## Noisy Interactive Quantum Communication arXiv: 1309.2643

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# Noiseless Interactive Quantum Protocols

- Well-studied: Quantum communication complexity
  - ▶ 2 Models for computing classical  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$



- Exponential separations in communication complexity
  - Classical vs. quantum
  - ► N-rounds vs. N+1-rounds

# Noisy Quantum Communication

• Well-studied for unidirectional data transmission



- Quantum information theory: Random noise, à la Shannon
- Communication rate R = k/n
- Quantum coding theory: Adversarial noise, à la Hamming

• Error rate 
$$\delta = t/r$$

## Noisy Interactive Quantum Communication

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- Error rate  $\delta = t/n$



Noiseless protocol



• Simulation protocol

# Naive Strategy

• Encode each transmission into a QECC



- Worst case interaction: 1 qubit communication
  - Random noise: communication rate  $\rightarrow 0$
  - Adversarial noise: tolerable error rate  $\rightarrow 0$
- Classical protocols: same problems but... [Schulman'96]
   Simulation protocols with *positive* communication and error *rates*

# Problems for Quantum Simulation

- Classical information can be copied and resent if destroyed by noise
  - Yao model problem: no-cloning theorem
- Cleve-Buhrman model: communication is classical
  - Problem: quantum measurements are irreversible
- Can we do better than naive (block coding) strategy?



# Noisy Communication Models

- Consider 3 distinct noisy communication models
- Noisy quantum communication, no shared entanglement
  - Noisy analogue to the Yao model
- Noisy classical communication, perfect shared entanglement
  - Noisy analogue to the Cleve-Buhrman model
- Noisy classical communication, noisy shared entanglement
  - Noisy EPR pairs (Werner states)

#### Results

- Simulations in all 3 models
- Positive communication rates
  - Yao model:  $O(\frac{1}{Q})$  overhead over depolarizing channel
  - Cleve-Buhrman:  $O(\frac{1}{C})$  overhead over binary symmetric channel
- Tolerate positive adversarial error rates
  - Yao model:  $\frac{1}{6} \epsilon$
  - Cleve-Buhrman model:  $\frac{1}{2} \epsilon$ , optimal
- First interactive analogue of good quantum code

#### Results

- Noisy entanglement: Simulation for any non-separable Werner state
- Cleve-Buhrman model:  $O(\frac{1}{C})$  overhead is optimal
- Yao model:  $O(\frac{1}{Q})$  overhead is *not* 
  - Simulation for some Q = 0 depolarizing channel!

# Main Ingredient : Teleportation Protocol



- State after Bell measurement:  $X^{x}Z^{z}\left|\psi
  ight
  angle$
- Bob decodes with Z<sup>z'</sup>X<sup>x'</sup>
- Obtains  $\pm X^{x+x'}Z^{z+z'}\ket{\psi}$
- Noisy classical communication ightarrow Pauli error on  $|\psi
  angle$

# Solutions to Quantum Simulation Problems

- Cleve-Buhrman model: Make everything coherent
  - $\blacktriangleright \ Measurements \rightarrow pseudo-measurements$
- Yao model: Use teleportation to avoid losing quantum information
- Evolve sequence of noiseless unitaries
- Everything on joint register is a sequence of reversible operations



#### Quantum Simulation Protocol

- Yao: To distribute EPR pairs, use tools from quantum coding theory
- For interaction, use tools from classical interactive coding
- Can we use classical simulation protocols: No!
  - Classical goal: Alice and Bob agree on transcript
  - Here: Contains mostly random teleportation outcomes



# Tools for Classical Simulation Protocols

• Tree representation for communication protocols



- Tree codes
  - Online codes
  - Self-healing property
- Blueberry codes
  - Randomized error detection codes
- Classical strategy: Simulate evolution in protocol tree
  - $\blacktriangleright$  Error  $\rightarrow$  go back to last agreement point

#### Further Problems for Quantum Simulation

- For quantum protocols, no protocol tree to synchronize on
  - Can still synchronize on sequential structure of quantum protocol
- Cannot restart with a copy of previous state (no-cloning)
  - Need to rewind unitaries, leading to more errors



#### Classical Information Sent over Noisy Channel

- Teleportation measurement outcome :  $x_M, z_M \in \{0, 1\}$
- Teleportation decoding operation :  $x_D, z_D \in \{0, 1\}$
- Direction for evolution of noiseless protocol :  $M \in \{-1, 0, +1\}$
- Index of noiseless protocol unitary :  $j \in [n+1]$ 
  - Implicit:  $j_{\ell} = \sum_{i < \ell} 2M_i + M_{\ell}$  (+1 for Bob)



## Example Run of Simulation Protocol



## Conclusion : Summary

- Communication complexity robust under noisy communication
- Tolerate maximal error in perfect shared entanglement model
  - Requires new bound on tree codes
- Positive communication rates for some Q = 0 depolarizing channel
  - Separation between standard and interactive quantum capacity

#### Further Research Directions

- Adaptation of classical results to quantum realm
  - Computationally efficient protocols against adversarial noise
  - High communication rates for low random noise
- Upper bound on interactive quantum capacity
- Improve tolerable error rate in quantum model
  - Possibly by developing a fully quantum approach
  - Construction of quantum tree codes?
- Integration into larger fault-tolerant framework