

# Entanglement of Identical Particles

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## UnB Leibnitz and Indistinguishability

My friend Prof. A. Polito (IF-UnB) works on the nature of space in Leibnitz. I learned from him about a key principle due to Leibnitz.

**Identity of indiscernibles:** two things are identical if and only if they have the very same (intrinsic) properties regardless of their distinct positions in space.

I think this principle seems to lead to:

- the conceptual distinction between **internal (intrinsic)** versus **external (extrinsic)** properties;
- the principle of symmetry; in particular, **gauge symmetry**.

A. Polito, C. Polito, "Relações entre física e filosofia: estudo do problema da natureza do espaço em Leibniz",

<http://www.sbf1.sbfisica.org.br/eventos/snef/xx/programa/resumo.asp?insId=175&traId=1>



# UnB The Gibbs Paradox

Statement:

- The mixing of two identical gases does not produce entropy:  
 $\Delta S = 0$ .

- The difference between the entropy of two separated distinct gases and the entropy of the mixing of these gases is

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta S &= S_A + S_B - S_{AB} \\ &= -N_A \log N_A - N_B \log N_B + (N_A + N_B) \log(N_A + N_B).\end{aligned}$$

- If  $A = B$ , then  $\Delta S = 2N_A \ln 2$ .

E. T. Jaynes, in *Maximum Entropy and Bayesian Methods*, Kluwer Academic, Dordrecht (1992). N. G. van Kampen, in *Essays in Theoretical Physics: in honour of Dirk ter Haar*, (1984). J. Leinaas and J. Myrheim, *Il Nuovo Cimento B Series* 11, 37 (1977).



## UnB The Gibbs Paradox

Another statement:

- For **ideal gases**,  $E = \frac{3}{2}NT + \text{cte.}$ ,  $PV = NT$ , then from  $T\Delta S = \Delta E + P\Delta V$  one gets

$$S(P, T) = \frac{5}{2}N \log T - N \log P + C(N).$$

- The function  $C(N)$  does not depend on  $P, T$ . But the way it is usually fixed as a full-constant leads to wrong results if not used consistently.

**The resolution of the paradox:** the counting of identical particle microstates is different from the counting of distinct particle microstates. A **factor of  $N!$**  from the group of permutations  $S_N$  has to be accounted for.



## UnB Configuration Space

- Set  $\mathbb{R}^k$ ,  $k \geq 3$ .
- Let  $N \geq 2$  identical spinless particles.
- Let  $x_j \in \mathbb{R}^k$  denote the position of the  $j$ -th particle.
- A configuration of such  $N$ -particle system is given by the unordered set

$$\tilde{q} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\} = \{x_2, x_1, \dots, x_N\} \in \tilde{Q}$$

If two particles cannot occupy the same position in space, then we must remove the diagonal  $\Delta = \{x_i = x_j | i \neq j\}$ . The configuration space is  $Q = \tilde{Q} \setminus \Delta$ . Complicated topology.

J. Leinaas and J. Myrheim, *Il Nuovo Cimento B Series* 11, 37 (1977). A. P. Balachandran, G. Marmo, B. S.

Skagerstam, A. Stern, *Classical Topology and Quantum States*. World Scientific (1991).



## UnB Configuration Space: Topology

The **fundamental group** of  $Q$  is  $\pi_1(Q) = S_N$ , the group of permutation of  $N$  objects. This leads to fermion and boson **statistics**.

A transposition in  $s_{ij} \in S_N$  may be represented by a loop  $\gamma_{ij}(t)$  in  $\tilde{Q}$  that permutes particle  $x_i$  and  $x_j$ .

Note that if  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , then  $\pi_1(Q) = B_N$ , the group of braids. This leads to **anyons or fractional statistics**.



## UnB Hilbert Space

To quantize a system of identical particles, we would like to consider a Hilbert space on top of  $Q$ . This is hard to directly construct.

The best strategy is to consider a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  on top of a **simply-connected space**  $\bar{Q} \supseteq Q$ .

Decompose  $\mathcal{H}$  into irreducible representations of  $\pi_1(Q) = S_N$

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigoplus_l \mathcal{H}^{(l)}. \quad (1)$$

Note the strong analogy to working with **gauge symmetry**.



# UnB Spin-Statistics and Spin-Locality

O. Greenberg distinguishes between **Spin-Statistics** and **Spin-Locality**.

- Statistics: a field operator  $\hat{\phi}$  may be decomposed as

$$\hat{\phi}(x) = \sum_k \varphi_k(x) \hat{a}_k \quad \text{or} \quad \hat{\phi}(x) = \sum_k \psi_k(x) \hat{b}_k,$$

i.e., in terms of either bosons  $[\hat{a}_k, \hat{a}_j] = 0$  or fermions  $\{\hat{b}_k, \hat{b}_j\} = 0$ .

- Locality: for space-like distance  $(\underline{x} - \underline{y})^2 < 0$ , a field may be
  - local iff  $[\phi(\underline{x}), \phi(\underline{y})] = 0$ ,
  - anti-local iff  $\{\phi(\underline{x}), \phi(\underline{y})\} = 0$ .

O. Greenberg, Phys. Lett. B416 144-149 (1998). G. Lüders and B. Zumino, Phys.Rev. 110 1450-1453 (1958). I.

Duck and E. C. G. Sudarshan, Am. J. Phys. 66, 284 (1998).



## UnB Spin-Statistics and Spin-Locality

O. Greenberg expands an example due to Res Jost. He takes a neutral scalar field  $\phi$ .

- If  $\phi$  is expanded in terms of fermion operators, then the corresponding **observables are non-local**.
  - Observe that even anti-commutators of such fields are non-local  $\{\phi(\underline{x}), \phi(\underline{y})\} = \Delta^{(1)}(\underline{x} - \underline{y})$ .
  - The field  $\phi$  still satisfies the CPT-theorem.
- If  $\phi$  is anti-local, like in Lüders-Zumino proof of spin-statistics theorem, then  $\phi \equiv 0$ .



## UnB Entanglement Entropy

In 1986, Bombelli, Koul, Lee and Sorkin proposed and solved the following problem modeled after a **black hole**:

Consider a **(scalar) field** on a **space-like hypersurface**  $\Sigma$ . **Integrate out** the fields on a region  $R \subset \Sigma$ . What is the **entropy** emerging out from this process?

**Solution:**  $S \propto \text{Volume of } \partial R$ .

Incidentally, Srednicki solved the same problem later in 1993.

L. Bombelli, R. Koul, J. Lee and R. Sorkin, *Phys. Rev.*, 1986, D34, 373-383. M. Srednicki, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 1993, 71, 666-669.



## UnB Entanglement Entropy (Formal)

Consider  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_R \otimes \mathcal{H}_L$ . From a state vector  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$ , we form the (pure) **density matrix**  $\rho : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  as

$$\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|.$$

The **reduced density matrix** is defined by the **partial trace**

$$\rho_R = \text{Tr}_L \rho.$$

The **entanglement (a.k.a. von Neumann) entropy** is

$$S = -\text{Tr} \rho_R \log \rho_R.$$

If  $S \neq 0$ ,  $\rho_R$  is a **mixed state**, that is,  $\rho_R$  cannot be represented as a state vector in  $\mathcal{H}_R$ .



## UnB Extension to Space-time Region

Recently, R. Sorkin found a formula for **entanglement entropy** associated with a **space-time region**  $R$  of some manifold  $M$ .

From the eigenvalues of the operator  $iL = \Delta^{-1}W$  on  $R$ , with

- $W(x, x')$ : **Wightman function**;
- $i\Delta(x, x') = W(x, x') - \overline{W}(x', x) = 2 \operatorname{Im}W(x, x')$ ,

He obtained:

$$S = \operatorname{Tr} L \log |L| \equiv \sum_{\lambda} \lambda \log \lambda. \quad (2)$$

R. Sorkin, arXiv:1205.2953. R. Sorkin et al., arXiv:1207.7101.

Cf. Peschel, I. "Calculation of reduced density matrices from correlation functions" J.Phys.A: Math.Gen., 2003, 36,, L205



## UnB Black Holes

In physics of black holes, we have

- **Bekenstein-Hawking entropy** associated with a black hole  
 $S = A_h/4$ ;
- in some cases, we have a **counting formula**, **BUT** we do not know what are being counted.

Problems:

- What should be counted? In which conditions?
- Why should we care to count something into an entropy formula?
- What does we learn from such counting?



## UnB General Comments

- [Y. S. Li, B. Zeng, X. S. Liu and G. L. Long, Phys. Rev. A 64 054302 \(2001\)](#). [J. Schliemann, J. I. Cirac, M. Kus, M. Lewenstein and D. Loss, Phys. Rev. A 64 022303 \(2001\)](#). [K. Eckert, J. Schliemann, D. Brussard M. Lewenstein, Annals of Physics 299 88-127 \(2002\)](#).: Initial papers.
- [P. Zanardi, Phys. Rev. A 65 042101 \(2002\)](#).: Towards fermionic lattices and entanglement relativity.
- [F. Benatti, R. Floreanini, K. Titimbo, arXiv:1403.3178](#).: First (particle-based) versus Second (mode-based) quantization. Use of statistics notions as in O. Greenberg (they seem unaware of this fact, though.).
- [F. Benatti, R. Floreanini and U. Marzolino, Benatti, Phys. Rev. A, 2014, 89, arXiv: 1403.1144](#). [N. Killoran, M. Cramer and M. B. Plenio, Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 150501 \(2014\)](#).: Is entanglement of identical particles useful? Experimental proposes. Quantum metrology.
- [Dyakonov, M. Quantum computing: a view from the enemy camp, Optics and Spectroscopy 95 261-267 \(2003\), cond-mat/0110326](#).: It will be impossible to construct a quantum computer. It requires the control of  $10^5$  particles.

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## Fermions in a Double-Well

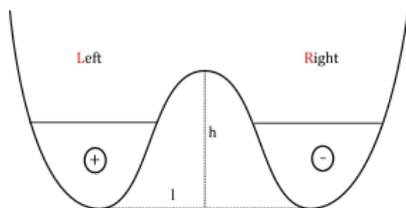
Imagine a **double-well** or **two quantum-dots**. At each well  $L$  or  $R$  one finds electrons (qubits) with **either spin + or spin -**. The **1-particle Hilbert space** is spanned by

$$\{|L, +\rangle, |L, -\rangle, |R, +\rangle, |R, -\rangle\}.$$

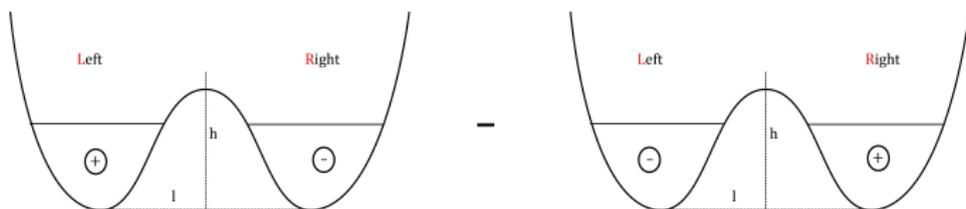
- Suppose initially one electron at each well.
- Problem: **trace out d.o.f. associated to  $R$ -well**. Equivalently, allow only **observables associated to  $L$ -well**.
- What is the **entropy** emerging out of this process?

J. Schliemann, J. I. Cirac, M. Kus, M. Lewenstein and D. Loss, *Phys. Rev. A* 64 022303 (2001). P. Zanardi, *Phys. Rev. A* 65 042101 (2002). F. Benatti, R. Floreanini, K. Titimbo, arXiv:1403.3178.

# Identical Fermions



Wave-functions do not overlap.



Wave-functions overlap. Use Slater determinant.

## Identical Fermion

In a  $N$ -tuple-well system, with  $N > 2$ , filled with fermions, a new question arises.

Can we trace out some wells respecting (fermion) statistics?

Most attempts based on extension of **Schmidt decomposition**, e.g. **Slater-Schmidt decomposition**. M. C. Tichy et al., J. Phys. B, **44**, 192001 (2011). K.

Eckert, J. Schliemann, D. Bruss, and M. Lewenstein, Annals of Physics 299, 88 (2002).

Main problems:

- **Non-natural values for entropy**: e.g.  $S \neq 0$  for separable cases.
- **Non-universal criteria**: different criteria for different statistics.
- Focus on bosons and fermions: e.g. no **anyons**.

## Identical Bosons

Imagine a two-photons system in a Bell-like state

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |h\rangle \otimes |v\rangle + |v\rangle \otimes |h\rangle \right), \quad (3)$$

with  $|h\rangle$  and  $|v\rangle$  standing for horizontal and vertical polarization.

- If the photons are distinguishable (e.g. different momenta though same frequency), then the Bell-like state is entangled.
- If the photons are indistinguishable, the Bell-like state seems to be separable.

Y. S. Li, B. Zeng, X. S. Liu and G. L. Long, *Phys. Rev. A* 64 054302 (2001).

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## UnB Restriction to Subalgebra

**Partial trace** fails to respect in a natural way **correlations** due to the **indistinguishability** (or identity) of particles.

There is an equivalent operation generalizing the notion of partial trace. Moreover it allows the treatment of **entanglement of identical or non-identical particles** on an equal footing:

**Restriction of a state to a subalgebra.**

A. P. Balachandran, T. R. Govindarajan, AQ and A. Reyes-Lega, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 110 080503 (2013),  
[arXiv:1205.2882](https://arxiv.org/abs/1205.2882). A. P. Balachandran, T. R. Govindarajan, AQ and A. Reyes-Lega, *Phys.Rev.* A88 022301 (2013),  
[arXiv:1301.1300](https://arxiv.org/abs/1301.1300)..



## UnB State on a Algebra of Observables

Instead of **density matrix**  $\rho : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ , we regard a **state** as a linear functional on the **algebra of observables**  $\mathcal{A}$ . Indeed, from the **expectation value**  $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle$  of the observable  $\mathcal{O}$

$$\omega_\rho(\mathcal{O}) \equiv \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \text{Tr } \rho \mathcal{O}, \quad (4)$$

we abstract the notion of

a state on an algebra of observable  $\mathcal{A}$

as a linear functional

$$\omega : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C},$$

such that  $\omega(\mathbb{1}) = 1$  and  $\omega(\mathcal{O}^* \mathcal{O}) \geq 0$ , for any  $\mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{A}$ .



## UnB Restriction to Subalgebra

The **initial data** to describe a quantum system is therefore

$$(\mathcal{A}, \omega).$$

Consider a **subalgebra**  $\mathcal{A}_0 \subset \mathcal{A}$ . Instead of **partial trace**, consider

$$\omega_0 \equiv \omega|_{\mathcal{A}_0}, \quad (5)$$

that is, **the restriction of state  $\omega$  on  $\mathcal{A}$  to the subalgebra  $\mathcal{A}_0$** .

Therefore,

**entanglement of a subalgebra  $\mathcal{A}_0 \subset \mathcal{A}$  with the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  for a state  $\omega$ .**

*Cf.* with **entanglement relativity** due to P. Zanardi. P. Zanardi, Phys. Rev.

Lett. 87 077901 (2001). P. Zanardi, Phys. Rev. A 65 042101 (2002).



## UnB GNS Construction: Hilbert Space

Gelfan'd-Naimark-Segal (GNS) construction gives a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_\omega$  out of  $(\mathcal{A}, \omega)$  where  $\mathcal{A}$  is represented on.

- 1 Inner product in  $\mathcal{A}$  out of  $\omega$ :  $\langle \alpha | \beta \rangle \equiv \omega(\alpha^* \beta)$ .
- 2 It may exist null states:  $\mathcal{N} = \{0 \neq n \in \mathcal{A} \mid \langle n | n \rangle = 0\}$ .
- 3 Removal of null states:  $\mathcal{H}_\omega = \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{N}$ , that is, set of classes of equivalence

$$\tilde{\alpha} = \alpha + \mathcal{N}.$$

- 4 Action of observable  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$  on  $\mathcal{H}_\omega$ :  $\alpha |\tilde{\beta}\rangle = |\widetilde{\alpha\beta}\rangle$ .



## UnB Density Matrix

The vector  $|\tilde{\mathbb{1}}\rangle$ , where  $\tilde{\mathbb{1}} = \mathbb{1} + \mathcal{N}$ , is dubbed **cyclic vector**.

A dense subset of  $\mathcal{H}_\omega$  may be generated by the action of all  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Also, from the **density matrix**

$$\rho_\omega = |\tilde{\mathbb{1}}\rangle\langle\tilde{\mathbb{1}}|, \quad (6)$$

we obtain

$$\omega(\alpha) = \text{Tr}(\rho_\omega \alpha). \quad (7)$$

The Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_\omega$  may be **reducible** w.r.t.  $\mathcal{A}$ , so that  $\mathcal{H}_\omega = \bigoplus_i \mathcal{H}_i$ . Thus, there exist **projectors**  $P^i$ , such that

$$|\tilde{\mathbb{1}}\rangle = \sum_i P^i |\tilde{\mathbb{1}}\rangle = \sum_i |\tilde{P}^i\rangle \quad (8)$$



## UnB Density Matrix

A **density matrix** associated to state  $\omega$  writes

$$\rho_\omega = \sum_i |\widetilde{P}^i\rangle\langle\widetilde{P}^i| = \sum_i \rho^i, \quad (9)$$

with corresponding **entropy**

$$S(\rho_\omega) = -\text{Tr } \rho_\omega \log \rho_\omega. \quad (10)$$

Equivalently, set normalized rank-1 density matrices

$$\hat{\rho}^i = \frac{1}{\lambda_i} \rho^i, \quad \lambda^i = \omega(P^i), \quad (11)$$

so that

$$S(\rho_\omega) = - \sum_i \lambda_i \log \lambda_i. \quad (12)$$



## UnB $M_2(\mathbb{C})$ : $2 \times 2$ Matrices

A general element  $a \in M_2(\mathbb{C})$  expands as

$$a = \sum_{i,j=1,2} a_{ij} |i\rangle\langle j| \equiv \sum_{ij} a_{ij} e_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (13)$$

Set a state on the algebra  $M_2(\mathbb{C})$  as

$$\omega_\lambda(a) = \lambda a_{11} + (1 - \lambda) a_{22}, \quad 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1. \quad (14)$$

Observe,

$$\omega_\lambda(\mathbf{1}) = 1 \quad (15)$$

$$\omega_\lambda(a^\dagger a) = \sum_k (\lambda |a_{k1}|^2 + (1 - \lambda) |a_{k2}|^2) \geq 0. \quad (16)$$



## UnB $M_2(\mathbb{C})$ . The $\lambda = 0$ case.

- 1 **Inner product** in  $\mathcal{A}$  out of  $\omega$ :  $\langle a|b\rangle = \omega_0(a^\dagger b) = \sum_k \bar{a}_{k2} b_{k2}$ ,  
 $a, b \in \mathcal{A} \equiv \mathbb{C}^4$ .
- 2 **Null states**: solutions  $0 \neq a \in \mathcal{A}$  of  $\omega_0(a^\dagger a) = 0$  are spanned by  $a_{k1}$ . Thus,  $\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 \\ a_{21} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{N}_{\omega_0} \equiv \mathbb{C}^2$ .
- 3 The **GNS Hilbert space**  $\mathcal{H}_{\omega_0} = \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{N}_{\omega_0} \equiv \mathbb{C}^2$  spanned by vectors
$$|\tilde{e}_{k2}\rangle = |e_{k2} + \mathcal{N}_{\omega_0}\rangle.$$
- 4 Action of  $\mathcal{A}$  on  $\mathcal{H}_{\omega_0}$ :  $a|\tilde{b}\rangle = |\tilde{ab}\rangle$ .
- 5  $|1\rangle = |\tilde{e}_{22}\rangle$ . The GNS Hilbert space is **irreducible** w.r.t.  $\mathcal{A}$ . The density matrix is  $\rho_{\omega_0} = |\tilde{e}_{22}\rangle\langle\tilde{e}_{22}|$ . It has **entropy zero**.



## UnB $M_2(\mathbb{C})$ . The $\lambda \neq 0, 1$ case.

- 1 Inner product on  $\mathcal{A}$  out of  $\omega$ : for  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ ,

$$\langle a|b \rangle = \omega_\lambda(a^\dagger b) = \sum_k (\lambda \bar{a}_{k1} b_{k1} + (1 - \lambda) \bar{a}_{k2} b_{k2}).$$

- 2 There is **no non-trivial null states**.
- 3 The **GNS Hilbert space** is  $\mathcal{H}_{\omega_\lambda} = \mathcal{A} \equiv \mathbb{C}^4$ .
- 4 The action of  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  on  $|b \rangle \in \mathcal{H}_{\omega_\lambda}$  is  $a|b \rangle = |ab \rangle$ . Now, there exist subspaces  $\mathcal{H}_i \equiv \mathbb{C}^2$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , such that

$$a \cdot \mathcal{H}_i \subseteq \mathcal{H}_i \quad \forall a \in \mathcal{A},$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\omega_\lambda} = \mathcal{H}_1 \oplus \mathcal{H}_2.$$



## UnB Entanglement Entropy

The Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_\omega$  may be reducible w.r.t. representations of  $\mathcal{A}_0$ :

$$\mathcal{H}_\omega = \bigoplus_i \mathcal{H}_i. \quad (17)$$

Set  $P_i : \mathcal{H}_\omega \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_i$  as orthogonal projectors. Then

$$|\tilde{\mathbb{1}}_{\mathcal{A}}\rangle = \sum_i P_i |\tilde{\mathbb{1}}_{\mathcal{A}}\rangle, \quad (18)$$

$$\mu_i = \|P_i |\tilde{\mathbb{1}}_{\mathcal{A}}\rangle\|. \quad (19)$$

The entanglement entropy is

$$S(\omega, \mathcal{A}_0) = - \sum_i \mu_i^2 \log \mu_i^2. \quad (20)$$



## UnB Identical Particles

- **One-particle Hilbert space:**  $\mathcal{H}^{(1)} = \mathbb{C}^d$ . The group  $U(d)$  acts naturally on  $\mathbb{C}^d$ .
- **Algebra of observables:**  $M_d(\mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{C}U(d)$ .
- **$k$ -particle Hilbert space:**  $\mathcal{H}^{(k)} = \bigotimes_{A,S}^k \mathcal{H}^{(1)}$ .
- For  $g \in U(d)$ , the **Coproduct**  $\Delta(g) = g \otimes g$  allows one to represent **one-particle observables in the  $k$ -particle sector**. Furthermore, it takes care of **statistics**.
  - Cf. Addition of angular momentum.
- **Anyons** or other statistics can be considered, as well. **A. P.**  
Balachandran, T. R. Govindarajan, AQ and A. Reyes-Lega, Phys.Rev. A88 022301 (2013),  
arXiv:1301.1300.



## UnB Identical Particles

There are two main types of **subalgebras** we may be interested in a many-particles system:

- 1 The subalgebra of one-particle observables.
- 2 A subalgebra of **partial** one-particle observables. For instance, only spin or only position degrees of freedom.

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## Two-fermions, $\mathcal{H}^{(1)} = \mathbb{C}^3$

- Basis of  $\mathcal{H}^{(1)} = \mathbb{C}^3$ :  $\{|e_i\rangle, i = 1, 2, 3\}$ .
- Basis of  $\mathcal{H}^{(2)} = \mathbb{C}^3 \wedge \mathbb{C}^3$ :  $\{|f^i\rangle = \epsilon^{ijk}|e_j \wedge e_k\rangle, i = 1, 2, 3\}$ .
- **2-particle algebra of observables**:  $\mathcal{A}^{(2)} \cong M_3(\mathbb{C})$ . Indeed,  $\mathcal{A}^{(1)} = U(3)$  and  $3 \otimes 3 = 6 \oplus \bar{3}$ .

**Two-fermions,  $\mathcal{H}^{(1)} = \mathbb{C}^3$ ;**

**Case 1:  $\mathcal{A}_0 = \mathcal{A}^{(1)} \subset \mathcal{A}^{(2)}$**

For any  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}^{(2)}$ , the **pure state  $\omega_\psi = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$**  restricted to  **$\mathcal{A}_0 = \mathcal{A}^{(1)} \subset \mathcal{A}^{(2)}$**  gives **zero entropy**.

Indeed, the  $U(3)$  representation  $\bar{3}$  is irreducible.

However the **entropy computed by partial trace** is equal to  $\log 2$  for any  $|\psi\rangle!$  [G. Ghirardi and L. Marinatto, Phys. Rev. A, 70, 012109 \(2004\)](#).

## Two-fermions, $\mathcal{H}^{(1)} = \mathbb{C}^3$ ; Case 2: Partial Observations

- $\mathcal{A}_0 \subset \mathcal{A}^{(2)}$  generated by

$$M^{ij} = |f^i\rangle\langle f^j|, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{1}_{3 \times 3}.$$

- (Pure) states on  $\mathcal{A}^{(2)}$ :

$$\omega_\theta = |\psi_\theta\rangle\langle\psi_\theta|, \quad \text{with} \tag{21}$$

$$|\psi_\theta\rangle = \cos\theta|f^1\rangle + \sin\theta|f^2\rangle. \tag{22}$$

## Two-fermions, $\mathcal{H}^{(1)} = \mathbb{C}^3$ ;

### Case 2: Partial Observations

We obtain the following results:

- 1  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ : The null vector space is trivial and

$$S(\theta) = -\cos^2 \theta \log \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \log \sin^2 \theta \quad (23)$$

- 2  $\theta = 0$ : Null vector space is non-trivial,  $\dim \mathcal{H} = 2$  and entropy is zero.
- 3  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ : Null vector space is non-trivial,  $\dim \mathcal{H} = 1$  and entropy is zero.

## Double-Well, $\mathcal{H}^{(1)} = \mathbb{C}^4$

- $\mathcal{H}^{(1)}$  for a fermion with two external d.o.f. (position) and two internal d.o.f. (spin):

$$a_\sigma, a_\sigma^\dagger : \text{“left” with spin } \sigma = +, - \quad (24)$$

$$b_\sigma, b_\sigma^\dagger : \text{“right” with spin } \sigma = +, - \quad (25)$$

- $\mathcal{H}^{(2)}$  spanned by  $a_+^\dagger a_-^\dagger |\Omega\rangle$ ,  $b_+^\dagger b_-^\dagger |\Omega\rangle$ ,  $a_\sigma^\dagger b_\rho^\dagger |\Omega\rangle$ , where  $|\Omega\rangle$  is the vacuum.
- 2-particles algebra of observables  $\mathcal{A} = M_6(\mathbb{C})$ .

## Double-Well, $\mathcal{H}^{(1)} = \mathbb{C}^4$

- Consider the family of (pure) states  $\omega_\theta = |\psi_\theta\rangle\langle\psi_\theta|$  on  $\mathcal{A}$  with

$$|\psi_\theta\rangle = \left( \cos \theta a_+^\dagger b_-^\dagger + \sin \theta a_-^\dagger b_+^\dagger \right) |\Omega\rangle \quad (26)$$

- Subalgebra  $\mathcal{A}_0$ : one-particle observations at the left position.  
It is generated by

$$\mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{A}},$$

$$n_{+-} = a_+^\dagger a_+ a_-^\dagger a_-,$$

$$N_a = a_+^\dagger a_+ + a_-^\dagger a_-,$$

$$T_i = \frac{1}{2} a_\sigma^\dagger (\sigma_i)^{\sigma\sigma'} a_{\sigma'}$$

## Two Fermions, $\mathcal{H}^{(1)} = \mathbb{C}^4$

We obtain the following results:

- ❶  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ : non-trivial null vector space,  $\dim \mathcal{H}_\theta = 4$  and

$$S(\theta) = -\cos^2 \theta \log \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \log \sin^2 \theta.$$

- ❷  $\theta = 0$ : non-trivial null vector space,  $\dim \mathcal{H}_\theta = 2$ , entropy is zero.
- ❸  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ : non-trivial null vector space,  $\dim \mathcal{H}_\theta = 2$ , entropy is zero.

The last two cases should be contrasted with  $S = \log 2$  found in the literature. [M. C. Tichy et al., J. Phys. B, 44, 192001 \(2011\).](#)

## Two Bosons, $\mathcal{H}^{(1)} = \mathbb{C}^3$

- Basis of  $\mathcal{H}^{(1)} = \mathbb{C}^3$ :  $\{|e_i\rangle, i = 1, 2, 3\}$ .
- Basis of  $\mathcal{H}^{(2)} = \mathbb{C}^3 \vee \mathbb{C}^3$ :

$$|e_i \vee e_j\rangle = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|e_i\rangle \otimes |e_j\rangle + |e_j\rangle \otimes |e_i\rangle), & i \neq j, \\ |e_i\rangle \otimes |e_i\rangle \end{cases}$$

- **2-particle algebra of observables:**  $\mathcal{A}^{(2)} \cong M_6(\mathbb{C})$ . Indeed,  $\mathcal{A}^{(1)} = U(3)$  and  $3 \otimes 3 = 6 \oplus \bar{3}$ .
- A pure state on  $\mathcal{A}^{(2)}$ :

$$|\theta, \varphi\rangle = \sin \theta \cos \varphi |e_1 \vee e_2\rangle + \sin \theta \sin \varphi |e_1 \vee e_3\rangle + \cos \theta |e_3 \vee e_3\rangle$$

## Two Bosons, $\mathcal{H}^{(1)} = \mathbb{C}^3$

- $\mathcal{A}_0$  are generated by  $|e_i\rangle\langle e_j|$ , with  $i = 1, 2$  and  $\mathbb{1}_6$ . This is equivalent to restriction to one-particle observables associated with only  $|e_1\rangle$  and  $|e_2\rangle$ . The observables are equivalent to  $U(2)$  (or better  $SU(2)$ ).
- We may split the  $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{C}^6$  into invariant subspaces w.r.t.  $SU(2)$  as  $\mathbb{C}^6 = \mathbb{C}^3 \oplus \mathbb{C}^2 \oplus \mathbb{C}$ , or equivalently  $(1) \oplus (1/2) \oplus (0)$ .
- For  $(\theta, \varphi) \neq (0, 0)$ , the GNS construction leads to a cyclic state  $|\tilde{\mathbb{1}}_{\mathcal{A}}\rangle = |\widetilde{e_1 \vee e_1}\rangle + |\widetilde{e_1 \vee e_3}\rangle + |\widetilde{e_3 \vee e_3}\rangle$ , with entropy

$$S(\theta, \varphi) = -2 \cos^2 \theta \log \cos \theta \\ - 2 \sin^2 \theta [\cos^2 \varphi \log(\sin \theta \cos \varphi) + \sin \varphi \log(\sin \theta \sin \varphi)]$$

As Bal says:

Think quantumly,  
Act Planckly!

Muito obrigado!  
Tack så mycket!

