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Abstract: a short presentation about work characterizing triphoton states via Wigner functions on the Poincar  sphere.



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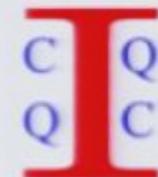
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Triphoton States

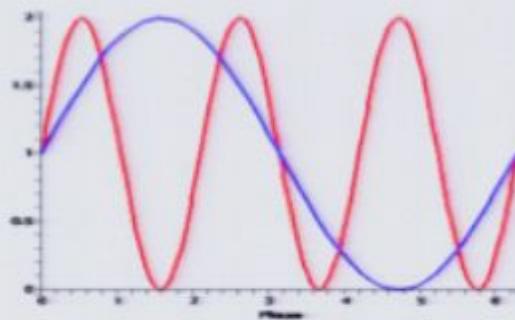
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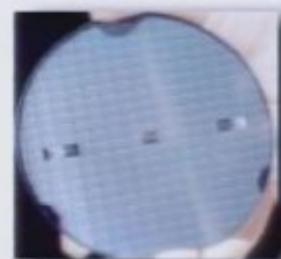


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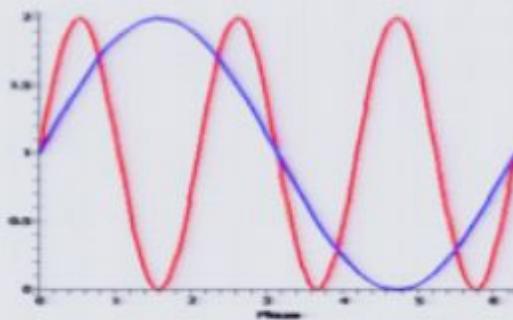
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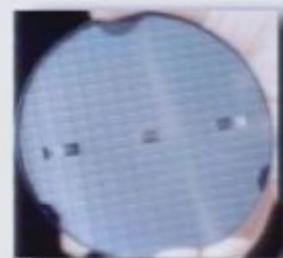


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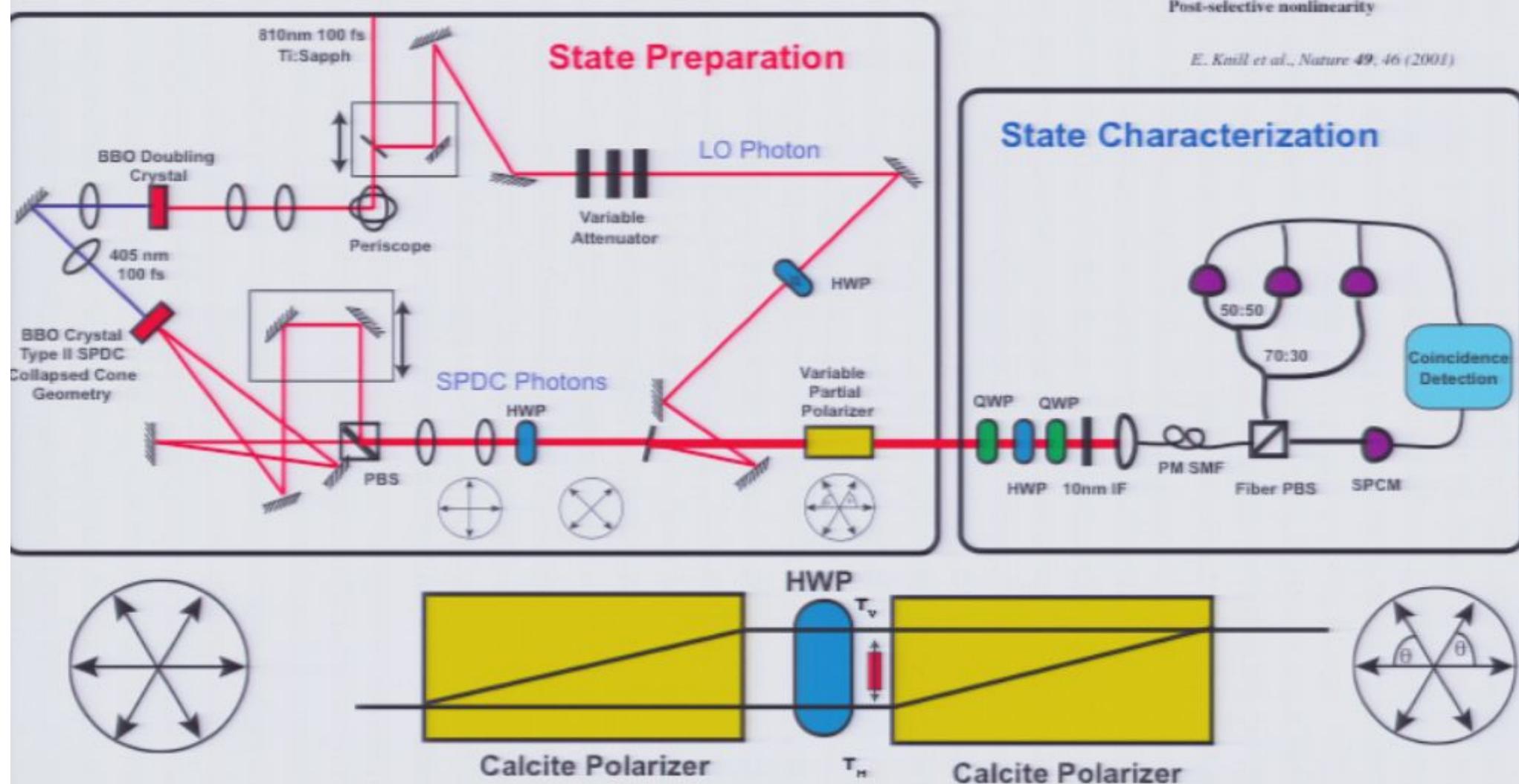
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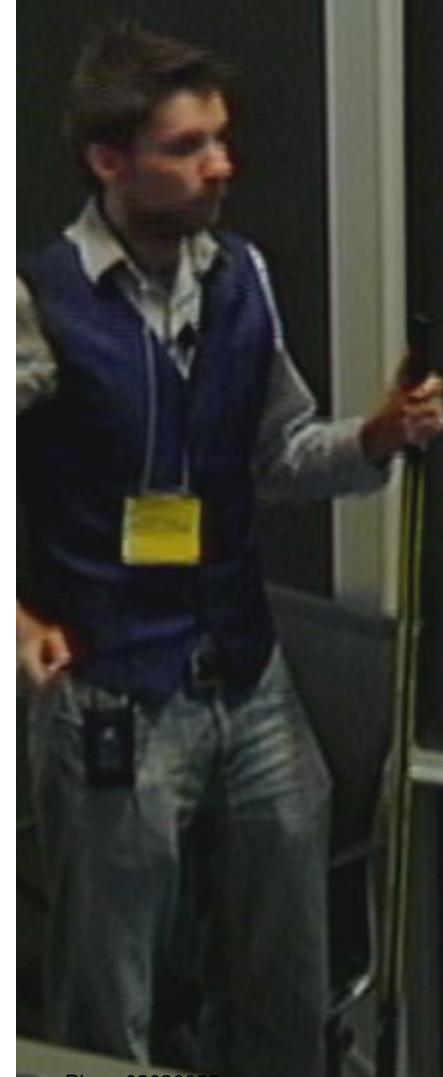
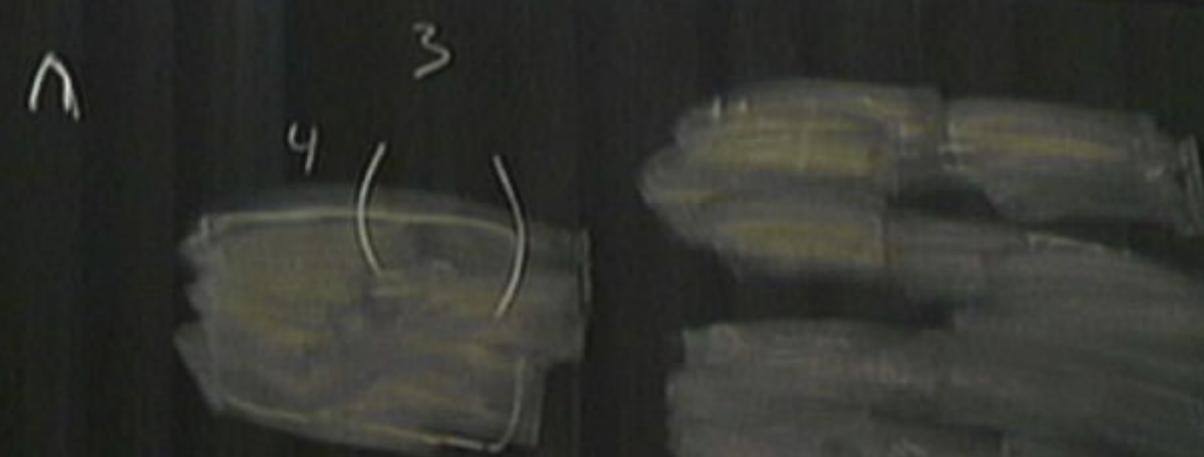
Experimental Setup



$$T = \frac{T_V}{T_H}$$

How do we do Tomography?

$$3 - 2e^{it} + \alpha e^{it}$$
$$- 2\alpha e^{it}$$



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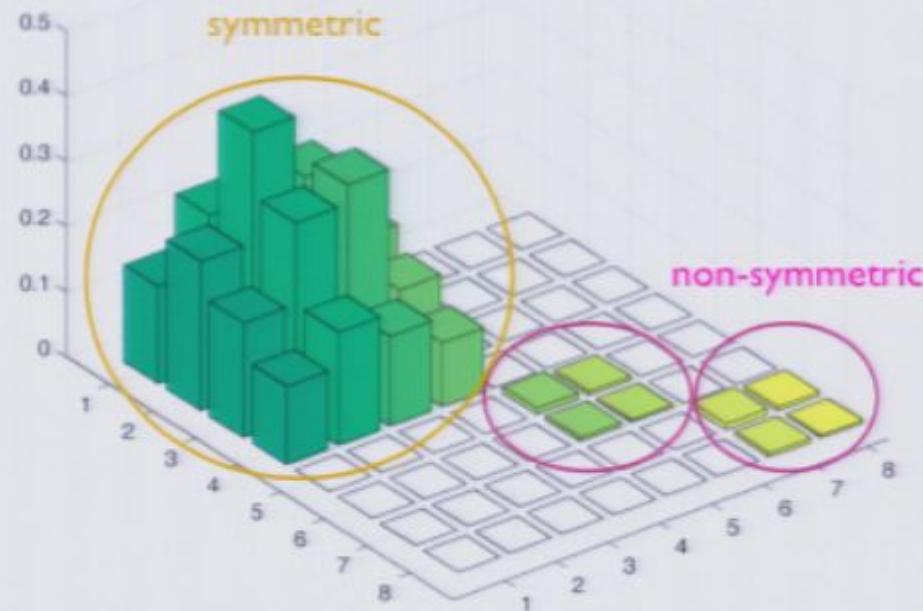
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$$(N+1)^2$$

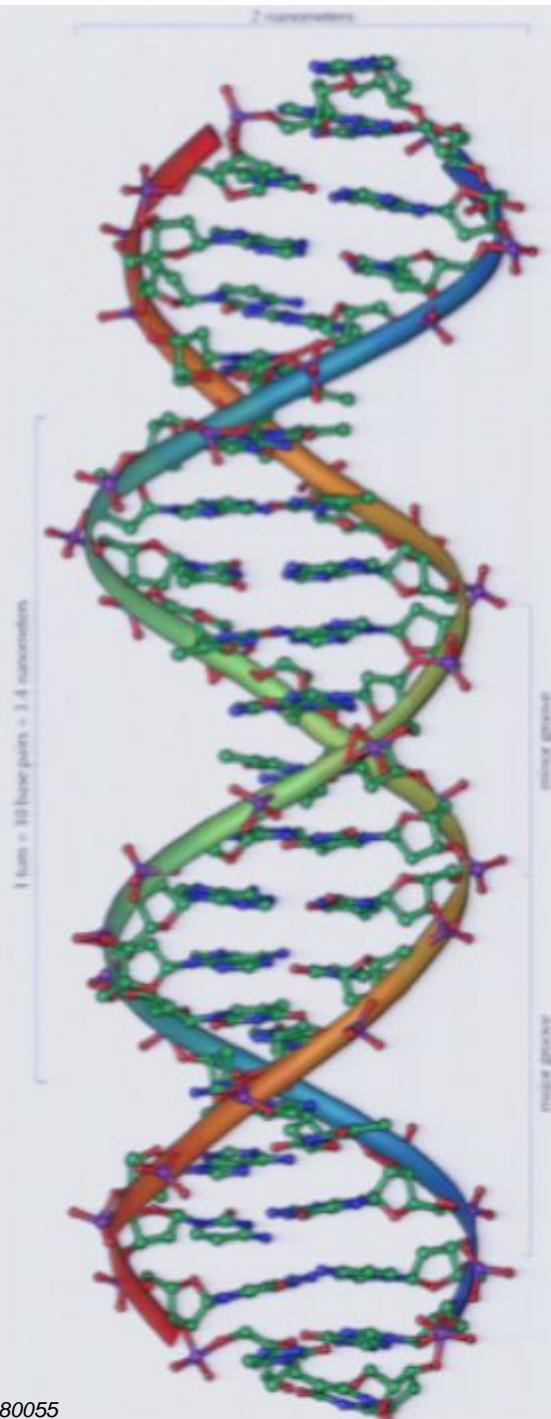
$$j = \frac{3}{2}$$



Density Matrix Representation

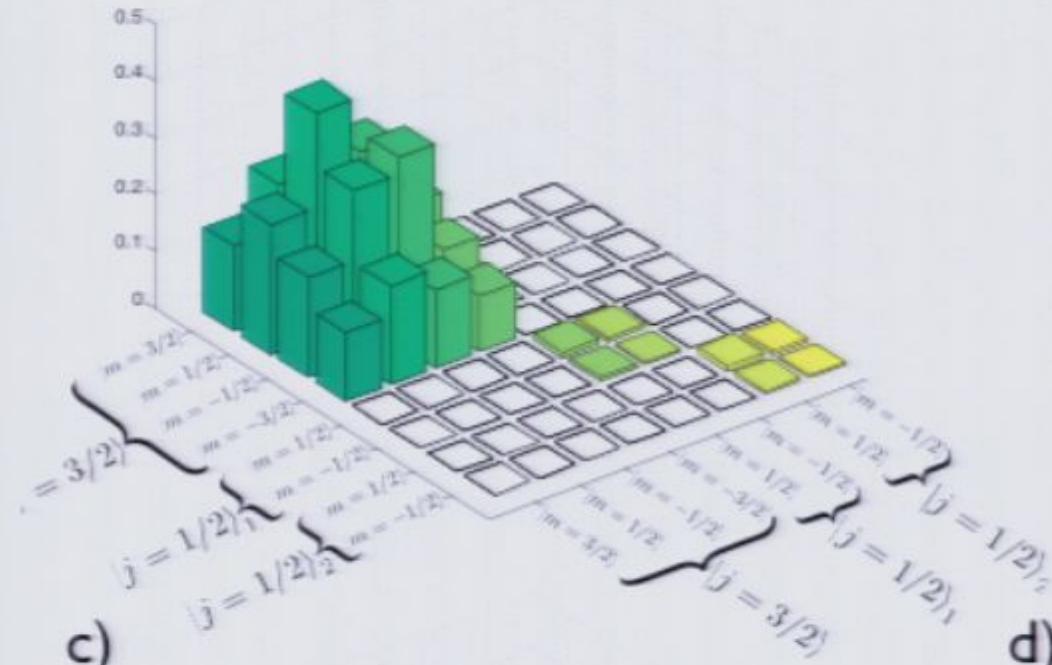


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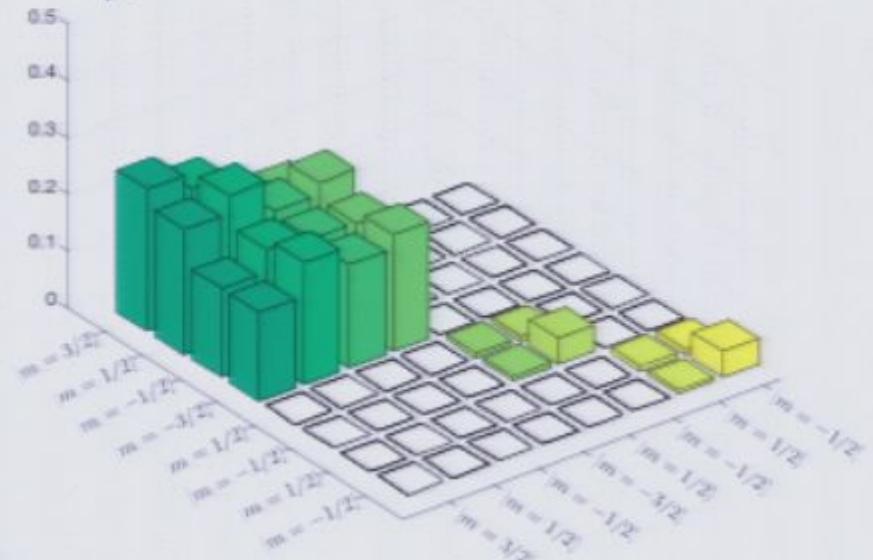
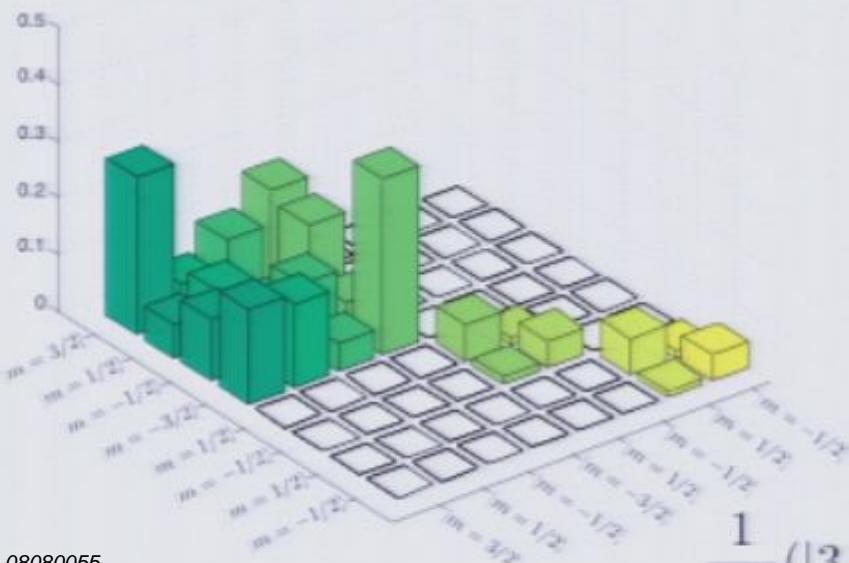


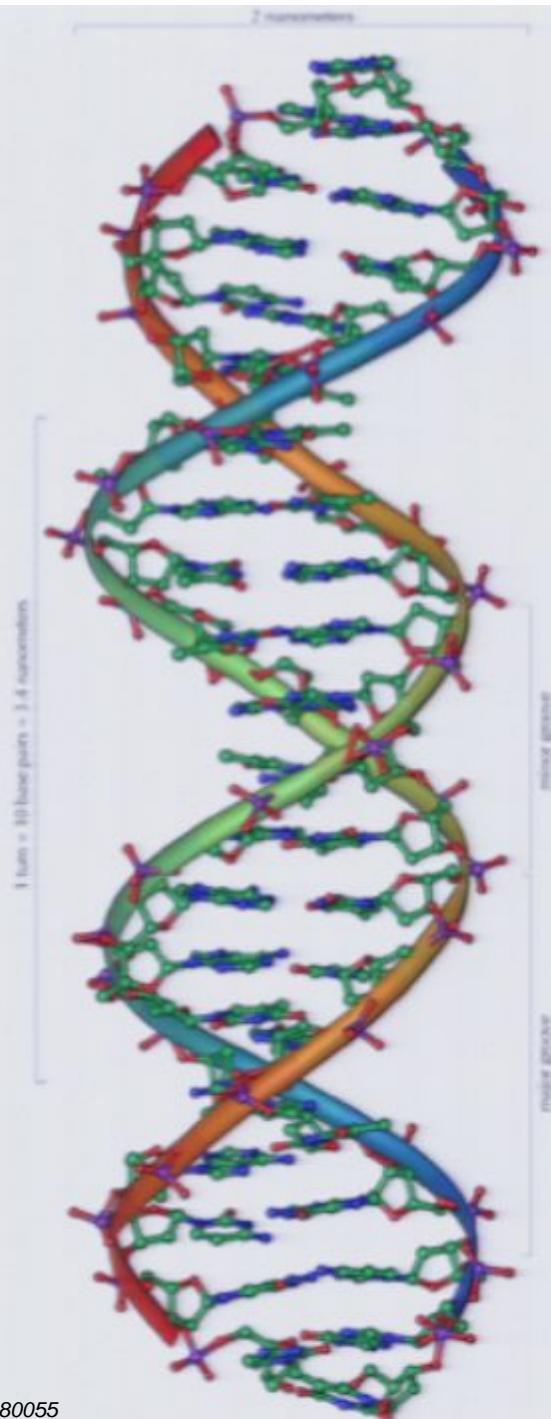
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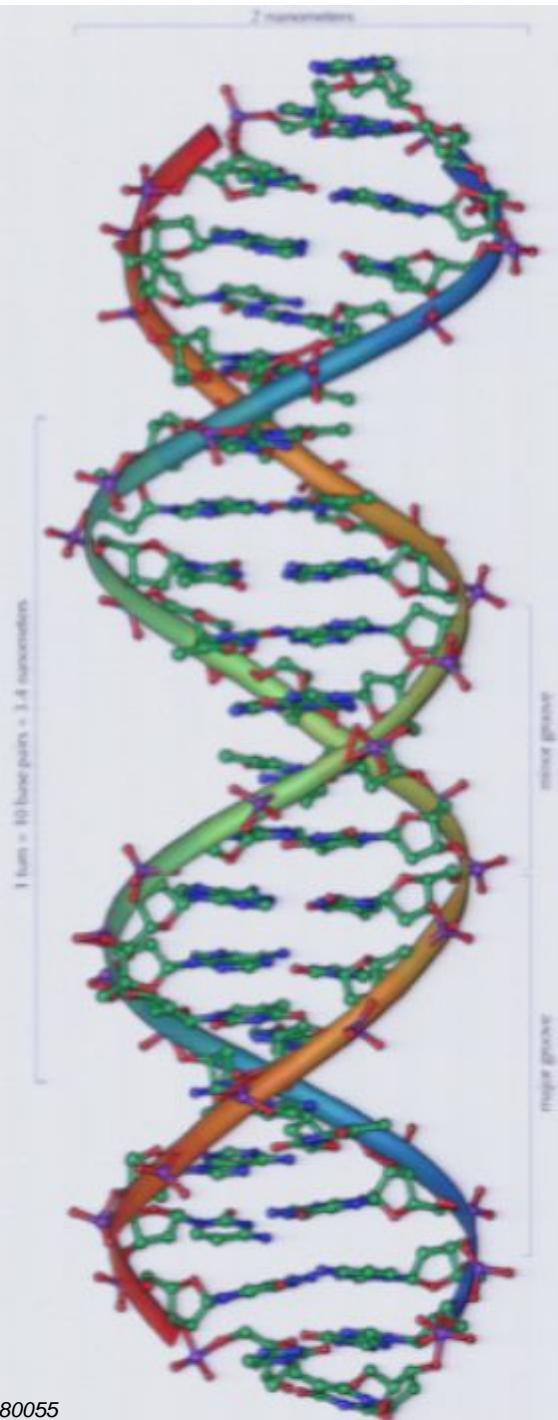
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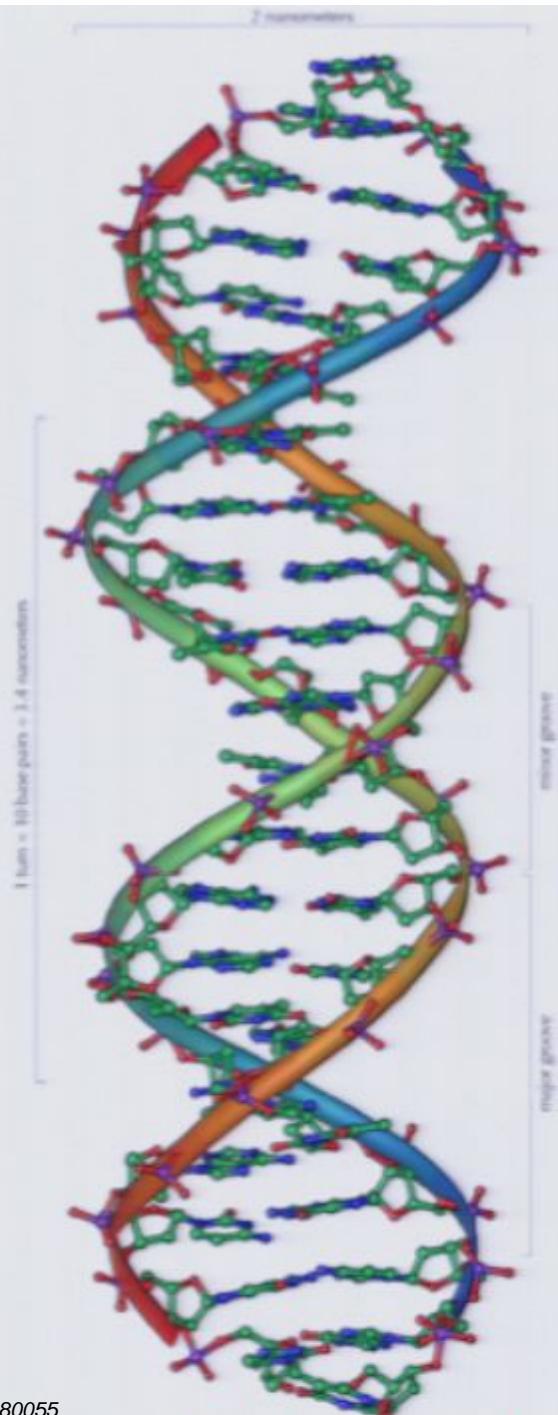
**b)**

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{4}}(|3, 0\rangle_{H,V} + |2, 1\rangle_{H,V} + |1, 2\rangle_{H,V} + |0, 3\rangle_{H,V})$$

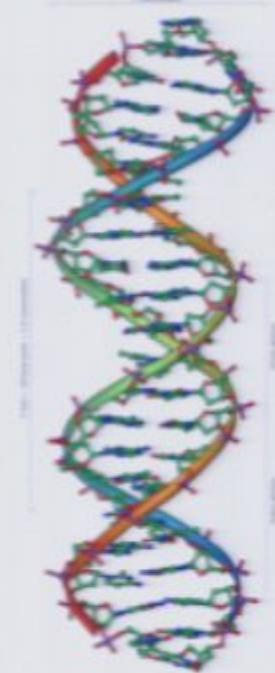
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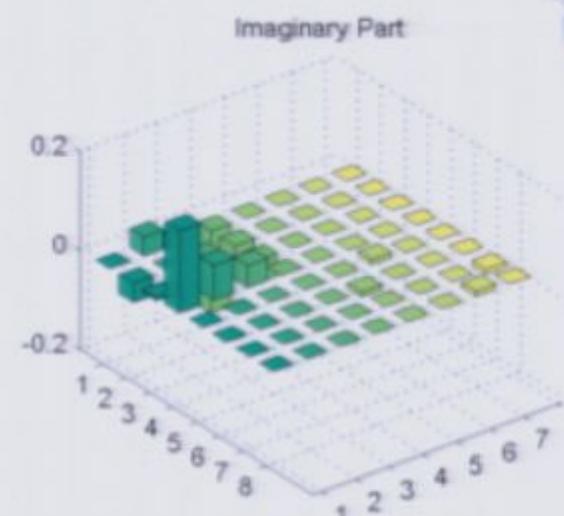
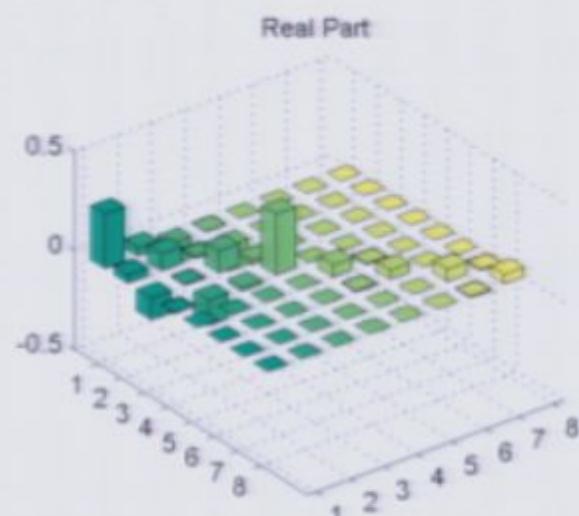




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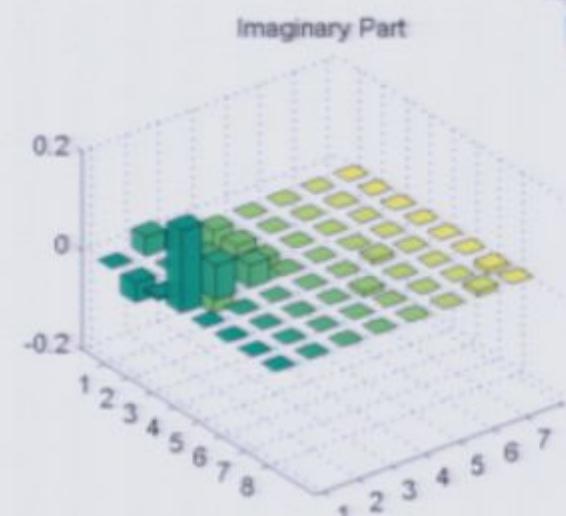
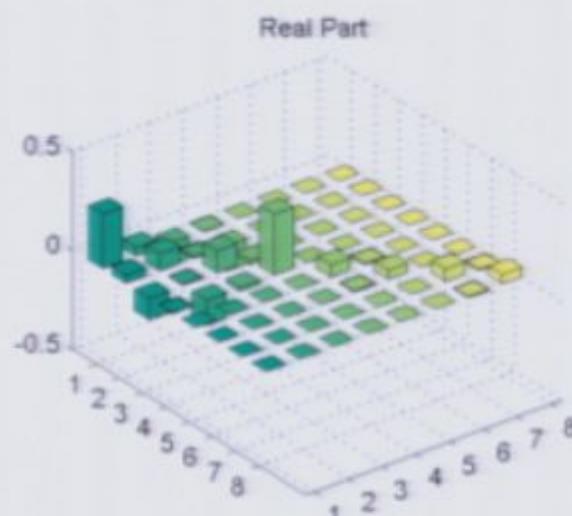
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Density Matrix Representation



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Poincaré Sphere



To characterise the polarisation of a beam of light, use the Stokes parameters. A pure polarization beam is represented by a vector terminating at a point on the Poincaré Sphere.

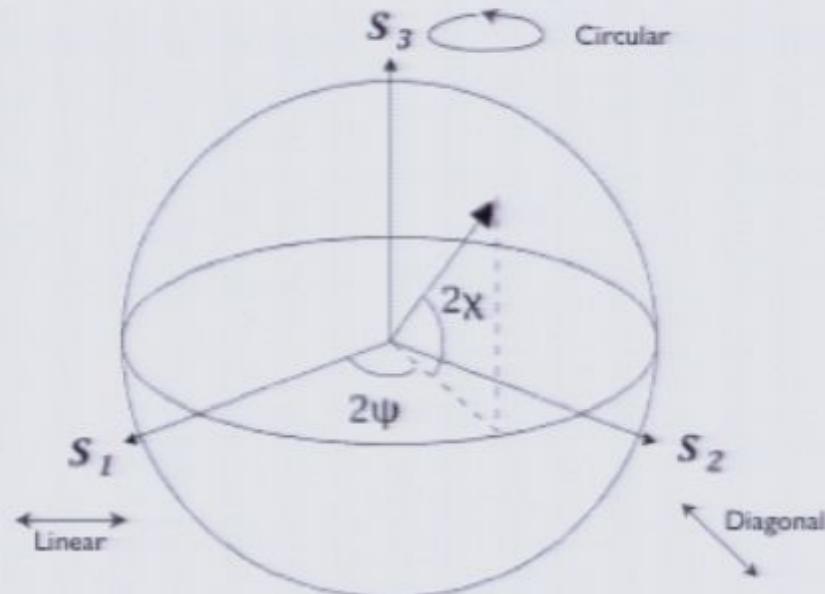
Analogous to the Bloch sphere for a Qubit.

$$S_0 = I$$

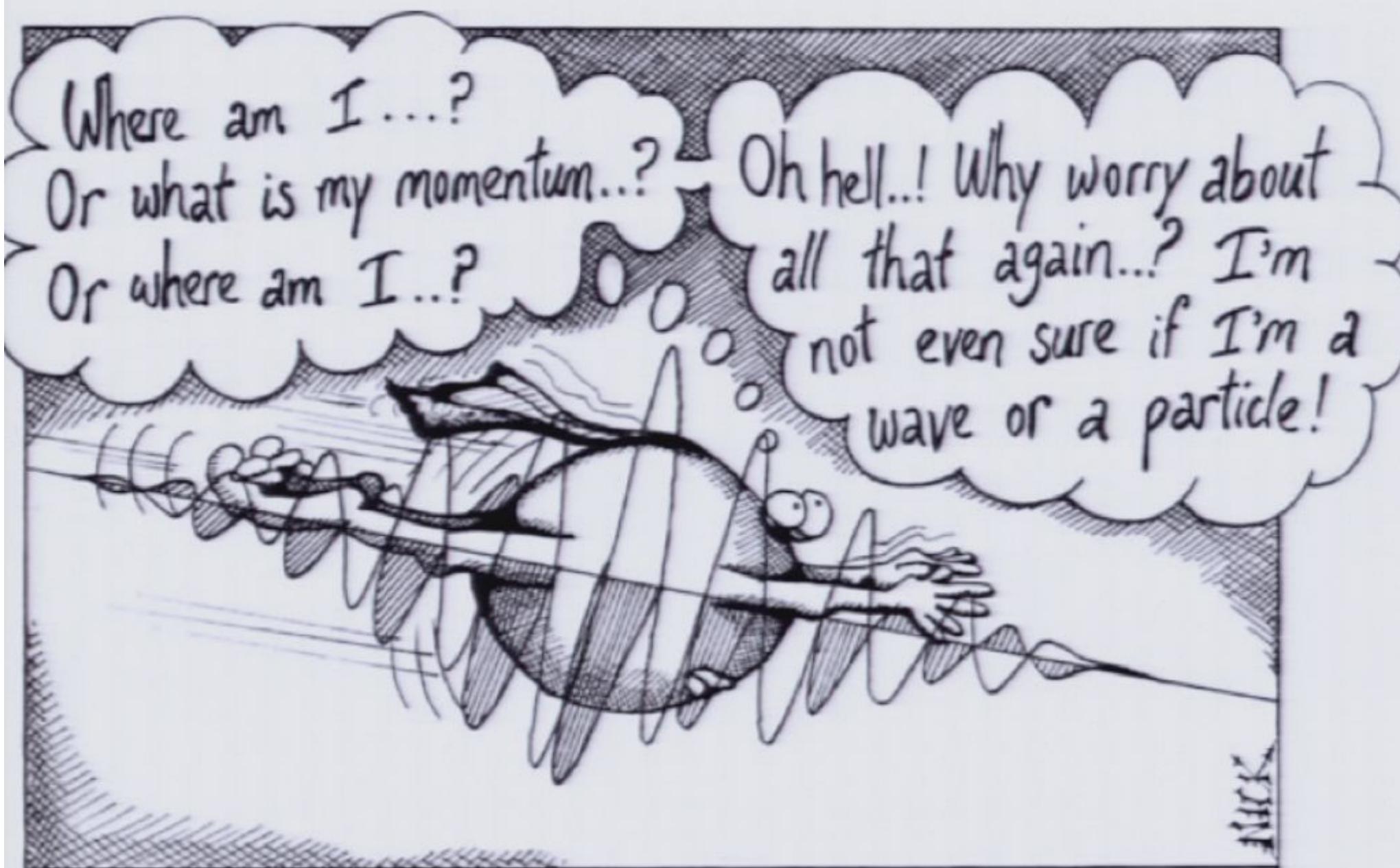
$$S_1 = I_p \cos 2\psi \cos 2\chi$$

$$S_2 = I_p \sin 2\psi \cos 2\chi$$

$$S_3 = I_p \sin 2\chi$$



What does a polarisation entangled quantum state look like on the Poincaré Sphere?



Quasi-Probability Distributions

Treat polarization as a spin 1/2 particle. A collection of N photons represents a composite particle with spin $J=N/2$.

introduce the Quantum Poincaré Sphere with Stokes Operators that replace the Stokes parameters.

$$\hat{S}_0 = a_H^\dagger a_H + a_V^\dagger a_V = \hat{n}_H + \hat{n}_V = N,$$

$$\hat{S}_1 = a_H^\dagger a_H - a_V^\dagger a_V = \hat{n}_H - \hat{n}_V,$$

$$\hat{S}_2 = a_H^\dagger a_V + a_V^\dagger a_H = \hat{n}_D - \hat{n}_A,$$

$$\hat{S}_3 = i(a_V^\dagger a_H - a_H^\dagger a_V) = \hat{n}_R - \hat{n}_L$$

$$V_1 V_2 \geq |\langle \hat{S}_3 \rangle|^2, \quad V_3 V_1 \geq |\langle \hat{S}_2 \rangle|^2, \quad V_2 V_3 \geq |\langle \hat{S}_1 \rangle|^2.$$

J. Hald et al, Phys. Rev. Lett, 83, 1319 (1999)

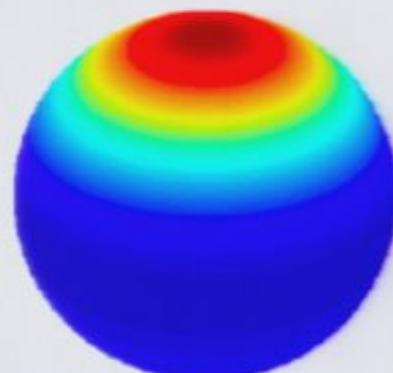
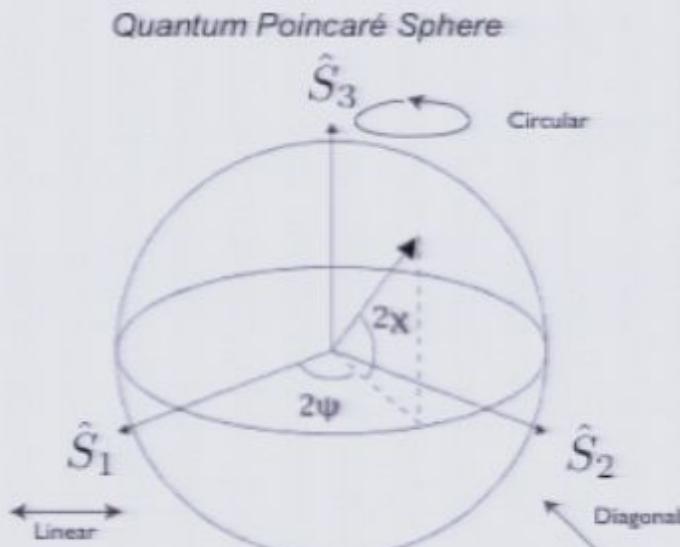
Polarization state is represented by a Wigner quasi-probability distribution over the **surface** of the sphere. Mixed states are also represented by a broad distribution on the surface.

Dowling et al, Phys. Rev. A, 49, 4101 (1994)

R.L. Stora, Ann. Phys. (Paris), 31, p. 1012 (1956)

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$$W(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{k=0}^{2j} \sum_{q=-k}^{+k} Y_{kq}(\theta, \phi) \text{Tr} [\rho \hat{T}_{kq}]$$



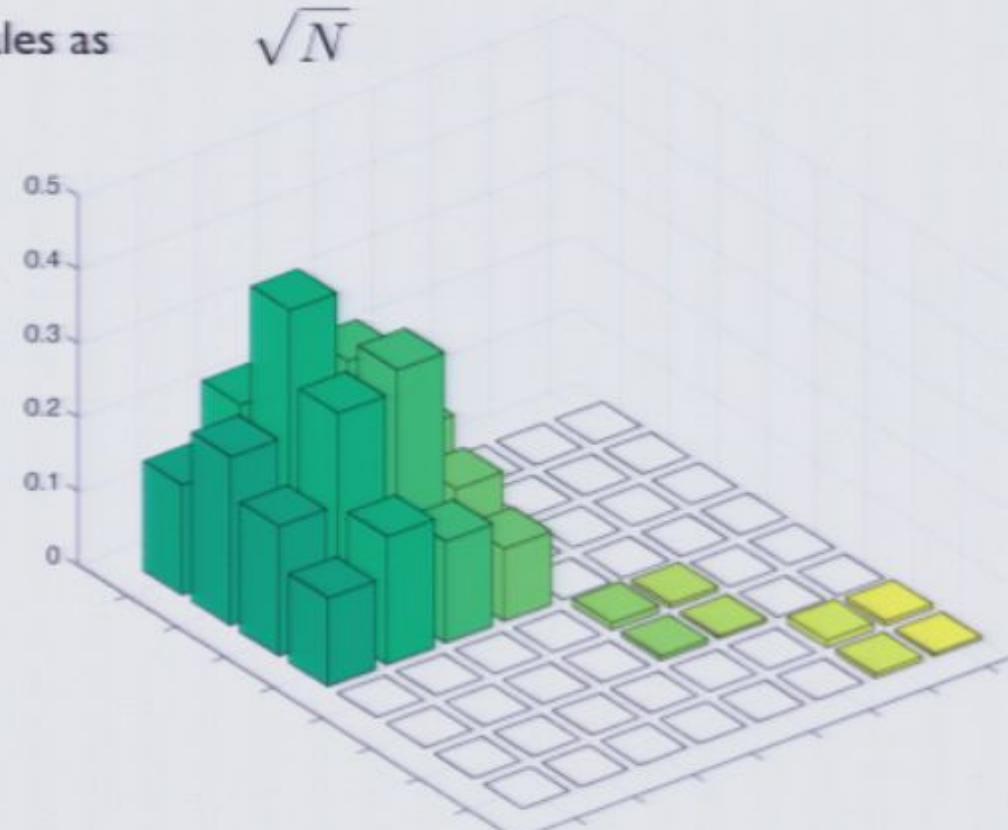
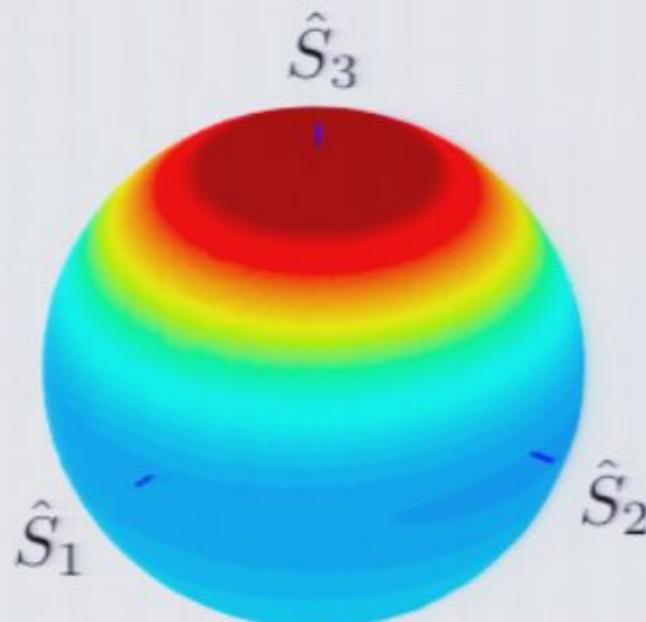
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Quasi-Probability Distributions

- Spin coherent state is analogous to a coherent state in a harmonic oscillator
- Formed by all N photons being polarized in the same direction.
- Equivalent to a binomial distribution in any other basis.

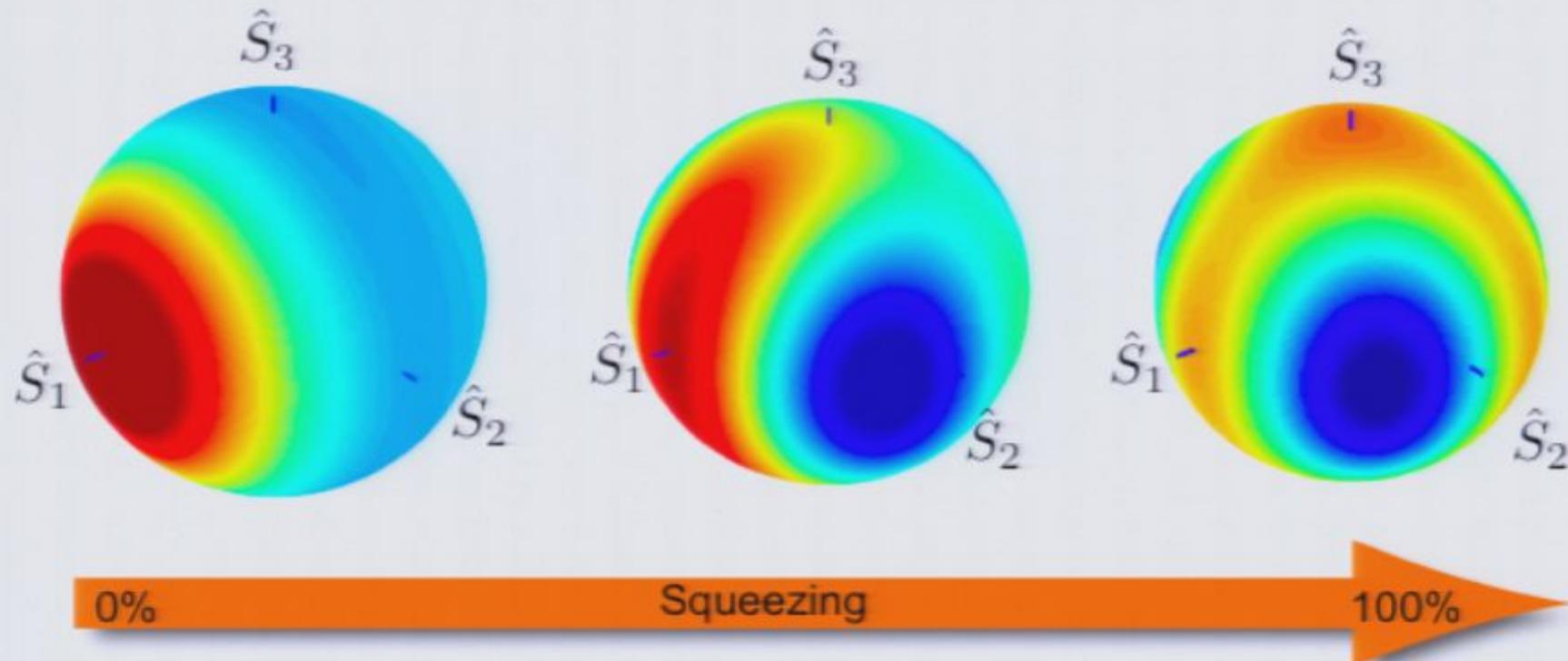
$$|3,0\rangle_{R,L} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}}(|3,0\rangle_{H,V} + \sqrt{3}|2,1\rangle_{H,V} + \sqrt{3}|1,2\rangle_{H,V} + |0,3\rangle_{H,V})$$

- Uncertainty in other Stokes operators scales as \sqrt{N}

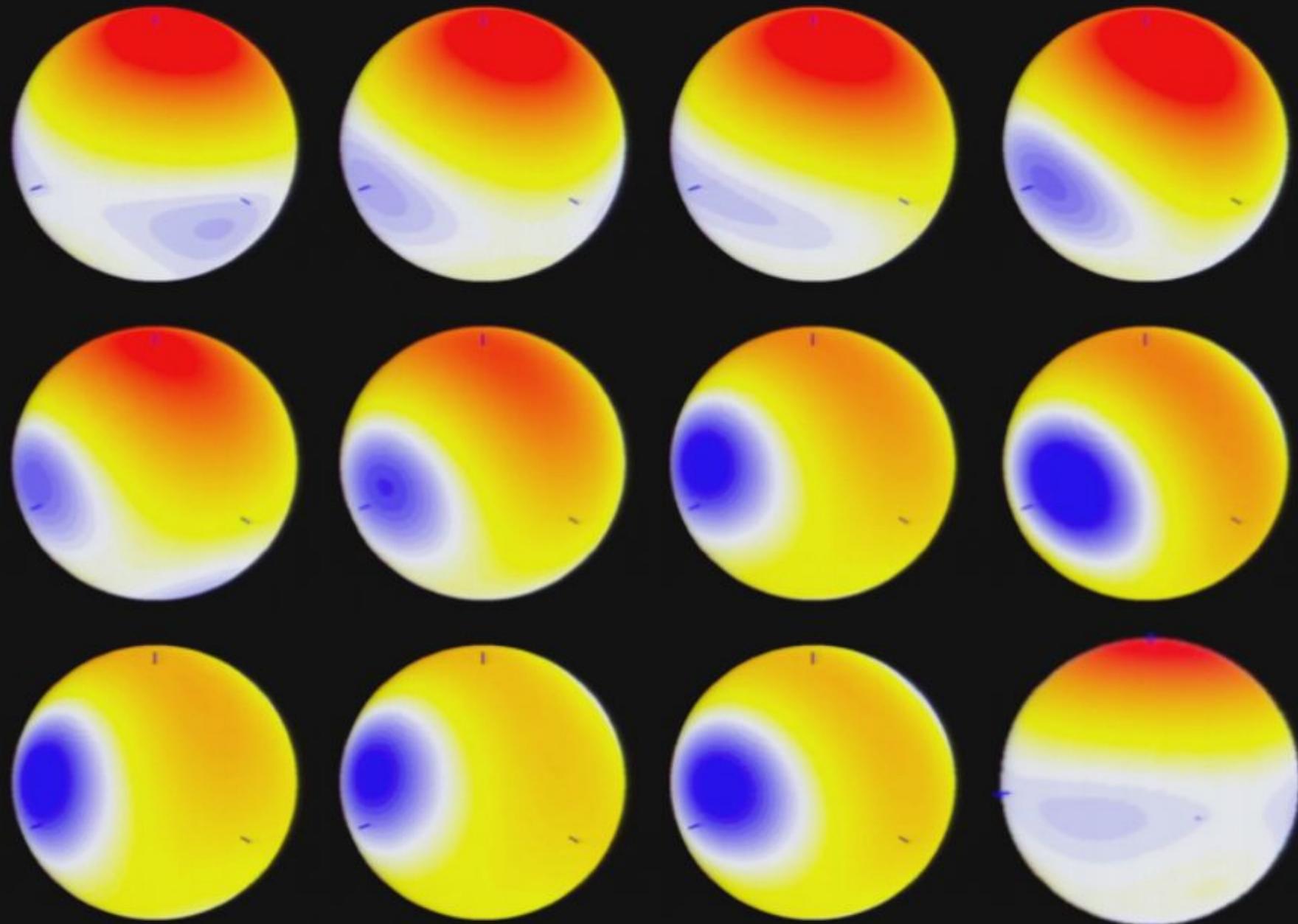


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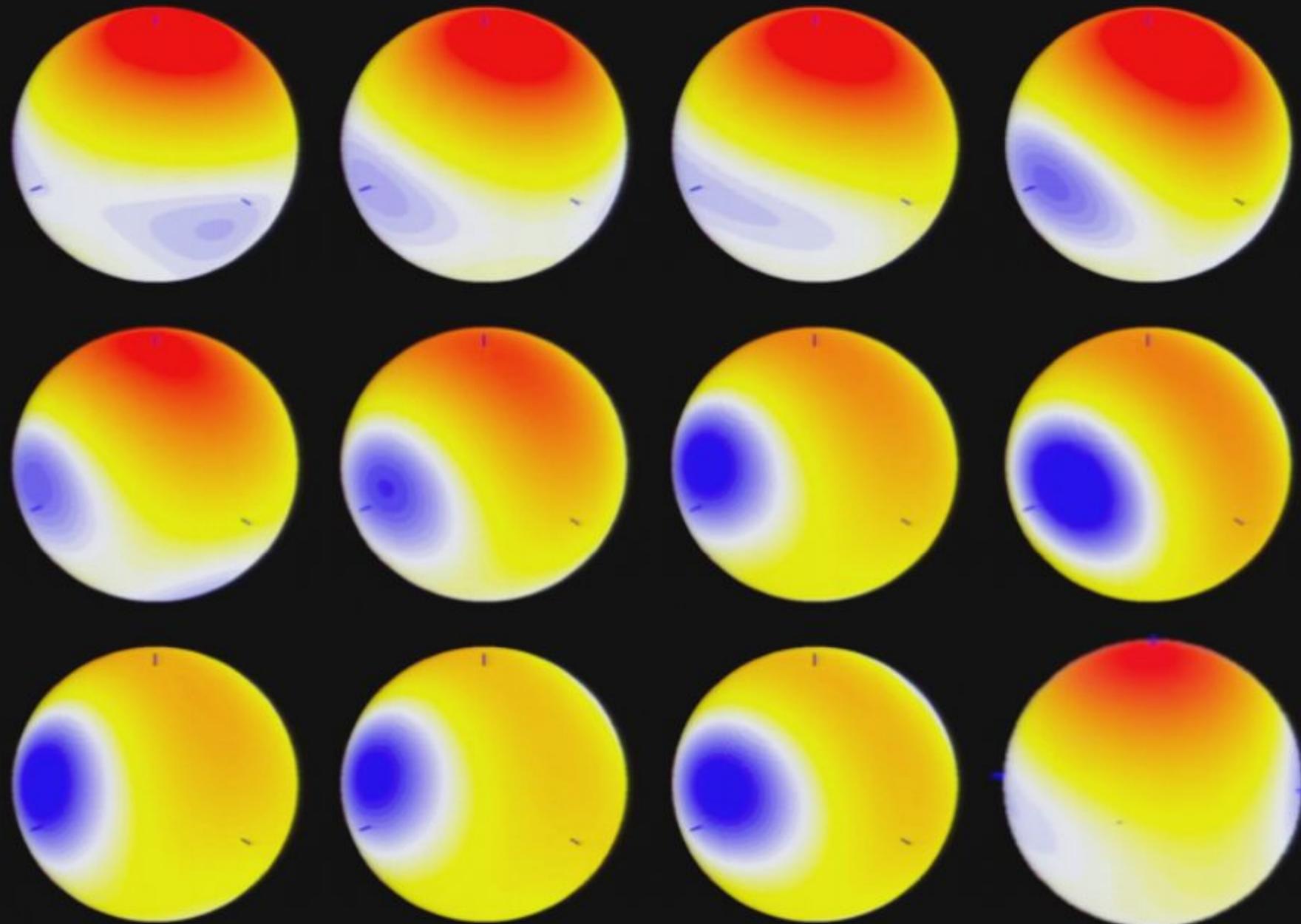
- Possible to achieve squeezing at the few Photon level!



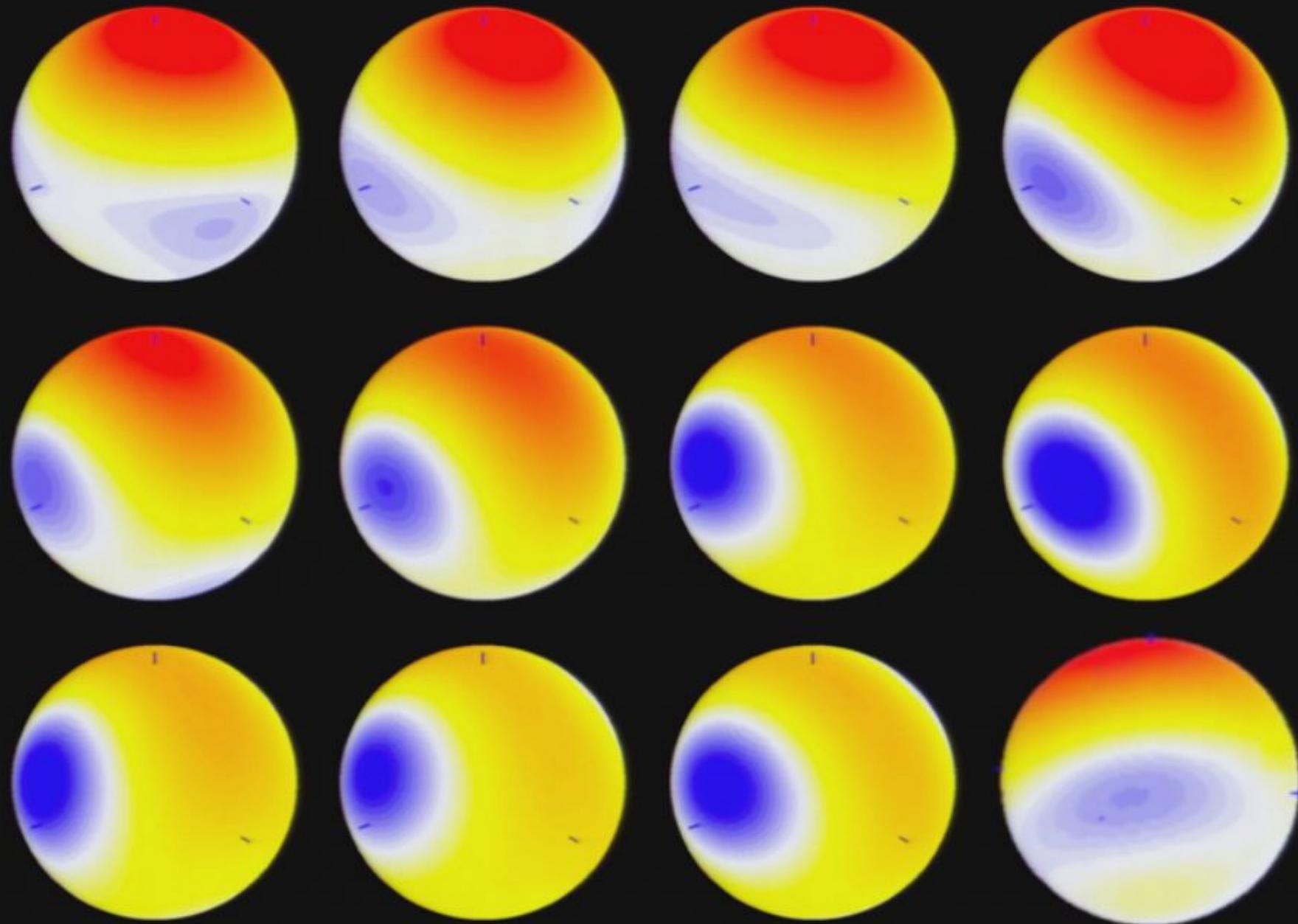
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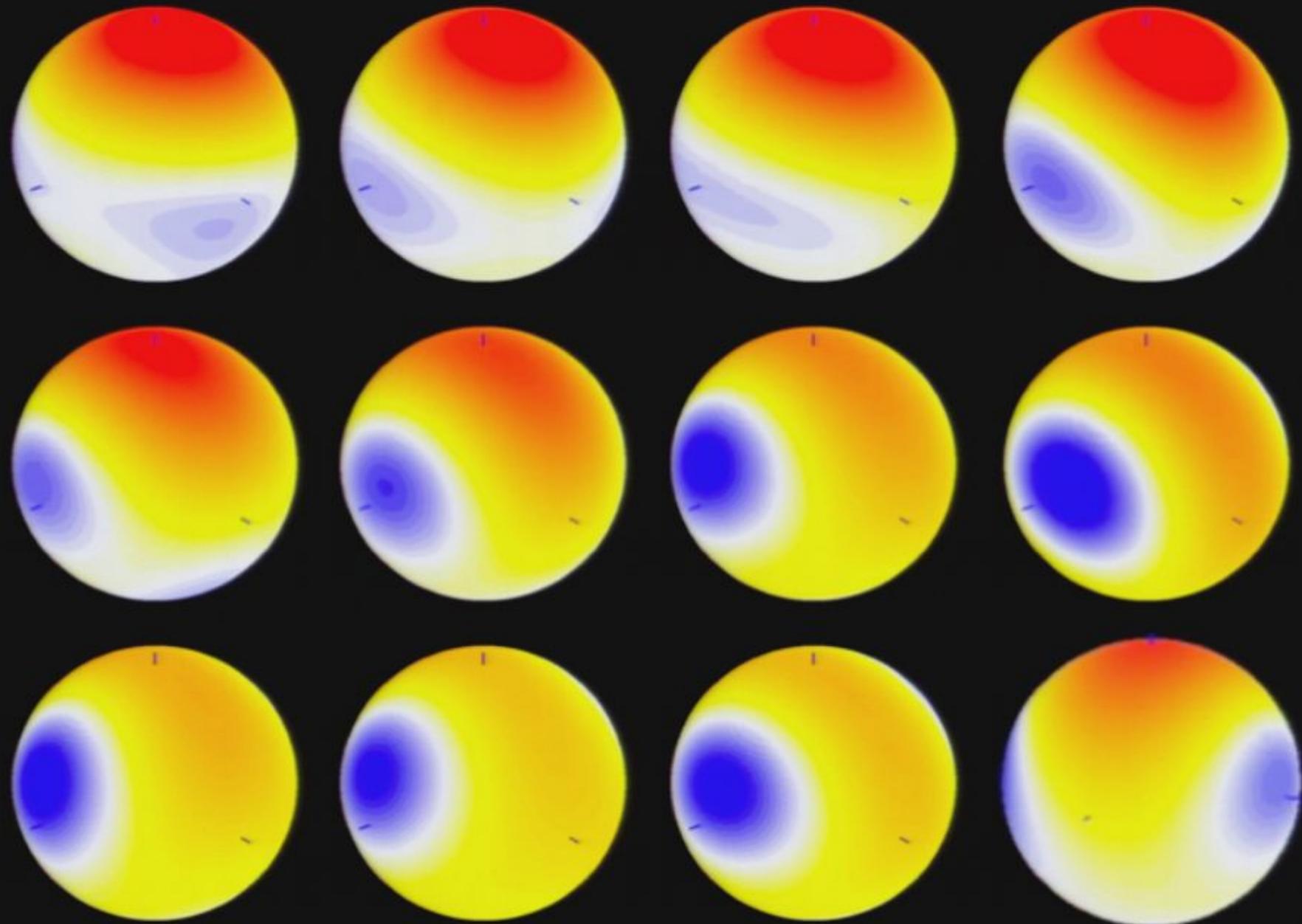
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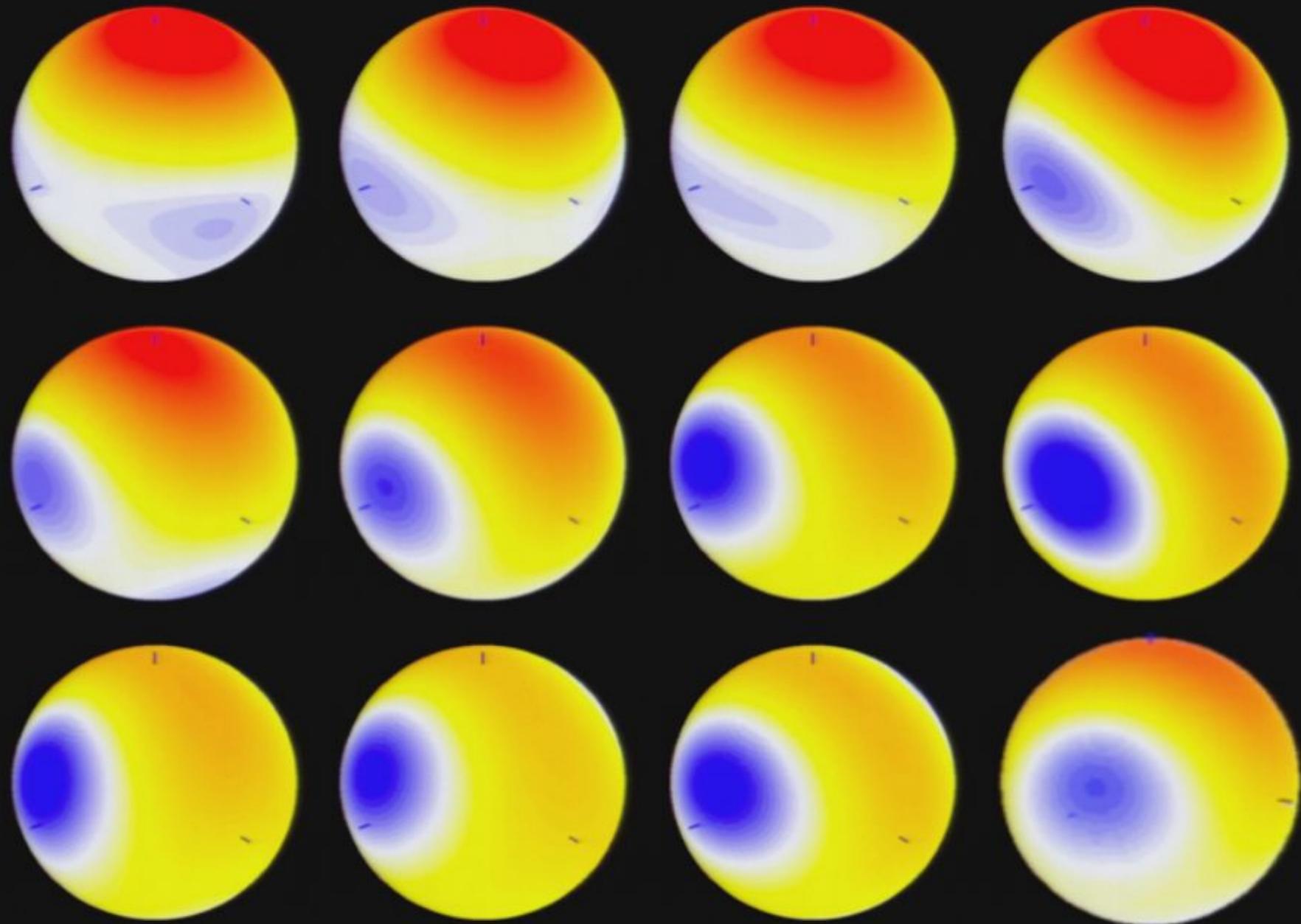
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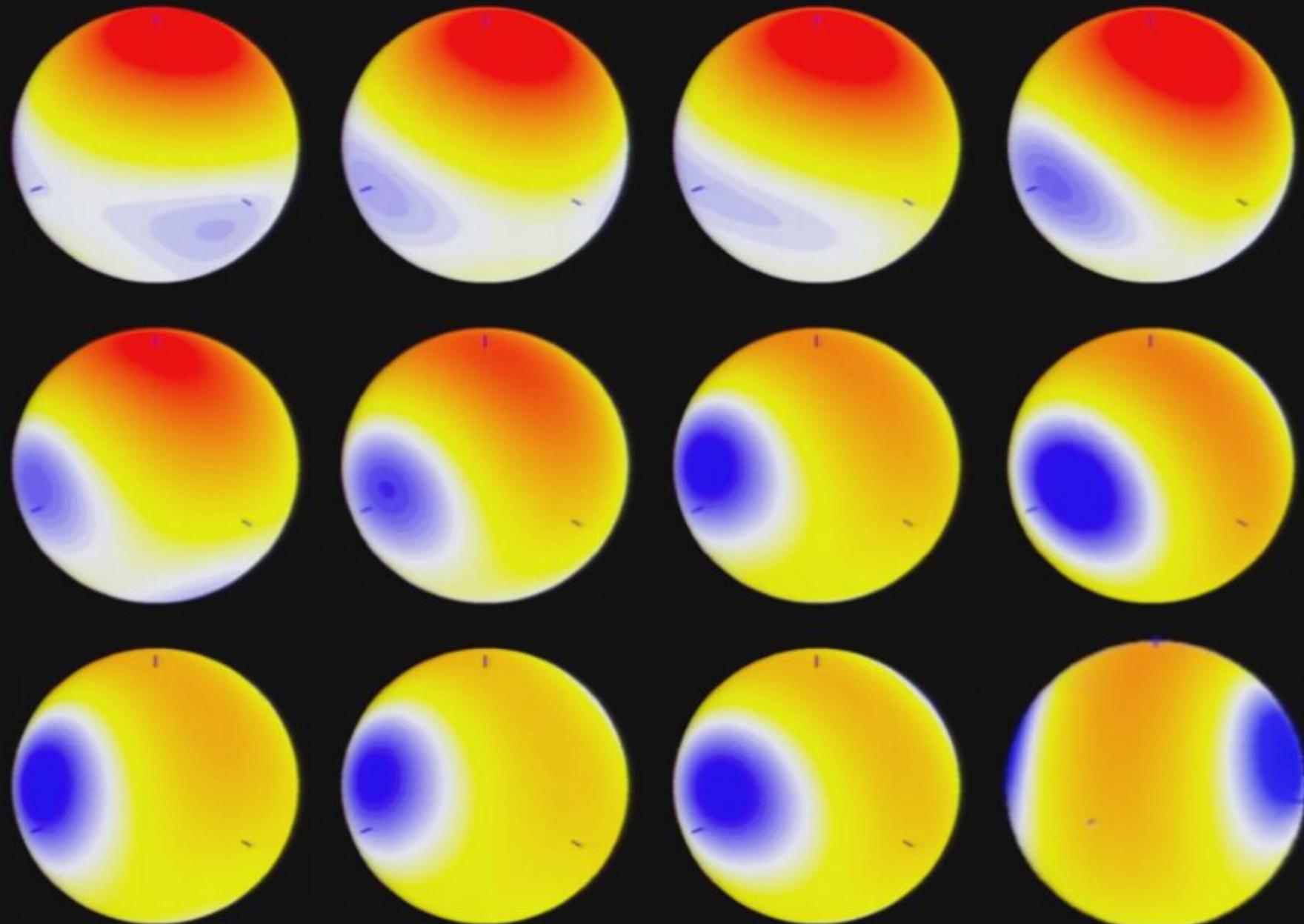
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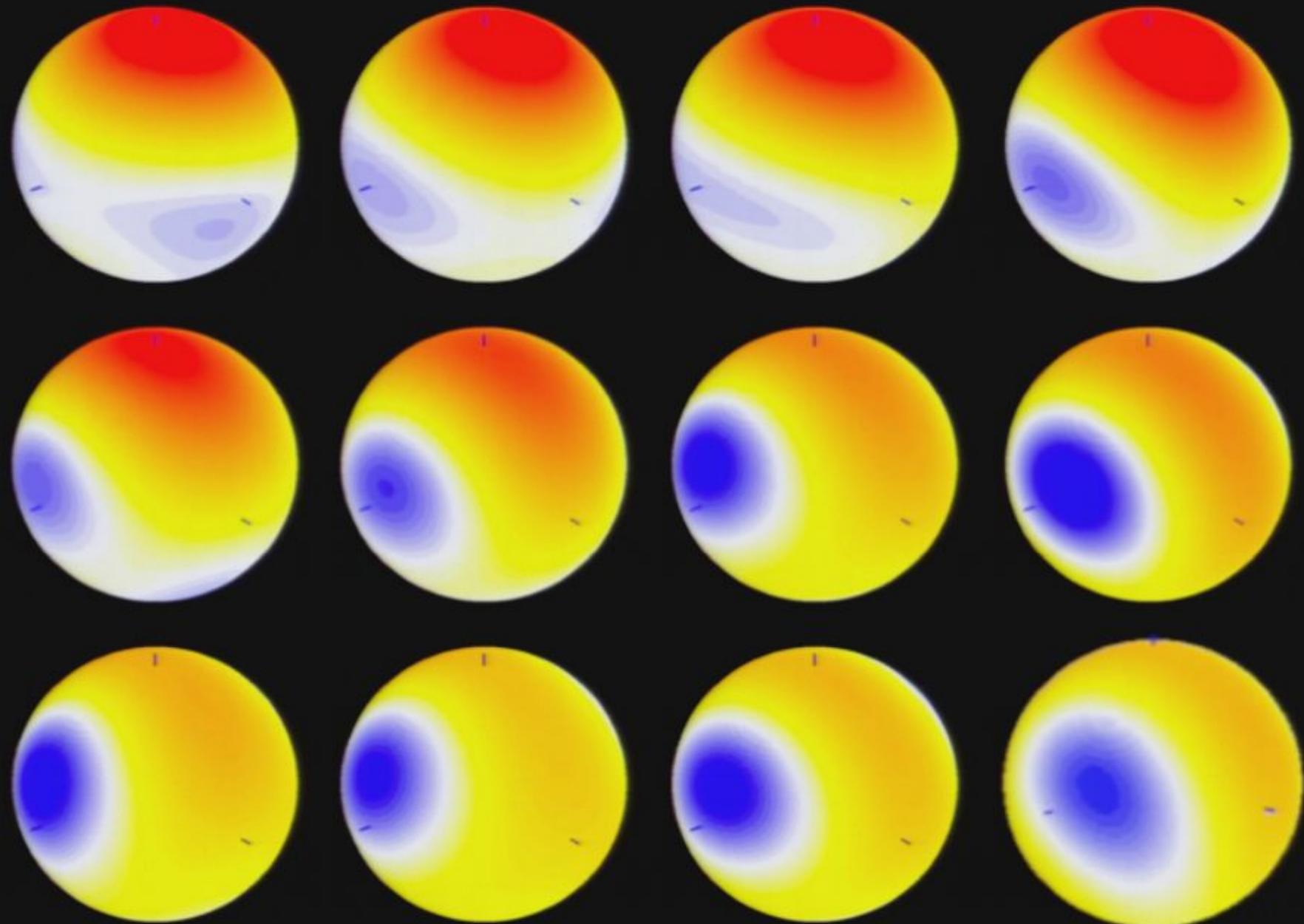
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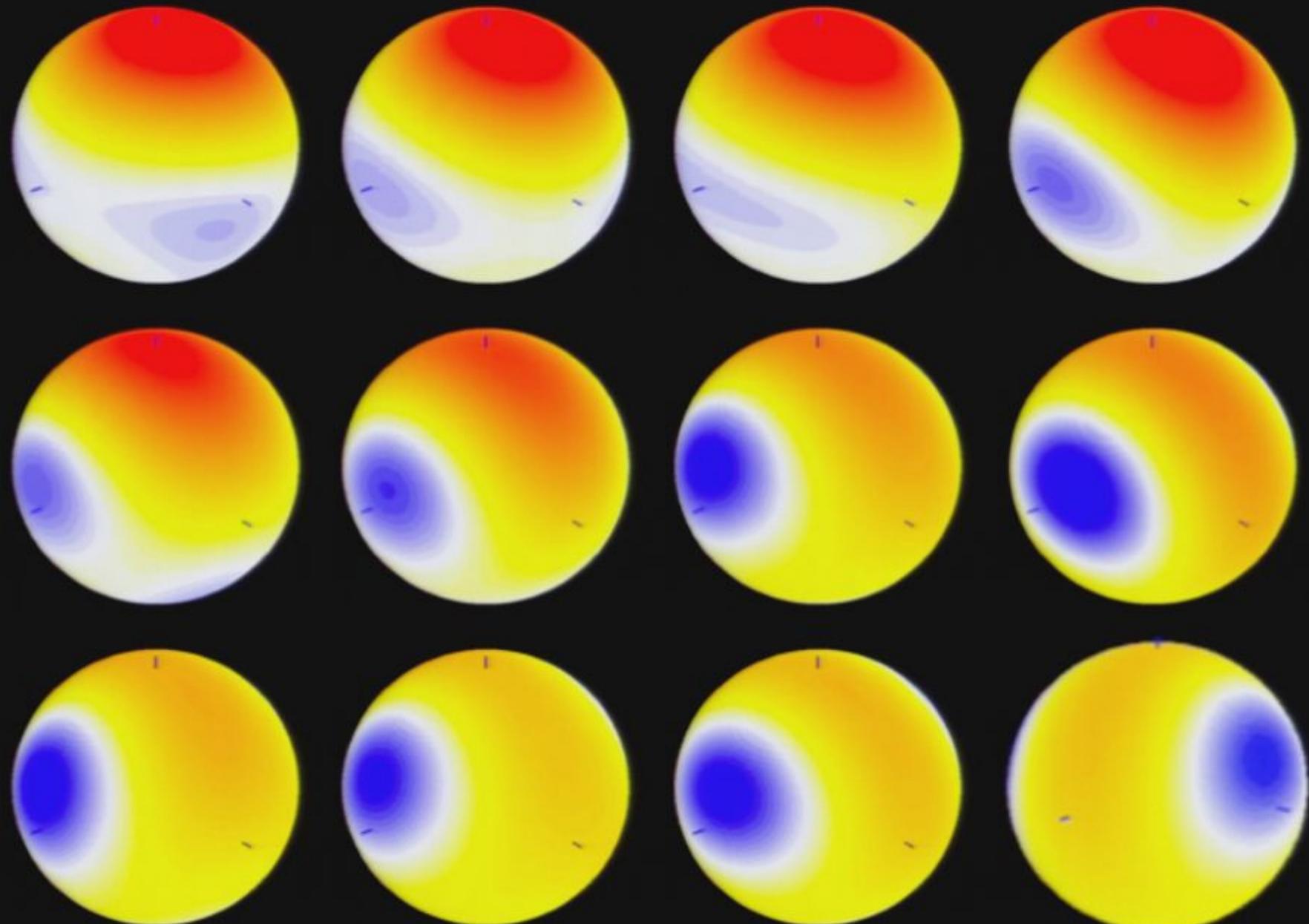
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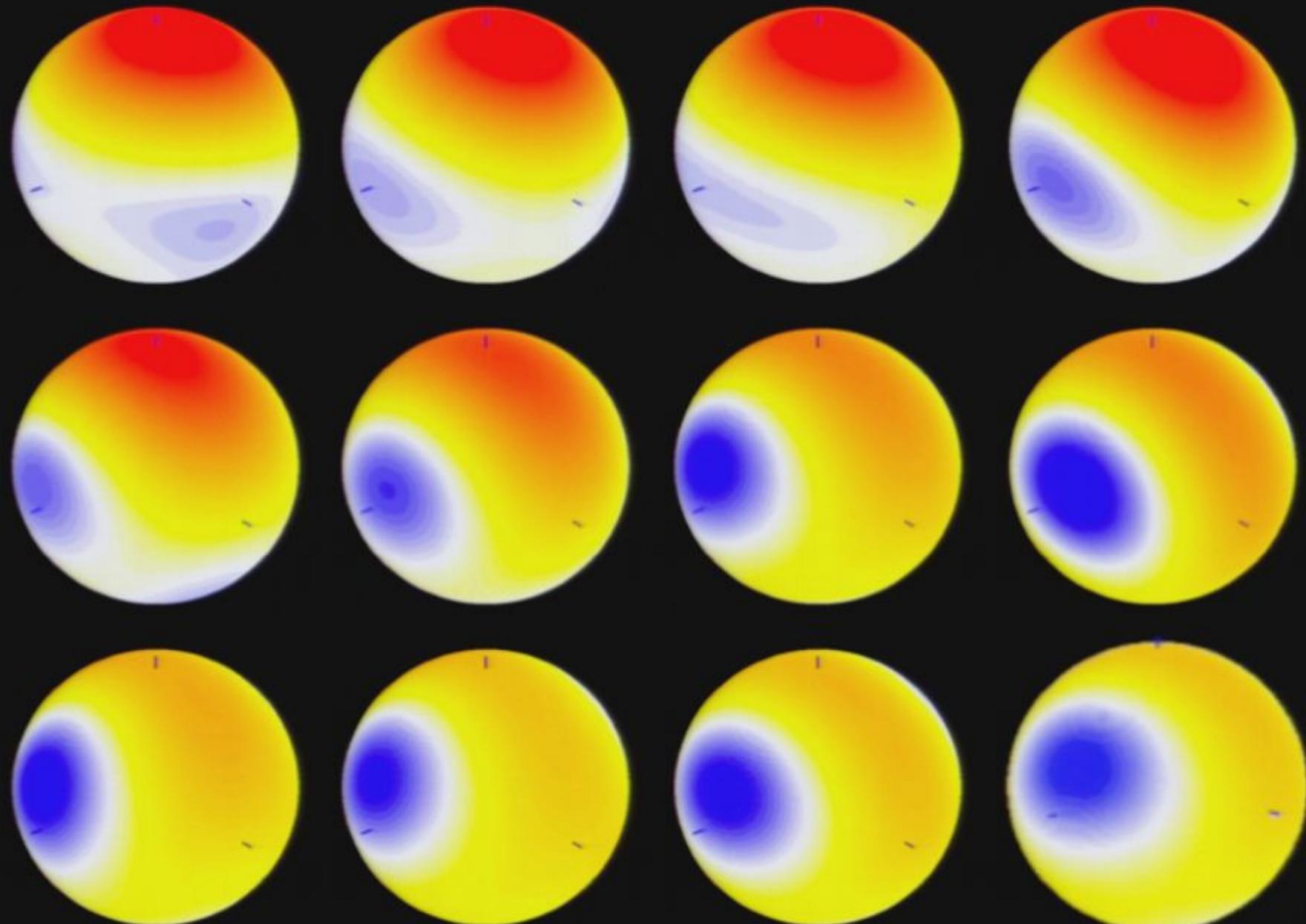
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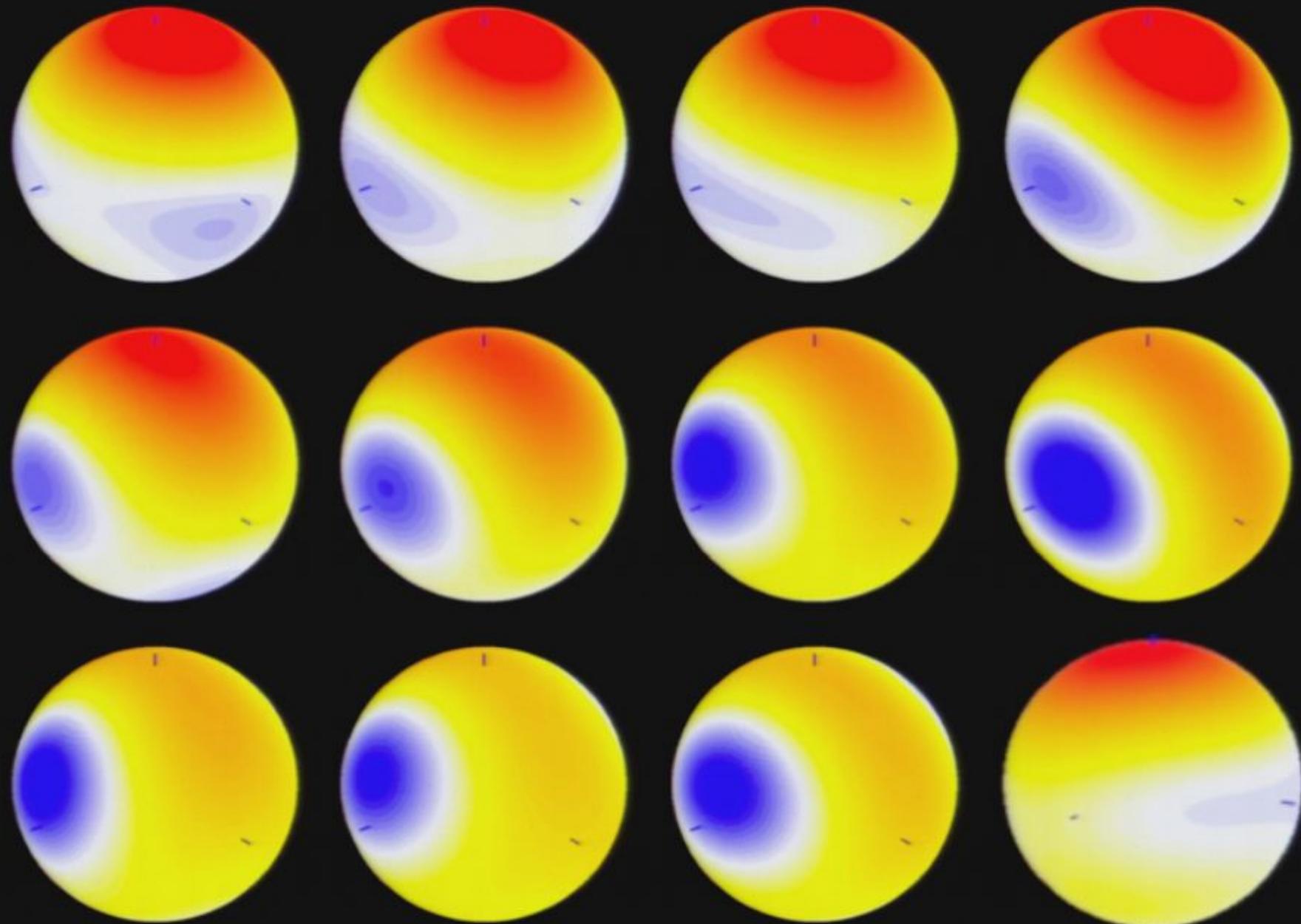
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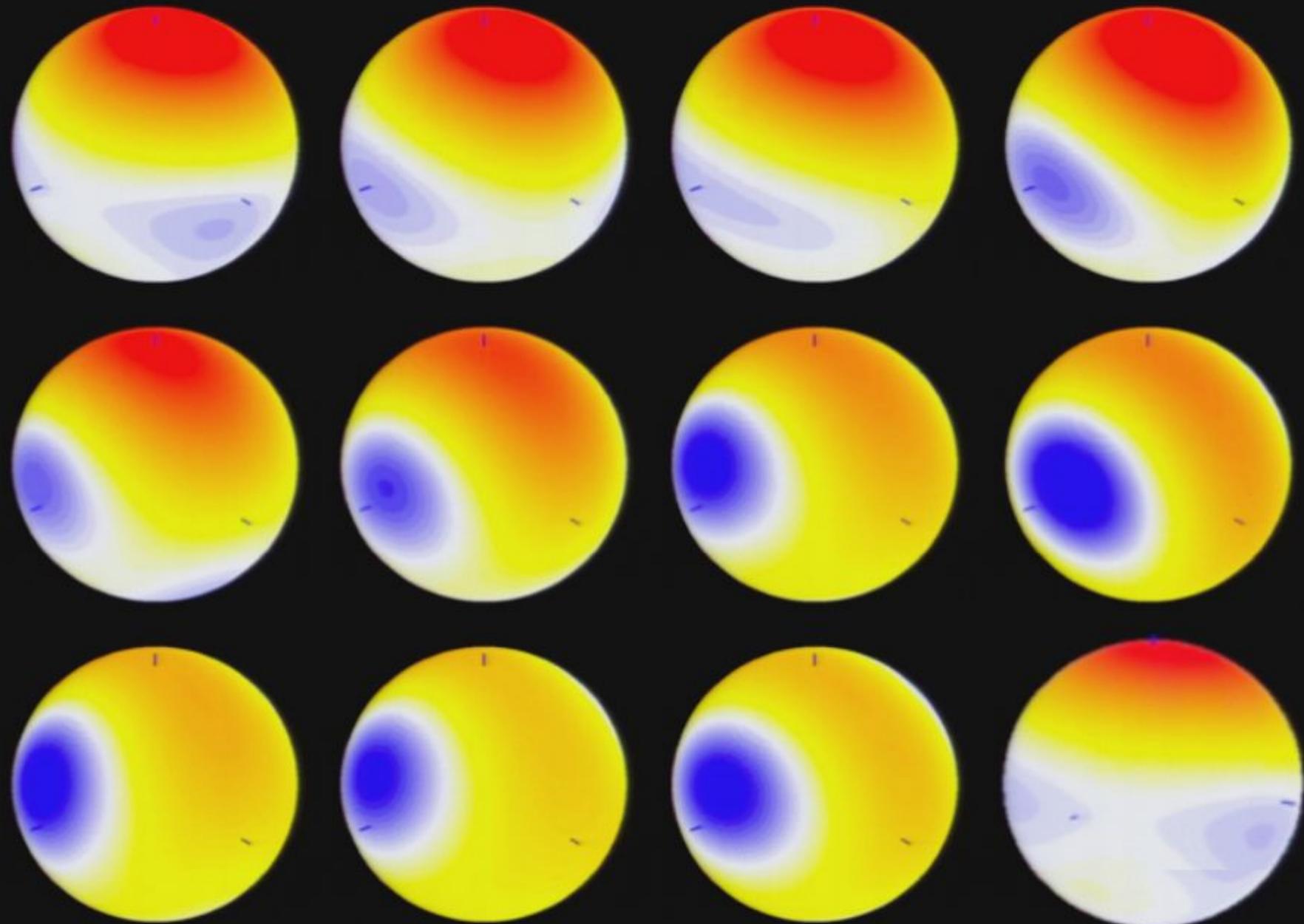
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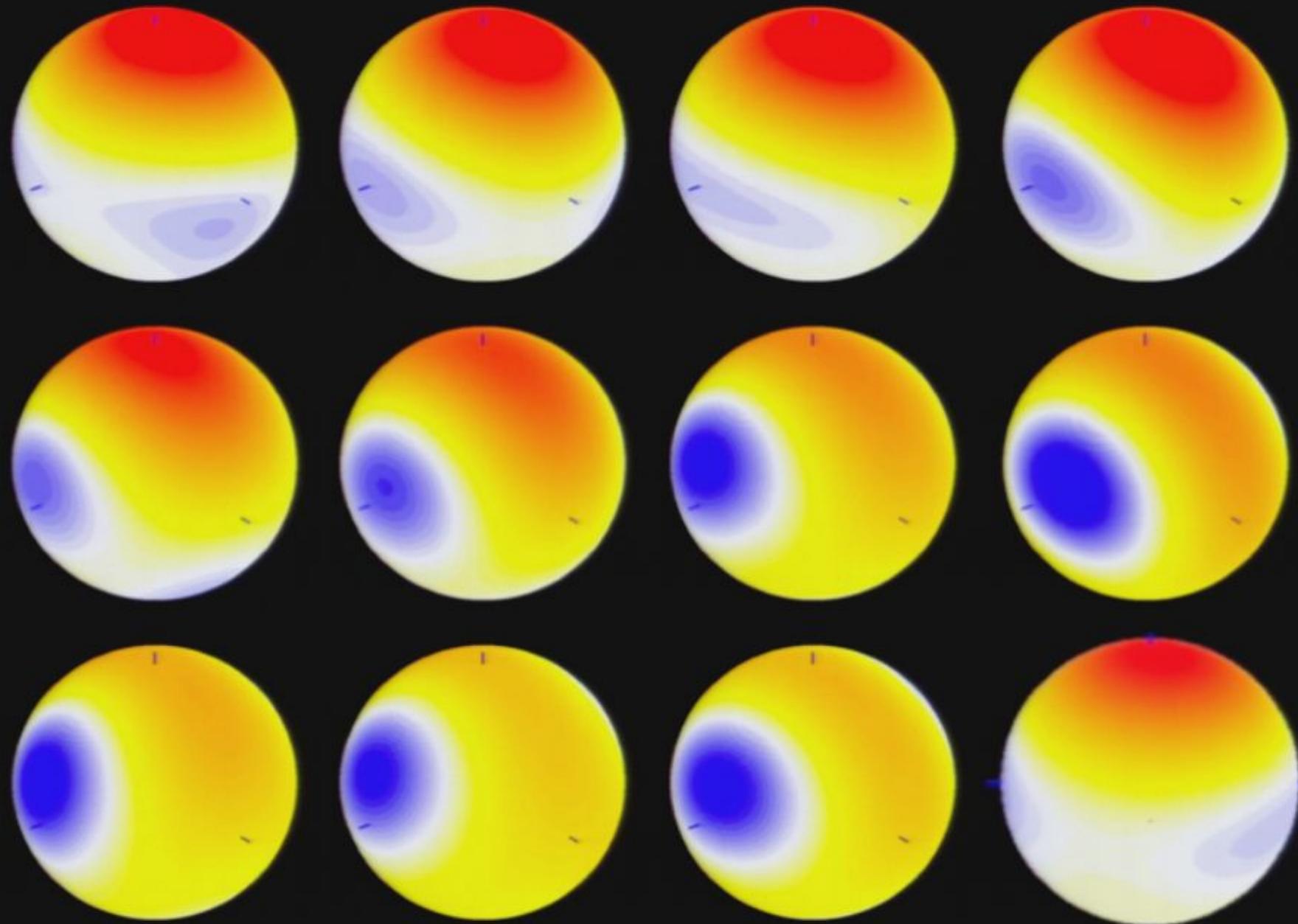
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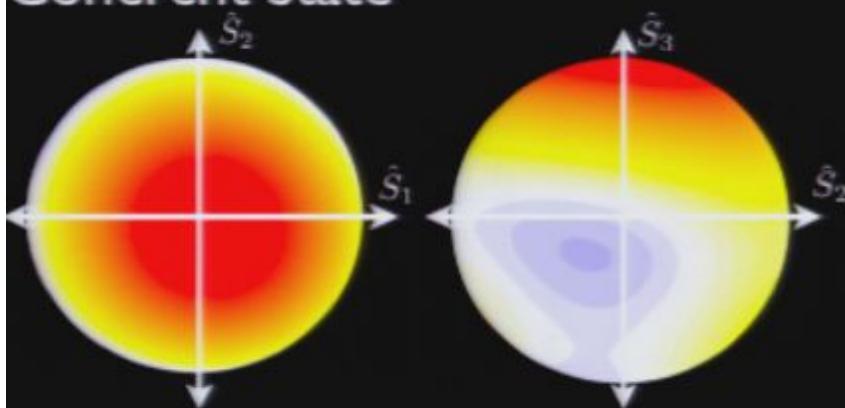
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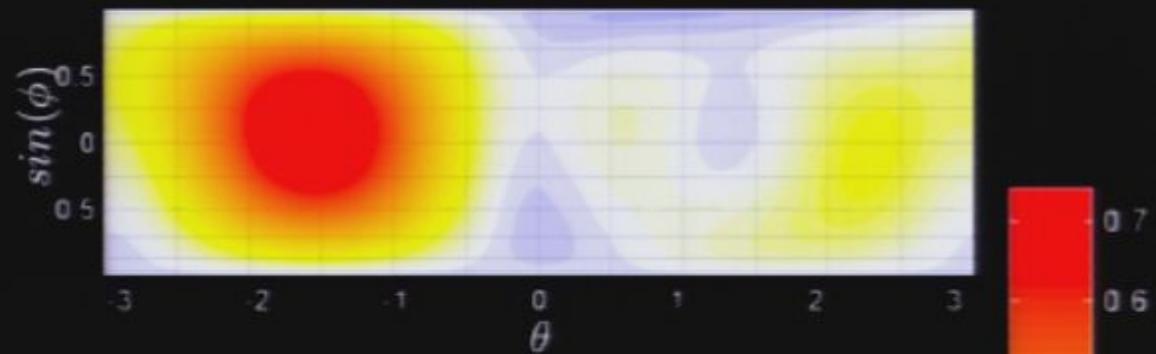
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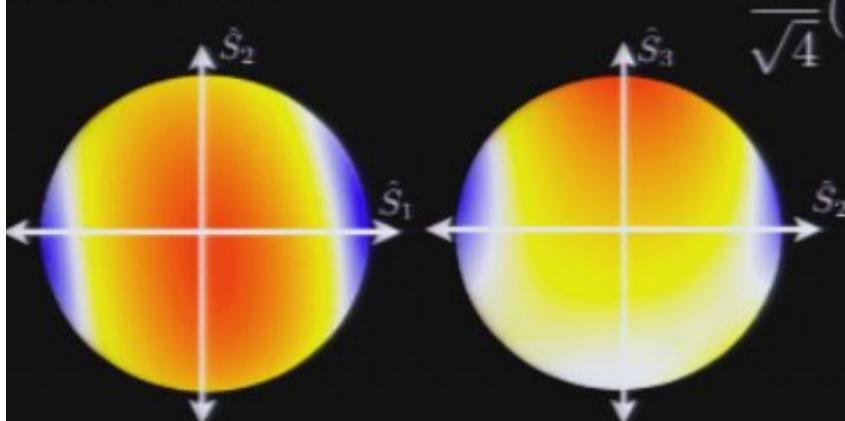
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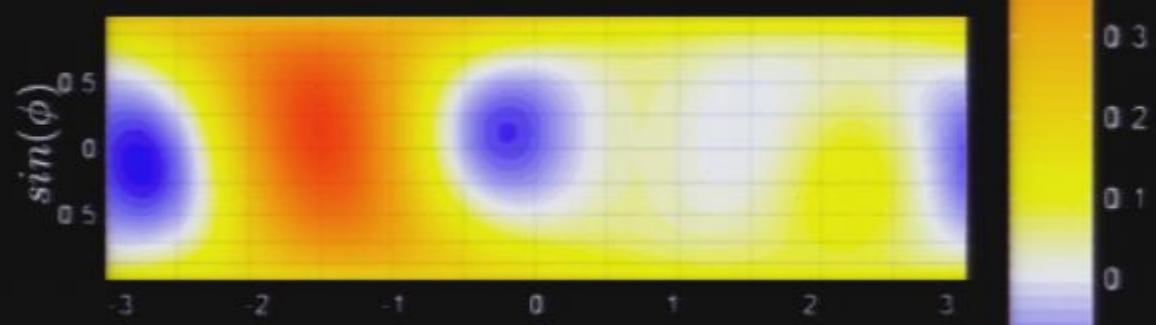
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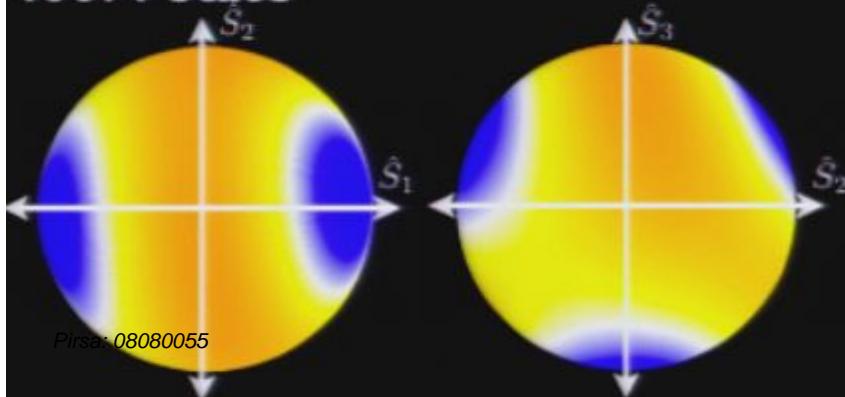
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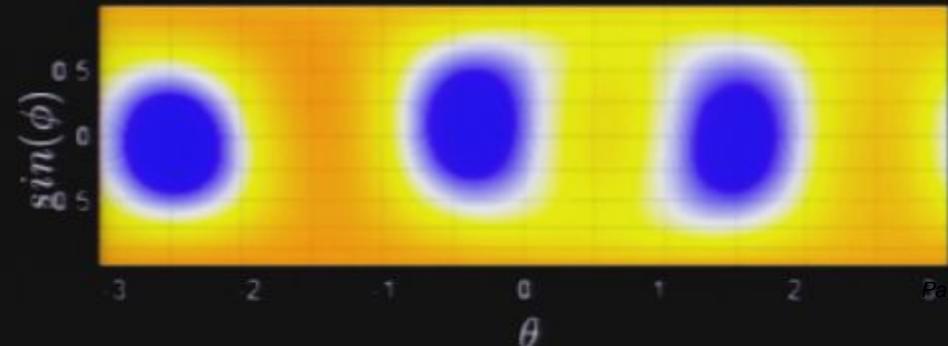
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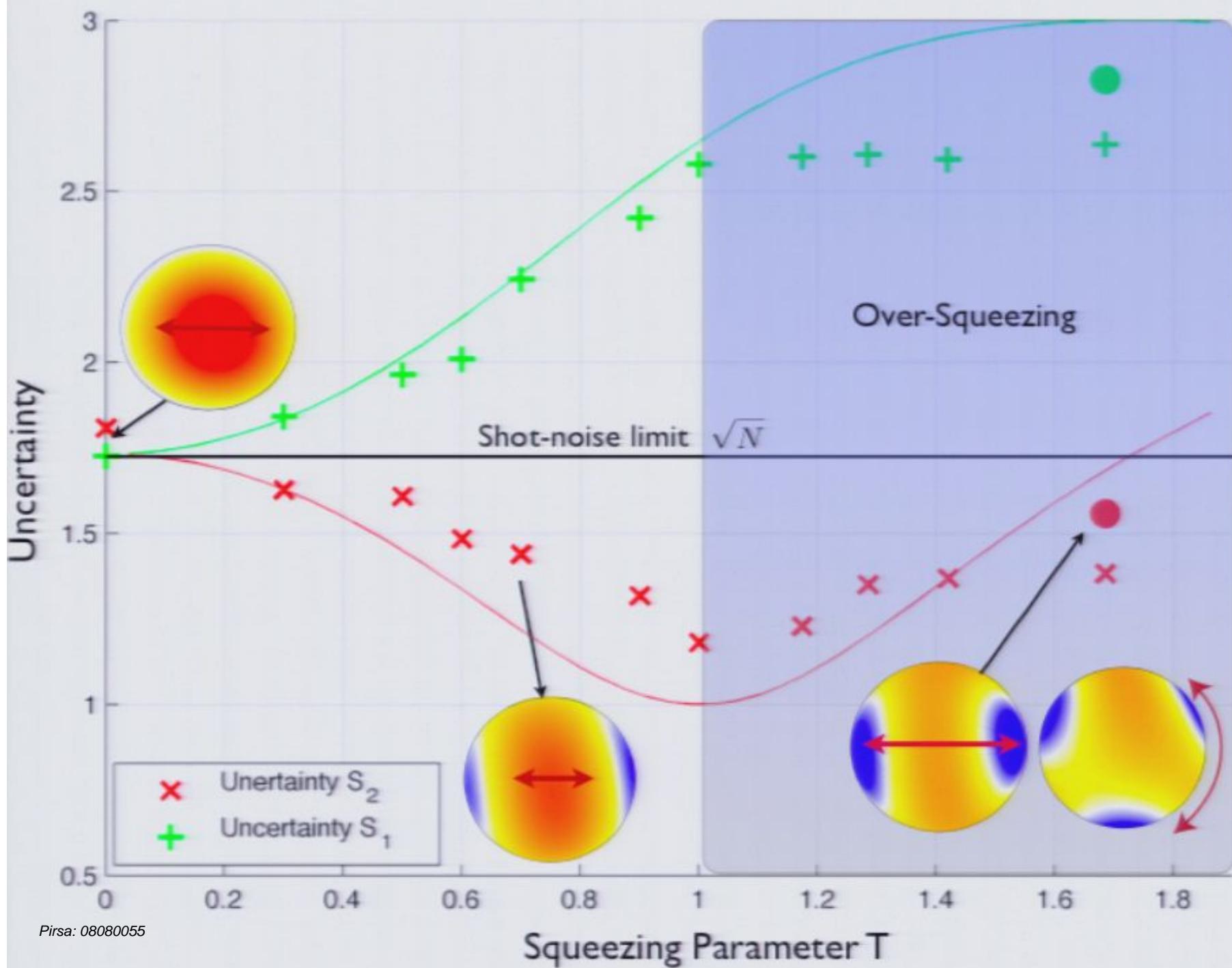


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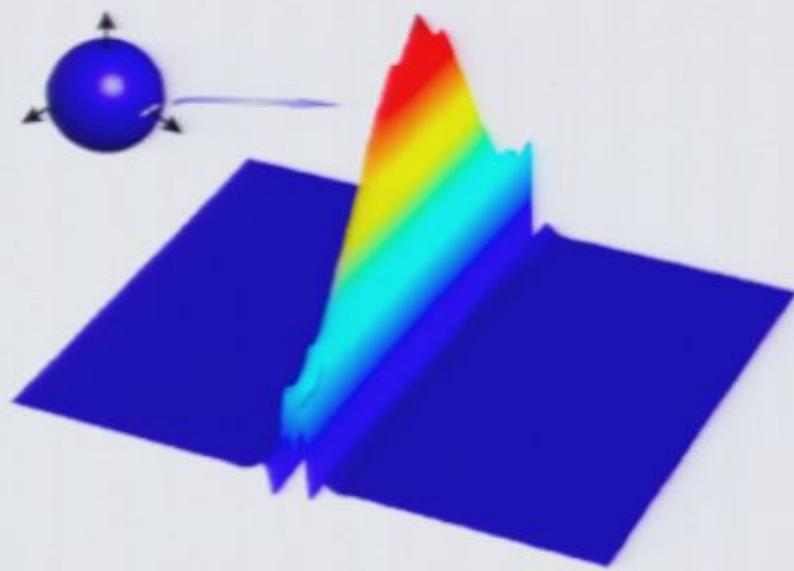
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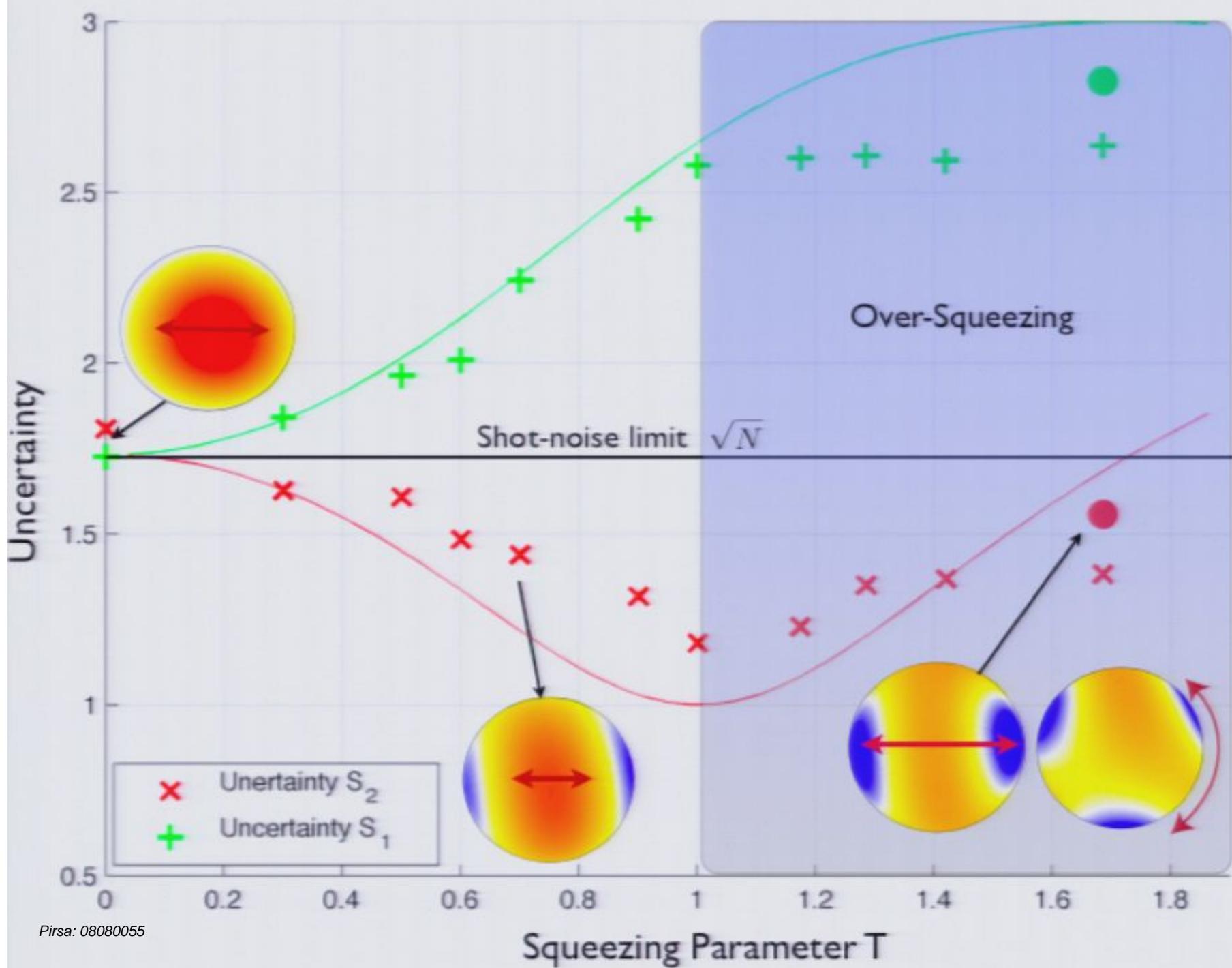




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