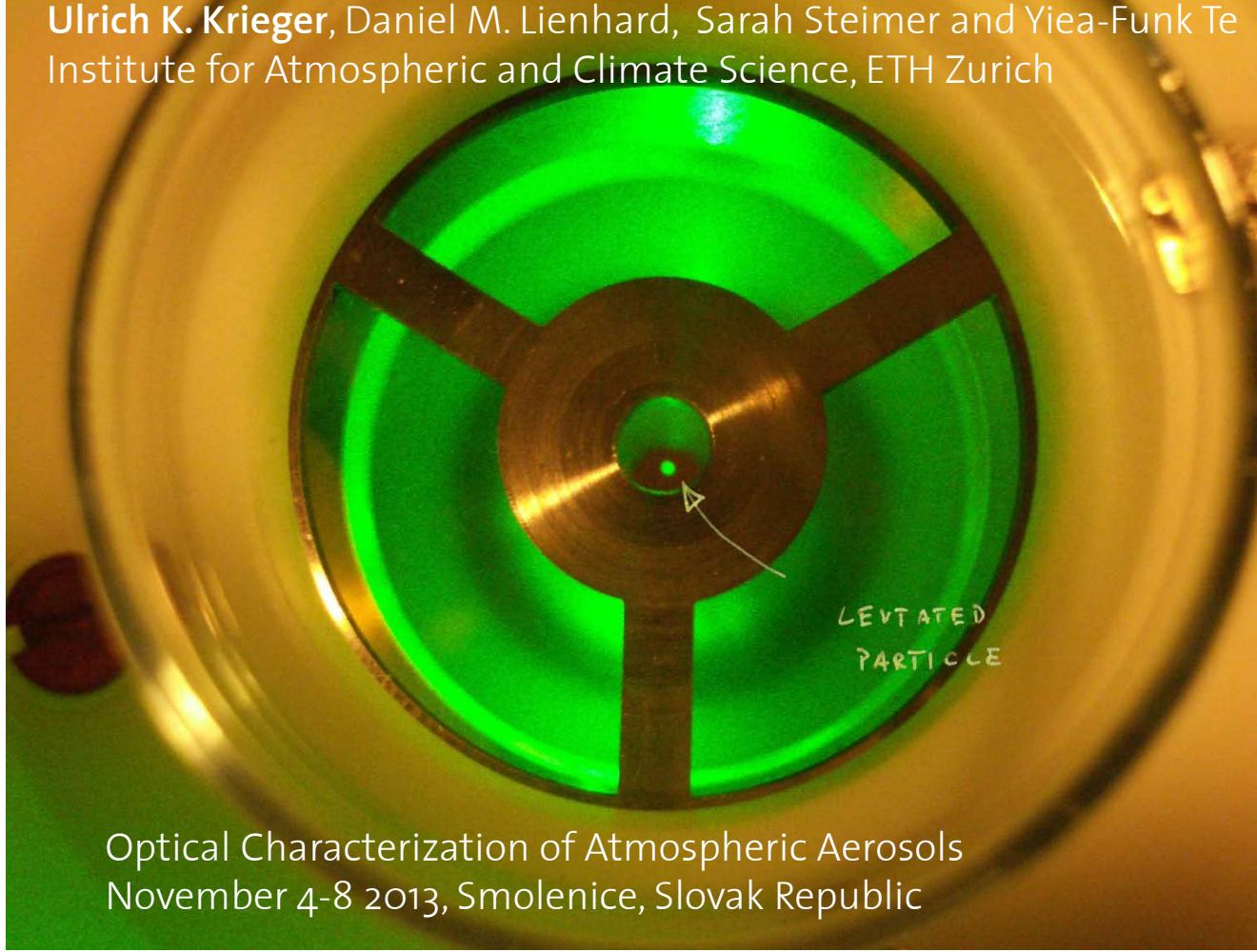


# Retrieving radial inhomogeneities in particle composition of single, levitated aerosol particles using Mie resonance spectroscopy

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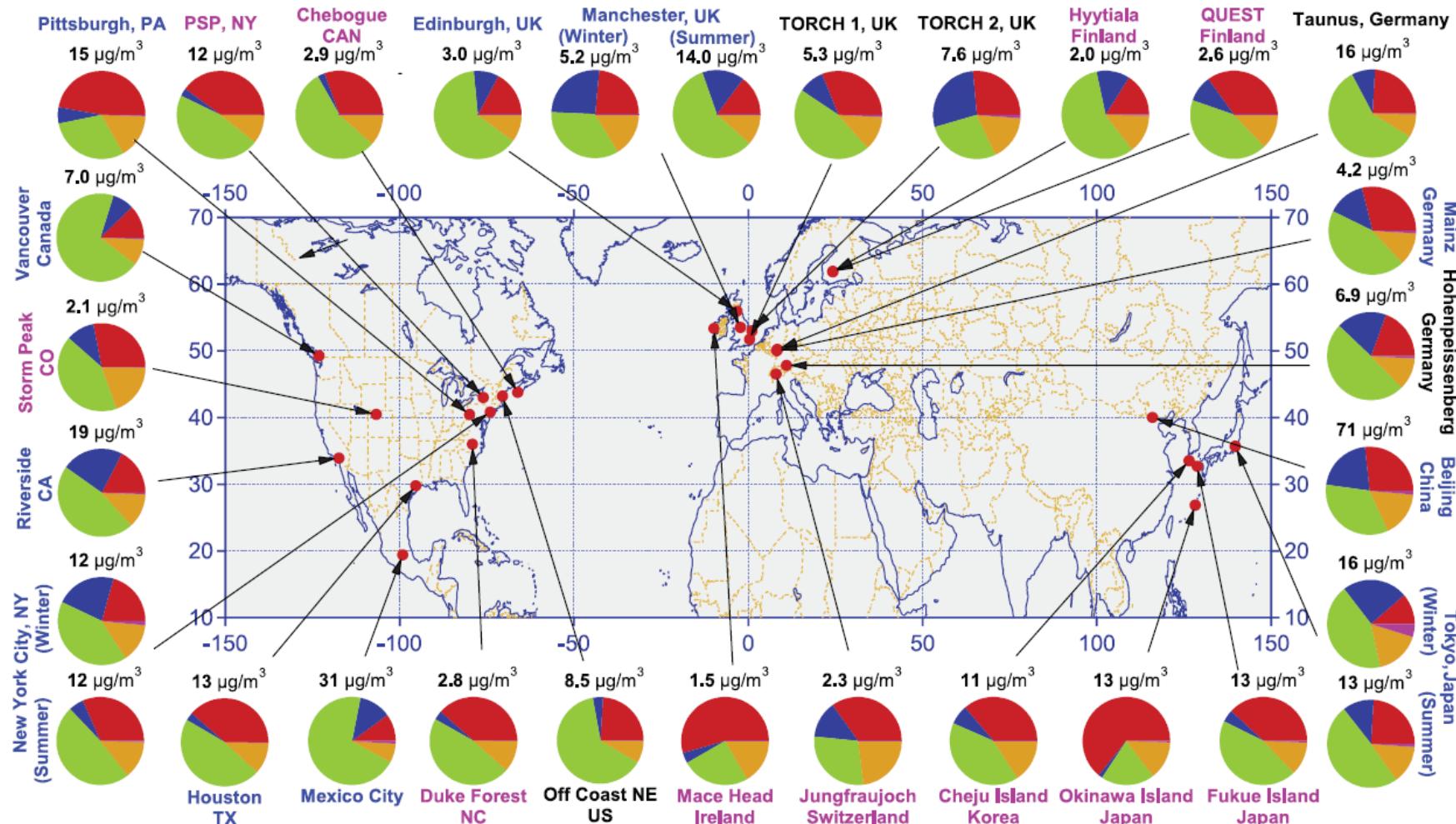
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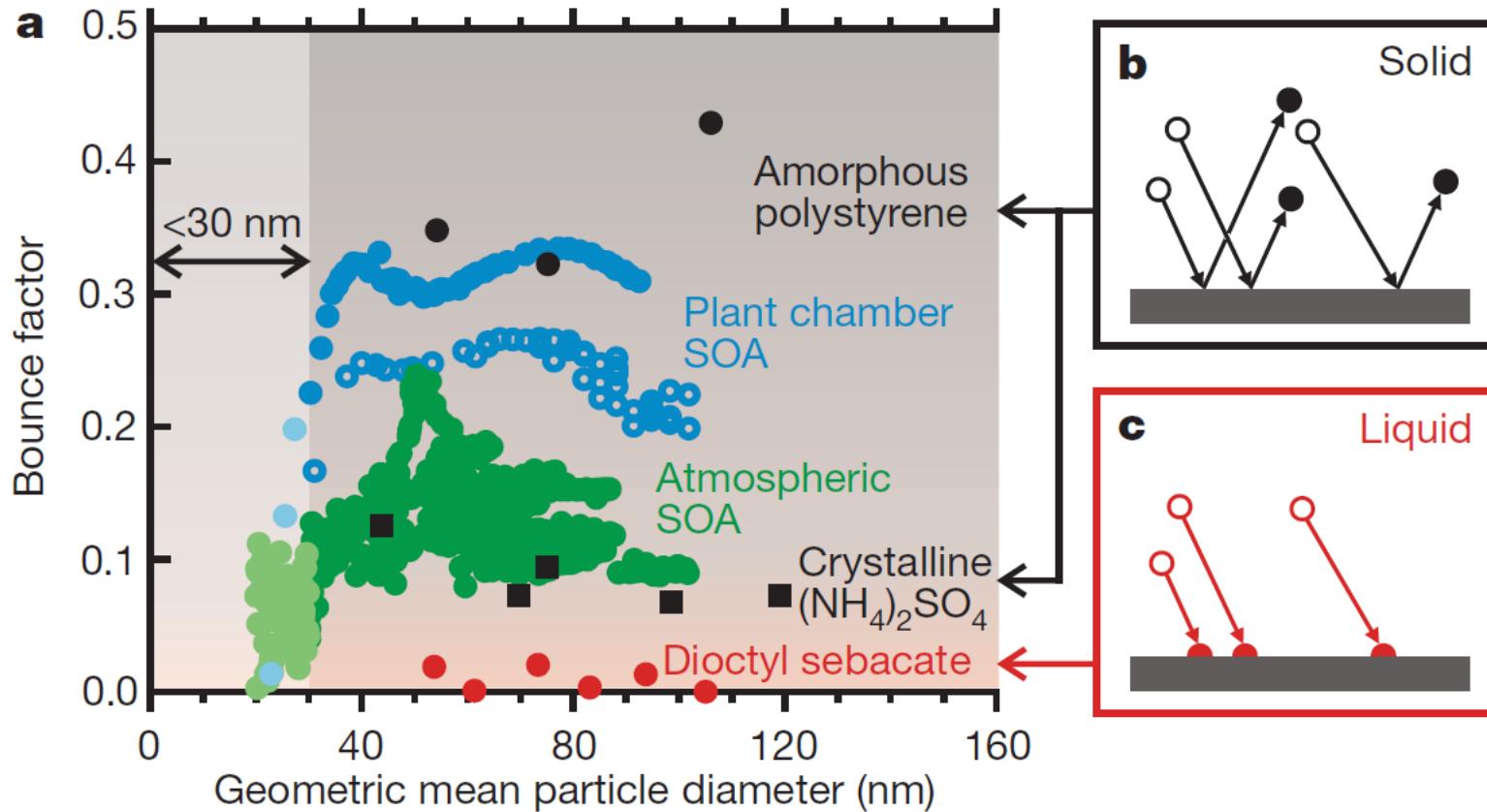
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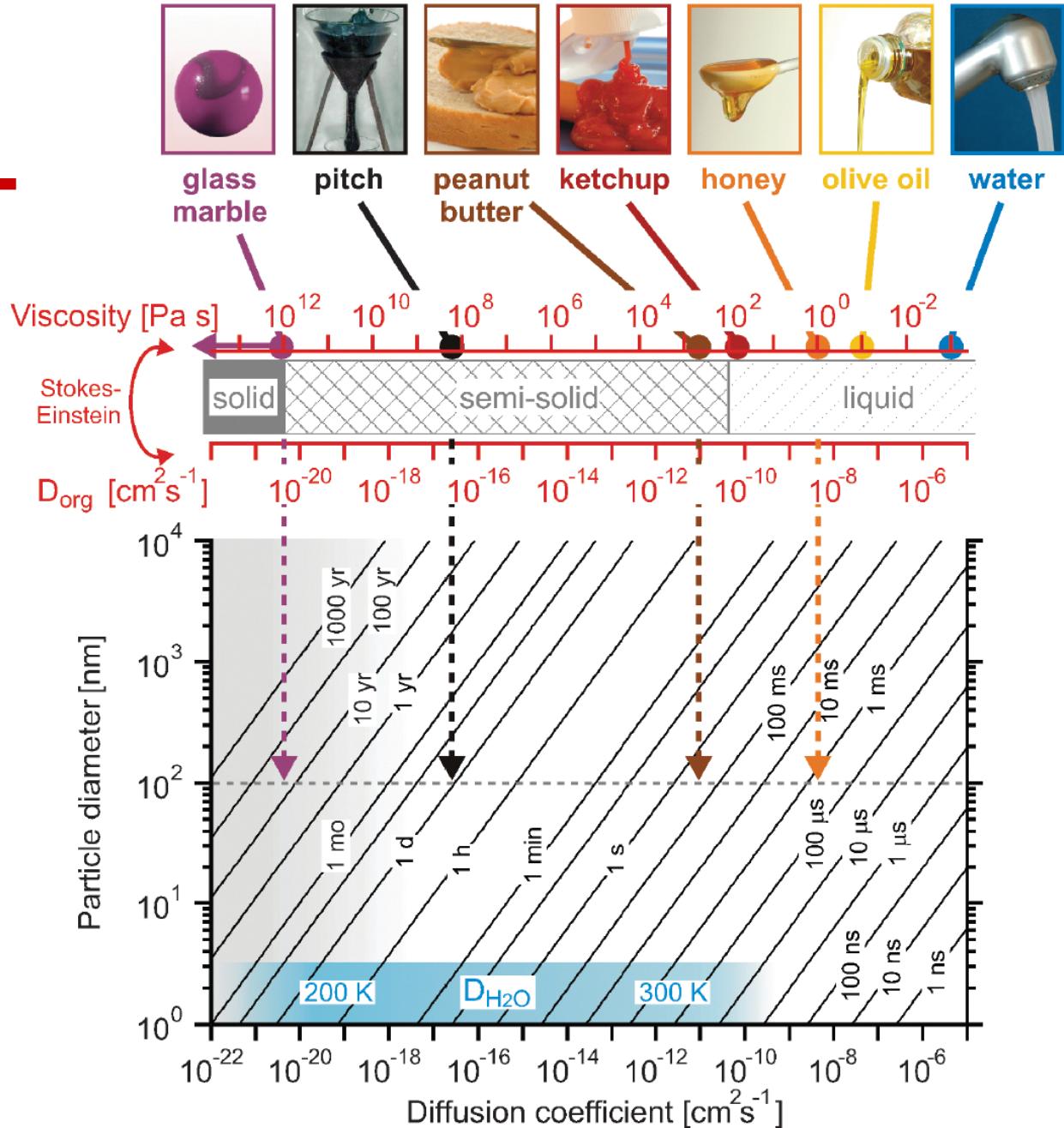


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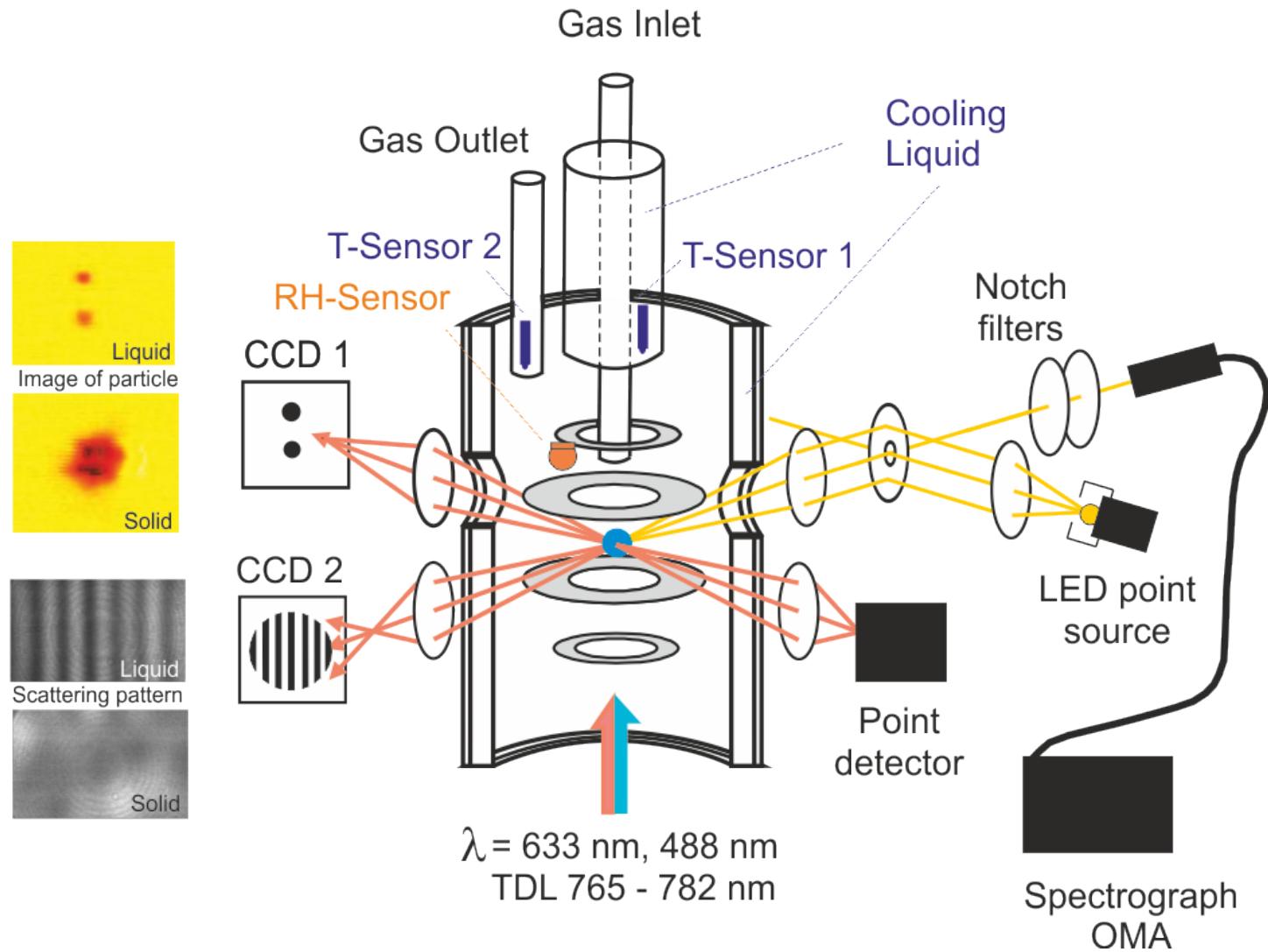
# Amorphous solid state of biogenic SOA



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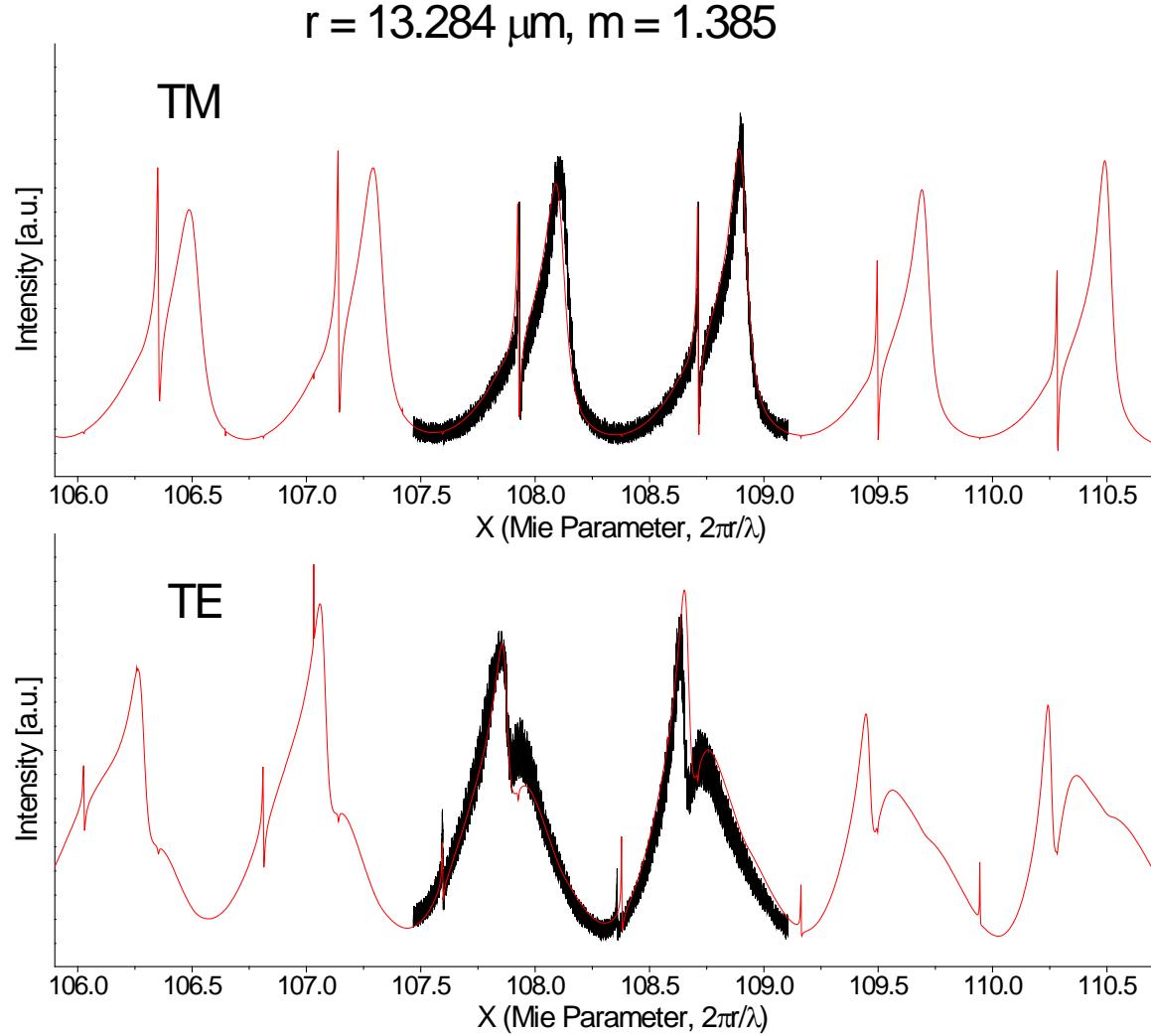


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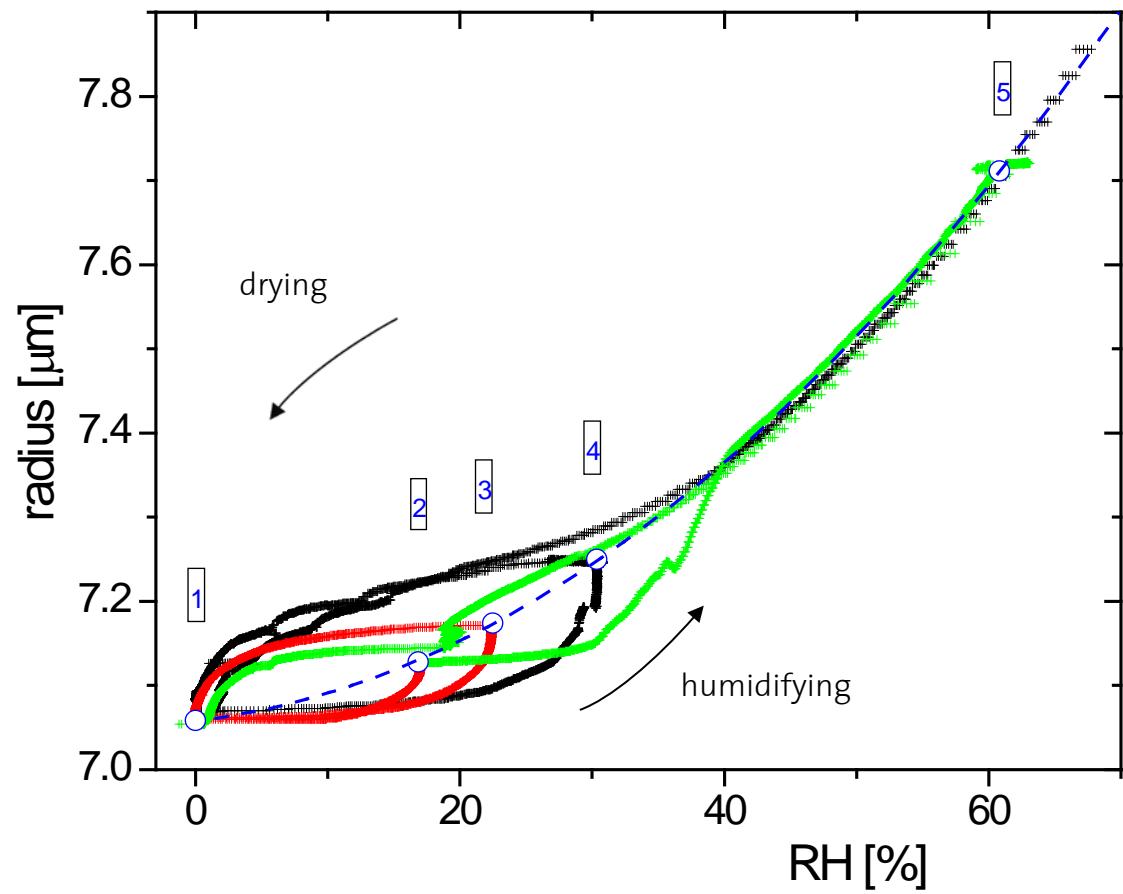
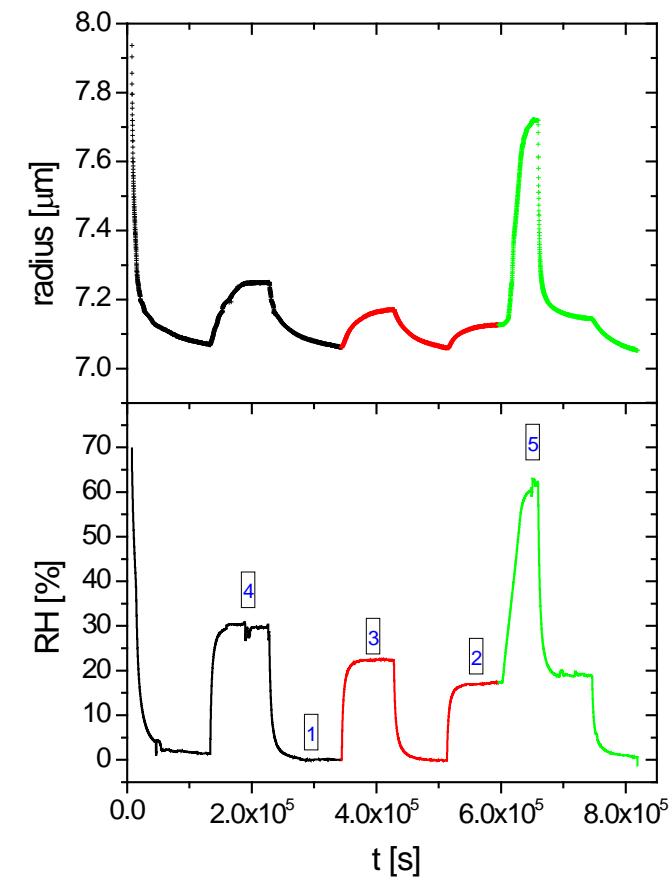


# Mie Resonance Spectrum or “Whispering gallery modes” (TDL)

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# Water uptake impedance on sucrose particle



# Nonlinear diffusion of H<sub>2</sub>O in a droplet

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$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = \nabla \bullet (D_{liq} \nabla n) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 D_{liq} \frac{\partial n}{\partial r} \right)$$

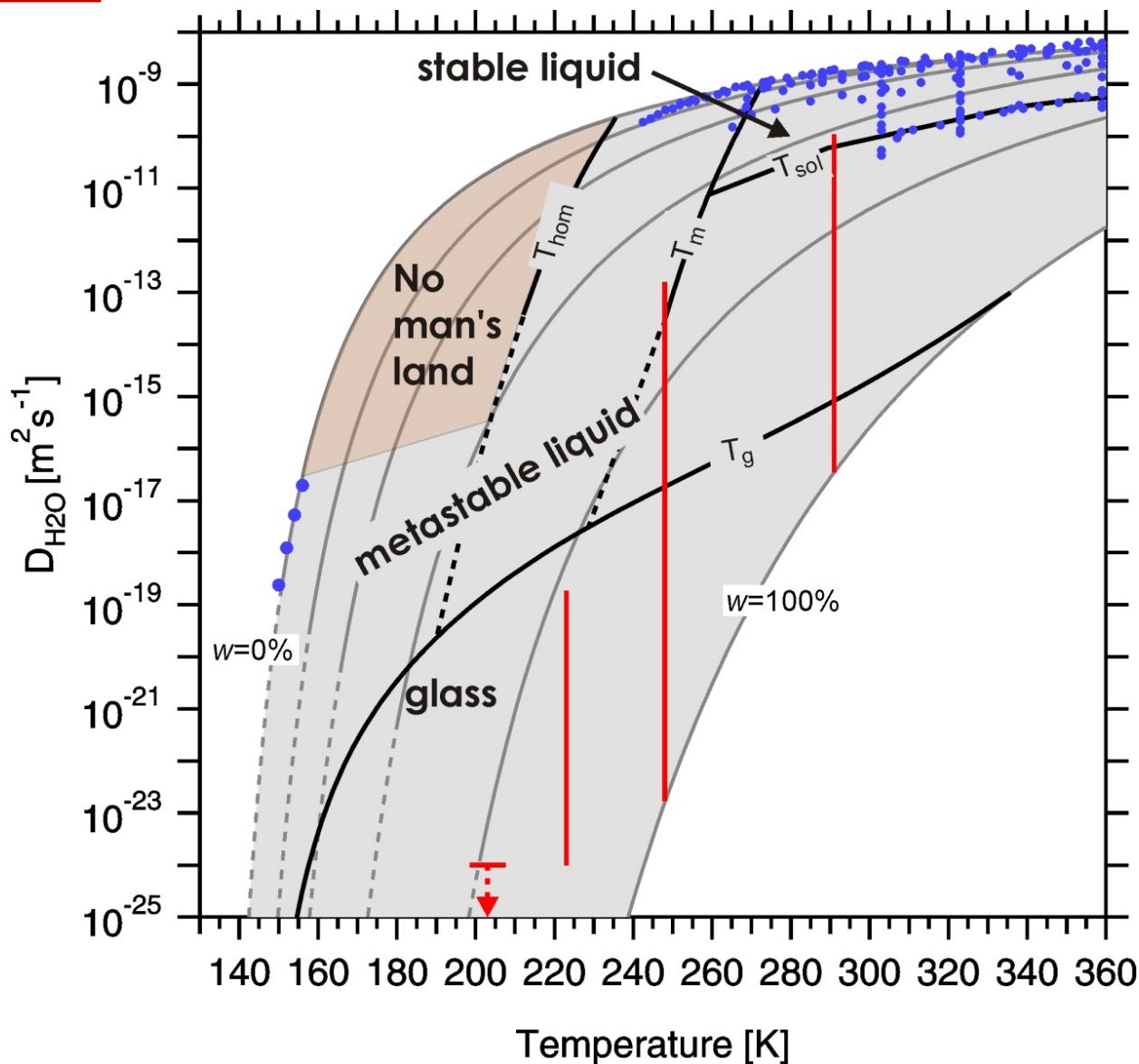
$$D_{liq} = f(T, n)$$

Fick's second law

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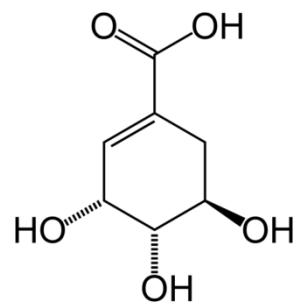
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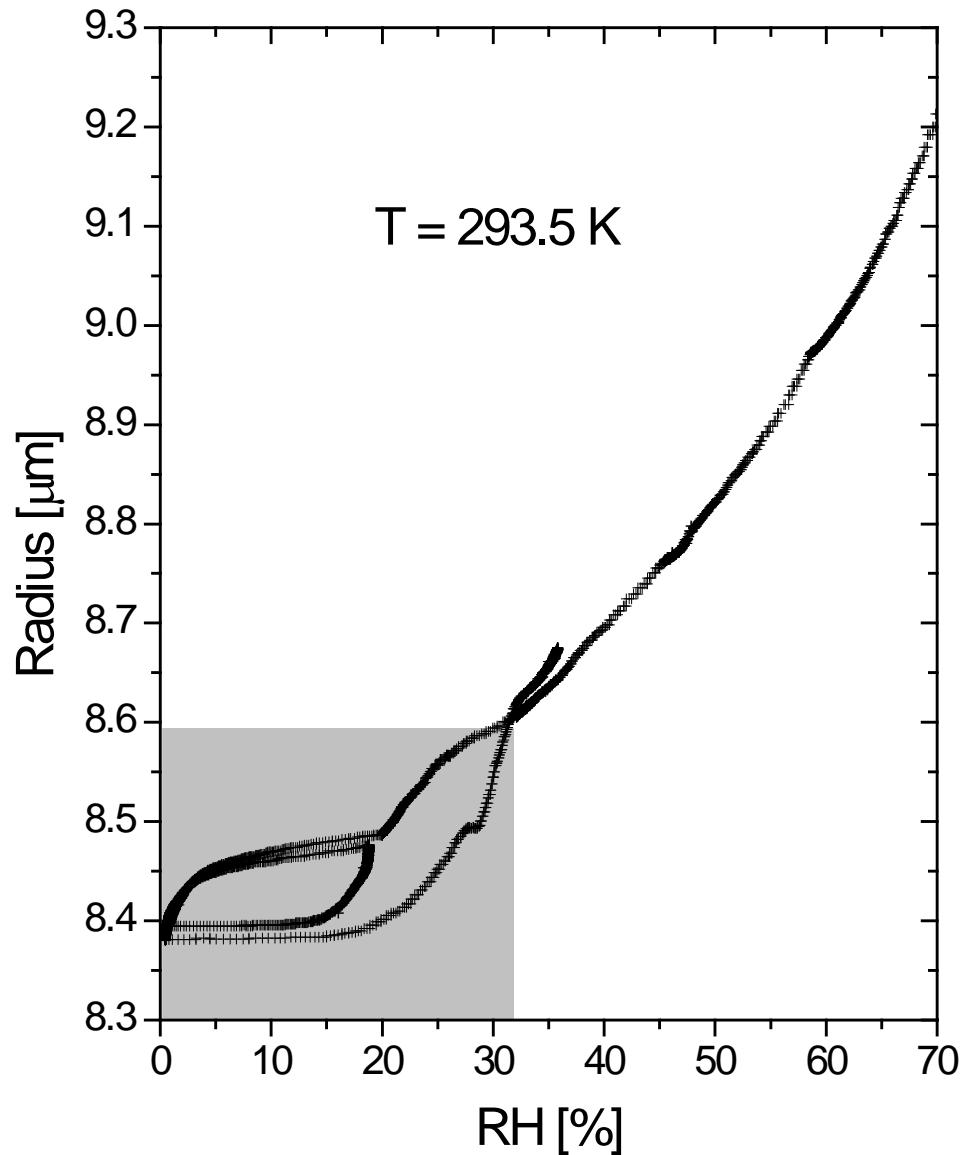
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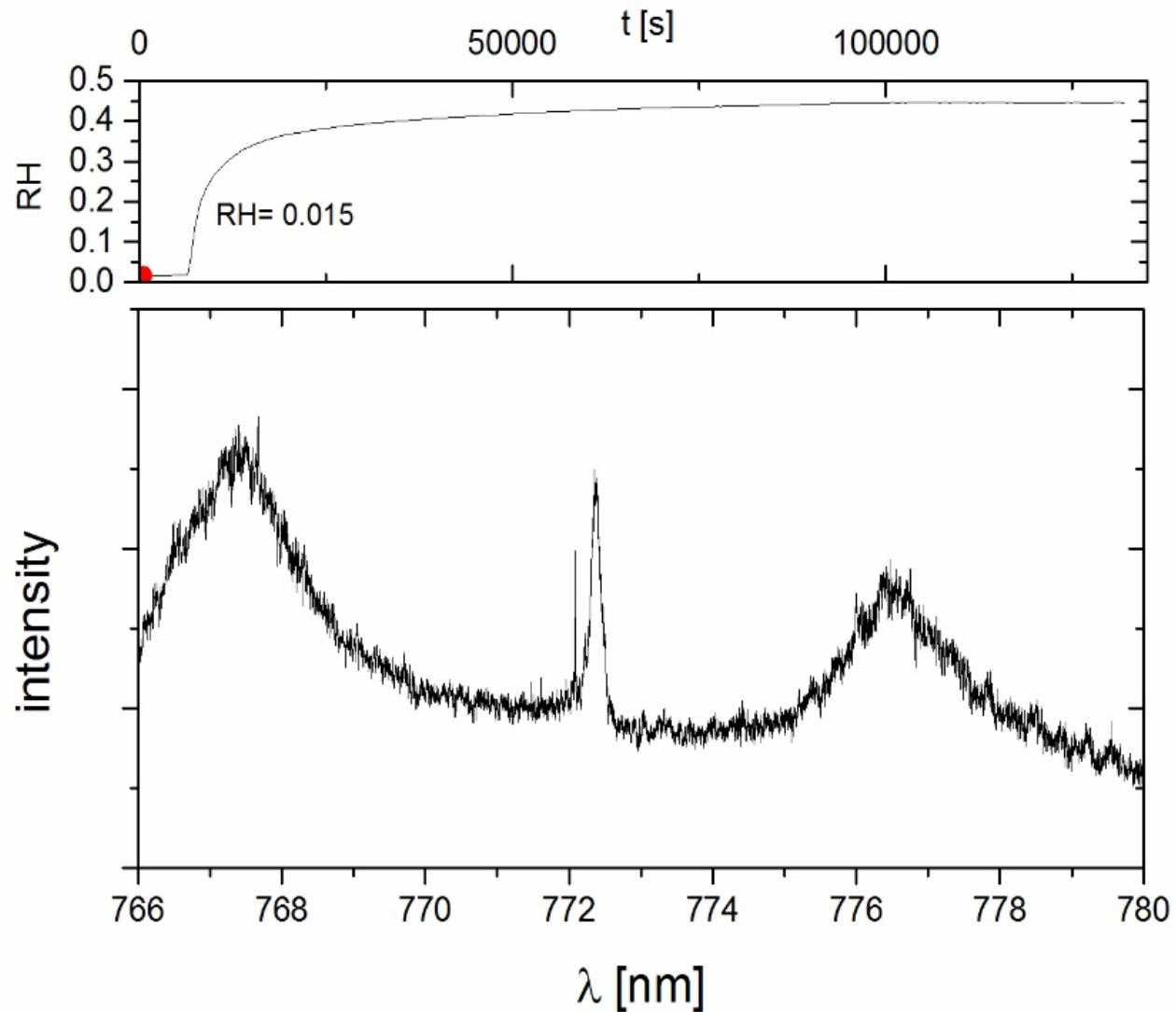


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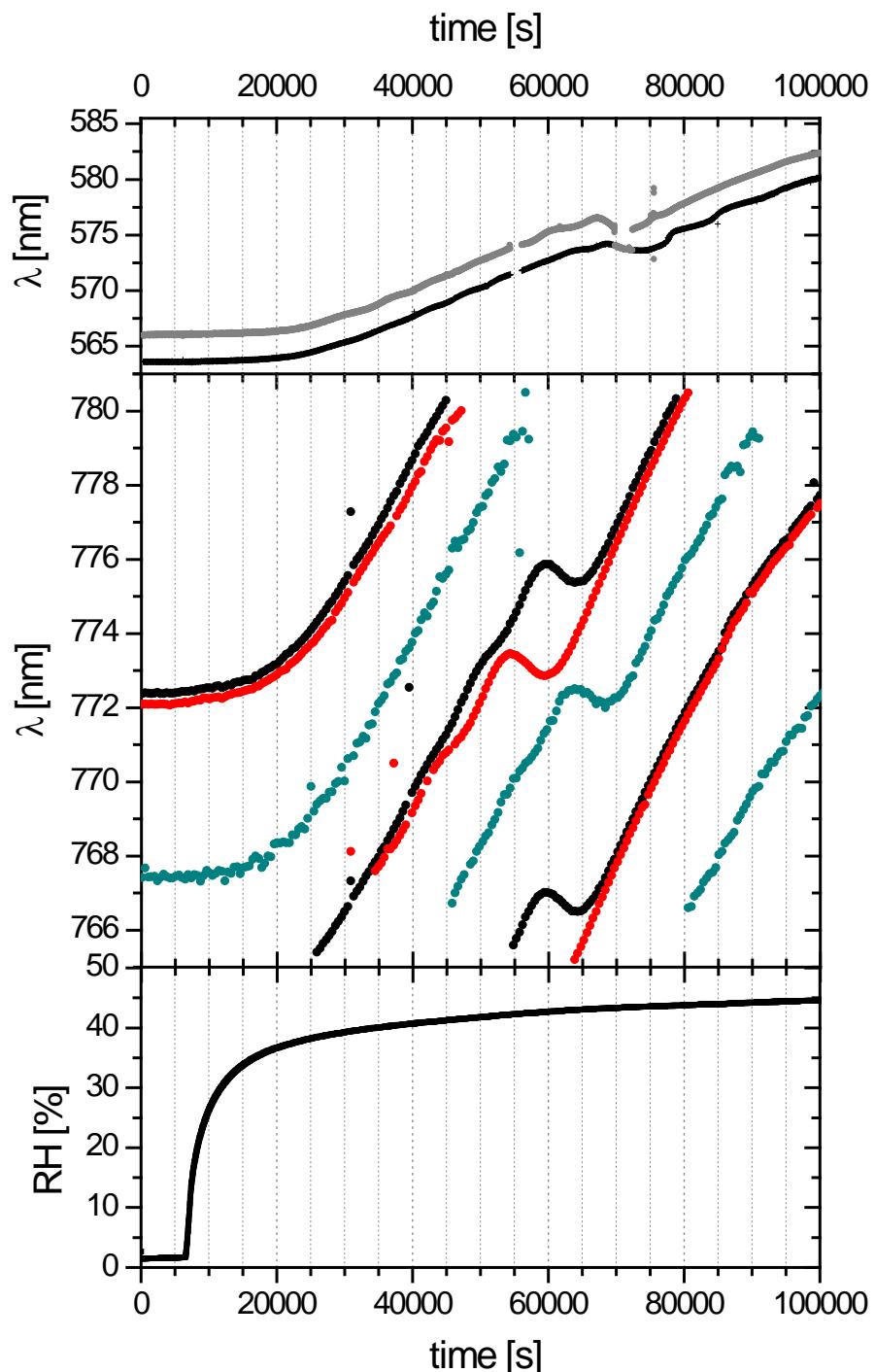
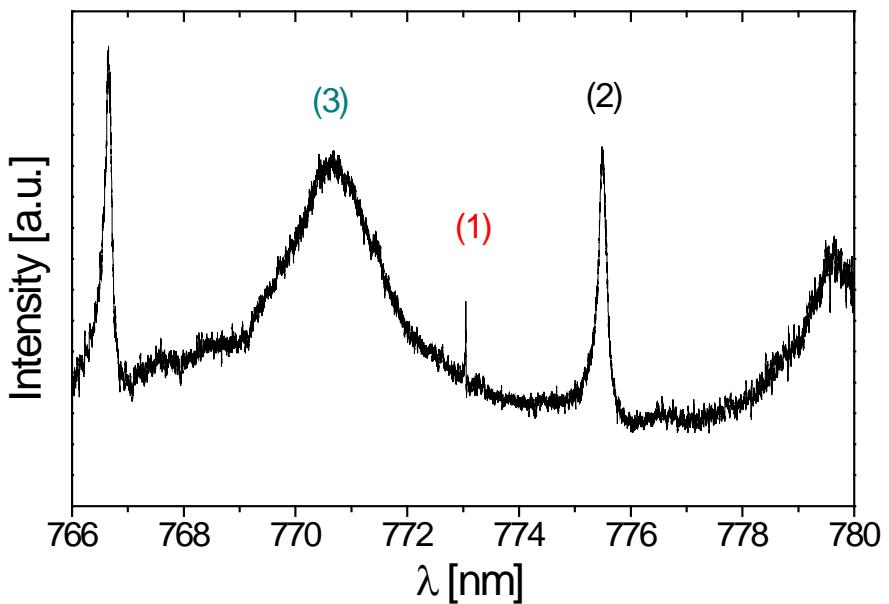


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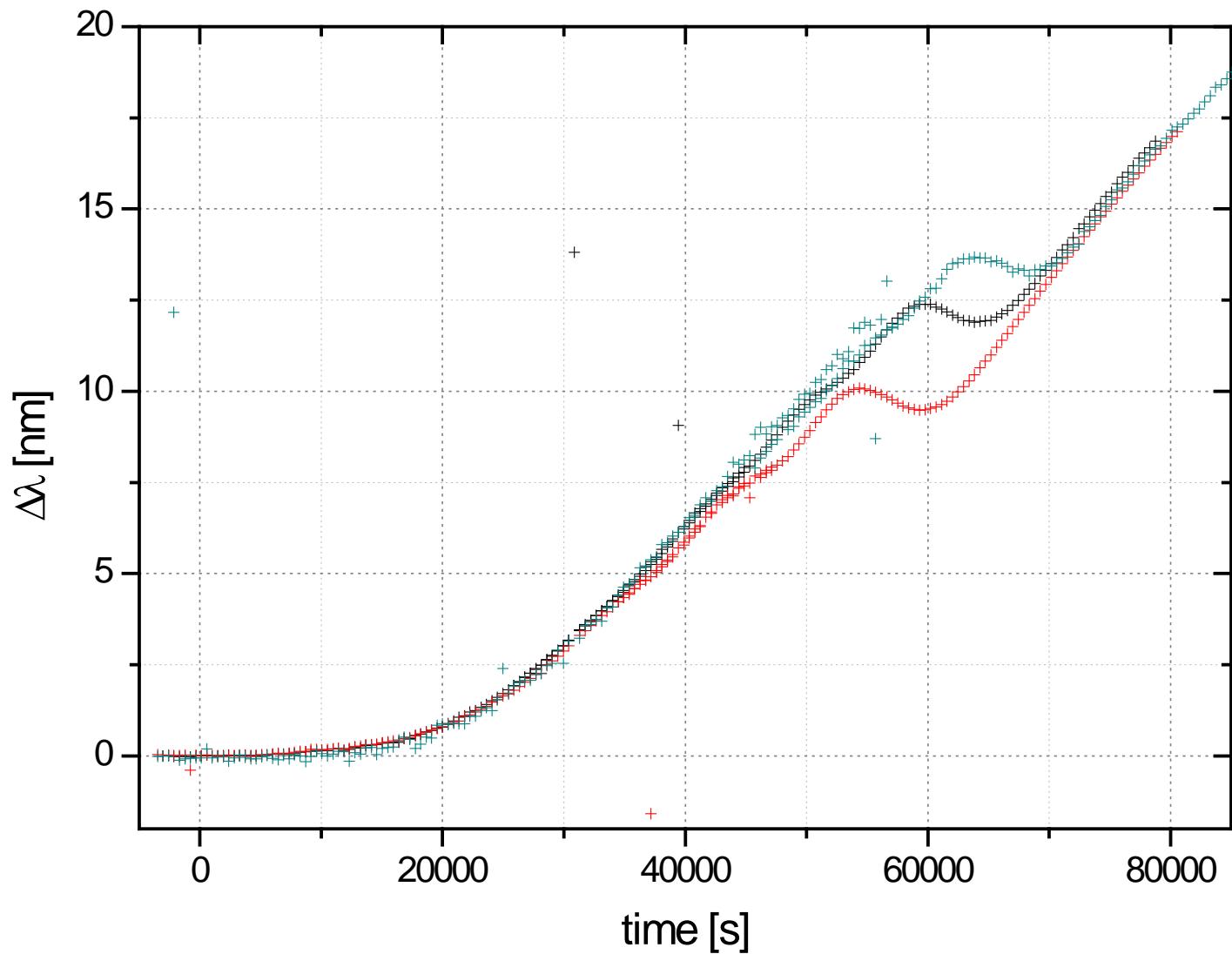
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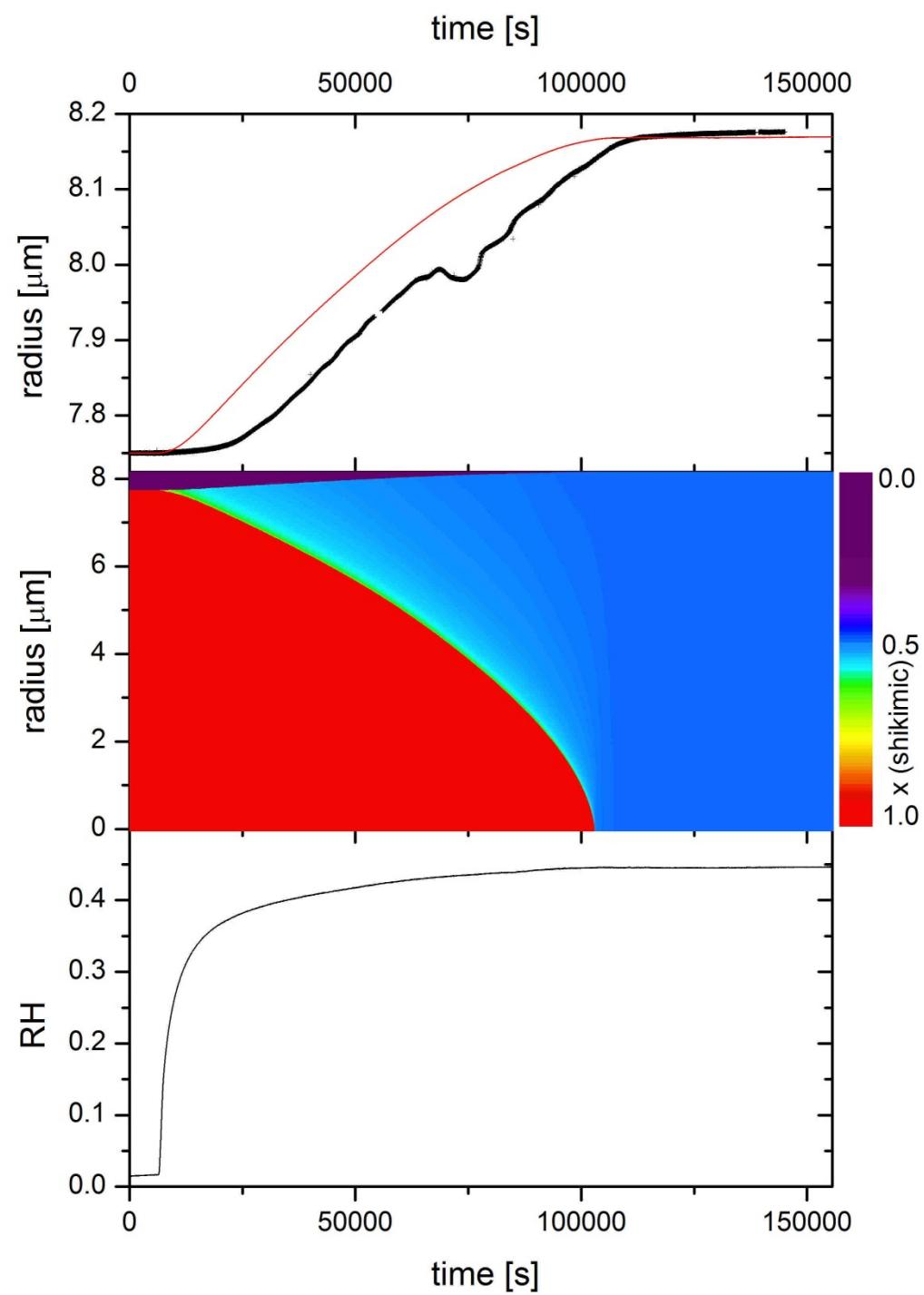
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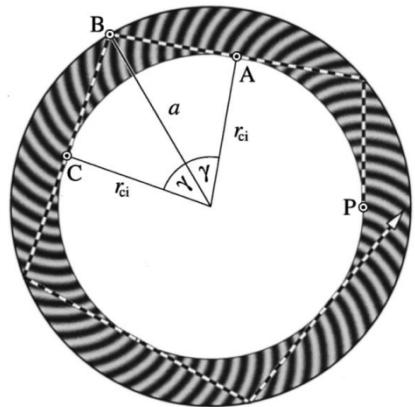
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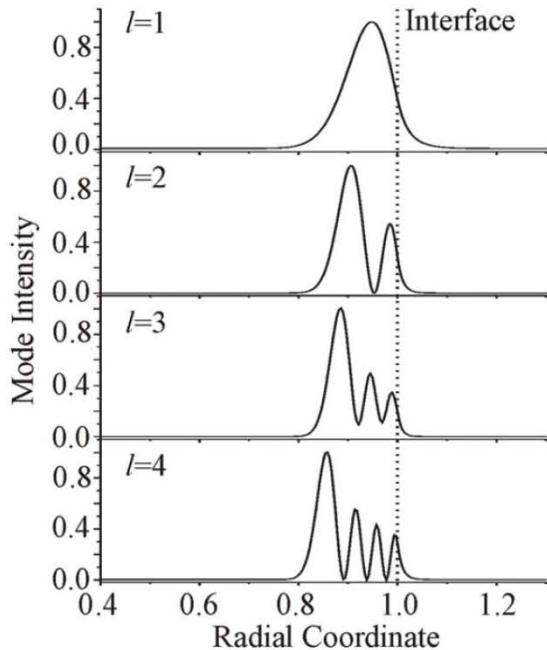
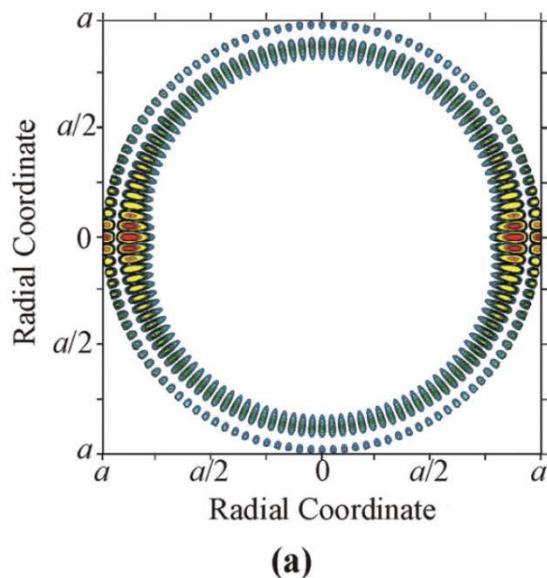


# Internal intensity distribution



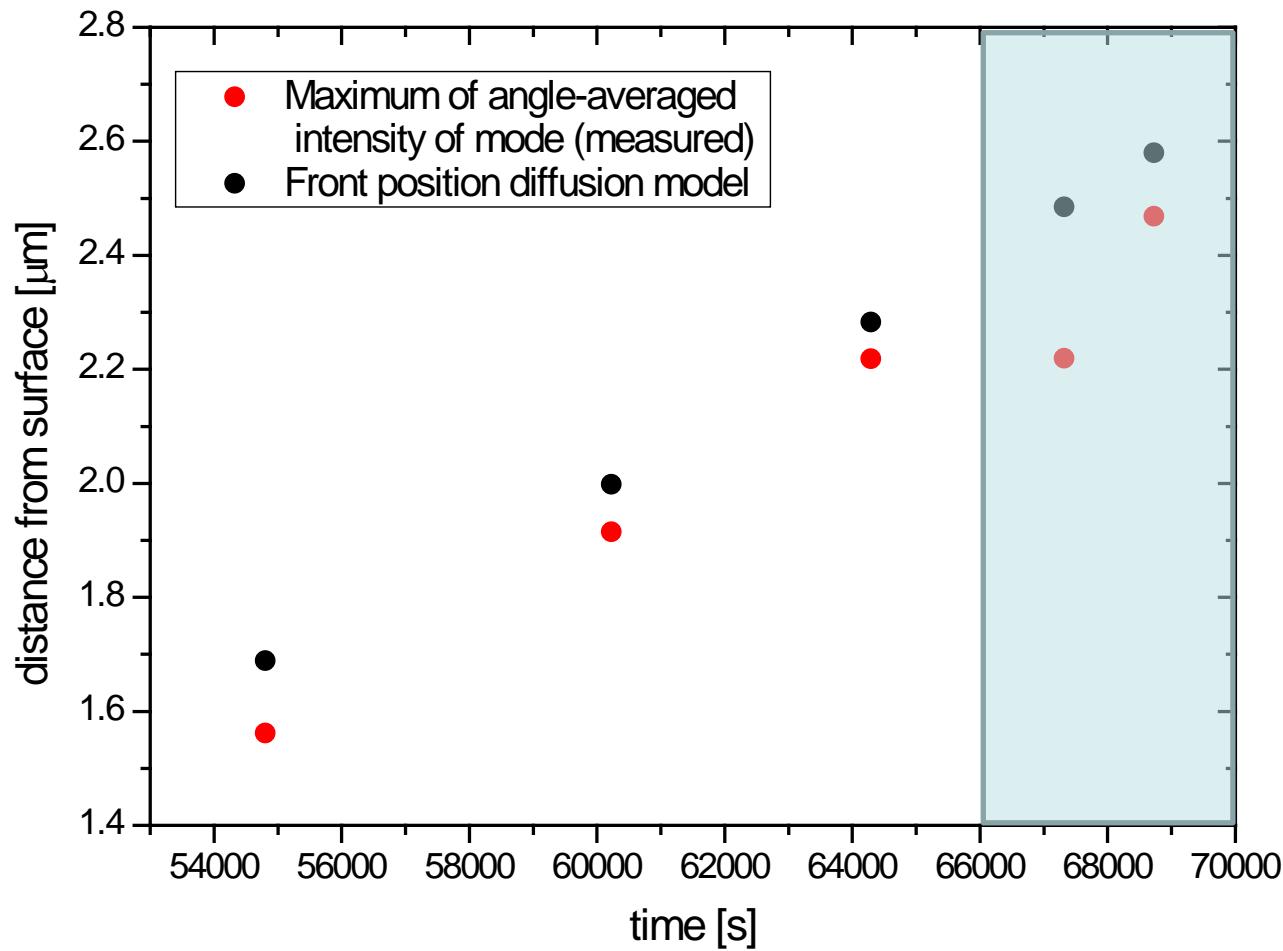
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# Comparison diffusion model with resonance intensity location

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