

# Relaxation time shift of Cobalt related internal friction peak in WC-Co cemented carbide

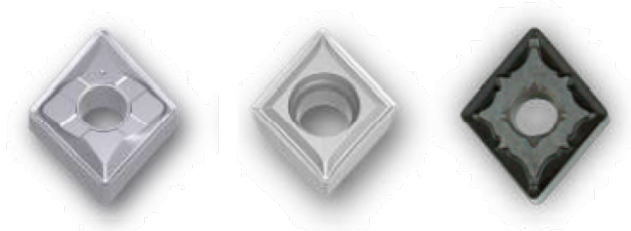
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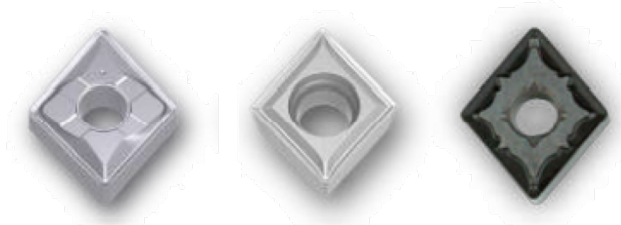
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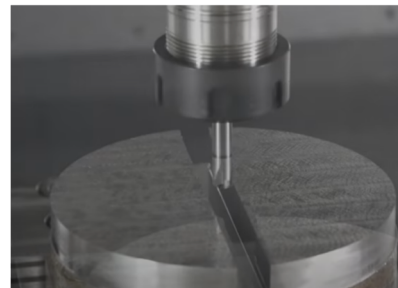


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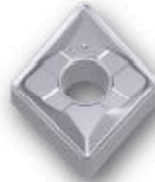
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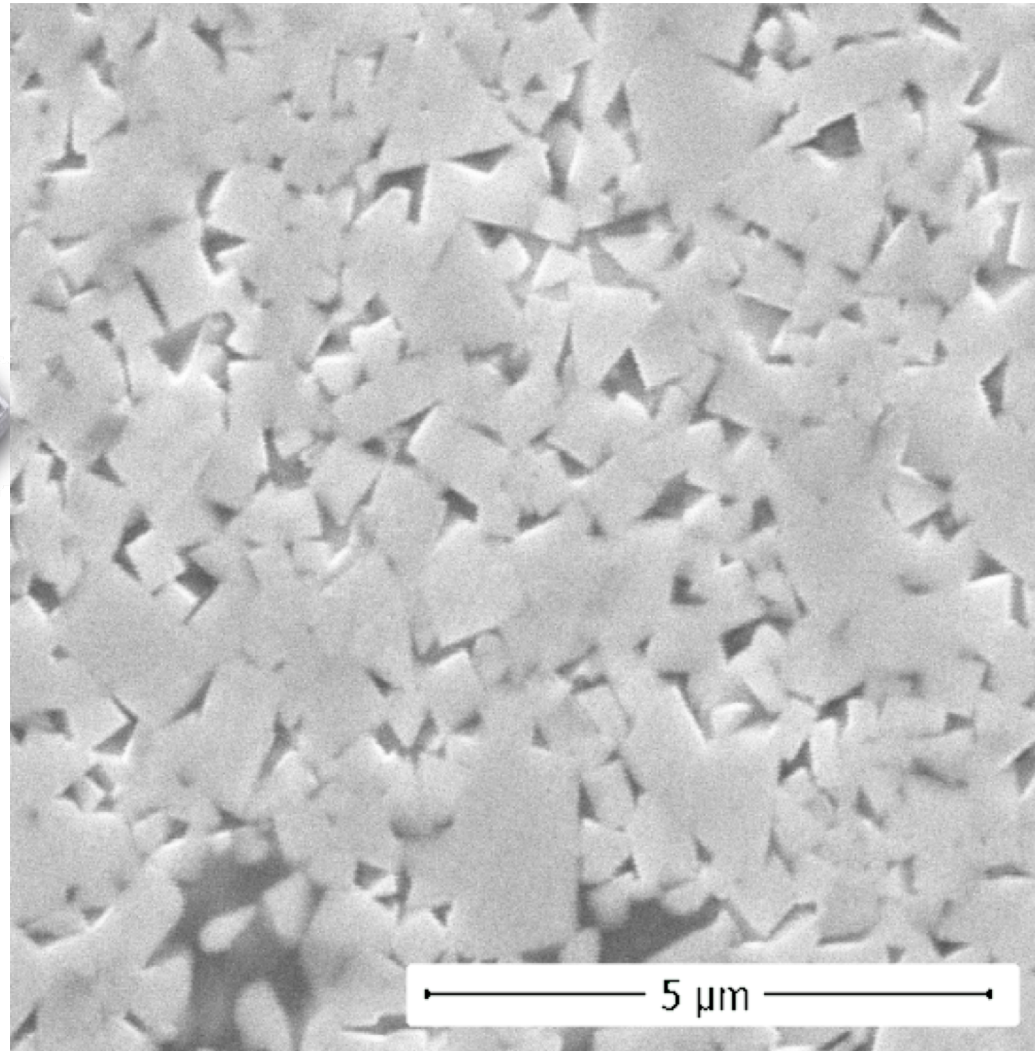


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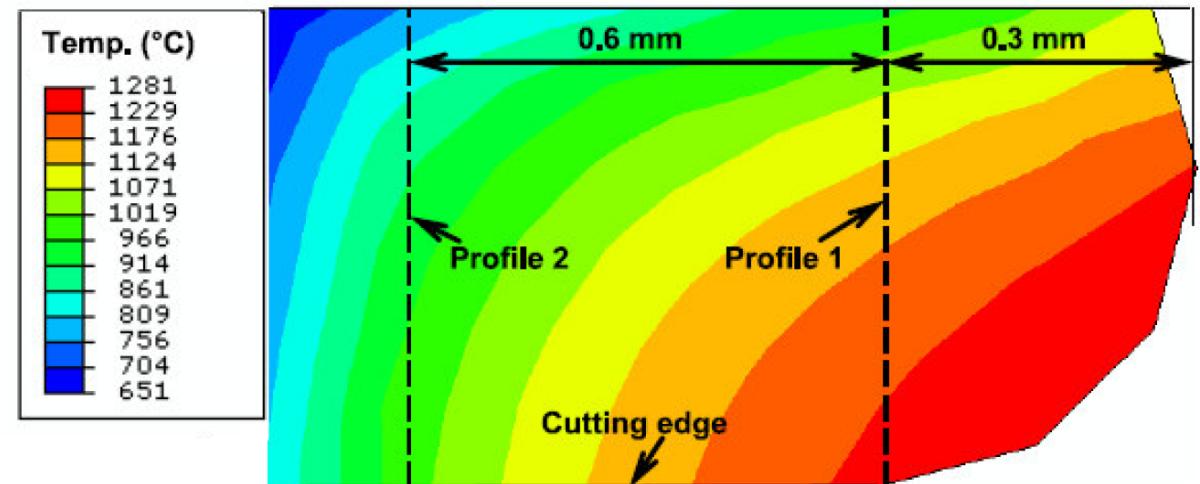
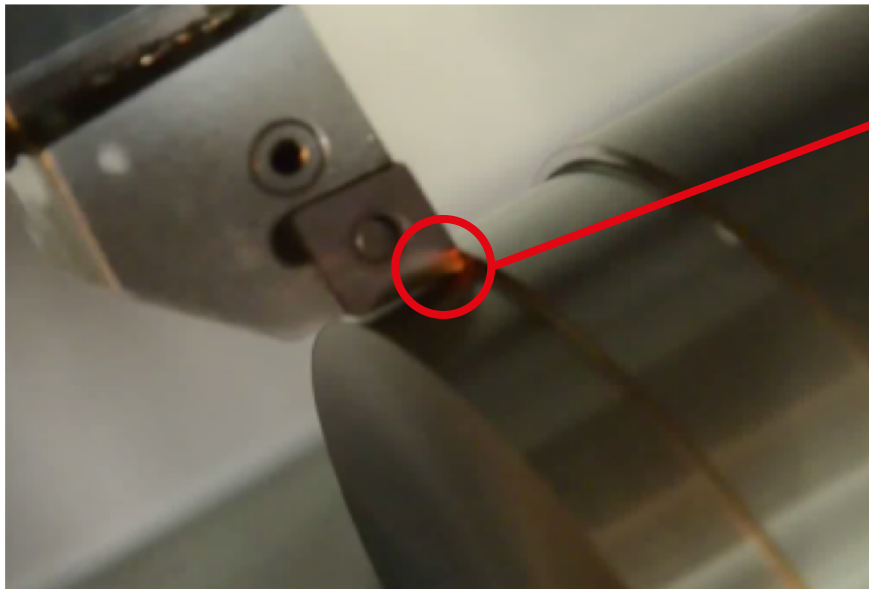
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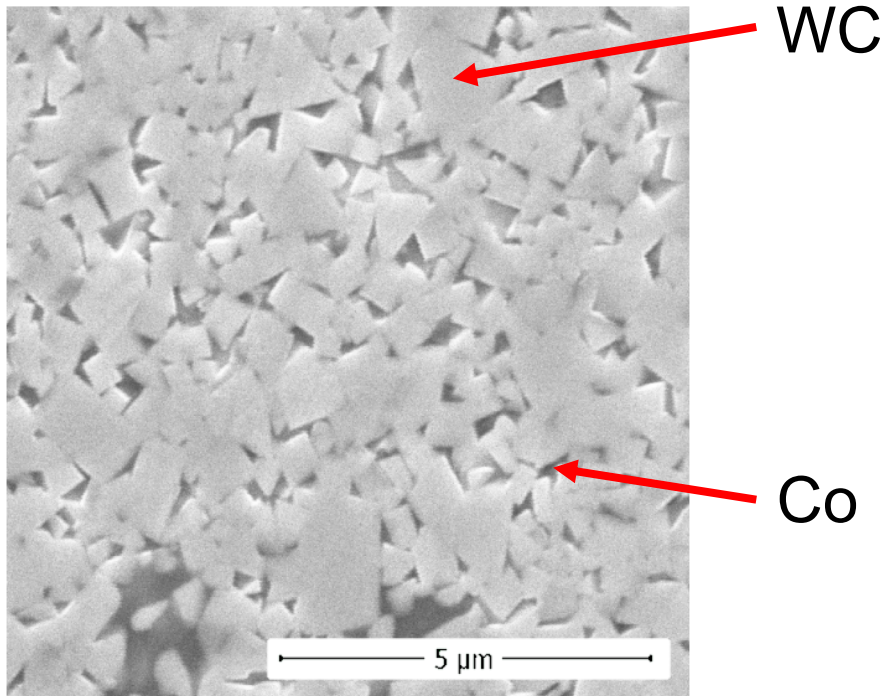
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# Agenda of this presentation

- Overview of the WC-Co structure
- WC-Co spectrum
- Focus of the second relaxation peak
- Comparing the frequency and temperature scans

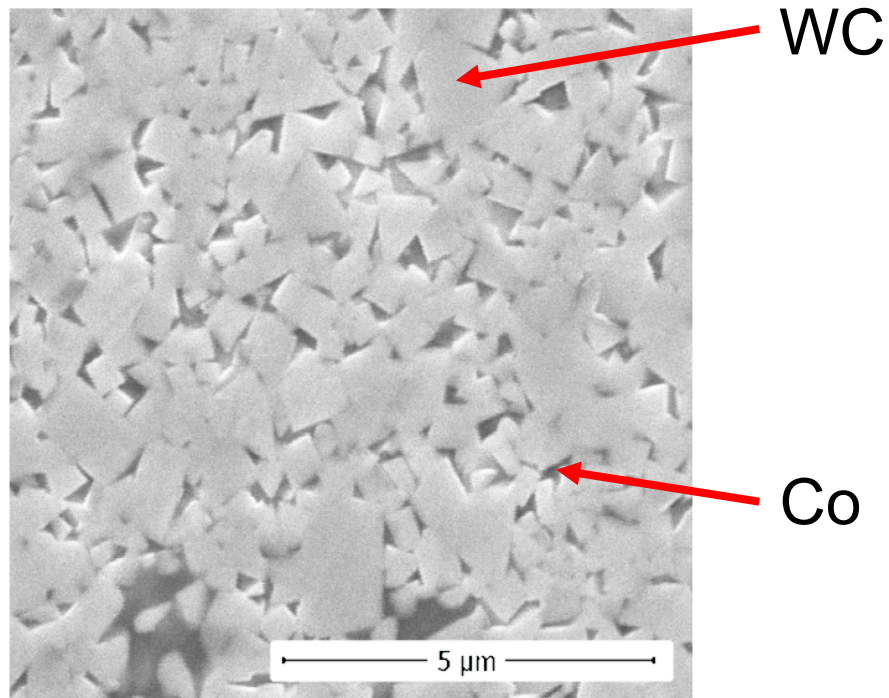
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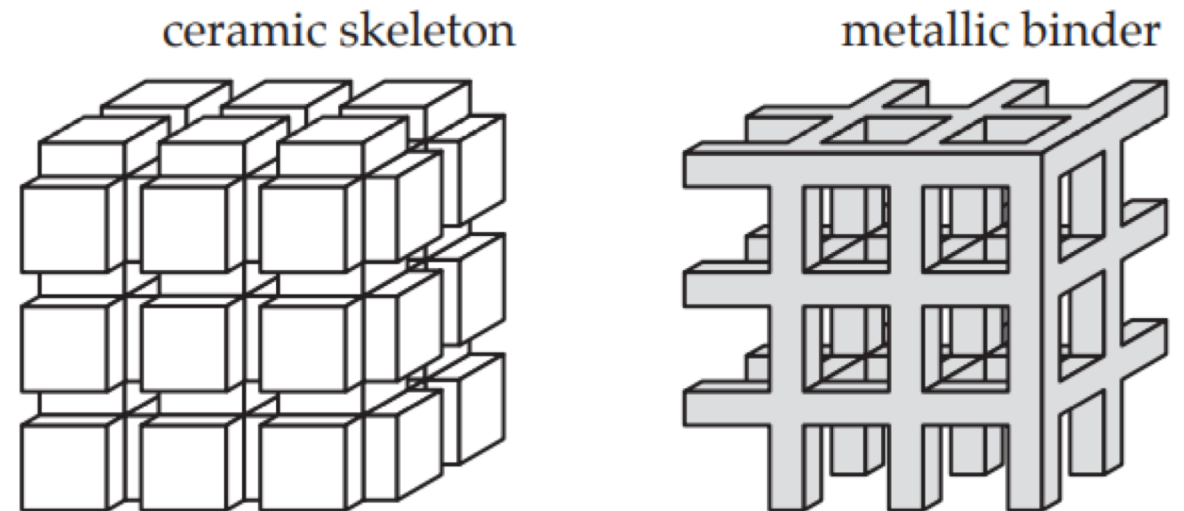


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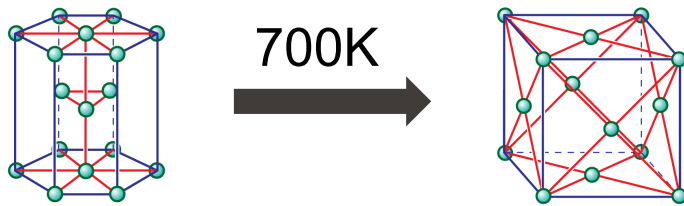


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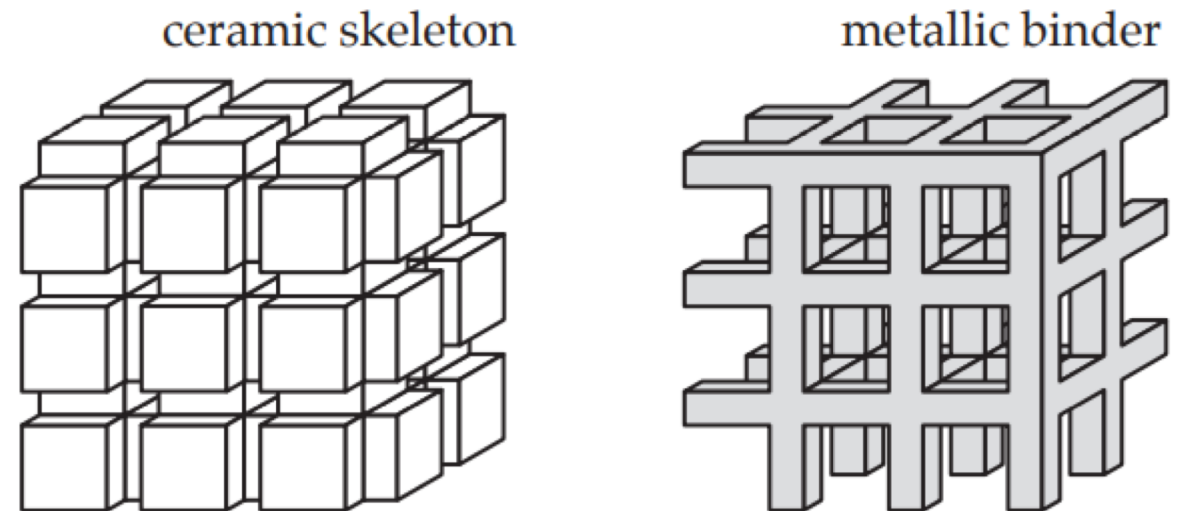


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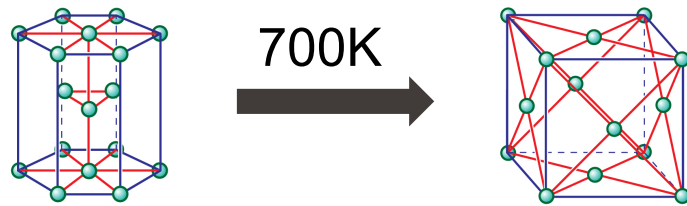


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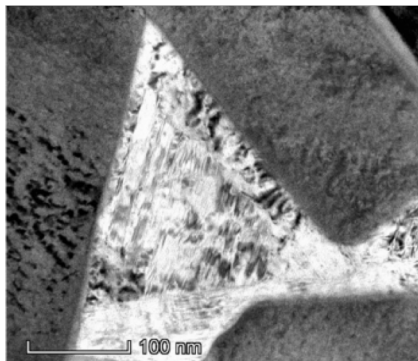


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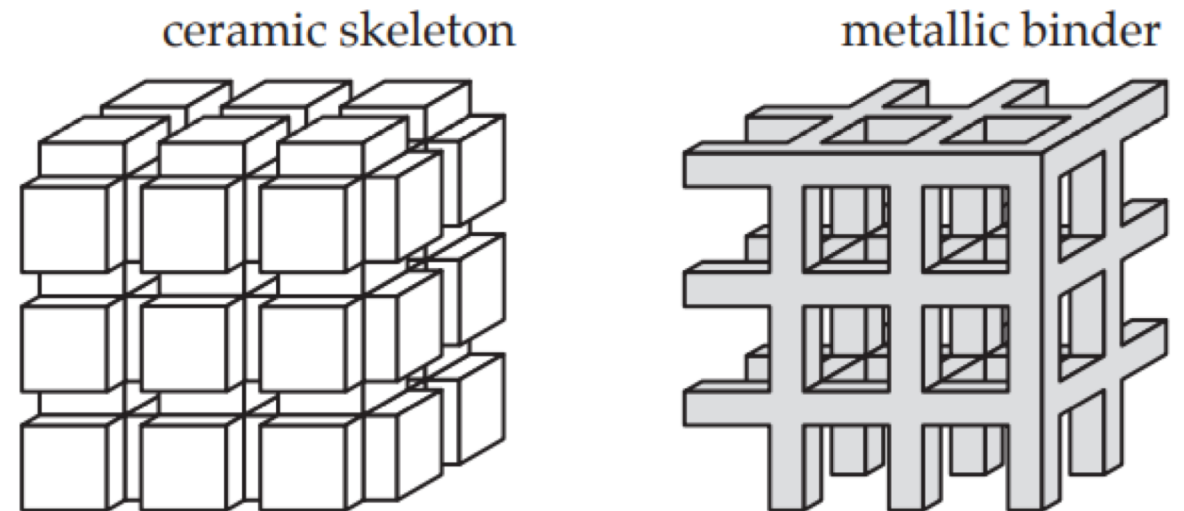


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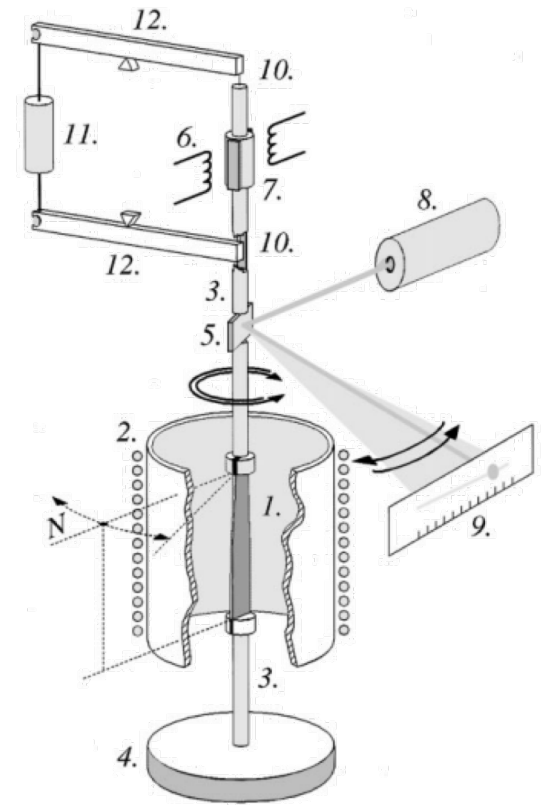
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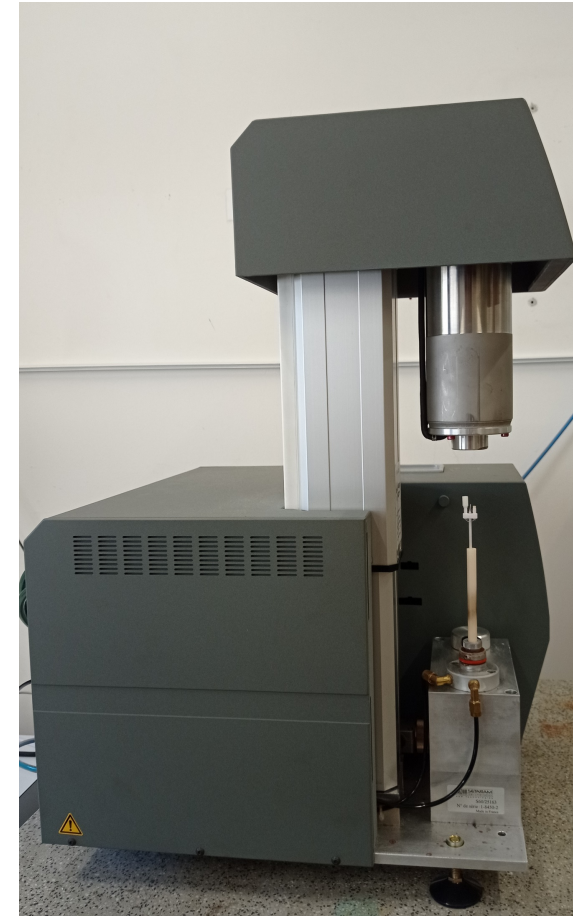
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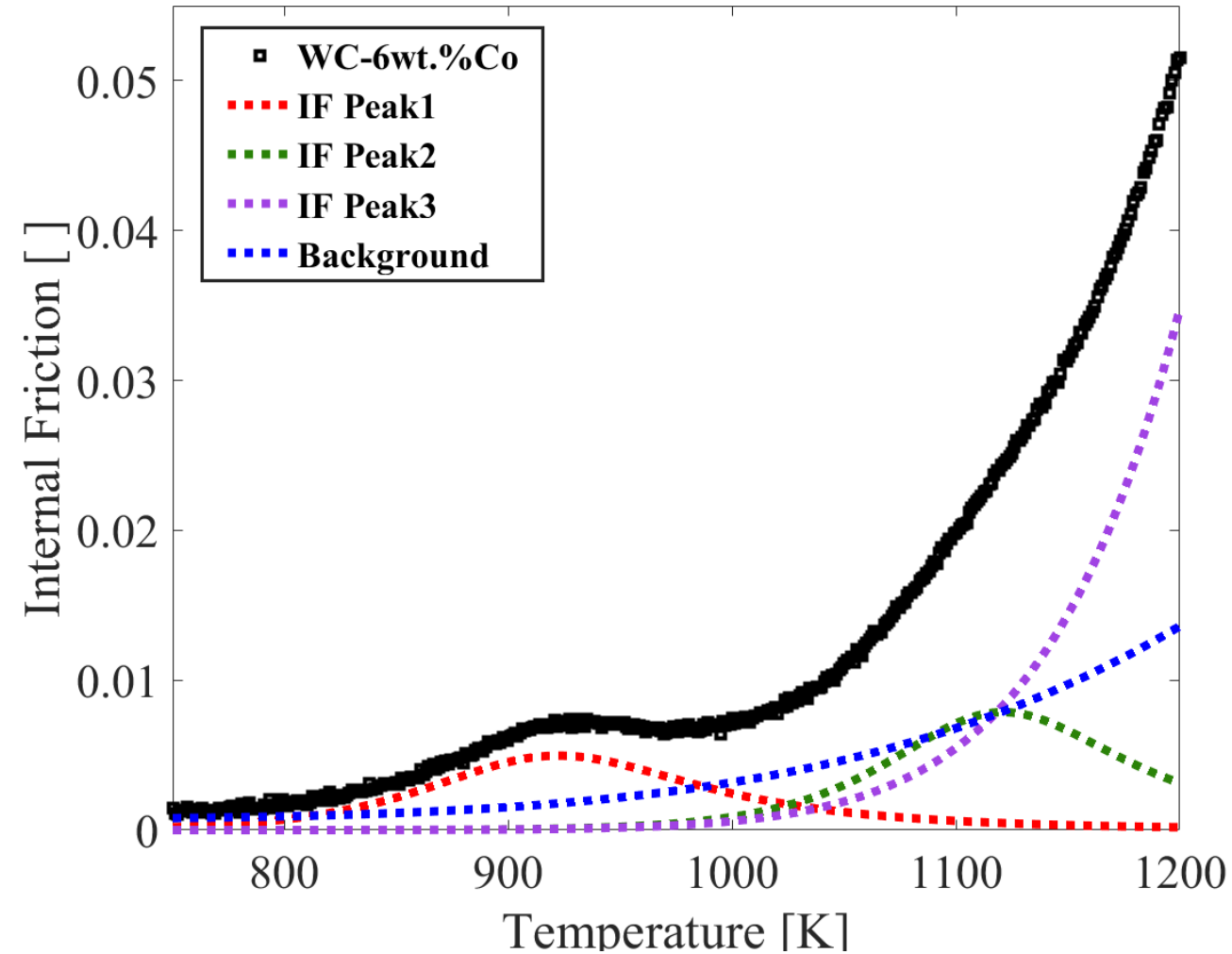
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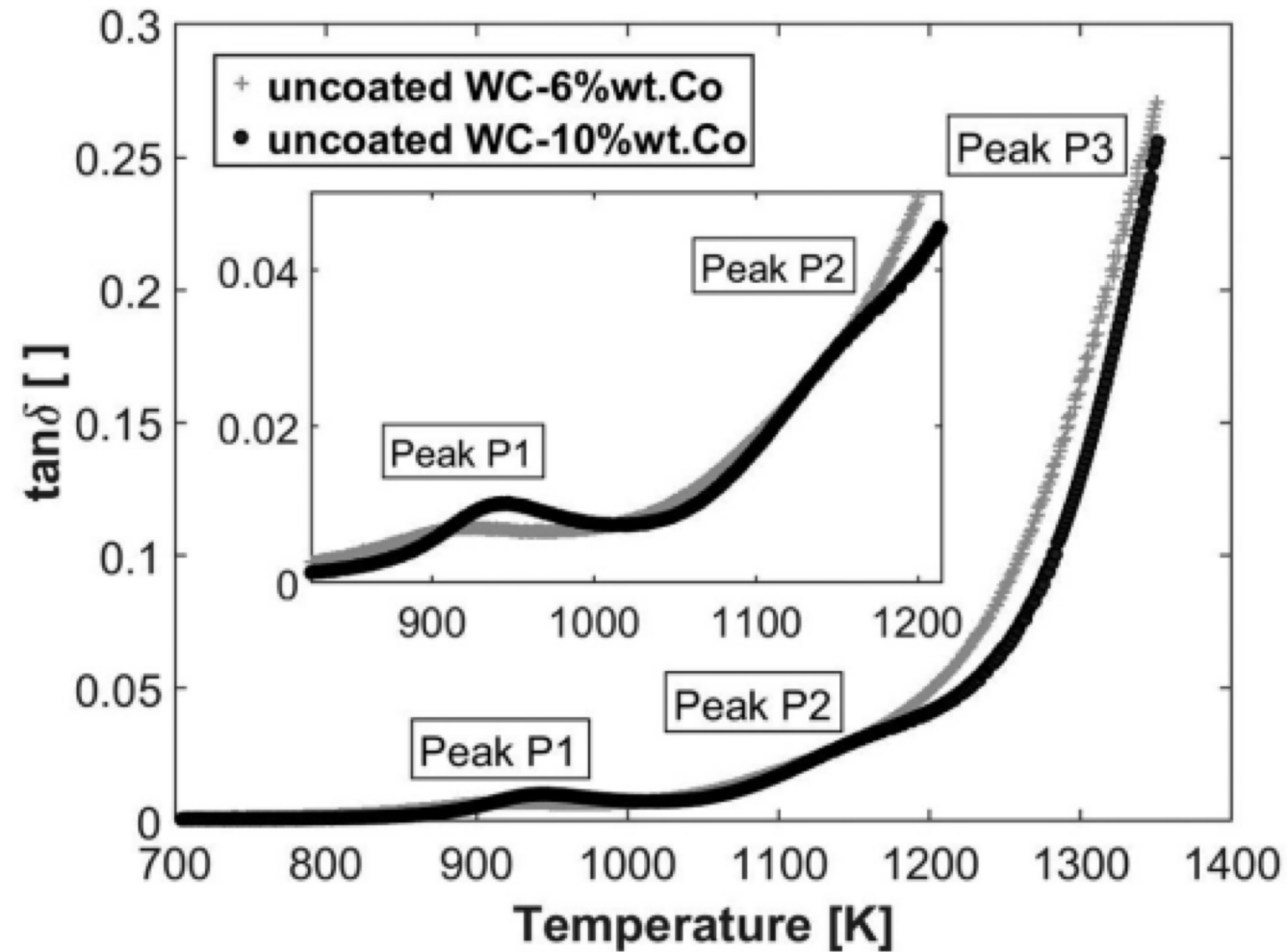
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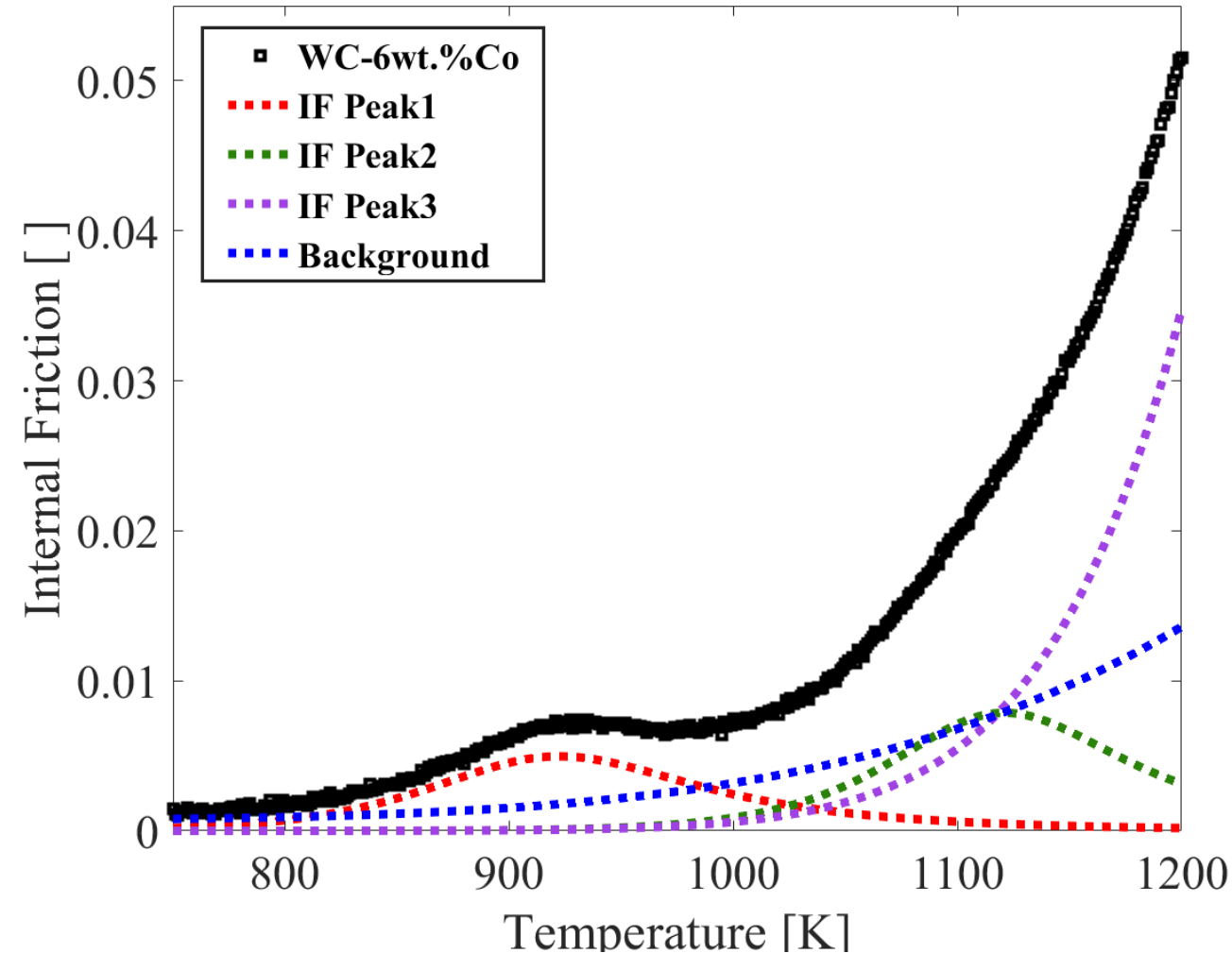


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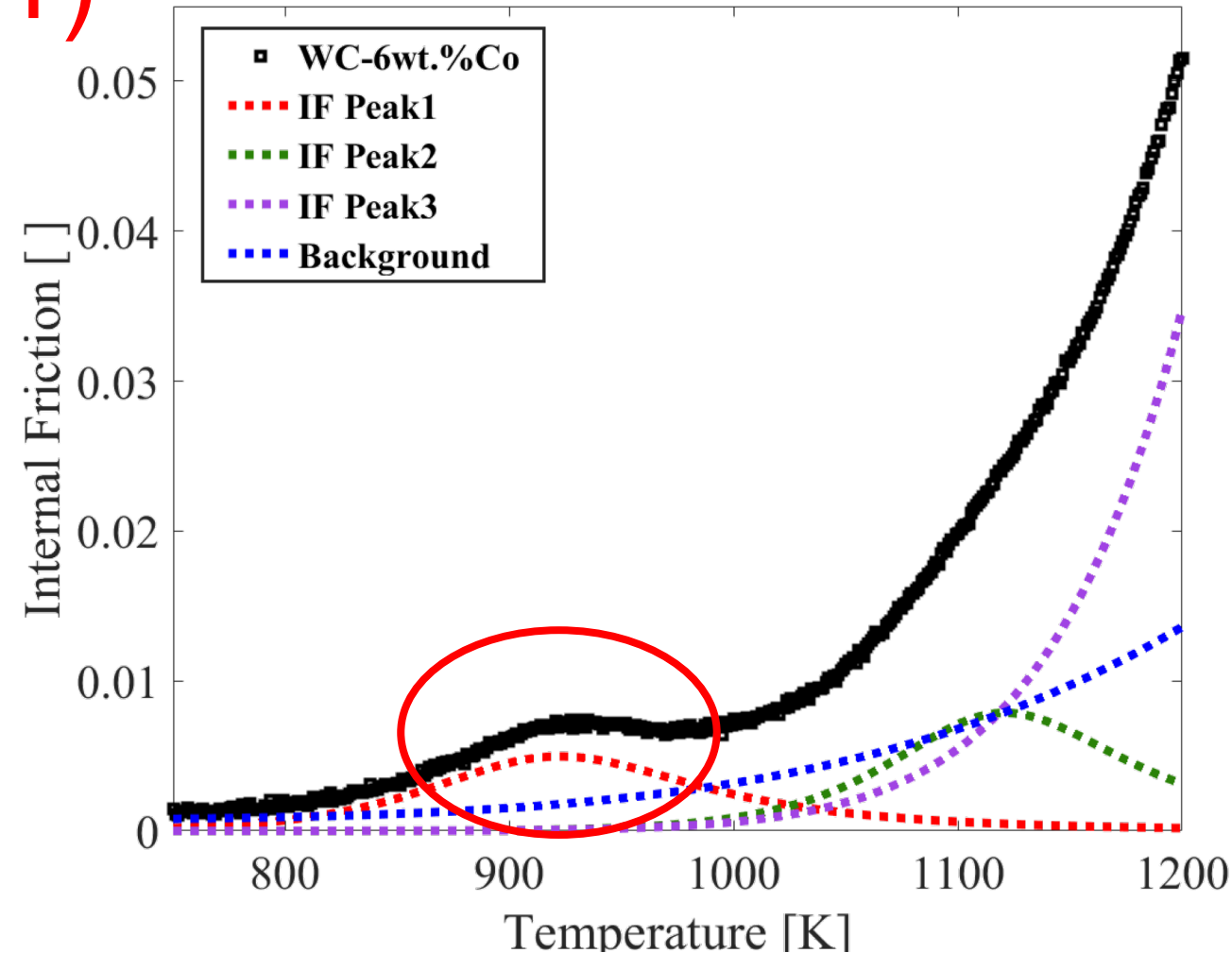
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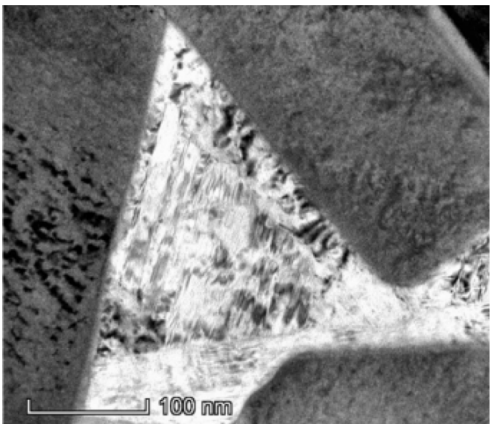
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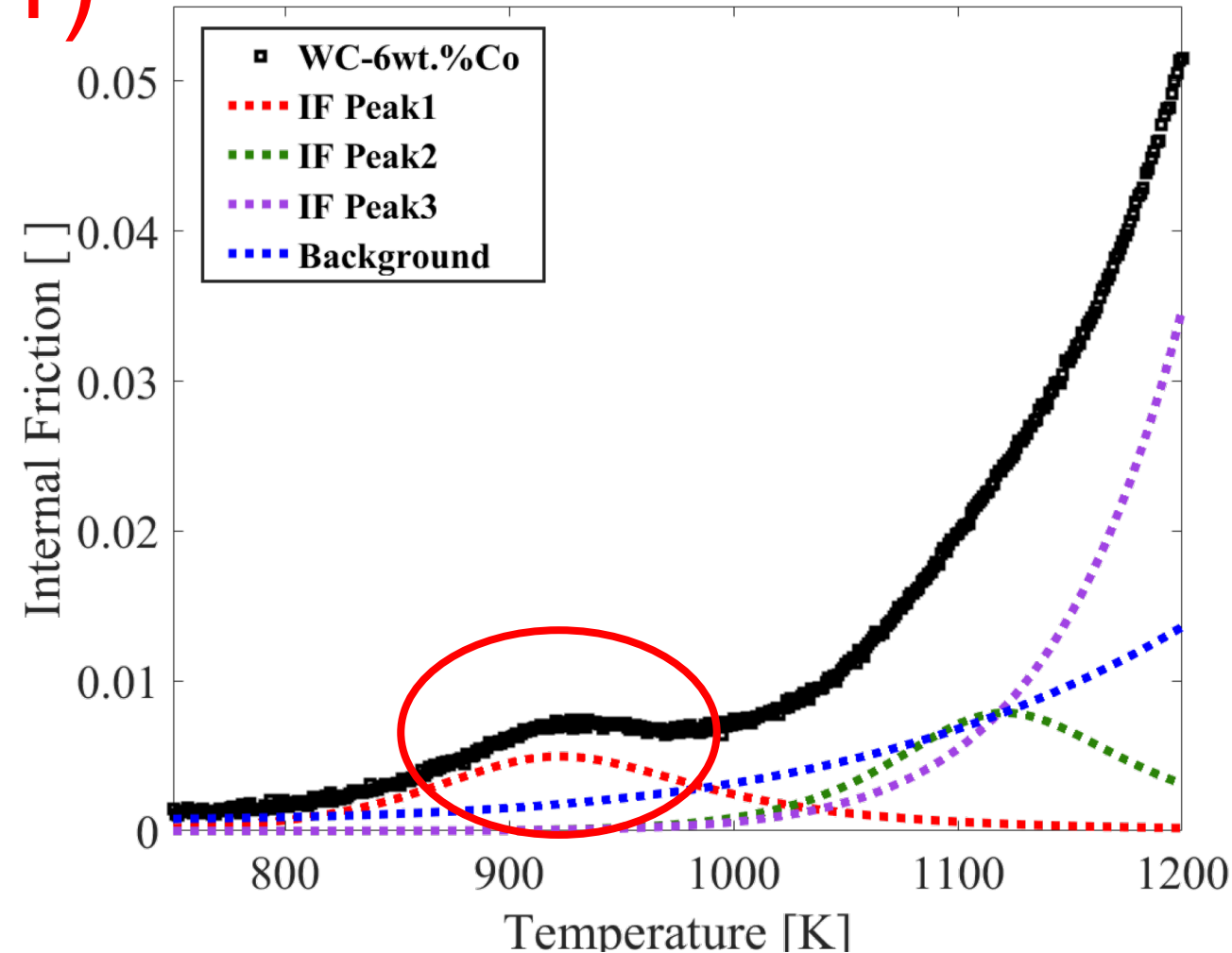
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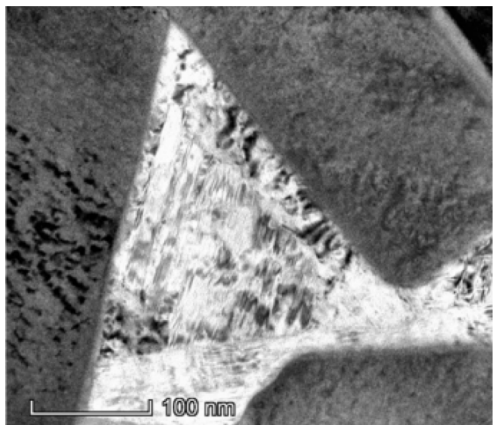
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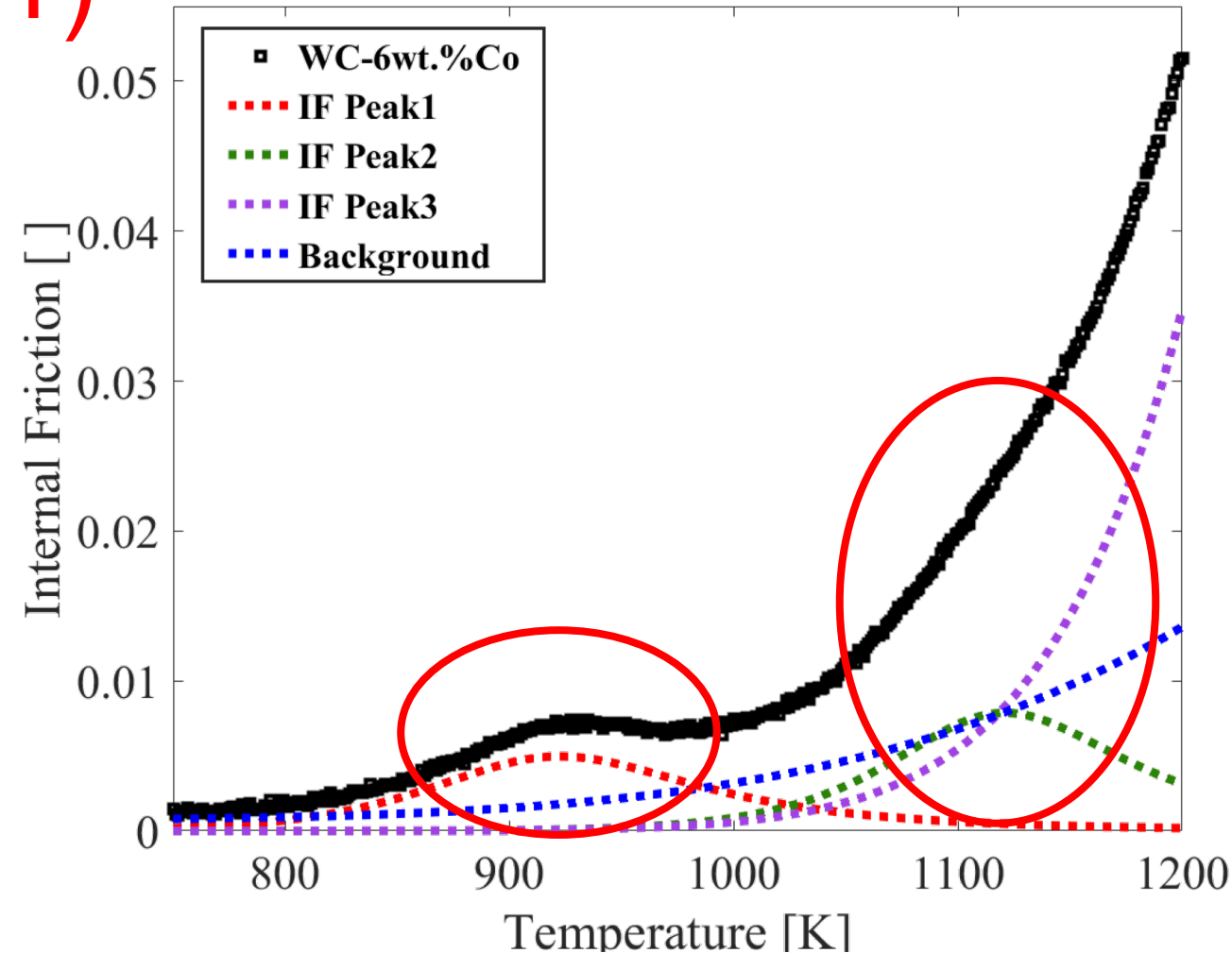
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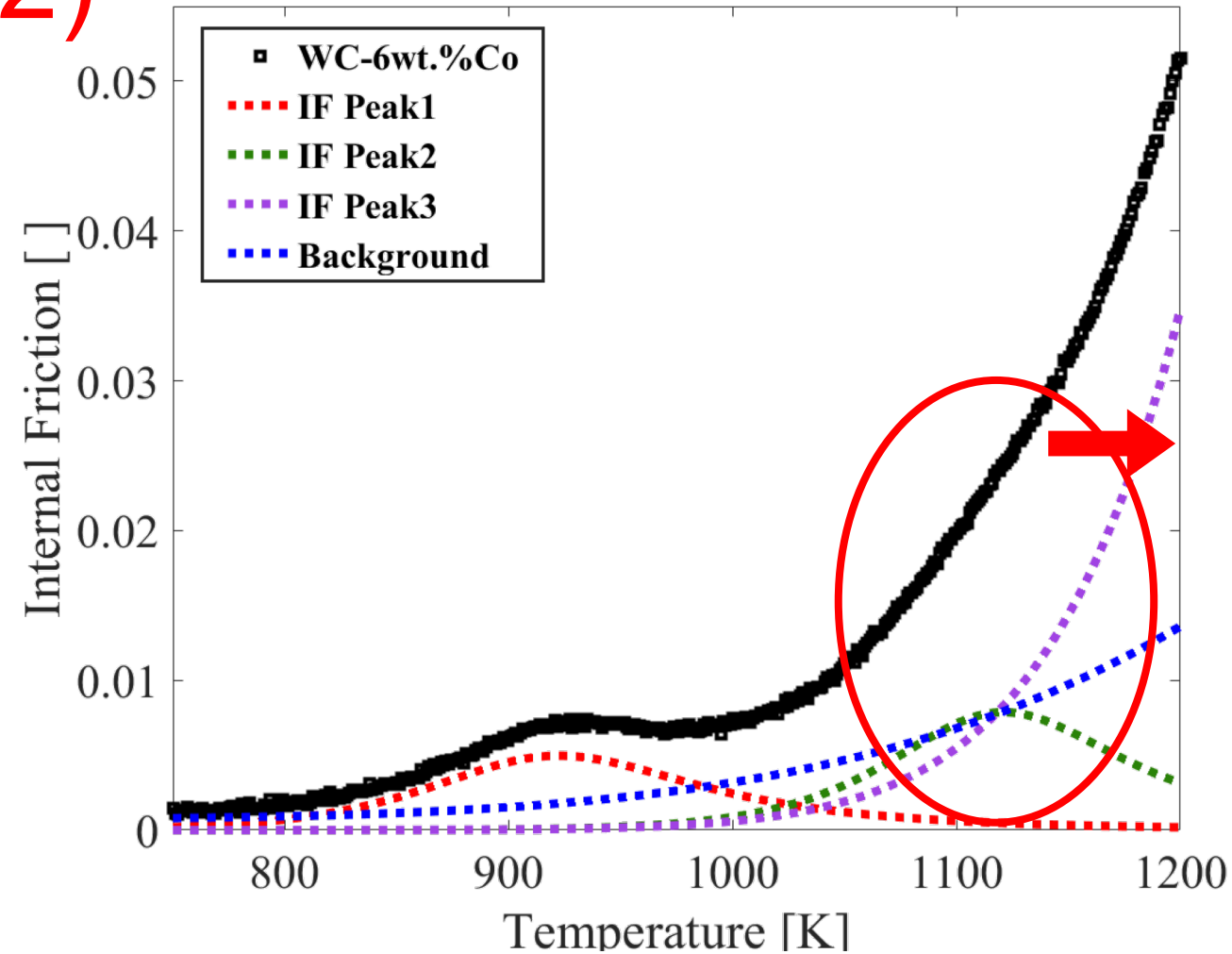


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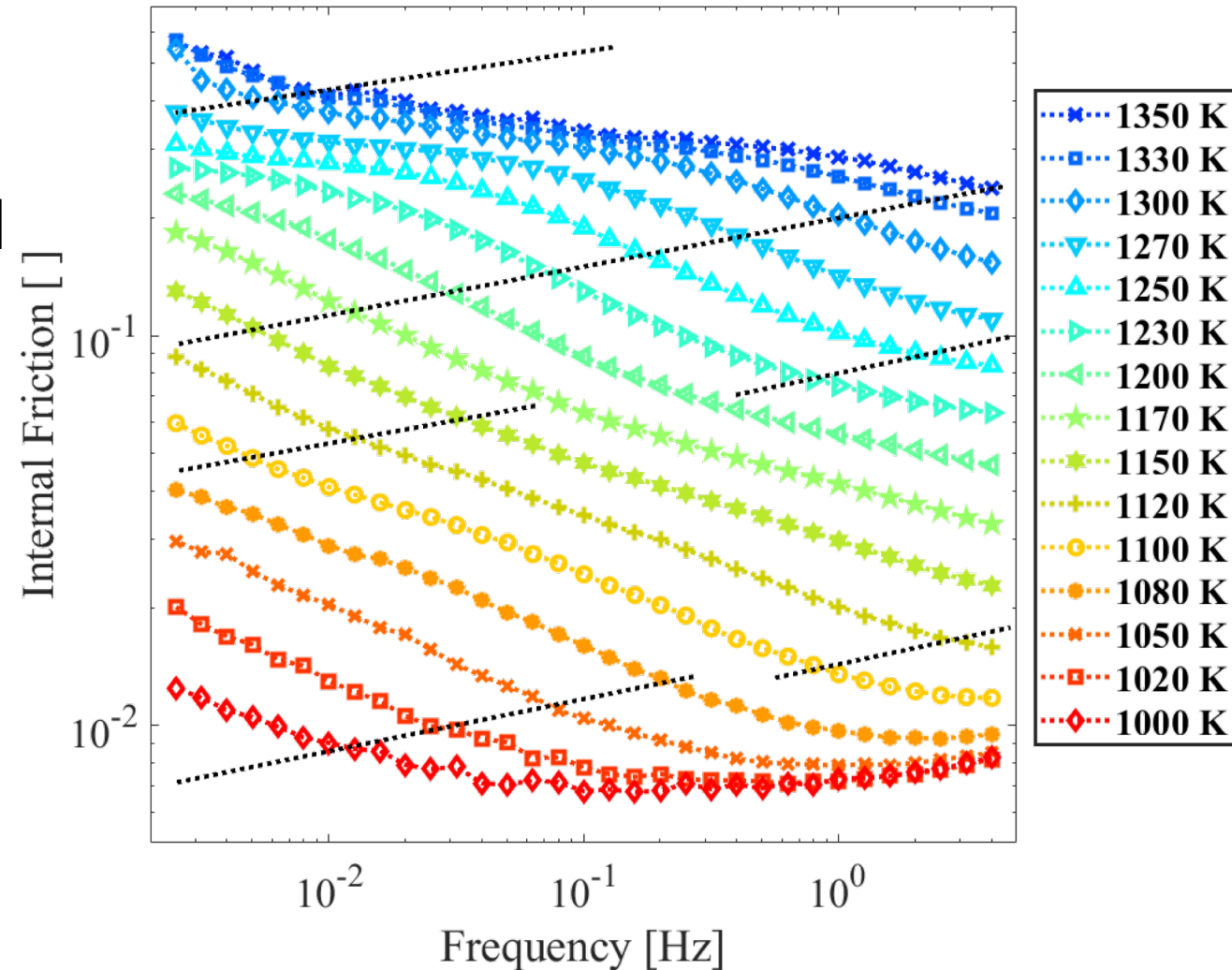
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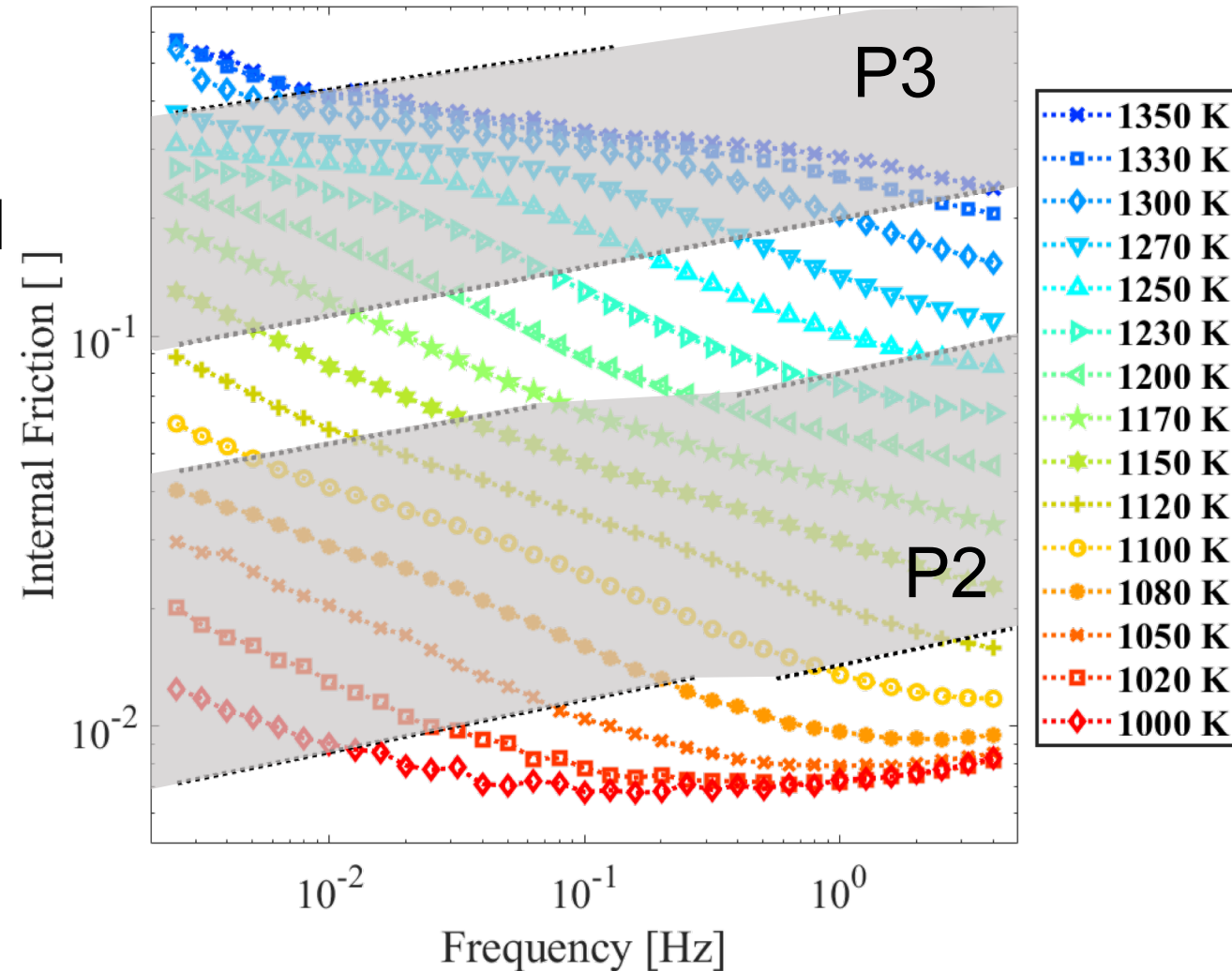
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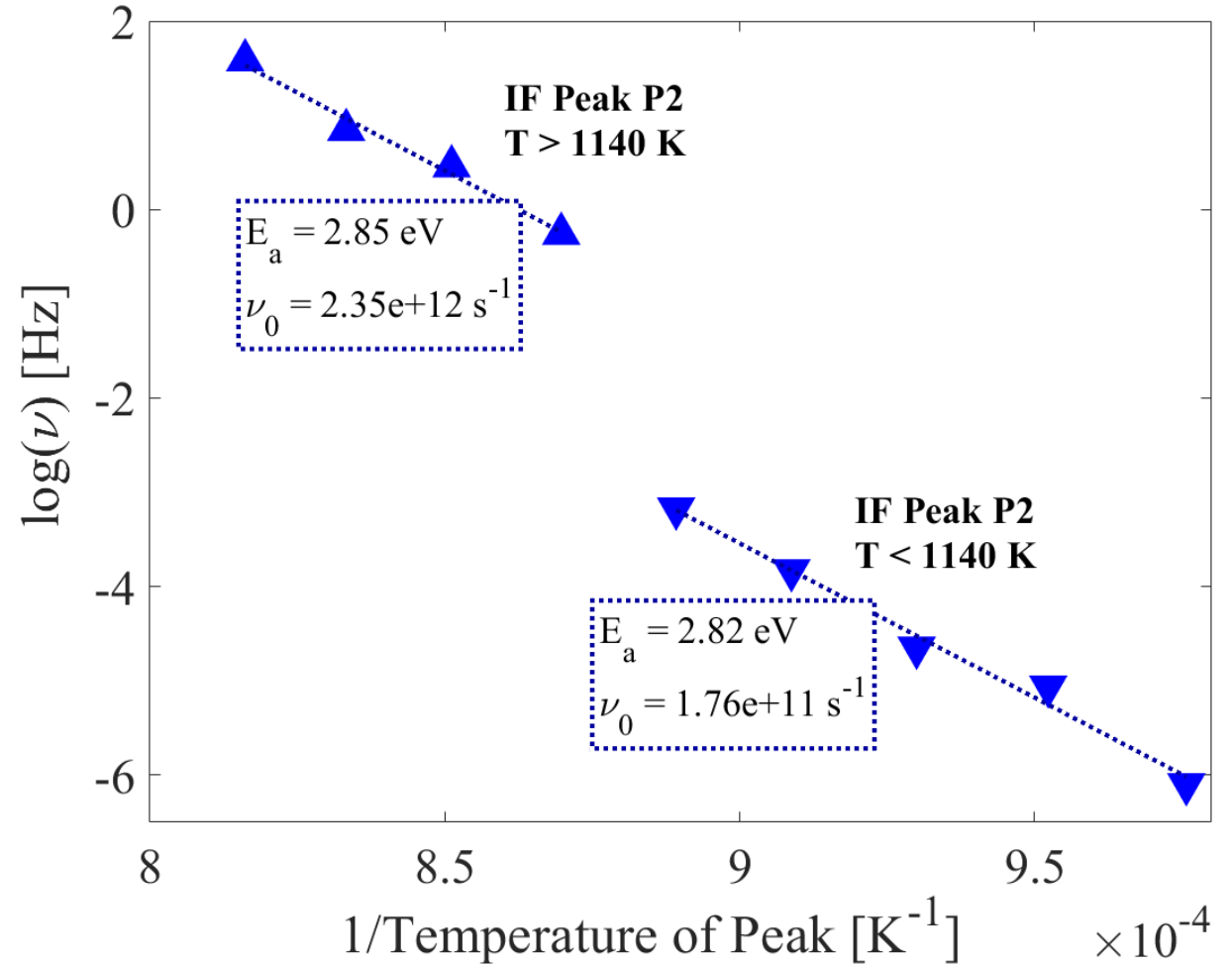
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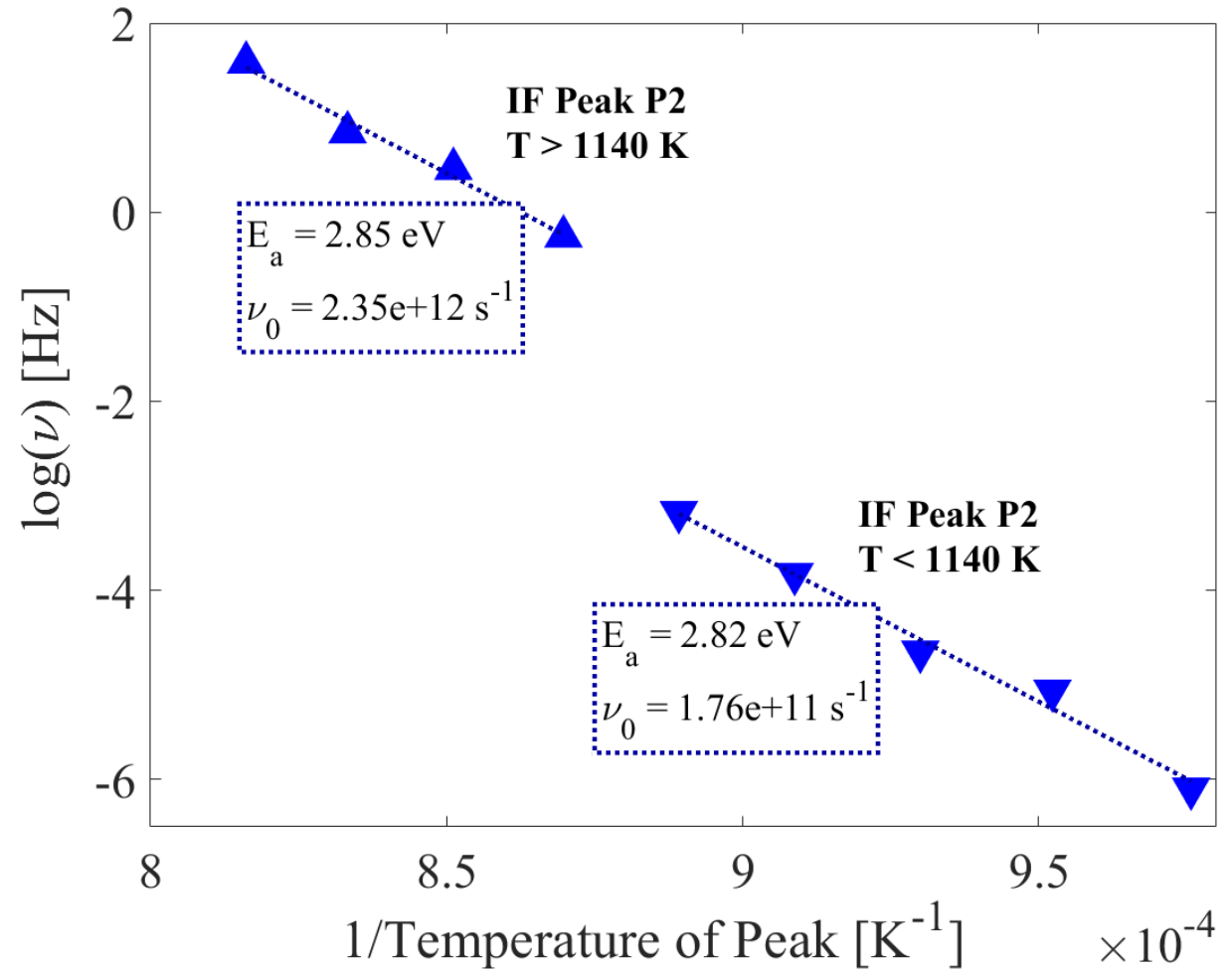
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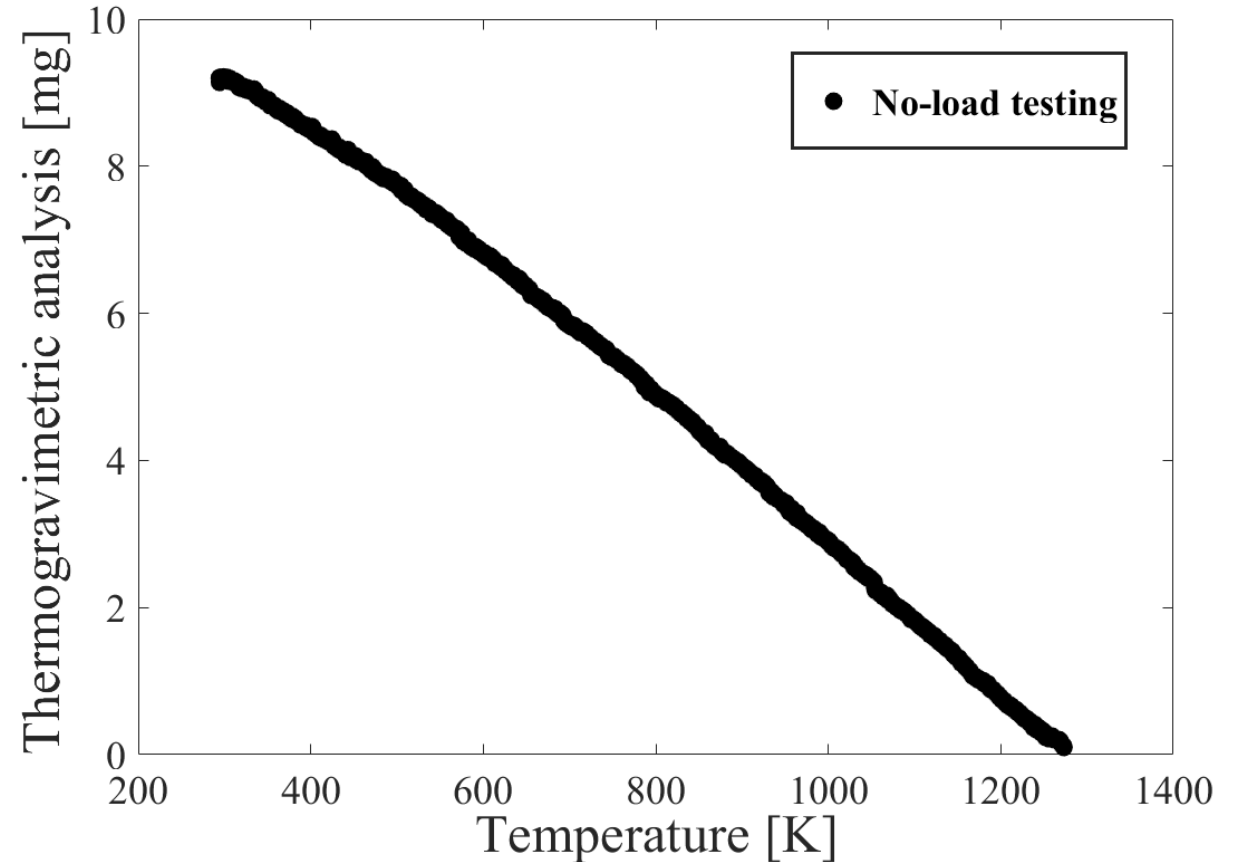
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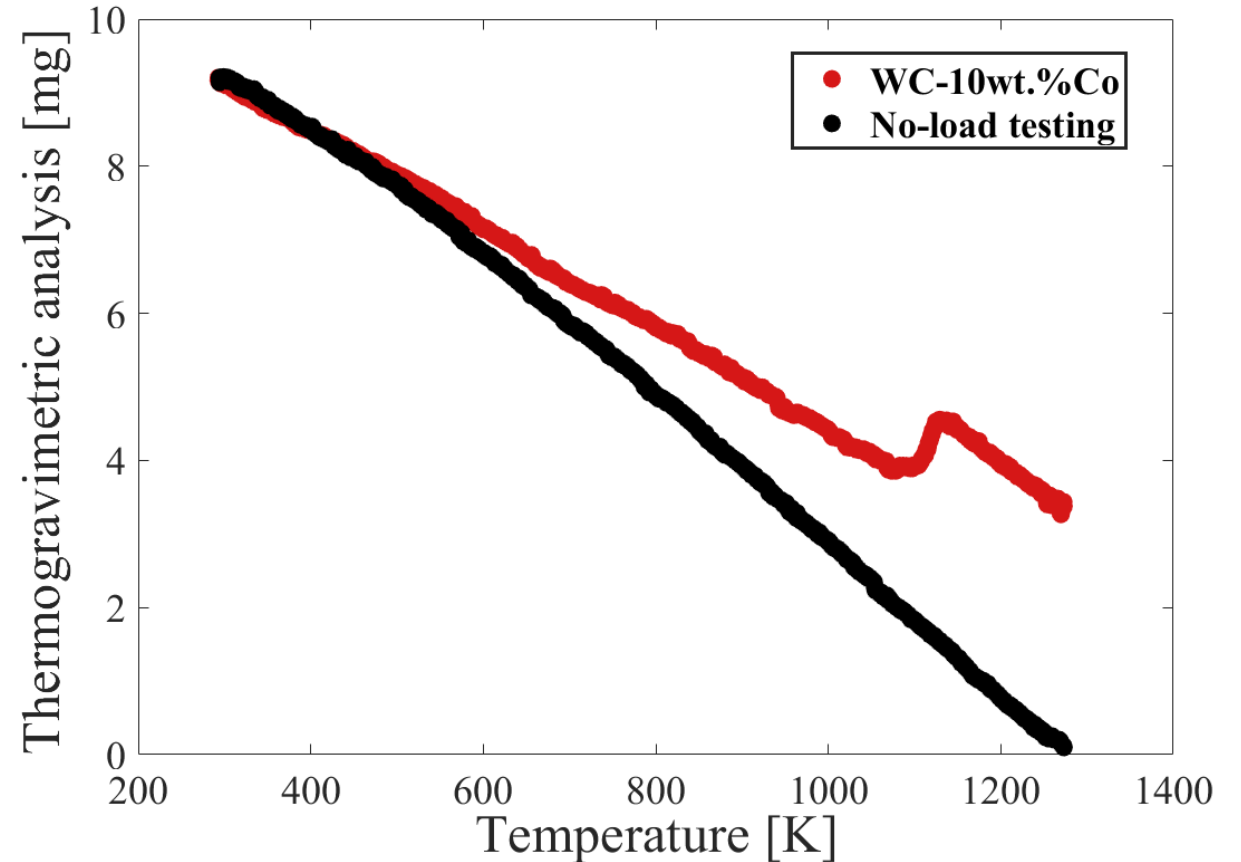


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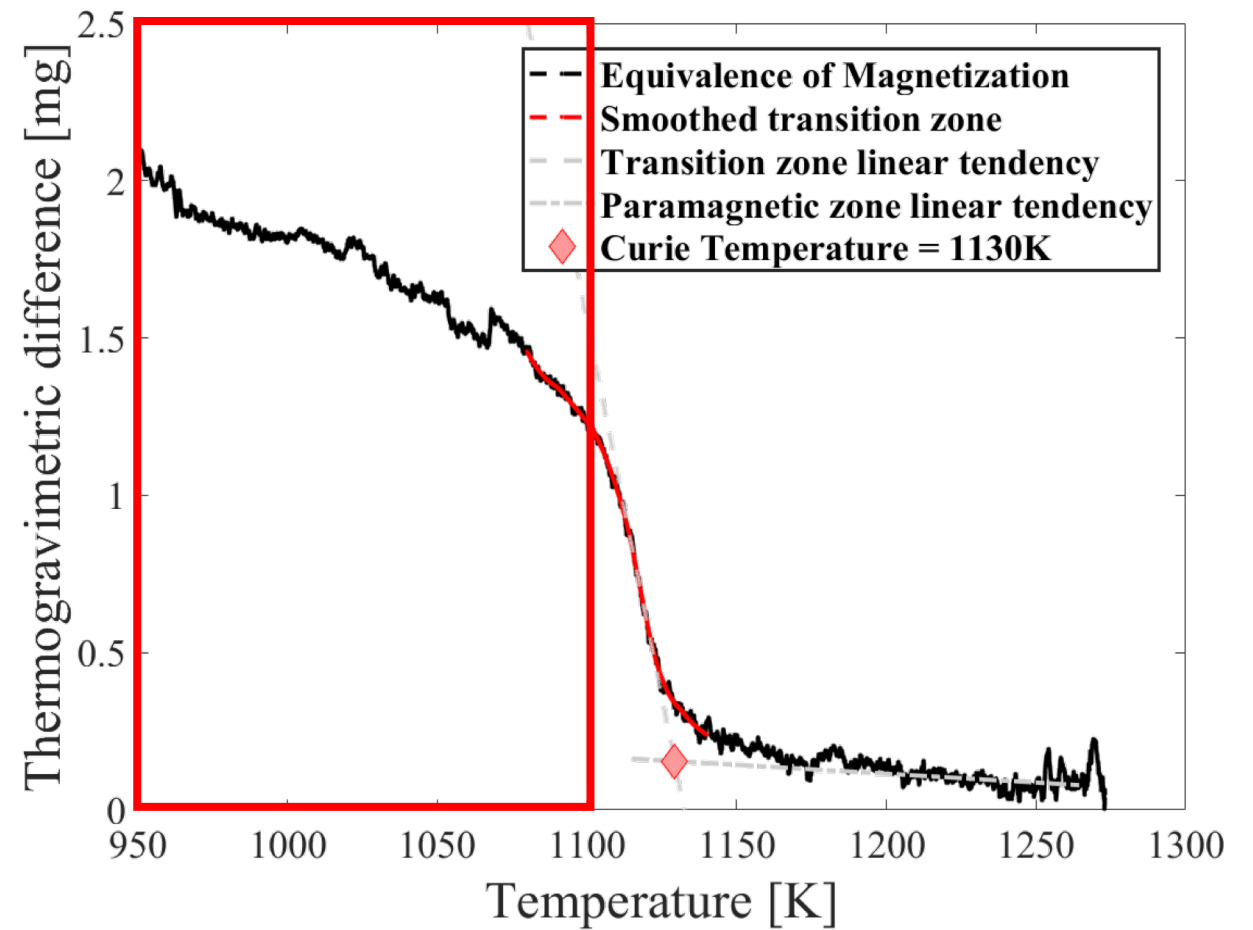
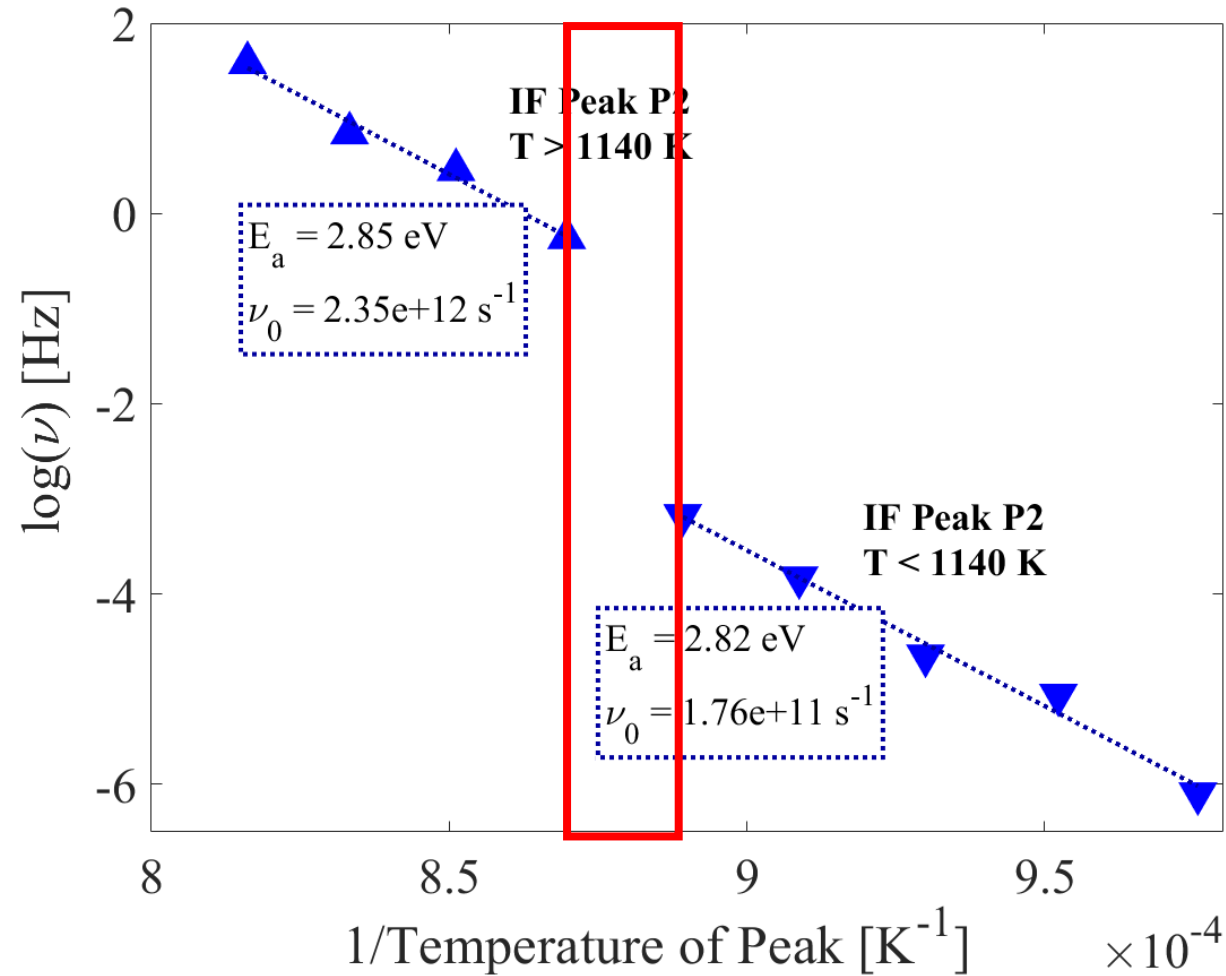
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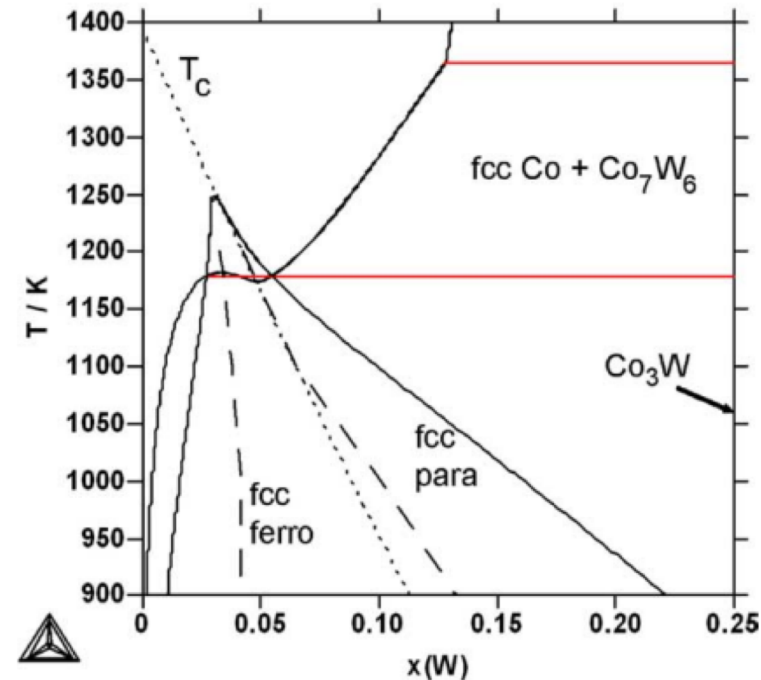
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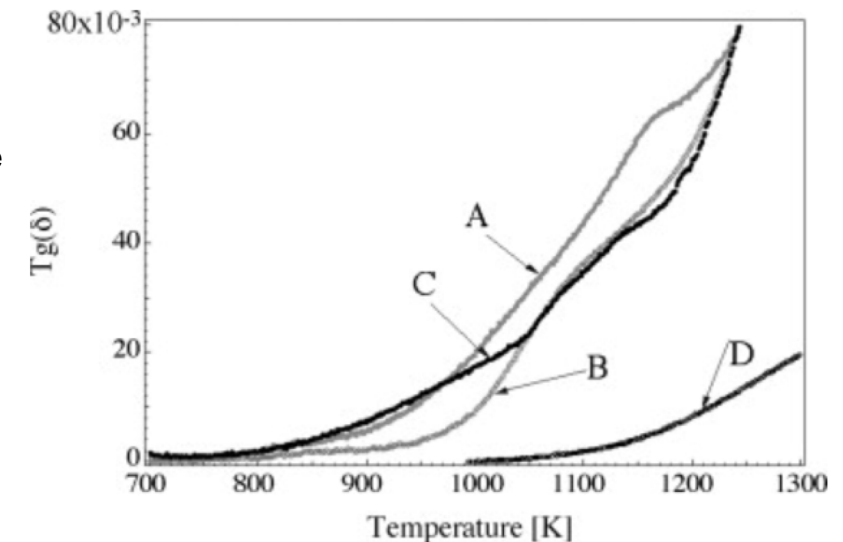
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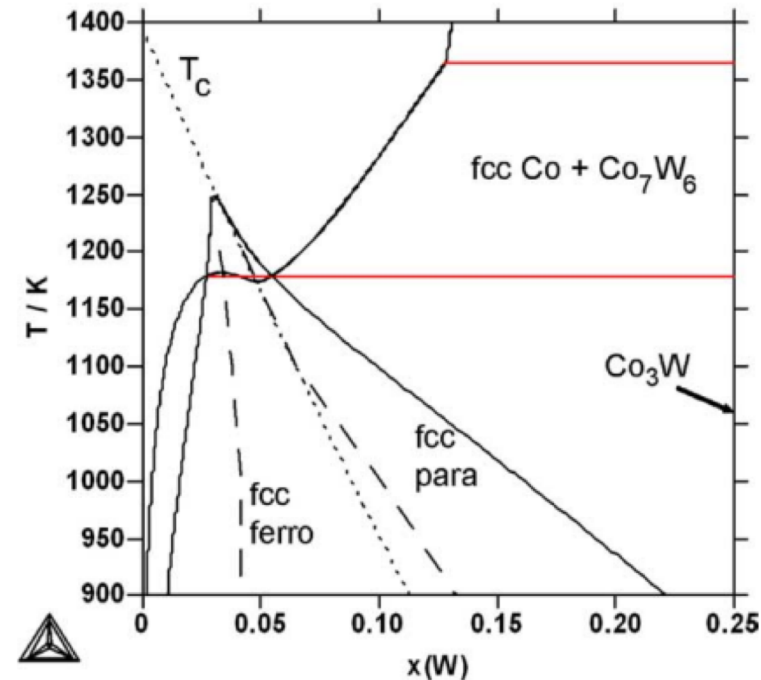
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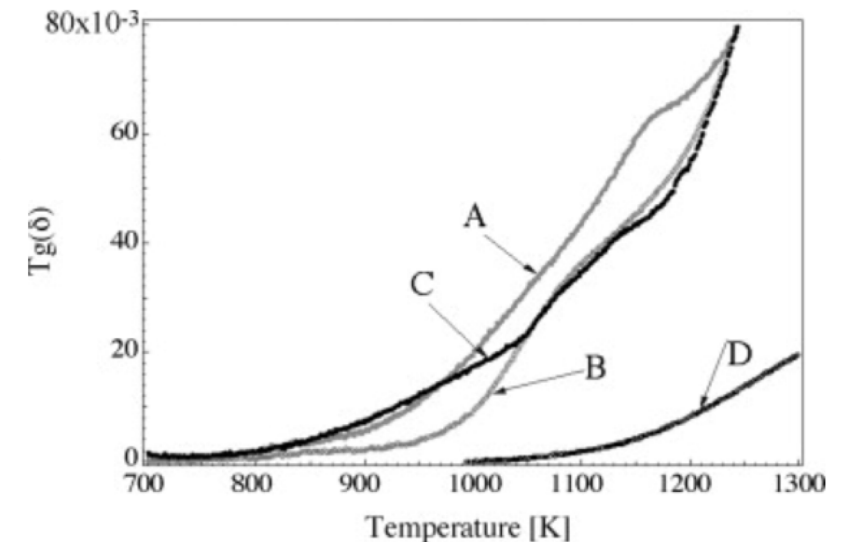
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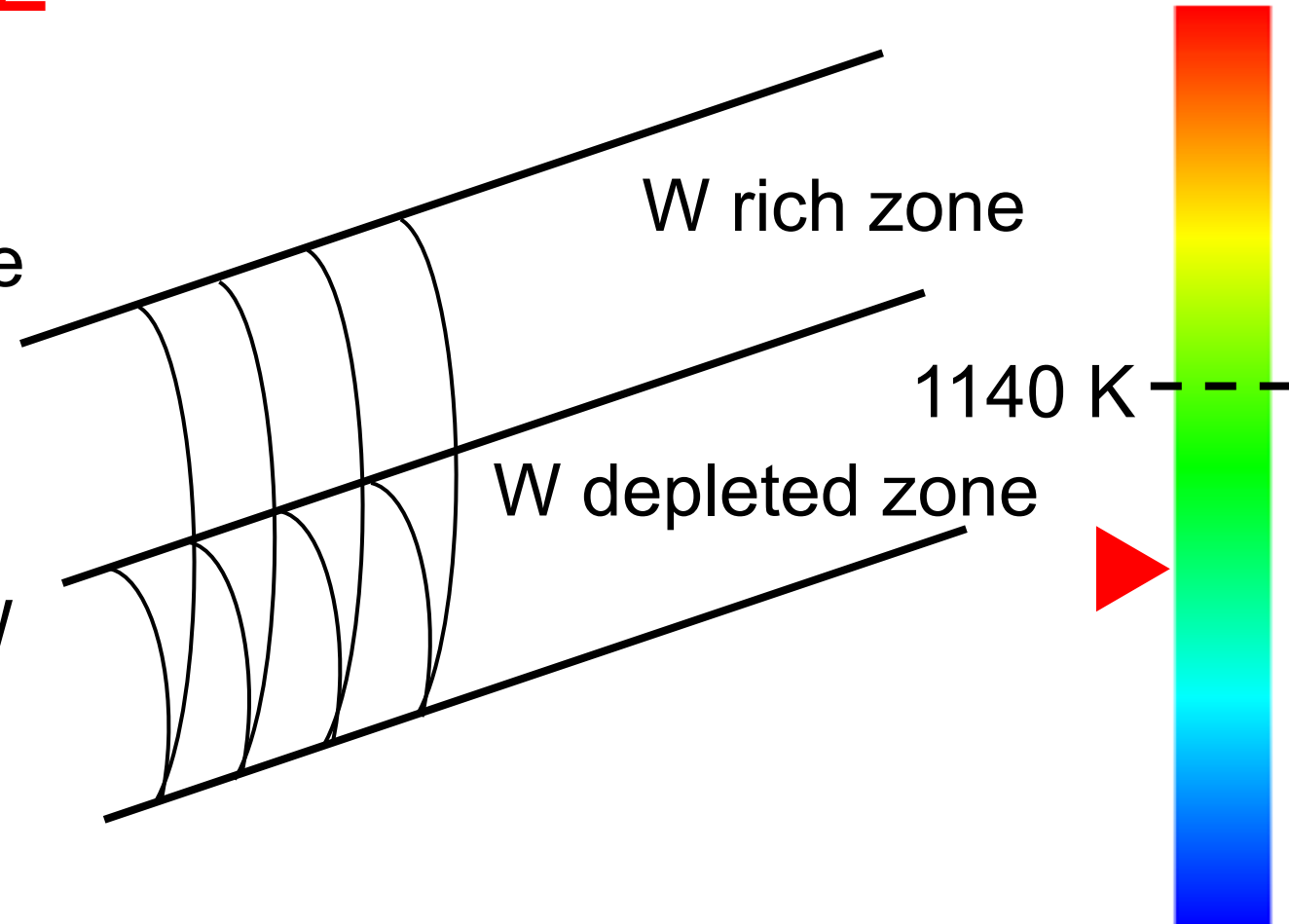
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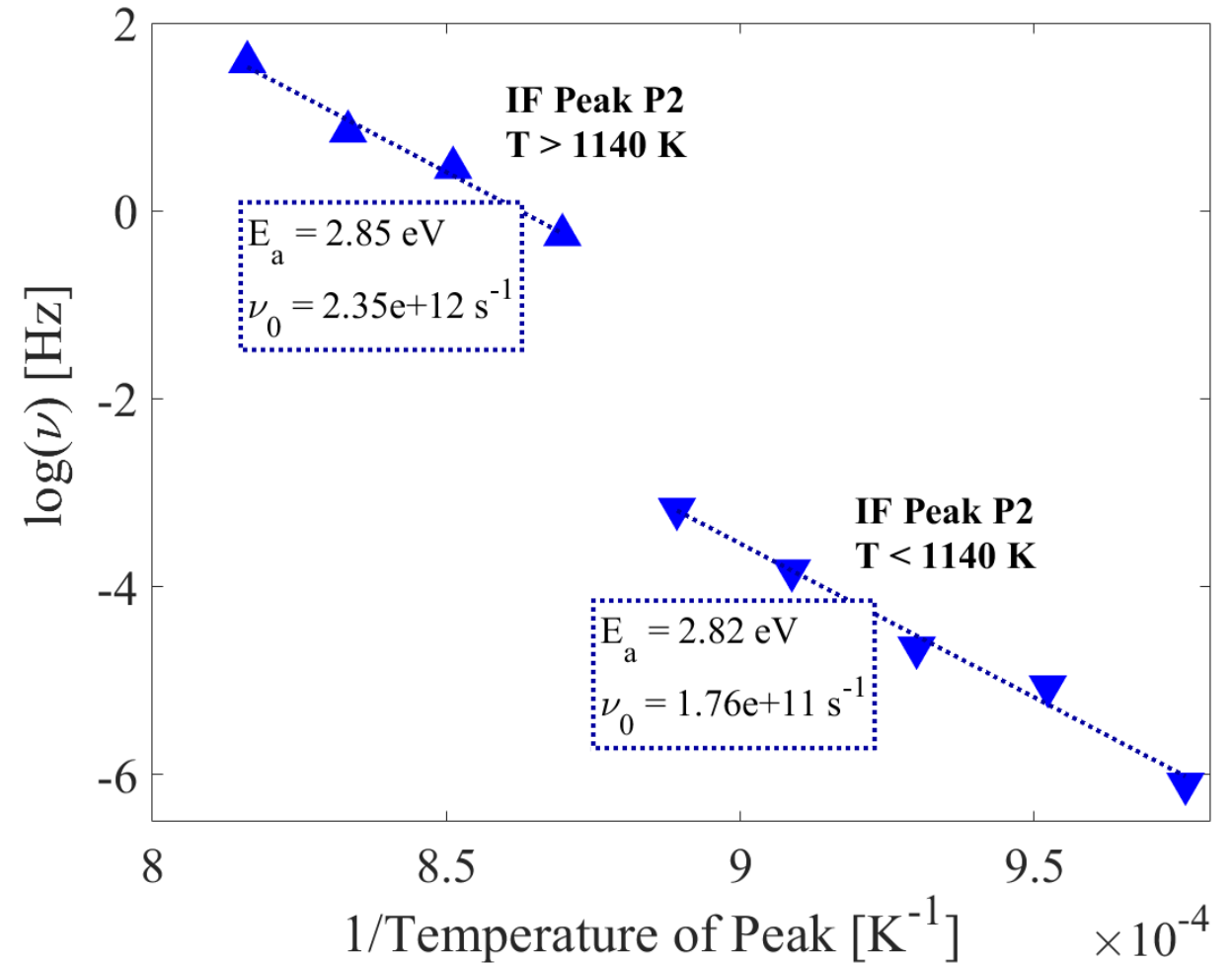
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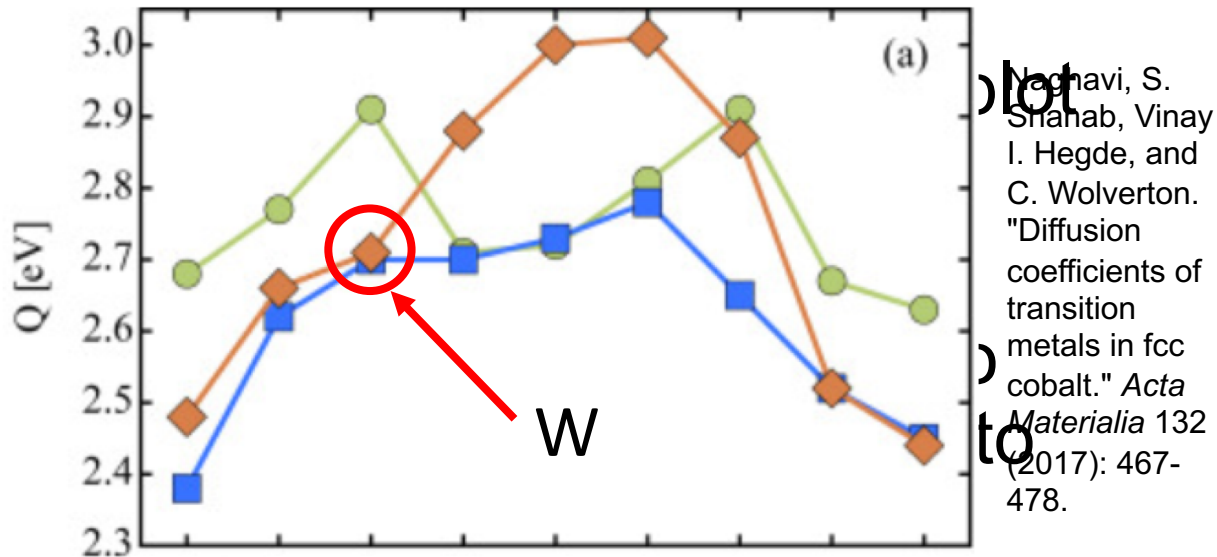
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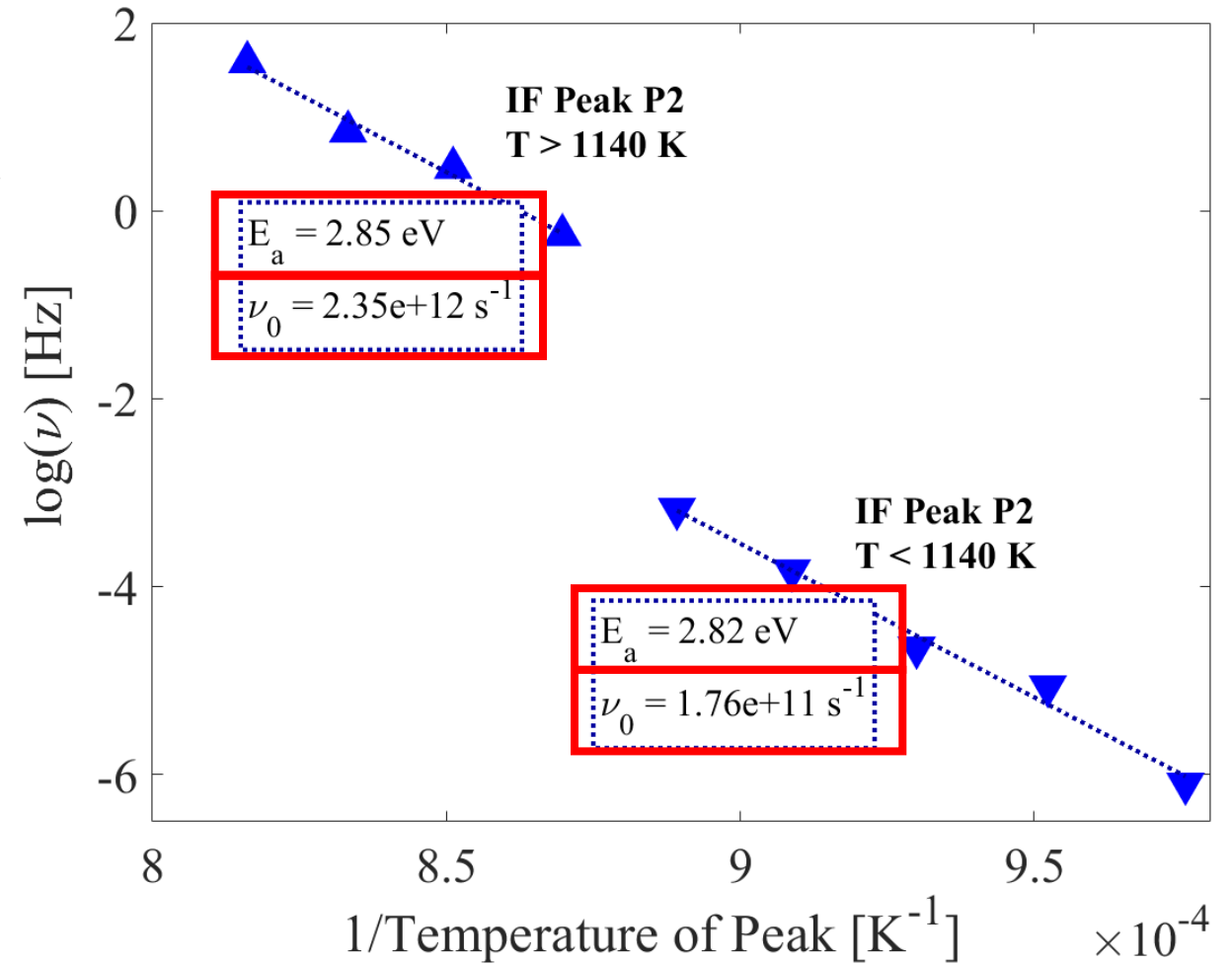
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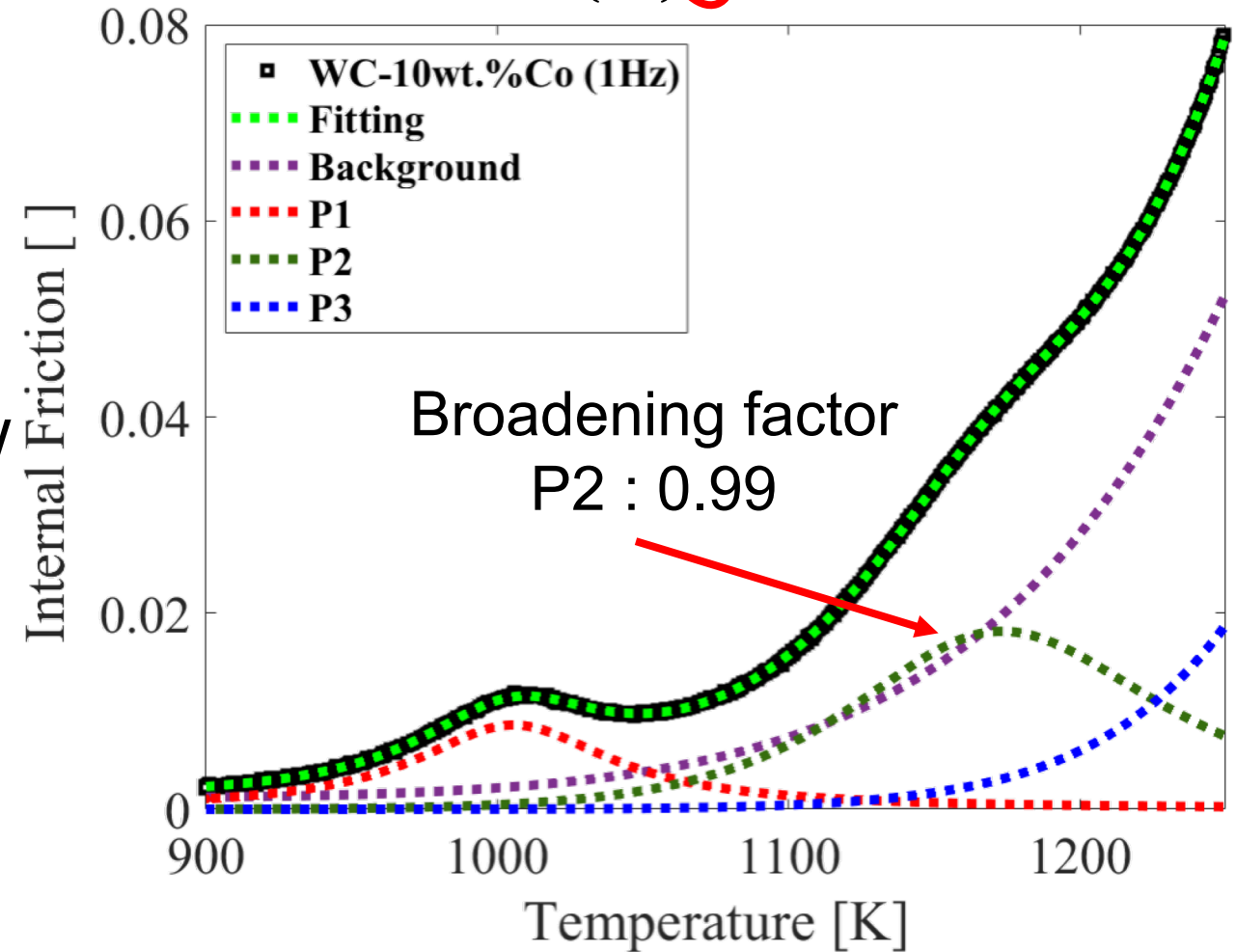
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The temperature scans also give some hints.

Point defect peaks do not show broadening.

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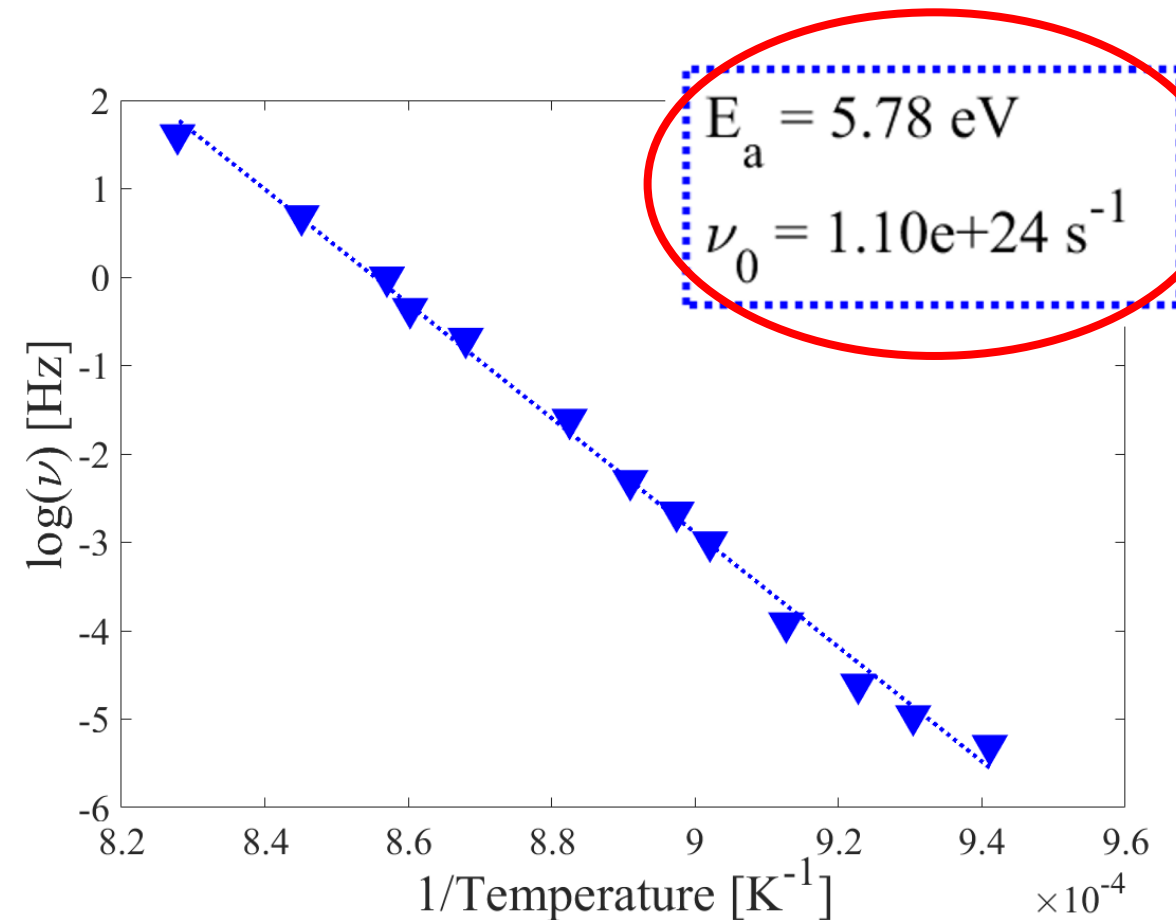
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# Summary

- Three peaks are revealed by temperature dependent spectrum, and only two by frequency dependent spectrum.
- The Arrhenius plot of P2 with frequency scans shows a shift at 1140 K. This shift occurs in correspondence with the ferro-para magnetic transition of Co.
- Two possible interpretations of P2 are deduced.

Thank you for you attention

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