

Optimal quantum states for quantum information and how to prepare them

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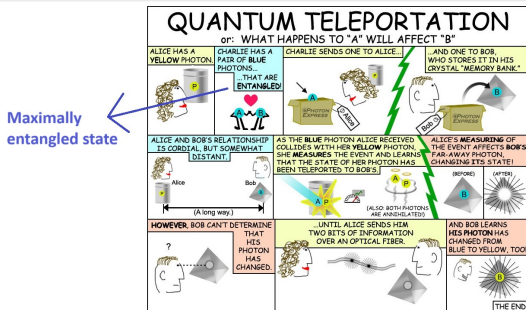
Outline of the talk

- 1 Basic concepts
 - a Mixed quantum states: a more realistic model
 - b Optimal quantum states by spectrum
- 2 Entanglement and separability
 - a Symmetric 2-qubit system
 - b Symmetric 3-qubit system (Numerical results)
 - c SAS witnesses for symmetric N -qubit systems
- 3 Quantum metrology
 - a Mixed Optimal Quantum Rotosensors
- 4 Conclusions

Quantum technology

Quantum Technology: The Second Quantum Revolution, Dowling and Milburn (2003)

The goal of quantum technology is to deliver useful devices and processes that are based on quantum principles: entanglement, quantum superposition, etc.



In summary, we use quantum correlations of a quantum system to create/enhanced technology. In most of the cases, for a particular task, the optimal quantum states of a system are those who maximize a particular quantum correlation: entanglement, QFI, anticonherence, fidelity, etc.

Pure states, \mathcal{H}

$$\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$$

Mixed states, $\mathcal{HS}(\mathcal{H})$

$$\rho = \sum_{\alpha=1}^d \lambda_{\alpha} |\psi_{\alpha}\rangle\langle\psi_{\alpha}|$$

$$\lambda_{\alpha} \geq 0, \quad \sum_{\alpha} \lambda_{\alpha} = 1$$

$\{\psi_{\alpha}\}$ orthonormal basis

Most of the quantum correlations are convex with respect to mixture

$$Q\left(\sum_{\alpha} \lambda_{\alpha} |\psi_{\alpha}\rangle\langle\psi_{\alpha}|\right) \leq \sum_{\alpha} \lambda_{\alpha} Q(|\psi_{\alpha}\rangle\langle\psi_{\alpha}|).$$

Consequently, the optimal quantum states for quantum technologies, i.e., the states that maximize a quantum correlation, would be only pure states. However...

Pure vs mixed states

Ideal vs Reality

Pure states of a quantum system are ideal scenarios. They face many experimental challenges

Mixedness

- Open quantum systems (Decoherence)
- Finite temperatures

$$|\psi\rangle \Rightarrow_t \rho$$

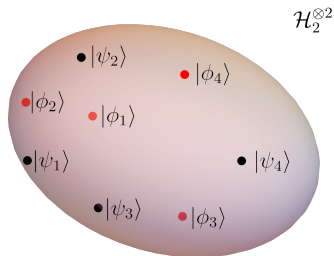
$$\rho = \sum_{\alpha} \lambda_{\alpha} |\psi_{\alpha}\rangle \langle \psi_{\alpha}| = \frac{e^{-H/k_B T}}{Z}$$

- Marginal densities
- Particle loss

$$\rho_{\text{spin}} = \text{Tr}_{\text{spatial}} (|\Psi\rangle \langle \Psi|)$$

$$\rho = \text{Tr}_1 (|\Psi\rangle \langle \Psi|)$$

Maximizing a quantum correlation for a mixed state



Global unitary transformation

$$\rho = \sum_{k=1}^d \lambda_k |\phi_k\rangle\langle\phi_k|,$$

$$U\rho U^\dagger = \sum_{k=1}^d \lambda_k |\psi_k\rangle\langle\psi_k|,$$

Maximum Q. correlation by spectrum

$$\max_{U \in SU(d)} Q(U\rho U^\dagger)$$

Global unitary transformations = Group of Schrödinger evolutions
= Set of thermal states
with fixed T and fixed eigenenergies
= Group of unitary gates
of a quantum protocol

Entanglement

Entanglement

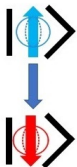
Qubit-qubit system $\mathcal{H}_2^{\otimes 2}$

Maximally entangled state (N=1)

$$|\uparrow\rangle_A |\downarrow\rangle_B + |\downarrow\rangle_A |\uparrow\rangle_B$$

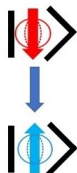
Measurement of qubit A

Case 1



Qubit A

Case 2



Qubit B

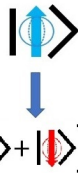
Qubit B is completely determined
[Correlation between A and B]

Separable state (N=0)

$$\left(|\uparrow\rangle_A + |\downarrow\rangle_A \right) \left(|\uparrow\rangle_B + |\downarrow\rangle_B \right)$$

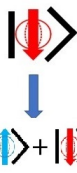
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Qubit B

Qubit B is independent of the result
[No correlation between A and B]

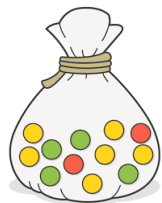
Entanglement of mixed states

Separable mixed states [Werner (1989)]

ρ is separable if

$$\rho = \int_{\mathcal{H}_2^{\otimes 2}} P(\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2) |\mathbf{n}_1\rangle |\mathbf{n}_2\rangle \langle \mathbf{n}_1| \langle \mathbf{n}_2| d\mathbf{n}_1 d\mathbf{n}_2.$$

with $P(\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2) \geq 0$. Otherwise is entangled.



Measure of entanglement

- $E(\rho) = 0$ if and only if ρ is separable.
- Invariant under local unitary transformations.
- Other properties...

For qubit-qubit and qubit-qutrit: **Negativity** [Peres (1996)], [Horodecki et al (1996)]

The sum of the negative eigenvalues Λ_k of ρ^{TA}

$$\mathcal{N}(\rho) = -2 \sum_{\Lambda_k < 0} \Lambda_k,$$

Entanglement

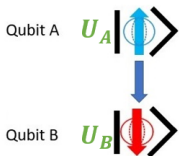
Invariant under local unitary transformations $U_A \otimes U_B \in SU(2) \otimes SU(2)$

Maximally entangled state (N=1)

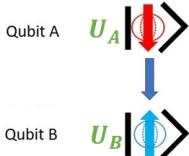
$$U_A |\uparrow\rangle U_B |\downarrow\rangle + U_A |\downarrow\rangle U_B |\uparrow\rangle$$

Measurement of qubit A

Case 1



Case 2



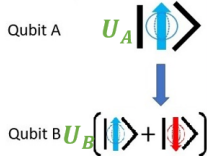
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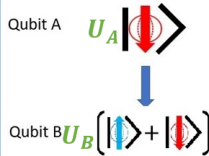
$$U_A (|\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle) U_B (|\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle)$$

Measurement of qubit A

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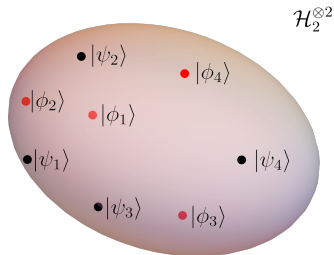
Case 2



Qubit B is independent of the result
[No correlation between A and B]

Entanglement (Pure state case)

Not-invariant under **global** unitary transformations $SU(4)$

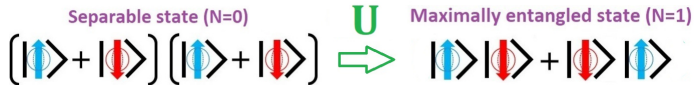


$\mathcal{H}_2^{\otimes 2}$

Global unitary transformation

$$\rho = \sum_{k=0}^3 \lambda_k |\phi_k\rangle \langle \phi_k|,$$

$$U\rho U^\dagger = \sum_{k=0}^3 \lambda_k |\psi_k\rangle \langle \psi_k|,$$



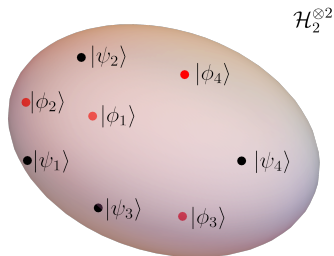
Pure state ρ_{pure}

$$\lambda_0 = 1, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0,$$

$$\max_{U \in SU(4)} \mathcal{N}(U\rho_{pure}U^\dagger) = 1,$$

Entanglement (Maximally mixed state case)

Not-invariant under **global** unitary transformations $SU(4)$



Global unitary transformation

$$\rho = \sum_{k=0}^3 \lambda_k |\phi_k\rangle\langle\phi_k|,$$

$$U\rho U^\dagger = \sum_{k=0}^3 \lambda_k |\psi_k\rangle\langle\psi_k|,$$

$$\rho_* = U\rho_* U^\dagger = \frac{1}{4}\mathbb{1} = \frac{1}{4} \int_{S^2 \otimes S^2} |\mathbf{n}_1\rangle|\mathbf{n}_2\rangle\langle\mathbf{n}_1|\langle\mathbf{n}_2| d^2\mathbf{n}_1 d^2\mathbf{n}_2.$$

Maximally mixed state ρ_*

$$\lambda_0 = \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 1/4,$$

$$\max_{U \in SU(4)} \mathcal{N}(U\rho_* U^\dagger) = 0,$$

Maximum entanglement in the unitary orbit of ρ

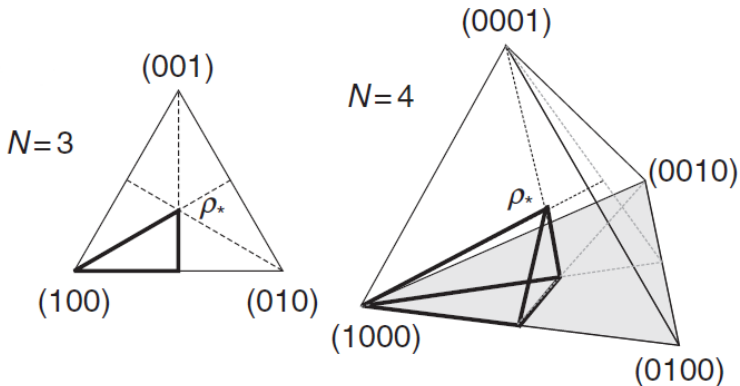


Figure taken from [Bengtsson and Życzkowski (2017)]

Questions

- What is the maximum entanglement of ρ attained in its $SU(4)$ -orbit?
- Is ρ_* the unique state that is absolutely separable (AS) over all its unitary orbit?

Maximum entanglement in the unitary orbit of ρ

Results for qubit-qubit and qubit-qutrit systems

Qubit-qubit system $\mathcal{H}_2^{\otimes 2}$

ρ -spectrum: $(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$

$$\max_{U \in SU(4)} \mathcal{N}(U\rho U^\dagger) = \max\left(0, \sqrt{(\lambda_0 - \lambda_2)^2 + (\lambda_1 - \lambda_3)^2} - \lambda_1 - \lambda_3\right),$$

ρ is AS iff $\lambda_0 \leq \lambda_2 + 2\sqrt{\lambda_1\lambda_3}$.

[Verstraete, Audenart & De Moor (2001)].

Qubit-qutrit system $\mathcal{H}_2 \otimes \mathcal{H}_3$

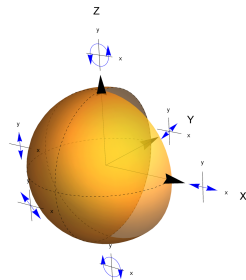
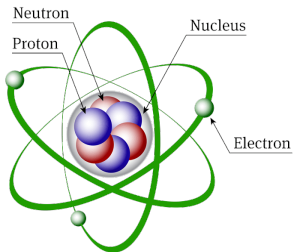
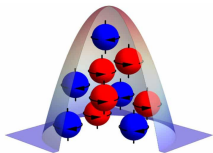
ρ -spectrum: $(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4, \lambda_5)$

$$\max_{U \in SU(6)} \mathcal{N}(U\rho U^\dagger)$$

Open question. Partial results [Mendonça, Marchioli, Herdemann (2017)]

Statement of the problem

Bosons: BEC, spin-j system, multiphotons systems, etc.



New question

For a symmetric qubit-qubit state ρ_S ,

- What is the maximum entanglement achievable under a global unitary transformation U_S restricted in the symmetric subspace ?
- What is the spectrum of the symmetric states that remains separable after any global unitary transformation U_S ?

Symmetric bipartite systems

Qubit-qubit system $\mathcal{H}_2^{\otimes 2}$

ρ -spectrum: $(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$

$$\max_{U \in SU(4)} \mathcal{N}(U\rho U^\dagger)$$

Qubit-qutrit system $\mathcal{H}_2 \otimes \mathcal{H}_3$

ρ -spectrum: $(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4, \lambda_5)$

$$\max_{U \in SU(6)} \mathcal{N}(U\rho U^\dagger)$$

Symmetric 2-qubit system $\mathcal{H}_2^{\vee 2}$

ρ_S -spectrum: $(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, 0)$

$$\max_{U_S \in SU(3)} \mathcal{N}(U_S \rho_S U_S^\dagger)$$

Symmetric 3-qubit system $\mathcal{H}_2^{\vee 3}$

ρ_S -spectrum: $(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, 0, 0)$

$$\max_{U_S \in SU(4)} \mathcal{N}(U_S \rho_S U_S^\dagger)$$

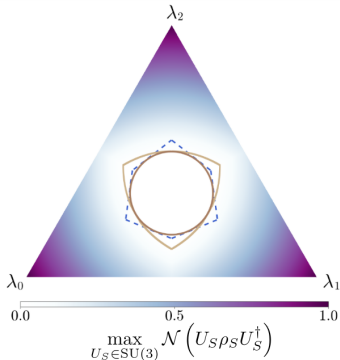
Symmetric 2-qubit system

Symmetric 2-qubit system

Theorem [ESE, Martin (2023)]

Let $\rho_S \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_2^{\vee 2})$ with spectrum $\lambda_0 \geq \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2$. It holds that

$$\max_{U_S \in SU(3)} \mathcal{N}(U_S \rho_S U_S^\dagger) = \max\left(0, \sqrt{\lambda_0^2 + (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)^2} - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2\right).$$



Maximally entangled state

$$\rho_S = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

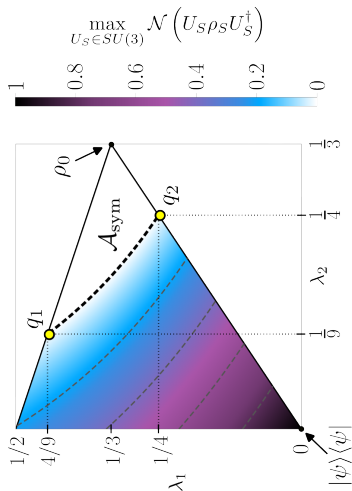
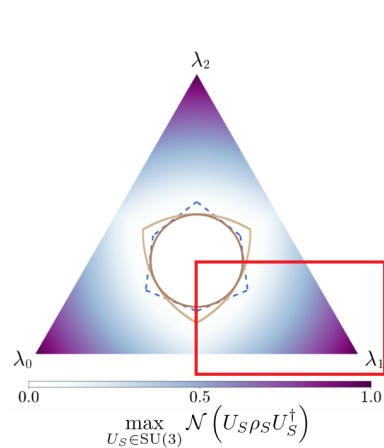
Details in the proof

- Bistochastic matrices $B \in \mathcal{B}_{N+1}$.
- (Birkhoff's theorem) Any bistochastic matrix is a linear combination of permutation matrices.

Imagen taken from [Denis, Davis, Mann, Martin (2023)]

Symmetric qubit-qubit system

Main result



SAS states

 \mathcal{A}

Absolutely separable (AS) states

[Życzkowski (1999)]

$$\max_{U \in SU(4)} \mathcal{N}(U\rho_S U^\dagger) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{H}_2^{\vee 2}) = \{\rho_0\}$$

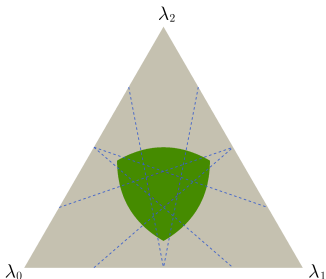
 \mathcal{A}_{sym}

Symmetric absolutely separable

(SAS) states [Giraud et al (2008)]

$$\max_{U \in SU(3)} \mathcal{N}(U_S \rho_S U_S^\dagger) = 0$$

$$d(\mathcal{A}_{\text{sym}}(\mathcal{H}_2^{\vee 2})) = 2$$



Corollary [ESE, Martin (2023)]

$\rho_S \in \mathcal{A}_{\text{sym}}$ iff

$$\sqrt{\lambda_1} + \sqrt{\lambda_2} \geq 1.$$

Applications

Symmetric qubit-qubit system at finite temperature

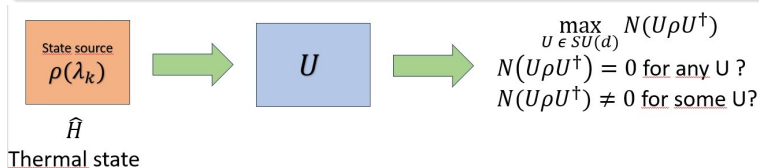
Hamiltonian: BEC [Ribeiro, Vidal Mosseri (2007)],
Lipkin-Meshkov-Glick model (1965)

$$H = gJ_z + \gamma_x J_x^2 + \gamma_z J_z^2,$$

with eigenenergies ϵ_j .

State at finite temperature T

$$\lambda_k = \frac{e^{-\beta \epsilon_{2s+2-k}}}{Z}, \quad \text{with} \quad Z = \text{Tr} \left(e^{-\beta H} \right).$$

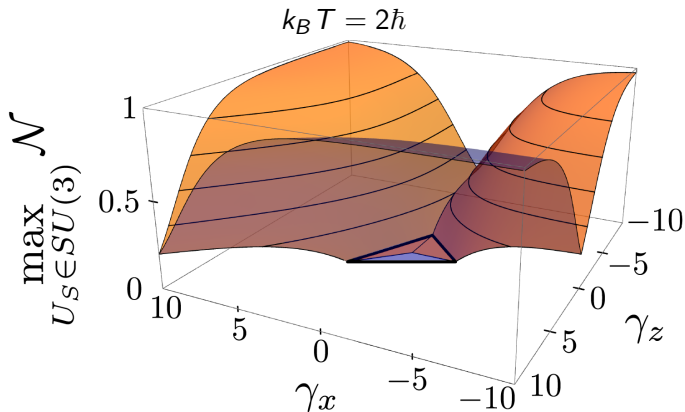


Maximum entanglement

Spectrum ϵ_j of H

For $g = 0$

$$\{\gamma_x, \gamma_z, \gamma_x + \gamma_z\}.$$

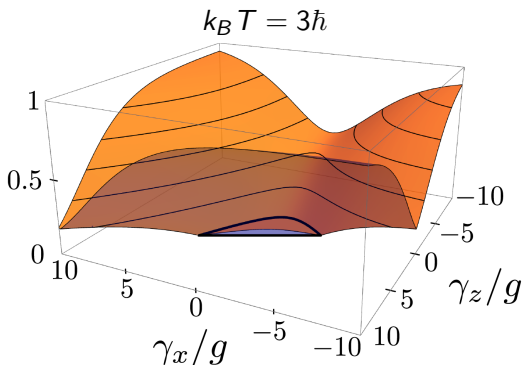


Maximum entanglement

Spectrum ϵ_j of H

For $g \neq 0$

$$\left\{ \gamma_x, \frac{1}{2} \left(\gamma_x + 2\gamma_z - \sqrt{4g^2 + \gamma_x^2} \right), \frac{1}{2} \left(\gamma_x + 2\gamma_z + \sqrt{4g^2 + \gamma_x^2} \right) \right\}.$$



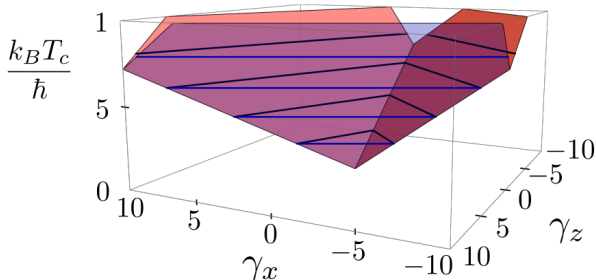
Applications

Symmetric qubit-qubit system at finite temperatures

Condition of SAS states

$$\rho \in \mathcal{A}_{\text{sym}} \Leftrightarrow \frac{k_B T}{\hbar} \geq \frac{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 - 2\epsilon_3}{2 \ln 2},$$

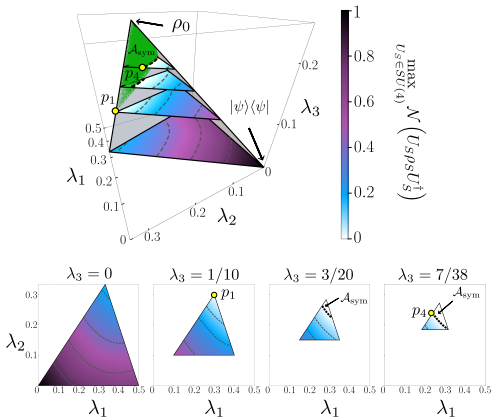
$$g = 0, \quad k_B T = 2\hbar,$$



Symmetric 3-qubit system

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$\mathcal{H}_2^{\vee 3} \subset \mathcal{H}_2 \otimes \mathcal{H}_3$, numerical results



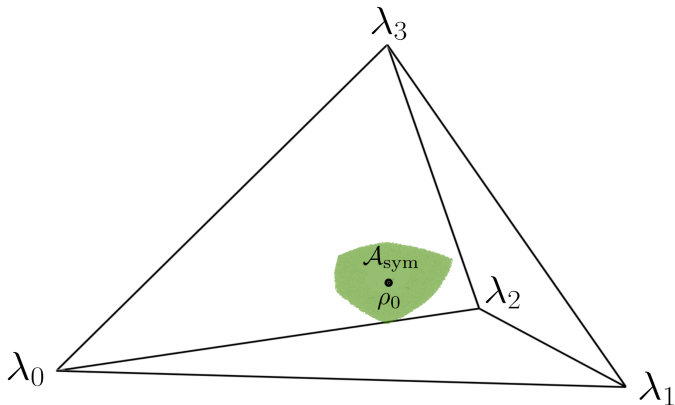
Maximally entangled states in the $SU(4)$ -orbit

$$\rho_S = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \tau_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\rho_S = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\tau_1 + \tau_4}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{\tau_1 - \tau_4}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{\tau_2 + \tau_3}{2} & \frac{\tau_2 - \tau_3}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\tau_2 - \tau_3}{2} & \frac{\tau_2 + \tau_3}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{\tau_1 - \tau_4}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{\tau_1 + \tau_4}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Symmetric 3-qubit system

$\mathcal{H}_2^{\vee 3} \subset \mathcal{H}_2 \otimes \mathcal{H}_3$, numerical results



Set of SAS states in the spectra polytope of symmetric 3-qubit states.

SAS witnesses for symmetric N -qubit states

Separability condition for symmetric N -qubit states

[Giraud, Braun, Braun (2008)]

SAS states

Let $\rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_2^{\vee N})$, ρ is separable \Leftrightarrow there exists $P(\rho; \mathbf{n})$ such that

$$\rho = \int_{S^2} P(\rho; \mathbf{n}) |\mathbf{n}\rangle^{\otimes N} \langle \mathbf{n}|^{\otimes N} d^2 \mathbf{n},$$

and

$$\min_{\mathbf{n} \in S^2} P(\rho; \mathbf{n}) \geq 0,$$

Non-uniqueness of the P-function [Giraud, Braun, Braun (2008)]

$$P(\rho, \mathbf{n}) = \underbrace{\sum_{L=0}^N \sum_{M=-L}^L y_{LM} Y_{LM}(\mathbf{n})}_{P_0 = \text{Tr}(\rho \omega^{(1)}(\mathbf{n})), \text{ unique for } \rho} + \underbrace{\sum_{L=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{M=-L}^L y_{LM} Y_{LM}(\mathbf{n})}_{P', \text{ arbitrary } y_{LM}},$$

SAS witnesses for symmetric N -qubit states

[ESE, Denis, Martin (2023)]

SAS states

Let $\rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_2^{\vee N})$, $\rho \in \mathcal{A}_{\text{sym}} \Leftrightarrow$ there exists $P(U\rho U^\dagger; \mathbf{n})$ such that

$$U\rho U^\dagger = \int_{S^2} P(U\rho U^\dagger; \mathbf{n}) |\mathbf{n}\rangle^{\otimes N} \langle \mathbf{n}|^{\otimes N} d^2\mathbf{n},$$

and

$$\min_{\substack{U \in SU(N+1) \\ \mathbf{n} \in S^2}} P(U\rho U^\dagger; \mathbf{n}) \geq 0,$$

SAS-witness \mathcal{W} [Bohnet-Waldraff, Giraud, Braun (2017)]

$$\rho \in \mathcal{A}_{\text{sym}} \text{ if } \text{Tr}(\rho^2) \leq \frac{1}{N+1} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2(2N+1) \binom{2N}{N} - (N+2)} \right),$$

SAS witnesses for symmetric N -qubit states

Non-uniqueness of the P-function [Giraud, Braun, Braun (2008)]

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Proposal

To consider $P(\rho, \mathbf{n})$ such that

i) They are covariant

$$P(U\rho U^\dagger, \mathbf{n}) = P(D(R)^\dagger U\rho U^\dagger D(R), \mathbf{z}) = P(V\rho V^\dagger, \mathbf{z}).$$

ii) We built $P(U\rho U^\dagger, \mathbf{n})$ that their explicit expressions depend only on (or can be approximated) the (unistochastic) bistochastic matrices $B \in \mathcal{B}_{N+1}$

$$B_{ij} = |V_{ij}|^2, \quad B_{ij} \geq 0, \quad \sum_i B_{ij} = \sum_j B_{ij} = 1.$$

SAS witness \mathcal{W}_1 : A polytope of SAS states

$P = P_0$ [Denis, Davis, Mann, Martin (2023)]

Observation 1

$$\min_{\substack{U \in SU(N+1) \\ \mathbf{n} \in \mathcal{S}^2}} P_0(U\rho U^\dagger; \mathbf{n}) = \min_{V \in SU(N+1)} \text{Tr} \left[\rho V \omega^{(1)}(\mathbf{z}) V^\dagger \right]$$
$$\left(\rho_{jk} = \tau_j \delta_{jk}, \omega^{(1)}(\mathbf{z})_{jk} = \Delta_j \delta_{jk} \right) = \min_{B \in \mathcal{B}_{N+1}} \lambda B \Delta^T,$$

B a bistochastic matrix, $B \in \mathcal{B}_{N+1}$.

Observation 2 (Birkhoff's Theorem)

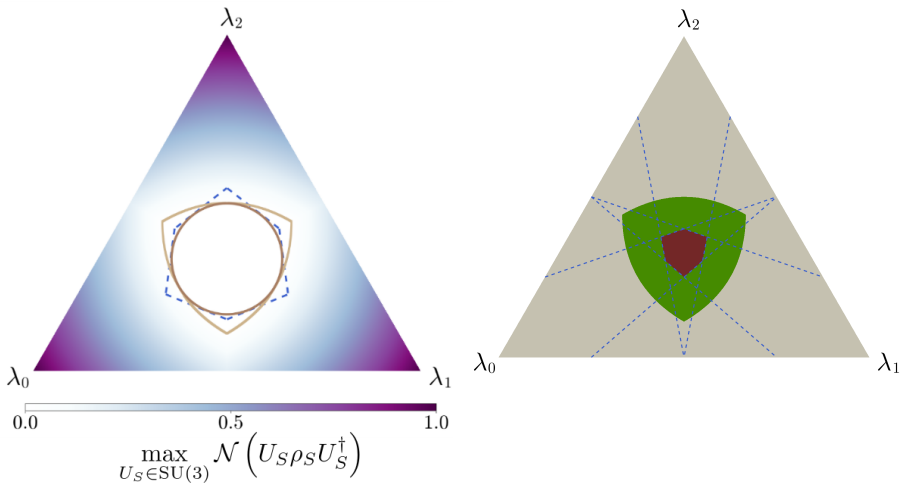
Permutations matrices achieve extremal values of a convex function $f(B)$

$$\min_{B \in \mathcal{B}_{N+1}} \lambda B \Delta^T = \min_{\Pi \in \mathcal{S}_{N+1}} \lambda \Pi \Delta^T,$$

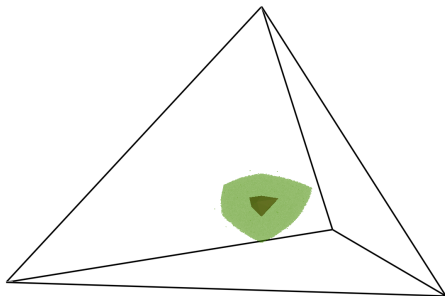
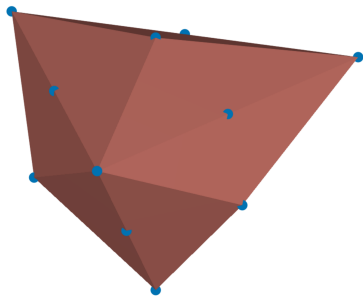
SAS witness \mathcal{W}_1

$$\rho \in \mathcal{A}_{\text{sym}} \quad \text{if} \quad \lambda \downarrow \Delta \uparrow^T \geq 0, \quad \Delta_k = (-1)^{N-k} \binom{N+1}{k},$$

SAS Witness \mathcal{W}_1 for $N = 2$



Polytope of SAS states detected by \mathcal{W}_1 for $N = 2$.



Polytope of SAS states detected by \mathcal{W}_1 for $N = 3$.

Non-uniqueness of the P-function [Giraud, Braun, Braun (2008)]

$$P(\rho, \mathbf{n}) = \underbrace{\sum_{L=0}^N \sum_{M=-L}^L y_{LM} Y_{LM}(\mathbf{n})}_{P_0 = \text{Tr}(\rho \omega^{(1)}(\mathbf{n})), \text{ unique for } \rho} + \underbrace{\sum_{L=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{M=-L}^L y_{LM} Y_{LM}(\mathbf{n})}_{P', \text{ arbitrary } y_{LM}},$$

We add some quadratic SU(2)-covariant terms of ρ (with $j = N/2$)

$$Q_L(\rho, \mathbf{n}) = \sum_{M=-L}^L \text{Tr}(\rho T_{LM}^{(j)\dagger}) Y_{LM}(\mathbf{n}),$$

$$P_L(\rho, \mathbf{n}) \equiv Q_L^2 - \sum_{\sigma=0}^N \sum_{\nu=-\sigma}^{\sigma} \left(\int Q_L^2 Y_{\sigma\nu}^*(\mathbf{n}') d\mathbf{n}' \right) Y_{\sigma\nu}(\mathbf{n}),$$

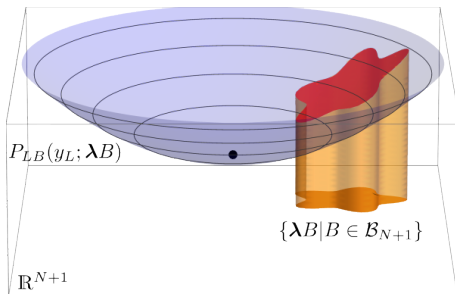
$$P'(\rho, \mathbf{n}) = \sum_{L > N/2} y_L P_L,$$

SAS witness $\mathcal{W}_2(\{y_L\})$

$$P = P_0 + P'(\rho, \mathbf{n})$$

$$\min_{\substack{U \in SU(N+1) \\ \mathbf{n} \in S^2}} P(U\rho U^\dagger; \mathbf{n}) \geq \min_{\substack{\lambda B \\ B \in \mathcal{B}_{N+1}}} P_{LB}(y_L; \lambda B)$$

P_{LB} is a quadratic function on the entries of B and linear on the $\{y_L\}$'s added by P' .



SAS witnesses $\mathcal{W}_2(\{y_L\})$

SAS witness $\mathcal{W}_2(\{y_L\})$: A symmetric $2j = N$ -qubit state ρ is SAS if for some values of $\{y_L\}$

$$\min_{\substack{\lambda_B \\ B \in \mathcal{B}_{N+1}}} P_{LB}(y_L; \lambda_B) = \min_{\substack{\lambda_B \\ B \in \mathcal{B}_{N+1}}} f + \sum_{L=1}^{2j} \left[g_L \lambda_B \mathbf{t}_L^T + h_L \left(\lambda_B \mathbf{t}_L^T \right)^2 \right] \geq 0,$$

$$f = \frac{1}{N+1} + \left(\frac{y_N F(N, 1)}{2} \right) \left(\text{Tr}(\rho^2) - \frac{1}{N+1} \right)^2,$$

$$g_L = \sqrt{\frac{2L+1}{N+1}} \left(C_{jjL0}^{jj} \right)^{-1}, \quad h_L = y_L F(L, 0) \Theta(L-j) - \frac{y_{2j} F(2j, 1)}{2},$$

$$\mathbf{t}_L = (C_{jj-j-j}^{L0}, -C_{jj-1,j1-j}^{L0}, \dots, (-1)^{2j} C_{j-j,jj}^{L0}),$$

$$F(L, \mu) \equiv \begin{cases} 1 - \sum_{\substack{\sigma=0 \\ \sigma \text{ even}}}^{2j} (C_{L0L0}^{\sigma 0})^2 & \text{if } \mu = 0 \\ 2(-1)^{\mu+1} \sum_{\substack{\sigma=0 \\ \sigma \text{ even}}}^{2j} C_{L0L0}^{\sigma 0} C_{L\mu L-\mu}^{\sigma 0} & \text{if } \mu \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

The variables h_L must be positive, restricting the domain of the free parameters $\{y_L\}$.

Example: $\mathcal{W}_2(\{y_2\})$ for $N = 2$

A symmetric 2-qubit state ρ with spectrum $\lambda = (\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ is SAS if

$$\min_{\substack{\lambda_B \\ B \in \mathcal{B}_3}} P_{LB}(y_L; \lambda_B) = \min_{\substack{\lambda_B \\ B \in \mathcal{B}_3}} f + \sum_{L=1}^2 \left[g_L \lambda_B \mathbf{t}_L^T + h_L \left(\lambda_B \mathbf{t}_L^T \right)^2 \right] \geq 0$$

for some $y_2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ and

$$f = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{12}{35} y_2 \left(\text{Tr}(\rho^2) - \frac{1}{3} \right),$$

$$(g_1, g_2) = \left(\sqrt{2}, 5\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \right), \quad (h_1, h_2) = \frac{6}{35} (2y_2, 5y_2),$$

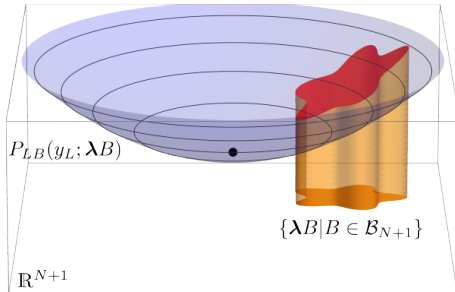
$$\mathbf{t}_L = (C_{11,1-1}^{L0}, -C_{10,10}^{L0}, C_{1-1,11}^{L0}),$$

Instead of jabbering math, let us see a video.

A ball of SAS states detected by the $\mathcal{W}_2(\{y_L\})$ witnesses

$$\min_{\substack{\lambda_B \\ B \in \mathcal{B}_{N+1}}} P_{LB}(y_L; \lambda B) \geq \min_{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{N+1}} P_{LB}(y_L; \mathbf{v}) \geq 0.$$

A function that depends only in the purity of the state $\text{Tr}(\rho^2)$.
 Moreover, we can maximize the purity attained over the $\{y_L\}$ variables.



\mathcal{W}_3 : A symmetric N -qubit state ρ is SAS if

$$r^2 \leq \frac{1}{(2j+1)^2} \left(\sum_{L=1}^{2j} \frac{g_L^2}{1 - 2\Theta(L-j) \frac{F(L,0)}{F(L,1)}} \right)^{-1},$$

where $r^2 \equiv \|\rho - \rho_0\|_{\text{HS}}^2 = \text{Tr}(\rho^2) - (N+1)^{-1}$.

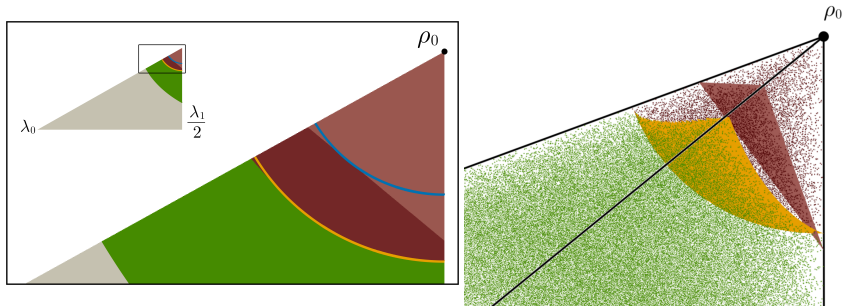
SAS witnesses for symmetric N -qubit states

[ESE, Denis, Martin (2024)]

Number of qubits $N = 2j$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Witness } \mathcal{W}_1 \\ \text{Witness } \mathcal{W}_3 \end{array} \right.$
2	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda(-3, 1, 3)^T \geq 0 \\ r^2 \leq \frac{1}{78} \approx 0.01282 \end{array} \right.$
3	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda(-6, -1, 4, 4)^T \geq 0 \\ r^2 \leq \frac{1}{354} \approx 0.002825 \end{array} \right.$
4	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda(-10, -5, 1, 5, 10)^T \geq 0 \\ r^2 \leq \frac{11}{25390} \approx 0.0004332 \end{array} \right.$
5	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda(-15, -15, -1, 6, 6, 20)^T \geq 0 \\ r^2 \leq \frac{1595}{16058598} \approx 0.00009932 \end{array} \right.$

Table: SAS witnesses \mathcal{W}_1 and \mathcal{W}_3 for a state with eigenspectrum $\lambda = (\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_N)$ sorted in descending order $\lambda_0 \geq \lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_N$.

Set of SAS states \mathcal{S}_k witnessed by \mathcal{W}_k in $N = 2, 3$



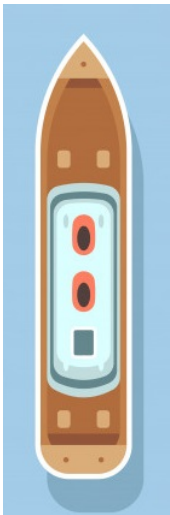
Dark Brown = $\mathcal{S}_2(\{y_L\})$
Light Brown = \mathcal{S}_1

Orange surface = Bound of \mathcal{S}_3
Blue surface = Bound of \mathcal{S}
[Bohnet-Waldruff, Giraud, Braun
(2017)]

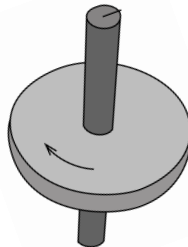
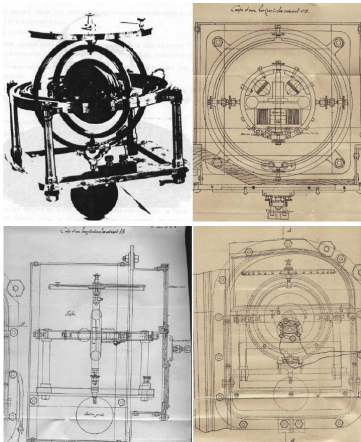
Green = Unwitnessed SAS states by \mathcal{W}_k

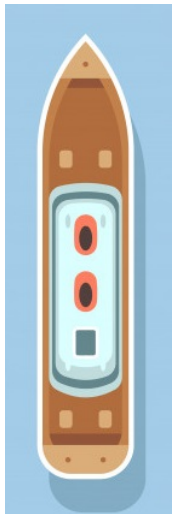
Optimal quantum rotosensors with mixed states

Metrology: The science of measurements



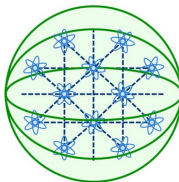
How can we measure a rotation on a boat in the sea?





Which states of a quantum system could measure a rotation? *Quantum rotosensors*

Quantum System



Which is the optimal state of a quantum system to measure an infinitesimal rotation over an arbitrary axis? *Optimal quantum rotosensors* [Hernández-Coronado, Chryssomalakos (2017)]

Optimal quantum rotosensors

Quantum Fisher information (QFI) [Braunstein and Caves (1994)]

Initial state: $|\psi\rangle$ Final state: $e^{-i\theta S_n}|\psi\rangle$

Uhlmann-Jozsa Fidelity (Bures distance):

$$F(\rho_i, \rho_f) = \text{Tr}(\sqrt{\sqrt{\rho_i}\rho_f\sqrt{\rho_i}}), \text{ Pure case } F = |\langle\psi|e^{-i\theta S_n}|\psi\rangle|^2$$

Fidelity of an infinitesimal rotation (QFI)

$$QFI_{J_n}(|\psi\rangle) = g_{FS}(V_n, V_n) = \langle\Delta J_n\rangle^2 = \langle\psi|J_n^2|\psi\rangle - \langle\psi|J_n|\psi\rangle^2.$$

$$QFI_{J_n}(\rho) = g_B(V_n, V_n) = \text{Tr}(\rho J_n^2) - 2 \sum_{l,m=1}^k \frac{\lambda_l \lambda_m}{\lambda_l + \lambda_m} |\langle\psi_l|J_n|\psi_m\rangle|^2.$$

Quantum Cramer-Rao bound

$$\text{Var}[\theta] \geq QFI_{J_z}(\rho)^{-1}.$$

Therefore, an *optimal quantum rotosensor over a fixed axis* maximizes $QFI_{J_z}(\rho)$.

Averaged Quantum Cramer-Rao bound

$$\overline{\text{Var}[\theta]} \geq \overline{QFI_{J_n}(\rho)^{-1}} = \int_{S^2} \frac{1}{QFI_{J_n}(\rho)} d\mathbf{n},$$

By the Jensen inequality,

$$\overline{\text{Var}[\theta]} \geq \overline{QFI_{J_n}(\rho)^{-1}} \geq \overline{QFI_{J_n}(\rho)}^{-1},$$

Hence, the conditions to minimize the r.h.s. of the Q Cramer Rao bound are

- Maximize $\overline{QFI_{J_n}(\rho)}$
- Saturate the Jensen Inequality $\Rightarrow QFI_{J_n}(\rho)$ independent of \mathbf{n}

Anticoherence (AC)

- ρ is 1-AC if $\langle \psi | \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{J} | \psi \rangle = 0$
- ρ is 2-AC if $\langle \psi | \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{J} | \psi \rangle = 0$ and $\langle \psi | (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{J})^2 | \psi \rangle = j(j+1)/3$

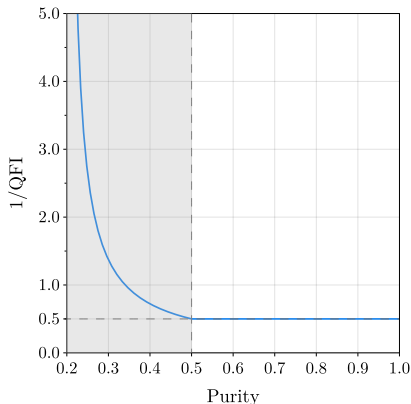
	Pure states $ \psi\rangle$	Mixed states ρ
ρ maximizes $QFI_{\mathbf{n}}(\rho)$	$ \psi\rangle$ is 1-AC	$\text{im}(\rho)$ is a 1-AC subspace
$QFI_{\mathbf{n}}(\rho)$ is independent of \mathbf{n}	$ \psi\rangle$ is 2-AC	ρ is 2-AC

In both cases, the maximum estimation to measure a rotation has variance equal to

$$\overline{\text{Var}[\theta]} \geq 3/j(j+1).$$

Pure case [Goldberg, James (2017)]

Mixed case [ESE, C. Chryssomalakos, J. Martin (2024)]



$$\rho(\xi) = \begin{cases} \xi\rho_{\psi_1} + (1-\xi)\rho_{\psi_2}, & \xi \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \\ \left(\frac{5\xi-1}{3}\right)(\rho_{\psi_1} + \rho_{\psi_2}) + \left(\frac{1-2\xi}{3}\right)\mathbb{1}, & \xi \in [\frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{2}] \end{cases},$$

Maximum entanglement (negativity) over the unitary orbit for $N = 2, 3$

ESE and John Martin, SciPost Phys. **15**, 120 (2023)

SAS witnesses in terms of the spectrum
of the symmetric N -qubit states

ESE, Jérôme Denis and John Martin, PRA **109**, 022430 (2024)

Optimal quantum roto-sensors with mixed states

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Thank you very much for your attention!

Overview of the proof

Maximum entanglement in $\mathcal{H}_2^{\otimes 2}$ [Verstraete et al (2001)]

Observation 1
$$\mathcal{N}(\rho) = -2 \sum_{\Lambda_k < 0} \Lambda_k = -2(0, \Lambda_{\min}),$$

Observation 2
$$\min_{U \in SU(4)} \Lambda_{\min} = \min_{U \in SU(4)} \min_{|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_2^{\otimes 2}} \text{Tr} \left[\rho U^\dagger (|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|)^{T_A} U \right]$$

Observation 3
$$\min_{U \in SU(4)} \Lambda_{\min} = \min_{V \in SU(4)} \min_{\alpha \in [0, \pi]} \text{Tr} \left[\rho V D V^\dagger \right]$$

$$\left(\rho_{jk} = \lambda_j \delta_{jk}, D_{jk} = \sigma_j(\alpha) \delta_{jk} \right) = \min_{B \in \mathcal{U}} \min_{\alpha \in [0, \pi]} \lambda^T B \sigma,$$

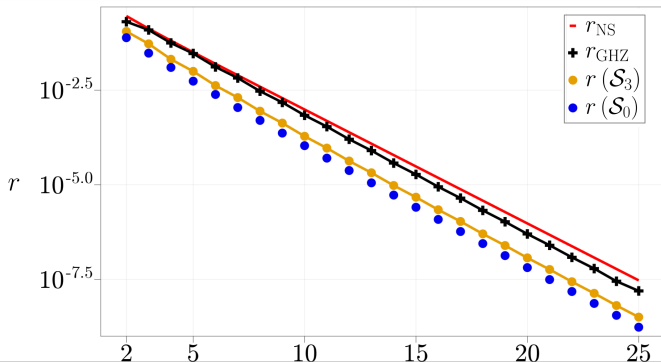
B an unistochastic matrix, $B \in \mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{B}$.

Observation 4 (Birkhoff's Theorem)

Permutations matrices achieve extremal values of a convex function $f(B)$

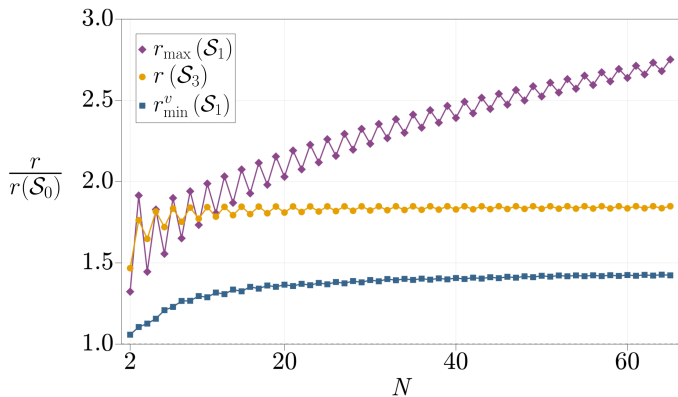
$$\min_{U \in SU(4)} \Lambda_{\min} = \min_{\Pi \in \mathcal{S}_3} \min_{\alpha} \sum_{j=1}^4 \lambda^T \Pi \sigma.$$

Comparison between the SAS witnesses



Comparison between the maximal distances of several sets of SAS states. The black crosses are defined by the furthest away SAS state in the ray ρ_0 and the GHZ pure state, with distance r_{GHZ} . The red line shows the radius $r_{\text{NS}} = (2^N(2^N - 1))^{-1/2}$ of the largest ball containing only AS states in the full Hilbert space [Gurvits and Barnum (2002)].

Comparison between the SAS witnesses



Distances $r_{\max}(\mathcal{S}_1)$ (purple), $r_{\min}^v(\mathcal{S}_1)$ (blue) and $r(\mathcal{S}_3)$ (orange), rescaled by the distance of the witness $r(\mathcal{S}_0)$.