

# New tests of multipartite entanglement in Bell-type experiments

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Since the Svetlichny inequality, it has been a problem how to confirm multipartite entanglement experimentally [1]. And we have been given precious experimental data by efforts of experimentalists [2–6]. Proper analysis of these experimental data then becomes necessary, and as a result of such analysis [7], the experimental data obtained by Pan and co-workers [5] confirms the existence of genuinely three-particle entanglement in 2000. More recently, experimental violation of multipartite Bell inequalities with trapped ions is reported [8]. Device-independent tomography of multipartite quantum states is reported [9]. Demonstration of genuine multipartite entanglement with device-independent witnesses is also reported [10].

There have been many researches on the multipartite entanglement problem, providing inequalities for functions of experimental correlations [1, 7, 11–18]. Uffink introduced a nonlinear inequality aimed at giving stronger tests for full  $N$ -partite entanglement than previous formulas. It was also discussed that when the two measured observables are assumed to precisely anticommute, a stronger quadratic inequality can be used as a witness of full  $N$ -partite entanglement [17].

After that there are many researches of multipartite entanglement (cf. [19, 20]). We do not know the inequality presented in [17] is the optimal way in detection of multipartite entanglement in Bell-type experiment. In fact it is not so if we introduce measuring  $\sigma_z$  per side. Here, we study more efficient way in this case.

In this paper, we investigate inequalities for confirming multipartite entanglement from experimental data obtained in Bell-type experiments. We present new inequalities to do so. Some physical situation is that we measure  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$ , and  $\sigma_z$  per side. Our analysis discovers a new multipartite entangled state and it is experimentally feasible. If the reduction factor  $V$  of the interferometric

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## II. TESTS OF MULTIPARTITE ENTANGLEMENT

We want to know if the following multipartite state is full  $N$ -partite entanglement experimentally. The value of  $V$  can be interpreted as the reduction factor of the interferometric contrast observed in a  $N$ -particle correlation experiment.

$$\rho = V|GHZ\rangle\langle GHZ| + (1 - V)|1\dots 1\rangle\langle 1\dots 1|, \quad (1)$$

where  $|GHZ\rangle = \frac{|1\dots 1\rangle + |0\dots 0\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$  is the  $N$ -partite Greenberger-Horne-Zeilinger (GHZ) state [21].

### A. Lemma

In what follows, we use the following lemma.

*Lemma [17]: Let  $-1 \leq A, B \leq 1$  be Hermitian operators satisfying  $\{A, B\} = \mathbf{0}$ . Then*

$$\langle A \rangle^2 + \langle B \rangle^2 \leq 1. \quad (2)$$

*Proof:* Suppose that  $\{A, B\} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $-1 \leq A, B \leq 1$ . Let us take  $C = A \cos \theta + B \sin \theta$ , and derive the maximum value of  $\text{tr}[\rho C]$ . Since we are interested only in the maximum, we may assume  $A^2 = B^2 = \mathbf{1}$ . Then we get  $C^2 = \mathbf{1} + (1/2)\{A, B\} \sin 2\theta = \mathbf{1}$ . The variance inequality leads to  $|\text{tr}[\rho C]|^2 \leq \text{tr}[\rho C^2] = 1$ . Now take  $\cos \theta = \langle A \rangle / \sqrt{\langle A \rangle^2 + \langle B \rangle^2}$ ,  $\sin \theta = \langle B \rangle / \sqrt{\langle A \rangle^2 + \langle B \rangle^2}$ , then we get  $\langle A \rangle^2 + \langle B \rangle^2 \leq 1$ . QED.

## B. Previous methods

Let us consider the following Bell operators [22, 23]

$$\begin{aligned} X_N &= 2^{(N-1)/2}(|1\dots1\rangle\langle 0\dots0| + |0\dots0\rangle\langle 1\dots1|), \\ Y_N &= 2^{(N-1)/2}(-i|1\dots1\rangle\langle 0\dots0| + i|0\dots0\rangle\langle 1\dots1|). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

We can measure the following operators by Bell-type experiments measuring  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$  per side:

$$\begin{aligned} X &= (2)(|1\dots1\rangle\langle 0\dots0| + |0\dots0\rangle\langle 1\dots1|), \\ Y &= (2)(-i|1\dots1\rangle\langle 0\dots0| + i|0\dots0\rangle\langle 1\dots1|). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

We may assume  $-1 \leq X, Y \leq 1$  when the system is not in full  $N$ -partite entanglement. In fact, we have the following entanglement witness inequalities [18]

$$|\langle X \rangle| \leq 1, |\langle Y \rangle| \leq 1. \quad (5)$$

A violation of the relations (5) means full  $N$ -partite entanglement. Let us consider the quantum state (1). After some algebra, we find that

$$|\langle X \rangle| = 2V, |\langle Y \rangle| = 0. \quad (6)$$

Hence we cannot see if the multipartite state (1) is fully entangled when we only use the formulas (5) and

$$V \leq 1/2. \quad (7)$$

From Lemma described above, we have the following entanglement witness inequality because  $\{X, Y\} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $-1 \leq X, Y \leq 1$  [17].

$$\langle X \rangle^2 + \langle Y \rangle^2 \leq 1. \quad (8)$$

A violation of the relation (8) means full  $N$ -partite entanglement. Let us consider the quantum state (1). After some algebra, we find that

$$\langle X \rangle^2 + \langle Y \rangle^2 = (2V)^2. \quad (9)$$

Hence we cannot see if the multipartite state (1) is fully entangled when we only use the formula (8) and

$$V \leq 1/2. \quad (10)$$

## C. New method

Let us consider the following operator.

$$Z_N = 2^{(N-1)/2}(|1\dots1\rangle\langle 1\dots1| - |0\dots0\rangle\langle 0\dots0|). \quad (11)$$

We can measure the following operators by Bell-type experiments measuring  $\sigma_z$  and  $I(=+1)$  per side:

$$Z = (|1\dots1\rangle\langle 1\dots1| - |0\dots0\rangle\langle 0\dots0|). \quad (12)$$

Clearly, we see  $-1 \leq Z \leq 1$ . We have the following entanglement witness inequalities [18]

$$|\langle X \rangle| \leq 1, |\langle Y \rangle| \leq 1. \quad (13)$$

We have the following quantum inequality

$$|\langle Z \rangle| \leq 1. \quad (14)$$

We see the following anti-commutation:

$$\begin{aligned} \{X, Y\} &= \mathbf{0}, \\ \{Y, Z\} &= \mathbf{0}, \\ \{Z, X\} &= \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Finally, from Lemma, we derive a set of quadratic entanglement witness inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \langle X \rangle^2 + \langle Y \rangle^2 &\leq 1, \\ \langle Y \rangle^2 + \langle Z \rangle^2 &\leq 1, \\ \langle Z \rangle^2 + \langle X \rangle^2 &\leq 1. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

A violation of one of inequalities (16) implies full  $N$ -partite entanglement. Here, we use new entanglement witness inequality as follows:

$$\langle Z \rangle^2 + \langle X \rangle^2 \leq 1. \quad (17)$$

Let us consider the quantum state (1). After some algebra, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle X \rangle^2 + \langle Z \rangle^2 \\ = (2V)^2 + (1 - V)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Hence we can see that the multipartite state (1) is fully entangled when

$$(2V)^2 + (1 - V)^2 > 1. \quad (19)$$

For example, if  $V = 1/2$  then

$$(2V)^2 + (1 - V)^2 = 1 + 1/4 > 1. \quad (20)$$

Thus, the multipartite state (1) is fully entangled. It is not revealed by previous Bell-type experimentally feasible methods presented in [17]. In fact, we see

$$\begin{aligned} (2V)^2 + (1 - V)^2 \\ = 5V^2 - 2V + 1. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Thus, if  $5V^2 - 2V > 0 \Rightarrow V > 2/5 = 0.4$ , then the multipartite state (1) is fully entangled. Therefore we presented new method to detect full  $N$ -partite entanglement. Is there more efficient way? This is open.

## III. CONCLUSIONS

In conclusions, we have considered inequalities for confirming multipartite entanglement from experimental data obtained in Bell-type experiments. We have presented new entanglement witness inequalities. Some physical situation has been that we measure  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$ , and  $\sigma_z$  per side. Our analysis has discovered a new multipartite entangled state and it has been experimentally feasible. If the reduction factor  $V$  of the interferometric contrast observed in a  $N$ -particle correlation experiment

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