

Introduction to **Quantum** Computation

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0 Review: quantum algorithms

- good for ...

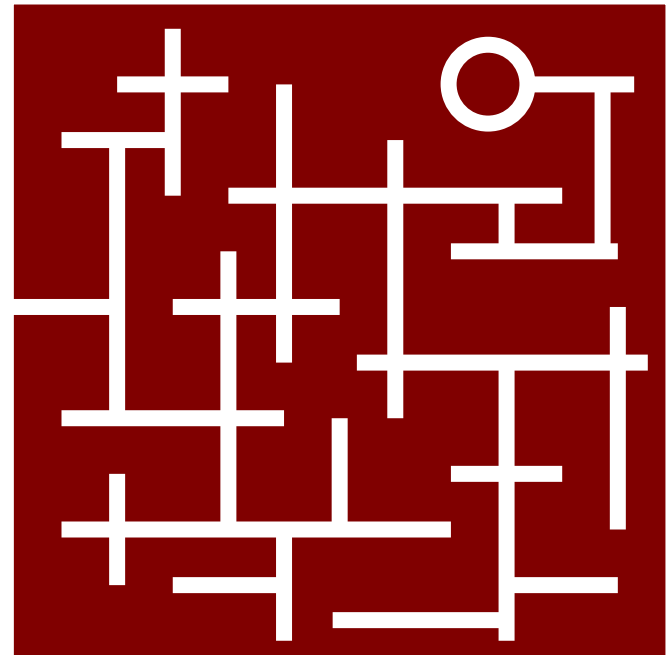
- the essentials ...

interference

symmetries

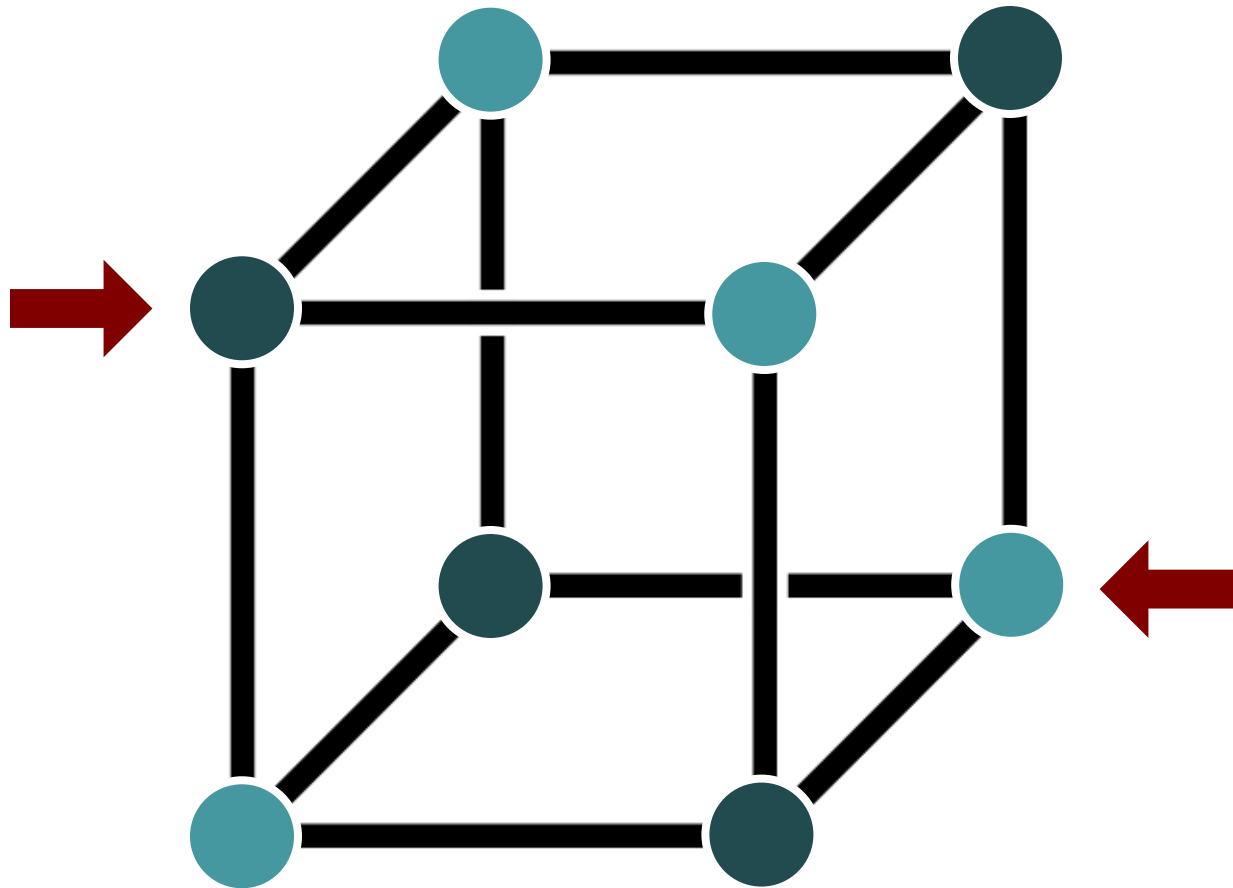
entanglement

search
simulation



0 Traversing a (d-dimensional) hypercube

Superpositions.

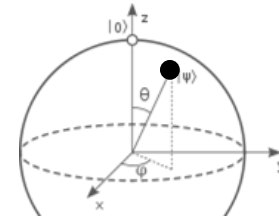


- a classical random walk would be stuck in the “middle”

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we need a qubit

well, what can we do with it?



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EPR pairs

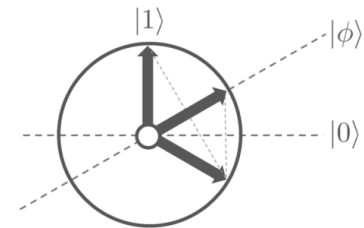
and tricky 2-qubit protocols



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the algorithms

that make quantum computing tick



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error correction

can we really scale up this stuff?



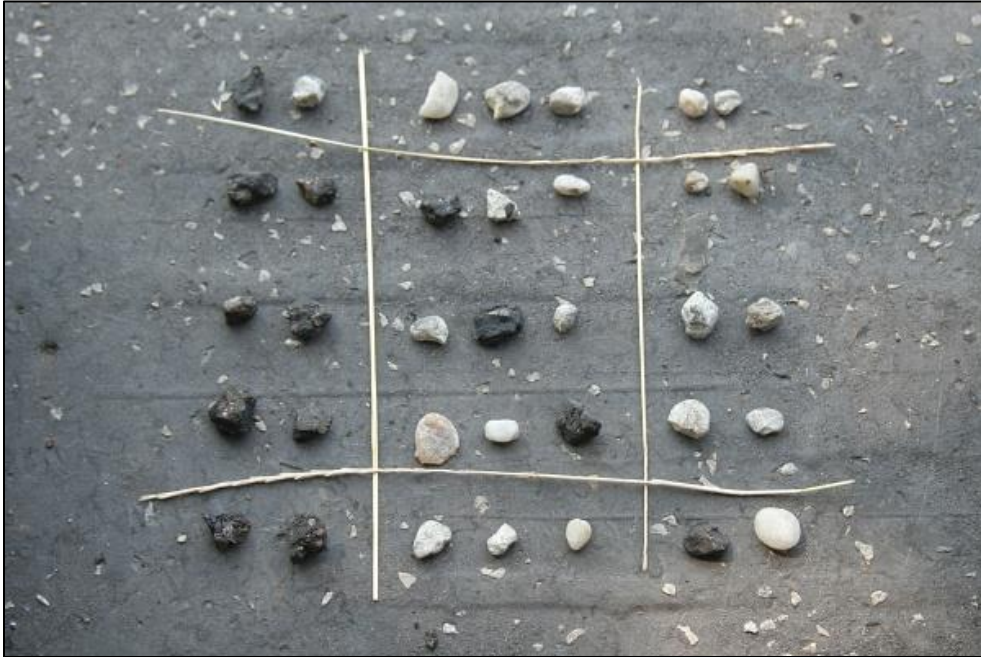
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the limits

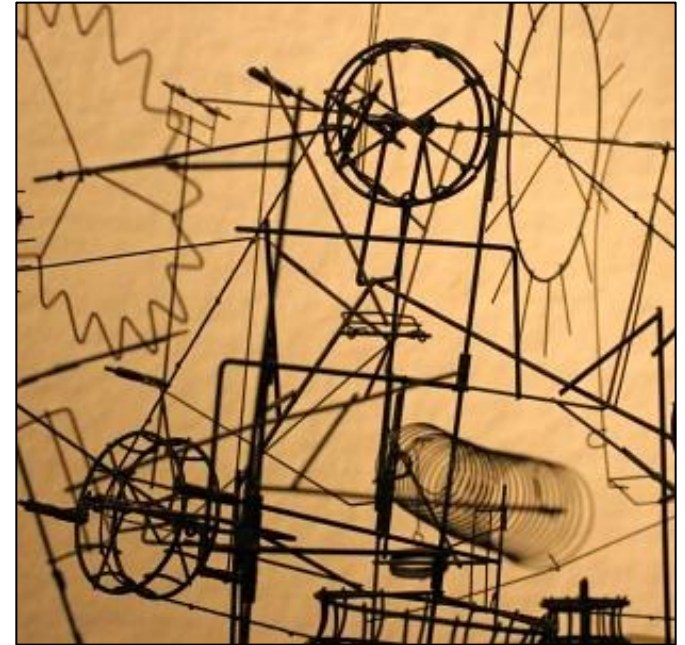
complexity & limits of q. computing



What/how does nature
allow us to compute?



Won't it quickly
break down?



Exact computation with imprecise
elements in a noisy environment?

1 Quantum computation & qubits

- qubits instead of bits

statest in a Hilbert space

$$|\varphi\rangle = c_0|0\rangle + c_1|1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- time evolution

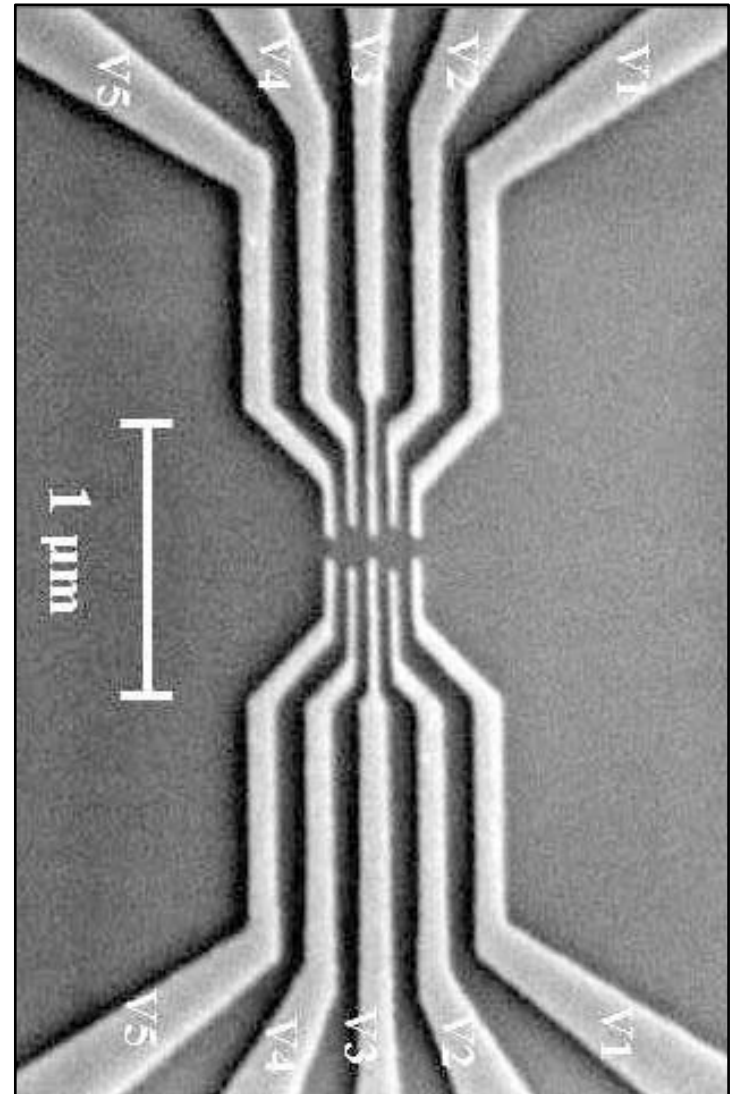
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unitarity

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- a final measurement



[a quantum dot, Purdue University]

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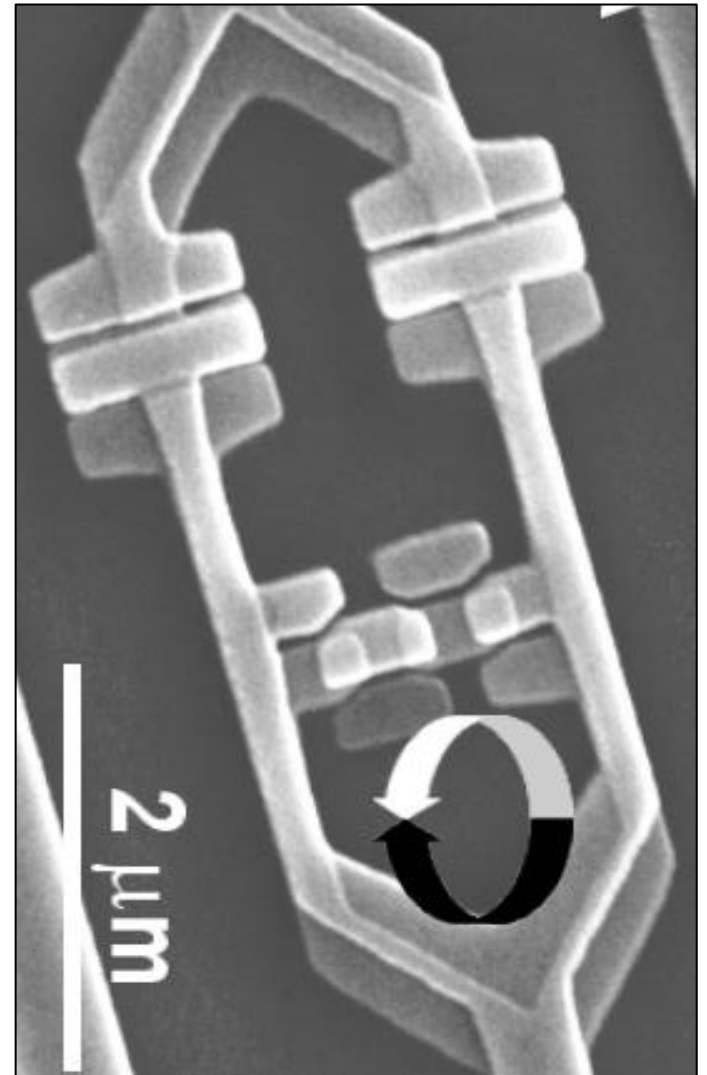
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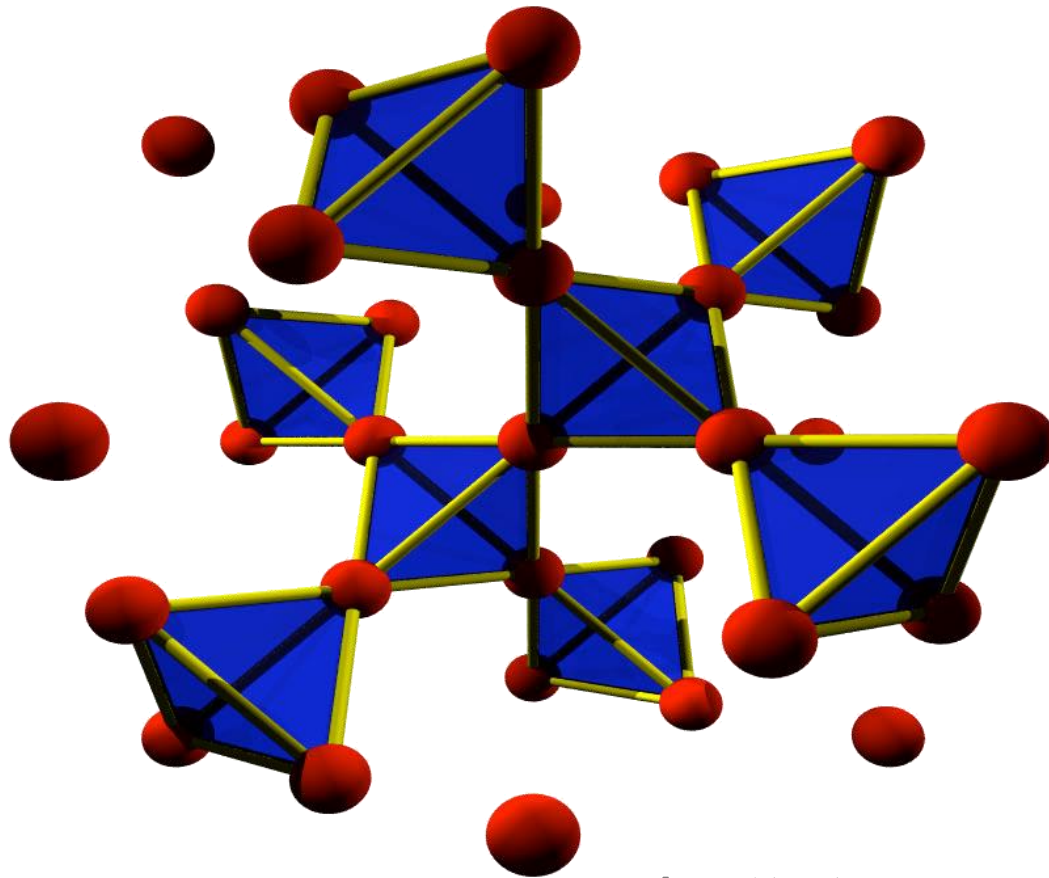
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[a superconducting flux qubit, Florida State Uni.]

1 Quantum computation & qubits

- N qubits



[pyrochlore lattice, U Waterloo]

$$2^N$$

ground state?

evolution?

control?

1 Quantum circuits

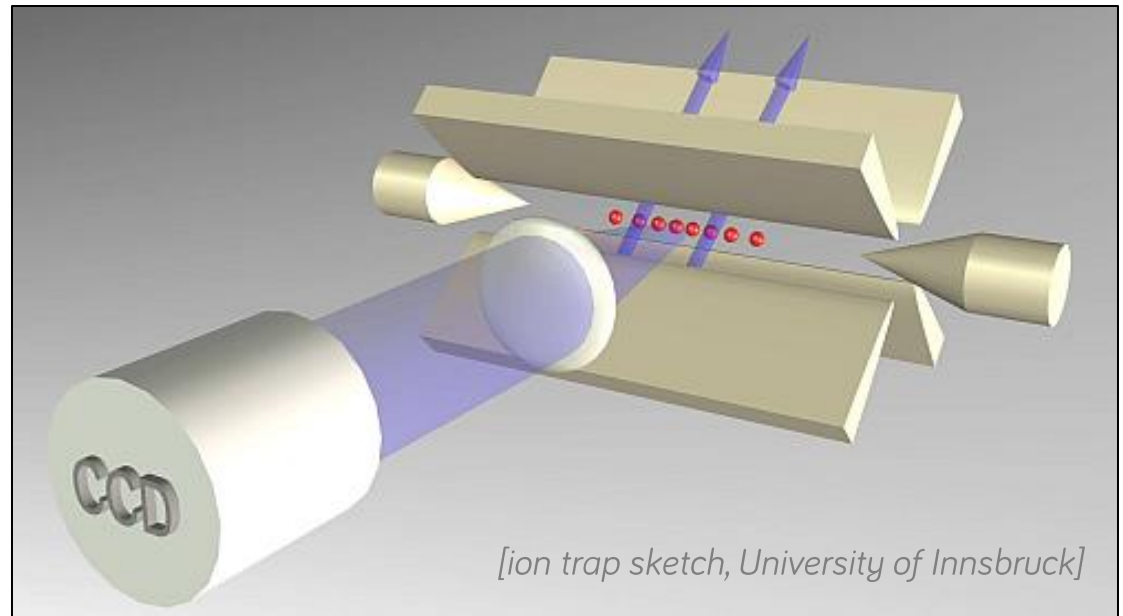
- single-qubit operations

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- output
Z-basis
measurements
- reality:
decoherence
imprecise control

controlled 2-qubit gates

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CNOT} &= |0\rangle\langle 0|_1 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 \\ &+ |1\rangle\langle 1|_1 \otimes \sigma_2^x \end{aligned}$$



1 DiVincenzo criteria for quantum computation

- well-defined qubits

$$|0\rangle \quad |1\rangle$$

- (pure-state) initialization

$$|000 \dots 0\rangle$$

- universal gate set

$$R_x^\varphi, R_Z^\varphi, \text{CNOT}$$

- comp. basis measurement

$$|0\rangle \langle 0|, |1\rangle \langle 1|$$

- long coherence times

$$(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) / \sqrt{2}$$

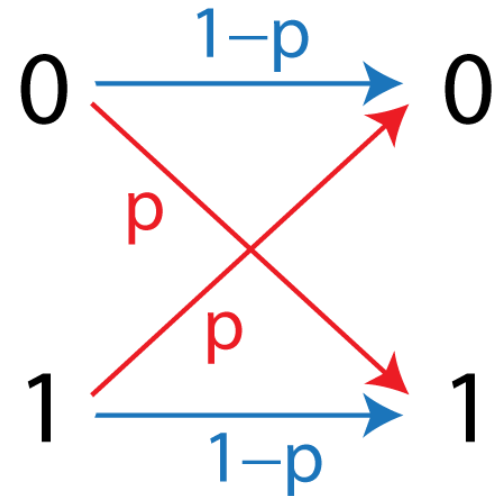


- + scalability
- + (flying qubits)

1 Simple (classical) error correction: repetition

- a bit-flip error
- redundant information

0 → 000
1 → 111



- majority voting

0 ← 000, 001, 010, 100
1 ← 011, 101, 110, 111

- post-correction error probability

$$3p^2(1-p) + p^3 = O(p^2)$$

1 A quantum no-go: QM is linear ... no-cloning

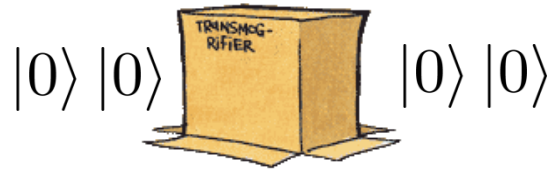
- we can copy orthogonal (classical) states

$$|0\rangle \quad |1\rangle \quad \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

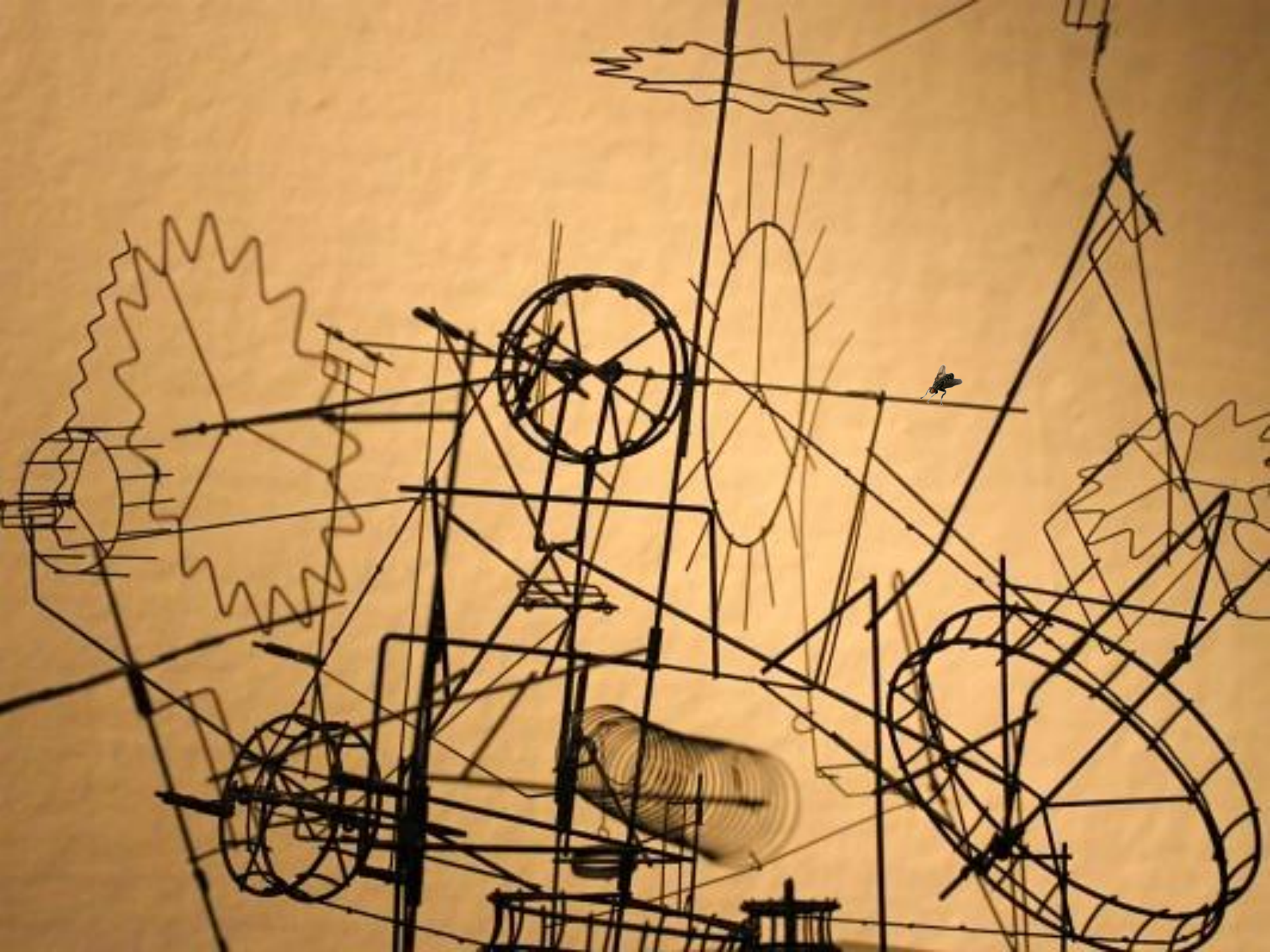
- non-orthogonal states?

$$|0\rangle \quad \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- let's have a cloning machine



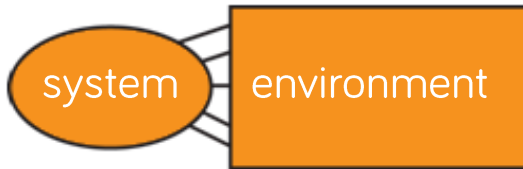
It doesn't work!



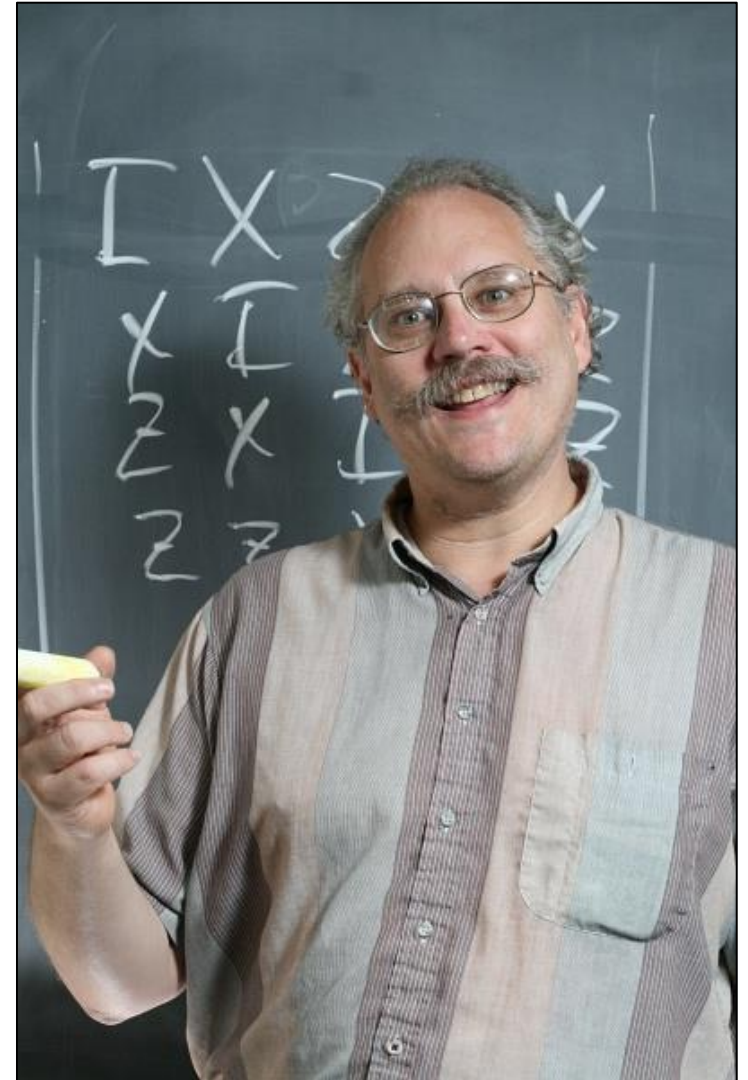
2 Quantum computing & decoherence

- a perfect computer from faulty parts?

$$|\varphi_t\rangle = U_t U_{t-1} \dots U_2 U_1 |\varphi_0\rangle$$



$$\rho \xrightarrow{\text{fly}} \sum_i E_i \rho E_i^\dagger$$



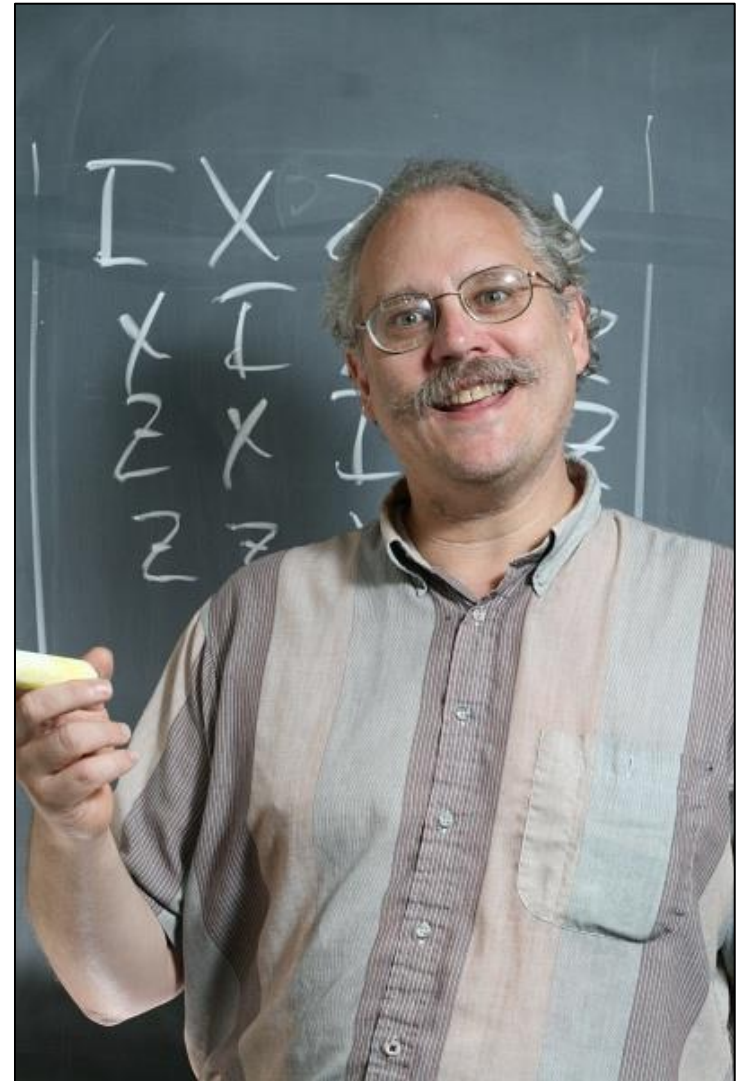
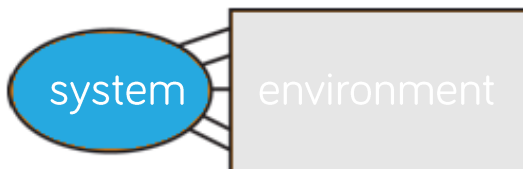
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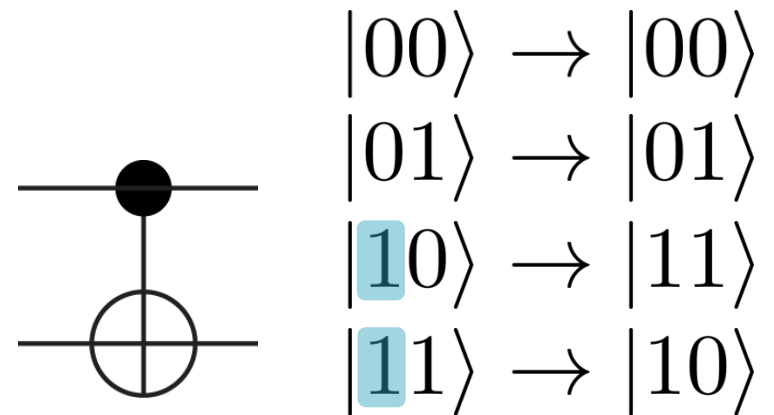
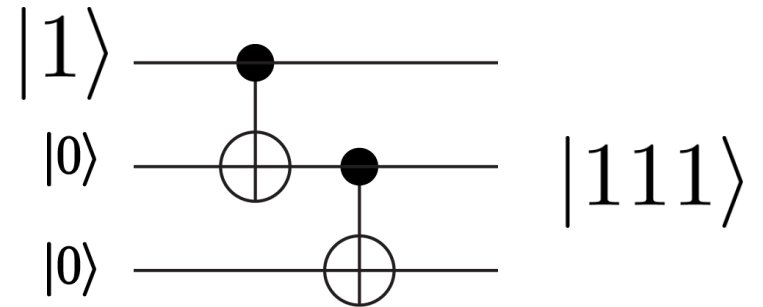
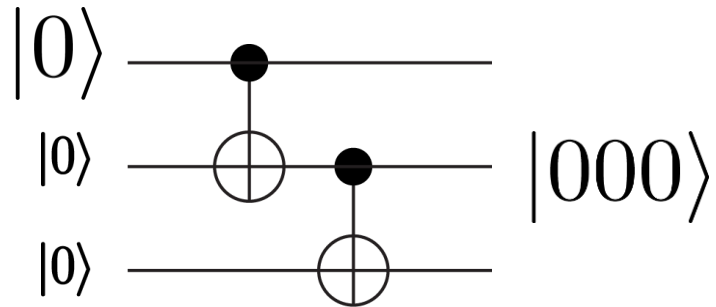
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- error correction codes
[CSS: Calderbank, Shor, Steane]

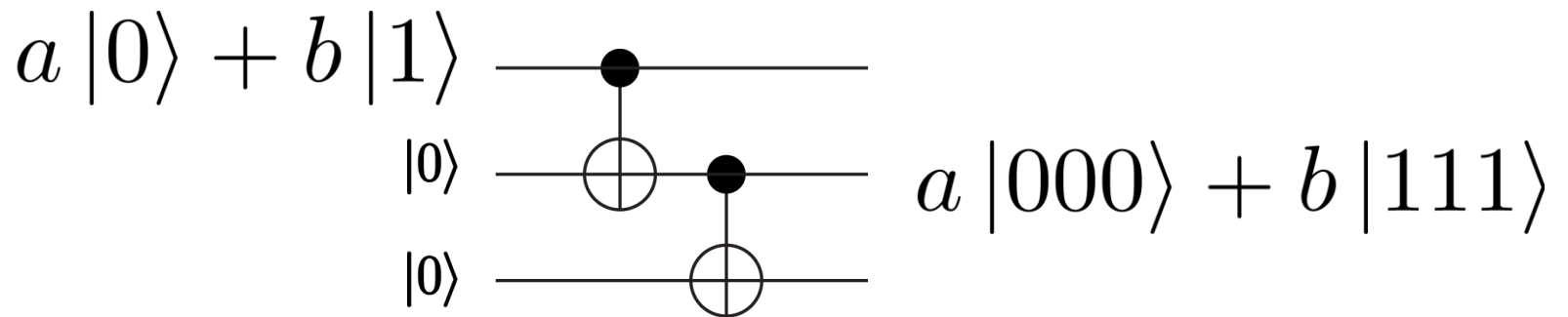
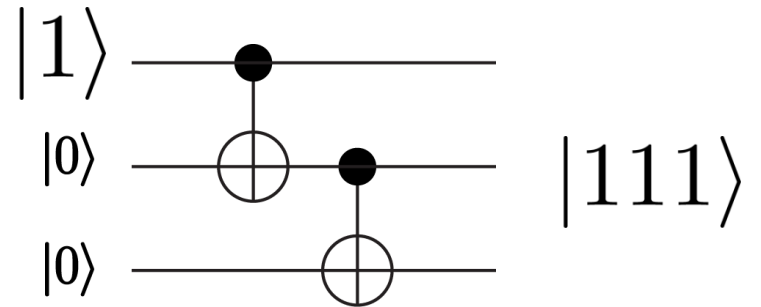
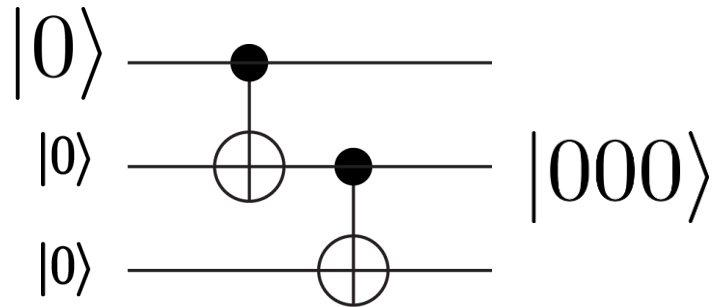
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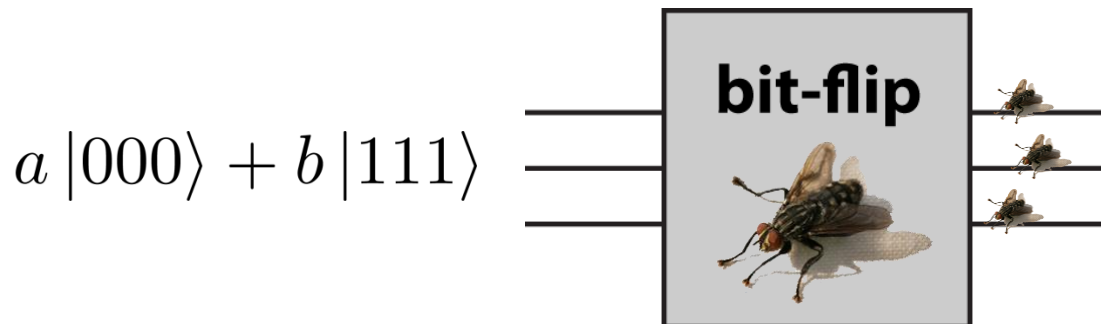
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$$a |000\rangle + b |111\rangle$$

$$a |100\rangle + b |011\rangle$$

$$a |010\rangle + b |101\rangle$$

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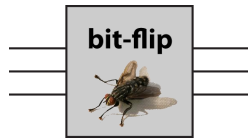
- how to detect what happened without disturbing the data?
- are there unitaries that leave the code alone?

2 The quantum bit-flip code

- measure: Z_1Z_2 & Z_1Z_3

- nothing: |

errors: X_1, X_2, X_3



let's repair it ... how?

+	+	$a 000\rangle + b 111\rangle$
-	-	$a 100\rangle + b 011\rangle$
-	+	$a 010\rangle + b 101\rangle$
+	-	$a 001\rangle + b 110\rangle$
Z_1Z_2	Z_1Z_3	<div style="text-align: right;"> X_3 </div>
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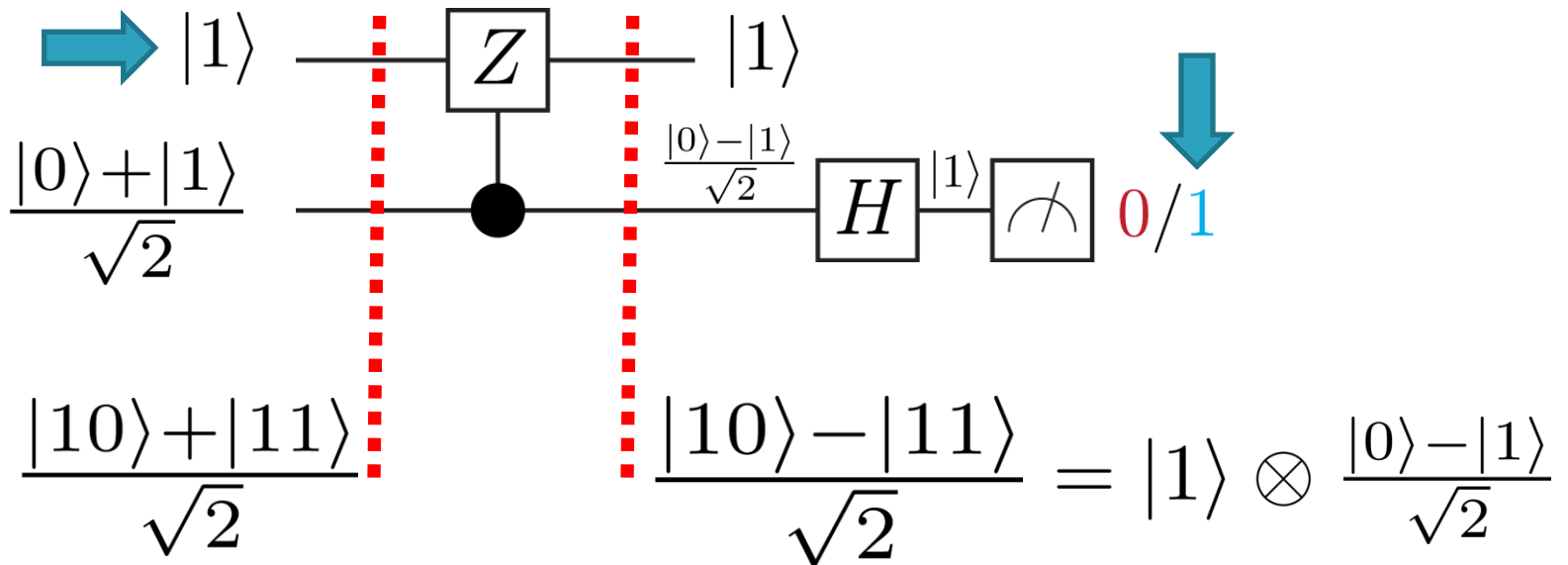
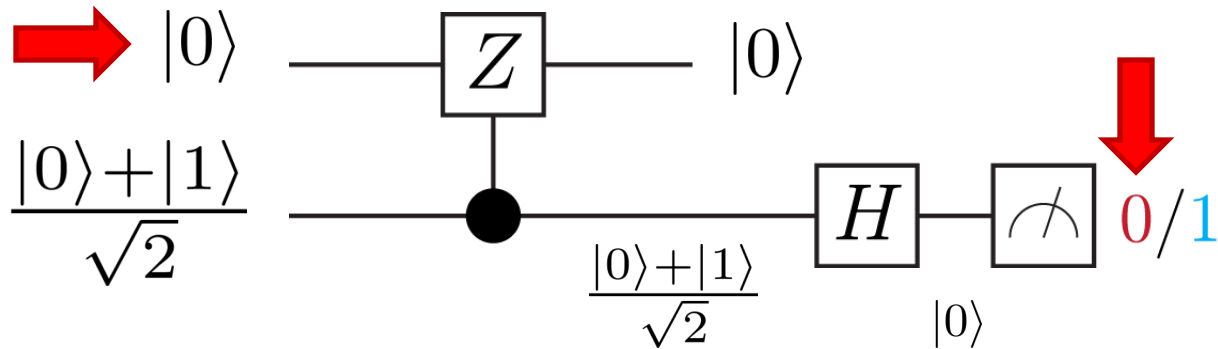
			corrected
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			$a 101\rangle + b 010\rangle$
			$a 011\rangle + b 100\rangle$
			$a 111\rangle + b 000\rangle$
			messed up

- post-correction error probability

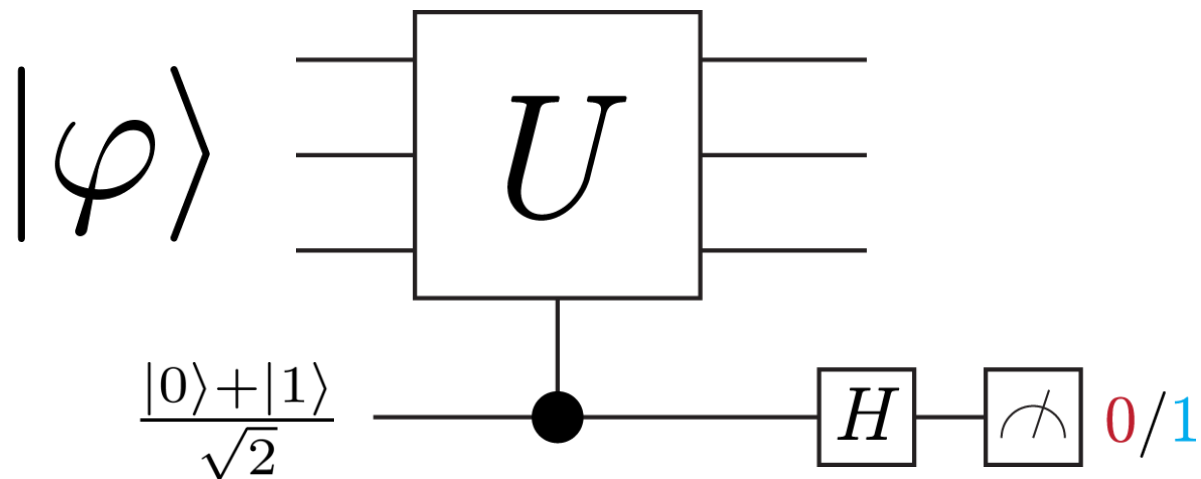
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- measuring Z_1Z_2 without destroying the state?

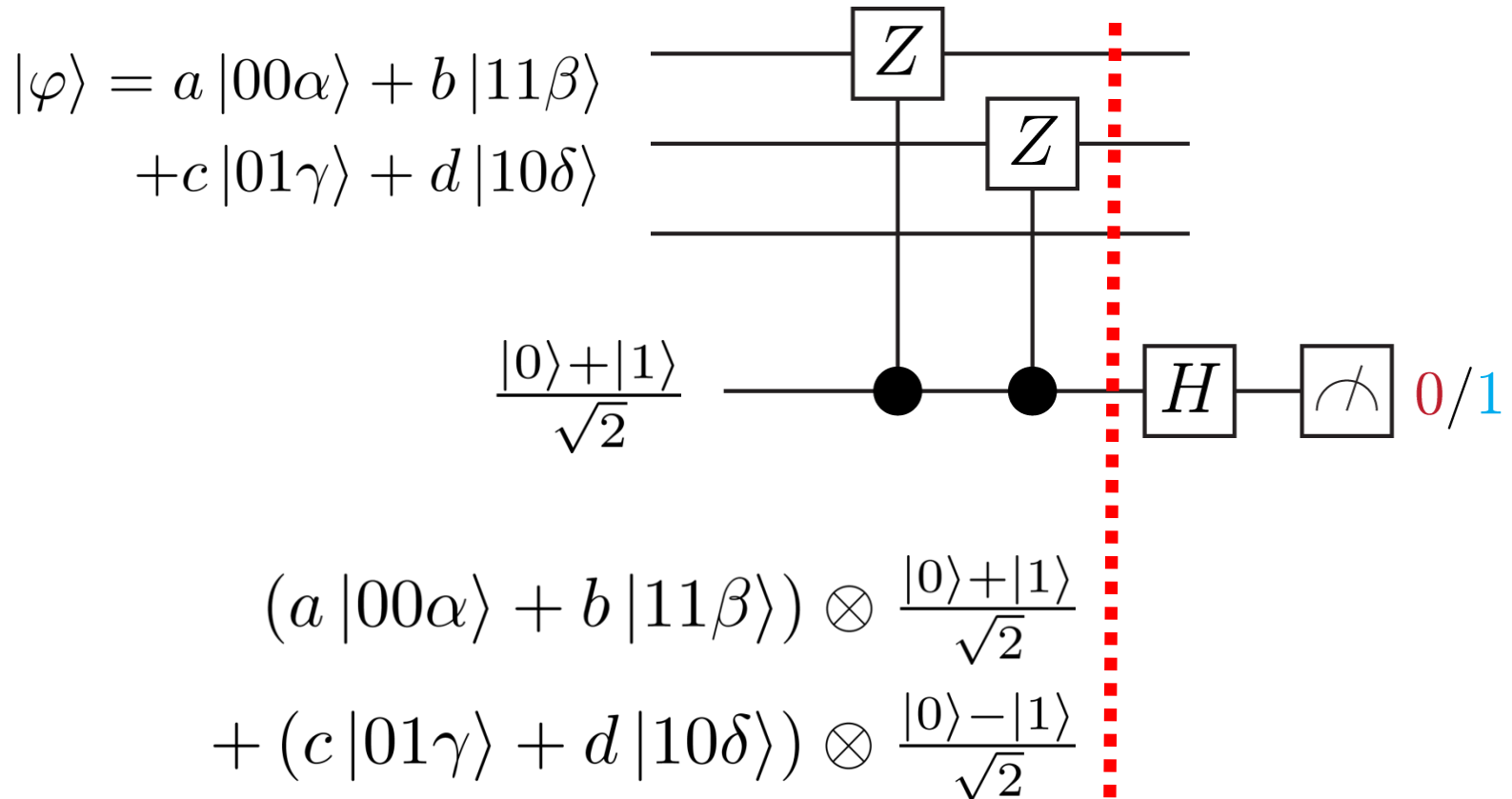
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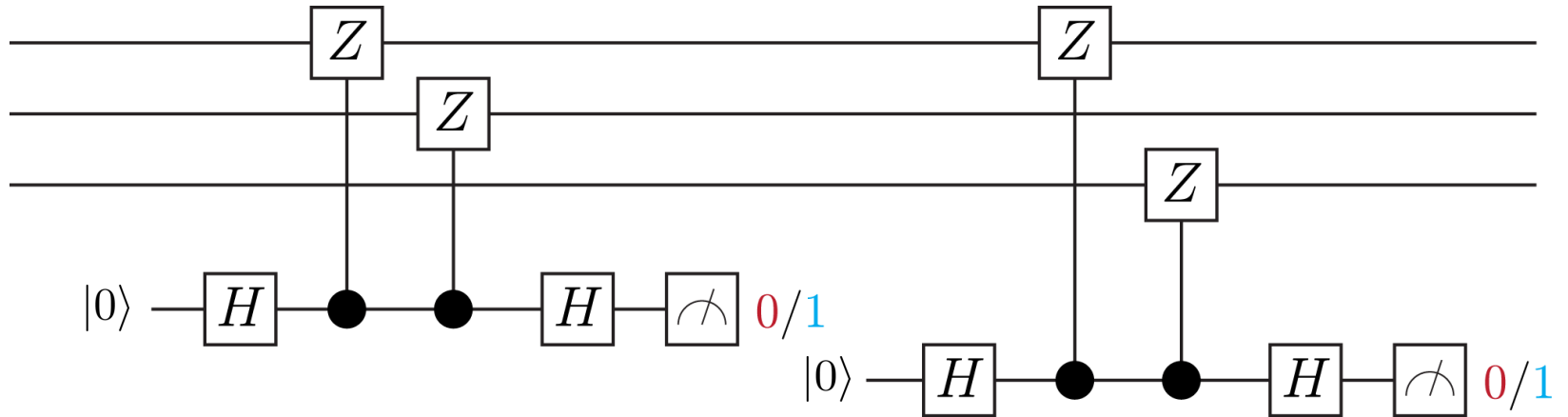
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- a projective measurement in the eigenbasis of Z_1Z_2

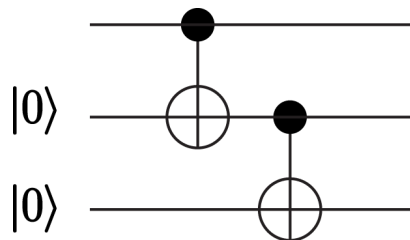
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- measure the error, not the data ...

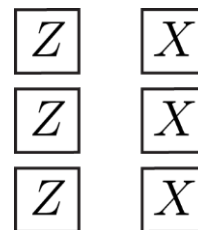


- project into ZZ eigenstates ... enforce a scenario ... repair

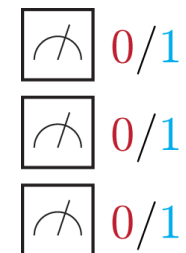
- encoding



- operations



- decoding



2 Shor's 9-qubit code

- repair 1 bit flip and/or 1 phase flip ...

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- bit-flip detection (X_k) $Z_1Z_2, Z_1Z_3, Z_4Z_5, Z_4Z_6, Z_7Z_8, Z_7Z_9$
- phase-flip detection (Z_k) $X_1X_2X_3X_4X_5X_6, X_4X_5X_6X_7X_8X_9$
- 1-qubit Pauli errors
can be decomposed into
bit/phase flips: $I_k, X_k, Z_k, Y_k (= iZ_kX_k)$

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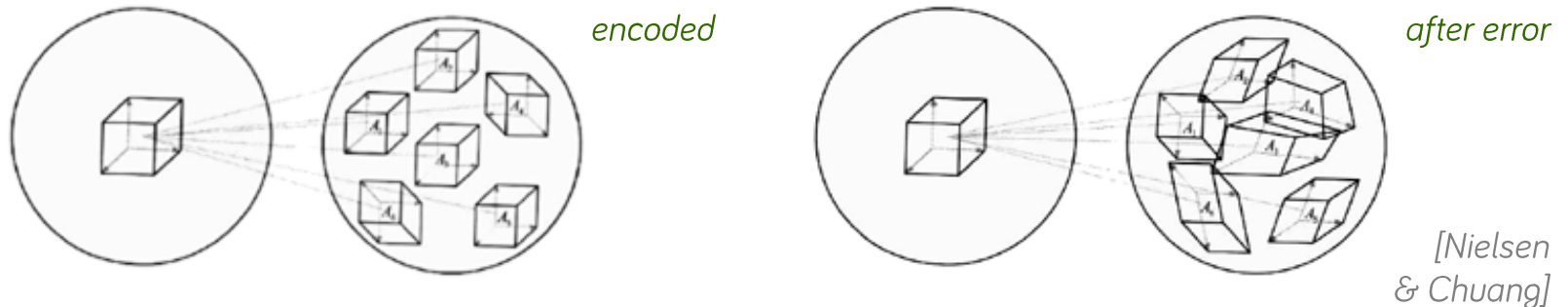
- **repair any 1-qubit error**
(error discretization)

$$\rho \xrightarrow{\text{fly}} \sum_i E_i \rho E_i^\dagger$$

3 Stabilizer codes

- a group of $n-k$ stabilizers
(don't change the code, detect errors)

$$S = \langle g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{n-k} \rangle$$



- a Pauli error up to weight $2t$ anticommutes with at least one of the stabilizers

$$\langle x | E(|y\rangle) |x\rangle = \langle x | E_i |y\rangle \langle y | E_i |x\rangle = 0$$

- ↓ ↓

... no codeword overlap after the error

- k logical qubits in n physical ones, repair up to t errors

3 The 5-qubit code

[Knill et al., PRL 86, 5811 (2001)]

- stabilizer & operations

M_1	σ_x	σ_z	σ_z	σ_x	I
M_2	I	σ_x	σ_z	σ_z	σ_x
M_3	σ_x	I	σ_x	σ_z	σ_z
M_4	σ_z	σ_x	I	σ_x	σ_z
\overline{X}	σ_x	σ_x	σ_x	σ_x	σ_x
\overline{Z}	σ_z	σ_z	σ_z	σ_z	σ_z

$$n = 5, k = 1, t = 1$$

possible

1-qubit errors:

$$1 + 5 \times 3 = 16$$

- codewords

$$\begin{aligned} |\overline{0}\rangle = & |00000\rangle + |10010\rangle + |01001\rangle + |10100\rangle \\ & + |01010\rangle - |11011\rangle - |00110\rangle - |11000\rangle \\ & - |11101\rangle - |00011\rangle - |11110\rangle - |01111\rangle \\ & - |10001\rangle - |01100\rangle - |10111\rangle + |00101\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\overline{1}\rangle = & |11111\rangle + |01101\rangle + |10110\rangle + |01011\rangle \\ & + |10101\rangle - |00100\rangle - |11001\rangle - |00111\rangle \\ & - |00010\rangle - |11100\rangle - |00001\rangle - |10000\rangle \\ & - |01110\rangle - |10011\rangle - |01000\rangle + |11010\rangle \end{aligned}$$

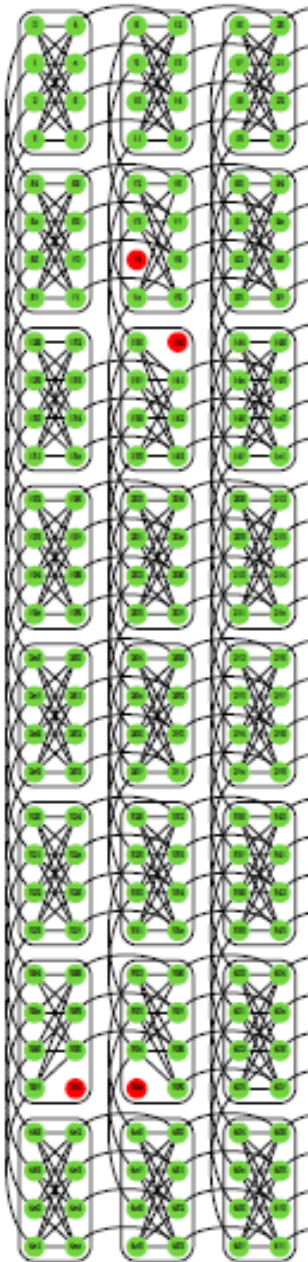
4 stabilizers

detect

16 possibilities



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ABSTRACT

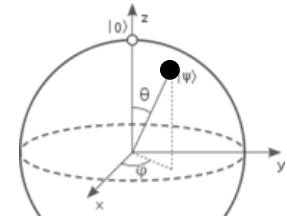
EDITOR'S SUMMARY

The development of small-scale quantum devices raises the question of how to fairly assess and detect quantum speedup. Here, we show how to define and measure quantum speedup and how to avoid pitfalls that might mask or fake such a speedup. We illustrate our discussion with data from tests run on a D-Wave Two device with up to 503 qubits. By using random spin glass instances as a benchmark, we found no evidence of quantum speedup when the entire data set is considered and obtained inconclusive results when comparing subsets of instances on an instance-by-instance basis. Our results do not rule out the possibility of speedup for other classes of problems and illustrate the subtle nature of the quantum speedup question.

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we need a qubit

well, what can we do with it?



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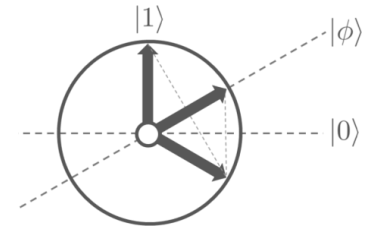
and tricky 2-qubit protocols



3

the algorithms

that make quantum computing tick



4

error correction

can we really scale up this stuff?



5

the limits

complexity & limits of q. computing



5 Quantum Info conclusions & discussion

- What's the point?
- Where are the problems?
- How are we doing?
- Let's have lunch!

