

# Quantification of multipartite entanglement as a resource and the role of measurement processes for multiqubit systems

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- For example:- what do we mean by a maximally entangled state in a multiqubit system?

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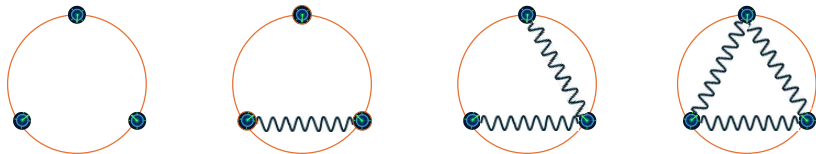
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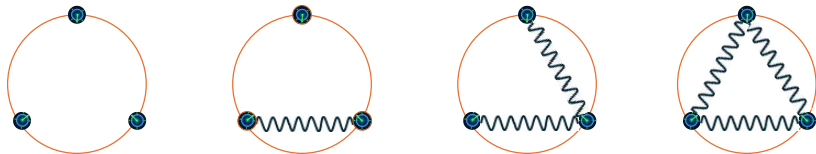


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$$|W\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |100 + 010 + 001\rangle,$$


$$|\psi\rangle_{ABC} = \lambda_0 |000\rangle + \lambda_1 e^{i\phi} |100\rangle + \lambda_2 |101\rangle + \lambda_3 |110\rangle + \lambda_4 |111\rangle.$$

Thus we observe different kind of entanglement behaviour exists starting from three qubit systems.

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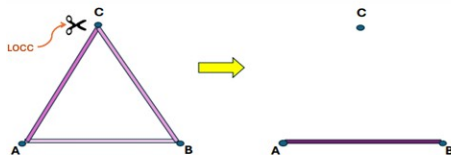


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- For any pure three-qubit state  $|\psi\rangle_{ABC}$ , its VoA is given by

$$\overline{C}_3(|\psi\rangle) = \sqrt[3]{C_A^a(|\psi\rangle) \cdot C_B^a(|\psi\rangle) \cdot C_C^a(|\psi\rangle)}$$

where  $C_A^a$ ,  $C_B^a$  and  $C_C^a$  denotes the CoA with respect to the corresponding local parties.

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- Fortunately, for three-qubit systems, there is a closed form analytical expression of CoA defined by

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where  $\tilde{\rho}_{AB} = \sigma_y \otimes \sigma_y \rho_{AB}^* \sigma_y \otimes \sigma_y$  ( $\rho_{AB}^*$  being the complex conjugate of  $\rho_{AB}$ ) and  $F(\rho_{AB}, \tilde{\rho}_{AB}) = \text{Tr} \sqrt{\rho_{AB}^{1/2} \tilde{\rho}_{AB} \rho_{AB}^{1/2}}$  is the fidelity between  $\rho_{AB}$  and  $\tilde{\rho}_{AB}$ . Thus it makes CoA a computable, tripartite entanglement monotone for pure tripartite states.

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$$\mathcal{M}_{ABC} = \min\{\mathcal{C}_{A'B'}, \mathcal{C}_{A'C'}, \mathcal{C}_{B'C'}\}$$

where  $\mathcal{C}_{A'B'} = \sqrt{\mathcal{C}_{AB}^2 + \tau_{ABC}}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_{A'C'} = \sqrt{\mathcal{C}_{AC}^2 + \tau_{ABC}}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{B'C'} = \sqrt{\mathcal{C}_{BC}^2 + \tau_{ABC}}$  are called the pairwise concurrences of the respective bipartitions.  $\tau_{ABC}$  is the three-tangle of the corresponding three-qubit pure state defined by  $\tau_{ABC} = \mathcal{C}_{A|BC}^2 - \mathcal{C}_{AB}^2 - \mathcal{C}_{AC}^2$ .

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- One of the essential use of multipartite entanglement is in creating singlets at a later time. In our work, we have taken this phenomena into account and introduce VoA as a bonafide measure of multipartite entanglement.

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- It turns out no real(?) operation can distinguish them with any finite probability<sup>5</sup>.

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- A state is non-real or imaginary if it can be written as:

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where  $c_i \in \mathbb{C}$  ( $\mathbb{C}$  being the set of complex numbers) satisfying  $\sum_i |c_i|^2 = 1$ , with at least one  $j$  such that  $\text{Im}\{c_j\} \neq 0$ .

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- Like resource theory of entanglement or coherence, maximal imaginary state exists and is given by :

$$|\hat{+}\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle + i|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . Note that the state  $|\hat{+}\rangle$  can also be converted into  $|\hat{-}\rangle = (|0\rangle - i|1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$  by a real orthogonal matrix. The state  $|\hat{-}\rangle$  is in fact also maximally resourceful.

- To quantify imaginarity, there are several measures of imaginarity like 'Robustness of Imaginarity', 'Geometric Imaginarity' etc. However, we will only consider 'Robustness of Imaginarity' (Rol) in our work.

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- But if we use the maximally imaginary basis, we can let go of the dependence on the parameters and therefore, establishes a clear advantage over the real basis.

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- Again consider a subclass of the slice state:

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satisfying  $a, b \geq 0$  and  $a^2 + 2b^2 = 1$ .

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- The genuinely entangled state will be created among three parties who initially shares a bipartite pure entangled state of the form:  $|\phi\rangle = \sqrt{\phi_0} |00\rangle + \sqrt{\phi_1} |11\rangle$  with  $\phi_0 > \phi_1 > 0$  and  $\phi_0 + \phi_1 = 1$ .

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- Using this basis results in a yield  $E_{2,GHZ}^{i|j} = 2\phi_1^2(\phi_1 + 3\phi_0)$  where  $i, j \in \{A, B, C\}$ .



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- But here we consider another imaginary basis:

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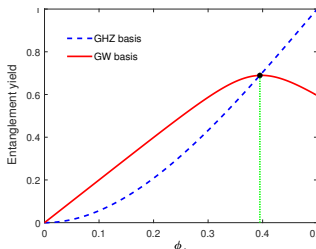


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where  $\omega$  is the cube root of unity and  $\alpha$  is the fifth root of unity. We call it the GW basis.

- This results in the entanglement yield:

$$E_{2,GW}^{A|B} = 1 - \phi_0^2 \phi_1 - \sqrt{(\phi_0^3 + \phi_1^3 + 3\phi_0 \phi_1^2)^2 - 4\phi_0^2 \phi_1^2 (2 - 3\phi_0 \phi_1)}$$



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- One can see that the GW basis always yields higher than the GHZ basis whenever  $0 \leq \phi_1 \leq 0.39493$ .
- The GW-basis looks fairly asymmetric. However, the singlet conversion probability for all the basis states are identical irrespective of the parties, *i.e.*,

$$E_2^{A|B}(|\psi\rangle) = E_2^{A|C}(|\psi\rangle) = E_2^{B|C}(|\psi\rangle), \forall |\psi\rangle \in \{|G_i\rangle, |W_j\rangle : i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; j = 1, 2, 3\}$$

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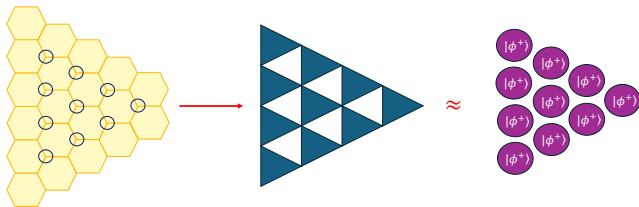


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- Consider an entanglement percolation scenario where the goal is to lower the requirement of entanglement for percolation by converting lattices.

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- Specifically we consider<sup>6,7</sup> where a honeycomb or hexagonal lattice is converted into triangular lattices so that the percolation threshold probability is lower.
- It has been shown that swapping in GHZ basis does not result in any improvement in the requirement of entanglement. However, the requirement can be reduced by 0.1 ebit or 10.6% by measuring in GW-basis.
- Finally, we do not know whether the GW basis is optimal. However, We searched numerically and could not find any other basis that performs better than GW basis.

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# Summary

- We observe that structure of multipartite system is quite different from that of bipartite system.
- A new measure (VoA) is formed that proves in certain cases to be more robust than others.
  - The role of measurement with a real or imaginary basis is an important issue to deal with multipartite systems.

Thank you