

# Anticoherence and entanglement of spin states



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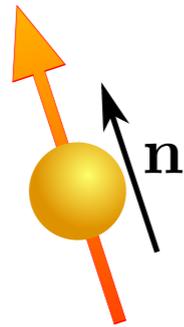


# Outline

- Anticoherence (definition)
- Anticoherence and entanglement
- All anticoherent states for 2, 3 and 4 spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  (or qubits)
- Anticoherence and symmetry in the Majorana representation

# Coherent vs anticoherent spin states

## Coherent state



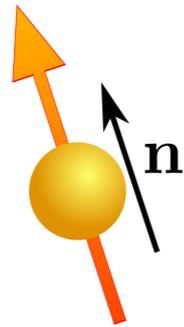
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### Definition

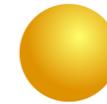
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Anticoherent state


 $\langle \mathbf{J} \rangle = 0$  : "the spin points nowhere" [2]
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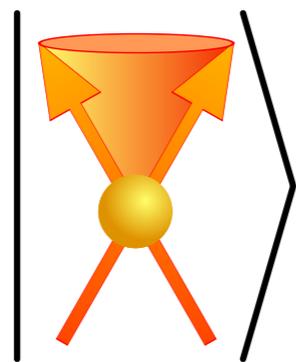
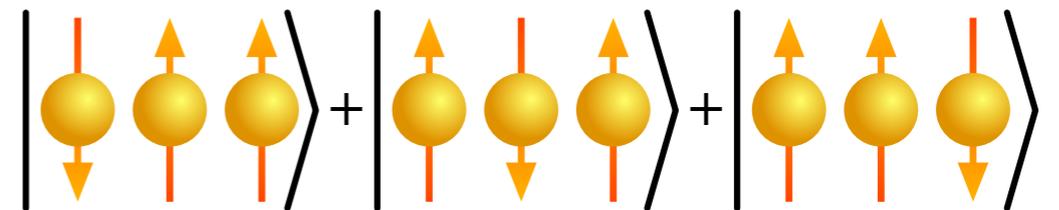
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$$\langle J_k J_\ell \rangle = 0 \quad \forall k \neq \ell, \quad \langle J_k^2 \rangle = \frac{j(j+1)}{3} \hbar^2 \quad \forall k$$

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## One-to-one mapping

Single spin- $j$  state  $|\psi_j\rangle$ spin operators  $\mathbf{J}^2, J_z$ standard basis  $\{|j, m\rangle\}$ full Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ spin-3/2,  $|\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle$  state $N \equiv 2j$ -qubit symmetric state  $|\psi_S\rangle$ collective spin operators  $\mathbf{S}^2, S_z$ symmetric Dicke basis  $\{|D_N^{(j-m)}\rangle\}$ symmetric subspace  $\mathcal{H}_S$ 3 spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  or qubits,  $|D_3^{(1)}\rangle$  state

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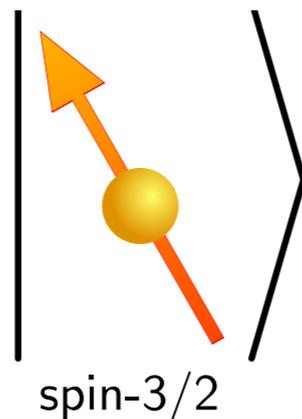
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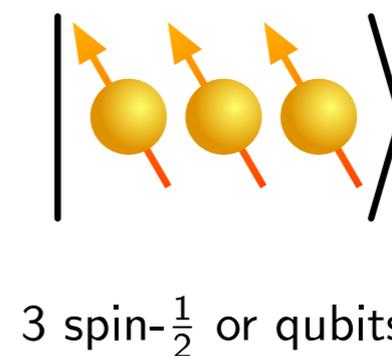
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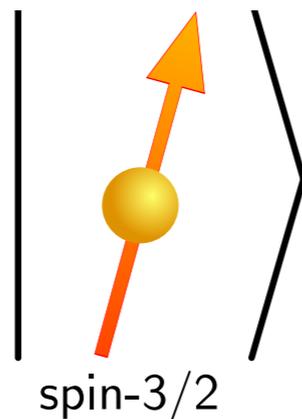
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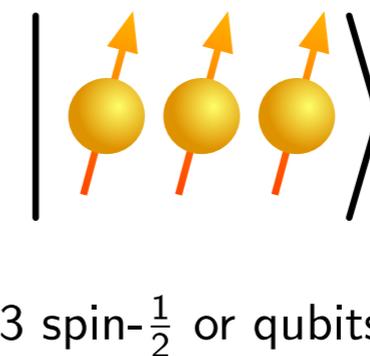
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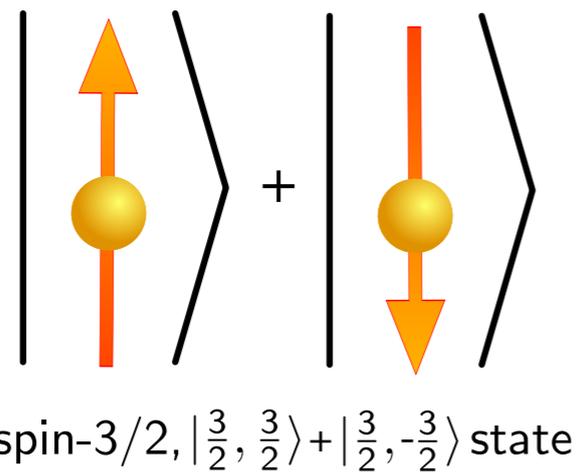
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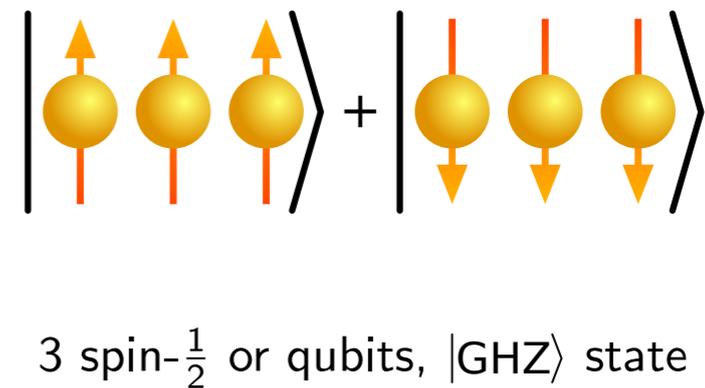
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**maximally entangled symmetric state**



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*maximally mixed state in the  
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$\Rightarrow$  *maximal entropy of entanglement  
for any  $(k, N - k)$  bipartitions  
with  $k = 1, \dots, t$*

# Interests of anticoherent states

Anticoherent states, i.e. (symmetric) states with maximally mixed one-qubit reduced density matrices, have a wide range of interests :

- valuable resource for two-party communication tasks (*teleportation, superdense coding, transmission of classical information in QC with noise, ...*)
- maximize any entanglement monotone based on linear homogenous positive functions of pure state within their SLOCC class of states
- play an important role in LU-equivalence of multiqubit states
- maximally fragile and ideal candidates for ultra-sensitive sensors, ...

**Aim:** identify all *inequivalent*\* anticoherent states for  $j = 1, \frac{3}{2}, 2, \dots$

\* *not connected by a rotation (symmetric LU)*

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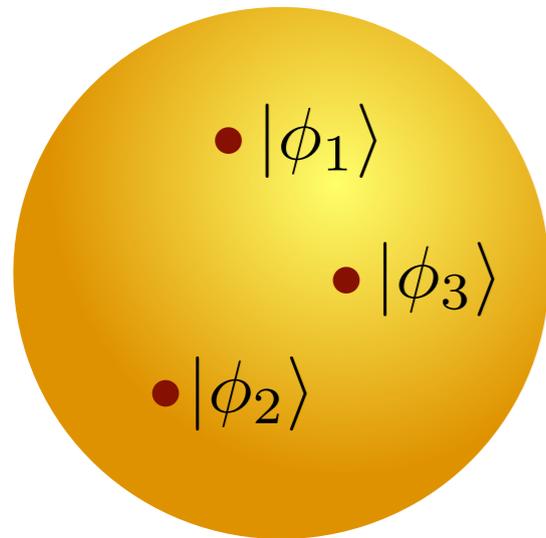
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- $|\psi_c\rangle$  is a natural representative of its SLOCC class

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## Majorana's representation



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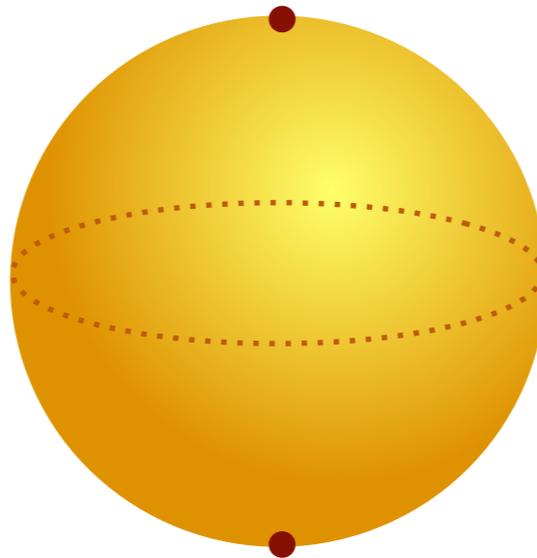
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- $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Symmetric separable} \\ \text{Coherent} \end{array} \right\}$  state  $|\phi, \dots, \phi\rangle \Leftrightarrow N$  degenerate points
- Symmetric entangled state  $\Leftrightarrow$  at least two distinct points

## 2-qubit anticoherent symmetric states

Order $t$	# SLOCC classes	Representative state
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$$|\Psi^+\rangle \equiv |D_2^{(1)}\rangle = \frac{|01\rangle + |10\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$



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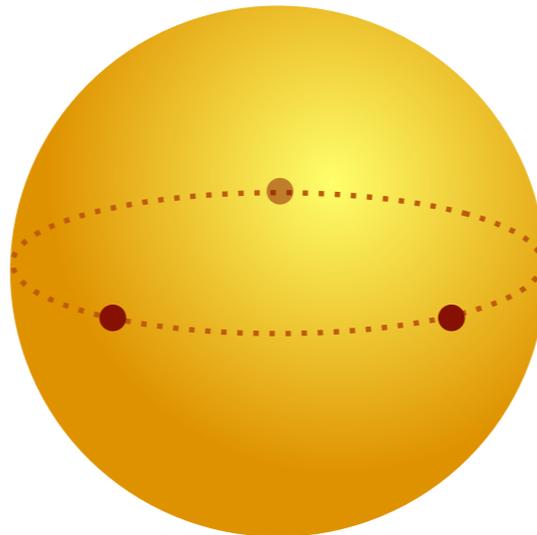


$$\rho_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

## 3-qubit anticoherent symmetric states

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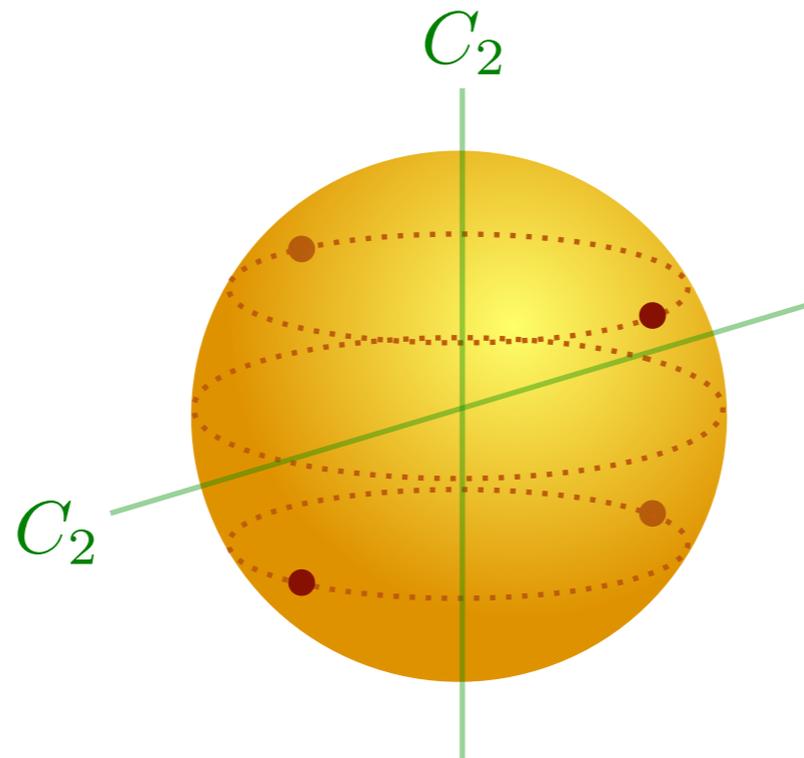
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anticoherent states



dihedral  
 $D_2$  symmetry



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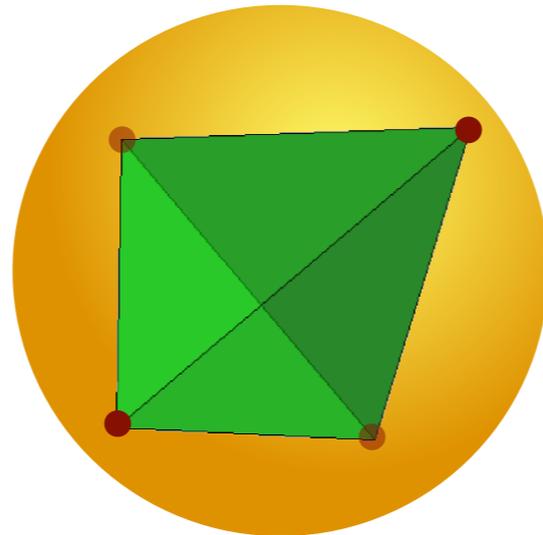
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In the computational basis :

$$|\psi_\mu\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2+|\mu|^2}} \left[ |0000\rangle + |1111\rangle + \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{6}} (|0011\rangle + |0101\rangle + |0110\rangle + |1001\rangle + |1010\rangle + |1100\rangle) \right]$$

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$$\Delta S_{\mathbf{n}}^2 \neq f(\mathbf{n})$$

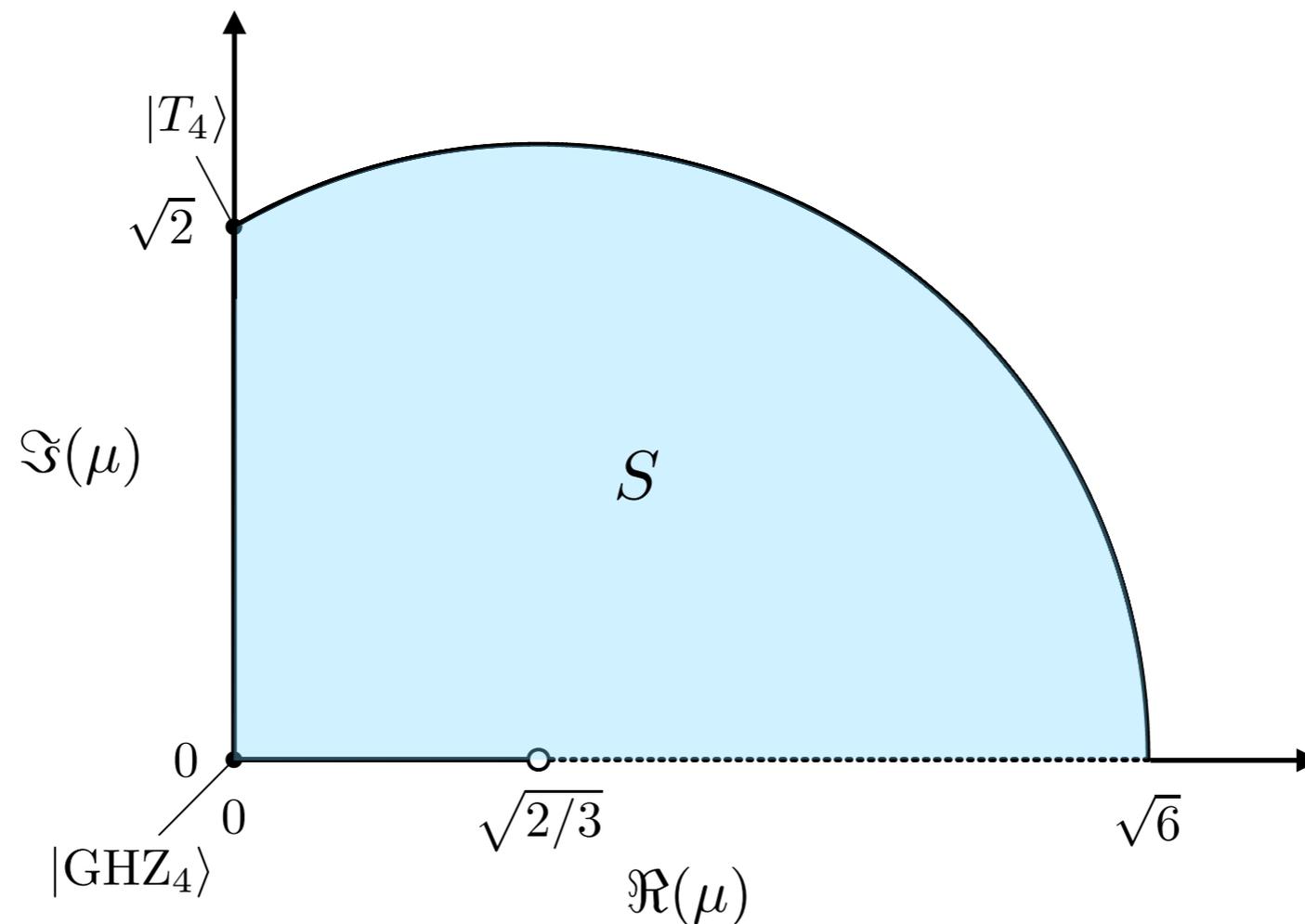
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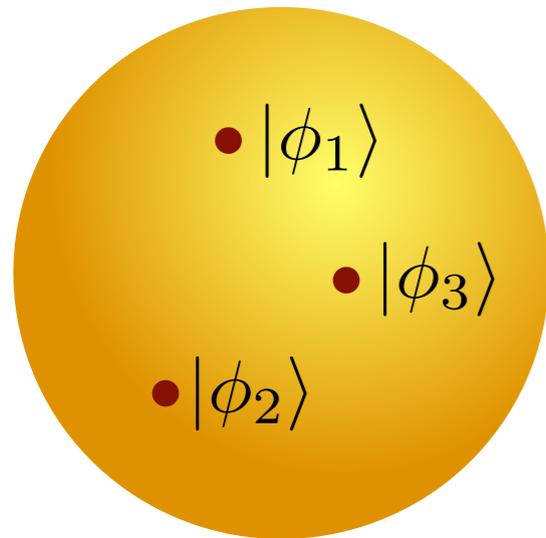
# All inequivalent 4-qubit anticoherent symmetric states

The states  $|\psi_\mu\rangle = \mathcal{N} \left( |D_4^{(0)}\rangle + \mu |D_4^{(2)}\rangle + |D_4^{(4)}\rangle \right)$  with  $\mu \in S \subset \mathbb{C}$  :

- are 1-anticoherent
- belong to different SLOCC classes for different values of  $\mu$



## Majorana's stellar representation



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- Symmetric maximally entangled state  $\overset{?}{\Leftrightarrow}$  points distributed symmetrically on the Bloch sphere

Symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  anticoherence

Symmetry group of Majorana points

Anticoherence to order 1

Dihedral ( $D_n$ )Rotation-reflection ( $S_{2n}$ )Inversion ( $i$ )

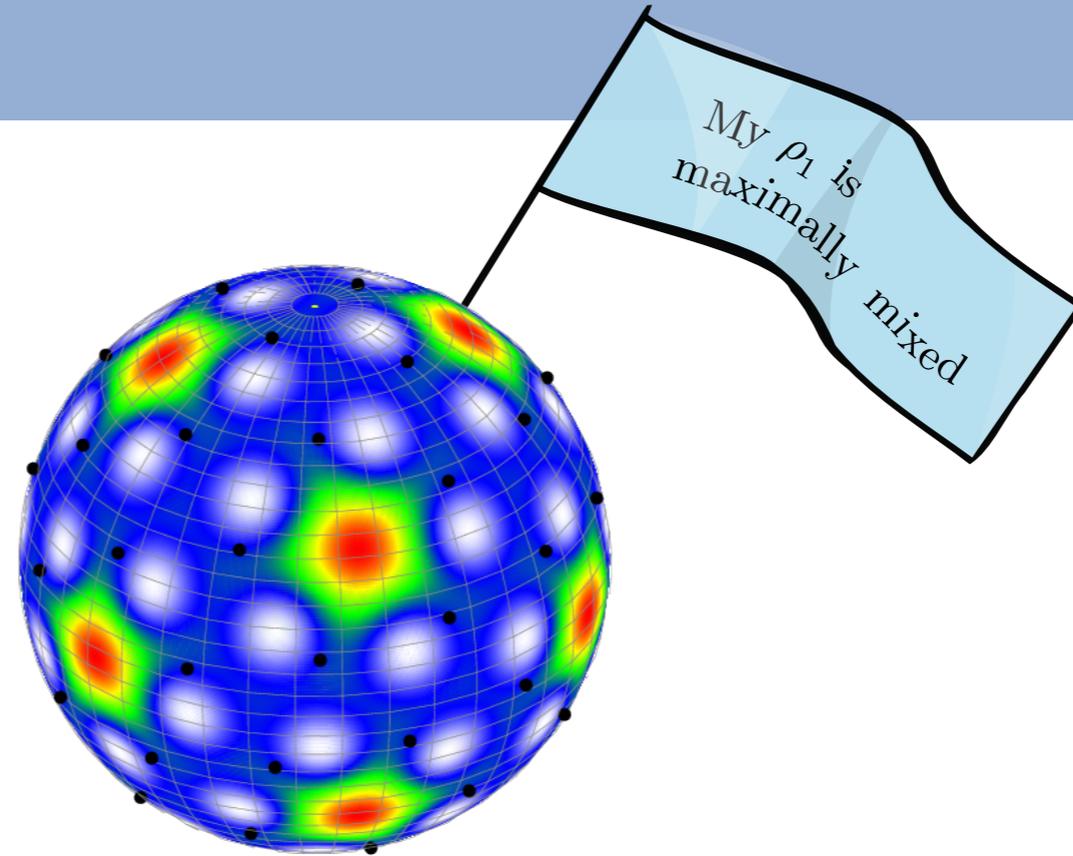
Cyclic  $\begin{cases} C_n, C_{nv} \\ C_{nh} \end{cases}$

? ( symmetry is not sufficient )

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## The end



$$N = 60, t = 5$$

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