

# Quantum states with a positive partial transpose are useful for metrology: Numerical and analytical examples

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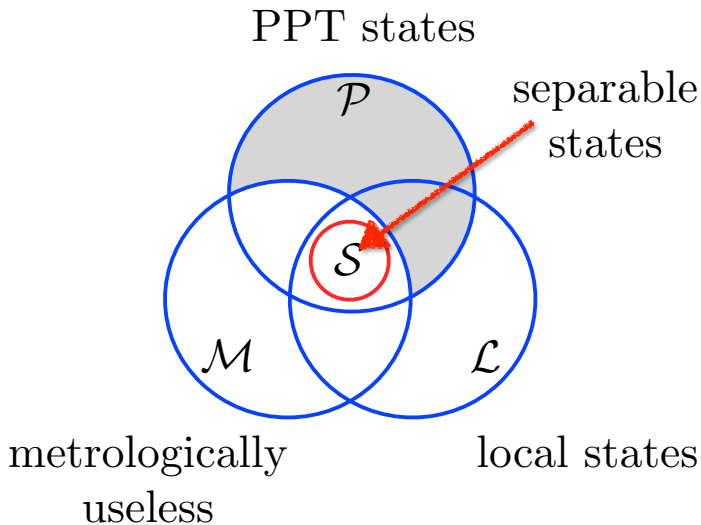
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# What are entangled states useful for?

- Entangled states are useful, but not all of them are useful for some task.
- Entanglement is needed for beating the shot-noise limit in quantum metrology.
- Intriguing question: Are states with a positive partial transpose useful for metrology? Can they also beat the shot-noise limit?

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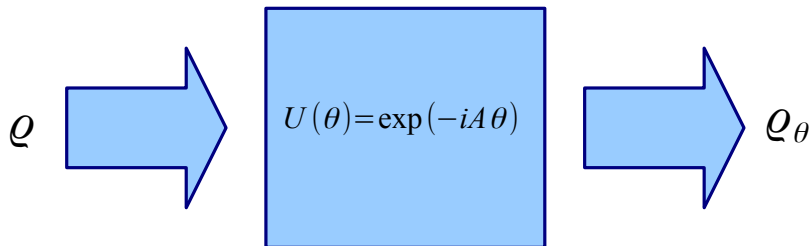
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# Quantum metrology

- Fundamental task in metrology



- We have to estimate  $\theta$  in the dynamics

$$U = \exp(-iA\theta).$$

# The quantum Fisher information

- Cramér-Rao bound on the precision of parameter estimation

$$(\Delta\theta)^2 \geq \frac{1}{mF_Q[\varrho, A]},$$

where where  $m$  is the number of independent repetitions and  $F_Q[\varrho, A]$  is the **quantum Fisher information**.

- The quantum Fisher information is

$$F_Q[\varrho, A] = 2 \sum_{k,l} \frac{(\lambda_k - \lambda_l)^2}{\lambda_k + \lambda_l} |\langle k|A|l \rangle|^2,$$

where  $\varrho = \sum_k \lambda_k |k\rangle\langle k|$ .

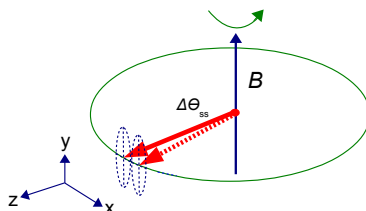
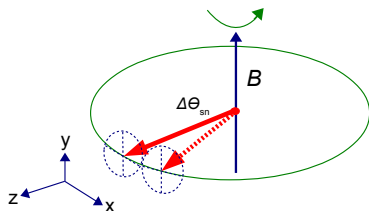


# Special case $A = J_l$

- The operator  $A$  is defined as

$$A = J_l = \sum_{n=1}^N j_l^{(n)}, \quad l \in \{x, y, z\}.$$

- Magnetometry with a linear interferometer



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# The quantum Fisher information vs. entanglement

- For separable states

$$F_Q[\varrho, J_l] \leq N, \quad l = x, y, z.$$

[Pezze, Smerzi, Phys. Rev. Lett. 102, 100401 \(2009\)](#); [Hyllus, Gühne, Smerzi, Phys. Rev. A 82, 012337 \(2010\)](#)

- For states with at most  $k$ -particle entanglement ( $k$  is divisor of  $N$ )

$$F_Q[\varrho, J_l] \leq kN.$$

[P. Hyllus \*et al.\*, Phys. Rev. A 85, 022321 \(2012\)](#); [GT, Phys. Rev. A 85, 022322 \(2012\)](#).

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# Results so far concerning metrologically useful PPT states

- Bound entangled states with PPT and some non-PPT partitions.
- Violates an entanglement criterion with three QFI terms.

P. Hyllus, W. Laskowski, R. Krischek, C. Schwemmer, W. Wieczorek, H. Weinfurter, L. Pezze, and A. Smerzi, PRA 85, 022321 (2012).

- Bound entangled states with PPT and some non-PPT partitions.
- Violates the criterion with a single QFI term, better than shot-noise limit.

Ł. Czekaj, A. Przysiężna, M. Horodecki, P. Horodecki, Phys. Rev. A 92, 062303 (2015).

on nonlocality [43]) to answer would be, Is there any family of quantum states that allows for a general Local Hidden Variables (LHV) model but can be used to obtain sub-shot-noise (i.e., better than classical) quantum metrology? This question is related to another question (especially in the context of both general requirements in quantum metrology [26] and recent results on nonlocality [43]) regarding whether there is any chance for sub-shot-noise metrology for states obeying the PPT condition with respect to *any* cut. While the present result

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# Our results

- We look for bipartite PPT entangled states and multipartite states that are PPT with respect to all partitions.

G. Tóth and T. Vértesi, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 120, 020506 (2018).

# Maximizing the QFI for PPT states: brute force

- Maximize the QFI for PPT states. Remember

$$F_Q[\varrho, A] = 2 \sum_{k,l} \frac{(\lambda_k - \lambda_l)^2}{\lambda_k + \lambda_l} |\langle k|A|l \rangle|^2,$$

where  $\varrho = \sum_k \lambda_k |k\rangle\langle k|$ .

- Difficult to maximize a convex function over a convex set. The maximum is taken on the boundary of the set.
- Not guaranteed to find the global maximum.
- Note: Finding the *minimum* is possible!



# Maximizing the QFI for PPT state: our method

- Let us consider the error propagation formula

$$(\Delta\theta)^2_M = \frac{(\Delta M)^2}{\langle i[M, \mathcal{H}] \rangle^2},$$

which provides a bound on the quantum Fisher information

$$F_Q[\varrho, \mathcal{H}] \geq 1/(\Delta\theta)^2_M.$$

[M. Hotta and M. Ozawa, Phys. Rev. A 2004; B. M. Escher, arXiv:1212.2533; F. Fröwis, R. Schmied, and N. Gisin, Phys. Rev. A 2015. For a summary, see, e.g., the Supplemental Material of Tóth, Vértesi, Horodecki, Horodecki, PRL 2020.]

# Maximizing the QFI for PPT state: our method

- The bound is sharp

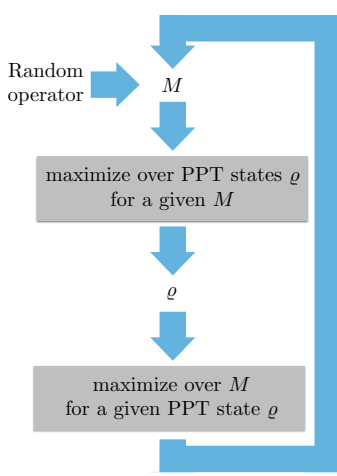
$$F_Q[\varrho, A] = \max_M \frac{\langle i[M, A] \rangle_\varrho^2}{(\Delta M)^2}.$$

M. G. Paris, *Int. J. Quantum Inform.* 2009. Used, e.g., in F. Fröwis, R. Schmied, and N. Gisin, 2015; I. Appelaniz *et al.*, *NJP* 2015.

The maximum for PPT states can be obtained as

$$\max_{\varrho \text{ is PPT}} F_Q[\varrho, A] = \max_{\varrho \text{ is PPT}} \max_M \frac{\langle i[M, A] \rangle_\varrho^2}{(\Delta M)^2}.$$

# Saw-saw algorithm for maximizing the precision



Similar iterative approach was used for maximizing over  $\rho$  for noisy states: [Macieszczak, arXiv:1312.1356v1](#); [Macieszczak, Fraas, Demkowicz-Dobrzanski, NJP 2014](#).

# Maximize over PPT states for a given $M$

- Best precision for PPT states for a given operator  $M$  can be obtained by a semidefinite program.
- *Proof.*—Let us define first

$$f_M(X, Y) = \min_{\varrho} \quad \text{Tr}(M^2 \varrho),$$

s.t.  $\varrho \geq 0, \varrho^{\text{Tk}} \geq 0$  for all  $k, \text{Tr}(\varrho) = 1,$   
 $\langle i[M, A] \rangle = X$  and  $\langle M \rangle = Y.$

The best precision for a given  $M$  and for PPT states is

$$(\Delta\theta)^2 = \min_{X, Y} \frac{f_M(X, Y) - Y^2}{X^2}.$$

## Maximize over $M$ for a given PPT state

- For a state  $\varrho$ , the best precision is obtained with the operator given by the symmetric logarithmic derivative

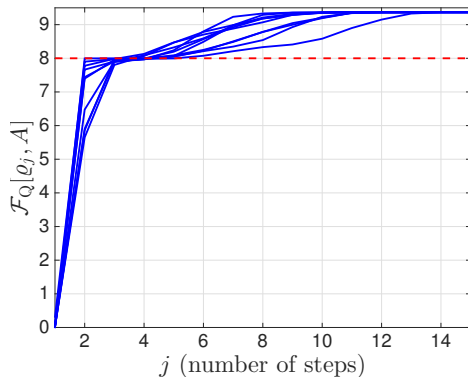
$$M = 2i \sum_{k,l} \frac{\lambda_k - \lambda_l}{\lambda_k + \lambda_l} |k\rangle\langle l| \langle k|A|l\rangle,$$

where  $\varrho = \sum_k \lambda_k |k\rangle\langle k|$ .

# Convergence of the method

- The precision cannot get worse with the iteration!

# Convergence of the method II



Generation of the  $4 \times 4$  bound entangled state.

- (blue) 10 attempts. After 15 steps, the algorithm converged.
- (red) Maximal quantum Fisher information for separable states.

# Robustness of the states

$$\varrho(p) = (1 - p)\varrho + p\varrho_{\text{noise}}$$

- Robustness of entanglement: the maximal  $p$  for which  $\varrho(p)$  is entangled for any separable  $\varrho_{\text{noise}}$ .

Vidal and Tarrach, PRA 59, 141 (1999).

- **Robustness of metrological usefulness**: the maximal  $p$  for which  $\varrho(p)$  outperforms separable state for any separable  $\varrho_{\text{noise}}$ .



# Robustness of the states II

System	$A$	$\mathcal{F}_Q[\varrho, A]$	$\mathcal{F}_Q^{(\text{sep})}$	$\rho_{\text{white noise}}$
four qubits	$J_z$	4.0088	4	0.0011
three qubits	$j_z^{(1)} + j_z^{(2)}$	2.0021	2	0.0005
$2 \times 4$ (three qubits, only 1 : 23 is PPT)	$j_z^{(1)} + j_z^{(2)}$	2.0033	2	0.0008

Multiqubit states

## Robustness of the states III

$d$	$\mathcal{F}_Q[\varrho, A]$	$\rho_{\text{white noise}}$	$\rho_{\text{noise}}^{\text{LB}}$
3	8.0085	0.0006	0.0003
4	9.3726	0.0817	0.0382
5	9.3764	0.0960	0.0361
6	10.1436	0.1236	0.0560
7	10.1455	0.1377	0.0086
8	10.6667	0.1504	0.0670
9	10.6675	0.1631	0.0367
10	11.0557	0.1695	0.0747
11	11.0563	0.1807	0.0065
12	11.3616	0.1840	0.0808

- $d \times d$  systems.
- Maximum of the quantum Fisher information for separable states is 8.
- The operator  $A$  is not the usual  $J_z$ .

## Robustness of the states IV

- The QFI is 11.3616 for a  $12 \times 12$  system.
- Thus, it seems to approach the maximum value, 16, but via numerical calculation we cannot say more.

# Robustness of the states $V$ : $4 \times 4$ bound entangled PPT state

- Let us define the following six states

$$|\Psi_1\rangle = (|0, 1\rangle + |2, 3\rangle)/\sqrt{2}, \quad |\Psi_2\rangle = (|1, 0\rangle + |3, 2\rangle)/\sqrt{2},$$

$$|\Psi_3\rangle = (|1, 1\rangle + |2, 2\rangle)/\sqrt{2}, \quad |\Psi_4\rangle = (|0, 0\rangle - |3, 3\rangle)/\sqrt{2},$$

$$|\Psi_5\rangle = (1/2)(|0, 3\rangle + |1, 2\rangle) + |2, 1\rangle/\sqrt{2},$$

$$|\Psi_6\rangle = (1/2)(-|0, 3\rangle + |1, 2\rangle) + |3, 0\rangle/\sqrt{2}.$$

- Our state is a mixture

$$\rho_{4 \times 4} = p \sum_{n=1}^4 |\Psi_n\rangle\langle\Psi_n| + q \sum_{n=5}^6 |\Psi_n\rangle\langle\Psi_n|,$$

where  $q = (\sqrt{2} - 1)/2$  and  $p = (1 - 2q)/4$ .

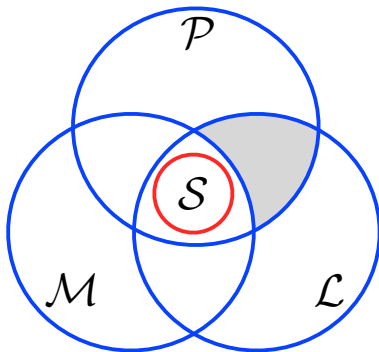
- We consider the operator

$$A = H \otimes \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \otimes H,$$

where  $H = \text{diag}(1, 1, -1, -1)$ .

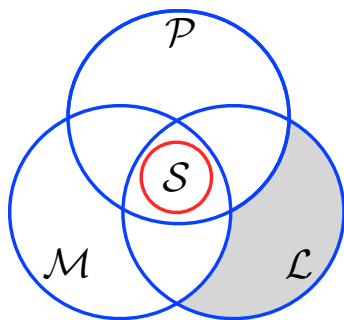
# Metrologically useful quantum states with LHV models (PPT)

- Consider the  $2 \times 4$  state listed before. Possible to construct numerically a LHV model for the state.



# Metrologically useful quantum states with LHV models (non-PPT)

- Two-qubit Werner state  $(1 - p)|\Psi^-\rangle\langle\Psi^-| + p\mathbb{1}/4$ , with  $|\Psi^-\rangle = (|01\rangle - |10\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$ .
- Better for metrology than separable states ( $\mathcal{F}_Q > 2$ ) for  $p < 0.3596$ .
- Do not violate any Bell inequality for  $p > 0.3171$ .



# Cluster states

- Cluster states: resource in measurement-based quantum computing

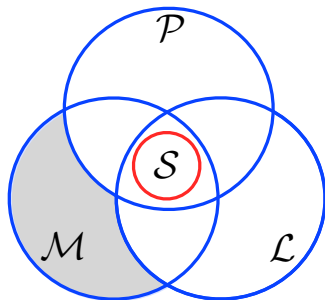
R. Raussendorf and H. J. Briegel, PRL 2001.

- Fully entangled pure states.
- Violate a Bell inequality

V. Scarani, A. Acín, E. Schenck, M. Aspelmeyer, PRA 2005; O. Gühne, GT, P. Hyllus, H. J. Briegel, PRL 2005; GT, O. Gühne, and H. J. Briegel, PRA 2006.

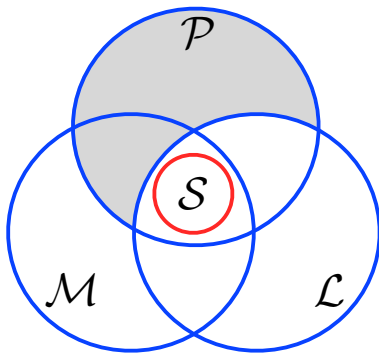
- Ring cluster states for  $N \geq 5$  are metrologically not useful

P. Hyllus, O. Gühne, and A. Smerzi, PRA 2010.



# Non-local PPT states

Counterexample for the Peres conjecture





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# Metrological performance

- **Observation 1.**—We present two families of PPT states. For both families of states,

$$\mathcal{F}_Q[\varrho_{Fn}, H] = \frac{16\sqrt{d}}{1 + \sqrt{d}},$$

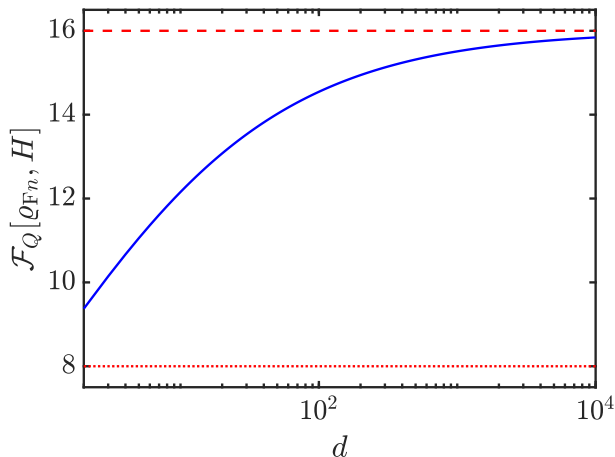
holds. The Hamiltonian corresponding to the  $(AA')(BB')$  partition is

$$H = \sigma_A^Z \otimes \mathbb{1}_B \otimes \mathbb{1}_{A'B'} + \mathbb{1}_A \otimes \sigma_B^Z \otimes \mathbb{1}_{A'B'},$$

where the dimension of  $A'$  and  $B'$  is  $d$ .

- The quantum Fisher information approaches 16 for large  $d$ , which is the maximum achievable value by entangled states.
- Thus, PPT states turn out to be almost as useful as non-PPT entangled states in this metrological task.

## Metrological performance II



- (dashed) Maximum for the QFI for bipartite quantum states.
- (solid) The QFI of the  $(2d) \times (2d)$  PPT quantum state.
- (dotted) Maximum for the QFI for separable quantum states.

- **Observation 2.**—For both families of states,

$$\mathcal{F}_Q[\varrho_{Fn}, H] = 4(\Delta H)_{\varrho_{Fn}}^2$$

holds.

- For the expectation value of the Hamiltonian

$$\langle H \rangle_{\varrho_{Fn}} = 0$$

holds.

# The effect of noise on the QFI

- **Observation 3.**—If we mix the quantum state  $\varrho_{Fn}$  with white noise,

$$\varrho_{Fn}^{(\rho)} = p\varrho_{Fn} + (1 - p)\frac{\mathbb{1}}{4d^2},$$

the quantum Fisher information is given as

$$\mathcal{F}_Q[\varrho_{Fn}^{(\rho)}, H] = \frac{2p_1 p^2}{(2p_1 - 1)p + 1} \mathcal{F}_Q[\varrho_{Fn}, H],$$

where  $\mathcal{F}_Q[\varrho_{Fn}, H]$  we discussed before.

- The constant  $p_1$  is given as

$$p_1 = \sqrt{d}/(1 + \sqrt{d}).$$

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# First family of PPT states

- **Definition 1.**—In matrix notation, the states  $\rho_{F1}$  can be written as

$$\rho_{F1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \sqrt{XX^\dagger} & 0 & 0 & p_1 X \\ 0 & p_2 \sqrt{YY^\dagger} & p_2 Y & 0 \\ 0 & p_2 Y^\dagger & p_2 \sqrt{Y^\dagger Y} & 0 \\ p_1 X^\dagger & 0 & 0 & p_1 \sqrt{X^\dagger X} \end{bmatrix},$$

where the two matrices with a unit trace norm acting on  $A'B'$  are defined as

$$X = \frac{1}{d\sqrt{d}} \sum_{i,j=0}^{d-1} u_{ij} |ij\rangle \langle ji|,$$

$$Y = \sqrt{d} X^\Gamma = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i,j=0}^{d-1} u_{ij} |ii\rangle \langle jj|.$$

- Here  $\Gamma$  denotes partial transposition in terms of Bob.

# First family of PPT states II

- The density matrix of the  $\rho_{F1}$  state can also be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{F1} &= \frac{p_1}{2d^2} \sum_{i,j=0}^{d-1} (|00ij\rangle\langle 00ij| + |11ij\rangle\langle 11ij|) \\ &+ \frac{p_1}{2d\sqrt{d}} \sum_{i,j=0}^{d-1} \left( u_{ij}|00ij\rangle\langle 11ji| + u_{ij}^*|11ji\rangle\langle 00ij| \right) \\ &+ \frac{p_2}{2d} \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} (|01ii\rangle\langle 01ii| + |10ii\rangle\langle 10ii|) \\ &+ \frac{p_2}{2d} \sum_{i,j=0}^{d-1} \left( u_{ij}|01ii\rangle\langle 10jj| + u_{ij}^*|10jj\rangle\langle 01ii| \right).\end{aligned}$$

- The order of subsystems is  $ABA'B'$ .



# First family of PPT states III

- The  $p_1$  probability is

$$p_1 = \sqrt{d}/(1 + \sqrt{d}),$$

we define also  $p_2 = 1 - p_1$ .

- $u_{ij}$  are matrix elements of a unitary operator acting on a  $d$ -dimensional space fulfilling

$$|u_{ij}| = 1/\sqrt{d}$$

for all  $i, j$ . Such an operator exists for all  $d$ , and the one corresponding to the quantum Fourier transform is appropriate

$$u_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} e^{i\frac{2\pi}{d}ij}.$$

- Important property

$$\varrho_{F1} = (\varrho_{F1})^\Gamma, \quad \text{rank}(\varrho_{F1}) = d^2 + d.$$

# First family of PPT states IV

- **Observation 4.**—For the state  $\varrho_{\text{F1}}$ , for the term in the formula of the quantum Fisher information, we have

$$\langle \mu | H | \nu \rangle = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } |\mu\rangle = |v_{ij}\rangle \text{ and } |\nu\rangle = |v_{ij}^-\rangle \\ & \text{or } |\nu\rangle = |v_{ij}\rangle \text{ and } |\mu\rangle = |v_{ij}^-\rangle, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $0 \leq i, j \leq d - 1$ .

- Here  $|\mu\rangle$  and  $|\nu\rangle$  denote the eigenvectors of  $\varrho_{\text{F1}}$  listed before. They include all  $|v_{ij}\rangle$ 's and all  $|v_{ij}^-\rangle$ 's.
- For  $|v_{ij}\rangle$  and  $|v_{ij}^-\rangle$ , see

K. F. Pál, G. Tóth, E. Bene, and T. Vértesi,

Bound entangled singlet-like states for quantum metrology, Phys. Rev. Res. 3, 023101 (2021).

# Relations to our 2018 PRL

- This is the same Hamiltonian operator that appears in [G. Tóth and T. Vértesi, PRL 2018] for two-qudit states.
- The  $4 \times 4$  analytical state presented in [G. Tóth and T. Vértesi, PRL 2018] can be transformed to  $\varrho_{F1}$ .

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## Second family of PPT states

- **Definition 2.**—The family of states can be written as

$$\rho_{F2} = \frac{p_1}{d^2} \sum_{i,j=0}^{d-1} |z_{ij}\rangle\langle z_{ij}| + \frac{p_2}{2d} \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} |s_i\rangle\langle s_i| \\ + \frac{p_2}{2d} \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} |10ii\rangle\langle 10ii|.$$

- The probabilities  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the same as before, and

$$|z_{ij}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |00ij\rangle + \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} Q_{ik}^j |11jk\rangle \right)$$

for  $0 \leq i, j \leq d-1$ , where  $Q_{ik}^j$  are orthogonal matrices for all values of  $j$ , that is,

$$\sum_i Q_{ik}^j Q_{ik'}^j = \delta_{kk'}$$

holds for all  $j$ .  $Q_{ik}^j$  also have further properties.

## Second family of PPT states II

- The states  $|s_i\rangle$  are orthonormal vectors in the subspace

$$|01\rangle_{AB} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{A'} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{B'},$$

which will also be specified later in terms of  $Q_{ik}^j$ .

- With an appropriate choice of the  $Q_{ik}^j$  the partial transpose of  $\varrho$  is positive semidefinite.
- Important property

$$\varrho_{F1} \neq (\varrho_{F1})^\Gamma, \quad \text{rank}(\varrho_{F1}) = d2 + 2d.$$

## Second family of PPT states II

- **Observation 5.**—For the state  $\varrho_{F2}$ , for the term in the formula of the quantum Fisher information, we have

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where  $0 \leq i, j \leq d - 1$ .

- Here  $|\mu\rangle$  and  $|\nu\rangle$  denote the eigenvectors of  $\varrho_{F2}$ .

# Relations to our 2018 PRL

- The numerically found states presented in [G. Tóth and T. Vértesi, PRL 2018] are like  $\rho_{F2}$ .

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# Strong evidence that we found the best PPT state for metrology

- Based on extensive numerical maximization, it looks like that our states have the best metrological performance for bipartite states with a given  $d$ .
- For large  $d$ , the QFI equals the maximum, corresponding to a two-qubit singlet.

# PPT singlet-like states

- Starting from a PPT state, LOCC will lead to PPT states only.
- If we have only PPT states, we can still try to distill the PPT state best for metrology.
- We could find concrete examples where using  $F$  as a local filter

$$\varrho' = \frac{(F \otimes F)\varrho_{\text{noisy}}(F \otimes F)^\dagger}{\text{Tr}[(F \otimes F)\varrho(F \otimes F)^\dagger]},$$

we could increase the QFI.

# Outline

## 1 Motivation

- What are entangled states useful for?

## 2 Background

- Quantum Fisher information
- Recent findings on the quantum Fisher information

## 3 Maximizing the QFI for PPT states

- Results so far
- Our results

## 4 Analytical examples

- Properties of the two families
- First family of PPT states
- Second family of PPT states
- PPT singlet-like states
- QUBIT4MATLAB programs

# QUBIT4MATLAB programs

- The routine `BES_private.m` defines the states of the first family. For the  $u_{ij}$  unitaries, the quantum Fourier transform is used.
- The routine `BES_metro4x4.m` defines the state presented in PRL 2018.
- The routine `BES_metro.m` defines the states of the second family. We also included other routines that show their usage. They are called `example_BES_private.m`, `example_BES_metro4x4.m`, and `example_BES_metro.m`.
- The programs `BES_private.m` and `BES_metro.m` can give the states corresponding to the order of the subsystems given as  $ABA'B'$ , as in this paper.
- The programs can also give the states corresponding to the order of the subsystems given as  $AA'BB'$ , which is more appropriate for studying bipartite entanglement between  $AA'$  and  $BB'$ .

# Summary

- We presented quantum states with a positive partial transpose with respect to all bipartitions that are useful for metrology.

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