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Abstract: We give a simple description of rectangular matrices that can be implemented by a post-selected stabilizer circuit. Given a matrix with entries in dyadic cyclotomic number fields $\mathbb{Q}(\exp(i\frac{2\pi}{2^m}))$, we show that it can be implemented by a post-selected stabilizer circuit if it has entries in $\mathbb{Z}[\exp(i\frac{2\pi}{2^m})]$ when expressed in a certain non-orthogonal basis. This basis is related to Barnes-Wall lattices. Our result is a generalization to a well-known connection between Clifford groups and Barnes-Wall lattices. We also show that minimal vectors of Barnes-Wall lattices are stabilizer states, which may be of independent interest. Finally, we provide a few examples of generalizations beyond standard Clifford groups.

Joint work with Sebastian Schonnenbeck

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Motivation

$$\mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, i\right] = \left\{ \frac{1}{2^n} (a + bi + c\sqrt{2} + di\sqrt{2}) : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

[arXiv:1212.0506] Giles, Selinger

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When unitary U
is a Clifford unitary ?

[arXiv:1908.06076] Amy, Glaudell, Ross : $\mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1}{2}, i\right], \mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1}{2}\right], \mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right], \mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1}{i\sqrt{2}}\right]$

Background

- Pauli Matrices

1 qubit: I, X, Y, Z , n qubits: $\{I, X, Y, Z\}^{\otimes n}$

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\pi/4} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Clifford unitaries

For any n-qubit Pauli matrix P : $CPC^{-1} = \pm Q$ where Q is an n-qubit Pauli matrix

- Example of Clifford unitaries

$CNOT, S$, phase-adjusted Hadamard \tilde{H}

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \quad \tilde{H} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+i}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Why the separation of Clifford vs non-Clifford gates is interesting ?

- There is more and more evidence that we need fault-tolerant quantum computers to solve useful problems on quantum computers
- Non-Clifford resources (T gates, CCZ gates) are like a fuel that fault-tolerant quantum computers use

[arXiv:2211.07629]

Assessing requirements to scale to practical quantum advantage

Michael E. Beverland, Prakash Murali, Matthias Troyer, Krysta M. Svore, Torsten Hoefler, Vadym Kliuchnikov, Guang Hao Low, Mathias Soeken, Aarthi Sundaram, Alexander Vaschillo

[arXiv:2401.16317]

Assessing the Benefits and Risks of Quantum Computers

Travis L. Scholten, Carl J. Williams, Dustin Moody, Michele Mosca, William Hurley ("whurley"), William J. Zeng, Matthias Troyer, Jay M. Gambetta

It is useful to know the number of non-Clifford gates needed to solve a problem

- Allows for a simple lower-bound on the time to solve a problem instance
- Space-time volume (#physical qubits x time) per T/CCZ state is a good rough metric for comparing different QC architecture

We need to better understand various aspects of stabilizer circuits to minimizes non-Clifford resources needed to solve problems on quantum computers

[arXiv:1904.01124]

Lower bounds on the non-Clifford resources for quantum computations

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[arXiv:2403.18900]

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Where did $\sqrt{2}$ go ?

Remark: for $n = 1$, no basis change is needed Theorem 5.1 in [[arXiv:1501.04944](#)]

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An application example

- How “non-Clifford” is unitary U with entries in $\mathbb{Z}\left[i, \frac{1}{2}\right] = \left\{ \frac{a+bi}{2^n} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} = \left\{ \frac{a+bi}{(1+i)^n} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$?
- Maximum power of $(1 + i)^n$ in the denominator of entries of $(B^{\otimes n})^{-1} U(B^{\otimes n})$ where $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1+i & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- Similar to dyadic monotone in
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Generalizations

1. Entries in $\mathbb{Q}(i) = \{a + ib: a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$



$$\text{Entries in } \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{2^m}) = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{2^{m-1}} a_j \zeta_{2^m}^j : a_j \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}, \zeta_{2^m} = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2^m}}$$

2. $2^n \times 2^n$ Clifford unitaries



$2^{n'} \times 2^n$ Linear operators implemented by a post-selected stabilizer circuit

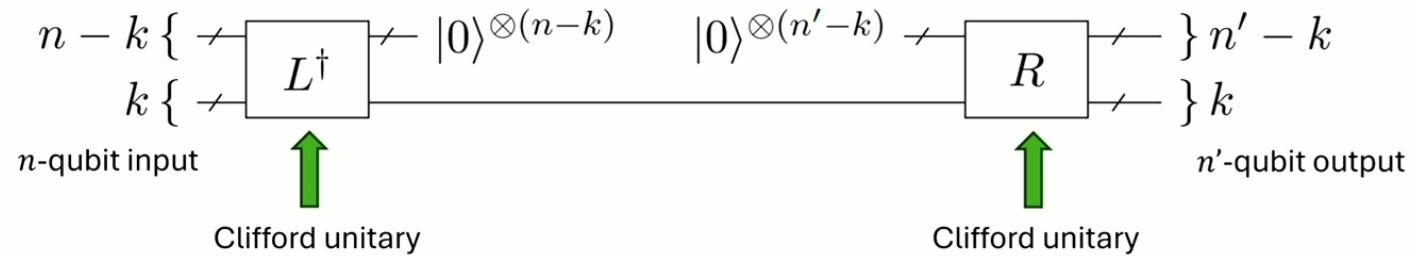
3. Partial results for rebits, qudits with $d=3, 5$ [computational]
4. Other fields beyond $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{2^m})$ [computational]

Post-selected stabilizer circuit:

- Allocation of zero states,
- Clifford unitaries,
- post-selected measurement of Pauli observables,
- post-selected destructive Pauli Z measurement

Post-selected stabilizer circuits

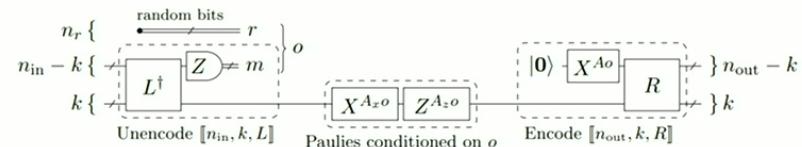
- General form of a post-selected stabilizer circuit



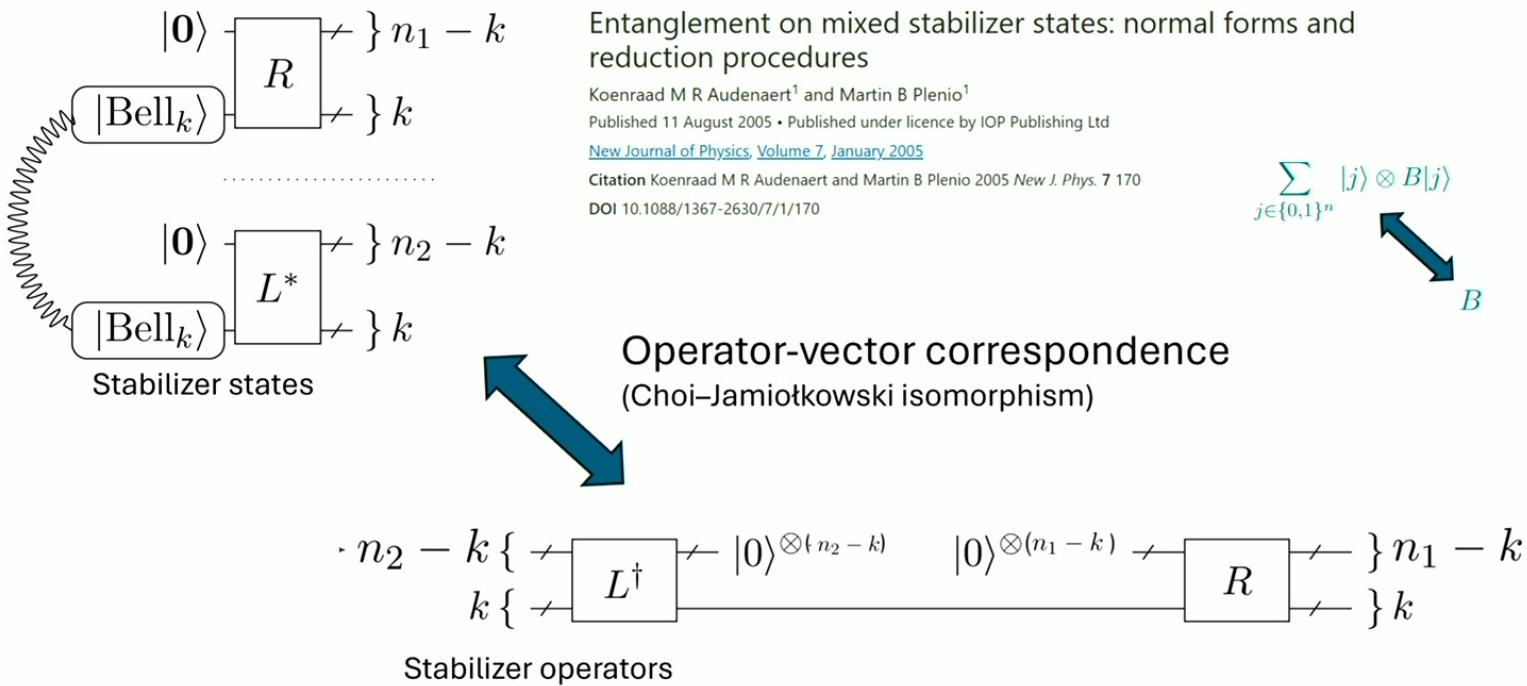
Generalizes to certain class of stabilizer circuits, see [\[arXiv:2309.08676\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.08676)

Stabilizer circuit verification

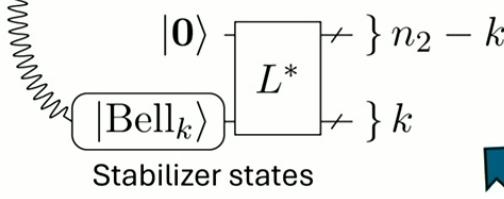
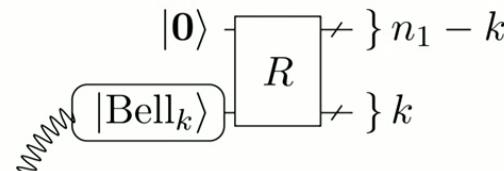
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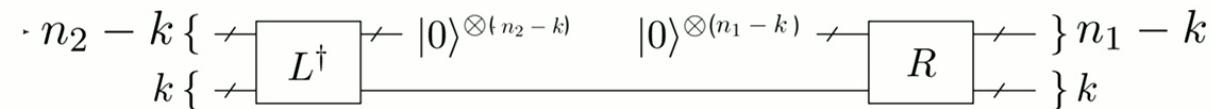
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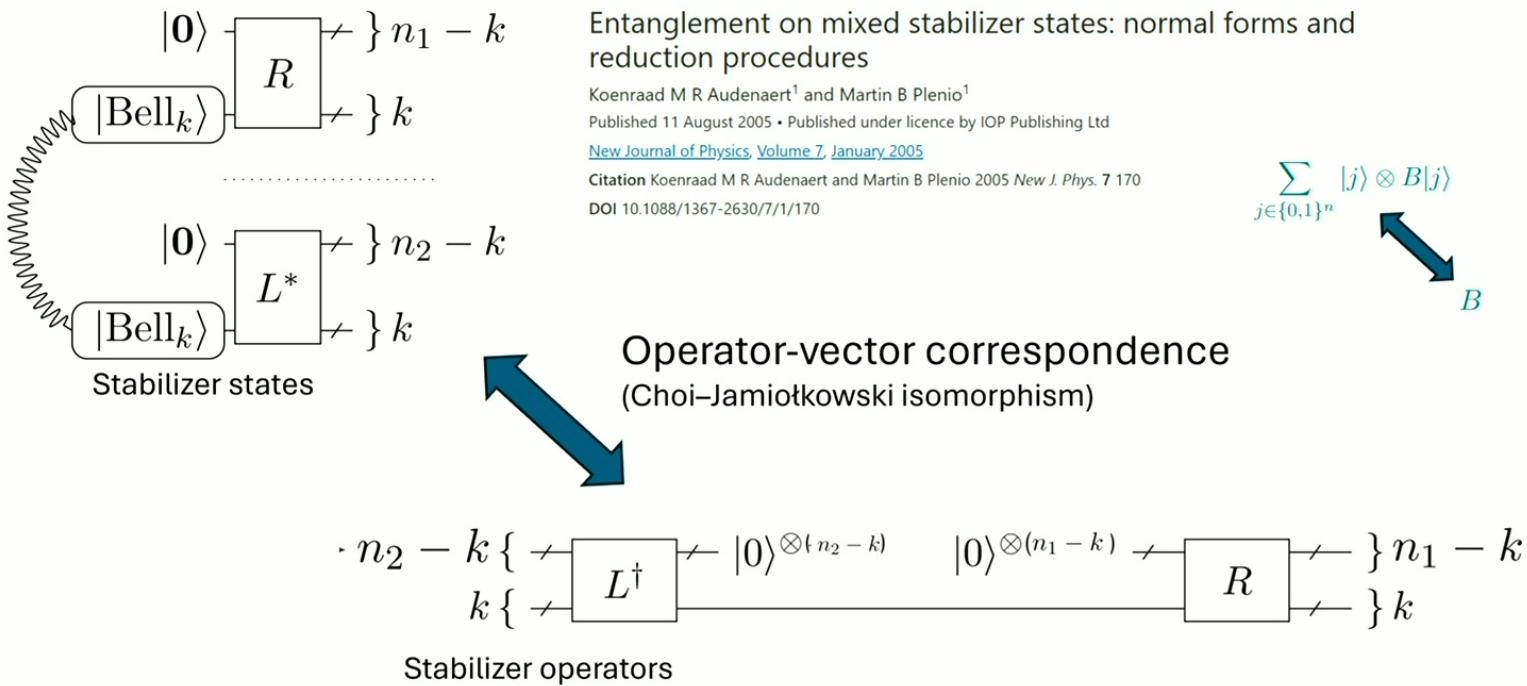
$$\sum_{j \in \{0,1\}^n} |j\rangle \otimes B|j\rangle$$

Operator-vector correspondence
(Choi–Jamiołkowski isomorphism)



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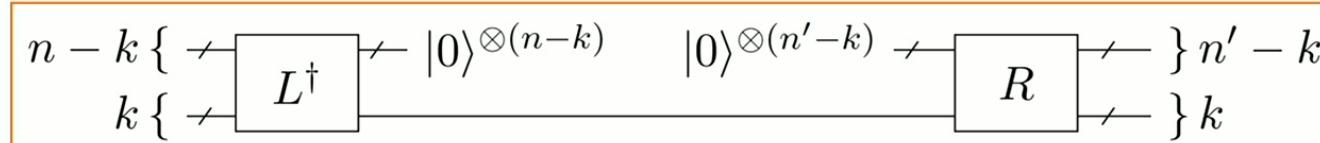
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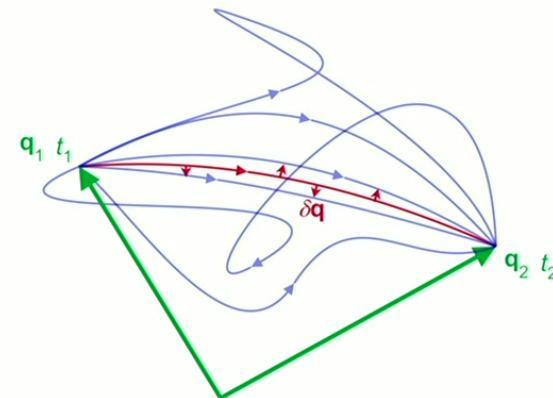
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Key technical tool

Theorem 3.4 (Minimal vectors). *The minimal vectors of the n-qubit Barnes-Wall lattice over the cyclotomic field $E = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{2^m})$ ($m \geq 2$) are stabilizer states. Furthermore, these minimal vectors can always be represented as $\zeta_{2^m}^k \cdot (1+i)^n \cdot C|0\rangle^{\otimes n}$ for some unitary C from the Clifford group and some integer $k \in [2^m]$.*

n-qubit **stabilizer state** is a non-zero state that is a ± 1 eigenstate of n independent commuting Pauli matrices



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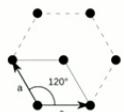
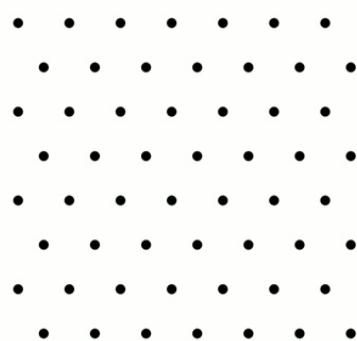
Barnes-Wall lattices

Lattices

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lattice_\(group\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lattice_(group))

$$\Lambda = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i \mid a_i \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

$\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^n



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Hermitian Lattices

[Very Informal]

Hermitian lattices are a generalization of lattices where \mathbb{R}^n is replaced with E^n for number field E and \mathbb{Z} is replaced with the ring of integers \mathcal{O}_E of E

$$E = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{2^m}) \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1+i & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

1-qubit Barnes-Wall lattice:

$$B\mathcal{O}_E^2$$

$$\{z_1 \cdot (1+i)|0\rangle + z_2 \cdot (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) : z_1, z_2 \in \mathcal{O}_E\}.$$

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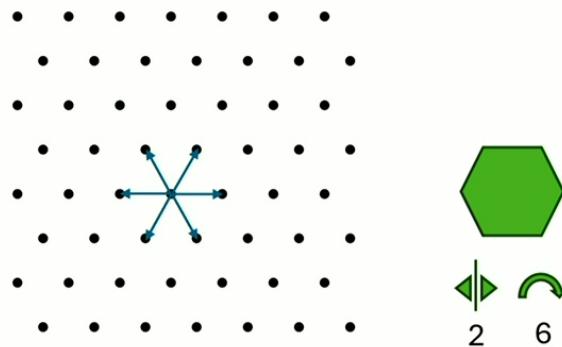
$$B^{\otimes n} \mathcal{O}_E^{2^n}$$

$$|\phi_1\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |\phi_n\rangle, \text{ where } |\phi_s\rangle \in \{(1+i)|0\rangle, |0\rangle + |1\rangle\}$$

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Minimal vectors are shortest non-zero vectors



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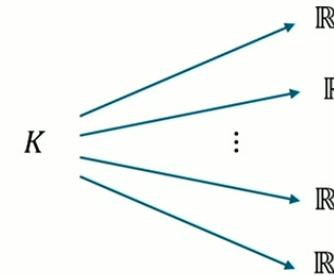
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How to find basis change (a.k.a Hermitian lattice) starting from a finite unitary group G ?

Step 1: Pick number field E so you can write all unitaries as matrices with entries in E (up to global phase)

Step 2: Construct lattice, find its basis (**if it exists**)

$$G|0\rangle = \{g|0\rangle : g \in G\} = \{v_1, \dots, v_N\} \quad L = \left\{ \sum_{j \in [N]} a_j v_j : a_j \in O_E \right\}$$

Step 3: Compute automorphism group of the lattice

Step 4: Check if automorphism group is equal to G up to scalars

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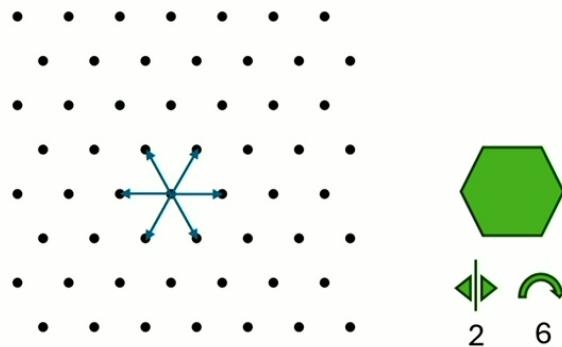
Computational tools

- Basis change/Hermitian lattice can be easily computed with:
 1. [Magma Computational Algebra System](#)
 2. [Hecke](#) (Julia package)
- We provide Julia notebook for results in Theorem A.1. using Hecke

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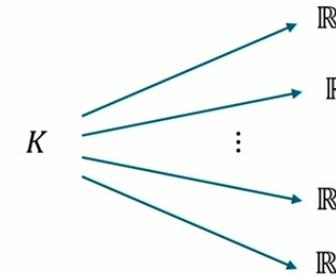
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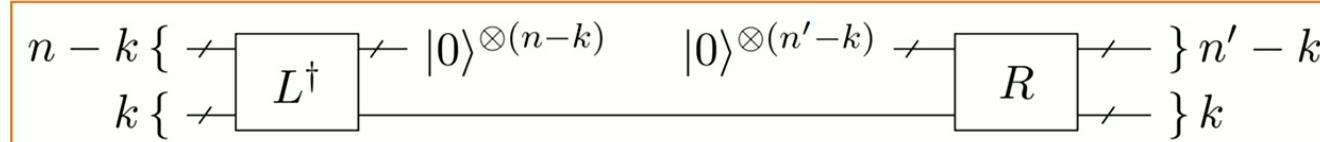
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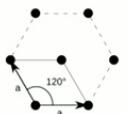
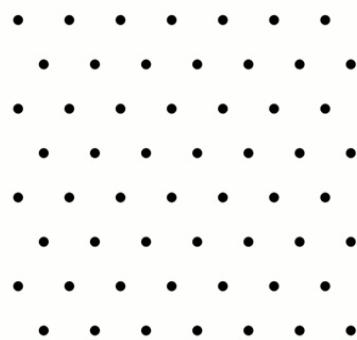
Barnes-Wall lattices

Lattices

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lattice_\(group\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lattice_(group))

$$\Lambda = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i \mid a_i \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

$\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^n



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Hermitian Lattices

[Very Informal]

Hermitian lattices are a generalization of lattices where \mathbb{R}^n is replaced with E^n for number field E and \mathbb{Z} is replaced with the ring of integers \mathcal{O}_E of E

$$E = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{2^m}) \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1+i & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

1-qubit Barnes-Wall lattice:

$$B\mathcal{O}_E^2$$

$$\{z_1 \cdot (1+i)|0\rangle + z_2 \cdot (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) : z_1, z_2 \in \mathcal{O}_E\}.$$

n-qubit Barnes-Wall lattice:

$$B^{\otimes n} \mathcal{O}_E^{2^n}$$

$$|\phi_1\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |\phi_n\rangle, \text{ where } |\phi_s\rangle \in \{(1+i)|0\rangle, |0\rangle + |1\rangle\}$$

Related work on Barnes-Wall lattices

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Our work: self-contained, proofs from the first principles, using stabilizer formalism

Barnes-Wall lattices and quantum computing

Tensor product construction

$\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}], \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_8]$. Clifford groups are the automorphism groups.

Transitive action of automorphism group on minimal vectors of classical Barnes-Wall lattices

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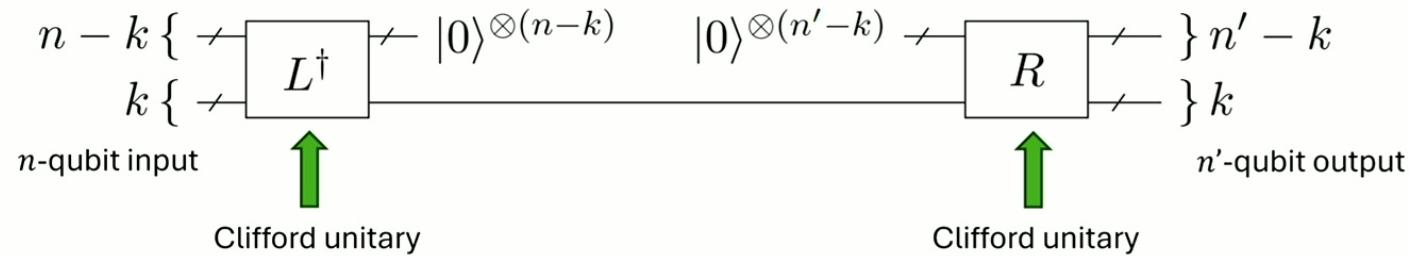
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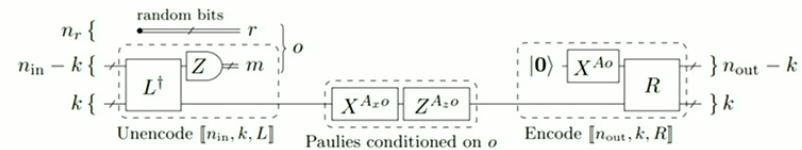
- General form of a post-selected stabilizer circuit



Generalizes to certain class of stabilizer circuits, see [\[arXiv:2309.08676\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.08676)

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