

# Faithful Squashed Entanglement

with applications to separability testing and  
quantum Merlin-Arthur games

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$$I(A:B) \geq \frac{1}{2 \ln 2} \left\| \rho_{AB} - \rho_A \otimes \rho_B \right\|_1^2$$

**Remark: dimension-independent!** Useful in many application in QIT (e.g. decoupling, QKD, ...)

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## Outline

- $I(A:B|E) \approx 0$  (partial) characterization
- Applications:
  - Squashed Entanglement
  - de Finetti-type bounds
  - Algorithm for Separability
  - A new characterization of QMA
- Proof

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$O(|A|^{-1})$

It fails badly!

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$\Omega(1)$

E.g. Antisymmetric Werner state (Christandl, Schuch, Winter '08)

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The trace norm:  $\|X\|_1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \max_{0 \leq A \leq I} |\text{tr}(AX)|$

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The LOCC norm:

$$\|X\|_{LOCC} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \max_{0 \leq A \leq I} |\text{tr}(AX)| : \{A, I-A\} \text{ in LOCC}$$

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(Matthews, Wehner, Winter '09) For  $X$  in  $A \otimes B$

$$\|X\|_1 \geq \|X\|_{LOCC} \geq \Omega(\|X\|_2) \geq \Omega(|A||B|)^{-1/2} \|X\|_1$$

Interesting one, uses a covariant random local measurement



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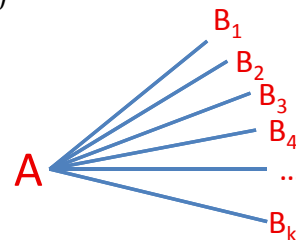


## Entanglement Monogamy

Classical correlations are shareable:

$$\sigma_{AB_1, \dots, B_k} = \sum_j p_j \sigma_{A,j} \otimes \sigma_{B,j}^{\otimes k}$$

Def.  $\rho_{AB}$  is  $k$ -extendible if there is  $\rho_{AB_1 \dots B_k}$   
s.t for all  $j$  in  $[k]$   $\text{tr}_{\setminus B_j}(\rho_{AB_1 \dots B_k}) = \rho_{AB}$



**Separable states are  $k$ -extendible for every  $k$ .**

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Quantum correlations are non-shareable:

$\rho_{AB}$  **separable** iff  $\rho_{AB}$  **k-extensible** for all k

- Follows from: **Quantum de Finetti Theorem** (Størmer '69, Hudson & Moody '76, Raggio & Werner '89)

**E.g.** - Any pure entangled state is not 2-extensible

- The  $d \times d$  antisymmetric Wernerstate is not  $d$ -extensible

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Close to optimal:

there is a state  $\rho_{AB}$  s.t.  $\min_{\sigma \in SEP} \|\rho - \sigma\|_1 \geq \Omega\left(\frac{|B|}{k}\right)$   
(guess which? 😊)

For other norms ( $\|\cdot\|_2, \|\cdot\|_{LOCC}, \dots$ ) no better bound known.

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Bound proportional to the (square root) of the number of qubits: **exponential improvement over previous bound**

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**Proof:**  $E_{sq}$  satisfies **monogamy relation** (Koashi, Winter '05)

$$E_{sq}(\rho_{A:B\bar{B}}) \geq E_{sq}(\rho_{A:B}) + E_{sq}(\rho_{A:\bar{B}})$$

For  $\rho_{AB}$   $k$ -extendible:

$$\log|A| \geq E_{sq}(\rho_{A:B_1\dots B_k}) \geq kE_{sq}(\rho_{A:B}) \geq kO\left(\min_{\sigma \in SEP} \|\rho - \sigma\|^2\right)$$

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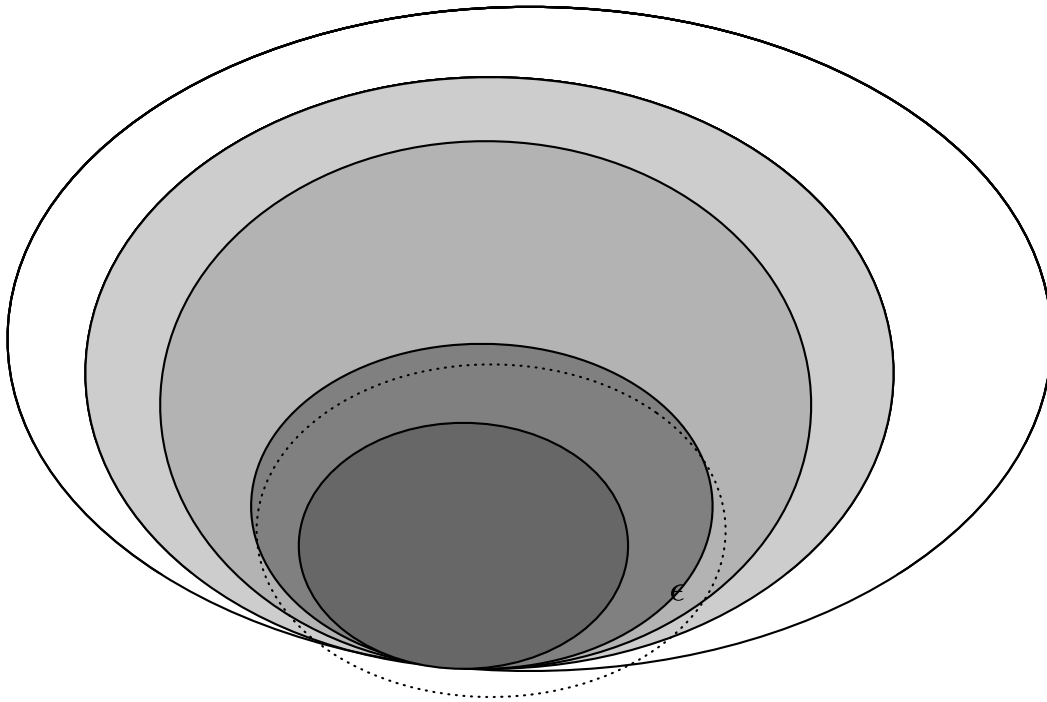
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## The Separability Problem

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Beautiful theory behind it (PPT, entanglement witnesses, symmetric extensions, etc)

Horribly expensive algorithms

State-of-the-art:  $2^{O(|A| \log(1/\epsilon))}$  time complexity  
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## Hardness results:

(Gurvits '02) NP-hard with  $\epsilon=1/\exp((|A| |B|)^{1/2})$

(Gharibian '08, Beigi '08) NP-hard with  $\epsilon=1/\text{poly}((|A| |B|)^{1/2})$

(Beigi&Shor '08) Favorite separability tests fail

(Harrow&Montanaro '10) No  $\exp(O(|A|^{1-\nu} |B|^{1-\mu}))$  time algorithm for membership in any convex set within  $\epsilon=\Omega(1)$  trace distance to SEP and any  $\nu+\mu>0$ , unless ETH fails

ETH (Exponential Time Hypothesis): SAT cannot be solved in  $2^{o(n)}$  time  
(Impagliazzo&Paruti '99)

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$$\exists \pi_{AB_1, \dots, B_k} \geq 0 : \pi_{AB_j} = \rho_{AB} \quad \forall j \in [k]$$

**Complexity** SDP of size

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NP-hardness for  $\epsilon = 1/\text{poly}(d)$  is shown using  $\|\cdot\|_2$

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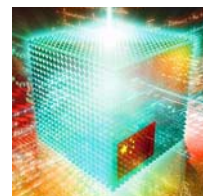
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(Harrow and Montanaro '10): **BSS( $\epsilon$ )** for  $\epsilon = \Omega(1)$  and  $||X||_\infty \leq 1$  cannot be solved in  $\exp(O(\log^{1-\nu} |A| \log^{1-\mu} |B|))$  time for any  $\nu + \mu > 0$  unless ETH fails

## QMA



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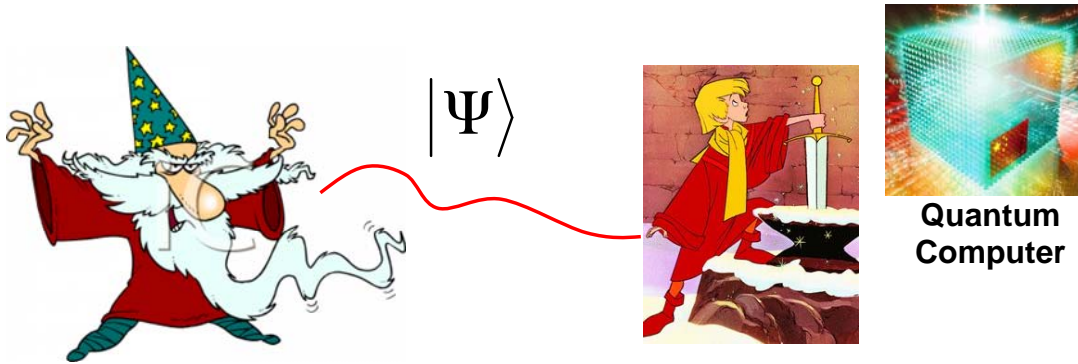
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# QMA

- Quantum analogue of NP (or MA)
- Local Hamiltonian Problem, ...

## Is QMA a robust complexity class?

(Aharonov, Regev '03) superverifiers doesn't help

(Marriott, Watrous '05) Exponential amplification with fixed proof size

(Beigi, Shor, Watrous '09) logarithmic size interaction doesn't help

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Contrast:  $QMA_m(2)$  not in  $QMA_{O(m^{2-\delta})}$   
for any  $\delta > 0$  unless Quantum ETH\* fails

(Harrow and Montanaro '10) -- based on Aaronson et al '08

And: SAT has a  $LOCCQMA_{O(\log(n))}(n^{0.5})$  protocol  
(Chen and Drucker '10)

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Idea to simulate  $\text{LOCCQMA}_m(2)$  in QMA:

- Arthur asks for proof  $\rho$  on  $AB_1B_2\dots B_k$  with  $k = m\epsilon^{-2}$
- He **symmetrizes** the  $B$  systems and applies the original verification procedure to  $AB_1$

Correctness

de Finetti bound implies:  $\min_{\sigma \in \text{SEP}} \|\rho_{AB_1} - \sigma\|_{\text{LOCC}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} = \epsilon$

## Proof

# Relative Entropy of Entanglement

The proof is largely based on the properties of a *different* entanglement measure:

Def **Relative Entropy of Entanglement** (Vedral, Plenio '99)

$$E_R^\infty(\rho_{AB}) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E_R(\rho_{AB}^{\otimes n})}{n} \quad E_R(\rho_{AB}) := \min_{\sigma \in SEP} S(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

$$S(\rho \parallel \sigma) := \text{tr}(\rho(\log \rho - \log \sigma))$$

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$$(B., Plenio '08) \quad D(\rho_{AB}) = E_R^\infty(\rho_{AB})$$

**Obs:** Equivalent to reversibility of entanglement under non-entangling operations

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Relative entropy of Entanglement plays a triple role:

(i) **Quantum Shannon Theory:** State redistribution Protocol  
(Devetak and Yard '07)

(ii) **Large Deviation Theory:** Entanglement Hypothesis Testing  
(B. and Plenio '08)

(iii) **Entanglement Theory:** Faithfulness bounds

# First Inequality

$$I(A : B | E)_{\rho_{ABE}} \stackrel{(i)}{\geq} E_R^\infty(\rho_{A:BE}) - E_R^\infty(\rho_{A:E})$$


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**Non-lockability:**  $E_R(\rho_{A:BE}) \leq E_R(\rho_{A:E}) + 2 \log |B|$   
 (Horodecki<sup>3</sup> and Oppenheim '04)

**State Redistribution:** How much does it cost to redistribute a quantum system?  $\frac{1}{2} I(A:B|E)$

$$A \mid BE \mid F \longrightarrow A \mid E \mid BF \quad \left| \psi \right\rangle_{A:BE:F}^{\otimes n} \longrightarrow \left| \psi \right\rangle_{A:E:BF}^{\otimes n}$$

**Proof (i):**

Apply **non-lockability** to  $\rho_{A:BE}^{\otimes n}$  and use **state redistribution** to trace out B at a rate of  $\frac{1}{2} I(A:B|E)$  qubits per copy

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$$E_R^\infty(\rho_{A:BE}) - E_R^\infty(\rho_{A:E}) \stackrel{(ii)}{\geq} D_{LOCC}(\rho_{A:B})$$


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**Equivalent to:**  $D(\rho_{A:BE}) \geq D(\rho_{A:E}) + D_{LOCC}(\rho_{A:B})$

**Monogamy relation** for entanglement hypothesis testing

**Proof (ii)**

Use **optimal measurements** for  $\rho_{AE}$  and  $\rho_{AB}$  achieving  $D(\rho_{AE})$  and  $D_{LOCC(1)}(\rho_{AB})$ , resp., to **construct a measurement** for  $\rho_{A:BE}$  achieving  $D(\rho_{A:BE})$

# Third Inequality

$$D_{LOCC}(\rho_{A:B}) \stackrel{(iii)}{\geq} \Omega\left(\min_{\sigma \in SEP} \|\rho_{A:B} - \sigma\|_{LOCC}^2\right)$$

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**Pinsker type inequality** for entanglement hypothesis testing

Proof (iii)

**minimax theorem** + **martingale like property** of the set of separable states

## Summary

- New Pinsker type **lower bound** for  $I(A:B|E)$  and  $E_{sq}$
- **LOCC norm** is fundamental
- Testing **separability** is rather **easy**
- **QMA** is (once more) **robust**
- Entanglement measures **rulez**

# Open Problems

- Can we prove a **lower bound** on  $I(A:B|E)$  in terms of **distance** to “markov quantum chain states”?
- Can we **close** the **LOCC norm vs. trace norm gap** in the results? (hardness vs. algorithm, LOCCQMA(k) vs QMA(k))
- Are there **more applications** of the bound on the convergence of the **SDP relaxation**?
- Can we put new problems in QMA using QMA = LOCCQMA(k)?
- Are there **more application** of the **main inequality**?

**Thank you!**