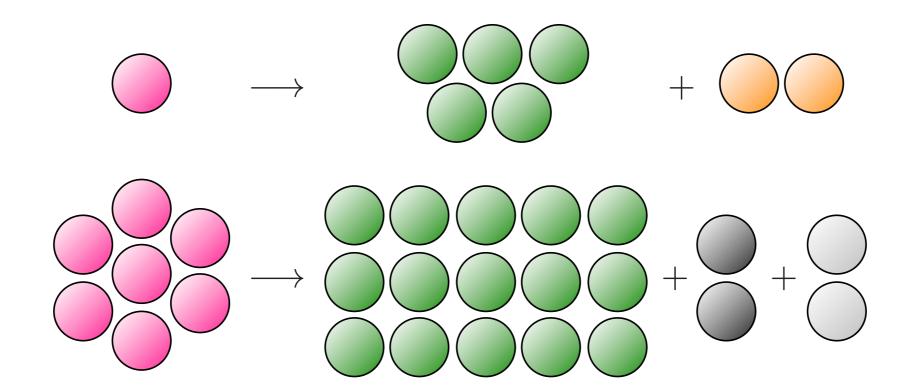
# Fault-tolerant quantum computation with few qubits



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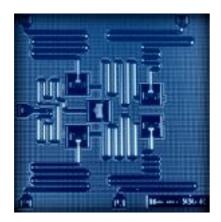
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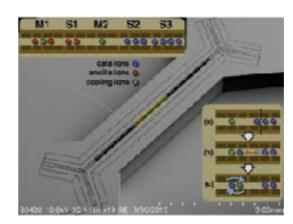
# Fault tolerance is expensive

- Factor 1024-bit integer using ~10<sup>11</sup> gates.
  - ⇒ Need error ≤ 10<sup>-11</sup> per gate



superconducting qubits 10-3

[IBM Quantum Experience]



ion traps 10-2

[Bermudez et al., arXiv:1705.02771]

(for FT QEC, we need  $\leq 10^{-4}$ )

• Even if error 
$$\leq 10^{-5}$$
, overhead =  $\frac{\text{physical}}{\text{logical}} = \frac{3 \times 10^{3} \text{ (surface code)}}{\text{[Suchara et al., arXiv:1312.2316]}}$ 

### How to reduce the overhead

#### syndrome measurement

#### decoding algorithm

### complementary transversality

#### Effective fault-tolerant quantum computation with slow measurement Efficient Algorithms for Maximum Likelihood Decoding | Fault-tolerant conversion between the Steane and Reed-Muller of

David P. DiVincenzo, Panos Aliferis

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How important is fast measurement for fault-tolerant quantum computation? Using a combination of existing and new id that measurement times as long as even 1,000 gate times or more have a very minimal effect on the quantum accuracy ti shows that slow measurement, which appears to be unavoidable in many implementations of quantum computing, poses obstacle to scalability

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Sergey Bravyi, Martin Suchara, Alexander Vargo

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We describe two implementations of the optimal error correction algorithm known as the maxin surface code with a noiseless syndrome extraction. First, we show how to implement MLD exact of code qubits. Our implementation uses a reduction from MLD to simulation of matchgate quarequires a special noise model with independent bit-flip and phase-flip errors. Secondly, we sho for more general noise models using matrix product states (MPS). Our implementation has runn that controls the approximation precision. The key step of our algorithm, borrowed from the DN contracting a tensor network on the two-dimensional grid. The subroutine uses MPS with a bon sequence of tensors arising in the course of contraction. We benchmark the MPS-based decodel Comments: matching decoder observing a significant reduction of the logical error probability for  $\chi \geq 4$ . Subjects:

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Jonas T. Anderson, Guillaume Duclos-Cianci, David Poulin

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Steane's 7-qubit quantum error-correcting code admits a set of fault-tolerant gates that generate the Clifford of not universal for quantum computation. The 15-qubit Reed-Muller code also does not admit a universal fault-t possesses fault-tolerant T and control-control-Z gates. Combined with the Clifford group, either of these two set. Here, we combine these two features by demonstrating how to fault-tolerantly convert between these two method to realize universal fault-tolerant quantum computation. One interpretation of our result is that both or same subsystem code in different gauges. Our scheme extends to the entire family of quantum Reed-Muller co

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#### logic synthesis

#### Logic Synthesis for Fault-Tolerant Quantum Computers

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Efficient constructions for quantum logic are essential since quantum computation is experimentally challenging. I quantum logic synthesis as a paradigm for reducing the resource overhead in fault-tolerant quantum computing. 1 correction considered here is the surface code. After developing the theory behind general logic synthesis, the resu state distillation for the  $T=\exp(i\pi(I-Z)/8)$  gate are quantitatively analyzed. The resource costs for a relatively n multi-gubit Fourier states are calculated for the first time. Four different constructions of the fault-tolerant Toffoli which incorporate error detection, are analyzed and compared. The techniques of logic synthesis reduce the cost of quantum computation by one to two orders of magnitude, depending on which benchmark is used.

Using resource analysis for T gates and Toffoli gates, several proposals for constructing arbitrary quantum gates a including "Clifford+T" sequences, V-basis sequences, phase kickback, and programmable ancilla rotations. The at gates to quantum algorithms for simulating chemistry is discussed as well. Finally, the thesis examines the technic efficient constructions of quantum logic, and these observations point to even broader applications of logic synthe

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#### state distillation

#### Magic state distillation with low overhead

Sergey Bravyi, Jeongwan Haah

(Submitted on 11 Sep 2012)

We propose a new family of error detecting stabilizer codes with an encoding rate 1/3 that per pi/8-rotation T on all logical qubits. The new codes are used to construct protocols for distillir Clifford group gates and Pauli measurements. The distillation overhead has a poly-logarithmic accuracy, where the degree of the polynomial is  $\log_2 3 \approx 1.6$ . To construct the desired family c triorthogonal matrix --- a binary matrix in which any pair and any triple of rows have even ove to a stabilizer code with a transversal T-gate on all logical qubits, possibly augmented by Cliffe for generating triorthogonal matrices is proposed. Our techniques lead to a two-fold overhead output accuracy  $10^{-12}$  compared with the best previously known protocol.

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### ancilla preparation

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A long-standing open question about Gaussian continuous-variable cluster states is whether they enable fa based quantum computation. The answer is yes. Initial squeezing in the cluster above a threshold value of a from finite squeezing acting on encoded qubits are below the fault-tolerance threshold of known qubit-bas concatenating with one of these codes and using ancilla-based error correction, fault-tolerant measuremen computation of theoretically indefinite length is possible with finitely squeezed cluster states.

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Variable Cluster States

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It is an oft-cited fact that no quantum code can support a set of fault-tolerant logical gates that is both universal and transversal. This no-go theorem is generally responsible for the interest in alternative universality constructions including magic state distillation. Widely overlooked, however, is the possibility of non-transversal, yet still fault-tolerant, gates that work directly on small quantum codes. Here we demonstrate precisely the existence of such gates. In particular, we show how the limits of non-transversality can be overcome by performing rounds of intermediate error-correction to create logical gates on stabilizer codes that use no ancillas other than those required for syndrome measurement. Moreover, the logical gates we construct, the most prominent examples being Toffoli and controlled-controlled-Z, often complete universal gate sets on their codes. We detail such universal constructions for the smallest quantum codes, the 5-qubit and 7-qubit codes, and then proceed to generalize the approach. One remarkable result of this generalization is that any nondegenerate stabilizer code with a complete set of fault-tolerant single-qubit Clifford gates has a universa set of fault-tolerant gates. Another is the interaction of logical qubits across different stabilizer codes, which, for instance, implies a broadly applicable method of code switching.

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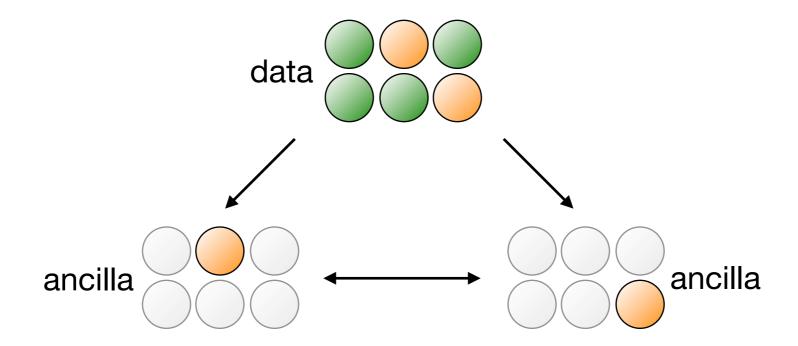
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### **Choose efficient codes**

- Encode multiple qubits in a block
  - ⇒ Higher rate, but difficult to compute fault tolerantly

[Gottesman, arXiv:9702029] [Steane et al., arXiv:0311014] [Steane, arXiv:0412165] [Gottesman, arXiv:1310.2984]

⇒ Constant overhead is possible, but mostly a theoretical result, not practical



Our focus: Reduce FT overhead on small quantum devices, e.g. with ~10s qubits

# Fault-tolerance theory has not yet been tested

### Non-fault tolerant error correction experiments

- 3-qubit repetition code using liquid NMR [Cory et al., arXiv:9802018]
- 2 by 2 surface codes using superconducting qubits [Corcoles et al., arXiv:1410.6419]
- 7-qubit color code using ion traps [Nigg et al., arXiv:1403.5426]

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### **Recent fault-tolerance experiments**

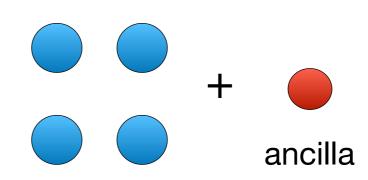
FT error detection on ion traps

[Linke et al., arXiv:1611.06946]

 FT preparation and computation on superconducting qubits

[Vuillot, arXiv:1705.08957]

[Takita et al., arXiv:1705.09259]



[[4, 2, 2]] error detecting code

### Test fault tolerance on small devices

### **Demonstrating FT is a daunting task** see [Gottesman, arXiv:1610.03507]

- Choose a circuit family of interest
- Test full circuit, including error correction & computation
- Start from very few qubits, but scalable and representative
- For every circuit in the family, the error rate for the encoded circuit should be lower than that for the unencoded
- Efficient and reasonable verification

### **Experimentalists need good tests**

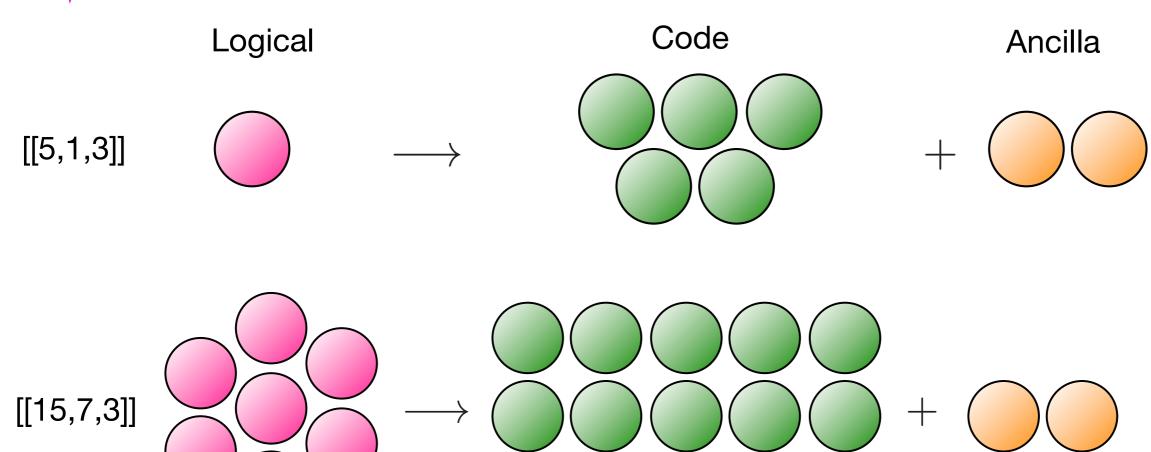
- To test/demonstrate the theory
- To assess FT schemes' performance with real error models
- To adapt FT schemes to real noise

### Theorists need to come up with them!

## **Our results**



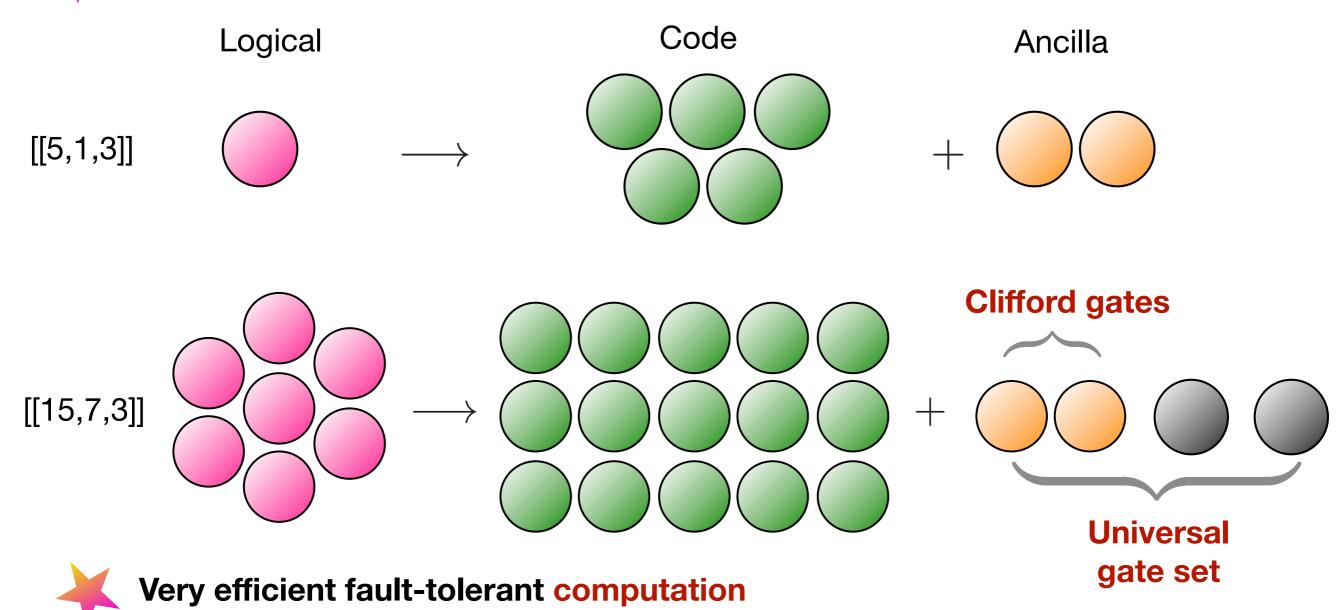
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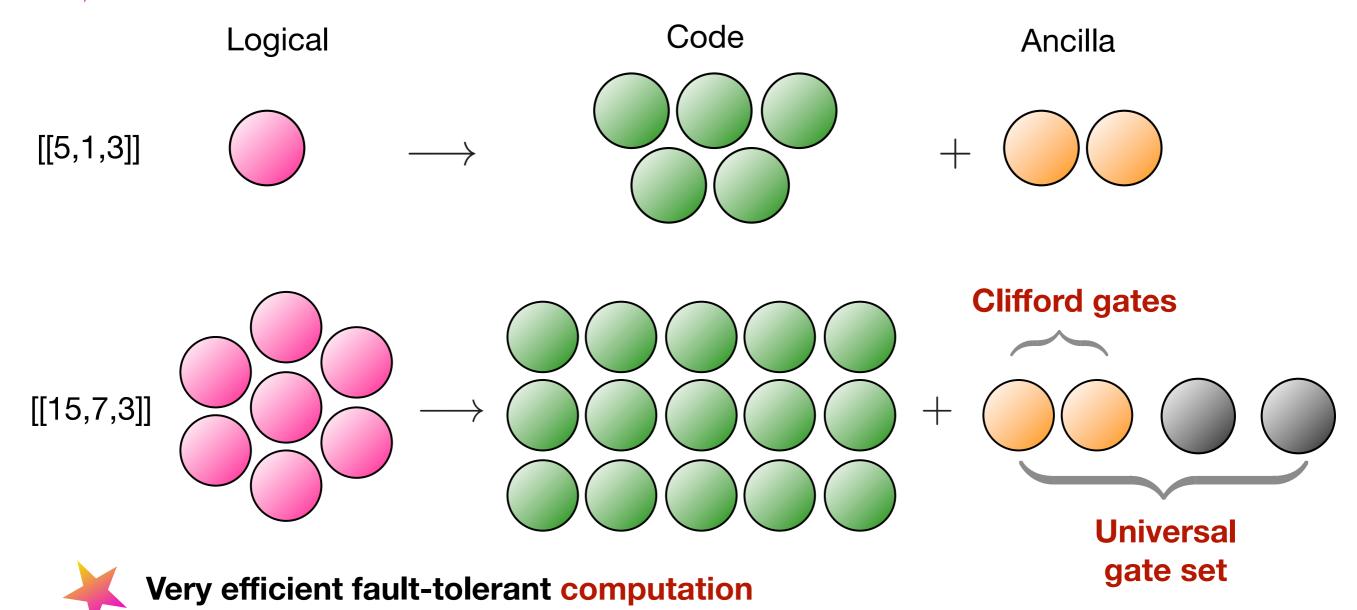
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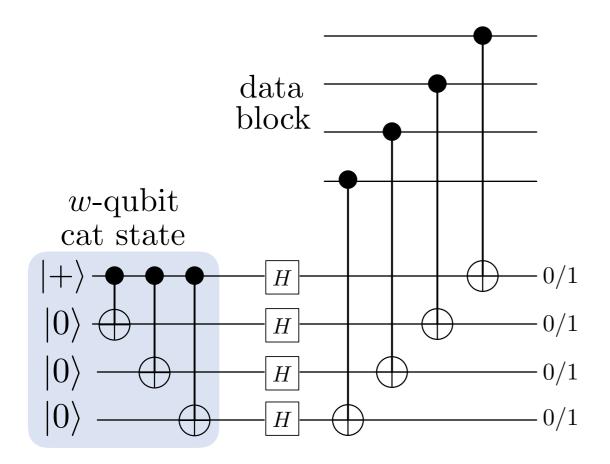
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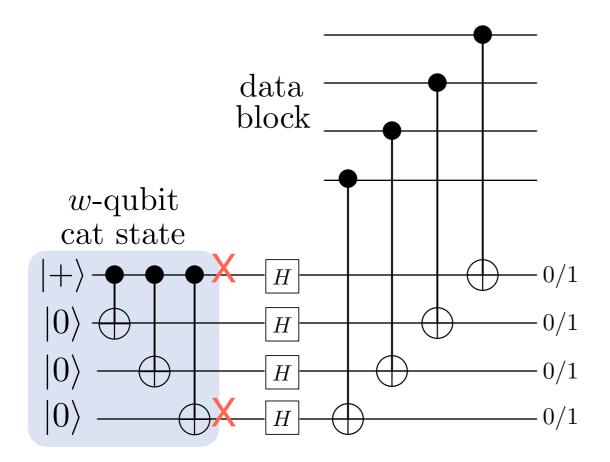


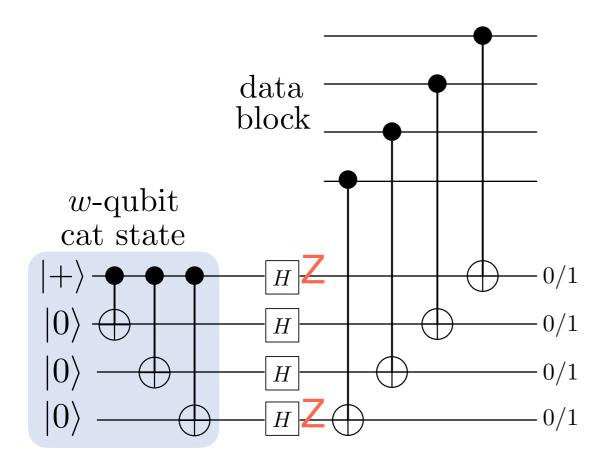
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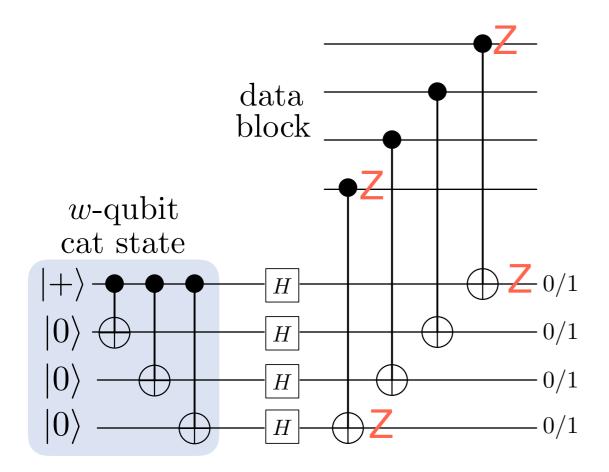
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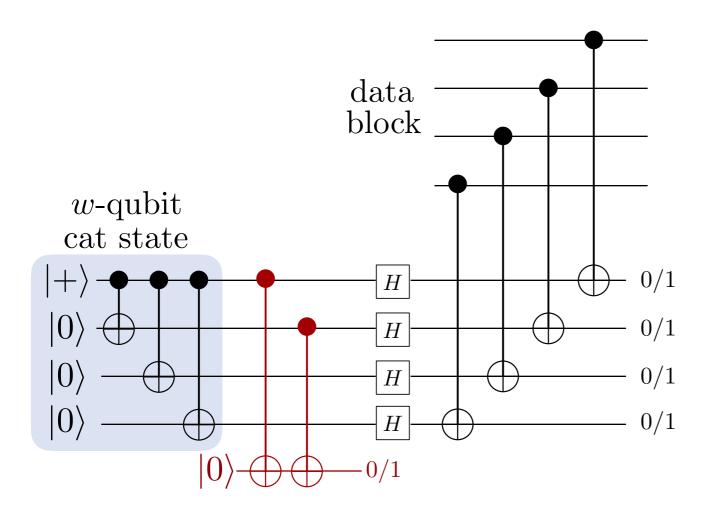
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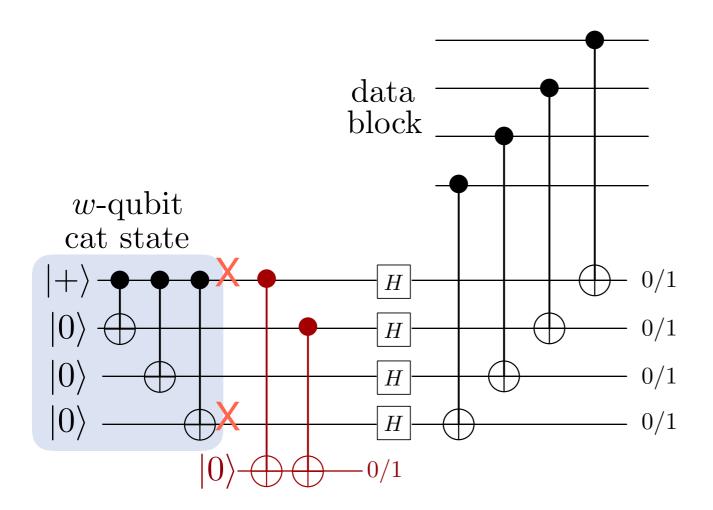




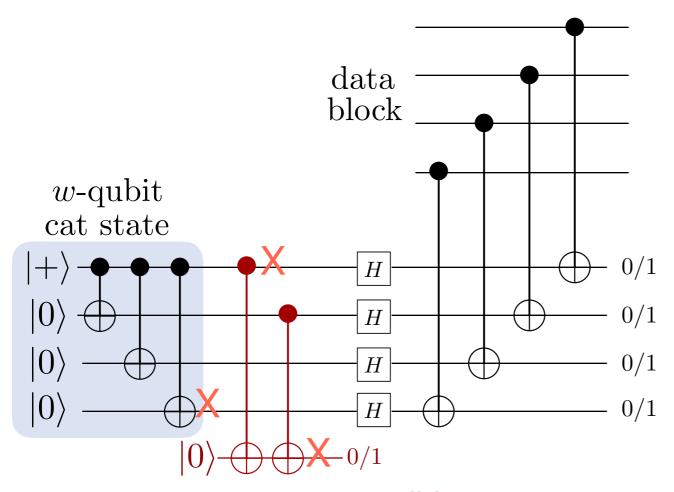








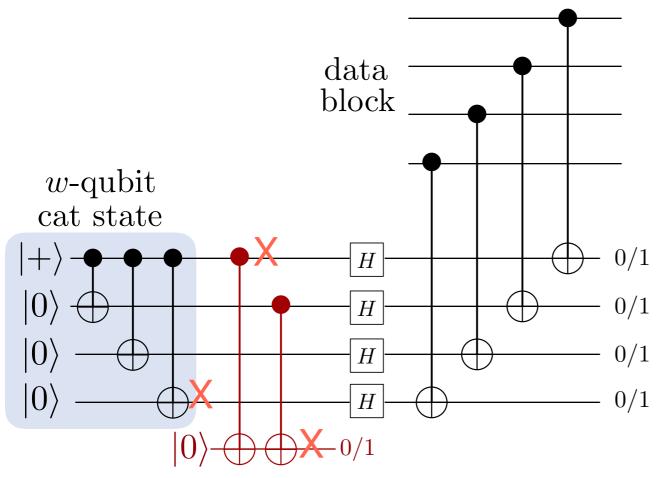
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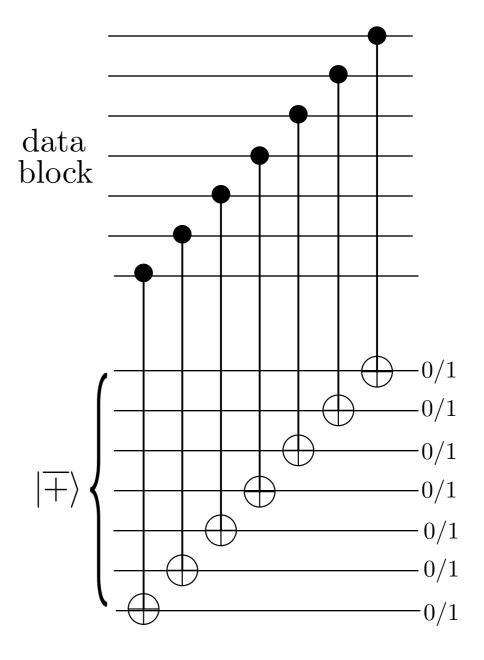
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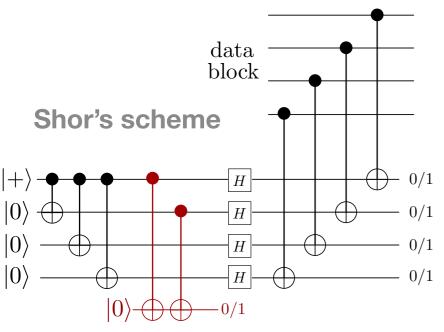
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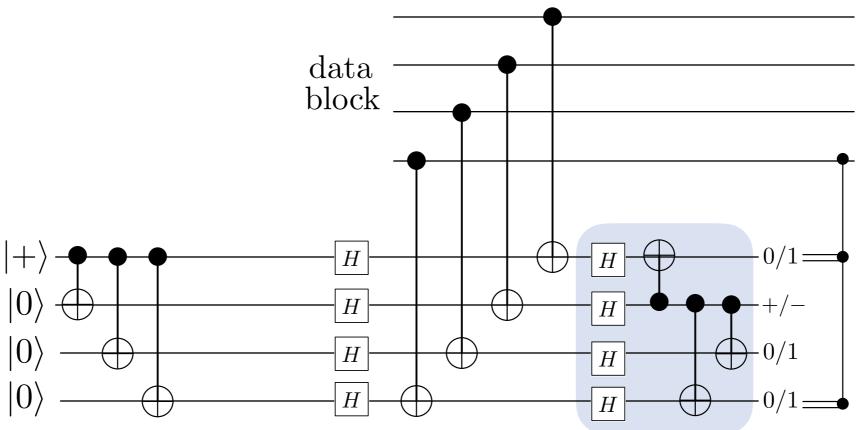
# **Steane's** measurement of Z stabilizers of CSS code



preparation of  $|\overline{+}\rangle$  requires > n ancilla qubits

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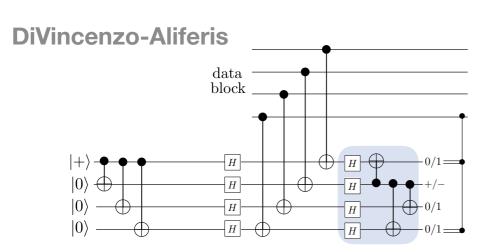




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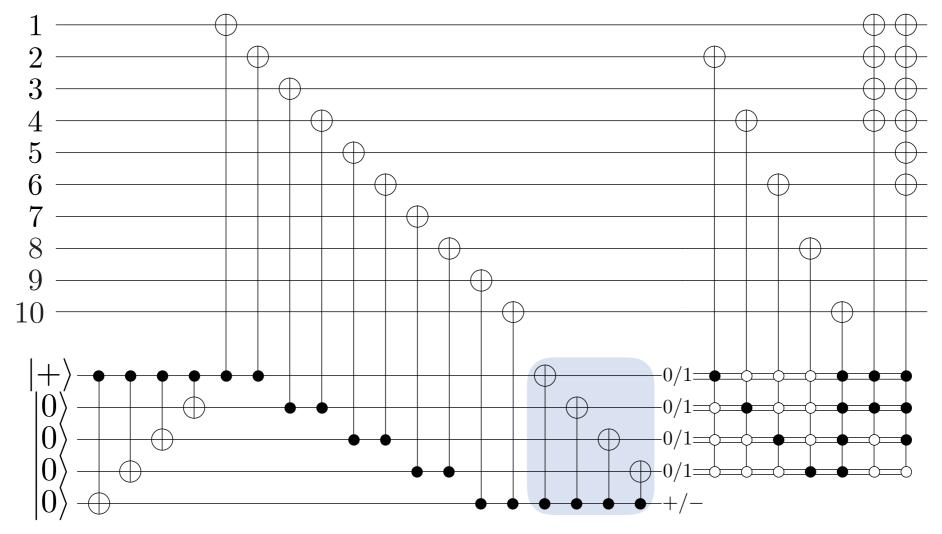
w ancilla qubits

### Previous improvement: Stephens-Yoder-Kim half cat state trick



3 ancilla qubits for w = 44 ancilla qubits for  $w \le 8$ 

### For general w, only max{ 3, \( \text{w/2} \) } ancilla qubits



[arXiv:1612.04795] [arXiv: 1402.3037]

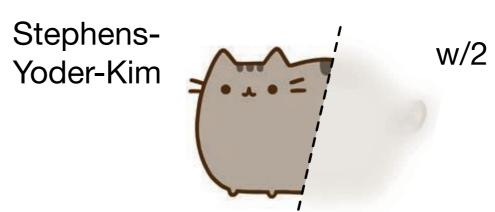




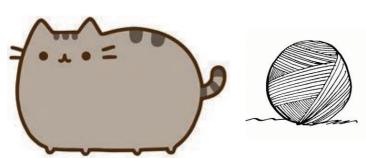




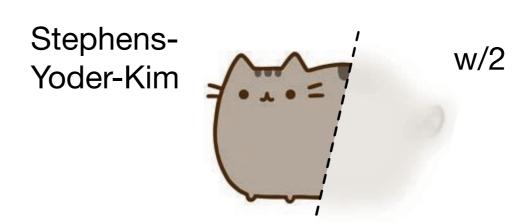


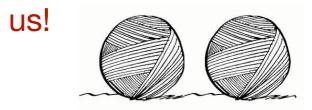






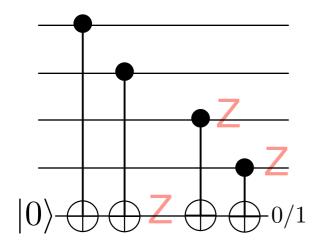






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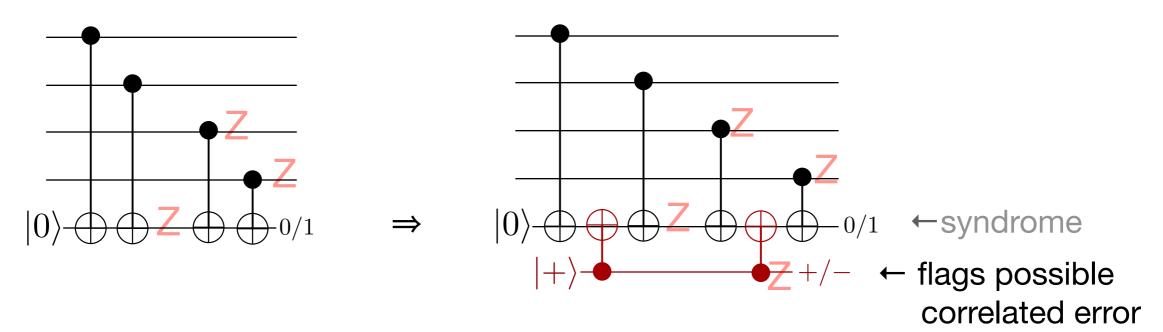
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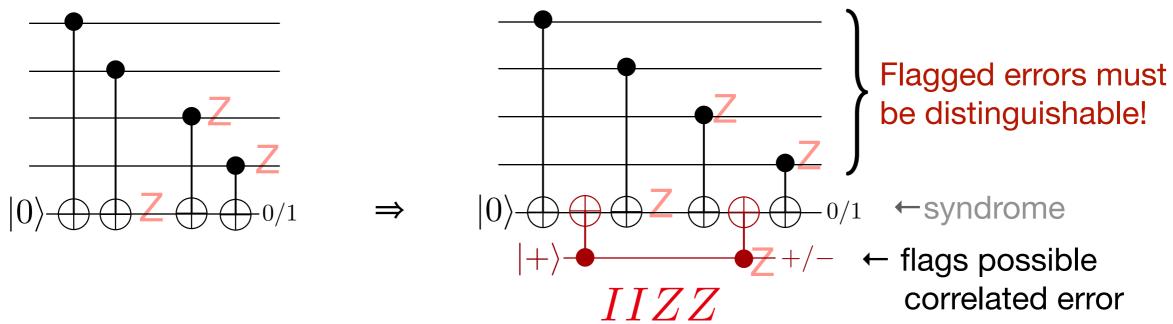
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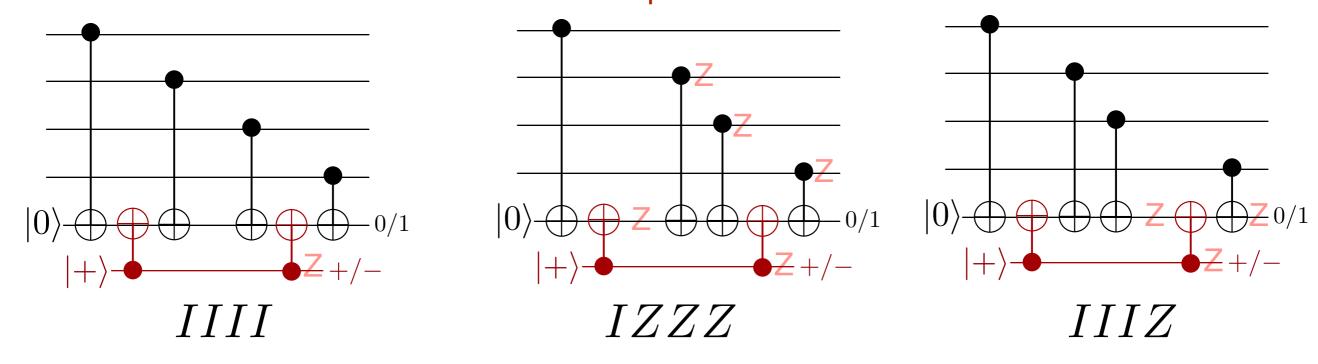
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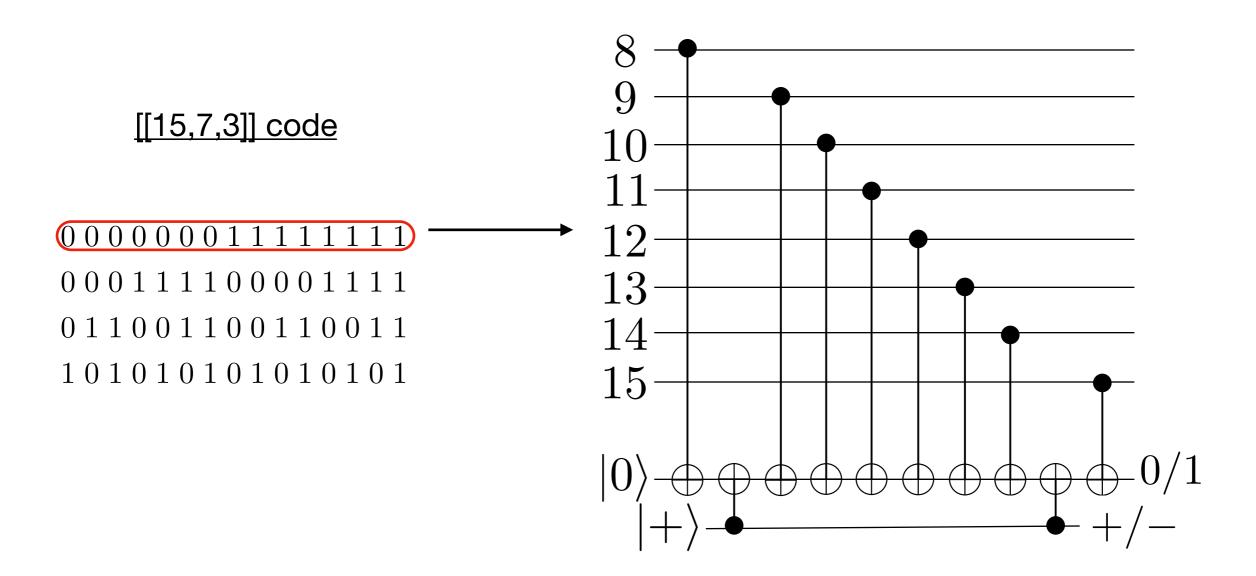


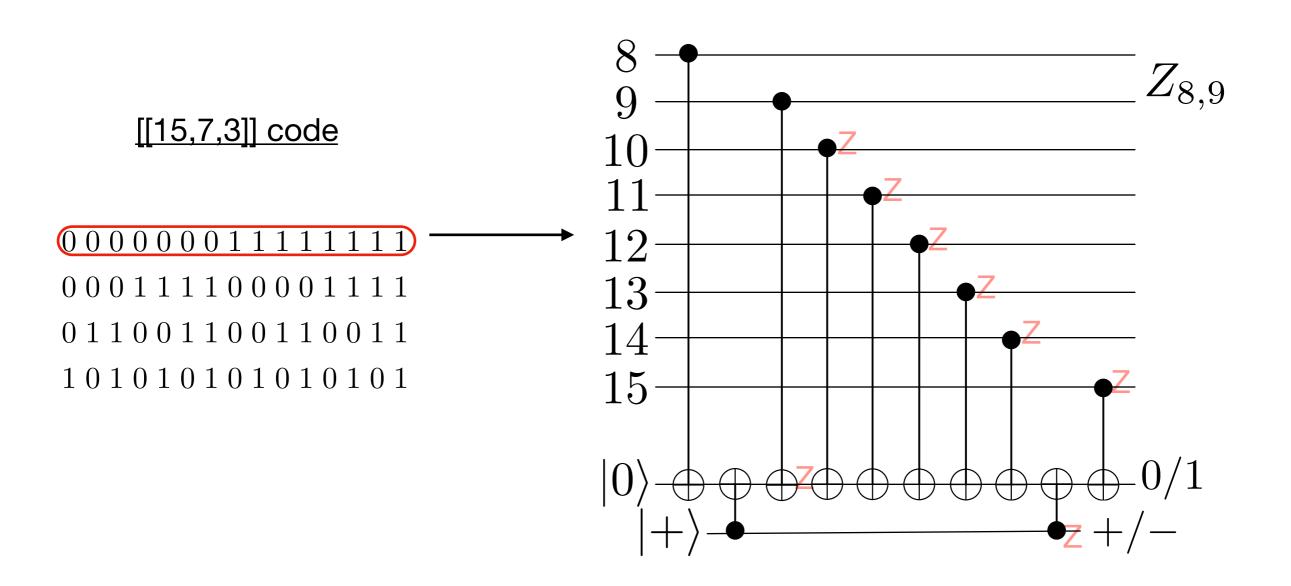
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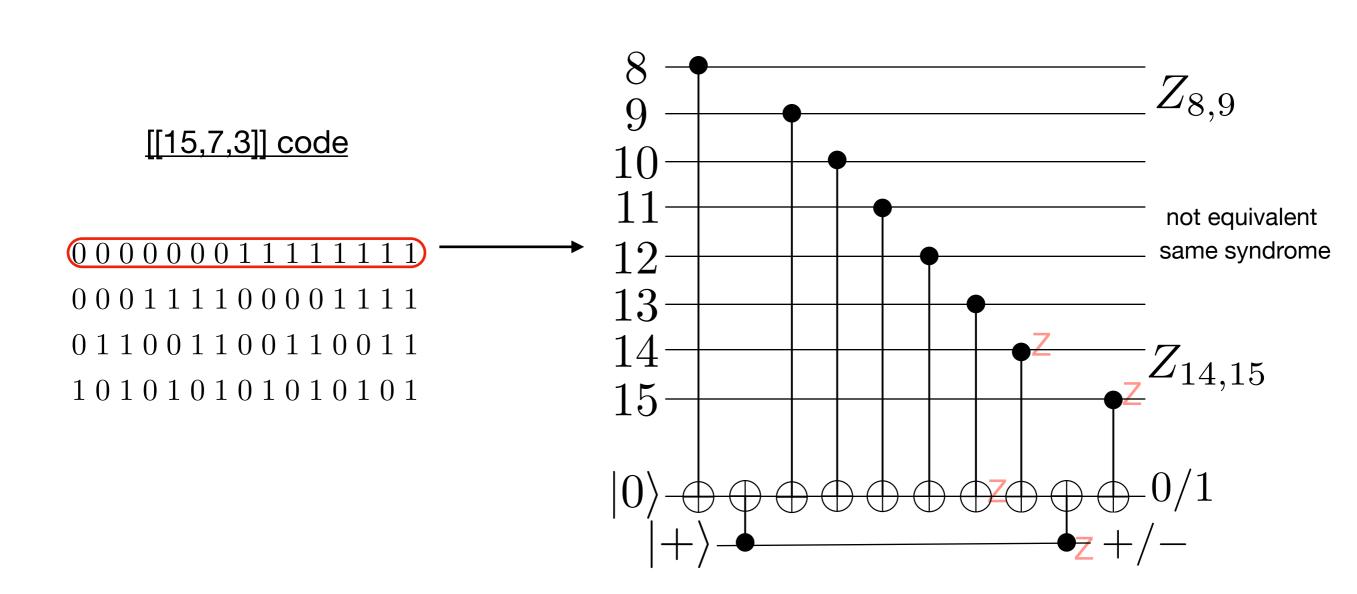
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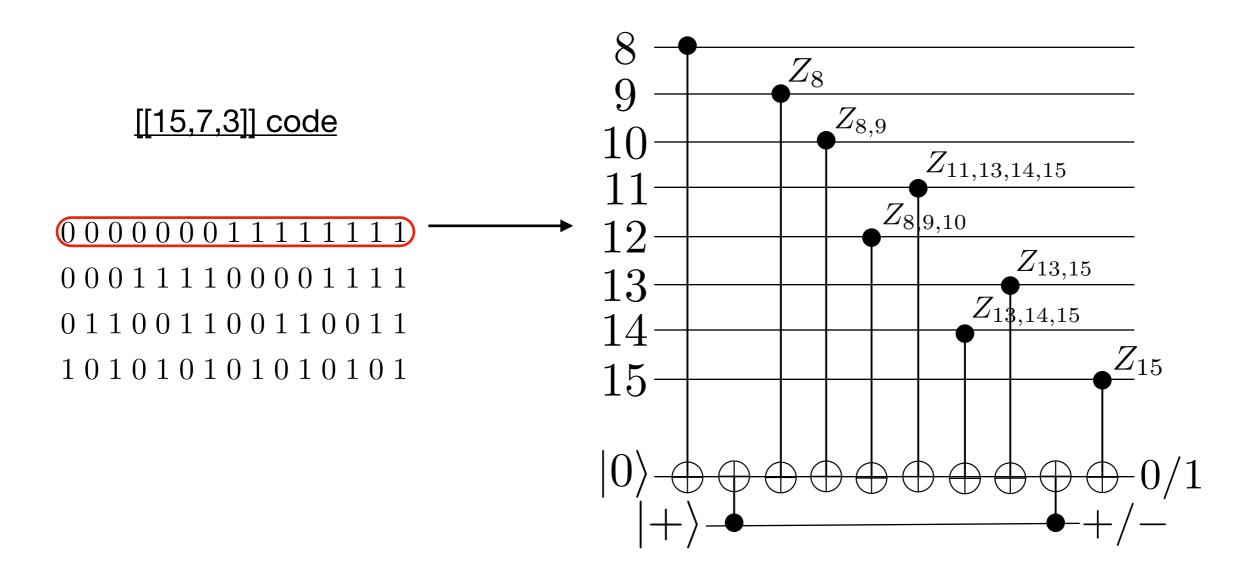
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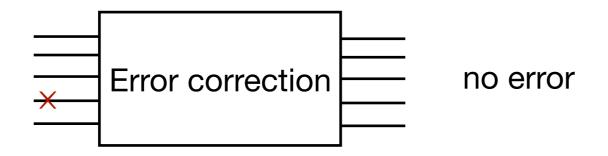


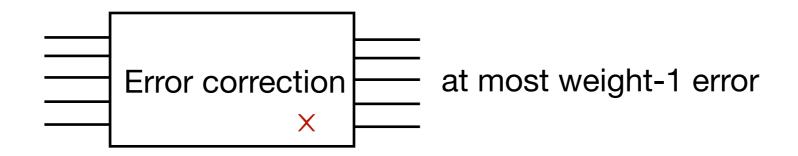
# Flag trick works for many codes

		Ancilla qubits required for		
	$\operatorname{Code}$	Shor	Half cat	Flag
	$\llbracket 5,1,3  rbracket$	5	3	2
Hamming	$[\![7,1,3]\!]$	5	3	2
	$[\![9,1,3]\!]$	1		
	$[\![8,3,3]\!]$	7	3	2
	$[\![10,4,3]\!]$	9	4	2
	$[\![11,5,3]\!]$	9	4	2
	$[\![15,7,3]\!]$	9	4	2
	$[\![31,21,3]\!]$	17	8	2
$[2^r - 1, 2^r - 1 - 2r, 3]$		$2^{r-1}+1$	$2^{r-2}$	2

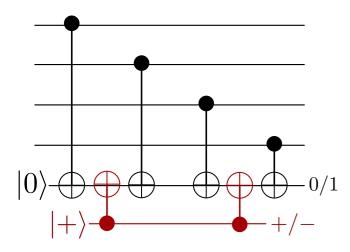
## Criteria for FT QEC on distance-3 codes

Only consider at most 1 fault

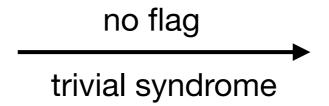




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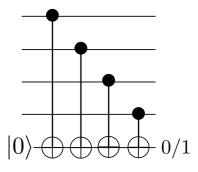
Measure stabilizer using flag gadget



no flag
nontrivial syndrome

Measure next stabilizer using flag gadget

Get all syndromes
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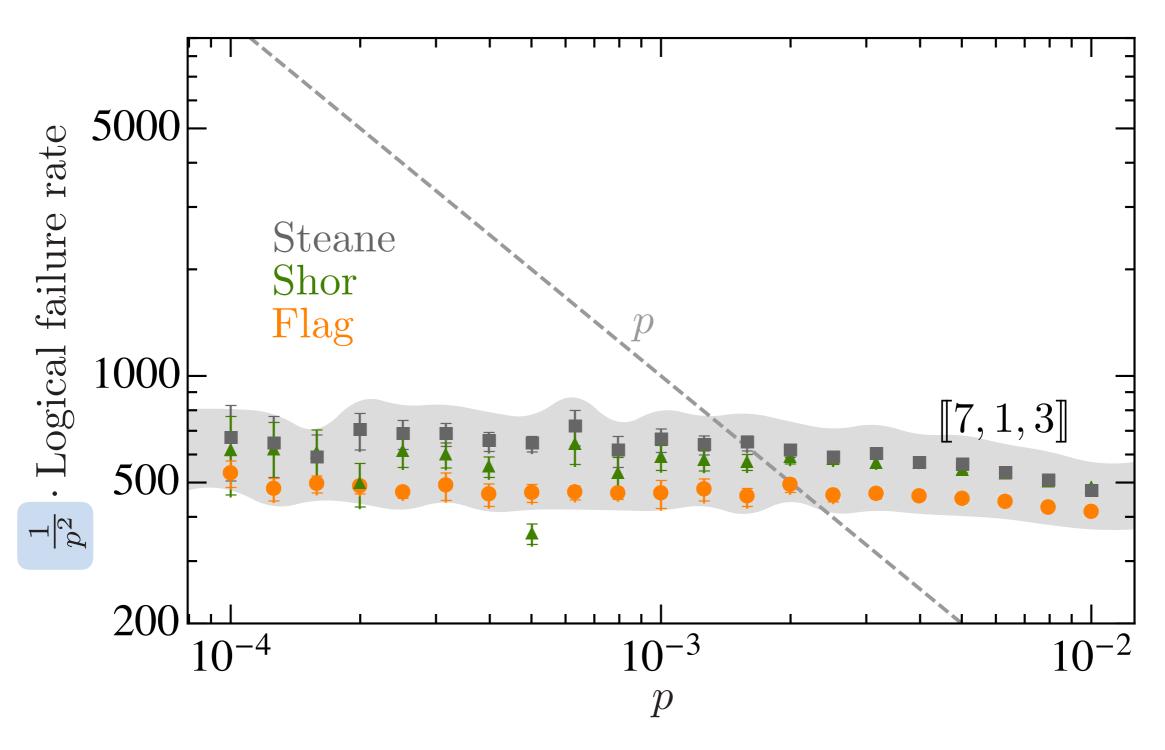


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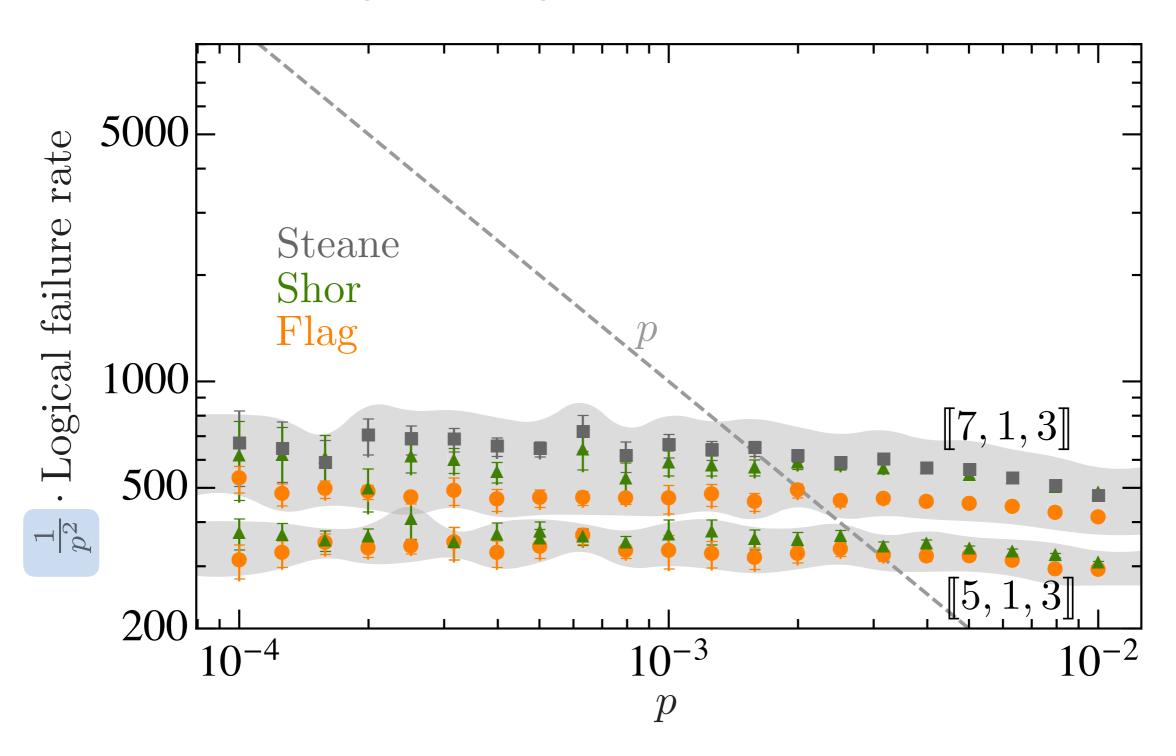
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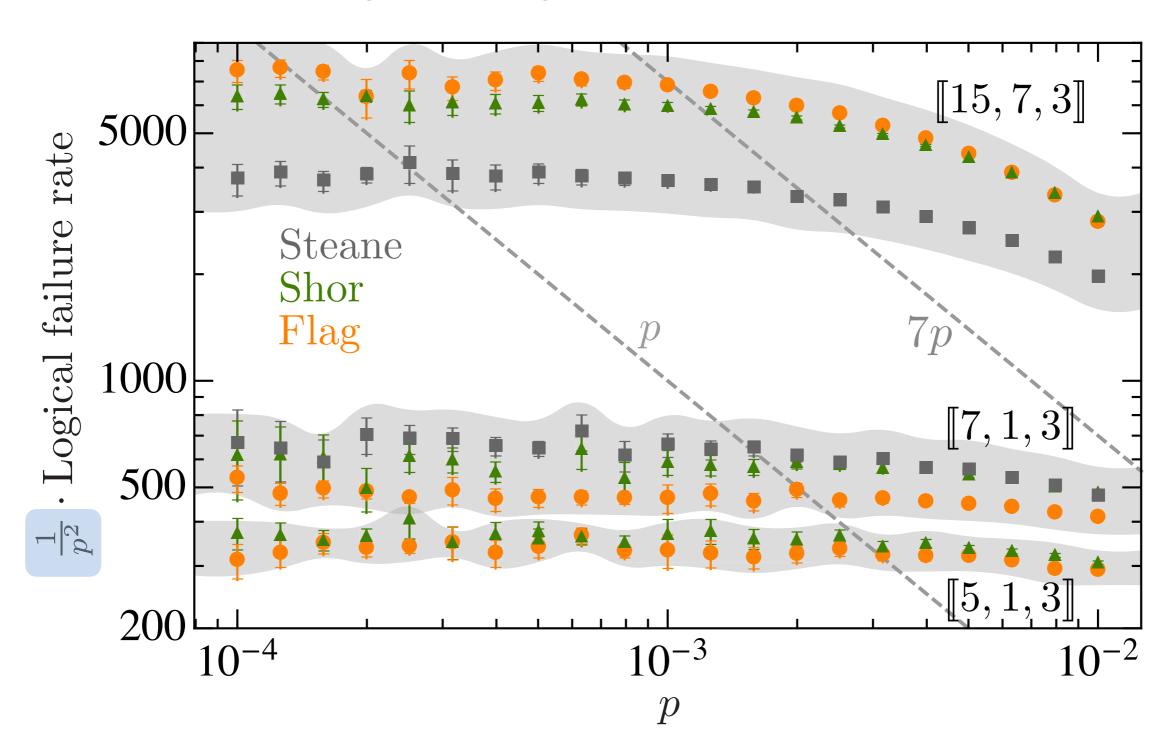
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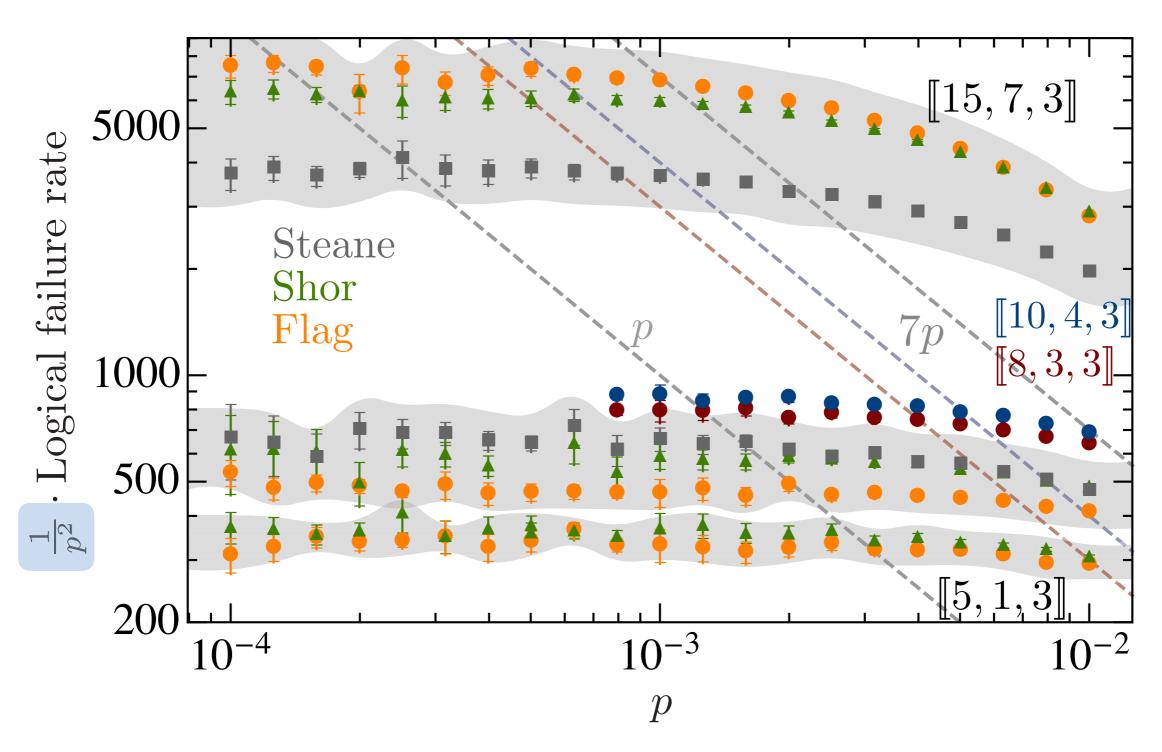


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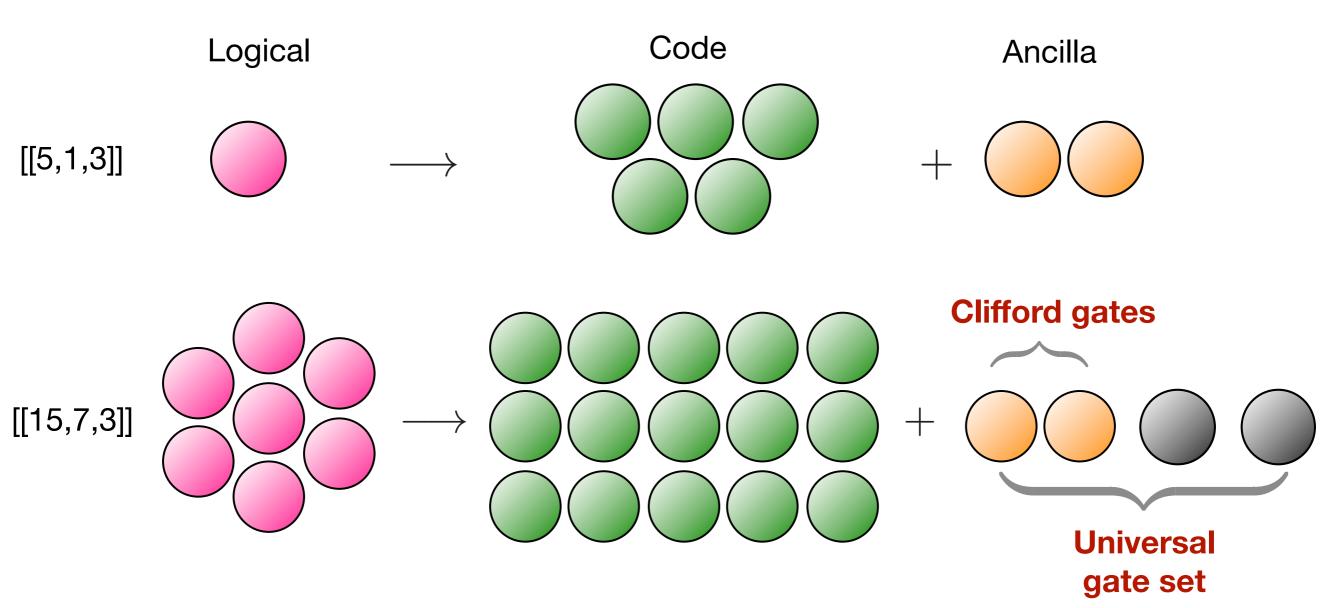
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#### 2. Make it fault tolerant

Use flag gadget to catch bad errors

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} |0\rangle \\ \hline \\ |+\rangle \\ \hline \end{array}$$

## **CZ** gate

symmetrical

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

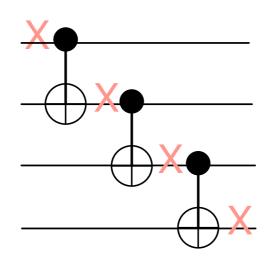
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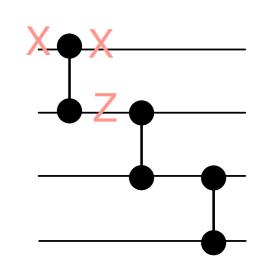
nice for CSS codes

$$Z = \Box Z$$

$$X \longrightarrow X$$

• errors don't spread more than once

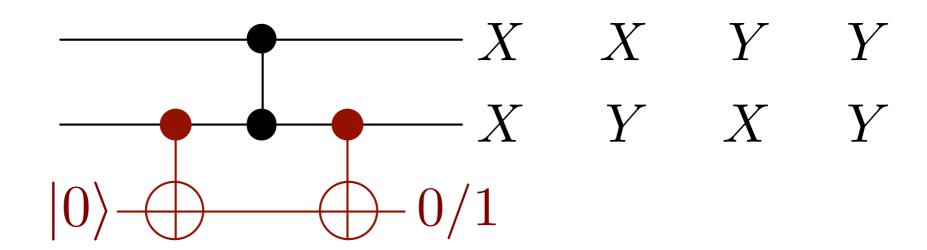




## Flag gadget

X gadget

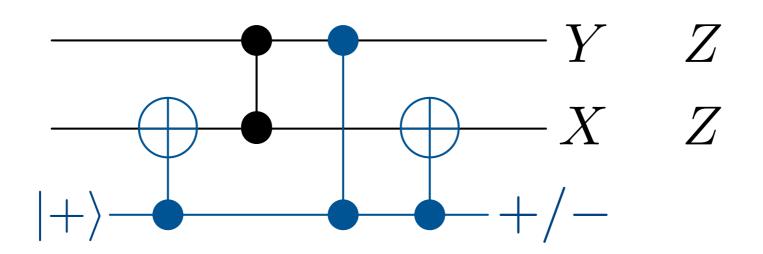
applies CZ catches XX,XY,YX,YY



# Flag gadget

**Z** gadget

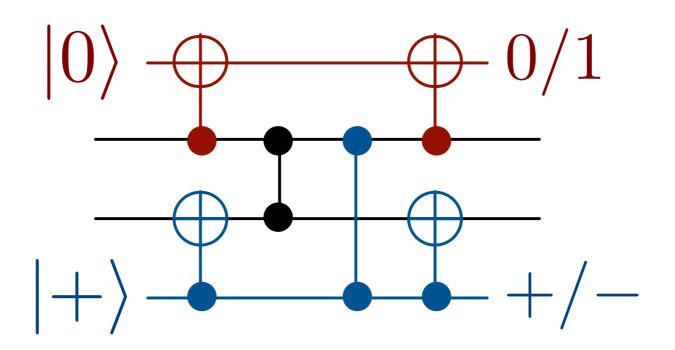
applies CZ catches YX, ZZ



### Flag gadget

combine: CZ gadget applies CZ

catches all true 2-qubit failures



all possible ways

all can fail

IX, IY, IZ, XI, YI, ZI,

1-qubit failure after gate

XZ, YZ, ZX, ZY

1-qubit failure before gate

XX, XY, YX, YY, ZZ

true 2-qubit failure

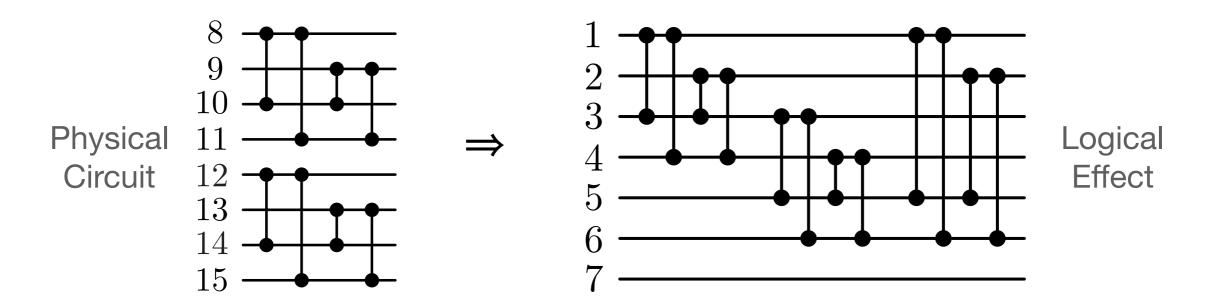
No gadgets can do better than this

# Ex. [15, 7, 3] Hamming code

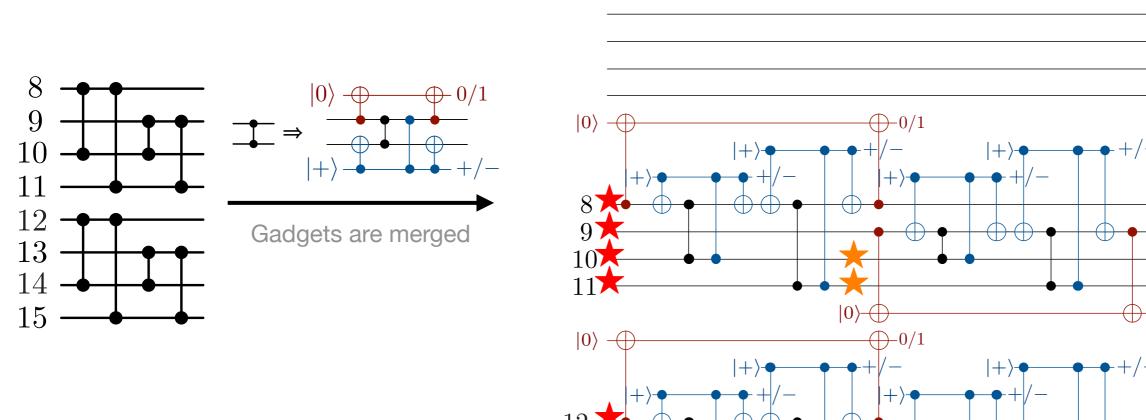
#### stabilizer generators

- Automorphism group: qubit permutations which fix the codespace
- New technique: Build CZ circuits based on permutation symmetries

Ex: (6,7)(8,10,9,11)(12,14,13,15)



**Lemma:** For a self-dual CSS code, if  $\sigma$  is a qubit permutation that fixes codespace, then circuit with a CZ gate from i to  $\sigma(i)$ , for all  $i \neq \sigma(i)$ , fixes the code space up to Z corrections.



correction

Error

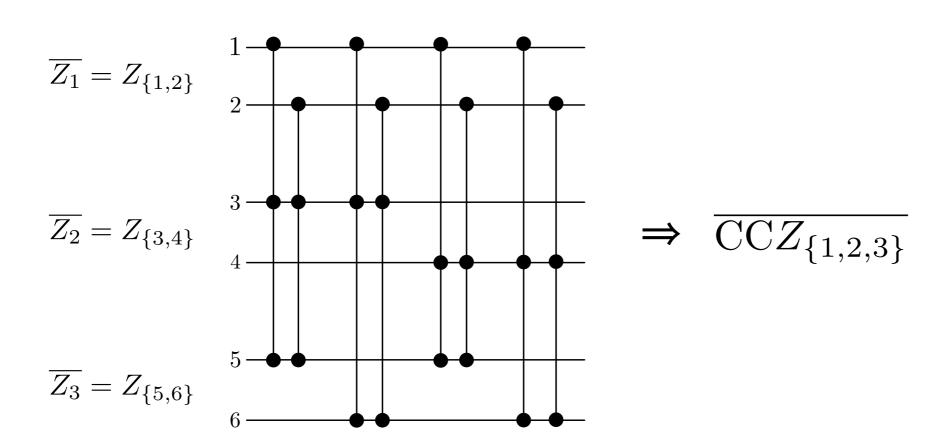


• Some gadgets measure 1: Localize and correct

## **Universal computation**

#### **Round-robin construction**

(Informal) **lemma:** For any CSS code\*, say  $\overline{Z_i}=Z_{S_i}, \overline{Z_j}=Z_{S_j}$  then CZ gates applied to every pair in  $S_i\times S_j$  perform  $\overline{CZ_{ij}}$  Similar for  $\overline{CCZ}$ 



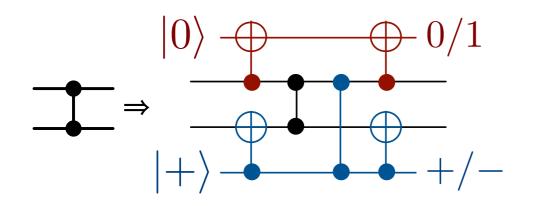
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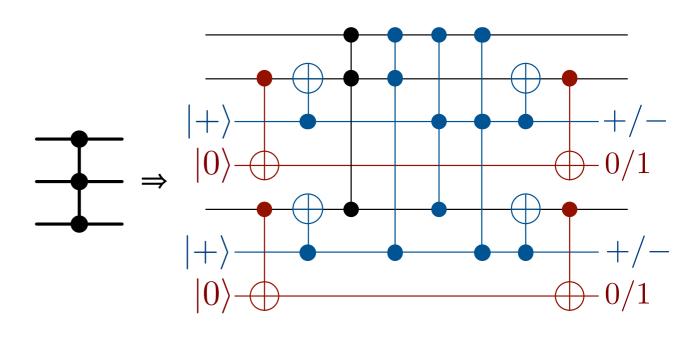
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#### **CZ** gadget



#### **CCZ** gadget



2 ancillas for Clifford group

4 ancillas for universal gate set

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#### **Experimentalists need good tests**

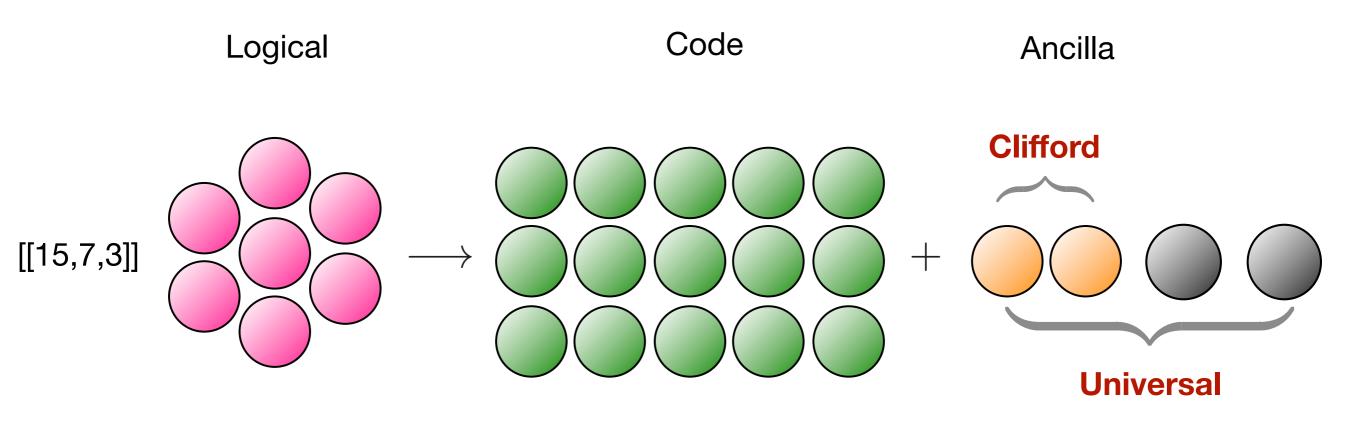
- to test/demonstrate the theory
- to assess FT schemes' performance in real error models
- to adapt FT schemes to real noise

Theorists need to come up with them! Start from small devices

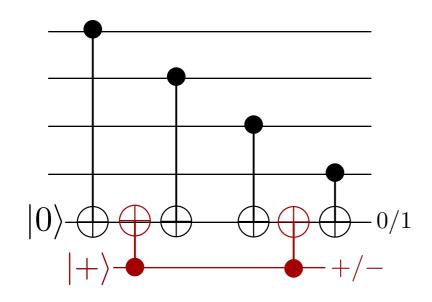
#### **Previously:**

With [[7,1,3]] code, need 53=49+4 qubits to test FT computation on 7 logical qubits

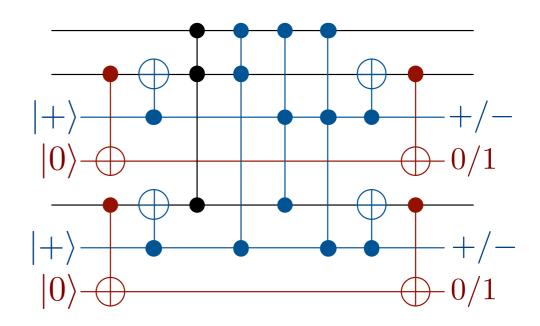
FT universal computation on 7 logical qubits with 19 qubits



## Main idea: Flags to catch "bad" errors

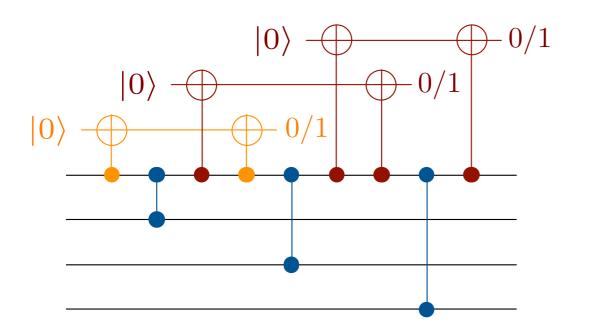


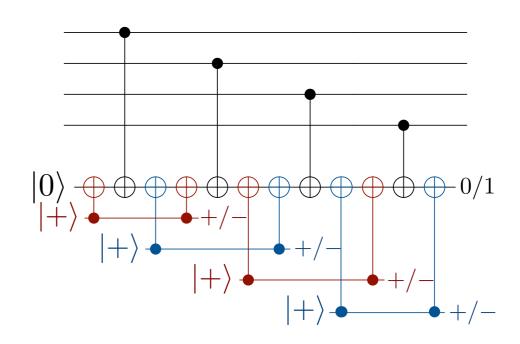
FT EC with 2 ancilla



FT computation with 4 ancilla

## Flag paradigm





- Two ancillas for logical state preparation, measurement and code conversion...
- EC for arbitrary distance codes [C. Chamberland and M. Beverland arXiv:1708.02246]
- CZ gadget, CCZ gadget, XXX gadget...