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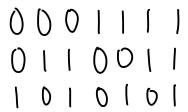
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NB. Logical X, Z should be logical operations, and anticommute with one another. A5Q2 just a little more complicated. If we have 2 encoded qubits, what are the commutation or anticommutation relations for logical X, Z on qubits 1, 2?

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So, each generator is conjugated to a product of generators, so HHHHHHHH is a logical operation.

Altogether, it acts as the logical Hadamard gate.

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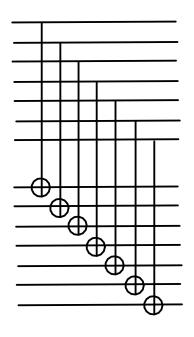
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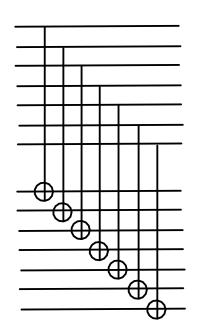
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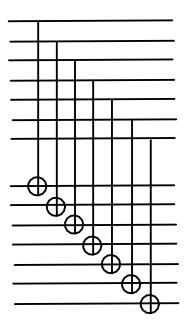


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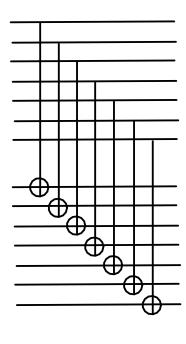
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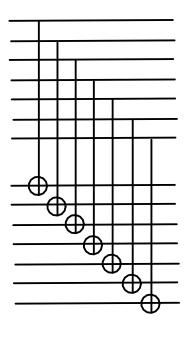
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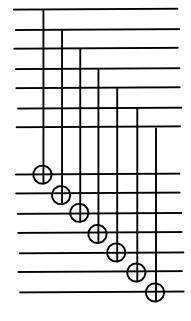
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The Pauli group is defined to be the group generated multiplicatively by x_t, z_t for t=1,2,...,n, and scalar i.

Let
$$Y = iXZ = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
.

e.g., n=2. Generators: XI, IX, ZI, IZ

Group elements generated multiplicatively:

NB. Focus on the quotient group without the scalar.

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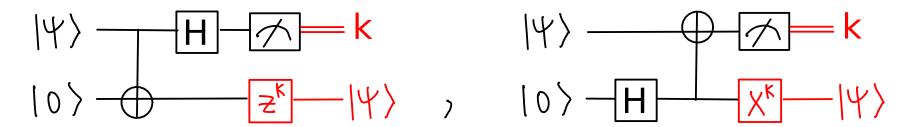
Idea: "teleport" the encoded T gate onto the unknown logical input! (NC 10.6.2, KLM 5.3)

We start with 1-bit teleportation of quantum states, then use circuit identities to derive a circuit for the T gate (unencoded).

This general idea is then applied to encoded states.

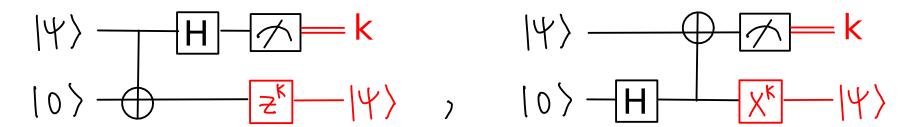
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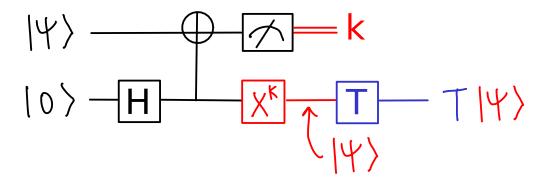


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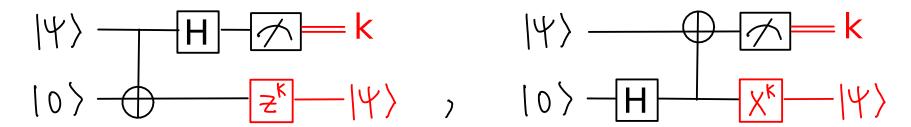


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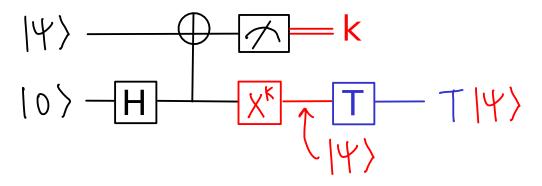


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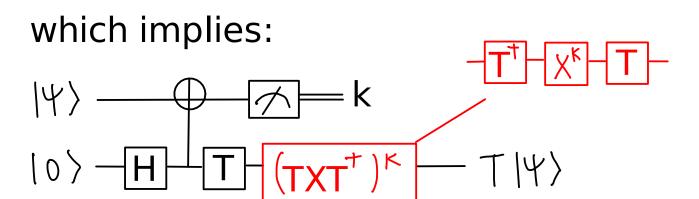
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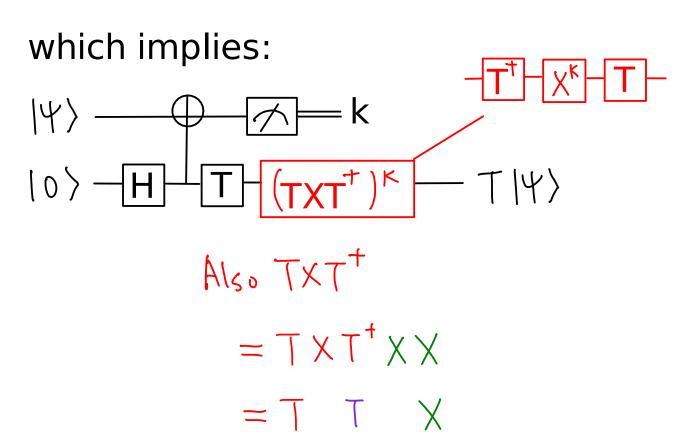


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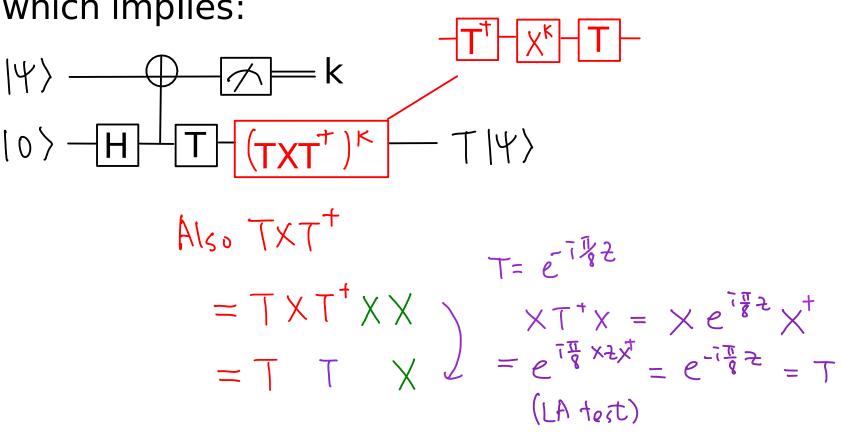


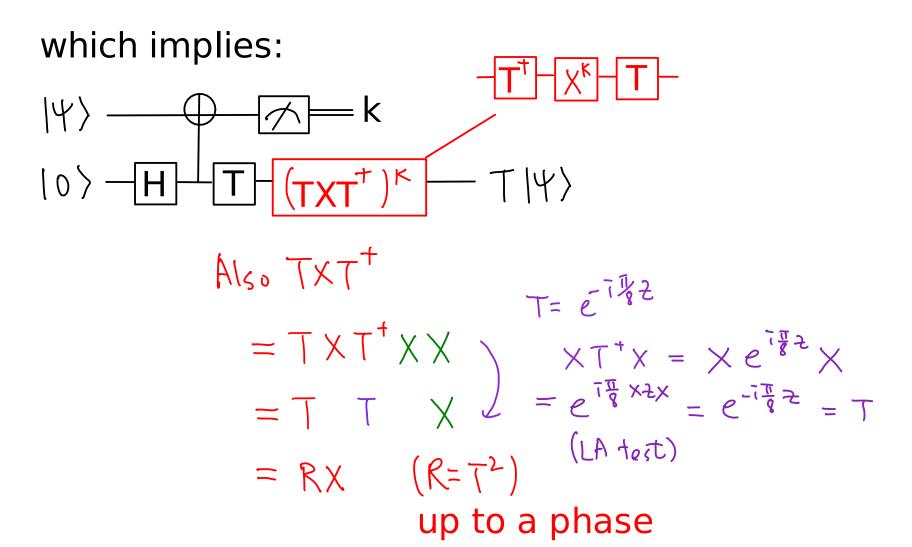
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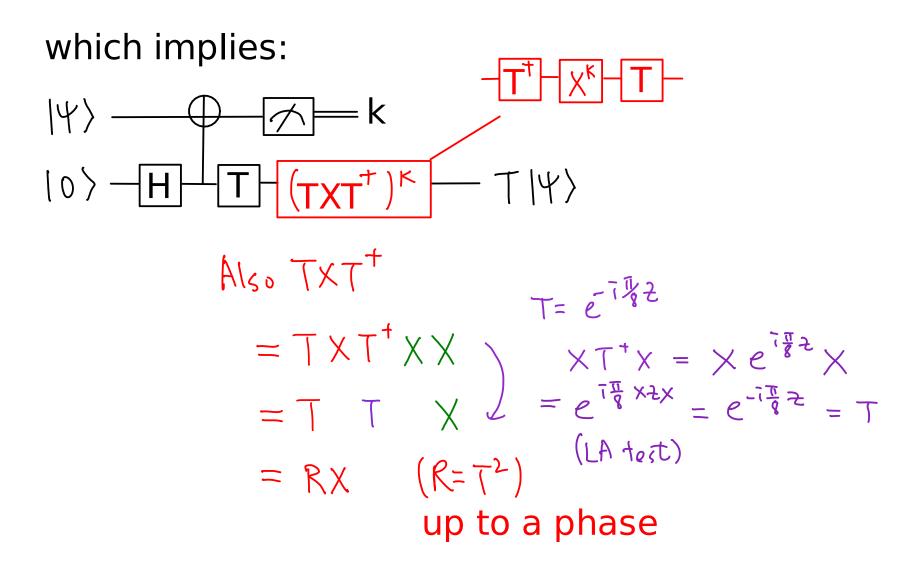




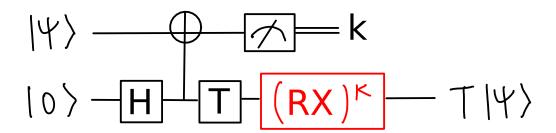








NB. There is no superposition between k=0,1 cases, so, overall phase in TXT⁺ is overall phase in the output.



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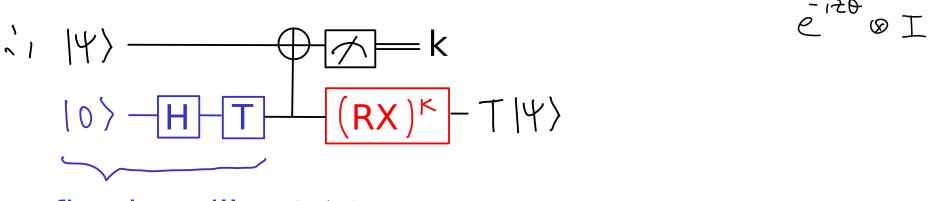
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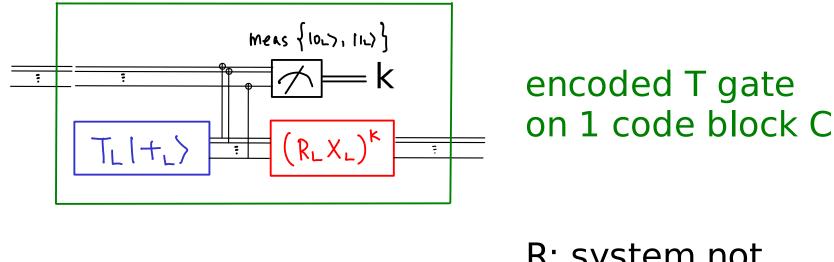
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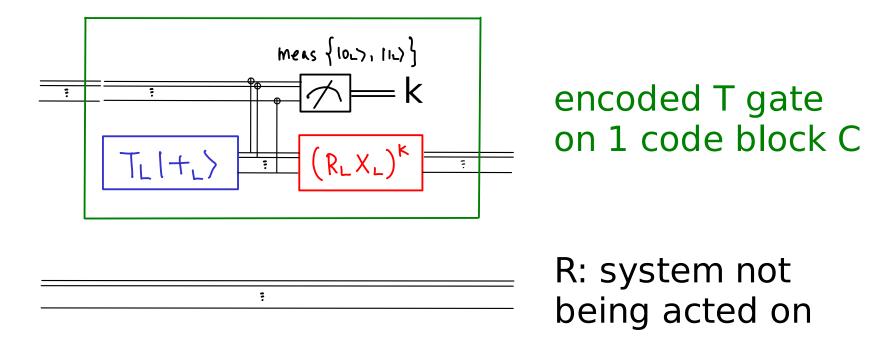
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Can be done offline, with verifications etc before being used in the precious fault-tolerant simulation circuit.

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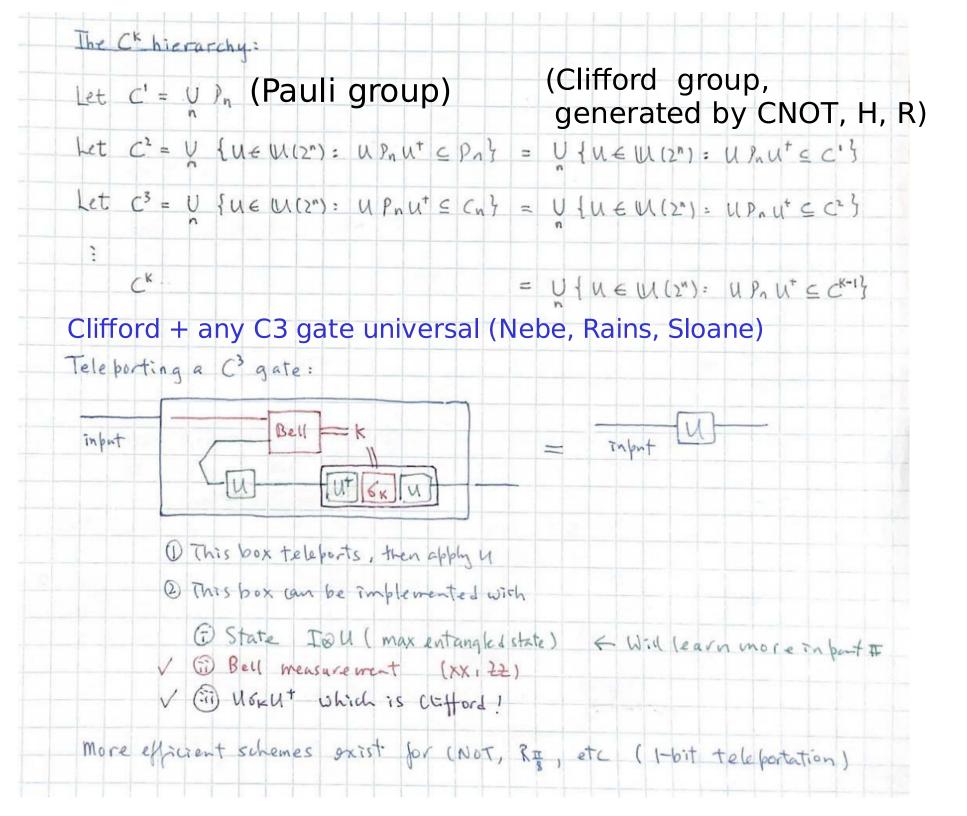
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It can be prepared by measuring G1, ..., G6, RX. Simplest: only keep state if outcome = +++++++ (Or "add Pauli's" to map from -1 to +1 eigenspace.)

Will consider fault-tolerant measurements later ...

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10. Accurate computation out of noisy components (NC 10.5-10.6)

What we are aiming to achieve:

(b) Principles of fault-tolerant quantum computation (don't make a mess)

Benefit of achieving the above

(c) The threshold theorem (good enough implies arbitrarily good)

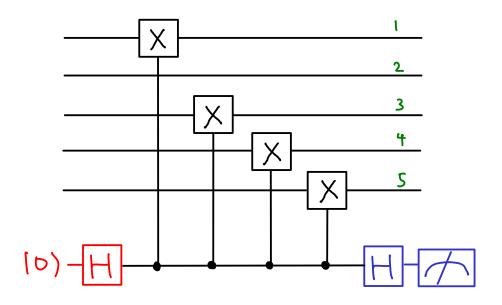
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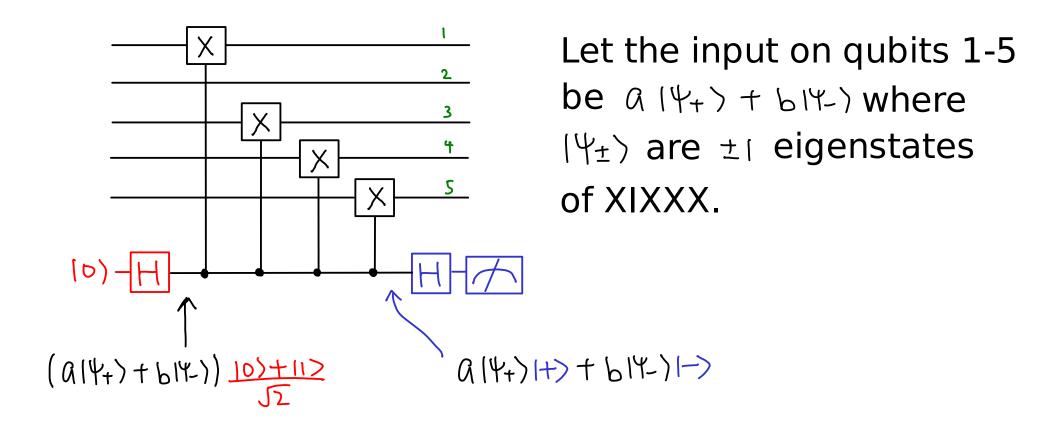
- (d)-(f) Fault-tolerant logical Pauli & Clifford gates
- (g) Fault-tolerant pi/8 gate, 1-bit teleportation
- (h))Fault-tolerant measurements
- (i) Overhead and assumptions

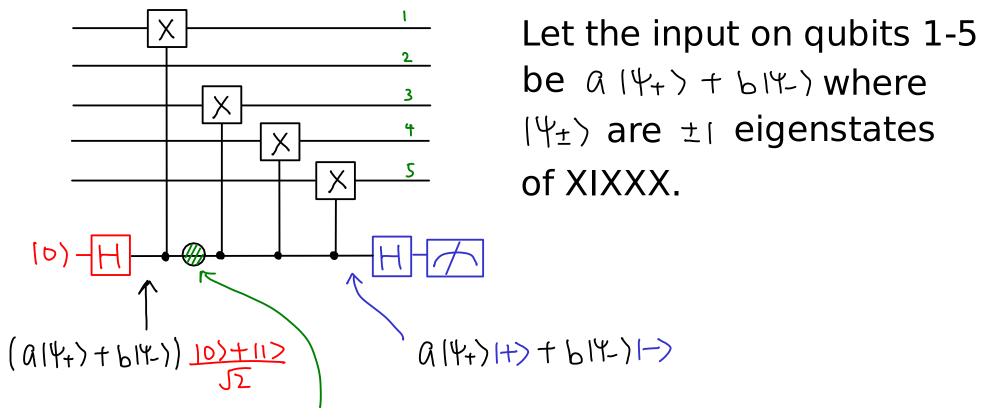
To obtain all the gadgets, we still have to

- prepare simple logical states
- measure logical states
- perform EC
 all without spreading errors.

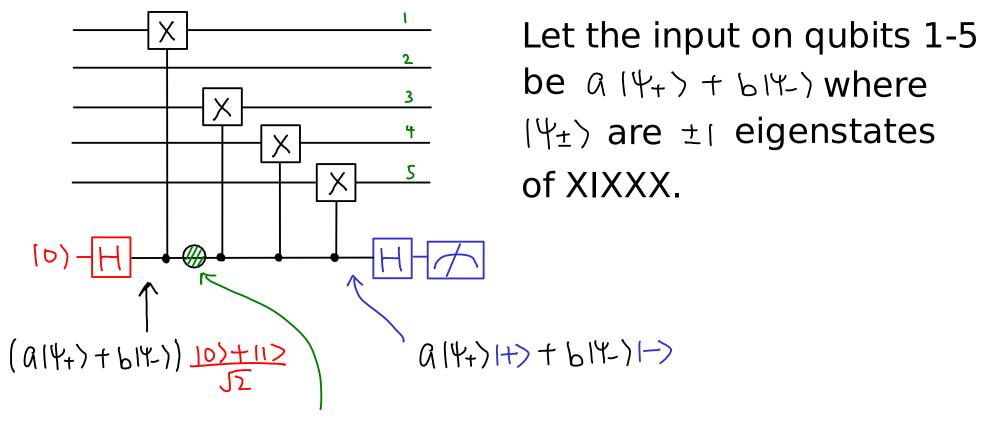
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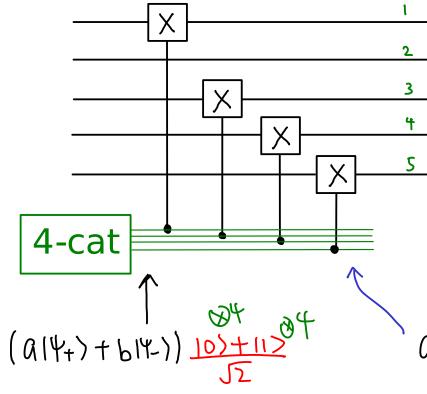




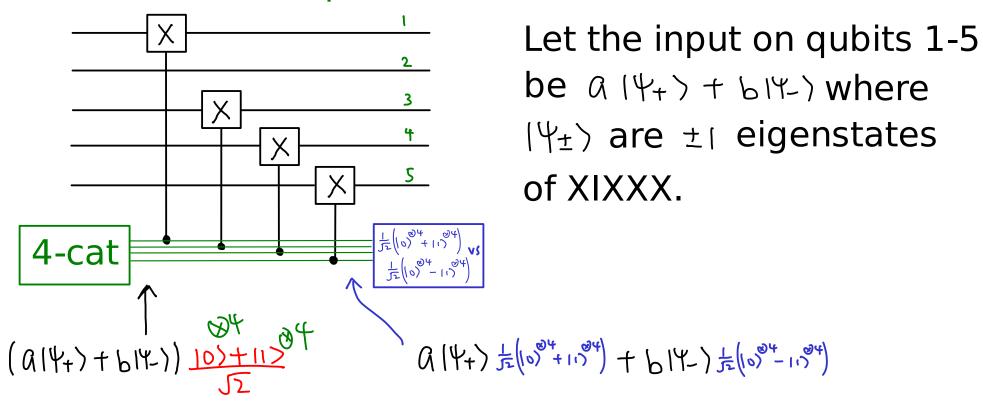
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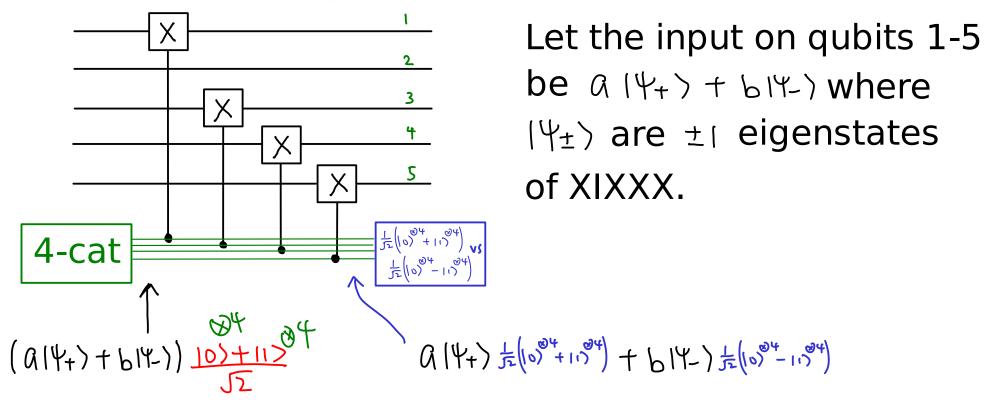


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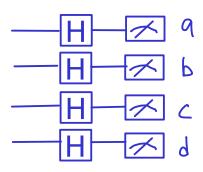


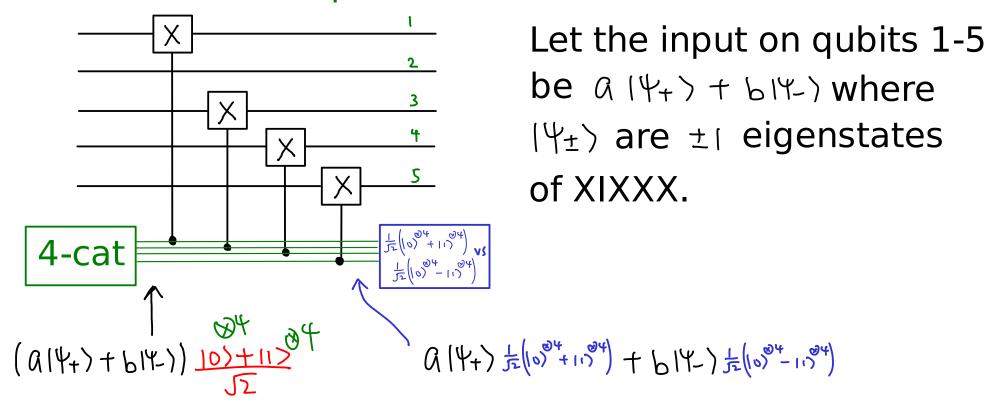
Let the input on qubits 1-5 be $\alpha (Y_+) + b(Y_-)$ where (Y_\pm) are $\pm i$ eigenstates of XIXXX.



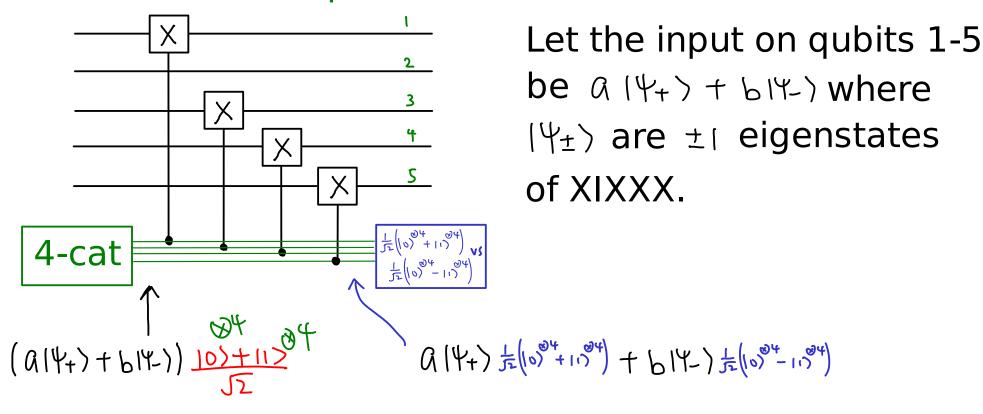


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Derivation (1) for the exercise using stabilizers (out of syllabus W25). Idea as in A1Q4(b). Meas S1 \ox S2 by meas SI \ox I, I \ox S2 separately.

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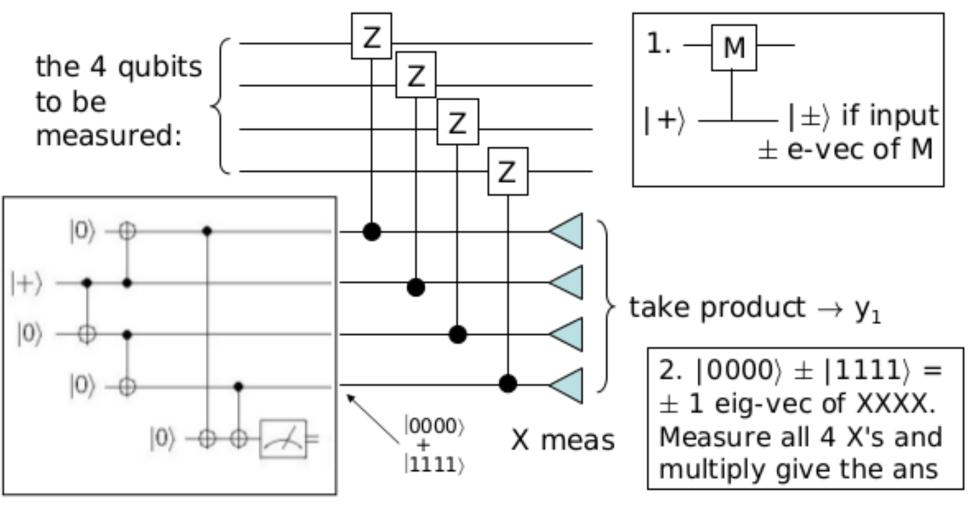
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Apply to s = 0000 and 1111, summing gives only the terms with even Hamming weight (number of 1's in a bitstring). Subtracting gives only the terms with odd Hamming weight. So, measuring the resulting state in computational basis after H^{∞} can determine |0000>+|1111> vs |0000>-|1111>.

Fault tolerant measurements:

e.g. measure ZZZZ on 4 specific qubits in the codeblock:



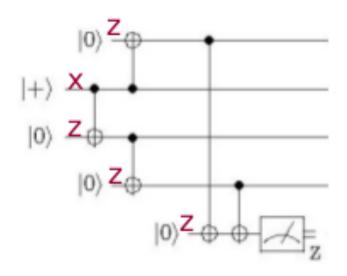
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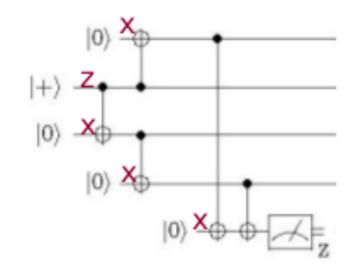
claim: at most 1 X or 1 Z error.

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USE s=1, that if there is a fault we analyze, no other faults are around.

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Each of above has no effect.

 $Y \sim$ an X and a Z, same as an error in the RHS

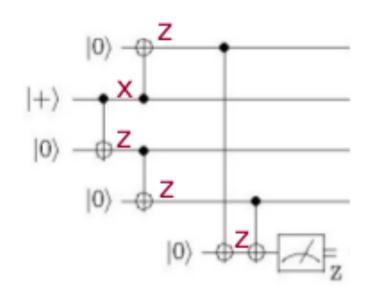
Each of above commutes pass CNOT. So, equvialent to 1 fault in 2nd step.

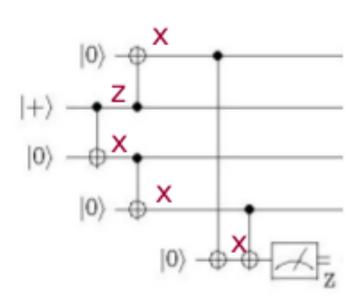
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1 fault in all subsequent steps results in 1 error. Thus [3] holds.

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Each Z stays and affect the final state, but that's OK.

Right before the verification (last two CNOT's) $X_2 \rightarrow X_1 X_2$. $X_3 \rightarrow X_3 X_4$. Any of $X_{1,2,3,4}$ will result in meas=-1 & we reject. Same for the X in the verification step. Same for 1 Y.

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Repeat measurement 3 times. If at most 1 fault occurs throughout, majority of outcomes will be correct, with at most one residual error in the code block.

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