



Ultrasonic Measurements in Multi-Stage Multi-Anvil Devices

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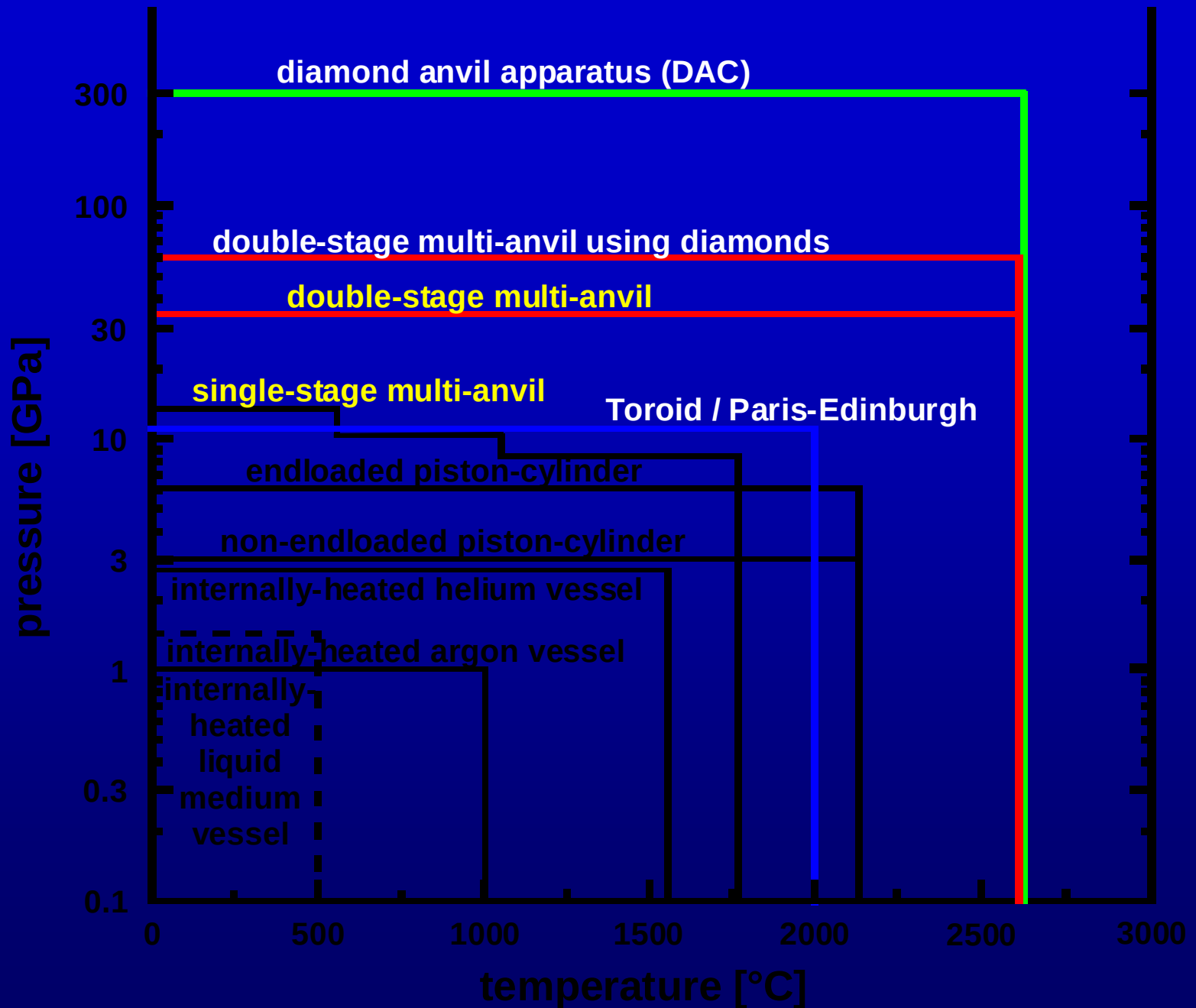
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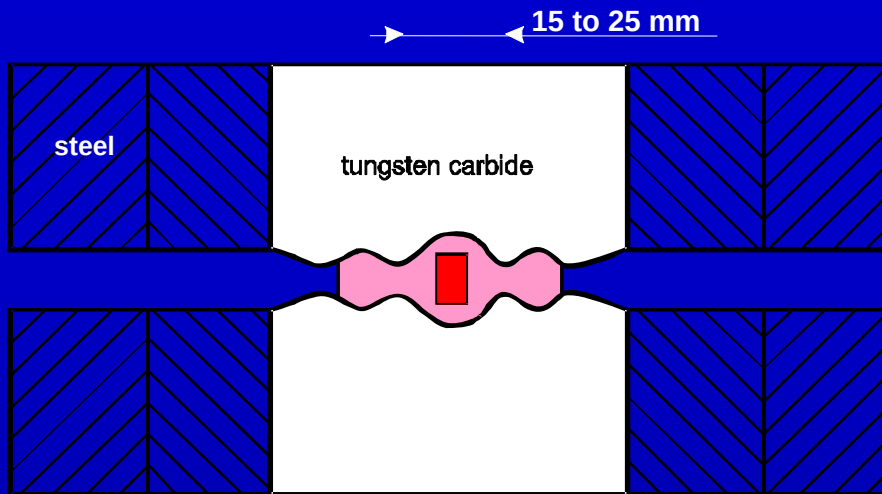
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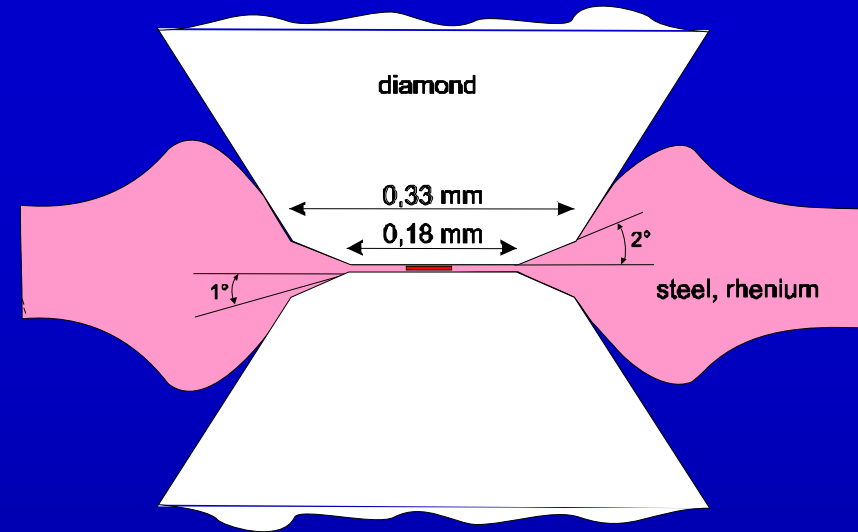




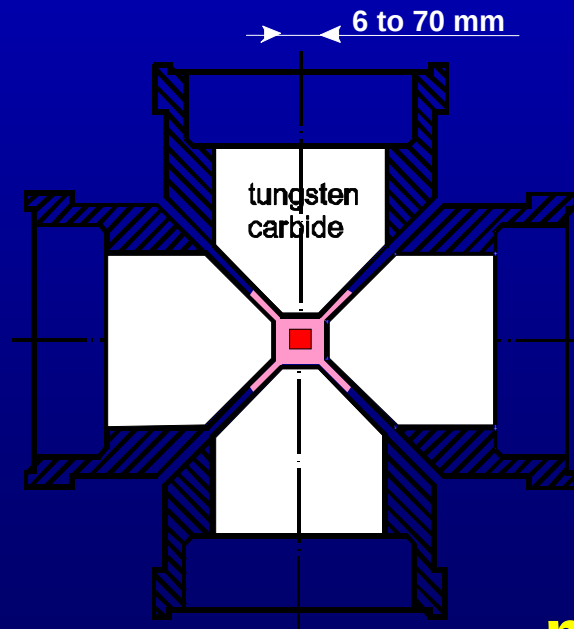


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**Simulation of
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multi-anvil

2nd stage opposed anvils

X-ray diffraction under ultrahigh pressure generated with sintered diamond anvils

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High pressures generated with sintered diamond as the second stage anvils in the "6-2 type" double-stage apparatus have been calibrated by x-ray diffraction with synchrotron radiation. Sintered diamond has permitted a fair amount of x-ray transparency although the chemical analysis shows the existence of 14-wt. % Co binder. Anvils with a top face of 0.7 mm diam performed the generation of 60 GPa, which was confirmed on the lattice parameters of *B* 1 and *B* 2 phases of NaCl. No appreciable plastic deformation of the used anvils has certified the higher pressure generation.

I. INTRODUCTION

Sintered diamond (abbreviated as SD, hereafter) is a new and promising anvil material to generate ultrahigh pressure. SD is expected to be very tough since the cleavage, which is characteristic to single-crystal diamond, is not propagated through but arrested by the diamond particles constituting SD. In addition, the preparation of SD aggregates much larger than the usually obtainable single crystals is possible and less expensive. The high compression strength or hardness is already tolerable for producing pressures up to about 60 GPa and will be further increased by improving the technique of preparation and application. Bundy^{1,2} successfully used the SD anvils in a Drickamer-type high-pressure cell and reported the generation of 50 GPa based on the linear extrapolation of the pressure-applied load relation. We have also carried out the sintering of diamond particles and developed a multistage system using the SD as the final stage anvils, by which an electrical resistance measurement and a mineral synthesis were made under high pressures.^{3,4}

At present, there is no established pressure-fixed point above 25 GPa, so that other calibration methods must be applied to exactly evaluate the higher pressures generated with SD anvils. The ruby fluorescent method conventionally used in the single-crystal diamond anvil technique is not applicable because SD is opaque due to the presence of binder material used for sintering diamond particles. A similar problem has also been pointed out for the use of the x-ray diffraction method. We report, in the present paper, a successful attempt of an x-ray diffraction technique to measure the high pressures generated with SD anvils by utilizing a strong source of synchrotron radiation (SR).

II. PREPARATION OF SINTERED DIAMOND ANVIL

SD anvils used in the present study were produced in the High Pressure Research Laboratory (HPRL) of Osaka University. The sintering process has been briefly described else-

where.⁴ Diamond powder of two different particle sizes of 60 μm and 12–25 μm mixed with the ratio of 7:3 is packed in the hole of a WC-Co ring. At high temperature and pressure in the diamond stable region, molten cobalt extrudes from the ring, penetrates into the gap between diamond particles, and eventually cements them closely by the liquid phase sintering process as shown in an electron micrograph of Fig. 1, in which the white color corresponds to Co element as a result of EPMA observation. Formation of direct diamond-diamond bonding is seen at some places although the number is limited. The particle size of diamond and the original cobalt

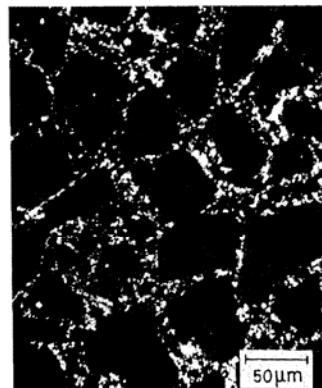


FIG. 1. Secondary electron micrograph of sintered diamond used in the present study. White parts are the areas at which Co element was detected by EPMA.

2nd stage opposed anvils

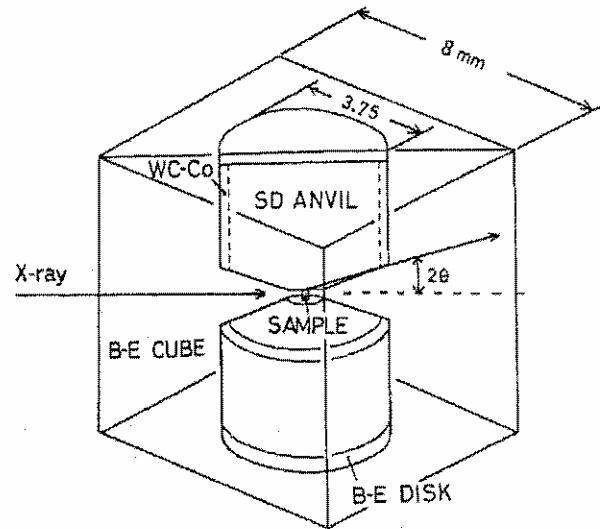


FIG. 3. Semi-cross section of the cell for "6-2 type" double stage system driven with the cubic press "MAX80." A pair of SD anvils with thin WC-Co outer ring sheath are embedded in a boron-epoxy (B-E) cube.

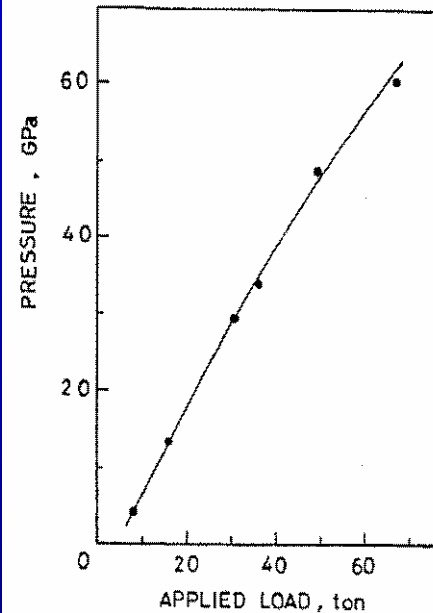
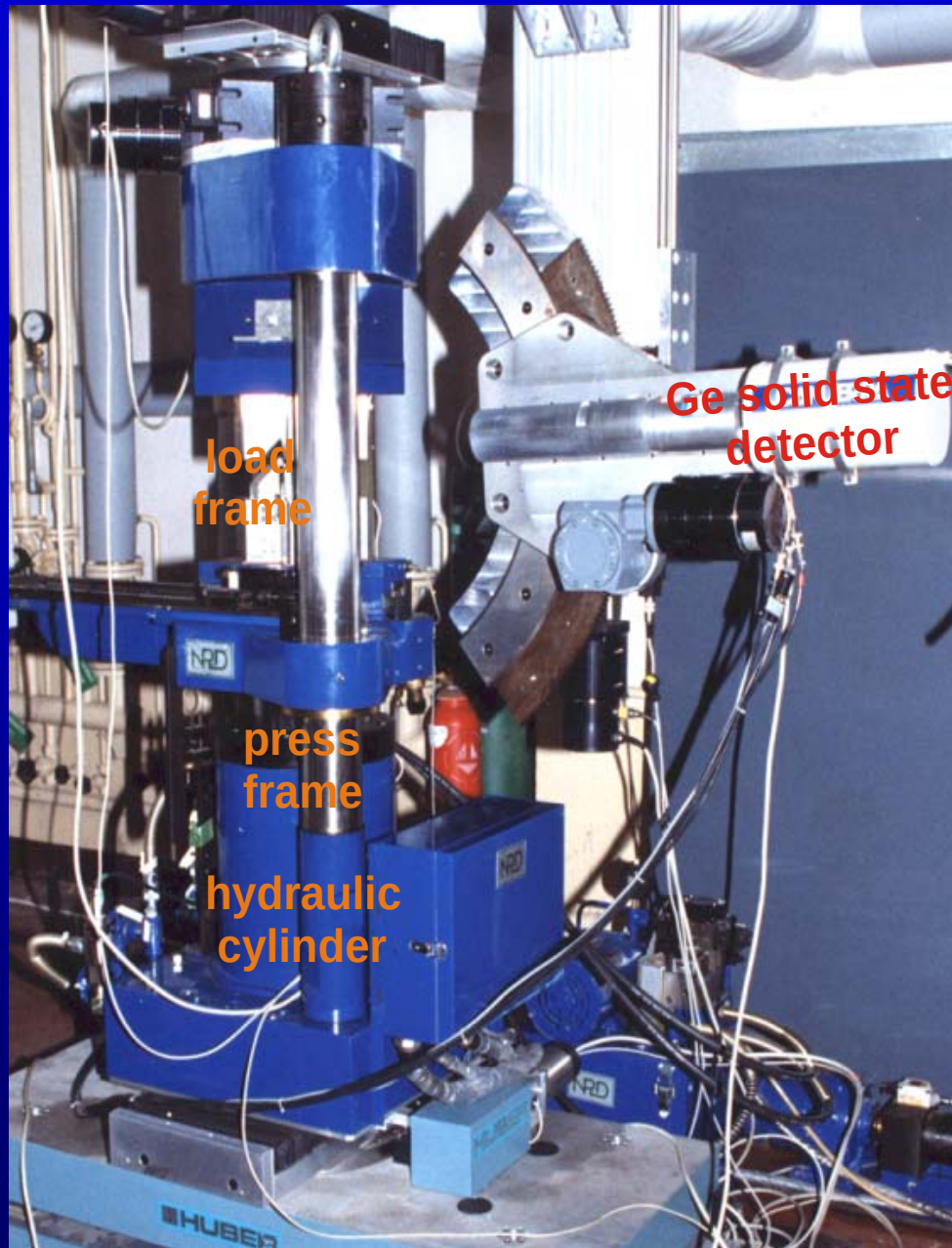


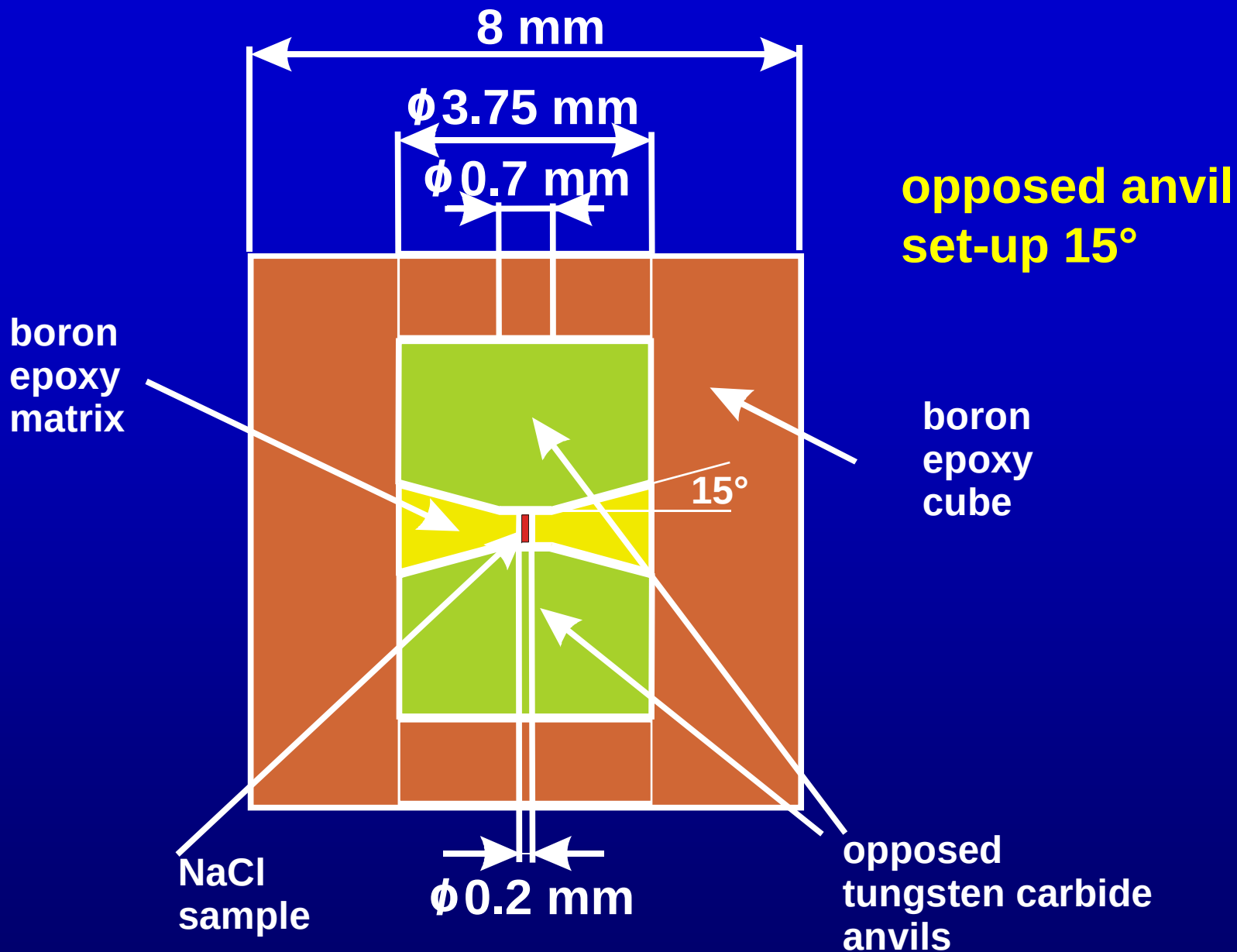
FIG. 5. Relation between pressure and applied load by MAX80 obtained from the patterns in Fig. 4.



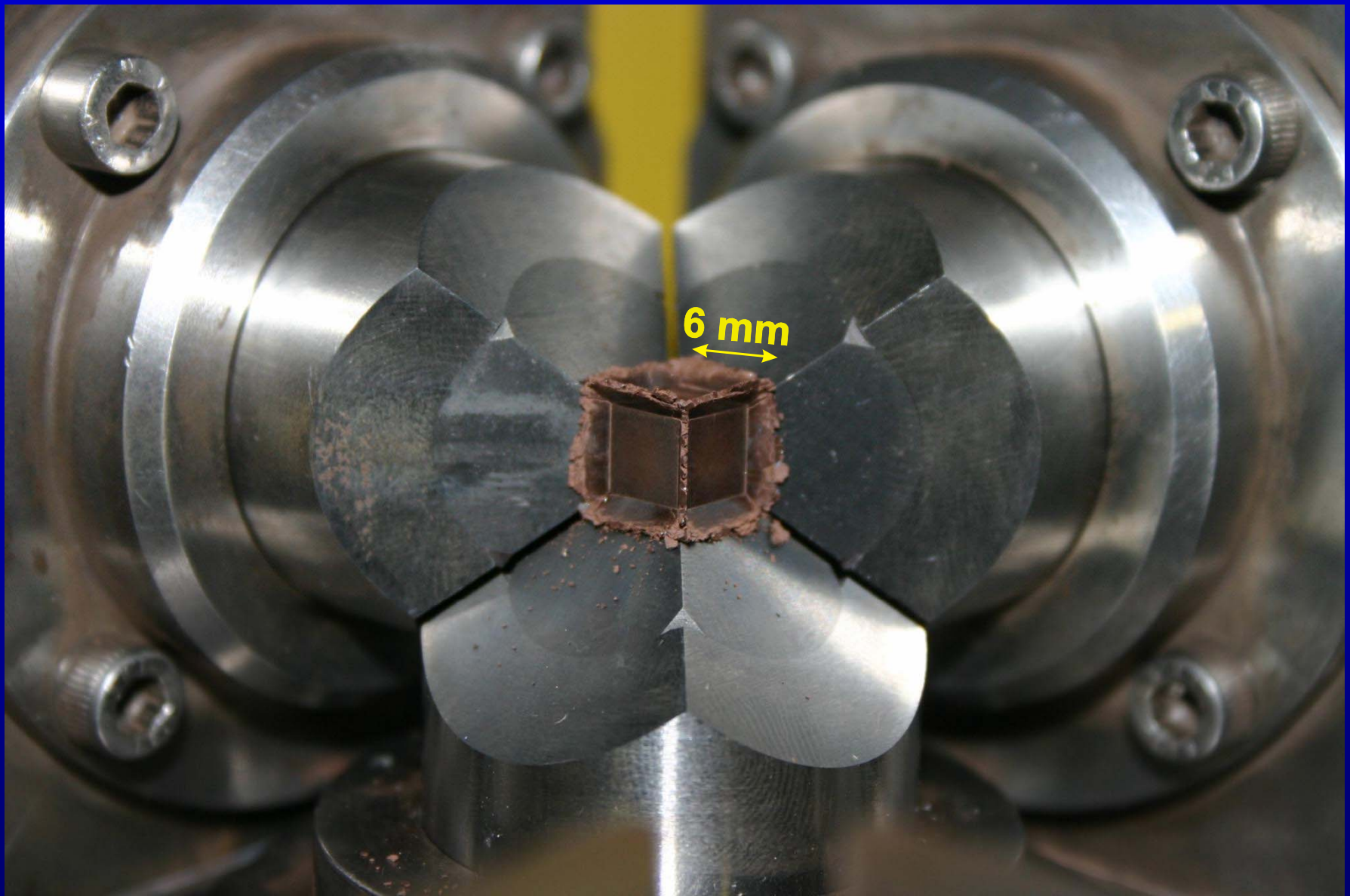
MAX80 - single-stage multi-anvil apparatus at DESY-HASYLAB

maximum load:
250 tons

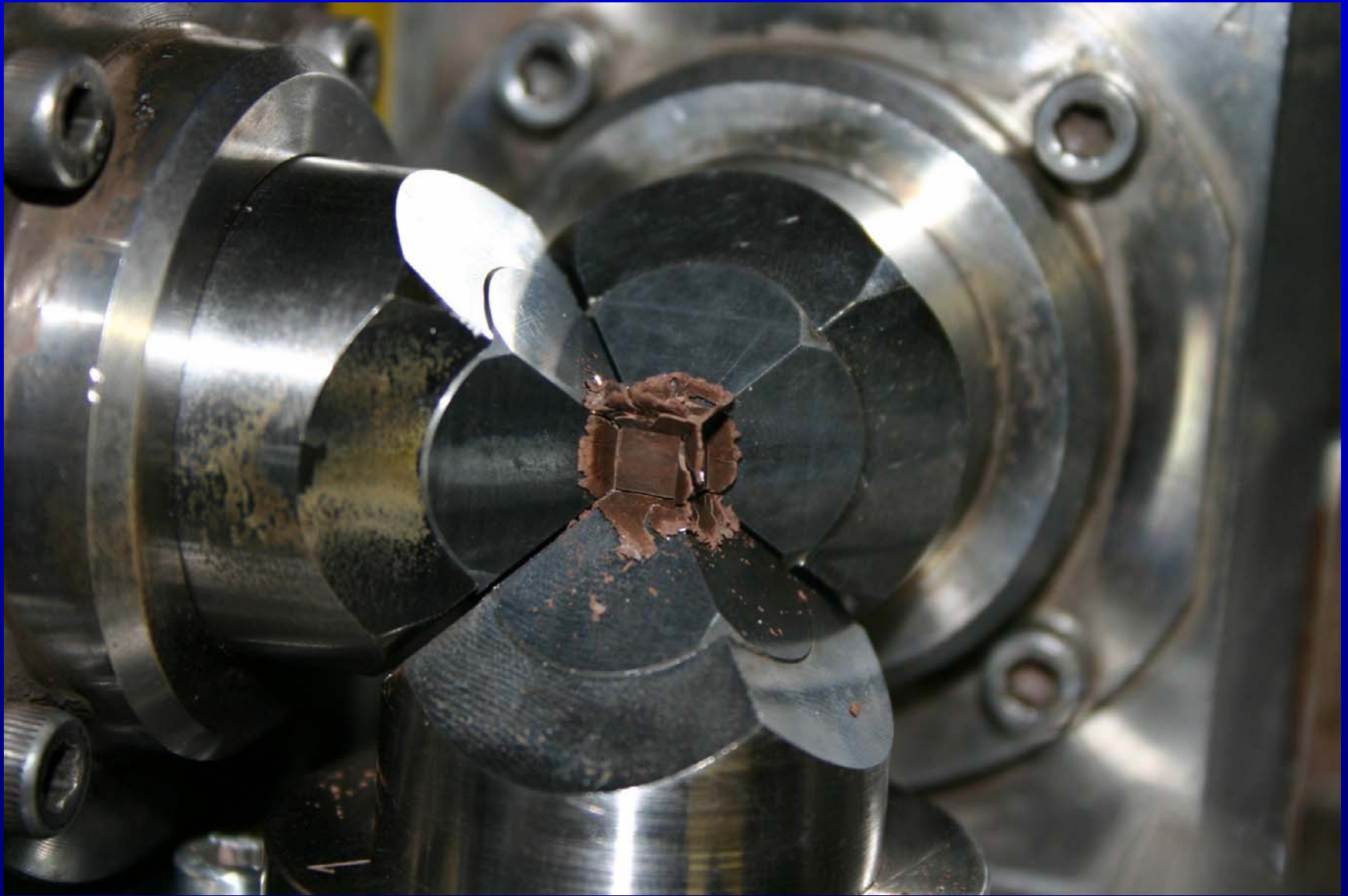




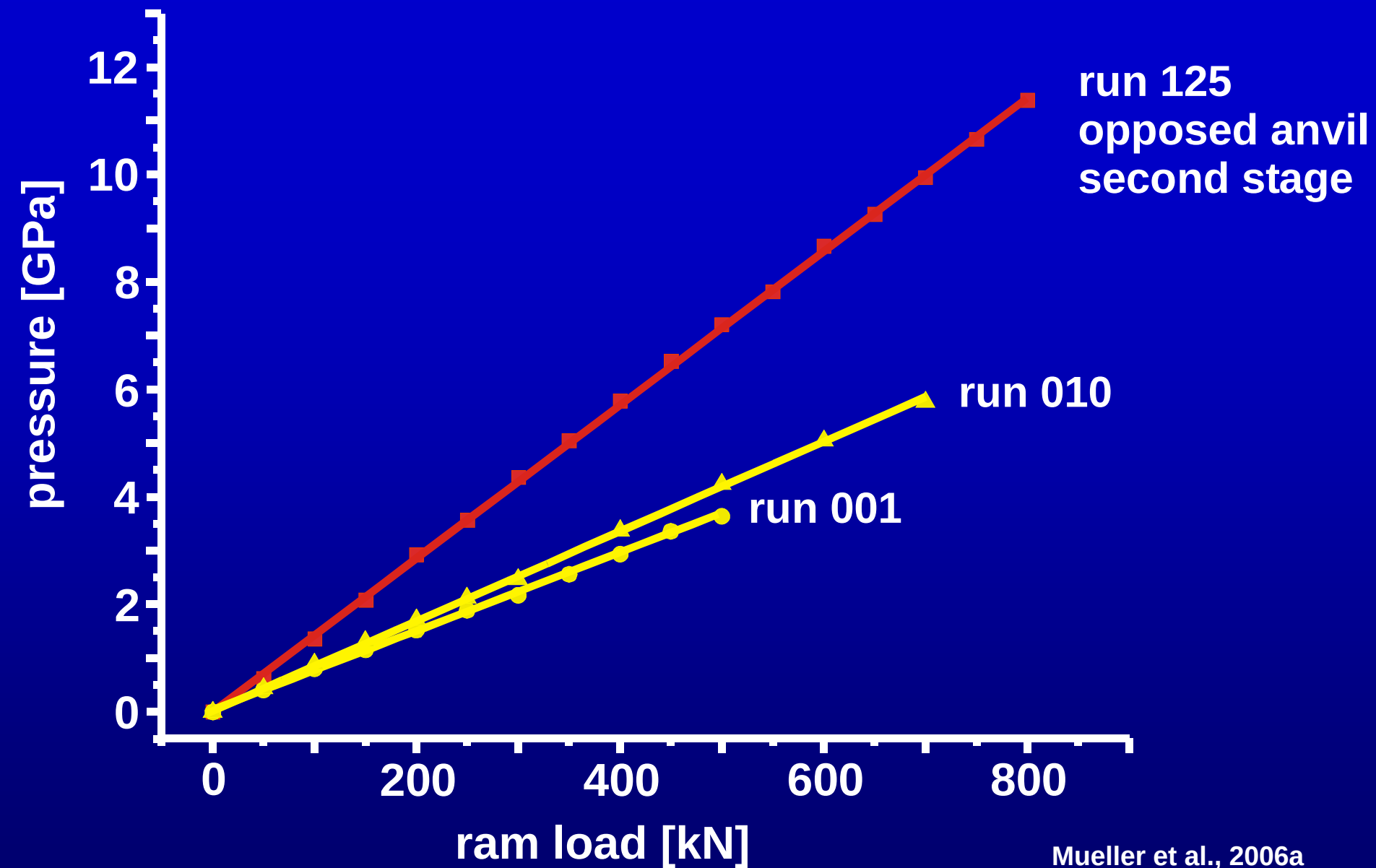
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**MAX80 – 2nd stage opposed
anvil set-up after run**

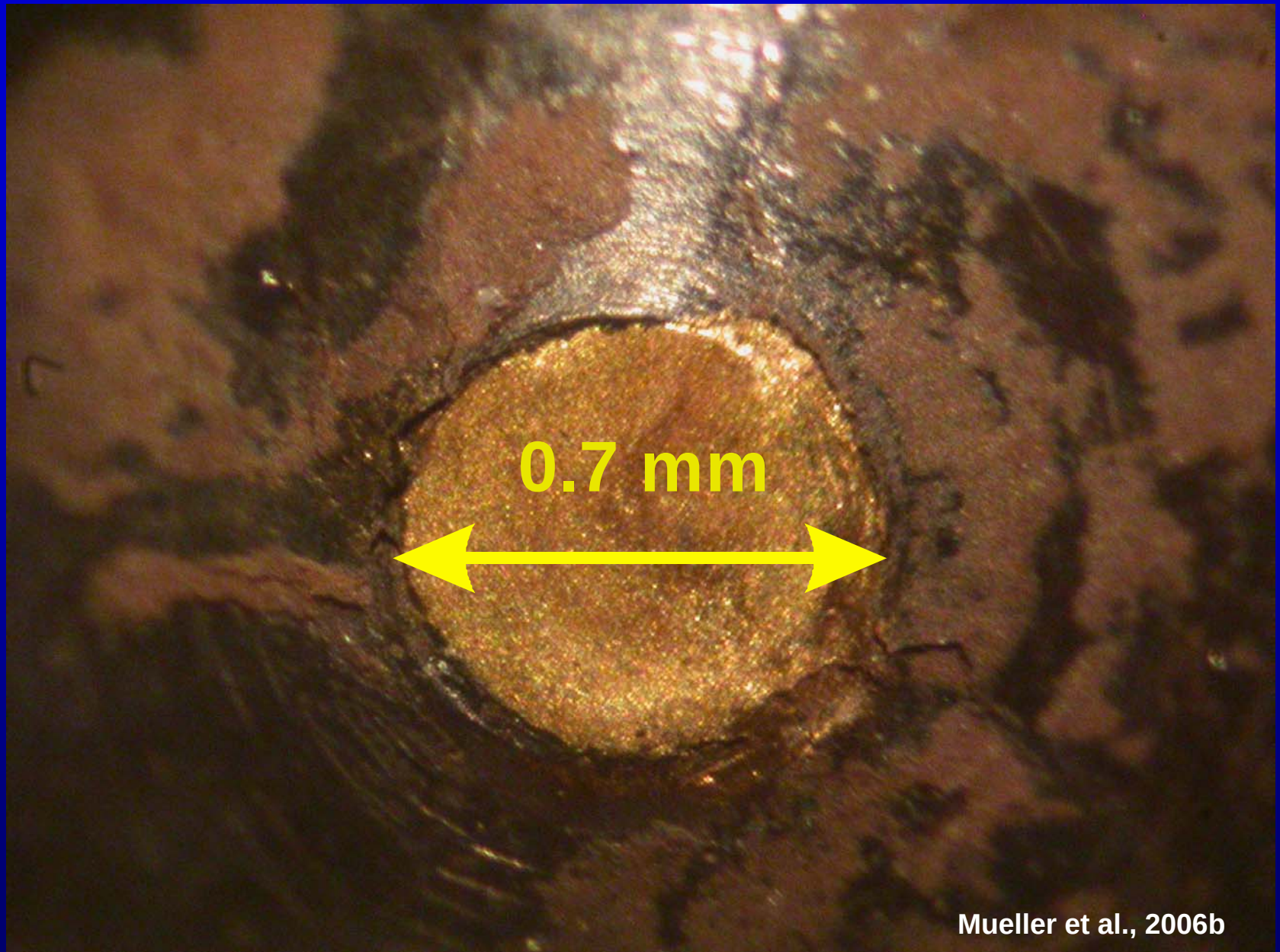


**MAX80 – normal single stage
set-up after run**



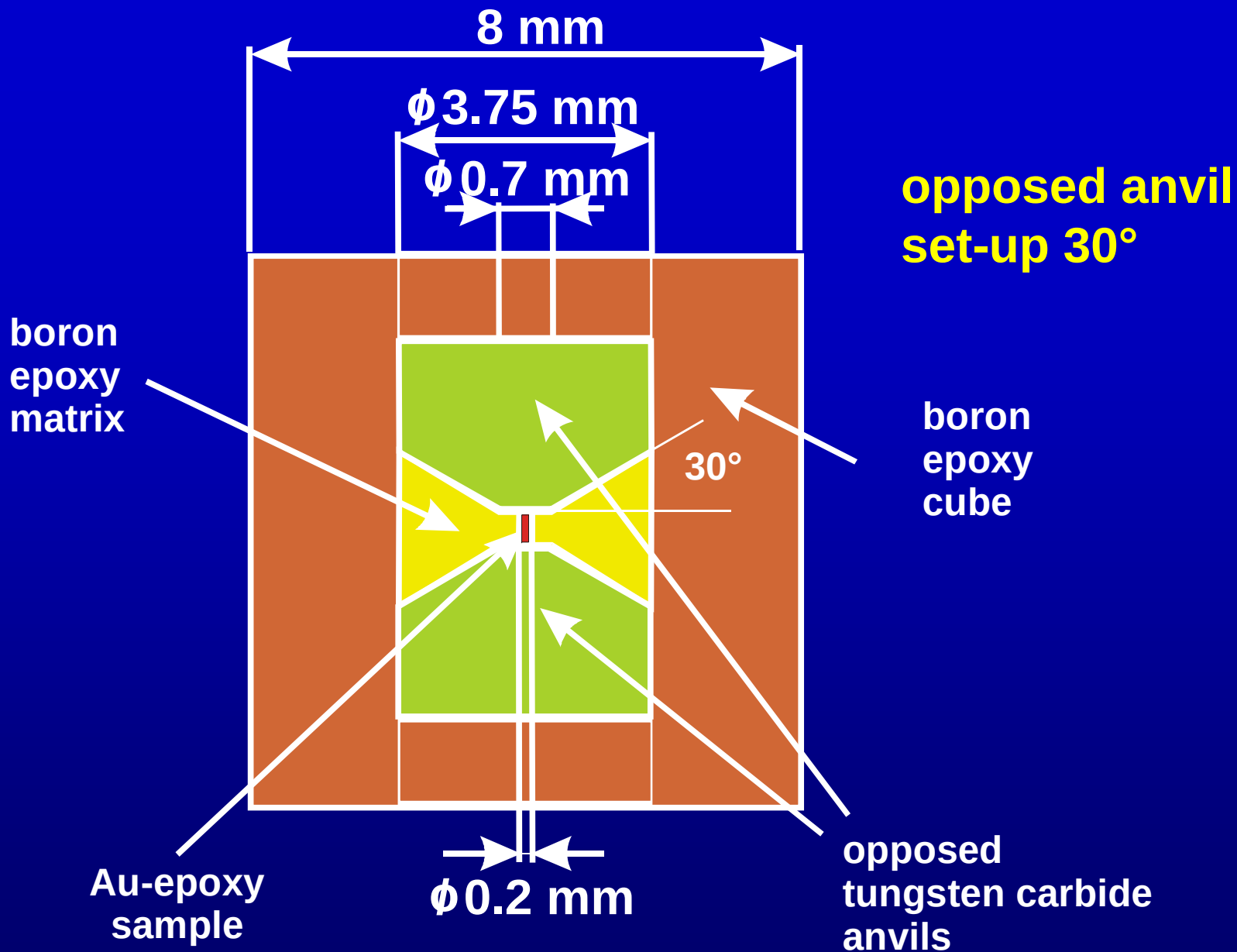
pressure doubling by opposed anvils



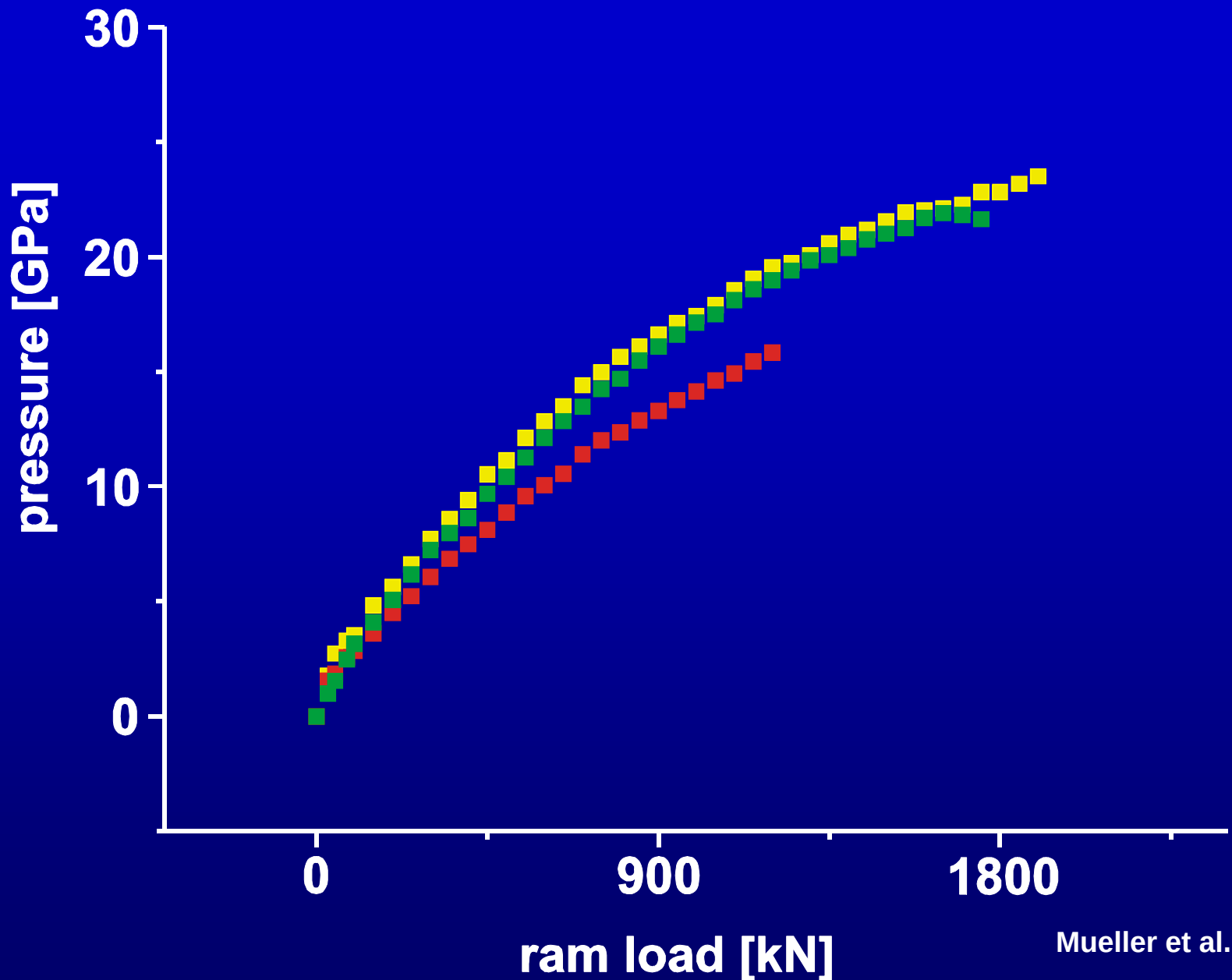


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front face of an opposed anvil after the hp-run



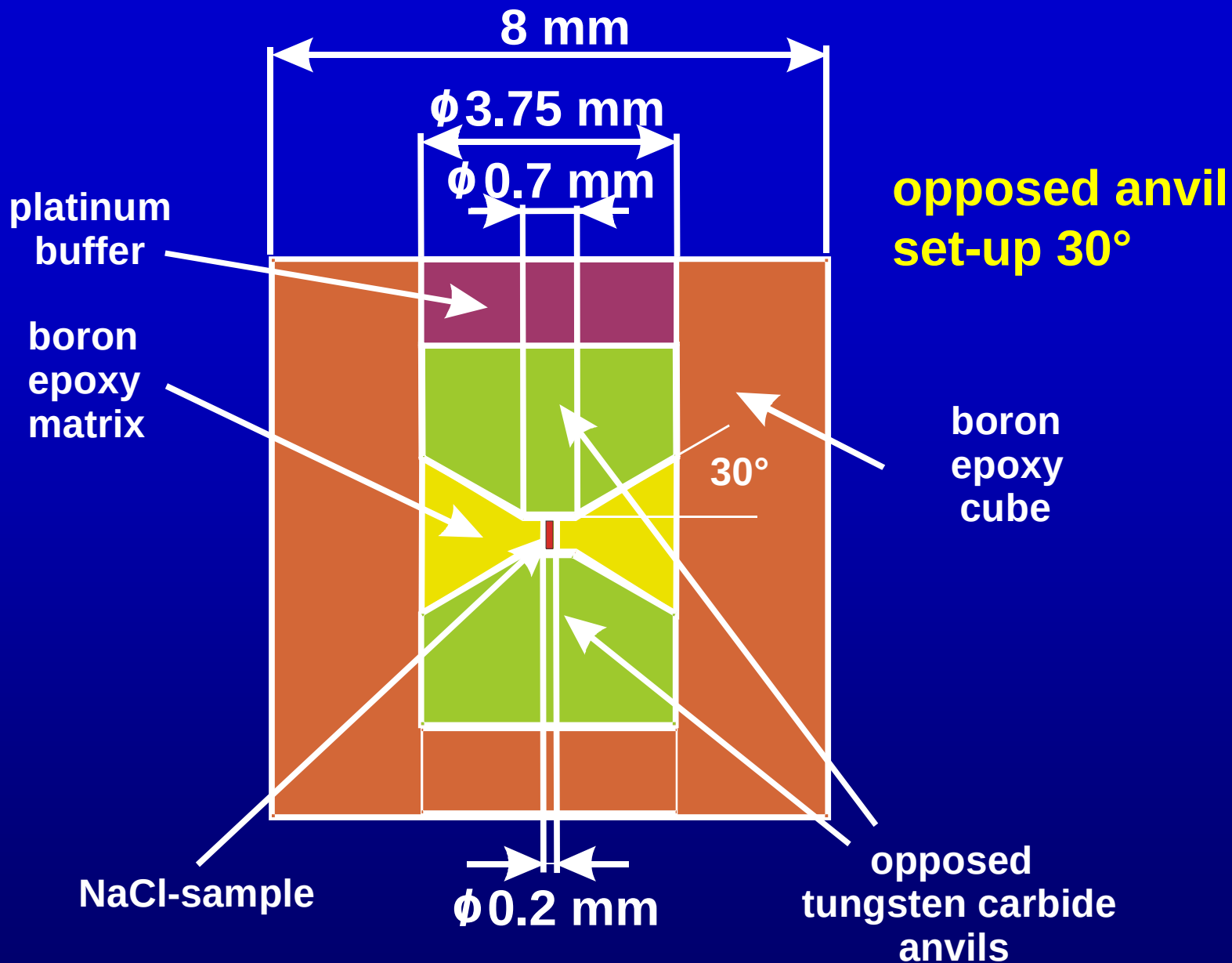
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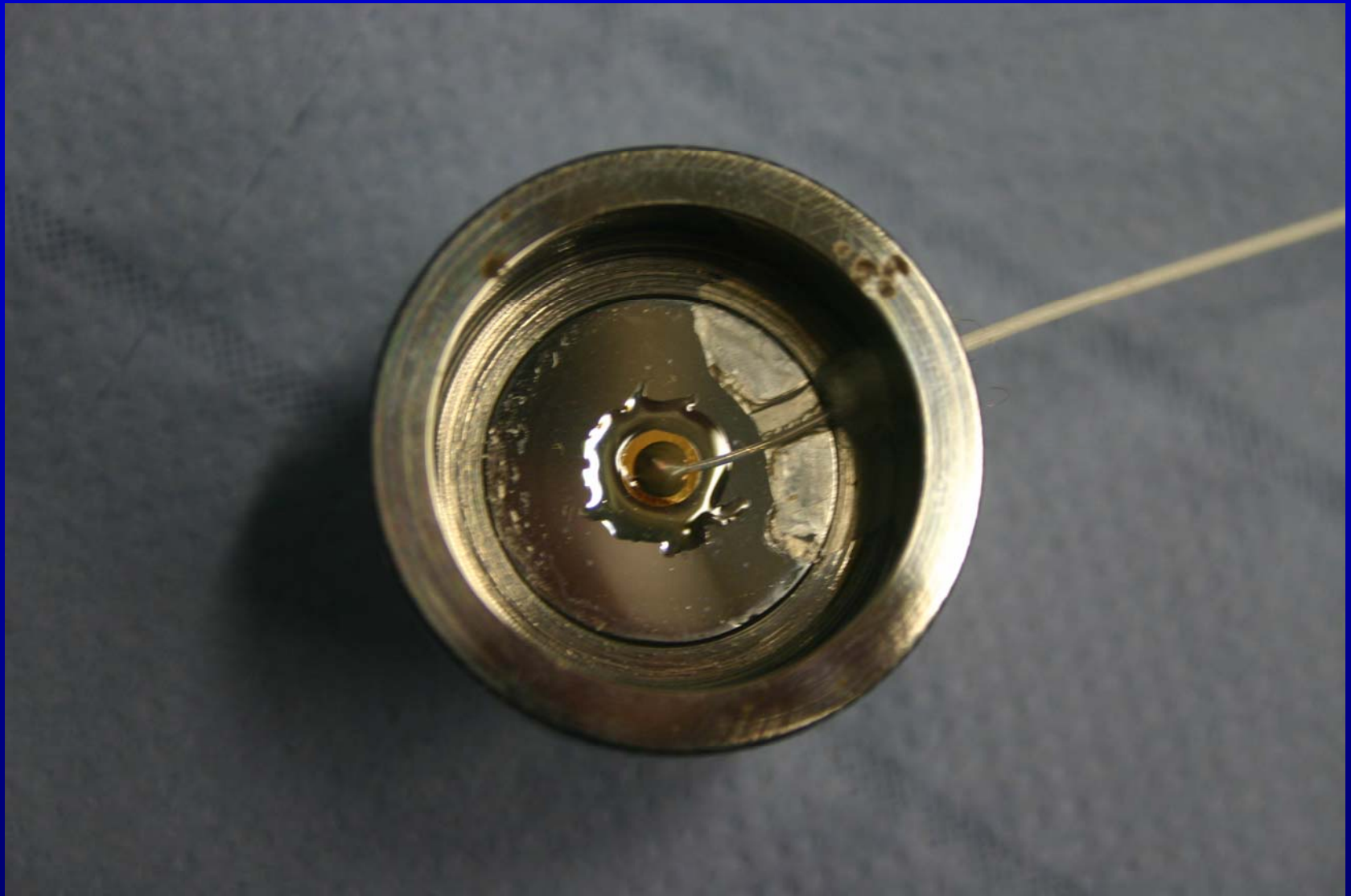
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4-fold pressure increase by using 30° opposed anvils

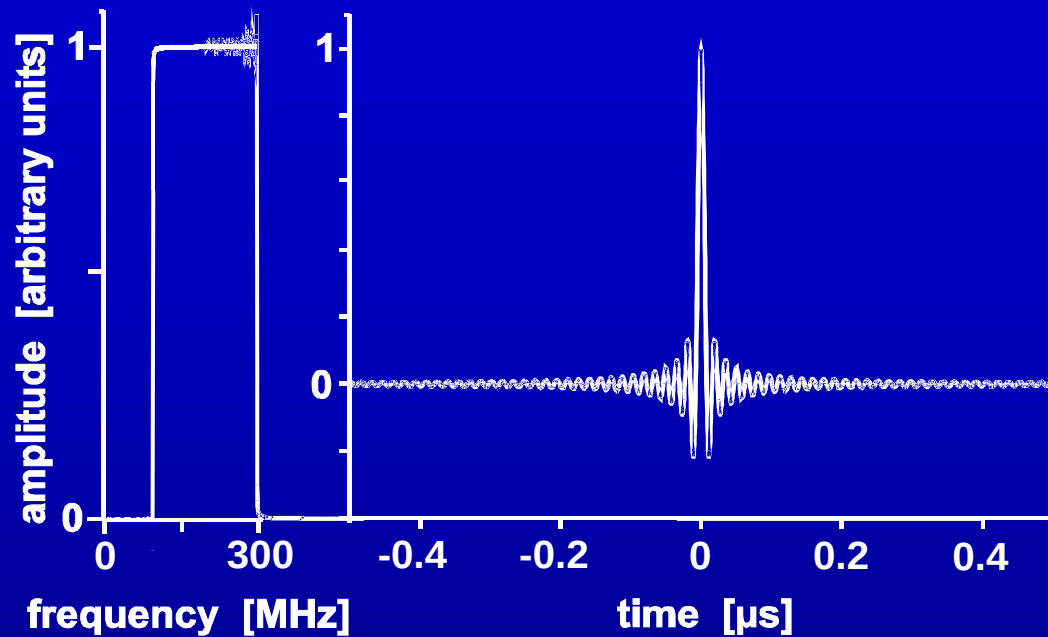




opposed anvils ultrasonic set-up

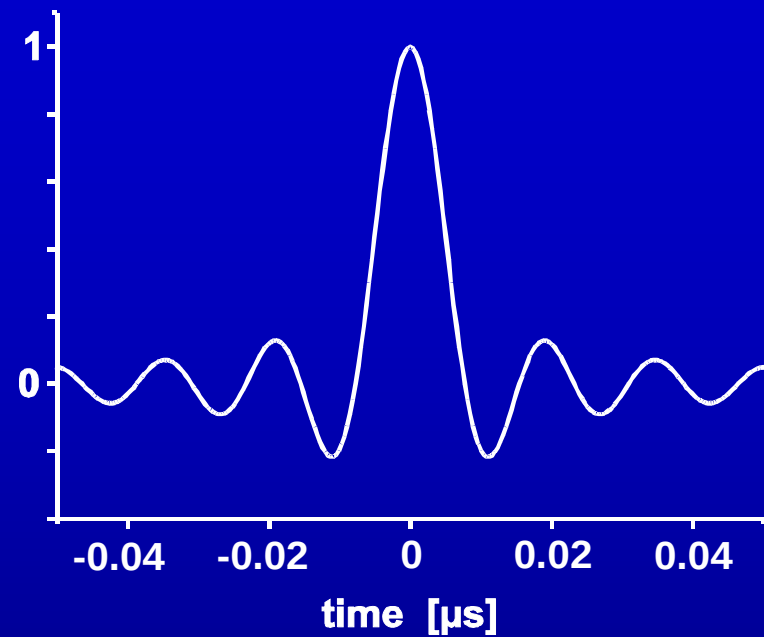


**Triple-mode transducer at the polished rear side of
MAX80's top anvil**



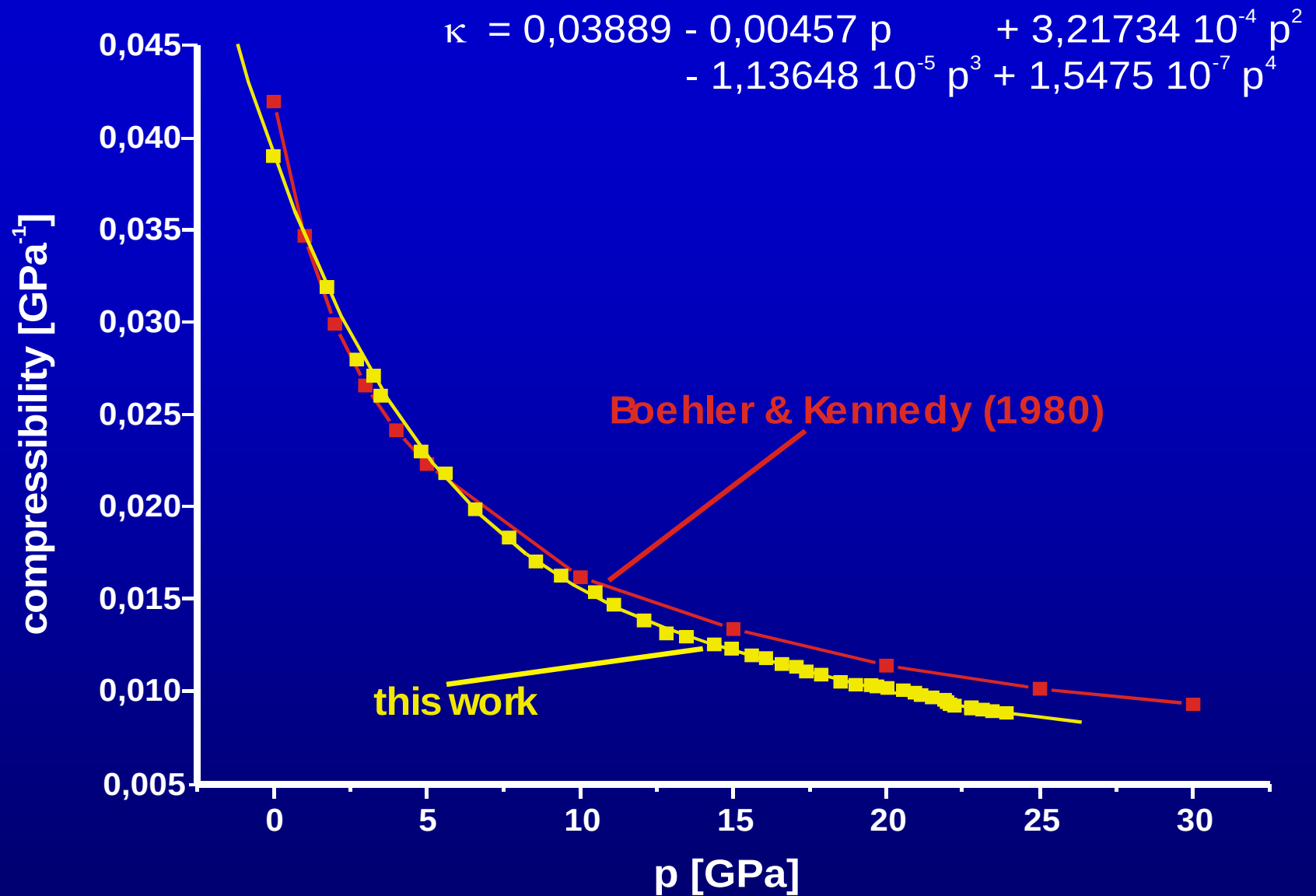
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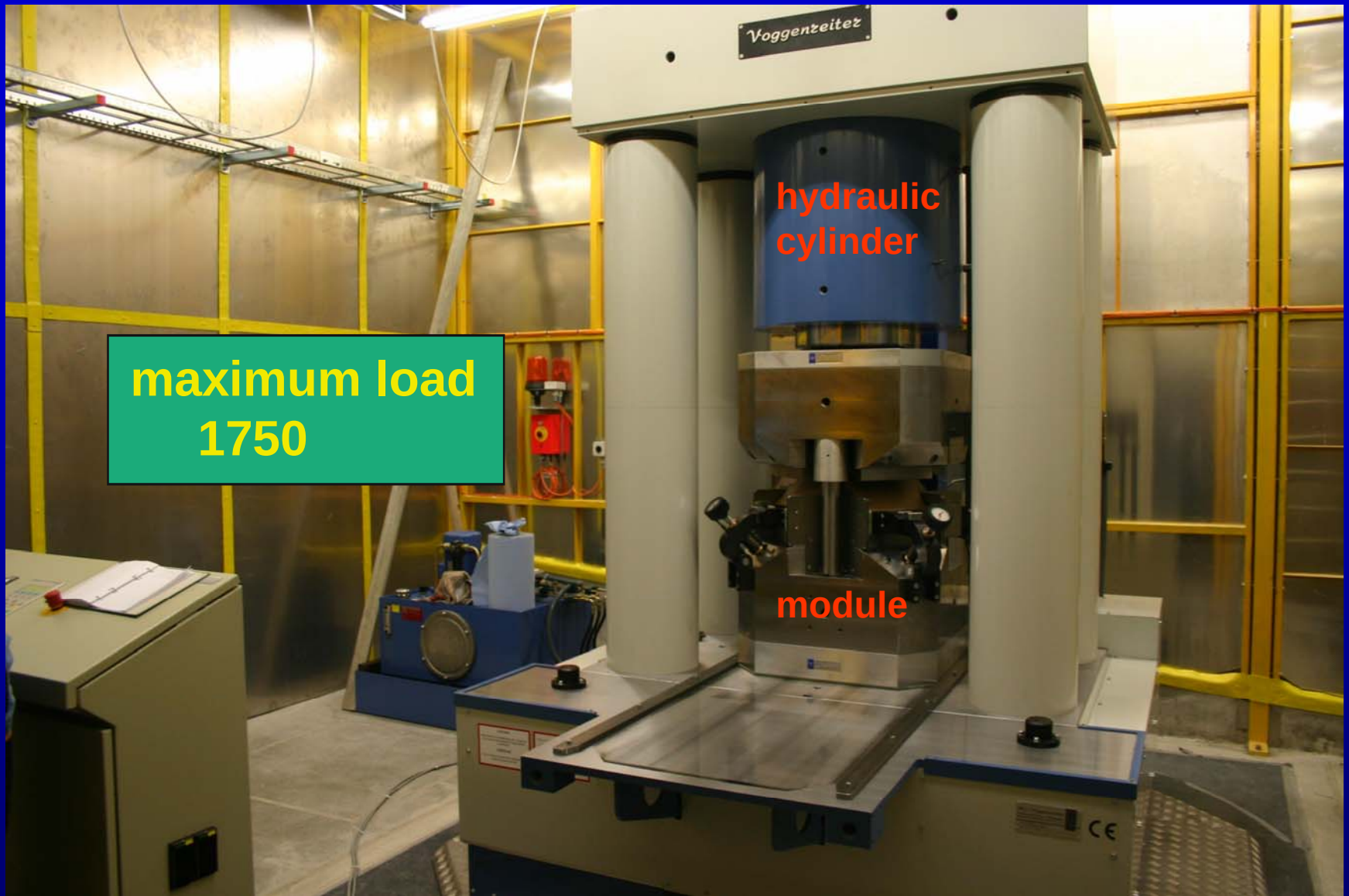


c)

excitation function for opposed anvils ultrasonic set-up

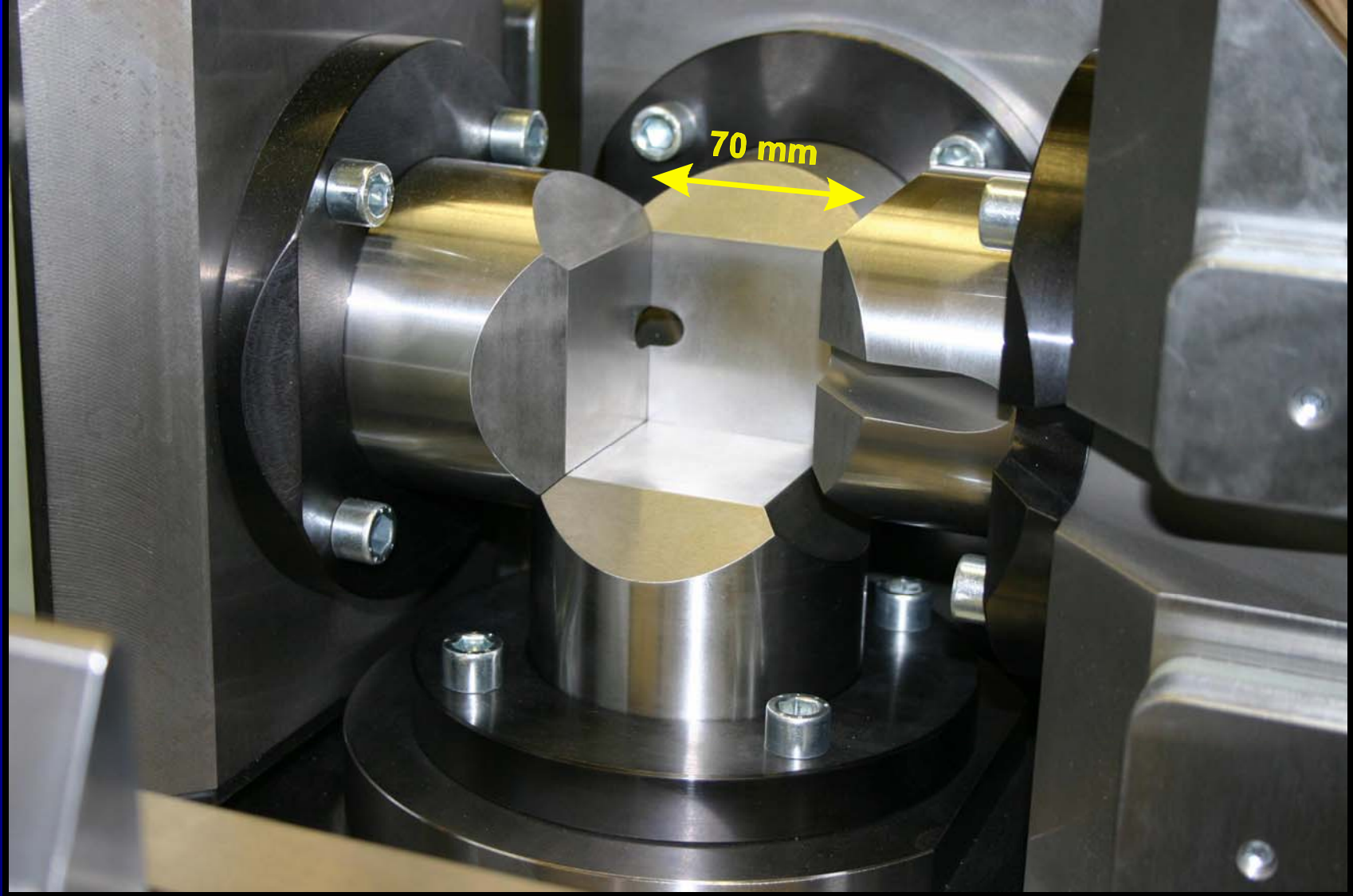


compressibility of NaCl measured by ultrasonic interferometry

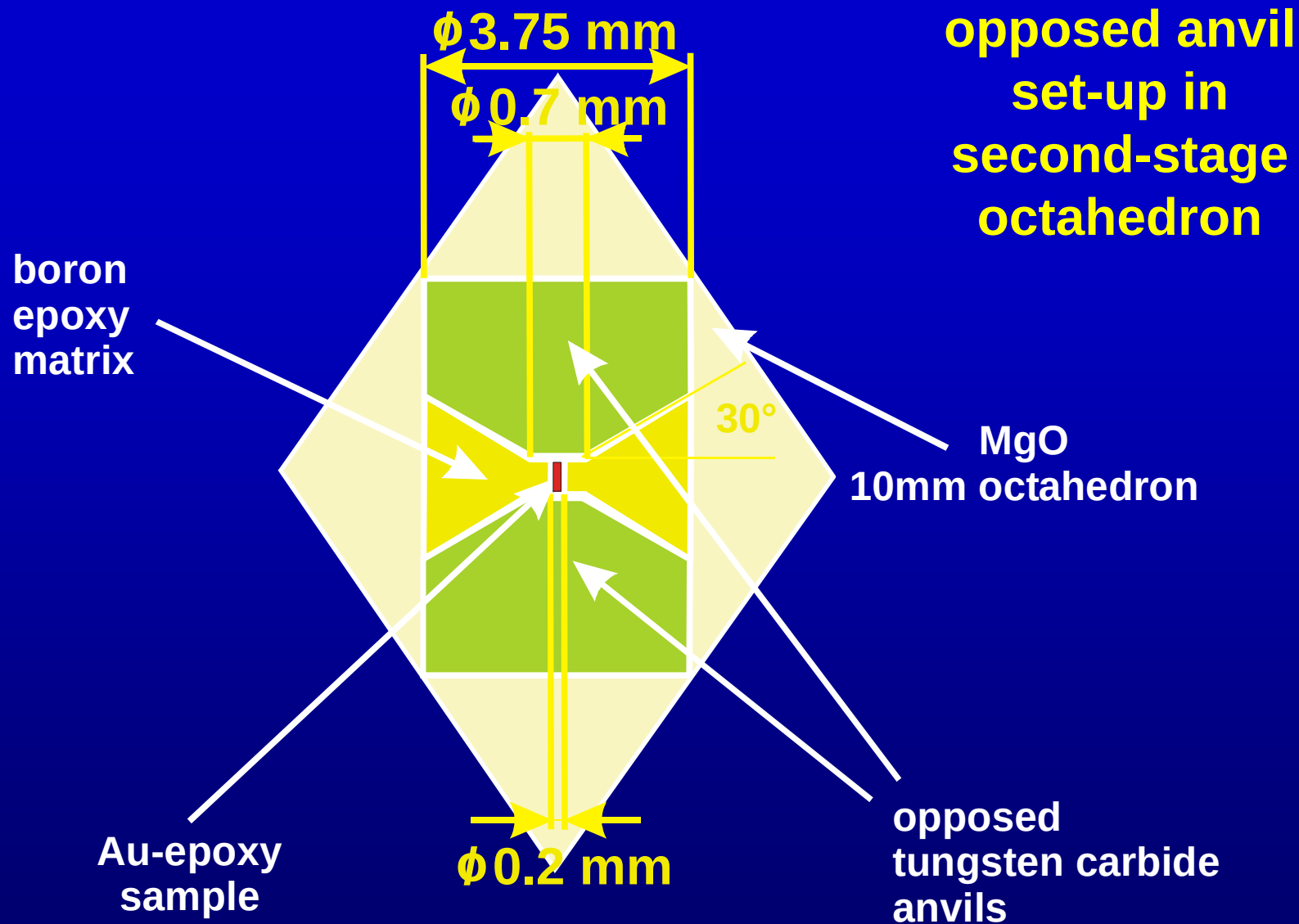


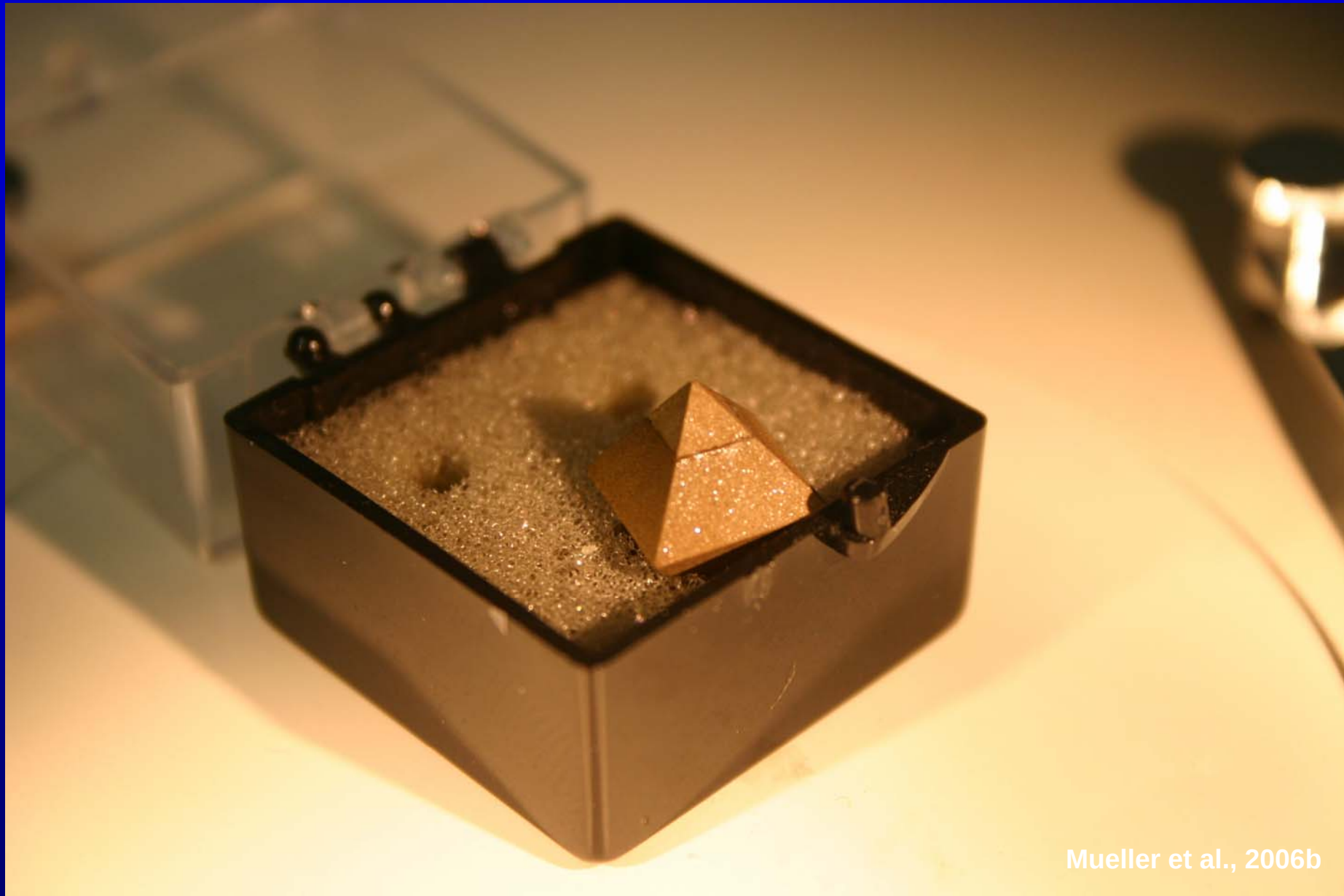
MAX200x – double-stage DIA





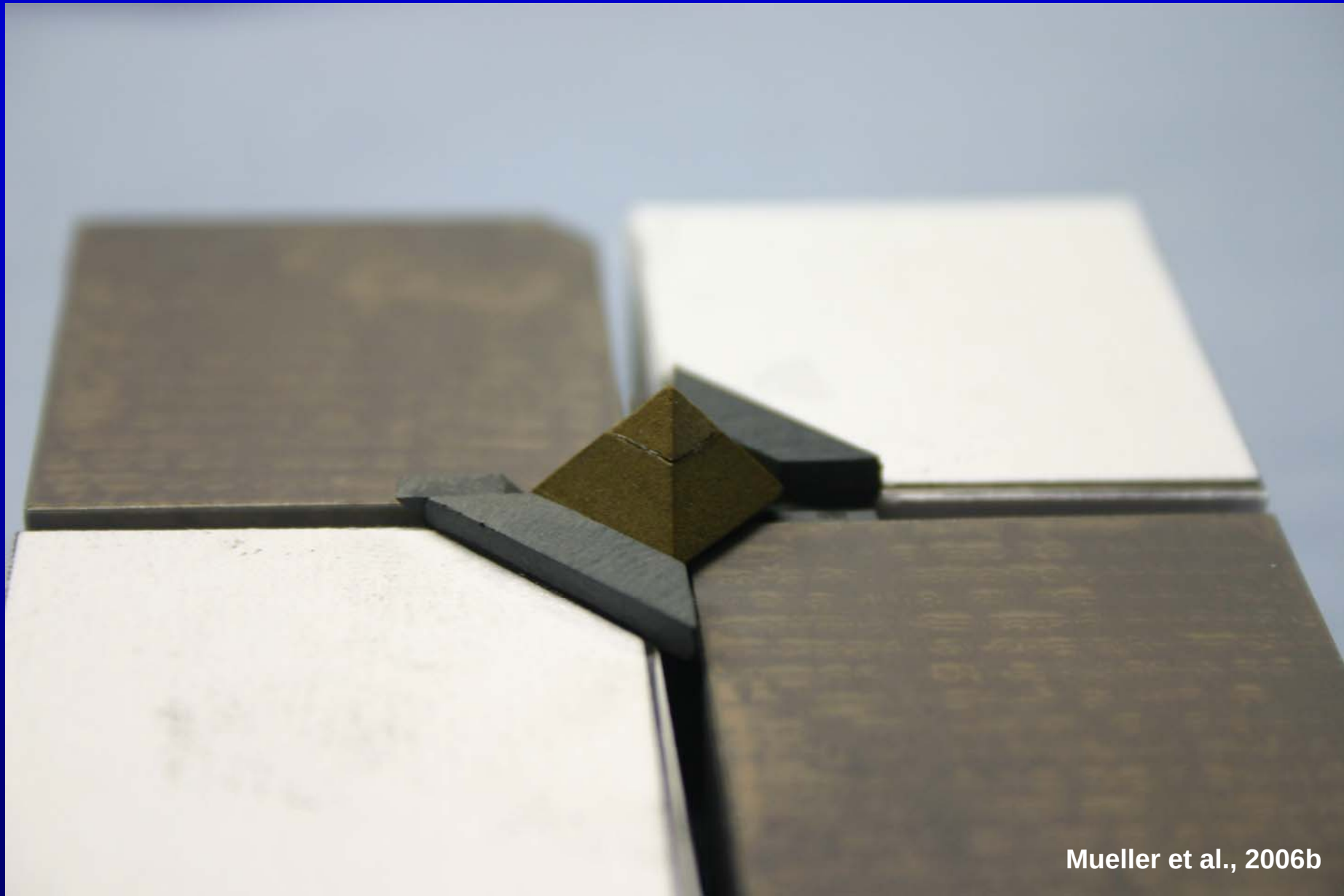
MAX200x – DIA module





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MAX200x – triple-stage octahedron



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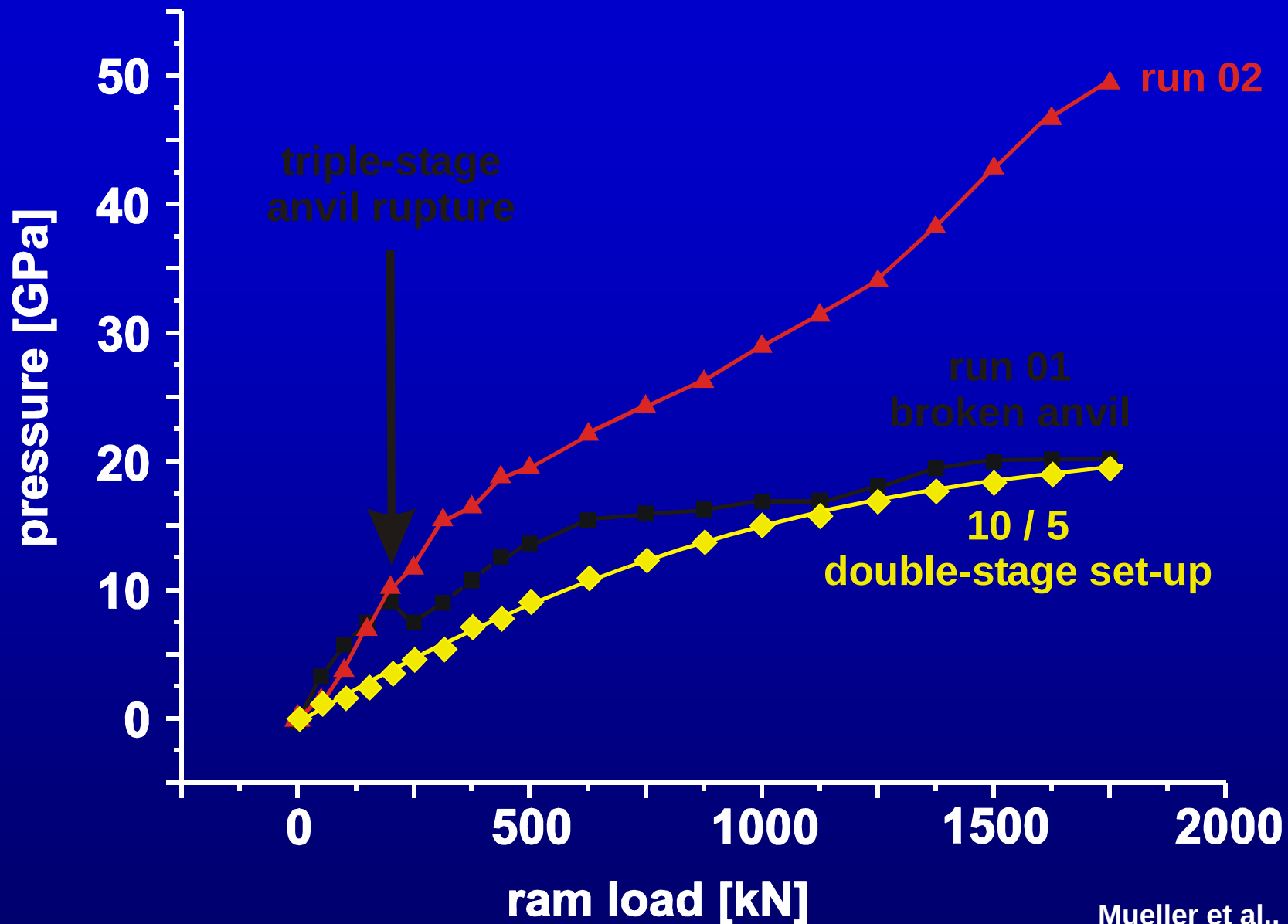
MAX200x – triple-stage set-up in preparation





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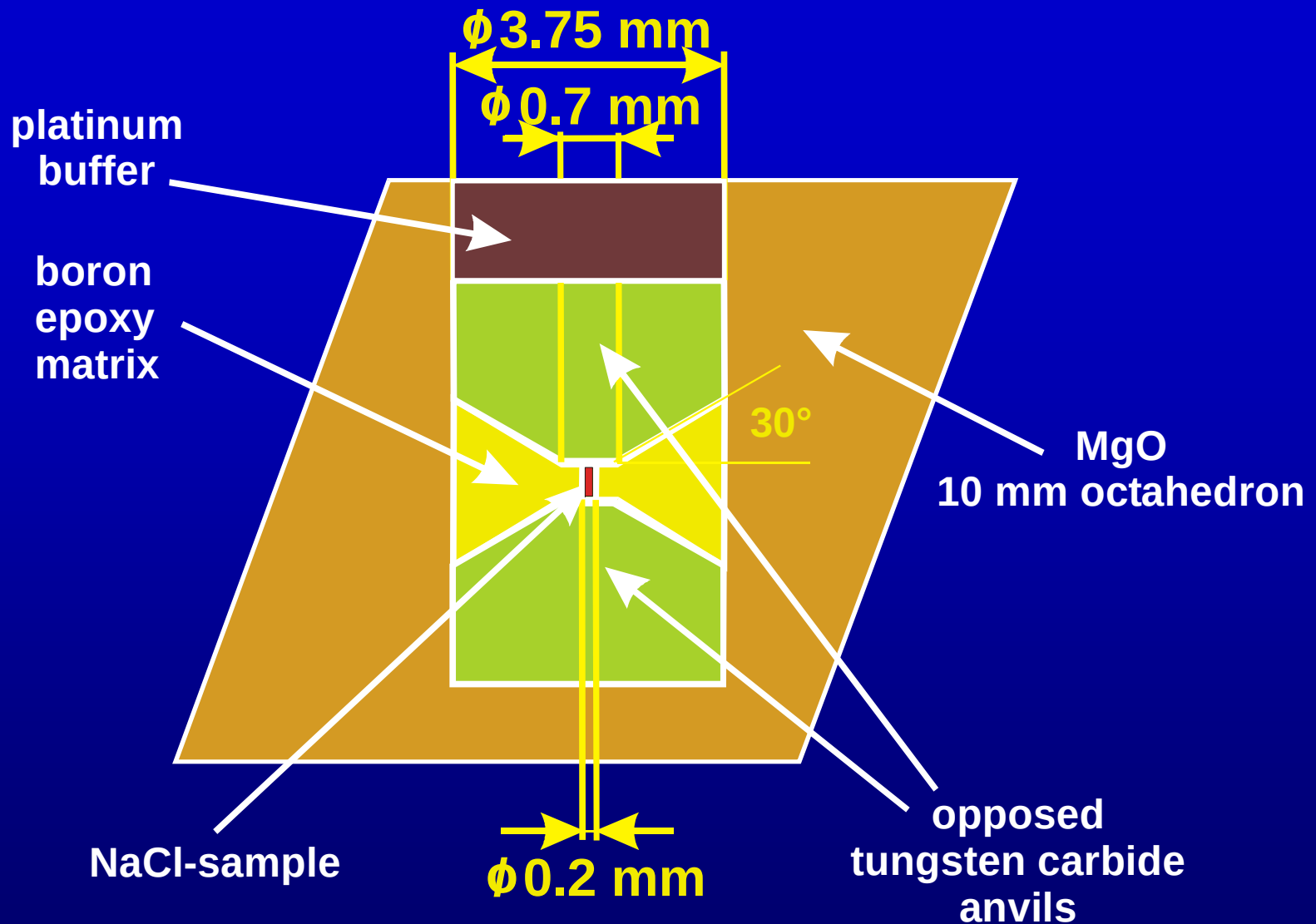
MAX200x – triple-stage set-up after the hp-run



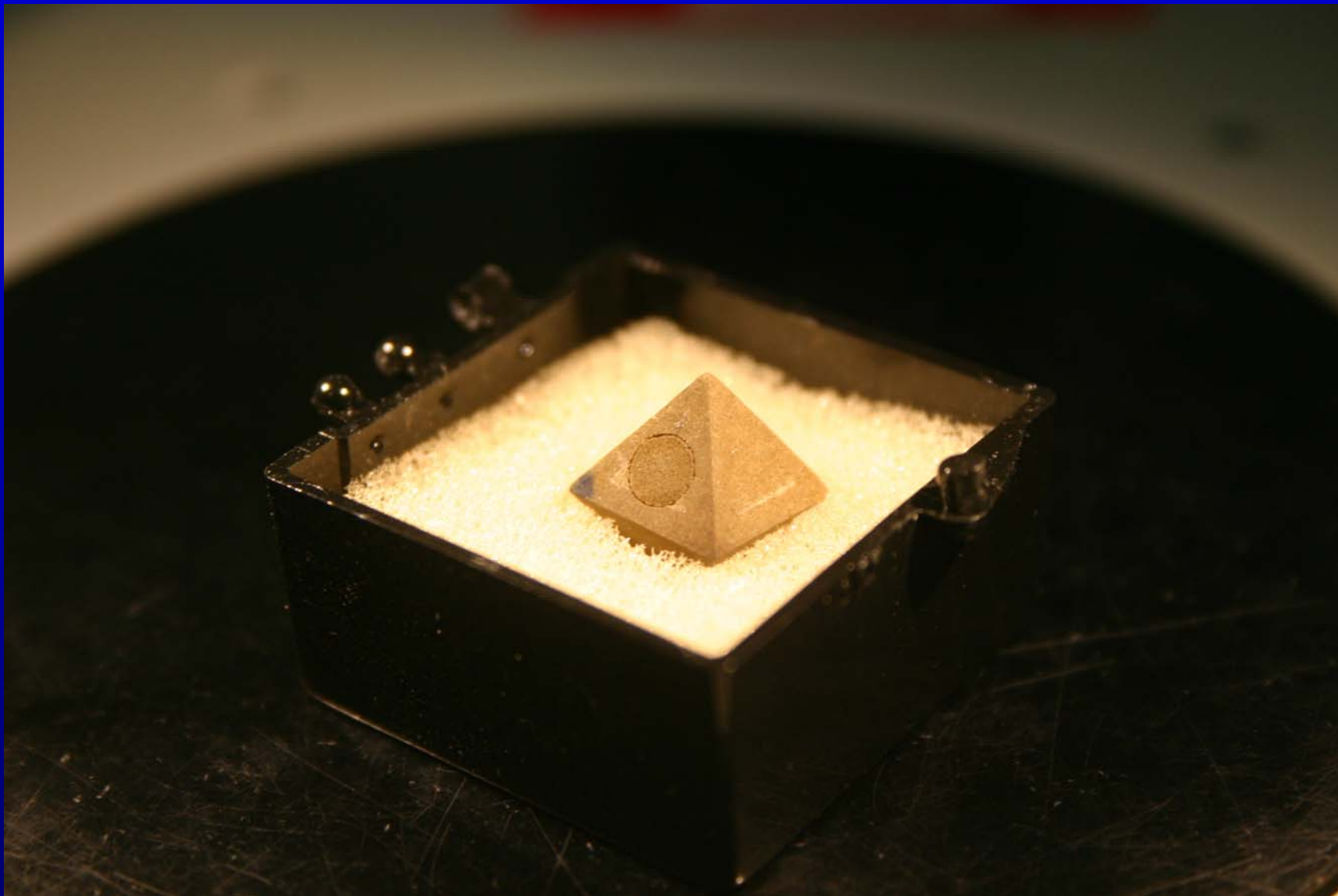
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MAX200x – pressure calibration of triple-stage set-up

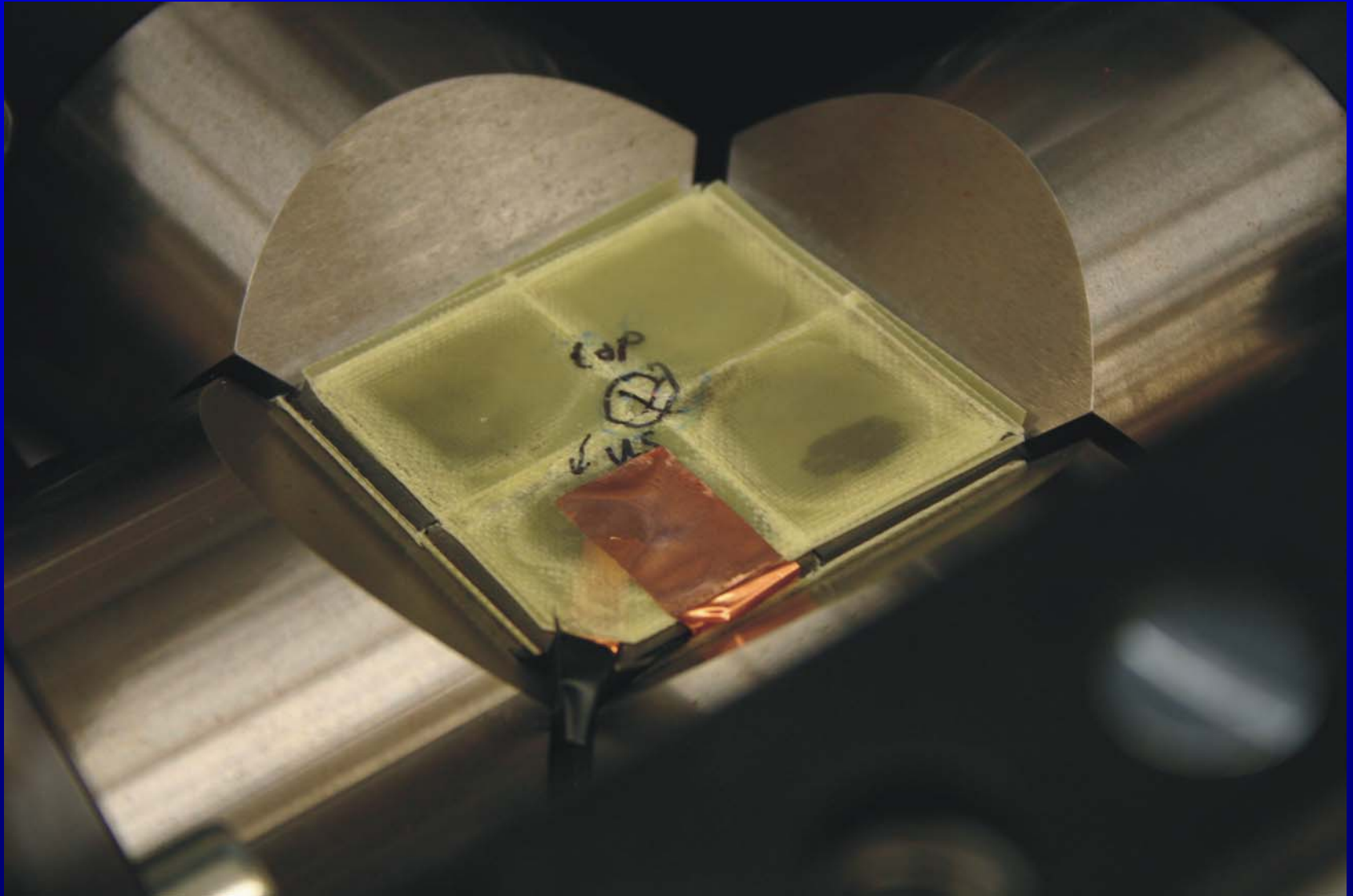




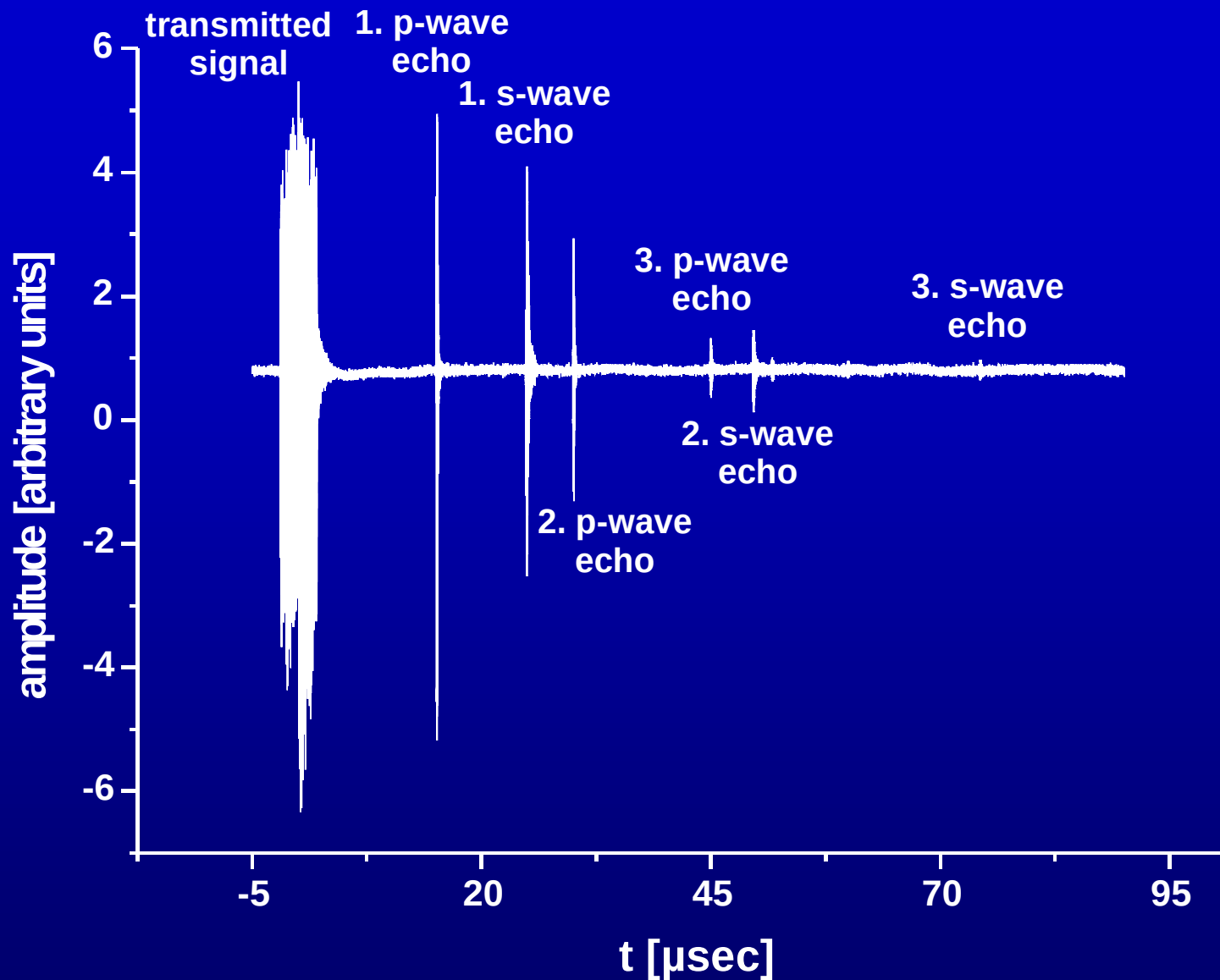
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MAX200x – Ultrasonic set-up with triple-mode transducer



MAX200x – DTF of a triple-stage set-up



summary

- multi-staging – as track to higher pressures in LVP
- ultrasonic interferometry – DTF technique
- Ultrasonic opposed anvils set-up
- X-radiography – sample length measurement
- standard-free pressure measurement in multi-staging
- triple-stage multi-anvil techniques
- further development for face to face triple-staging needed



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Iceland, September 2006

