

# Multipartite Entanglement and Combinatorial Designs

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In Memory of Professor **Dénes Petz**,  
Editor of OSID in 1992 – 2018



# Composed systems & entangled states

bi-partite systems:  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$

- **separable pure states:**  $|\psi\rangle = |\phi_A\rangle \otimes |\phi_B\rangle$
- **entangled pure states:** all states **not** of the above product form.

Two-qubit system:  $2 \times 2 = 4$

Maximally entangled **Bell state**  $|\varphi^+\rangle := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$

## Schmidt decomposition & Entanglement measures

Any pure state from  $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$  can be written as

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{ij} G_{ij} |i\rangle \otimes |j\rangle = \sum_i \sqrt{\lambda_i} |i'\rangle \otimes |i''\rangle, \text{ where } |\psi|^2 = \text{Tr } GG^\dagger = 1.$$

The partial trace,  $\sigma = \text{Tr}_B |\psi\rangle \langle \psi| = GG^\dagger$ , has spectrum given by the **Schmidt vector**  $\{\lambda_i\}$  = squared **singular values** of  $G$ .

Entanglement entropy of  $|\psi\rangle$  is equal to **von Neumann entropy** of the reduced state  $\sigma$

$$E(|\psi\rangle) := -\text{Tr } \sigma \ln \sigma = S(\lambda).$$

# Maximally entangled bi–partite quantum states

**Bipartite systems**  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}^A \otimes \mathcal{H}^B = \mathcal{H}_d \otimes \mathcal{H}_d$

**generalized Bell state** (for two qudits),

$$|\psi_d^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{i=1}^d |i\rangle \otimes |i\rangle$$

distinguished by the fact that all **singular values** are equal,  $\lambda_i = 1/\sqrt{d}$ ,  
hence the reduced state is **maximally mixed**,

$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B |\psi_d^+\rangle \langle \psi_d^+| = \mathbb{1}_d/d.$$

This property holds for all locally equivalent states,  $(U_A \otimes U_B)|\psi_d^+\rangle$ .

## Observations:

**A)** State  $|\psi\rangle$  is **maximally entangled** if  $\rho_A = GG^\dagger = \mathbb{1}_d/d$ ,  
which is the case if the matrix  $U = G/\sqrt{d}$  of size  $d$  is **unitary**,  
(and all its **singular values** are equal to 1).

**B)** For a **bi–partite** state the **singular values** of  $G$  characterize

**entanglement** of the state  $|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i,j} G_{ij} |i,j\rangle$ .



# Multipartite pure quantum states: $3 \gg 2$

States on  $N$  parties are determined by a **tensor** with  $N$  indices  
e.g. for  $N = 3$ :  $|\Psi_{ABC}\rangle = \sum_{i,j,k} T_{i,j,k} |i\rangle_A \otimes |j\rangle_B \otimes |k\rangle_C$ .

Mathematical problem: in general for a **tensor**  $T_{ijk}$  there is **no** (unique) **Singular Value Decomposition** and it is not simple to find the **tensor rank** or **tensor norms** (nuclear, spectral).

Open question: Which state of  $N$  subsystems with  $d$ -levels each  
is the **most entangled**?

example for **three qubits**,  $\mathcal{H}^A \otimes \mathcal{H}^B \otimes \mathcal{H}^C = \mathcal{H}_2^{\otimes 3}$

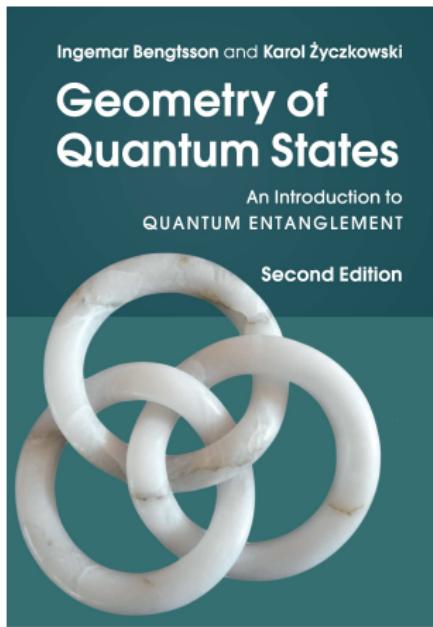
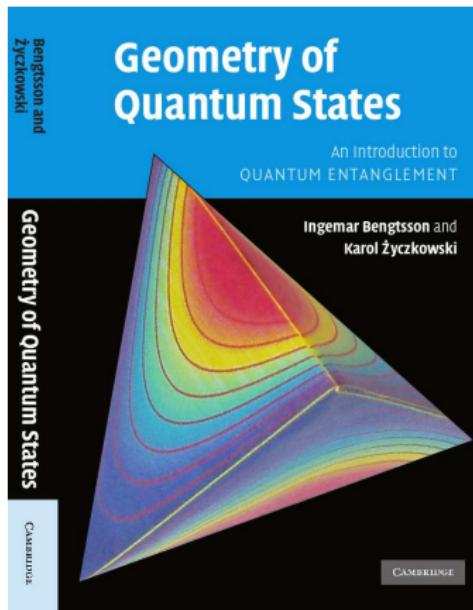
**GHZ** state,  $|GHZ\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0,0,0\rangle + |1,1,1\rangle)$  has a similar property:  
all three one-partite reductions are **maximally mixed**

$$\rho_A = Tr_{BC} |GHZ\rangle\langle GHZ| = \mathbb{1}_2 = \rho_B = Tr_{AC} |GHZ\rangle\langle GHZ|.$$

(what is **not** the case e.g. for  $|W\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|1,0,0\rangle + |0,1,0\rangle + |0,0,1\rangle)$ )

# Geometry of Quantum States is discussed in a book

published by Cambridge University Press in 2006,



**II edition** (with new chapters on multipartite entanglement & discrete structures in the Hilbert space),

August 2017

# Genuinely multipartite entangled states

## ***k-uniform states of N qudits***

**Definition.** State  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_d^{\otimes N}$  is called ***k-uniform***

if for all possible splittings of the system into  $k$  and  $N - k$  parts the reduced states are maximally mixed (**Scott 2001**),

(also called **MM**-states (maximally multipartite entangled))

**Facchi et al.** (2008,2010), **Arnaud & Cerf** (2012)

**Applications:** quantum error correction codes, teleportation, etc...

## ***Example: 1-uniform states of N qudits***

**Observation.** A generalized, ***N-qudit GHZ state***,

$$|GHZ_N^d\rangle := \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} [ |1, 1, \dots, 1\rangle + |2, 2, \dots, 2\rangle + \dots + |d, d, \dots, d\rangle ]$$

is ***1-uniform*** (but not *2-uniform!*)

## Examples of $k$ -uniform states

**Observation:**  $k$ -uniform states may exist if  $N \geq 2k$  (**Scott 2001**)  
(traced out ancilla of size  $(N - k)$  cannot be smaller than the principal  
 $k$ -partite system).

Hence there are no 2-uniform states of 3 **qubits**.

However, there exist **no** 2-uniform state of 4 qubits either!

**Higuchi & Sudbery** (2000) - **frustration** like in spin systems –

**Facchi, Florio, Marzolino, Parisi, Pascazio** (2010) –

it is not possible to satisfy simultaneously so many constraints...

### 2-uniform state of 5 and 6 qubits

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi_5\rangle = & |11111\rangle + |01010\rangle + |01100\rangle + |11001\rangle + \\ & + |10000\rangle + |00101\rangle - |00011\rangle - |10110\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

related to 5-qubit error correction code by **Laflamme et al.** (1996)

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi_6\rangle = & |111111\rangle + |101010\rangle + |001100\rangle + |011001\rangle + \\ & + |110000\rangle + |100101\rangle + |000011\rangle + |010110\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

# Combinatorial Designs

⇒ An introduction to "*Quantum Combinatorics*"

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$Q\clubsuit$	$J\heartsuit$	$A\lozenge$	$K\spadesuit$
$J\lozenge$	$Q\spadesuit$	$K\clubsuit$	$A\heartsuit$

Two **mutually orthogonal Latin squares** of size  $N = 4$   
**Graeco–Latin square !**

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**Euler's** problem: **36** officers of six different ranks from six different units come for a **military parade**. Arrange them in a square such that in each row / each column all uniforms are different.

?	?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?	?

**No solution exists !** (conjectured by **Euler**), proof by:

**Gaston Terry** "Le Problème de 36 Officiers". *Compte Rendu (1901)*.

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An apparent solution of the  $N = 6$  Euler's problem of 36 officers.



## Wawel castle in Cracow

# Orthogonal Arrays

Combinatorial arrangements introduced by **Rao** in 1946 used in statistics and design of experiments,  $OA(r, N, d, k)$

0	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0	0
		0	0	1	0
		0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	1	1

Orthogonal arrays  $OA(2,2,2,1)$ ,  $OA(4,3,2,2)$  and  $OA(8,4,2,3)$ :

in each **column** each **symbol** occurs the **same number** of times.

## Definition of an Orthogonal Array

An array  $A$  of size  $r \times N$  with entries taken from a  $d$ -element set  $S$  is called **Orthogonal array**  $OA(r, N, d, k)$  with  $r$  runs,  $N$  factors,  $d$  levels, strength  $k$  and index  $\lambda$  if every  $r \times k$  subarray of  $A$  contains each  $k$ -tuple of symbols from  $S$  exactly  $\lambda$  times as a row.

### Example a) Two qubit, 1-uniform state

Orthogonal array

$$OA(2, 2, 2, 1) = \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

leads to the **Bell state**  $|\Psi_2^+\rangle = |01\rangle + |10\rangle$ , which is 1-uniform

### Example b) Three-qubit, 1-uniform state

Orthogonal array

$$OA(4, 3, 2, 2) = \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

leads to a 1-uniform state:  $|\Phi_3\rangle = |000\rangle + |011\rangle + |101\rangle + |110\rangle$ .

# Orthogonal Arrays & $k$ -uniform states

A link between them

	orthogonal arrays	multipartite quantum state $ \Phi\rangle$
$r$	Runs	Number of terms in the state
$N$	Factors	Number of qudits
$d$	Levels	dimension $d$ of the subsystem
$k$	Strength	class of entanglement ( <b><math>k</math>-uniform</b> )

holds

provided an **orthogonal array**  $\text{OA}(r, N, d, k)$

satisfies additional constraints !

(this relation is NOT one-to-one)

Goyeneche, K.Ż. (2014)

# $k$ -uniform states and Orthogonal Arrays I

Consider a **pure state**  $|\Phi\rangle$  of  $N$  qudits,

$$|\Phi\rangle = \sum_{s_1, \dots, s_N} a_{s_1, \dots, s_N} |s_1, \dots, s_N\rangle,$$

where  $a_{s_1, \dots, s_N} \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $s_1, \dots, s_N \in S$  and  $S = \{0, \dots, d - 1\}$ .

Vectors  $\{|s_1, \dots, s_N\rangle\}$  form an orthonormal basis.

**Density matrix**  $\rho$  reads

$$\rho_{AB} = |\Phi\rangle\langle\Phi| = \sum_{\substack{s_1, \dots, s_N \\ s'_1, \dots, s'_N}} a_{s_1, \dots, s_N} a_{s'_1, \dots, s'_N}^* |s_1, \dots, s_N\rangle\langle s'_1, \dots, s'_N|.$$

We split the system into **two** parts  $S_A$  and  $S_B$  containing  $N_A$  and  $N_B$  qudits,  $N_A + N_B = N$ , **remove  $N_B$  subsystems** to obtain **reduced state**  $\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B(\rho_{AB})$

$$= \sum_{\substack{s_1 \dots s_N \\ s'_1 \dots s'_N}} a_{s_1 \dots s_N} a_{s'_1 \dots s'_N}^* \langle s'_{N_A+1}, \dots, s'_N | s_{N_A+1} \dots s_N \rangle |s_1 \dots s_{N_A}\rangle\langle s'_1 \dots s'_{N_A}|.$$

## $k$ -uniform states and Orthogonal Arrays II

A simple, **special case**: coefficients  $a_{s_1, \dots, s_N}$  are zero or one. Then

$$|\Phi\rangle = |s_1^1, s_2^1, \dots, s_N^1\rangle + |s_1^2, s_2^2, \dots, s_N^2\rangle + \dots + |s_1^r, s_2^r, \dots, s_N^r\rangle,$$

upper index  $i$  on  $s$  denotes the  $i - th$  term in  $|\Phi\rangle$ . These coefficients can be arranged in an **array**

$$A = \begin{matrix} s_1^1 & s_2^1 & \dots & s_N^1 \\ s_1^2 & s_2^2 & \dots & s_N^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ s_1^r & s_2^r & \dots & s_N^r \end{matrix}.$$

- i). If  $A$  forms an **orthogonal array** for any partition the diagonal elements of the reduced state  $\rho_A$  are equal.
- ii). If the sequence of  $N_B$  symbols appearing in every row of removed columns **is not repeated** along the  $r$  rows (**irredundant OA**), the reduced density matrix  $\rho_A$  becomes diagonal.

# Hadamard matrices & Orthogonal Arrays

A Hadamard matrix  $H_8 = H_2^{\otimes 3}$  of order  $N = 8$  implies OA(8,7,2,2)

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This Orthogonal Array of strength  $k = 2$  allows us to construct  
a 2-uniform state of 7 qubits:

$$|\Phi_7\rangle = |1111111\rangle + |0101010\rangle + |1001100\rangle + |0011001\rangle + \\ |1110000\rangle + |0100101\rangle + |1000011\rangle + |0010110\rangle.$$

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No **3-uniform** states of 7 qubits: Huber, Ghne, Siewert (2017)

# Heterogeneous systems (e.g. qubits & qutrits)

generalized OA (with mixed alphabet) allow us to construct highly entangled **heterogeneous** states

Example: four **qutrits** and one **qubit**

0	0	0	0	0
0	1	2	1	1
1	1	1	2	0
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$$|\Psi_{3^4,2^1}\rangle = |00000\rangle + |01211\rangle + |11120\rangle + |12001\rangle + |22210\rangle + |20121\rangle.$$

Goyeneche, Bielawski, K.Ż (2016)

# Absolutely maximally entangled state (AME)

**Homogeneous** systems (subsystems of the same kind)

**Definition.** A  $k$ -uniform state of  $N$  qu $\text{d}$ its is called  
**absolutely maximally entangled AME(N,d)** if  $k = [N/2]$

Examples:

- a) **Bell state** - 1-uniform state of 2 qubits = AME(2,2)
- b) **GHZ state** - 1-uniform state of 3 qubits = AME(3,2)
- x) **none** - no 2-uniform state of 4 qubits

**Higuchi & Sudbery** (2000)

- c) 2-uniform state  $|\Psi_3^4\rangle$  of 4 qutrits, AME(4,3)
- d) 3-uniform state  $|\Psi_4^6\rangle$  of 6 ququarts, AME(6,4)
- e) no **3-uniform** states of 7 qubits

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# Higher dimensions: AME(4,3) state of four qutrits

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This state is also encoded in a pair of orthogonal Latin squares of size 3,

$0\alpha$	$1\beta$	$2\gamma$
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.

Corresponding **Quantum Code**:  $|0\rangle \rightarrow |\tilde{0}\rangle := |000\rangle + |112\rangle + |221\rangle$   
 $|1\rangle \rightarrow |\tilde{1}\rangle := |011\rangle + |120\rangle + |202\rangle$   
 $|2\rangle \rightarrow |\tilde{2}\rangle := |022\rangle + |101\rangle + |210\rangle$

# Why do we care about AME states?

Since they can be used for various purposes

(e.g. **Quantum codes, teleportation,...**)

Resources needed for **quantum teleportation**:

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- b) **2-qudit generalized Bell state** allows one to teleport **1 qudit**
- c) **3-qubit GHZ state** allows one to teleport **1 qubit** between any users
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relations between **AME states** and **multiunitary matrices**,  
**perfect tensors** and **holographic codes**

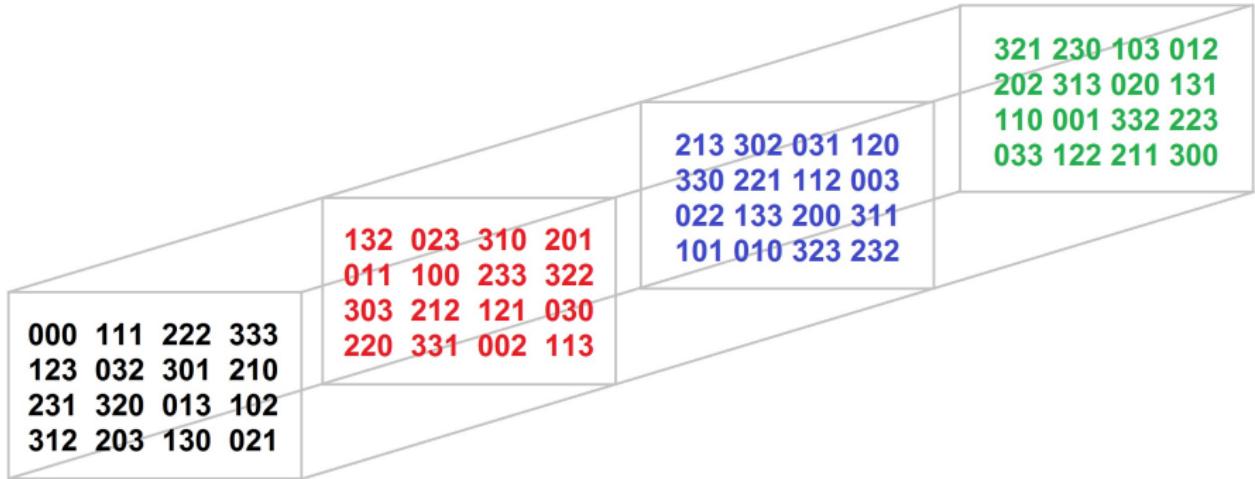
# State AME(6,4) of six ququarts:

3-uniform state of **6 ququarts**: read from

three **Mutually orthogonal Latin cubes**

$$|\Psi_4^6\rangle =$$

$$\begin{aligned} &|000000\rangle + |001111\rangle + |002222\rangle + |003333\rangle + |010123\rangle + |011032\rangle + \\ &|012301\rangle + |013210\rangle + |020231\rangle + |021320\rangle + |022013\rangle + |023102\rangle + \\ &|030312\rangle + |031203\rangle + |032130\rangle + |033021\rangle + |100132\rangle + |101023\rangle + \\ &|102310\rangle + |103201\rangle + |110011\rangle + |111100\rangle + |112233\rangle + |113322\rangle + \\ &|120303\rangle + |121212\rangle + |122121\rangle + |123030\rangle + |130220\rangle + |131331\rangle + \\ &|132002\rangle + |133113\rangle + |200213\rangle + |201302\rangle + |202031\rangle + |203120\rangle + \\ &|210330\rangle + |211221\rangle + |212112\rangle + |213003\rangle + |220022\rangle + |221133\rangle + \\ &|222200\rangle + |223311\rangle + |230101\rangle + |231010\rangle + |232323\rangle + |233232\rangle + \\ &|300321\rangle + |301230\rangle + |302103\rangle + |303012\rangle + |310202\rangle + |311313\rangle + \\ &|312020\rangle + |313131\rangle + |320110\rangle + |321001\rangle + |322332\rangle + |323223\rangle + \\ &|330033\rangle + |331122\rangle + |332211\rangle + |333300\rangle. \end{aligned}$$



State  $|\Psi_4^6\rangle$  of **six ququarts** can be generated by three  
mutually orthogonal **Latin cubes of order four!**

(three address quarts + three cube quarts = 6 quarts in  $4^3 = 64$  terms)

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**Key issue** For what number  $N$  of qu~~u~~bits the state **AME(N,d)** exist?

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The new notion of

**Quantum Latin Square** (QLS) by **Musto & Vicary** (2016)

(square array of  $N^2$  quantum states from  $\mathcal{H}_N$ :

every column and every row forms a basis)

inspired us to introduce

**Mutually Orthogonal Quantum Latin Squares** (MOQLS)  
and related

**Quantum Orthogonal Array** (QOA)

# Superpositions, entangled states and "quantum designs"

## Quantum orthogonal Latin square

Example of order  $N = 4$  by **Vicary, Musto (2016)**

$$\begin{array}{|c c c c|} \hline & |0\rangle & |1\rangle & |2\rangle & |3\rangle \\ \hline |0\rangle & |3\rangle & |2\rangle & |1\rangle & |0\rangle \\ |\chi_-\rangle & |\xi_-\rangle & |\xi_+\rangle & |\chi_+\rangle & \\ |\chi_+\rangle & |\xi_+\rangle & |\xi_-\rangle & |\chi_-\rangle & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

where  $|\chi_{\pm}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|1\rangle \pm |2\rangle)$  denote **Bell states**, while

$|\xi_+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(i|0\rangle + 2|3\rangle)$   $|\xi_-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(2|0\rangle + i|3\rangle)$  other **entangled** states.

Four states in each row & column form an **orthogonal basis** in  $\mathcal{H}_4$

Standard **combinatorics**: discrete set of symbols,  $1, 2, \dots, N$ ,  
+ **permutation** group

generalized ("Quantum") **combinatorics**: continuous family  
of states  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_N$  + **unitary** group  $U(N)$ .

# Quantum Orthogonal arrays and AME states

**Quantum orthogonal array:** (entangled strategies → quantum games)

$$QOA(4, 3 + 2, 2, 2) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} |0\rangle & |0\rangle & |1\rangle & |\phi^+\rangle \\ |0\rangle & |1\rangle & |0\rangle & |\phi^-\rangle \\ |1\rangle & |0\rangle & |0\rangle & |\psi^+\rangle \\ |1\rangle & |1\rangle & |1\rangle & |\psi^-\rangle \end{array} \right).$$

constructed out of the classical OA(4,3,2,2) and the quantum **Bell basis**

yields the **five qubit AME** state:

$$\begin{aligned} AME(5, 2) &= OA(4, 3, 2, 4) \cup \{|\psi_j\rangle\}_{j=1}^4 = \\ &= |001\rangle \otimes |\phi^+\rangle + |010\rangle \otimes |\phi^-\rangle + |100\rangle \otimes |\psi^+\rangle + |111\rangle \otimes |\psi^-\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

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However, the **Bell square**:  $|\phi^+\rangle |\psi^-\rangle$   
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does not form a OQLS. Furthermore, there are **no** two OQLS(2),  
(as there are **no absolutely maximally entangled** states of 4 qubits!)

# Mutually Orthogonal Quantum Latin Cubes

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**Definition.** A cube of  $N^3$  states  $|\phi_{ijk}\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_N^{\otimes 3}$  forms a

**Mutually Orthogonal Latin Cube** if the 6-party superposition  
 $|\Psi_6\rangle := \sum_{i,j,k=1}^N |i,j,j\rangle \otimes |\phi_{ijk}\rangle$  is 3-uniform  
(so it forms the state  $|AME(6, N)\rangle$ ).

**Example.** Cube of 8 states forming three-qubit **GHZ basis**:

$$\begin{array}{lll} 0\ 0\ 0\ |\text{GHZ}_0\rangle & & \\ 0\ 0\ 1\ |\text{GHZ}_1\rangle & & \text{GHZ}_3 \quad - \quad - \quad \text{GHZ}_7 \\ 0\ 1\ 0\ |\text{GHZ}_2\rangle & \diagup & | \\ 0\ 1\ 1\ |\text{GHZ}_3\rangle & \text{GHZ}_1 - & + \quad \text{GHZ}_5 \\ 1\ 0\ 0\ |\text{GHZ}_4\rangle & | & | \\ 1\ 0\ 1\ |\text{GHZ}_5\rangle & & \text{GHZ}_2 + \quad - \quad \text{GHZ}_6 \\ 1\ 1\ 0\ |\text{GHZ}_6\rangle & | & | \\ 1\ 1\ 1\ |\text{GHZ}_7\rangle & \text{GHZ}_0 - \quad - \quad \text{GHZ}_4 & \diagdown \end{array}$$

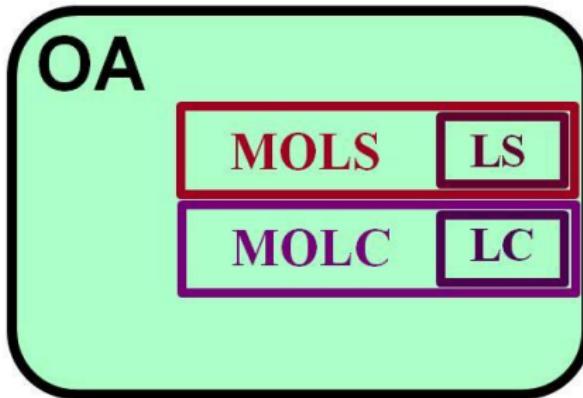
leads to QOA(8,3+3,2,3) and six-qubit AME state of **Borras**

$$|AME(6, 2)\rangle = \sum_{x=0}^7 |x\rangle \otimes |\text{GHZ}_x\rangle.$$

(analogy to state  $|\Psi(f)\rangle = \sum_x |x\rangle \otimes |f(x)\rangle$  used in the Shor algorithm!)

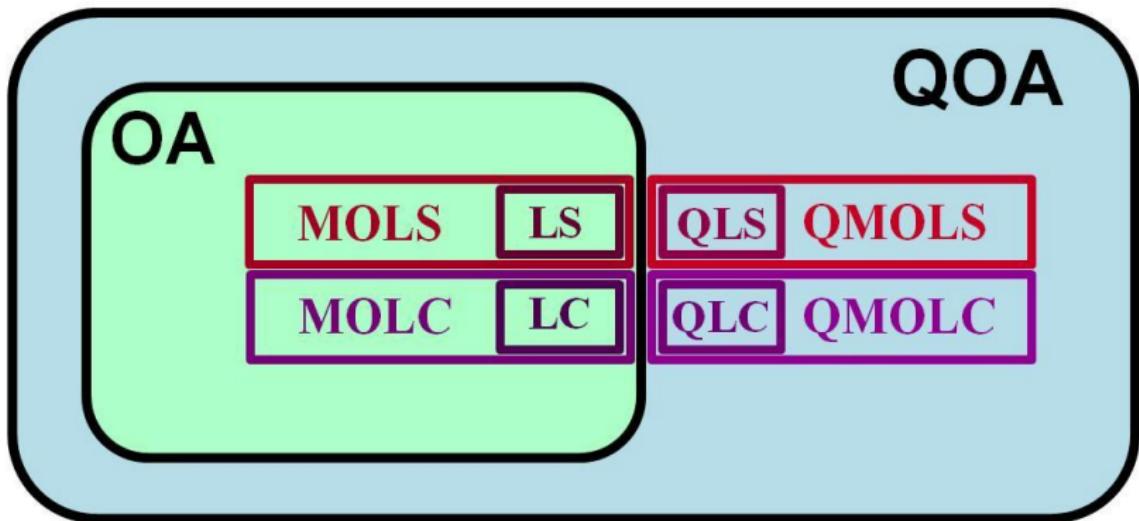
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## More general **quantum** combinatorial designs

include: **Quantum** Orthogonal Arrays, **Quantum** Latin Squares and Cubes

**Goyeneche, Raissi, Di Martino, K.Ż. Phys. Rev. A (2018)**

## $k$ -uniform states and $k$ -unitary matrices

Consider a **2-uniform** state of four parties  $A, B, C, D$  with  $d$  levels each,

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i,j,l,m=1}^d \Gamma_{ijlm} |i,j,l,m\rangle$$

It is **maximally entangled** with respect to all **three** partitions:

$$AB|CD \text{ and } AC|BD \text{ and } AD|BC.$$

Let  $\rho_{ABCD} = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$ . Hence its three reductions are **maximally mixed**,  
 $\rho_{AB} = \text{Tr}_{CD}\rho_{ABCD} = \rho_{AC} = \text{Tr}_{BD}\rho_{ABCD} = \rho_{AD} = \text{Tr}_{BC}\rho_{ABCD} = \mathbb{1}_{d^2}/d^2$

Thus matrices  $U_{\mu,\nu}$  of order  $d^2$  obtained by reshaping the tensor  $d\Gamma_{ijkl}$  are **unitary** for three reorderings:

- a)  $\mu, \nu = ij, lm$ ,
- b)  $\mu, \nu = im, jl$ ,
- c)  $\mu, \nu = il, jm$ .

Such a tensor  $\Gamma$  is called **perfect**.

Corresponding **unitary matrix**  $U$  of order  $d^2$  is called **two-unitary** if reordered matrices  $U^{R_1}$  and  $U^{R_2}$  remain **unitary**.

**Unitary matrix**  $U$  of order  $d^k$  with analogous property is called  **$k$ -unitary**

# Exemplary multiunitary matrices

**Two-unitary** permutation matrix of size  $9 = 3^2$

associated to 2 **MOLS(3)** and **2-uniform** state  $|\Psi_3^4\rangle$  of 4 qutrits

$$U = U_{ij} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline - & - & - & - & - & - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline - & - & - & - & - & - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \in U(9)$$

Furthermore, also two reordered matrices

(by partial transposition and reshuffling) remain **unitary**:

$$U^{T_1} = U_{il} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in U(9)$$

$$U^R = U_{im} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in U(9)$$

## 9-sudoku & two orthogonal Latin squares (3)

8	1	6	2	4	9	5	7	3
3	5	7	6	8	1	9	2	4
4	9	2	7	3	5	1	6	8
7	3	5	1	6	8	4	9	2
2	4	9	5	7	3	8	1	6
6	8	1	9	2	4	3	5	7
9	2	4	3	5	7	6	8	1
1	6	8	4	9	2	7	3	5
5	7	3	8	1	6	2	4	9

**special sudoku** matrix:

- each symbol appears only once in each row, each column and each box
- each **location** of a given symbol in each box is different !

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two pairs of boxes contain  
**1** in the same **locations** !

**Euler was right:**  
there are no two OLS(6)

## In search for 36 entangled officers of Euler

Two OLS(6) would correspond to a 2-unitary **permutation** matrix

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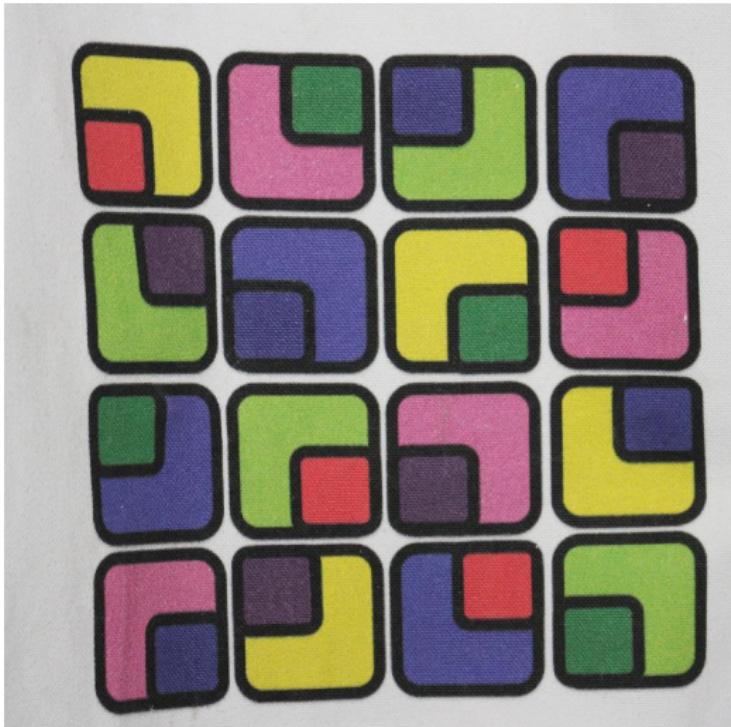
Such matrix does not exists  
**(Euler)** but one can look for two  
**quantum** OLS(6):

a **unitary**  $U_{36}$  such that its partial transpose  $U_{36}^{T_2}$  and reshuffled matrix  $U_{36}^R$  are **unitary**.

the best solution found,  
is still **not** perfect...

see also poster by **W. Bruzda**

# A quick quiz



What **quantum state** can be associated with this design ?

## Hints

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# The answer

Bag shows **three mutually orthogonal Latin squares** of size  $N = 4$  with three attributes  $A, B, C$  of each of  $4^2 = 16$  squares.

Appending two indices,  $i, j = 0, 1, 2, 3$  we obtain a  $16 \times 5$  table,

$A_{00}, B_{00}, C_{00}, 0, 0$

$A_{01}, B_{01}, C_{01}, 0, 1$

.....

$A_{33}, B_{33}, C_{33}, 3, 3$ .

It forms an **orthogonal array OA(16,5,4,2)**

leading to the **2-uniform** state of **5 ququarts**,

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi_4^5\rangle = & |00000\rangle + |12301\rangle + |23102\rangle + |31203\rangle \\ & |13210\rangle + |01111\rangle + |30312\rangle + |22013\rangle + \\ & |21320\rangle + |33021\rangle + |02222\rangle + |10123\rangle + \\ & |32130\rangle + |20231\rangle + |11032\rangle + |03333\rangle \end{aligned}$$

related to the **Reed–Solomon code** of length 5.

# Concluding Remarks I

- ① Basing on **Orthogonal Arrays (OA)** we constructed several **strongly entangled multipartite** quantum pure states
- ② Generalized **OA** with **mixed** alphabets allow us to extend the construction for **heterogeneous** systems: e.g **qubits** and **qutrits**.
- ③ We introduced the notion of **Mutually Orthogonal Quantum Latin Squares** (MOQLS), and **Mutually Orthogonal Quantum Latin Cubes** (MOQLC), which allow us to identify several Absolutely Maximally Entangled states (AME)
- ④ MOQLS and MOQLC form special cases of **Quantum Orthogonal Arrays** (QOA), which generalize the combinatorial notion of **orthogonal arrays** and lead to a vast garden of highly **entangled multipartite states**.

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