

# Fault-tolerant measurement-free quantum error correction with multiqubit gates

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# Motivation for measurement-free quantum error correction with neutral atoms:

Mid-circuit measurements were not ideal:  
fidelity ~95%

Data qubit idling fidelity during ancilla  
measurement ~97%

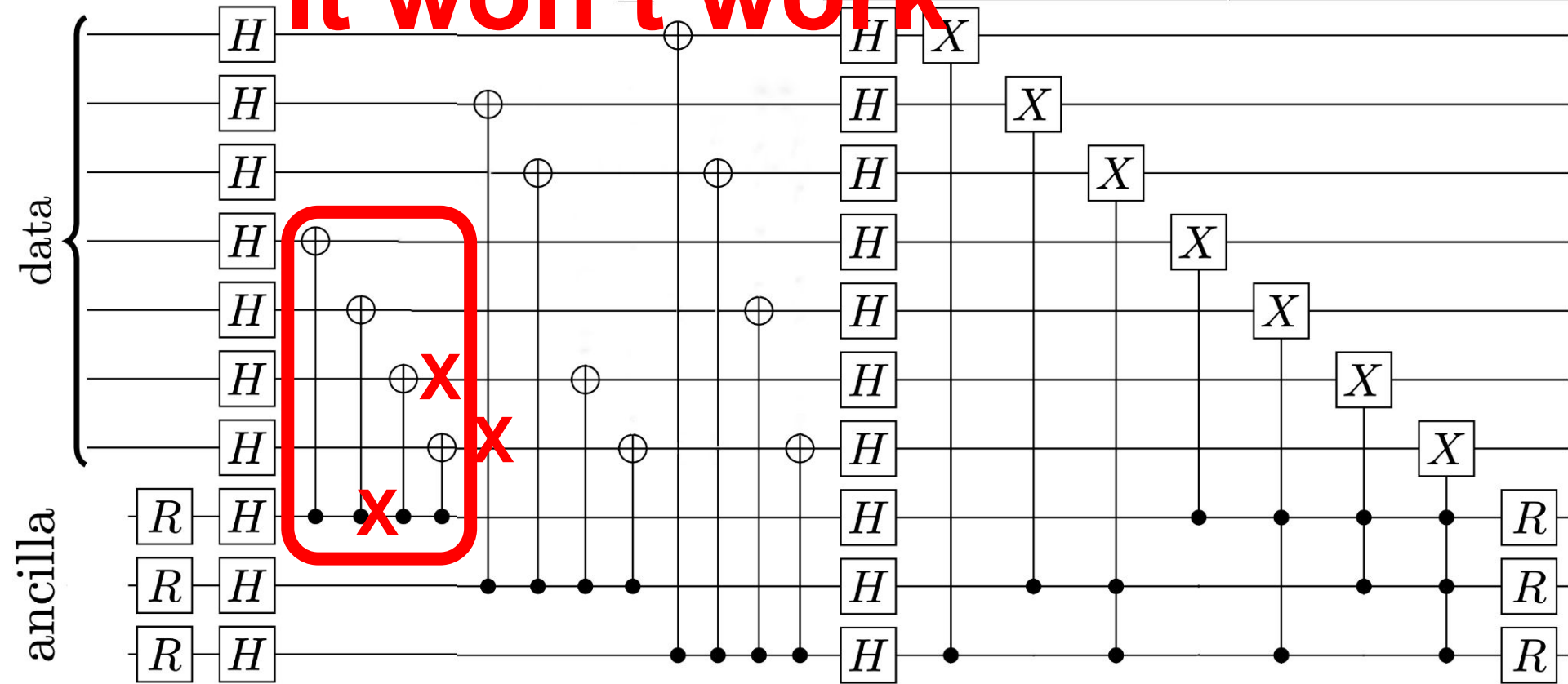
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Parallel 2-qubit gate fidelity ~99.5%

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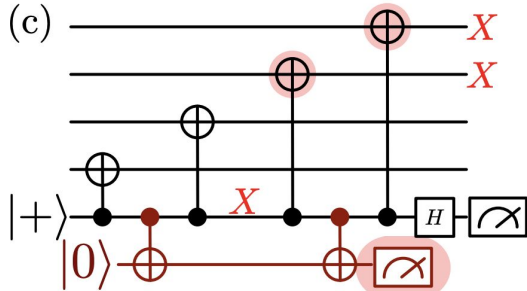
We studied measurement-free Steane code:  
Naive measurement-free Steane code (X correction subcircuit)

**It won't work**

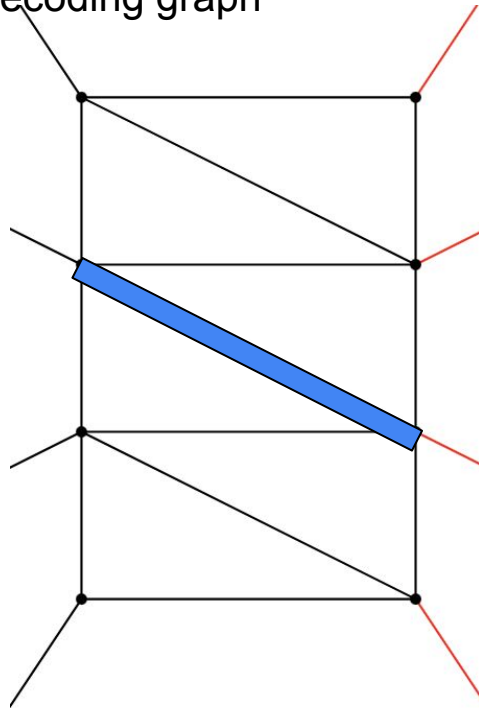


# Fault-tolerance of syndrome extraction

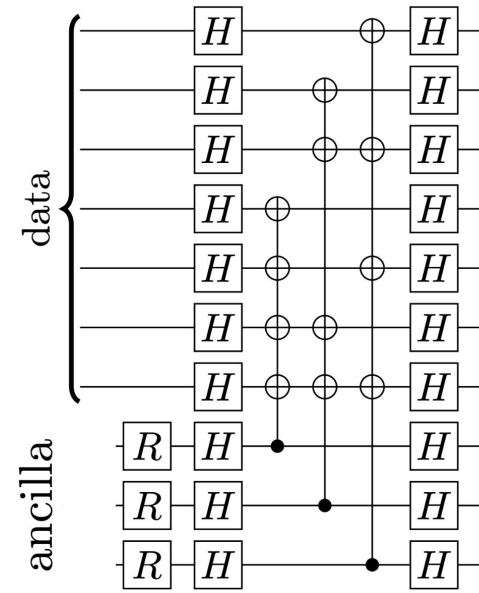
1) Flag qubits



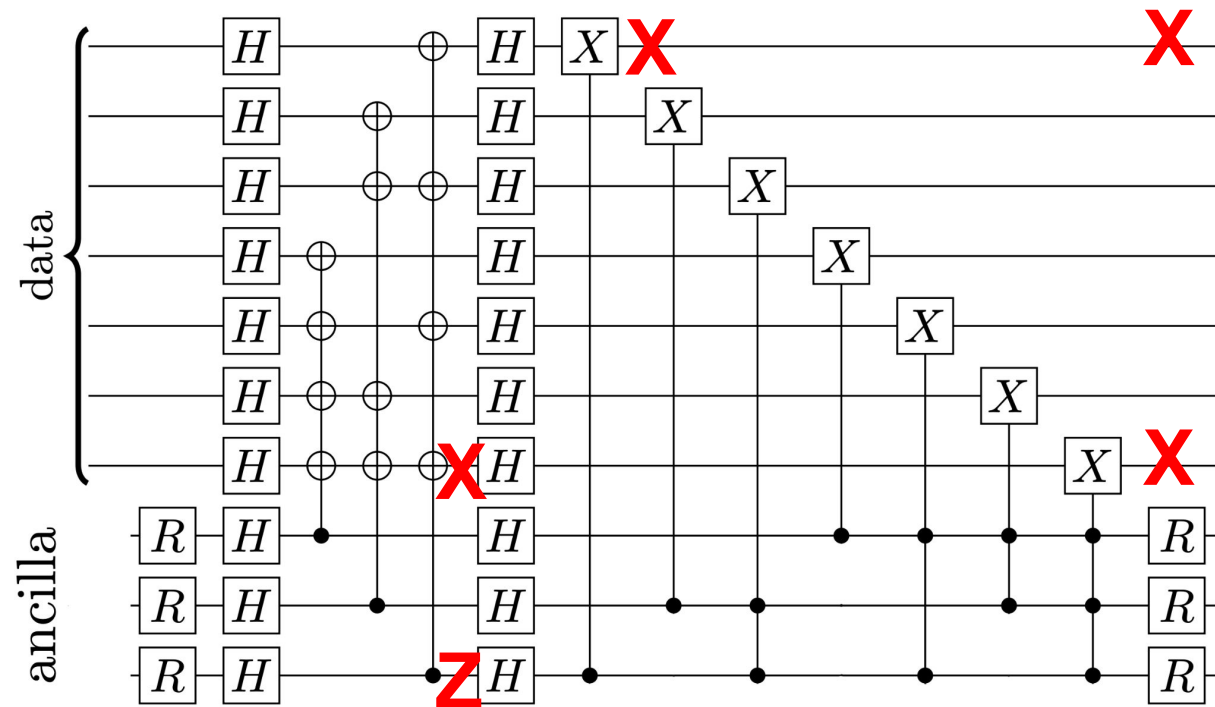
2) Space-and-time edge in decoding graph



3) (Assuming no weight-2 error on target qubits)  
Single-control-multi-target gates

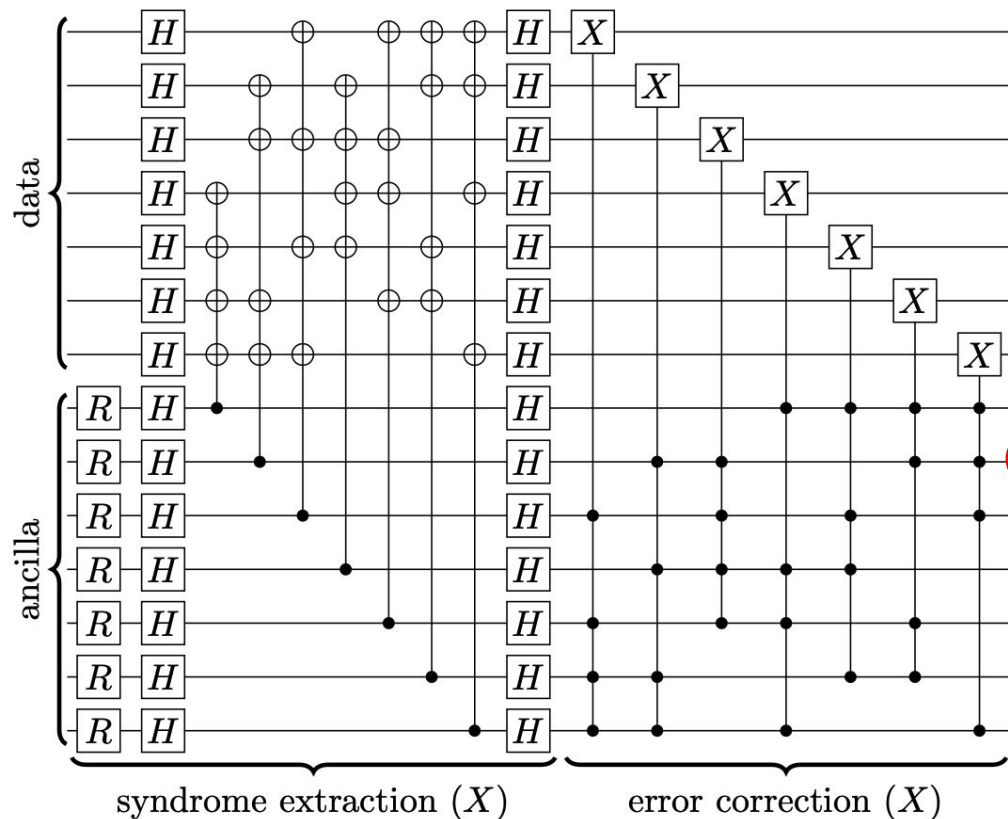


circuit still fragile!



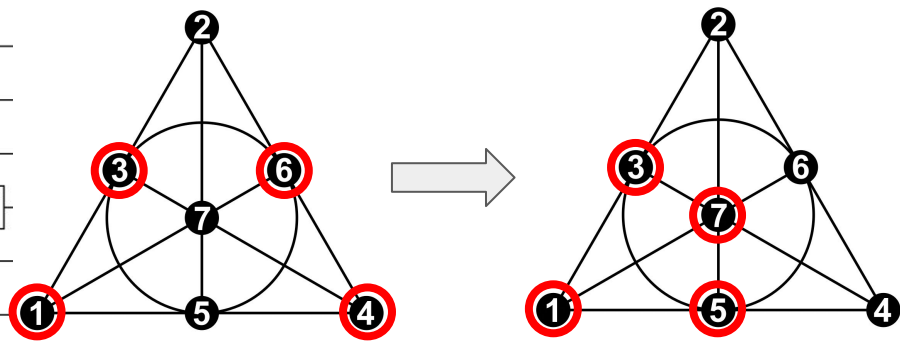
Weight-1 data qubit error +  
ancilla error

# Ingredient 2: Redundant syndrome



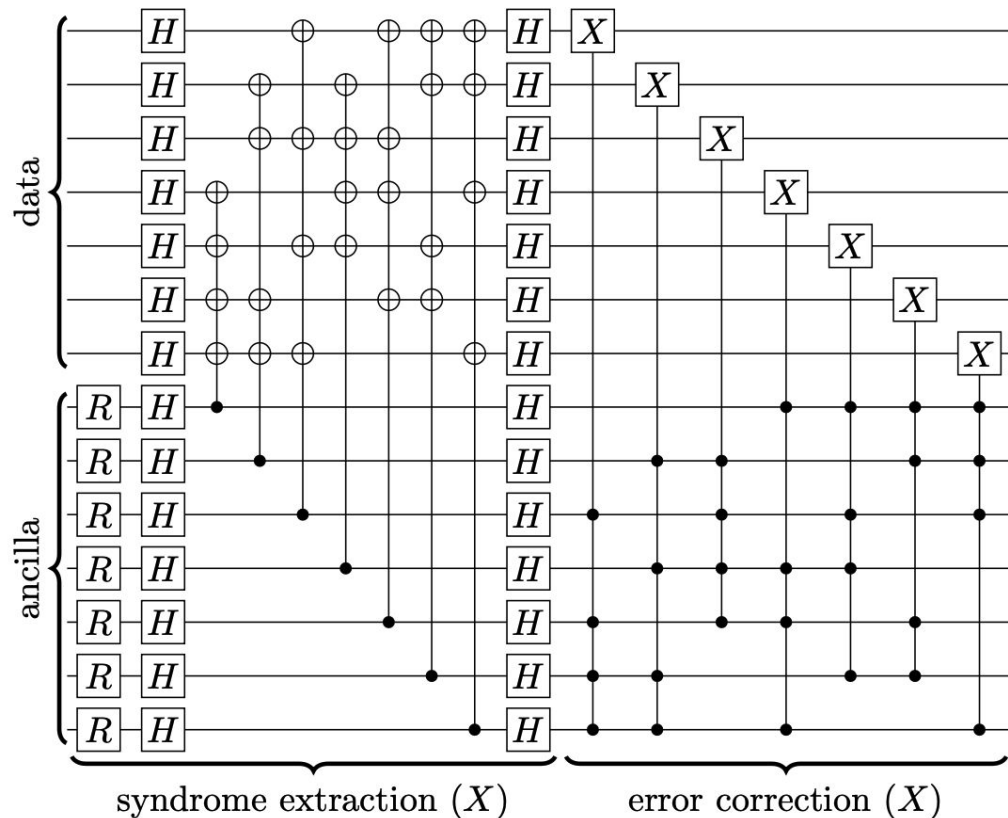
## Design-Based-Redundancy (DBR) from combinatorial theory

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	Original	DBR
Stabilizer qubits	2 x 3	2 x 7
Syndrome hamming distance	1	2 ( $C_4X$ ) (studied) 4 ( $C_6X$ )

# Strong circuit! But how can we simulate it?



**14 qubits,  
multi-qubit gates  
are non-clifford**

# For measurement based quantum error correction simulation:

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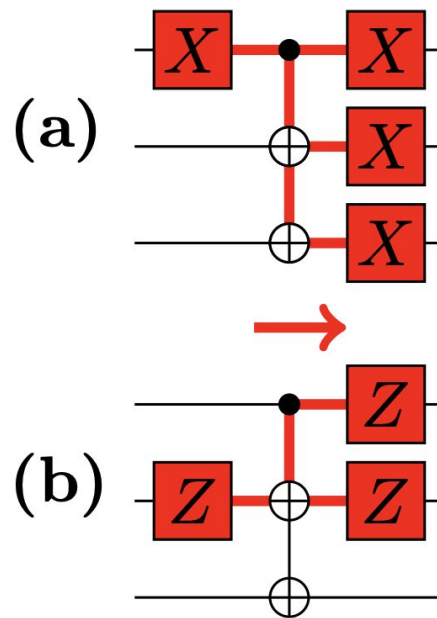


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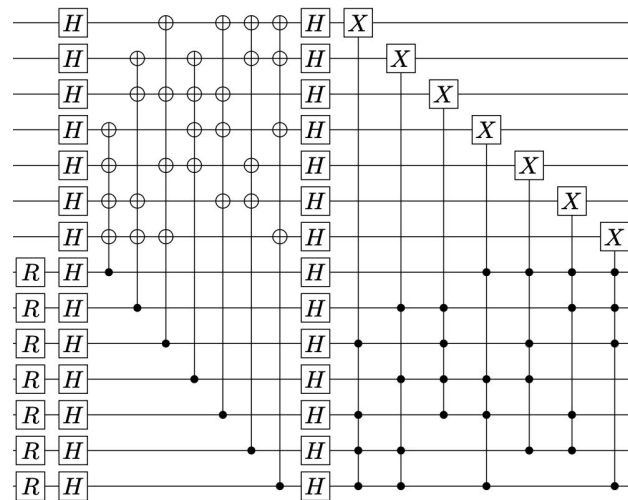
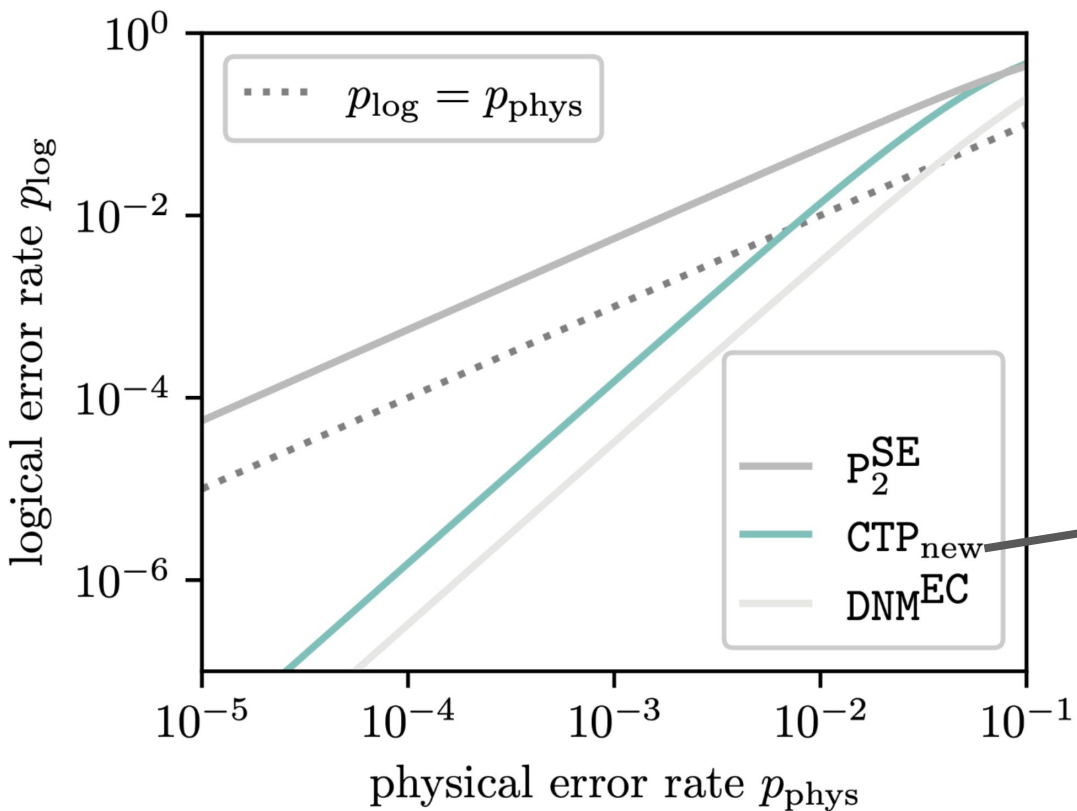
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We similarly use propagation rules for Pauli error to track the effect of error

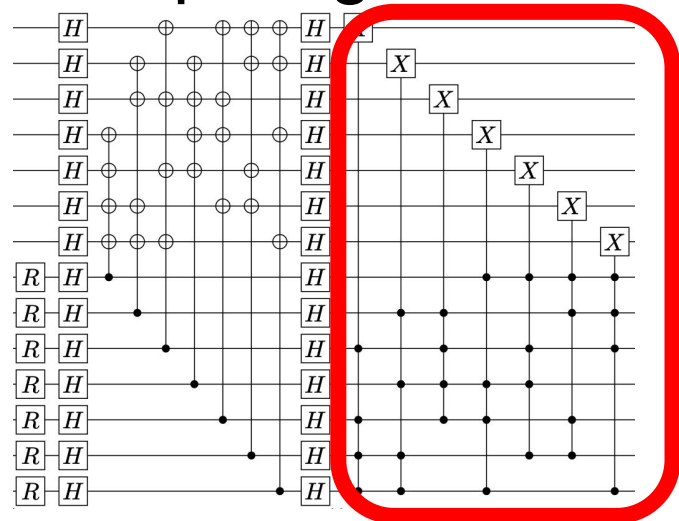
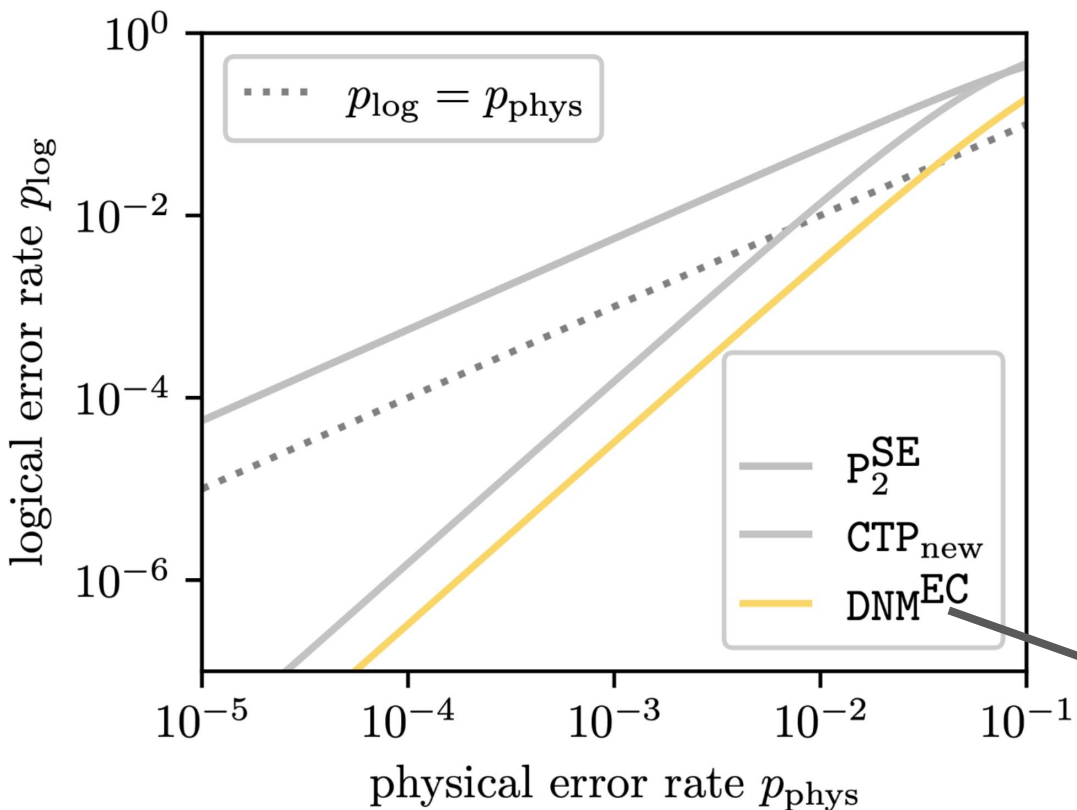


# Logical error rates with different multi-qubit gate noise models: noise model 1



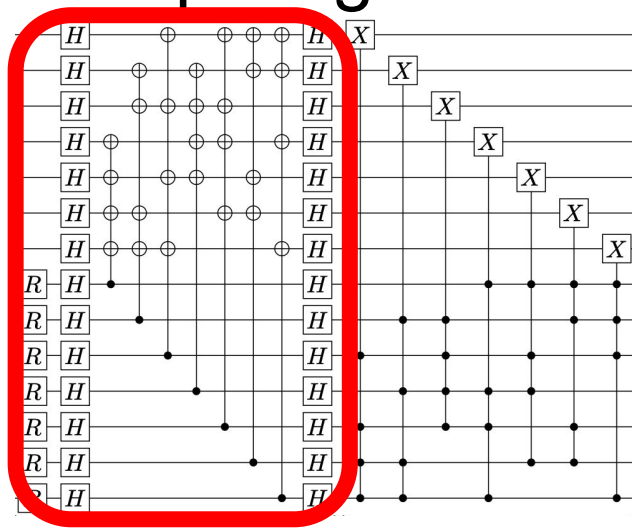
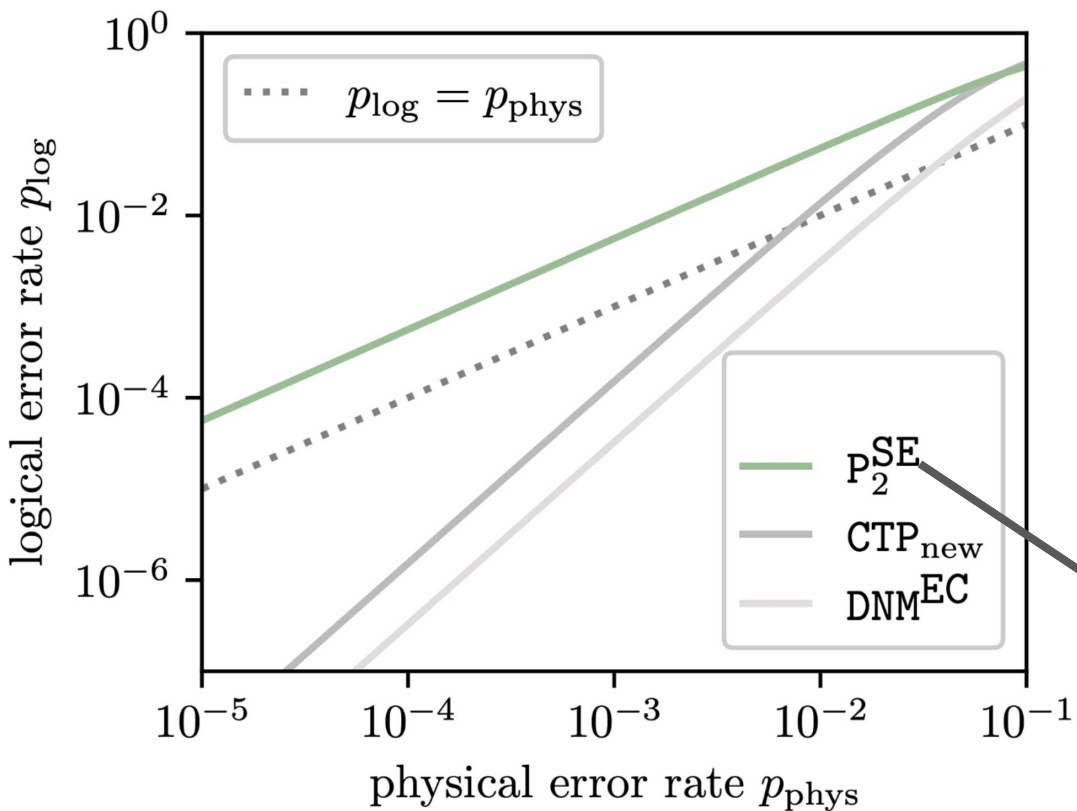
For any CX4, a single 2-qubit depolarization on one of the four **Control-Target Pairs**

# Logical error rates with different multi-qubit gate noise models: noise model 2



**Depolarizing Noise Model:** Any Pauli strings on the five qubits, only the **Error Correction** subcircuit is noisy

# Logical error rates with different multi-qubit gate noise models: noise model 3



**2-qubit Pauli errors on any pair of qubits, only the Syndrome Extraction subcircuit is noisy**

# Finding gate implementation

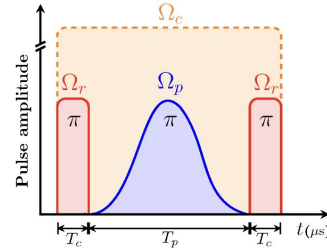
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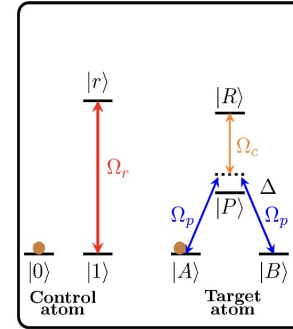
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## 2) Microwave dressing to cancel target-target interaction

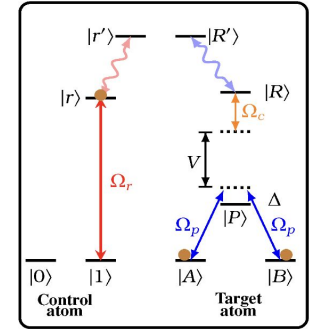
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(a) Sequence of pulses

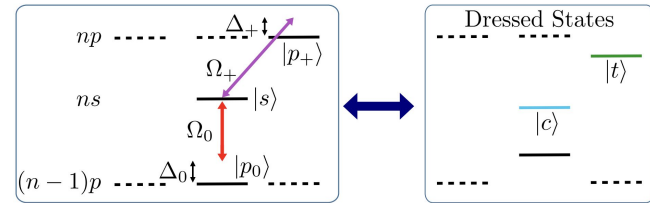


(b) No transfer scheme



(c) Transfer scheme

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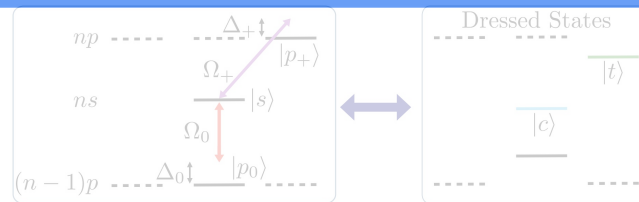
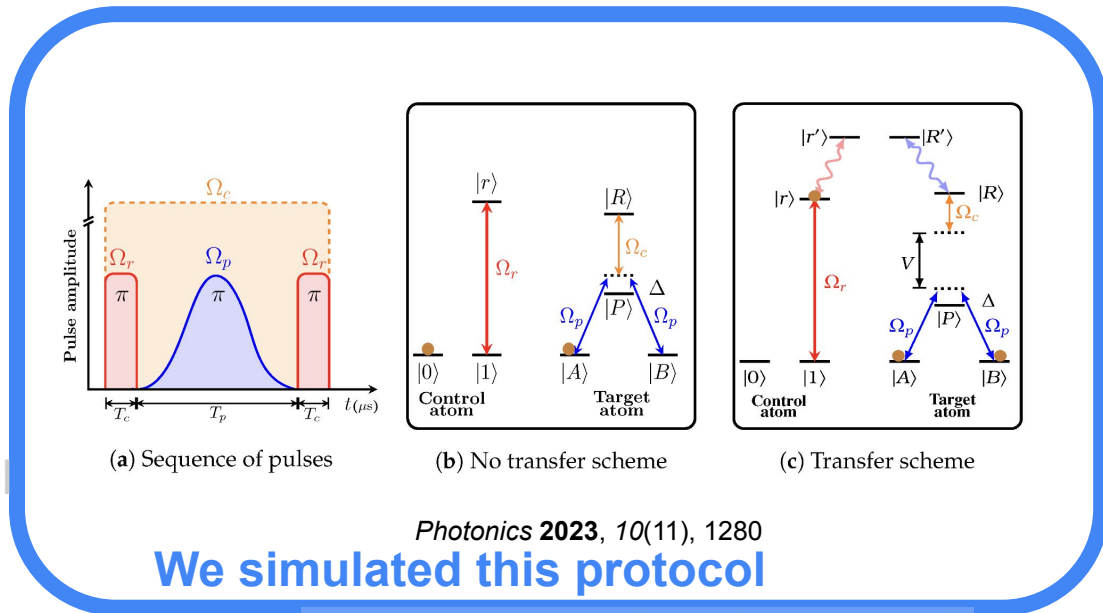
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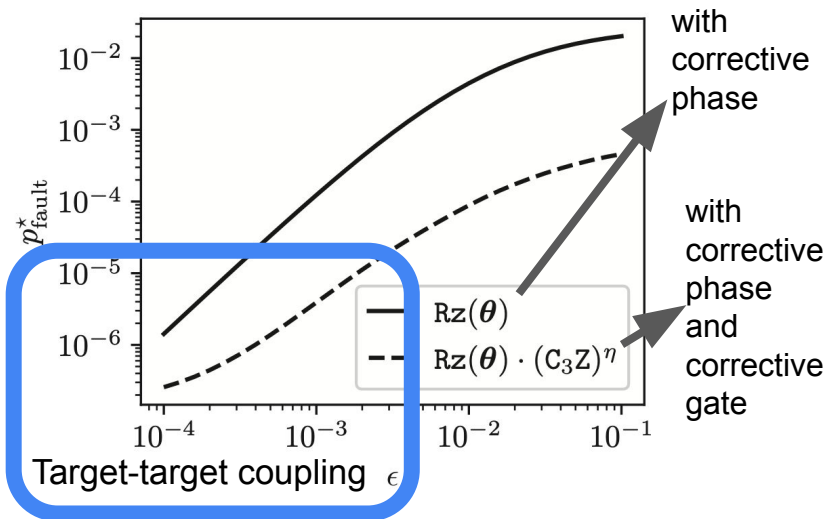
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# Critical fault (XX/ZZ) probability as a function of target-target coupling



Might be good enough

Pauli error probability approximated from a channel:

$$\mathbb{E}_{a,b} \langle a | (\mathcal{P} \circ \mathcal{U} \circ \mathcal{U}_0^{-1}) (|a\rangle\langle b|) | b \rangle$$

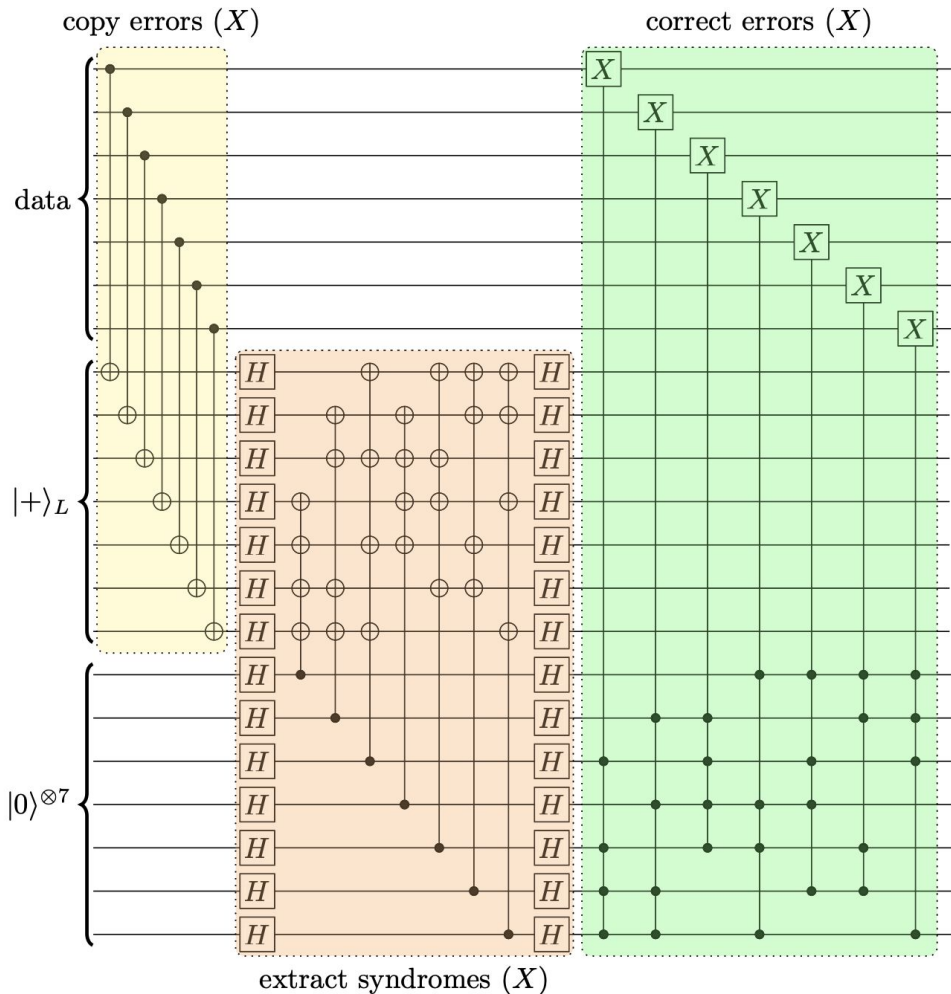
A short note on effective Pauli noise models

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With weight-2 error,  
 logical X(Z) gate to “copy”  
 X(Z) error to logical ancilla  
 can restore FT  
 pseudthreshold  $\sim 0.1\%$

“copy” first proposed in  
 PRX Quantum **5**, 010333 (2024)





## Conclusion:

Measurement free QEC with good threshold with realistic gateset

## Outlook:

Measurement-free single-shot fault-tolerance ?