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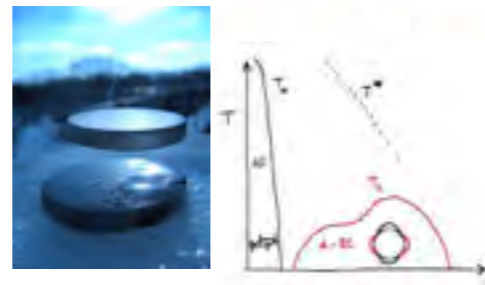


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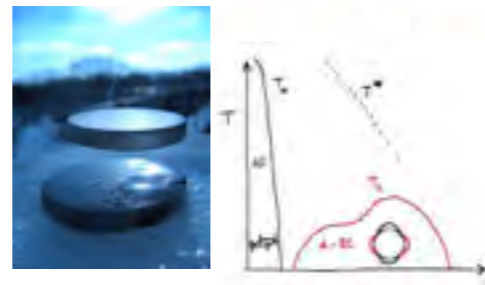


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1. Introduction: Heavy Fermions and the Kondo Lattice.
2. BCS meets Kondo: mean-field approach to the Kondo Lattice.
3. Glue vs Fabric: Good, Bad and Ugly Heavy Fermion Superconductors.
4. Composite vs AFM induced pairing. Hysteric Order.



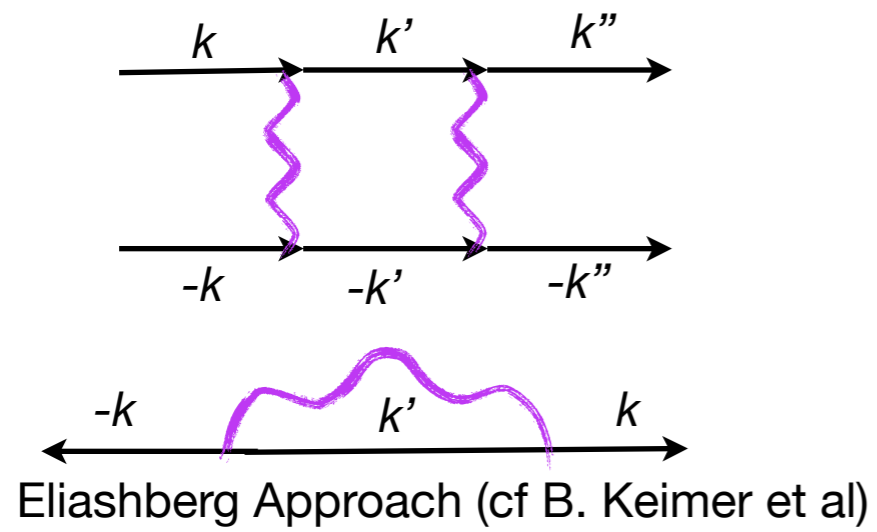
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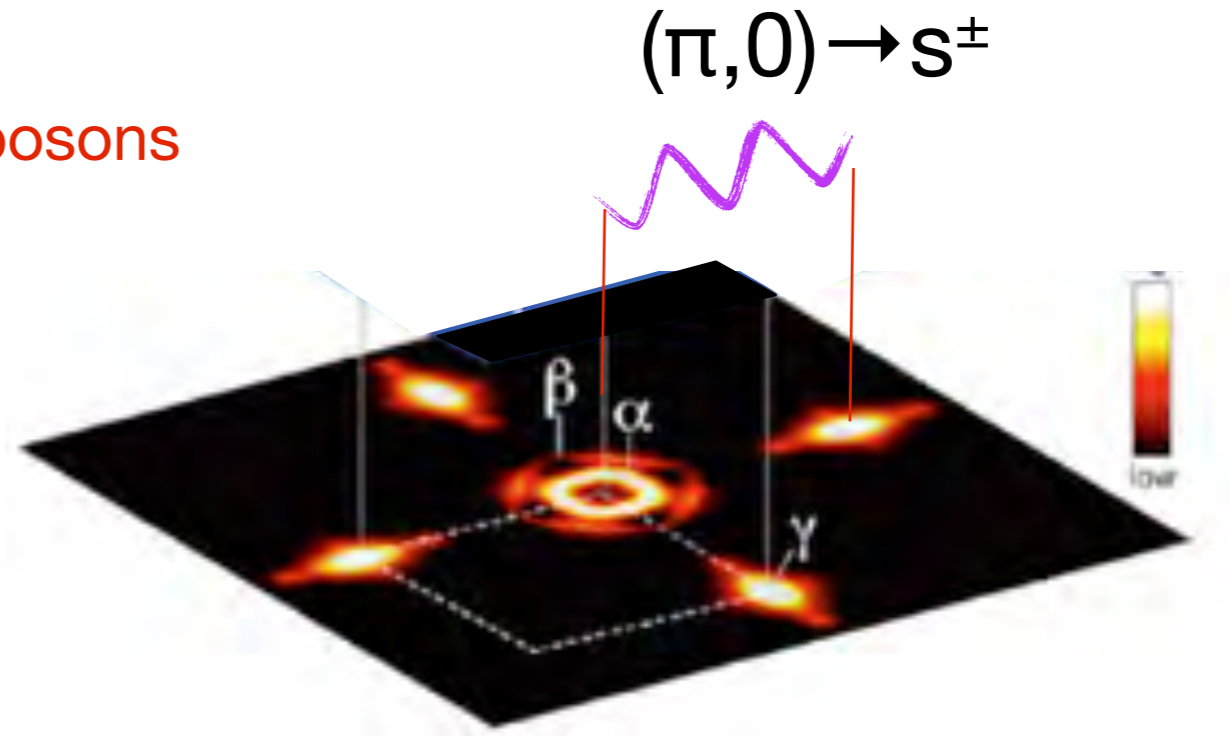
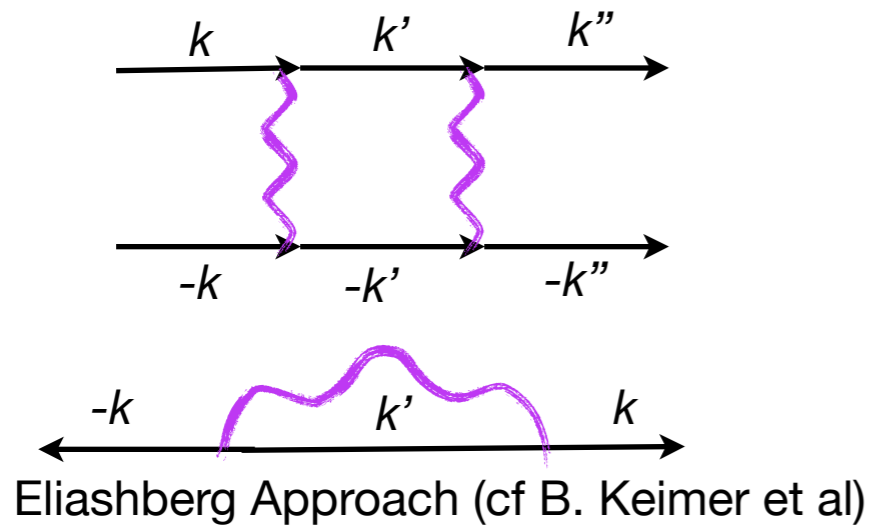
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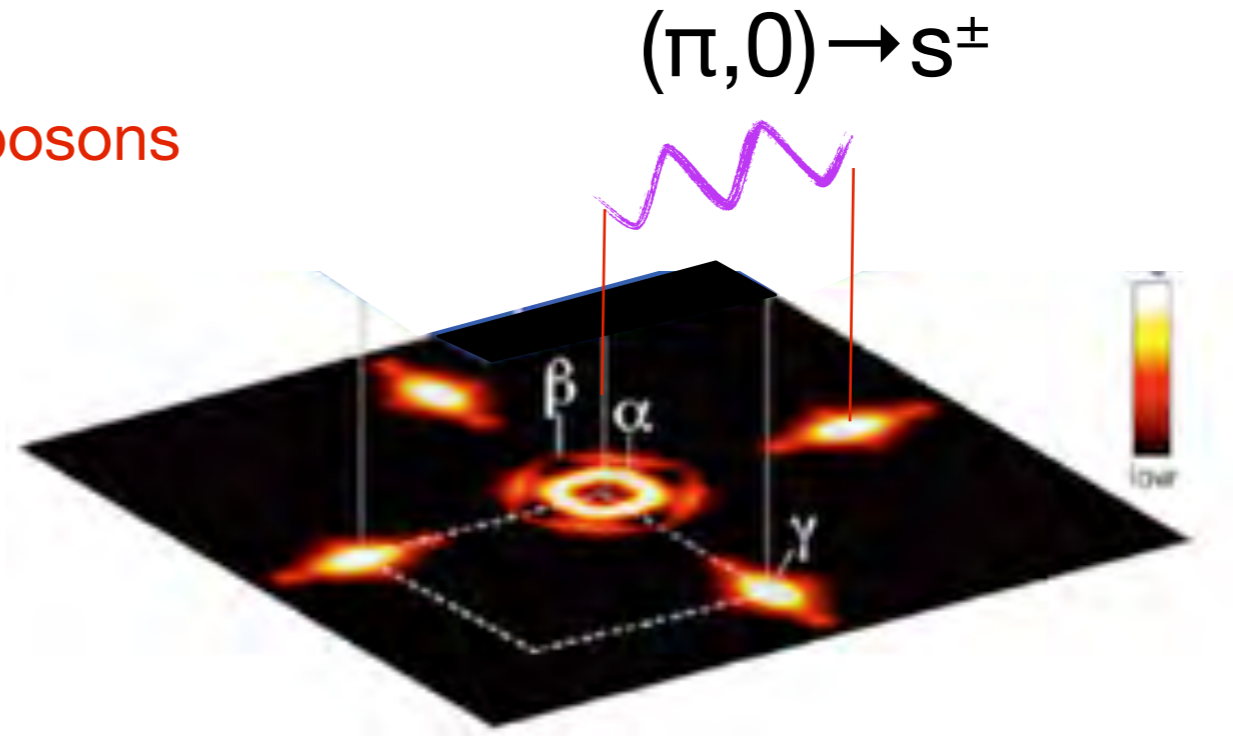
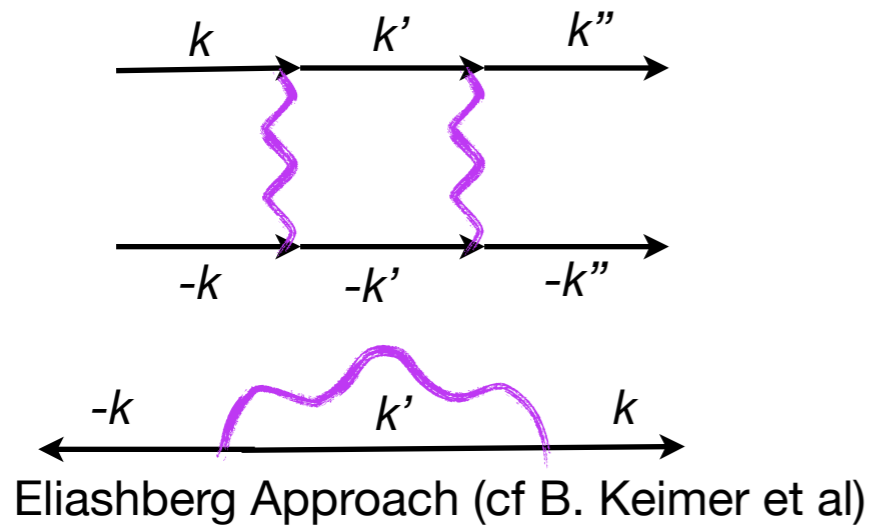
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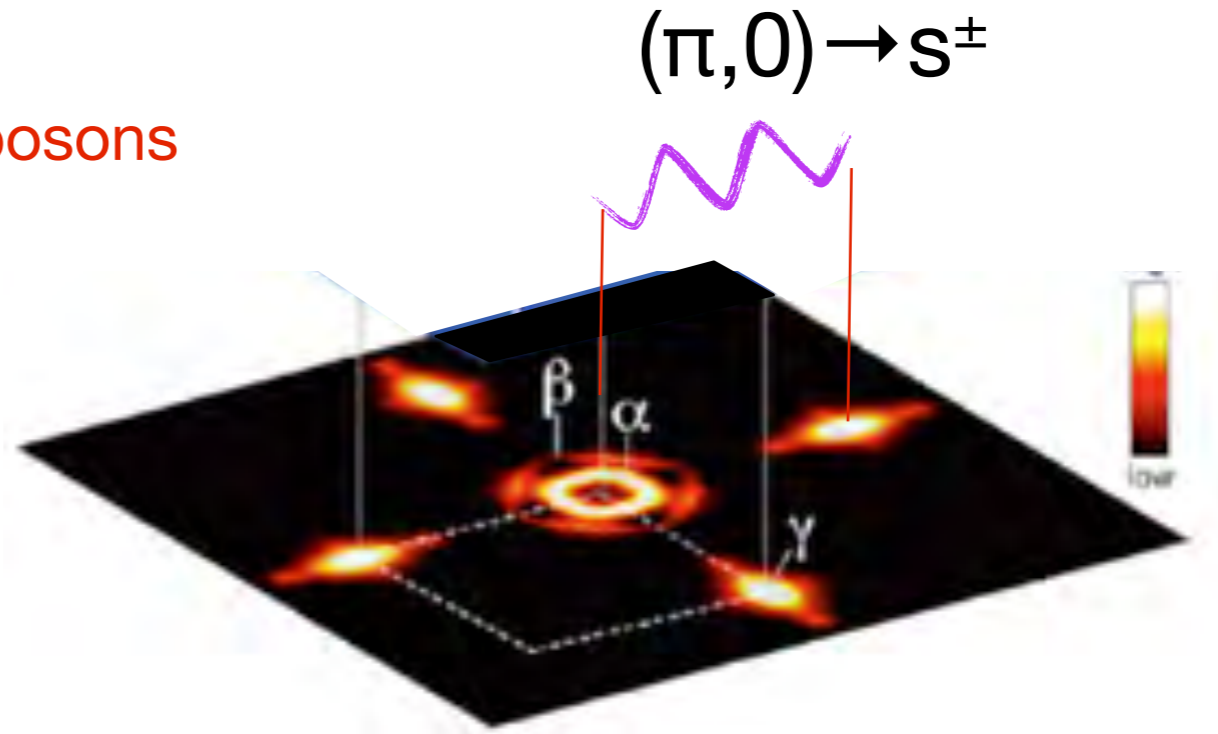
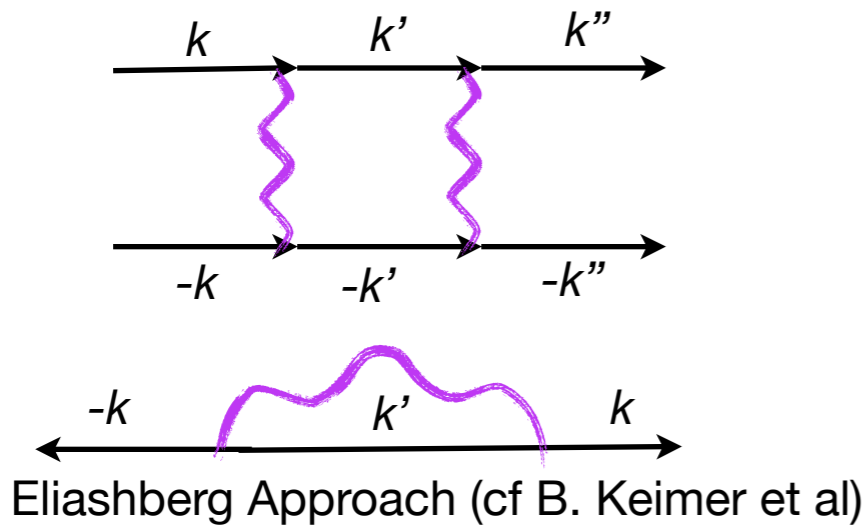
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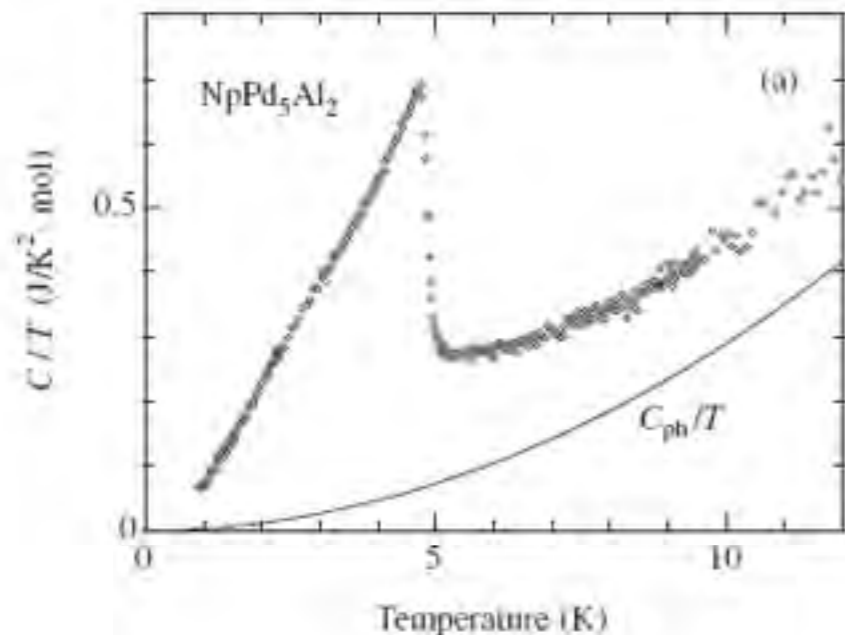
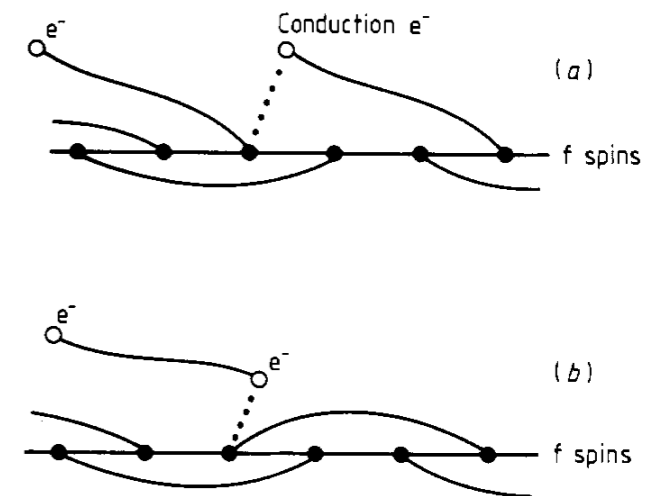
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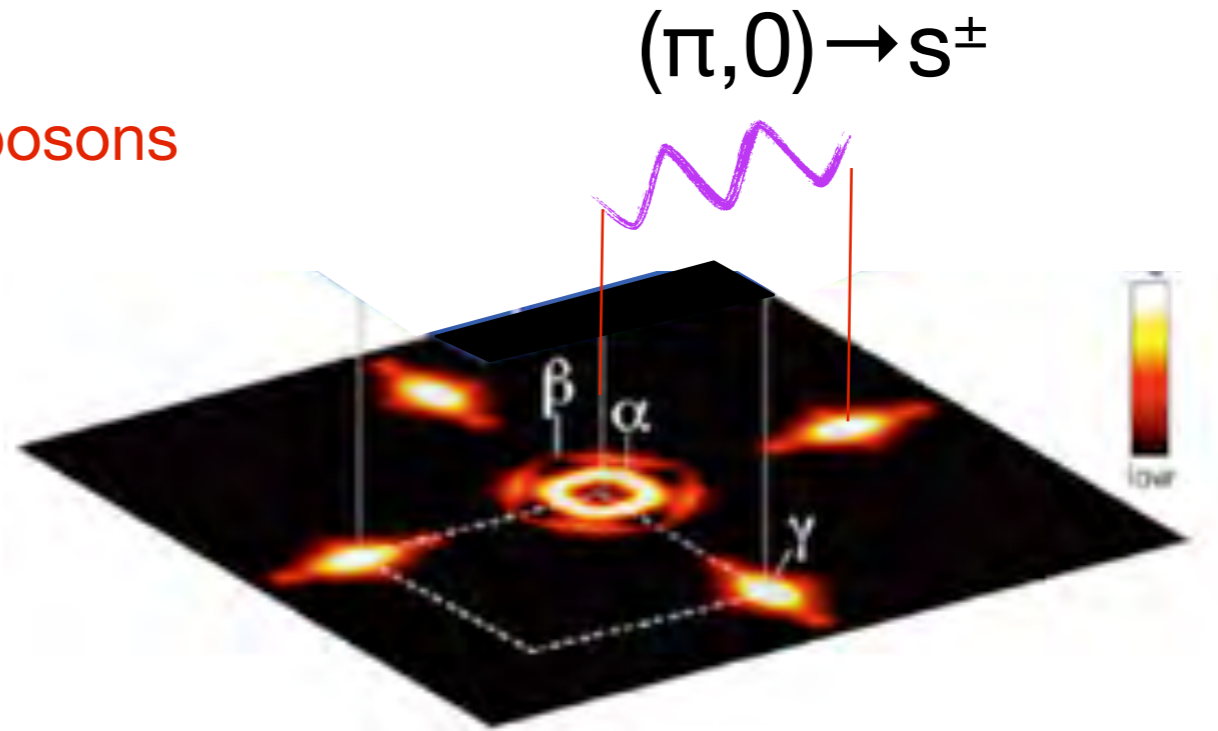
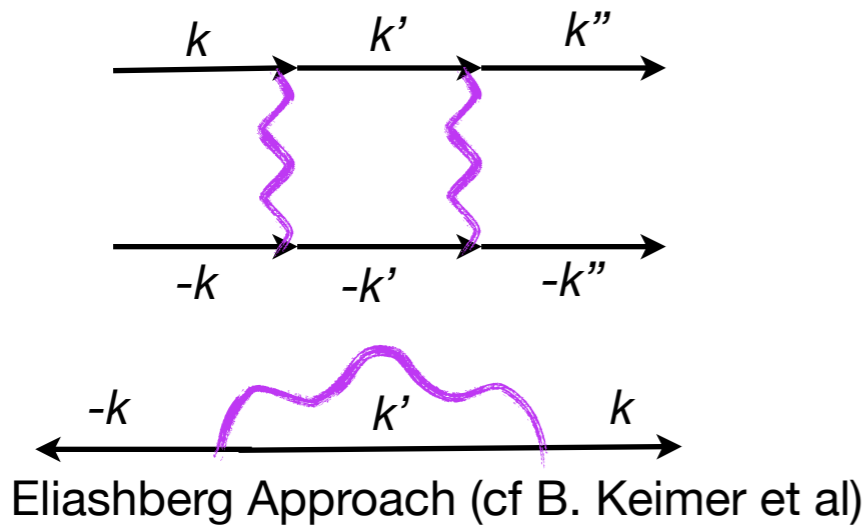
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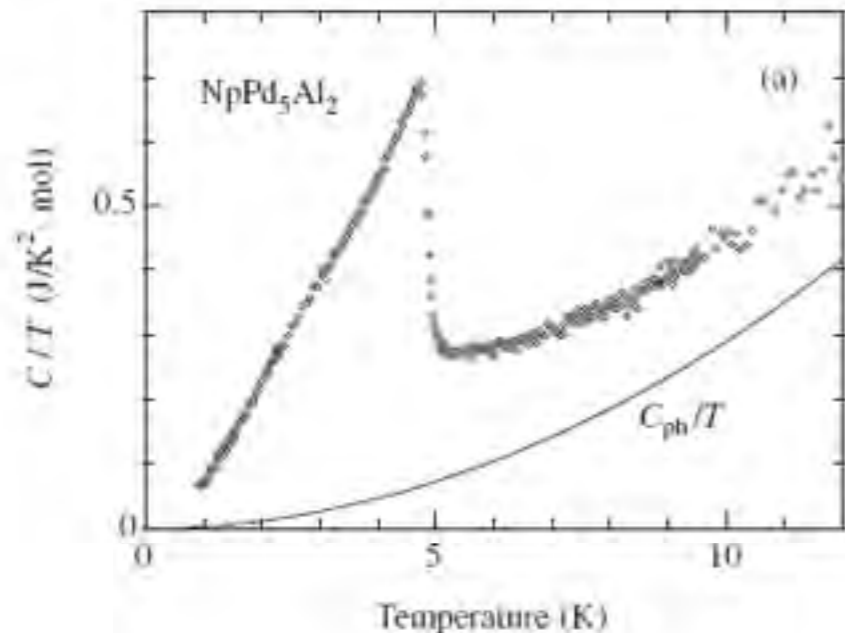
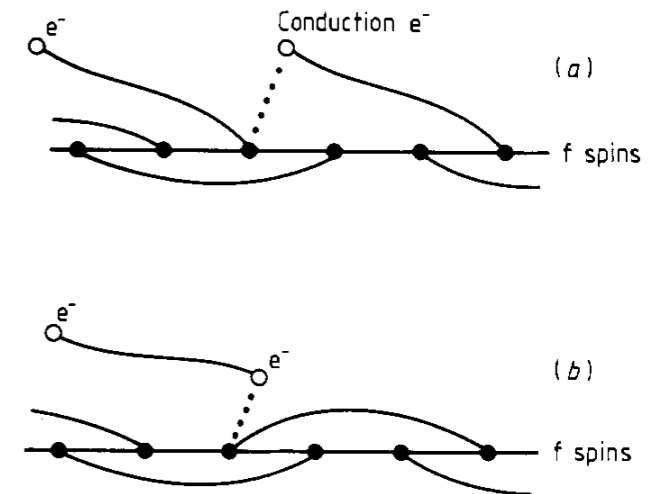
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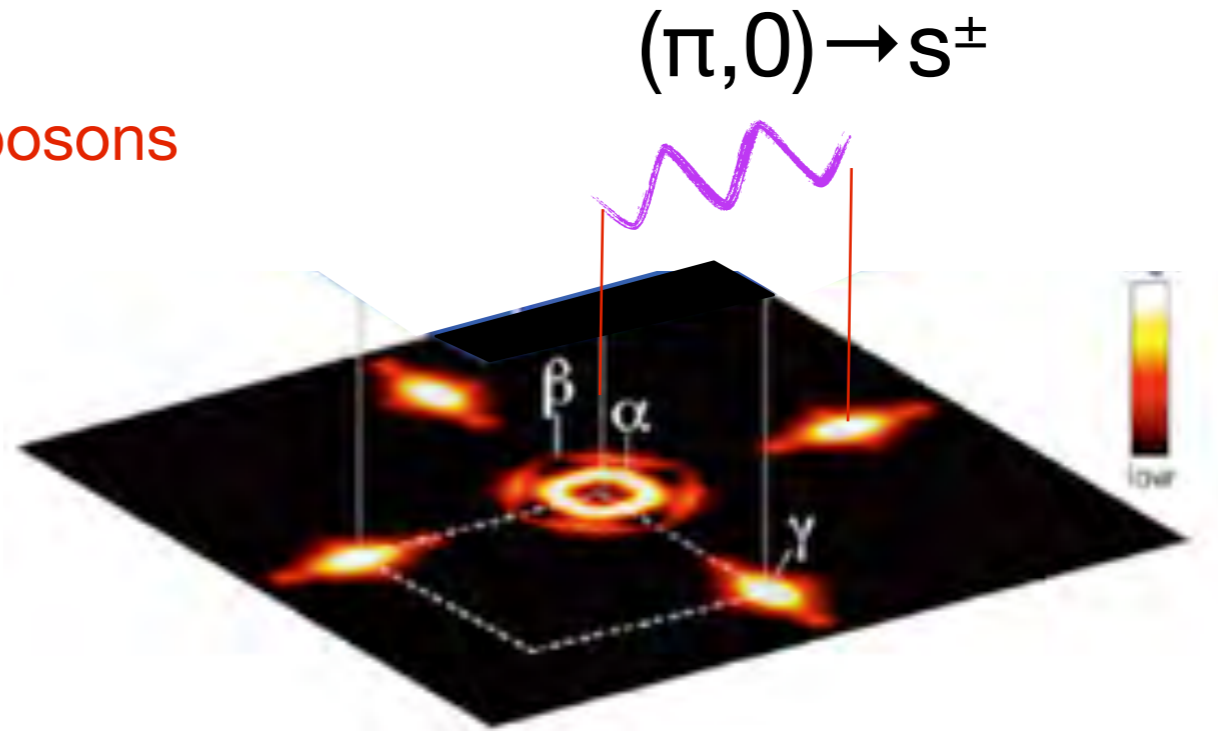
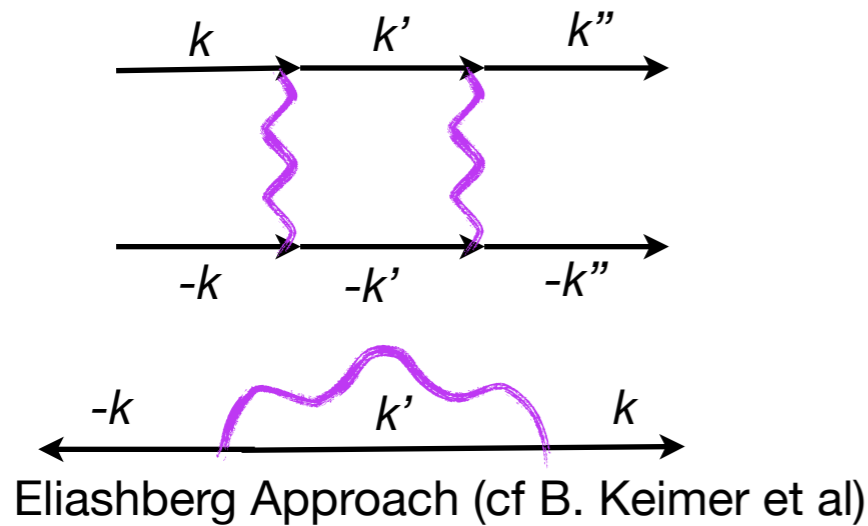


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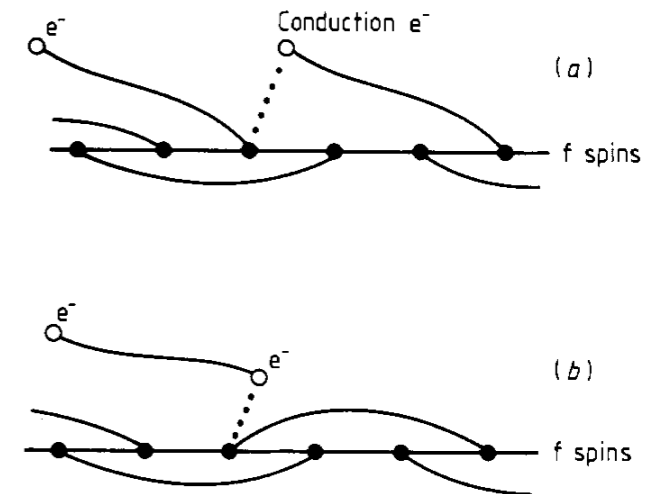
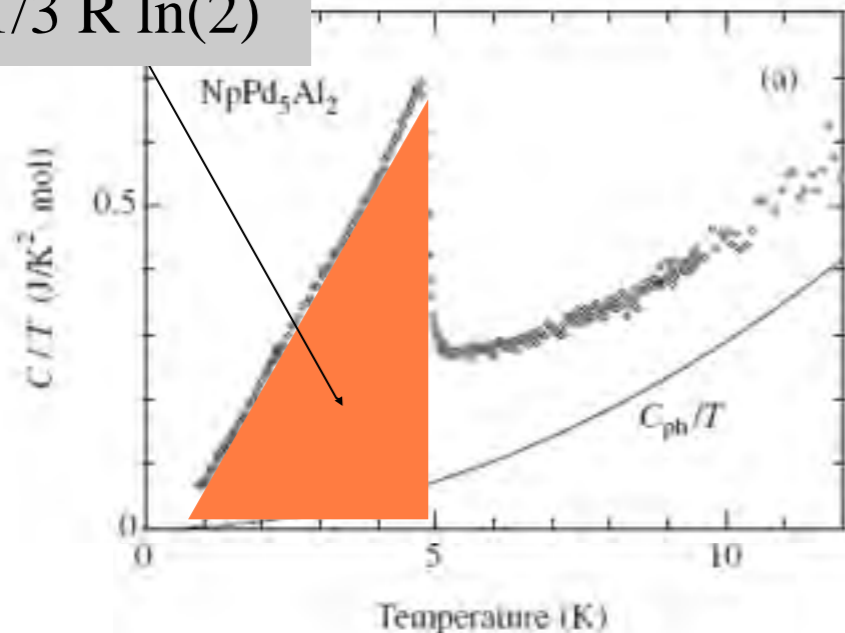


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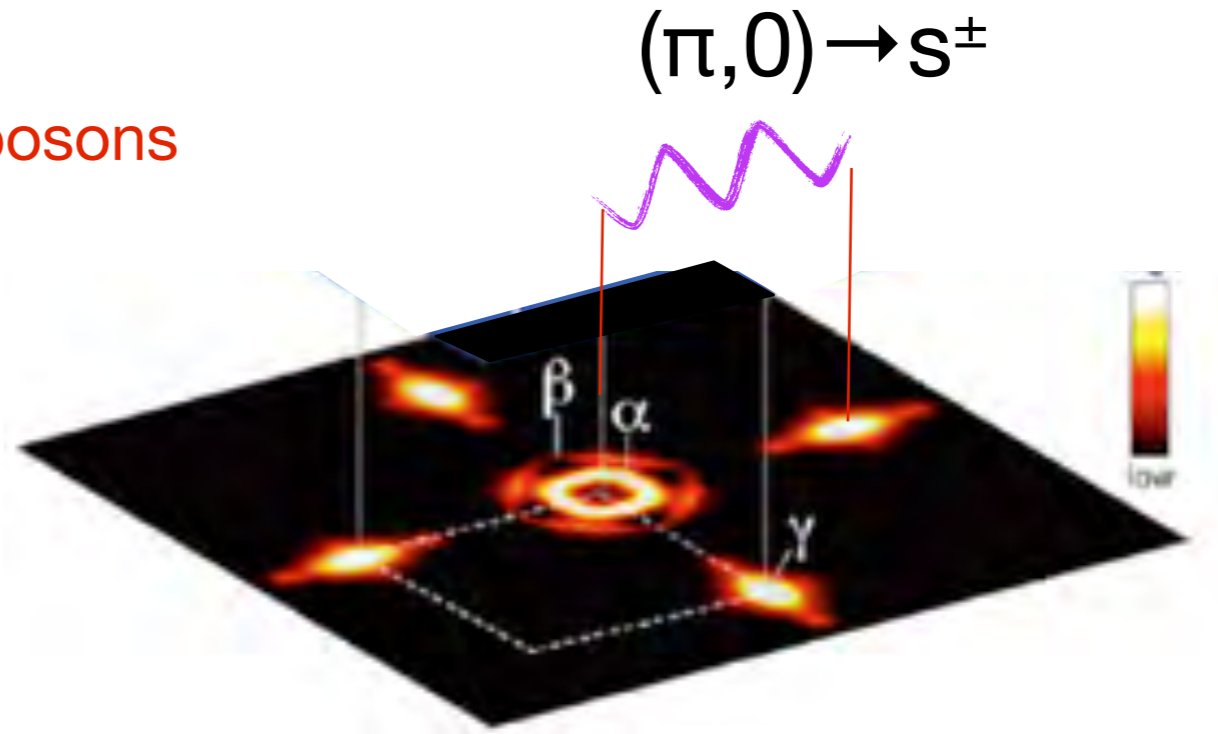
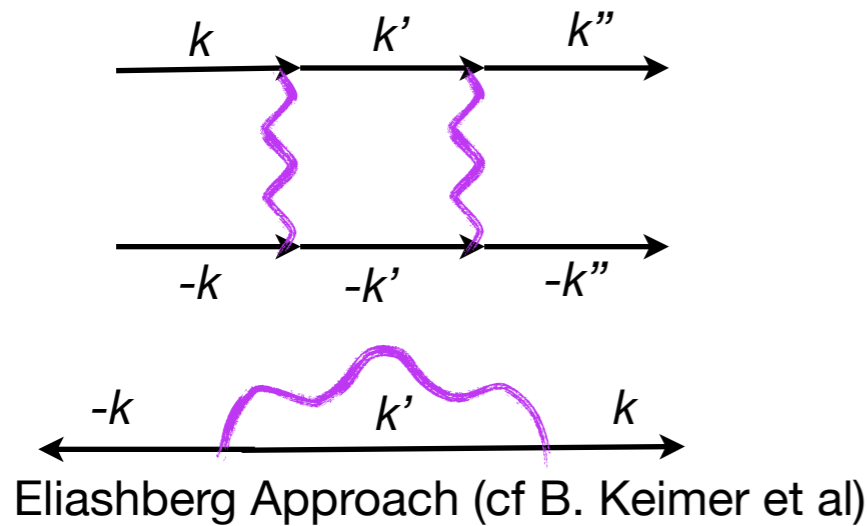
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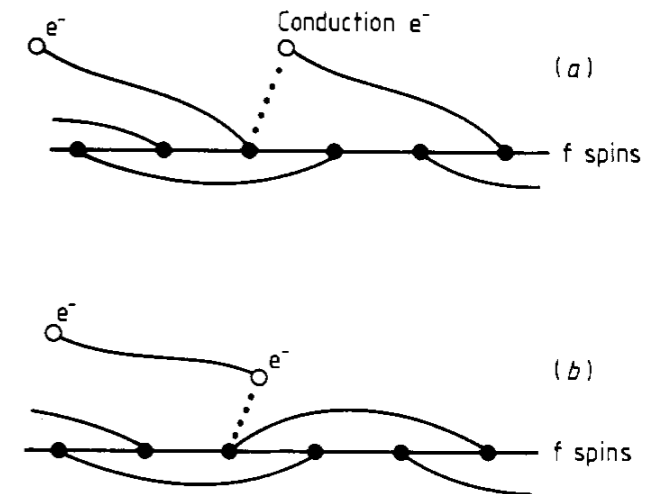
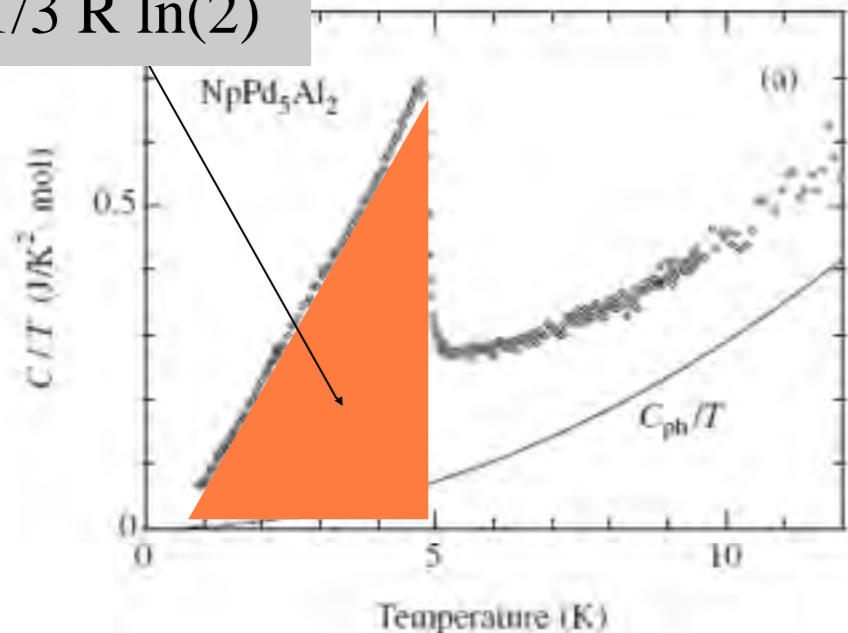


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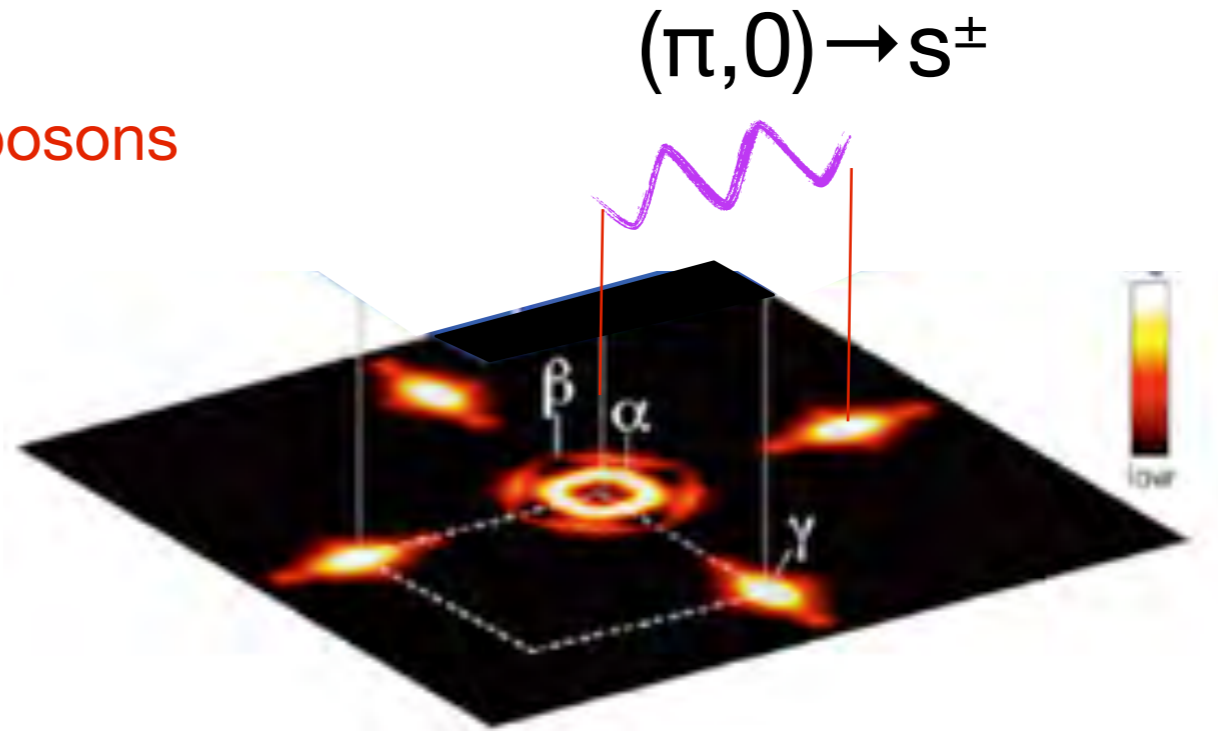
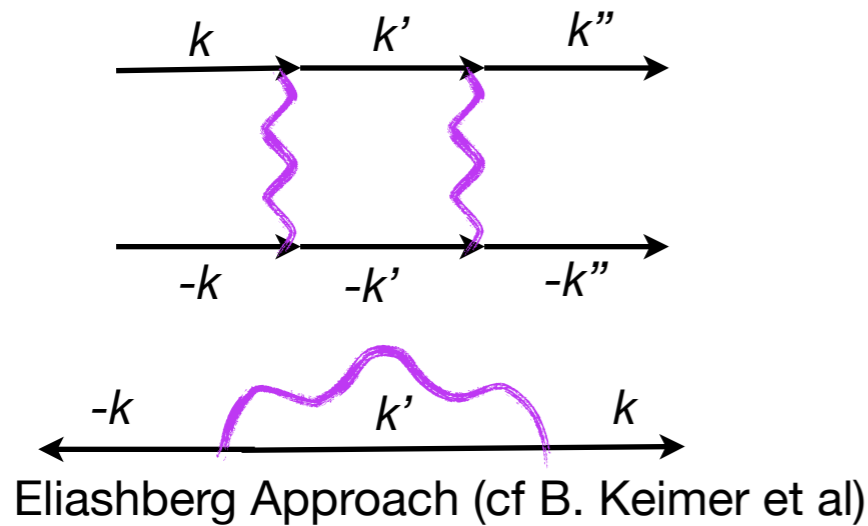
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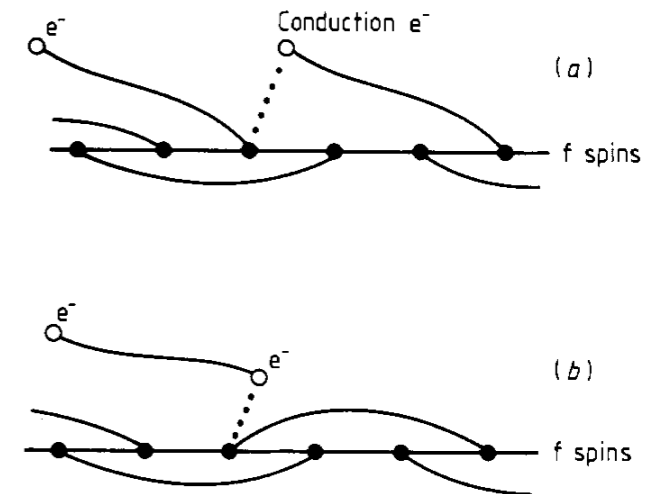
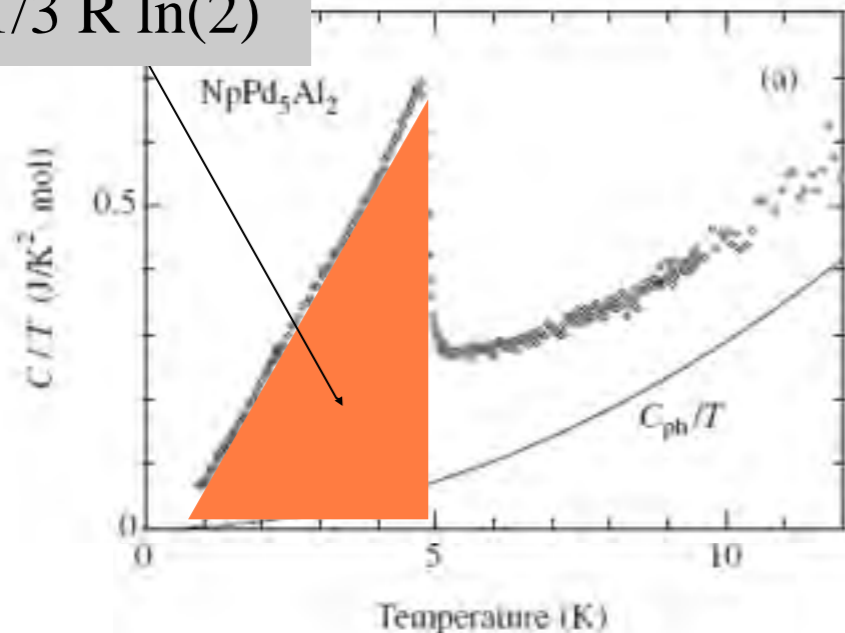


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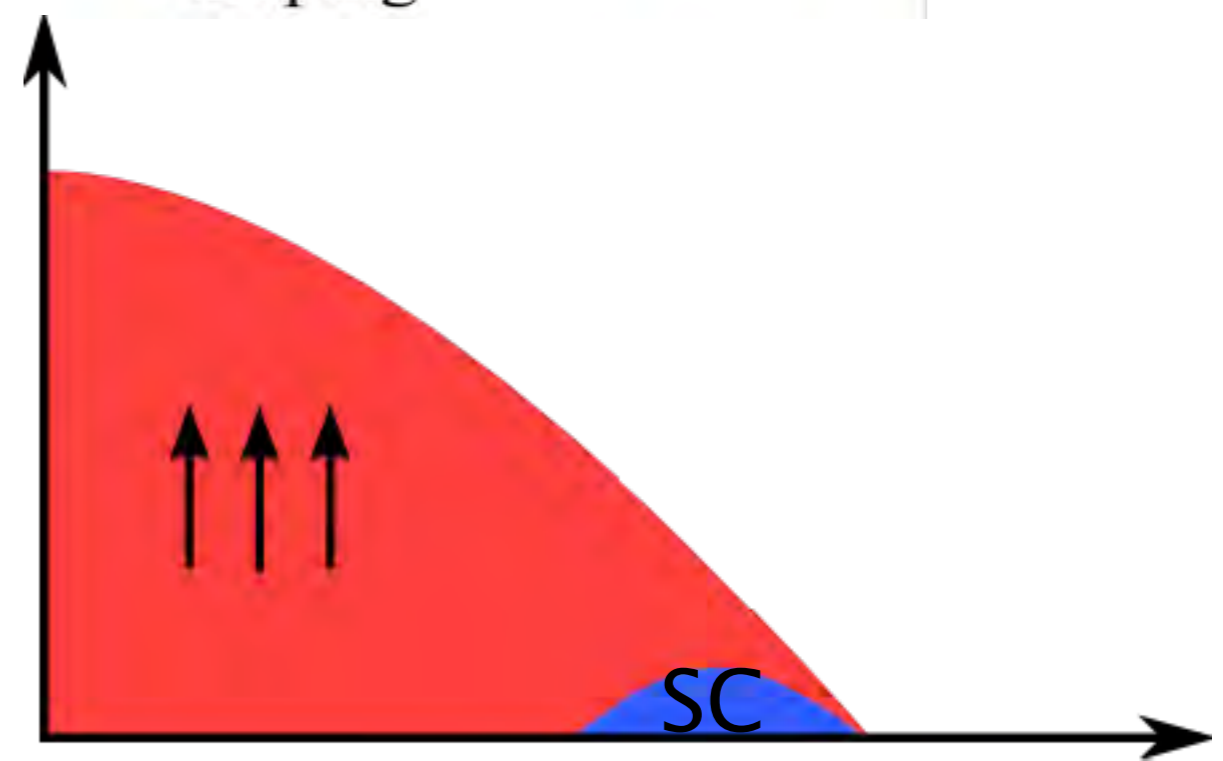
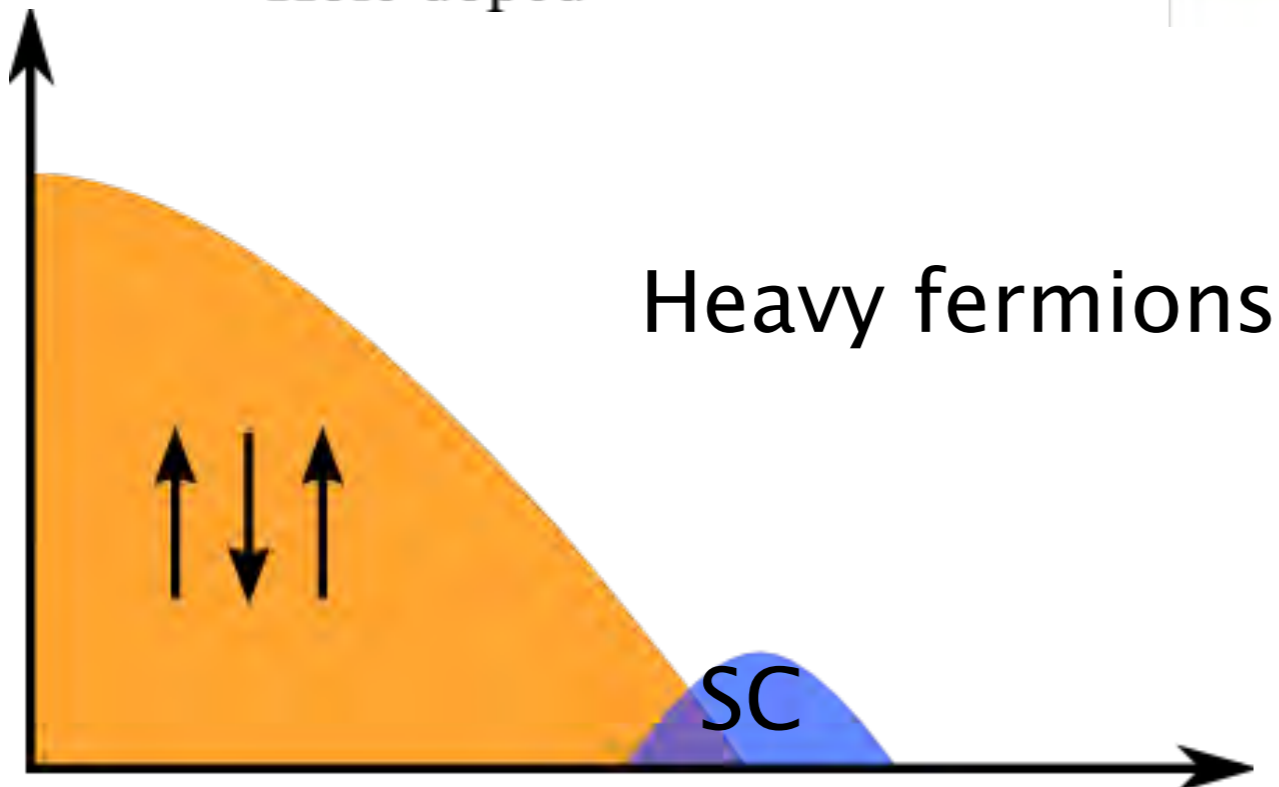
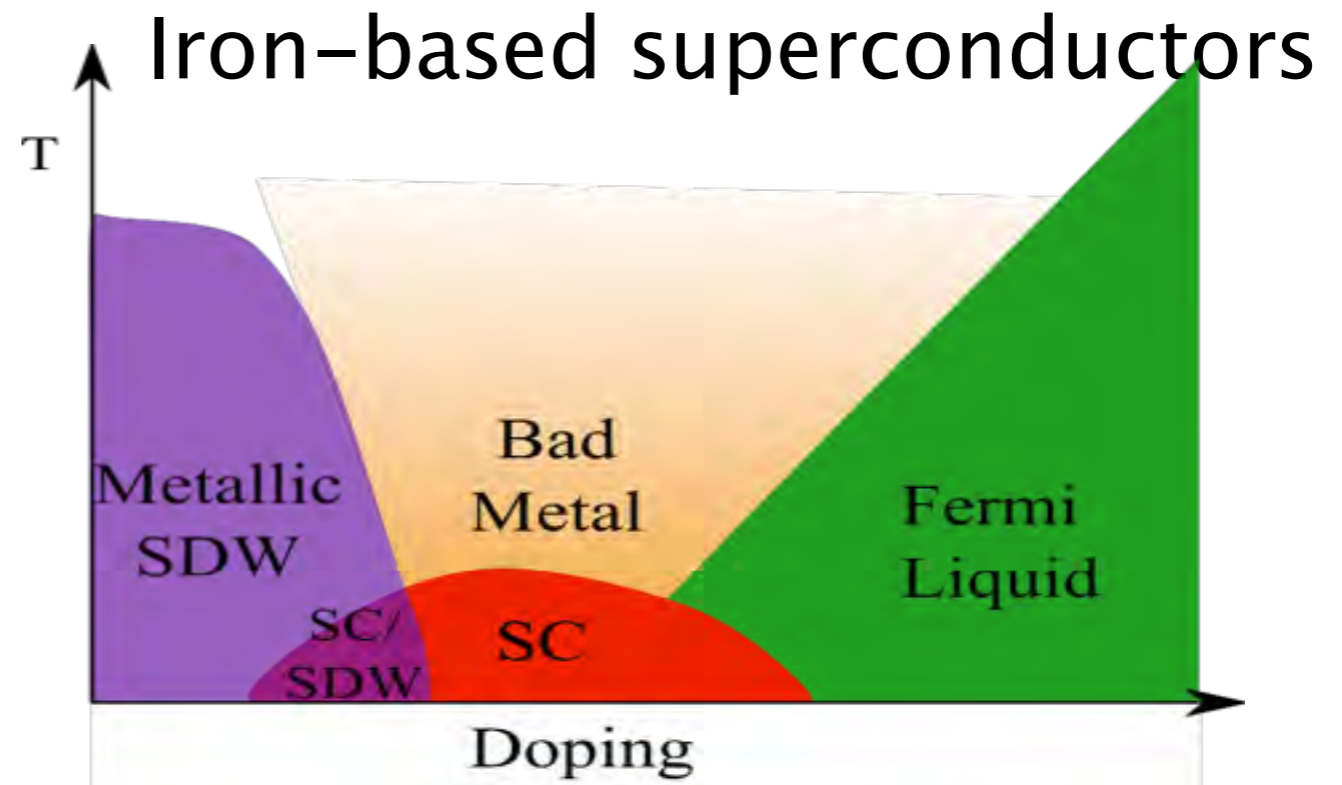
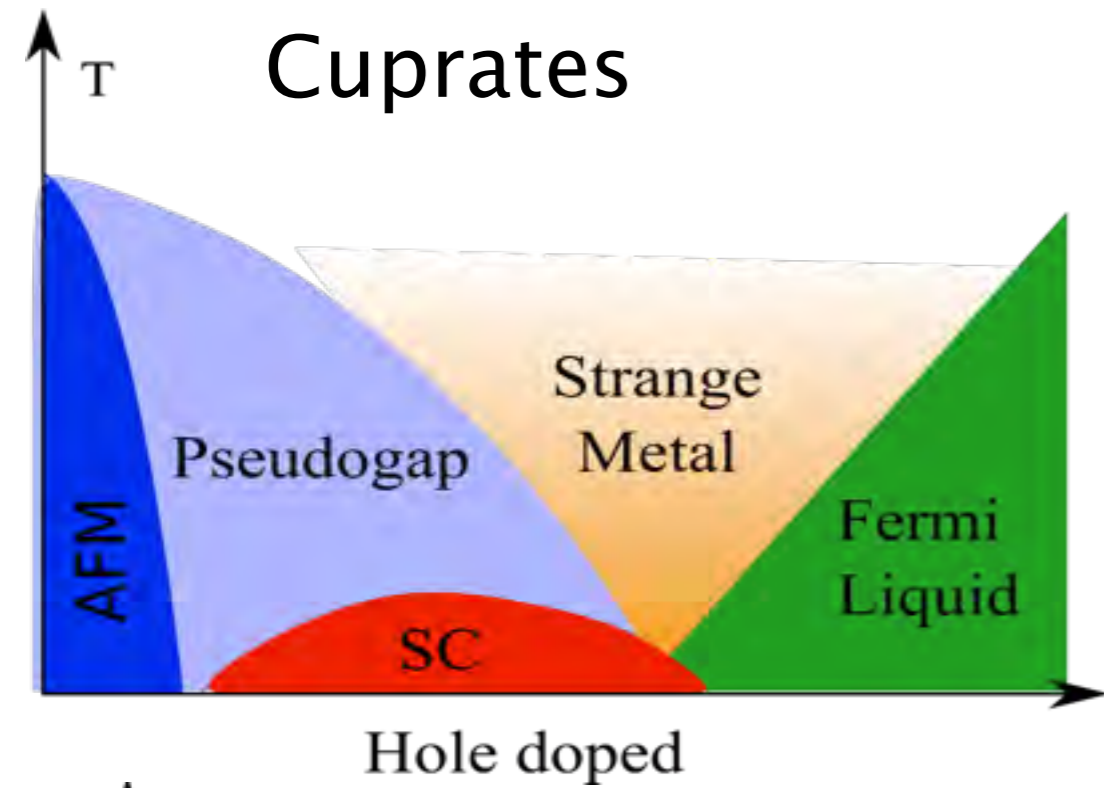
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# Magnetic pairing appears ubiquitous



“FM”:  
“AFM”:  
Strange:  
Non centrosymmetric:  
“Quadrupolar”:

UIr, UGe<sub>2</sub>, URhGe, UCoGe  
CeCu<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, UPt<sub>3</sub>, CeIn<sub>3</sub>, CePd<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, CeRhIn<sub>5</sub>,  
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Heavy Fermion SC: The Good.

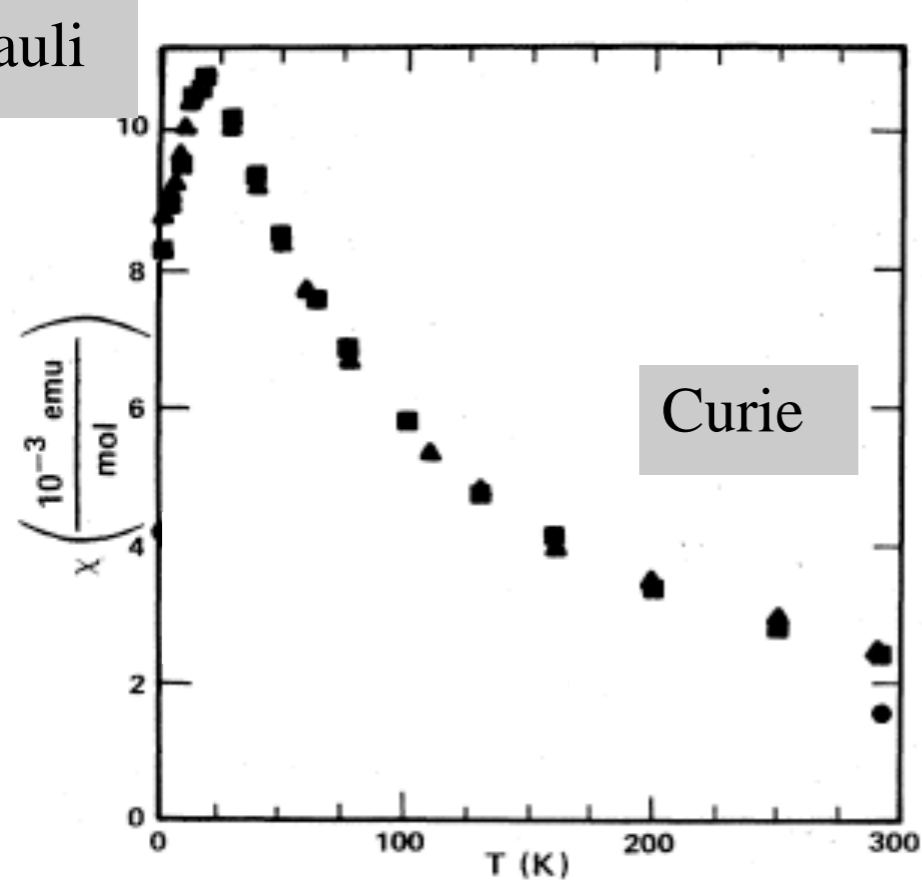


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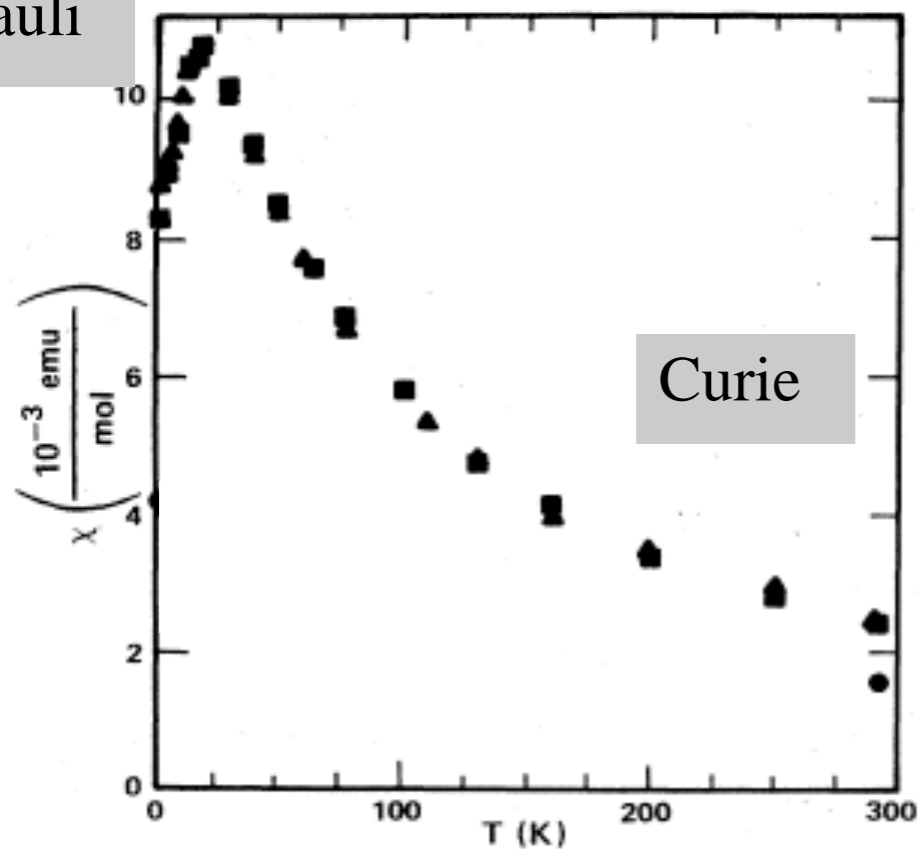
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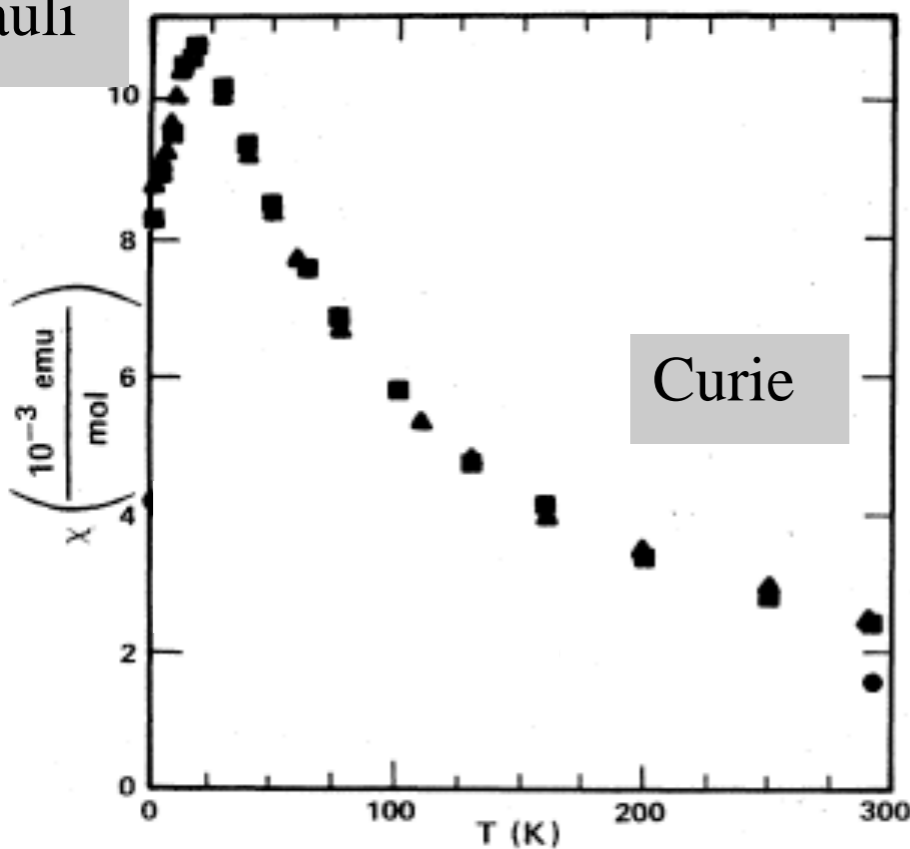
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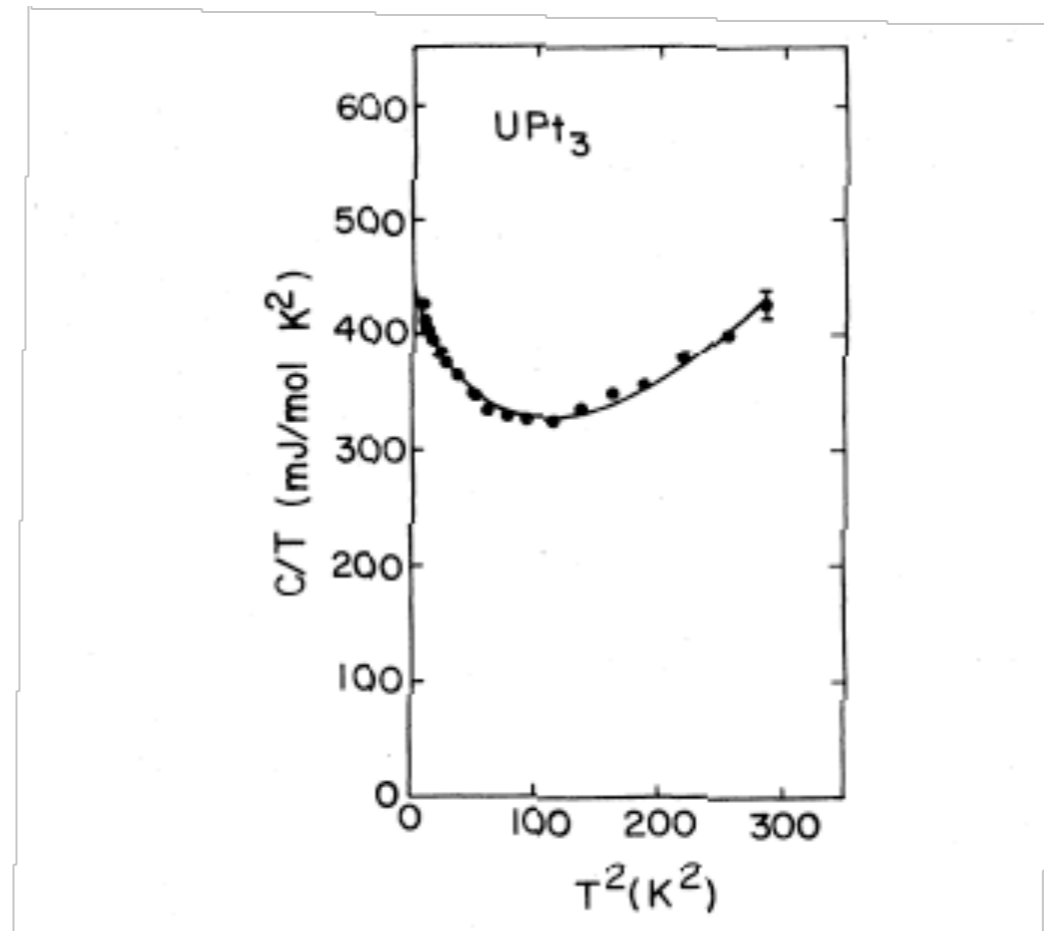


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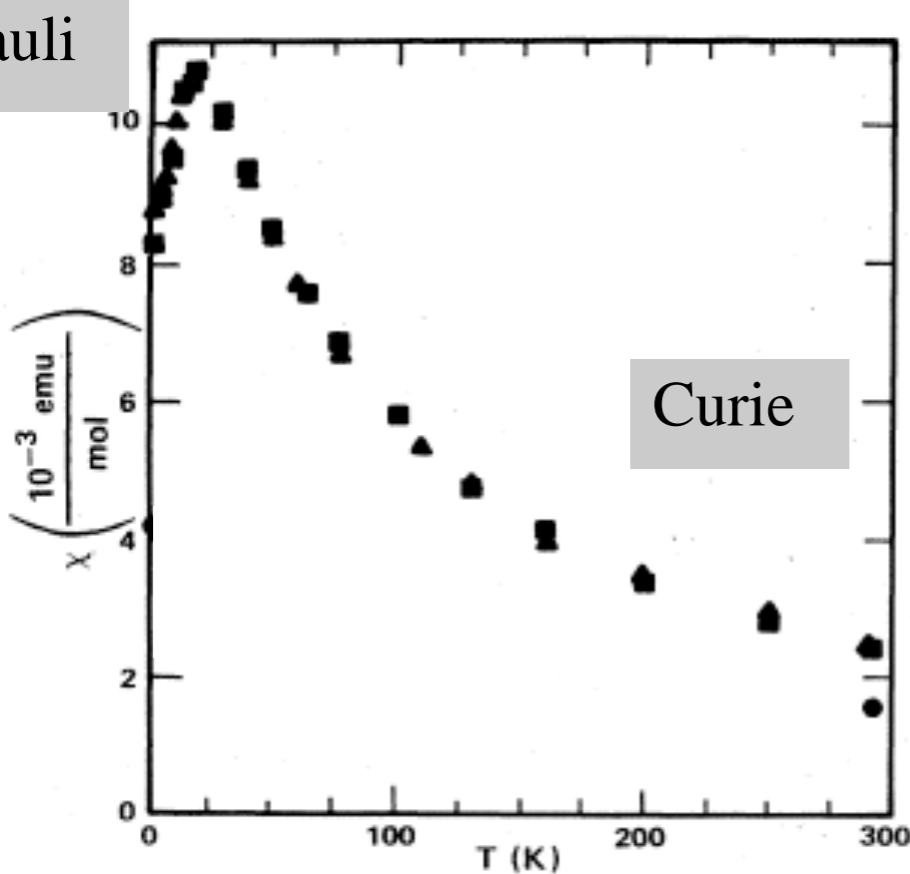
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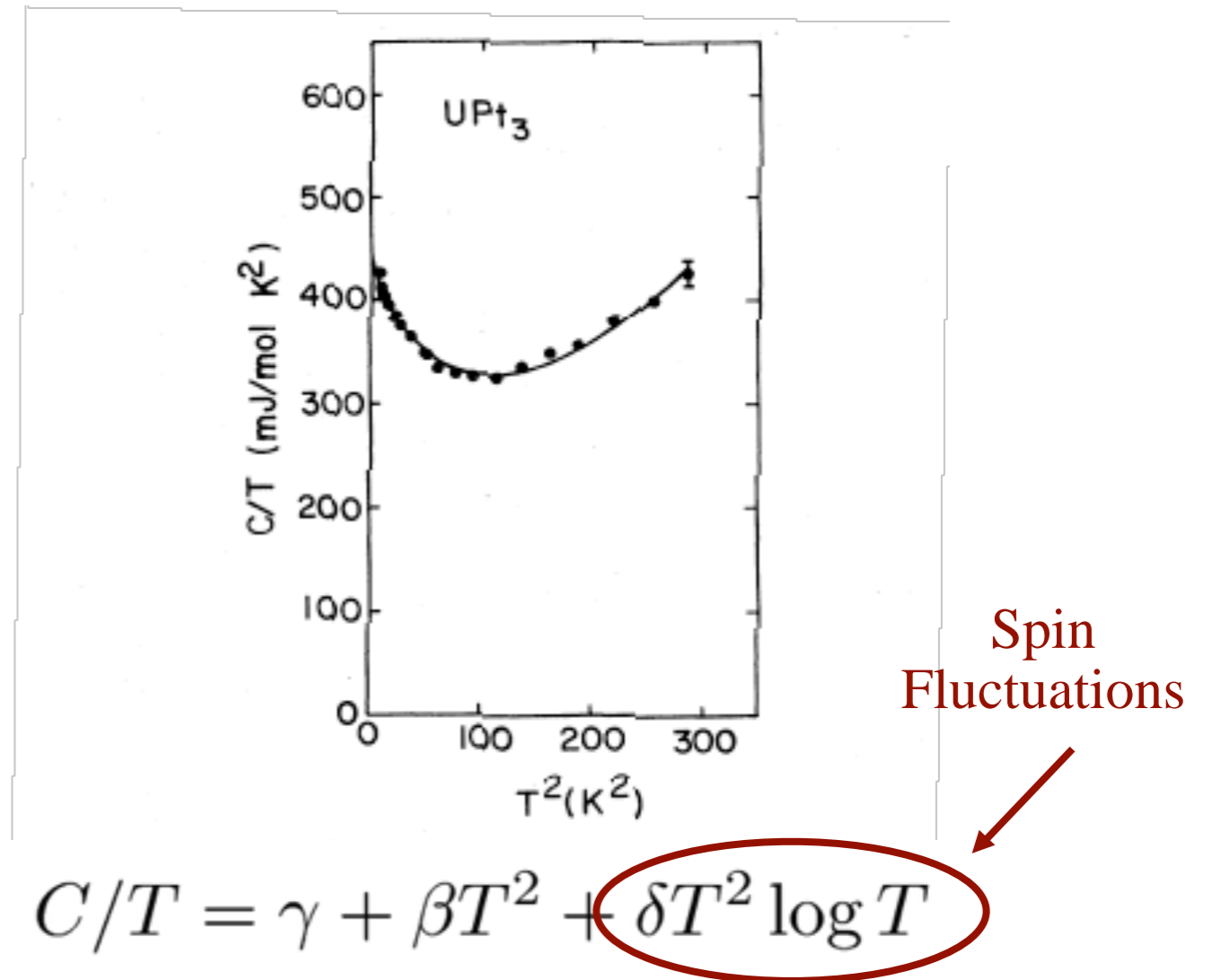


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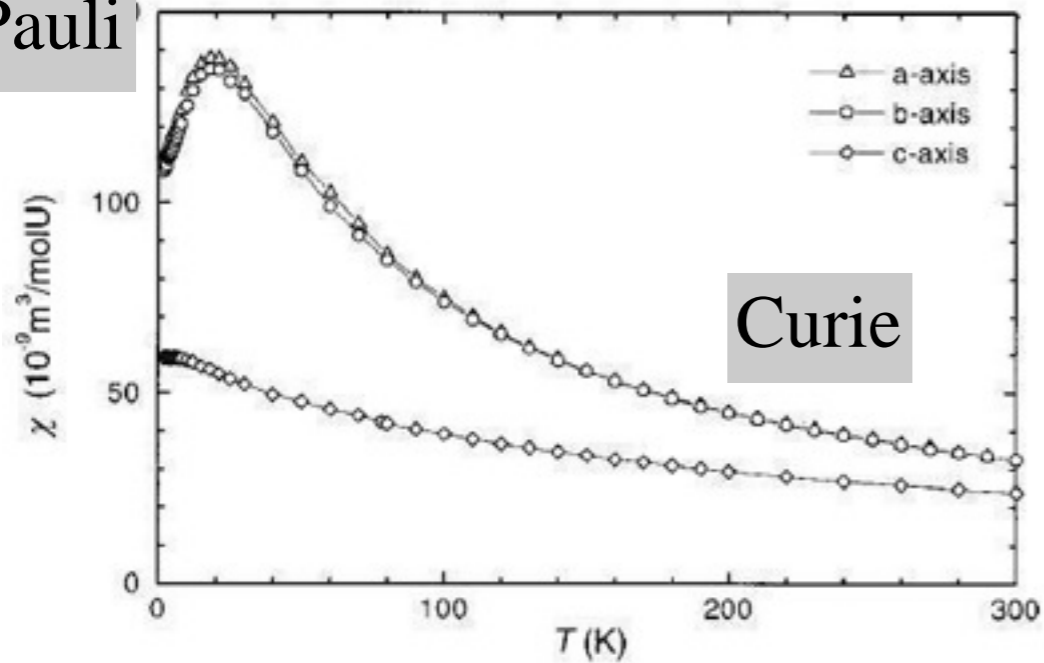
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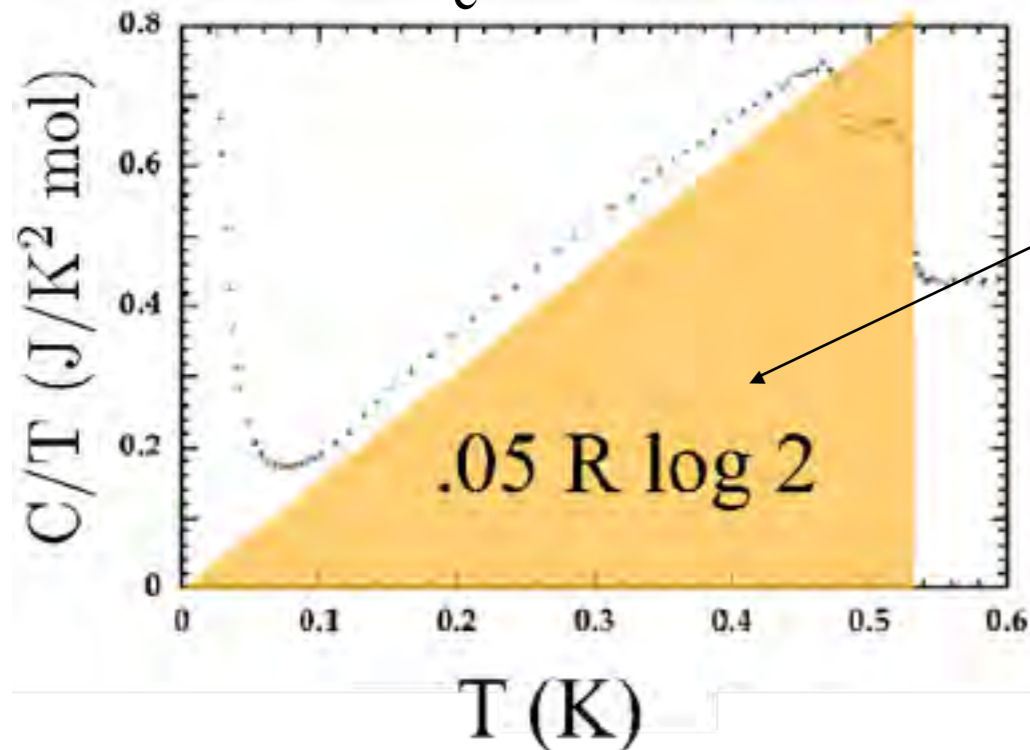
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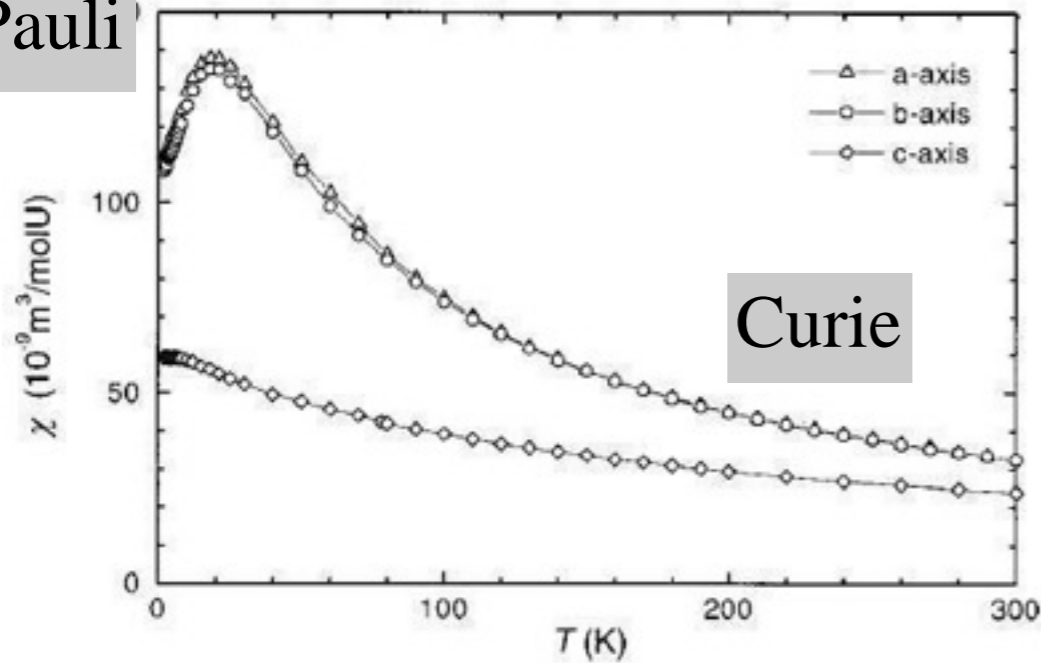
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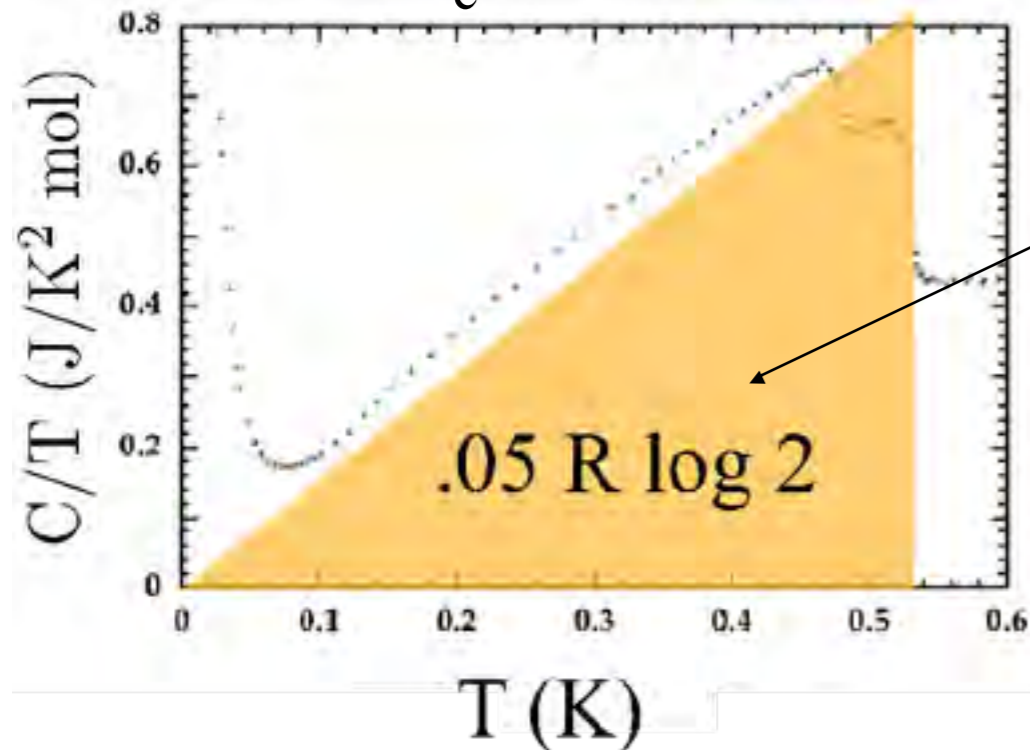
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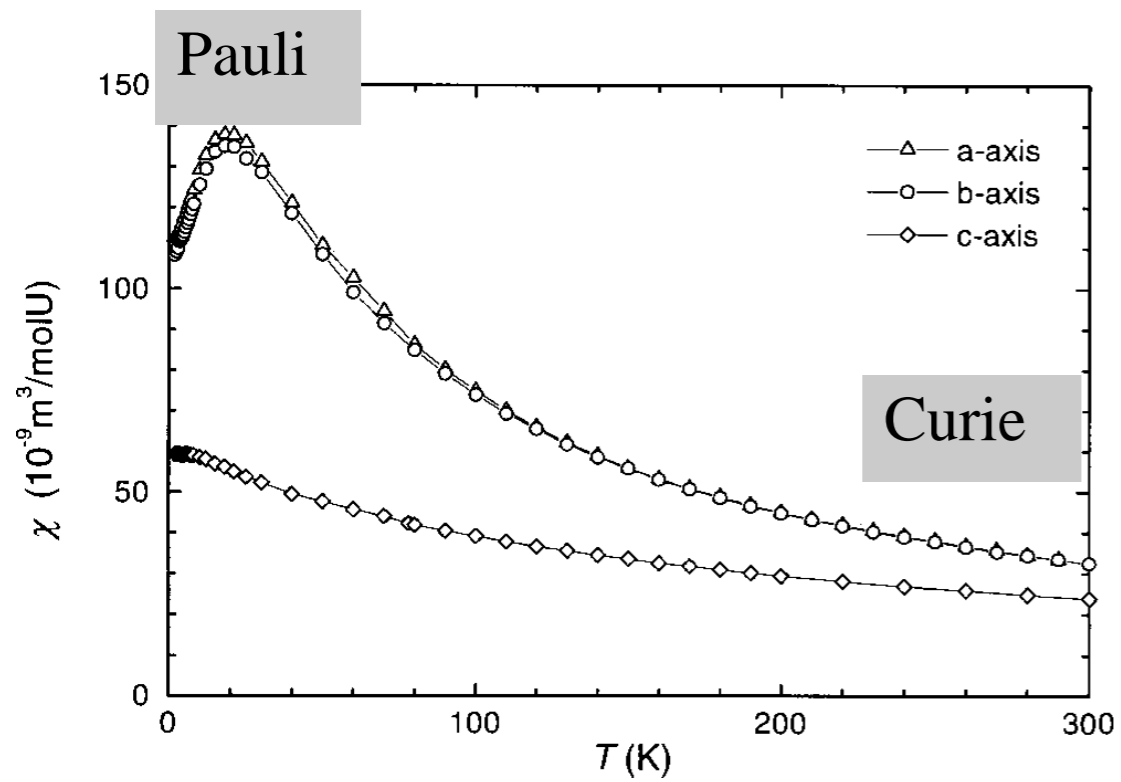
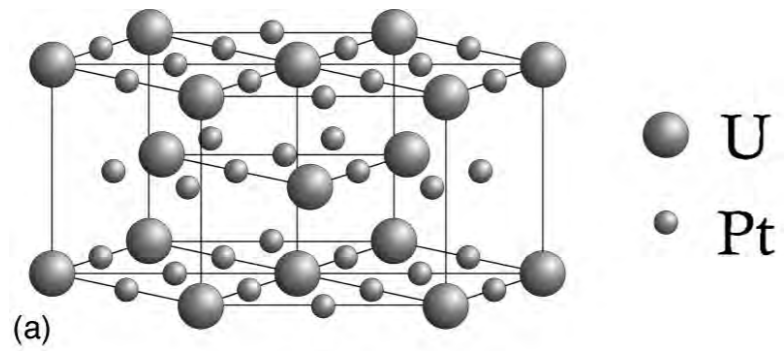


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Small condensation entropy  
Spins are quenched  
**Two stages are well separated**

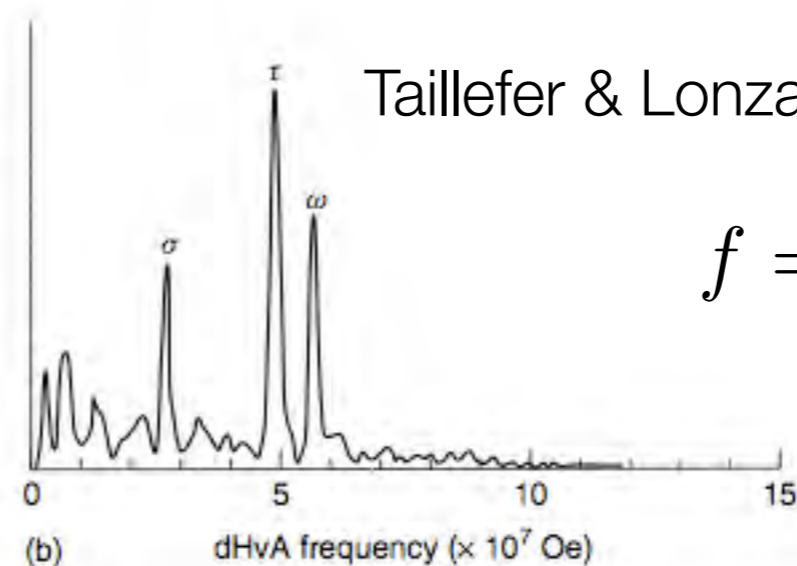
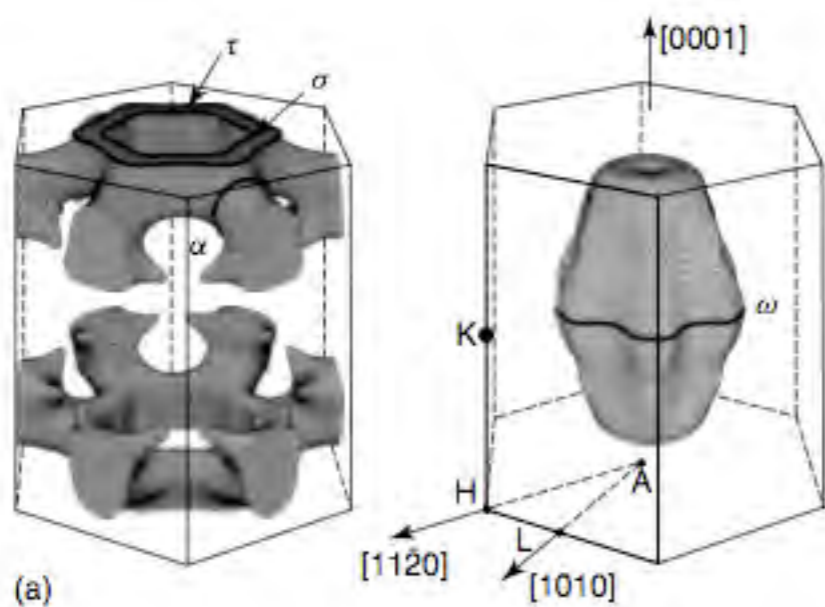
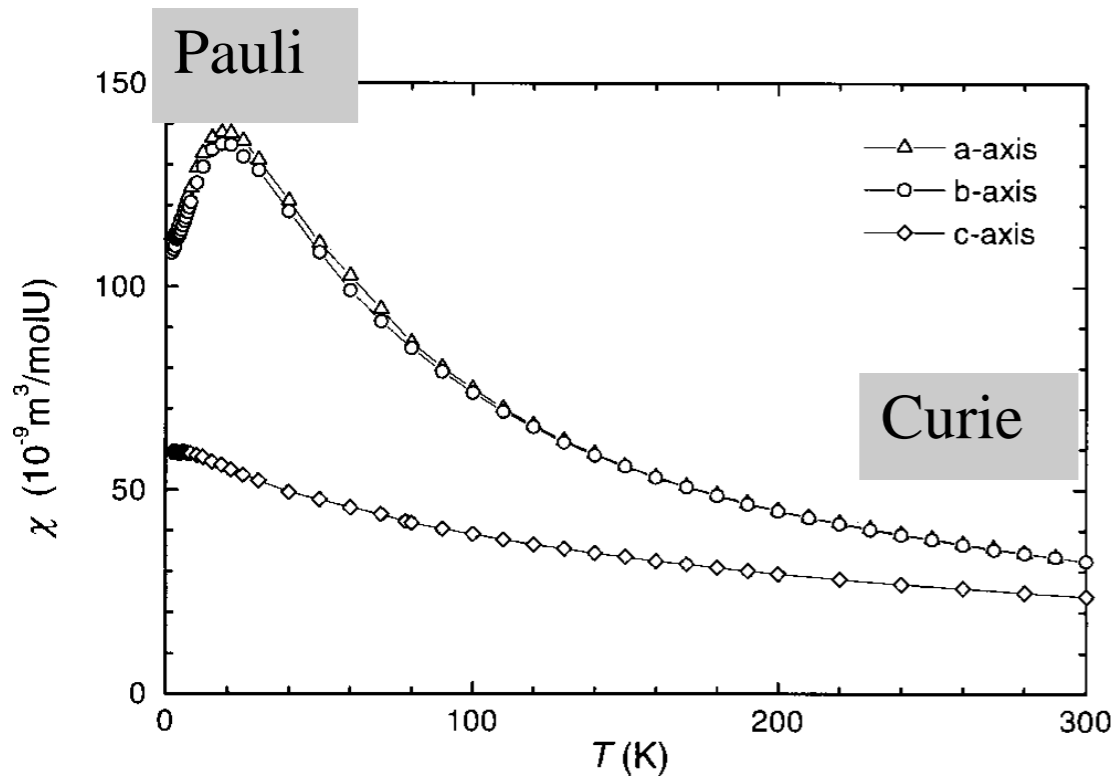
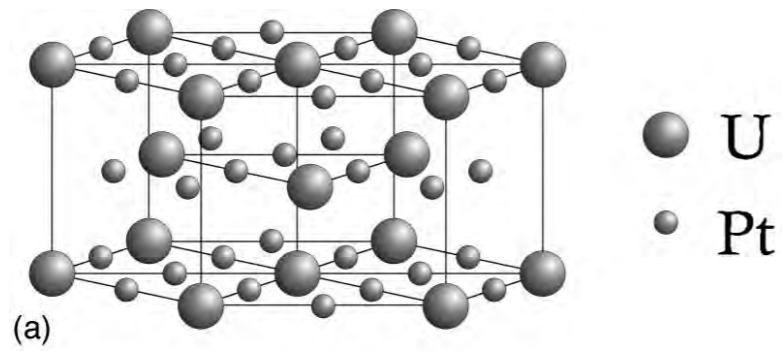
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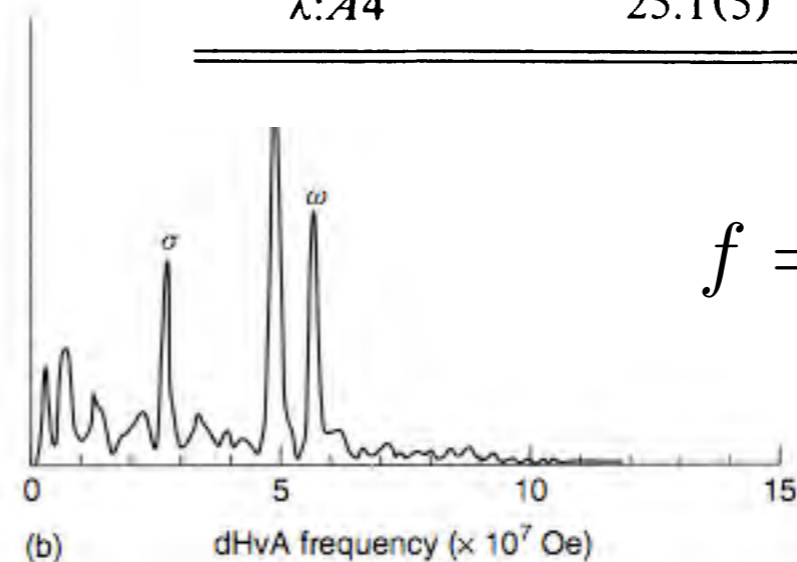
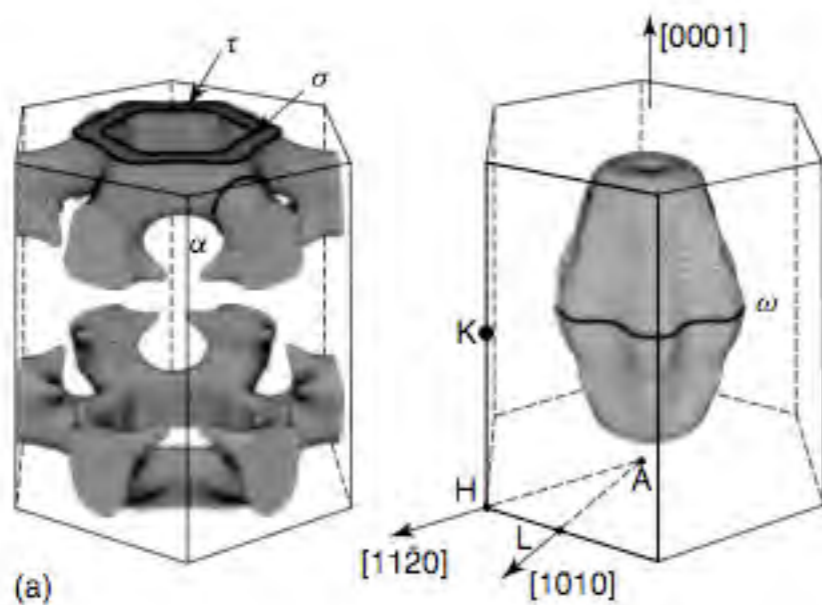
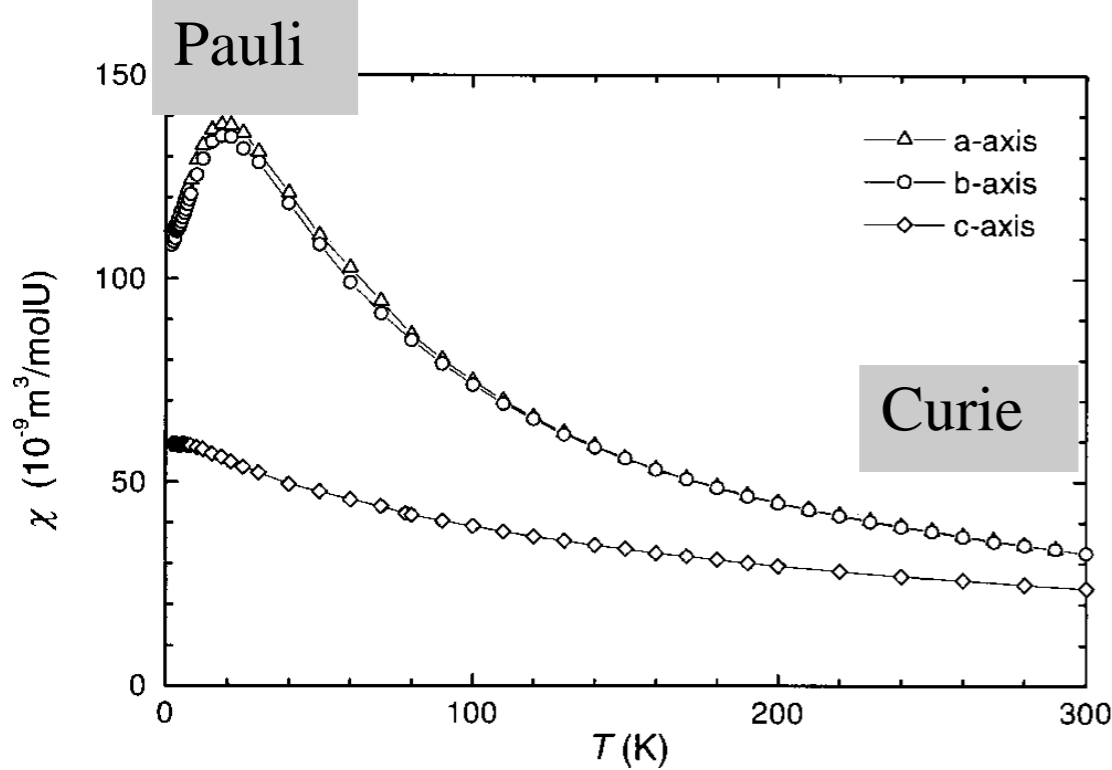
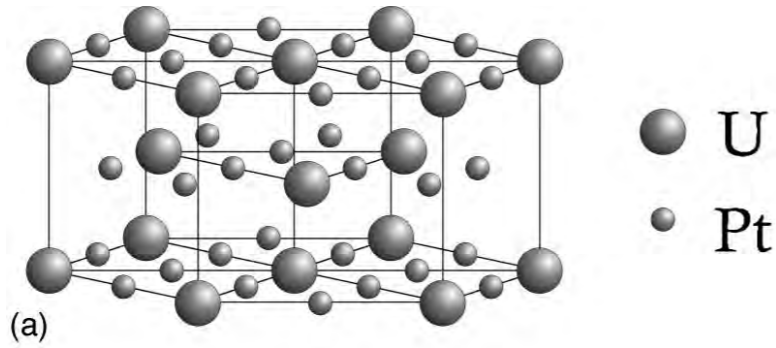


Taillefer & Lonzarich UPt<sub>3</sub> (1985)

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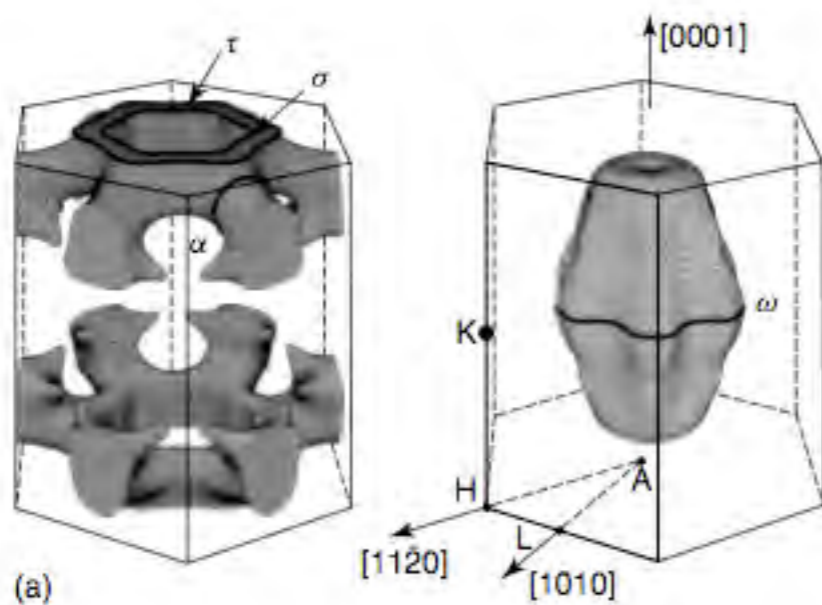
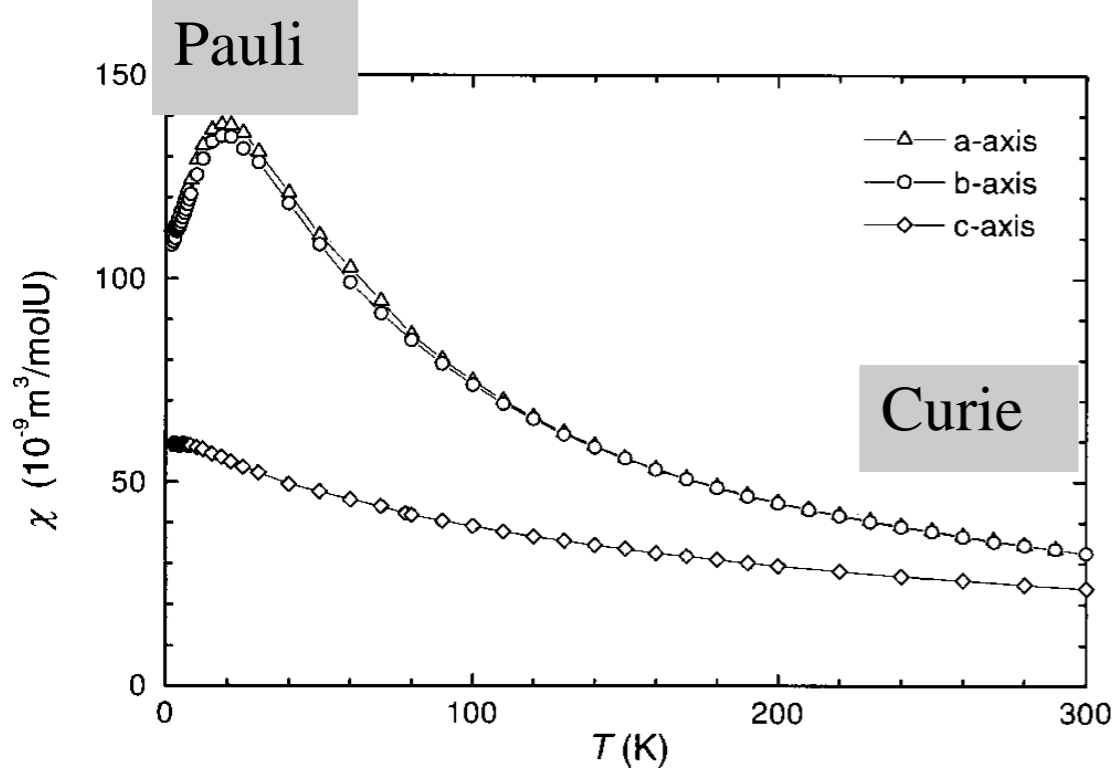
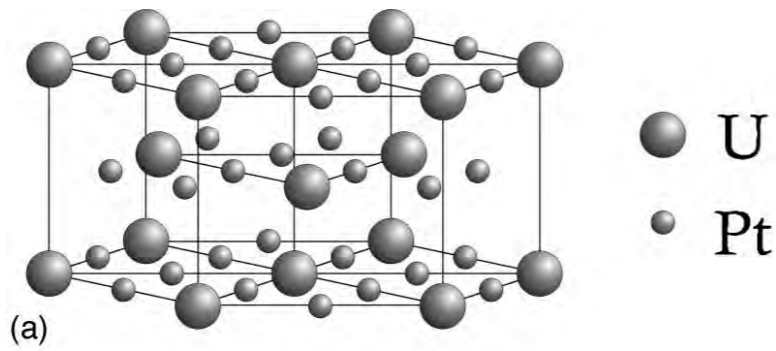


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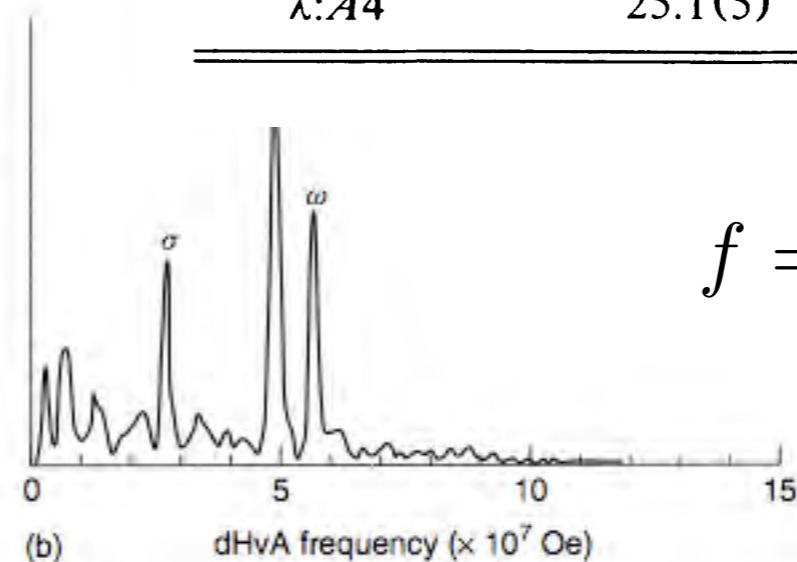
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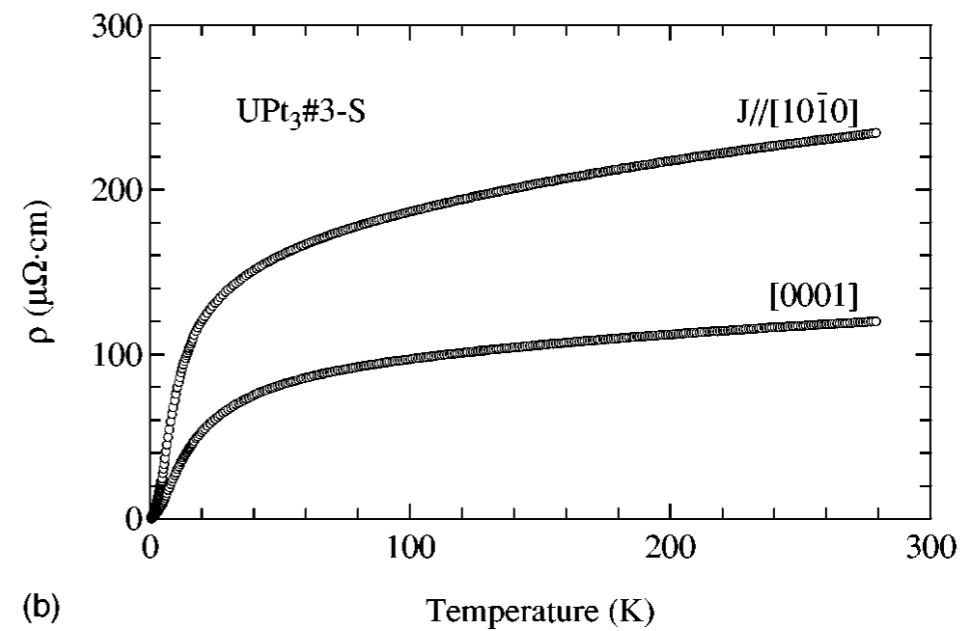
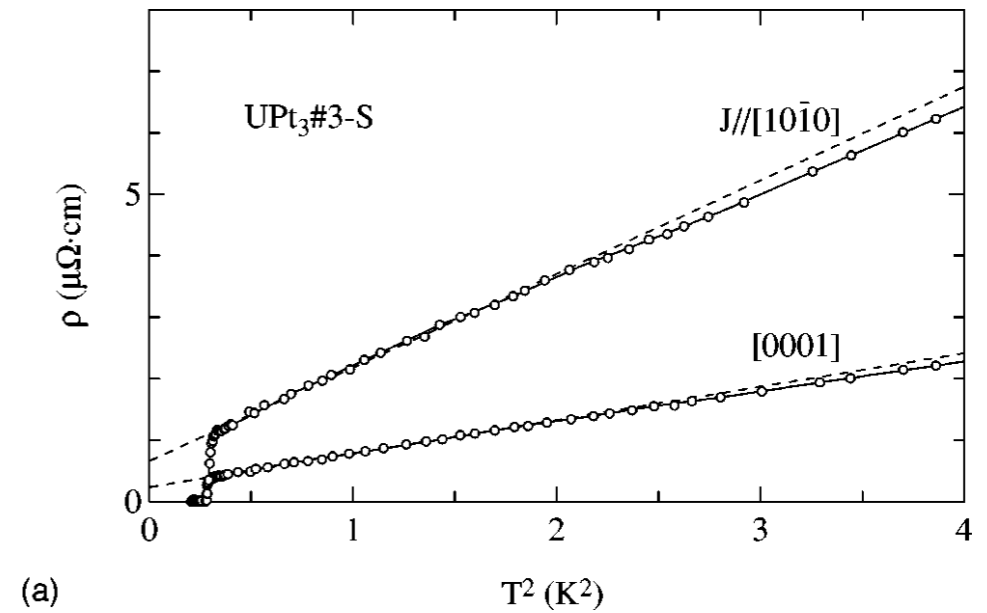
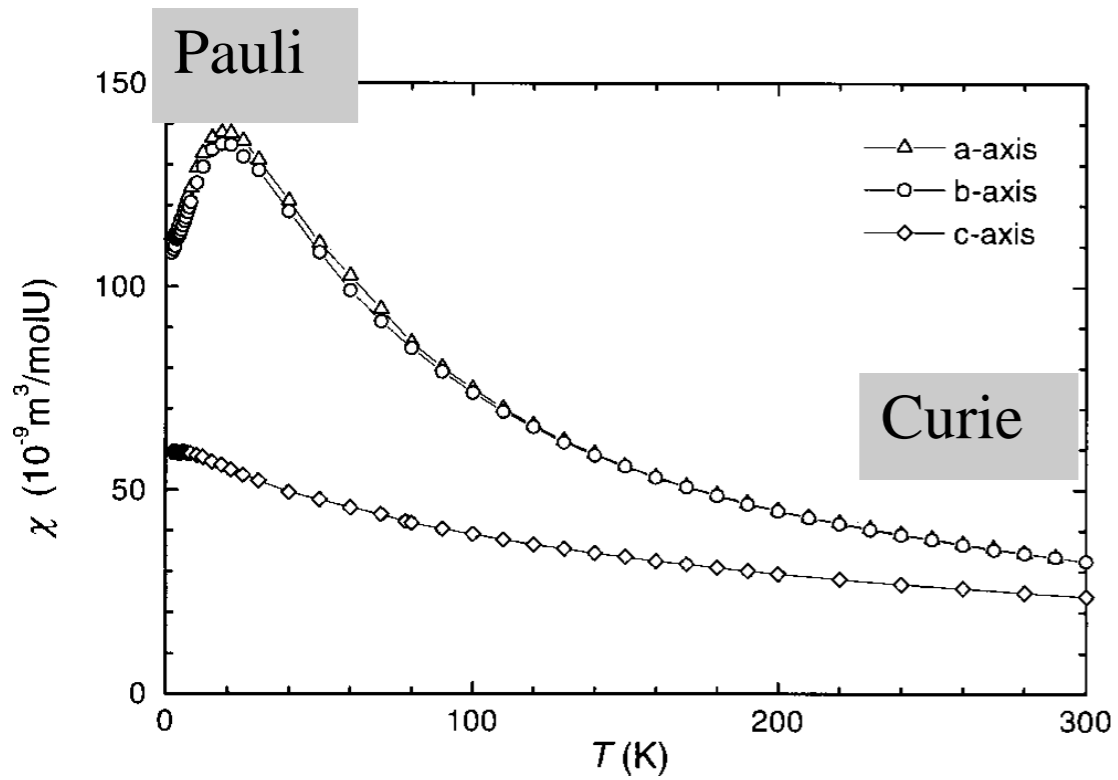
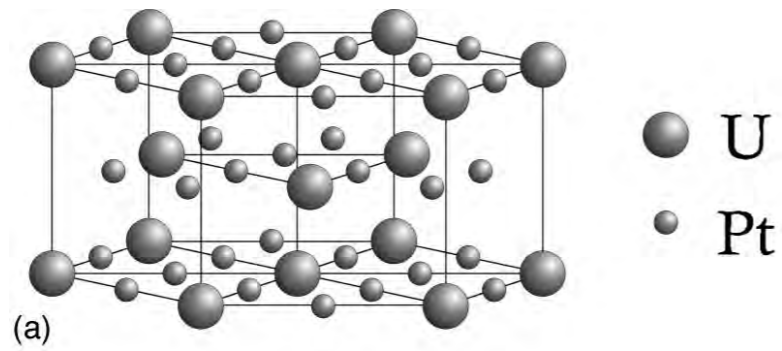


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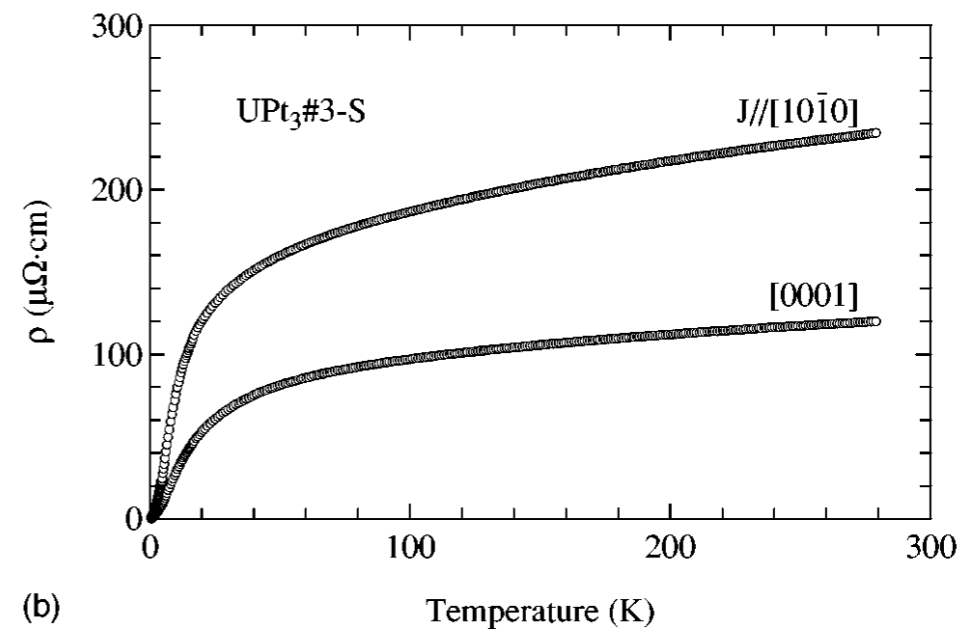
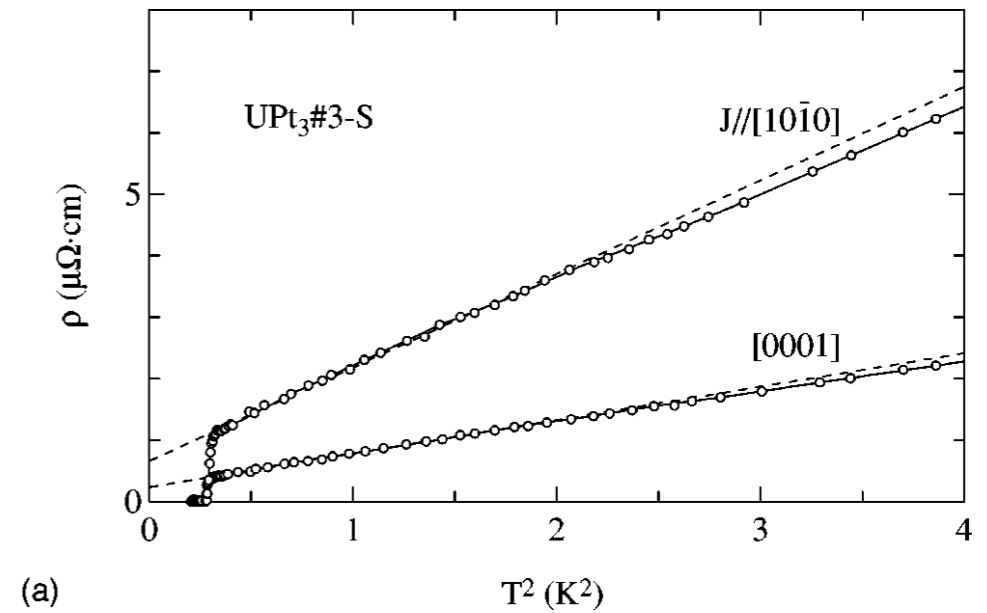
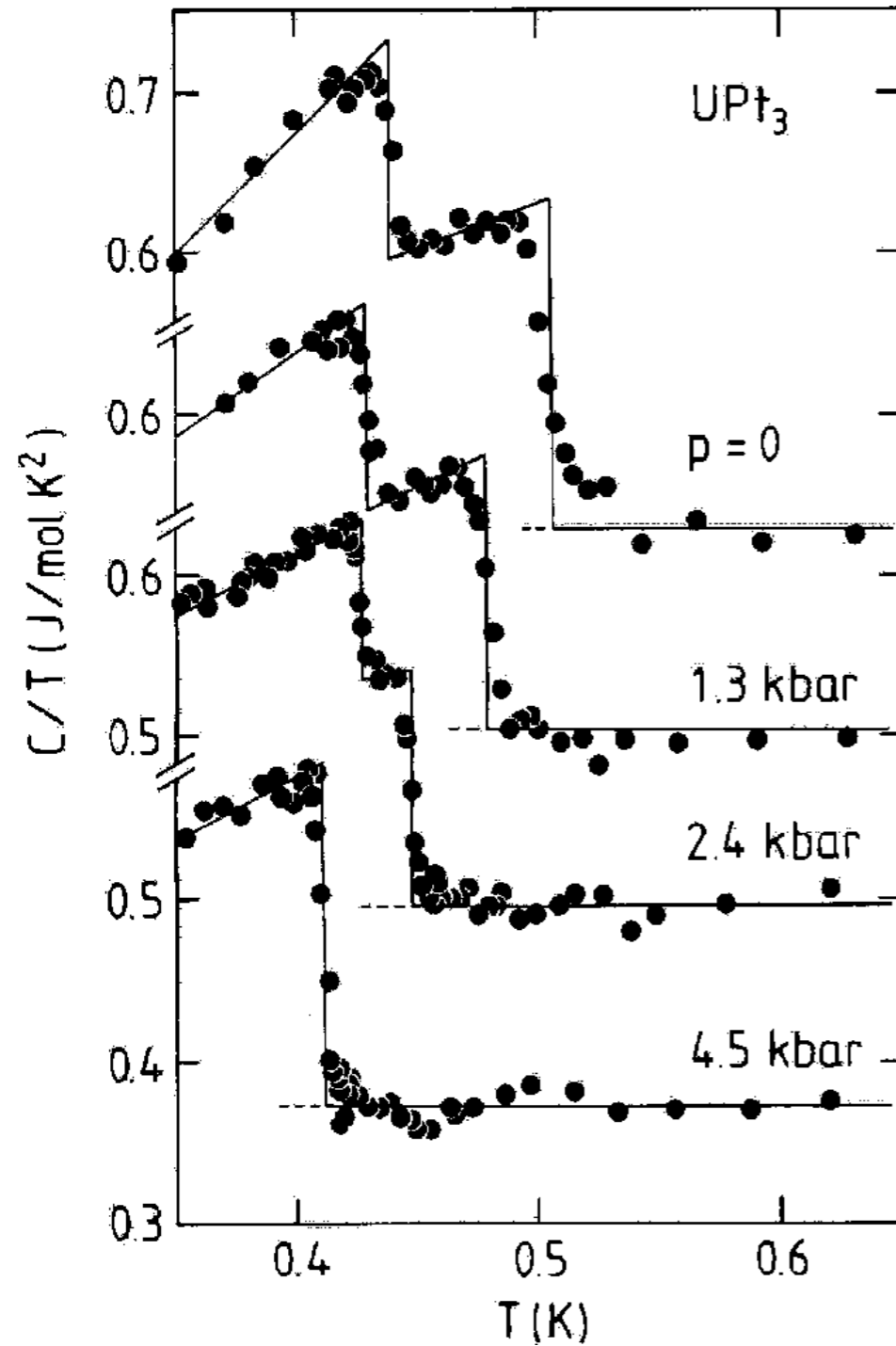
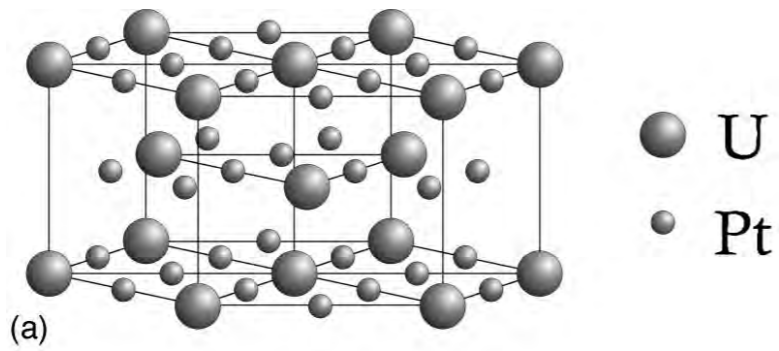
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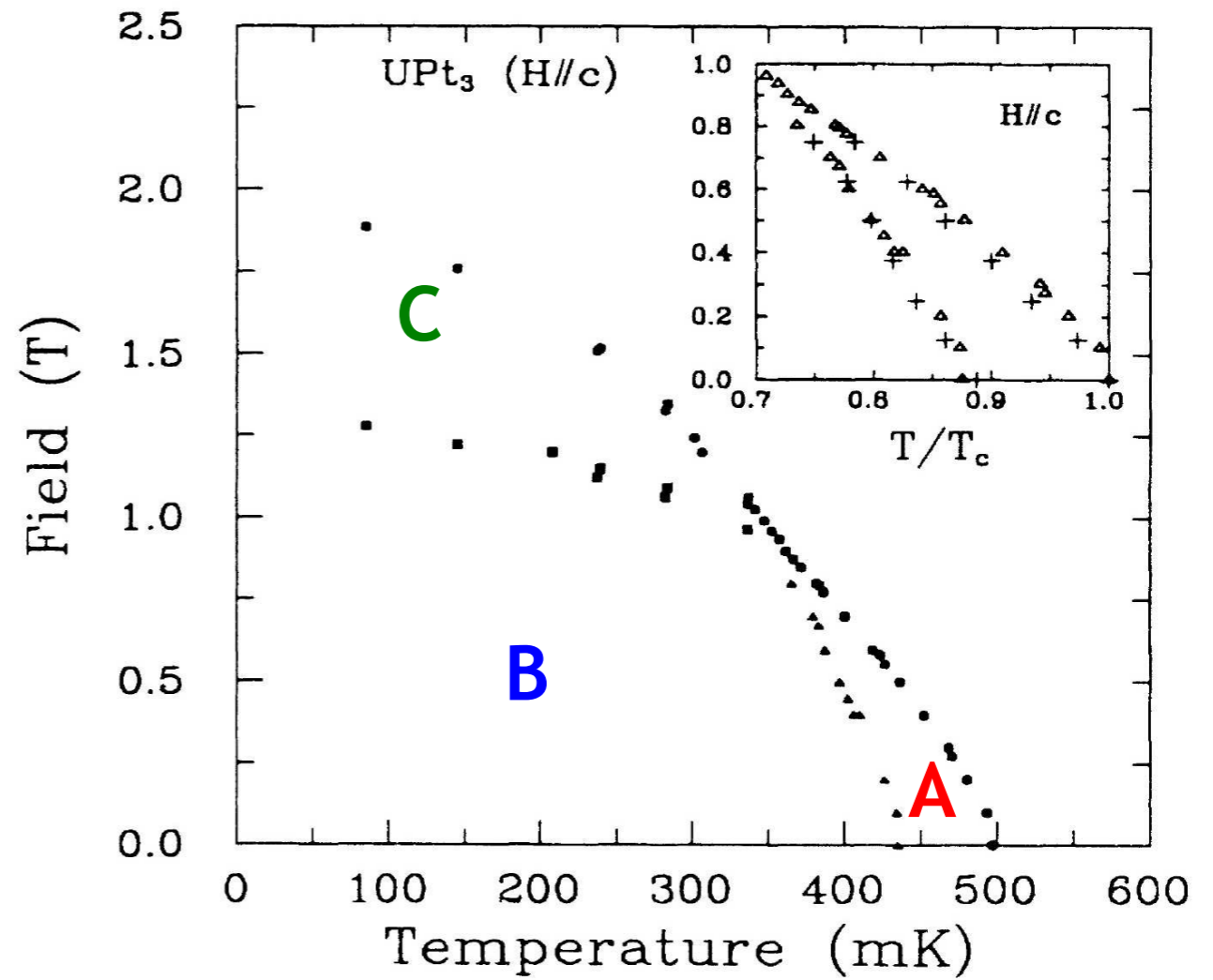
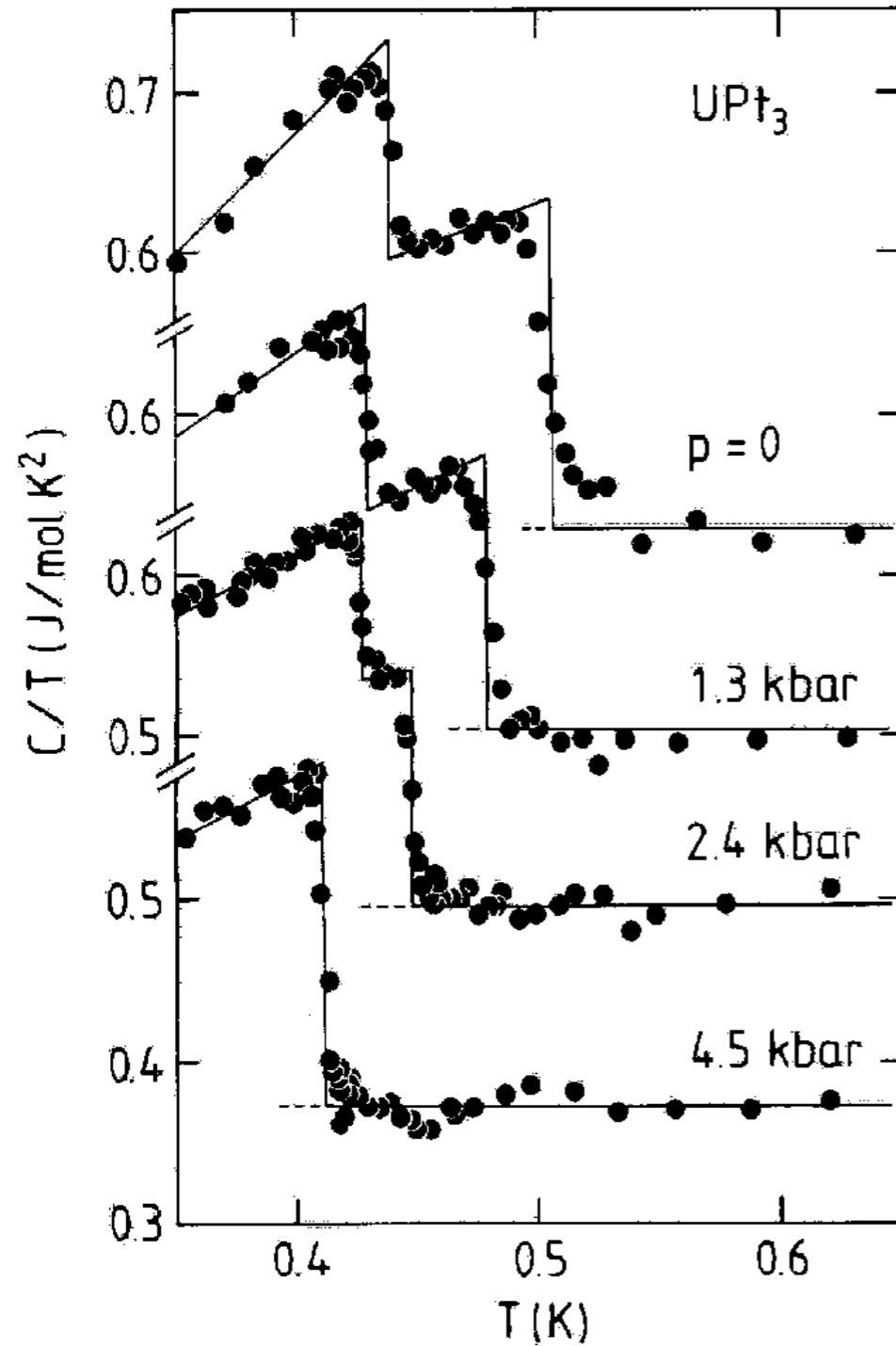
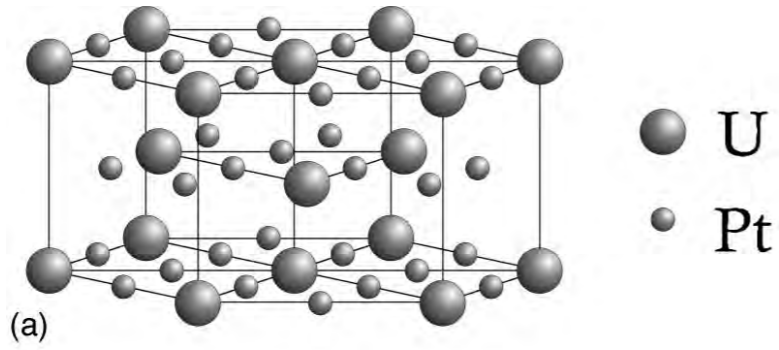
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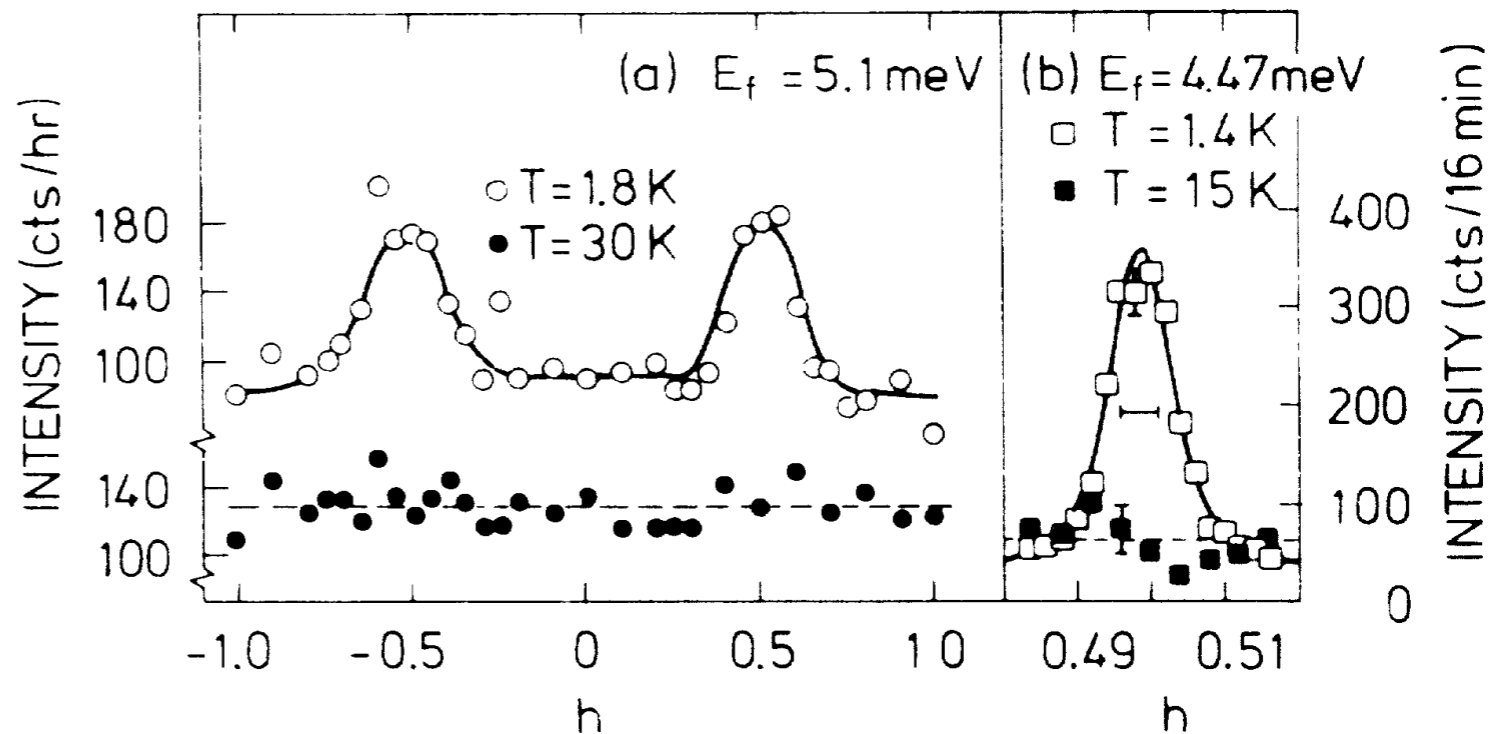
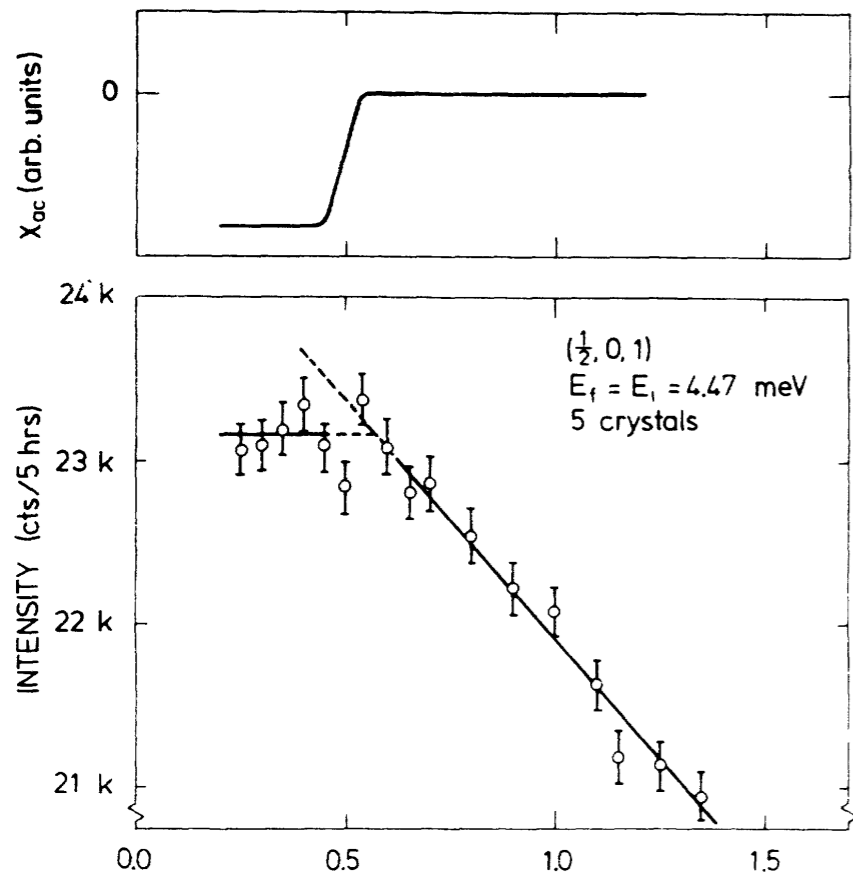
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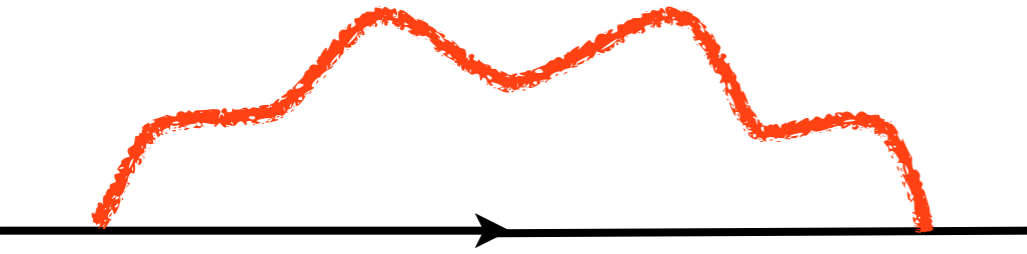
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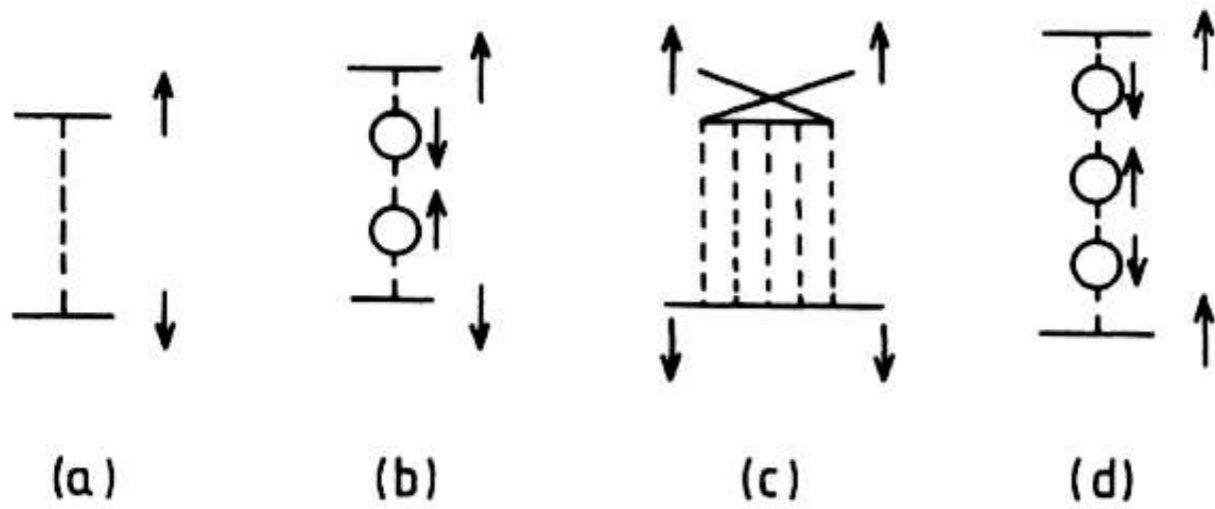
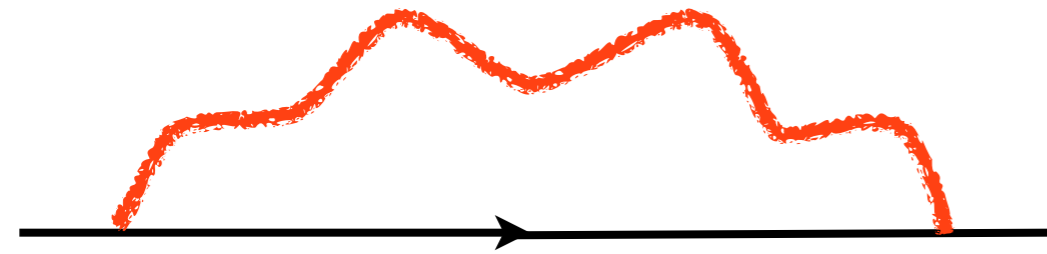




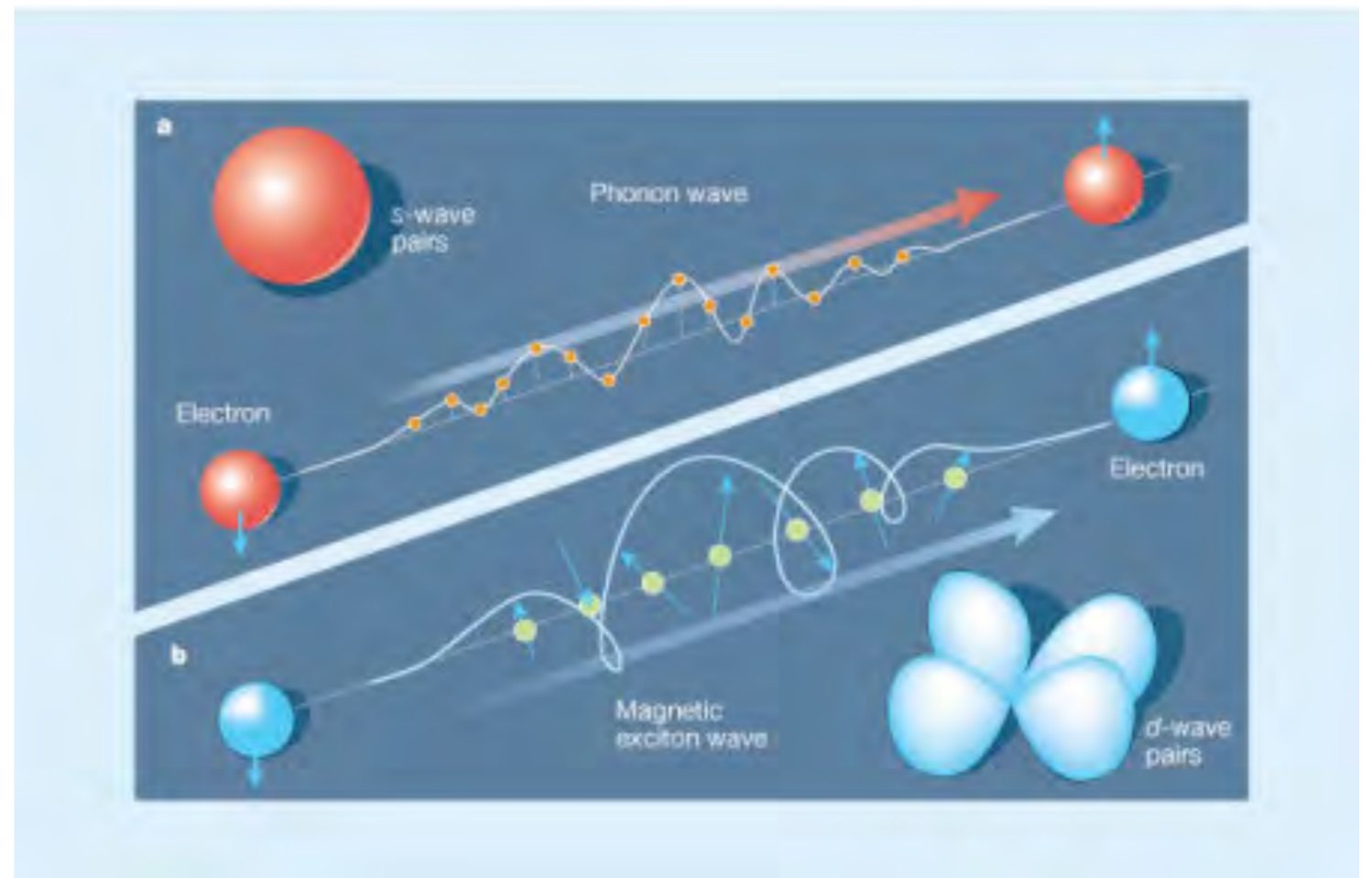
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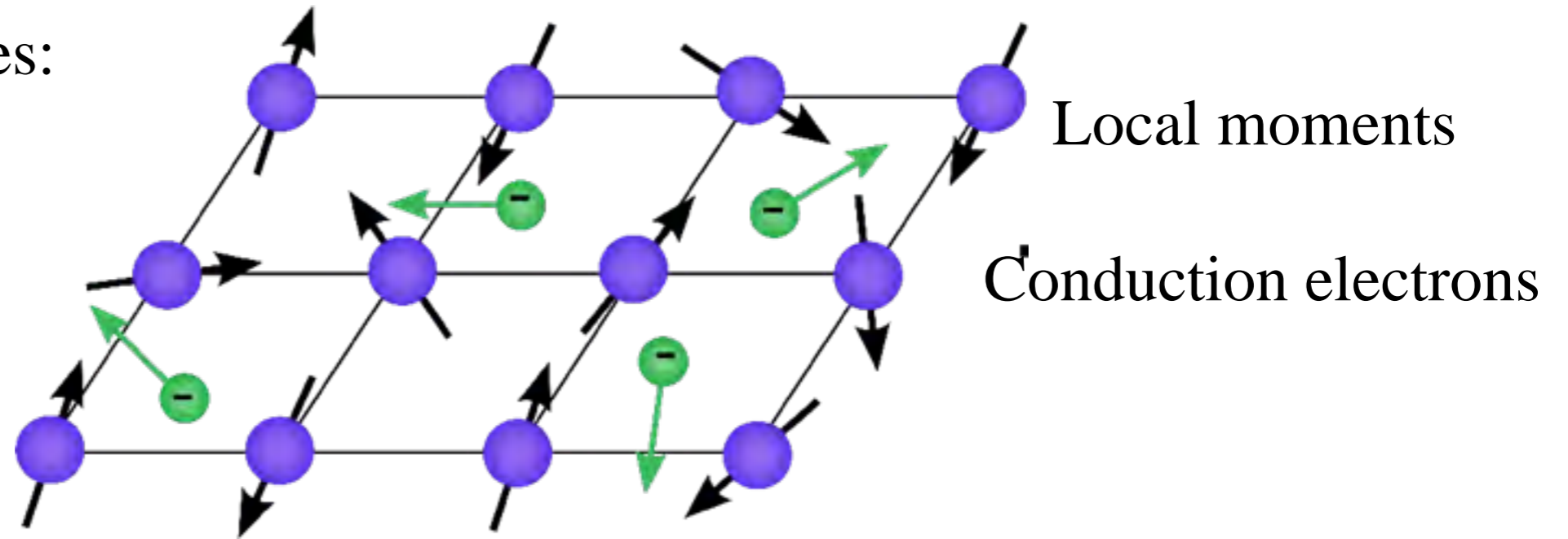


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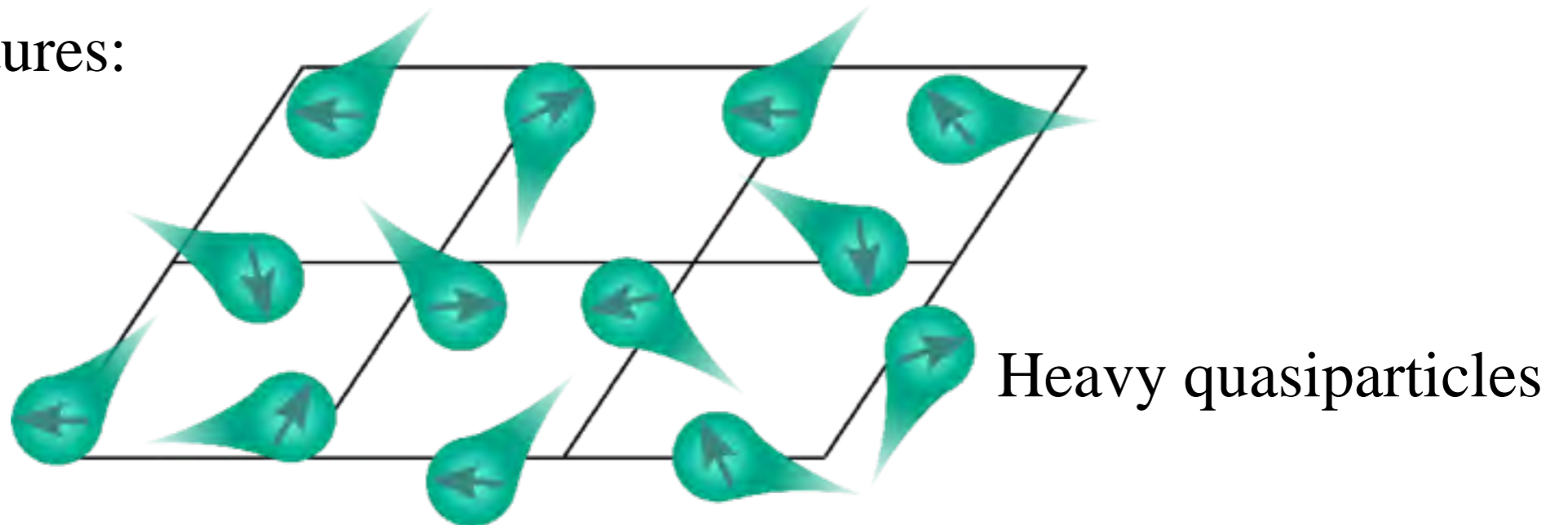
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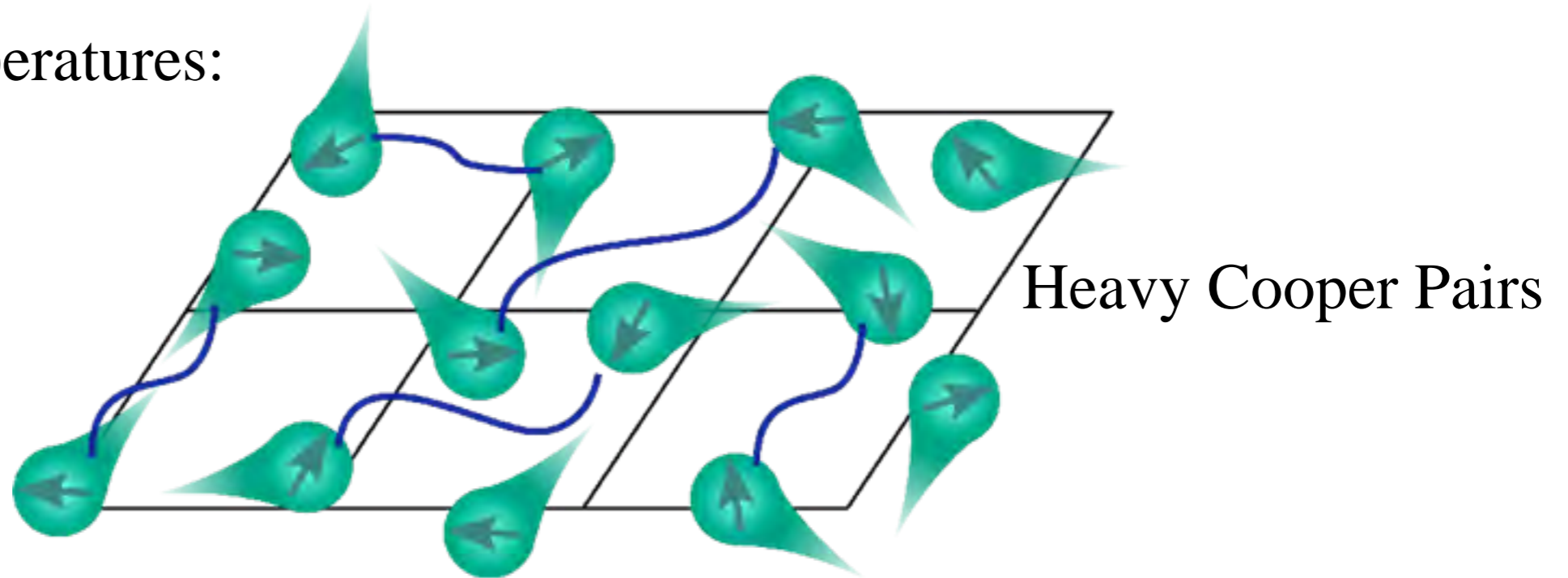
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**“Symplectic Large N”** R. Flint and PC '08

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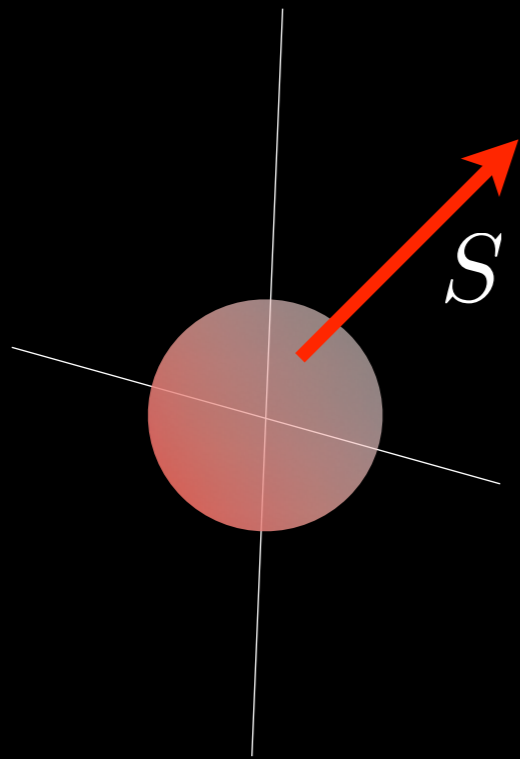
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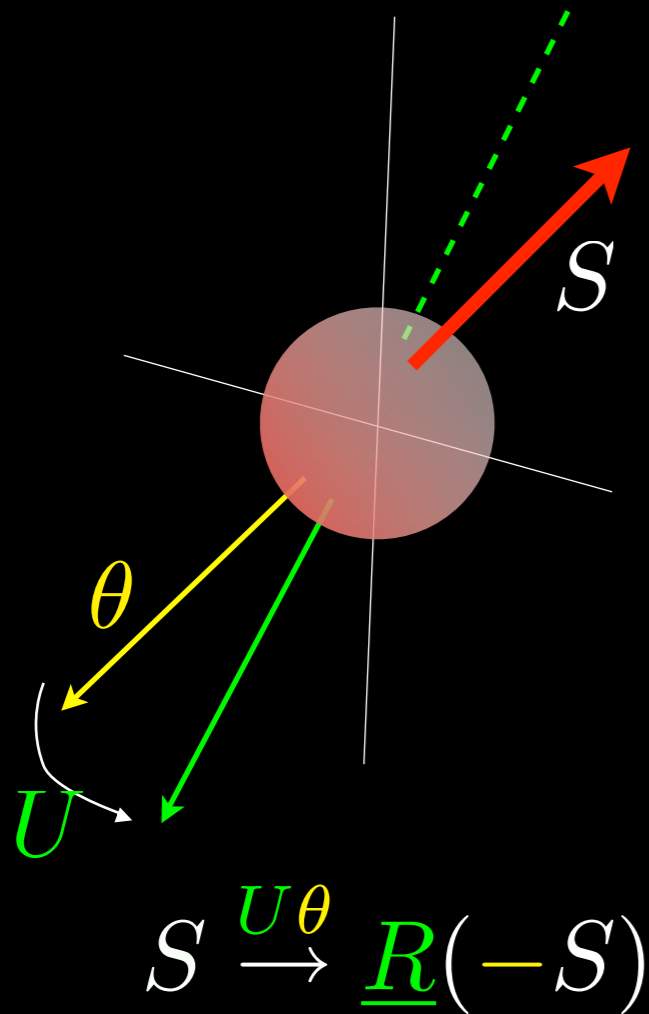
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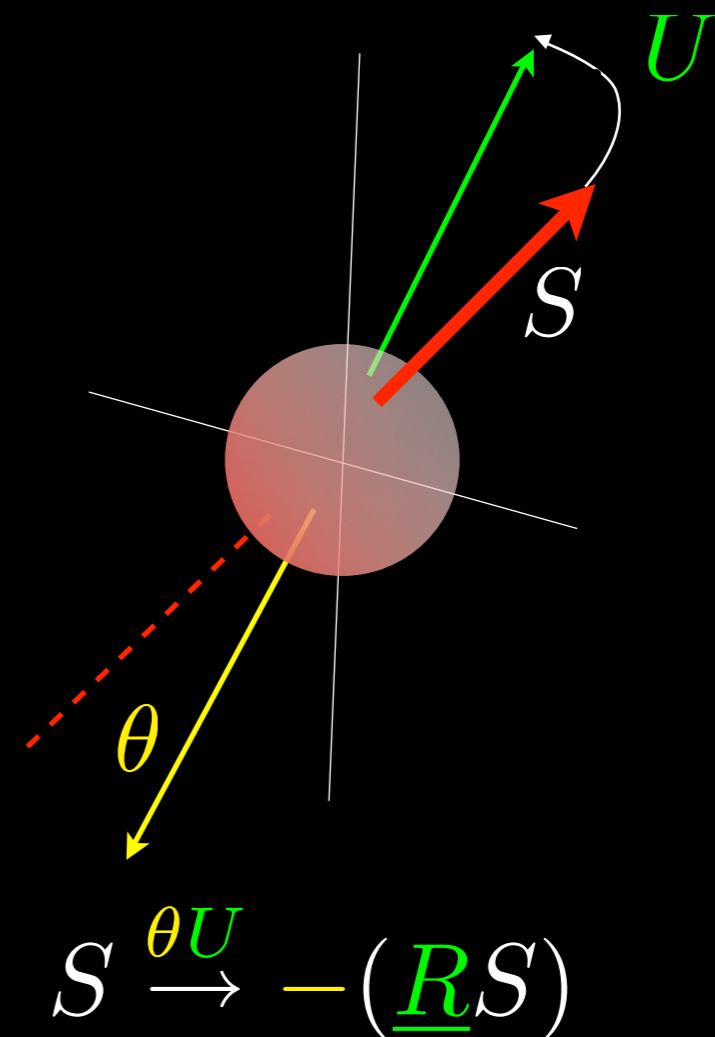
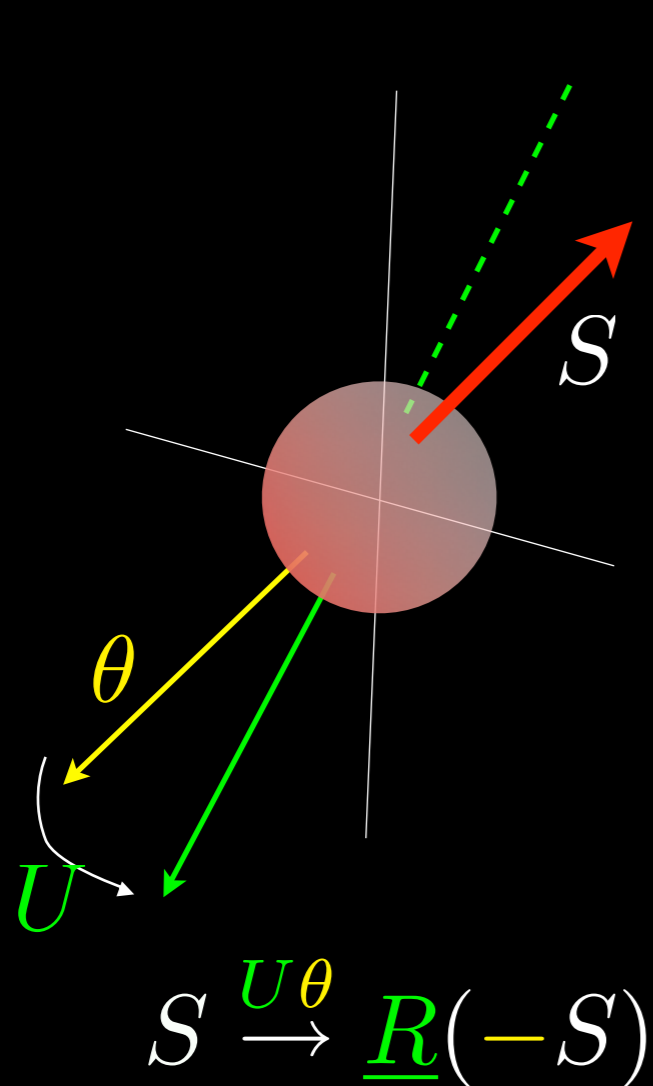
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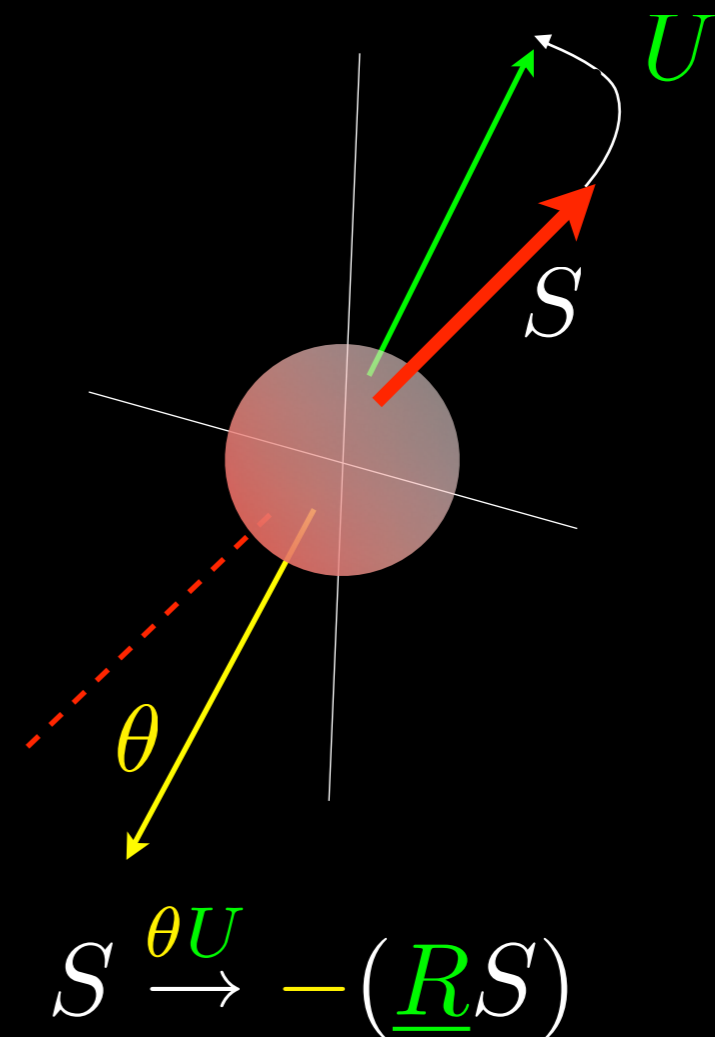
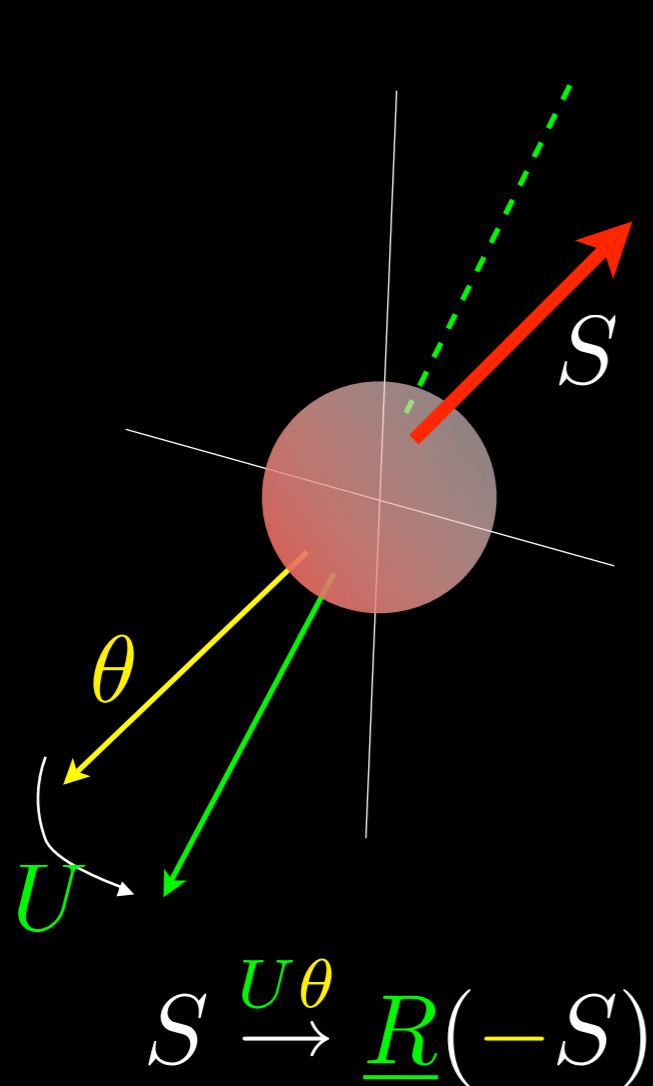
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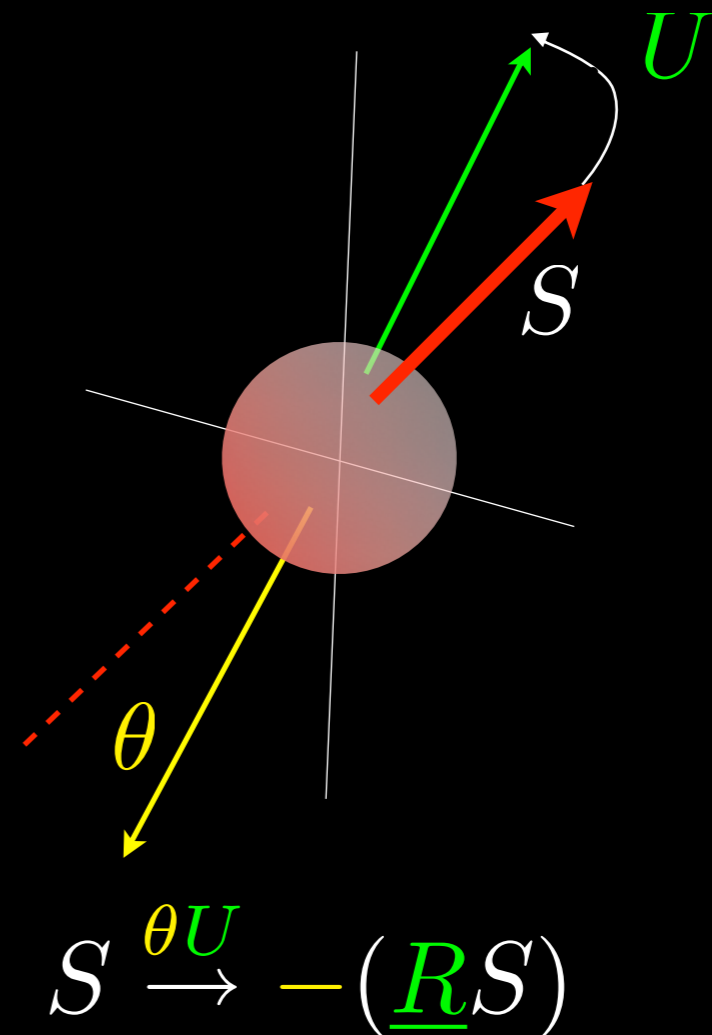
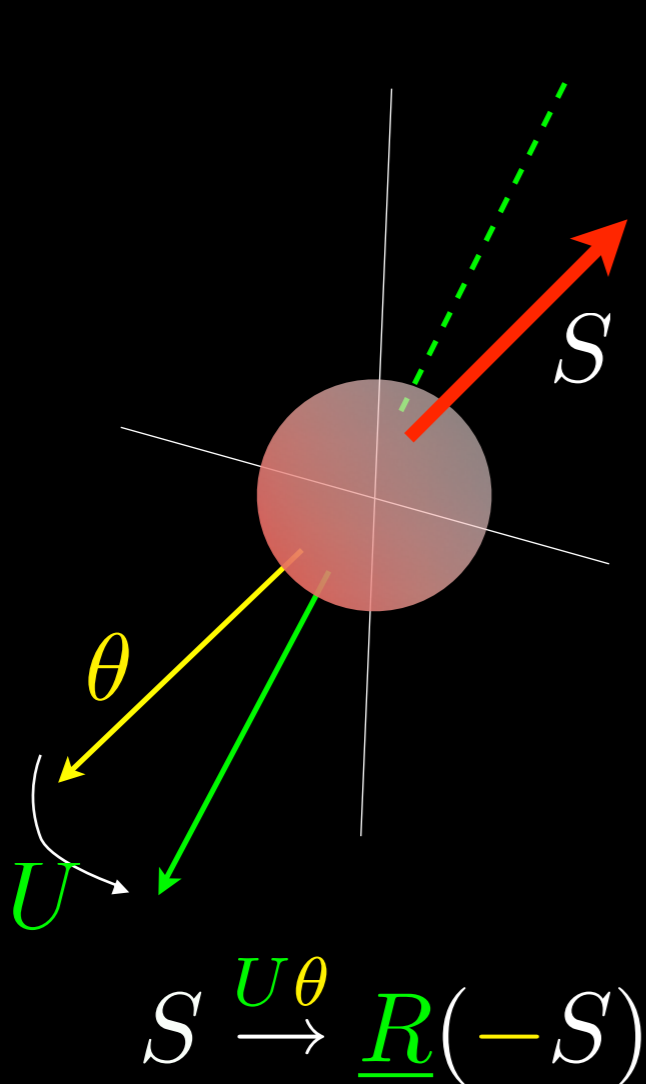
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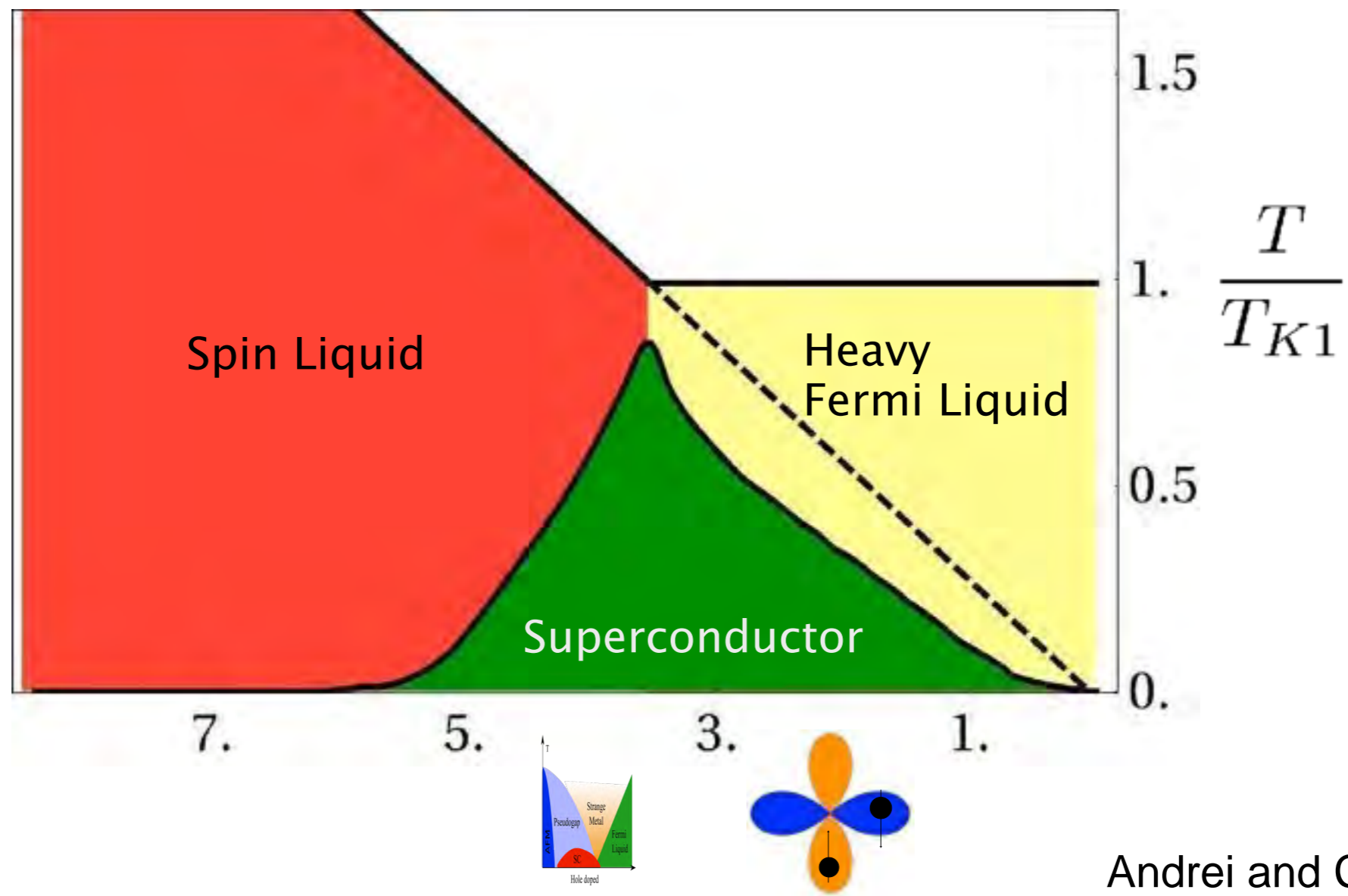
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# Magnetic Pairing: the Kondo-Heisenberg model

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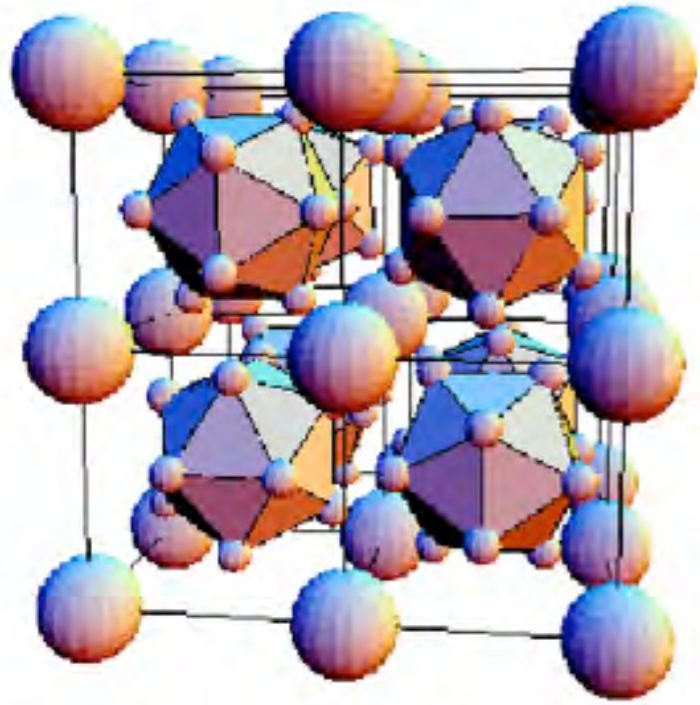


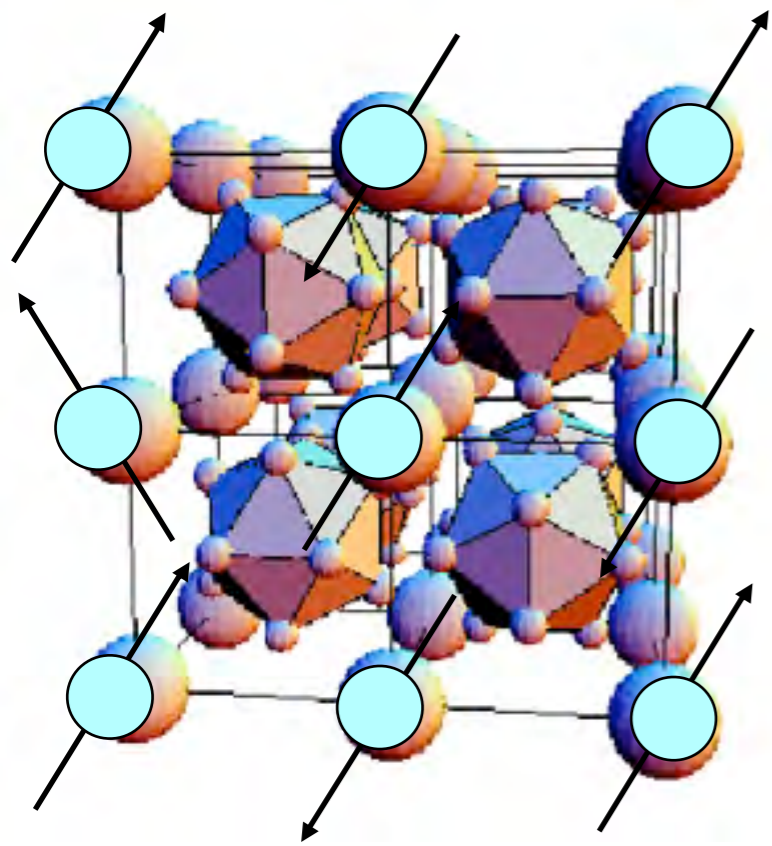
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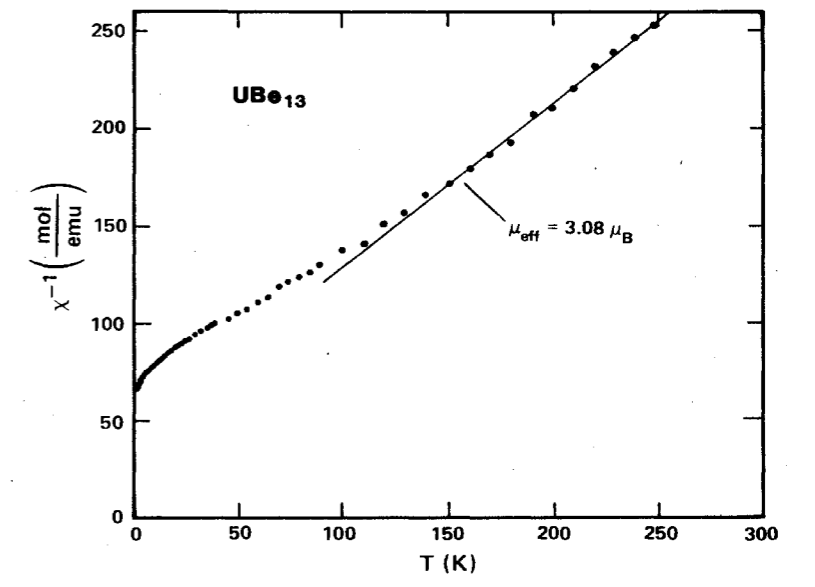
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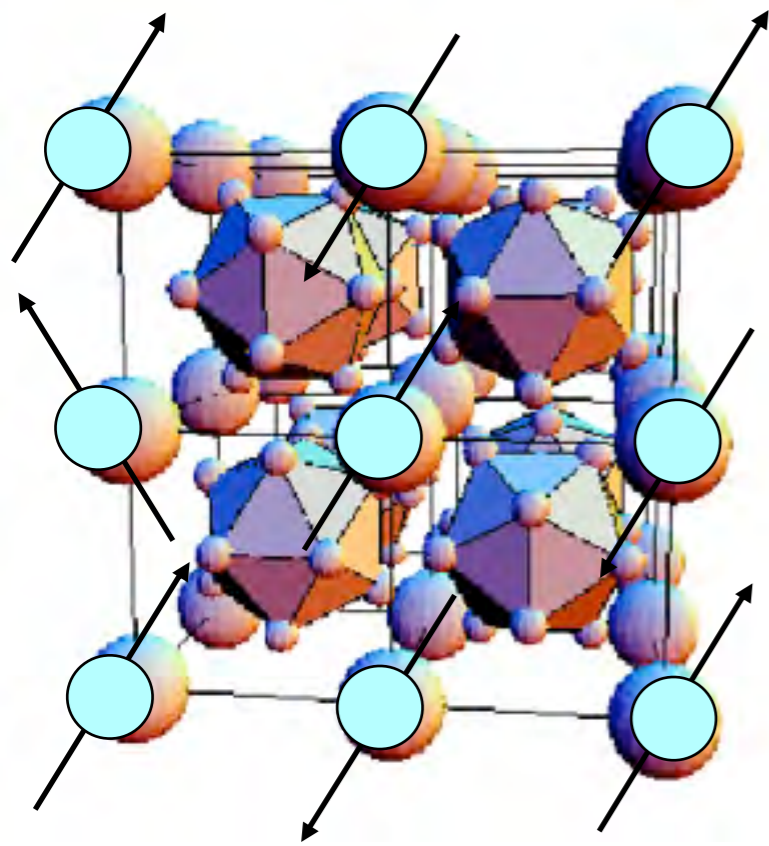




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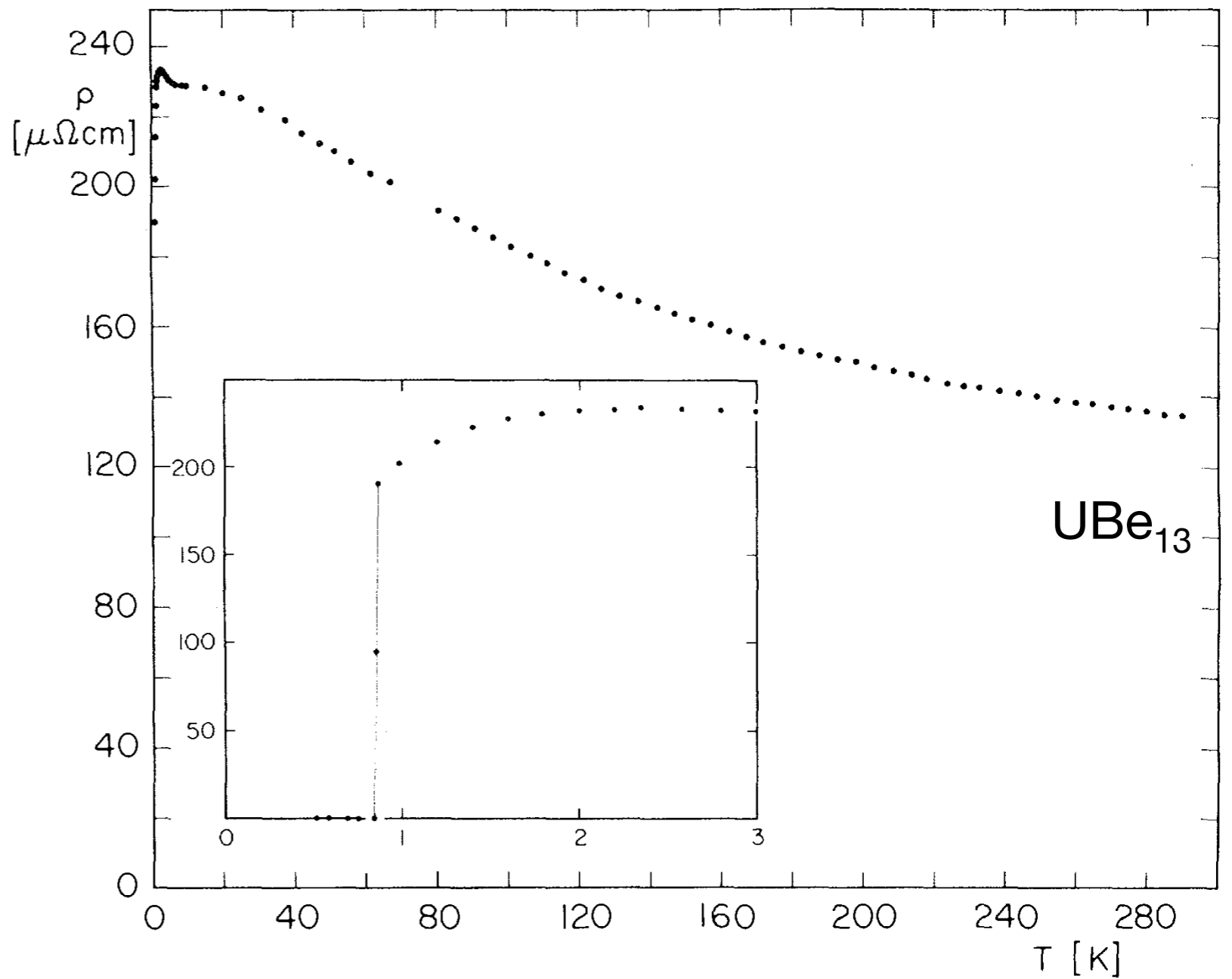
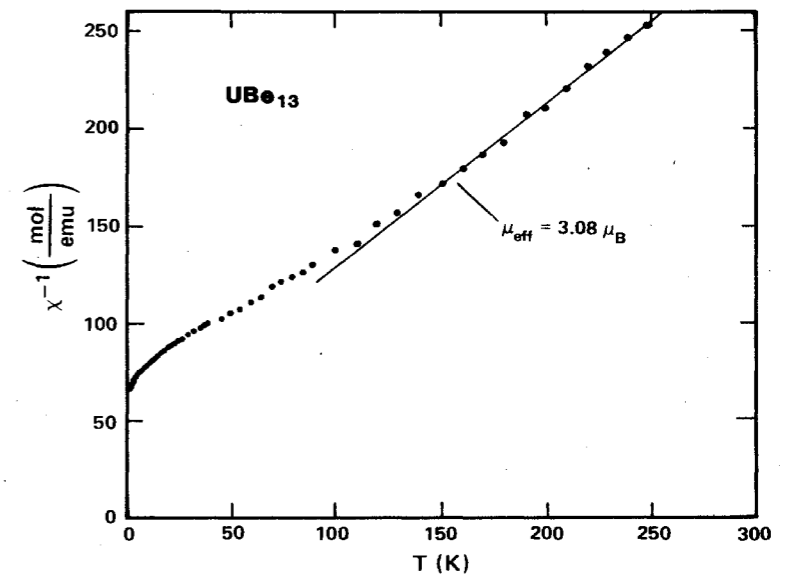


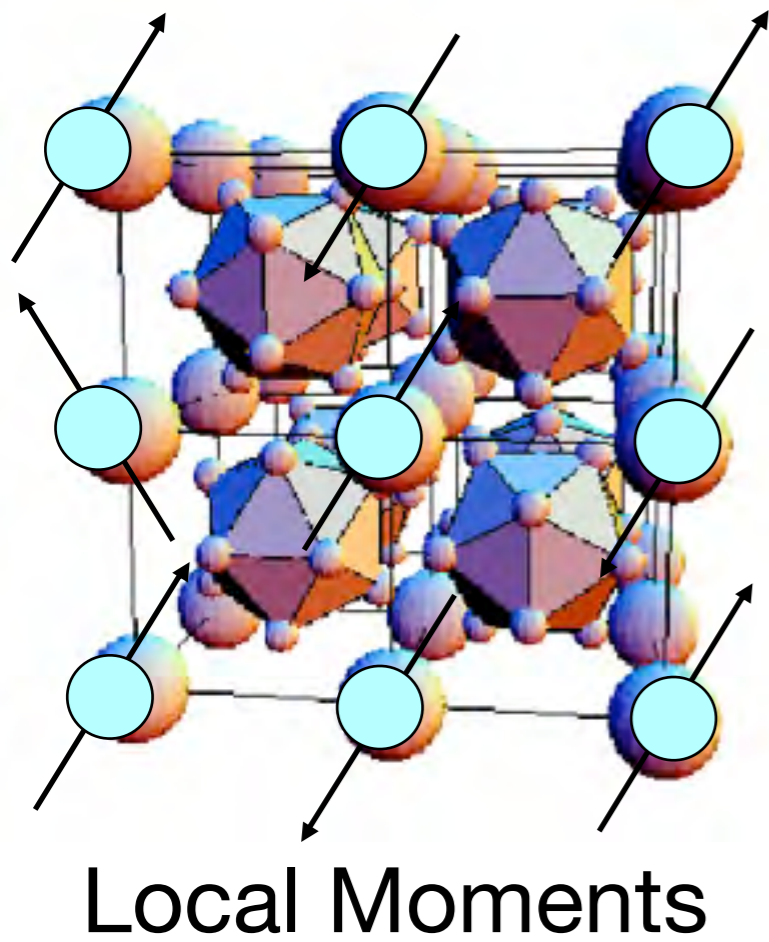


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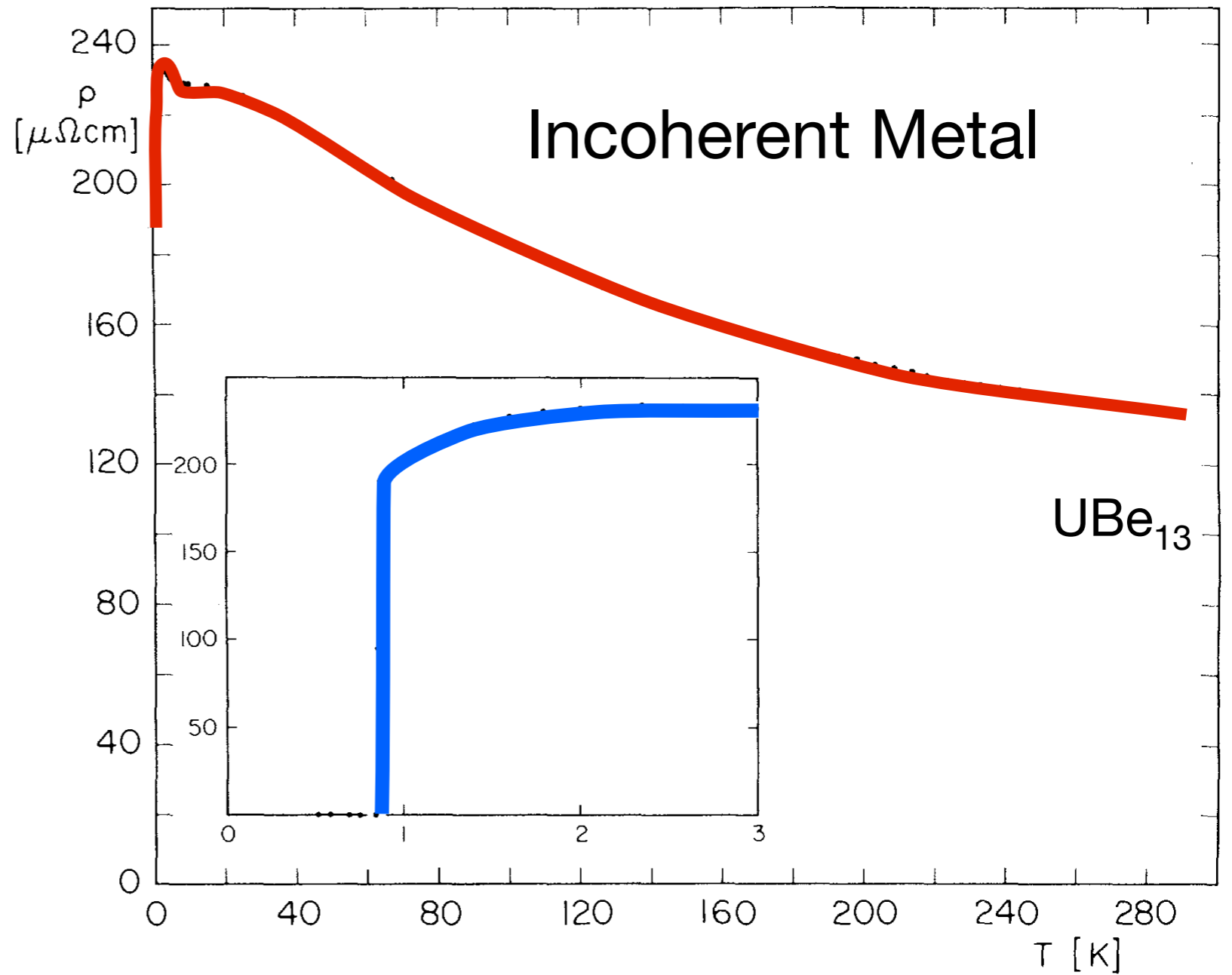
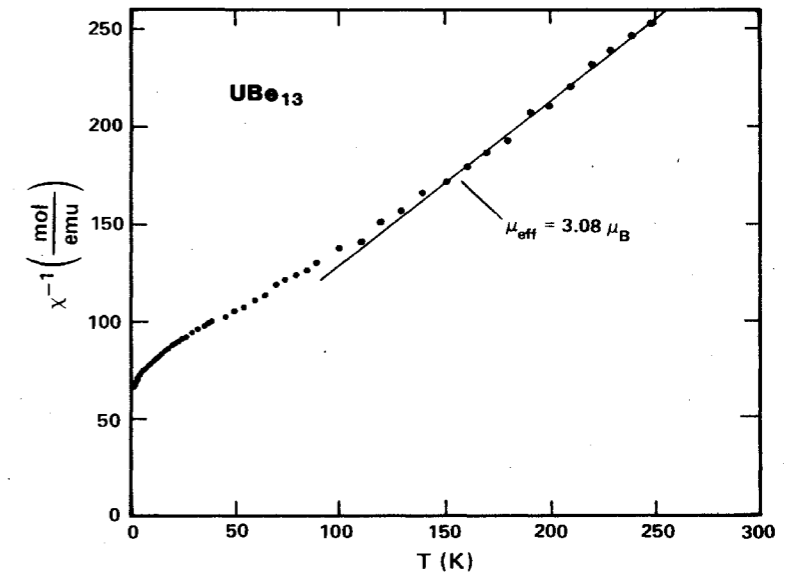
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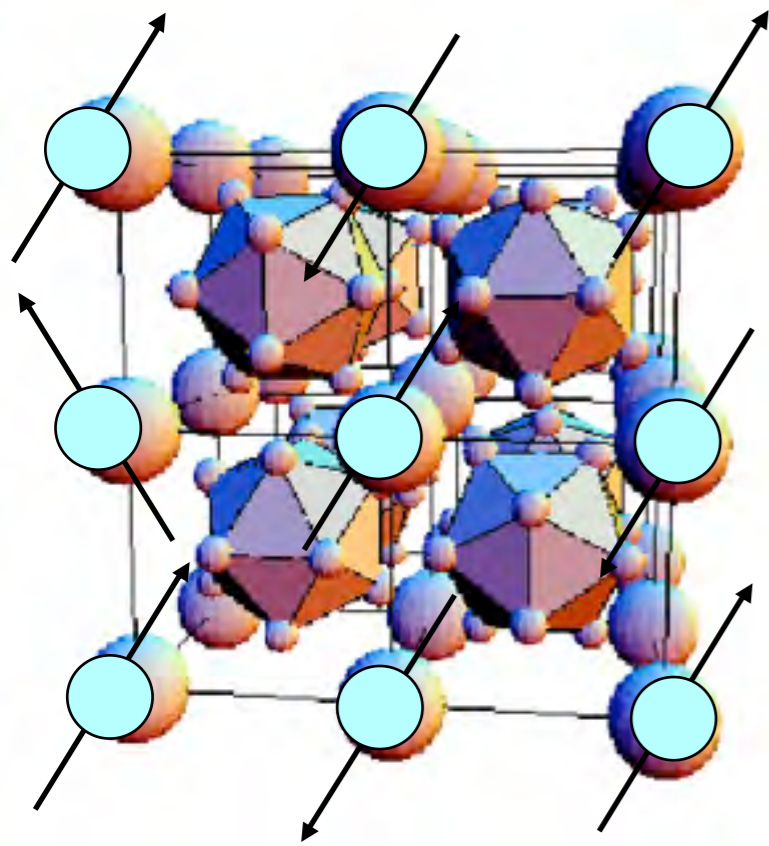




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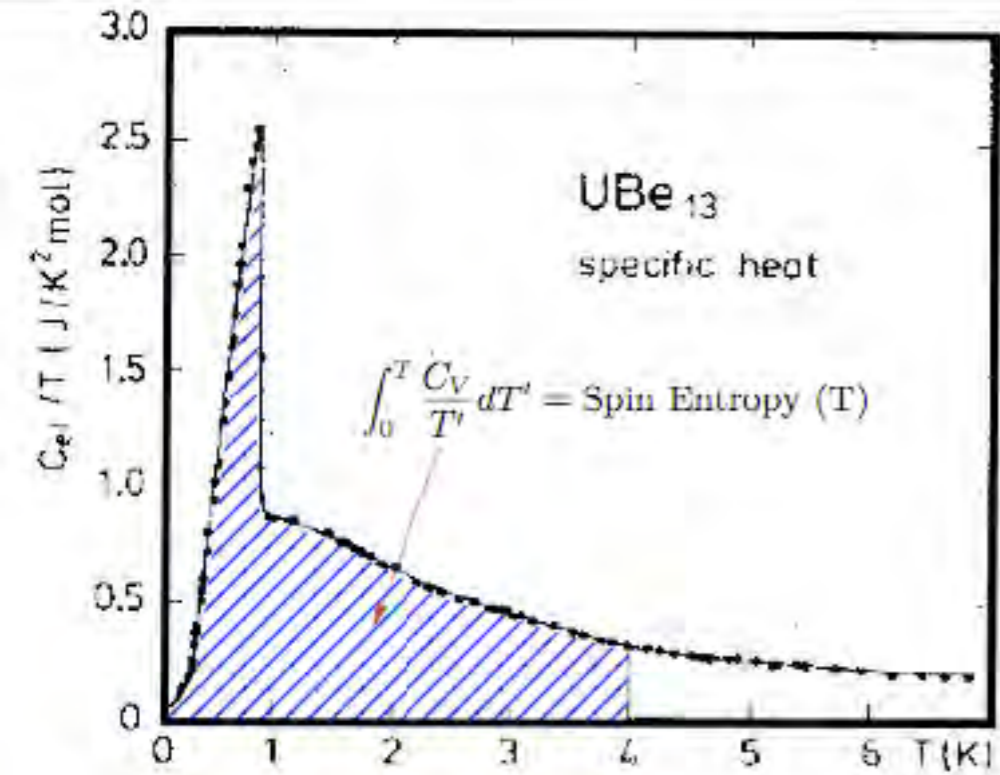
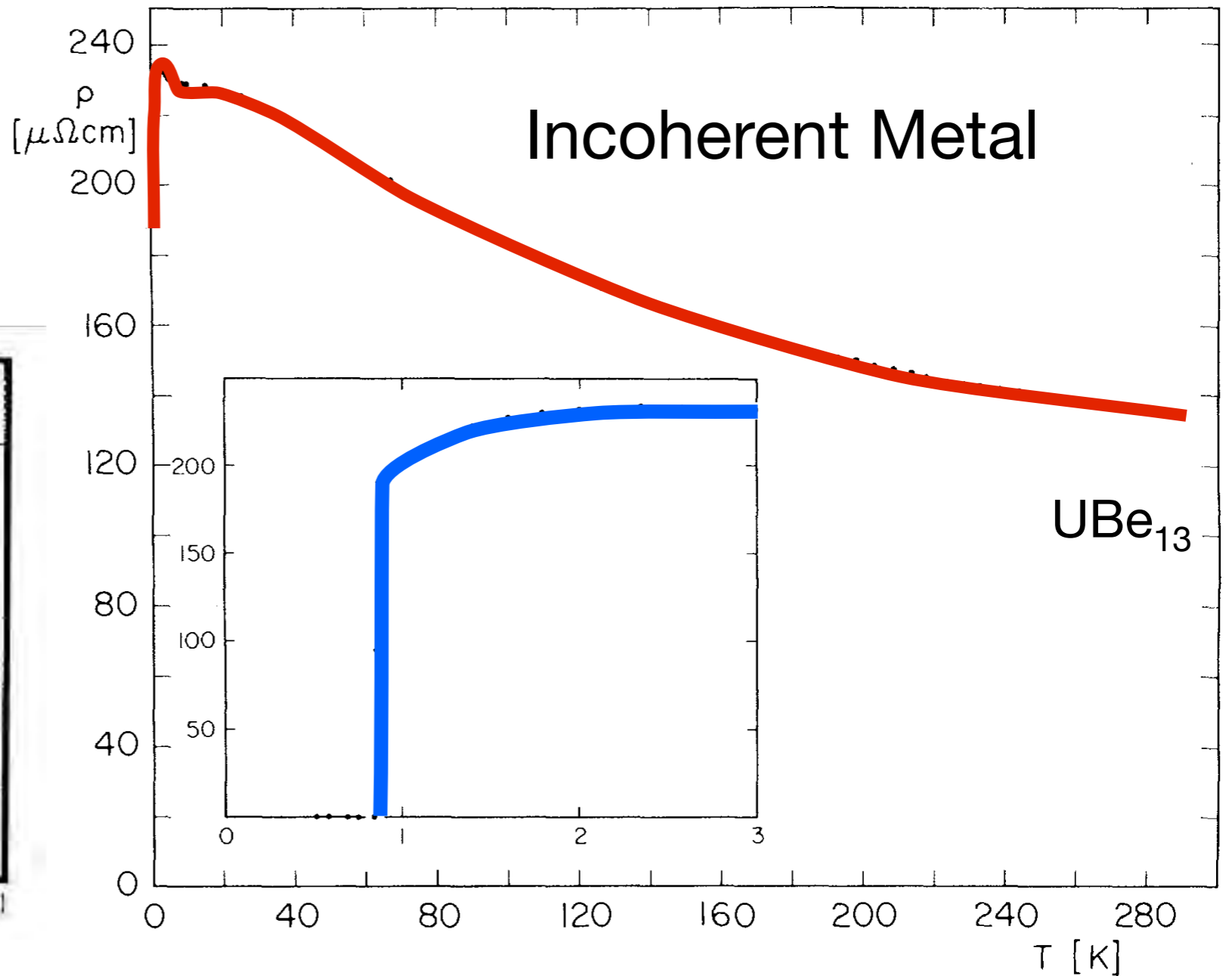
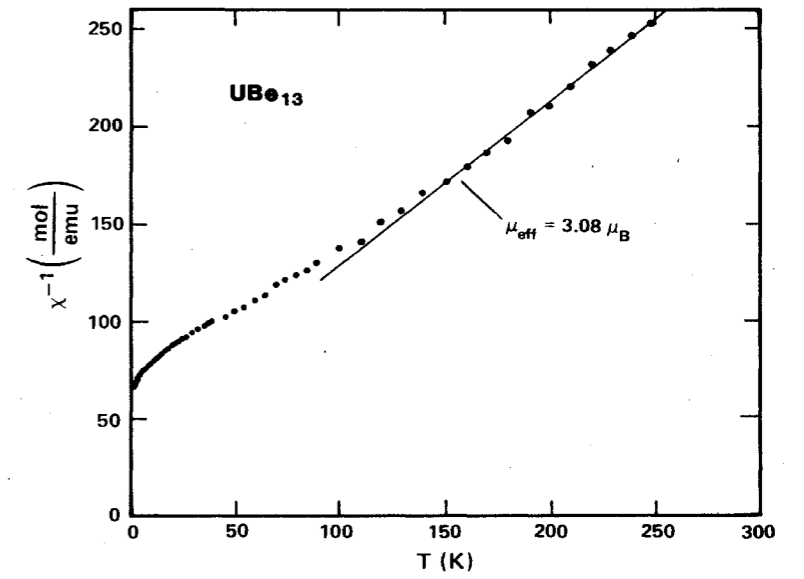
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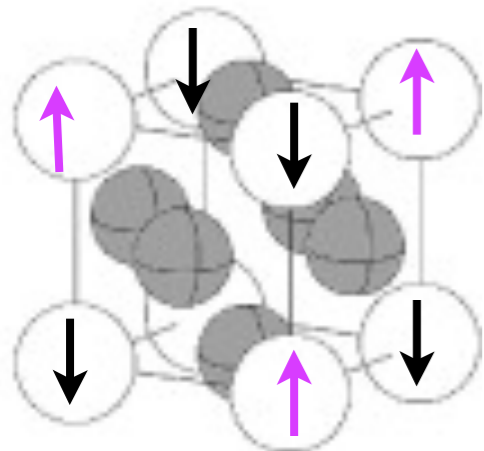




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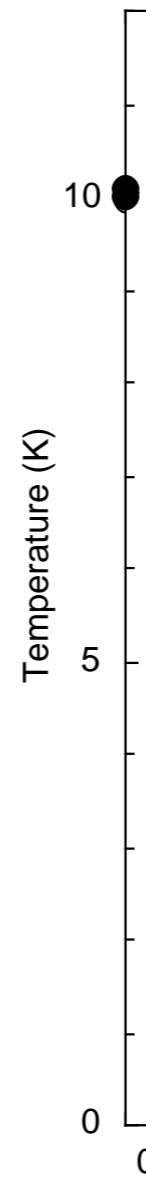
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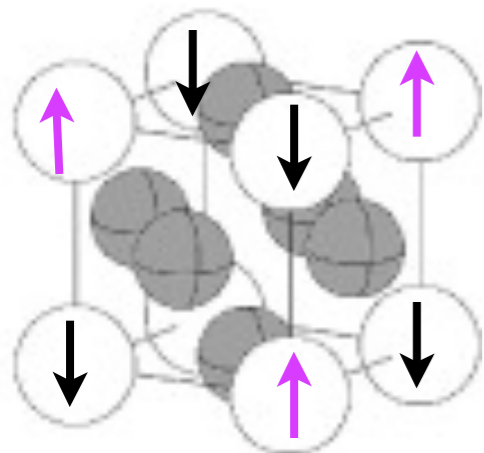




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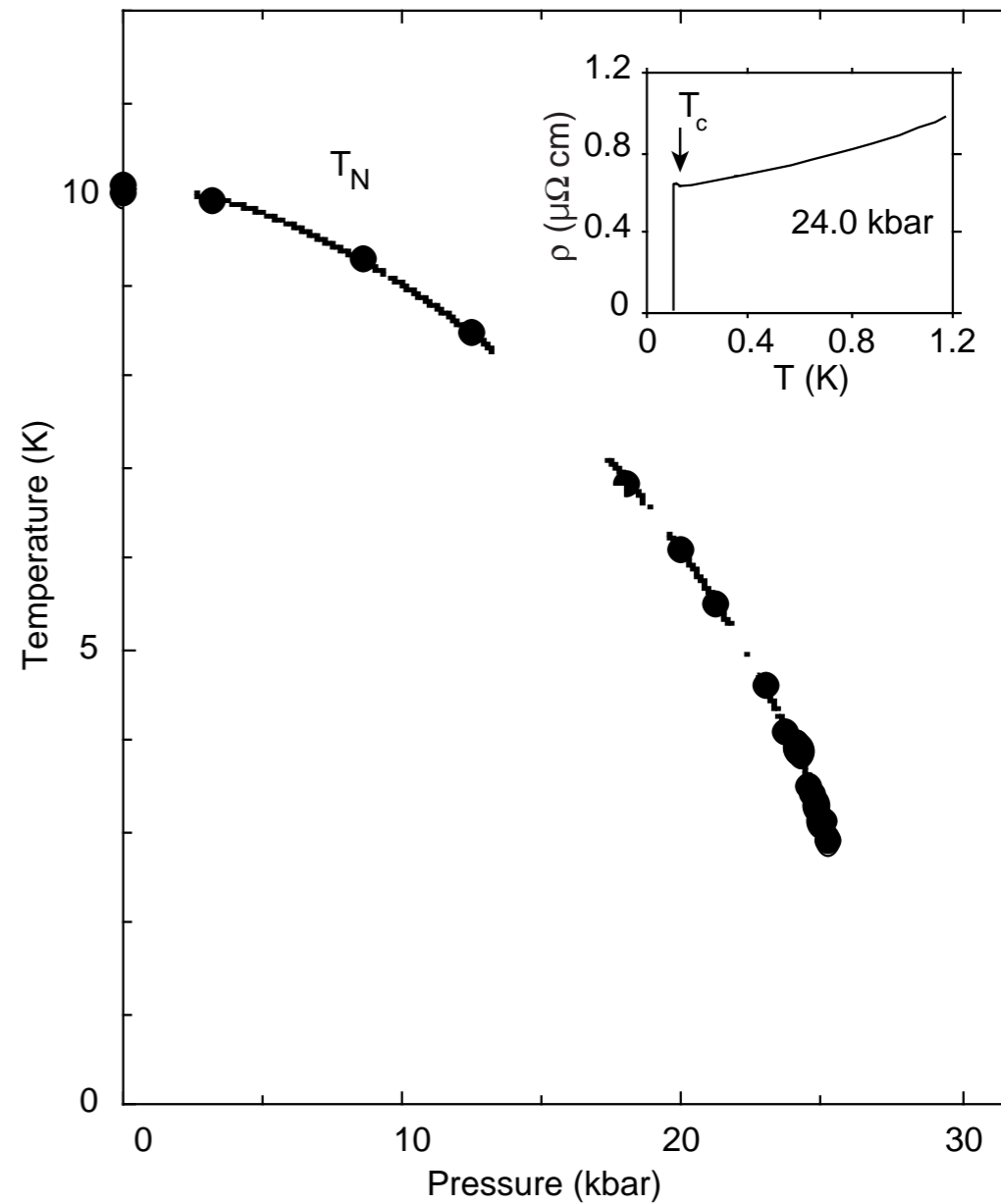
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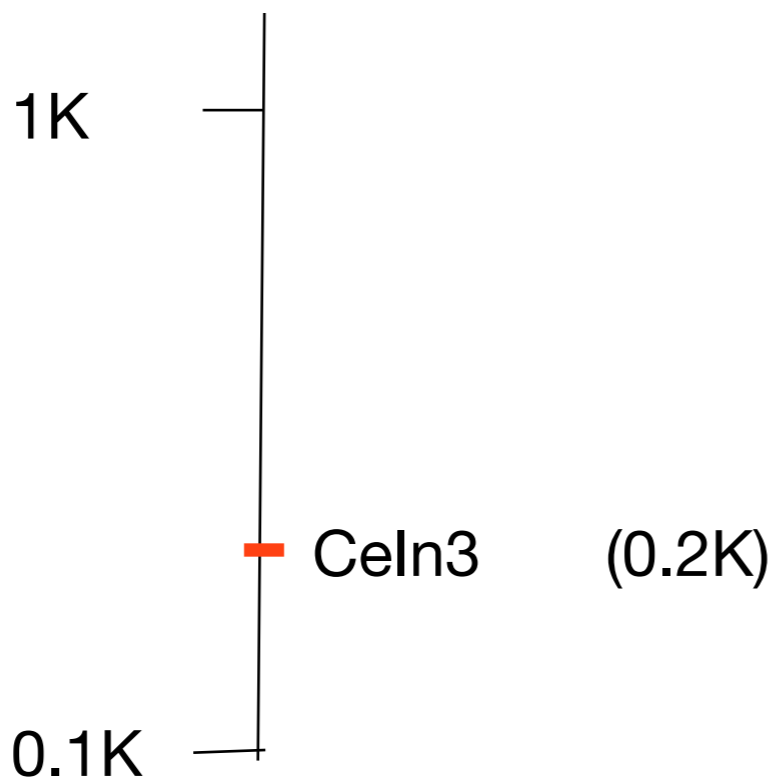
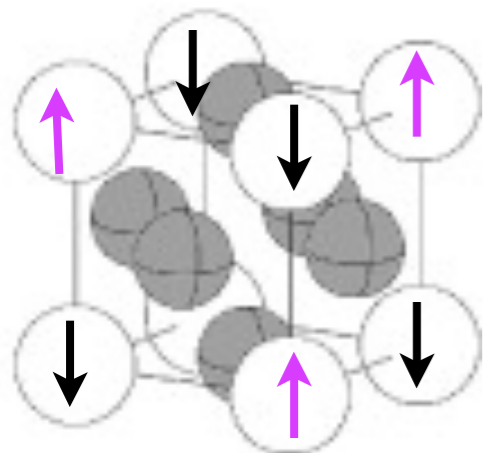
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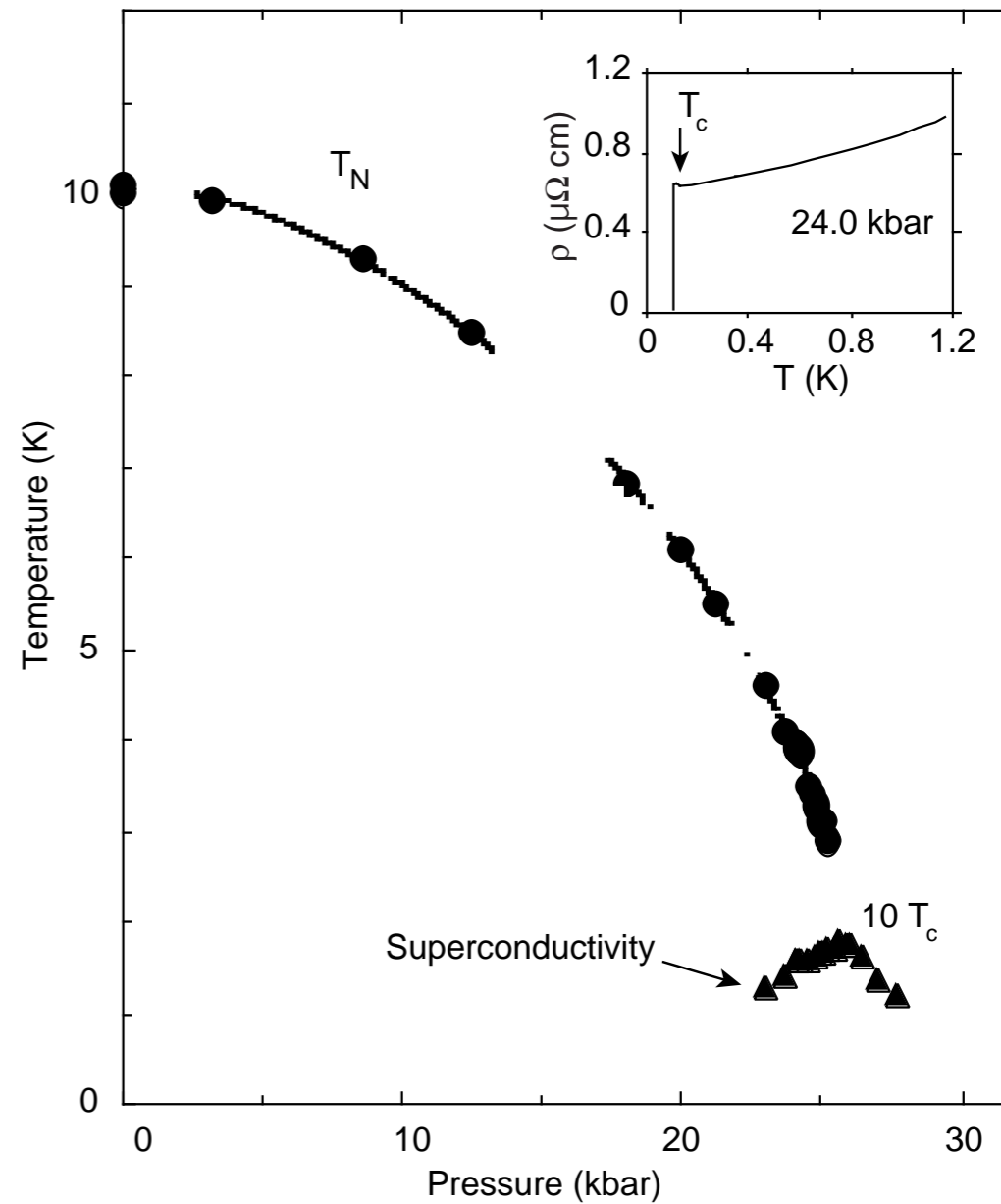
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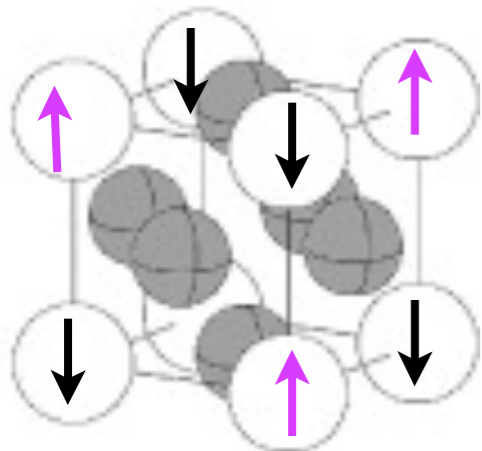
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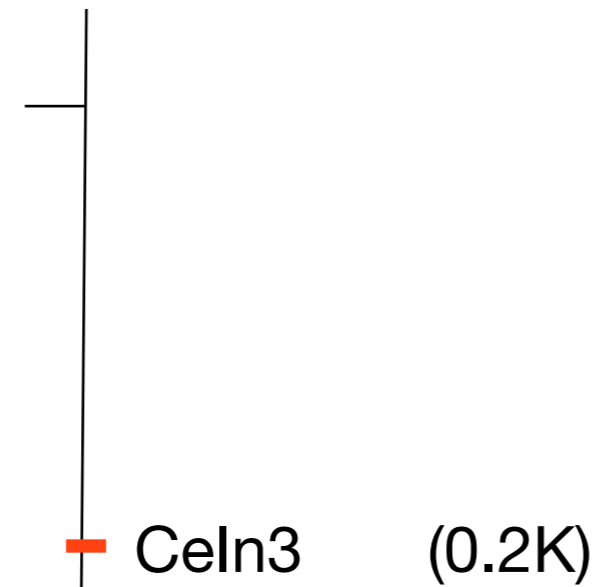
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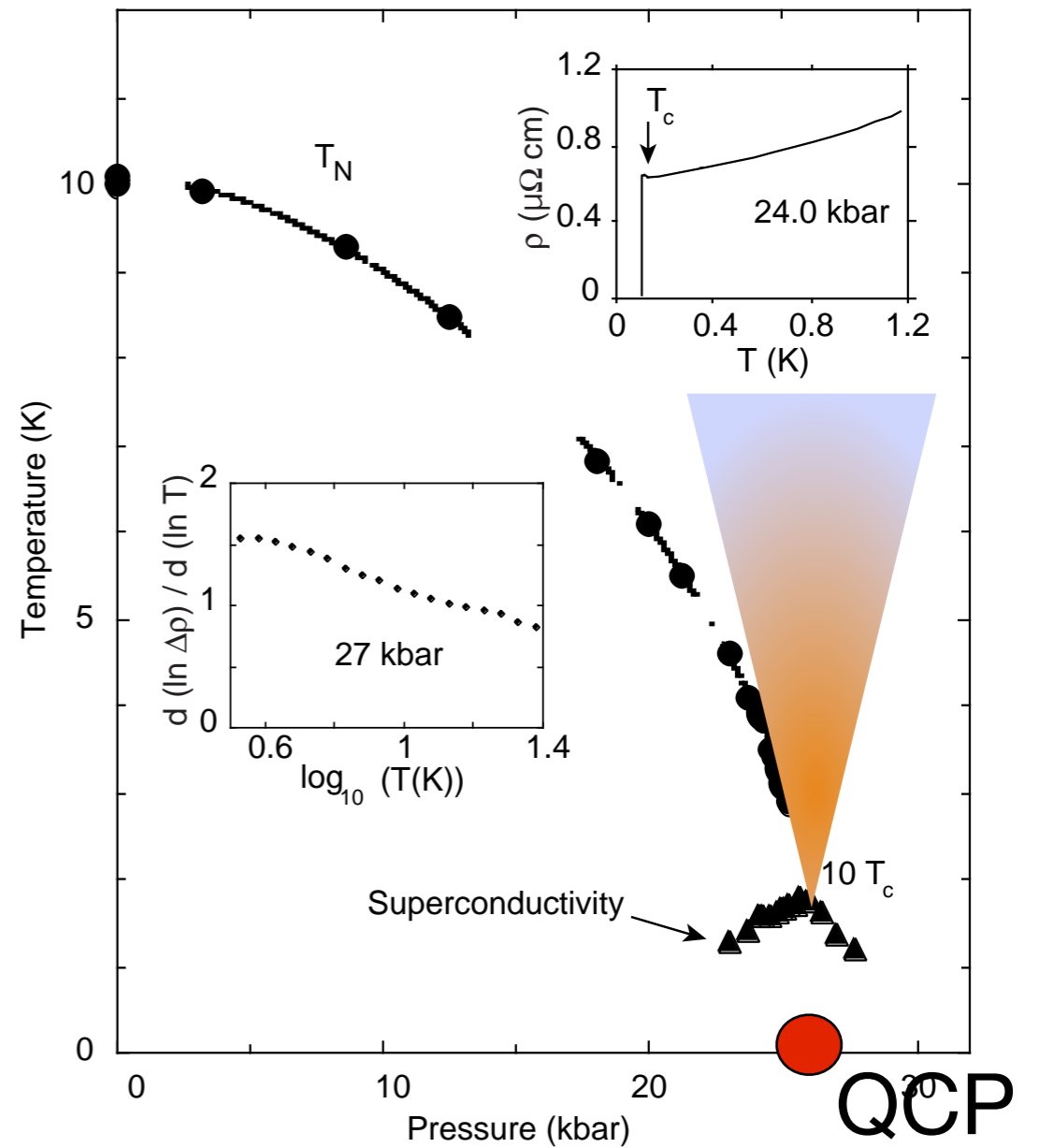


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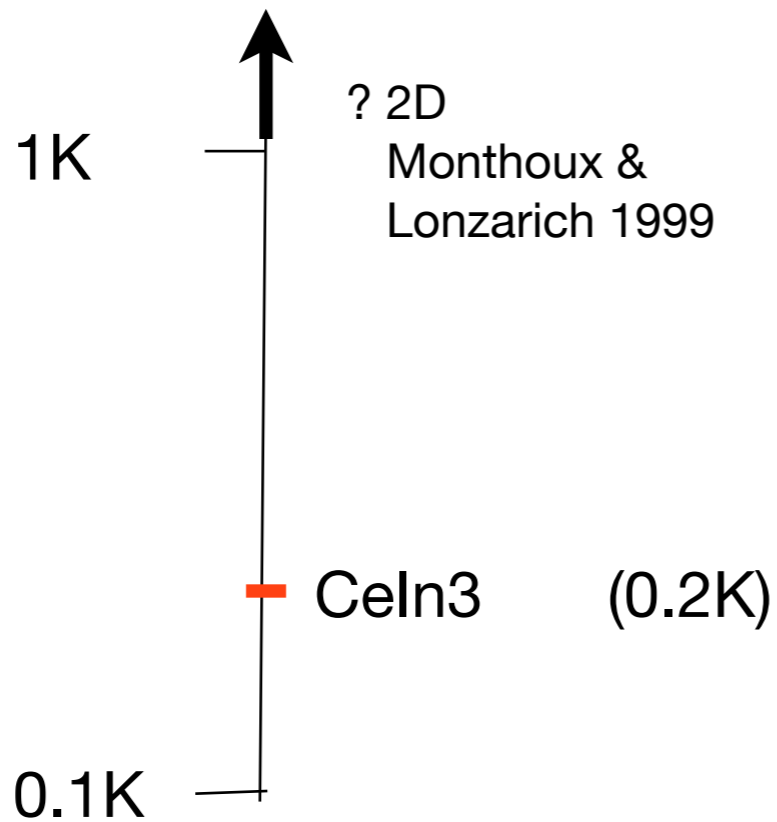
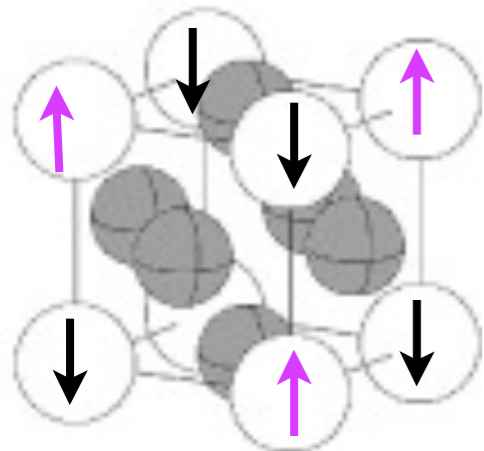
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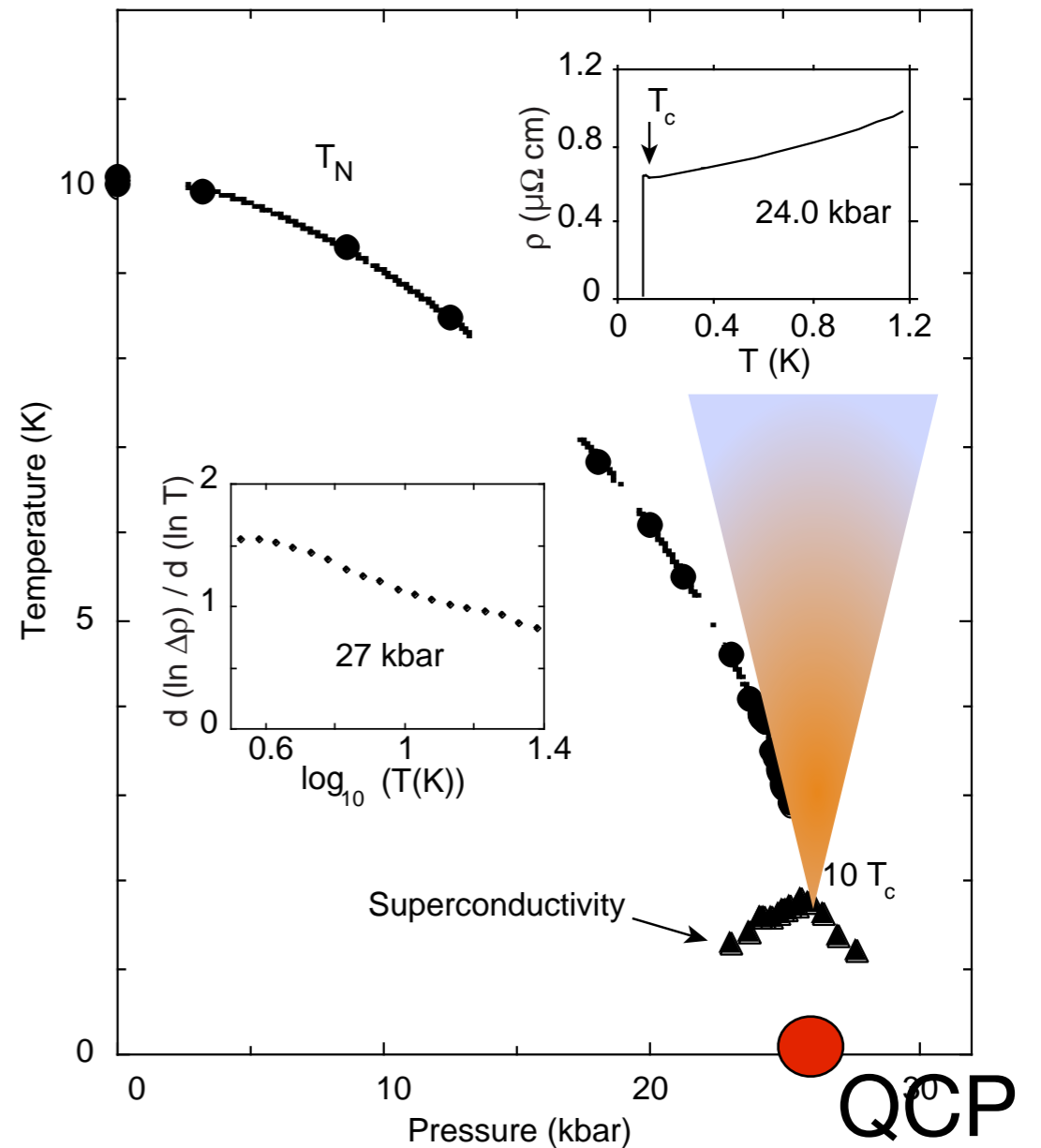
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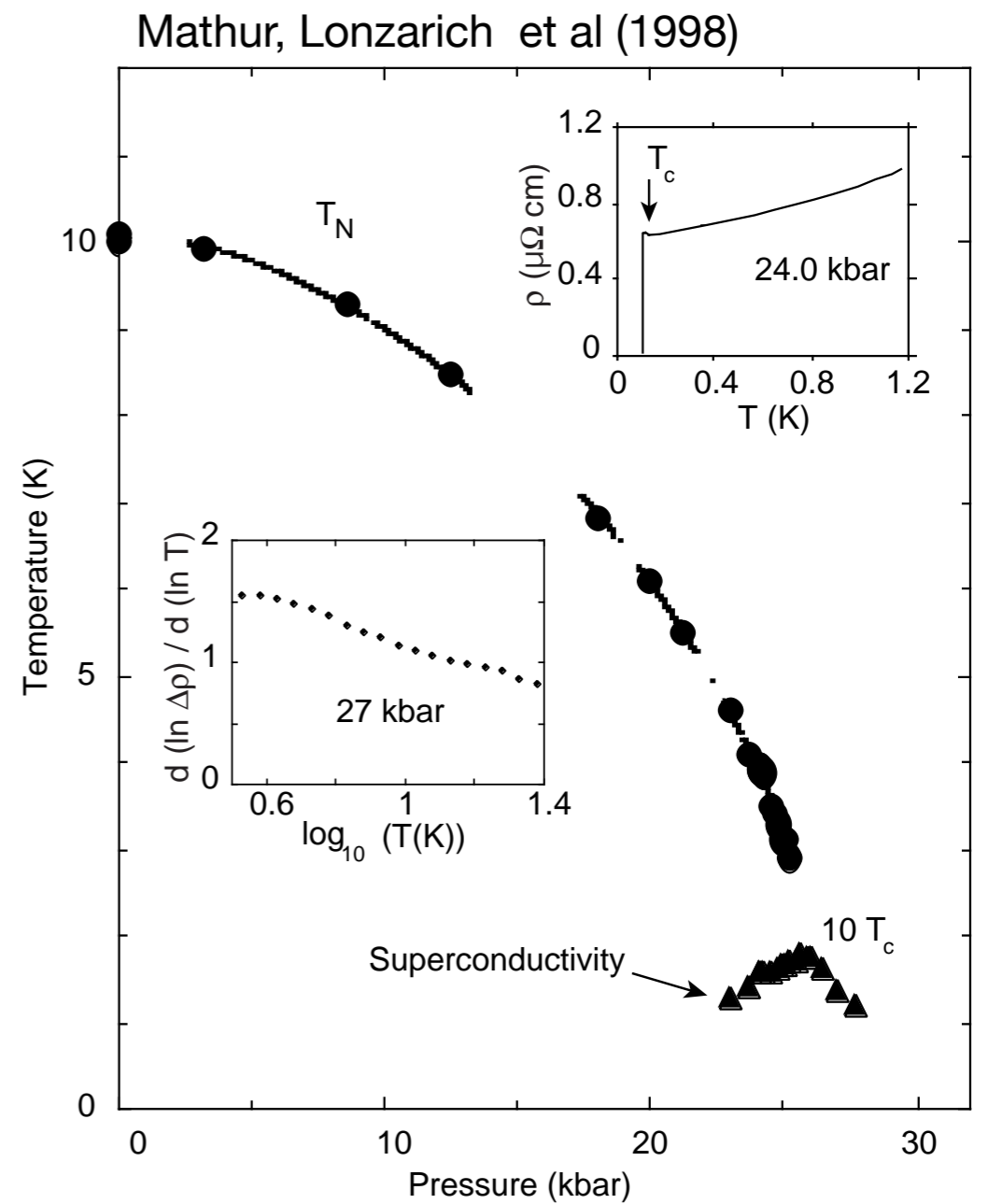
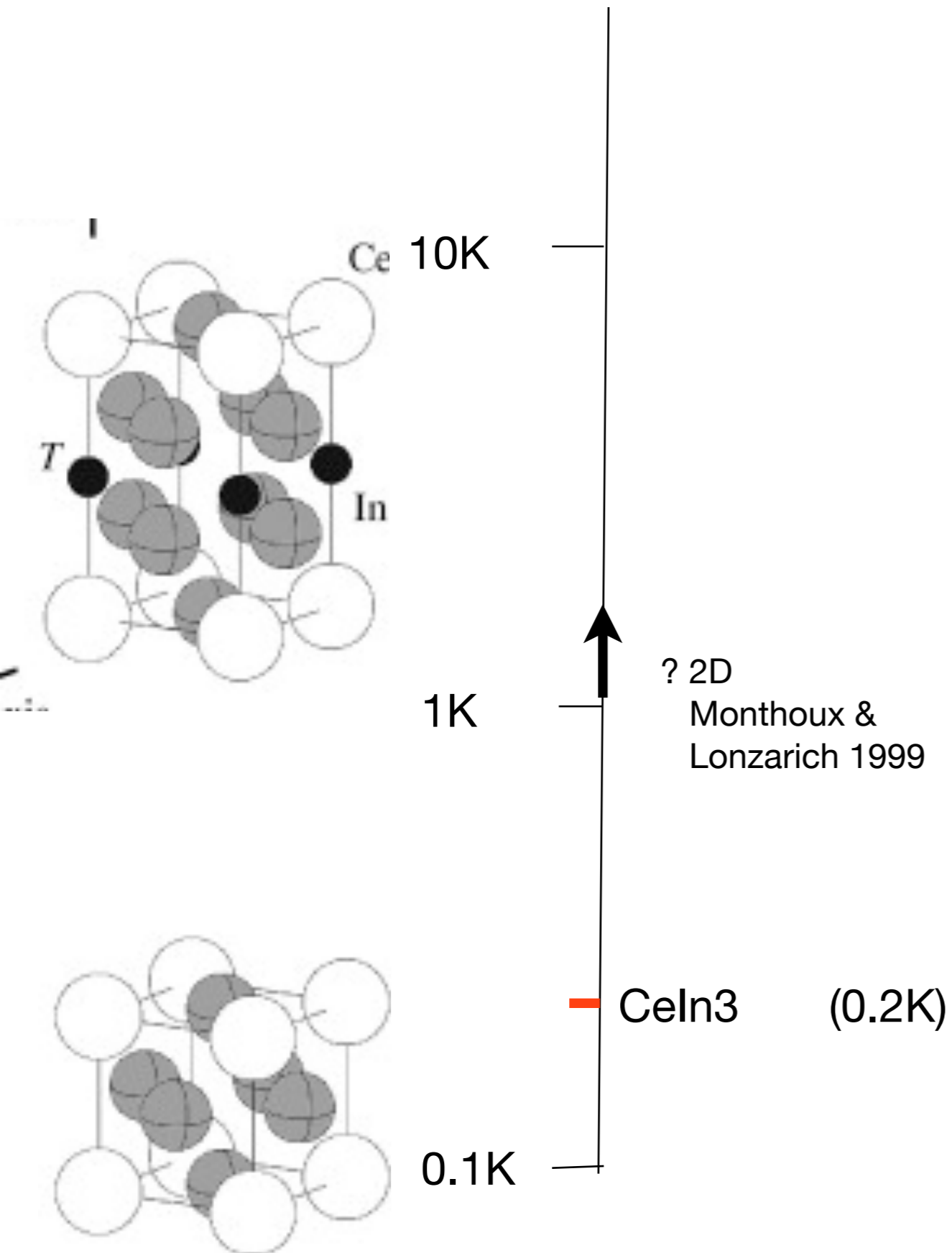


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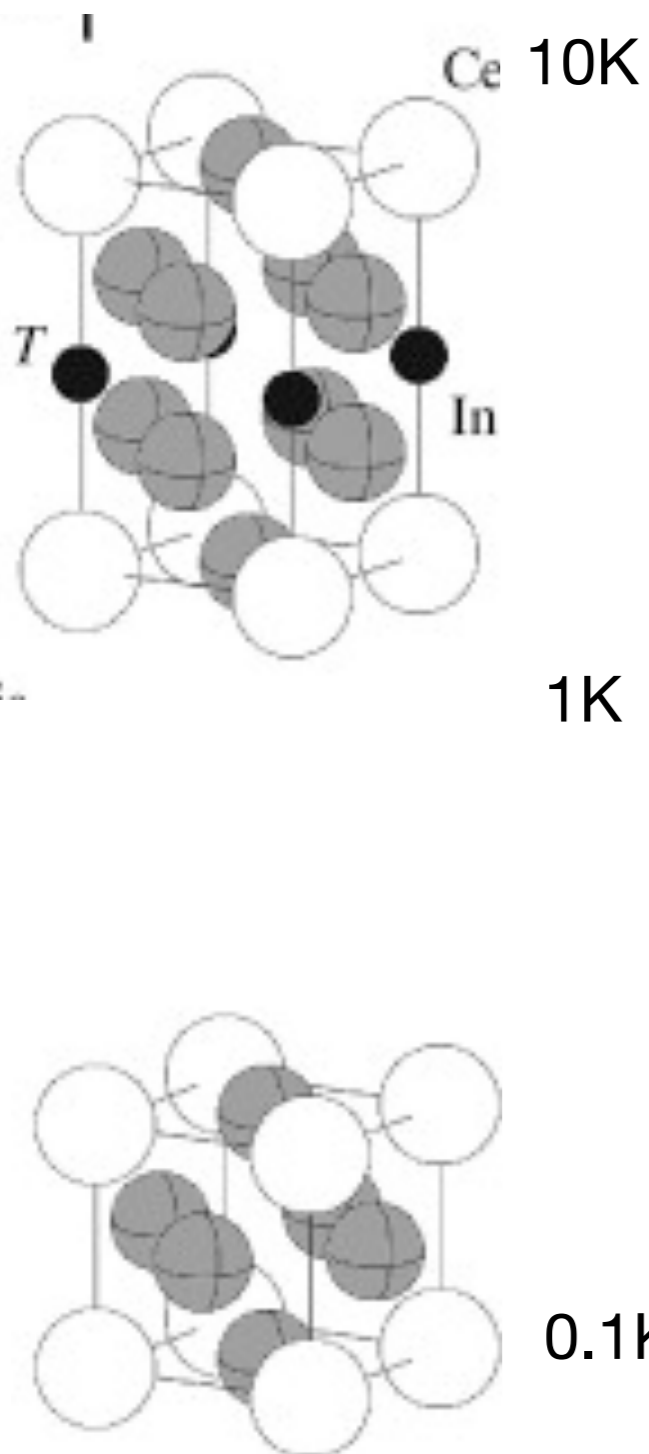
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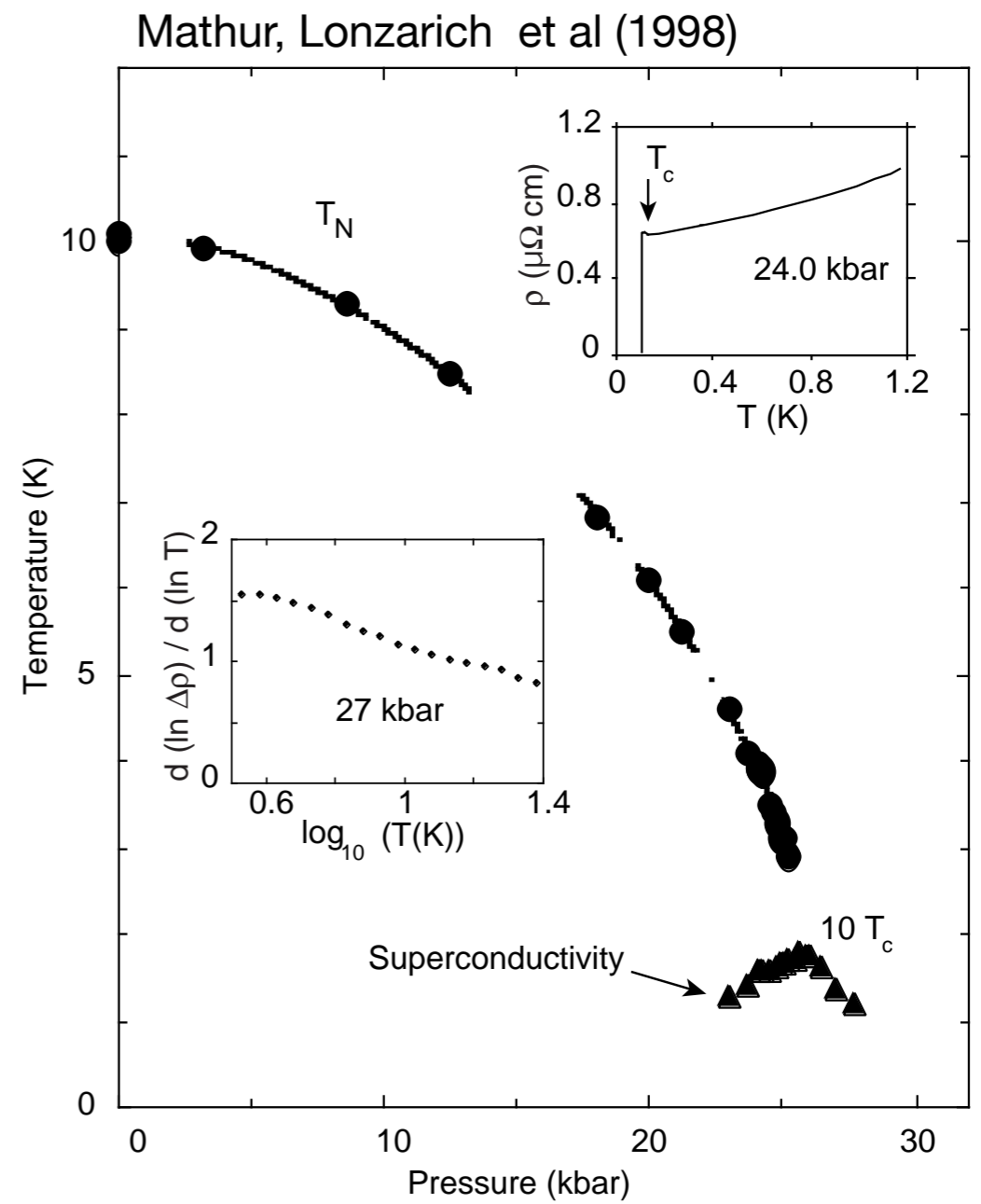
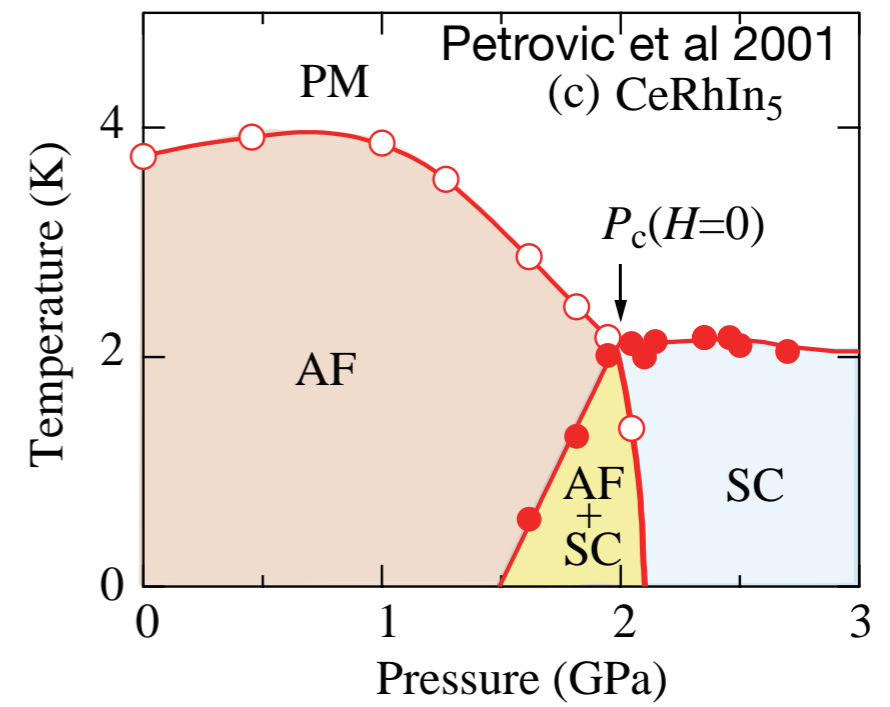


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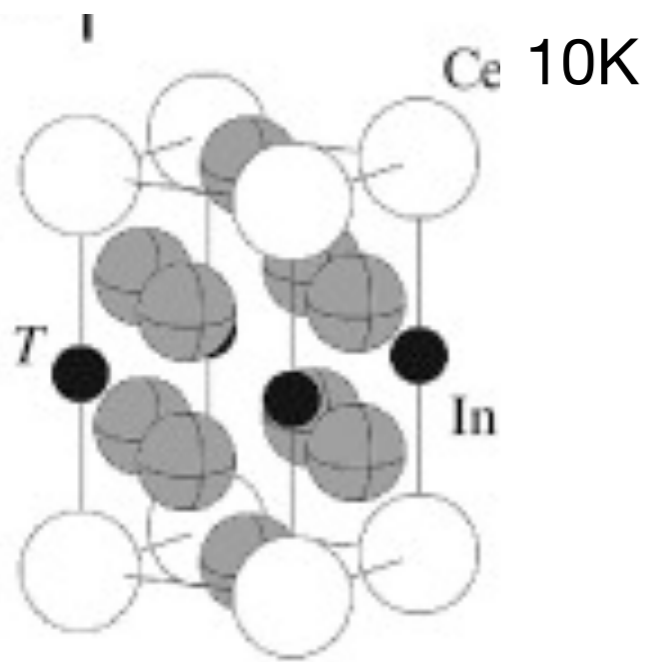


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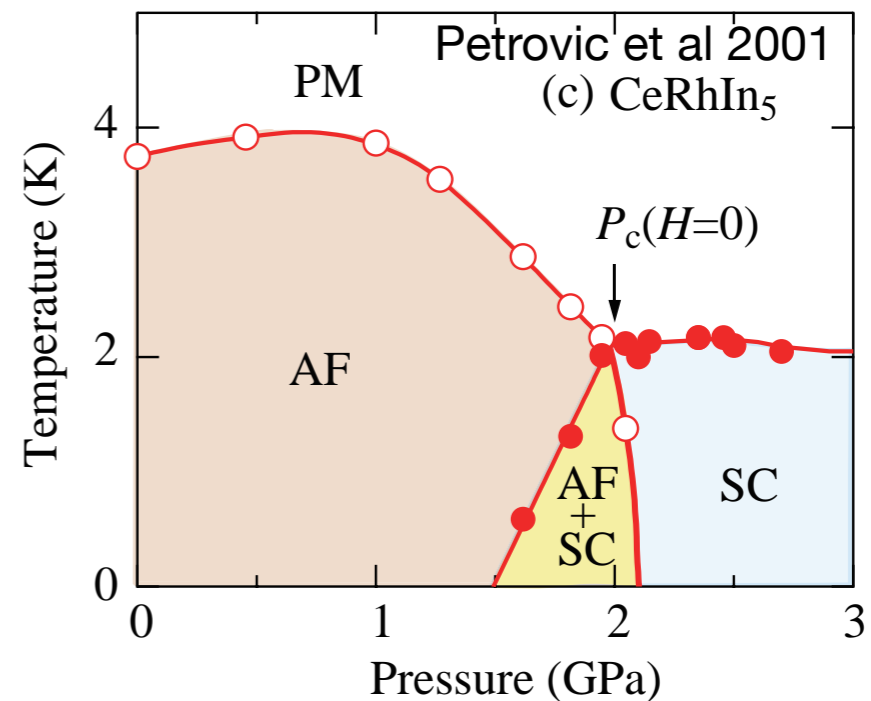
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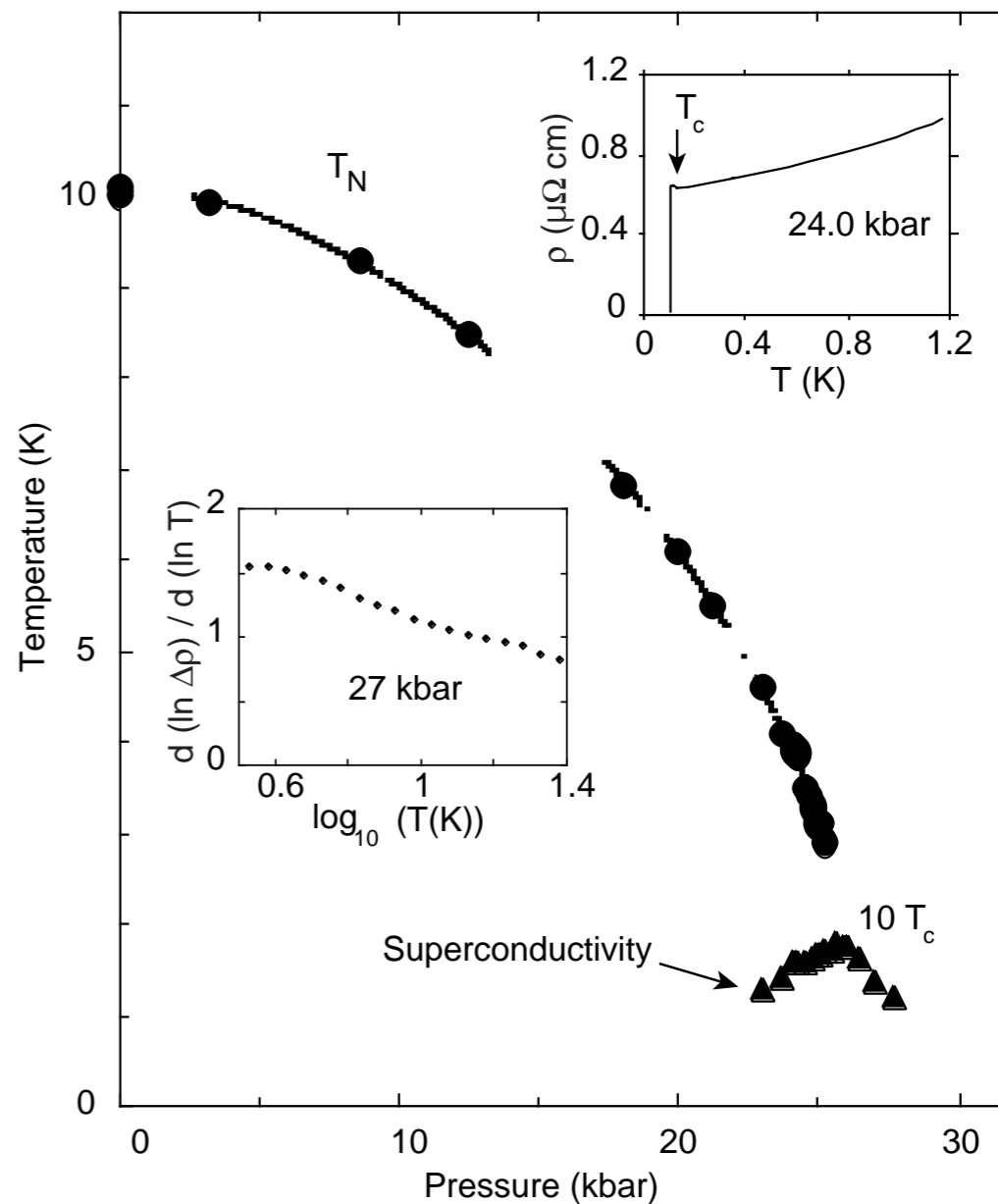
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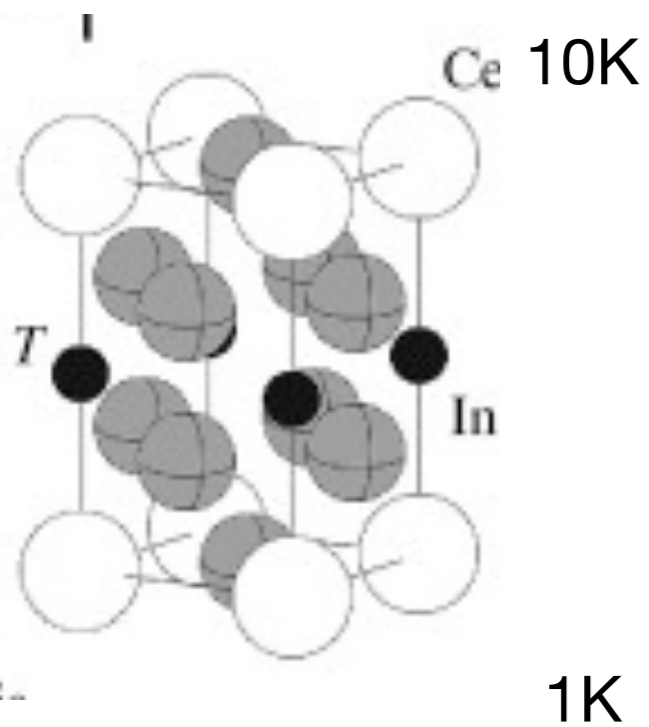
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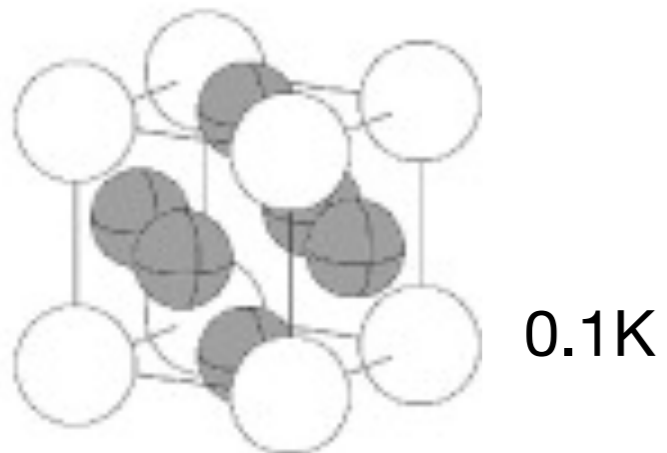


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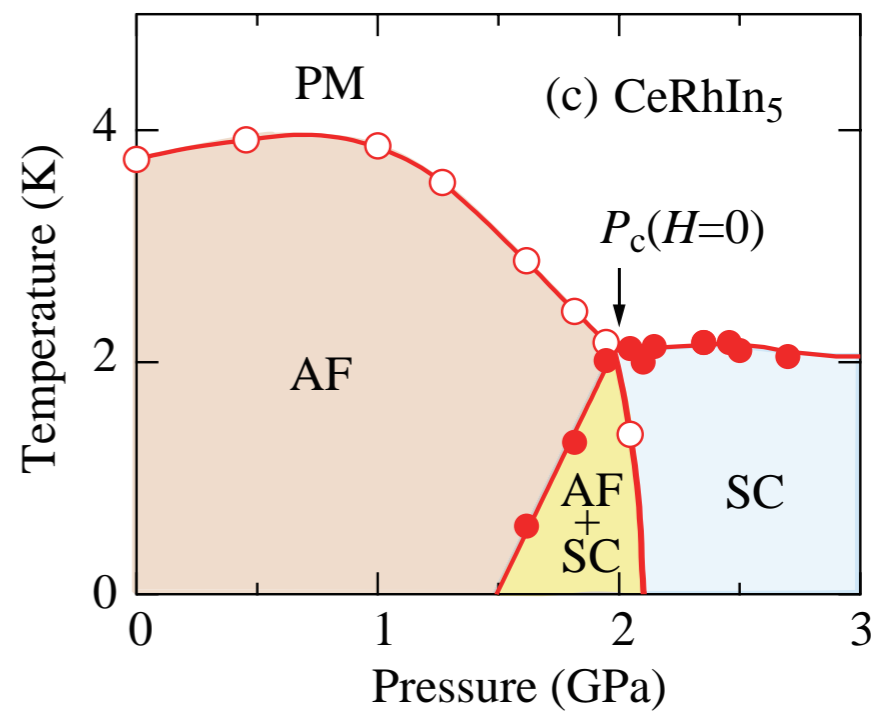
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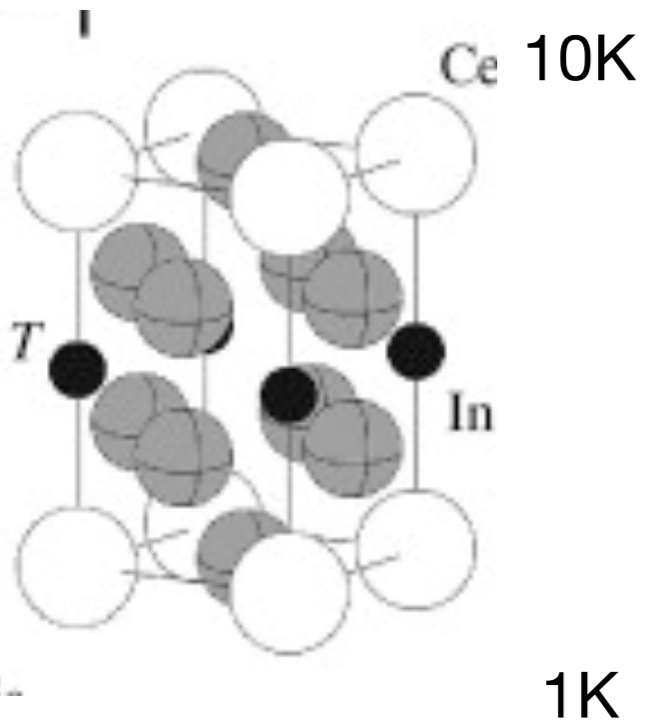


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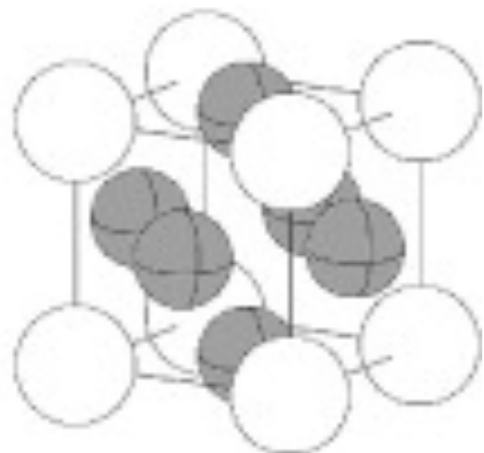
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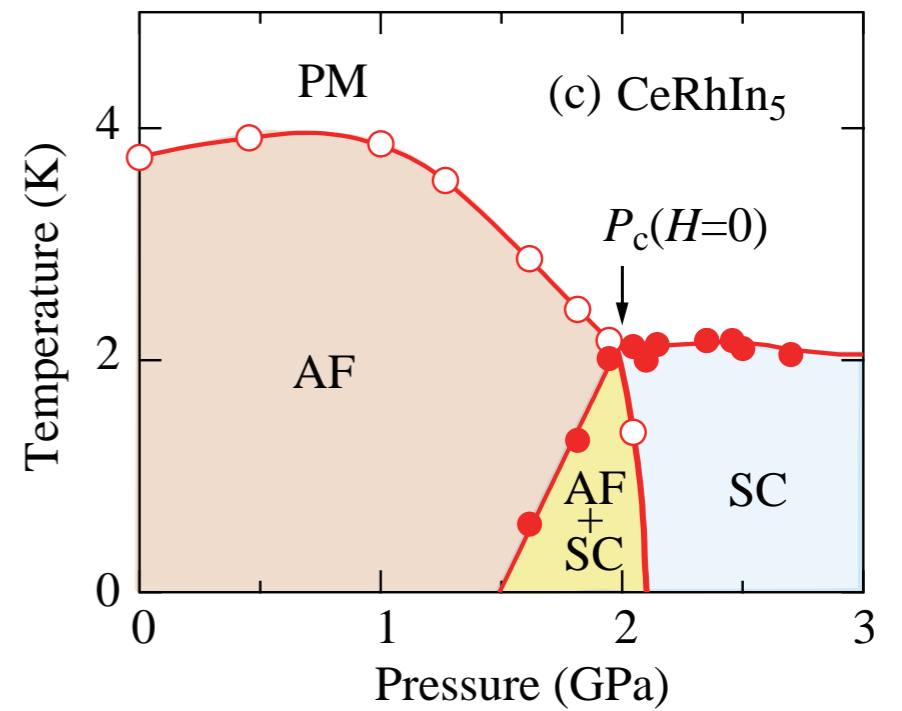
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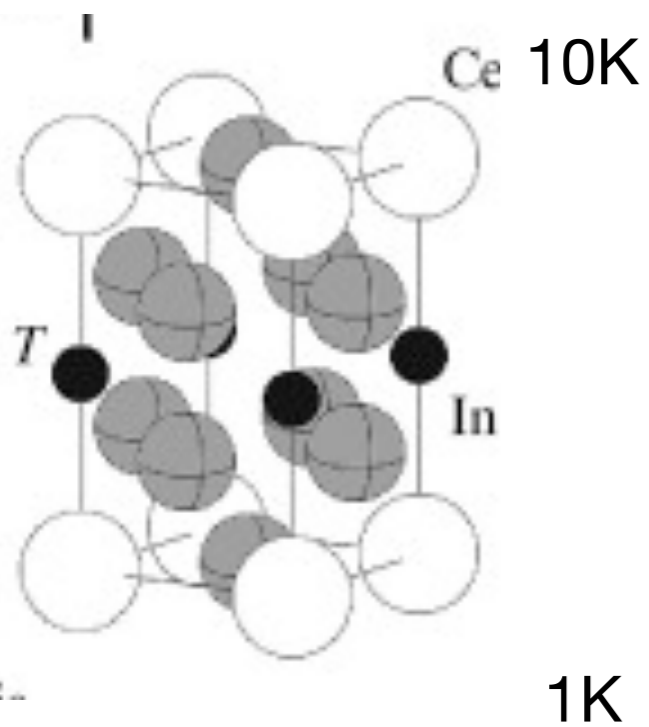
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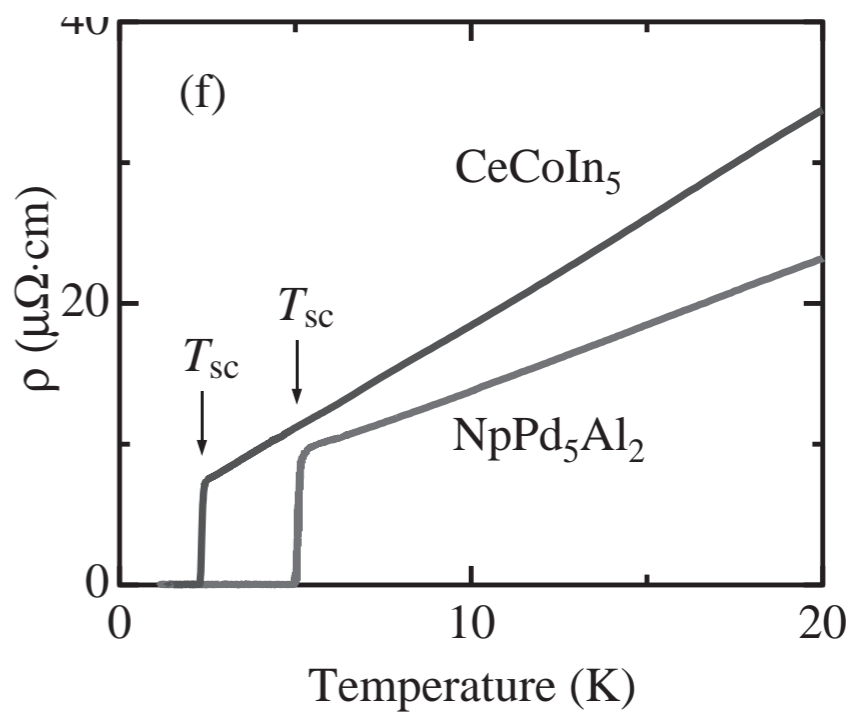
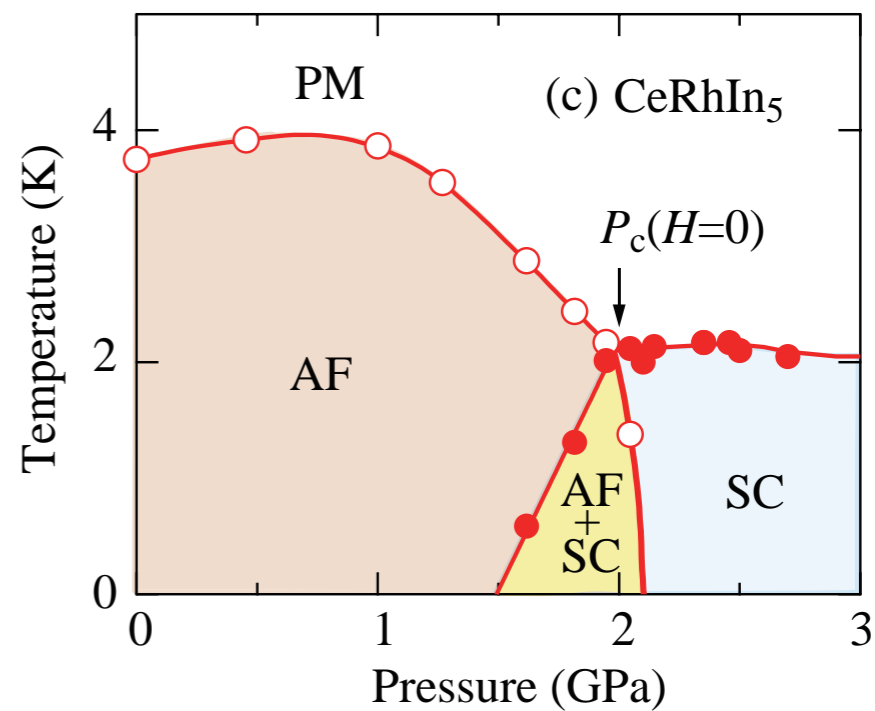
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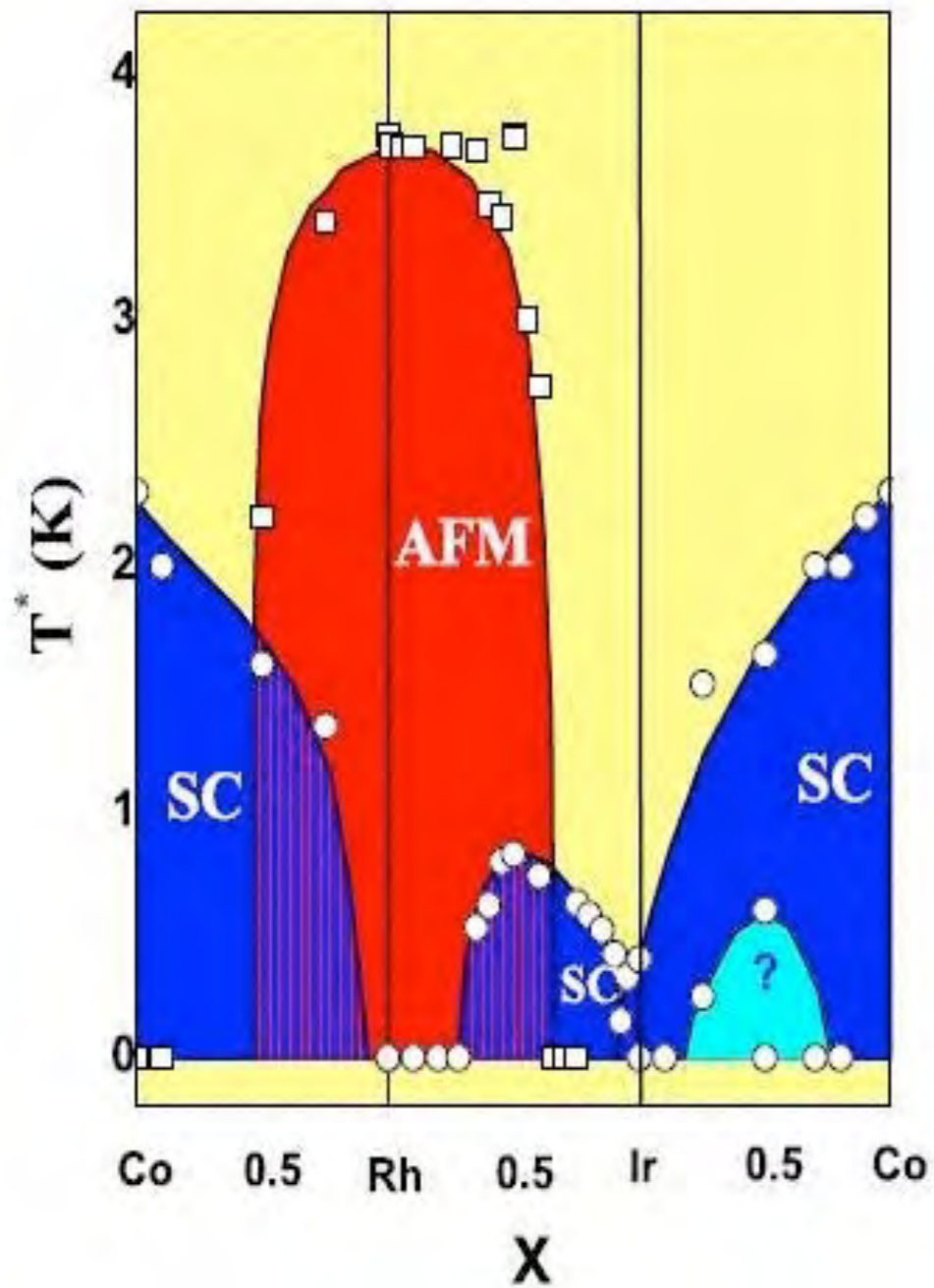
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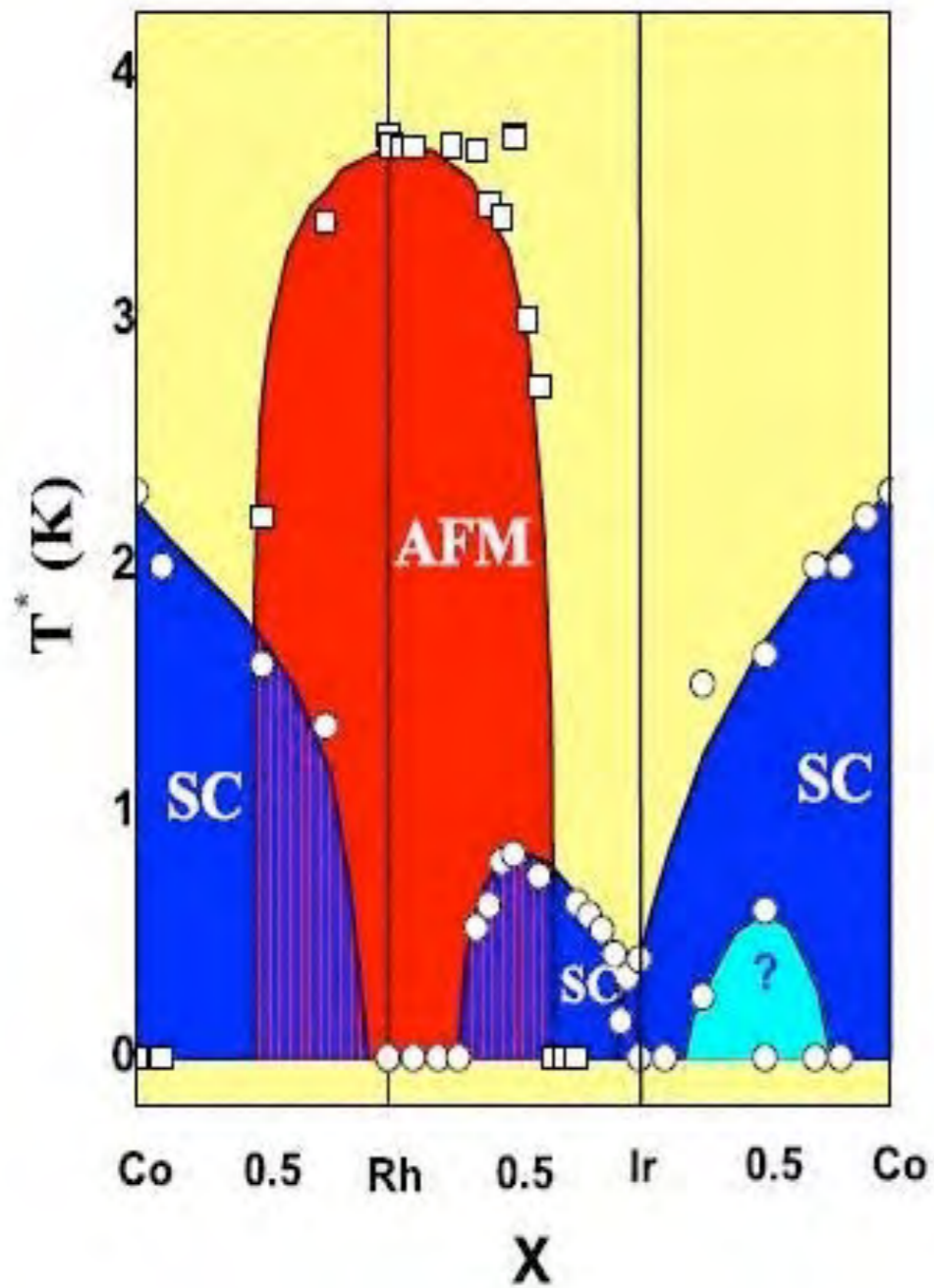
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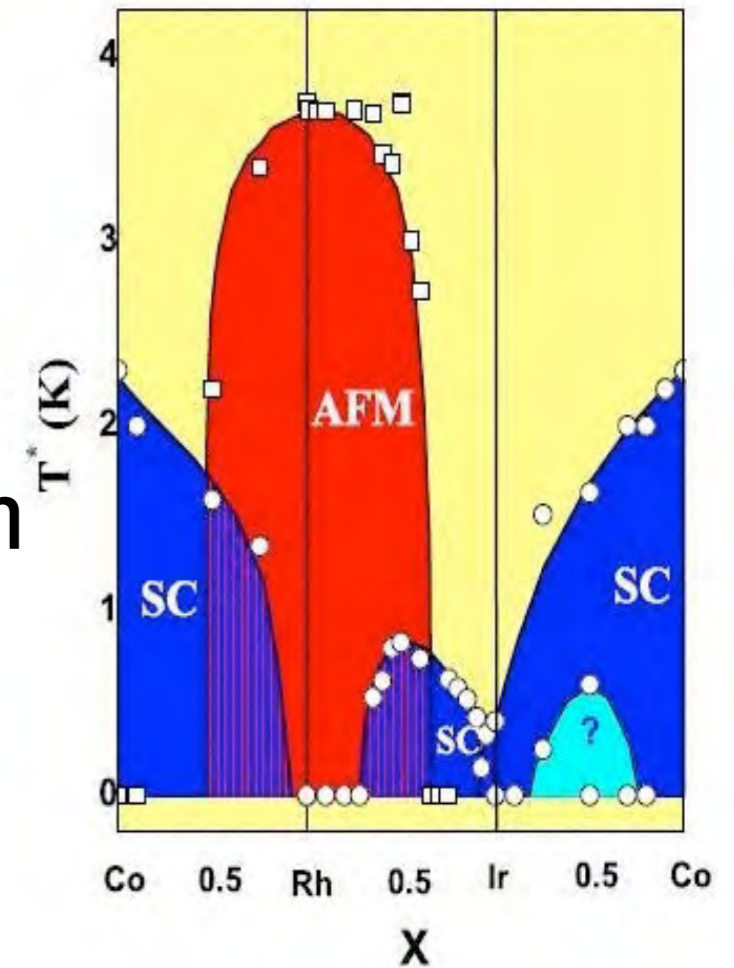


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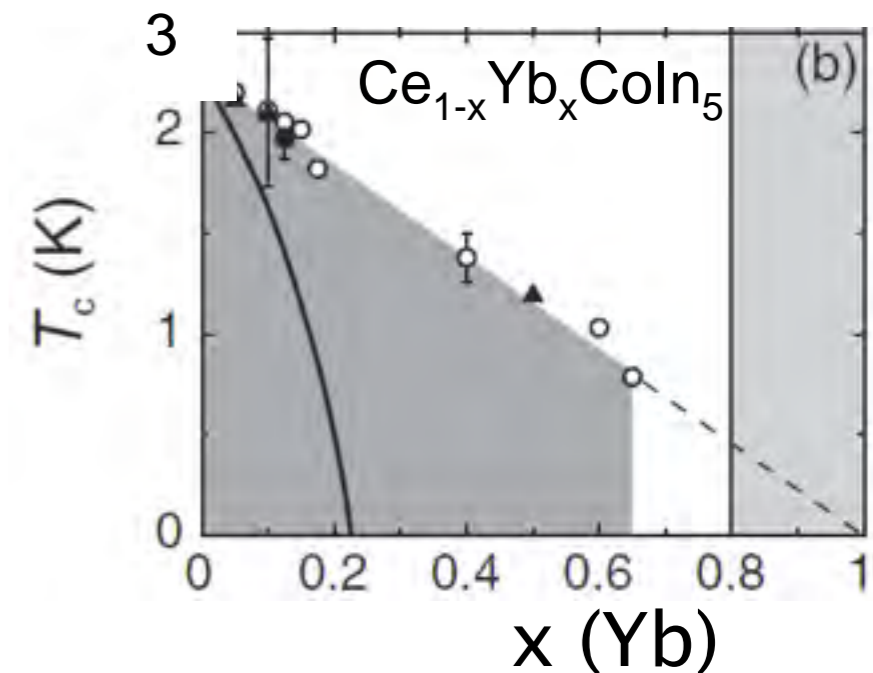
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- Superconductivity without magnetism ( $\text{PuMIn}_5$ ,  $\text{PuMGa}_5$ ,  $\text{NpPd}_5\text{Al}_2$ )
- Extreme robustness to disorder
- Many Ce superconductors, one (weak) Yb superconductor

**Are there other possible mechanisms?**



Sarrao and Thompson JPSJ (2007)

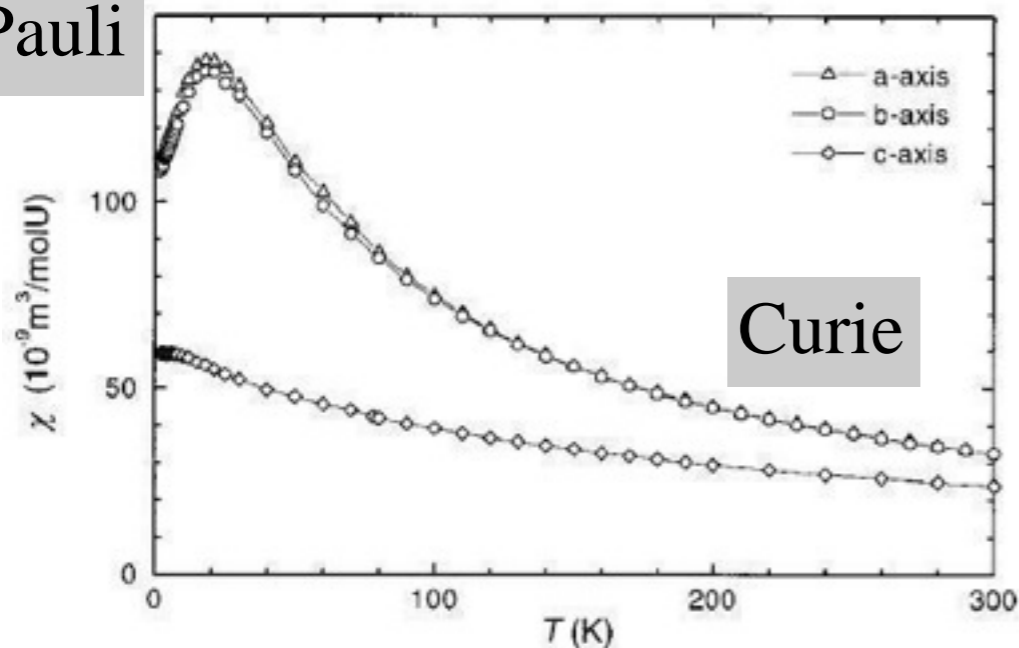


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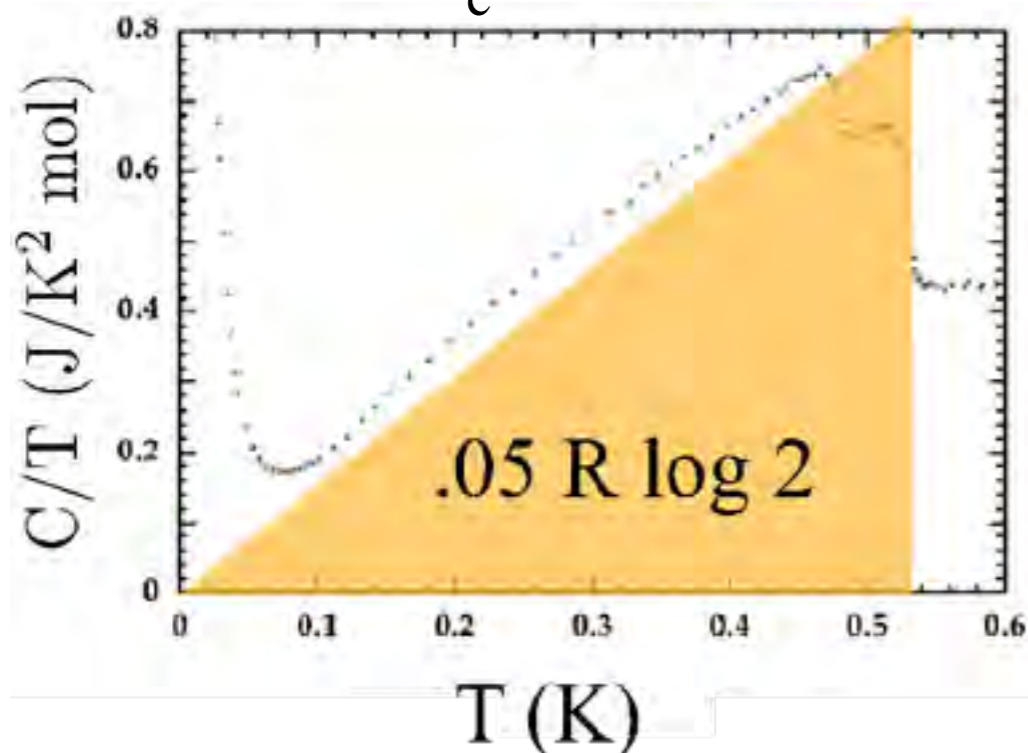
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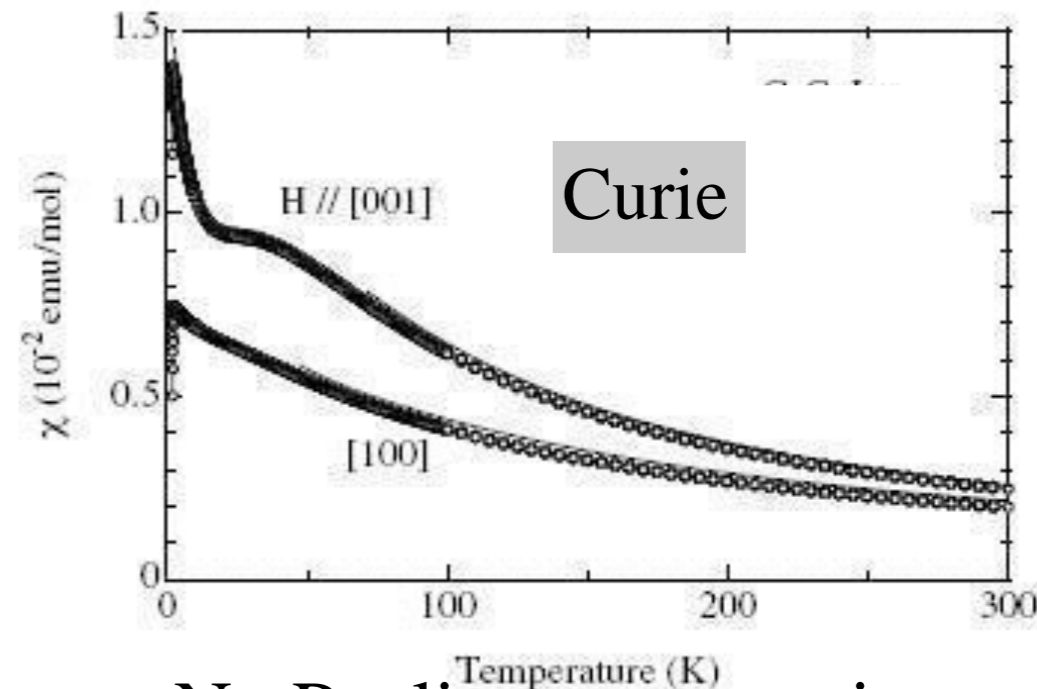


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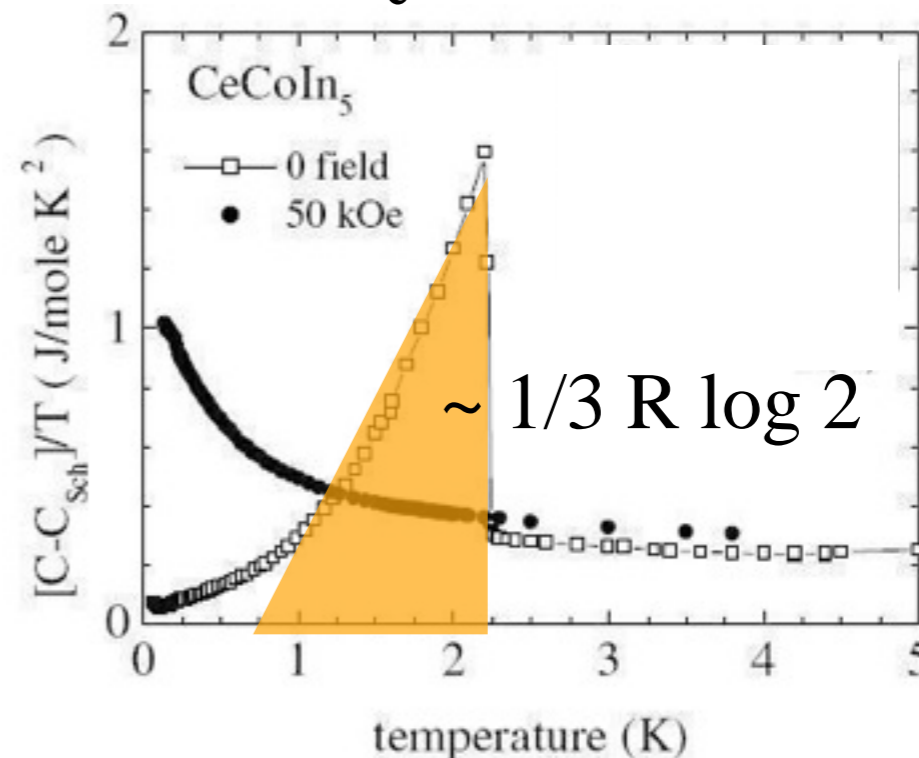


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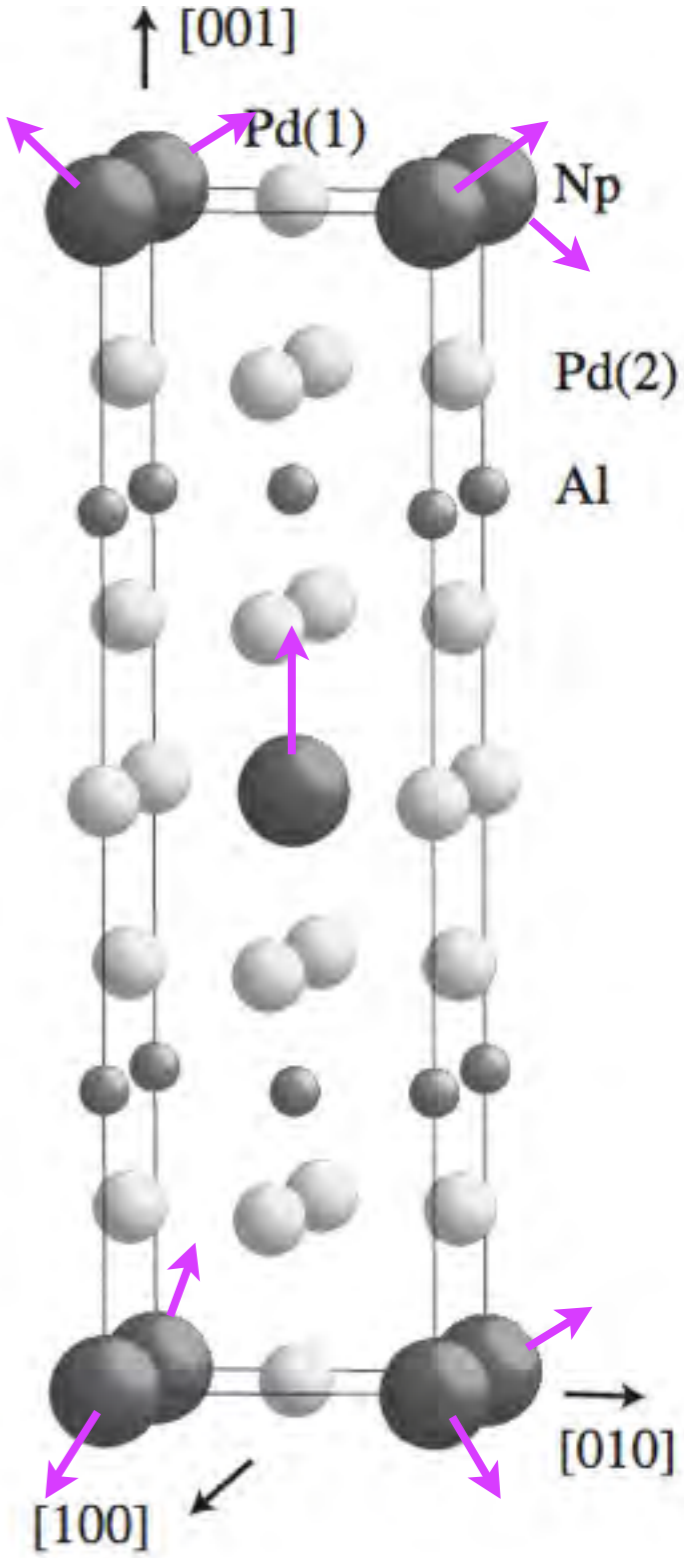


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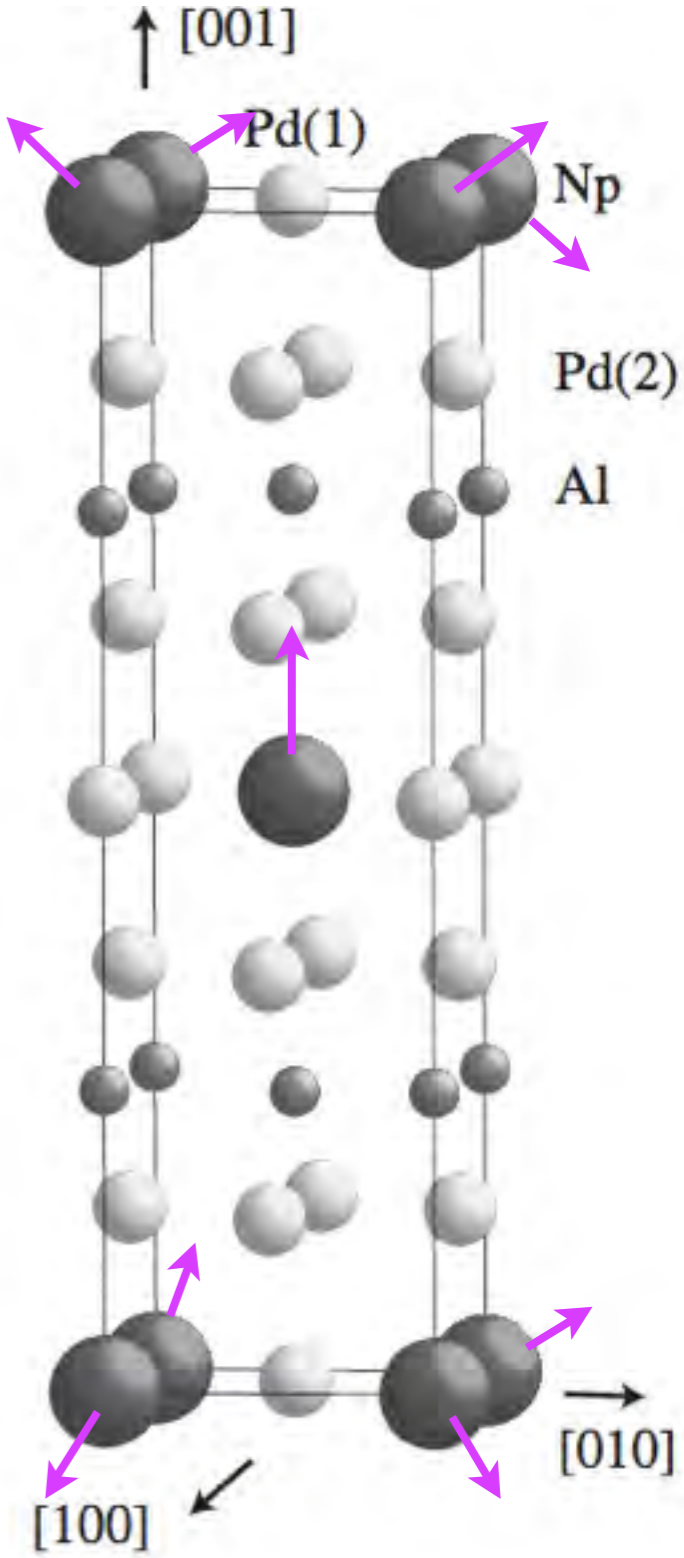
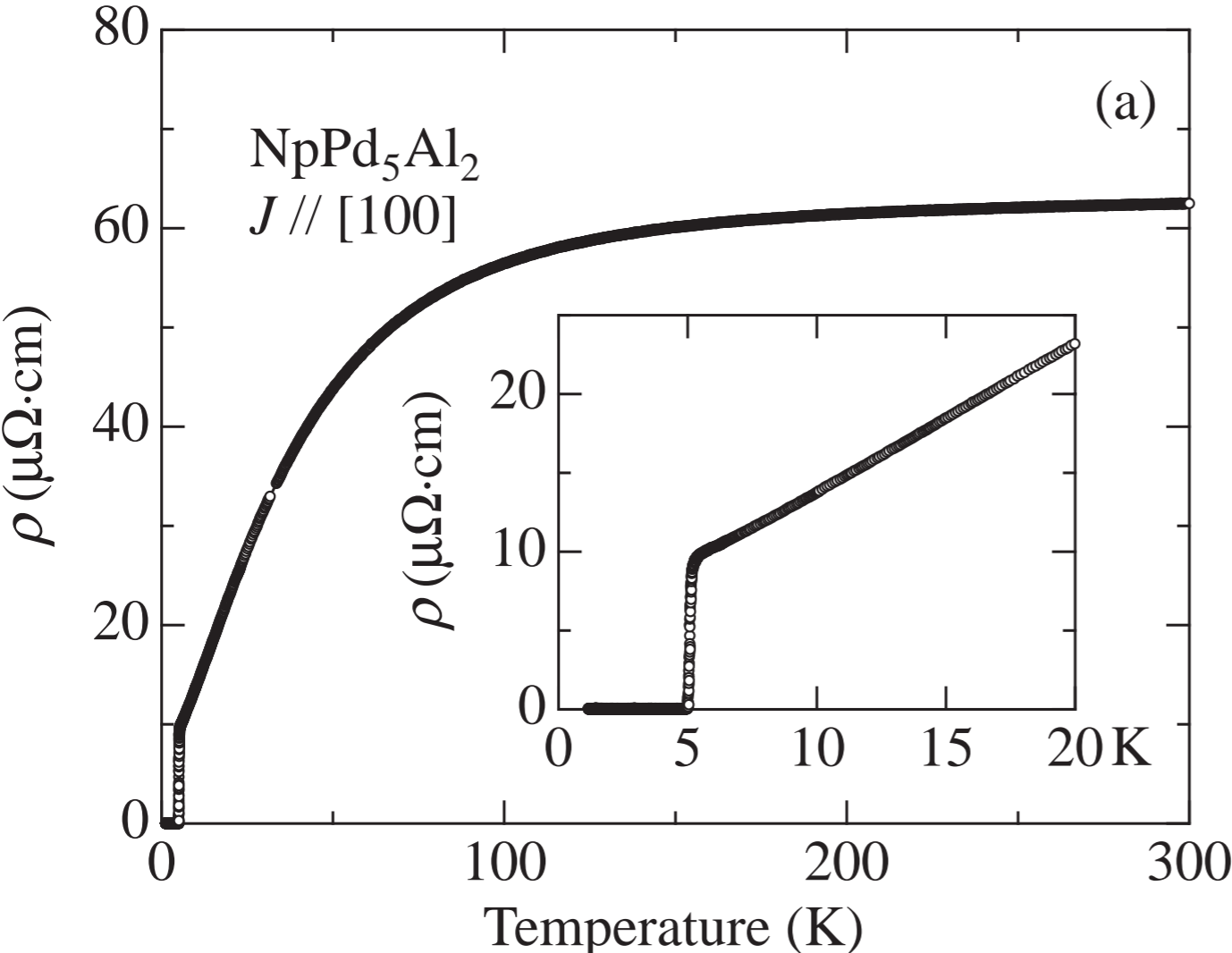


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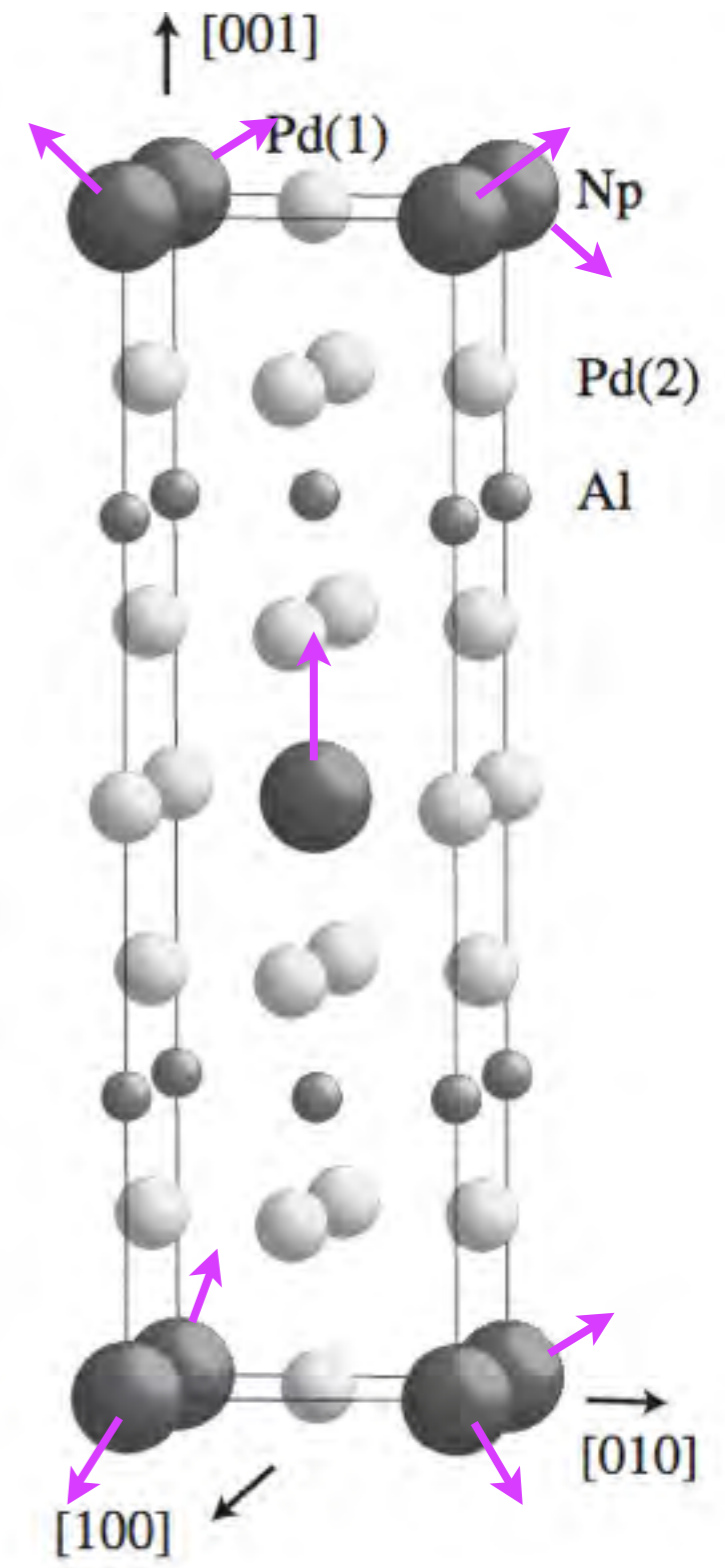
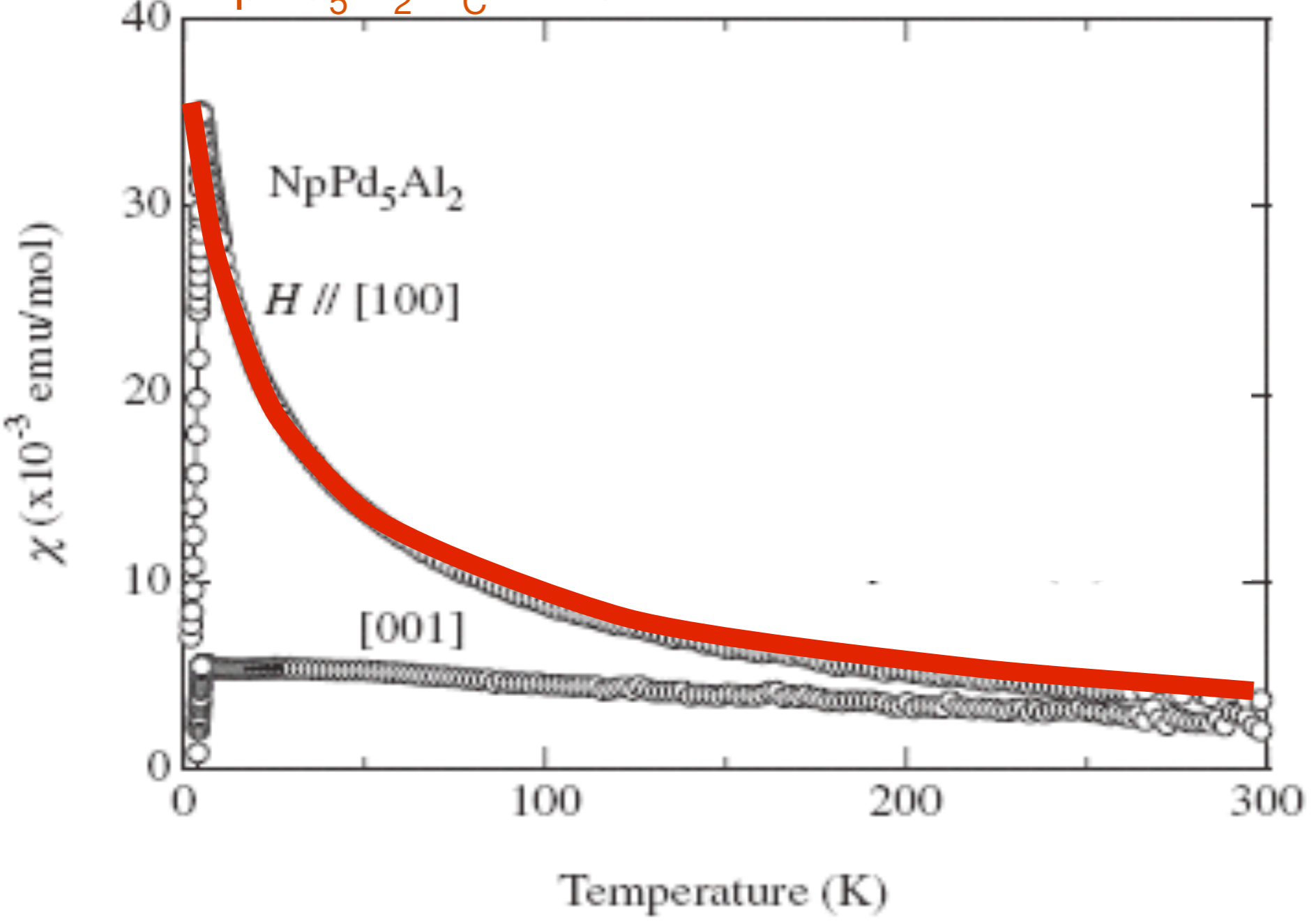
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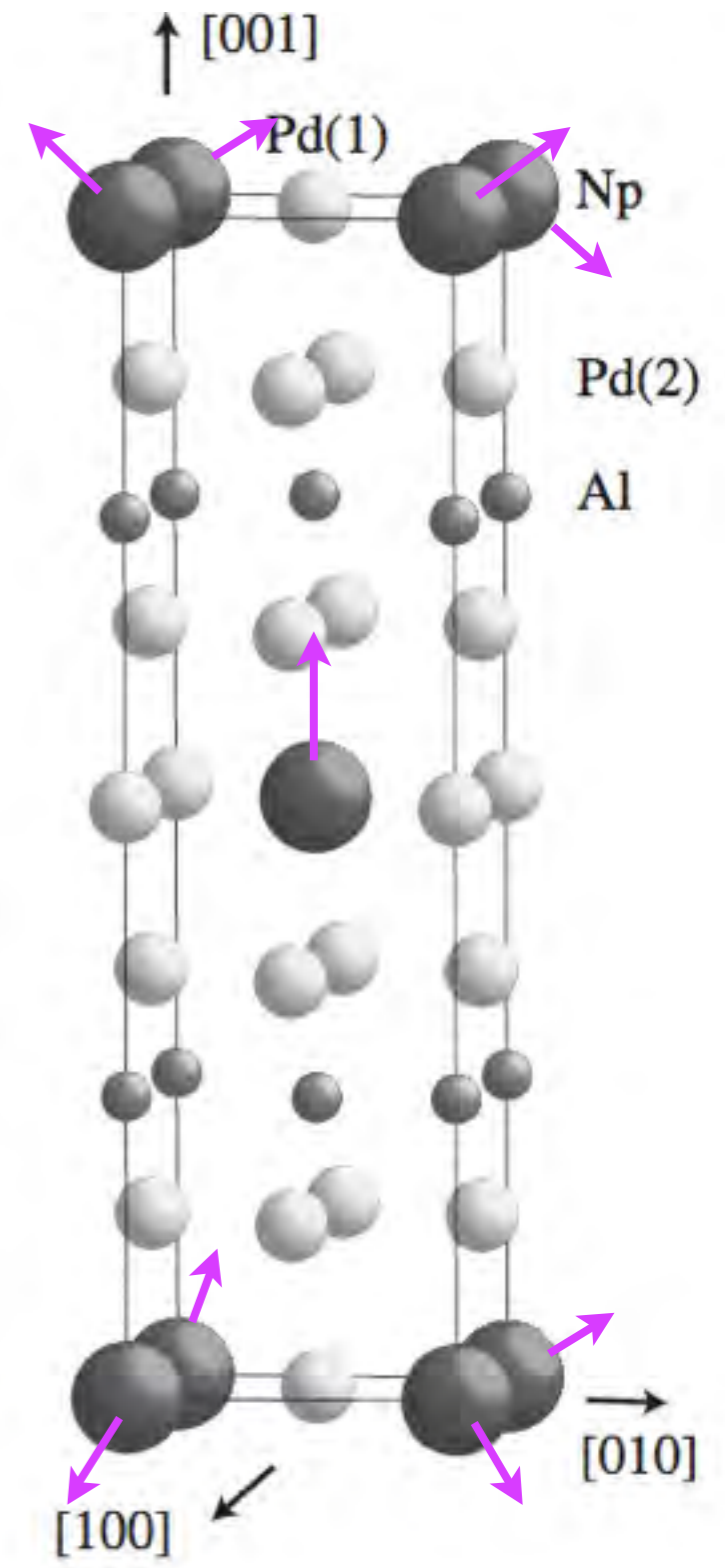
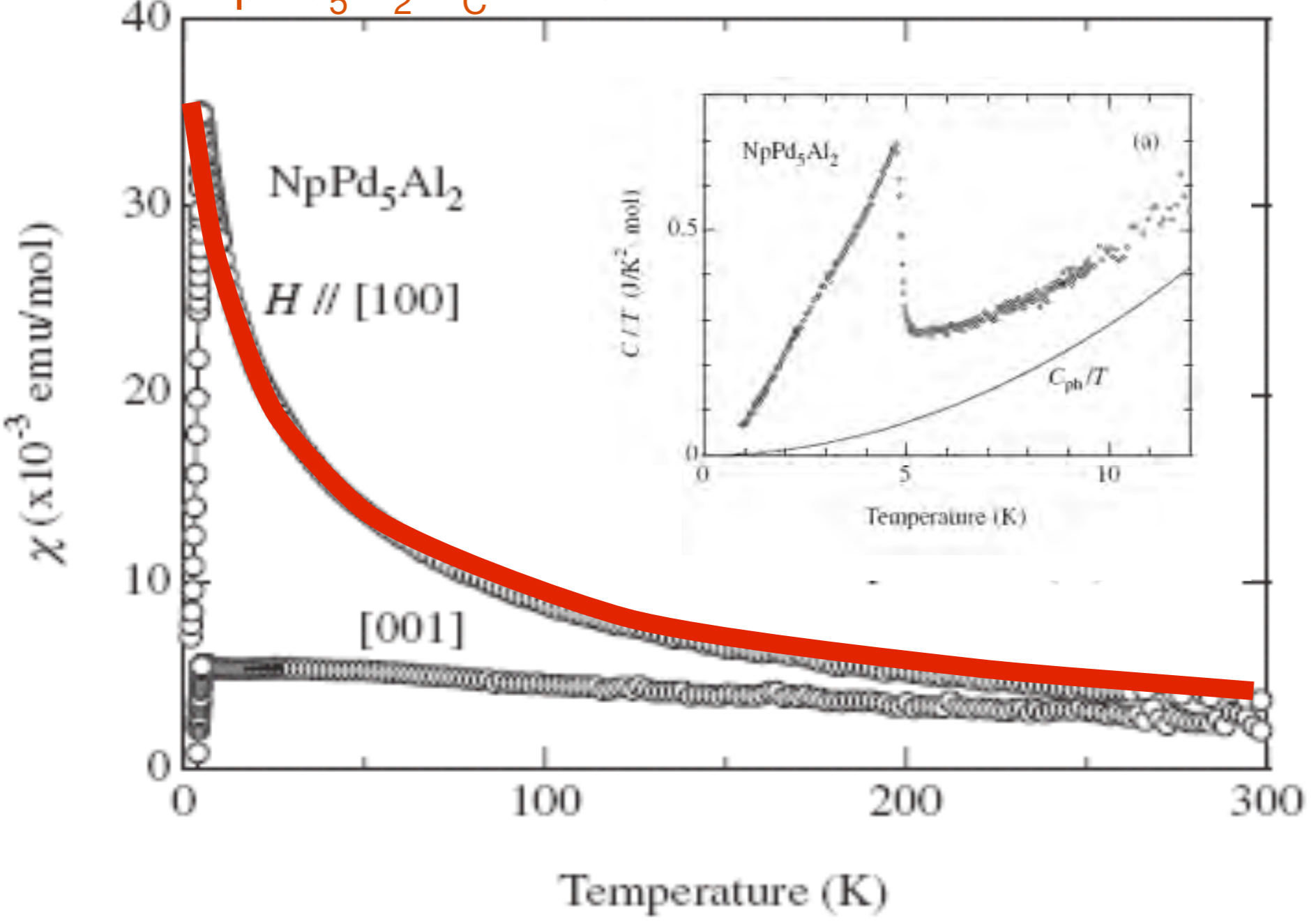
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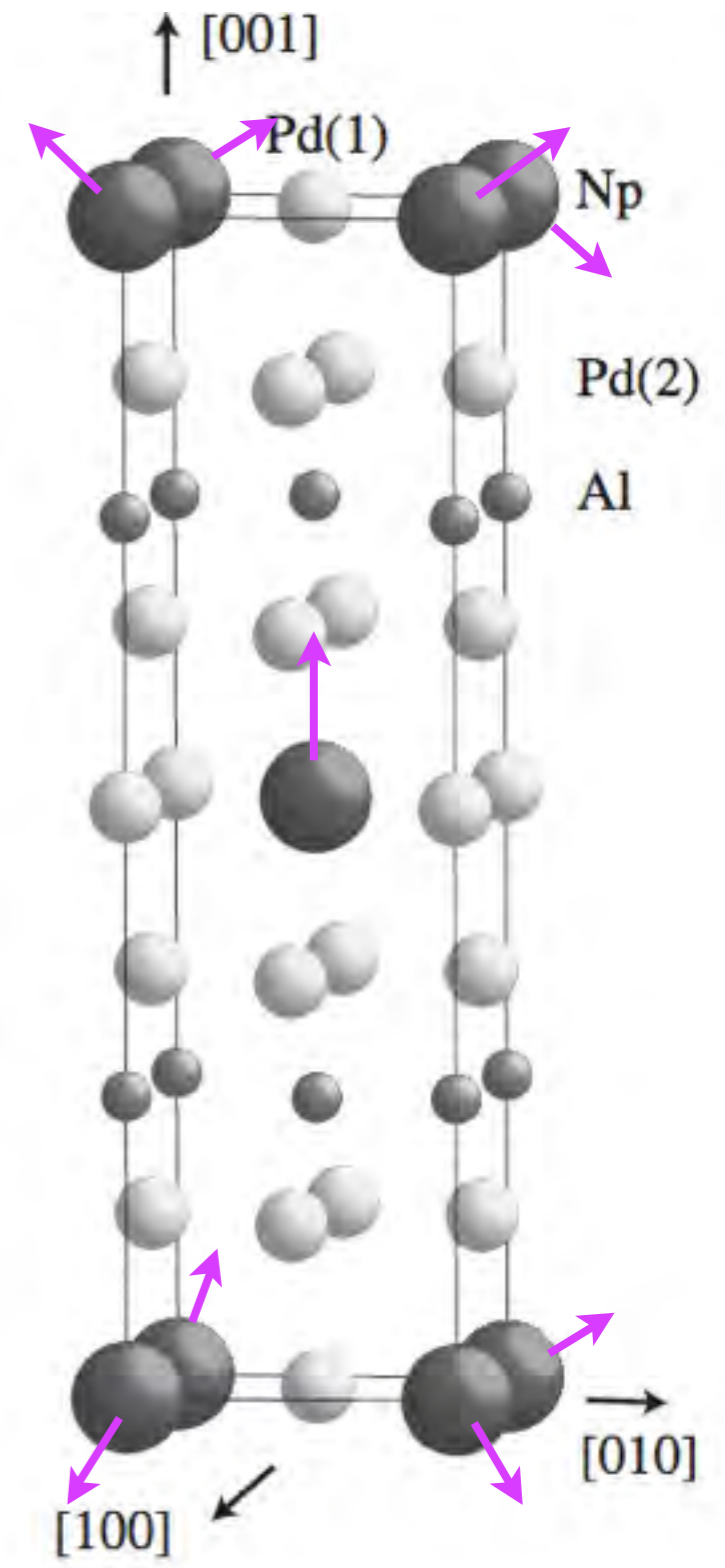
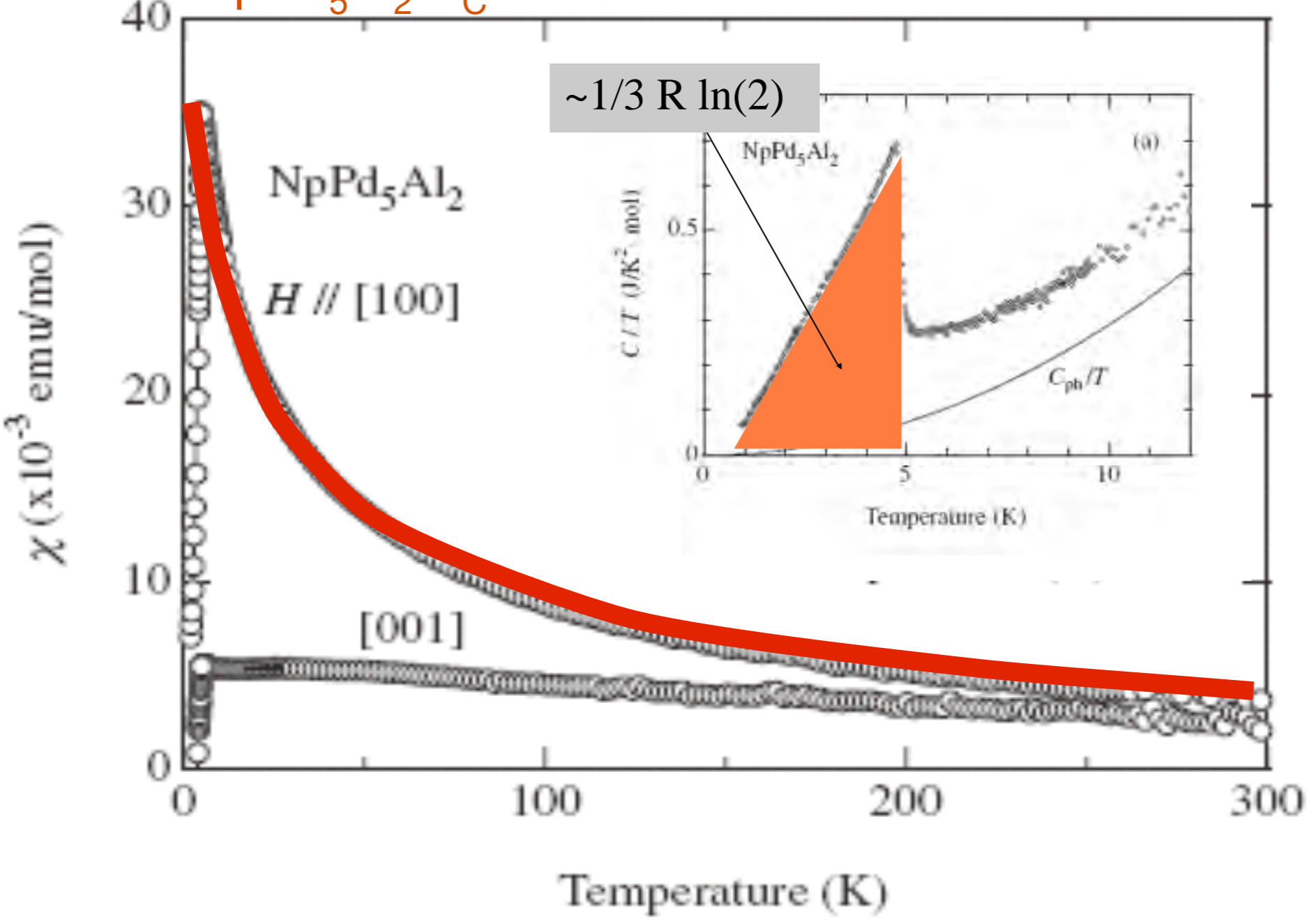


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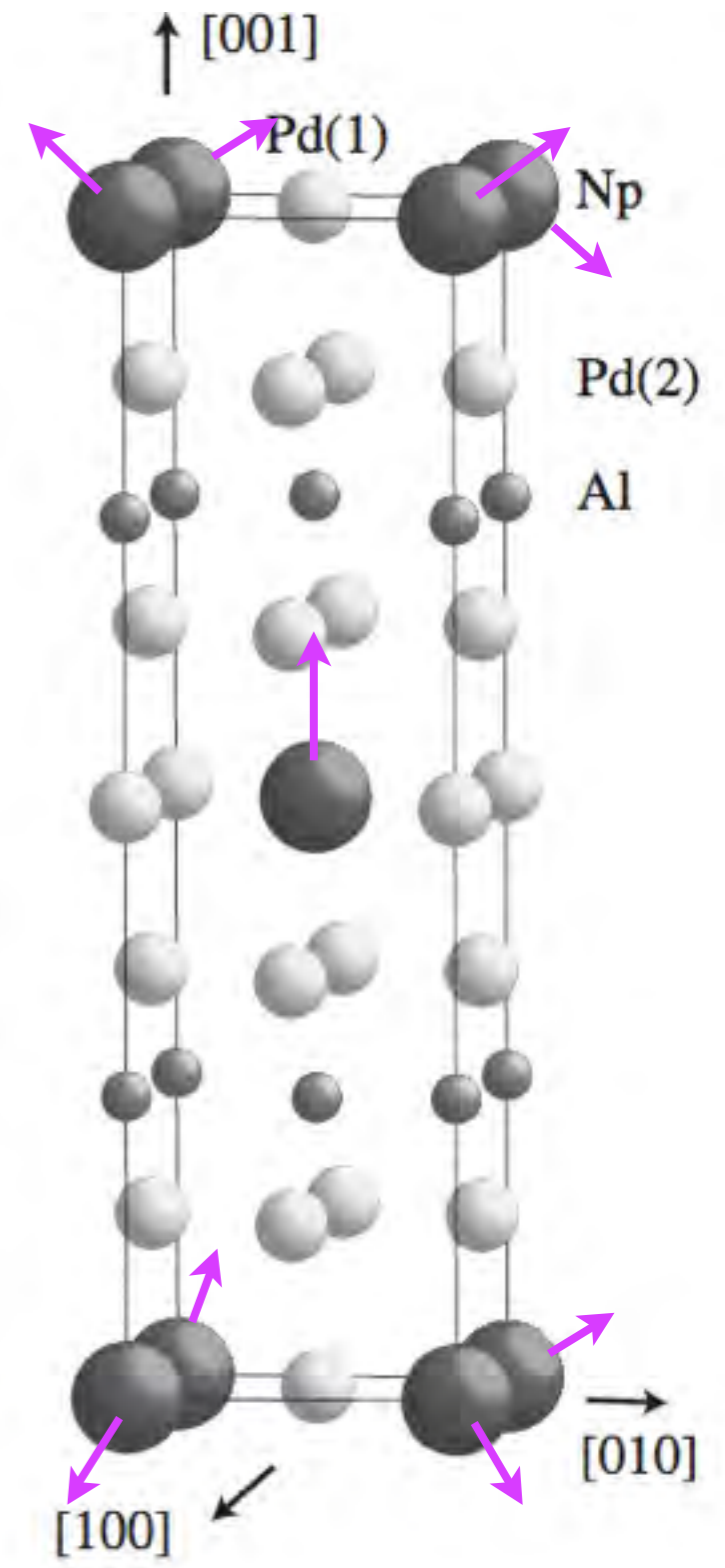
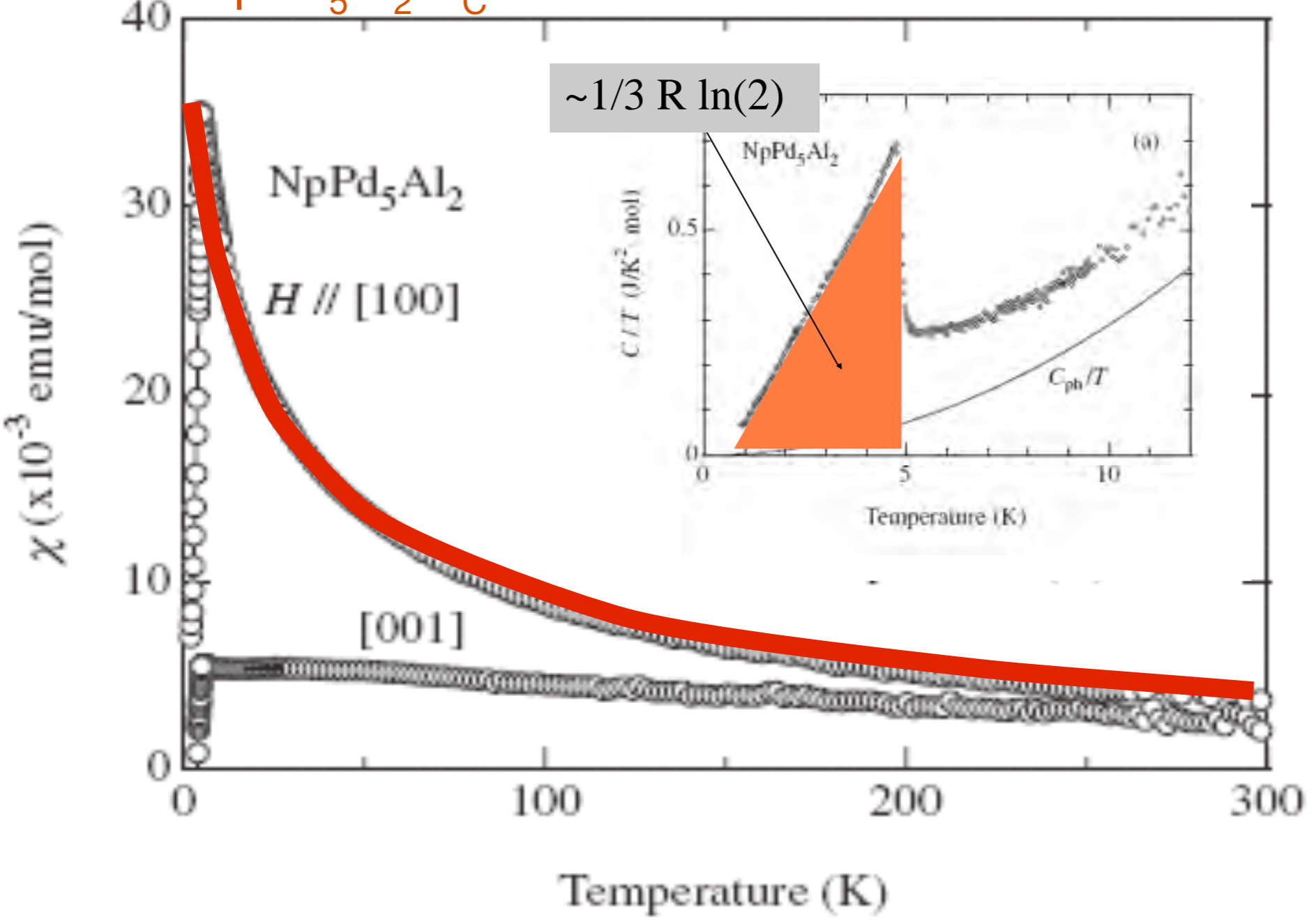
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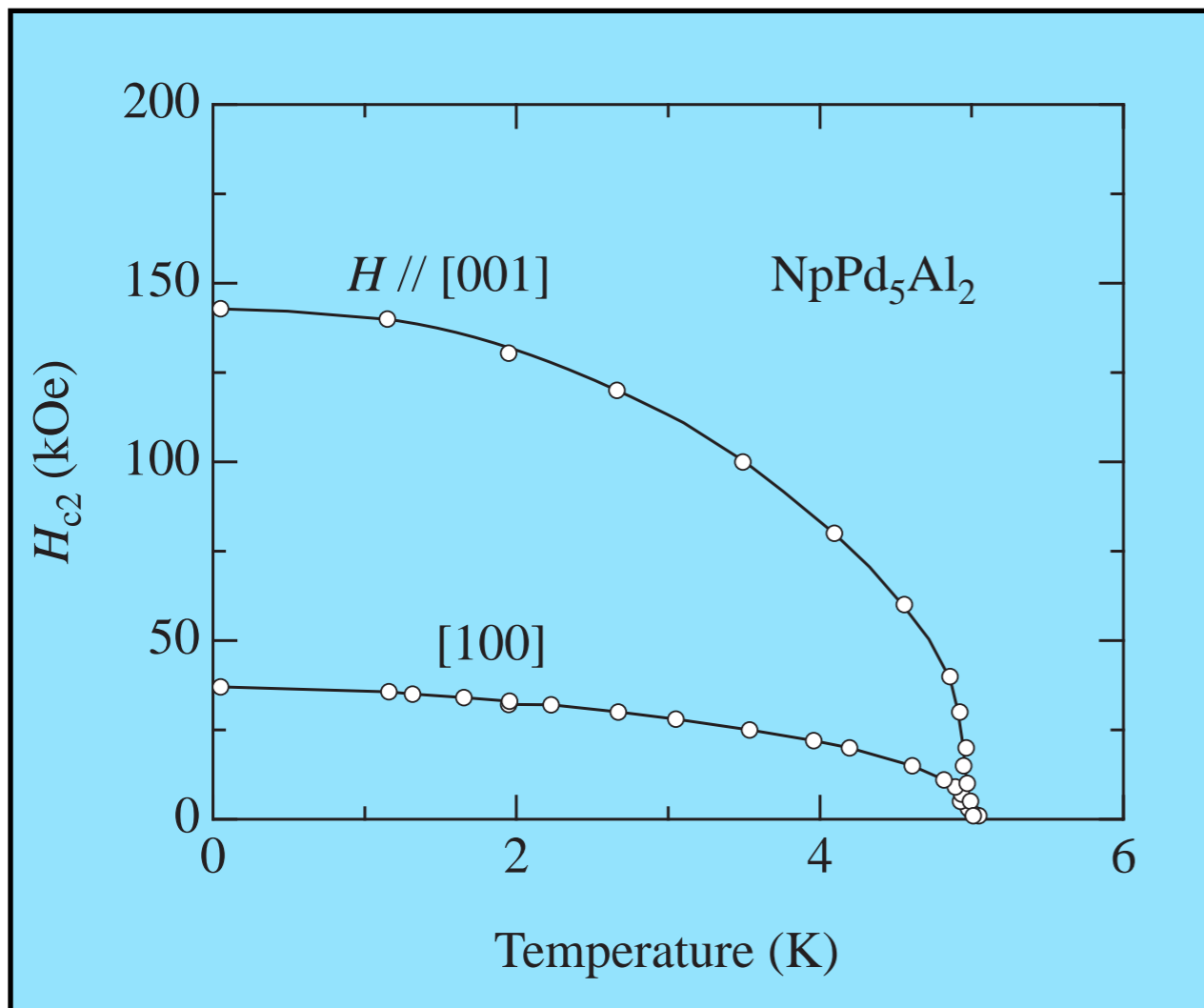
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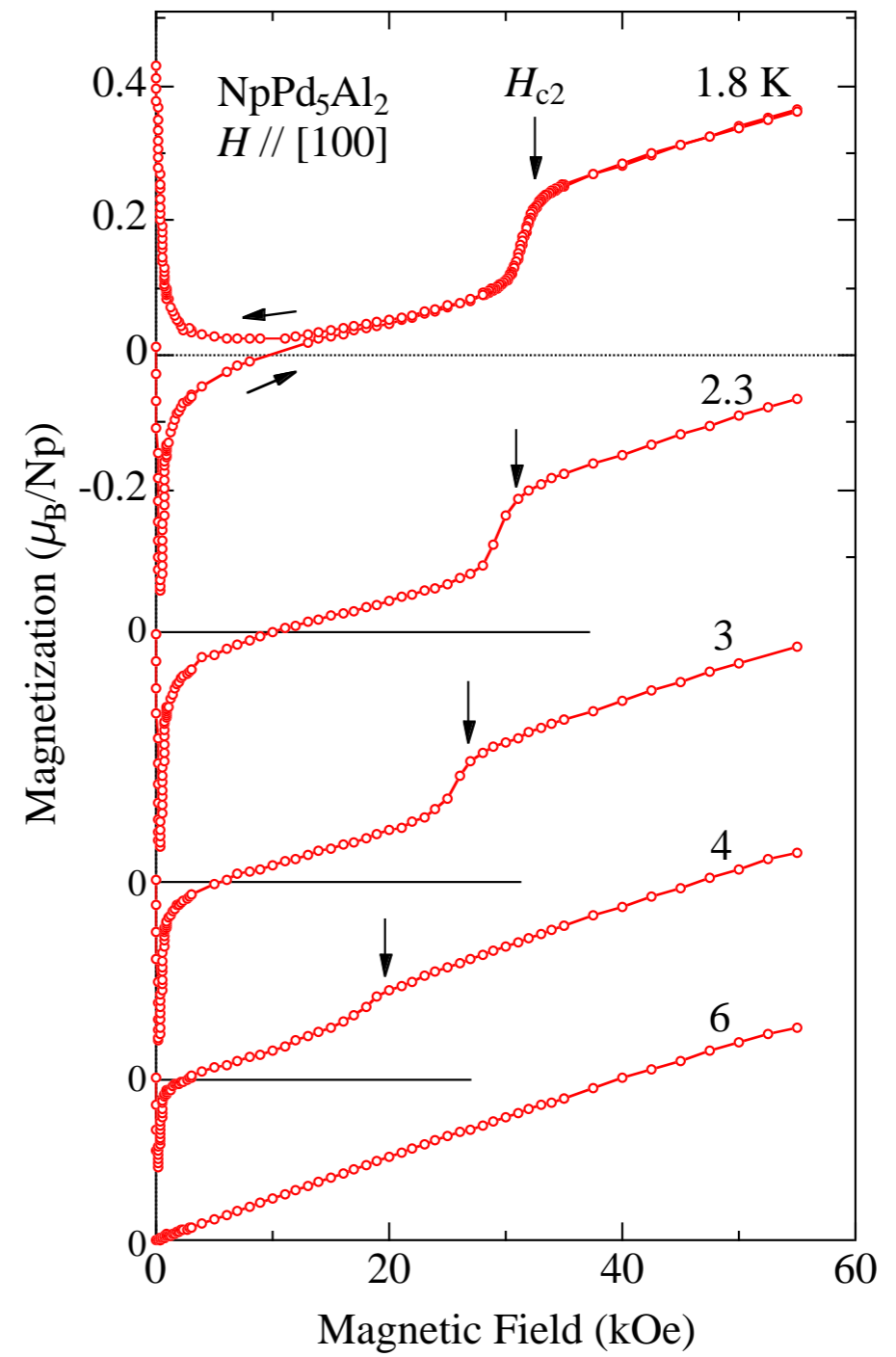
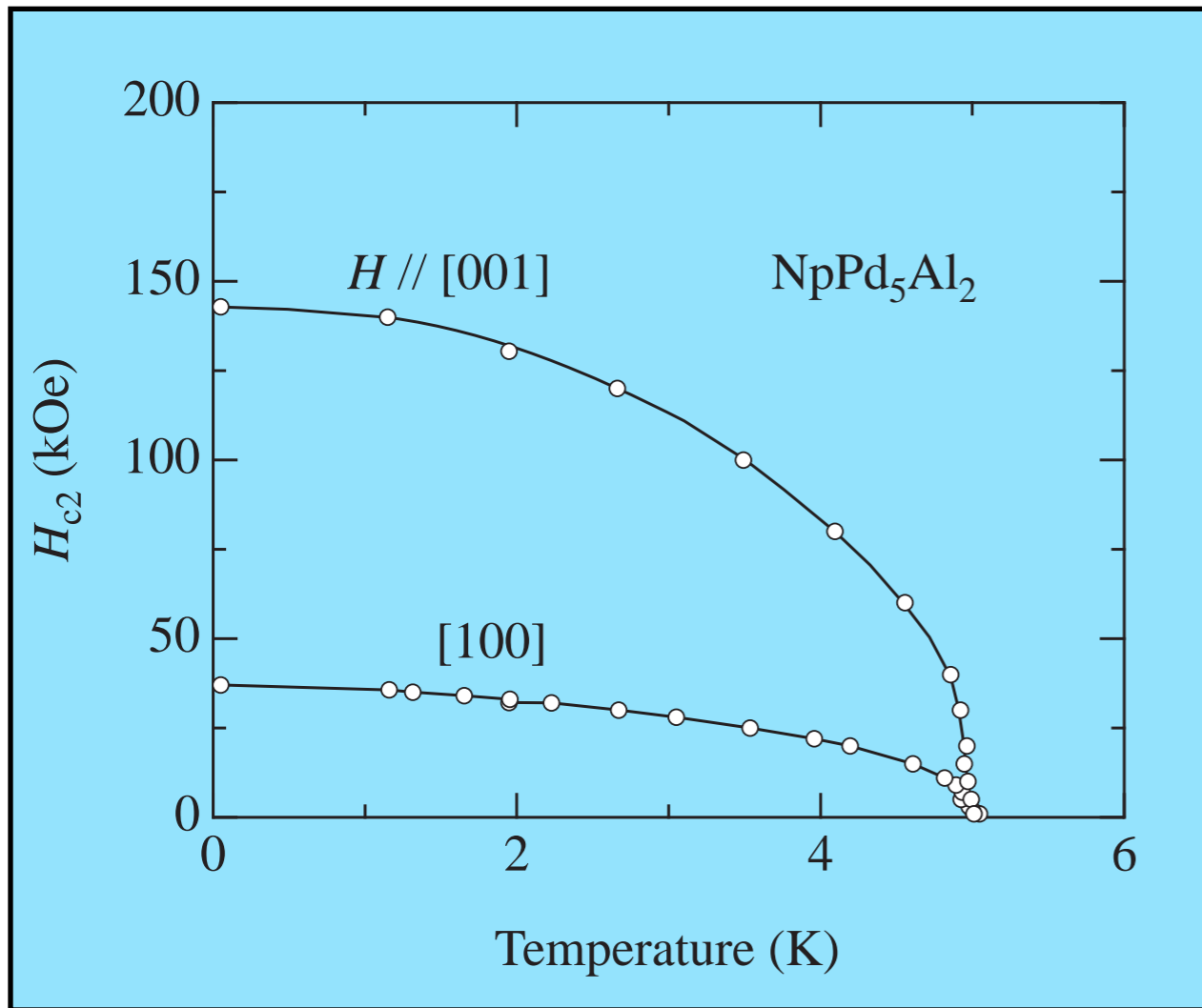


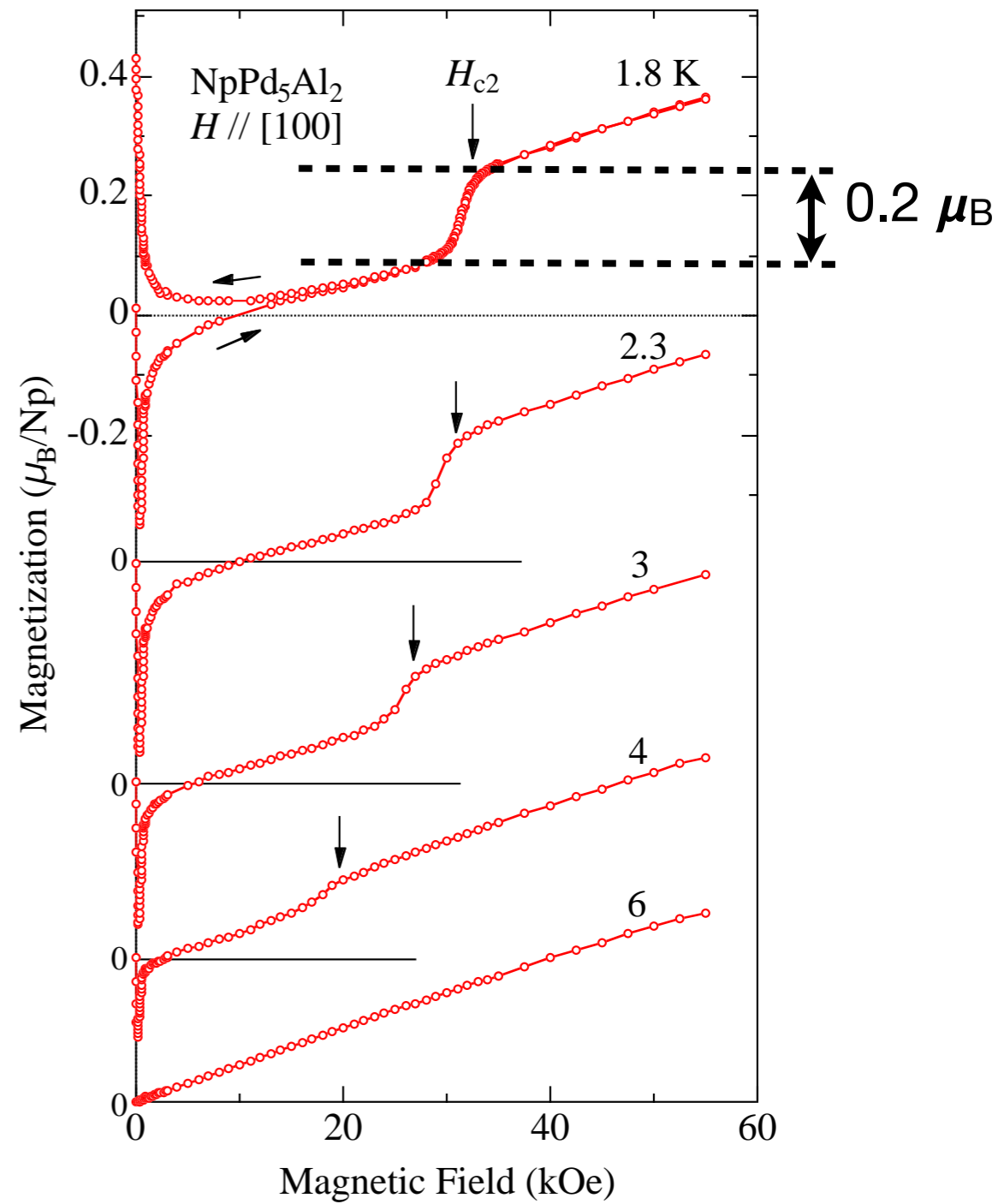
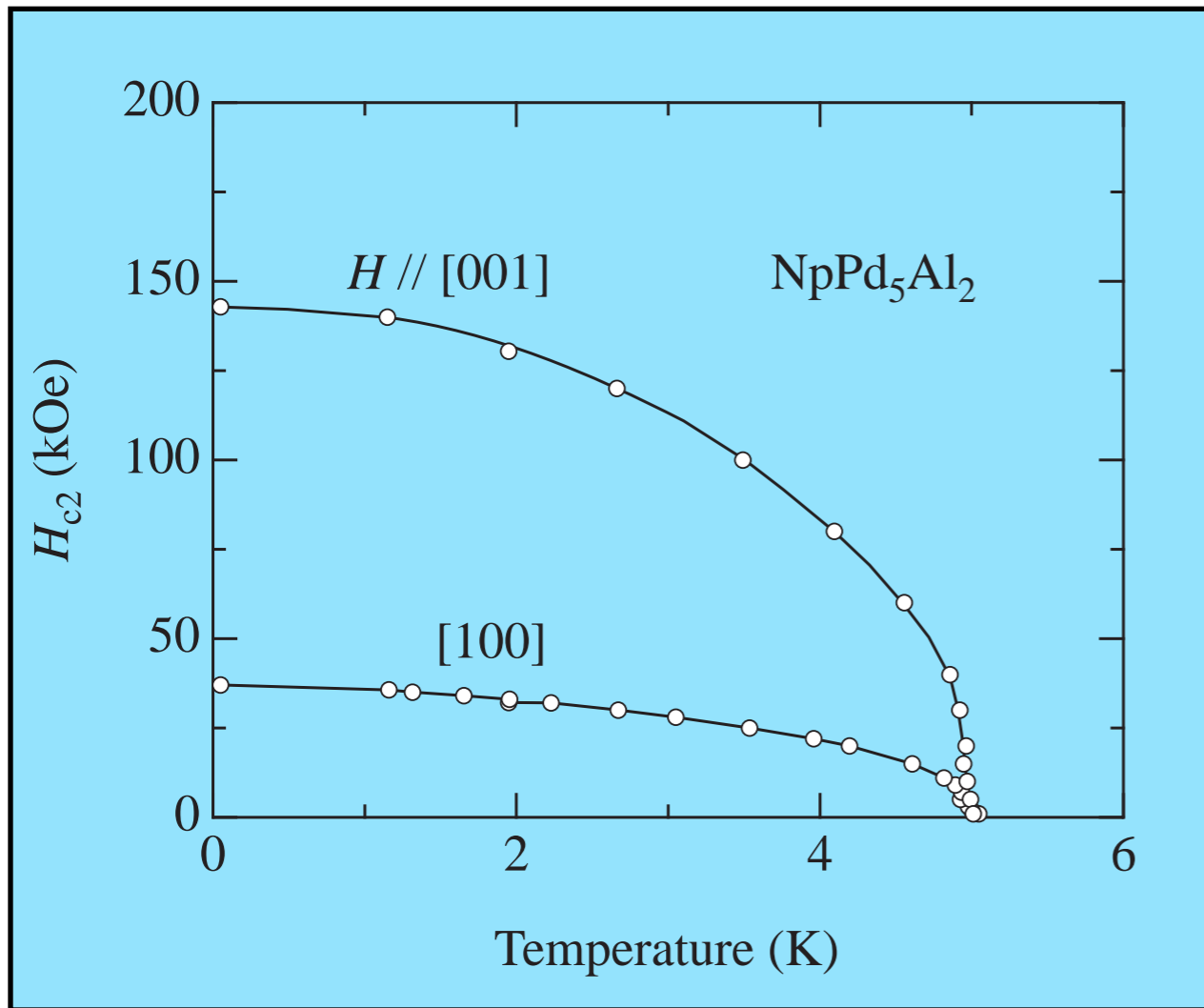
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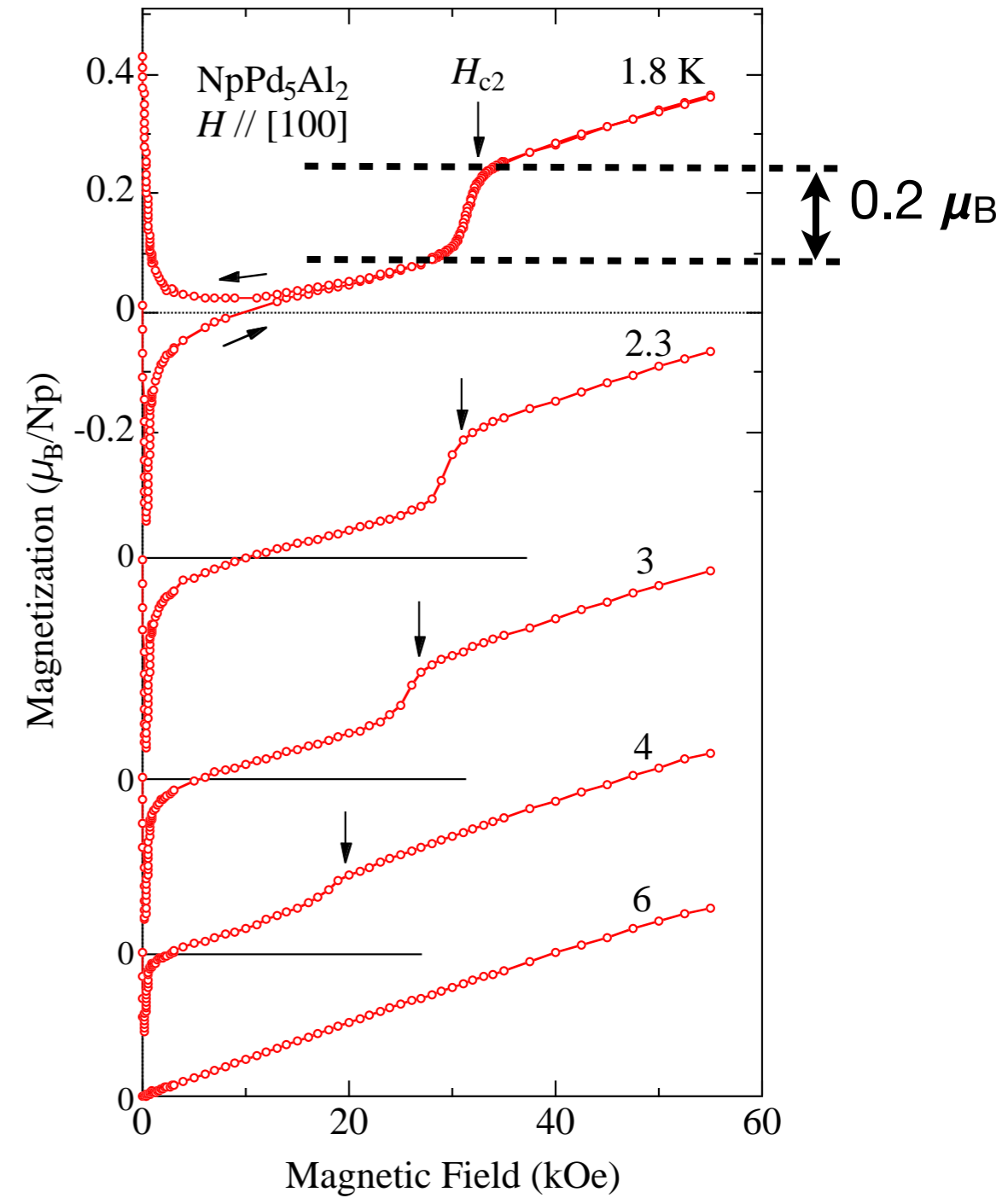
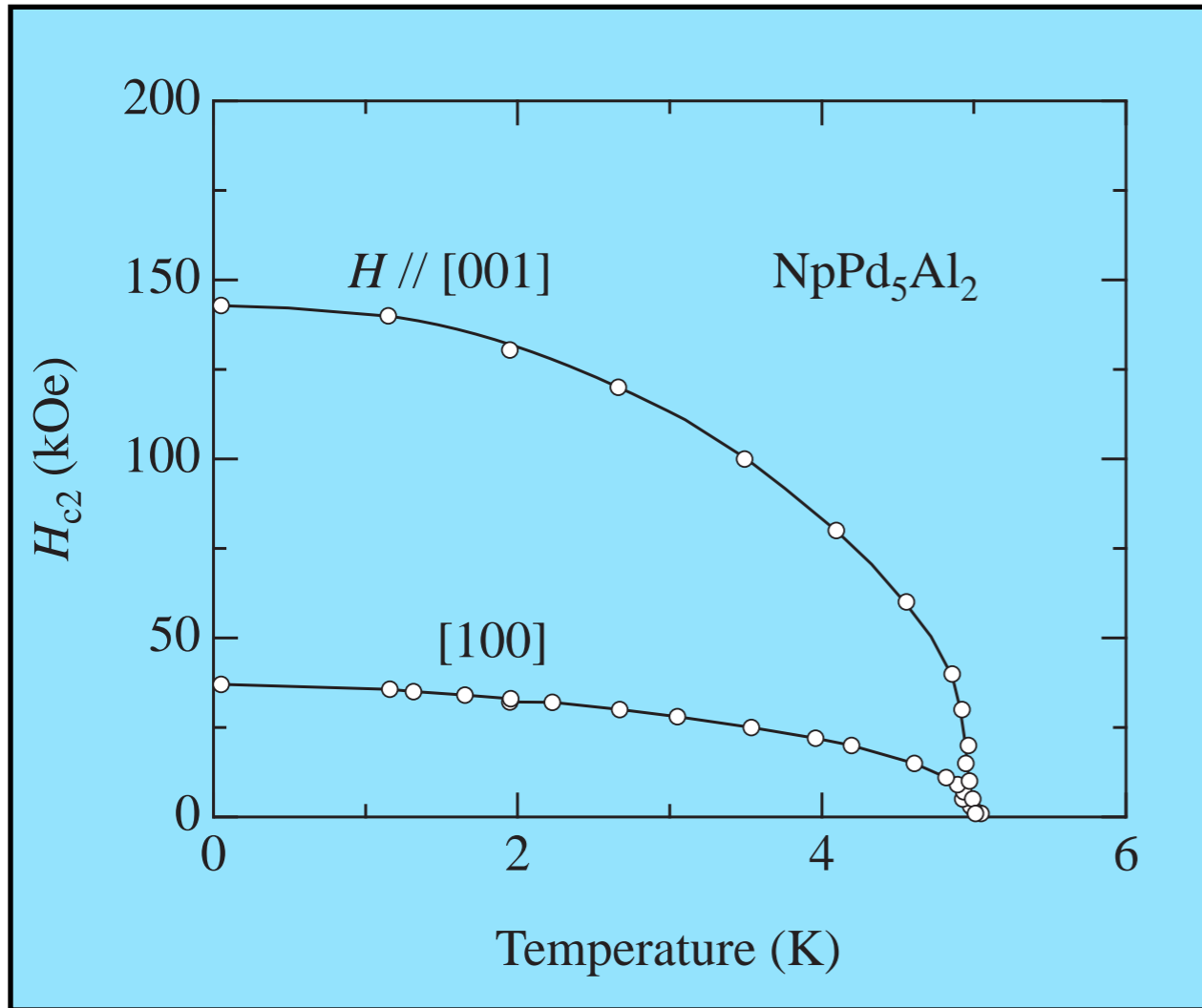




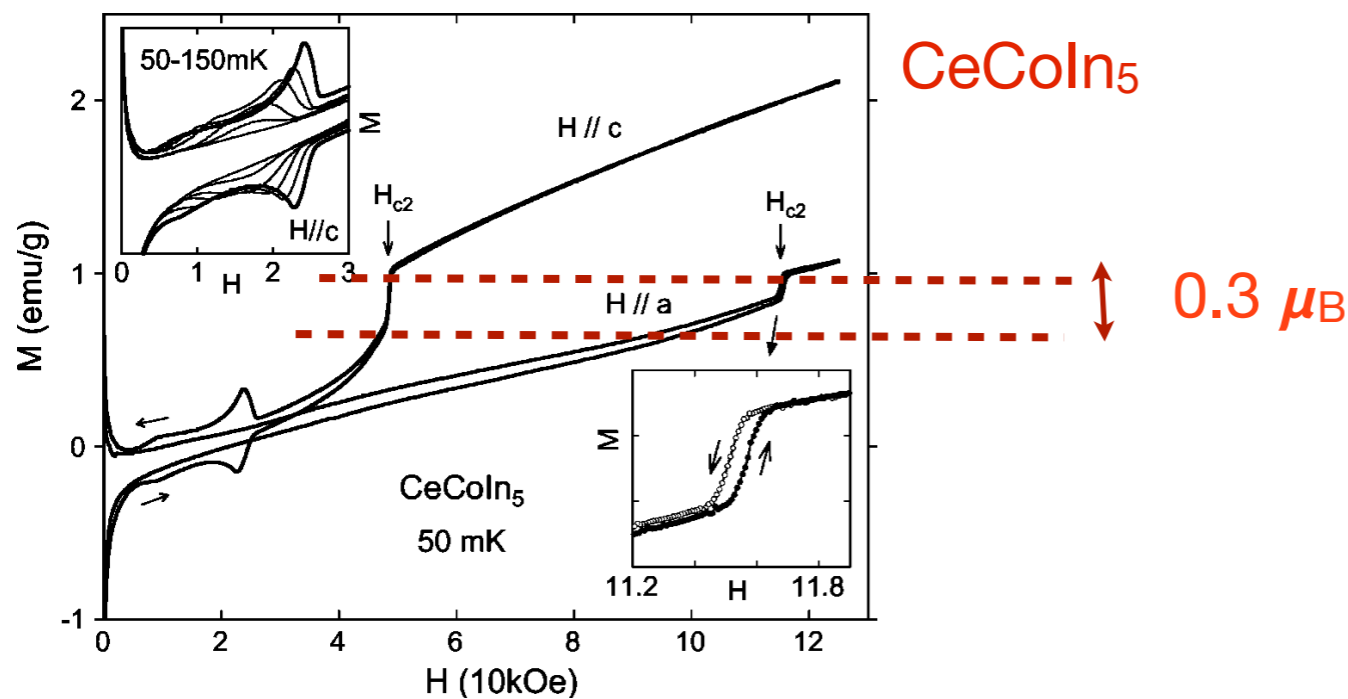
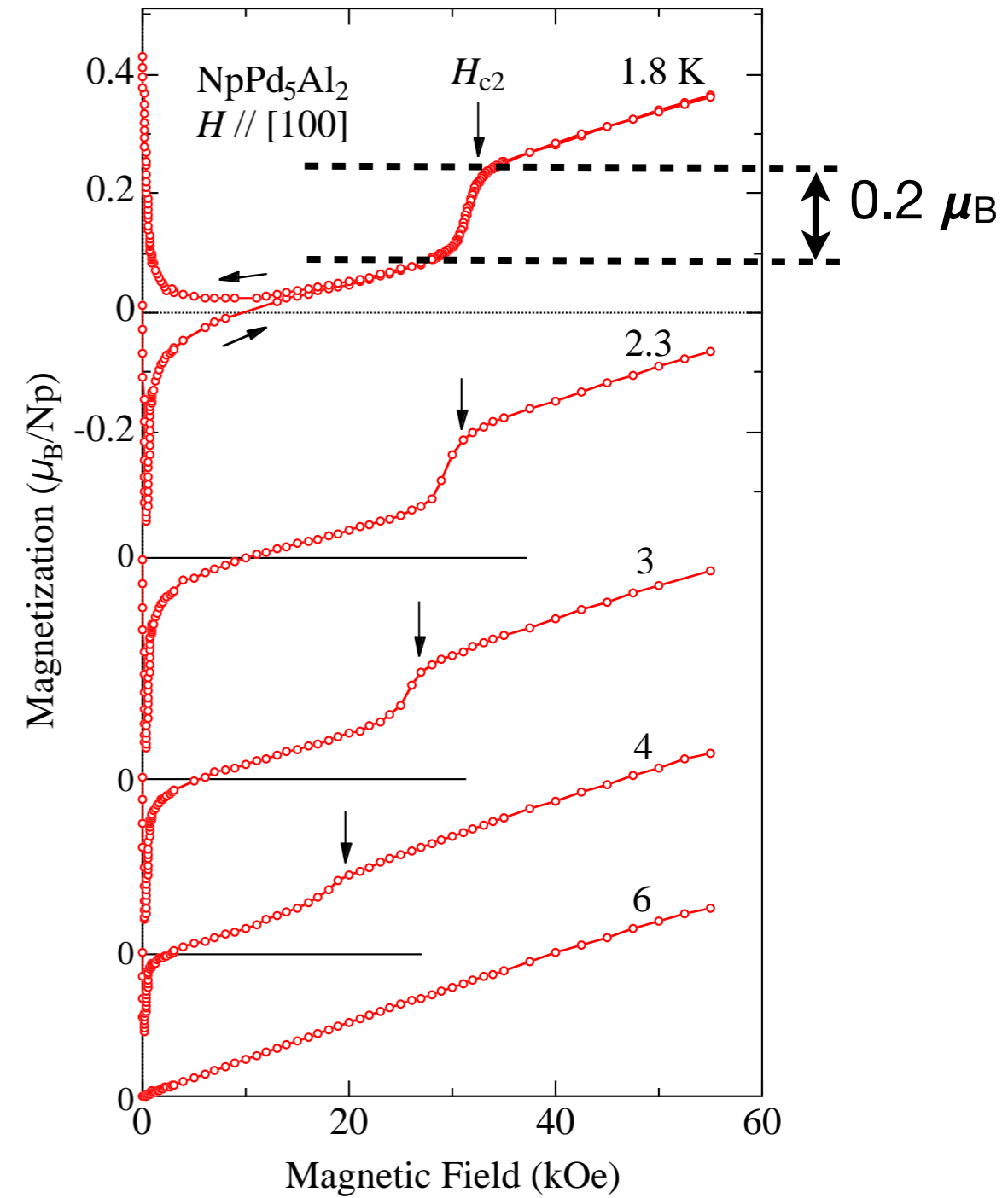
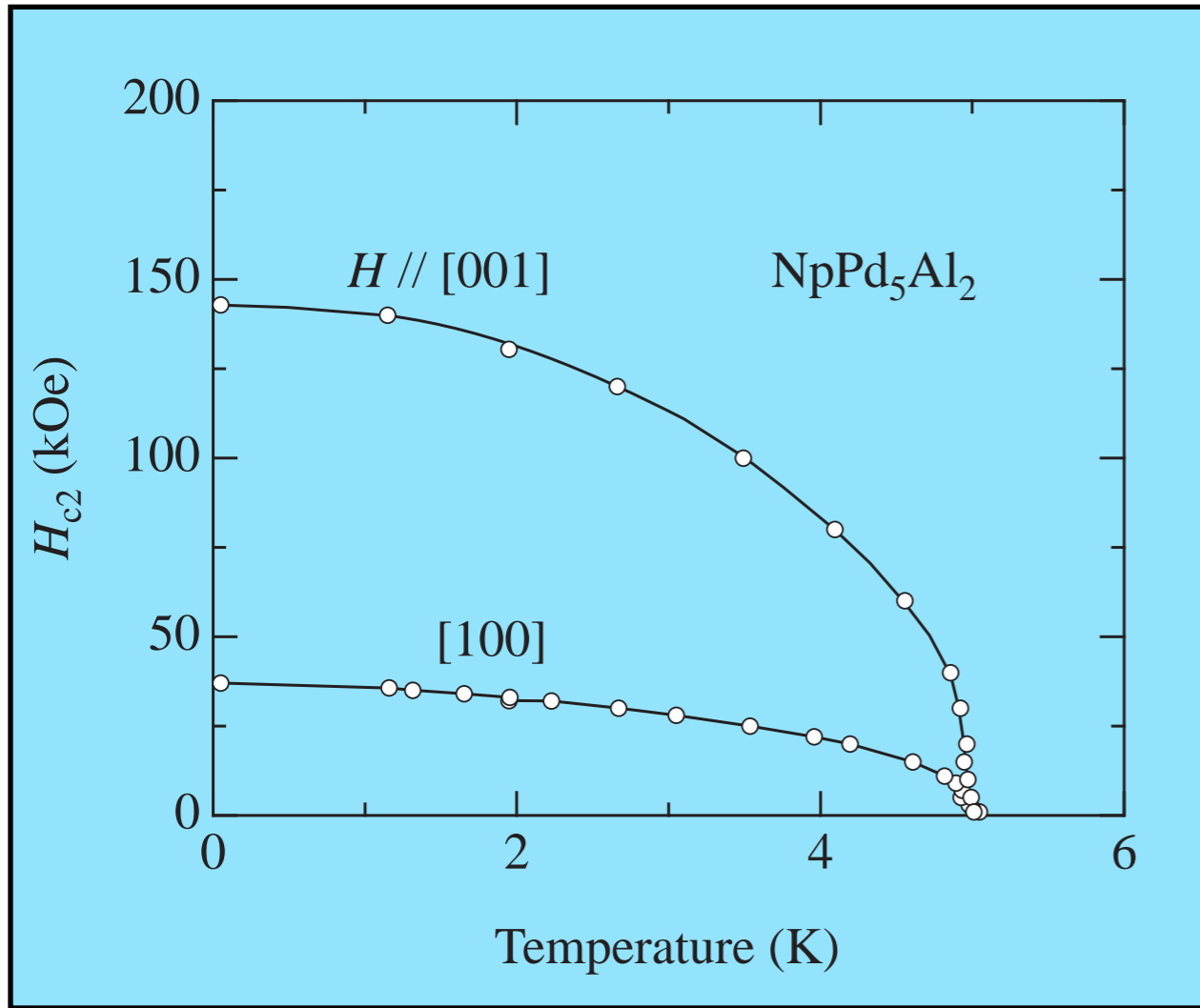




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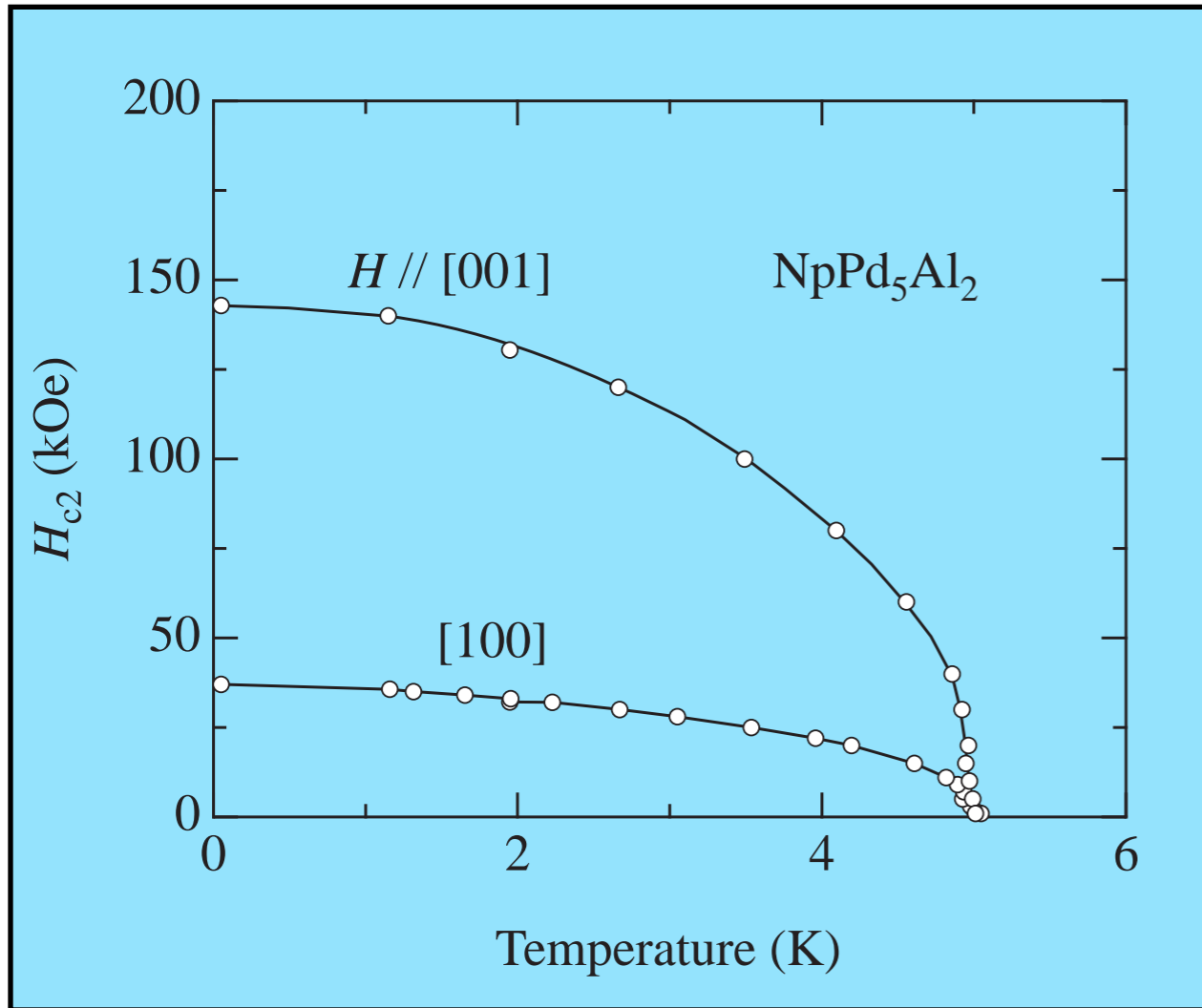
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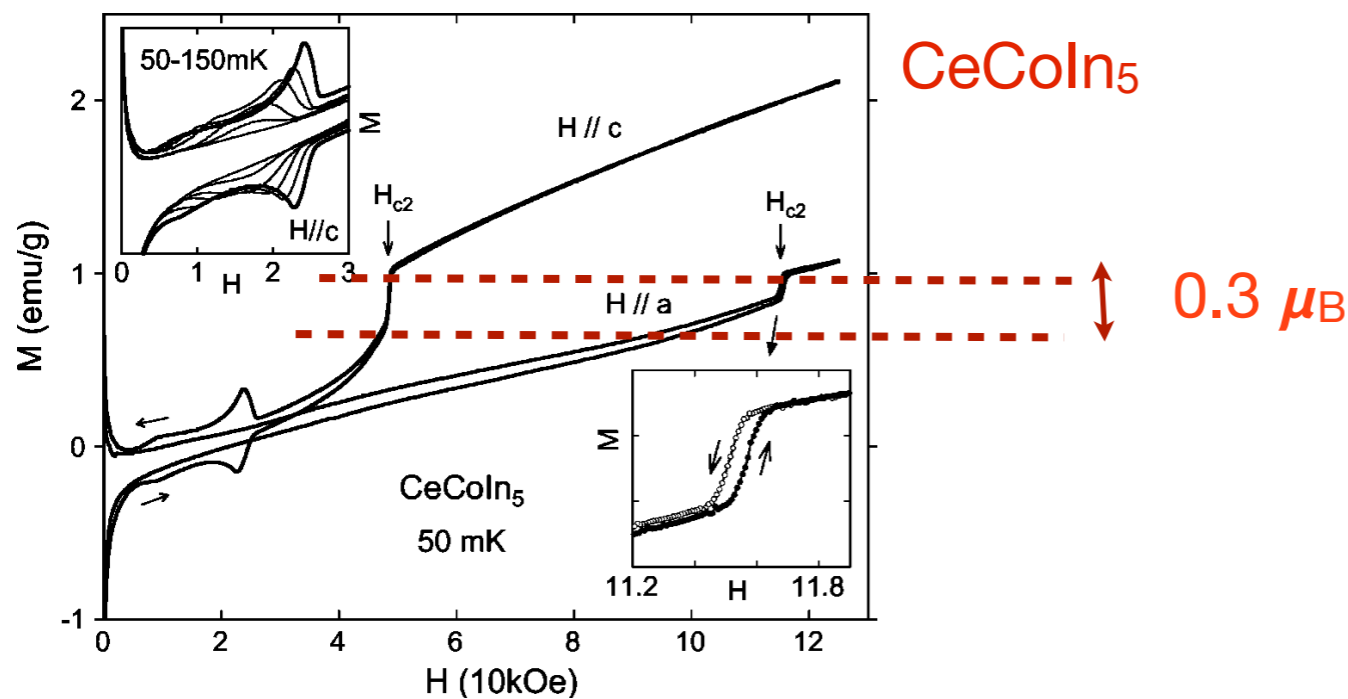
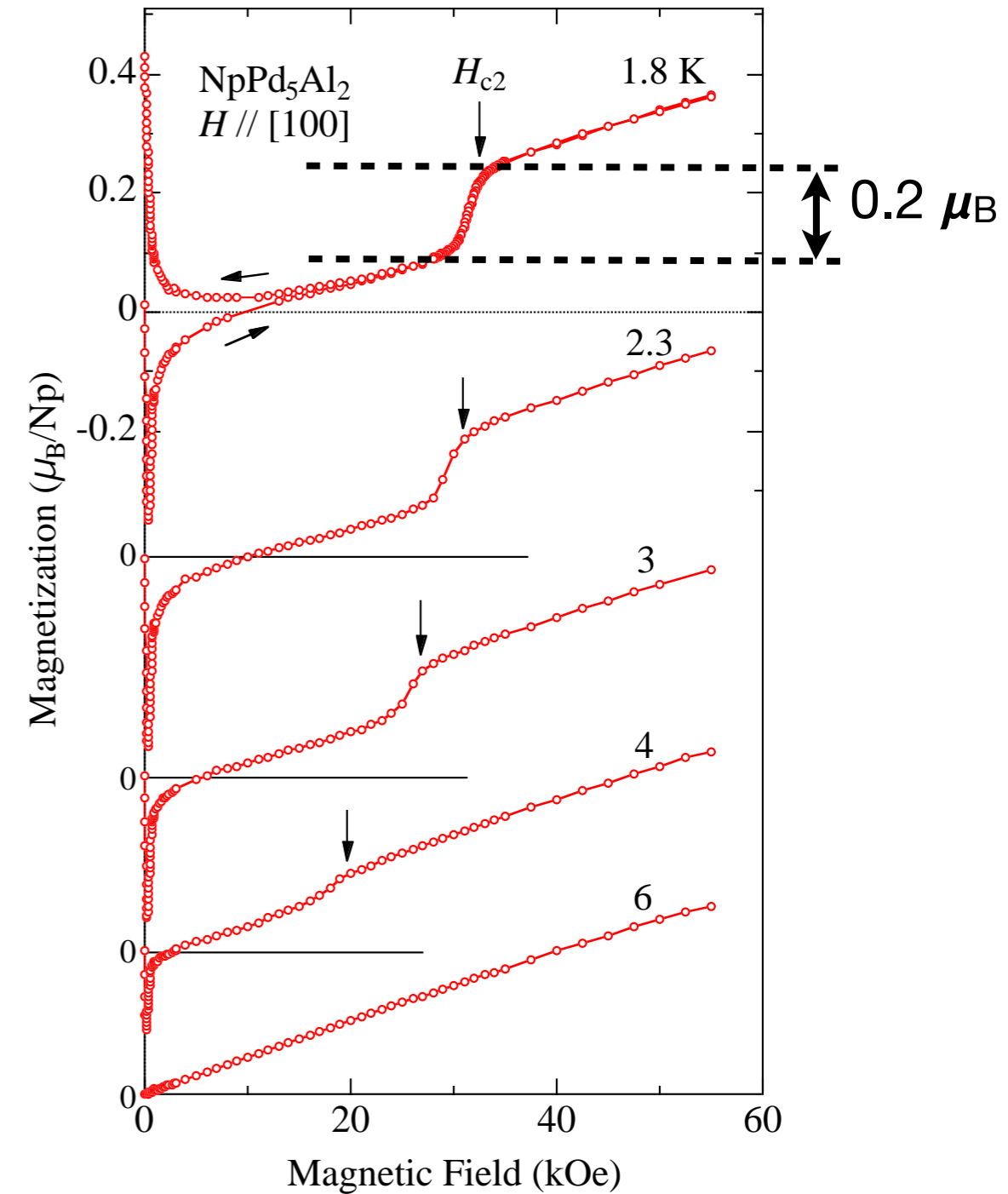
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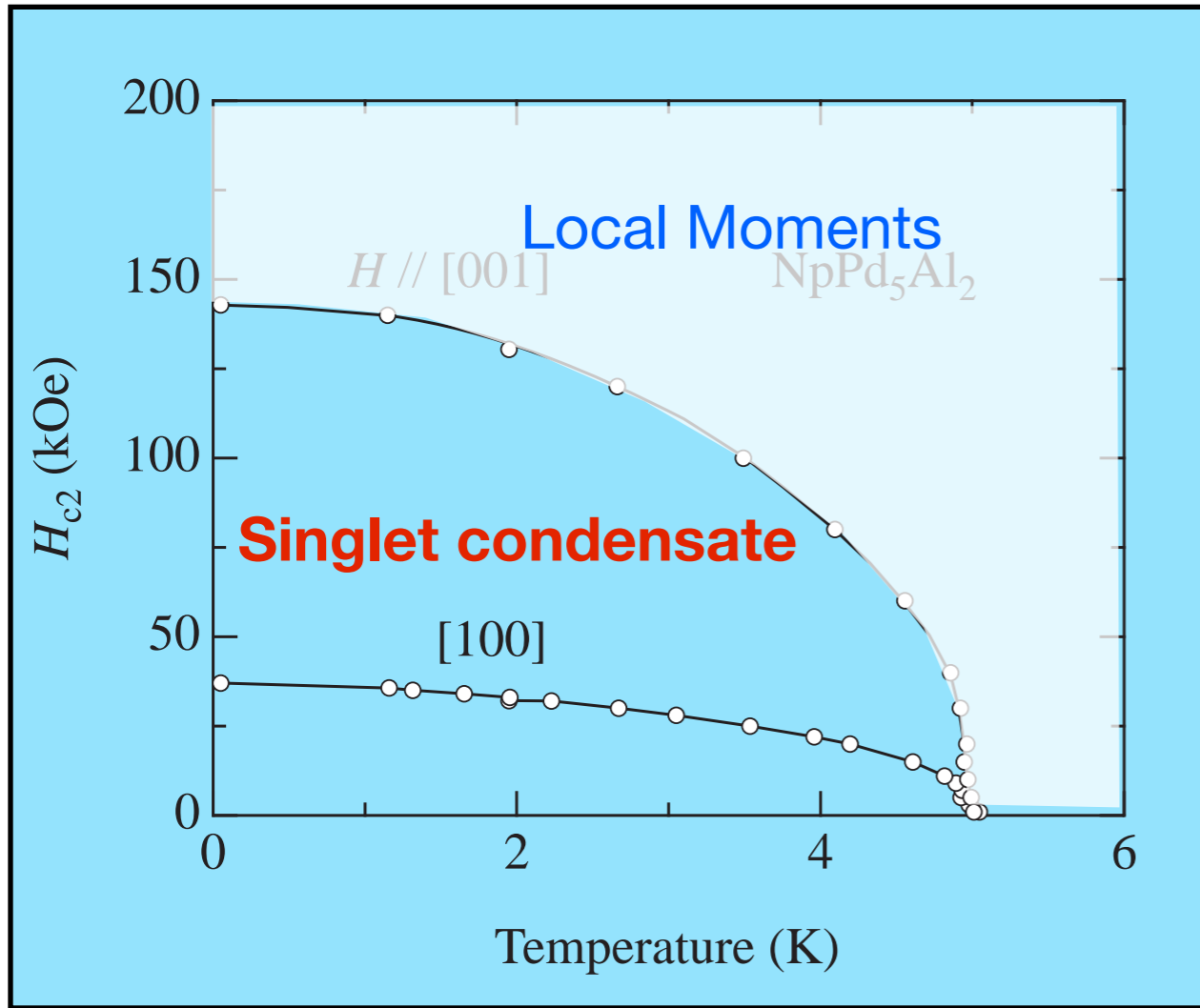
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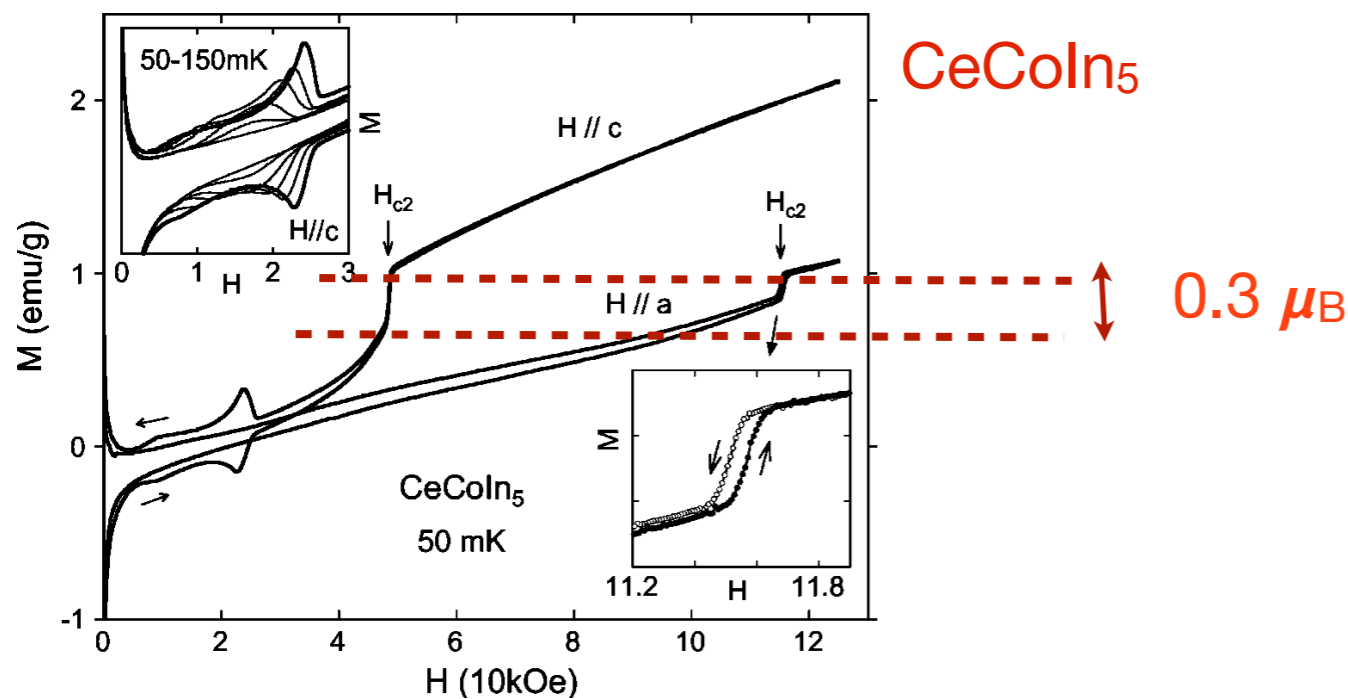
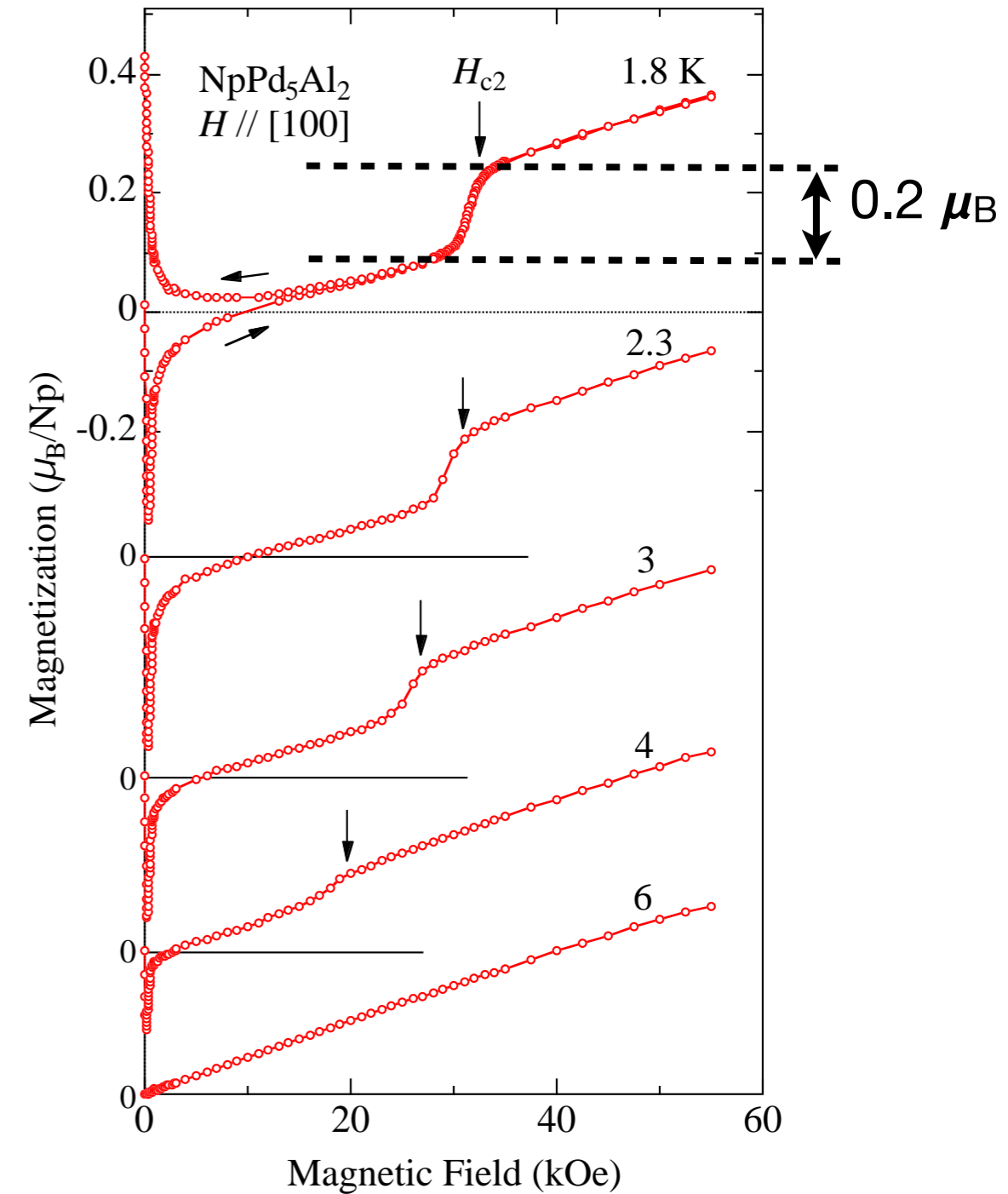
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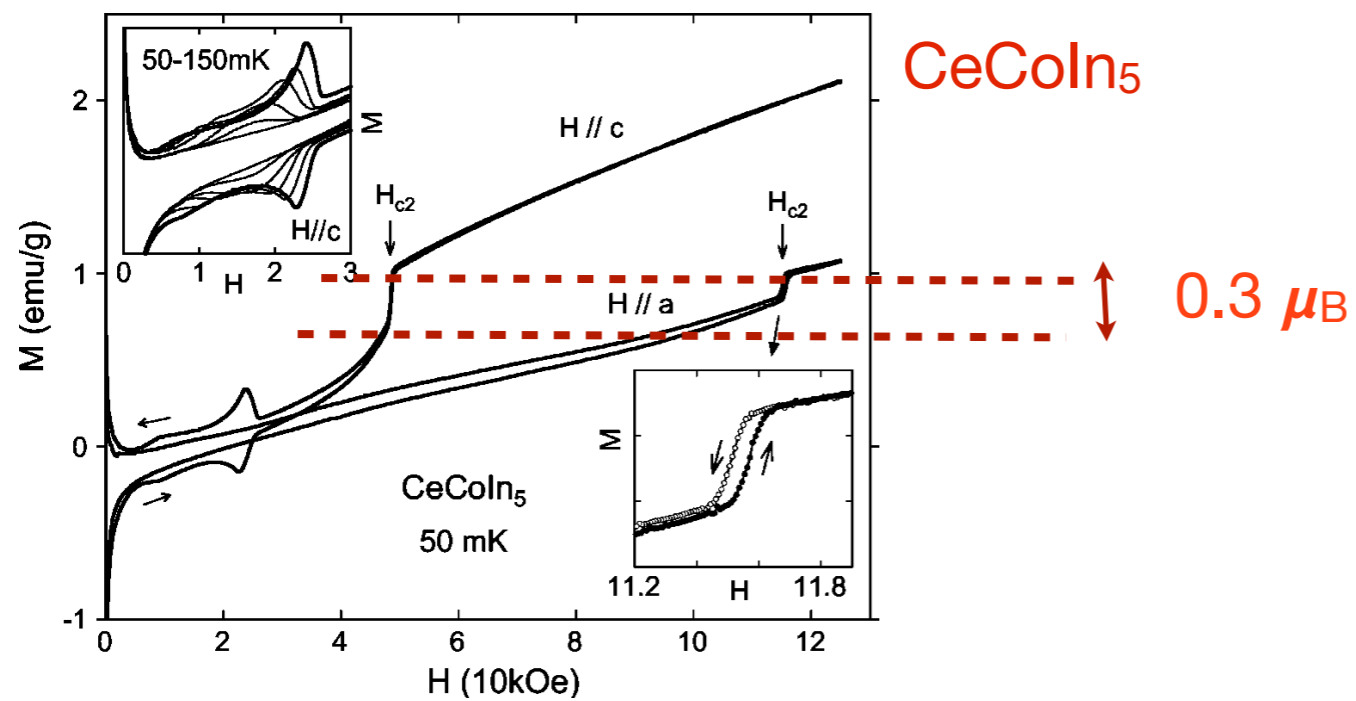
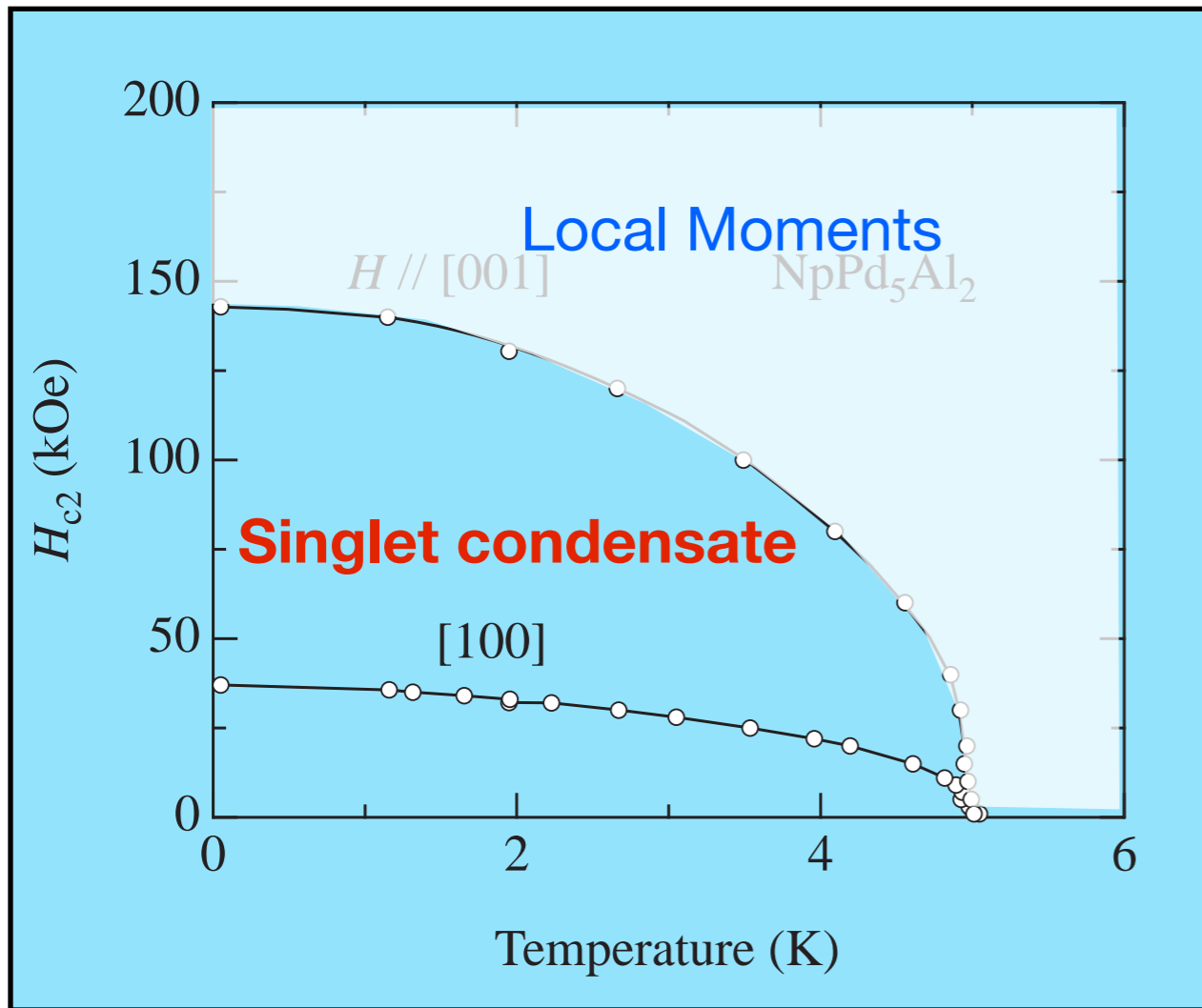


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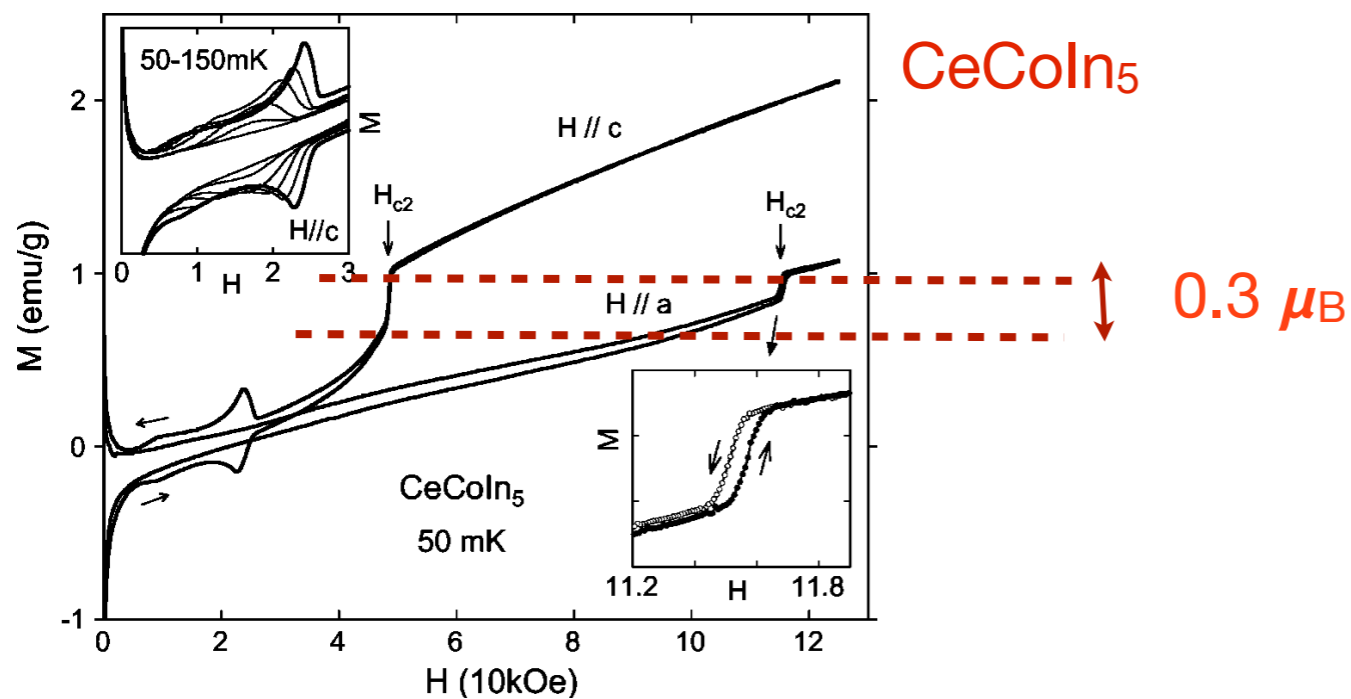
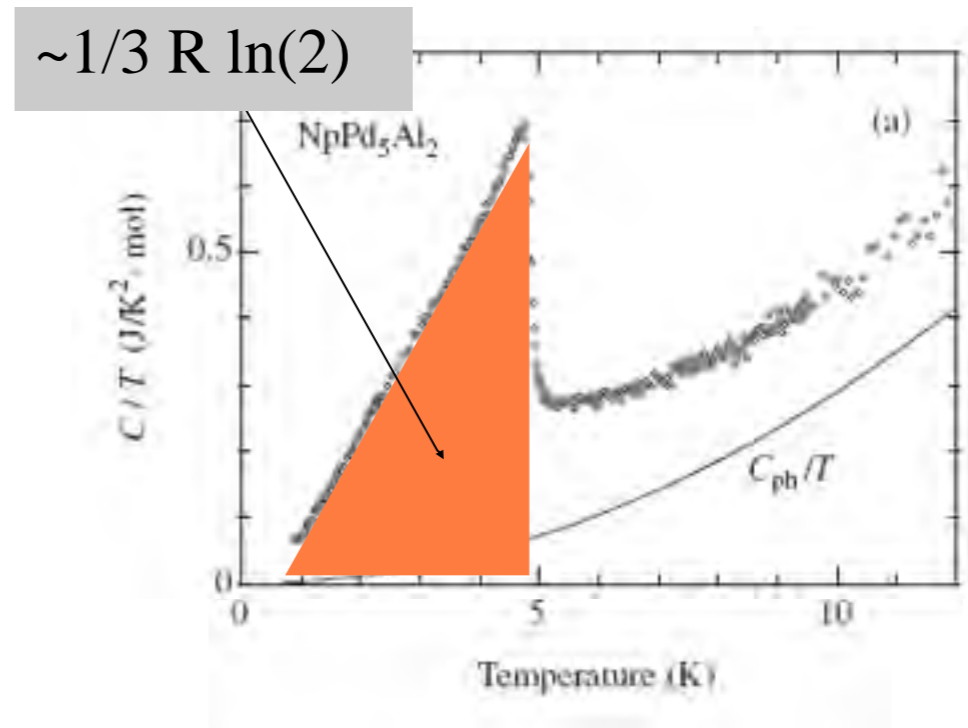
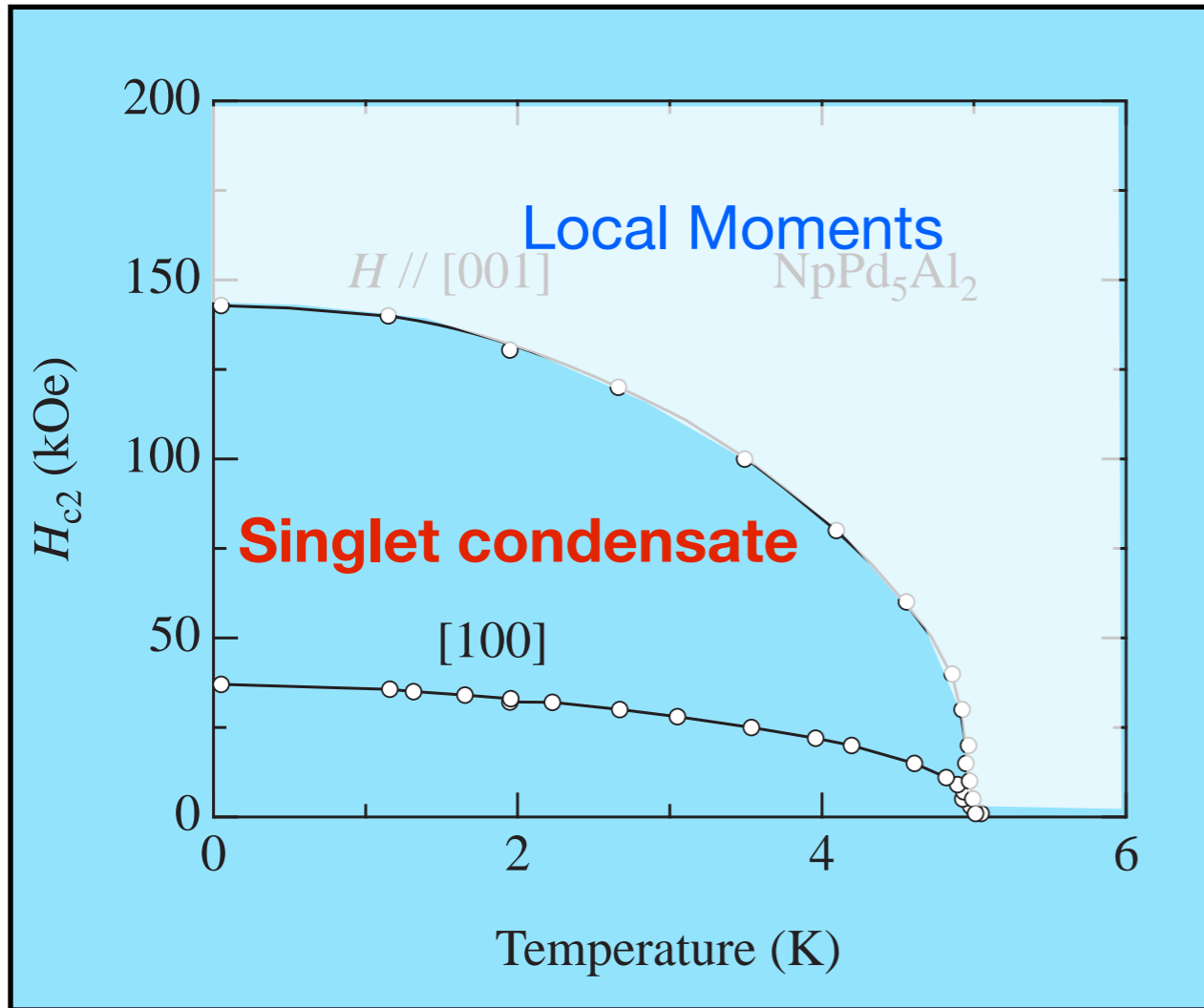


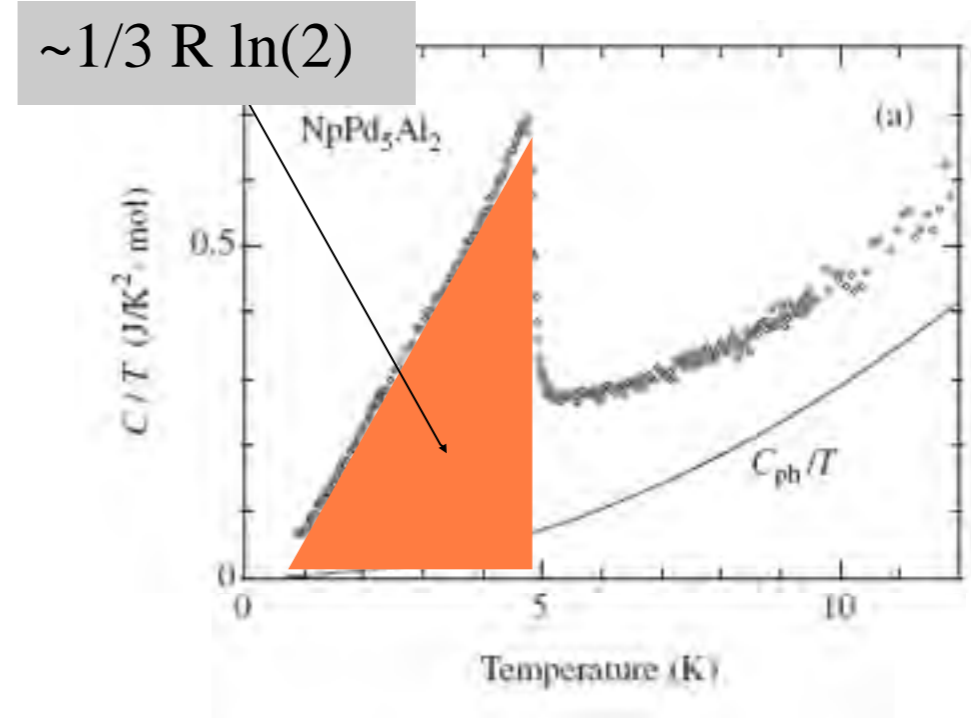
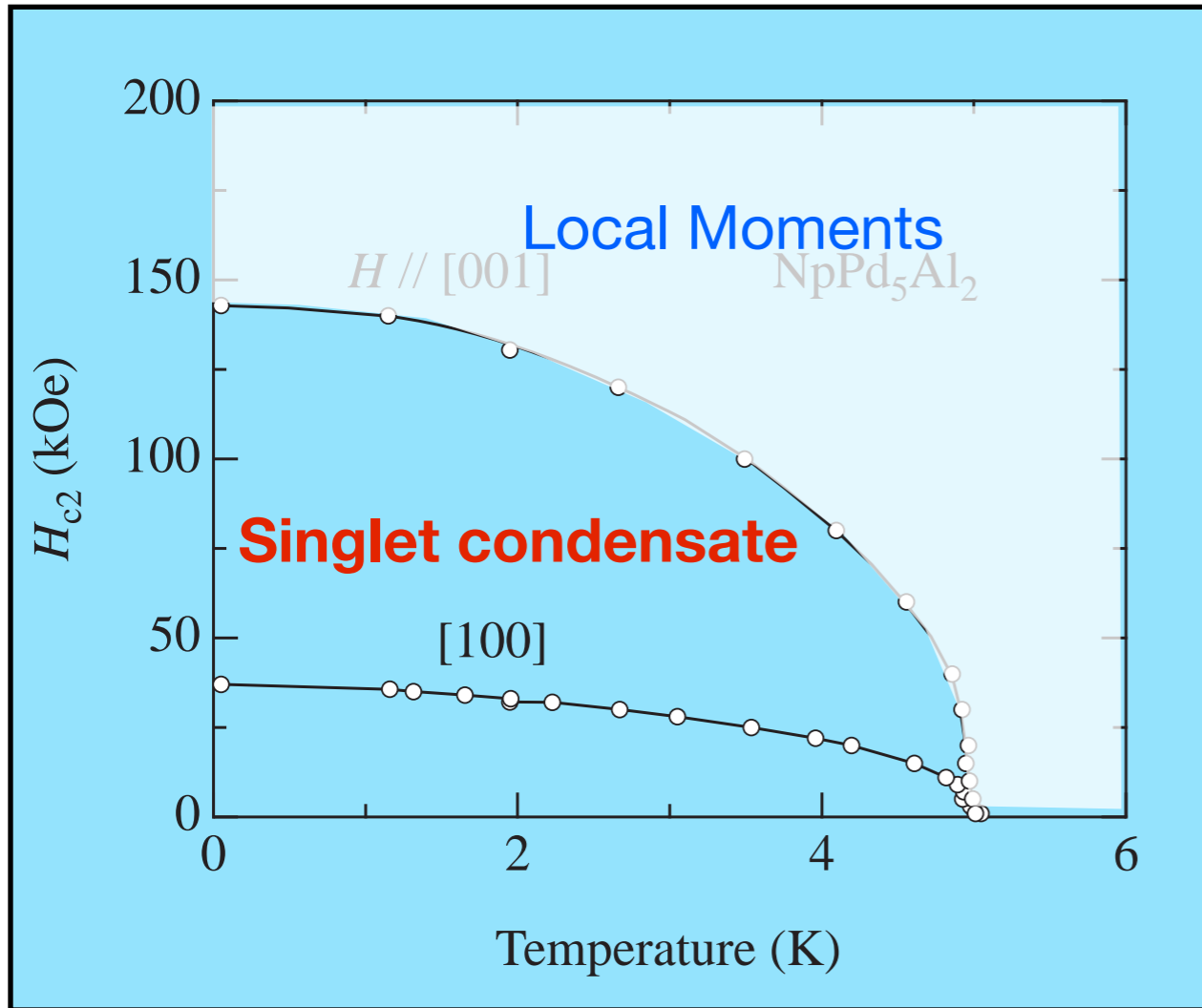
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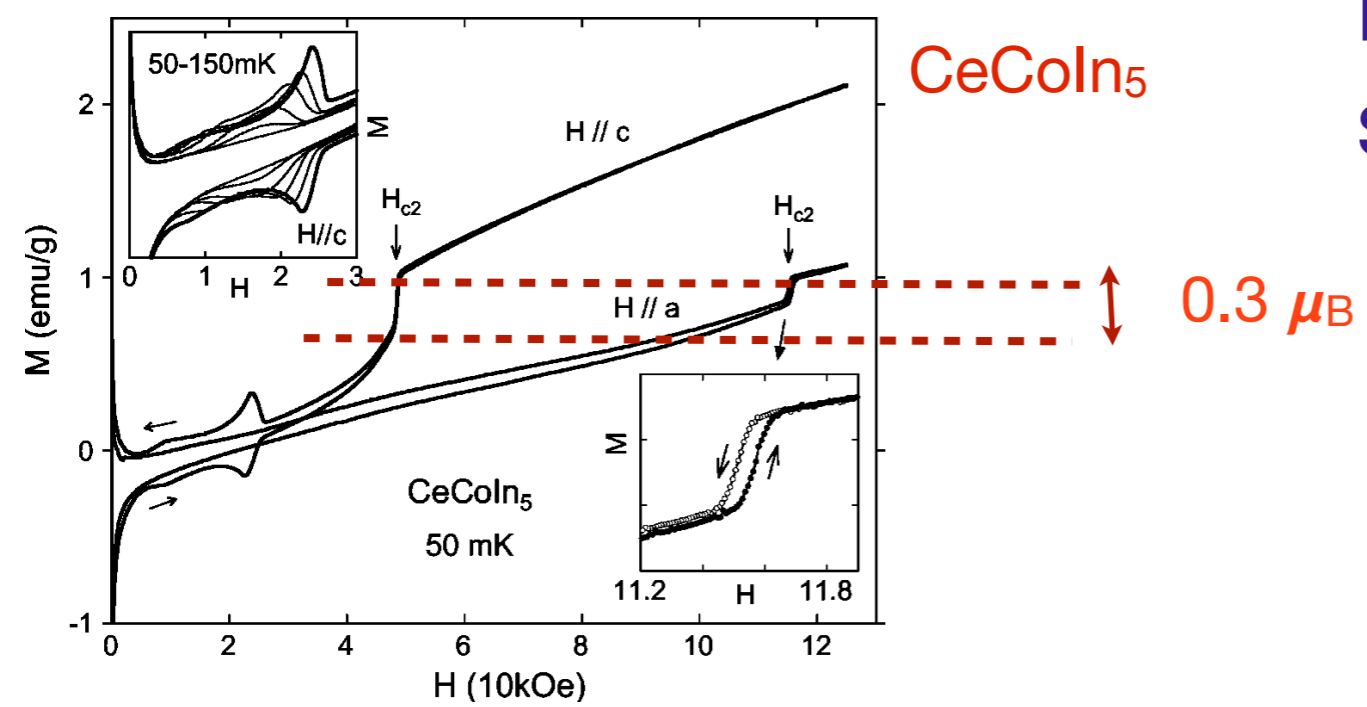




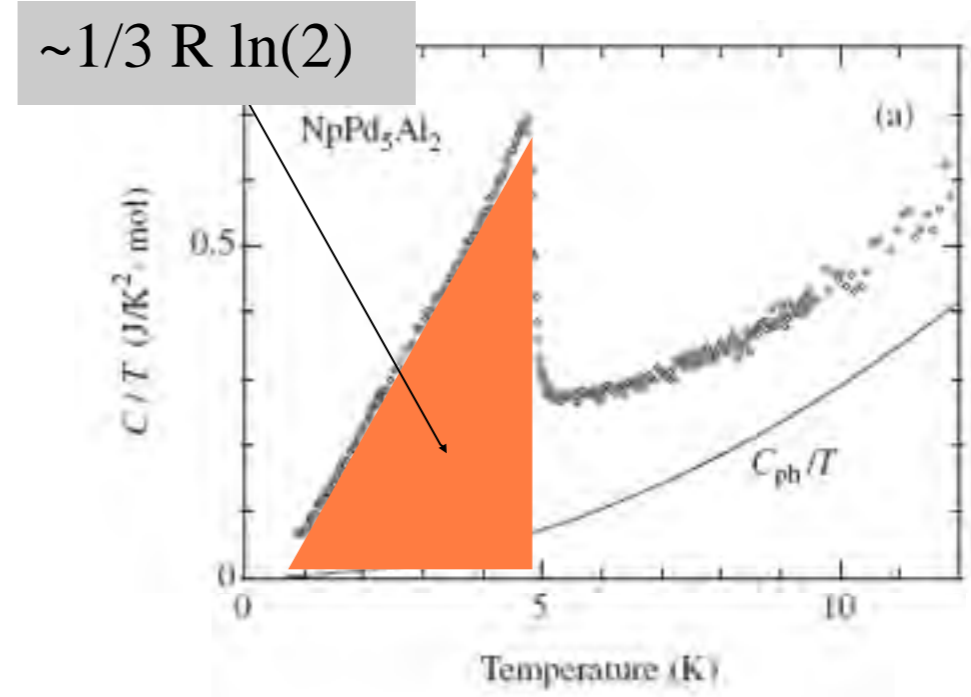
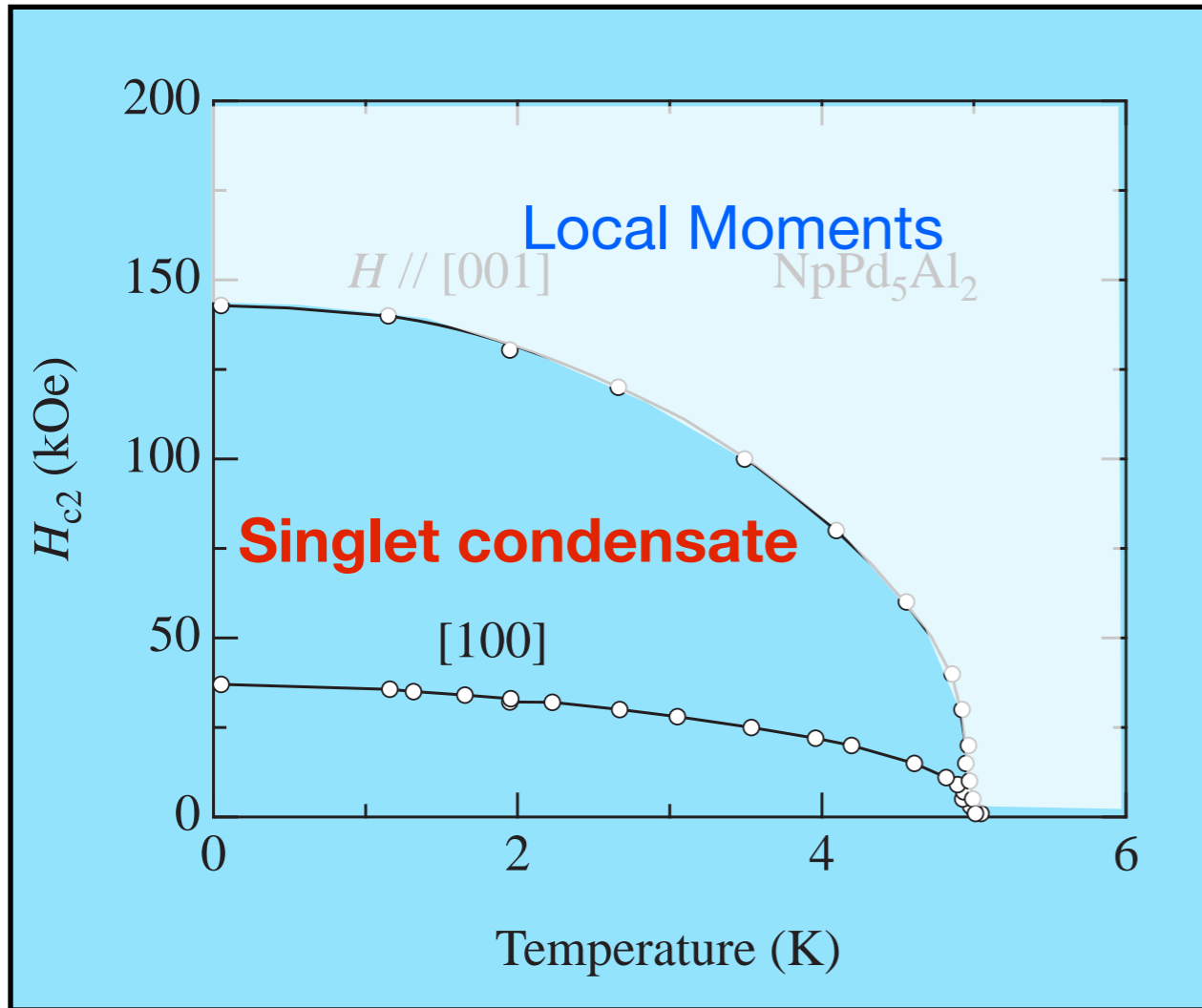


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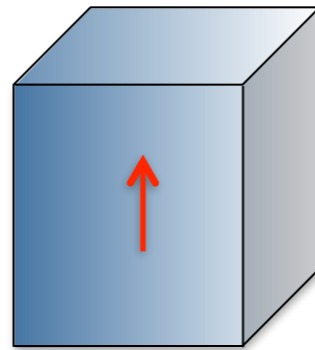
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Composite pairing Hypothesis.

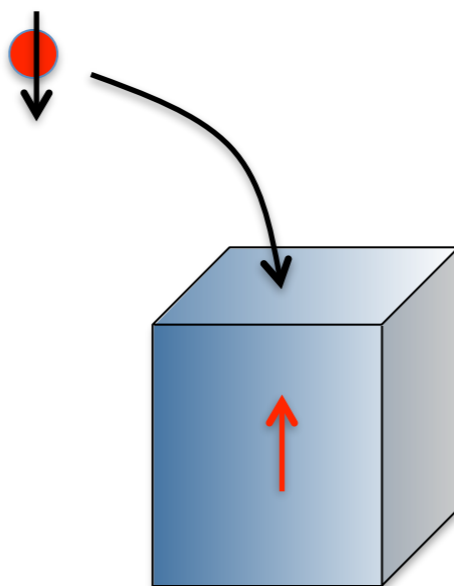
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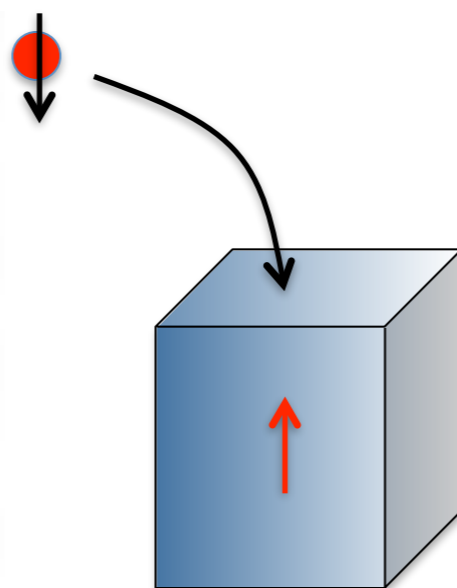
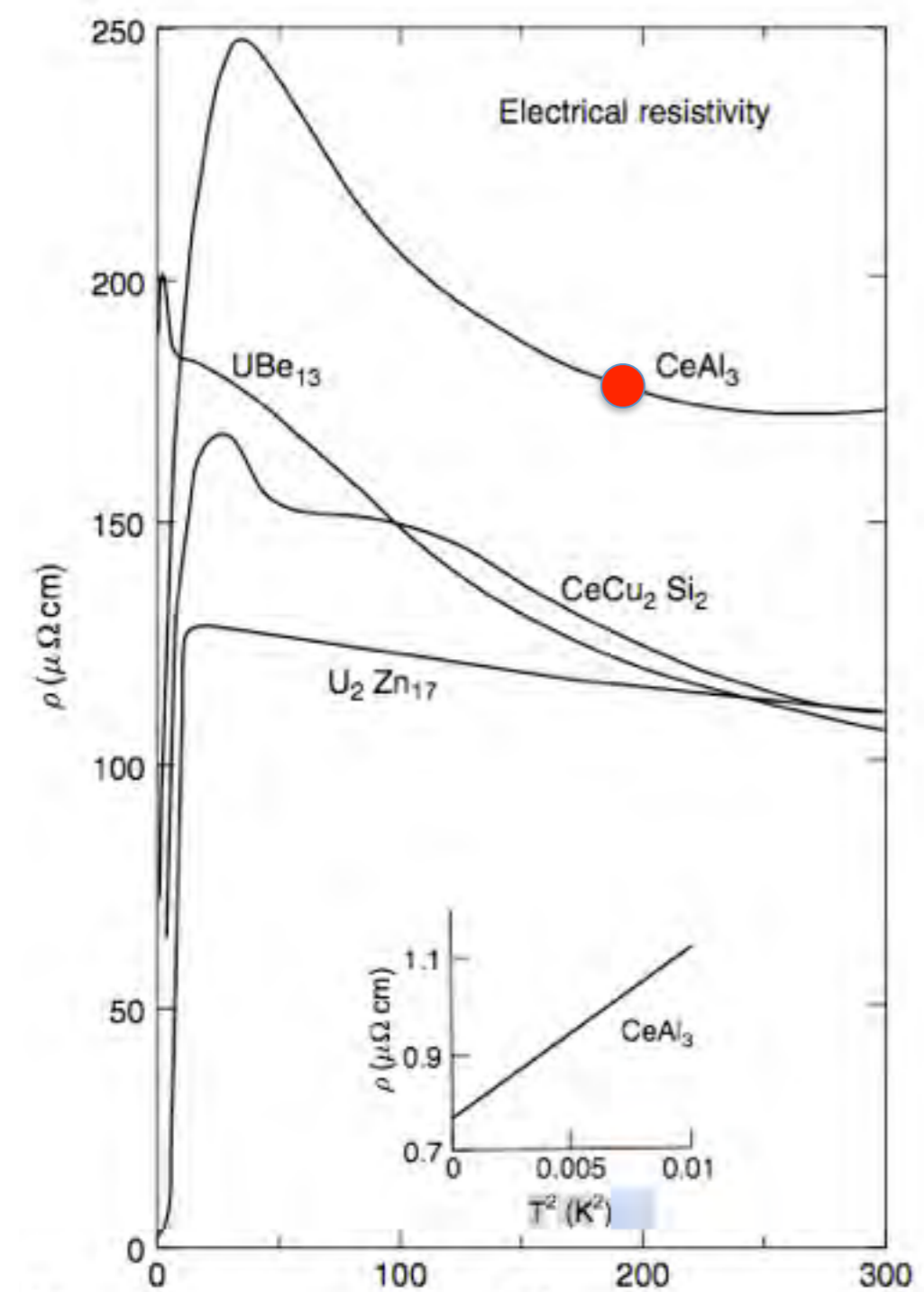


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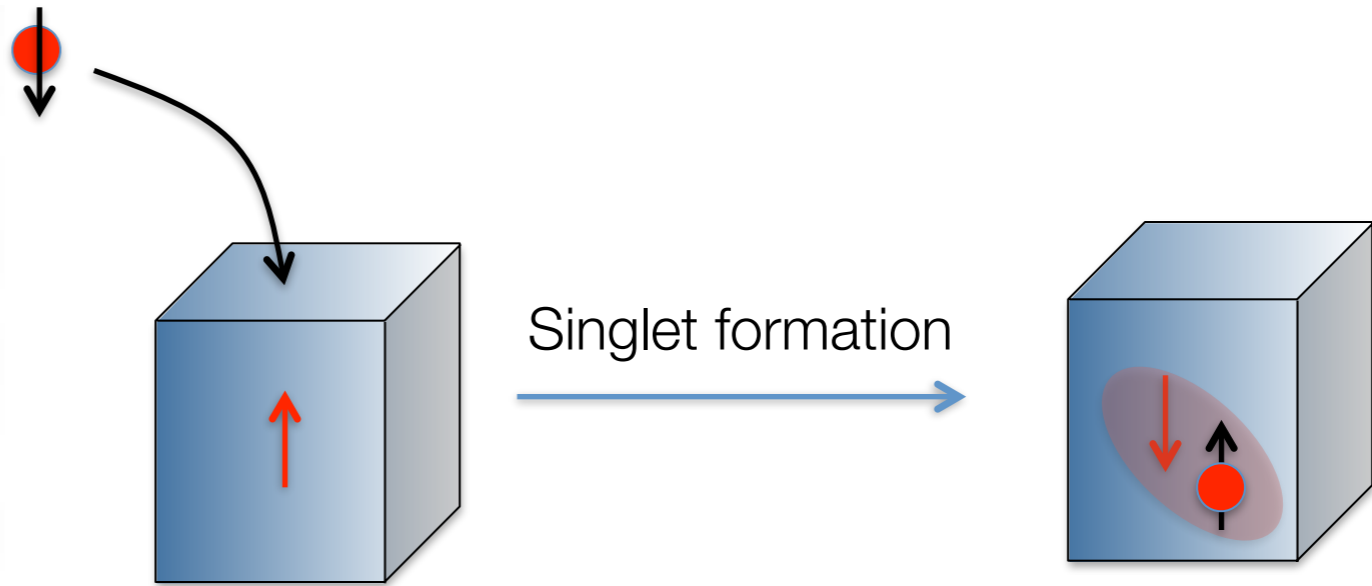
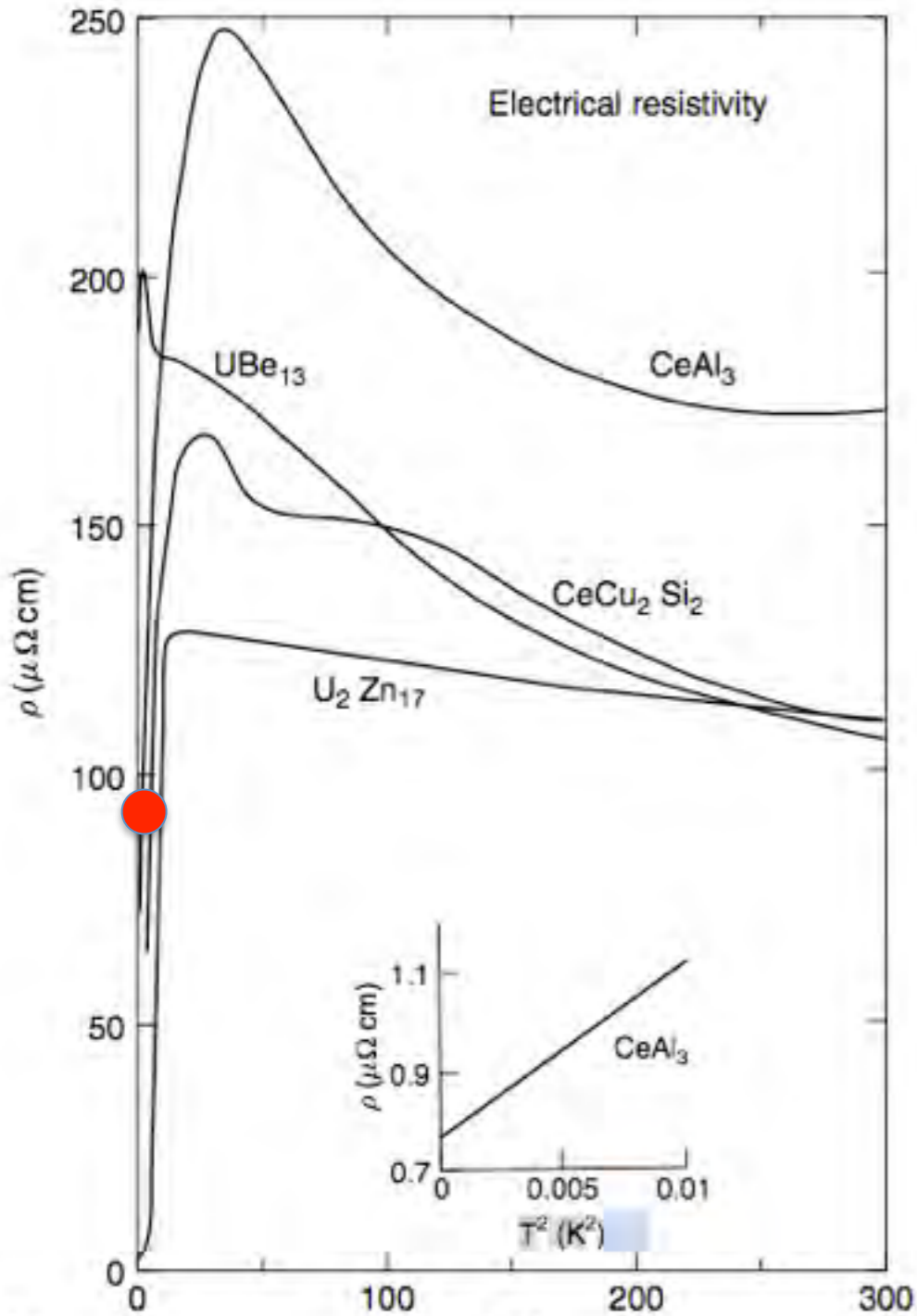


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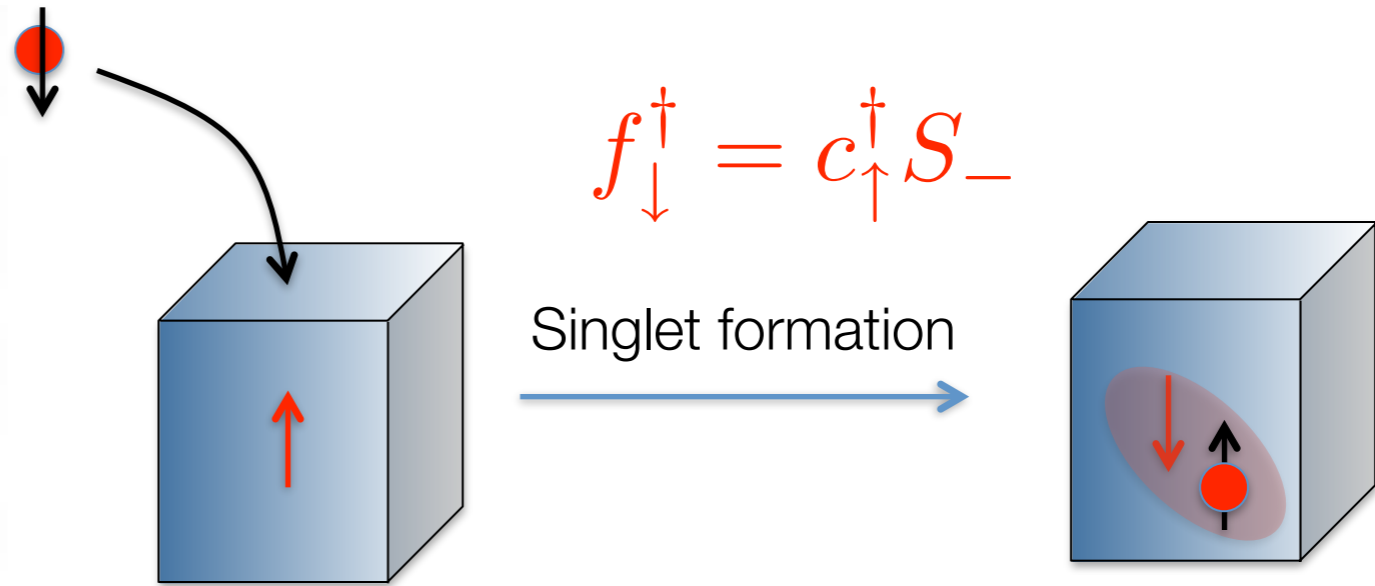
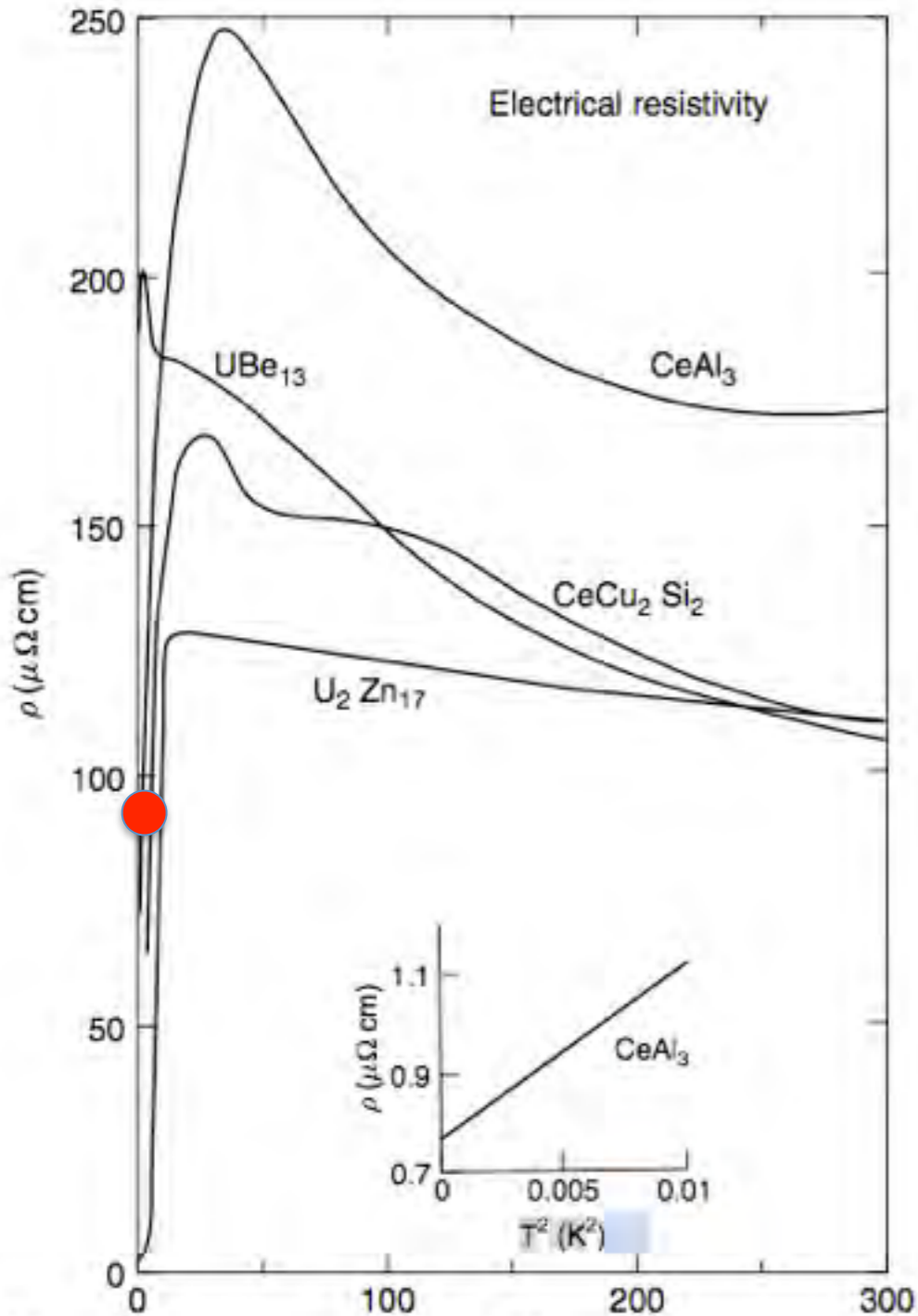




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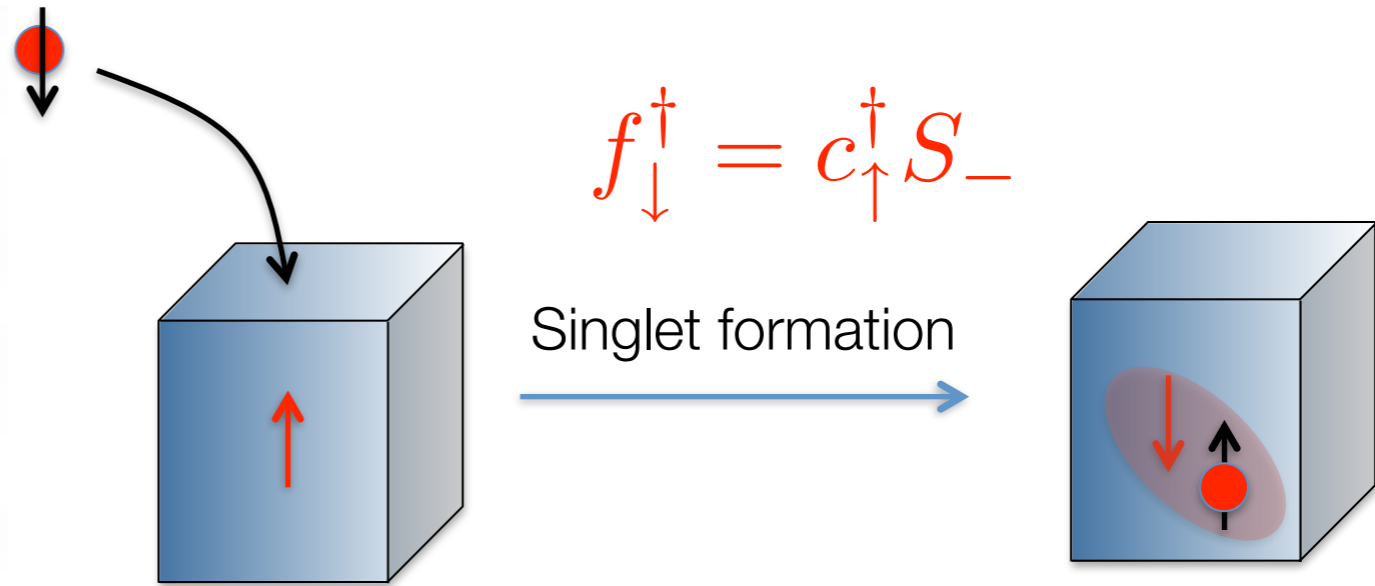
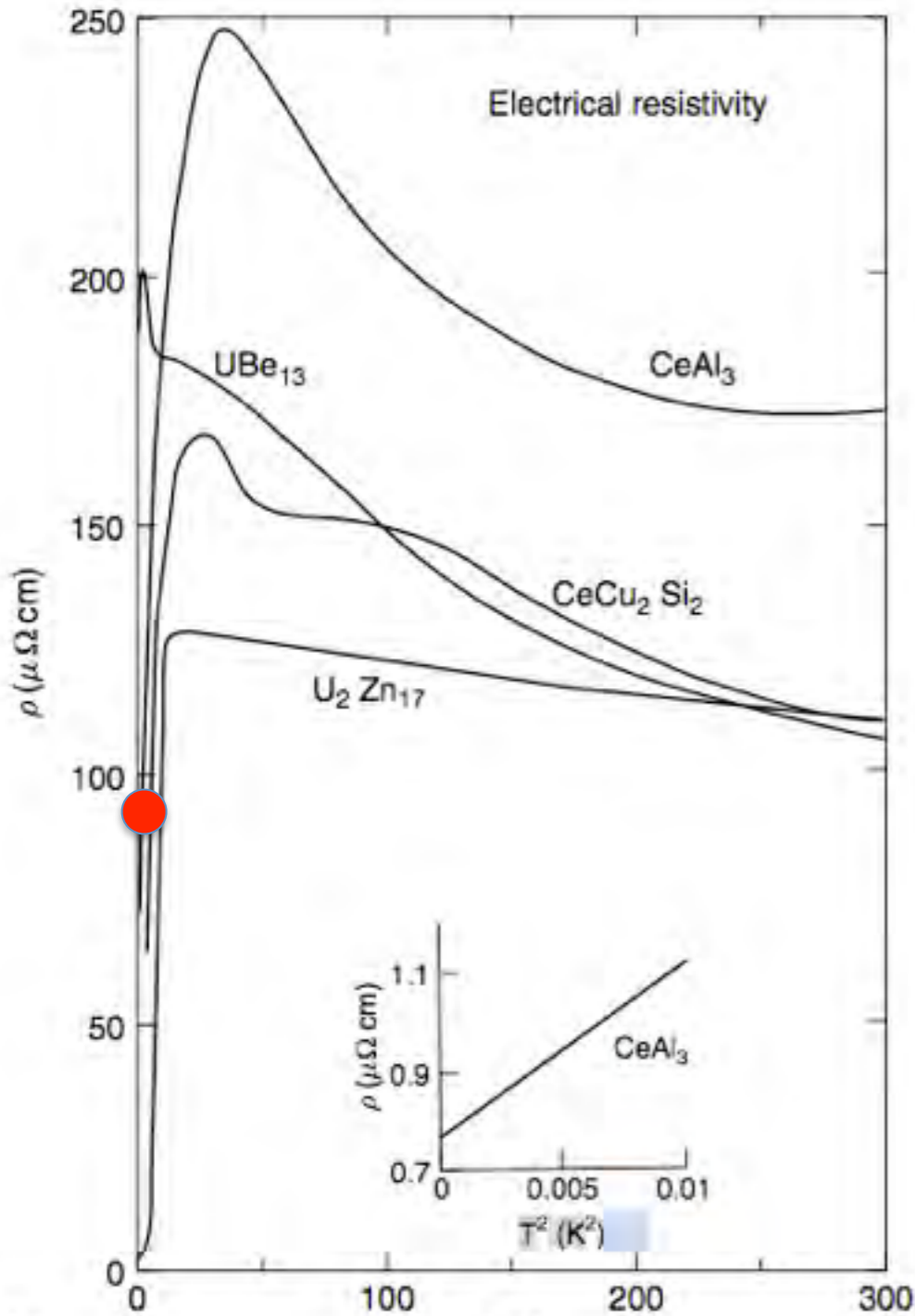


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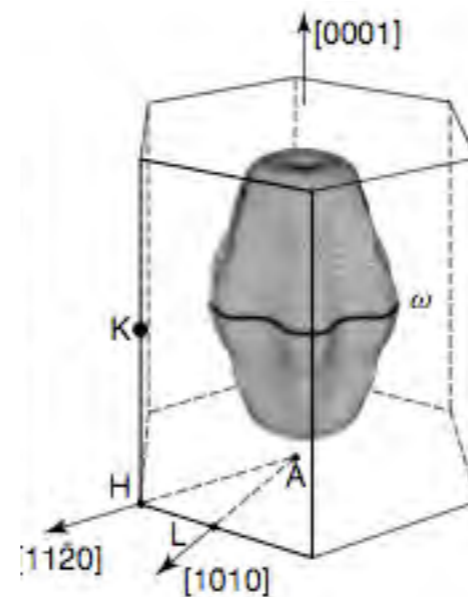


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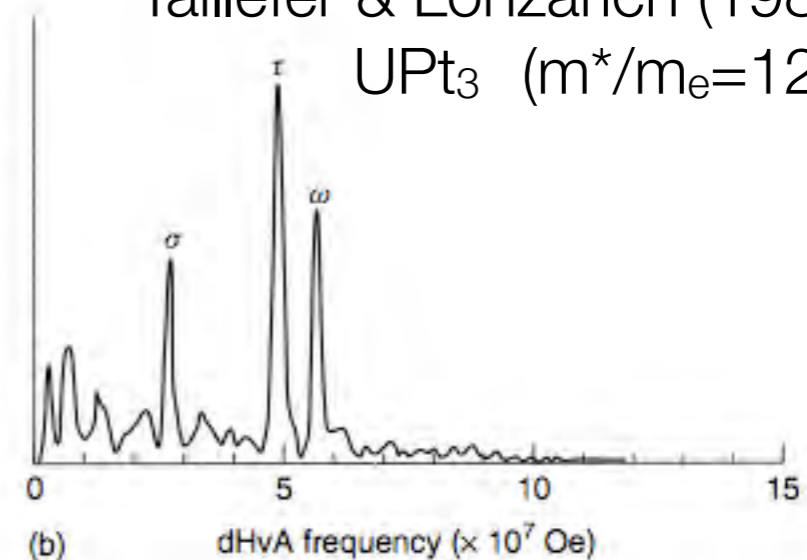
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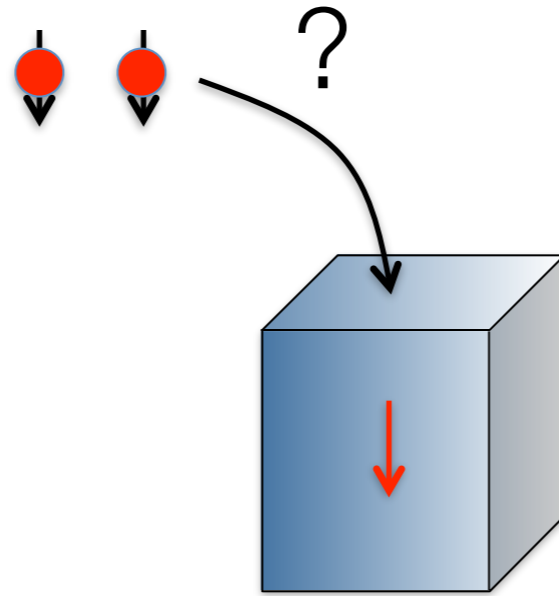
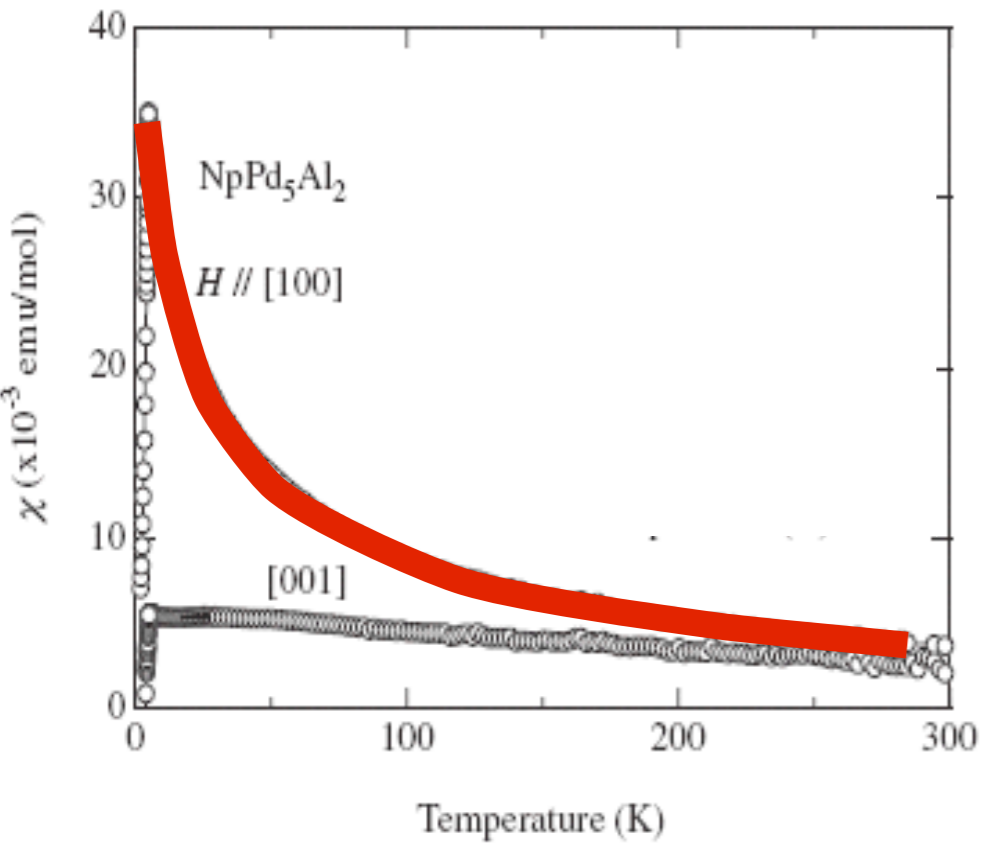


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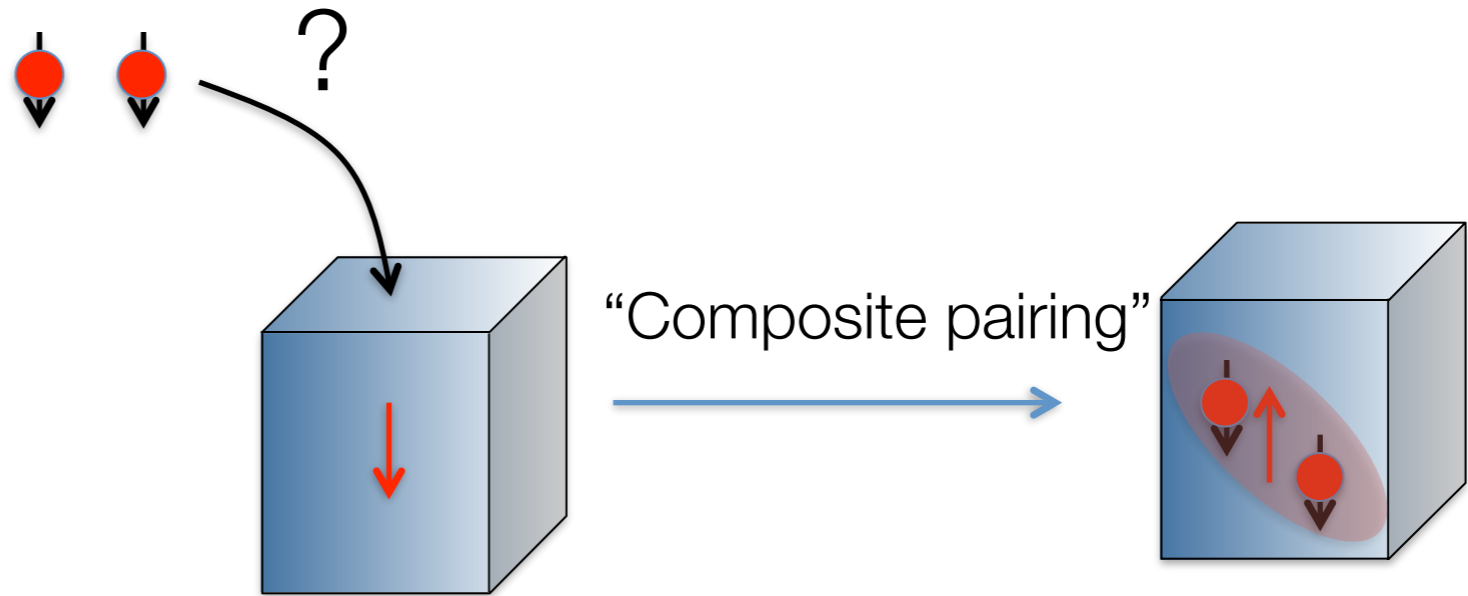
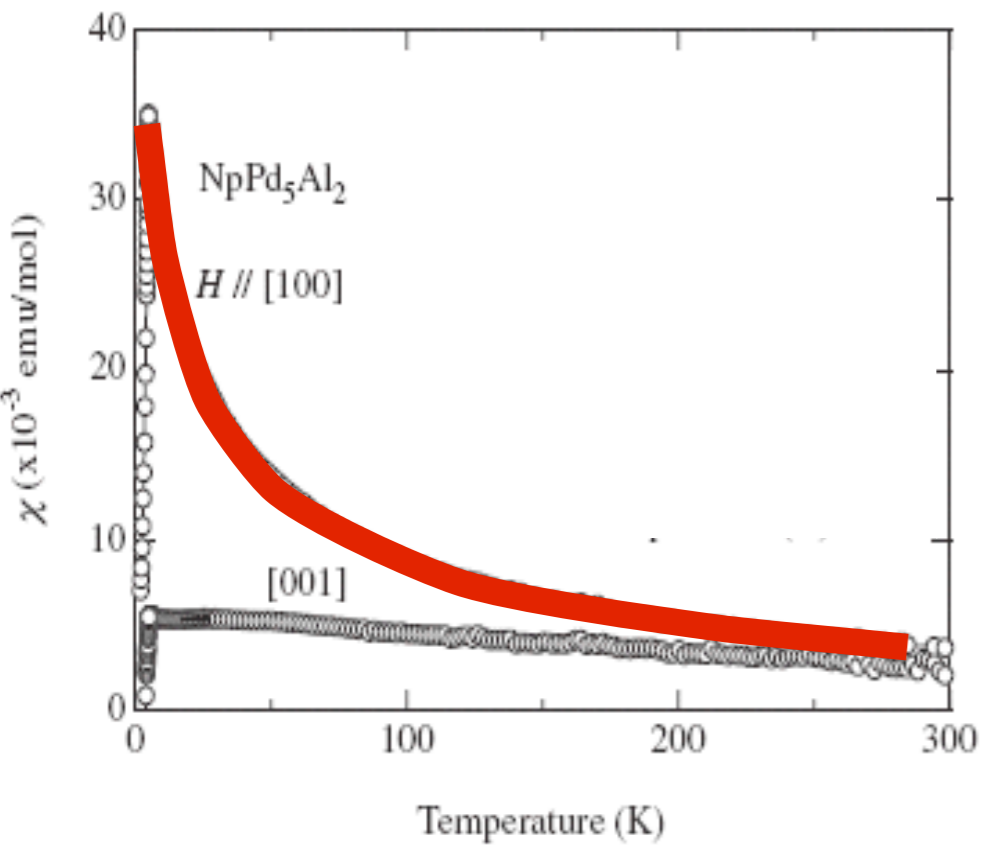
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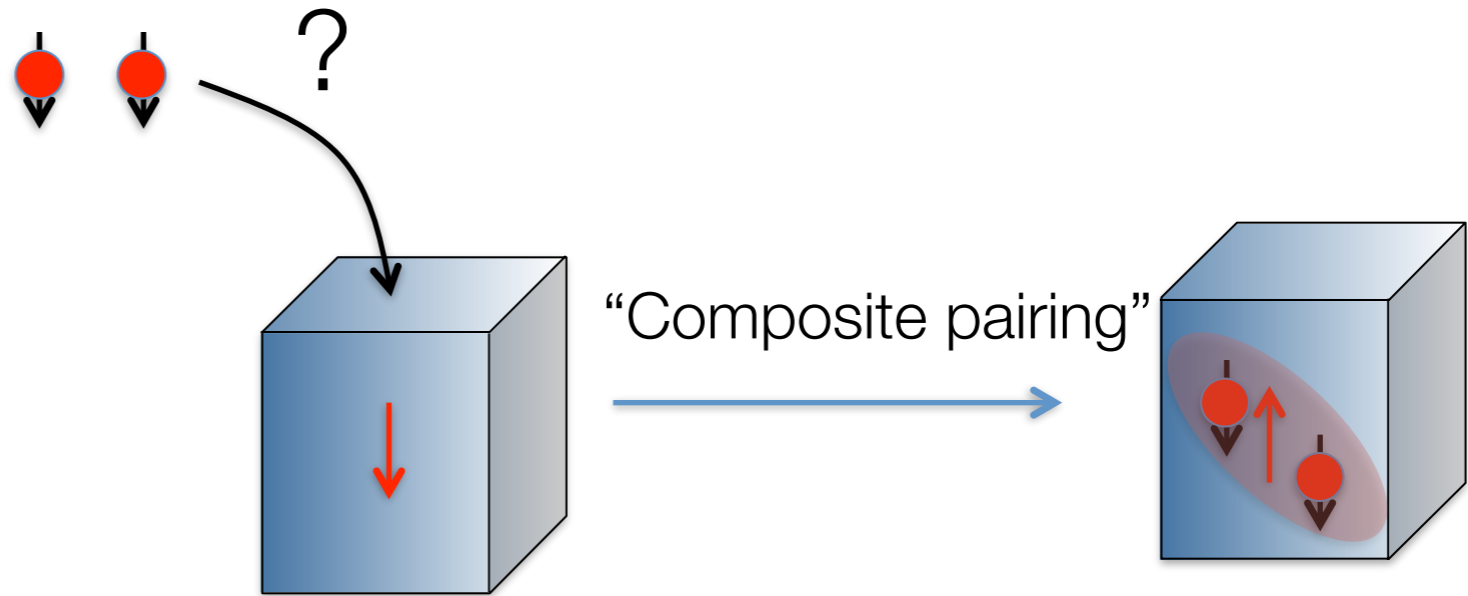
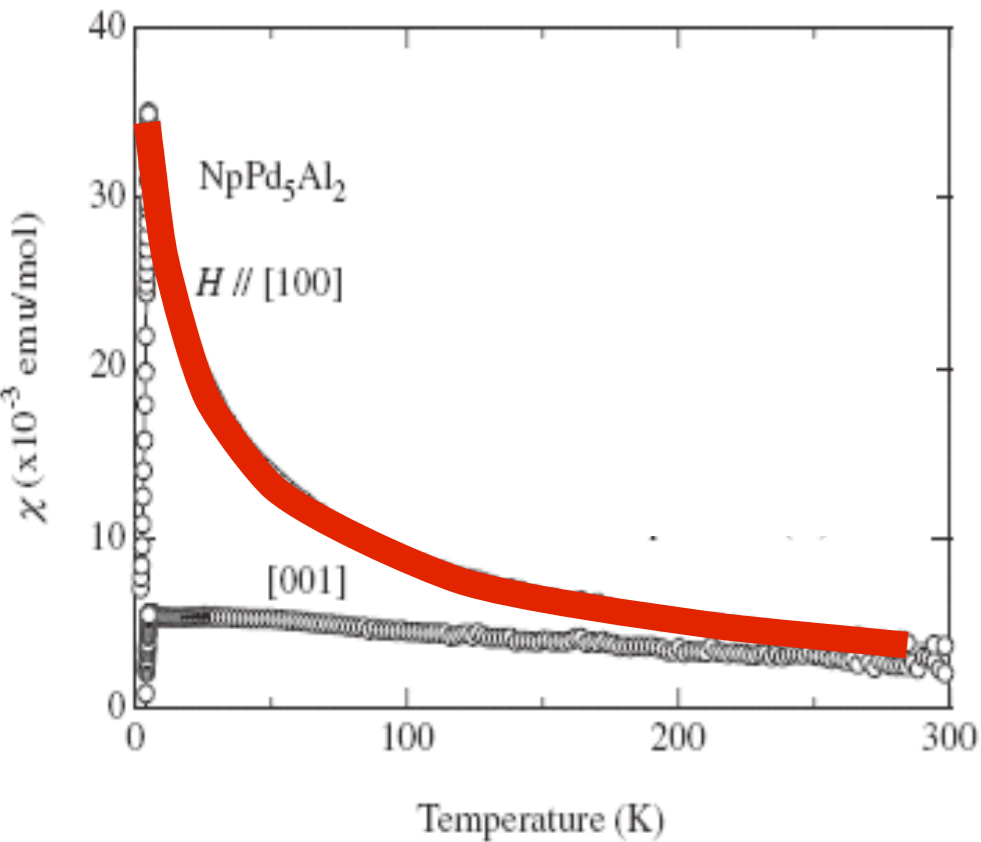
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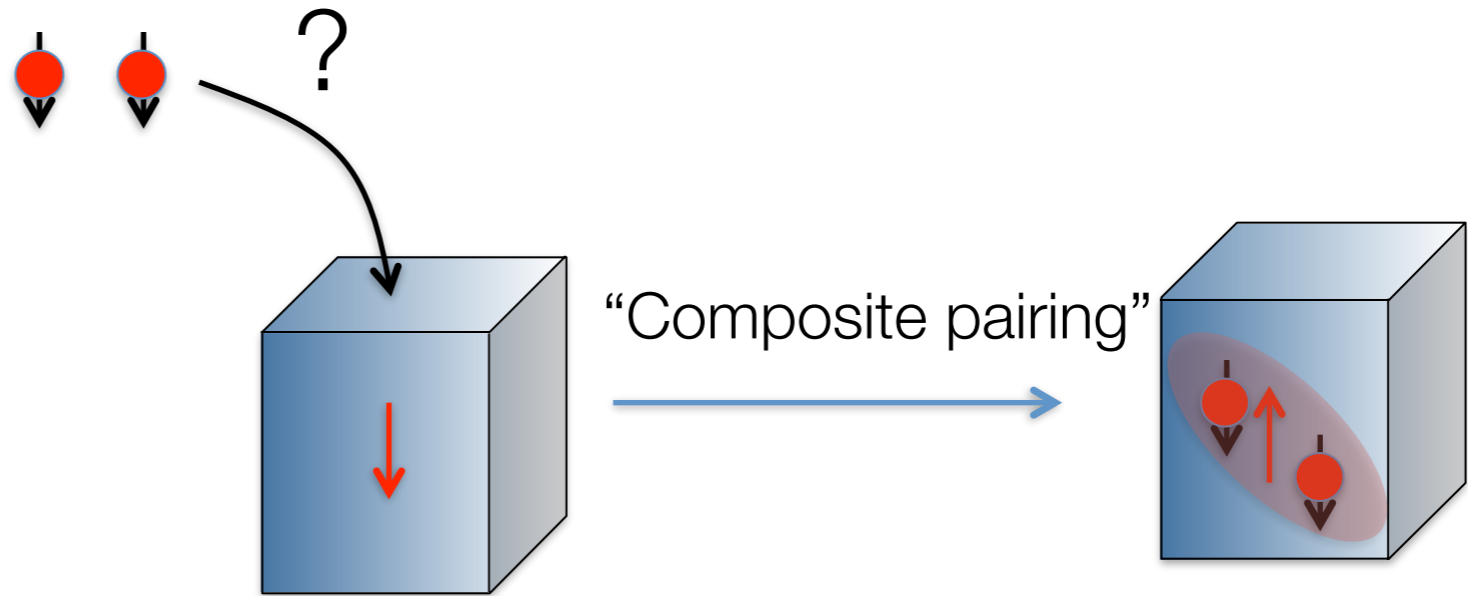
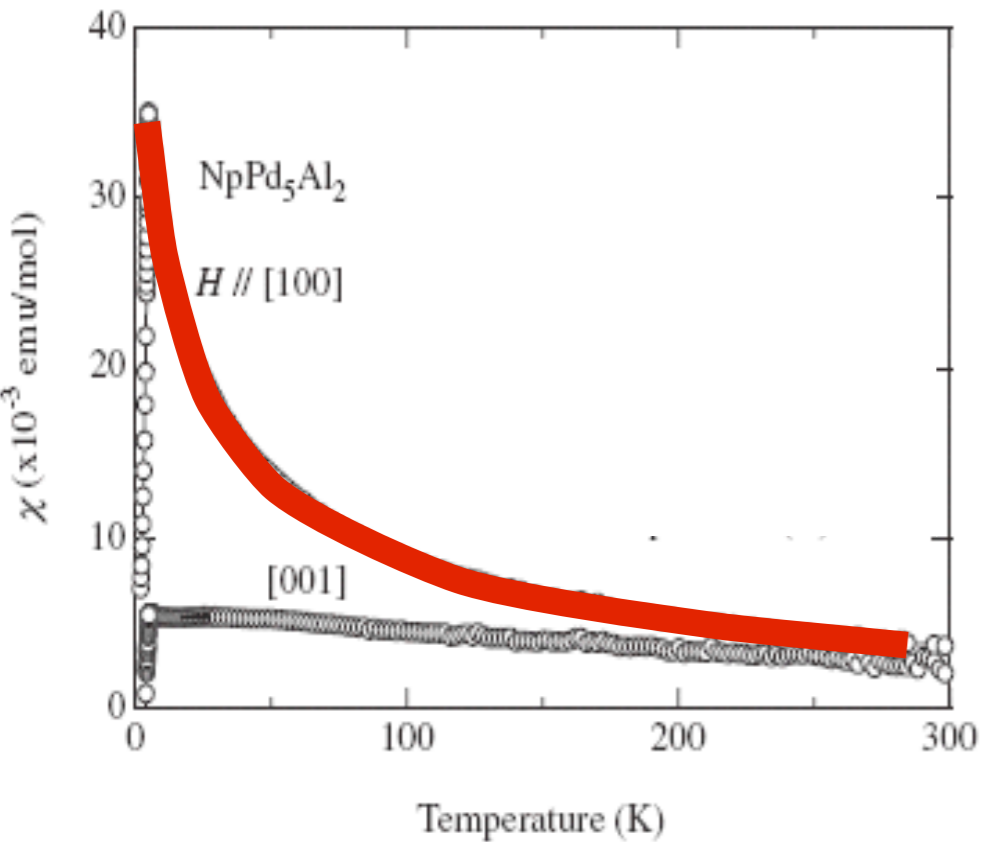
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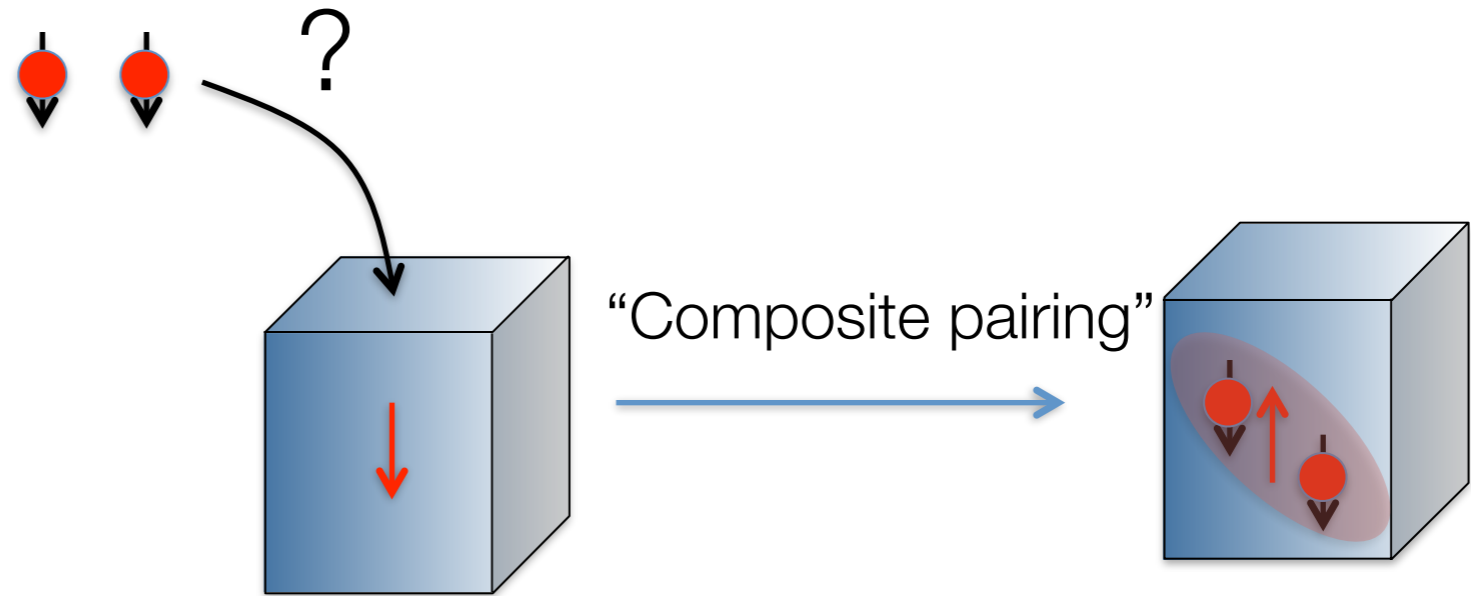
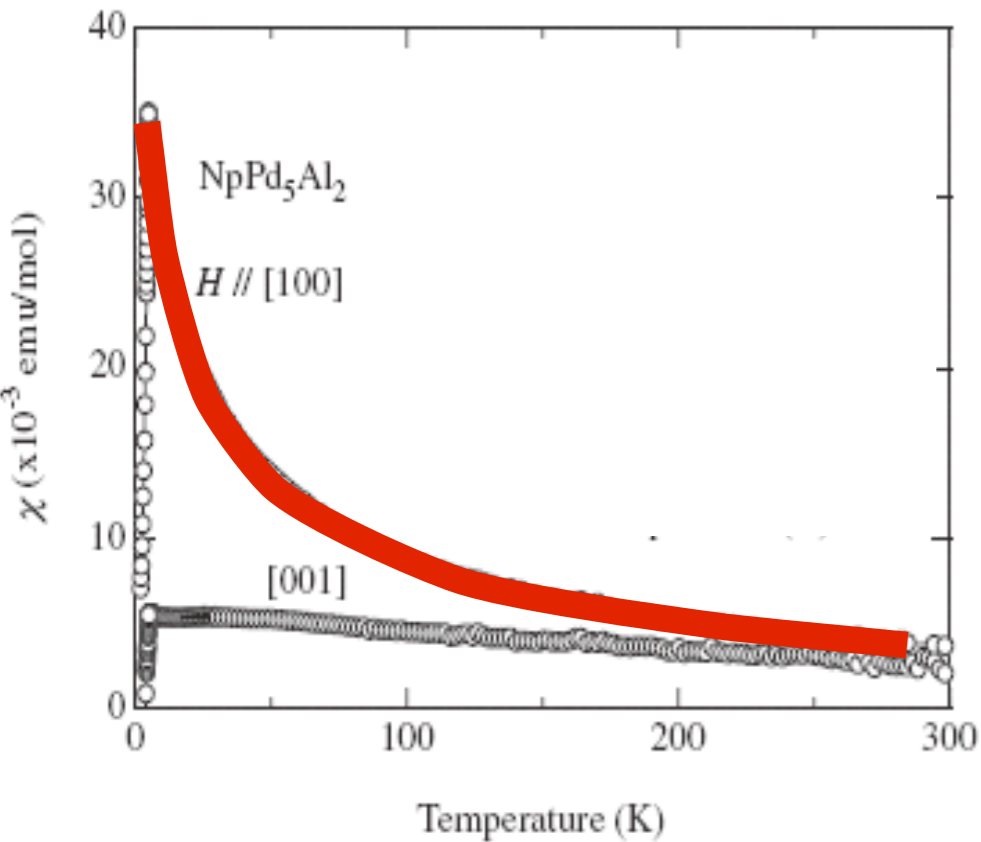


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