

ADDITIVITY OF ENTANGLEMENT  
OF FORMATION



ADDITIVITY OF HOLEVO CHANNEL  
CAPACITY

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(1) ENTANGLEMENT OF FORMATION

LET  $\rho$  BE A STATE ON  $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$

$$E_f(\rho) := \min \left\{ \sum_i p_i E(\psi_i) : \sum_i p_i \psi_i = \rho \right\}$$

PURE STATES

FINITE

$$E(\psi_{AB}) := S(\text{Tr}_A \psi_{AB}) \quad \text{"ENTROPY OF ENTANGLEMENT"}$$

[INTRODUCED IN B/D/S/W, PRAS, 3824 (1996)]

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" $E_F(\rho)$  IS MINIMAL AMOUNT OF ENTANGLEMENT NEEDED BETWEEN A & B TO CREATE  $\rho$ , USING LOCC"

PROBLEM WITH \*:  $E(\psi)$  IS "ENTANGLEMENT OF  $\psi$ " ONLY ASYMPTOTICALLY (IF YOU INSIST ON MAKING OPERATIONAL SENSE...).

$\Rightarrow$  RATHER LOOK AT ASYMPTOTIC COST OF MAKING  $\rho^{\otimes n}$ ,  $n \rightarrow \infty$ !

THM [W/HT, J. PHYS. A, 34, 6991 (2001)]

$$E_c(\rho) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} E_F(\rho^{\otimes n}).$$

IS THIS DIFFERENT FROM  $E_F(\rho)$ ?

OBSERVE:  $E_c(\rho) = E_F(\rho)$

IFF

$$\forall n \quad E_F(\rho^{\otimes n}) = n \cdot E_F(\rho)$$

ADDITIVITY:  $\forall \rho, \sigma \quad E_F(\rho \otimes \sigma) = E_F(\rho) + E_F(\sigma)$

$$\forall \rho, \sigma \quad E_f(\rho \otimes \sigma) = E_f(\rho) + E_f(\sigma)$$

- " $\leq$ " IS TRIVIAL BY DEFINITION
- WIDELY CONJECTURED TO BE TRUE
  - PROVED IN SOME CASES
    - VIDAL, DÜR, CIRAC, PRL 81, 027901 (2002)
    - THIS WORK
  - ↳ FAN, quant-ph/0210169

## 2) HOLEVO CAPACITY

LET  $T: \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_A) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_B)$  BE  
A CHANNEL (C.P.T.P. LINEAR MAP)

$$C(T) := \max_{\substack{\text{ALLENSSEMBLES} \\ \{p_i, \psi_i\} \text{ ON } \mathcal{H}_A}} \left\{ S\left(\sum_i p_i T(\psi_i)\right) - \sum_i p_i S(T(\psi_i)) \right\}$$

"CLASSICAL CAPACITY" OF T

\*: CAPACITY (OPERATIONALLY) INVOLVES  
BLOCK CODING.  $C(T)$  IS THE CAPA-  
CITY ONLY IF THE ENCODING OF  
MESSAGES USES PRODUCT STATES

$\psi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \psi_n$  [HOLEVO-SCHUMACHER/WEST-  
MORELAND]

THM.

THE CAPACITY OF T (WITHOUT THE  
PRODUCT RESTRICTION) IS

$$\bar{C}(T) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} C(T^{\otimes n}).$$



IS THIS DIFFERENT FROM  $C(T)$ ?

NOTE:  $\bar{C}(T) = C(T)$   
iff

$$\forall n \quad C(T^{\otimes n}) = n C(T)$$



ADDITIONALITY:  $\forall T, T' \quad C(T \otimes T') = C(T) + C(T')$

- " $\geq$ " IS TRIVIAL BY DEFINITION
- PROVED IN A NUMBER OF CASES:
  - $T = id$  (SCHUMACHER (WEST-MORELAND))
  - $T =$  UNITAL QUBIT CHANNEL (KING)
  - $T =$  GEN. DEPOLARISING CHANNEL (KING)
  - $T =$  ENTANGLEMENT-BREAKING CHANNEL (SAOR)

### (3) A LINK BETWEEN THE PROBLEMS

I. CAN ALWAYS PRESENT  $T$  AS A PARTIAL TRACE (STINESPRING, ESSENTIALLY):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T: \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}_0) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}_2) \\ & \searrow \cong & \uparrow \text{Tr}_A \\ & \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}_A \otimes \mathcal{K}_B) & \end{array}$$

$\mathcal{U}$   
(ISOMETRY)  
 $\mathcal{K}_0 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_A \otimes \mathcal{K}_B$

$$\mathcal{K} := \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_0) \subset \mathcal{K}_A \otimes \mathcal{K}_B$$

I.E.  $T \cong \text{Tr}_A |_{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})}$

II. INPUT ENSEMBLES  $\{p_i, \psi_i\}$  ON  $\mathcal{K}_0/\mathcal{K}$  ARE DECOMPOSITIONS OF  $\rho = \sum p_i \psi_i$

III.  $C(T) = \max_{\rho = \sum p_i \psi_i} \left\{ S(\text{Tr}_A \rho) - \sum p_i S(\text{Tr}_A \psi_i) \right\}$   
 $= \max_{\rho} \left\{ S(\text{Tr}_A \rho) - E_f(\rho) \right\}$

THM.  $T = T_A | K$

$$C(T) = \max_{\rho} \left\{ S(T_A \rho) - E_f(\rho) \right\}$$

( SUPPORTED )  
ON  $K \in K_A \otimes K_B$

COR. IF  $C(T \otimes T') = C(T) + C(T')$   
AND OPTIMAL  $\rho, \rho'$  FOR  $T, T'$ ,  
RESP., THEN

$$E_f(\rho \otimes \rho') = E_f(\rho) + E_f(\rho').$$

OTHERWISE, IF " $<$ ":

$$C(T) + C(T') = S(T_A \rho) - E_f(\rho) \\ + S(T_A \rho') - E_f(\rho')$$

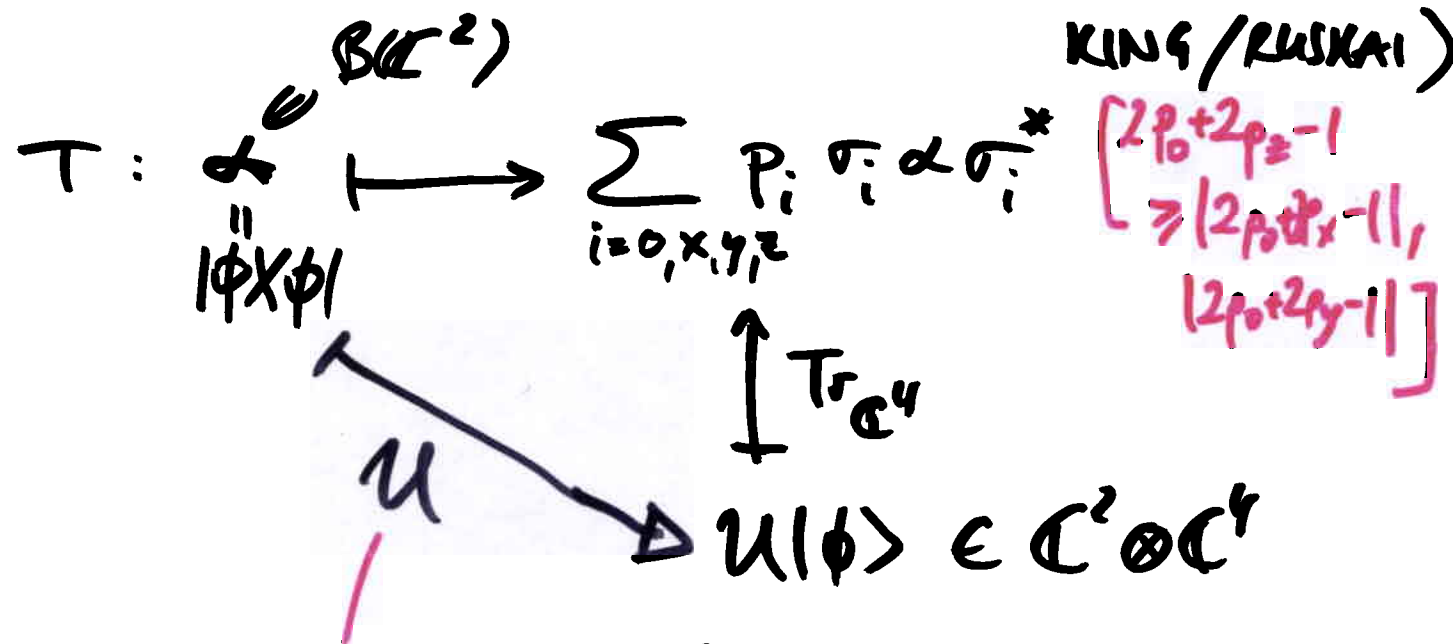
$$< S(T_A(\rho \otimes \rho')) - E_f(\rho \otimes \rho')$$

$$\leq C(T \otimes T') \quad \downarrow$$

.. MANY EXAMPLES, INCLUDING SOME  
FROM VIDAL/DÜR/CIRAC (WHO USE  
 $T = \text{ENT.-BREAKING!}$ )

EXAMPLE

UNITAL QUANTUM CHANNEL (USING NORMAL FORM OF KING/RUSKAI)



$\begin{bmatrix} 2p_0 + 2p_z - 1 \\ \geq |2p_0 + p_x - 1| \\ |2p_0 + 2p_y - 1| \end{bmatrix}$

ISOMETRY OF BLOCK FORM

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{p_0} \mathbb{1} \\ \sqrt{p_x} \sigma_x \\ \sqrt{p_y} \sigma_y \\ \sqrt{p_z} \sigma_z \end{bmatrix}$$

OPTIMAL  $\rho$ : EQUAL MIXTURE OF

$|\psi_T\rangle = |0\rangle \otimes (\sqrt{p_0}|0\rangle + \sqrt{p_z}|1\rangle) + |1\rangle \otimes (\sqrt{p_x}|x\rangle + i\sqrt{p_y}|y\rangle)$

$|\psi_T^\perp\rangle = |0\rangle \otimes (\sqrt{p_x}|x\rangle - i\sqrt{p_y}|y\rangle) + |1\rangle \otimes (\sqrt{p_0}|0\rangle - \sqrt{p_z}|1\rangle)$

$\Rightarrow E_f(\rho_T) = E_z(\rho_T) = H(p_0 + p_z, 1 - p_0 - p_z)$



COR. IF WE COULD PROVE THAT AN  $L^q$   
OPTIMAL STATE FOR  $T \otimes T'$  IS  
 $\rho \otimes \rho'$ , ADD. OF  $E_f$  WOULD  
IMPLY ADD. OF  $C$ !

PROBLEM: IN GENERAL THERE  
ARE MANY OPTIMAL INPUT  
STATES — SOME ENTANGLED

OPTIMAL  
OUTPUT STATE  $T(\rho) = \sum_{\alpha} \tau_{\alpha} \rho_{\alpha}$ !  
HOWEVER, IS UNIQUE (SEE E.G.  
SCHUMACHER/WESTMORELAND)  
(ESSENTIALLY STRICT CONCAVITY  
OF  $S \dots$ )

$\Rightarrow$  PROMISING FIRST STEP(?):  
PROVE  $w(T \otimes T') = w(T) \circ w(T')$

# (4) THOUGHTS ON UNIFICATION:

## A STRONGER CONJECTURE

RECALL THAT FOR  $E_f$  WE NEED TO

$$\text{PROVE } E_f(\rho \otimes \rho') \geq E_f(\rho) + E_f(\rho')$$

↑  
WHY RESTRICT TO  
PRODUCT STATES??

CONJ.: FOR ANY STATE  $\rho = (\rho_{ABA'B'})$

$$E_f(\rho) \geq E_f(\rho_{AB}) + E_f(\rho_{A'B'})$$

(NOTE THAT IT SUFFICES TO PROVE THIS FOR PURE  $\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$ , WHEN)

$$E_f(\rho) = S(\text{Tr}_{AA} |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|)$$

STATED BY VOLLBRECHT & WERNER, PRA 64, 062307, 2001.

THM. IF TRUE, THIS CONJECTURE

(CALLED) SUPERADDITIVITY OF  $E_f$

IMPLIES ADDITIVITY OF BOTH  $E_f$  &

OF  $C$ . ALSO, FOR CAPACITY WITH COST

CONSTRAINTS.

NOTE: PROVED IN SOME CASES!