

Concentration of measure, typical quantum states with fixed mean energy, and emergence of Gibbs states

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Outline of the talk

1. Introduction to "concentration of measure"

- high-dimensional spheres: *Lévy's Lemma*
- consequences for *quantum information*
- applications in *statistical physics*

2. Random states with fixed energy

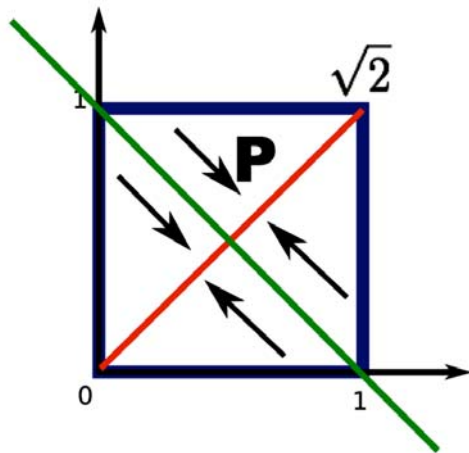
- concentration on energy submanifolds
- *proof Idea* + tools
- how *Gibbs* states emerge

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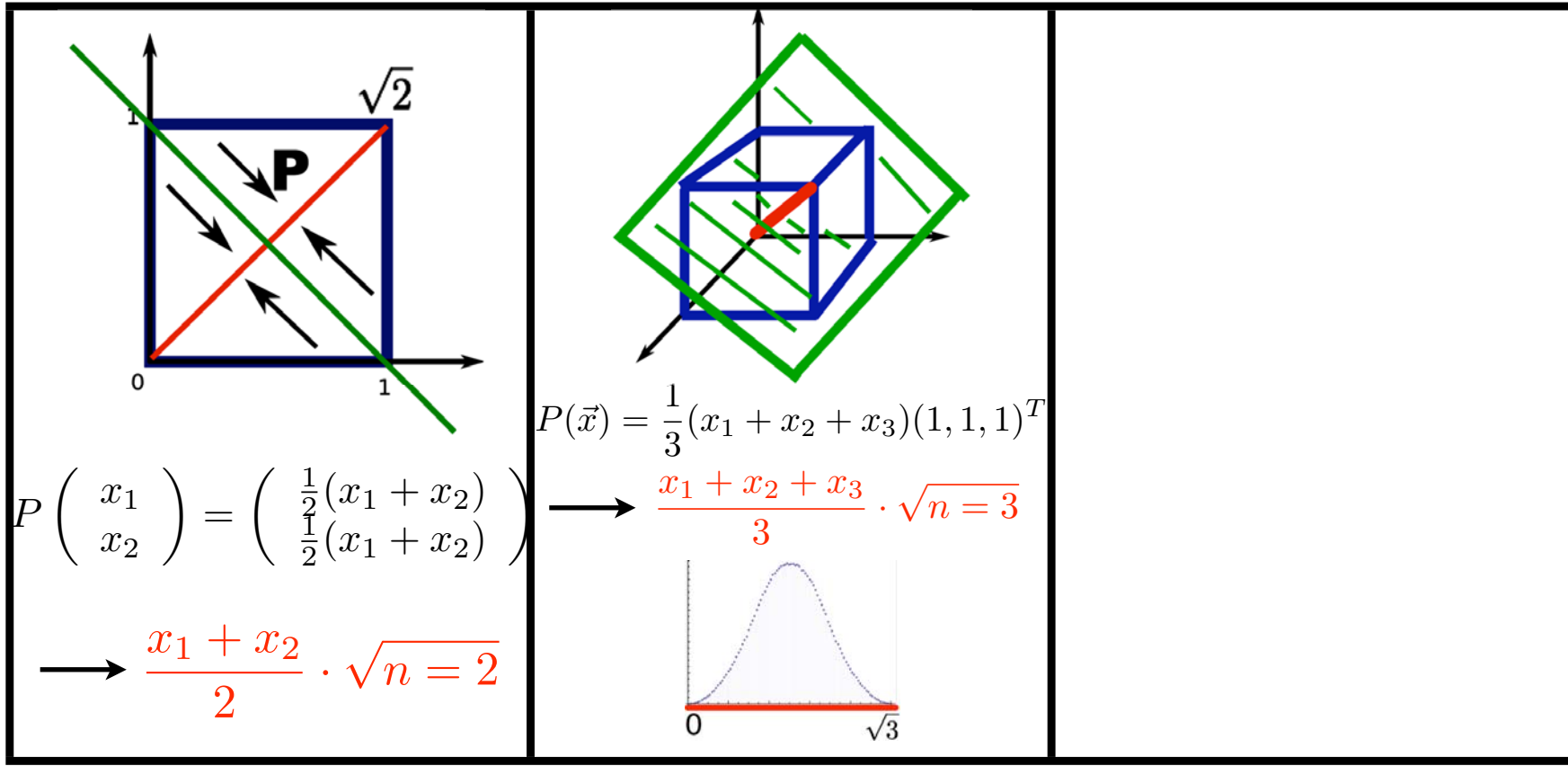
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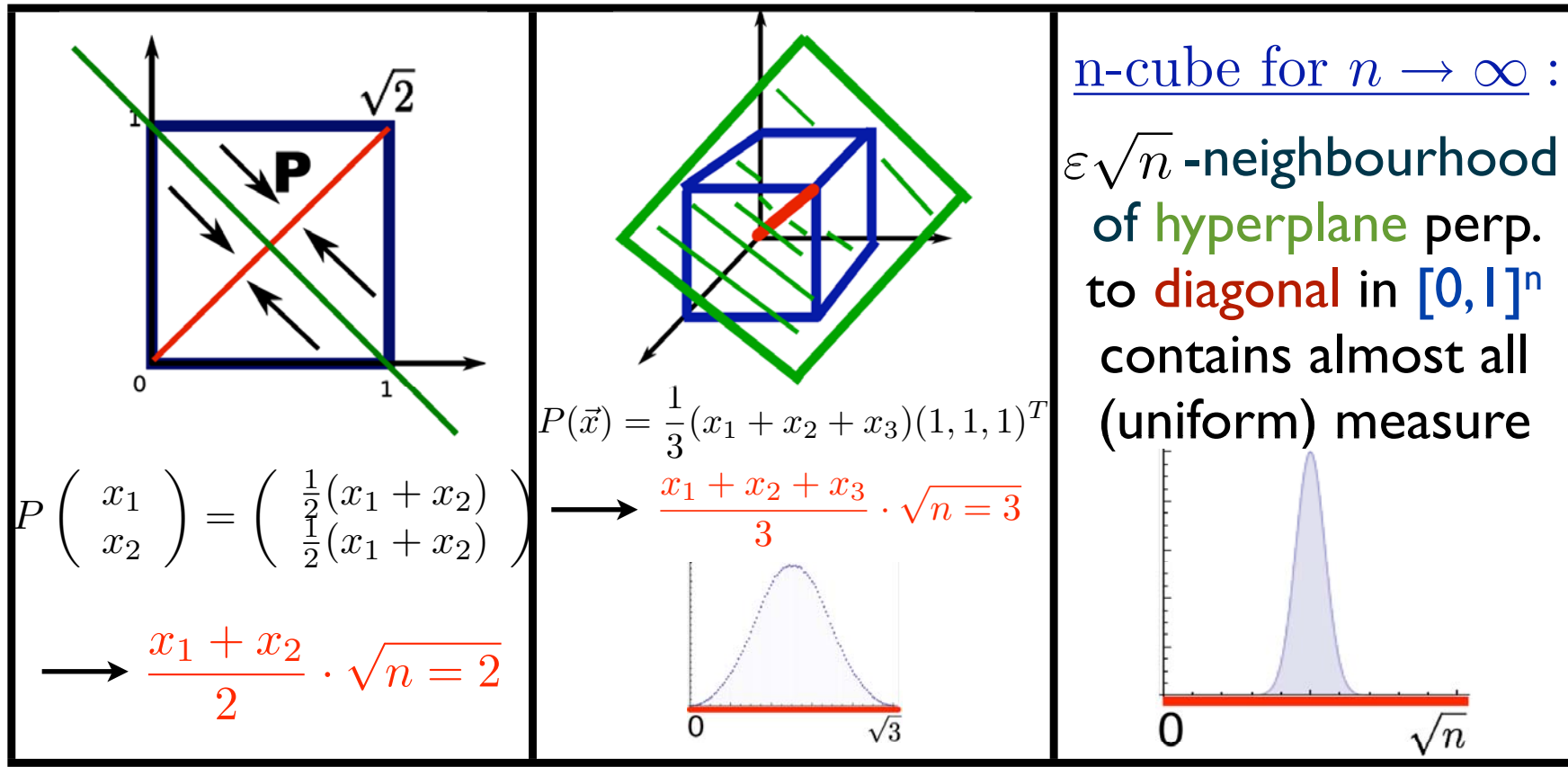


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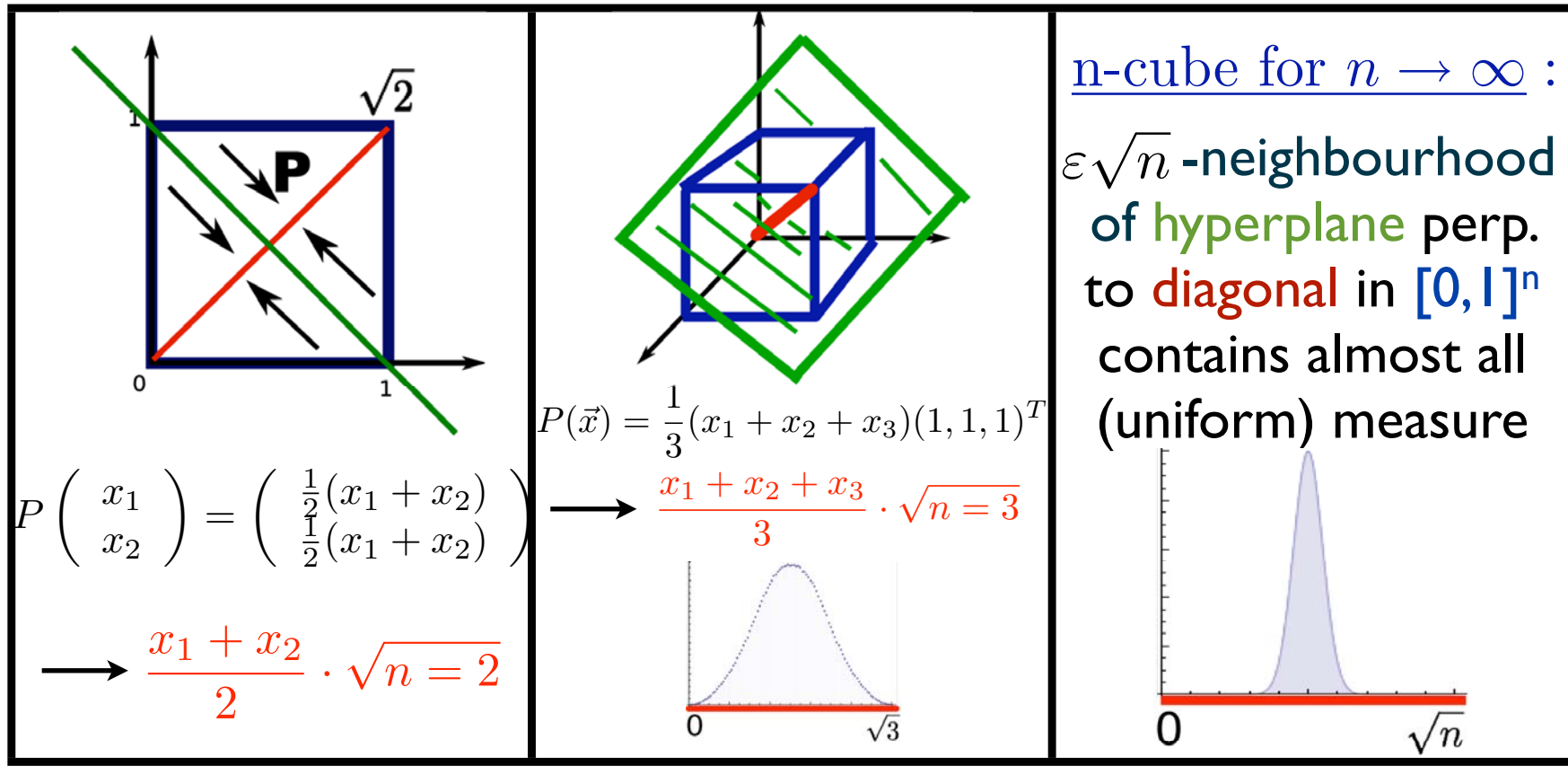


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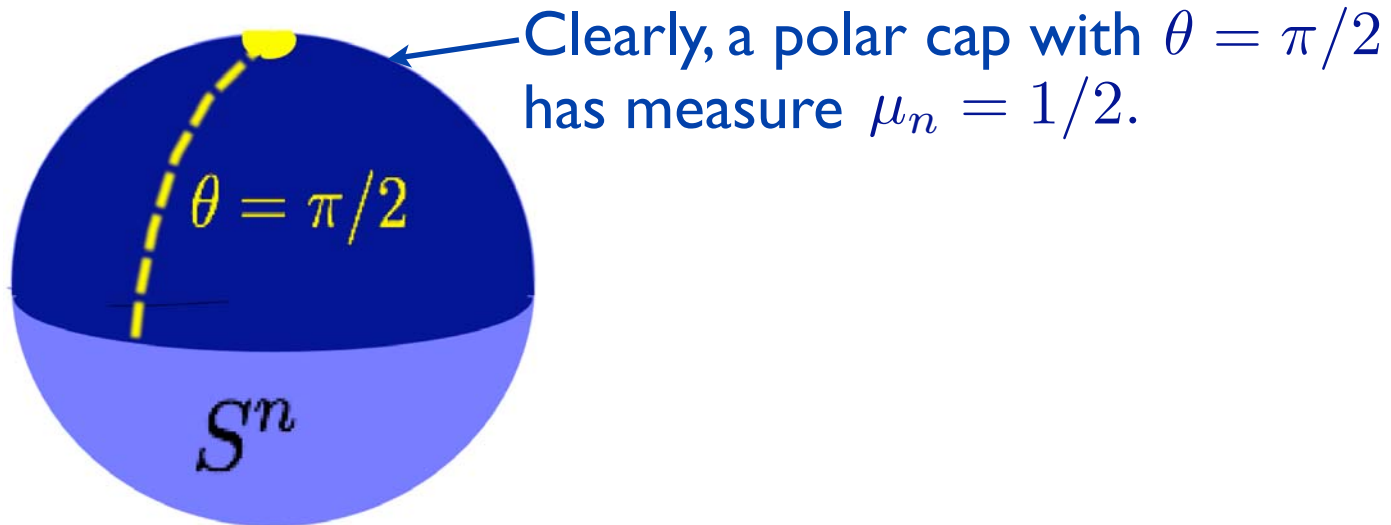
A: A lot! Hoeffding bound: $\text{Prob} \left(\left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \frac{1}{2} \right| \geq \varepsilon \right) \leq 2 \exp(-2n^2\varepsilon^2)$



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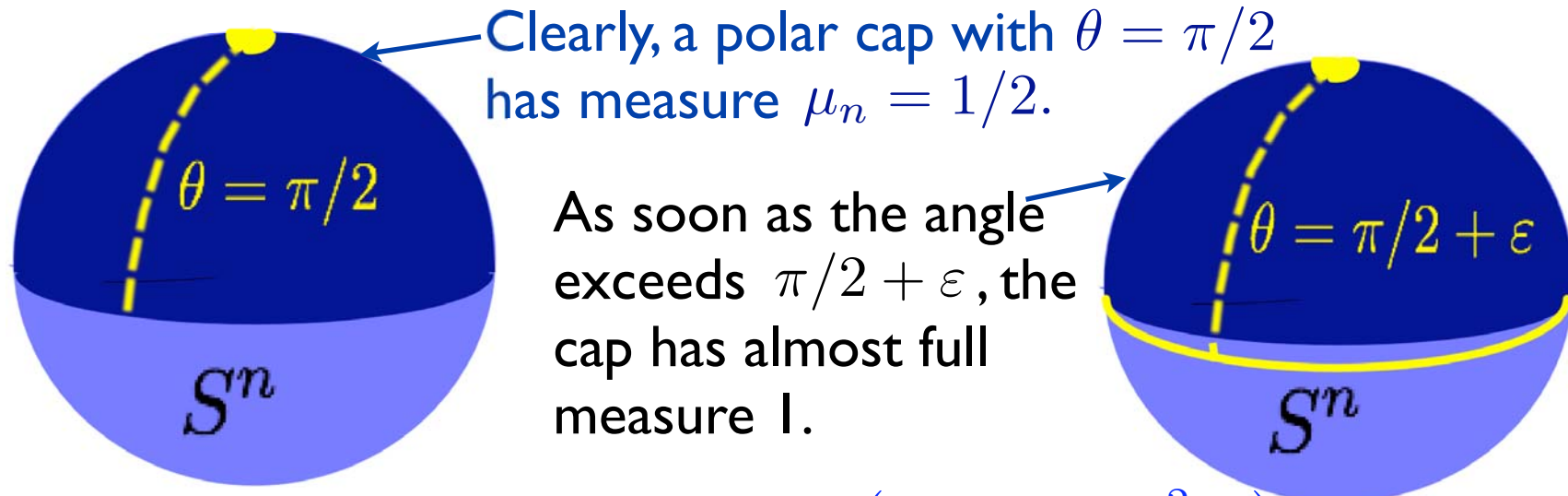
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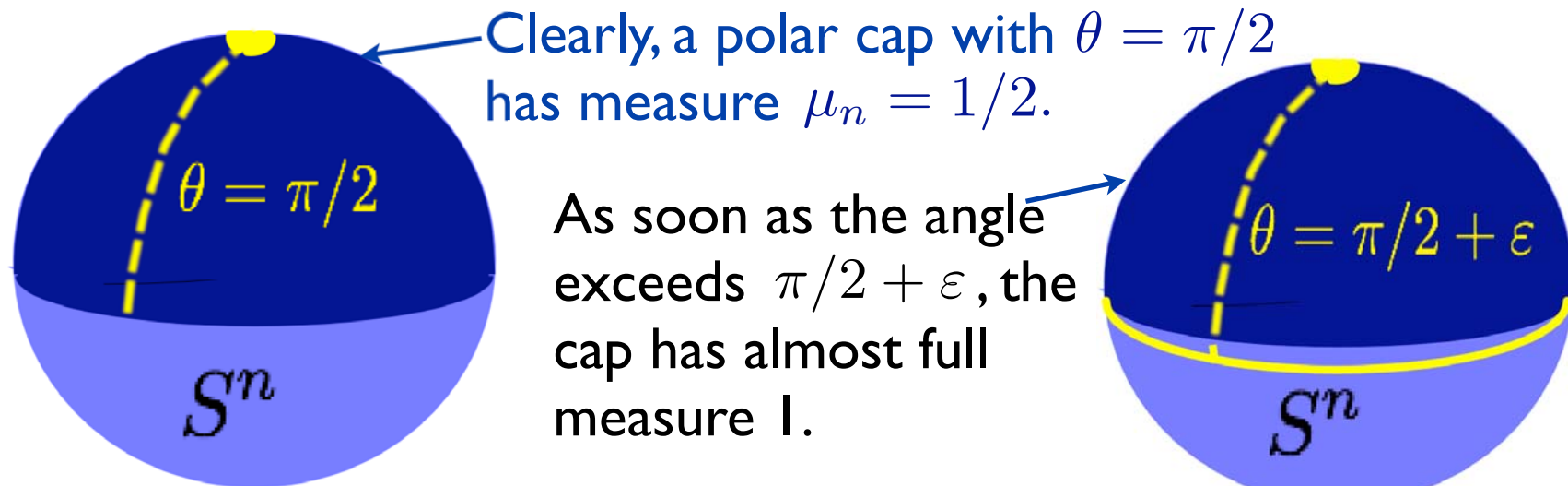


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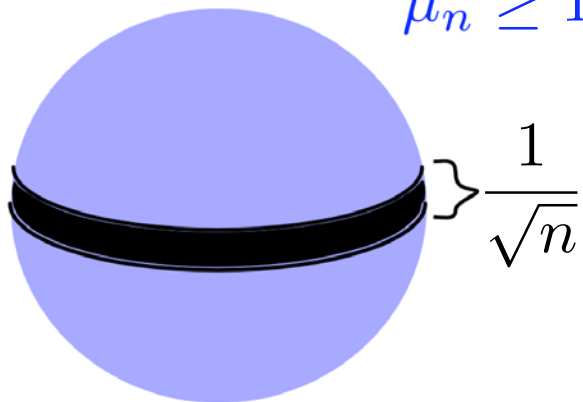
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- C. By embedding \mathbb{C}^n into \mathbb{R}^{2n} , measure on sphere is the **unitarily invariant (Haar) measure** on pure quantum states \longrightarrow measure concentration in QInfo

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→ Most states are **highly entangled** (same for subspaces). Application: **Additivity Conjecture**

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Main Idea: • Stinespring dilation: $\mathcal{N}(\rho) = \text{Tr}_{env} \left(\underbrace{U_{\mathcal{N}} \rho U_{\mathcal{N}}^\dagger}_{R \subset \mathcal{H} \otimes env} \right)$

- $S^{min}(\mathcal{N})$ large \Leftrightarrow all states in R highly entangled
- Measure concentration: $S^{min}(\mathcal{N})$ generically *very* large \Rightarrow entangled ψ can easily have $S(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{N}(\psi)) < S^{min}(\mathcal{M}) + S^{min}(\mathcal{N})$.

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Idea: Show that most states $|\psi\rangle \in M$ are very close to ρ_S via measure concentration \rightarrow also plausible for $\rho_S(t)$

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Papers with this (or similar) approach:

- S. Popescu, A. J. Short, A. Winter, *Nature Physics* (2006):
State of the universe $S \otimes E$ **restricted to subspace** $R \subset S \otimes E$
then almost all states of S are still very close to **maximal mixture** $\rho_S = \mathbf{1}/|S|$.
- S. Goldstein, J. Lebowitz, R. Tumulka, N. Zanghi, *PRL* (2006)
- J. Gemmer, G. Mahler, *Phys. Rev. E* (2002)
- N. Linden, S. Popescu, A. J. Short A. Winter, *arXiv:0812.2385*

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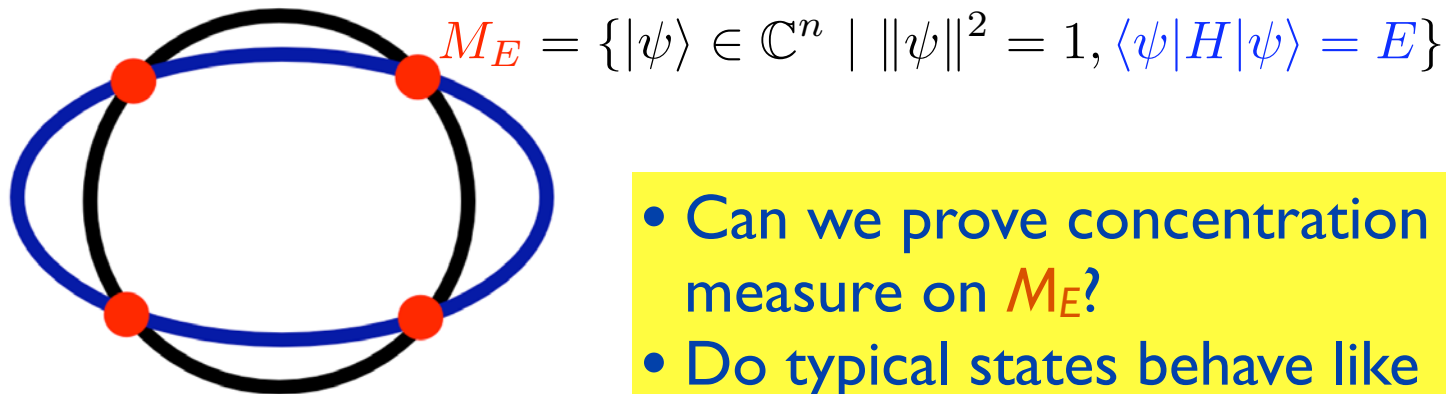
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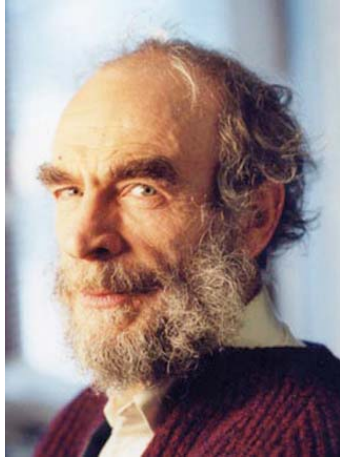
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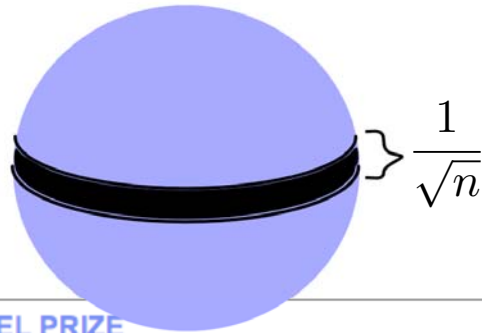


- Can we prove concentration of measure on M_E ?
- Do typical states behave like Gibbs states?

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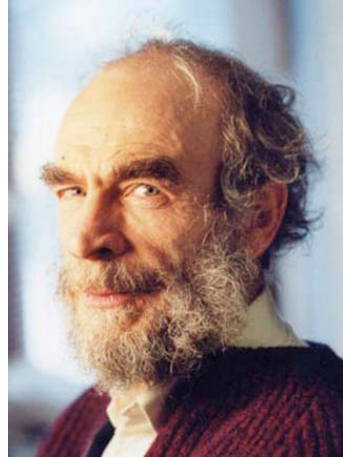


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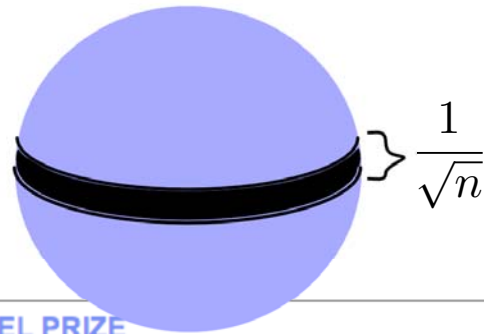
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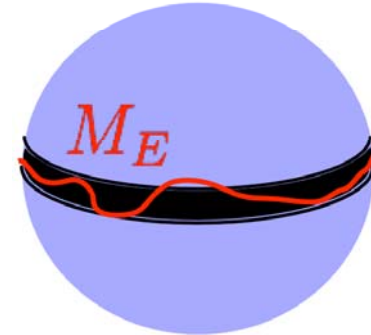
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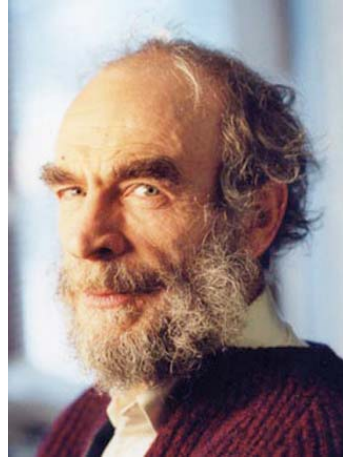
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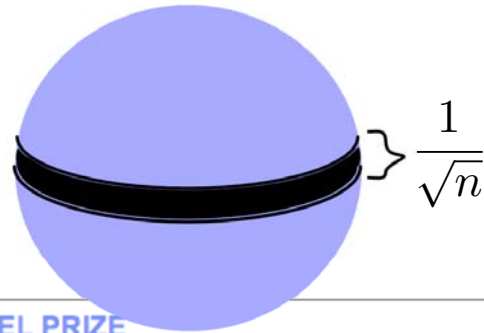


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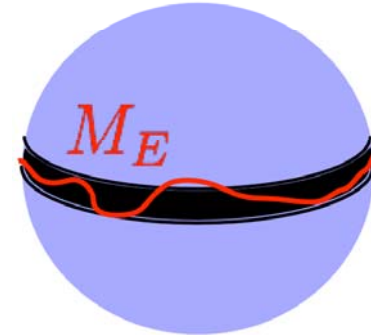
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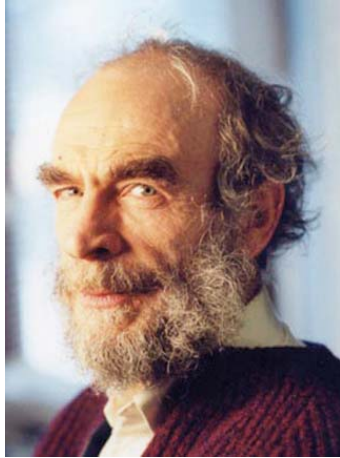
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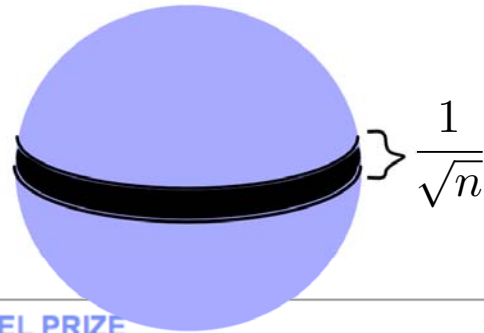


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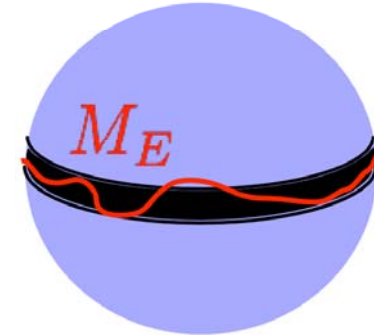
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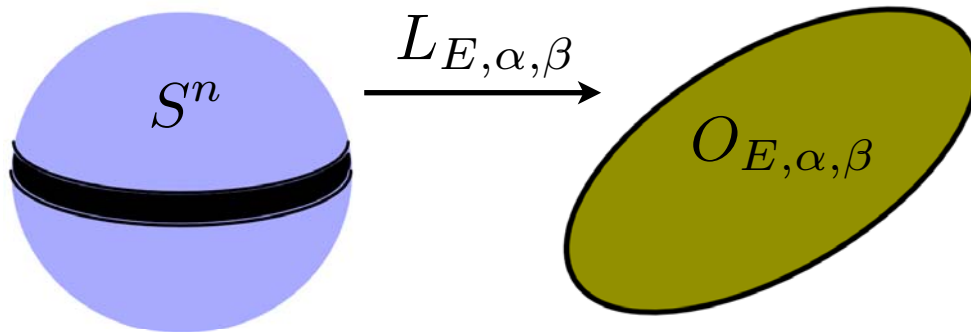
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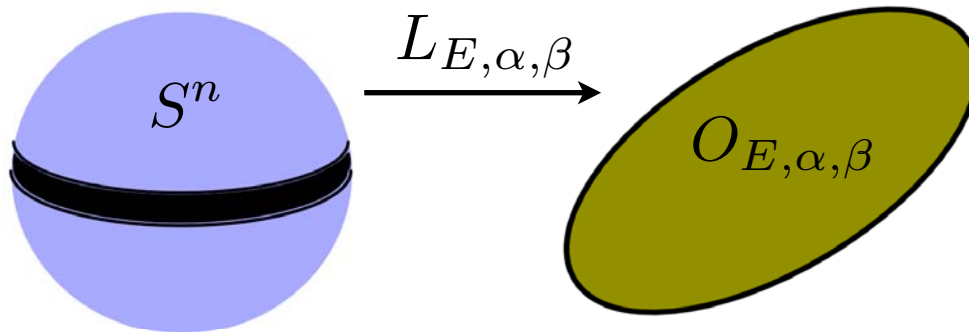


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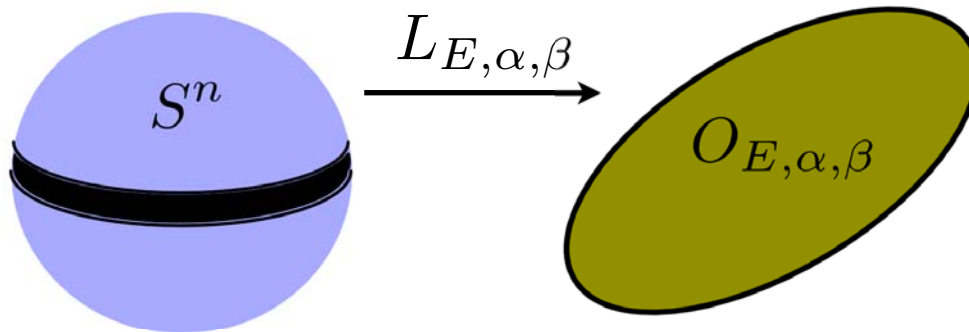
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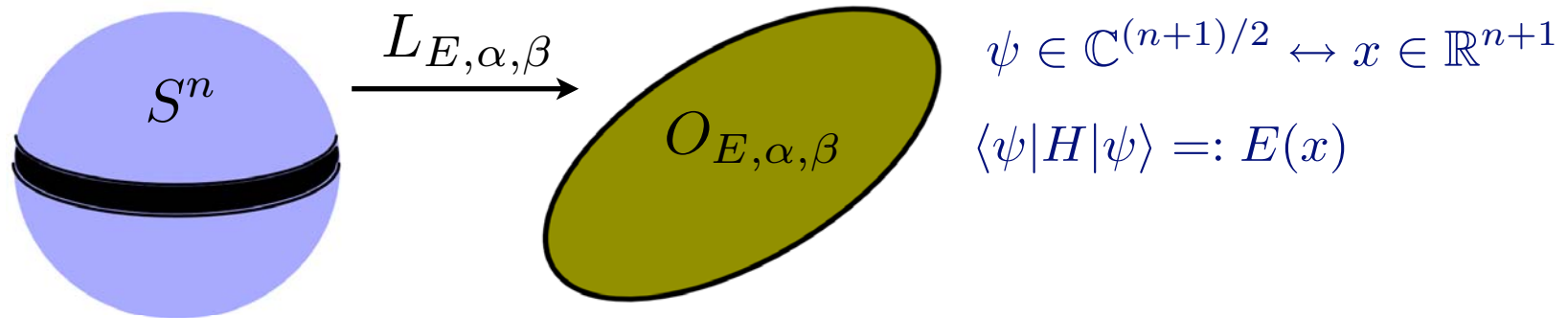
Transport $O_{E,\alpha,\beta} \cap S^n$ back via $L_{E,\alpha,\beta}^{-1}$: this gives "highly probable" submanifold in S^n .

→ With Gromov, we get measure concentration.

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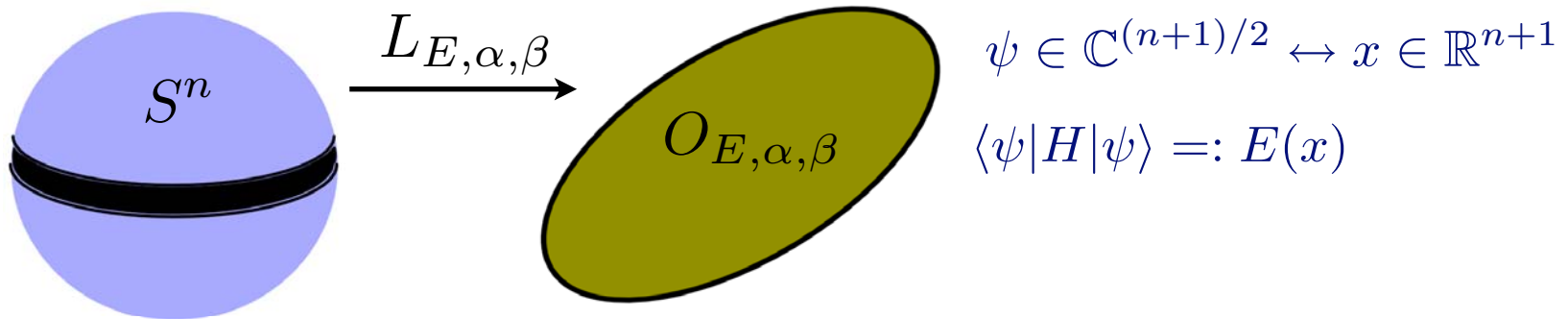
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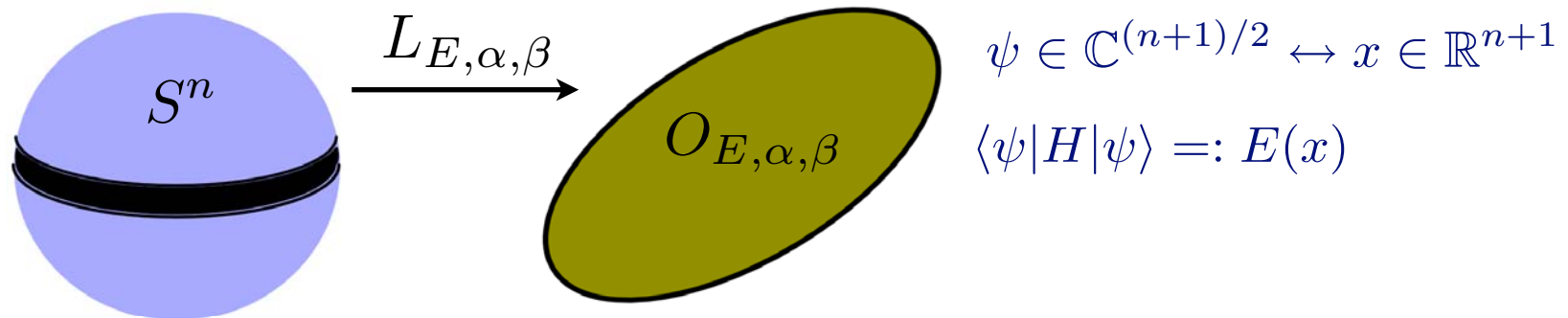
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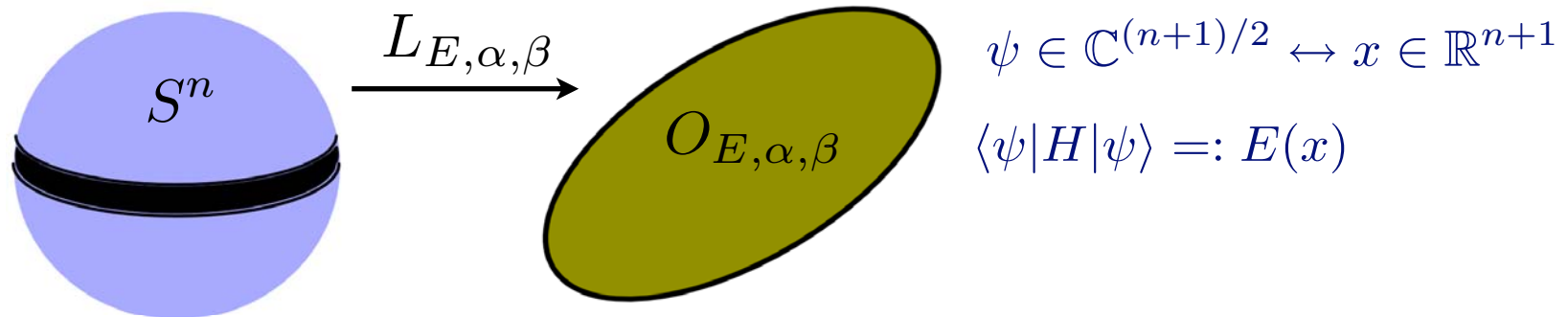
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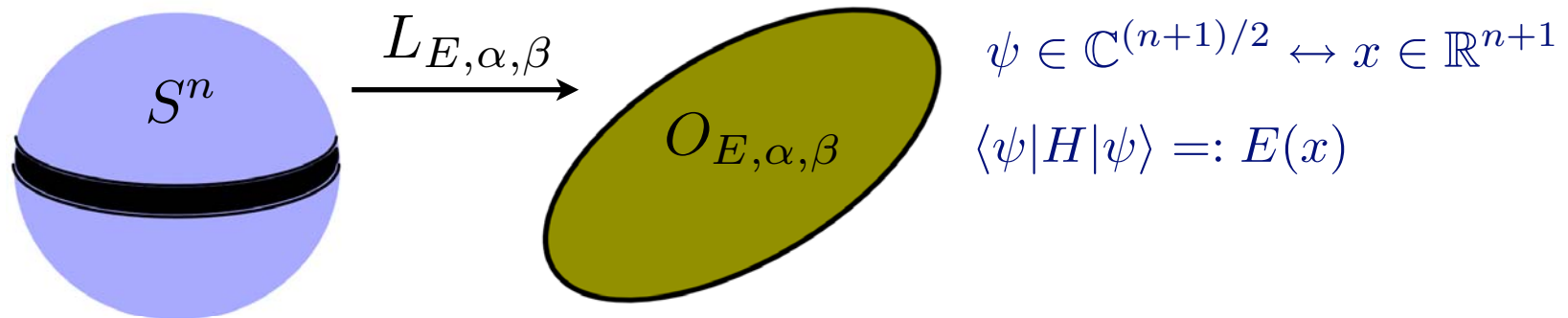
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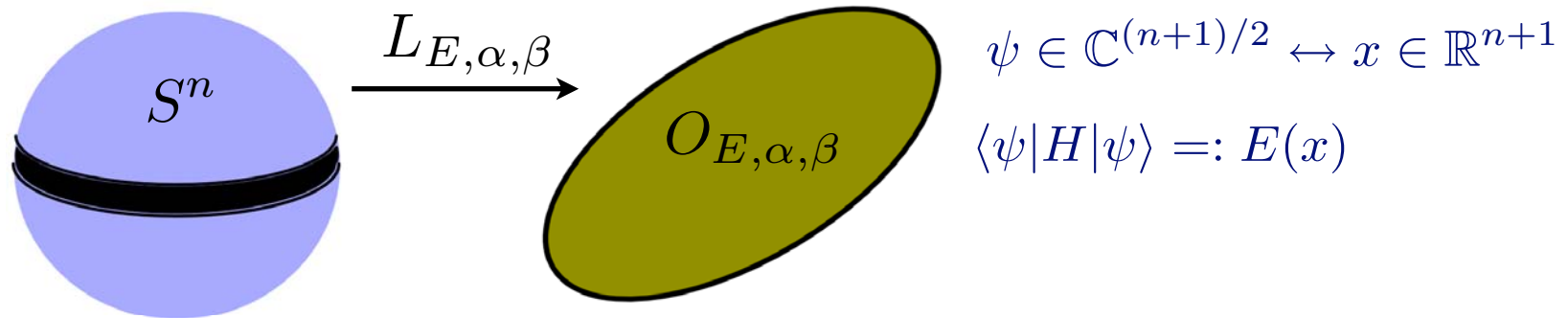
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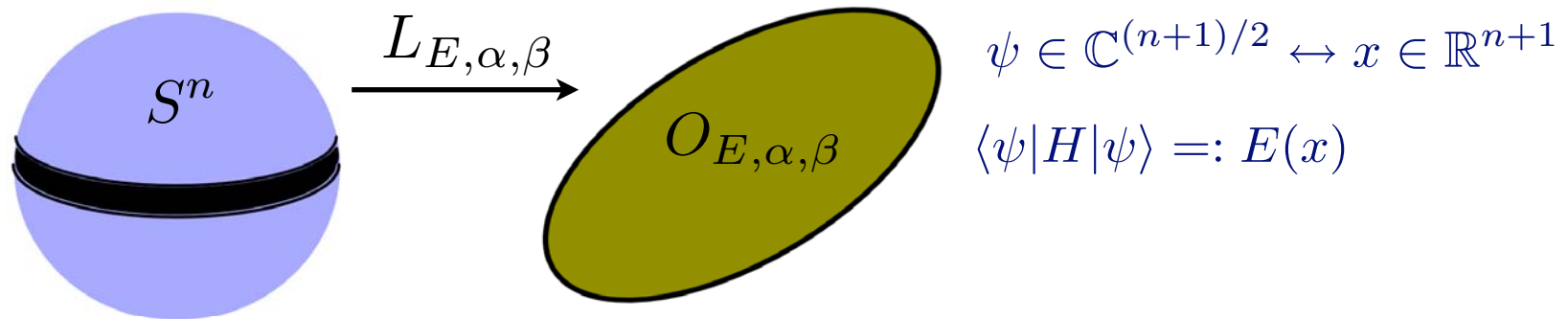
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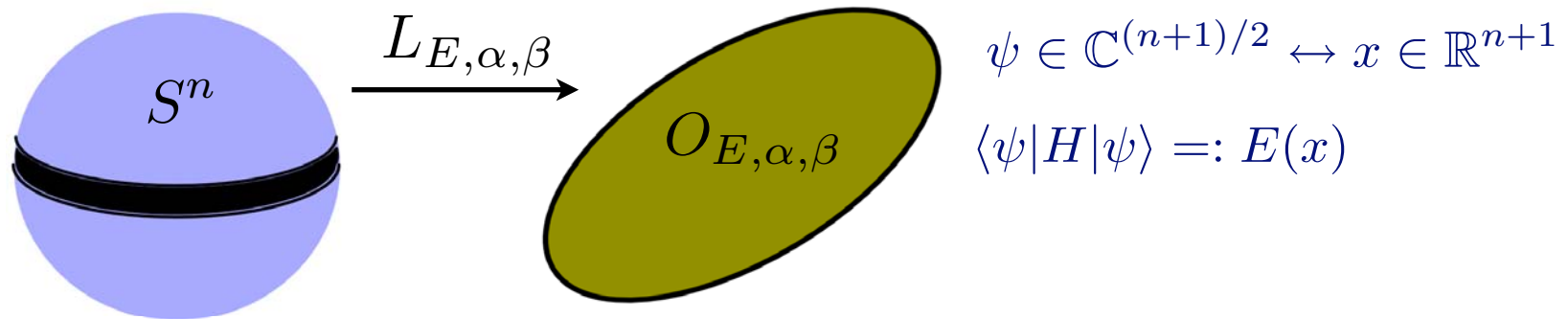
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