Garbled Quantum Computation

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The universal blind quantum computation protocol (UBQC) \cite{1} enables an almost classical client
to delegate a quantum computation to an untrusted quantum server (in form of a garbled quantum
computation) while the security for the client is unconditional. In this contribution we explore the
possibility of extending the verifiable UBQC \cite{2, 3}, to achieve further functionalities as was done for
classical garbled computation. First, exploring the asymmetric nature of UBQC (client preparing
only single qubits, while the server runs the entire quantum computation), we present a “Yao”
type protocol for secure two party quantum computation. Similar to the classical setting \cite{4} our
quantum Yao protocol is secure against a specious (quantum honest-but-curious) garbler, but in our
case, against a (fully) malicious evaluator. Unlike the protocol in \cite{5}, we do not require any online-
quantum communication between the garbler and the evaluator and thus no extra cryptographic
primitive. This feature will allow us to construct a simple universal one-time compiler for any
quantum computation using one-time memory, in a similar way with the classical work of \cite{6} while
more efficiently than the previous work of \cite{2}.

I. INTRODUCTION

Future information and communication networks will consist of both classical and quantum devices, some
of which are expected to be dishonest. These devices will have various different functionalities, ranging
from simple routers to servers executing quantum algorithms. Within the last few years, anticipating this
development has led to the formation and growth of the field of delegated quantum computing \cite{1, 7–11}.
Among them is the universal blind quantum computation (UBQC) protocol of \cite{1} which is developed based
on the measurement-based quantum computation model (MBQC) \cite{12} that appears as the most promising
physical implementation for a networked architecture \cite{13}. In the UBQC framework, the only quantum
requirement for the client is the offline creation of random single qubit states, which is a currently available
technology, and has been demonstrated experimentally \cite{14}.

The MBQC model of computation, can be viewed as a set of classical instructions steering a quantum
computation performed on a highly entangled quantum state. The classical outcomes of the single-system
measurements that occur during the computation, are in general randomly distributed bits with no signifi-
cance for the final output of the computation. This enables one to use relatively basic obfuscation techniques
in order to prevent an untrusted operator, implementing an MBQC computation, to access the true flow of
information. This key observation has led to an entirely new approach to quantum verification that exploits
cryptographic techniques \cite{2, 10, 11, 15–21}. The core idea is to encode simple trap computations within a
target computation, run on a remote device. This is done in such a way that the computation is not affected,
while in the same time, reveals no information to the server. The correctness of the overall computation is
tested by verifying that the trap computations were done correctly. The latter, being significantly less costly,
leads to efficient verification schemes. This approach of quantum verification has been recently used to ob-
tain specific cryptographic primitives such as quantum one-time program \cite{7} and secure two-party quantum
computation \cite{22}, that are also the main focus of this paper.

A. Our contribution

We will explore two extensions of the verifiable universal blind quantum computing (VUBQC) protocols,
that are built based on measurement-based quantum computation, in order to achieve new functionalities to
be implemented in the quantum network setting [13]. The essential novelty of our approach is that the client-server setting allows different participants to have different quantum technological requirements. As a result, in our proposed two-party primitives, one party (garbler or sender) remains as classical as possible (with no need for quantum memory), while it is only the other party (evaluator or receiver) that requires access to a quantum computer. Moreover, the required offline initial quantum communication between the participants is also limited to exchange of simple single quantum states that can be generated, for example, in any quantum key distribution network (as it was proven recently in [23]). Finally, all the utilised sub-protocols in our schemes could be reduced to the core protocols of offline preparation [23] and verifiable universal blind quantum computation [2, 18] that are both proven to be compositely secure in the abstract cryptography framework of [24]. For simplicity, we only present the stand-alone security proof for our protocols, as we follow the framework of [5] and use simulation-based techniques. Concretely we present two new protocols:

1. In Section [11] we present a protocol for secure two party quantum computation, that we refer to as QYao. This protocol involves two parties with asymmetric roles, that wish to securely compute any given unitary on a joint quantum input. Similar to the classical protocol of [4], in QYao an honest-but-curious (formally defined for the quantum setting in [5]) client, capable of preparing only random single qubit and performing constant depth classical computation, “garbles” the entire unitary. The fully malicious server/evaluator, receives instructions from garbler and insert their input either using a (classical) oblivious transfer (OT), or by a quantum input insertion scheme secure against the honest-but-curious garbler. The evaluator performs the computation, extracts their own output qubits and returns the remaining output qubits to the garbler. After the garbler verifies the computation, the garbler releases the encryption keys of the evaluator output qubits. Unlike the classical setting, our proposed QYao protocol is interactive, but importantly, only classical online communication is required. One gain we obtain, is a boost in security since, apart from the initial input exchange where classical OT is needed, the rest of the protocol is unconditionally secure. If one could replace the classical OT’s in our QYao protocol with new primitives, such as the unconditionally secure relativistic primitives [25], the security would be extended to fully unconditional. In Section [IV] we prove the security of the protocol in the ideal-real word paradigm using a simulation-based technique.

2. In Section [V] we follow the classical approach of [6] and make our QYao protocol non-interactive by using the classical hardware primitive “one-time memory” (OTM), which is essentially a non-interactive oblivious transfer. By using OTM the need for initial OT calls, in our QYao protocol, is also removed leading to a one-time universal compiler for any given quantum computation. Such one-time quantum programs can be executed only once, where the input can be chosen at any time. The one-time programs have a wide range of applications ranging from program obfuscation, software protection to temporary transfer of cryptographic ability [6]. Classically the challenge in lifting the Yao protocol for two-party computation to one-time program, is addressing the issue of malicious adversary. However, our QYao protocol is already secure against a malicious evaluator without any extra primitive or added overhead. Our quantum one-time program is therefore a straightforward translation of QYao. The same technique is applicable to essentially any cryptographic protocols developed in the measurement-based model that require offline quantum preparation and online classical communications. In any such MBQC computation there are exponentially many branches of computation (this is due to the non-deterministic nature of the intermediate single-qubits measurement that occur during the computation). However, we prove that a single OTM (of constant size) per computation qubit suffices to make the QYao non-interactive. This is due to the fact that in any constant degree graph-state (the underlying entanglement resources for an MBQC computation), the flow of information acts locally. We prove that this is the case for the recurrence in the VUBQC protocol introduced in [3], that our protocol is based.

Hence each classical message between parties, in the interactive case, depends on constant number of previous messages which allows us to remove this interaction using a simple constant-size OTM.

B. Related works

Deriving new quantum cryptographic protocols for functionalities beyond the secure key exchange [26] is an active field of research (see a recent review for a summary [27]). In particular, our contributions are directly linked to the works on verifiable blind quantum computing (VUBQC) [2, 10, 11], secure two party quantum computing [5, 22] and quantum one-time program and quantum obfuscation [7, 28]. The
main focus in VUBQC research is the ability of a limited verifier to certify the correctness of the quantum computation performed by a remote server. Recently, many such protocols have been developed achieving different quantum technological requirement for the verifier or the prover \[15, 17, 19, 29, 30\]. We have used the optimal (from the verifier point of view) VUBQC that has the additional property of a local and independent trap construction \[3\]. This property allows us to construct a simple yet generic scheme for the server (receiver, evaluator) input insertion and output extraction that could be applicable to other VUBQC schemes and that might lead to further properties not present in the scheme of \[3\].

Due to the impossibility results of \[7, 28\], having extra primitives such as OTM is unavoidable in order to achieve program hiding. However, using the MBQC framework with the verification protocol of \[3\] leads to a simpler procedure for removing the classical interaction compared to the initial work that pioneered this approach \[7\]. Furthermore, due to the direct utilisation of OTM’s instead of classical one-time programs, our scheme could be applicable to other VUBQC protocols that might emerge in the future. Another way making protocols non-interactive is based on the security of other classical primitives as it was done in \[31\] using fully homomorphic encryption. However, to apply this method for non-interactive secure two-party quantum computation, is important to enable verifiability from the side of the sender, something naturally present in our scheme but not necessarily in other schemes. Finally the VUBQC framework which naturally separates the classical and quantum part of the computation allows us to construct a client-server scheme for secure two-party quantum computation that unlike the work of \[5\] removes the requirement of any extra cryptographic primitive that was an open question in \[5\]. Here, we need to clarify that, while in the classical Yao with an honest-but-curious garbler the primitive of OT is required for the evaluator’s input insertion, in our QYao this is not the case. This is simply due to the fact that the notion of quantum specious adversary that was formalised in \[5\] is more restrictive than classical honest-but-curious in certain cases (see Appendix \[B\]). Hence instead of utilising a classical OT, one could simply devise a quantum communication scheme, as we present here, in order to achieve the same goal of secure input insertion against a (less powerful) adversarial garbler.

Finally, the server - client setting can also be exploited to achieve simpler (implementation-wise) multiparty blind quantum computation protocols, where multiple clients use a single server to jointly and securely perform a quantum computation \[32\].

II. PRELIMINARIES

A. Verifiable blind quantum computation

We will assume that the reader is familiar with the measurement-based quantum computation (MBQC) model \[12\] that is known to be the same as any gate teleportation model \[33, 34\]. In this section we introduce MBQC and use it to revise a blind quantum computation (server performs computation without learning input/output or computation) \[1\] and a verifiable blind quantum computation (client can also verify that the computation was performed correctly) \[2\] protocols. The general idea behind the MBQC model is: start with a large and highly entangled generic multiparty state (the resource state) and then perform the computation by carrying out single-qubit measurements. To perform a desired quantum computation, each qubit should be measured in a suitable basis, and this basis is (partly) determined by some default measurement angles \(\phi_i\). There is an order that the measurements should occur which is determined by the flow of the computation (see also later), and the basis that each qubit is measured generally depends on the outcomes of previous measurements (and the default measurement angle \(\phi_i\)). The resource states used are known as graph states as they can be fully determined by a given graph (see details in \[35\]). A way to construct a graph state given the graph description is to assign to each vertex of the graph a qubit initially prepared in the state \(|+\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2}(|0\rangle + e^{i\theta}|1\rangle)\) instead, then it is possible to perform the same computation with the non-rotated graph state by preforming measurements in a similarly rotated basis. This observation led to the formulation of the universal blind quantum computation (UBQC) protocol \[1\] which hides the computation in a client-server setting. Here a client prepares rotated qubits, where the rotation is only known to them. The client sends the qubits...
to the server, as soon as they are prepared (hence there is no need for any quantum memory). Finally, the client instructs the server to perform entangling operations according to the graph and to carry out single qubits measurements in suitable angles in order to complete the desired computation (where an extra randomisation \( r_i \) of the outcome of the measurements is added). During the protocol the client receives the outcomes of previous measurements and can classically evaluate the next measurement angles. Due to the unknown rotation and the extra outcome randomisation, the server does not learn what computation they actually perform.

The UBQC protocol can be uplifted to a verification protocol where the client can detect a cheating server. To do so, the client for certain vertices (called dummies) sends states from the set \( \{ |0\rangle, |1\rangle \} \) which has the same effect as a \( Z \)-basis measurement on that vertex. In any graph state if a vertex is measured in the \( Z \)-basis it results in a new graph where that vertex and all its adjacent edges are removed. During the protocol the server does not know for a particular vertex if the client sent a dummy qubit or not. This enables the client to isolate some qubits (disentangled from the rest of the graph). Those qubits have fixed deterministic outcomes if the server followed honestly the instructions. The positions of those isolated qubits are unknown to the server and the client uses them as traps to test that the server performs the quantum operations that is requested. This technique led to the first universal VUBQC protocol [2] and was subsequently extended to many other protocols depending on what optimised construction was used, what was the required quantum technology and which was the desired level of security. It is clear that the more (independent) traps we have within a graph, the higher the probability of detecting a deviation. In [3] the authors gave a construction that, while maintaining an overhead which is linear in the size of the input, introduced multiple traps and in particular of the same number as the computation qubits. We will be using that construction, not only for efficiency reasons, but because this construction is “local”, and revealing to the server partial information about the graph does not compromise the security. This is important for our QYao protocol, since in this case, the server has input and output, and needs to know in which parts of the graph their input/output belongs. The construction is summarised below:

1. We are given a base-graph \( G \) that has vertices \( v \in V(G) \) and edges \( e \in E(G) \).
2. For each vertex \( v_i \), we define a set of three new vertices \( P_{v_i} = \{ p^{v_i}_1, p^{v_i}_3, p^{v_i}_5 \} \). These are called primary vertices.
3. Corresponding to each edge \( e(v_i, v_j) \in E(G) \) of the base-graph that connects the base vertices \( v_i \) and \( v_j \), we introduce a set of nine edges \( E_{e(v_i, v_j)} \) that connect each of the vertices in the set \( P_{v_i} \) with each of the vertices in the set \( P_{v_j} \).
4. We replace every edge in the resulted graph with a new vertex connected to the two vertices originally joined by that edge. The new vertices added in this step are called added vertices. This is the dotted triple-graph \( DT(G) \).

We can see (Figure [1]) that each vertex in the \( DT(G) \), corresponds to either a vertex (for primary vertices) or an edge (for added vertices) of the base-graph. The precise edge/vertex of the base-graph that each vertex \( v \in DT(G) \) belongs is called base-location. The nice property of this graph, is that one can reduce this graph to three copies of the base-graph by “breaking” some edges (which can be done using dummy qubits). Moreover, the choice of which vertex belongs to each of the three graphs, is essentially independent (for different base-locations corresponding to vertices of the base-graph). With this construction, we can eventually use one copy of the base-graph for the computation, while make multiple single traps from the two remaining copies (see Figure [1]). The choice of which vertex belongs to which graph is called trap-colouring. This is a free choice made by the client, and the fact that the server is ignorant of the actual trap-colouring guarantees the security (see details in [3]).

**Definition 1** (Trap-Colouring). We define trap-colouring to be an assignment of one colour to each of the vertices of the dotted triple-graph that is consistent with the following conditions.

(i) Primary vertices are coloured in one of the three colours white or black (for traps), and green (for computation). There is an exception for input base-locations (see step (v)).

(ii) Added vertices are coloured in one of the four colours white, black, green or red.

(iii) In each primary set \( P_v \) there is exactly one vertex of each colour.
(iv) Colouring the primary vertices fixes the colours of the added vertices: Added vertices that connect primary vertices of different colour are red. Added vertices that connect primary vertices of the same colour get that colour.

(v) For input base-locations, instead of green we have a blue vertex (but all other rules, including how is connected with the other vertices apply in the same way as if it was green).

Figure 1. Dotted-triple-graph. Circles: primary vertices with base-location of vertex of the base-graph; Squares: added vertices with base-location of edges of the base-graph. (a) Trap-colouring. Blue: input qubits; Green: gate qubits; White/black: trap qubits; Red: wiring qubits. Client chooses the colours randomly for each vertex with base-location of vertex of the base-graph and prepares each qubit individually before sending them one by one to the server to entangle them according to the generic construction. (b) After entangling, the breaking operation defined by the wiring qubits will reduce the graph in (a) to the computation graph and for each vertex a corresponding trap/tag qubits.

For completeness we give the basic verification protocol from [3] that we use.

Protocol 1  
Verifiable Universal Blind Quantum Computation using dotted triple-graph (with Fault-tolerant Encoding) - Taken from [3]

A standard labelling of vertices of the dotted triple-graph \( DT(G) \) is known to both client and server. The number of qubits is at most \( 3N(3c + 1) \) where \( c \) is the maximum degree of the base graph \( G \).

- **Client’s resources**
  - Client is given a base graph \( G \). The corresponding dotted graph state \( |D(G)\rangle \) is generated by graph \( D(G) \) that is obtained from \( G \) by replacing every edge with a new vertex connected to the two vertices originally joined by that edge.
  - Client is given an MBQC measurement pattern \( M_{\text{Comp}} \) which: Applied on the dotted graph state \( |D(G)\rangle \) performs the desired computation, in a fault-tolerant way, that can detect or correct errors fewer than \( \delta/2 \).
  - Client generates the dotted triple-graph \( DT(G) \), and selects a trap-colouring according to definition 1 which is done by choosing independently the colours for each set \( P_v \).
  - Client for all red vertices will send dummy qubits and thus performs break operation.
  - Client chooses the green graph to perform the computation.
  - Client for the white graph sends dummy qubits for all added qubits \( a_e^w \) and thus generates white isolated qubits at each primary vertex set \( P_v \). Similarly for the black graph the client sends dummy qubits for the primary qubits \( p_v^b \) and thus generates black isolated qubits at each added vertex set \( A_e \).
  - The dummy qubits position set \( D \) is chosen as defined above (fixed by the trap-colouring).
  - A binary string \( s \) of length at most \( 3N(3c + 1) \) represents the measurement outcomes. It is initially set to all zero’s.
  - A sequence of measurement angles, \( \phi = (\phi_i)_{1 \leq i \leq 3N(3c + 1)} \) with \( \phi_i \in A = \{0, \pi/4, \ldots, 7\pi/4\} \), consistent with \( M_{\text{Comp}} \). We define \( \phi'_i(\phi, s) \) to be the measurement angle in MBQC, when corrections due to previous measurement outcomes \( s \) are taken into account (the function depends on the specific base-graph and its flow, see e.g. [1]). We also set \( \phi'_i = 0 \) for all the trap and dummy qubits. The Client chooses a measurement order on the dotted base-graph \( D(G) \) that is consistent with the flow of the computation (this is known to Server). The measurements within each set \( P_v, A_e \) of \( DT(G) \) graph are ordered randomly.
  - \( 3N(3c + 1) \) random variables \( \theta_i \) with value taken uniformly at random from \( A \).
  - \( 3N(3c + 1) \) random variables \( r_i \) and \( |D| \) random variable \( d_i \) with values taken uniformly at random from \( \{0, 1\} \).
  - A fixed function \( C(i, \phi_i, \theta_i, r_i, s) = \phi'_i(\phi, s) + \theta_i + \pi r_i \) that for each non-output qubit \( i \) computes the angle of the measurement of qubit \( i \) to be sent to the Server.
- Continues
Protocol 2 continuing: VUBQC with DT(G)

- **Initial Step**
  - **Client’s move:** Client sets all the value in \( s \) to be 0 and prepares the input qubits as
    \[ |e⟩ = X^{s_1} Z(\theta_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes X^{s_l} Z(\theta_l) |I⟩ \]
    and the remaining qubits in the following form
    \[
    \forall i \in D \quad |d_i⟩
    \forall i \not\in D \quad \prod_{j \in N_G(i) \cap D} Z^{d_j} |+θ_i⟩
    \]
    and sends the Server all the \( 3N(3c + 1) \) qubits in the order of the labelling of the vertices of the graph.
  - **Server’s move:** Server receives \( 3N(3c + 1) \) single qubits and entangles them according to \( DT(G) \).

- **Step \( i : \ 1 \leq i \leq 3N(3c + 1) \)**
  - **Client’s move:** Client computes the angle \( δ_i = C(i, φ_i, θ_i, r_i, s) \) and sends it to the Server.
  - **Server’s move:** Server measures qubit \( i \) with angle \( δ_i \) and sends the Client the result \( b_i \).
  - **Client’s move:** Client sets the value of \( s_i \) in \( s \) to be \( b_i + r_i \).

- **Final Step:**
  - **Server’s move:** Server returns the last layer of qubits (output layer) to the Client.

- **Verification**
  - After obtaining the output qubits from the Server, the Client measures the output trap qubits with angle \( δ_t = θ_t + r_t \pi \) to obtain \( b_t \).
  - Client accepts if \( b_t = r_t \) for all the white (primary) and black (added) trap qubits \( i \).

B. Two-party quantum protocols

The impossibility of achieving unconditionally secure two-party cryptographic protocols has led to the definition and use of simpler hardware or software primitives to form the basis for the desired functionalities. A one out of \( n \) oblivious transfer (OT) is a two party protocol where one party (Alice) has input \( n \) messages \((x_1, \cdots, x_n)\) and the other party (Bob) inputs a number \( c \in \{1, \cdots, n\} \) and receives the message \( x_c \) with the following guarantees: Bob learns nothing about the other messages \( x_i | i \neq c \) and Alice is “oblivious” (does not know) which message Bob obtained (i.e. does not know the value \( c \)). A hardware token that implements a non-interactive OT is called one-time-memory (OTM) [36]. We will utilise a one out of \( n \) OTM, where again Alice stores in the OTM \( n \) strings \((x_1, \cdots, x_n)\), Bob specifies a value \( c \) and the OTM reveals \( x_c \) to Bob and then self-destructs: i.e. the remaining strings \( x_i | i \neq c \) are lost forever.

The first paper that studied secure two party quantum computation is [37] and we follow their notations and conventions. We have two parties \( A, B \) with registers \( A, B \) and an extra register \( R \) with \( \dim R = (\dim A + \dim B) \). The input state is denoted \( ρ_{in} \in D(A \otimes B \otimes R) \), where \( D(A) \) is the set of all possible quantum states in register \( A \). We also denote with \( L(A) \) the set of linear mappings from \( A \) to itself, and the superoperator \( φ : L(A) → L(B) \) that is completely positive and trace preserving, is called a quantum operation. We denote \( \mathbb{I}_A \) the identity operator in register \( A \). The ideal output is then given by \( ρ_{out} = (U \otimes \mathbb{I}_R) \cdot ρ_{in} \), where for simplicity we write \( U \cdot ρ \) instead of \( UρU^\dagger \). For two states \( ρ_0, ρ_1 \) we denote the trace norm distance \( Δ(ρ_0, ρ_1) := \frac{1}{2}||ρ_0 − ρ_1|| \). If \( Δ(ρ_0, ρ_1) \leq ε \) then any process applied on \( ρ_0 \) behaves as for \( ρ_1 \) except with probability at most \( ε \).

**Definition 2** (taken from [37]). A \( n \)-step two party strategy with oracle calls is denoted \( Π^O = (A, B, O, n) \):

1. input spaces \( A_0, B_0 \) and memory spaces \( A_1, \cdots, A_n \) and \( B_1, \cdots, B_n \)
2. \( n \)-tuple of quantum operations \((L^A_1, \cdots, L^A_n)\) and \((L^B_1, \cdots, L^B_n)\) such that \( L^A_i : L(A_{i−1}) → L(A_i) \) and similarly for \( L^B_i \).
3. \( n \)-tuple of oracle operations \((O_1, \cdots, O_n)\) where each oracle is a global operation for that step, \( O_i : L(A_i \otimes B_i) → L(A_i \otimes B_i) \)
The trivial oracle is a communication oracle, that transfers some quantum register from one party to another. Protocols that have only such oracles are called bare model. Other oracles include calls to other cryptographic primitives. The quantum state in each step of the protocol is given by:

\[
\rho_1(\rho_{in}) := (O_1 \otimes I)(L_A^1 \otimes L_B^1 \otimes I)(\rho_{in}) \\
\rho_{i+1}(\rho_{in}) := (O_{i+1} \otimes I)(L_A^{i+1} \otimes L_B^{i+1} \otimes I)(\rho_{i}(\rho_{in}))
\]  

(1)

The security definitions are based on the ideal functionality of two party quantum computation (2PQC) that takes a joint input \(\rho_{in} \in A_0 \otimes B_0\), obtains the state \(U \cdot \rho_{in}\) and returns to each party their corresponding quantum registers. A protocol \(\Pi_0^2\) implements the protocol securely, if no possible adversary in any step of the protocol, can distinguish whether they interact with the real protocol or with a simulator that has only access to the ideal functionality. When a party is malicious we add the notation "∼", e.g. \(\tilde{A}\).

**Definition 3** (Simulator). \(S(\tilde{A}) = \{(S_1, \cdots, S_n), q\}\) is a simulator for adversary \(\tilde{A}\) in \(\Pi_0^2\) if it consists of:

1. operations where \(S_i : L(A_0) \rightarrow L(A_i)\),
2. sequence of bits \(q \in \{0,1\}^n\) determining if the simulator calls the ideal functionality at step \(i\) (\(q_i = 1\) calls the ideal functionality).

Similarly for the other adversaries.

Given input \(\rho_{in}\) the simulated view for step \(i\) is defined as:

\[
\nu_i(\tilde{A}, \rho_{in}) := \text{Tr}_{B_n}((T_i \otimes I)(U^* \otimes I) \cdot \rho_{in})
\]

(2)

and similarly for the other party.

**Definition 4** (Privacy). We say that the protocol is \(\delta\)-private if for all adversaries and for all steps \(i\):

\[
\Delta(\nu_i(\tilde{A}, \rho_{in}), \text{Tr}_{B_i}(\tilde{\rho}_i(\tilde{A}, \rho_{in}))) \leq \delta
\]

(3)

where \(\tilde{\rho}_i(\tilde{A}, \rho_{in})\) the state of the real protocol with corrupted party \(\tilde{A}\), at step \(i\).

In classical cryptography a type of adversary commonly considered, is the “honest-but-curious”. This adversary follows the protocol but also keeps records of their actions and attempts to learn from those more than what they should. This type of weak adversary has been proven very useful in many protocols, since it typically constitutes the first step in constructing protocols secure against more powerful (even fully malicious) adversaries.

Since quantum states cannot be copied, one cannot have a direct analogue of honest-but-curious. Instead, we have the notion of *specious* adversaries \([3]\), where they can deviate as they wish, but in every step, if requested, should be able to reproduce the honest global state by acting only on their subsystems. More formally:

**Definition 5** (Specious). An adversary \(\tilde{A}\) is \(\epsilon\)-specious if there exists a sequence of operations \((T_1, \cdots, T_n)\), where \(T_i : L(A_i) \rightarrow L(A_i)\) such that:

\[
\Delta \left(\left(T_1 \otimes I\right)(\tilde{\rho}_i(\tilde{A}, \rho_{in})), \rho_{i}(\rho_{in})\right) \leq \epsilon
\]

(4)

Note, that this (standard) definition of specious adversary, allows for different interpretations that lead to stronger and weaker versions of the adversary. These subtleties are explained in Appendix \([3]\). Here we stress that we take the weaker notion that takes Eq. (4) in the stricter sense, while in \([3]\), the authors implicitly used a stronger version. This difference led to our paper evading certain impossibility results mentioned in \([3]\). A detailed discussion of this is given in Appendix \([3]\).

A 2PQC protocol needs to be (by definition) private. Moreover, it may (or may not) have two extra properties, *verification* and *fairness*. Verification means that each party, when they receive their output, not only are sure that nothing leaked about their input, but also they can know whether the outcome they received is correct or corrupted. Fairness is the extra property that no party should be able to obtain their output and *after* that cause an abort (or a corruption) for the other party. Even in classical 2PC, it is impossible to have fairness against fully malicious adversaries (without any extra assumption). We consider two-party protocols \(\Pi^0 = (C, S, O, n)\) where \(C\) denotes the client and \(S\) the server.
III. SECURE TWO-PARTY QUANTUM COMPUTATION (QYAO)

The first extension of VUBQC that we will explore, is to use it in order to construct a 2PQC protocol similar to classical Yao protocol of [4], that we refer to as QYao, with the sender-garbler being the client, and the receiver-evaluator being the server. As in Yao protocol, we assume that the client, when adversarial, is specious, however, we make no such assumption for the server, that is assumed to be fully malicious. In [1] the server needs to use OT in order to insert their input. We, instead, use a scheme to insert the quantum input that requires no such functionality. The reason this is possible, is because we make the assumption that the client is specious and in specific situations a specious adversary is weaker than honest-but-curious (see Appendix B 1). For the specific case of classical input/output, one can modify our protocol to make it secure against classical honest-but-curious adversary, by replacing the input injection subprotocol (see below) with OT.

Our QYao protocol provides a one-time verifiable 2PQC similar to the classical setting as recently shown for the original Yao protocol in [37]. The speciousness of the client restricts any possible deviations on their side, while a malicious server would be detected through the hidden traps of the VUBQC protocol. The blindness property of VUBQC also guarantees that the server learns nothing before the client is certain that there was no deviation and returns the suitable keys for the decryption of the output.

The major differences that QYao protocol has in comparison with regular VUBQC [3] is that the server needs to provide (part of) the input and at the end keeps (part of) the output. There are multiple ways to modify the VUBQC protocol, we use a direct approach at the cost of having two rounds of quantum communication during input preparation and two rounds of quantum communication during output read-out. However, there is no quantum communication during the evaluation stage. Note that if we restrict the protocol to classical input/output, we would avoid all quantum communication apart from the initial and offline sending of pre-rotated qubits from the client to the server (but we would then need OT, as in the classical Yao, for the server to insert their input).

A. Server’s input injection

The qubits composing the DT(G), (see Figure 1), are prepared by the client, this is crucial in order to ensure that the server is blind about the positions of the traps. However, the server should somehow insert their input in the DT(G). We present here, for simplicity, the case that there is a single qubit input, but it generalises trivially. To do so, the server encrypts their input using secret keys ($m_i$ for the input $x_i$) and sends the state $X^{x_i}Z^{m_{z,i}}|\Phi_S\rangle$ to the client, to insert it randomly in the corresponding base-location. The state $|\Phi_S\rangle$ is assumed to be pure as we have included its purification in the hands of the server. The client, encrypts further the server’s input by applying an extra random $Z(\theta_i)$ and an $X^{x_i}$ correction to obtain the state:

$$X^{x_i}Z(\theta_i^*)X^{m_{x,i}}Z^{m_{z,i}}|\Phi_S\rangle$$

(5)

This extra encryption is needed in order to hide the future actual measurement of the input qubit (to be performed by the server) and ensure that no information about the position of the traps is leaked. Trap hiding also requires the client to return two extra qubits for the input insertion (see Figure 2) that will belong to trap graphs (called the white-graph and black-graph). The white qubit is a trap is prepared in a state $|\theta_i\rangle$ while the black qubit is dummy and is prepared in state $|d_j\rangle$. The three qubits will be randomly permuted by the client so that the server does not know which qubit is which. A similar procedure (with no communication from the server) is applied for client’s input qubits, as well as for all the qubits corresponding to the gate computation (see Figure 2).

Finally, after the server has received all the qubits, announces the secret keys ($m_{x,i},m_{z,i}$) for each input $i$ to the client, so that the client can update the encryption for these qubits and have $(x_i,\theta_i) := (x_i^*,m_{x,i}^*,(-1)^{m_{z,i}}\theta_i^*+\pi m_{z,i})$. With the updated encryption, the client computes the suitable measurement angles $\delta_i$. It is worth pointing out that the key releasing step from server to client could be avoided, by using classical OT to compute the measurement angles as a function of the secret parameters of the server $\delta_i(m_{x,i},m_{z,i})$ for the first two layers (that have dependency on $m_{x,i},m_{z,i}$). While this could be necessary for future work, to construct protocols dealing with malicious client, it is not necessary for our case where the server is considered to be specious.
Protocol 3 Server’s Input Injection

Setting:
- The server has input $|\Phi_S\rangle$ that corresponds to specific positions $I_S$ of the input layer of the base-graph. For each $i$ qubit, server chooses pair of secret bits $(m_{x,i}, m_{z,i})$.

Instructions:
1. The server sends to the client the states $X^{m_{x,i}} Z^{m_{z,i}} |\Phi_S\rangle$ for all $i \in I_S$.
2. The client prepares all the states of the DT(G) as in Protocol [3] (see [3]) apart from the computation qubits of the server’s input.
3. The client chooses at random $x'_i, \theta'_i$ for each of the server’s input and obtains the states: $X^{x'_i} Z(\theta'_i) X^{m_{x,i}} Z^{m_{z,i}} |\Phi_S\rangle$.
4. The client mixes the computation qubit of the server’s input, with a dummy and a trap qubit to return the three qubits of server’s input base-locations.
5. The server, after receiving the qubits, returns to the client the secret bits $(m_{x,i}, m_{z,i})$ for all $i$ of their input.
6. The client computes $x_i := x'_i + m_{x,i}$ and $\theta_i := (-1)^{m_{x,i}} \theta'_i + \pi m_{z,i}$ and uses these $(x_i, \theta_i)$ for computing the measurement angles as in Protocol [3].

Outcome:
- The server receives a DT(G), where the quantum input is the joint input of the client and server and the related measurement angles instructions perform the desired unitary, if the client is honest.

B. Server’s output extraction

In the regular VUBQC protocol, the server returns all the output qubits to the client. The client measures the final layer’s traps to check for any deviation and then obtains the output of the computation by decrypting the output computation qubits using their secret keys. In the 2PQC, part of the output (of known base-locations) should remain in the hands of the server. This, however, would not allow the client to check for the related traps (that could have effects on other output qubits). Similar to the input injection, the solution is obtained via an extra layer of encryption by server followed by a delayed key releasing. The server will encrypt using two classical bits $(k_x, k_z)$: $E_k(|\psi\rangle) = X^{k_x} Z^{k_z} |\psi\rangle$, all the output qubits that correspond to server’s output base-locations and then return all the output qubits to the client. Due to the encryption, the client obtains no information about the output of the server while now has access to all the final trap qubits for the verification. The client returns to the server, only the computation qubits corresponding to server’s output base-locations, while keeping the traps and all the qubits from other base-locations. The server reveals their keys (note that the client, being specious, has not kept the computation output qubits,
because it would be impossible to reconstruct the ideal state by acting only on their systems). The client checks all the traps, and if all of them are correct, reveals the final computation output keys to the server \((\theta_i, r_i)\). The server undoes the padding to reveal their output.

**Protocol 4** Server’s Output Extraction

**Setting:**
- The server has the state \(\text{Tr}_C(|\psi(f)\rangle)\) at the corresponding positions \(O_S\) of their output base-locations of the DT\((G)\).
  
  For each \(i\) qubit, server chooses pair of secret bits \((m_{x,i}, m_{z,i})\).

**Instructions:**
1. The server sends to the client the states \(X^{m_{x,i}} Z^{m_{z,i}} \text{Tr}_C(|\psi(f)\rangle)\) for all \(i \in O_S\).
2. The client keeps the qubits that correspond to traps and dummies in the final layer of server’s output, while returns the computation qubits of server’s output.
3. The server returns to the client \((m_{x,i}, m_{z,i})\).
4. The client checks the traps and if correct returns to the server the final layer paddings for their output locations \((\theta_i, r_i, r_{j<i})\) and \((m_{x,i}, m_{z,i})\) (that the server sent earlier).
5. The server undoes the final layer paddings and obtains the output.

**Outcome:**
- The server obtains the computation qubits of their output base-locations unpadded \(\text{Tr}_C(U(|\Psi\rangle_C, |\Phi\rangle_S))\).

C. The QYao protocol

We combine Protocol 3 and 4 with the core VUBQC, Protocol 1, to obtain a secure two-party protocol to compute unitaries given as Protocol 5.

**Protocol 5** Secure 2PQC - QYao

**Input:**
- The client and server know the unitary operator \(U\) that they wish to compute. The client has a description of \(U\) in MBQC using resource \(|G\rangle\), and maps it to the DT\((G)\) (see Protocol 1 and [3]). For each qubit the client knows the angles \(\phi_i\) and dependencies. The base-locations of the inputs and outputs of both parties are public. The inputs of client and server are denoted correspondingly as \(|\Psi\rangle_C\) and \(|\Phi\rangle_S\).

**Output:**
- The client receives the subset \(C_o\) of the output qubits of the final quantum state \(U(|\Psi\rangle_C, |\Phi\rangle_S)\).
- The server receives the subset \(S_o\) of the output qubits of the final quantum state \(U(|\Psi\rangle_C, |\Phi\rangle_S)\).

**The protocol**
1. Client sends all qubits of the DT\((G)\) (choosing the random parameters \(r_i, \theta_i, d_i\) and trap-colouring), where for base-locations that corresponds to the server’s input, the input injection Protocol 3 is used.
2. Server and client follow the verification protocol until the step that the output is returned.
3. Client and server interact according to Protocol 4 so that the server extracts their own output.

**Theorem 1** (Correctness). If both client and server follow the steps of Protocol 3 then the output is correct and the computation accepted

**Proof.** If client and server follow Protocol 3 after Step 1, where the server injected their input, we are in exactly the same situation as in Protocol 1 with (overall) input \(\rho_{in} = |\Psi\rangle_C \otimes |\Phi\rangle_S\).

During Step 2, client and server run exactly Protocol 4 and correctness follows from [3]. The positions of dummies result in having isolated traps measured in correct basis and thus there is never an abort. From the remaining qubits, one copy of the dotted base-graph \(G\), where the measurement pattern \(M_{\text{Comp}}\) is applied, results to the state \(E_{k,S,kC}(U \cdot \rho_{in})\). This is the honest global final state, encrypted with keys of both the
client (secret parameters) and the server (the padding \((m_{x,i}, m_{z,i})\) from the output extraction protocol, which applies to server’s output registers only).

During Step 3, the client keeps the registers of their output, while returns the registers of the server’s output. The protocol finishes with the server returning their keys \((m_{x,i}, m_{z,i})\) to the client (to check for traps), while the client returns the keys (secret parameters) involved with the final decryption of the server’s output registers.

Due to the simple composition of input injection and output extraction the verification property of our QYao is directly inherited from the VUBQC. We prove this first, before presenting and proving the main privacy property of the QYao protocol in the next section (which exploits the verifiability).

**Definition 6.** We define a 2PQC protocol to be \(\epsilon\)-verifiable for the client, if for any (potentially malicious) server, the probability of obtaining a corrupt output and not abort is bounded by \(\epsilon\). The output of the real protocol with malicious server \(\tilde{S}\) is \(\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{S}, \rho_{\text{in}})\) and we have:

\[
\Delta(\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{S}, \rho_{\text{in}}), \rho_{\text{ideal}}(\rho_{\text{in}}')) \leq \epsilon
\]

where

\[
\rho_{\text{ideal}}(\rho_{\text{in}}) := p_{\text{ok}}(I_{HC} \otimes C_{HS}) \cdot U \cdot (\rho_{\text{in}}) + (1 - p_{\text{ok}})(|\text{fail}\rangle \langle \text{fail}|)
\]

and \(C_{HS}\) is the deviation that acts on the server’s systems after they receive their outcome (a CP-map, but can be purified if we include ancilla). Also \(\rho_{\text{in}}' = (I_{HC} \otimes D_{HS}) \cdot \rho_{\text{in}}\) is an initial state compatible with the client’s input, with \(D_{HS}\) the deviation on the input by the server.

We should note, that the server can always choose any input from their side, and the security of the protocol is defined with respect to this “deviated” input. Moreover, since the deviation \(C_{HS}\) is performed at the final step of the protocol, we also have that the global state (before that deviation, i.e. at step \(n-1\)) obeys:

\[
\Delta(\tilde{\rho}^{n-1}(\tilde{S}, \rho_{\text{in}}), \rho_{\text{ideal}}^{n-1}(\rho_{\text{in}}')) \leq \epsilon
\]

where

\[
\rho_{\text{ideal}}^{n-1}(\rho_{\text{in}}) := p_{\text{ok}}U \cdot (\rho_{\text{in}}) + (1 - p_{\text{ok}})(|\text{fail}\rangle \langle \text{fail}|)
\]

**Theorem 2** (\(\epsilon\)-verification for client). Protocol 5 is \(\epsilon\)-verifiable for the client, where \(\epsilon = \left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)^d\) and \(d = \left\lceil \frac{\delta}{2(2c+1)} \right\rceil\), \(c\) is the maximum degree of the base graph and \(\delta\) is the number of errors tolerated on the base graph \(G\).

**Proof.** In order to prove the verifiability for the client, we assume that the client is honest, while the server is malicious.

During Step 1 of Protocol 5 the server sends their input and also gives the keys of the one-time-padding encryption \((m_{x,i}, m_{z,i})\) from the input injection phase. It follows, that any deviation on these affects only the computation qubits of the server’s input base-location, in other worlds resulting to a state: \(\rho_{\text{in}}' = (I_{HC} \otimes D_{HS}) \cdot \rho_{\text{in}}\)

During Step 2, the protocol proceeds exactly as the VUBQC, Protocol 1 with only difference that the qubits with base-location of the server’s output, have an extra encryption with keys known to the server. This means that the client delays the measurement of the traps in those base-locations, until the next step, where they receive from the server these keys. Note, however, that the client can already check all the past traps and the ones corresponding to base-location of the clients output.

In Step 3, the server returns the keys \((m_{x,i}, m_{z,i})\) for all their output base-locations qubit, and also receives the computation qubits of those base-locations encrypted with both the client’s and server’s keys. Any deviation by the server at this stage, either returns different (wrong) keys to the client, or acts only on the server’s output. Returning wrong keys increases the chance of abort, but in any case, it is equivalent
with this deviation happening before the return of the output to the server. The only remaining, extra, deviation is a possible deviation acting on the computation output qubits of the server, i.e. a deviation of the form \((I_{\mathcal{H}_{C}} \otimes C_{t_{0}})\).

It follows, that this protocol has the same verification properties with Protocol \([1]\) with the modified input and (server’s-part) of output given by Eq. \((6)\). From \([3]\) we have that Protocol \([1]\) is \(\epsilon\)-verifiable with \(\epsilon = \left(\frac{s}{d}\right)^{d}\) and \(d = \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2(2e+1)} \right\rfloor\), and this completes the proof. \(\Box\)

It is worth mentioning, that this verification property essentially restricts the server to behave similarly with a specious adversary, with the extra ability to abort the protocol.

IV. PROOF OF PRIVACY OF THE QYAO PROTOCOL

Recall that we defined a protocol to be secure if no possible adversary in any step of the protocol, can distinguish whether they interact with the real protocol or with a simulator that has access only to the ideal functionality (see Definition \([4]\)).

**Theorem 3.** The QYao protocol, Protocol \([5]\) that is \(\epsilon_{1}\)-verifiable for the client, is \(O(\sqrt{\epsilon_{2}})\)-private against an \(\epsilon_{2}\)-specious client and \(\epsilon_{1}\)-private against a malicious server.

To prove the theorem we need to introduce simulators for each step of the protocol and each possible adversary. Below we define those simulators and prove that they are as close to the real protocol as requested from Theorem \([3]\). Since in our setting the two parties have different roles and maliciousness we consider the simulators for each party separately.

**A. Client’s simulators**

The client is \(\epsilon\)-specious and this means that for each step \(i\) there exist a map \(T_{i} : L(\mathcal{H}_{V_i}) \rightarrow L(\mathcal{H}_{V_i})\), that

\[
\Delta \left( (T_{i} \otimes I)(\hat{\rho}_{i}(\tilde{V}, \rho_{in})), \rho_{i}(\rho_{in}) \right) \leq \epsilon
\]

Following the proof of the “Rushing Lemma” of \([5]\), we obtain a similar lemma for each step of the protocol, where it shows that there is no extra information stored in the ancilla’s of the specious adversary:

**Lemma 1 (No-extra Information).** Let \(\Pi_{U} = (A, B, n)\) be a correct protocol for two party evaluation of \(U\). Let \(\tilde{A}\) be any \(\epsilon\)-specious adversary. Then there exists an isometry \(T_{i} : \tilde{A}_{i} \rightarrow A_{i} \otimes \tilde{A}\) and a (fixed) mixed state \(\tilde{\rho}_{i} \in D(\tilde{A}_{i})\) such that for all joint input states \(\rho_{in}\),

\[
\Delta \left( (T_{i} \otimes I)(\tilde{\rho}_{i}(\tilde{A}, \rho_{in})), \rho_{i}(\rho_{in}) \right) \leq 12\sqrt{2\epsilon}
\]

where \(\rho_{i}(\rho_{in})\) is the state in the honest run and \(\tilde{\rho}_{i}(\tilde{A}, \rho_{in})\) is the real state (with the specious adversary \(\tilde{A}\)).

**Proof.** This proof follows closely the proof of the “rushing lemma” of \([5]\), where one can find further details. For simplicity we assume pure \(\rho_{in}\) (where it holds in general by convexity). Consider two different states \(|\psi_{1}\rangle, |\psi_{2}\rangle\) in \(A_{0} \otimes B_{0} \otimes \mathcal{R}_{0}\), and we extend the space \(\mathcal{R}' = \mathcal{R} \otimes \mathcal{R}_{2}\) with \(\mathcal{R}_{2} = \text{span}\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}\). We define the state \(|\psi\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2}(|\psi_{1}\rangle |1\rangle + |\psi_{2}\rangle |2\rangle)\). Due to the speciousness of \(\tilde{A}\) and using Ulmann’s theorem, there is an isometry \(T_{i} : \tilde{A}_{i} \rightarrow A_{i} \otimes \tilde{A}\) and a state \(\tilde{\rho} \in D(\tilde{A})\) such that

\[
\Delta \left( (T_{i} \otimes I)(\tilde{\rho}_{i}(\tilde{A}, \psi)), \rho \otimes \rho_{i}(\psi) \right) \leq 2\sqrt{2\epsilon}
\]

The state \(\tilde{\rho}\) in general is not independent of the input \(\psi\) so there are few more steps required. By noting that projection and partial trace are trace non-increase maps (by projecting on \(|1\rangle\) subspace and tracing out the \(\mathcal{R}'\) subspace), we obtain:
\[
\Delta \left( (T_i \otimes \mathbb{I}) \cdot \hat{\rho}_i (\tilde{A}, \psi_1), \hat{\rho} \otimes \rho_i (\psi_1) \right) \leq 4\sqrt{2} \epsilon
\]  
(11)

and similarly for \( \psi_2 \). We repeat the same using \( \psi_1, \psi_3 \) and with initial state \( |\psi'\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2}(|\psi_1\rangle |1\rangle + |\psi_3\rangle |2\rangle) \) and obtain:

\[
\Delta \left( (T_i \otimes \mathbb{I}) \cdot \hat{\rho}_i (\tilde{A}, \psi_1), \hat{\rho}' \otimes \rho_i (\psi_1) \right) \leq 4\sqrt{2} \epsilon
\]  
(12)

By the triangular inequality we get \( \Delta(\hat{\rho}, \hat{\rho}') \leq 8\sqrt{2} \epsilon \). This means that for any state \( |\chi\rangle \), there exists a state \( \hat{\rho} \in \hat{A} \) with \( \Delta(\hat{\rho}, \hat{\rho}) \leq 8\sqrt{2} \epsilon \) such that:

\[
\Delta \left( (T_i \otimes \mathbb{I}) \cdot \hat{\rho}_i (\tilde{A}, \chi), \hat{\rho} \otimes \rho_i (\chi) \right) \leq 4\sqrt{2} \epsilon
\]  
(13)

and the Lemma follows by using once more the triangle inequality.

\[
\square
\]

Before introducing the simulators we give some intuitive arguments. The client, during the input-injection step, receives a fully one time padded quantum state, while in later steps (up until the last) has no legitimate quantum state (all the quantum states are in the server’s side). Therefore, using the above Lemma, we can already see that the client has no information about the actual quantum state during any step before the last. This is illustrated by the fact that the simulators for these steps can run the honest protocol with a random (but fixed) input and the client’s view is the same (they cannot distinguish a run with the correct or different input in any step before the last). The simulator for the final step (after receiving the quantum states from the server) is more subtle, as it necessarily involves a call to the ideal functionality.

Proof. of Theorem 3.

Simulator upon receiving server’s encoded input: There is a full one time pad on server’s input, thus a simulator can use a random fixed state \( \varphi^\ast \) instead of the real state \( \text{Tr}_C(\rho_{in}) \) and the client cannot distinguish them.

Simulator after returning server’s input and before receiving output: The simulator runs the honest protocol using instead of \( \rho_{in} \) a fixed random input \( \varphi^\ast \). The honest state with input \( \chi \) at this stage is:

\[
\rho_i(\chi) := 
|\dot k_i\rangle \langle \dot k_i| \otimes |\dot b_i\rangle \langle \dot b_i| \text{H}_C \otimes \left( E_{k_i}(\sigma_i(\chi)) \otimes |d_i\rangle \langle d_i| \otimes |+_{\theta_i}\rangle \langle +_{\theta_i}| \right) \text{H}_S
\]  
(14)

where \( \sigma_i(\chi) \) is the evolution of the input state, when the gates corresponding to the \( i \)th step have been performed (here we collectively call the secret parameters used to encrypt the state in each step as \( k_i \)). Later, we will be more specific about the different secret parameters. Also \( d_i, \theta_i \) are the dummy and trap qubits of the \( i \)th layer (we can include the qubits of future layers as well with no difference in the remaining argument). It is easy to see that the reduced state on the client’s side \( \text{H}_C \) is independent from the input state \( \chi \). The simulator is then constructed:

1. The simulator runs the protocol with fixed but random input \( \varphi^\ast \), to obtain \( \rho_i(\varphi^\ast) \).
2. The simulator obtains the fixed state \( \hat{\rho}_i \) and the isometry \( T_i \), that both are independent of the input.
3. The simulated view is then defined to be:

\[
\nu_i(\tilde{C}, \rho_{in}) := \text{Tr}_{\text{H}_S} \left( (T_i^\dagger \otimes \mathbb{I}) (\hat{\rho}_i \otimes \rho_i(\varphi^\ast)) \right)
\]  
(15)
We can easily see that
\[
\nu_t(\tilde{C}, \rho_{in}) = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_S}( (T_i^\dagger \otimes \mathbb{I}) (\tilde{\rho}_i \otimes \rho_t(\varphi^*)) ) = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_S}( (T_i^\dagger \otimes \mathbb{I}) (\tilde{\rho}_i \otimes \rho_t(\varphi^*)) )
\]
as \( T_i^\dagger \) does not acts on \( \mathcal{H}_S \) and thus commutes with the partial trace, while tracing-out \( \mathcal{H}_S \) leaves the reduced state independent from the input (see Eq. (14)). Since isometries leave invariant the trace-distance, while partial trace is non-increasing, we use Eq. (9) and we have
\[
\Delta \left( \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_S} (\tilde{\rho}_i(\tilde{C}, \rho_{in})) , \nu_t(\tilde{C}, \rho_{in}) \right) \leq 12\sqrt{\epsilon} \quad (16)
\]

**Simulator after receiving client’s output**: First we need to introduce some notation and conventions:

- By \( k^S, k^C \) we define the padding of the server’s and client’s output respectively. In more detail these keys are functions of the trap-colouring (trap positions) of the last layer, the rotations \( \theta \), the secret parameters \( r \)'s and measurement results \( b \)'s of the previous two layers. We collectively denote the rest, i.e. all the other secret keys, as \( k^R \).

- We also assume that the classical measurement outcomes \( b \)'s are in the Hilbert space of the client, while, being classical and public, could be copied to the server’s Hilbert space too (adding this copy does not affect the client’s simulators and complicates the notation). Moreover, classical results corresponding to trap measurements are denoted \( b_t \), while other are simply \( b \). The trap measurements outcomes (in the honest run) are \( b_t = r_t \) where \( r_t \) is one of the secret parameters included in \( k^R \).

- The final layer (unmeasured) qubits are separated to: (i) output qubits (those are of the server and the client, and it includes the purification of their inputs), (ii) dummy qubits collectively denoted \( d^S, d^C \) for server/client unmeasured dummies and (iii) trap qubits denoted as \( \theta_t^R, \theta_t^C \). The dummies and trap qubits are in tensor product to the rest (in the honest run).

- The Hilbert spaces containing the output qubits (and the related purification of honest run) are denoted \( \mathcal{H}_{S_{in}}, \mathcal{H}_{C_{in}} \), while the remaining qubits are \( \mathcal{H}_S, \mathcal{H}_C \).

- For brevity we denote \([b] := |b\rangle \langle b|\) and similarly for the other states.

With the above notations, the honest run of the protocol at this step, with some input \( \chi \) is:
\[
\rho_t(\chi) = \left( E_{k^C, k^S}(U(\chi)) \right)_{\mathcal{H}_{C_{in}} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{S_{in}}} \otimes ([k^S] \otimes [k^C] \otimes [k^R] \otimes [b] \otimes [b_t] \otimes [d^C] \otimes [\theta_t^C])_{\mathcal{H}_C} \otimes ([d^S] \otimes [\theta_t^S])_{\mathcal{H}_S}
\quad (17)
\]

We define:
\[
\sigma := ([k^S] \otimes [k^C] \otimes [k^R] \otimes [b] \otimes [b_t] \otimes [d^C] \otimes [\theta_t^C])_{\mathcal{H}_C} \otimes ([d^S] \otimes [\theta_t^S])_{\mathcal{H}_S}
\]
\[
\rho_t(\chi) = \varrho(\chi, k^C, k^S) \otimes \sigma
\quad (18)
\]

It is worth pointing-out that \( \sigma \) is independent from the input \( \chi \). Now the simulator is constructed in the following steps:

1. The simulator obtains from the client the choice of secret keys \( k^C, k^S, k^R \) (that can be viewed as part of the client’s input).
2. The simulator sets \( b_t = r_t \). For the other measurement outcomes \( b \), the simulator chooses randomly a bit value. To ensure that the \( b \)'s obtained are indistinguishable from the real honest protocol, the simulator can run the full protocol with some random input \( \varphi \). Since in the honest run, the values of \( b \)'s do not depend on (are not correlated to) the input, the outcomes that the simulator returns would be indistinguishable from those of a run with the correct input. Finally, speciousness ensures that this state is also close to the real protocol.

3. The simulator, using the previous steps, constructs the state \( \sigma \).

4. The simulator uses the state \( \hat{\rho} \) for the \( i \)th step, which is a fixed state (independent of the input).

5. The simulator calls the ideal functionality and receives the state \( \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_S} (\rho_t(\rho_{in})) \).

6. The simulator uses the keys and the state received from the ideal functionality and constructs \( \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_S} (\rho(\rho_{in}, k^C, k^S)) \).

7. The simulator obtains the operator \( T_i \) from the definition of specious, and constructs the isometry \( T_i \) acting from \( \mathcal{H}_C \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_C \otimes \mathcal{H}_C \).

8. The simulated view is then:

\[
\nu(\mathcal{C}, \rho_{in}) := \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_S} \left( (T_i^\dagger \otimes I) (\hat{\rho} \otimes \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_S} (\rho(\rho_{in}, k^C, k^S)) \otimes \sigma) \right)
\]  

(19)

It is clear, that in all this construction, \( \rho_{in} \) appears only through \( \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_S} (\rho_t(\rho_{in})) \), which is the ideal output of the client. Now we prove that this simulated view is \( \delta \)-close to the view of the client in the real protocol. We start from Eq. (9) and we obtain:

\[
\Delta \left( \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_S, \mathcal{H}_S} (\hat{\rho}(\mathcal{C}, \rho_{in})), \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_S, \mathcal{H}_S} \left( (T_i^\dagger \otimes I) (\hat{\rho} \otimes \rho_t(\rho_{in})) \right) \right) \leq 12\sqrt{2} \epsilon
\]

Now, since \( T_i^\dagger \) does not act on either of the server’s Hilbert spaces, it commutes with the partial trace. We can then see that:

\[
\nu(\mathcal{C}, \rho_{in}) = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_S, \mathcal{H}_S} \left( (T_i^\dagger \otimes I) (\hat{\rho} \otimes \rho_t(\rho_{in})) \right)
\]  

(20)

and this concludes the first part of the proof as we have a \( (12\sqrt{2}\epsilon) \)-private protocol.

\[\square\]

B. Server’s simulators

Our QYao protocol is secure against a fully malicious server that can deviate in any possible way and can also cause an abort. We will use the fact that QYao protocol is \( \epsilon \)-verifiable for the client, i.e. Eq. (6) and Eq. (7) hold. In many classical protocols, to prove security against malicious adversaries one has to restrict their actions to essentially honest-but-curious adversaries. Here the verification property plays such a role, as the condition obtained can be used in a similar way as the speciousness of the client.

We can see that, before the client sends the secret parameters, the server is totally blind, i.e. the server’s reduced state at all times is the totally mixed state (for all qubits in the DT(G), including their own input qubits, after they are injected). This is highlighted by the fact that one can run the full protocol (before releasing the keys), without choosing the (client’s) input (see simulator below). After receiving the keys from the client, to simulate the server’s view we need a call to the ideal functionality, and at this point to use Eq. (6).

Continuation of the proof of Theorem 3.
The last step of the protocol is that the server decrypts their output, which we denote as this is done to obtain the measurement angles \( \delta \) malicious evaluator without any extra primitive or added overhead.

Following the classical approach of [6] we exploit our QYao protocol to construct one-time program. To do so we simply need to remove the classical online communication of the QYao protocol using the classical hardware primitive of secure “one-time memory” (OTM), which is essentially a non-interactive oblivious transfer. The obtained one-time quantum programs can be executed only once, where the input can be chosen at any time. Classically the challenge in lifting the Yao protocol for two-party computation to onetime program, was the issue of malicious adversary. However, our QYao protocol is already secure against a malicious evaluator without any extra primitive or added overhead.

Recall that the interaction in our QYao is required for two reasons. First, from the server’s perspective this is done to obtain the measurement angles \( \delta \) that perform the correct computation, while these could not
be computed offline as they depend on the measurement outcomes \( b_{j < i} \) of certain qubits measured before \( i \) but after the preparation stage (and on secret parameters \((\theta_i, r_i, r_{j < i}, T)\) and computation angle \( \phi_i \) that are known from start). Second, from the client’s perspective, the results of measurements are needed to provide with a “proof” that the output is correct, by testing for deviation from the trap outcomes.

**Removing the interaction:** An obvious solution for the first issue raised, is to have the client compute \( \delta_i \) for all combinations of previous outcomes \( b_{j < i} \), and then store in an OTM the different values, while the server chooses and learns the entry of the OTM corresponding to the outcomes obtained. This solution, at first, appears to suffer from an efficiency issue as one may think that for each qubit the client needs to compute \( \delta_i \) for all combination of past outcomes which grows exponentially (as would the size of the OTM used). However, a closer look in the dependencies of corrections in MBQC for the typical graphs used, shows that the measurement angle of qubit \( i \) depends on at most a constant number of qubits, being within the two previous “layers” (past neighbours or past neighbours of past neighbours). This is evident from the flow construction \([38, 39]\), that guarantees that corrections can be done, and the explicit form of dependencies involves only neighbours and next-to neighbours in the graph \( G \). A flow is defined by a function \( f: O^e \to I^c \) from measured qubits to non-input qubits and a partial order \( (\preceq) \) over the vertices of the graph such that \( \forall i : i \preceq f(i) \) and \( \forall j \in N_G(i) : f(i) \preceq j \), where \( N_G(i) \) denotes the neighbours of \( i \) in \( G \). Each qubit \( i \) is \( X \)-dependent on \( f^{-1}(i) \) and \( Z \)-dependent on all qubits \( j \) such that \( i \in N_G(j) \).

**Definition 7** (Past of qubit \( i \)). We define \( P_i = Z_i \cup X_i \) to be the set of qubits \( j \) that have \( X \) or \( Z \) dependency on \( i \).

**Definition 8** (Influence-past of qubit \( i \)). We define influence-past \( c_i \), of qubit \( i \) to be an assignment of an outcome \( b_j \in \{0, 1\} \) for all qubits \( j \in P_i \).

For each influence-past \( c_i \), there exists a unique value of \( \delta_i(c_i) \). While \( c_i \) provides all the necessary dependencies for the client to compute \( \delta_i \), this is not known to the server. This could be problematic, as the server is expected to open the OTM using the past outcomes with a labelling consistent with their own knowledge. The true dependencies depend on the actual flow of the computation, which is hidden from the server, as the positions of dummies (that break the DT(\( G \)) to the three graphs) are not known to the server. From here on we restrict attention to DT(\( G \)). This is resolved by defining:

**Definition 9** (Extended-past of qubit \( i \)). We define the extended past \( EP_i \) of qubit \( i \) to be the set of all qubits that for some trap-colouring are in the past of \( i \).

Similarly we define extended-influence-past (EIP) of qubit \( i \) (it is clear that \( \delta_i \) has trivial dependency on all outcomes of EIP that are not in the actual influence-past). The extended past has also finite cardinality, as it is evident that the only qubits that can affect a qubit with base-location \( i \) are those that belong to (the finite) base-locations that contain the qubits that have true dependency (i.e. neighbours or next-to neighbours base-locations).

**Ensuring verification:** The interaction is also important from the clients perspective, in order to verify that the server did not deviate. Again, naively one could suggest that the server can return all the measurement outcomes at the end. However, this suffers from a potential attack (not present in normal VUBQC). The underlying reason is that there is nothing to force the server to commit that the \( b_j \)’s that will return are the same as the ones used for selecting measuring angles. For example, the server measures qubit 1 at \( \delta_1 \), and obtains \( b_1 \) (which will be returned at the end) but uses \( b'_1 = b_1 \oplus 1 \) when opening the OTM corresponding to qubit \( j \) where \( 1 \in EP_j \). If qubit \( j \) is computation qubit, this leads to measuring at a wrong angle, while if qubit \( j \) is trap qubit, it has no (real) dependence on \( b_1 \) and thus the angle recovered is the correct one, and the server never causes abort while corrupts the computation. To avoid this problem, we introduce a method that uses some flag bit-string \( l_i \).

The client provides for each qubit, the angle \( \delta_i \) and a flag bit-string \( l_i \) of length \( m \). This flag bit-string is a (one-time-padded) flag, of whether a trap failed in the (extended) past of qubit \( i \) or not. At the final step of the protocol, the server returns the final layer qubits and all the flags \( l_i \). Here we will denote \( b_{ji} \) to mean the outcome of qubit \( j \) measurement that the client uses for the computation of the measurement angle for qubit \( i \), i.e. the value of \( b_i \) selected by the server when opening the \( i \)th OTM.

The client chooses uniformly at random, for each qubit \( i \) an \( m \)-bit string \( l^0_i \) to denote that none of its past qubits \( j \in P_i \) was a failed trap. The string \( l^0_i \) will be called “accept” flag, while all other strings \( l_i \neq l^0_i \) are the “reject” flags. The OTM’s are prepared according to Protocol 6.
Protocol 6 Preparation of OTM’s for non-interactive QYao

Description of OTM’s: We will use an (at most) one out of \( K \) OTM, where \( K = 2^\max_i |EP_i| \). Note, that the first layer does not need an OTM, since (i) we give the angle directly (does not depend on anything) and (ii) there is no trap in the previous layer and thus need to give a flag. Moreover, for the last layer, while the qubits are not measured (and thus there is no corresponding angle \( \delta \)) we will use an OTM to obtain the last flags (that correspond to testing traps in the previous layers).

- **Labels** of the cells of the OTM at \( i \): Each qubit is labelled according to the outcomes of the extended past qubits \( b_{i,j} | j \in P_i \), in other words according to the extended influence past \( c_i \).

- **Content** of the cells of the OTM at \( i \): In each cell of the OTM we have a pair of numbers \( (\delta_i, l_i) \), (that can be viewed as a single string where the first three bits give \( \delta \) and the remaining the flag). The \( \delta_i \) is the unique correct \( \delta \) for the particular outcomes of past qubits \( b_{j} | j \in P_i \).

\[
\delta_i(c_i) = (-1)^{X_i} \phi_i + \theta_i + \pi(r_i \oplus s_i^2)
\]  

(24)

The flag \( l_i \) depends on the outcomes \( b_j \) of the extended past \( j \in EP_i \). In particular:

1. If for all traps \( t \) in the extended past of \( i \), i.e. \( t \in EP_i \), \( b_{t,i} = r_t \), we return \( l_0^t \), i.e. accept flag.
2. Otherwise, we return a random string \( l_i \neq l_0^t \), i.e. reject flag.

According to this protocol, the flag that the server obtains when opening the OTM at qubit \( i \), is reject if and only if in the extended past of this qubit there is a failed trap outcome. We can see that returning a wrong outcome for some measurement \( b_i \) implies opening an entry of the OTM with wrong flag only if the qubit is a trap one (as in regular VUBQC), while it still returns the accept flag if it is a dummy or computation qubit. Here we should note, that even if the client knows that one flag is a reject flag (i.e. has the qubit is a trap one (as in regular VUBQC), while it still returns the accept flag if it is a dummy or computation qubit). We can now give the non-interactive QYao Protocol 7.

Protocol 7 Non-interactive QYao

Assumptions

Client and server want to jointly compute a unitary as in Protocol 5. The client has \( N \) OTM’s that are 1-out-of-\( K \), i.e. one OTM per qubit, with sufficient entries to store a pair of \((\delta_i, l_i)\) measurement angle and flag bit-string (of length at least \( m \geq \log(\frac{1}{\delta} + 1)\)), for each extended influence past of the qubit.

Protocol

1. Client and server interact according to Protocol 5 to obtain the server’s input locations. Client also sends the qubits of \( DT(G) \) after choosing secret parameters \((r_i, \theta_i, d_i, \text{and trap-colouring})\).
2. The client, for each qubit and each extended influence past, computes \( \delta_i(c_i) \). Then prepares one OTM per qubit as described in Protocol 3.
3. Server performs the measurements according to the first layer of angles received \( \delta_i \) (directly as in Protocol 3). Then open the next layer OTM’s using the outcomes \( b_i \) of their measurements. Uses the new measurement angle revealed \( \delta_i \), while records the flag bit-string \( l_j \). Iterates until the last layer OTM is opened (and the second last layer is measured). The final layer OTM’s return only a flag.
4. Server and client interact according to Protocol 4 so that the server obtains their output. The only difference is that the client, before returning the keys, in order to accept checks the flags (instead of checking the trap outcomes of measured qubits) and the final layer traps.

Theorem 4. Protocol 7 is \( \epsilon \)-verifiable for the client, with \( \epsilon \) same as the VUBQC protocol that is used.

Proof. This proof consists of three stages. First, similarly to the proof of theorem 2 we show that the verifiability for the client of the non-interactive QYao, reduces to the verifiability of the same VUBQC protocol with modifications for the server’s input and output. The second stage is to observe that the optimal strategy for an adversarial server is to return the flags from the opened OTM’s. This makes the verifiability property for this protocol identical with an interactive protocol with the only modification that the server can return different values for the measurement outcome \( b_i \) depending on which future qubit
the client needs the outcome \( (b_{i,j}) \). The final stage, is to show that this modified (interactive) verification protocol, is \( \epsilon \)-verifiable with same \( \epsilon \) as Protocol 1.

**Stage 1:** Following the proof of theorem 2, we can see that the non-interactive QYao protocol 7 is \( \epsilon \)-verifiable for the client if the corresponding non-interactive VUBQC protocol that is used during step 3 of Protocol 7 is \( \epsilon \)-verifiable, with deviated input \( \rho_i'_{in} \) and a final deviation \( (I_{\mathcal{H}_c} \otimes C_{\mathcal{H}_b}) \) on the server’s output (computation) qubits.

**Stage 2:** If the server attempts to guess a flag (given the extra knowledge of one bit-string \( l_i \neq l_i' \)), they cause an abort with high probability \( (1 - \epsilon_f) \), where \( \epsilon_f := (2^m - 1)^{-1} \). However, since by assumption \( m \geq \log(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + 1) \), the probability of abort is so high that makes the protocol trivially verifiable, as it is \( \epsilon \)-close to the ideal state Eq. (1) with \((1 - P_{ok}) = (1 - \epsilon_f)\).

It follows that the adversary (trying to maximising their cheating chances) should return the flags found in the OTMs. This is equivalent with an interactive VUBQC protocol, that (i) the server for each qubit \( i \) returns multiple values of the measurement outcome \( b_{i,j} \), one for each \( j \) in the extended future qubit of \( i \) and (ii) the client uses those outcomes to compute the \( \delta_i \)'s and (iii) the client aborts only when they receive at least one trap outcome wrong \( b_{i,j} \neq r_i \) for any \( j \).

**Stage 3:** We should now show the \( \epsilon \)-verifiability of the modified interactive VUBQC protocol described above. The proof follows the same steps of the proof of verifiability of Protocol 1 in [3]. The first steps exploit the blindness to reduce the possible attacks (of adversarial server) to convex combination of Pauli attacks. Then it is noted, that since the computation is encoded in an error-correcting code (that corrects up to \( \delta/2 \) errors), there is a minimum number \( (d = \lceil \frac{\delta}{2(2^m+1)} \rceil) \) of independent base-locations that need to be corrupted to cause an error.

For the proof of verifiability, as in [2, 3], we make the assumption that if the minimum number of attacks that could corrupt the computation occurs, then the computation is corrupted. This is clearly not true, but is sufficient to provide a bound on the probability of corrupt and accept (which is the “bad” case, that the server manages to cheat). Then, given this minimum number of attacks, the probability of abort is computed and found to be greater than \((1 - \epsilon)\), and thus the protocol is verifiable.

In our case, there is the difference that for each measured qubit \( b_i \) of the original protocol, we have multiple qubits \( b_{i,j} \). Once again, we make the assumption of minimum corrupted qubits, we need at least \( d = \lceil \frac{\delta}{2(2^m+1)} \rceil \) independent base-locations, and we can allow for each base-location to corrupt a single \( b_{i,j} \) for one specific \( j \). However, this does not change the probability of hitting a trap, as it suffices to give wrong value \( b_{i,j} \) for one \( j \) to cause an abort. We then obtain again, that the probability of abort (in the minimum corruptable attack) is at least \((1 - \epsilon)\), for \( \epsilon = (\frac{\delta}{d})^d \) and the protocol is indeed \( \epsilon \)-verifiable.

**Theorem 5.** Protocol 7 that is \( \epsilon_1 \)-verifiable for the client, is \( O(\sqrt{\epsilon_2}) \)-private against an \( \epsilon_2 \)-specious client and \( \epsilon_1 \)-private against a malicious server.

**Proof.** We need simulators for the client only during input injection and output extraction (since the client does not participate in the evaluation phase, in the non-interactive protocol). During these steps, the simulators are identical with those in Protocol 5.

The server’s simulators until before the output extraction can be identical with the ones of Protocol 5 where the interaction is replaced with the preparation of OTM's. It is important to note that all OTM's can be constructed with no information about the client’s input and thus from the simulator. Finally, the simulator for the final step of Protocol 5 needs to only use the property that the Protocol is \( \epsilon \)-verifiable for the client. We proved in Theorem 4 that this is the case for Protocol 7 and thus we can use the same simulator.

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Appendix A: Measurement-based quantum computation

An MBQC pattern is fully characterised by the graph (representing the entangled state), default measurement angles $\phi_i$, an order of measurements (determined by the flow) and a set of corrections that determine the actual measurement angle of each qubit (modify the default measurement angles with respect to previous measurement outcomes).

For the brickwork state, or any subset of the square lattice state, the flow $f(i)$ takes a qubit to the same row next column. E.g. $i = (k, l)$, then $f(i) = (k + 1, l)$. Given a flow $f(\cdot)$, and measurement outcomes $s_j$, the actual (corrected) measurement angle is given:

$$\phi_i'(\phi_i, s_{j<i}) := \phi_i(-1)^{f^{-1}(i)} + \pi \sum_{j|f(j) \notin N_G(i) \backslash f(i)} s_j$$

(A1)

where $N_G(i)$ denotes the set of neighbours (in the graph) of vertex $i$. It is easy to see that the corrected angle for qubit $i$ has an $X$-correction (i.e. a $(-1)$ factor before $\phi_i$) from the one qubit $f^{-1}(i)$ and $Z$-corrections (i.e. $\pi$ addition) from some neighbours of neighbours, which for the brickwork state is at most two (but in any case are constant in number).

We present here diagrams taken from [1] showing how to translate a universal set of gates to the MBQC measurement patterns using the brickwork graphs.

Finally, we note that in UBQC, the measurement angle that the client instructs the server to measure is given:

$$\delta_i = \phi_i'(\phi_i, b_{j<i}) + \theta_i + \pi r_i = C(i, \phi_i, \theta_i, r_i, s)$$

Appendix B: On specious adversaries definitions

The definition of specious, as given by Eq. (4), includes $\rho_i(\rho_{in})$ which is the honest state in step $i$, for any input state $\rho_{in}$. There are two subtle issues with what this means, (i) in relation with what are the possible input states $\rho_{in}$, and (ii) in relation to whether the random secret parameters are considered “input of the computation or not. If we take the most restrictive case, it leads to a very weak adversary. In [5], there are some impossibility results, that stem from taking a (slightly) stronger form of this adversary. Here we see separately these two issues and finally discuss the differences with [5].
1. Restricting to classical inputs

The first important point is that we observe that a specious adversary, under certain conditions, could be weaker than an honest-but-curious classical adversary. A specious adversary is allowed to do actions/operations, that for any (allowed) input, can be “undone” by actions on his side if there is an audit. Now we consider a (trivial) example, that specious is weaker than classical honest-but-curious. Assume, that as first step of a protocol, a party (that is specious adversary) \( \tilde{A} \) receives a one-time-padded quantum input \( E_k(\langle \psi \rangle_S) \) of the other party. As second step, the \( \tilde{A} \) returns the padded quantum state back. If the input is considered to be a general (unknown) quantum state, a specious adversary cannot do the following action before returning the system \( S \):

\[
(\wedge X)_{SA} E_k(\langle \psi \rangle_S) \otimes |0\rangle_A
\]  

(B1)

There is no map that \( \tilde{A} \) can apply to their private system/ancilla \( A \) alone, and obtain the correct state \( \rho_i(\rho_{in}) \), because for a general \( E_k(\langle \psi \rangle_S) \) the resulting joint state is entangled.

However, imagine that we are actually considering is a classical protocol which means that the input is in computational basis, i.e. either \( |0\rangle \) or \( |1\rangle \). In that case, the \( \wedge X \) simply copies the ciphertext \( E_k(\langle \psi \rangle_S) \), which is exactly the action that an honest-but-curious classical adversary can do. Note that in this specific case, the resulting state is no longer an entangled state and thus could be recovered by acting only on system \( S \). Nonetheless, the definition of specious requires to recover the correct state at each step for any possible input.

It is exactly because of this property (that specious under certain conditions is weaker than classical honest-but-curious) that we can avoid using OT for inserting the input of the server (unlike the Yao protocol). In generalisations where we will have stronger adversaries, we will once again need to have OT for the input insertion.

2. About the secret random parameters

The second important subtlety of the specious definition, is related with the secret (random) parameters that the adversary can choose. Specious adversaries should be able to recover the global state \( \rho_i(\rho_{in}) \) in any step. However this definition may be somewhat ambiguous. In general, the quantum state in any step is also function of secret random parameters of the two parties \( k_A, k_B \), i.e. we have \( \rho_i(\rho_{in}, k_A, k_B) \). We can (and generally do) treat the secret keys as part of the input of the two parties (i.e. part of \( \rho_{in} \)), but in this case the specious adversary is essentially requested to reconstruct precisely the state \( \rho_i(\rho_{in}, k_A, k_B) \) at step \( i \).

However, we can imagine an adversary \( \tilde{A} \) that could reproduce the state \( \rho_i(\rho_{in}, k'_A, k_B) \) instead, i.e. reproduce a state that would be correct for step \( i \), if the secret parameter was \( k'_A \) instead of the \( k_A \) that was given at the start. In this case, the adversary \( \tilde{A} \) is not specious with the standard definition that we use. On the other hand, intuitively, since \( k_A \) is a secret parameter (not known by anyone but \( \tilde{A} \) until this step), it should not matter what is this value, and reproducing \( \rho_i(\rho_{in}, k'_A, k_B) \) should be sufficient for a version of quantum honest-but-curious.

We will define strong specious adversary, to be the adversary that they are required to have CP maps \( T_i \) acting only on their subsystem such that they can reproduce the state \( \rho_i(\rho_{in}, k_A, k_B) \) for at least one secret key \( k_A \) (not determined in advance, and thus of their choice).

We will again give a simple example to make the distinction of these two flavour of specious adversaries. Imagine a protocol that a (strong or weak) specious adversary \( \tilde{A} \) is supposed to return an unknown state \( |\psi\rangle \) padded with their key \( E_k(\langle \psi \rangle) \). A strong specious adversary can cheat by keeping the state \( |\psi\rangle \) and returning instead the one side of an EPR pair (and keep the other side). Then if an audit occurs, the adversary can use their side of the EPR pair and teleport the state \( |\psi\rangle \) back, where the resulting state at the honest side is \( E_{k_m}(\langle \psi \rangle) \), with \( k_m \) being (randomly) determined by the outcome of the Bell measurement that teleports the state. A weak specious adversary, on the other hand, cannot do this. The state that is supposed to be returned needs to be padded with the key \( k_A \) that is fixed from the start of the protocol, while \( k_m \) is randomly determined during the audit (by the Bell measurement outcome).
3. Regarding secure SWAP no-go theorem

It is not difficult to see, that a protocol that is secure against the standard (weak) specious adversary can be made secure against the strong specious adversary by modifying the protocol to request that in every step a new random (secret) parameter appears, a commitment to its value is made. This means that requesting an adversary to be weak specious is practically equivalent with strong specious adversary where commitments are allowed.

Here it is worth mentioning, that in [5], while not explicitly stated, had their protocol secure against the stronger version of specious adversaries (unlike our protocol). This difference in the definition of specious adversaries (implicit assumption of the stronger adversaries) also resolves the apparent contradiction of our result (no secure primitive needed) with their no-go theorem (a secure SWAP is needed for 2PQC even for specious adversaries). As is mentioned in [5], their no-go would not hold if commitments were possible, which is exactly what our weaker definition essentially permits.

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