

Title: Recent developments in the physics of spin ice and related quantum cousin

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Abstract: In the  $\text{Ho}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  and  $\text{Dy}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  magnetic pyrochlore oxides, the Ho and Dy Ising magnetic moments interact via geometrically frustrated effective ferromagnetic coupling. These systems possess an extensive zero entropy related to the extensive entropy of ice water -- hence the name spin ice. The classical ground states of spin ice obey a constraint on each individual tetrahedron of interacting spins -- the so-called "ice rules". At large distance, the ice-rules can be described by an effective divergent-free field and, therefore, by an emergent classical gauge theory. In contrast, while it would appear at first sight to relate to the spin ices, the  $\text{Tb}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  material displays properties that much differ from spin ices and the behaviour of that system has largely remained unexplained for over ten years. In this talk, I will review the key features of the  $(\text{Ho,Dy})_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  spin ice materials, discuss the recent experimental results that support the emergent gauge theory description of spin ices and discuss how  $\text{Tb}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  is perhaps a "quantum melted" spin ice.

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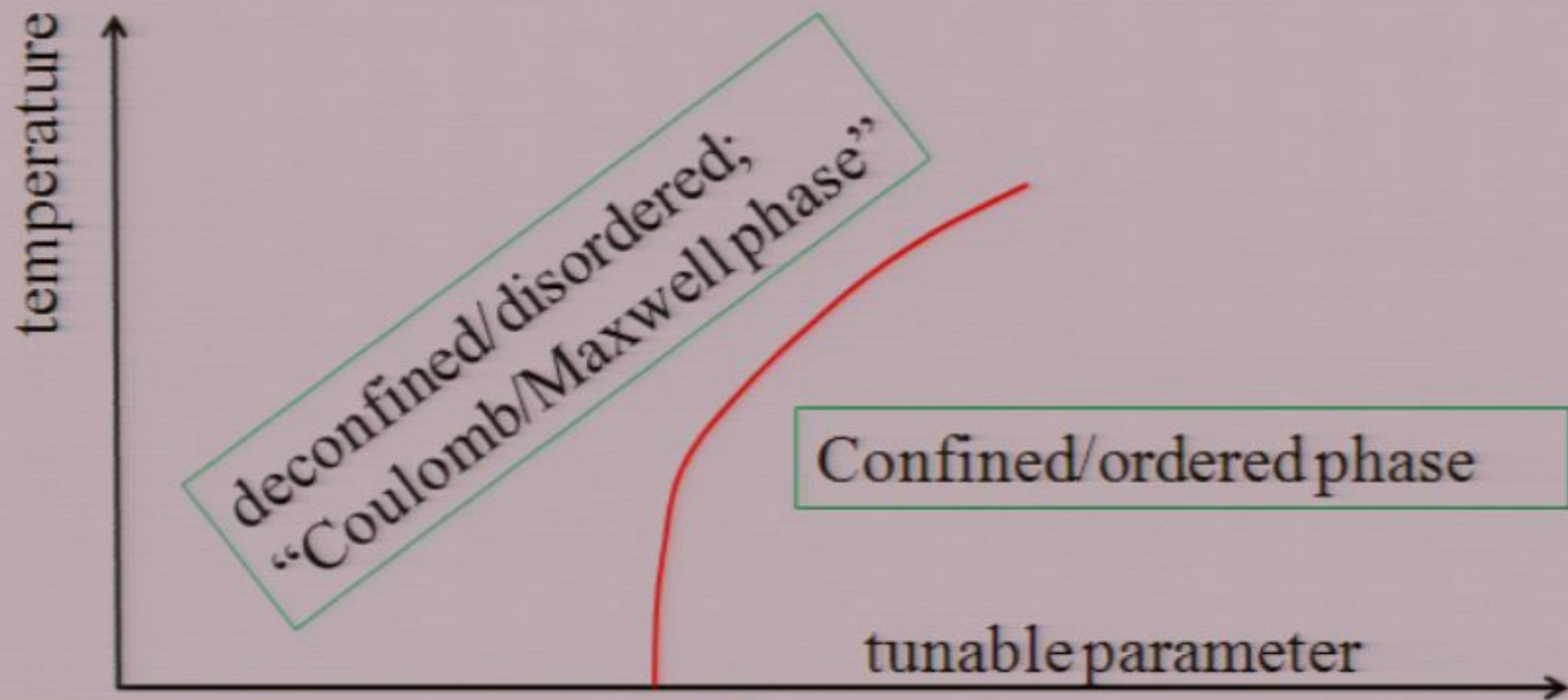
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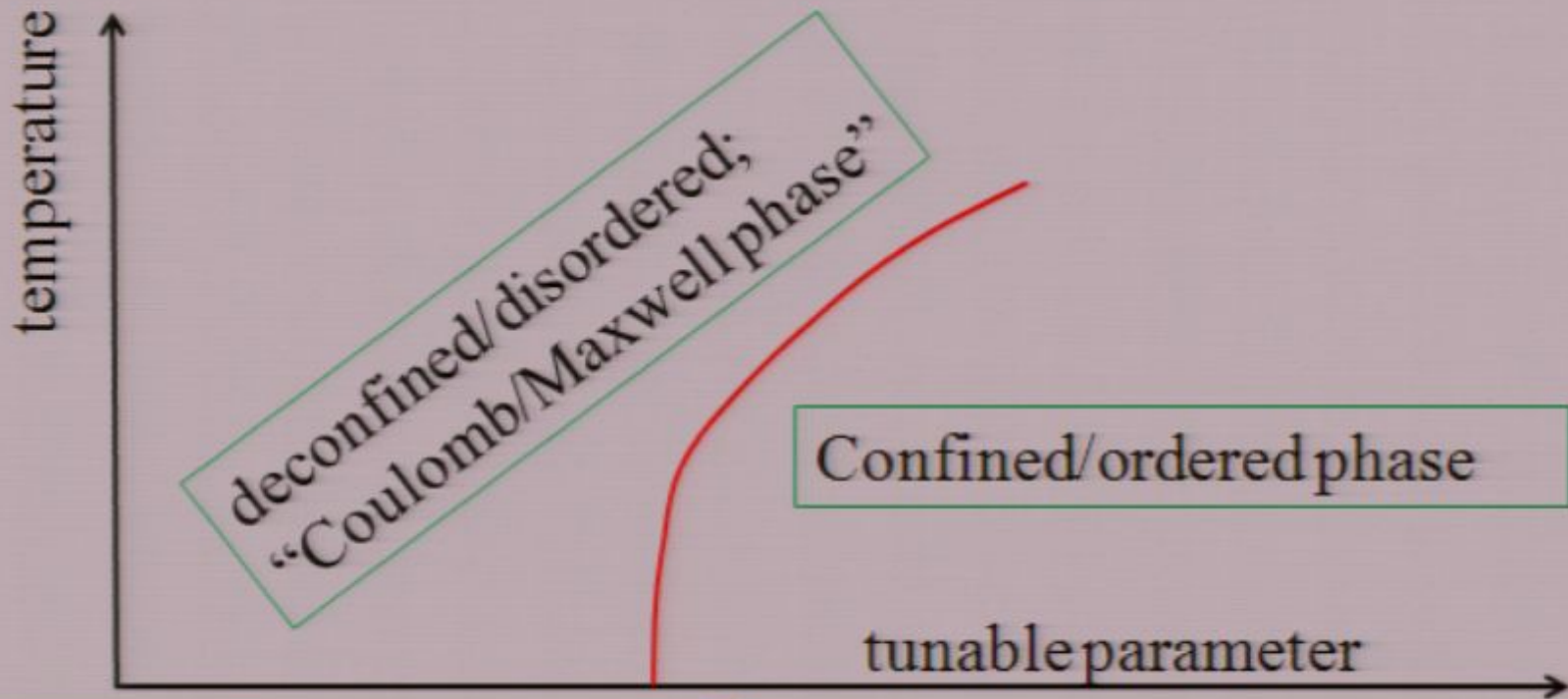
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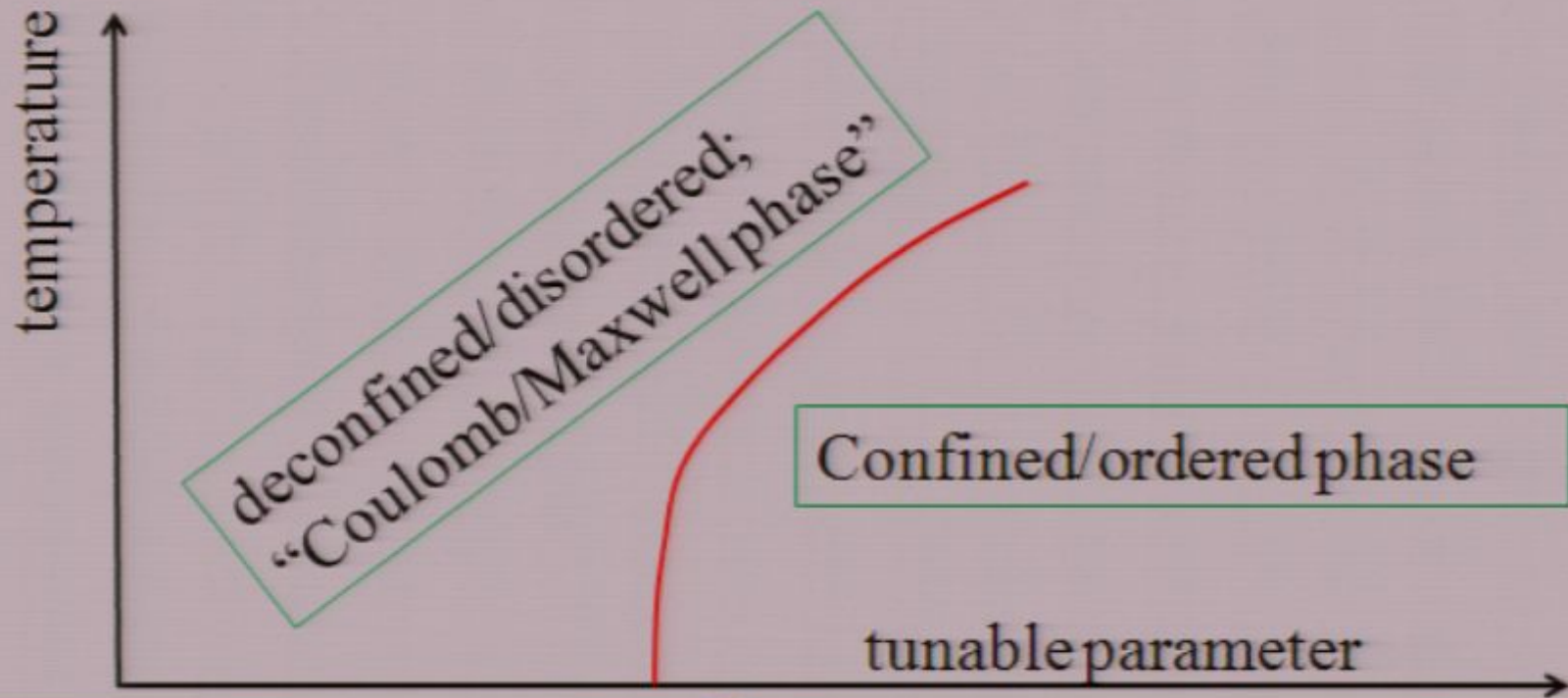
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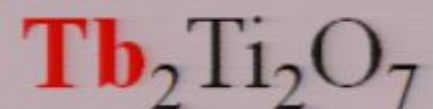
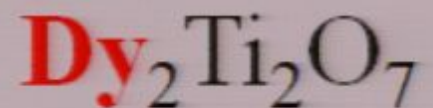
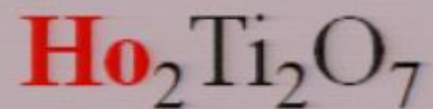
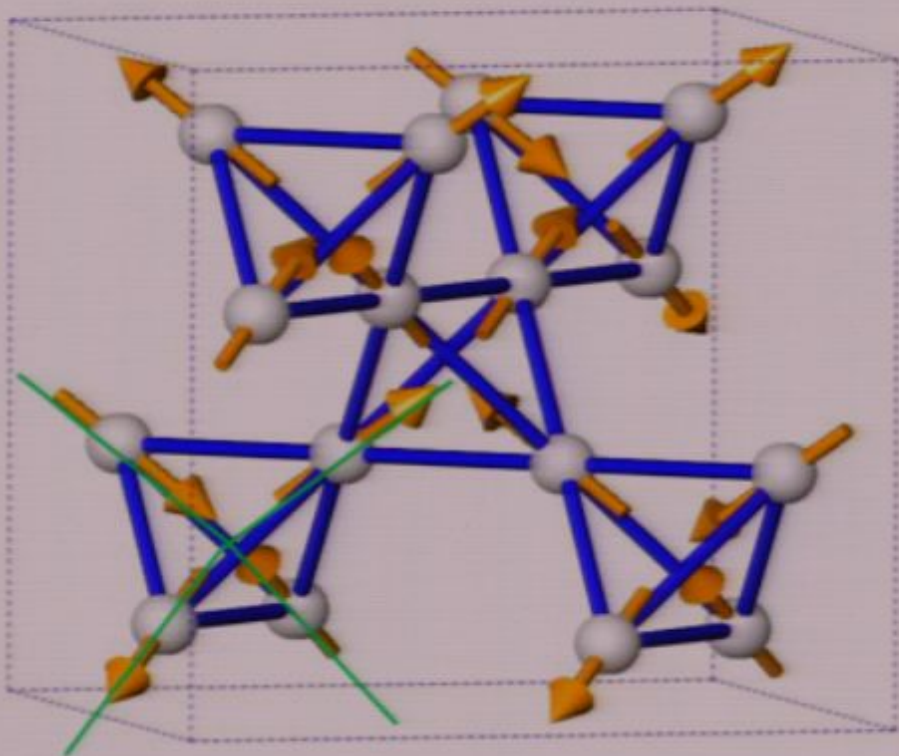
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# Philosophy

- Since the theoretical work predicting a Coulomb/Maxwell phase makes use as starting point of the underlying (classical) Coulomb phase of an extensively degenerate Ising antiferromagnet on the pyrochlore lattice (pyrochlore Ising AF) ...
- Can we seek a candidate material with exotic properties in the “parametric vicinity” of the materialistic equivalent of the pyrochlore Ising AF, that is the *spin ice* materials?

# ⟨111⟩ Ising pyrochlores



H																	He
Li	Be											B	C	N	O	F	Ne
Na	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
Cs	Ba		Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
Fr	Ra		Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs	Mt	Uun	Uuu	Uub						
		La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	<b>Tb</b>	<b>Dy</b>	<b>Ho</b>	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu	
		Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr	



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- *Frustrated ferromagnet & ice rules*
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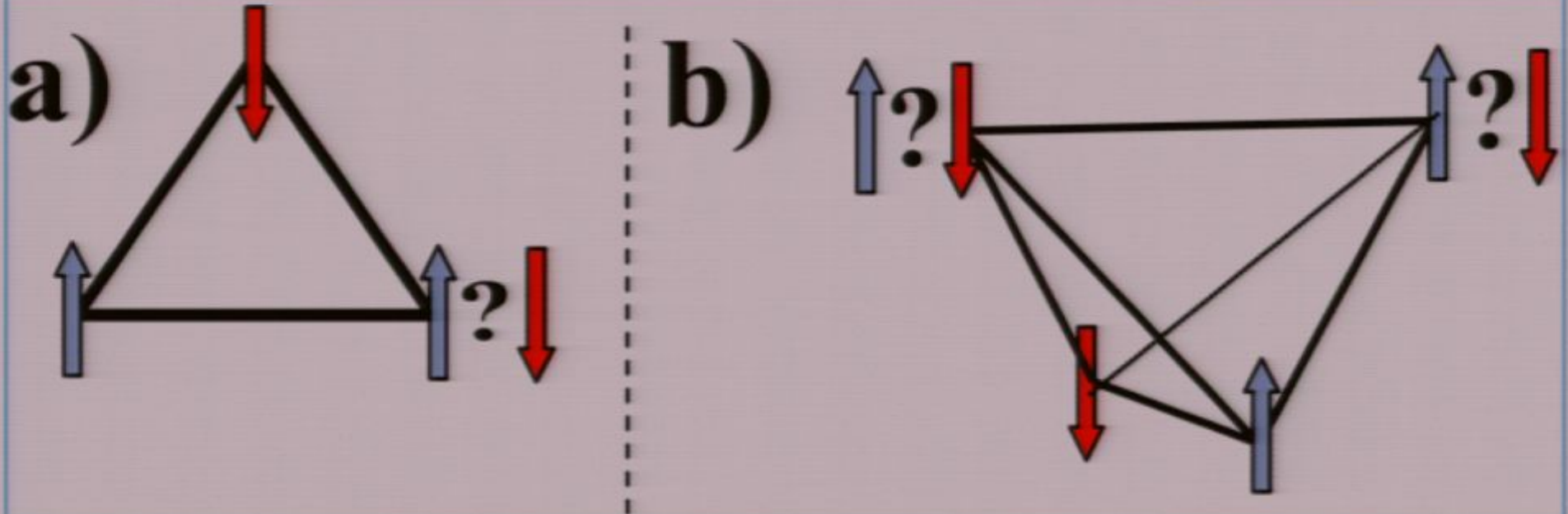
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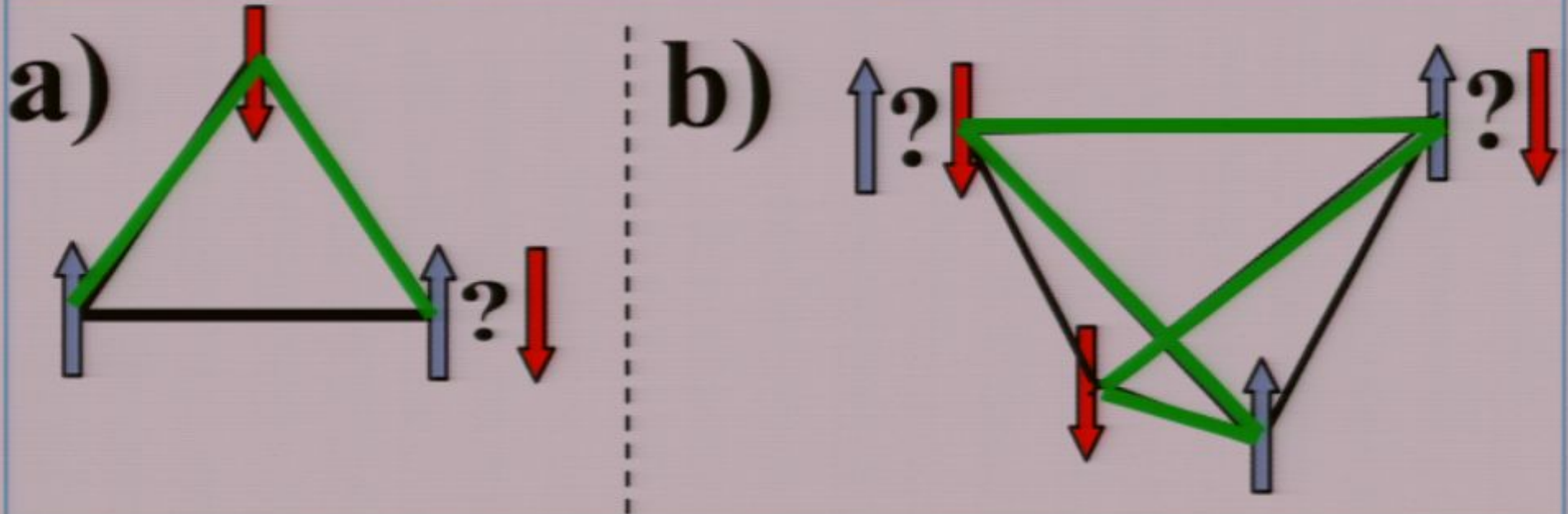


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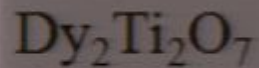
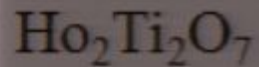
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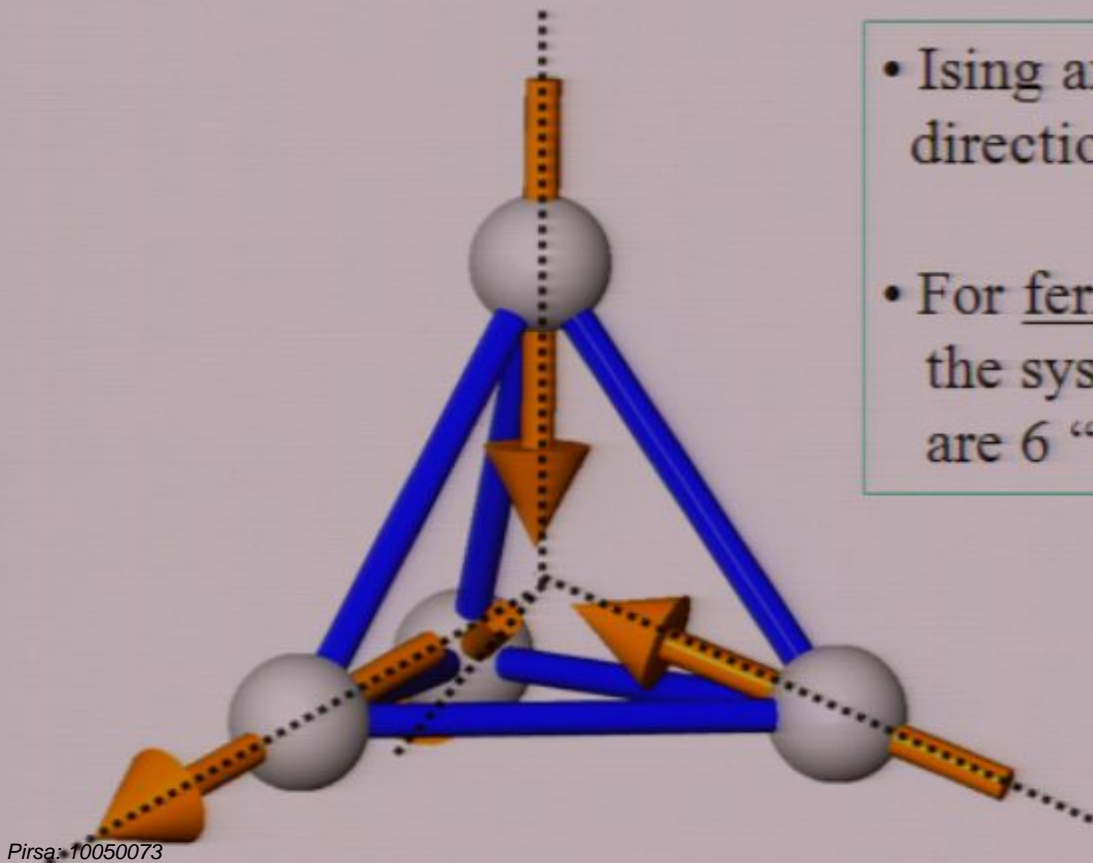


# Frustrated ferromagnetism in pyrochlores with local Ising (111) anisotropy



}  $\text{Ho}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Dy}^{3+}$  contain Ising moments at sufficiently low temperature.

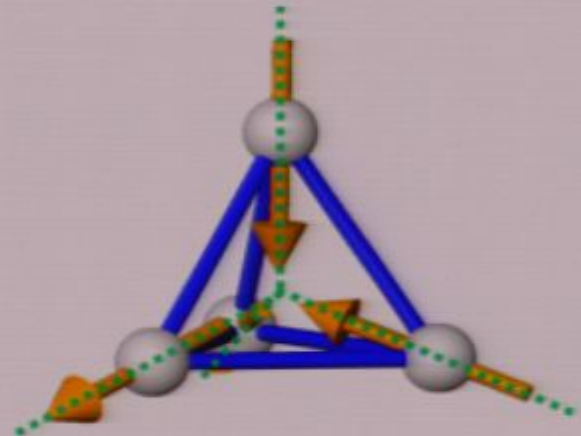
- Ising axes comprise the [111] directions of the cubic unit cell.
- For ferromagnetic interactions, the system is now frustrated and there are 6 “2-in/2out” spin configurations



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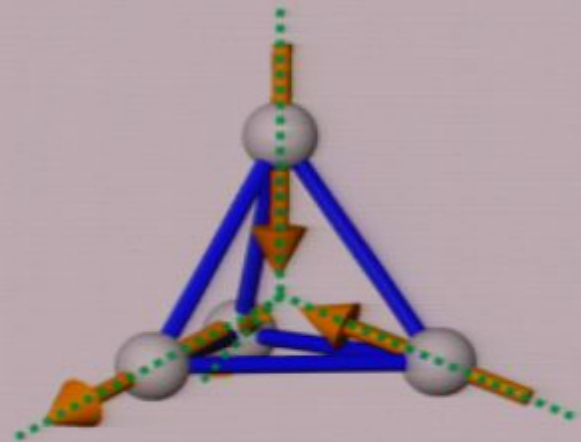
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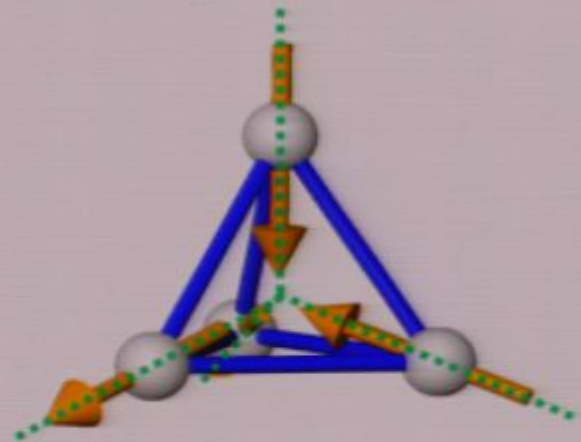


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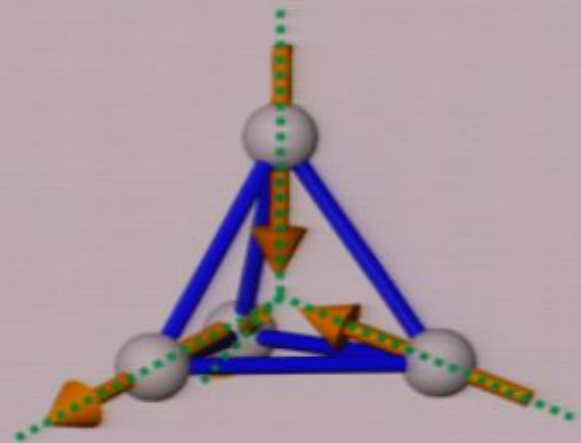


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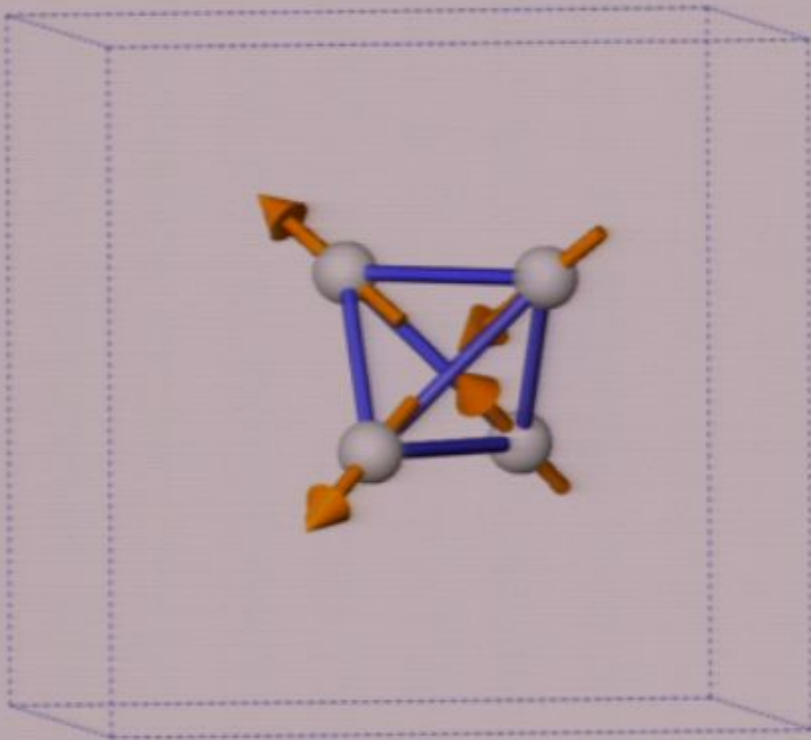
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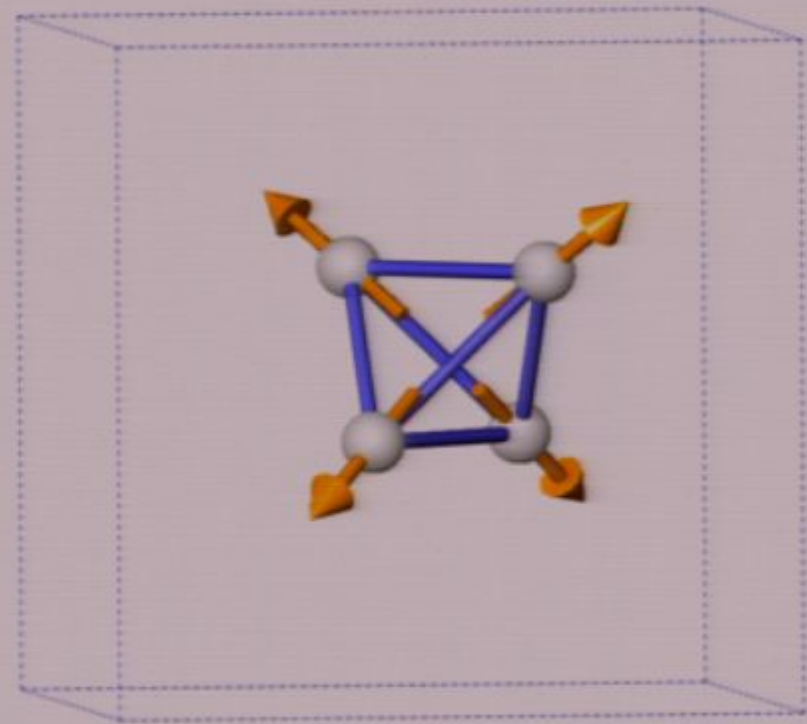


Sign swap – unfrustrated global FM has become effective frustrated Ising AF under constraint of infinite local [111] easy-axis anisotropy

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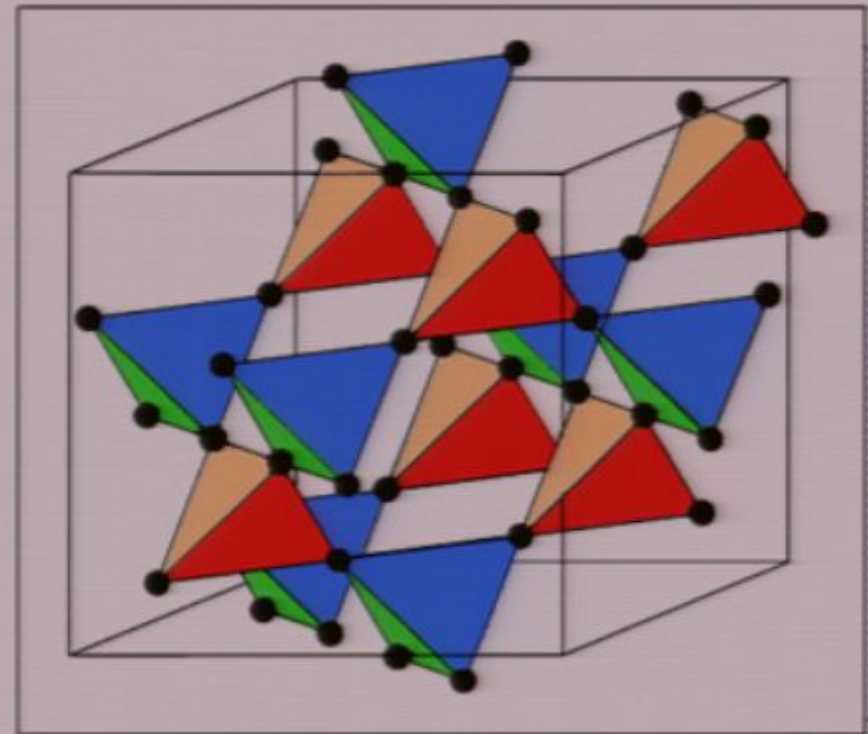
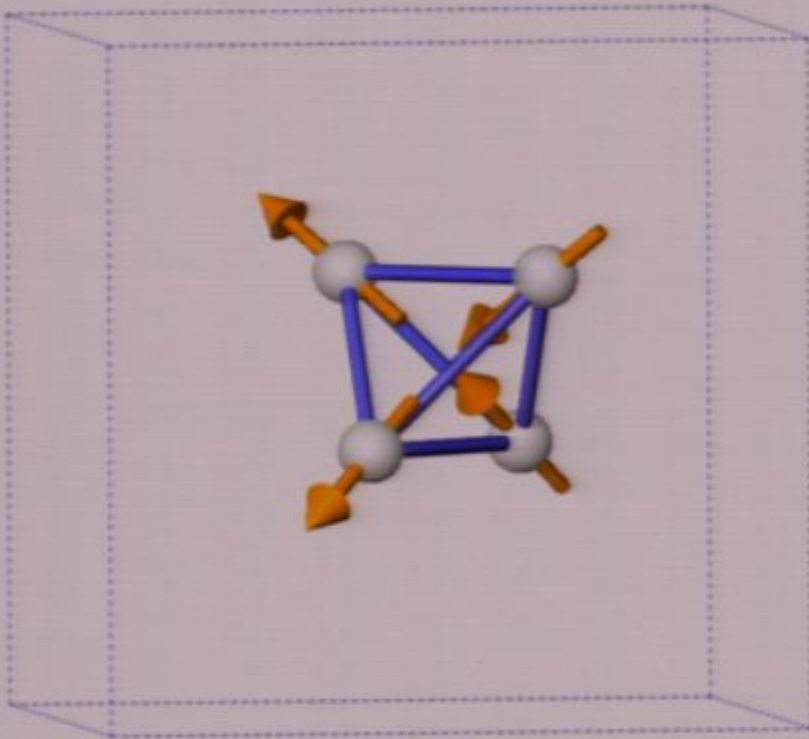


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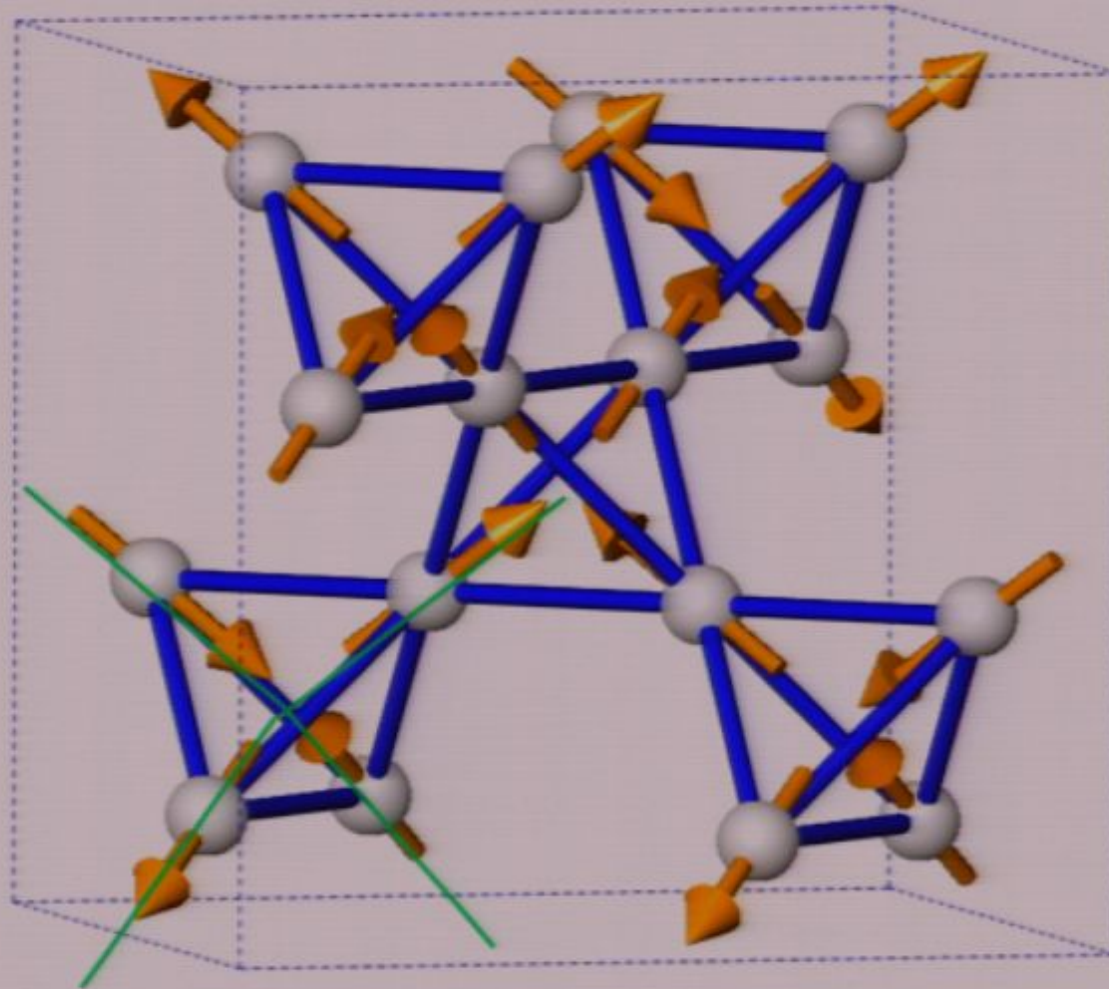


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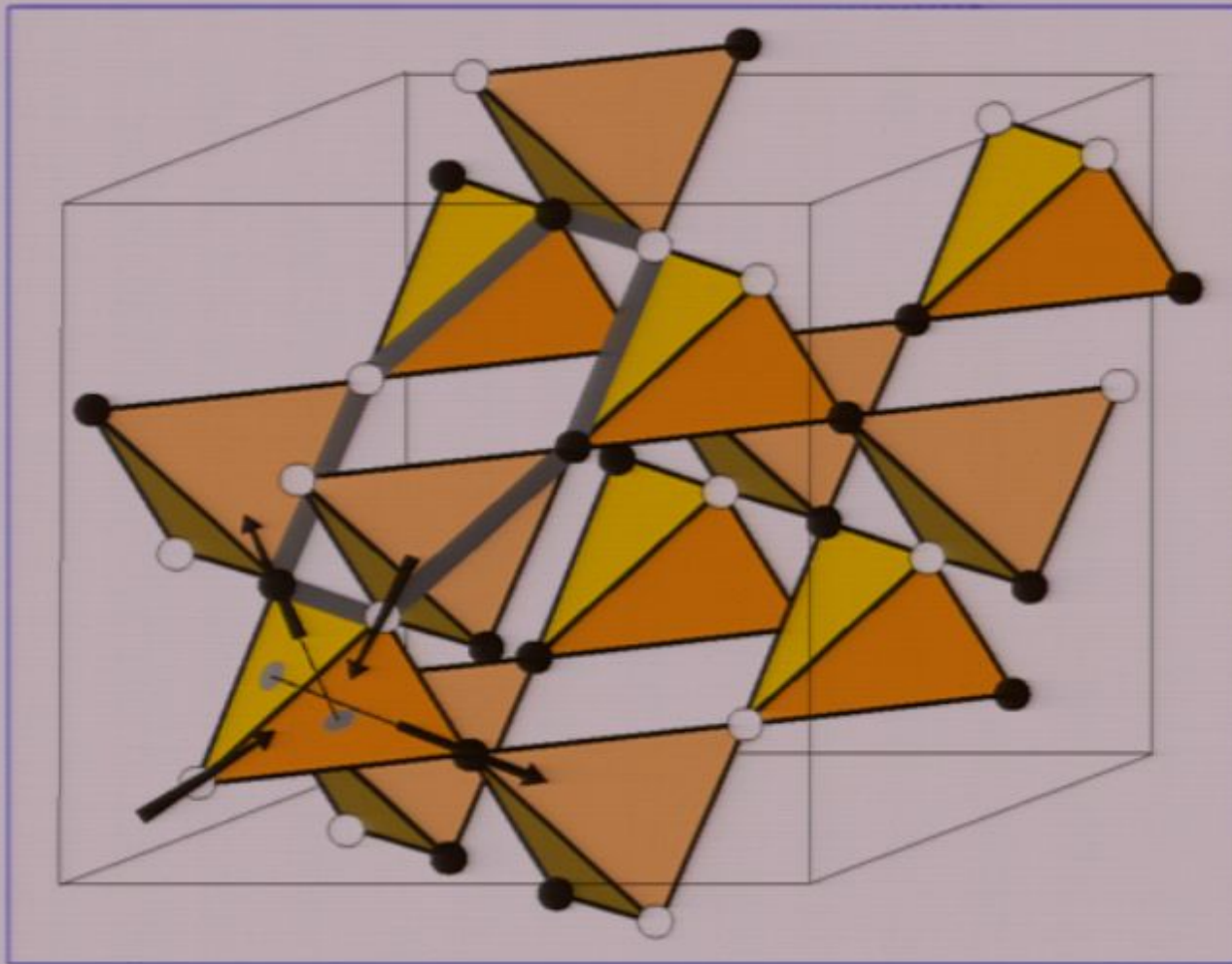
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# Degeneracy of Ising Pyrochlore Ferromagnet

For  $N$  moments on the pyrochlore lattice with n.n. ferromagnetic  $J_{ij}$  exchange, there are

$$\Omega \approx 6^{N/4} (6/16)^{N/4}$$

equivalent groundstates of the system!

So at  $T=0$ , the entropy per spin is

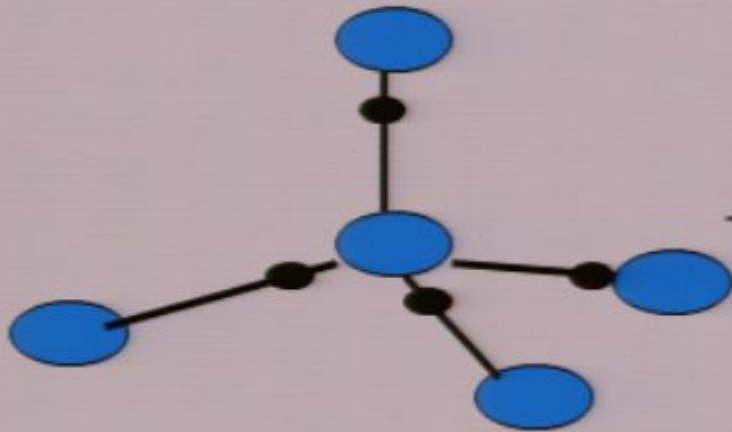
$$S_{T=0} = k_B \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{3}{2}$$

Same (Pauling) entropy at  $T=0$  as ice water!!!  
hence the name “spin ice”

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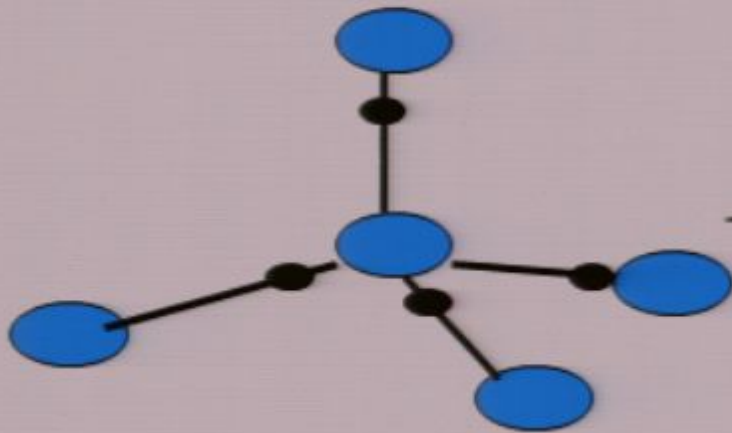


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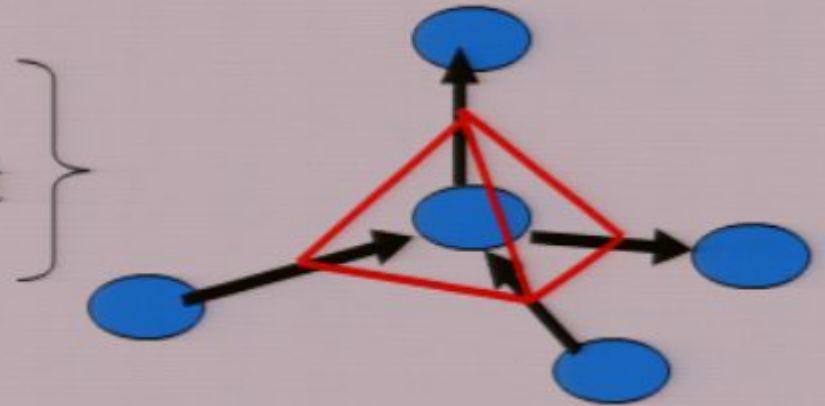
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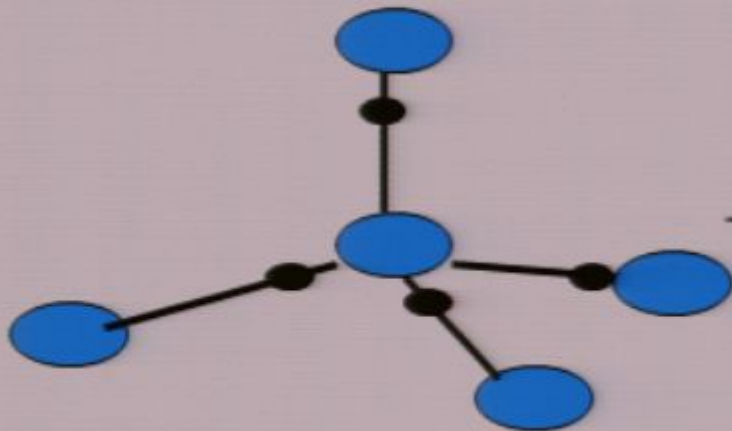


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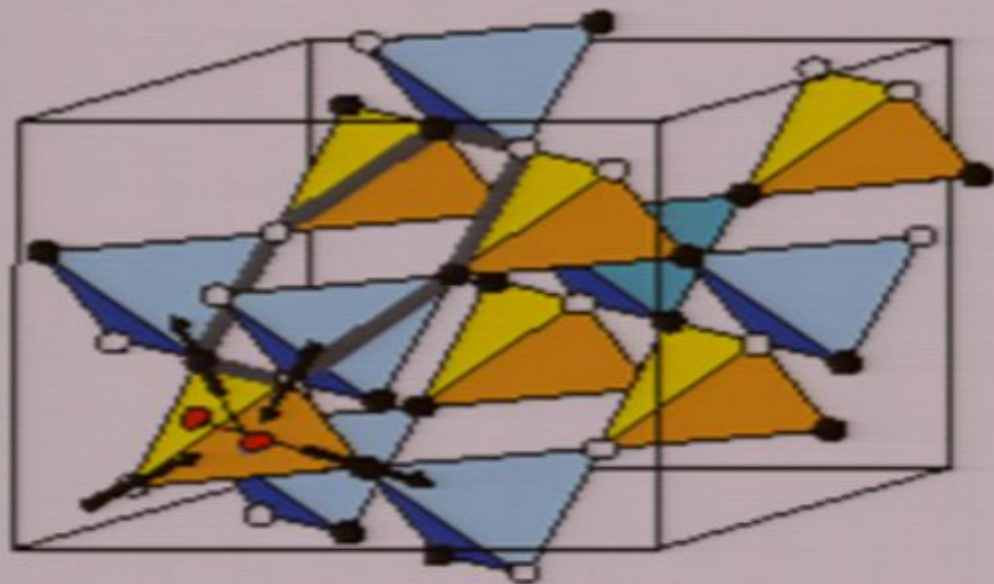
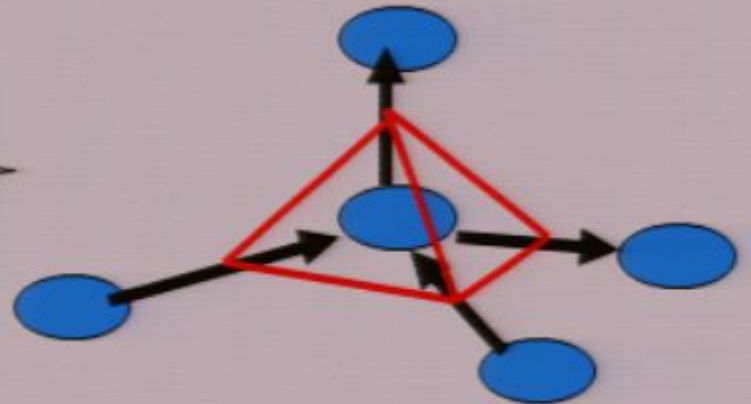


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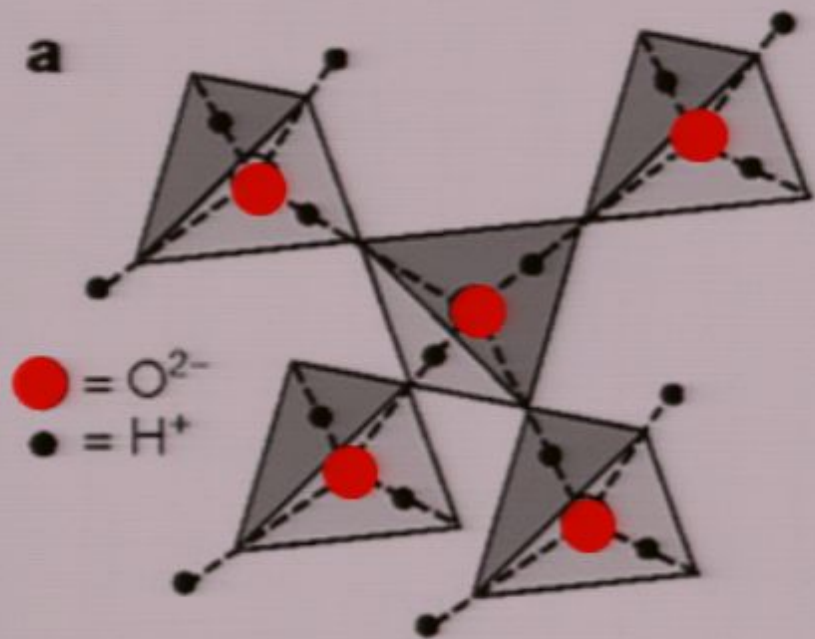


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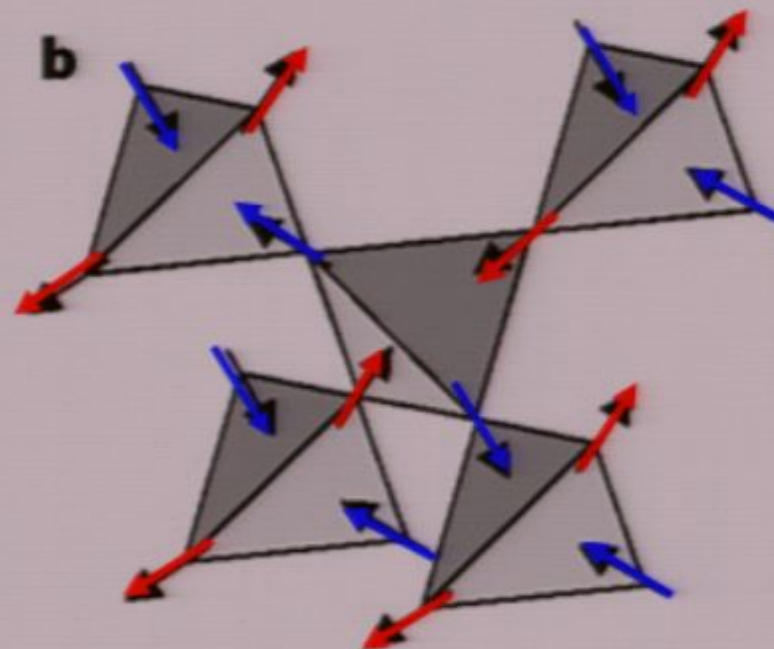
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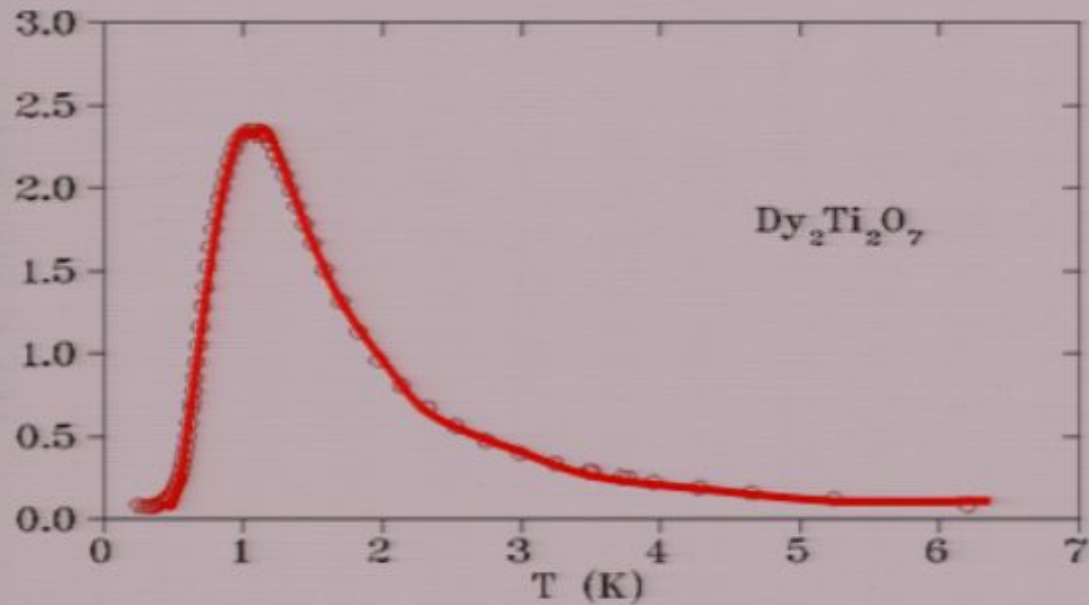


Water ice

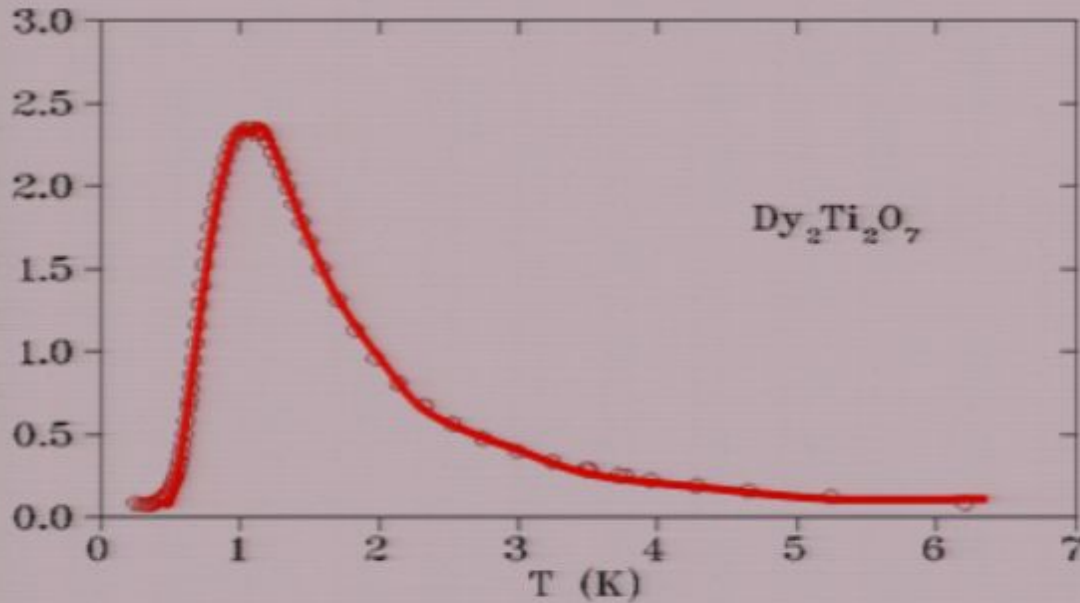


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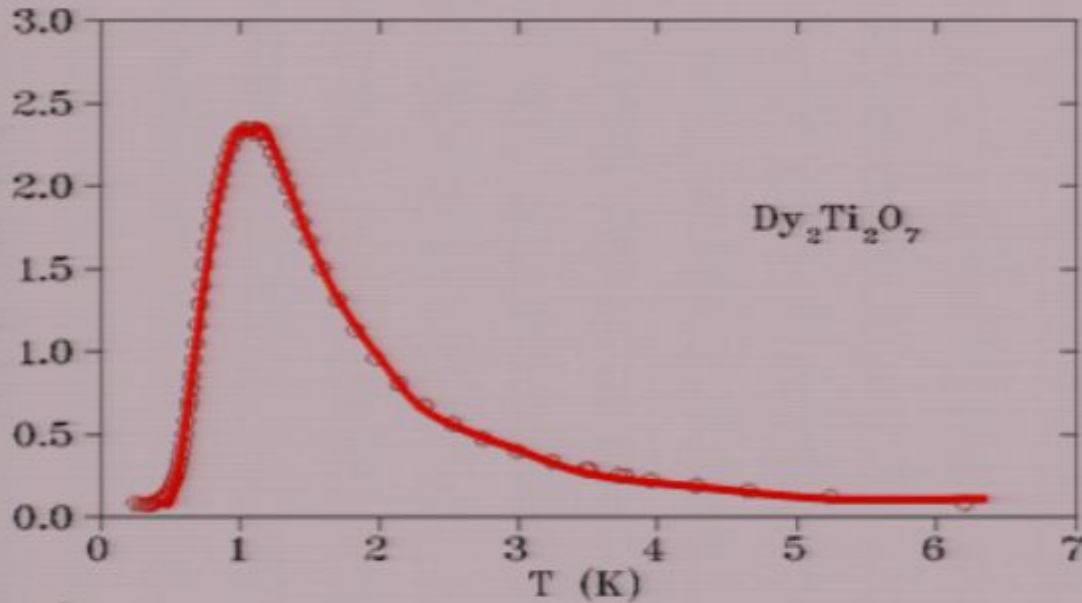


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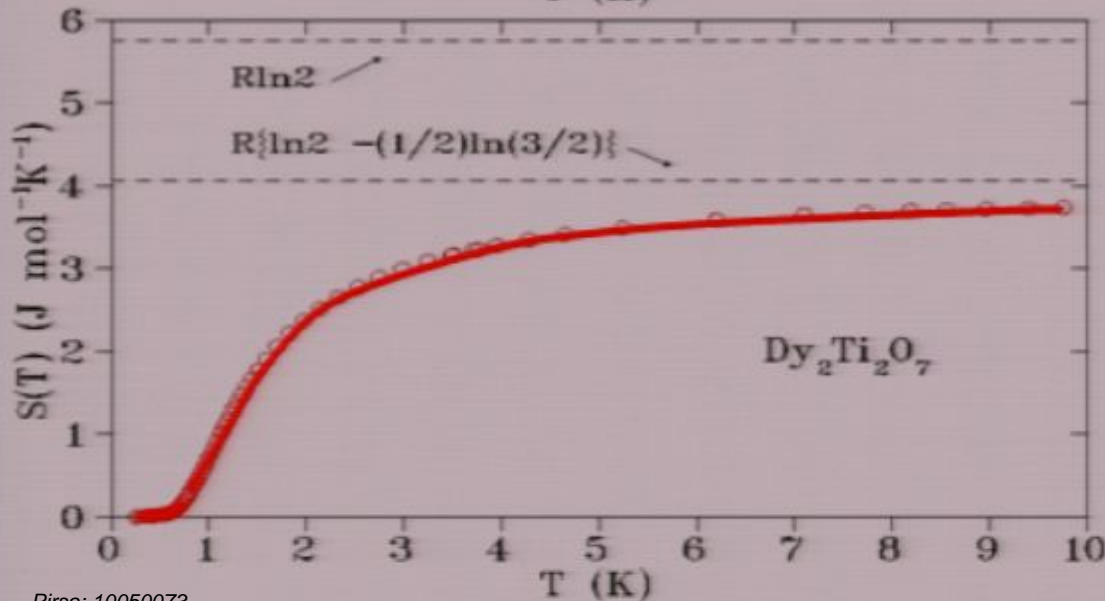


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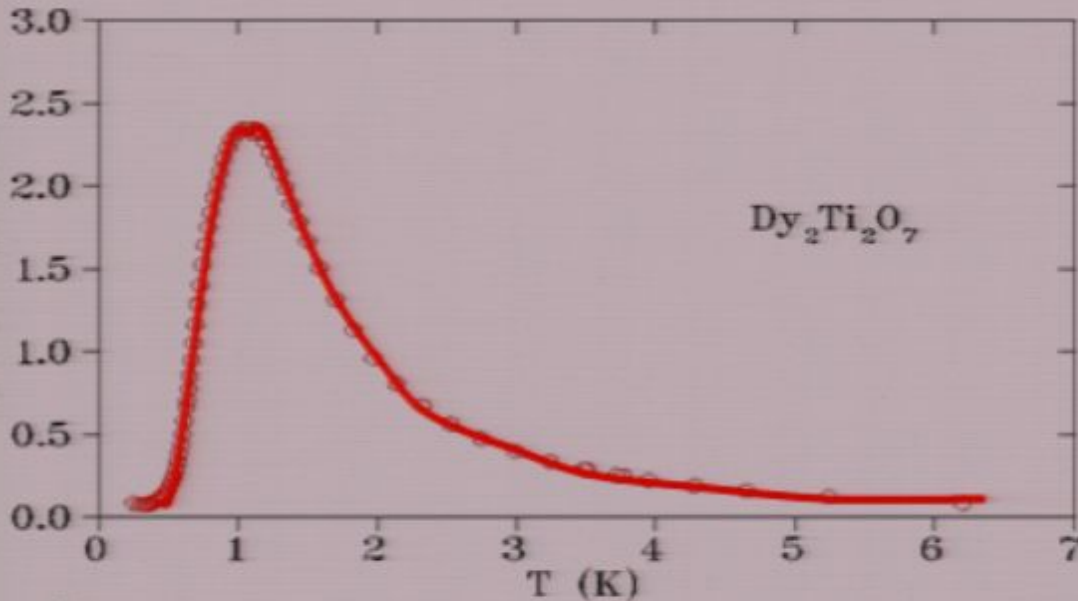
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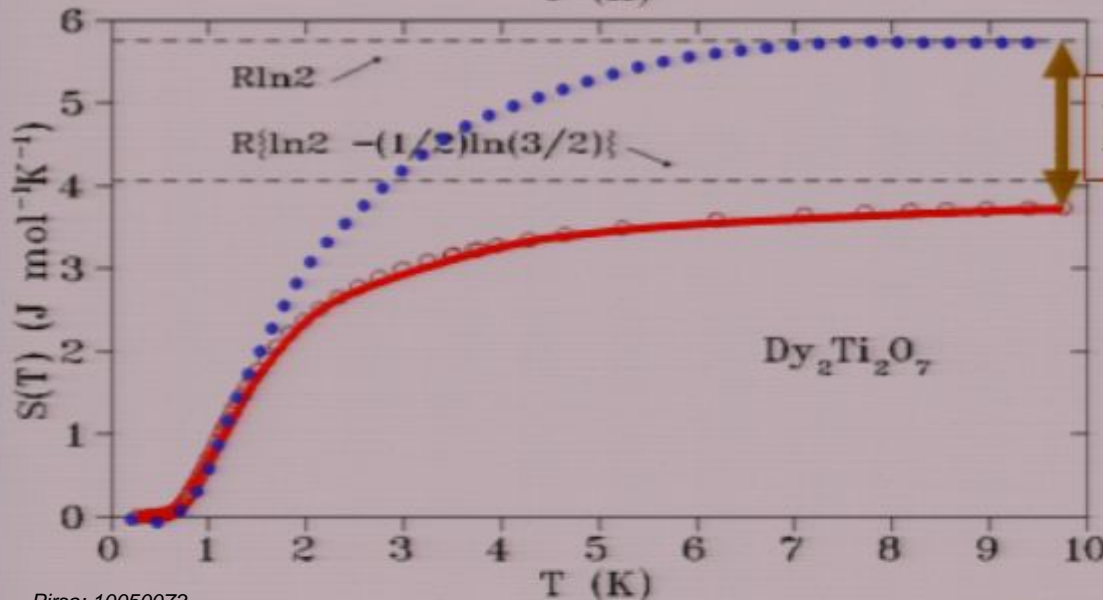
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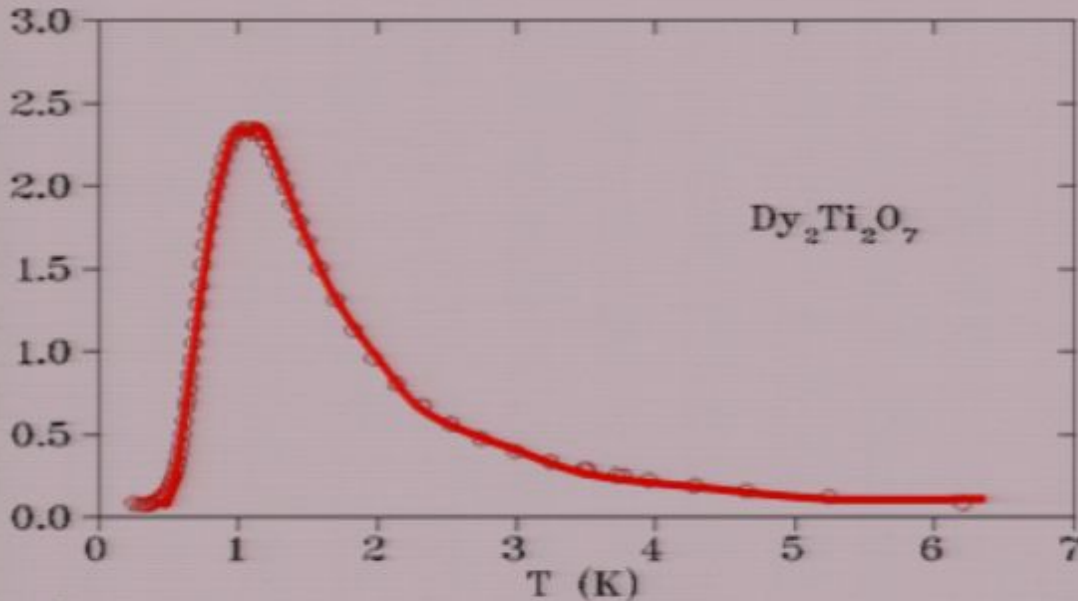
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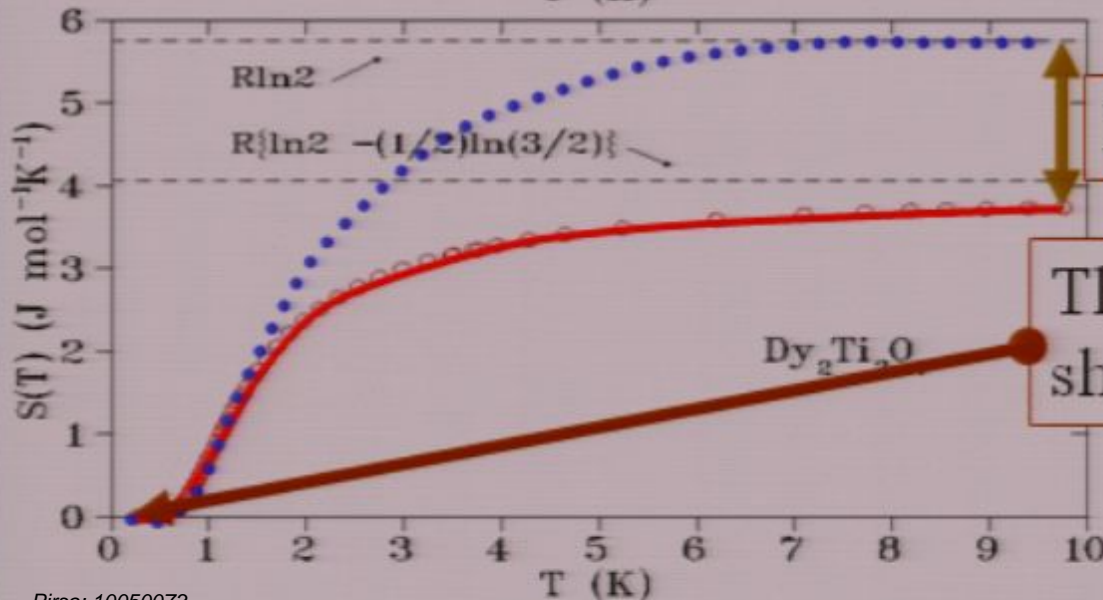
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This means, the value of  $S(T=0)$  should have been set to  $S_0$  not 0

# Hamiltonian / Standard Dipolar Spin Ice Model (s-DSM)

$$H = -J_1 \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} (\hat{z}_i \cdot \hat{z}_j) \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z \quad ; \quad \sigma_i^z = \pm 1, \quad (\hat{z}_i \cdot \hat{z}_j) = -1/3$$

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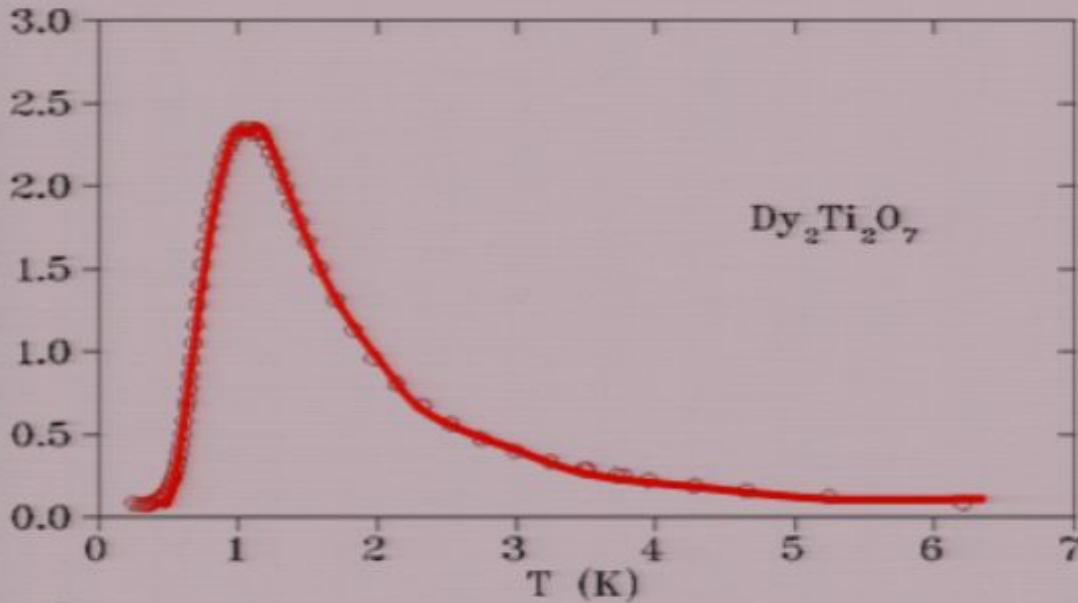
Known

$$+ D \sum_{j>i} \frac{\hat{z}_i \cdot \hat{z}_j}{|\vec{r}_{ij}|^3 / r_m^3} - 3 \frac{(\hat{z}_i \cdot \vec{r}_{ij})(\vec{r}_{ij} \cdot \hat{z}_j)}{|\vec{r}_{ij}|^5 / r_m^5} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z$$

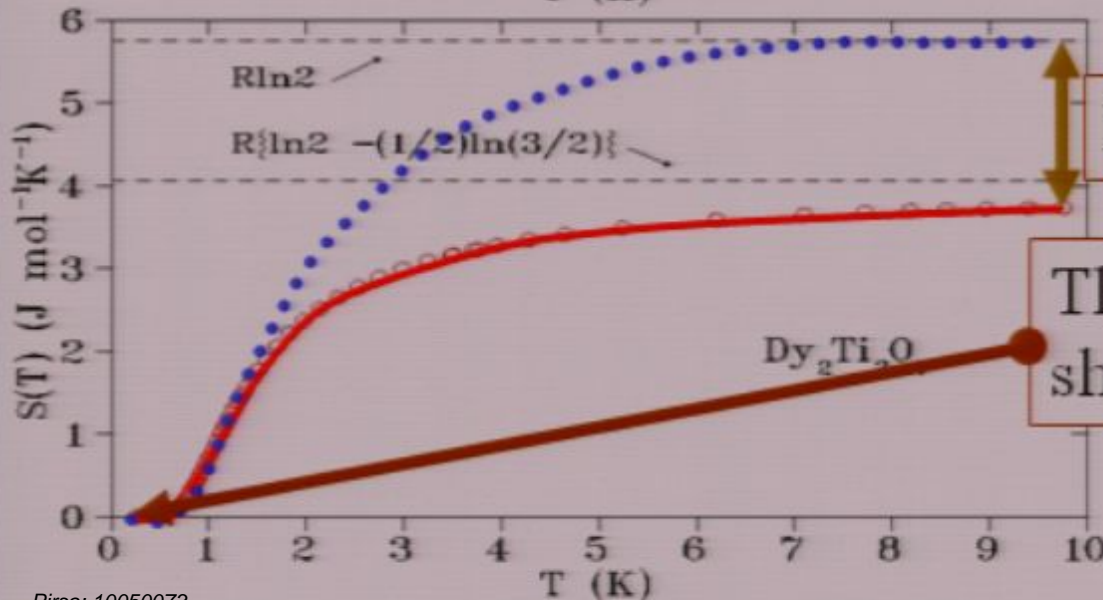
$$D = \frac{\mu_0 g^2 \mu_B^2 \langle J \rangle^2}{4\pi R_m^3}$$

As long as  $D$  is sufficiently large compared to  $J$ , the model gives “spin ice physics” and explains semi-quantitatively quite well equilibrium phenomena and bulk thermodynamic quantities of spin ice materials (Bramwell and Gingras, *Science* **294**, 1495 [2001])

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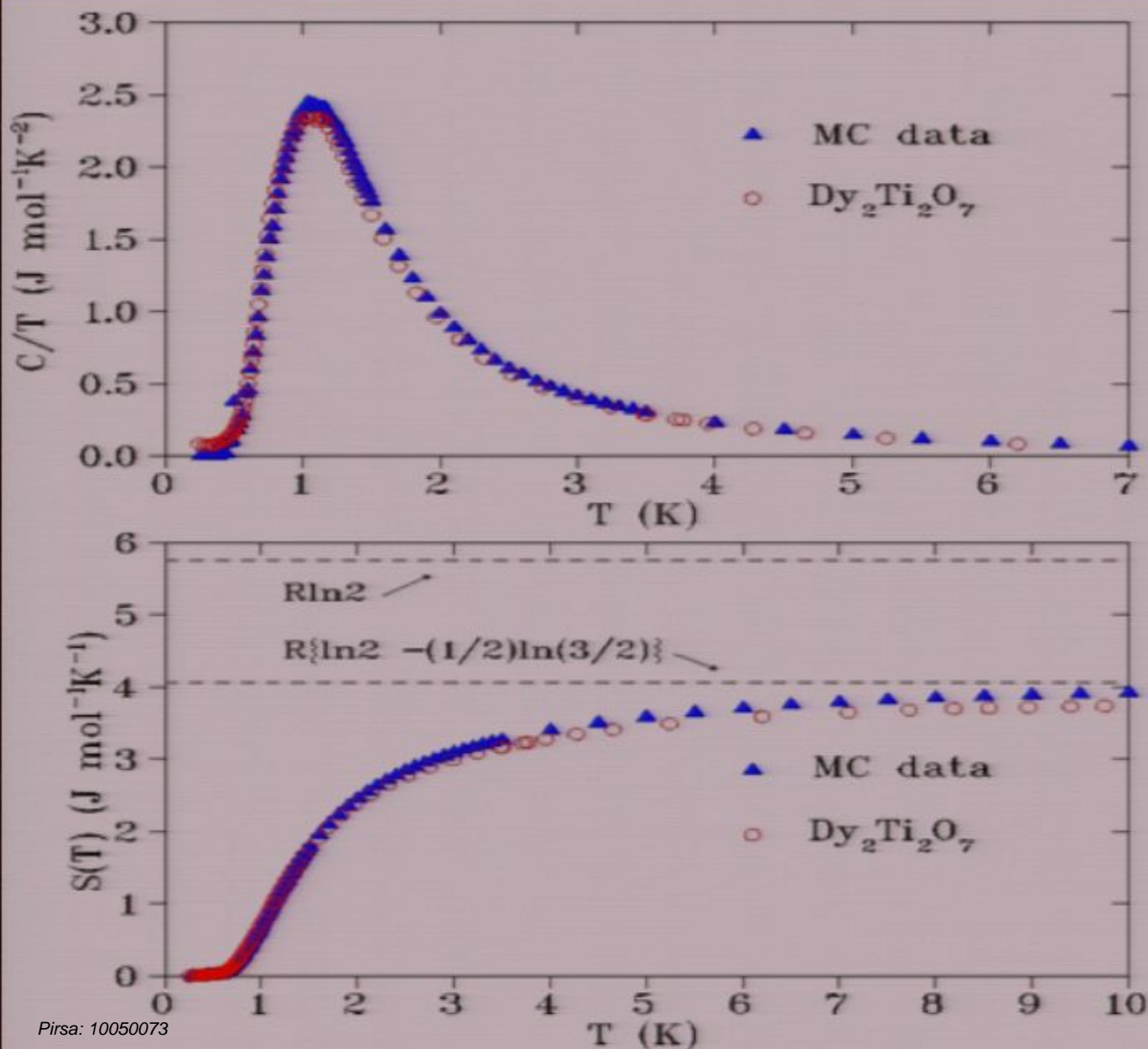
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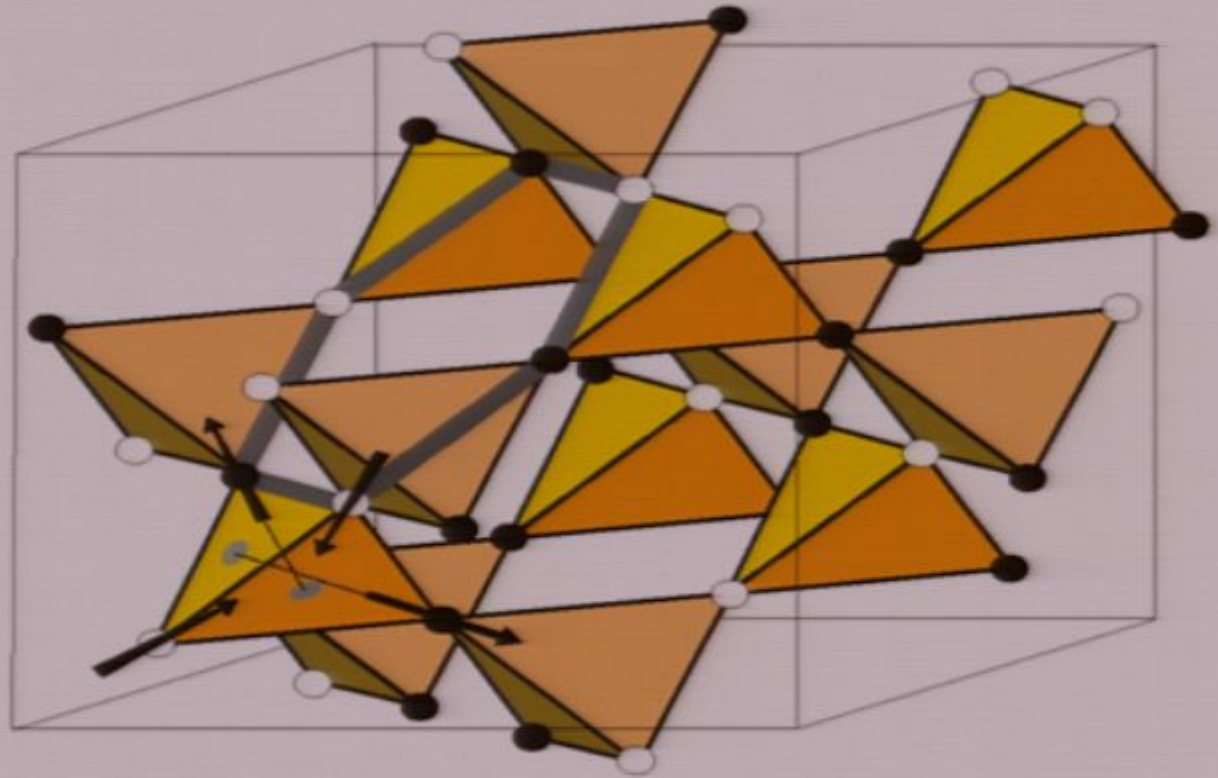
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Real materials show manifestations of Pauling's ground state entropy magnetic analogues of water ice



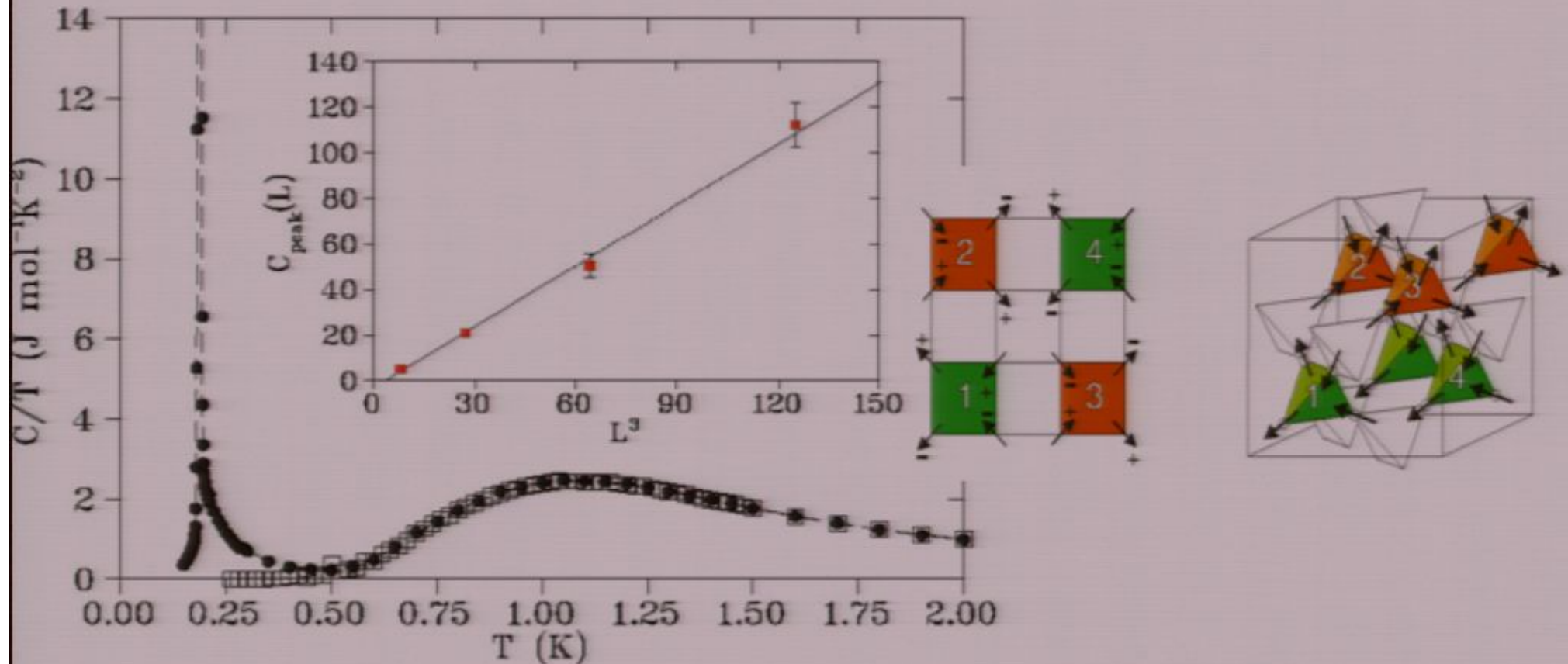
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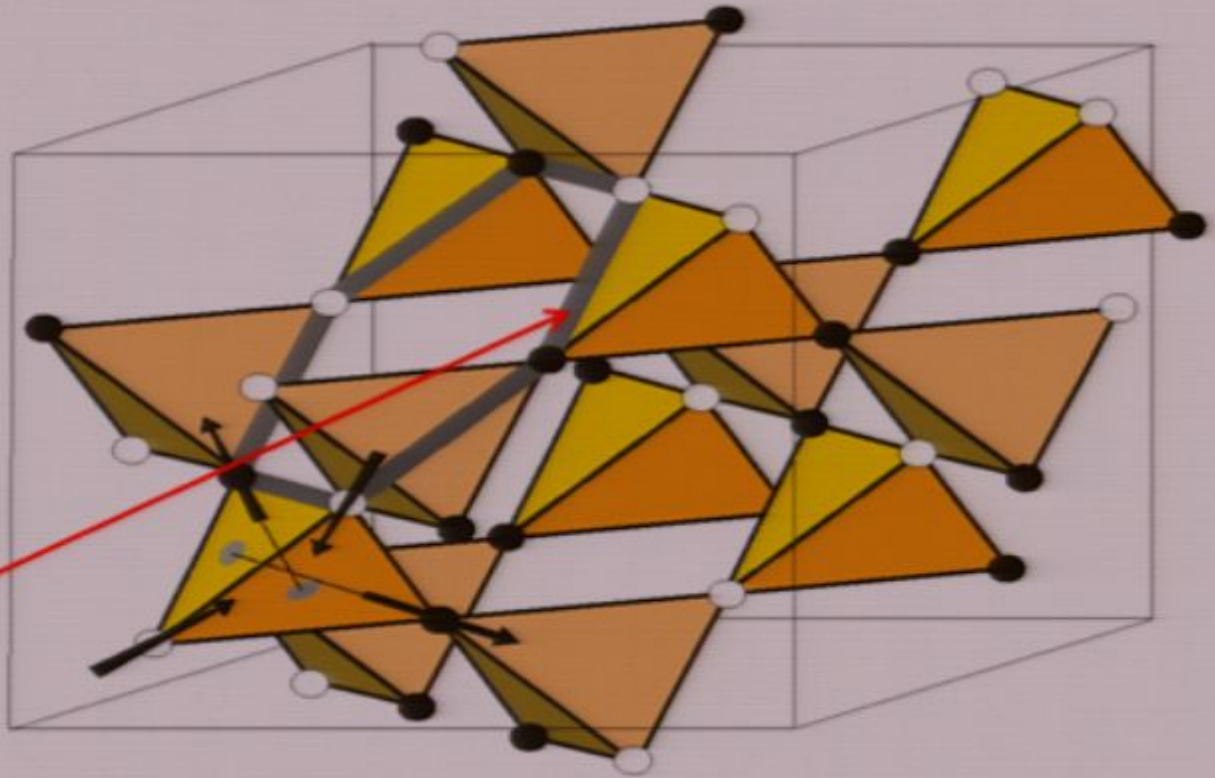
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By removing the energy barriers associated with single spin flips, we have allowed the system to select a unique long range ordered ground state.

$$\mathbf{q} = (0, 0, 2\pi / a)$$

## Energy Barriers and Loop Moves



Also referred to as  
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- *extensive low-temperature entropy*
- *role of dipolar interactions*

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- *Coulomb phase and divergence free field*
- *Spin-spin correlations*
- *Excitations in the Coulomb phase and monopoles*
- *Magnetic-field induced dissociation of ice rules*

## 3. Spin liquid physics of $\text{Tb}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$

- *Corrections to Ising model*
- *“Quantum spin ice”*

## 4. Conclusion



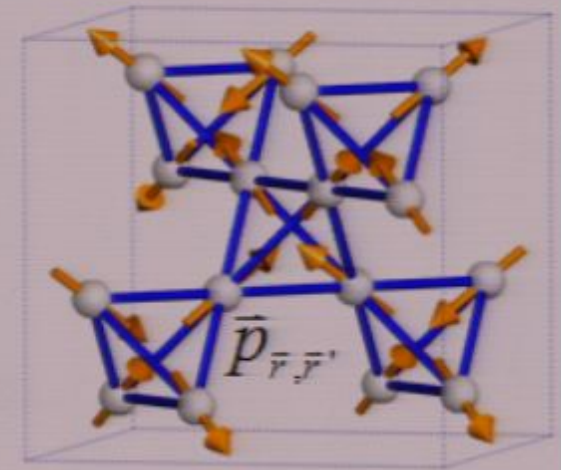
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- The spin ice rule can be mapped in the long length scale limit to a non-divergent (polarization) field that lives on the “parent” diamond lattice

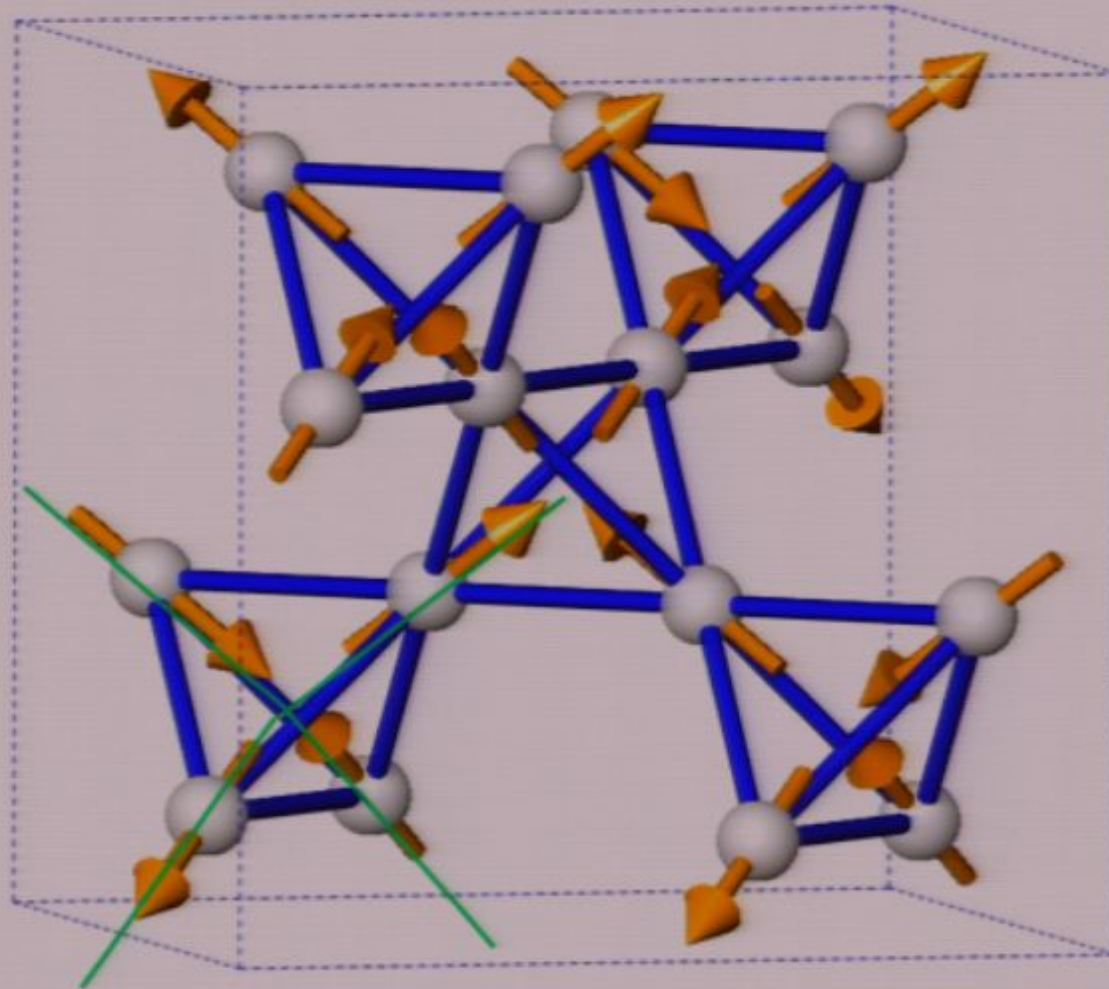
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- The excitations (spin flip) that break the ice rule create effective “charges”.
- The system obeys a “magnetic Gauss’ Law” which relates the density  $\rho$  of defects in the  $P$  field

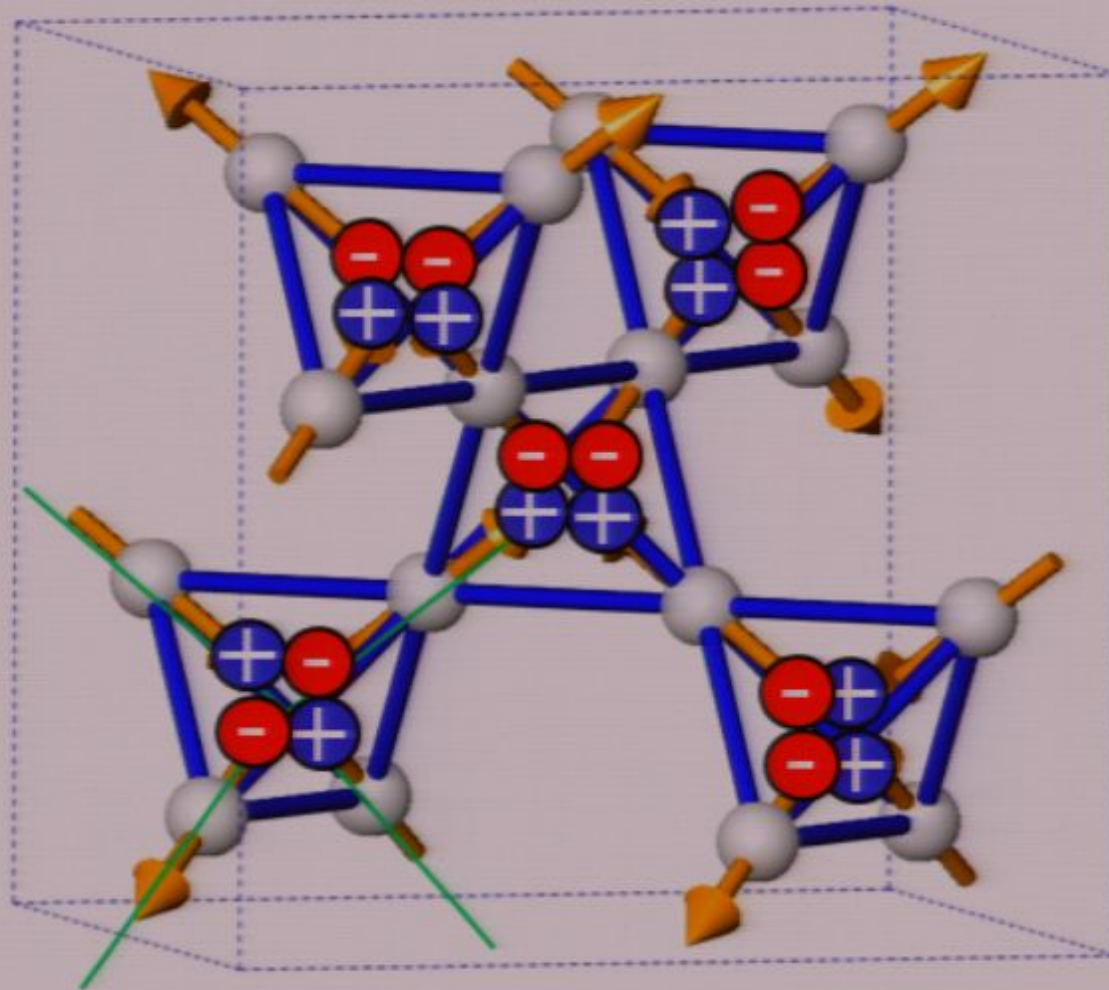
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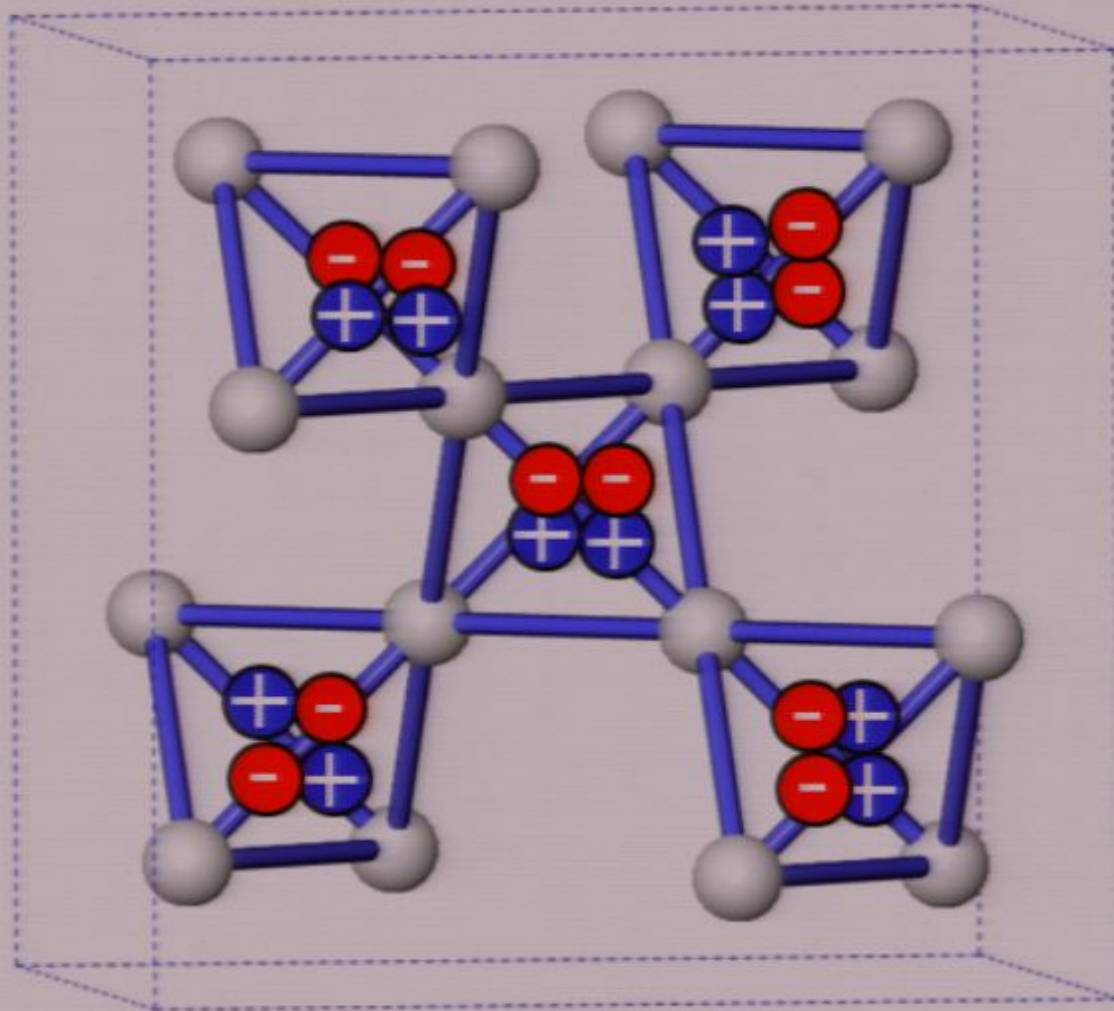
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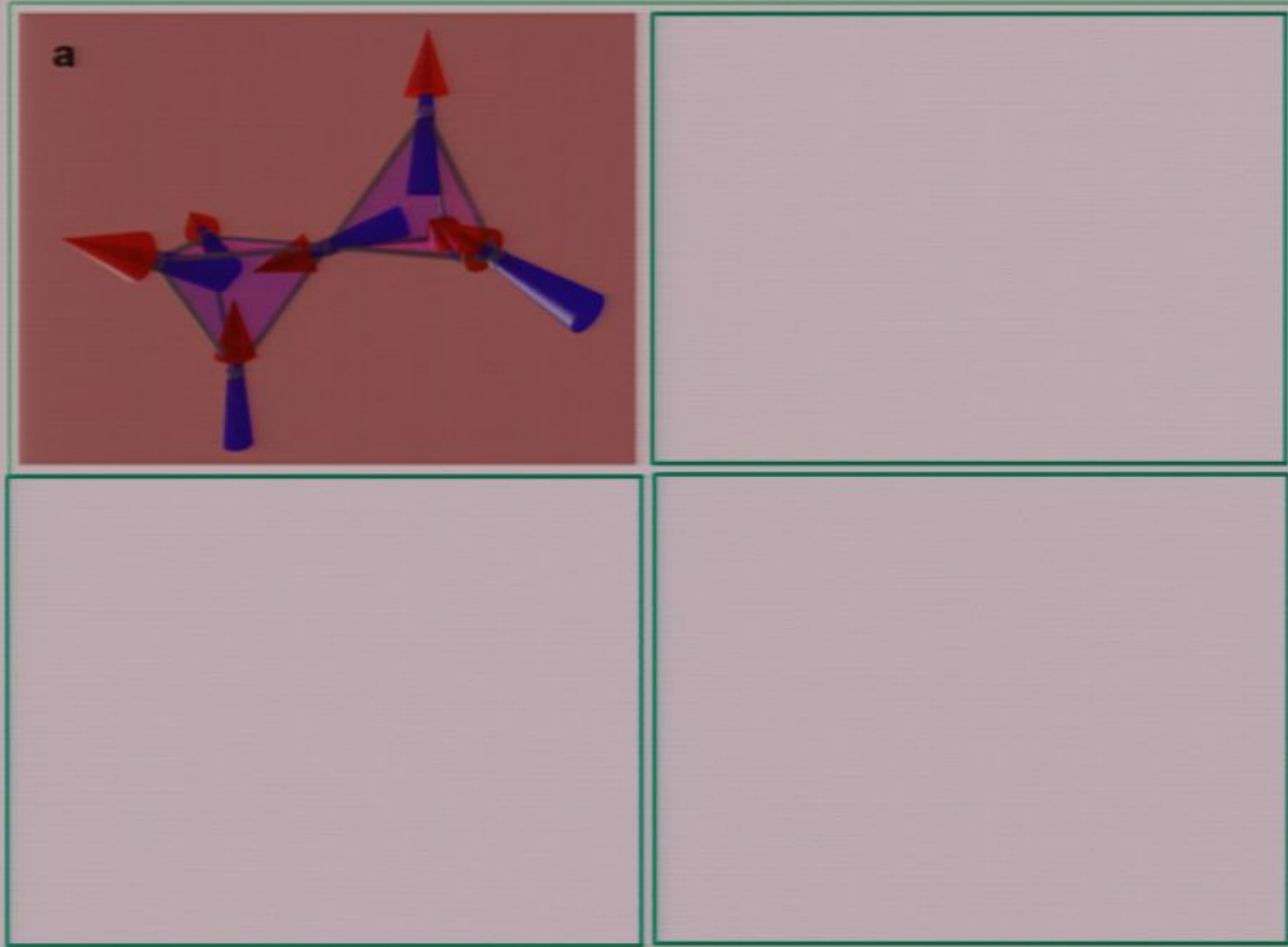
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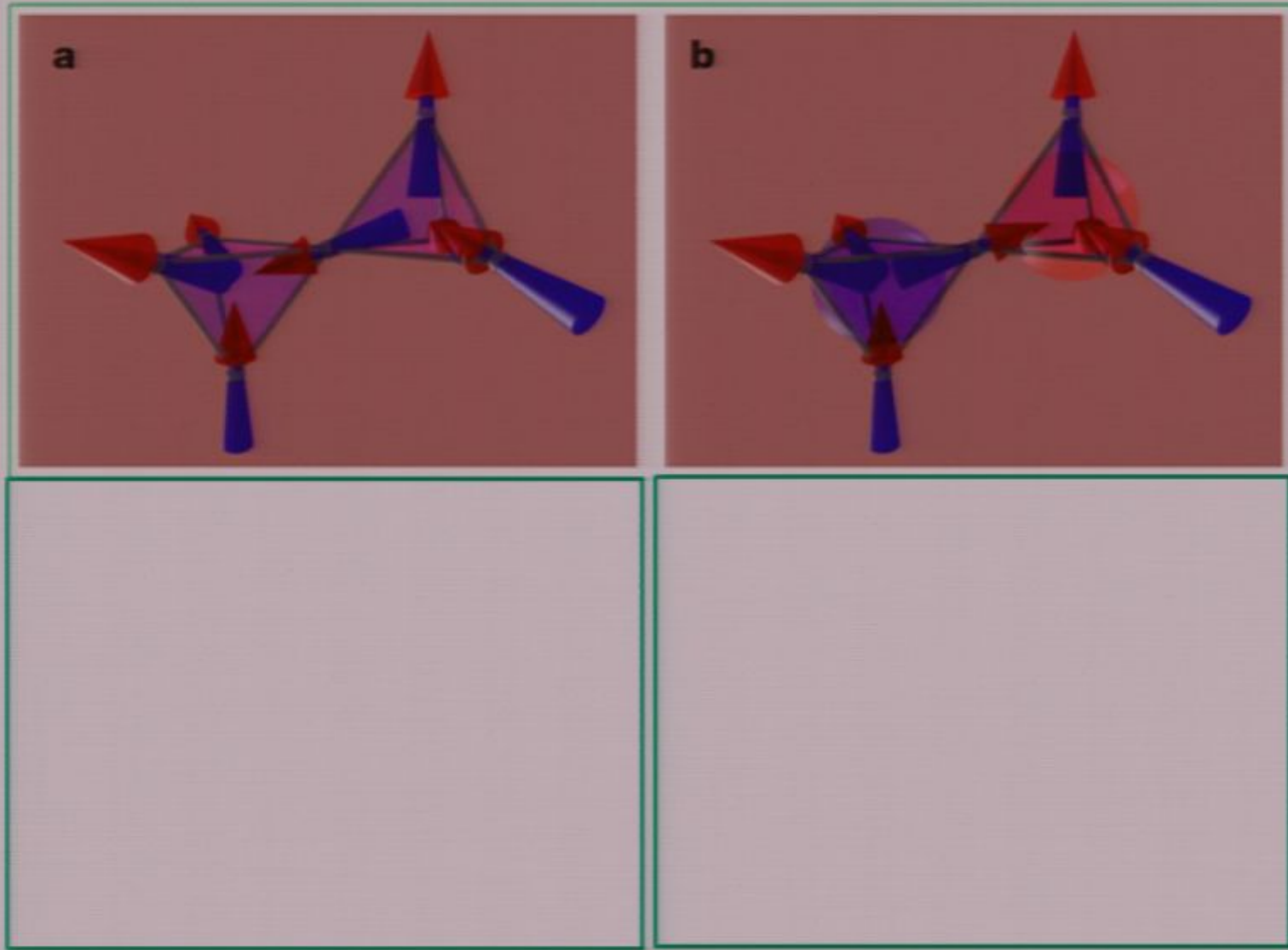
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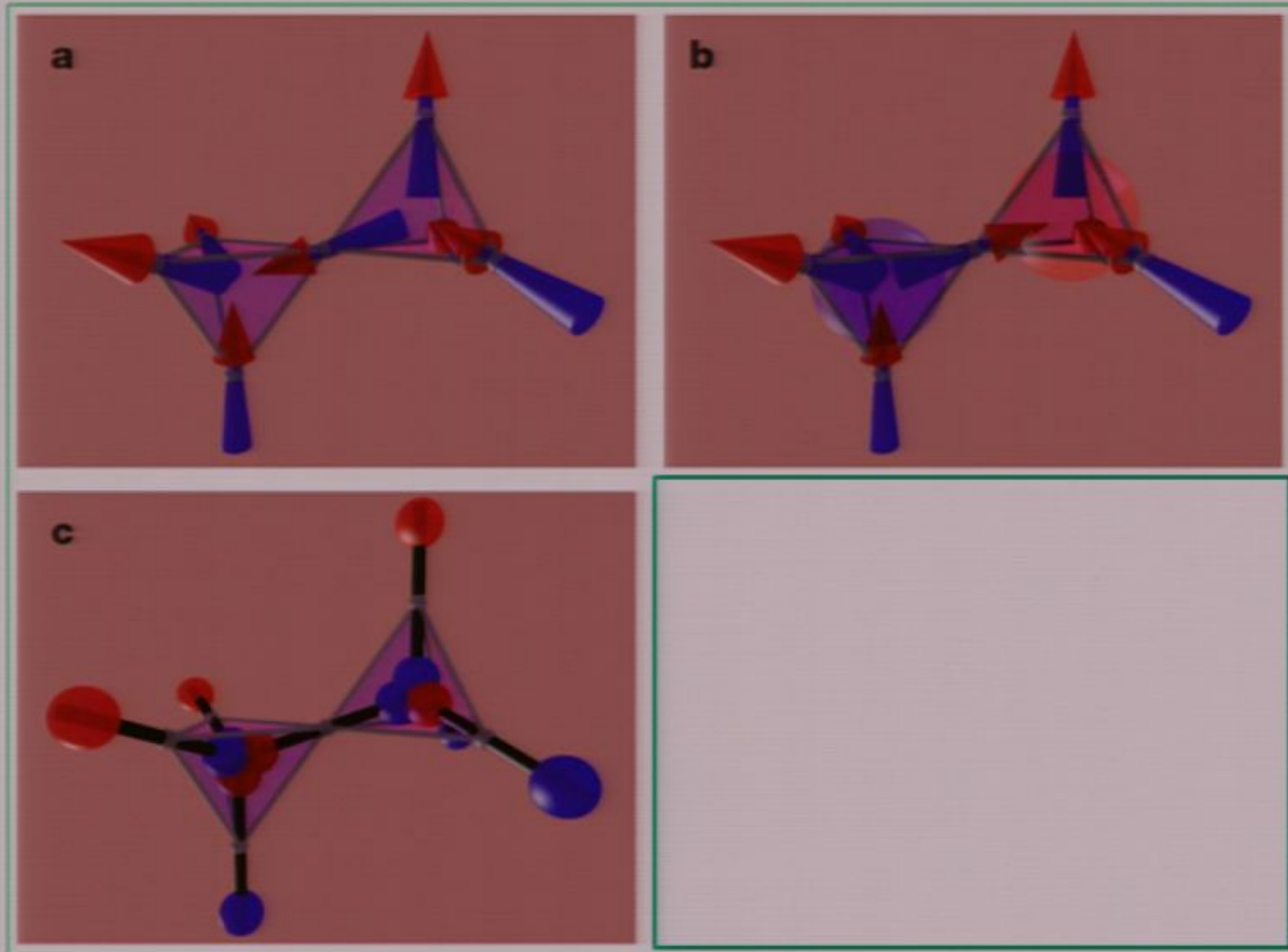
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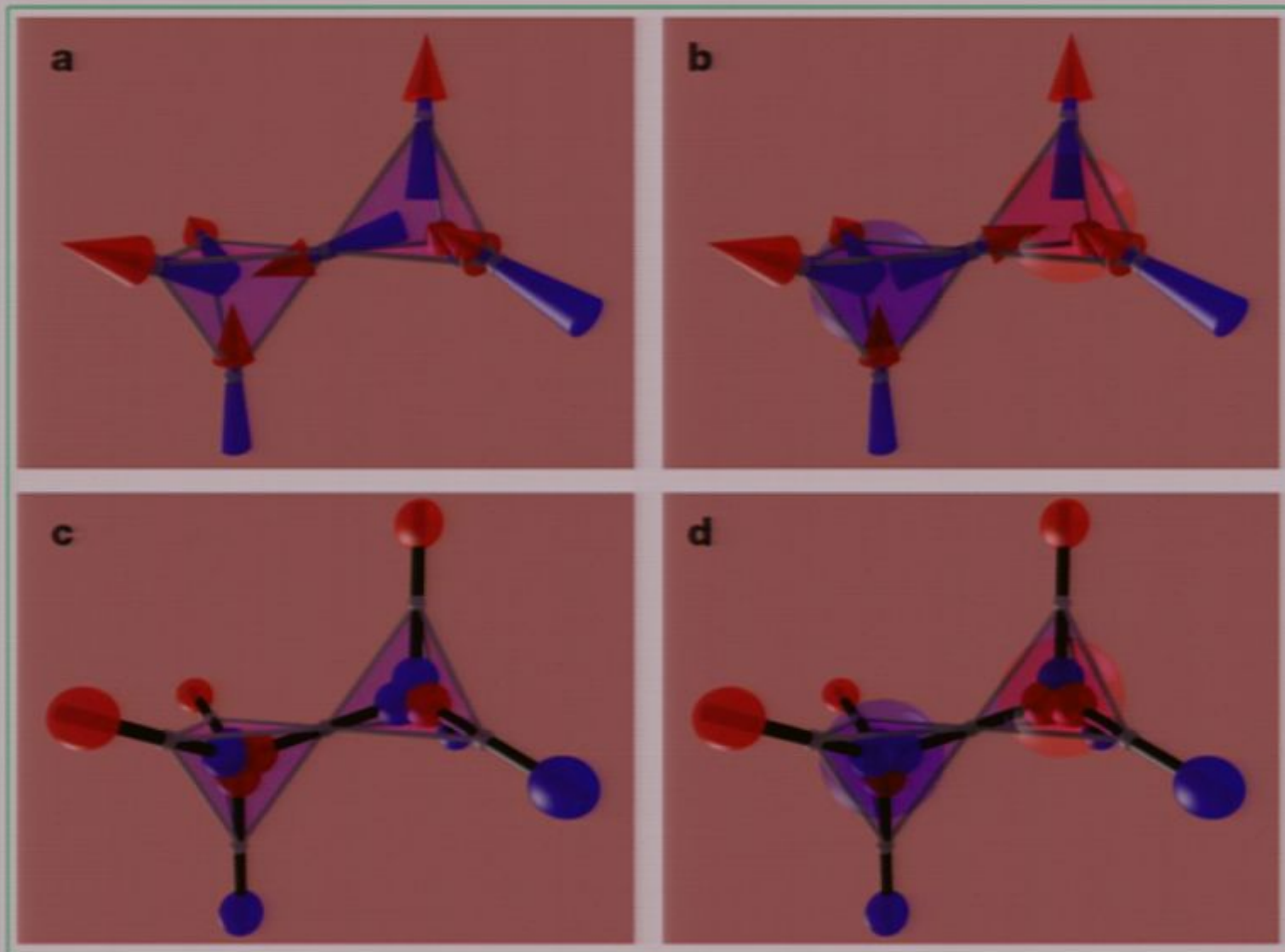
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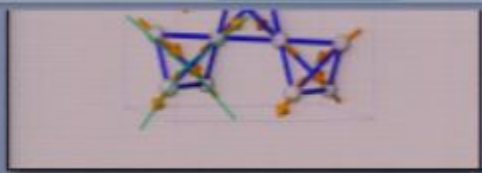
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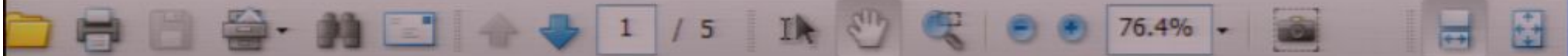
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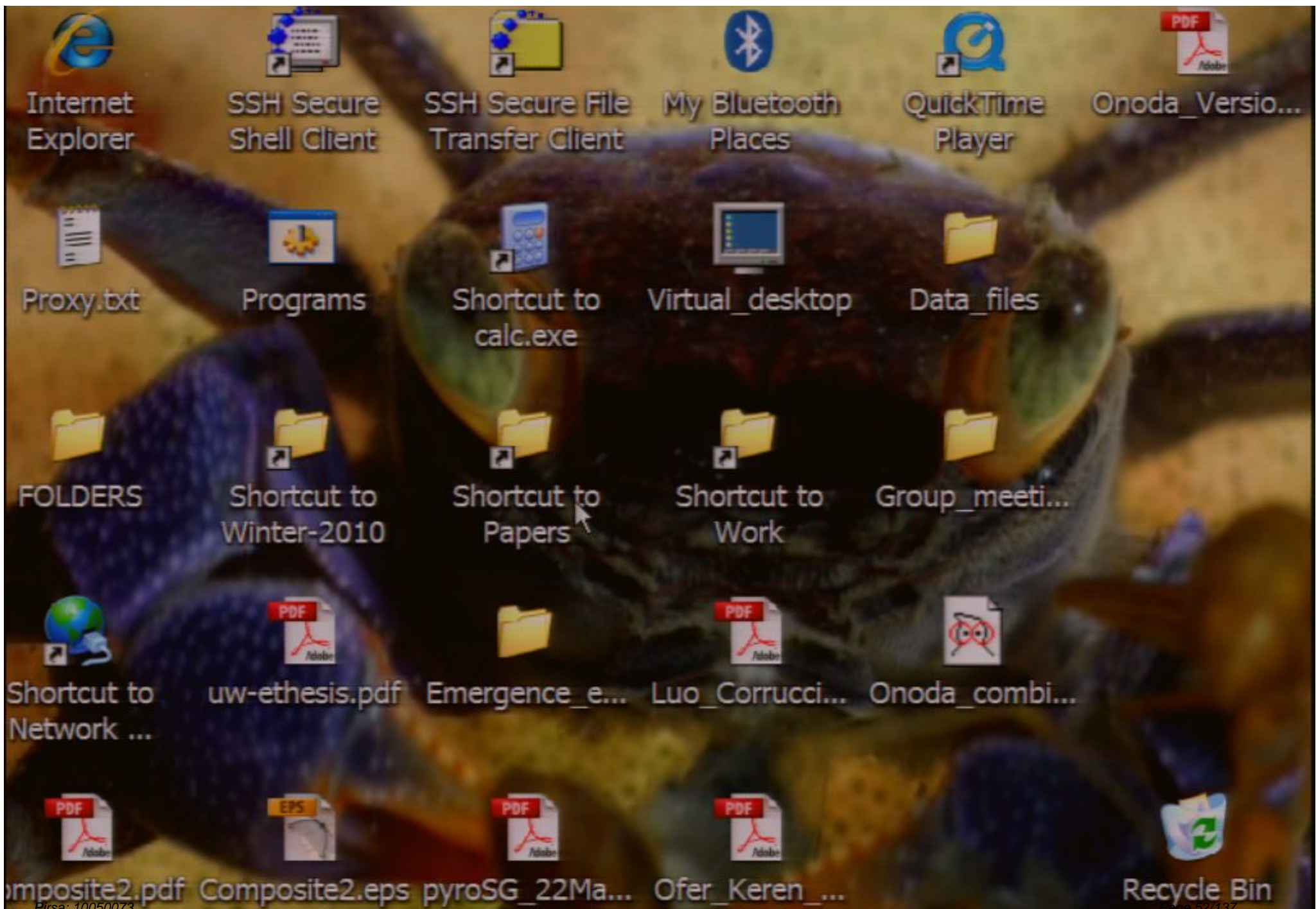


and a smaller magnetic moment, e.g., the  $\text{Pr}^{3+}$  ion. In rare-earth ions with fewer  $f$  electrons, the  $4f$  wavefunction is spatially expanded [10] and can then be largely overlapped with the O  $2p$  orbitals at the O1 site (Fig. 1 (a)) in the pyrochlore lattice. Besides, for  $\text{Pr}^{3+}$  ions, the magnetic dipolar interaction, which is proportional to the square of the moment size, is reduced by an order of magnitude to 0.1 K between the nearest-neighbor sites, in comparison to that for  $\text{Dy}^{3+}$  ions. Then, the superexchange interaction due to virtual  $f$ - $p$  electron transfers, which provides a source of the quantum nature, is expected to play crucial roles in  $\text{Pr}_2\text{TM}_2\text{O}_7$  ( $\text{TM}$ : transition-metal element).

Recent experiments on  $\text{Pr}_2\text{Sn}_2\text{O}_7$  [11],  $\text{Pr}_2\text{Zr}_2\text{O}_7$  [12], and  $\text{Pr}_2\text{Ir}_2\text{O}_7$  [13] have shown that the  $\text{Pr}^{3+}$  ion provides the  $\langle 111 \rangle$  Ising moment described by a non-Kramers magnetic doublet. As in the spin ice, any magnetic dipole

other hand, the Curie-Weiss temperature  $T_{\text{CW}}$  is antiferromagnetic for the zirconate [12] and iridate [13], unlike the spin ice. The stannate shows a significant level of low-energy short-range spin dynamics [15], which is absent in the classical spin ice. Furthermore, the iridate shows the Hall effect at zero magnetic field without magnetic dipole order [14], suggesting an onset of a chiral spin-liquid phase [3] at a temperature  $\sim J$ .

In this Letter, we propose a novel scenario of the quantum melting of the spin ice, which can explain experimentally observed magnetic properties in  $\text{Pr}_2\text{TM}_2\text{O}_7$ . We uncover that a realistic minimal model derived for Pr  $4f$  magnetic moments on the pyrochlore lattice shows a cooperative ferroquadrupole order. This is accompanied by crystal symmetry lowering from cubic to tetragonal and can be categorized into a spin smectic order [16]. We also reveal a frustration in the chirality ordering.



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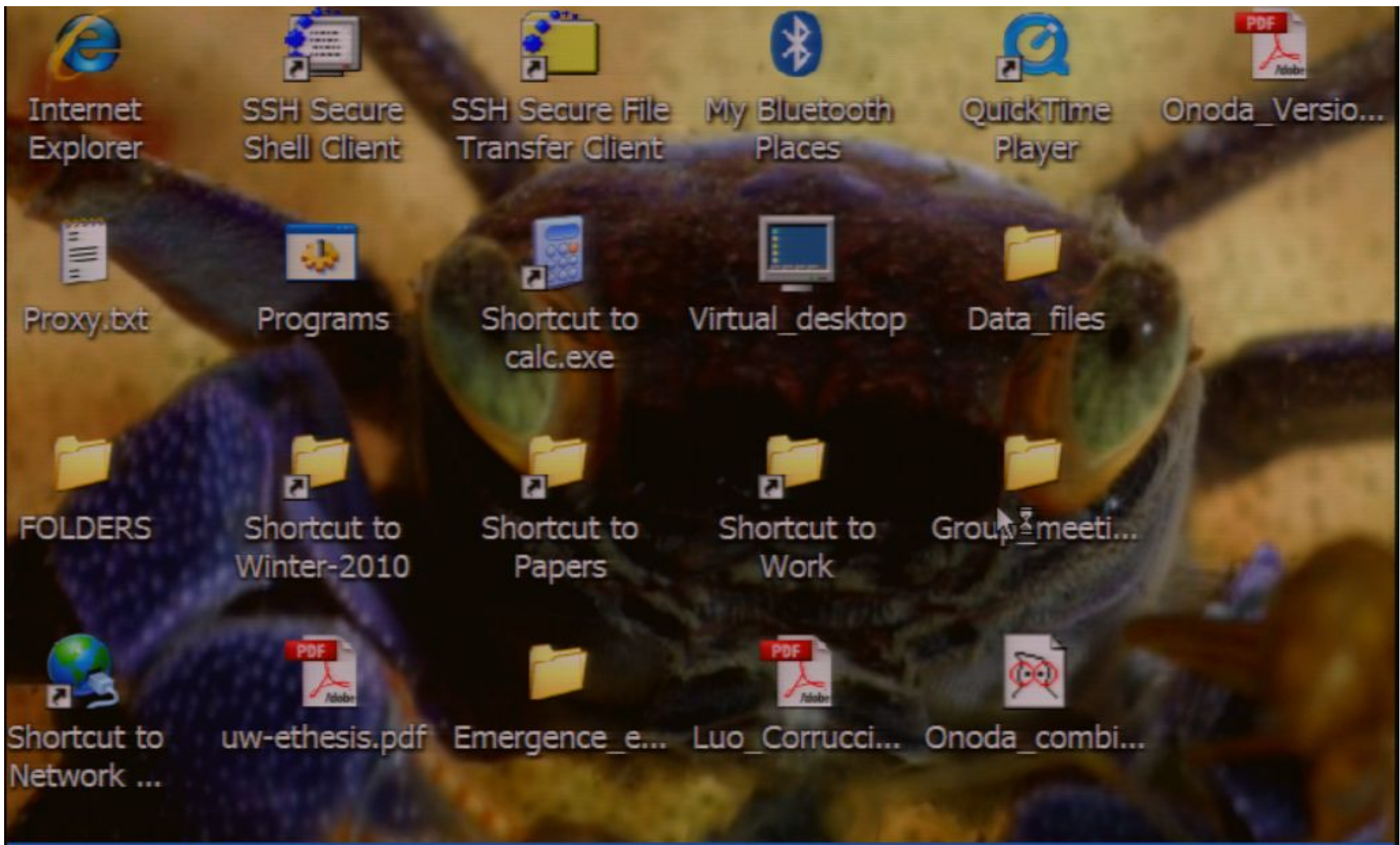


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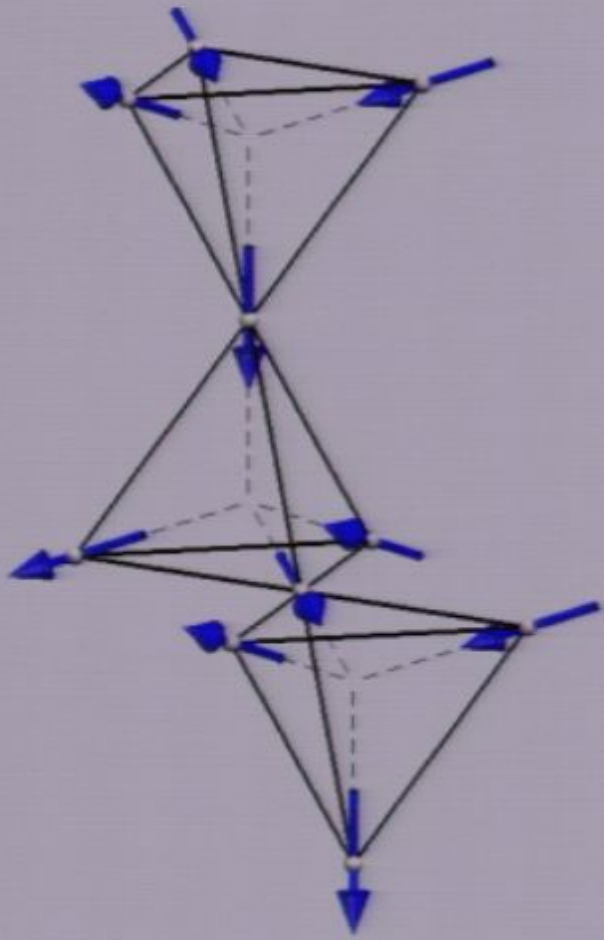
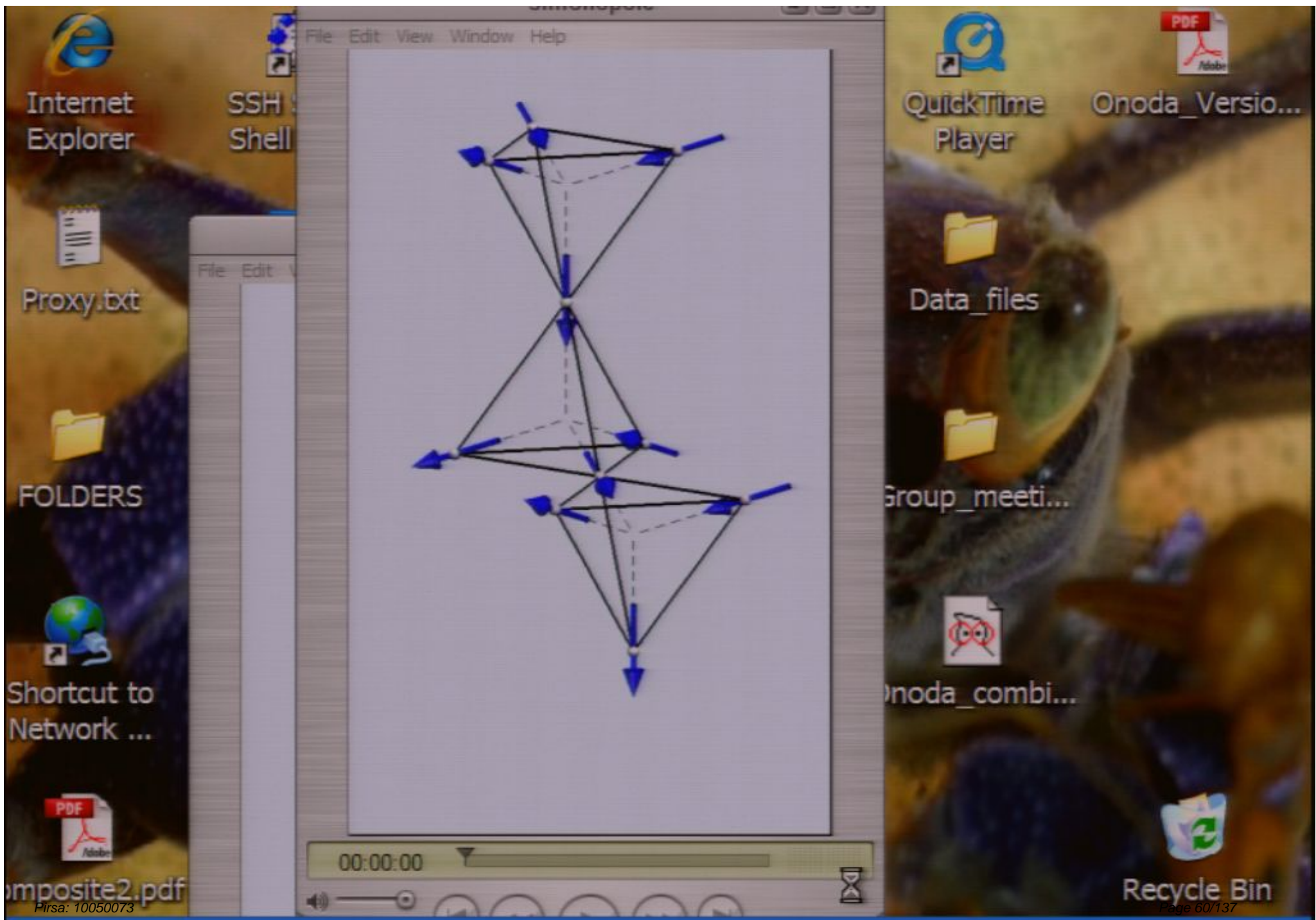
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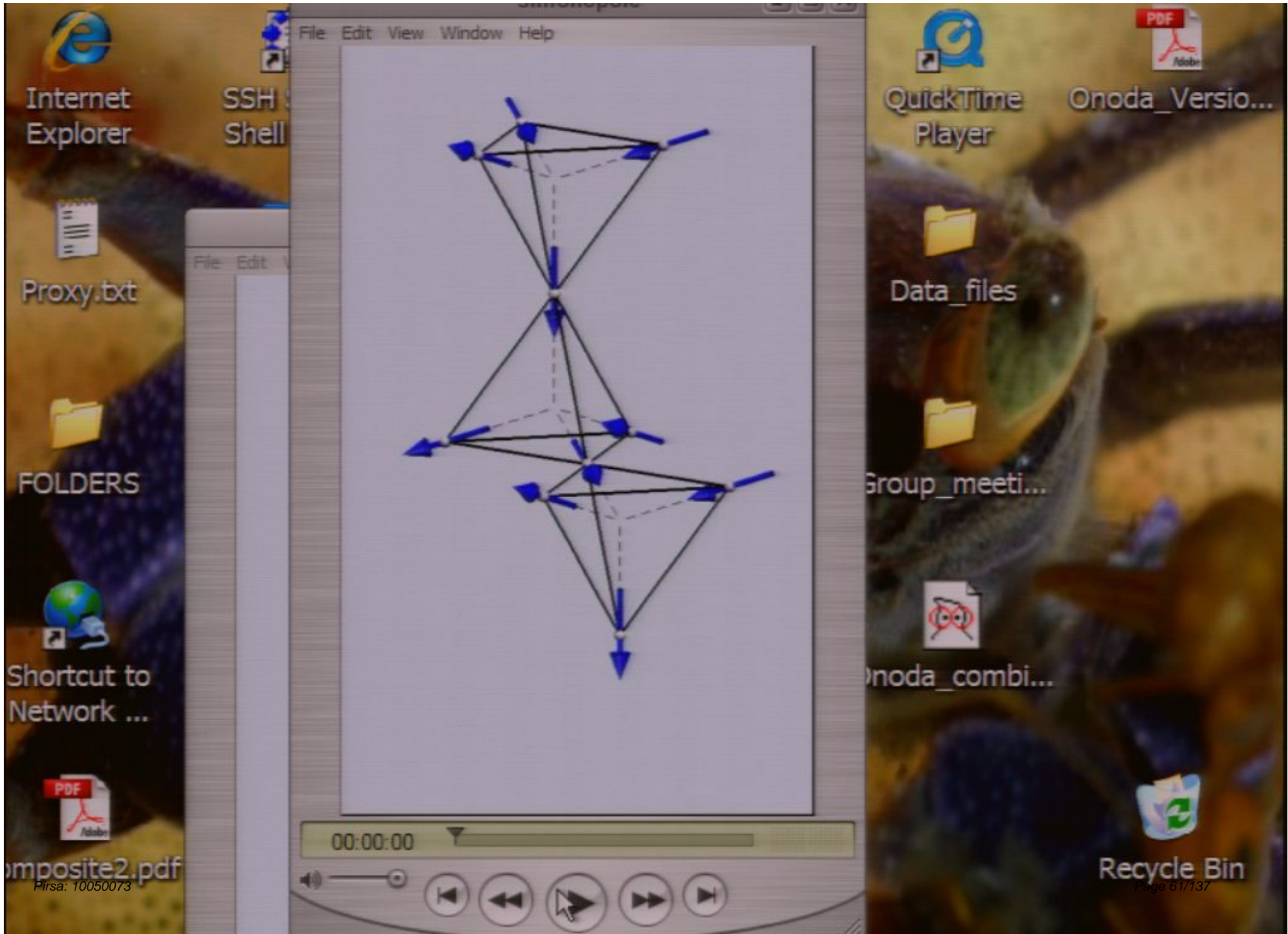
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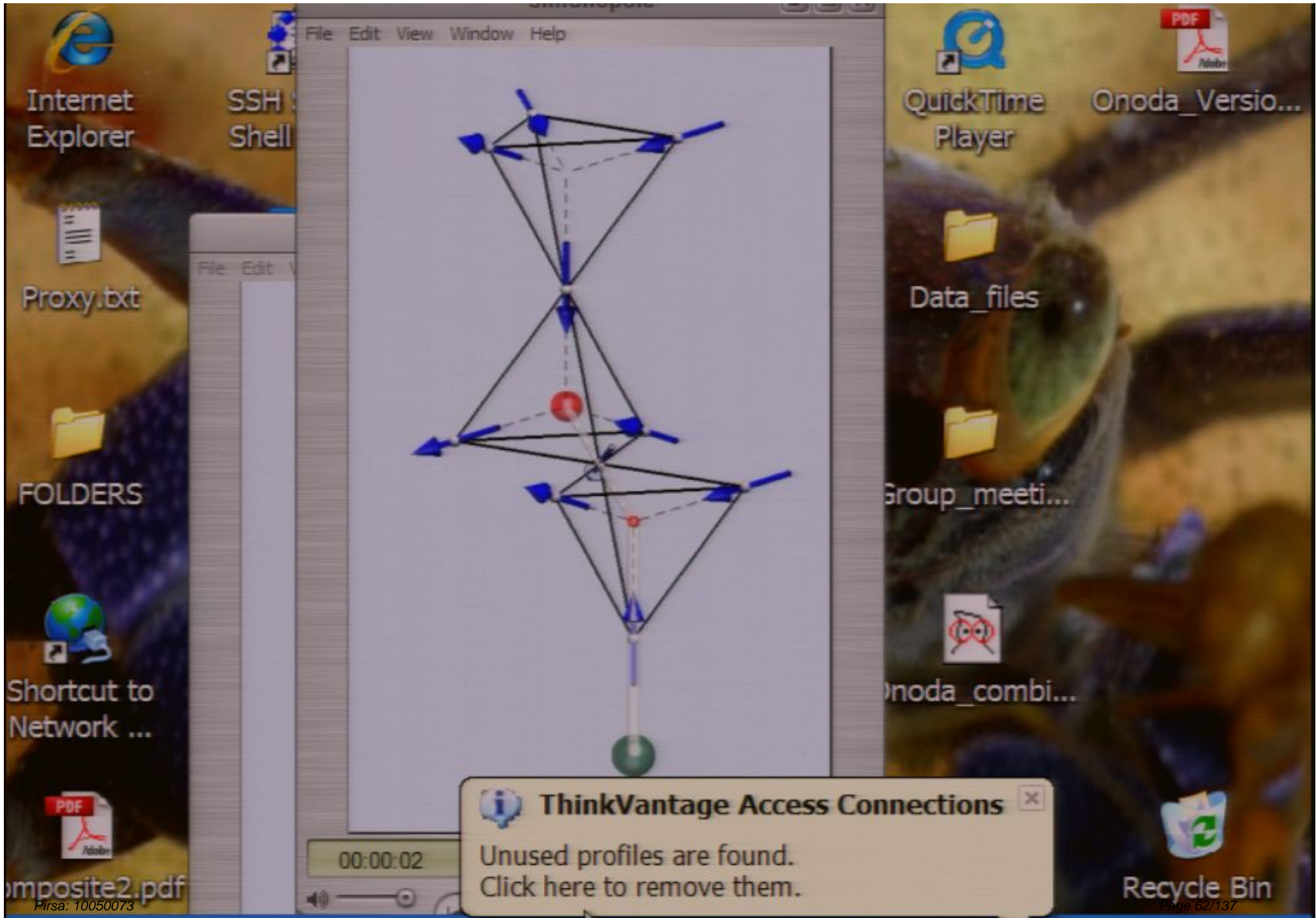
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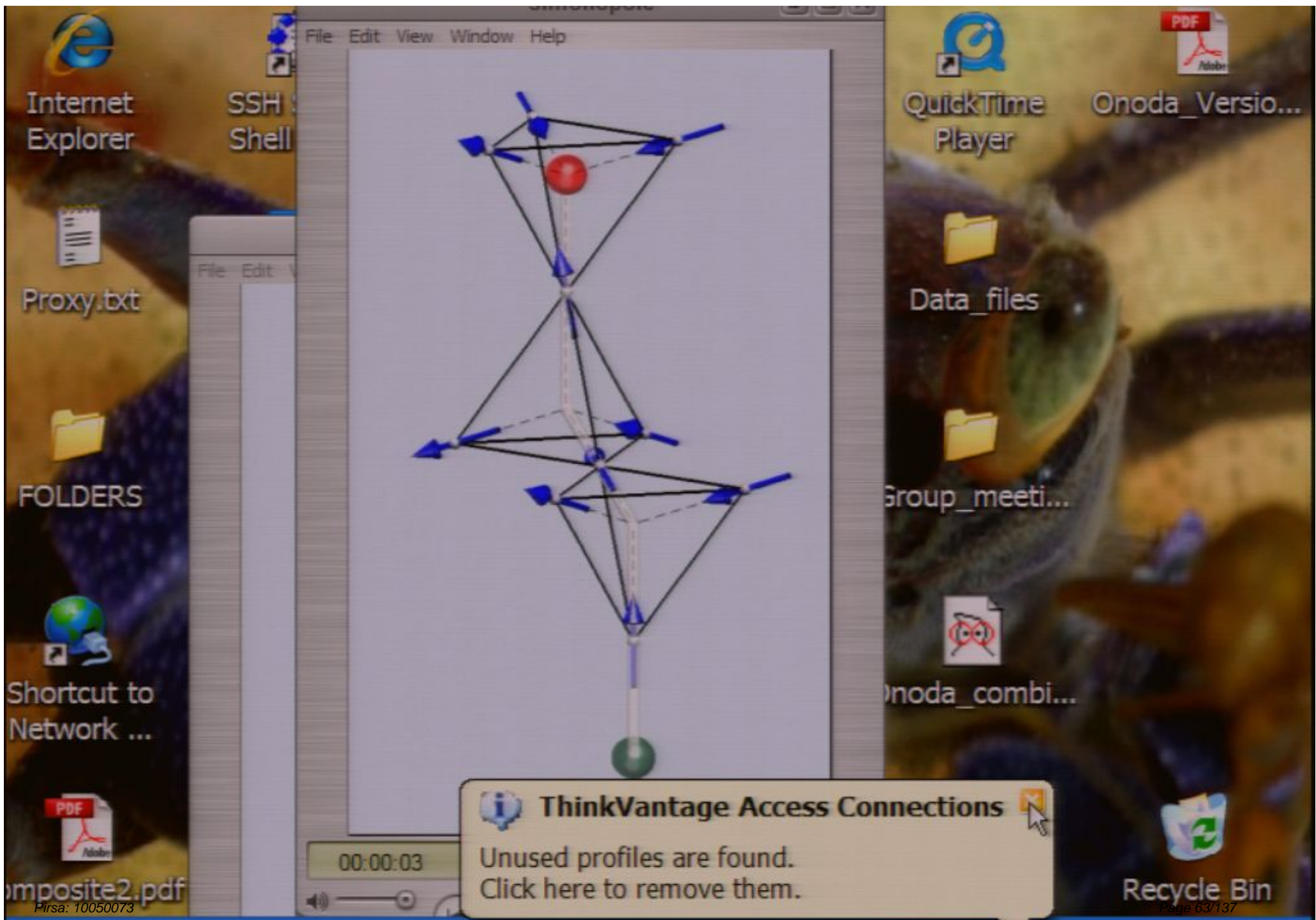






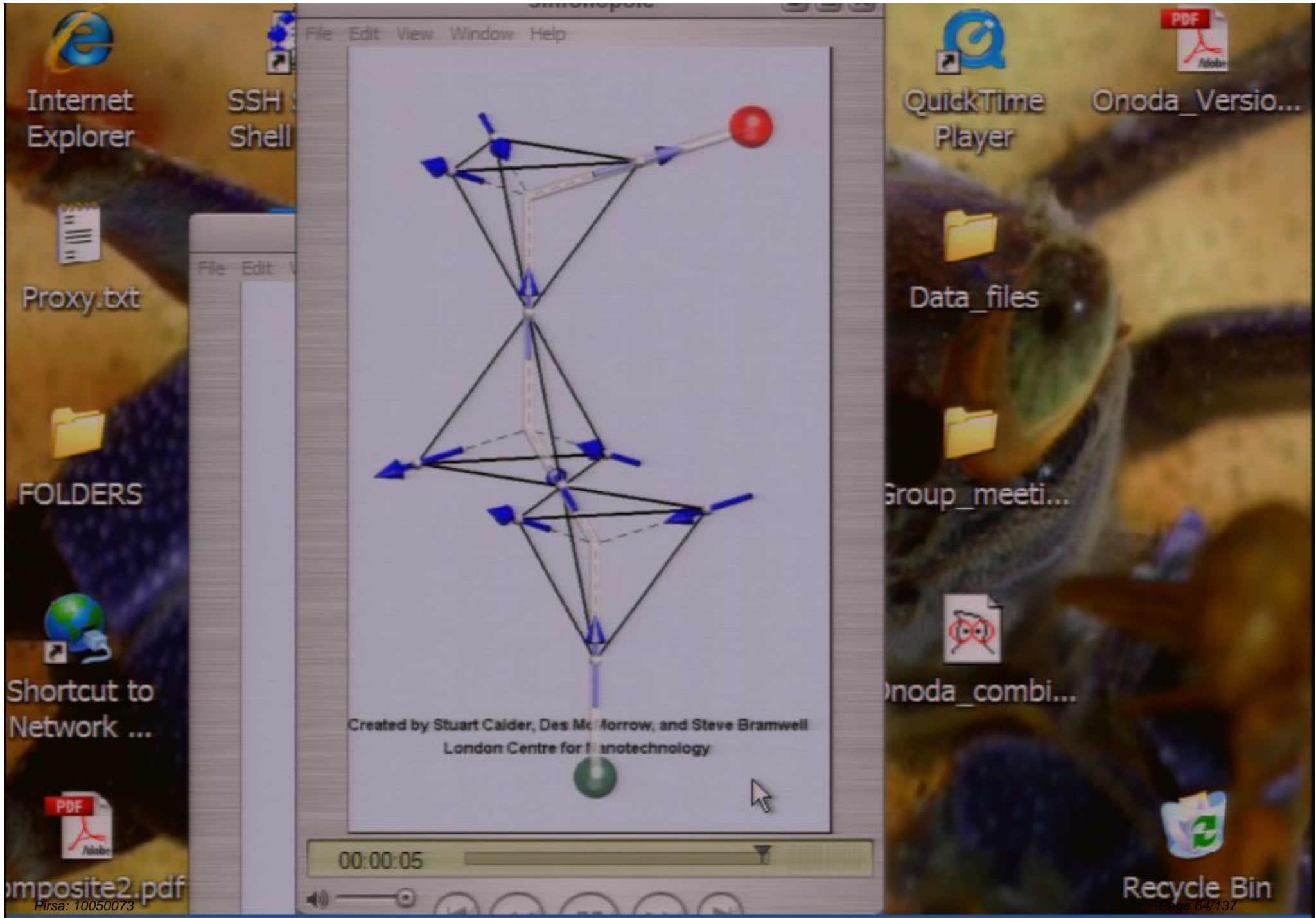
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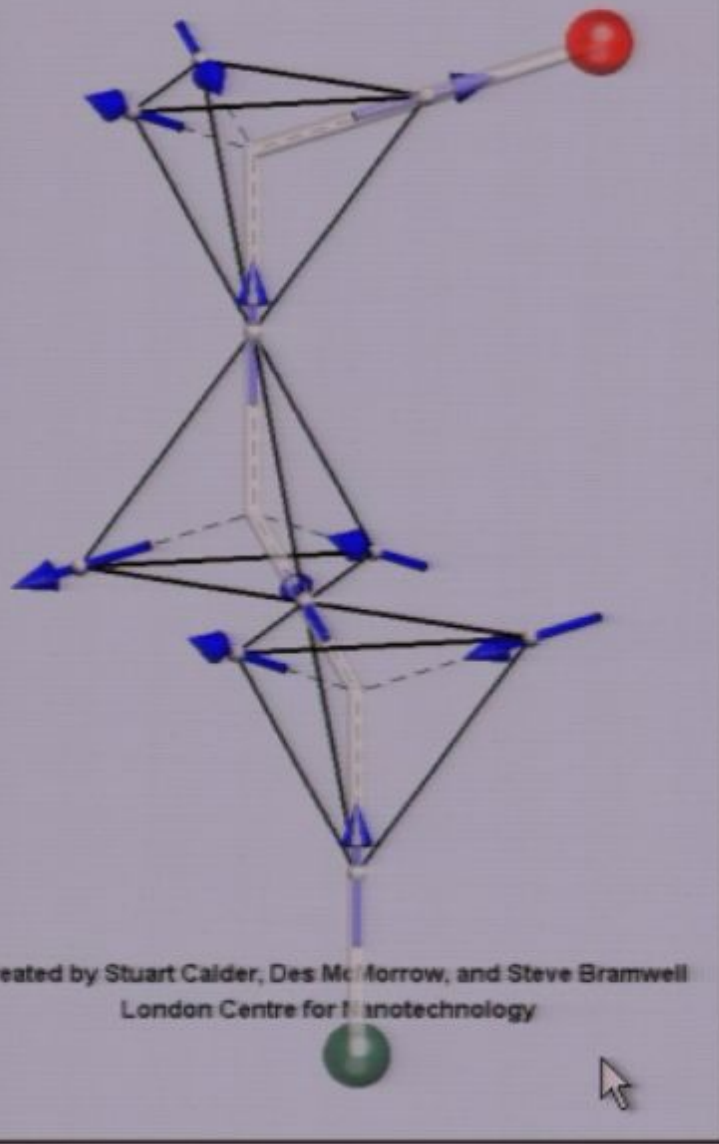


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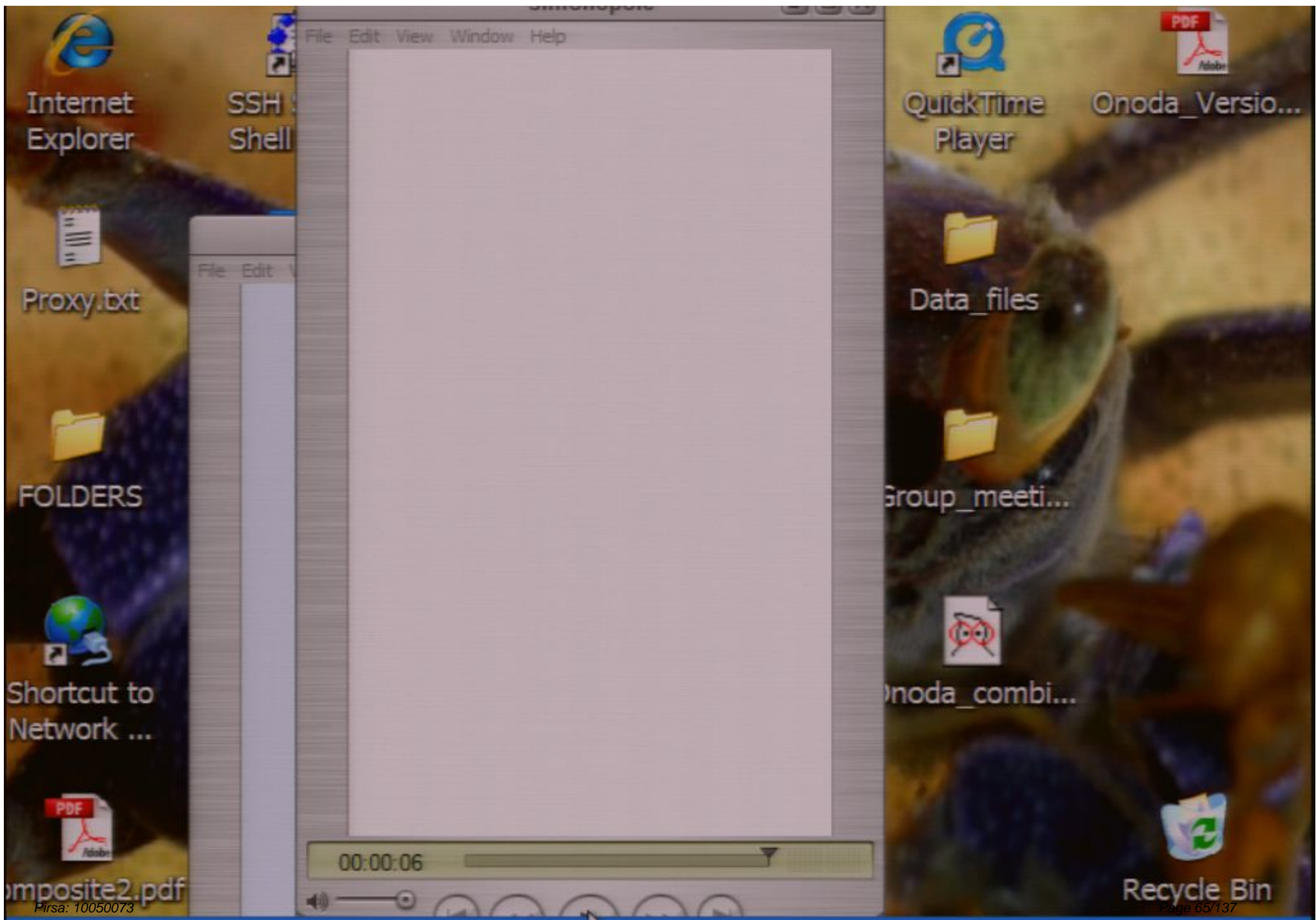
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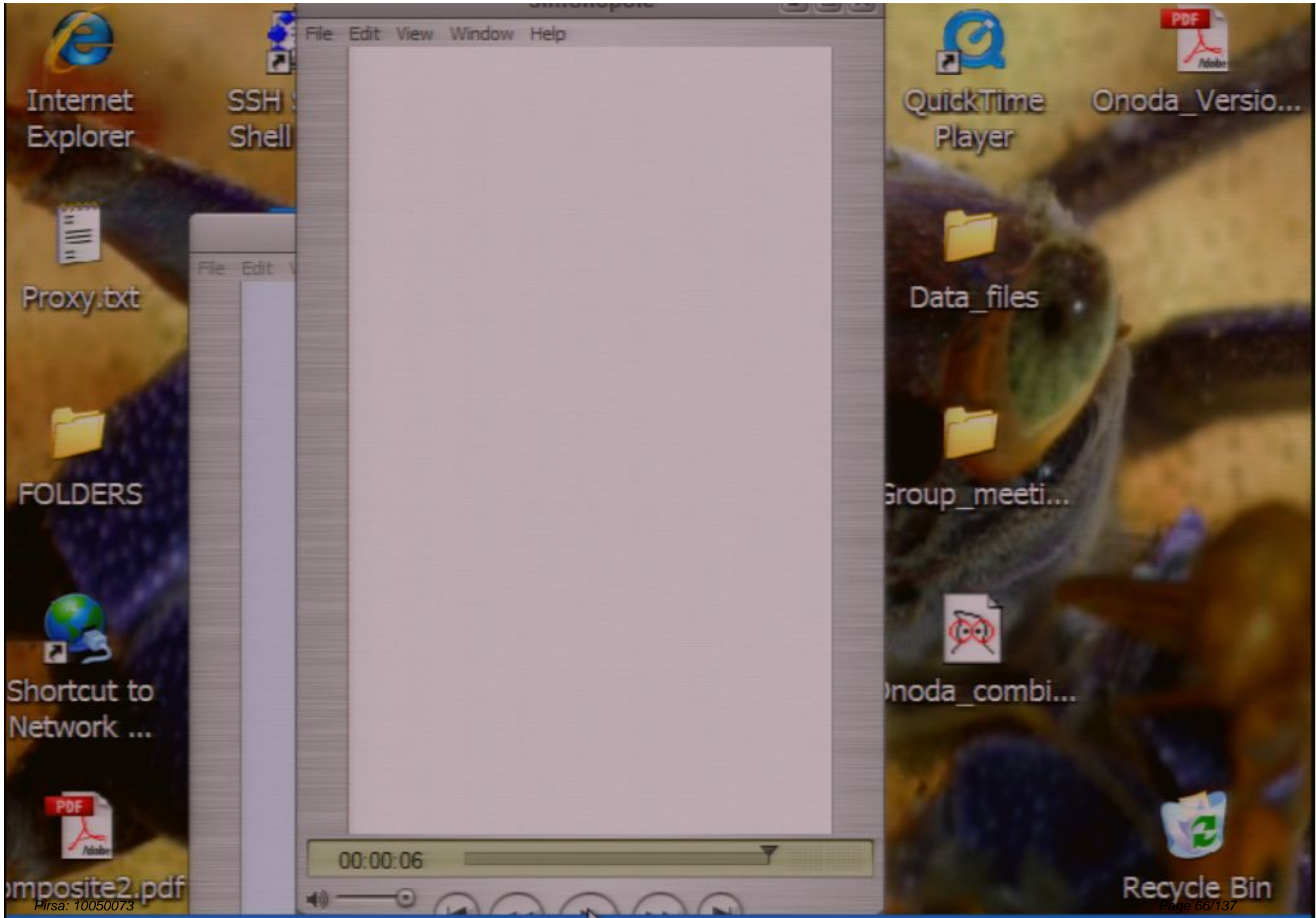
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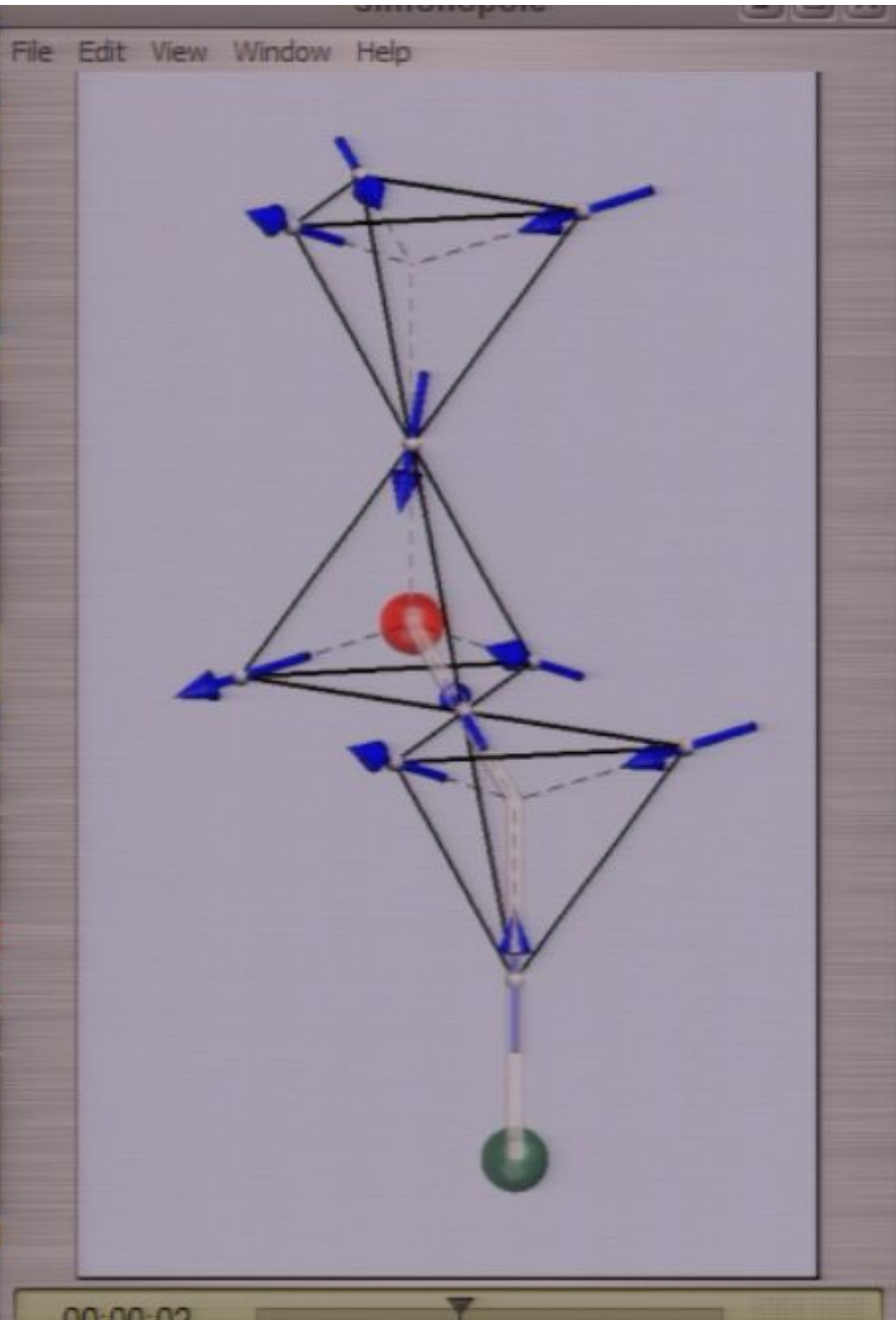
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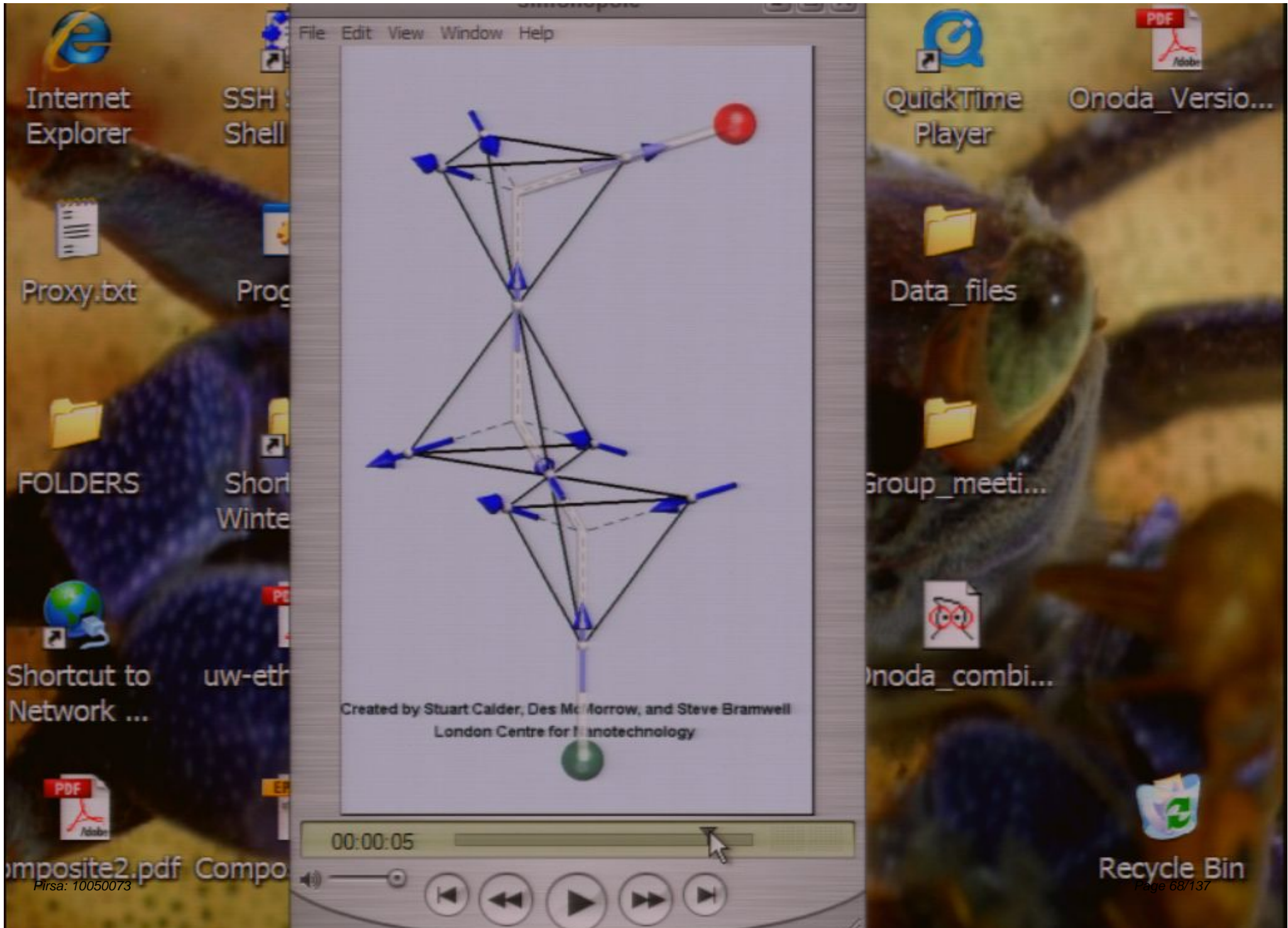
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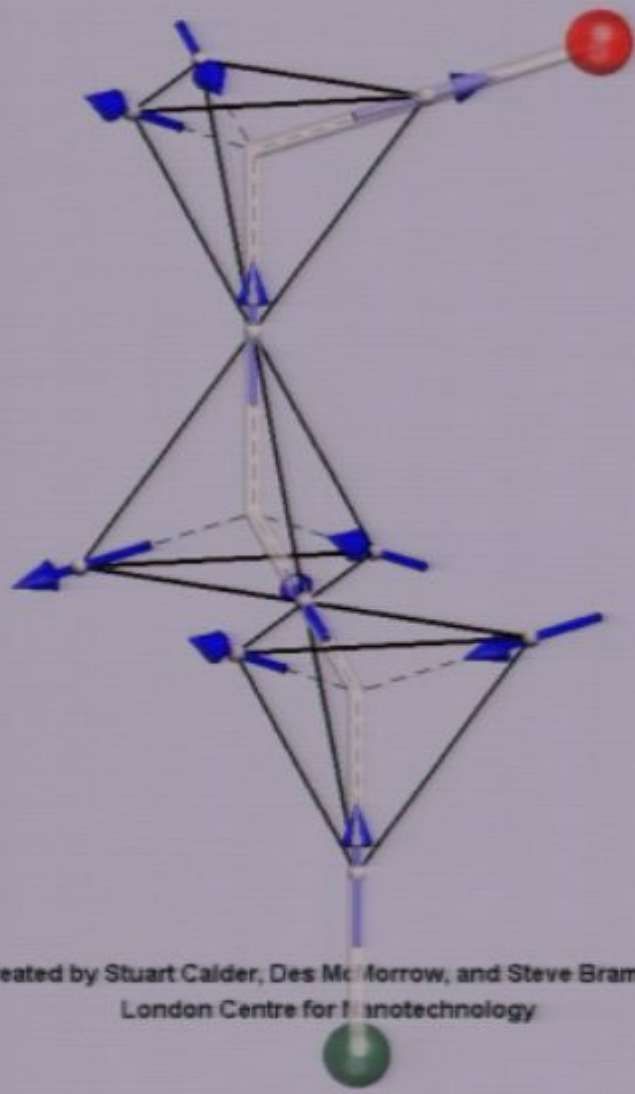
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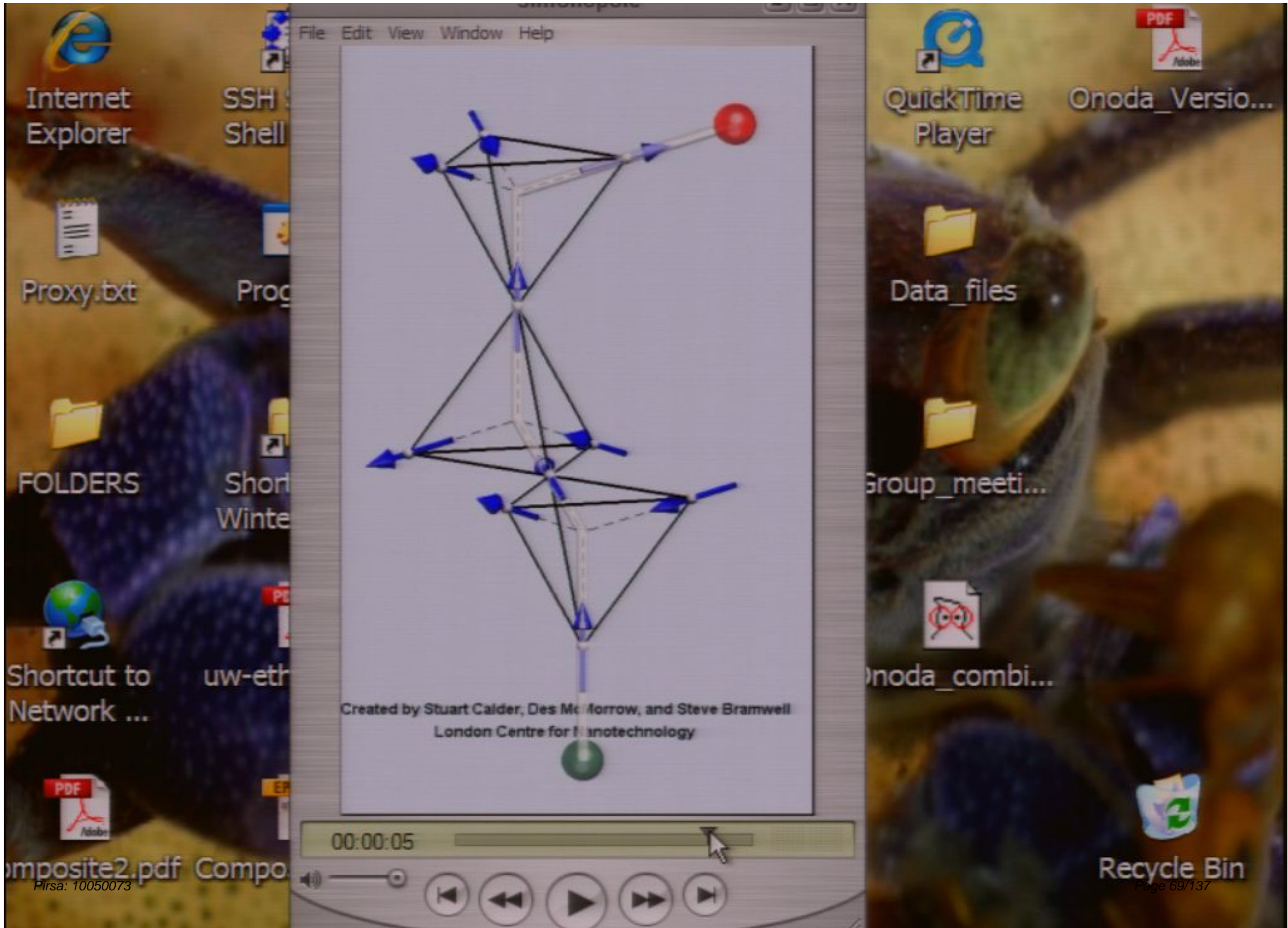
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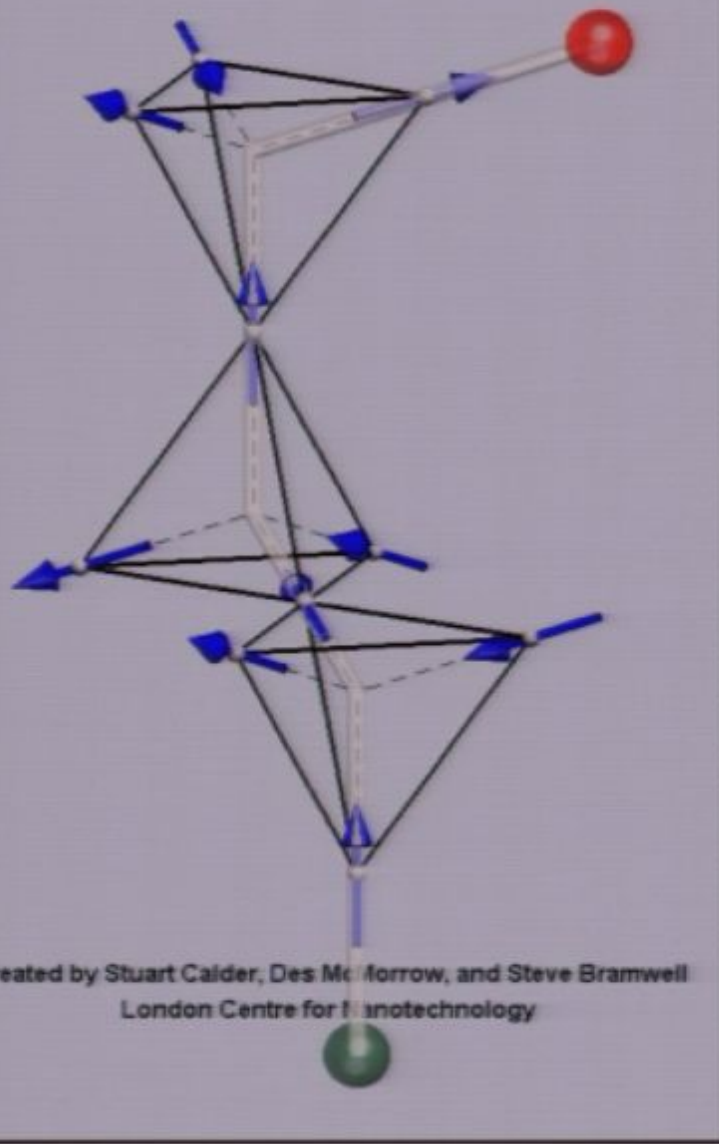
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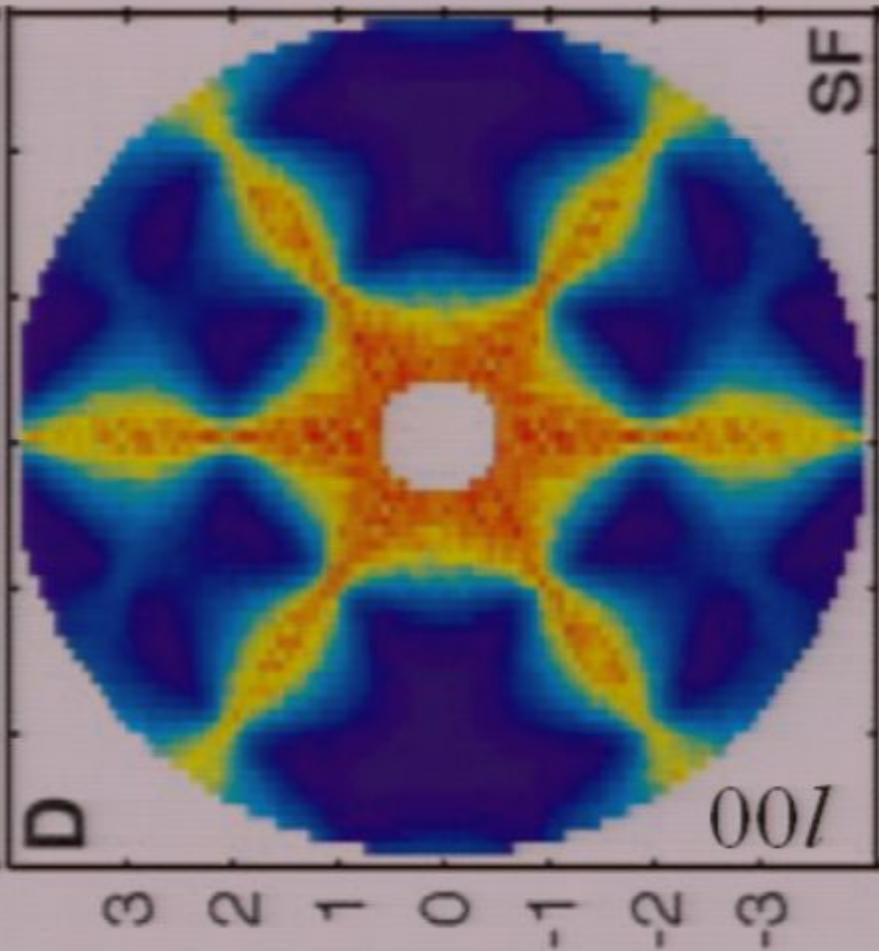
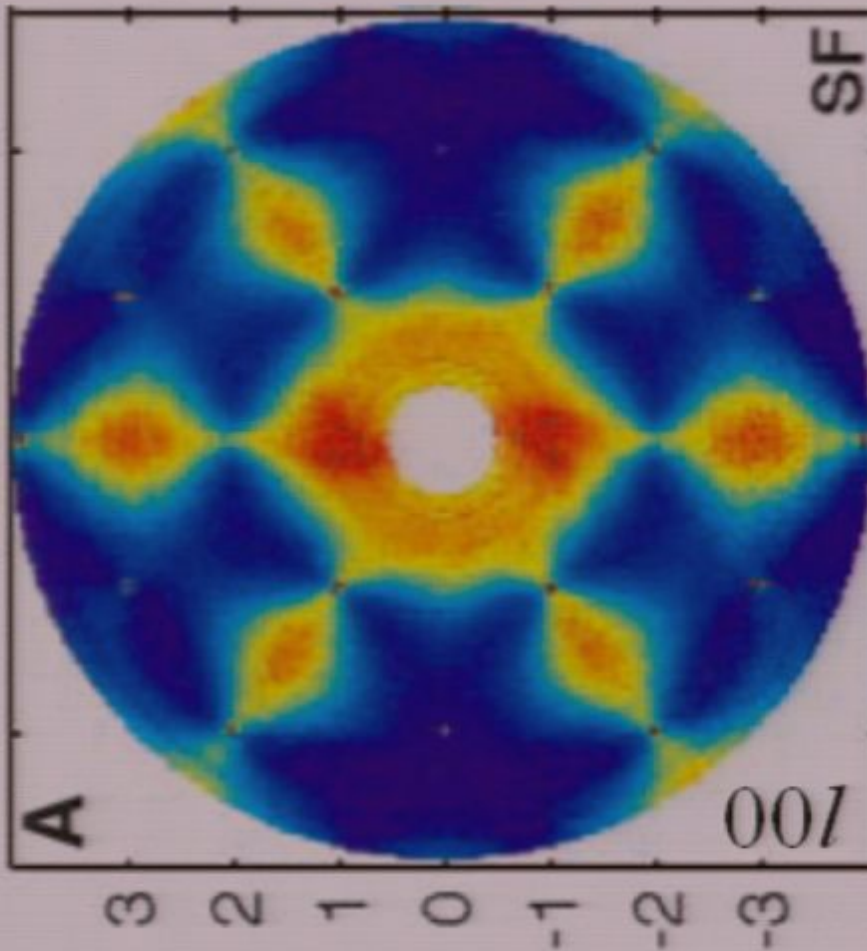
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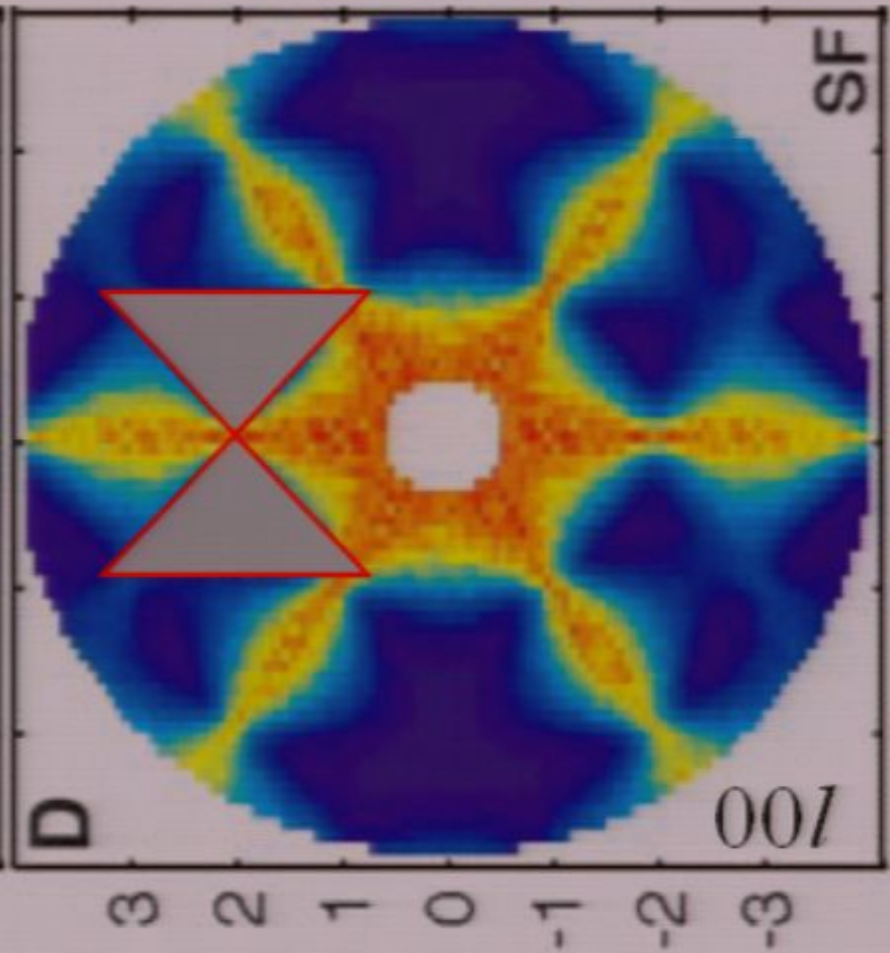
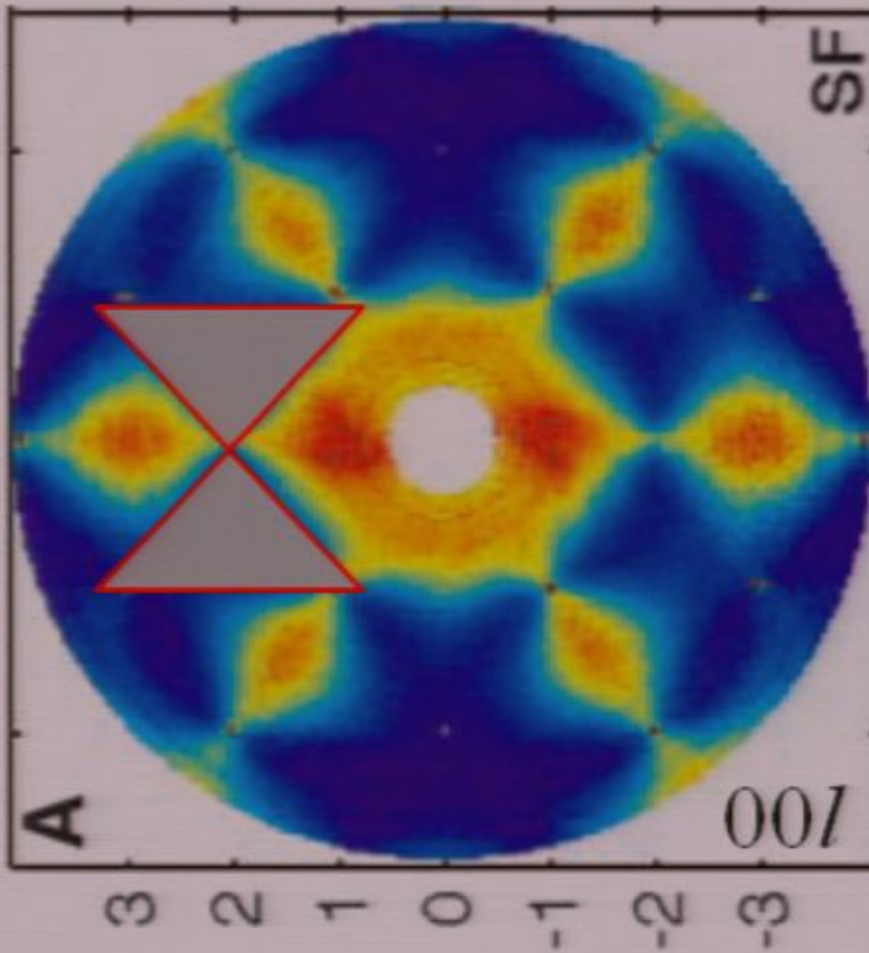
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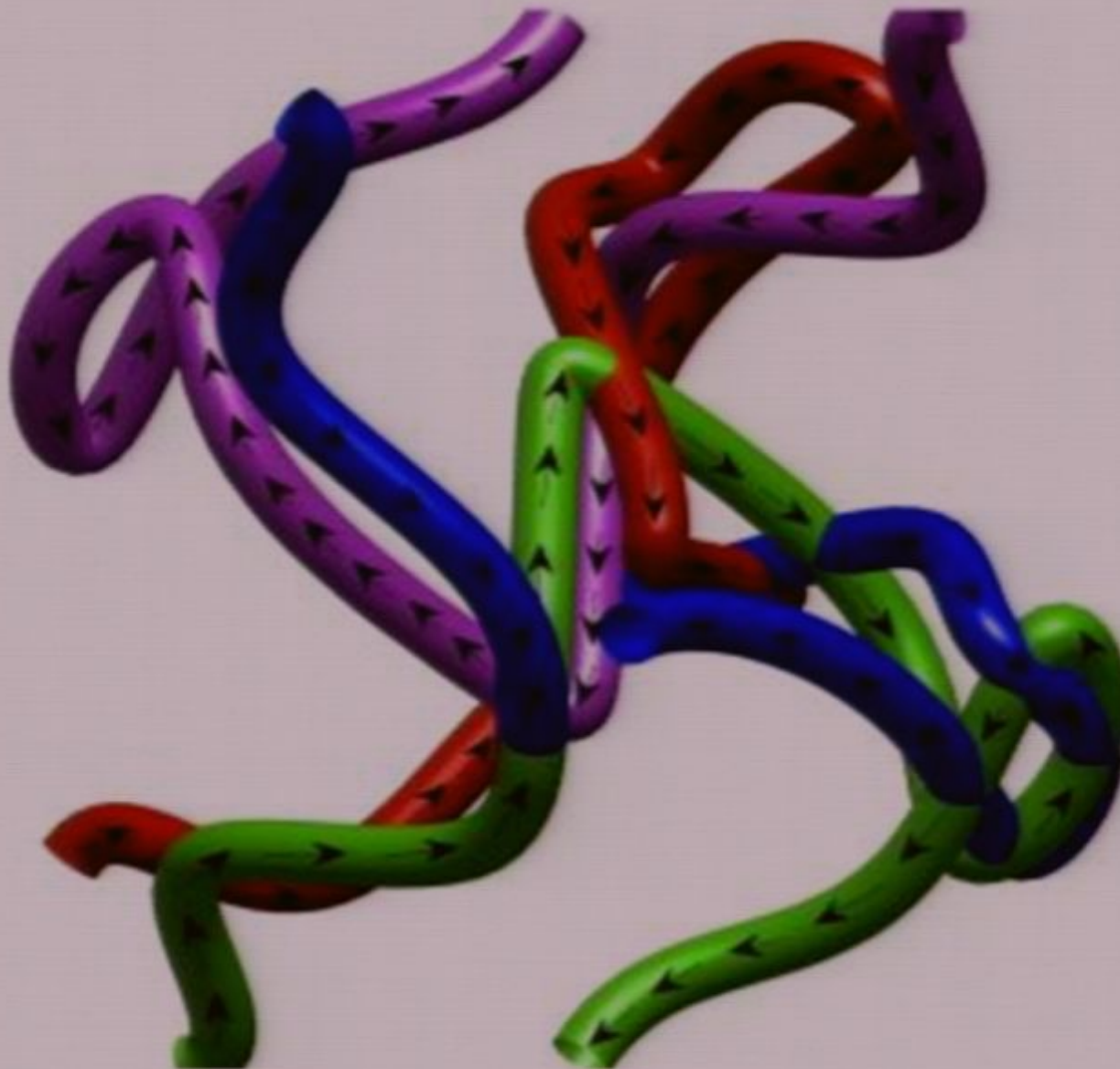
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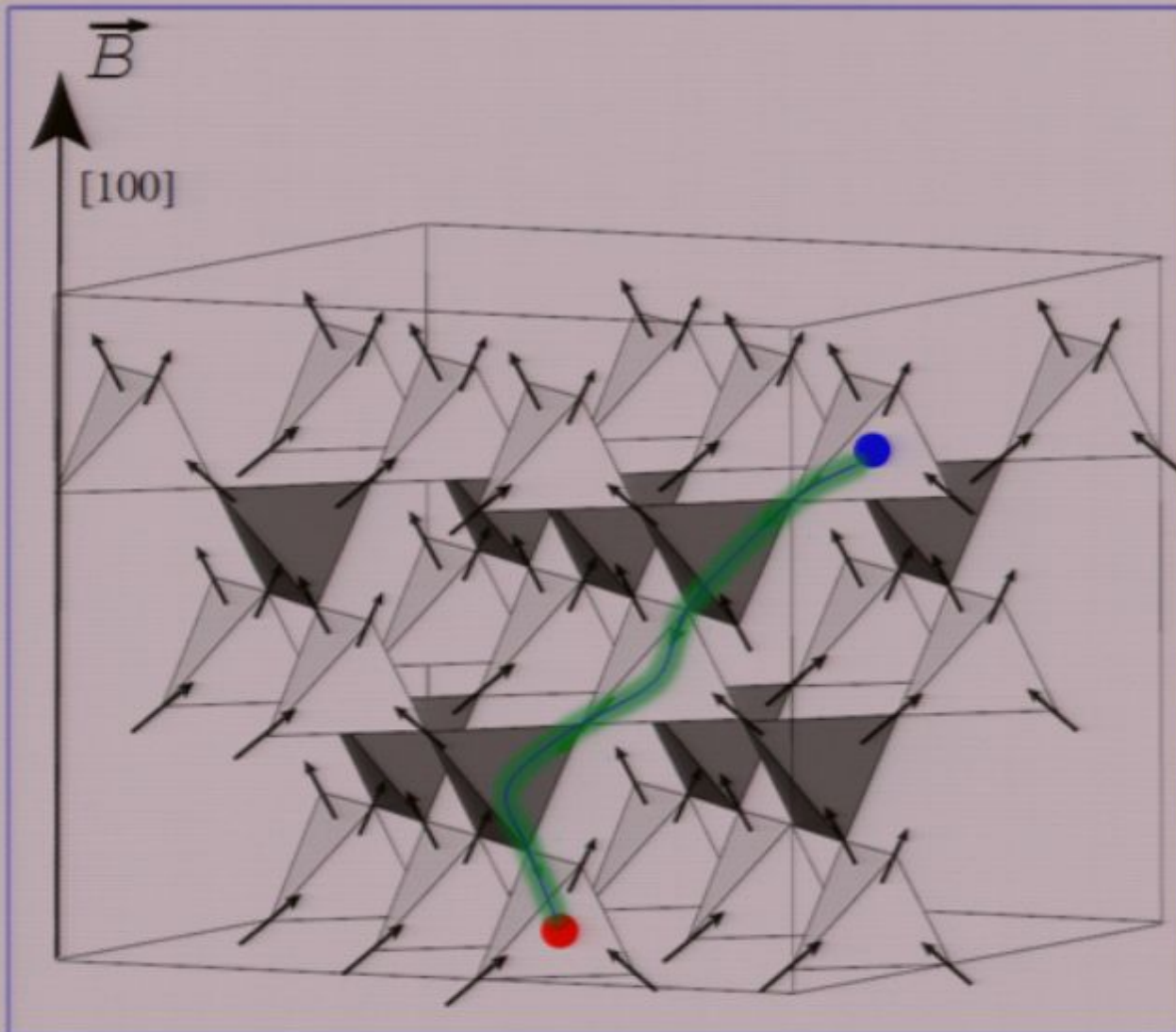
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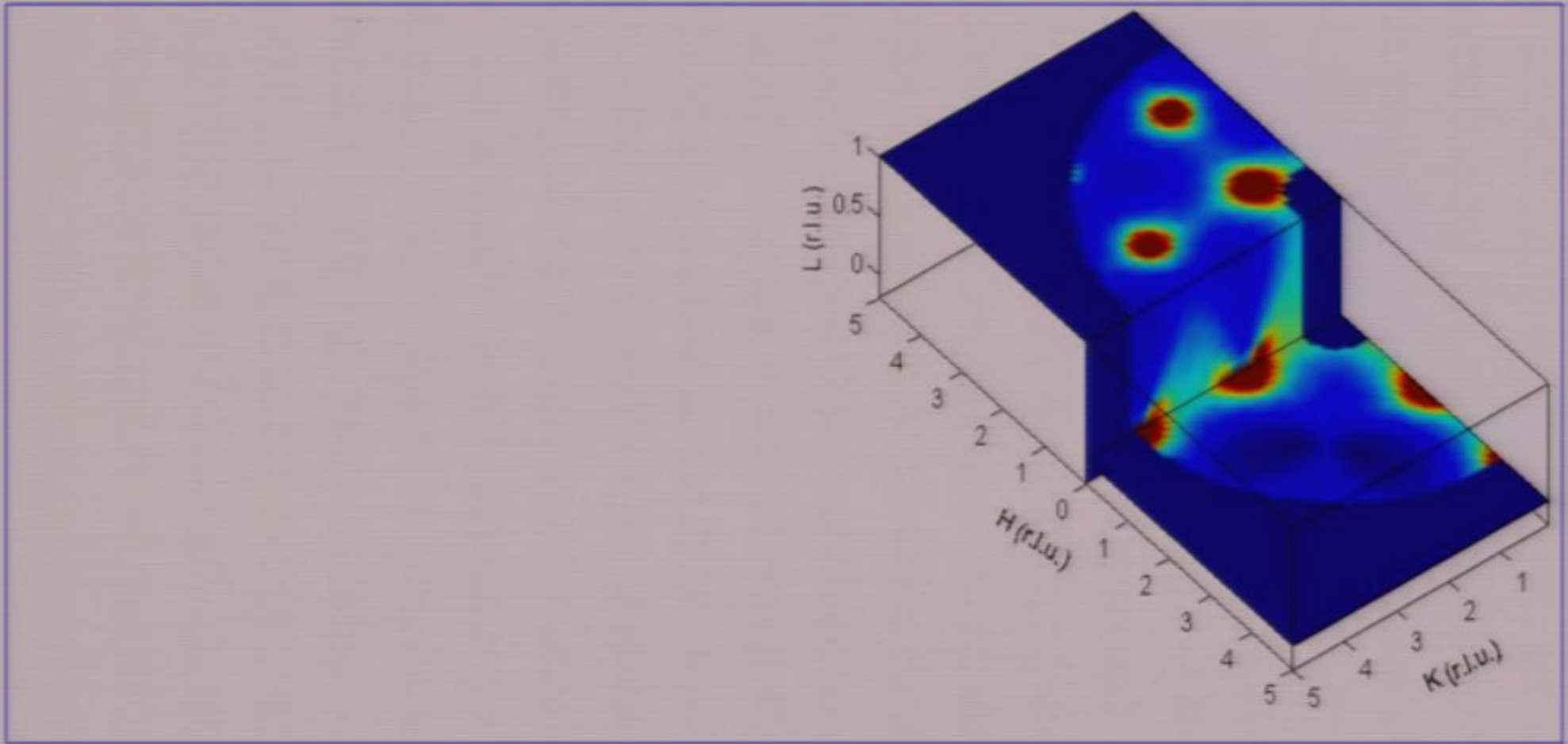
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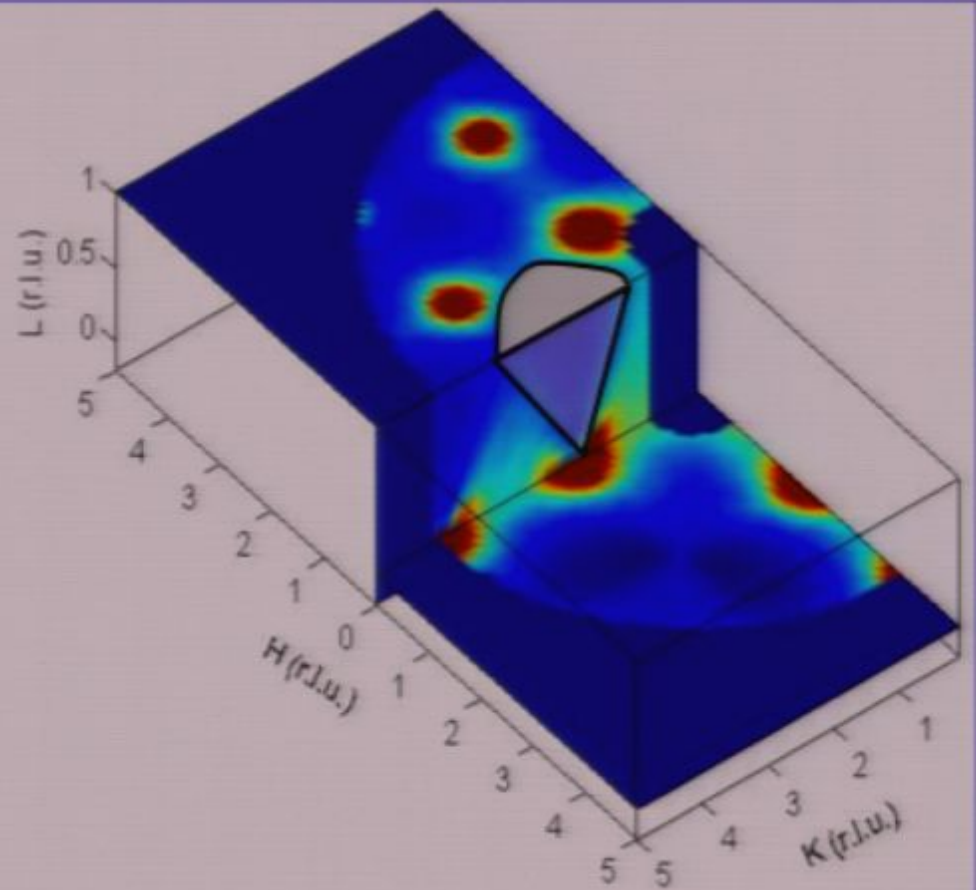
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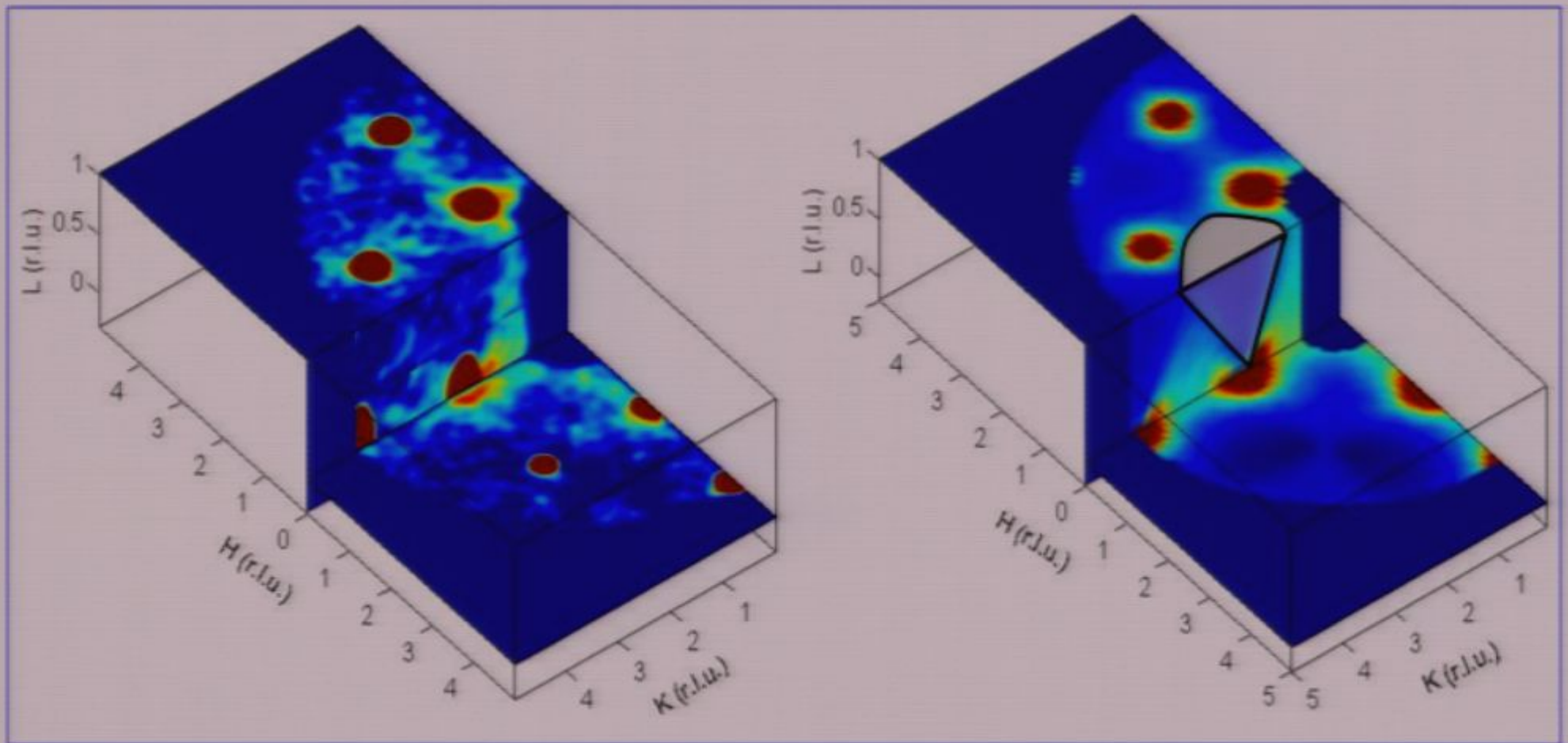
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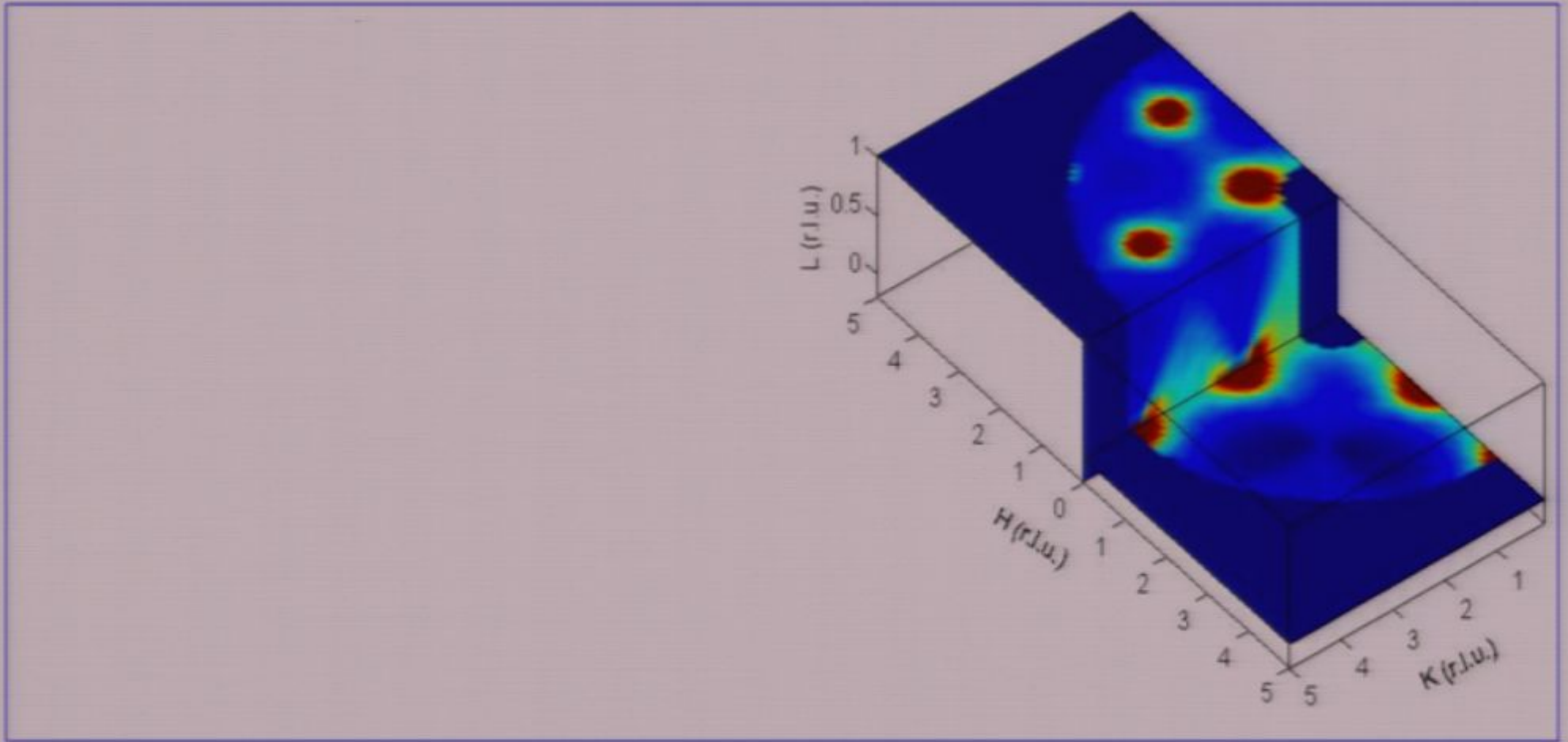
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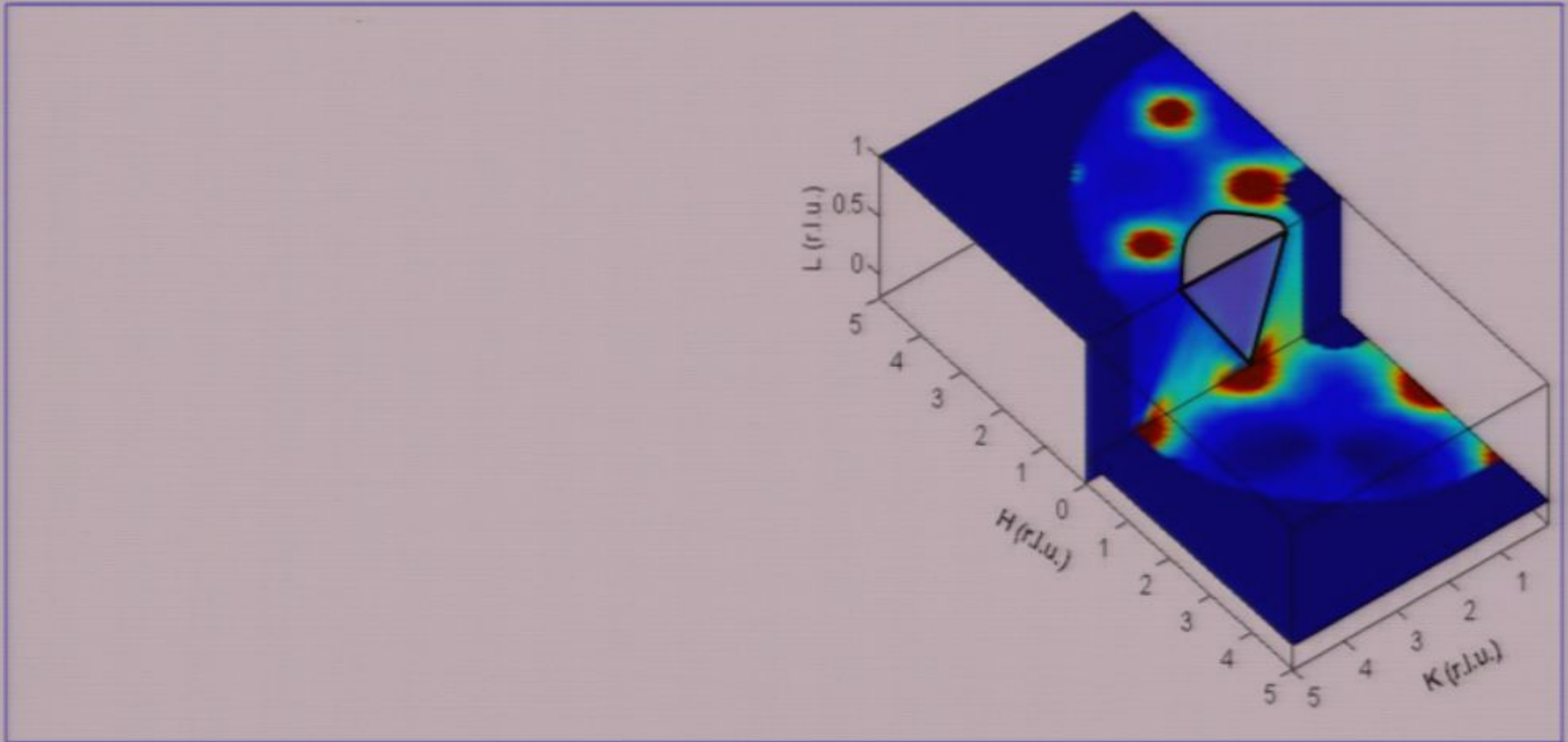


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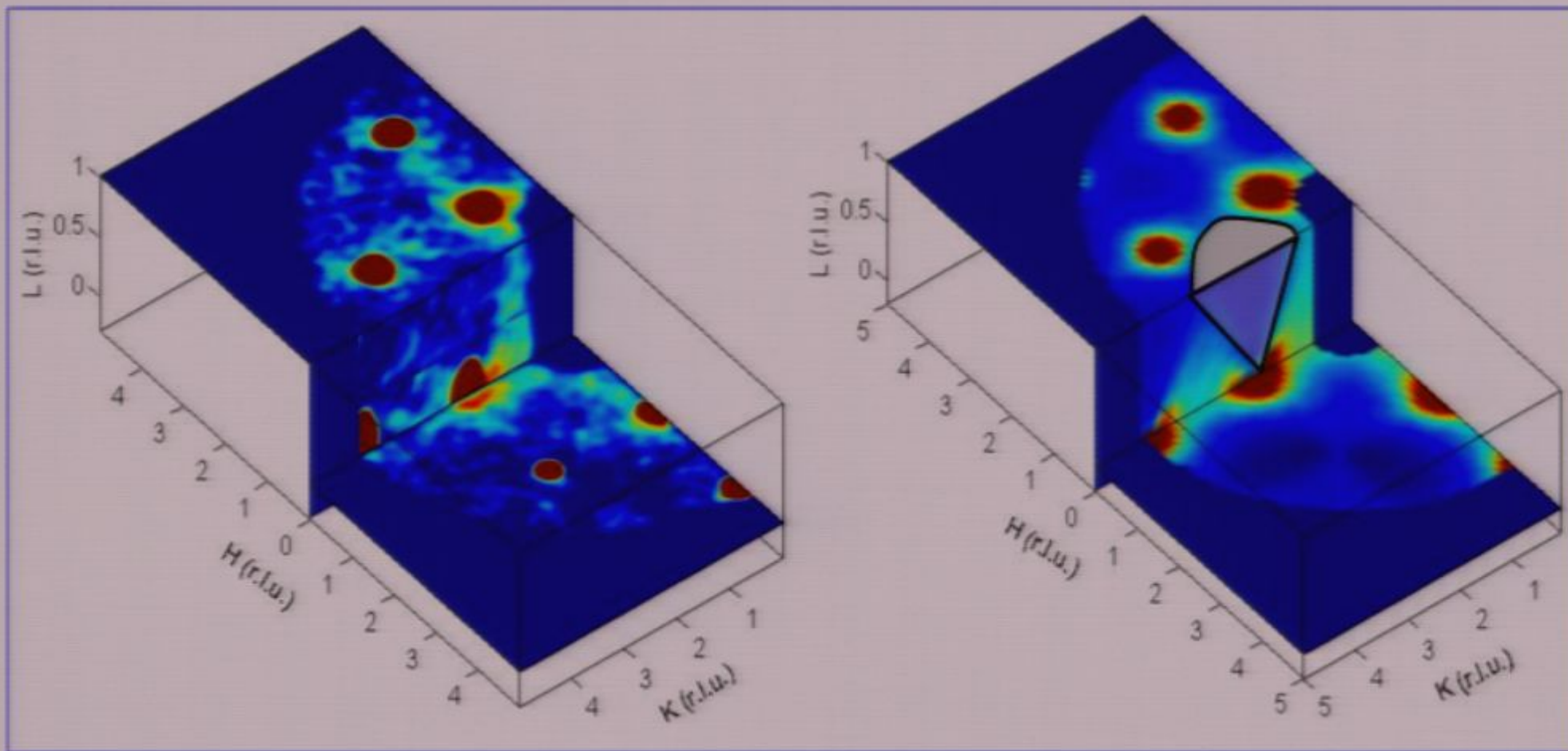




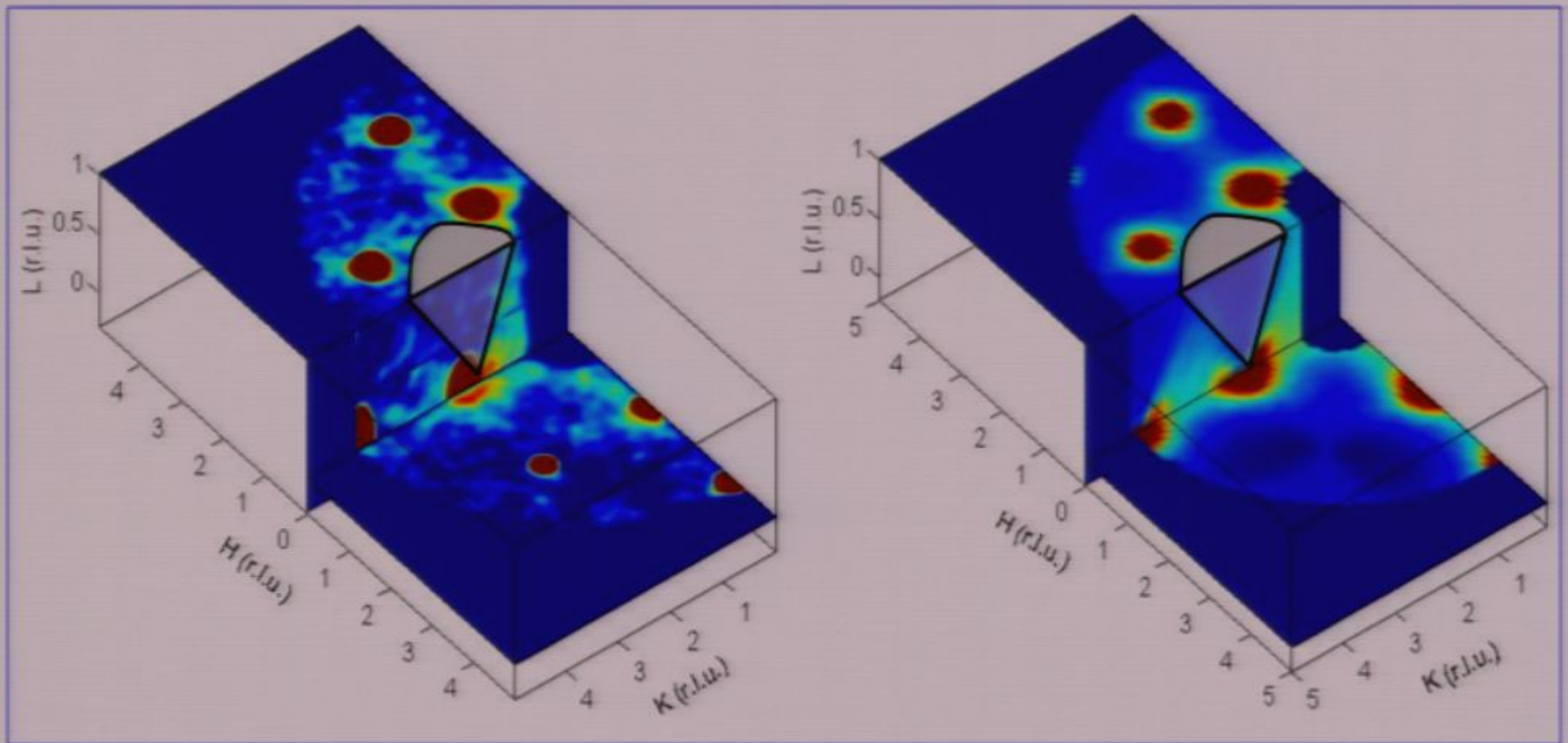
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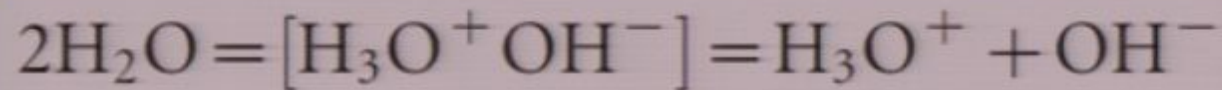
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## Measurement of the charge and current of magnetic monopoles in spin ice

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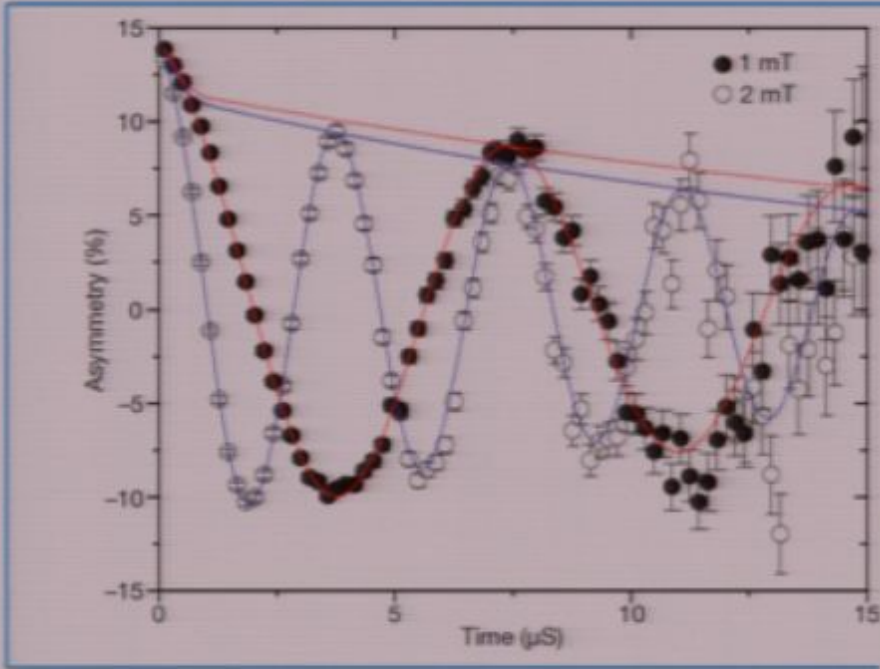
Onsager's 1934 theory of Wien's 2<sup>nd</sup> effect (dissociation rate,  $K$ , of water subject to an electric field)



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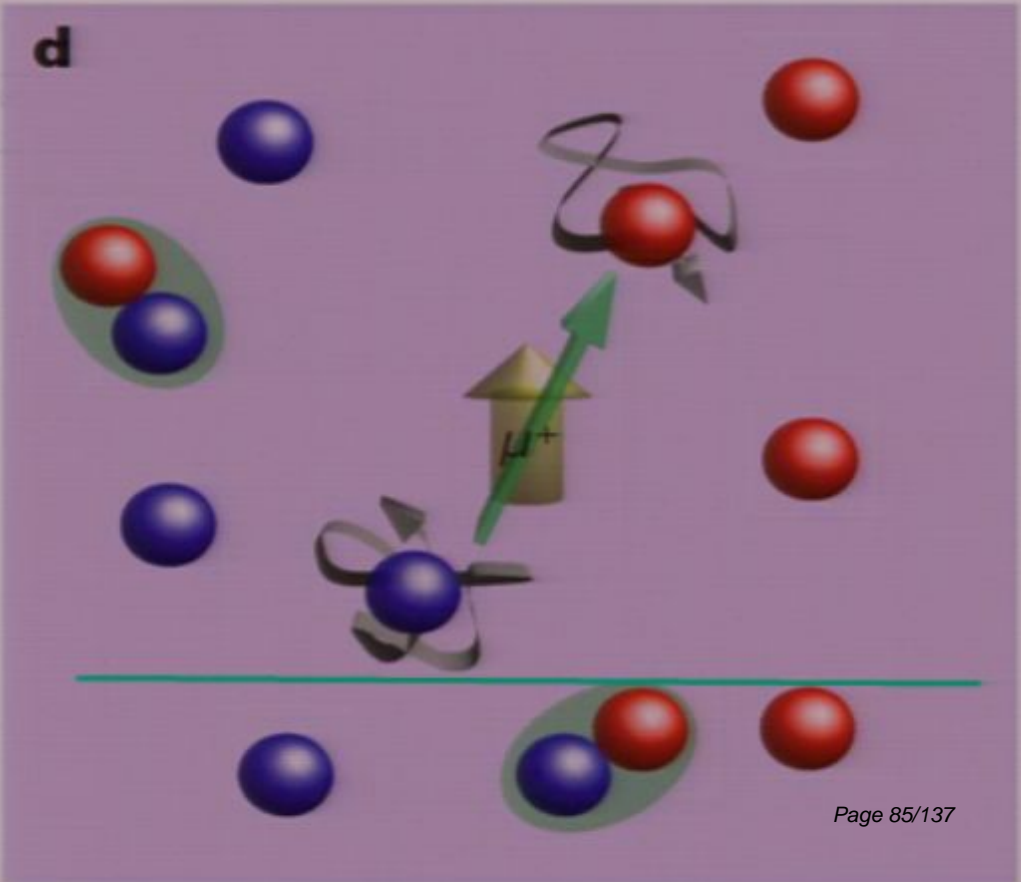
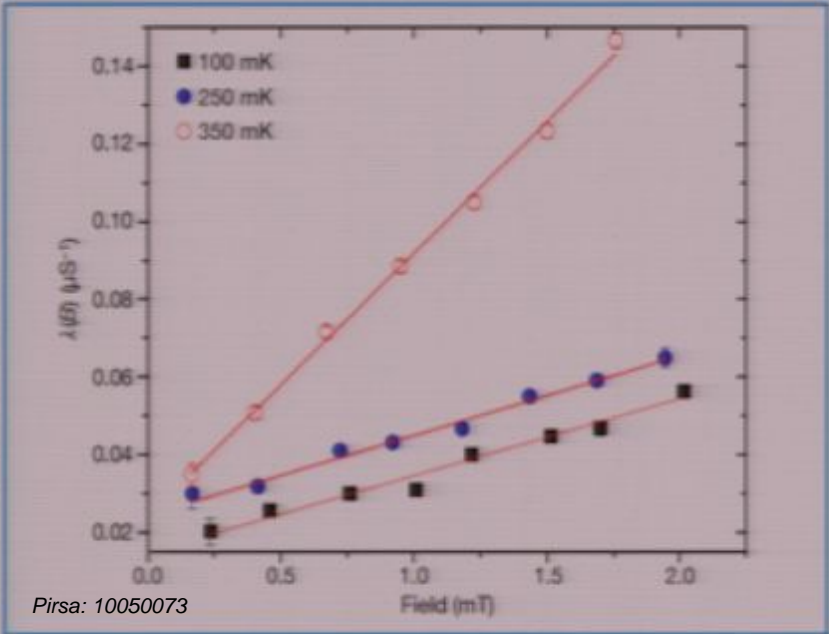
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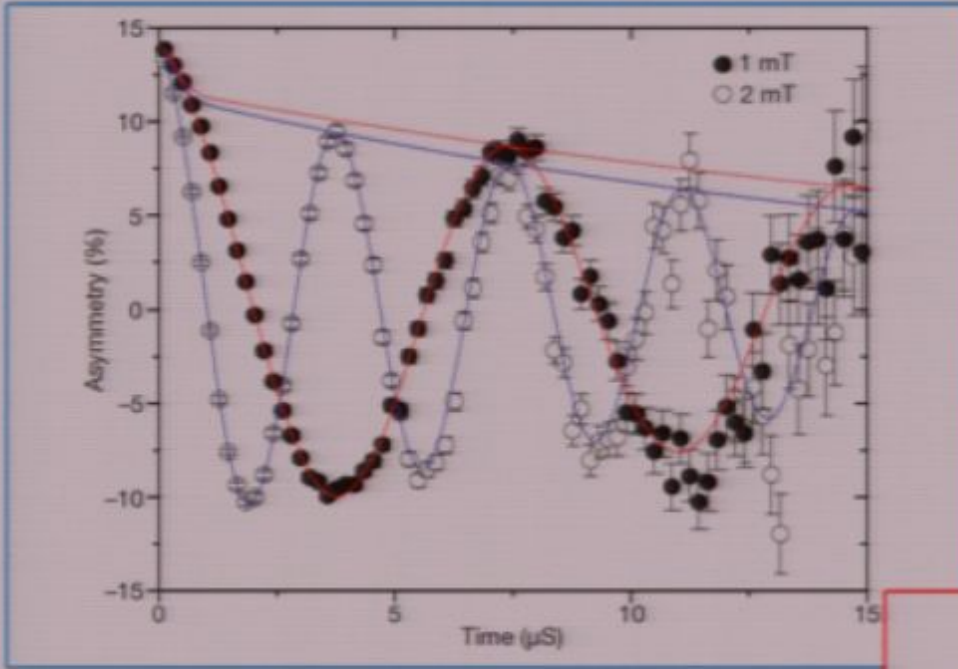
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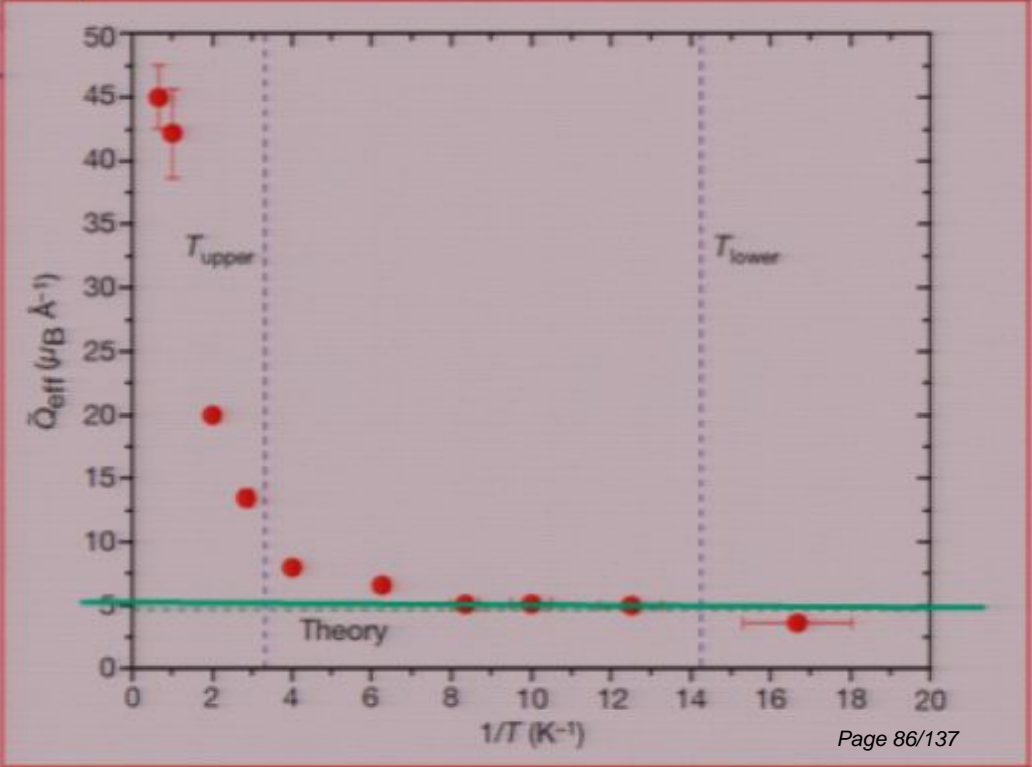
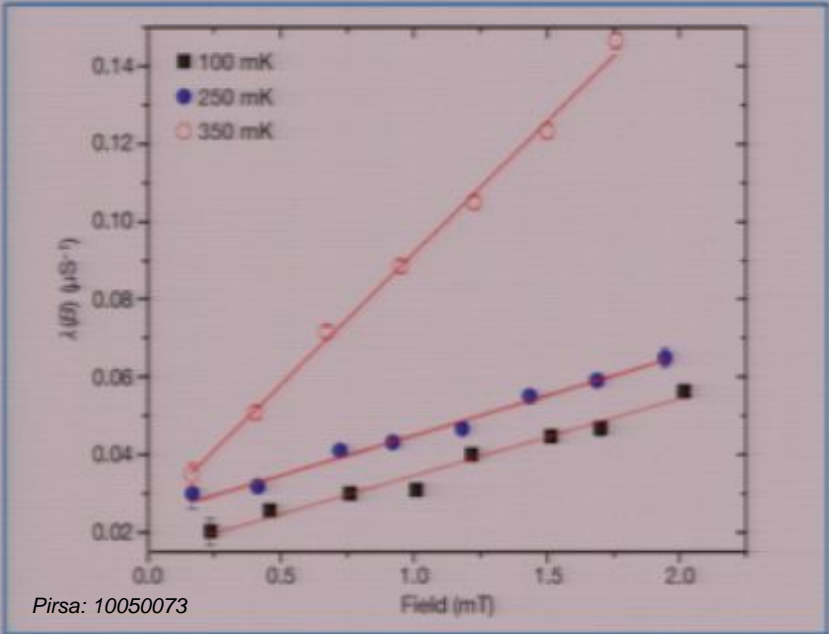
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## “Conclusion” about Monopoles in Spin ice

- Excitations in spin ices consists of deconfined monopole-like topological defects
- These have been recently observed and reported in 2 neutron scattering papers in *Science* and 1 muon spin relaxation paper in *Nature* (Oct. 2009).
- There is currently efforts in understanding the role of these objects on the spin dynamics in spin ice.

Jaubert, L. D. C. & Holdsworth, P. C. W. Signature of magnetic monopole and Dirac string dynamics in spin ice. *Nature Phys.* 5, 258–261 (2009).

- There are bound to be more interesting effects tied to monopoles and “Dirac strings” in spin ice to be reported over the next couple of years.

# Outline

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- *Frustrated ferromagnet & ice rules*
- *extensive low-temperature entropy*
- *role of dipolar interactions*

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- *Spin-spin correlations*
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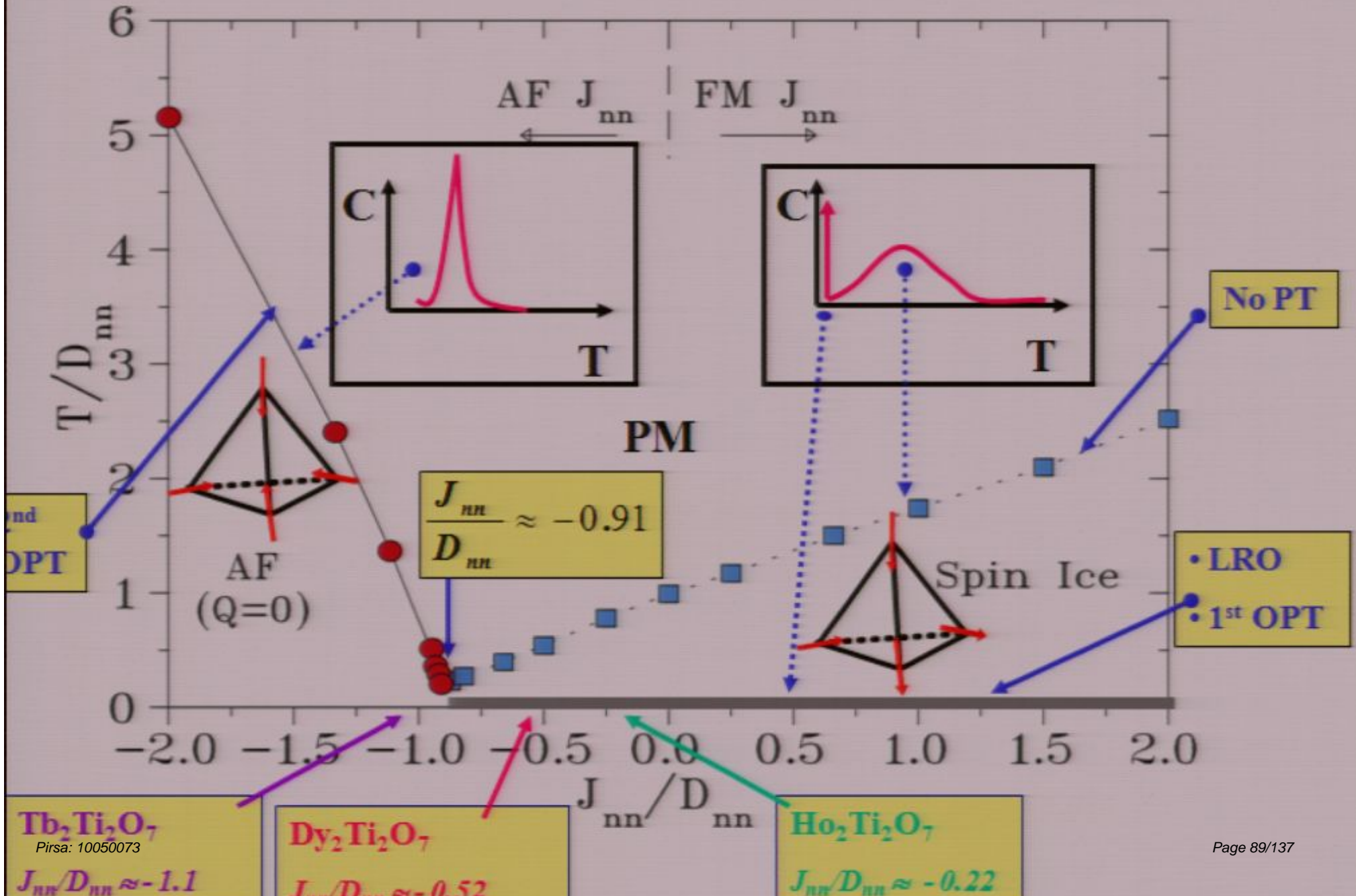
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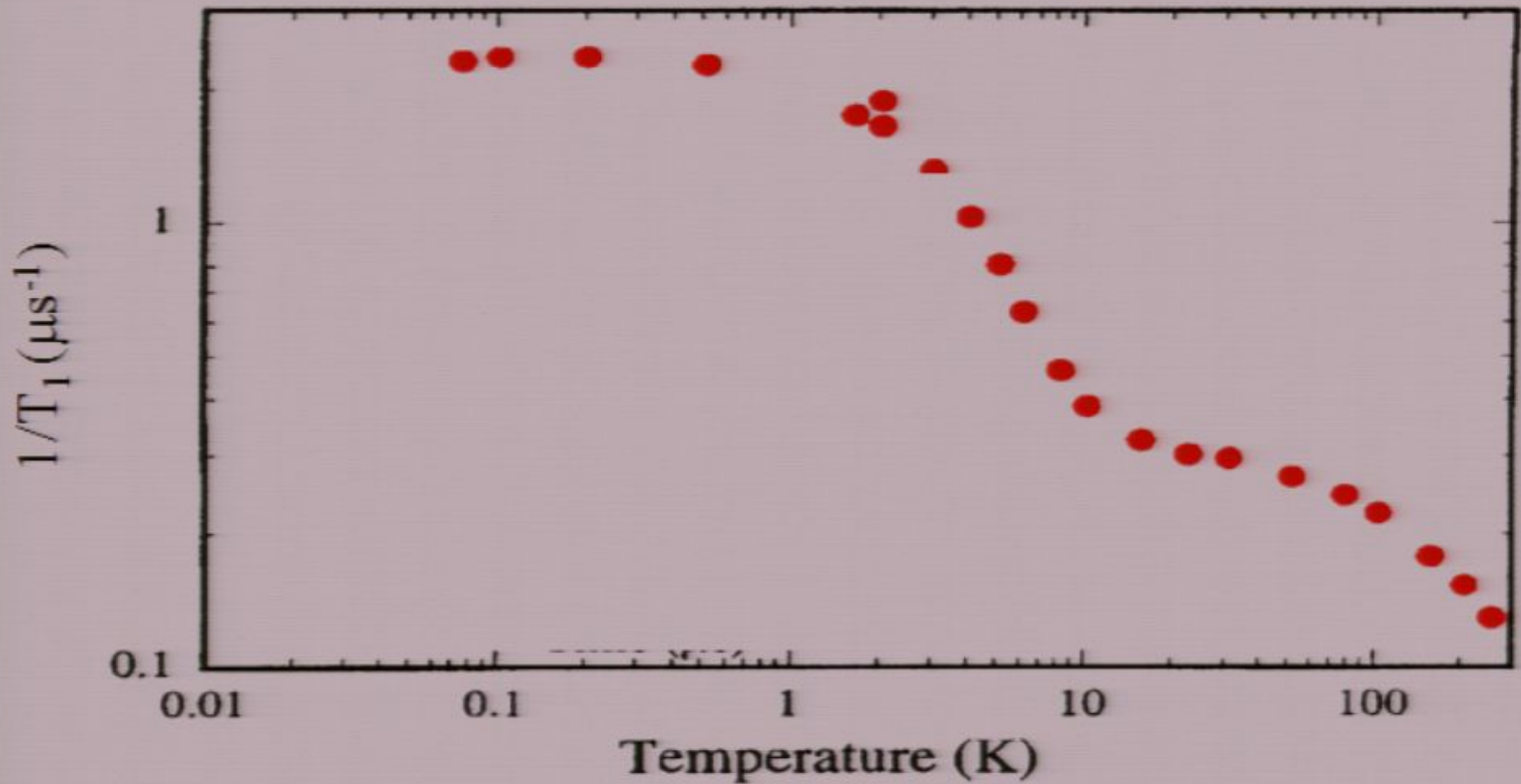


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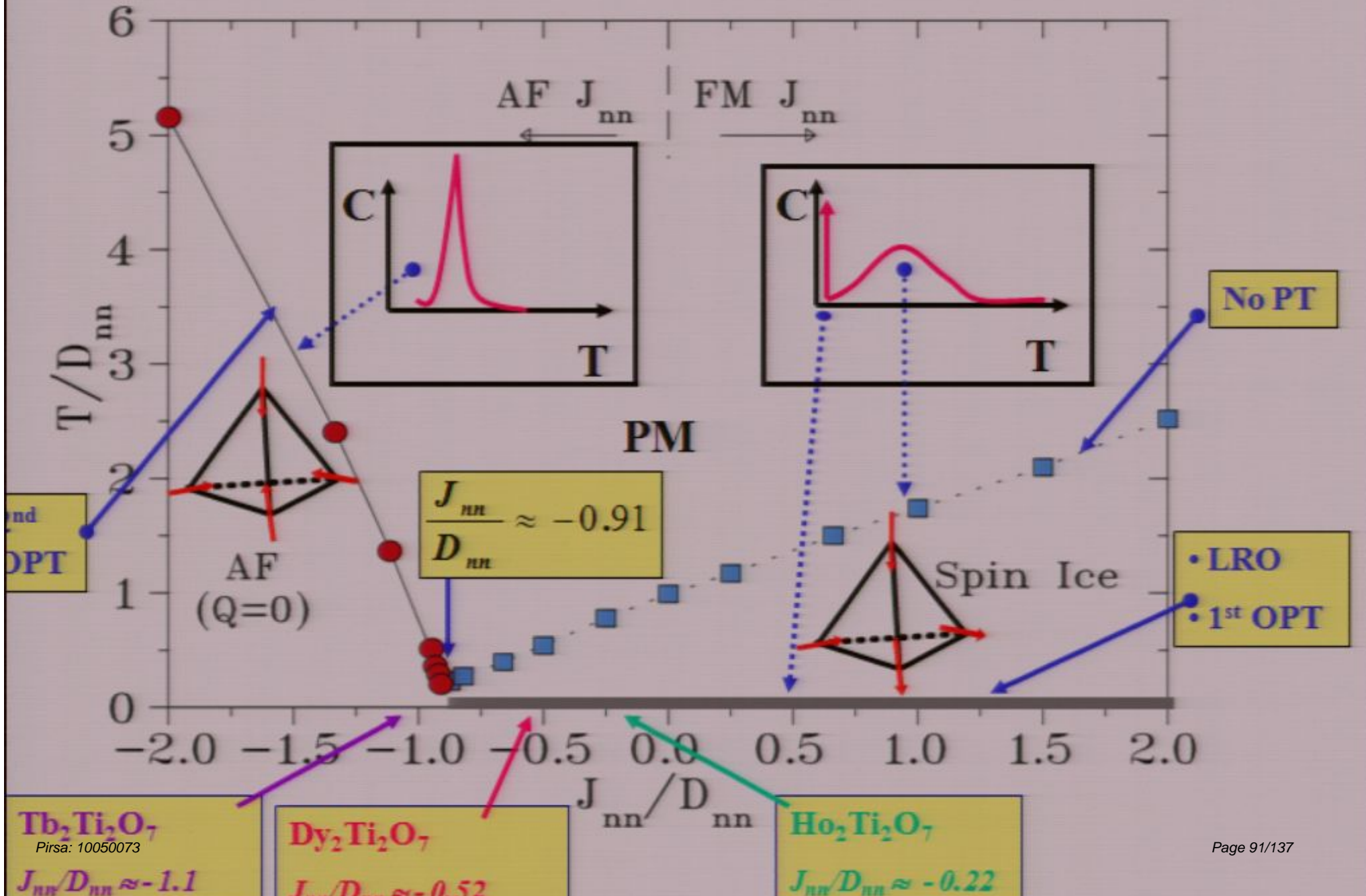


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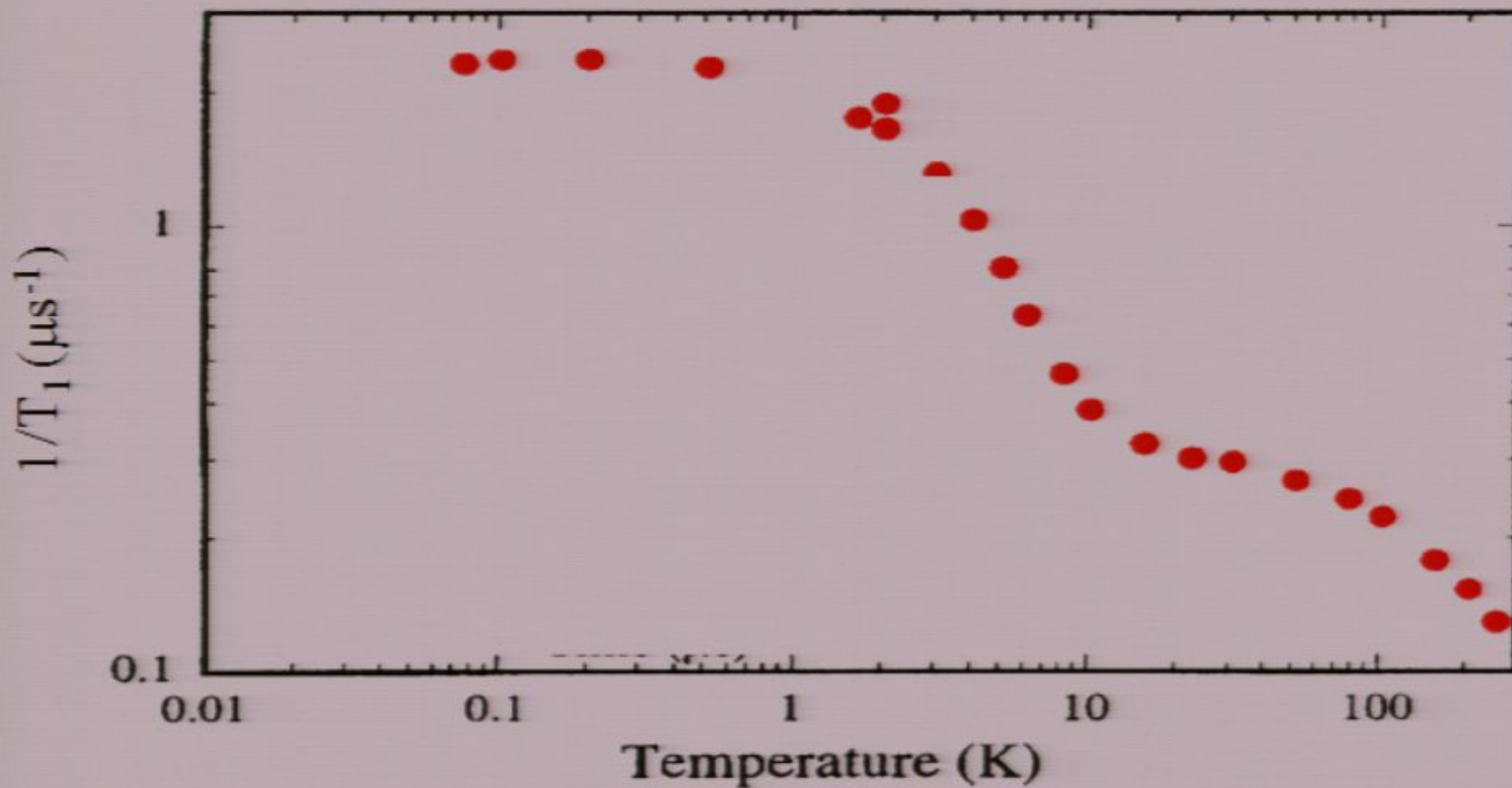


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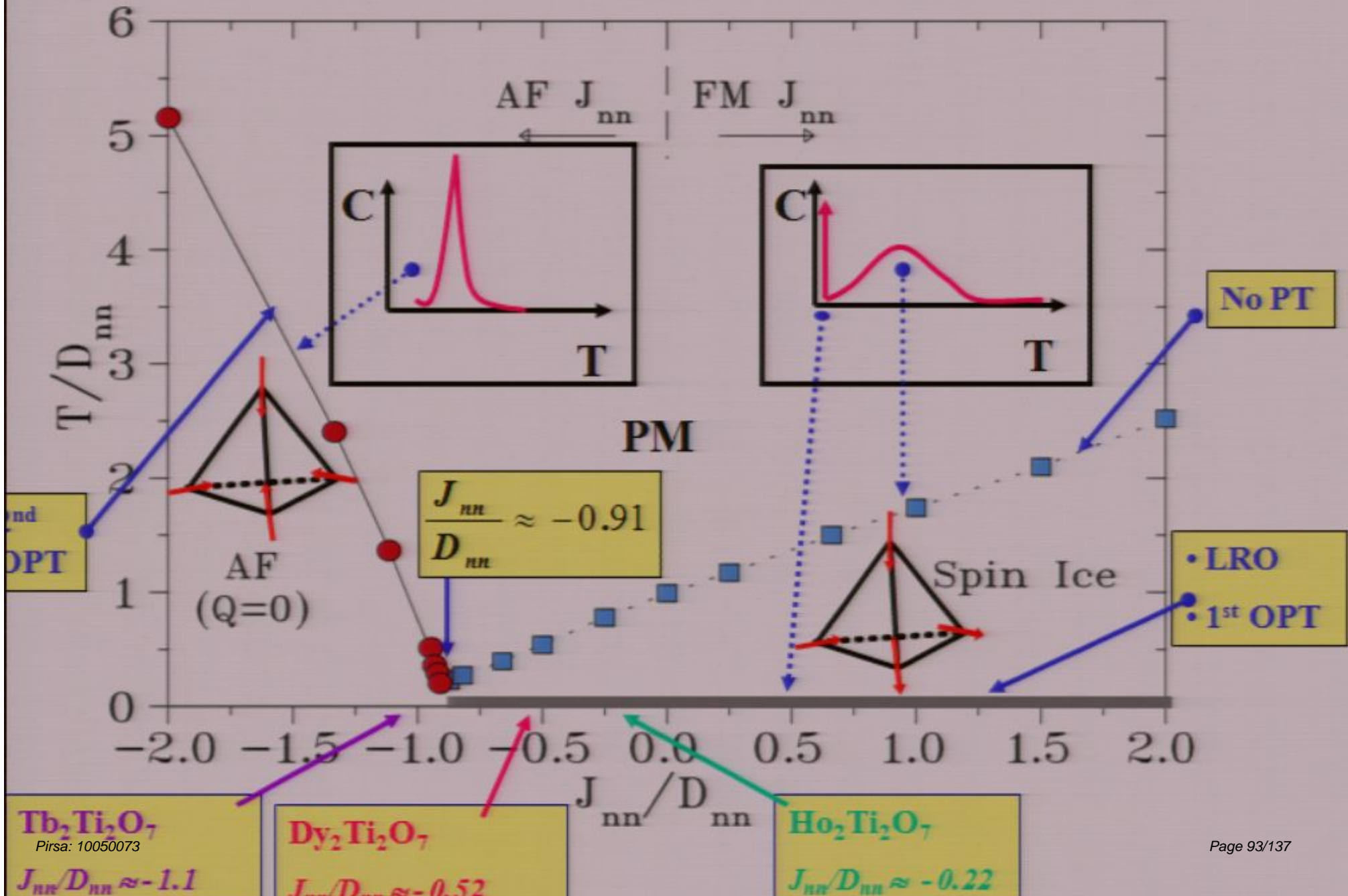


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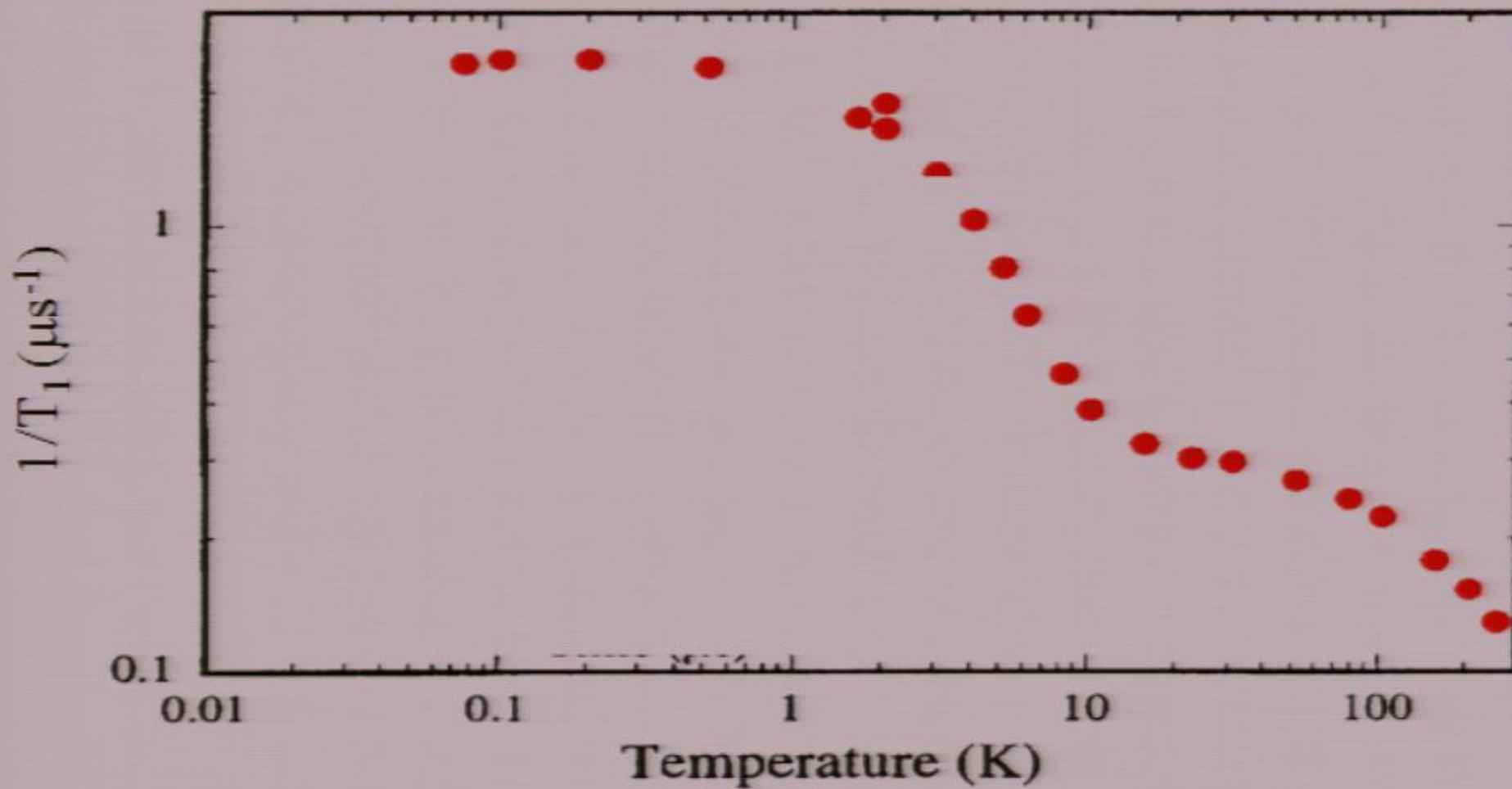


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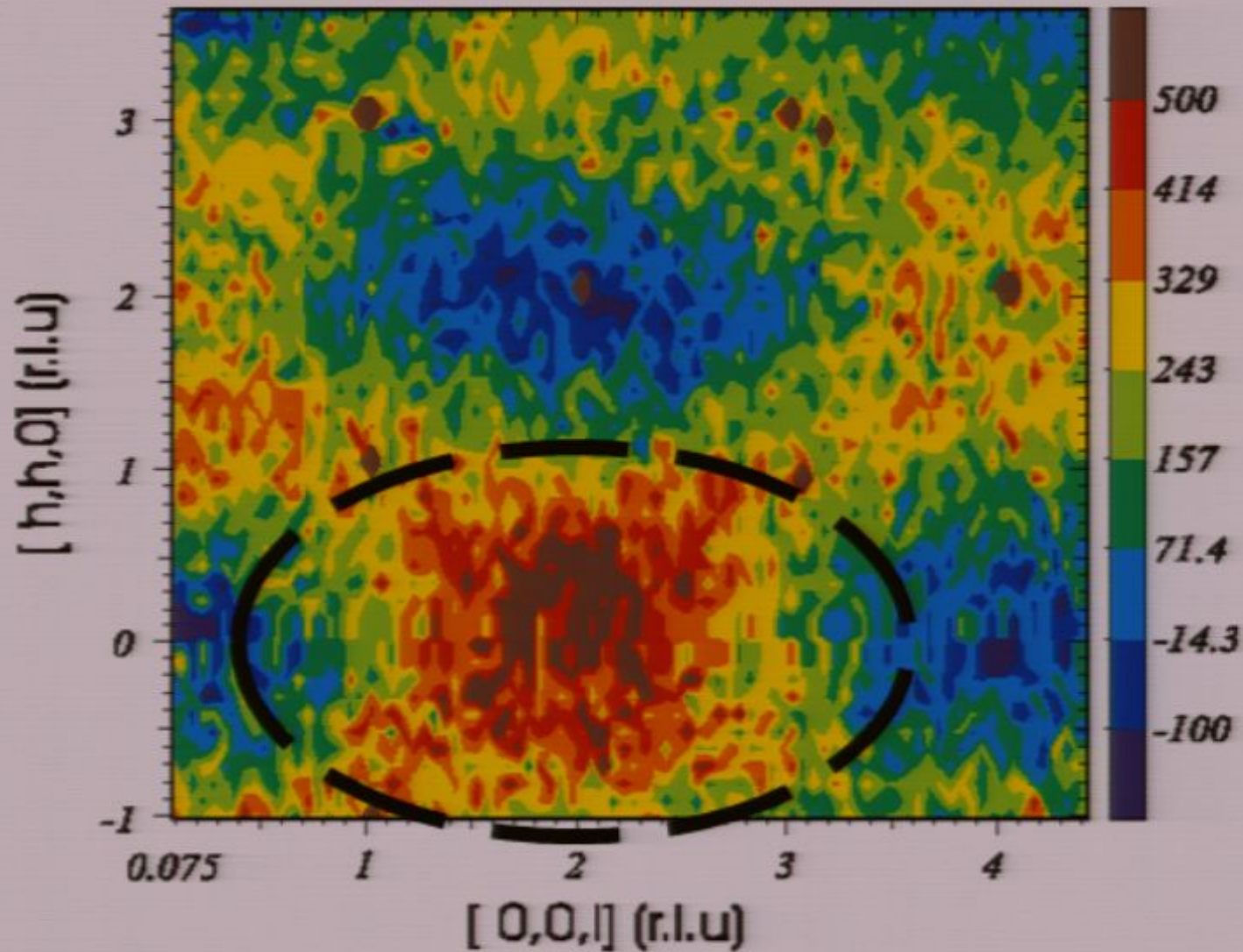


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$|\pm 8\rangle + O(10^{-1})$



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$\{ | +3\rangle, | -3\rangle, | +6\rangle, | -6\rangle \}$

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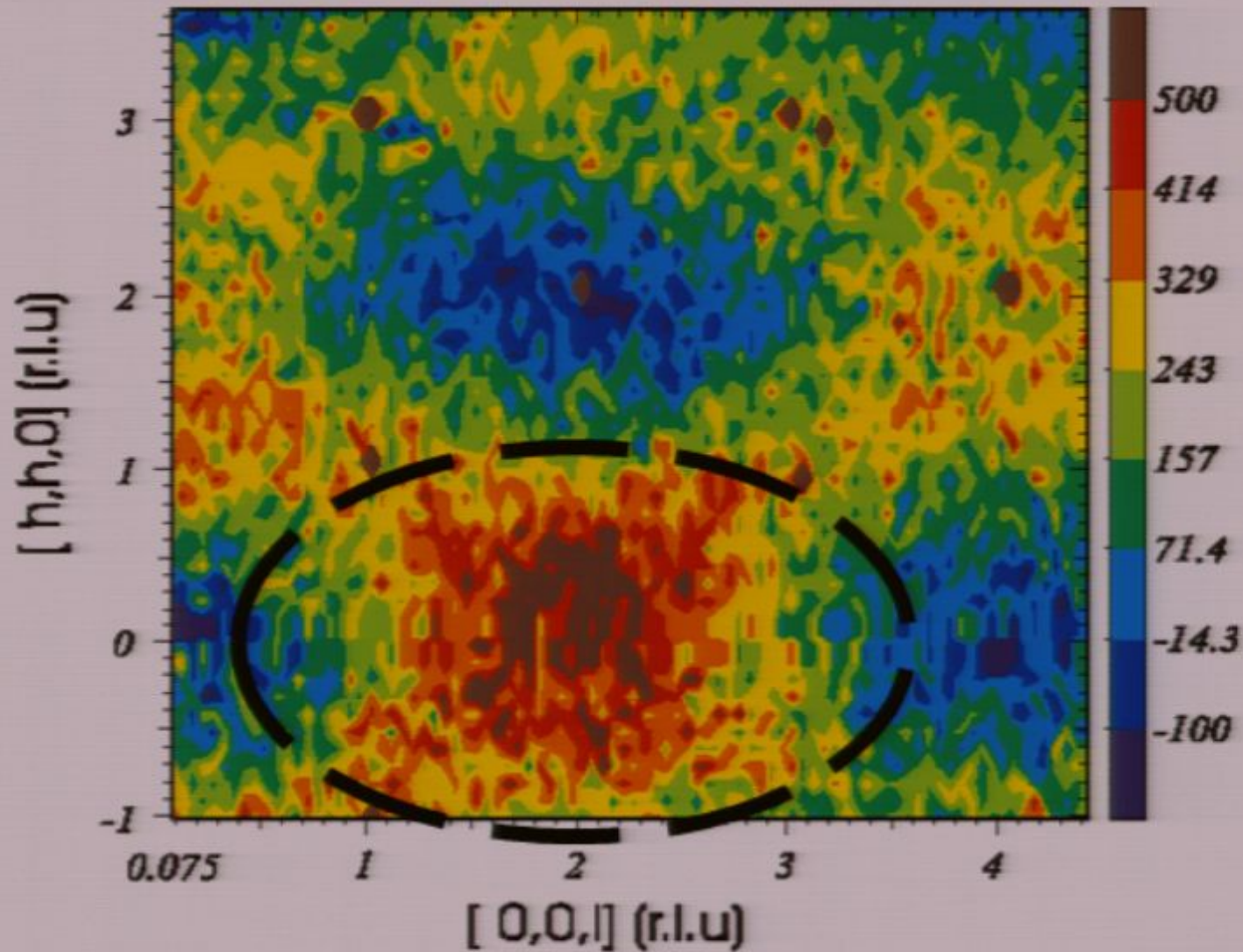
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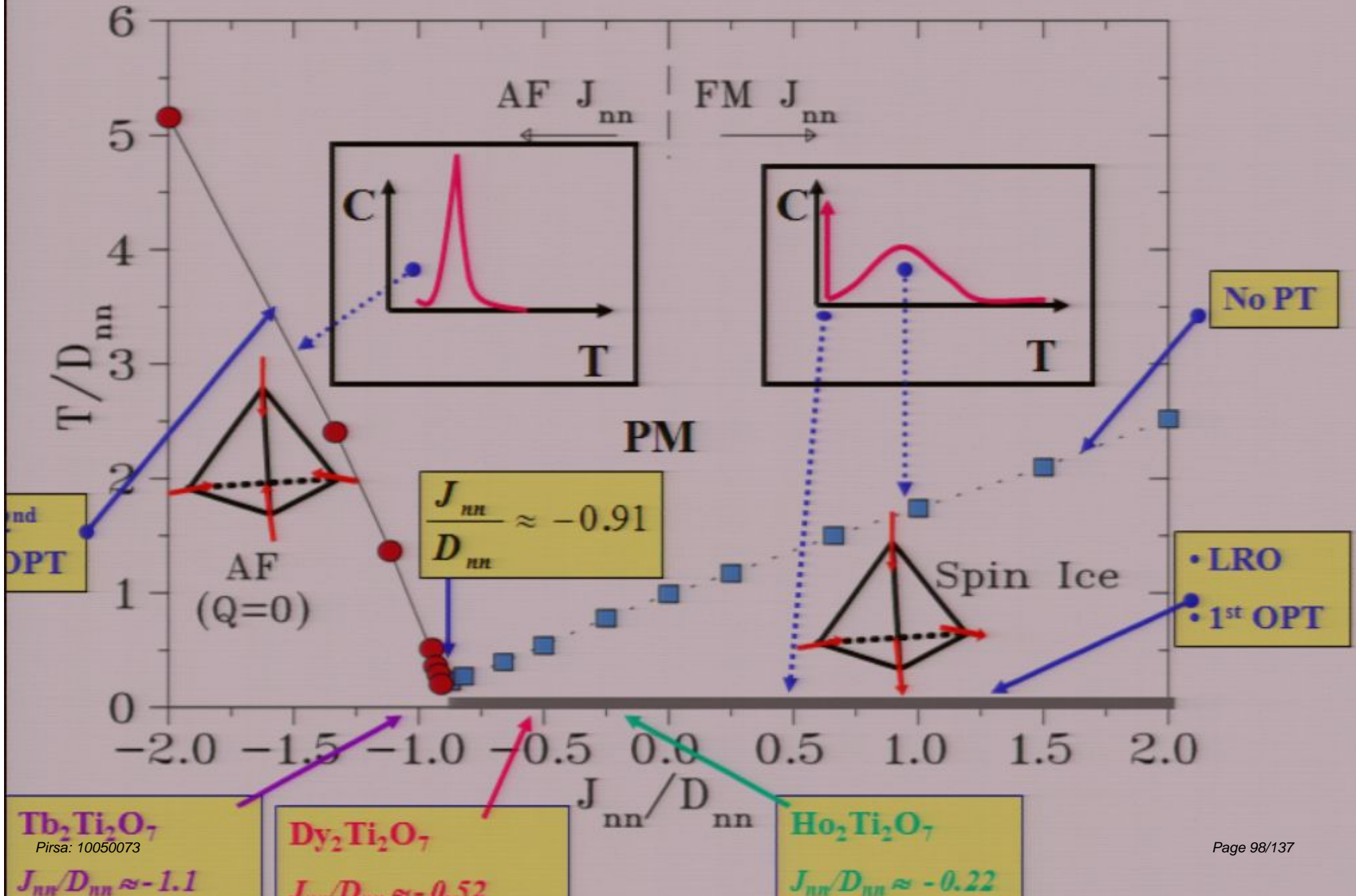
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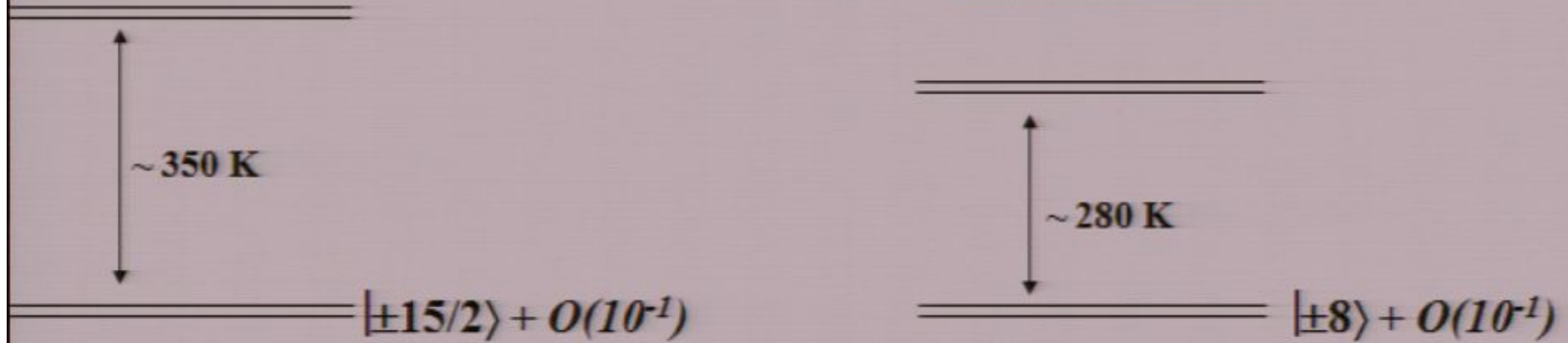


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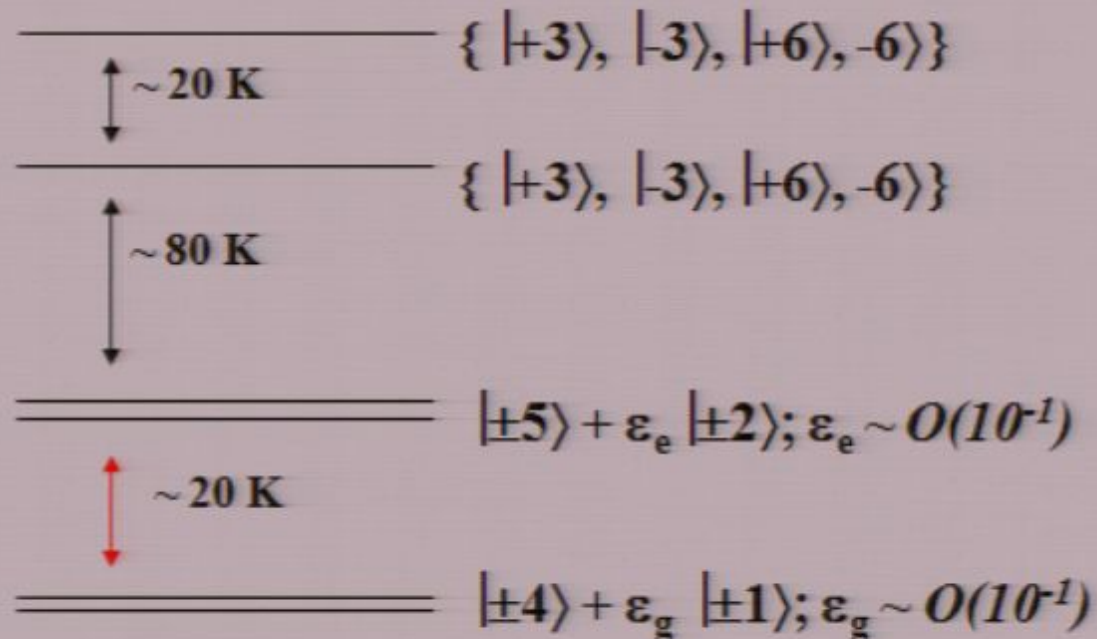
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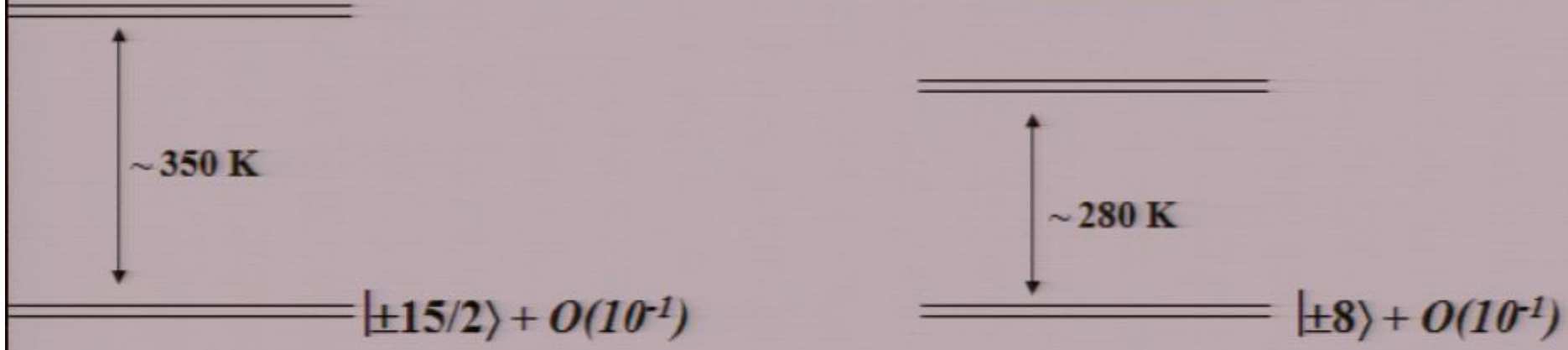


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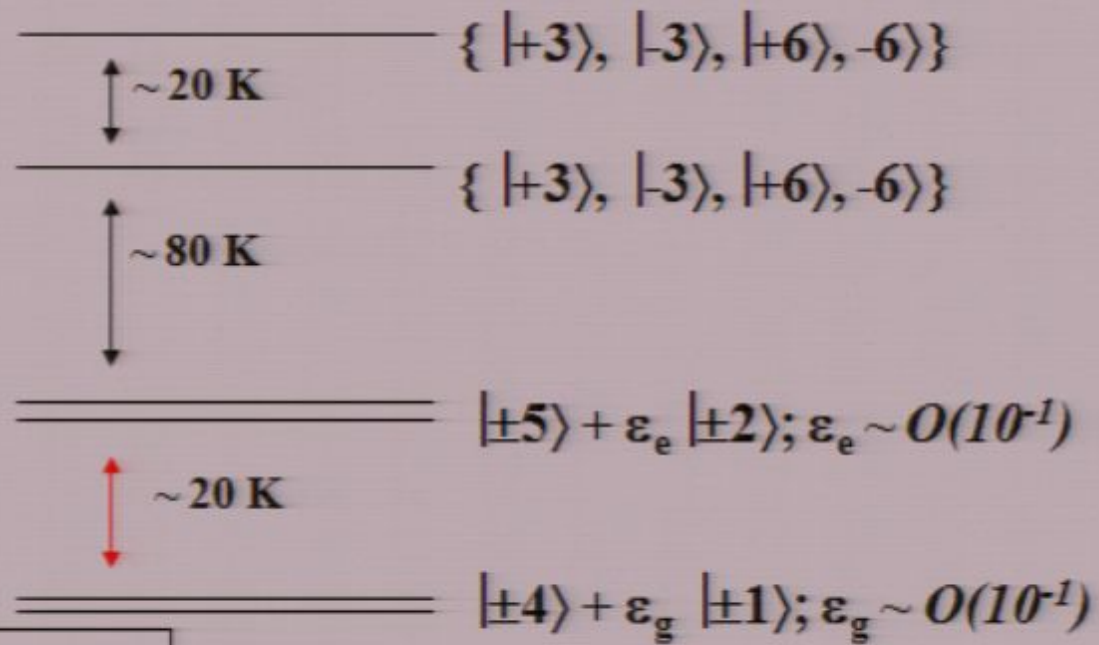
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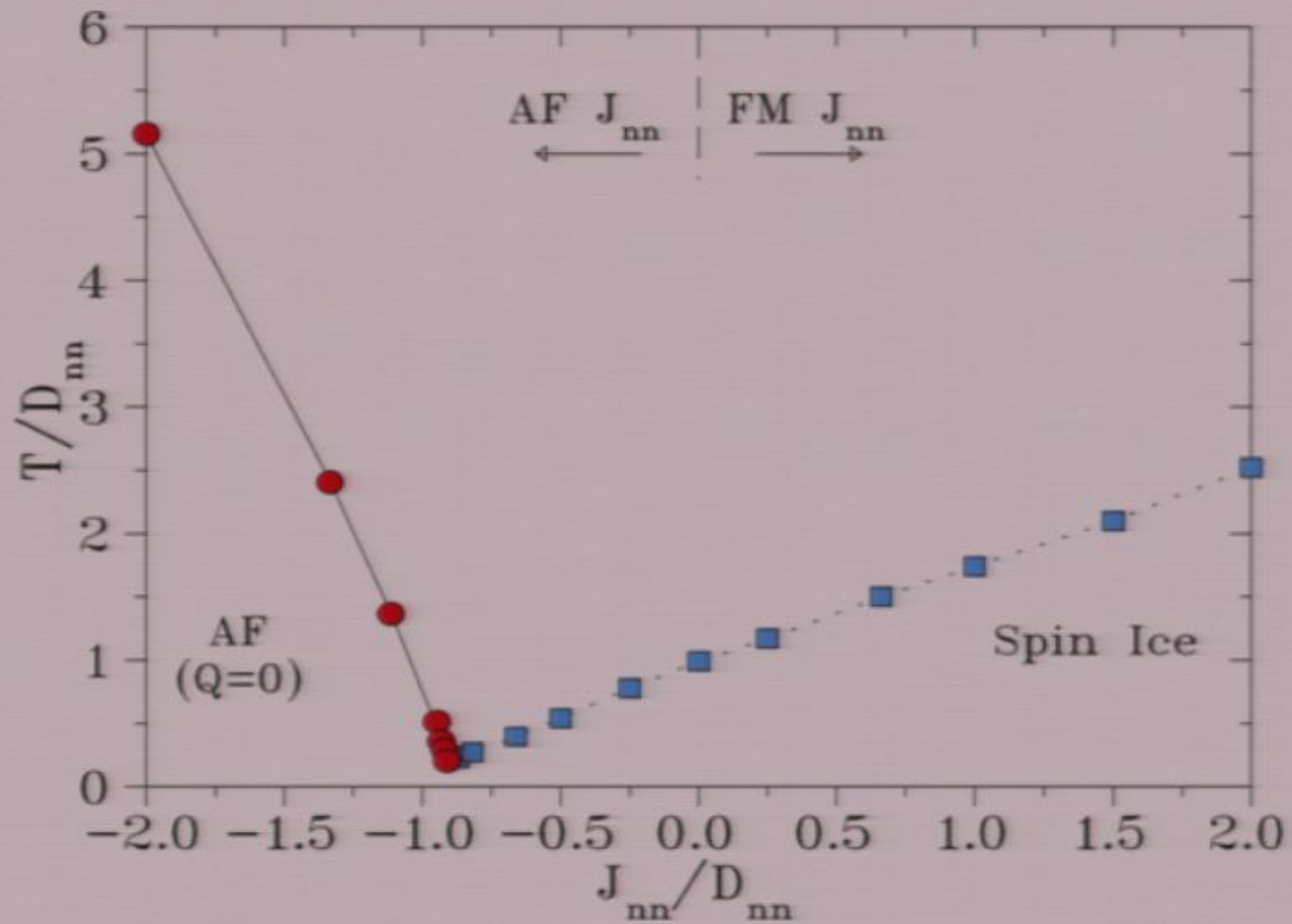
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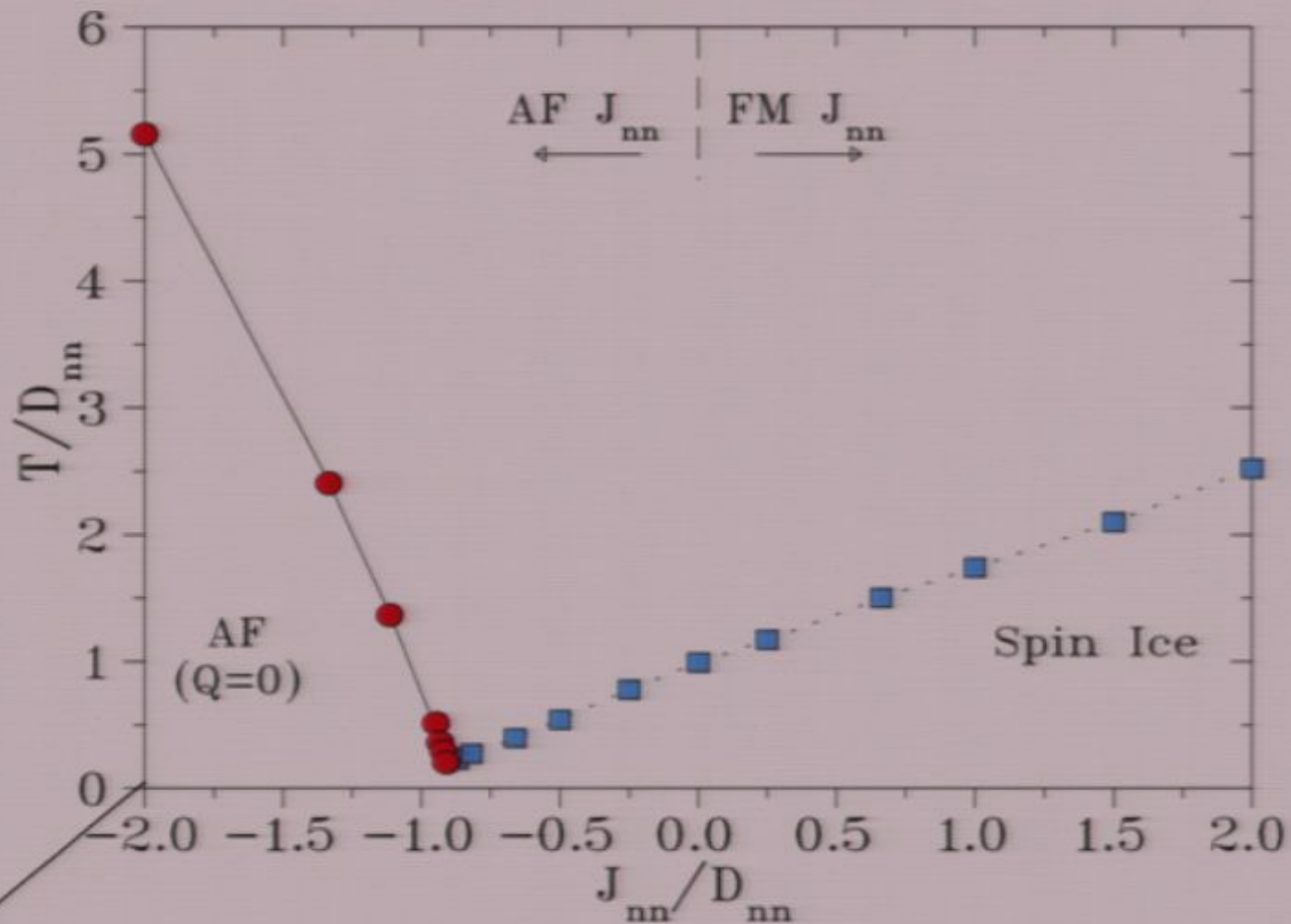
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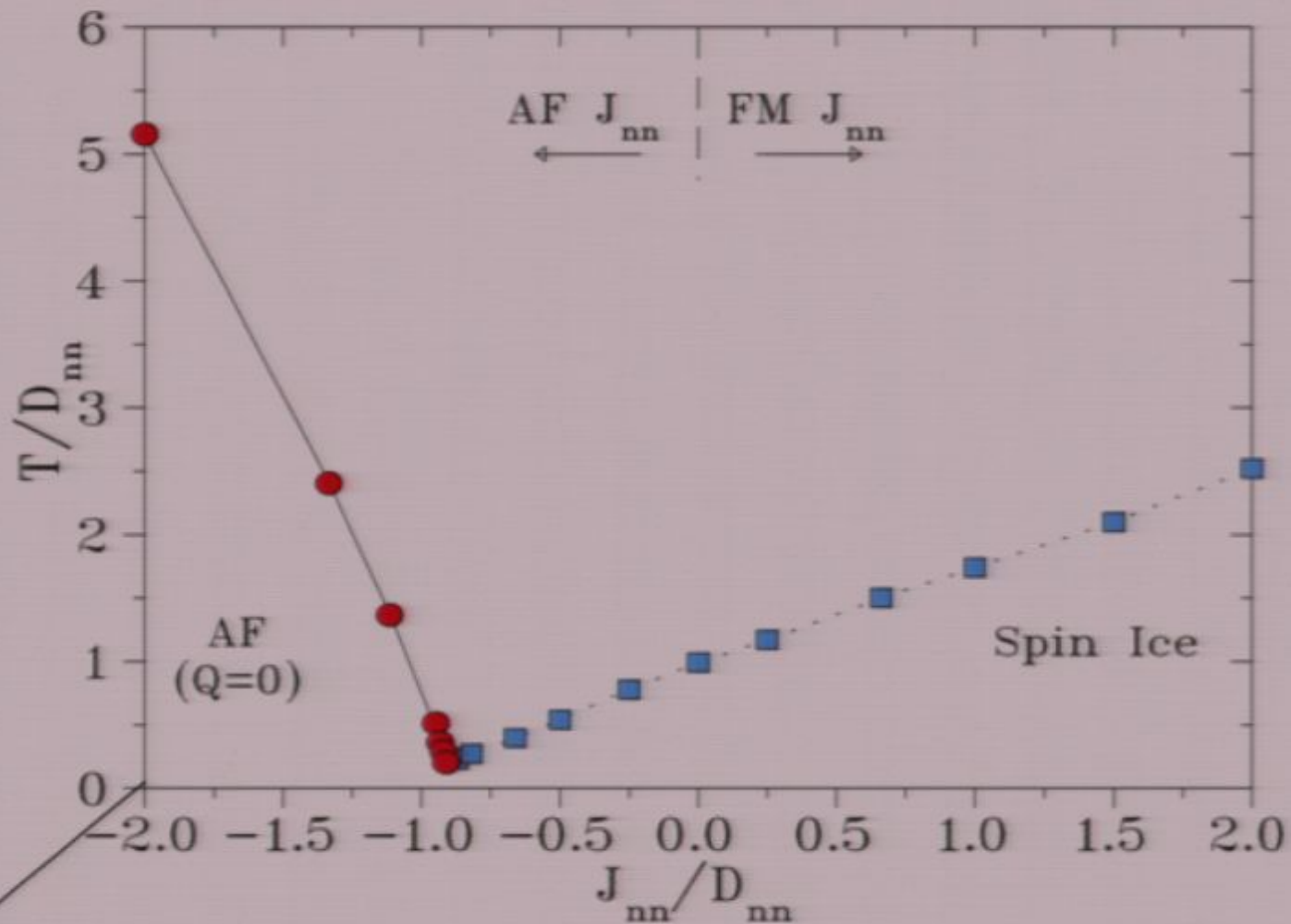
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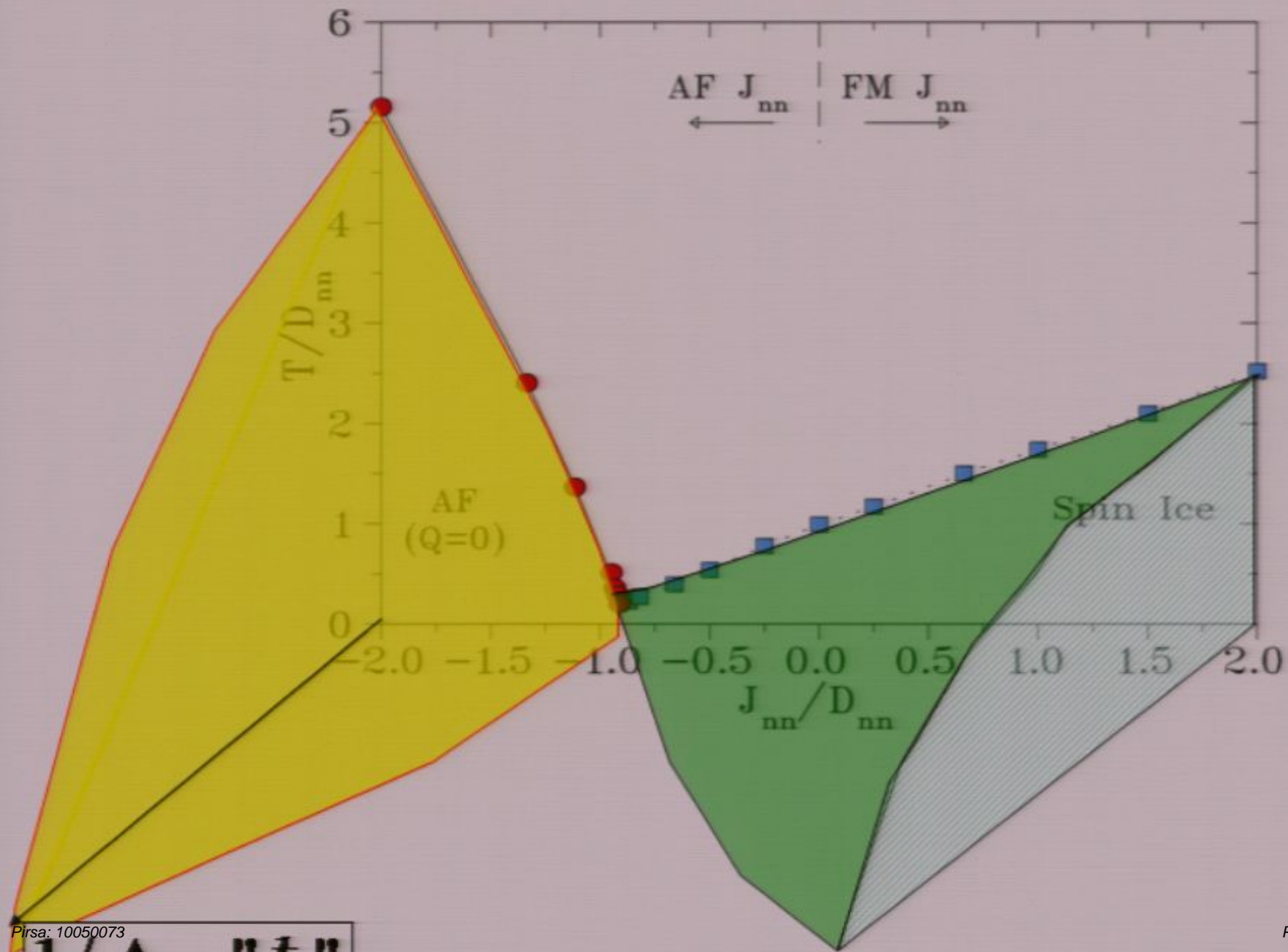
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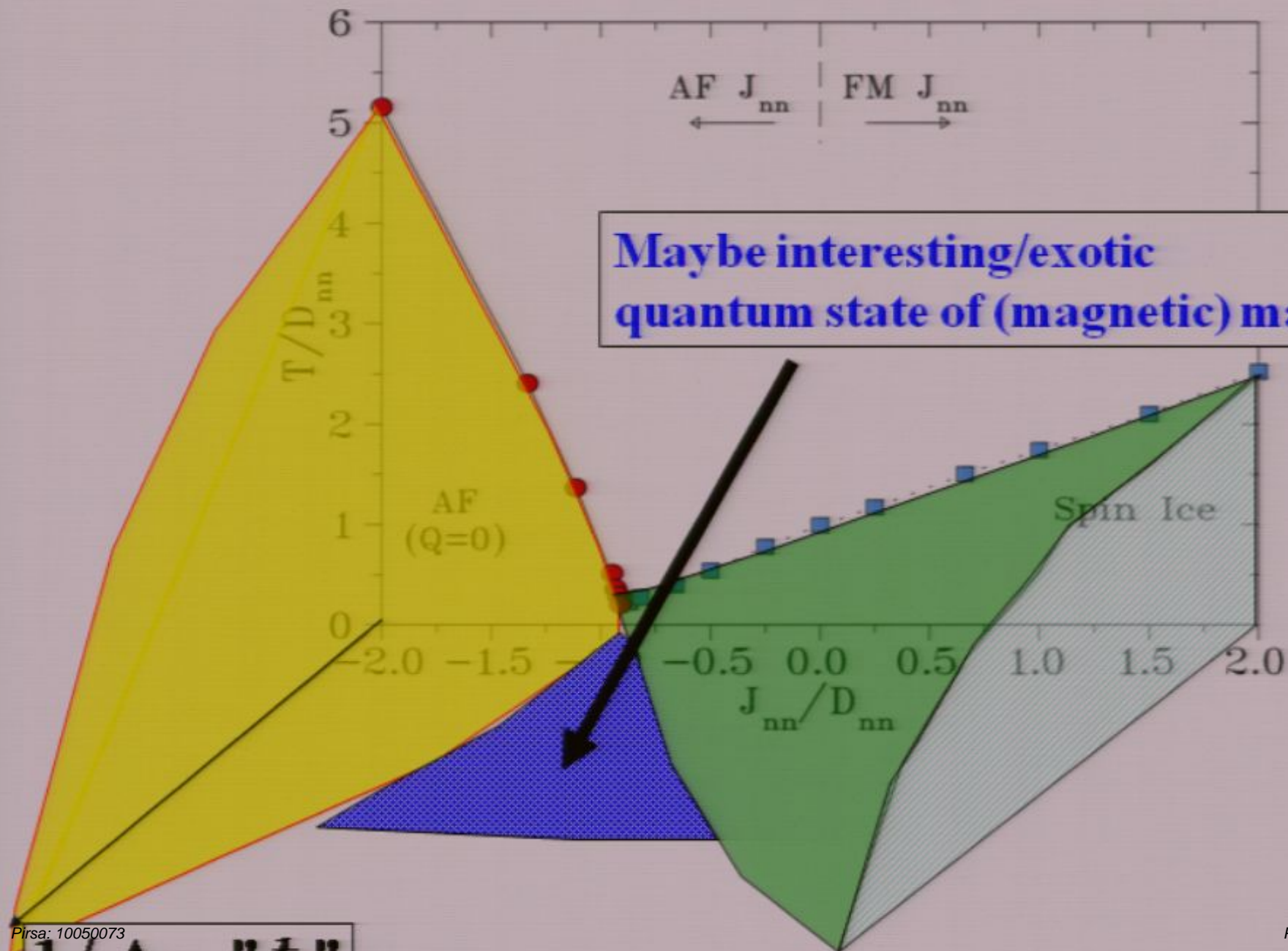


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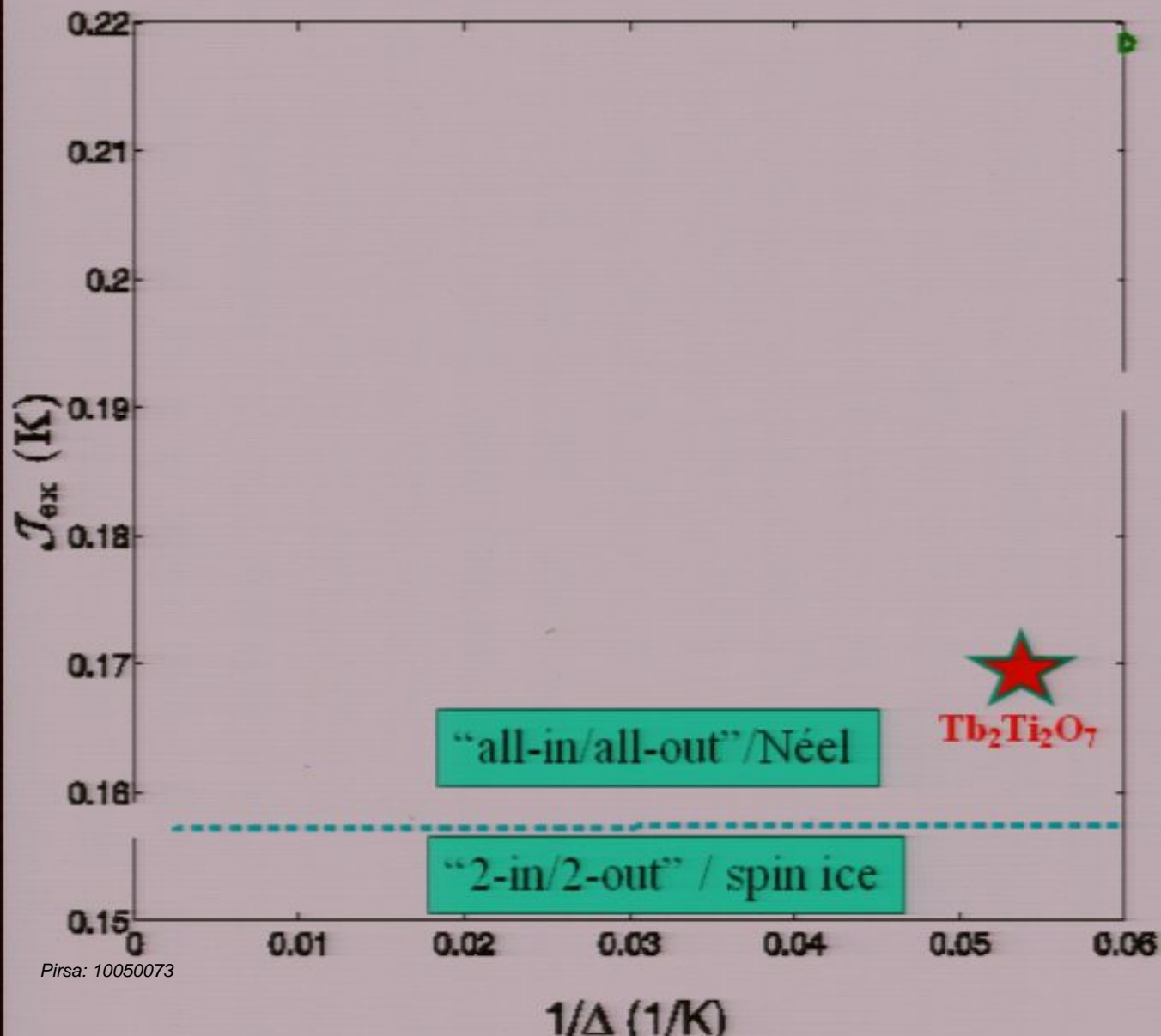


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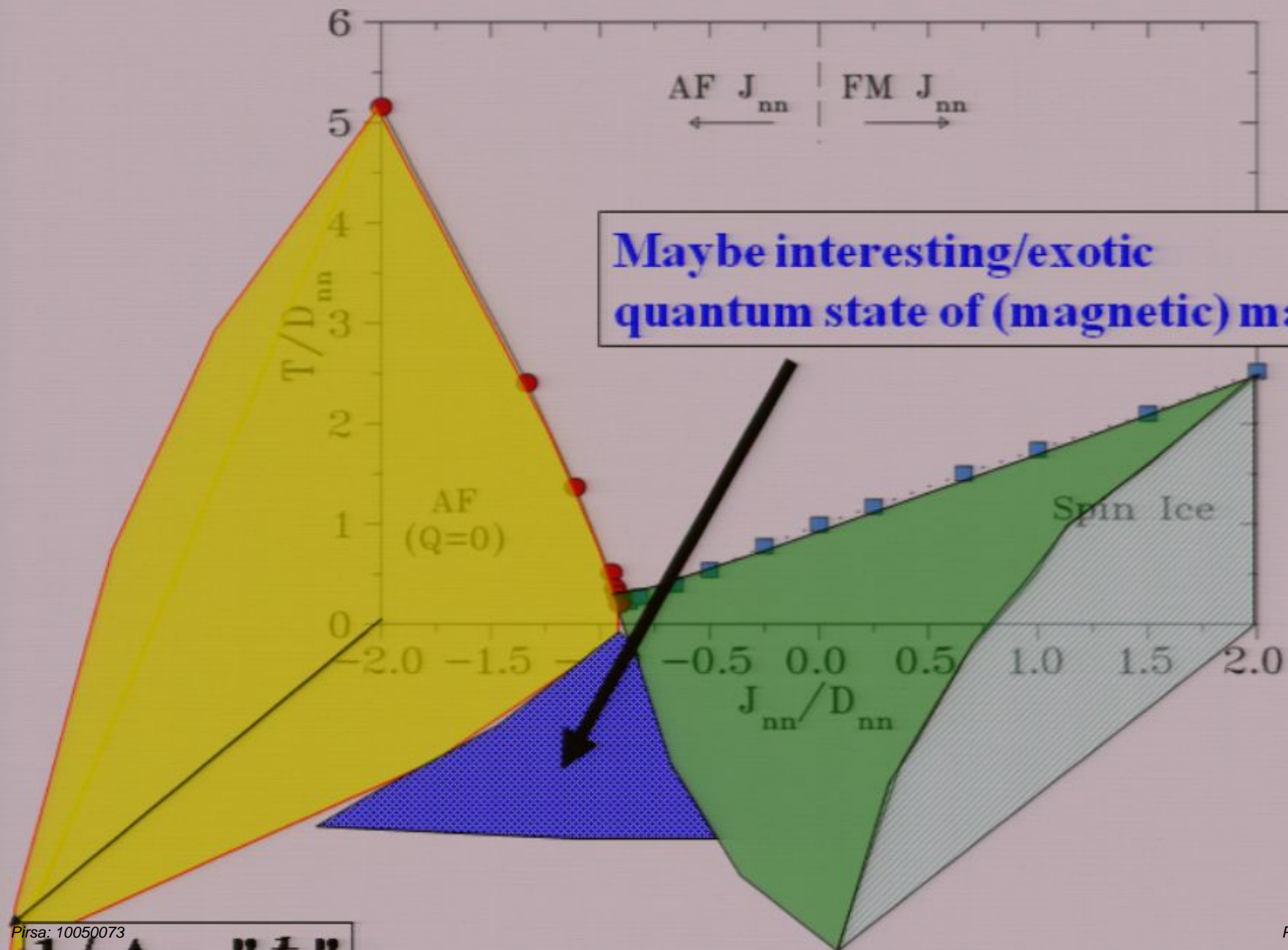


Maybe interesting/exotic quantum state of (magnetic) matter

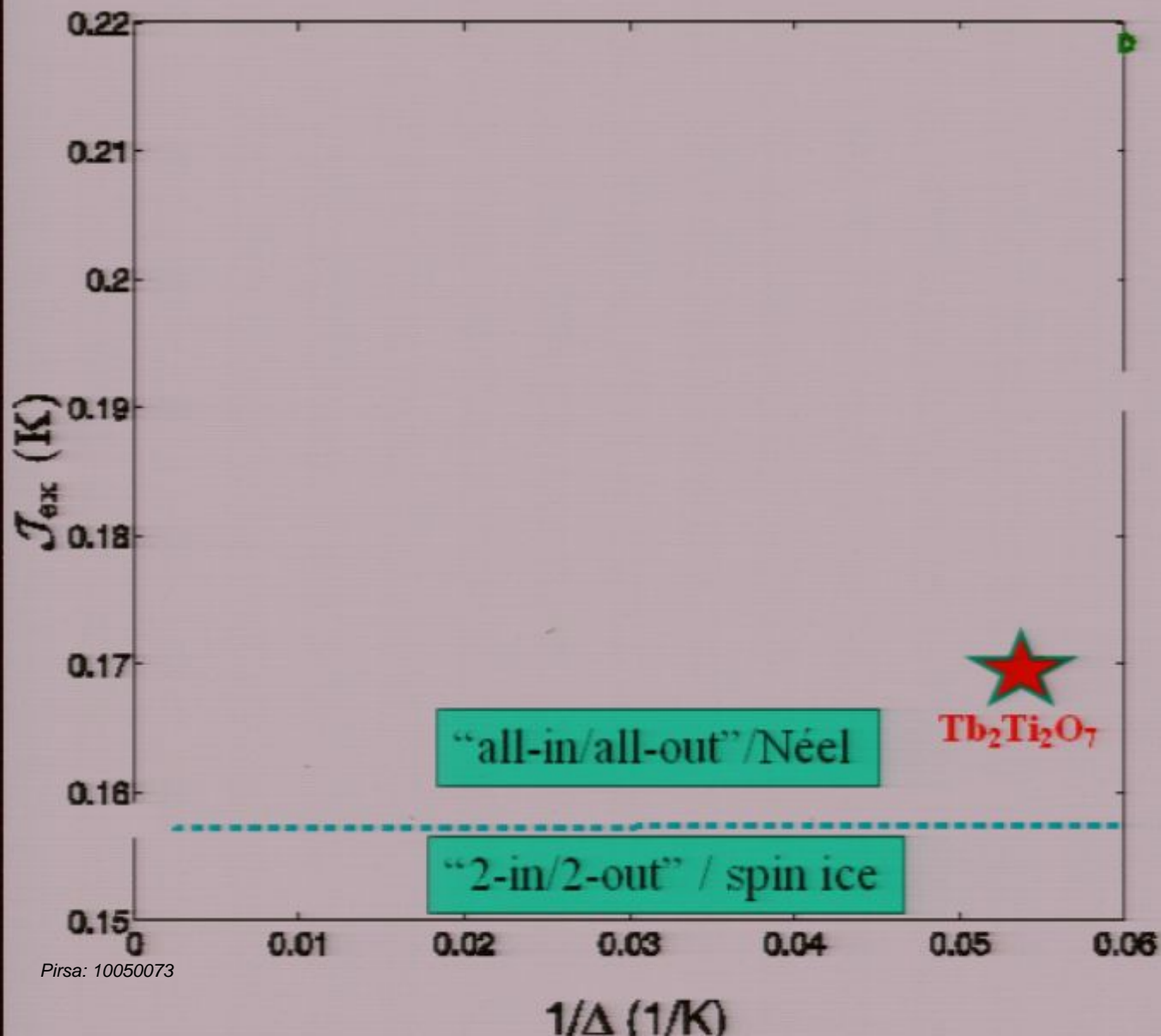
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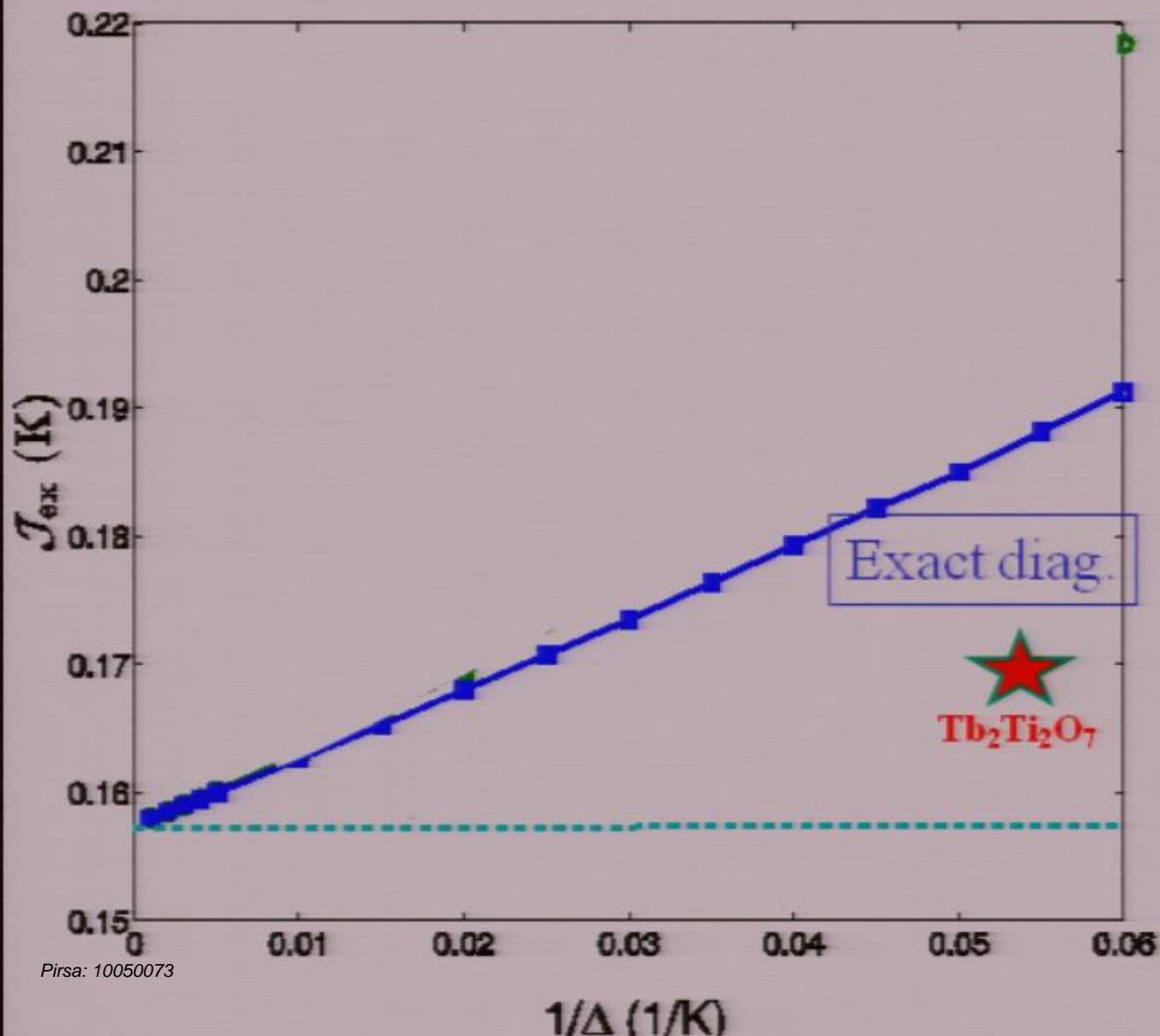
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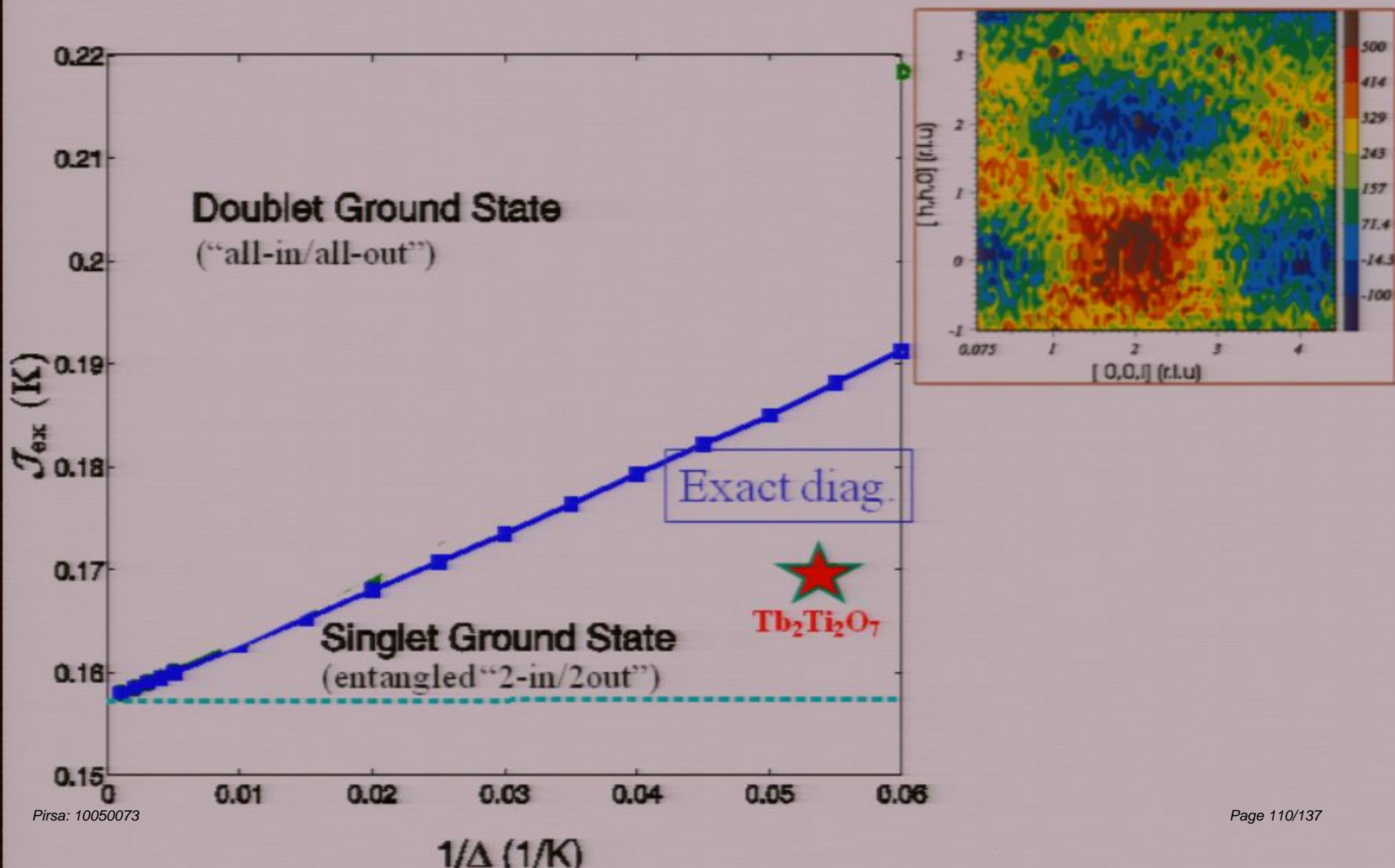
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# Elimination of high energy sector

$$H = H_{\text{cf}} + V, \quad V \ll H_{\text{cf}}$$

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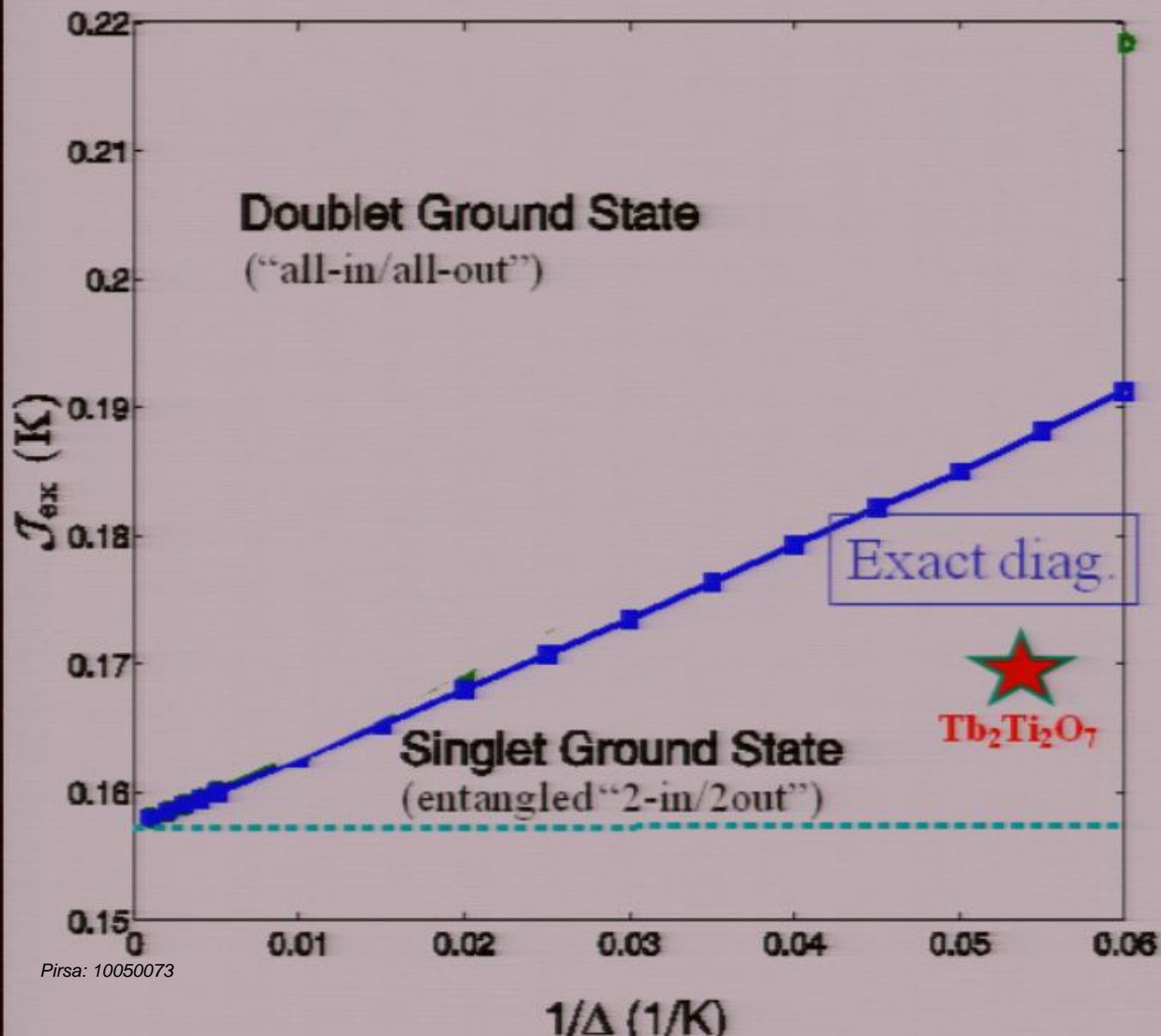
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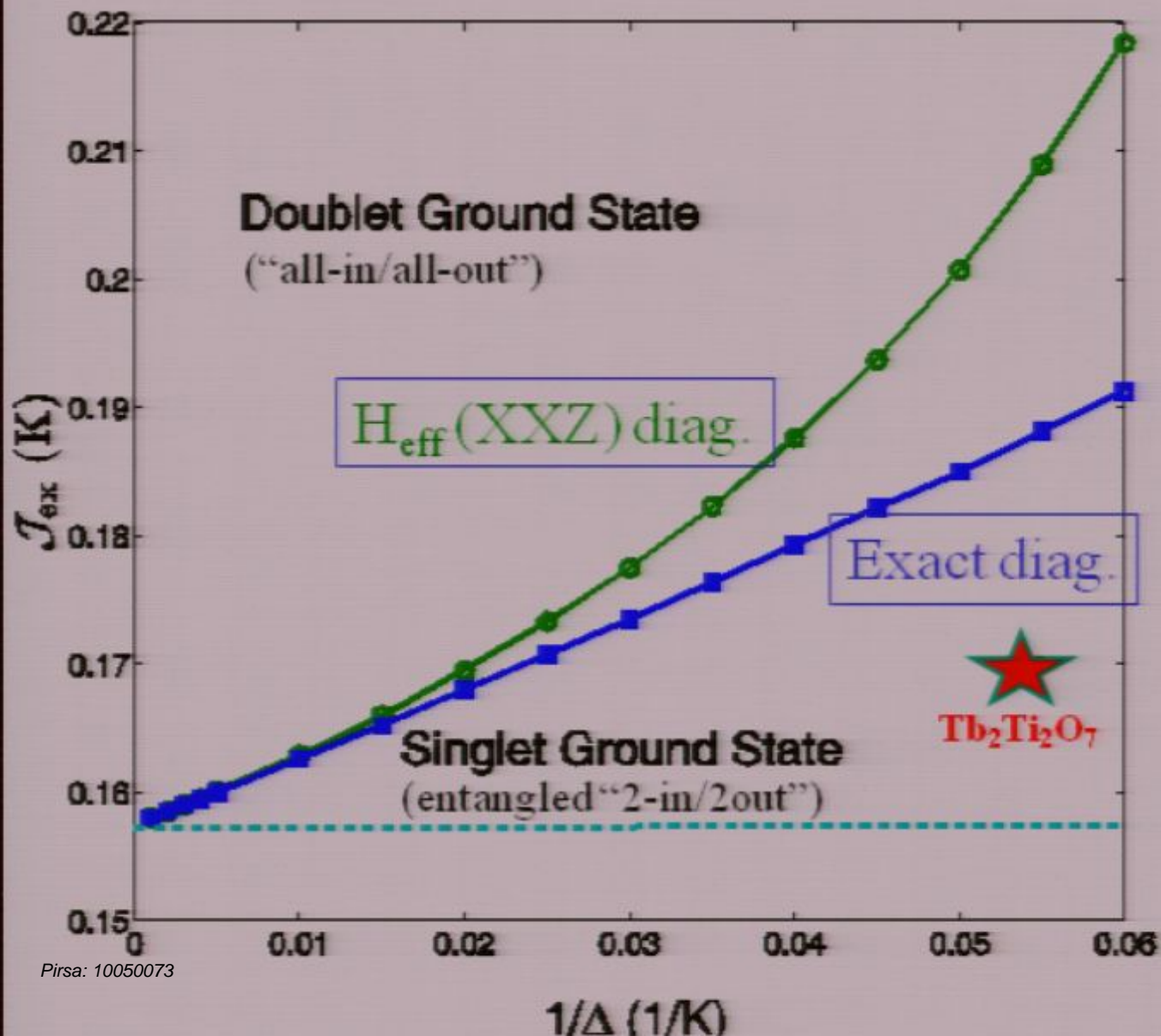
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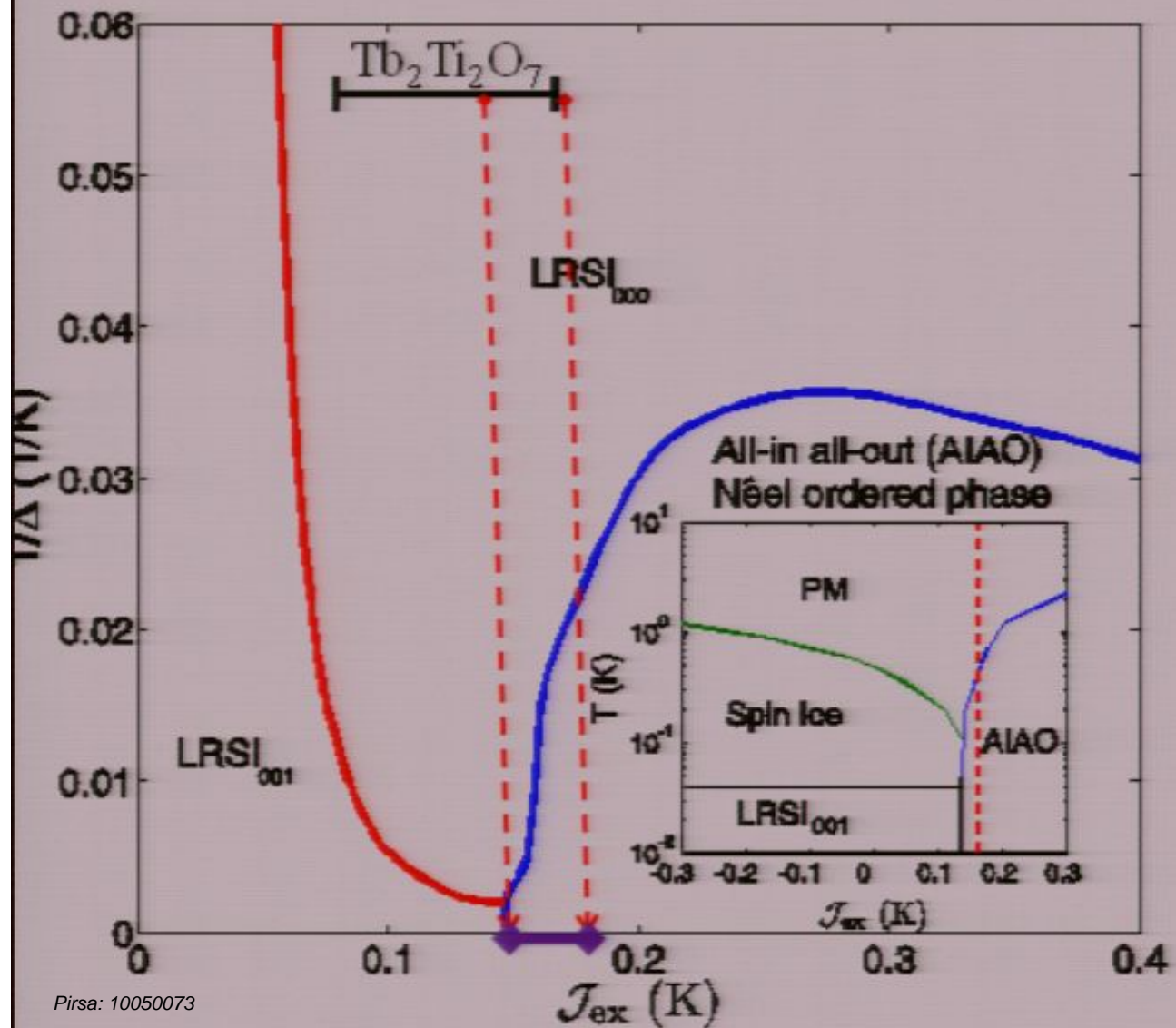
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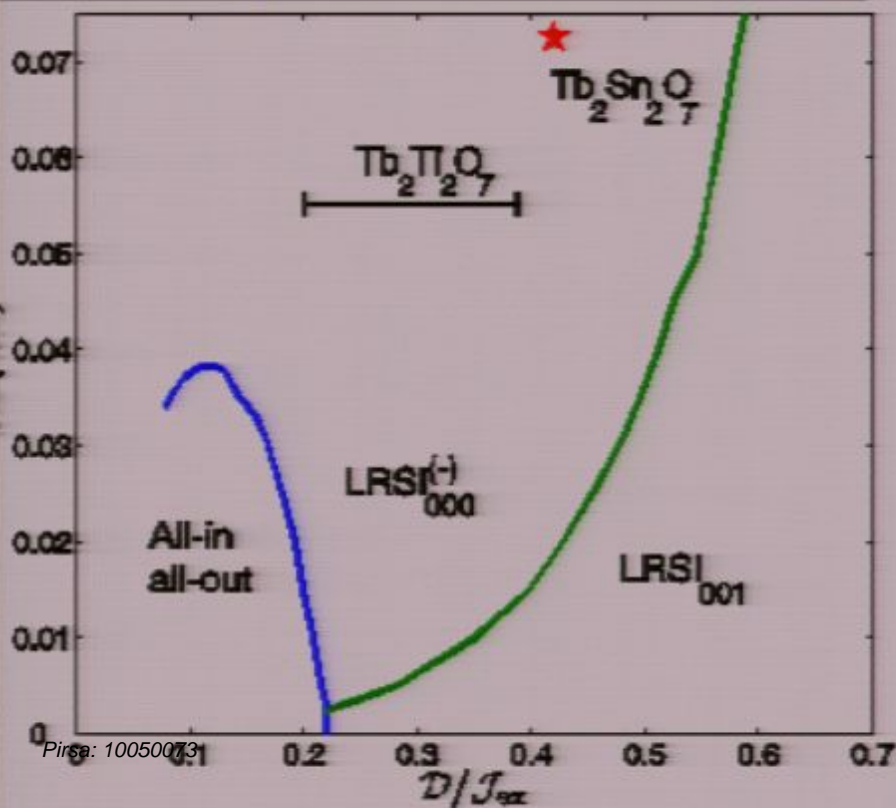
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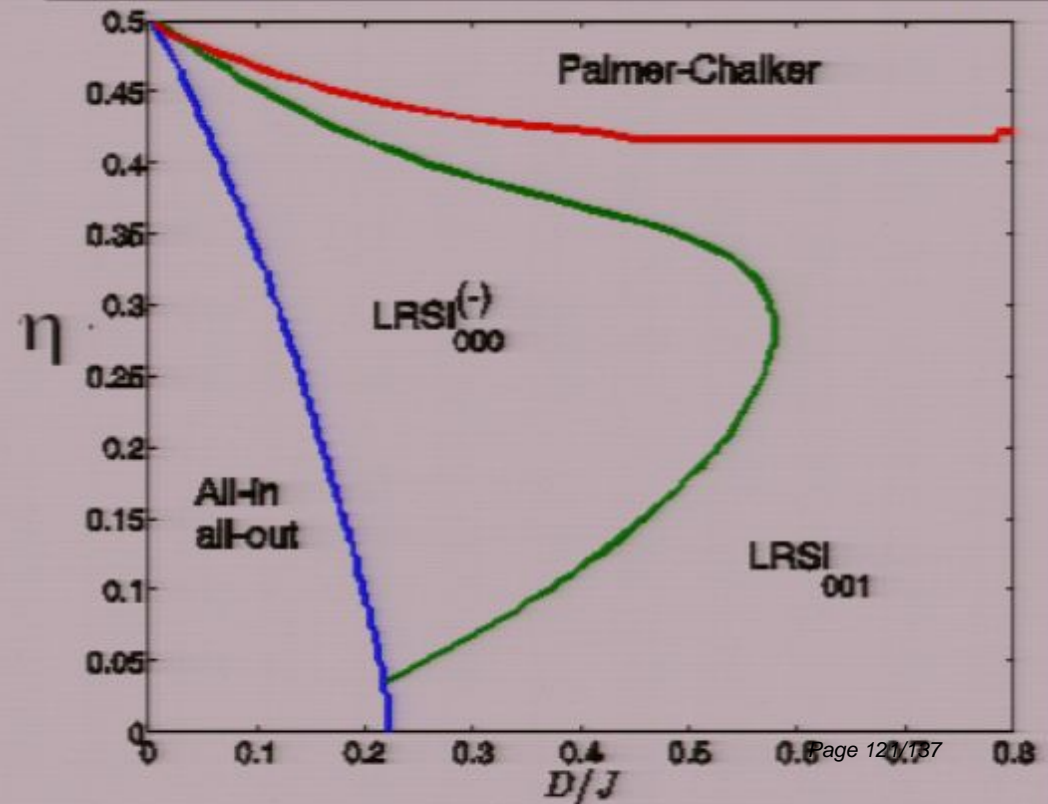
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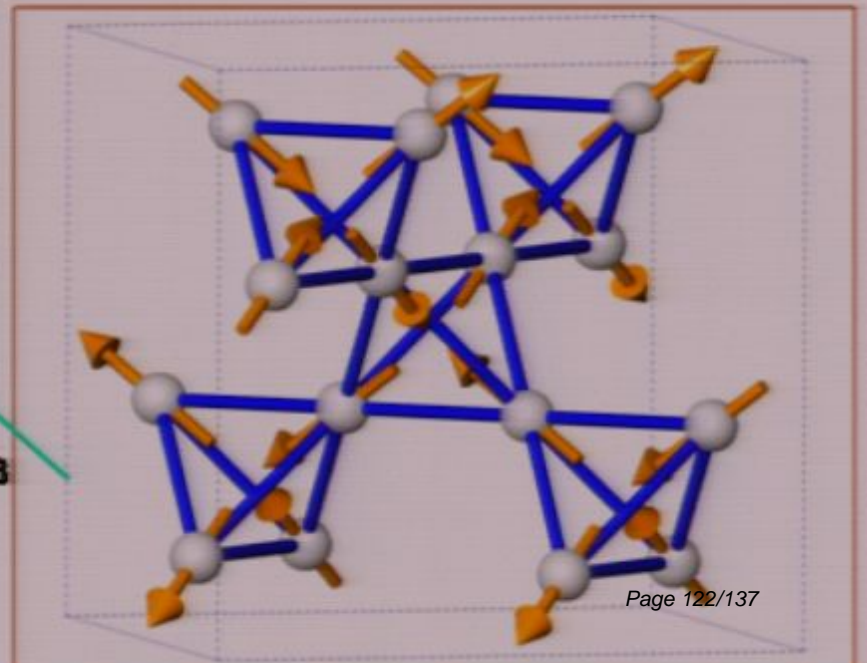
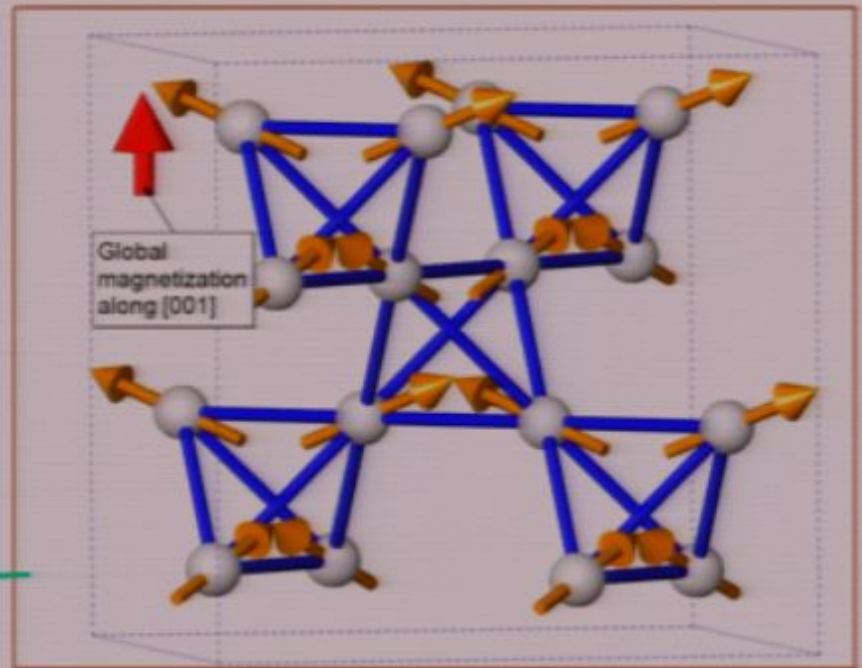
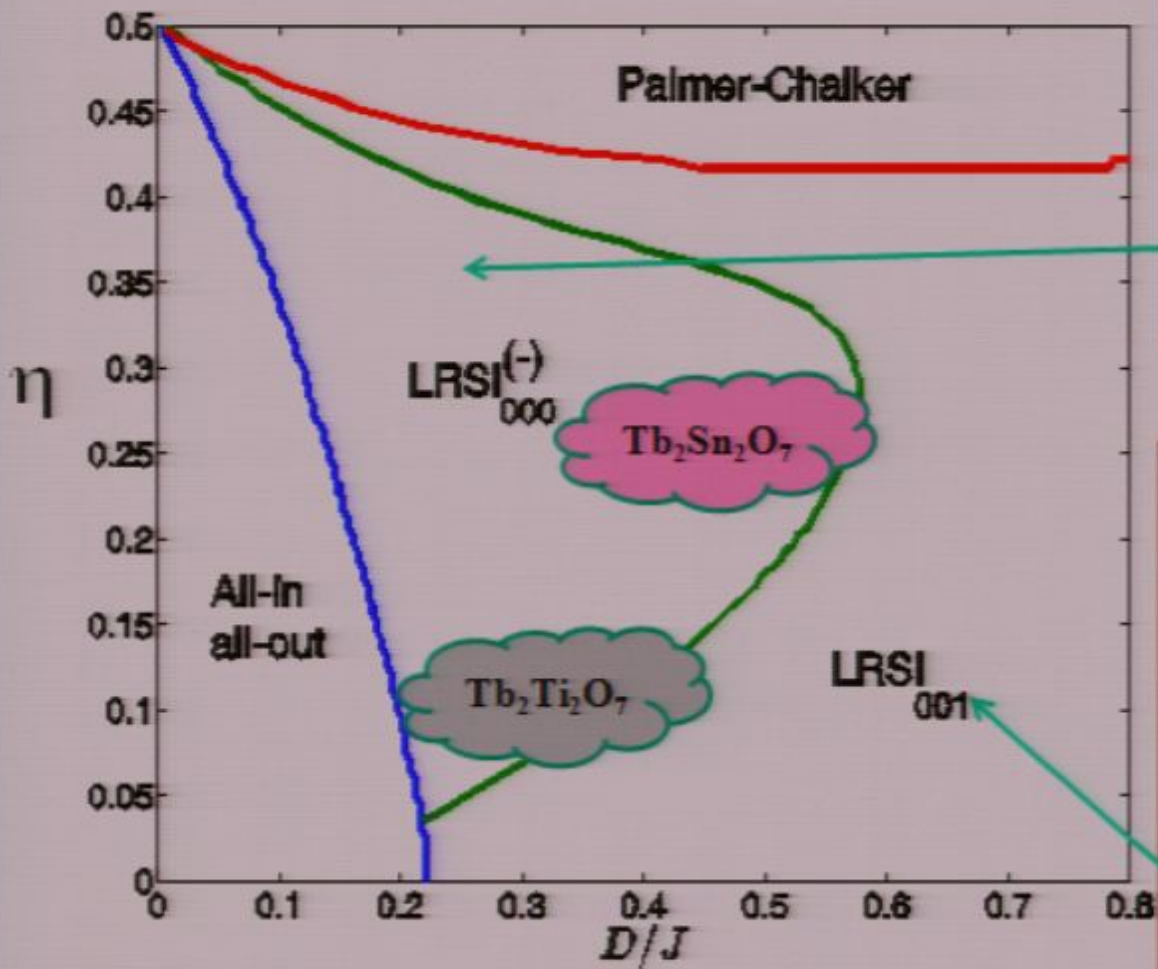
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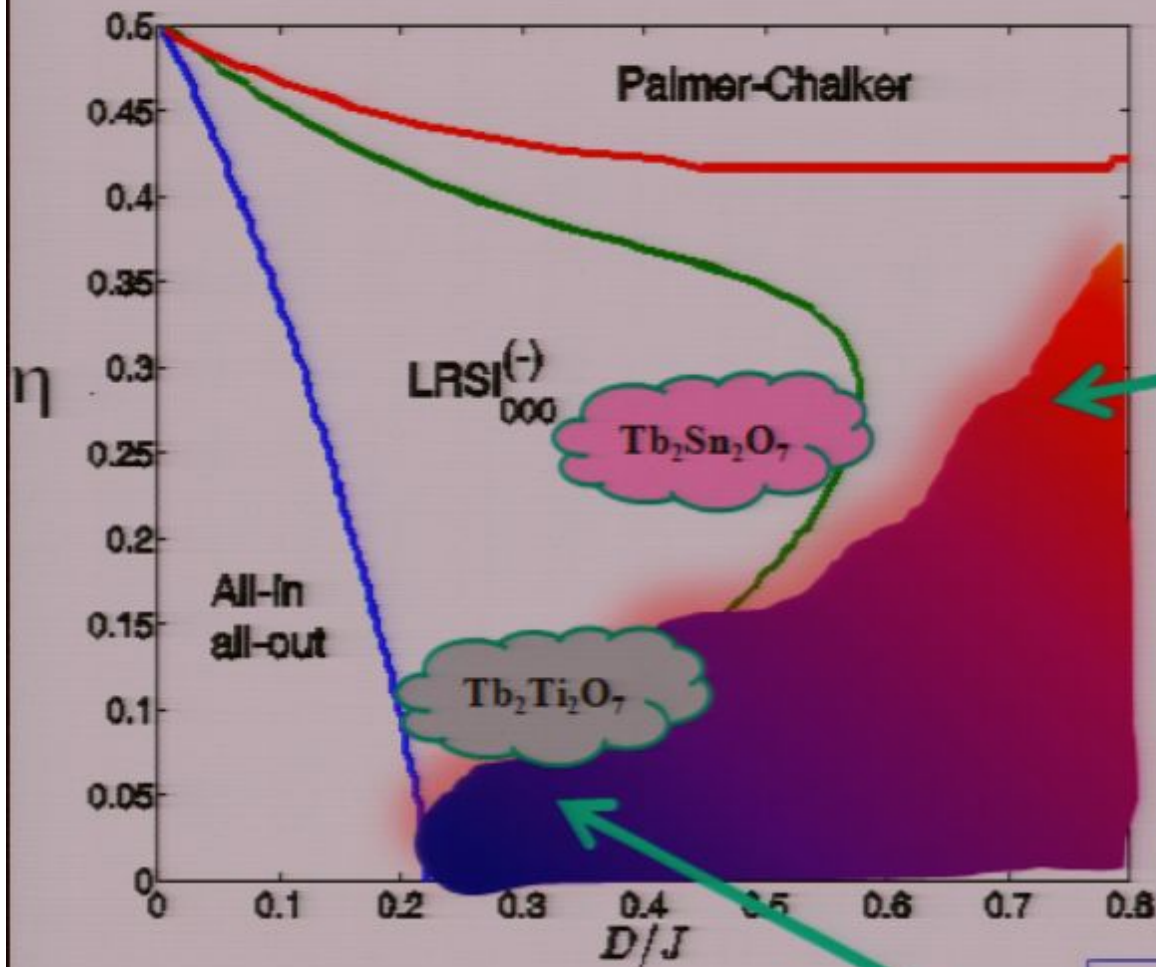
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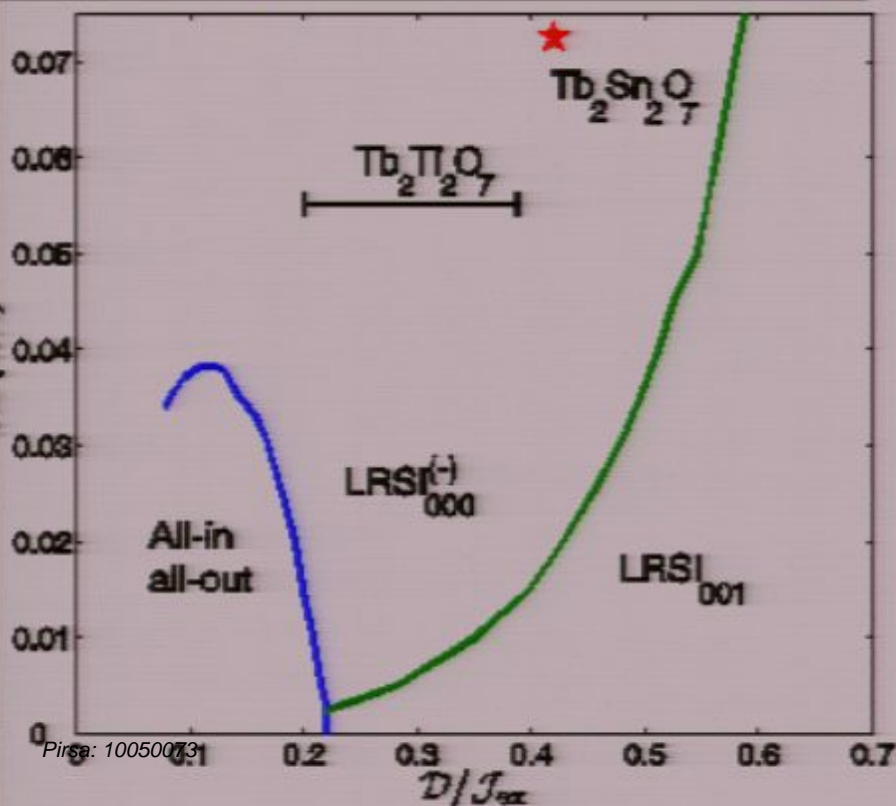
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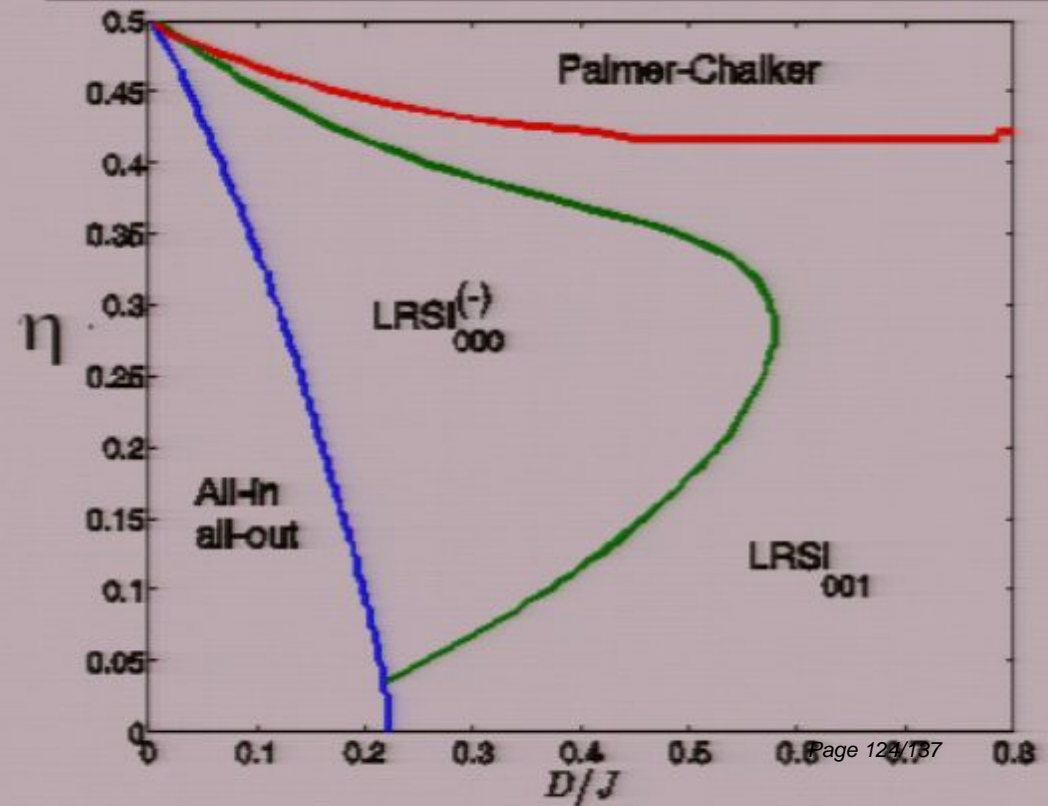
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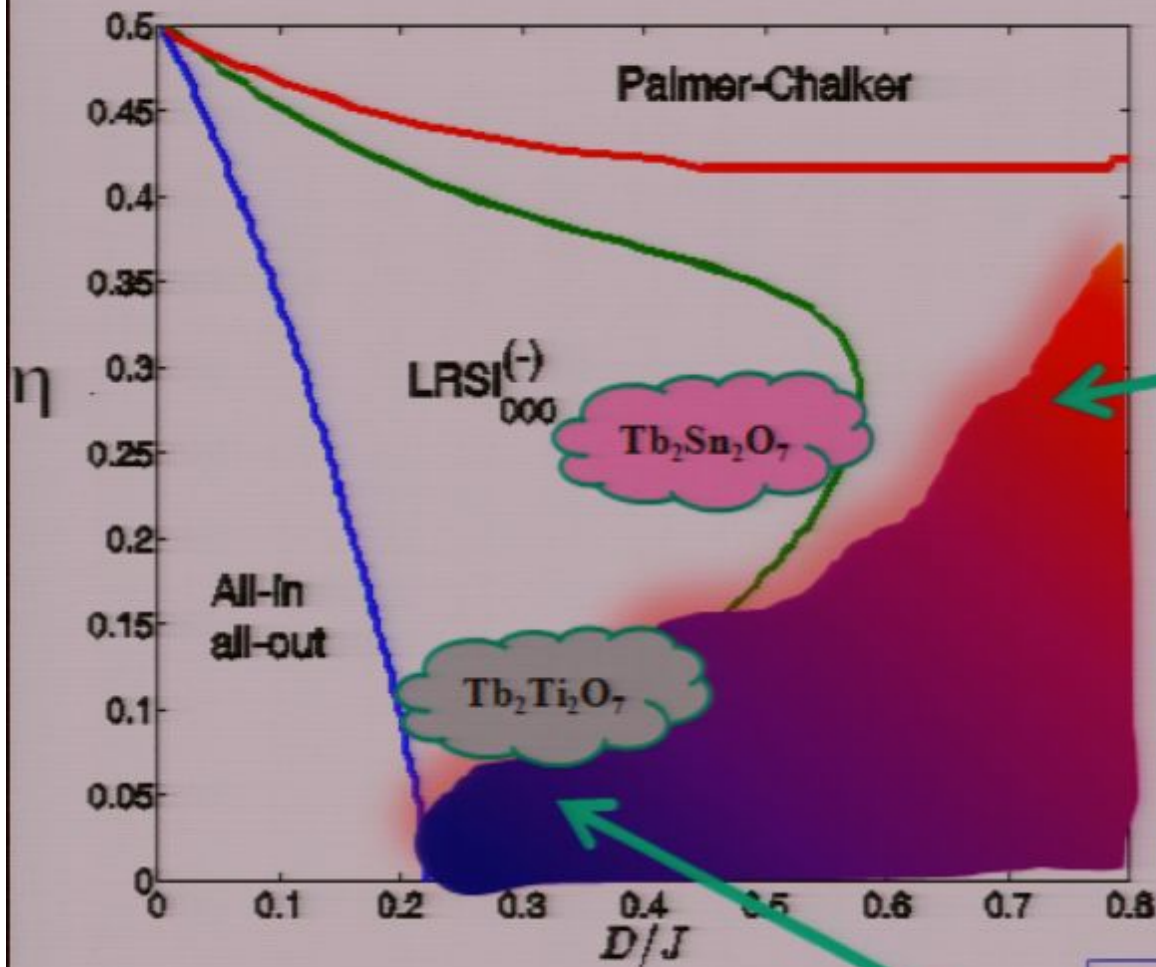
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$$V = \underbrace{J_{\alpha} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \vec{J}_i \cdot \vec{J}_j}_{H_{\text{ex}}} + \underbrace{DR_m^3 \sum_{\substack{i,j \\ j>i}} \left\{ \frac{(\vec{J}_i \cdot \vec{J}_j)}{|\vec{R}_{ij}|^3} - \frac{3(\vec{J}_i \cdot \vec{R}_{ij})(\vec{R}_{ij} \cdot \vec{J}_j)}{|\vec{R}_{ij}|^5} \right\}}_{H_{\text{dip}}}$$

$$H_{\text{eff}} = PVP + PVQVP + \dots$$

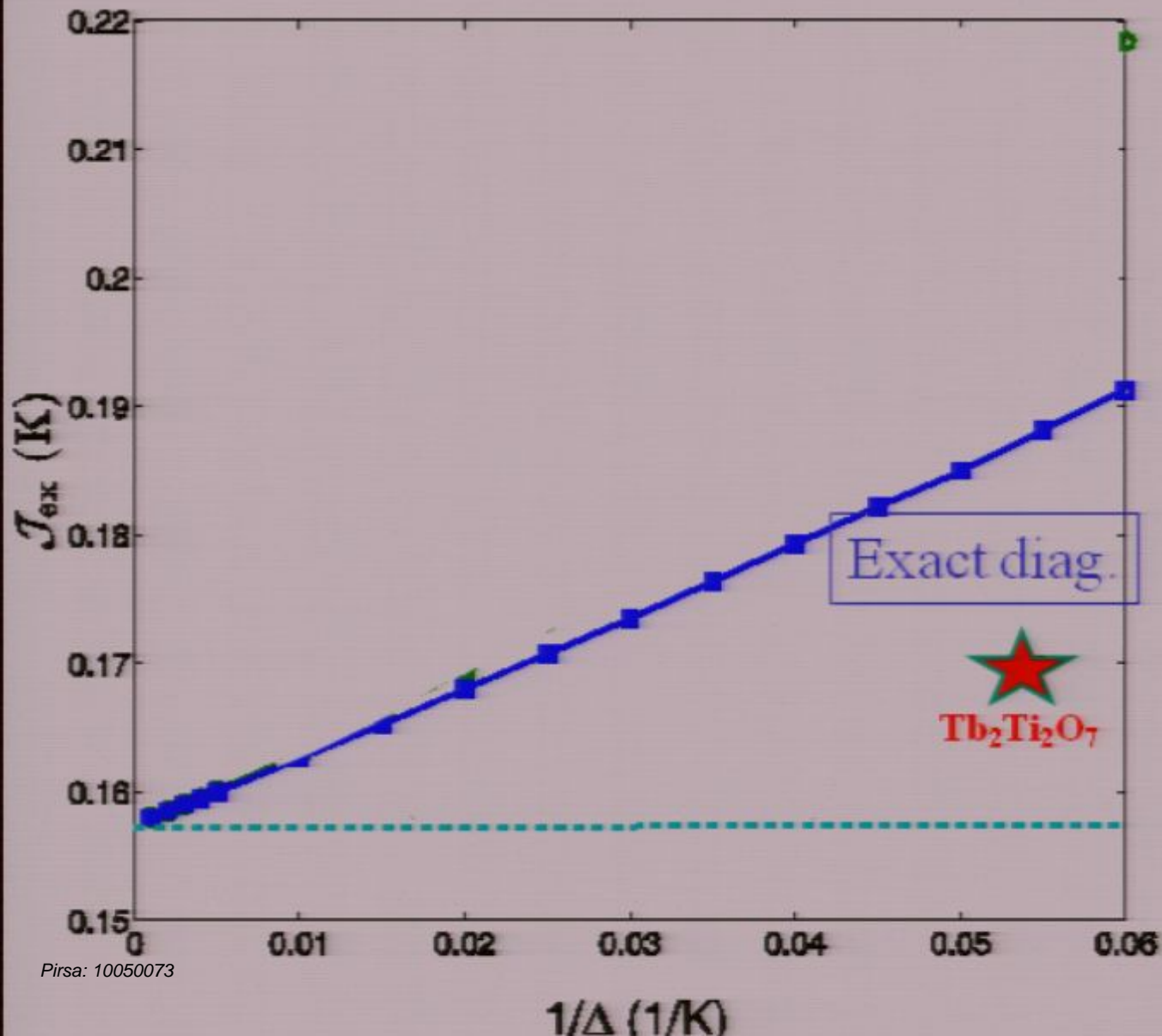
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Large denominator  
compared to the energy  
scale of  $H'$

$$Q = \sum_{\beta \in P} \frac{|\beta\rangle\langle\beta|}{E_0^\alpha - E_0^\beta}$$

$$H_{\text{eff}} = PH_{\text{ex}}P + PH_{\text{dip}}P + PH_{\text{ex}}QH_{\text{ex}}P \\ + (PH_{\text{ex}}QH_{\text{dip}}P + PH_{\text{dip}}QH_{\text{ex}}P) + PH_{\text{dip}}QH_{\text{dip}}P$$

# Single tetrahedron phase diagram $\text{Tb}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$



## Effective Hamiltonian Method

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# Effective spin-1/2 (XXZ) model

$$H_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{i>j} J_{ij}^{z_i z_j} (r_{ij}) S_i^{z_i} S_j^{z_j} + \sum_{\substack{i>j \\ u \neq v \neq z}} J_{ij}^{u_i v_j} (r_{ij}) S_i^{u_i} S_j^{v_j}$$

pseudo spin-1/2 model

# Effective Hamiltonian Method

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$$H_{\text{eff}} = PH_{\text{ex}}P + PH_{\text{dip}}P + \cancel{PH_{\text{ex}}QP} + \cancel{(PH_{\text{ex}}QP + PH_{\text{dip}}QP)} + \cancel{PH_{\text{dip}}QP}$$



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*Large denominator compared to the energy scale of  $H'$*

*Q*

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