

# **Polynomial optimization on the sphere and quantum entanglement testing**

(Full paper will be online soon)

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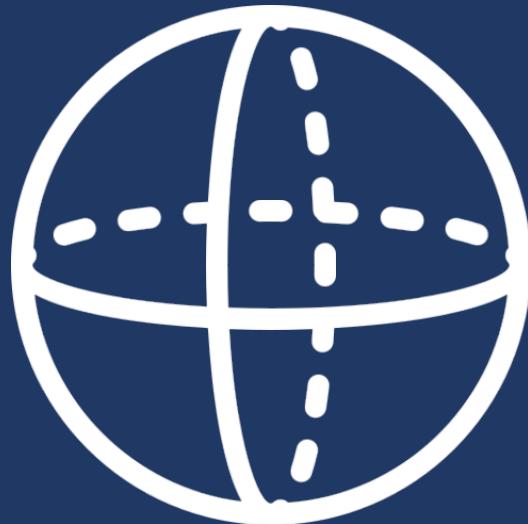


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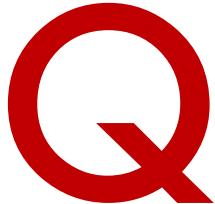
# Talk Outline

- ◎ Polynomial Optimization and SOS Hierarchy
- ◎ An improved Convergence Rate  
*Main Result and Proof Strategy*
- ◎ Relation to Entanglement Testing  
*SOS Hierarchy (polynomial) v.s. DPS Hierarchy (quantum)*
- ◎ Summary and Discussions

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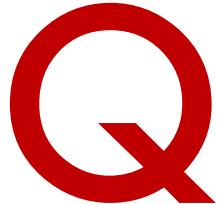
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## Applications:

- the largest stable/independent set of a graph
  - *Degree 3* polynomial opt. on the sphere (e.g. [Nesterov'03, De Klerk'08])
- $2 \rightarrow 4$  norm of a matrix  $A$ ,  $p(x) = \|Ax\|_4^4$ 
  - *Degree 4* polynomial opt. on the sphere (e.g. [Barak et al.'12])
- Best Separable State problem in quantum information theory
  - *Degree 4* polynomial opt. on the product of spheres (e.g. [Barak-Kothari-Steurer'17])
- ...

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## Difficulty:

- Degree = 2, efficiently solved as an eigenvalue problem;
- Degree > 2, **NP-hard** in general!

## Solution:

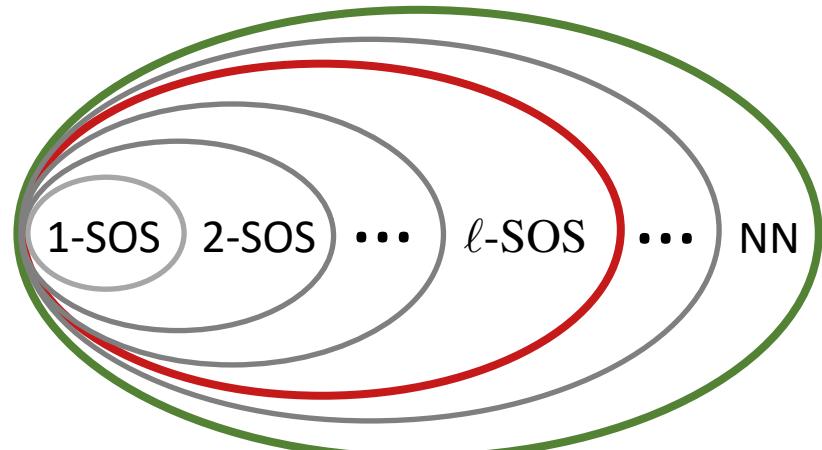
- Sum-of-square (SOS) hierarchy [Parrilo'00; Lasserre'01]  
where each level is efficiently computable by semidefinite program

# Sum-of-Square (SOS) Hierarchy

$$\ell\text{-SOS} = \left\{ p(x) = \sum_i q_i(x)^2 \text{ on } S^{d-1} \text{ s.t. } \deg(q_i) \leq \ell \right\}$$

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polynomial      polynomial

$$\text{NN} = \{p(x) : p(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in S^{d-1}\}$$



**Relation with polynomial optimization:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_{\max} &= \max_{x \in S^{d-1}} p(x) = \min\{\gamma \in \mathbb{R} : \boxed{\gamma - p \in \text{NN}} \text{ on } S^{d-1}\} \\
 &\leq \min\{\gamma \in \mathbb{R} : \boxed{\gamma - p \in \ell\text{-SOS}} \text{ on } S^{d-1}\} \\
 &= p_\ell \quad [\text{SDP of size } d^{O(\ell)}]
 \end{aligned}$$

restriction

**Approaching  $p_{\max}$  from above:**



# Main Result: improved Convergence Rate



**Q:** How fast does  $p_\ell$  converge to  $p_{\max}$  ?

**A:** [Reznick'95; Doherty-Wehner'12], convergence rate at least  $O(d/\ell)$

**Q:** Can we further sharpen the convergence rate?

(see recent works by de Klerk & Laurent 1811.05439 & 1904.08828)

**A:** Positive answer in this work, convergence rate at least  $O((d/\ell)^2)$

Quadratic improvement

## Main Result (technical statement)

Suppose  $p(x_1, \dots, x_d)$  is a homo. poly. of degree  $2n$  in  $d$  variables with  $n \leq d$ ,

$$1 \leq \frac{p_\ell - \boxed{p_{\min}}}{p_{\max} - \boxed{p_{\min}}} \leq 1 + \left( C_n \cdot \frac{d}{\ell} \right)^2 \quad \text{for all } \ell \geq \boxed{C_n}d$$

reference point  
 $p_{\min} = \min_{x \in S^{d-1}} p(x)$

A constant depends only on n.

# A Stronger Result [take home message]

**Matrix-valued polynomials:**

$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$$

$F(x) \in \mathbf{S}^k[x]$  : k by k matrix with polynomial entries, symmetric for any  $x$ .

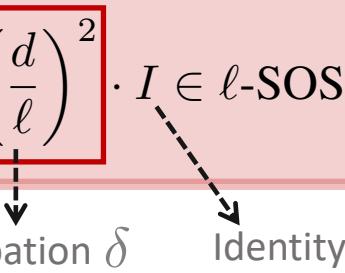
$F(x) \geq 0$  : positive semidefinite matrix for any  $x$ .

$F(x) \in \ell\text{-SOS}$  if  $F(x) = \sum_j U_j(x)U_j(x)^\top$ ,  $\deg(U_j) \leq \ell$

**Remark:** • These definitions reduce to (scalar-valued) polynomial if  $k = 1$ ;  
• But the results cannot be trivially extended. (e.g. Nonnegative quadratic polynomial is necessarily a SOS. But not true for matrix-valued case.)

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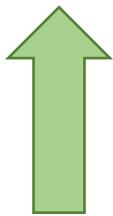
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$$F = \frac{p_{\max} - p}{p_{\max} - p_{\min}}$$

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**Goal:** Given poly.  $0 \leq F \leq 1$ . Find  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\tilde{F} = F + \delta$  is  $\ell$ -SOS

## How to construct SOS:

For any polynomial:  $q(t) : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of  $\deg(q) = \ell$ , consider  $K(x, y) = q(\langle x, y \rangle)^2$

$$\begin{aligned} (\underline{K}h)(x) &= \int_{y \in S^{d-1}} K(x, y) \underline{h(y)} d\sigma(y) \quad \forall x \in S^{d-1} \\ &= \int_{y \in S^{d-1}} \frac{q(\langle x, y \rangle)^2}{\text{sum}} \frac{h(y)}{\text{Poly}^2} d\sigma(y) \quad \forall x \in S^{d-1} \end{aligned}$$

**Key observation:**  $h(y) \geq 0 \implies Kh \in \ell\text{-SOS}$  [Reznick'95; Doherty-Wehner'12 ;Parrilo'13]

$\tilde{F} \in \ell\text{-SOS}$



$$\tilde{F} = K(\underline{K^{-1}\tilde{F}})$$

$K^{-1}\tilde{F} \geq 0$



$$\tilde{F} = F + \delta \geq \delta$$

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**Estimate**  $\|K^{-1}\tilde{F} - \tilde{F}\|_\infty \leq \delta$       Rotation invariant kernel     $K(x, y) = q(\langle x, y \rangle)^2$

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## Some well-studied results

Harmonic Decomposition     $F = F_0 + F_2 + \cdots + F_{2n}$      $\tilde{F} = (F_0 + \delta) + F_2 + \cdots + F_{2n}$

Kernel Decomposition     $\phi = q^2 = \lambda_0 C_0 + \lambda_1 C_1 + \cdots + \lambda_{2\ell} C_{2\ell}$     [  $C_k$  Gegenbauer ]

Funk-Hecke formula     $K\tilde{F} = \lambda_0(F_0 + \delta) + \lambda_2 F_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2n} F_{2n}$

$$K^{-1}\tilde{F} = \lambda_0^{-1}(F_0 + \delta) + \lambda_2^{-1}F_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2n}^{-1}F_{2n}$$

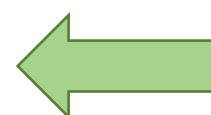
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$$\|K^{-1}(\tilde{F}) - \tilde{F}\|_\infty = \left\| \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_{2k}} - 1 \right) F_{2k} \right\|_\infty \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{1}{\lambda_{2k}} - 1 \right| \|F_{2k}\|_\infty$$

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- Since  $0 \leq F \leq 1$ , its harmonic components won't be too large  $\|F_{2k}\|_\infty \leq B_{2n} \|F\|_\infty$

- Estimate  $\sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{1}{\lambda_{2k}} - 1 \right|$



$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{1}{\lambda_{2k}} - 1 \right| \leq 2 \sum_{k=1}^n (1 - \lambda_{2k}),$$

  
 $\ell \geq 2nd$

$$\tilde{F} = F + \delta \text{ is } \ell\text{-SOS}$$

$$\|K^{-1}\tilde{F} - \tilde{F}\|_\infty \leq \delta$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (1 - \lambda_{2k}) \leq \delta$$

**Estimate**  $\sum_{k=1}^n (1 - \lambda_{2k}) \leq \delta$

$$\lambda_i = \frac{\omega_{d-1}}{\omega_d} \int_{-1}^1 \phi(t) \frac{C_i(t)}{C_i(1)} (1-t^2)^{\frac{d-3}{2}} dt \quad \phi = q^2 = \lambda_0 C_0 + \lambda_1 C_1 + \cdots + \lambda_{2\ell} C_{2\ell}$$

- If we choose polynomial  $q(t) \propto t^\ell$ , each coefficient can be computed explicitly. Observe that  $\lambda_i$  scales as  $O(d/\ell)$ . Recover results by [Reznick'95; Doherty-Wehner'12].
- To obtain a better result, we do not choose specific  $q(t)$  at this moment.

$$\phi(t) = [q(t)]^2 = \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{\ell} e_i \frac{C_i(t)}{\sqrt{C_i(1)}} \right]^2 \quad e = [e_0 \ e_1 \ \cdots \ e_\ell]^\top$$

$$\lambda_{2k} = e^\top \underline{\mathcal{T}[C_{2k}/C_{2k}(1)]} e \quad \mathcal{T}[g]_{i,j} = \frac{\omega_{d-1}}{\omega_d} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{C_i(t)}{\sqrt{C_i(1)}} \frac{C_j(t)}{\sqrt{C_j(1)}} g(t) (1-t^2)^{\frac{d-3}{2}} dt$$

Generalized Toeplitz matrix

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (1 - \lambda_{2k}) = n (1 - e^\top \mathcal{T}[h] e)$$



$$1 - \lambda_{\max}(\mathcal{T}[h]) \leq \delta$$

$$h = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{C_{2k}}{C_{2k}(1)}$$

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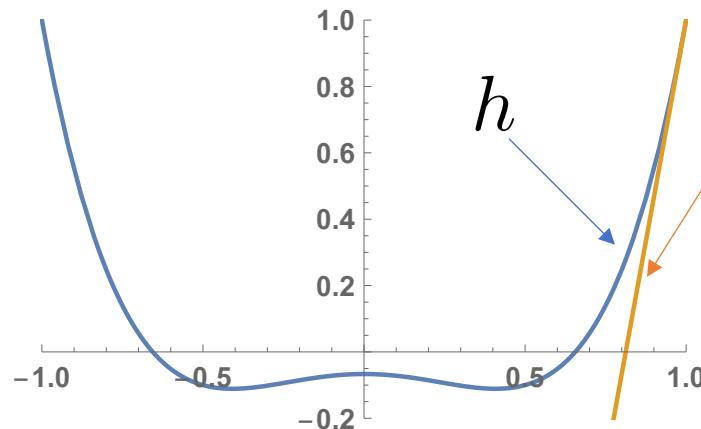
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**Estimate**  $1 - \lambda_{\max}(T[h]) < \delta$

$$h = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{C_{2k}}{C_{2k}(1)}$$

- For linear polynomial  $f$ , we have a good understanding of the eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{T}[f]$ .
  - $h$  is non-linear -> Consider the tangent line at  $t = 1$ ,  $\bar{h}(t) = h'(1)(t - 1) + h(1)$



$\bar{h}$  The largest root of  $C_{\ell+1}$ ,  $x_{\ell+1,\ell+1} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{d^2}{\ell^2}$

This completes the proof.

$$d = 4, n = 2$$

# Some Remarks

## Recall the result

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## Some Remarks:

- The proof works for *matrix-valued polynomials*.
- The proof works for polynomials on the *complex sphere*.
- We can estimate the perturbation for *all values of level, not just  $\ell \geq C_n d$* .

# Entanglement Testing



# Quantum States

**Quantum state**  $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{H}_A) = \left\{ \sum_i p_i x_i x_i^\dagger : p_i \geq 0, x_i \in \mathcal{H}_A \right\}$  unnormalized

**Separable state**  $\mathcal{SEP}(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B) = \left\{ \sum_i p_i (x_i x_i^\dagger) \otimes (y_i y_i^\dagger) : p_i \geq 0, x_i \in \mathcal{H}_A, y_i \in \mathcal{H}_B \right\}$

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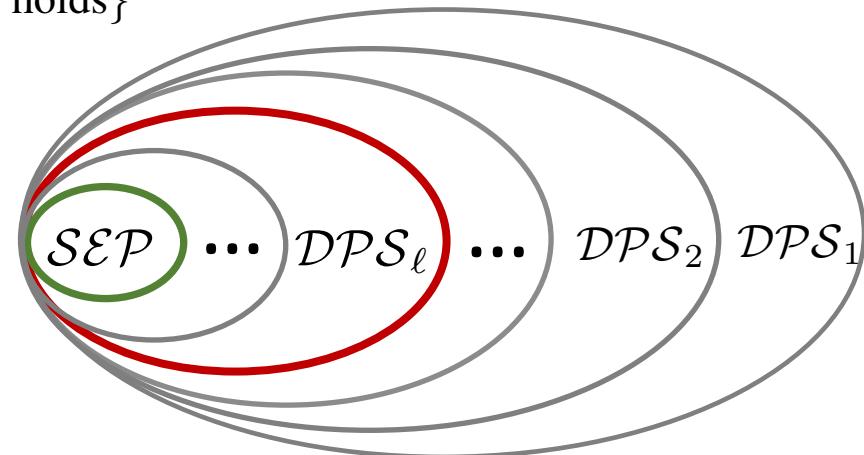
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3. Positive partial transpose (PPT):

$$(I_A \otimes \boxed{T_{B_1} \otimes \dots T_{B_s}} \otimes I_{B_{i+1}} \otimes I_{B_\ell})(\rho_{AB_1 \dots B_\ell}) \geq 0$$

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Form a complete hierarchy [Doherty-Parrilo-Spedalieri'02&04]

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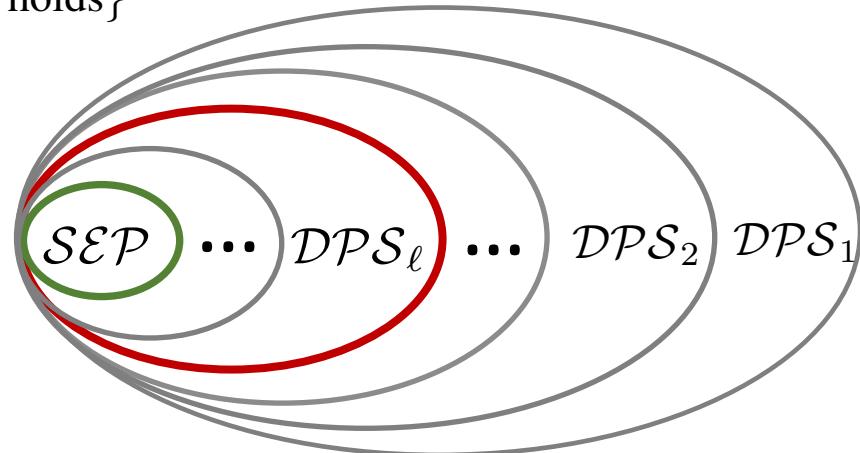
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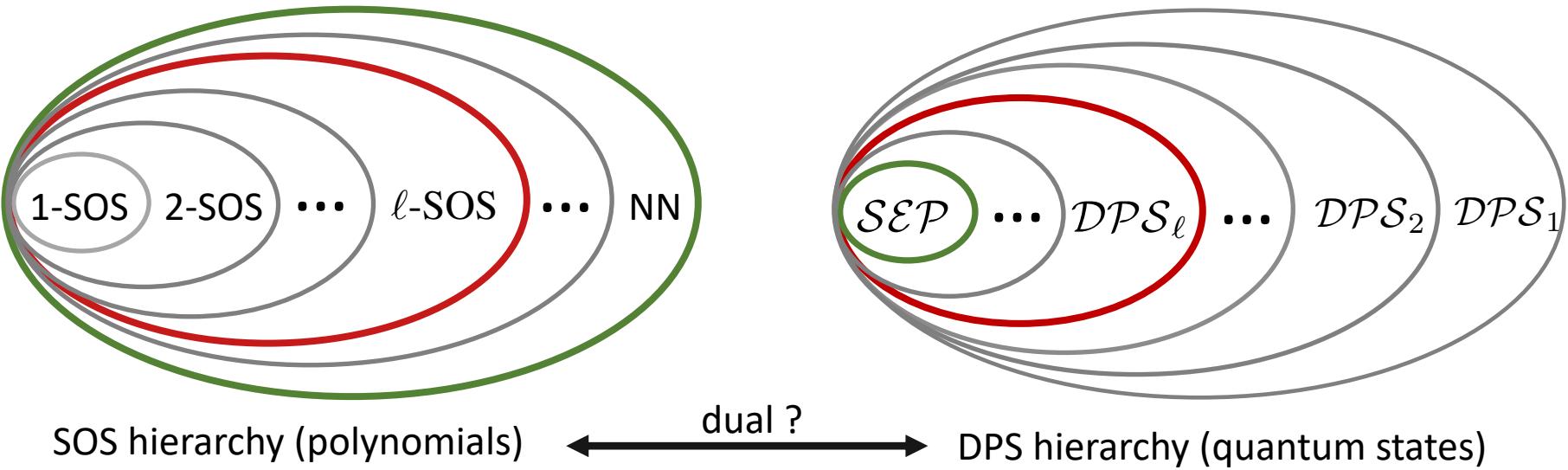
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Without PPT conditions  $\mathcal{EXT}_\ell(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B) = \{\rho_{AB} : \exists \rho_{AB_1 \dots B_\ell} \text{ s.t. (1, 2) holds}\}$

This is a weaker hierarchy but it is still complete.

# Duality Relation



For any Hermitian operator  $M$  on  $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$ , define its associated Hermitian polynomial

$$p_M(x, \bar{x}, y, \bar{y}) = (x \otimes y)^\dagger M(x \otimes y) = \sum_{i,j,k,l} M_{ij,kl} x_i \bar{x}_k y_j \bar{y}_l \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{C}^{d_A}, y \in \mathbb{C}^{d_B}$$

## Duality relation

$$\mathcal{SEP}^* = \{M \in \text{Herm}(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B) : p_M \text{ is nonnegative}\}$$

$$\mathcal{DPS}_\ell^* = \left\{ M \in \text{Herm}(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B) : \|y\|^{2(\ell-1)} p_M \text{ is rSOS} \right\} \xrightarrow{\dots} \sum_i q_i(x, \bar{x}, y, \bar{y})^2$$

$$\mathcal{EXT}_\ell^* = \left\{ M \in \text{Herm}(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B) : \|y\|^{2(\ell-1)} p_M \text{ is cSOS} \right\} \xrightarrow{\dots} \sum_i |g_i(x, y)|^2$$

PPT conditions determine the choice of monomials in the SOS decomposition.

# Relation with [NOP'09]

## [Navascues-Owari-Plenio'09]

For any quantum state  $\rho_{AB} \in \text{DPS}_\ell$  with reduced state  $\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B[\rho_{AB}]$

$$(1 - t)\rho_{AB} + t\rho_A \otimes \frac{I_B}{d_B} \text{ is separable with } t = O\left(\frac{d_B^2}{\ell^2}\right)$$



A small perturbation

Utilizing the duality between DPS and SOS, this is equivalent to our result of matrix-valued polynomial with **degree 2**.

## Recall our result in this work

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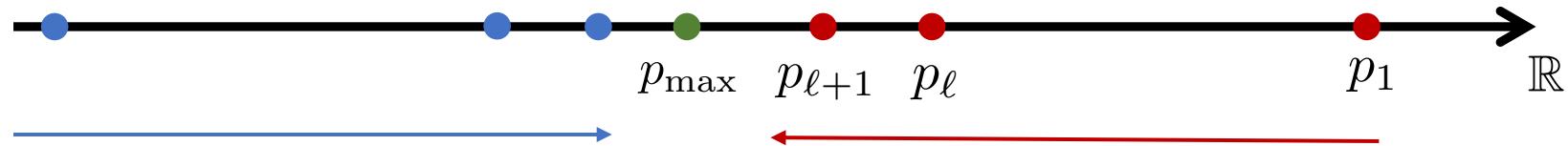
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# Summary & Discussions

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- An quadratic improvement of convergence rate of the SOS hierarchy
    - Works for matrix-valued polynomials
    - Works for complex variables
    - Works for all values of the level
  - Exact Duality relation between SOS and DPS hierarchies
  - Connection with [Navascues-Owari-Plenio'09] from quantum community
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## Other related works:



- Lasserre hierarchy appr. from below  
[de Klerk-Laurent 1904.08828]
- Analysis of the SOS hierarchy from the computer science community  
(e.g. [Bhattiprolu et al.'17; Barak-Kothari-Steurer'17])

SOS hierarchy appr. from above  
[Fang-Fawzi-This work]  
Empirically much faster

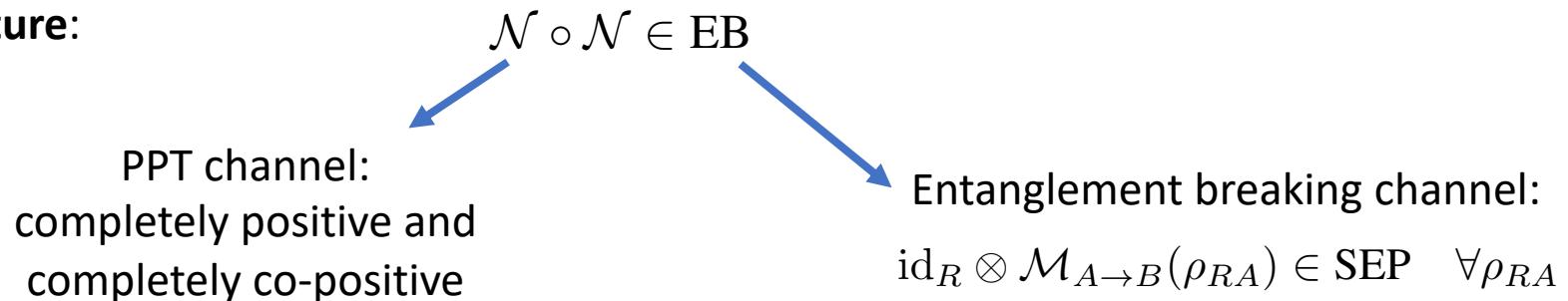
**Question:** Further sharpening the convergence rate? New techniques are required.

# PPT Square Conjecture (Polynomial Version)

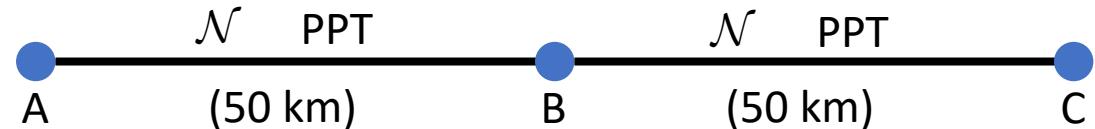
Open Quantum Problems List (<https://oqp.iqoqi.univie.ac.at/>)

**Problem 38: The PPT-squared conjecture** (Matthias Christandl, 2012)

**Conjecture:**



**Quantum (key) repeater**



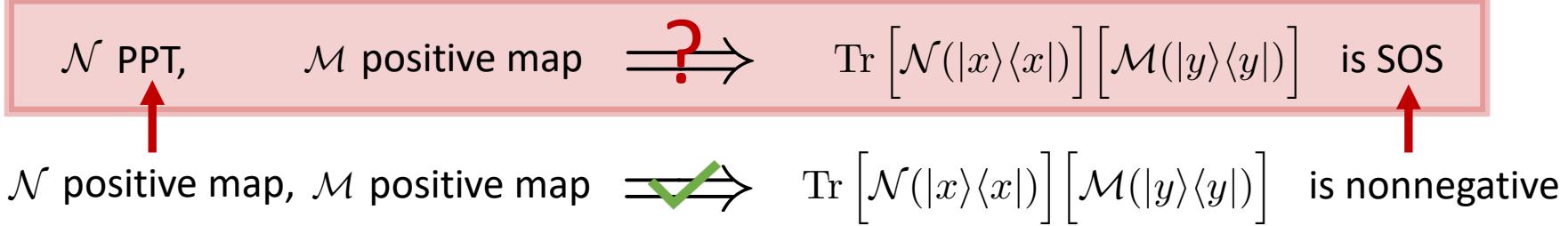
See recent progress e.g. [Christandl-Hermes-Wolf'18; Hanson-Rouzé-França'19]

**A new perspective, PPT Square Conjecture is equivalent to:**

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{N} \text{ PPT}, & \mathcal{M} \text{ positive map} & \xrightarrow{\text{?}} \end{array}$$

$\text{Tr} [\mathcal{N}(|x\rangle\langle x|)] [\mathcal{M}(|y\rangle\langle y|)]$  is SOS

$\mathcal{N}$  positive map,  $\mathcal{M}$  positive map  $\xrightarrow{\checkmark}$   $\text{Tr} [\mathcal{N}(|x\rangle\langle x|)] [\mathcal{M}(|y\rangle\langle y|)]$  is nonnegative



# Thanks for your attention!

Full paper will be online soon.