



Summary

We present here the Julia package, `RobustBlindVerification.jl` (RBV) to emulate quantum verification protocols in ideal and noisy settings. The RBV package is a quantum computing emulator, which uses the `QuEST.jl` package (from QuEST, a C library wrapped packaged using `BinaryBuilder.jl` for reproducible 3rd-party binaries) to perform the quantum operations. RBV is based on the measurement based quantum computing (MBQC) paradigm, and uses universal blind quantum computing to hide computations from detection. Verification is implemented via trapification strategies and multiple rounds of computation. The verification algorithm is implemented to account for noise and naive malicious behaviour or uncorrelated noise.

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Statement of need

The rise of quantum computers gives rise to a variety of path dependent access points to such computers. Delegated quantum computing may likely be the dominant means most can access a quantum computer. One party's access may require secrecy in their computation. Another party, or the same, may need to verify results or computations are trustworthy. Formal methods in quantum verification have been developed in theory. Many of these methods rely on quantum networks, mid-circuit measurement and qubit capabilities beyond the current near-term offering. In preparation for the aforementioned to become reality, quantum emulators offer cheap computational access in many toy problems, along with an ability to test theoretical results.

RBV is to-date (and at the authors undersatnding) the only emulator which implements a simulated blind quantum computation, let alone the verification protocol [cite]. Many quantum computing emulators also only focus on the gate-based model, whilst some implement MBQC [Cite] many do not allow for noise models beyond uncorrelated models, which do not utilise density matrix backends. Many emulators are also focused on python-based libraries [cite]. RBV is based in Julia and calls on a C library. QuEST is a remarkable library that is capable of use agnostically to the machinery accessing the library.

What else

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State of the field

Verification is becoming a core component in the quantum computing stack, in addition to confirming computation is done as expected, verification can act to determine the noisiness of a given machine.

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Core features and functionality

Core features:

1. Run MBQC
2. Run UBQC
3. Run Verification noiseless
4. Run Verification with server that changes the measurement angle (malicious)
5. Run Verification with suite of standard decoherence models with Kraus maps and density matrix mixing
6. Run test rounds on random graphs for general analysis
7. Should be useful in multithreading/cores
8. Could be used with GPU with certain algorithms
9. ...
10. Uses Julia's multiple dispatch to implement different noise models efficiently
11. Should have a generic idea of noise if user wants to implement their own

Examples

1. Present examples using simple graphs
2. Present Grover MBQC as example

3. Present Rgover in verification
4. Present Random graphs in noise expression

Activate the Julia project of the local directory location

```
using Pkg; Pkg.activate(".")
```

Add `RobustBlindVerification.jl`

```
] add RobustBlindVerification
```

To run, first decide the computational backend, either a state vector or density matrix. These are structs named `StateVector` and `DensityMatrix`.

```
state_type = DensityMatrix()
```

Choose the number of rounds and the number of computational rounds (the number of test rounds is the difference of computation from total).

```
total_rounds,computation_rounds = 100,50
```

RBV uses `Graphs.jl` and `MetaGraphs.jl`, so defining a graph uses that syntax. In this example we use the MBQC version of the 2 qubit Gover oracle algorithm.

```
num_vertices = 8
graph = Graph(num_vertices)
add_edge!(graph,1,2)
add_edge!(graph,2,3)
add_edge!(graph,3,6)
add_edge!(graph,6,7)
add_edge!(graph,1,4)
add_edge!(graph,4,5)
add_edge!(graph,5,8)
add_edge!(graph,7,8)
```

We can specify any classical inputs to be loaded into the algorithm as well the output qubits.

```
input = (indices = (), values = ())
output = (7,8)
```

There are algorithms for automatic flow detection, these have not been implemented, so the user defines a function for the so-called *forward flow*. The function is used to determine the *backward flow*.

```
function forward_flow(vertex)
  v_str = string(vertex)
  forward = Dict{
    "1" =>4,
    "2" =>3,
    "3" =>6,
    "4" =>5,
    "5" =>8,
    "6" =>7,
    "7" =>0,
    "8" =>0)
  forward[v_str]
end
```

Note: the internal structure of the `forward_flow` does not matter, as long as vertex input returns vertex output (`Int` type) and these values correspond to the graph, then the user can define its choice of I/O for that function.

The secret angles are defined next. For the Grover algorithm, the angles are crucial in its operation.

```
function generate_grover_secret_angles(search::String)

  Dict{"00"=>(1.0*π,1.0*π),"01"=>(1.0*π,0),"10"=>(0,1.0*π),"11"=>(0,0)) |>
  x -> x[search] |>
  x -> [0,0,1.0*x[1],1.0*x[2],0,0,1.0*π,1.0*π] |>
  x -> Float64.(x)
end
```

The function `generate_grover_secret_angles` defines the angles associated to each vertex

in the `graph` which is dependent on the `search` input. Here we will define search as `11`

```
search = "11"
secret_angles = generate_grover_secret_angles(search)
```

Names of inputs can vary, but they are all stored in a `NamedTuple` as

```
para= (
    graph=graph,
    forward_flow = forward_flow,
    input = input,
    output = output,
    secret_angles=secret_angles,
    state_type = state_type,
    total_rounds = total_rounds,
    computation_rounds = computation_rounds)
```

To run the MBQC and UBQC we only need `para`

```
mbqc_outcome = run_mbqc(para)
ubqc_outcome = run_ubqc(para)
```

For the verification protocol we specify the type of *Server*

```
vbqc_outcome = run_verification_simulator(TrustworthyServer(),Verbose(),para)
vbqc_outcome = run_verification_simulator(TrustworthyServer(),Terse(),para)
```

Here the server is `TrustworthyServer` , so all results are done in a noiseless state and the server agent (simulated server not real one) is not interfering with the computation. The `Verbose` flag dictates the output to include extra details of the results [add content]. The `Terse` flag returns only whether the computation was `Ok` or `Abort` . For a `MaliciousServer` , meaning one that adds an additional angle to the updated angle basis for measurement.

```
malicious_angles =  $\pi/2$ 
malicious_vbqc_outcome = run_verification_simulator(MaliciousServer(),Verbose(),para,r
```

The `malicious_angles` can be a single angle, applied uniformly to all qubits, or a vector of angles applied specifically to each qubit according to order from `1` to `num_vertices`.

To add noise to the verification, there are some ready-made models to choose from, damping, dephasing, depolarising, pauli, (need to finalise these: Kraus, two qubit, density matrix mixing, N qubit kruas).

Depending on the noise, there are constraints based on the theory of the noise, so lets scale noise `p_scale = 0.05`. Lets do a damping noise model.

```
p = [p_scale*rand() for i in vertices(para[:graph])]
model = Damping(Quest(),SingleQubit(),p)
server = NoisyServer(model)
vbqc_outcome = run_verification_simulator(server,Verbose(),para)
```

Here we generate `n` random probabilities, which will be applied to each qubit in the graph. A noise model is defined by the `struct` representing the noise, in this case, `Damping()`. Each noise model only takes three arguments. In future plans different quantum computing backends will be used (BYOQ - Bring Your Own Quantum), so the QC emulator is specified, `Quest` in this case. The noise model is applied to individual qubits, the second argument is `SingleQubit`, as opposed to `TwoQubit` or `NQubit`, the latter are not in use yet. Finally, the probability, like before this can be a scalar or a vector, the scalar being applied uniformly as before. The `model` is a container, which is stored inside the type of server, here `NoisyServer`. Then the same simulator is called `run_verification_simulator` to run the protocol, but with the specified noise model. The following show a similar implementation.

```

# Dephasing
p = [p_scale*rand() for i in vertices(para[:graph])]
model = Dephasing(Quest(),SingleQubit(),p)
server = NoisyServer(model)
vbqc_outcome = run_verification_simulator(server,Verbose(),para)

# Depolarising
p = [p_scale*rand() for i in vertices(para[:graph])]
model = Depolarising(Quest(),SingleQubit(),p)
server = NoisyServer(model)
vbqc_outcome = run_verification_simulator(server,Verbose(),para)

# Pauli
p_xyz(p_scale) = p_scale .* [rand(),rand(),rand()]
p = [p_xyz(p_scale) for i in vertices(para[:graph])]
model = Pauli(Quest(),SingleQubit(),p)
server = NoisyServer(model)
vbqc_outcome = run_verification_simulator(server,Verbose(),para)

```

The Pauli noise acts on the x,y and z axis so there are three probabilities for each qubit. In addition to each simulator being able to run a single noise model, we can run a list of noise models.

```

# Vector of noise models
model_vec = [Damping,Dephasing,Depolarising,Pauli]
p_damp = [p_scale*rand() for i in vertices(para[:graph])]
p_deph = [p_scale*rand() for i in vertices(para[:graph])]
p_depo = [p_scale*rand() for i in vertices(para[:graph])]
p_pauli = [p_xyz(p_scale) for i in vertices(para[:graph])]
prob_vec = [p_damp,p_deph,p_depo,p_pauli]

models = Vector{NoiseModels}()
for m in eachindex(model_vec)
    push!(models,model_vec[m](Quest(),SingleQubit(),prob_vec[m]))
end
server = NoisyServer(models)
vbqc_outcome = run_verification_simulator(server,Verbose(),para)

```

If we want to run general Kraus maps, we can do so on single, double and `n` qubit levels - **NEED TO DO**. If we have a density matrix with a specified noise model, we can mix that with the algorithm as well - **NEED TO DO**.

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