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**Application of a Difference Electron Nanoscope
(DEN) -**

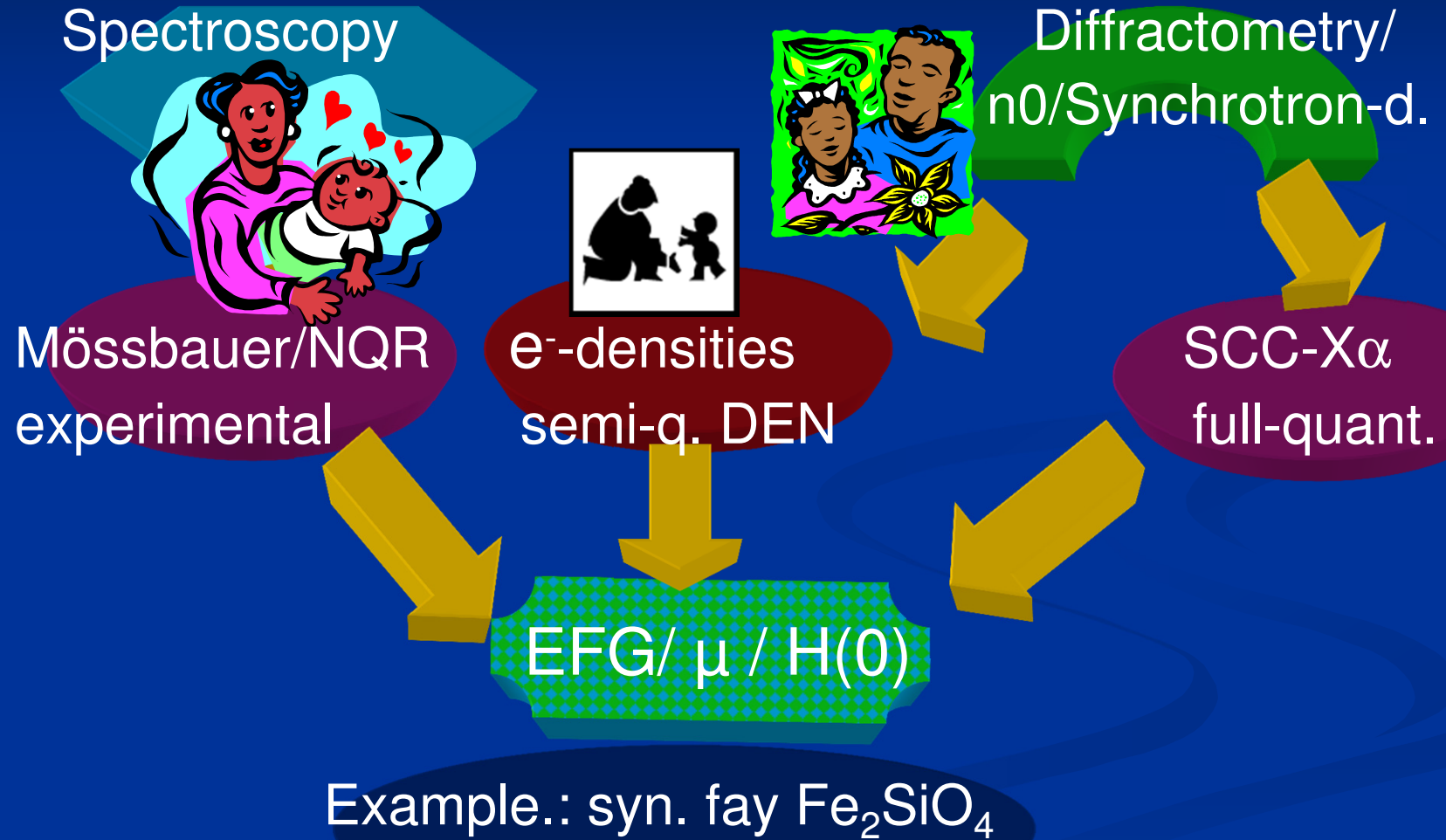
**correlation between 3D magnetical structures of
synthetic fayalite with synchrotron and neutron
diffraction and Mössbauer spectroscopy**

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Scheme



The electric field gradient (EFG)

■ EFG = $\nabla E = -\nabla\nabla V = \begin{pmatrix} V_{xx} & V_{xy} & V_{xz} \\ -V_{yx} & V_{yy} & V_{yz} \\ V_{zx} & V_{zy} & V_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$

...with $V_{ij} = \partial^2 V / \partial i \partial j$ ($i, j = x, y, z$)

- Choice of the main axes components:

$$|V_{zz}| \geq |V_{yy}| \geq |V_{xx}|$$

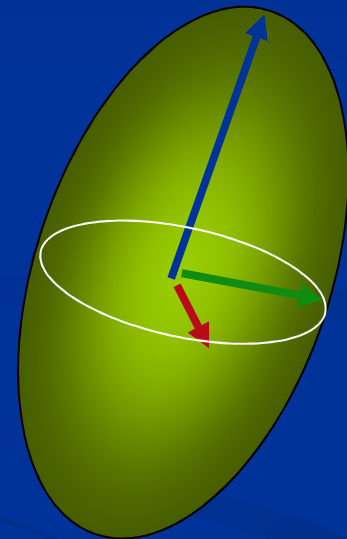
- Geometrically: EFG = tensor ellipsoid

Asymmetry parameter:

$$\eta = (V_{xx} - V_{yy}) / V_{zz}$$

- 2 main contrib. to the EFG at the nucleus:

1. the own e-shell (electronic contrib.)
2. the ligands (lattice contrib.)



Experimental determination of the EFG

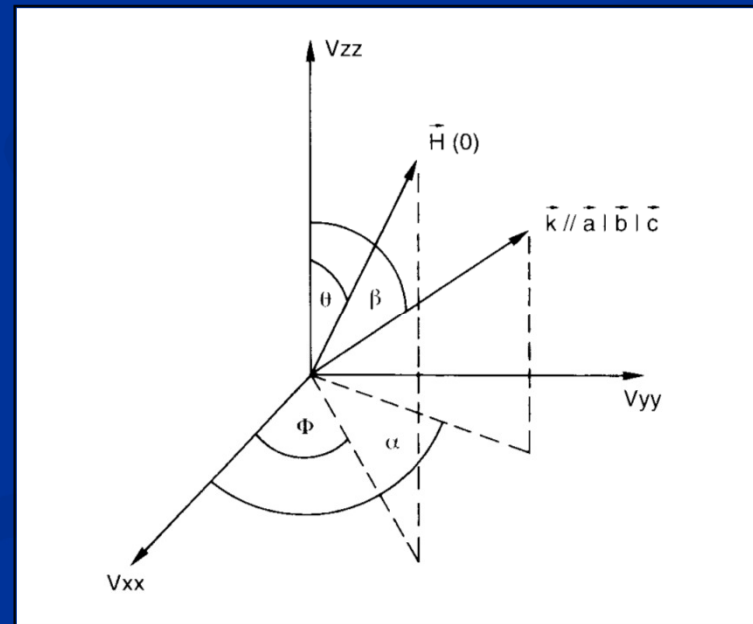
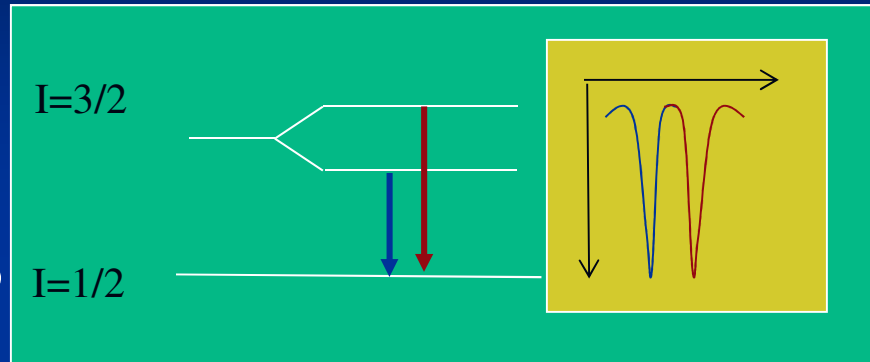
Mößbauer spectroscopy

Quantity to be measured:

- Quadrupole splitting
 $QS = 1/2 e Q V_{zz} \sqrt{1 + \eta^2/3}$
- Asymmetry parameter
 $\eta = (V_{xx} - V_{yy}) / V_{zz}$

With SCMBS additionally:

- Angle β betw. \mathbf{k} -vector of the inc. γ -rays (=crystal axis) and V_{zz}
- Angle α betw. proj. of \mathbf{k} to the (V_{xx}, V_{yy}) -plane and V_{xx}

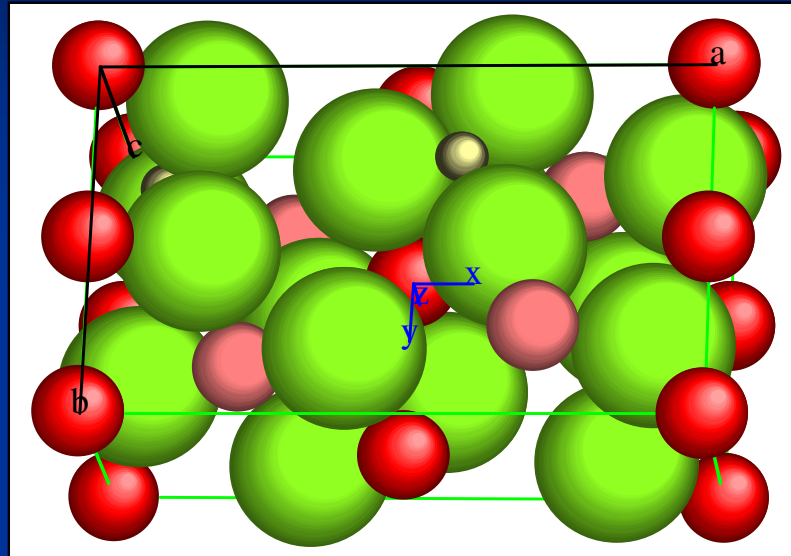


Semi-quantitative method/Nanoscope

- $\rho(x,y,z) = \sum_h \sum_k \sum_l A_{hkl} e^{-2\pi i (h*x/a + k*y/b + l*z/c)}$
- A = Structure amplitude
- $|A_{hkl}| = 1/V_Z * |F_{hkl}|$
- $\rho(F_{obs}) - \rho(F_{cal,spherical}) =$
- $\Delta\rho_{aspherical}$ (Difference fourier)
- Idea: Aspherical densities-->EFG calc
- Special software (Comp. tomography, DEDLOT under IDL[®]):
- EFG as wire frame graphics, calculated from difference electron densities (DEDs) on a Mac G5[®]



Example : synth. fayalite Fe_2SiO_4



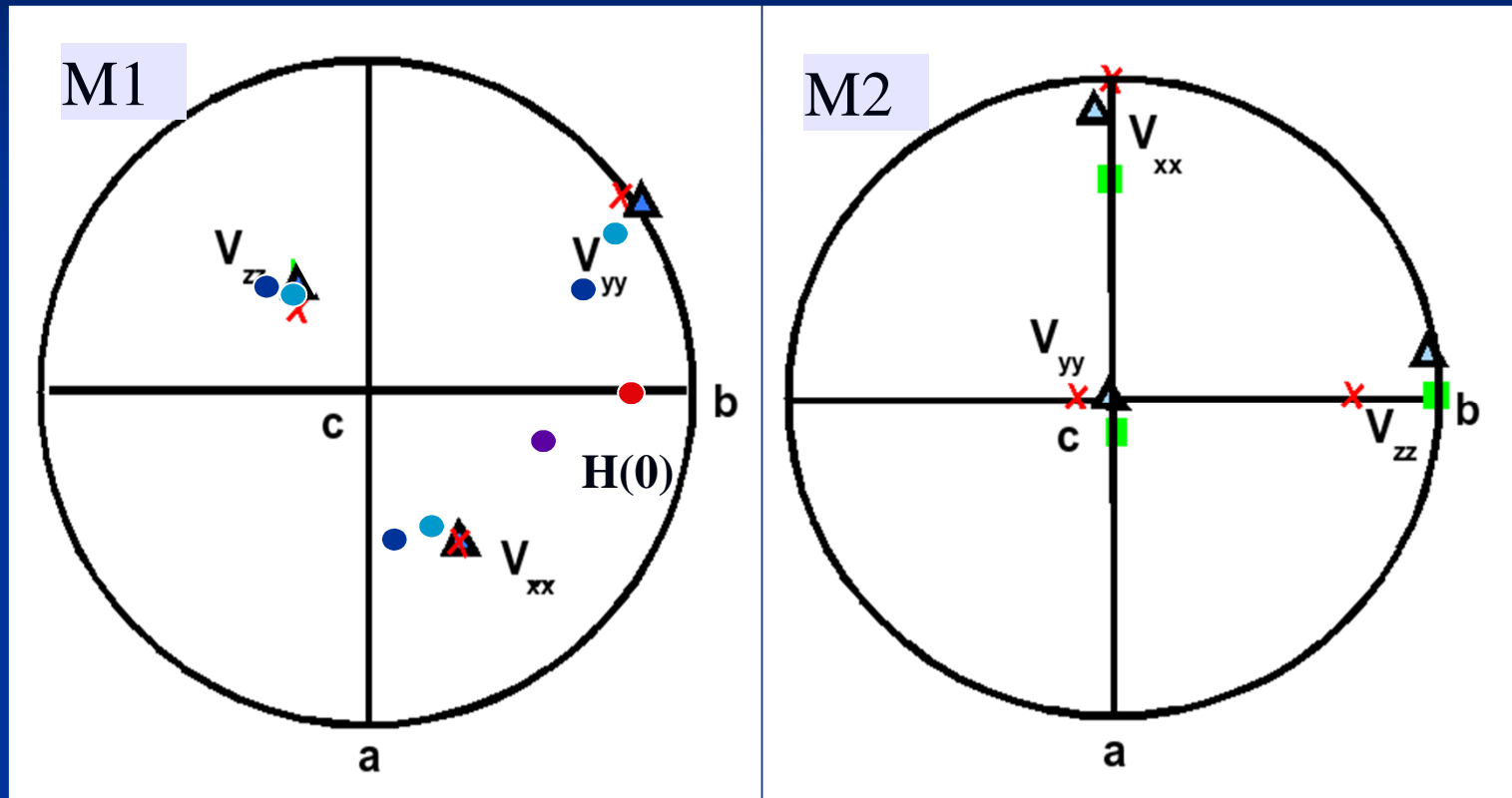
Synth. fayalite $\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{SiO}_4$, orthorhombic, SG Pnma, Z=4

$a = 1.0459(3)$, $b = 0.6074(1)$, $c = 0.4815(1)$ nm

Fe^{2+} -cations: M1(4a, PS -1) M2 (4c,PS m)

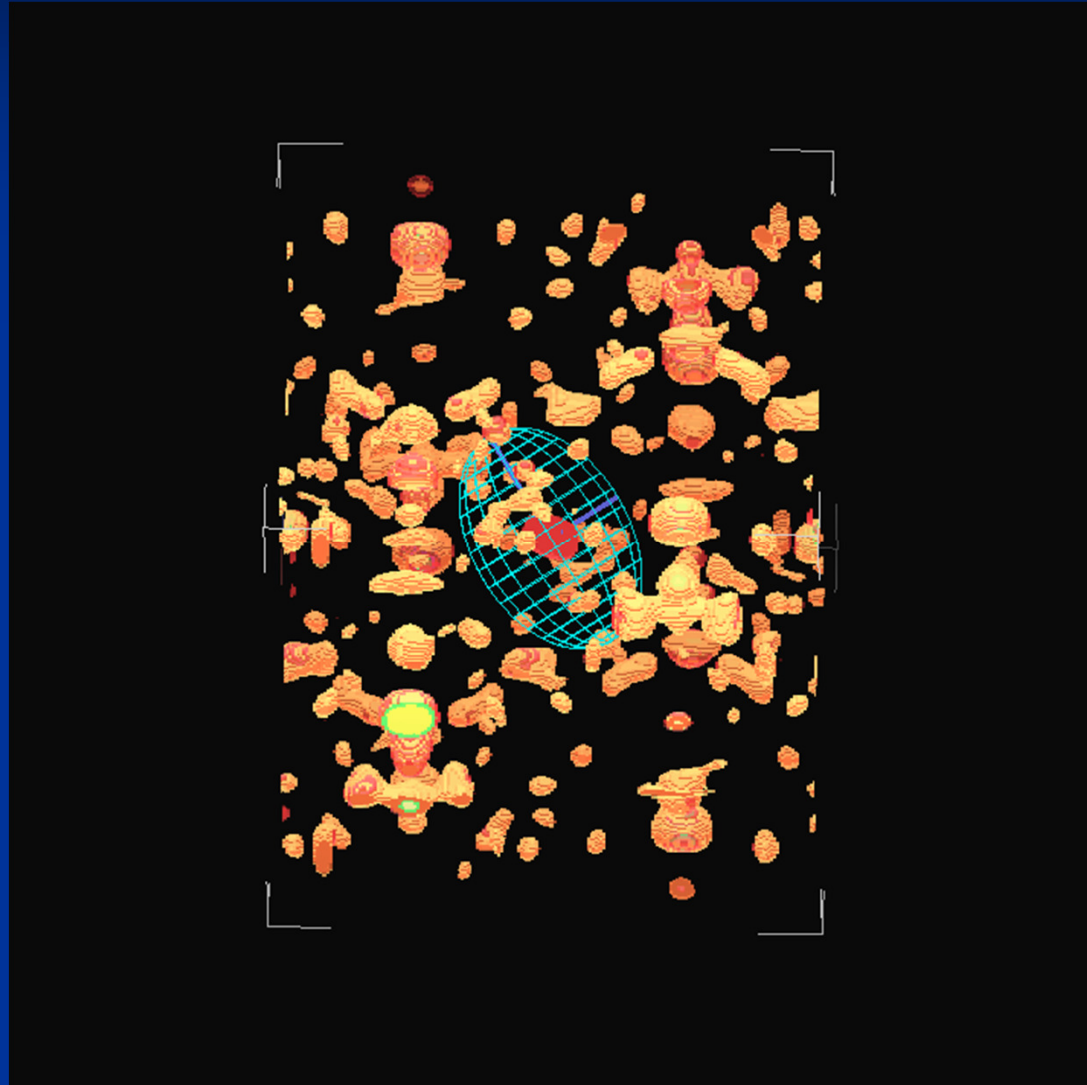
-->amazing structural u. magn. properties

Stereogram EFG + H(0)

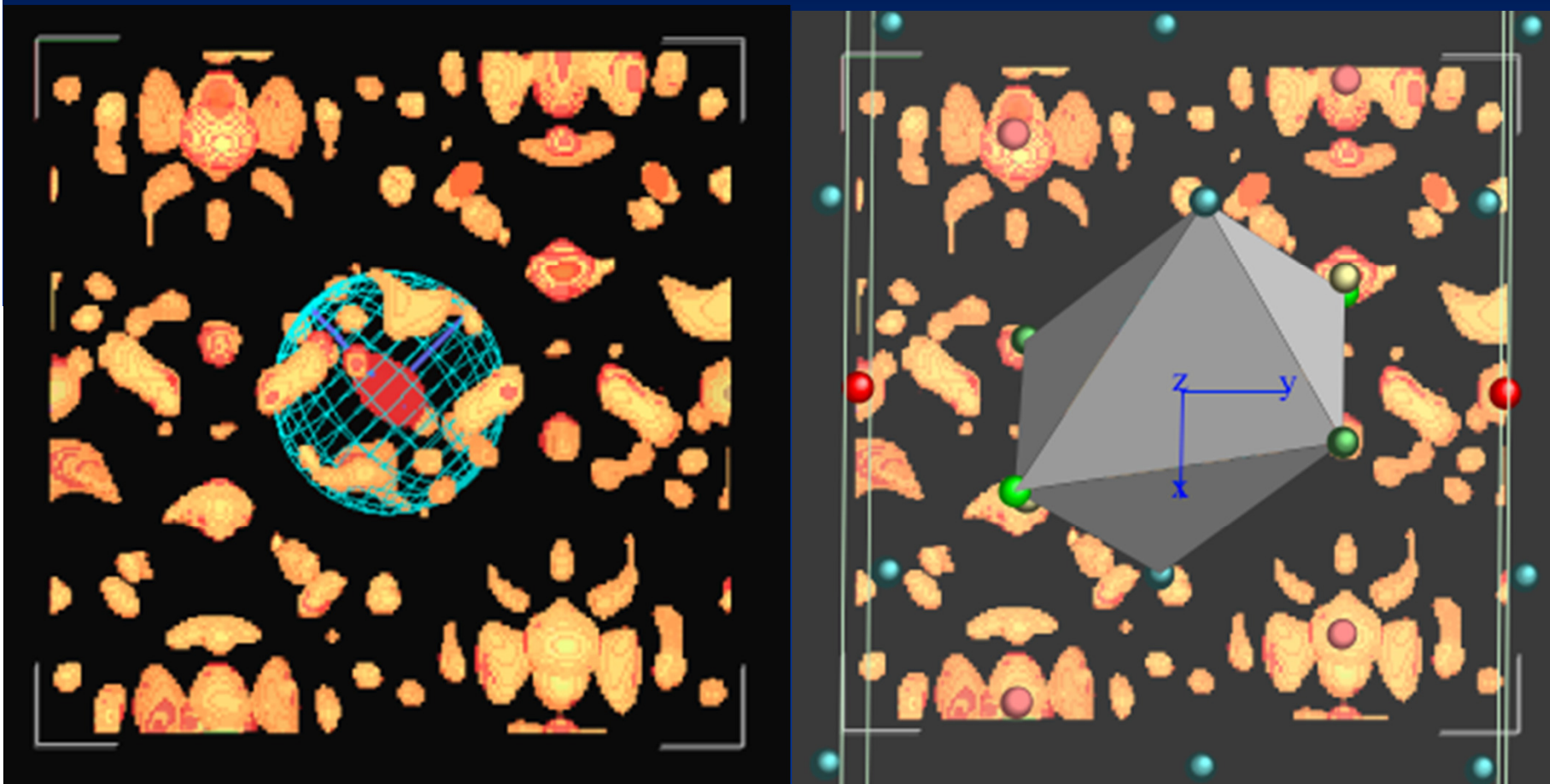


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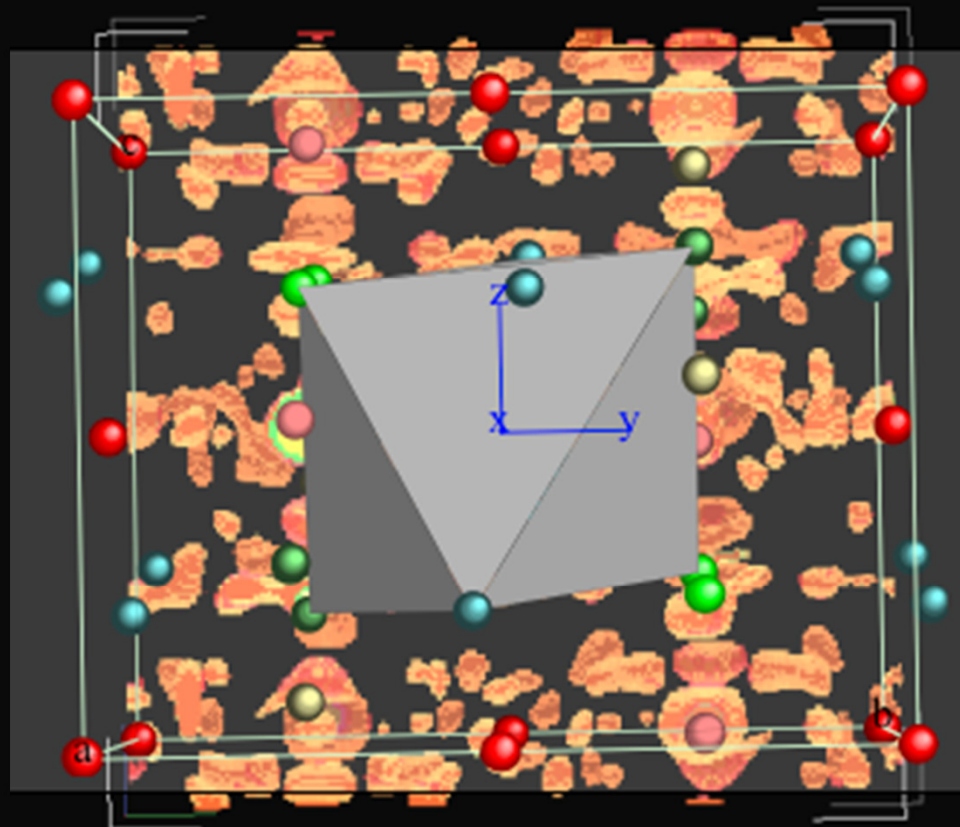
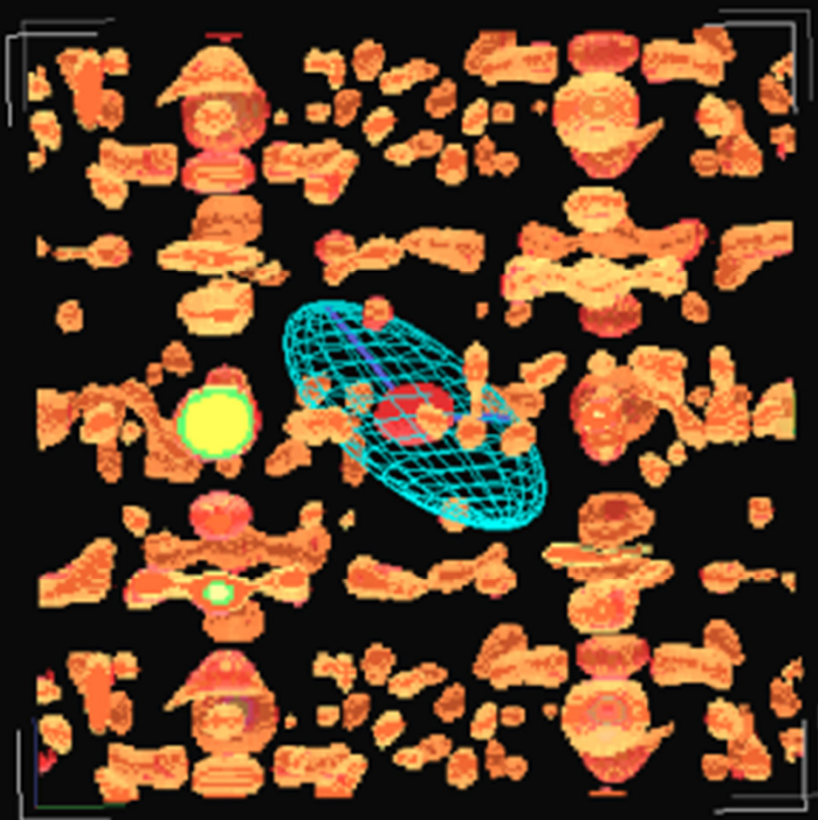
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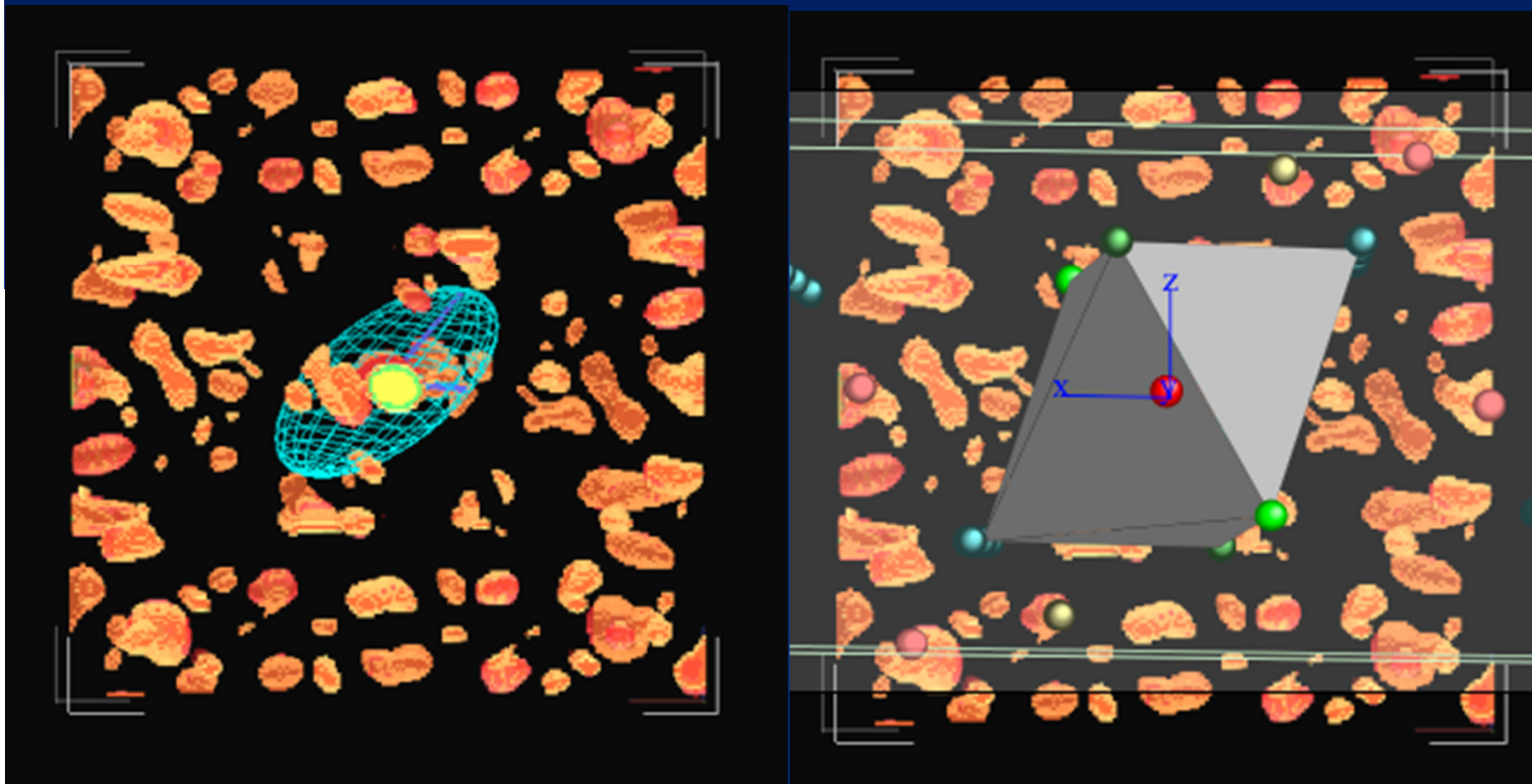
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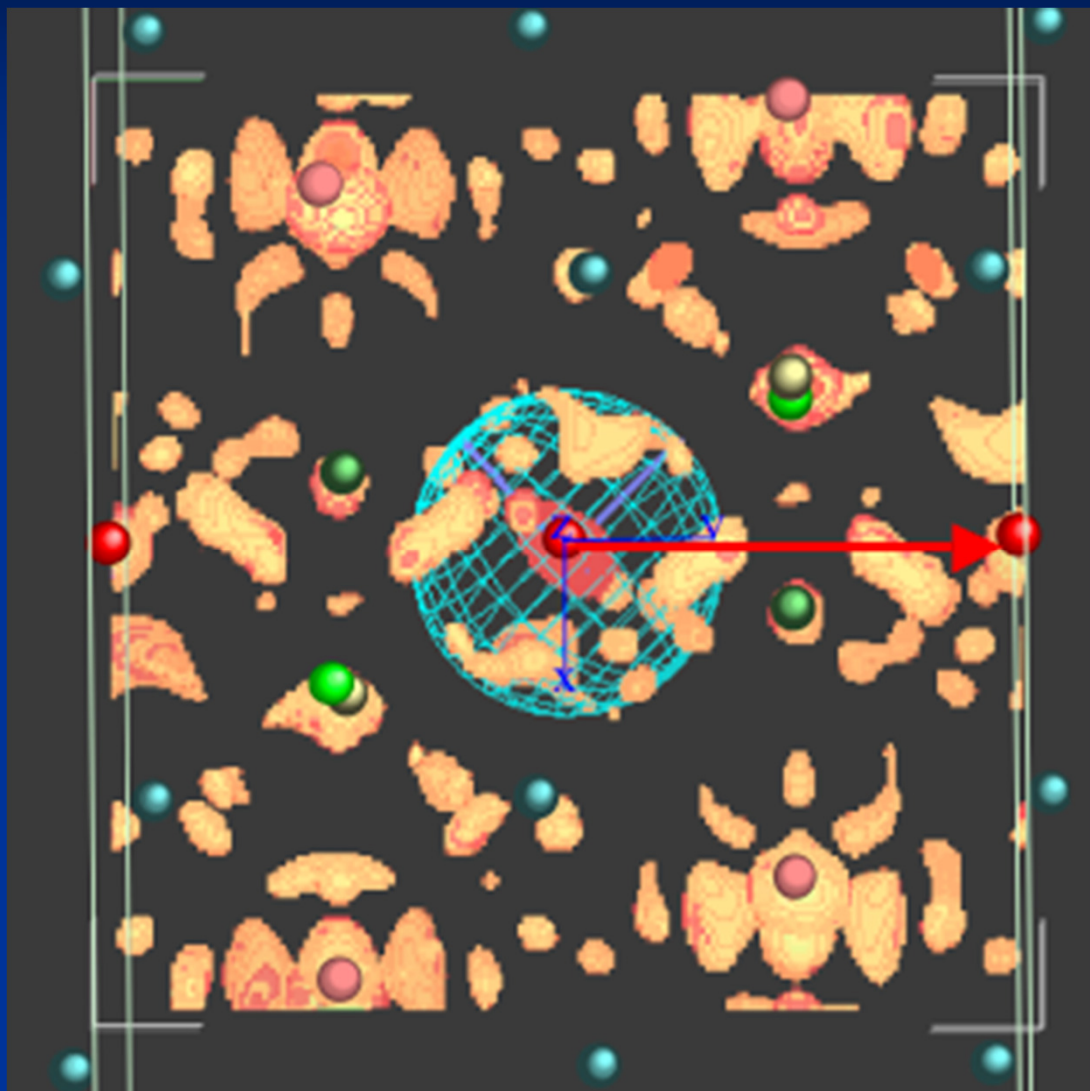
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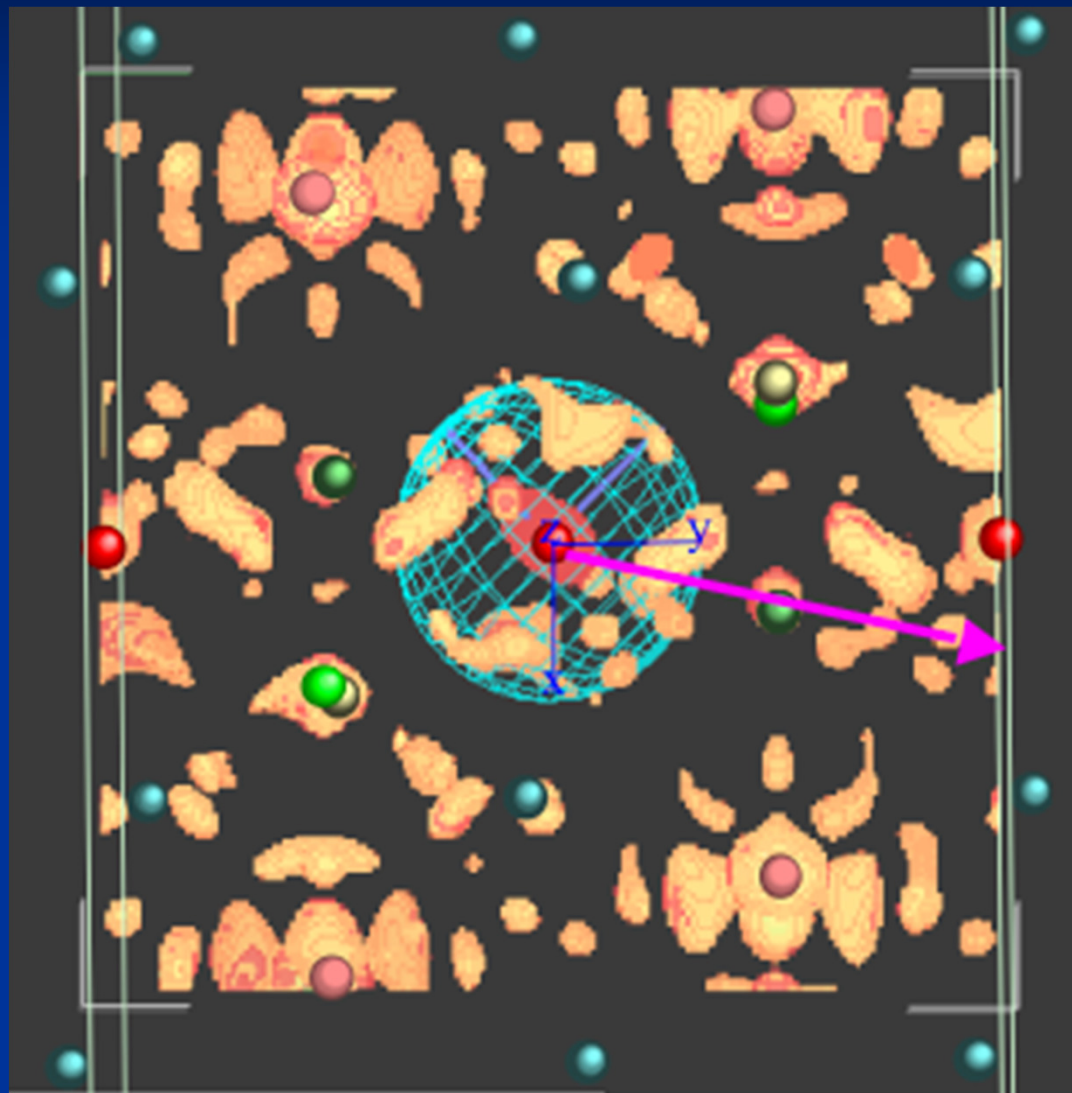
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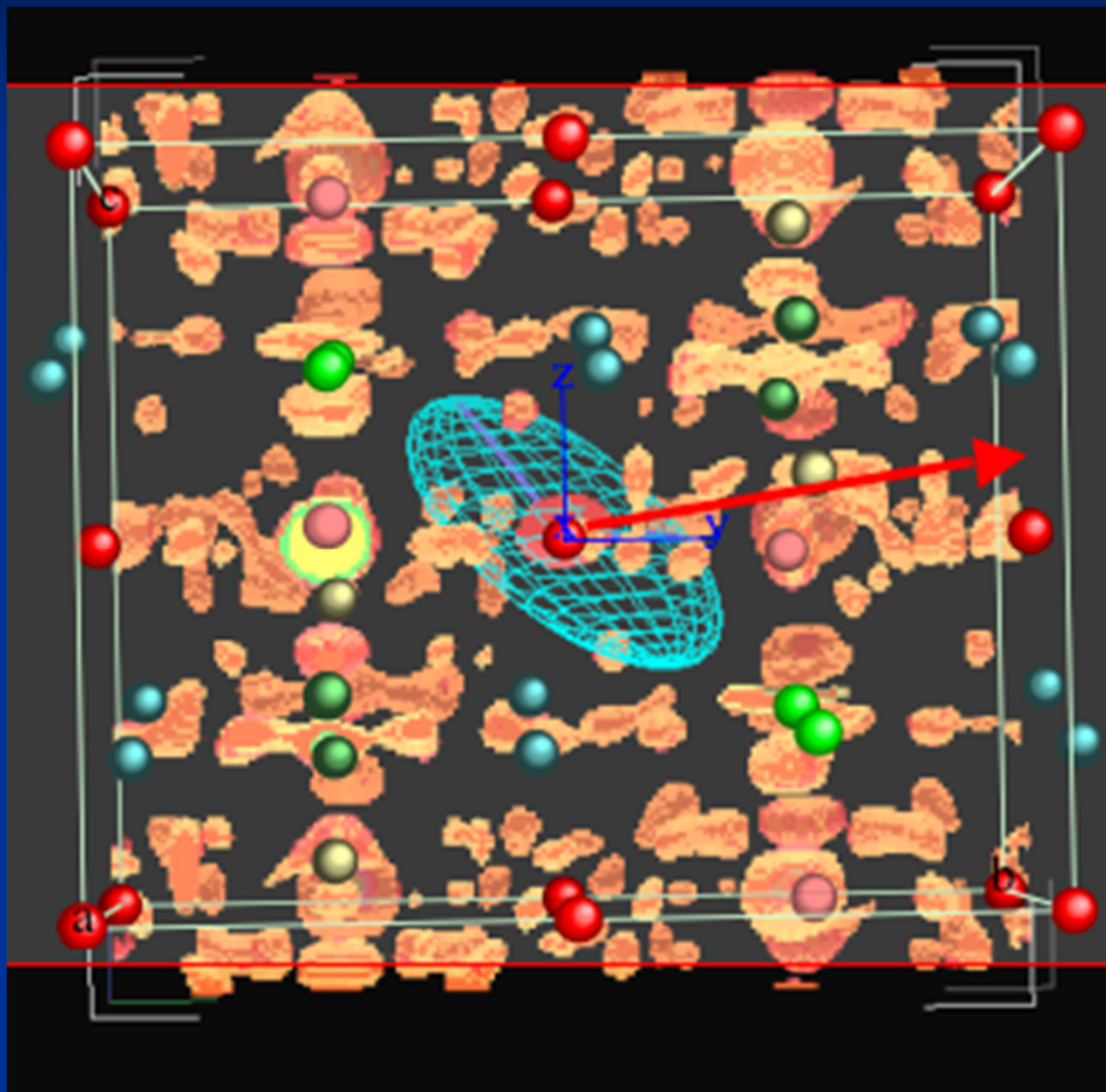
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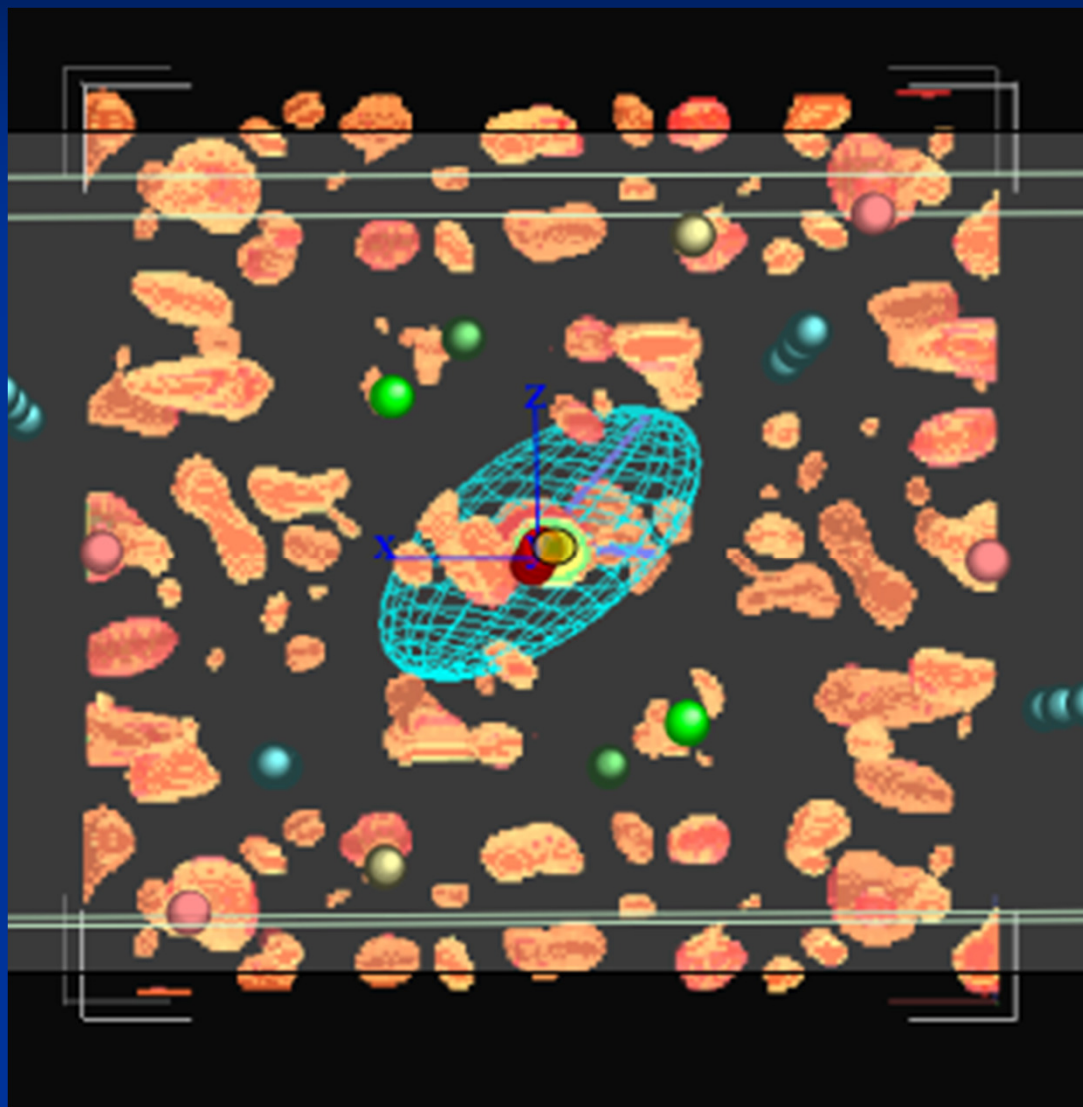
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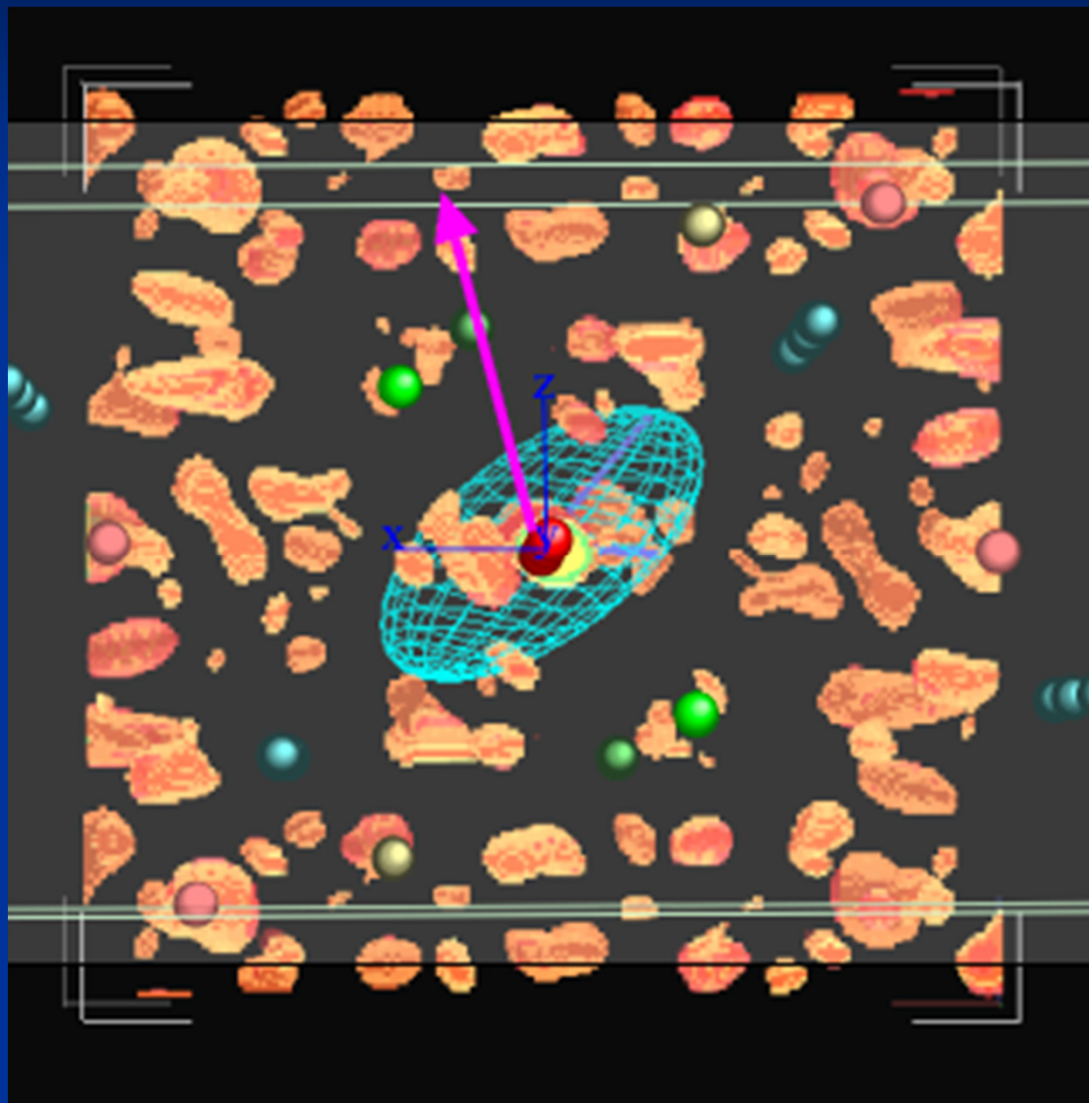
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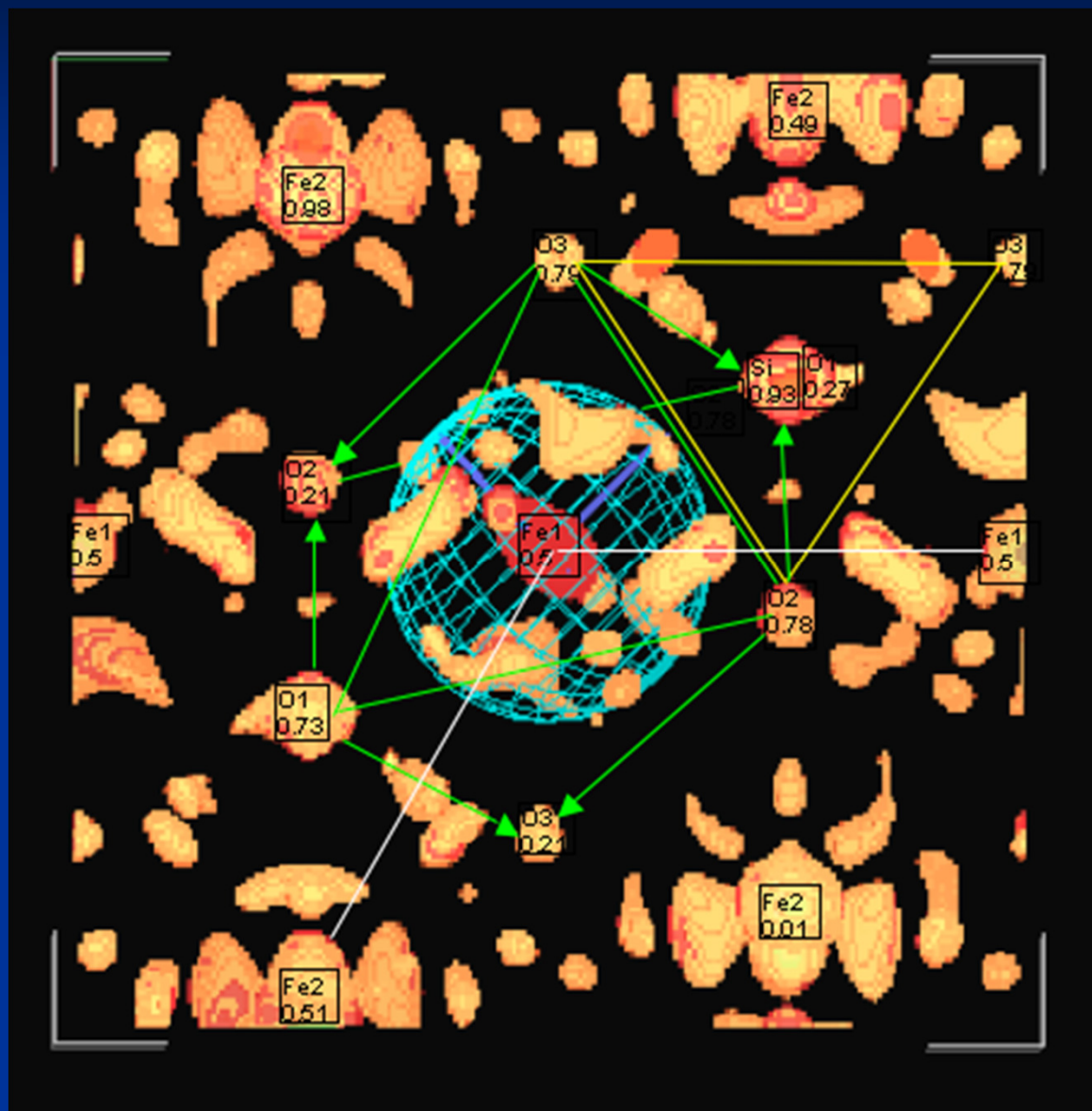
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DEN images: M1 at 1/2 1/2 1/2: [001] DEDs + MO



Conclusions

- By application of the difference electron nanoscope (DEN) the electric field gradient (EFG) can be determined with high accuracy
- The EFG constitutes the link between (synchrotron-) diffractometry and spectroscopy (SCMBS or NQR/NMR)
- Essential for success is a multitude of exquisite structure factors preferably stemming from synchrotron diffraction measurements
- The difference electron densities (DEDs) within the unit cell may be viewed 3D with a wire frame model of the EFG

Conclusions

- It is possible to see amazing details like DED maxima around certain oxygens responsible for superexchange coupling
- It should be possible to establish the DEN-method (semi-quant.) as another procedure to derive an EFG and direction of magnetic moments besides Mössbauer /NQR (exp.), neutron diffraction and DFT (full-quant.)

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