Simulations of qubit communication in prepare-and-measure and Bell scenarios

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M. J. Renner, A. Tavakoli, M. T. Quintino, 2022, *The classical cost of transmitting a qubit*

Considering a **general prepare-and-measure scenario** in which Alice can transmit qubit states to Bob, who can perform general measurements in the form of **positive operator-valued measures**…

… t[h](https://arxiv.org/search/quant-ph?searchtype=author&query=Quintino%2C+M+T)e **statistics** obtained in such scenario **can be reproduced by** purely classical means of **shared randomness** and **two bits** of communication.

Furthermore, it is proved that two bits of communication is the minimal cost of a perfect classical simulation.

In addition, the protocol can be adapted to **Bell scenarios**, extending Toner and Bacon results. In particular, **one bit of communication** is enough to **reproduce all quantum correlations** associated to arbitrary local measurements applied to a **Bell singlet state**.

Can we simulate and verify this?

LET´S CHECK…

The classical cost of transmitting a qubit

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We consider general prepare-and-measure scenarios in which Alice can transmit qubit states to Bob, who can perform general measurements in the form of positive operator-valued measures (POVMs). We show that the statistics obtained in any such quantum protocol can be simulated by the purely classical means of shared randomness and two bits of communication. Furthermore we prove that two bits of communication is the minimal cost of a perfect classical simulation. In addition, we apply our methods to Bell scenarios, which extends the well-known Toner and Bacon protocol. In particular, two bits of communication are enough to simulate all quantum correlations associated to arbitrary local POVMs applied to any entangled two-qubit state.

Introduction. - Quantum resources enable a sender and a receiver to break the limitations of classical communication. When entanglement is available, classical $[1-4]$ as well as quantum communication $[5, 6]$ can be boosted beyond purely classical models. A seminal example is dense coding, in which two classical bits can be substituted for a single qubit and shared entanglement [7]. However, entanglement is not necessary for quantum advantages. Communicating an unassisted d-dimensional quantum system frequently outperforms the best conceivable protocols based on a classical d-dimensional system $[8-12]$; even yielding advantages growing exponentially in d [13, 14]. Already in the simplest meaningful scenario, namely that in which the communication of a bit is substituted for a qubit, sizable advantages are obtained in important tasks like Random Access Coding [15-17]. These qubit advantages propel a variety of quantum information applications $[18-22]$.

It is natural to explore the fundamental limits of quantum over classical advantages. In order to do so, one has to investigate the amount of classical communication required to model the predictions of quantum theory. Previous works consider not only the scenario of sending quantum systems $[23-27]$, but also simulating bipartite [23-33], as well as multipartite entangled quantum systems [34-36]. While such classical simulation of quantum theory is in general challenging, a breakthrough was made by Toner and Bacon [26]. Their protocol shows that any quantum prediction based on standard, projective, measurements on a qubit can be simulated by communicating only two classical bits. However, this does not account for the full power of quantum the ory. More precisely, there exists qubit measurements that cannot be reduced to stochastic combinations of projective ones [37]. The most general measurements are known as positive operator-valued measures (POVMs). Physically, they correspond to the receiver interacting the message qubit with a locally prepared auxiliary qubit, and then performing a measurement on the joint system [38] Such POVMs are even indispensable for important tasks

like unambiguous state discrimination [39, 40] and hold a key role in many quantum information protocols (see e.g. [41-49]). Importantly, they also give rise to correlations that cannot be modelled in any qubit experiment based on projective measurements [50-54]

This naturally raises the question of identifying the classical cost of simulating the most general predictions of quantum theory, based on POVMs. In the minimal qubit communication scenario, one may suspect that this cheap price of only two bits is due to the restriction to the, fundamentally binary, projective measurements. In contrast, when measurements are general POVMs, it is even unclear whether the classical simulation cost is finite. Notably, previous work has shown that there exists $\,$ a classical simulation that requires 5.7 bits of communication on average [23, 27]. However, that protocol has a certain probability to fail in each round, leading to an unbounded amount of communication in the worst case.

In this work, we explicitly construct a classical protocol that simulates all qubit-based correlations in the prepare-and-measure scenario by using only two bits of communication. Thus, we find that the cost of a classical simulation remains the same when considering the most general class of measurements, although POVMs enable more general quantum correlations than projective measurements. Moreover, we show that two bits is the minimal classical simulation cost, i.e. there exists no classical simulation that uses less communication than our protocol. This is shown through an explicit quantum protocol, based on qubit communication, that eludes simulation with a ternary classical message. Finally, we apply our methods to Bell nonlocality scenarios. We present novel protocols that simulate the statistics of local measurements on entangled qubit pairs.

The prepare-and-measure scenario. prepare-and-measure (PM) scenario (see Fig. 1 a)) consists of two steps. Firstly, Alice prepares an arbitrary quantum state of dimension $d_{\mathcal{Q}}$ and sends it to Bob. The state is described by a positive semidefinite $d_Q \times d_Q$ complex matrix $\rho \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}_{d_Q}), \rho \ge 0$ with unit trace $\text{tr}(\rho) = 1$.

[26] B. F. Toner and D. Bacon, Communication Cost of Simulating Bell Correlations, Phys. Rev. Lett. 91, 187904 (2003) , arXiv:quant-ph $/0304076$ [quant-ph].

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MAIN OBJECTIVE:

Prove by **computer-based experiments** that a **qubit communication** can be simulated classically with a total cost of **2 classical bits for any POVM** in a **prepare-and-measure scenario**, or **1 classical bit for any arbitrary local measurement in a Bell scenario.**

PROJECT STEPS TO ACHIEVE IT:

https://github.com/inaki-ortizdelandaluce/qubit-communication-simulations

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- 1. Alice and Bob share two normalized vectors $\vec{\lambda}_1, \vec{\lambda}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^3$, which are uniformly and independently distributed on the unit radius sphere S_2 .
- 2. Instead of sending a pure qubit $\rho = (1 + \vec{x} \cdot \vec{\sigma})/2$, Alice prepares two bits via the formula $c_1 = H(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{\lambda}_1)$ and $c_2 = H(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{\lambda}_2)$ and sends them to Bob.
- 3. Bob flips each vector $\vec{\lambda}_i$ when the corresponding bit c_i is zero. This is equivalent to set $\vec{\lambda}'_i := (-1)^{1+c_i} \vec{\lambda}_i$.
- 4. Instead of performing a POVM with elements $B_k = 2p_k |\vec{y}_k\rangle \langle \vec{y}_k|$, Bob picks one vector \vec{y}_k from the set $\{\vec{y}_k\}$ according to the probabilities $\{p_k\}$.
Then he sets $\vec{\lambda} := \vec{\lambda}'_1$ if $|\vec{\lambda}'_1 \cdot \vec{y}_k| \ge$ Bob outputs k with probability

$$
p_B(k|\{B_k\},\vec{\lambda}) = \frac{p_k \; \Theta(\vec{y}_k \cdot \vec{\lambda})}{\sum_j^N p_j \; \Theta(\vec{y}_j \cdot \vec{\lambda})}
$$

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To produce a **random qubit pure state**, we should obtain a **random unitary matrix** and then apply the **unitary transformation** to the zero qubit state, resembling the time evolution of a qubit from a zero initial state.

The random unitary matrix can be generated by just building a matrix of normally distributed complex numbers, and then apply the **Gram-Schmidt QR decomposition to orthogonalize the matrix**.

HOW WE VALIDATE THE RANDOM QUBIT STATE DISTRIBUTION?

Hierarchical **E**qual **A**rea iso**L**atitude **Pix**elisation (**HEALPix**) of the Bloch sphere

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Every **POVM** can be written as a **coarse graining of rank 1 projectors**, such that the protocol implementation can restrict **without any loss** in generality to POVMs proportional to rank-1 projectors.

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As described by *Sentis et al.* the conditions under which a set of N arbitrary rank-1 operators ${B_k}$ comprises a qubit POVM, can be equivalently written in a system of **four linear equations.** The existence of the set {ak } has a direct translation into a **linear programming feasibility problem** we would have to

$\begin{split} \sum_{k=1}^N a_k = 2 \ \sum_{k=1}^N a_k \vec{y}_k = \vec{0} \end{split}$

solve **computationally**.

As an example, to build a random POVM set of $N = 4$ elements, we could apply the following procedure:

- 1. Assign two rank-1 operators as projective measurement elements $E_i =$ $|v_i\rangle\langle v_i|$ with unknown weights $\{a_i\}$, where $i=1,2$.
- 2. Apply the closure relation such that the third rank-1 operator is $E_3 =$ $\mathbb{1} \sum_{i=1}^{2} E_i$. Note that this will not be necessarily a rank-1 operator.
- 3. Diagonalize E_3 to obtain the relevant qubit states as eigenvectors $|v_3\rangle$ and $|v_4\rangle$.
- 4. Convert all qubit states $|v_i\rangle$ to Bloch vectors \vec{y}_i , where $i = 1, 2, ... 4$.

5. Solve the linear programming feasibility problem

 $x = \{a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_N\}$ find subject to $Ax = b$ where column $A_{*k} = (\vec{y}_k, 1)$, and $b = (\vec{0}, 2)$ $x\geq 0$

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Simulations run using **random states and POVM measures,** and also **well-known POVMs (e.g. Cross, Trine, SIC-POVM), all reproducing** the quantum **probabilities** with **extraordinary accuracy**.

Cross-POVM $\mathbb{P}_4 = \{\frac{1}{2} |0\rangle\langle 0|, \frac{1}{2} |1\rangle\langle 1|, \frac{1}{2} |+\rangle\langle +|, \frac{1}{2} |-\rangle\langle -|\}$

SIC-POVM

 $\mathbb{P}_4 = \{E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4\}$ and $E_k = \frac{1}{2} |\Psi_k\rangle \langle \Psi_k|$, where

 $|\Psi_1\rangle = |0\rangle$ $|\Psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}|0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}|1\rangle$ $|\Psi_3\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}} |1\rangle$ $|\Psi_4\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}|0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} e^{i\frac{4\pi}{3}}|1\rangle$

Trine-POVM

 $\mathbb{P}_3 = \{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$ and $E_k = \frac{2}{3} |\Psi_k\rangle \langle \Psi_k|$, where

$$
\begin{aligned} |\Psi_1\rangle &= |0\rangle\\ |\Psi_2\rangle &= \frac{1}{2}\,|0\rangle + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\,|1\rangle\\ |\Psi_3\rangle &= \frac{1}{2}\,|0\rangle - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\,|1\rangle \end{aligned}
$$

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The **relative entropy distance**, or Kullback-Leibler divergence, **among** the **theoretical** and **classical** simulation **probability distributions**:

- 1. Alice and Bob share two normalized vectors $\vec{\lambda}'_1, \vec{\lambda}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^3$, which are uniformly and independently distributed on the unit radius sphere S_2 .
- 2. Instead of performing a measurement with projectors $|\pm \vec{x}\rangle \langle \pm \vec{x}| = (1 + \vec{x} \cdot$

 $\vec{\sigma}$ /2, Alice outputs $a = -sgn(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{\lambda}'_1)$ and sends the bit $c = sgn(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{\lambda}'_1)$. $sgn(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{\lambda}_2)$ to Bob, where

$$
sgn(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } z \ge 0 \\ -1 & \text{when } z < 0 \end{cases} \tag{14}
$$

- 3. Bob flips the vector $\vec{\lambda}_2$ if and only if $c = -1$, i.e. he sets $\vec{\lambda}'_2 := c \vec{\lambda}_2$.
- 4. Same as step 4 in the previous prepare-and-measure protocol.

$$
p_B(k|\{B_k\},\vec{\lambda}) = \frac{p_k \ \Theta(\vec{y}_k \cdot \vec{\lambda})}{\sum_j^N p_j \ \Theta(\vec{y}_j \cdot \vec{\lambda})}
$$

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Simulations run using **Bell singlet state** and **local projective measurements**, **reproducing joint probabilities** with **extraordinary accuracy**.

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Table 5: Probability outcomes of a classical Bell simulation after $10⁷$ shots. The entanglement state is the Bell singlet state $|\Psi^{-}\rangle = (|00\rangle - |11\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$, and the observables chosen are $A_0 =$ Z, $A_1 = X$, $B_0 = -(X + Z)/\sqrt{2}$, $B_1 = (X - Z)1/\sqrt{2}$. For the purpose of comparison, theoretical probabilities calculated using Born's rule are presented in superscript blue color.

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NEXT STEP: EXECUTE QUANTUM PROGRAM IN QC

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Job Status: job is queued (128)

Above: Quantum program execution in QC perth with 1000 shots

- In theory LAGOS is the best quantum computer, let's check the results.

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Why we run program in 5 QC?

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Qiskit works automatically with **4000** shots.

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Initially, We launched two QC programs in Nairobi, with **4000** shots and **10000** shots,

Contrary to what theory told us, the **more shots** we implement, the **worse** results we got ….

It was not logical at all, that's why:

We studied the behavior of 5QC with the same number of Qubits, for different number of shots: 100, 500, 1.000, 4.000, 10.000 and 20.000 (20.000 is the maximum that can be launched in a QC for free).

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QC ERROR COMPARISON $0,4$ $0,35$ $0,3$ $0,25$ ERROR PROBABILITY $OC-NAIR OBI$ $0,2$ QC-PERTH QC -OSLO QC-JAKARTA $0,15$ QC-LAGOS $0,1$ $0,05$ $\,$ $\,$ $\,$ 100 SHOTS 500 SHOTS 1000 SHOTS 4000 SHOTS **10000 SHOTS** 20000 SHOTS

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- 1) Quantum computer statistics are different from Quantum Simulation, it is noted that the less noise the QC has, the **closer** statistics are to Quantum Simulation.
- 2) **All** five QC have better performance from **1.000** shots.
- 3) **Lagos** is the best QC option for prepare and measurement scenario, is the QC with lowest median CNOT error and median Readout error.
- 4) **Perth** is the worst QC option for prepare and measurement scenario by far.
- 5) **Oslo** has the closest approximation to Quantum Simulation (20.000 shots), for further work it will be interesting increasing the number of shots and check if it matches completely to simulation.
- 6) **Jakarta**, with worst QUANTUM VOLUME values, has given optimal results.
- 7) Running with 20.000 shots, **4/5** worked with less noise than in previous programs. Those who have given these values have the highest QUANTUM VOLUME (32).

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- We have **executed and confirmed** the work of Martin J. Renner, Armin Tavakoli, Marco Túlio Quintino, 2022 , The classical cost of transmitting a qubit: two bits of communication are enough to classicaly simulate a qubit in a prepare-and-measure scenario.
- We also **executed and confirmed** the work of B.F. Toner and D.Bacon, 2004, Communication Cost of Simulating Bell Scenarios.
- We **simulated and executed** the prepare-and-measure protocol (POVM) in real quantum computers.
- The **running computing** time has been the same for the classical and quantum prepare-and-measure protocol.
- We **have obtained** very concrete data on the quantum computers performance: most relevant conclusion is: noise is actually being reduced in quantum computing by IBM.
- We can **easily identify** quantum computers **accuracy** by the theoretical values of each Quantum Computer, we also confirm statistically that the manufacturer values links to the results in a correct way.

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- Study classical communication applied to higher dimensional scenarios (**QUTRIT**), giving special attention to the new block sphere shape.
- Simulate and execute **Bell scenarios** protocol in quantum computers.
- Implement again the quantum protocol when the **transpile** function is more accurate (It depends on IBM Software improvements).
- Execute the quantum protocol over **20.000 shots** in the future.

- It would be really interesting **execute** this protocols in quantum computers from other manufactures (Qilimanjaro, Cirq, Dwave…), conclusions can be reached as to which technology is closest to theoretical simulation.

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- **Lose the fear** with highly theoretical papers: We studied and understood more than **five papers** and **two books** in order to achieve the goals.
- **Perform** a Study Case, covering different quantum theoretical topics: **PREPARE- AND-MEASURE SCENARIOS with PVMs, POVMs and BELL SCENARIOS.** When we achieved a goal, we always had the feeling that we were starting at point zero, in order to learn and solve the new scenario.
- Implementation and simulation with a "**classic**" programming language (python)
- Implementation and simulation in **QISKIT**.
- Execute programs in **real** Quantum Computers.
- Hours and Hours of **learning**, Hours and Hours if **talks** with colleagues and professors, Hours and hours of **rethinking everything**, starting over and moving forward. **Hours and hours of fun !!!!**

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