

Superfluid ^4He phases on strained graphene

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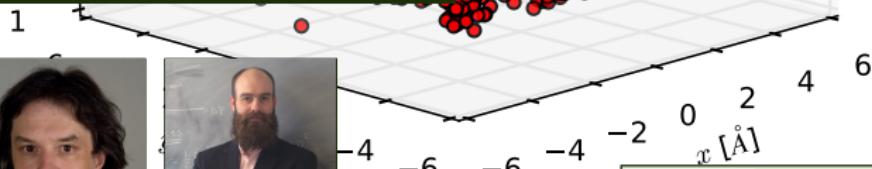
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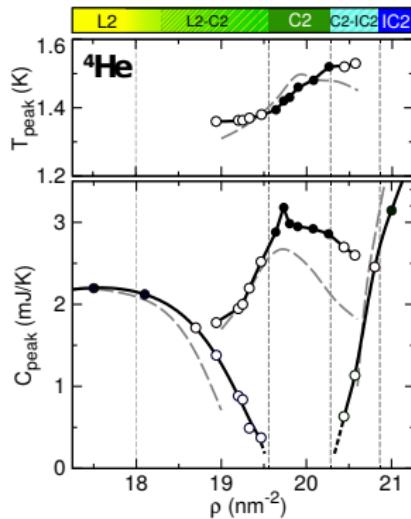
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- perform PIMC and check for interesting results

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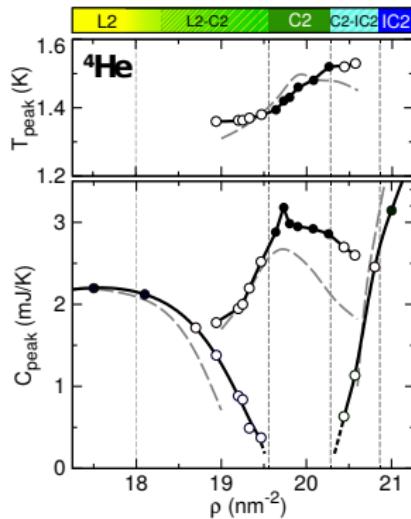
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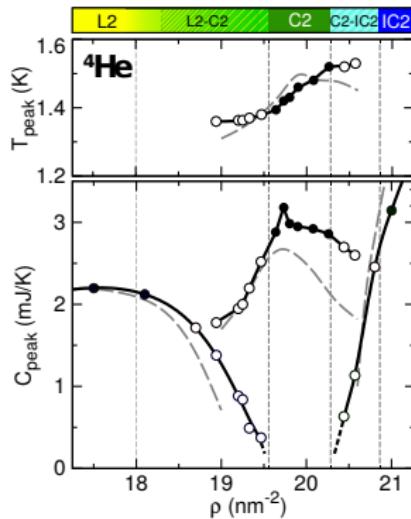
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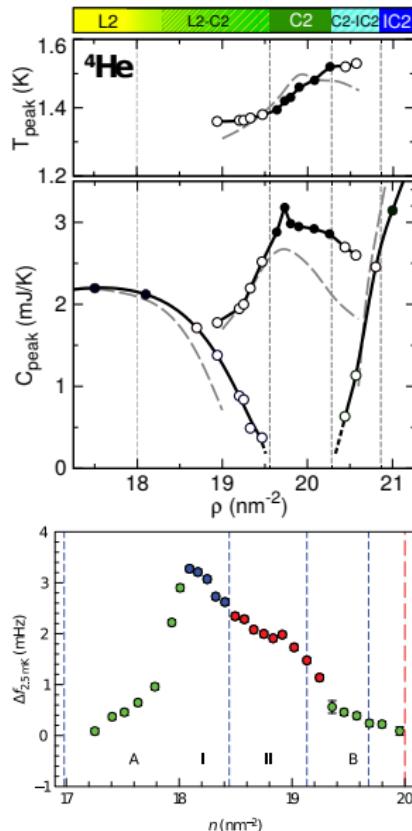


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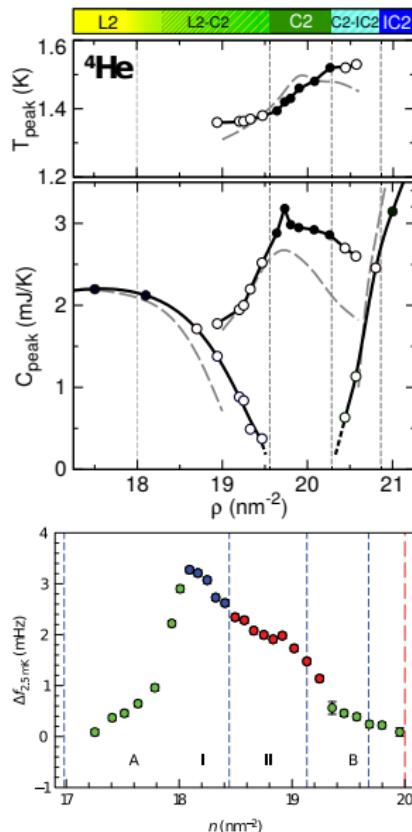
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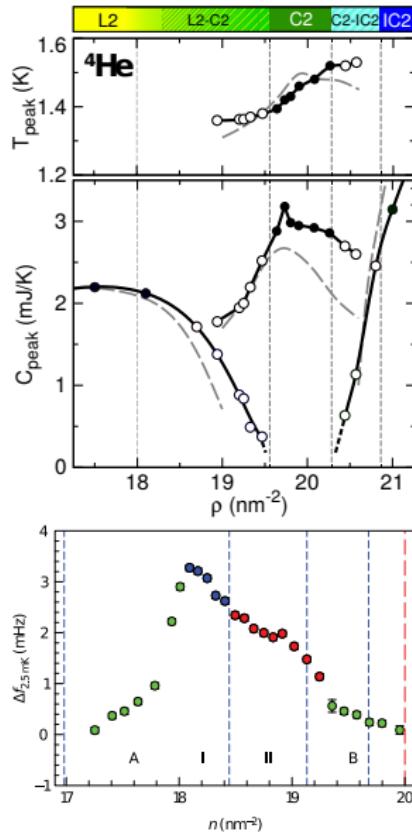
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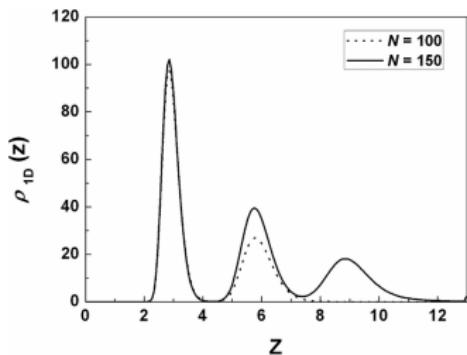
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- large superfluid fraction at peak, $\rho_s(0)/\rho \sim 0.8$



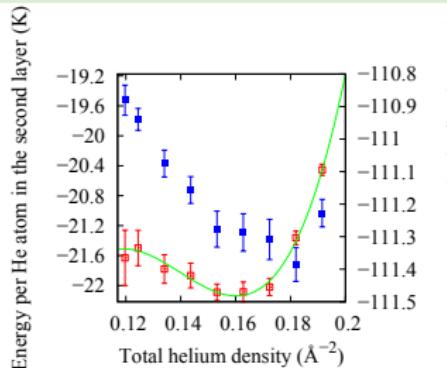
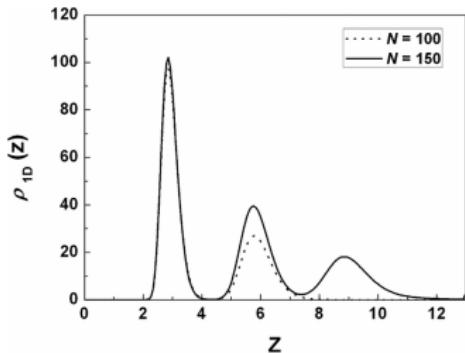
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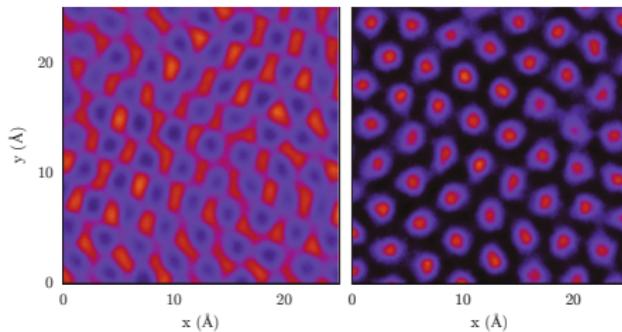
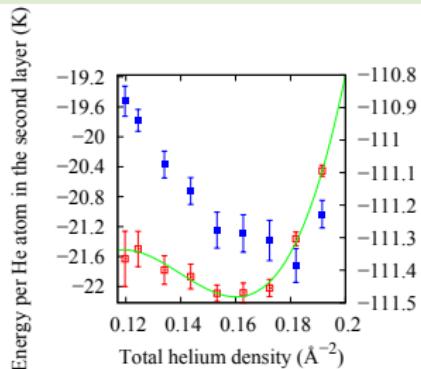
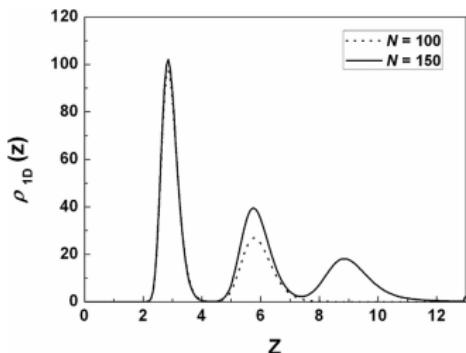
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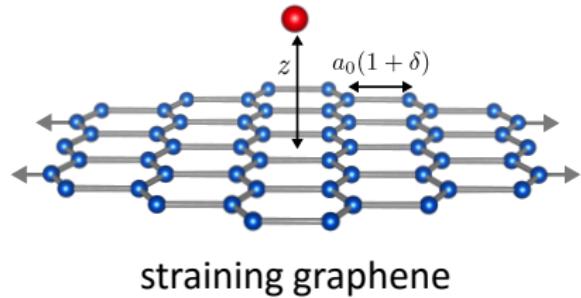
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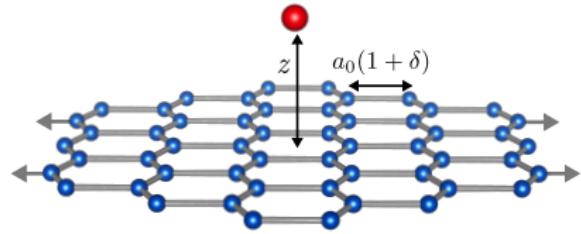


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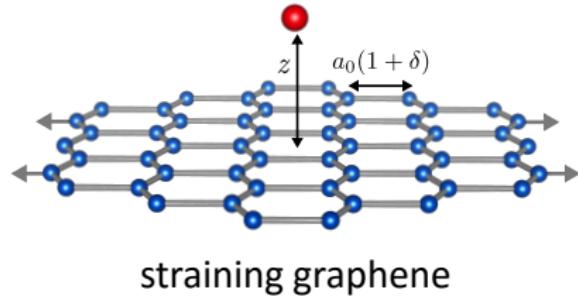
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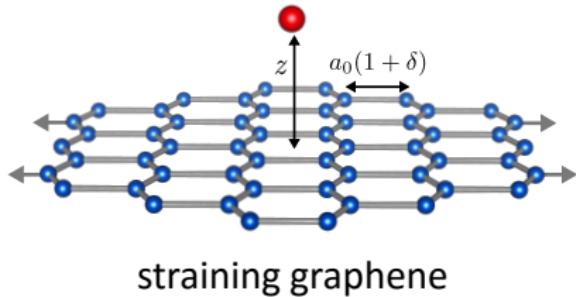
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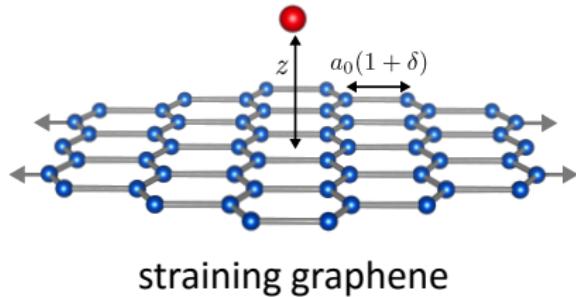
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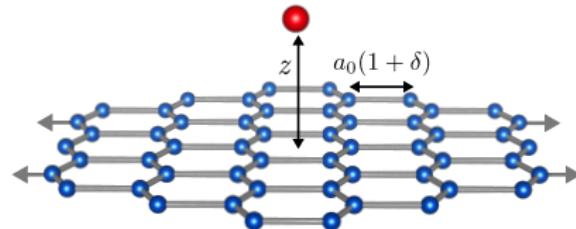


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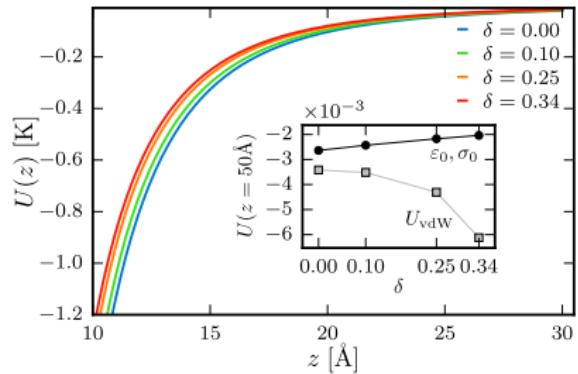
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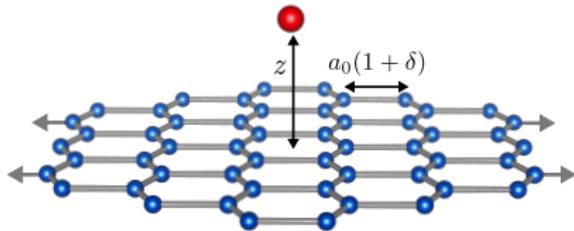
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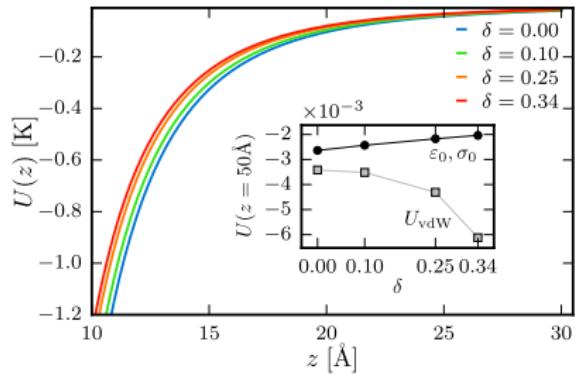
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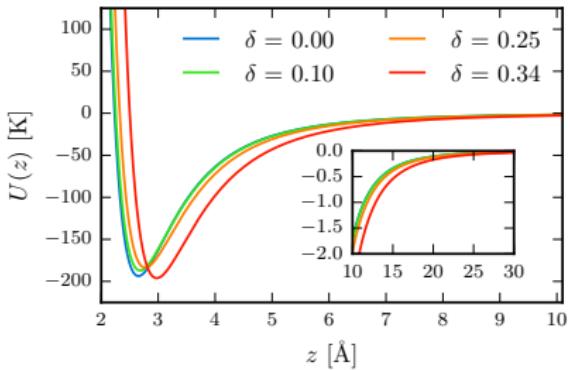
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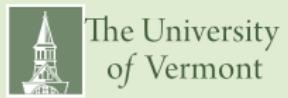
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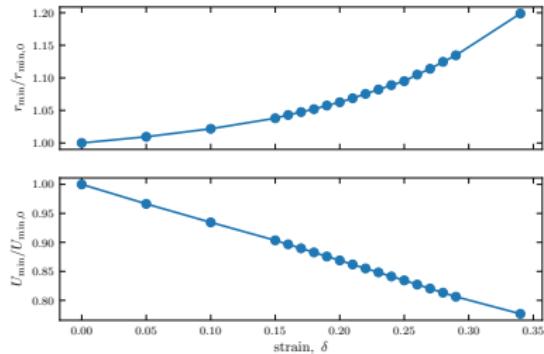


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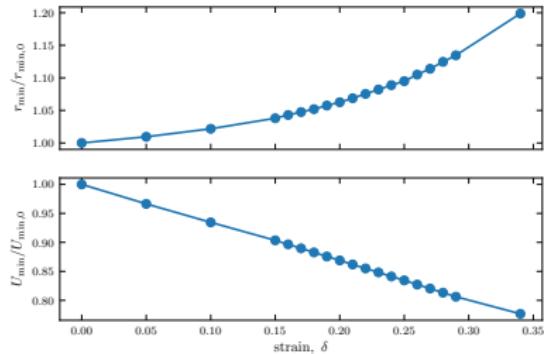
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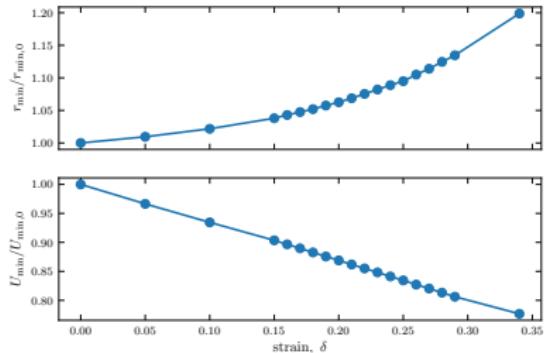
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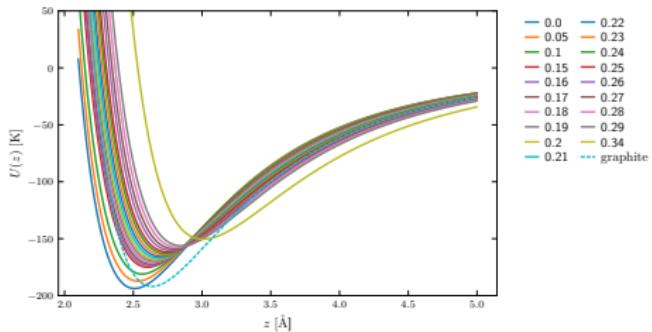


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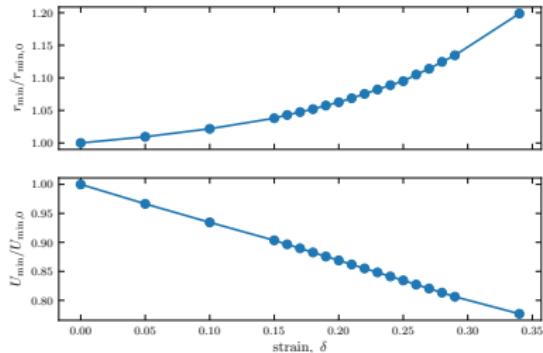
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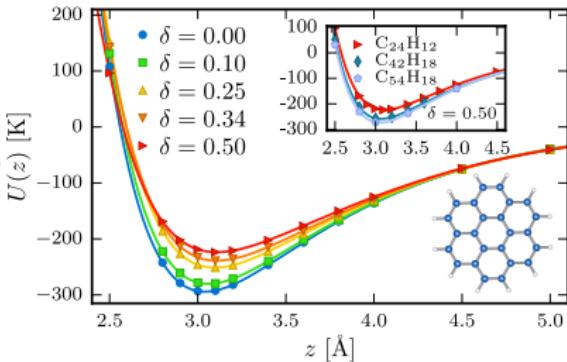
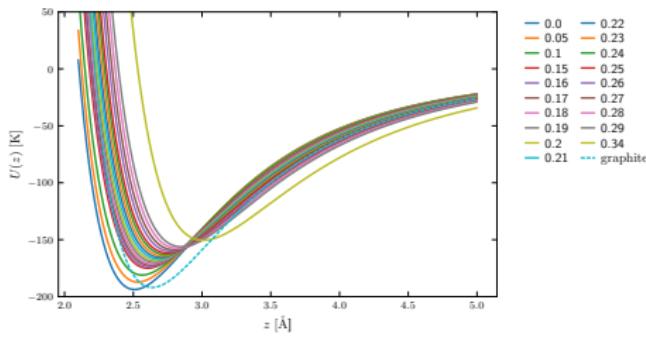


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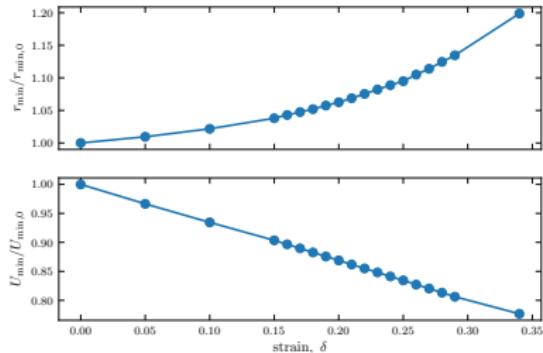
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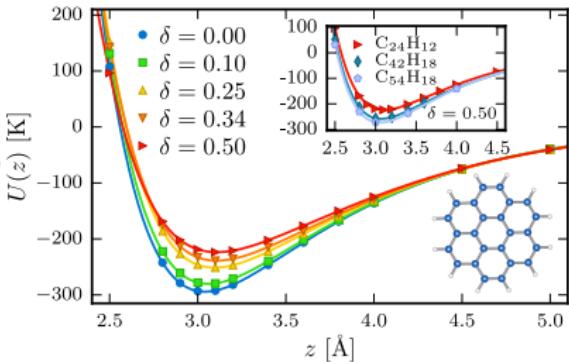
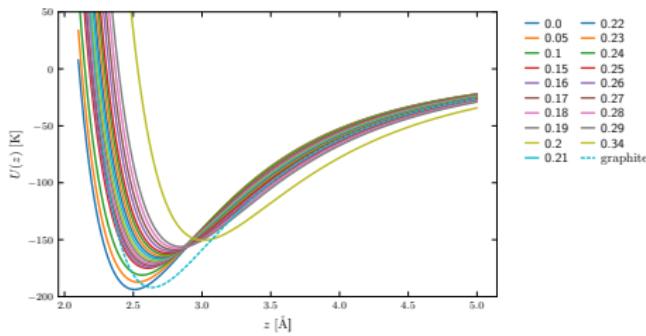


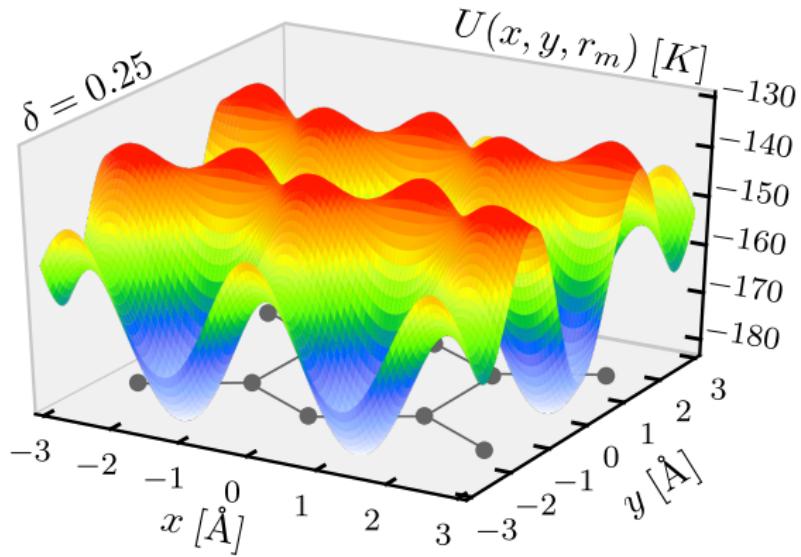
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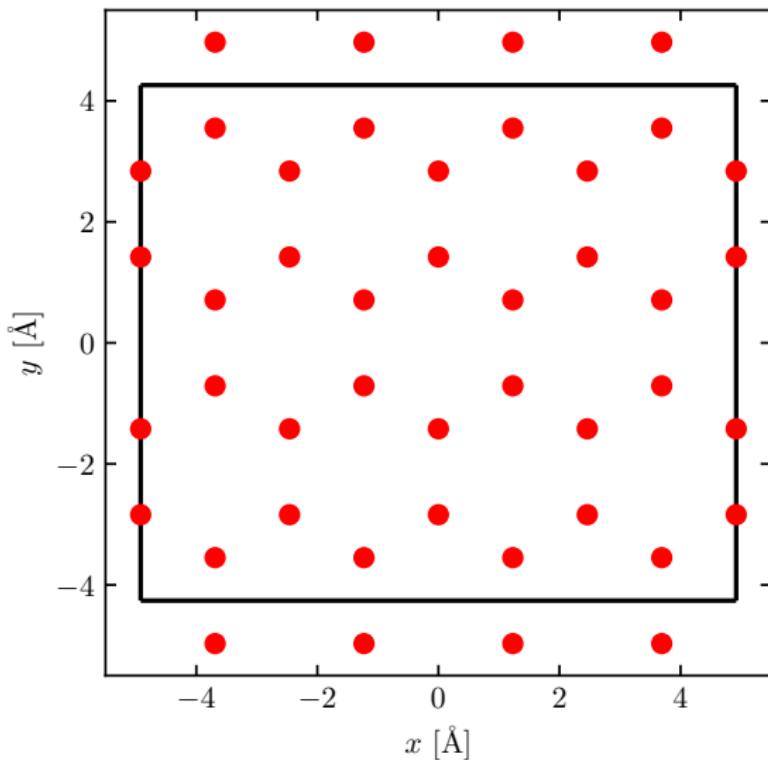




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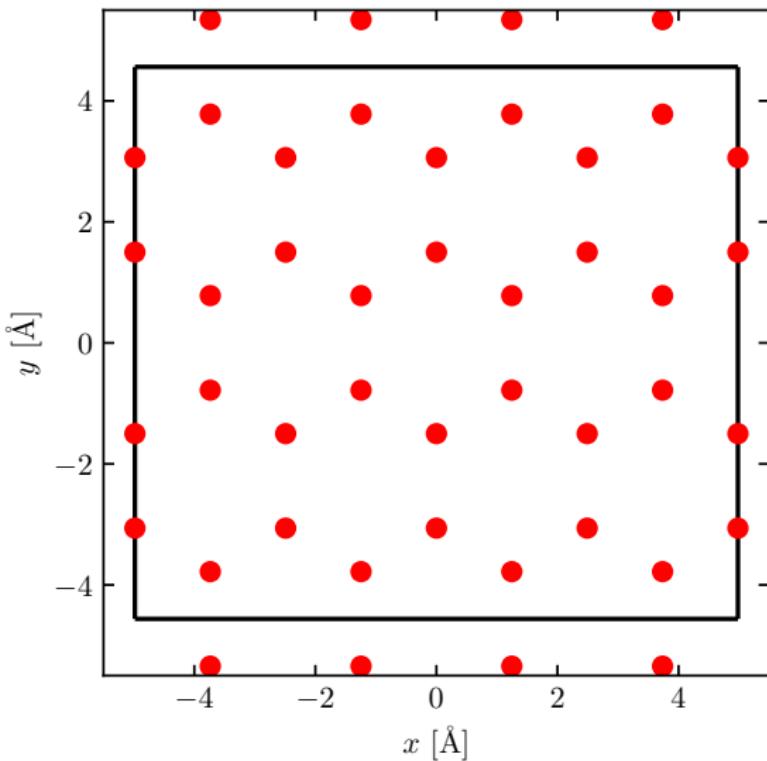


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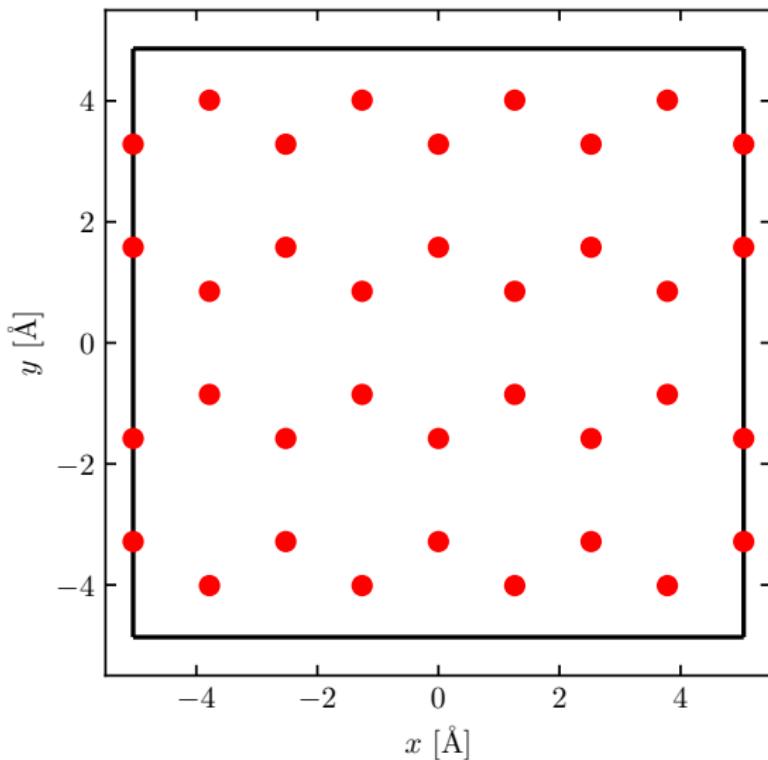


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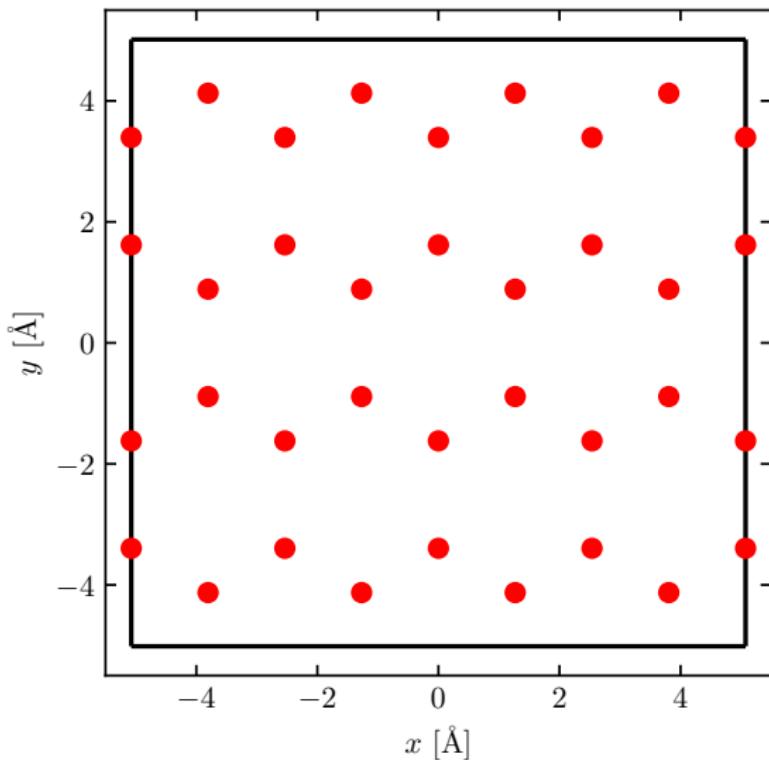
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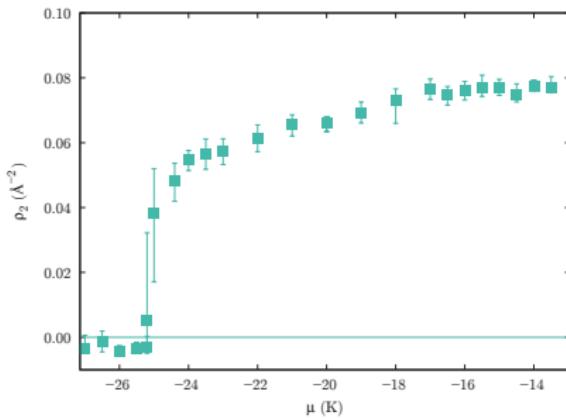
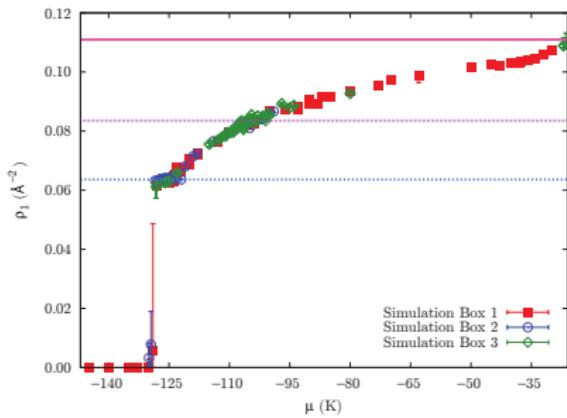
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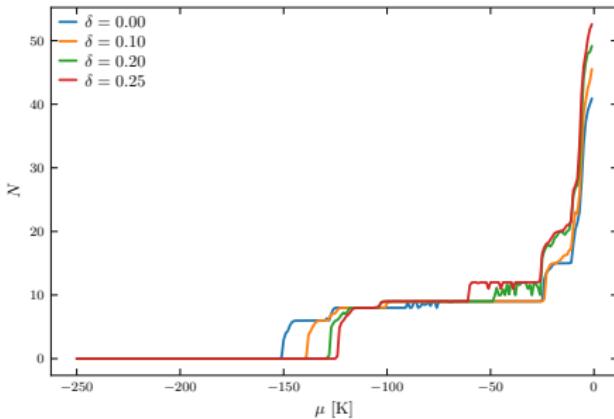
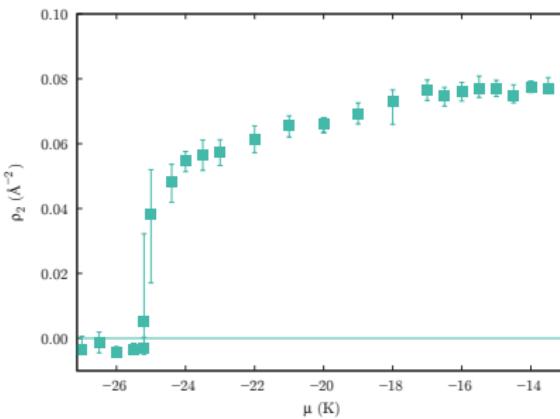
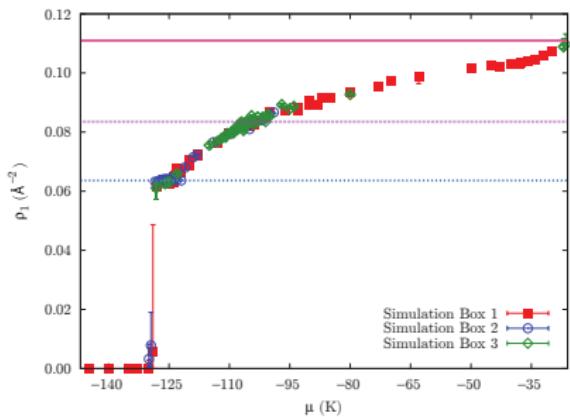
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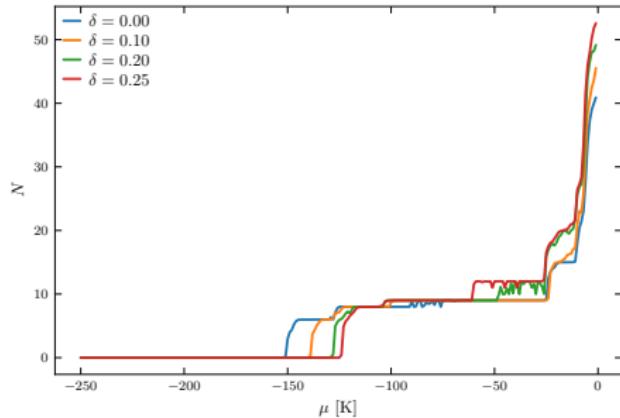
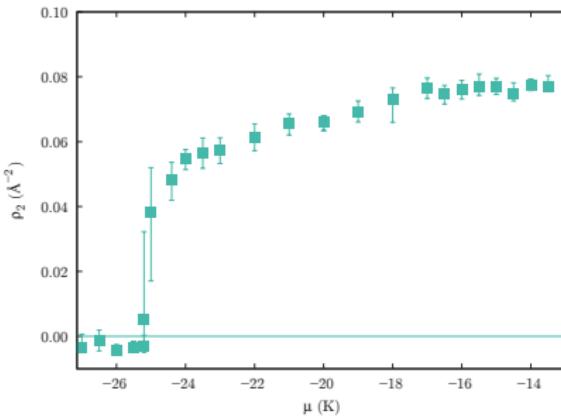
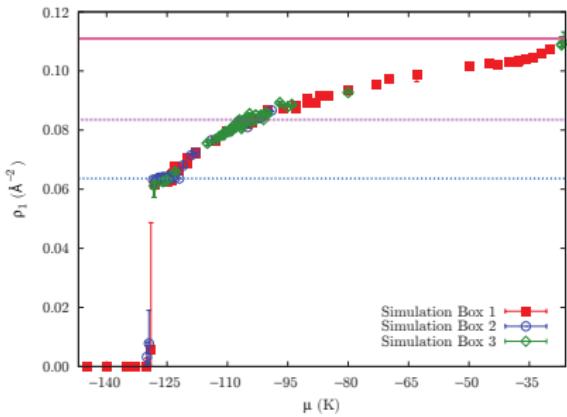
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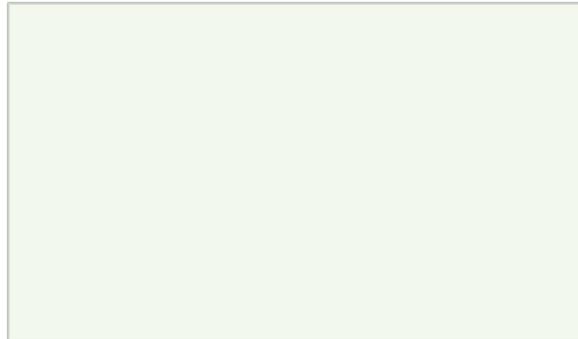


increasing δ pushes layering transition to larger μ

Preliminary Results - Superfluidity



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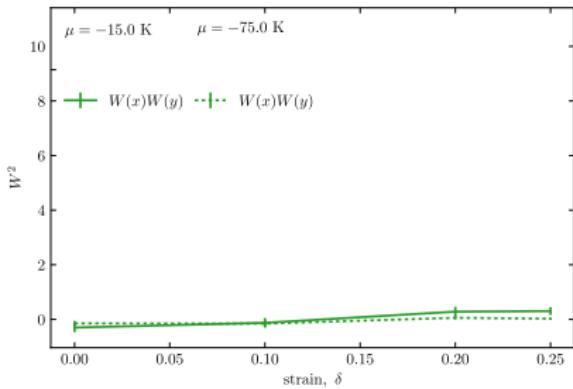
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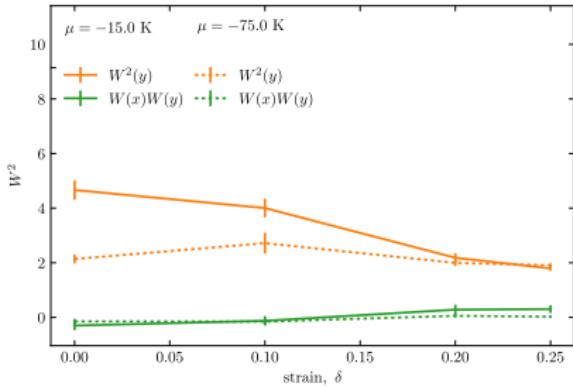
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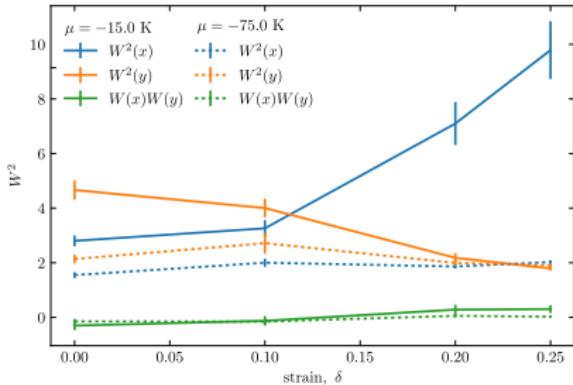
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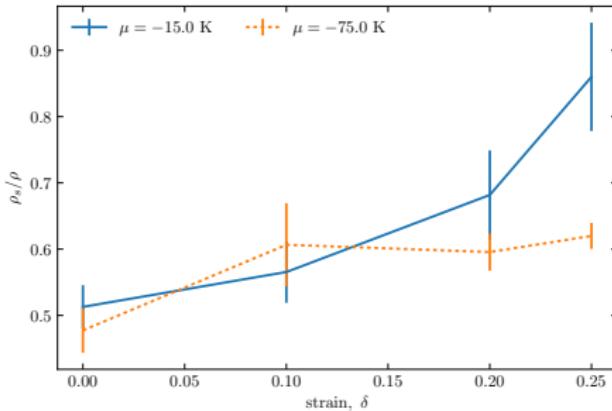
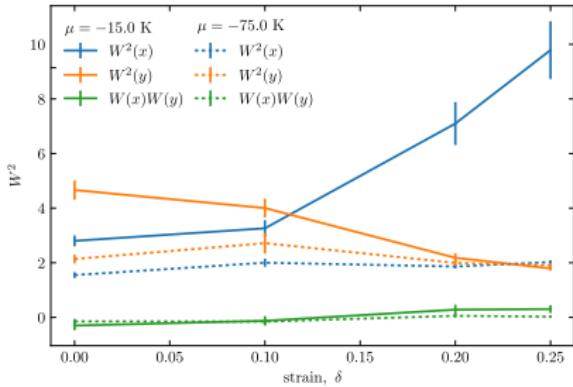
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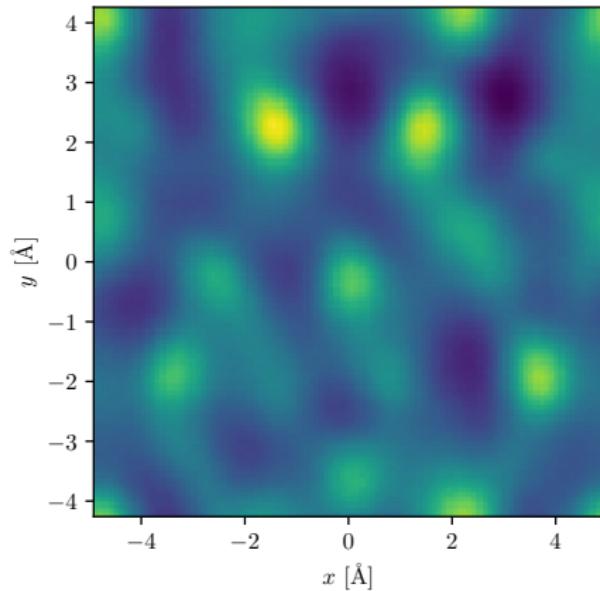
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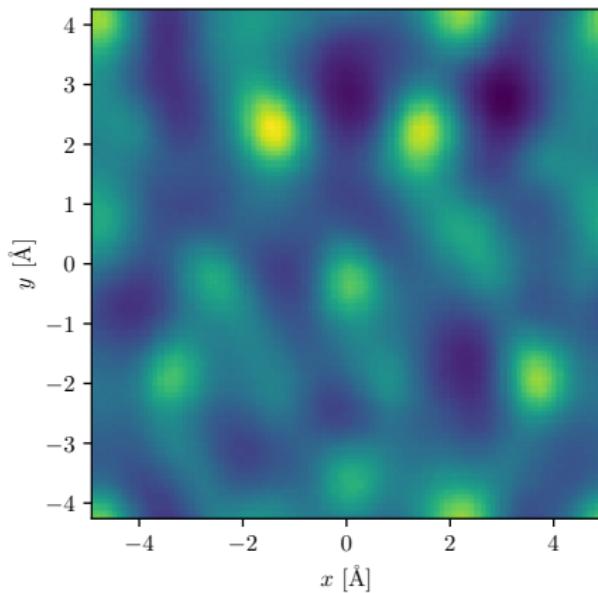
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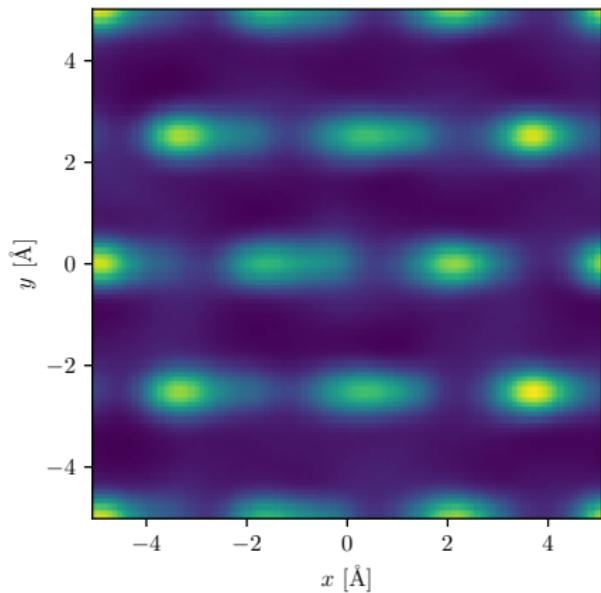


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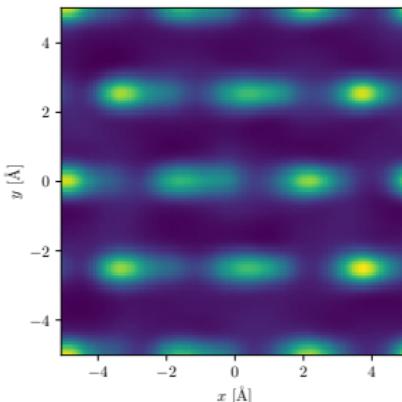
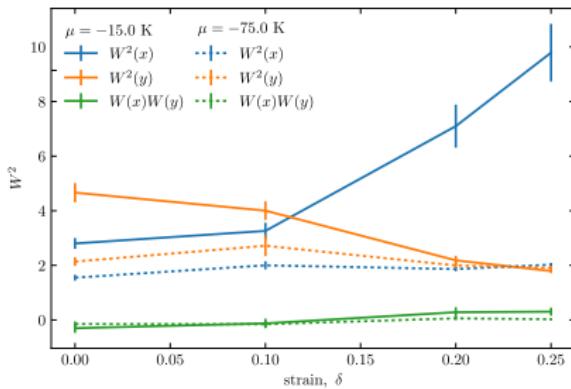
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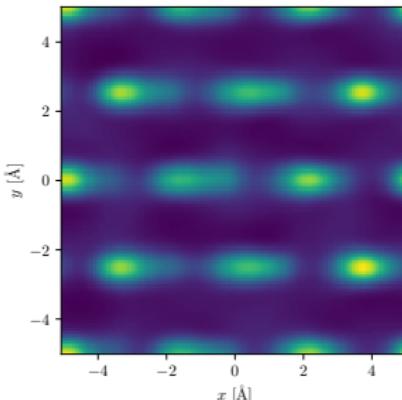
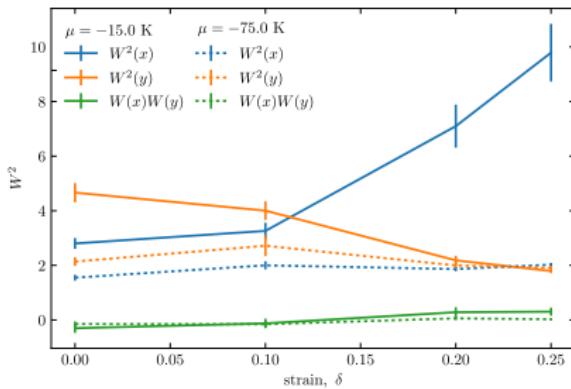
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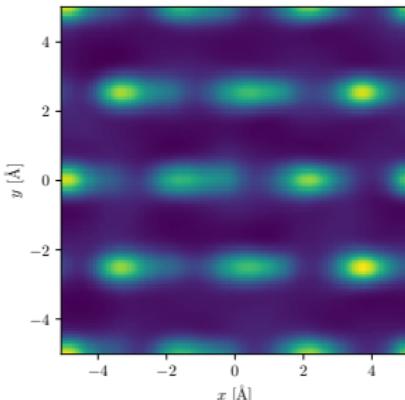
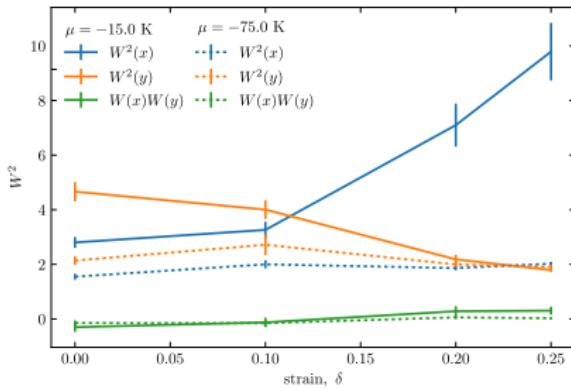
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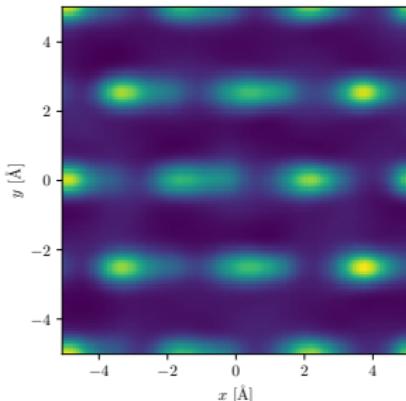
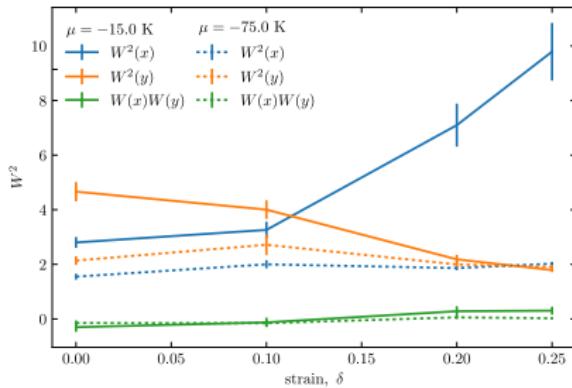
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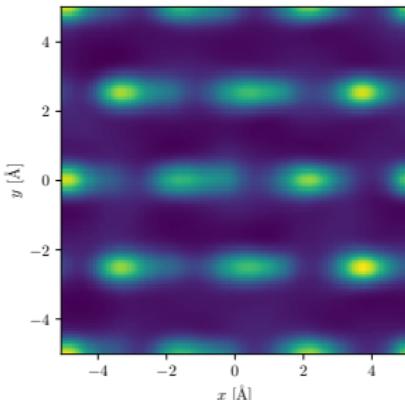
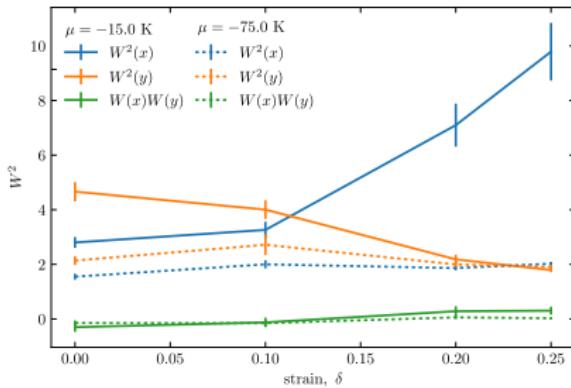


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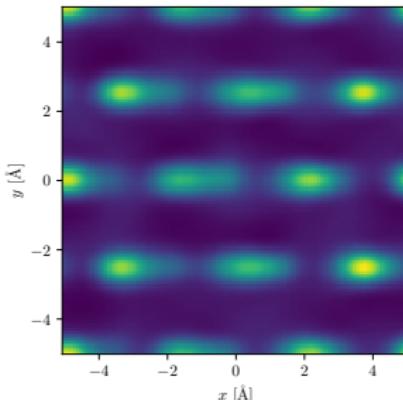
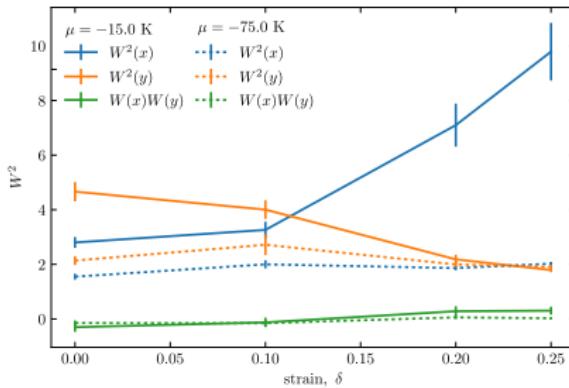
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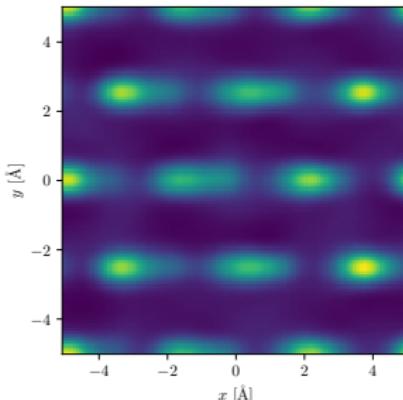
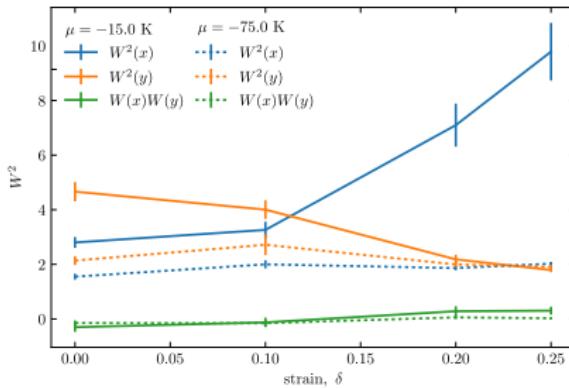
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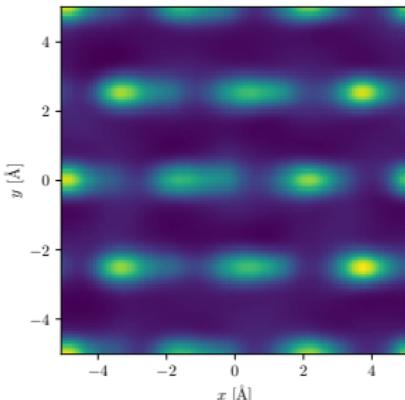
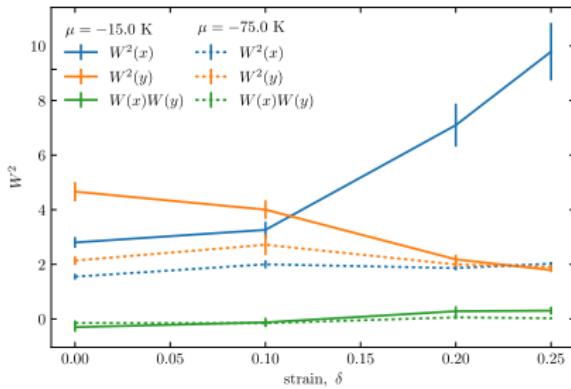
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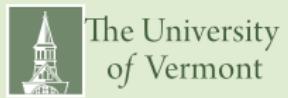
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