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Abstract: I will present some recent work on the interplay between contextuality, entanglement, and magic in multiqubit systems. Taking a foundational inquiry into entanglement in the Kochen-Specker theorem as our point of departure, I will proceed to outline some questions this raises about the role of these resources in models of multiqubit quantum computation. The purpose of this talk is to raise questions that can hopefully feed into the discussion sessions.

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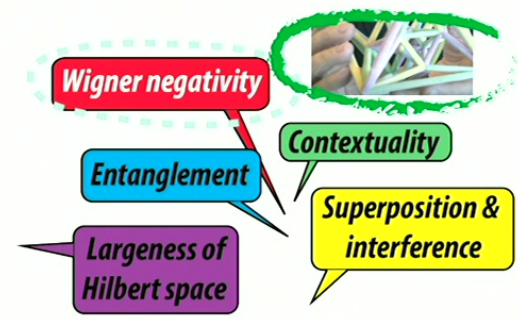
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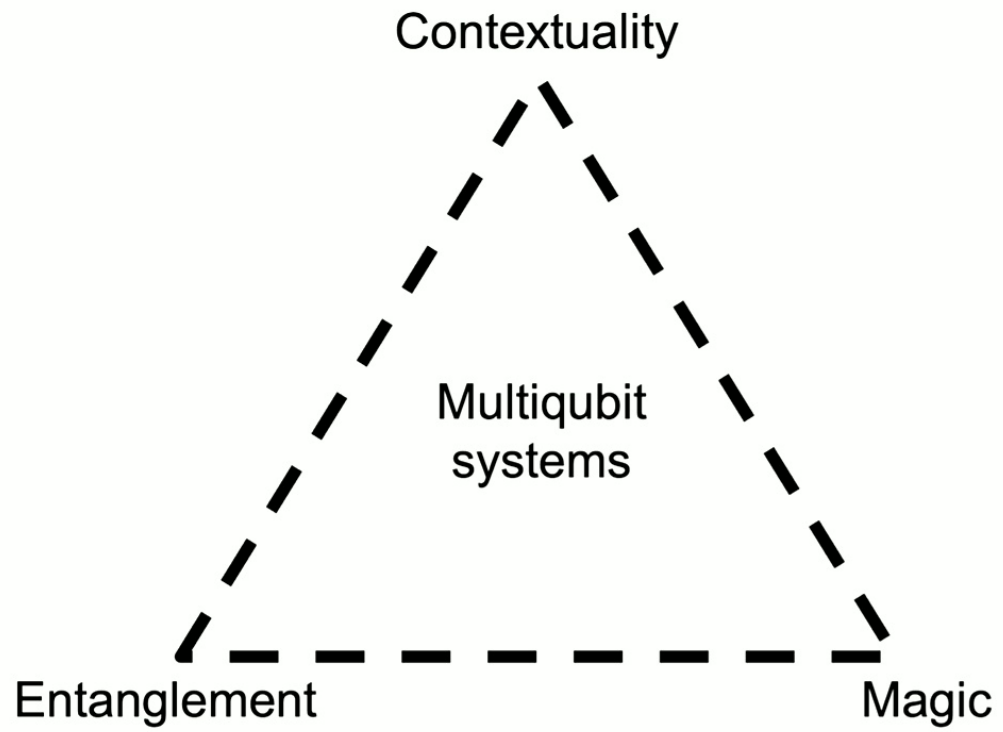


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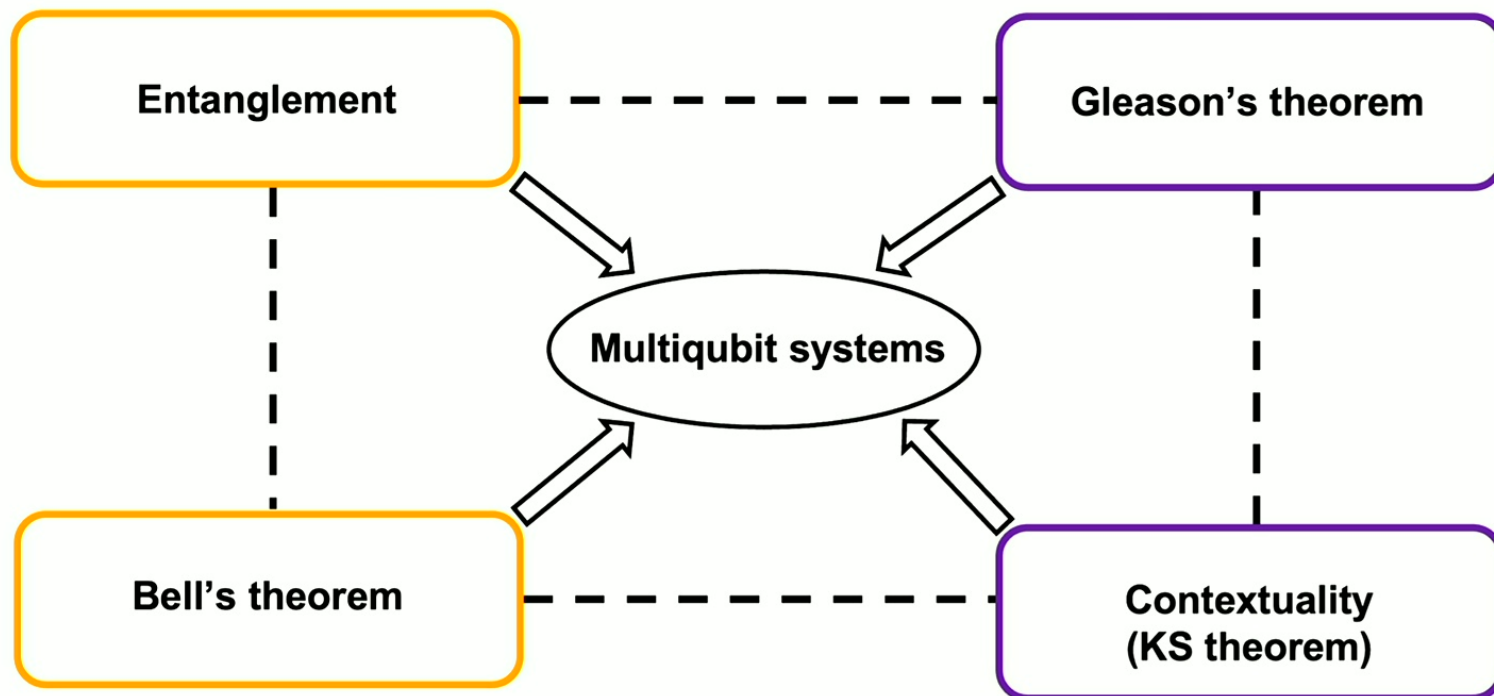
What makes quantum computing work?





Composite systems

Indivisible systems



When is entanglement 'magical'?

Concepts

Entanglement

- Entangled state: not a convex mixture of product states

$$\rho \neq \sum_i p_i \rho_A^i \otimes \rho_B^i$$

- Entangled measurement: at least one of the eigenstates is entangled
- Unentangled measurement:

$$\text{LOCC: } \{ |0+\rangle, |0-\rangle, |1+\rangle, |1, -\rangle \} \quad \{ |00\rangle, |01\rangle, |1+\rangle, |1, -\rangle \}$$

(product: LO, e.g., Bell) (adaptive: LOCC)

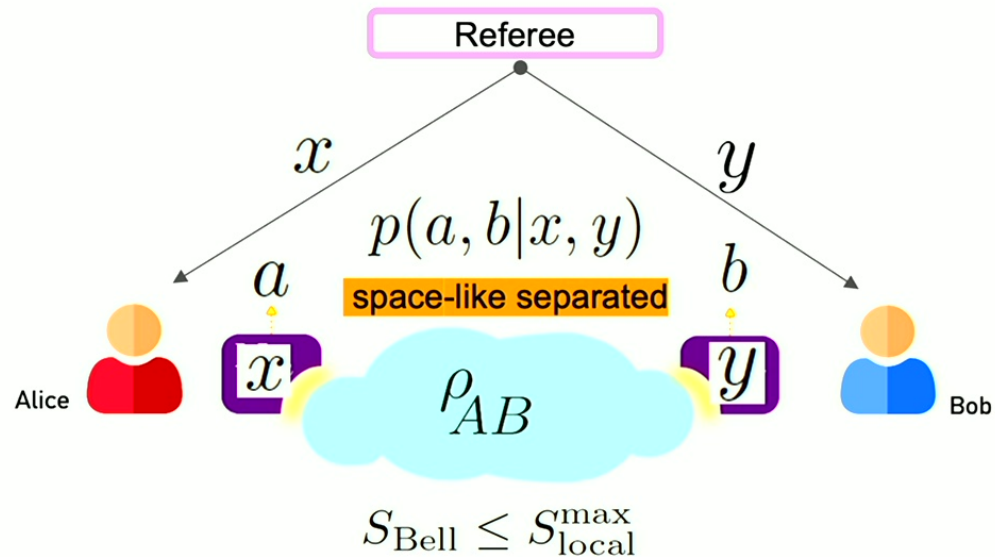
$$\text{Non-LOCC: } \{ |000\rangle, | +10\rangle, |0 + 1\rangle, |10+\rangle, \\ |111\rangle, | -10\rangle, |0 - 1\rangle, |10-\rangle \}$$

(non-adaptive)

[LOCC='Local Operations and Classical Communication']

Bell's theorem

Bell's theorem: product measurements on an entangled state can violate Bell inequalities, i.e., achieve correlations beyond those from classical shared randomness



Gleason's theorem

Structure of
measurements



Structure of states
(Born rule)

Formal statement

Let \mathcal{H} be a separable Hilbert space of dimension at least three. Any map $f : \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ satisfying

$$f(\Pi_1) + f(\Pi_2) + \dots = f(\Pi_1 + \Pi_2 + \dots),$$

for any set of mutually orthogonal projections $\{\Pi_1, \Pi_2, \dots\}$, and $f(I_{\mathcal{H}}) = 1$ where $I_{\mathcal{H}}$ is the identity operator on \mathcal{H} , admits an expression

$$f(\Pi) = \text{Tr}(\Pi\rho),$$

for some density operator ρ on \mathcal{H} .

Kochen-Specker theorem

Structure of
measurements



Constraint on the
structure of states

Formal statement

Let \mathcal{H} be a separable Hilbert space of dimension at least three. There **does not exist** a map $c : \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ satisfying

$$c(\Pi_1) + c(\Pi_2) + \dots = c(\Pi_1 + \Pi_2 + \dots),$$

for any set of mutually orthogonal projections $\{\Pi_1, \Pi_2, \dots\}$, and $c(I_{\mathcal{H}}) = 1$ where $I_{\mathcal{H}}$ is the identity operator on \mathcal{H} .

Gleason vs. KS

Gleason \longrightarrow Kochen-Specker

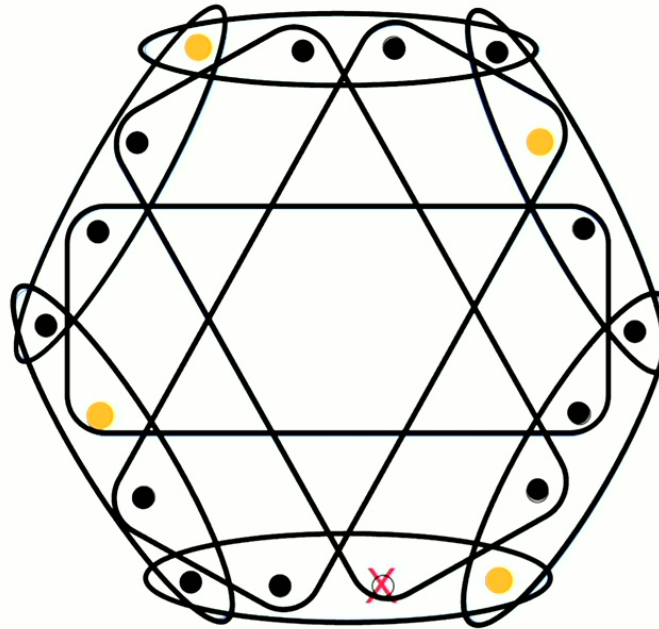
However: KS only requires a finite set of projectors (KS set)

Kochen-Specker theorem

Two kinds of proof of KS:

- **Logical proofs**: proceed from logical contradiction, structure of measurements enough
- **Statistical proofs**: proceed from statistical violations of inequalities, require structure of states

Example of a logical proof in $d=4$



- Probability 1
- Probability 0

9 bases: odd number of ●

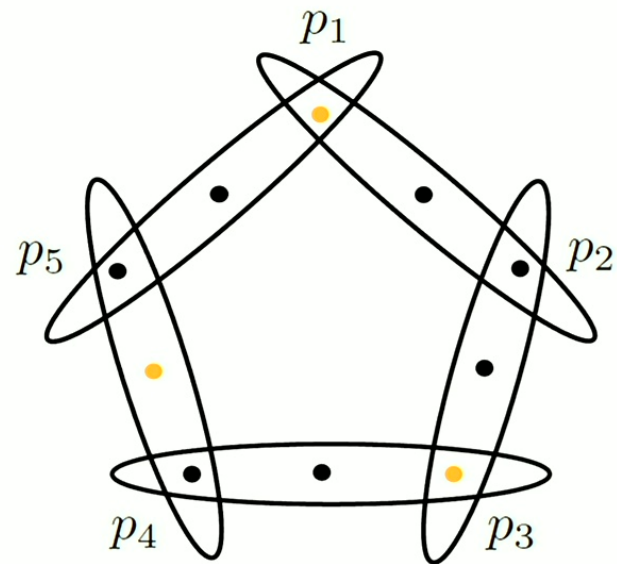
every ● appears in two bases:
even number of ●

contradiction!

18 ray KS set

[cf. Cabello *et al.*, Phys. Lett. A 212 (1996) 183-187]

Example of a statistical proof in d=3

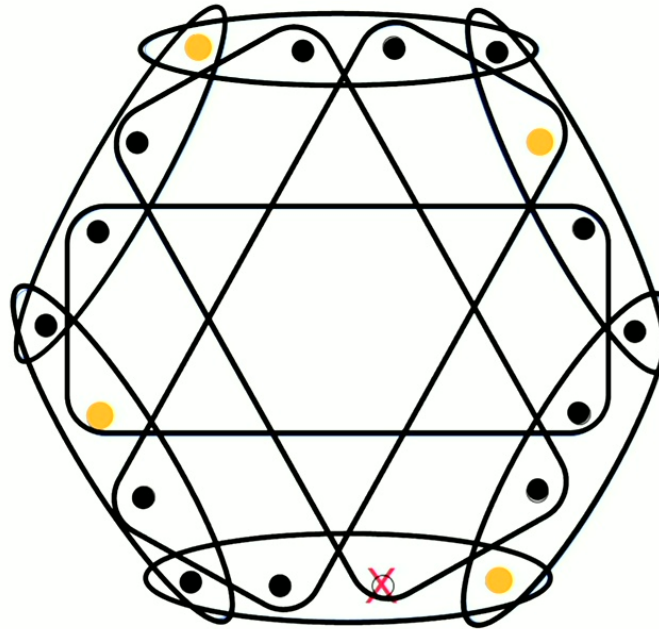


- Probability 1
- Probability 0

$$\sum_{i=1}^5 p_i \leq 2$$

[cf. Klyachko *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 101, 020403 (2008)]

Example of a logical proof in $d=4$



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Peres-Mermin square (logical proof, d=4)

$X \otimes I$	$I \otimes X$	$X \otimes X$	$I \otimes I$
$I \otimes Y$	$Y \otimes I$	$Y \otimes Y$	$I \otimes I$
$X \otimes Y$	$Y \otimes X$	$Z \otimes Z$	$I \otimes I$
$I \otimes I$	$I \otimes I$	$-I \otimes I$	

$$\begin{aligned}
 v(X \otimes I)v(I \otimes X)v(X \otimes X) &= 1 \\
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 v(I \otimes X)v(Y \otimes I)v(Y \otimes X) &= 1 \\
 v(X \otimes X)v(Y \otimes Y)v(Z \otimes Z) &= -1
 \end{aligned}$$

A simultaneous solution in $\{+1, -1\}$ doesn't exist!

Peres-Mermin **requires entanglement**:

e.g., the third column requires measurement in an entangled basis (Bell basis)

[cf. N.D. Mermin, Rev. Mod. Phys. 65, 803 (1993)]

Necessity of entangled measurements

Any **logical** proof of the KS theorem on a multiqubit system necessarily requires entangled measurements

- Non-LOCC unentangled measurements offer no advantage over LOCC measurements in logical proofs of KS
- Presence of entanglement in Peres-Mermin is not accidental: it is **necessary** in any such proof

Necessity of entangled states

Any **statistical** proof of the KS theorem on a multiqubit system with unentangled measurements necessarily requires an entangled state

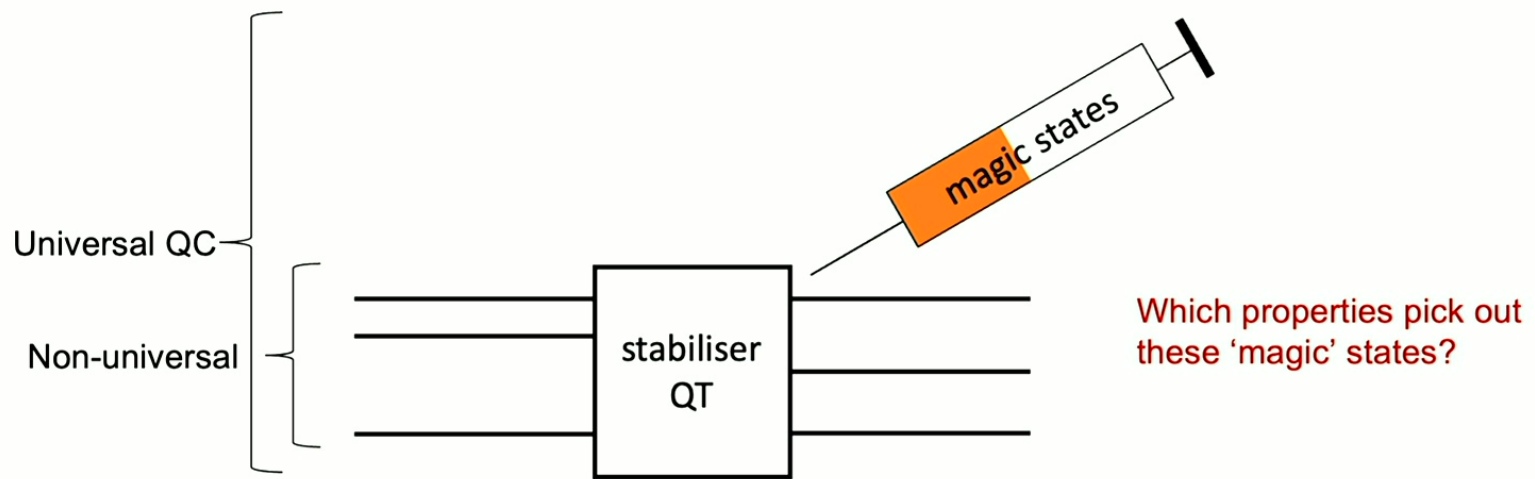
Are entangled states sufficient for such a proof?

Gleason vs. KS for multiqudit systems

		when $\dim(\mathcal{H}_j) \geq 3$ for all j	2 for j and ≥ 3 for j'	2 for all j
Unentangled	Gleason	yes	no	no
	K-S	yes +direct	yes +direct	no

- +direct: result also holds for the subset of unentangled measurements given by direct product bases
- bold and purple: our results

Quantum computation with state-injection (QCSI)



S. Bravyi and A. Kitaev, *Phys. Rev. A* 71, 022316 (2005)

Contextuality as a resource in QCSI

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Contextuality supplies the ‘magic’ for quantum computation

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Quantum computers promise dramatic advantages over their classical counterparts, but the source of the power in quantum computing has remained elusive. Here we prove a remarkable equivalence between the onset of contextuality and the possibility of universal quantum computation via ‘magic state’ distillation, which is the leading model for experimentally realizing a fault-tolerant quantum computer. This is a conceptually satisfying link, because contextuality, which precludes a simple ‘hidden variable’ model of quantum mechanics, provides one of the fundamental characterizations of uniquely quantum phenomena. Furthermore, this connection suggests a unifying paradigm for the resources of quantum information: the non-locality of quantum theory is a particular kind of contextuality, and non-locality is already known to be a critical resource for achieving advantages with quantum communication. In addition to clarifying these fundamental issues, this work advances the resource framework for quantum computation, which has a number of practical applications, such as characterizing the efficiency and trade-offs between distinct theoretical and experimental schemes for achieving robust quantum computation, and putting bounds on the overhead cost for the classical simulation of quantum algorithms.

Works for “quopits”,
fails for qubits because of
logical KS

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Contextuality as a Resource for Models of Quantum Computation with Qubits

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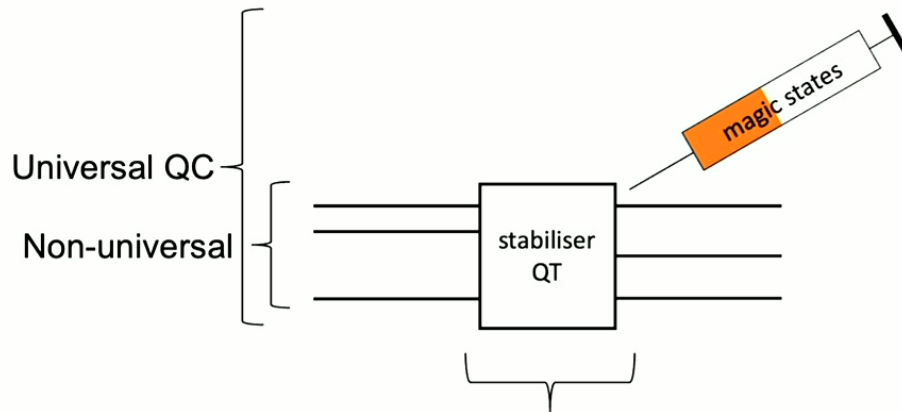
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A central question in quantum computation is to identify the resources that are responsible for quantum speed-up. Quantum contextuality has been recently shown to be a resource for quantum computation with magic states for odd-prime dimensional qudits and two-dimensional systems with real wave functions. The phenomenon of state-independent contextuality poses *a priori* an obstruction to characterizing the case of regular qubits, the fundamental building block of quantum computation. Here, we establish contextuality of magic states as a necessary resource for a large class of quantum computation schemes on qubits. We illustrate our result with a concrete scheme related to measurement-based quantum computation.

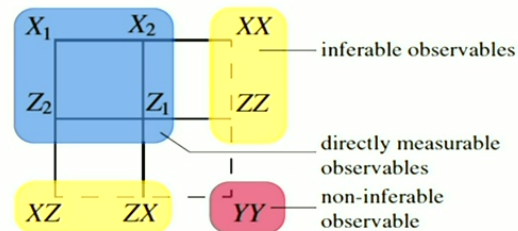
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Works for qubits, requires ‘resource
character’ restriction to
avoid logical KS

Restrictions on QCSI schemes



Introduce restrictions for qubit circuits



[J. Bermejo-Vega *et al.*, PRL 2017]

Restriction on 'resource character': there exists a quantum state w/o contextuality w.r.t. available mmts in the scheme.

Amounts to, **effectively, no entangled measurements** in the proposed schemes

All entanglement comes from the magic states

Which entangled states are magical?

- Non-stabilizer, can lift restricted stabilizer circuits to universality
- A necessary condition: **Bell inequality violation**
- Other **necessary/sufficient conditions?**

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Many-Body Quantum Magic

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Magic (nonstabilizerness) is a necessary but “expensive” kind of “fuel” to drive universal fault-tolerant quantum computation. To properly study and characterize the origin of quantum “complexity” in computation as well as physics, it is crucial to develop a rigorous understanding of the quantification of magic. Previous studies of magic mostly focused on small systems and largely relied on the discrete Wigner formalism (which is only well behaved in odd prime power dimensions). Here we present an initiatory study of the magic of genuinely many-body quantum states that may be strongly entangled, with focus on the important case of many qubits, at a quantitative level. We first address the basic question of how “magical” a many-body state can be, and show that the maximum magic of an n -qubit state is essentially n , simultaneously for a range of “good” magic measures. As a corollary, the resource theory of magic has

Which entangled states are magical?

From a foundational perspective, **restricted QCSI models** are a potentially fruitful avenue to understand the role of entanglement/magic vis-à-vis contextuality in universal quantum computation

Takeaway

Composite systems

Entanglement

Entanglement



Bell's theorem

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Gleason's theorem

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Kochen-Specker theorem

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Takeaway

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No entanglement

No entanglement



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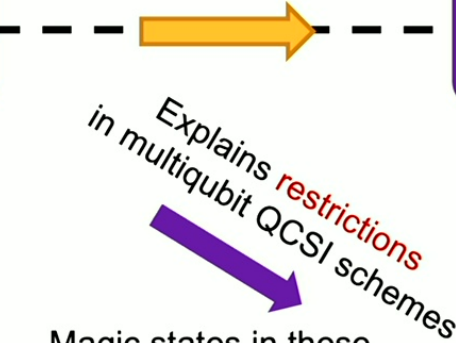
No Gleason's theorem

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No Kochen-Specker theorem

No Kochen-Specker theorem



Magic states in these restricted QCSI schemes must violate Bell ineqs.



When is entanglement 'magical'?

Thanks!

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