

# COMPRESSION OF QUANTUM MULTI-PROVER INTERACTIVE PROOFS

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## MY LAST SLIDE FOR LAST YEAR'S QIP

- Approximation of the entangled game value to inverse polynomial precision is **QMA-hard**
  - A **connection** between Bell inequalities and Hamiltonian complexity
  - How about approximation to **constant** precision?  
[Natarajan, Vidick 15]
  - Can we reduce the **number of players** down to 2?
  - Beyond **QMA**-hardness?
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# OUTLINE

1. Motivations
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    Overview
3. Techniques
4. Conclusions

# MOTIVATIONS

## How Hard are Nonlocal Games?

*“ You can't put a limit  
on anything.  
The more you dream,  
the farther you get.  
— Michael Phelps*

# NONLOCAL GAMES

- Nonlocal games

Bell inequalities + Multi-prover proofs

Distribution  $\pi$  over  $S \times T$

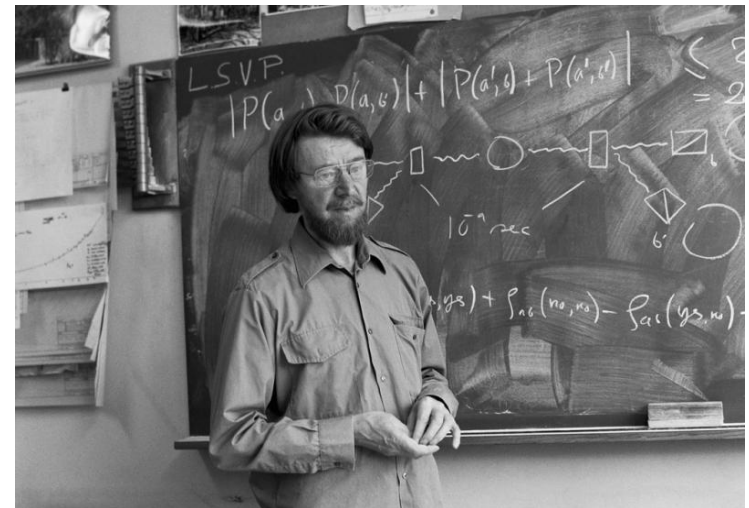
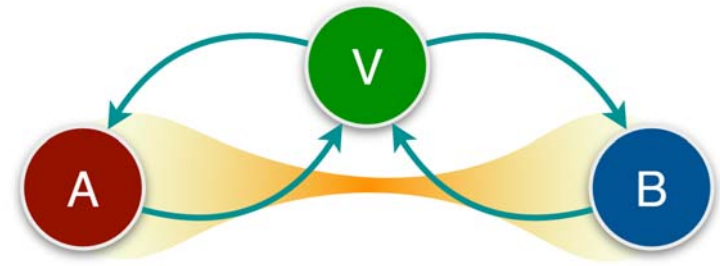
Function  $V : A \times B \times S \times T \rightarrow [0, 1]$

- The nonlocal value  $\omega^*$

The Nonlocal Game problem

- Nonlocal games vs. quantum multi-prover interactive proofs

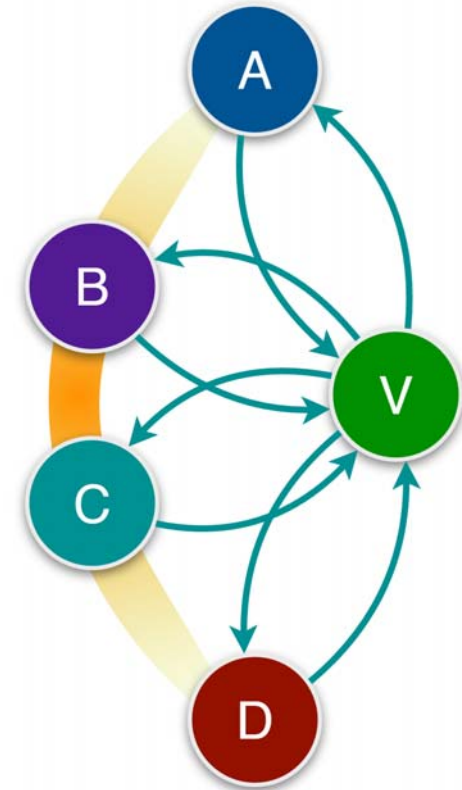
Message size:  $\log(n)$  vs.  $\text{poly}(n)$



## IN LAST YEAR'S QIP

- › A 4-player protocol for the [Local Hamiltonian Problem](#)
- › Nonlocal games are [QMA-hard](#)
- › Rigid nonlocal games for quantum error correcting codes
- › Quantum complexity for quantum (nonlocal) games
- › Dark cloud

Unlike classical games which are NP-complete, there are no upper bounds known for nonlocal games!



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# HOW FARTHER CAN WE GET?

QMA(2)?

PP?

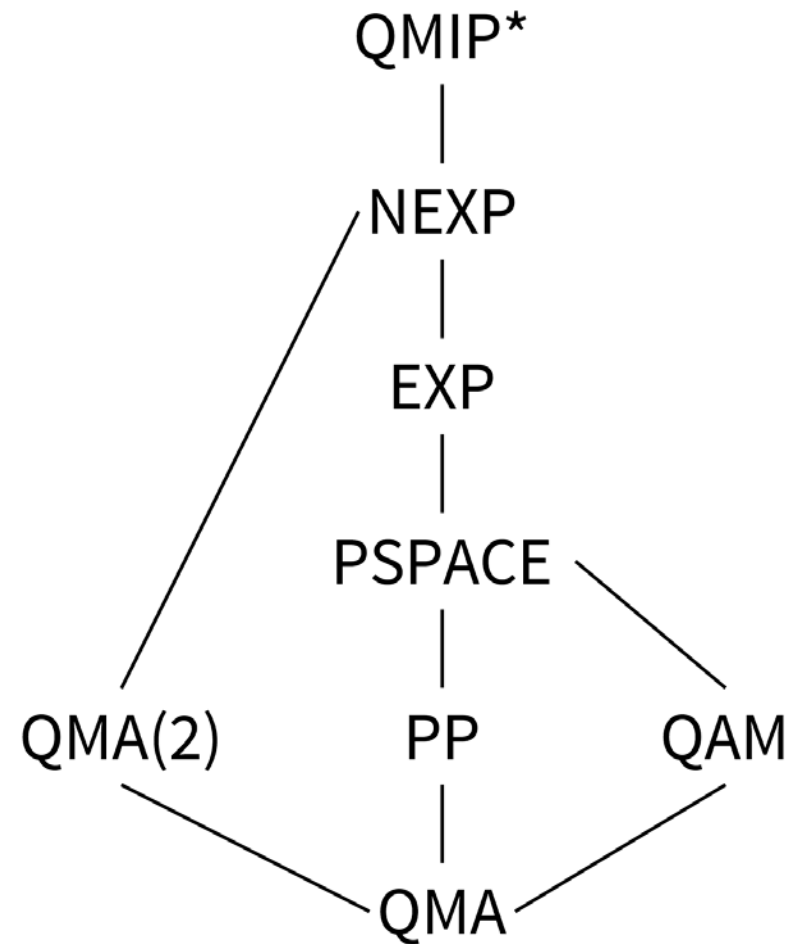
QAM?

PSPACE?

EXP?

NEXP?

QMIP\*?!





# PROOF OVERVIEW

## A Combination of Good Old Ideas from Quantum Proofs

*“There is no such thing as a new idea. It is impossible. We simply take a lot of old ideas and put them into a sort of mental kaleidoscope.  
— Mark Twain*

# PSPACE?

An intermediate goal to illustrate the ideas

# FROM QMA TO QMAM (QMA MODIFIED)

## QMA

A quantum analog of NP.

## QMAM

Merlin sends the first half of the proof state to Arthur; Arthur sends a random bit  $b$  to Merlin; Merlin sends the second half; Arthur decides acceptance.

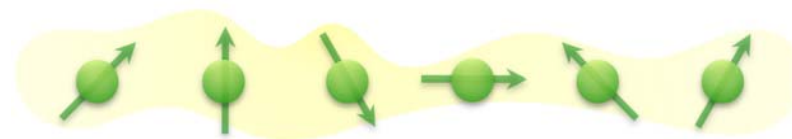
A quantum characterization of PSPACE.

## Uhlmann's theorem

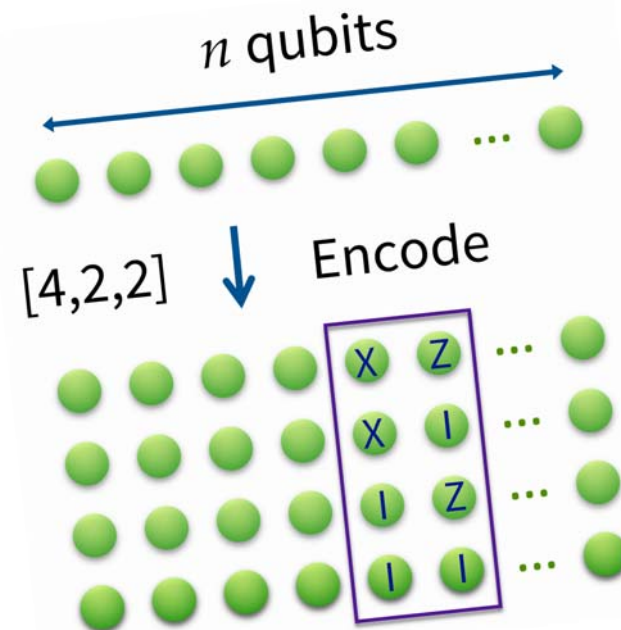
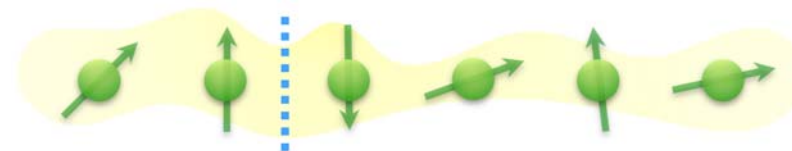
Merlin applies unitary transform  $W$  if  $b = 1$ .

Are we done?

[Kitaev '99]



[Marriott and Watrous '05]





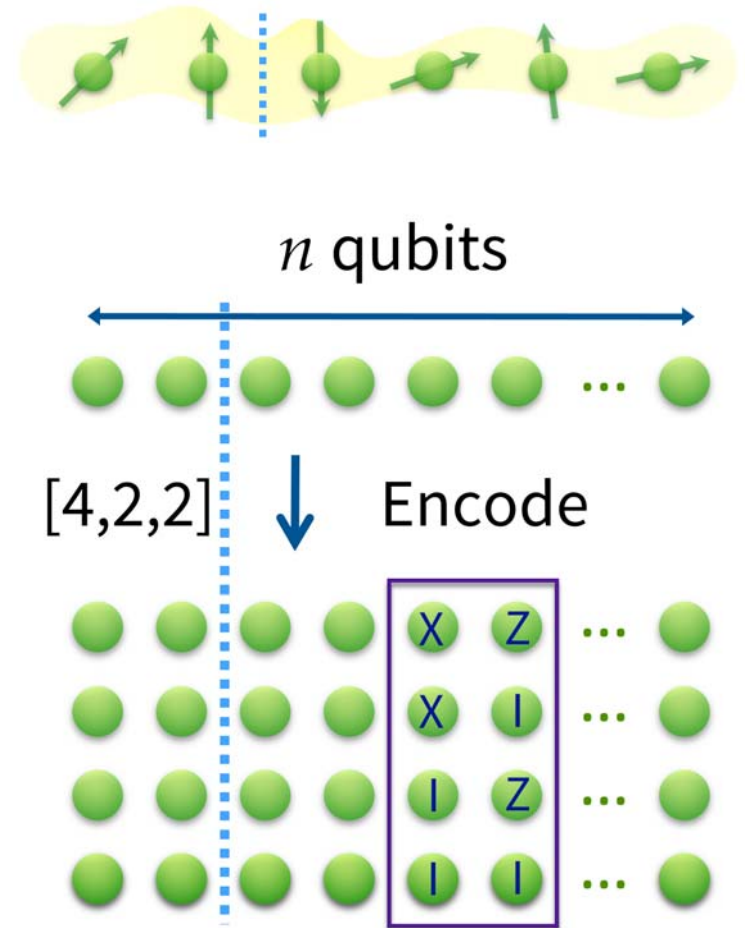
# TRANSVERSALITY VERSUS UNIVERSALITY

- Need rigid nonlocal games that can enforce the players to first perform the unitary  $W$  and then measure  $X, Z$
- The encoding and distribution of quantum proofs

Need transversality even for the honest players to follow the protocol

- But no universal set of transversal gates exists for any quantum code!

[Zeng, Cross and Chuang '07], [Eastin and Knill '09]



# TWO IDEAS FOR THE TRANSVERSALITY PROBLEM

1. The computation can be **classical** on the prover side for QIP(3)

*[Watrous '99]*

No transversal gates known even for universal classical computation on quantum codes

2. A new distribution of the proof state without encoding

Propagation games and **constraint propagation games**

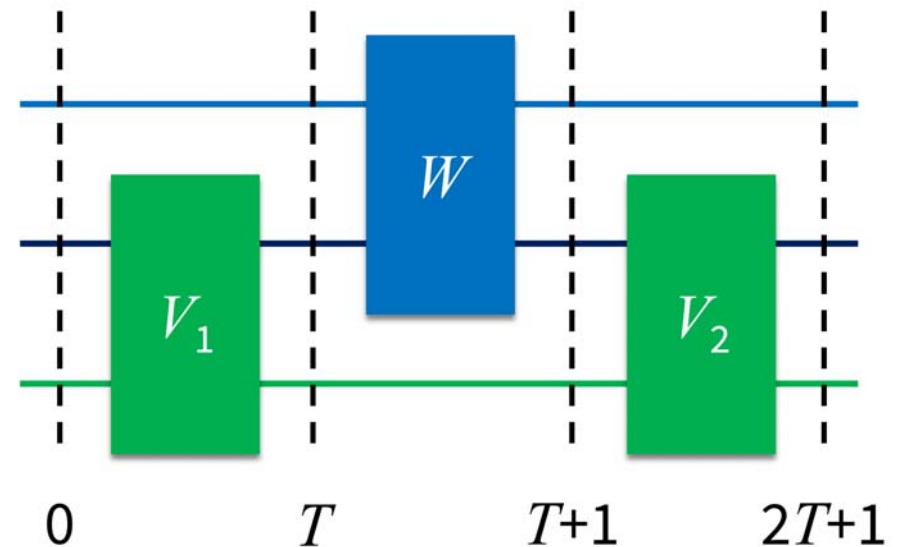
**Rigidity without encoding**

# STEP 1. AN HONEST-PLAYER GAME FOR QIP(3)

- Plays the role of the **Local Hamiltonian Problem** for QMA
- History state of the interaction

$$\sum_{t=0}^{2T+1} |t\rangle \otimes U_t U_{t-1} \cdots U_1 |\psi\rangle$$

- Referee possesses the clock and the verifier register, prover possesses a copy of clock and both the message and prover register
  - Verifier propagation check: Both the **Hadamard** and **Toffoli** propagations can be checked by Pauli X and Z measurements
  - Prover propagation check: **Extended EPR game**



## STEP 2. AN EXTENDED NONLOCAL GAME FOR QIP(3)

Use the **rigidity** of a **constraint propagation game** to remove the requirement that the prover measures honestly in the honest-player game for QIP(3)



## STEP 3. A NONLOCAL GAME FOR QIP(3)

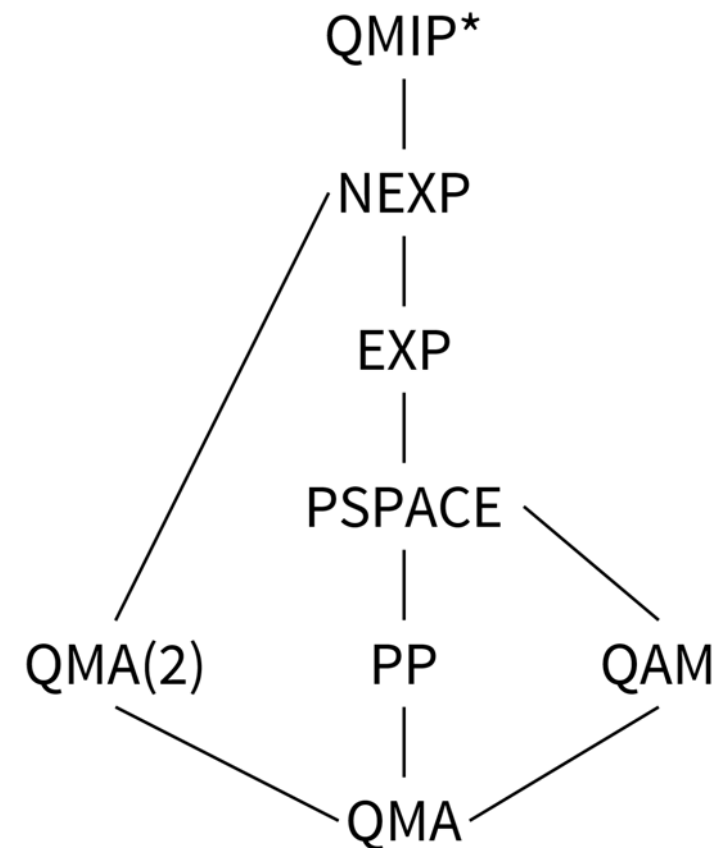
Make sure that the referee only performs Pauli  $X$ ,  $Z$  measurements and **delegate** the measurements to additional provers

# BEYOND PSPACE AND IMPLICATIONS

- Parallelization works for quantum multi-prover interactive proofs

*[Kempe, Kobayashi, Matsumoto and Vidick '08]*

- The **Nonlocal Game** problem (with inverse polynomial precision) is **QMIP\*-complete**, and hence **NEXP-hard**.
- Nonlocal games are provably harder than classical games (NP-hard).
- A strong indication that approximation precision matters for the complexity of **Nonlocal Games**.



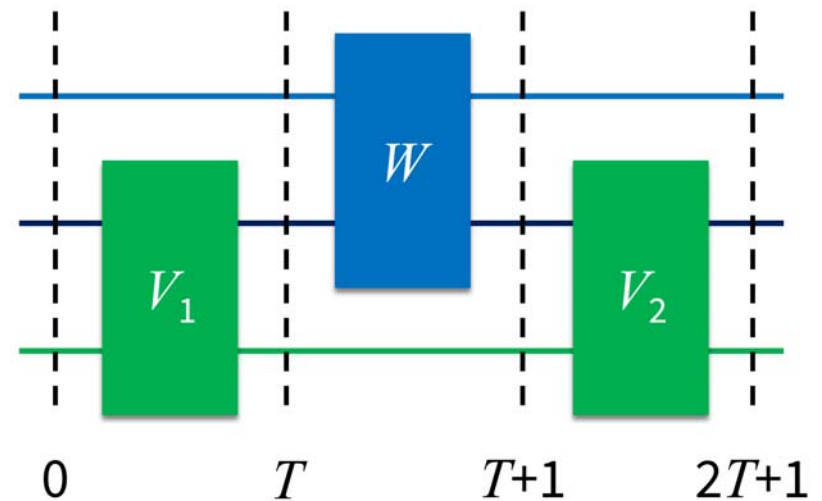
# TECHNIQUES

## Rigidity by Extended Nonlocal Games

“ *Example is leadership.*  
— *Albert Schweitzer*

# THE POWER OF EXTENDED NONLOCAL GAMES

- Easier and more flexible to achieve rigidity with **Extended Nonlocal Games**
  - Allow the distribution of **raw** qubits (without encoding) to the players while retaining control over the players' behavior (**rigidity**)
  - Check the **prover's propagation** in QIP(3)



# EXTENDED NONLOCAL GAMES

- Nonlocal Games and Extended Nonlocal Games

Question sets  $S, T$ , answer sets  $A, B$ , distribution  $\pi$  over  $S \times T$  and a function  $V$  that specifies the acceptance rule of the referee

Nonlocal Games	$V : A \times B \times S \times T \rightarrow [0, 1]$
Extended Nonlocal Games	$V : A \times B \times S \times T \rightarrow [0, I]$

*[Johnston, Mittal, Russo and Watrous '16]*

*[Tomamichel, Fehr, Kaniewski and Wehner '13]*

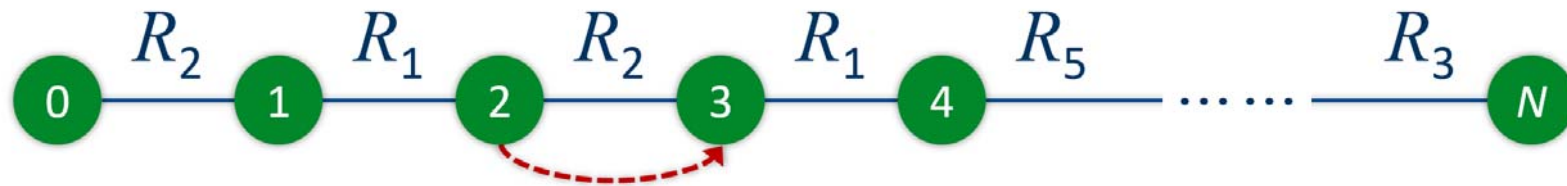
- Equivalently, the referee possesses a quantum system which the players choose how to initialize; the referee may measure and then decide
- Single-player extended nonlocal games are already interesting





# PROPAGATION GAMES (SIMPLE VERSION)

- Reflections  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n$ . A **sequence**  $\mathfrak{R} = (R_{\zeta_i})_{i=1}^N$  of reflections with indices  $\zeta_i \in [n]$



The propagation game is an extended nonlocal game in which the referee possesses a quantum system  $\mathbb{C}^{N+1}$  and

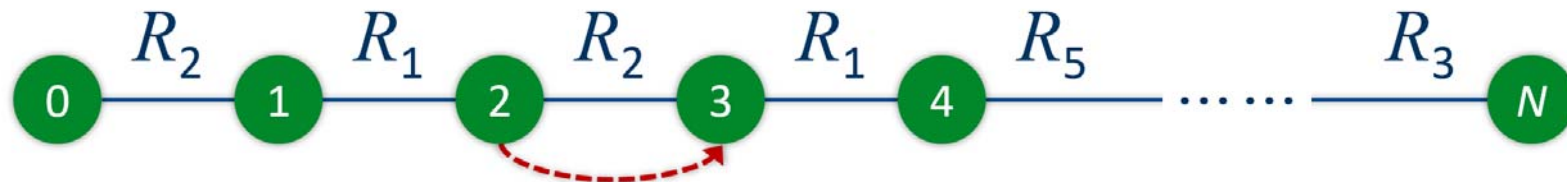
1. Selects an  $i \in [N]$  uniformly at random and sends the index  $j = \zeta_i \in [n]$  to the player and receives an answer bit  $a$ ;
2. Performs the projective measurement  $\Pi_i$  on his system and accepts if the outcome is 2 or equals to  $a$ .

# RIGIDITY FOR PROPAGATION GAMES

- The history state isometry for sequence  $\mathfrak{R}$  is defined as

$$V_{\mathfrak{R}} \propto \sum_{t=0}^N |t\rangle \otimes R_{\zeta_t} R_{\zeta_{t-1}} \cdots R_{\zeta_1}.$$

History states are states for the form  $V_{\mathfrak{R}} \rho V_{\mathfrak{R}}^*$ .



- Theorem.** Any strategy that has value at least  $1 - \epsilon$  must use shared state that is  $N^{3/2} \epsilon^{1/2}$ -close to a history state for  $\hat{\mathfrak{R}}$  in trace distance.

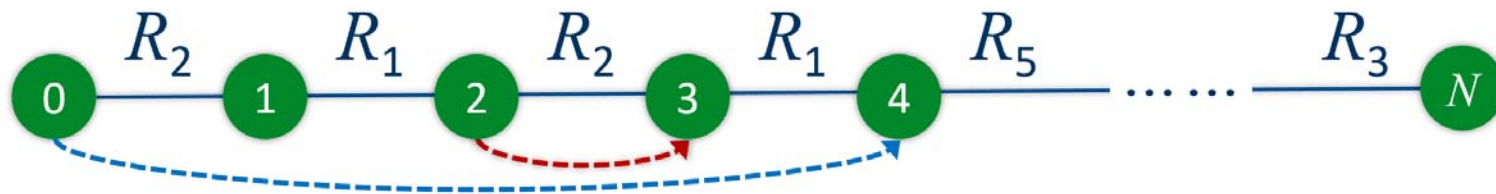


# CONSTRAINT PROPAGATION GAMES

- Reflections  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n$ ; Constraints  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_m$

$$R_{j_1} R_{j_2} \cdots R_{j_{n_i}} = (-1)^{\tau_i} I.$$

- Two chains  $G_{\text{prop}}$  and  $G_{\text{cons}}$ :



The referee possesses a quantum system  $\mathbb{C}^{V(G_{\text{prop}})}$  and performs the following two checks with equal probability:

1. (Propagation Check). Propagation game for  $G_{\text{prop}}$ ;
2. (Constraint Check). Propagation game for  $G_{\text{cons}}$  (no need to interact with the player);



# RIGIDITY FOR CONSTRAINT PROPAGATION GAMES

- For strategy  $(\rho, \{\hat{R}_j\})$ , define

$$\hat{C}_i = \hat{R}_{i,1} \hat{R}_{i,2} \cdots \hat{R}_{i,n_i}.$$

- Theorem.** If the strategy has value at least  $1 - \epsilon$ , then the constraints are approximately satisfied. That is, for some constant  $\kappa$  and state  $\rho_0 \propto \langle 0 | \rho | 0 \rangle$ ,

$$\operatorname{Re} \operatorname{Tr}_{\rho_0} \hat{C}_i \approx_{N^\kappa \epsilon^{1/\kappa}} (-1)^{\tau_i}.$$

# MULTI-QUBIT RIGIDITY WITHOUT CONSISTENCY

- Two enhancements to Propagation Games and Constraint Propagation Games

1. Allow the **confusion questions**  $R_{j|q}$  where  $j \in q \subseteq [n]$

Relate the Single qubit Pauli to Multi-qubit Pauli

2. Allow the **controlled questions**  $\Lambda_c(R_j)$

Rearranging operators without **consistency**

- Multi-Qubit Rigidity

The player must measure the constant-weight Pauli operators up to some isometry

# REASONS TO ENHANCE CONSTRAINT PROPAGATION GAMES

- The rigidity theorem for constraint propagation games allows us to enforce useful conditions such as approximate commutativity and approximate anti-commutativity

$$\operatorname{Re} \operatorname{Tr}_{\rho_0} (\hat{R}_0 \hat{R}_1 \hat{R}_0 \hat{R}_1) \approx \pm 1$$

- However, approximate commutativity and anti-commutativity are not sufficient to guarantee the multi-qubit rigidity

*[Chao, Reichardt, Sutherland and Vidick '17]*

# CHECKING PROVER PROPAGATION

- Consider only the prover propagation part and check that the state is of the form

$$|00\rangle|\phi\rangle + |11\rangle(I \otimes W)|\phi\rangle$$

- Extended EPR Game

X	X			X	X
Z	Z			Z	Z
		+	X	0	
		+	Z	1	



- Anti-commutativity and rigidity
- A theory of **approximate** stabilizers
- To achieve close-to-optimal value, the player must initialize the **EPR state** and **measure honestly**

# CONCLUSION AND OPEN PROBLEMS

- We proved that any  $r$ -player quantum multi-prover interactive protocol can be **compressed** to a nonlocal game in which messages are of  $O(\log n)$  bits
- Nonlocal Games are **QMIP\*-complete** and **NEXP-hard**
- A combination of ideas in **quantum proofs**
  - History state and propagation checking
  - Parallelization of quantum proofs
  - Rigidity of nonlocal games
- Exact case versus approximate case *[Slofstra '17]*
- Open problems
  - What is the hardness of the **constant** precision approximation problem for nonlocal games?
  - Tradeoff between precision and complexity
  - Characterization of QMIP\*

**THANKS!**