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EFFICIENT STATE TOMOGRAPHY





Measurements:

$$p_k = \operatorname{tr}\left[\hat{\Pi}_k \hat{\varrho}\right]$$



Reconstruct density matrix:

$$\hat{\varrho} = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{3} \frac{\langle \hat{\sigma}_i \rangle}{2} \hat{\sigma}_i$$



Techniques:

Linear inversion, Maximum Likelihood,

Mean Bayesian estimation, ...



M. Paris et al., Lecture Notes in Physics 649 (2004).



Exponential growth of Hilbert space dimension with the number of subsystems!

Experiment time

- Problems -

Post-processing resources



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> MPO representation: $\hat{\varrho} = \sum_{l_1, \dots, l_N} B_1[l_1] \cdots B_N[l_N] \hat{P}_1^{(l_1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes \hat{P}_N^{(l_N)}$

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W state: $|W_{N=8}(\phi)\rangle = [|00...01\rangle + e^{i\phi_1}|00...10\rangle + ... + e^{i\phi_{N-1}}|10...00\rangle] /\sqrt{N}$

String of N = 8 trapped ions:

H. Häffner *et al.*, Nature **438**, 643 (2005). Full tomography via maximum likelihood: 3^N settings.

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Efficient tomography via direct MPO reconstruction:

 $3^R(N-R+1)$ settings.

Determine maximal fidelity with respect to a W state:

$$f_{\text{opt}} = \underset{\phi}{\operatorname{argmax}} [\langle W_N(\phi) | \hat{\varrho} | W_N(\phi) \rangle]$$

$$f_{\text{opt}}^{\text{ML}} = 0.722$$
 $f_{\text{opt}}^{R=3} = 0.688$
 $f_{\text{opt}}^{R=5} = 0.718$











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