

***Multiple realizability:
comparing classical irreversibility
and decoherence***

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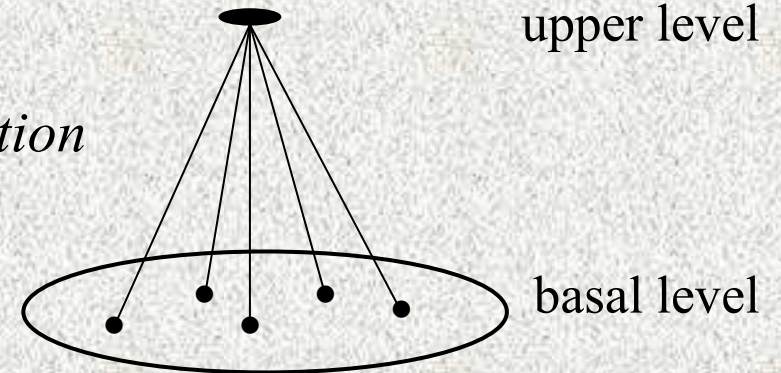
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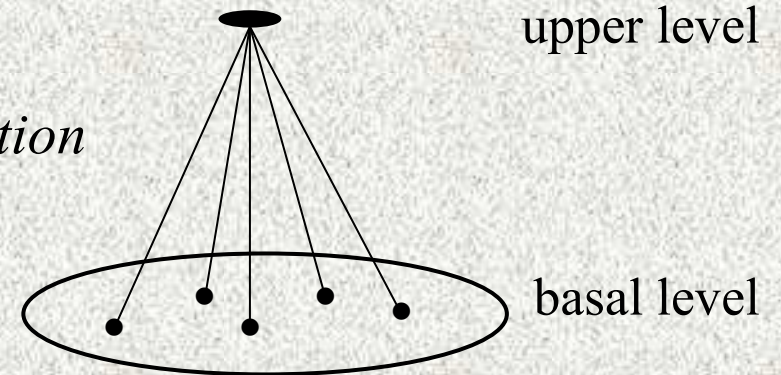
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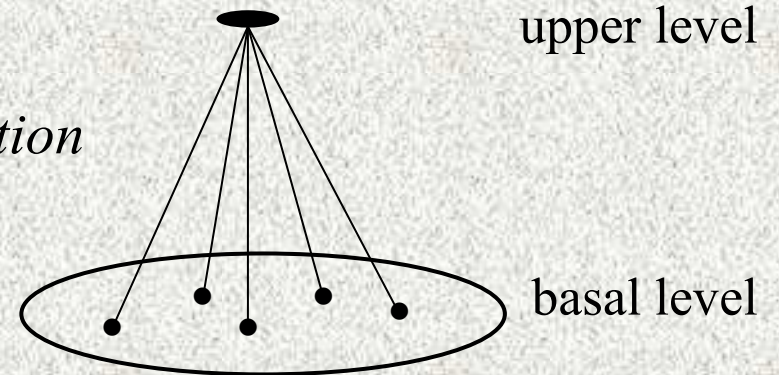


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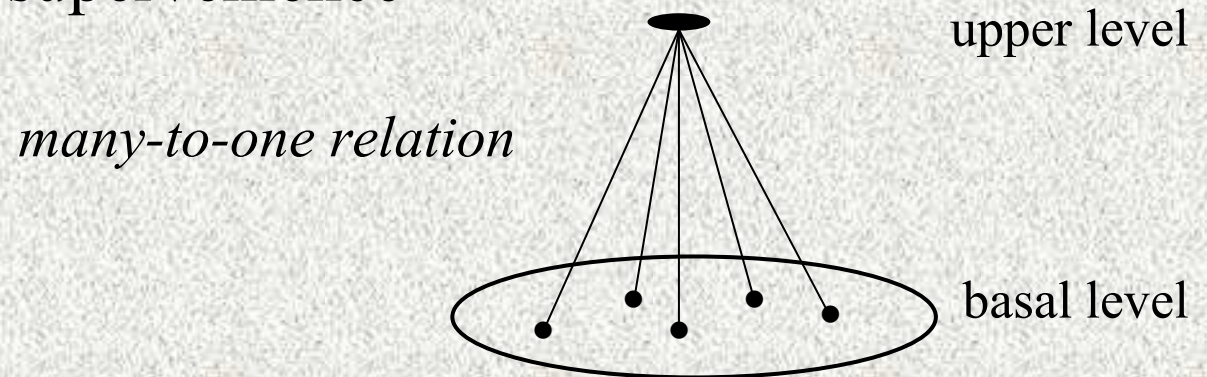
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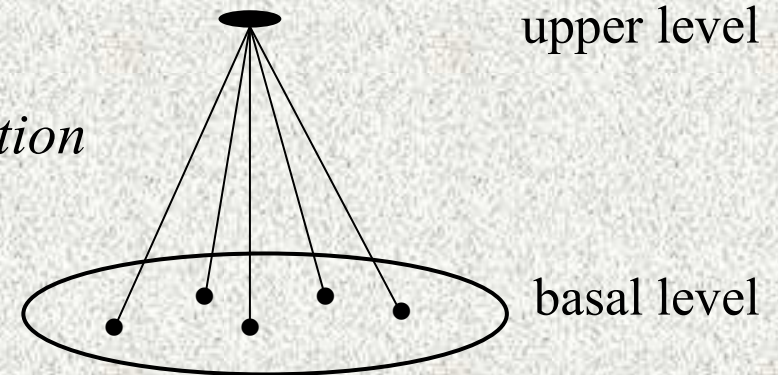
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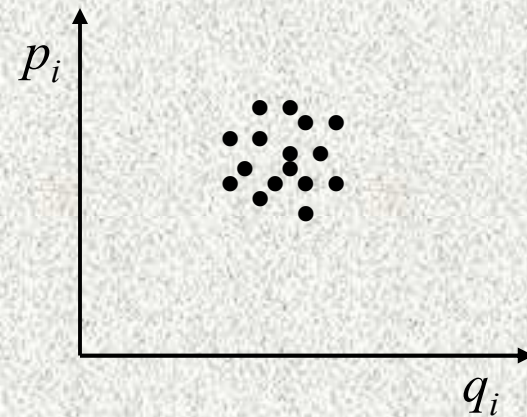
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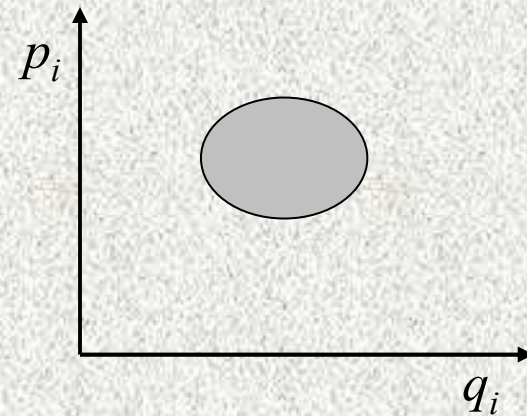


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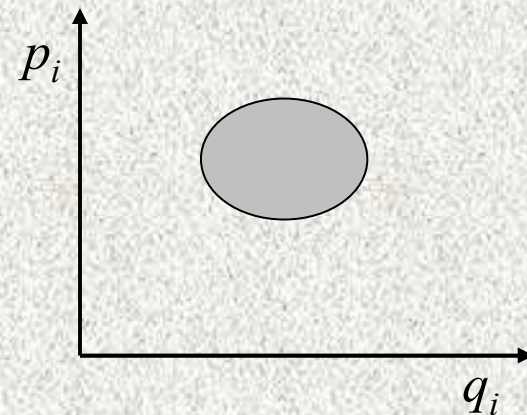


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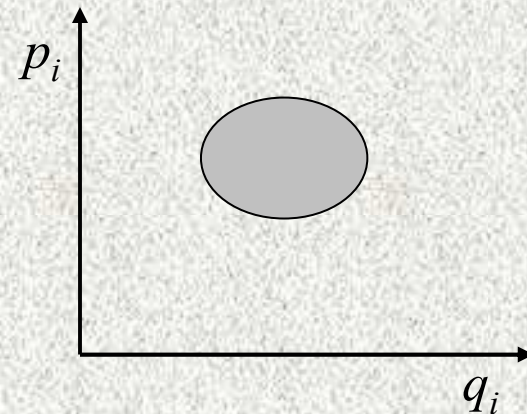
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- Statistical equilibrium: accessible region $\Gamma_A \subset \Gamma$

$$\textit{microcanonical ensemble} \quad \rho_{\mu}(x) = \begin{cases} \textit{cte} & \text{for } x \in \Gamma_A \\ 0 & \text{for } x \notin \Gamma_A \end{cases}$$

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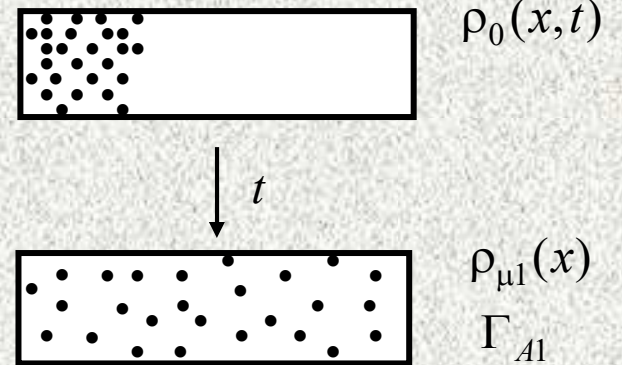
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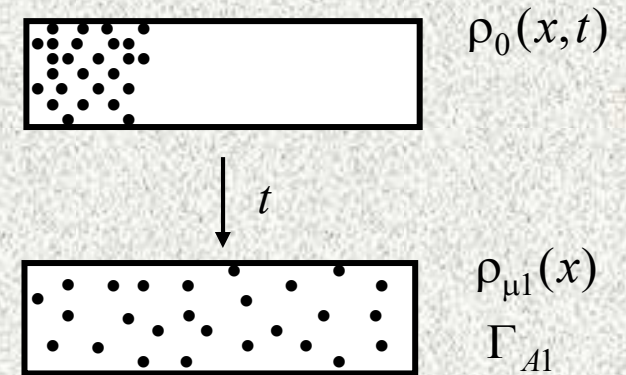
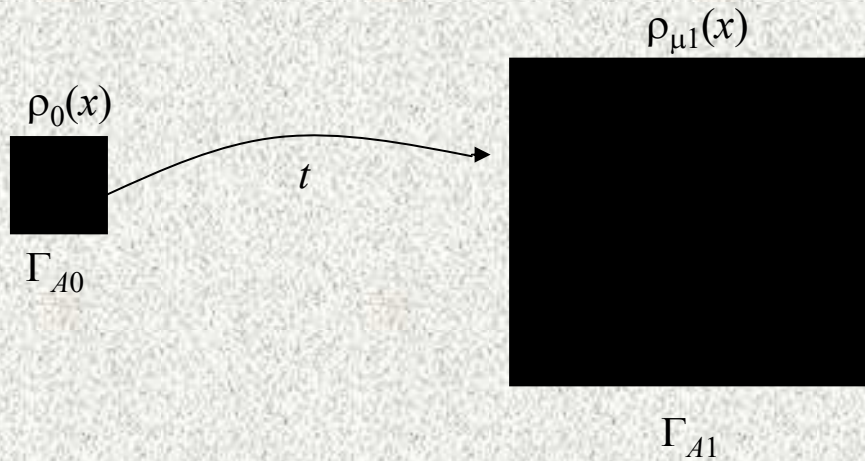
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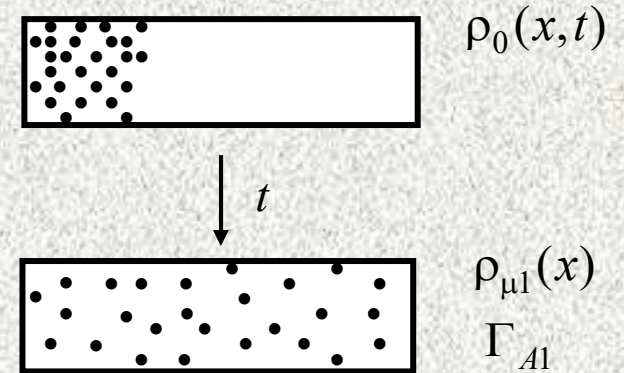
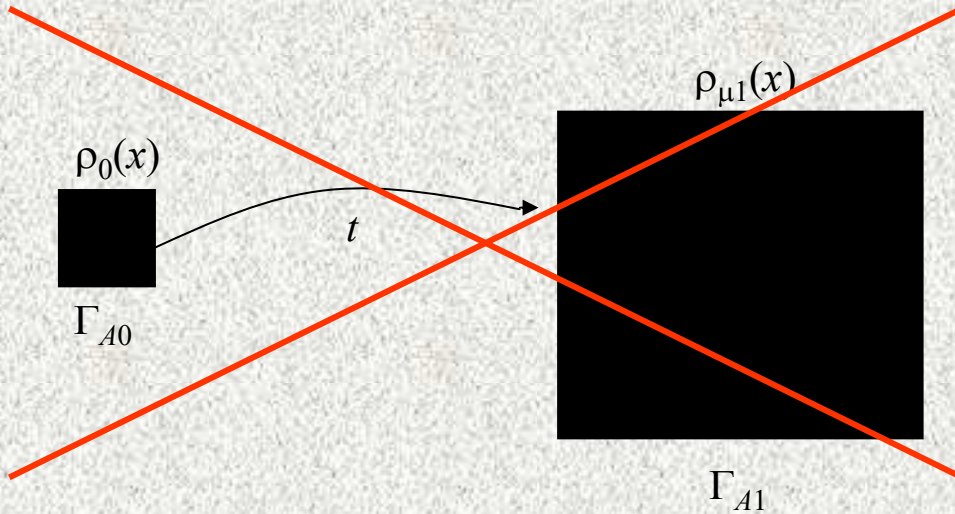
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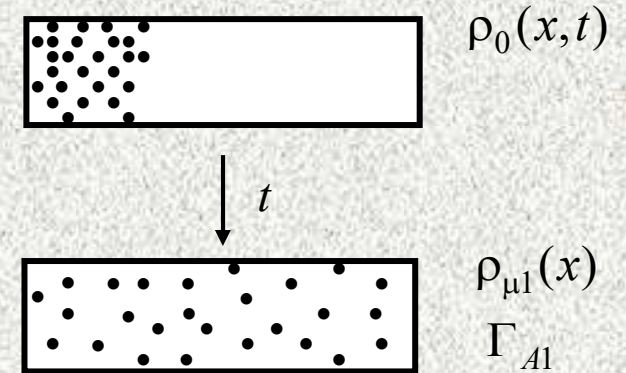
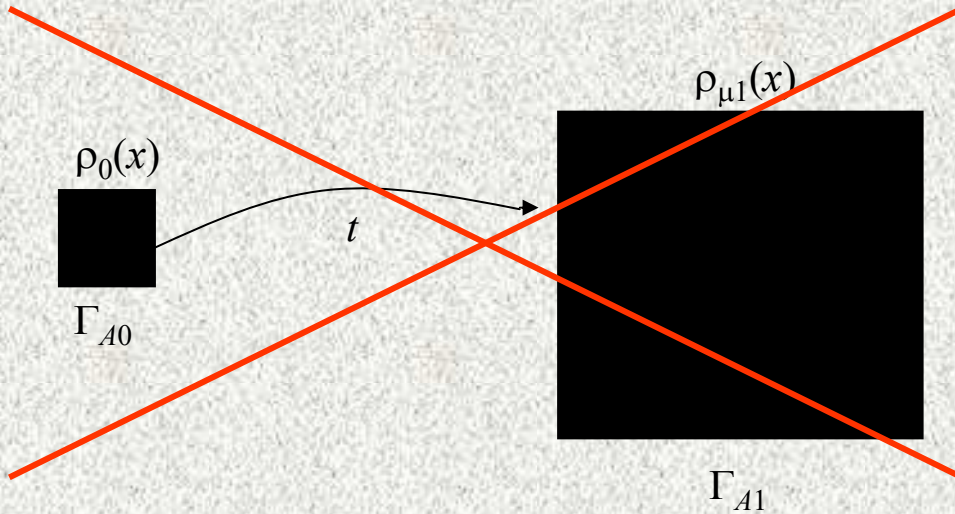
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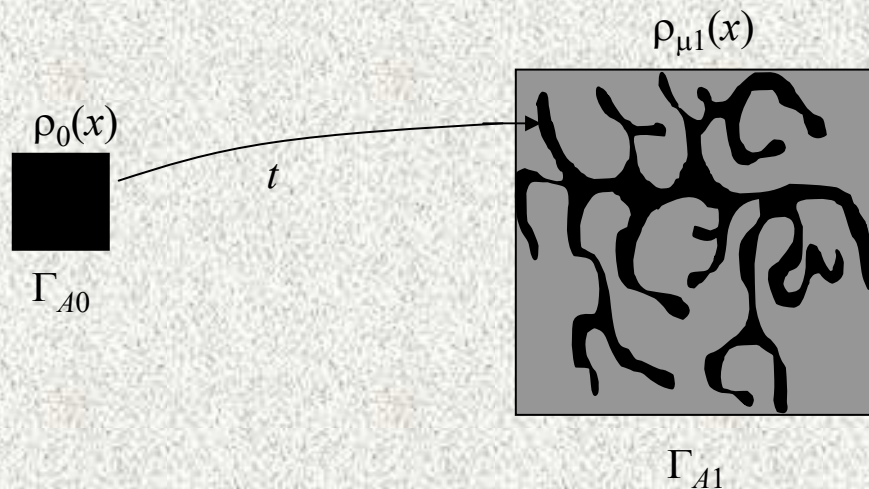
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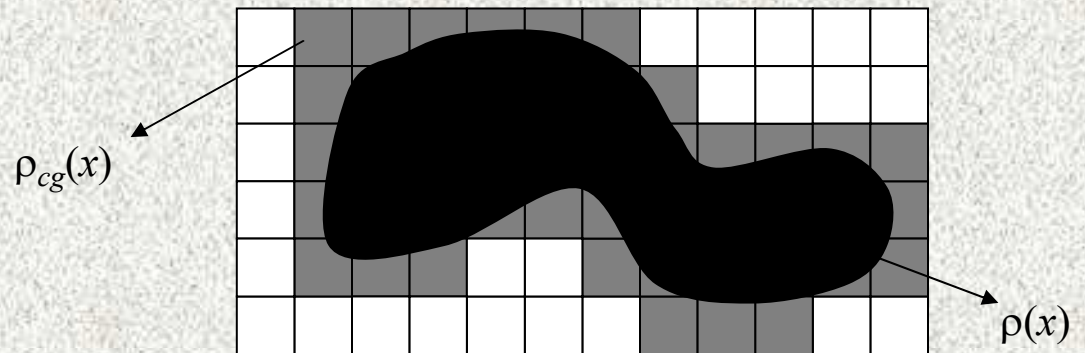
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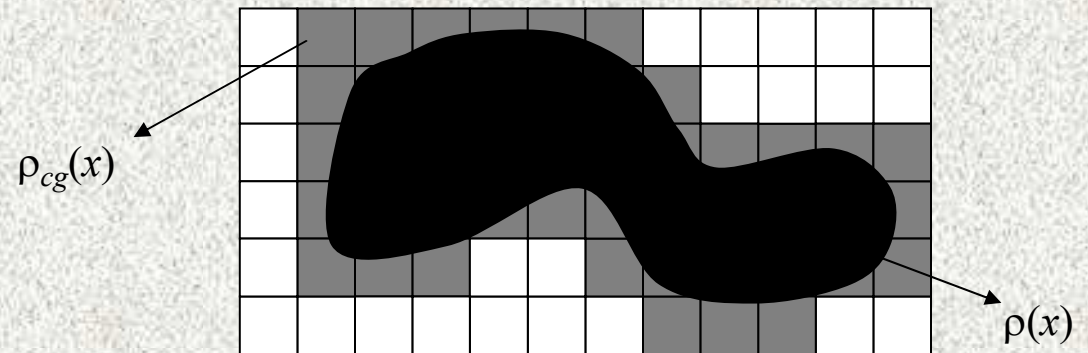
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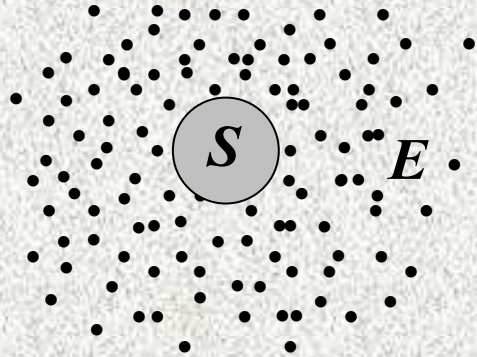
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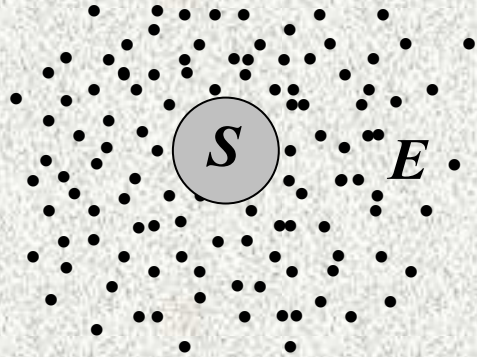


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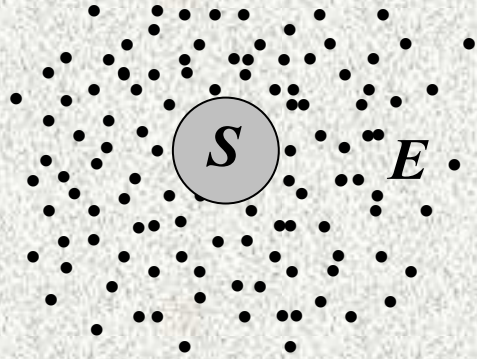
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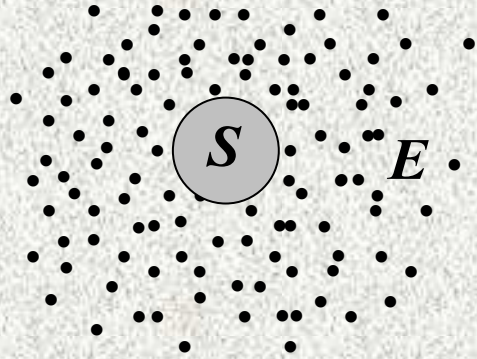
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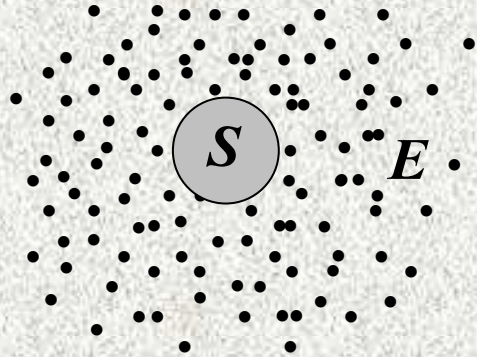
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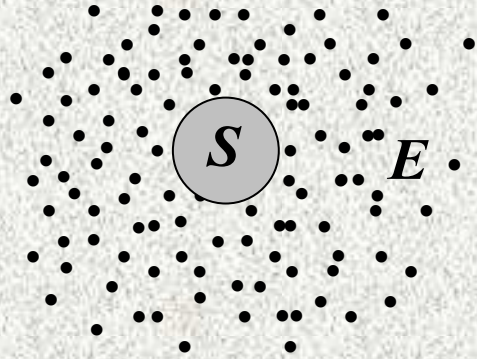


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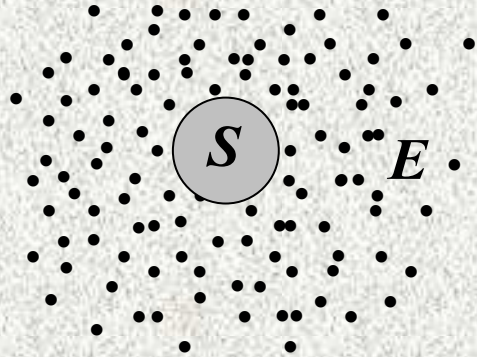
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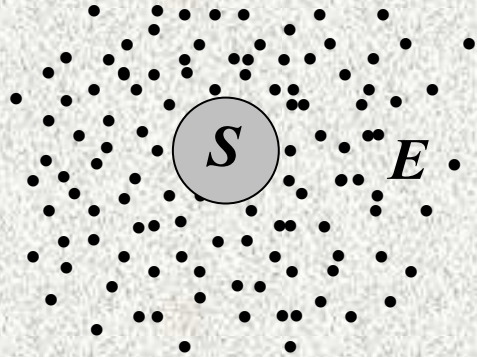
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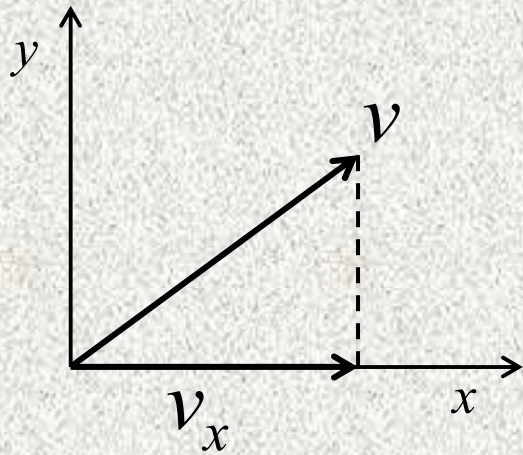
- D'Espagnat: \longrightarrow $\hat{\rho}_r^S$ is an *improper mixture*
- Schlosshauer: \longrightarrow $\hat{\rho}_r^S$ is a *computational tool* for computing expectation values

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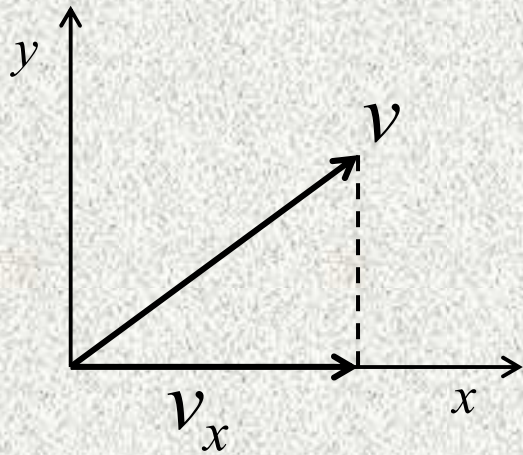
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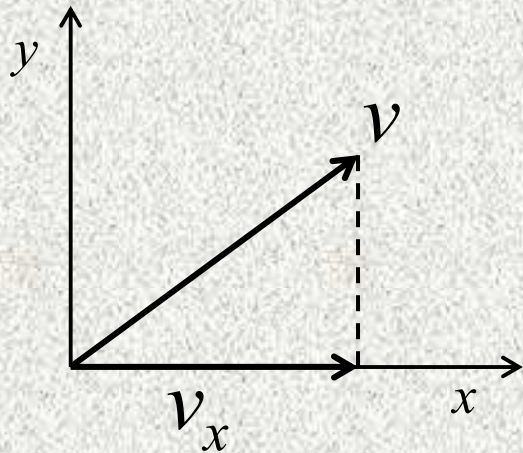
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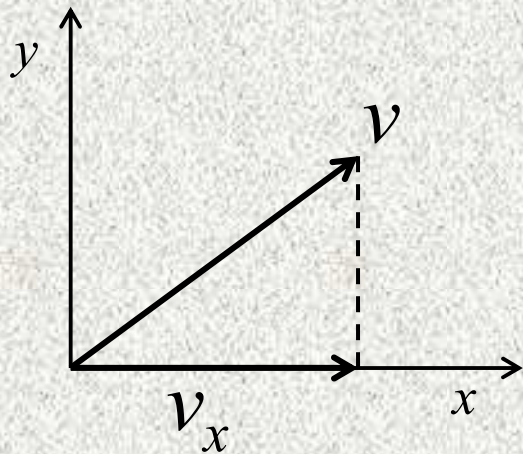


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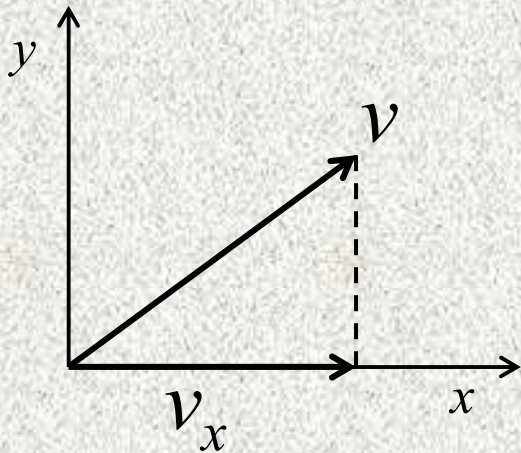
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Easy to see because $\rho(x)$ and $\rho_{cg}(x)$ have the same dimensionality (both defined on Γ of $6N$ dimensions)

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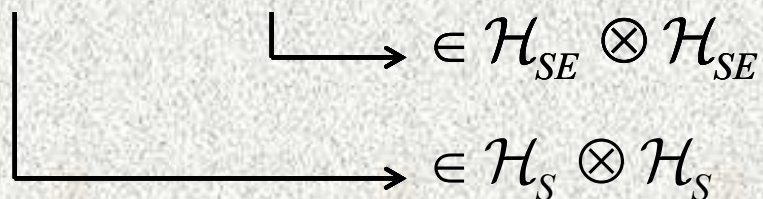
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Thank you!!!