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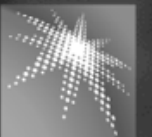
QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY

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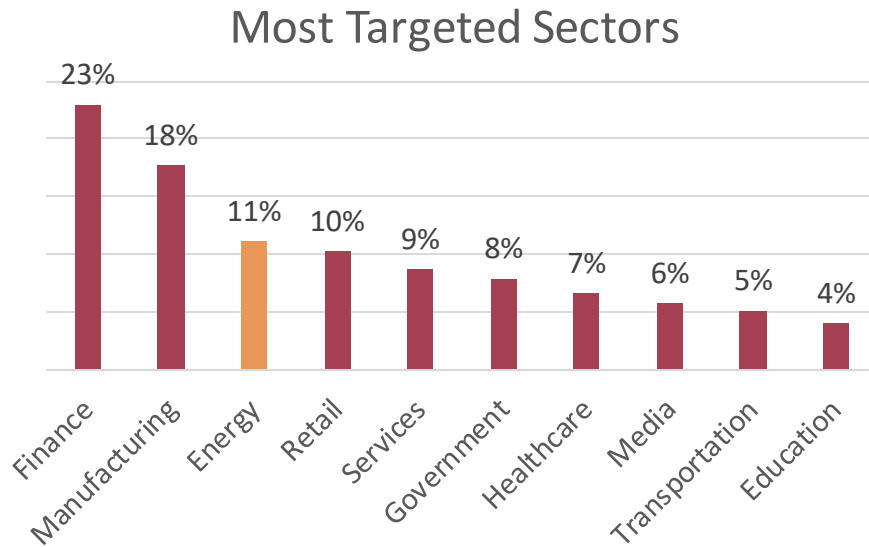
AGENDA

- Introduction
 - Cybersecurity in the energy sector
 - Using QC to create randomness
- The Challenge
 - Understanding randomness measurements
 - Studying Toy noise models
 - Extracting randomness

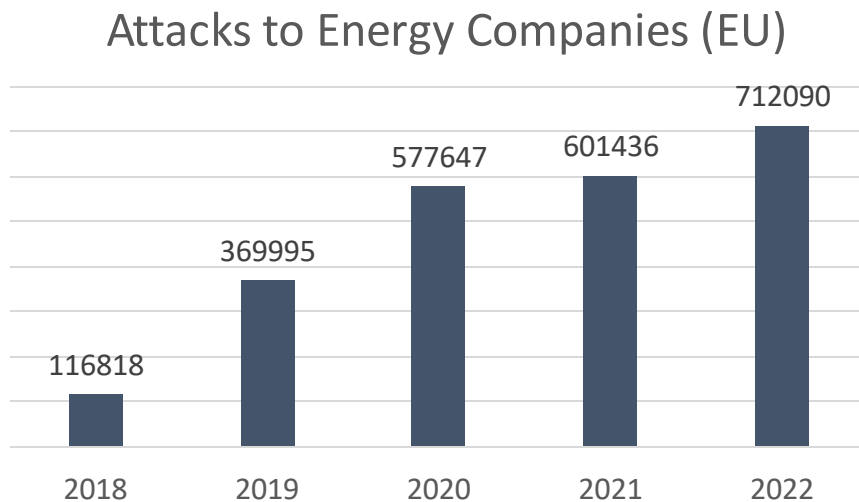


INTRODUCTION

CYBERSECURITY IN THE ENERGY SECTOR



- Energy companies are the 3rd most targeted sector of cyberattacks
- The number of attacks to the sector have been steadily growing for the last 5 years
- Quantum cryptography may provide a useful tool to prevent attacks





RANDOMNESS

- Randomness is *necessary* for cryptography :
- It is used for :
 - cryptographic key generation
 - encryption
 - authentication

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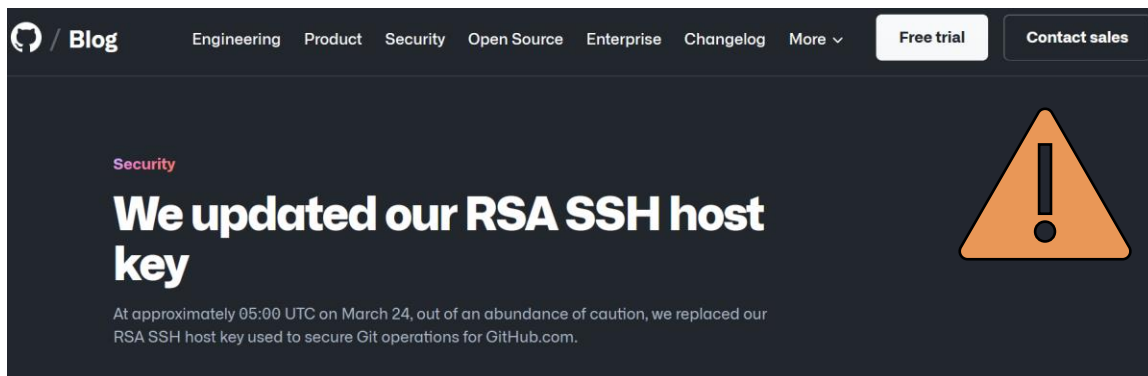
Pseudo-randomness

Example : open your slack !

Inherently random

What is the catch ? Noise !

environmental interference





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THE CHALLENGE

QUANTIFYING RANDOMNESS IN A
NOISY QUANTUM CIRCUIT

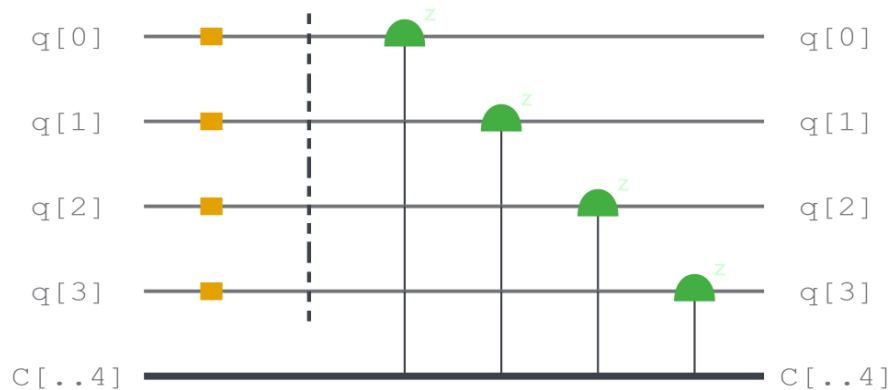
PRELIMINARY STEP

QUANTIFYING RANDOMNESS

- What is randomness? Why do we need it?
- How do we measure it?
Why is the Shannon entropy not good enough?

$$H_{min} = -\log \max_{\{x\}} p(x)$$

$$H_{shannon} = -\sum_x p(x) \log p(x)$$

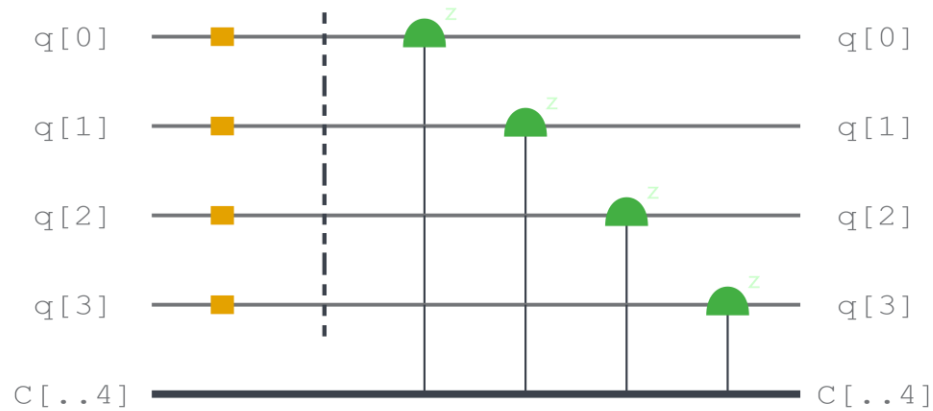


- What is the maximum randomness we can get given a number of qubits?
- How do we generate such a state?

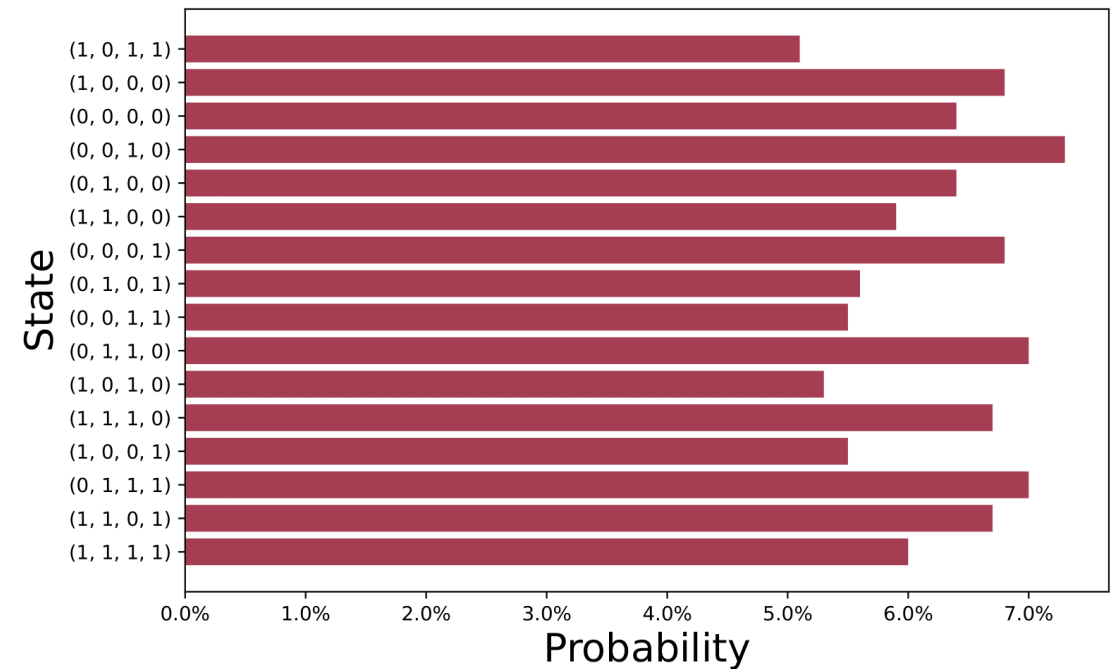
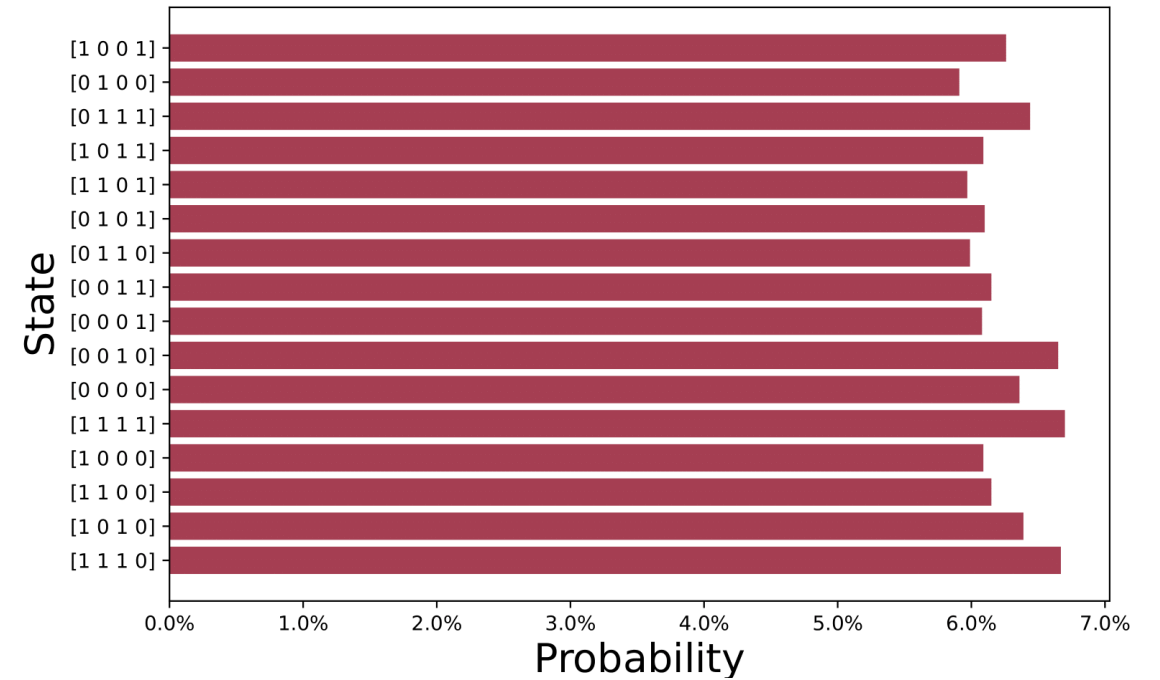
TOY NOISE MODEL

ALL HADAMARD CIRCUIT

Noiseless

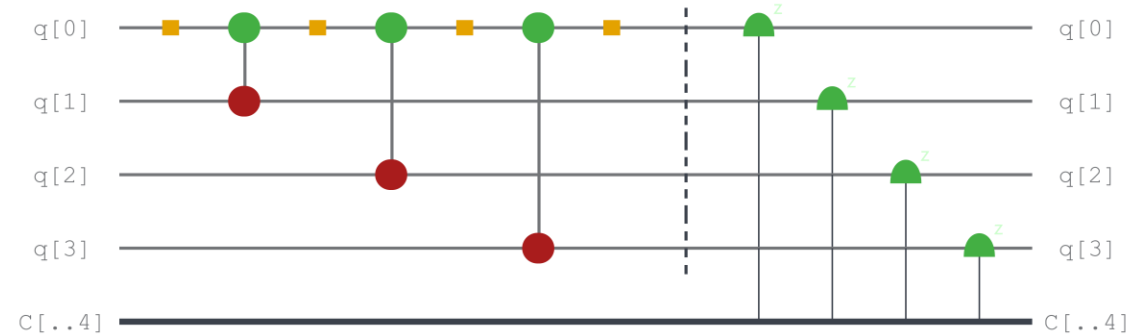


Noisy

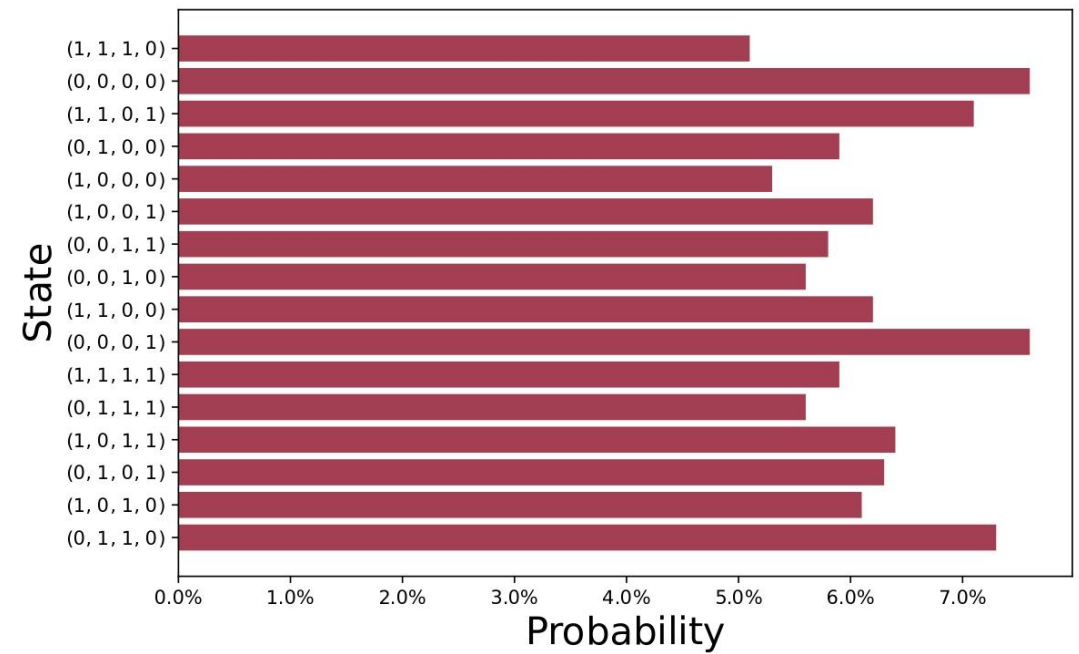
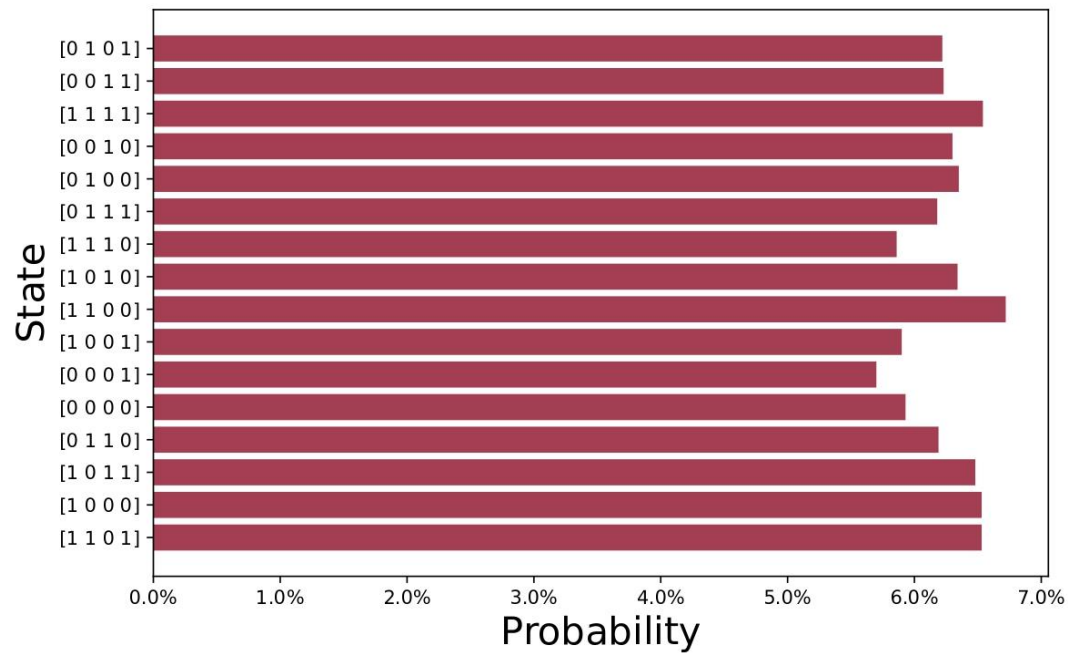


H AND CNOT CIRCUIT

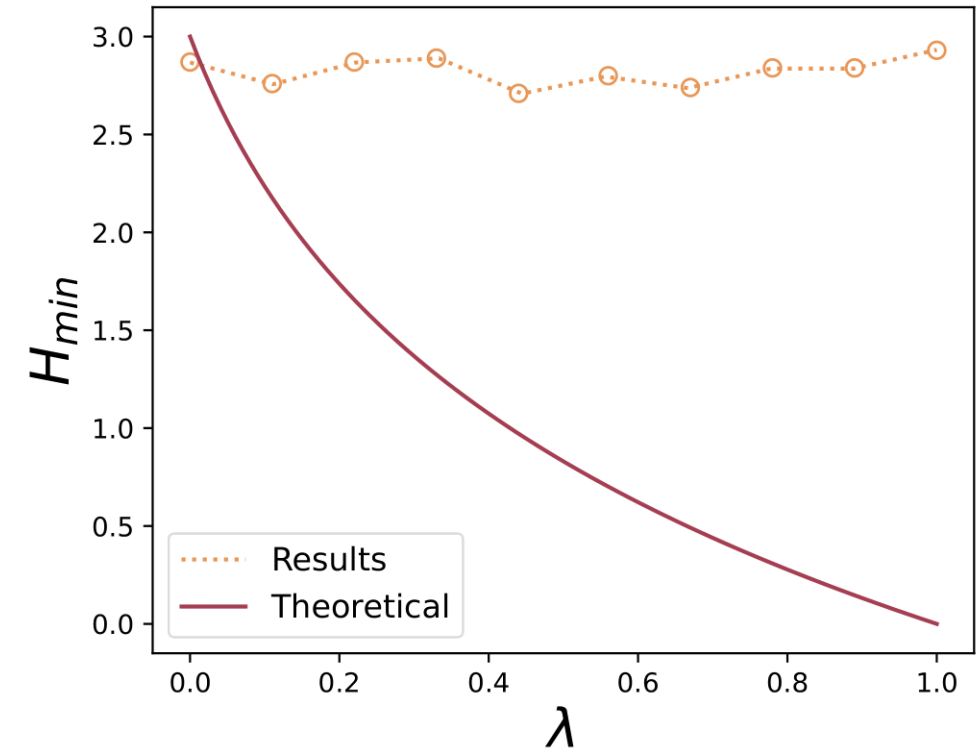
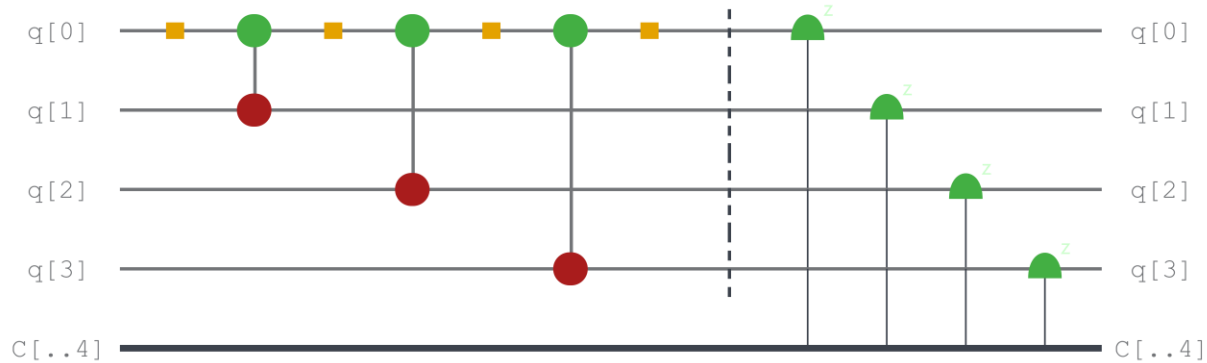
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Noisy

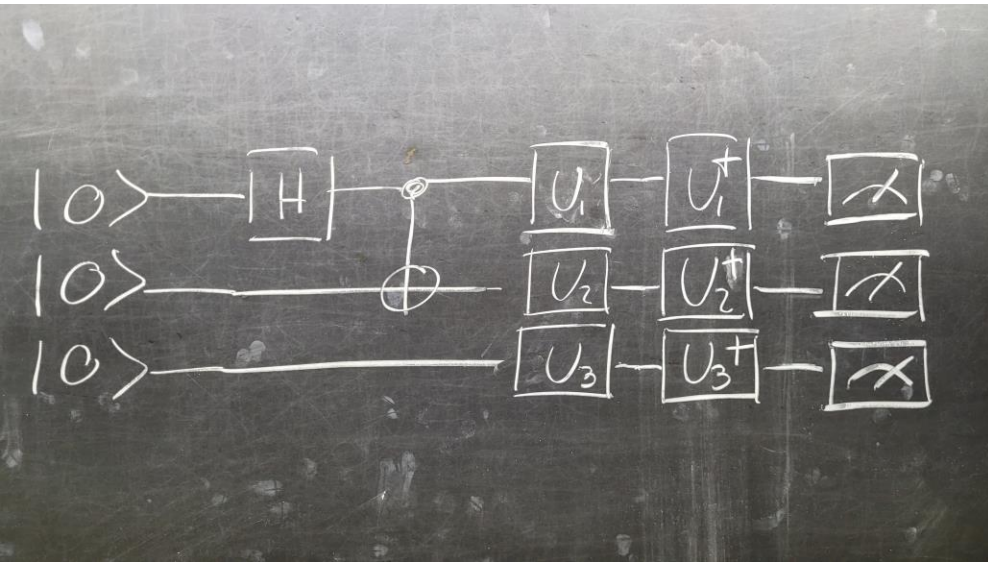


- A circuit with a lot of non-local gates fares much better than the local variant
- Are non local gates safe against this noise model?



Min Entropy is bounded!

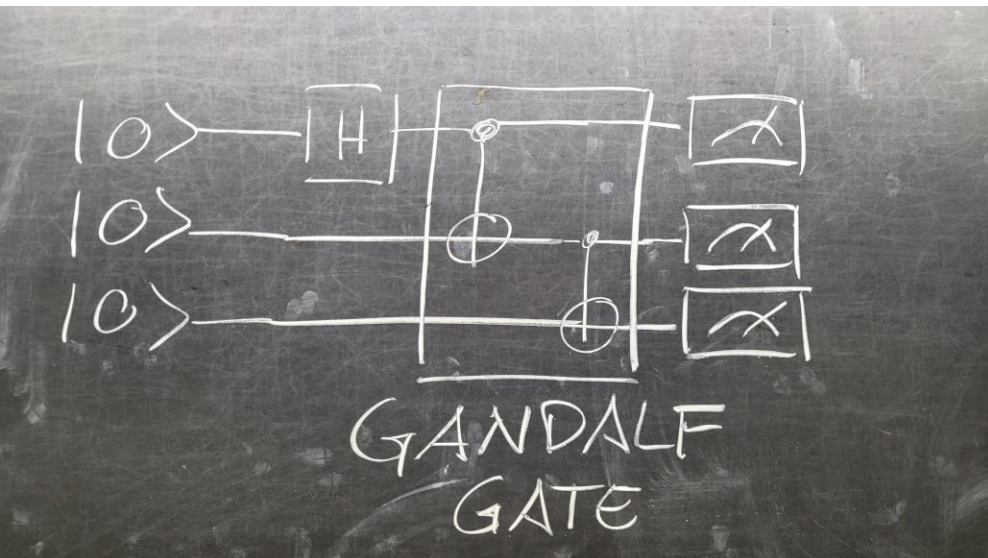
HOW TO HACK THE TOY NOISE MODEL ?



How does it works?



How to hack it ? The Gandalf gate

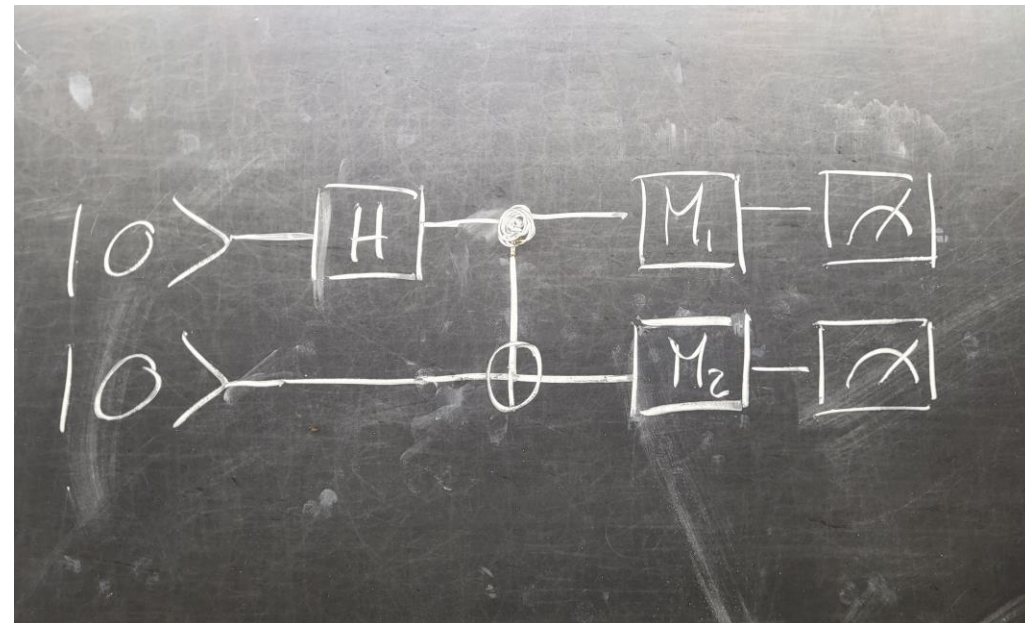
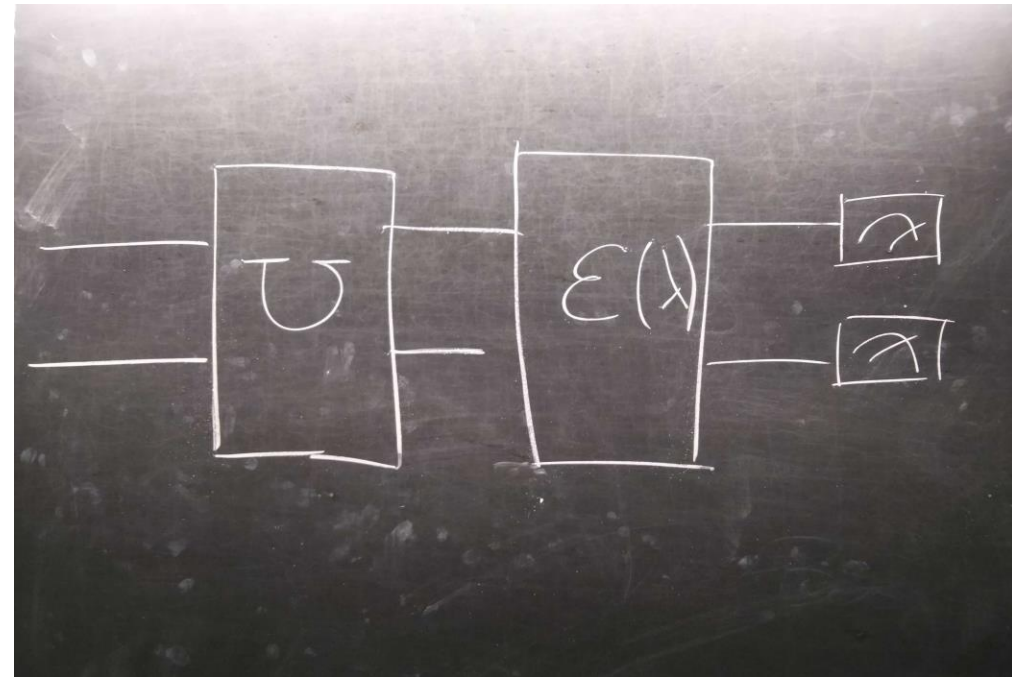


GENERAL NOISE MODEL

- Assume there is a general noise model
- Worst case scenario for any circuit : $H_{\min} \approx 0$
- Single circuit is not enough
 - We need a certificate
- We implement it for the simplest case :
 - GHZ state
 - Alice measures in $\{X, Z\}$,
Bob measures in a rotated with $\vartheta \{X, Z\}$
 - Use CHSH inequality :
 - With A and B's measurement,
if $C \approx 2\sqrt{2}$

We still output the GHZ state!
if $C \geq 2$: pretty good !

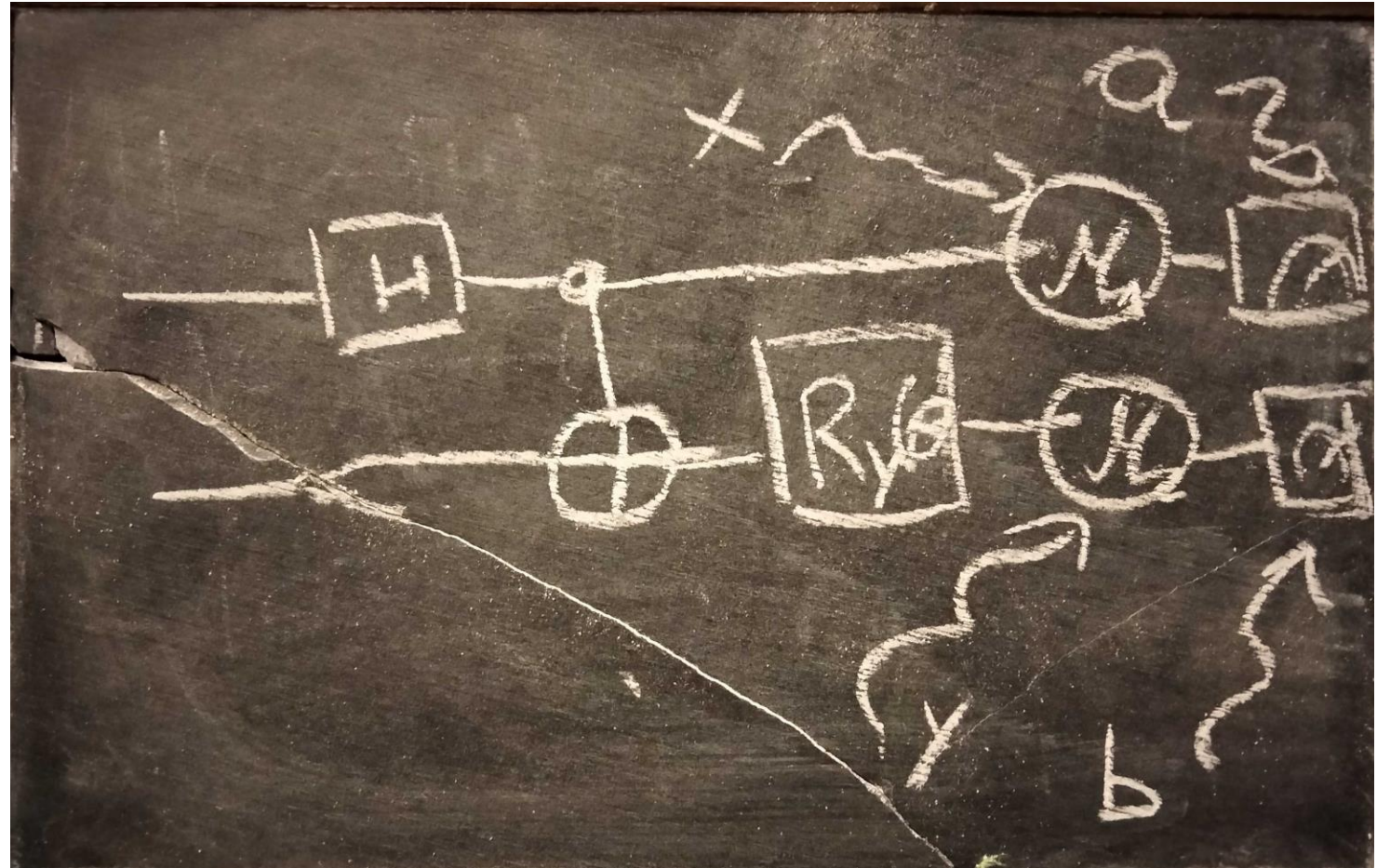
We store these results

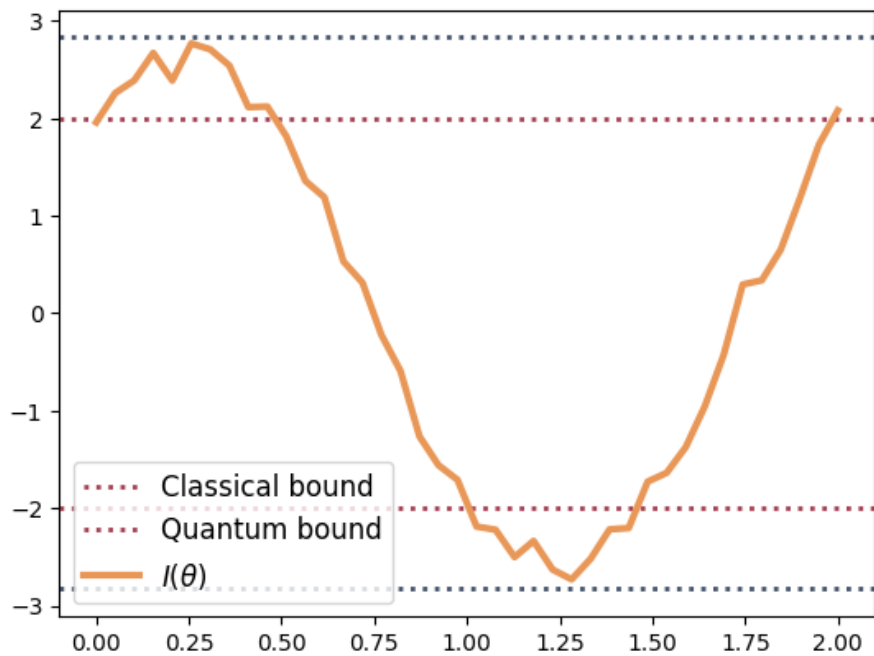


RANDOMNESS EXTRACTORS

- GHZ is not maximally random ...
 - ➔ We can use it to extract randomness from it in presence of noise!
- How ?
 - ➔ Study a protocol that guarantees the output violates a CHSH inequality
 - ➔ If the inequality is violated we are guaranteed there's some randomness in it, despite the noise
 - ➔ A randomness extractor will help us get more from just one: It's part of the Quantum Origin product from Quantinuum

The approach is Device-Independent! No need to know the exact noise model





OUR CERTIFICATE IMPLEMENTATION

- Build the parametrized circuit
- Collect statistics $(a_1, b_1 \dots, a_n, b_n)$ choosing the basis measurement with the string $(x_1, y_1 \dots, y_n, y_n)$
- Statistics is used to compute C
- We would not choose every theta value

GENERAL PROTOCOL

- Alice has a key $t = (t_1, t_2)$ Takes t_1 to generate a bit string $s = (x_1, y_1 \dots, y_n, y_n)$
- Alice uses s to produce $r = (a_1, b_1 \dots, a_n, b_n)$ string of measurements with her device
- If the certificate approves r , Alice uses an extractor and t_2 to have a smaller string \bar{r} which is truly random
- \bar{r} is then added to t to enhance this protocol and have a key of the desired length

A SIMPLE EXAMPLE OF THE EXTRACTOR'S WORK

- Fixed θ such that the parametrized circuit violates CHSH inequalities

$$\theta > 2$$

- We make a run with 4 shots, receiving a bit string:

$$r = (0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0)$$

- To remove garbage bits and receive a truly random string we use the extractor, receiving:

$$\bar{r} = (1, 0, 0, 0)$$

Thank you for listening



And for a wonderful Hackathon !