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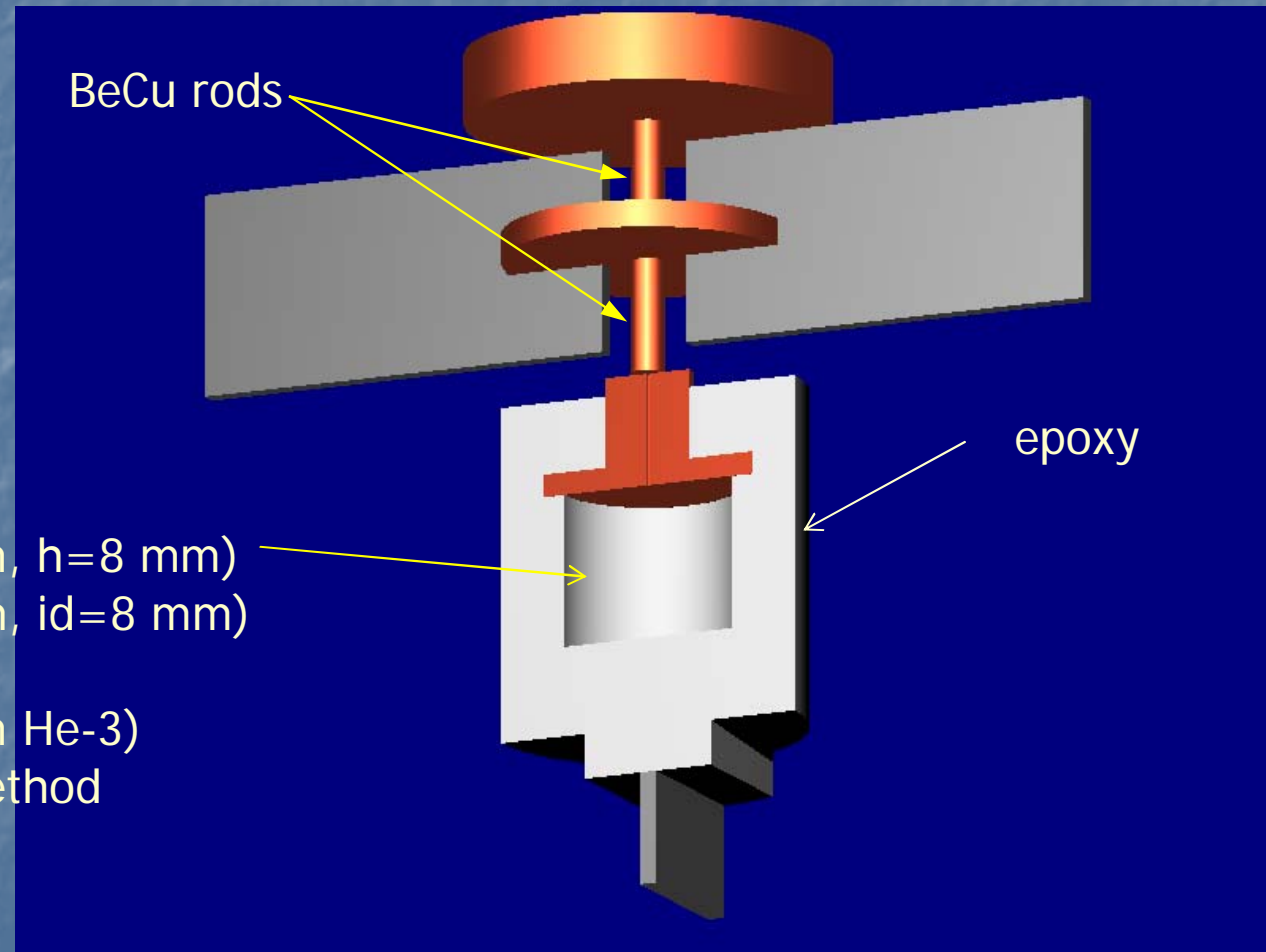
Observations on Non-Classical Behaviour of Solid ^4He with Compound Torsional Oscillator

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Compound Torsional Oscillator

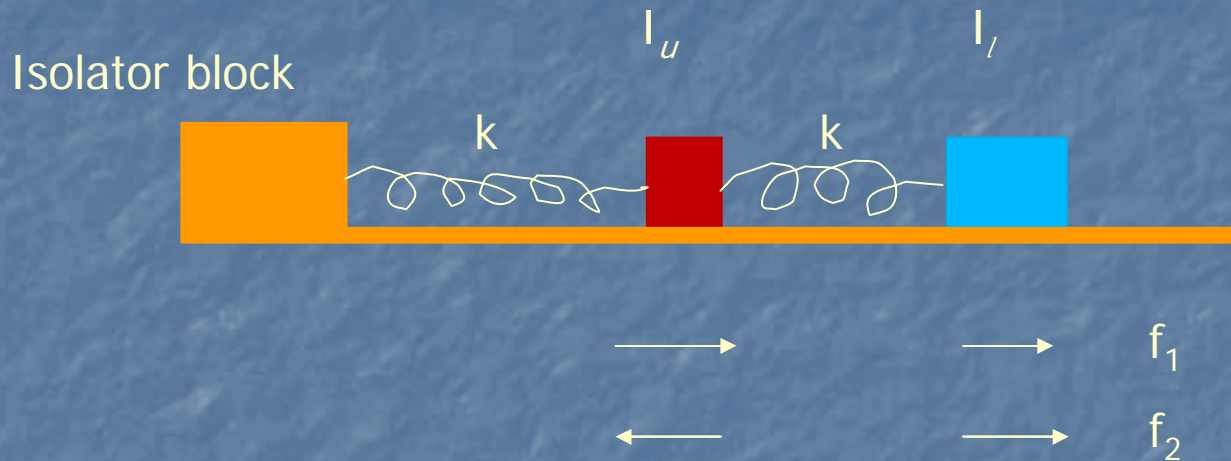


Sample chamber:
cylinder (od=10 mm, h=8 mm)
annulus (od=10 mm, id=8 mm)

He-4 (nom. 0.3 ppm He-3)
Blocked capillary method

f_1 (in phase motion) ~ 0.5 kHz, $Q \sim 1.3M$ f_2 (out phase) ~ 1.2 kHz, $Q \sim 0.5M$

Analogy to coupled oscillator



$$f_{1,2} = \frac{\sqrt{K}}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{I_u + 2I_l \pm \sqrt{I_u^2 + 4I_l^2}}{2I_u I_l}}$$

assuming the same torsion constant for both rods

Why Compound Torsional Oscillator?

I. probing NCRI of identical solid ^4He at 2 frequencies

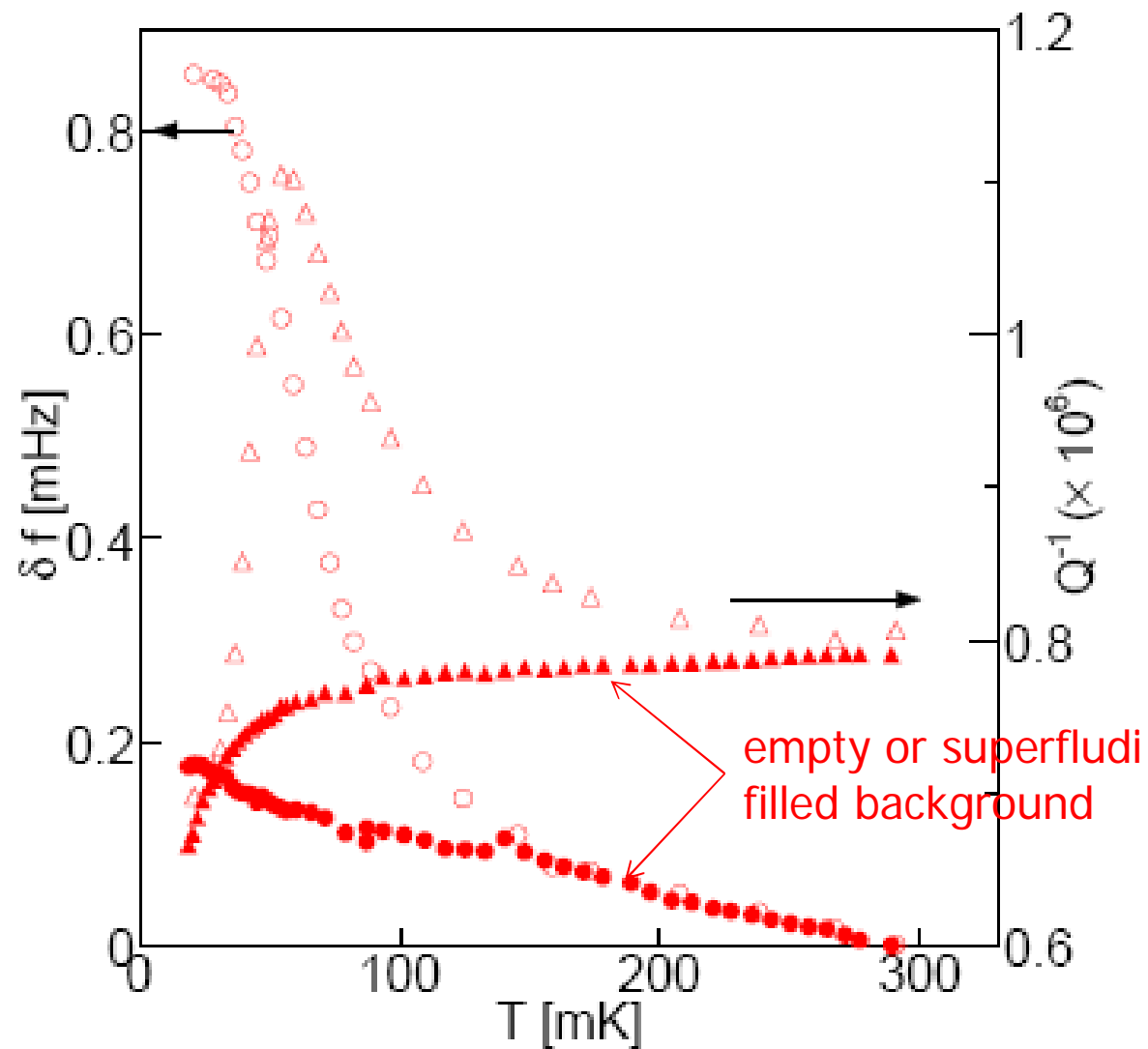
- “simple” superfluid behavior?
- critical displacement, velocity or acceleration?
- glassy solid ^4He (Nussinov, et al, Phys. Rev. B 76, 014530(07))
- vortex liquid (Anderson, Nature Physics 3, 160(07), Schevchenko, LTP(88))
- KT-like “film” flow along grain boundaries (Gaudio, et al(08))

II. Simultaneous drive both modes

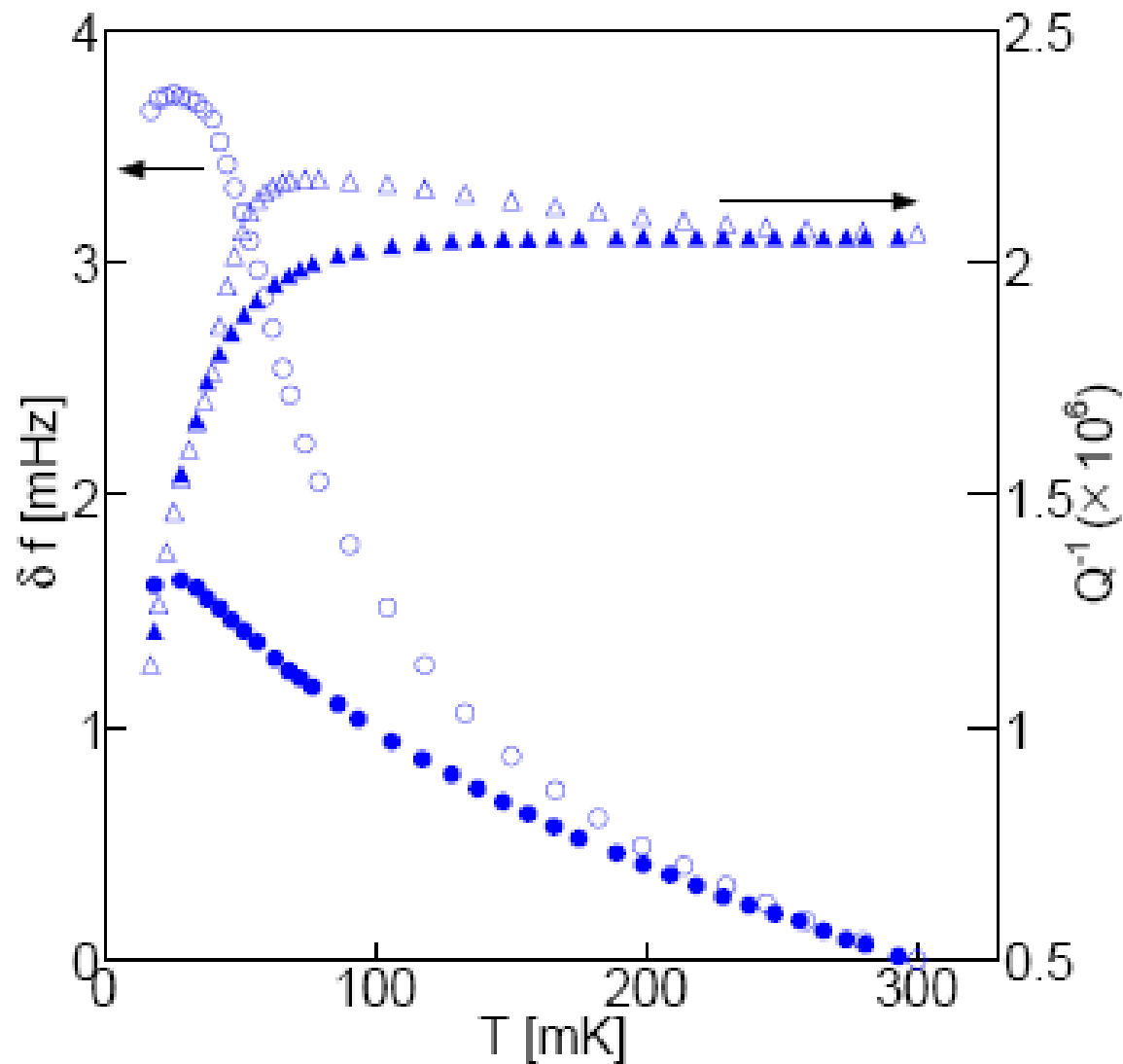
III. geometry dependence ? cylinder and annulus

Hysteresis and relaxation dynamics effects

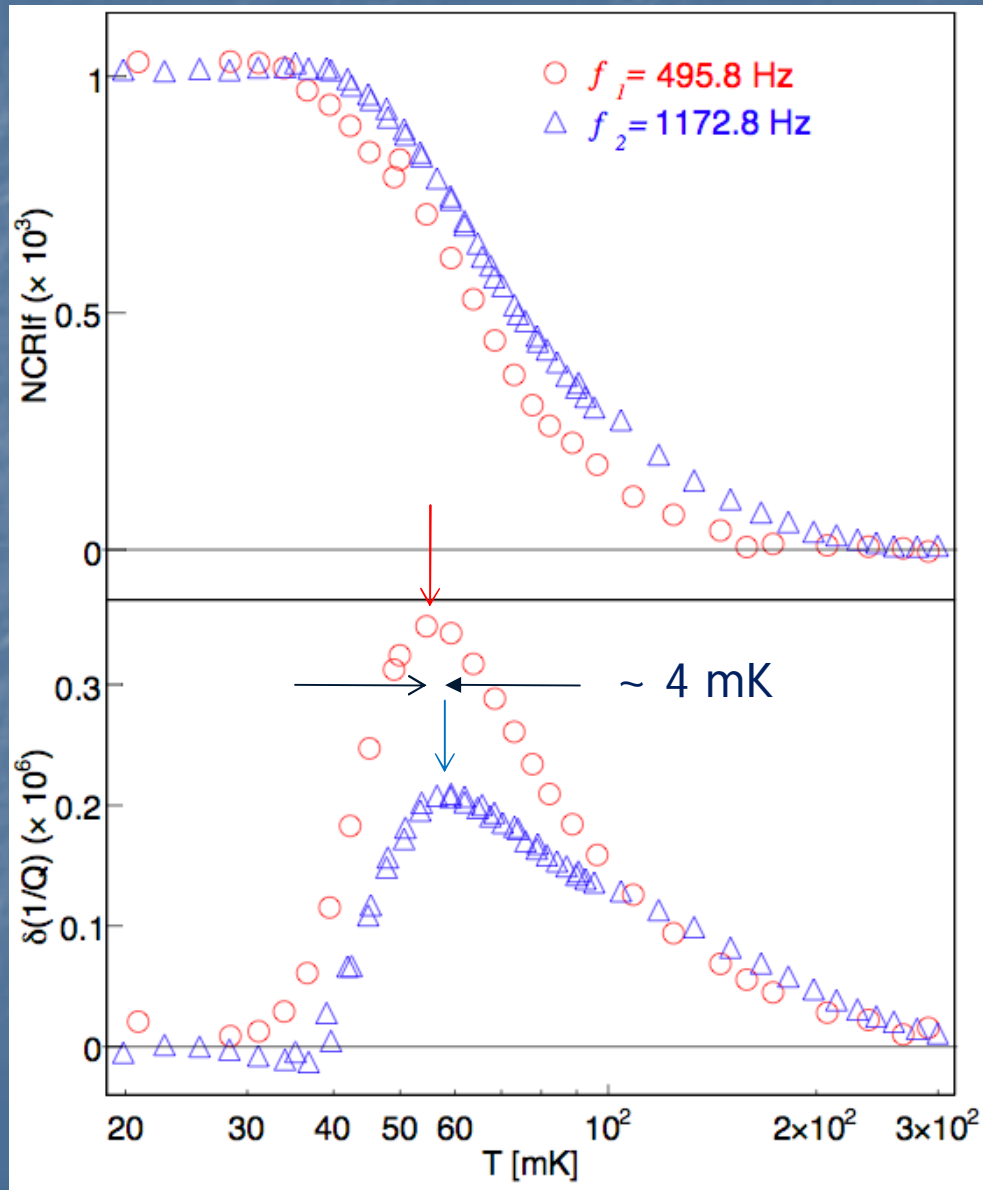
f_1 mode (496 Hz), cylinder



f_2 mode (1.2 kHz), cylinder



NCRI fraction and Dissipation



Cylindrical sample

(10 mm diam, 8 mm high)
rim velocity $< 20 \mu\text{m/s}$

$P = 37 \text{ bar}$

Blocked capillary growth

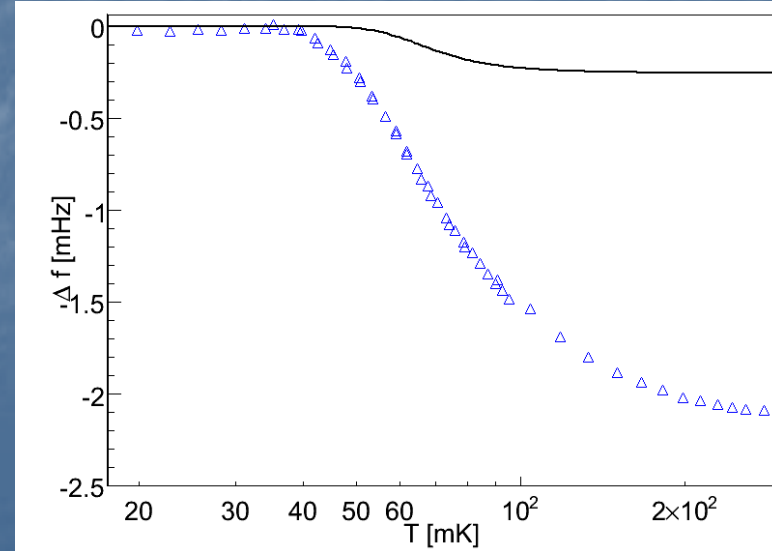
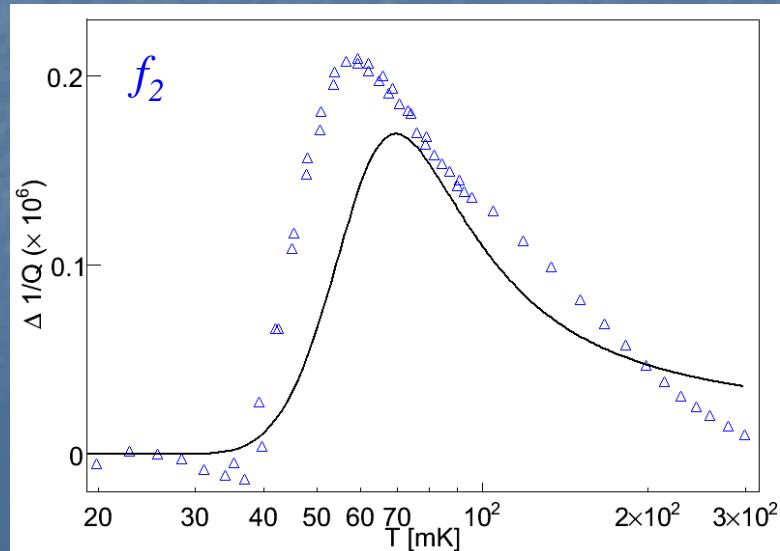
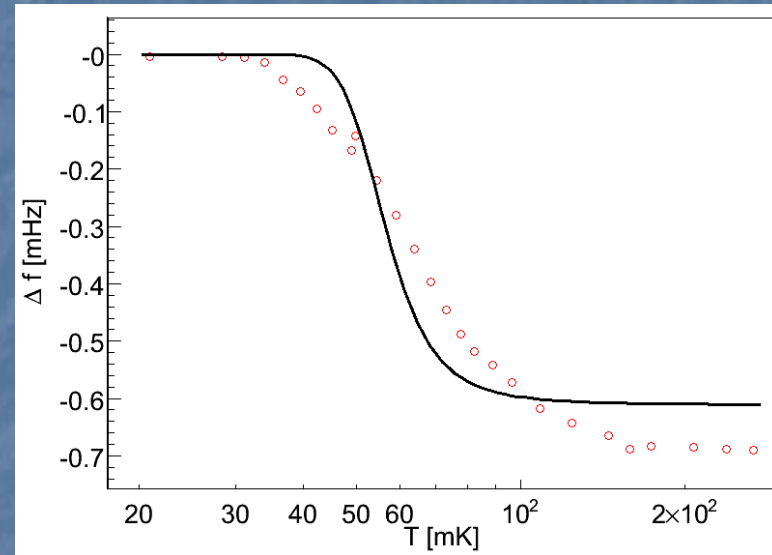
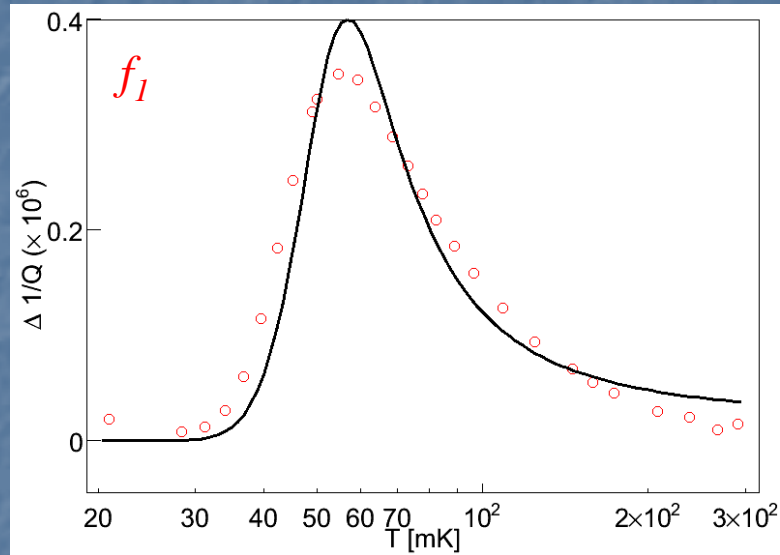
No annealing, $T < 350 \text{ mK}$

$$\Delta Q^{-1} = \frac{As}{1 + (2\pi f_0 s)^2} \quad s = s_0 \exp(D / (T - T_0))$$

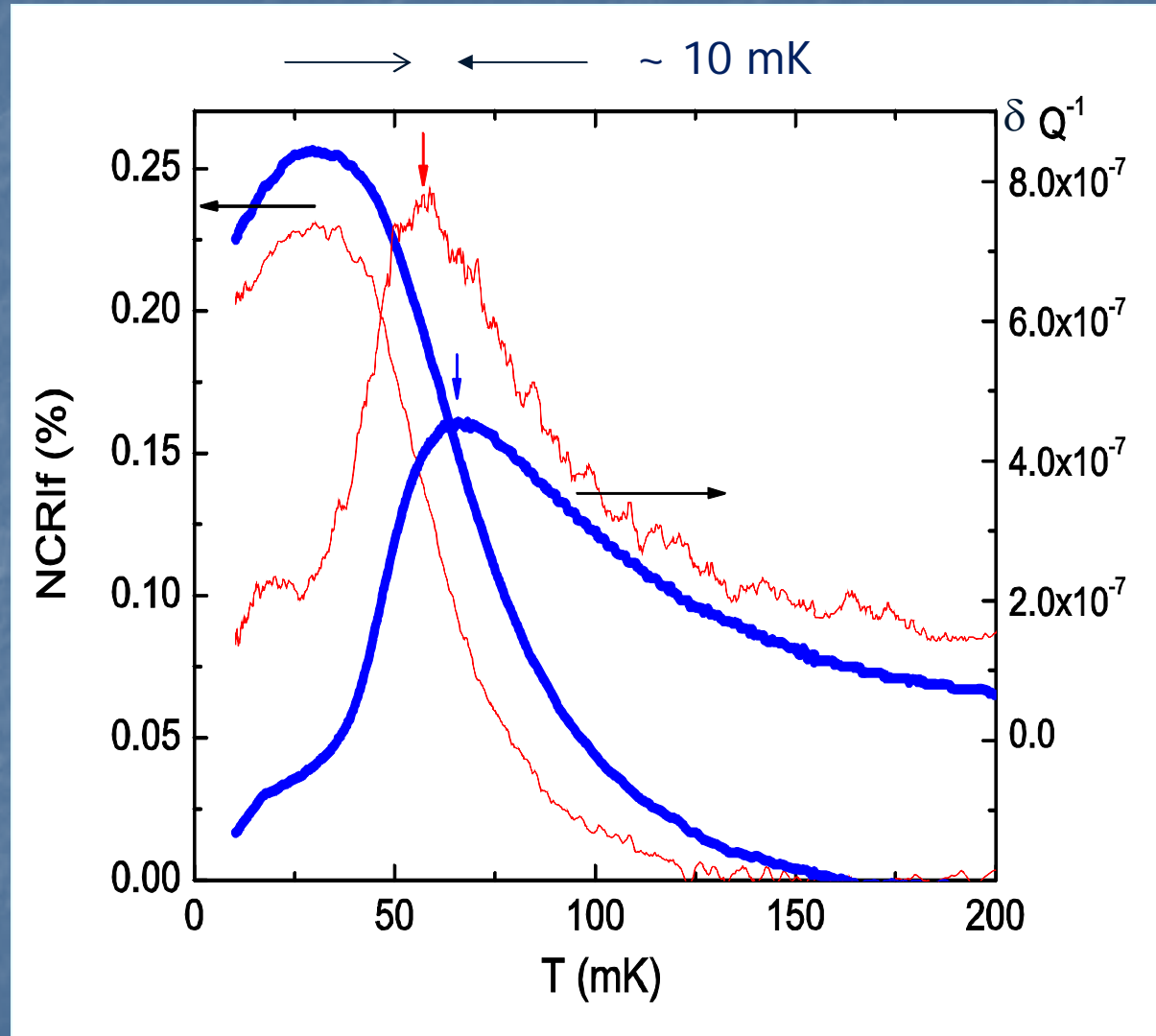
$$\Delta f = \frac{1}{f_0 - \frac{B}{f_0[1 + (2\pi f_0 s)^2]}}$$

$$S_0 = 8.63 \mu\text{s}, \quad D = 147.66 \text{ mK}, \quad T_0 = 15.92 \text{ mK}, \quad A = 2.49678 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$B = 3.03371 \times 10^{-1} \text{ s}^{-2}$$



NCRI fraction and Dissipation



Annular sample

8 mm inner diam

10 mm outer diam

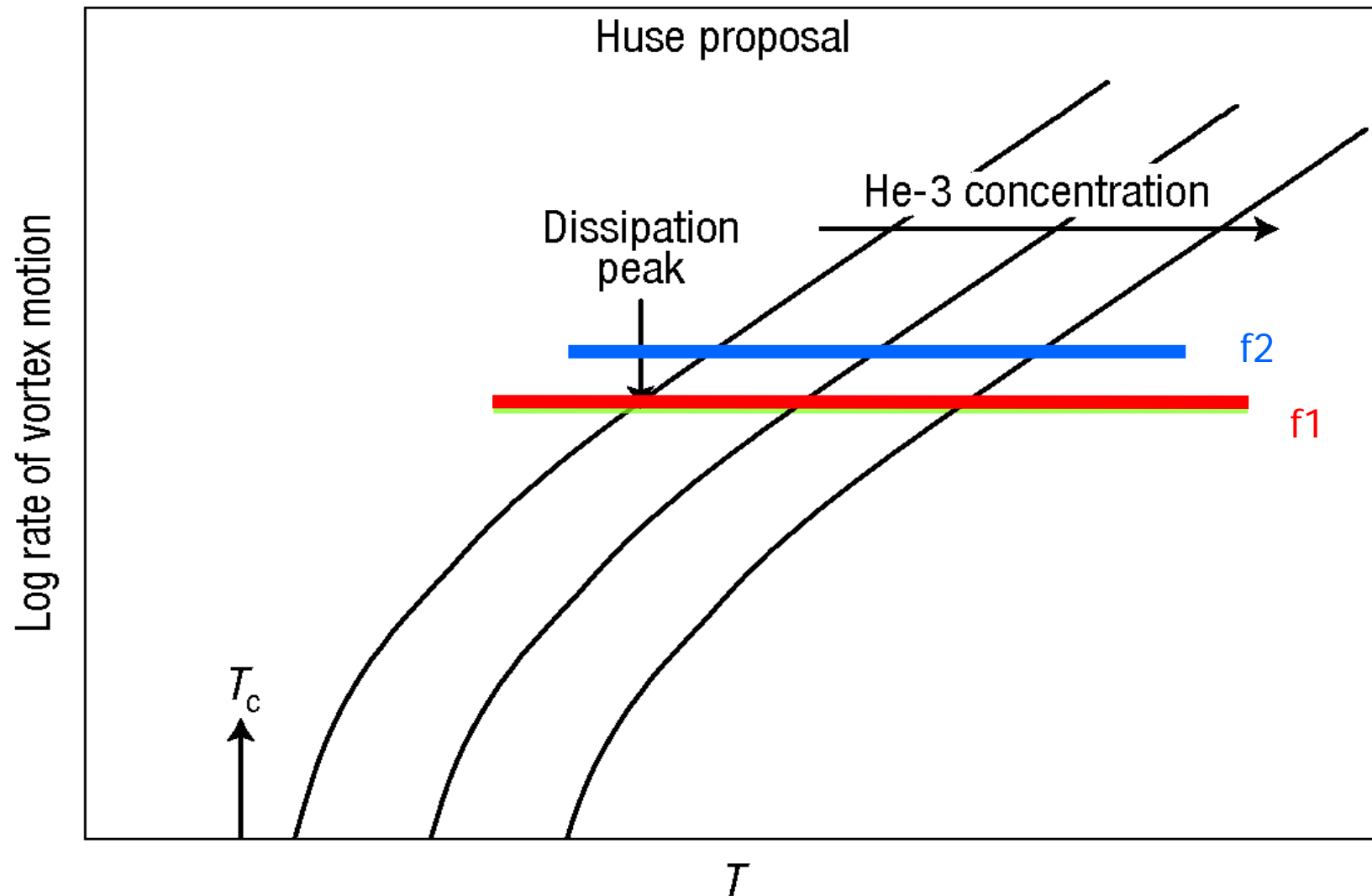
P = 42 bar

Blocked capillary growth

simultaneous low drive

vortex liquid model – dissipation response

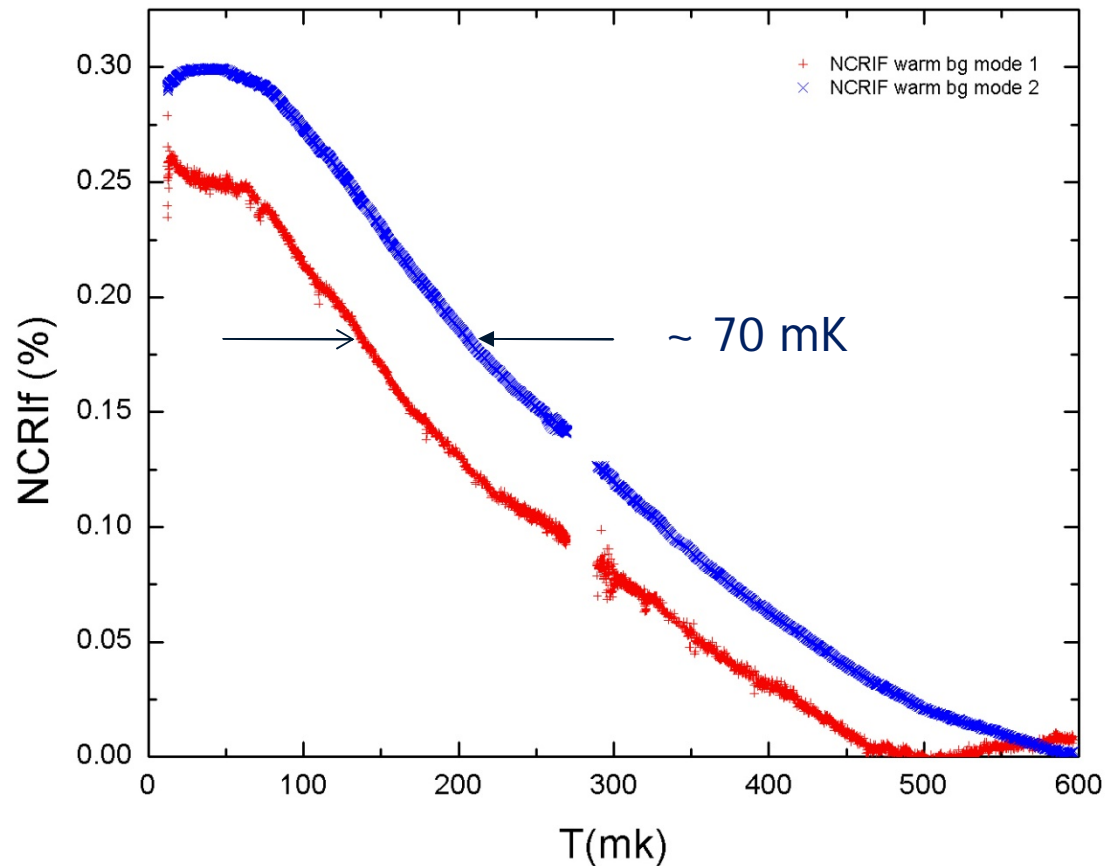
Anderson (Nature Physics 3, 160(2007))



"real" supersolid at $T < T_c$

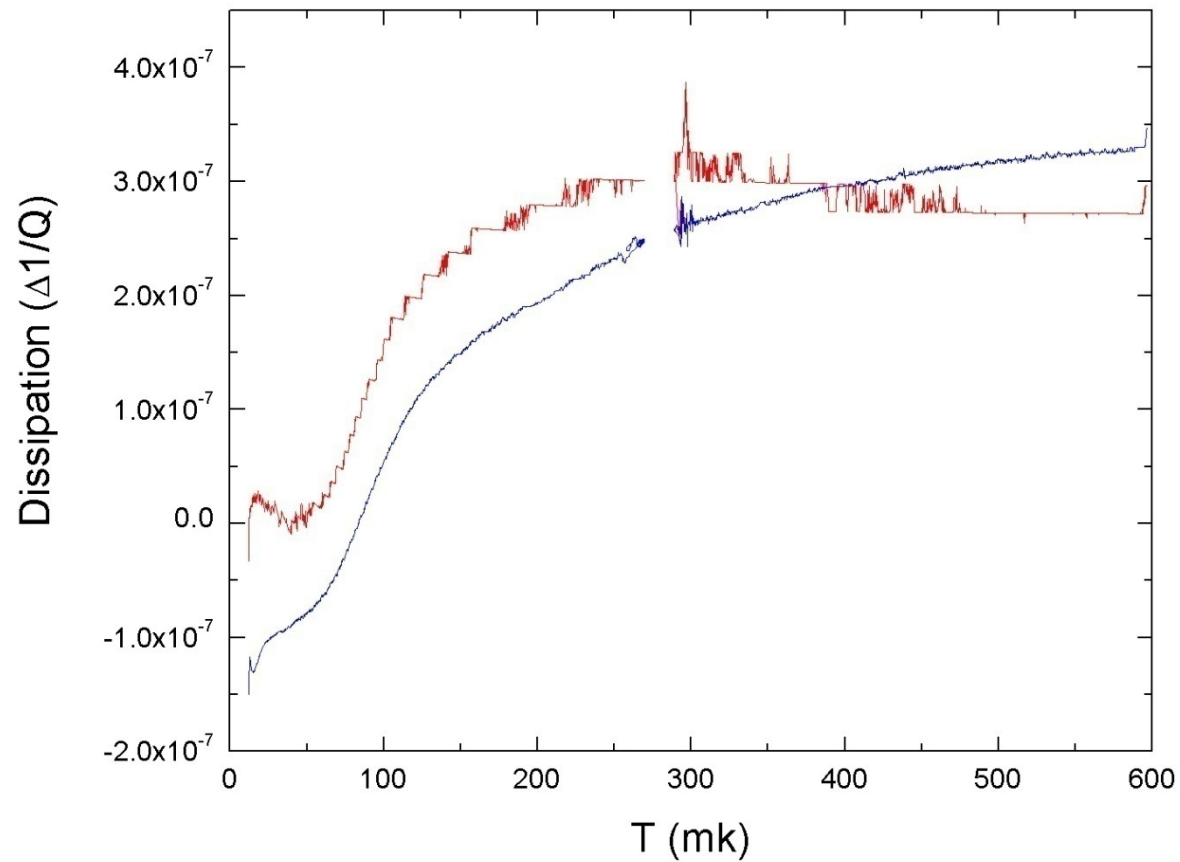
What happens with ^3He impurity?

"10 ppm ^3He " - effect on NCRIf (very preliminary)



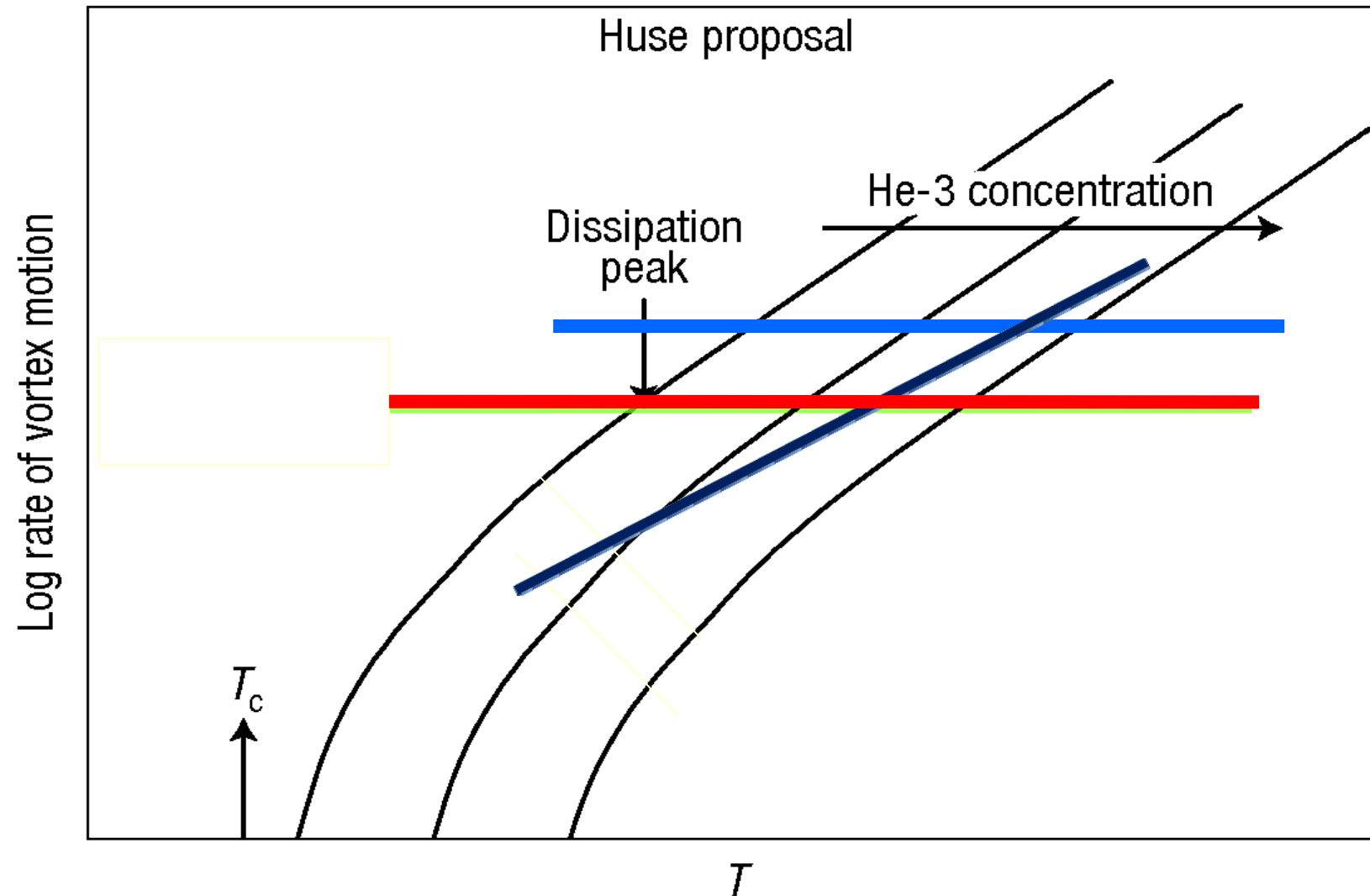
Increased onset T: confirmation of results at Penn State group
What about separation in dissipation peaks?

"10 ppm ^3He " - effect on dissipation (preliminary)



dissipation peak is weak with 10 ppm ^3He \longrightarrow vortex liquid model?

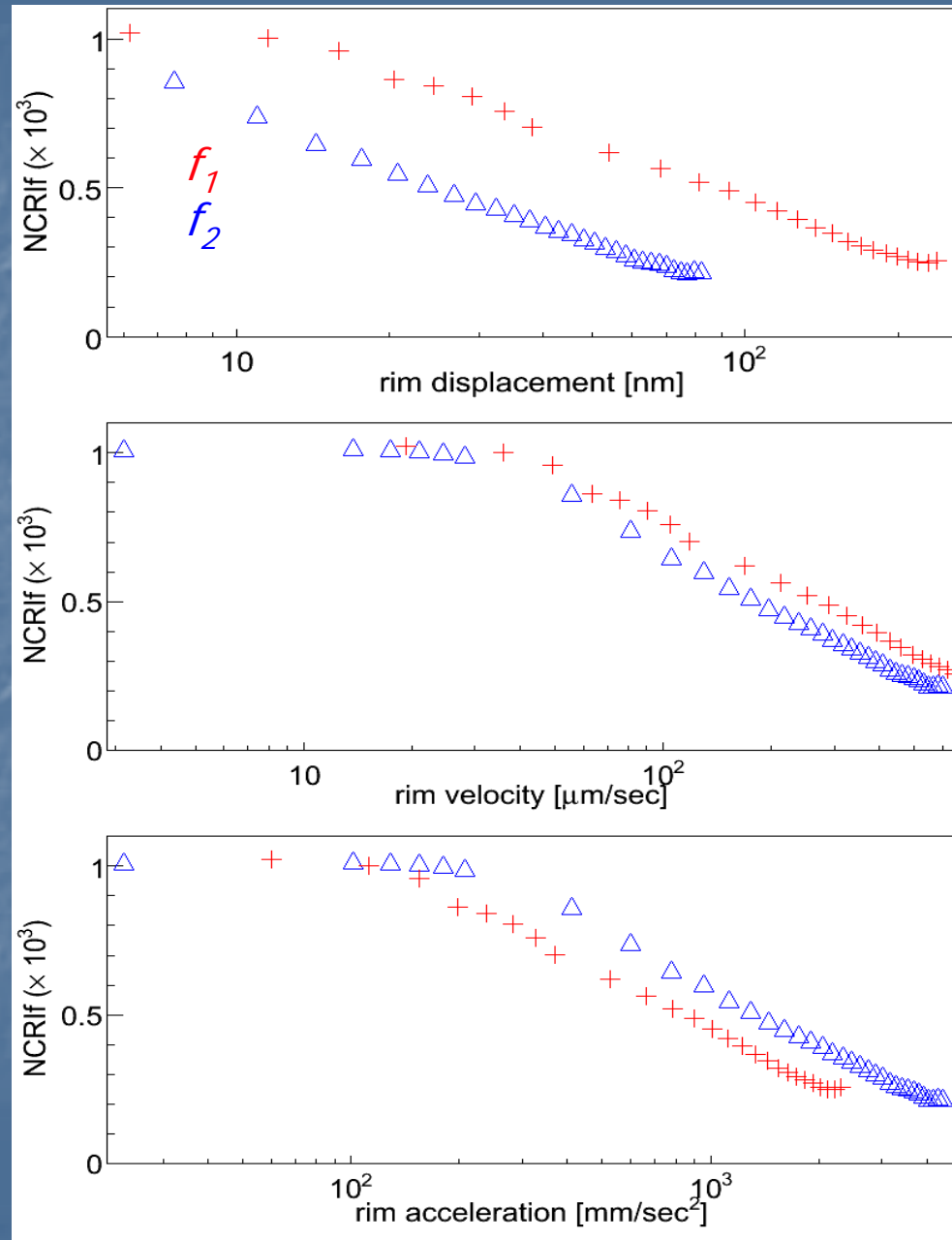
revisit Anderson model



Velocity Dependent Suppression of NCRI fraction

Cylinder

$T = 19 \text{ mK}$ $P = 37 \text{ bar}$



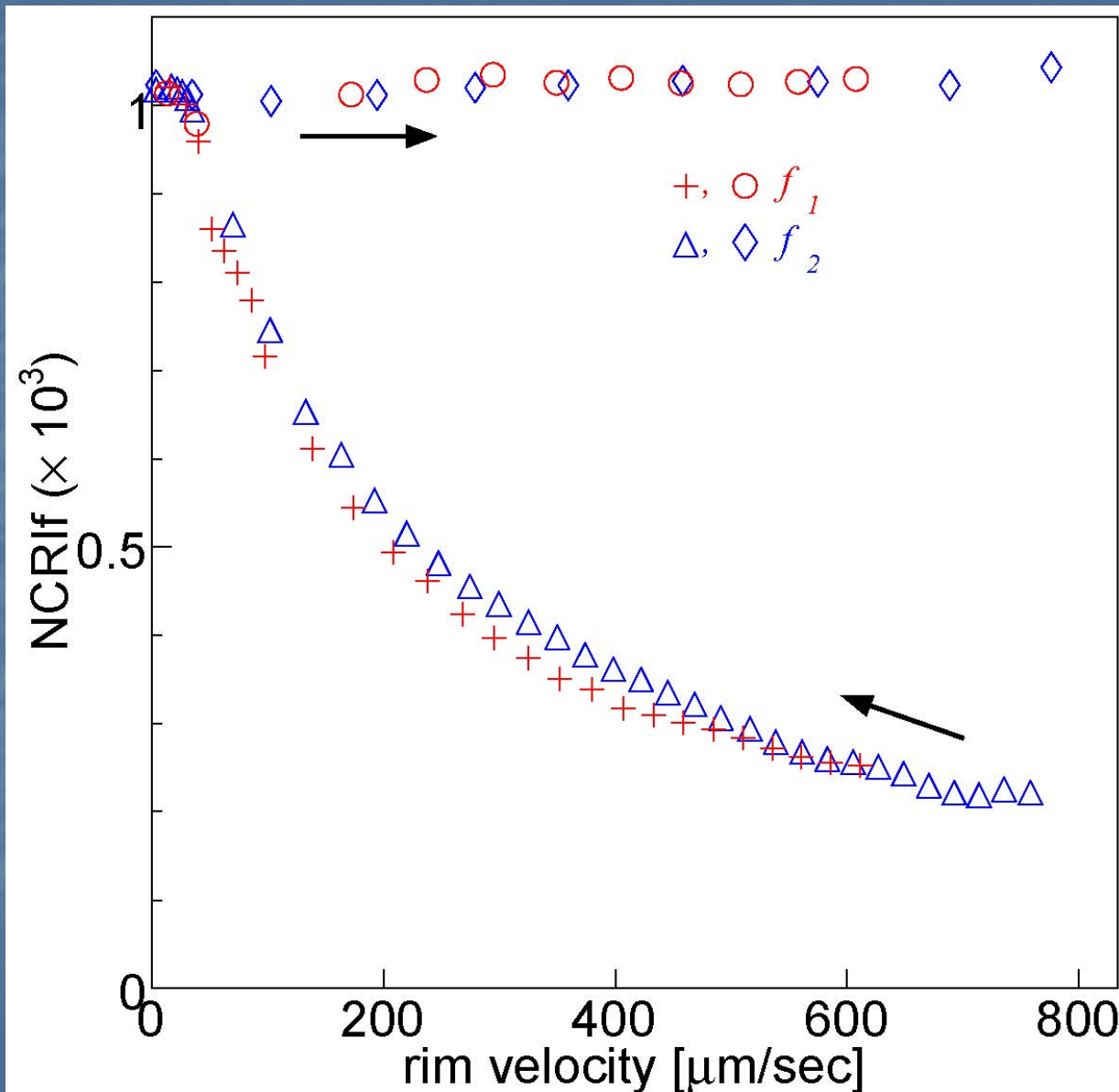
at $\text{NCRI}f = 0.05 \%$

$$\left| \frac{d_1 - d_2}{d_1} \right| = 0.7$$

$$\left| \frac{v_1 - v_2}{v_1} \right| = 0.3 \rightarrow \text{best match}$$

$$\left| \frac{a_1 - a_2}{a_1} \right| = 0.6$$

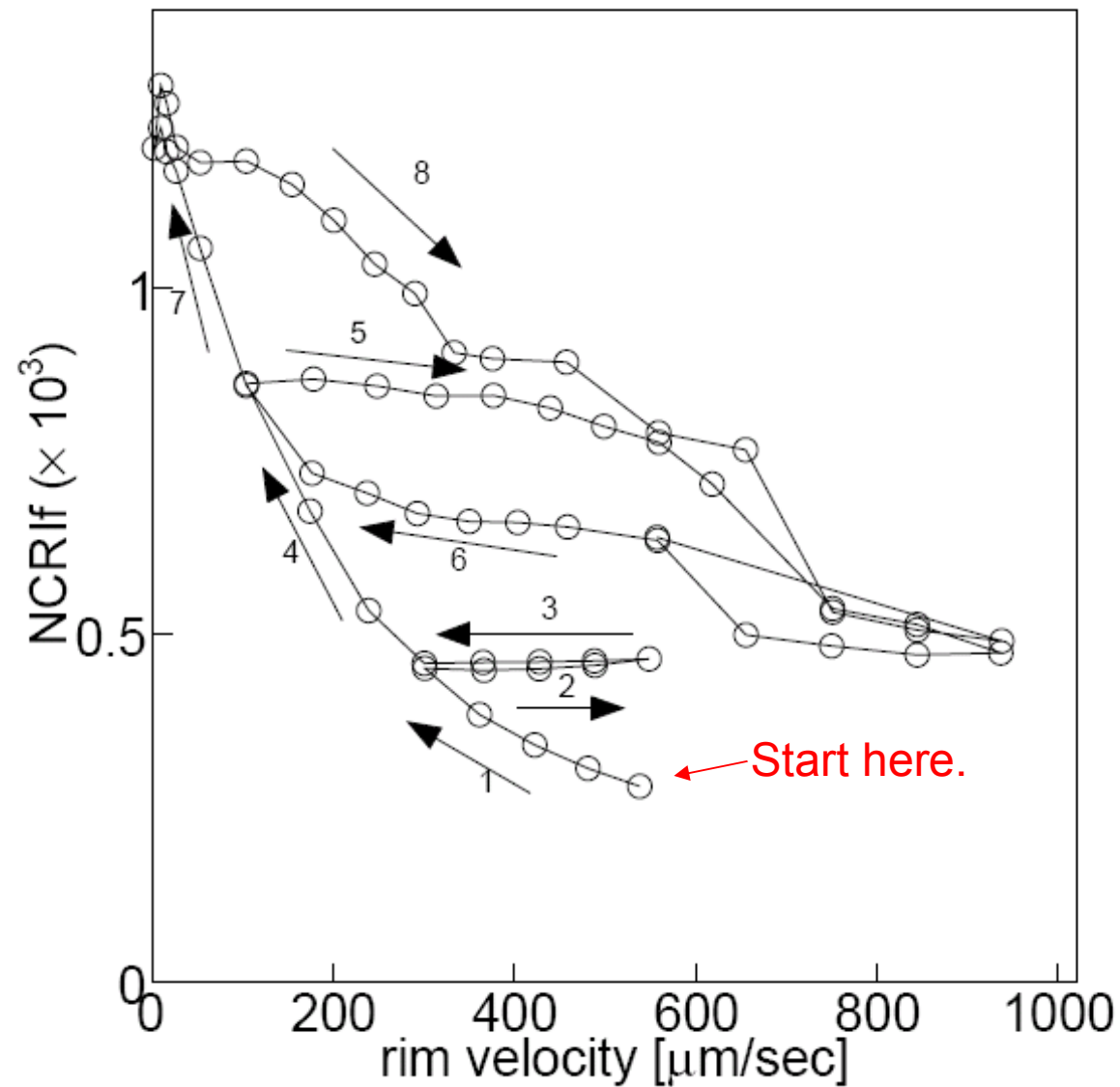
Hysteresis in velocity dependent NCRI



Cylinder
 $T = 19 \text{ mK}$ $P = 37 \text{ bar}$

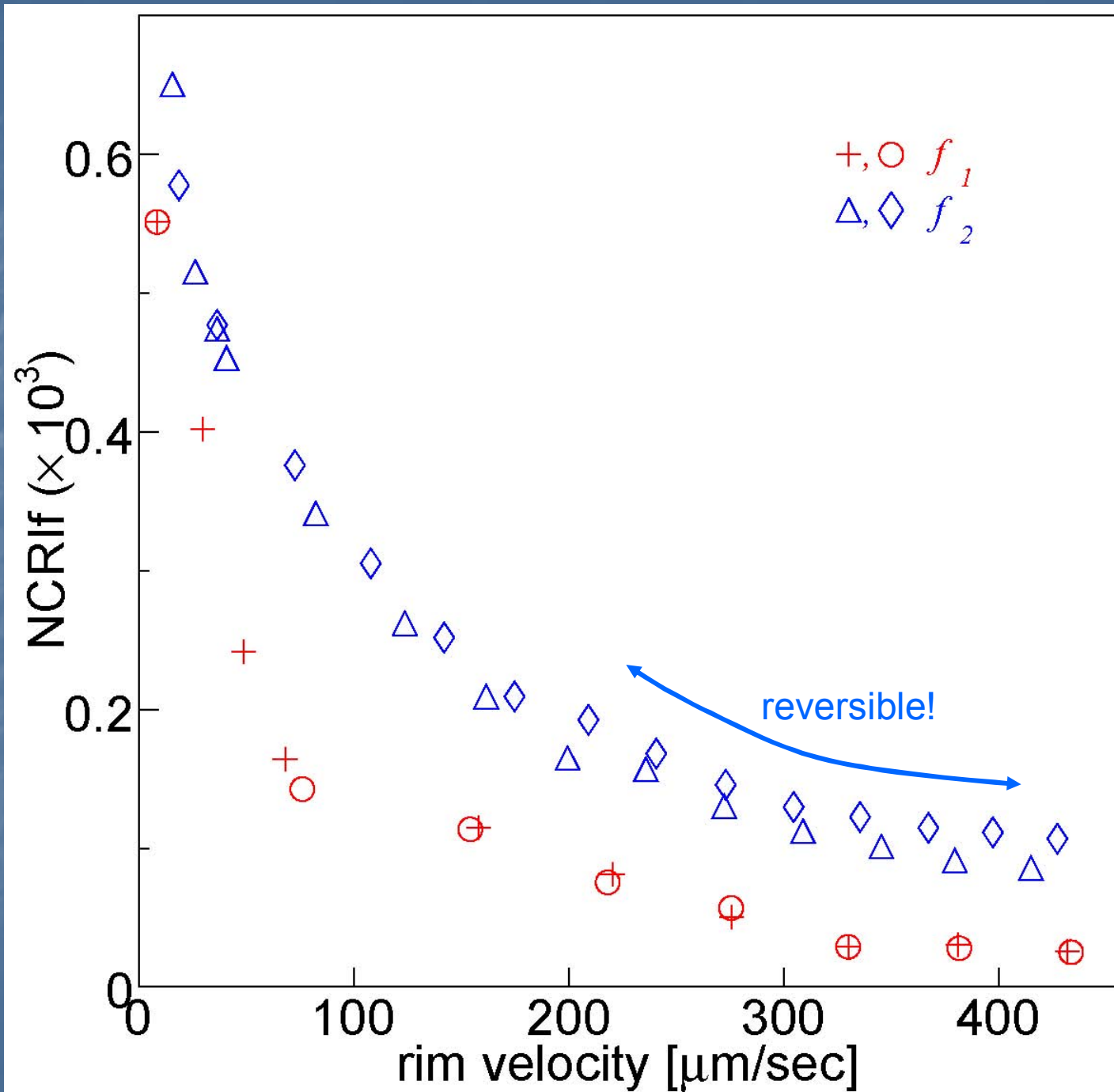
No hysteresis at 60 mK!

hysteresis at 30 mK

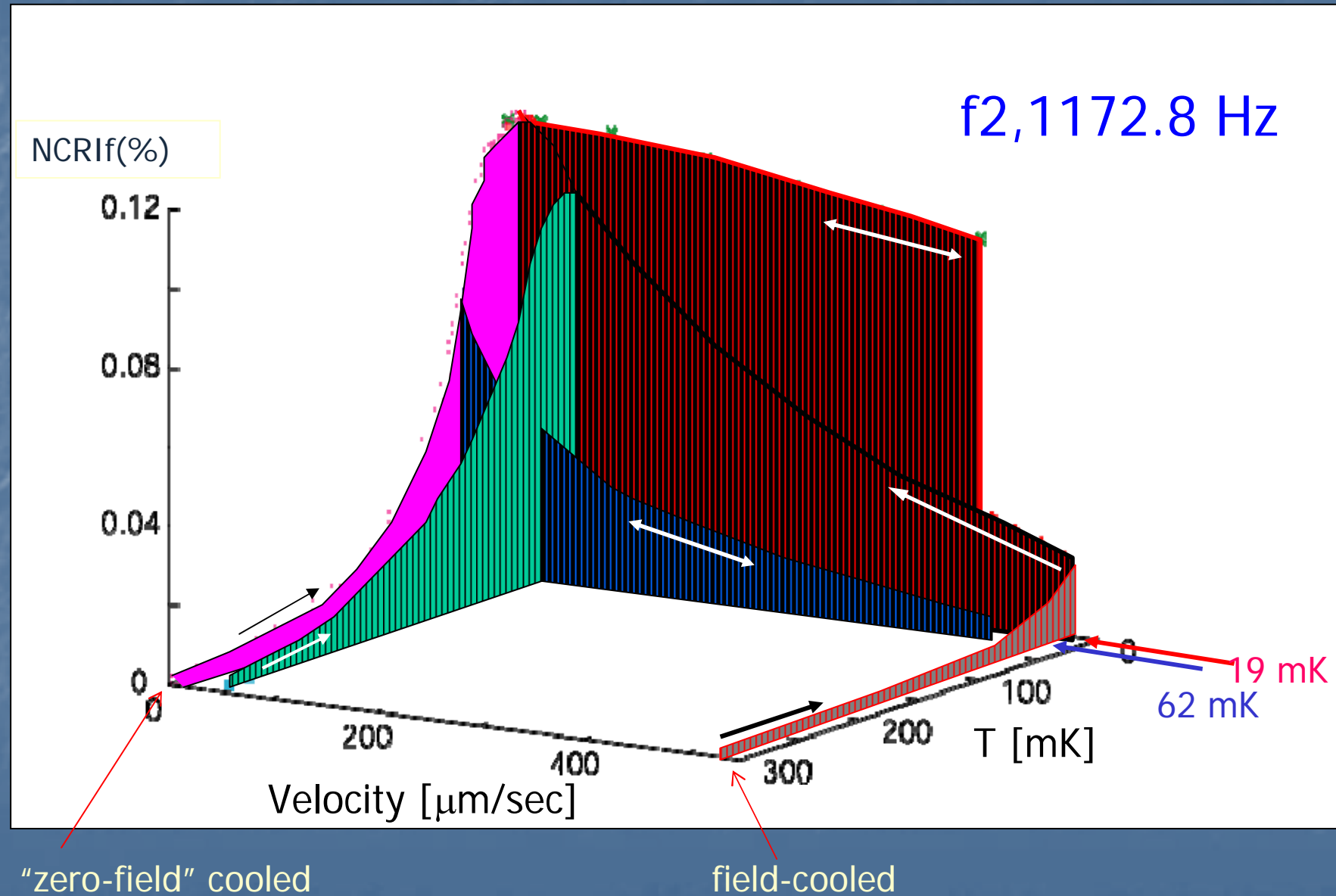


T = 63 mK

Note: no
hysteresis!



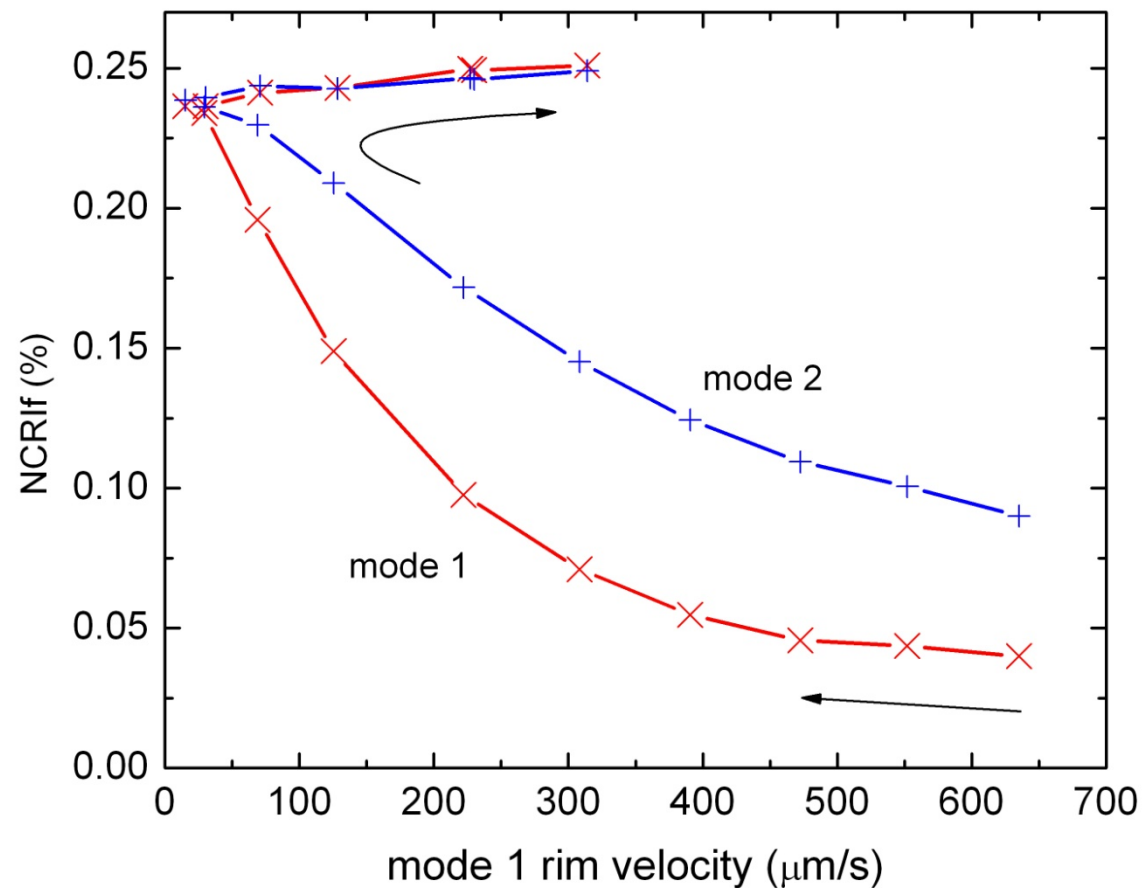
Mapping of NCRIf as [ac oscillation (field) and T] are varied: cylinder sample



simultaneous drive:

change drive level of mode 1

with small ($\sim 15 \mu\text{m/s}$) drive of mode 2



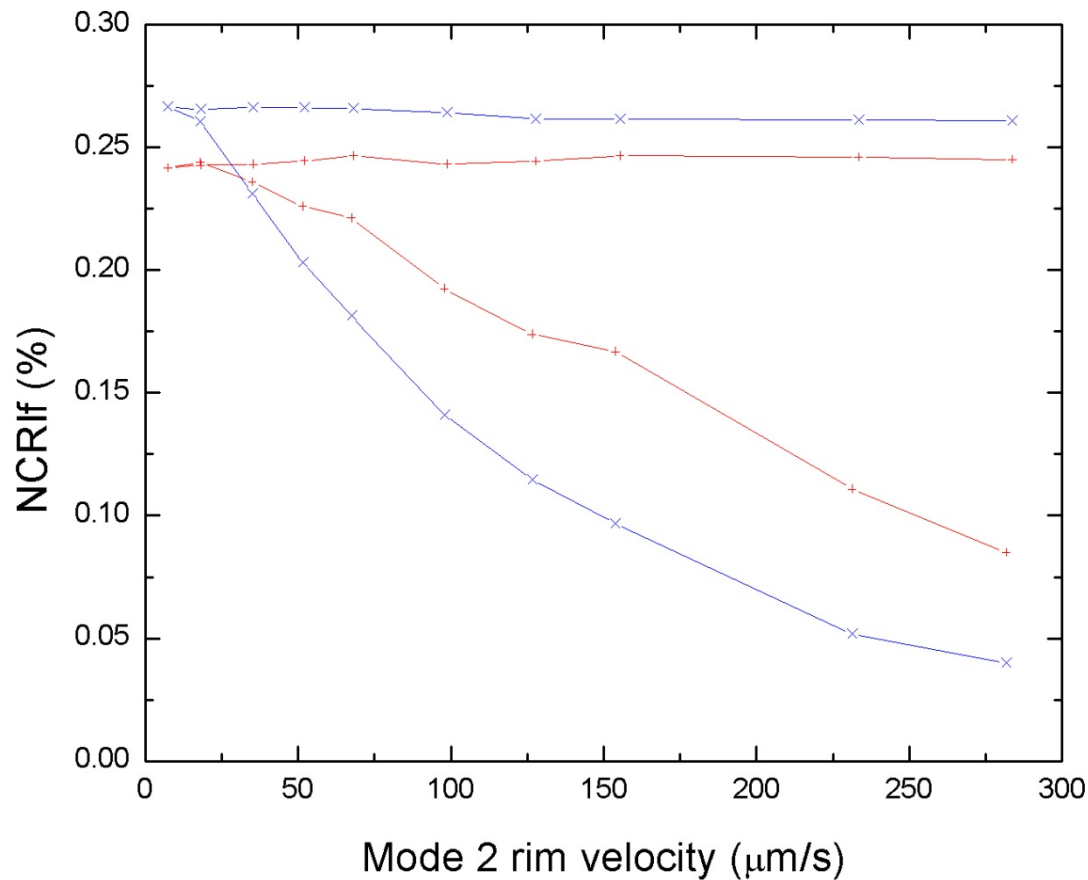
annulus

$T = 10 \text{ mK}$

$P = 42 \text{ bar}$

simultaneous drive:

change drive level of mode 2
with small ($10\text{ }\mu\text{m/s}$) drive of mode 1



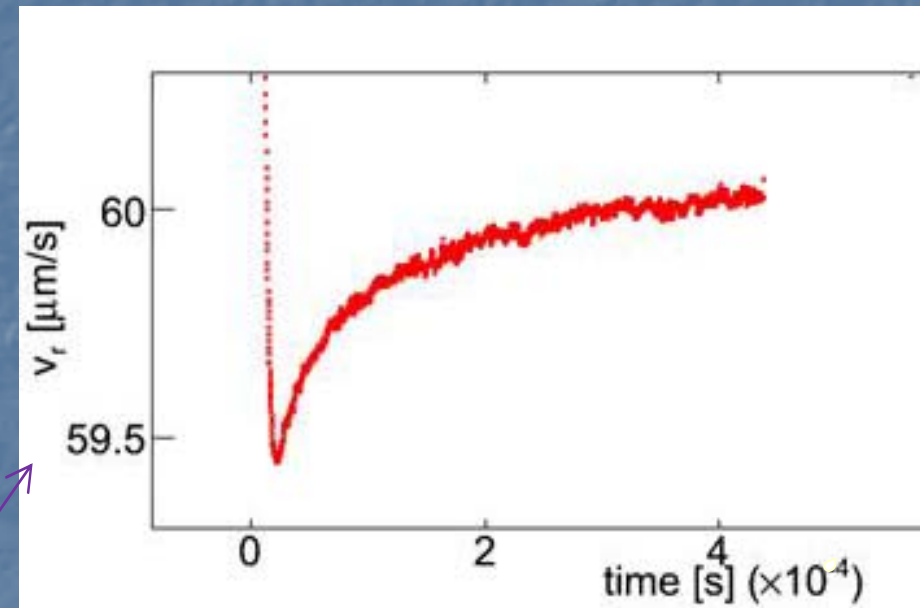
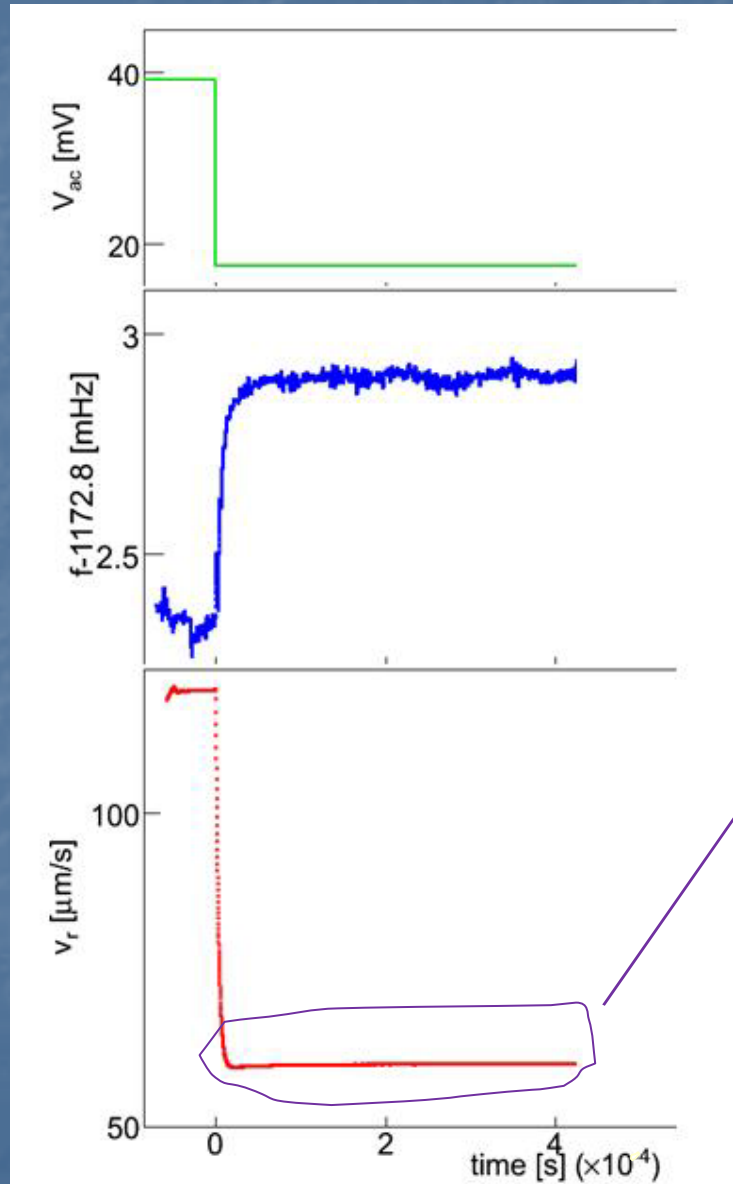
annulus

$T = 24\text{ mK}$

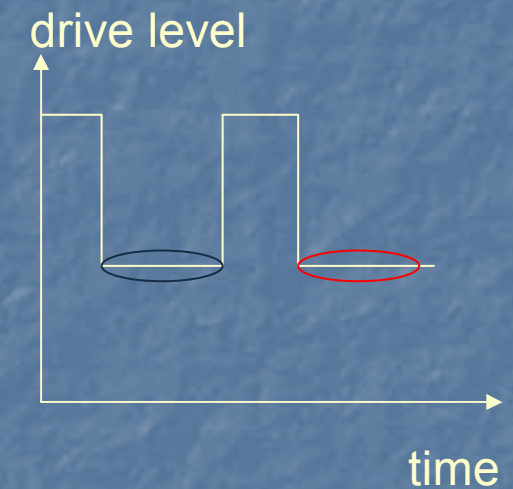
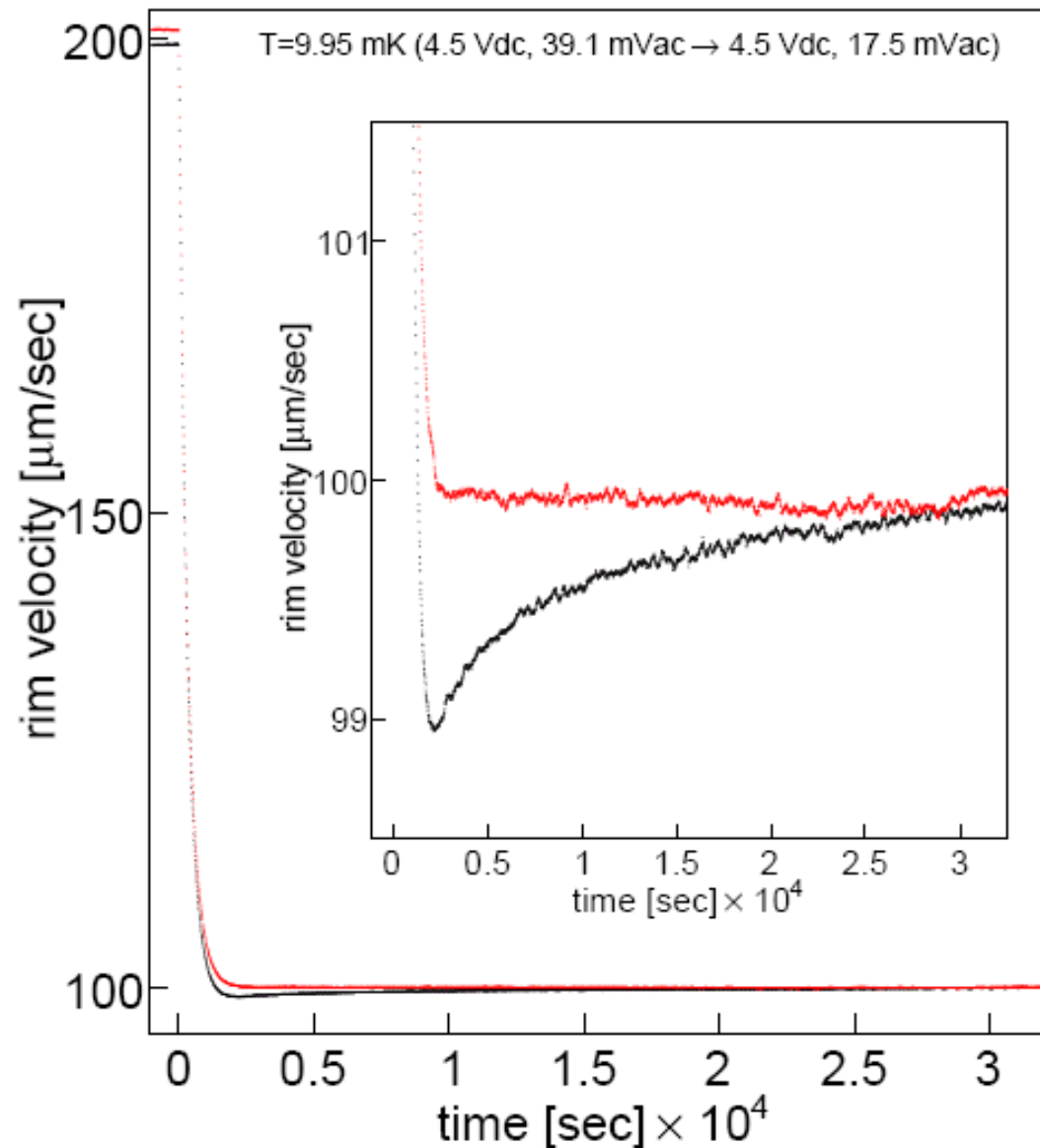
$P = 42\text{ bar}$

dissipation dynamics:

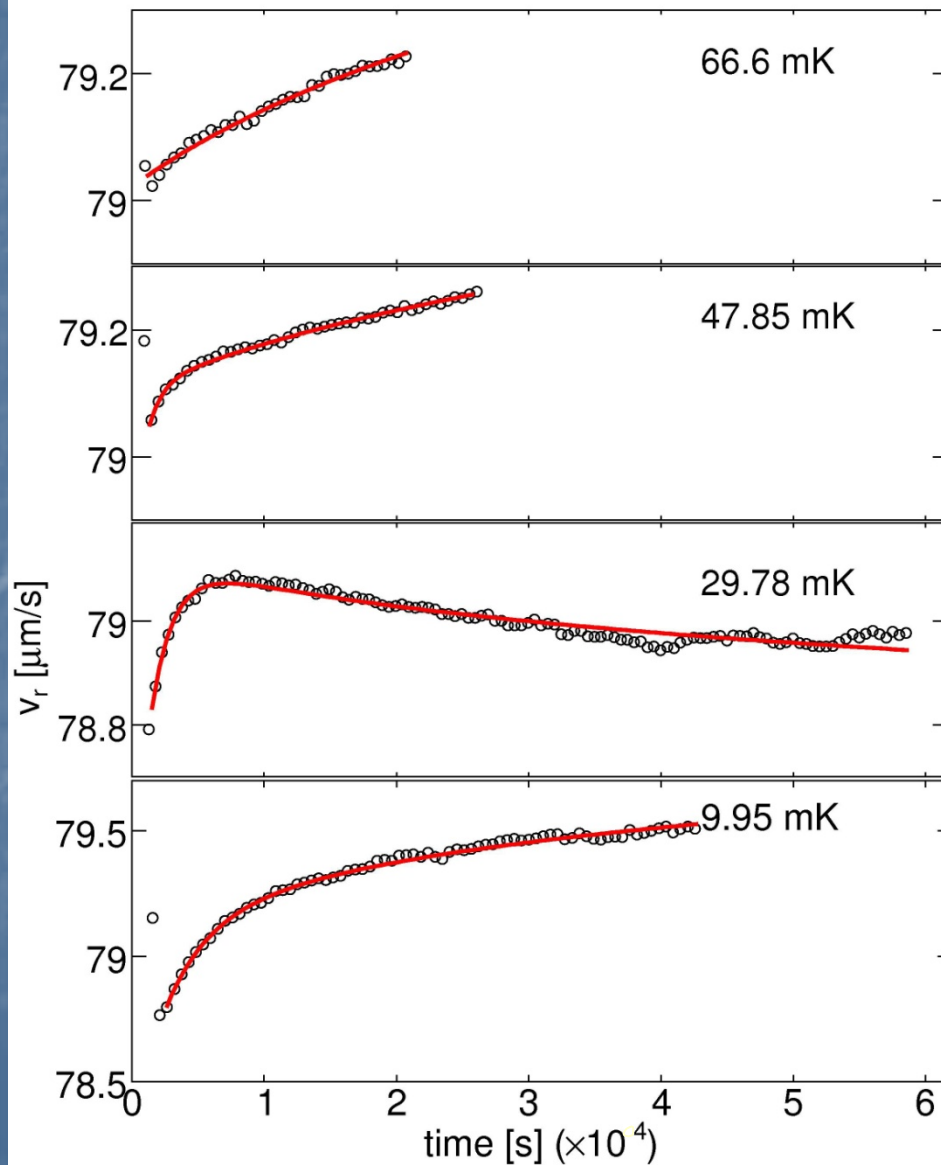
response to step change in drive level



relaxation and memory ($T = 10$ mK)



relaxation vs. T

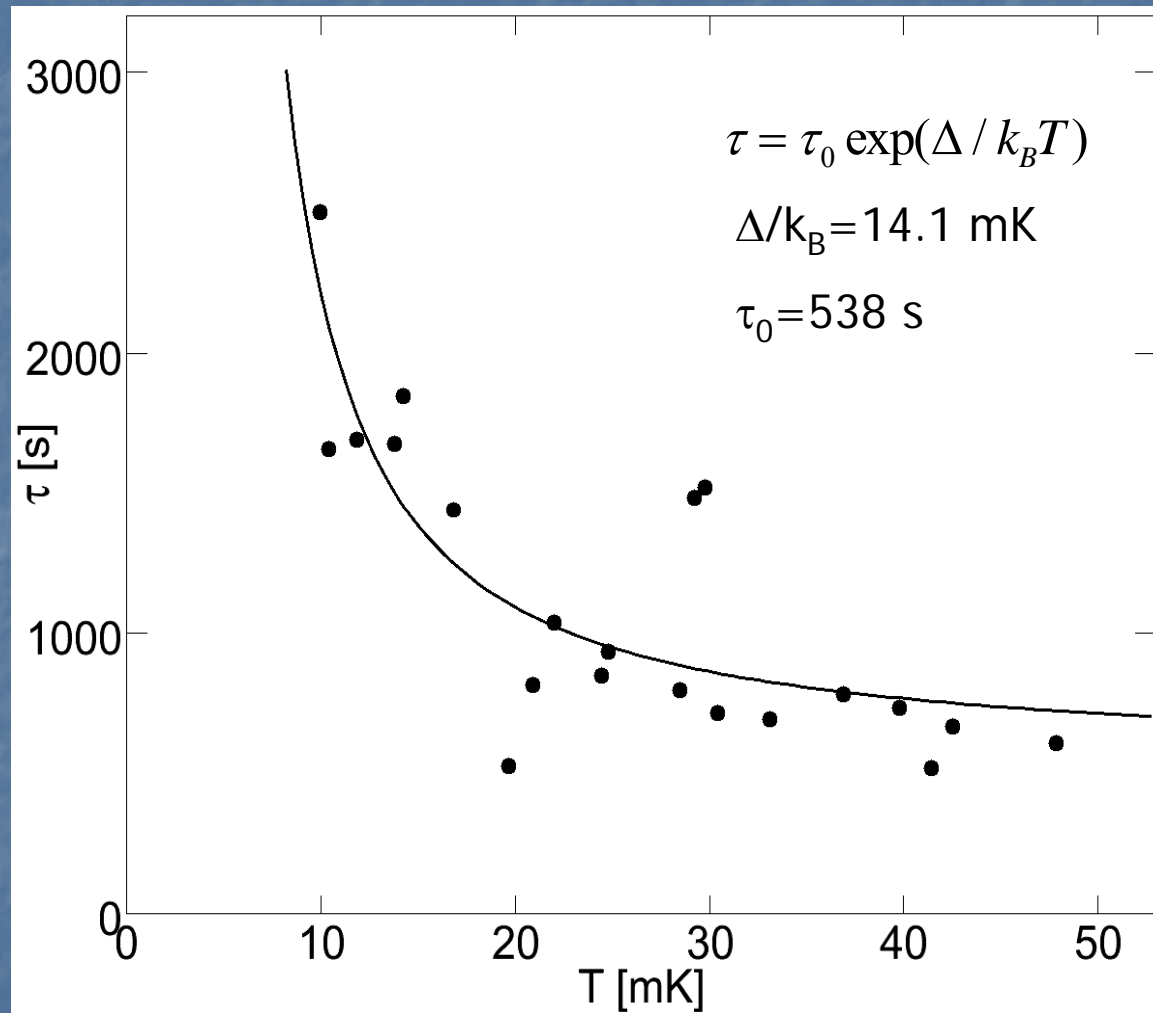


thermal relaxation

$$v_r = v_0 + B \ln(t + t_0) - C \exp(-t / \tau)$$

decay just after drive change

relaxation time τ



Mechanisms for long relaxation time ?

- different physical origin than dissipation peak in T
- recondensation of ^3He ?
Assume $Dx_3 \sim 3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ and $\Lambda \geq 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-2}$

$$\Rightarrow \tau \approx \frac{3}{\Lambda D} \approx 1 \text{ s}$$

- quantum mechanical tunneling of dislocation lines
--- expected τ is too large
- same as P relaxation seen by Rittner and Reppy? -- hysteresis unexpected
- vortex liquid \rightarrow solid??

Summary

compound torsional oscillator

cylindrical and annular samples

NCRIf: 0.1 ~ 0.25 %

- shifted T dependence of NCRIf and dissipation
- He-3 impurity changes T dependence, no dissip. peak
- hysteresis and reversible regimes in NCRIf and oscillator response.
- simultaneous drive
- unusual relaxation phenomena
- comparison with glassy solid ^4He theory on-going.
- analogy with vortex liquid model on-going.