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Abstract: Transversal implementations of encoded unitary gates are highly desirable for fault-tolerant quantum computation. It is known, however, that transversal gates alone cannot be computationally universal. I will show that the limitation on universality can be circumvented using only fault-tolerant error correction, which is already required anyway. This result applies to "triorthogonal" stabilizer codes, which were recently introduced by Bravyi and Haah for state distillation. I will show that triorthogonal codes admit transversal implementation of the controlled-controlled-Z gate, and then demonstrate a transversal Hadamard construction which uses error correction to preserve the codespace. I will also discuss how to adapt the distillation procedure of Bravyi and Haah to Toffoli gates, improving on existing Toffoli distillation schemes.

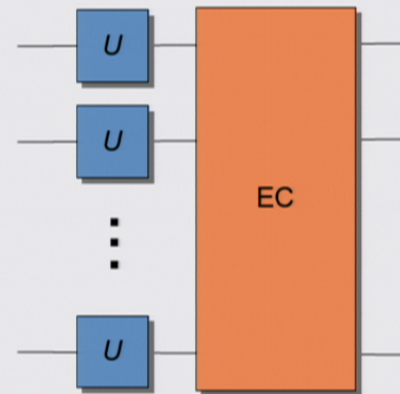
# Universal fault-tolerant quantum computation with only transversal gates and error correction

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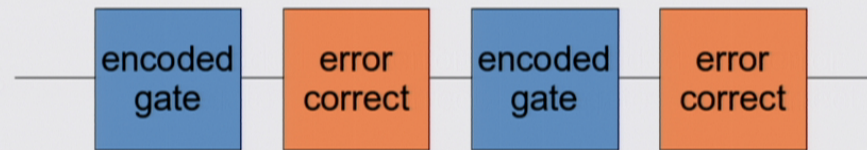
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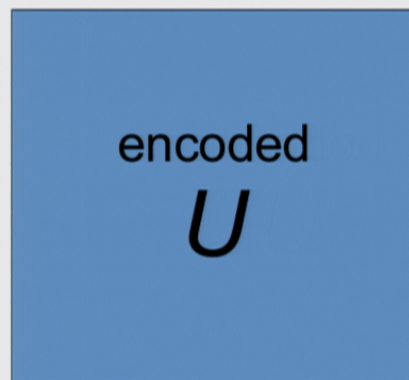
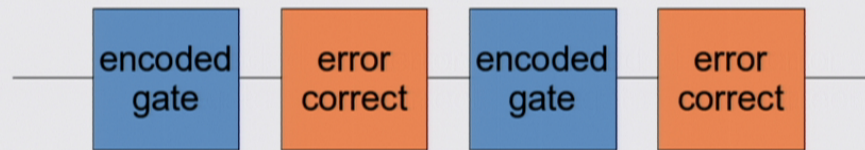
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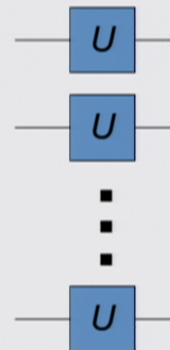
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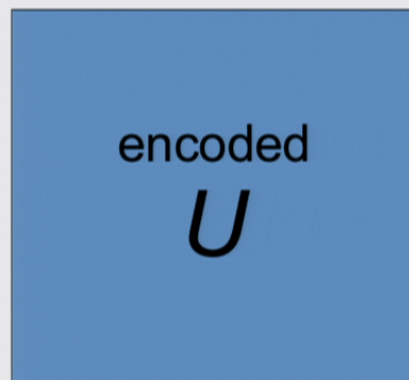
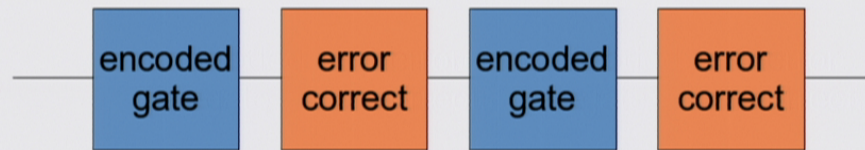
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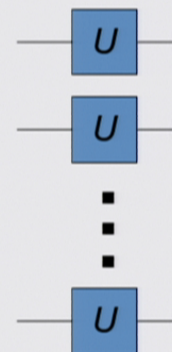
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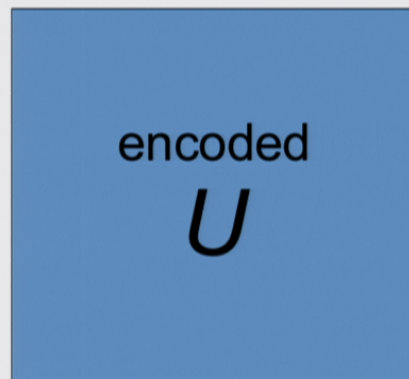
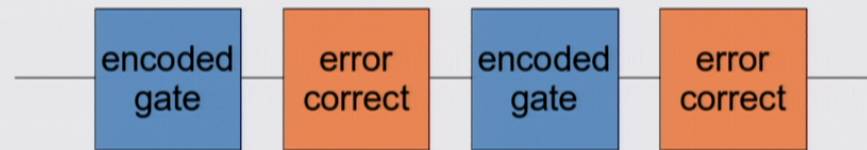


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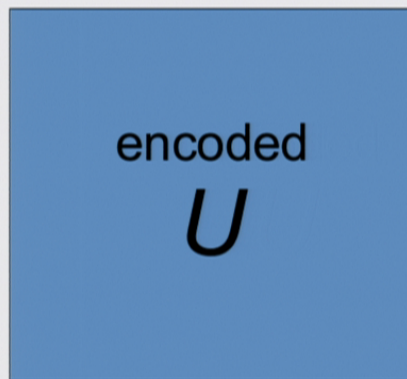
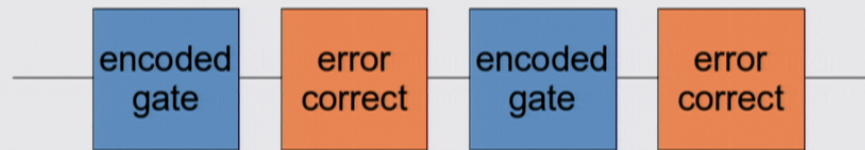
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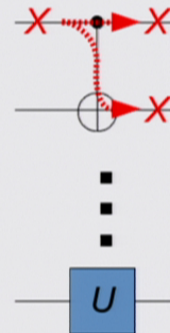
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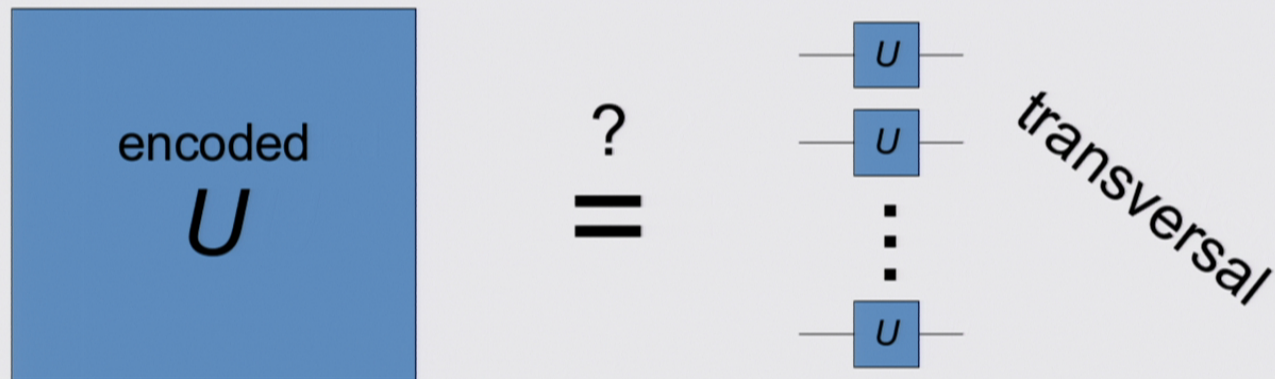
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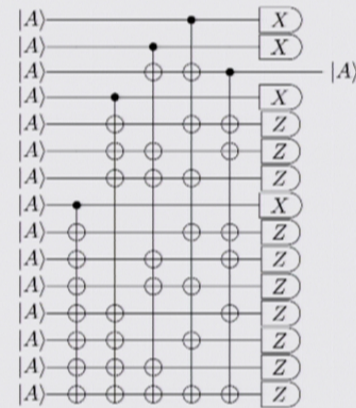
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## State distillation

~10x cost of transversal gates



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## Main result

Universality is possible with only transversal gates and *error correction*.

# Example: $[[15,1,3]]$

## 15-bit Hamming code

Parity checks

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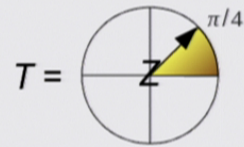
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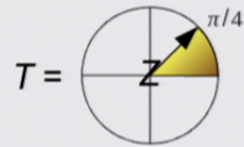
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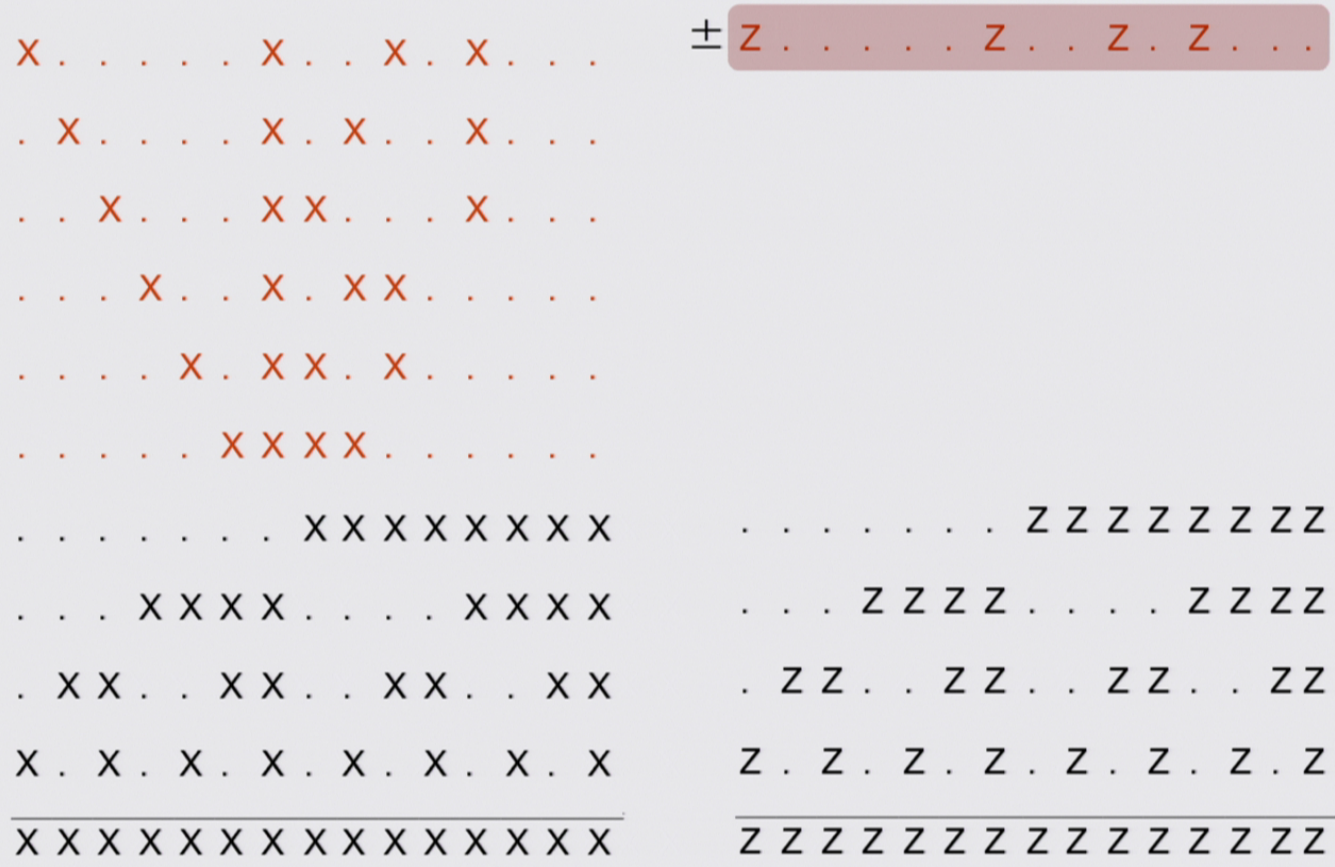
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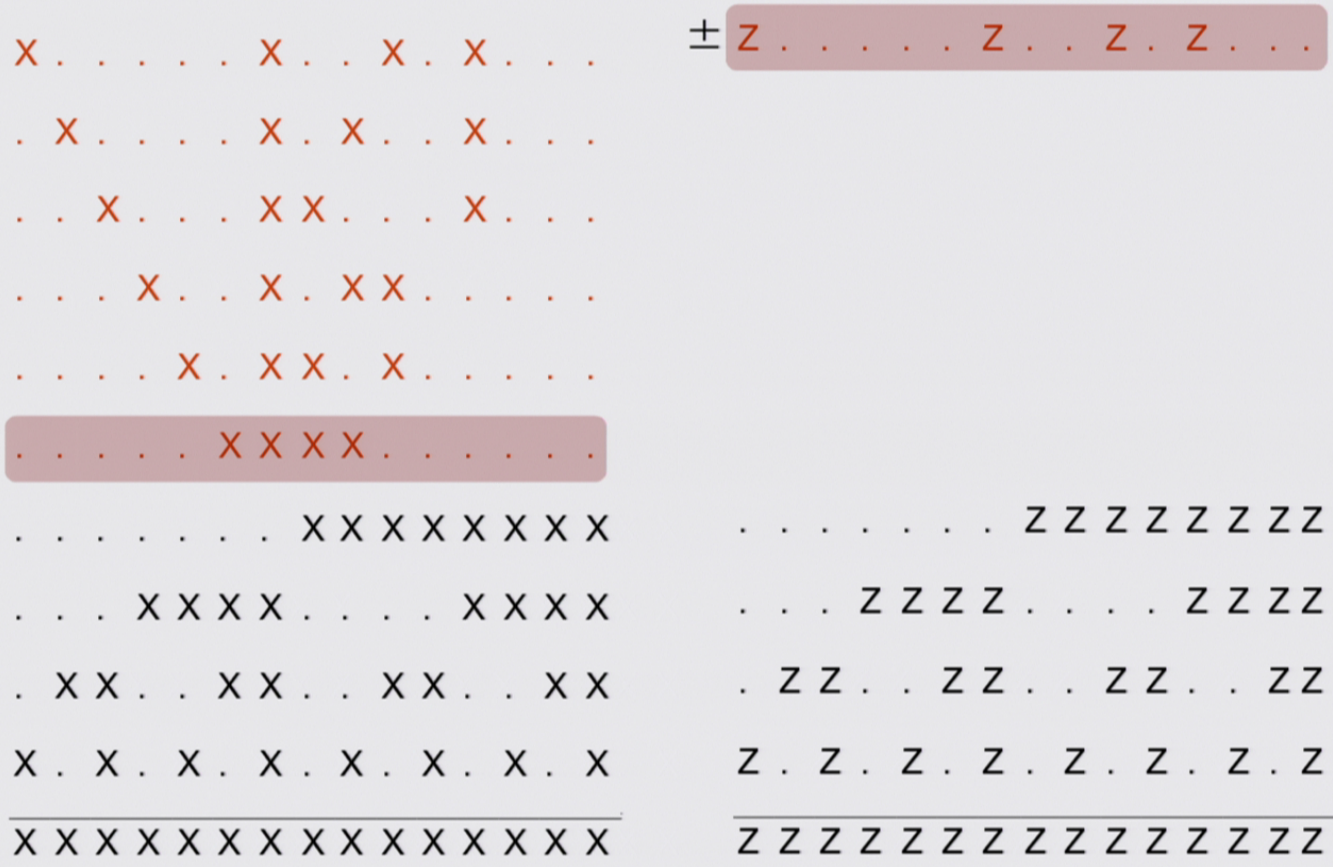
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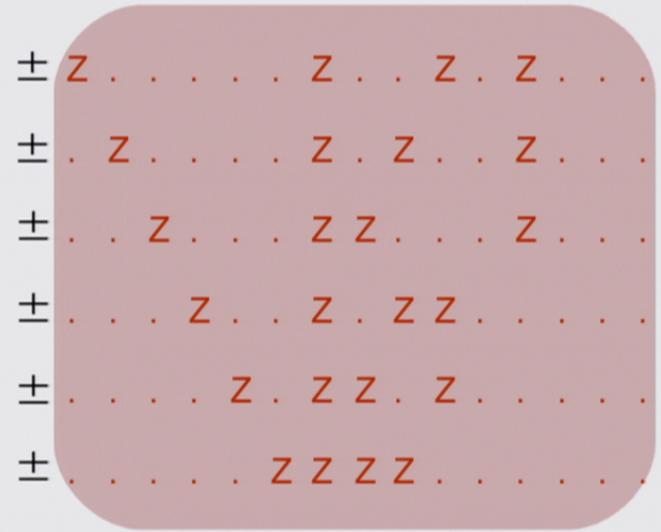




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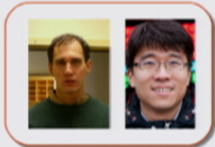
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Brayvi, Haah 2012

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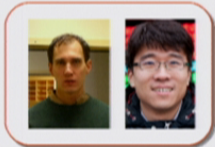
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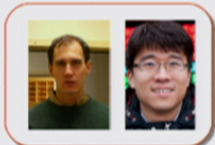
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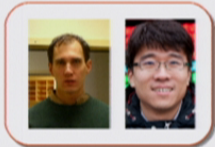
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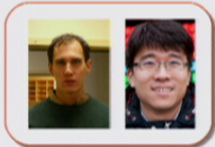
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## Theorem

Any triorthogonal code admits transversal  $T$ , up to (diagonal) Clifford corrections.

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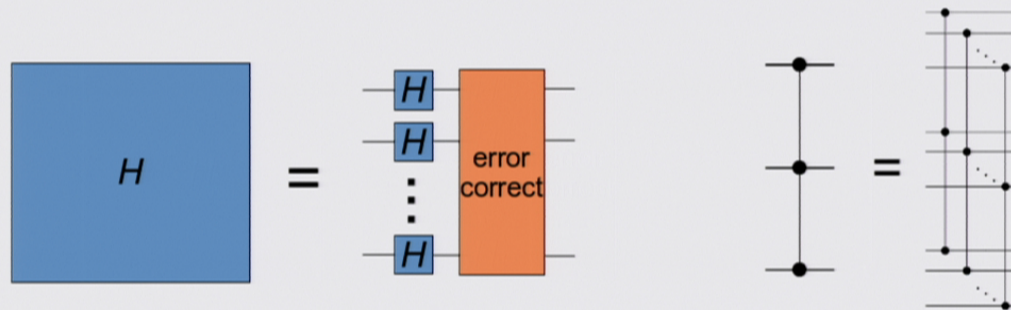
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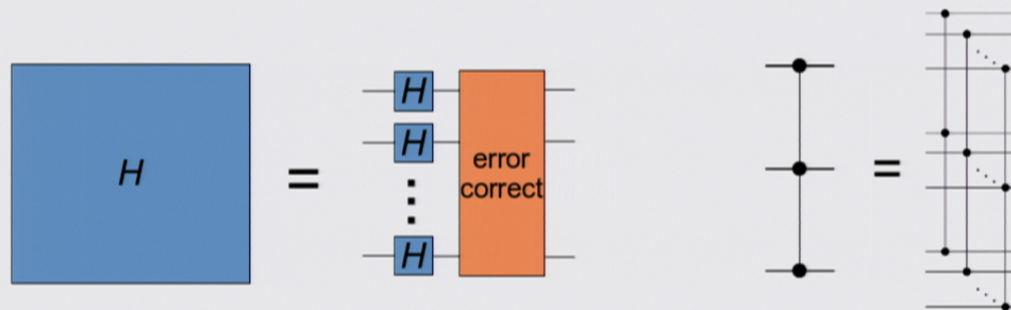
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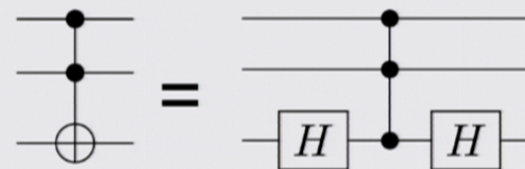
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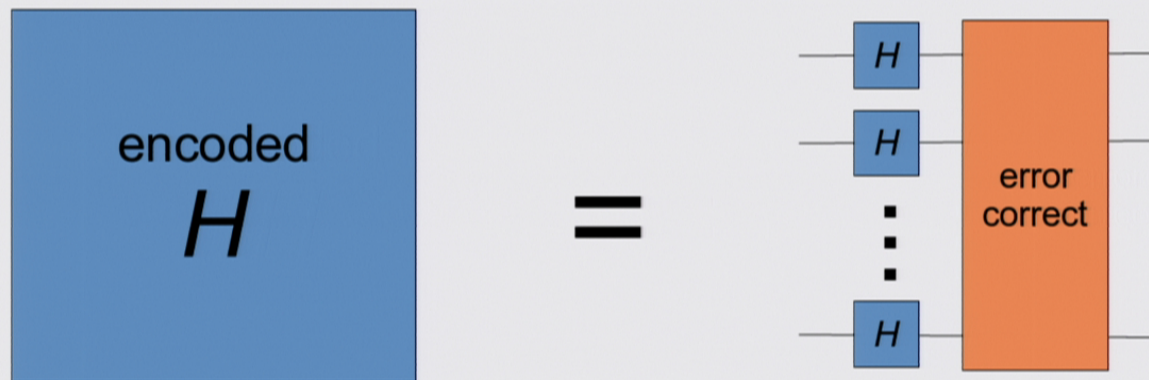
## Theorem [Shi 2003]



Toffoli and Hadamard are universal for quantum computation

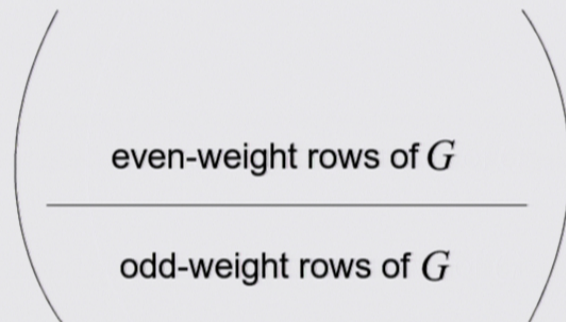


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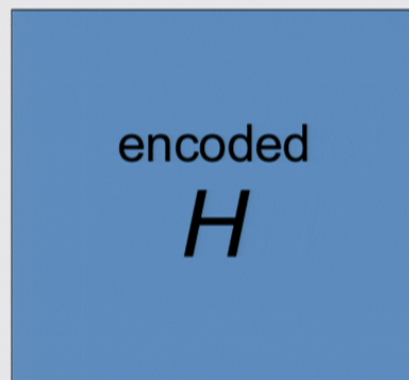
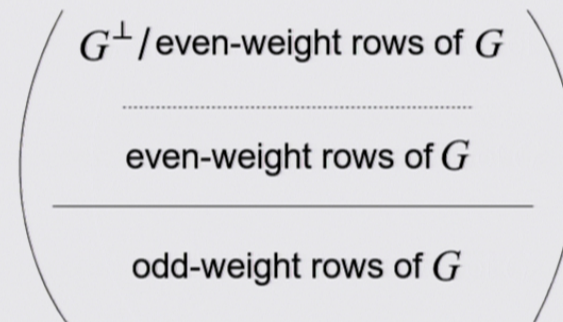


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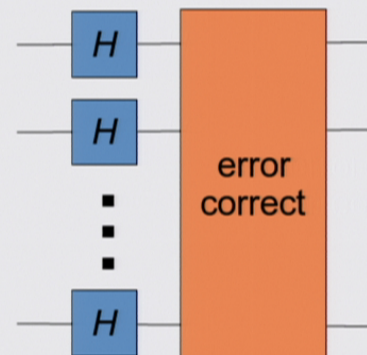
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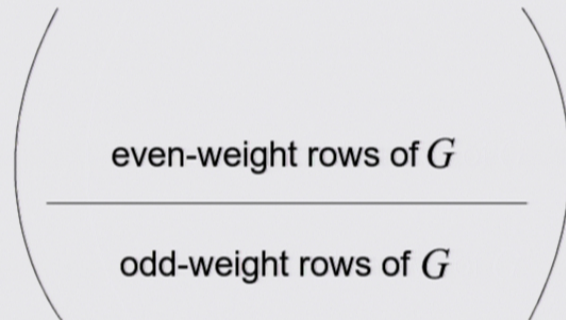


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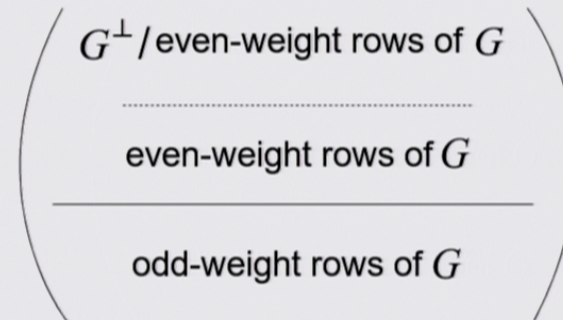


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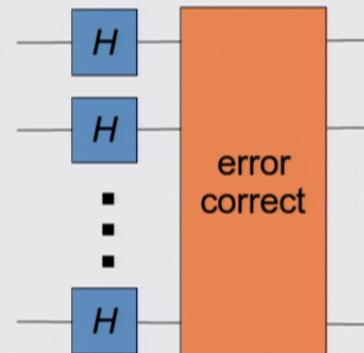


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For each generator of  $G^\perp$  / even-weight rows of  $G$ :

- 1) Measure the generator
- 2) If the outcome is -1, apply an X correction





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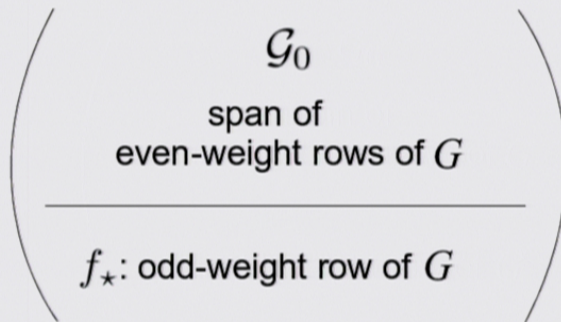
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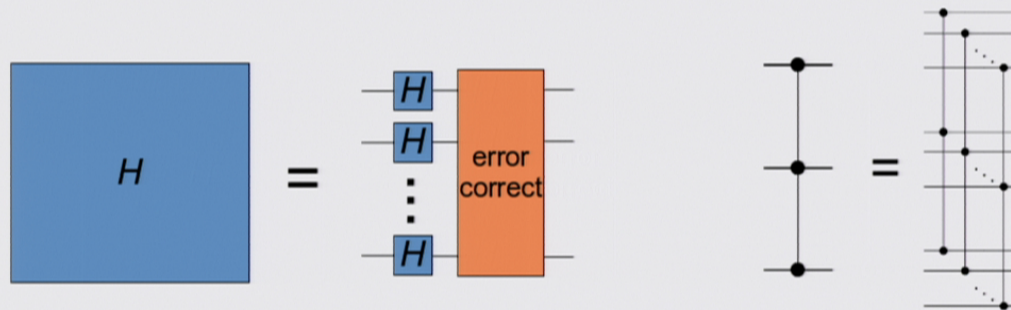
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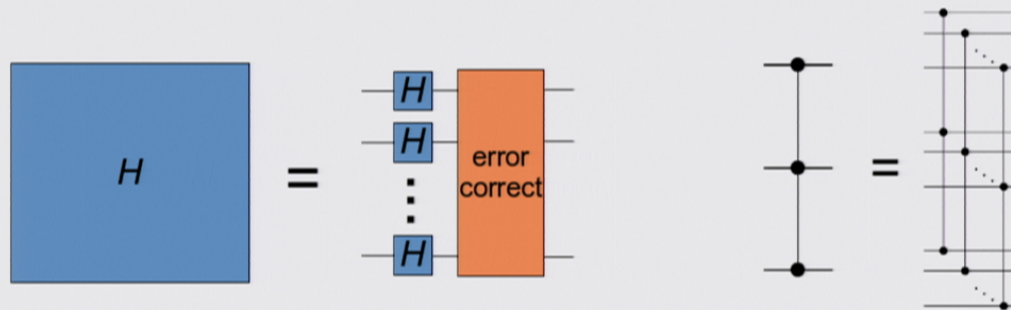
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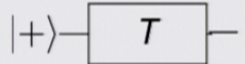
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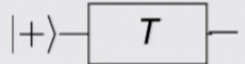
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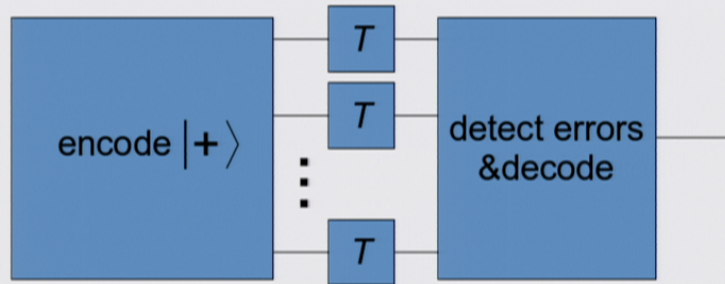
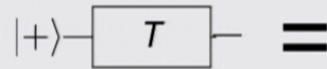
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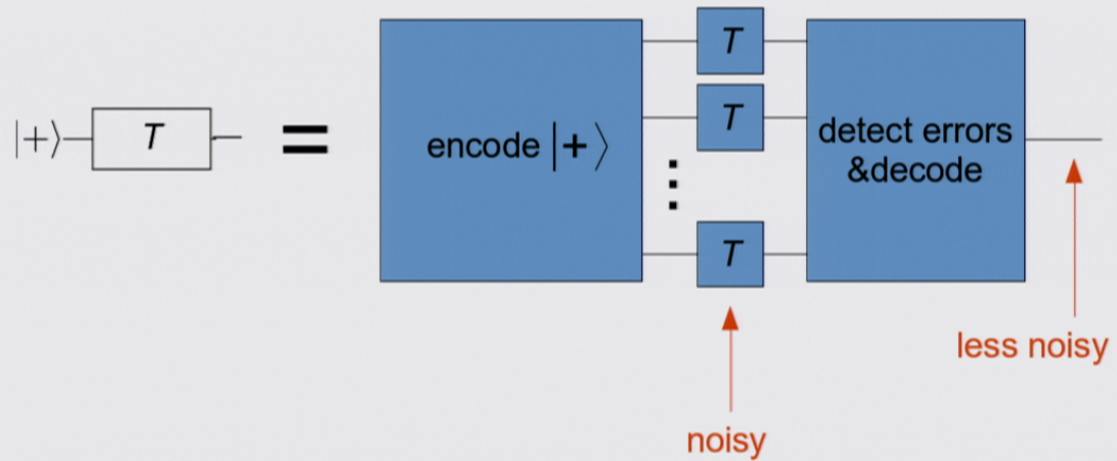
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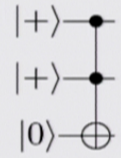




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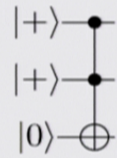
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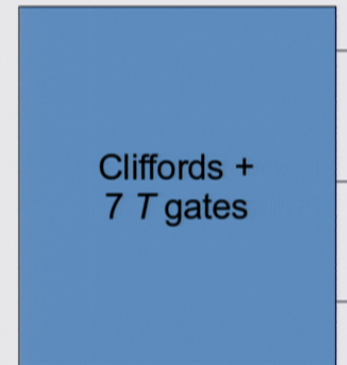
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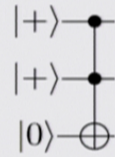
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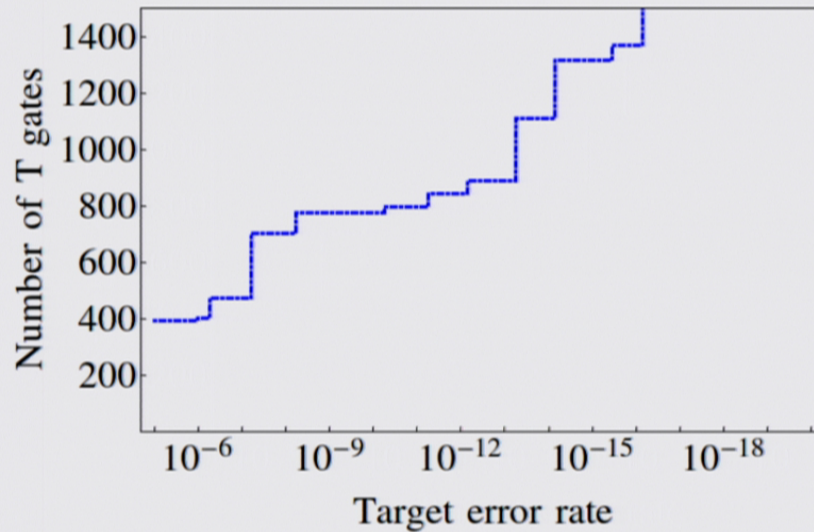
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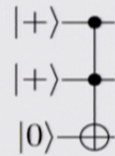
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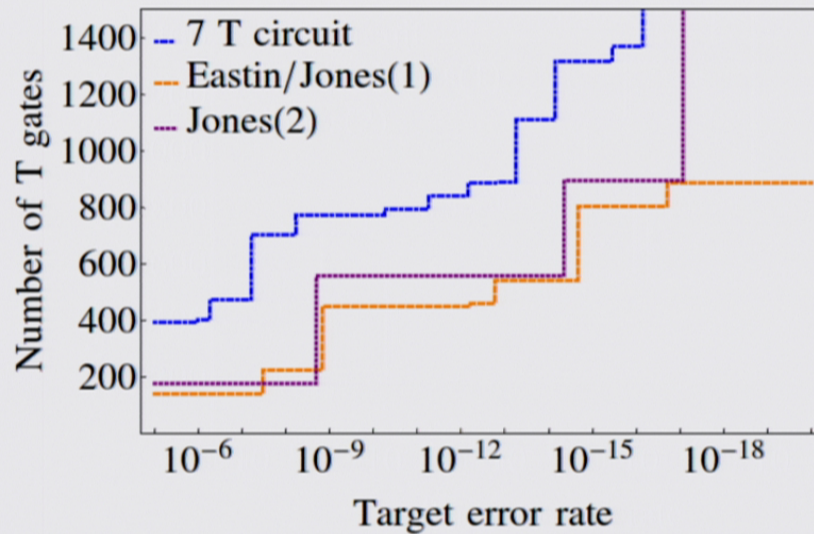
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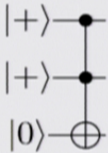
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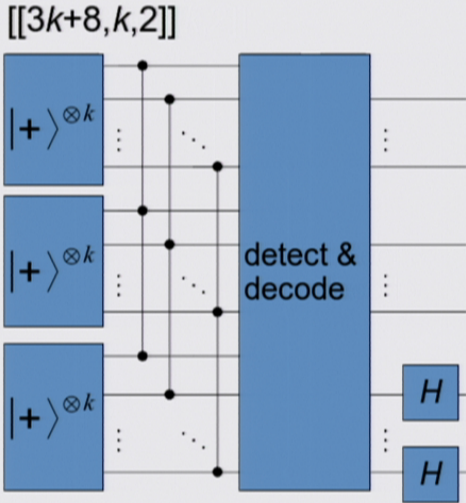
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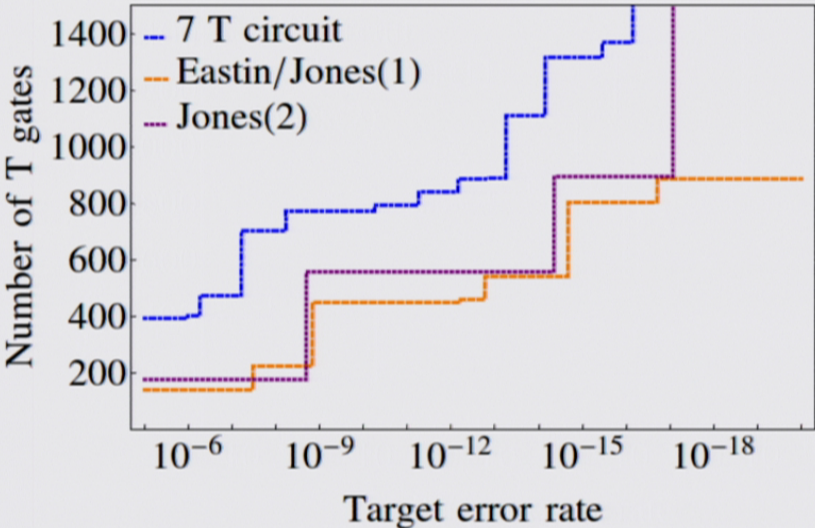
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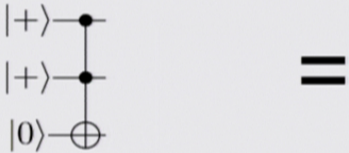
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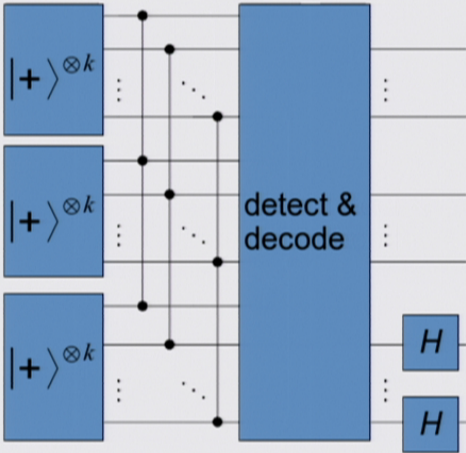
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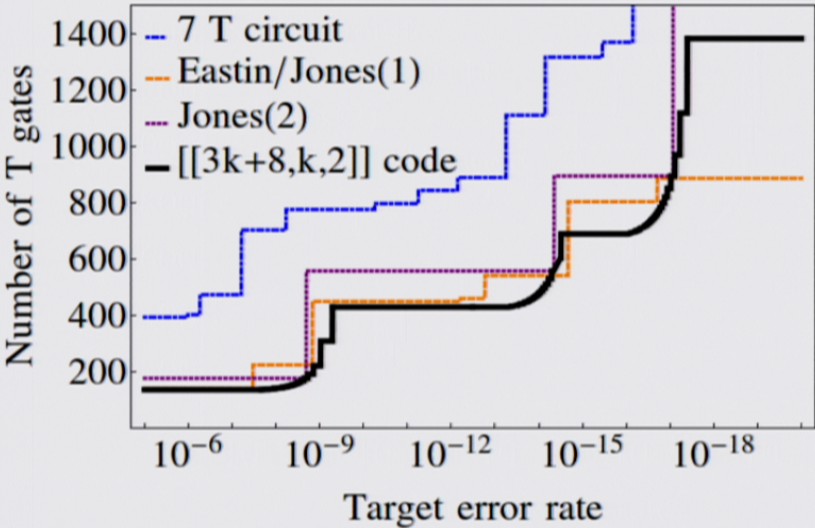
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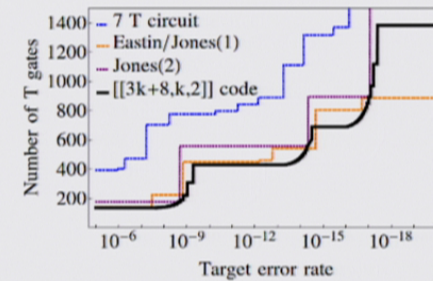
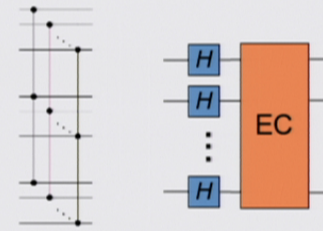


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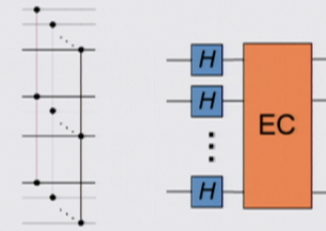
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## Open questions

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- More (and better) triorthogonal codes?
- Other ways to eliminate distillation?
  - [Bombin, Martin-Delgado 2007]
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