Quantum Rewinding Tutorial Part 3:

Zero Knowledge Beyond Watrous

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 "Post-Quantum Zero Knowledge, Revisited" by Alex Lombardi, Fermi Ma, and Nicholas Spooner (2022)

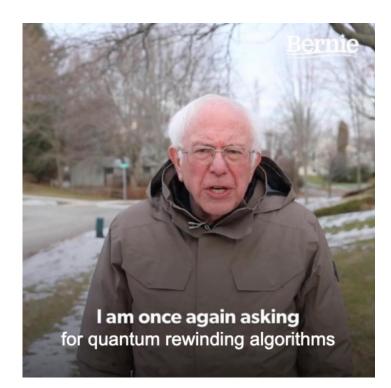
# Today So Far

#### Post-Quantum Soundness:

- [Unruh12, Unruh16]: weak soundness for special protocols
- [CMSZ21]: strong soundness for more protocols
- Key components: collapsing, special soundness

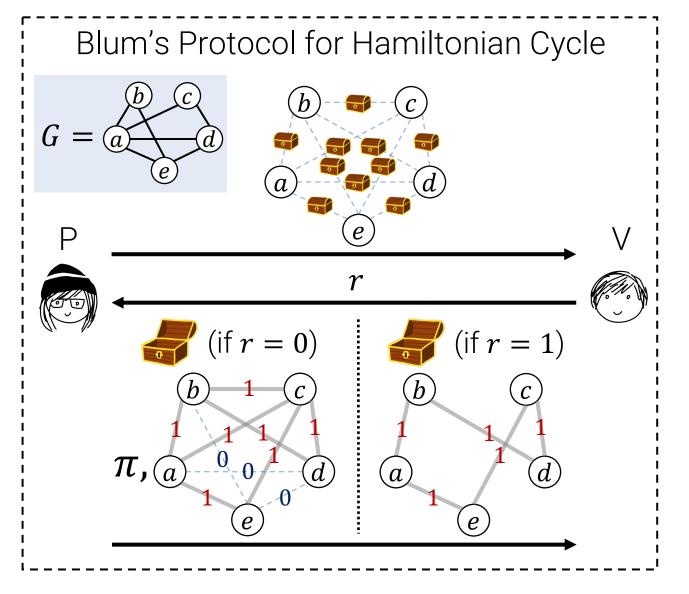
#### Post-Quantum Zero-Knowledge:

- [Watrous06] ZK for very special protocols
  - "Oblivious guessing simulator" -> full simulator
- ???



This talk: new toolkit for post-quantum ZK

# What is [Watrous06] good for?



Watrous simulates by guessing r.

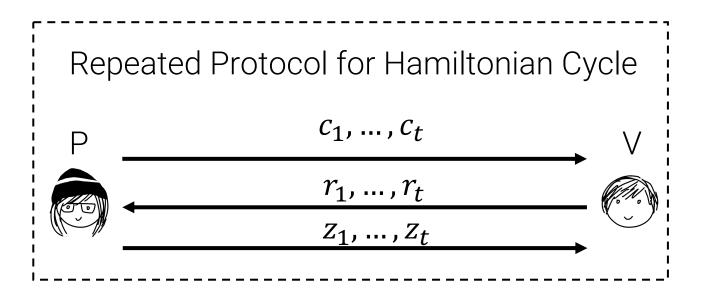
## Works when r is one bit.

 Actual protocol is sequential repetition of Blum

Works when only poly many r, but soundness is still poor.

What about arbitrary length *r*?

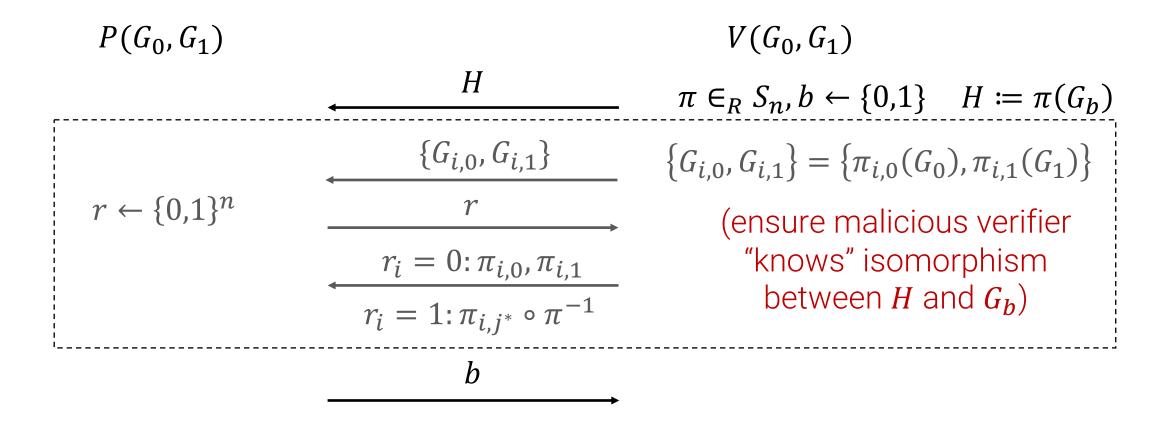
## Simulation Beyond Guessing



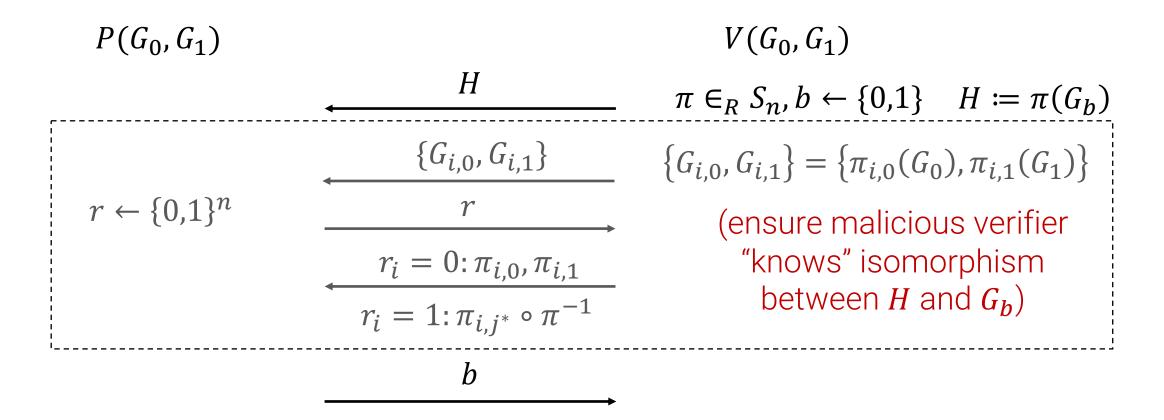
This is not even classically ZK! (How does Sim get  $r_1, \ldots, r_t$ ?)

- There are two classical "fixes" to this: paradigms due to Golreich-Kahan [GK96] and Feige-Shamir [FS90]. Have the verifier commit to its challenge in advance.
- Simulation task is no longer about **guessing**, but about **extracting**
- New tools can show: both of these paradigms are post-quantum secure!

## Example: Graph non-isomorphism



Aside: [GMW86] also gives GI protocol, which is ZK by Watrous



GNI protocol is classically (statistically) zero knowledge.

Is it post-quantum ZK?

$P(G_0, G_1)$		$V(G_0,G_1)$
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$r \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n$	$\stackrel{\frown}{\longrightarrow}$	
	$r_i = 0: \pi_{i,0}, \pi_{i,1}$	
	$r_i = 1: \pi_{i,j^*} \circ \pi^{-1}$	
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Intuition:

If  $G_0, G_1$  are not isomorphic, any H defines "correct" b

Classical Sim: rewind V\* to extract b

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- Run V\* once. If P does not reject, rewind
   V\* (on different r) until it succeeds again
- Sub-protocol is special sound  $\rightarrow$  extract and output b

#### **Runtime:** if $V^*$ is $\varepsilon$ -convincing,

- Sim does nothing with probability  $1 \varepsilon$
- Sim rewinds  $1/\epsilon$  times (in expectation) with probability  $\epsilon$
- Expected # of Sim rewinds is  $\varepsilon \cdot 1/\varepsilon = 1$

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## Takeaway:

ZK of this protocol essentially equivalent to a **soundness property** of the sub-protocol. Want to be able to find b (in expected poly time) without changing V's state.

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- Defining "guaranteed extraction"
- Rewinding with abstract singular vector algorithms [GSLW19].
- New rewinding meta-algorithm

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# **Guaranteed Extraction**

A 3-message protocol has guaranteed extraction for a relation R(x, w) if it has an extraction procedure of the following form:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P^{*} & & \stackrel{a}{\longrightarrow} & \text{Ext} \\ \downarrow & & \stackrel{\Sigma|r\rangle}{\longleftarrow} & \stackrel{\Sigma\alpha_{r,z}|r\rangle|z\rangle}{\longrightarrow} & (*) \text{ Measure } V(a,r,z) \\ & & \text{ If 0, stop.} \\ & & \text{ If 1, output a string } w \end{array}$$

Where:

- If (\*) does not abort, then R(x, w) holds with  $1 negl(\lambda)$  probability
- Ext runs in expected poly-time

# Achieving Guaranteed Extraction Theorem [LMS22]:

Any 3-message protocol satisfying the following two conditions has guaranteed extraction for R(x, w):

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## Conditions of this form hold for typical protocols (care required)

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Q: Does CMSZ solve this problem? A: If only life were so easy

## Start with prover state $|\psi\rangle$ that is $\gamma\text{-successful}$

- $|+\rangle_R \coloneqq \frac{1}{\sqrt{R}} \sum_{r \in R} |r\rangle$  (uniform superposition of challenges)
- $\Pi_{\mathrm{Acc}} \coloneqq \sum_{r} |r\rangle \langle r|_{R} \otimes \Pi_{r}$ .
- $\Pi_{\text{Unif}} \coloneqq |+\rangle \langle +|_R \otimes \mathbb{I}.$

 $|\psi\rangle|+\rangle_R = \sum_j \alpha_j |v_j\rangle$  in the  $(\Pi_{\text{Unif}}, \Pi_{\text{Acc}})$  Jordan basis

# Step 1: MW alternating projectors outputs a value pInvariant: $|\phi\rangle = \sum_{j} \alpha'_{j} |v_{j}\rangle$ where $p_{j} \ge p$ whp.

Step 2: Try to generate an accepting transcript on random rStep 3: Repair state  $|\psi'\rangle$  to (almost) maintain invariant

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- Append a workspace register *W* for running MW
- $\Pi_p^* \coloneqq$  ``running MW unitary would result in a value  $\ge p \varepsilon$ .
- $\Pi_{r,b}^* \coloneqq \Pi_{r,b} \otimes |0\rangle \langle 0|_{W}$ .  $\Pi_{r,b}$  checks whether P(r) makes V output b.

Alternate  $(M_p^*, M_{r,b}^*)$  measurements until  $M_p^* \rightarrow 1$ 

 $|\psi'\rangle|0\rangle_W$  is the result of  $M_r^*$  applied to state satisfying invariant.

O(1) alternations suffice in expectation to get back.

## First, let's make this procedure guarantee an output.

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How long? Given accuracy parameter  $\varepsilon$ , run in  $1/\varepsilon^2$  time

Guaranteed extraction asks for a guarantee for *all* provers.

Naïve Guaranteed Extraction

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Step 0: Apply  $M_{Acc}$  to  $|\psi\rangle|+_R\rangle$  (check if prover success). If 1, continue.

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How long? Until your numerator is at least  $\lambda$ 

Expected runtime 
$$\sum_{j} |\alpha_{j}|^{2} p_{j} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{p_{j}} = \lambda$$

## So, what is the overall running time?

## Naïve Guaranteed Extraction

Step 3: Repair state  $|\psi'\rangle$  to (almost) maintain invariant

Repair runtime:  $O(1) \Pi_p^*$  measurement

 $\Pi_p^*$  corresponds to MW estimate to  $\varepsilon = p^2$  accuracy.

Why? Need to repair k/p times, start at p.

Complexity of  $\Pi_p^* = \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} = \frac{1}{p^4}$ .

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A: Arbitrary nonzero number???

Expected running time is 
$$\sum_j \alpha_j^2 p_j \cdot \frac{1}{p_j^5} = \infty$$

# Achieving Guaranteed Extraction

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Quantum Rewinding Runtime

- With probability  $\varepsilon$ , rewind and repair  $k/\varepsilon$  times
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Our Rewinding Runtime

- With probability ε, rewind and repair k times
- Total work  $\varepsilon \cdot k \cdot 1/\varepsilon = k$

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(initial estimation)

- Given  $|\phi\rangle = \sum_{j} \alpha_{j} |v_{j}\rangle$ , accept if  $p_{j} \ge p$  and reject if  $p_{j} \le p(1 \epsilon)$ (implementation of  $\Pi_{p}^{*}$ )
- Given  $|\phi\rangle = \sum_{j} \alpha_{j} |v_{j}\rangle$ , find a state in  $im(\Pi_{B})$ . (repair procedure)

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  - We can describe a rewinding algorithm making black-box use of procedures for these three tasks.
  - All three can be done faster than alternating projectors!

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(Variable-Accuracy) Phase Estimation  $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{p_j}}\right)$  time using many QFTs)

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Gap Phase Estimation  $\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon\sqrt{p}}\right)$  time using QFT)

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Singular Vector Transform  $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{p_j}}\right)$  time using Est + Grover-type algorithm)

Quantum singular value transformation and beyond: exponential improvements for quantum matrix arithmetics

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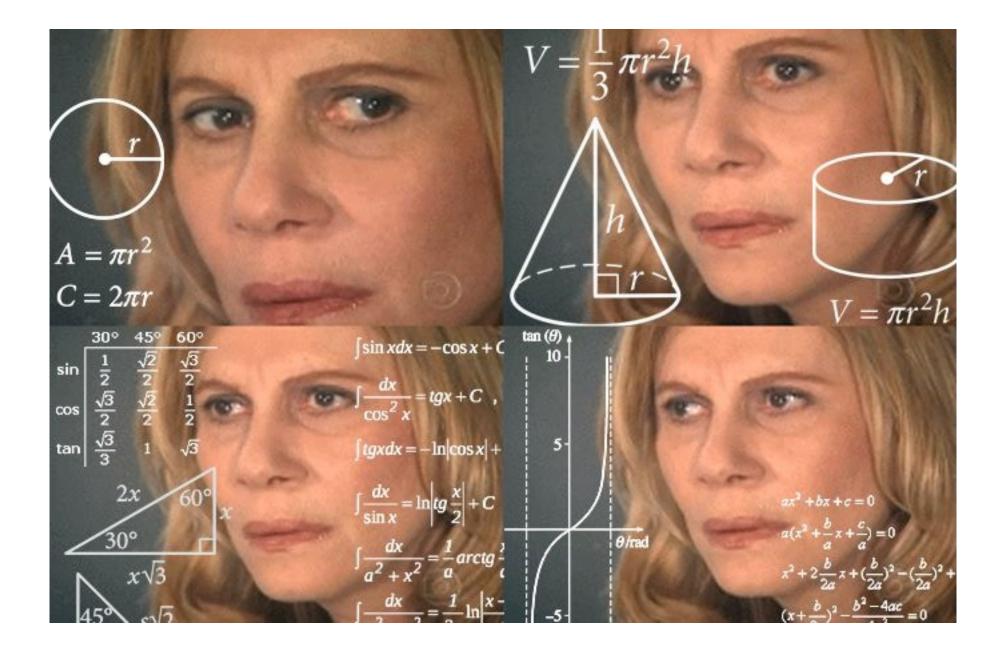
#### Abstract

Quantum computing is powerful because unitary operators describing the time-evolution of a quantum system have exponential size in terms of the number of qubits present in the system. We develop a new "Singular value transformation" algorithm capable of harnessing this exponential advantage, that can apply polynomial transformations to the singular values of a block of a unitary, generalizing the optimal Hamiltonian simulation results of Low and Chuang [LC17a]. The proposed quantum circuits have a very simple structure, often give rise to optimal algorithms and have appealing constant factors, while typically only use a constant number of ancilla qubits.

We show that singular value transformation leads to novel algorithms. We give an efficient solution to a "non-commutative" measurement problem used for efficient ground-state-preparation of certain local Hamiltonians, and propose a new method for singular value estimation. We also show how to exponentially improve the complexity of implementing fractional queries to unitaries with a gapped spectrum. Finally, as a quantum machine learning application we show how to efficiently implement principal component regression.

"Singular value transformation" is conceptually simple and efficient, and leads to a unified framework of quantum algorithms incorporating a variety of quantum speed-ups. We illustrate this by showing how it generalizes a number of prominent quantum algorithms, and quickly derive the following algorithms: optimal Hamiltonian simulation, implementing the Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse with exponential precision, fixed-point amplitude amplification, robust

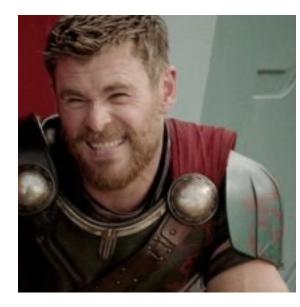
#### + variable-runtime modifications



### Faster Guaranteed Extraction

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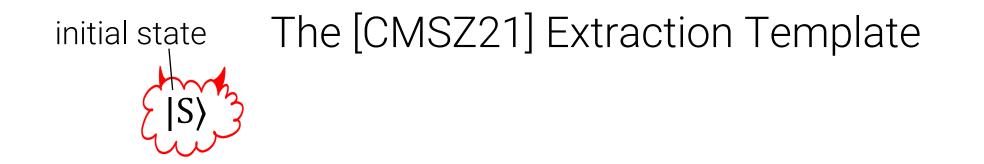
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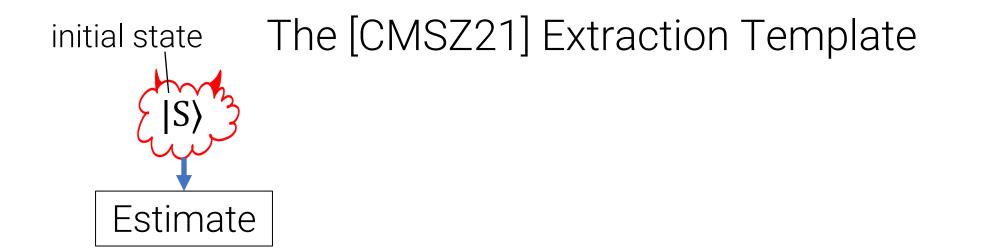


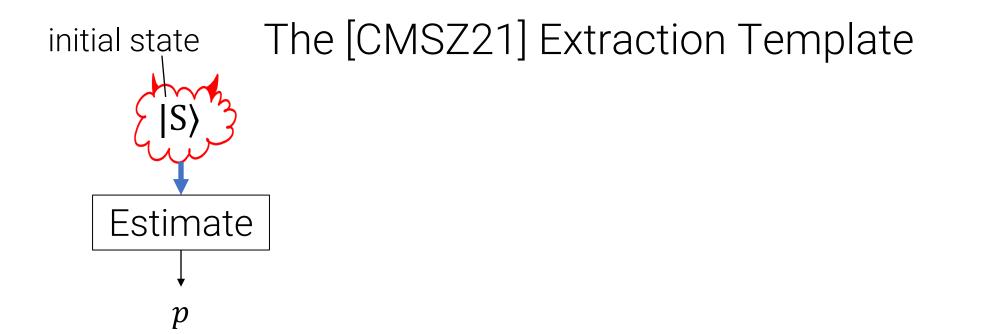
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  - Repair... probably takes more than O(1) total time
  - So...  $\sum_j \alpha_j^2 p_j \cdot k/p_j \cdot t(p_j) = \infty$

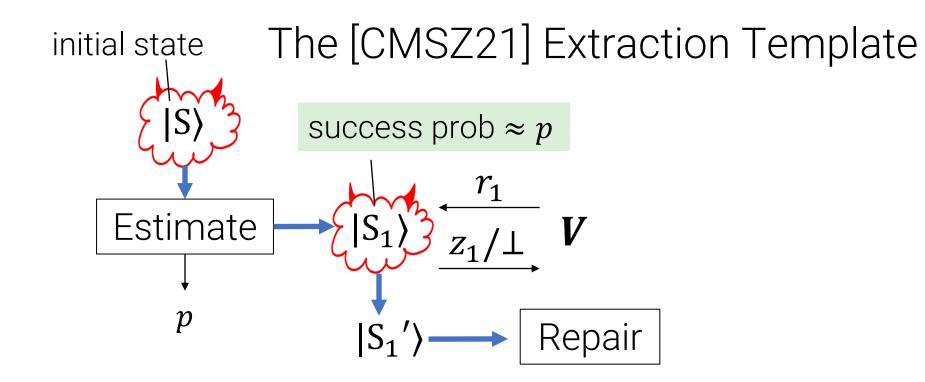


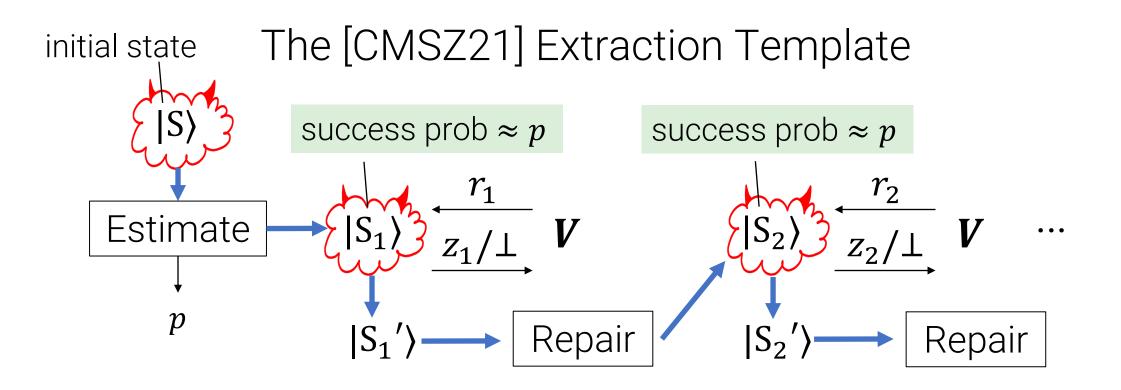
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- 3. Our rewinding is too classical!
  - Instead of hoping that  $P^*$  answers r correctly, let's force  $P^*$  to answer correctly!
  - Amplify  $\operatorname{im}(\Pi_{\text{Unif}}) \to \operatorname{im}(\Pi_{\text{Acc}})$

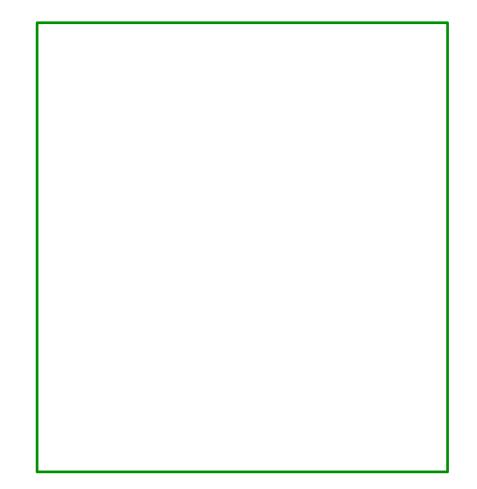








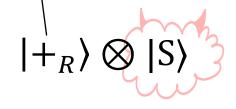






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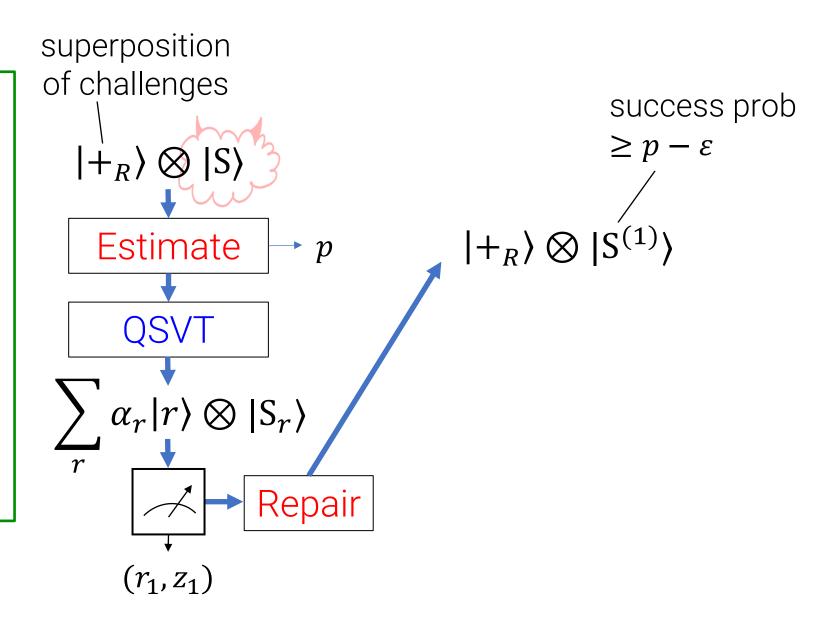
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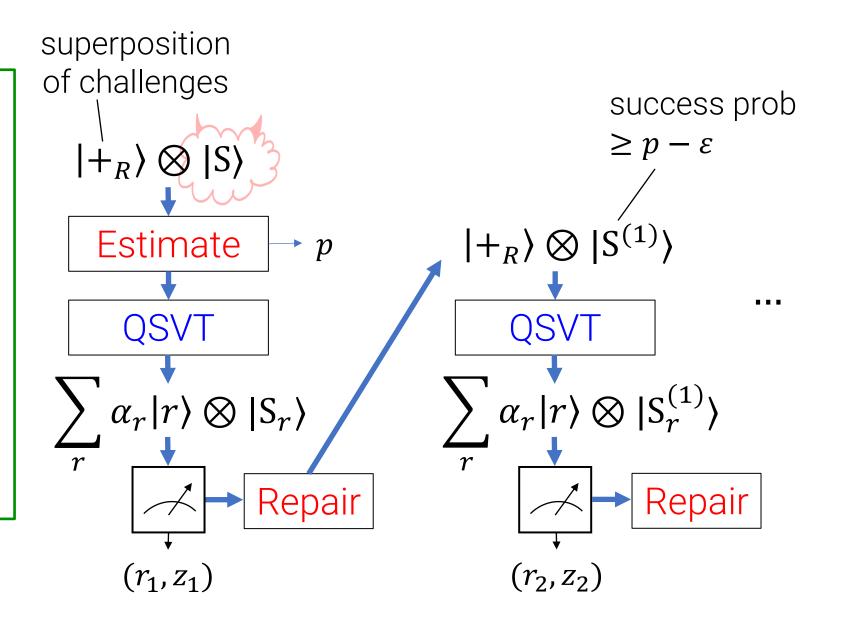
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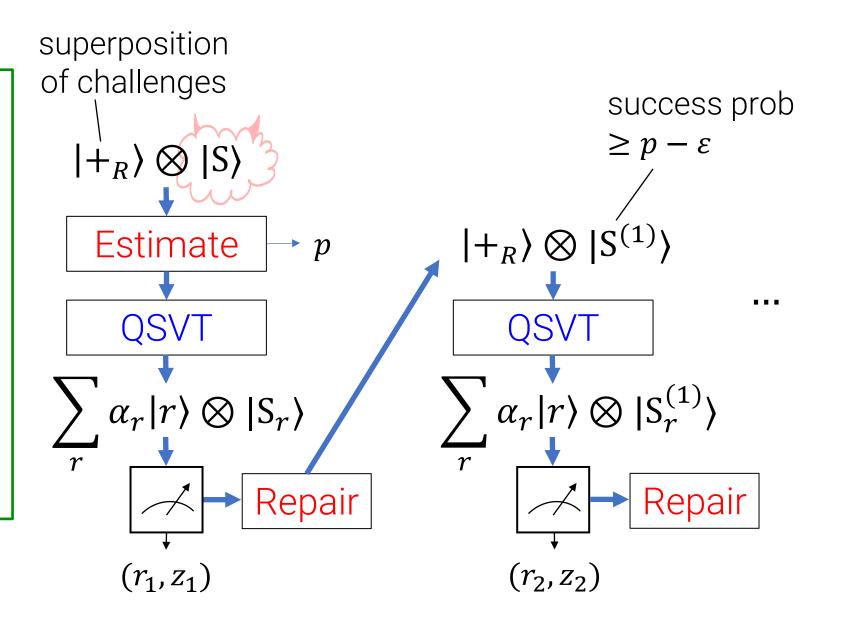
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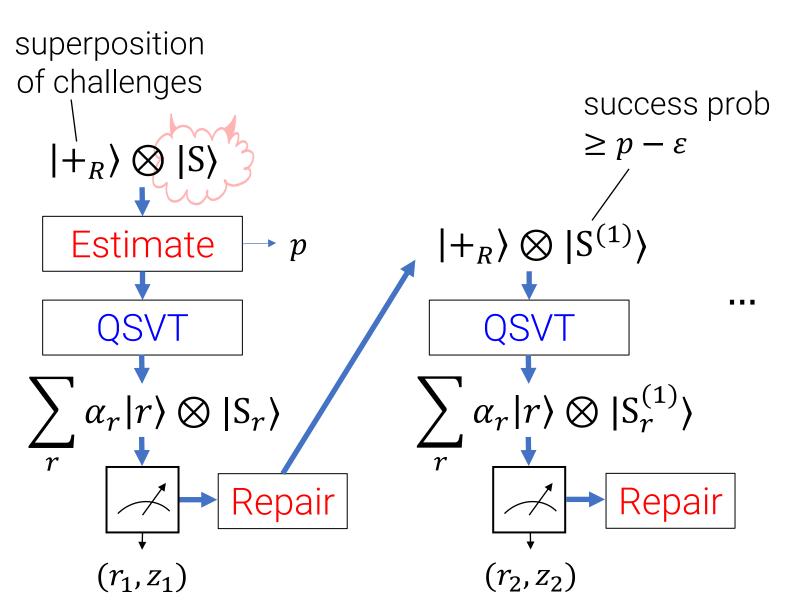
2) QSVT ensures we only measure accepting (r, z).

3) Fast algorithms + careful analysis + miracle: repair takes 1/p time.



Why does Repair work?

- In [CMSZ], "Return to subspace principle"
- If |S<sup>(p)</sup> was disturbed only a small amount, then Repair will return |S<sub>r</sub> to the p-subspace quickly
- But measurement of *r* is a huge disturbance...

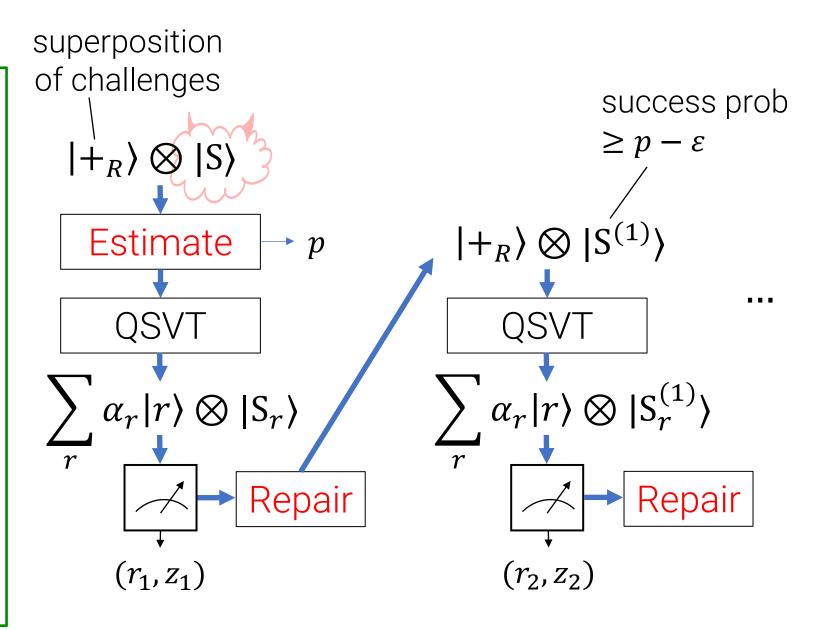


Our Analysis:

1) Measuring  $(r_i, z_i)$ looks disturbing, but:

2) There exists a good  $|\hat{S}\rangle$  such that  $|S'_1\rangle$  could have been obtained from a log 1/p disturbance to  $|\hat{S}\rangle$ .

3) Fast repair succeeds after  $1/\sqrt{p}$  calls to Estimate.



# Not shown: very insidious problem with the runtime

# Solution: calculate how long repair should take before disturbing the state.

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# State-Preserving Extraction

A protocol has state-preserving extraction if it has an extraction procedure  $SPExt^{P^*} \rightarrow (\tau, w, |\psi\rangle)$  such that:

- The probability that  $\tau$  is accepting but w is invalid is negligible.
- SPExt runs in expected polynomial time.
- $(\tau, |\psi\rangle)$  is computationally indistinguishable from real  $P^*$  view

Dual notion to post-quantum ZK.

Lemma: Guaranteed extraction  $\rightarrow$  state-preserving extraction for nice protocols.

(Informally) Whenever the extractor

outputs a (computationally) unique string

Example to have in mind: commit-and-prove protocols

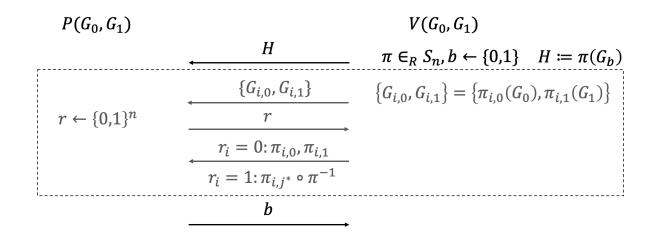
# Reduction to Guaranteed Extraction

# SPExt Sketch:

- 1. Run the guaranteed extractor coherently
- 2. Measure (a, b) and (if b = 1) measure w
- 3. Uncompute (1)
- 4. Run  $P^*$  forwards to get (r, z)

w measurement in (2) is undetectable, so (1) and (3) "cancel out."

# Putting everything together



- 1) GNI 3-message subprotocol has guaranteed extraction
- 2) So it has state-preserving extraction
- 3) So the GNI protocol is post-quantum ZK!

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# What is our simulator doing?

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(1) and (3) think of the guaranteed extractor as a unitary U + measurement, and apply U (step 1) and  $U^{\dagger}$  (step 3).

Is this expected polynomial time? What is expected polynomial time??

# What is Expected Quantum Polynomial Time?

We would like to think of our QTMs as finishing their computation when they reach the final state  $q_f$ . However, it is unclear how we should regard a machine which reaches a superposition in which some configurations are in state  $q_f$  but others are not. We try to avoid such difficulties by saying that a QTM halts on a particular input if it reaches a superposition consisting entirely of configurations in state  $q_f$ .

#### Quantum complexity theory<sup>\*</sup>

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#### Abstract

In this paper we study quantum computation from a complexity theoretic viewpoint. Our first result is the existence of an efficient universal quantum Turing Machine in Deutsch's model of a quantum Turing Machine [20]. This construction is substantially more complicated than the corresponding construction for classical Turing Machines - in fact, even simple primitives such as looping, branching and composition are not straightforward in the context of quantum Turing Machines. We establish how these familiar primitives can be implemented, and also introduce some new, purely quantum mechanical primitives, such as changing the computational basis, and carrying out an arbitrary unitary transformation of polynomially bounded dimension.

We also consider the precision to which the transition amplitudes of a quantum Turing Machine need to be specified. We prove that  $O(\log T)$  bits of precision suffice to support a T step computation. This justifies the claim that the quantum Turing Machine model should be regarded as a discrete model of computation and not an analog one.

We give the first formal evidence that quantum Turing Machines violate the modern (complexity theoretic) formulation of the Church-Turing thesis. We show the existence of a problem, relative to an oracle, that can be solved in polynomial time on a quantum Turing Machine, but requires superpolynomial time on a bounded-error probabilistic Turing Machine; and thus not in the class **BPP**. The class **BQP**, of languages that are efficiently decidable (with small error-probability) on a quantum Turing Machine, satisfies: **BPP**  $\subset$  **BOP**  $\subset$  **P**<sup>‡</sup>**P**. Therefore there is no possibility of giving a mathematical statement of the class **BPP**.

# Variable-Runtime Quantum Turing Machines [Deutsch85, Ozawa98]

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$\mathcal{W}$	Workspace	0>
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The "transition function" of a QTM is defined so that if Q contains the "halting state"  $q_f$ , no additional computation is done.

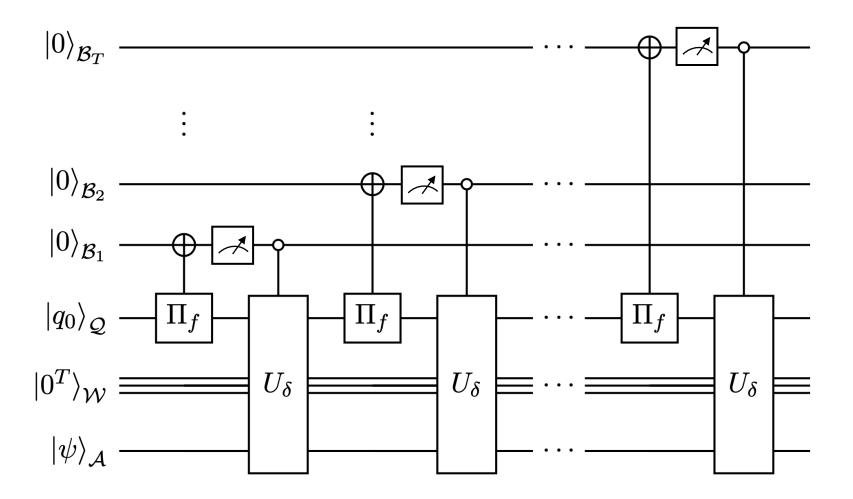
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Observation [M97, 098a, LP98, 098b]:

- 1) The runtime of a QTM is always effectively measured
- 2) Computation paths with different running times do not interfere

# Measured-Runtime Expected Poly Time (EQPT<sub>m</sub>)



 $\mathcal B$  records the runtime; we require polynomial expected value.

# $E\ensuremath{\mathsf{QPT}}_m$ is a bad model for ZK simulation

ZK: the view of every (malicious) verifier can be simulated in EPT

- However, different verifiers will have different simulator \*runtime distributions\*
- Computation paths with different running times do not interfere
- This means that an  ${\rm EQPT}_m$  simulator will break a superposition of two verifiers with different runtime distributions.

# Theorem [Chia-Chung-Liu-Yamakawa, FOCS '21]

Quantum  $EQPT_m$  black-box simulation for constant-round protocols is impossible

# What is the definition of classical ZK?

Theorem [Barak-Lindell '02]: Constant-round black-box ZK is **impossible** with fixed polynomial-time simulation.

Solution [GMR85,GMW86,GK96,FS90]: expected polynomial-time simulation

Sim Output = 
$$\sum_{t} a_t M^{(t)}(x, st)$$
  
 $\sum_{t} a_t \cdot t = \text{poly}(\lambda)$  In this "branch",  $M(x, st)$  runs in time t.

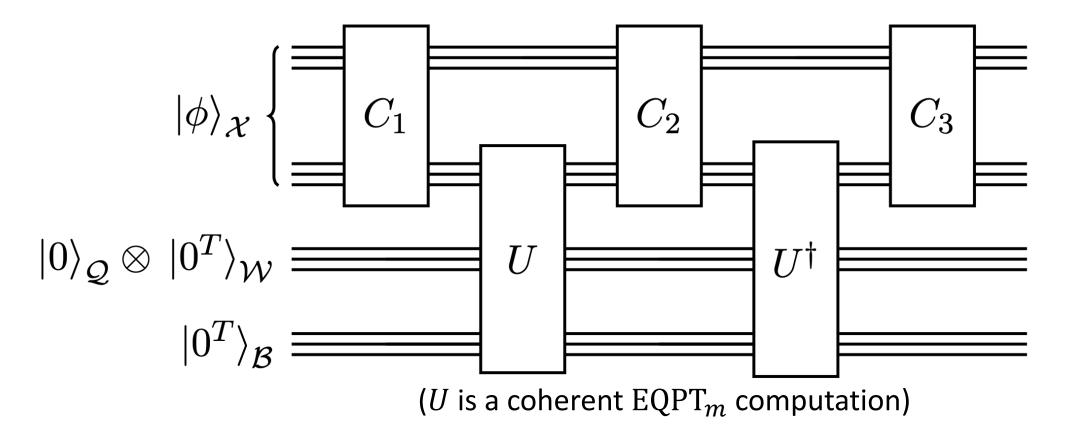
Coherent-Runtime Expected Poly Time (EQPT<sub>c</sub>)

# Output = $\sum_{t} \alpha_t (U^{(t)})^{\dagger} C(U^{(t)}) \cdot \Pi^{(t)} |\psi\rangle$ On this state, running U for t steps will reach end. $|\alpha_t|^2 \cdot t = \text{poly}(\lambda)$ In this ``branch," both U and $U^{\dagger}$ run for t steps.

Allows implementing projective measurements from  $EQPT_m$  procedures.

Coherent-Runtime Expected Poly Time (EQPT<sub>c</sub>)

Make use of  $U^{\dagger}$  to uncompute the runtime.



# Coherent-Runtime Expected Poly Time (EQPT<sub>c</sub>)

For the purposes of ZK simulation,  $EQPT_c$  is as good as classical EPT:

- Usefulness: Captures all of our ZK simulators
- Approximability: Can be truncated to time  $poly(\lambda, 1/\epsilon)$  with  $\epsilon$  error.
- Doesn't solve hard problems: If a computational assumption (e.g. LWE) is broken by  $EQPT_c$  then it is broken by BQP.

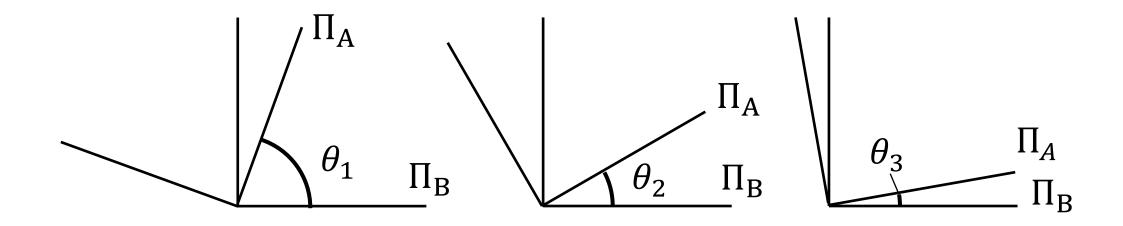
We propose  $EQPT_c$  to be the "right" quantum analogue of classical EPT simulation.

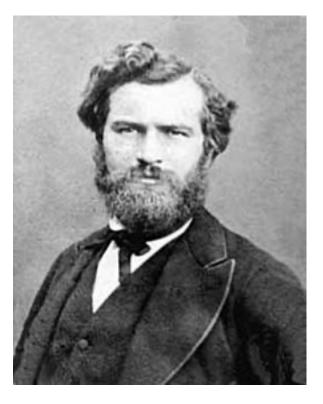
# Recap

- ZK Simulation by State-Preserving Extraction
  - Guaranteed extraction + collapsing → state-preserving extraction
- Extraction with (fast) singular vector algorithms
  - Jordan singular value estimation + singular vector transform
  - Amplify **prover state onto accepting transcript**, measure transcript, and then repair. Appeal to pseudoinverse state to bound runtime.
- Coherent-runtime expected quantum polynomial time simulation

# Final Thoughts

- Very open: conditions under which a cryptographic security property is generically post-quantum.
- Singular vector algorithms are good tools for crypto security proofs
  - Crypto also formulates interesting quantum algorithmic problems!
- Collapsing is an extremely important security notion
  - When are quantum phenomena collapsing? Current tools are limited
- What quantum computational models accurately characterize cryptographic security properties?





# Thank you!

