Fault tolerant quantum metrology

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Enhancement using quantum probes

- Probe made of constituents qubits quantum 2-level systems
- Using a probe $|\Psi
 angle=rac{|0
 angle+|1
 angle}{\sqrt{2}},$ and

$$R_z(\phi) = e^{-i\phi Z}, \quad Z = \frac{1}{2} \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$|\psi\rangle - R_z(\phi) - \swarrow$$

•
$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle + e^{-i\phi}|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

• $M = X$
• $\langle M \rangle \sim \sin^2(\phi/2)$

•
$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{|00\rangle + e^{-2i\phi}|11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

• $M = X \otimes X$
• $\langle M \rangle \sim \sin^2 \phi$

Enhancement using quantum probes

• Probe made of constituents, say N qubits, in a state $|\Psi\rangle$

• Field
$$R_z(\phi) = e^{-i\phi}$$

Measurement M



 \bullet Precision: variance of a 'units-corrected' estimator $\tilde{\phi}$

$$\Delta \phi = \left\langle \left(\frac{\tilde{\phi}}{|\partial \tilde{\phi}/\partial \phi|} - \phi \right)^2 \right\rangle^{1/2}$$

• Cramér-Rao: Variance of estimator lower bounded

$$\Delta \phi \geq rac{1}{\sqrt{
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u \mathcal{Q}_{\phi}}},$$

- F_{ϕ} is the classical Fisher information
- \mathcal{Q}_{ϕ} is the quantum Fisher information

Helstrom, Holevo, Braunstein, Caves, ...



Estimation theory

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Quantum metrology is mostly about bounds on the variance

We will provide exact variances

Paedagogical examples

GHZ (Greenberger-Horne-Zeilinger) states

$$\frac{|00\cdots000\rangle+|11\cdots111\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$Q_{\phi} = N^2$$
 Δc

$$\Delta \phi \sim \frac{1}{N}$$

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Bollinger et al., PRA, 54, R4649, (1996)

N00N states $\frac{|N,0 angle+|0,N angle}{\sqrt{2}}$ $\mathcal{Q}_{\phi}=N^2$ $\Delta\phi\sim rac{1}{N}$ Kok et al., Phys. Rev. A 65, 052104 (2002)



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Noisy quantum metrology



Demkowicz-Dobrzanski/Kolodynski/Guta, Nat. Comms. 3, 1063, (2012)

- X No quantum scaling with noise
- X Quantum scaling lost no matter how small the noise
- X Quantum-enhanced scaling is impossible!



Error corrected quantum metrology

• Attempts to recover quantum-enhanced scaling

Preskill, quant-ph:0010098

• Assume specific forms of noise (and all others to be absent)

W. Dur et al., PRL, 112, 080801 (2014) D. A. Herrera-Marti et al., PRL, 115, 200501 (2015)

Assume short sensing times to commute noise to the end

E. M. Kessler et al., PRL, 112, 150802 (2014) X.-M. Lu et al., Nat. Comms. 6, 7282 (2015)

Assume instantaneous, perfect correction & control operations



Our results

- Separate noise into two types
 - beyond our control: associated with the field $(R_z(\phi))$
 - under our control: devices (prepare/measure probes & ancillae)
- Introduce noise thresholds
- **VV** Show better devices counter more noise beyond our control
 - Give actual variances (not bounds and scalings)
 - Retrieve more information with local, full-rank Pauli noise
 - No assumption on time-scales





Fault tolerance (FT) quantum metrology



- la: Noise everywhere, FT nowhere
- Ib: Noiseless/noisy devices + field noise, FT for field only
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Since $\phi \in \mathbb{R}$, we cannot have

 \checkmark a stabiliser code that is transversal for $R_z(\phi) = e^{-i\phi Z}$

Jochym-O'Connor/Kubica/Yoder, PRX 8, 021047 (2018)

Digital phase estimation

$$\phi = 2\pi \times 0.b_0 b_1 b_2 \dots = b_0 \pi + b_1 \frac{\pi}{2} + b_2 \frac{\pi}{4} + \dots$$

If
$$T_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\frac{2\pi}{2^n}} \end{pmatrix}$$
, $R_z(\phi) = T_1^{b_0} T_2^{b_1} T_3^{b_2} \dots$

Since ϕ is unknown, we cannot use

- X gate synthesis to acquire a FT gate set
- X magic state distillation
- X state twirling to diagonalise noise in the magic state basis



Performance of FT quantum metrology depends on

Noise model

$$\mathcal{E}(\rho) = (1-p)\rho + p(p_x X \rho X + p_y X Z \rho Z X + p_z Z \rho Z),$$

$$0 \leq p, p_x, p_y, p_z \leq 1, \quad p_x + p_y + p_z = 1$$

• Local, full-rank noise that applies everywhere

- Error correcting code
- Estimator (encapsulates the protocol)



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Bit-wise estimator



 $+) - R_z(\phi) - R_z(\phi) - X - \hat{b}_2$



 $\frac{\pi}{2}$

- Set *j* = 1
- p_1 : Prob. of obtaining +1
- \widehat{p}_1 : Estimate of obtaining +1
- $\operatorname{prob}(|\widehat{p}_1 p_1| \le \delta) \ge 1 e^{-2M\delta^2}$
- $\delta = \left|\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} \frac{\gamma}{2}\right)\right| = \left|\sin\gamma\right|/2$

• If
$$0 \le \phi < \frac{\pi}{2} - \gamma$$
,

$$\operatorname{prob}(\mathbf{0} \leq \widehat{\phi} < \frac{\pi}{2}) \geq 1 - e^{-2M\delta^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{prob}(\widehat{b}_1 = b_1 = 0) \ge 1 - e^{-2M\delta^2}$$

Rudolph/Grover, PRL. 91, 217905, (2003) Ji/Wang/Duan/Feng/Ying, IEEE Trans. Inf. Th. 54, 5172 (2004)

Bit-wise estimator



Protocol Ia

For j = 1, ..., t

- 1. Repeat M times:
 - (i) Prepare $|+\rangle$.
 - (ii) Interrogate field 2^{j-1} times.
 - (iii) Measure X.
- Calculate \$\hat{p}_j\$ as the fraction of the +1 measurement outcomes out of M. If \$\hat{b}_{j-1} = 0\$ set \$\hat{\phi}_j\$ = cos⁻¹(2\$\hat{p}_j\$ 1) in [0, \$\pi\$], or else in [\$\pi\$, 2\$\pi\$]. If

 \$\hat{b}_{j-1}\$π ≤ \$\hat{\phi}_j\$ < \$\hat{b}_{j-1}\$π + (\$\pi\$/2 \$\pi\$), set \$\hat{b}_j\$ = 0.
 \$\hat{b}_{j-1}\$π + (\$\pi\$/2 + \$\pi\$) ≤ \$\hat{\phi}_j\$ ≤ \$\hat{b}_j\$ = 1π + \$\pi\$, set \$\hat{b}_j\$ = 1.

 Otherwise output estimate up to bit \$j\$ 1 and exit.
- 3. If $j \neq t$ increase j by one and go to step 1, otherwise exit and output

$$\widehat{\phi} = \widehat{b}_1 \frac{\pi}{2} + \widehat{b}_2 \frac{\pi}{4} + \ldots + \widehat{b}_t \frac{\pi}{2^t}$$



la: No fault tolerance

Local, full-rank noise

$$\mathcal{E}(\rho) = (1-p)\rho + p(p_x X \rho X + p_y X Z \rho Z X + p_z Z \rho Z),$$

• For \widehat{b}_j , failure probability $1 - (1 - p)^{2^{j-1}}$

• Protocol Ia converges if $p < p_{\mathrm{th}}$ which is the solution of

$$1-(1-p)^{2^{j-1}}=|\sin \gamma|/2.$$





Figure: Protocol Ia, Protocol Ib. $\gamma = \frac{\pi}{32}$.

• Threshold is solution

(assume noiseless devices)

Protocol Ib For $i = 1, \dots, t$

- 1. Repeat M times
 - (i) Prepare probe $|+\rangle$. Set k = 1.

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(iv) Teleport by measuring probe in logical X and adapting Pauli frame accordingly (See Fig. (3)). (v) If $k < 2^{j-1}$, increase k by one, use ancilla as new probe and return to (ii).

(vi) Measure X.

- 2. Step 2 of Protocol Ia with γ replaced by $\gamma'.$
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 $1 - (1 - p_{orr}^X)^{2^{j-1}} (1 - p_{orr}^Z)^{2^{j-1}} = |\sin(\gamma')|/2$



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$$+)$$
 $-R_z(\phi)$ $-F$ X \hat{b}_1

$$+ - R_z(\phi) - F - R_z(\phi) - F - X - \hat{b}_2$$



$$|\psi\rangle \longrightarrow E_{\text{QRM}} \not - R_z(\phi)_L \not - \{S_i^Z\} \not - X_L)$$

$$|0\rangle \longrightarrow$$

Figure: For $k = 1, |\psi\rangle = |+\rangle$, else output of k - 1. $\{S_i^Z\}$: Z stabliliser measurements, X_L : logical X syndromes. Only $R_z(\phi)_L$ is noisy.

• Error detection, NOT correction

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Ib: Fault tolerance application of traversal $R_z(\phi)$



Figure: FT application of transversal $R_z(\phi)$ using QRM(1,4). Only $R_z(\phi)$ is noisy.

(assume noiseless devices)





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Quantum Reed-Muller codes (very briefly)

• Quantum stabiliser codes

Steane, IEEE Trans. Inf. Th. 45, 1701 (1999)

•
$$\mathsf{QRM}(1,n+1)$$
 transversal for $T_j = \left(egin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{jrac{2\pi}{2^j}} \end{array}
ight)$, for $j \leq n$

- Transversality allows logical operation on $2^{n+1} 1$ qubits X
- Operate as error detecting code for full-rank noise in T_n gates
- QRM(1, n + 1) not transversal for T_j for j > n

$$\gamma' = \gamma - 2 \arctan\left(\frac{\sin(2^{j+1}\gamma)}{(2^{j+2}-1) + \cos(2^{j+1}\gamma)}\right) \sim \gamma - O(2^{-j})$$

Noisy devices

- Noisy non-transversal encoding
- Noisy syndrome measurements
- $\bullet\,$ Assume device noise independent of $\phi\,$

$$\mathcal{E}(\rho) = (1 - p')\rho + p'(p'_X X \rho X + p'_y X Z \rho Z X + p'_z Z \rho Z),$$

in addition of noise beyond our control

• Threshold equation changes from

$$1 - (1 - p_{\rm err}^{X})^{2^{j-1}} (1 - p_{\rm err}^{Z})^{2^{j-1}} = \frac{|\sin(\gamma')|}{2}$$

to

$$1 - (1 - p_{\mathsf{err}}'^X)^{2^{j-1}} (1 - p_{\mathsf{err}}'^Z)^{2^{j-1}} (1 - p')^{3 imes 2^{j-1} + 2}$$

Kapourniotis/AD, arXiv:1807.04267

 $\frac{|\sin(\gamma)|}{2}$

Noisy devices



Figure: j = 4, $\gamma = \pi/32$. Protocol Ia. Ib with device noise (dashed). Ib without device noise (solid). (Later!)



 $R_z(\phi$

 2^{j-1}

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Local full rank noise everywhere



Protocol Ic

- For $j = 1, \ldots, t$
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2. Step 2 and 3 of Protocol Ib.

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• Switching between QRM(1, n) and Steane code (QRM(1, 3))

Why code switching?



Figure: Gate distillation

- $R_z(\phi)XR_z^{\dagger}(\phi)\propto R_z(2\phi)X$
- For $b_k, \sim R_z(2^k \phi)$
- Effective noise $\sim 2^k p$
- Loose FT advantage

Protocol Ic

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Better devices counter noise beyond our control Small improvements!!!

Fault tolerant quantum metrology can ...

- protect from noise everywhere (fairly loose assumptions)
- estimate higher bits, giving more precision
- $\bullet\,$ counter noise beyond our control with better devices $\checkmark\,$

Much room for improvements. We need ...

- codes with better rates $(QRM(1, n) \text{ has rate } \sim 2^n \varkappa)$
- estimator and code optimisation in tandem
- better understanding of fault tolerance on unknown gates



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Quantum sensors for fundamental physics

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The student must be interested in a close interplay of quantum metrology, quantum information science, quantum optics, and quantum mechanics.



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