

# Entanglement Studies in the Affleck–Kennedy–Lieb–Tasaki (AKLT) Spin 1 Biquadratic Model

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# Why Spin Chain Systems?

## Definition:

- Spin models are foundational elements in statistical mechanics, condensed matter physics and many-body physics.
- These provide a framework for understanding the behaviour of magnetic moments, commonly known as “spins”.

## Motivation:

- In quantum physics, spins are interpreted as intrinsic angular momentum.
- These models provide critical insights into several phenomena, such as magnetic properties, phase transitions, superconductivity, and superfluidity etc.

# Ising Model

## Importance:

- Simplest mathematical model, defined by Ernst Ising.
- Defined to explain the phase transitions in ferromagnetic materials.
- The Hamiltonian consists of a single component of spin interaction.

## Ising Model:

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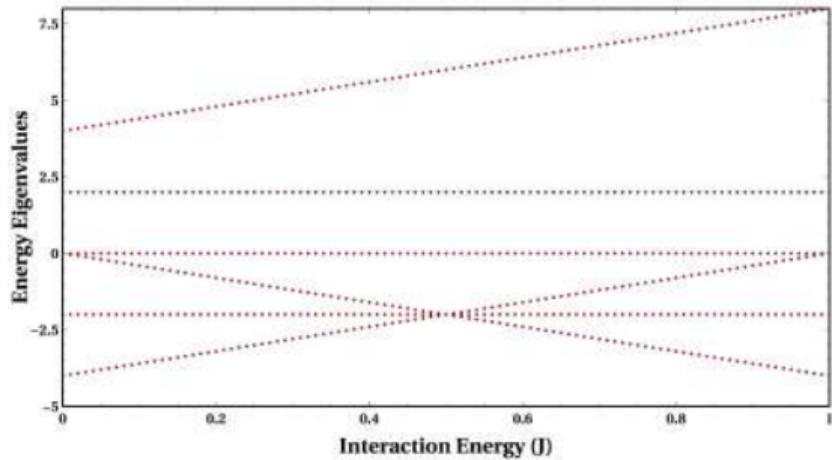
$$\mathcal{H} = -J \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i^z \sigma_{i+1}^z - B \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i^z$$

## Transverse Ising Model:

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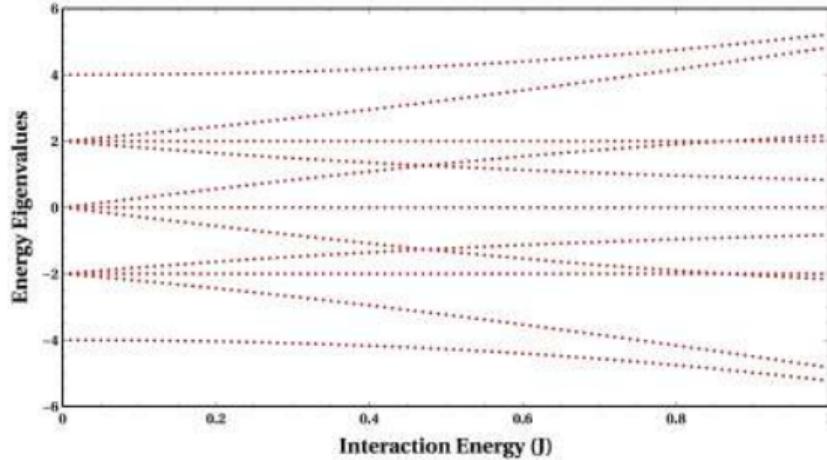
$$\mathcal{H} = -J \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i^z \sigma_{i+1}^z - B \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i^x$$

# Results for Ising Model



**Figure:** Energy Eigenvalue vs Interaction Energy ( $J$ ) for 4 qubit Ising Model.

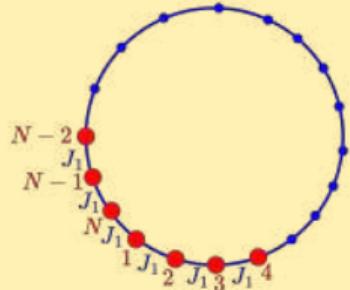
$$\langle \psi | \mathcal{H} | \psi \rangle = -J \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \langle \psi | \sigma_i^z \sigma_{i+1}^z | \psi \rangle}_{\alpha} - B \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \langle \psi | \sigma_i^z | \psi \rangle}_{\beta} \implies \mathcal{E} = -J\alpha - B\beta.$$



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# Multi Spin Interaction Models

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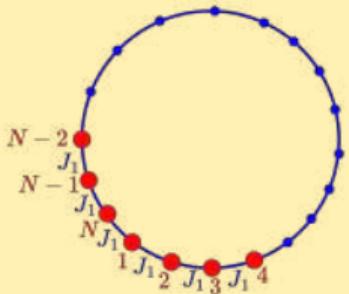


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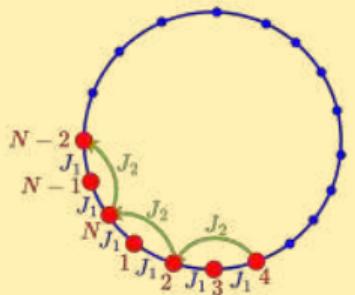
- The Hamiltonian can be expanded as,

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{i=1}^N J_x (S_i^x \cdot S_{i+1}^x) + J_y (S_i^y \cdot S_{i+1}^y) + \sum_{i=1}^N J_z (S_i^z \cdot S_{i+1}^z).$$

- This model can be solved analytically for the complete spectrum using the Bethe ansatz.
- $J_x \neq J_y \neq J_z \implies$  XYZ model.
- $J_x = J_y \neq J_z \implies$  XXZ model.
- $J_x = J_y = J_z \implies$  XXX model.

# Multi Spin Interaction Models

## Majumdar-Ghosh Model:

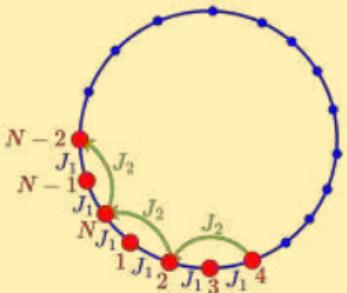


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- Analytically this model is solvable only for the ground state of a specific case i.e.,  $J_2 = \frac{J_1}{2}$ , this point is called Majumdar-Ghosh point.
- At this point the ground state of MG model are the tensor product of singlet states ( $S = 0$ ), which are given as,

$$|R_N\rangle = [1\ 2][3\ 4][5\ 6] \cdots [N-1\ N],$$

$$|C_N\rangle = [2\ 3][4\ 5][5\ 6] \cdots [N\ 1].$$

# Valence Bond States (VBS)

**Singlet:**



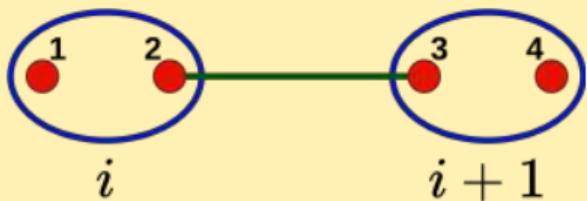
$$\begin{aligned} S_{tot}^2[2 \ 3] &= (\vec{S}_1 + \vec{S}_2)^2[2 \ 3] \\ &= S(S+1)[2 \ 3] \\ &= 0(0+1)[2 \ 3] = 0[2 \ 3]. \end{aligned}$$

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Projection Operator on  $S = 2$ :

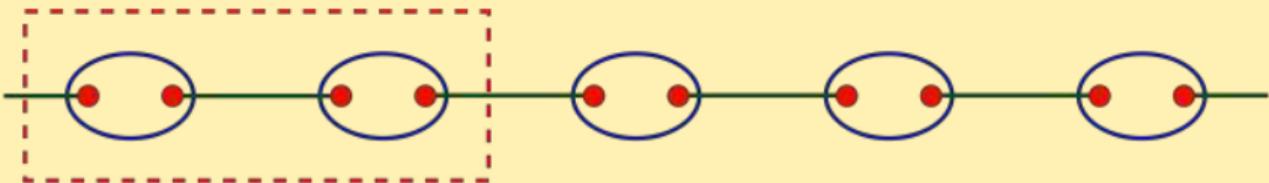
Net spin for particles 1 and 4 can be calculated as,

$$\begin{aligned} S &= |s_1 + s_4|, \dots, |s_1 - s_4| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right|, \dots, \left| \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right| \\ S &= 1 \text{ and } 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since the maximum spin can be 1, we can take the Hamiltonian as projectors onto spin  $S = 2$ . The eigenvalues of the projection operator  $P_2$  are 0 and 1.

# AKLT Model

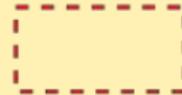
## Hamiltonian:



$$\bullet - \bullet = \frac{|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$



= Spin 1 Particle



= Projector on Spin 2

The Hamiltonian can be defined as the projector on spin  $S = 2$ .

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{i=1}^N P_2(\vec{S}_i + \vec{S}_{i+1})$$

# AKLT Model

## Hamiltonian:

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_{i+1} + \frac{1}{3} (\vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_{i+1})^2 \right].$$

where  $\vec{S}_i$  is a spin half operator acting on  $i^{th}$  spin, where  $\vec{S}_i$  is defined as,

$$\vec{S}_i = S_i^x \hat{x} + S_i^y \hat{y} + S_i^z \hat{z}.$$

where  $S_i^x$ ,  $S_i^y$  and  $S_i^z$  are spin components.

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{\sigma}_i \vec{\sigma}_{i+1} + \frac{1}{48} \sum_{i=1}^N (\vec{\sigma}_i \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{i+1})^2.$$

# AKLT Model

## Hamiltonian:

Now we have introduced the interaction energy  $J$  and an external magnetic field  $B$  to study the behaviour of the system. So, the Hamiltonian can be written as,

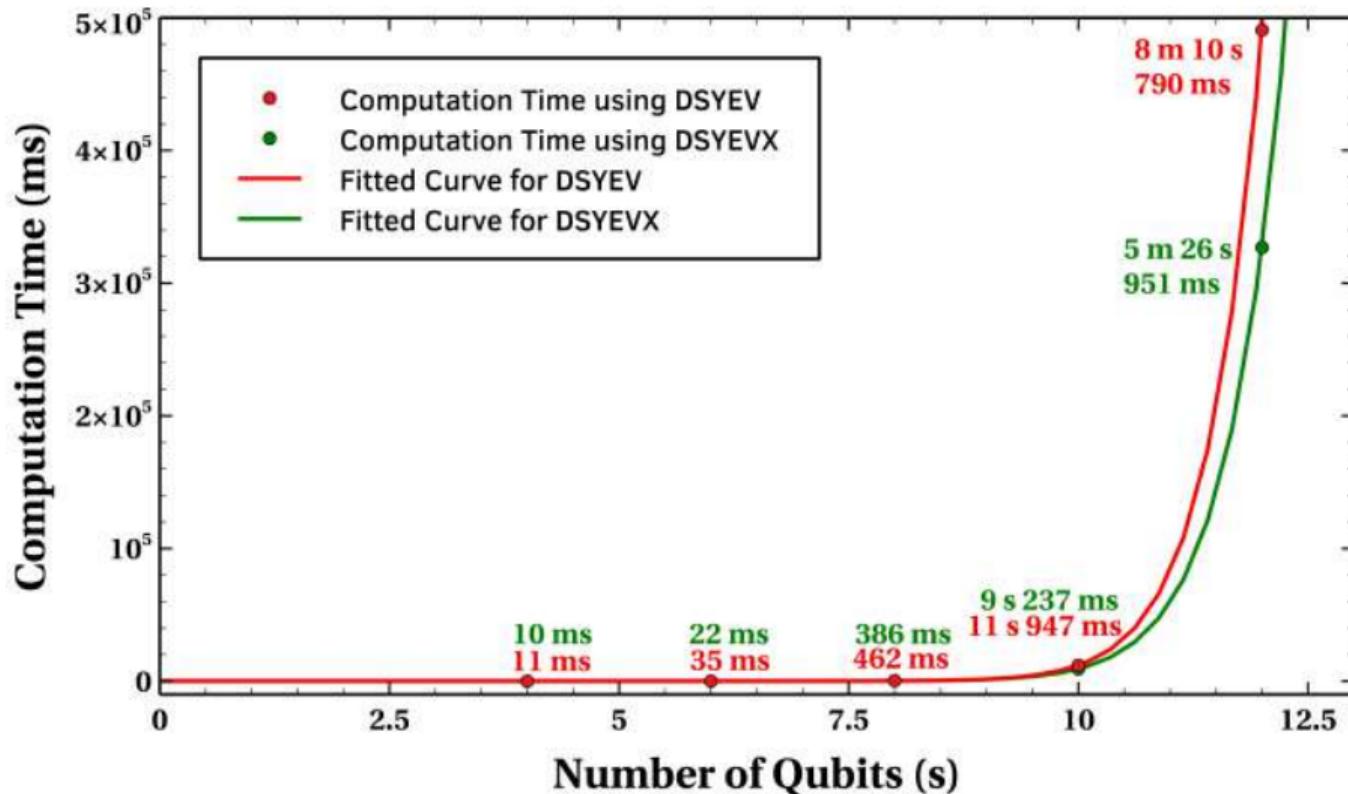
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where,  $\sigma^x$ ,  $\sigma^y$  and  $\sigma^z$  are the Pauli Matrices.

# DSYEV vs DSYEVX for Ground State Calculation



# Sparsification

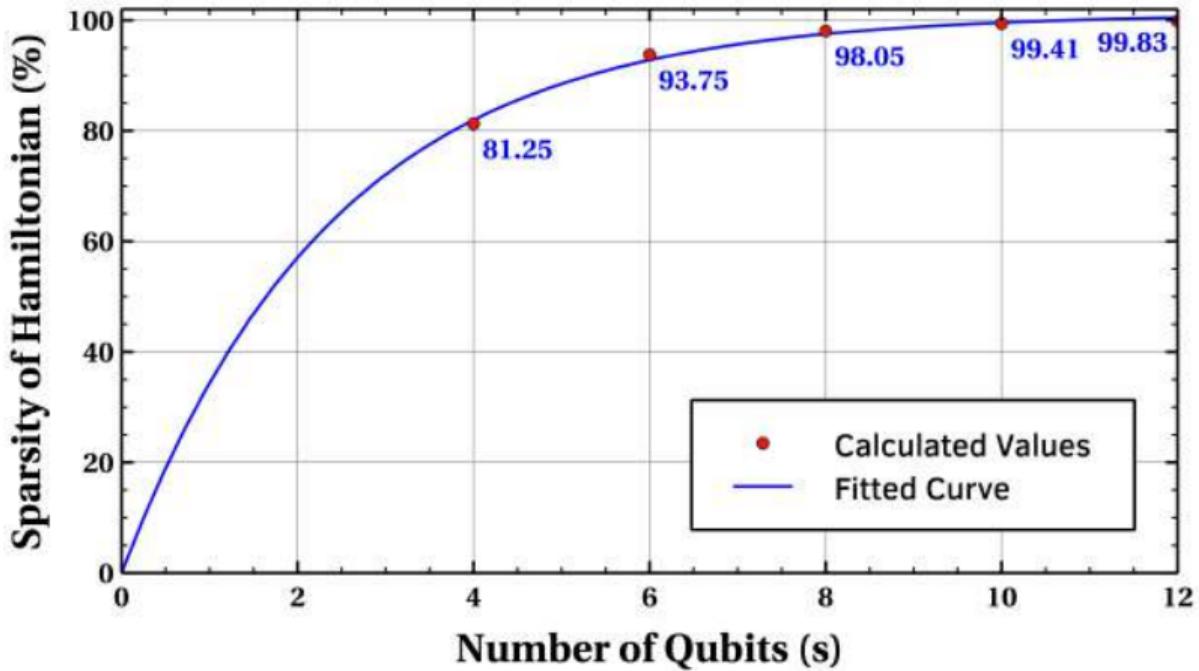
## Definition:

- A matrix having **majority of elements** as **non-zero** is called a **Dense Matrix**.
- A matrix having **majority of elements** as **zero** is called a **Sparse Matrix**.
- **Sparsity** is defined as the **percentage of zero elements** in the matrix.

## Motivation:

- Reduces computational time, complexity, and memory usage.
- Essential for large-scale quantum systems and simulations.
- Improves efficiency in matrix-based operations.
- Since most of the **Physical systems** are **Sparse** (also **our Hamiltonian**), it gives an upper hand.

# Sparsity of AKLT Hamiltonian

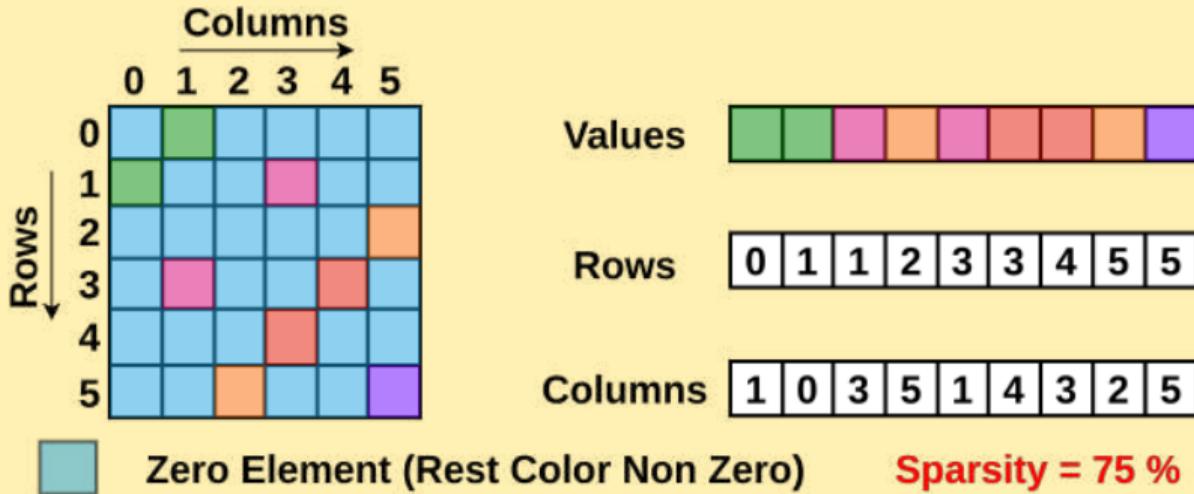


$$\text{Sparsity} = \frac{\text{Number of zero elements}}{\text{Number of total elements}} \times 100\%.$$

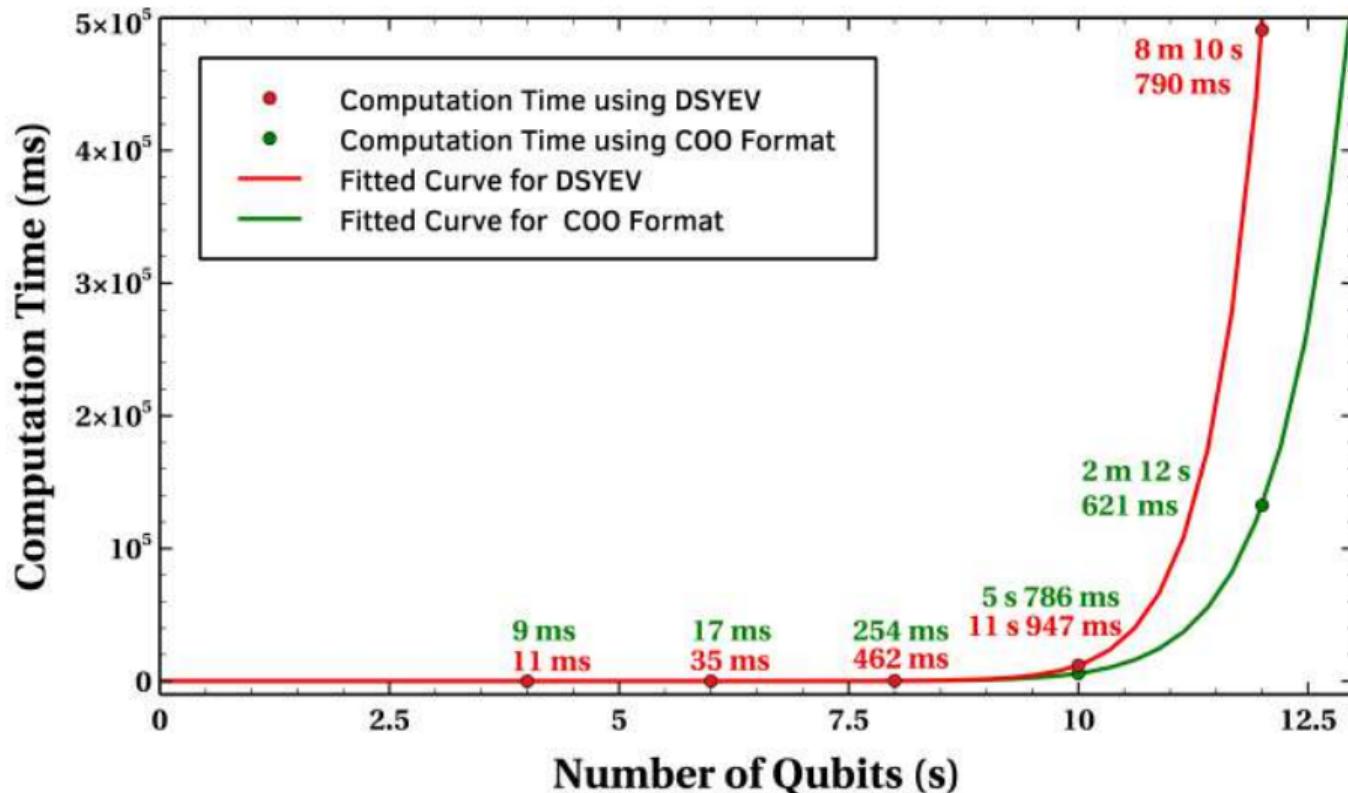
# COO Format

## Coordinate Format (COO):

In COO format we store every non-zero element along with its **row index** and **column index**.



# DSYEV vs Sparsification (COO Format)



# Parallel Programming (CPU & GPU)

## Motivation:

- The AKLT model involves biquadratic systems, leading to exponential growth of the Hilbert space with system size.
- Simultaneous computation for varying magnetic field, entanglement entropy, and concurrence can be parallelized.

## CPU vs GPU

Feature	CPU	GPU
Cores	Typically 4–16 cores.	Thousands of cores.
Focus	Optimized in sequential tasks.	Optimized for parallel tasks.
Memory Bandwidth	Lower Bandwidth.	Higher Bandwidth.
Performance	Control-heavy operations.	Best for data-parallel operations.

# Concurrence for Pure State

## Concurrence for 2-qubit Pure State:

Concurrence for a 2 qubit pure state  $|\psi\rangle$  is defined as,

$$\mathcal{C} = |\langle\psi|\tilde{\psi}\rangle|, \quad (1)$$

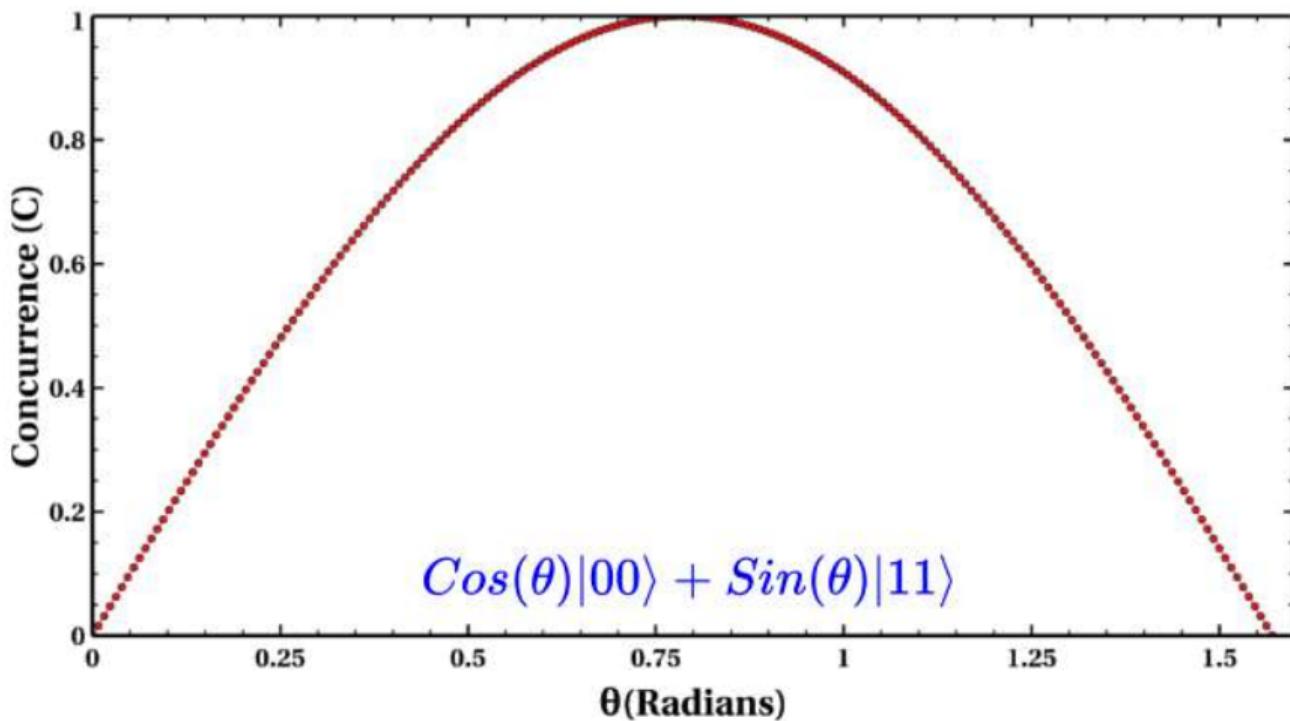
where,

$$|\tilde{\psi}\rangle = (\sigma_y \otimes \sigma_y)|\psi^*\rangle, \quad (2)$$

where  $|\tilde{\psi}\rangle$  is the “**spin flip**” transformation for 2 qubit pure state.

- For a **separable state**, **concurrence** comes to be **zero** (i.e.  $\mathcal{C} = 0$ ).
- For a **maximally entangled state**, **concurrence** comes to be **one** (i.e.  $\mathcal{C} = 1$ ).

# Concurrence for 2-qubit Pure State



# Concurrence for Mixed State

## Concurrence for 2-qubit Mixed State:

Concurrence for a 2-qubit mixed state  $\rho$  is defined as,

$$\mathcal{C}(\rho) = \max\{0, \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_3 - \lambda_4\}, \quad (3)$$

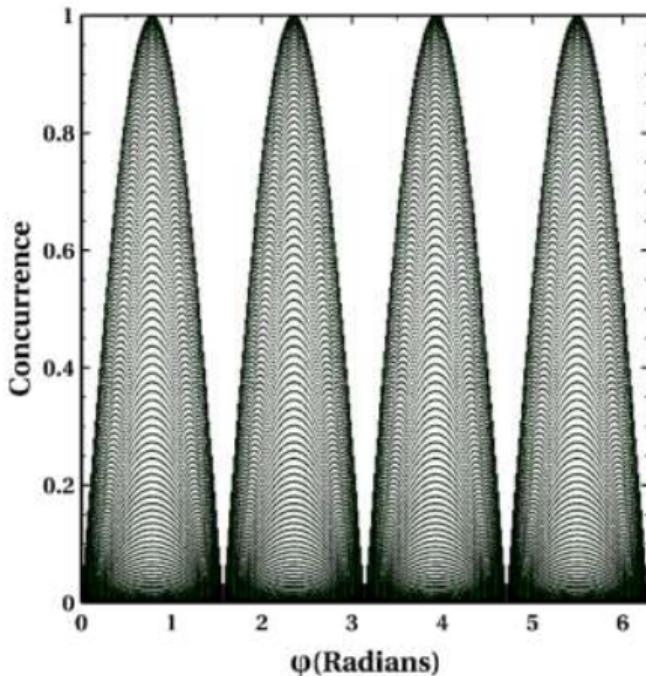
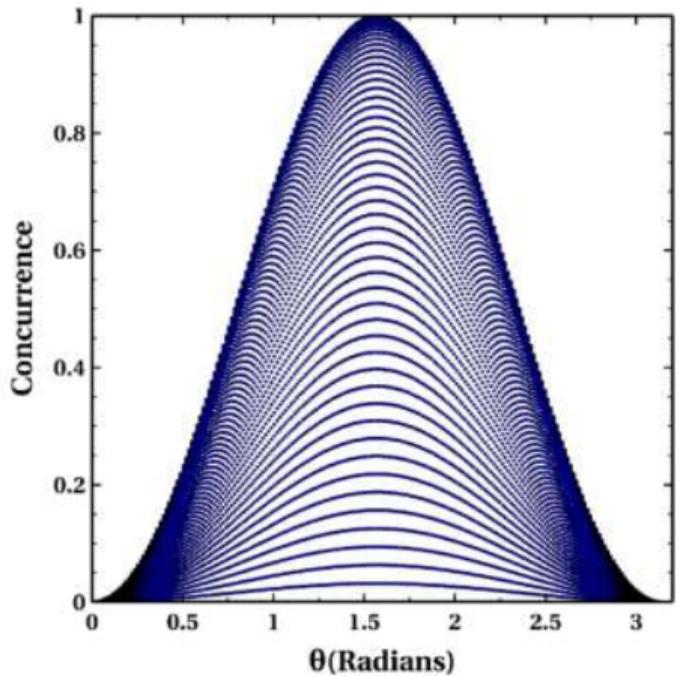
where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4$  are square root of the eigenvalues of  $\rho\tilde{\rho}$  in non increasing order and  $\tilde{\rho}$  is defined as,

$$\tilde{\rho} = (\sigma_y \otimes \sigma_y)\rho^*(\sigma_y \otimes \sigma_y), \quad (4)$$

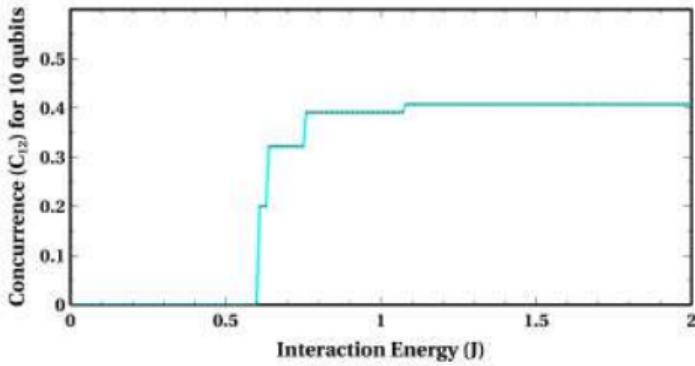
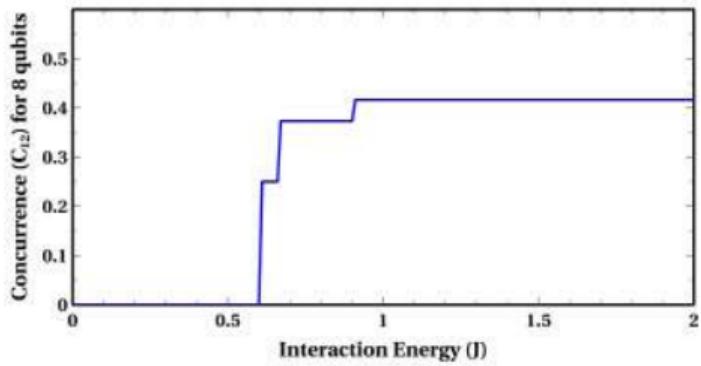
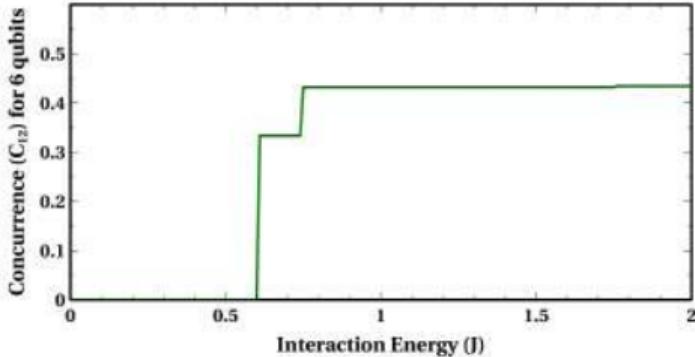
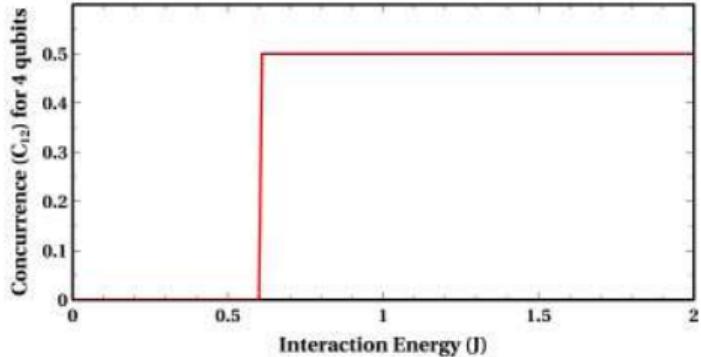
where  $\tilde{\rho}$  is the “**spin flip**” transformation for 2 qubit density matrix.

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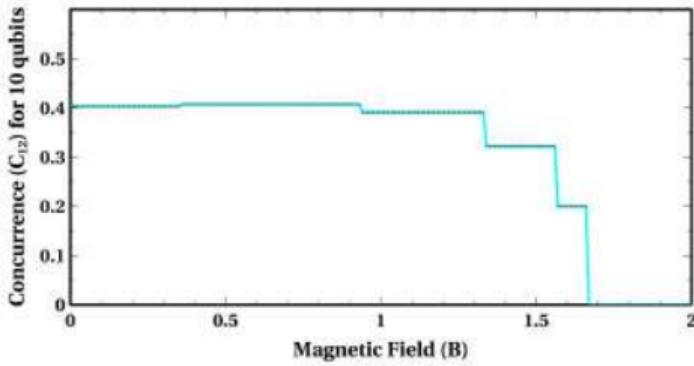
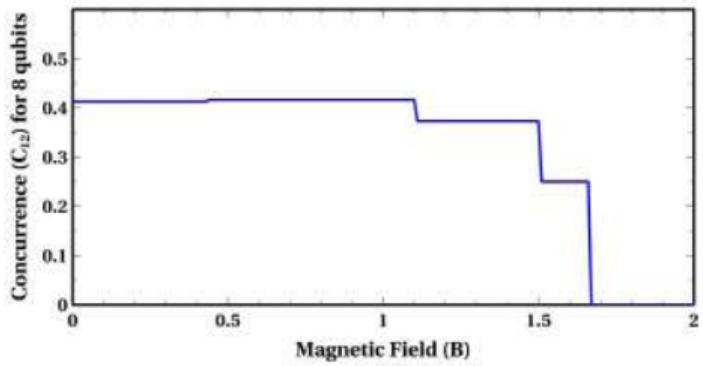
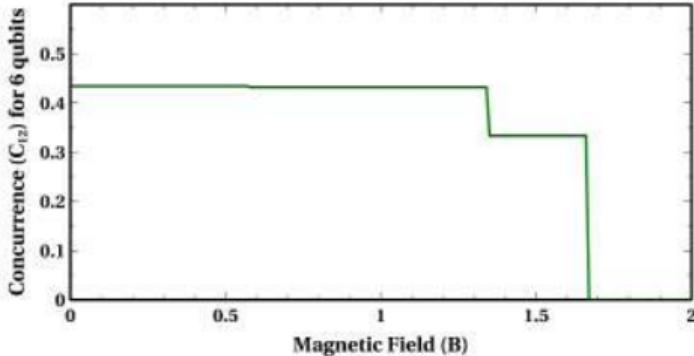
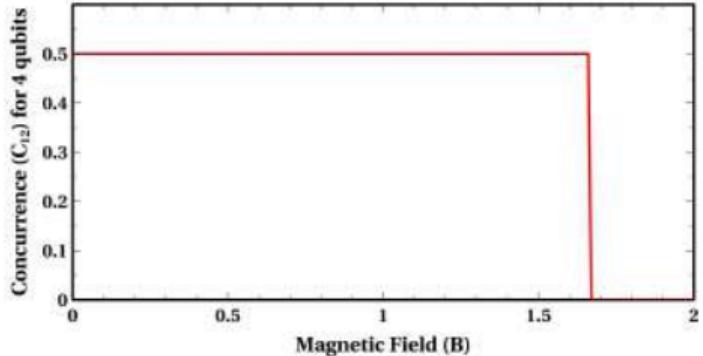
$$\cos(\theta)|001\rangle + \sin(\theta)\cos(\phi)|010\rangle + \sin(\theta)\sin(\phi)|100\rangle$$



# Concurrence ( $C_{12}$ ) vs Interaction Energy ( $J$ ) for AKLT Model



# Concurrence ( $C_{12}$ ) vs Magnetic Field ( $B$ ) for AKLT Model



# Entropy

## von Neumann Entropy:

- Suppose we have two subsystems in the Hilbert space  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_A \otimes \mathbf{H}_B$  where **A** stands for the first subsystem and **B** stands for the second subsystem, and the state of the composite system of two subsystems is given by  $\rho_{AB}$ .
- We use an entanglement measure called von Neumann entropy, also known as entanglement entropy, defined as,

$$S(\rho_A) = S(\rho_B) = - \sum_i^{\dim(\rho_A)} \lambda_i \log_2 \lambda_i = - \sum_j^{\dim(\rho_B)} \lambda_j \log_2 \lambda_j, \quad (5)$$

where  $\rho_A$  and  $\rho_B$  are reduced density matrices and  $\lambda_i$ 's and  $\lambda_j$ 's are the nonzero eigenvalues corresponding to respective subsystems **A** and **B**.

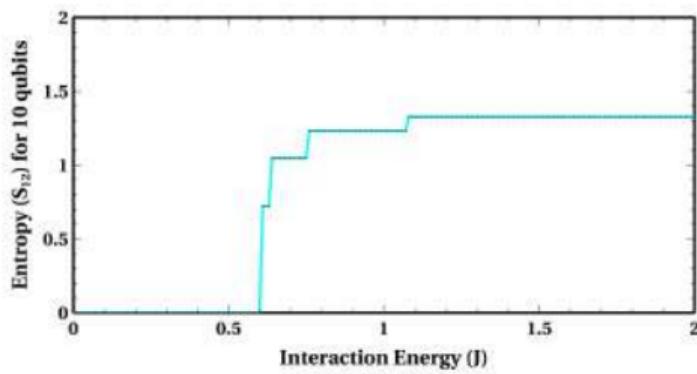
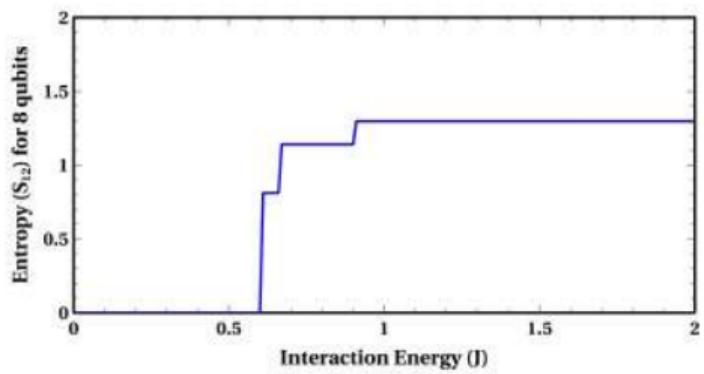
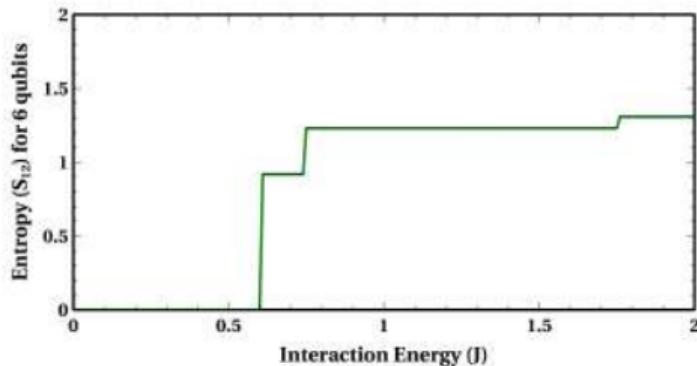
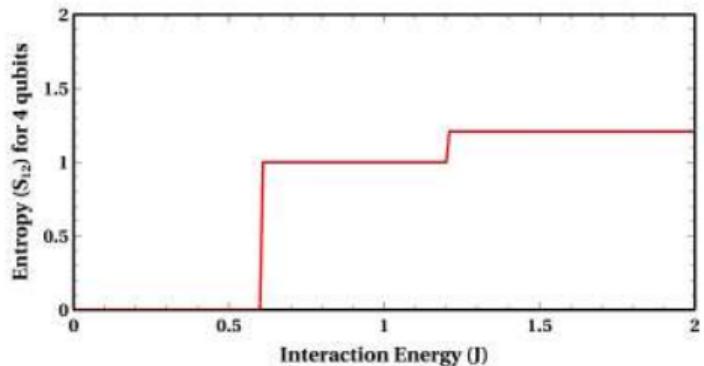
# Entropy

## Block Entropy:

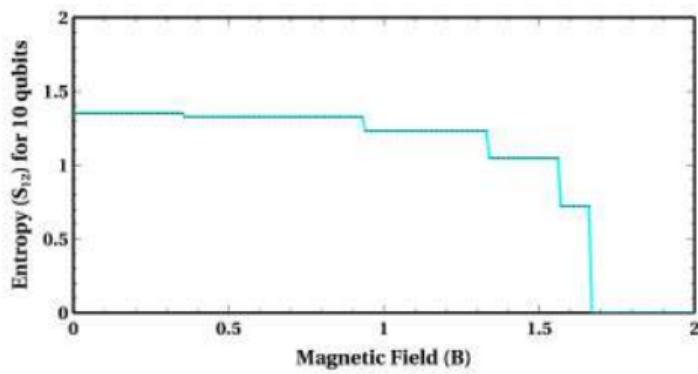
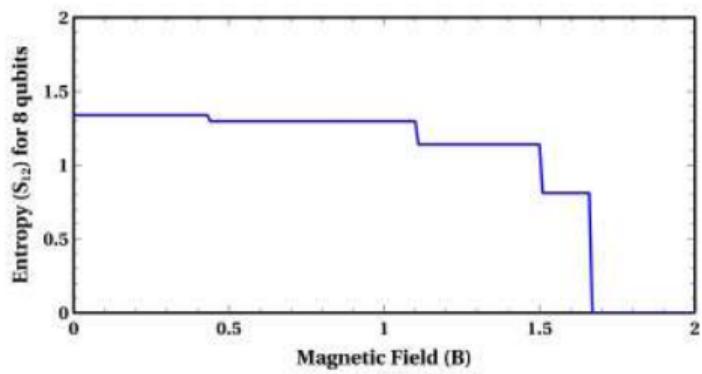
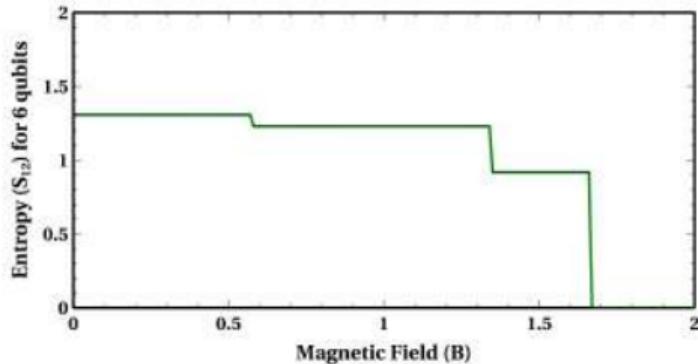
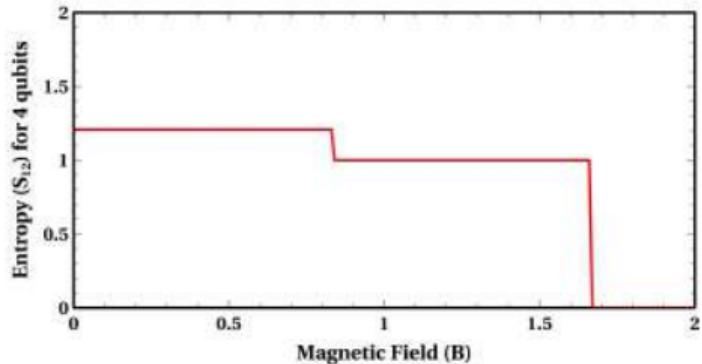
- For multi-qubit entanglement, the concept of Block entropy comes into the picture, which is nothing but the extension of von Neumann entropy only.
- We split the system into two subsystems, and the block entropy corresponding to these two blocks is as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} S(\rho_L) &= -\text{Tr}(\rho_L \log_2 \rho_L) \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^{\dim(\rho_L)} \lambda'_i \log_2 \lambda'_i \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

# Entropy ( $S_{12}$ ) vs Interaction Energy ( $J$ ) for AKLT Model



# Entropy ( $S_{12}$ ) vs Magnetic Field ( $B$ ) for AKLT Model



# Analytical Study of 4-qubit AKLT Model Ground State

**For  $0 \leq J \leq 0.6$**

$$|\psi\rangle_{gs} = |1111\rangle$$

**For  $0.61 \leq J \leq 1.20$**

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle_{gs} &= \frac{|1110\rangle - |1101\rangle + |1011\rangle - |0111\rangle}{2} \\ &= \frac{|11\rangle_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \frac{(|10\rangle - |01\rangle)_{34}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{(|10\rangle - |01\rangle)_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \frac{|11\rangle_{34}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= -\frac{|11\rangle_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes S_{34} - S_{12} \otimes \frac{|11\rangle_{34}}{\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

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For  $1.21 \leq J \leq 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\psi\rangle_{gs} &= \frac{|1010\rangle + |0101\rangle}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{|0011\rangle + |0110\rangle + |1001\rangle + |1100\rangle}{2\sqrt{3}} \\
 &= \frac{|1010\rangle + |0101\rangle - |0011\rangle - |0110\rangle - |1001\rangle - |1100\rangle + |1010\rangle + |0101\rangle}{2\sqrt{3}} \\
 &= \frac{(|01\rangle - |10\rangle)_{12} \otimes (|01\rangle - |10\rangle)_{34} + (I + \sigma_x^{\otimes 4})|1\rangle_1 \otimes (|01\rangle - |10\rangle)_{23} \otimes |0\rangle_4}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}} \\
 &= \frac{S_{12} \otimes S_{34}}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{(I + \sigma_x^{\otimes 4})|1\rangle_1 \otimes S_{23} \otimes |0\rangle_4}{\sqrt{6}}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Concurrence for Qudits

We are proposing to extend Wootters Concurrence for d-dimensional qudits.

## Wootters Paper:

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### Entanglement of Formation of an Arbitrary State of Two Qubits

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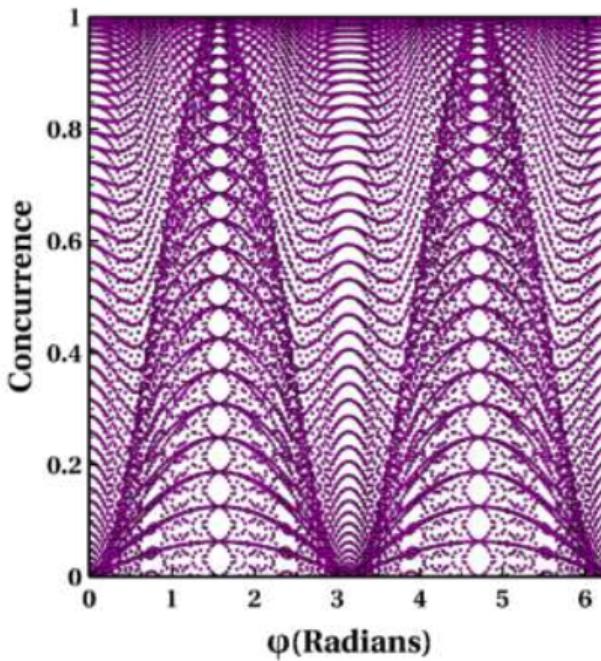
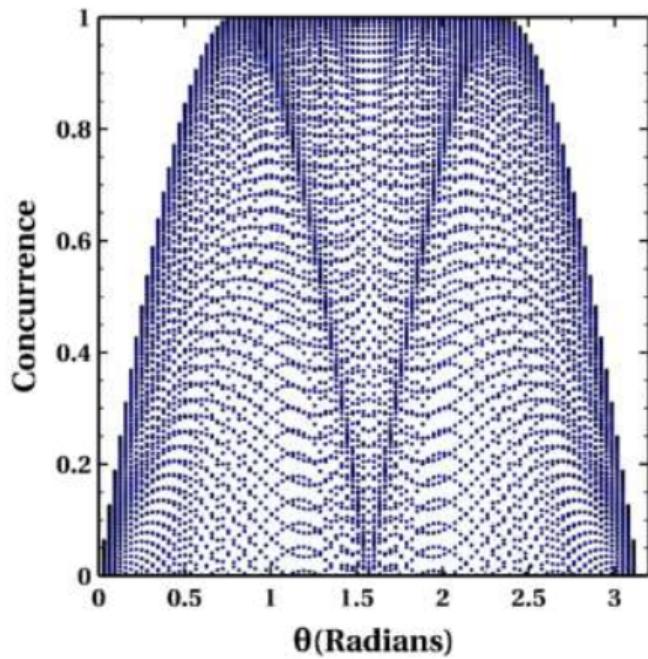
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The entanglement of a pure state of a pair of quantum systems is defined as the entropy of either member of the pair. The entanglement of formation of a mixed state  $\rho$  is the minimum average entanglement of an ensemble of pure states that represents  $\rho$ . An earlier paper conjectured an explicit formula for the entanglement of formation of a pair of *binary* quantum objects (qubits) as a function of their density matrix, and proved the formula for special states. The present paper extends the proof to arbitrary states of this system and shows how to construct entanglement-minimizing decompositions.  
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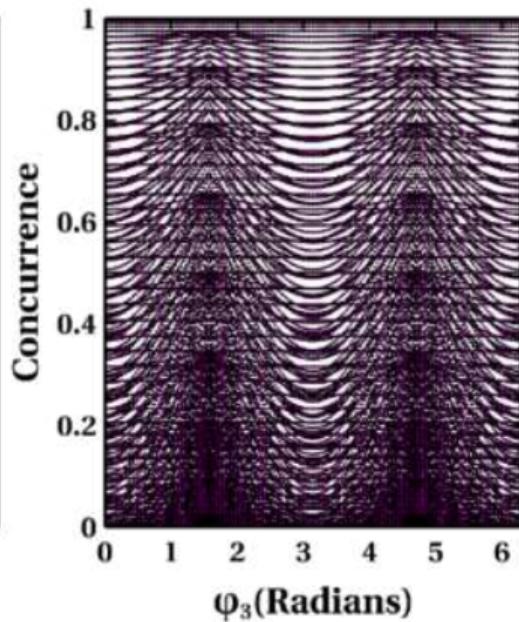
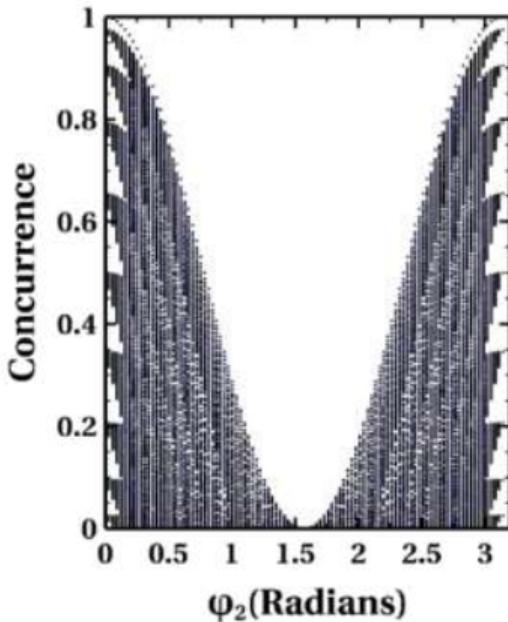
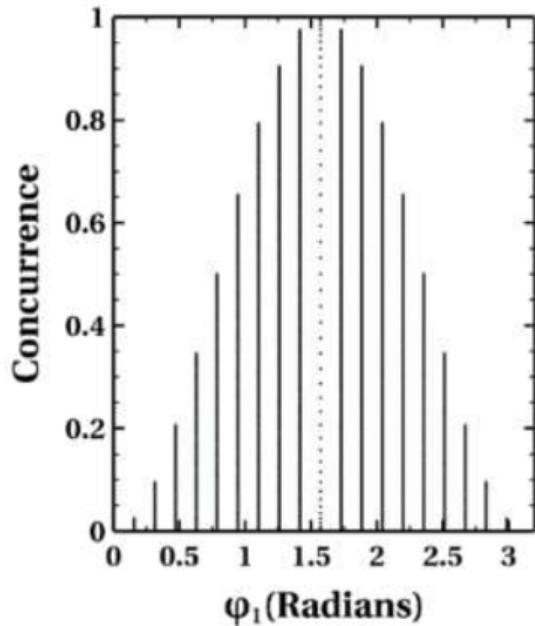
# Extension of Wootters Concurrence for 3-Dimensional Qudits

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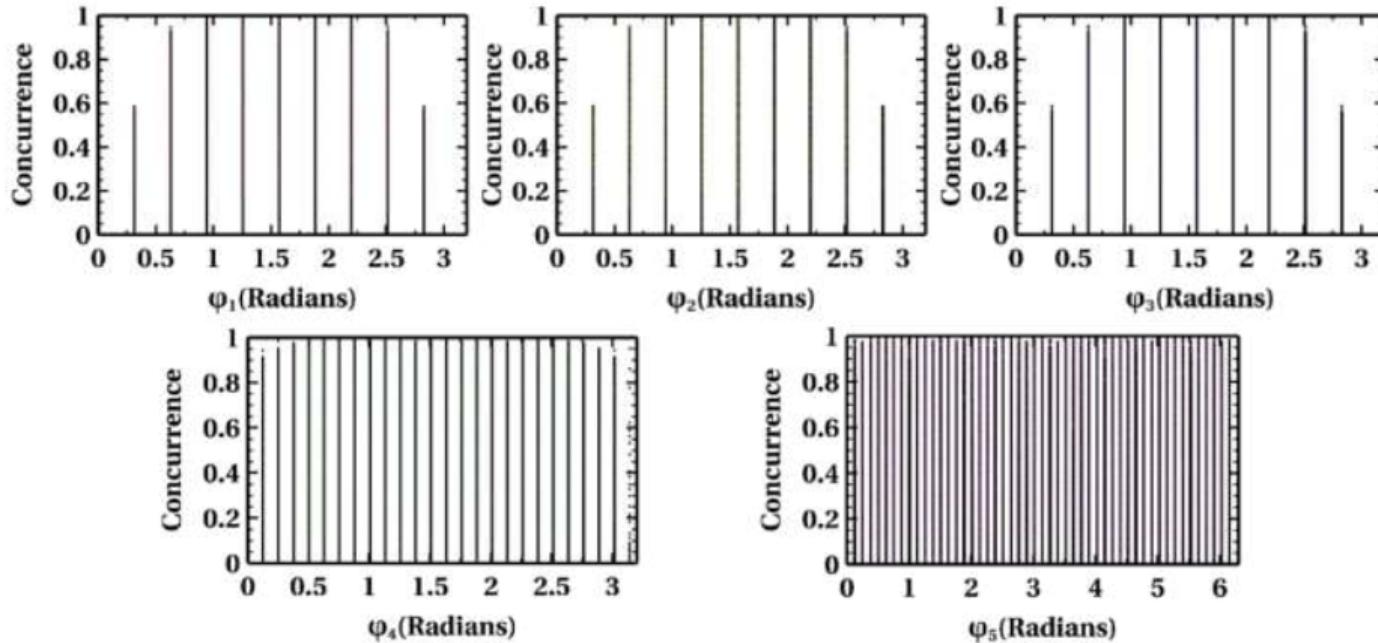
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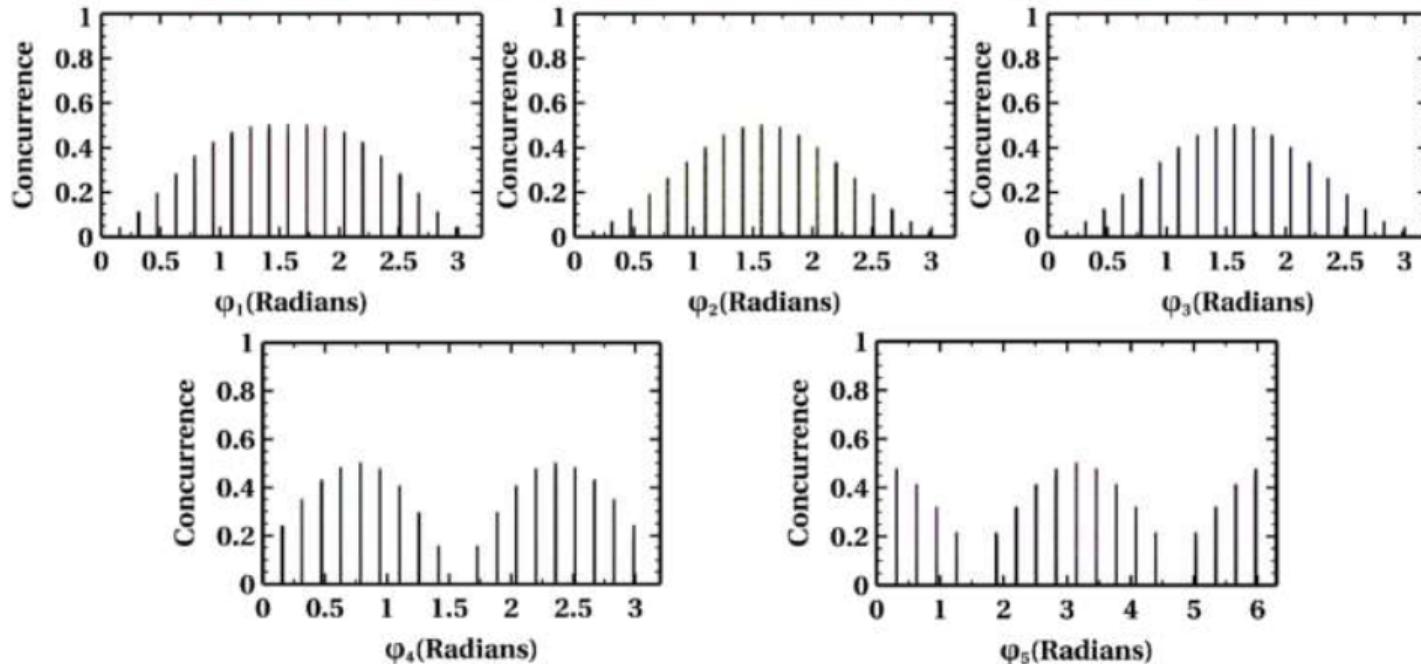
# Extension of Wootters Concurrence for 6-Dimensional Qudits

$$\begin{aligned} & \cos(\phi_1)|00\rangle + \sin(\phi_1)\cos(\phi_2)|11\rangle + \sin(\phi_1)\sin(\phi_2)\cos(\phi_3)|22\rangle + \sin(\phi_1)\sin(\phi_2)\sin(\phi_3)\cos(\phi_4)|33\rangle + \\ & \sin(\phi_1)\sin(\phi_2)\sin(\phi_3)\sin(\phi_4)\cos(\phi_5)|44\rangle + \sin(\phi_1)\sin(\phi_2)\sin(\phi_3)\sin(\phi_4)\sin(\phi_5)|55\rangle \end{aligned}$$



# Extension of Wootters Concurrence for 6-Dimensional Qudits

$$\begin{aligned} & \cos(\phi_1)|000\rangle + \sin(\phi_1)\cos(\phi_2)|112\rangle + \sin(\phi_1)\sin(\phi_2)\cos(\phi_3)|224\rangle + n(\phi_1)\sin(\phi_2)\sin(\phi_3)\cos(\phi_4)|330\rangle + \\ & \sin(\phi_1)\sin(\phi_2)\sin(\phi_3)\sin(\phi_4)\cos(\phi_5)|441\rangle + \sin(\phi_1)\sin(\phi_2)\sin(\phi_3)\sin(\phi_4)\sin(\phi_5)|552\rangle \end{aligned}$$



# General Partial Trace ( $d$ -dimensional, $n$ -parties)

## Motivation:

- It is important when we want to study a subsystem of a complete system.
- No subroutine on Fortran does  $d$ -dimensional,  $n$ -parties partial trace.

## Importance:

- $n$  parties partial trace is important as it gives me the upper hand to trace out any number of parties.
- $d$ -dimensional partial trace is important as it allows us to perform partial trace for any level system (i.e., qubits, qutrits, ququarts, etc.).

# Future Work

## Future Directions:

- It will be interesting to solve the model analytically and find the general relations for concurrence and entropy.
- We are currently working on the Concurrence for  $d$ -dimensional qudits, which will be of great importance.
- It will be very interesting to study the properties of the AKLT Model for different types of interaction energies.

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