

SESANS Reproducibility Working Group

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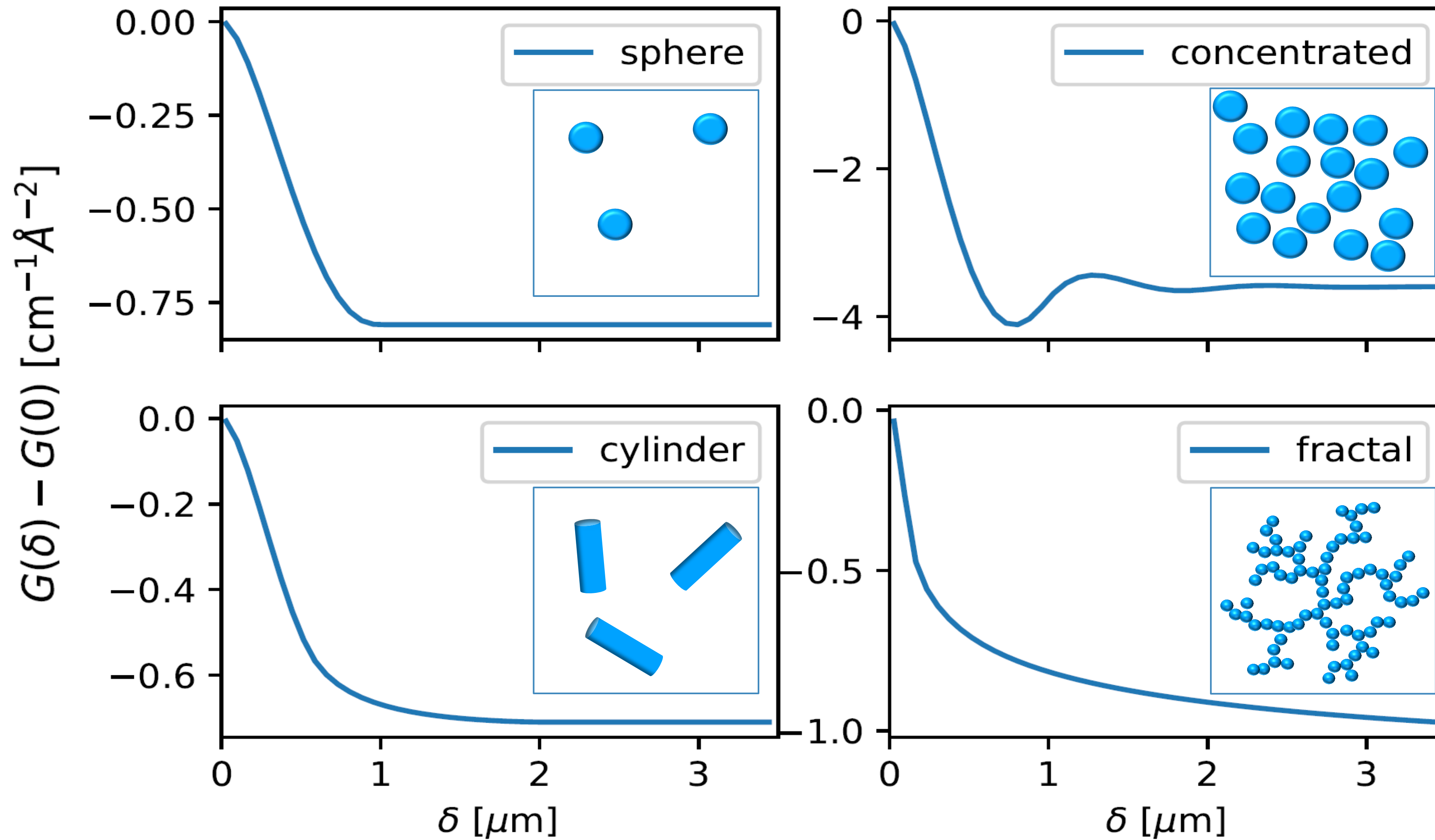
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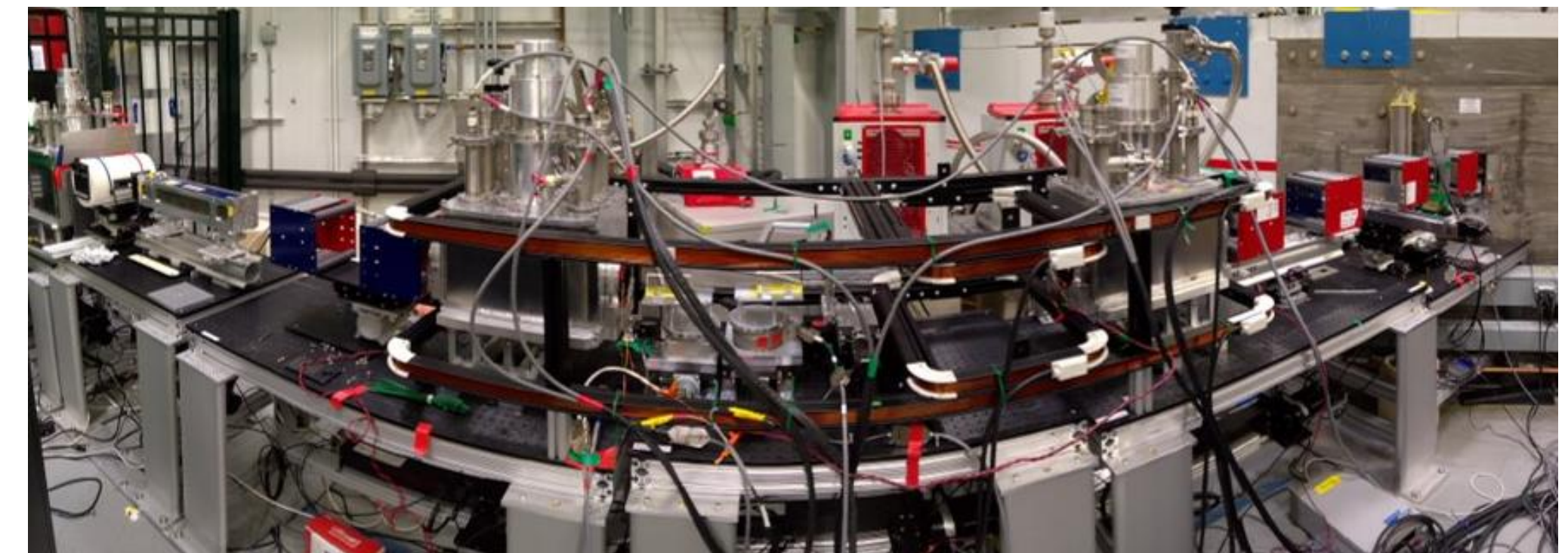
Spin-echo small-angle neutron scattering

SESANS



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Group Activities

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- Wiki page with information about SESANS and links to instruments
 - https://wiki.cansas.org/index.php?title=SESANS_Reproducibility_Working_Group
- Curation of data repository of possible SESANS standards
 - https://zenodo.org/communities/sesans_reproducibility_working_group/
- Mailing list of SESANS-related updates
 - <https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?SUBED1=SESANS-WORKING-GROUP&A=1>

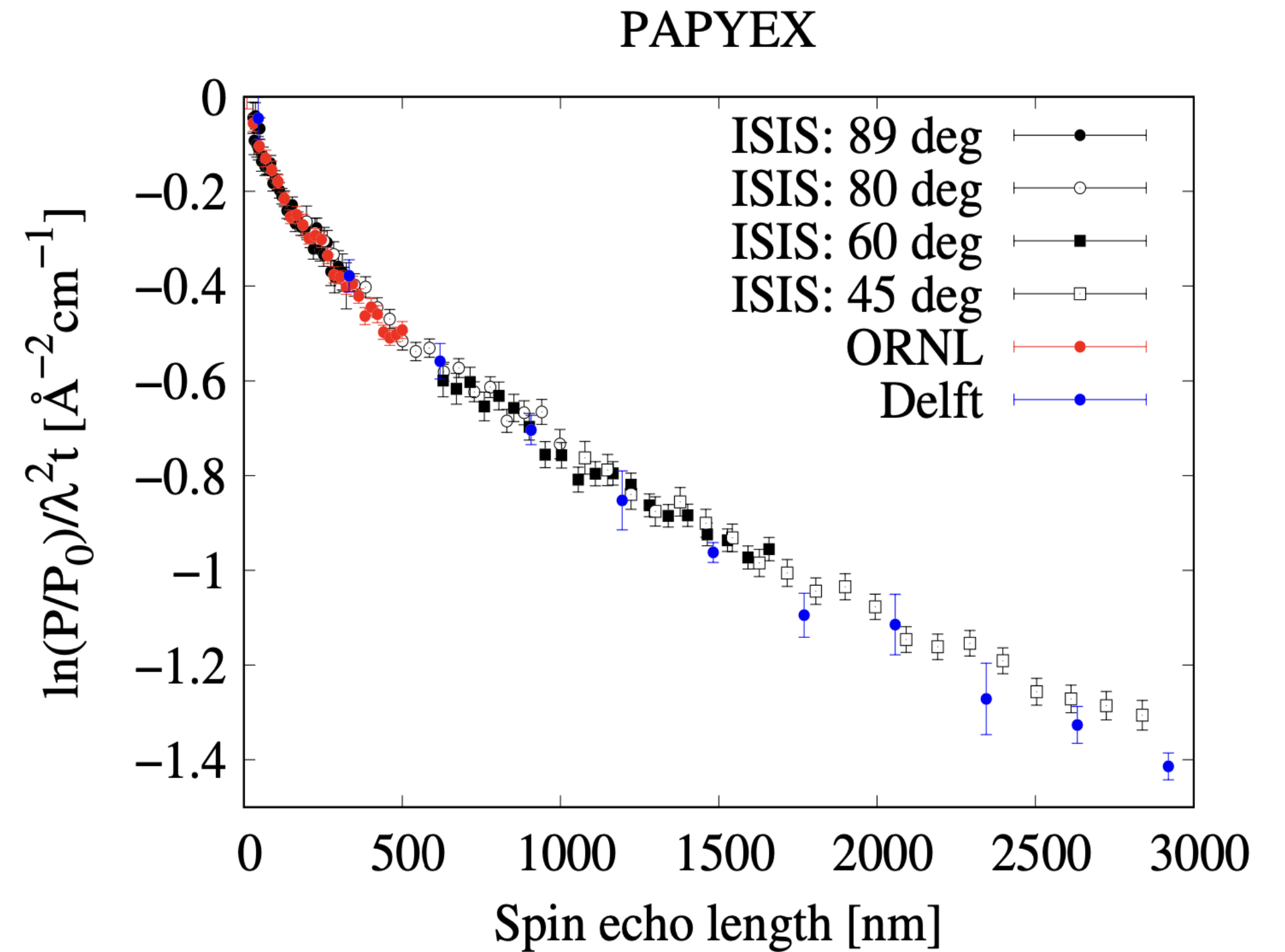
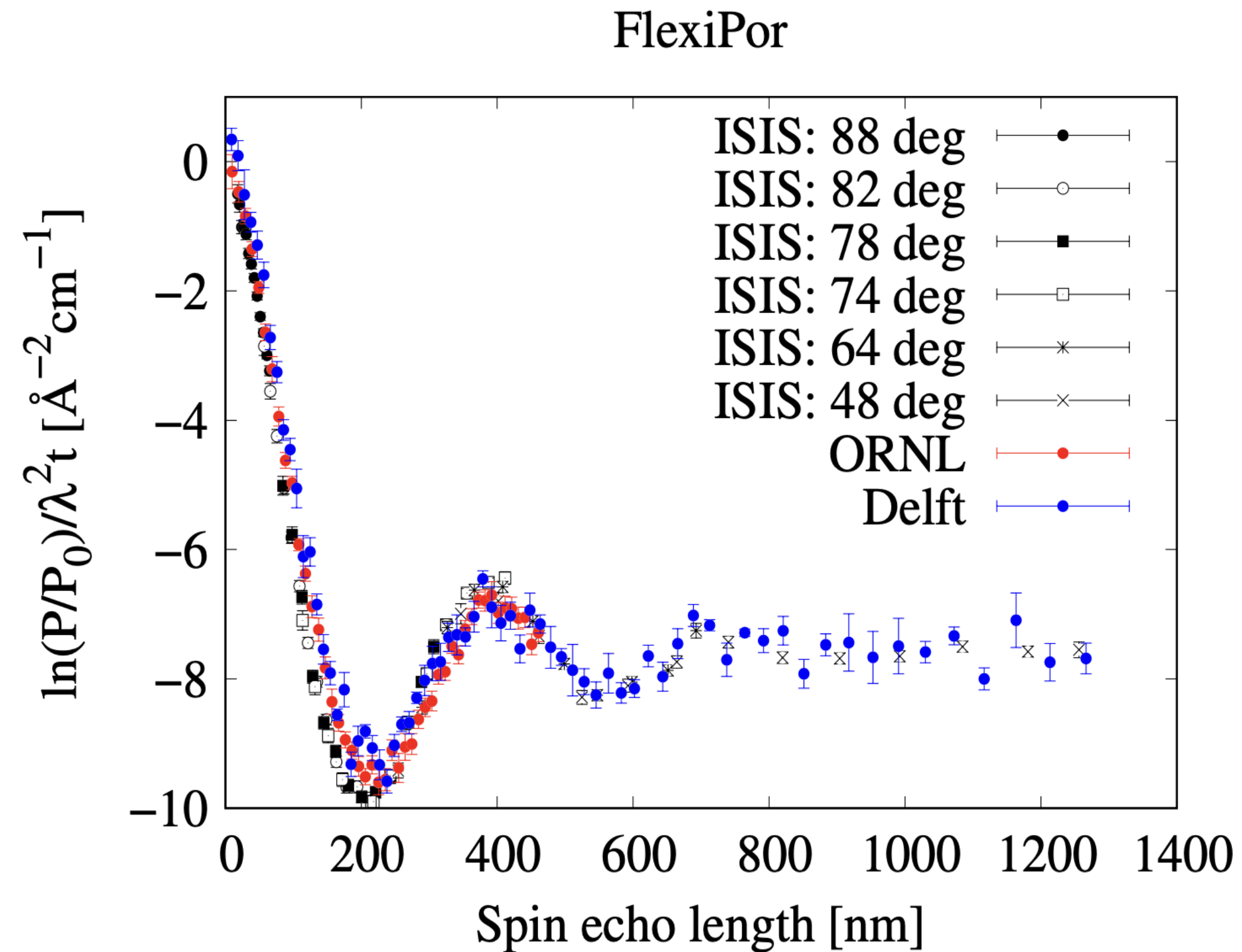
Agreed nomenclature for SESANS data

Statement available on CanSAS wiki

- **SESANS data function of "spin-echo length" δ .**
No preferred unit, (μm , nm , or \AA) whatever suits natural length scale sample.
- **SESANS data measured "normalized scattering correlation function".**
Normalization measured polarization sample (P) with polarization reference (P_0).
Combined to recommended presentation of SESANS data, the natural logarithm of P/P_0 divided by sample thickness (t) and the square of the neutron wavelength (λ^2), for brevity $\ln(P/P_0)/(t*\lambda^2)$.
Instrument and wavelength independent data.
No recommended variable for the normalized scattering correlation function.
We recommend unit ($\text{cm}^{-1} \text{\AA}^{-2}$), natural units sample thickness (cm) and for neutron wavelength (\AA).

Cross-calibration of SESANS instruments

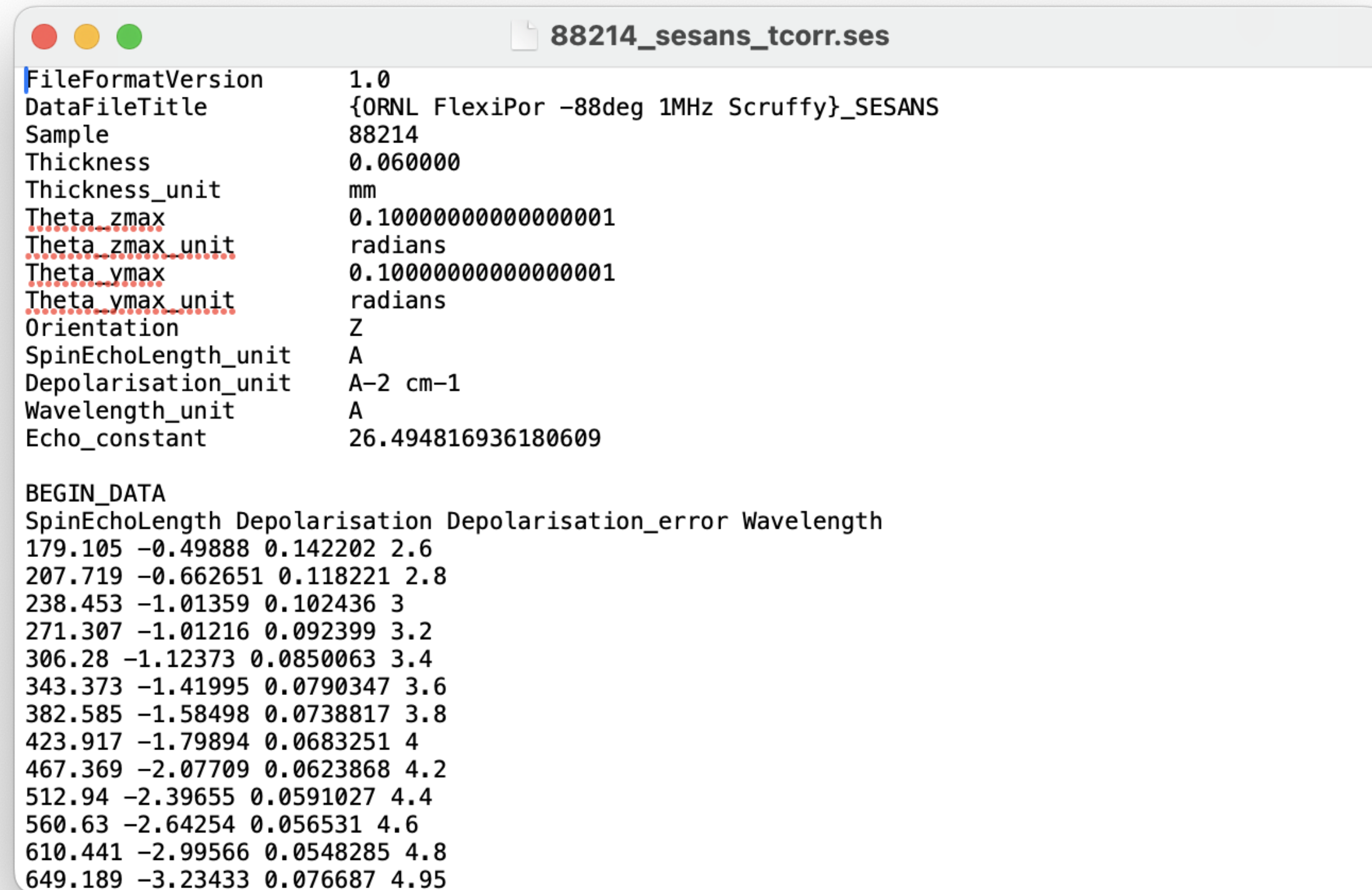
- Porous alumina membrane flexible graphite: ORNL, TU Delft, and ISIS (Larmor)



Many thanks to Fumiaki Funama (ORNL) for collating data

SESANS file format

- Text-based SES format with header and four-column data.
- Improve header with unequivocal identification of data and facility.
- What to include in future Nexus based file format.



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88214_sesans_tcorr.ses
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Depolarisation_unit    A-2 cm-1
Wavelength_unit        A
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306.28 -1.12373 0.0850063 3.4
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Data corrections

- Neutron wavelength and finite detector size impact experimentally determined data.
- Simple corrections using transmission.
- Desire: understand corrections. Reproducibility measurements different sources (mono vs ToF, different λ).

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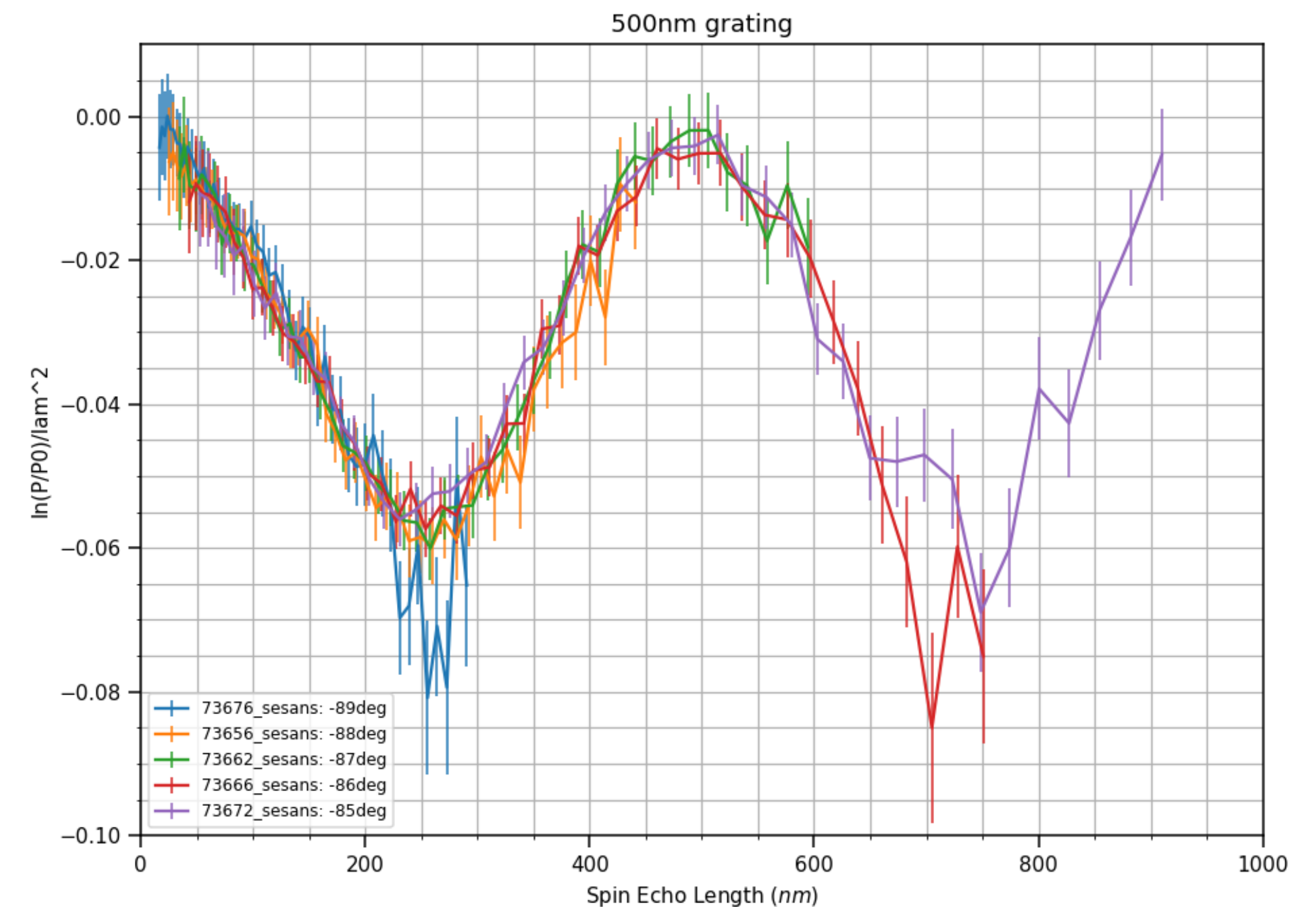
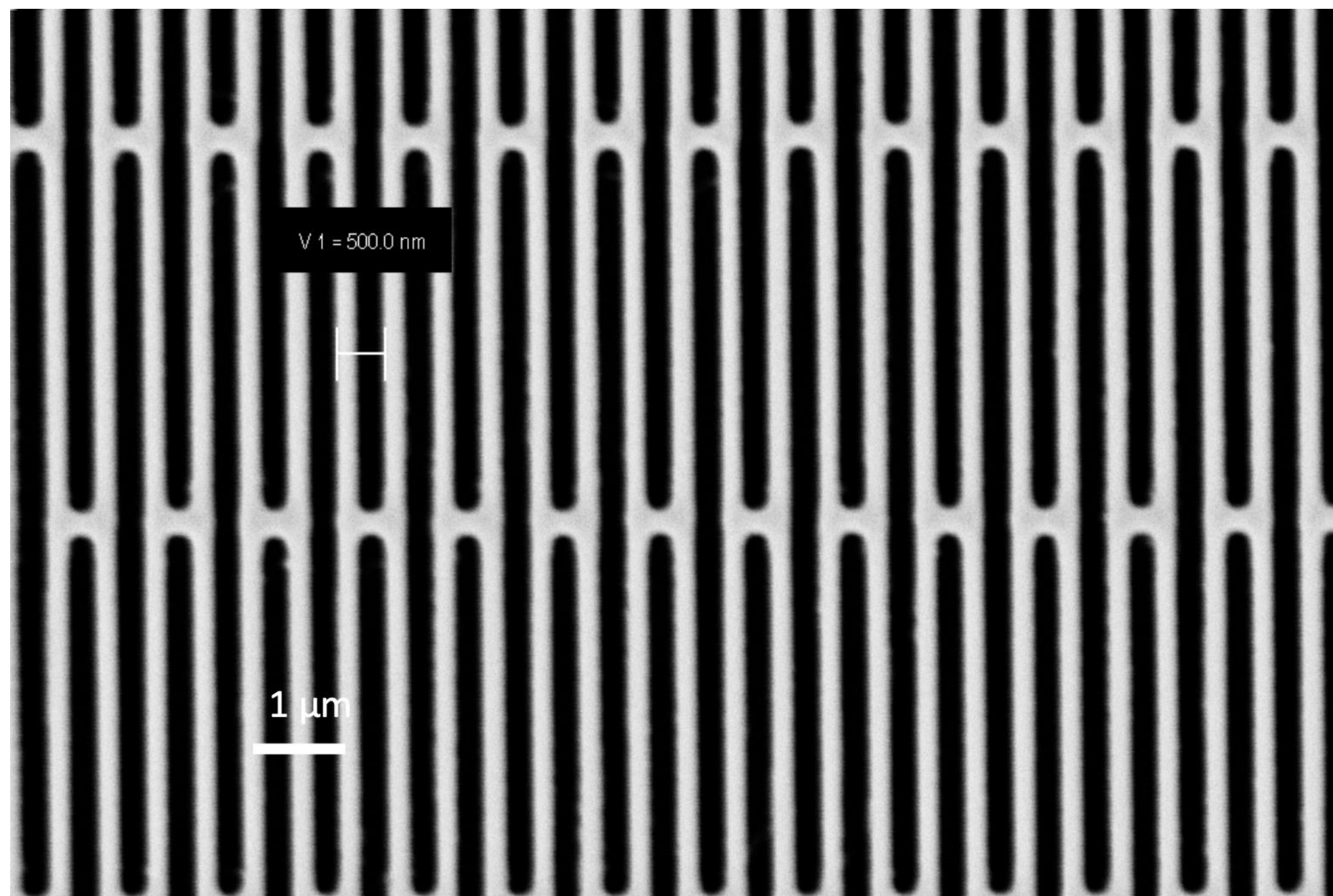
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Data Correction of Intensity Modulated Small Angle Scattering

Fankang Li ¹, Steven R. Parnell², Robert Dalglish ³, Adam Washington³, Jeroen Plomp² & Roger Pynn^{1,4}

Standard samples for calibration

- Cross-calibration data for understanding SESANS measurements to get comparable data from different facilities.
- Currently, gratings with well-defined spacings (see below 0.5 μm).
- Need better options calibration standards (spin-echo length and depolarization). Ideally primary standards on length scales from ~ 40 nm to ~ 40 μm .



SESANS reproducibility working group

- Communication platform
- Nomenclature and symbols
- Cross calibration
- Standard file format

- Data corrections
- Standard samples