

# Probing entanglement in quantum processors with the randomized measurements toolbox

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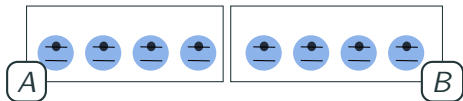
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# Entanglement

- Take two parts of a quantum system  $A$   $B$  (eg sets of qubits)



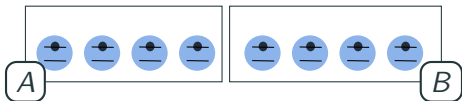
- $A$  and  $B$  are entangled iff  $|\psi\rangle \neq |\psi_A\rangle \otimes |\psi_B\rangle$
- Example with two qubits. The Bell state  $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)$  is entangled

# Entanglement in quantum computing

Entanglement is the most important concept in quantum information theory:

- All quantum algorithms involve entangled states.
- Quantum algorithms with a 'low' level of entanglement can be efficiently simulated with a classical computer.
- Universal predictions for large-scale quantum computers (eg Nahum PRX 2017)

# How to quantify entanglement?



- For pure states, entanglement entropies of the reduced state  $\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|)$  are entanglement measures

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{vN}} &= -\text{Tr}[\rho_A \log(\rho_A)] \text{ von Neumann Entropies} \\ S_\alpha &= \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \log[\text{Tr}(\rho_A^\alpha)] \text{ Rényi entropies} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

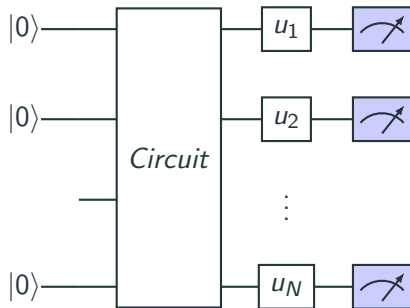
- Entanglement entropies measure quantum resources & quantum information (excellent notes from J. Preskill)
- Entanglement entropies distinguish quantum phases/dynamics in quantum simulation (ex: RMP by J. Eisert)

# How to measure entanglement?

- The purity  $\text{Tr}(\rho^2)$  can be used to detect entanglement.
- The second Rényi entropy  $S_2 = -\log_2[\text{Tr}(\rho^2)]$  quantifies entanglement

How to measure the purity in an experiment? (if you cannot afford Bell-state measurements ;) )

## One approach: Randomized measurements



- Randomized measurements:  
We measure  
$$P_u(s) = \langle s | u \rho u^\dagger | s \rangle,$$
$$u = u_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes u_N.$$
- $u_i$  chosen independently from the circular unitary ensemble (CUE)
- We extract quantities of interest from the statistics of  $P_u(s)$ , over random unitary transformations.



# Original protocol: van Enk-Beenakker (PRL 2012)

- Consider a single qubit



- We evaluate the statistics of

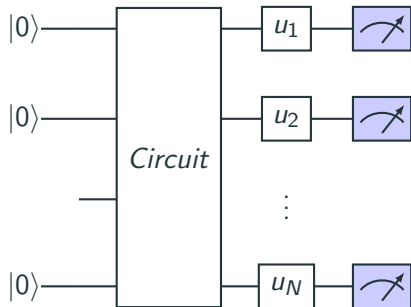
$$P_u(s) = \langle s | u \rho u^\dagger | s \rangle = \sum_{m,n} u_{s,m} \rho_{m,n} u_{s,n}^*$$

$$E[[P_u(s)]^2] = \sum_{m,n,m',n'} \rho_{m,n} \rho_{m',n'} E[u_{s,m} u_{s,n}^* u_{s,m'} u_{s,n'}^*] \quad (2)$$

- Using Random Matrix Theory (2-design identities)

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{[P_u(s)]^2} &= \frac{1}{6} \sum_{m,n,m',n'} \rho_{m,n} \rho_{m',n'} (\delta_{m,n} \delta_{m',n'} + \delta_{m,n'} \delta_{m',n}) \\ &= \frac{1 + \text{Tr}(\rho^2)}{6} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

# RM protocol for qubits (A. Elben, BV et al, PRL 2018)

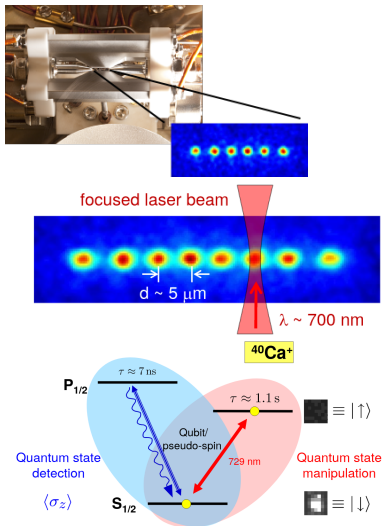


- Protocol:
  - apply independent random single qubit rotations
  - measure states  $|s\rangle = |s_1, \dots, s_N\rangle$
  - Postprocess data ( $D(s, s')$  is the Hamming distance, number of mismatches between  $s$  and  $s'$ )

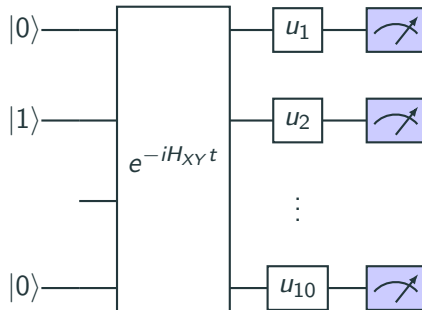
$$\text{Tr}(\rho^2) = 2^N E_u \left[ \sum_{s, s'} (-2)^{-D(s, s')} P_u(s) P_u(s') \right]$$

Rough measurement budget:  $2^N$

# Demonstration with a trapped ion quantum computer (Brydges et al, Science 2019)



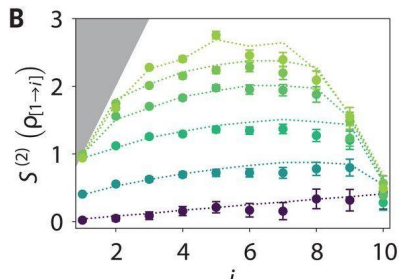
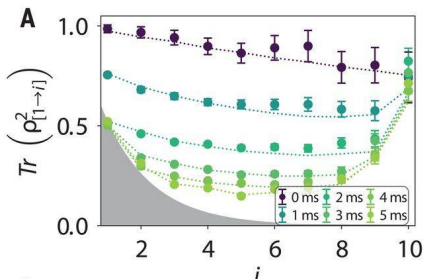
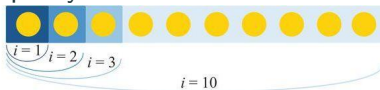
- A programmable quantum simulator



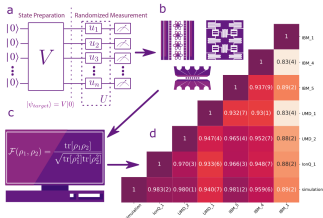
- Goal: Understand entanglement growth in a quantum system

# Demonstration with a trapped ion quantum computer (Brydges et al, Science 2019)

- Demonstration of randomized measurements with the measurement of the purity



# RMs are now used routinely in the lab



- Topological entanglement entropy (Satzinger et al, Science 2021)
- Cross-Platform verification (A. Elben et al, PRL 2020) and (Zhu et al, Nature Comm. 2023)
- The classical shadow formalism (H. Huang et al, Nature Physics 2020)
- Experimental discovery of the  $p_3$ -PPT condition (A. Elben, R. Kueng et al, PRL 2020), new entropies are measured (Vitale, Rath, et al 2021 2022)
- Live measurements of the purity (Stricker et al, PRXQ 2022)

## Some challenges for randomized measurements

- Review: Elben, Flammia, Kueng, Preskill, BV, Zoller, Nature Review Physics 2022, *is it the end?*
- I don't think so, we still need
  - A Methodology to access a given physical quantity, with a more complicated form than the purity? Performance guarantees? Systematic errors versus statistical errors?
  - Practical feasibility of the RM toolbox in the many-body qubit scenario: measurement errors accumulate, postprocessing time explodes.
  - Can we reduce the measurement effort by adding prior knowledge?
  - Entangling measurements? Symmetries? Fermions? (not this talk, but check the review)
  - Learning tasks based on RM data (this was Richard's great talk!)

- Measurement of the Quantum Fisher information in a quantum processor
  - Theory: Rath, Branciard, Minguzzi, BV, Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 260501
  - Experiment: Rath, Vitale, Elben, Branciard, BV, IBM, *in preparation*
- Boosting Randomized measurements via common random numbers
  - BV, Rath, Branciard, Sundar, Preskill, Elben, arxiv:2304.12292

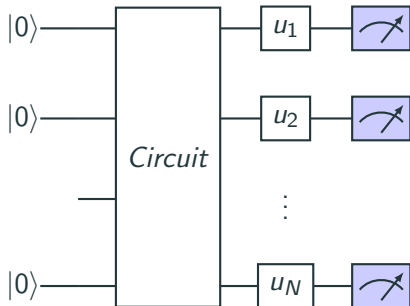
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# Shadows



- **Classical shadows** (Huang et al, Nature Physics 2020)

$$\rho^{(r)} = \bigotimes_{i \in AB} \left( 3u_i |k_i^{(r)}\rangle \langle k_i^{(r)}| u_i^\dagger - \mathbf{1}_i \right) \quad (4)$$

- For a single measurement, unbiased estimations of the density matrix

$$E[\rho^{(r)}] = \rho \quad (5) \quad 17$$

- Classical shadows are very promising for observable estimations (ex energy estimation in quantum simulation)

$$\text{Tr}(O\rho) = E[\text{Tr}(\rho^{(r)}O)] \quad (6)$$

- Provide access to 'multi-copy observables' (MCO)

$$\text{Tr}(O\rho^{\otimes n}) = E[\text{Tr}(O\rho^{(r_1)} \otimes \dots \otimes \rho^{(r_n)})] \quad (7)$$

# Quantum Fisher information

- Quantum Fisher information (QFI) for an operator  $A$

$$F_Q = 2 \sum_{(i,j), \lambda_i + \lambda_j > 0} \frac{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2}{\lambda_i + \lambda_j} |\langle i | A | j \rangle|^2 \text{ with } \rho = \sum_i \lambda_i |i\rangle \langle i| \quad (8)$$

- Certifies metrological power (Quantum Cramer Rao bound)
- Access to the entanglement depth

$$F_Q > \left\lfloor \frac{N}{k} \right\rfloor k^2 + (N - \left\lfloor \frac{N}{k} \right\rfloor k)^2 \rightarrow \text{depth} \geq k + 1 \quad (9)$$

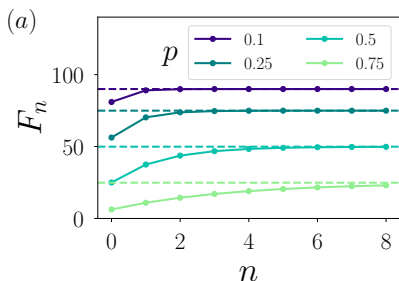
- Grows at quantum phase transitions (see eg Hauke et al, Nature Physics 2016)

# Quantum Fisher information

- Rath et al (PRL 2021): QFI is the limit of a series of MCO, i.e can be measured

$$F_n = 2 \operatorname{Tr} \left( \sum_{\ell=0}^n (\rho \otimes \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{1} \otimes \rho)^2 (\mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{1} - \rho \otimes \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{1} \otimes \rho)^\ell \mathbf{S}(A \otimes A) \right) \quad (10)$$

- The series convergences exponentially faster to the QFI:  
Example for noisy GHZ states ( $N = 10$ )



## Quantum Fisher information and MCO: Statistical Errors

- The series of MCO  $F_n$  is estimated via randomized measurements

$$F_n = \text{Tr}(O\rho^{\otimes n}) = E[\text{Tr}(O\rho^{(r_1)} \otimes \dots \otimes \rho^{(r_n)})] \quad (11)$$

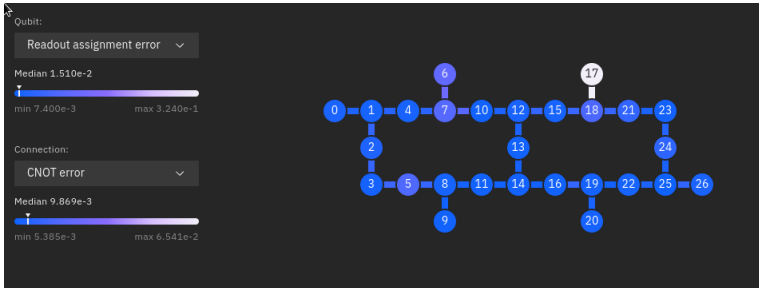
- We provide analytical variance bounds ('error bars')

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{V}[\hat{F}_n] &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{n!^2 2^{kN}}{k!(n-k)!^2 (M-k+1)^k} \text{Tr}([O_k]^2) \\ O_k &= \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\pi} \text{Tr}_{\{k+1 \dots n\}} (\pi^\dagger O \pi [\mathbf{1}^{\otimes k} \otimes \rho^{\otimes (n-k)}]) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

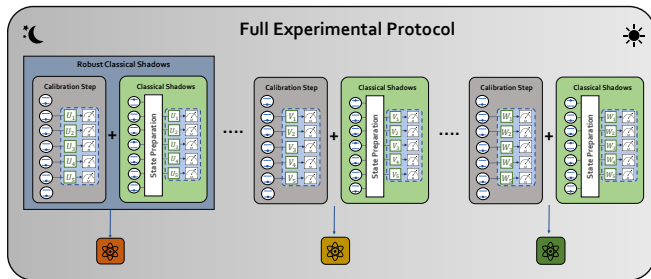
- Expressions valid for any  $O$ :  $\rightarrow$  can be used for variance reductions techniques (see second part, with an example which is the von Neumann entropy)

# Experimental measurements of the Quantum Fisher information

- Device: IBMQ Montreal



# Our measurement strategy



Post-processing



- Two datasets per batch measurements: calibration on the  $|0\rangle^{\otimes N}$ , actual measurement
- Several batches to keep track of drifts of measurement errors (it actually matters!)

- We use robust classical shadows (Chen et al, PRX 2021) under the assumption of local gate independent noise

$$\tilde{\rho}^{(r,b)} = \bigotimes_{j=1}^N \left( \frac{3}{2F_b[j] - 1} U_j^{(r)\dagger} |s_j\rangle \langle s_j| U_j^{(r)} + \frac{F_z[j] - 2}{2F_b[j] - 1} \mathbf{1} \right), \quad (13)$$

where the calibration data of each batch  $b$  gives access to  $F_b[j] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{s_j} \langle s_j | \Lambda_{j,b}(|s_j\rangle \langle s_j|) |s_j\rangle$ . via direct postprocessing of the qubit marginals probabilities.

- The calibration data can be also use to verify the assumption of local noise.



# Postprocessing

- Standard shadow estimation:

$$F_n = \text{Tr}(O\rho^{\otimes n}) = E[\text{Tr}(O\rho^{(r_1)} \otimes \dots \otimes \rho^{(r_n)})] \quad (14)$$

averaged over  $M^n$  outcomes,  $M \sim 10^{7-8}$  for  $N \sim 12 - 13 \rightarrow$   
**impossible**.

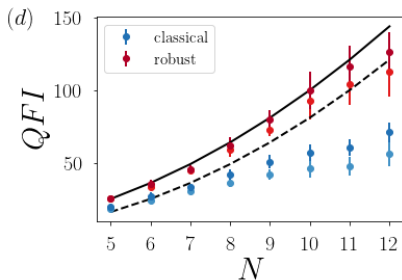
- We have introduced batch shadow estimators (thanks Richard), in Rath et al, PRXQ 2023. We build for each batch  $b = 1, \dots, n'$

$$\rho^{(b)} = \frac{n'}{M} \sum_{r=1}^{M/n'} \rho^{(b,r)} \quad (15)$$

- The asymptotic scalings of the variance are unchanged!
- Drawback: memory price  $2^N \times 2^N$  (To be discussed: maybe machine-learning/tensor-network techniques can help there. . . )

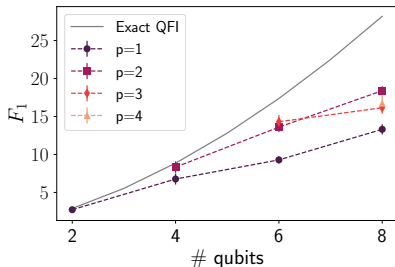
## Observation of Heisenberg scaling of the QFI

- The GHZ state  $|0\rangle^{\otimes N} + |1\rangle^{\otimes N}$  has Heisenberg scaling  $F_Q = N^2$ , offering optimal performance for quantum metrology, and showing genuine multipartite entanglement.
- Results for  $F_0$  and  $F_1$ :



# Multipartite entanglement at a quantum critical point

- We prepare the GS of the transverse Ising model via QAOA algorithm (open-loop)



- and observe the expected tradeoff as the depth  $p$  increases, where the QAOA circuit becomes at the same time more expressive and more subject to noise.

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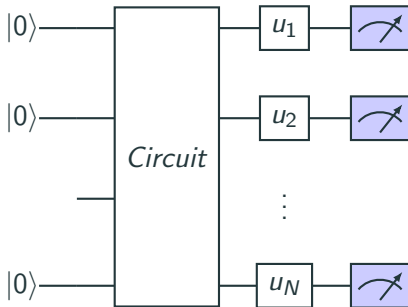
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# Common Randomized Measurements

- The data acquisition/postprocessing of RM is state-agnostic
- How to incorporate prior knowledge  $\sigma$ , density matrix from theory, in the framework, in order to reduce the measurement effort.
- With Common Randomized measurements (CRM), this information only enters during postprocessing by reducing statistical fluctuation of randomized measurements!

## The two loops in randomized measurements



- Standard scenario for shadows: one measurement for each of the  $N_U$  random unitaries
- It is more convenient to repeat the protocol  $N_M > 1$  times per random unitary
- Trapped ions, superconducting qubits  $N_M = 100/1000$  is considered 'free', also some advantages in postprocessing.

## Introducing CRM shadows

We define CRM shadows by adding a random component parametrized by the theory density matrix

$$\hat{\rho}_\sigma^{(r)} = \hat{\rho}^{(r)} - \sigma^{(r)} + \sigma, \quad (16)$$

where the term  $\sigma^{(r)}$  is constructed from  $\sigma$  as

$$\sigma^{(r)} = \sum_{\mathbf{s}} P_\sigma(\mathbf{s}|U^{(r)}) \mathcal{M}^{-1} \left( U^{(r)\dagger} |\mathbf{s}\rangle \langle \mathbf{s}| U^{(r)} \right), \quad (17)$$

- $P_\sigma(\mathbf{s}|U^{(r)})$  : expected Born probability for unitary  $U^{(r)}$ .
- $\mathcal{M}^{-1}$  : shadow channel inverse.

**Insight:** We reduce statistical fluctuations based on our prior knowledge and we still have an unbiased estimation of  $\rho$ .

## Introducing CRM shadows

**Theorem:** For any multi-copy  $O_A$  acting on  $N_A$  qubits and  $n$  copies, the variance of the estimator from CRM shadows is bounded by

$$\mathbb{V}[\hat{O}] \leq \frac{n^2 \|O_A^{(1)}\|_2^2}{N_U} \left( 3^{N_A} \|\rho_A - \sigma_A\|_2^2 + \frac{2^{N_A}}{N_M} \right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N_U^2}\right), \quad (18)$$

**Proof:** combines results on variances of multi-copy  $O$ s with approaches from ‘multi-shot’ shadow estimations.

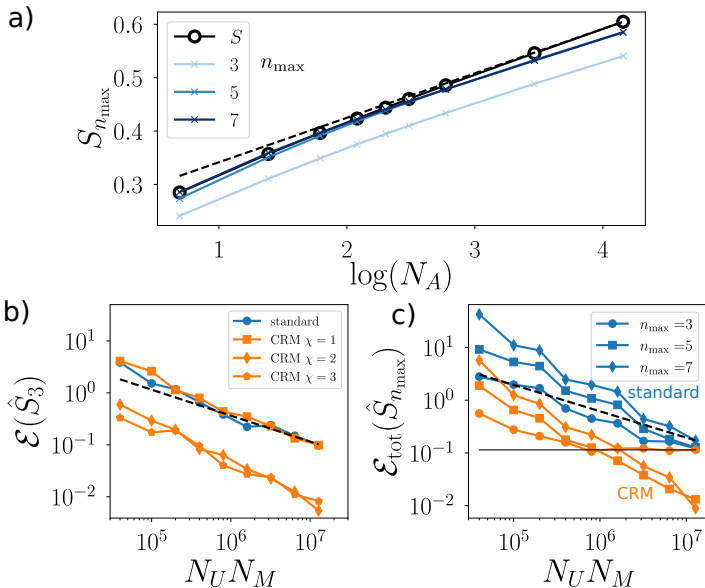
- The variance is guaranteed to be reduced compared to standard shadows if  $\|\rho_A - \sigma_A\|_2^2 \leq \|\rho_A\|_2^2$ , for any  $O_A$ .
- There is a way to build  $\sigma$  from prior experiments with shadows.



## Application: Central charge measurement

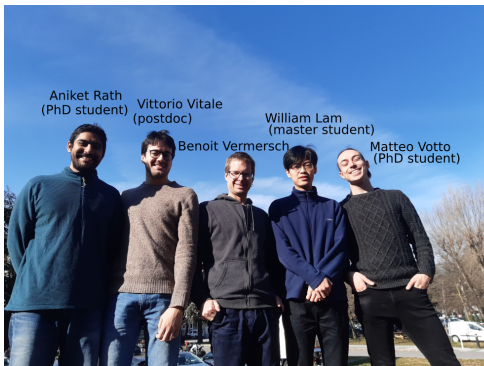
- For the ground state of  $H = -\sum_{i=1}^N Z_i Z_{i+1} + X_i$ , the von Neumann entropy  $S(\rho_A) = -\text{Tr}(\rho_A \log(\rho_A))$  at half-cut has a universal scaling  $\sim c/12 \log(N_A)$  (Calabrese et al)
- Our idea: approximate  $S$  as polynomial function of the density matrix  $S_n(\rho) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n \text{Tr}(\rho^n)$
- Measure the multi-copy  $S_n(\rho)$  via CRM shadows, using  $\sigma$  built from MPO

# Application: Central charge measurement



# Conclusion

Many open questions about quantum experiments and random datasets!



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