

### Error Gates also act on Ancillary Qubit

Here we are only considering the outcomes of measurement as per expectation values, hence the phase is NOT being considered here.

1. Z-gates acting on first main Qubit affect only its phase(which we are not considering in this case)
2. Z-gate has no effect on the ancillary Qubits of the first main Qubit because  $Z|0\rangle = |0\rangle$
3. Z-gate has no effect on second main Qubit -  $|0\rangle$  and its ancillary Qubits -  $|00\rangle$  because  $Z|0\rangle = |0\rangle$
4. Also, X-gate has no effect on when it acts on the first main-Qubit because

$$X\left(\frac{|00\rangle+|11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \frac{|00\rangle+|11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Hence we expect that the output will be different only in these cases

1. If both the ancillary Qubits of first main Qubit are affected by X-gate
2. Among the 2nd main Qubit along with its ancillary bits, majority of them are affected by X-gate

#### Case-1:

The state of the sub-system consisting of First main Qubit along with its ancillary bits

$$= \frac{|000\rangle+|100\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Encoding the Qubits by applying CNOT results in  $\frac{|000\rangle+|111\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$

Flipping both the ancillary bits we get  $\frac{|011\rangle+|100\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$

#### Bitflip code

Applying CNOT gate  $\frac{|011\rangle+|111\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$

Applying Toffoli Gate  $\frac{|111\rangle+|011\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$

We still will get  $\frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$  when the first main Qubit is measured

#### Case-2:

State of subsystem consisting of Second main Qubit along with its ancillary bits

$$= |000\rangle$$

Encoding the Qubits by applying CNOT results in  $|000\rangle$

Flipping the majority of the Qubits - Say the first and last bits are flipped  
 $= |101\rangle$

### Bitflip Code

Applying CNOT gate results  $|110\rangle$

Applying Toffoli gate results  $|110\rangle$

We get  $|1\rangle$  when the second main Qubit is measured, Hence the output would be

$$\frac{|01\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ which on further applying CNOT gate would result in } \frac{|01\rangle + |10\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Hence our output in case of error will not be  $\frac{|00\rangle \pm |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$  in cases when the majority of Qubits among second main Qubit along with its ancillary bits are flipped.

Therefore, we mostly expect the output where '00' with a probability  $\frac{1}{2}$  and '11' with a probability  $\frac{1}{2}$ . In rest of the cases, we get '01' with a probability  $\frac{1}{2}$  and '10' with a probability  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Probability of this happening would be

$$= P(\text{Any 2 out of 3 Qubits are flipped}) + P(\text{All the 3 Qubits are flipped})$$

$$= 3 \times \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^2 \times \left(1 - \frac{p}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^3$$

Putting  $p = 0.4$  we get 0.104

When repeated 1000 times, we can expect

'00' with probability  $\frac{1}{2}$  and '11' with a probability  $\frac{1}{2}$  896 times

'01' with probability  $\frac{1}{2}$  and '10' with a probability  $\frac{1}{2}$  104 times