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# AUTHENTICATING QUANTUM STATES

## QUANTUM AUTHENTICATION CODES (QAC)

- ▶ prevent quantum information from being altered (while sending or storing)



- ▶ One-time: secret key  $k$  usable only once
- ▶ If decoding rejects, information may be lost!

## QAC AS A TOOL

- ▶ Authentication of a state: preventing that state from being altered **at all**
- ▶ Verification of a computation: preventing the input from being altered, except **in one specific way**
- ▶ QACs can be an ingredient of (cryptographic) verification protocols!

## OVERVIEW

- ▶ PART I: quantum authentication codes (**the tool**)
  - ▶ Definition
  - ▶ Two different codes
  - ▶ Relation to encryption
- ▶ PART II: verifiable computation (**the applications**)
  - ▶ Scenario: client and server
  - ▶ Scenario: multi-party computation

# PART I: QUANTUM AUTHENTICATION CODES

**DEFINITION** [BCG+02]

- ▶ **Correctness**: if no attack happens, decryption “accepts”, and the original message is always recovered:

$$Dec_k \circ Enc_k = \text{Id}$$

- ▶ **Security** (first attempt): if decryption accepts, the recovered message is close to the original message:

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“REAL”

“IDEAL”

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- **Security** (second attempt): with **side information** [DNS12]:

$$\forall \Phi_{\text{attack}} \quad \exists \Phi_{\text{acc}}, \Phi_{\text{rej}} \quad \forall \rho :$$

$$\mathbb{E}_k((Dec_k \otimes \text{Id}_S) \circ \Phi_{\text{attack}} \circ (Enc_k \otimes \text{Id}_S))(\rho_{MS})$$

$$\approx$$

$$(\text{Id}_M \otimes \Phi_{\text{acc}})(\rho_{MS}) + |\text{rej}\rangle\langle \text{rej}| \circ \Phi_{\text{rej}}(\rho_S)$$

## EXAMPLE: CLIFFORD CODE [BCG+02]


- ▶ Key:  $C \in_R \text{Clifford}_{n+1}$
- ▶ Encoding:  $|\psi\rangle \mapsto C(|\psi\rangle \otimes \underline{|0^n\rangle})$   
“TRAPS”
- ▶ Decoding: apply  $C^\dagger$ , measure traps

**THEOREM:** The Clifford code is a secure QAC.

(the probability to **alter** the state **undetected** is  $\leq 2^{-n}$ .)

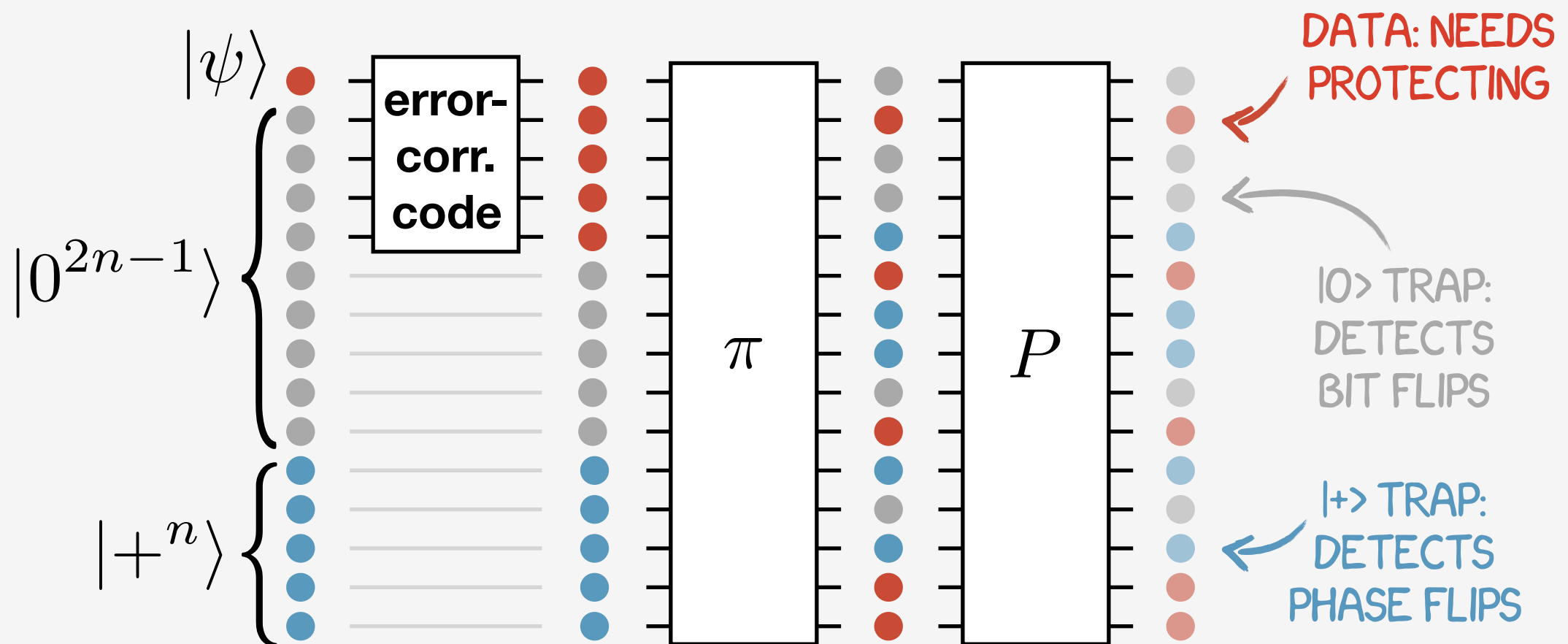


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- ▶ Decoding: apply  $\pi^{-1}P^\dagger$ ,  measure traps & ECC syndrome  
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**THEOREM:** The trap code is a secure QAC.

(the probability to alter the state undetected is  $\leq (2/3)^{d/2}$ .)

## WHICH CODE IS “BETTER”?

- ▶ Clifford code: simple, clean analysis. Strong security.
- ▶ Trap code: more structure, encoding/decoding requires “less quantum”
- ▶ There are more: polynomial code [BCG+06], Auth-QFT-Auth [GYZ17], strong trap code [DS18], ...

[BCG+06] Ben-Or, Crépeau, Gottesman, Hassidim, Smith; FOCS 2006.

[GYZ17] Garg, Yuen, Zhandry; CRYPTO 2017.

[DS18] Dulek, Speelman; TQC 2018.

## THE “LANDSCAPE” OF DEFINITIONS

- ▶ Stronger: key recycling [HLM16, GYZ17] (if decoding accepts, the key can be reused)



Clifford code



Trap code

- ▶ Stronger: ciphertext authentication [AGM16]



Clifford code



Trap code

- ▶ **THEOREM.**  $\mathcal{Q}$  authentication implies encryption. [BCG+02]

[HLM16] Hayden, Leung, Meyers; arXiv:1610.09434.

[GYZ17] Garg, Yuen, Zhandry; CRYPTO 2017.

[AGM16] Alagic, Gagliardoni, Majenz; Eurocrypt 2016.

[BCG+02] Barnum, Crépeau, Gottesman, Smith, Tapp; FOCS 2002.

## OPEN PROBLEMS

- ▶ For known codes: if decoding rejects, how much of the key is compromised? [GYZ17]
- ▶ More generally: design of “many-time” codes? [AGM16]
- ▶ How to deal with noise?
- ▶ Minimal quantum capabilities of the encoder/decoder?  
Can a classical client “outsource” encoding? [GV19]

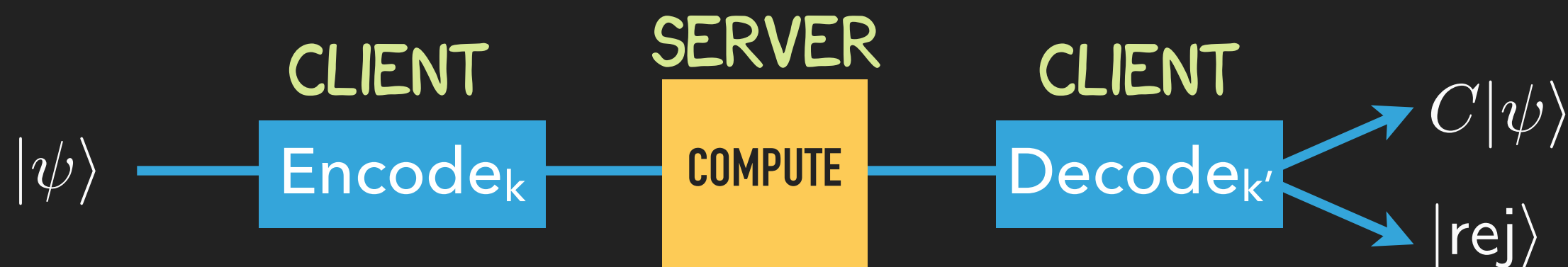
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# PART II: VERIFIABLE COMPUTATION

## SCENARIO: CLIENT AND SERVER

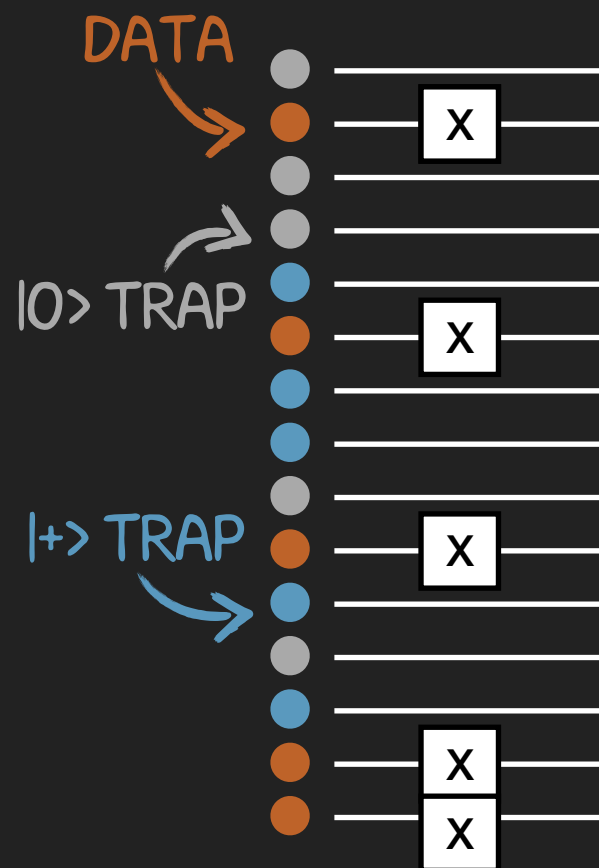


- ▶ Server does not know the key
- ▶ Client “updates” the key during/after computation
- ▶ Protocol using trap code [BGS13]: some gates are simple, some require “magic states”



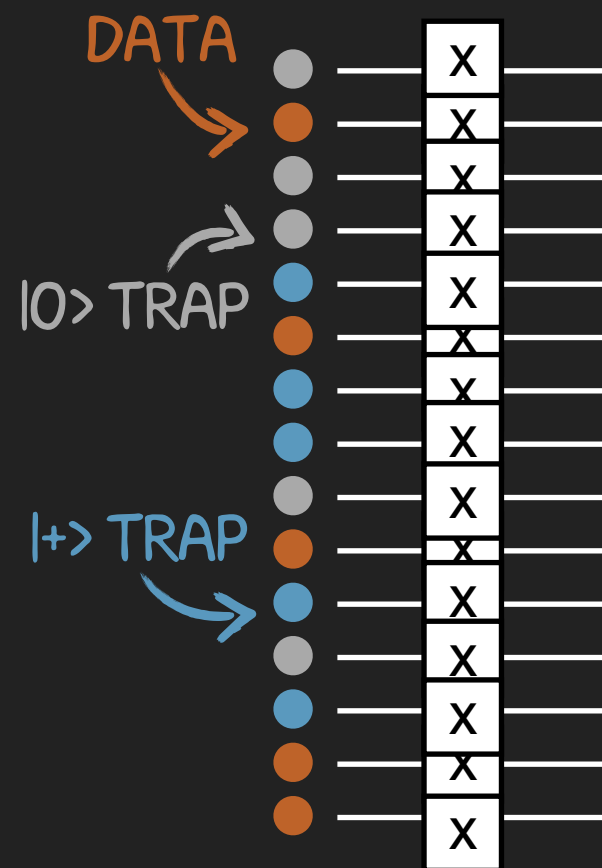
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- ▶ Idea: transversal gate application



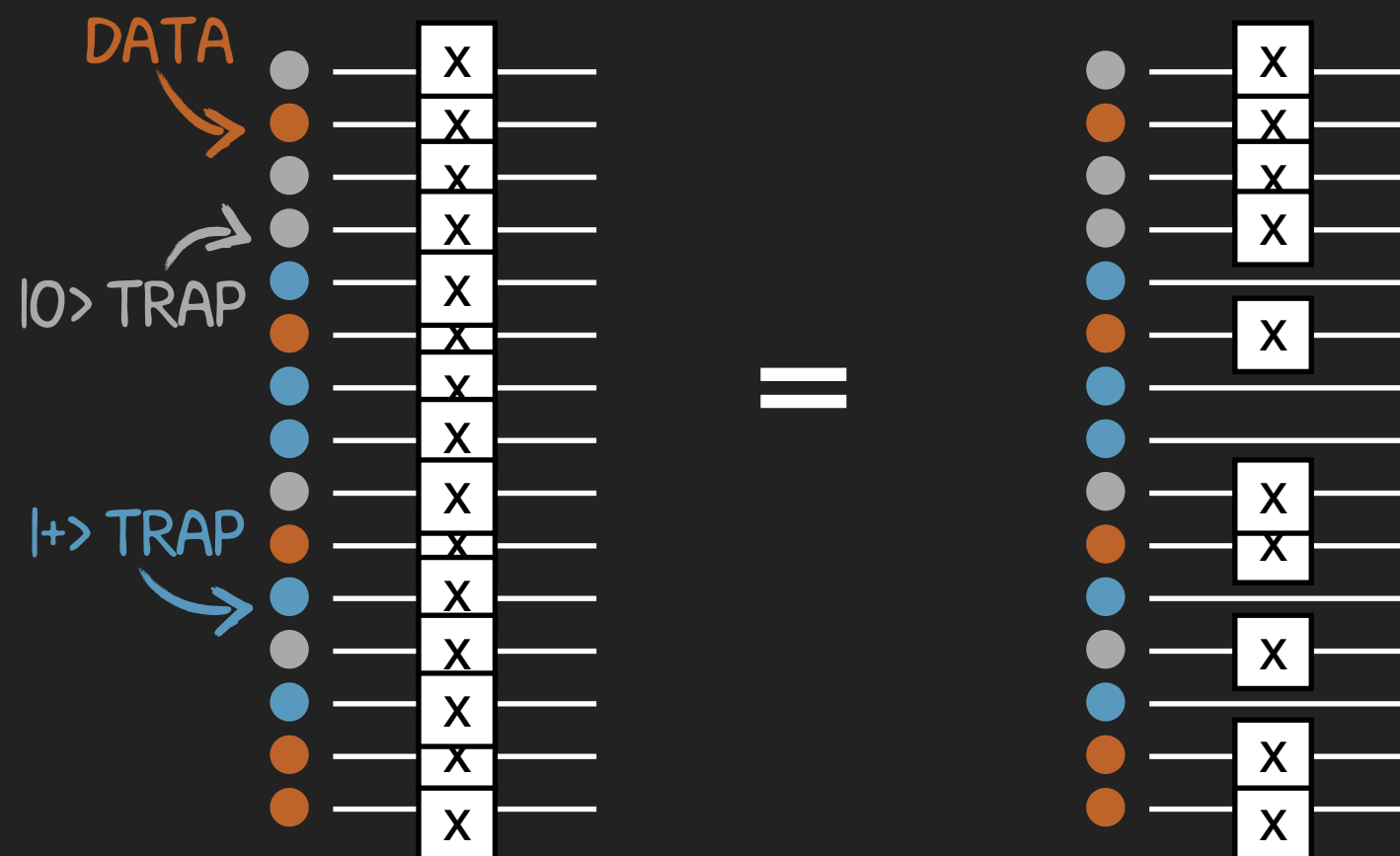
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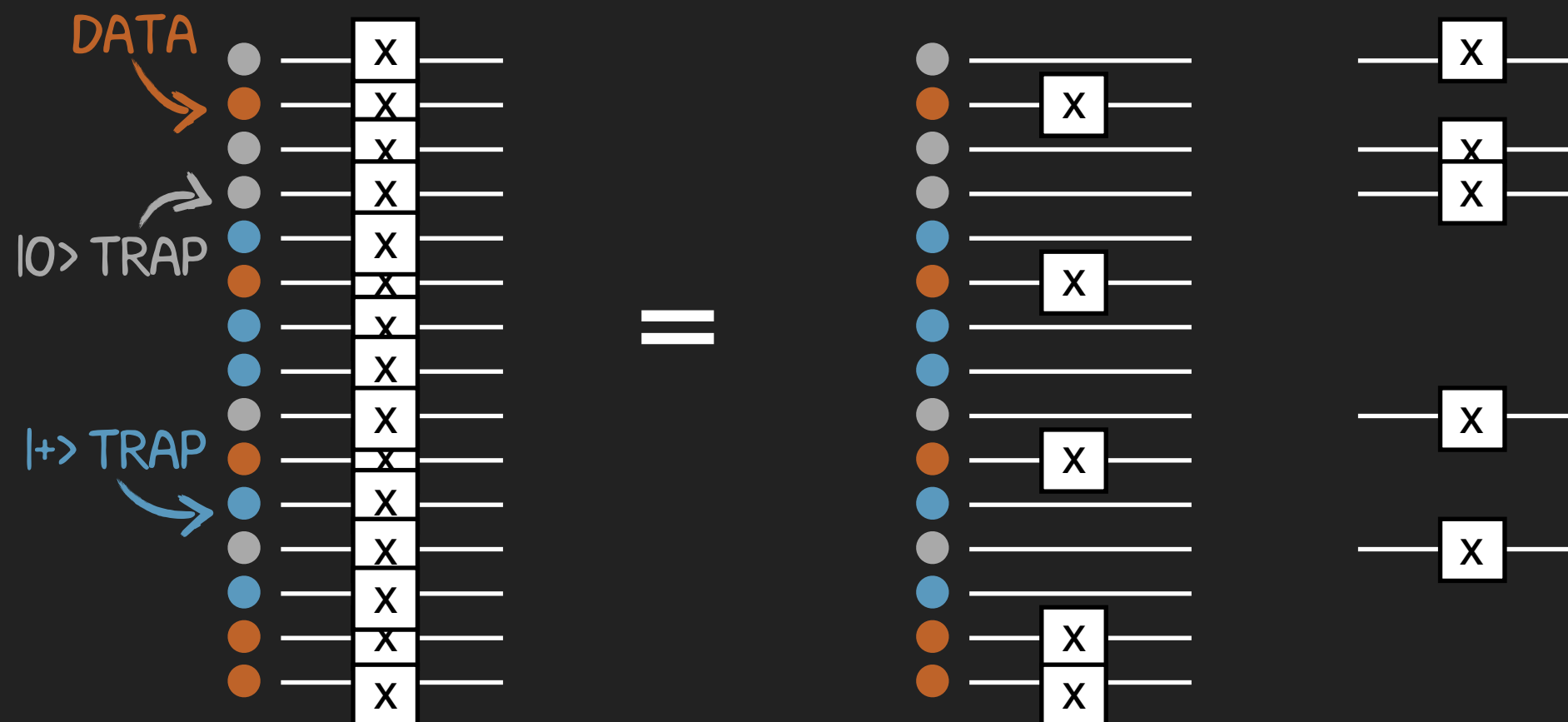
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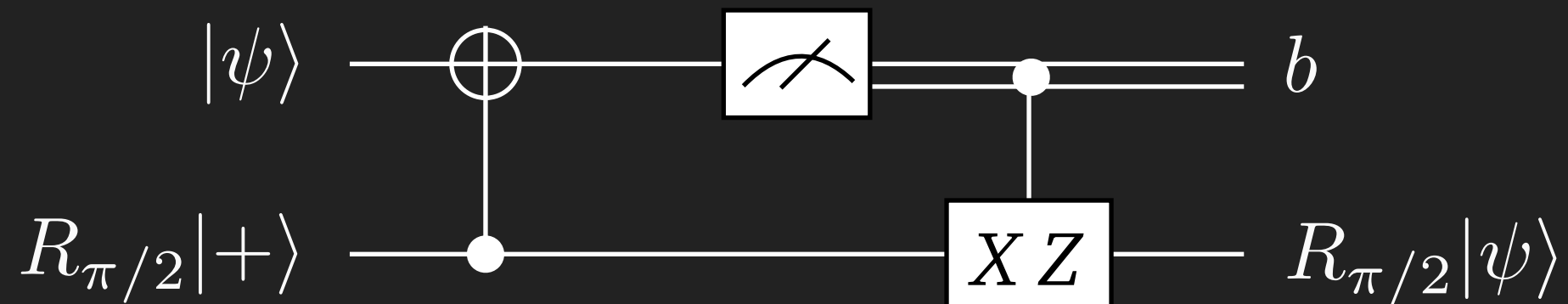
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SOLUTION:  
UPDATE  
KEY TO  
"UNDO"  
UNWANTED  
 $X$

## MAGIC STATES

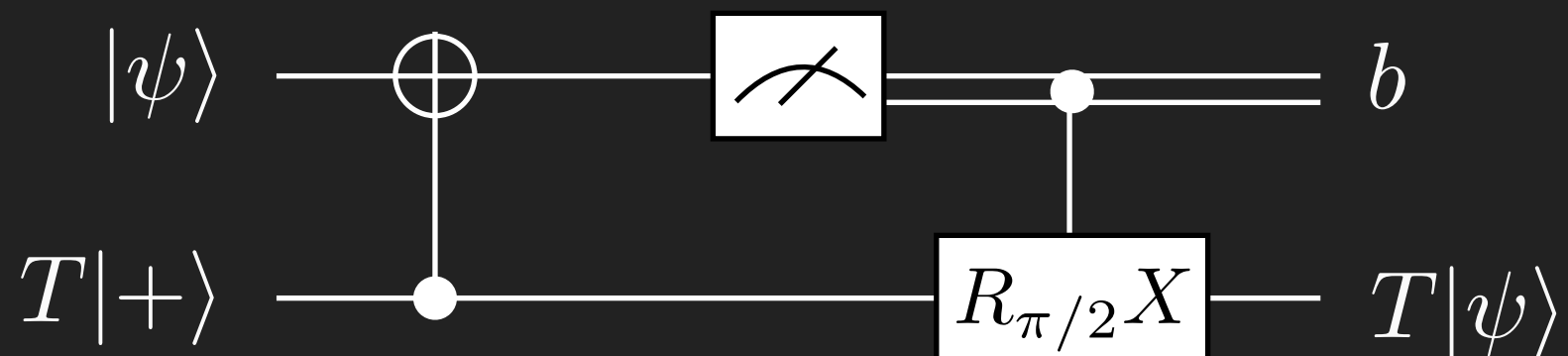
- ▶ Transversal computation works for  $X$ ,  $Z$ , CNOT, and even computational-basis measurement!
- ▶ Other gates need a different trick: magic states



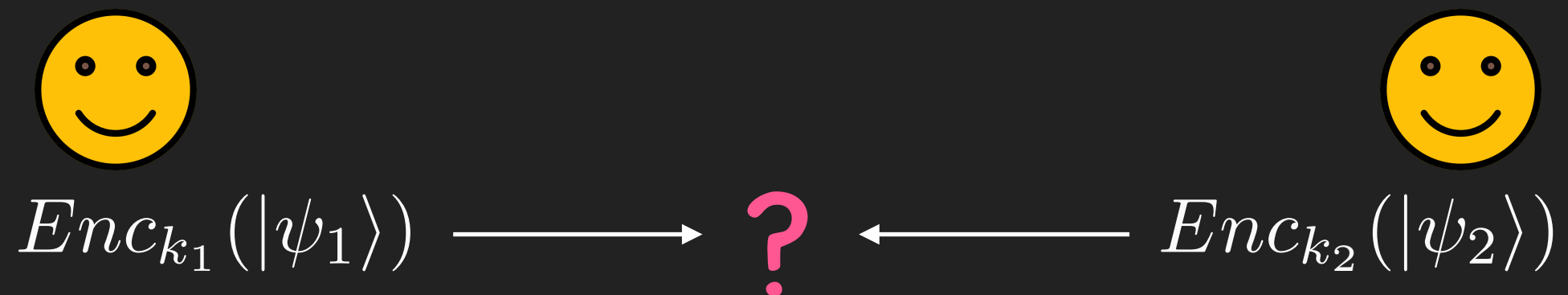
$$R_{\pi/2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix}$$

## PROTOCOL: CLIENT AND SERVER

- ▶ Compute on authenticated data gate-by-gate
- ▶ Some gates ( $R_{\pi/2}, H, T = R_{\pi/4}$ ) require **authenticated magic states**, created by the client.
- ▶ Some gates ( $T$ ) even require **interaction** between client and server.



## SCENARIO: MULTIPARTY QUANTUM COMPUTATION



- ▶ All players have inputs
- ▶ What happens if the inputs (and keys) get combined? Who can check/decode the result?

## SOLUTION 1: “STACK” AUTHENTIFICATIONS [DNS12]



$$Enc_{k_2}(Enc_{k_1}(|\psi_1\rangle))$$



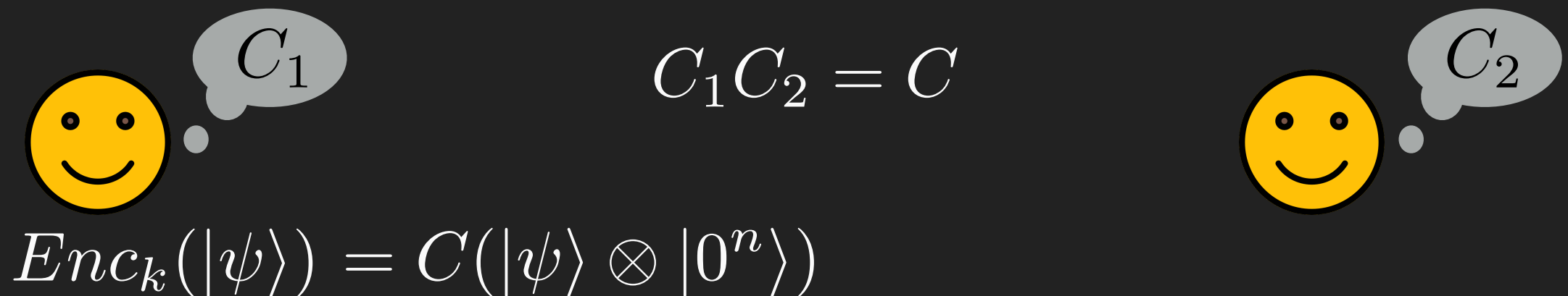
$$Enc_{k_1}(Enc_{k_2}(|\psi_2\rangle))$$

All players encode all states, so they can check all states

- + plug and play security
- extra work if player wants to check “inner” encoding
- more players = longer ciphertexts



## SOLUTION 2: PUBLIC AUTHENTICATION TEST [DGJ+20]



- ▶ Players share the key to a single encoding
- ▶ If **one** player decodes, **all** players can verify the check:
  - ▶ Decoding player appends another  $|0^n\rangle$  ↘  $GL(2n, \mathbb{F}_2)$
  - ▶ "Spread out" any errors:  $(C' \otimes X^r)(\mathbb{I} \otimes g)(C^\dagger \otimes \mathbb{I}_n)$
  - ▶ Decoding player measures  $n$  last qubits, reports  $r$

## PROTOCOL: MULTIPARTY COMPUTATION

- ▶ All players' inputs are encoded. Two options:
  - ▶ "stacked" encoding
  - ▶ shared encoding (with public authentication test)
- ▶ Gate-by-gate computation using similar ideas as in client/server setting
- ▶ Classical control using classical multiparty computation

## OPEN PROBLEMS

- ▶ Other applications of “public authentication test”?  
[DGJ+20]
- ▶ Applications of multiparty computation: zero-knowledge, digital signatures, ...?
- ▶ Obfuscation of quantum circuits [AF16]
- ▶ Post-quantum secure classical multi-party computation  
[DGJ+20, Section 2.2]

[DGJ+20] Dulek, Grilo, Jeffery, Majenz, Schaffner; Eurocrypt 2020.

[AF16] Alagic, Fefferman; arXiv:1602.01771

# SUMMARY

- ▶ Quantum authentication codes ( $\text{Enc}_k / \text{Dec}_k$ ) guarantee that a quantum state is unaltered (unless decoding rejects)
- ▶ Clifford code / trap code are examples of such codes
- ▶ Tool for:
  - ▶ Client-server setting: verifying that the server did the right computation
  - ▶ Multiparty computation: verifying that the other players did the right computation (but we need a way to combine encodings from different players)
  - ▶ ...

THANK YOU!