

# Catalysis and activation of magic states (for fault tolerance )

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{Cam ‘11} arXiv:1010.0104

Builds on previous work with Dan Browne

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# Overview

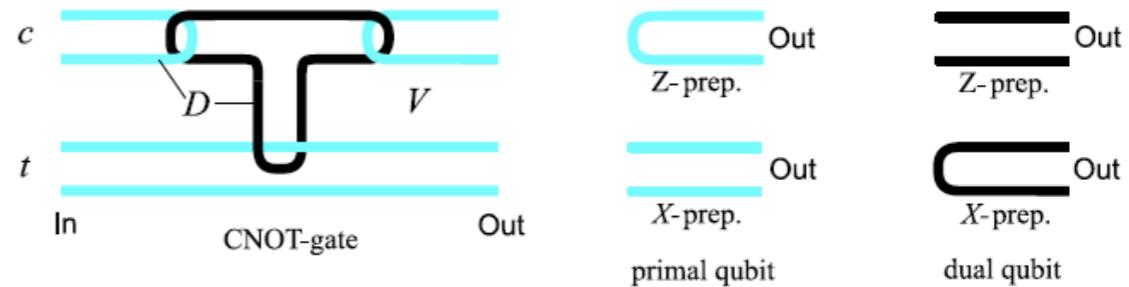
- Fault tolerance and Magic States
- Magic State Catalysis \*NEW\*
- Bound Magic States
- Activation (single shot and asymptotically) \*NEW\*

# Motivations for magic states

- Magic states + Fault tolerant Clifford group = Universal Quantum computing;

e.g.1 Topological FTQC:  
Pfaffian states of quantum hall systems with Landau filling fraction = 5

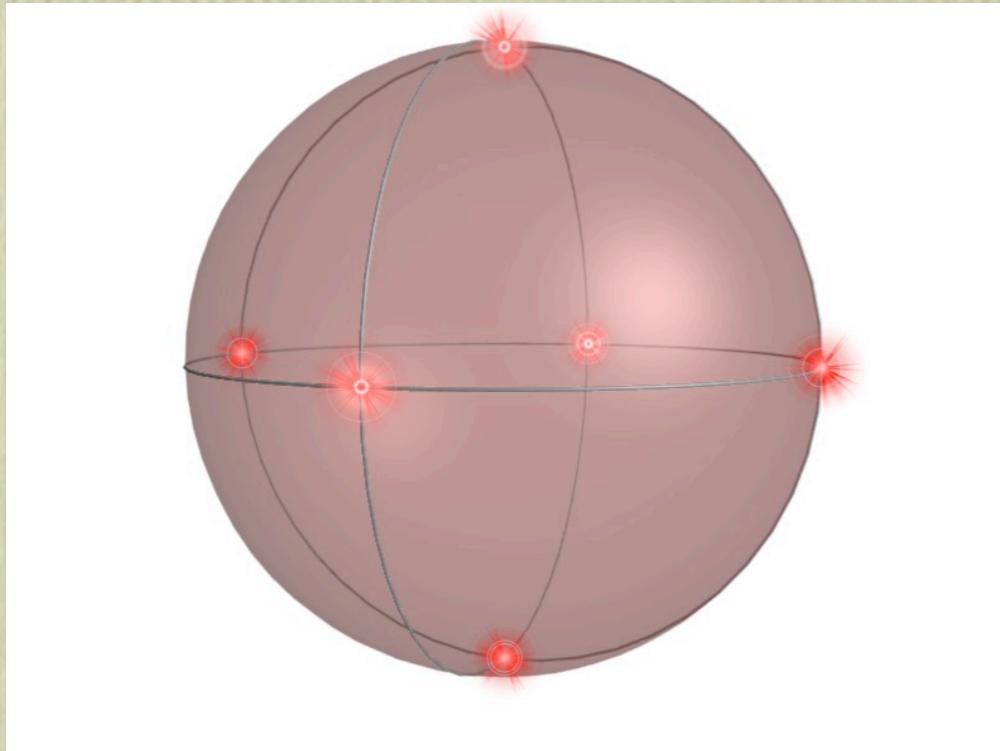
e.g. 2: Raussendorf et al



e.g. 3. most stabilizer codes,  
if we don't make use of Shor style  
methods of making Toffoli states.

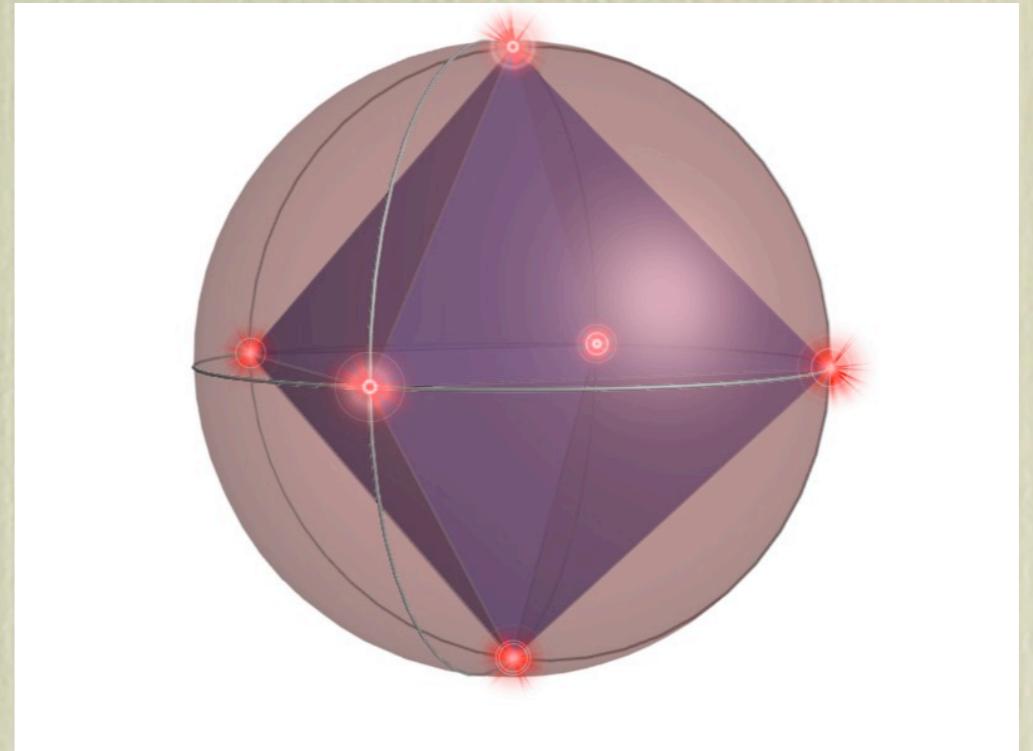
- The “resource theory” of magic states shares similarities with entanglement theory, and this talk will explore these symmetries.

# 1 qubit stabilizer states



6 pure single-qubit  
stabilizer states.

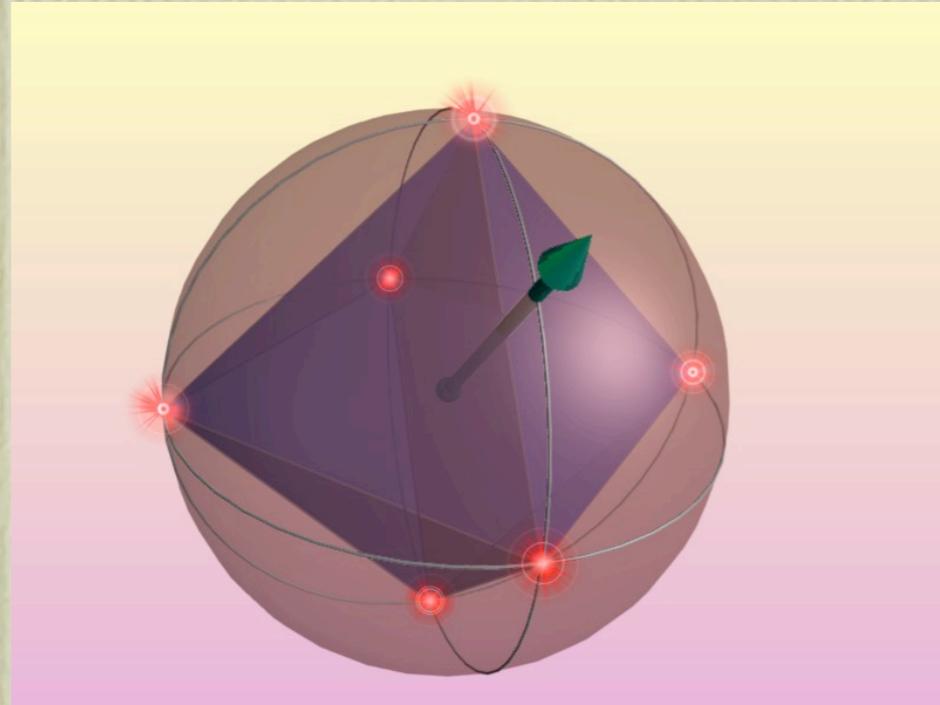
$$\begin{array}{ll} Z|0\rangle = |0\rangle & (-Z)|1\rangle = |1\rangle \\ X|+\rangle = |+\rangle & (-X)|-\rangle = |-\rangle \\ Y|\circlearrowleft\rangle = |\circlearrowleft\rangle & (-Y)|\circlearrowright\rangle = |\circlearrowright\rangle \end{array}$$



Mixing over these gives the  
***stabilizer octahedron***.

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \frac{1}{2} (1 + c_x X + c_y Y + c_z Z) \\ |c_x| + |c_y| + |c_z| &\leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

# Some Clifford gates

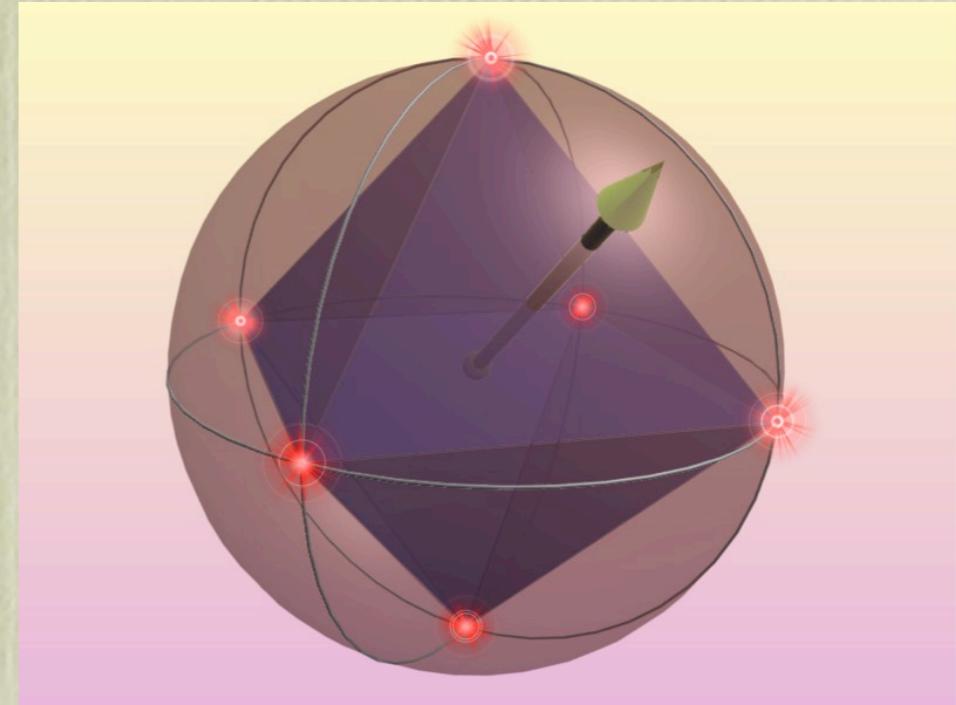


Hadamard  
A 180 degree rotation  
about octahedron edge

$$HZH^\dagger = X$$

$$HXH^\dagger = Z$$

$$HYH^\dagger = -Y$$



T-Rot  
A 120 degree rotation  
about octahedron face

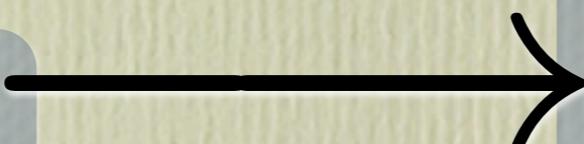
$$TZT^\dagger = X$$

$$TXT^\dagger = Y$$

$$TYT^\dagger = Z$$

# Gottesman-Knill theorem

classical  
computer



efficiently  
simulates

Circuit consisting of:

- Preparing Stabilizer States;
- Pauli measurements;
- Clifford group unitaries

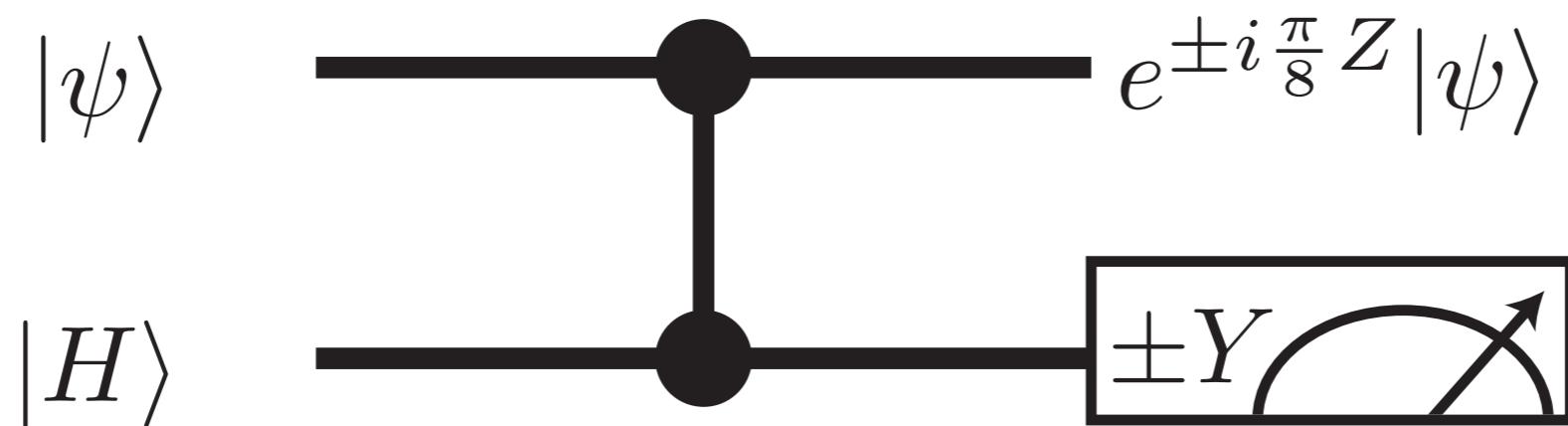
It is easy to see that n-qubit in a stabilizer state can be described by  $n(2n+1)$  bits! Also efficient in time.

[Got '98]

# Promoting the Clifford group

Or a similar eigenstate on the equator....

$$H|H\rangle = |H\rangle \quad |H\rangle\langle H| = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{X + Z}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$



# Recap and comparison

|                        | <i>Magic</i>                                      | <i>Entanglement</i>                     |
|------------------------|---|---|
| “Free” resource states | stabilizer states                                 | Separable states                        |
| “Free” operations      | Clifford unitaries,<br>Pauli measurements         | Local unitaries,<br>and measurements    |
| Ideal resource         | Some pure non-stabilizer states. e.g.<br>H state. | Pure entangled state.<br>e.g. Bell pair |

# Reichardt's protocol [Rei '05, '06]

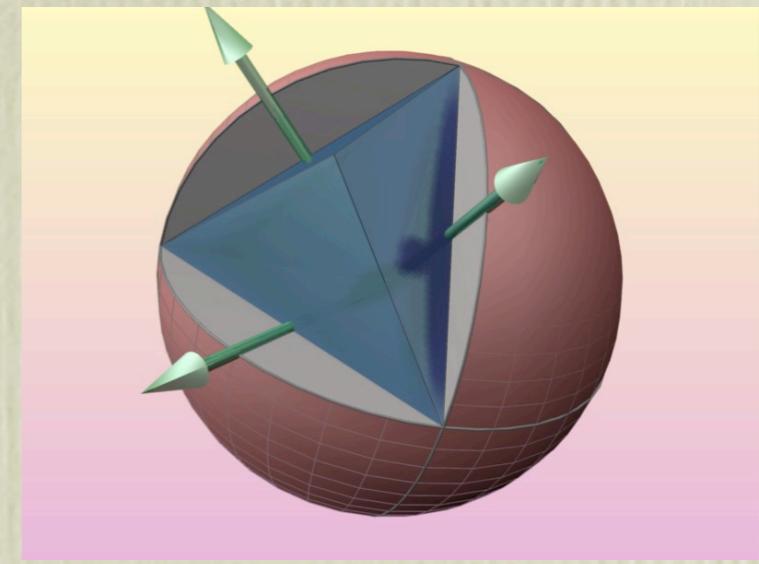
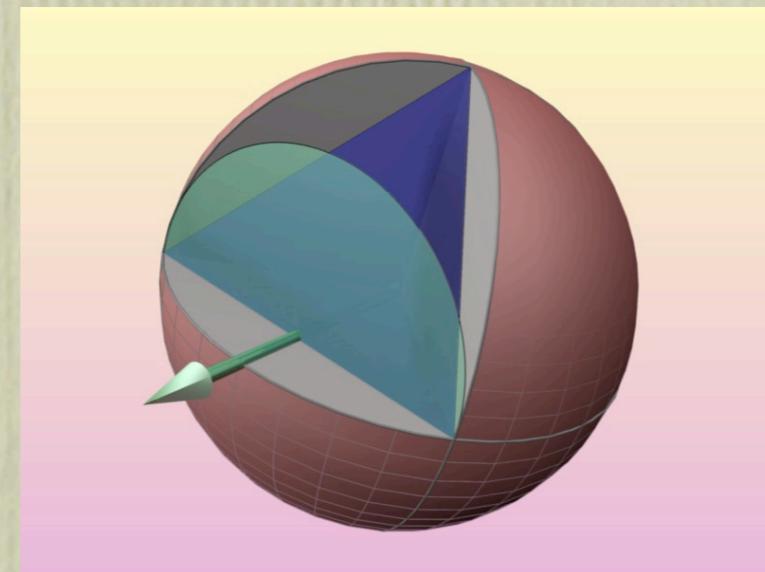
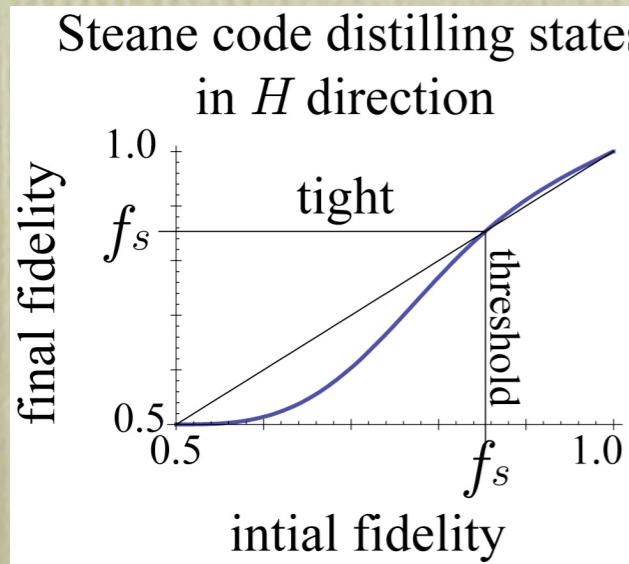
Noisy Hadamard States

$$\rho(f) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + (2f - 1) \frac{X + Z}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

(I) Take 7 noisy H states copies and measure the 6 generators of the Steane code.

$$X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4 1_5 1_6 1_7 \quad X_1 X_2 1_3 1_4 X_5 X_6 1_7 \quad X_1 1_2 X_3 1_4 X_5 1_6 X_7 \\ Z_1 Z_2 Z_3 Z_4 1_5 1_6 1_7 \quad Z_1 Z_2 1_3 1_4 Z_5 Z_6 1_7 \quad Z_1 1_2 Z_3 1_4 Z_5 1_6 Z_7$$

(2) Post-select on all syndromes “+I” & decode



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# Entanglement catalysis [Jon '99]

Banker loans client a resource (the catalyst) and demands that exactly the same state is (always) returned. The client is able to exploit the catalyst.

$$|\psi_1\rangle \not\rightarrow_D |\psi_2\rangle$$

But with catalyst

$$|\psi_1\rangle|\varphi\rangle \rightarrow_D |\psi_2\rangle|\varphi\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_1\rangle &= \sqrt{0.4}|00\rangle + \sqrt{0.4}|11\rangle + \sqrt{0.1}|22\rangle + \sqrt{0.1}\sqrt{33} \\ |\psi_2\rangle &= \sqrt{0.5}|00\rangle + \sqrt{0.25}|11\rangle + \sqrt{0.25}|22\rangle \\ |\varphi\rangle &= \sqrt{0.6}|44\rangle + \sqrt{0.4}|55\rangle \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_1\rangle &= (|H_0H_0H_0\rangle + |H_1H_1H_1\rangle)/\sqrt{2} \\ |\psi_2\rangle &= |H_0\rangle \quad |H_x\rangle\langle H_x| = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + (-1)^x \frac{X+Z}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\ |\varphi\rangle &= |H_0\rangle \end{aligned}$$

# Catalysis protocol

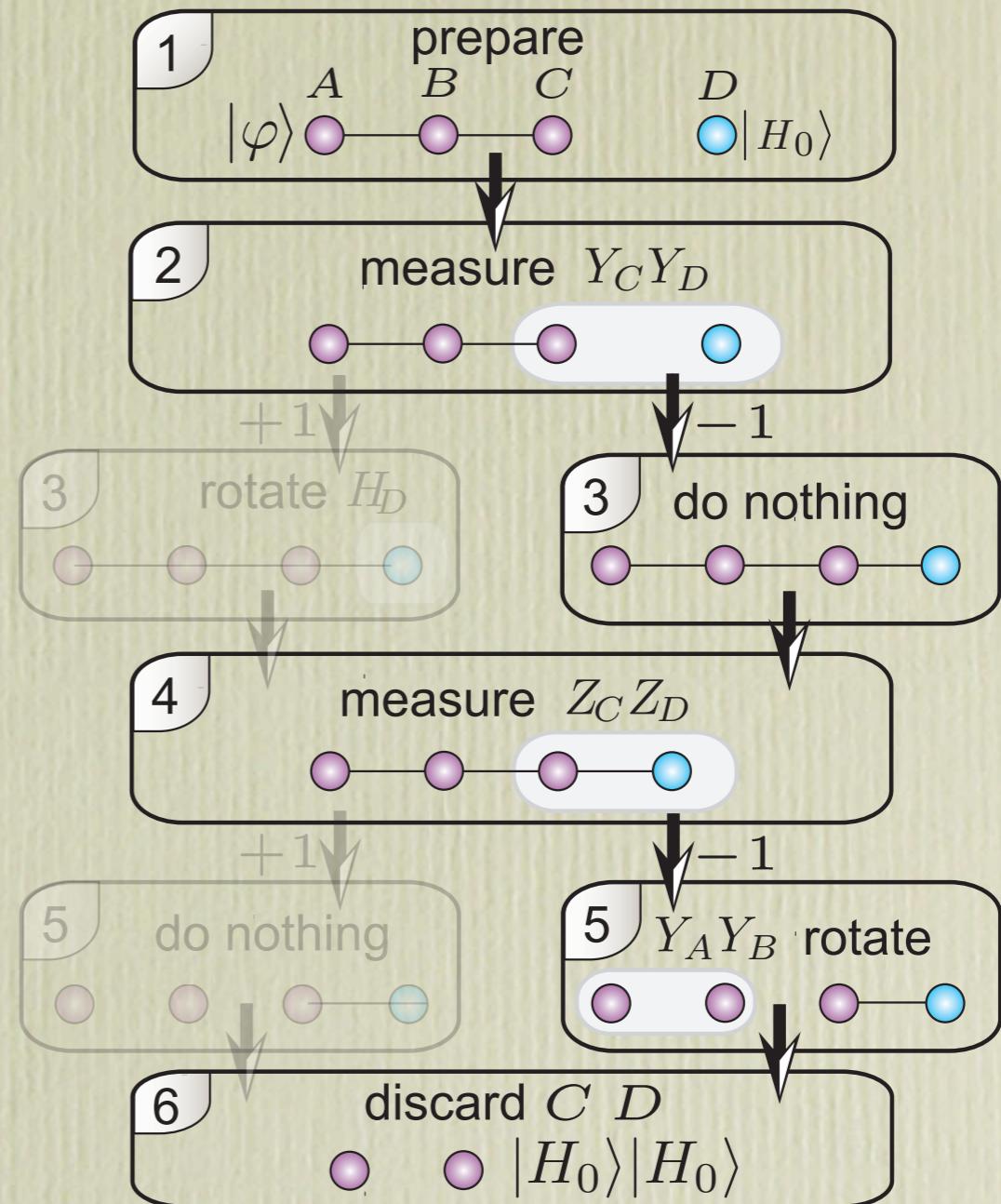
After step 4 C&D project onto the state:

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi^-\rangle &\propto |0, 1\rangle - |1, 0\rangle \\ &\propto |H_0 H_1\rangle - |H_1 H_0\rangle \end{aligned}$$

And so

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Psi^- |_{C,D} |\psi_1\rangle_{A,B,C} |H_0\rangle_D \\ \propto |H_1, H_1\rangle_{A,B} \end{aligned}$$

$$Y_A Y_B |H_1, H_1\rangle = |H_0, H_0\rangle$$

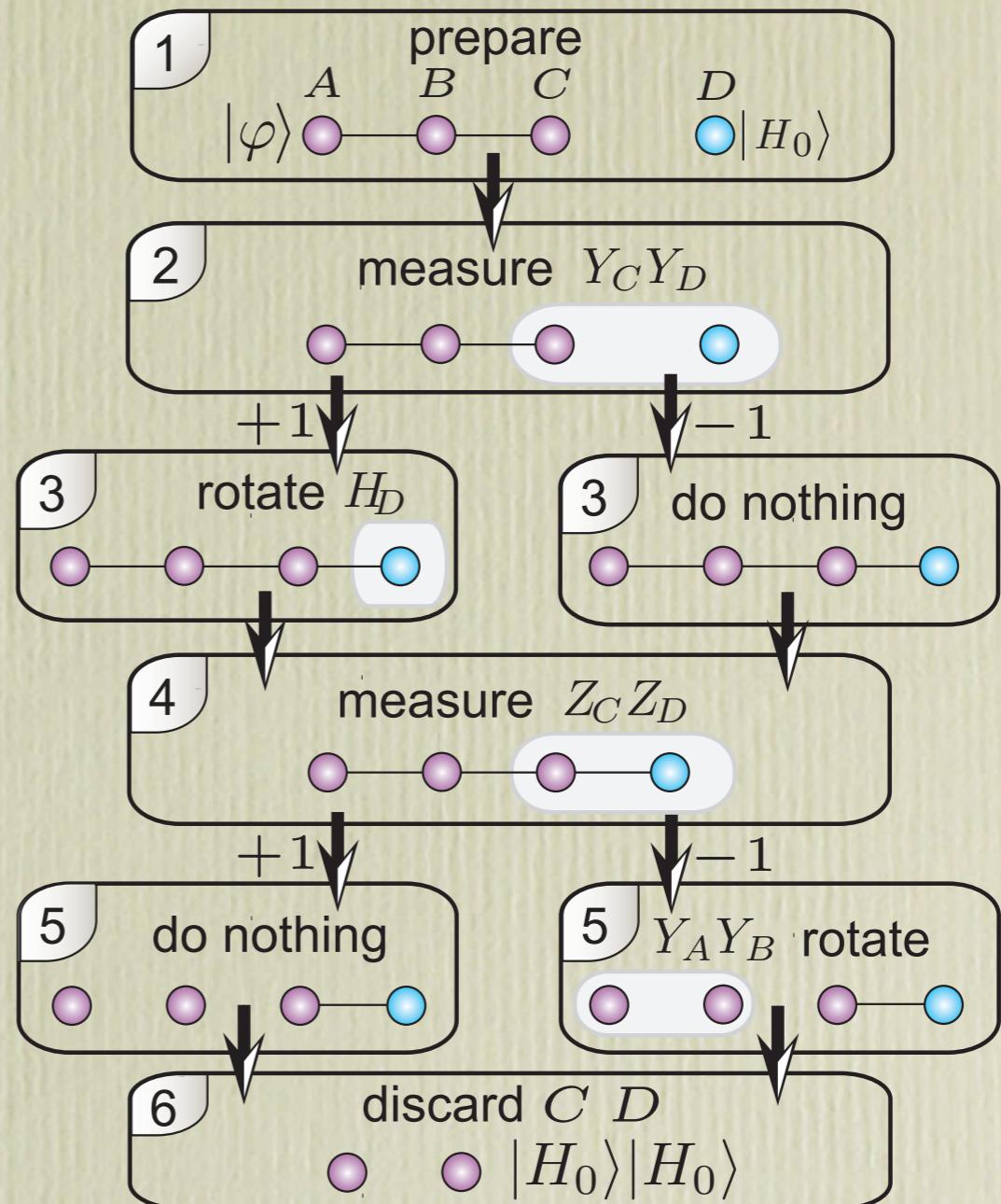


Def:  $|\psi_1\rangle = (|H_0 H_0 H_0\rangle + |H_1 H_1 H_1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$

# Catalysis protocol

Steps 3 and 4 are deterministic by virtue of symmetries of  $|H\rangle$   
e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} & H_D(1 + Y_C Y_D)|\psi_1\rangle|H_0\rangle \\ &= (1 - Y_C Y_D)H_D|\psi_1\rangle|H_0\rangle \\ &= (1 - Y_C Y_D)|\psi_1\rangle|H_0\rangle \end{aligned}$$



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# Catalysis protocol

Our protocol shows

$$|H_0\rangle|\psi_1\rangle \rightarrow_D |H_0\rangle|H_0\rangle$$

To demonstrate Catalysis we require also

$$|\psi_1\rangle \rightarrow_D |H_0\rangle$$

We prove the stronger result that

$$|\psi_1\rangle \not\rightarrow_P |H_0\rangle \quad \text{we use P to denote probabilistic transforms}$$

Proof Outline: The ratios of the computational amplitudes for the Hadamard state are irrational. The transformations possible only give rational ratios.

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# Bound entanglement [Horo '98]

Reducibility:  $\exists \sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{2 \times 2}, \rho \rightarrow_P \sigma$

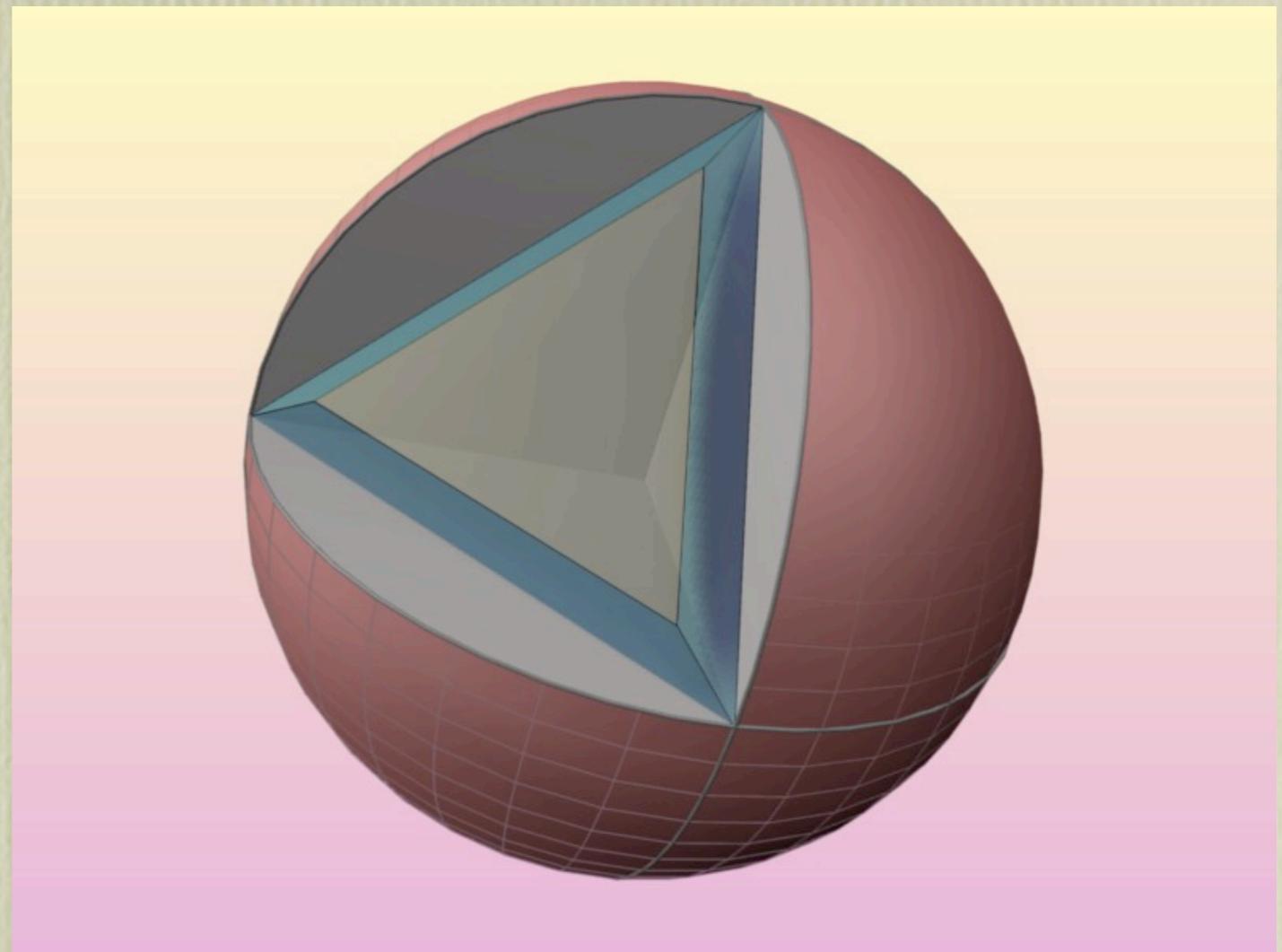
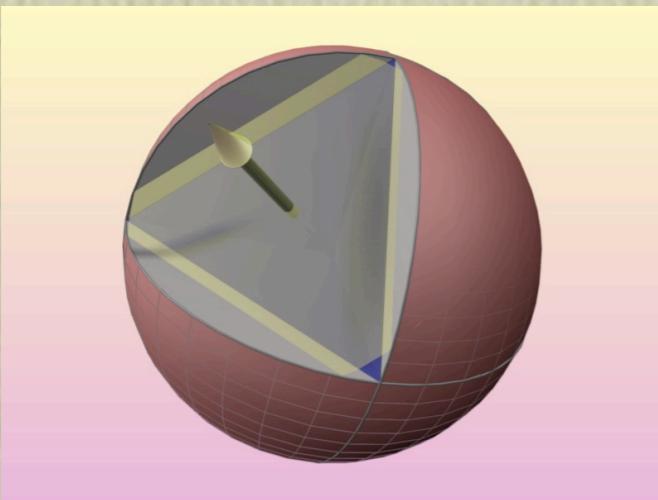
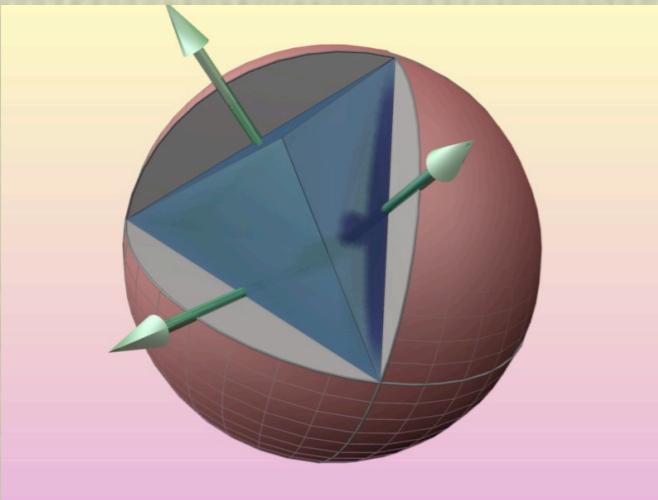
Irreducibility:  $\nexists \sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{2 \times 2}, \rho \rightarrow_P \sigma$

$\mathcal{E}_{2 \times 2}$  Set of 2 qubit entangled states

All reducible states are distillable

If the state is PPT, such that  $\text{tr}(|\rho^{T_B}|) = 1$   
then  $\forall n, \rho^{\otimes n}$  is irreducible, and so we say  $\rho$   
is bound entangled

# The distillable region [Bra '05, Rei '05, Rei '06 ]



Reichardt has further increased this region.  
However, the reduced region is still ***not tight***  
***except at the octahedron edges.***

# T Magic states

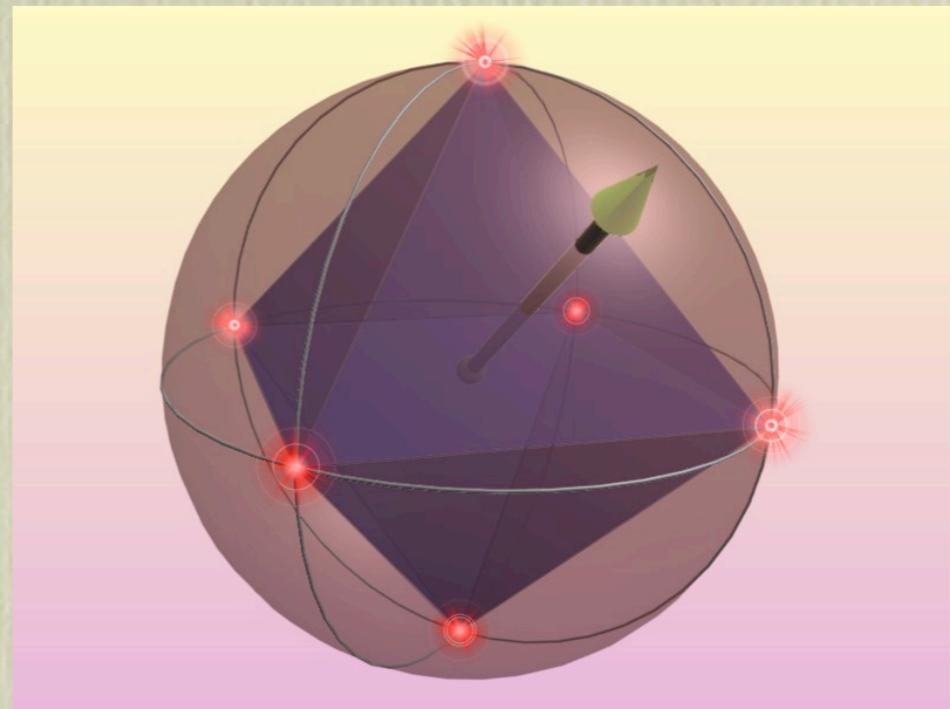
$$T|T_{0,1}\rangle \propto |T_{0,1}\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tau(f) &= f|T_0\rangle\langle T_0| + (1-f)|T_1\rangle\langle T_1| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + (2f-1) \frac{X+Y+Z}{\sqrt{3}} \right)\end{aligned}$$

In the range:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) < f \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{\frac{3}{7}} \right)$$

We have non-stabilizer states  
that cannot be distilled by  
any known protocol



T-Rot  
A 120 degree rotation  
about octahedron face

$$\begin{aligned}Z &\rightarrow X \\ X &\rightarrow Y \\ Y &\rightarrow Z\end{aligned}$$

# Boundness of T-magic states

Previous results\* tell us that:

**Theorem 2** *For any finite  $n$ , there exists a positive  $\epsilon_n > 0$ , and a corresponding no-go region of fidelities  $f \leq f_{\text{st}} + \epsilon_n$ . Inside this no-go region, it follows that for any single qubit state,  $\rho$ , we have that  $\tau(f)^{\otimes n} \rightarrow_P \rho$  if and only if  $\tau(f)^{\otimes n} \rightarrow_P \rho$ . We say that the family of states  $\tau(f)$  is bound.*

*Roughly, there exist bound Magic states when we have only a finite number of copies*

\* : Phys. Rev. Lett 104 030503 (2010)

# Entanglement Activation [Horo '99]

Consider a bound state  $\rho$  which we suspect (pre 1999) is not useful for any task!

For some such states there exist activators  $\sigma_{ACT}$  such that

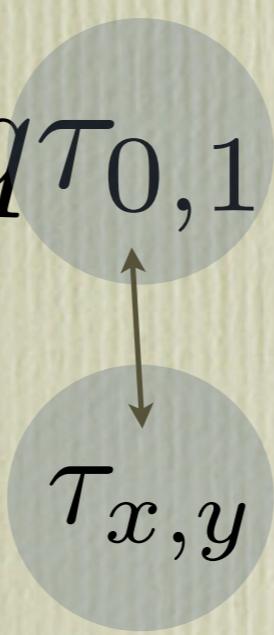
$$\sigma_{ACT} \otimes \rho^{\otimes n} \rightarrow_P \sigma \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma \rightarrow |\Psi^+\rangle\langle\Psi^+|$$

However  $\sigma_{ACT} \not\rightarrow_P \sigma$  Bell pair

# Single-shot activation

**Theorem 3** *Magic activation is possible: For the activator  $\sigma(q) = q\tau_{0,1} + (1 - q)\tau_{1,0}$  (for some  $1 > q > 1/2$ ) and any  $\tau(f)$ , with  $f_{\text{st}} < f$ , there exist a single-qubit state  $\rho$  such that:*

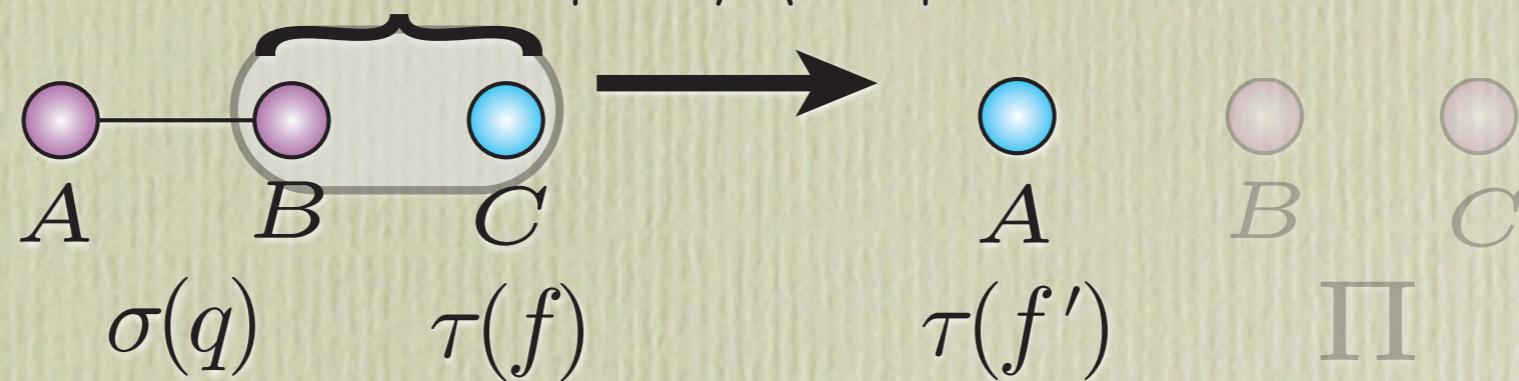
- i.  $\sigma(q) \otimes \tau(f) \rightarrow_P \rho$ ; even though
- ii.  $\sigma(q) \not\rightarrow_P \rho$ ; and
- iii.  $\tau(f) \not\rightarrow_P \rho$ .

$$\sigma(q) = q\tau_{0,1} + (1 - q)\tau_{1,0}$$

$$\tau_{x,y} = |T_x, T_y\rangle\langle T_x, T_y|$$

# single-shot activation

Measure and  
postselect

$$\Pi = |\Psi^-\rangle\langle\Psi^-|$$



$$\text{So... } \sigma(q) \otimes \tau(f) \rightarrow_P \tau(f')$$

$$\text{where } f' = \frac{qf}{qf + (1-q)(1-f)}$$

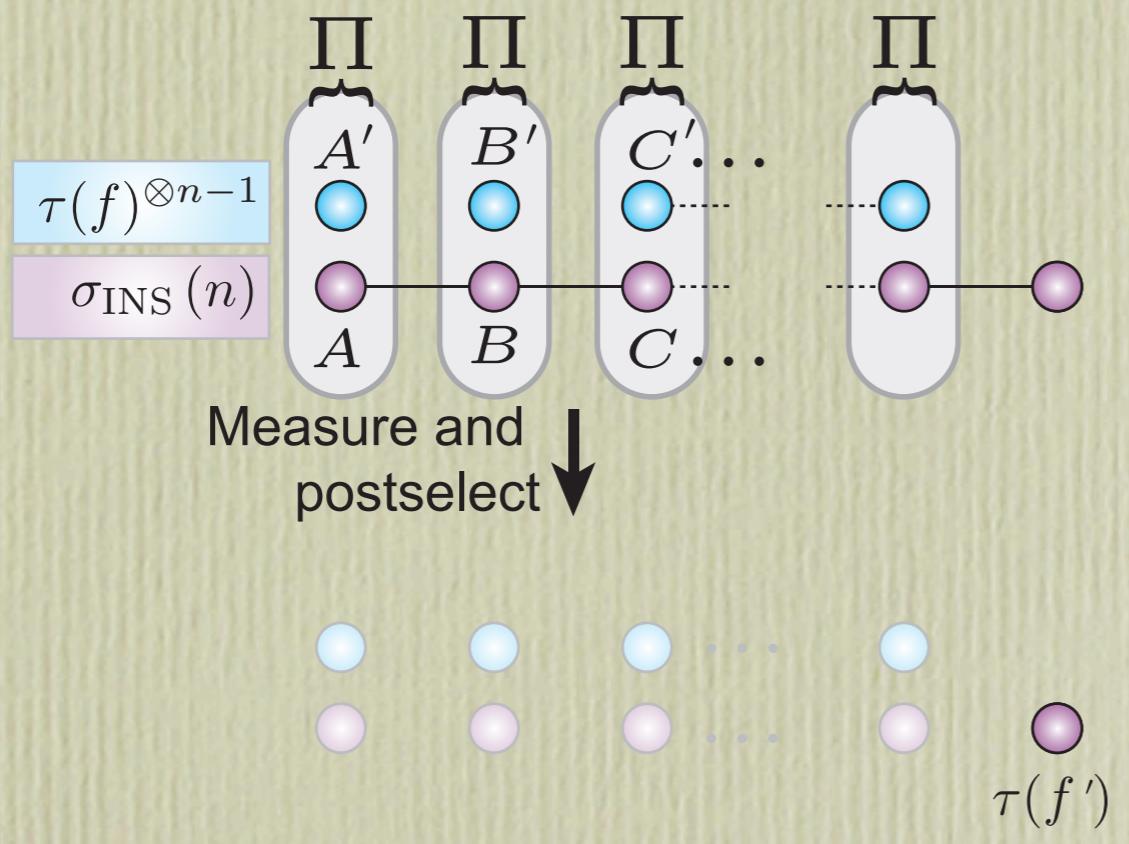
One can also  
verify that

$$\sigma(q) \nrightarrow \tau(f')$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi^-\rangle &= (|0,1\rangle - |1,0\rangle)/\sqrt{2} \\ &\propto |T_0, T_1\rangle - |T_1, T_0\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(q) &= q\tau_{0,1} + (1-q)\tau_{1,0} \\ \tau(f) &= f\tau_0 + (1-f)\tau_1 \end{aligned}$$

# Asymptotic activation

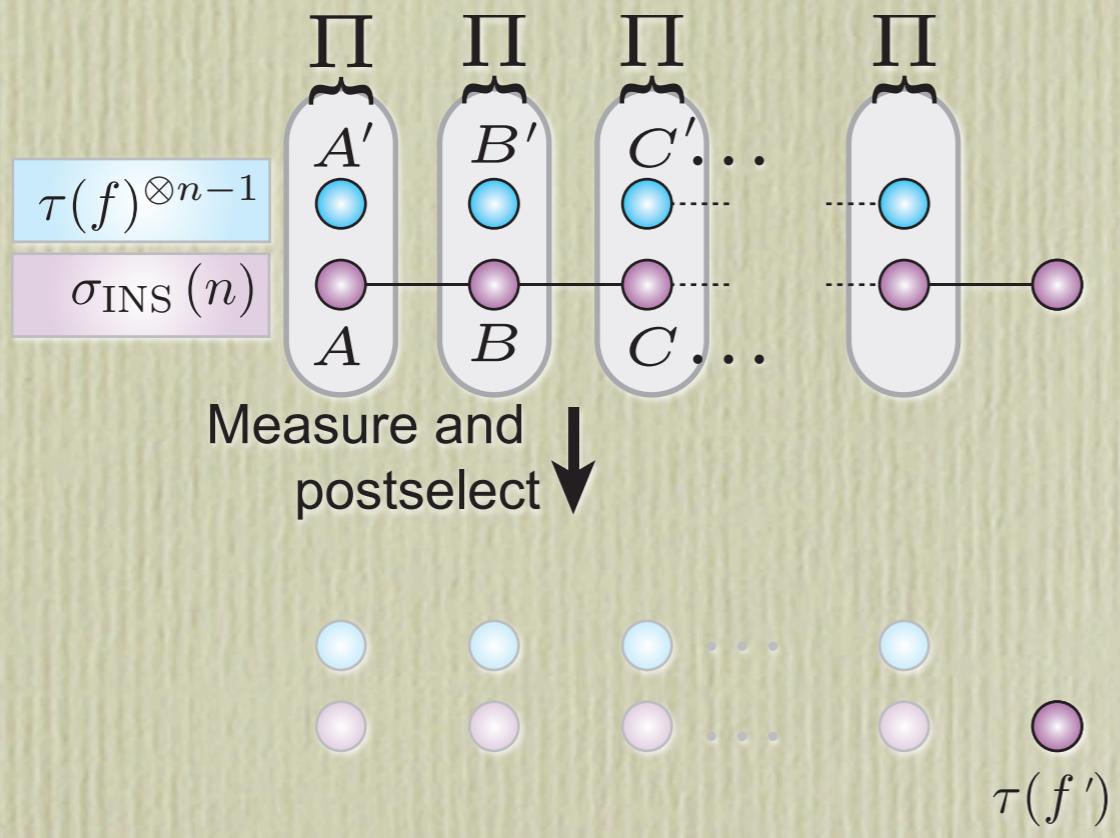


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$$\sigma_{\text{INS}}(n) = q_n \tau_0^{\otimes n} + (1 - q) \frac{1}{2^n}$$

Irreducible Non-stabilizer

State [Rei '06]

$$\sigma_{\text{INS}}(n) \not\rightarrow_P \rho_{\text{nonstab}}$$

Open question:  
are one-copy irreducible states, also many copy irreducible?

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| Bound (undistillable) states | Yes. At least in finite regime!<br>[Cam '09 '10]                               | Yes [Horo '98]                         |
| Catalysis                    | Yes. At least for Hadamard states!<br>[Cam '11]                                | Yes [Jon '99]                          |
| Activation                   | Yes for single shot.<br>Yes asymptotically using a growing resource! [Cam '11] | Yes [Horo '99]                         |

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# Catalysis No-Go details

$$|\varphi\rangle = (|H_0H_0H_0\rangle + |H_1H_1H_1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$$

is Clifford equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi'\rangle &= (|H'_0H'_0H'_0\rangle + |H'_1H'_1H'_1\rangle)/\sqrt{2} \\ &= (|0,0,0\rangle + i|1,1,0\rangle + i|1,0,1\rangle + i|0,1,1\rangle)/2 \end{aligned}$$

All pure transforms to one-qubit have the form

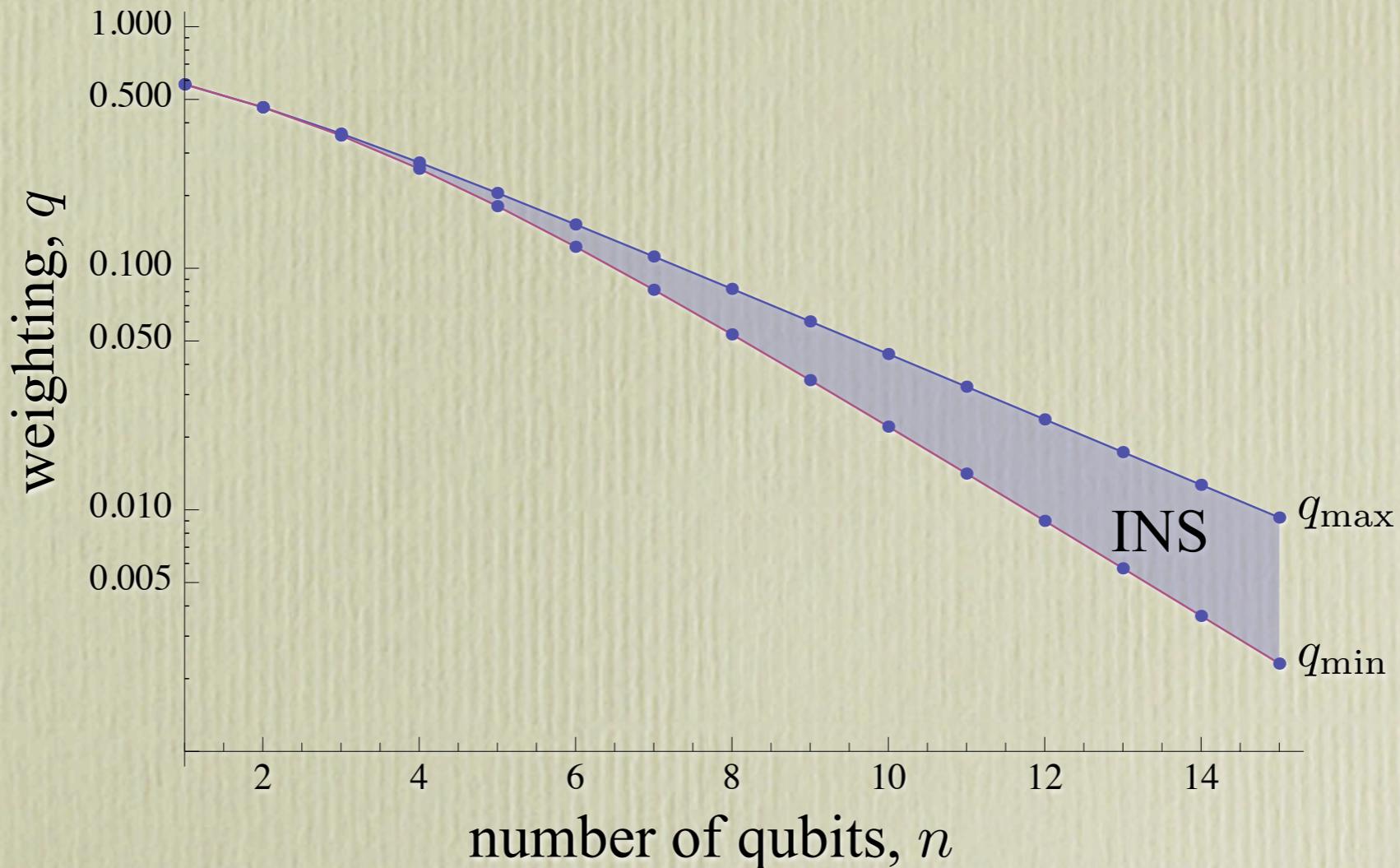
$$|\varphi'\rangle \rightarrow \langle 0_L|\varphi'\rangle|0\rangle + \langle 1_L|\varphi'\rangle|1\rangle$$

Define:  $R = \frac{|\langle 0_L|\varphi'\rangle|^2}{|\langle 1_L|\varphi'\rangle|^2}$  Target is:  $\frac{|\langle 0_L|H_0\rangle|^2}{|\langle 1_L|H_0\rangle|^2} = 3 - 2\sqrt{2}$

However R is rational

$$R = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{c^2 + d^2} \quad \begin{matrix} a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \\ |a|, |b|, |c|, |d| \leq 4 \end{matrix}$$

# Irreducible NS



$$q_{\max} = [1 + (2f_{\text{st}})^{n-1}(\sqrt{3} - 1)]^{-1},$$
$$q_{\min} = (2^n - 1)/[(1 + \sqrt{3})^n - 1].$$

# Irreducible NS

- To find  $q_{\min}$  we must verify that the state is indeed a non-stabilizer state. We do this by calculating  $\|\rho\|_{\text{st}}$

**Lemma 1** *A density matrix  $\rho$ , with decomposition in the Pauli basis  $\rho = \sum_j a_j \sigma_j$ , is a nonstabilizer state if*

$$\|\rho\|_{\text{st}} = \sum_j |a_j| > 1. \quad (19)$$

# Irreducible NS

$$\rho_{\text{out}} = \frac{q \cdot \Pi \tau_0^{\otimes n} \Pi + (1 - q) \Pi / 2^n}{q \cdot \text{tr}(\Pi \tau_0^{\otimes n}) + (1 - q) / 2^{n-1}}. \quad (22)$$

The largest eigenvalue of the projected state is

$$\lambda = \frac{q \cdot \text{tr}(\Pi \tau_0^{\otimes n}) + (1 - q) / 2^n}{q \cdot \text{tr}(\Pi \tau_0^{\otimes n}) + (1 - q) / 2^{n-1}}. \quad (23)$$

To make further progress we must evaluate the maximum possible value of  $\text{tr}(\Pi \tau_0^{\otimes n})$ .

**Lemma 2** *For  $n$  copies of a single-qubit state,  $\tau_0$ , and for all projectors,  $\Pi$ , onto a  $2^m$ -dimensional stabilizer subspace, the maximum probability of projection is*

$$\max_{\Pi} [\text{tr}(\Pi \tau_0^{\otimes n})] = f_{\text{st}}^{n-m} \quad (24)$$