

Heavy Electron Physics: Electrons on the edge of Magnetism

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Lectures will be given on the blackboard
These viewgraphs are supplementary.

1. Landau Fermi liquids and Heavy Fermions.
2. Local moments and the Kondo effect.
3. Large N approach to the Kondo lattice.



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Notes:

"Heavy Fermions: electrons at the edge of magnetism." PC.
cond-mat/0612006.

"Local moment physics in heavy electron systems", PC, cond-mat/0206003

General reading:

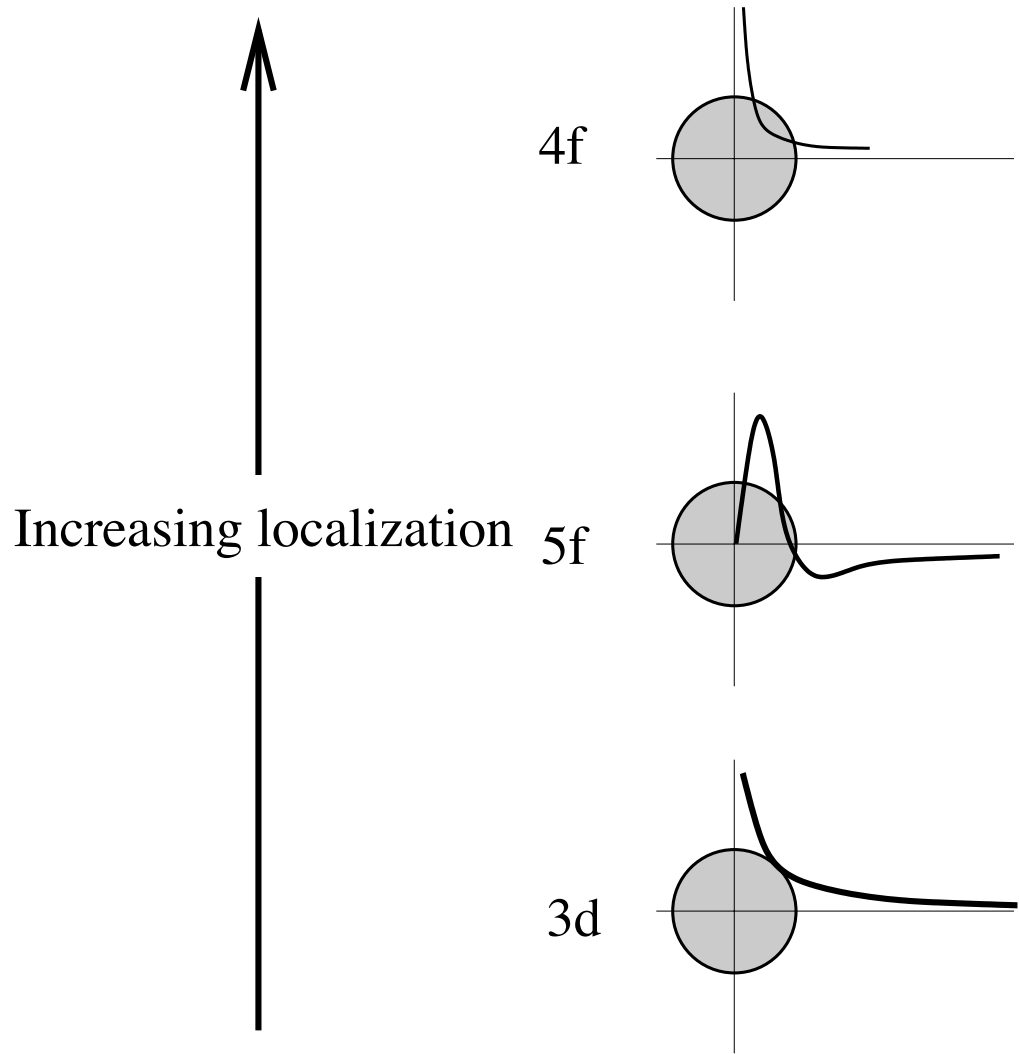
Many Body Physics "unfinished frontier", PC, cond-mat/0307004.

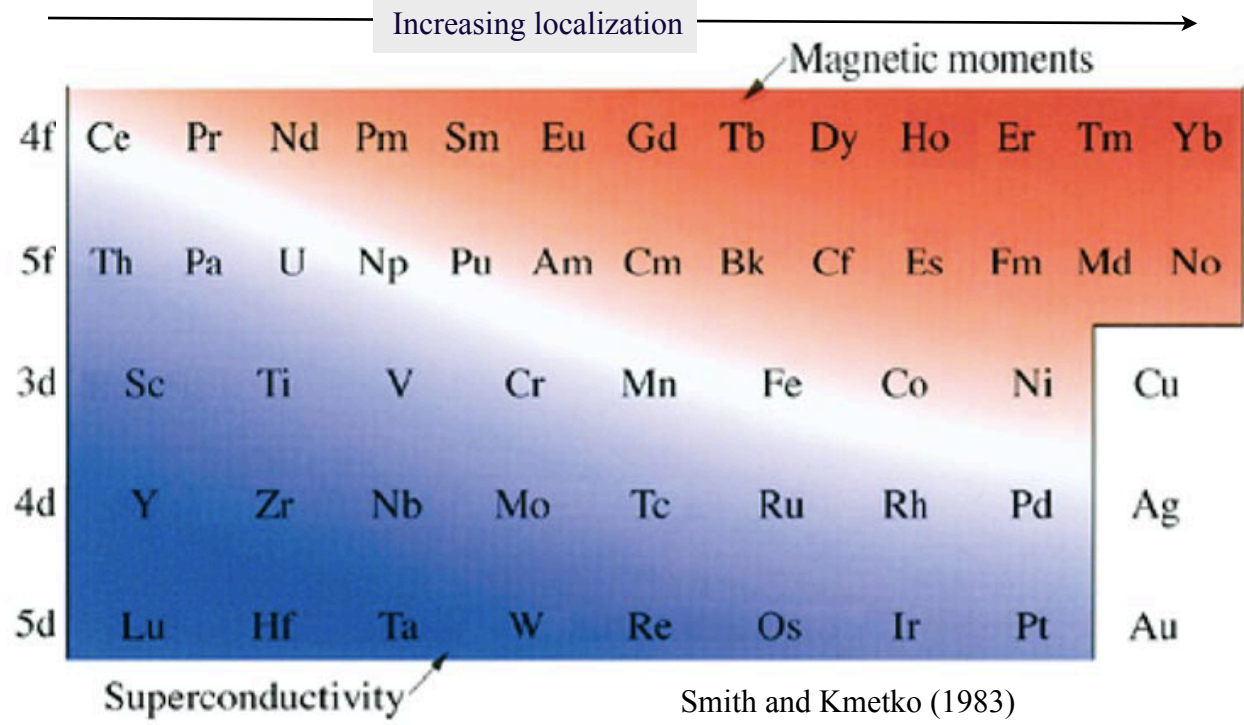
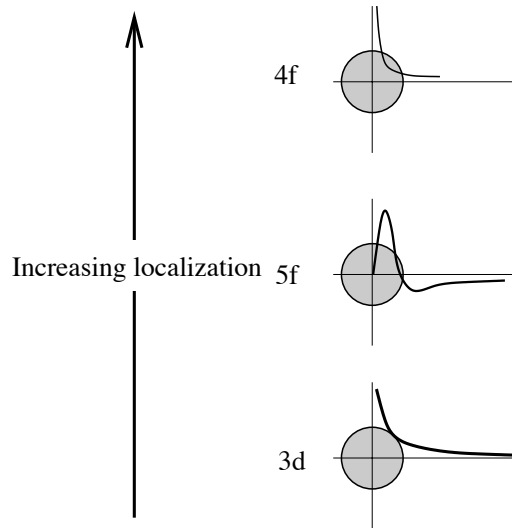
The Theory of Quantum Liquids, Nozieres and Pines (Perseus 1999).

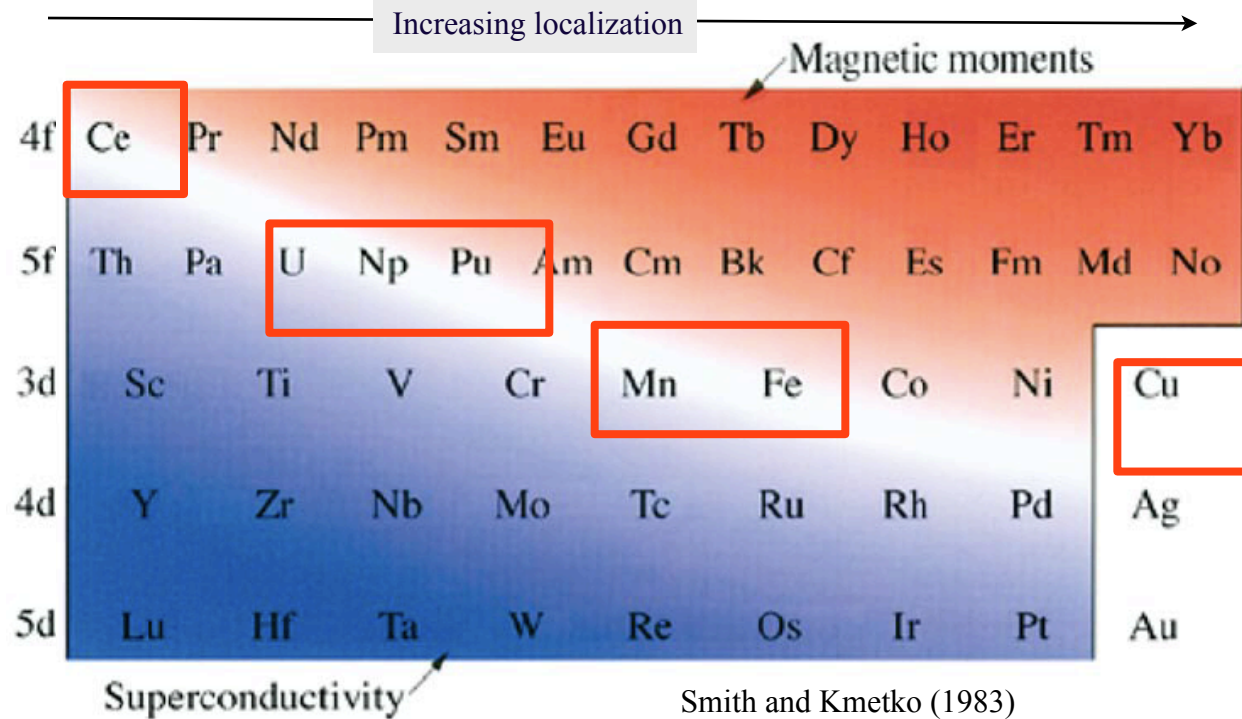
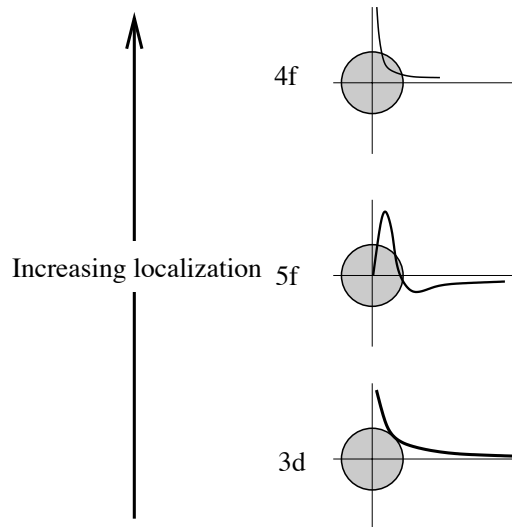
Quantum Criticality, P. Coleman and Andrew Schofield, Nature, 433,
226-229 (2005), cond-mat/0503002.

Lecture I:

1. Overview of heavy fermion physics.
2. Landau Fermi liquid Theory.
3. Heavy Fermions from the Landau Perspective.

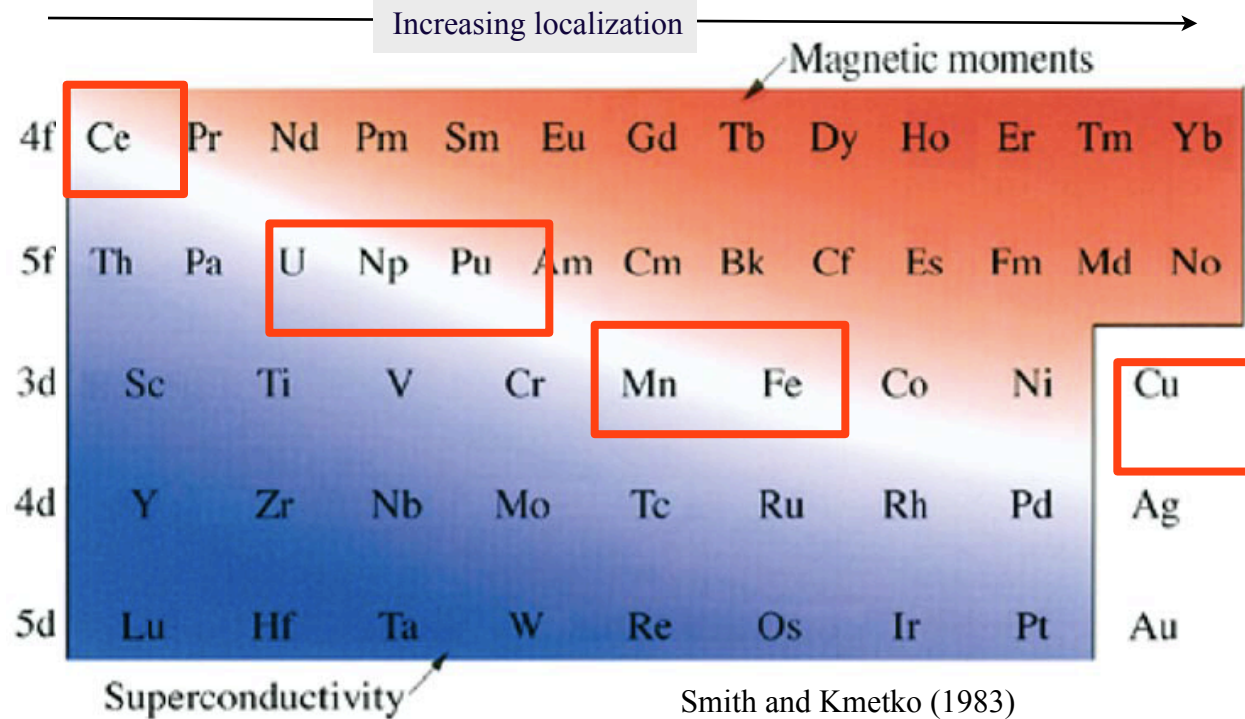
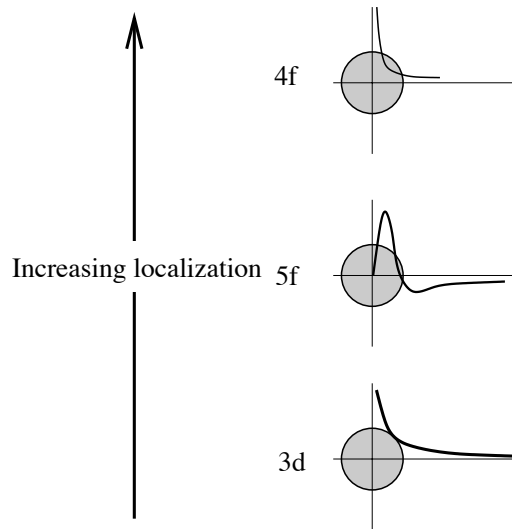






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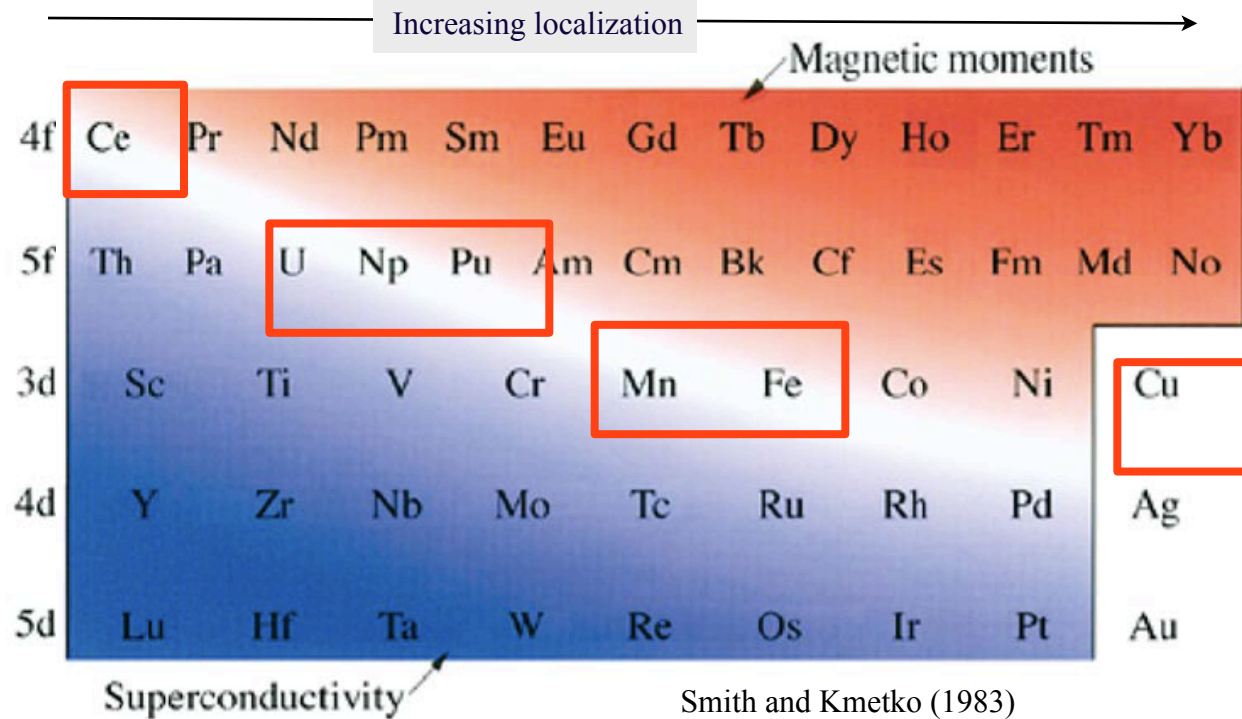
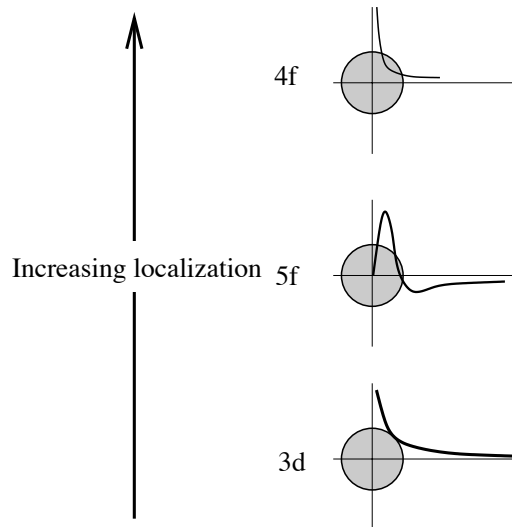
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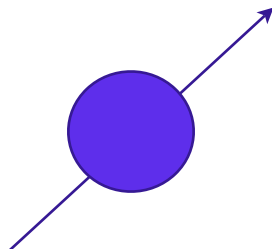
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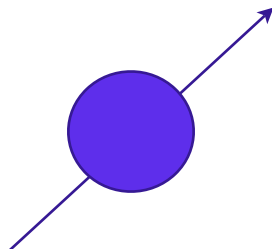
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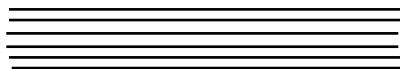


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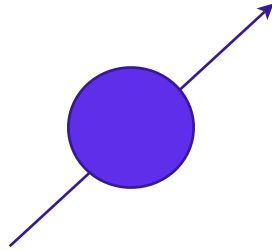


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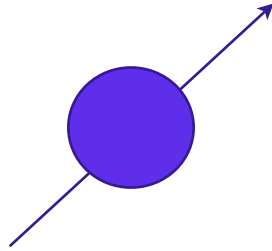
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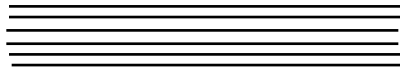
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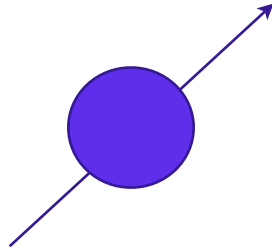
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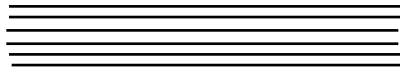


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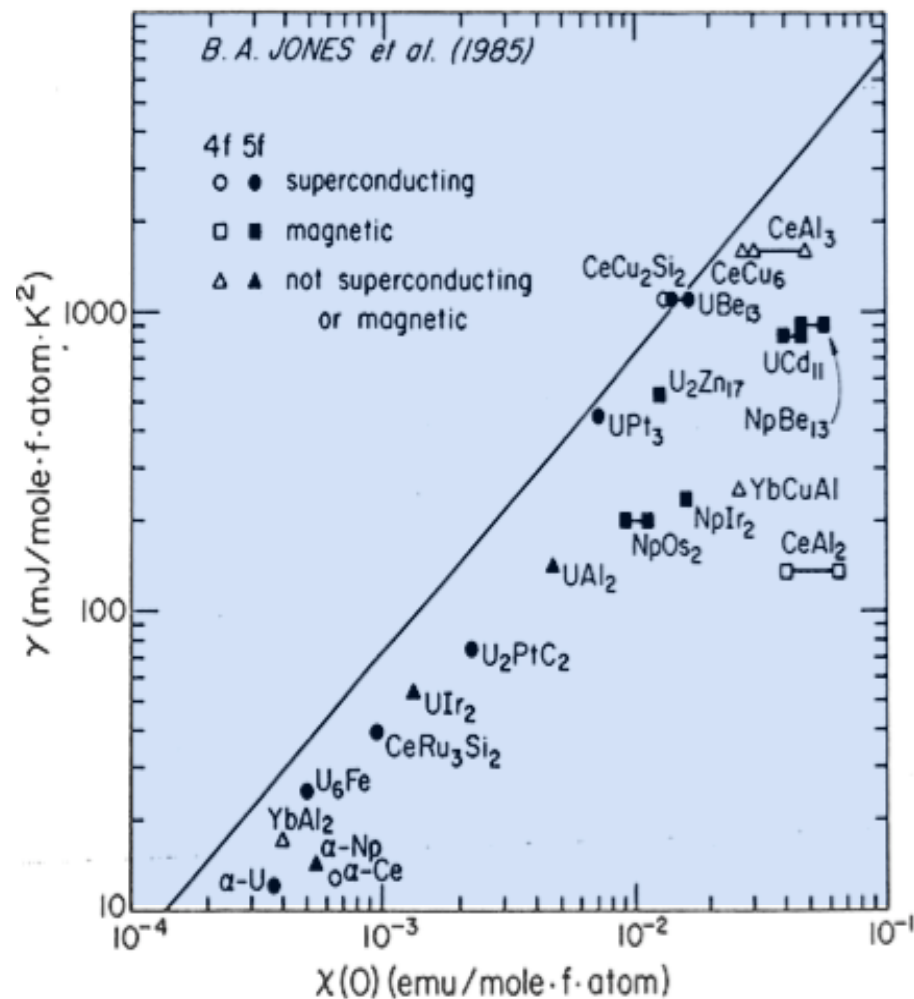
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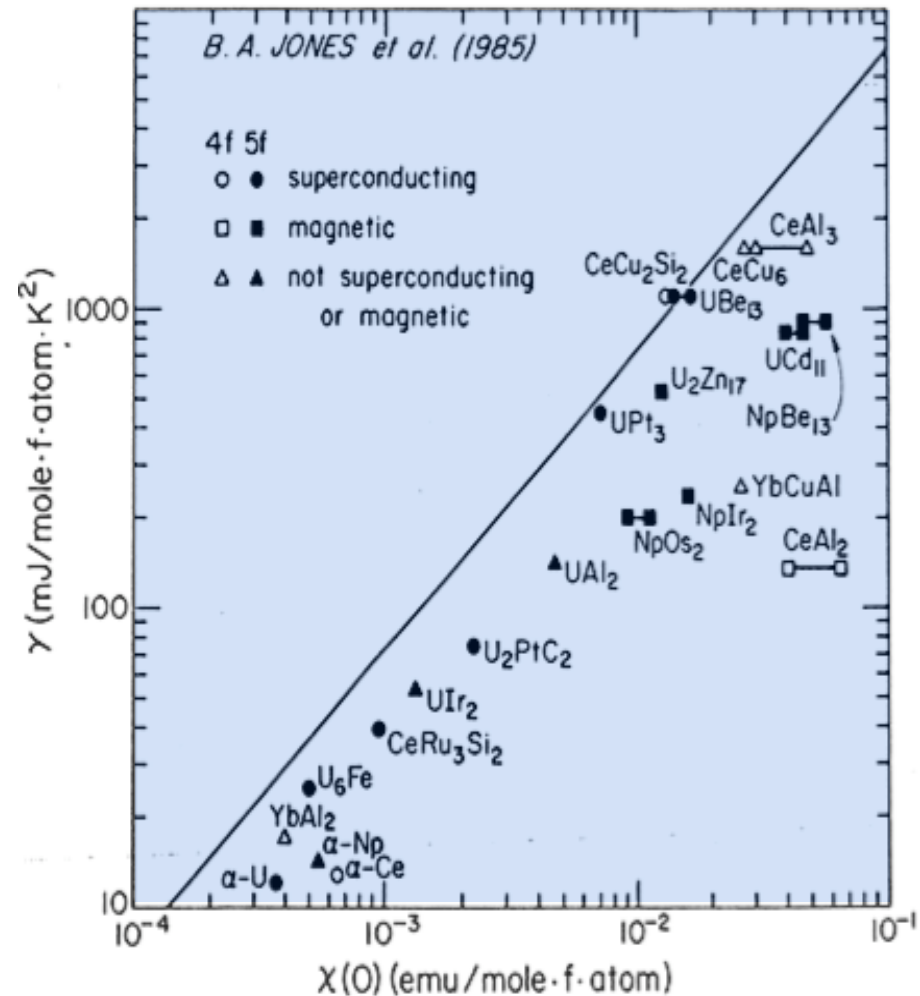


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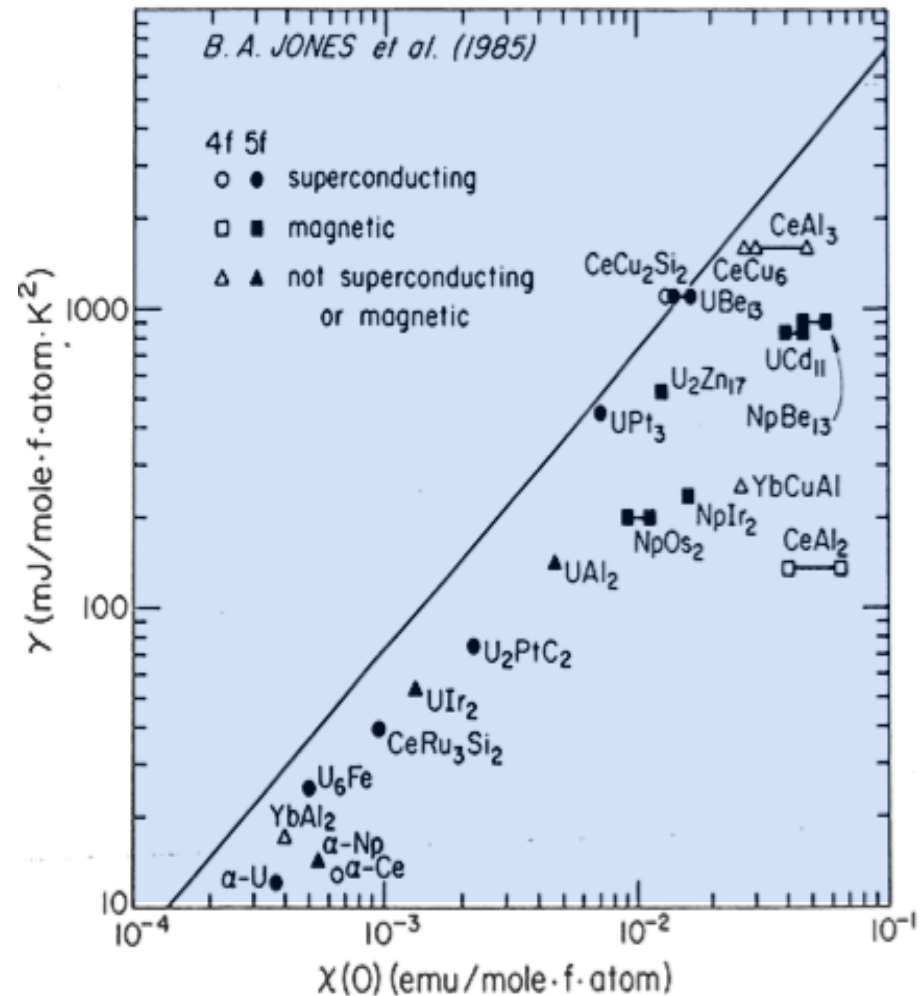
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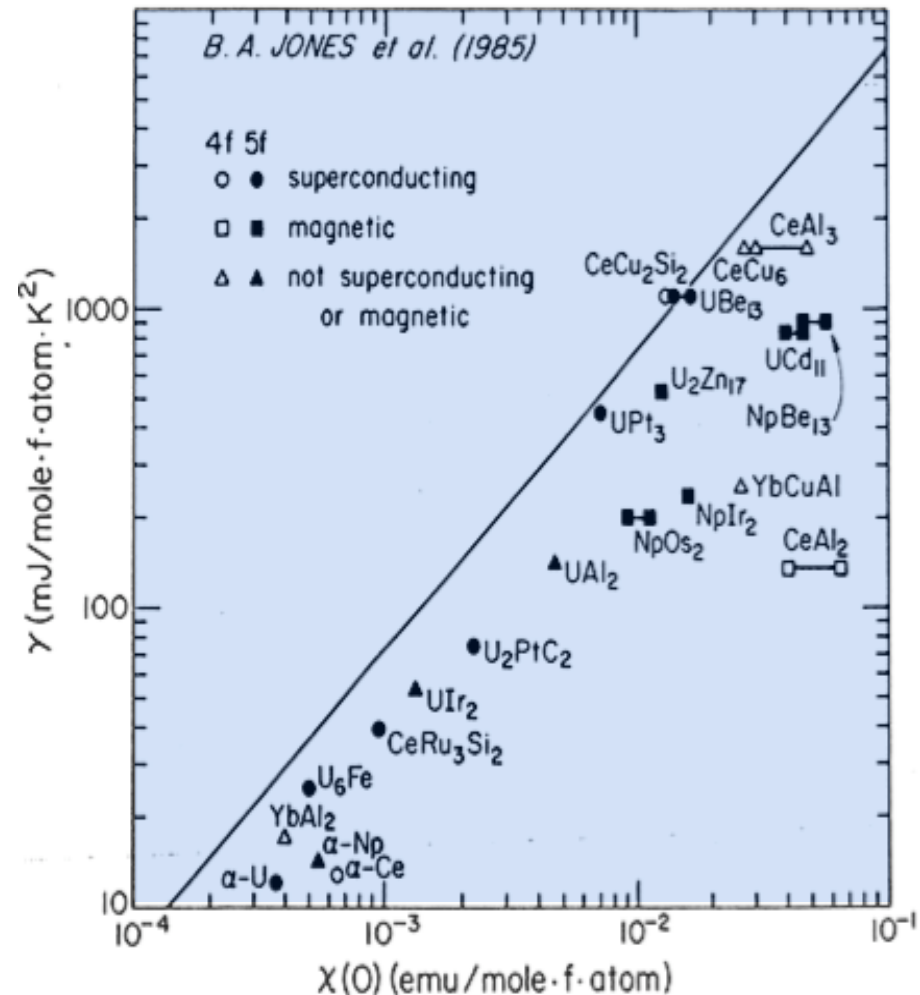
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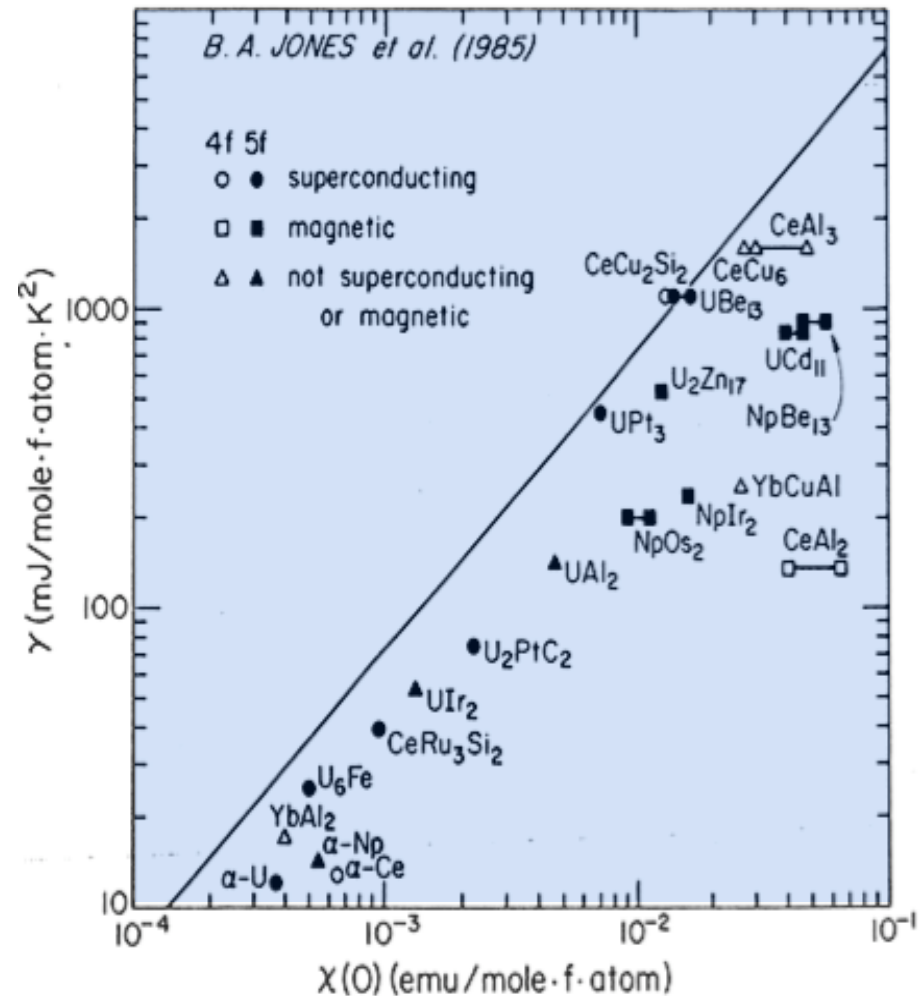
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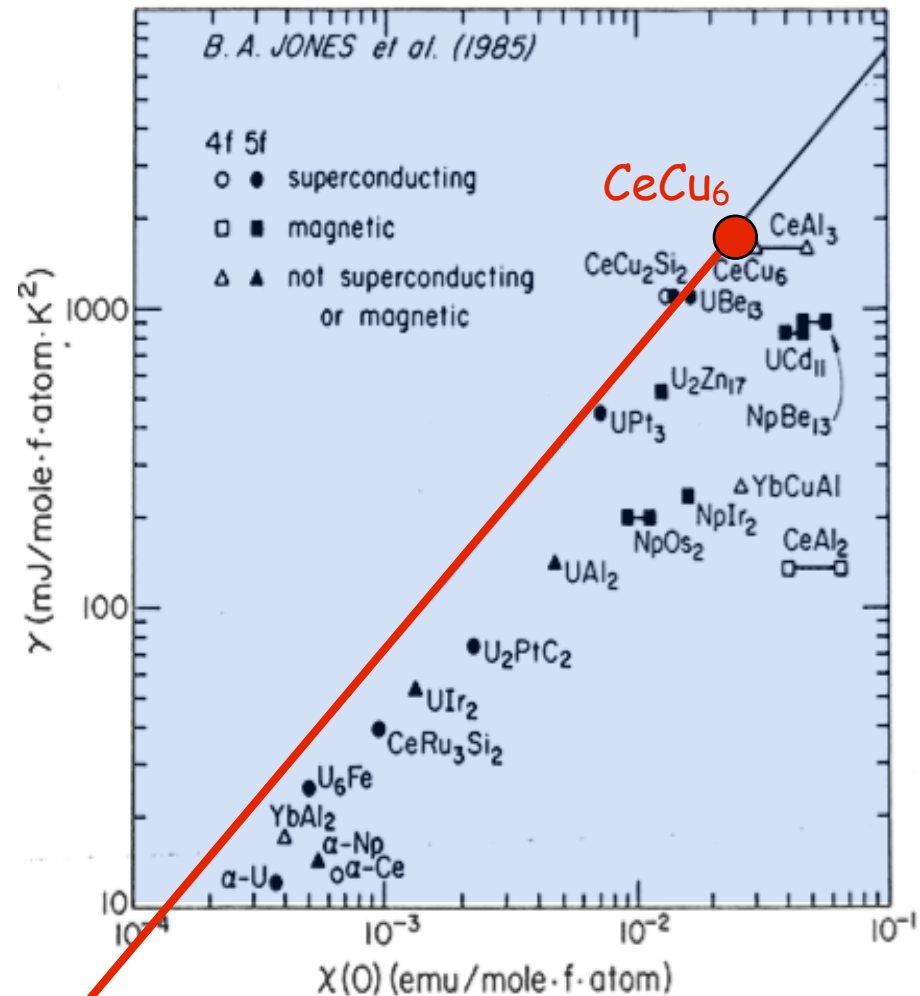
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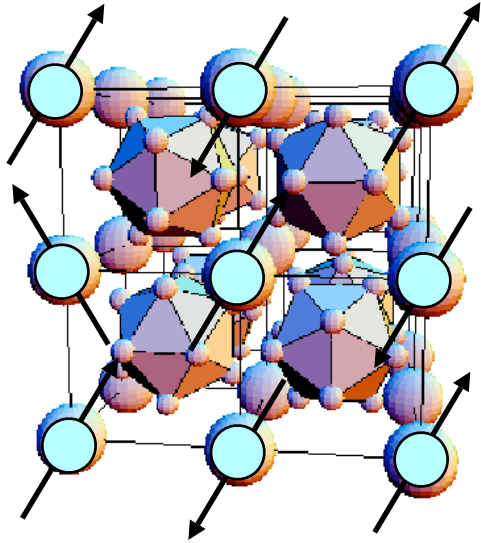
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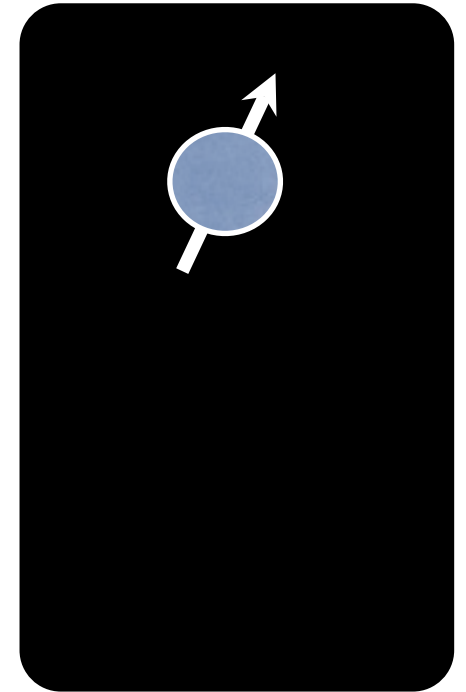


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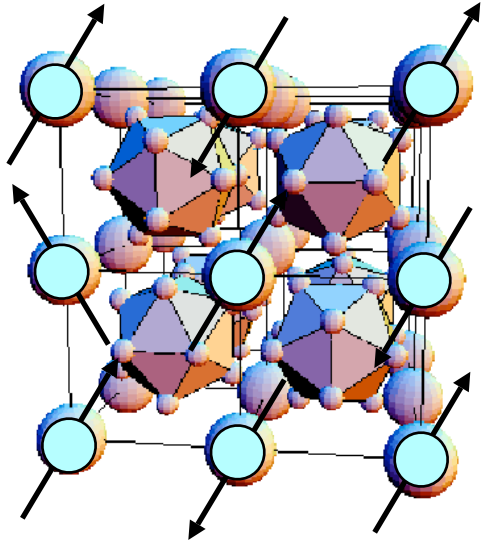


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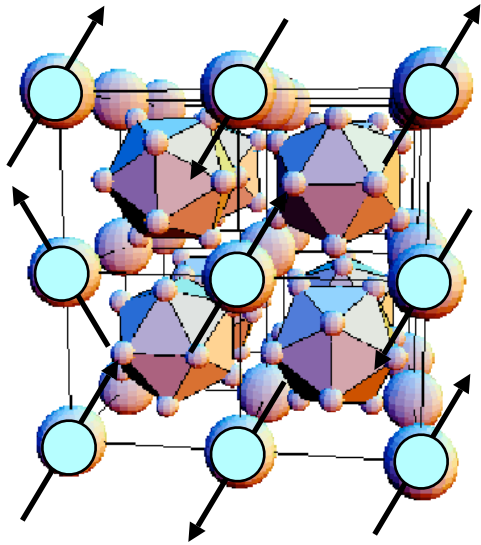


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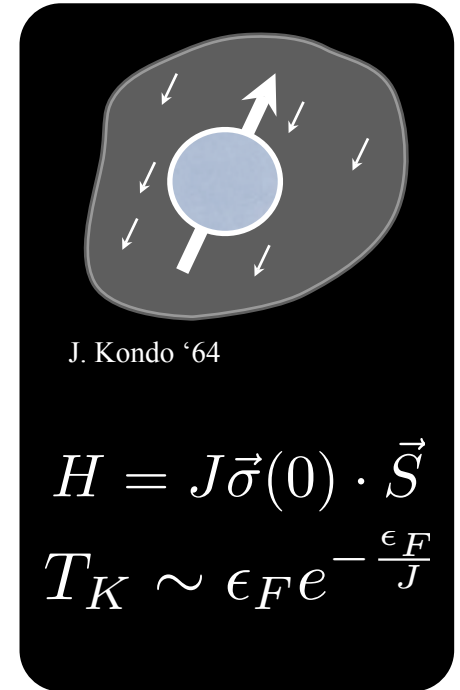
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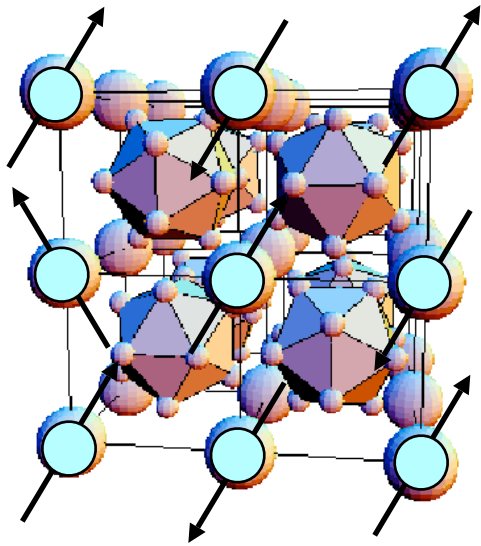
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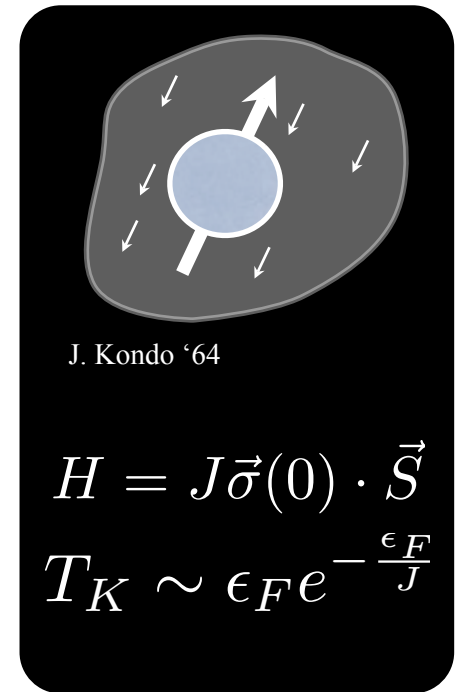
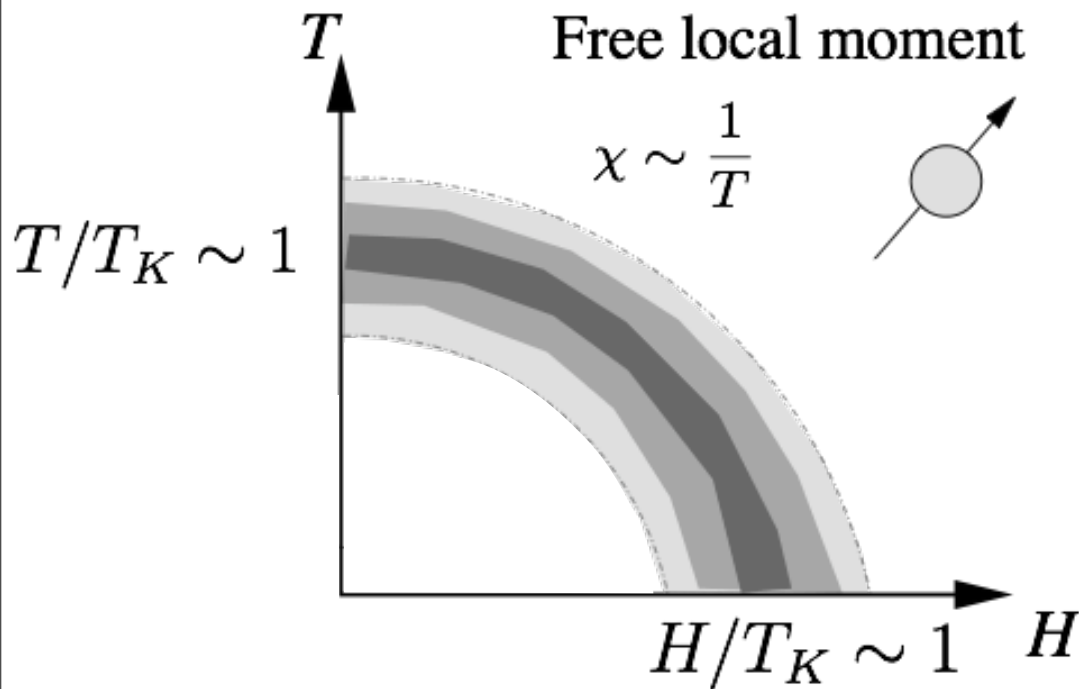
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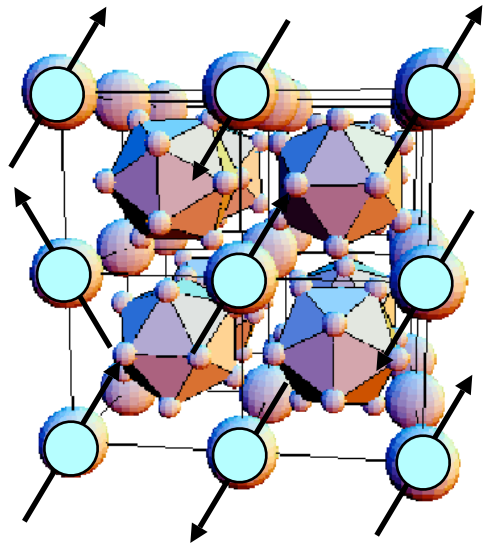
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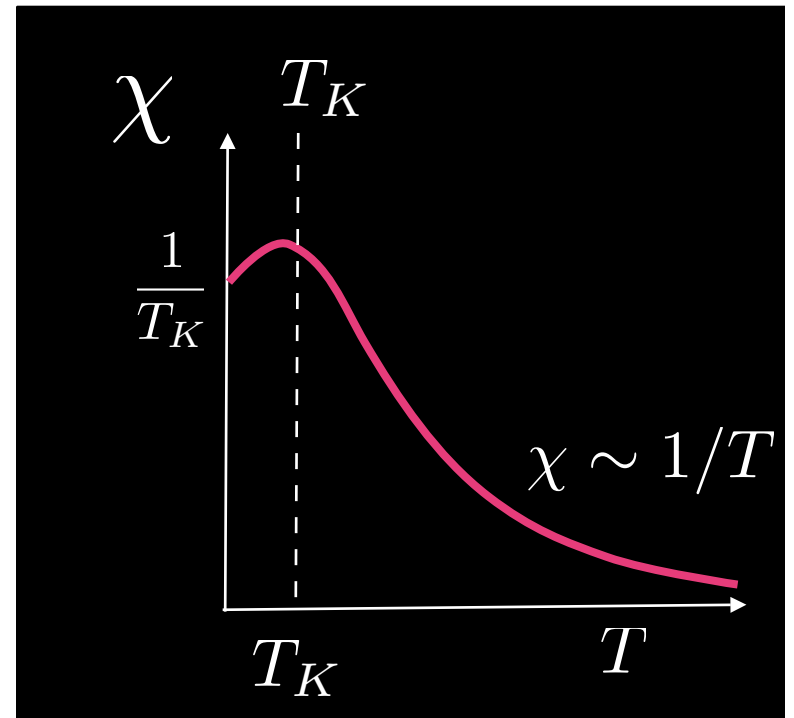
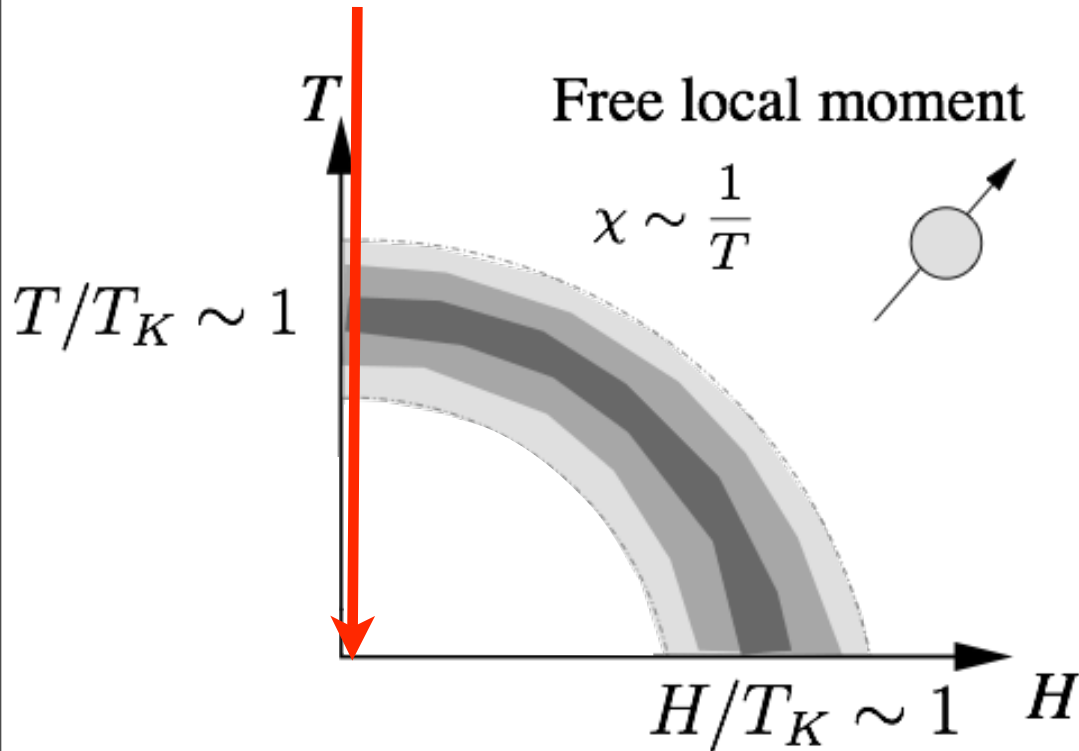
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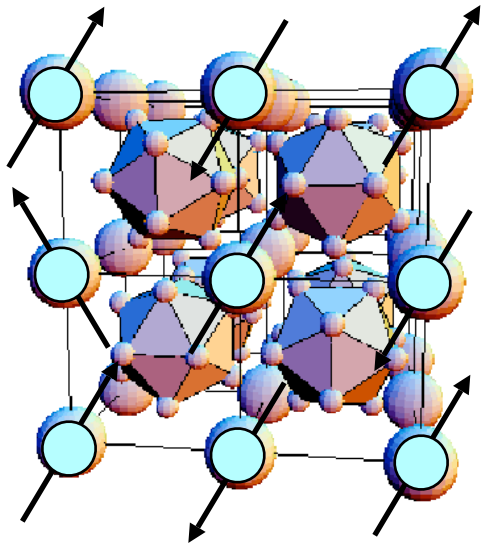
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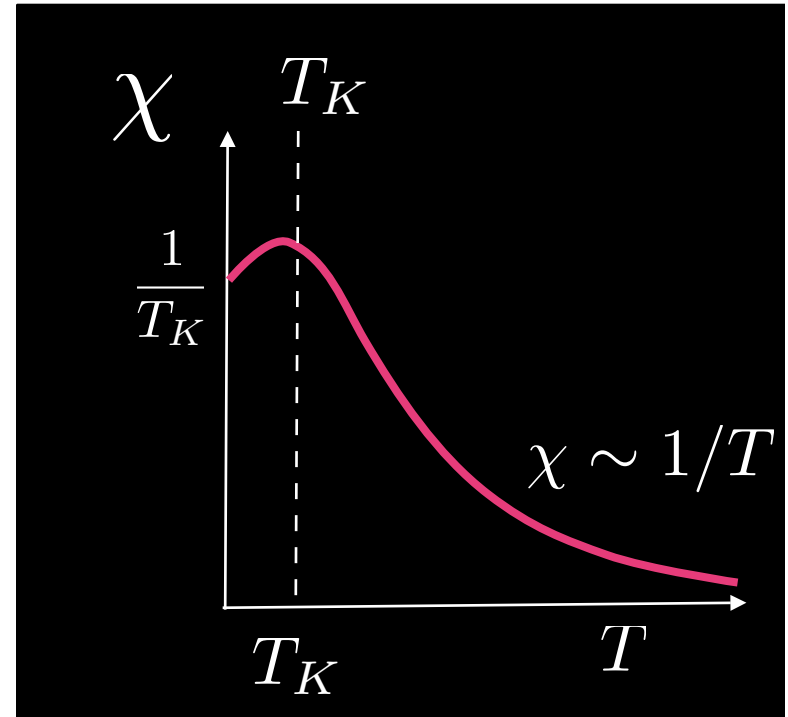
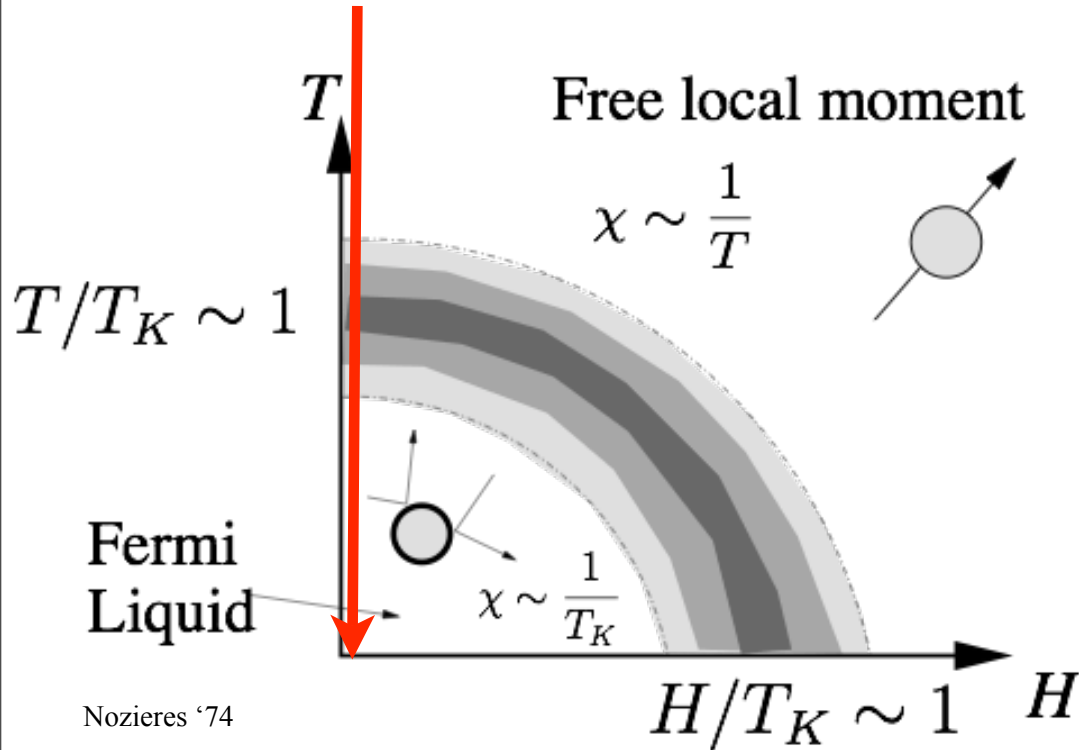
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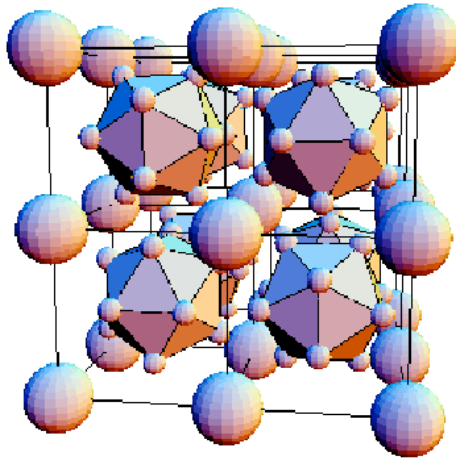


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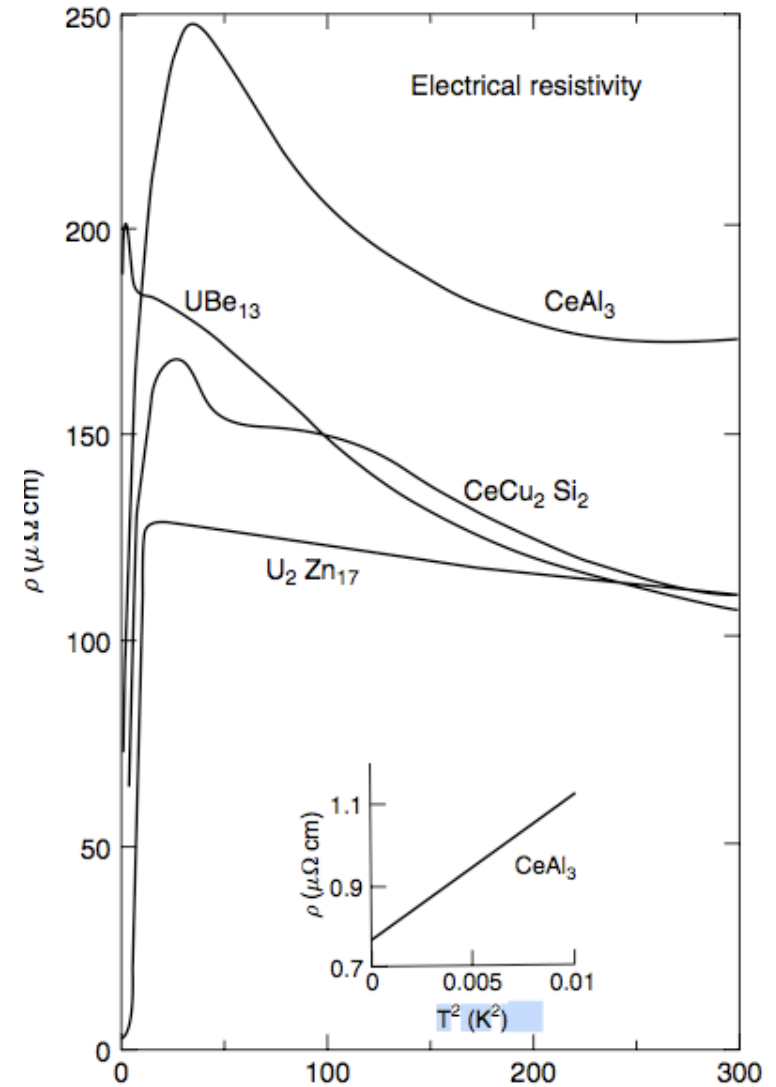
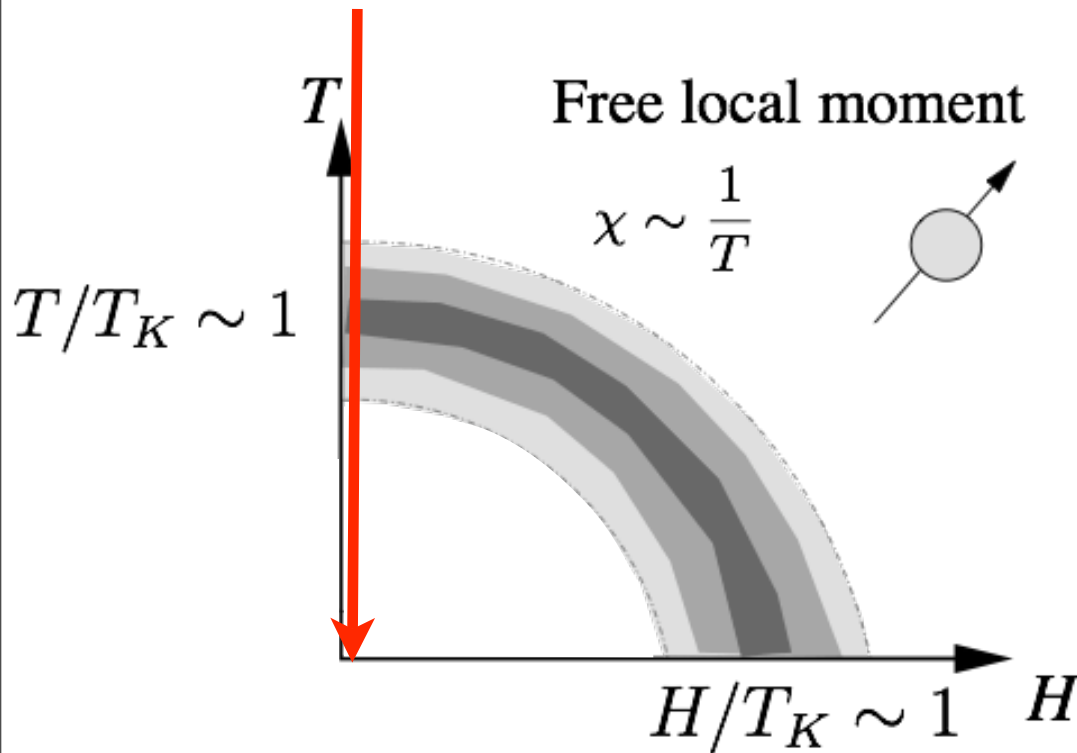
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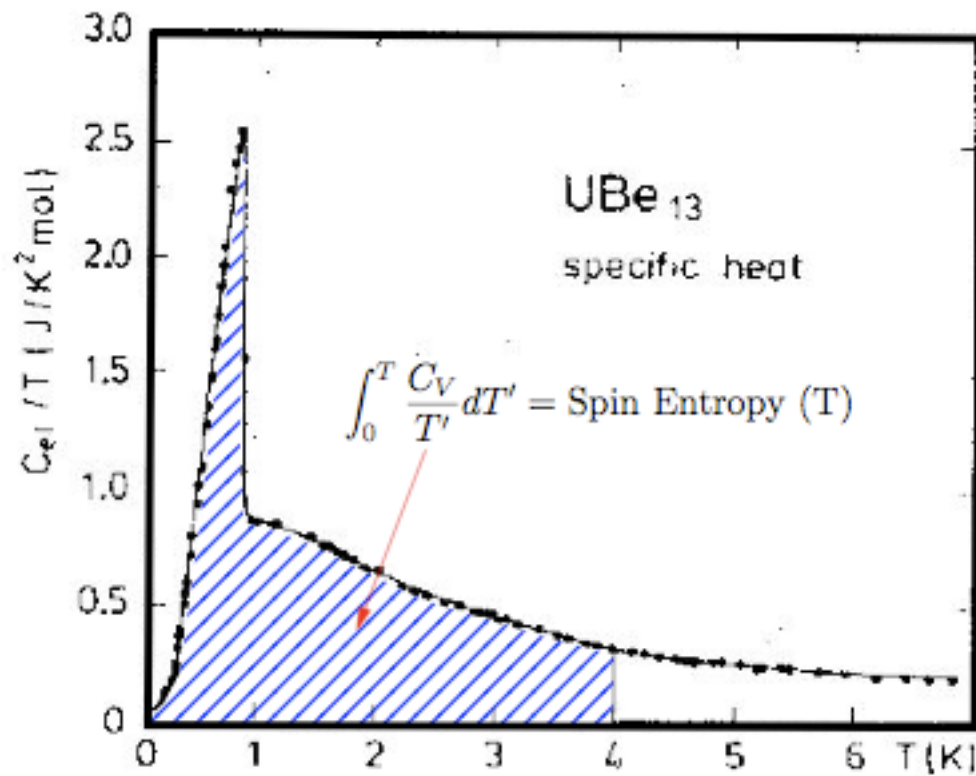
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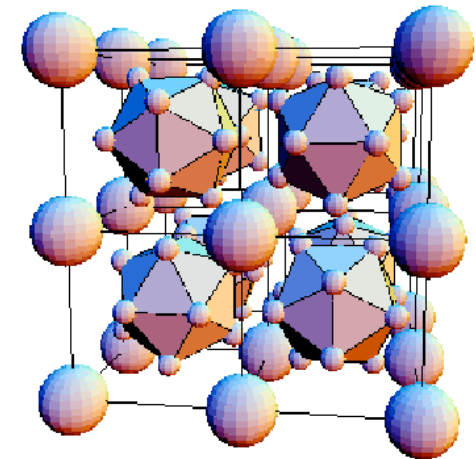
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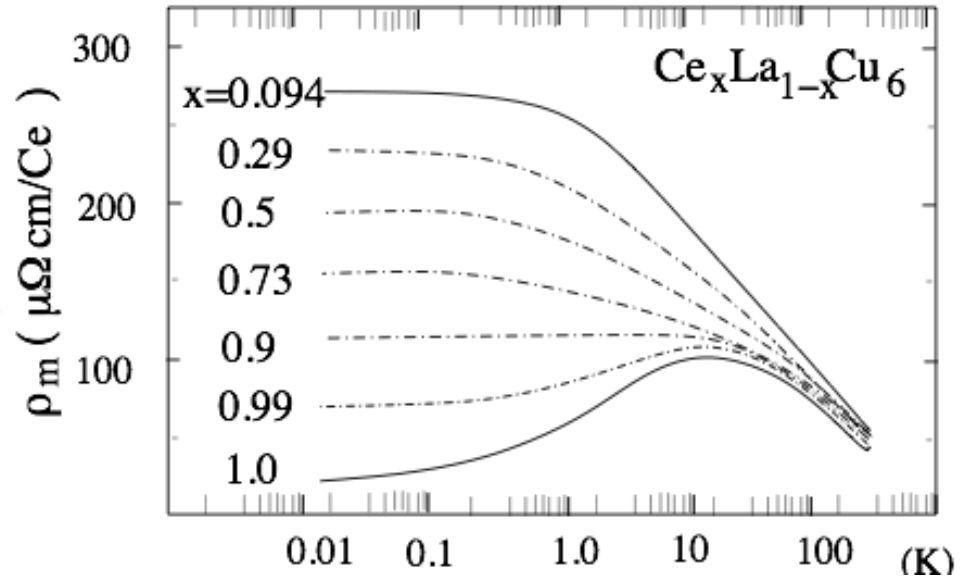
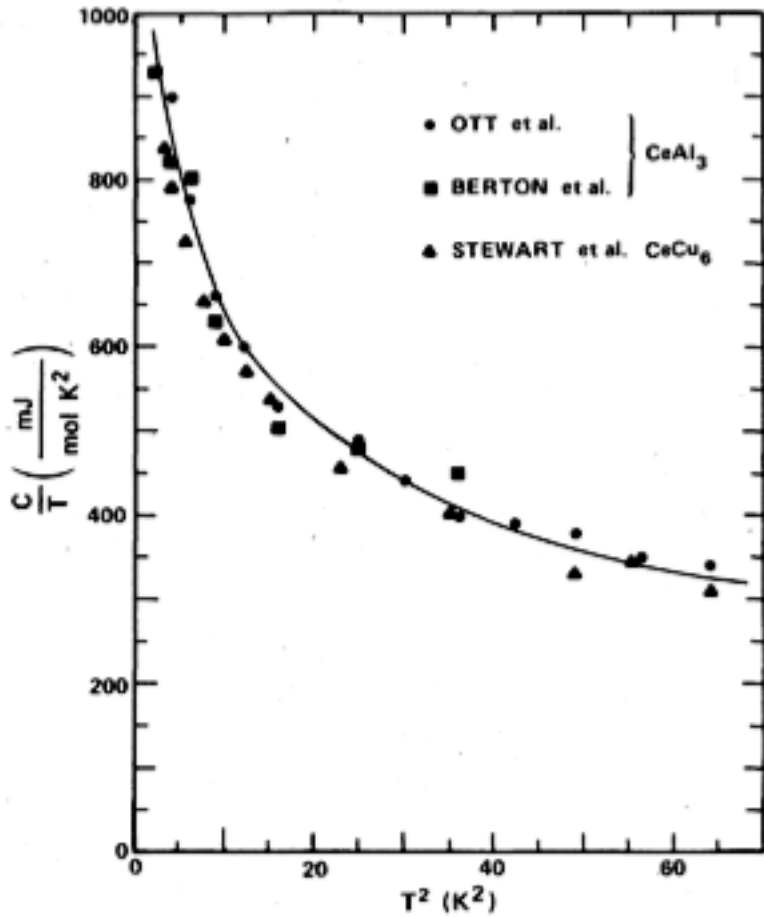
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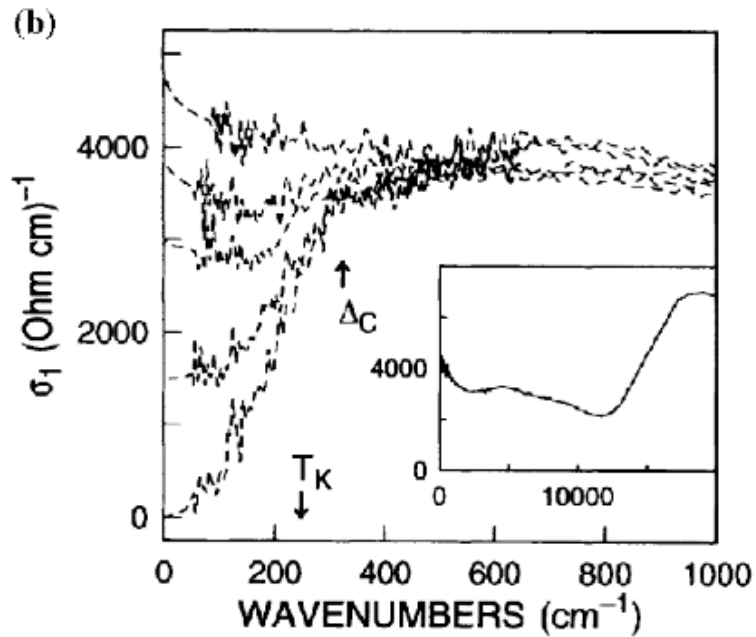
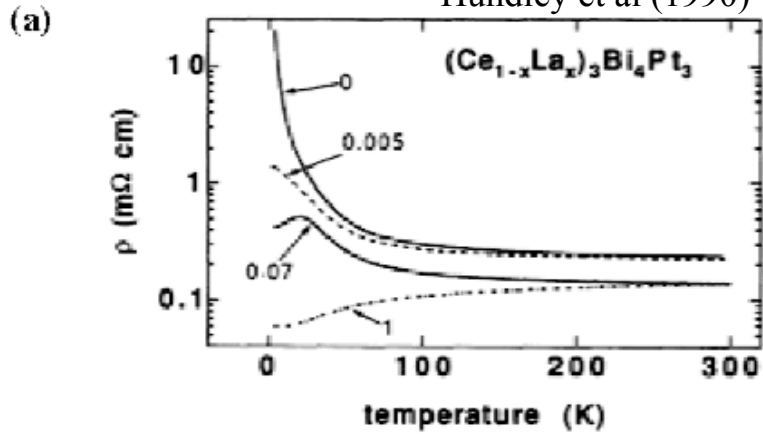
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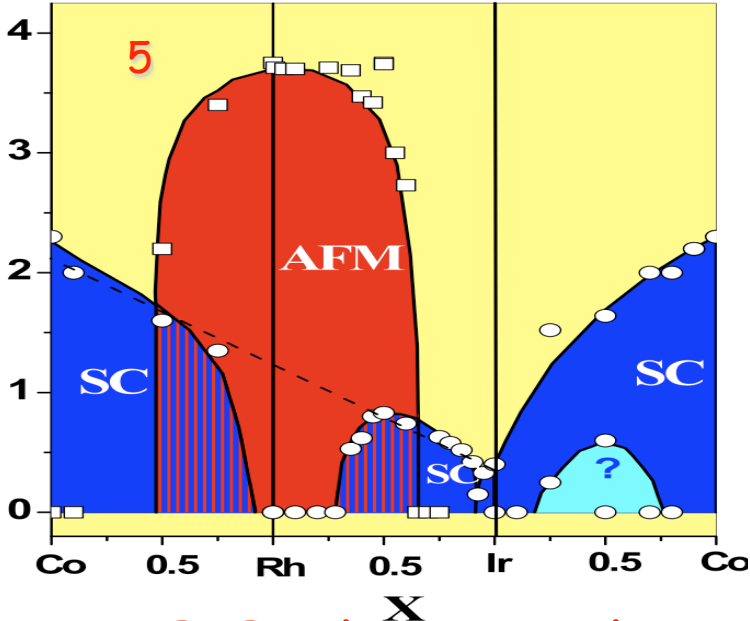
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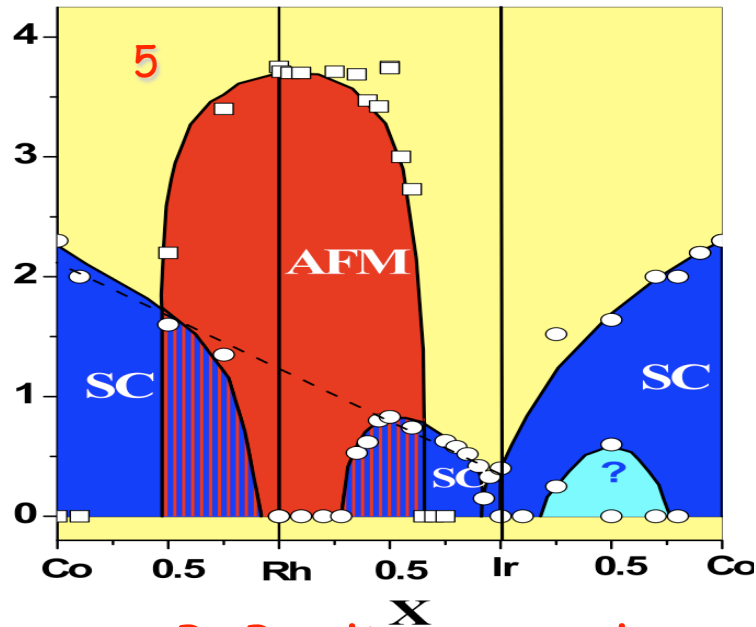
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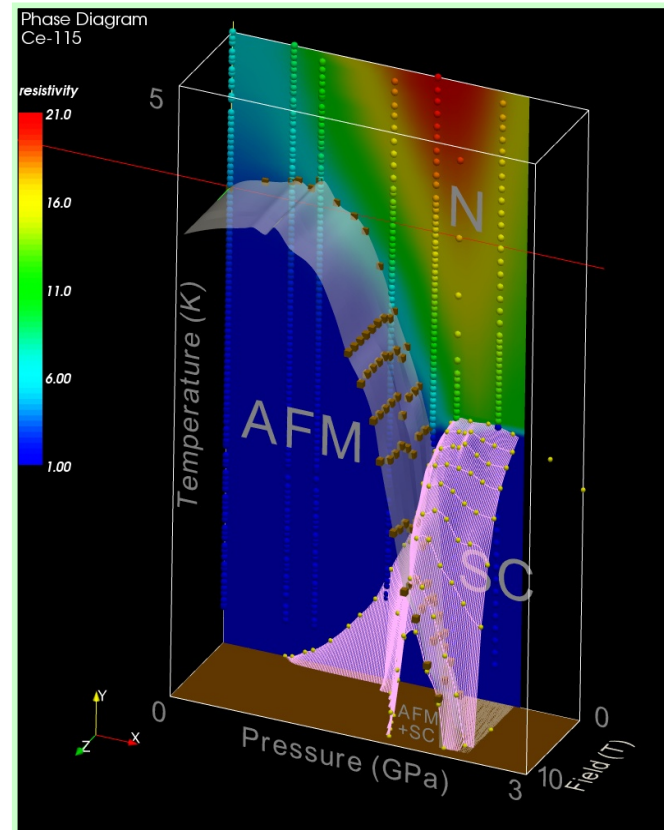
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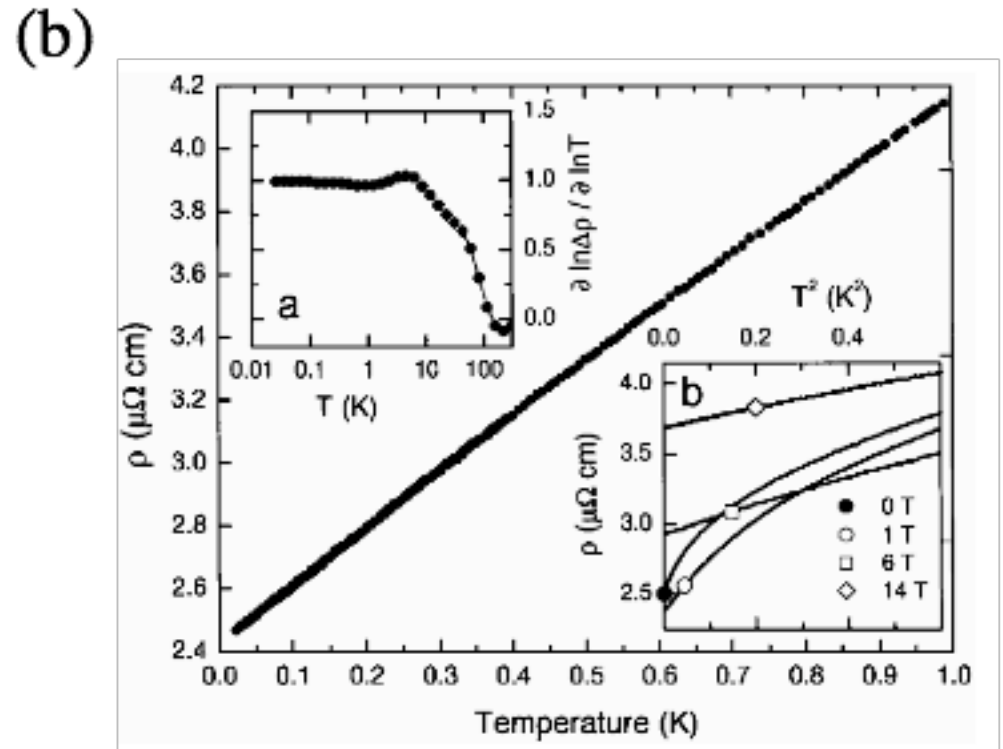
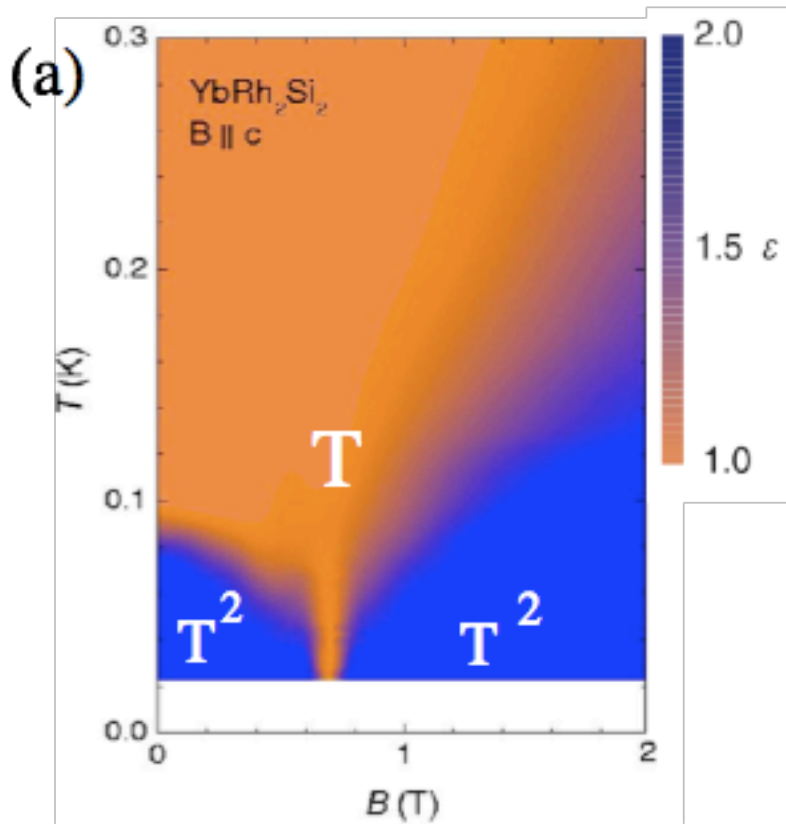
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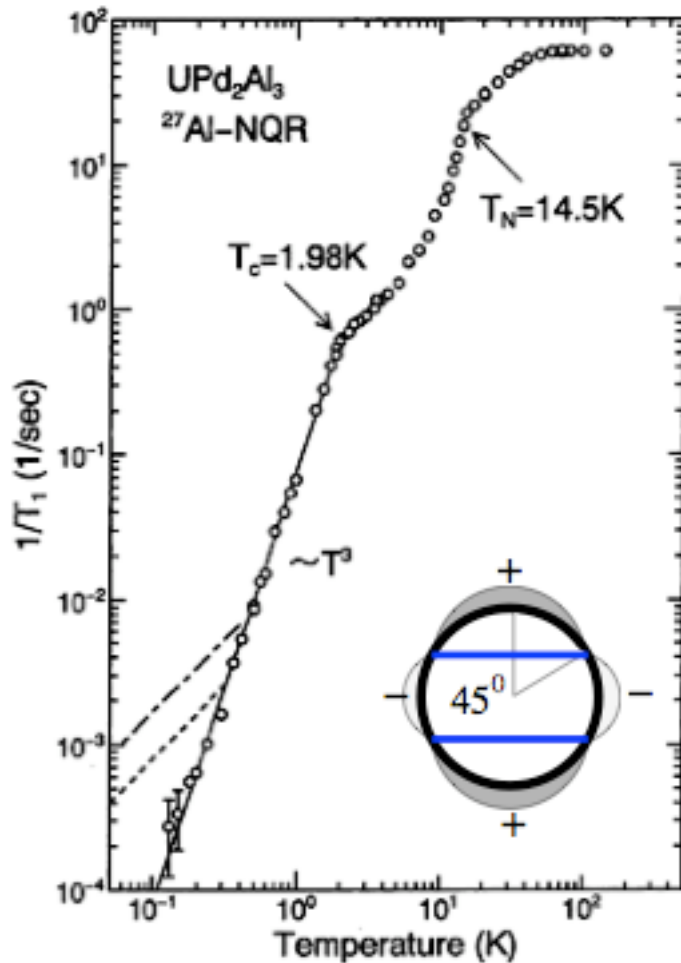
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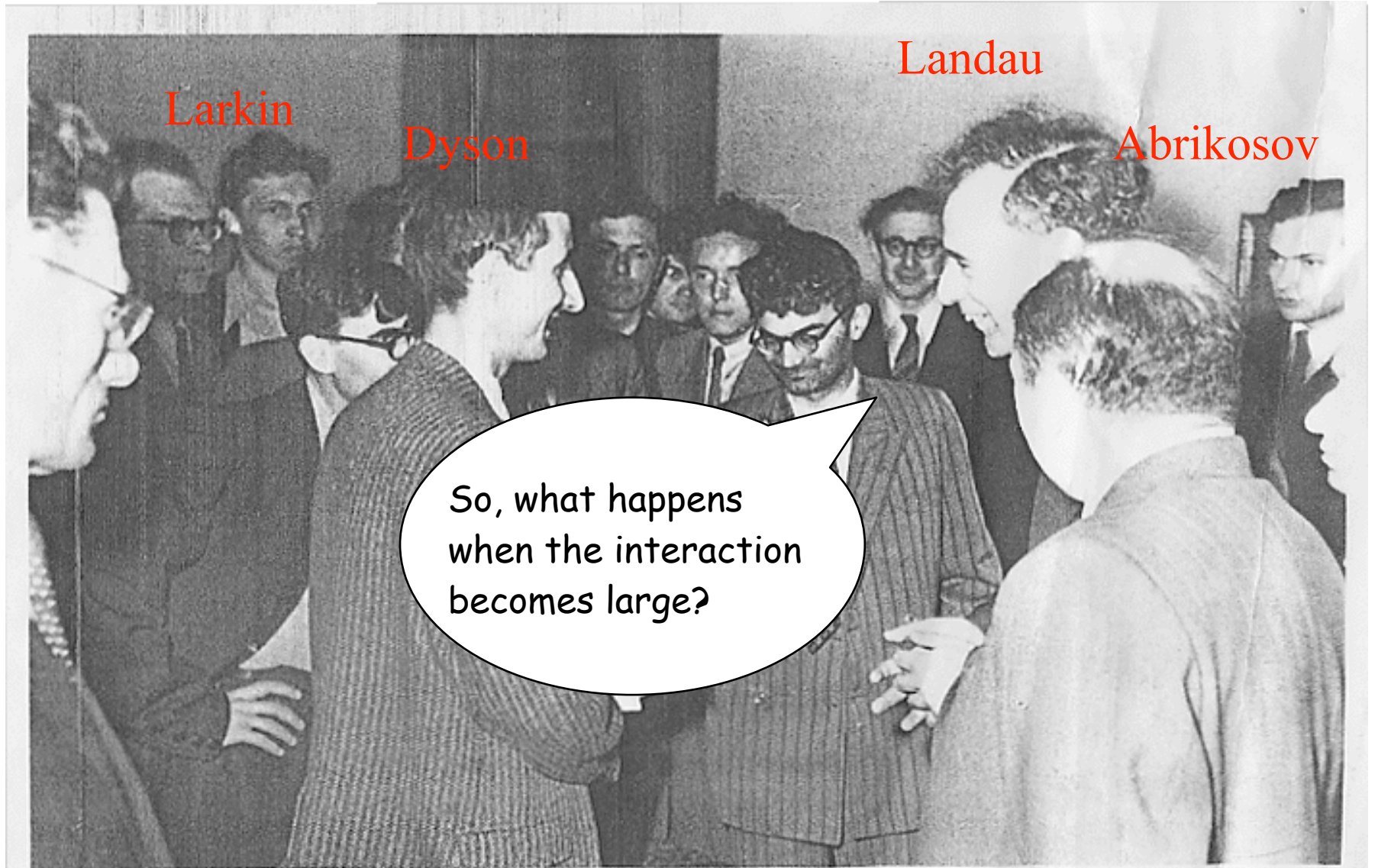
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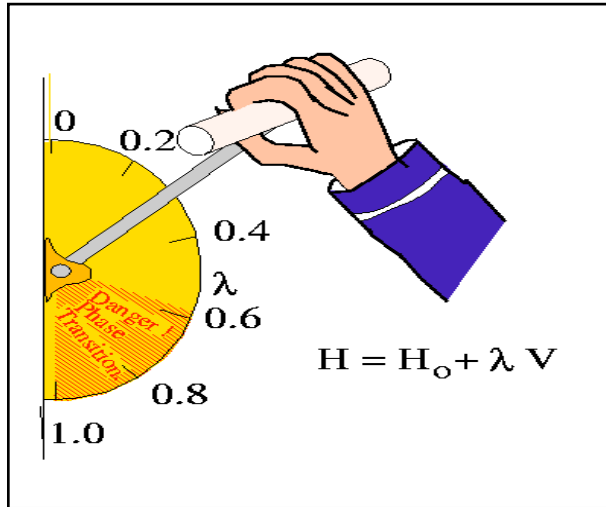


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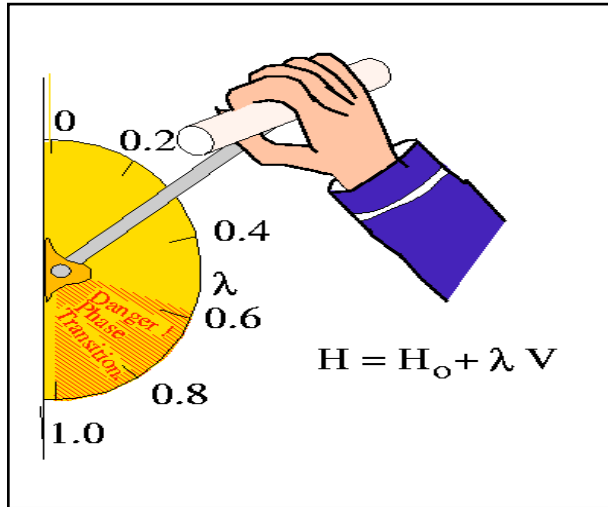
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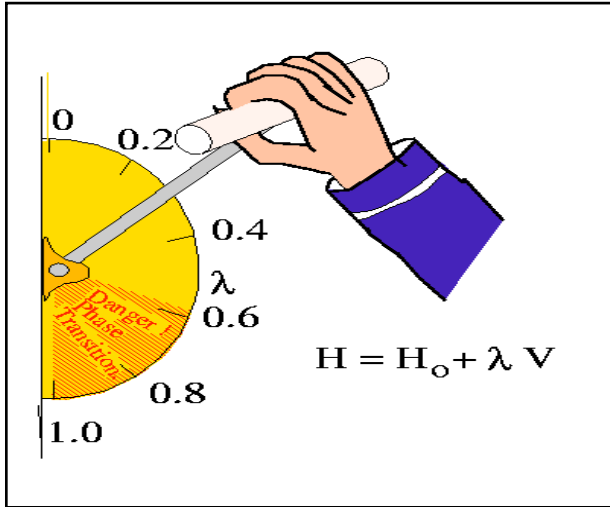
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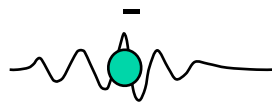
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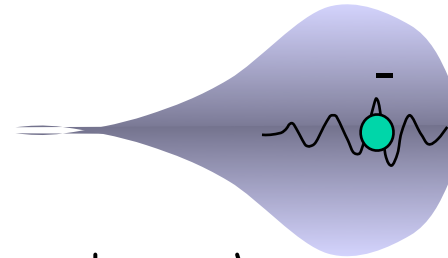
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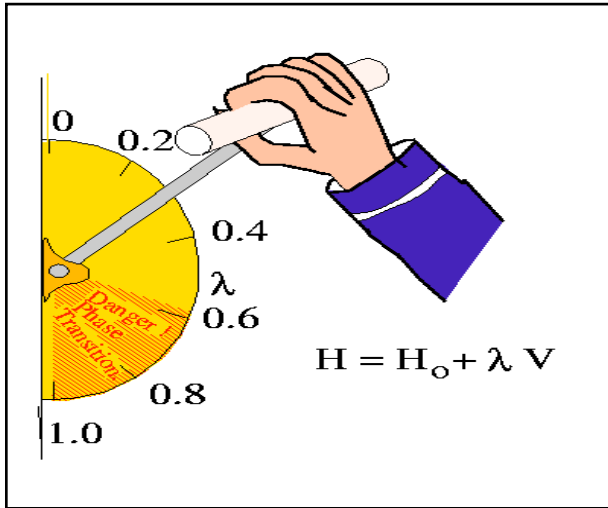
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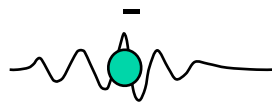


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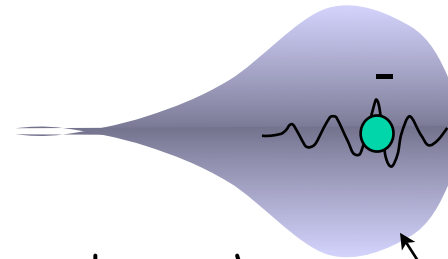
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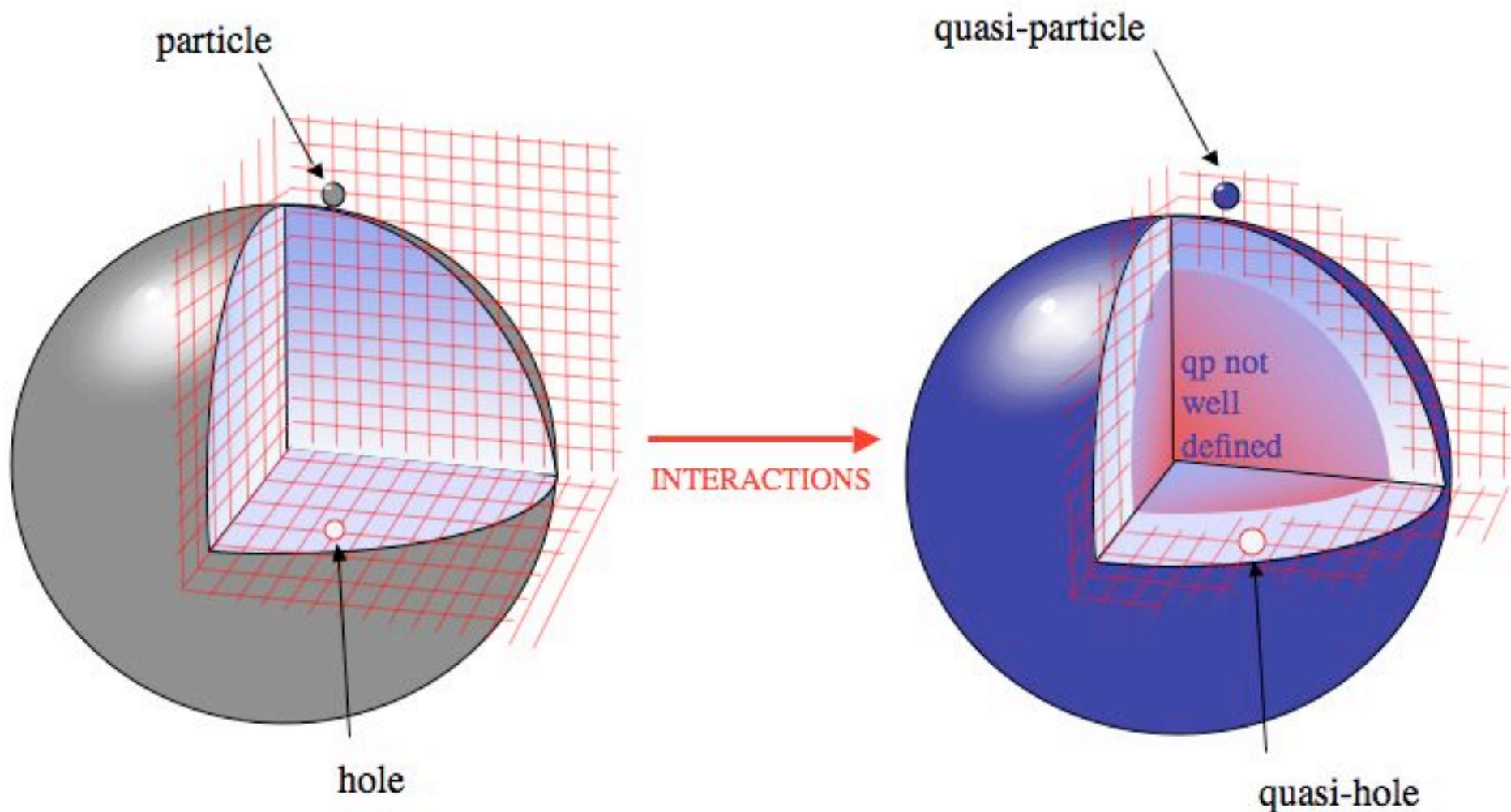
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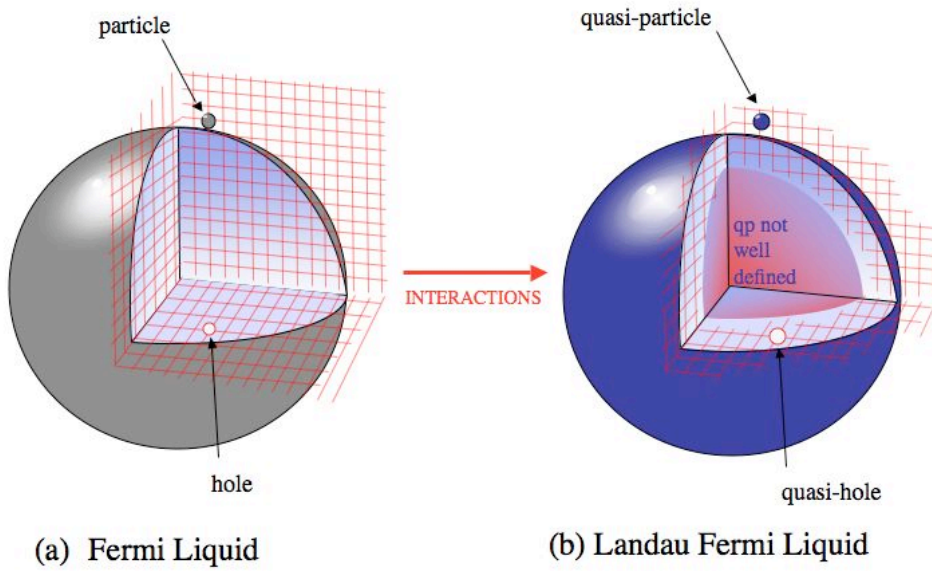
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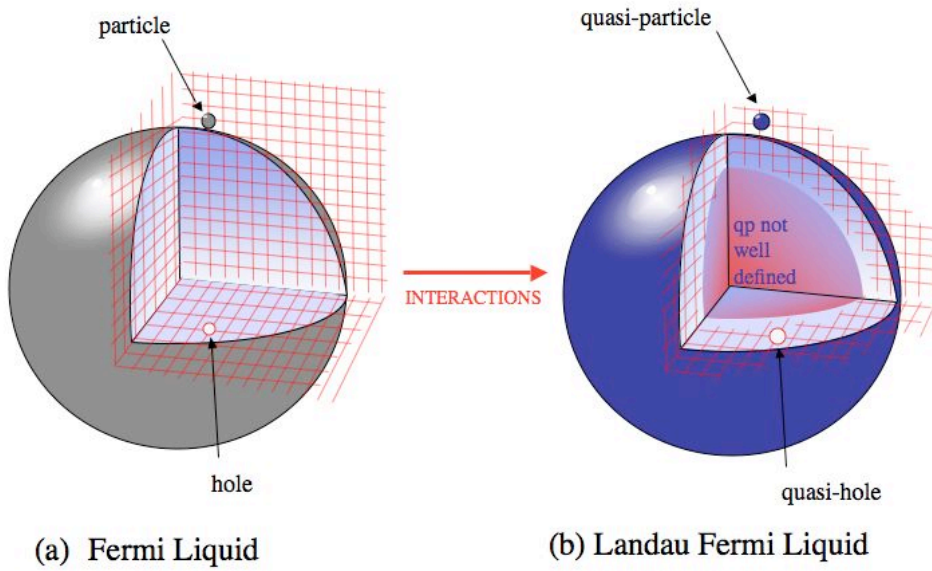


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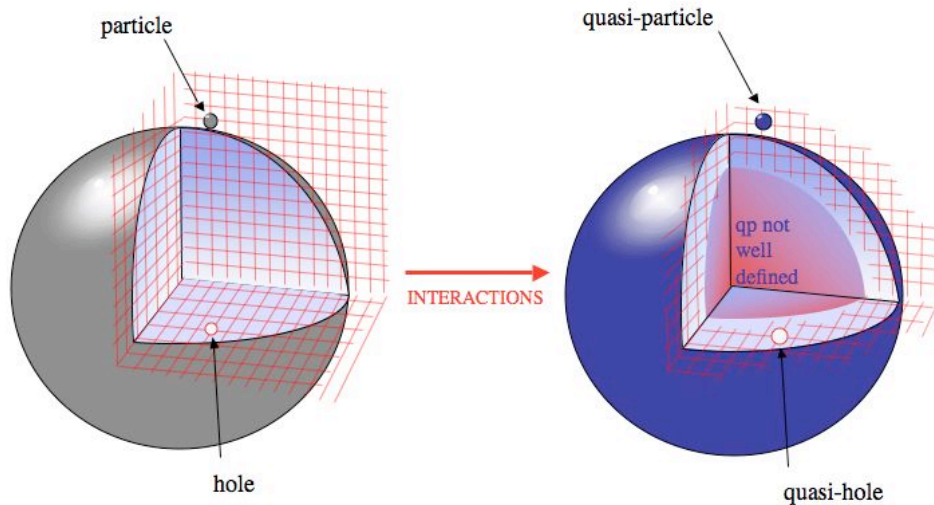


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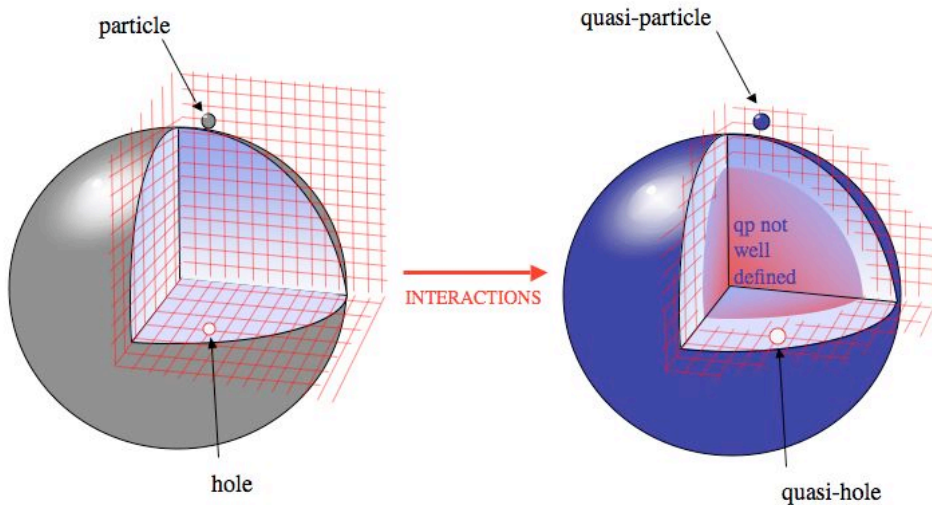
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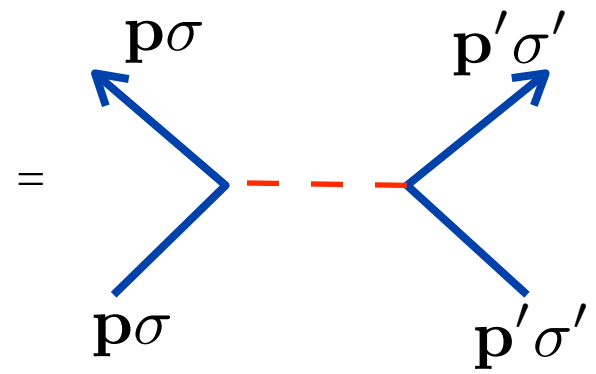
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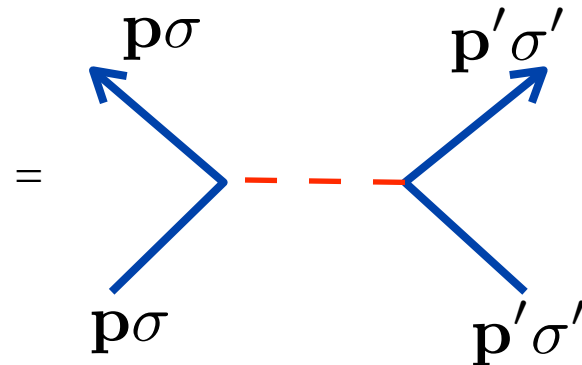
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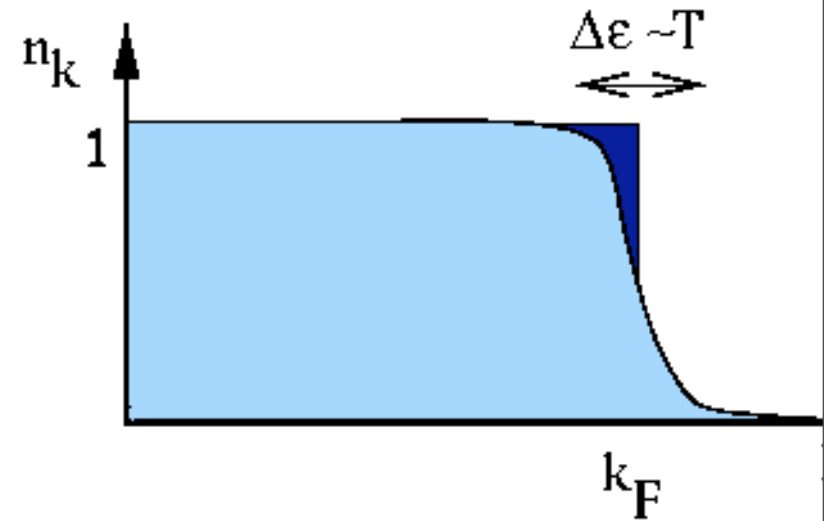
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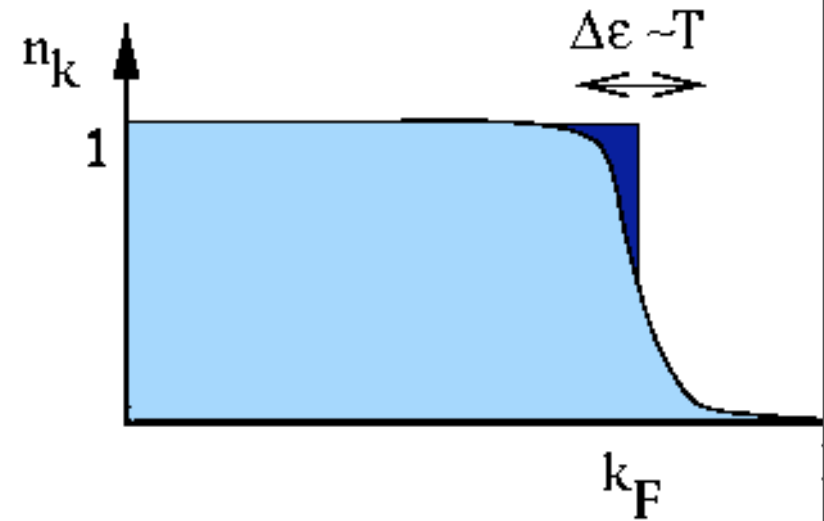
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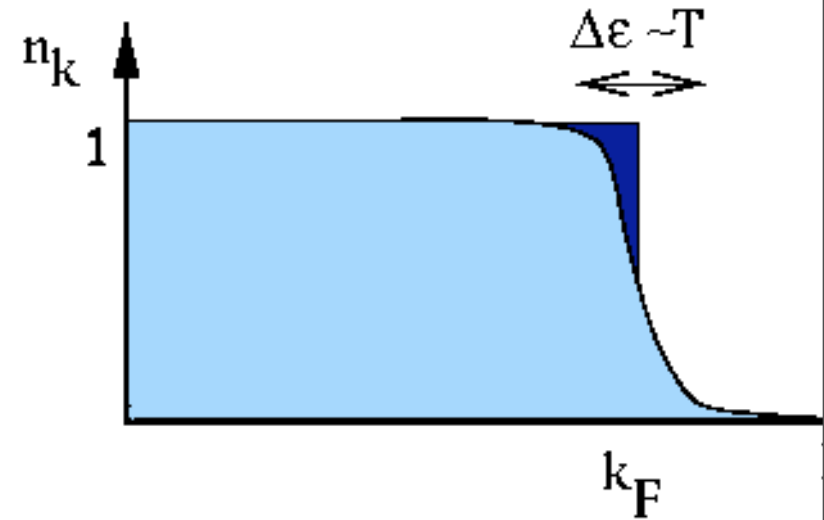


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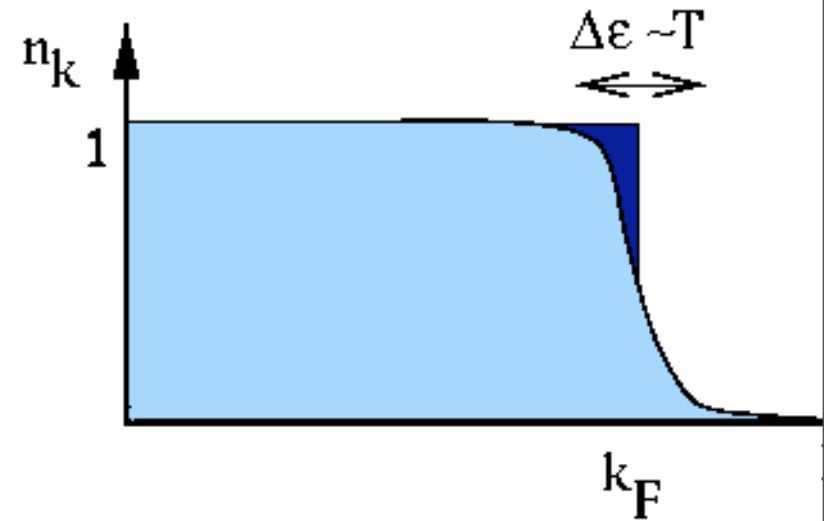
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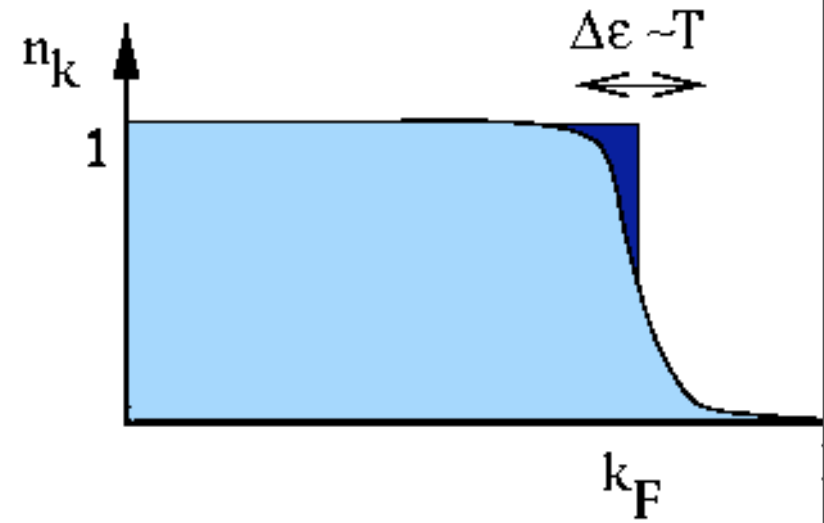


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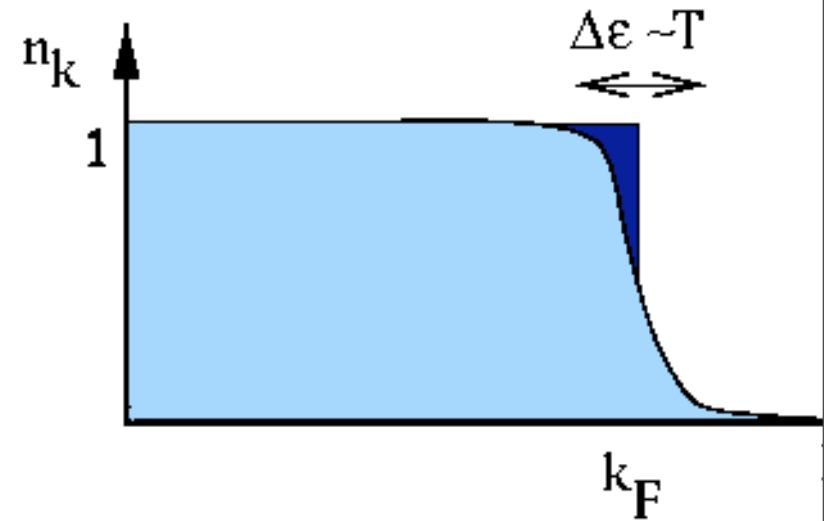
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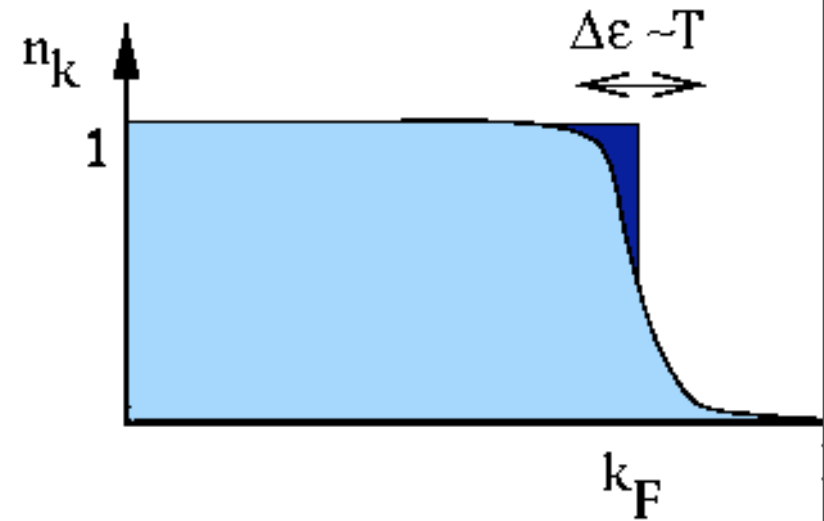
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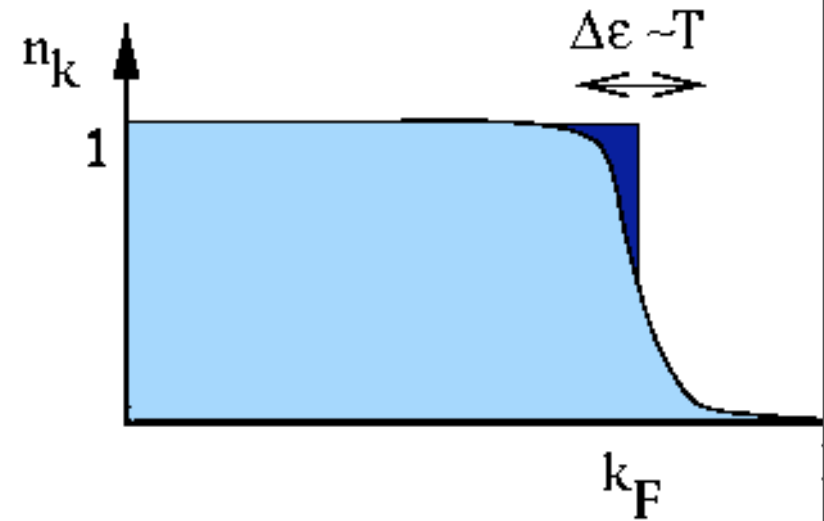
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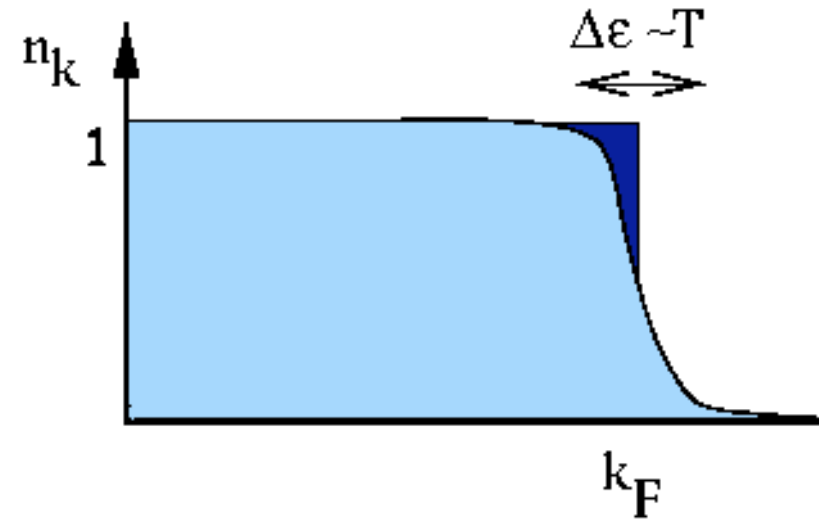
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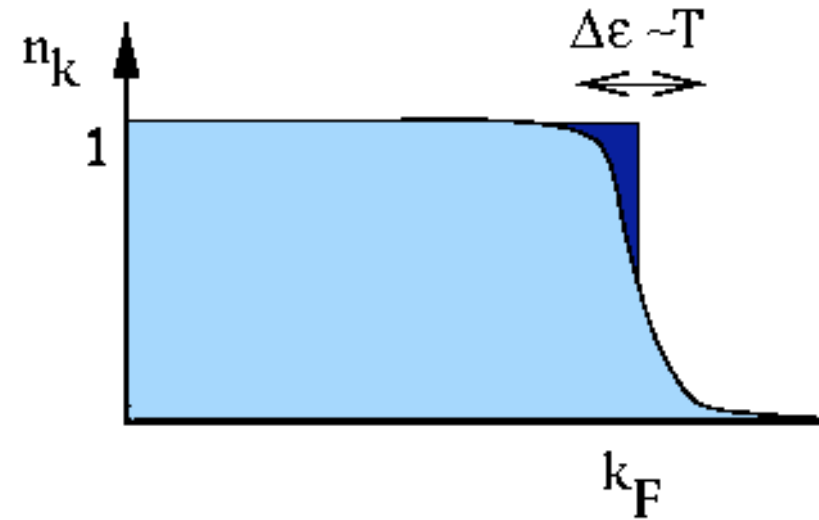
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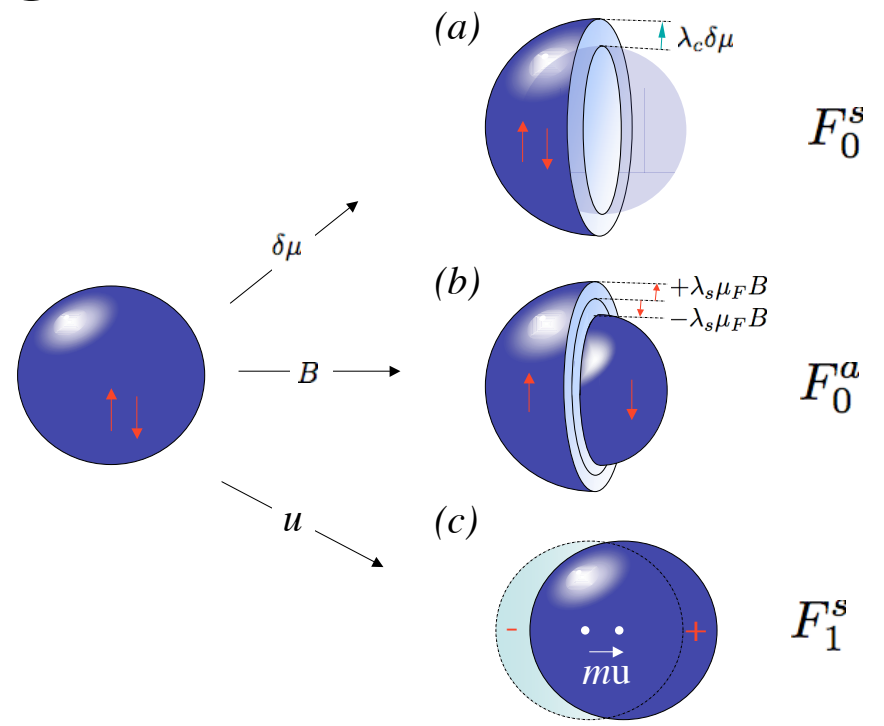
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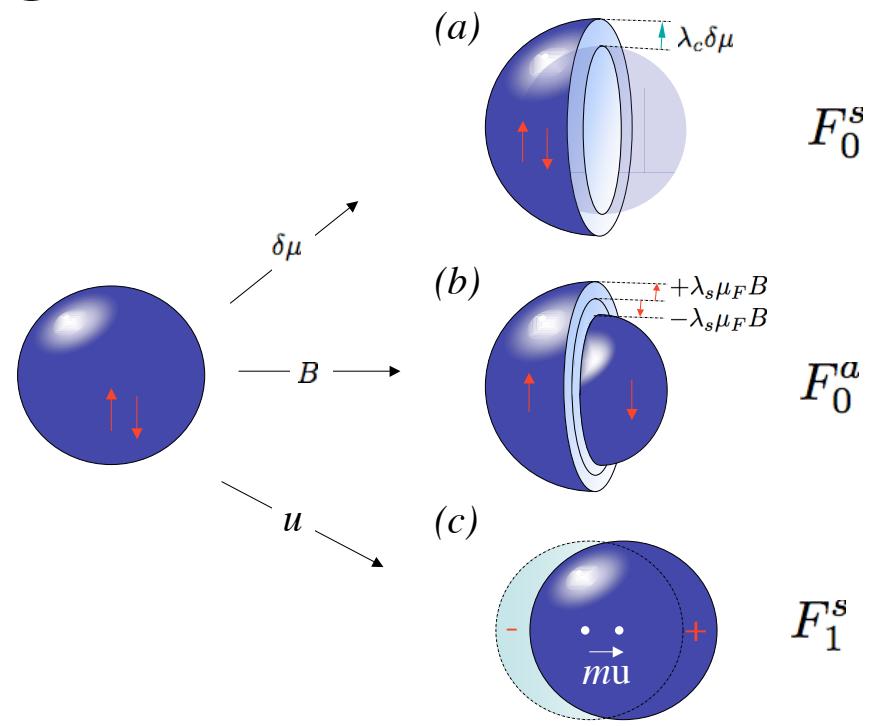
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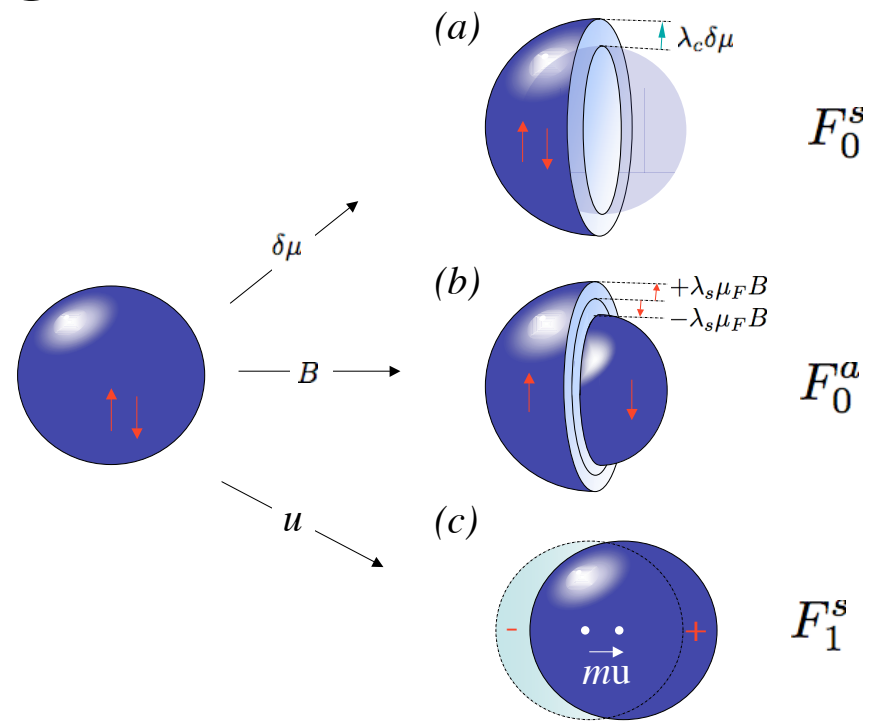
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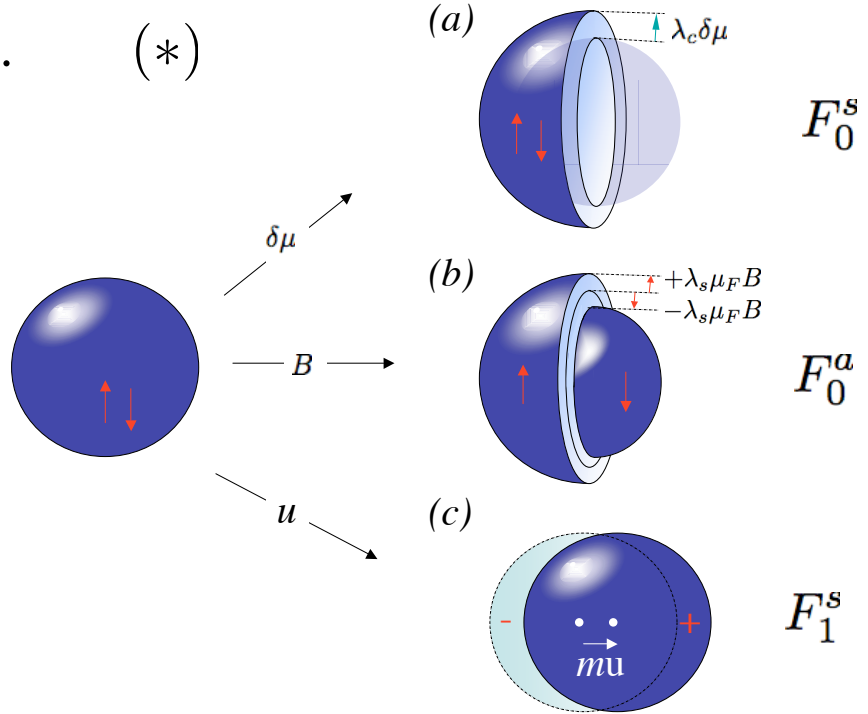
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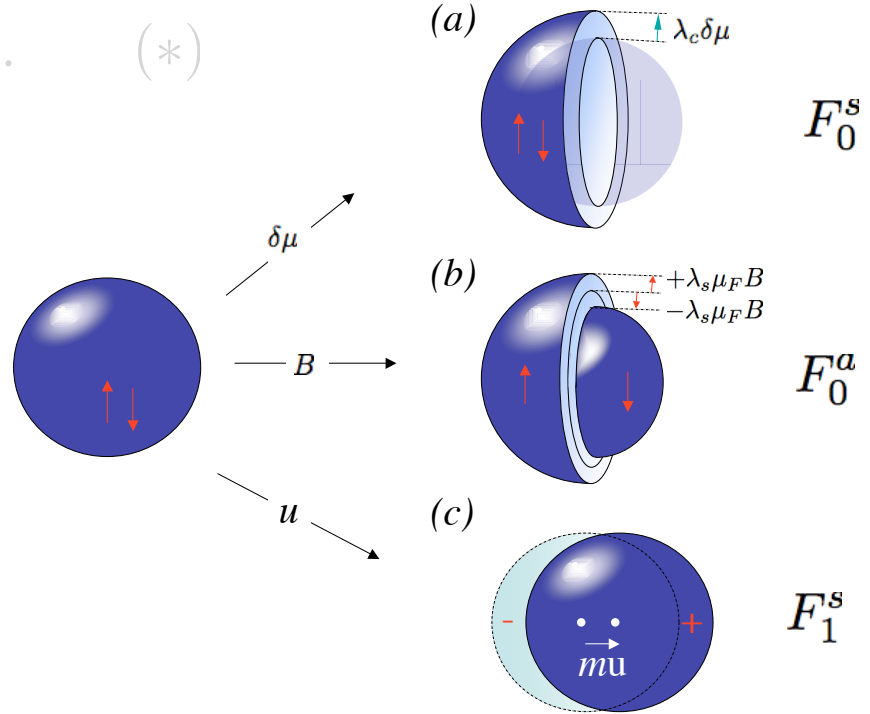
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Heavy electrons: “Local Fermi Liquids”

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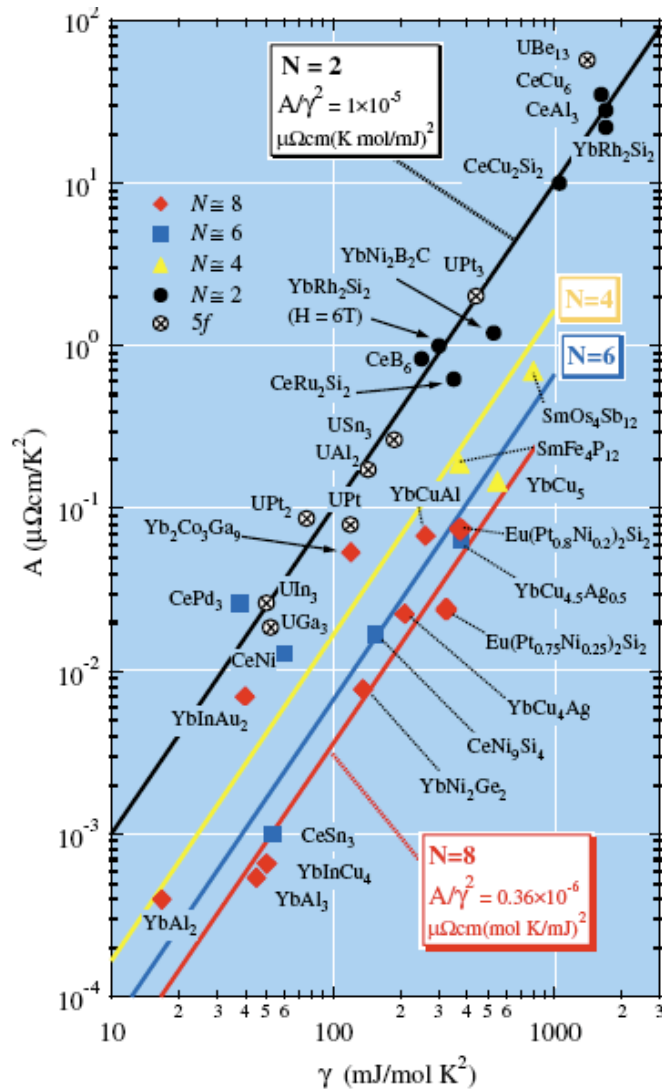
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