# Minimum quantum resources for strong non-locality



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- strict relationship of strengths of non-locality:

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- local fraction = maximal normalised violation of a Bell inequality Hence, SNL means violation of a Bell inequality up to the algebraic bound

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- Subtle counterpoint (Barrett, Kent, & Pironio):
  - maximally-entangled two-qubit state
  - SNL is achieved "in the limit" of infinitely many measurements
  - ► increasing number of measurements ~→ squeezes local fraction

We'll revisit this later.

#### Three-qubit states: SLOCC classes

Stochastic Local Operations and Classical Communication (Dür, Vidal, & Cirac)



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#### Local measuremets

A local projective measurement is represented by a vector

$$| heta, arphi 
angle \coloneqq \cos( heta/2) |0
angle + \sin( heta/2) e^{i\phi} |1
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on the Bloch sphere, corresponding to the +1 eigenvalue or outcome.



Set of local measurements for each qubit:  $LM := [0, \pi] \times [0, 2\pi)$ .

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If g satisfies

$$g_i( heta,arphi) = -g_i(\pi- heta,arphi+\pi)$$

it suffices to verify:

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for all contexts  $(\theta, \varphi)$  whose measurements are all assigned +1 by g.

#### 2-qubit states

Every two-qubit state can be written, up to LU, uniquely as

 $|\psi\rangle = \cos \delta |00\rangle + \sin \delta |11\rangle$ 

where  $\delta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{4}]$ . Assume  $\delta > 0$  (SLOCC of Bell). Measuring  $(\theta, \varphi) = \langle (\theta_1, \varphi_1), (\theta_2, \varphi_2) \rangle$ , outcome  $\langle +1, +1 \rangle$ :

$$\langle \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\varphi} | \psi \rangle = \cos \delta \cos \frac{\theta_1}{2} \cos \frac{\theta_2}{2} + \sin \delta \sin \frac{\theta_1}{2} \sin \frac{\theta_2}{2} e^{-i(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2)}$$



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Let  $(\theta, \varphi)$  mapped to +1 by g. Then  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \neq 0$ . Hence,

$$s := \sin \delta \sin \frac{\theta_1}{2} \sin \frac{\theta_2}{2} > 0 \text{ and } c := \cos \delta \cos \frac{\theta_1}{2} \cos \frac{\theta_2}{2} \ge 0.$$

- If  $\theta_1 = \pi$  or  $\theta_2 = \pi$ , then c = 0
- Otherwise, ⟨θ, φ|ψ⟩ = c + se<sup>-i(φ1+φ2)</sup> is positive real number plus non-zero complex number.
- To be zero, the latter must be real and negative:

$$\varphi_1 + \varphi_2 = \pi \mod 2\pi$$
,

not satisfiable in the domain  $\varphi_1 \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right), \varphi_2 \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ .

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(von Neumann entanglement entropy as a function of  $\lambda$ )

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Experimentally bound local fraction:

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 $\begin{aligned} |0\rangle|0\rangle|\nu_{\frac{\pi}{2}-\frac{\pi}{N}}\rangle + |1\rangle|1\rangle|w_{\frac{\pi}{2}-\frac{\pi}{N}}\rangle \\ n = 0: \text{ GHZstate } \cdots n \to \infty: |\Phi^+\rangle \otimes |+\rangle \text{ in AB-C class} \end{aligned}$ 

- Measurements in first two qubits are those from BKP, where non-locality increases with number of measurement settings
- any element in BKP family to SNL with finite number of measurements by adding a third qubit and some entanglement
- trade-off: measurements in A, B (upper bound for local fraction) entanglement necessary between C and AB

Experimentally bound local fraction:

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- Also: other states with less tripartite entanglement than GHZ



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