

Quantum process tomography with guaranteed precision

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Tomography of quantum states and processes is an important part of current experiments, as it is used to verify that the actual prepared state ρ is close to the target one. However, a reliable tomography scheme should not only provide a point estimate $\hat{\rho}$, but also confidence regions – justified error bars for this estimate:

$$\mathbb{P}(\|\rho - \hat{\rho}\| < \delta) \geq \text{CL}, \quad (1)$$

First attempts were made by Sugiyama et al. [?]. We improve their results and propose an algorithm for constructing such regions, using a bootstrapping technique. With the help of the main bootstrap assumption (here $\hat{\rho}_B^{(k)}$ are samples generated from $\hat{\rho}$):

$$\mathbb{P}(\|\rho - \hat{\rho}\| < \delta) \approx \mathbb{P}(\|\hat{\rho} - \hat{\rho}_B^{(k)}\| < \delta), \quad (2)$$

it is then straightforward to estimate confidence regions (1). The constructed regions have the shape of a ball and thus can be simplified to one-dimensional confidence intervals. This not only allows for fast computation, but also for efficient estimation of the difference between the prepared and target states. Using Choi-Jamiolkowski isomorphism:

$$C_{\mathcal{E}} := (\mathbf{1} \otimes \mathcal{E}) \left[\sum_{i,j} |i\rangle \otimes |i\rangle \langle j| \otimes \langle j| \right] = \sum_{i,j} |i\rangle \langle j| \otimes \mathcal{E}[|i\rangle \langle j|] \quad (3)$$

between quantum states and quantum channels [?] we generalize this procedure and apply it to quantum process tomography, which is performed by an iterative algorithm described in [?]. We provide several examples (Fig. 1, 2) to demonstrate the applicability of the proposed scheme in experiments.

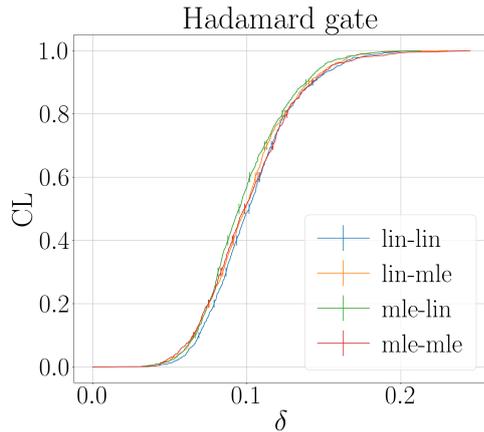


Figure 1: Confidence interval

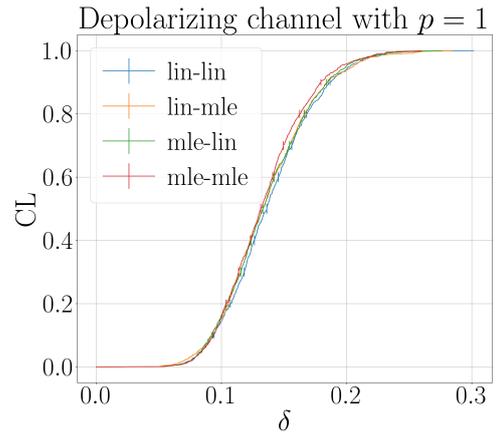


Figure 2: Fully depolarizing channel CI

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