

Vacuum Entanglement

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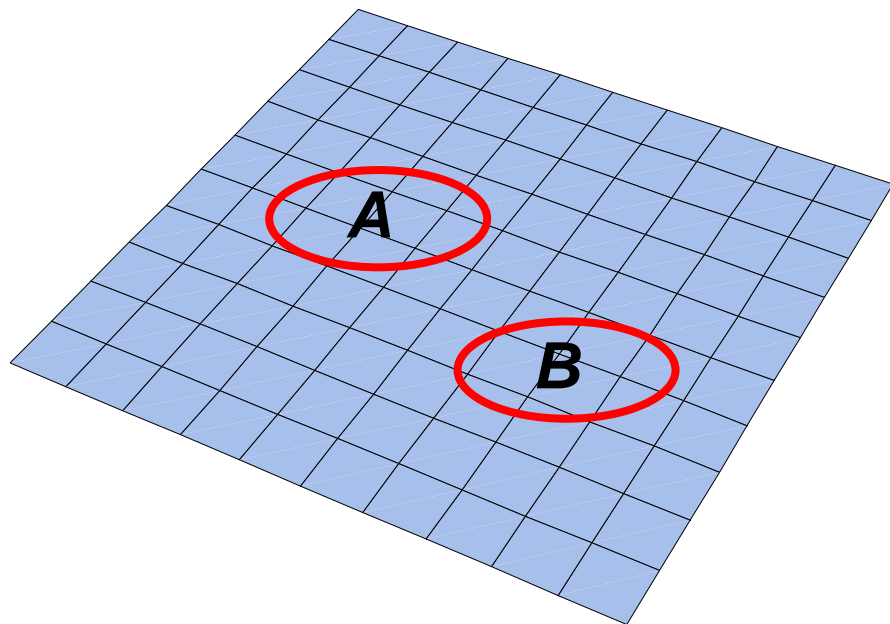
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Motivation:

QI: natural set up to study Ent
causal structure ! LO.
many body Ent.

Q. Phys.: Can Ent. shed light on
“quantum effects”? (low temp. Q.
coherences, Q. phase transitions,
DMRG, Entropy Area law.)

Background

Continuum results:

BH Entanglement entropy:

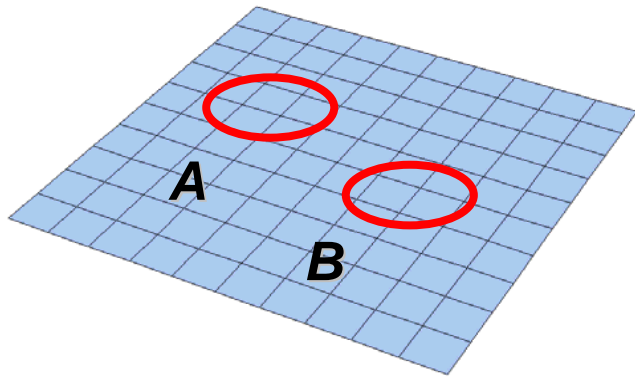
Unruh (76), Bombelli et. Al. (86), Srednicki (93), Callan & Wilczek (94) .

Algebraic Field Theory:

Summers & Werner (85), Halvarson & Clifton (00), Verch & Werner (2004).

Discrete models:

Spin chains: *Wootters (01), Nielsen (02), Latorre et. al. (03).*



(I) Are A and B entangled?

Yes, for arbitrary separation.
(“Atom probes”).

(II) Are Bell’s inequalities violated?

Yes, for arbitrary separation.
(Filtration, “hidden” non-locality).

(III) Where does it “come from”?

Localization, shielding.
(Harmonic Chain).

(IV) Can we detect it?

Entanglement Swapping.
(Linear Ion trap).

Outline :

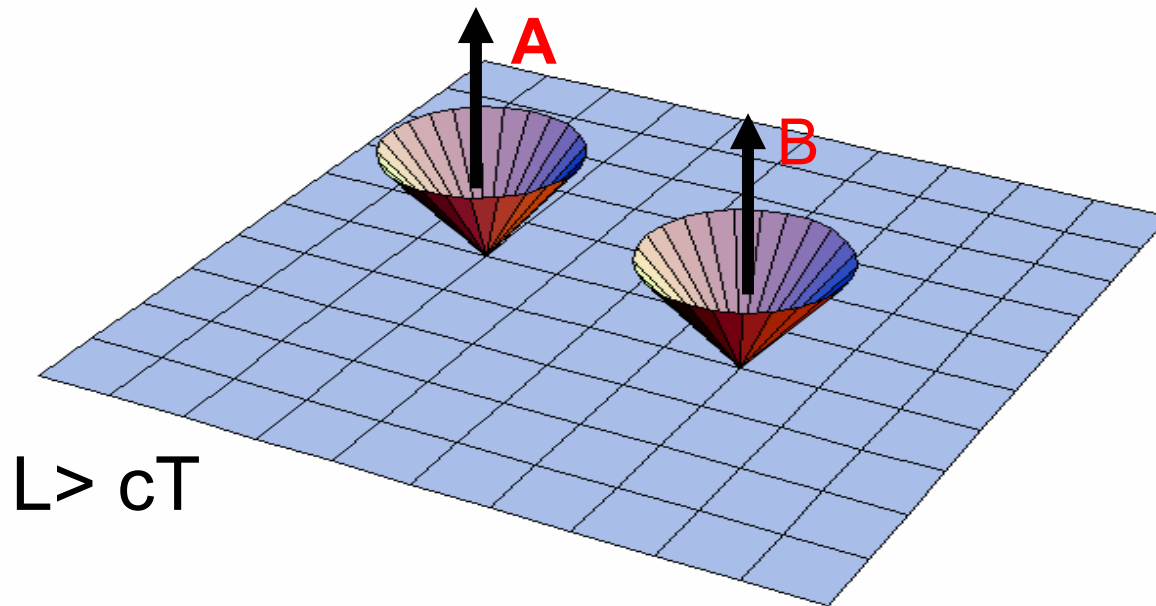
- (1). Field entanglement: local probes.
- (2). Linear Ion trap: detection of ground state ent.

Probing Field Entanglement

RFT → Causal structure



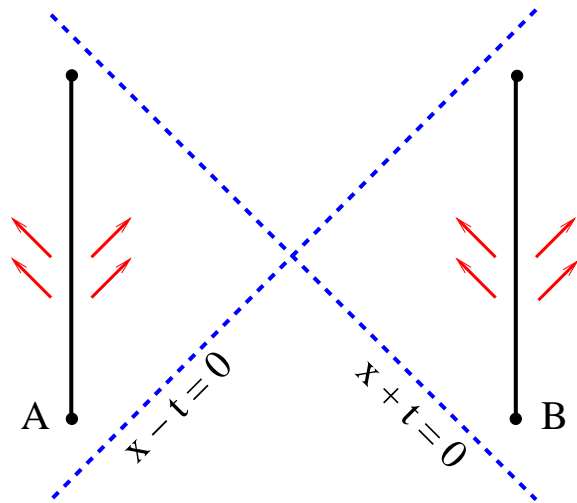
QI : LOCC



$L > cT$

A pair of causally disconnected localized detectors

Causal Structure + LO



For $L > cT$, we have $[\phi_A, \phi_B] = 0$
Therefore $U_{\text{INT}} = U_A U_B \rightarrow \mathbf{LO}$

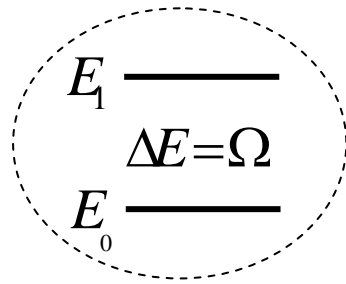
$\Delta E_{\text{Total}} = 0$, but

$\Delta E_{AB} > 0$. (Ent. Swapping)

Vacuum ent! Detectors' ent.

Lower bound.

Field – Detectors Interaction



Two-level system

Interaction:

$$H_{\text{INT}} = H_A + H_B$$

$$H_A = \varepsilon_A(t) (e^{+i\Omega t} \sigma_A^+ + e^{-i\Omega t} \sigma_A^-) \phi(x_A, t)$$



Window Function

Initial state:

$$|\Psi(0)\rangle = |\downarrow_A\rangle |\downarrow_B\rangle |0\rangle$$

Note: we **do not** use the rotating wave approximation.

Unruh (76), B. Dewitt (76), particle-detector models.

Probe Entanglement

$$\rho_{AB}^{(4 \times 4)} = \text{Tr}_F \rho^{(total)}$$
$$? \neq \sum_i p_i \rho_A^{2 \times 2} \rho_B^{2 \times 2}$$

Calculate to the second order (in ε) the final state, and evaluate the reduced density matrix.

Finally, we use Peres's (96) partial transposition criterion to check inseparability and use the Negativity as a measure.

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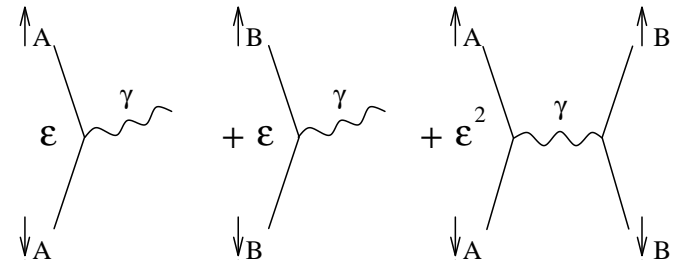
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$$|X_{AB}\rangle = \Phi_A \Phi_B |0\rangle = |0 \text{ or } 2 \text{ photons}\rangle$$

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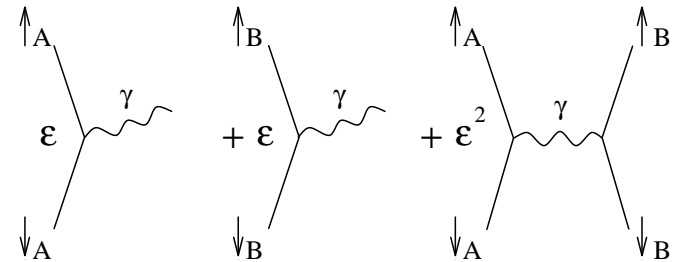
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P.T. (red arrows pointing from the right block to the left block)

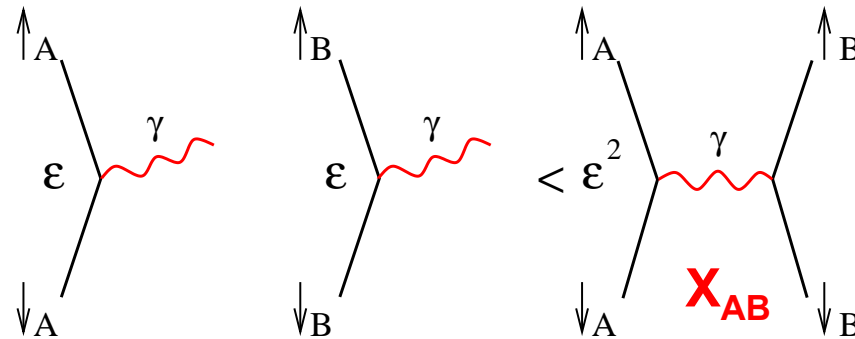
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Emission < Exchange

$$\|E_A\| \|E_B\| < \langle 0 | X_{AB} \rangle$$



$$\int_0^\infty \omega d\omega [\tilde{\varepsilon}(\Omega + \omega)]^2 < \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{L} \text{Sin}(\omega L) \varepsilon_A(\Omega + \omega) \varepsilon_B(\Omega - \omega)$$

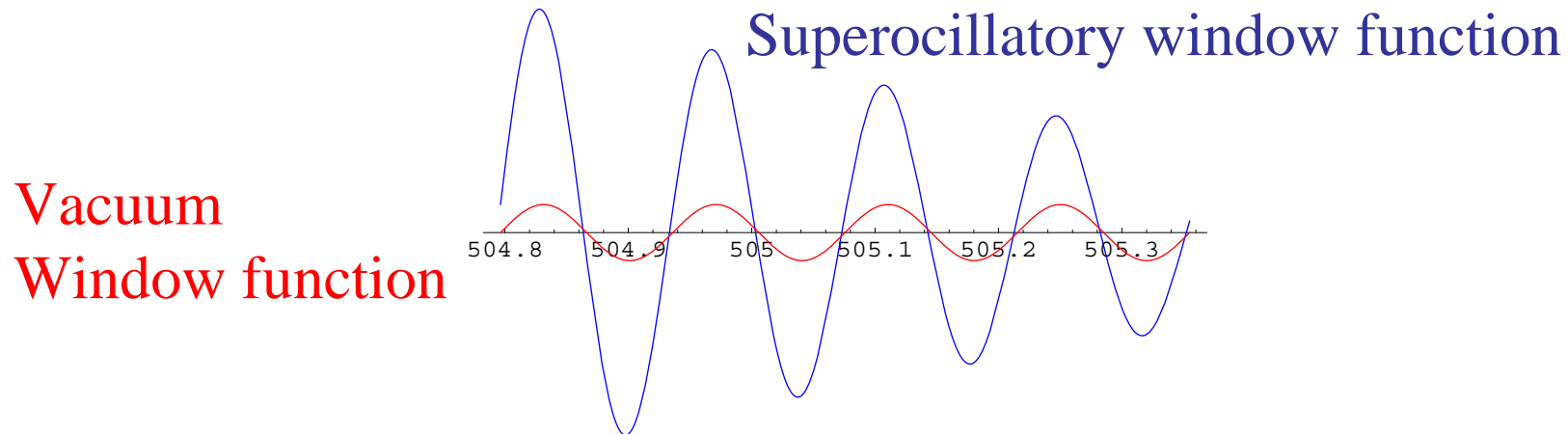
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Off resonance

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Vacuum “window function”

→ Superoscillatory functions (Aharonov (88), Berry(94)).

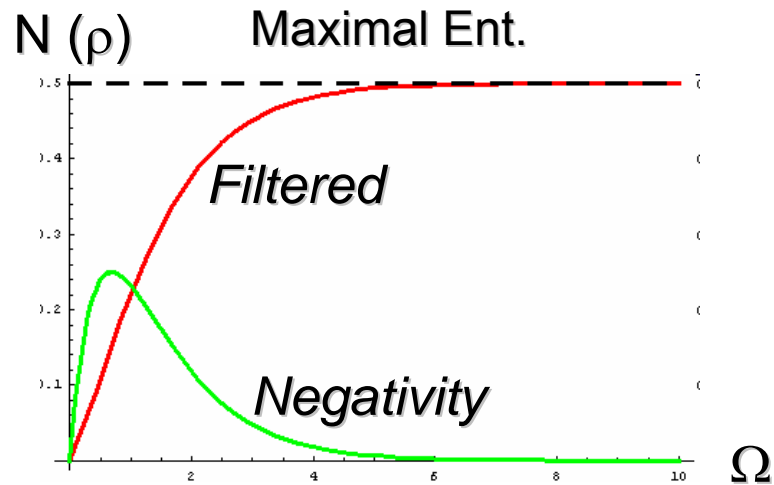
Entanglement for every separation

We can tailor a superoscillatory window function for every L to resonate with the vacuum “window function” $\sin(L\omega)$



→ Exchange term → $\exp(-f(L/T))$

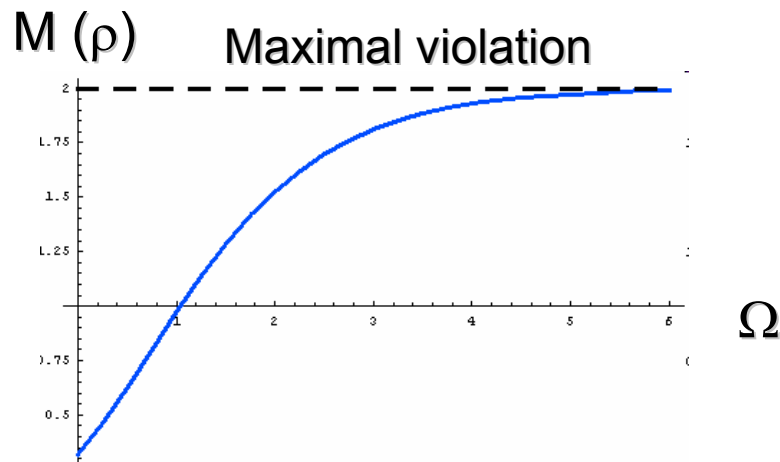
Bell's Inequalities



No violation of Bell's inequalities.
But, by applying local **filters**

$$|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \text{ "+" } \int X_{AB} |VAC\rangle |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle \text{ "+" } \dots \rightarrow$$

$$\eta^2 |\downarrow\rangle|\downarrow\rangle \text{ "+" } \int X_{AB} |VAC\rangle |\uparrow\rangle|\uparrow\rangle \text{ "+" } \dots$$



CHSH ineq. Violated iff
 $M(\rho) > 1$, (Horokecki (95).)

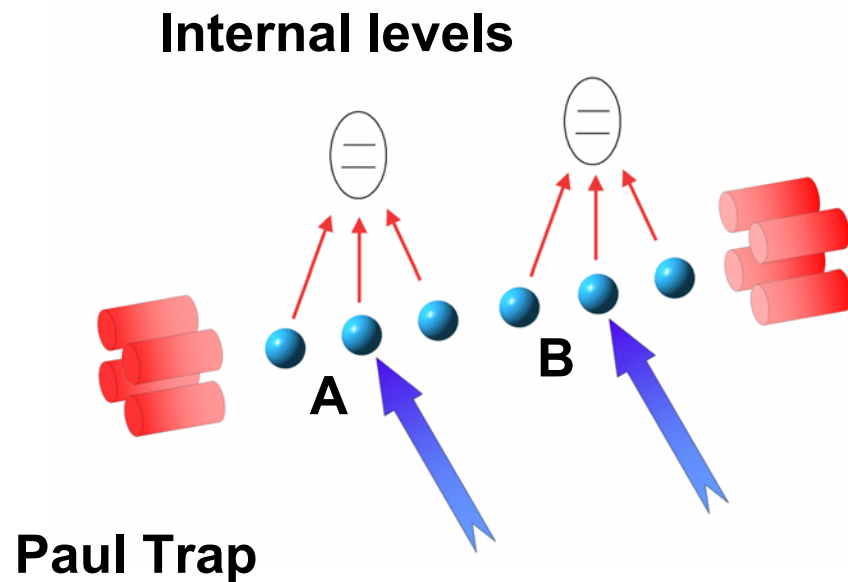
"Hidden" non-locality.
Popescu (95). Gisin (96).

Summary (1)

- 1) Vacuum entanglement can be distilled!
- 2) Lower bound: $E \geq e^{-(L/T)^2}$
(possibly $e^{-L/T}$)
- 3) High frequency (UV) effect: $\Omega \propto L^2$.
- 4) Bell inequalities violation for arbitrary separation
maximal “hidden” non-locality.

Can we detect Vacuum Entanglement?

Detection of Vacuum Entanglement in a Linear Ion Trap



$$H = H_0 + H_{\text{int}}$$

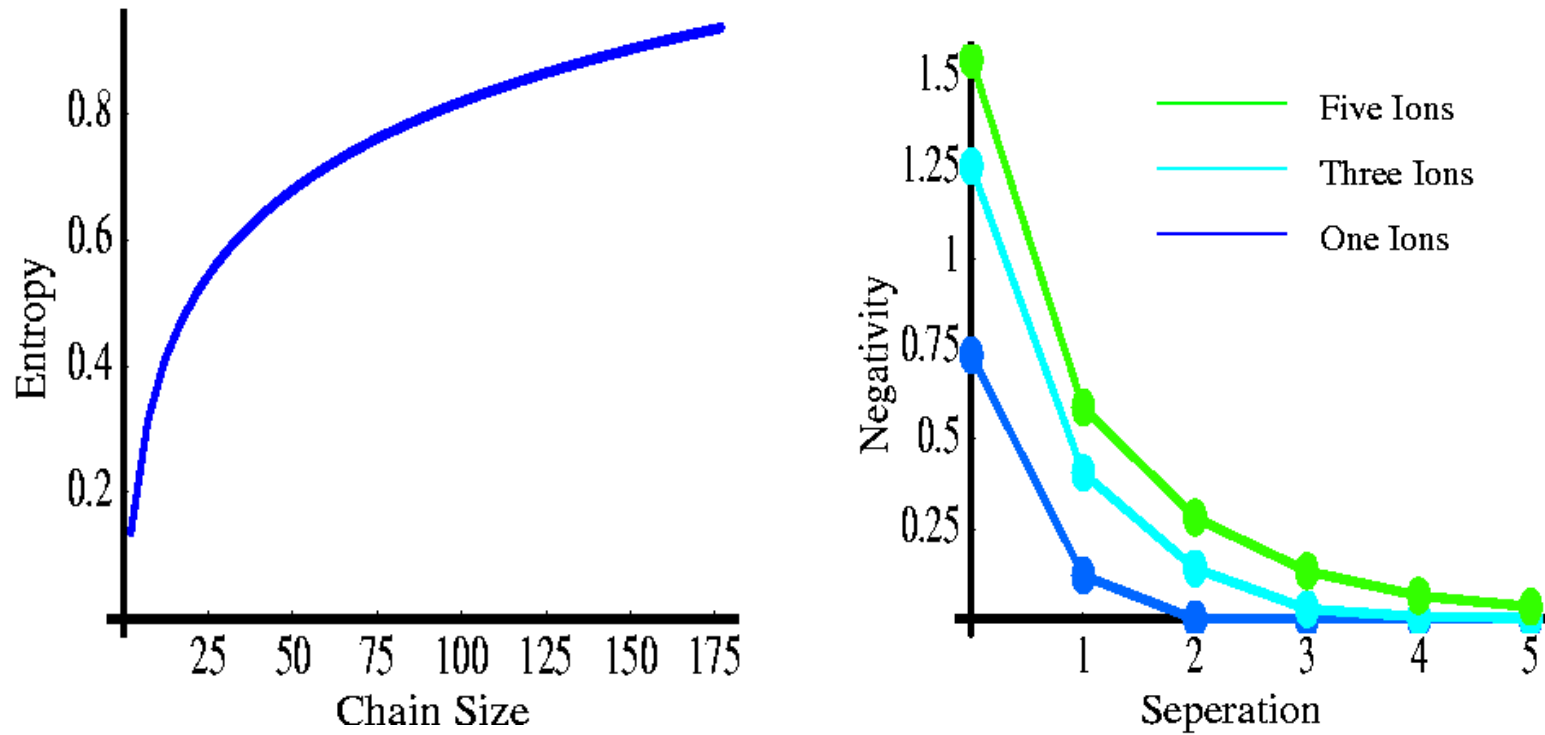
$$H_0 = \omega_z (\sigma_z^A + \sigma_z^B) + \sum v_n a_n^\dagger a_n$$

$$H_{\text{int}} = \Omega(t) (e^{-i\phi} \sigma_+^{(k)} + e^{i\phi} \sigma_-^{(k)}) x_k$$

$$1/\omega_z \ll T \ll 1/v_0$$

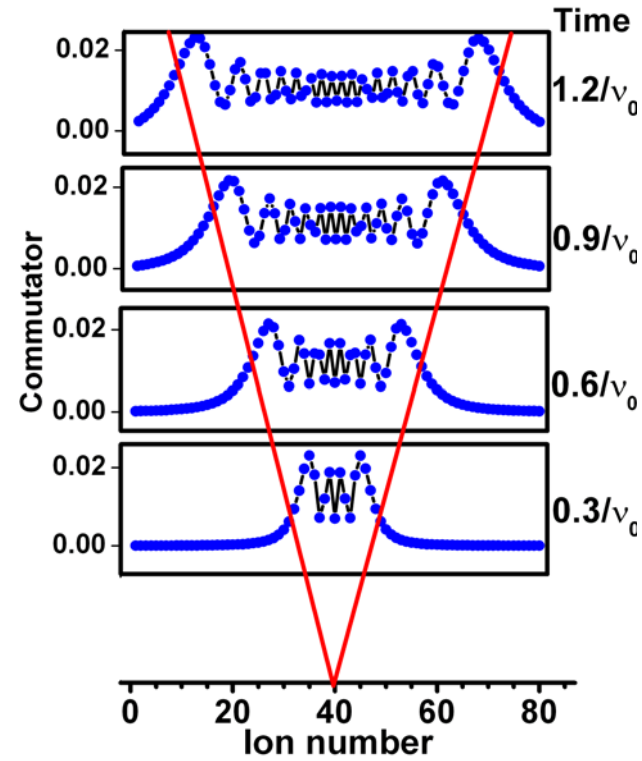
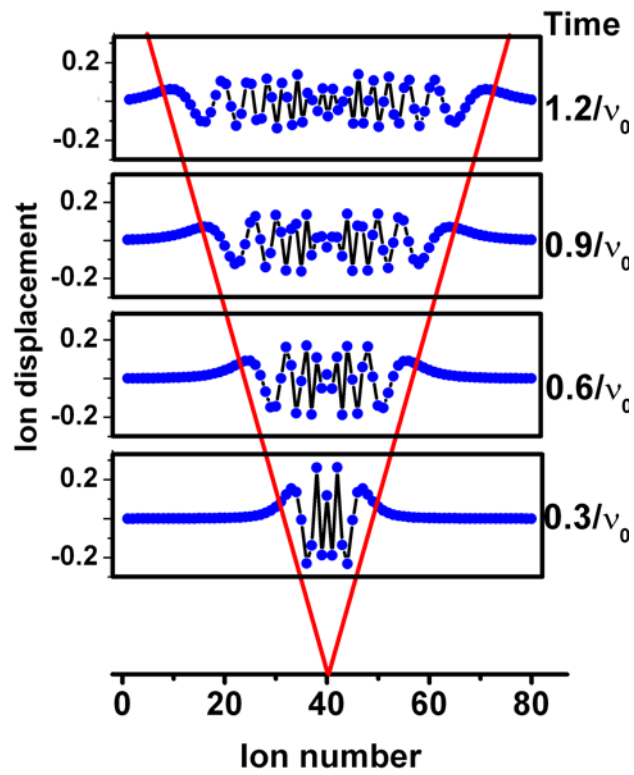
Entanglement in a linear trap

$$|vac\rangle = |\downarrow_c\rangle|\downarrow_d\rangle \sum_n e^{-\beta n} |n_A\rangle|n_B\rangle$$



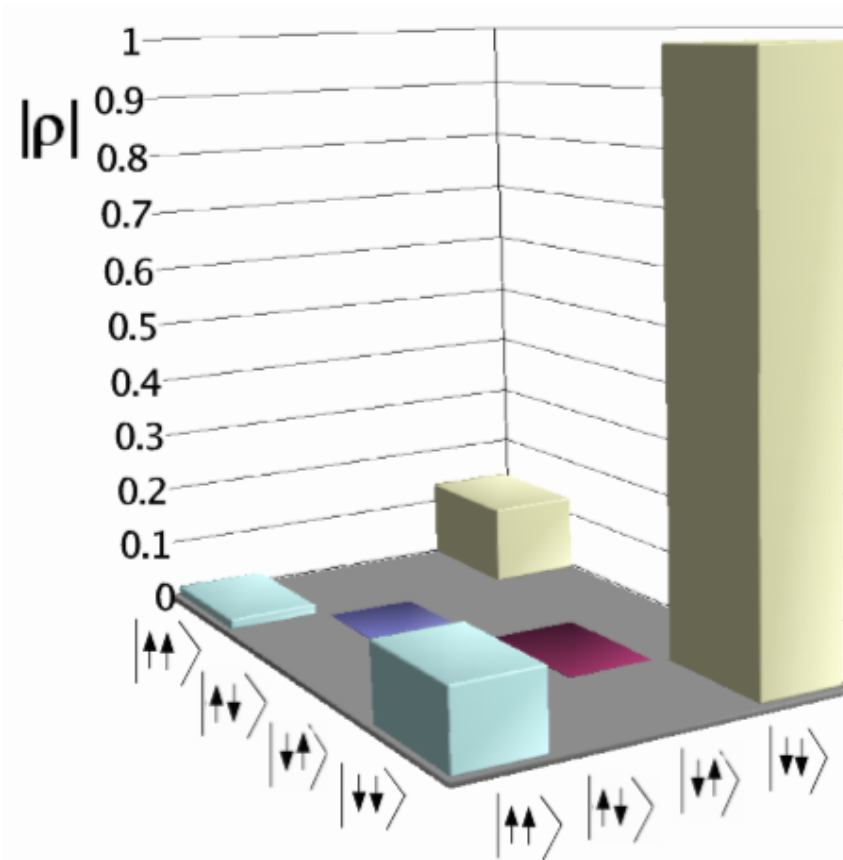
Entanglement between symmetric groups of ions as a function of the total number (left) and separation of finite groups (right).

Causal Structure



$$\rightarrow U_{AB} = U_A \cdot U_B + O([x_A(0), x_B(T)])$$

Two trapped ions



Final internal state

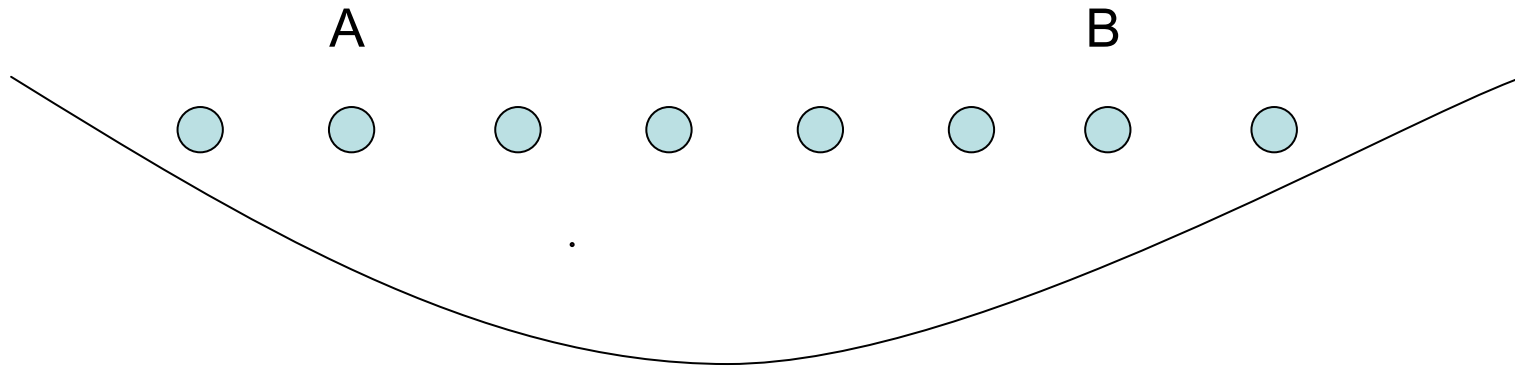
“Swapping” spatial internal states

$$|vac\rangle|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \rightarrow |\chi\rangle(|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle + e^{-\beta}|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle)$$

$$U = (e^{i\alpha x \sigma_x} - e^{i\beta p \sigma_y}) - \dots$$

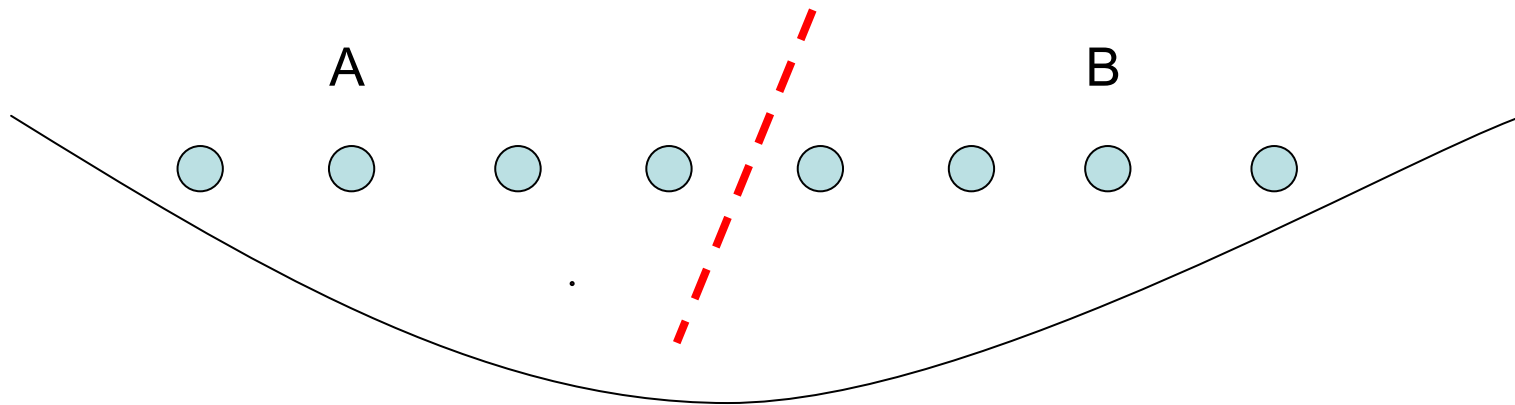
$E_{\text{formation}}(\rho_{\text{final}})$
 accounts for 97% of the calculated
 Entanglement: $E(|vac\rangle) = 0.136$ e-bits.

Long Ion Chain



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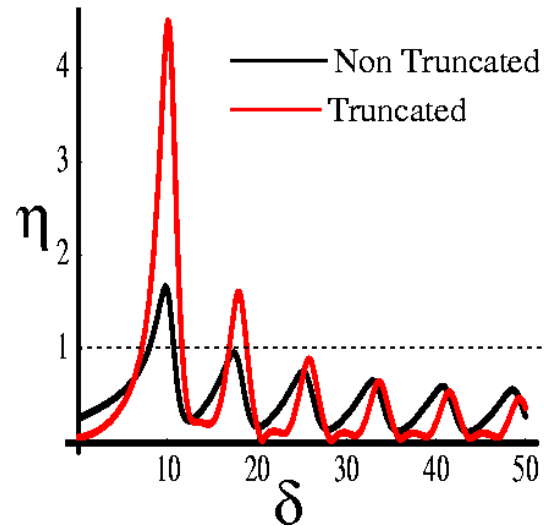
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$$H_{AB} \quad H_{\text{truncated}} = H_A \cdot H_B$$

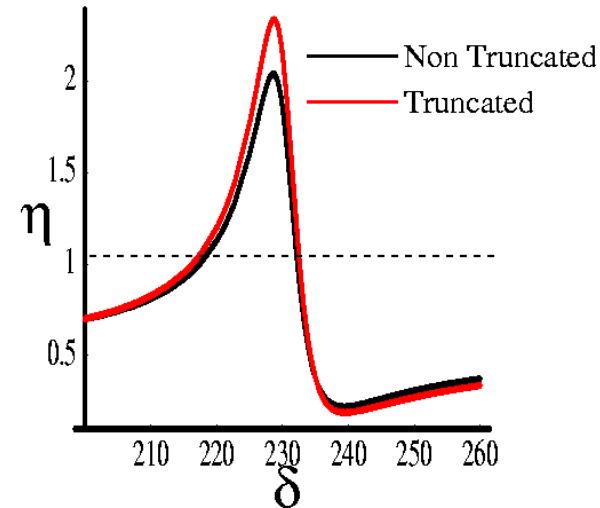
We compare the cases with a truncated and free Hamiltonians

Long Ion Chain

L=6,15, N=20



L=10,11 N=20



$\eta = \text{exchange/emission} > 1$, signifies entanglement.

δ denotes the detuning, L the locations of A and B.

Summary

Atom Probes:

Vacuum Entanglement can be “swapped” to detectors.

Bell’s inequalities are violated (“hidden” non-locality).

Ent. reduces exponentially with the separation.

High probe frequencies are needed for large separation.

Linear ion trap:

-A proof of principle of the general idea is experimentally feasible for two ions.

-One can entangle internal levels of two ions without performing gate operations.