Signatures of quantumness in composite systems

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Coherence, discord-type correlations, and entanglement are all fundamental manifestations of quantum theory and are all useful resources for certain quantum technological tasks. In this Colloquium I show how these different signatures of quantumness can be activated into each other and interpreted under a common framework. I first review the rigorous mapping between discord-type measures and entanglement measures by means of premeasurement interactions [1,2], recently implemented experimentally [3]. I then focus on the interplay between each of these two forms of quantum correlations and quantum coherence [4] in single and composite systems. On the one hand, discord-type correlations are interpreted as minimum coherence in all local bases [1,5,6]. On the other hand, an exact equivalence between coherence and entanglement monotone, the maximum amount of entanglement that can be created by incoherent operations on an input system and an incoherent ancilla, defines a corresponding coherence monotone for the input state of the system. Overall this presentation provides a comprehensive picture of the various shades of quantumness in mixed states of composite systems and their general interrelations.



Hierarchy of quantum correlations

Equivalence between quantum coherence and entanglement

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