# Light Cone-Like Behavior of Quantum Monogamy Score and Multisite Entanglement 

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#### Abstract

There are two important paradigms for defining quantum correlations in quantum information theory, viz. the information-theoretic and the entanglement-separability ones. We find an analytical relation between two measures of quantum correlations, one in each paradigm, and show that only a certain cone-like region on the two-dimensional space spanned by these measures is accessible to pure three-qubit states. The information-theoretic multiparty quantum correlation measure is related to the monogamy considerations of a bipartite information-theoretic quantum correlation measure, while the entanglement-separability multiparty measure is the generalized geometric measure, a genuine multiparty entanglement measure. We also find an analytical relation between two multiparty entanglement measures, and again obtain a cone-like accessible region in this case. One of the multisite measures in this case is related to the monogamy of a bipartite entanglement measure, while the other is again the generalized geometric measure. Just like in relativity, events cannot occur outside the space-time light cone, we analogously find here that state points corresponding to pure three-qubit states cannot fall outside the two-dimensional cone-like structure between quantum monogamy scores and a genuine multisite entanglement measure.


## I. INTRODUCTION AND MAIN RESULTS

In the past few decades, there have been several discoveries in the field of quantum information science which utilize quantum mechanical principles to enhance our abilities to compute and communicate 1]. An important connecting string in this area is the notion of "quantum correlation" that may exist in the multiparticle quantum states. In particular, entanglement of shared quantum states [2] is the vital element for the success of quantum communication protocols [3], including the quantum dense coding protocol [4], quantum teleportation [5], entanglement-based quantum cryptography [6], and remote state preparation 7]. Shared entanglement is also an essential ingredient of measurement-based quantum computation [8]. The theoretical success of quantum information protocols has been closely followed by experimental implementations, and in particular, entangled multisite quantum states are being realized in a large number of laboratories.

While most multiparty quantum information phenomena occur with the active support of shared entanglement, there are important examples where a multisite nonclassical phenomena is predicted without using entangled quantum states. One example is the phenomenon of "quantum nonlocality without entanglement", where a set of unentangled multiparty quantum states exhibit the nonclassical feature of local indistinguishability of orthogonal states [9] (cf. [10]). Another example is deterministic quantum computation with one quantum bit, where it is possible to perform simulations that have no known efficient classical algorithms, although the control qubit and the mixed qubits do not possess any entanglement between themselves [11 13]. It is therefore important to search for quantum correlation concepts that are independent of the entanglement-separability paradigm. Such attempts have been made, a prominent one being quantum discord, defined from information-theoretic concepts 14, 15]. There have been several other develop-
ments in this direction including quantifying multiparticle quantum correlations [13, 16, 20].

Quantum correlations defined within the entanglement-separability paradigm and from an information-theoretic perspective are apparently very different in nature, and exhibit quite a variety of different mutually exclusive properties. It is therefore interesting to find common features shared by all or a class of quantum correlation measures. In this direction, it may be envisaged that quantum correlations, in contrast to classical ones, satisfy a monogamy relation. Such a relation is indeed satisfied by certain measures of entanglement, so that if two parties are highly entangled, then they cannot have a large amount of entanglement shared with a third one [21 23]. However, monogamy may not be satisfied by information-theoretic measures of quantum correlations [24] (cf. [25]). More precisely, the monogamy relation for a bipartite quantum correlation measure $\mathcal{Q}$, as applied to a quantum state $\rho_{A B C}$ shared between three observers $A, B$, and $C$, states that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{Q}\left(\rho_{A B}\right)+\mathcal{Q}\left(\rho_{A C}\right) \leq \mathcal{Q}\left(\rho_{A: B C}\right) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\rho_{A B}=\operatorname{tr}_{C} \rho_{A B C}$ and similarly for $\rho_{A C}$, and $\mathcal{Q}\left(\rho_{A: B C}\right)$ is the measure $\mathcal{Q}$ of the state $\rho_{A B C}$ considered in the $A: B C$ bipartite split. We introduce here the concept of "quantum monogamy score", corresponding to a quantum correlation measure $\mathcal{Q}$, given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta_{\mathcal{Q}}=\mathcal{Q}\left(\rho_{A: B C}\right)-\mathcal{Q}\left(\rho_{A B}\right)-\mathcal{Q}\left(\rho_{A C}\right) \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

so that the tripartite quantum state $\rho_{A B C}$ satisfies the monogamy relation for $\mathcal{Q}$ if the quantum monogamy score, corresponding to $\mathcal{Q}$, is positive, and violates the same if $\delta_{\mathcal{Q}}$ is negative. Note here that the definition of the monogamy relation and quantum monogamy score gives a special status to one of the three observers (observer $A$, here). We will call such an observer as the "node" for the particular quantum monogamy score defined. For some quantum correlation measures, the quantum monogamy
score may be independent of which observer is considered to be the nodal observer. However, this is not true in general.

In an effort towards finding quantitative connections between the twin paradigms, entanglement-separability and information-theoretic, in which quantum correlations are defined, Koashi and Winter [22] established a relation between a bipartite entanglement measure (precisely, entanglement of formation [26, 27]) and a bipartite information-theoretic quantum correlation measure (precisely, quantum discord) for three-qubit states. A similar connection was obtained in Ref. [28] between logarithmic negativity [29] (a bipartite entanglement measure) and bipartite information-theoretic quantum correlation measures, in the quantum dynamics of a spin chain. We address the same question in a multipartite scenario. In particular, we obtain a relation between a multipartite information-theoretic quantum correlation ("discord monogamy score") and a genuine multipartite entanglement measure (generalized geometric measure (GGM) [30]) for three-qubit pure states. We reveal a cone-like structure in the space spanned by the two measures. More precisely, given a certain amount of quantum monogamy score, we find that the genuine multiparty entanglement (as quantified by GGM) of a three-qubit pure quantum state $|\psi\rangle$ is restricted to lie above a certain (nonzero) positive value. Interestingly, this positive value coincides with the GGM of the generalized GHZ state [31], whose quantum monogamy score is equal to the modulus of that of $|\psi\rangle$. The quantum correlation measure in the quantum monogamy score is quantified either by the square of the concurrence [27] or by quantum discord [14, 15].

Our analysis shows that in analogy with the space-time light cone where events cannot occur outside it, multiparty quantum states cannot appear outside the "light cone" of quantum monogamy scores and genuine multiparty entanglement. We believe that such relations will help towards building a unified framework for quantum correlation measures. That the quantum monogamy score for concurrence squared is a multiparty entanglement measure was already noted by Coffman, Kundu, and Wootters 21]. Below we will show (Proposition I) that the quantum monogamy score corresponding to quantum discord can be interpreted as an informationtheoretic multiparty quantum correlation measure.

We begin the next section (Sec. III) by providing brief sketches of the three measures of quantum correlations, that will be required for the rest of the paper. The results are presented in Sec. III where we find the relations between quantum monogamy score (for concurrence squared as well as for quantum discord) and a genuine multiparty entanglement for pure three-qubit states. In Sec. III A, we establish our results analytically. Numerical simulations are presented in Secs. III B and IIIC. Two plots are generated: The plot between quantum monogamy score for concurrence squared and GGM for randomly generated three-qubit pure states is
discussed in Sec. IIIB while that between quantum monogamy score for quantum discord and GGM for the same states is discussed in Sec. IIIC In Sec. IIIE we show that the quantum monogamy score for quantum discord can be seen as a multisite quantum correlation measure, defined from an information-theoretic perspective. The analytical relation connecting the quantum monogamy score for concurrence squared (called "entanglement monogamy score" herein; had also been named 3 -tangle) and the generalized geometric measure is presented in Sec. III A 2, while that connecting the quantum monogamy score for quantum discord (called "discord monogamy score" herein) and the generalized geometric measure is given at Eq. (43) of Sec. IIIE. We discuss our results in a concluding section (Sec. IV).

## II. MEASURES OF QUANTUM CORRELATION

In this section, we will briefly describe the measures of quantum correlations that will be used later in this paper.

## A. Concurrence

The concept of concurrence [21, 27] originates from the definition of entanglement of formation. The entanglement of formation of a bipartite quantum state is intuitively (modulo certain additivity problems) the amount of singlets, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle-|10\rangle)$, that are required to prepare the state by local quantum operations and classical communication (LOCC). Here, $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$ are orthonormal quantum states. The entanglement of formation of a pure bipartite state, $|\varphi\rangle_{A B}$ shared between two parties $A$ and $B$, can be shown to be equal to the von Neumann entropy of the local density matrix of the shared state [26]:

$$
\begin{equation*}
E\left(|\varphi\rangle_{A B}\right)=S\left(\varrho_{A}\right)=S\left(\varrho_{B}\right) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here $\varrho_{A}$ and $\varrho_{B}$ are the partial traces of combined system $|\psi\rangle_{A B}$ over subsystems $B$ and $A$ respectively, and $S(\sigma)=$ $-\operatorname{tr}\left(\sigma \log _{2} \sigma\right)$ is the von Neumann entropy of a quantum state $\sigma$. Entanglement of formation of a mixed bipartite state $\rho_{A B}$ is then defined by the convex roof approach:

$$
\begin{equation*}
E(\rho)=\min \sum_{i} p_{i} E\left(\left|\varphi_{i}\right\rangle\right) \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the minimization is over all pure state decompositions of $\rho=\sum_{i} p_{i}\left(\left|\varphi_{i}\right\rangle\left\langle\varphi_{i}\right|\right)_{A B}$.

This minimization is usually hard to perform. However, there exists a closed form in the case of two-qubit states [27], in terms of the concurrence. The concurrence $C(\rho)$ is defined as $C(\rho)=\max \left\{0, \lambda_{1}-\lambda_{2}-\lambda_{3}-\lambda_{4}\right\}$, where the $\lambda_{i}$ 's are the square roots of the eigenvalues of $\rho \tilde{\rho}$ in decreasing order. Here $\tilde{\rho}$ is given by $\tilde{\rho}=$ $\left(\sigma_{y} \otimes \sigma_{y}\right) \rho^{*}\left(\sigma_{y} \otimes \sigma_{y}\right)$, where the complex conjugation is performed in the computational basis and $\sigma_{y}$ is the Pauli spin matrix.

## B. Quantum Discord

Classically, there are two equivalent ways to arrive at the concept of mutual information between two random variables. One is by adding the Shannon entropies of the individual random variables, and then subtracting that of the joint probability distribution. Therefore, the mutual information $H(X: Y)$ between two random variables $X$ and $Y$ can be defined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
H(X: Y)=H(X)+H(Y)-H(X, Y) \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here $H(X)=-\sum p_{i} \log _{2} p_{i}$ is the Shannon entropy of the random variable $X$ that is distributed according to the probability distribution $\left\{p_{i}\right\}$, and $H(X, Y)$ is the Shannon entropy of the joint probability distribution of the two random variables $X$ and $Y$.

A second way is to interpret the Shannon entropy of a random variable as the information deficit (disorder) that we possess for that random variable. Then we choose any of the two random variables, say $X$, and consider the information deficit, $H(X)$, corresponding to that random variable. Then, the mutual information between $X$ and $Y$ can be defined as the disorder remaining in the variable $X$ after the "conditional disorder" of the variable $X$ given that $Y$ has already occurred, is removed. Precisely, this is given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
H(X: Y)=H(X)-H(X \mid Y) \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $H(X \mid Y)$ is the corresponding conditional entropy. Of course, these two ways of defining the (classical) mutual information are mathematically equivalent.

In the quantum domain, these two quantities are different, and leads to the definition of quantum discord [14, 15]. The classical definition of mutual information given in Eq. (5) can be taken over to the quantum regime by replacing the Shannon entropies by von Neumann ones: For a quantum state $\rho_{A B}$ of two parties, the "quantum mutual information" is defined as 32] (see also [33, 34])

$$
\begin{equation*}
I\left(\rho_{A B}\right)=S\left(\rho_{A}\right)+S\left(\rho_{B}\right)-S\left(\rho_{A B}\right) \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\rho_{A}$ and $\rho_{B}$ are the local density matrices of $\rho_{A B}$.
Quantization of the second definition of classical mutual information (Eq. (6)) has to be performed in a different way than replacing Shannon entropies by von Neumann ones, as the latter gives rise to a physical quantity that can be negative for some quantum states [33]. However, interpreting the conditional entropy in the classical case, as a measure of the lack of information about one random variable when the other is known, in a joint probability distribution of two random variables, the second definition of classical mutual information can be quantized for a bipartite quantum state $\rho_{A B}$ as

$$
\begin{equation*}
J\left(\rho_{A B}\right)=S\left(\rho_{A}\right)-S\left(\rho_{A \mid B}\right) \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the "quantum conditional entropy" is defined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
S\left(\rho_{A \mid B}\right)=\min _{\left\{\Pi_{i}^{B}\right\}} \sum_{i} p_{i} S\left(\rho_{A \mid i}\right), \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

with the minimization being over all projection-valued measurements, $\left\{\Pi_{i}^{B}\right\}$, performed on subsystem $B$. Here $p_{i}=\operatorname{tr}_{A B}\left(\mathbb{I}_{A} \otimes \Pi_{i}^{B} \rho_{A B} \mathbb{I}_{A} \otimes \Pi_{i}^{B}\right)$ is the probability for obtaining the outcome $i$, and the corresponding post-measurement state for the subsystem $A$ is $\rho_{A \mid i}=$ $\frac{1}{p_{i}} \operatorname{tr}_{B}\left(\mathbb{I}_{A} \otimes \Pi_{i}^{B} \rho_{A B} \mathbb{I}_{A} \otimes \Pi_{i}^{B}\right)$, where $\mathbb{I}_{A}$ is the identity operator on the Hilbert space of the quantum system that is in possession of $A$.

It turns out that the two quantizations produce inequivalent quantum quantities, and is interpreted as the result of quantum correlations present in the bipartite quantum state. The difference was consequently interpreted as a measure of quantum correlations, and called as the quantum discord. Moreover, it was shown that the quantum mutual information is never lower than the quantity $J$. Therefore, the quantum discord is given by 14, 15]

$$
\begin{equation*}
D\left(\rho_{A B}\right)=I\left(\rho_{A B}\right)-J\left(\rho_{A B}\right) \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

In contrast to many other measures of quantum correlations, even some separable states produce a nonzero discord.

## C. Generalized Geometric Measure

A multiparty pure quantum state is said to be genuinely multiparty entangled if it is entangled across every bipartition of its constituent parties. The amount of genuine multiparty entanglement present in a multiparty state can be quantified by the recently introduced genuine multipartite entanglement measure called the generalized geometric measure (GGM) [30] (cf. 35]). The GGM of an $N$-party pure quantum state $\left|\phi_{N}\right\rangle$ is defined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{E}\left(\left|\phi_{N}\right\rangle\right)=1-\Lambda_{\max }^{2}\left(\left|\phi_{N}\right\rangle\right) \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\Lambda_{\max }\left(\left|\phi_{N}\right\rangle\right)=\max \left|\left\langle\chi \mid \phi_{N}\right\rangle\right|$, with the maximization being over all pure states $|\chi\rangle$ that are not genuinely $N$-party entangled. It was shown in Ref. 30] that
$\mathcal{E}\left(\left|\phi_{N}\right\rangle\right)=1-\max \left\{\lambda_{\mathcal{A}: \mathcal{B}}^{2} \mid \mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}=\{1,2, \ldots, N\}, \mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B}=\emptyset\right\}$,
where $\lambda_{\mathcal{A}: \mathcal{B}}$ is the maximal Schmidt coefficients in the $\mathcal{A}: \mathcal{B}$ bipartite split of $\left|\phi_{N}\right\rangle$.

## III. QUANTUM MONOGAMY SCORES AND GGM

We will consider the quantum monogamy scores for two measures of quantum correlations. The first one is
when the measure of quantum correlation is the concurrence squared, while the second one is when it is the quantum discord. In the case when the quantum correlation measure is the square of the concurrence, the corresponding quantum monogamy score has been called the "3-tangle" or "residual tangle" 21, 27]. We will call it the "entanglement monogamy score", and denote it as $\delta_{C}$. In the second case, when the quantum correlation measure is the quantum discord, the quantum monogamy score is related to the concept of "dissension" 18], a multiparty information-theoretic quantum correlation measure. We will explicitly show the connection between the quantum monogamy score for quantum discord with dissension-like multiparty quantum correlation measures in Sec. IIIE We will call the quantum monogamy score corresponding to quantum discord as the "discord monogamy score", and denote it as $\delta_{D}$.

Intuitively, the quantum monogamy score, corresponding to a chosen bipartite quantum correlation measure, of a multiparty quantum system, encapsulates a multiparty quantum correlation of the shared system. For example for a tripartite quantum state shared between $A, B$, and $C$, the quantum monogamy score is the amount of quantum correlation remaining in the $A: B C$ bipartite split, after the two bipartite contributions for $A: B$ and $A: C$ are subtracted out. The remaining quantum correlations must therefore be multipartite in nature.

It is therefore natural to look for connections of quantum monogamy score with other more directly-defined measures of multiparty quantum correlations, like the generalized geometric measure. It is interesting to use the generalized geometric measure as a measure of multiparty quantum correlations because
(a) it is a measure of genuine multiparty entanglement, and
(b) it is easy to compute for pure states of an arbitrary number of parties and in arbitrary dimensions.

## A. Relation between quantum monogamy scores and genuine multipartite entanglement measure

In this subsection, we will establish a structure in the space spanned by the quantum monogamy score for a chosen quantum correlation measure and GGM for arbitrary three-qubit pure states. We will show that arbitrary points in these two-dimensional spaces are not accessible to quantum states. Moreover, it turns out that the generalized GHZ states form the boundaries of the respective accessible regions. The class of generalized GHZ states is formed by the states

$$
\begin{equation*}
|G G(\alpha)\rangle=\alpha|000\rangle+\beta|111\rangle \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

with $\alpha$ and $\beta$ being real and positive, and $\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}=1$ (31]. Without loss of generality, we assume that $\alpha \geq \beta$. Here $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$ are two orthonormal states. We prove
the analytical relations for the cases when the chosen quantum correlation measure in the definition of quantum monogamy score is either concurrence squared or quantum discord.

## 1. Concurrence squared as the quantum correlation measure in quantum monogamy score

We introduce some notations. Consider an arbitrary pure three-qubit state $\left|\psi_{A B C}\right\rangle$. We will henceforth drop the suffix, and denote it as $|\psi\rangle$. Let us denote its entanglement monogamy score as $\delta_{C}$, remembering that it depends on the state $|\psi\rangle$. Further, let us denote its GGM as $\mathcal{E}$, again remembering that it depends on the state $|\psi\rangle$. Consider now the generalized GHZ state $|G G(\alpha)\rangle$, and let us denote its entanglement monogamy score and GGM as $\delta_{C}^{G G}$ and $\mathcal{E}^{G G}$ respectively, remembering that they depend on the generalized GHZ state parameter $\alpha$. For three-qubit pure states, the GGM of $|\psi\rangle$ reduces to

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{E}=1-\max \left\{\lambda_{A}^{2}, \lambda_{B}^{2}, \lambda_{C}^{2}\right\} \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\lambda_{A}^{2}$ is the maximal eigenvalue of $\rho_{A}^{\psi}=\operatorname{tr}_{B C}|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$, and similarly for $\lambda_{B}^{2}$ and $\lambda_{C}^{2}$. We will see below that "the party (among $A, B$, and $C$ ) which contributes the maximal Schmidt coefficient in the GGM", that is the party (among $A, B$, and $C$ ) whose maximal eigenvalue of local density matrix attains the maximum in Eq. (14), has an intimate connection with the quantum monogamy score.

We now prove that the entanglement monogamy score and GGM of arbitrary three-qubit pure states are constrained to lie within a cone-like structure as stated in the following theorem.
Theorem 1: Consider the pure three-qubit state $|\psi\rangle$ whose entanglement monogamy score is the same as that of the generalized GHZ state $|G G(\alpha)\rangle$. Then the genuine multipartite entanglement measures (GGM) of these two states will obey the ordering

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{E} \geq \mathcal{E}^{G G} \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

independent of which observer is considered to be the nodal observer in the entanglement monogamy score.

Proof: The entanglement monogamy score for the threequbit pure state $|\psi\rangle$ is defined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta_{C}=C_{A: B C}^{2}(|\psi\rangle)-C_{A B}^{2}(|\psi\rangle)-C_{A C}^{2}(|\psi\rangle), \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $A$ is considered to be the nodal observer. Here, $C_{A B}^{2}(|\psi\rangle)$ and $C_{A C}^{2}(|\psi\rangle)$ are the concurrence squared of the reduced density matrices $\rho_{A B}^{\psi}=\operatorname{tr}_{C}|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$ and $\rho_{A C}^{\psi}=\operatorname{tr}_{B}|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$ of $|\psi\rangle$ respectively, and $C_{A: B C}^{2}(|\psi\rangle)$ is the concurrence squared of $|\psi\rangle$ in the $A: B C$ split. One can show that 21]

$$
\begin{equation*}
C_{A: B C}^{2}(|\psi\rangle)=4 \operatorname{det} \rho_{A}^{\psi} \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

On the other hand, for the generalized GHZ state $|G G(\alpha)\rangle$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta_{C}^{G G}=4 \operatorname{det} \rho_{A}^{\alpha} \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

(with $A$ being considered as the nodal observer), where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\rho_{A}^{\alpha}=\operatorname{tr}_{B C}|G G(\alpha)\rangle\langle G G(\alpha)|=\alpha^{2}|0\rangle\langle 0|+\beta^{2}|1\rangle\langle 1| \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

so that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta_{C}^{G G}=4 \alpha^{2}\left(1-\alpha^{2}\right) \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

The enunciation is that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta_{C}=\delta_{C}^{G G} \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

which, for $A$ as the nodal observer, implies that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda_{A}^{2}\left(1-\lambda_{A}^{2}\right) \geq \alpha^{2}\left(1-\alpha^{2}\right) \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

To obtain the inequality, we have used the fact that the concurrences of $\rho_{A B}^{\psi}$ and $\rho_{A C}^{\psi}$ are nonnegative. Now $\delta_{C}$ is invariant under permutation of the parties [21], using which we get two more similar inequalities pertaining to the nodal observers $B$ and $C$ respectively, and these inequalities are

$$
\begin{align*}
& \lambda_{B}^{2}\left(1-\lambda_{B}^{2}\right) \geq \alpha^{2}\left(1-\alpha^{2}\right) \\
& \lambda_{C}^{2}\left(1-\lambda_{C}^{2}\right) \geq \alpha^{2}\left(1-\alpha^{2}\right) \tag{23}
\end{align*}
$$

Let us now assume that the GGM of the pure threequbit state $|\psi\rangle$ is strictly less than that of the generalized GHZ state $|G G(\alpha)\rangle$, i.e., the proposed ordering is violated. Now, suppose that the maximum in Eq. (14) is attained in $\lambda_{A}^{2}$, i.e., $\lambda_{A}^{2} \geq \lambda_{B}^{2}, \lambda_{C}^{2}$. Then, from the definition of GGM and some simple algebra, we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda_{A}^{2}\left(1-\lambda_{A}^{2}\right)<\alpha^{2}\left(1-\alpha^{2}\right) \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

which is in contradiction with the inequality in (22). Similar inequalities that are contradictory to the inequalities in (23) can be obtained when the maximum is attained by $\lambda_{B}^{2}$ or $\lambda_{C}^{2}$.
Remark: The entanglement monogamy score of an arbitrary pure three-qubit state lies between 0 and 1 . And for all $\epsilon \in[0,1]$, there is a generalized GHZ state, whose entanglement monogamy score is $\epsilon$. Therefore, the (twodimensional) half-cone -like structure obtained in Theorem 1 contains state-points for all three-qubit pure states.

Theorem 1 therefore predicts an inverted twodimensional conical shape for the state points in the $\left(\delta_{C}, \mathcal{E}\right)$ plane, with one arm being vertical, and the other curved upwards. The curved line of the cone corresponds to generalized GHZ states, and the vertical line is the GGM axis. Precisely, the curved line can be represented by the equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{E}=\frac{1}{2}\left(1-\sqrt{1-\delta_{C}}\right) \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

The vertical line is, of course, represented by the equation $\delta_{C}=0$. The tangent to the curved line at the tip of
the cone (i.e. at the point where both GGM and entanglement monogamy score vanish) makes a nonzero angle with the axis of entanglement monogamy score. The tangent of this nonzero angle is $\frac{1}{4}$.

In analogy with the space-time light cone, the tangent to the curved line and the GGM axis form the "light cone" of GGM and entanglement monogamy deficit. In this analogous "relativity", GGM acts as "time" and entanglement monogamy deficit acts as "space", and the "velocity of light" is $\left.\frac{d \delta_{C}}{d \mathcal{E}}\right|_{\delta_{C}=0}$, which is 4 . Just like events cannot occur outside the space-time light cone, multiparty quantum states cannot appear outside the light cone formed by entanglement monogamy deficit and GGM.

## 2. Relating two multisite entanglement measures

There are many entanglement measures that have been defined [2], and it is important to try to find a thread that connects them. The cone-like structure obtained in Theorem 1 implies a relation between the two multiparty entanglement measures. Precisely, it states that for three-qubit pure states, the GGM and the entanglement monogamy score (3-tangle) are restricted by the relation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{E} \geq \frac{1}{2}\left(1-\sqrt{1-\delta_{C}}\right) \tag{26}
\end{equation*}
$$

## 3. Quantum discord as the quantum correlation measure in quantum monogamy score

We will now prove a result for discord monogamy score, parallel to the one obtained in Sec. IIIA1. The situation here is richer than that for entanglement monogamy score, and the complete picture is presented in two parts in the two following theorems.

The reason for the choice of quantum discord as the quantum correlation measure in the quantum monogamy score is two-fold:
(i) Quantum discord is a measure of quantum correlation defined from a perspective that is independent of the entanglement-separability paradigm, the latter being the usual one for defining measures of quantum correlation (as for example, concurrence).
(ii) Although quantum discord does not as yet have a closed form for arbitrary quantum states, it is possible to numerically calculate its values in an efficient manner.

Let the discord monogamy score of $|\psi\rangle$ be denoted as $\delta_{D}$, and let $\delta_{D}^{G G}$ denote the same for the generalized GHZ state $|G G(\alpha)\rangle$.
Theorem 2a: Consider the pure three-qubit state $|\psi\rangle$ whose discord monogamy score is the same as that of the generalized GHZ state $|G G(\alpha)\rangle$. Then the genuine
multipartite entanglement measure (GGM) will obey the ordering

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{E} \geq \mathcal{E}^{G G} \tag{27}
\end{equation*}
$$

with the nodal observer in the discord monogamy score being the one which contributes the maximal Schmidt coefficient in GGM.

Proof: For an arbitrary three-qubit pure state $|\psi\rangle$, suppose that the quantum discords of the local density matrices $\rho_{A B}$ and $\rho_{A C}$ of $|\psi\rangle$ are respectively $D_{A B}$ and $D_{A C}$. Further, let the entanglement of formations [26] of $\rho_{A B}$ and $\rho_{A C}$ be respectively denoted by $E_{A B}$ and $E_{A C}$. The quantum discord of the pure state $|\psi\rangle$ in the bipartition of $A: B C$ is the von Neumann entropy of the local density matrix $\rho_{A}$ : we denote it by $S_{A}$ [14, 15]. Now we use the Koashi-Winter relation [22] between quantum discord and entanglement of formation for the pure three-qubit state $|\psi\rangle$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
D_{A B}=E_{A C}-S_{A \mid B} \tag{28}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $S_{A \mid B}$ denotes the conditional entropy, and is defined as $S_{A \mid B}=S\left(\rho_{A B}\right)-S\left(\rho_{B}\right)$. A similar equality holds for $D_{A C}$.

Suppose now that the maximum in the GGM of $|\psi\rangle$ is attained in $\lambda_{A}^{2}$ (see Eq. (14)). Applying the two relations obtained, respectively for $D_{A B}$ and $D_{A C}$, we find that the monogamy score for quantum discord for an arbitrary three-qubit state, with $A$ as the nodal observer, as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta_{D}=S_{A}-E_{A B}-E_{A C} \tag{29}
\end{equation*}
$$

On the other hand, the monogamy score for the generalized GHZ state (for any observer as the nodal observer), obtained by using above equations in the specific case (of $|G G(\alpha)\rangle)$, is given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta_{D}^{G G}=S_{A}^{G G} \tag{30}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $S_{A}^{G G}$ denotes the von Neumann entropy of a singleparty local density matrix of the generalized GHZ state. This is because the two-particle entanglements vanish for the generalized GHZ states. Consider now a generalized GHZ state whose discord monogamy score is the same as that of an arbitrary pure three-qubit state, i.e.,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta_{D}=\delta_{D}^{G G} \tag{31}
\end{equation*}
$$

This leads to

$$
\begin{align*}
& S_{A}-E_{A B}-E_{A C}=S_{A}^{G G} \\
& \Longrightarrow S_{A}-S_{A}^{G G} \geq 0 \tag{32}
\end{align*}
$$

since the sum, $E_{A B}+E_{A C}$, of the entanglements of formation is always positive.

Now suppose, if possible, that the GGMs for the arbitrary state and the generalized GHZ state does not obey the proposed ordering, i.e. suppose $\mathcal{E}^{G G}>\mathcal{E}$. This implies that $\lambda_{A}^{2}<\alpha^{2}$. This, along with the fact
that $\lambda_{A}^{2}\left(\alpha^{2}\right)$ is the maximal eigenvalue of $\rho_{A}^{\psi}\left(\rho_{A}^{\alpha}\right)$, leads to $S_{A}-S_{A}^{G G}<0$, contradicting the inequality in (32). Hence the theorem.

The above theorem brings all pure three-qubit states that have a positive discord monogamy score into a halfcone -like structure in the space of $\delta_{D}$ versus GGM. Quantum discord can however be polygamous for threequbit states [24], and hence there are states with a negative discord monogamy score $\delta_{D}$. The generalized GHZ states, on the other hand, always have a positive $\delta_{D}$. The following theorem brings all pure three-qubit states with a negative discord monogamy score into a complementary half-cone -like structure by using the mirror image, with respect to the $\delta_{D}=0$ axis, of the line created by the generalized GHZ states on the $\left(\delta_{D}, \mathcal{E}\right)$ plane.
Theorem 2b: Consider the pure three-qubit state $|\psi\rangle$ whose discord monogamy score is the negative of that of the generalized GHZ state $|G G(\alpha)\rangle$. Then the genuine multipartite entanglement measure (GGM) will obey the ordering

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{E} \geq \mathcal{E}^{G G} \tag{33}
\end{equation*}
$$

with the nodal observer in the discord monogamy score being the one which contributes the maximal Schmidt coefficient in GGM.

Proof: Let us first assume that the maximum in the GGM of $|\psi\rangle$ is attained in $\lambda_{A}^{2}$ (see Eq. (14)). By using the Eq. (29) in the enunciation, $\delta_{D}=-\delta_{D}^{G G}$, with $A$ as the nodal observer, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{A}+S_{A}^{G G}=E_{A B}+E_{A C} \tag{34}
\end{equation*}
$$

But entanglements of formation of a bipartite state is no greater than either of the local von Neumann entropies [26], so that

$$
\begin{equation*}
E_{A B}+E_{A C} \leq 2 S_{A} \tag{35}
\end{equation*}
$$

whereby

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{A}-S_{A}^{G G} \geq 0 \tag{36}
\end{equation*}
$$

Assuming, if possible, that $\mathcal{E}^{G G}>\mathcal{E}$, we obtain $S_{A}-$ $S_{A}^{G G}<0$, contradicting the relation in (36). Hence the theorem.

So, while the state points in the $\left(\delta_{C}, \mathcal{E}\right)$ plane are bounded by the curve for the generalized GHZ states and the $\delta_{C}=0$ line, the same in the $\left(\delta_{D}, \mathcal{E}\right)$ plane are bounded by the curves for the generalized GHZ states and the mirror images of those curves with respect to the $\delta_{D}=0$ line. Precisely, they form an inverted twodimensional conical shape, with the tip of the cone being at the point where the GGM and the discord monogamy score are both zero, and the bounding curves are represented respectively by the equations

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta_{D}= \pm\left(\mathcal{E} \log _{2} \mathcal{E}+(1-\mathcal{E}) \log _{2}(1-\mathcal{E})\right) \tag{37}
\end{equation*}
$$

The tangent to the boundary of the cone at the origin (i.e. at the point where both GGM and discord monogamy score vanish) is the discord monogamy score axis $(\mathcal{E}=0)$.

Continuing the analogy with the space-time light cone, we again have a "light cone"-like structure between the GGM and discord monogamy deficit. In this analogous "relativity", GGM acts as "time" and discord monogamy deficit acts as "space", and the "velocity of light" is $\left.\frac{d \delta_{D}}{d \mathcal{E}}\right|_{\delta_{D}=0}$, which is infinite.

## B. Entanglement monogamy score and GGM

In this subsection, we numerically simulate all pure states of three qubits, to obtain a scatter diagram to see the inter-relation between the entanglement monogamy score (3-tangle) and the generalized geometric measure, obtained in Theorem 1. The scatter plot is given in Fig. 1. Since entanglement monogamy score is always nonnegative (because the concurrence squared satisfies the monogamy relation [21-23]), and as the GGM is always non-negative, all state points are in the first quadrant of the (entanglement monogamy score, GGM) plane.

Fig. 1 clearly confirms that for a given value of the entanglement monogamy score, all three-qubit pure states have their genuine multiparty entanglement, as quantified by the GGM, higher than a certain value, and that state points are constrained to lie within a cone formed by the lines

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{E}=\frac{1}{2}\left(1-\sqrt{1-\delta_{C}}\right), \quad \delta_{C}=0 \tag{38}
\end{equation*}
$$

## C. Discord monogamy score and GGM

In this subsection, numerical simulation of all threequbit pure states will be used to obtain a scatter diagram to look at the relation between the GGM and the quantum monogamy score, with quantum discord being used as the measure of quantum correlation in the monogamy score. This will give us a pictorial view of the results presented in Theorems 2a and 2b. In Fig. 2, we plot the discord monogamy score against GGM, for pure threequbit states. The quantum state points in the figure are randomly chosen from the GHZ-class states [36] and Wclass states 36, 37]. As expected from Theorems 2a and 2 b , they again form an inverted two-dimensional conical shape, with the tip of the cone being at the point where the GGM and the discord monogamy score are both zero, with the bounding curve being represented by the equations

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta_{D}= \pm\left(\mathcal{E} \log _{2} \mathcal{E}+(1-\mathcal{E}) \log _{2}(1-\mathcal{E})\right) \tag{39}
\end{equation*}
$$

It is interesting to note that the obtained cone is independent of the chosen nodal observer.


FIG. 1. (Color online.) Multiparty entanglement vs. quantum monogamy score. Here, quantum monogamy score is identified with the entanglement monogamy score, and multiparty entanglement is quantified by generalized geometric measure, which is a genuine multisite entanglement. The units of the axes are chosen as follows. The vertical axis is in units for which the GGM of the GHZ state (generalized GHZ state with $\alpha=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ ) is $\frac{1}{2}$, while the horizontal axis is such that the concurrence of the singlet state is unity. For a randomly chosen pure state of three qubits, its entanglement monogamy score is taken as the abscissa and its GGM as the ordinate, and the pair is then plotted respectively on the horizontal and vertical axes of the figure. We randomly choose $2.5 \times 10^{4}$ points. The envelope of the points thus plotted forms a twodimensional conical shape, with one axis coinciding with the vertical axis (GGM axis, i.e., entanglement monogamy score $=0$ ), and the other being formed out of generalized GHZ states. The tangent to the curved boundary at the origin of the two axis forms a nonzero angle with the horizontal axis (entanglement monogamy score axis, i.e., GGM $=0$ ).

## D. Entanglement versus Discord

Despite the similarities, there are interesting differences between the conical shapes obtained for entanglement monogamy score and discord monogamy score:
(1) There are two curved lines that form the cone on the plane of discord monogamy score and GGM, while that in the plane of entanglement monogamy score and GGM is formed out of one curved line and a straight (vertical) line. This is a consequence of the fact that while the 3 -tangle respects monogamy (entanglement monogamy score is always positive [21 [23]), quantum discord does not (discord monogamy score can be both negative and positive [24]).
(2) The tangent to the curved lines at the tip of the cone is the discord monogamy score axis. In other words, $\left.\frac{d \delta_{D}}{d \mathcal{E}}\right|_{\delta_{D}=0}=\infty$, while $\left.\frac{d \delta_{C}}{d \mathcal{E}}\right|_{\delta_{C}=0}=4$.


FIG. 2. (Color.) Light cone of discord monogamy score and GGM. The notation is just like in Fig. 1, except that the horizontal axis now depicts discord monogamy score, and is measured in bits. We randomly generate $5 \times 10^{4}$ points. The envelope this time is formed of two curved lines, of which the right one is again (i.e., like in Fig. 1) formed out of generalized GHZ states, while the one on the left is the mirror image of the one on the right with respect to the GGM axis. The tangent to the curves at the origin of the two axes in this case coincides with the GGM $=0$ line. While the blue points represent randomly chosen points from the GHZ-class, the green ones represent those from the W-class.

## E. Relating the two main paradigms for defining quantum correlations in the multisite domain

It is interesting to note here that discord monogamy score is closely related to the multiparty informationtheoretic quantum correlation measure called dissension 18]. Dissension is defined as the difference between the three-variable mutual information with conditional entropies involving no measurements, and with measurements on various subsystems [18]. It is apparent that there can be different kinds of dissensions depending on the type of measurement involved. The definition we choose here is presented below.

Definition I: The quantum mutual information of a three-party quantum state $\rho_{A B C}$ is defined as

$$
I\left(\rho_{A B C}\right)=I\left(\rho_{A B}\right)-I\left(\rho_{A: B \mid C}\right)
$$

where $I\left(\rho_{A B}\right)$ is defined in Eq. (77), and the unmeasured conditional quantum mutual information is defined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
I\left(\rho_{A: B \mid C}\right)=\tilde{S}\left(\rho_{A \mid C}\right)-\tilde{S}\left(\rho_{A \mid B C}\right) \tag{40}
\end{equation*}
$$

with

$$
\begin{aligned}
\tilde{S}\left(\rho_{A \mid C}\right) & =S\left(\rho_{A C}\right)-S\left(\rho_{C}\right) \\
\tilde{S}\left(\rho_{A \mid B C}\right) & =S\left(\rho_{A B C}\right)-S\left(\rho_{B C}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

In the same spirit as in Ref. [14, 15] (cf. 18]), we can define the three-party classical mutual information for
the quantum state $\rho_{A B C}$ as

$$
J\left(\rho_{A B C}\right)=J\left(\rho_{A B}\right)-J\left(\rho_{A: B \mid C}\right)
$$

where $J\left(\rho_{A B}\right)$ is defined in Eq. (8), and the measured conditional quantum mutual information is defined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
J\left(\rho_{A: B \mid C}\right)=S\left(\rho_{A \mid C}\right)-S\left(\rho_{A \mid B C}\right) \tag{41}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the quantum conditional entropies are defined in Eqns. (9). Dissension can now be defined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
D(A: B: C)=I\left(\rho_{A B C}\right)-J\left(\rho_{A B C}\right) \tag{42}
\end{equation*}
$$

Note that that in Ref. [18], there are two kinds of dissension used which involves single-particle and two-particle measurements separately. In contrast, the variety of dissension defined here involves both single-particle and two-particle measurements on $B, C$, and $B C$ respectively.
Proposition I: For a tripartite quantum state $\rho_{A B C}$, the dissension $D(A: B: C)=D\left(\rho_{A B}\right)+D\left(\rho_{A C}\right)-D\left(\rho_{A: B C}\right)$, the negative of discord monogamy score of $\rho_{A B C}$.

Proof: We have

$$
\begin{aligned}
D(A: B: C)= & I\left(\rho_{A B C}\right)-J\left(\rho_{A B C}\right) \\
= & I\left(\rho_{A B}\right)-J\left(\rho_{A B}\right) \\
& \quad-\left[I\left(\rho_{A: B \mid C}\right)-J\left(\rho_{A: B \mid C}\right)\right] \\
= & D\left(\rho_{A B}\right)-\left[I\left(\rho_{A: B \mid C}\right)-J\left(\rho_{A: B \mid C}\right)\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

Using the definitions of $I\left(\rho_{A: B \mid C}\right)$ and $J\left(\rho_{A: B \mid C}\right)$, given in Eqns. (40) and (41) respectively, we have

$$
I\left(\rho_{A: B \mid C}\right)-J\left(\rho_{A: B \mid C}\right)=D\left(\rho_{A: B C}\right)-D\left(\rho_{A C}\right)
$$

Hence the proof.
There is an ongoing effort to connect the quantum correlation measures defined in the two main paradigms, viz. the entanglement-separability and the informationtheoretic ones. See Refs. [22, 28]. The theorems 2a and 2 b obtained in this paper tries to find similar connections in the multipartite domain. Precisely, we find that for pure three-qubit states, the generalized geometric measure (a genuine multisite entanglement measure) and the discord monogamy score (a multisite informationtheoretic quantum correlation measure, via proposition I), are constrained by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta_{D} \leq\left|\mathcal{E} \log _{2} \mathcal{E}+(1-\mathcal{E}) \log _{2}(1-\mathcal{E})\right| \tag{43}
\end{equation*}
$$

## IV. DISCUSSION

The monogamy relation is an important tool to decipher the structure of the space of quantum correlation measures. There are measures that satisfy and those that violate this relation. We have shown that given a certain amount of violation or satisfaction of the monogamy relation, the allowed range of the genuine multisite entanglement content of the corresponding pure three-qubit state
is distinctly restricted. The quantum states of the corresponding system is thereby restricted to remain within an envelope in the plane formed by the quantum monogamy score and genuine multiparty entanglement. We have used the generalized geometric measure for quantifying genuine multiparty entanglement. Quantum monogamy score, on the other hand, is defined by using two measures of bipartite quantum correlation - first by using the square of the concurrence, and then by quantum discord.

The relations thus obtained between quantum monogamy scores and genuine multiparty entanglement, currently only for pure three-qubit states, is akin to that between space and time in the theory of relativity.

The quantum monogamy score, defined by using concurrence squared, has been proposed as a measure of multipartite entanglement. Also, quantum monogamy score, defined by using quantum discord, is very similar to a proposed information-theoretic measure of multiparty quantum correlation, called dissension. Therefore,
the results obtained imply that just like space and time are intertwined in the theory of relativity and thereby future event points are constrained to lie within the future cone, the apparently different multiparty quantum correlation concepts can be intertwined, thereby constraining the multipartite quantum state space within a conical structure. We hope that a better picture will emerge in future that will unify the multiparticle entanglement measures and multiparticle correlations. We believe that our results form a first step in this direction.

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