## Entanglement Polytopes



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Instead: I will report on...

- ...a program to find applications of non-commutative moment polytopes for quantum information.
- ...extracting global information about a pure state from single-particle measurements alone.
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[C. Schilling, D. Gross, M. Christandl, PRL '13].


## Outline

- Quantum Marginal Problem
- Entanglement Polytopes
- Generalized Pauli Constraints
- Optionally: Computational Aspects

Quantum Marginal Problems

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- In general, membership problem is NP-hard.


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- Ground state problem is intrinsically hard: QMA-complete.
- Convex optimization $\Rightarrow$ so is quantum marginal problem. ©


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- ... until A. Klyachko identified these sets as images of moment maps.
- In particular: Compatible sets are convex polytopes.


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In terms of largest eigenvalue, get simple polytope:


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$$
\mu(\psi)\left(g_{1} \oplus \cdots \oplus g_{n}\right)=\sum_{i} \operatorname{tr} \rho^{(i)} g_{i}
$$

so that

$$
\mu(\psi) \simeq \rho^{(1)} \oplus \cdots \oplus \rho^{(n)}
$$

## Convexity properties of moment map

Central theorem by Kirwan ('84):
Image of moment map in positive Weyl chambre (here: diagonal matrices with ordered eigenvalues) is convex polytope.

## Summary: Overview of Quantum Marginal Prob

- Quantum Marginal Prob originates in chemistry.
- Generally computationally intractable.
- Single-site quantum-marginal problem non-trivial, but seems tractable. .
- ... due to unexpected geometric structure.


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- Formally:

$$
\psi \sim \phi \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \psi=\left(g_{1} \otimes \cdots \otimes g_{n}\right) \phi
$$

with $g_{i}$ local invertible matrices (filtering operations).

- So we're looking at $\operatorname{SL}\left(\mathbb{C}^{d}\right)^{\times n}$-orbits in $\left(\mathbb{C}^{d}\right)^{n}$.


## SLOCC, SLOCC! - Who's There?

- For three qubits $(d=2, n=3)$, equivalence classes known since mid-1800s. Re-discovered in 2000 to great effect:

Three qubits can be entangled in two inequivalent ways
W Dür, G Vidal... - Arxiv preprint quant-ph/0005115, 2000 - arxiv.org
Abstract: Invertible local transformations of a multipartite system are used to define equivalence classes in the set of entangled states. This classification concerns the entanglement properties of a single copy of the state. Accordingly, we say that two states ... Cited by 1683 - Related articles - BL Direct - All 22 versions - Import into BibTeX

Four qubits can be entangled in nine different ways
F Verstraete, J Dehaene, B De Moor... - Physical Review A, 2002 - APS
... to the singlet state by SLOCC operations 3 . In the case of three entangled qubits, it was shown
$2,4,5$ that each state can be converted by SLOCC operations either to the GHZ-state (000 111
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Control and measurement of three-qubit entangled states
CF Roos, M Riebe, H Häffner, W Hänsel... - Science, 2004 - sciencemag.org
... The ions' electronic qubit states are initialized in the S state by optical pumping. Three qubits can be entangled in only two inequivalent ways, represented by the
Greenberger-Horne-Zeilinger (GHZ) state, , and the W state, (17). ...
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Classes:

- Products $\psi=\phi_{1} \otimes \phi_{2} \otimes \phi_{3}$.
- Three classes of bi-separable states: $\psi=\phi_{1} \otimes \phi_{2,3}$.
- The W-class:

$$
|W\rangle=|001\rangle+|010\rangle+|100\rangle .
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Beyond:

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- Only sporadic facts known.


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Claim:
The single-site quantum marginal problem lives up to these standards.

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Analyze polytopes:

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- $\Rightarrow$ single number captures all: $\lambda_{\max } \in[0.5,1]$.

Analyze polytopes:

- $|0, \ldots, 0\rangle$ in all $\mathcal{C}^{\prime}$ s $\Rightarrow \Delta_{\mathcal{C}}=\left[\gamma_{\mathcal{C}}, 1\right]$.
- Turns out: Possible choices are

$$
\gamma_{\mathcal{C}} \in\left\{\frac{1}{2}\right\} \cup\left\{\frac{N-k}{N}: k=0,1, \ldots,\lfloor N / 2\rfloor\right\} \ldots
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- ... with innermost point $\gamma$ the image of $W$-type states.


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Interpretation:

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$$

then $\rho \notin \operatorname{conv}(\Delta)$.

- $p=\operatorname{tr} \rho^{2}$ is purity, which an be lower-bounded from local information alone.


## Experiments

Recently, two experimental implentations.

[Aguilar, et al., PRX '15]

## Summary of Entanglement Polytopes



- Locally accessible info about global entanglement encoded in entanglement polytopes - subpolytopes of the set of admissible local spectra.
- Provides a systematic and efficient way of obtaining information about entanglement classes.


## Another facet:

The Pauli principle and a generalization of Hartree-Fock

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Questions:

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- Do they have an effect on e.g. ground state wave functions?


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Very recent [Schilling, Benavides, Vrana, '17]:

- Super-selection rules are stable:
- "Quasi-pinned" $\Rightarrow$ "quasi-sparse".
- Physical mechanism responsible for quasi-pinning?
- Generalize theory on structure of quasi-pinned wave functions.


## Physics?



To be done:

- Physical mechanism responsible for quasi-pinning?
- Applications?

Some words on computational aspects?

## Thank you for your attention!



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