

# Quantum discord in photon added tripartite coherent states

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## Abstract

We introduce the single-mode excited entangled coherent states and studied their quantum entanglement characteristics. Thus, we investigate the influence of photon excitations on quantum entanglement by using the different measurement (i.e. the concurrence, quantum discord and its geometric version). Therefor, To illustrate our results, we give the explicit expressions of the pairwise quantum correlations presented in multipartite coherent states and the special case also is analyzed. We found that the quantum discord and its geometrized variant does not follow the property of the concept of the monogamy, except is some particular situations that we presented.

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# 1 Introduction

In the context of information processing and transmission, quantum based protocols promises potentially advantages compared to their classical counterparts. Several theoretical and experimental results certify the power of quantum technology for secure communication and computation by exploiting the intriguing phenomenon of entanglement. Originally, quantum information processing focused on discrete (finite-dimensional) entangled states like the polarizations of a photon or discrete levels of an atom. But, recently, it was realized that that the extension from discrete to continuous variables is beneficial for various kinds of quantum tasks. This is essentially motivated by the efficiency in coding and manipulating quantum information. In this respect, the coherent states constitute the prototypical instance of continuous-variables states. They are appealing for their mathematical elegance (continuity and over-completion property) and closeness to classical physical states (minimization of Heisenberg uncertainty relation) of a quantum system. Entangled coherent states build on these elegant representation properties are fundamentally intriguing. Implementing a logical qubit encoding by treating a coherent superposition state as a qubit in two dimensional Hilbert space has been shown a promising strategy in performing various quantum tasks. Indeed this idea has been successfully used in implementing some useful quantum protocols such as quantum teleportation [47, 48], quantum computation [49, 50, 51], entanglement purification [52] and errors correction [53]. In view of these potential applications, a special attention was paid, during the last years, to the identification, characterization and quantification of quantum correlations in bipartite coherent states systems (see for instance the papers [54, 55, 56] and references therein). The bipartite treatment was extended to superpositions of multimode coherent states [58, 59, 60, 61, 62] which exhibit multipartite entanglement as for instance in GHZ (Greenberger-Horne-Zeilinger), W (Werner) states [63, 64] and entangled coherent state versions of cluster states [65, 66, 67]. To quantify quantum correlations beyond entanglement in coherent states systems, measures such as bipartite quantum discord [68, 69] and its geometric variant [70] were used. Explicit results were derived for quantum discord [71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77] and geometric quantum discord [78, 79, 80, 81] for some special sets of coherent states.

In other hand, decoherence is a crucial process to understand the emergence of classicality in quantum systems. It describes the inevitable degradation of quantum correlations due to experimental and environmental noise. Various decoherence models were investigated and in particular the phenomenon of entanglement sudden death was considered in a number of distinct contexts (see for instance [82] and reference therein). For optical qubits based on coherent states, the influence of the environment, is mainly due to energy loss or photon absorption. The photon loss or equivalently amplitude damping in a noisy environment can be modeled by assuming that some of field energy and information is lost after transmission through a beam splitter [76, 83].

Being continuous-variable states, some authors considered the entanglement measure in photon added multipartite coherent states ?????? **citer references.**

Motivated by the above mentioned works, we shall give the explicit expression of the pairwise quantum discord in a single mode excited tripartite Glauber coherent states. This kind of photon added coherent states is generated through the action of the creation operator on the first subsystem. We characterize the amount of pairwise quantum discord.

Another important issue in such tripartite system concerns the distribution of quantum correlations between the different parts of the whole system. In fact, the free shareability of quantum correlations obey an restrictive inequality termed in the literature as monogamy property [84] (see also [85, 86, 88, 89, 90]). Quantum correlations, such as entanglement and quantum discord, do not always obey the monogamy relations (reference), the monogamy property can hold for GQD (references) for a wider situations.

In this paper, the focus will be maintained strictly on the influence of different photon excitation number on the evolution of quantum discord and the deviation from the monogamy property.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we introduce the Glauber coherent states. We also present the form of the Single-mode excited entangled coherent states which are obtained by actions of creation operator and we study the evolution of the entanglement of Single-mode excited entangled coherent states. The explicit expression of three modes GHZ based on Glauber coherent states is derived in Section 3. Section 4 is devoted for study the evolution of the quantum correlations for each bipartite subsystems and we obtained the explicit form of quantum discord. The some special case is considered. Similar analysis are presented in Section 5 when the correlation are measured by means of the geometric discord. In section 6 we study the monogamy relation of the two measures, quantum discord and geometric discord. Finally, as illustration, some special cases are considered for the monogamy relation. Concluding remarks close this paper.

## 2 Entanglement of photon added coherent states

The basic objects in this work are the Glauber coherent states  $|\alpha\rangle$  and  $|-\alpha\rangle$  where  $\alpha$  is a complex number which determines the average electromagnetic field amplitude. Adding photons in the states  $|\alpha\rangle$  and  $|-\alpha\rangle$  is mathematically represented by repeated action of the creation operator. This process leads to generation of nonclassical states from the coherent states [100]. Several experimental as well theoretical studies were devoted to the generation and nonclassical properties of photon-added coherent states [101],(for a recent review see [102]).

### 2.1 Photon added coherent states

By a  $m$  successive actions of creation operator  $a^+$  ( $m$  is a non negative integer) on the Glauber coherent states

$$|\alpha\rangle = e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2}{2}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |n\rangle, \quad (1)$$

one gets the un-normalized states

$$|\alpha; m\rangle = (a^+)^m |\alpha\rangle = e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2}{2}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n}{n!} \sqrt{(n+m)!} |n+m\rangle, \quad (2)$$

and the normalized  $m$ -photon added coherent states are defined by

$$|\alpha, m\rangle = \frac{(a^+)^m |\alpha\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \alpha | (a^-)^m (a^+)^m | \alpha \rangle}}, \quad (3)$$

where  $a^- = (a^+)^\dagger$  is the harmonic oscillator annihilation operator. It is straightforward to determine the denominator in equation (3). One finds

$$\langle \alpha | (a^-)^m (a^+)^m | \alpha \rangle = m! L_m(-|\alpha|^2) \quad (4)$$

where  $L_m(x)$  is the Laguerre polynomial of order  $m$  defined by

$$L_m(x) = \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{(-1)^n m! x^n}{(n!)^2 (m-n)!}. \quad (5)$$

Photon added coherent states interpolate between the electromagnetic field coherent states (quasi-classical states) and the number states (purely quantum states). Furthermore, photon added coherent exhibit non-classical features such as squeezing, negativity of Wigner distribution and sub Poissonian statistics. Their experimental generation using parametric down conversion in a nonlinear crystal was reported in [101]. Photon-coherent states are not orthogonal each other. For instance, the overlapping between the states  $|\alpha, m\rangle$  and  $|\alpha, m\rangle$  is

$$\langle -\alpha, m | \alpha, m \rangle = e^{-2|\alpha|^2} \frac{L_m(|\alpha|^2)}{L_m(-|\alpha|^2)} \quad (6)$$

where we have used the following expression

$$\langle -\alpha | (a^-)^m (a^+)^m | \alpha \rangle = e^{-2|\alpha|^2} m! L_m(|\alpha|^2). \quad (7)$$

This quantity is useful in what follows as we shall be interested in entangled states involving superposition of vectors of type  $|\alpha\rangle$  and  $|-\alpha\rangle$ . The simplest case in the bipartite scenario are Bell-type entangled coherent states. Remark that quasi-Bell states are very interesting in quantum optics and serve as valuable resource for quantum teleportation and many others quantum computing operations.

## 2.2 Bipartite quasi-Bell states

Considering the excitation of symmetric and antisymmetric quasi-Bell states

$$|B_{\pm}(\alpha)\rangle = N_{\pm}(\alpha)[|\alpha\rangle \otimes |\alpha\rangle \pm |-\alpha\rangle \otimes |-\alpha\rangle], \quad (8)$$

by repeated action of creation of the first mode. The factors  $N_{\pm}$  are

$$N_{\pm}(\alpha) = [2 \pm 2e^{-4|\alpha|^2}].$$

The resulting photon-added quasi-Bell states are given by

$$|B_{\pm}(\alpha, m)\rangle = N_{\pm}(\alpha, m)[(a^+)^m|\alpha\rangle \otimes |\alpha\rangle \pm (a^+)^m|-\alpha\rangle \otimes |-\alpha\rangle], \quad (9)$$

where the normalization factor writes

$$N_{\pm}(\alpha, m)^{-2} = 2m![L_m(-|\alpha|^2) \pm e^{-4|\alpha|^2} L_m(|\alpha|^2)], \quad (10)$$

This state can be also written in terms of the normalized photon added coherent state (3). One gets

$$|B_k(\alpha, m)\rangle = \mathcal{N}_k(\alpha, m)[|m, \alpha\rangle \otimes |\alpha\rangle + e^{ik\pi}|m, -\alpha\rangle \otimes |-\alpha\rangle], \quad (11)$$

with  $k = 0(\text{mod } 2)$  (resp.  $k = 1(\text{mod } 2)$ ) stands for even (resp. odd) quasi-Bell states and

$$\mathcal{N}_k^{-2}(\alpha, m) = 2 \frac{L_m(-|\alpha|^2) + \cos k\pi e^{-4|\alpha|^2} L_m(|\alpha|^2)}{L_m(-|\alpha|^2)}. \quad (12)$$

This form is more appropriate for our purpose as it involves superpositions of normalized states.

### 2.3 Entanglement of bipartite quasi-Bell states

In general coherent states are treated as continuous variable states. Alternatively, it is possible to consider a superposition of coherent states in  $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$  Hilbert space. Accordingly, we study the bipartite quantum correlations in the state (11) expressed as a state of two logical qubits. This encoding scheme is realized as follows. For the first subsystem, using the states  $|\alpha, m\rangle$  and  $|-\alpha, m\rangle$  one introduces the two dimensional basis spanned by two orthogonal qubits  $|+\rangle_1$  and  $|-\rangle_1$  defined as even and odd photon added coherent states

$$|\pm\rangle_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pm 2p_m}} (|\alpha, m\rangle \pm |-\alpha, m\rangle)$$

where

$$p_m := (-\alpha, m|\alpha, m) = e^{-2|\alpha|^2} \frac{L_m(|\alpha|^2)}{L_m(-|\alpha|^2)}.$$

Analogously, we encode the information existing in the second part in the qubits  $|+\rangle_2$  and  $|-\rangle_2$  defined by

$$|\pm\rangle_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pm 2p}} (|\alpha\rangle \pm |-\alpha\rangle)$$

where

$$p := (-\alpha|\alpha) = e^{-2|\alpha|^2}.$$

In this way, the bipartite state (11) is mapped into a two qubit state. It writes

$$|B_k(\alpha, m)\rangle = \mathcal{N}_k(\alpha, m)[C_{++}|+, +\rangle + C_{-+}|-, +\rangle + C_{+-}|+, -\rangle + C_{--}|-, -\rangle]. \quad (13)$$

with the expansion coefficients given by

$$C_{++} = a_m^+ a(1 + e^{ik\pi}), \quad C_{-+} = a^+ a_m^- (1 - e^{ik\pi}), \quad C_{+-} = a_m^+ a^- (1 - e^{ik\pi}), \quad C_{--} = a^- a_m^- (1 + e^{ik\pi}).$$

where

$$a_m^\pm = \sqrt{\frac{1 \pm p_m}{2}} \quad a^\pm = \sqrt{\frac{1 \pm p}{2}}.$$

It is well established that in a pure bipartite system, the quantum discord coincides with entanglement of formation. Thus, to discuss the effect of the photon excitation of quasi-Bell states, it is sufficient to characterize the bipartite entanglement in the states (11) by means of the concurrence. It is simply given by

$$C_{12} = 2\mathcal{N}_k(\alpha, m)^2 |C_{++}C_{--} - C_{+-}C_{-+}|, \quad (14)$$

which rewrites explicitly as

$$C_{12} = \frac{\sqrt{1 - e^{-4|\alpha|^2}} \sqrt{(L_m(-|\alpha|^2))^2 - e^{-4|\alpha|^2} (L_m(|\alpha|^2))^2}}{L_m(-|\alpha|^2) + e^{-4|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi L_m(|\alpha|^2)}. \quad (15)$$

in terms of the coherent states amplitude  $|\alpha|$  and the excitation order  $m$ . For  $m = 0$ , one has

$$C_{12} = \frac{1 - e^{-4|\alpha|^2}}{1 + \cos k\pi e^{-4|\alpha|^2}} \quad (16)$$

In order to observe the influence of the photon excitation on the quantum entanglement of a single mode excited bipartite entangled coherent states, we need to plot the concurrence  $C(|\alpha|, m)$  versus  $|\alpha|$  for different values of the number of excited photon  $m$ . Therefore, there are two case of  $k$  (even and odd) which are shown in figure 1, 2 respectively, we can see from the figure 1, after increasing of entanglement with  $|\alpha|$ , it approaches as the maximum value unit when  $|\alpha|$  tends the infinity. In the other hand, the entanglement degrees increases as  $|\alpha|$  during a number of photon increases. We can

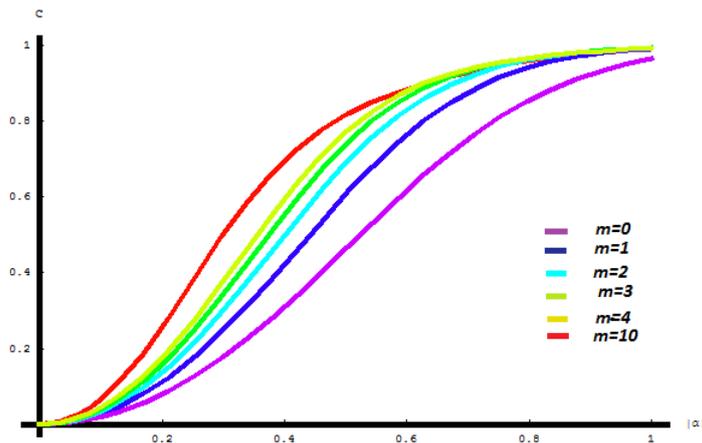


Figure 1: The concurrence  $C$  (even) of SMEECS  $|\psi(|\alpha|, m)\rangle$  versus  $|\alpha|$  for the different number photon excitations.

also observe in figure 2. That  $C(|\alpha|, m)$  increases when  $|\alpha|$  increase for different values of  $m$  ( $m=0, 1, 2, 3, 4$  and  $10$ ) respectively. Together the concurrence  $C(|\alpha|, m)$  tends to unit for the larger  $|\alpha|$ .

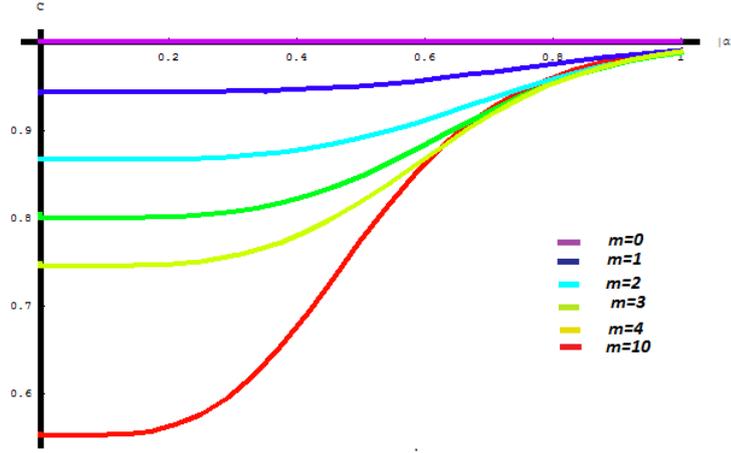


Figure 2: The concurrence  $C$  (odd) of SMEECS  $|\psi(|\alpha|, m)\rangle$  versus  $|\alpha|$  for the different number photon excitations.

### 3 Photon added quasi-GHZ coherent states

The quasi-GHZ coherent states are defined by

$$|\alpha, 0\rangle = \mathcal{N}_0(|\alpha, \alpha, \alpha\rangle + e^{ik\pi} |-\alpha, -\alpha, -\alpha\rangle). \quad (17)$$

Where the normalization constant  $\mathcal{N}_0$  is given by

$$\mathcal{N}_0^{-2} = 2 + 2e^{-6|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi, \quad (18)$$

As in the previous section, we shall consider the excitation of the first mode by adding  $m$  photon. Thus, the photon added quasi-GHZ coherent states have the form

$$|\alpha, m\rangle = \mathcal{N} a^{+m} (|\alpha, \alpha, \alpha\rangle + e^{ik\pi} |-\alpha, -\alpha, -\alpha\rangle) = \frac{\mathcal{N}}{\mathcal{N}_0} a^{+m} |\alpha, 0\rangle, \quad (19)$$

where the normalization factor is

$$\mathcal{N}^{-2} = 2m! [L_m(-|\alpha|^2) + e^{-6|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi L_m(|\alpha|^2)]. \quad (20)$$

Clearly, for  $m = 0$  the states  $|\alpha, m\rangle$  (19) reduces to  $|\alpha, m\rangle$  (17).

The tripartite state (19) can be re-equated as follows

$$|\alpha, m\rangle = \mathcal{C}_k(\alpha, m) (|\alpha, m\rangle \otimes |\alpha\rangle \otimes |\alpha\rangle + e^{ik\pi} |-\alpha, m\rangle \otimes |-\alpha\rangle \otimes |-\alpha\rangle) \quad (21)$$

so that the tree modes are described by normalized vectors. The factor  $\mathcal{C}$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{C}_k^{-2}(\alpha, m) = \mathcal{N}^{-2}(\alpha, m) [\langle \alpha | a^{-m} a^{+m} | \alpha \rangle]^{-1}$$

which rewrites

$$\mathcal{C}_k^{-2}(\alpha, m) = 2 + 2e^{-6|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi \kappa_m$$

with

$$\kappa_m = \frac{L_m(|\alpha|^2)}{L_m(-|\alpha|^2)}.$$

In investigating the pairwise quantum discord in a tripartite system 1–2–3, one needs the reduced density matrices describing the two qubit subsystems 1–2, 2–3 and 1–3. For the states  $|\alpha, m\rangle$  (21), it is simply seen that the reduced density matrices  $\rho_{12} = \text{Tr}_3 \rho_{123}$  and  $\rho_{13} = \text{Tr}_2 \rho_{123}$  are identical ( $\rho_{123} = |\alpha, m\rangle\langle\alpha, m|$ ). They are given by

$$\rho_{12} = \rho_{13} = \frac{\mathcal{C}_k^2(\alpha, m)}{\mathcal{N}_k^2(\alpha, m)} \left[ \left( \frac{1 + e^{-2|\alpha|^2}}{2} \right) |\mathbf{B}_k(\alpha, m)\rangle\langle\mathbf{B}_k(\alpha, m)| + \left( \frac{1 - e^{-2|\alpha|^2}}{2} \right) Z |\mathbf{B}_k(\alpha, m)\rangle\langle\mathbf{B}_k(\alpha, m)| Z \right] \quad (22)$$

in terms of photon added quasi-Bell states (11). The operator  $Z$  is the third Pauli generator defined by

$$Z |\mathbf{B}_k(\alpha, m)\rangle = \mathcal{N}_k(\alpha, m) [|m, \alpha\rangle \otimes |\alpha\rangle - e^{ik\pi} |m, -\alpha\rangle \otimes |-\alpha\rangle]$$

Similarly, one obtains the reduced matrix density

$$\rho_{23} = \frac{\mathcal{C}_k^2(\alpha, m)}{\mathcal{N}_k^2(\alpha, 0)} \left[ \left( \frac{1 + \kappa_m e^{-2|\alpha|^2}}{2} \right) |\mathbf{B}_k(\alpha, 0)\rangle\langle\mathbf{B}_k(\alpha, 0)| + \left( \frac{1 - \kappa_m e^{-2|\alpha|^2}}{2} \right) Z |\mathbf{B}_k(\alpha, 0)\rangle\langle\mathbf{B}_k(\alpha, 0)| Z \right] \quad (23)$$

Using the following mapping

$$|m, \pm\alpha\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \kappa_m e^{-2|\alpha|^2}}{2}} |0\rangle_1 \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \kappa_m e^{-2|\alpha|^2}}{2}} |1\rangle_1 \quad (24)$$

for the first mode. For the second and third modes, have

$$|\pm\alpha\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1 + e^{-2|\alpha|^2}}{2}} |0\rangle_i \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - e^{-2|\alpha|^2}}{2}} |1\rangle_i \quad i = 2, 3 \quad (25)$$

Substituting (24) and (25) in (22) (resp. (23)), one can express the density matrix  $\rho_{12}$  (resp.  $\rho_{23}$ ) in the two qubit basis  $\{|0\rangle_1 \otimes |0\rangle_2, |0\rangle_1 \otimes |1\rangle_2, |1\rangle_1 \otimes |0\rangle_2, |1\rangle_1 \otimes |1\rangle_2\}$  (resp.  $\{|0\rangle_2 \otimes |0\rangle_3, |0\rangle_2 \otimes |1\rangle_3, |1\rangle_2 \otimes |0\rangle_3, |1\rangle_2 \otimes |1\rangle_3\}$ )

## 4 Quantifying the quantum discord

### 4.1 Bipartite measures of entanglement of formation and quantum discord

The total correlation in a quantum state  $\rho_{AB}$  is quantified by the mutual information

$$I_{AB} = S_A + S_B - S_{AB}, \quad (26)$$

where  $\rho_{AB}$  is the state of a bipartite quantum system composed of the subsystems  $A$  and  $B$ , the operator  $\rho_{A(B)} = \text{Tr}_{B(A)}(\rho_{AB})$  is the reduced state of  $A(B)$  and  $S(\rho)$  is the von Neumann entropy of a quantum state  $\rho$ . The mutual information  $I_{AB}$  contains both quantum and classical correlations. It can be decomposed as

$$I_{AB} = D_{AB} + C_{AB}.$$

Consequently, for a bipartite quantum system, the quantum discord  $D_{AB}$  is defined as the difference between total correlation  $I_{AB}$  and classical correlation  $C_{AB}$ . The classical part  $C_{AB}$  can be determined by a local measurement optimization procedure as follows. Let us consider a perfect measurement on the subsystem  $A$  defined by a positive operator valued measure (POVM). The set of POVM elements is denoted by  $\mathcal{M} = \{M_k\}$  with  $M_k \geq 0$  and  $\sum_k M_k = \mathbb{I}$ . The von Neumann measurement, on the subsystem  $A$ , yields the statistical ensemble  $\{p_{B,k}, \rho_{B,k}\}$  such that

$$\rho_{AB} \longrightarrow \frac{(M_k \otimes \mathbb{I})\rho_{AB}(M_k \otimes \mathbb{I})}{p_{B,k}}$$

where the measurement operation is written as [71]

$$M_k = U \Pi_k U^\dagger \quad (27)$$

with  $\Pi_k = |k\rangle\langle k|$  ( $k = 0, 1$ ) is the one dimensional projector for subsystem  $A$  along the computational basis  $|k\rangle$ ,  $U \in SU(2)$  is a unitary operator and

$$p_{B,k} = \text{Tr} \left[ (M_k \otimes \mathbb{I})\rho_{AB}(M_k \otimes \mathbb{I}) \right].$$

The amount of information acquired about particle  $B$  is then given by

$$S_B - \sum_k p_{B,k} S_{B,k},$$

which depends on measurements belonging to  $\mathcal{M}$ . To remove the measurement dependence, a maximization over all possible measurements is performed and the classical correlation writes

$$\begin{aligned} C_{AB} &= \max_{\mathcal{M}} \left[ S_B - \sum_k p_{B,k} S_{B,k} \right] \\ &= S(\rho_B) - \tilde{S}_{\min} \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

where  $\tilde{S}_{\min}$  denotes the minimal value of the conditional entropy

$$\tilde{S} = \sum_k p_{B,k} S_{B,k}. \quad (29)$$

When optimization is taken over all perfect measurement, the quantum discord is

$$D_{AB} \equiv D_{AB}^{\rightarrow} = I_{AB} - C_{AB} = S_A + \tilde{S}_{\min} - S_{AB}. \quad (30)$$

Thus, the derivation of quantum discord requires the minimization of conditional entropy. This constitutes a complicated issue when dealing with an arbitrary mixed state. The explicit analytical expressions of quantum discord were obtained only for few exceptional two-qubit quantum states, especially ones of rank two. One may quote for instance the results obtained in [72, ?] (see also [76, 77, 81]). For a density matrix of rank two, the minimization of the conditional entropy (29) can be performed by purifying the density matrix  $\rho_{AB}$  and making use of Koashi-Winter relation [91] (see also [73]). This relation establishes the connection between the classical correlation of a bipartite state

$\rho_{AB}$  and the entanglement of formation of its complement  $\rho_{BC}$ . Hereafter, we discuss briefly this nice relation. For a rank-two quantum state, the density matrix  $\rho_{AB}$  decomposes as

$$\rho_{AB} = \lambda_+ |\phi_+\rangle\langle\phi_+| + \lambda_- |\phi_-\rangle\langle\phi_-| \quad (31)$$

where  $\lambda_+$  and  $\lambda_-$  are the eigenvalues of  $\rho_{AB}$  and the corresponding eigenstates are denoted by  $|\phi_+\rangle$  and  $|\phi_-\rangle$  respectively. Attaching a qubit  $C$  to the two-qubit system  $A$  and  $B$ , the purification of the system yields

$$|\phi\rangle = \sqrt{\lambda_+} |\phi_+\rangle \otimes |\mathbf{0}\rangle + \sqrt{\lambda_-} |\phi_-\rangle \otimes |\mathbf{1}\rangle \quad (32)$$

such that the whole system  $ABC$  is described by the pure state  $\rho_{ABC} = |\phi\rangle\langle\phi|$  from which one has the bipartite densities  $\rho_{AB} = \text{Tr}_C \rho_{ABC}$  and  $\rho_{BC} = \text{Tr}_A \rho_{ABC}$ . According to Koashi-Winter relation [91], the minimal value of the conditional entropy coincides with the entanglement of formation of  $\rho_{BC}$ . It is given by

$$\tilde{S}_{\min} = E(\rho_{BC}) = H\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{1 - |\mathcal{C}(\rho_{BC})|^2}\right) \quad (33)$$

where  $H(x) = -x \log_2 x - (1-x) \log_2 (1-x)$  is the binary entropy function and  $\mathcal{C}(\rho_{BC})$  is the concurrence of the density  $\rho_{BC}$ . We recall that for  $\rho_{12}$  the density matrix for a pair of qubits 1 and 2 which may be pure or mixed, the concurrence is [?]

$$\mathcal{C}_{12} = \max\{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_3 - \lambda_4, 0\} \quad (34)$$

for  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \lambda_3 \geq \lambda_4$  the square roots of the eigenvalues of the "spin-flipped" density matrix

$$\varrho_{12} \equiv \rho_{12}(\sigma_y \otimes \sigma_y) \rho_{12}^*(\sigma_y \otimes \sigma_y), \quad (35)$$

where the star stands for complex conjugation in the basis  $\{|00\rangle, |01\rangle, |10\rangle, |11\rangle\}$  and  $\sigma_y$  is the usual Pauli matrix. It follows that the Koashi-Winter relation and the purification procedure provide us with a computable expression of quantum discord

$$D_{AB}^{\rightarrow} = S_A - S_{AB} + E_{BC} \quad (36)$$

when the measurement is performed on the subsystem  $A$ . In the same manner, performing measurement on the second subsystem  $B$ , one gets

$$D_{AB}^{\leftarrow} = S_B - S_{AB} + E_{AC}. \quad (37)$$

It is simple to check that for a pure density state  $\rho_{AB}$ , the quantum discord reduces to entanglement of formation given by the entropy of the reduced density of the subsystem  $A$ .

## 4.2 Pairwise quantum discord

The pairwise quantum discord present in the mixed states  $\rho_{12}$ , and equivalently in  $\rho_{13}$ , can be computed using the procedure presented in the previous subsection. As result, when the measurement is performed on the subsystem  $A \equiv 1$ , the quantum discord is

$$D_{12} = S_1 - S_{12} + E_{23} \quad (38)$$

where  $k$  stands for the third subsystem traced out to get the reduced matrix density  $\rho_{ij}$ . The von Neumann entropy of the reduced density  $\rho_i$  is

$$S_1 = H\left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{(1 + \kappa_m e^{-2|\alpha|^2})(1 + e^{-4|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi)}{1 + \kappa_m e^{-6|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi}\right), \quad (39)$$

and the entropy of the bipartite density  $\rho_{12}$  is explicitly given by

$$S_{12} = H\left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{(1 + \kappa_m e^{-4|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi)(1 + e^{-2|\alpha|^2})}{1 + \kappa_m e^{-6|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi}\right). \quad (40)$$

It important to emphasize that the entanglement of formation measuring the entanglement of the subsystem 2 with the ancillary qubit, required in the purification process to minimize the conditional entropy, is exactly the entanglement of formation measuring the degree of intricacy between the subsystem 2 and the traced out qubit 3. The concurrence in the subsystem 2 – 3 takes the following form

$$C_{23} = \kappa_m e^{-2|\alpha|^2} \frac{\sqrt{(1 - e^{-4|\alpha|^2})(1 - e^{-4|\alpha|^2})}}{1 + \kappa_m e^{-6|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi}. \quad (41)$$

$$E_{23} = H\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{\kappa_m^2 e^{-4|\alpha|^2} (1 - e^{-4|\alpha|^2})(1 - e^{-4|\alpha|^2})}{(1 + \kappa_m e^{-6|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi)^2}}\right). \quad (42)$$

The pairwise quantum discord present in the mixed states  $\rho_{23}$  can be computed using the procedure presented in the previous subsection. As result, when the measurement is performed on the subsystem  $A \equiv 2$ , the quantum discord is

$$D_{23} = S_2 - S_{23} + E_{13} \quad (43)$$

where  $k$  stands for the third subsystem traced out to get the reduced matrix density  $\rho_{23}$ . The von Neumann entropy of the reduced density  $\rho_i$  is

$$S_2 = H\left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{(1 + e^{-2|\alpha|^2})(1 + \kappa_m e^{-4|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi)}{1 + \kappa_m e^{-6|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi}\right), \quad (44)$$

and the entropy of the bipartite density  $\rho_{23}$  is explicitly given by

$$S_{23} = H\left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{(1 + e^{-4|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi)(1 + \kappa_m e^{-2|\alpha|^2})}{1 + \kappa_m e^{-6|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi}\right). \quad (45)$$

It important to emphasize that the entanglement of formation measuring the entanglement of the subsystem 3 with the ancillary qubit, required in the purification process to minimize the conditional entropy, is exactly the entanglement of formation measuring the degree of intricacy between the subsystem 3 and the traced out qubit 1. The concurrence in the subsystem 1 – 3 takes the following form

$$C_{13} = e^{-2|\alpha|^2} \frac{\sqrt{(1 - \kappa_m^2 e^{-4|\alpha|^2})(1 - e^{-4|\alpha|^2})}}{1 + \kappa_m e^{-6|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi}. \quad (46)$$

$$E_{13} = H\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{e^{-4|\alpha|^2} (1 - \kappa_m^2 e^{-4|\alpha|^2})(1 - e^{-4|\alpha|^2})}{(1 + \kappa_m e^{-6|\alpha|^2} \cos m\pi)^2}}\right). \quad (47)$$

### 4.3 Some special cases

- Reduced density matrix  $\rho_{12}$

The quantum discord in the state  $\rho_{12}$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
D_{12} &= H\left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{(1 + \kappa_m e^{-2|\alpha|^2})(1 + e^{-4|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi)}{1 + \kappa_m e^{-6|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi}\right) \\
&- H\left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{(1 + \kappa_m e^{-4|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi)(1 + e^{-2|\alpha|^2})}{1 + \kappa_m e^{-6|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi}\right) \\
&+ H\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{\kappa_m^2 e^{-4|\alpha|^2} (1 - e^{-4|\alpha|^2})(1 - e^{-4|\alpha|^2})}{(1 + \kappa_m e^{-6|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi)^2}}\right),
\end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

We start with the special case  $m = 0$  (see figure 3), the state  $\rho_{12}$  is coincides with three-mode coherent states. At this point, we have  $p_1 = p$  and  $L_0(|\alpha^2\rangle) = 1$ , then the explicit expression of quantum discord for the density  $\rho_{12}$  is in term of the overlap  $p$ . This expression of discord is equivalent with the discord given by [?] for  $n = 3$ , and the discord for symmetric (antisymmetric) states  $m$  even ( $m$  odd) as shown in the figure 1. Gives a plot of quantum discord versus the overlap  $p$  for the mixed state  $\rho_{12}$ . It must be noticed that for  $k = 0$ , we find the maximum of discord obtained for the value  $p$  equal to  $1/2$ . However, for  $k = 1$ , the quantum discord takes the maximum value for  $p \rightarrow 1$  and the discord increase with  $p$  increase.

The figure 4 gives a plot of quantum discord versus the number of photon for symmetric added entangled coherent states (i.e.  $k$  even) and for different value of  $m$ . As seen from the figure, after an initial increasing, the quantum discord decreases to vanish when the amplitude of photon  $|\alpha^2| \rightarrow 2$ . The minimum value of discord is obtained when has no photon excitation (i.e.  $m = 0$ ) and the maximum of quantum discord is obtained for  $m=10$ , we also found that the discord is depends on the number of the excitation photon. However, this maximum increases as  $m$  increases. In figure 5, we give a plot of the quantum discord for the antisymmetric case and for different excitation of photon number. It is remarkable that for antisymmetric quantum states the maximal value of quantum discord increases as  $m$  decreased contrarily to the symmetric states.

- Reduced density matrix  $\rho_{23}$

For the state  $\rho_{23}$ , the quantum discord is

$$\begin{aligned}
D_{23} &= H\left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{(1 + e^{-2|\alpha|^2})(1 + \kappa_m e^{-4|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi)}{1 + \kappa_m e^{-6|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi}\right) \\
&- H\left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{(1 + e^{-4|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi)(1 + \kappa_m e^{-2|\alpha|^2})}{1 + \kappa_m e^{-6|\alpha|^2} \cos k\pi}\right) \\
&+ H\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{e^{-4|\alpha|^2} (1 - \kappa_m^2 e^{-4|\alpha|^2})(1 - e^{-4|\alpha|^2})}{(1 + \kappa_m e^{-6|\alpha|^2} \cos m\pi)^2}}\right),
\end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

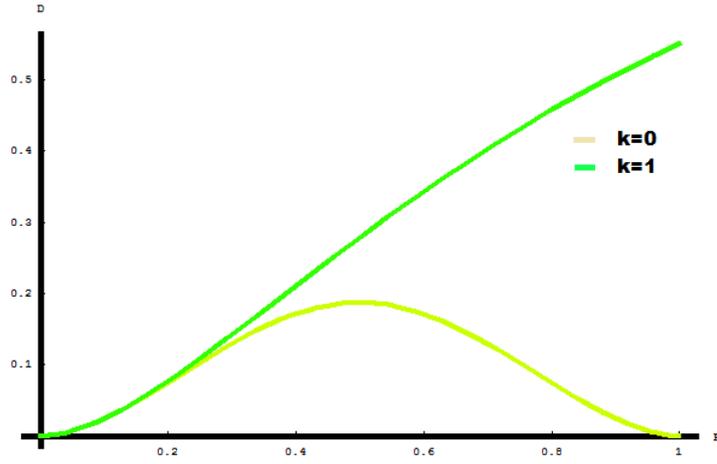


Figure 3: The quantum discord of SMEECS  $|\psi(|\alpha|, m)\rangle$  versus  $|\alpha|^2$  for (even) and (odd) states.

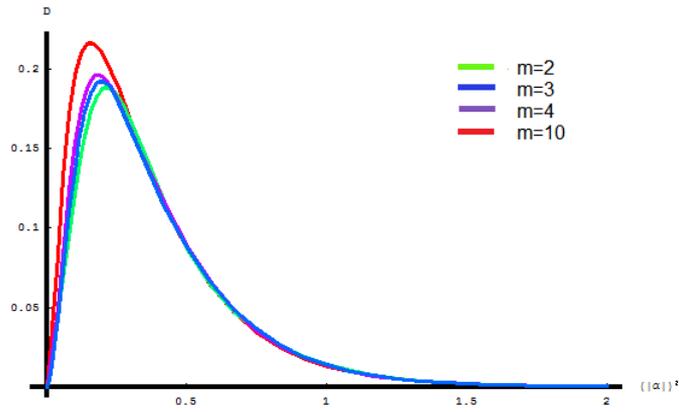


Figure 4: The quantum discord (even) of reduced density matrix  $\rho_{12}$  versus  $|\alpha|^2$  for the different number photon excitations.

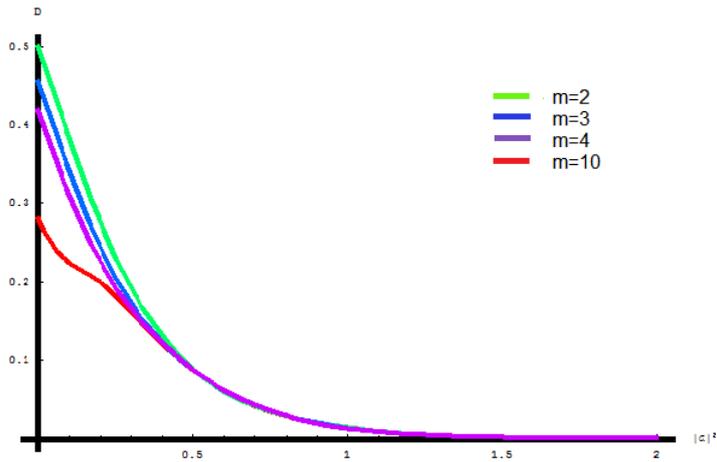


Figure 5: The quantum discord (odd) of reduced density matrix  $\rho_{12}$  versus  $|\alpha|^2$  for the different number photon excitations.

The explicit expression of quantum discord of reduced matrix  $\rho_{23}$  in the special case  $m = 0$  take the same result obtained for  $\rho_{12}$ .

The behavior of quantum discord of the reduced matrix  $\rho_{23}$  versus  $|\alpha|^2$  for symmetric (antisymmetric case )respectively is given in the figure 6 and 7 respectively. As seen from this figures, after an initial increasing, the quantum discord decreases to vanish when  $|\alpha|^2 \rightarrow 2$ . It is clearly seen that the quantum discord increases with the photon excitation number is increases in the symmetric case. Otherwise, for the antisymmetric states, the quantum discord is decreases when the photon excitation number increases.

We observed that, the minimum value ( $m = 2$ ) of quantum discord for the reduced matrix  $\rho_{12}$  is higher than the maximum value ( $m = 10$ ) obtained for the reduced matrix  $\rho_{23}$ .

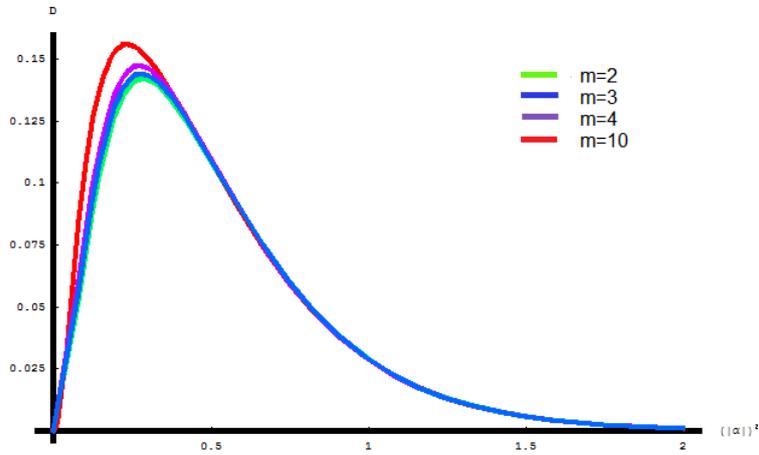


Figure 6: The quantum discord (odd) of reduced density matrix  $\rho_{23}$  versus  $|\alpha|^2$  for the different number photon excitations.

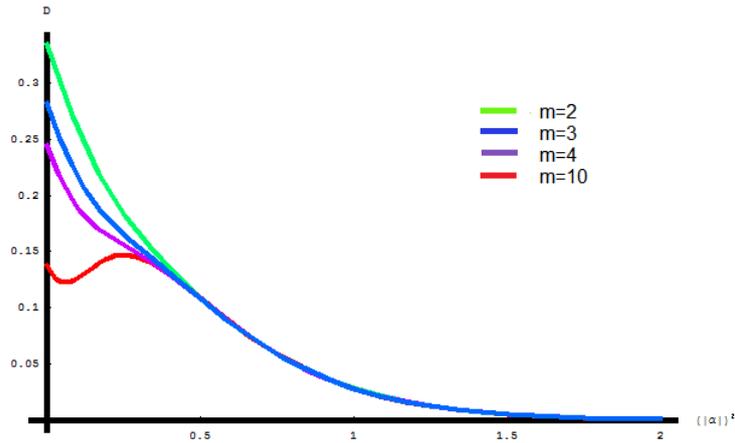


Figure 7: The quantum discord (odd) reduced density matrix  $\rho_{23}$  versus  $|\alpha|^2$  for the different number photon excitations.

## 5 Monogamy of quantum discord for a three-qubit entangled state

Monogamy of quantum correlations is a property satisfied by certain entanglement measures in a multipartite scenario. Given a tripartite state  $\rho_{123}$ , the monogamy condition for a bipartite quantum correlation measure  $\mathcal{Q}$  assures that the bipartite quantum correlations in the density operator  $\rho_{1|23}$  are distributed in such a way that the following inequality is satisfied

$$\mathcal{Q}(\rho_{1|23}) \geq \mathcal{Q}(\rho_{12}) + \mathcal{Q}(\rho_{13}). \quad (50)$$

Violation of the above inequality will imply that the quantity  $\mathcal{Q}$  is polygamous for the corresponding state. Otherwise, this inequality is sufficient for quantum discord to be monogamous.

To illustrate the above analysis, we will investigate the properties of quantum discord monogamy in two different ways (quantum discord and geometric quantum discord using norm 2).

- Monogamy of quantum discord

To investigate the monogamy relation of quantum discord measured in quantum systems involving three qubits, Coffman et al [24] introduced the so called tripartite state equation (??). It is defined as

$$D(\rho_{1|23}) \geq D(\rho_{12}) + D(\rho_{13}), \quad (51)$$

where 1, 2 and 3 mean the respective parts of a tripartite system. Note that here  $D_{1|23}$  is given by the entanglement between qubit (1) and the joint qubits (23). The quantum discord coincides with the entanglement of formation.

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The pure tripartite state  $|\alpha, m\rangle$  can be partitioned as bipartite system and can be expressed by means of two logical qubits. This scenario can be achieved as follows. We introduce, for the first subsystem, the orthogonal basis  $\{|0\rangle_1, |1\rangle_1\}$  defined by

$$|0\rangle_1 = \frac{|\alpha, m\rangle + |\alpha, m\rangle}{\sqrt{2(1 + \kappa_m e^{-2|\alpha|^2})}} \quad |1\rangle_1 = \frac{|\alpha, m\rangle - |\alpha, m\rangle}{\sqrt{2(1 - \kappa_m e^{-|\alpha|^2})}}. \quad (52)$$

For the modes (23), viewed as a single subsystem, we introduce the orthogonal basis  $\{|0\rangle_{23}, |1\rangle_{23}\}$  given by

$$|0\rangle_{23} = \frac{|\alpha, \alpha\rangle + |-\alpha, -\alpha\rangle}{\sqrt{2(1 + e^{-4|\alpha|^2})}} \quad |1\rangle_{23} = \frac{|\alpha, \alpha\rangle - |-\alpha, -\alpha\rangle}{\sqrt{2(1 + e^{-4|\alpha|^2})}}. \quad (53)$$

Inserting(52) and (53) in  $|\alpha, m\rangle$ , we get the form of the pure state  $|\alpha, m\rangle$  in the basis  $\{|0\rangle_1 \otimes |0\rangle_{23}, |0\rangle_1 \otimes |1\rangle_{23}, |1\rangle_1 \otimes |0\rangle_{23}, |1\rangle_1 \otimes |1\rangle_{23}\}$ . Explicitly, it is given by

$$|\alpha, m\rangle = \sum_{\alpha=0,1} \sum_{\beta=0,1} C_{\alpha,\beta} |\alpha\rangle_1 \otimes |\beta\rangle_{23} \quad (54)$$

where the coefficients  $C_{\alpha,\beta}$  are

$$\begin{aligned} C_{0,0} &= \mathcal{C}_k(\alpha, m)(1 + e^{ik\pi})c_1^+ c_{23}^+, & C_{0,1} &= \mathcal{C}_k(\alpha, m)(1 - e^{ik\pi})c_1^+ c_{23}^- \\ C_{1,0} &= \mathcal{C}_k(\alpha, m)(1 - e^{ik\pi})c_{23}^+ c_1^-, & C_{1,1} &= \mathcal{C}_k(\alpha, m)(1 + e^{ik\pi})c_1^- c_{23}^-. \end{aligned}$$

in terms of the quantities

$$c_1^\pm = \sqrt{\frac{1 \pm \kappa_m e^{-2|\alpha|^2}}{2}} \quad c_{23}^\pm = \sqrt{\frac{1 \pm e^{-4|\alpha|^2}}{2}}$$

The concurrence between the two qubits 1 and 23 is given by

$$D(\rho_{1|23}) = H\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{1 - C^2(\rho_{1|23})}\right) = E(\rho_{1|23}), \quad (55)$$

with

$$C(\rho_{1|23}) = \left( \frac{L_m(-|\alpha|^2)}{L_m(-|\alpha|^2) + \cos(k\pi)e^{-6|\alpha|^2}L_m(|\alpha|^2)} \right) (1 - (e^{-8|\alpha|^2})) (1 - (e^{-2|\alpha|^2} \frac{L_m(|\alpha|^2)}{L_m(-|\alpha|^2)})^2). \quad (56)$$

We will now present the conditions that signal whether a tripartite quantum state is monogamous in nature with respect to quantum discord. In figure 13, the monogamy quantity  $D_{123}$  is plotted as functions of overlapping  $p$ , for symmetric state the inequality mentioned as the above is satisfied. Otherwise, for the antisymmetric state (i.e.  $k=1$ ) the monogamy relation is violated during the interval  $0 \leq p \leq 1$ .

In the figures 14 and 15, corresponding respectively to symmetric and antisymmetric added coherent states, we plot the monogamy quantity as a function of  $|\alpha|^2$ . We examine the positivity of the following inequality

$$D_{123} = D_{123}(m, |\alpha|^2) = D(\rho_{1|23}) - D(\rho_{12}) - D(\rho_{13}), \quad (57)$$

defined in terms of the bipartite quantum discord. We shall restrict our discussion in what follows to the interval  $0 \leq |\alpha|^2 \leq 1, 3$ . Clearly, for symmetric states (see figure 14) the function described by (57) is non positive when  $0 \leq |\alpha|^2 \leq 0.644$ , consequently the quantum discord is non monogamous. Otherwise, if  $|\alpha|^2 \geq 0.644$  the quantum discord is monogamous whatever the photon excitations number  $m$ . Thus, for the antisymmetric states (figure 15) the plotted curve indicates that the inequality of monogamy (57) is not satisfied if  $0 \leq |\alpha|^2 \leq 0.4$ , Otherwise, for  $|\alpha|^2 \geq 0.4$  the quantity  $D_{123}$  is positive and the quantum discord is monogamous for everything values  $m$ .

## 6 Concluding remarks

Summarizing, we have presented in the early of this paper a class of the single mode excited entangled coherent states (SMEECSs)  $|\psi_p(\alpha, m)\rangle$ , which are obtained through actions of creation operator on the entangled coherent states. Then, we have exhibited the important properties of quantum entanglement by using different ways (specially, the concurrence, quantum discord and its version geometric). The

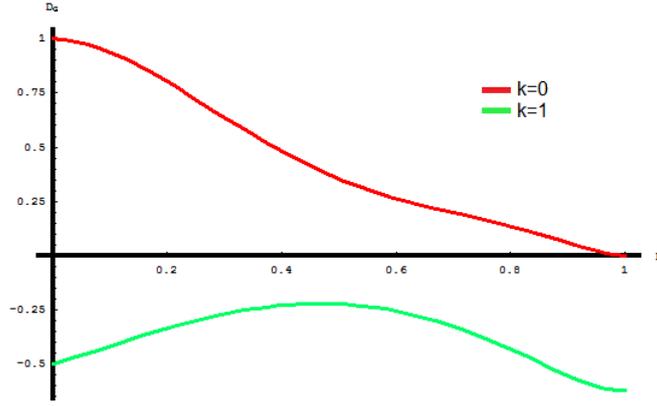


Figure 8: Monogamy  $D_{123}$  versus the overlapping  $p$  when  $m=0$

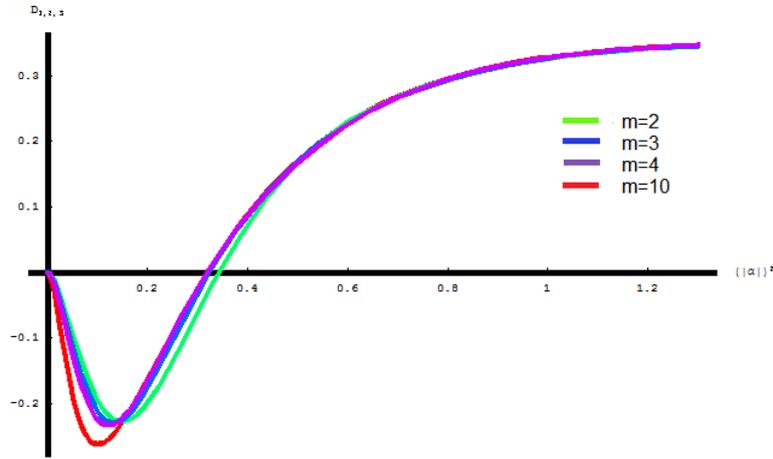


Figure 9: Monogamy  $D_{123}$  of symmetric states versus  $|\alpha|^2$  for different number photon excitations.

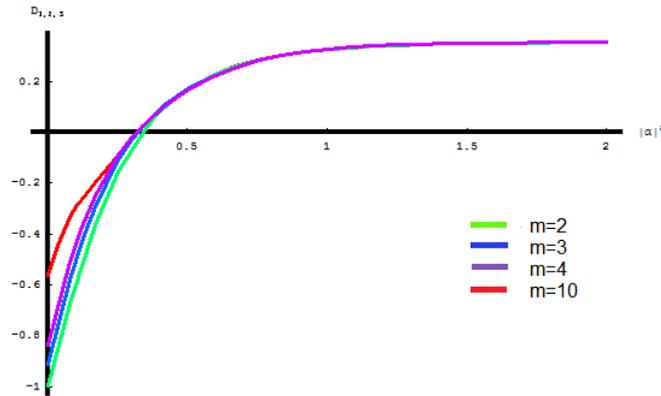


Figure 10: Monogamy  $D_{123}$  of antisymmetric states versus  $|\alpha|^2$  for different number photon excitations.

first way, we have studied the concurrence for bipartite systems and investigated the influence of phonon excitations numbers on quantum entanglement. We also employed the other process for studied the quantum correlation of add coherent states for tripartite quantum states (see the equations

(??) and (??) by the quantum discord. Thus, we found two explicit analytic expressions of this measure and the results obtained are discussed. Another way which treated the quantum correlations by introducing the geometric version of quantum discord, at this stage we derived a necessary and sufficient condition. Specially, for the case of three-qubit states we have proposed in the our discussion, two version(i.e.symmetric, antisymmetric states, respectively) and the result obtained is explained in terms of different number photon excitations(i.e.the influence of  $m$  on geometric quantum discord). To close our work, we have employed the concept of quantum monogamy corresponding to quantum discord and its geometric version. In particular, we have investigated the relation between discord monogamy and a genuine tripartite entanglement measure for three-qubit pure states. Therefor, We have demonstrated that the quantum correlations examined by the entropic measure, geometric measure respectively does not satisfy the monogamy relation(50). A very important result is derived in this work, from a value determined of  $|\alpha|^2$ , we see that no effect of the addition of the photon can be found on the measurement of monogamy. The analysis presented in this letter can be extended to the effect of subtracting the photon of tripartite GHZ coherent states.

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