



# Characterizing Entanglement from Correlations: The Multi-partite case

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# Outline

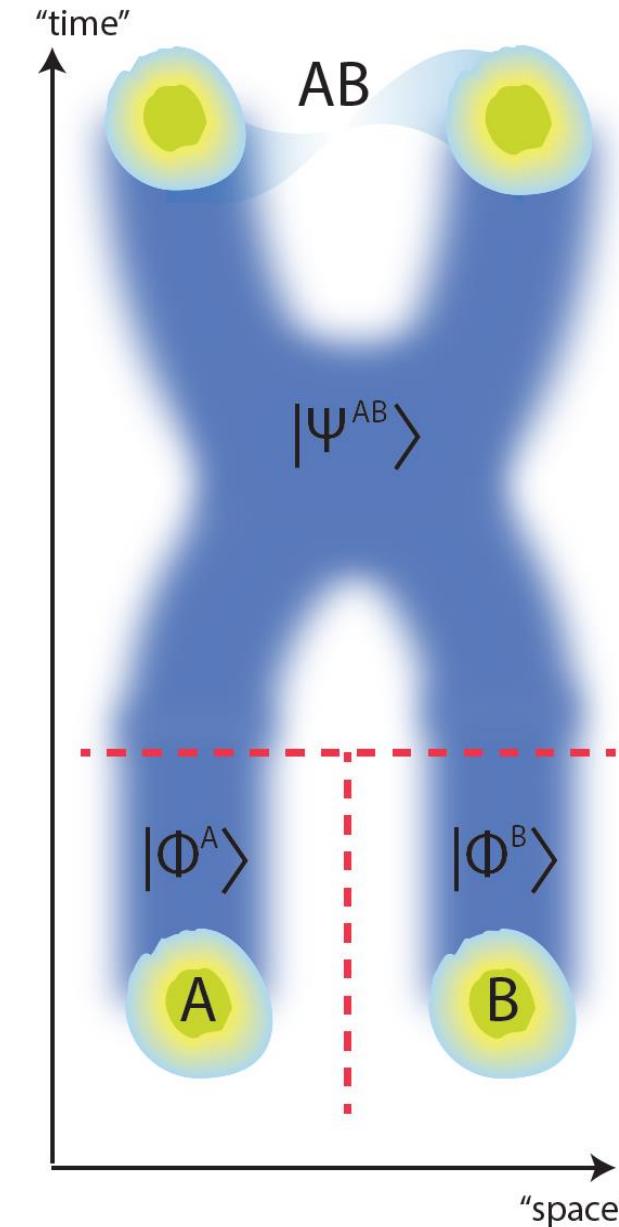
- What is quantum entanglement?
- What makes 3-party entanglement special?
- Measuring entanglement from correlations
- Measures of three party entanglement
  - Residual vs resource measures
- Our method of quantifying three-party entanglement from correlations
- The entanglement-correlation connection

# The Nature of Entanglement

# What is entanglement?

(It's more the rule than the exception)

- What isn't entangled?
  - Independent particles
    - $|\psi_{ABC}\rangle = |\psi_A\rangle \otimes |\psi_B\rangle \otimes |\psi_C\rangle$
  - Classically correlated states
    - $\hat{\rho}_{ABC} = \sum_i p_i (\hat{\rho}_{Ai} \otimes \hat{\rho}_{Bi} \otimes \hat{\rho}_{Ci})$
- Everything not separable like this is entangled
- Where does entanglement come from?
  - Interactions between parties
  - Generation of entangled particles
- What is entanglement good for:
  - The speedup in quantum computation
  - The secrecy of correlations
  - Enhanced Measurement

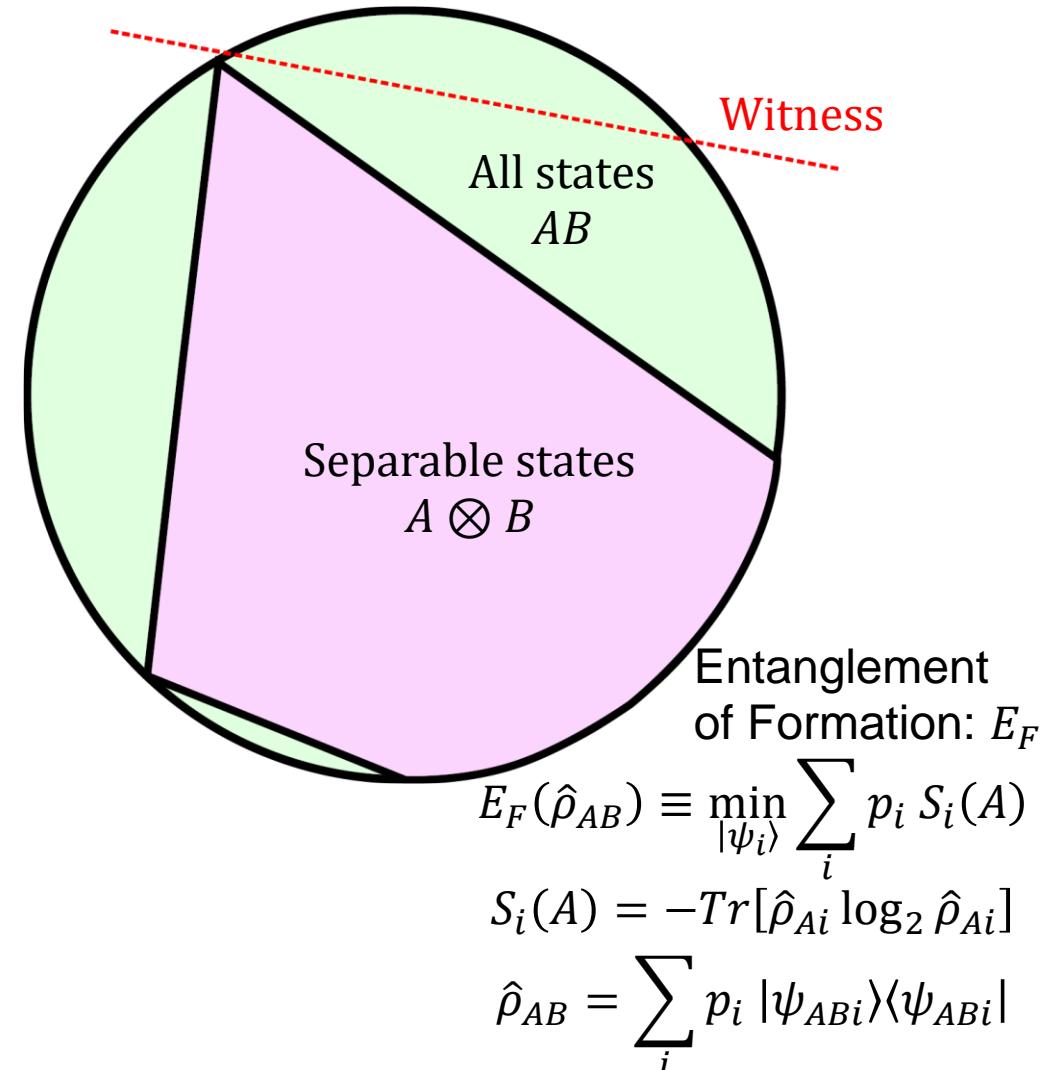


# Entanglement between two parties

Entanglement is not *just* a yes or no question

Some states are more entangled than others

- Entanglement measures:
  - Geometric:
    - Degree of divergence/distance from separable states
  - Resource-based:
    - Unit of two-party entanglement is the **ebit**, entangled bit or two-qubit Bell state
    - How many ebits do you need to make a state  $|\psi\rangle$  along with local operations and classical communication (LOCC)?
      - How many ebits can you distill out of  $|\psi\rangle$ ?
- Entanglement witnesses:
  - Things that all separable states do
    - E.g., obey Bell inequalities



# Entanglement between three or more parties

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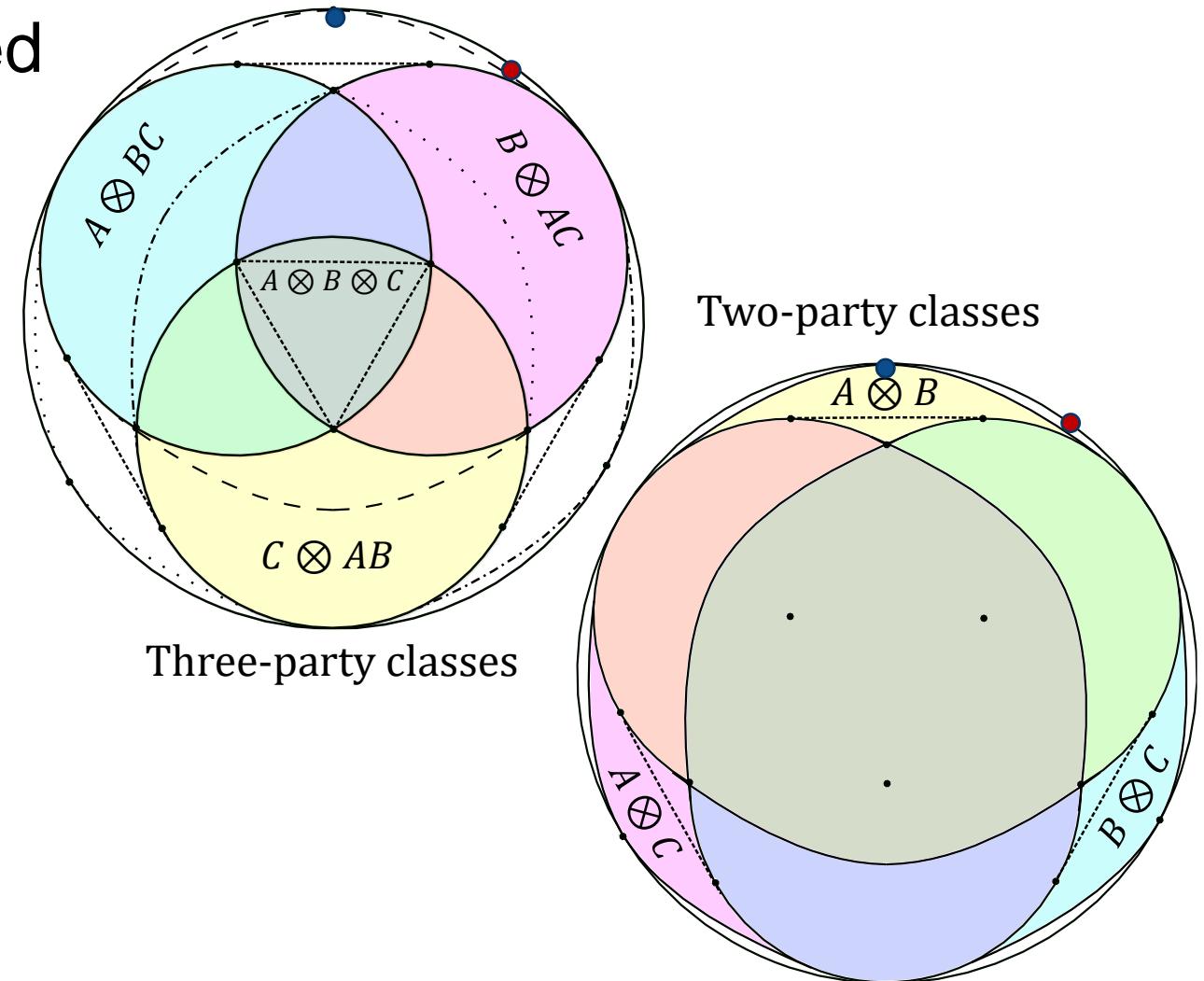
- Some states are entangled differently than others

- Example:

- $|GHZ\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0,0,0\rangle + |1,1,1\rangle)$

- $|W\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|0,0,1\rangle + |0,1,0\rangle + |1,0,0\rangle)$

- Multiple forms of separability mean multiple forms of entanglement:



# Entanglement between three or more parties

Example: Classes of three-party states

- Fully separable:

$$\hat{\rho}_{ABC} = \hat{\rho}_{A \otimes B \otimes C} = \sum_i p_i (\hat{\rho}_{Ai} \otimes \hat{\rho}_{Bi} \otimes \hat{\rho}_{Ci})$$

- Bi-separable (3 possible ways):

$$\hat{\rho}_{ABC} = \hat{\rho}_{A \otimes BC} = \sum_i p_i (\hat{\rho}_{Ai} \otimes \hat{\rho}_{BCi}) \neq \hat{\rho}_{A \otimes B \otimes C}$$

- Fully Inseparable:

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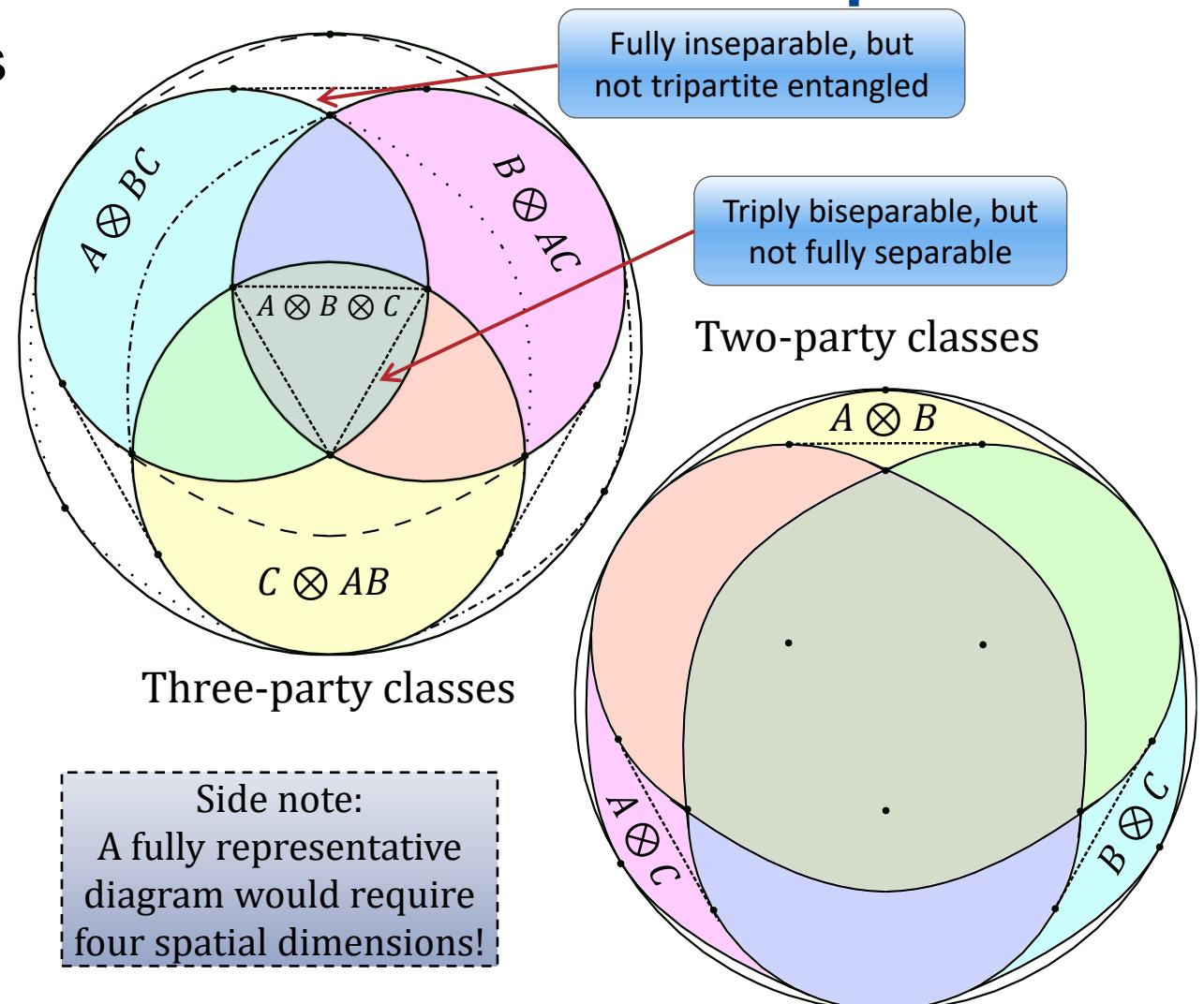
- Genuine tripartite-entangled

$$\hat{\rho}_{ABC} \neq p \hat{\rho}_{A \otimes BC} + q \hat{\rho}_{B \otimes AC} + r \hat{\rho}_{C \otimes AB} + s \hat{\rho}_{A \otimes B \otimes C}$$

$$(p, q, r, s) \geq 0$$

$$p + q + r + s = 1$$

(So  $\hat{\rho}_{ABC}$  is genuinely tripartite entangled iff it can't be derived from any combination of biseparable states)



# Measuring Entanglement

# How do we measure entanglement?

Problems with the direct approach:

- Full state tomography is completely impractical at high-dimension / many qubits
  - An N-qubit system needs  $4^N - 1$  measurements to completely determine the state:
    - A two-qubit system requires 15 measurements
    - A 12-qubit system requires over  $1.6 \times 10^7$  measurements
    - A 52-qubit system requires over  $2 \times 10^{31}$  measurements
      - Note:  $2 \times 10^{31}$  is larger than the number of silicon atoms in the world's largest supercomputer!
      - Also:  $2 \times 10^{31}$  (32-bit) floating point numbers is over 80 trillion exabytes
- Computing entanglement measures is NP-hard
  - Completely intractable at high-dimension
    - This happens well before tomography becomes impractical

# Measuring Entanglement with Correlations

Solutions:

- Quantitative Entanglement witnesses:
  - Witnesses a minimum nonzero amount of entanglement

Bounding entanglement through correlations:

- Two-party entanglement from entropic uncertainty:

$$H(Q_A) + H(R_A) \geq \log(\Omega)$$

$$H(Q_A|\lambda) + H(R_A|\lambda) \geq \log(\Omega)$$

Separable states:  $H(Q_A|Q_B) + H(R_A|R_B) \geq \log(\Omega)$

All states:  $H(Q_A|Q_B) + H(R_A|R_B) \geq 0$

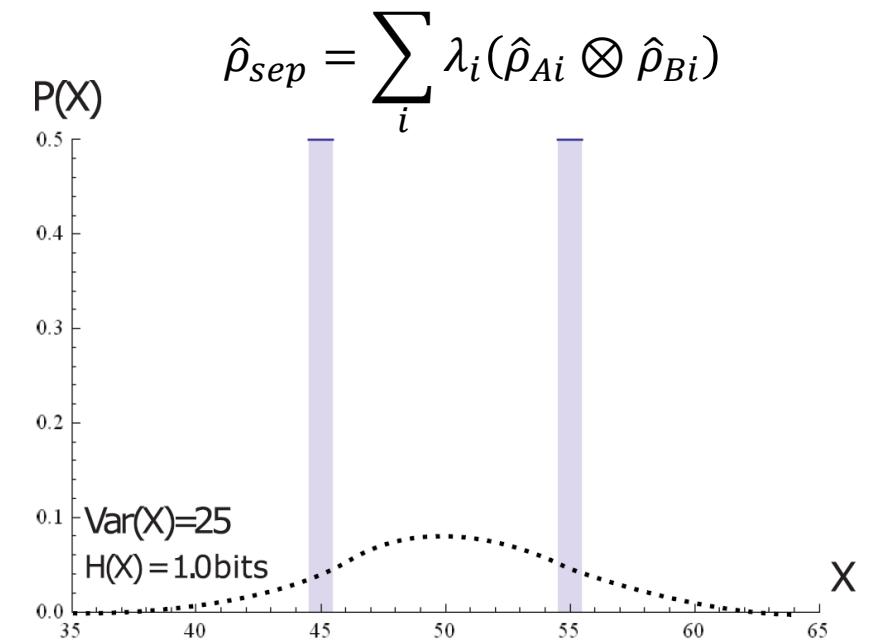
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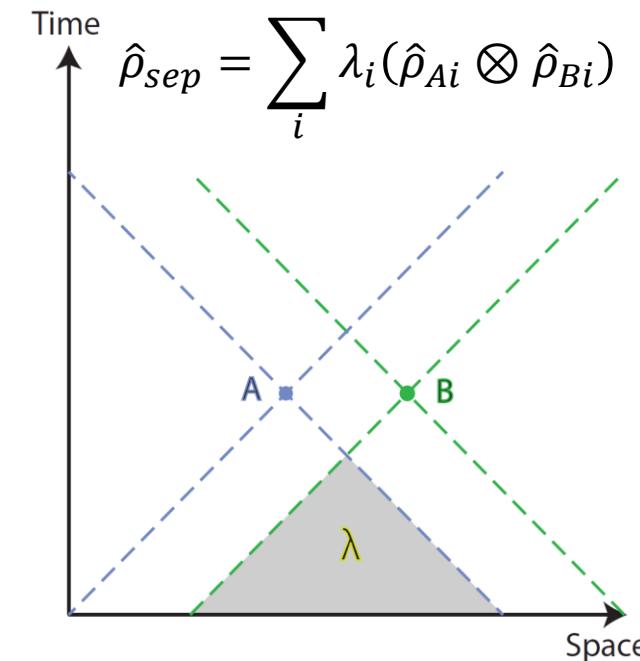
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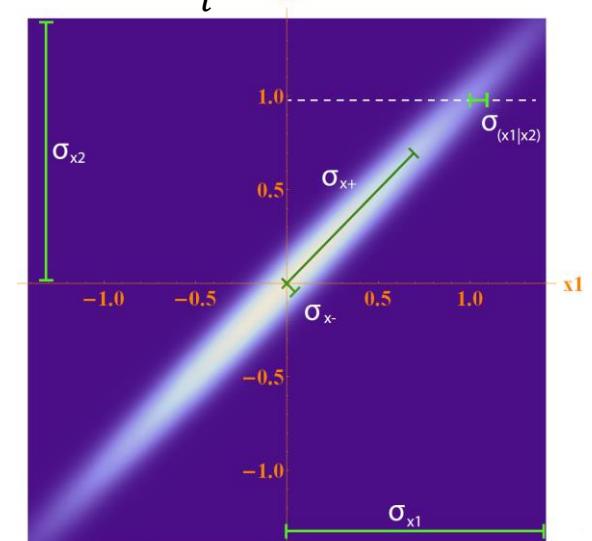
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$$\{E_F, E_{RE}, E_{SQ}\} \geq \max\{0, -S(A|B), -S(B|A)\}$$

$$E_D \geq \max \left\{ 0, \frac{-S(A|B) - S(B|A)}{2} \right\}$$

$$H(Q) = - \sum_i P(q_i) \log(p(q_i))$$

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$$S(A) = -\text{Tr}[\hat{\rho}_A \log(\hat{\rho}_A)]$$

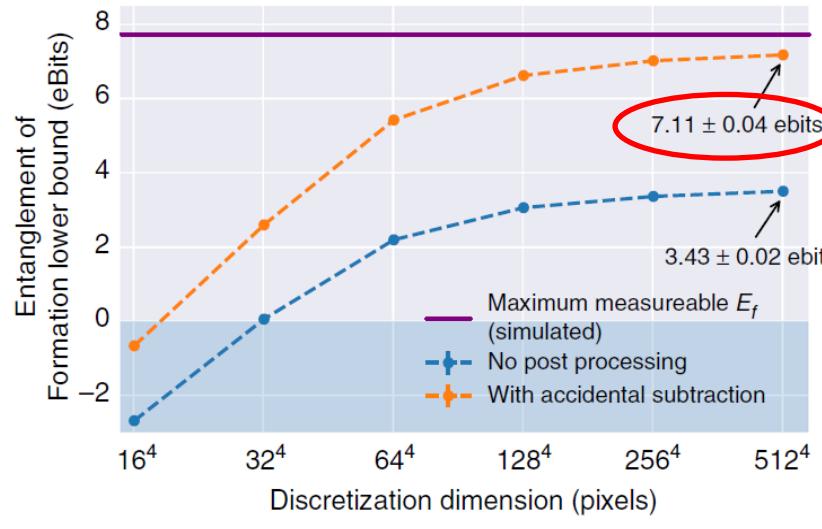
$$S(A|B) = S(AB) - S(B)$$

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# Measuring Entanglement with Correlations

This can be a very successful approach! (currently Record-setting)



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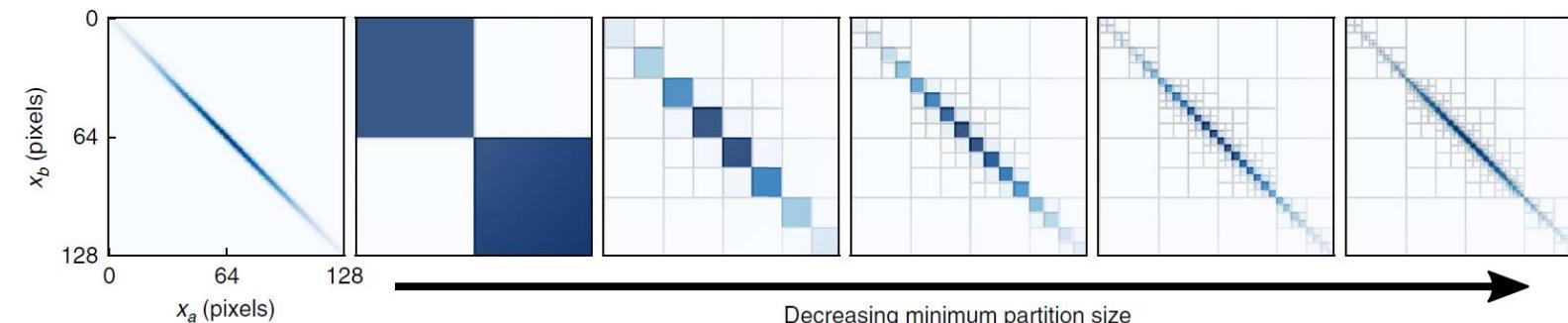
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Quantifying entanglement in a 68-billion-dimensional quantum state space

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- Measured position and momentum correlations of entangled down-converted photon pairs
- Course graining never over-estimates bound
- Needed only 6456 measurements of 68-billion-dimensional state space



From two parties  
to three

# Measures of Three-Party Entanglement

Standard Approach: Residual entanglement

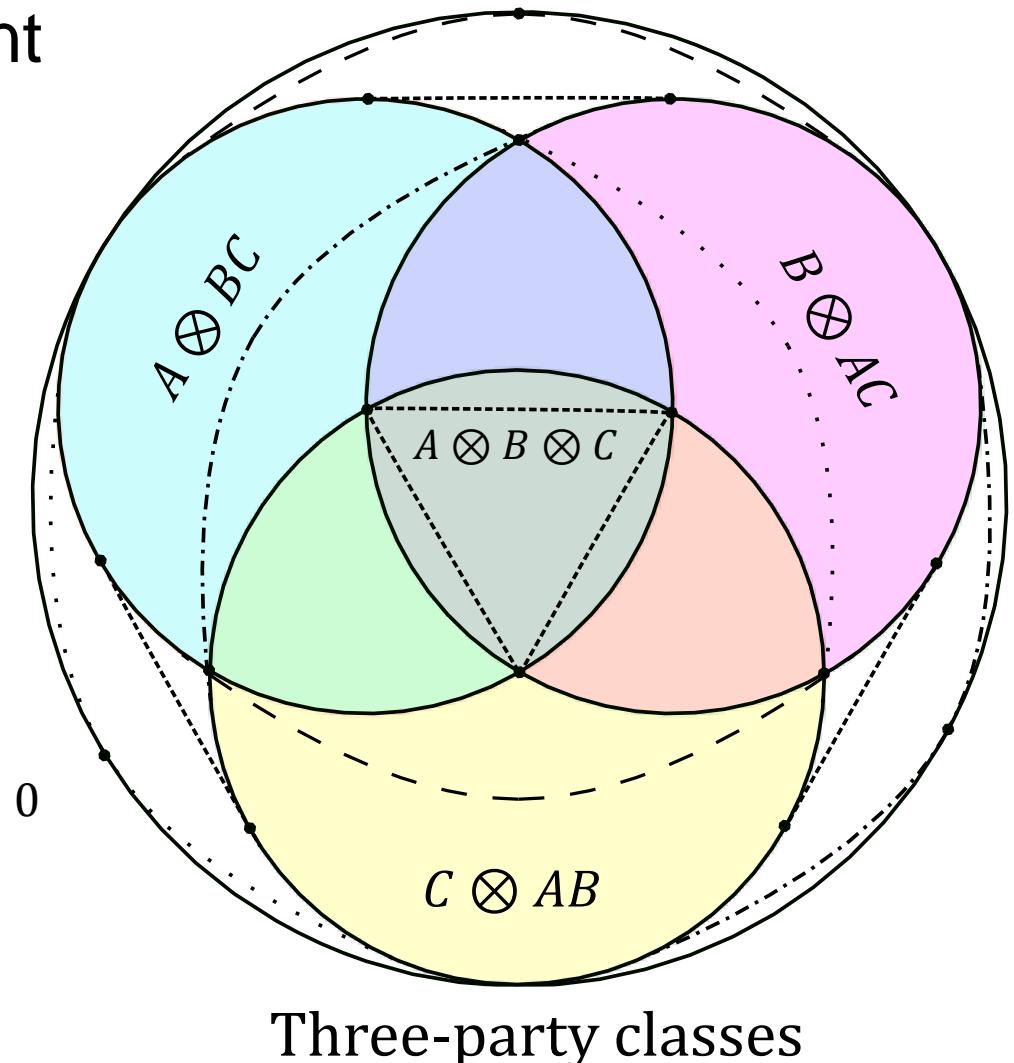
- The entanglement left over when you take away all two-party entanglement

$$\tau_{ABC} \equiv E(A:BC) - E(A:B) - E(A:C)$$

(the three-tangle)

The underlying idea:

- Any entangled three-party state without any two-party entanglement, must be tri-partite entangled.
  - Demonstrably true for pure states.
    - Pure state:  $S(ABC) = 0$ ...
    - No 2-party entanglement:  $\{S(A|B), S(B|C), S(C|A)\} \geq 0$
    - Together shows:  $S(A) = S(B) = S(C)$
    - Giving result either  $|\psi\rangle_{ABC} = |\mu\rangle_A \otimes |\nu\rangle_B \otimes |\phi\rangle_C$   
or  $\{S(A|BC), S(B|AC), S(C|AB)\} < 0$



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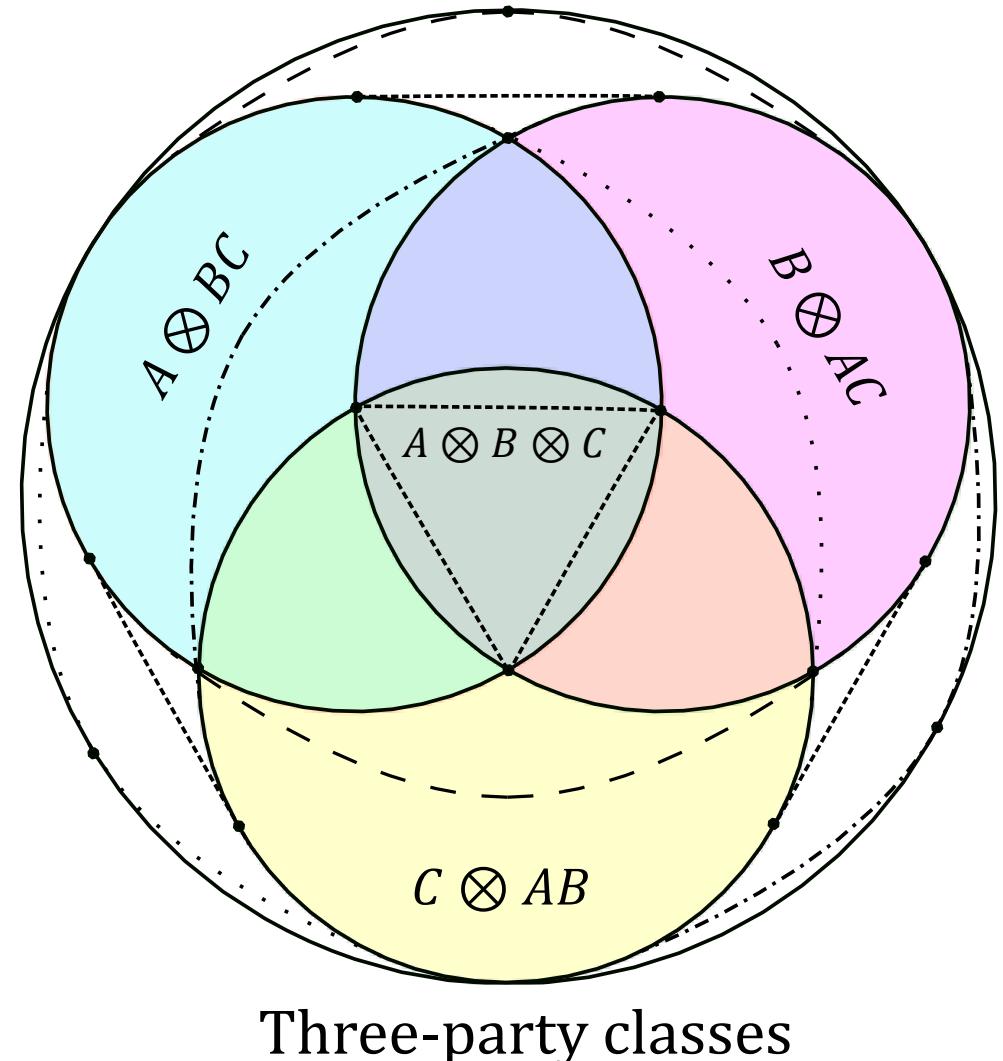
## Issues with Residual entanglement

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The underlying idea:

- Any entangled three-party state without any two-party entanglement, must be tri-partite entangled.
    - True **only** for pure states.
      - Counter-example mixed state:
- $$\hat{\rho}_{ABC} = \frac{1}{3}(|\Phi^+\rangle\langle\Phi^+|_{AB} \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|_C + |\Phi^+\rangle\langle\Phi^+|_{AC} \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|_B + |\Phi^+\rangle\langle\Phi^+|_{BC} \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|_A)$$
- Biseparable (by construction)
  - No two-party entanglement
  - Is entangled (across all three bipartitions)
- Only valid for some entanglement measures
  - Not additive :  $\tau_{ABC}(\hat{\rho} \otimes \hat{\sigma}) \neq \tau_{ABC}(\hat{\rho}) + \tau_{ABC}(\hat{\sigma})$
  - Zero for some tripartite-entangled states (e.g.,  $|W\rangle\langle W|$ )

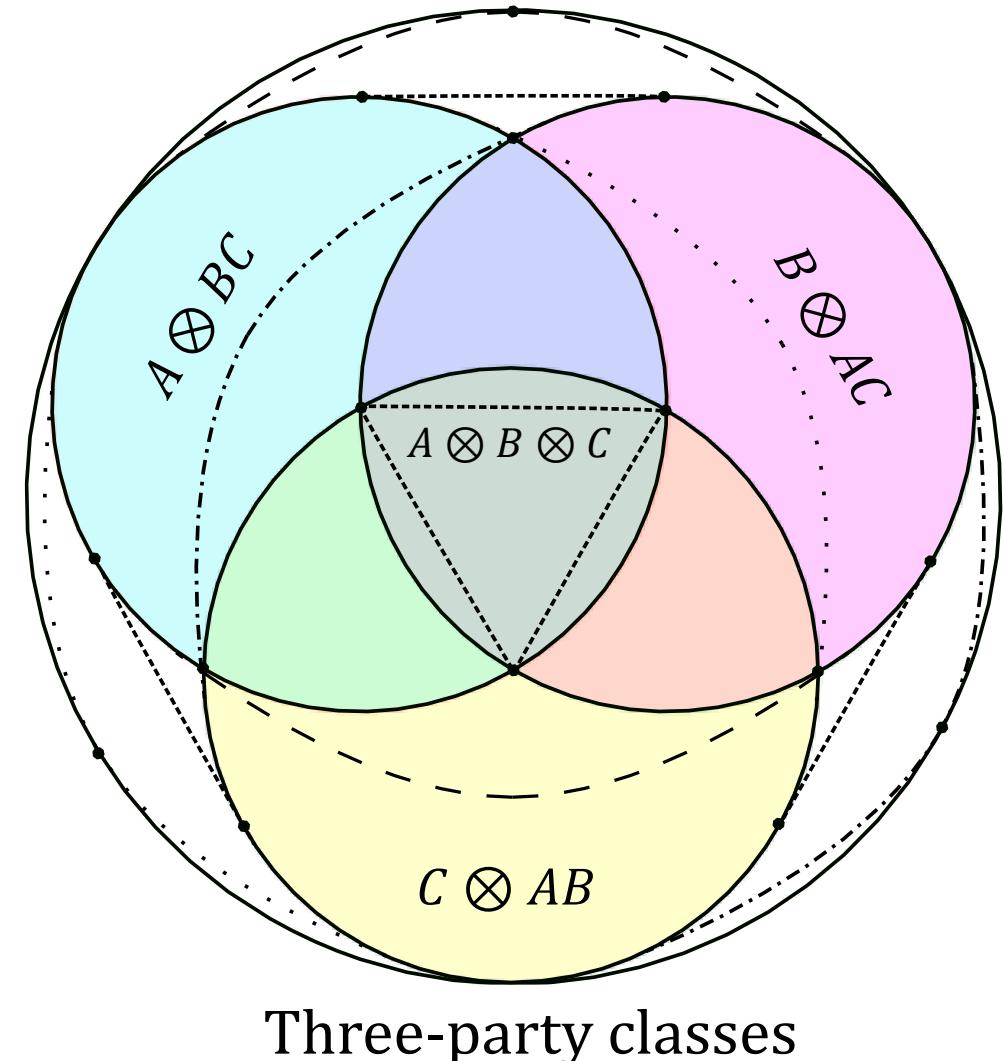


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## The Tripartite entanglement of formation

$$E_{3F}(\hat{\rho}_{ABC}) \equiv \min_{|\psi_i\rangle} \sum_i p_i \min\{S_i(A), S_i(B), S_i(C)\}$$

- Zero iff  $\hat{\rho}_{ABC}$  is biseparable
- Monotonically decreases under LOCC
- Additive on tensor products of pure states
  - Can compare tripartite entanglement in a few high-dimensional systems to that in many low dimensional systems
  - New unit of multi-partite entanglement: the three-party **gebit**, or 3-qubit GHZ state
- Straightforward to compute for pure states
- Straightforward to bound for mixed states



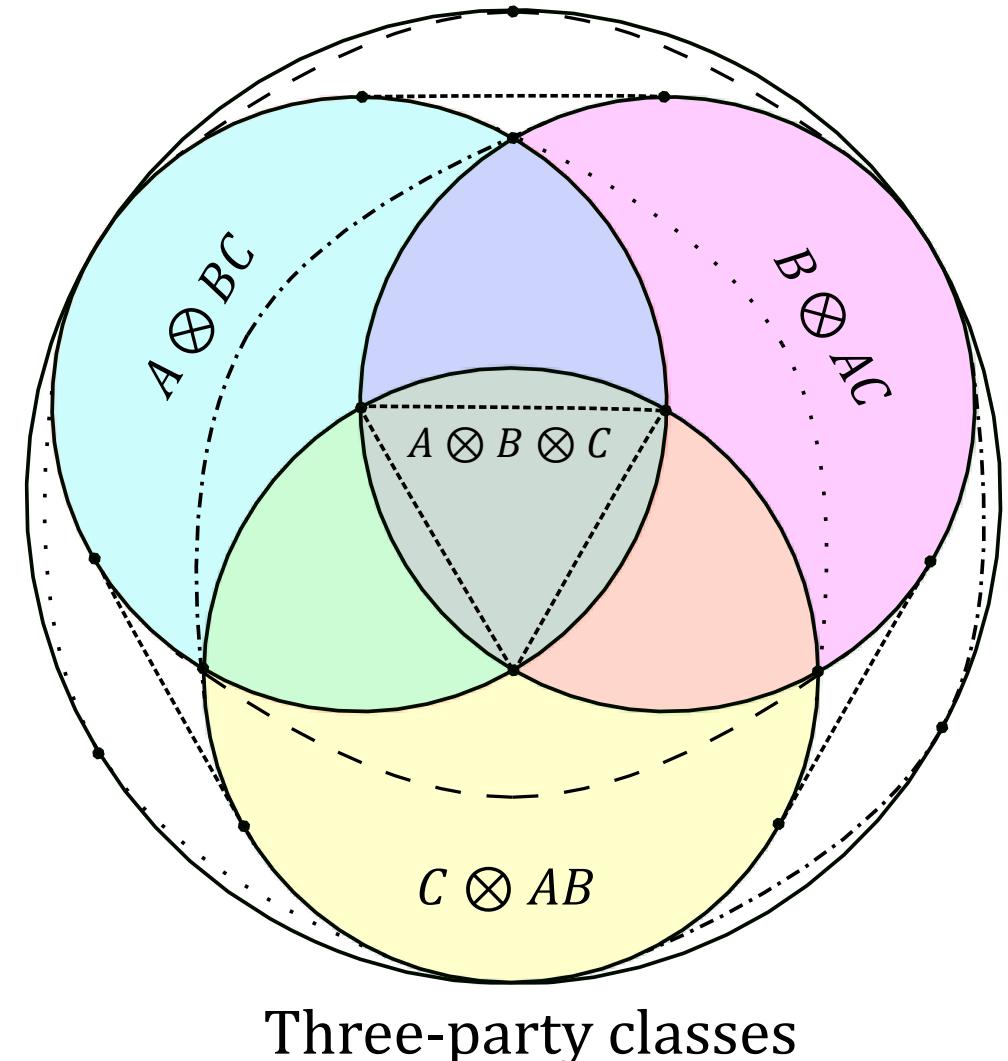
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Fundamental issues with gebits:

- There's no known set of entangled states that can synthesize all three-party states with LOCC
- The underlying protocol needs rigor
  - Are we saying we need this many gebits along with other resources to make the state?
  - What about distillability?



# Bounding Three-Party Entanglement

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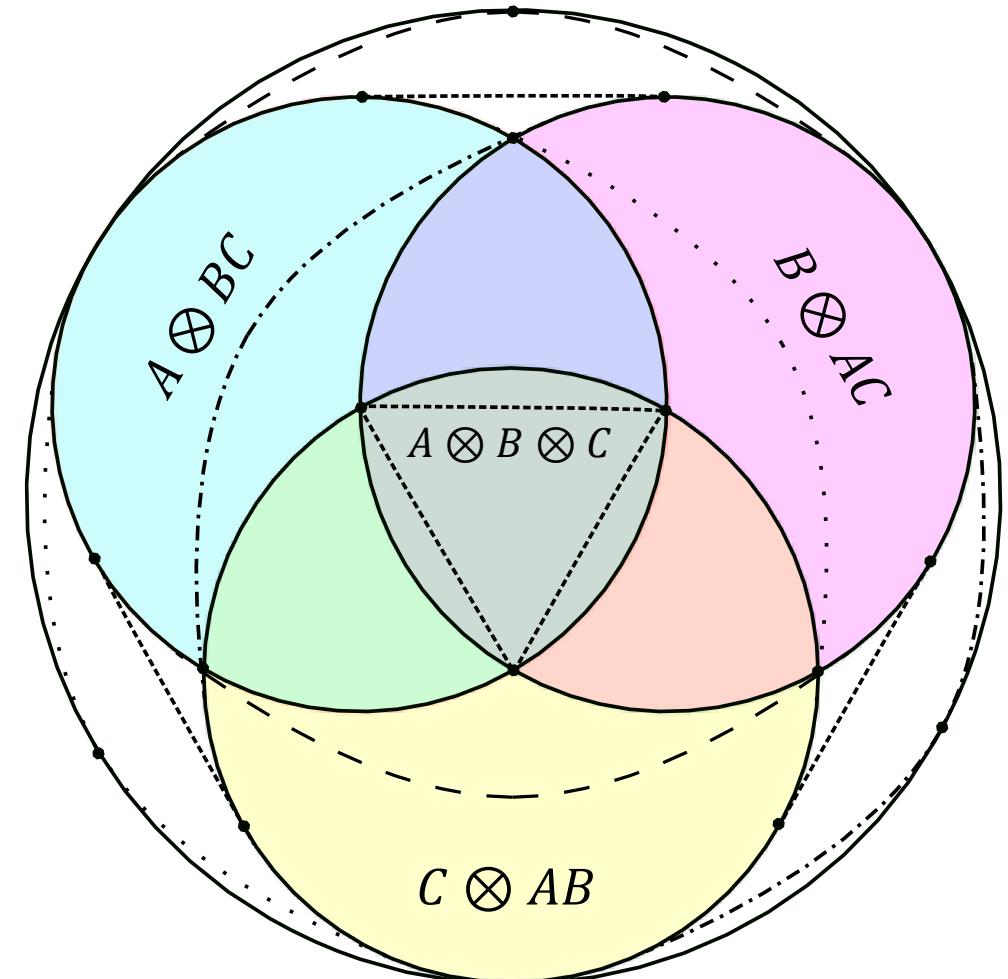
$$E_{3F}(|\psi\rangle_{ABC}) = \min\{-S(A|BC), -S(B|AC), -S(C|AB)\}$$

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- Challenging, but possible to bound for mixed states:

$$E_{3F} \geq -S(A|BC) - S(B|AC) - S(C|AB) - 2 \log(D_{max})$$

- Inequality is tight



Three-party classes

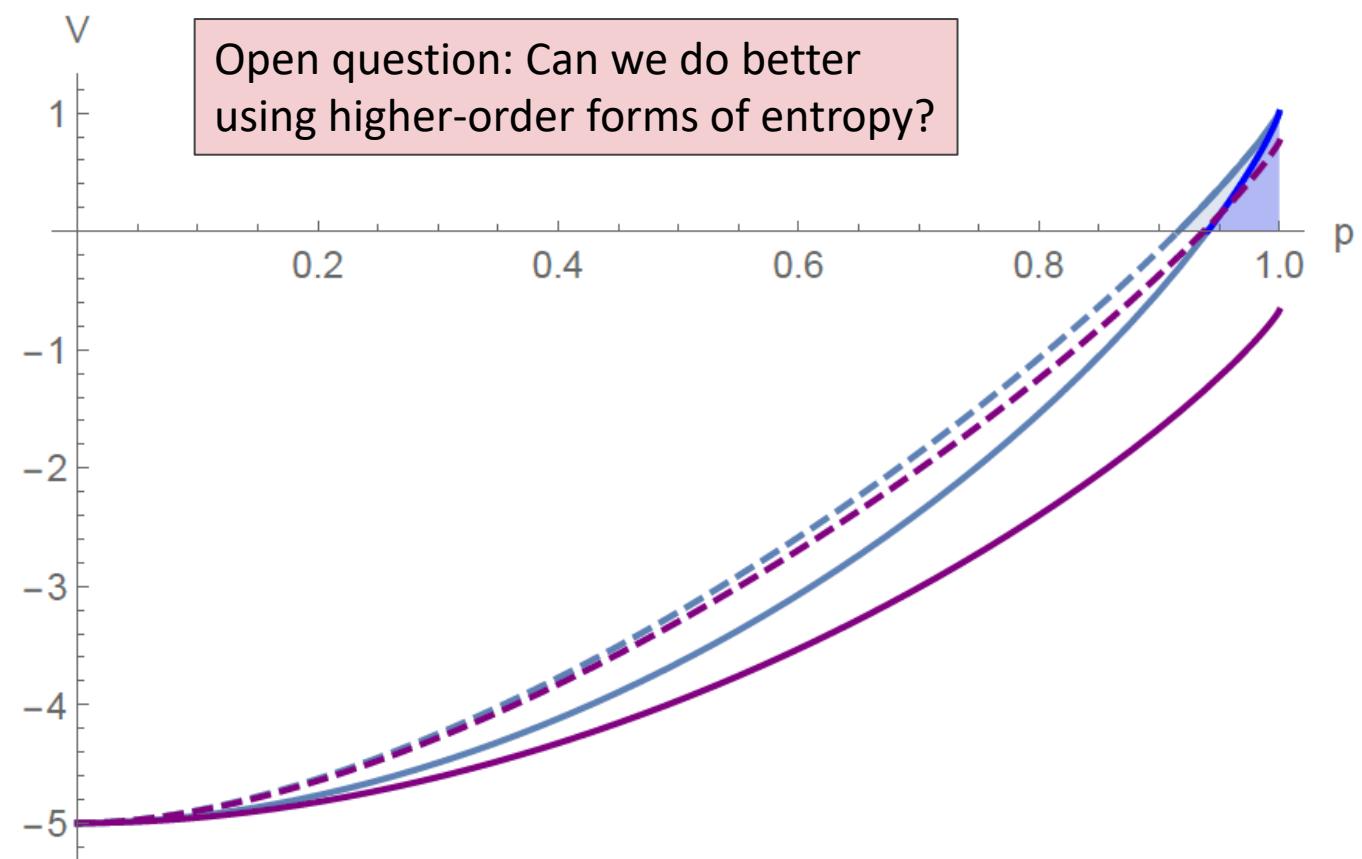
# How successful is our strategy?

## GHZ-Werner state:

- $\hat{\rho}_{GHZW} = p |GHZ\rangle\langle GHZ| + (1 - p)\hat{\rho}_{MM}$
- Test: Measure spin correlations in  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_z$ .
  - Successful witness for  $p > 0.9406$
- Test: Directly calculating quantum entropies
  - Successful witness for  $p > 0.9161$
- Quantifies all entanglement as  $p \rightarrow 1$

## W-Werner state:

- $$\hat{\rho}_{WW} = p |W\rangle\langle W| + (1 - p)\hat{\rho}_{MM}$$
- Test: Measure spin correlations in  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_z$ .
    - No witnessing accomplished
  - Test: Directly calculating quantum entropies
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  - Quantifies most entanglement as  $p \rightarrow 1$



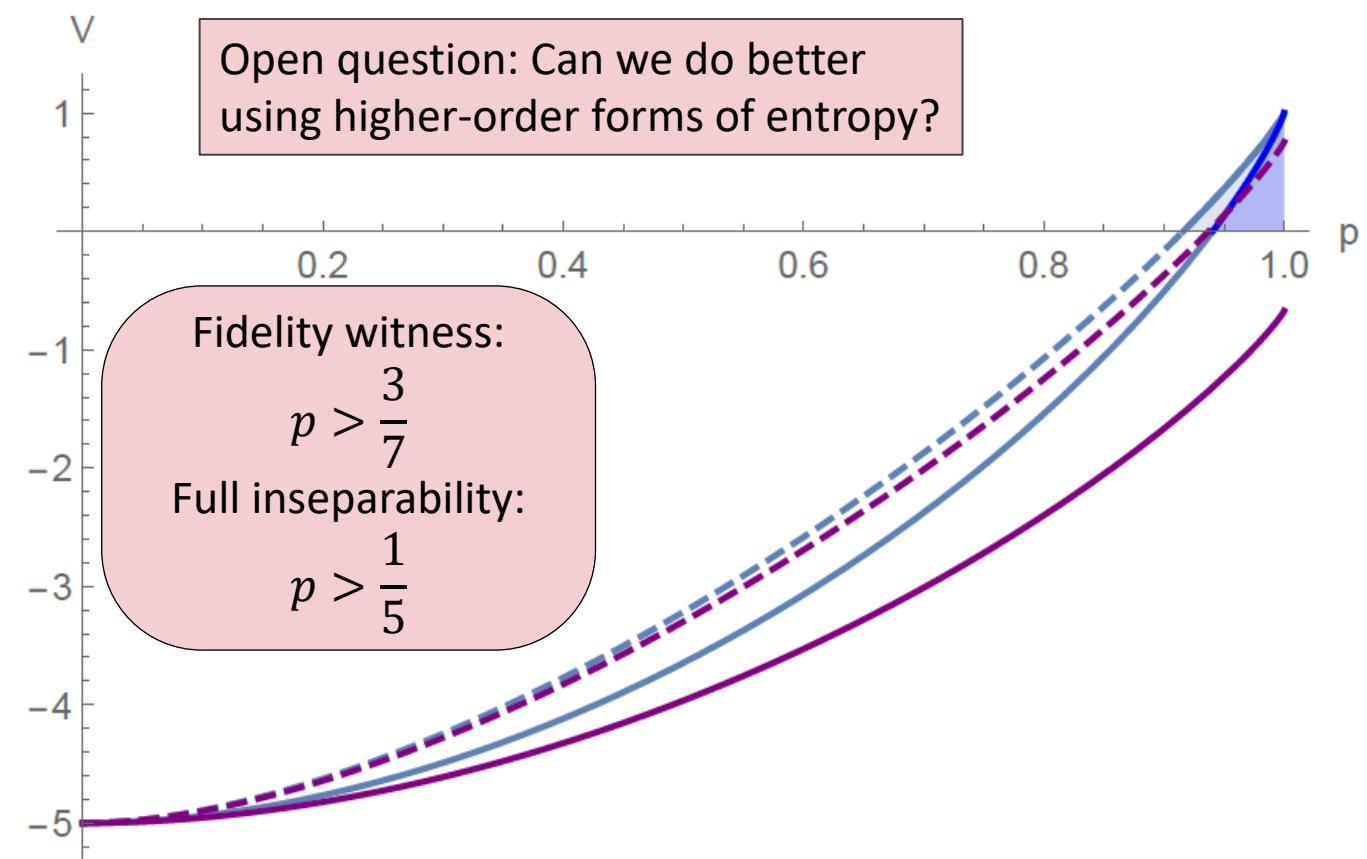
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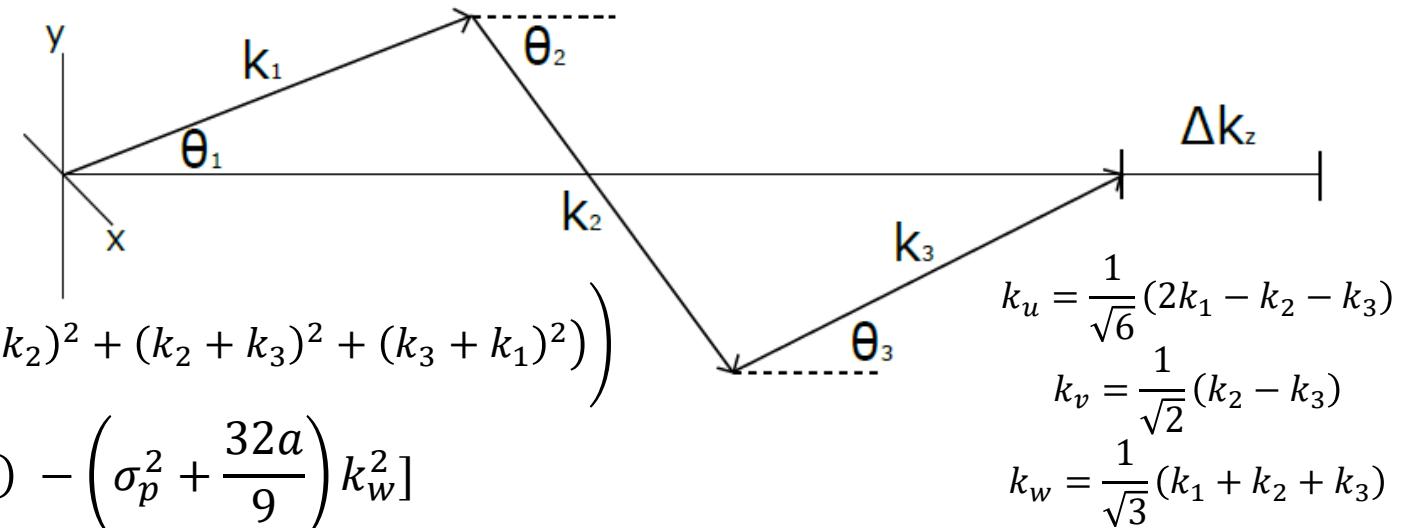
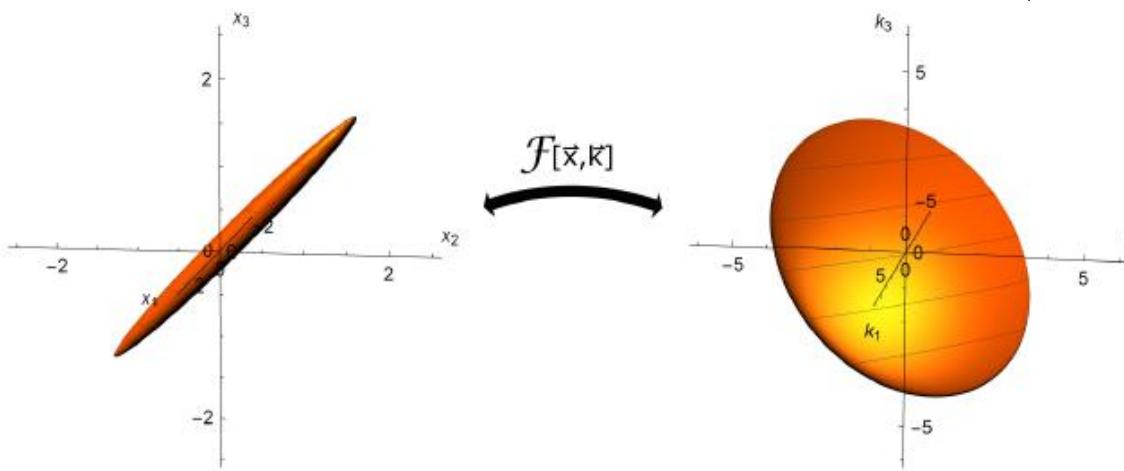
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$$\psi(k_1, k_2, k_3) = N\psi_p(k_1 + k_2 + k_3)Sinc\left(\frac{3L_z}{4k_p}\left((k_1 + k_2)^2 + (k_2 + k_3)^2 + (k_3 + k_1)^2\right)\right)$$

$$\psi(k_1, k_2, k_3) \approx N \text{Exp}\left[-\frac{8a}{9}(k_u^2 + k_v^2) - \left(\sigma_p^2 + \frac{32a}{9}\right)k_w^2\right]$$



For pure states of arbitrary dimension:

$$E_{3F}(ABC) \geq \min\{-S(A|BC), -S(B|CA), -S(C|AB)\}$$

Classical entropies (measured experimentally) can be used to bound quantum entropies:

$$h(x_a|x_b, x_c) + h(k_a|k_b, k_c) \geq \log(2\pi) + S(A|BC)$$

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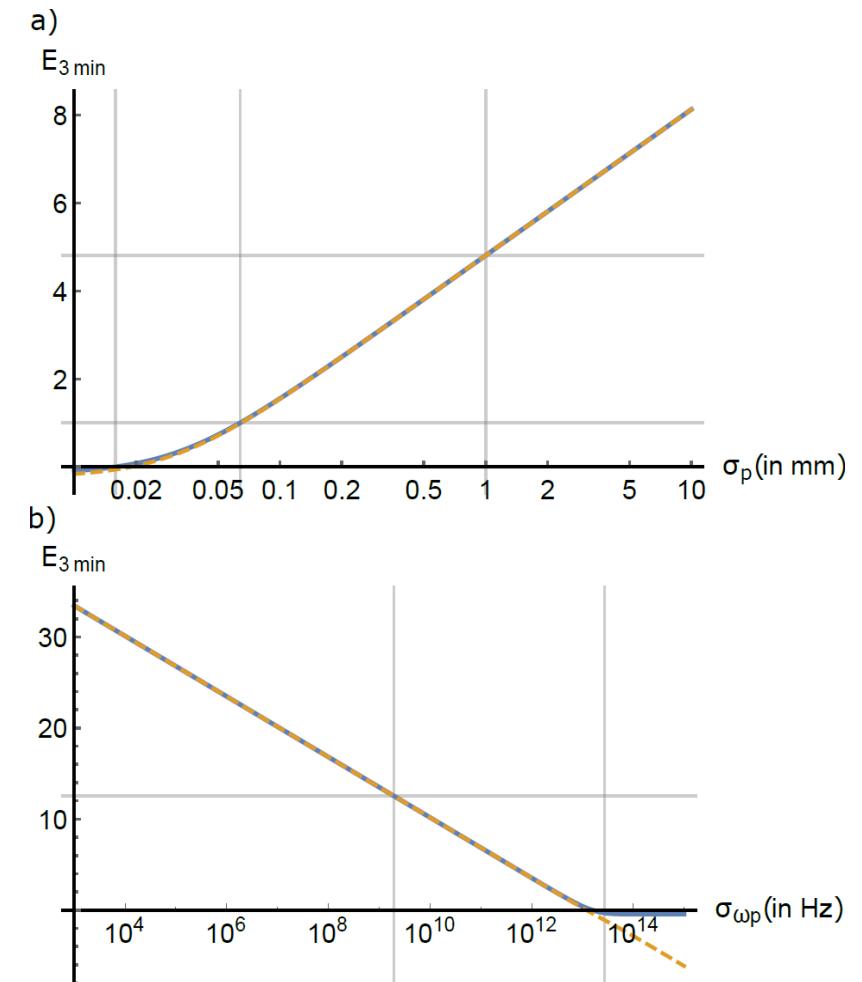
$\sigma_{\omega_p} = 1.9\text{GHz}$

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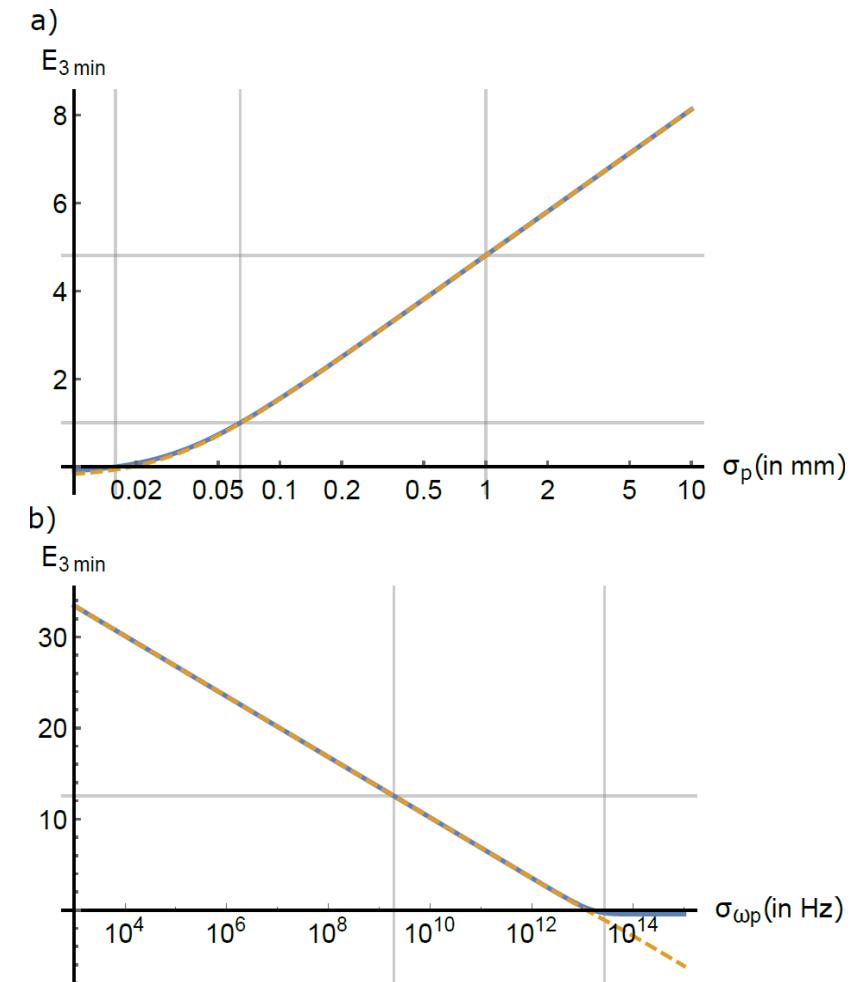
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In Energy-time:

- Minimum  $E_{3F}$  is: 12.54 3-party gebits
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  - Note:  $2^{37} \approx 137$ . billion.

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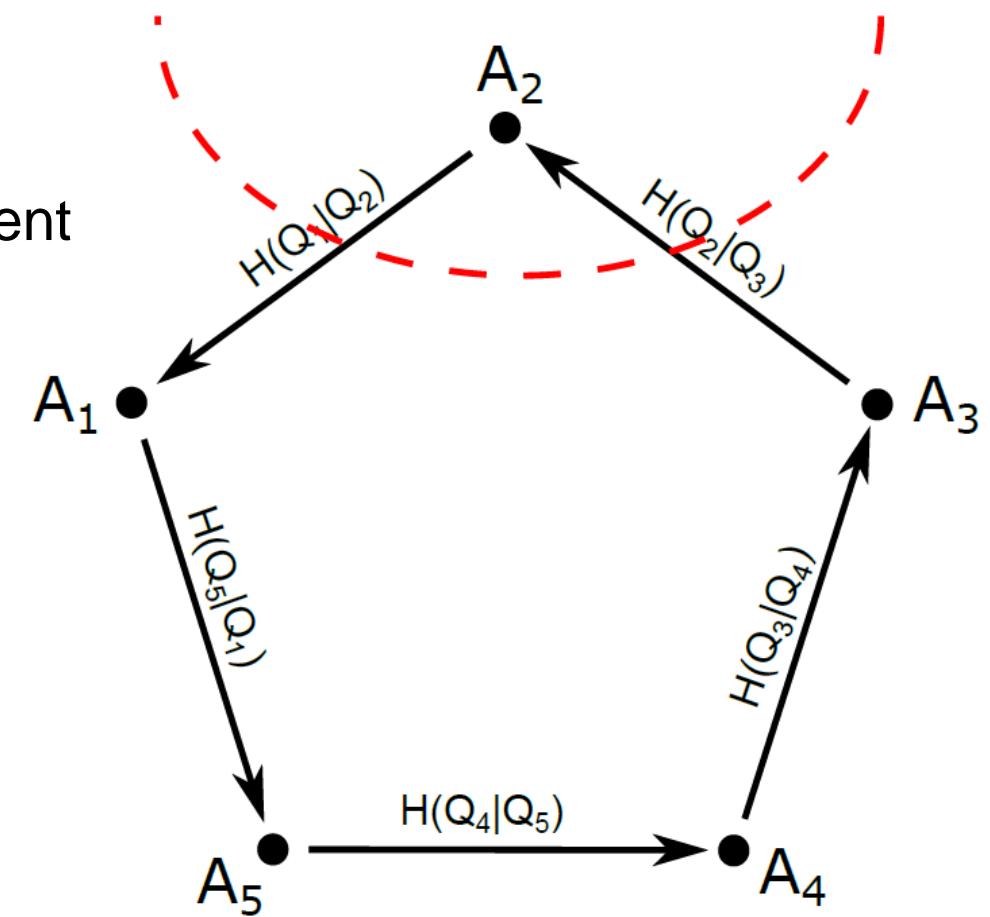
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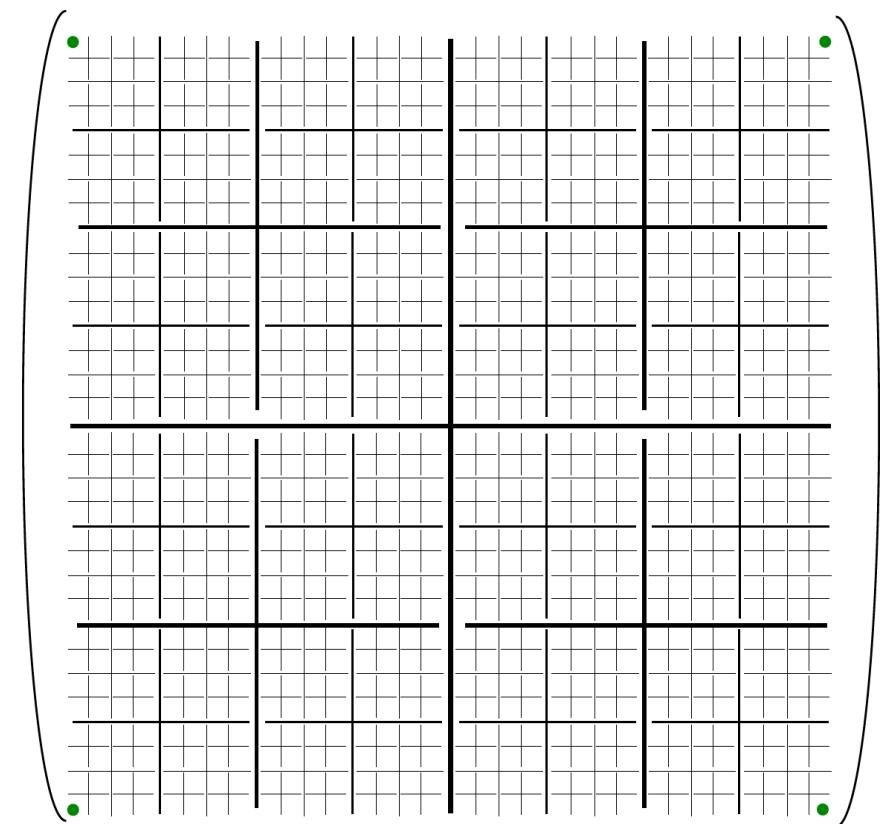
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Four-corners method:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B} &\geq |\langle 0^{\otimes N} | \hat{\rho} | 0^{\otimes N} \rangle| + |\langle 0^{\otimes N} | \hat{\rho} | 1^{\otimes N} \rangle| \\ &\quad + |\langle 1^{\otimes N} | \hat{\rho} | 0^{\otimes N} \rangle| + |\langle 1^{\otimes N} | \hat{\rho} | 1^{\otimes N} \rangle| - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$E_{NF}(\hat{\rho}) \geq -\log_2 \left( 1 - \frac{\mathcal{B}^2}{2} \right)$$

- Works for GHZ-Werner state for  $p > \frac{3}{7}$



# The entanglement-correlation connection

# Quantum Uncertainty limits N-partite correlations

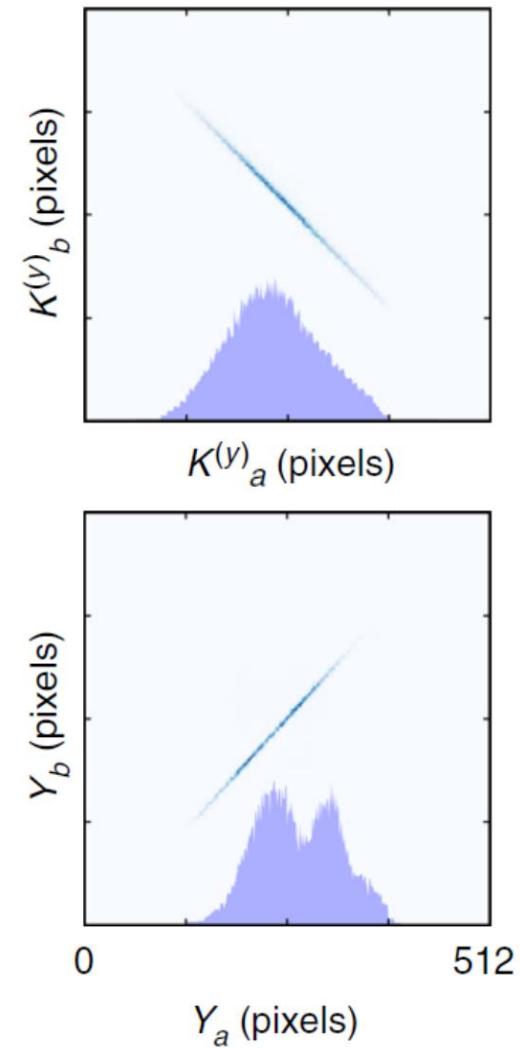
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(No upper limit to correlations between two parties)



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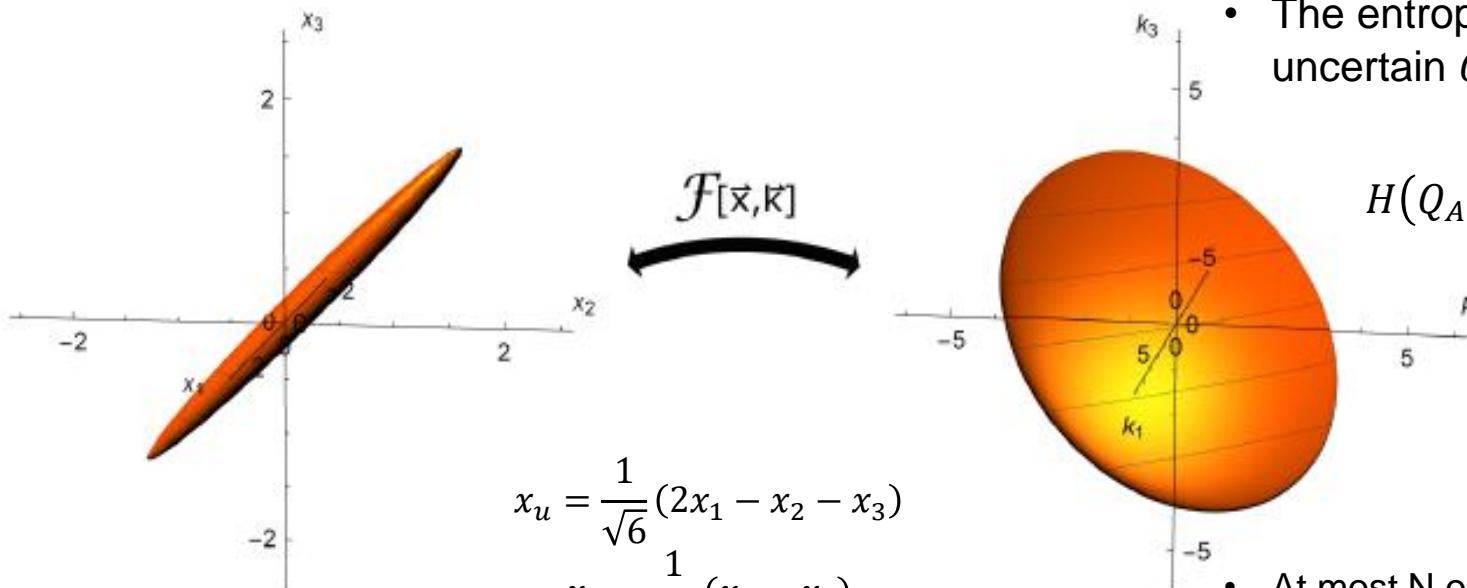
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$$H(Q_{A_1}, Q_{A_2} | Q_B) + H(R_{A_1}, R_{A_2} | R_B) \geq \log(D)$$

$$\begin{aligned} h(x_u) + h(k_u) &\geq \log(\pi e) \\ h(x_v) + h(k_v) &\geq \log(\pi e) \\ h(x_w) + h(k_w) &\geq \log(\pi e) \end{aligned}$$

- At most  $N$  out of  $N$  pairs of conjugate observables can be determined through correlation
  - So with perfect correlations in  $Q$  (one determines the rest)...
  - ...the best-case correlations in  $R$  are where  $N - 1$  determines last



$$x_u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(2x_1 - x_2 - x_3)$$

$$x_v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x_2 - x_3)$$

$$x_w = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)$$

# Conclusion

# Concluding points

- Entanglement is only defined from separability
  - Multiple forms of separability → Multiple forms of entanglement
- Entanglement can be efficiently quantified through correlations
- There are resource-based measures of multi-partite entanglement that can also be quantified by correlations
- The relationship between entanglement and correlation is different for more parties

# Thanks for listening!



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# Contingency slide: Four Corners Method

See PRA 86, 022319 (2012)

- The minimum quantum entropy over all bipartite splits measures multipartite entanglement:

$$\text{Bound } \mathcal{B} \leq E_M(\hat{\rho}) = \min_{|\psi\rangle} \sum_i p_i \min_{\gamma} \sqrt{S_L(\hat{\rho}_{\gamma i})}$$

$S_R(\hat{\rho}) = -\log_2 \left( 1 - \frac{S_L(\hat{\rho})}{2} \right)$  is a concave-up function of  $\sqrt{S_L(\hat{\rho})}$ , so...

$$-\log_2 \left( 1 - \frac{\mathcal{B}^2}{2} \right) \leq \min_{|\psi\rangle} \sum_i p_i \min_{\gamma} S_R(\hat{\rho}_{\gamma i})$$

$$\min_{|\psi\rangle} \sum_i p_i \min_{\gamma} S_R(\hat{\rho}_{\gamma i}) \leq \min_{|\psi\rangle} \sum_i p_i \min_{\gamma} S(\hat{\rho}_{\gamma i}) = E_{NF}(\hat{\rho})$$

# Contingency slide 2: Four Corners Method

See PRA 86, 022319 (2012)

- Example bound (PRA 83, 062325 (2011)):

$$\mathcal{B} = 2|\langle 0^{\otimes N} | \hat{\rho} | 1^{\otimes N} \rangle| - \sum_{q=1}^{2^N-2} \sqrt{\langle q | \hat{\rho} | q \rangle \langle 2^N - 1 - q | \hat{\rho} | 2^N - 1 - q \rangle}$$

What is  $|q\rangle$ ?

Example: 6 qubits, and  $q=17$

In binary,  $17 \rightarrow 10001$

and  $|17\rangle \rightarrow |0,1,0,0,0,1\rangle$

Example state: GHZ-Werner of N-qubits

$$\hat{\rho}_{GW} = p|GHZ\rangle\langle GHZ| + (1-p)\hat{\rho}_{MM}$$

$$\mathcal{B} > 0 \text{ for } p > \frac{2^{N-1}-1}{2^N-1} \quad \text{e.g., } > \frac{3}{7} \text{ for 3-qubit } \hat{\rho}_{GHZW}$$

# Contingency slide 3: Multipartite negativity of GHZ-Werner state

The N-partite Negativity

$$\mathcal{N}_N(\hat{\rho}) \equiv \min_{|\psi_i\rangle} \sum_i p_i \min_{\alpha} \left\{ \mathcal{N}_i \left( \hat{\rho}_{\alpha|\bar{\alpha}} \right) \right\}$$

N-qubit GHZ-Werner state:

$$\hat{\rho}_{GHZW} = p |GHZ\rangle\langle GHZ| + (1 - p)\hat{\rho}_{MM}$$

- Fully separable under partial trace
- Set of eigenvalues of partial transpose is constant over all possible partial transposes:

$$\vec{\lambda} = \left( \frac{1-p}{2^N}, \dots, \frac{1-p}{2^N}, \frac{1 + (2^N - 1)p}{2^N} \right)$$

$$\vec{\lambda}_{PT} = \left( \frac{1-p}{2^N}, \dots, \frac{1-p}{2^N}, \frac{1 - (2^{N-1} + 1)p}{2^N}, \frac{1 + (2^{N-1} - 1)p}{2^N} \right)$$

- Fully inseparable for  $p > \frac{1}{1+2^{N-1}}$