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from Atomic to Astrophysical Scales  
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Title:

**Formation probabilities, entanglement entropy  
and Casimir effect in quantum spin chains**

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Abstract:

I will first demonstrate a relation between formation probabilities (the probability of occurrence of a particular configuration in part of the quantum system) in quantum systems and the critical Casimir energy of floating needles. Using this connection I will provide different formulas for the formation probability of quantum critical systems. Finally I will show a connection between entanglement entropy and the critical Casimir energy.

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