

# Fast quantum tomography with optimal error bounds

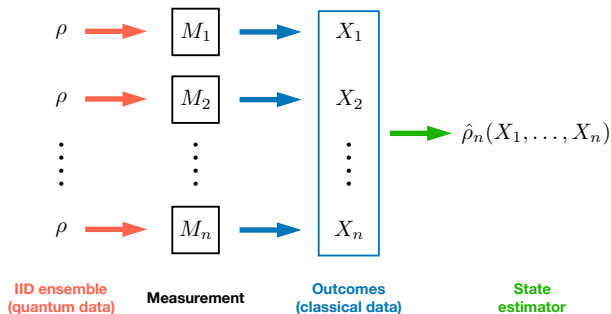
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# Quantum tomography

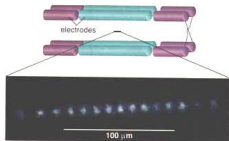


## Key questions:

- measurement design: which measurements to perform?
- estimation method: which estimators are accurate and fast?
- confidence regions: how to define computationally feasible error bars ?
- statistical model: how to deal with large dimensional systems?

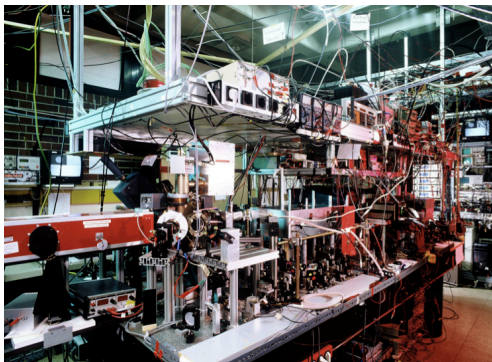
# Tomography in Quantum Engineering

- **Goal:** create an exotic state of multiple "qubits"
- **Validation:** statistical estimation from measurement outcomes



[Häffner *et al*, Nature 2005]

- ▶  $4^8 - 1 = 65\,535$  parameters
- ▶  $3^8 \times 100 = 656\,100$  measurements
- ▶ 10 hours measurement time
- ▶ days of computer time



Rainer Blatt's Lab, Innsbruck  
"quantum computer" with 8 qubits (ions)

- States, measurements, data
- Least Squares estimator
- Projected Least Squares estimator
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# Quantum states

- Complex Hilbert space of 'wave functions'  $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{C}^d, L^2(\mathbb{R})\dots$

- State = preparation: complex density matrix  $\rho$  on  $\mathcal{H}$

- ▶  $\rho = \rho^*$  (selfadjoint)
- ▶  $\rho \geq 0$  (positive)
- ▶  $\text{Tr}(\rho) = 1$  (normalised)

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{11} & \rho_{12} & \cdots & \rho_{1d} \\ \rho_{21} & \rho_{22} & \cdots & \rho_{2d} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \rho_{d1} & \rho_{d2} & \cdots & \rho_{dd} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Convex space of states  $\mathcal{S}_d$

- ▶ Pure states : one dimensional projection  $P_\psi = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = \psi\psi^*$  with  $\|\psi\| = 1$
- ▶ Mixed states: convex combination of pure states

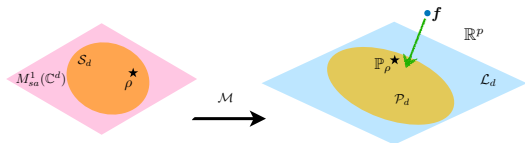
- States of low rank  $r \ll d$ : manifold of dimension  $r(2 \cdot d - r) - 1$

$$\rho = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$$

- Natural distances:  $\tau := \rho_1 - \rho_2$

$$\|\tau\| := \lambda_{\max}(|\tau|), \quad \|\tau\|_2^2 := \text{Tr}(|\tau|^2), \quad \|\tau\|_1 := \text{Tr}(|\tau|), \quad d_b(\rho_1, \rho_2) := 2 \cdot \text{Tr} \left( \sqrt{\sqrt{\rho_1} \rho_2 \sqrt{\rho_1}} \right)$$

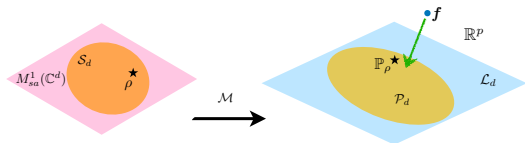
# Measurements, empirical frequencies and estimators



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- Measurement data: i.i.d. samples  $X_1, \dots, X_n \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  from  $\mathbb{P}_\rho$
- Empirical frequencies vector  $\mathbf{f} = (f(1), \dots, f(p))$

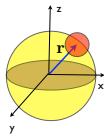
$$f(a) = \frac{\#\{i : X_i = a\}}{n}$$

- Estimator: recipe for 'projecting'  $\mathbf{f}$  to a 'distribution'  $\hat{\mathbb{P}} = \mathcal{M}(\hat{\rho})$

## Example: spin / two-level ion / qubit tomography

- Any state on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  is parametrized by a 3-D Bloch vector  $\mathbf{r} = (r_x, r_y, r_z)$  with  $\|\mathbf{r}\| \leq 1$

$$\rho_{\mathbf{r}} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + r_z & r_x - ir_y \\ r_x + ir_y & 1 - r_z \end{pmatrix}$$

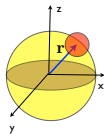




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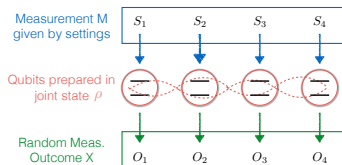


- 3 standard measurement bases corresponding to  $s = x, y, z$  spin observables

$$\underbrace{|e_x^\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \pm 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{s=x} \quad \underbrace{|e_y^\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \pm i \end{pmatrix}}_{s=y} \quad \underbrace{|e_z^+\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, |e_z^-\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{s=z}$$

- Probability distributions:  $\mathbb{P}(o = \pm|s) = \frac{1 \pm r_s}{2} \rightarrow r_s = \mathbb{P}(+|s) - \mathbb{P}(-|s)$
- $n$  measurement repetitions  $\rightarrow$  count frequencies  $\mathbf{f} = \{f(\pm|x), f(\pm|y), f(\pm|z)\}$
- Estimator:  $\hat{r}_{x,y,z} := f(+|x, y, z) - f(-|x, y, z) \rightarrow \hat{\rho} := \rho_{\hat{\mathbf{r}}}$

# Pauli measurements of (correlated) multiple qubits states



■  $k$  qubits system:  $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \cong \mathbb{C}^{2^k} = \mathbb{C}^d$

■ Simultaneous, separate spin measurements on each qubit:

- ▶  $3^k$  settings  $\mathbf{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_k) \in \{x, y, z\}^k$
- ▶  $2^k$  outcomes  $\mathbf{o} = (o_1, \dots, o_k) \in \{+1, -1\}^k$
- ▶ product basis vectors  $|v_{\mathbf{s}}^{\mathbf{o}}\rangle := |v_{s_1}^{o_1}\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |v_{s_k}^{o_k}\rangle$
- ▶ probabilities  $\mathbb{P}_{\rho}(X = \mathbf{o} | \mathbf{s}) = \langle v_{\mathbf{s}}^{\mathbf{o}} | \rho | v_{\mathbf{s}}^{\mathbf{o}} \rangle$

■ Measure  $n$  times in each setting: counts  $\{N_{\mathbf{o}, \mathbf{s}}\} \rightarrow$  frequencies  $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{R}^{2^k \times 3^k}$

$$p_{\rho} \left( \{N(\mathbf{o}|\mathbf{s}) : \mathbf{o} \in \{1, -1\}^k\}, \mathbf{s} \in \{x, y, z\}^k \right) = \prod_{\mathbf{s}} \underbrace{\frac{n!}{\prod_{\mathbf{o}} N(\mathbf{o}|\mathbf{s})!} \prod_{X=\mathbf{o}} \mathbb{P}_{\rho}(\mathbf{o}|\mathbf{s})^{N(\mathbf{o}|\mathbf{s})}}_{\text{multinomial distribution}}$$

# Measurement data

- $3^k$  columns of length  $2^k$
- one column for each measurement setting
- each column contains the counts totalling  $n = 100$ , of the  $2^k = 16$  possible outcomes
- Total set of  $3^k \times 2^k \gg 4^k$  projections is highly overcomplete in  $M(\mathbb{C}^{2^k})!$

1	2	11	11	11	21	5	16	21	19	11	16	2	26	15	5
2	19	10	6	15	4	22	10	3	12	8	16	18	5	14	16
3	30	12	15	9	10	18	14	3	6	11	4	4	2	1	5
4	0	4	15	10	17	2	4	14	13	0	4	8	5	1	3
5	21	13	12	7	6	5	14	12	8	12	7	19	3	8	3
6	1	12	14	0	1	1	0	6	6	12	8	2	6	2	7
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13	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	14	9	7	6	2	4
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15	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	9	6	3
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	4

[Dataset 4 ions (from Blatt group, Innsbruck)]

### Definition

A measurement  $\mathcal{M}$  given by  $\{|v_i\rangle\langle v_i|\}_{i=1}^p$  is called a **projective 2-design** if

$$\sum_i \langle v_i | A | v_i \rangle^k = d \int \langle \psi | A | \psi \rangle^k \mu(d\psi), \quad k = 1, 2$$

where  $\mu(d\psi)$  is the Haar measure on the unit ball of  $\mathbb{C}^d$

- **Symmetrically informationally complete measurement:**

$$|\langle v_i | v_j \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{d^2(d+1)}, \quad 1 \leq i \neq j \leq p = d^2$$

- **Mutually unbiased bases:**  $d+1$  ONBs  $\{|v_i^{(a)}\rangle\}$  with

$$\left| \left\langle v_i^{(a)} \middle| v_j^{(b)} \right\rangle \right|^2 = \frac{1}{d}, \quad a \neq b$$

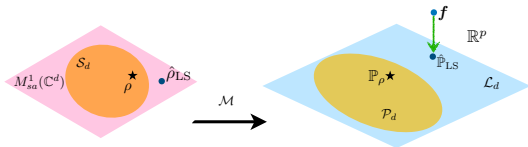
- **Covariant measurement:** continuous set of projections

$$M(dv) = d |v\rangle\langle v| \mu(dv)$$

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# Least squares estimator



- Tomography as 'linear regression' problem

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbb{P}_\rho + \epsilon = \mathcal{M}\rho + \epsilon$$

- Least squares estimator

$$\hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}} = \underset{\tau \in M(\mathbb{C}^d)}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\mathcal{M}(\tau) - \mathbf{f}\| = (\mathcal{M}^\dagger \mathcal{M})^{-1} \mathcal{M}^\dagger(\mathbf{f})$$

- Disadvantages

- ▶ Least squares estimator is not a density matrix (not positive and trace one)
- ▶ Least squares estimator is too "noisy" for low rank states
- ▶ Least squares estimator minimises prediction rather than estimation error  $\mathbb{E}\|\hat{\rho} - \rho\|_2^2$

# Norm-error concentration bound for the least squares estimator<sup>1 2</sup>

- operator-norm distance  $\|\rho - \tau\| = |\lambda_{max}(\Delta)|, \quad \Delta := \rho - \tau$
- trace-norm distance  $\|\rho - \tau\|_1 = \sum_i |\lambda_i(\Delta)| \leq d \cdot \|\rho - \tau\| \quad (*)$

## Theorem

The following concentration bound holds

$$\mathbb{P} [\|\hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}} - \rho\| \geq \epsilon] \leq d e^{-\frac{3n\epsilon^2}{8g(d)}}$$

where

- $g(d) = 2d$  for 2-design measurements
- $g(d) \simeq d^{1.6}$  for Pauli bases measurements

Concentration inequality and (\*) give upper bound for the trace-norm error

- 2-design measurements:  $\mathbb{E}\|\rho - \hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}}\|_1 \leq c_1 \log(d) \frac{d \cdot \sqrt{d}}{\sqrt{n}}$
- Pauli bases measurements:  $\mathbb{E}\|\rho - \hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}}\|_1 \leq C_1 \log(d) \frac{d \cdot d^{0.8}}{\sqrt{n}}$

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- Write

$$\hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}} - \rho = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n A_i$$

where  $A_i$  are i.i.d. centred random matrices

- Use matrix Bernstein inequality<sup>3</sup> for i.i.d.  $d \times d$  Hermitian matrices

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n A_i \right\| \geq \epsilon \right) \leq 2d \exp \left( -\frac{n\epsilon^2/2}{W + \epsilon V/3} \right).$$

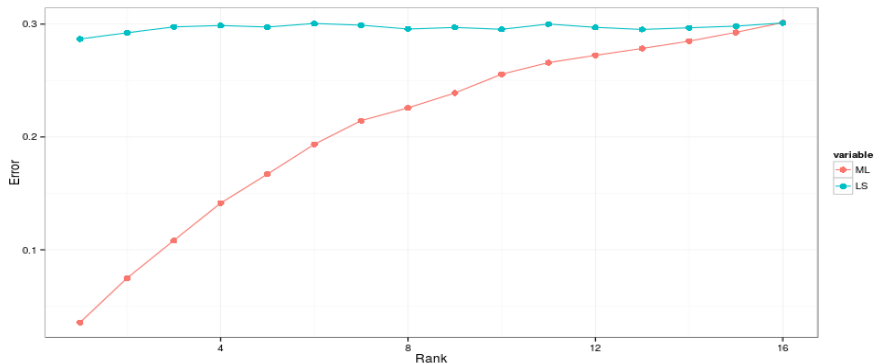
where  $\|A_j\| \leq V$  and  $\|\mathbb{E}(A_j^2)\| \leq W$

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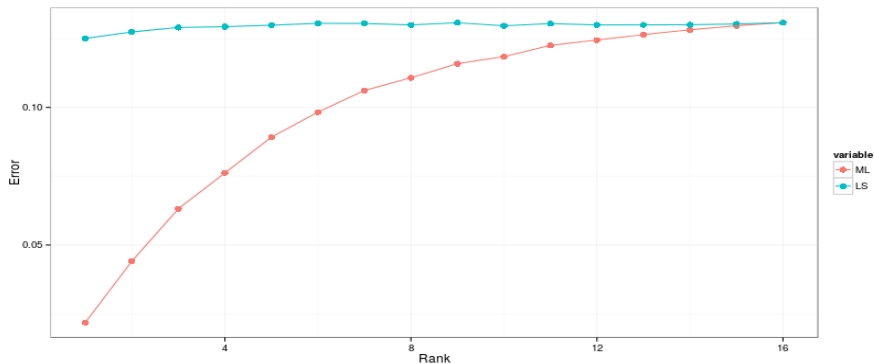


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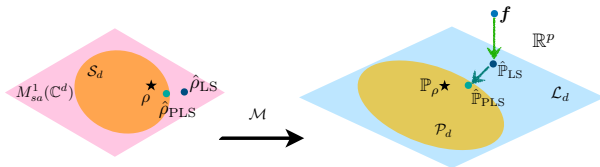
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# Projected Least squares estimator



- Projected least squares estimator: closest **state** to the LS estimator

$$\hat{\rho}_{\text{PLS}} = \underset{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_d}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\sigma - \hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}}\|_2^2 = \underset{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_d}{\operatorname{argmin}} \operatorname{Tr} [(\sigma - \hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}})^2]$$

- Solution  $\hat{\rho}_{\text{PLS}}$  has the same eigenvectors as  $\hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}}$

$$\hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}} = \sum_i \hat{\lambda}_i |\hat{\psi}_i\rangle \langle \hat{\psi}_i| \implies \hat{\rho}_{\text{PLS}} = \sum_i \tilde{\lambda}_i |\hat{\psi}_i\rangle \langle \hat{\psi}_i|$$

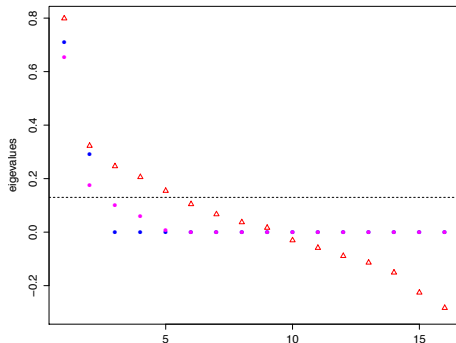
- Simple algorithm for ‘adjusting’ the eigenvalues

# Projection algorithm

- Repeat until all eigenvalues are positive:

- ▶ truncate negative eigenvalues:  $\hat{\lambda}_i < 0 \rightarrow \hat{\lambda}_i = 0$

- ▶ shift remaining eigenvalues so that  $\sum_i \hat{\lambda}_i = 1$ :  $\hat{\lambda}_i \geq 0 \rightarrow \hat{\lambda}_i - c$



Eigenvalues of true state  $\rho$  (blue circles) versus LS (red triangles) and the PLS estimator (magenta) for a rank 2 state with  $n = 20$  repetitions

## Theorem

Let  $\rho$  be a state of *unknown rank*  $r$ .

The following concentration bound holds

$$\mathbb{P} \left[ \|\hat{\rho}_{\text{PLS}} - \rho\|_1 \geq \epsilon \right] \leq de^{-\frac{3n\epsilon^2}{128g(d)r^2}}$$

where

- $g(d) = 2d$  for *2-design measurements*
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The concentration inequality implies the upper bound for the trace-norm error

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1) Using rank  $r$  assumption

$$\|\hat{\rho}_{\text{PLS}} - \rho\|_1 \leq 2r \|\hat{\rho}_{\text{PLS}} - \rho\|$$

2) Using definition of PLS as projection

$$\|\hat{\rho}_{\text{PLS}} - \rho\| \leq \|\hat{\rho}_{\text{PLS}} - \hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}}\| + \|\hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}} - \rho\| \leq 2\|\hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}} - \rho\|$$

3) Concentration bound for LS

$$\Pr [\|\hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}} - \rho\| \geq \tau] \leq d e^{-\frac{3n\tau^2}{8g(d)}} \quad \tau \in [0, 1].$$

1) + 2) + 3)  $\implies \|\hat{\rho}_{\text{PLS}} - \rho\|_1 \leq 4r \|\hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}} - \rho\| \implies$  concentration bound for PLS

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The following concentration bound holds for *covariant measurements*

$$\mathbb{P} \left[ \|\hat{\rho}_{\text{PLS}} - \rho\|_1 \geq \epsilon \right] \leq e^{2.2d - \frac{n\epsilon^2}{480r^2}}$$

Concentration inequality implies the upper bound for the trace-norm error

$$\mathbb{E} \|\hat{\rho}_{\text{PLS}} - \rho\|_1 \leq c_2 \frac{r\sqrt{d}}{\sqrt{n}}$$

■ Universal lower bound <sup>5</sup>

$$\mathbb{E} \|\rho - \hat{\rho}\|_1 \geq C \frac{r\sqrt{d}}{\sqrt{n}} \implies \text{PLS is optimal (up to constant)}$$

<sup>5</sup>J. Haah, et al, IEEE Trans. Inform. Theory (2017)



- Improve the concentration bound for the LS estimator

$$\mathbb{P}(\|\hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}} - \rho\| \geq \epsilon) \leq ??$$

- Operator norm as max

$$\|A\| = \max_{y \in \mathbb{S}_d} |\langle y | A | y \rangle|$$

- Discretization by a covering net: replace the maximization over unit sphere  $\mathbb{S}_d$  by a maximization over a finite point set  $\mathcal{N} = \{|y_1\rangle, \dots, |y_m\rangle\}$ ,  $|\mathcal{N}| \approx 3^{2d}$

$$\|A\| \leq 2 \max_i |\langle y_i | A | y_i \rangle|$$

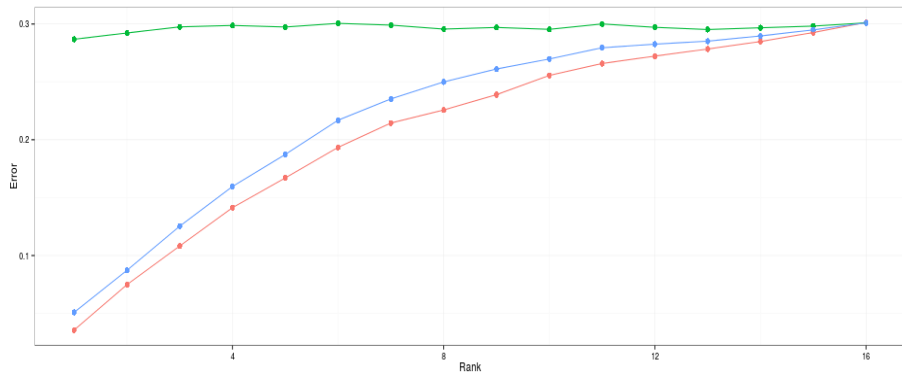
- Classical concentration bound for  $\langle y | \hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}} - \rho | y \rangle = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \langle y | A_i | y \rangle$

$$\mathbb{P}(|\langle y | \hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}} - \rho | y \rangle| \geq t) \leq 2e^{-\frac{nt^2}{120}}$$

- Union bound

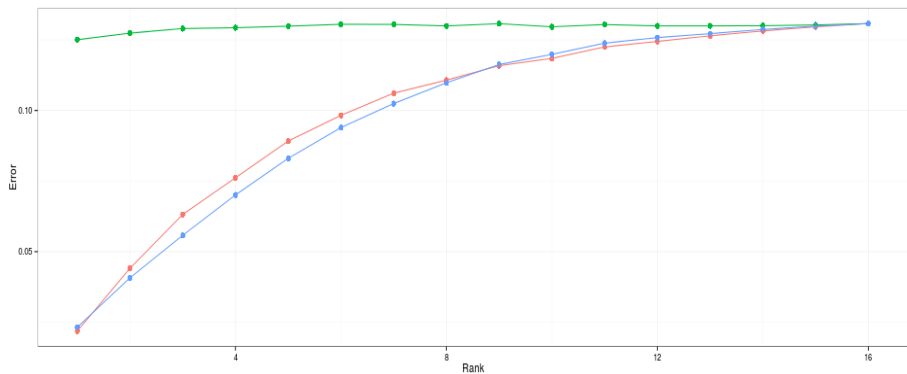
$$\mathbb{P}(\|\hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}} - \rho\| \geq \epsilon) \leq \mathbb{P}\left(\max_i |\langle y_i | \hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}} - \rho | y_i \rangle| \geq \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right) \leq 2 \cdot 3^{2d} \cdot e^{-\frac{n\epsilon^2}{480}}$$

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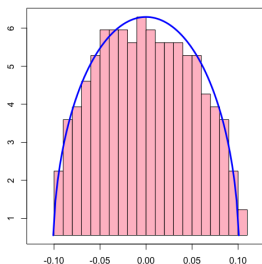
# LS asymptotics for covariant measurements

- State  $\rho$  of low rank  $r \ll d$  with eigenvalues  $(\frac{1}{r}, \dots, \frac{1}{r}, 0, \dots, 0)$

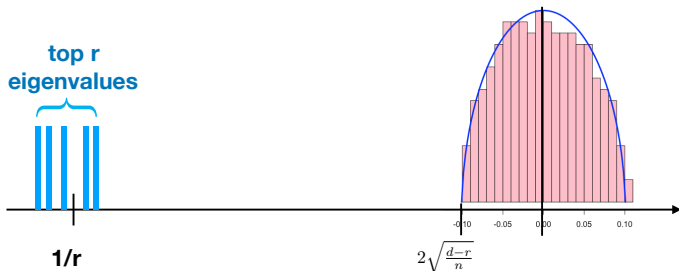
- LS estimator

$$\hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}} = \rho + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \Delta = \frac{1}{r} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & C \end{pmatrix}$$

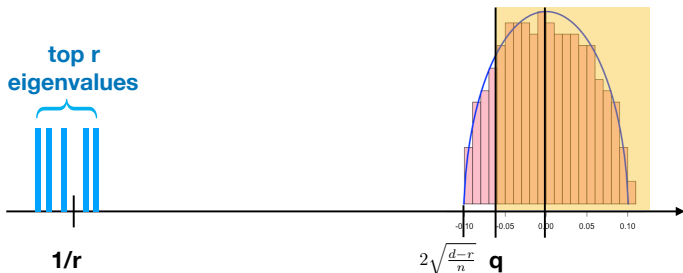
- For large  $n$  the 'error matrix'  $\Delta$  becomes Gaussian (approximately GUE)
- For large  $d$  (and low  $r$ ) the eigenvalues of  $\Delta$  (and  $C$ ) follow a [Wigner semicircle law](#)



- Asymptotic rates:  $\mathbb{E} \|\hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}} - \rho\|_2^2 \approx \frac{d^2}{n}$ ,  $\mathbb{E} \|\hat{\rho}_{\text{LS}} - \rho\|_1 \approx 2 \frac{\sqrt{d}}{\sqrt{n}}$

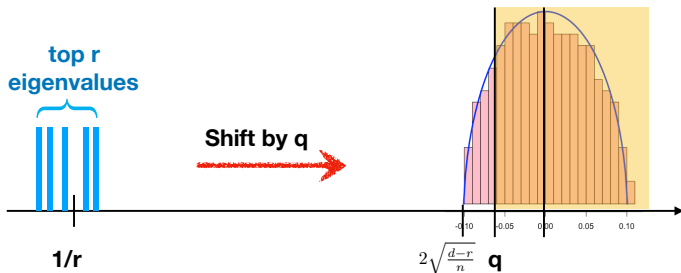


- For  $n \gg d \gg 1 \implies$  LS has 2 well separated groups of eigenvalues



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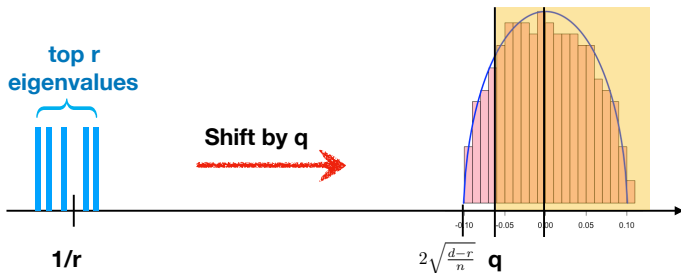
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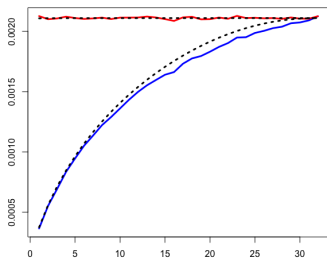


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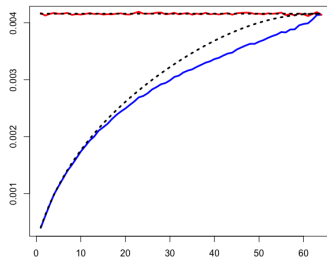
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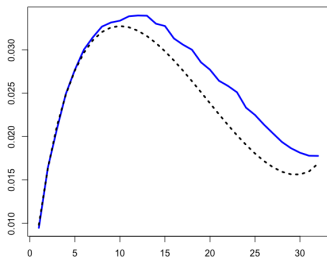
# Simulations: Frobenius and Bures errors vs asymptotic expressions



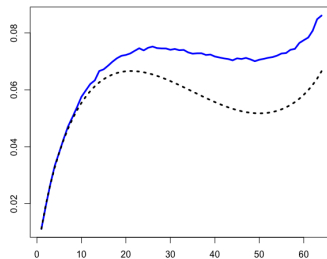
Frobenius error for LS (red) PLS (blue) 5 atoms



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# Online quantum tomography tools

- select estimators / states (or uploaded data ) / error functions

[https://shiny.maths.nottingham.ac.uk/shiny/qt\\_dashboard/](https://shiny.maths.nottingham.ac.uk/shiny/qt_dashboard/)

## Input Panel

Choose/Upload State

Random State

No. of qubits



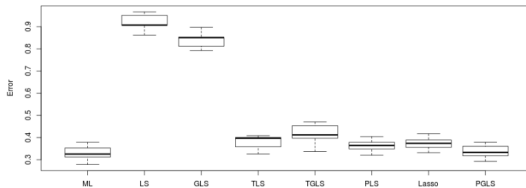
Choose Rank



## Estimators

- Maximum Likelihood
- Least Squares
- Generalized Least Squares
- Thresholded Least Squares
- Thresholded Generalized LS
- Positive LS
- Lasso
- Positive Generalized LS

Trace Norm



## Output Panel

Choose Error/Loss Function

Trace Norm

Y-axis max

5

Y-axis min

0

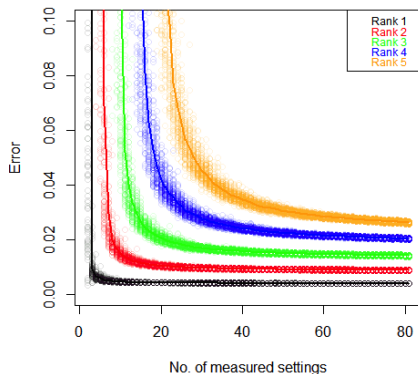
Values to rescale the Y-axis

Plot

- States, measurements, data
- Least Squares estimator
- Projected Least Squares estimator
- Asymptotic rates and Wigner's semicircle law
- Compressed sensing with random bases measurements

# Can we estimate low rank states with reduced measurement settings ?<sup>6</sup>

- **Counting parameters:** rank  $r$  state  $\rightarrow r \cdot d$  parameters  $\rightarrow \approx r$  settings ( $\lll 3^k$ )
- **Random measurement design:**  
choose  $m$  random settings  $\mathcal{S} := \{s_1, \dots, s_m\}$  and measure each setting  $n = \frac{N}{m}$  times
- **Mean square error of MLE** is stable for a large range of number of settings  $m$



Mean square error  $\mathbb{E}\|\hat{\rho}^{(ml)} - \rho\|_2^2$  for 4 ions states of ranks 1-5 and randomly chosen settings

<sup>6</sup>similar to "compressed sensing" D. Gross, *et al*, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2010) but uses "raw" rather than "coarse grained" data

## Concentration for Fisher information matrix<sup>7</sup>

- **More randomness helps:** consider measurements w.r.t. random bases (Haar measure)
- **Asymptotics:** for large  $n$  mean square error of ML estimator scales as in Cramér-Rao bound

$$\|\hat{\rho}^{(ml)} - \rho\|_2^2 \approx \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr}(I(\rho|\mathcal{S})^{-1}G(\rho))$$

- **Fisher information matrix** (per setting) converges to average

$$I(\rho|\mathcal{S}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m I(\rho|s_i) \longrightarrow \bar{I}(\rho) = \int I(\rho|s)ds$$

### Theorem (Fisher info & MSE concentrate with $r \cdot \log rd$ settings)

Let  $\rho$  be rank  $r$  state with spectrum  $(1/r, \dots, 1/r, 0, \dots, 0)$ .

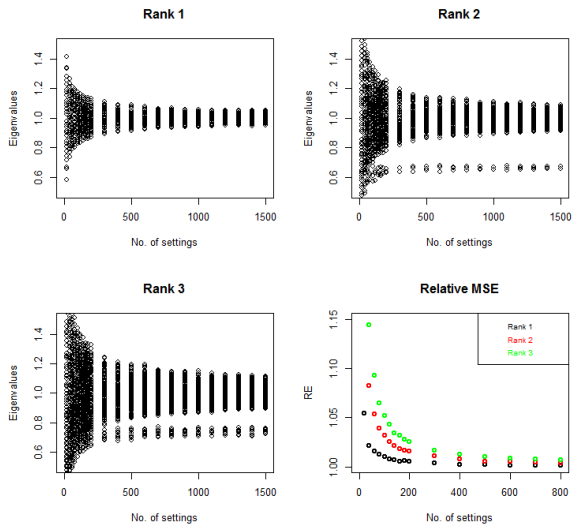
If  $m = C(r+1) \log(2(2rd - r^2 - 1)/\delta\epsilon^2)$  then the bounds hold with probability  $1 - \delta$

$$(1 - \epsilon)\bar{I}(\rho) \leq I(\rho|\mathcal{S}) \leq (1 + \epsilon)\bar{I}(\rho)$$

$$(1 - \epsilon)\text{Tr}[\bar{I}(\rho)^{-1}G(\rho)] \leq \text{Tr}[I(\rho|\mathcal{S})^{-1}G(\rho)] \leq (1 + \epsilon)\text{Tr}[\bar{I}(\rho)^{-1}G(\rho)]$$

<sup>7</sup>A. Acharya, T. Kypraios, M.G., New Journal of Physics (2016)

# Eigenvalues and MSE concentration



Concentration of the eigenvalues of Fisher information matrix and the MSE for 4 ions states of ranks 1,2,3



- Matrix Chernoff bound<sup>8</sup>

$$(1 - \epsilon)\bar{I}(\rho) \leq I(\rho|\mathcal{S}) \leq (1 + \epsilon)\bar{I}(\rho)$$

- Number of settings required (up to log factors)

$$m \approx \frac{\lambda_{\max}}{\lambda_{\min}} := \frac{\max_{\mathbf{s}} \lambda_{\max} I(\rho|\mathbf{s})}{\lambda_{\min}(\bar{I})}$$

- $\bar{I}$  can be computed explicitly  $\rightarrow \lambda_{\min}(\bar{I}) = r/(r + 1)$

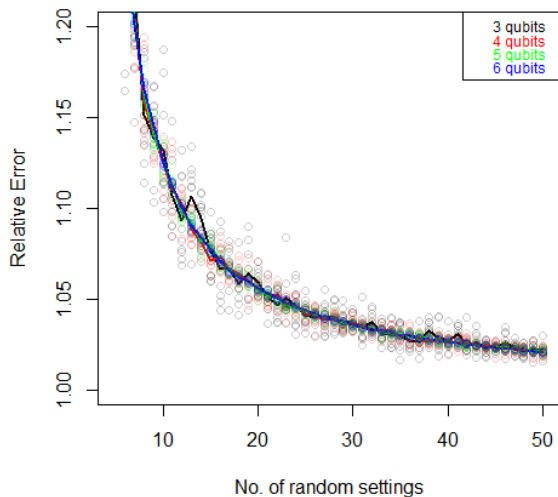
- Quantum Cramér-Rao bound

$$I(\rho|\mathbf{s}) \leq F(\rho) \quad \rightarrow \quad \lambda_{\max} I(\rho|\mathbf{s}) \leq \lambda_{\max} F(\rho) = 2r$$

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<sup>8</sup>Ahlsvede R. and Winter A., IEEE Transactions Information Theory **48** 569-579 (2002)

## Log factors may not be necessary



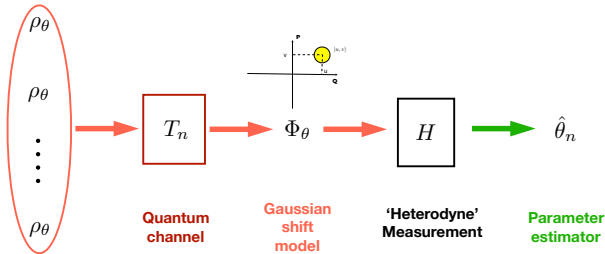
Relative error w.r.t. asymptotic MSE for random settings, and pure states of 3-6 qubits.

- PLS is faster than ML and has (almost) optimal rates for 2-design measurements
- PLS achieves fundamental lower bound for covariant measurements
- Wigner's semicircle used for computing asymptotic risk of PLS
- $r \log d$  random basis suffice to optimally estimate rank- $r$  states

## Future work

- Confidence regions for PLS / boundary problem / LAN not valid
- Can PLS be extended to other statistical models (eg MPS)
- Find minimax risk for Pauli measurements / which states are 'hard' to estimate
- Adaptive and 'compressed sensing' measurements

# Tomorrow I will talk about quantum Fisher information & quantum LAN



L. Le Cam

- Quantum Fisher information & quantum Cramér-Rao bound(s) <sup>9</sup>
- LAN: sequence of IID models converges to simpler Gaussian shift model<sup>10 11 12 13</sup>

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\|u\| \leq n^\epsilon} \left\| T_n \left( \rho_{\theta_0 + u/\sqrt{n}}^{\otimes n} \right) - G(u, V_0) \right\|_1 = 0$$

- LAN is used to derive minimax rates and optimal measurements

<sup>9</sup> foundation work of C. W. Helstrom, A. S. Holevo, V. P. Belavkin, C. M. Caves, R. D. Gill ...

<sup>10</sup> J. Kahn, M.G., *Commun. Math. Phys.* (2009), M.G., B. Janssens and J.Kahn, *Commun. Math. Phys.* (2008)

<sup>11</sup> R.D. Gill, M.G., *I.M.S. Collections* (2012)

<sup>12</sup> C. Butucea, M.G. and M. Nussbaum *Ann. Statist.* (2018)

<sup>13</sup> M.G. J. Kiukas, *J. Math. Phys.* (2017)