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A generic quantum Wielandt's inequality

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In this talk, I will provide a generic version of quantum Wielandt's inequality, which gives an optimal upper bound on the minimal length such that products of that length of n -dimensional matrices in a generating system span the whole matrix algebra with probability one. I will show that this length generically is of order $\Theta(\log n)$, as opposed to the general case, in which the best bound to the date is $O(n^2 \log n)$. We will discuss the implications of this result as a new bound on the primitivity index of a random quantum channel, as well as to show that almost any translation-invariant (with periodic boundary conditions) matrix product state with length of order $\Omega(\log n)$ is the unique ground state of a local Hamiltonian. Finally, we will comment on the possibility of extending these results to Lie algebras. This is based on joint work with Yifan Jia.

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