

Massive Generation of Contextual Quantum Sets

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“What gives quantum computers that extra oomph over their classical digital counterparts? An intrinsic, measurable aspect of quantum mechanics called contextuality, it now emerges.” [1] This also gives an additional impetus to a massive generation of Kochen-Specker (KS) contextual sets we started in [2-5].

In this talk we shall present new classes of such sets in 4-, 6-, and 8-dimensional Hilbert spaces with billions of KS sets each as well as methods we make use of to generate them. The main breakthrough in massive generation of KS sets has been achieved by representing them by means of the so-called MMP diagrams which are kinds of hypergraphs in which vertices represent vectors and edges orthogonalities between them. By employing the hypergraphs we reduce the exponential complexity of solving nonlinear equations describing the orthogonalities of vectors to nearly polynomial one of handling the hypergraphs. Figure 1 shows some examples of hypergraph representation of critical KS sets we recently generated.

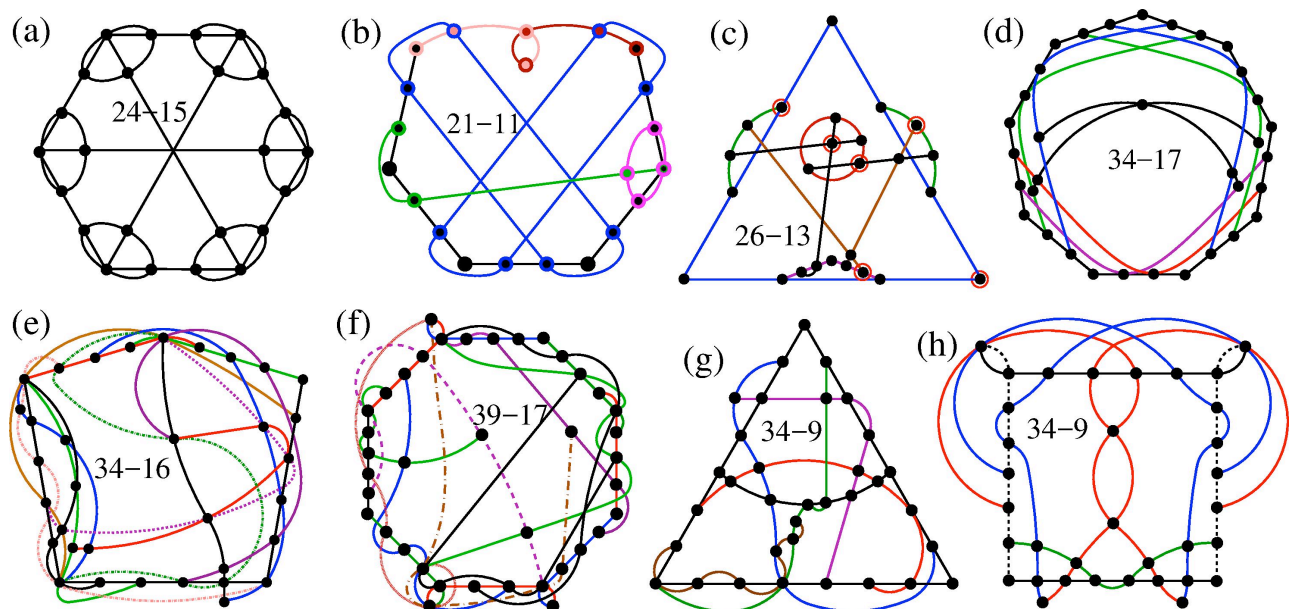


Fig1. MMP diagrams of critical KS sets (ones that would stop being KS sets, if we removed a single vertex from them) from (a) 24-24 4-dim class; (b,c) 60-105 4-dim; (d) 60-74 4-dim; (e,f) 256-1216 6-dim; (g,h) 120-2024 8-dim

As for 3-dim KS sets, we shall present a bottom-up generation of their MMP diagrams. In addition, we consider properties of 3-dim KS sets and show why recently presented 13 vector set [6] and its experimental implementation [7] do not prove the Kochen-Specker theorem.

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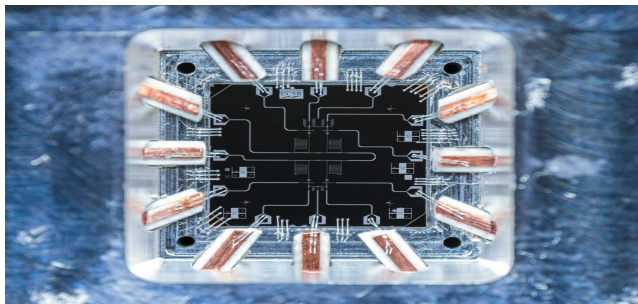
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Quantum Computation Importance

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STEPHEN D. BARTLETT

For decades, researchers have struggled with the question of what makes quantum computers so powerful, and the answer has been as elusive as an understanding of quantum physics itself. Is there some unique feature of quantum physics that is responsible for enabling quantum computers to perform certain computations faster than their conventional digital counterparts? Many of the more exotic properties of quantum mechanics have

been put forward as possible candidates, but so far none has held up to scrutiny. On page 351 of this issue, Howard *et al.*¹ uncover a remarkable connection between the power of quantum computers and one of the stranger properties of quantum theory known as contextuality.

Designs for quantum computers often mirror those of conventional computers, in that they are built out of basic components such as logic gates that perform elementary operations on quantum bits of information. A commonly used set of operations for a quantum processor

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Quantum Computation Magic

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Contextuality supplies the ‘magic’ for quantum computation

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Quantum computers promise dramatic advantages over their classical counterparts, but the source of the power in quantum computing has remained elusive. Here we prove a remarkable equivalence between the onset of contextuality and the possibility of universal quantum computation via ‘magic state’ distillation, which is the leading model for experimentally realizing a fault-tolerant quantum computer. This is a conceptually satisfying link, because contextuality, which precludes a simple ‘hidden variable’ model of quantum mechanics, provides one of the fundamental characterizations of uniquely quantum phenomena. Furthermore, this connection suggests a unifying paradigm for the resources of quantum information: the non-locality of quantum theory is a particular kind of contextuality, and non-locality is already known to be a critical resource for achieving advantages with quantum communication. In addition to clarifying these fundamental issues, this work advances the resource framework for quantum computation, which has a number of practical applications, such as characterizing the efficiency and trade-offs between distinct theoretical and experimental schemes for achieving robust quantum computation, and putting bounds on the overhead cost for the classical simulation of quantum algorithms.

Quantum Computation Magic Hypergraph

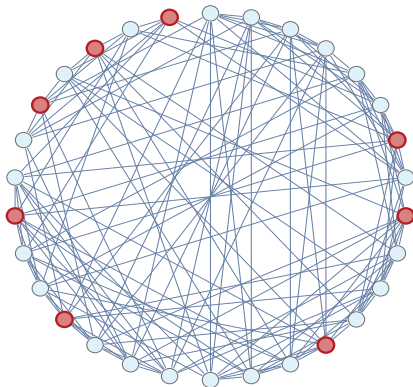
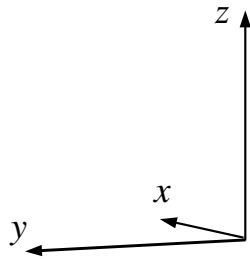
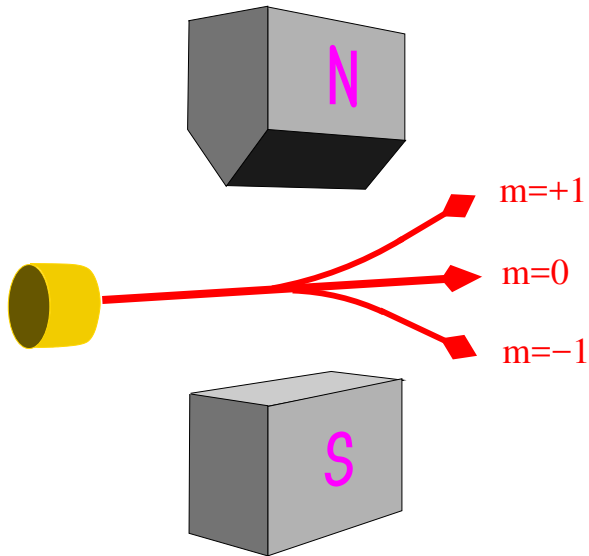


Figure 2 | Our construction applied to two qubits. Each of the 30 vertices in this graph Γ corresponds to a two-qubit stabilizer state; connected vertices correspond to orthogonal states. A maximum independent set (representing mutually non-orthogonal states) of size $\alpha(\Gamma) = 8$ is highlighted in red. As described in Theorem 1 (main text), this value of α identifies all states $\rho \notin \mathcal{P}_{\text{SIM}}$ as exhibiting contextuality with respect to the stabilizer measurements in our construction.

Stern-Gerlach (SG) Experiment



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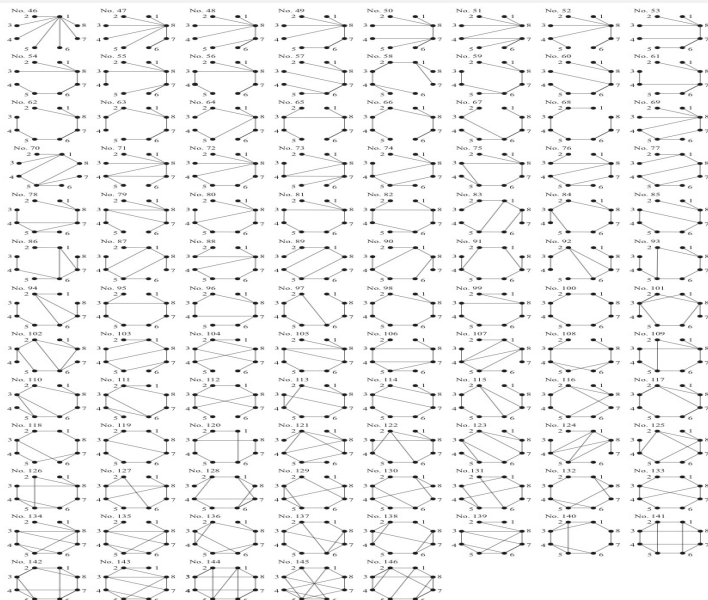
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Contextual sets are likely to find applications in the field of quantum information, similar to ones recently found for the graph states implementing entanglements for one-way quantum computing and quantum error correction.

Graph States—Cabello et. al., *Phys. Rev. A* (2009)



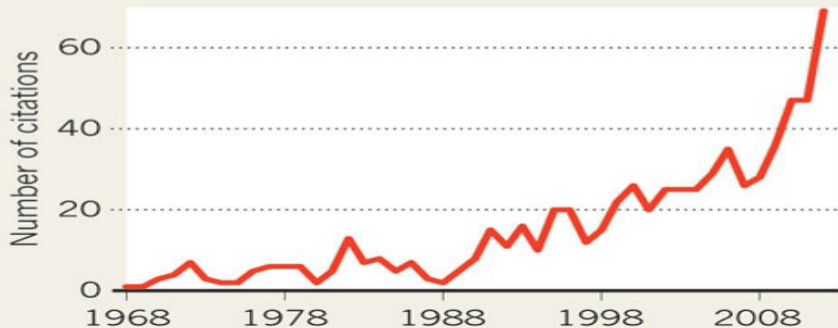
Algorithmic resources for the one-way quantum computation.

KS Theorem Cited in Recent Papers on Contextuality

Kochen-Specker sets are the most important examples of contextual sets. Each one of them proves the Kochen-Specker theorem.

A QUANTUM REVIVAL

Citations of the 1967 Kochen–Specker theorem have soared since physicists have been able to test it with specially prepared atoms and photons.



KS Contextual Application



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Photon Experiment

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Experimental Implementation of a Kochen-Specker Set of Quantum Tests

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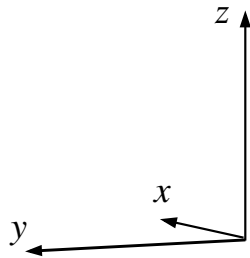
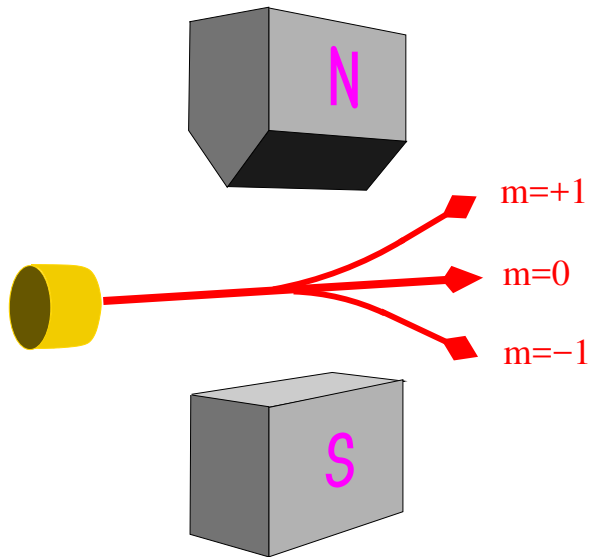
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2. Not all of any mutually orthogonal vectors are assigned the value 0.

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Orthogonality and Nonlinearity; 4-Dim Example

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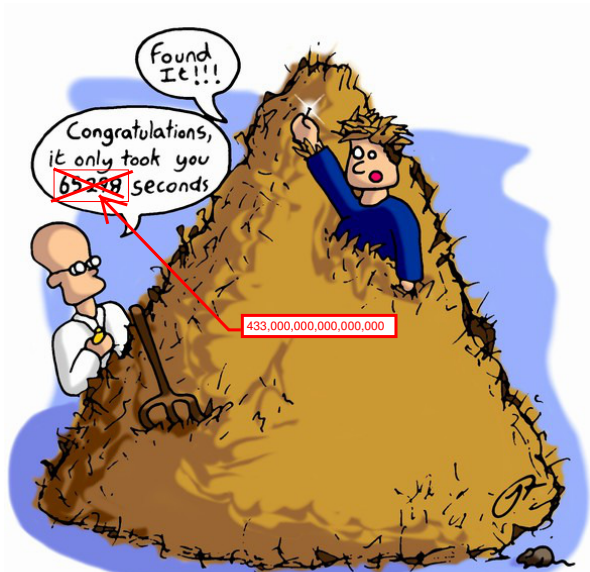
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Brute Force — Mission Impossible



McKay-Megill-Pavičić (MMP) Hypergraphs

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This and many other subsequently developed algorithms developed by Brendan D. McKay, Norman D. Megill, Jean-Pierre Merlet, P.K. Aravind, Mordecai Waegell, and Mladen Pavičić (2005-2016) enabled us to generate KS sets exhaustively (in principle).

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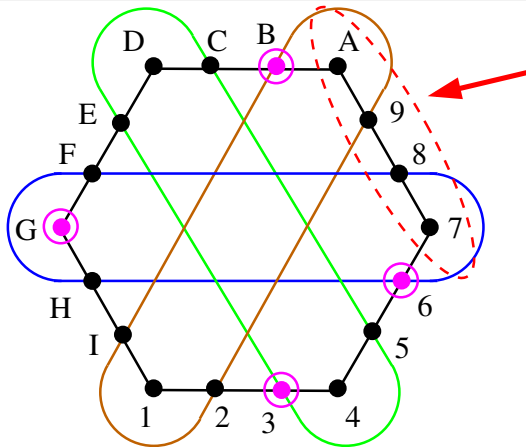
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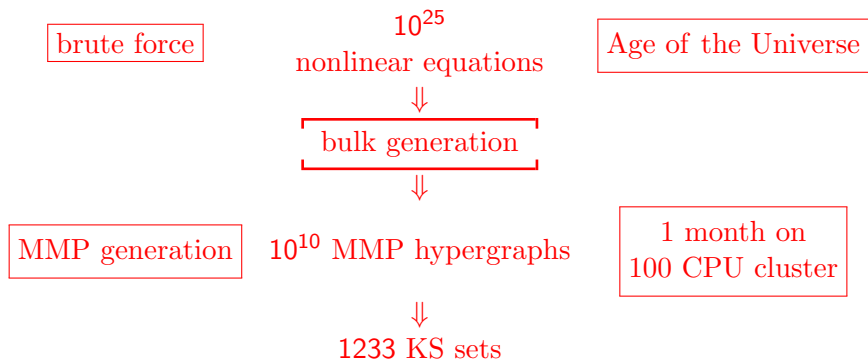
Contextuality Visualisation



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$1 = \{0,0,0,1\}$, ... $A = \{0,1,1,0\}$, ... $C = \{1,1,-1,-1\}$, ... $I = \{0,1,0,0\}$.

Algorithms Are Statistically Polynomially Complex but Nevertheless Demanding



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M. Pavičić, J-P. Merlet, B.D. McKay & N.D. Megill (2005)

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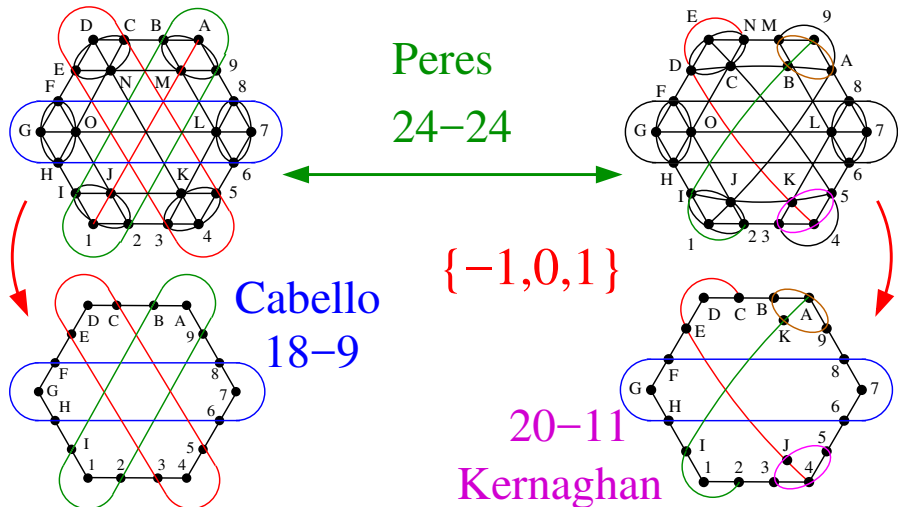
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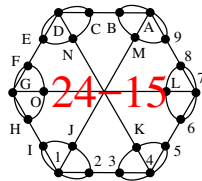
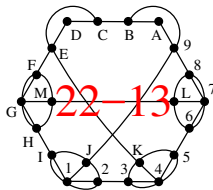
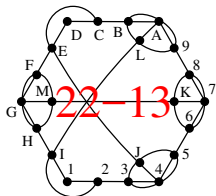
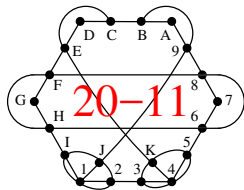


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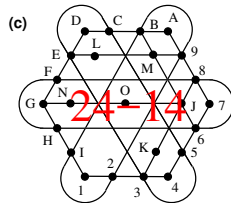
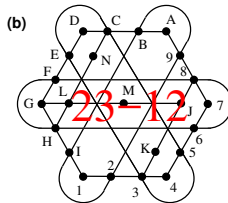
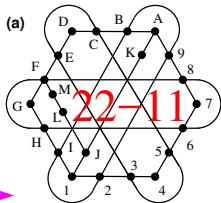
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There are altogether six critical subsets of Peres' 24-24 set. These are Cabello's 18-9, Kernagahn's 20-11, and the following 4 of ours \implies

Critical KS Sets with Components from $\{-1, 0, 1\}$ and Other KS Sets



What
about
 ~~$\{-1, 0, 1\}$~~ ?



60-74 Vector Class: Billions of Critical KS Sets

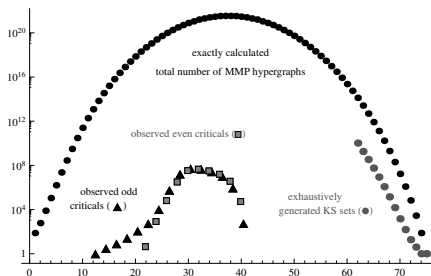
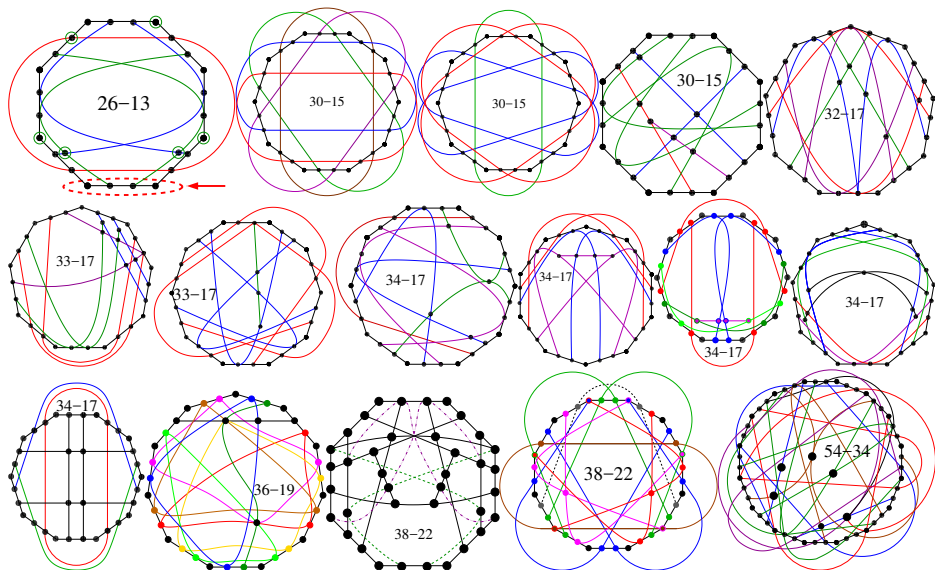


Figure: Statistics calculated for subsets of 60-74 given on a logarithmic scale. There are more than 10^9 critical KS sets. Given numbers of critical KS sets with 13 to 27 edges (on the x -axis) are exhaustive. The number of criticals with 32 edges is the biggest; we estimate that they do not exceed 10^{10} . Given numbers of noncritical KS sets with more than 61 edges are also exhaustive.

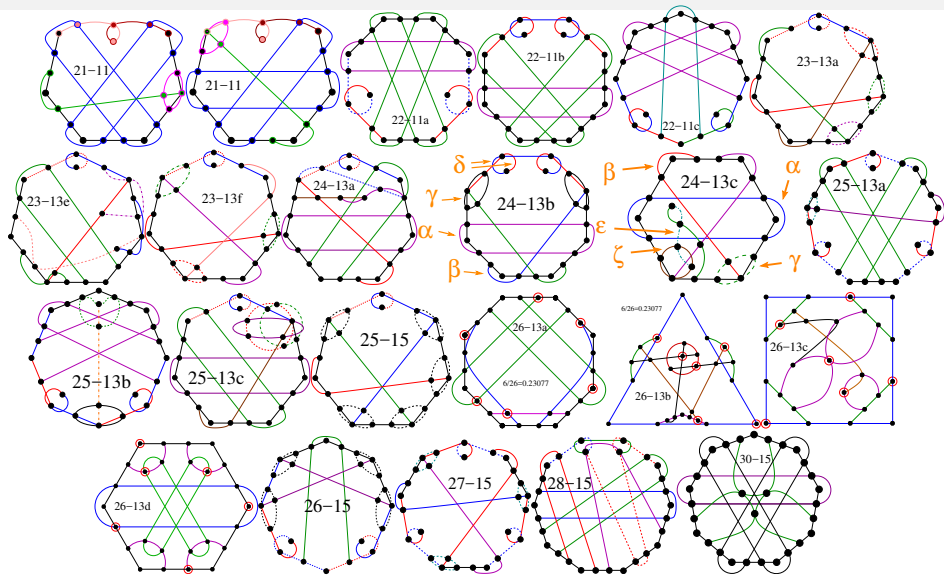
Chosen Critical Sets from the 60-74 Class



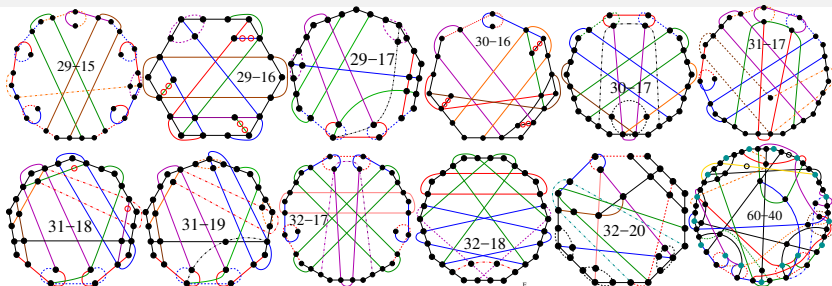
60-105 Vector Class: Millions of Critical KS Sets

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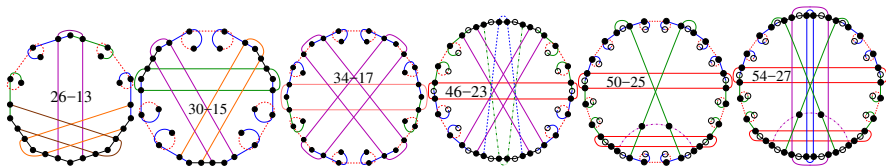
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Further Examples from the 60-105 Operator Class



Some 60-105-class KS critical sets with no parity proofs (even number of edges) compared with some sets with parity proofs (odd number of edges).

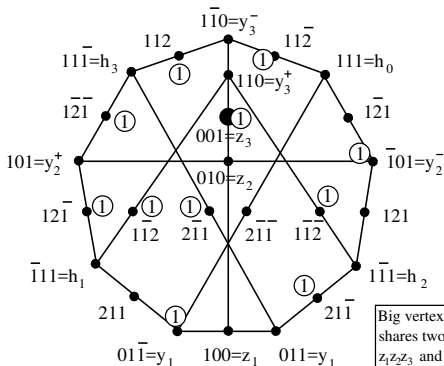
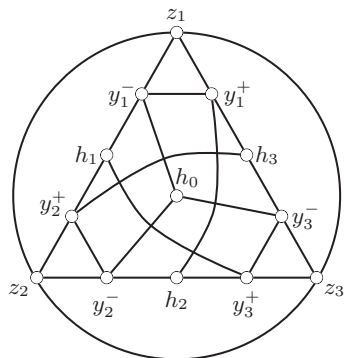


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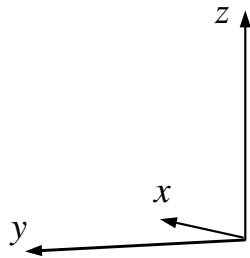
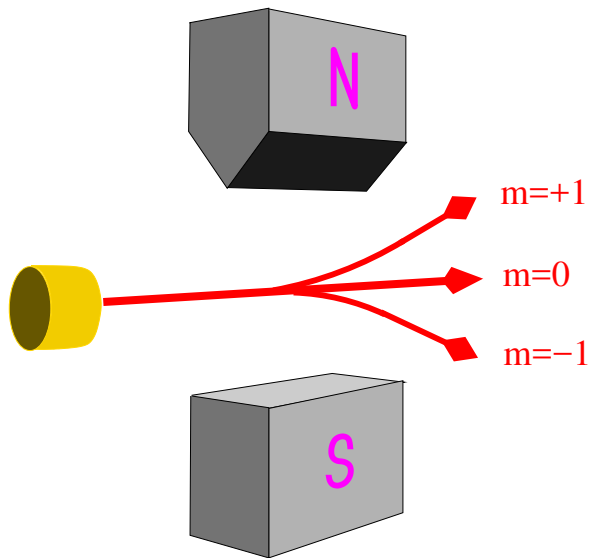
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Consequently, the following recent experiment on this Yu-Oh result does not prove the KS theorem either.

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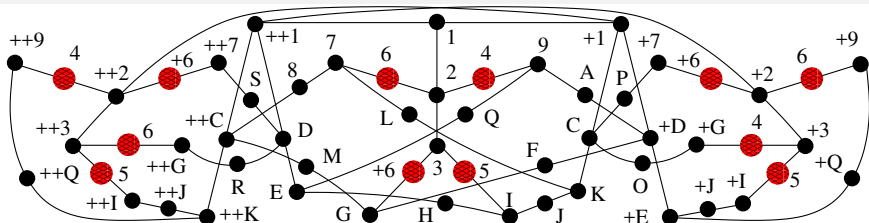
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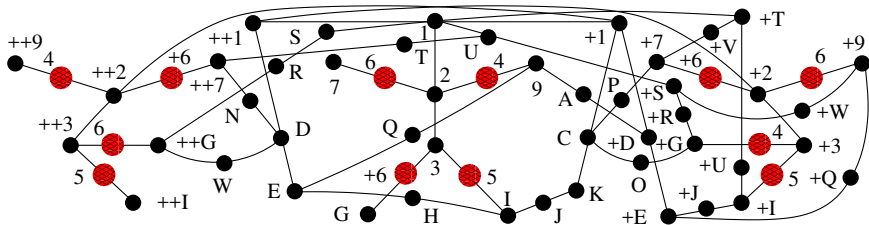
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The smallest 3-Dim KS Sets



Bub's 3-dim KS critical set with 49 vertices and 36 edges.



Conway-Kochen 3-dim KS critical set with 51 (not 31 as usually claimed) vertices and 37 edges.

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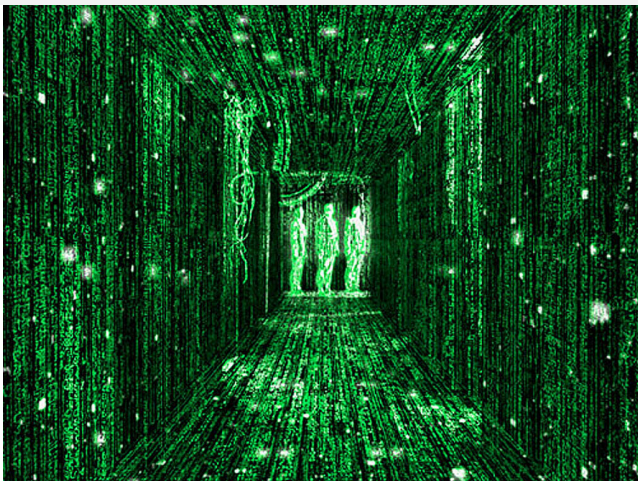


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