

Title: Universal quantum computation in two dimensions by converting between the toric code and a non-abelian quantum double

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Abstract: In this talk, I will explain how to implement fault-tolerant non-Clifford gates in copies of toric code in two dimensions achieved by transiently switching to a non-Abelian topologically ordered phase by expanding earlier results by Bombin [arXiv.1810.09571] and Brown [SciAdv.aay4929]. This addresses the challenge of performing universal fault-tolerant quantum computation in purely two spatial dimensions and shows a new approach to quantum computation using non-Abelian phases.

This talk is based on upcoming work in collaboration with A. Bauer, B. Brown, J. Magdalena de la Fuente, M. Webster and D. Williamson.

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# Outline

- **Introduction:**
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  - Dynamical framework
- Non-abelian phase
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  - CCZ gate [based on Brown'18; Bombin'17]
  - T gate
  - Magic state preparation [T-state; CZ-state]
- Fault-tolerance
- Outlook



## Premise

- **Universal** quantum computation is **hard to do fault-tolerantly**.

[Eastin, Knill '08, Campbell et al nature23460 etc]

- **2D toric code** (+variations) is the gold standard for fault-tolerant performance.

- Metrics: noise threshold; spacetime overhead; best studied.

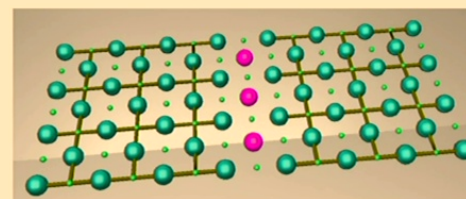
It is also a **good proxy** for working out new approaches.

- For example, many recent EC constructions still involve TC in some form, e.g. layer codes [Baspin, Williamson '23], hierarchical codes [Pattison et al '23], Floquet codes [Hastings Haah '21]

# Quantum computation with 2D toric code

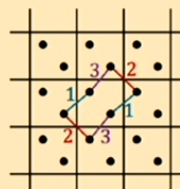
Using copies of 2D TC, how does one perform universal quantum computation?

- full Clifford group from lattice surgery and transversal gates  
[Horsman et al '12; Campbell et al nature23460]



Less known:

- full Clifford group from 'transversal' gates  
[Barkeshli et al '23 SciPostPhys.14.4.065]



**For universal gateset, one non-Clifford gate is needed.**

- cannot be done transversally in 2D [Eastin-Knill '08; Bravyi-Koenig '13]
- existing solutions: magic state distillation; [Bravyi-Haah]: spacetime overhead  $Cd^3$ , w/  $C \sim 200$ ;  
code switching to 3D (also  $O(d^3)$  overhead)

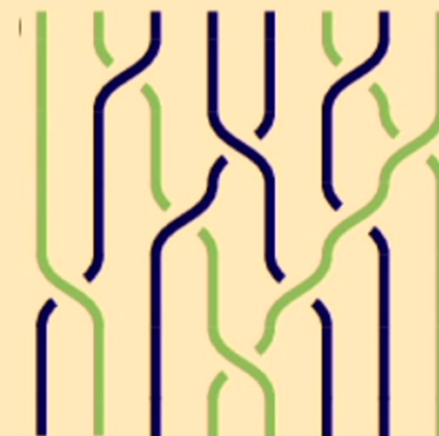
[Fowler et al '12,'13,  
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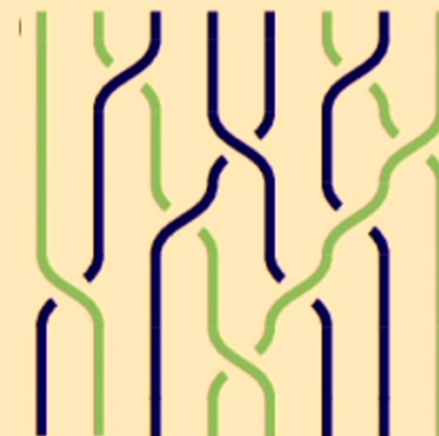
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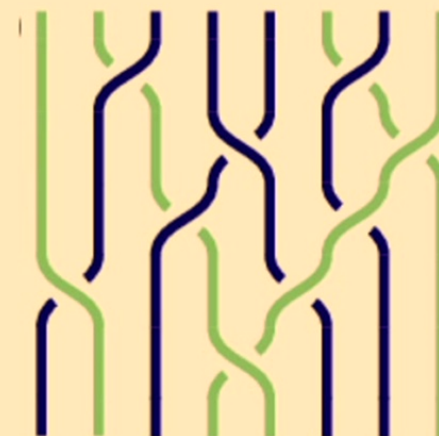
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22 ground states on a torus

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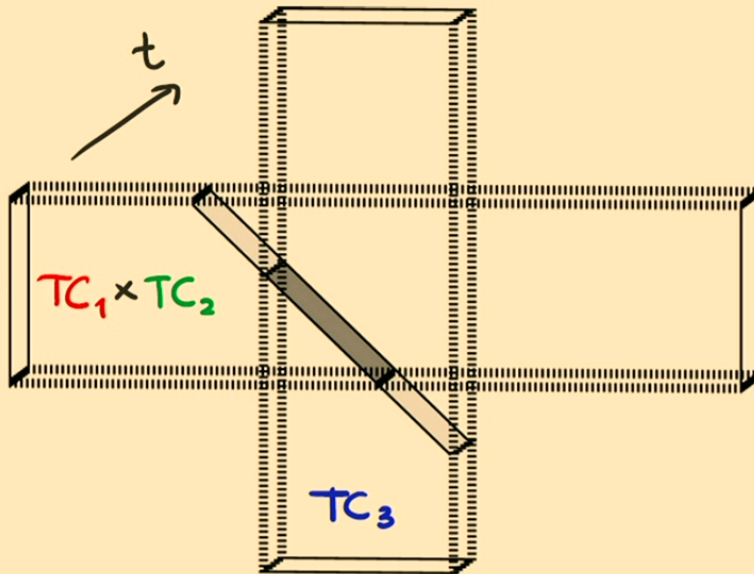


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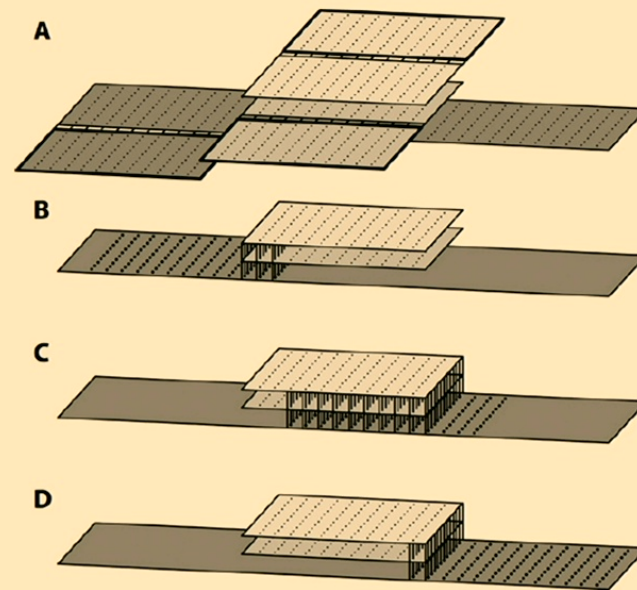
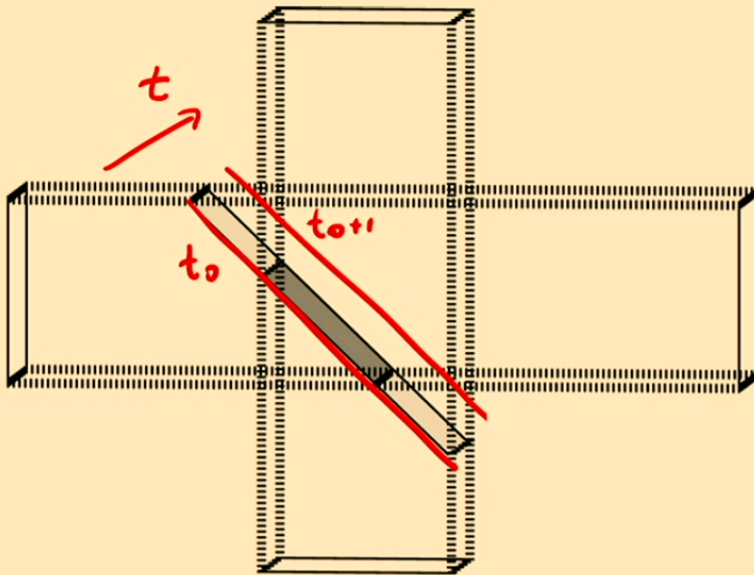


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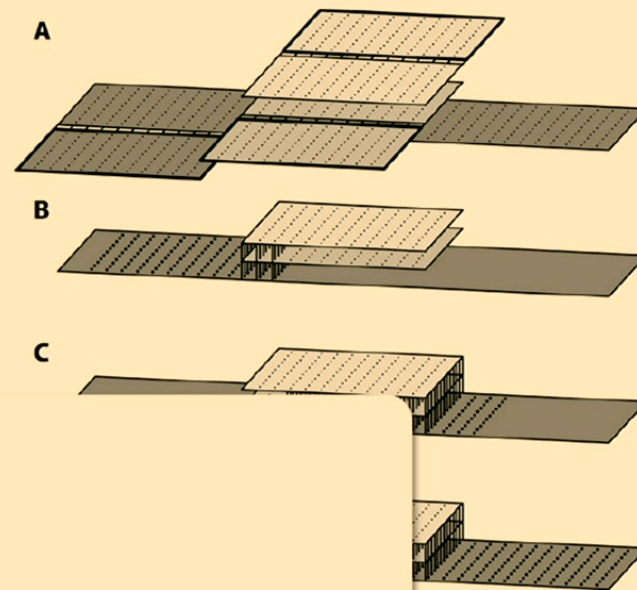
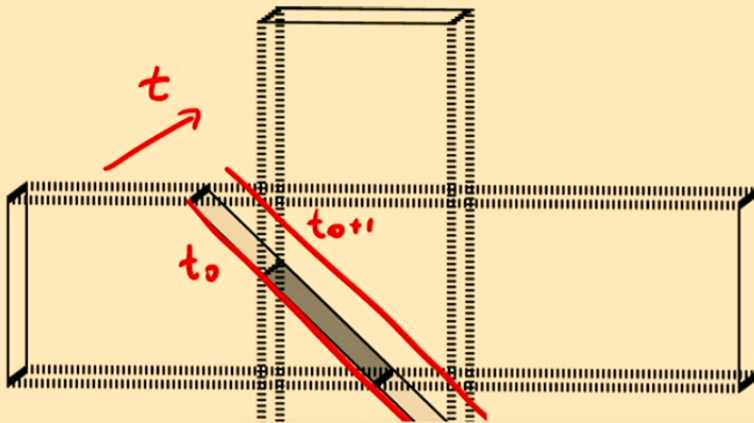


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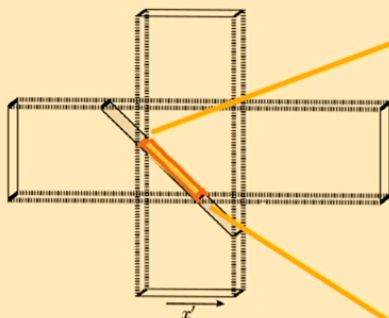


Does this actually work?

How? Is it just a trick or is there a deeper mechanism?

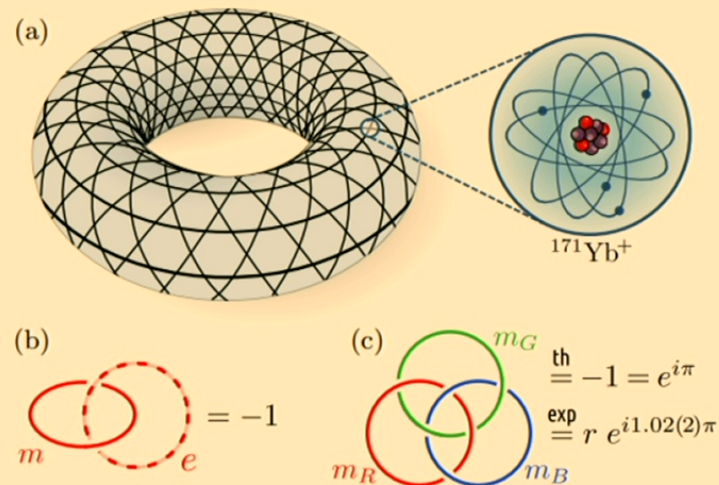
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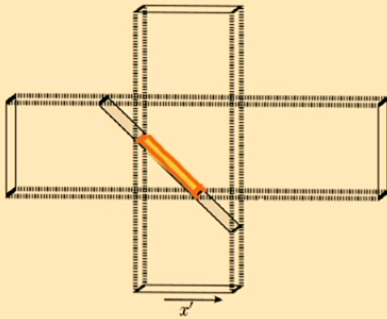
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[Iqbal et al (Quantinuum) Non-abelian topological order and anyons on a trapped-ion processor. Nature 626, (2024)]

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## Tools:

- Pauli stabilizer measurements
- single-qubit Pauli measurements
- local non-Clifford gates
- just-in-time decoding



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$$\sum \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{[Diagram 1: Empty lattice]} \\ \end{array} \right\rangle + \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{[Diagram 2: Lattice with two hexagons]} \\ \end{array} \right\rangle + \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{[Diagram 3: Lattice with four hexagons]} \\ \end{array} \right\rangle + \dots$$

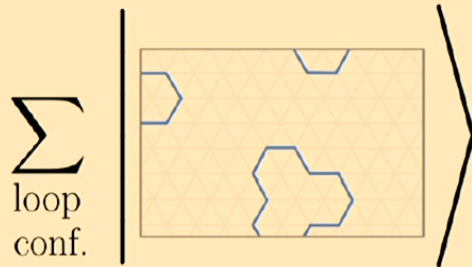
A different ground state:

$$\sum \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{[Diagram 1: Lattice with a blue path]} \\ \end{array} \right\rangle + \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{[Diagram 2: Lattice with a blue path and hexagons]} \\ \end{array} \right\rangle + \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{[Diagram 3: Lattice with a blue path and hexagons]} \\ \end{array} \right\rangle + \dots$$

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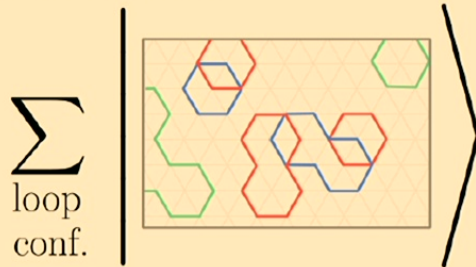
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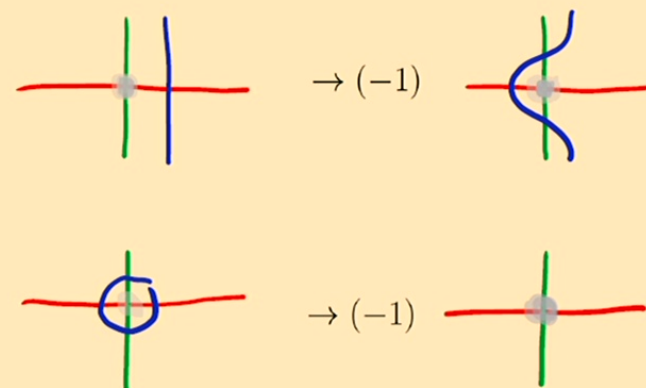
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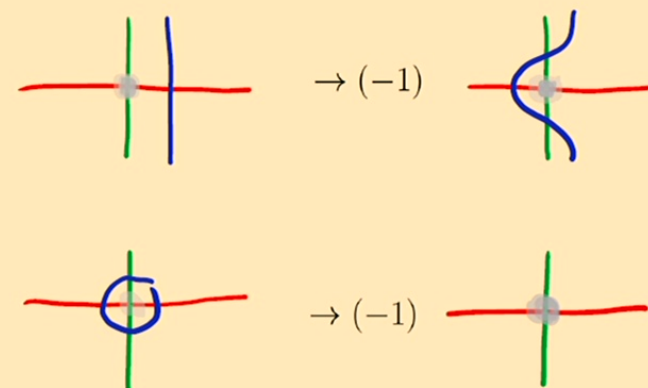
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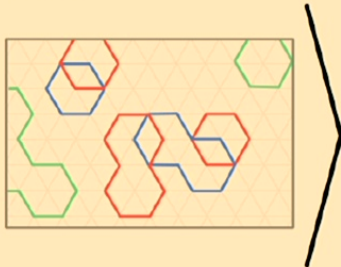
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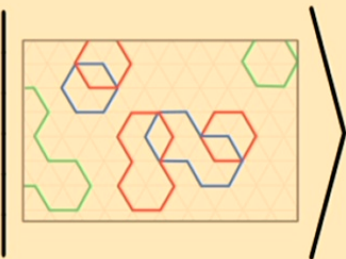
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**This topological phase is very  
“compatible” with copies of the TC**

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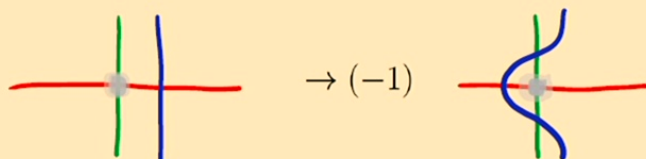


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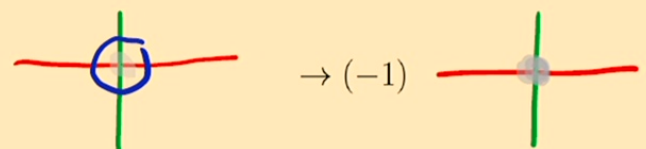
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fermi

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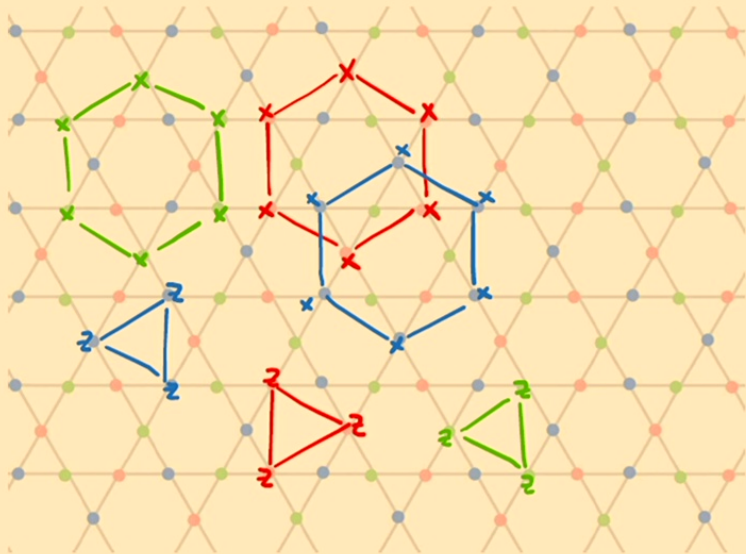
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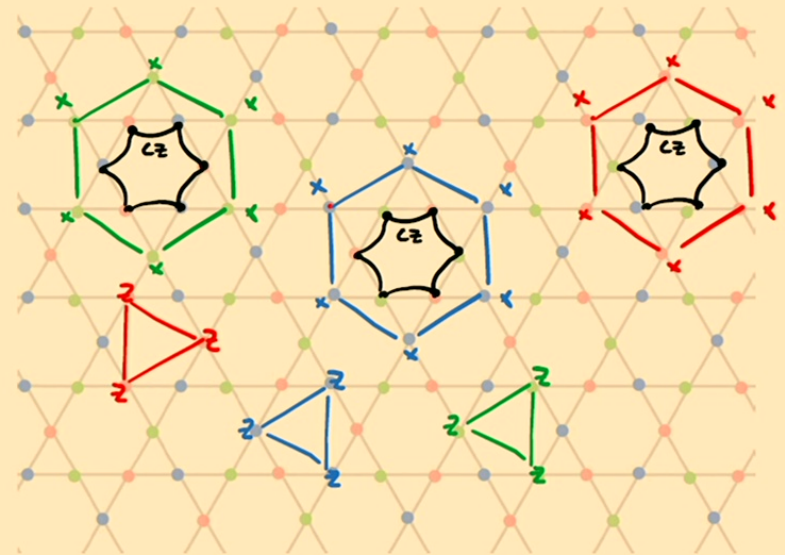
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**Twisted quantum double**

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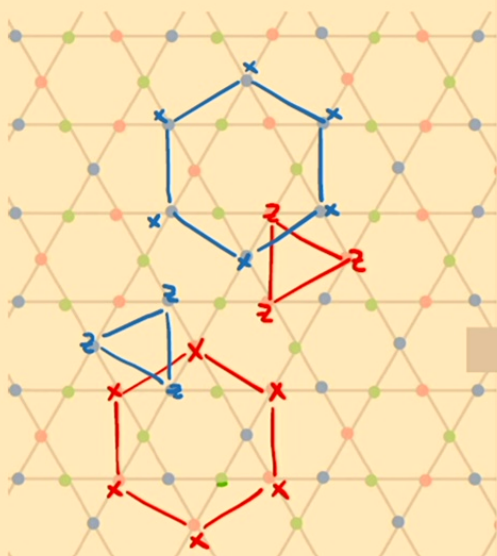
Yoshida arXiv:1508.03468

Iqbal et al '24

# Compatibility between TC and TQD: gauging

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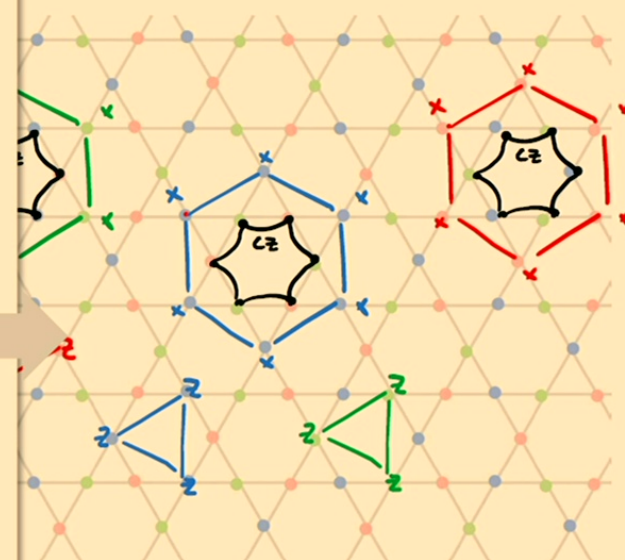


Global symmetries of  $\mathbf{CC} \sim \mathbf{TC}_r \times \mathbf{TC}_b$   
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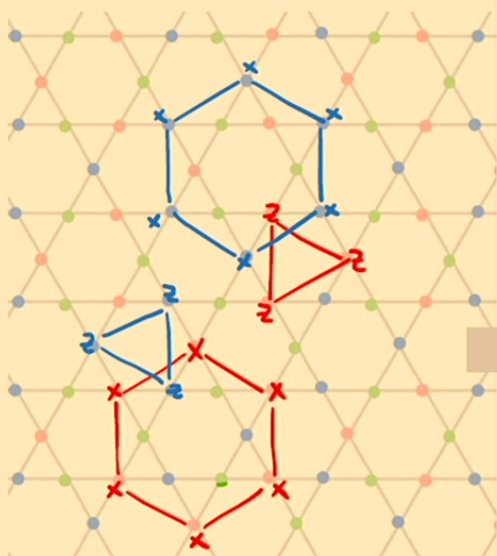
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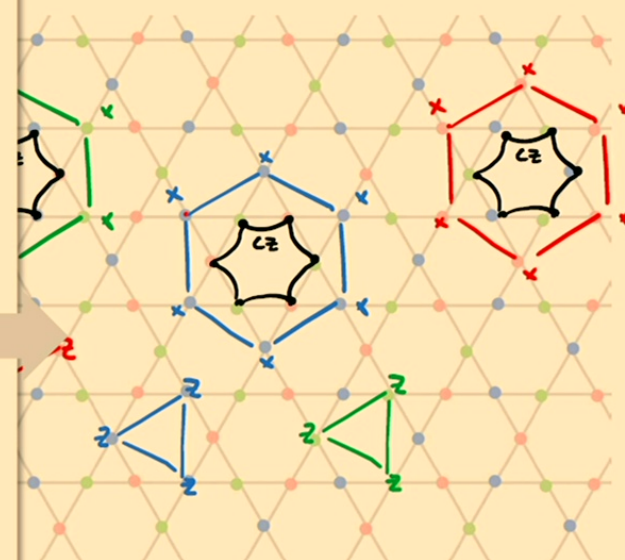
Gauge one of the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  automorphisms, i.e.

- TCxTC: cup product/CZ  $\mathbb{Z}_2$
- color code: Hadamard  $\mathbb{Z}_2$

Prem, Williamson arXiv 1905.06309  
 Chen et al arXiv:1303.4301  
 Tantivasakarn et al arXiv:2112.01519

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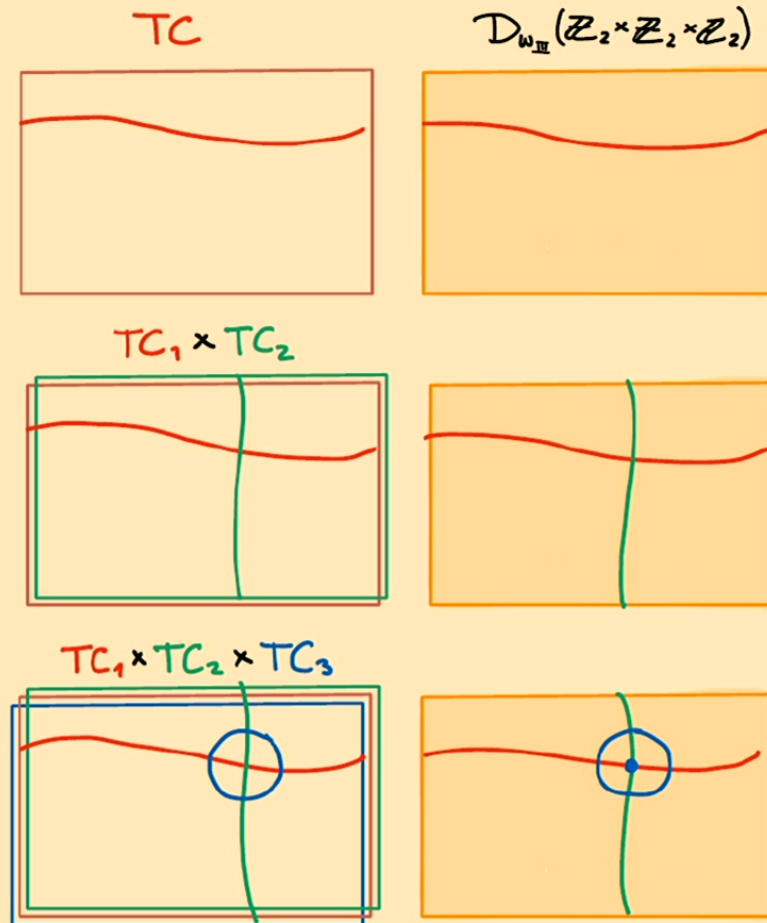
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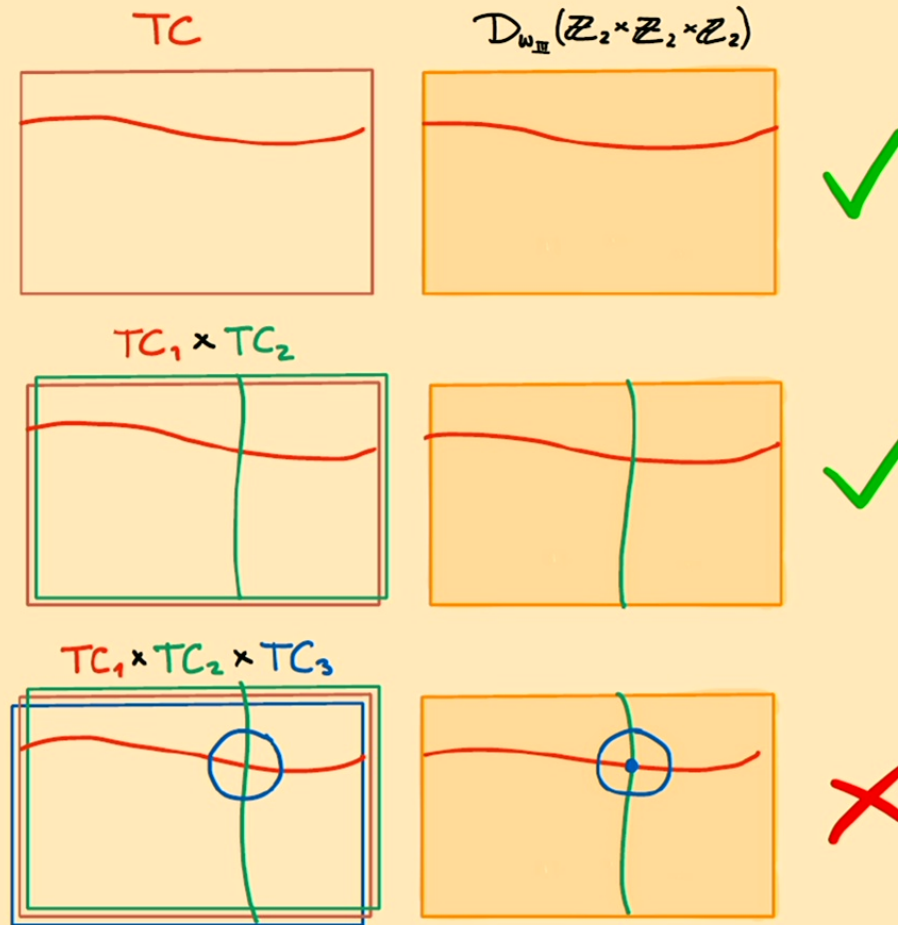
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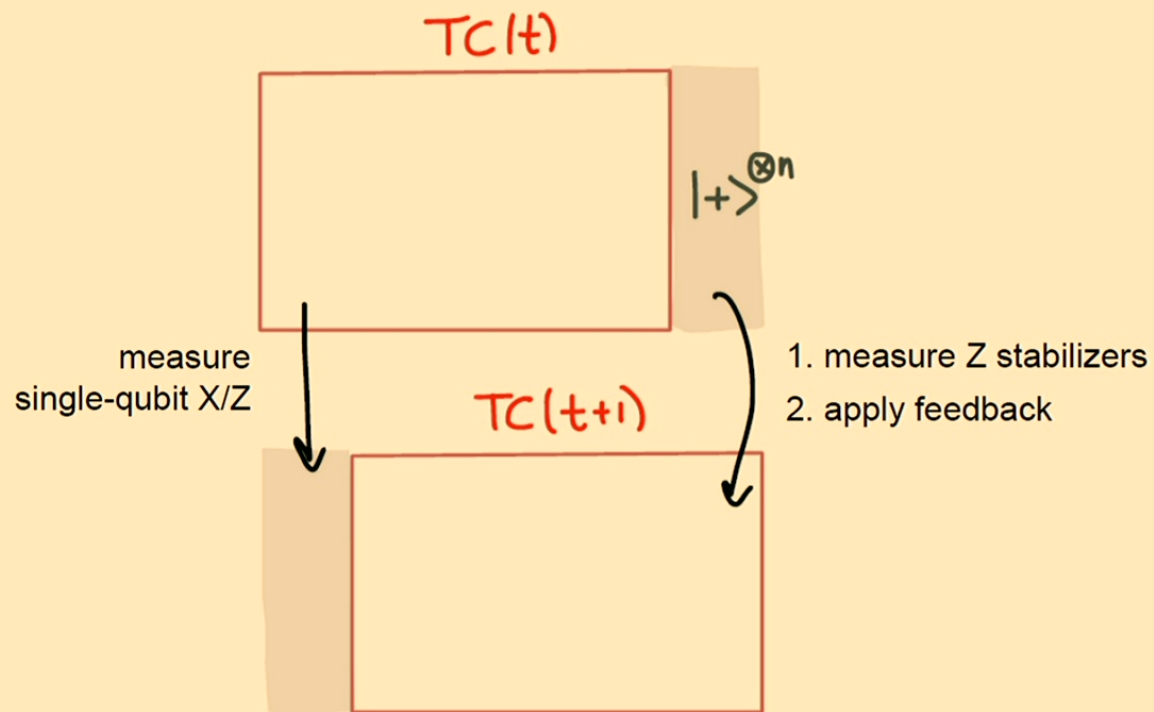
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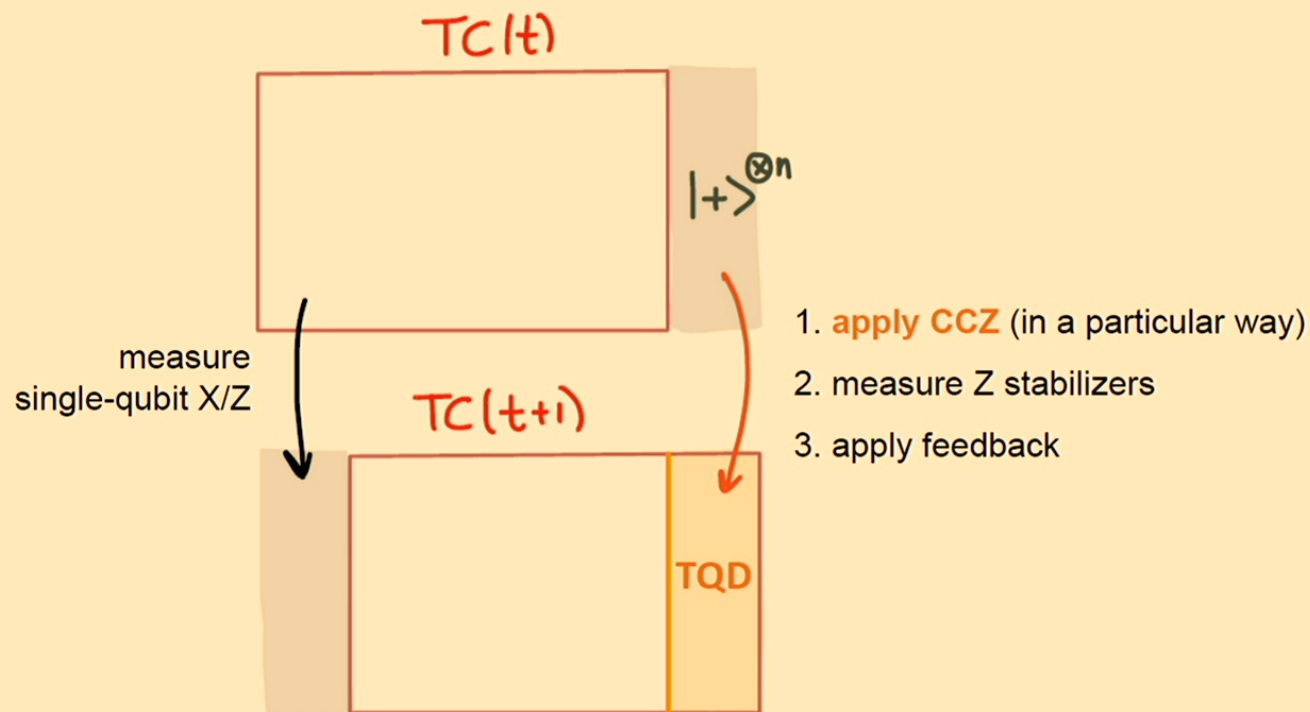
We can move this patch!



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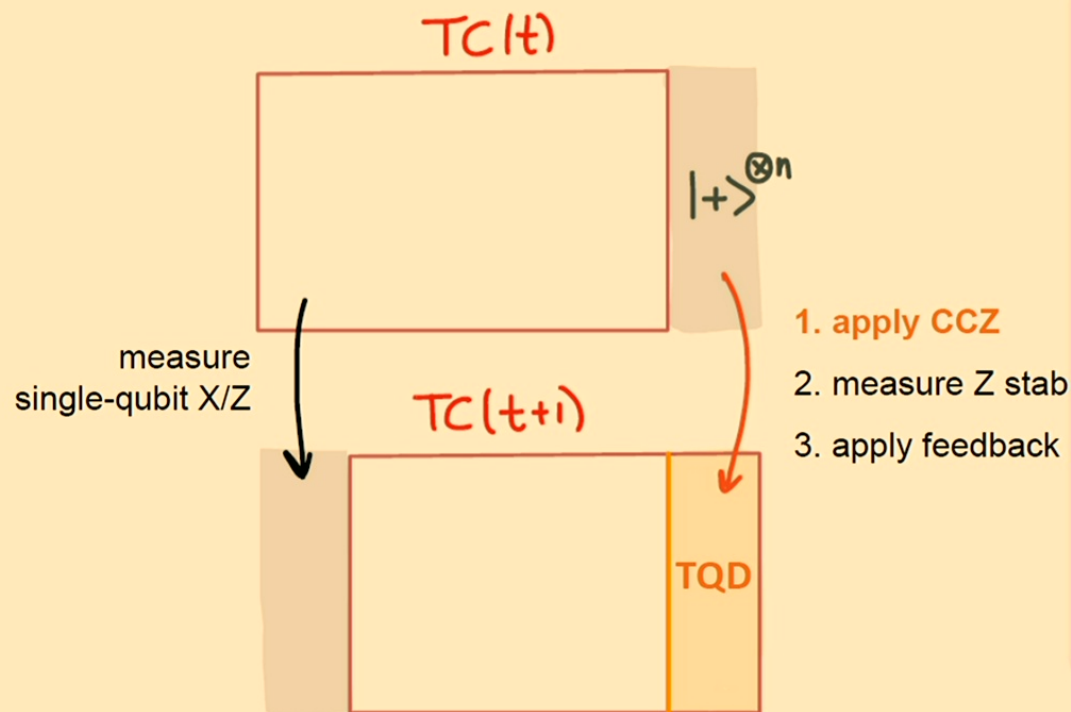
We can move copies of the toric code and turn them into twisted quantum double (TQD)



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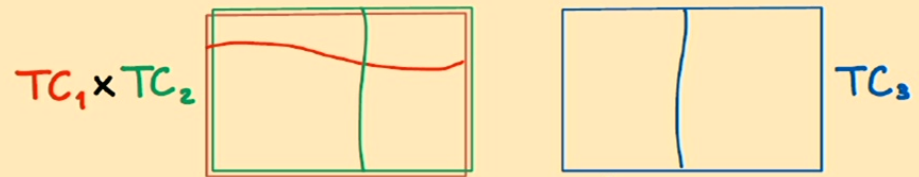
We can move copies of the toric code and turn them into twisted quantum double (TQD)



## Tools:

- Pauli stabilizer measurements
- single-qubit Pauli measurements
- local non-Clifford gates
- just-in-time decoding

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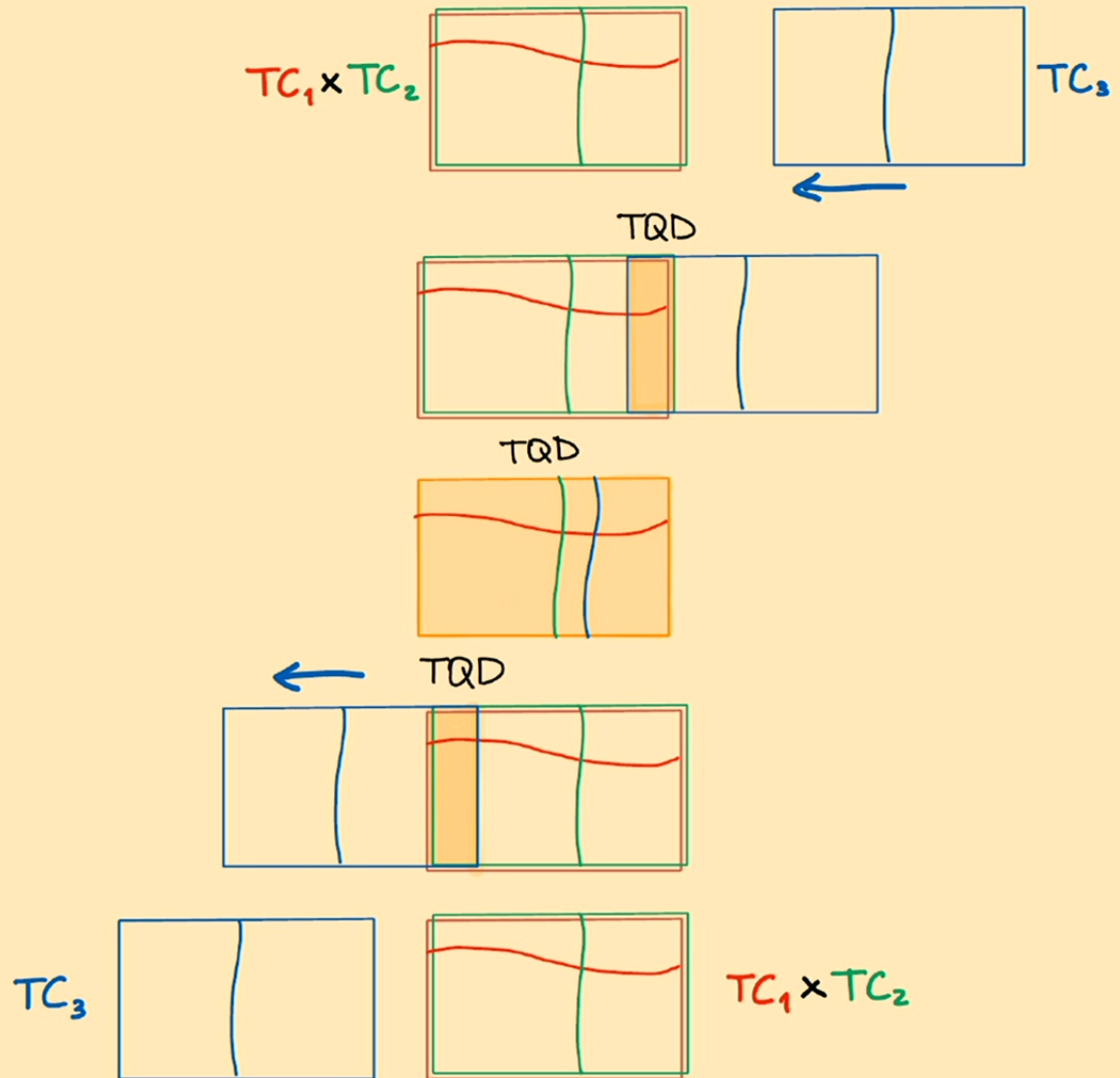
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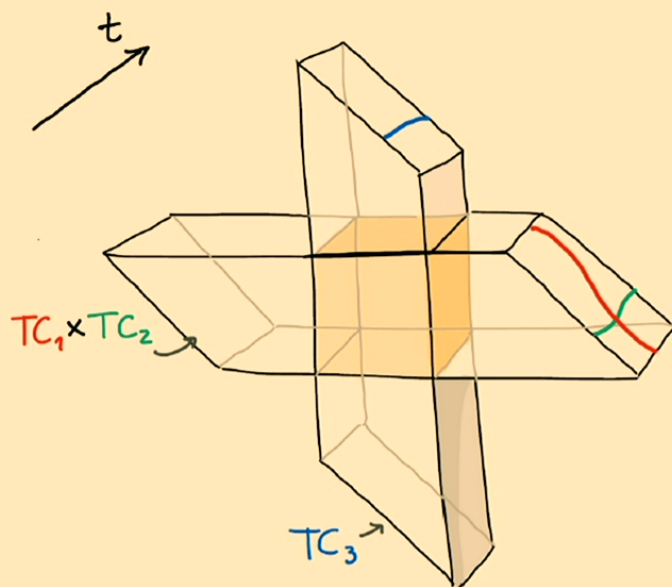
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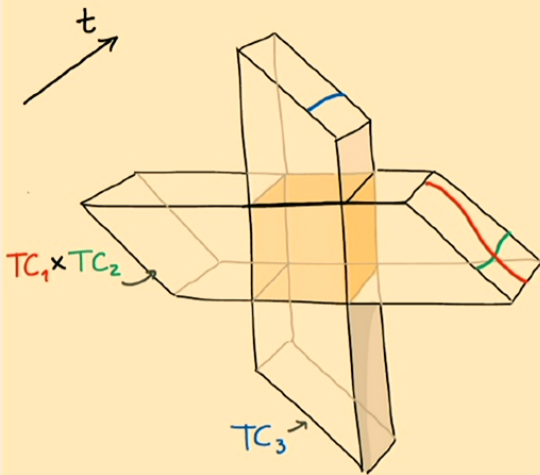
# Earlier proposed protocol

Spacetime picture  $\rightarrow$  3D slice-by-slice version [Brown '18]

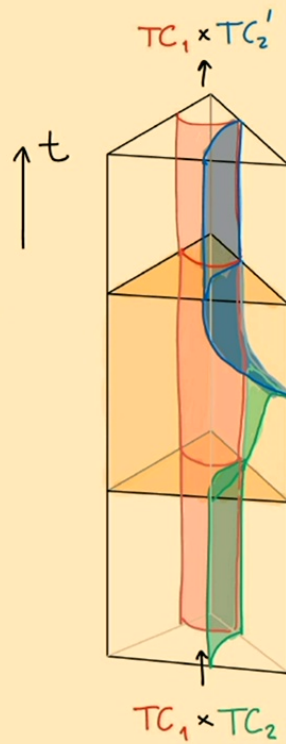


# Other gates

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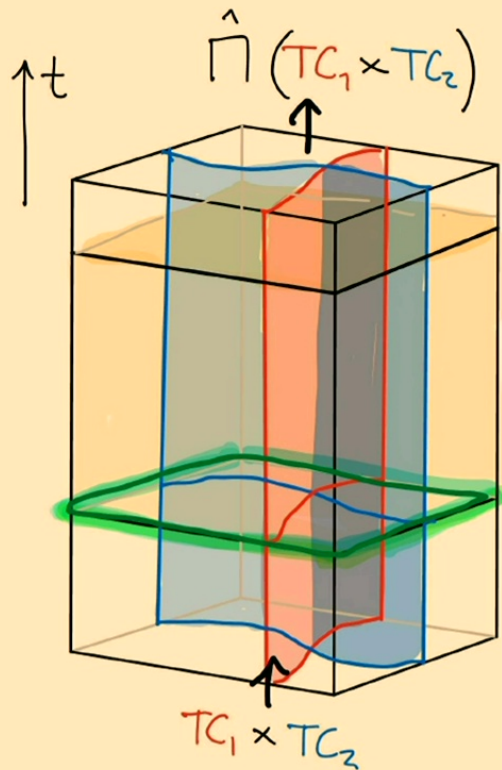
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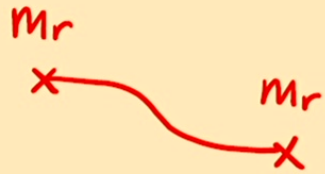
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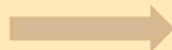
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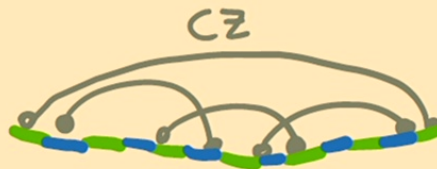
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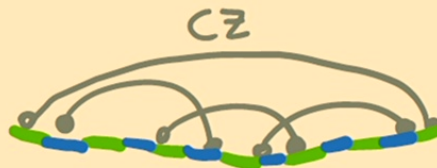
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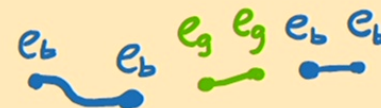
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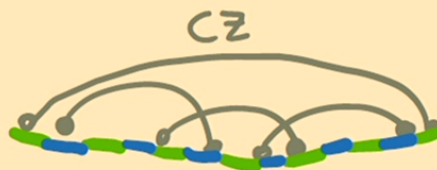
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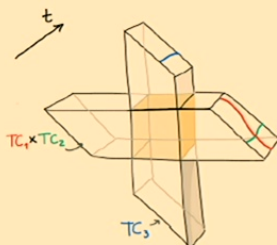


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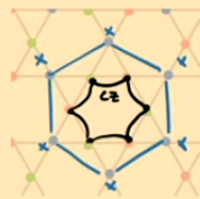
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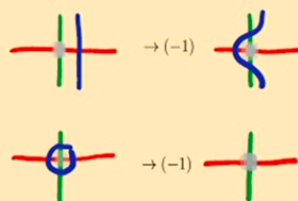
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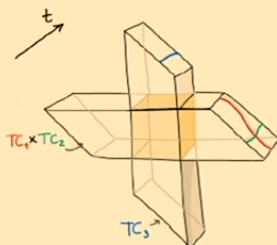
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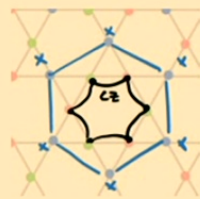
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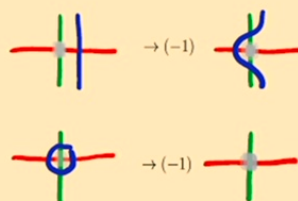
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# Future:

- More protocols, beyond  $\mathbb{Z}_2^n$
- More non-Abelian dynamic/Floquet codes
- General picture involving non-invertible symmetries; non-unitary logical action
- General theory for spacetime fault-tolerance. Further bounds on gates (aka Bravyi-Koenig)
- Beyond manifolds; qLDPC?

# Thank you for your attention!