

# Detection of multipartite entanglement close to symmetric Dicke states

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- Why multipartite entanglement is important?

## 2 Spin squeezing and entanglement

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- Collective measurements
- The original spin-squeezing criterion
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# Why multipartite entanglement is important?

- Many experiments are aiming to create entangled states with many atoms.
- Only collective quantities can be measured.
- Full tomography is not possible, we still have to say something meaningful.
- Claiming “entanglement” is not sufficient for many particles.

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# Entanglement

A state is **(fully) separable** if it can be written as

$$\sum_k p_k \varrho_1^{(k)} \otimes \varrho_2^{(k)} \otimes \dots \otimes \varrho_N^{(k)}.$$

If a state is not separable then it is **entangled**.

# $k$ -producibility/ $k$ -entanglement

A pure state is  $k$ -producible if it can be written as

$$|\Phi\rangle = |\Phi_1\rangle \otimes |\Phi_2\rangle \otimes |\Phi_3\rangle \otimes |\Phi_4\rangle \dots$$

where  $|\Phi_l\rangle$  are states of at most  $k$  qubits.

A mixed state is  $k$ -producible, if it is a mixture of  $k$ -producible pure states.

[ e.g., O. Gühne and G. Tóth, New J. Phys 2005. ]

- If a state is not  $k$ -producible, then it is at least  $(k + 1)$ -particle entangled.

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# Many-particle systems for $j=1/2$

- For spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  particles, we can measure the **collective angular momentum operators**:

$$J_l := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N \sigma_l^{(k)},$$

where  $l = x, y, z$  and  $\sigma_l^{(k)}$  a Pauli spin matrices.

- We can also measure the **variances**

$$(\Delta J_l)^2 := \langle J_l^2 \rangle - \langle J_l \rangle^2.$$

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# The standard spin-squeezing criterion

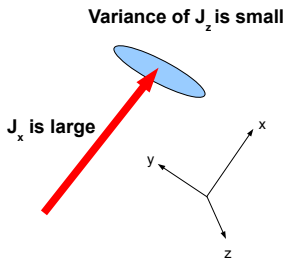
- The **spin squeezing criteria for entanglement detection** is

$$\xi_s^2 = N \frac{(\Delta J_z)^2}{\langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2}.$$

If  $\xi_s^2 < 1$  then the state is entangled.

[A. Sørensen, L.M. Duan, J.I. Cirac, P. Zoller, Nature 409, 63 (2001).]

- States detected are like this:



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# Generalized spin squeezing criteria for $j = \frac{1}{2}$

- Let us assume that for a system we know only

$$\vec{J} := (\langle J_x \rangle, \langle J_y \rangle, \langle J_z \rangle),$$

$$\vec{K} := (\langle J_x^2 \rangle, \langle J_y^2 \rangle, \langle J_z^2 \rangle).$$

- Then any state violating the following inequalities is entangled:

$$\langle J_x^2 \rangle + \langle J_y^2 \rangle + \langle J_z^2 \rangle \leq \frac{N(N+2)}{4},$$

$$(\Delta J_x)^2 + (\Delta J_y)^2 + (\Delta J_z)^2 \geq \frac{N}{2},$$

$$\langle J_k^2 \rangle + \langle J_l^2 \rangle \leq (N-1)(\Delta J_m)^2 + \frac{N}{2},$$

$$(N-1) [(\Delta J_k)^2 + (\Delta J_l)^2] \geq \langle J_m^2 \rangle + \frac{N(N-2)}{4},$$

where  $k, l, m$  take all the possible permutations of  $x, y, z$ .

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# Spin Squeezing Inequality for Dicke states

- Let us rewrite the third inequality

$$\langle J_k^2 \rangle + \langle J_l^2 \rangle \leq (N-1)(\Delta J_m)^2 + \frac{N}{2}.$$

- It detects states close to symmetric Dicke states with  $\langle J_z \rangle = 0$  defined as

$$|D_N\rangle = \binom{N}{\frac{N}{2}}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_k \mathcal{P}_k \left( |0\rangle^{\otimes \frac{N}{2}} \otimes |1\rangle^{\otimes \frac{N}{2}} \right),$$

since for these states we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle J_x^2 + J_y^2 \rangle &= \frac{N}{2} \left( \frac{N}{2} + 1 \right) = \max., \\ \langle J_z^2 \rangle &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

# Dicke states

Based on the above inequality, let us define a **new spin squeezing parameter**

$$\xi_{\text{os}}^2 = (N - 1) \frac{(\Delta J_z)^2}{\langle J_x^2 + J_y^2 \rangle - \frac{N}{2}}.$$

[G. Vitagliano, I. Apellaniz, I.L. Egusquiza, and GT, PRA (2014)]

- For the symmetric Dicke state with  $\langle J_z \rangle = 0$ , the numerator is minimal, the denominator is maximal.
- The original spin squeezing parameter would not detect the Dicke state as entangled, since

$$\xi_{\text{s}}^2 = N \frac{(\Delta J_z)^2}{\langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2} = N \frac{(\Delta J_z)^2}{0}.$$



# Fully polarized states

- Relation between the second moments and the expectation value

$$\langle J_x^2 \rangle = \langle J_x \rangle^2 + (\Delta J_x)^2 \geq \langle J_x \rangle^2.$$

- For states polarized in the x-direction and spin squeezed along the z-direction, for  $N \gg 1$ , we have

$$\langle J_x^2 \rangle \approx \langle J_x \rangle^2 \gg N.$$

Hence, for fully polarized states

$$\xi_{\text{os}}^2 = (N-1) \frac{(\Delta J_z)^2}{\langle J_x^2 + J_y^2 \rangle - \frac{N}{2}} \approx \xi_s^2 = N \frac{(\Delta J_z)^2}{\langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2}.$$

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# Multipartite entanglement in spin squeezing

- We consider pure  $k$ -producible states of the form

$$|\Psi\rangle = \otimes_{n=1}^M |\psi^{(n)}\rangle,$$

where  $|\psi^{(n)}\rangle$  is the state of at most  $k$  qubits.

The **spin-squeezing criterion for  $k$ -producible states** is

$$(\Delta J_z)^2 \geq J_{\max} F_{\frac{k}{2}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2}}{J_{\max}} \right),$$

where  $J_{\max} = \frac{N}{2}$  and we use the definition

$$F_j(X) := \frac{1}{j} \min_{\frac{\langle j_x \rangle}{j} = X} (\Delta j_z)^2.$$

[A. S. Sørensen and K. Mølmer, Phys. Rev. Lett. 86, 4431 (2001); experimental test: C. Gross, T. Zibold, E. Nicklas, J. Esteve, M. K. Oberthaler, Nature 464, 1165 (2010).]

# Multipartite entanglement around Dicke states

- Measure the same quantities as before

$$(\Delta J_z)^2$$

and

$$\langle J_x^2 + J_y^2 \rangle.$$

- In contrast, for the original spin-squeezing criterion we measured  $(\Delta J_z)^2$  and  $\langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2$ .

# Multipartite entanglement around Dicke states II

- Sørensen-Mølmer condition for  $k$ -producible states

$$(\Delta J_z)^2 \geq J_{\max} F_{\frac{k}{2}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2}}{J_{\max}} \right).$$

- Combine it with

$$\langle J_x^2 + J_y^2 \rangle \leq J_{\max} \left( \frac{k}{2} + 1 \right) + \langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2,$$

which is true for pure  $k$ -producible states.

Condition for **entanglement detection around Dicke states**

$$(\Delta J_z)^2 \geq J_{\max} F_{\frac{k}{2}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\langle J_x^2 + J_y^2 \rangle} - J_{\max} \left( \frac{k}{2} + 1 \right)}{J_{\max}} \right).$$

Due to convexity properties of the expression, this is also valid to mixed separable states.

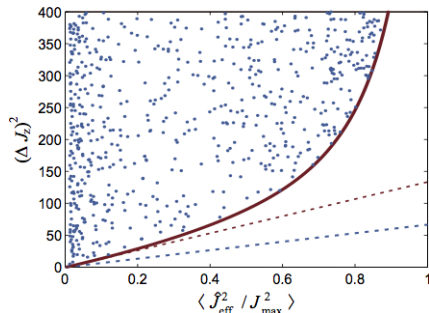
# Multipartite entanglement around Dicke states III

- For large  $N$ , and  $k \ll N$  we have

$$(\Delta J_z)^2 \gtrsim J_{\max} F_{\frac{k}{2}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\langle J_x^2 + J_y^2 \rangle}}{J_{\max}} \right).$$

# Concrete example

- Let us draw the boundary of  $k$ -producible states.



- For  $N = 8000$  particles, state below the curve have a larger than 28-particle entanglement.
- The blue dashed line is the condition given in [\[L.-M. Duan, Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 180502 \(2011\).\]](#)
- The red dashed line is the tangent of our curve.

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# Our condition is stronger

- Examine, when our spin squeezing parameter is stronger:

$$\xi_{\text{os}}^2 = (N-1) \frac{(\Delta J_z)^2}{\langle J_x^2 + J_y^2 \rangle - \frac{N}{2}} < \xi_s^2 = N \frac{(\Delta J_z)^2}{\langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2}.$$

- Noisy states of the form

$$\rho_{\text{noisy}} = (1-p)\rho + p \frac{\mathbb{1}}{2N}.$$

- For this state,

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \langle J_x^2 + J_y^2 \rangle_{\text{noisy}} - \frac{N}{2} \right) &= (1-p) \left( \langle J_x^2 + J_y^2 \rangle - \frac{N}{2} \right), \\ \left( \langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2 \right)_{\text{noisy}} &= (1-p)^2 \left( \langle J_x \rangle_\rho^2 + \langle J_y \rangle_\rho^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

- Hence,  $\xi_{\text{os}}^2 < \xi_s^2$  if

$$(\Delta J_x)^2 + (\Delta J_y)^2 > \frac{N}{2} - p \left( \langle J_x \rangle_\rho^2 + \langle J_y \rangle_\rho^2 \right).$$

Thus, in all practical cases our relation is stronger for large  $N$ : fully polarized states with  $\langle J_x \rangle_\rho^2 + \langle J_y \rangle_\rho^2 > O(N)$  and Dicke states.

## Our condition is stronger II

- We can also incorporate the original spin squeezing parameter using

$$\langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2 = \frac{1}{\xi_s^2} N (\Delta J_z)^2. \quad (1)$$

- Hence,  $\xi_{\text{OS}}^2 < \xi_s^2$  if

$$(\Delta J_x)^2 + (\Delta J_y)^2 > N \left( \frac{1}{2} - \rho \frac{(\Delta J_z)^2}{\xi_s^2} \right).$$

- Assuming  $\xi_s < 1$ , the right-hand side is negative for  $\rho > 0$  unless we have  $(\Delta J_z)^2 \sim O(N^0)$ . Not realistic.

Hence, for large  $N$ , if  $\xi_s < 1$  then (to a very good degree of approximation)

$$\xi_{\text{OS}}^2 \leq \xi_s^2.$$

# Our condition is stronger - multipartite case

- Our entanglement condition is stronger if

$$\langle J_x^2 + J_y^2 \rangle - J_{\max}(\frac{k}{2} + 1) \geq \langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2.$$

- Noisy states of the form

$$\rho_{\text{noisy}} = (1 - p)\rho + p\frac{\mathbb{1}}{2^N}.$$

- Our entanglement condition is stronger if

$$(\Delta J_x)^2 + (\Delta J_y)^2 \geq \frac{N}{2}(\frac{k}{2} + 1) - p(\langle J_x \rangle_{\rho}^2 + \langle J_y \rangle_{\rho}^2).$$

- Thus, in all practical cases our relation is stronger for large  $N$  :
  - fully polarized states with  $\langle J_x \rangle_{\rho}^2 + \langle J_y \rangle_{\rho}^2 \sim O(N^q)$  with  $q > 1$ ,
  - Dicke states with  $(\Delta J_x)^2 + (\Delta J_y)^2 \sim O(N^2)$ .
- Similar argument, as before for  $\xi_s < 1$ .

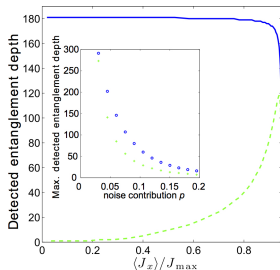
# Our condition is stronger - multipartite case II

- Consider spin squeezed states as ground states of

$$H(\Lambda) = J_z^2 - \Lambda J_x.$$

For  $\Lambda = \infty$ , the ground state is fully polarized. For  $\Lambda = 0$ , it is the symmetric Dicke state.

- Our condition vs. original condition for  $N=4000$  and  $p=0.05$



# Summary

- We showed how to detect multipartite entanglement close to Dicke states.
- We need to measure collective quantities only.
- The condition is optimal: it detects all entangled states that can be detected based on the measured quantities.

See:

G. Vitagliano, I Apellaniz, I.L. Egusquiza, and G. Tóth, PRA (2014).

B. Lücke, J. Peise, G. Vitagliano, J. Arlt, L. Santos,  
G. Tóth, and C. Klempt, PRL, in press.

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