

# Operator theoretical approach to quantum error correction

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- Quantum Error Correction - A very very brief Review
- Bit-flip Quantum Channel
- The  $[n, k, d]$  Code
- Fully Correlated Quantum Channel
- Summary

- The **Pauli matrices**, also known as the spin matrices, and defined by

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Notice that for two computational basis states  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} X|0\rangle &= |1\rangle & Y|0\rangle &= i|1\rangle & Z|0\rangle &= |0\rangle \\ X|1\rangle &= |0\rangle & Y|1\rangle &= -i|0\rangle & Z|1\rangle &= -|1\rangle \end{aligned}$$

- In general, for any pure state  $|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} X|\psi\rangle &= X(\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle) = \alpha|1\rangle + \beta|0\rangle \\ Y|\psi\rangle &= Y(\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle) = i\alpha|1\rangle - i\beta|0\rangle \\ Z|\psi\rangle &= Z(\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle) = \alpha|0\rangle - \beta|1\rangle \end{aligned}$$

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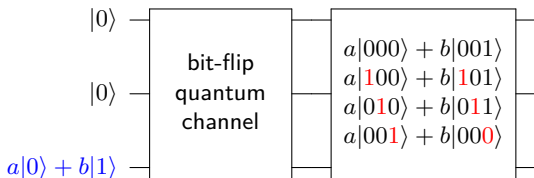
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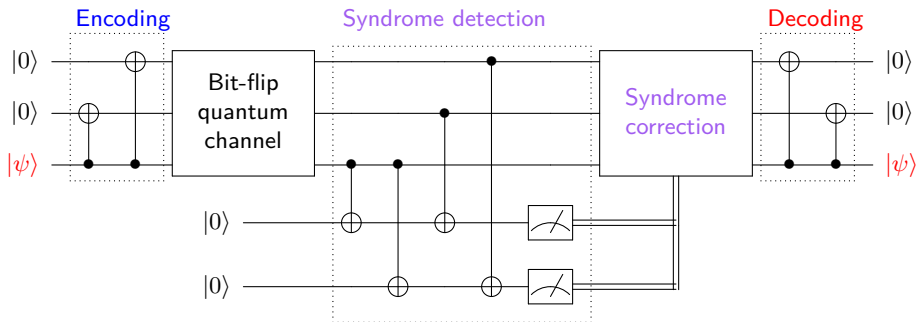
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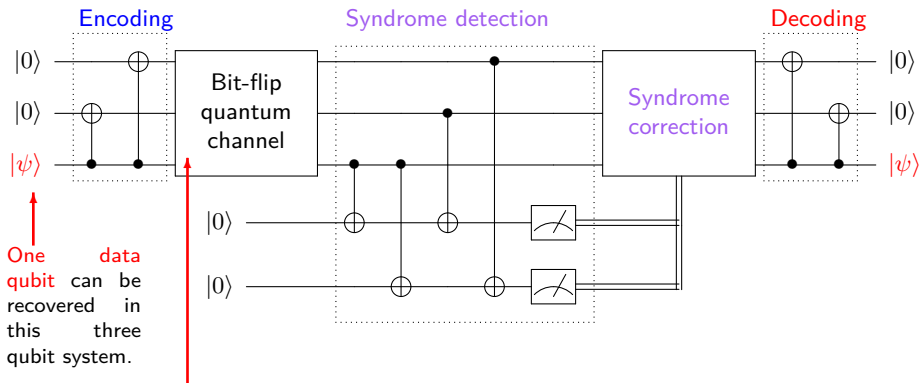
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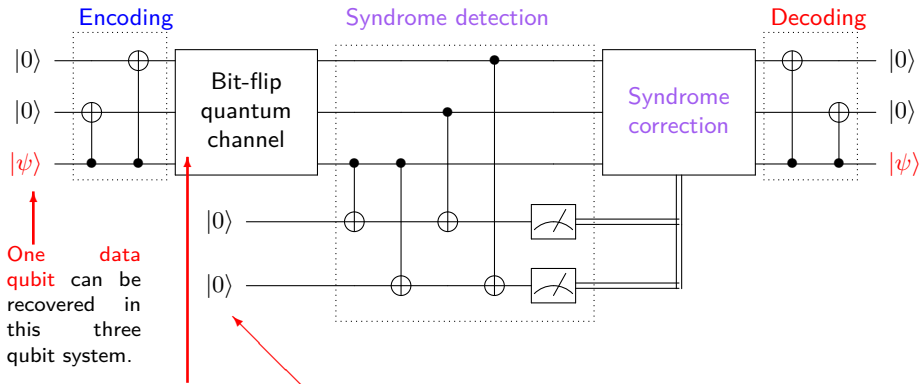
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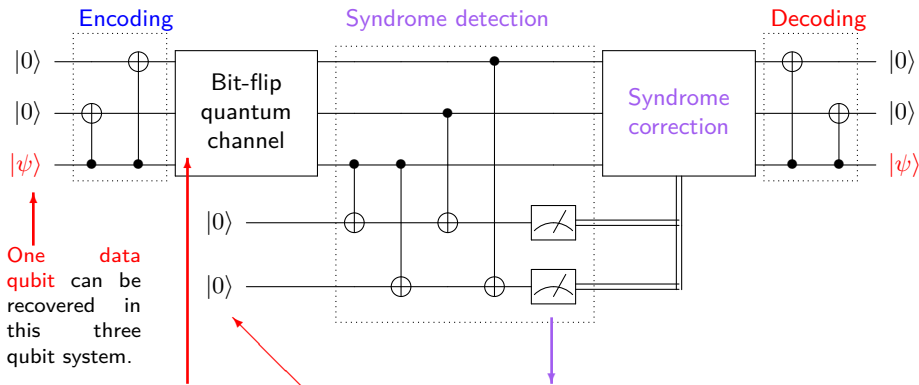


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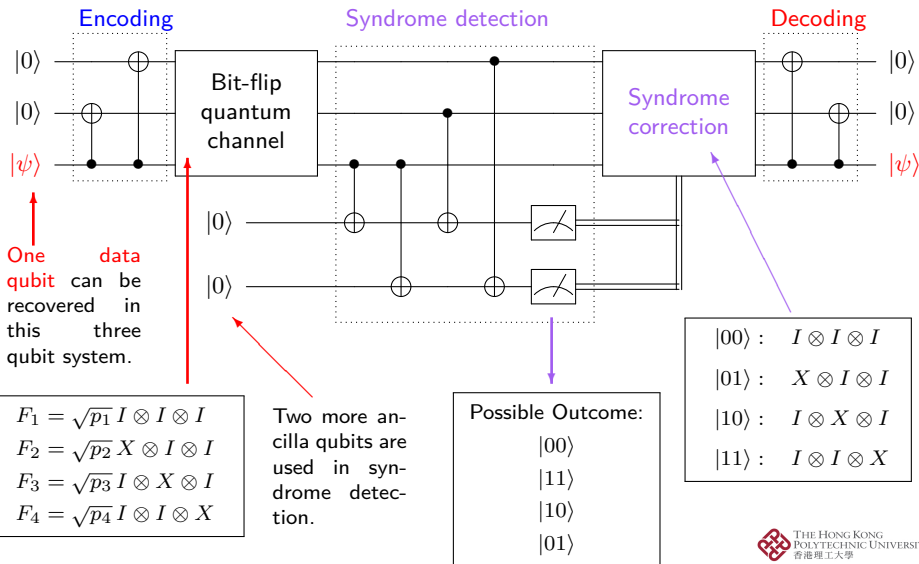
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Possible Outcome:

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 $|11\rangle$   
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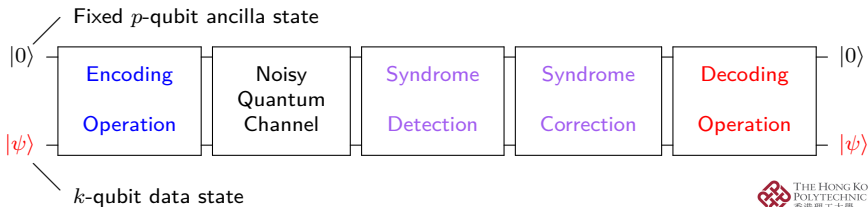
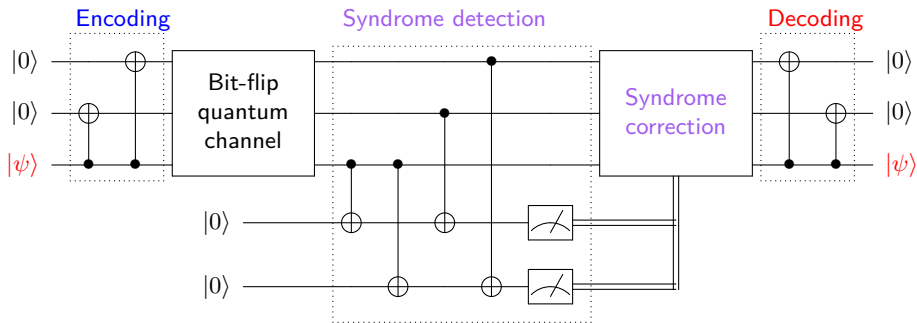
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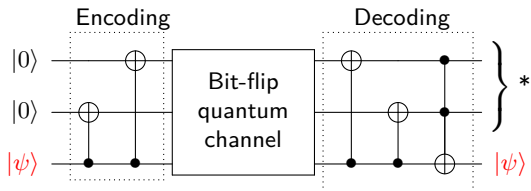
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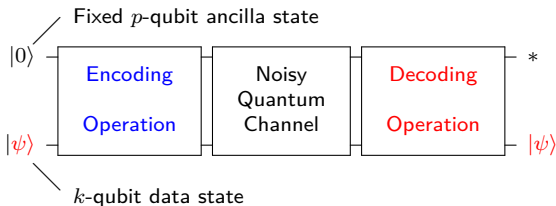


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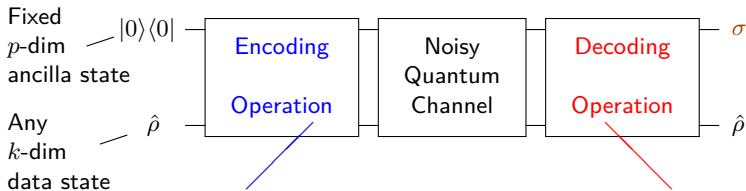


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$$|0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes \hat{\rho} \rightarrow U(|0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes \hat{\rho})U^\dagger \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(U(|0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes \hat{\rho})U^\dagger) \rightarrow R^\dagger \mathcal{E}(U(|0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes \hat{\rho})U^\dagger)R$$

In the original Knill-Laflamme result, a **recovery channel** is needed.

$$\begin{aligned} & \updownarrow \\ & R^\dagger(\mathcal{E}(\rho))R = \rho \quad \forall P_{\mathbf{V}}\rho P_{\mathbf{V}} = \rho \end{aligned}$$

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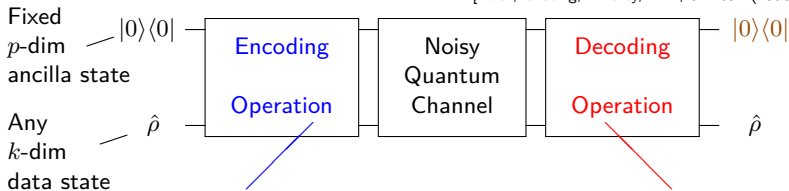
$$P_{\mathbf{V}}F_i^\dagger F_j P_{\mathbf{V}} = \lambda_{ij}P_{\mathbf{V}} \quad \text{for all } 1 \leq i, j \leq r.$$

[Li, Nakahara, Poon, S., Tomita, QIC 12:149-158 (2012)]

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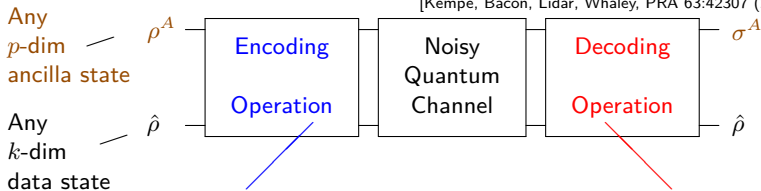
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[Knill, Laflamme, Viola, PRL 84:2525 (2000)]

[Zanardi, PRA 63:12301 (2001)]

[Kempe, Bacon, Lidar, Whaley, PRA 63:42307 (2001)]



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$$\mathcal{E}(\rho^A \otimes \hat{\rho}) = \sigma^A \otimes \hat{\rho}$$

## Noiseless Subsystem [Kribs, Laflamme, Poulin, Lesosky, QIC 6:383-399 (2006)]

A subsystem  $B$  of  $A \otimes B$  is a NS for  $\mathcal{E}$  if and only if

$$F_j P_{AB} = P_{AB} F_j P_{AB} \quad \forall 1 \leq j \leq r$$

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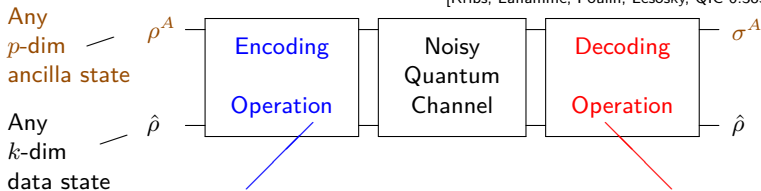
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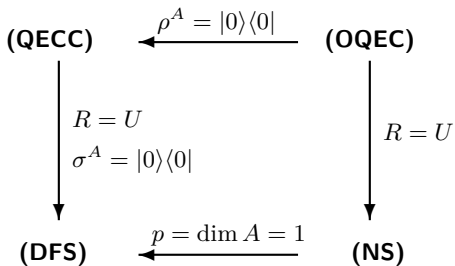
## Unitarily Recoverable Subsystem (URS) [Kribs, Spekkens, PRA 74:042329 (2006)]

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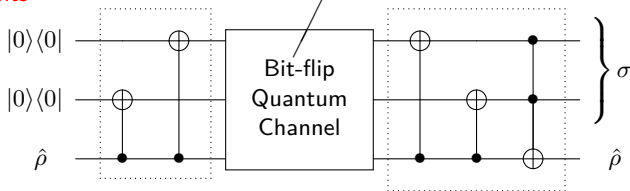
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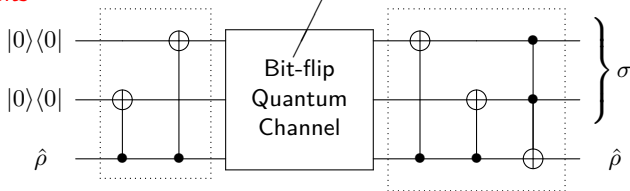
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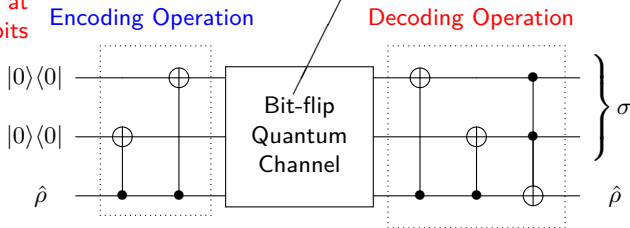
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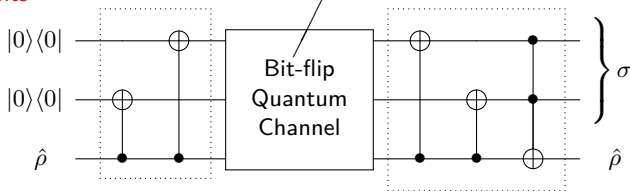
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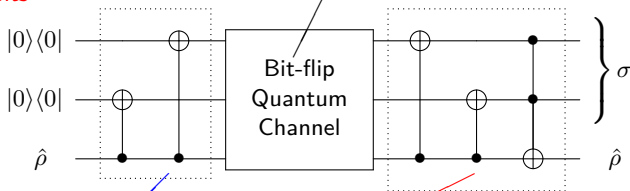
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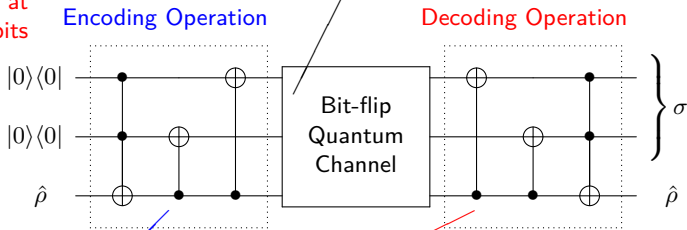
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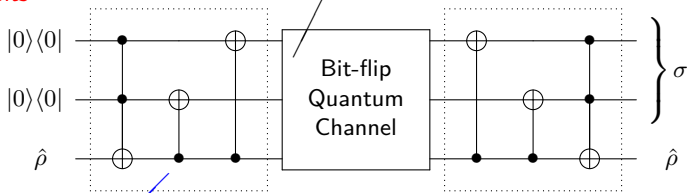
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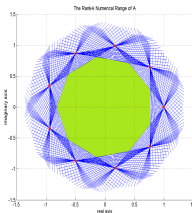
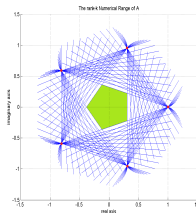
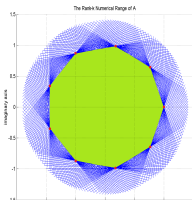
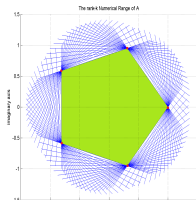
# Rank- $k$ numerical range

In connection to Quantum Error Correction, Choi, et al suggested

Rank- $k$  numerical range [Choi, Kribs, and Zyczkowski LAA 418:828-839 (2006)]

The rank- $k$  numerical range of  $A$  on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is defined by

$$\Lambda_k(A) = \{\mu \in \mathbb{C} : PAP = \mu P \text{ for some rank-}k \text{ orthogonal projection } P\}.$$



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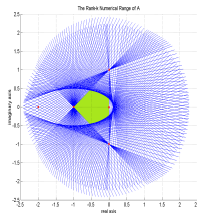
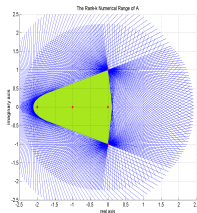
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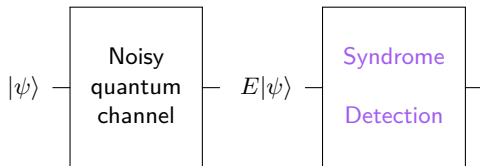
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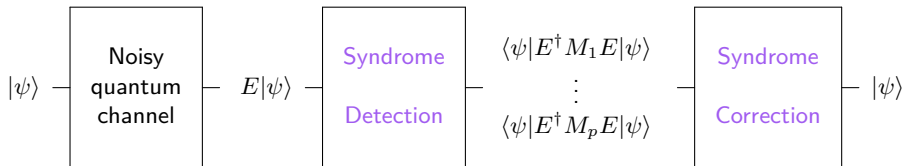
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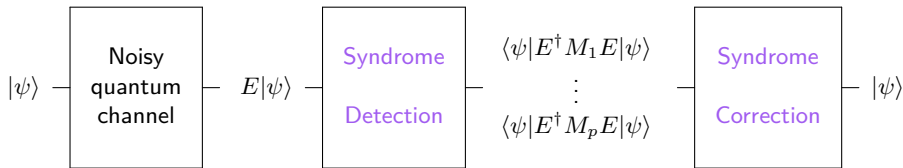
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- An  $[n, k, d]$  code  $\mathbf{V}$  is a QECC for the error pattern  $E$  with

$$w(E) < \frac{d}{2}.$$

## Calderbank-Shor-Steane $[7, 1, 3]$ code

[Calderbank and Shor, PRA 54:1098 (1996) and Steane PRL 77: 793(1996)]

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$X_7 = I \otimes I \otimes I \otimes I \otimes I \otimes I \otimes X$	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1
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- The  $[5, 1, 3]$  code [DiVincenzo & Shor, PRL 77:3260 (1996)]

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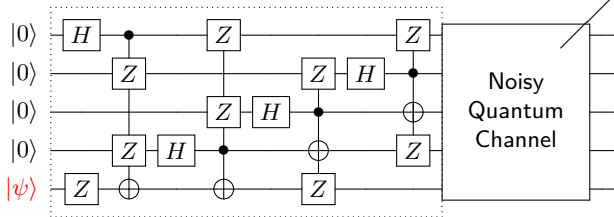
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- $[8, 3, 3]$  code [Calderbank et al., PRL 78:405 (1997)]
- $[2^r, 2^r - j - 2, 3]$  code [Gottesman, PRA 54:1862 (1996)]
- $\left[2^r, 2^r - rC_p - 2 \sum_{j=0}^p rC_j, 2^p + 2^p + 2^{p-1}\right]$  code [Steane, PRL 77:793 (1996)]
- $((9, 12, 3))$  code [Yu, Chen, Lai, Oh, PRL 101:090501 (2008)]
- $((10, 20, 3))$  code [Cross, Smith, Smolin, Zeng IEEE TIT 55:433-438 (2009)]
- $[16, 7, 4]$  code [Looi, Yu, Gheorghiu, Griffiths, PRA 78:042303 (2008)]
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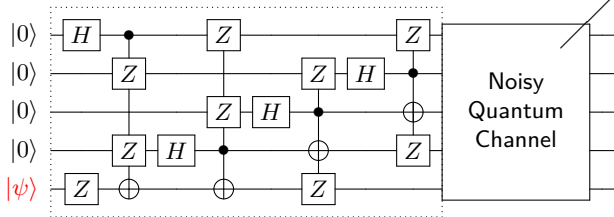


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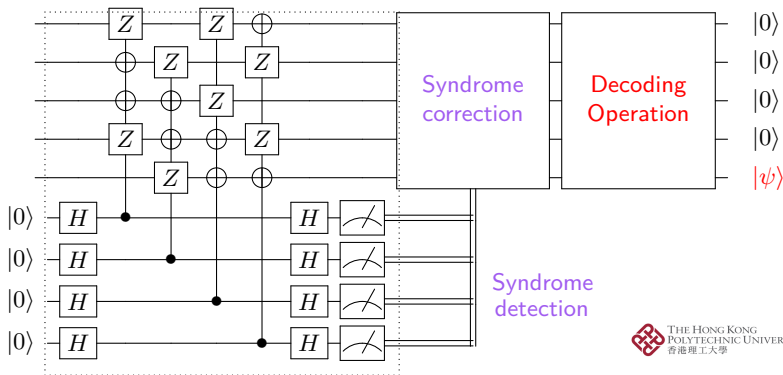
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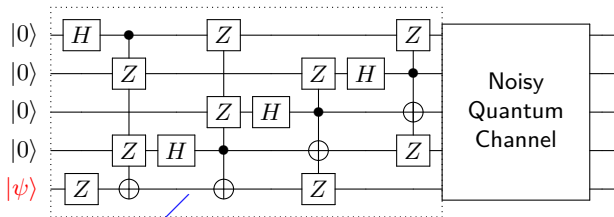
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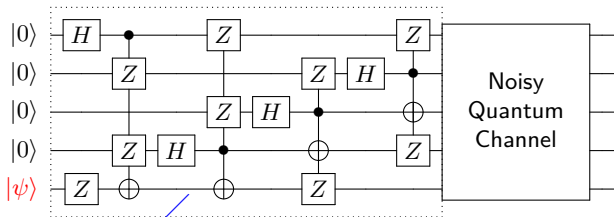
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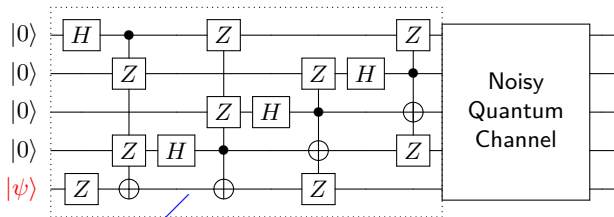
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$$\text{for all } i, j = 0, 1 \text{ and } E_a, E_b \in \{X_i, Y_j, Z_j\}$$

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$$X_3|v_0\rangle = U|00111\rangle$$

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$$Z_1|v_0\rangle = U|00010\rangle$$

$$Z_2|v_0\rangle = U|10000\rangle$$

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$$Z_1|v_1\rangle = -U|00011\rangle$$

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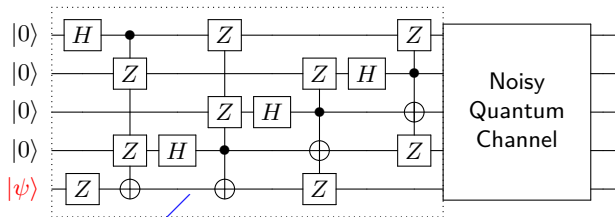
$$Z_5|v_1\rangle = U|00101\rangle$$

# The $[5, 1, 3]$ code

Error	Vector	Action
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$X_2$	$U 1110j\rangle$	$-X$
$X_3$	$U 0011j\rangle$	$Y$
$X_4$	$U 1001j\rangle$	$Y$
$X_5$	$U 1111j\rangle$	$Y$
$Y_1$	$U 1010j\rangle$	$Y$
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$Y_5$	$U 1101j\rangle$	$X$
$Z_1$	$U 0001j\rangle$	$Z$
$Z_2$	$U 1000j\rangle$	$I$
$Z_3$	$U 0111j\rangle$	$I$
$Z_4$	$U 1100j\rangle$	$I$
$Z_5$	$U 0010j\rangle$	$I$

# The $[5, 1, 3]$ code

## Encoding Operation



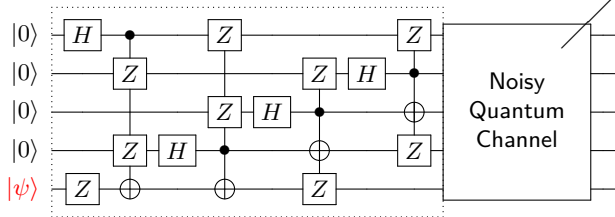
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Construct a **recovery operation**  $R$  such that

$$REU|0000\rangle|j\rangle = U|x_1x_2x_3x_4\rangle|j\rangle \quad \text{for all } i = 0, 1, \text{ and } E \in \{X_i, Y_j, Z_k\}.$$

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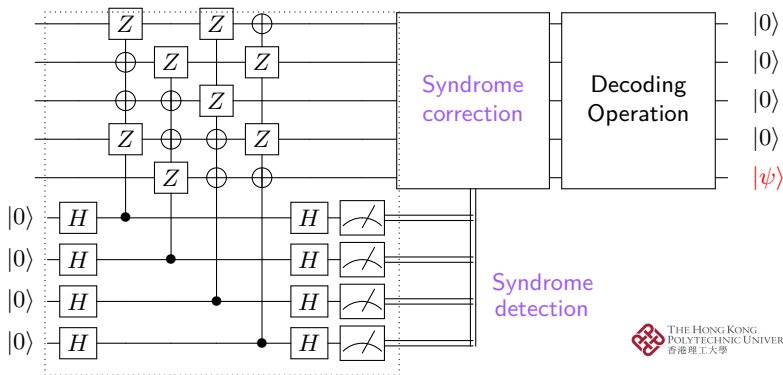
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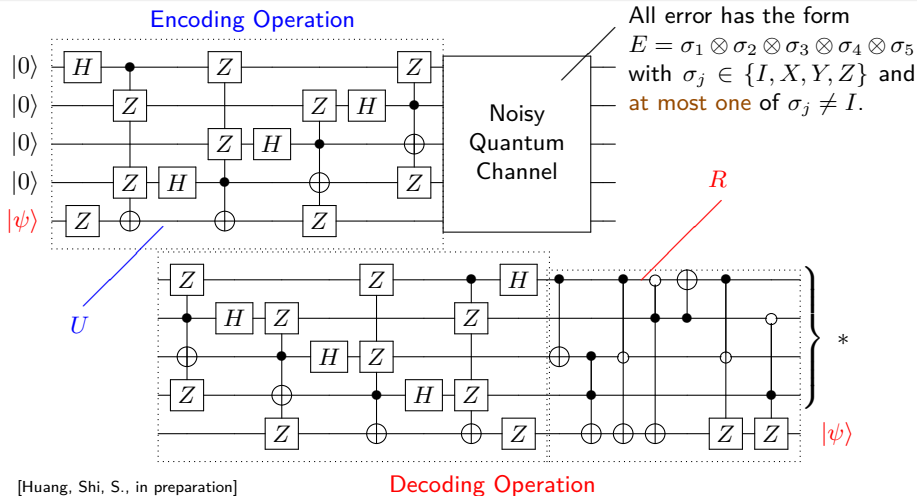
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Syndrome detection

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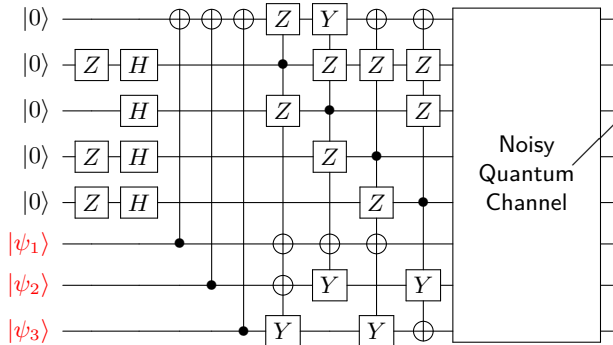


No syndrome detection and correction and no additional ancilla qubit is needed!



# The $[[8, 3, 3]]$ code

## Encoding Operation



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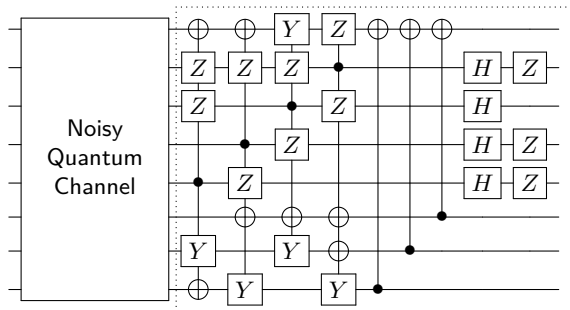
[Calderbank et al., PRL 78:405 (1997)]

The  $[[8, 3, 3]]$  code can be constructed by the following stabilizer code with operators

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_1 &= X \otimes Z \otimes X \otimes Z \otimes I \otimes I \otimes X \otimes X \otimes Y \\
 M_2 &= X \otimes Y \otimes Z \otimes X \otimes Z \otimes I \otimes X \otimes Y \otimes I \\
 M_3 &= X \otimes X \otimes Z \otimes I \otimes X \otimes Z \otimes X \otimes I \otimes Y \\
 M_4 &= X \otimes X \otimes Z \otimes Z \otimes I \otimes X \otimes I \otimes Y \otimes X \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

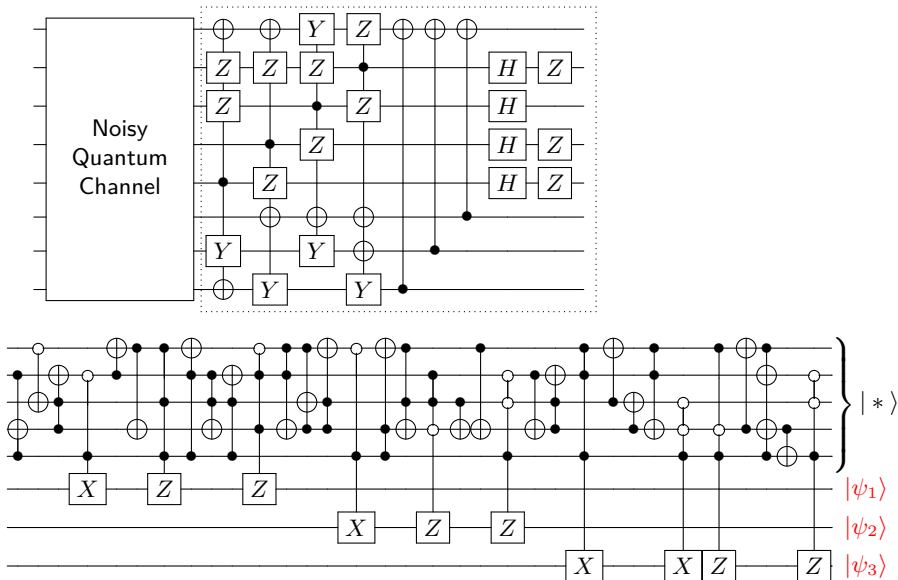
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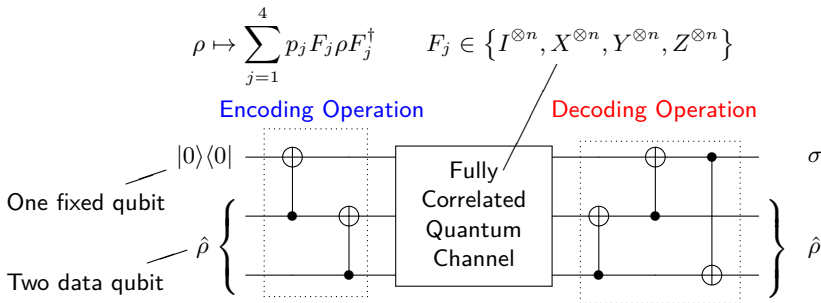
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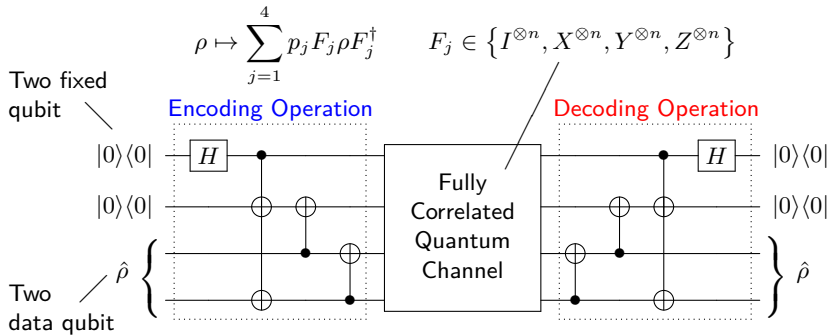
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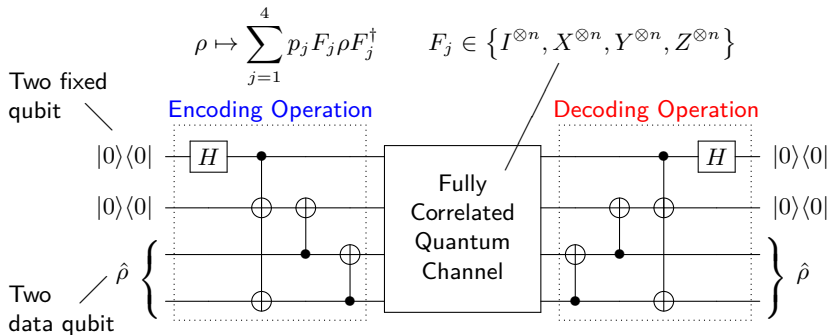
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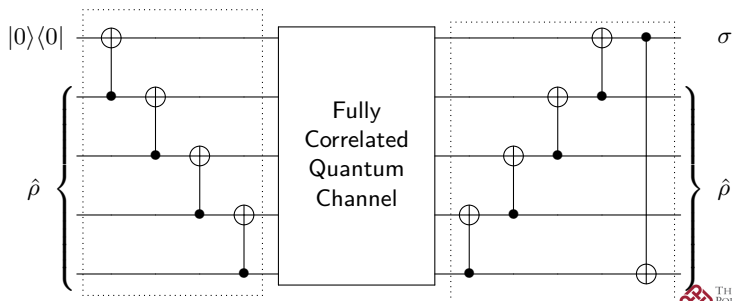
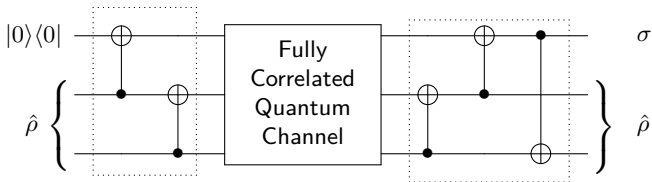
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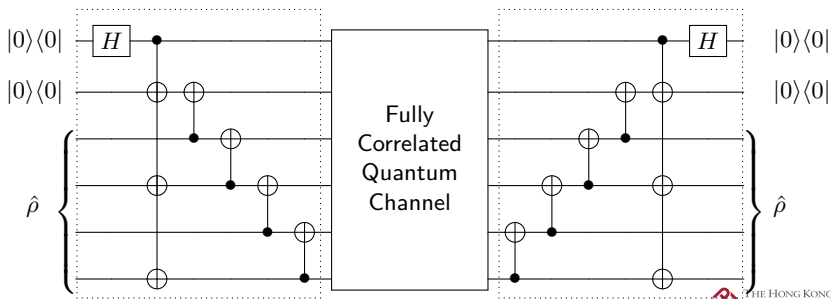
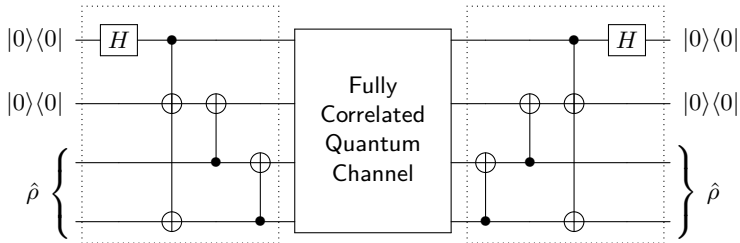
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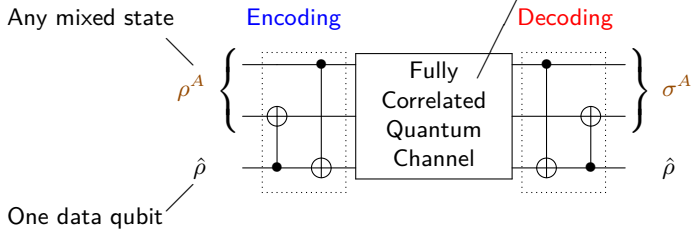
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- The scheme is implemented **experimentally** by making use of a **three-qubit NMR quantum computer** with mixed states as ancilla states.

[Kondo, Bagnasco, Nakahara, PRA 88:022314 (2013)]

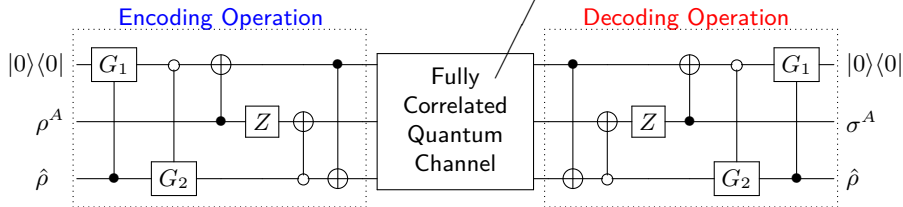
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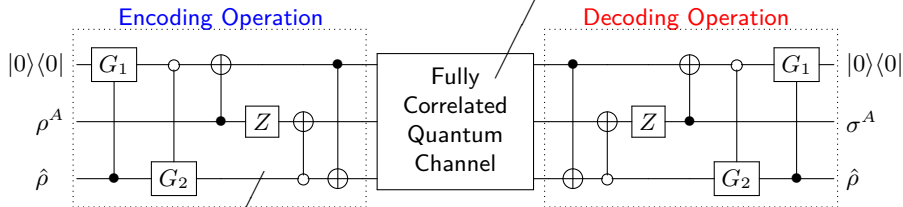
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$$G_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{2} \\ -\sqrt{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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[Li, Nakahara, Poon, S., Tomita, PRA 84:044301 (2011)]

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General Fully Correlated Channel Li, Nakahara, Poon, S., Tomita, PRA 84:044301, 2011]

An  $n$ -qubit general fully correlated quantum channel has a  $r_k$ -dimensional NS. Hence, Furthermore, it can encode at most  $\lceil \log_2(r_k) \rceil$  qubits.

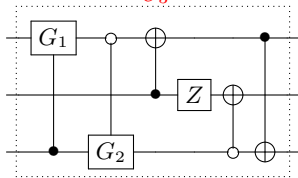
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# Fully Correlated Quantum Channel

Total Qubit	Dimension of NS	Data Qubit	Total Qubit	Dimension of NS	Data Qubit
2	1	0	19	16796	14
3	2	1	20	16796	14
4	2	1	21	58786	15
5	5	2	22	58786	15
6	5	2	23	208012	17
7	14	3	24	208012	17
8	14	3	25	742900	19
9	42	5	26	742900	19
10	42	5	27	2674440	21
11	132	7	28	2674440	21
12	132	7	29	9694845	23
13	429	8	30	9694845	23
14	429	8	31	35357670	25
15	1430	10	32	35357670	25
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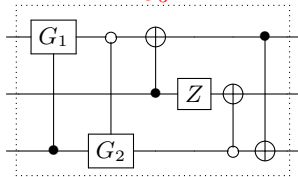
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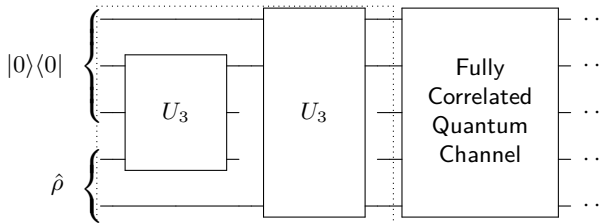


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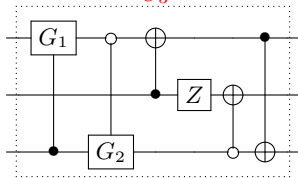


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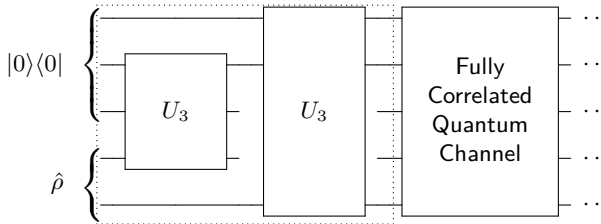


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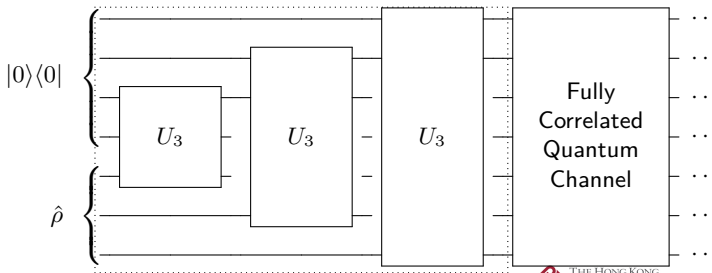
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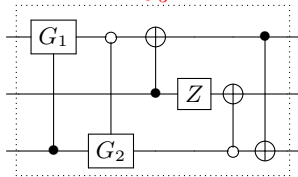


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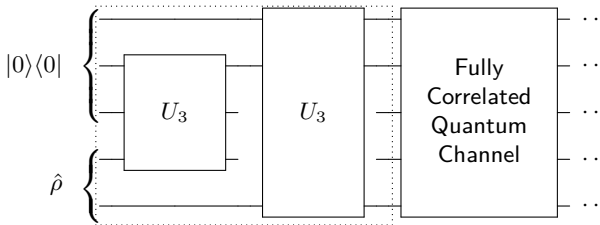


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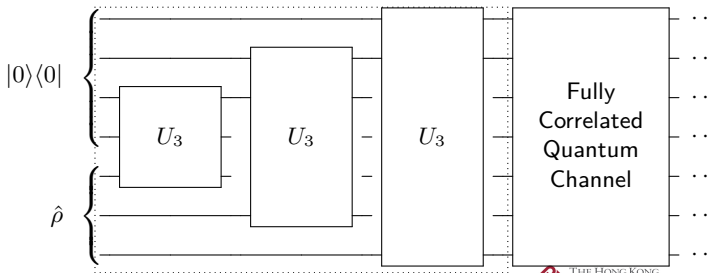


Encoding Operation



This gives a recursive way to construct circuits that can correct  $\frac{1}{2}(n - 1)$  qubits in a  $n$  qubit system for odd integer  $n$ . However,  $\frac{1}{2}(n - 1) < \lceil \log_2(r_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}) \rceil$  in general.

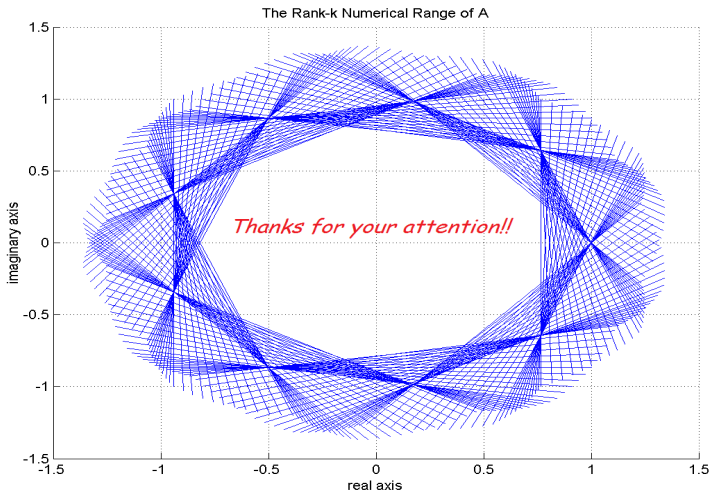
Encoding Operation



- Quantum error correction is one of the strategies to fight against decoherence in quantum system. There are different error correction models including decoherence-free subspace, noiseless subsystem, quantum error correction code, and operator quantum error correction.
- These schemes are applied to fully correlated noise. Encoding and decoding circuits of these schemes are constructed too.
- Implementation for the  $[5, 1, 3]$  code and  $[8, 3, 3]$  code is presented. It will be of interested to investigate the encoding and decoding circuits for  $[n, k, 3]$  code and even in general  $[n, k, d]$  code.
- Currently, we are working on  $[10, 4, 3]$  code and  $[11, 1, 5]$  code.

Difficulty:

- $[10, 4, 3]$  code: 16 dimension QECC.
- $[11, 1, 5]$  code: 529 different error operators  $E_j$ .

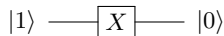
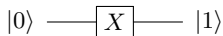




# Quantum Gate

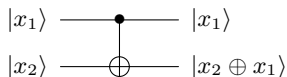
- A **NOT** gate acting on one qubit:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



- A **controlled-NOT (CNOT)** gate acting on 2 qubits:

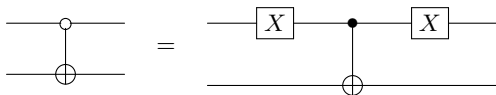
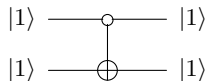
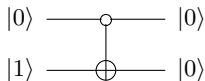
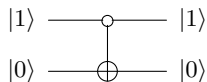
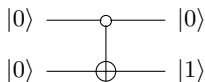
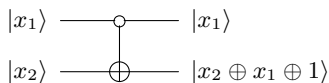
$$\begin{aligned} U_{\text{CNOT}} &= |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes X \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

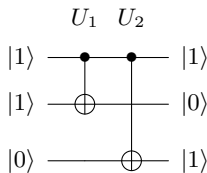
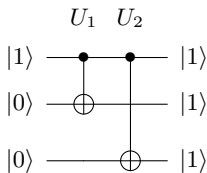
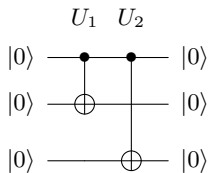


# Quantum Gate

- An **negative controlled-NOT (CNOT)** gate acting on 2 qubits:

$$U = |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes X + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes I$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





The corresponding unitary operators are

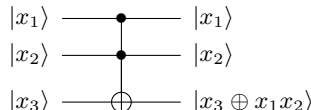
$$U_1 = |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I_2 \otimes I_2 + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes \sigma_x \otimes I_2$$

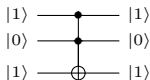
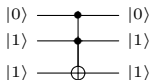
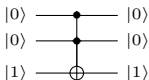
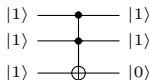
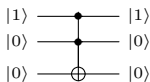
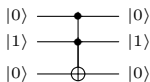
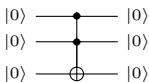
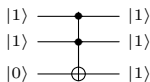
$$U_2 = |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I_2 \otimes I_2 + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes I_2 \otimes \sigma_x.$$

In general,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle \\ |0\rangle \\ |0\rangle \end{array} \right\} a|000\rangle + b|111\rangle$$

- An **controlled controlled-NOT (CCNOT) (Toffoli)** gate acting on 3 qubits:

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_{\text{CCNOT}} &= (|00\rangle\langle 00| + |01\rangle\langle 01| + |10\rangle\langle 10|) \otimes I + |11\rangle\langle 11| \otimes X \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$




- A **controlled-Unitary** gate acting on 2 qubits:

$$U = |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes W = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & w_{11} & w_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & w_{21} & w_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

with unitary  $W = \begin{bmatrix} w_{11} & w_{12} \\ w_{21} & w_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ .

