

Preparation to the Young Physicists' Tournaments' 2025

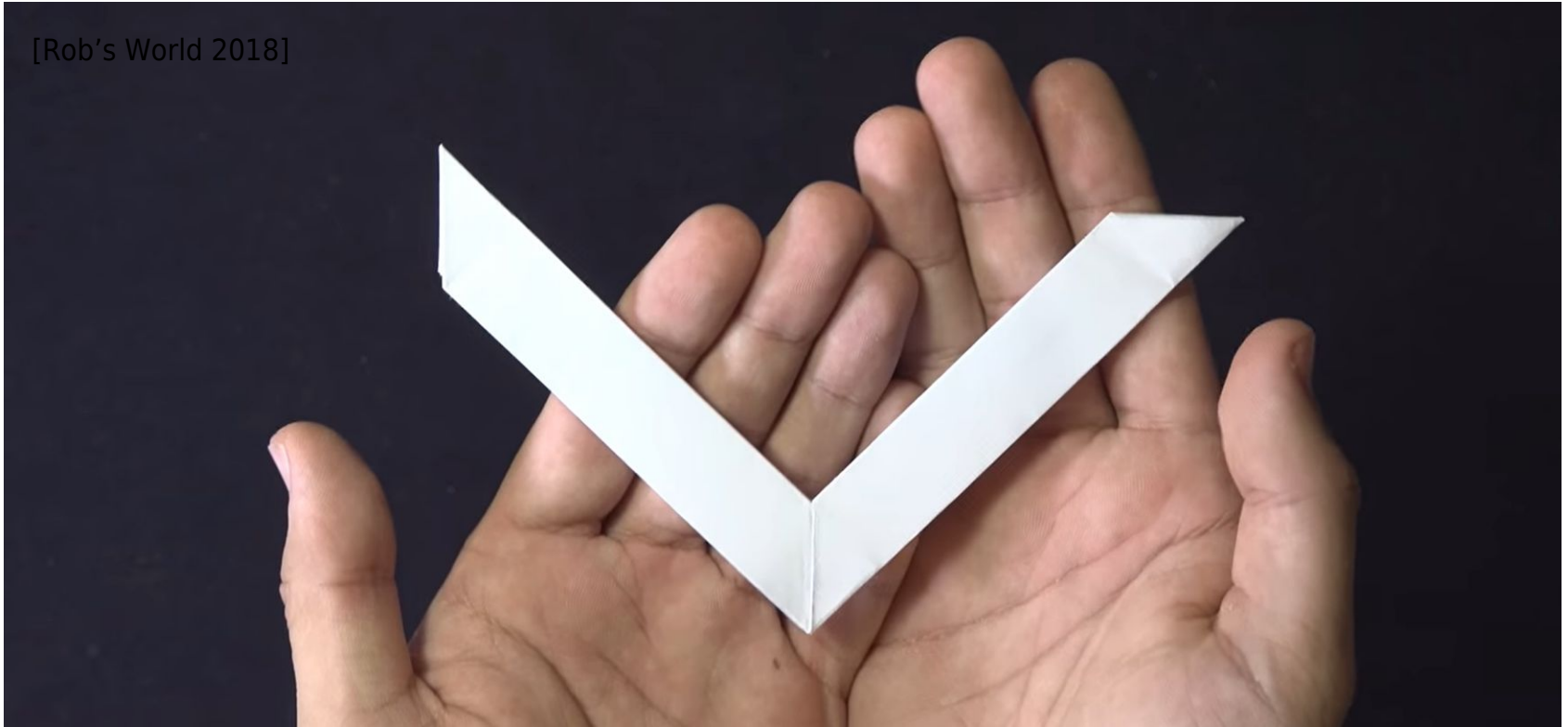
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Is the novel research limited and discouraged by the existing common knowledge and the ongoing work of competing groups? :-)

[Rob's World 2018]



Problem No. 1 “Invent Yourself: Paper boomerang”

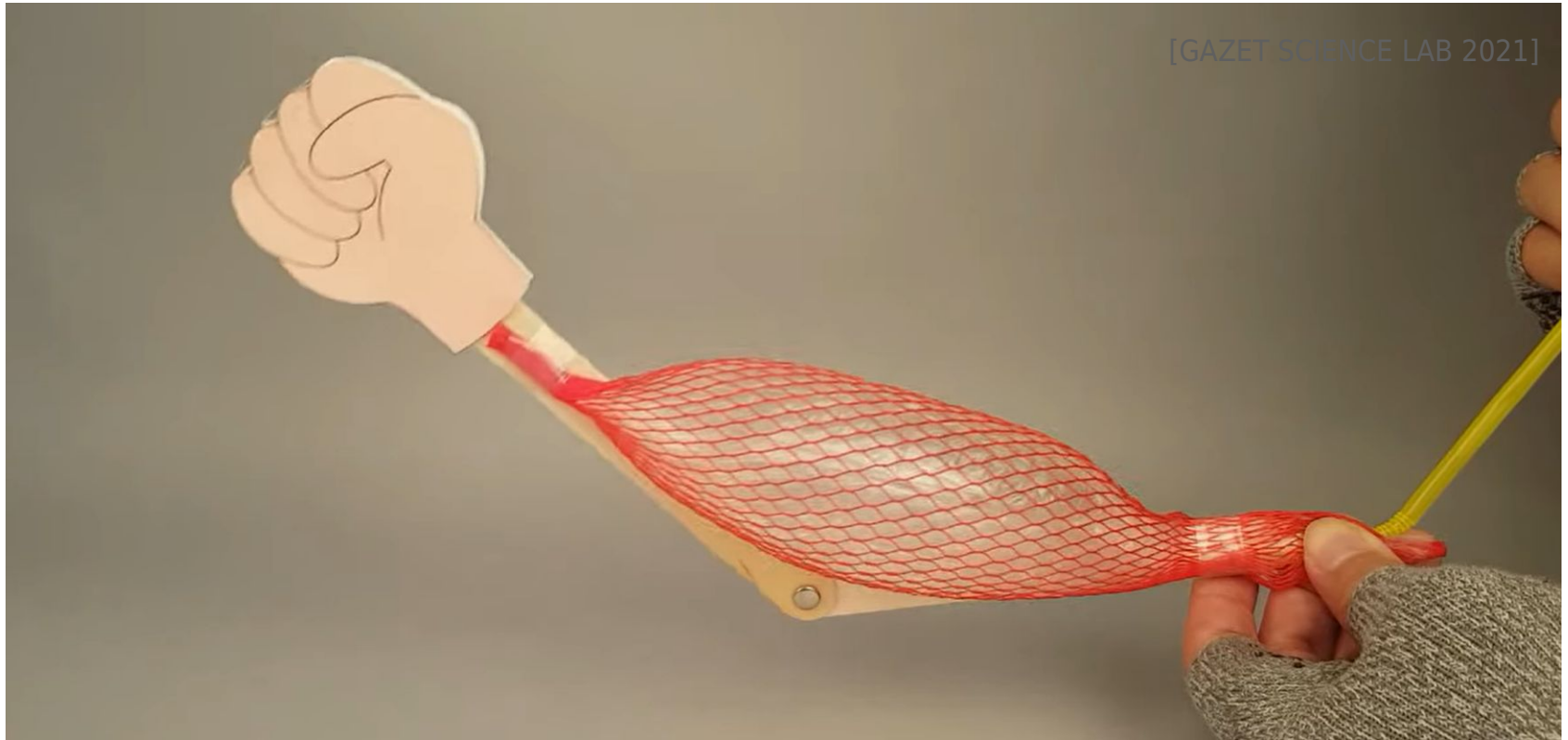
Make a returning boomerang from a sheet of paper by folding and/or cutting. Investigate how its motion depends on relevant parameters.

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Problem No. 2 “Air muscle”

Place a balloon inside a cylindrical net (as is sometimes used to wrap garlic) and inflate it. The net will expand and shorten. Investigate the properties of such a "muscle".

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Problem No. 3 “Lato Lato”

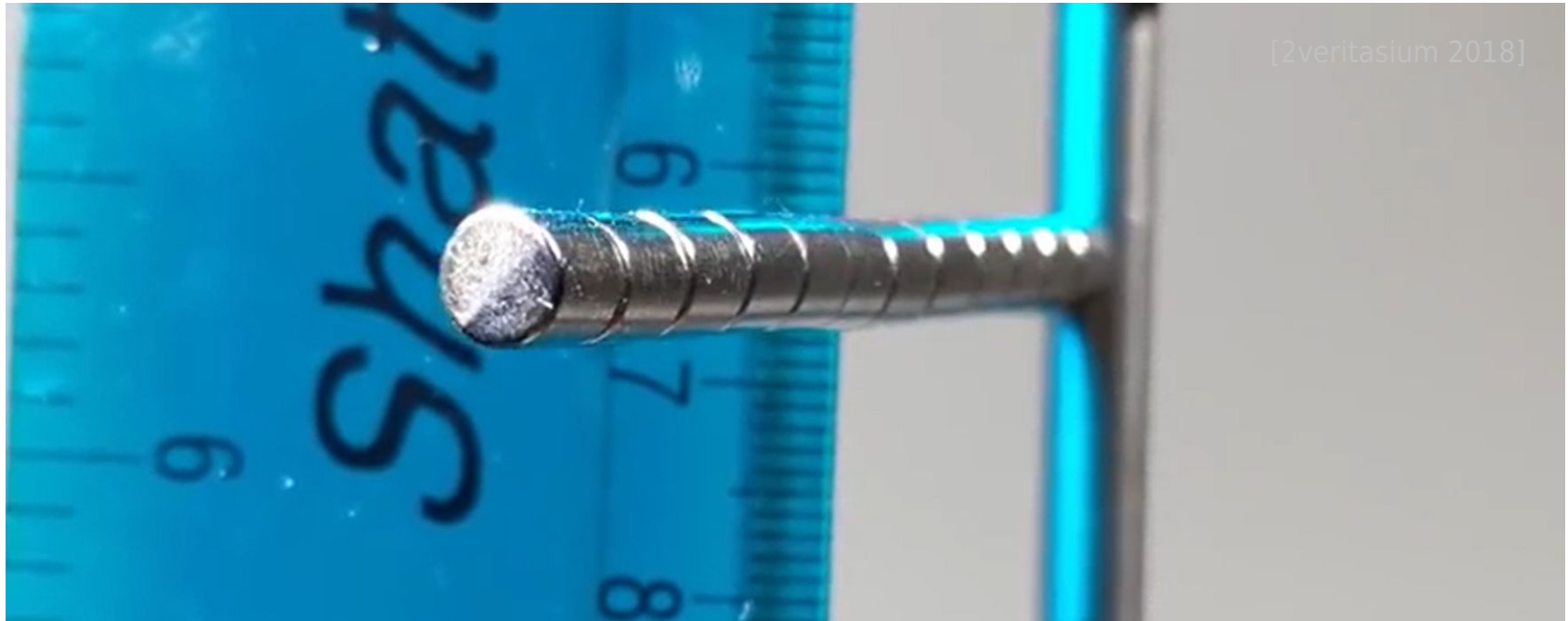
Attach a ball to each end of a string and connect the center of the string to a pivot. When the pivot oscillates along the vertical direction, the balls start to collide and oscillate with increasing amplitude. Investigate the phenomenon.

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Problem No. 4 “Climbing magnets”

Attach a rod assembled from cylindrical neodymium magnets horizontally to a vertical ferromagnetic rod. Limit the motion of the magnets to the vertical direction. When the ferromagnetic rod is spun around its axis of symmetry, the magnetic rod begins to climb up. Explain this phenomenon and investigate how the rate of climbing depends on relevant parameters.

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[William Andrus 2010]



Problem No. 5 “Dancing slinky”

Twist a slinky several times and keep its bottom fixed. After releasing the top, the slinky starts to "dance" – wave-like phenomenon can be observed from the side-view. Explain the phenomenon and investigate the parameters affecting the slinky's motion.

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Problem No. 6 “Dripping faucet”

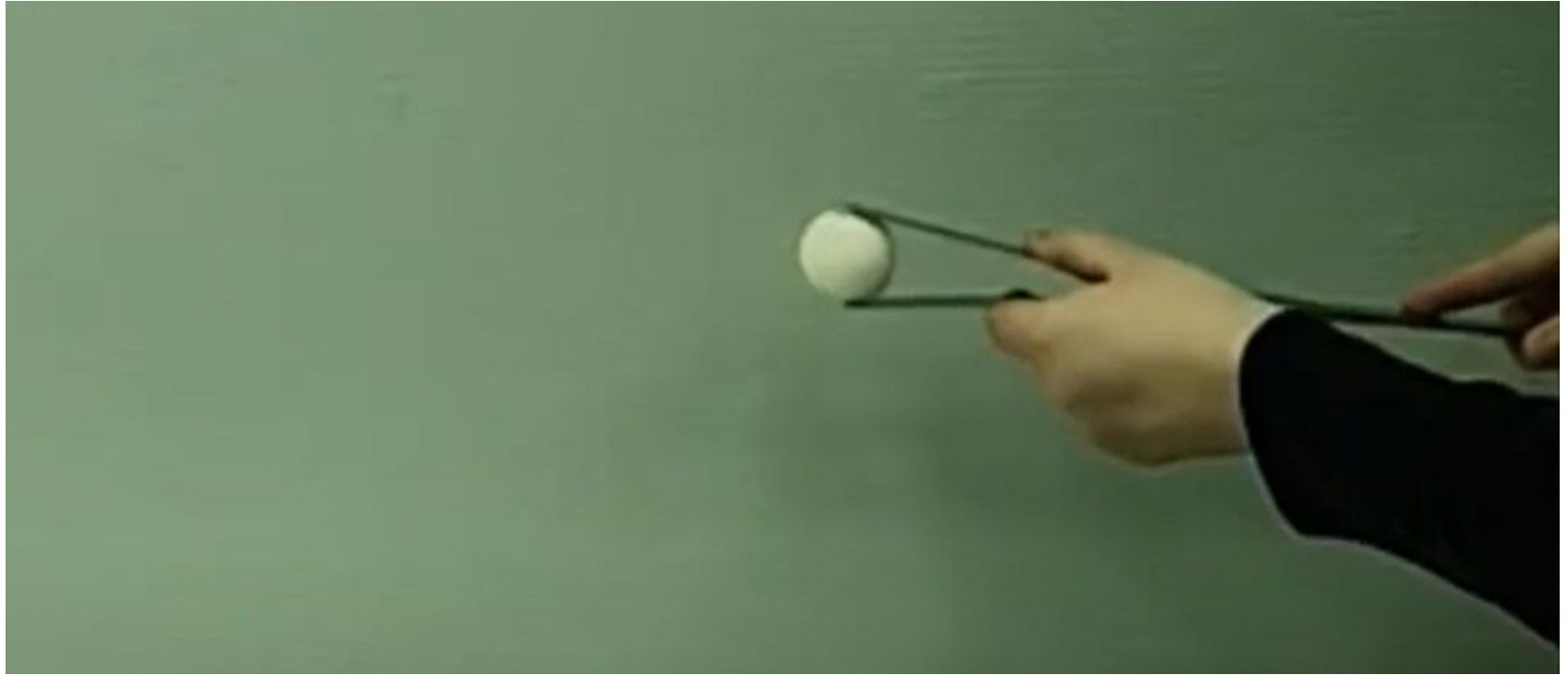
A leaky faucet develops interesting dripping patterns, where the time between drops depends on the water flowrate. Investigate this phenomenon and study how it depends on relevant parameters.

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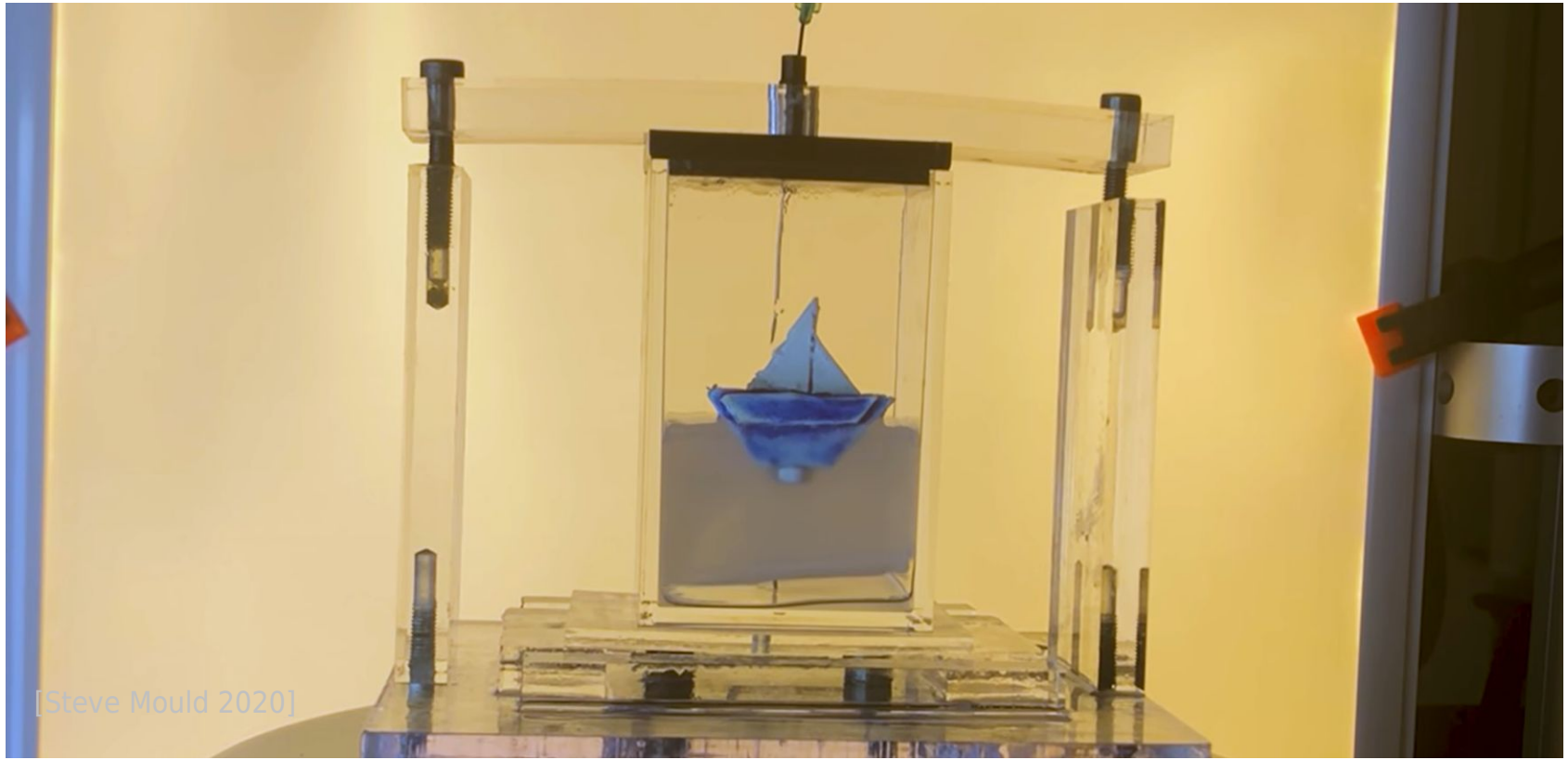


Problem No. 7 “Ruler cannon”

Two rulers are tightly held against each other. A round projectile (e.g. a plastic bottle cap or a ball) is inserted between them close to one of their ends. When extra force is exerted on the surface of the rulers, the projectile is ejected at a high speed. Investigate this effect and the parameters that affect ejection speed.

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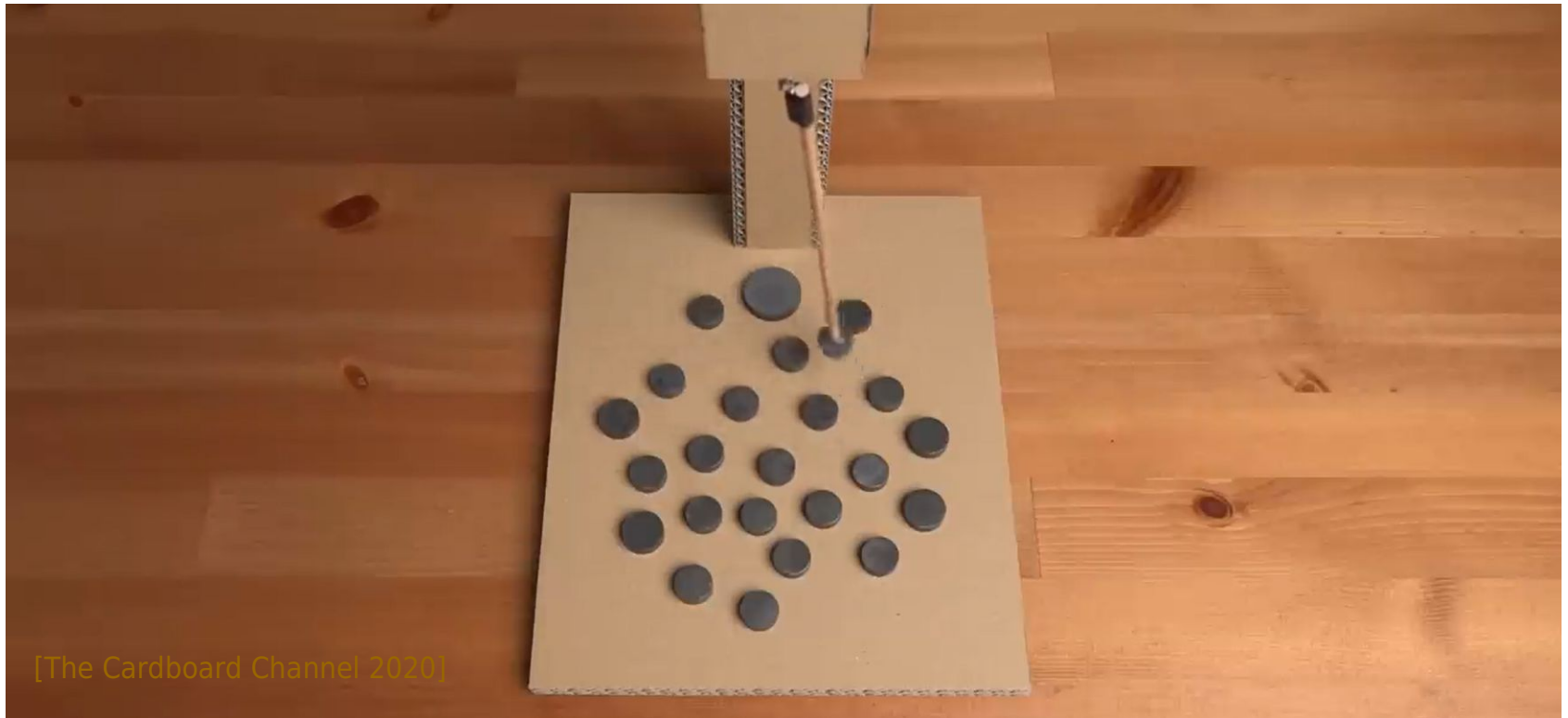


Problem No. 8 “Levitating fluid”

When a container partially filled with liquid is oscillated vertically and air is injected at the bottom of the container, the fluid can "levitate". Investigate the phenomenon.

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Problem No. 9 “Magnetic assist”

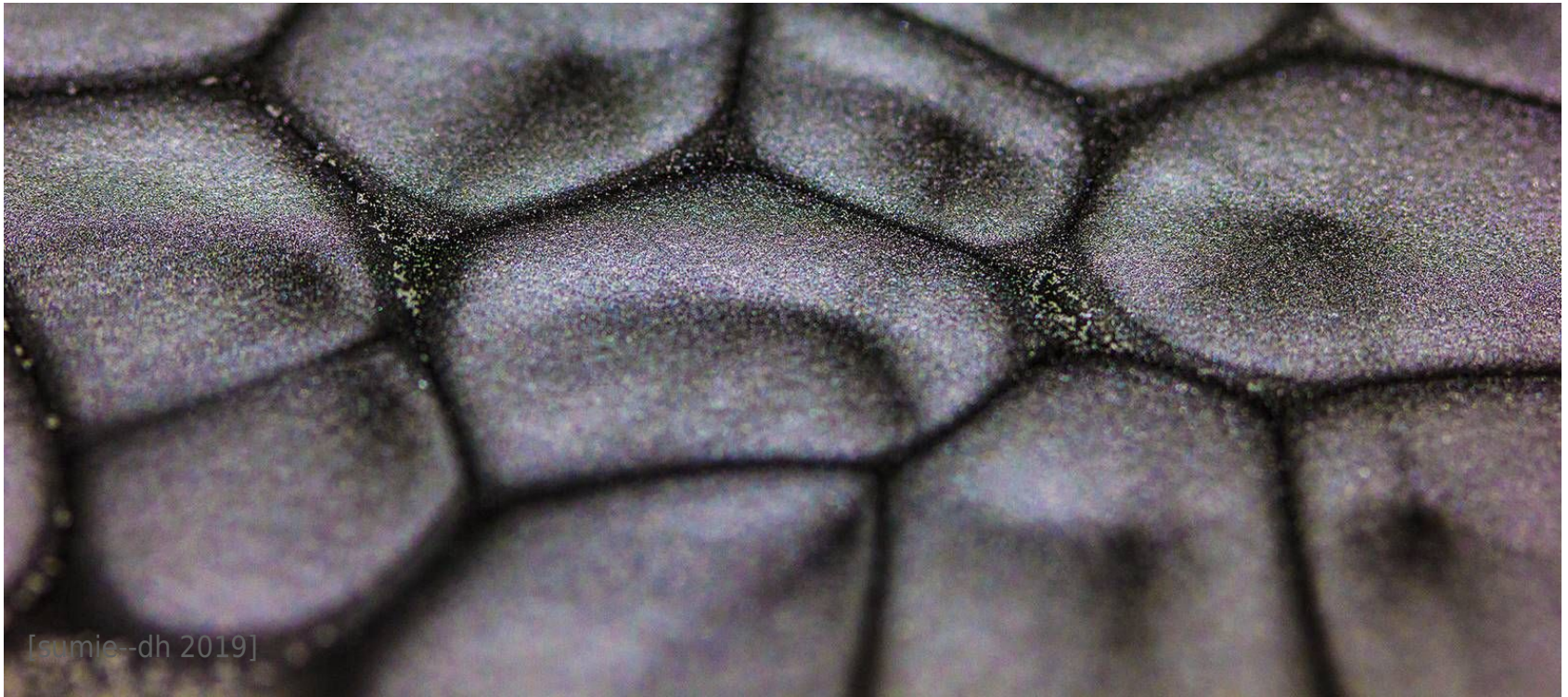
Attach one or two magnets to a non-magnetic and non-conductive base such that they attract a magnet suspended from a string. Investigate how the motion of the moving magnet depends on relevant parameters.

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Prob. No. 10 “Rayleigh-Bénard convection”

Uniformly and gently heat the bottom of a container containing a suspension of powder in oil (e.g. mica powder in silicon oil), cell-like structures may form. Explain and investigate this phenomenon.

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Problem No. 11 “Spring hysteresis”

Connect two identical linear springs symmetrically to a mass in a "V" shape, and apply an adjustable force to the mass. When this force is varied, the resulting motion of the mass depends on the history of changes in the applied force under certain conditions. Investigate this phenomenon.

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Problem No. 13 “Spaghetti accelerator”

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Problem No. 14 “Water bottle rocket”

Pump air into a plastic water bottle partially filled with water. Under certain conditions, the bottle is launched and flies into the air. Investigate how the acceleration during lift-off depends on relevant parameters.

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Problem No. 15 “Wailing bowl”

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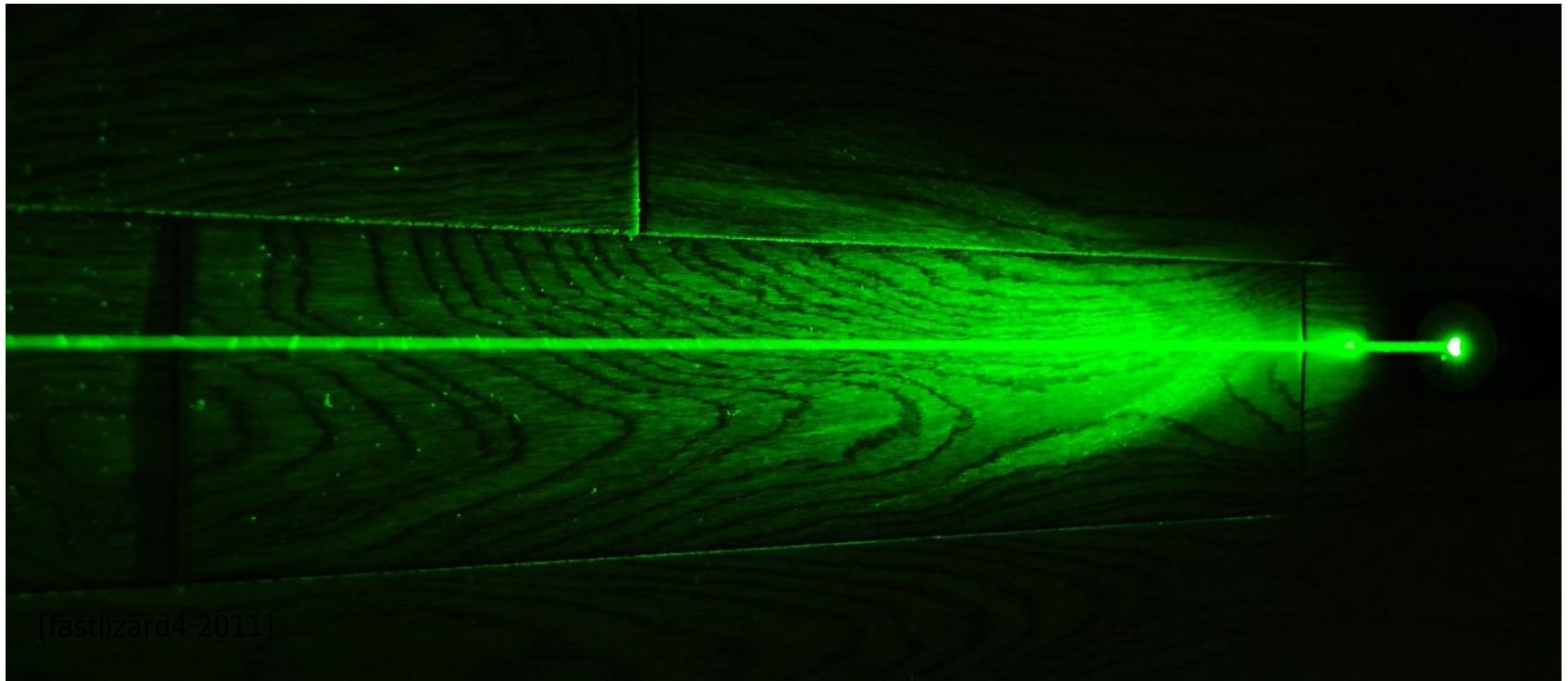


Problem No. 16 “Wirtz pump”

A Wirtz Pump is a hollow spiral, mounted vertically. It is arranged such that one end dips below water once per revolution, while the other end (at the center of the spiral) is connected to a vertical tube. When rotated, it can be used to pump water to a great height. Explain this phenomenon and investigate how relevant parameters affect the pumping height.

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Problem No. 17 “Quantum fingerprint”

Shine laser light onto an organic polymer (e.g. styrofoam). The scattered light may have a higher or lower wavelength than the incident light. Explain the phenomenon and determine what can be concluded about the molecular structure of the material from the wavelength shift.

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**" If we knew what we were doing,
it wouldn't be called research! "**

Albert Einstein

alen Blocher



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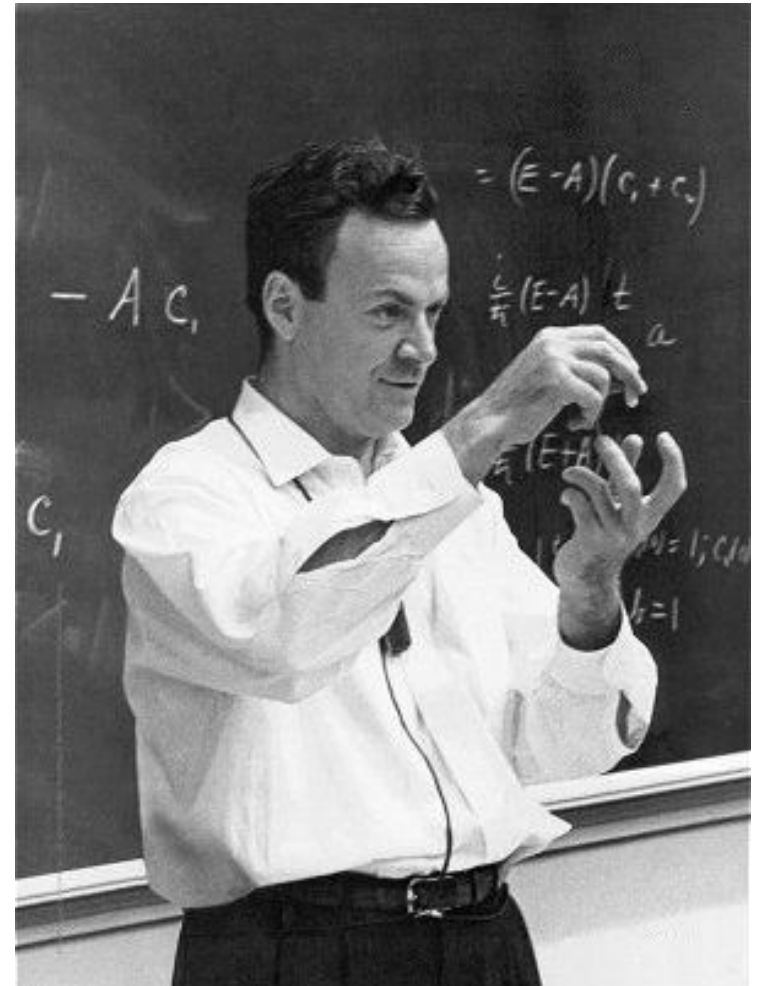
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- “I’ve very often made mistakes in my physics by thinking the theory isn’t as good as it really is, thinking that there are lots of complications that are going to spoil it
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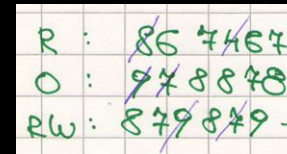


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