

We present a randomized distributed algorithm for the P2P-CONGEST model that, with high probability (w.h.p.), given an input graph  $G = (V, E)$  computes a cut of  $G$  which constitutes a  $(2 + \epsilon)$  approximation of a minimum edge cut of  $G$  in  $O(1/\epsilon^4 \log^3(n) \log \log(n))$  communication rounds. The algorithm makes heavy use of sparse edge certificates, for which we provide a  $O(k \log(n))$  algorithm that constructs a sparse certificate for  $k$ -edge-connectivity, w.h.p.

As a sub-result, we present an algorithm that computes an  $\Theta(\log n)$  approximation of the minimum cut size of an input graph in  $O(\log^3(n))$  w.h.p. in the P2P-CONGEST model.

We additionally show that algorithms created for the Minor-Aggregation interface can be implemented in the P2P-CONGEST model with a polylogarithmic runtime overhead factor. This implies very efficient implementations of various algorithms created for the Minor-Aggregation model in the P2P-CONGEST model. Relevant to our results, this includes a polylogarithmic algorithm for the exact minimum cut in the P2P-CONGEST model where a naive implementation would take  $\Omega(\log^2 n)$ .