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Factoring with Qutrits

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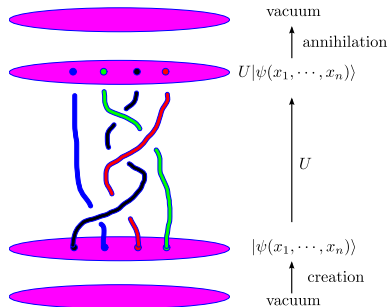
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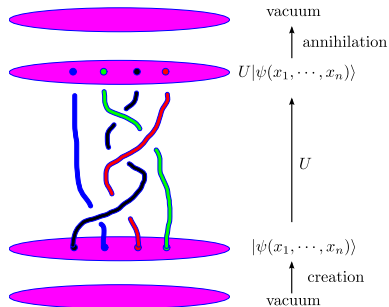
TQC is fault tolerant; has asymptotically better efficiency.

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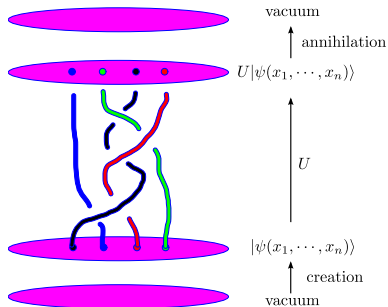
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Braiding and measurement

\Rightarrow Metaplectic Basis:

Qutrit Clifford + $R_{|2\rangle}$.

- $X|i\rangle = |i+1\rangle$, $Q|i\rangle = \omega^{\delta_{i,2}}|i\rangle$;
 $H|i\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{j=0}^2 \omega^{ij}|j\rangle$;
 $SUM|i,j\rangle = |i, i+j\rangle$.
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Theorem (BCKW, 2015)

*Any single qutrit gate can be approximated with precision ϵ by a metaplectic circuit with $R_{|2\rangle}$ -count $O(\log(1/\epsilon))$.
(Compared with $O(\log^{3.97}(1/\epsilon))$ Solovay-Kitaev)*

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Theorem (BCRS, 2015, informal)

One can implement ternary arithmetic (e.g. ternary adder, comparison, multiplication, subtraction, etc.) exactly over Clifford + P_9 basis.

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For Shor's Algorithm, compare the cost in terms of raw magic state count.

$$\begin{cases} \text{Clifford} + \pi/8(\text{qubit}) & |0\rangle + e^{\frac{\pi i}{4}} |1\rangle \\ \text{Clifford} + R_{|2\rangle}(\text{qutrit}) & |0\rangle + |1\rangle - |2\rangle \\ \text{Clifford} + P_9(\text{qutrit}) & |0\rangle + e^{\frac{2\pi i}{9}} |1\rangle + e^{\frac{4\pi i}{9}} |2\rangle \end{cases}$$

Shor's Factorization–Period Finding

Quantum part:

Given $a < N$, $(a, N) = 1$, find the smallest number r , such that $a^r = 1 \pmod N$.

- 1 Prepare quantum state proportional to the following superposition:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |k\rangle |a^k \pmod N\rangle$$

- 2 Perform quantum Fourier transform of the first register.
- 3 Measure the first register.

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Comparison of cost of implementing Toffoli

Compare the cost of Toffoli gate in qubit/qutrit models:

	Clean magic states	Raw resources
Clifford + $\pi/8$	7	$7(2 \log_2(1/\delta))^{2.5}$
Clifford ^A + P_9	15	$15 \log_2^3(1/\delta)$
Clifford ^B + P_9	6	$6 \log_2^3(1/\delta)$
Clifford ^A + $R_{ 2\rangle}$	15	$90 \log_3(1/\delta)$
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Table “Clifford ^A” stands for 3-qutrit emulation of the Toffoli gate and “Clifford ^B” use 4-qutrit emulation with one clean ancilla prepared with SUM gates.

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Compare the cost of implementing period-finding circuit in qubit/qutrit models:

Circuits	Online width	Offline width
Binary QCLA	$3n - w(n)$ (qubits)	$7n(6 \log_2(n))^{2.5}$
Clifford ^A + P_9	$3n - w(n)$ (qutrits)	$15n(3 \log_2(n))^3$
Clifford ^B + P_9	$4n - w(n)$ (qutrits)	$6n(3 \log_2(n))^3$
Clifford ^A + $R_{ 2\rangle}$	$3n - w(n)$ (qutrits)	$90 \times 3n \log_3(n)$
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Table($w(n)$ is the Hamming weight of n). Clifford ^A stands for 3-qutrit emulation of the Toffoli gate and case ^B for the 4-qutrit emulation. The last column in metaplectic rows shown the expected average of the probabilistic width.

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