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Abstract: We show that singlets composed of multiple multi-level quantum systems can naturally arise as the ground state of a physically-motivated Hamiltonian. The Hamiltonian needs to be one which simply exchanges the states of nearest neighbours in any graph of interacting d -level quantum systems (qudits) as long as the graph also has d sites. We point out that local measurements on some of these qudits, with the freedom of choosing a distinct measurement basis at each qudit randomly from an infinite set of bases, project the remainder onto a singlet state. One implication of this is that the entanglement in these states is very robust (persistent), while an application is in establishing an arbitrary amount of entanglement between well-separated parties (for subsequent use as a communication resource) by local measurements on an appropriate graph. Based on quant-ph/0602139.

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Overview of talk

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- Introduction to qudit singlets: setting the scene and formal definition
- Summary of previous results
- Proof that qudit singlets are the ground state of a 2-local Hamiltonian for any graph
- Proof that you can take arbitrary measurements and always obtain a smaller singlet
- Proof that these state have the highest possible persistency of entanglement
- Potential uses of such states / directions for future research
- Preparation of qudit singlets in an optical lattice
- Summary

Introduction to qudit singlets: setting the scene

Secret sharing problem

- Suppose A_1 wants to have a secret action taken on her behalf at a distant location
- She has agents A_2, \dots, A_N to do it for her
- A_1 knows that some are dishonest, but does not know which

Introduction to qudit singlets: setting the scene

- She cannot send a secure message to all, because the dishonest parties will sabotage it
- Assume that if they carry it out together, honest ones will prevent dishonest ones damaging task
- So: A_1 needs to convey a cryptographic key to A_2, \dots, A_N , such that they can only read it if they all collaborate

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Problem can be solved if each of the N parties has a sequence of numbers that:

- i. Is truly random
- ii. Possible numbers are integers from $0, \dots, N-1$
- iii. If number i is a position j in k 's sequence, it does not appear at position j in another's sequence
- iv. Each party knows only his/her sequence

Properties are impossible classically, since eavesdroppers could listen in

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So we need a method to generate such sequences

A_1 's sequence defined as the key

Only way to reveal it is to make remaining parties share their respective sequences

Key then composed by the missing results

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There are two other examples, which reduce to the same problem:

N-strangers problem and *liar detection problem*

So these states are useful

Definition of qudit singlets

- “Qudit singlets” are N -party, d -level states, with the property

$$U^{\otimes N} |S_N^{(d)}\rangle = |S_N^{(d)}\rangle$$

- Each party is a spin $(d - 1)/2$; total spin is zero
- For $d = N$, they take the form

$$|S_N^{(N)}(\boldsymbol{\alpha})\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \sum_{\{n_l\}} \epsilon_{n_1, \dots, n_N} |\alpha_{n_1}, \dots, \alpha_{n_N}\rangle$$

- We call this an N -singlet

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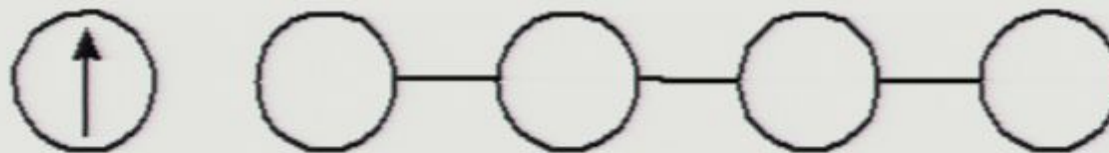
- Sum is taken over all combinations
- State is antisymmetric under all permutation operators P_{ij} where i, j run between 1 and N
- They are essentially *pure* multipartite Werner states¹

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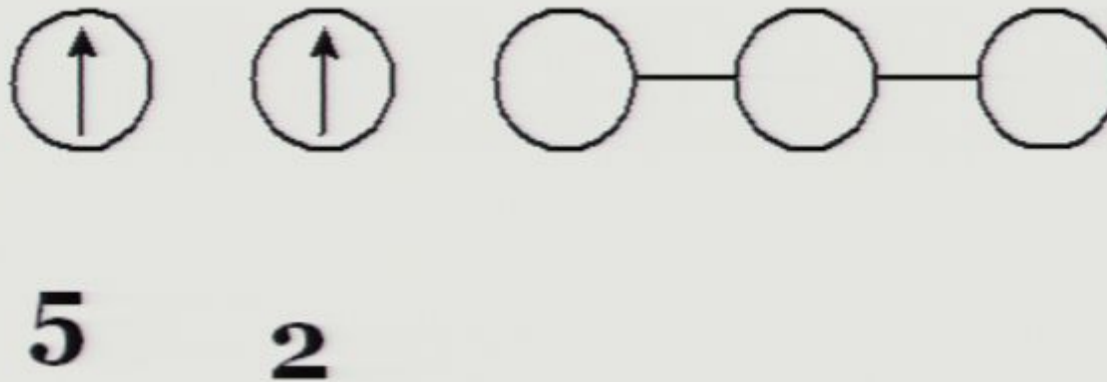
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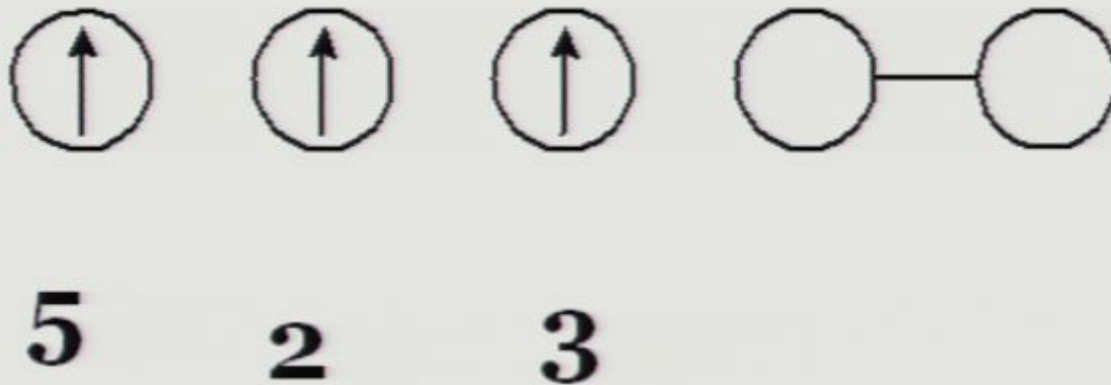
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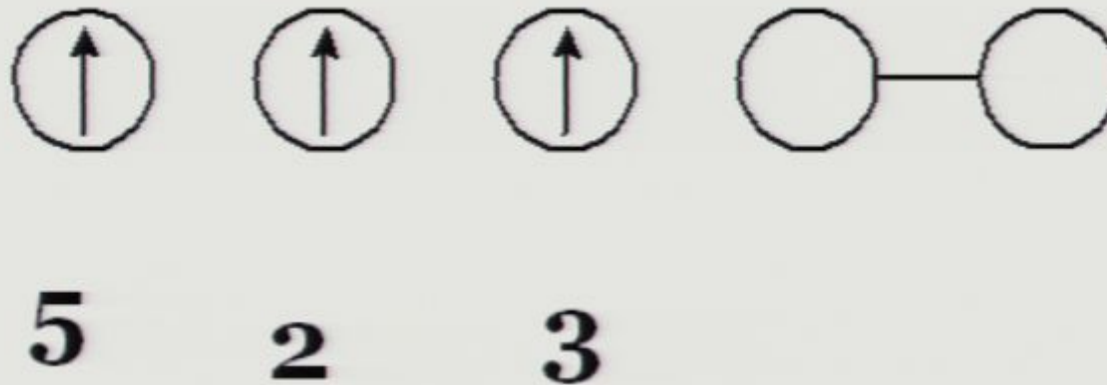


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Previous results: summary

- If the same arbitrary rotation is applied to each qudit, the state is the same (up to a phase)
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Previous results: for general d, N

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- They do not exist² for $N < d$
- May be used as basis of decoherence-free subspace^{2, 3, 4}
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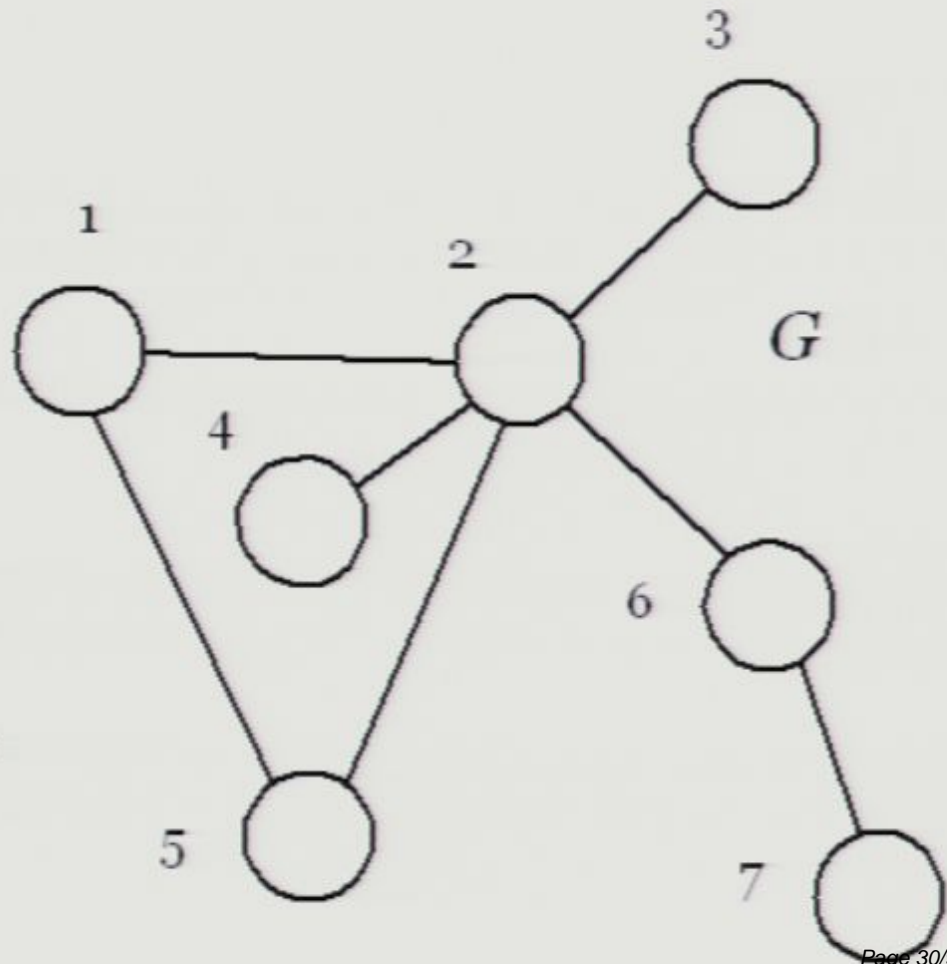
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Our three main results

- N -singlets are the **ground state** of a 2-local Hamiltonian
- One can use **any measurement basis** to establish smaller qudit singlets at successive measurements: it follows that these states are the **most persistent possible**
- Discuss a potential realisation of this state in an **optical lattice**

Result 1: Qudit singlets are the ground state of permutation Hamiltonians

- Let G be a graph, $E(G)$ its set of edges, and $V(G)$ its set of vertices.
- Let there be a qudit at each vertex (levels $1, \dots, N$)
- Let connected vertices i, j interact through a permutation operator P_{ij}
- This operator permutes all states at sites i and j , and is an element of $SU(d)$



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- Then the Hamiltonian for this system is:
$$H = \sum_{i,j \in E(G)} P_{ij}$$
- This is the $SU(d)$ generalisation of the Heisenberg interaction
- We can show that the ground state of this a qudit singlet, *independently* of the choice of graph G !

Permutation Hamiltonians: physical realisation

- Permutation operator: $P_{ij} |\psi\rangle_i |\phi\rangle_j = |\phi\rangle_i |\psi\rangle_j$

- This can be written:
$$P_{ij} = \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^d S_{\alpha}^{\beta}(i) S_{\beta}^{\alpha}(j)$$

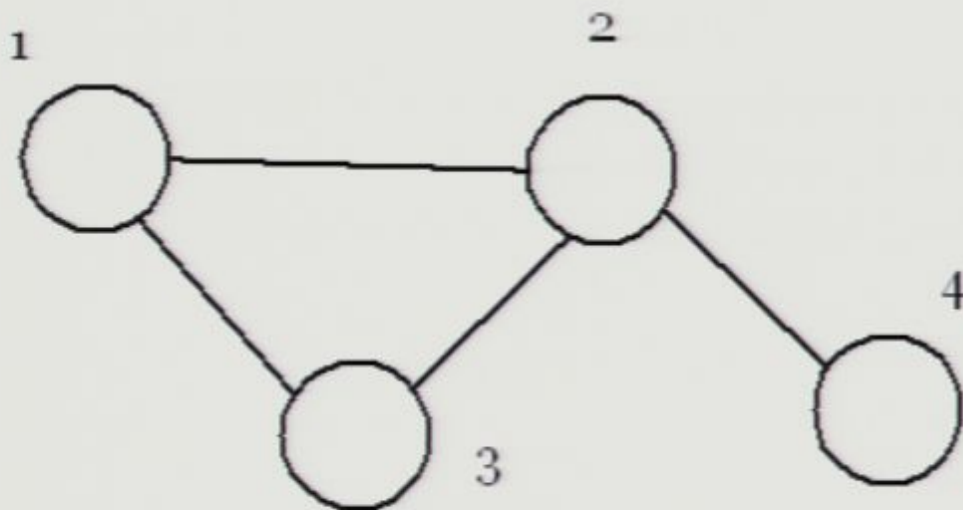
where $\{S_{\beta}^{\alpha}(n)\}$ are the generators of $SU(d)$ at n th vertex

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- *Lowest energy state of a permutation Hamiltonian has energy equal to that of an eigenstate of all P_{ij} terms included in the Hamiltonian, all with eigenvalue -1*



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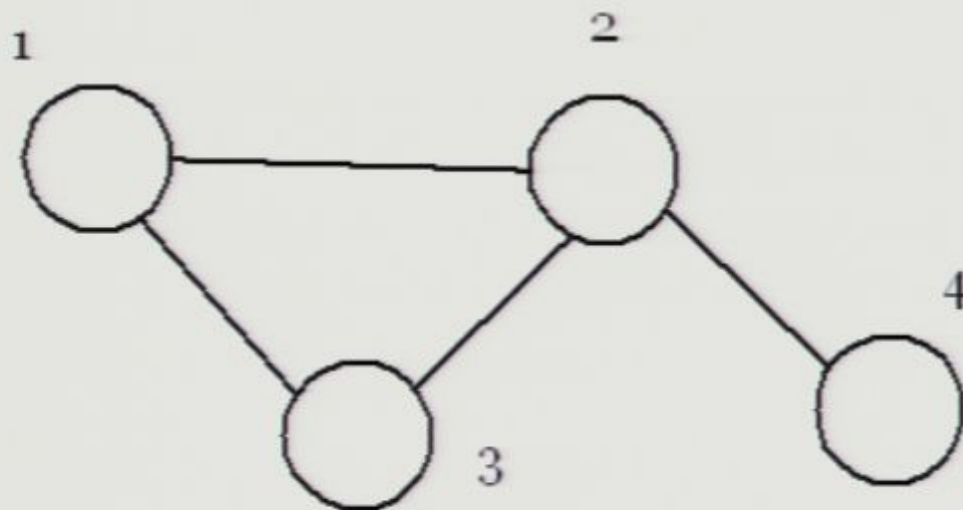
- Equality exists for a state that is individually an eigenstate of all terms in Hamiltonian, and if this exists it is a ground state

Permutation Hamiltonians:

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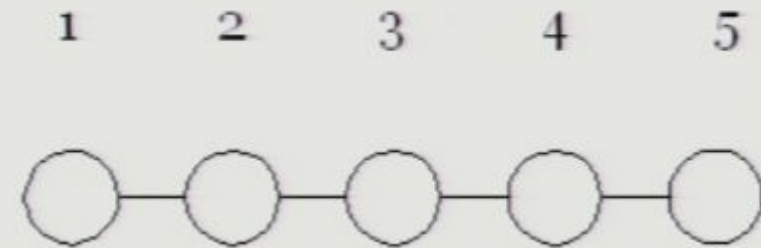
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- If a state is an eigenstate of all permutation operators in the Hamiltonian, it is an eigenstate of all possible permutation operators*



Example: in this case, if the state is be an eigenstate of $P_{12}, P_{13}, P_{23}, P_{24}$, it will also be an eigenstate of **all** P_{ij} ; e.g. P_{34}, P_{14}, \dots

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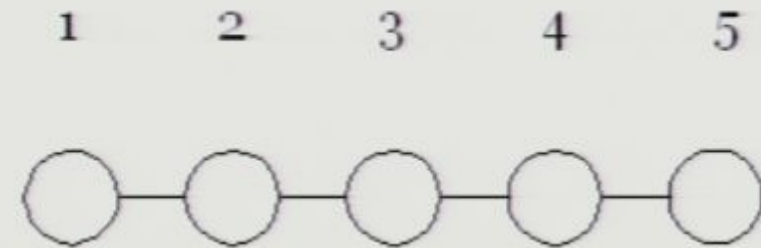
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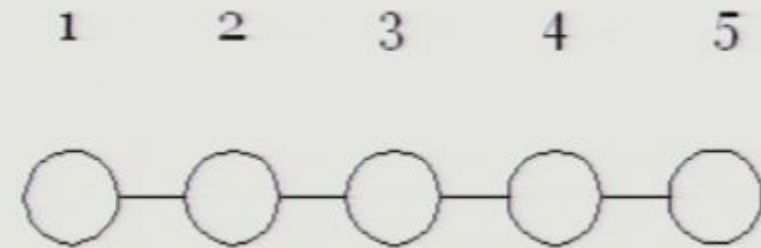
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Permutation Hamiltonians: Proof of ground state

- *Theorem: The ground state of a $SU(N)$ permutation Hamiltonian on a lattice of N sites is an N -singlet*
- From above, we know a state completely antisymmetric under all permutations is a valid ground state
- A qudit singlet $d = N$ satisfies this by definition
- Uniqueness can be proven by contradiction

Result 2: General measurements and establishing smaller qudit singlets

- Recall that if all parties measure in the same basis, a smaller qudit singlet is established at each stage between the other parties
- Can we measure in *any* basis?

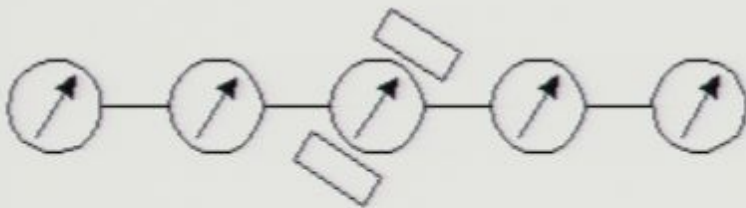
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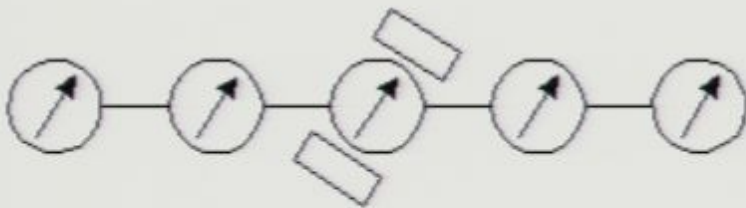
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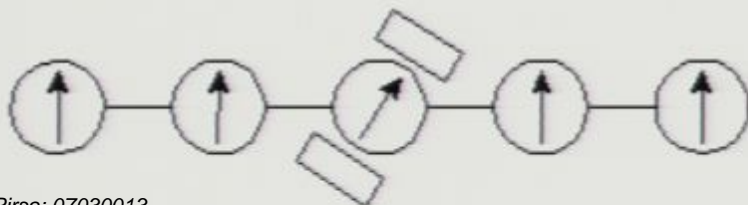
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- For a 2-singlet, we can prove this

$$\begin{aligned} (U \otimes \mathcal{I}) |S_2^{(2)}\rangle &= (U \otimes U^\dagger U) |S_2^{(2)}\rangle \\ &= (\mathcal{I} \otimes U^\dagger)(U \otimes U) |S_2^{(2)}\rangle \\ &= (\mathcal{I} \otimes U^\dagger) |S_2^{(2)}\rangle \end{aligned}$$

- Making use of the invariance property
- This can be generalised to:

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- Claim: When we measure an N -singlet written in a basis $\{|\alpha_i\rangle\}$ at one qudit using an arbitrary basis $\{|\beta_i\rangle\langle\beta_i|\}$, we get a product of $|\beta_i\rangle$ at the measured site and an $(N-1)$ -singlet $|S_{N-1}^{(N-1)}(\beta; \beta_l)\rangle$ in basis $\{|\beta_i\rangle\}^{\otimes N-1}$ at the other qudits*

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So the outcome is $|\beta_i\rangle \langle \beta_i| \otimes \mathcal{I}^{\otimes N-1} \left| S_N^{(N)}(\alpha) \right\rangle_{1,\dots,N} / \|\dots\|$
 $= |\beta_i\rangle_1 \otimes \left| S_{N-1}^{(N-1)}(\beta; \beta_i) \right\rangle_{2,\dots,N}.$

...and we have proved the claim

The significance of this is seen if we iterate ...

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Claim: If M parties perform successive measurements in arbitrary bases

$$B_m = \{|\alpha_i^{(m)}\rangle\}_{i \neq 1, \dots, m-1} = \left\{ \prod_{l=1}^m U^{(l)} |\alpha_i^{(0)}\rangle \right\}$$

the $(N - M)$ remaining parties share an $(N - M)$ -singlet in the basis

$$B_M^{\otimes N-M}$$

Restriction: each basis transformation operates on a space one dimension smaller than previous (lifted later)

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Proof:

Consider effect of measuring in basis $\{|\alpha_i^{(2)}\rangle\}$ on outcome of previous measurement. End result is

$$|\alpha_i^{(1)}\rangle_1 |\alpha_j^{(2)}\rangle_2 |S_{N-2}^{(N-2)}(\alpha^{(2)}; \alpha_i^{(2)}, \alpha_j^{(2)})\rangle_{3,\dots,N}.$$

In general for M measurements

$$|\alpha_{n_1}^{(1)}\rangle_1 \cdots |\alpha_{n_M}^{(M)}\rangle_M |S_{N-M}^{(N-M)}(\alpha_{n_M}^{(M)}; \mathbf{n}^{(M)})\rangle_{M+1,\dots,N}$$

Elements of vector \mathbf{n} are the levels excluded

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Restriction arises because the property

$$U^{\otimes N} \left| S_N^{(d)} \right\rangle = \left| S_N^{(d)} \right\rangle$$

only holds when U operates on space inhabited by the singlet
So: at l th measurement, we restrict basis transformation $U^{(l)}$
to operate only on $(N - l)$ levels

But ...

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- It is well known that a d -level unitary can be written in terms of two-level unitaries:

$$U_d = V_1 \dots V_k$$

- So:

$$U_d \otimes U_d = (V_1 \otimes V_1) \dots (V_k \otimes V_k)$$

- We can now use $d \times d$ unitaries that the V_i act *either* within the singlet subspace *or* its complement

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- But what happens if we really take measurements in *any* basis?
- Consider effect of arbitrary unitary on 2-singlet of levels j, m :

$$(V_1 \otimes V_1) \dots (V_i \otimes V_i)(|jm\rangle - |mj\rangle)$$

$$= (V_1 \otimes V_1) \dots (V_{i-1} \otimes V_{i-1})((V_i |j\rangle) |m\rangle - |m\rangle (V_i |j\rangle))$$
- Each of the factors on the l.h.s. take the singlet into a different space, but its entanglement properties are unaffected
- So we end up with a singlet!

Result 2: General measurements and establishing smaller qudit singlets

- So we conclude that:

when N parties share a qudit singlet, and M of them perform local measurements, the remaining $(N - M)$ of them share a smaller qudit singlet, *regardless of the measurement choices or outcomes!*

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- Can be considered a measure of multi-partite entanglement
- For cluster states¹, it is $\sim N/2$
- Here, it is $(N - 1)$, the *highest possible value for an N -partite state*

Entanglement distribution

- For most quantum computing tasks, we need entanglement to be shared by well separated parties
- This is difficult to achieve by distributing photons
- One approach: localisable entanglement

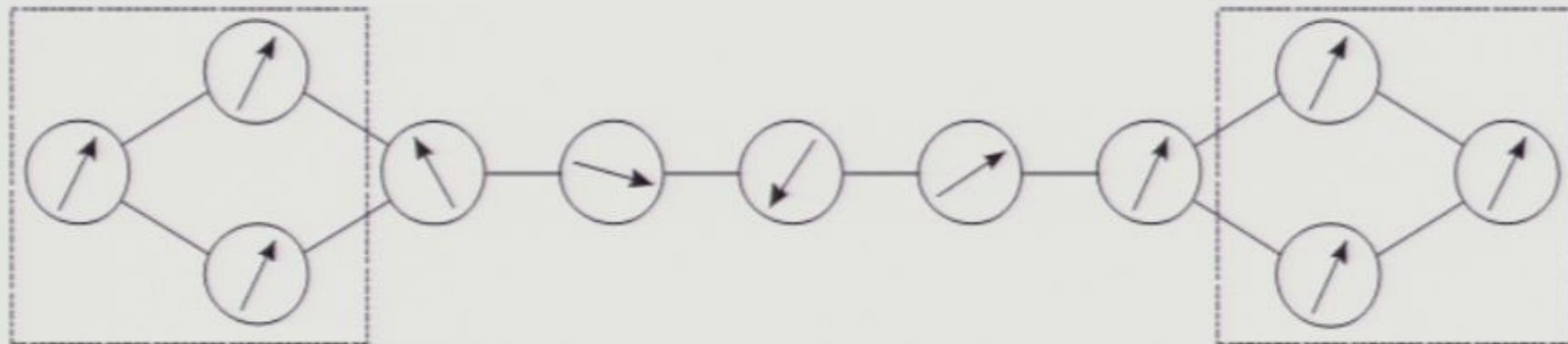
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Consequences for localisable entanglement

- We introduce *two subsystem LE*:
- Normally LE relates to two qudits
- Now suppose Alice and Bob have control of small parts of the graph, each of n qudits
- They can establish $\log_2 {}^{2n}C_n$ ebits between them

Consequences for localisable entanglement



Alice

Bob

- Alice and Bob have access to the boxes
- By performing arbitrary measurements on the other qudits, they can establish a 6-singlet, with $\log_2 {}^6C_3$ ebits shared between them
- This is very relevant physically, as this can now be used for short distance communications or networking distinct quantum registers

Result 3: physical realisation

- These have fermionic and bosonic representations:

$$S_{\alpha}^{\beta}(n) = c_{\beta,n}^{\dagger} c^{\alpha,n}$$

- Potentially there could be many implementations, including optical traps, quantum dots, spin tubes
- Indeed, this is a natural interaction arising when qudits simply hop along a lattice with site occupancy of at most one qudit

Hubbard model

- The permutation Hamiltonian may be obtained from the Hubbard model in a certain limit¹
- The standard, two-level, one-band Hubbard model Hamiltonian is:

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow, \downarrow} \left(c_{\sigma i}^\dagger c_{\sigma j} + c_{\sigma i} c_{\sigma j}^\dagger \right) + U \sum_{i=1}^N n_{\uparrow i} n_{\downarrow i}$$

Hubbard model

- Consider this in the half-filled regime
(there are no unoccupied sites, and no sites with multiple occupancy)
- Consider strong-coupling limit: $U \gg t$
(number fluctuations eliminated, energy cost of leaving half-filled subspace is very large)

Hubbard model

- Treating the hopping term as a perturbation, we obtain an effective Hamiltonian $H = H_0^2/U$

$$\frac{t^2}{U} \sum_{\alpha, \beta = \uparrow, \downarrow} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(c_{\alpha i}^\dagger c_{\alpha j} + c_{\alpha i} c_{\alpha j}^\dagger \right) \left(c_{\beta i}^\dagger c_{\beta j} + c_{\beta i} c_{\beta j}^\dagger \right)$$

- Expand and only keep terms which confine state to single-occupancy subspace
(since U is large these state are suppressed)

Hubbard model

$$\begin{aligned}
 H'_0 &= \frac{t^2}{U} \sum_{\alpha=\uparrow,\downarrow} \left(c_{\alpha i}^\dagger c_{\beta i} c_{\beta j}^\dagger c_{\alpha j} + c_{\beta i}^\dagger c_{\alpha i} c_{\alpha j}^\dagger c_{\beta j} \right) \\
 &= \frac{2t^2}{U} \sum_{\alpha=\uparrow,\downarrow} c_{\alpha i}^\dagger c_{\beta i} c_{\beta j}^\dagger c_{\alpha j}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- This is the two-level permutation Hamiltonian *i.e.* the Heisenberg Hamiltonian with $J = 2t^2/U$

$$H'_0 = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{s}_j$$

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- which is equivalent to the permutation Hamiltonian required:

$$H = \sum_{i,j \in E(G)} P_{ij}$$

Hubbard model

- This derivation is also equivalent to a generalised Schrieffer–Wolff transformation¹

Hubbard model: candidate systems

- The levels must be degenerate (e.g. hyperfine levels)
- With ^{40}K atoms, one can obtain $2F + 1 = 10$ levels
- With Er atoms, one can obtain $2F + 1 = 22$ levels

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Other potential realisations

- Spin ladders and tubes¹
- Arrays of quantum dots with electrons having both spin and orbital levels²

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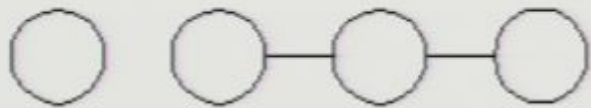
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Potential uses of qudit singlets (work in progress and open problems)

- Teleportation, and measurement-based QC
- Making a valence bond solid
- Proving non-locality for arbitrary numbers of observers, measurements and outcomes
- Open problems

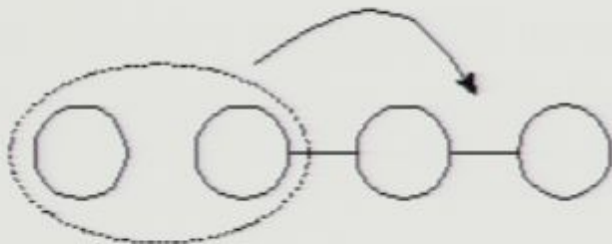
Teleportation (work in progress)

$|\phi\rangle$



Similar to GHZ and cluster state teleportation

1. Alice, Bob and Charlie share $|S^3_3\rangle$
2. Alice has another qudit in state $|\phi\rangle$
3. Alice performs a measurement, so the state is shared by Bob and Charlie
4. Bob measures
5. Charlie reconstructs the state using the classical bits from Alice and Bob

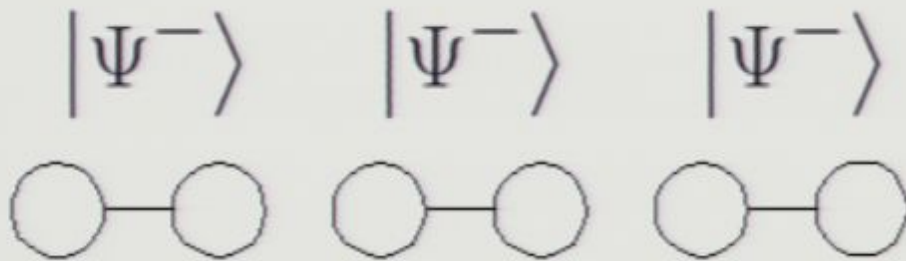


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Can this be generalised to measurement-based QC?

Valence bond solid (work in progress)



Bell pairs may be put together to make a spin-1 chain^{1,2}

Between each pair, the qubits are projected to the symmetric spin-1 space

This makes a spin-1 chain with two spin-1/2's at the ends

This can be used to implement a qubit cluster state³

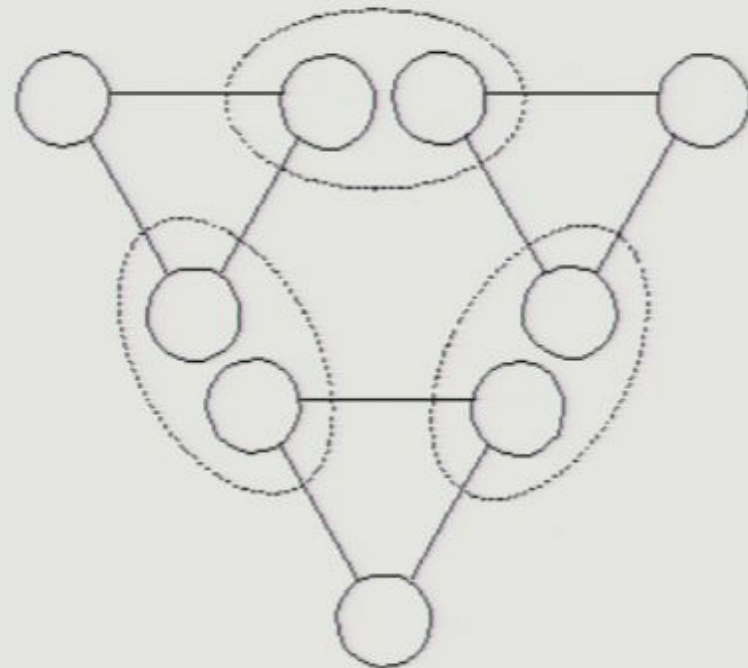
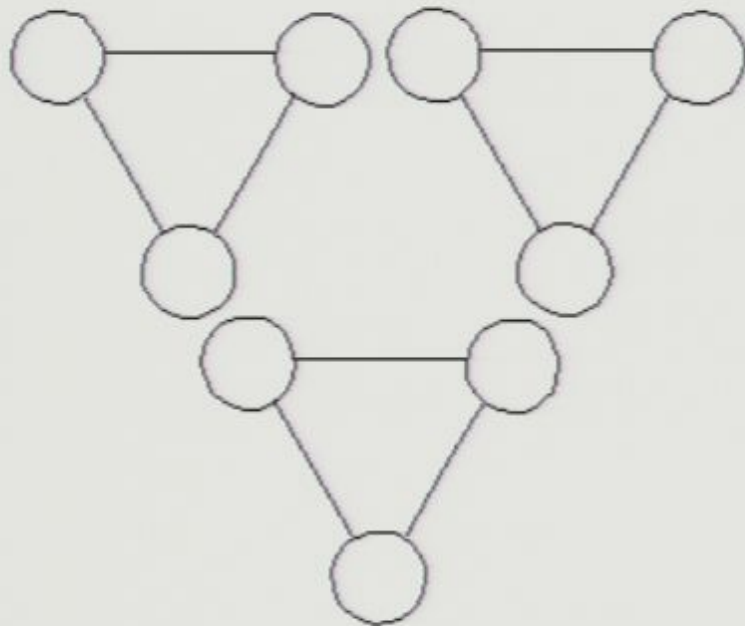


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So could we make a VBS from qudit singlets?

May not be physical, but could be interesting ...

Other questions (work in progress)

Other questions:

- Do there exist multi-*qubit* states with as much persistency?
- What do these states look like when $d \neq N$?
- For which d, N do they exist?
(Derive criteria from $\text{Tr } \rho^2 \leq 1$, as in bipartite case)
- Prove conjecture that for $N = md$ qudits, there are m orthogonal such states¹

Summary

- Introduced qudit singlets
- Summarised previous results
- Shown that qudit singlets are the ground state of a 2-local Hamiltonian for *any graph*
- Shown that you can take *arbitrary measurements* and still get a singlet
- Shown that they have the *highest possible persistency of entanglement*
- Reviewed potential uses of states: work in progress and open problems
- Discussed potential implementation of these states

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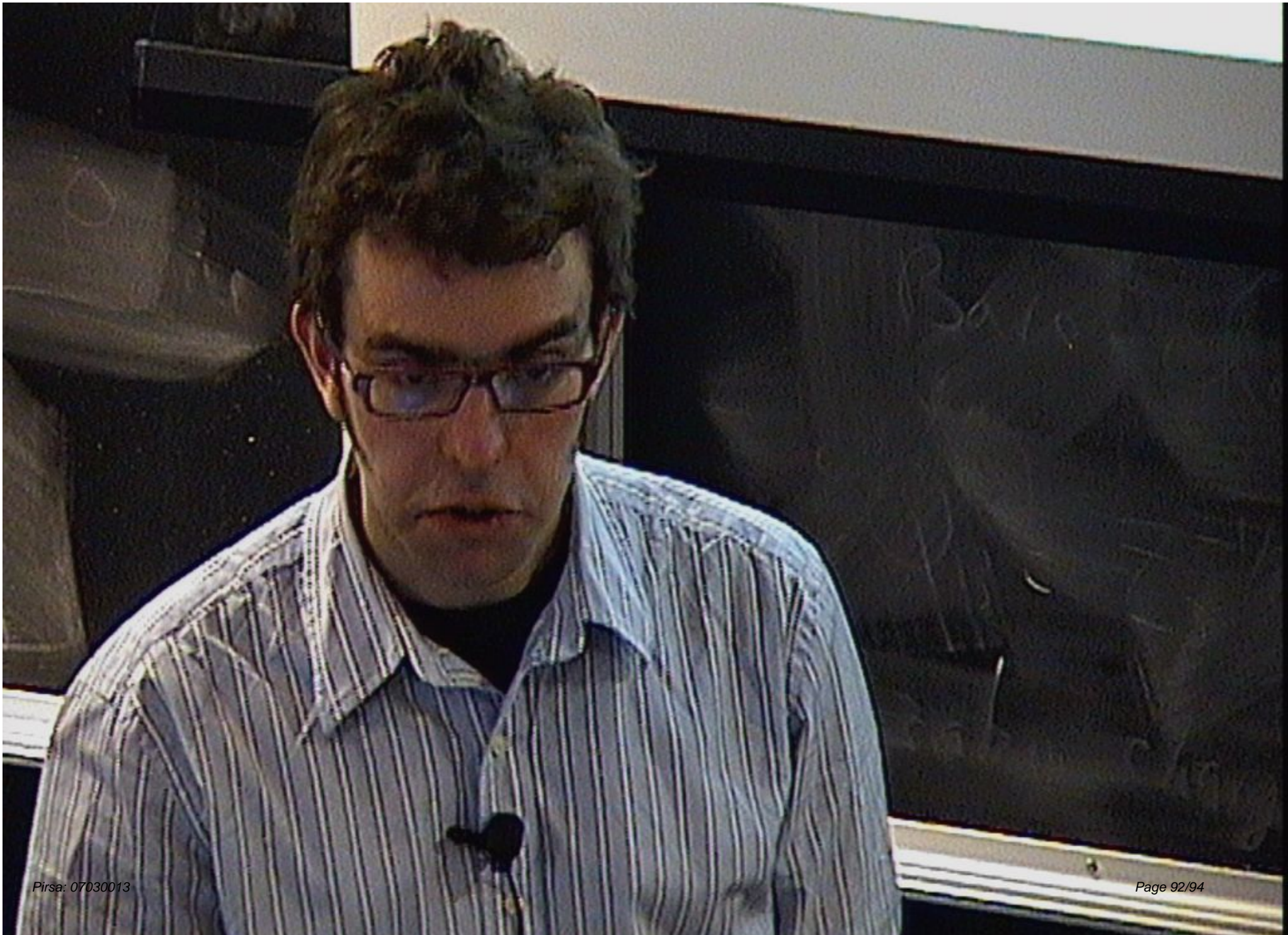
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