

# Typical entanglement, coin tossing, and a general-probabilistic decoupling theorem

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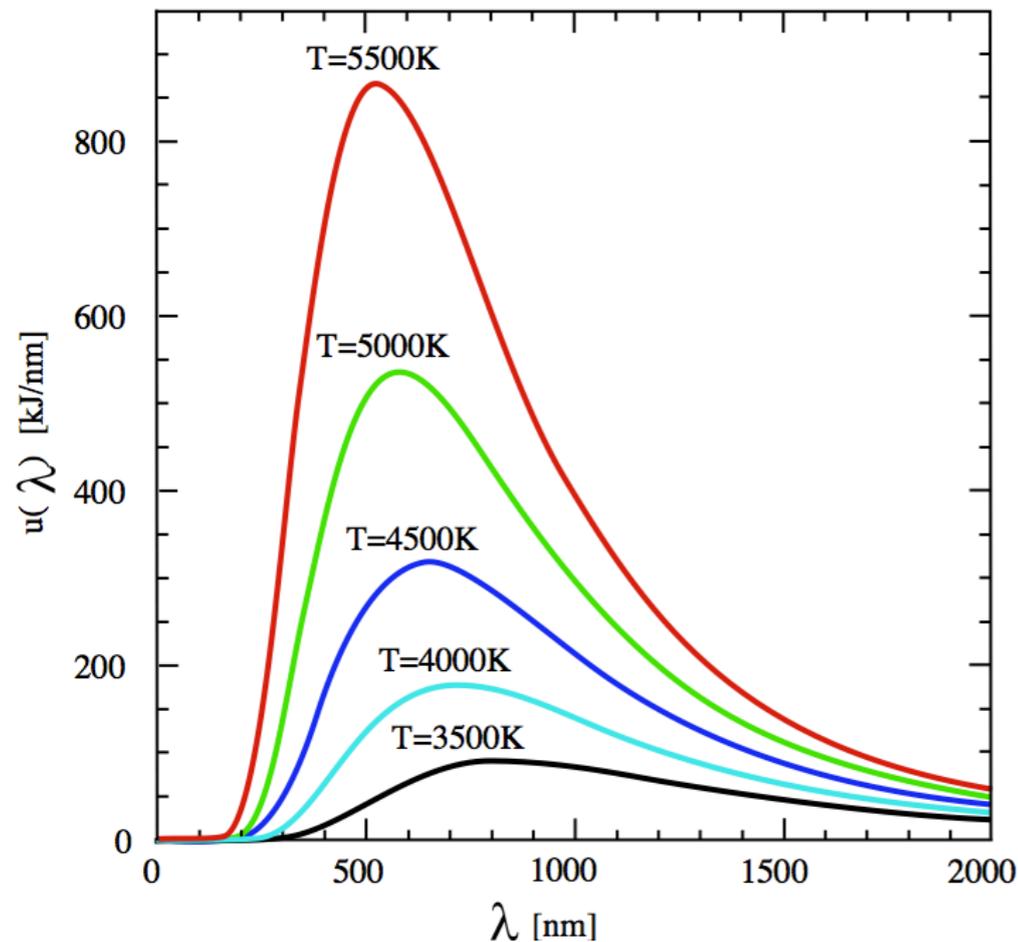


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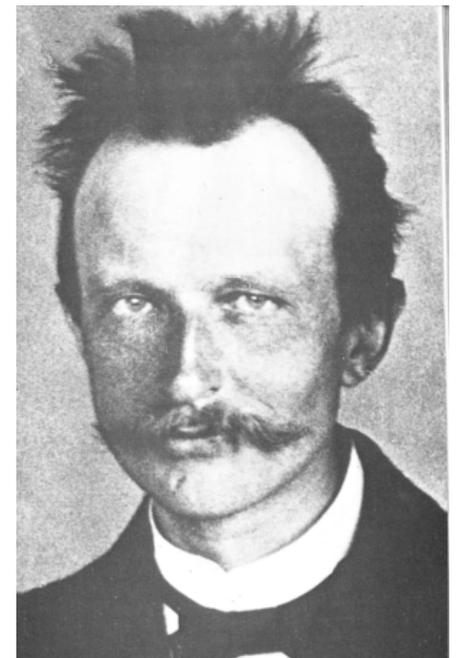
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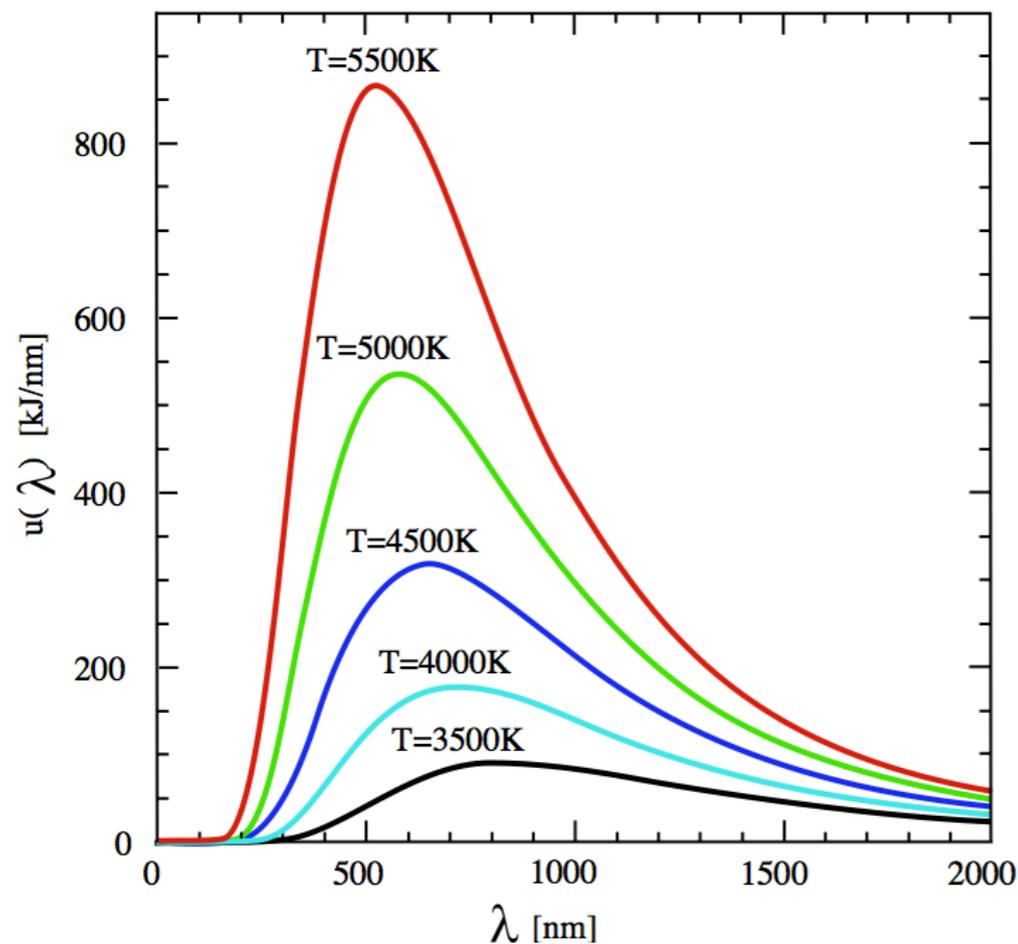


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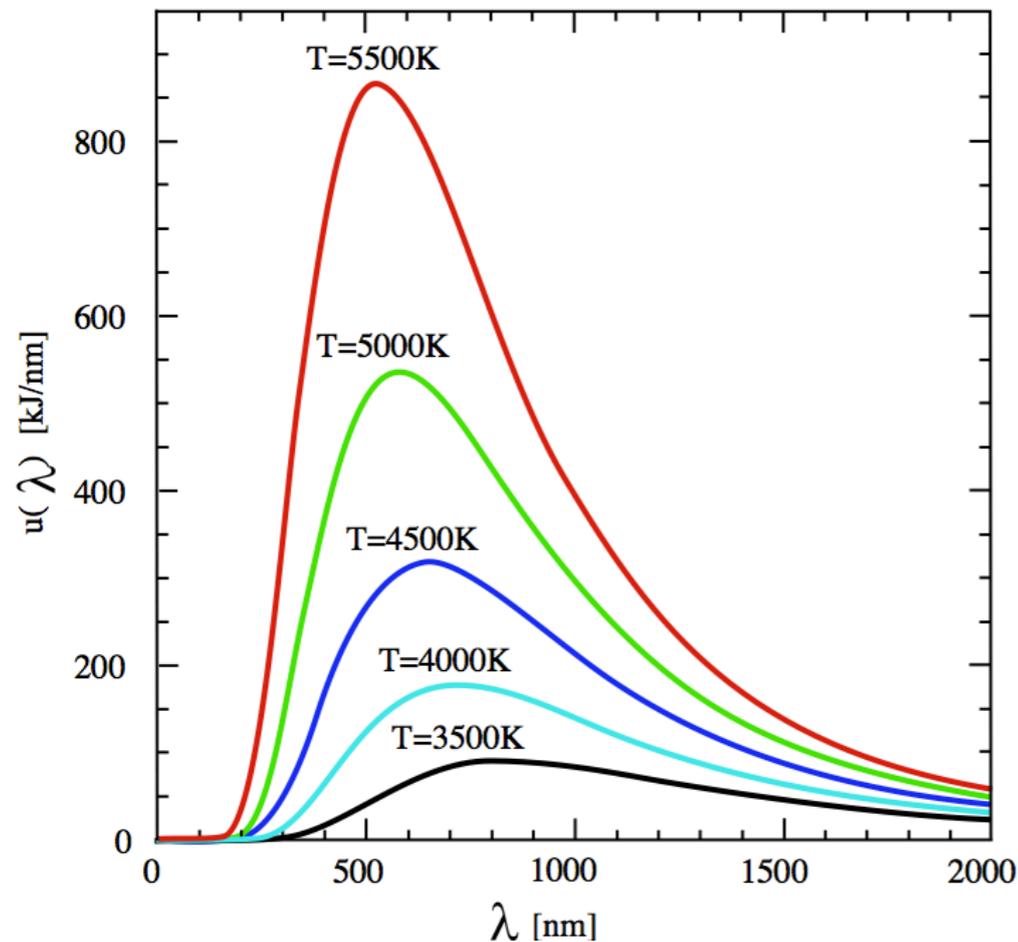
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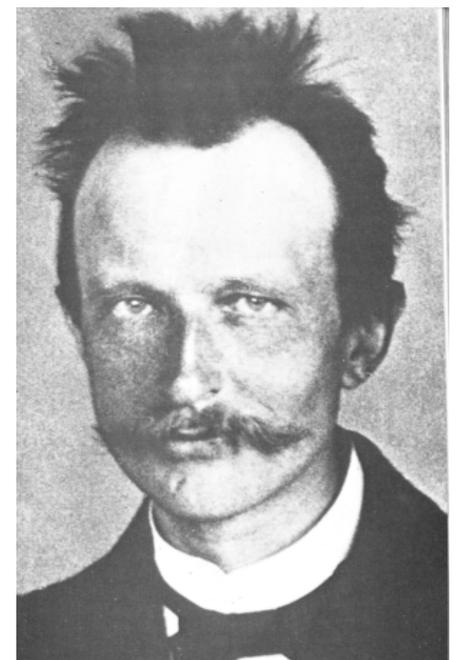


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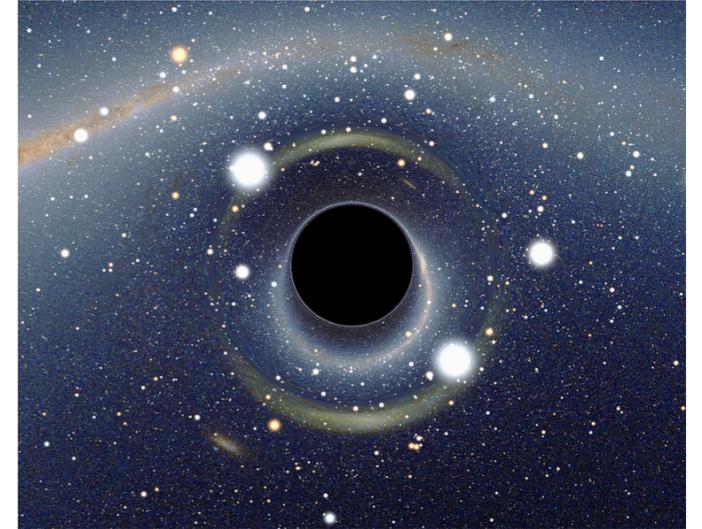
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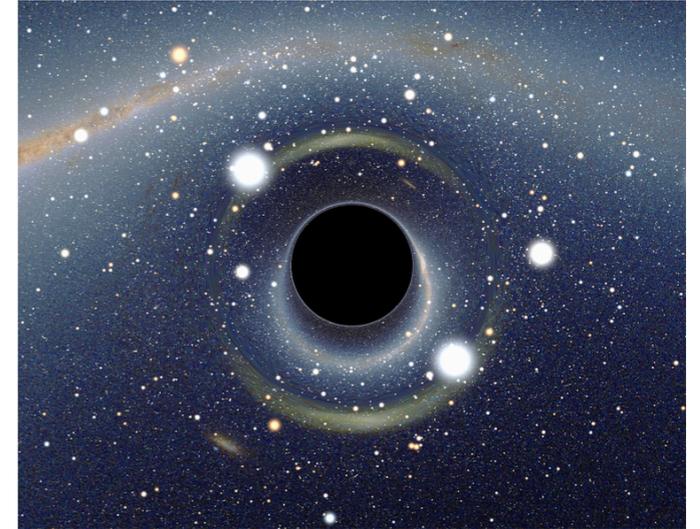
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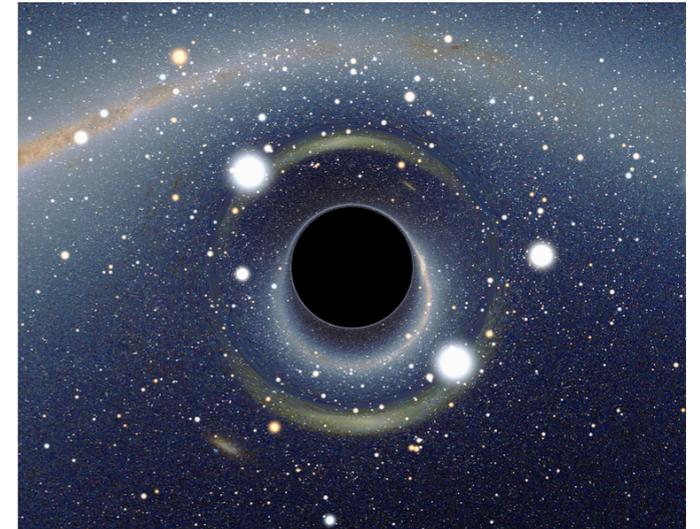
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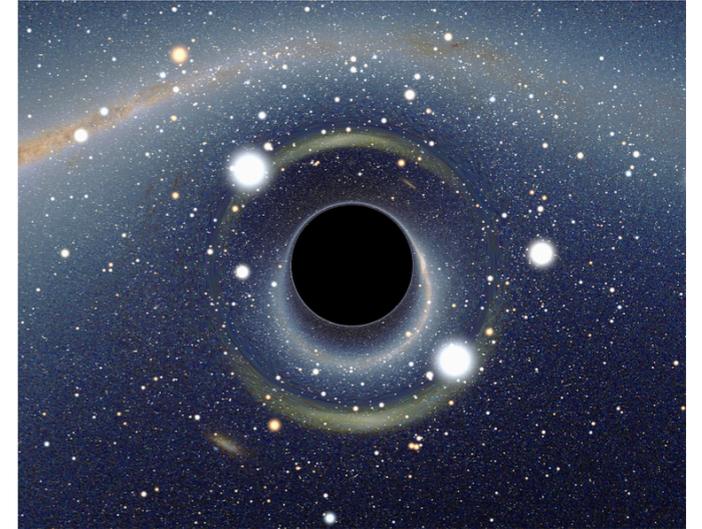


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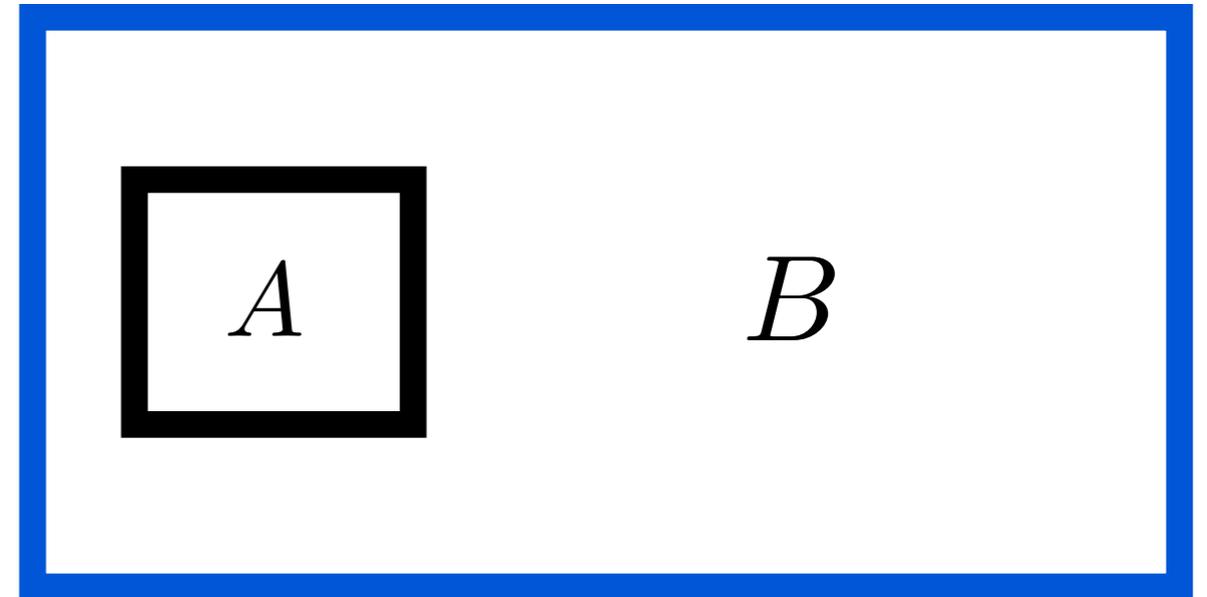
- get a unified view on typical entanglement and coin tossing,
- compute typ. ent. in (anti)symmetric subspaces,
- find a good entropy measure for general state spaces.

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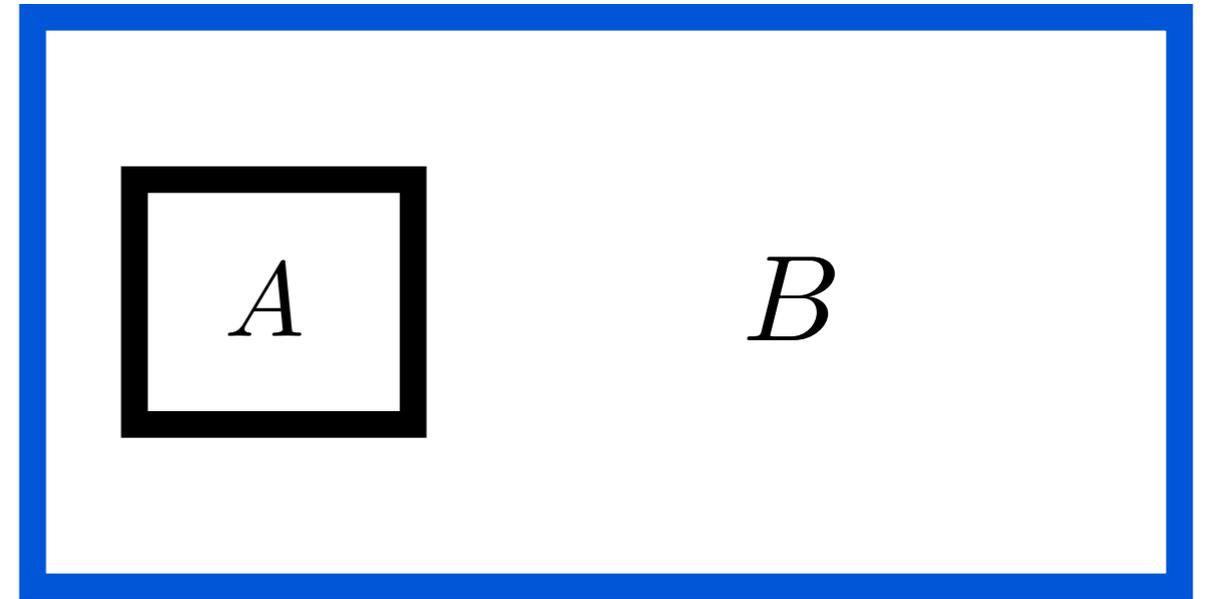


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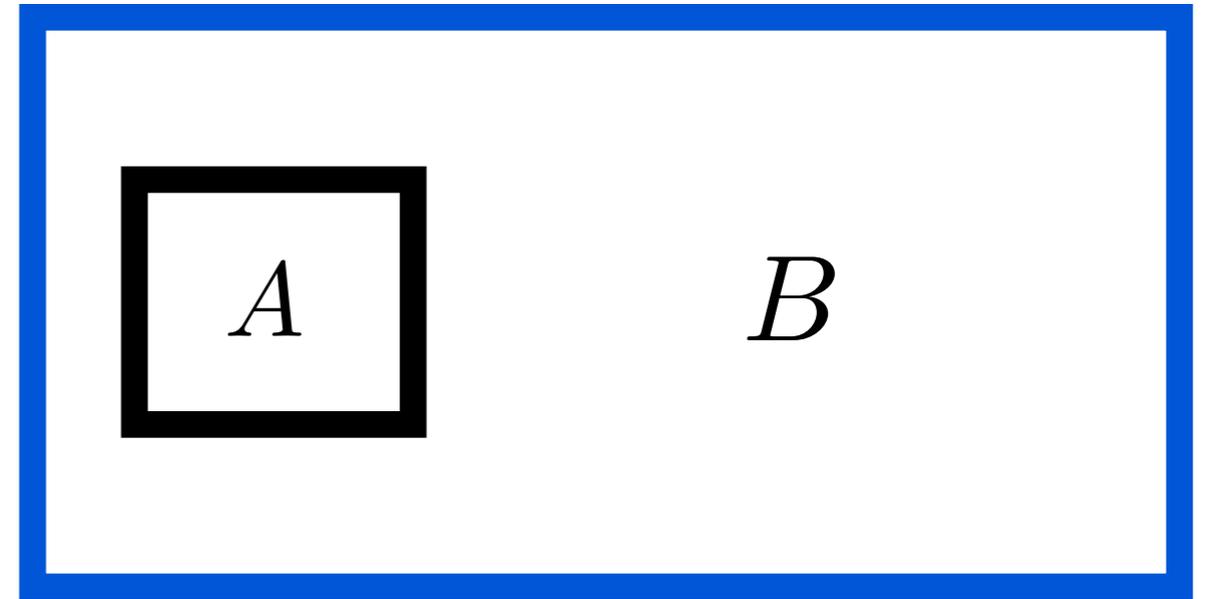
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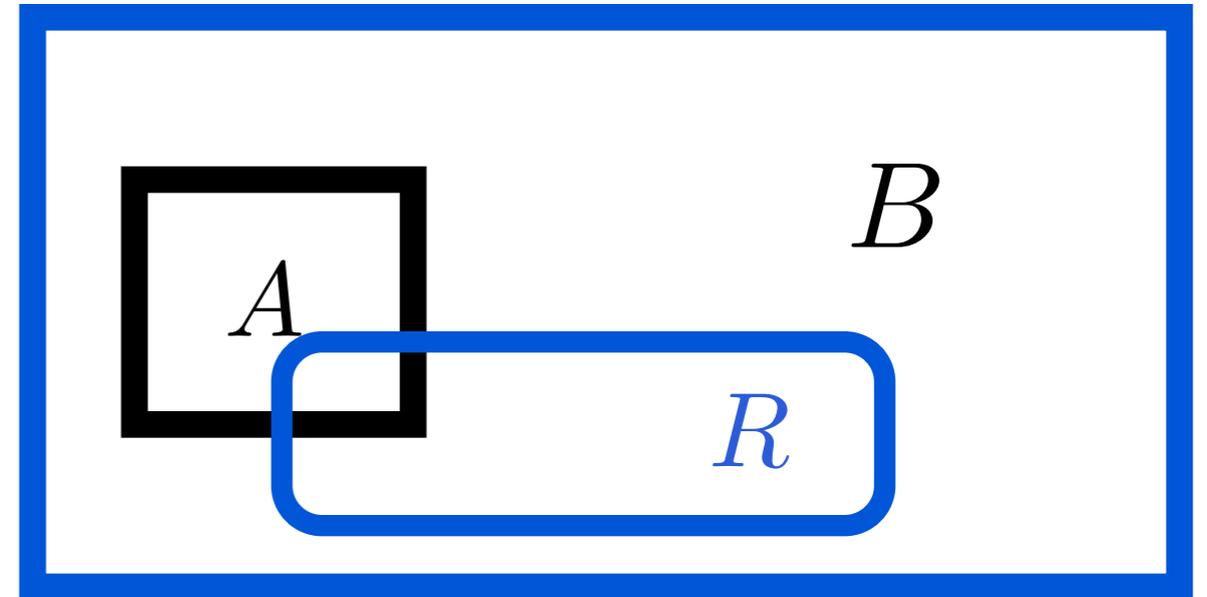
Random states  $|\psi\rangle \in AB$  typically

- look locally like statistical ensembles,
- are almost maximally entangled,
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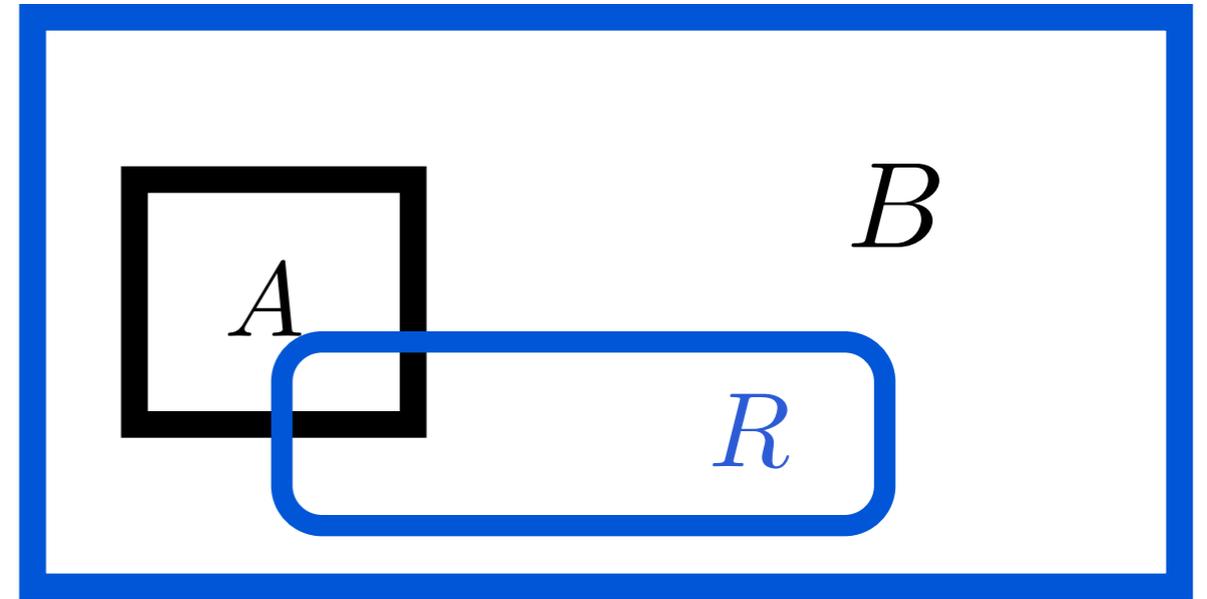
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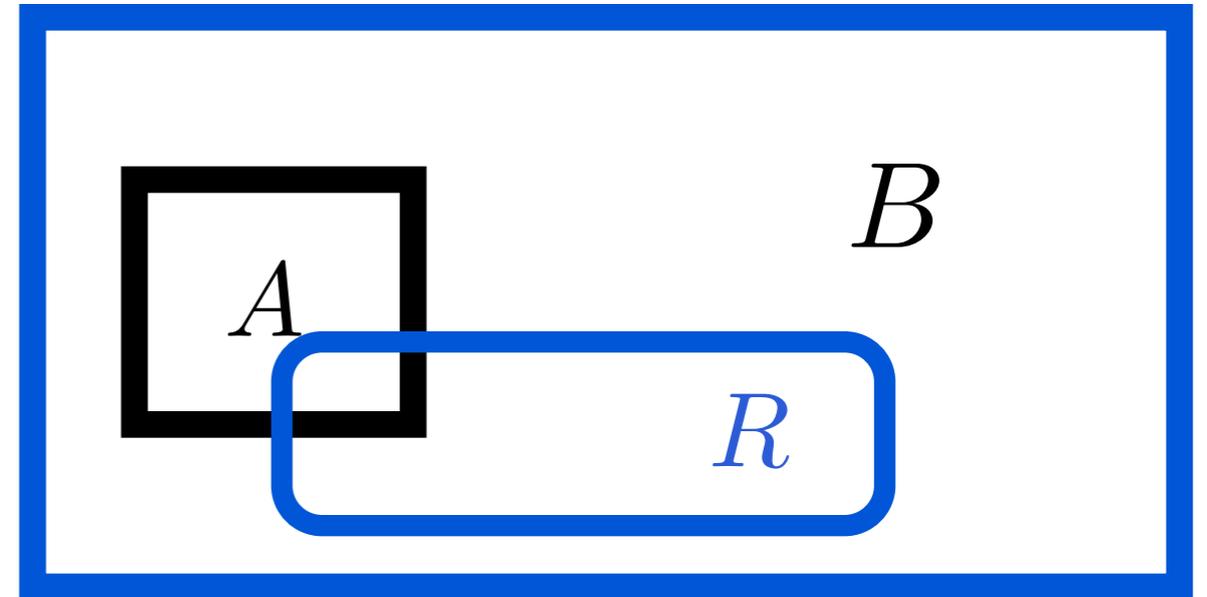
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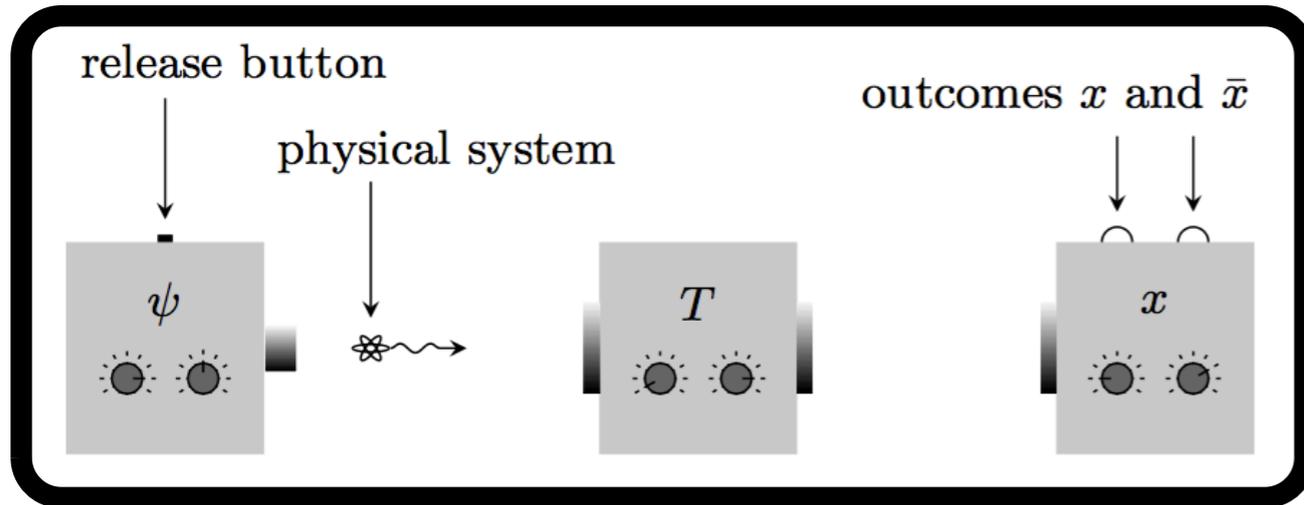


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**Now:** What about typ. entanglement / local purity in general?  
How is it in new probabilistic theories? Or old ones (classically)? ...

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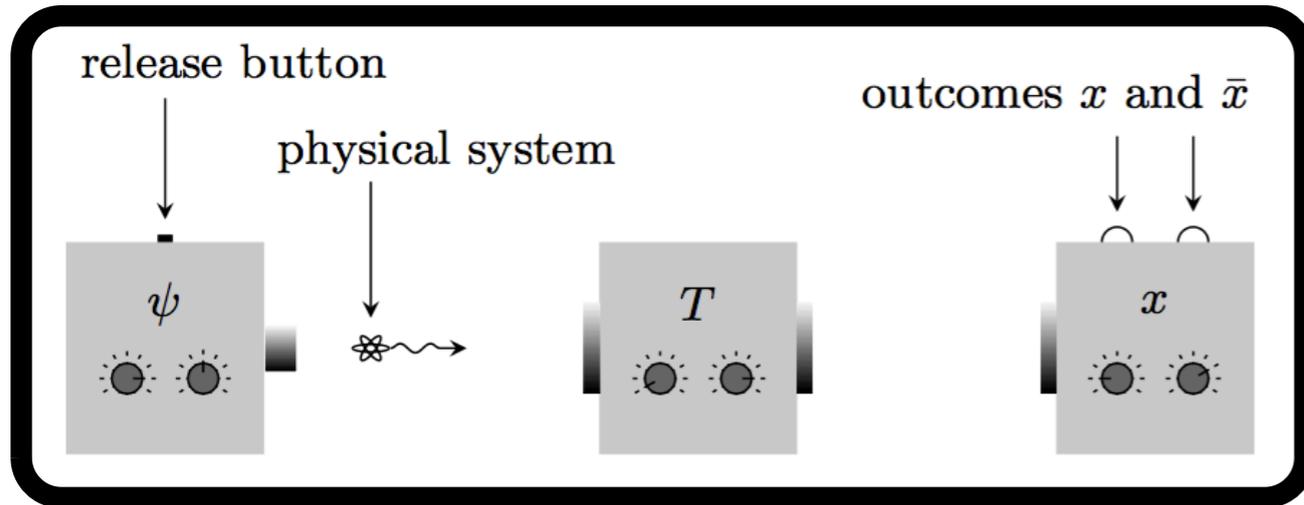
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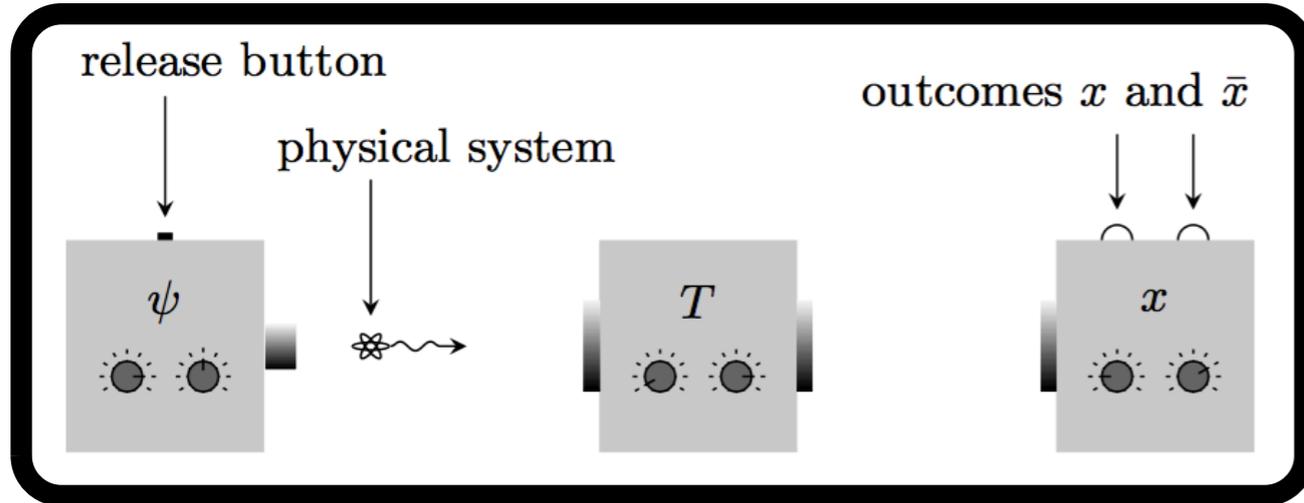
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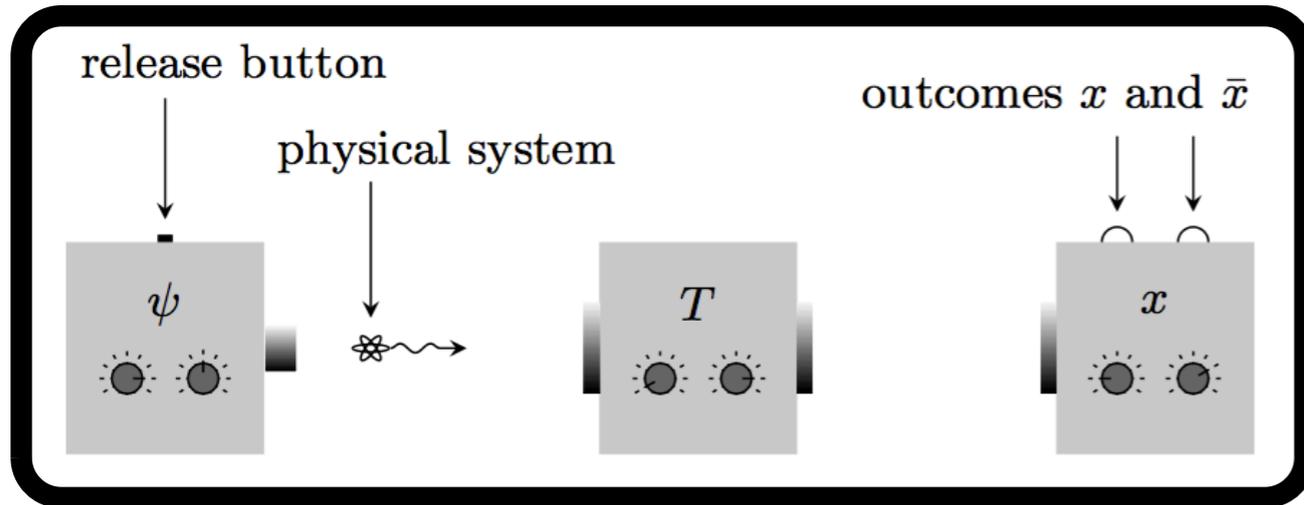
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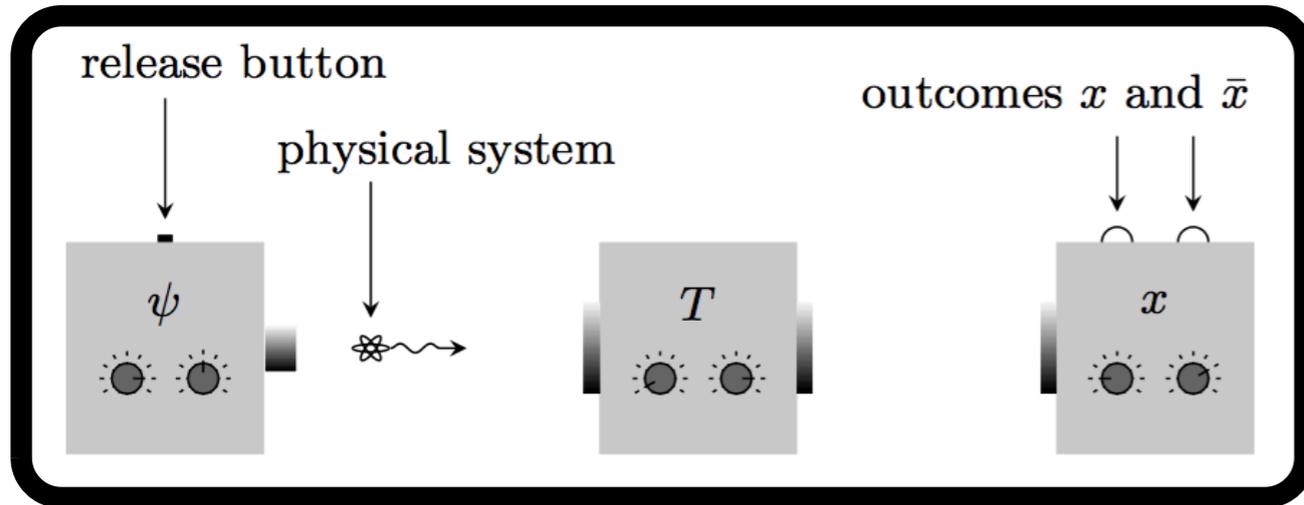


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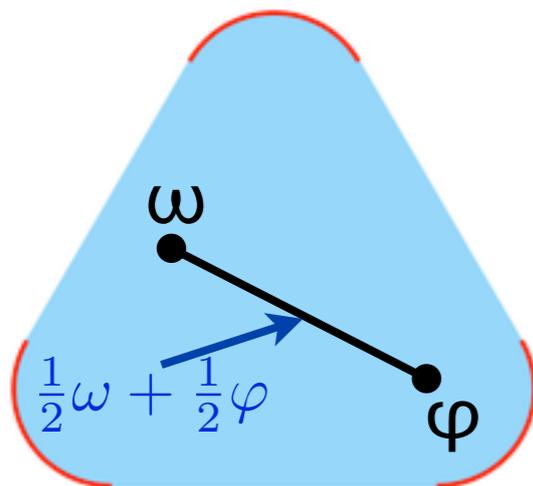
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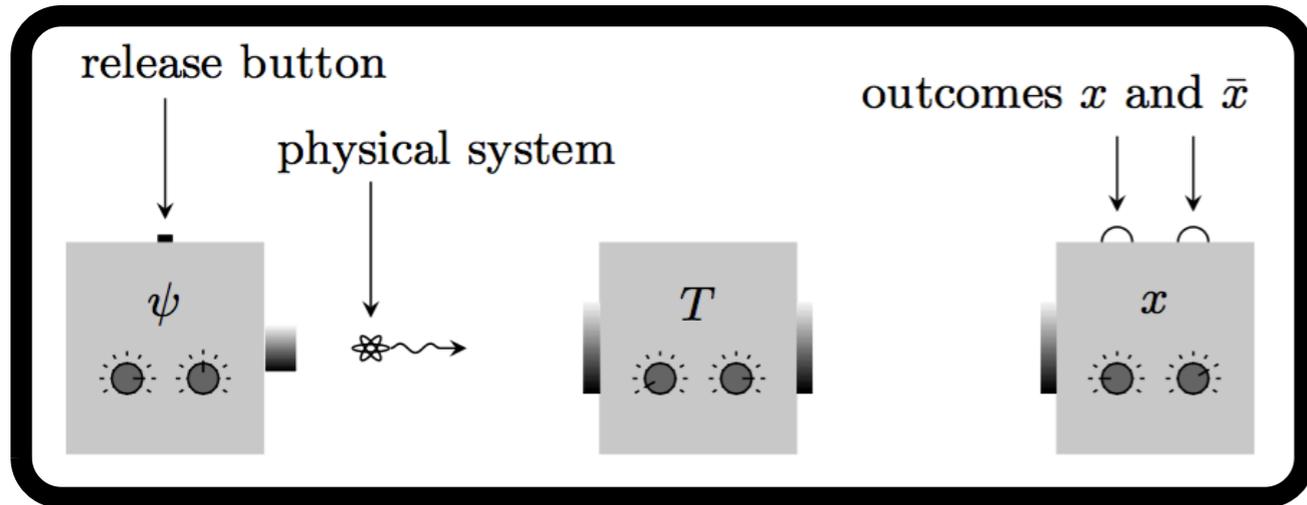
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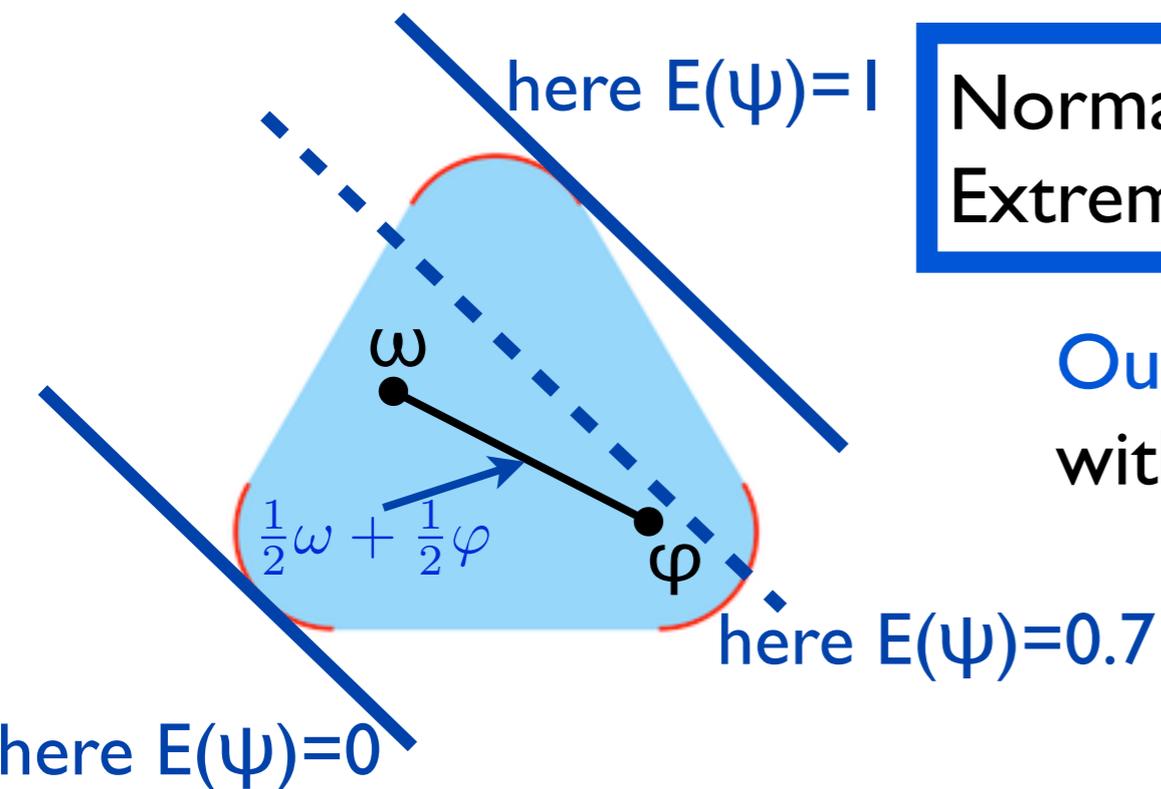
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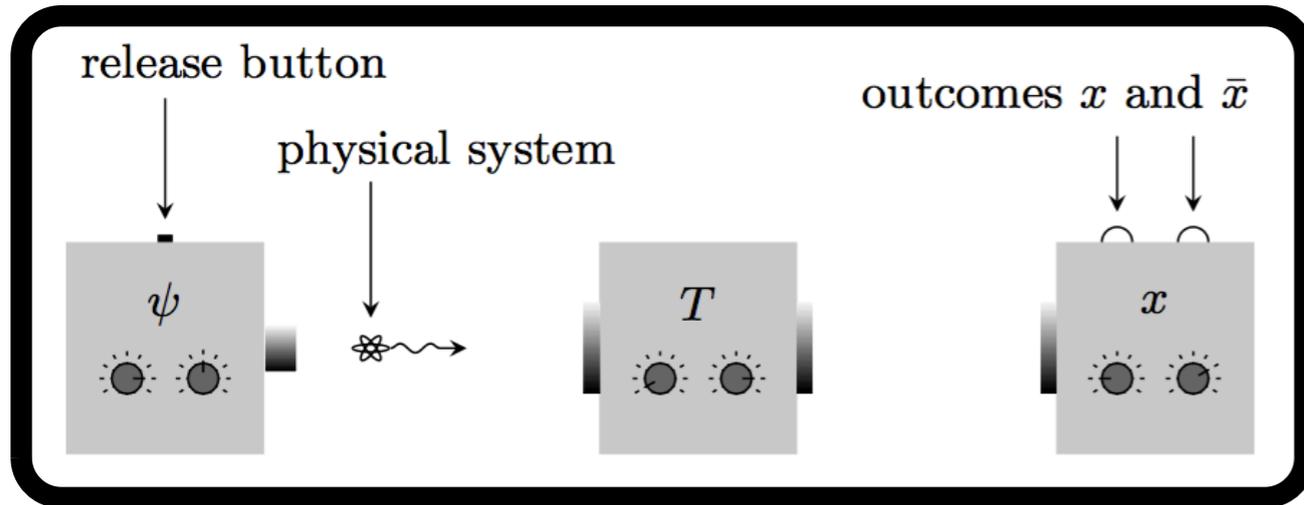


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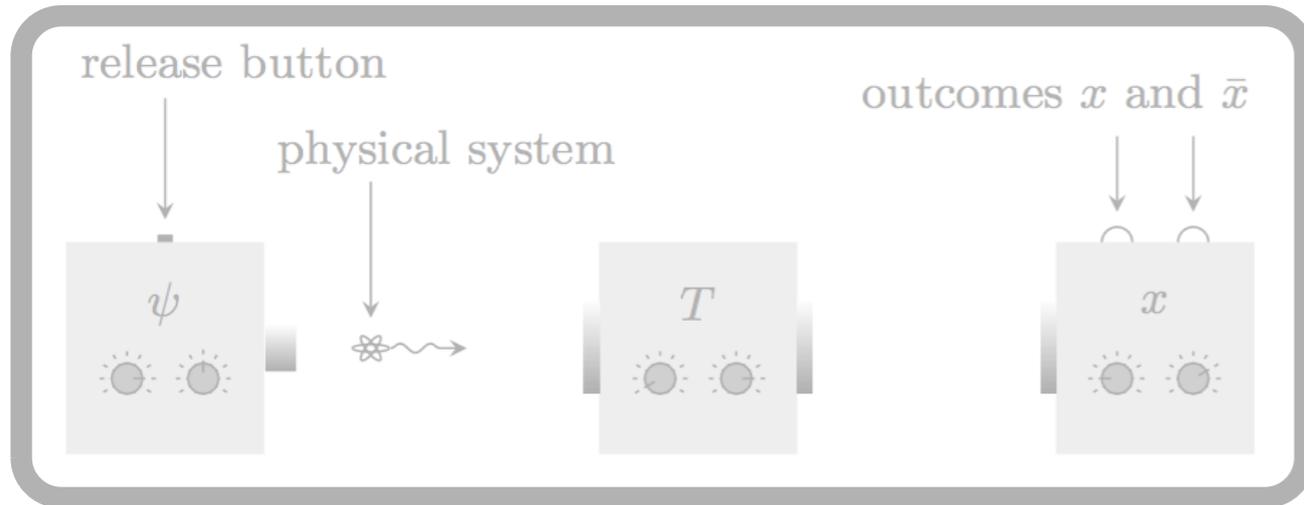
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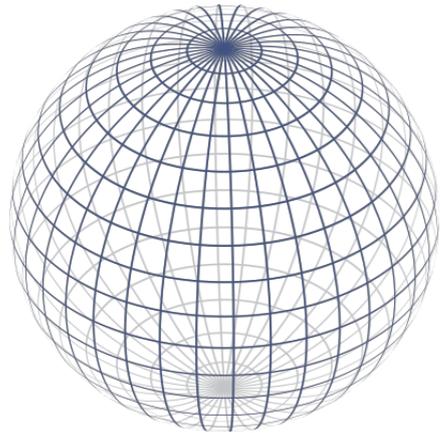
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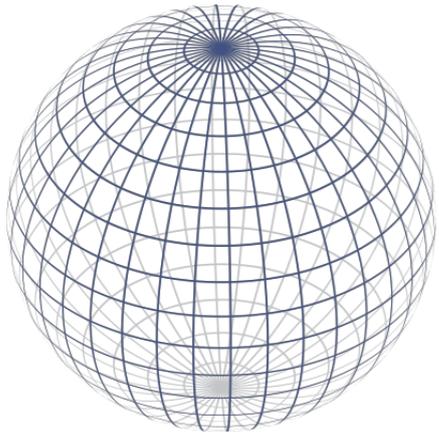


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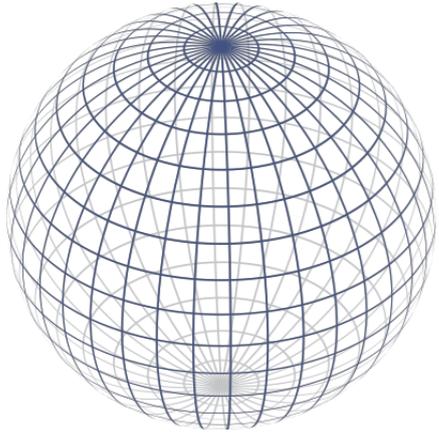


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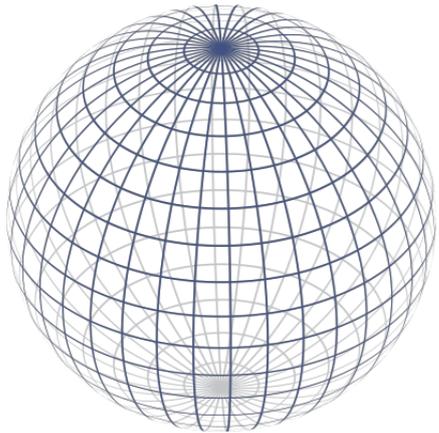
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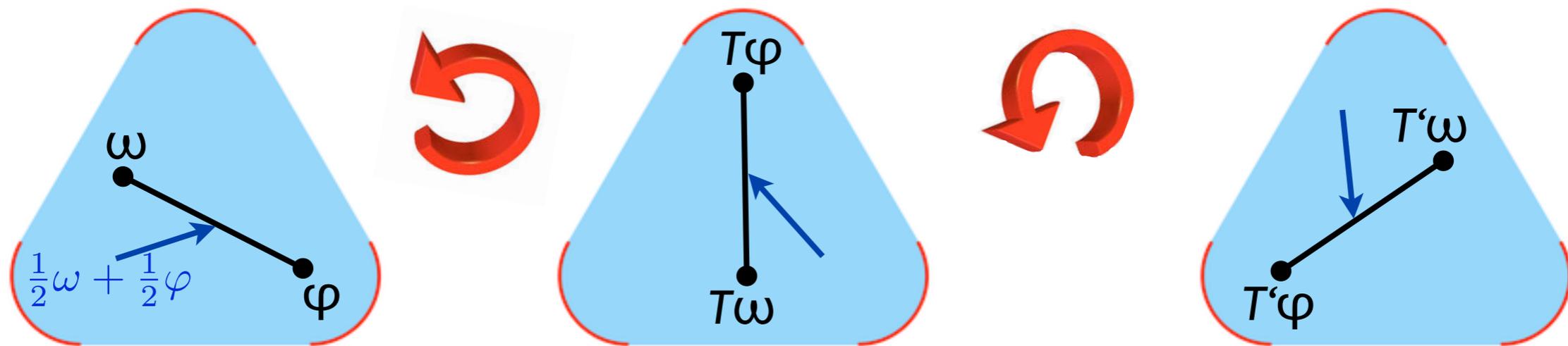


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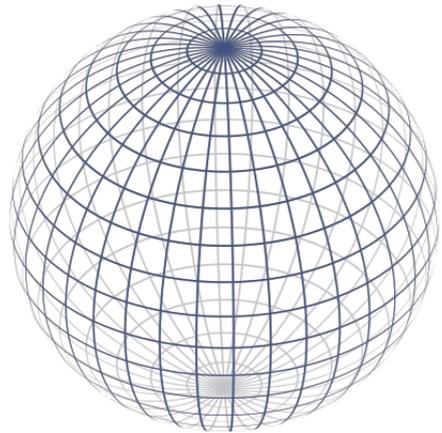
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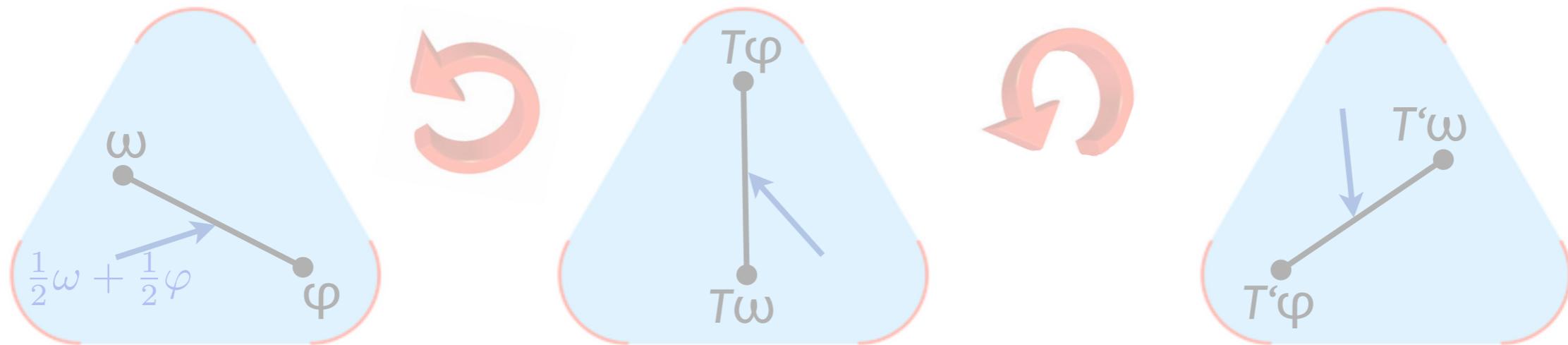
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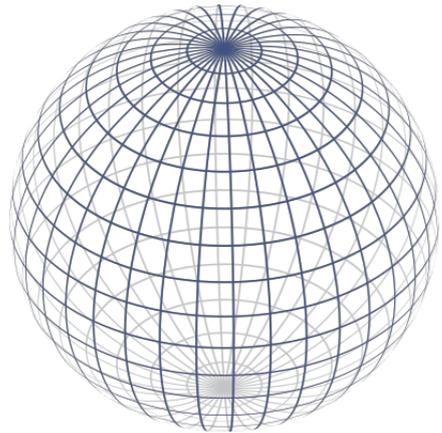
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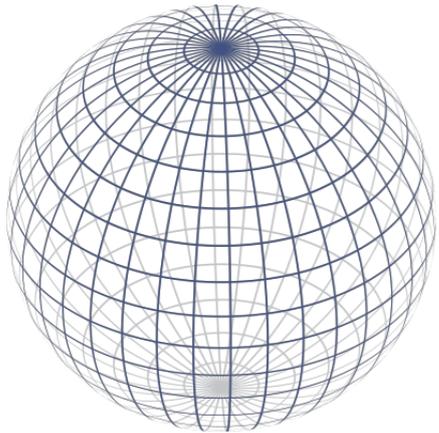
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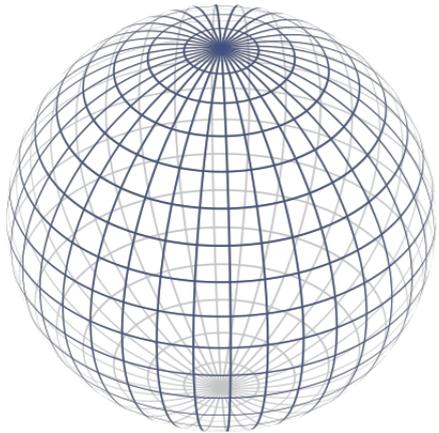
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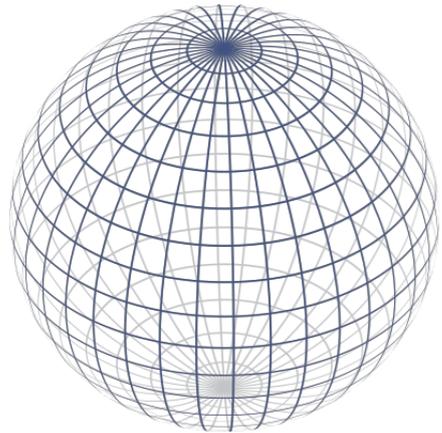
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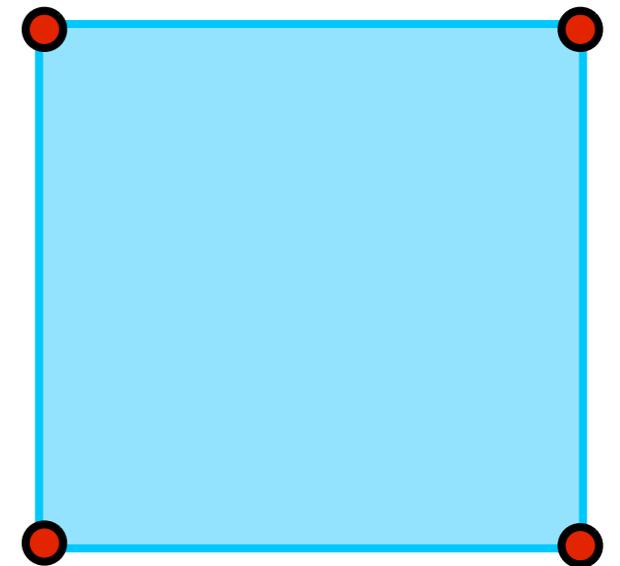
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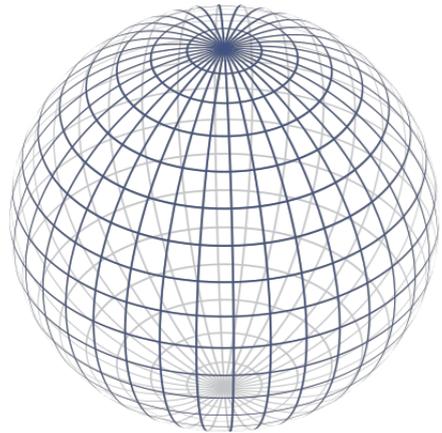
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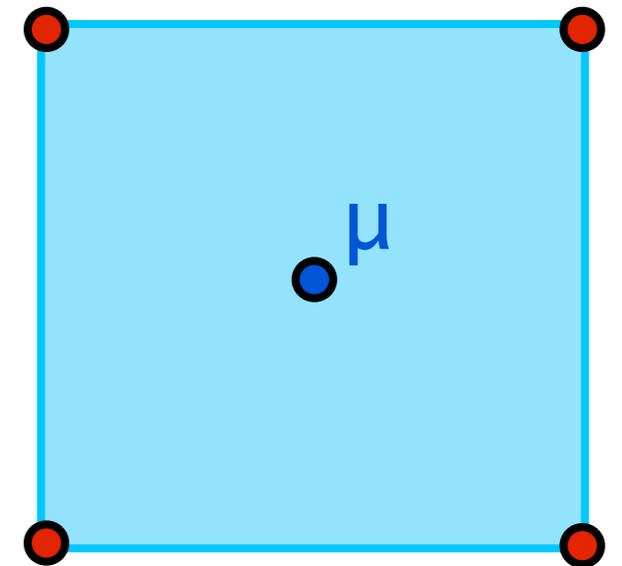


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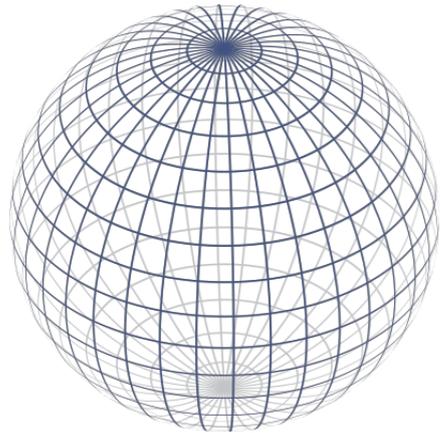
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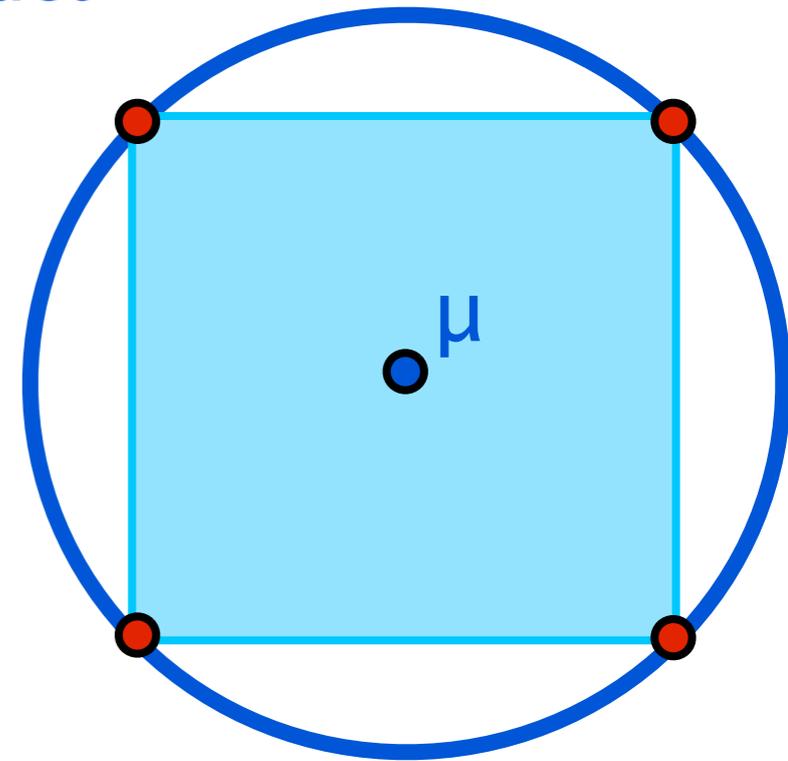
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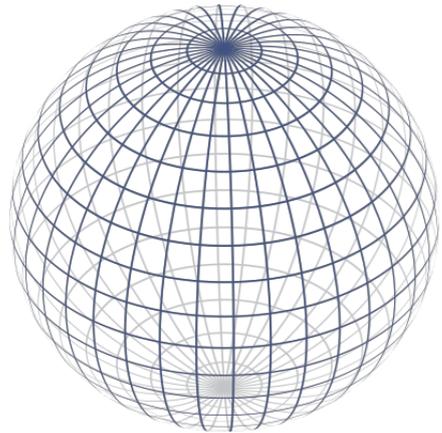
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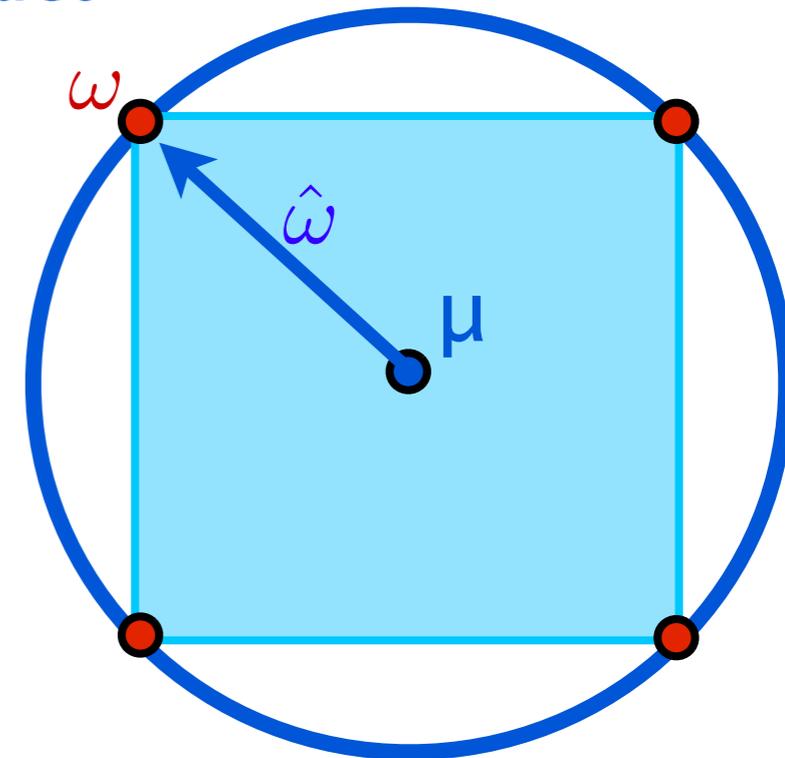
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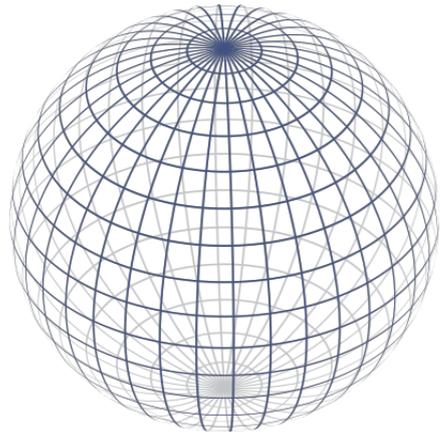
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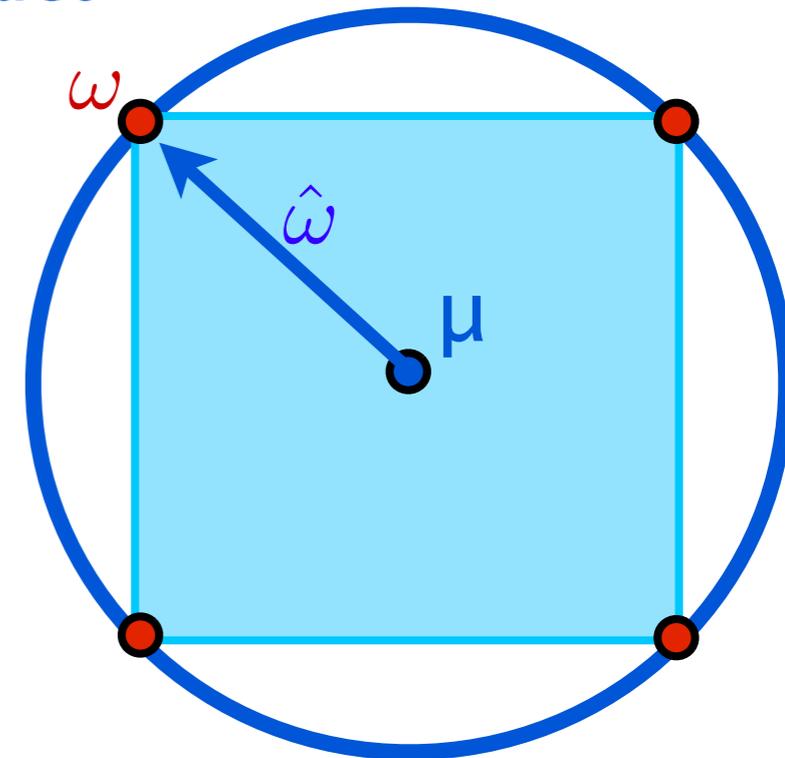
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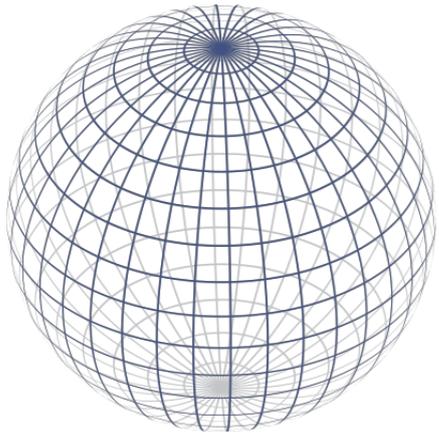
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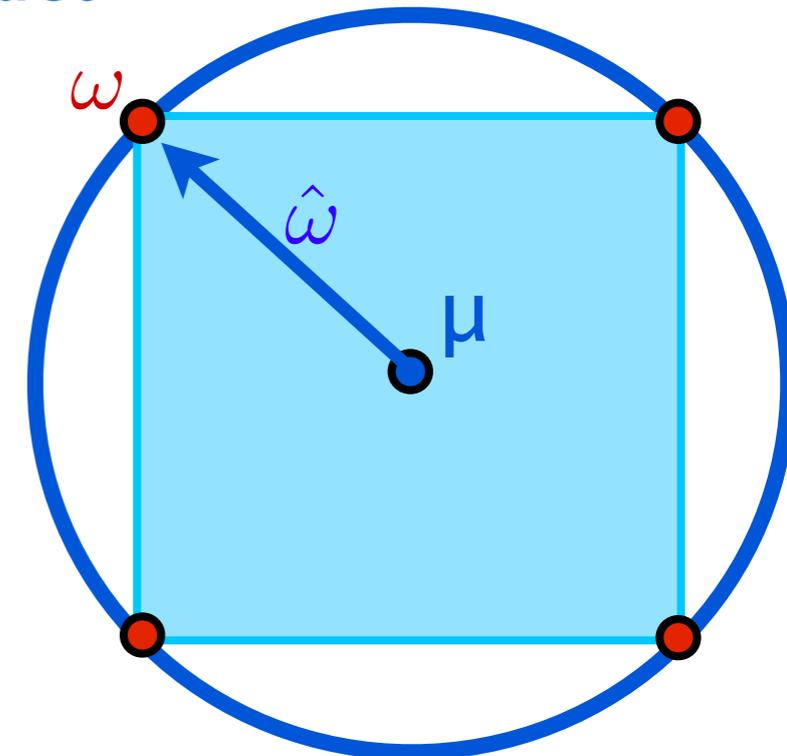
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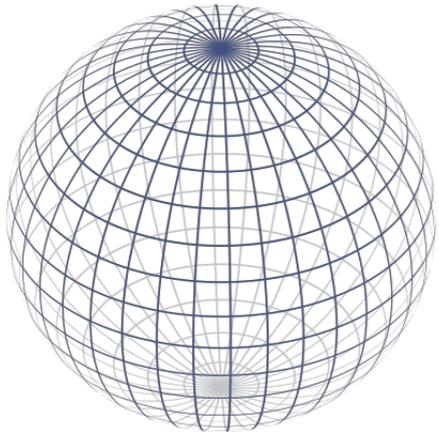
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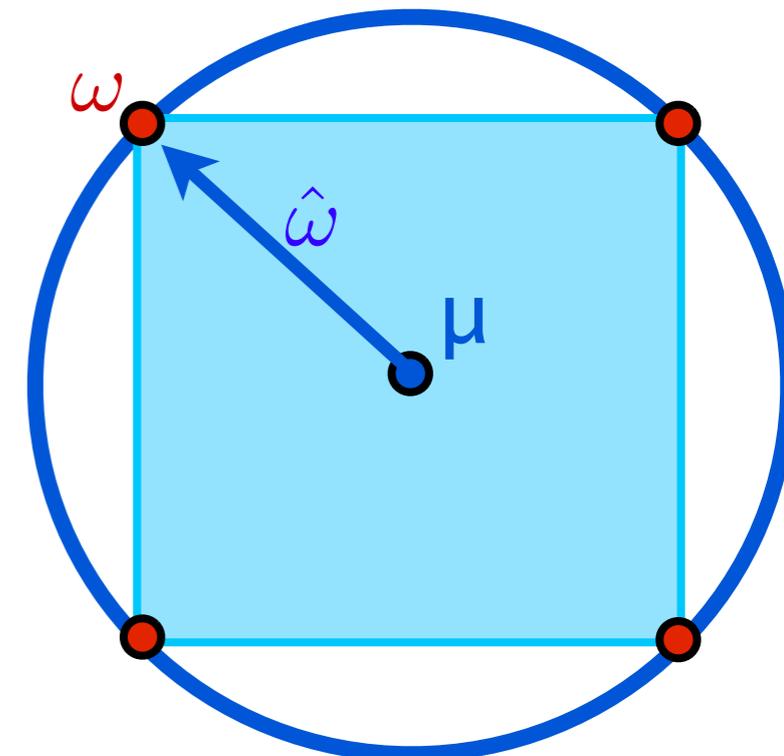
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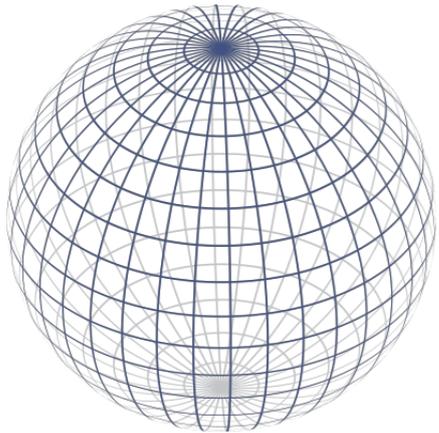
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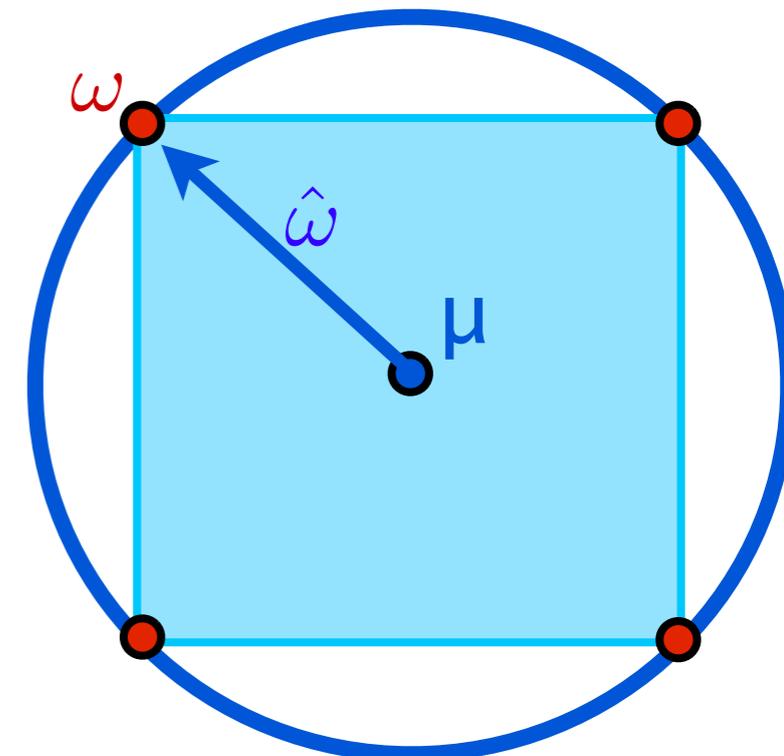
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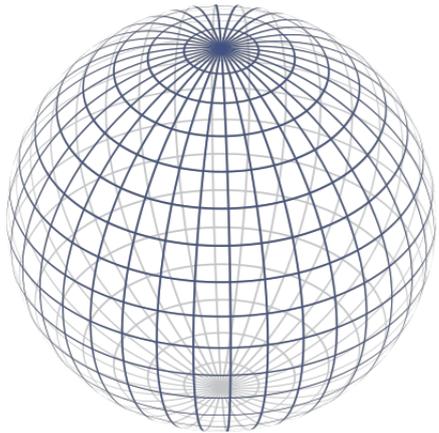
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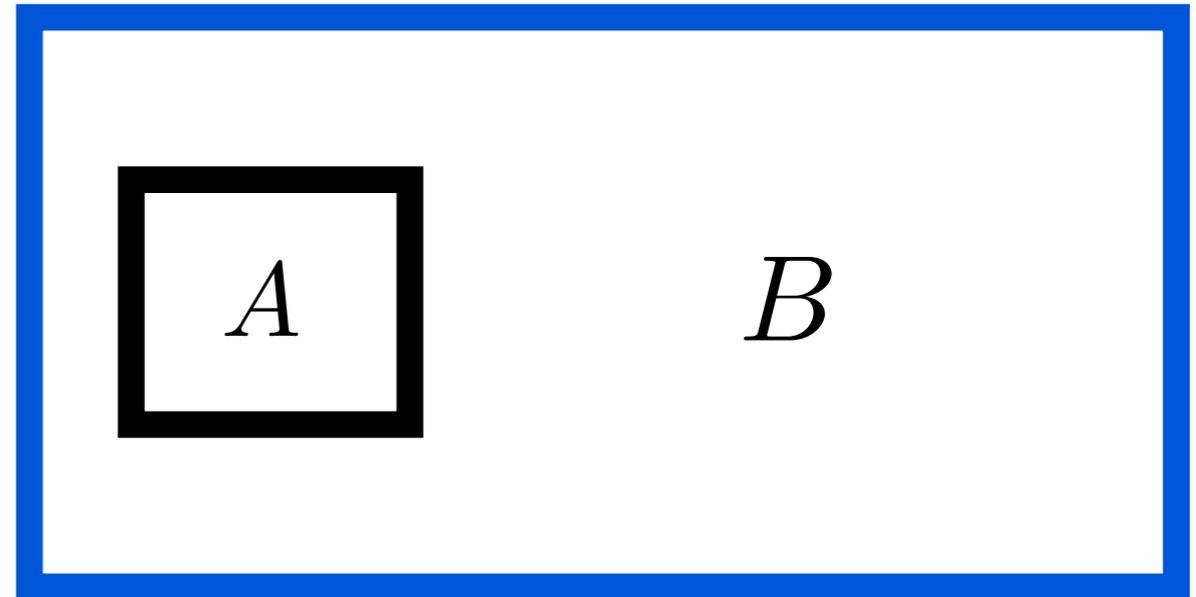


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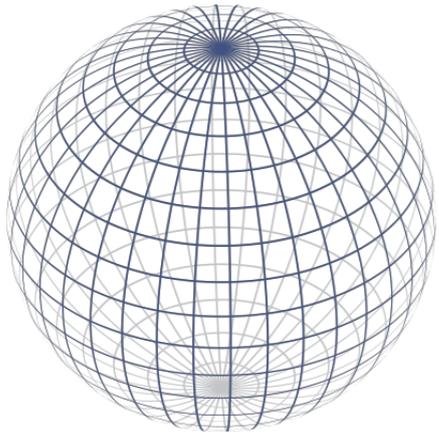


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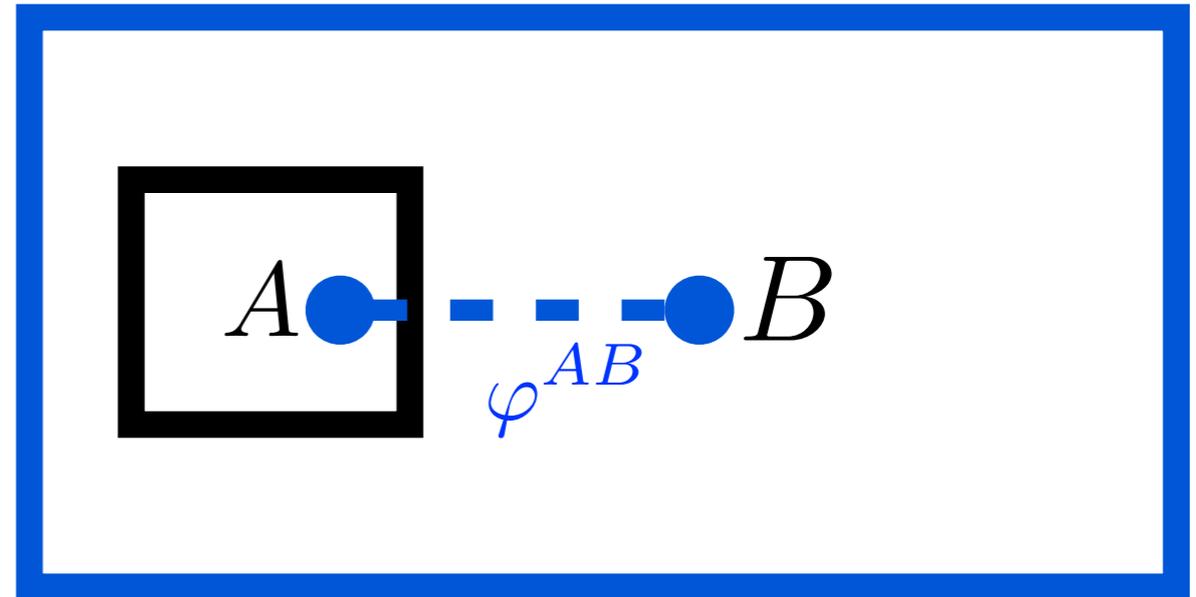


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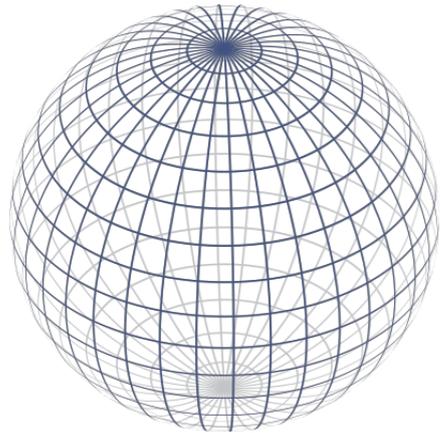
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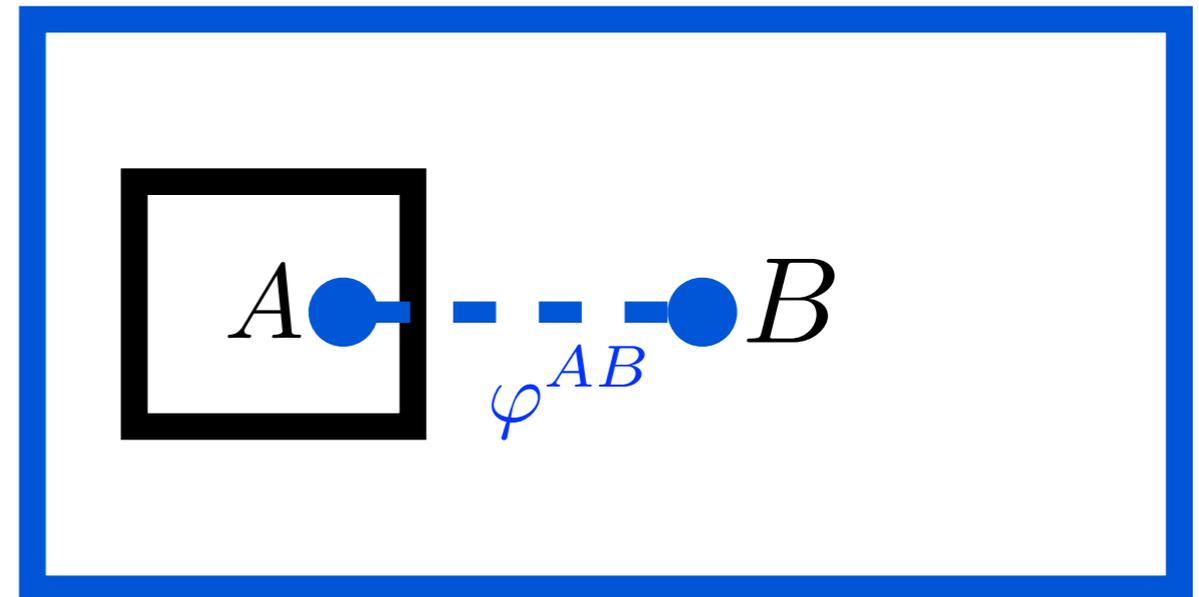
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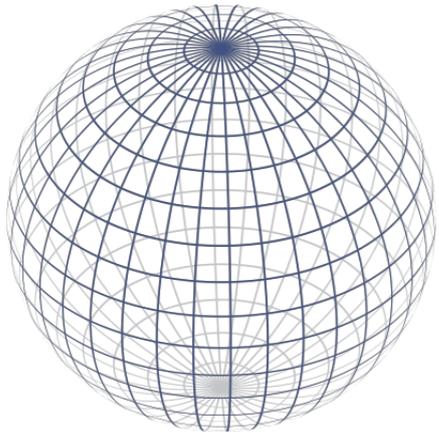


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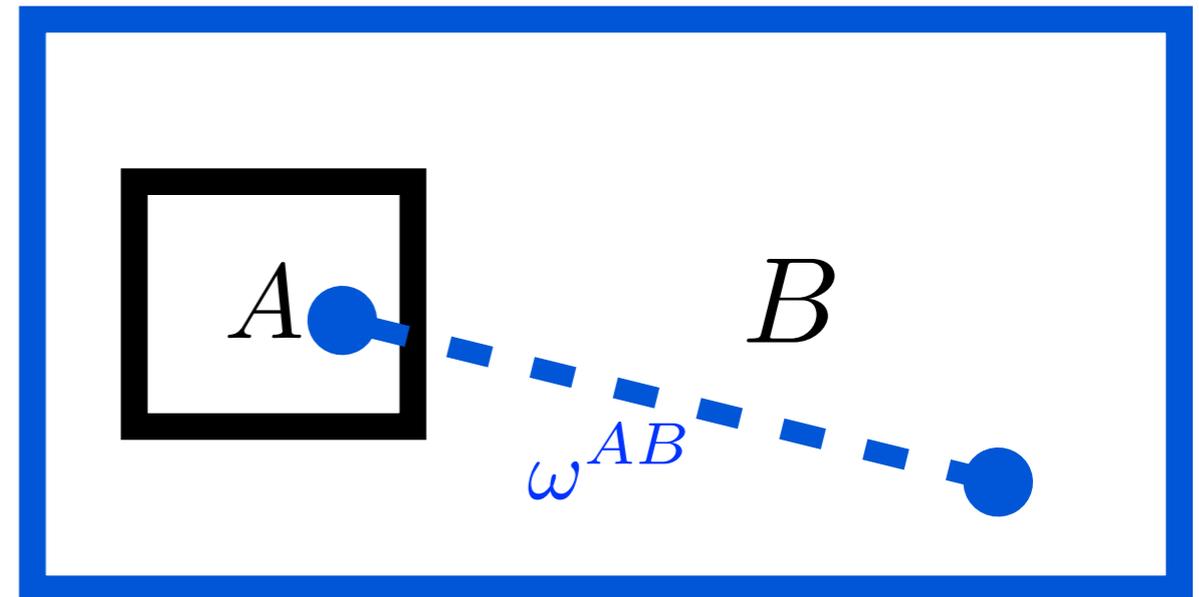


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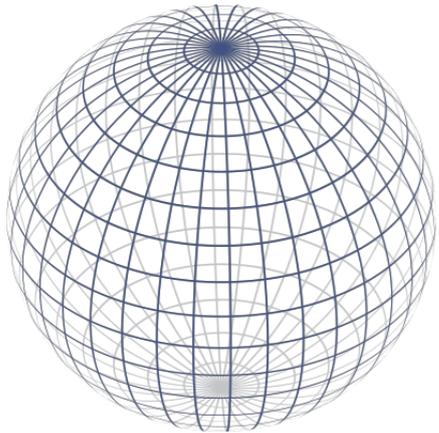


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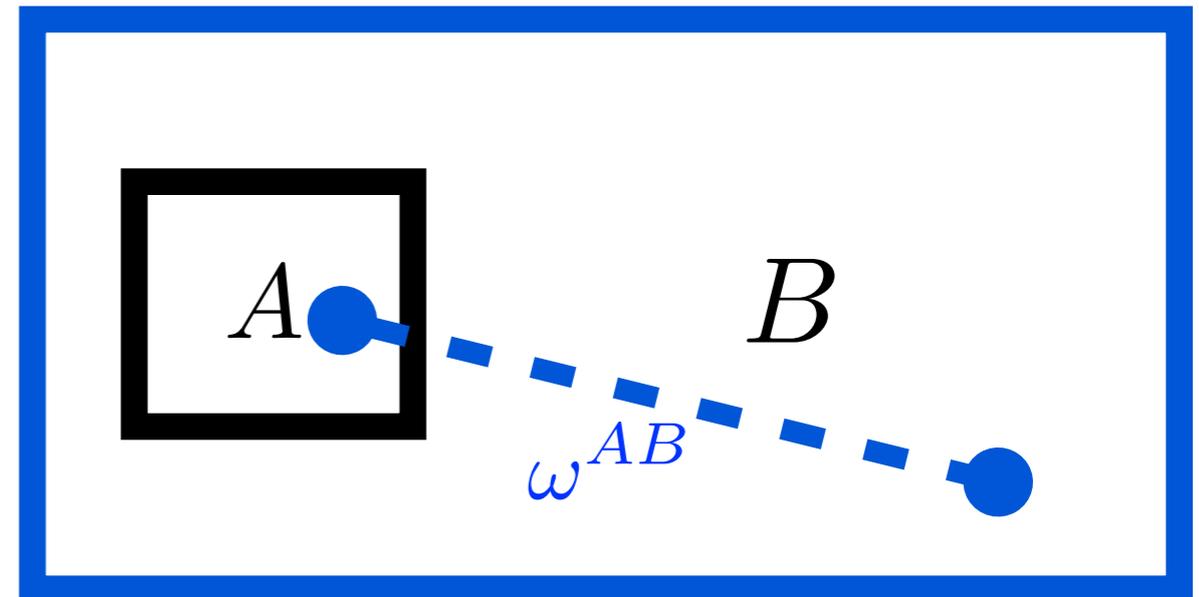


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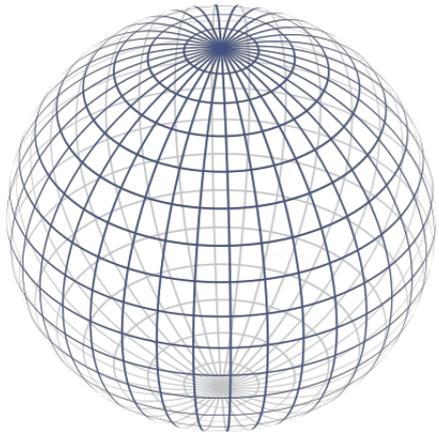
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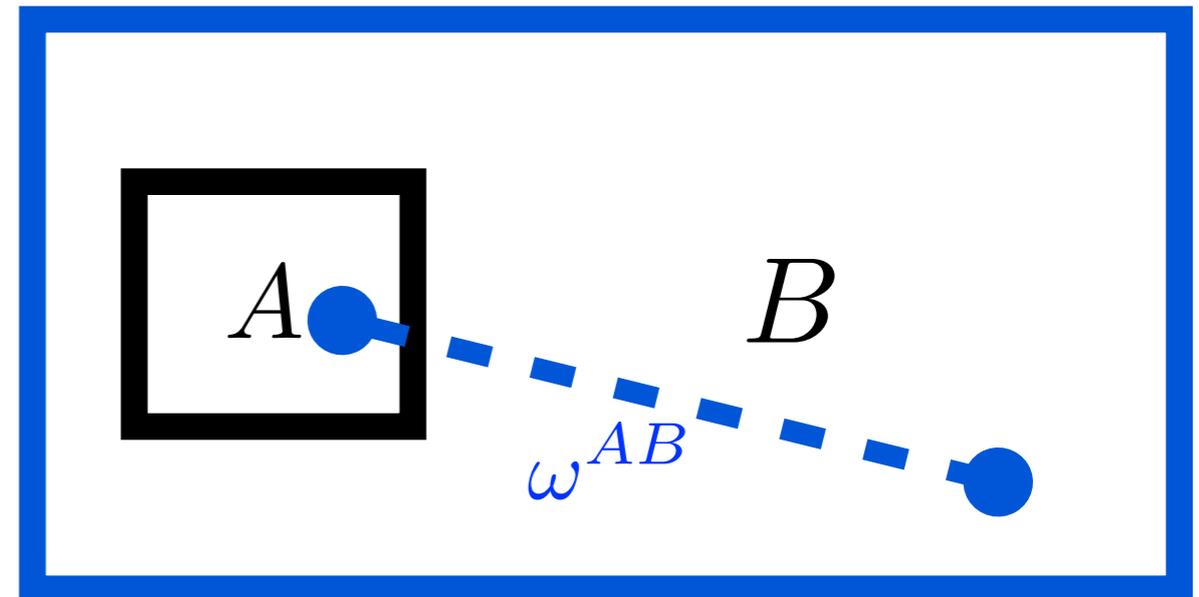
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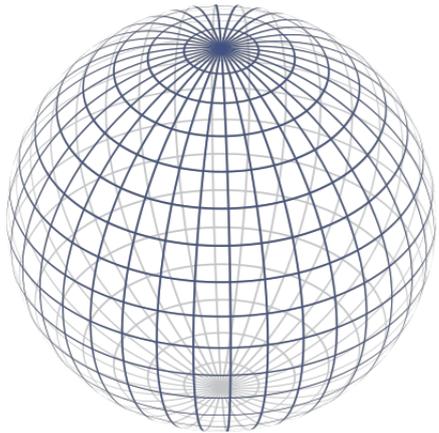
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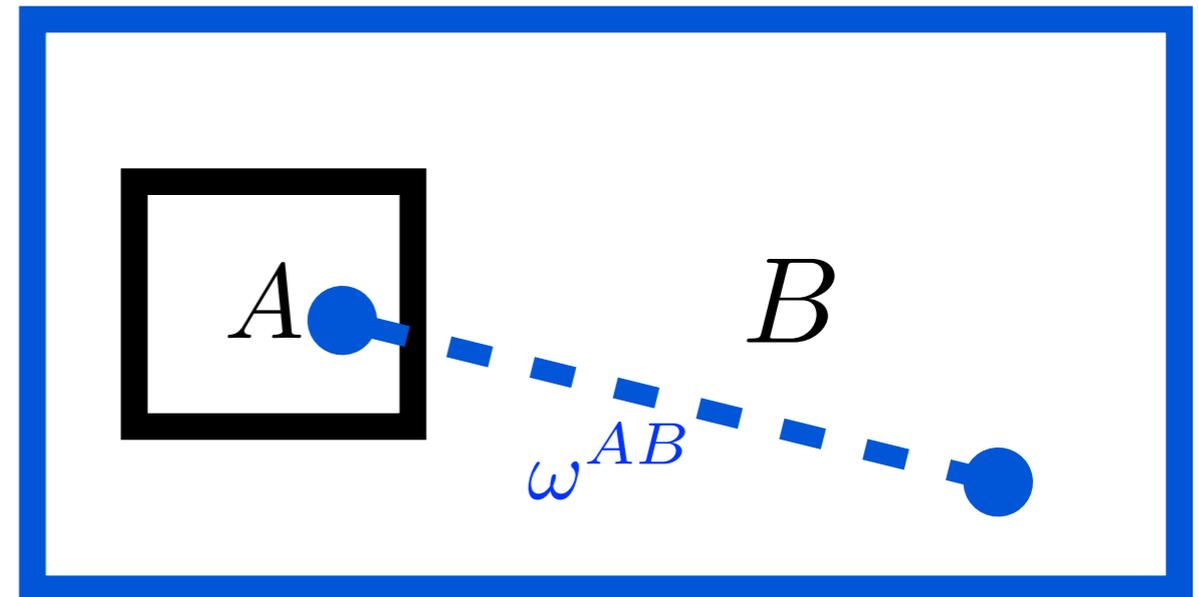
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Due to Markov's inequality, this is the **typical behaviour**.

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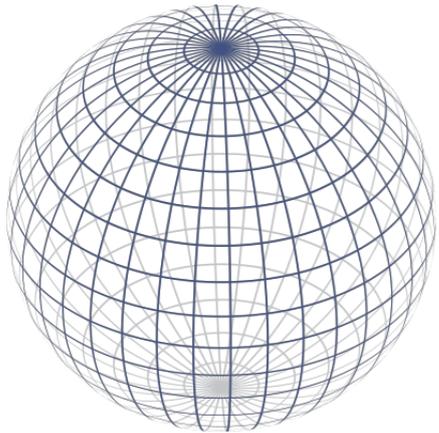
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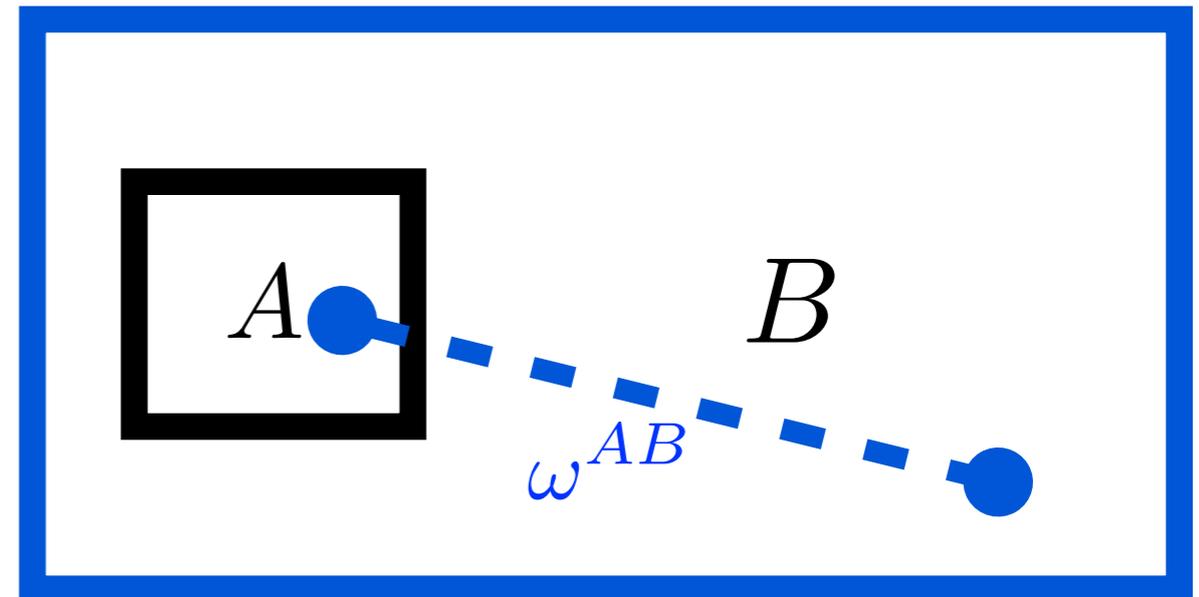
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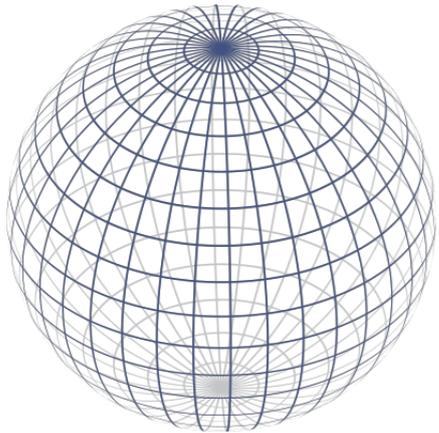
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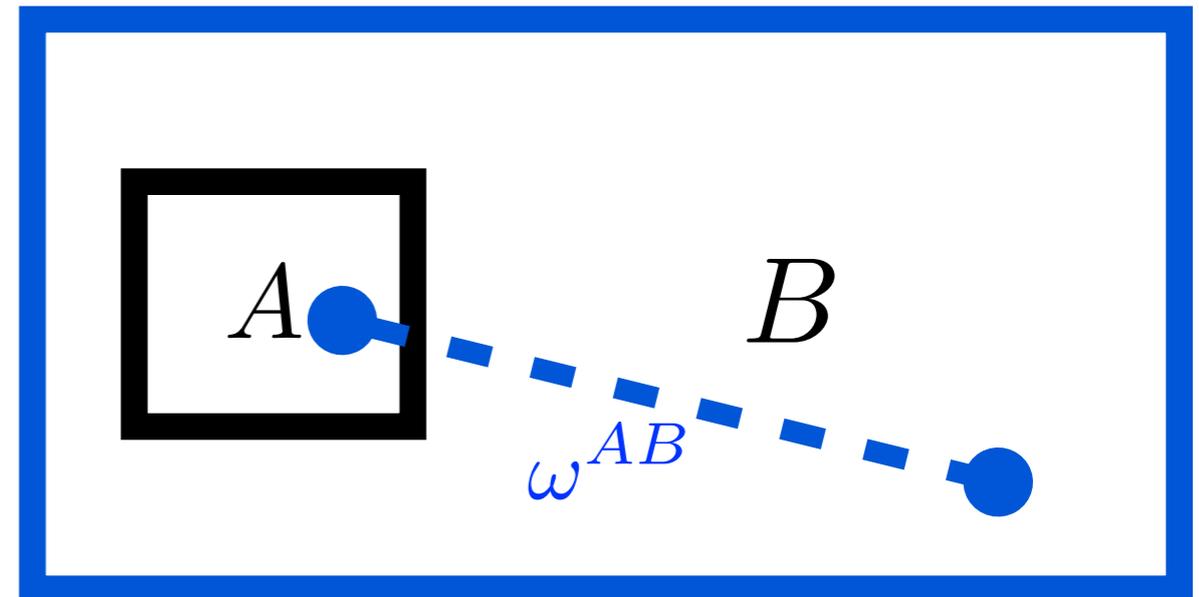
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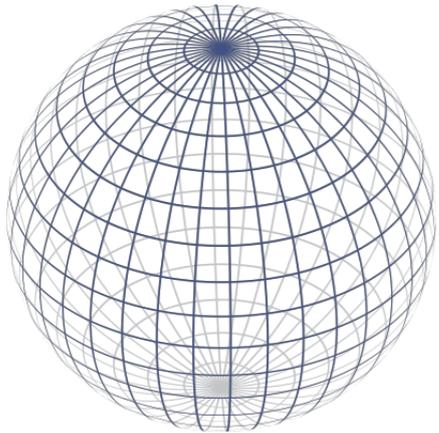
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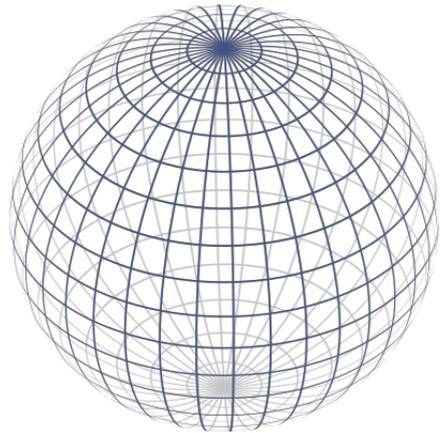
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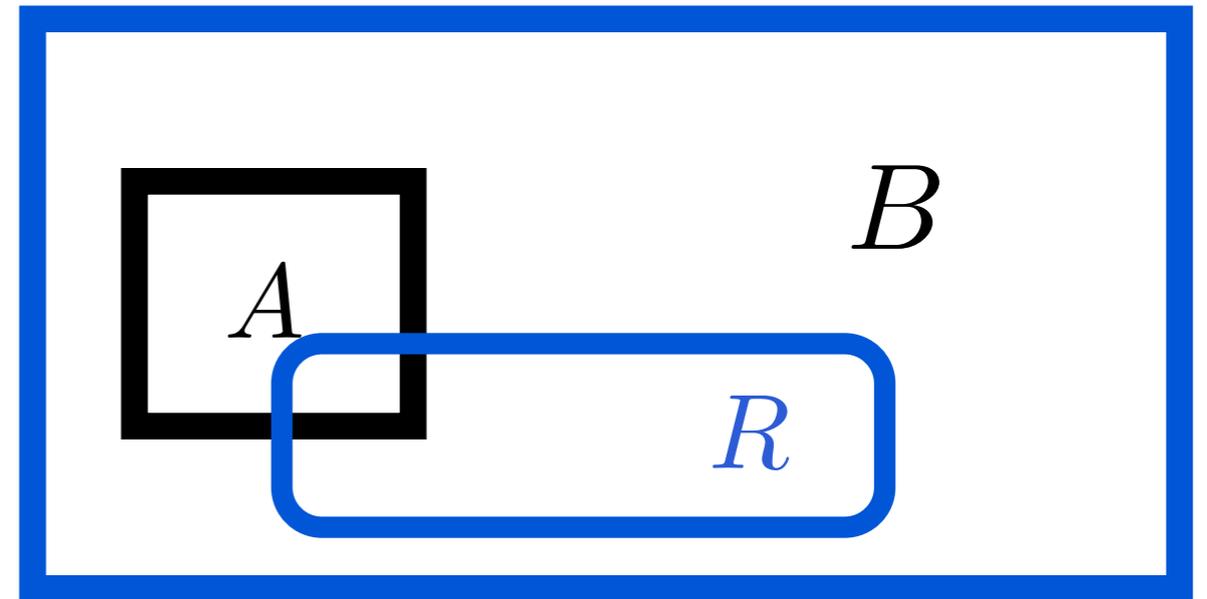
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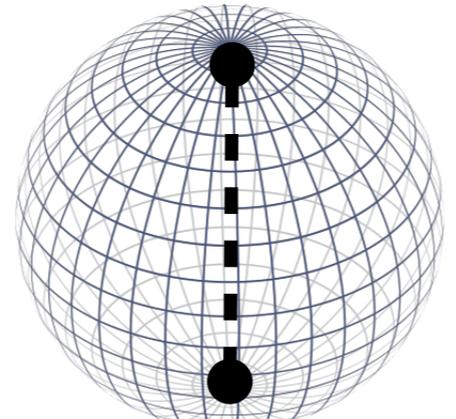
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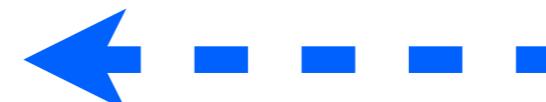
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A sphere with a grid of latitude and longitude lines, representing a quantum bit. A vertical dashed line with two black dots at the poles passes through the center.

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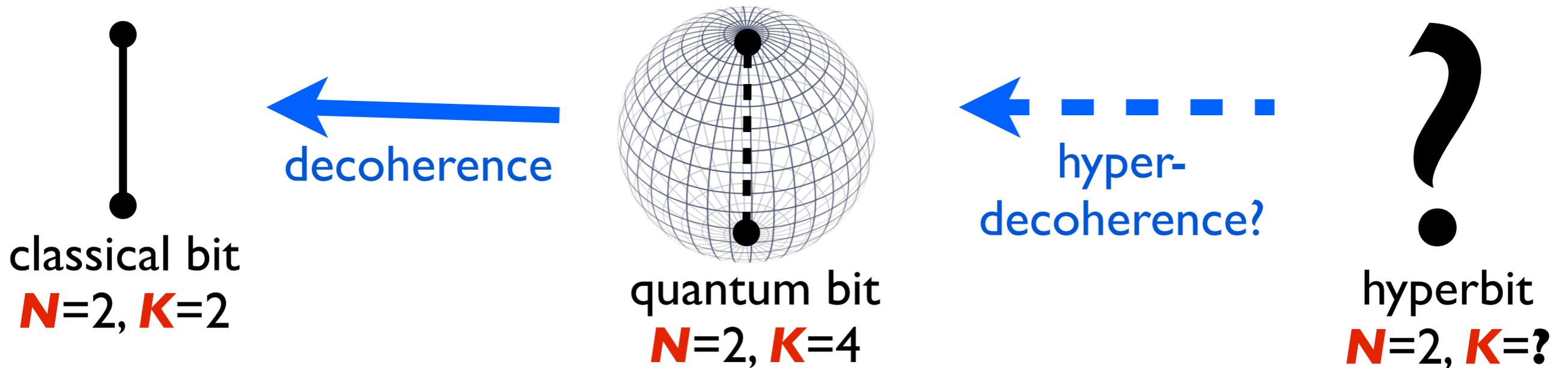
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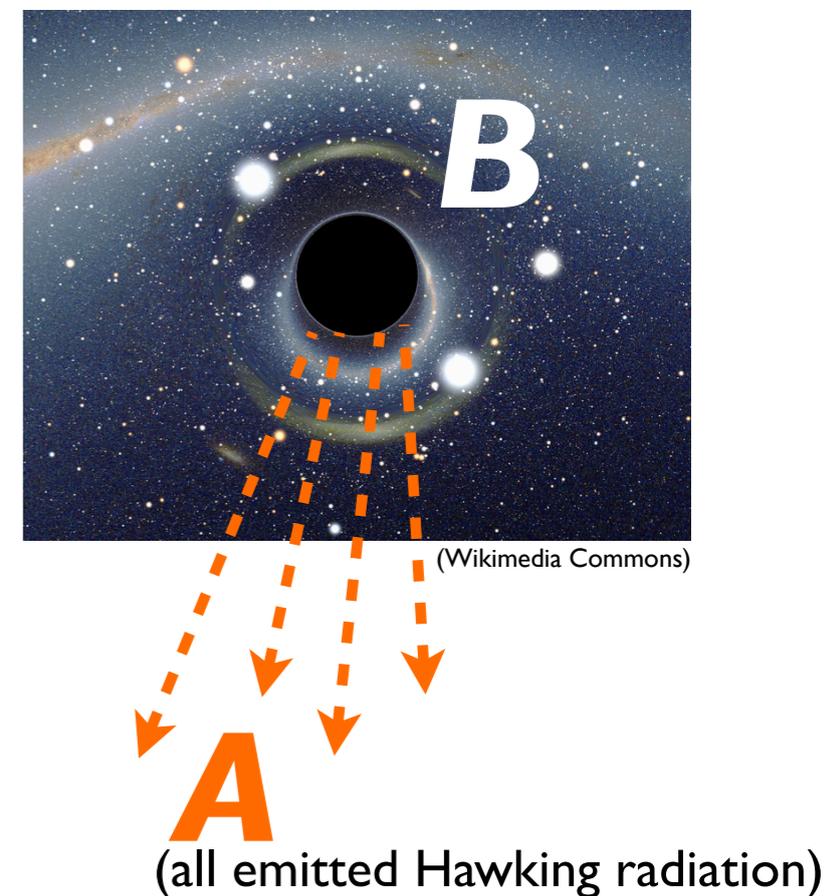
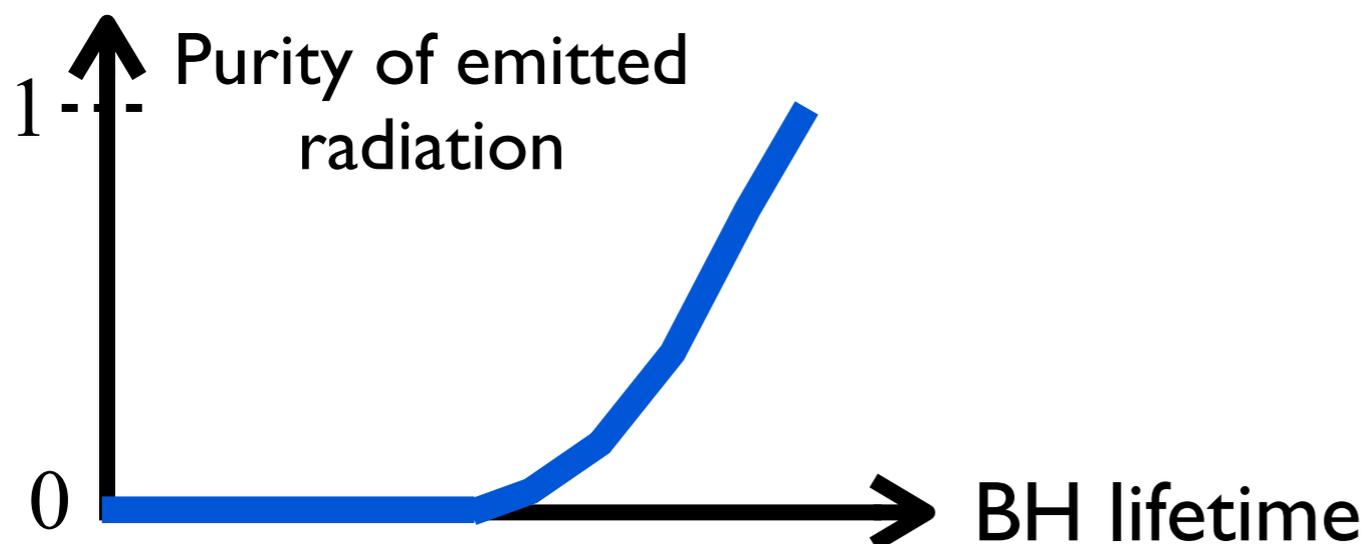
A large black question mark with a black dot at its base, representing a hyperbit.

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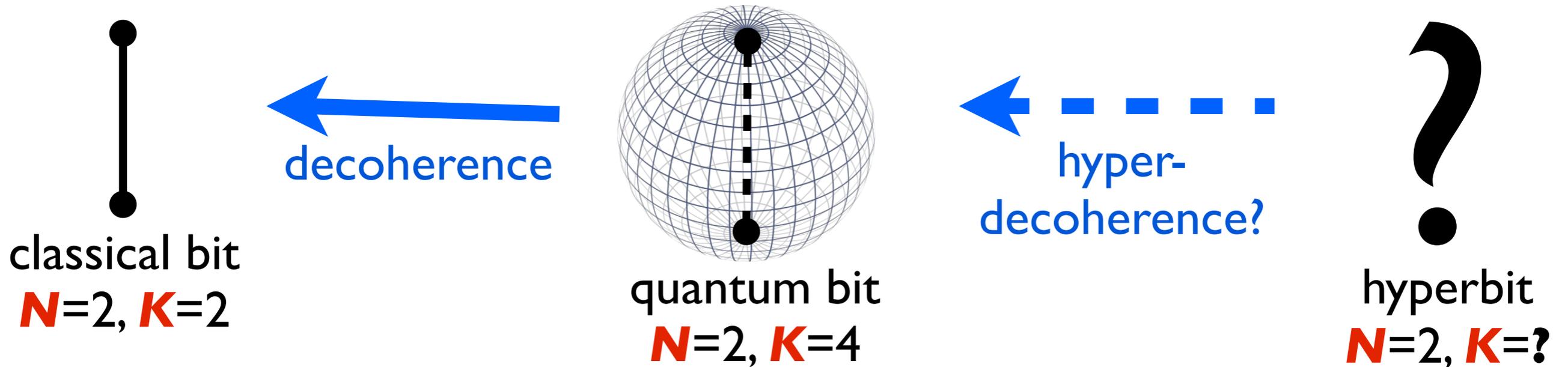
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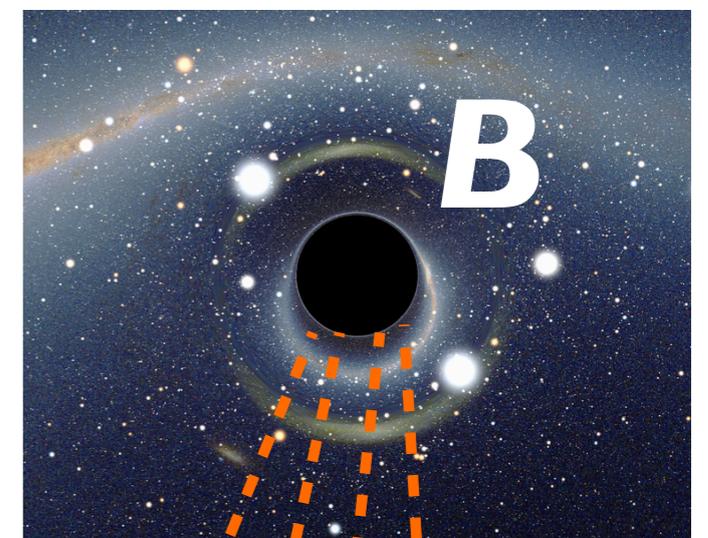
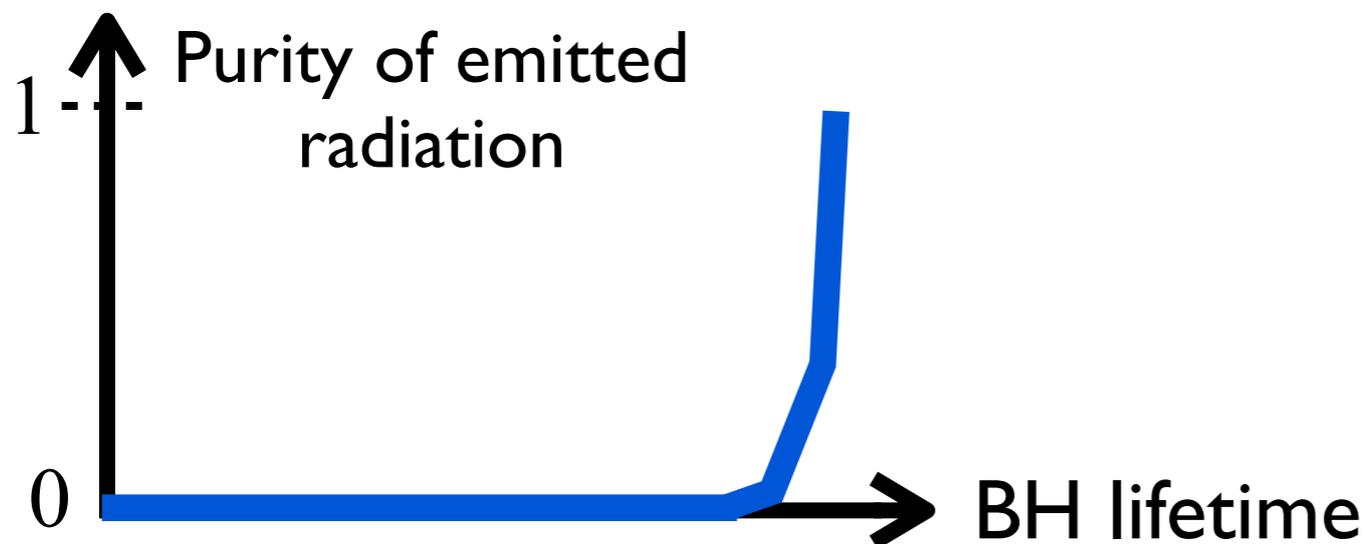
If **all is quantum**, and B.H. formed from pure state:  
N qubits in **Hawking radiation A** can only be maximally mixed if **B** keeps N qubits for purification.



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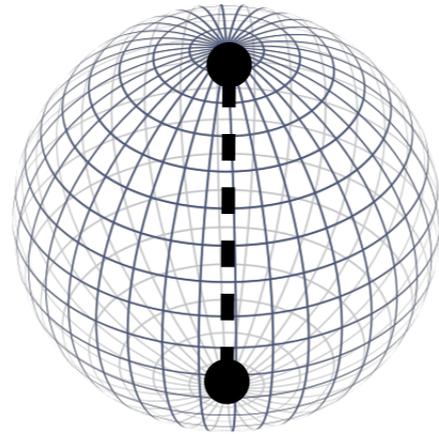
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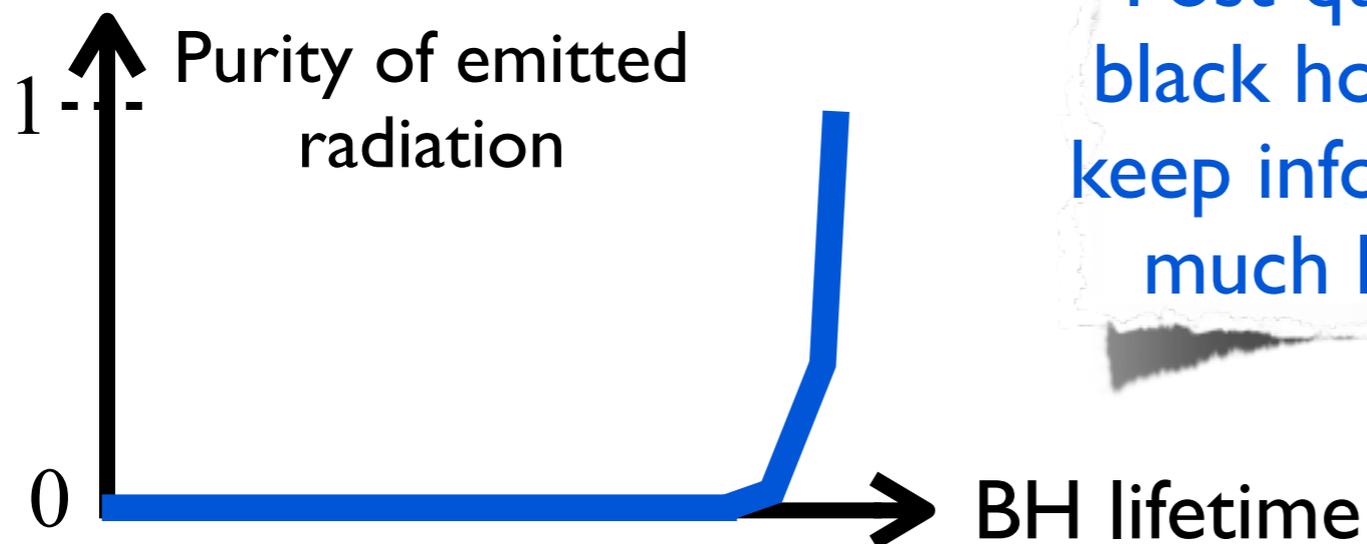
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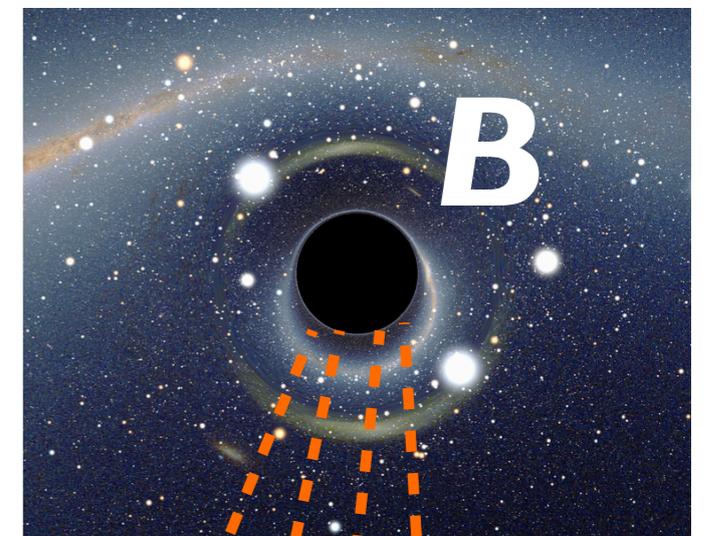
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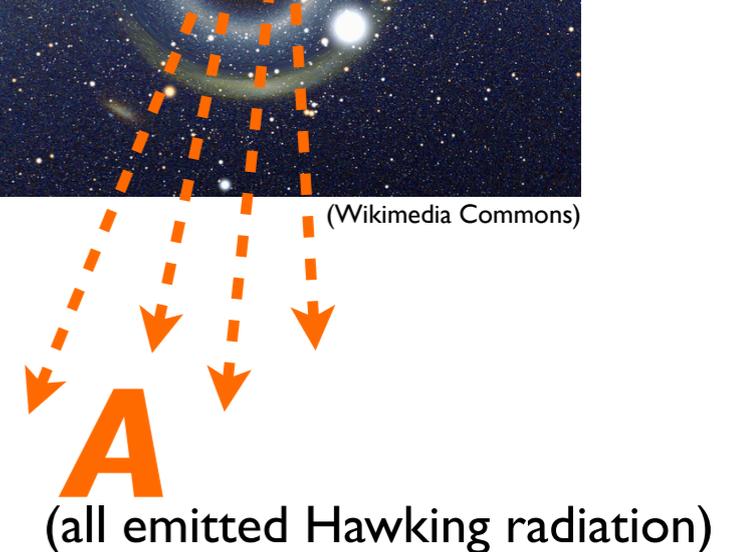
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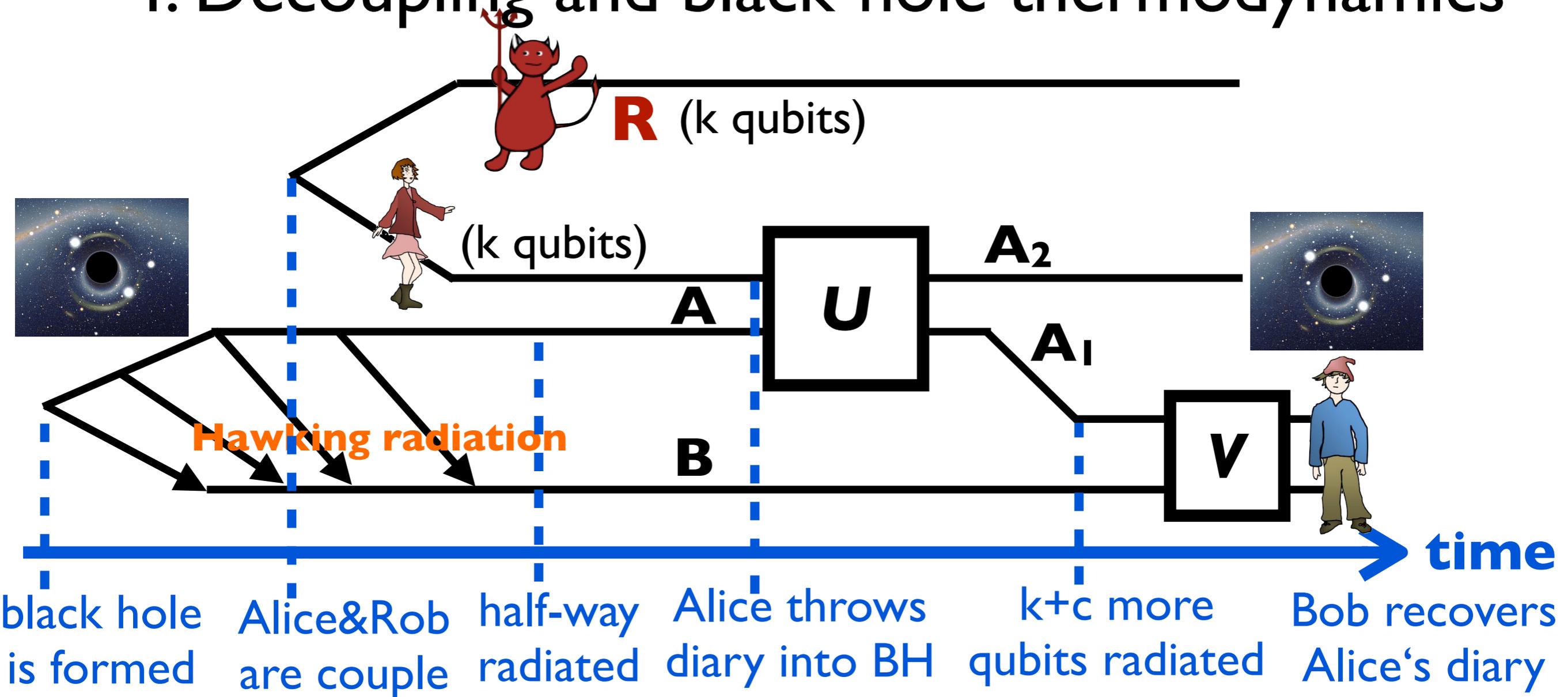
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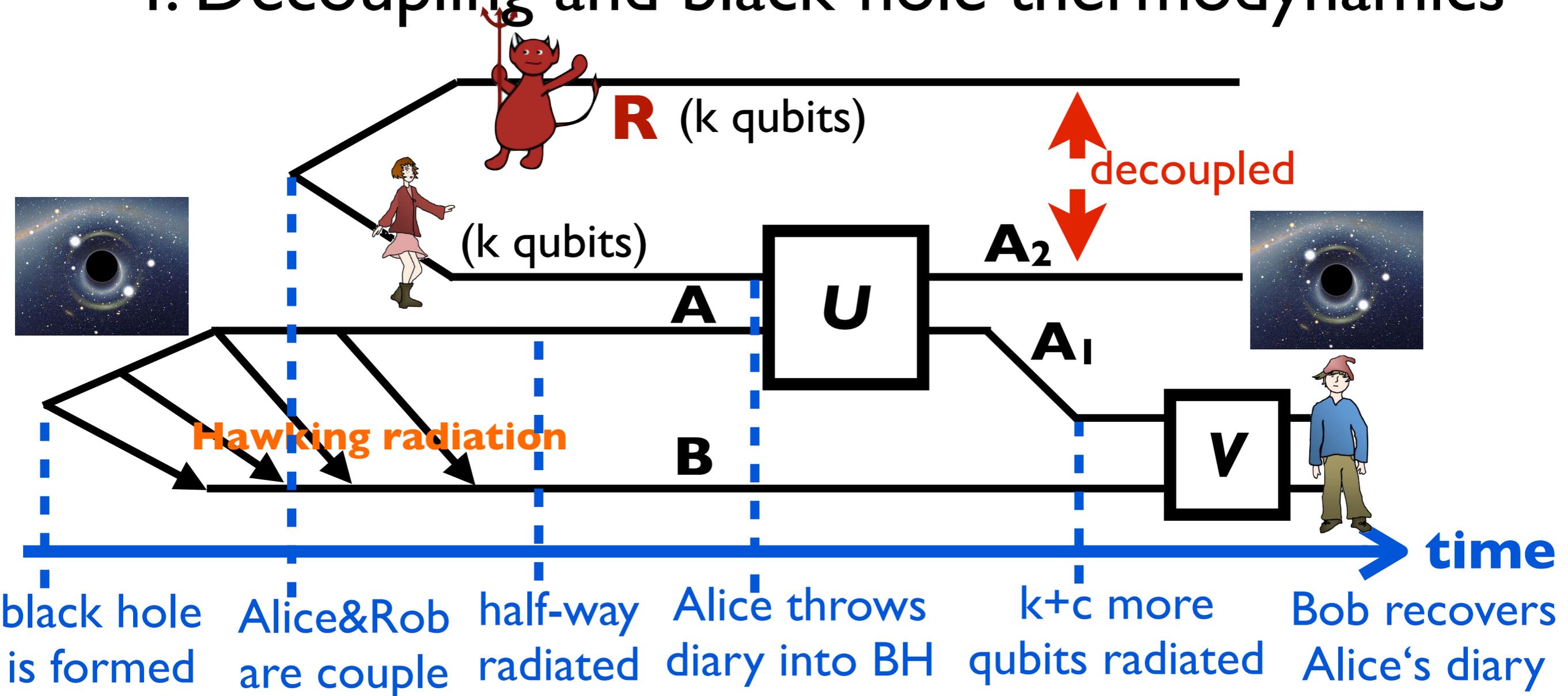
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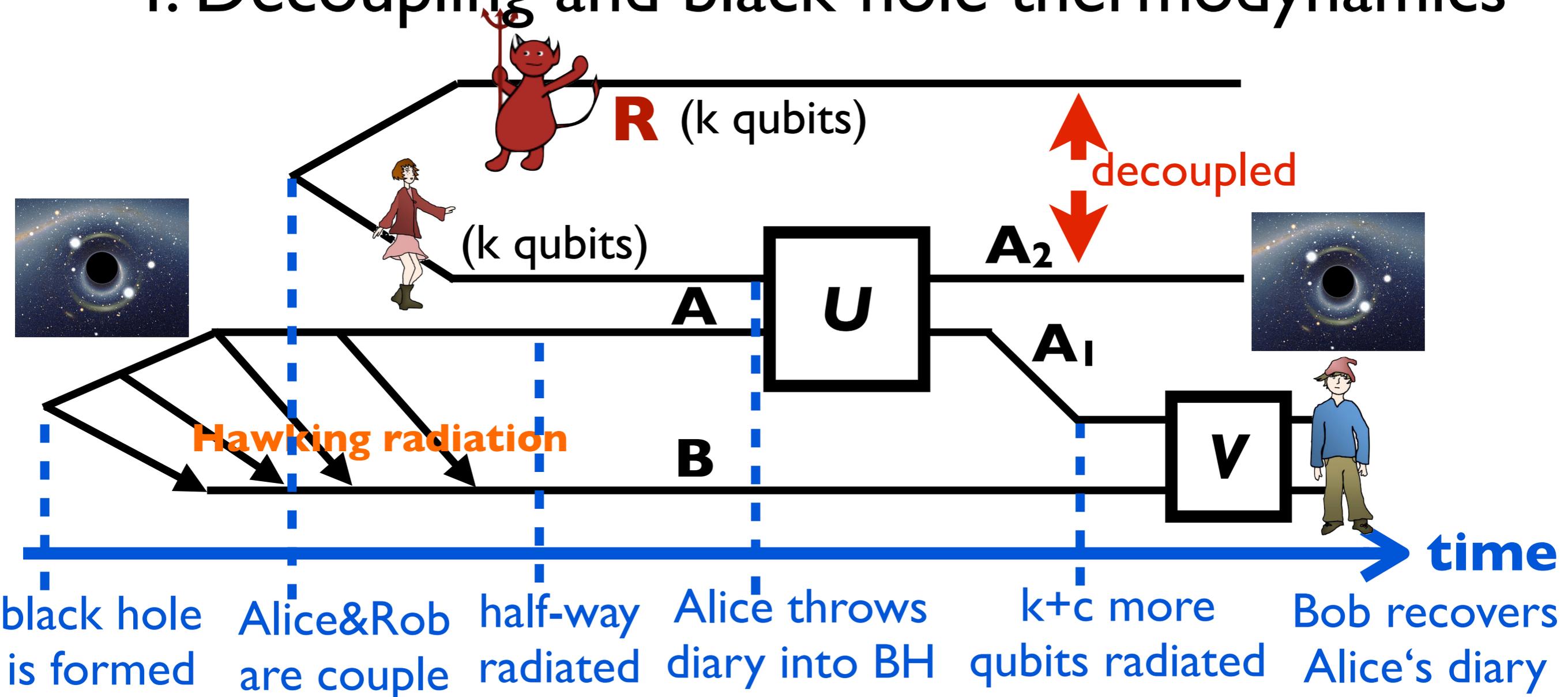
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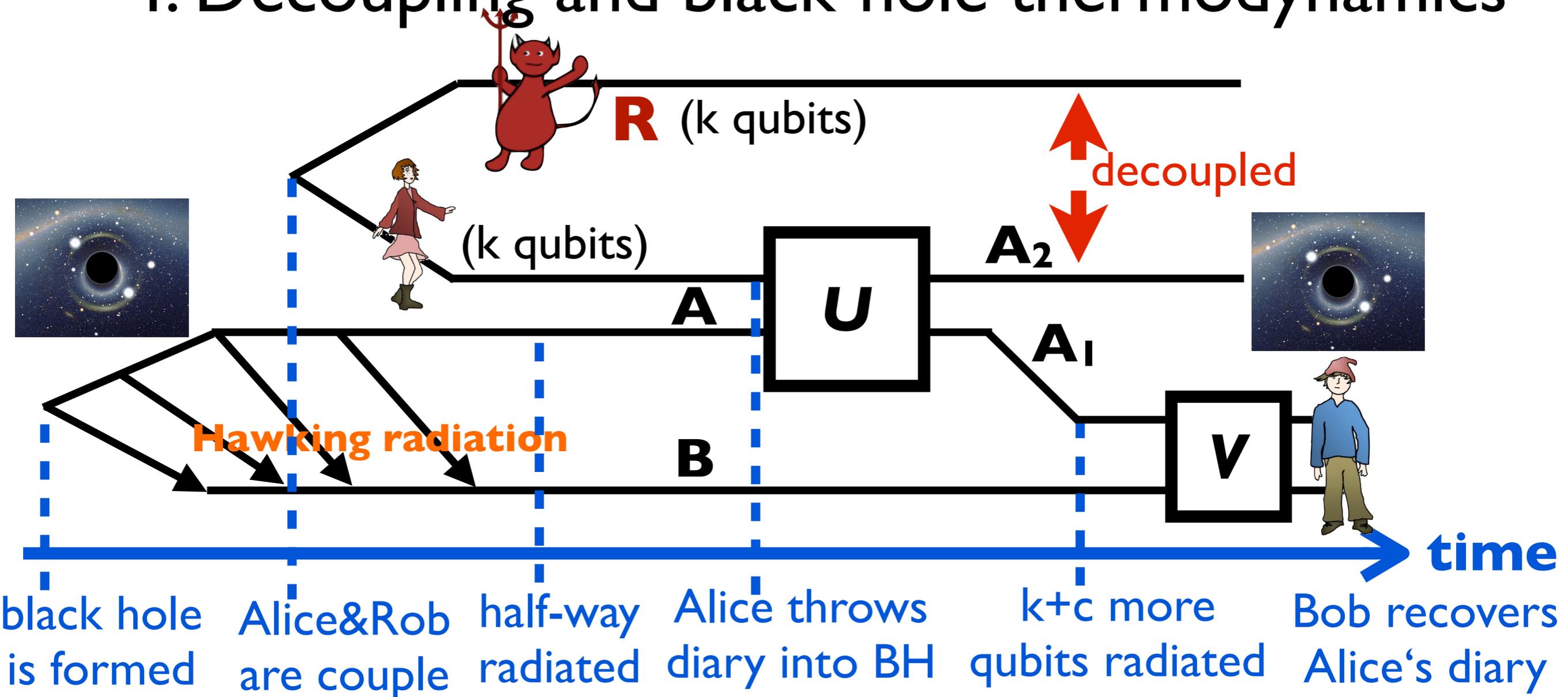


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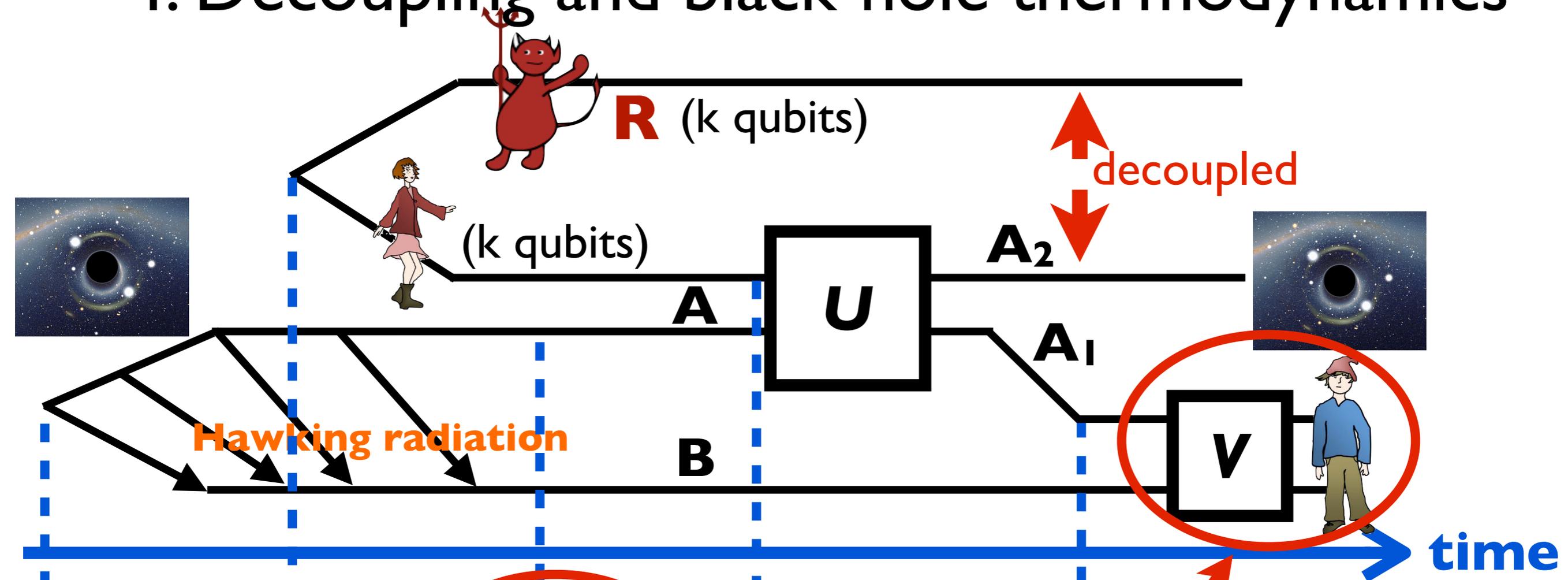


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black hole is formed    Alice&Rob are coupled    **half-way radiated**    Alice throws diary into BH    k+c more qubits radiated    Bob recovers Alice's diary

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