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Abstract: A class of  $d$ -level quantum states called "magic states", whose initial purpose was to enable universal fault-tolerant computation within error-correcting codes, has a surprisingly broad range of applications. We begin by describing their structure with respect to the Clifford hierarchy, and in terms of convex geometry before proceeding to their applications. They appear to have some relevance to the search for SIC-POVMs in certain prime dimensions. A version of the CHSH non-local game, using a  $d$ -ary alphabet and Pauli measurements, has an optimal quantum strategy using magic states. Finally, magic states exhibit nice symmetries (balanced, minimum uncertainty) with respect to Pauli measurements and consequently could find applications in areas like cryptography.

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Includes prior work with Wim van Dam, Jiri Vala,  
recent results with Ingemar Bengtsson, Kate Blanchfield, Earl Campbell  
and forthcoming work in preparation



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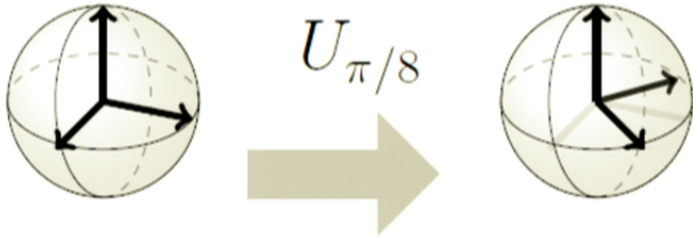
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**Fundamental:** New phenomena: single-particle KS contextuality with qutrit,  
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measurements for (odd) even Hilbert space dimension  
(Im)possibility of certain geometrical structures e.g., Mutually  
Unbiased Bases. Structure of state space is not a ball!

**Today:** I will discuss a useful & interesting family of states and gates

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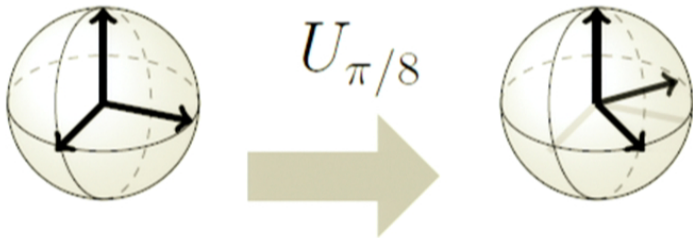
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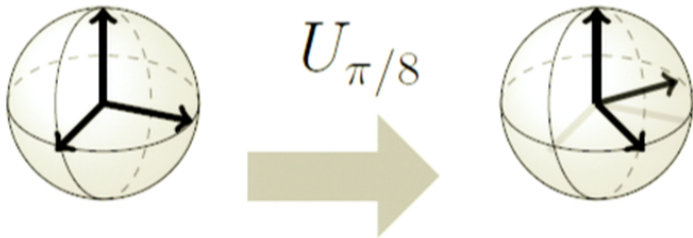


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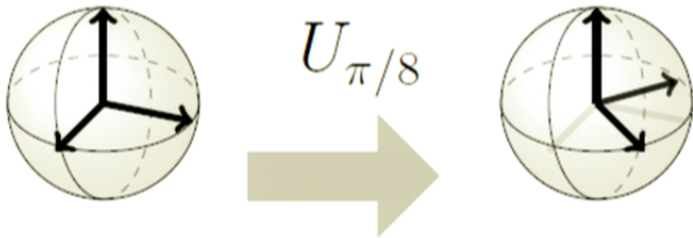
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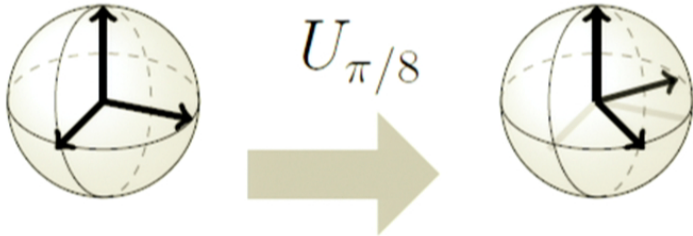


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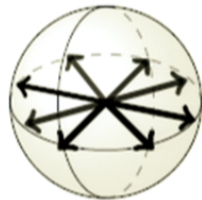
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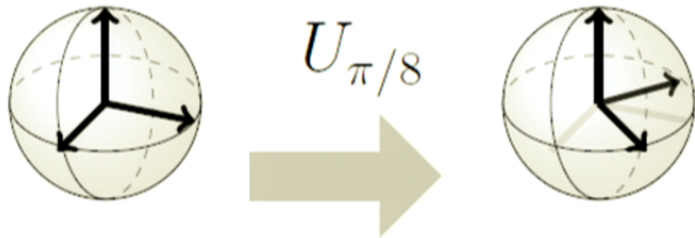
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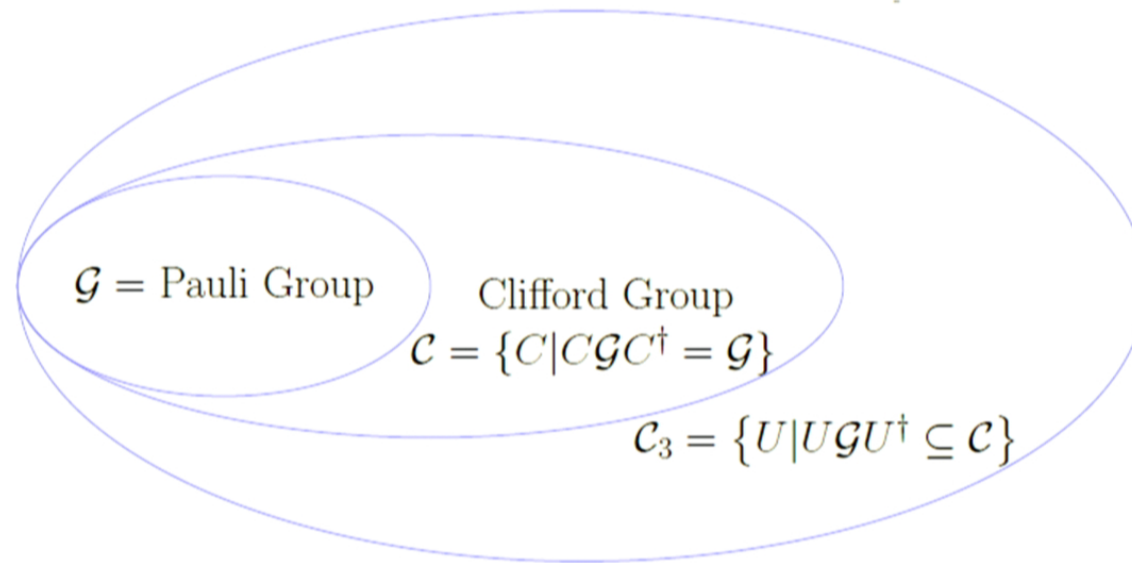


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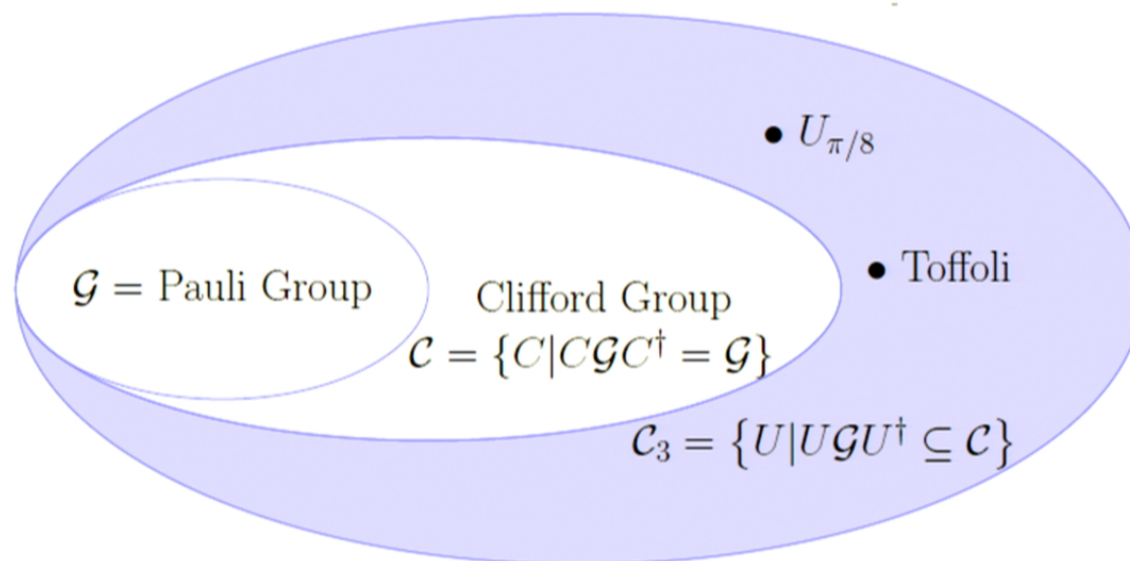
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We will focus on **single, p-level** particles

- Generalized  $\sigma_x/\sigma_z$  :  $X|j\rangle = |j + 1 \bmod p\rangle$   $Z|j\rangle = \omega^j|j\rangle$  ( $\omega = e^{2\pi i/p}$ )
- Displacement operators,  $D_{(x,z)} = \omega^{2^{-1}xz} X^x Z^z$ , form Pauli group  $\mathcal{G}$



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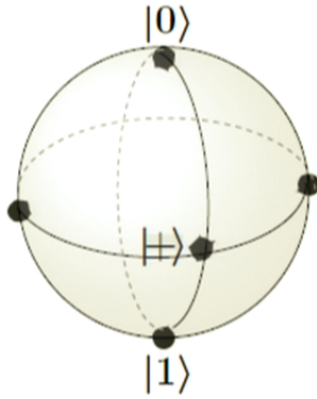
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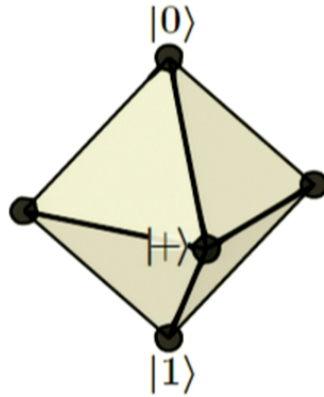
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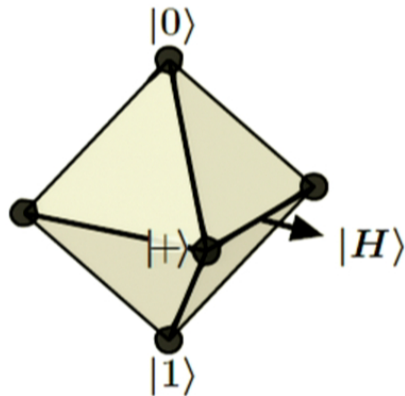
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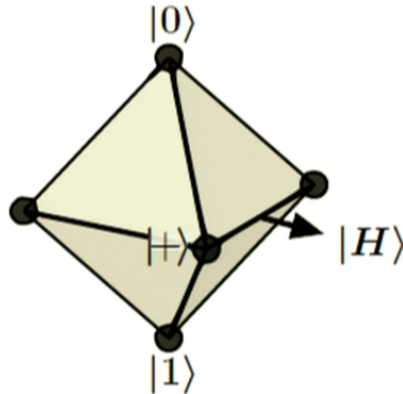
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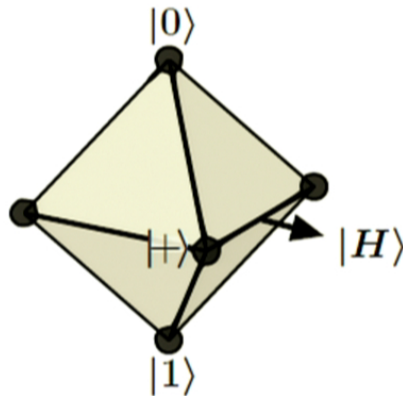
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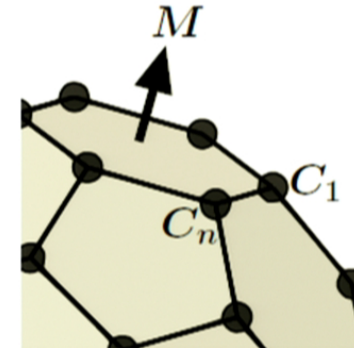
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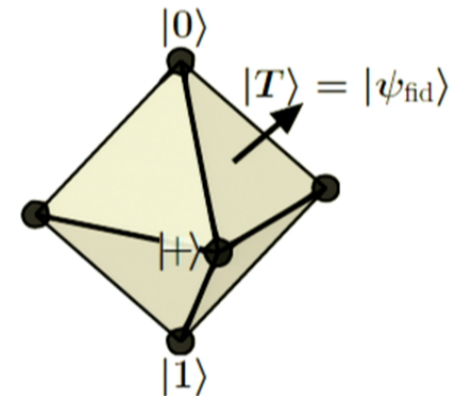
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### Zauner conjecture:

For all Hilbert space dimension  $N$ ,  $|\psi_{\text{fid}}\rangle$  can be found in the largest eigenspace of an order 3 Clifford unitary  $C \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \middle| \begin{bmatrix} x \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right)$  s.t.  $C^3 = \mathbb{I}$

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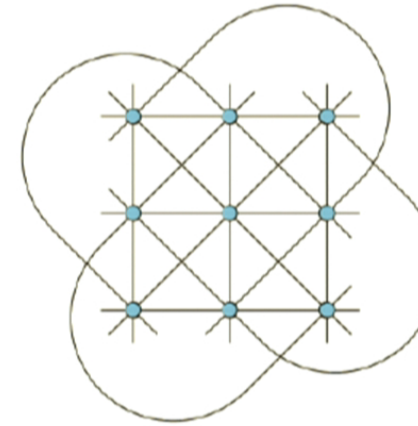
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- Each line goes through 3 points
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Encodes relationships relevant to MUBs/SICs

- 12 Zauner subspaces whose complements form 12 MUB vectors
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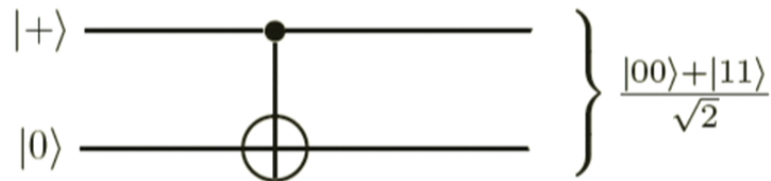
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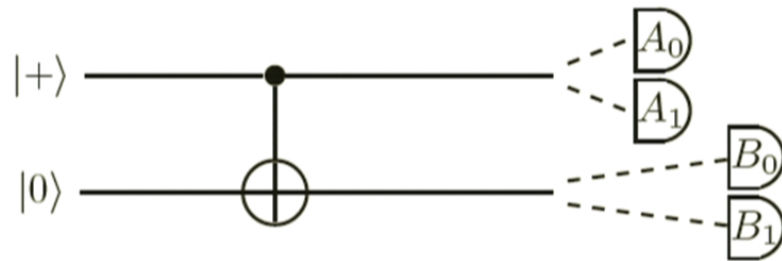
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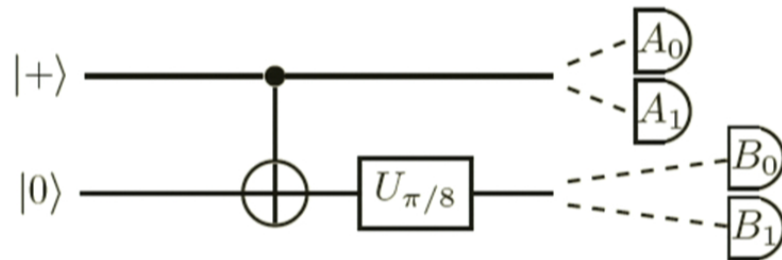
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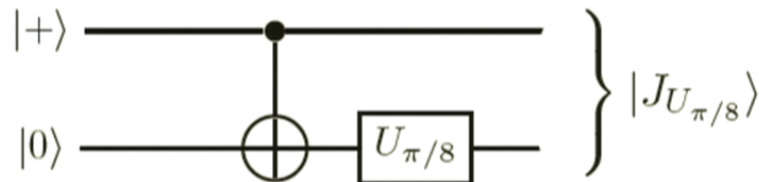
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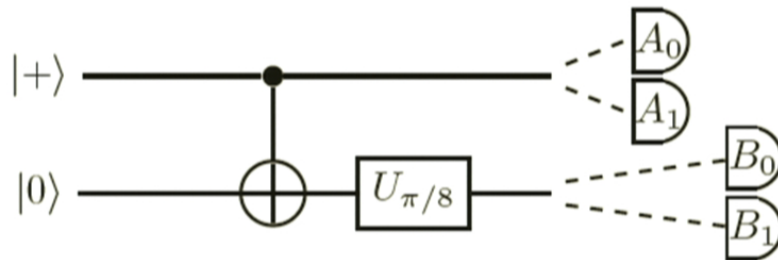
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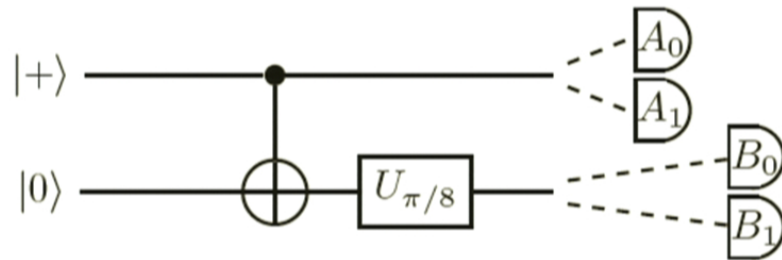
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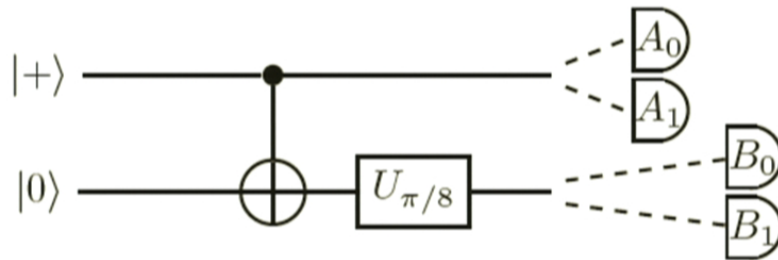
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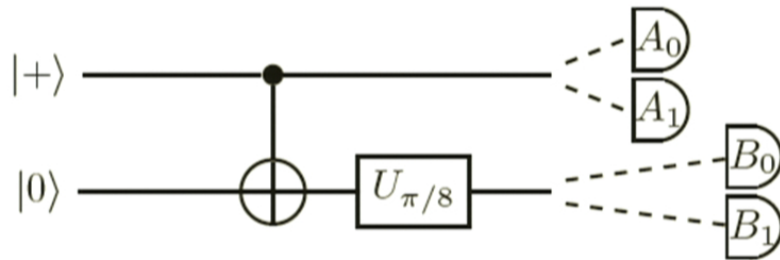
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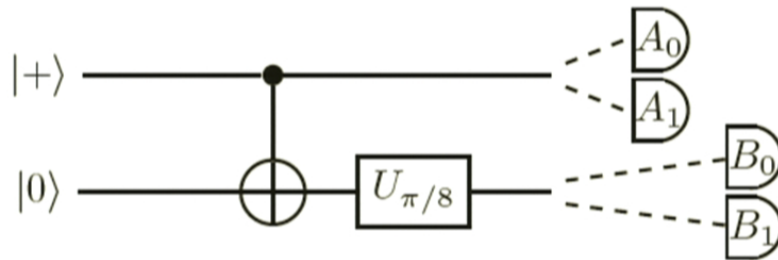
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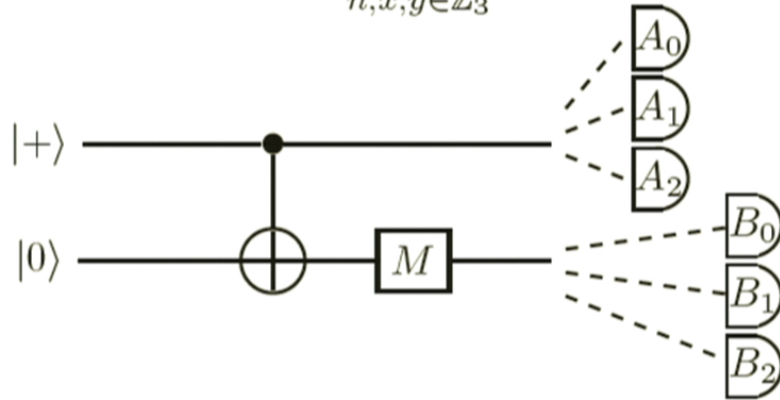
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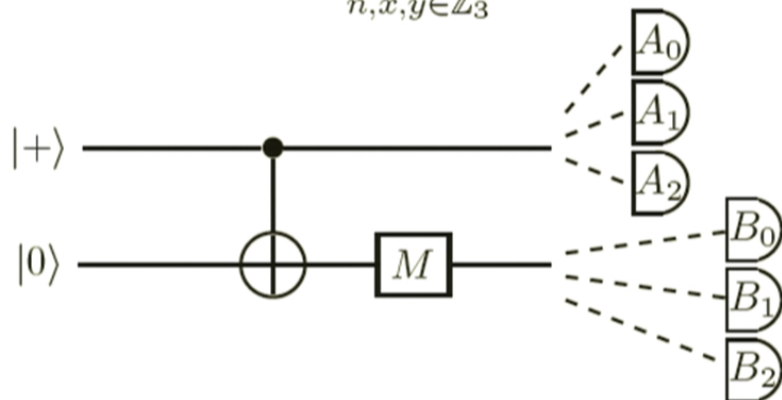
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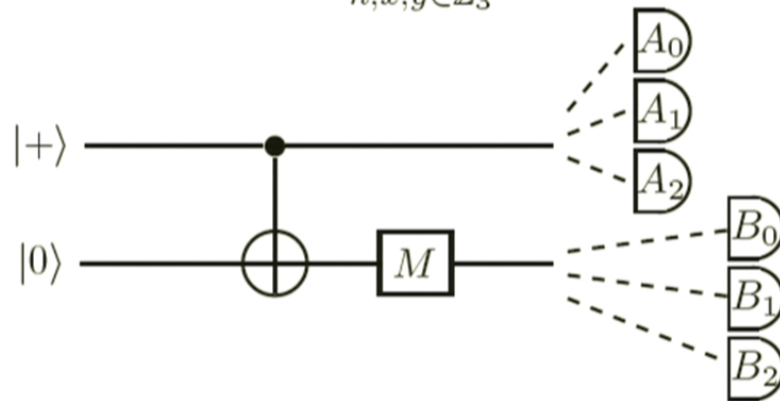
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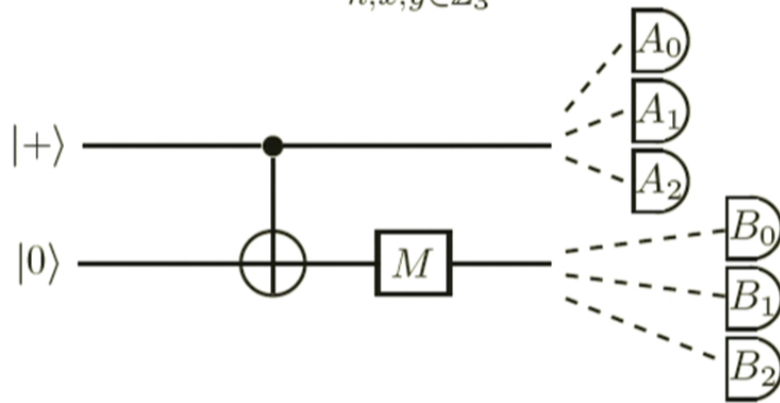
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provided  $p$  does not divide  $n$ .

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**Result:** All magic states  $|f_{a,b,c}\rangle$  have flat distribution in computational basis, and the same distribution in every other basis

Moreover, can prove exactly which permutation occurs in moving from basis to basis (depends on the magic state)

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} 1/3 & c_{0,0} & c_{0,1} & c_{0,2} \\ 1/3 & c_{1,0} & c_{1,1} & c_{1,2} \\ 1/3 & c_{2,0} & c_{2,1} & c_{2,2} \end{array} \right) \quad c_{V_{0,0}} = c_{V_{B,B}}, \quad \forall B \in \mathbb{Z}_p$$

$$V_B = V_0 + \frac{1}{12a} (B^2 - 4Bb)$$

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**QKD:** The most informative eavesdropping basis for Eve in the BB'84 scheme is given by magic states,  $\{|H\rangle, |H^\perp\rangle\}$ .

## Open Questions

- How much of this structure carries over to power-of-(odd)-prime dimension?
- Further applications in QRACs, Eavesdropping, entropic uncertainty relations etc.?
- Higher order polynomials and/or higher levels of Clifford hierarchy

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