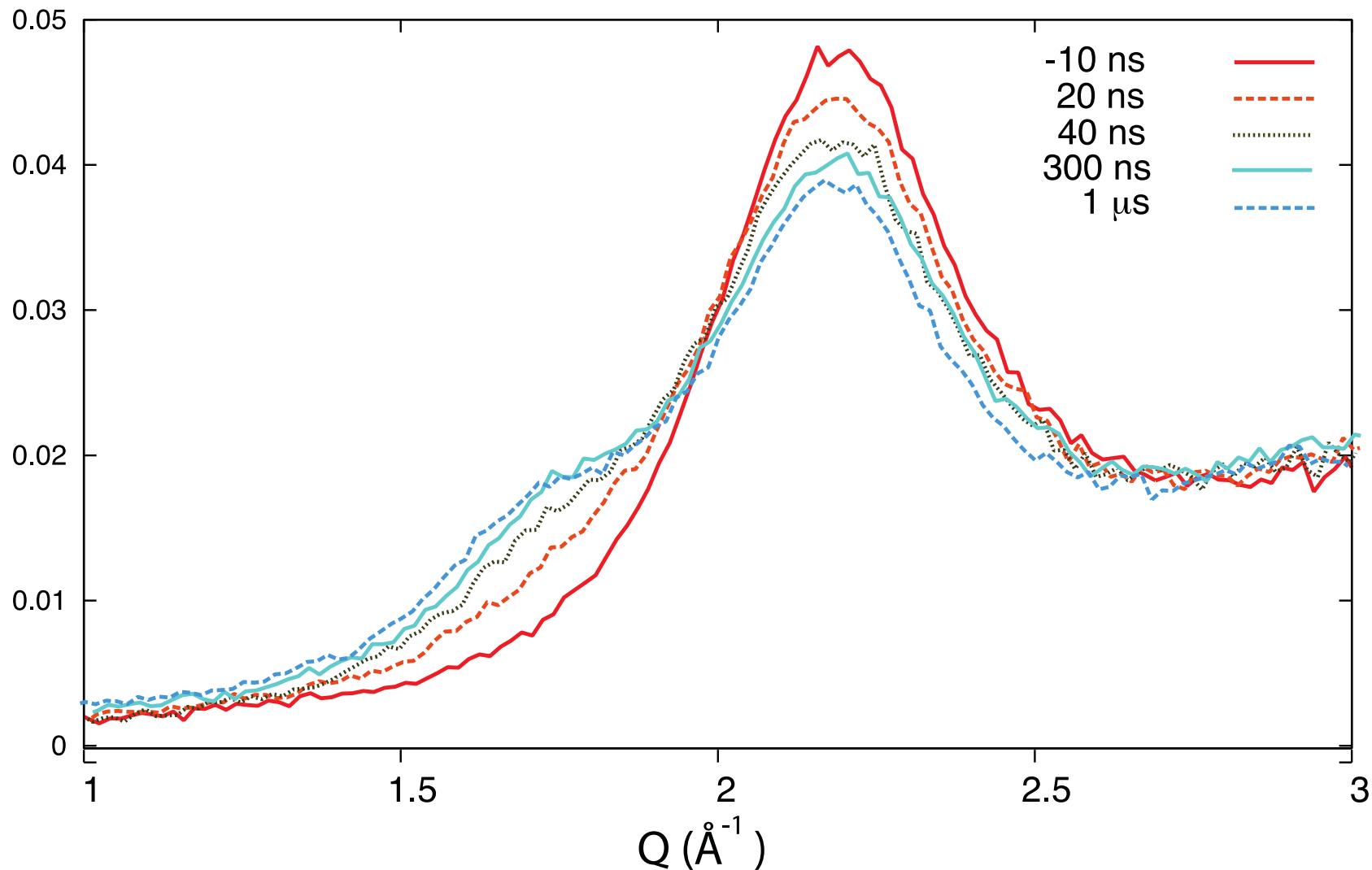
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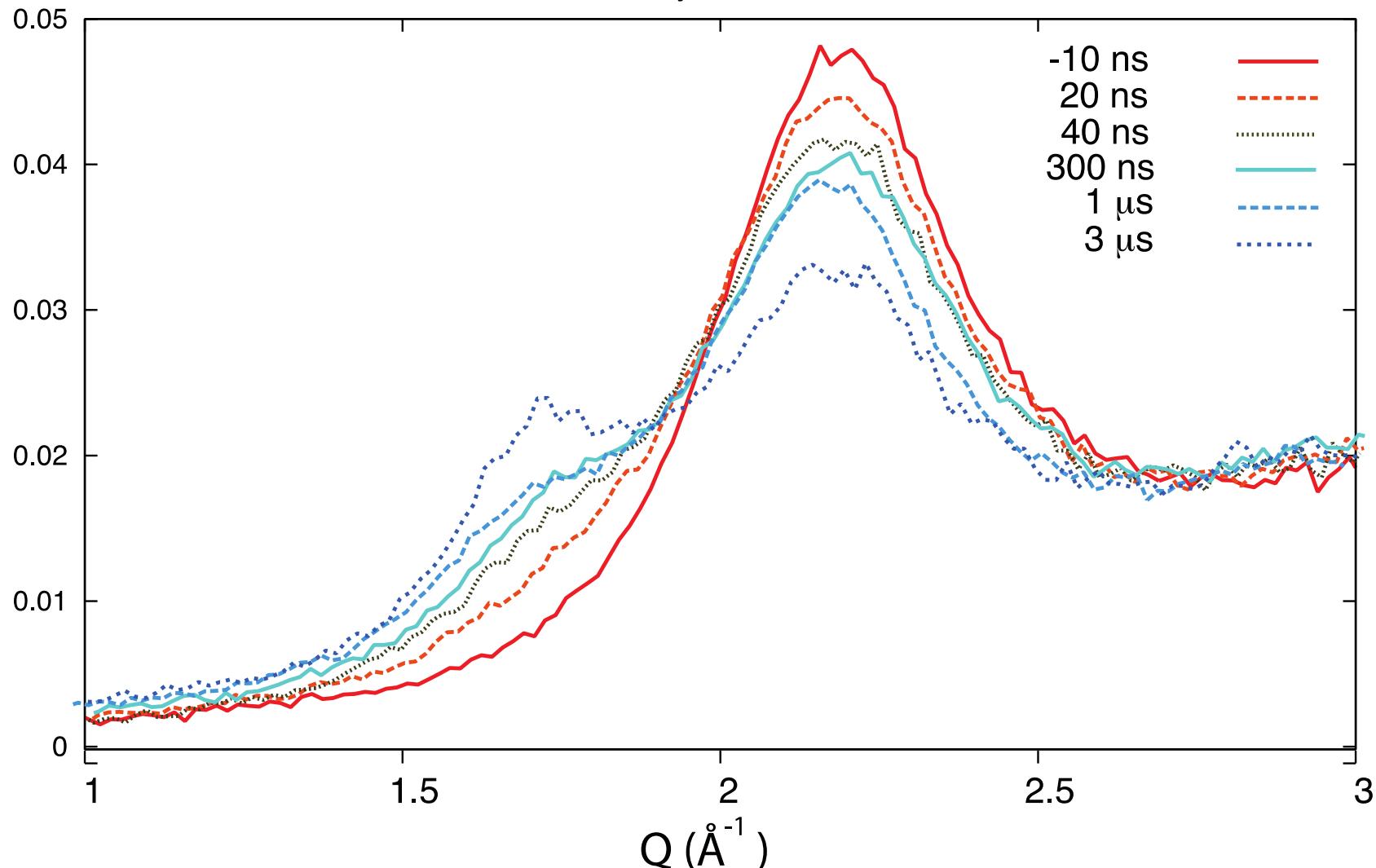


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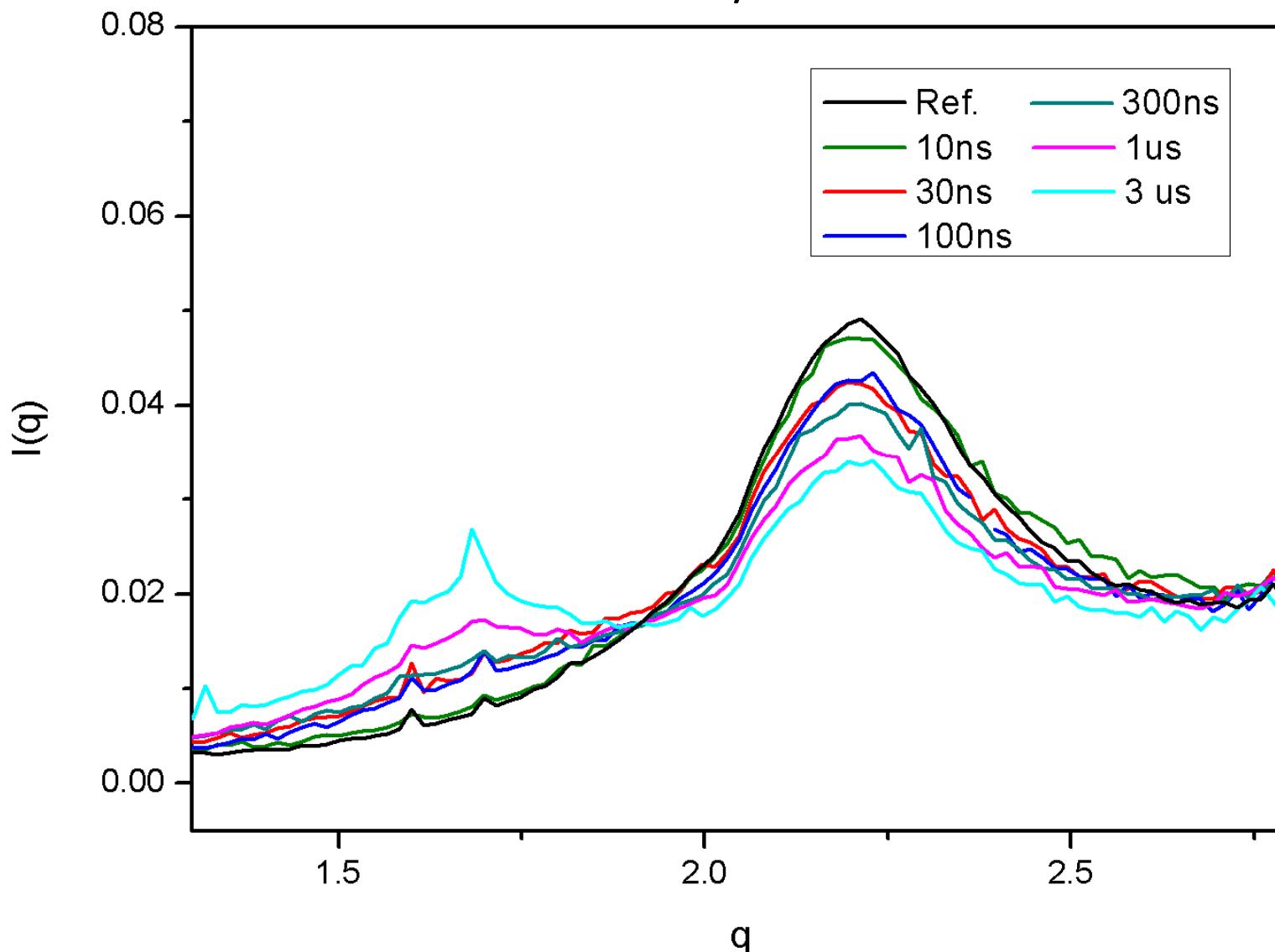
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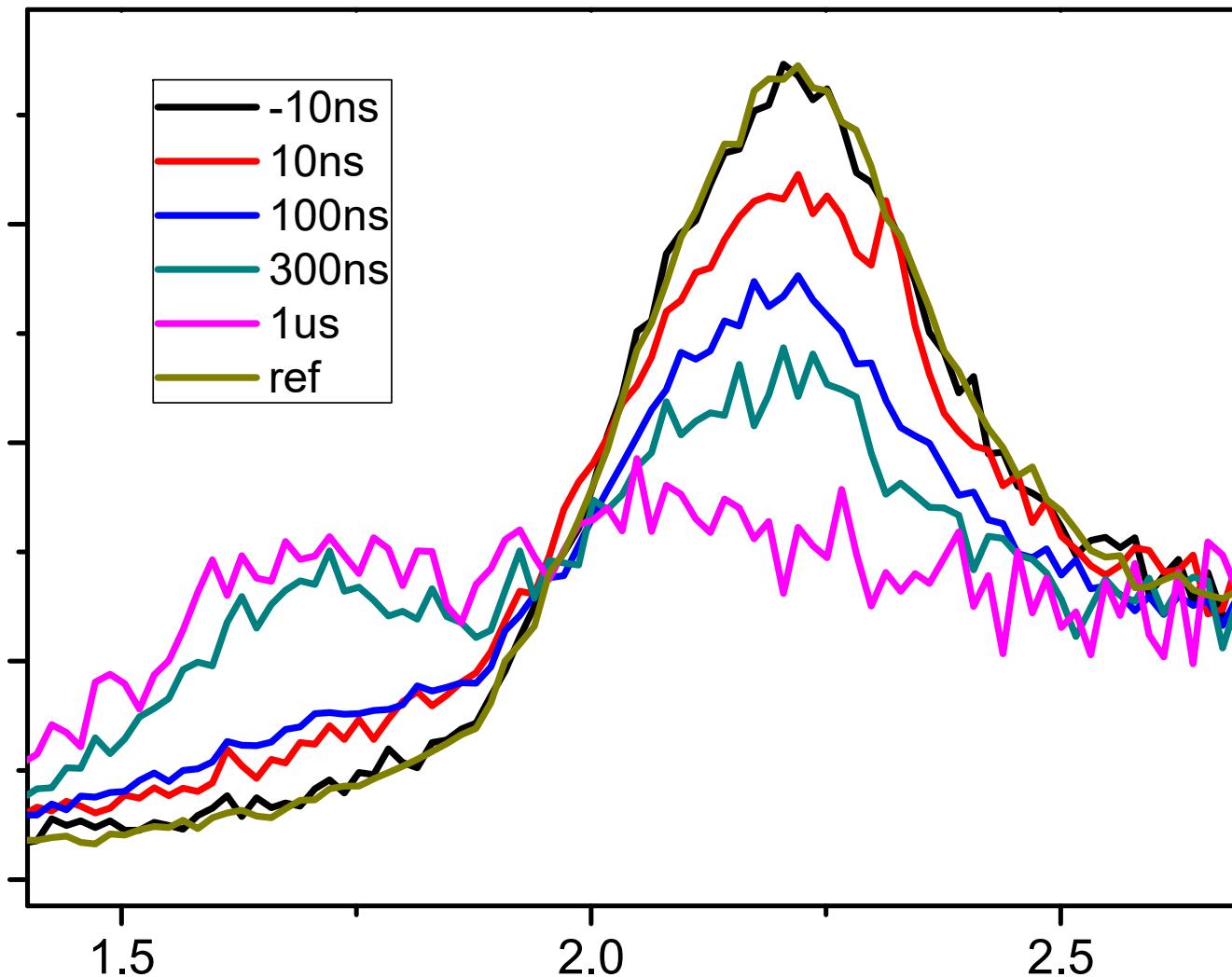
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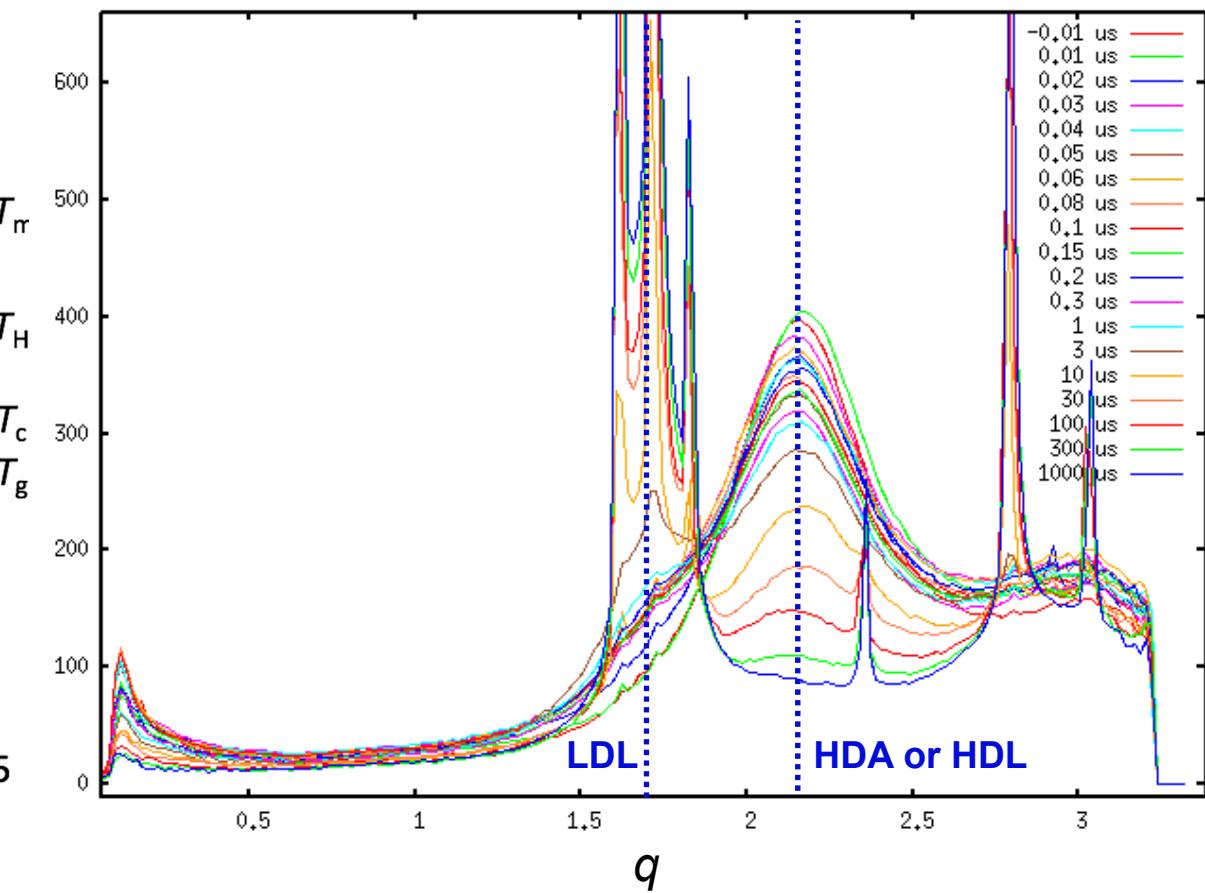
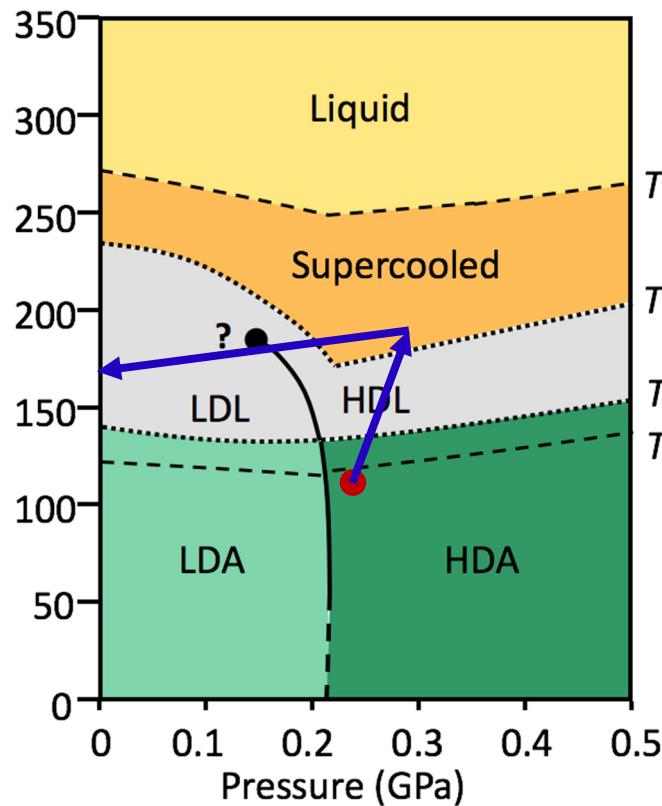


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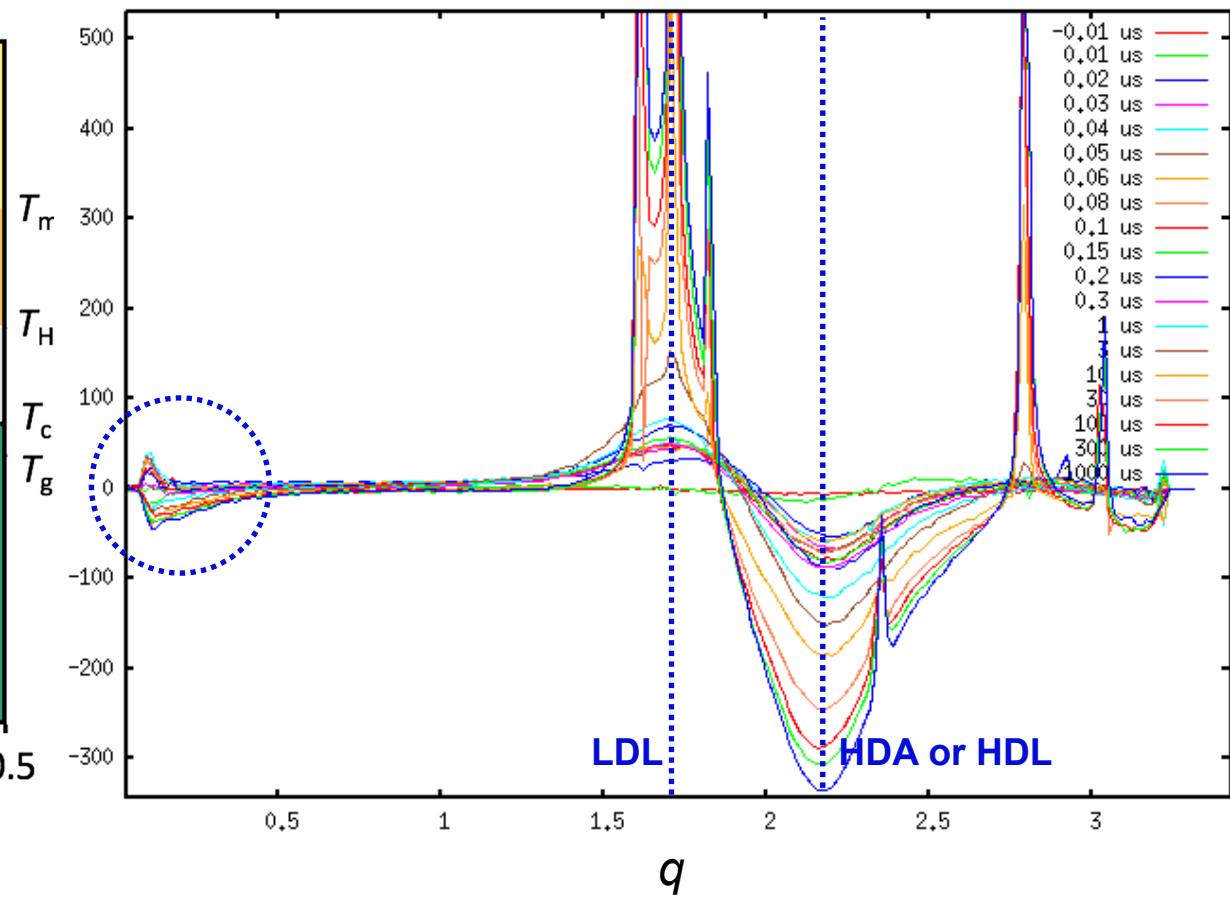
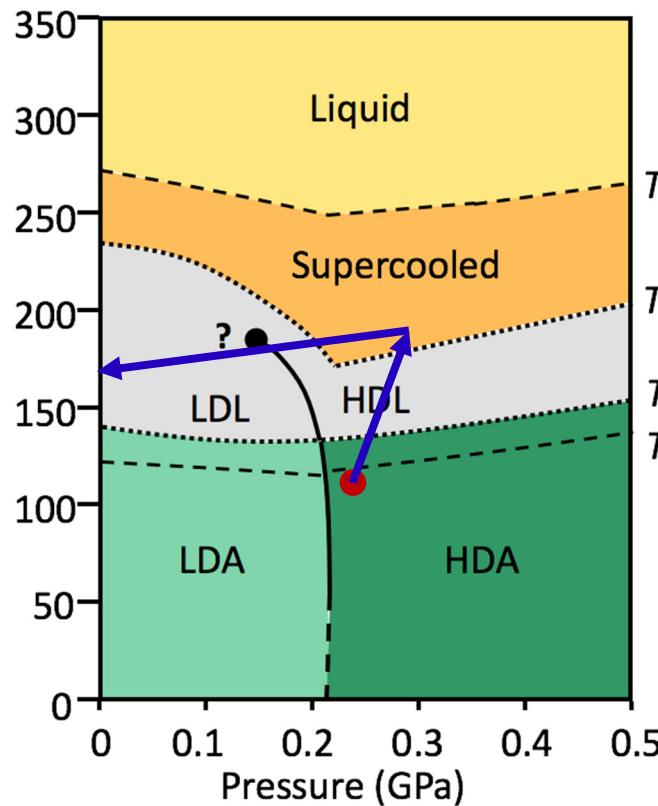
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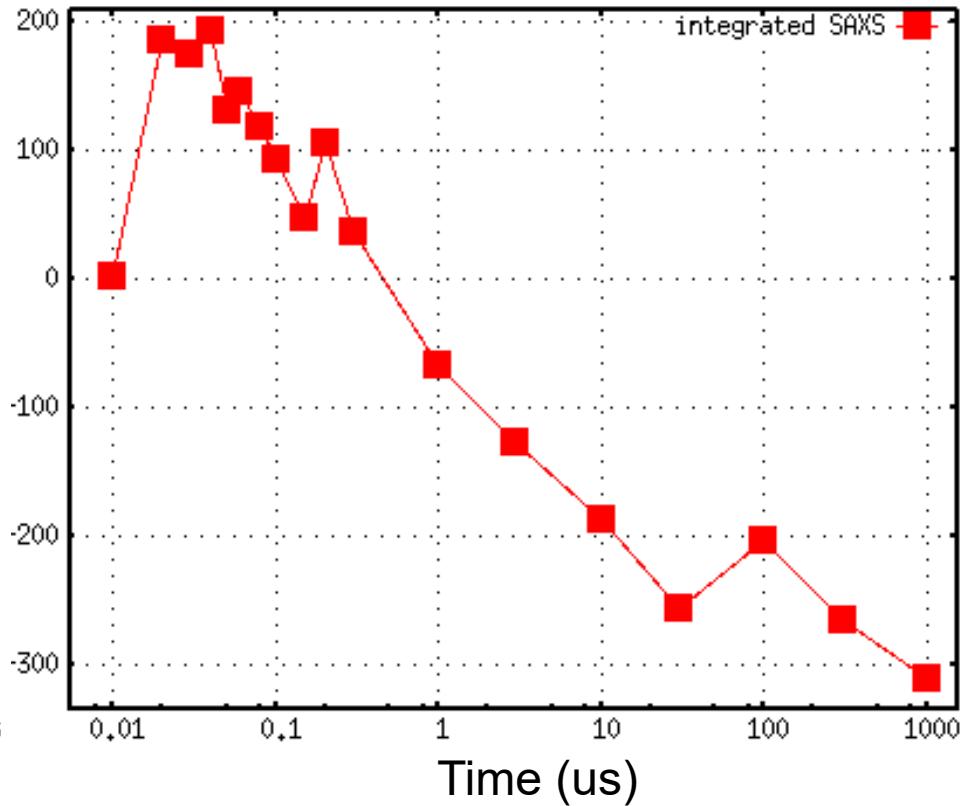
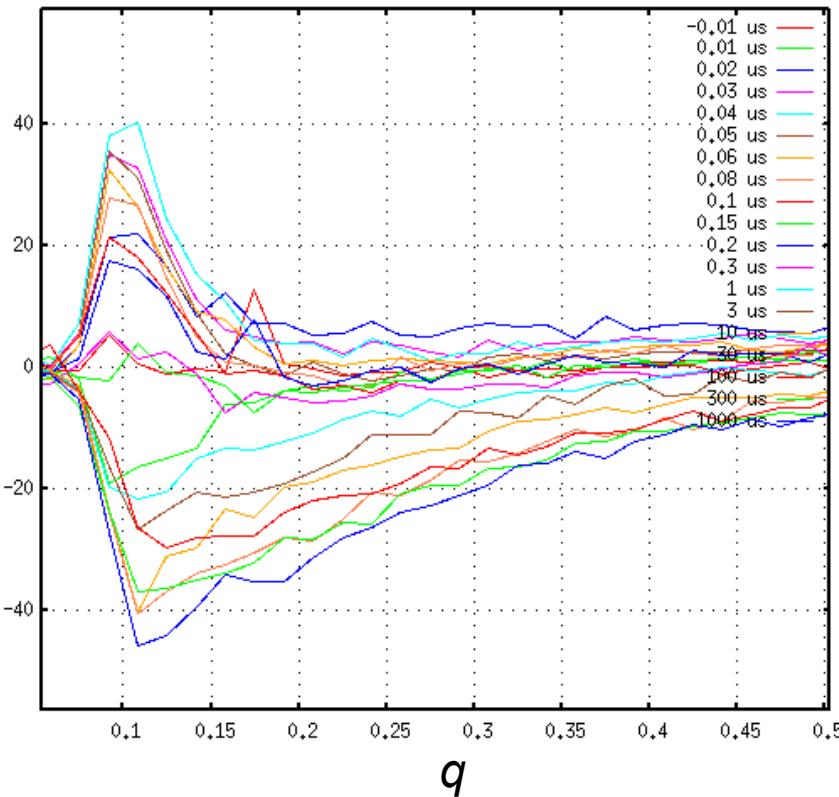
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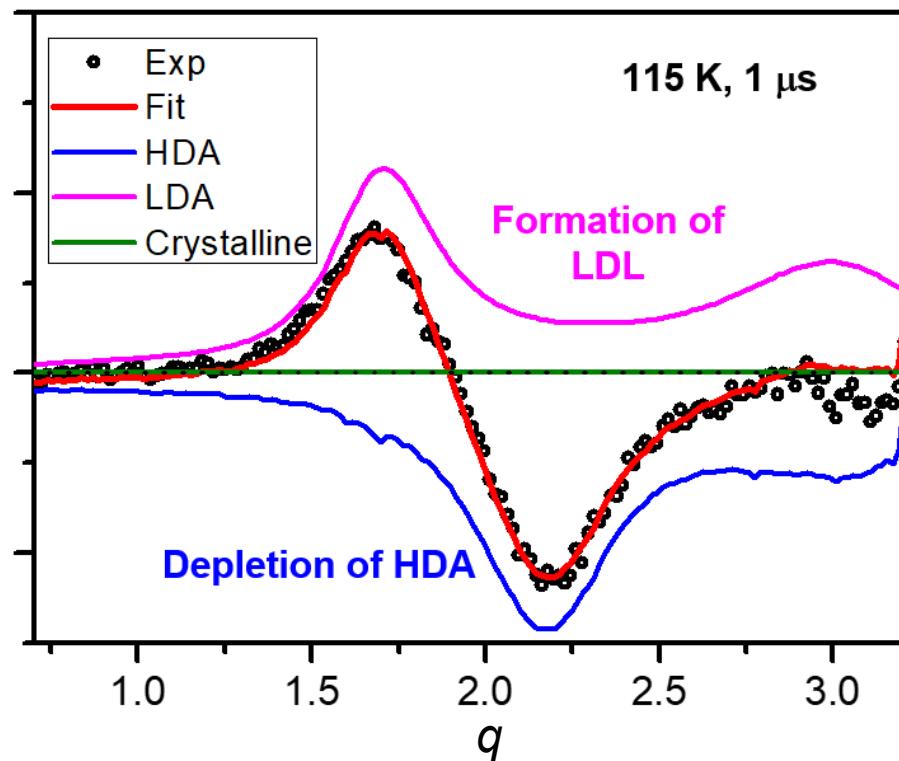
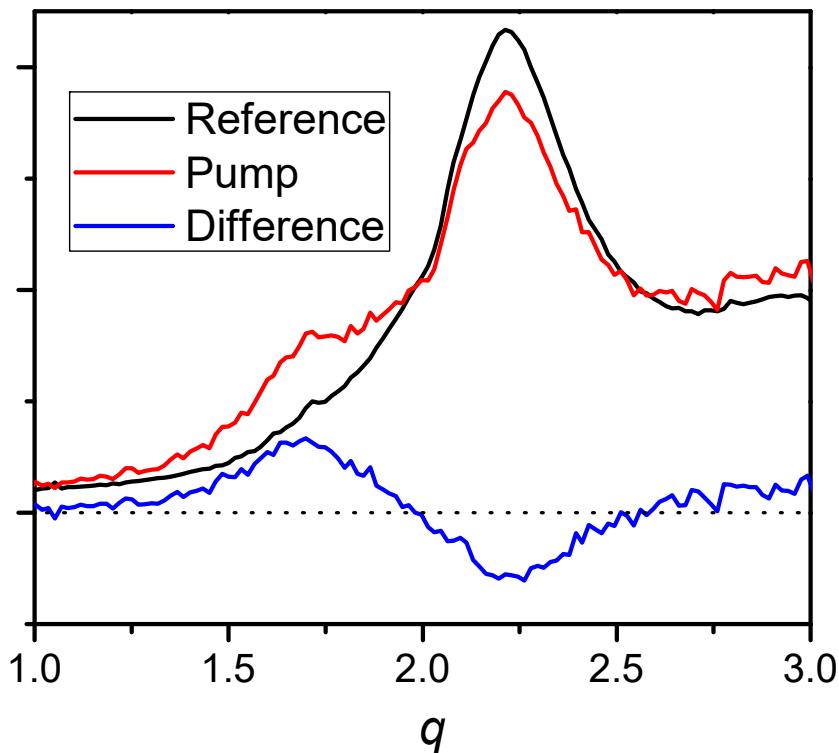


# SAXS enhancement

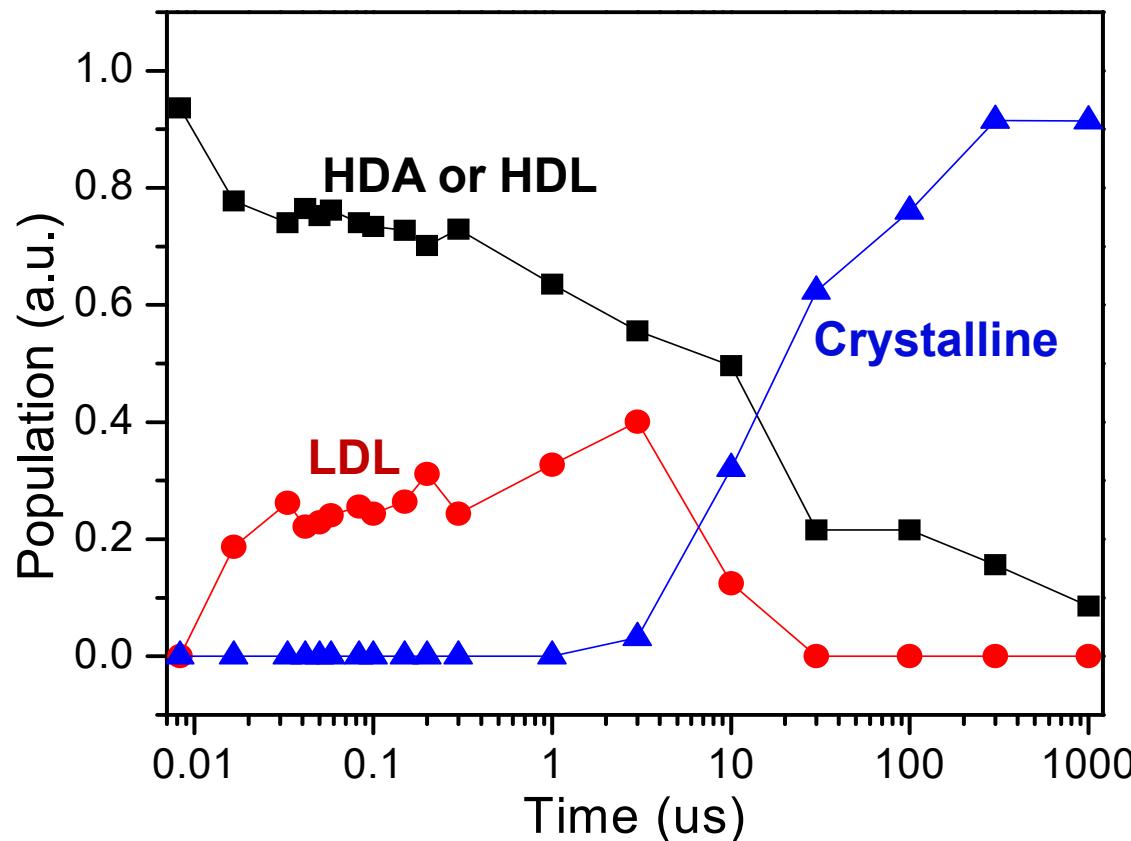


- Integrated intensity shows an enhancement at early delays

# Difference & Fit



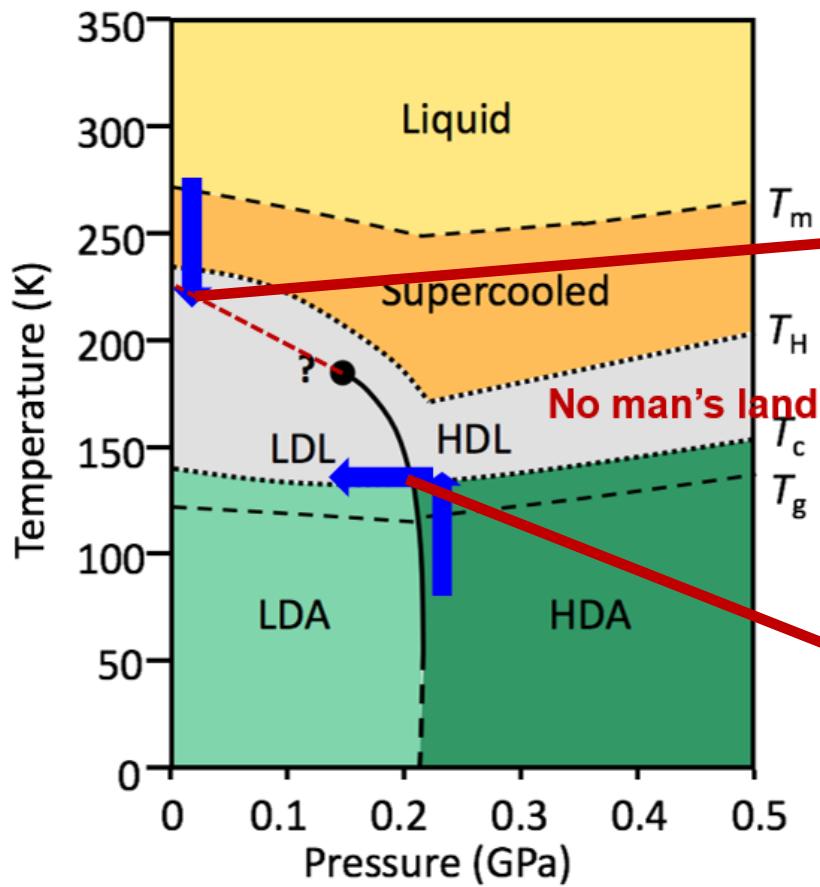
# LLT from HDA



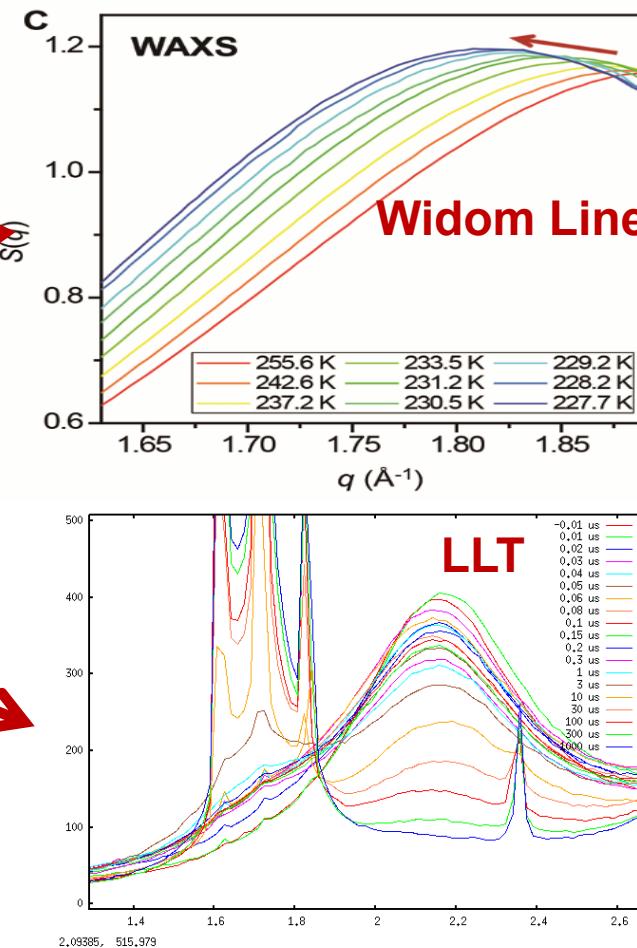
- ◆ Liquid-liquid transition at early delays.
- ◆ Crystallization at later delays.
- ◆ **Direct evidence of the LLT**

# Summary

## Fully Consistent with the LLCP Model



LLCP model shown in the phase diagram



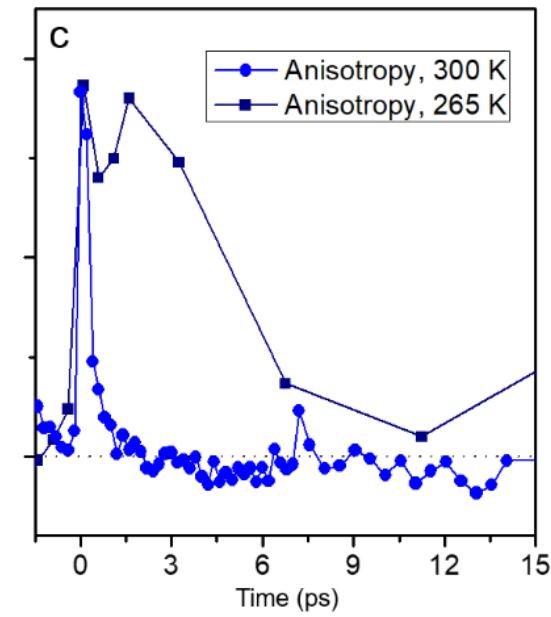
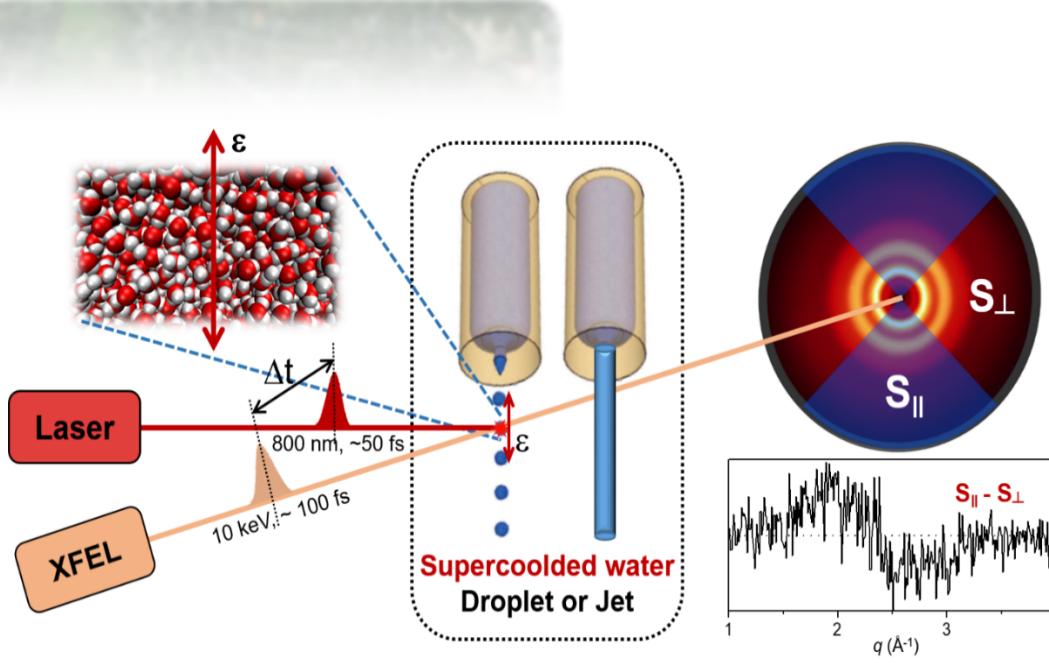
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