

DISTILLATION



# DISTILLATION OF SECRET KEY AND ENTANGLEMENT FROM QUANTUM STATES

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ENTANGLEMENT :



$$|\Phi^+\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle_A |0\rangle_B + |1\rangle_A |1\rangle_B}{\sqrt{2}}$$

... IS JUST WONDERFUL! TO

— VIOLATE BELL'S INEQUALITIES

— DO QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY

— TELEPORT QUBITS

⋮

UNLESS...

...IT'S DIRTY:



$$\text{E.G. } \rho = P\Phi + (1-P)\frac{I}{4}$$

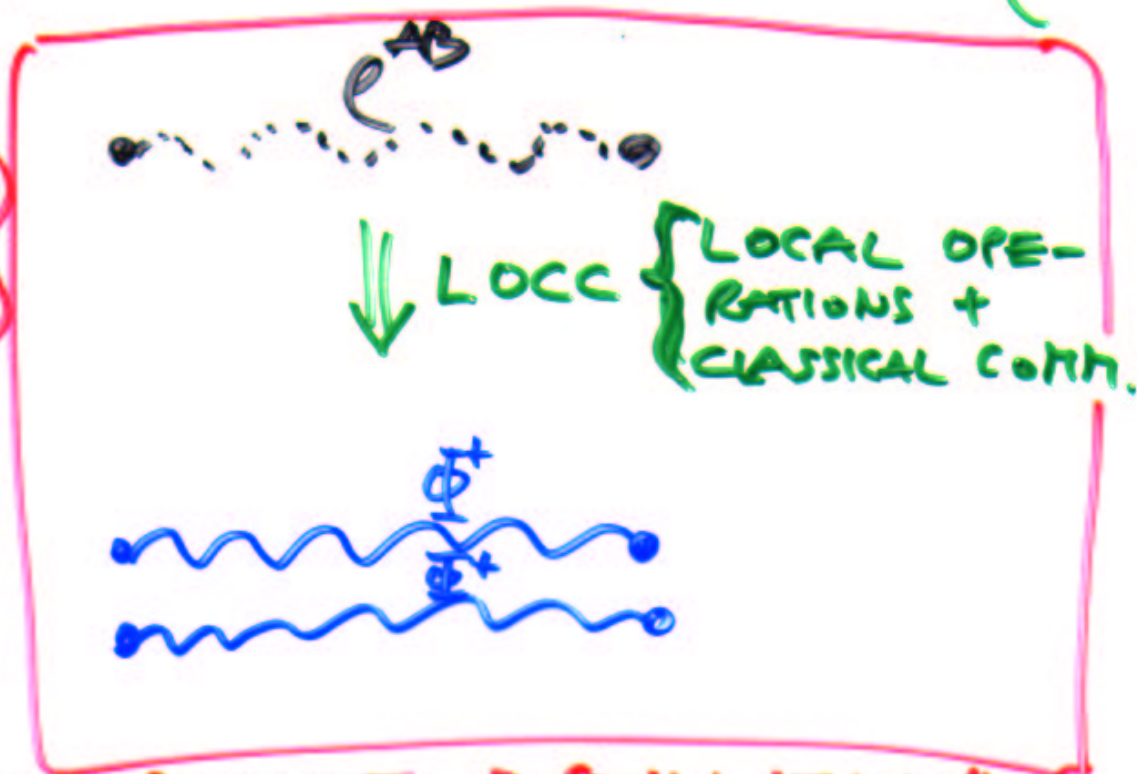
WAYS TO AVOID THIS:

\* WHEN DISTRIBUTING / STORING STATES, USE QUANTUM ERROR CORRECTION.

... ALL FINE, BUT WHAT IF IT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED?

\* RESCUE WHAT'S STILL IN  $\rho$ :

(BBPSW'94)  
(BDSW'96)



"ENTANGLEMENT DISTILLATION"

● WHY LOCC ?

— RESTRICTION MAKES SENSE : A, B USUALLY SEPARATED.

— CANNOT CREATE ENTANGLEMENT.

— INTERESTED IN ULTIMATE LIMITS.



● VARIANTS OF THE TASK:

— IS IT POSSIBLE AT ALL ?

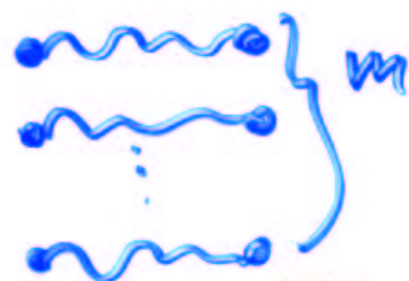
(I.E. IS THERE NONZERO PROB. TO GET ONE EPR-PAIR FROM (MANY COPIES OF)  $\rho^{AB}$  ?

"DISTILLABILITY"  
→ OPEN

— OPTIMAL RATE & PROTOCOLS ?



$\frac{m}{n}$   
LOCC  
⇒



$D(\rho) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m}{n}$

FROM BDSW'96:

- BOUNDS / FORMULAS FOR  $D(\rho)$ !

- "ENTANGLEMENT MEASURES" ?

[ ENTANGLEMENT OF FORMATION;  
AXIOMATIC WORK BY VIDAL,  
HORODECCI, ... ]

▶ MILESTONE: "HASHING PROTOCOL"

$$\text{FOR } \rho = p_{00}\Phi^+ + p_{01}\Phi^- + p_{10}\Psi^+ + p_{11}\Psi^-$$

MIXTURE OF BELL-STATES

$$\text{GET } D_{\rightarrow}(\rho) \geq 1 - H(\{p\})$$

✓  
DISTILLABLE  
ENTG. UNDER  
LO + FORWARD CC

CONJECTURE (WHO? WHEN?)

THE "HASHING INEQUALITY"

$$D_{\rightarrow}(\rho^{AB}) \geq S(\rho^B) - S(\rho^{AB}) =: I_c(A|B)$$

IS TRUE FOR ALL STATES  $\rho^{AB}$ .

... OK, IF IT'S TRUE - SO WHAT? 5

THM. (SCHUMACHER ET AL. '96 + '98  
HORODECCI 2000): THE CONJ.

IMPLIES:

$$\bullet D_{\rightarrow}(e) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sup_{\substack{\text{I-LOCC} \\ \rho^n \rightarrow \sigma}} I_c(A \rangle B)_\sigma$$

$$\bullet D_{\leftrightarrow}(e) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sup_{\text{LOCC}} I_c(A \rangle B)_\sigma$$

• SIMILAR FORMULAS FOR QUANTUM CAPACITY OF QUANTUM CHANNELS:

$$Q(T) \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} Q_{\rightarrow}(T) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sup_{\sigma = (\text{I-LOCC})^n} I_c(A \rangle B)_\sigma$$

BARNUM ET AL. '98

SHOR '02

AND EVEN FOR  $Q_{\leftrightarrow}(T)$ ...

[ NOT PERFECT (BECAUSE OF  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$ :  
"NONCOMPUTABLE"), BUT AT LEAST  
IT LOOKS LIKE INFORMATION  
THEORY ... ]

... FINALLY PROVED THE BLOODY THING.

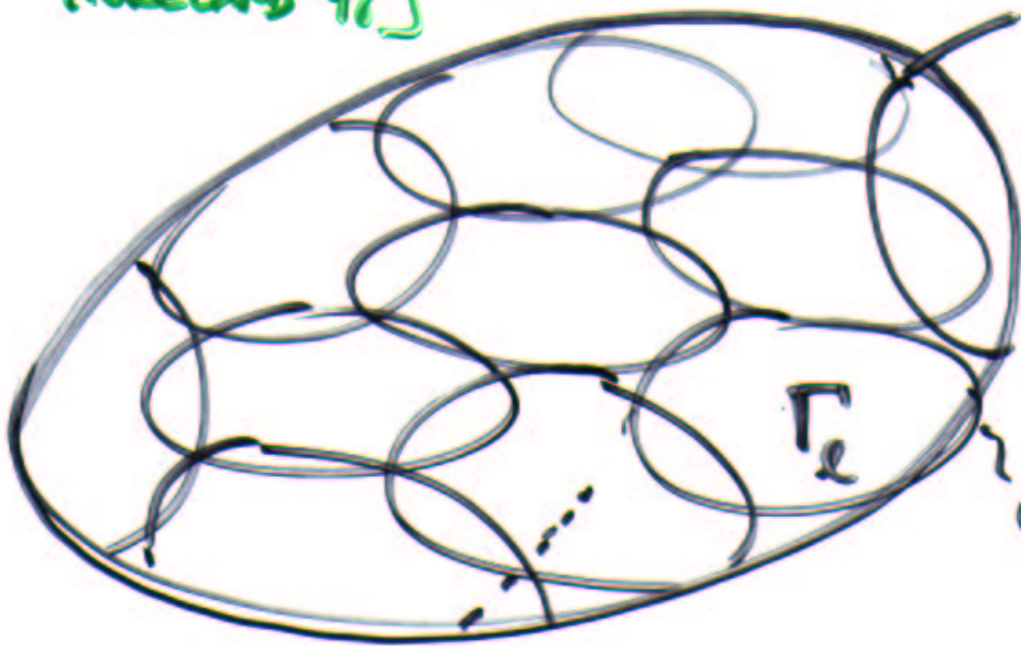
HOW IT WORKS

LITTLE DIGRESSION: SECRET KEY DISTILLATION

FROM  $P^{ABE} = \sum_x P(x) P(x|A) P(x|B)$

(n COPIES)

CLASSICAL MODEL:  
MAURER '93  
AHLSWEDE/RSUSZAR '93  
[THIS: SCHUMACHER/WEST-MORELAND '98]



TYPICAL SEQUENCES  
( $\approx 2^{nH(P)}$ )

COVERED BY SETS  
 $\Gamma_l \dots$

GOOD CODE FOR  $x \mapsto c$   
( $\approx 2^{nI(x|B)}$ )



P.A. CODE FOR  $x \mapsto c$

RANDOM CODE-WORD HAS OUTPUT  
 $\approx \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} P(c) P(x|c) \approx 2^{nI(x|E)}$

KEY AGREEMENT:

(1) ALICE OBSERVES  $x^n$ : FINDS  $l$  S.T.  
 $x^n \in T_l$

& TELLS BOB (EVE ALSO GETS  $l$ !!)

(2) DETERMINES  $m, s$  S.T.  $x^n \in C_m$  }  $m = m'$   
 W.H.P.  
 & UNIFORM

(3) BOB 'DECODES'  $m, s$ !



$\mathbb{P} \rho_{ABE} = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$

- $|\psi\rangle = \sum \sqrt{p_{m,s}} |m\rangle^A |s\rangle^B$
- ALICE MEASURES  $|x\rangle$ :

KEY RATE:  $S(B) - S(E)$   
 $= S(B) - S(AB)$

(EVE:  $l, \rho_{x^n}^E$ )  
 ALMOST INDEP.  
 OF  $m$

KEY RATE:  
 $I(x; B) - I(x; E)$

DO ALL THIS COHERENTLY, EXCEPT (1):

(2) + (3): LEADS TO A STATE

$$\approx \sum_{m,s} |m\rangle^A |s\rangle^A |m\rangle^B |s\rangle^B |\psi_{m,s}^E\rangle^{B'E}$$

(4) ALICE MEASURES  $A'$  IN QFT-CONJ. BASIS  
 → TELLS BOB RESULT  $|k\rangle$  → HE DOES  
 PHASE CORRECTION ON  $B'$ :

$$\approx \sum_{m,s} |k\rangle^A |k\rangle^B |s\rangle^B |\psi_{m,s}^E\rangle^{B'E}$$



...  $N \sum_{m,s} |\alpha_m\rangle^A |\alpha_s\rangle^B |\psi_{ms}\rangle^{BE}$ , EACH

$$|\xi\rangle := \sum_s |\xi_s\rangle |\psi_{ms}\rangle^{BE} \quad (\forall m!) \text{ IS } \approx \text{PURIFICATION OF } \sigma_E^{BN} \Rightarrow$$

$$\exists \text{ UNITARY } U_m: (U_m^{B'B''} \otimes \mathbb{1}^E) |\xi_m\rangle = |\xi_0\rangle$$

(5) BOB APPLIES  $\sum_m |\alpha_m\rangle^B \otimes U_m^{B'B''}$ :

$$\underline{\text{FINAL STATE}}: \approx \sum_m |\alpha_m\rangle^A |\alpha_m\rangle^B |\xi_0\rangle^{B''E}$$

CA.  $n(S(B) - S(AB))$  EPR-PAIRS.

### CONCLUSION

→ PROVED HASHING INEQUALITY VIA SECRET KEY DISTILLATION

→ OPTIMAL KEY RATES FOR FORWARD DISTILLATION; SEVERAL QUANTUM & ENTG.-DISTILLATION CAPACITY FORMULAS

→ OPEN: SINGLE-LETTER FORMULAS FOR THESE... OR AT LEAST GOOD UPPER + LOWER SINGLE-LETTER BOUNDS ?!