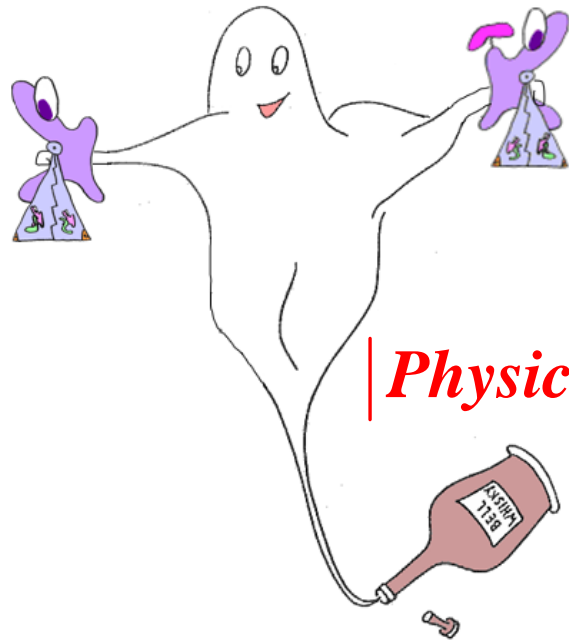


Nonlocality, Entanglement and Decoherence in High Energy Physics

Spooky action at distance
also for neutral kaons?



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$$| \textit{Physics} \rangle = \alpha | \textit{Particle Physics} \rangle + \beta | \textit{Quantum Theory} \rangle$$

experimental ↔ phenomenological ↔ conceptual ↔ mathematical aspects



Testing QM in High Energy Physics

- Part I: Bell inequalities 1:

A symmetry violation in particle physics related to nonlocality ?!

- Part II: Bell inequalities 2/ How to describe the decay property?

- Part III: Entanglement witnesses and entanglement measures &

geometry of entanglement

- Part IV: The Kaonic Quantum Eraser/ Decoherence & Measures of entanglement



“Erasing the Past and Impacting the Future” by Aharonov & Zubairy

Entanglement, Geometry and Bell inequalities

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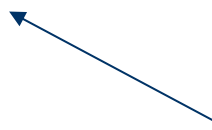
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Definition of Entanglement

Pure states: $|\psi\rangle$, $\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$ $\rho \geq 0$, $\rho^\dagger = \rho$
 $\text{Tr}\rho^2 = \text{Tr}\rho = 1$

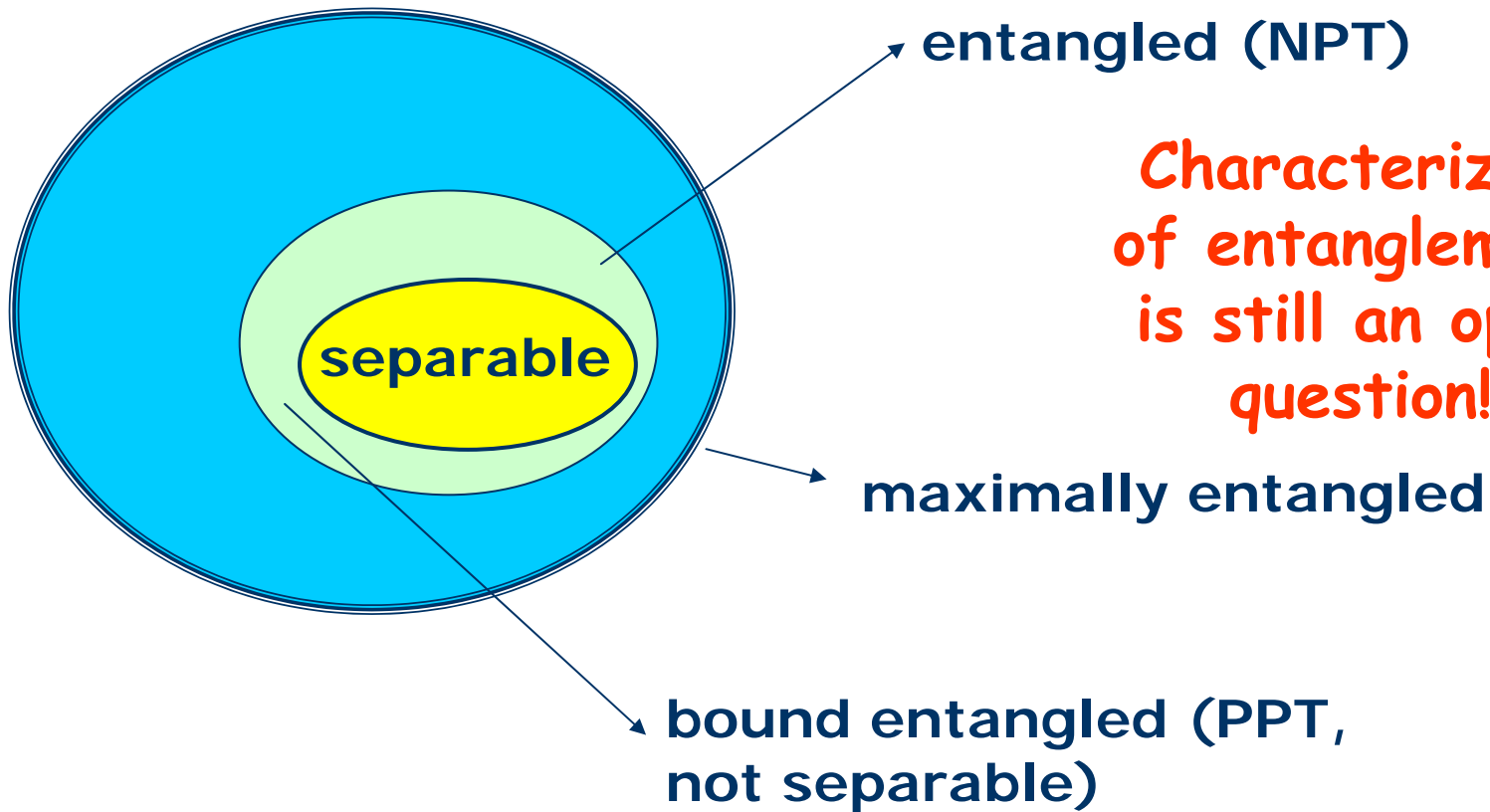
Mixed states (density matrix): $\rho = \sum_i p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i| = \sum_i \tilde{p}_i |\tilde{\psi}_i\rangle\langle\tilde{\psi}_i| = \dots$
 $\forall 0 \leq p_i \leq 1 \quad \sum_i p_i = 1$

Separable states: $\rho = \sum_i p_i \rho_i^A \otimes \rho_i^B \quad \forall 0 \leq p_i \leq 1 \quad \sum_i p_i = 1$



If any state ρ cannot be written in this form, then the state is called *entangled* (=not separable).

Characterizing entanglement?



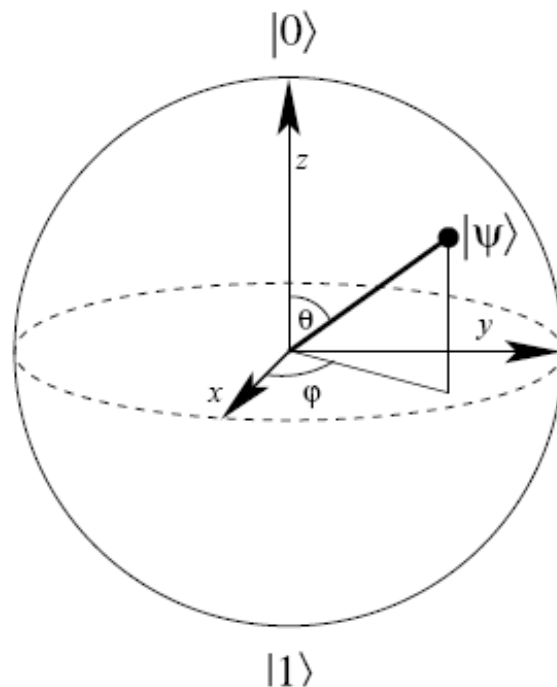
**Characterizing
of entanglement
is still an open
question!**

Qubits

Qubits:

pure

$$|\psi\rangle = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle.$$



Bloch's Sphere

mixed

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma})$$

$$|\vec{n}| \leq 1$$

Bloch vector

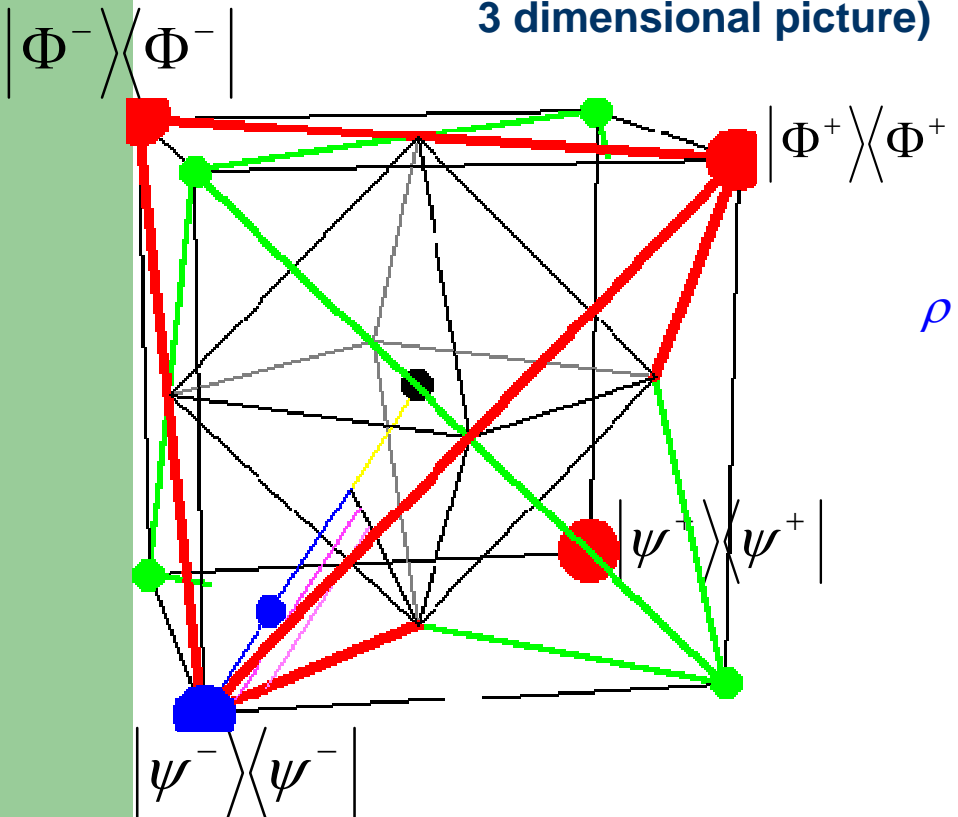
Bipartite qubits

Bipartite Qubits:

$$\rho = \frac{1}{4} (1 \otimes 1 + \vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \vec{m} \cdot \vec{\sigma} + \sum_{ij} c_{ij} \sigma_i \otimes \sigma_j)$$

“local” parameters (will be set to zero, in order to obtain a 3 dimensional picture)

$$\text{Tr}_A(\rho) = \text{Tr}_B(\rho) = 1_2$$



$$\rho = \frac{1}{4} \{ 1_4 + \sigma_x \otimes \sigma_x + \sigma_y \otimes \sigma_y + \sigma_z \otimes \sigma_z \}$$

$$\vec{n} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

- Tetrahedrons: positivity
- Double pyramid: separability
- Origin: totally mixed state


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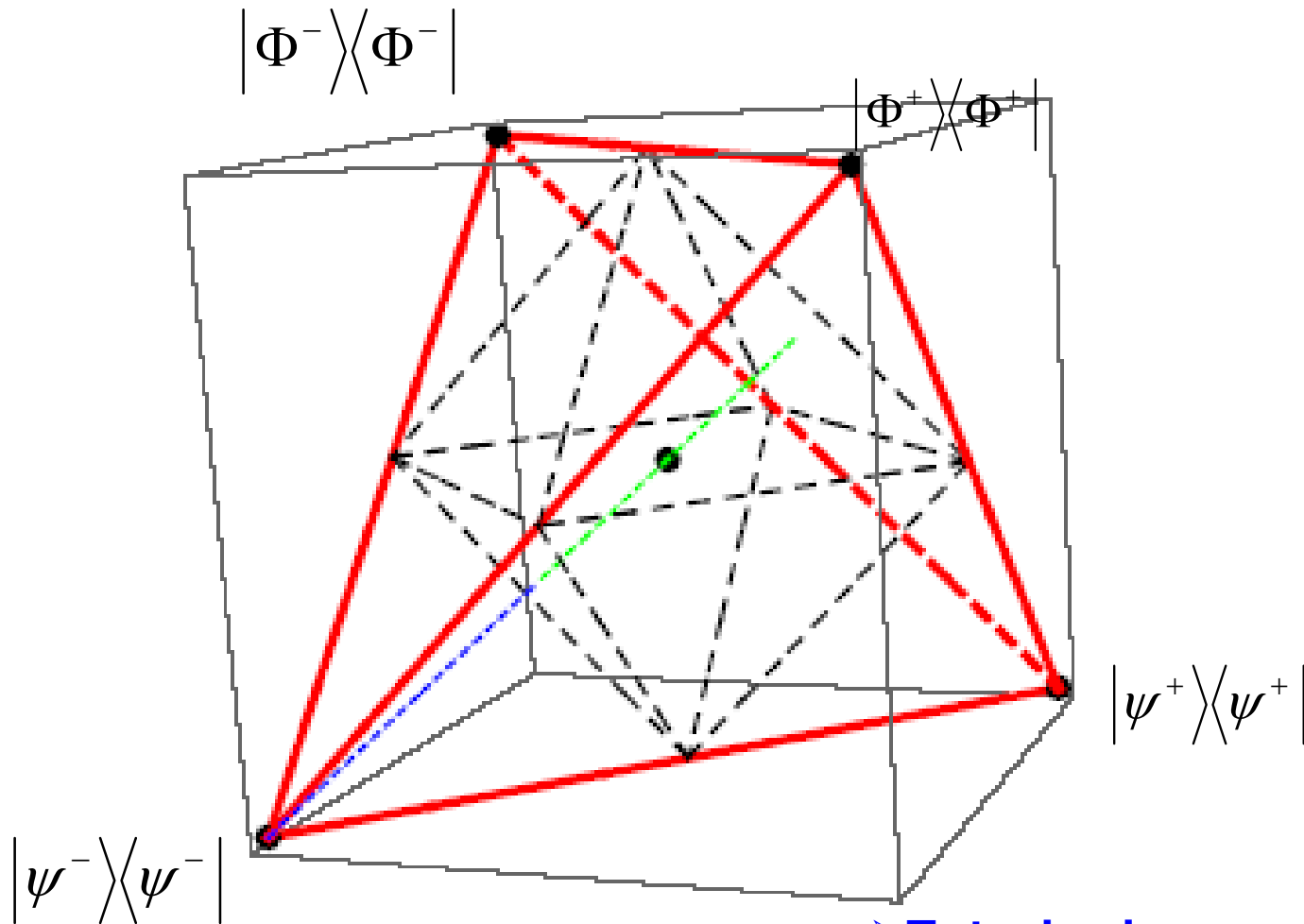

$$\rho = \frac{1}{4} \{ 1_4 + \sigma_x \otimes \sigma_x + \sigma_y \otimes \sigma_y + \sigma_z \otimes \sigma_z \}$$

$\vec{c} \in \mathbb{R}^3$

$$|\psi^-\rangle\langle\psi^-| = \frac{1}{4} (1_2 \otimes 1_2 - \sigma_x \otimes \sigma_x - \sigma_y \otimes \sigma_y - \sigma_z \otimes \sigma_z)$$

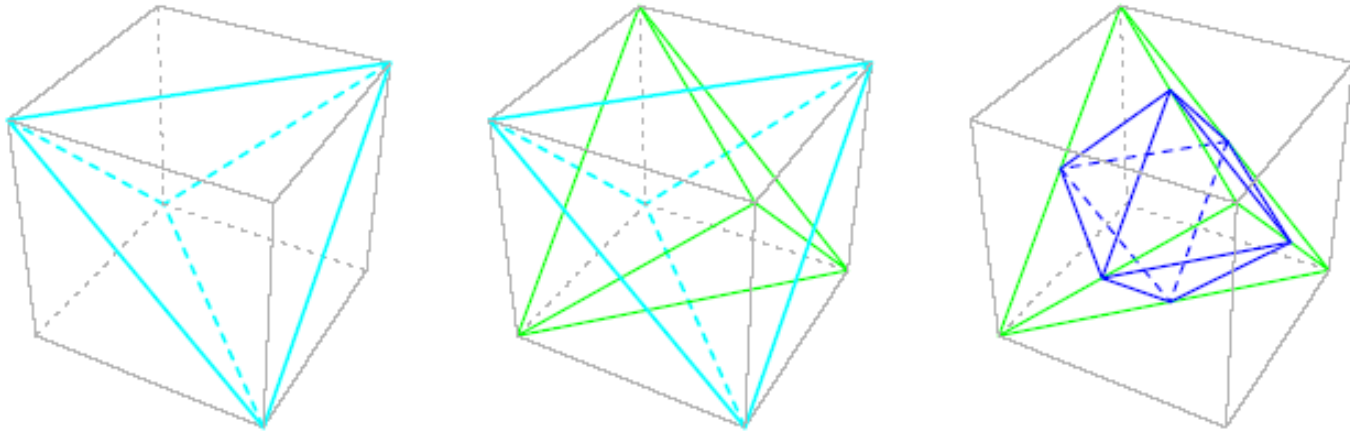
$$\longrightarrow \vec{c} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Bell-CHSH inequality for qubits

Bipartite Qubits:

$$\rho = \frac{1}{4} \left\{ 1 \otimes 1 + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \vec{b} \cdot \vec{\sigma} + \sum_{i,j=1}^3 c_{ij} \sigma^i \otimes \sigma^j \right\}$$

$$c_{ij} = \text{Tr}(\sigma_i \otimes \sigma_j \rho) \rightarrow T_\rho$$

Bell operator:

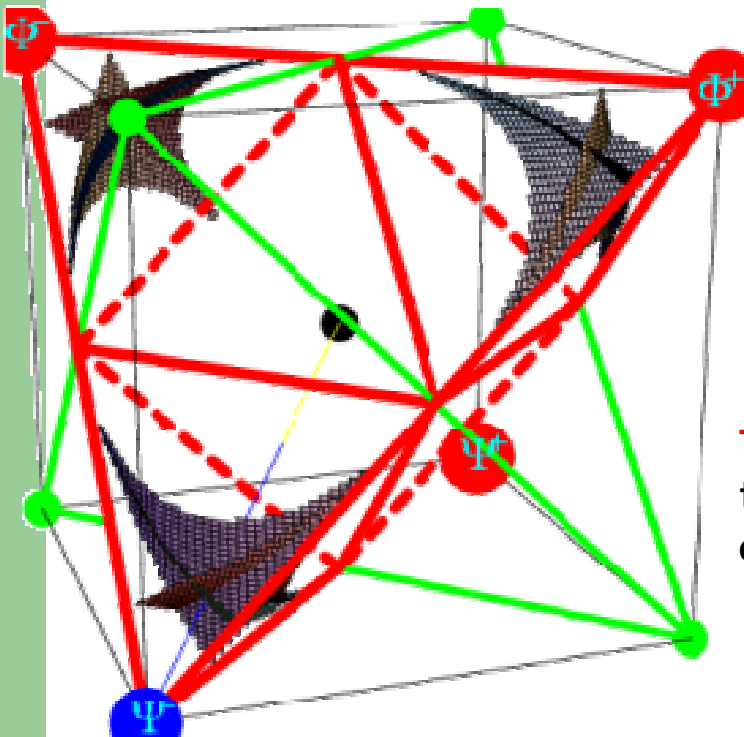
$$B_{CHSH} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \otimes (\vec{b} - \vec{b}') \cdot \vec{\sigma} + \vec{a}' \cdot \vec{\sigma} \otimes (\vec{b} + \vec{b}') \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$

$$\max_{\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{a}', \vec{b}'} \left| \langle B_{CHSH} \rangle_\rho \right| \leq 2$$

Theorem: The density matrix ρ violates the CHSH-Bell inequality for the operator B_{CHSH} iff $M(\rho) > 1$.

$$U_\rho = T_\rho^T T_\rho \longrightarrow M(\rho) := \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$$

$$\max_{\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{a}', \vec{b}'} \left| \langle B_{CHSH} \rangle_\rho \right| = 2\sqrt{M(\rho)} \leq 2$$



Qutrits

Qutrits:

$$\rho = \frac{1}{3} (1 + \vec{n} \cdot \vec{\lambda})$$

Gell Mann matrices

$\vec{n} \in \mathbb{R}^8, |\vec{n}| \leq 1$

$$\lambda^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\lambda^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda^6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\lambda^7 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda^8 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix},$$

*hermitian,
trace less,
not unitary*

Problem:

$$n_{1,\dots,7} = 0; n_8 = 1 \longrightarrow \text{eigenvalues not positive!}$$

Bipartite Qutrits

$$\rho = \frac{1}{9} (1 \otimes 1 + \vec{n} \cdot \vec{\lambda} \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \vec{m} \cdot \vec{\lambda} + \sum_{ij} c_{ij} \lambda_i \otimes \lambda_j)$$

set to zero

$$\text{Tr}_A(\rho) = \text{Tr}_B(\rho) = 1_3$$



reduce state space even more

Weyl-Operators (unitary)

$$W_{k,\ell}|s\rangle = w^{k(s-\ell)}|s-\ell\rangle,$$

$$w = e^{2\pi i/3}.$$

$$W_{k,l} = \sum_{s=0}^{d-1} \omega^{ks} |s\rangle\langle s+l|$$

$$\omega = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{d}}$$

$$k=2 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & w^* & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & w \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & w^* \\ w & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ w^* & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & w & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$k=1 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & w & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & w^* \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & w \\ w^* & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ w & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & w^* & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$k=0 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\ell = \quad \quad 0 \quad \quad \quad 1 \quad \quad \quad 2$$

All Bell states

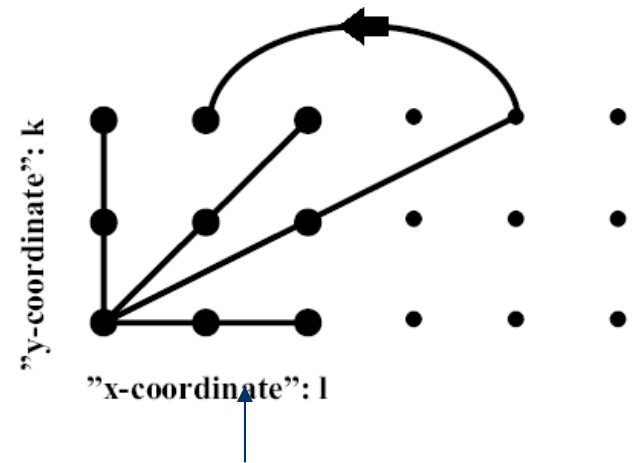
Bell state:

$$|\Omega_{o,o}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{s=0}^2 |ss\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle + |22\rangle)$$

The remaining 9-1 Bell states are obtained by:

$$|\Omega_{k,l}\rangle = W_{k,l} \otimes 1_3 |\Omega_{o,o}\rangle$$

$$P_{k,l} := |\Omega_{k,l}\rangle \langle \Omega_{k,l}|$$



"The state space for two qutrits has a phase space structure in its core"

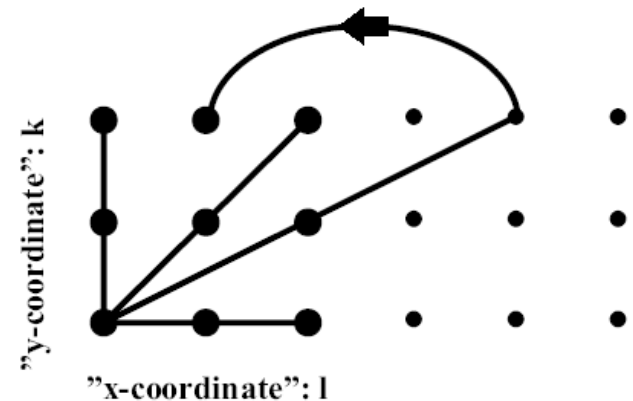
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$$W_{k,l} = \sum_{s=0}^{d-1} \omega^{ks} |s\rangle \langle s+l|$$

$$\omega = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{d}}$$

The simplex for qutrits (qudits)

Bell states: $P_{k,l} := |\Omega_{k,l}\rangle\langle\Omega_{k,l}|$



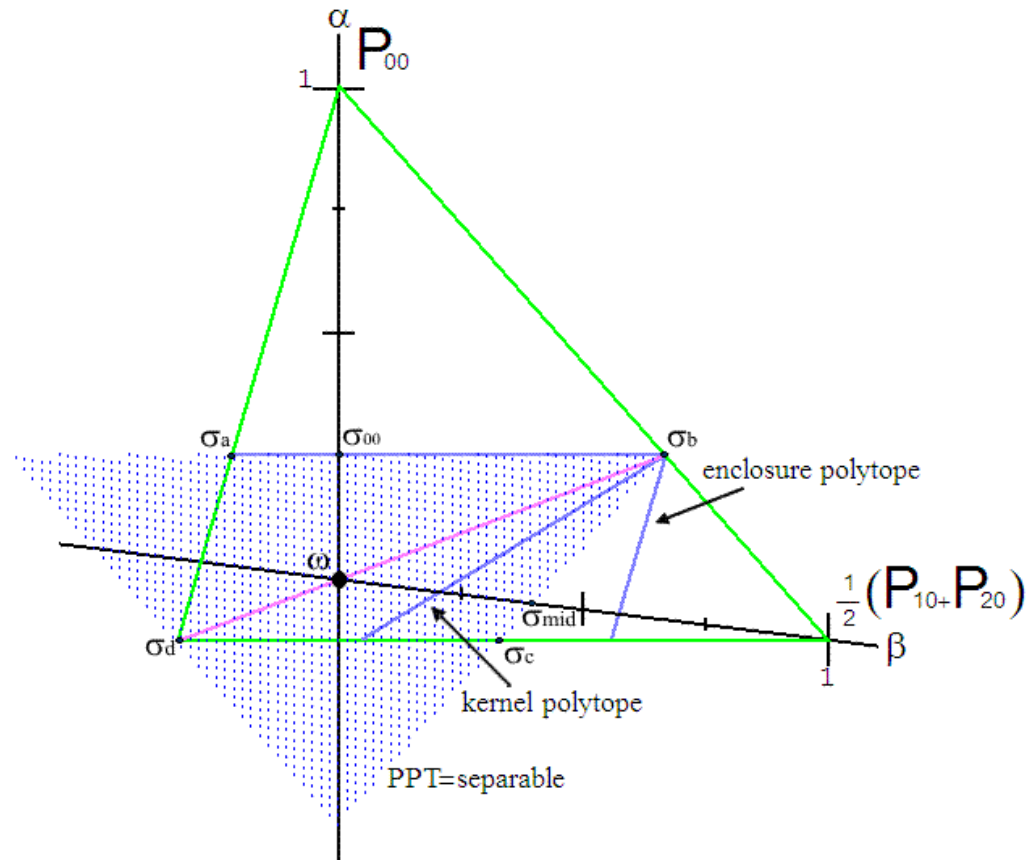
$$\mathcal{W} = \left\{ \sum c_{k,l} P_{k,l} \mid c_{k,l} \geq 0, \sum c_{k,l} = 1 \right\}$$

the 'magic' simplex

Construction works for any dimension d (qudit)

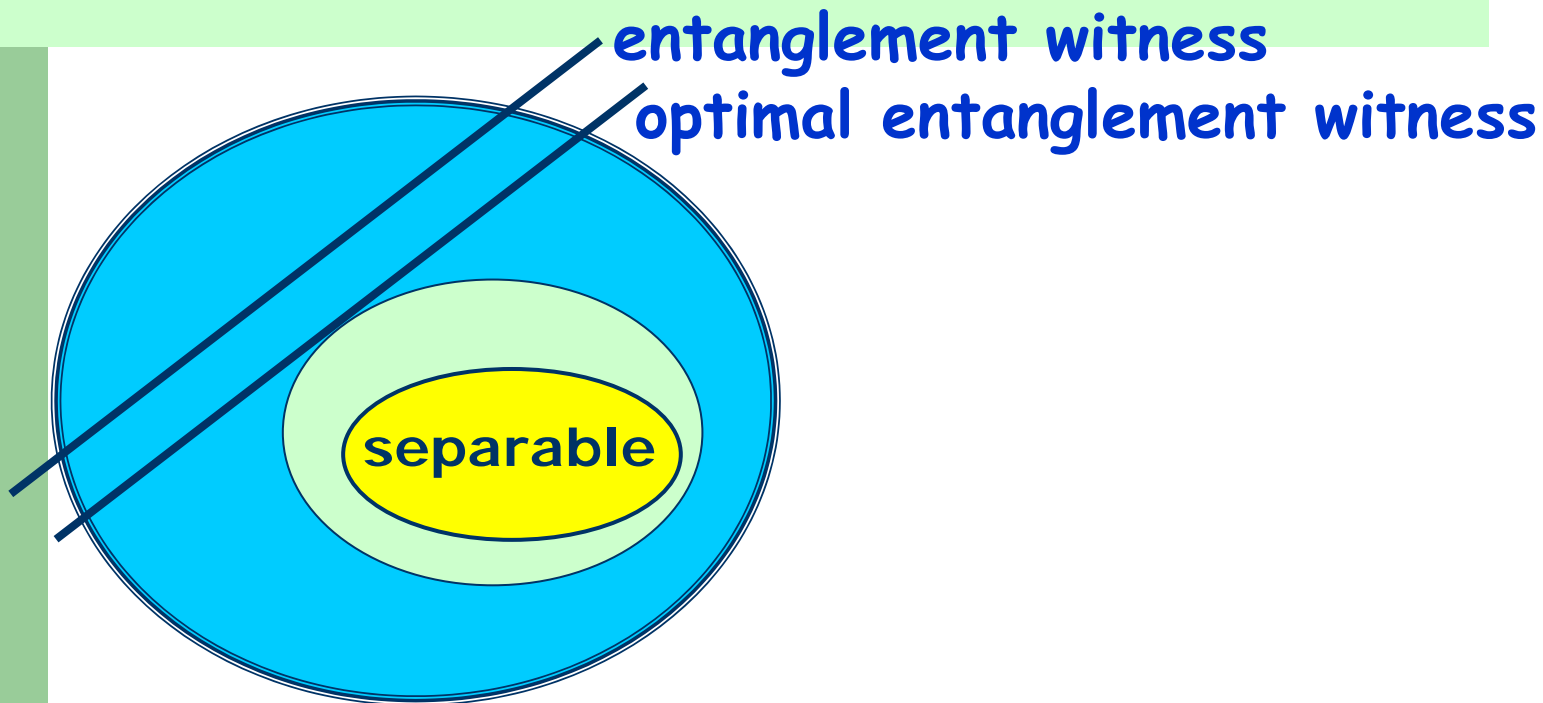
Entanglement of bipartite qutrits

$$\rho = \frac{1-\alpha-\beta}{9} 1 \otimes 1 + \alpha P_{00} + \frac{\beta}{2} (P_{10} + P_{20})$$



Baumgartner, Narnhofer, Hiesmayr, PRA 2006.

Optimal entanglement witnesses



$$EW_{\rho}^{opt} = \{K := K^{\dagger} \neq 0 \mid \forall \rho_{sep} \in SEP : \\ Tr(K \rho_{sep}) < 0 \text{ and } Tr(K \rho) = 0\}$$

Simplex:

$$K = \sum_{k,l} \kappa_{k,l} P_{k,l}$$

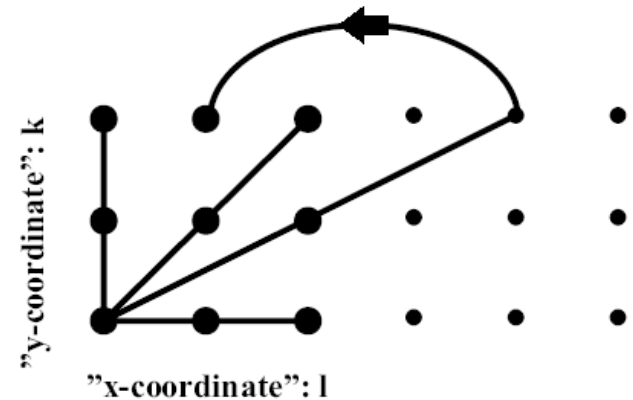
Reduction of parameters:

• Simplex:

$$K = \sum_{k,l} \kappa_{k,l} P_{k,l}$$

• Group theoretical methods:

→ reduce parameter considerably



• Theorem: → reduce von $d \times d$ to d dimensions

THEOREM 7 *The operator*

$$K = \sum_{k,\ell} \kappa_{k,\ell} P_{k,\ell}$$

is a structural witness iff $\forall \phi \in \mathbb{C}^3$ the operator

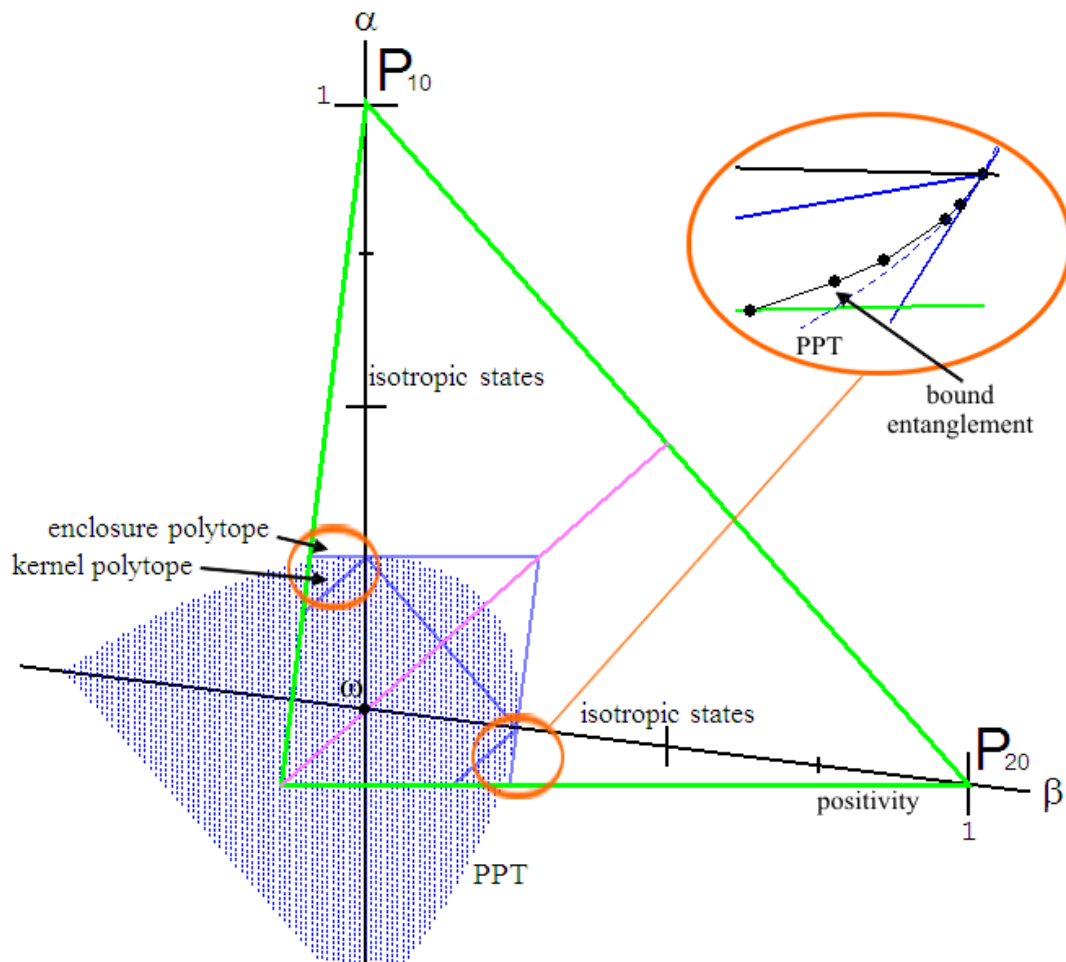
$$M_\phi = \sum_{k,\ell} \kappa_{k,\ell} W_{k,\ell} |\phi\rangle \langle \phi| W_{k,\ell}^{-1}$$

is not negative.

K is moreover a TW for some $\rho \in \mathcal{W}$, iff $\exists \phi$, such that $\det M_\phi = 0$.

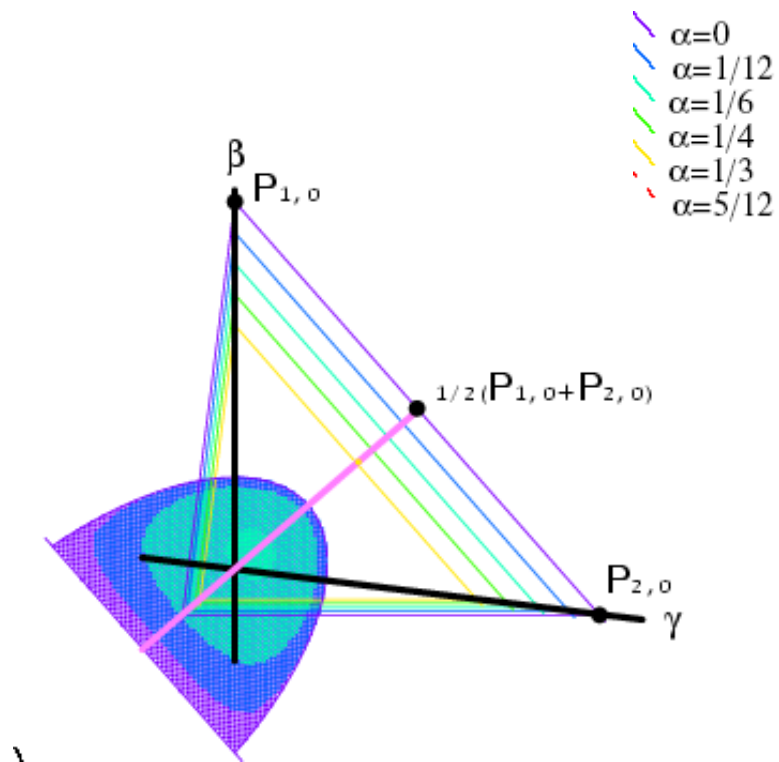
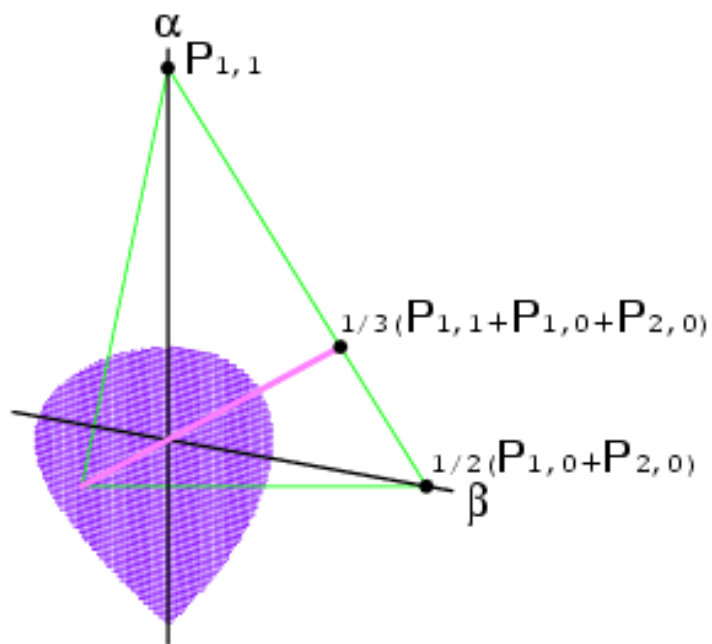
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$$[\rho_{line\ state}] = \frac{1-\alpha-\beta}{9} \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1} + \alpha P_{10} + \beta P_{20}$$



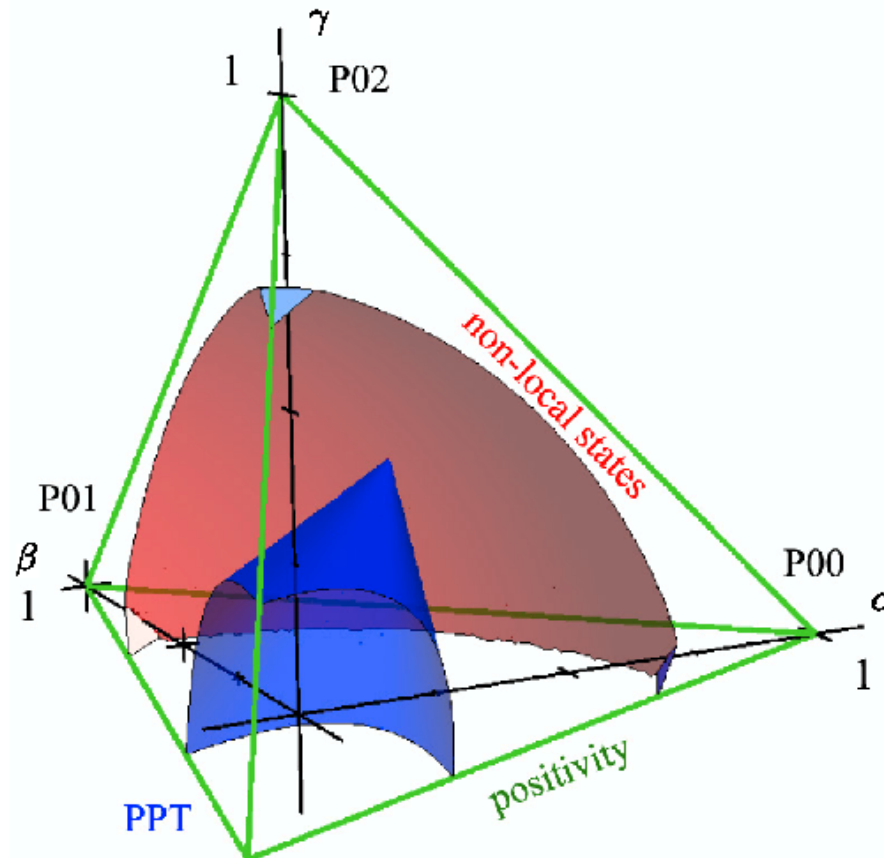
Geometry of line states

$$[\rho_{off\ line}] = \frac{1-\alpha-\beta}{9} 1 \otimes 1 + \alpha P_{00} + \beta P_{01} + \gamma P_{02}$$



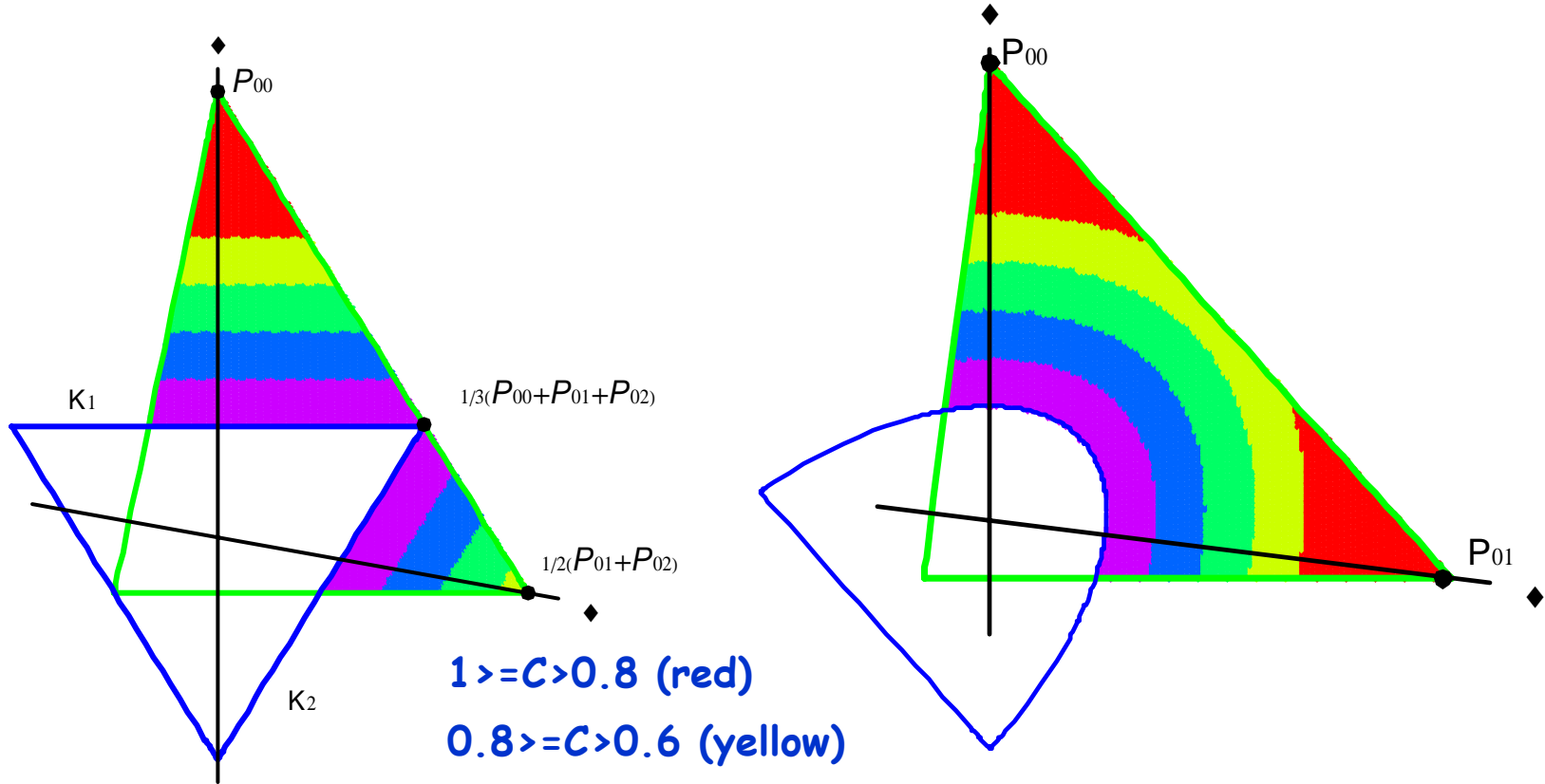
Geometry of the CGLMP-Bell inequality

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How much entanglement? Generalized concurrence?

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$1 \geq C > 0.8$ (red)

$0.8 \geq C > 0.6$ (yellow)

$0.6 \geq C > 0.4$ (green)

$0.4 \geq C > 0.2$ (blue)

$0.2 \geq C > 0$ (violet)

Hiesmayr, Huber, PRA, 2009

How to quantify entanglement ???

Pure states: $|\psi\rangle$...with n particles (parties)

$$E_{tot}(\rho) = \sum_{s=1}^n S(\rho_s)$$

$$\rho_s := \text{Tr}_{-s}(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|)$$

Any entropy $S(\rho_s)$:

$$S_{\alpha}^q := \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \log_q \text{Tr}(\rho^{\alpha}) \quad \dots \text{Reny's } \alpha \text{ entropies}$$

$\alpha \rightarrow 1$, Von Neumann

$$S_r(\rho) := \frac{d^{r-1}}{d^{r-1}-1} (1 - \text{Tr}(\rho^r)) \quad \dots \text{linear entropies}$$

our choice: $r=2$

How to quantify entanglement for mixed???

Mixed states: ...with 2 particles (parties)

$$E_{12}(\rho = \sum_i p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|) = \inf_{p_i, \psi_i} p_i \sum_{s=1}^{n=2} S(\rho_s^i) = 2 \inf_{p_i, \psi_i} p_i S(\rho_A)$$

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Bounds and the m flip concurrence:

Observation 1:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_2(\rho_s) &= \frac{d}{d-1}(1 - \text{Tr}(\rho_s^2)) \\
 &= \sum_{\alpha} C_{s\alpha}^2 + \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{\beta} C_{s\alpha\beta}^2 + (\dots) + \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{\beta} \dots \sum_{\omega} C_{s\alpha\beta\dots\omega}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$C_{s\alpha\beta\dots\omega}^2 := \sum_{O_C} \left| \langle \psi | \underbrace{(A|\{i_n\}\rangle\langle\{i_n\}| \mathbb{1} - B|\{i_n\}\rangle\langle\{i_n\}| AB)}_{O_C} | \psi^* \rangle \right|^2$$



m-flip concurrence

$$A := \left(\sigma_{k_K l_K}^{K \in \{s\alpha\beta\dots\omega\}}, \mathbb{1}^{K \notin \{s\alpha\beta\dots\omega\}} \right)$$

$$B := \left(\sigma_{k_K l_K}^{K=s}, \mathbb{1}^{K \neq s} \right)$$

$$\sum_{O_C} := \sum_{k_K=0}^{d_K-1} \sum_{l_K > k_K} \sum_{\{i_n\}}$$

$$\sigma_{kl}^{d \times d} |k\rangle = |l\rangle, \quad \sigma_{kl}^{d \times d} |l\rangle = |k\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{kl}^{d \times d} |t\rangle = 0 \quad \forall t \neq k, l$$

Bounds and the m flip concurrence:

Observation 2:

Define m flip density matrix:

$$\tilde{\rho}_{O_C} := (O_C + O_C^\dagger) \rho^* (O_C + O_C^\dagger)$$

Square root of eigenvalues of $\rho \tilde{\rho}_{O_C}$ are $\lambda_i^{O_C}$:

$$C_{s\alpha\beta\dots\omega}(\rho) \geq \max \left\{ 0, \sum_{O_C} (2 \max(\{\lambda_i^{O_C}\}) - \sum_i \lambda_i^{O_C}) \right\}$$

Bipartite Qubits

Pure states:

$$\begin{aligned} E(\rho_{12}) &= E_{12} = \mathcal{E}_{12} = S(\rho_1) + S(\rho_2) \\ &= -\log_2(\text{Tr}(\rho_1^2)) - \log_2(\text{Tr}(\rho_2^2)) \\ &= -\log_2\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{C}_{12}^2\right) - \log_2\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{C}_{12}^2\right) \\ &= -2 \log_2\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{C}_{12}^2\right) \end{aligned}$$

Mixed states:

2xWootters concurrence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{12}(\rho_{12}) &= P(\rho_{12}) = \inf_{p_i, \psi_i} \sum p_i \{S(\text{Tr}_2(\rho_i)) + S(\text{Tr}_1(\rho_i))\} \\ &= 2 \inf_{p_i, \psi_i} \sum p_i S(\text{Tr}_2(\rho_i)) = -2 \inf_{p_i, \psi_i} \sum p_i \log_2(\text{Tr}\{(\text{Tr}_2(\rho_i))^2\}) \\ &= -2 \inf_{p_i, \psi_i} \sum p_i \log_2\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{C}_{12}^2(\psi_i)\right) \\ &\geq -2 \inf_{p_i, \psi_i} \log_2\left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \sum p_i \mathbf{C}_{12}^2(\psi_i)\right) = -2 \log_2\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{C}_{12}^2(\rho_{12})\right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{C}_{12}(\rho_{12}) = \max\left\{0, 2 \max_{\lambda_i^{Oc}}(\{\lambda_i^{Oc}\}) - \sum_i \lambda_i^{Oc}\right\}$$

Bipartite Qutrits

$$S(\rho_1) = -\log_2\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\sum_{ij} \mathbf{C}_{12}^{\sigma^{(i)} \otimes \sigma^{(j)}}\right)\right)$$

$$S(\rho_2) = -\log_2\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\sum_{ii} \mathbf{C}_{12}^{\sigma^{(i)} \otimes \sigma^{(j)}}\right)\right)$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{12}(\rho_{12}) = P(\rho_{12}) = \inf_{p_i, \psi_i} \sum p_i \{S(\text{Tr}_2(\rho_i)) + S(\text{Tr}_1(\rho_i))\}$$

$$= 2 \inf_{p_i, \psi_i} \sum p_i S(\text{Tr}_2(\rho_i)) = -2 \inf_{p_i, \psi_i} \sum p_i \log_2(\text{Tr}\{(\text{Tr}_2(\rho_i))^2\})$$

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$$\geq -2 \inf_{p_i, \psi_i} \log_2\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\sum p_i \mathbf{C}_{12}^2(\psi_i)\right) = -2 \log_2\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{C}_{12}^2(\rho_{12})\right),$$

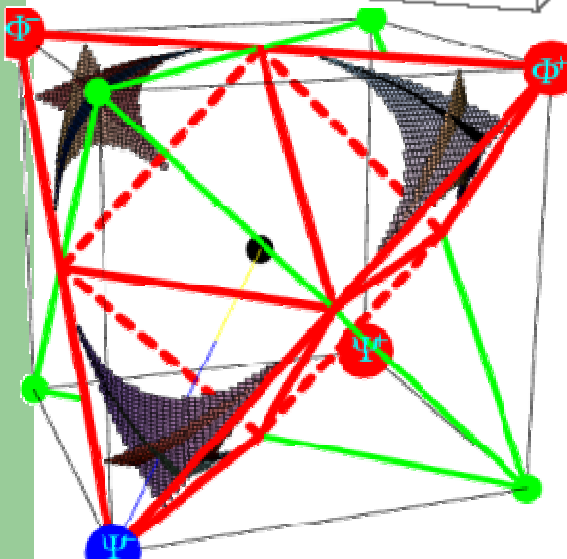
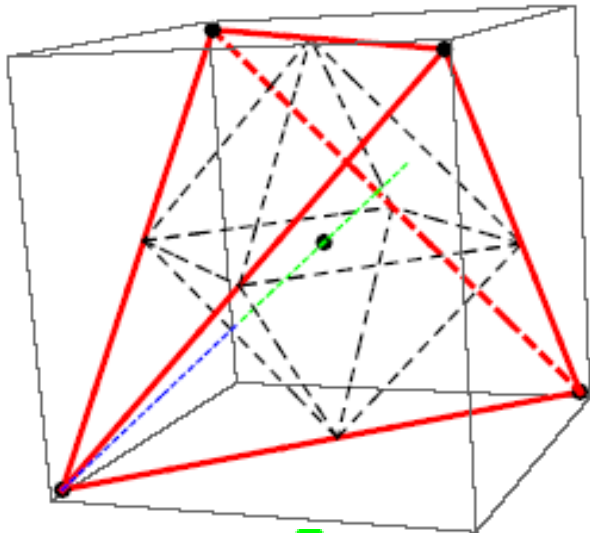
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Generalized Smolin state of n qubits:

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- biseparable cuts
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Entanglement measures and bounds: two sets

Separability in multipartite systems (n particles):

(1) A pure state is called **k-separable** if it can be written by (Horodecki)

$$|\psi\rangle = |\phi_1\rangle \otimes |\phi_2\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |\phi_k\rangle, \quad k \leq n$$

fully separable for $k=n$; $k=1$: is fully entangled or 1-separable (not equal to *maximally* entangled)

Obvious generalization for mixed states:

$$\sigma_{k-sep} = \sum_i p_i \rho_i^1 \otimes \rho_i^2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \rho_i^k, \quad \text{with } p_i \geq 0, \quad \sum_i p_i = 1$$

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Instructive example: $|\psi\rangle = |0\rangle_1 \otimes |0\rangle_2 \otimes |\phi^+\rangle_{34}$ with $|\phi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\{|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle\}$. Here the number of particles is $n = 4$ and the separability is a 3-separability with the substructure $\gamma_3 = \{1|2|34\}$.

This state is obviously equivalent to $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\{|0000\rangle + |1010\rangle\}$ with the substructure $\gamma_3 = \{2|4|13\}$, here just the role of the first and second subsystems are interchanged. Therefore, it is convenient to reorder the subsystems of the state if necessary.

Generally:

$$\gamma_k := \{\{\beta_1\}|\{\beta_2\}|\cdots|\{\beta_k\}\}$$

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Not straightforward to mixed states:

Definition of γ_k -separability:

To every ρ we associate a separability property, the set γ_k , which is made up of $\{\beta_j\}$, i.e. sets of numbers representing subsystems. A state ρ is called γ_k -separable iff there exists an unambiguous decomposition with maximal k into:

$$\sigma_{\gamma_k\text{-sep}} = \sum_i p_i \rho_i^{\{\beta_1\}} \otimes \rho_i^{\{\beta_2\}} \otimes \cdots \otimes \rho_i^{\{\beta_k\}}, \quad \text{with } p_i \geq 0, \sum_i p_i = 1. \quad (4)$$

γ_k -convex

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Smolin state
(d=2):

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2^n} (1^{\otimes n} + \mathbf{n}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i^{\otimes n}) = \sum_{k,l=0}^1 c_{k,l} \mathbf{P}_{k,l}^{\otimes n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n=2: \quad \gamma_k &= \{12, 34\} \\ \gamma_k &= \{13, 24\}, \quad \gamma_k = \{14, 23\} \end{aligned}$$

Only
unambiguous set:

$$\gamma_k = \{1234\}$$

Entanglement measures and bounds: two sets

total state pure; list of requirements of the separability measure:

$$E_{12} : = \{S(\rho_1) + S(\rho_2)\} \cdot \delta[S(\rho_{12}), 0]$$

$$E_{13} : = \{S(\rho_1) + S(\rho_3)\} \cdot \delta[S(\rho_{13}), 0]$$

$$E_{23} : = \{S(\rho_2) + S(\rho_3)\} \cdot \delta[S(\rho_{23}), 0]$$

$$E_{123} : = S(\rho_1) + S(\rho_2) + S(\rho_3) - E_{12} - E_{13} - E_{23}$$

$$\delta[S(\rho_{\{\alpha_j\}}), 0] = 1 \quad \text{if} \quad S(\rho_{\{\alpha_j\}}) = 0$$

$$\delta[S(\rho_{\{\alpha_j\}}), 0] = 0 \quad \text{if} \quad S(\rho_{\{\alpha_j\}}) > 0 .$$

Entanglement measures and bounds: two sets

Physical measure: What kind of entanglement is in the system? Bipartite, tripartite, ...n-partite?

$$|GHZ\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|000\rangle + |111\rangle)$$

$$|W\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|001\rangle + |010\rangle + |100\rangle)$$

Both states have in common:

- any partial trace gives the unity matrix
- therefore, completely unseparable (separability measure is identical)

Physical difference: Ignoring one particle will yield

- for GHZ into a **separable** mixed state
- and for W in an **entangled** mixed state

Entanglement measures and bounds: two sets

Physical measure: What kind of entanglement is in the system? Bipartite, tripartite, ... n-partite?

$$\text{P1a: } \mathcal{E}_{tot}(\rho) = \sum_{s=1}^n S(\rho_s) > 0 \quad \forall \rho \text{ with } k < n$$

$$\text{P1b: } \mathcal{E}_{tot}(\rho) = 0 \quad \forall \rho \text{ with } k = n$$

$$\text{P2: } \mathcal{E}_{\{\alpha_j\}}(\rho) \geq 0 \quad \forall \quad \{\alpha_j\} \subseteq \{\beta_i\} \in \gamma_k \quad \text{and} \quad |\{\alpha_j\}| \geq 2$$

$$\text{P3: } \mathcal{E}_{\{\alpha_j\}}(\rho) = 0 \quad \forall \quad \{\alpha_j\} \supset \{\beta_i\} \in \gamma_k \quad \text{or} \quad |\{\alpha_j\}| = 1$$

$$\text{P4: } \mathcal{E}_{\{\alpha_j\}}(\lambda \rho_1 + (1 - \lambda) \rho_2) \leq \lambda \mathcal{E}_{\{\alpha_j\}}(\rho_1) + (1 - \lambda) \mathcal{E}_{\{\alpha_j\}}(\rho_2) \quad (\text{convexity})$$

$$\text{P5: } \sum_i \text{Tr} \left(V_i \rho V_i^\dagger \right) \mathcal{E}_{tot} \left(\frac{V_i \rho V_i^\dagger}{\text{Tr}(V_i \rho V_i^\dagger)} \right) \leq \mathcal{E}_{tot}(\rho) \quad (\text{non-increasing on average under LOCC}),$$

where V_i is a separable operator, i.e. of the local form $V_i := V_i^1 \otimes V_i^2 \otimes \dots \otimes V_i^n$.

Entanglement measures and bounds: two sets

Physical measure: What kind of entanglement is in the system? Bipartite, tripartite, ...n-partite?

Define a useful quantity (**convex roof already for pure state**)

$$P(\rho) := \inf_{p_i, \psi_i, \gamma_k} \sum_i p_i \left(\sum_s S(\text{Tr}_{-s} |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|) \right)$$

two-particle entanglement: $\mathcal{E}_{12} = P(\rho_{12})$, $\mathcal{E}_{13} = P(\rho_{13})$,
 $\mathcal{E}_{14} = P(\rho_{14})$, $\mathcal{E}_{23} = P(\rho_{23})$,
 $\mathcal{E}_{24} = P(\rho_{23})$, $\mathcal{E}_{34} = P(\rho_{34})$,

three-particle entanglement: $\mathcal{E}_{123} = \max[0, P(\rho_{123}) - \mathcal{E}_{12} - \mathcal{E}_{13} - \mathcal{E}_{23}]$,
 $\mathcal{E}_{124} = \max[0, P(\rho_{124}) - \mathcal{E}_{12} - \mathcal{E}_{14} - \mathcal{E}_{24}]$,
 $\mathcal{E}_{134} = \max[0, P(\rho_{134}) - \mathcal{E}_{13} - \mathcal{E}_{14} - \mathcal{E}_{34}]$,
 $\mathcal{E}_{234} = \max[0, P(\rho_{234}) - \mathcal{E}_{23} - \mathcal{E}_{24} - \mathcal{E}_{34}]$,

four-particle entanglement: $\mathcal{E}_{1234} = \max[0, P(\rho_{1234}) - \mathcal{E}_{123} - \mathcal{E}_{124} - \mathcal{E}_{134} - \mathcal{E}_{234}$
 $- \mathcal{E}_{12} - \mathcal{E}_{13} - \mathcal{E}_{14} - \mathcal{E}_{23} - \mathcal{E}_{24} - \mathcal{E}_{34}]$

Entanglement measures and bounds: two sets

$$|\tau_\alpha\rangle = \sin \alpha |W\rangle + \cos \alpha |GHZ\rangle$$

$$\tau_\alpha = \sin^2 \alpha |W\rangle\langle W| + \cos^2 \alpha |GHZ\rangle\langle GHZ|$$

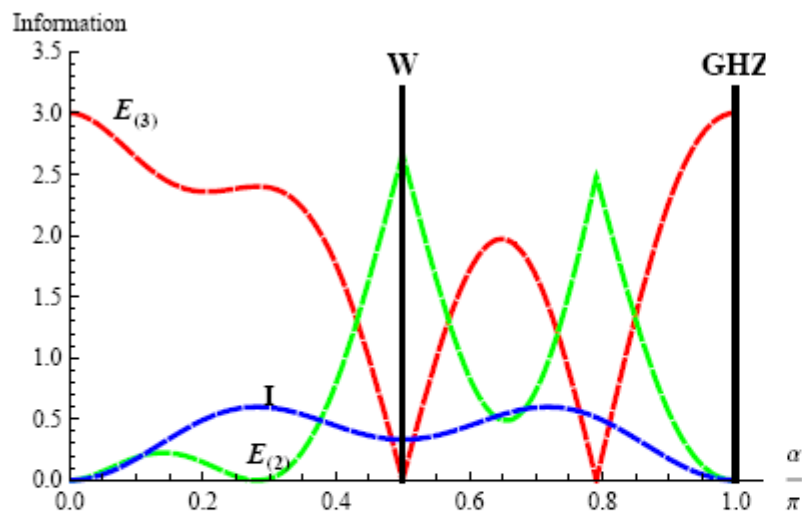


FIG. 3: Here the information content in bits of the state τ_α , Eq. (31), is plotted. The colored, thickened and dashed curves are the single properties $I = \sum_{s=1}^3 S_s$ (blue), the 2-partite entanglement $E_{(2)} = E_{12} + E_{13} + E_{23}$ (green) and the 3-partite entanglement $E_{(3)} = E_{123}$ (red). The single properties I are symmetric, however, the genuine 2- and 3-partite entanglement are not.

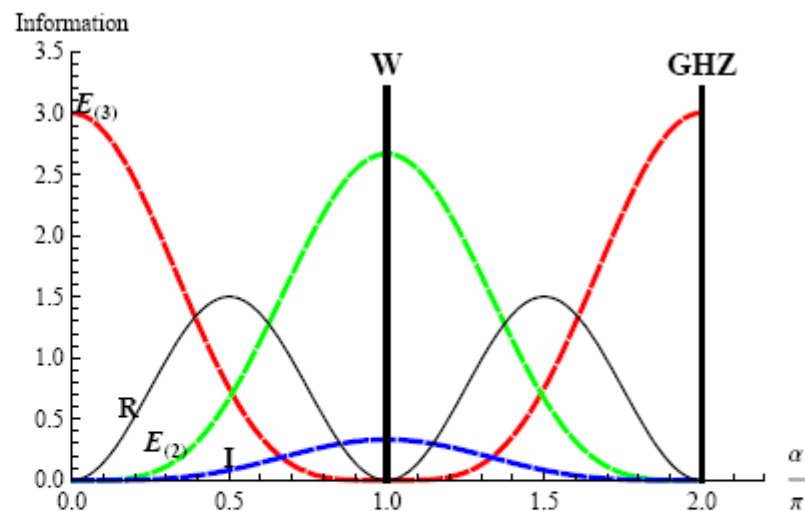


FIG. 4: Here the information content in bits of the state $\sigma(\alpha)$, Eq. (32), is plotted. The colored, thickened and dashed curves are the single properties $I = \sum_{s=1}^3 S_s$ (blue), the 2-partite entanglement $E_{(2)} = E_{12} + E_{13} + E_{23}$ (green) and the 3-partite entanglement $E_{(3)} = E_{123}$ (red). The thin, not dashed curve is $R(\rho)$, which is the lack of information about the state.

Bounds and the m flip concurrence:

Observation 1:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_2(\rho_s) &= \frac{d}{d-1}(1 - \text{Tr}(\rho_s^2)) \\
 &= \sum_{\alpha} C_{s\alpha}^2 + \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{\beta} C_{s\alpha\beta}^2 + (\dots) + \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{\beta} \dots \sum_{\omega} C_{s\alpha\beta\dots\omega}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$C_{s\alpha\beta\dots\omega}^2 := \sum_{O_C} \left| \langle \psi | \underbrace{(A|\{i_n\}\rangle\langle\{i_n\}| \mathbb{1} - B|\{i_n\}\rangle\langle\{i_n\}| AB)}_{O_C} | \psi^* \rangle \right|^2$$



m-flip concurrence

$$A := \left(\sigma_{k_K l_K}^{K \in \{s\alpha\beta\dots\omega\}}, \mathbb{1}^{K \notin \{s\alpha\beta\dots\omega\}} \right)$$

$$B := \left(\sigma_{k_K l_K}^{K=s}, \mathbb{1}^{K \neq s} \right)$$

$$\sum_{O_C} := \sum_{k_K=0}^{d_K-1} \sum_{l_K > k_K} \sum_{\{i_n\}}$$

$$\sigma_{kl}^{d \times d} |k\rangle = |l\rangle, \quad \sigma_{kl}^{d \times d} |l\rangle = |k\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{kl}^{d \times d} |t\rangle = 0 \quad \forall t \neq k, l$$

Bounds and the m flip concurrence:

Observation 2:

Define m flip density matrix:

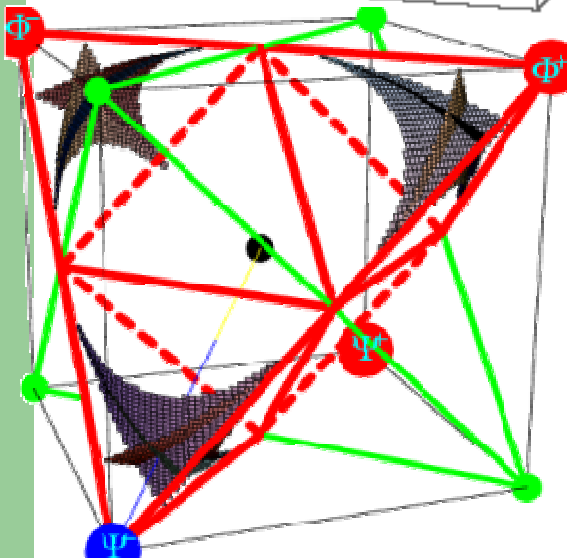
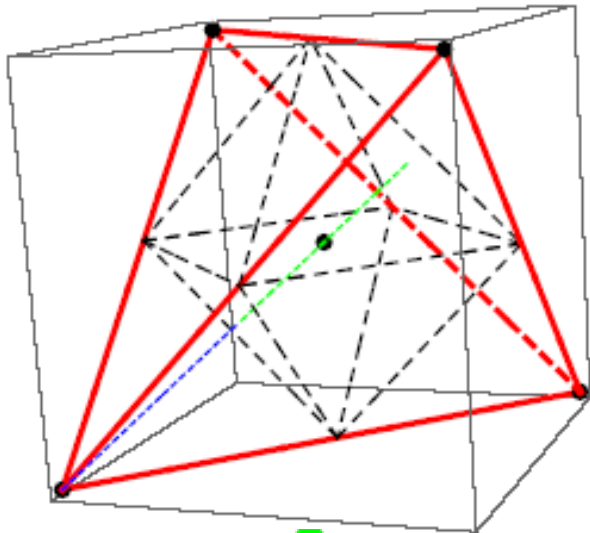
$$\tilde{\rho}_{O_C} := (O_C + O_C^\dagger) \rho^* (O_C + O_C^\dagger)$$

Square root of eigenvalues of $\rho \tilde{\rho}_{O_C}$ are $\lambda_i^{O_C}$:

$$C_{s\alpha\beta\dots\omega}(\rho) \geq \max \left\{ 0, \sum_{O_C} (2 \max(\{\lambda_i^{O_C}\}) - \sum_i \lambda_i^{O_C}) \right\}$$

Generalized Smolin state of n qubits:

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