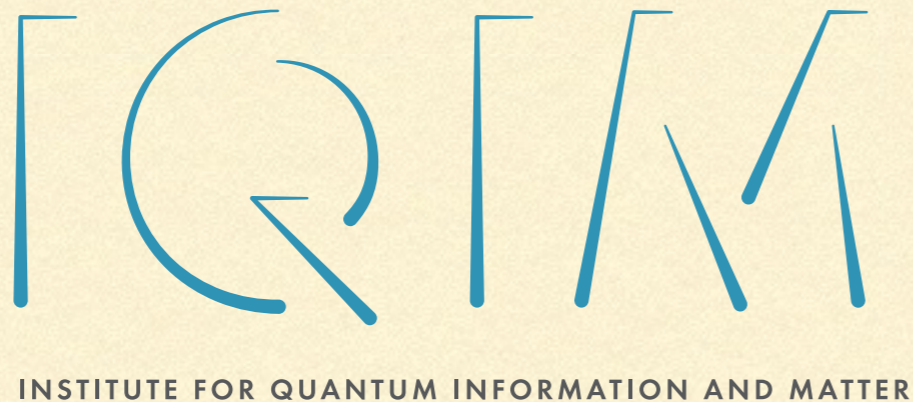


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# (IN)EQUIVALENCE OF COLOR CODE AND TORIC CODE

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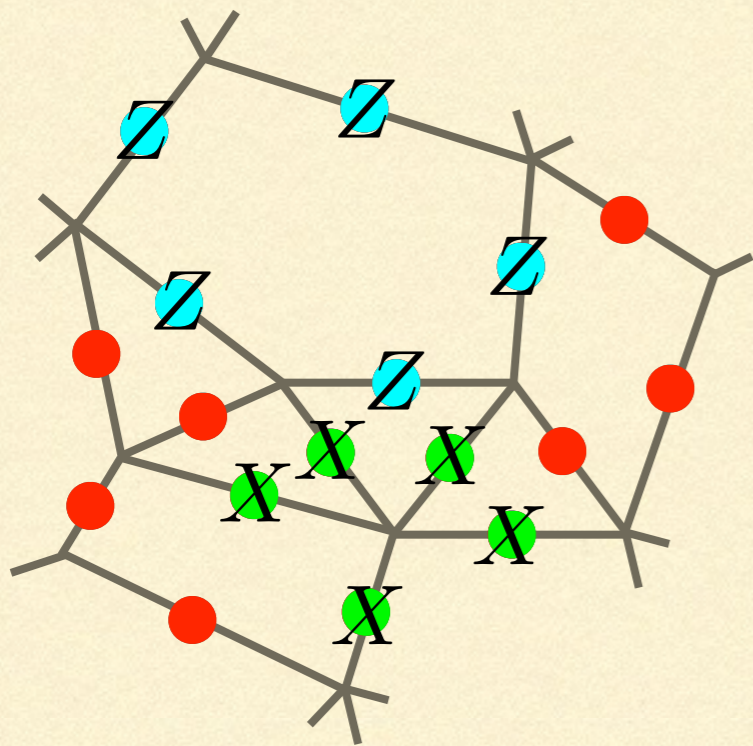
# MOTIVATION

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- Topological quantum codes - non-local DOFs, local generators.
- Toric code: high threshold, experimentally realizable (2 dim, 4-body terms, effective Hamiltonian of 2-body model).
- Color code: transversal implementation of logical gates, in particular  $R_d = \text{diag}(1, e^{2\pi i/2^d})$ .
- Classification of quantum phases.
- Classification of systems with boundaries - beyond 2D.



# TORIC CODE IN 2D



- qubits on edges
- $X$ -vertex and  $Z$ -plaquette terms

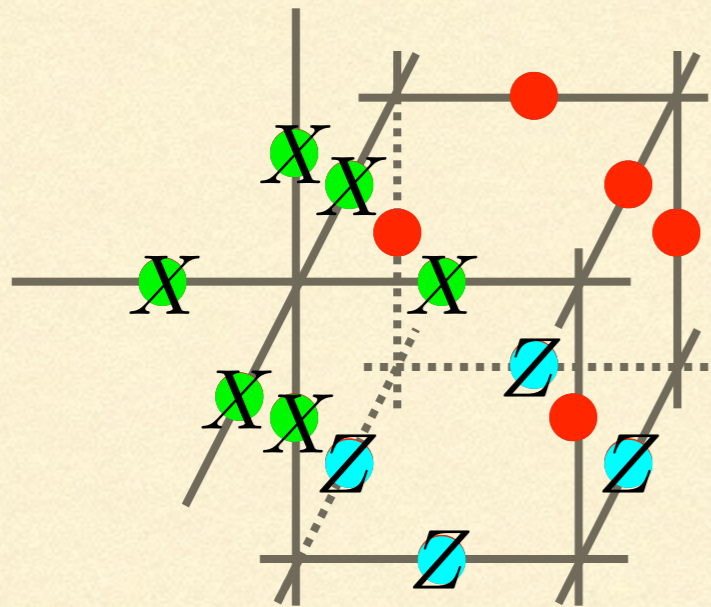
$$H = - \sum_v X(v) - \sum_p Z(p)$$

$$\forall v, p : [X(v), Z(p)] = 0$$

- code space  $\mathcal{C} =$  ground states of  $H$
- degeneracy( $\mathcal{C}$ ) =  $2^{2g}$ , where  $g$  - genus



# TORIC CODE IN 3D (OR MORE)



- qubits on edges
- X-vertex and Z-plaquette terms

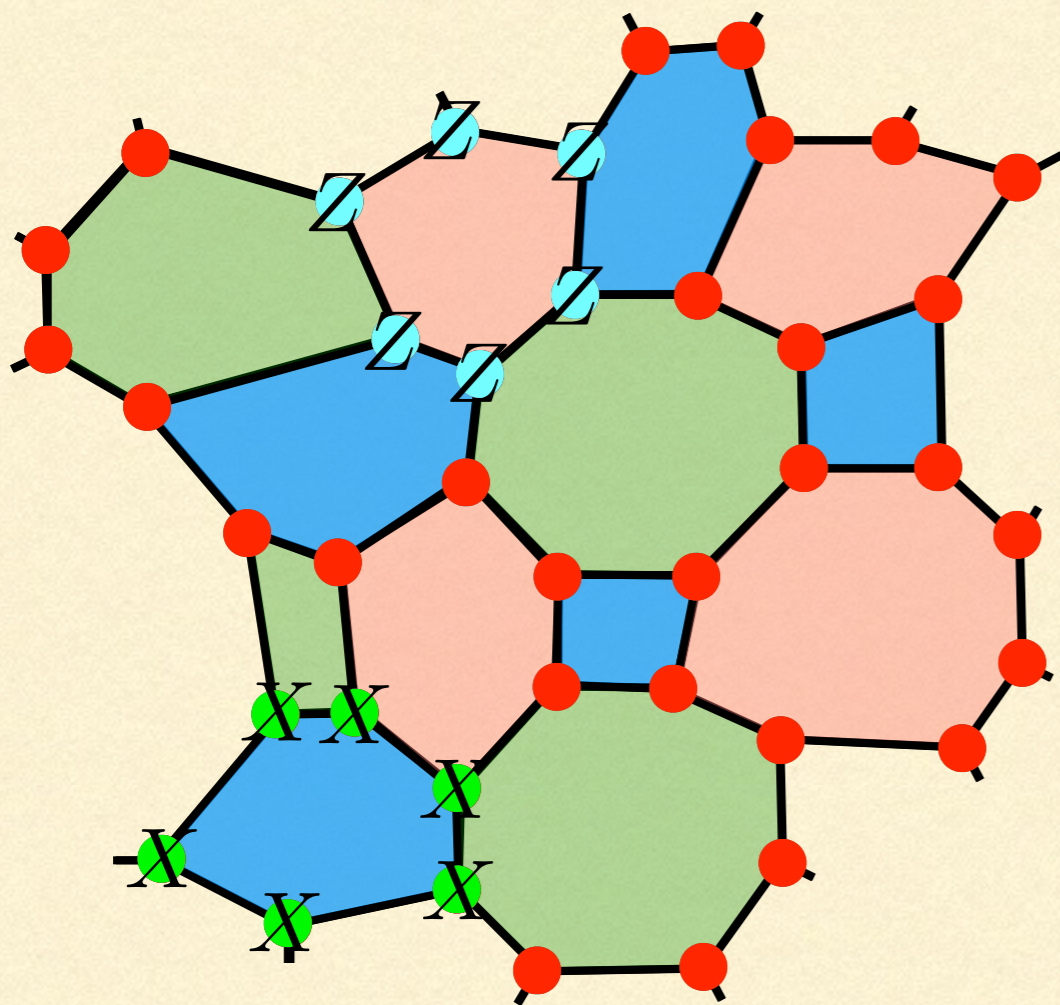
$$H = - \sum_v X(v) - \sum_p Z(p)$$

- lattice  $L$  in  $d$  dim -  $d-1$  ways of defining toric code
- for  $1 < k \leq d$ ,  $TC_k(L)$ :
 

qubits	-	$k$ -cells
X stabilizers	-	$(k-1)$ -cells
Z stabilizers	-	$(k+1)$ -cells



# COLOR CODE IN 2D



- 2 dim lattice:
  - 3-valent
  - 3-colorable
- qubits on vertices
- plaquette terms

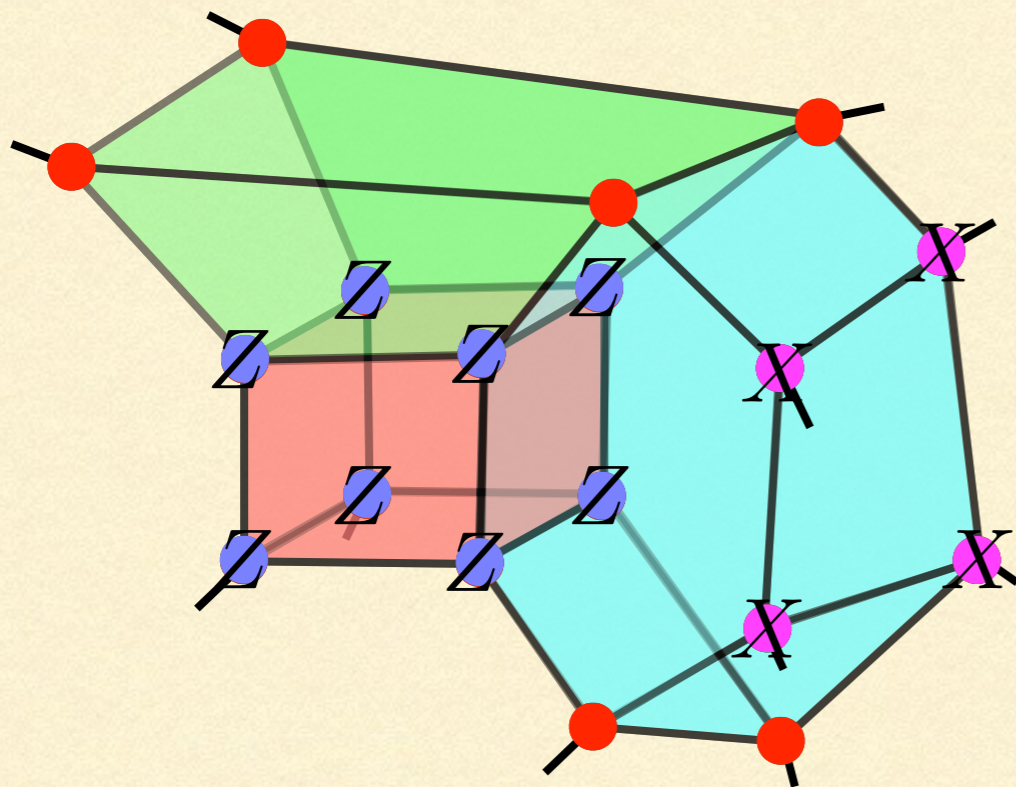
$$H = - \sum_p X(p) - \sum_p Z(p)$$

$$\forall p, p' : [X(p), Z(p')] = 0$$

- code space  $\mathcal{C} =$  ground states of  $H$
- degeneracy( $\mathcal{C}$ ) =  $2^{4g}$ , where  $g$  - genus



# COLOR CODE IN 3D (OR MORE)



- $d$  dim lattice:
  - $(d+1)$ -valent
  - $(d+1)$ -colorable
- qubits on vertices

$$H = - \sum_p X(p) - \sum_c Z(c)$$

- lattice  $L$  in  $d$  dim -  $d-1$  ways of defining color code
- for  $1 < k \leq d$ ,  $\mathbf{CC}_k(L)$ :
 

qubits	- 0-cells
$X$ stabilizers	- $(d+2-k)$ -cells
$Z$ stabilizers	- $k$ -cells



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# WHY COLOR CODE?

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- Transversally implementable gates: in 2 dim - Clifford group, in d dim -  $R_d = \text{diag}(1, e^{2\pi i/2^d})$ , cf. **Bombin'13**.
- **Eastin & Knill'09**: for any nontrivial local-error-detecting quantum code, the set of logical unitary product operators is not universal.
- **Bravyi & König'13**: for a topological stabilizer code in d dim, a unitary implementable by a constant-depth quantum circuit and preserving the codespace implements an encoded gate from  $d^{\text{th}}$  level of Clifford hierarchy.
- **Pastawski & Yoshida'14**: color code saturates many bounds!



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# COLOR CODE VS TORIC CODE

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- Color code and toric code - very similar but the same? Color code has transversal gates!
- **Chen et al.'10**: two gapped ground states belong to the same phase if and only if they are related by a local unitary evolution.
- **EQUIVALENCE** = up to adding/removing ancillas and local unitaries.
- **Yoshida'11, Bombin'11**: 2D stabilizer Hamiltonians with local interactions, translation and scale symmetries are equivalent to toric code\*.
- What if no translation symmetry? TQFT argument!



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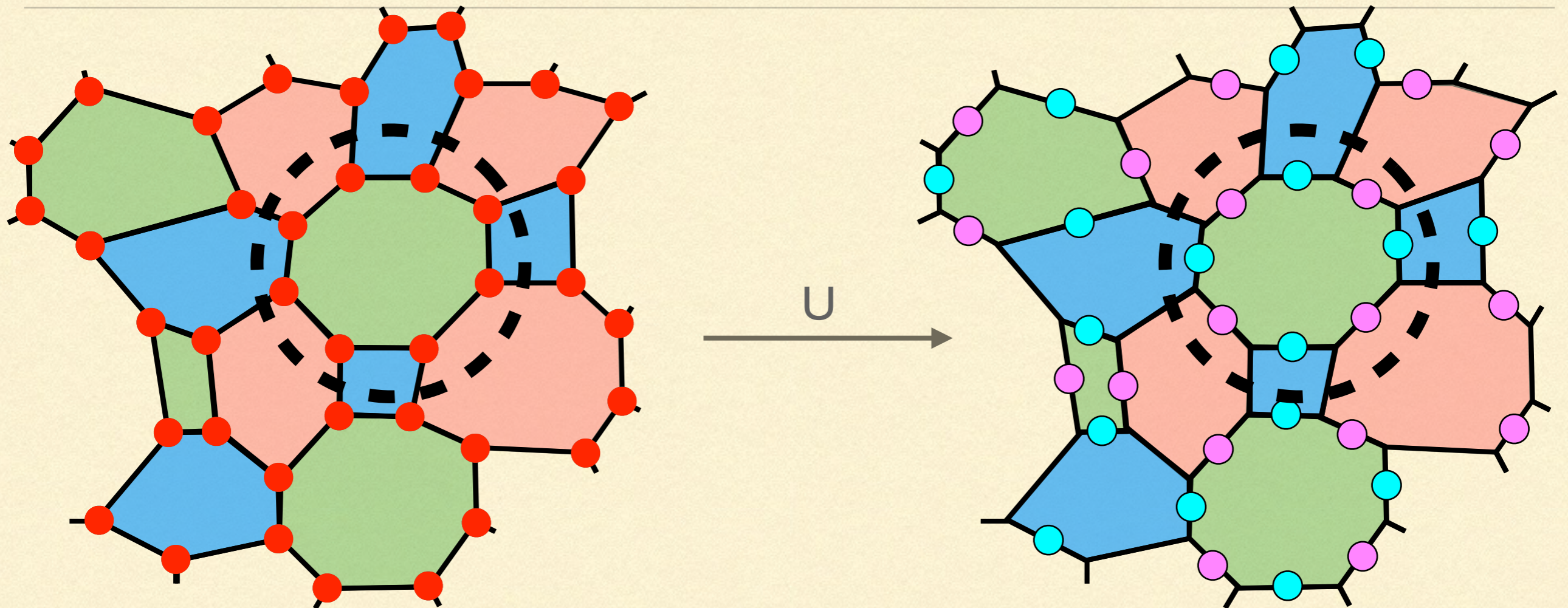
# OVERVIEW OF RESULTS

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- **QUESTION:** how are color code and toric code related?
- **Result 1 (no boundaries):**  
color code = multiple decoupled copies of toric code.
- **Result 2 (boundaries):**  
color code = folded toric code.
- **Result 3 (logical gates):**  
non-Clifford gate  $C^{d-1}Z$  in toric code.



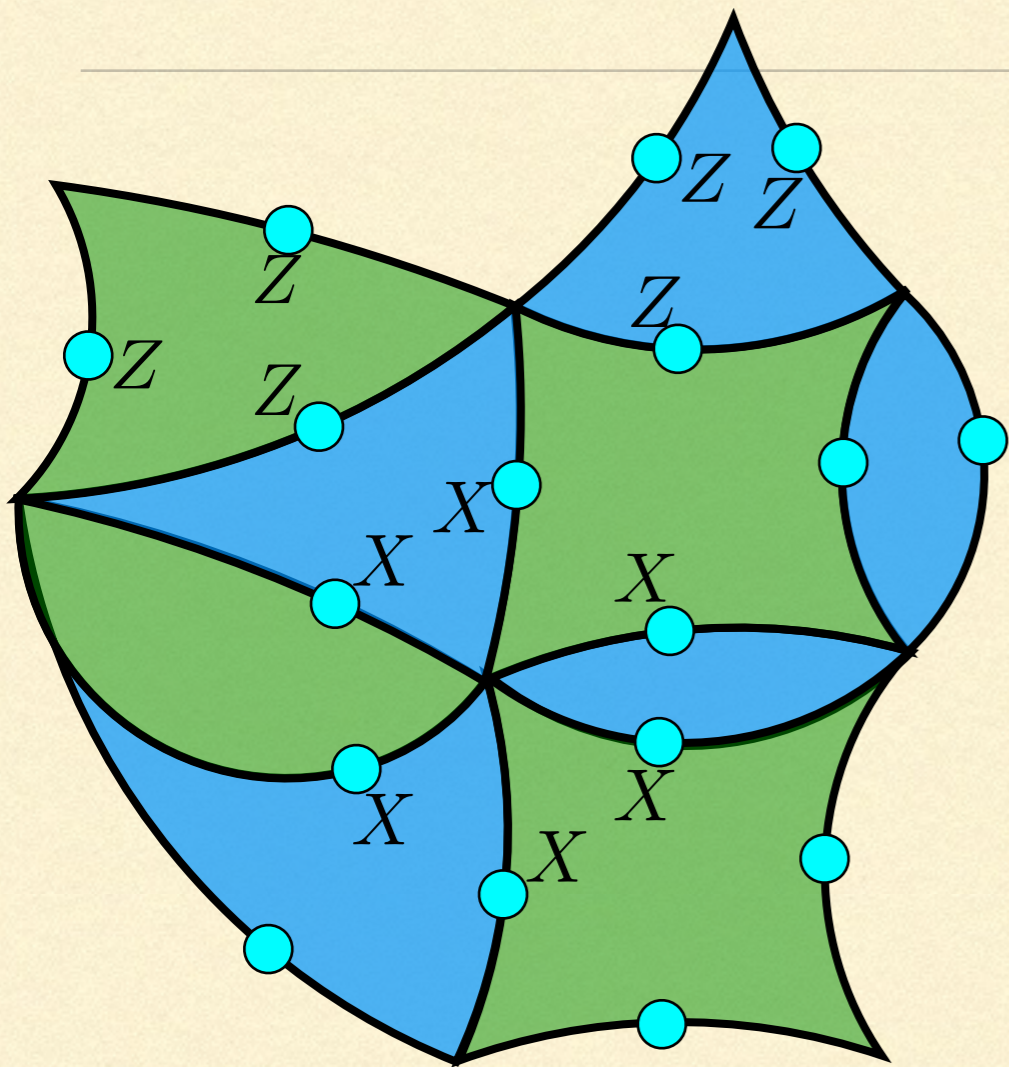
# TRANSFORMATION IN 2D



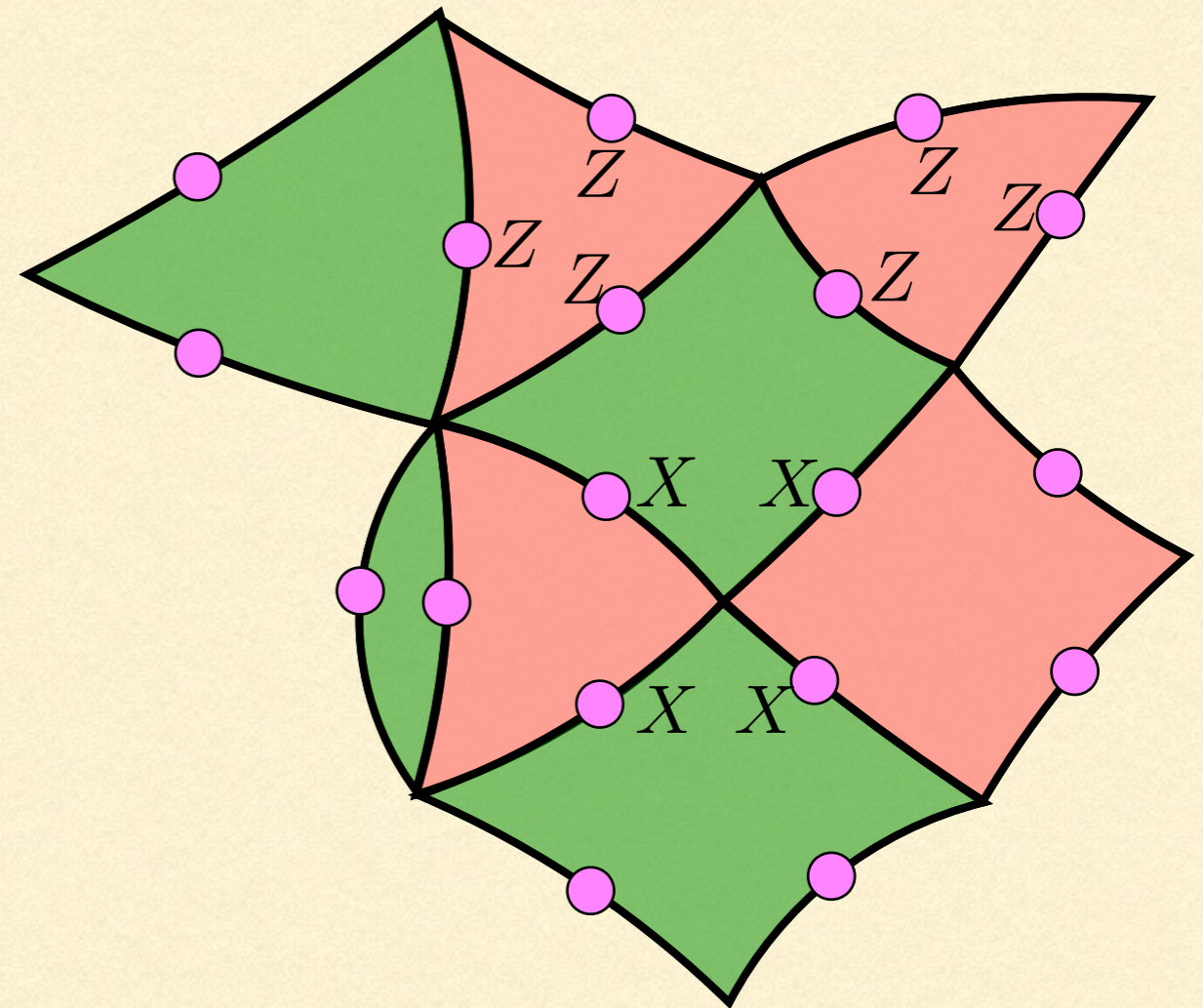
- Local unitary  $U$  between “red” and “turquoise/pink” qubits.
- Green plaquettes - local transformations.
- Every qubit belongs to exactly one green plaquette!



# TRANSFORMATION IN 2D



shrink red plaquettes



shrink blue plaquettes

- initial  $X/Z$ -plaquette terms transform into  $X$ -vertex/ $Z$ -plaquette terms!

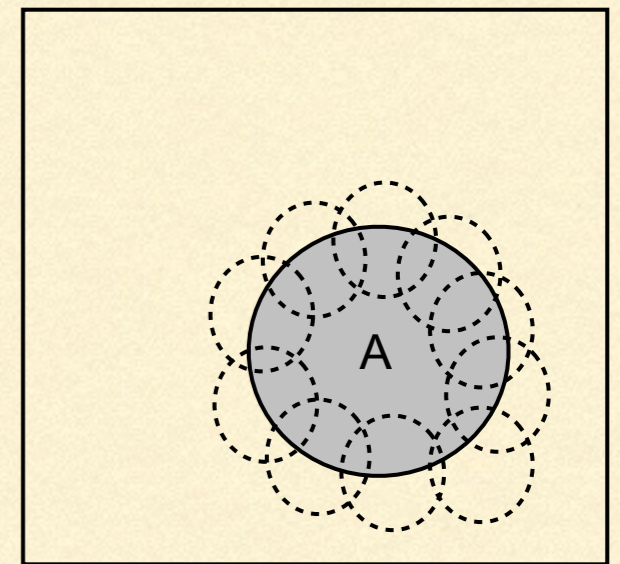


# EXISTENCE OF LOCAL UNITARY

- **Technical tool:** overlap group  $\mathcal{O}$ , defined by restriction of stabilizer generators on  $A$ .

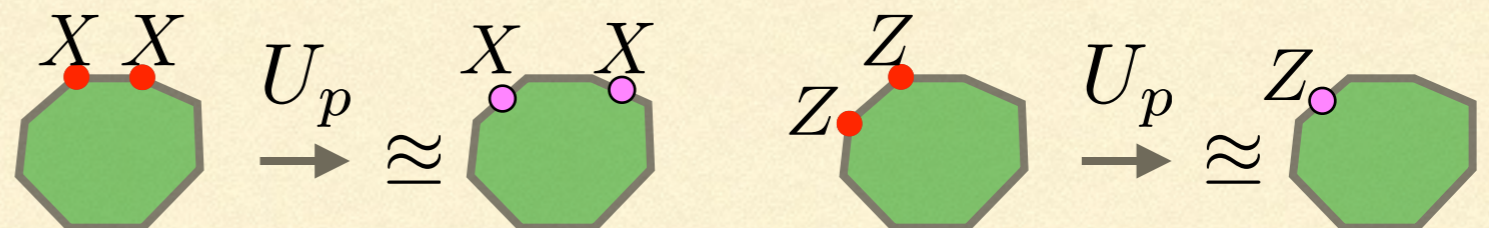
- Usually,  $\mathcal{O}$  is non-Abelian and its canonical form

$$\mathcal{O} = \left\langle \begin{array}{ccccccc} g_1, & \dots, & g_{n_1}, & g_{n_1+1}, & \dots, & g_{n_2} \\ g_{n_2+1}, & \dots, & g_{n_1+n_2} \end{array} \right\rangle$$



- **Lemma:** if two overlap groups  $\mathcal{O}_1 = \langle g_i \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{O}_2 = \langle h_i \rangle$  have the same canonical form and  $\{g_i\}$  and  $\{h_i\}$  satisfy the same (anti)commutation relations, then there exists a Clifford unitary  $U$ , such that  $\forall i : h_i = U g_i U^\dagger$

- Color code in 2 dim:





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# EQUIVALENCE IN D DIMENSIONS

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**Theorem:** there exists a unitary  $U = \bigotimes_{\delta} U_{\delta}$ , which is a tensor product of local terms with disjoint support, such that  $U$  transforms the color code into  $n = \binom{d}{k-1}$  decoupled copies of the toric code.

$$U [CC_k(\mathcal{L})] U^{\dagger} = \bigotimes_{i=1}^n TC_{k-1}(\mathcal{L}_i)$$

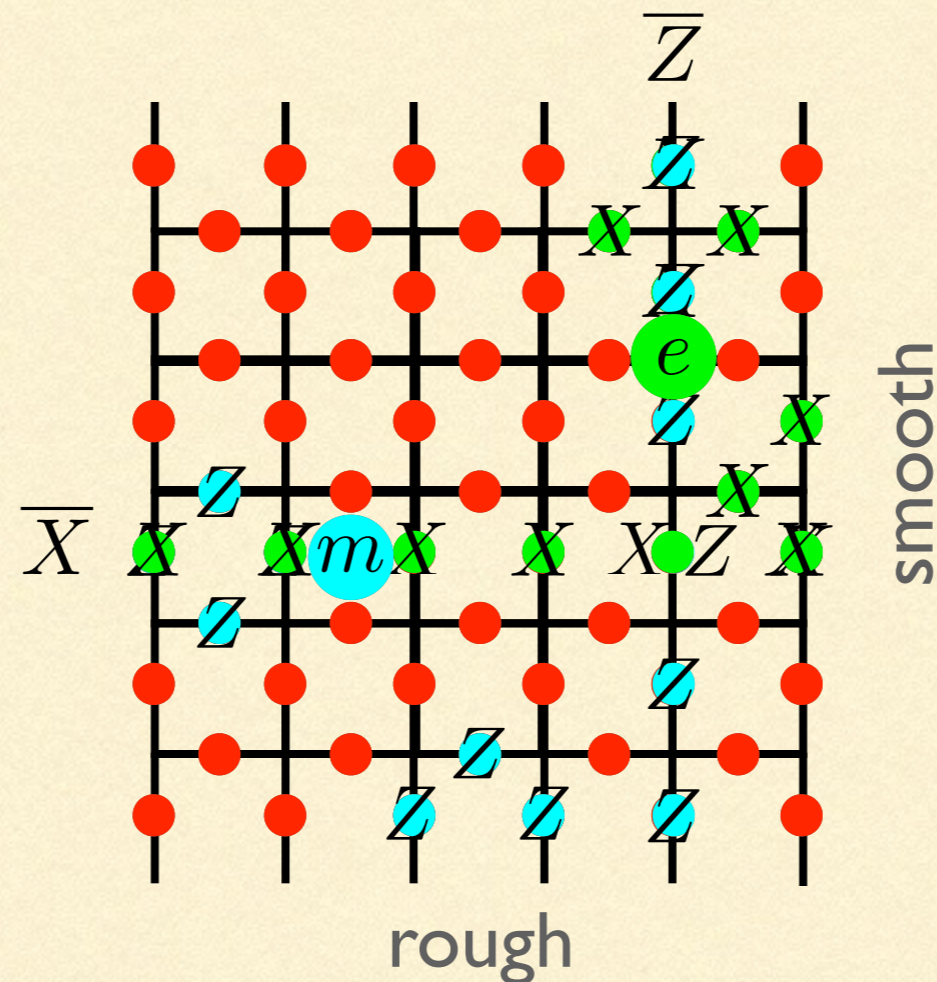
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obtained from  $\mathcal{L}$  by  
local deformations

- $CC_k(\mathcal{L})$ : qubits on 0-cells, X- and Z-stabilizers on  $(d+2-k)$ -cells and  $k$ -cells
- $TC_k(\mathcal{L})$ : qubits on  $k$ -cells, X- and Z stabilizers on  $(k-1)$ -cells and  $(k+1)$ -cells



# CODES WITH BOUNDARIES

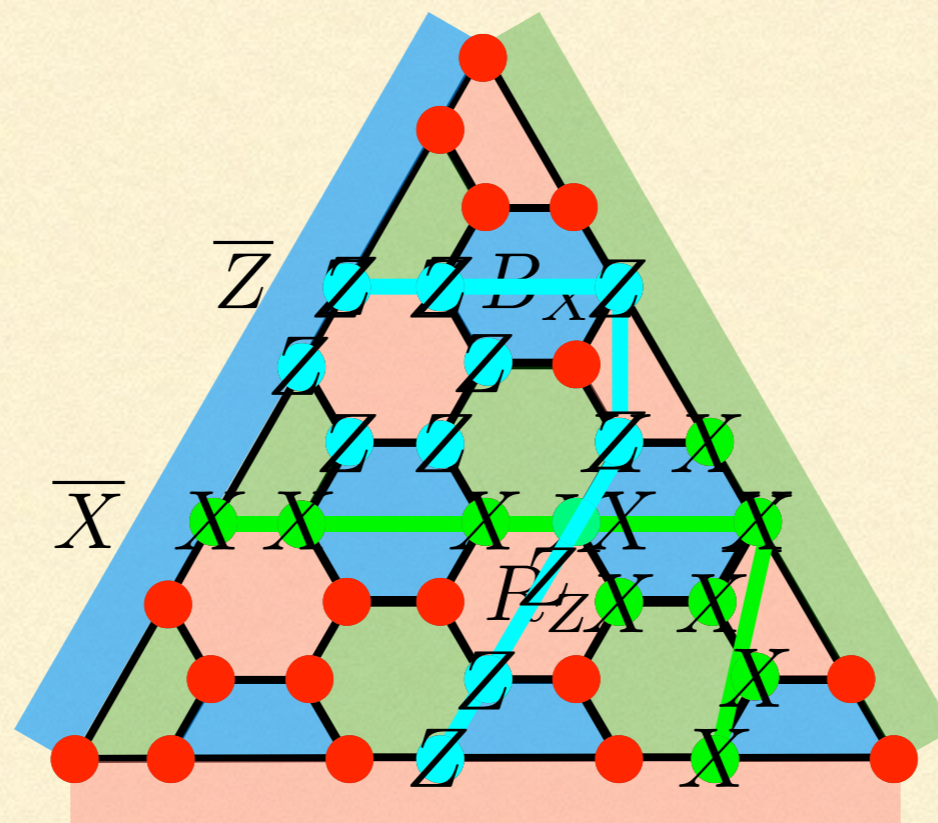
- 2 dim toric code with boundaries: rough and smooth
- excitations: electric and magnetic,  $e$ ,  $m$ , and composite,  $\epsilon = e \times m$
- 1 logical qubit





# CODES WITH BOUNDARIES

- 2 dim color code with boundaries: red, green and blue
- excitations: red/green/blue of X and Z-type,  $R_X, R_Z, G_X, G_Z, B_X, B_Z$
- 1 logical qubit



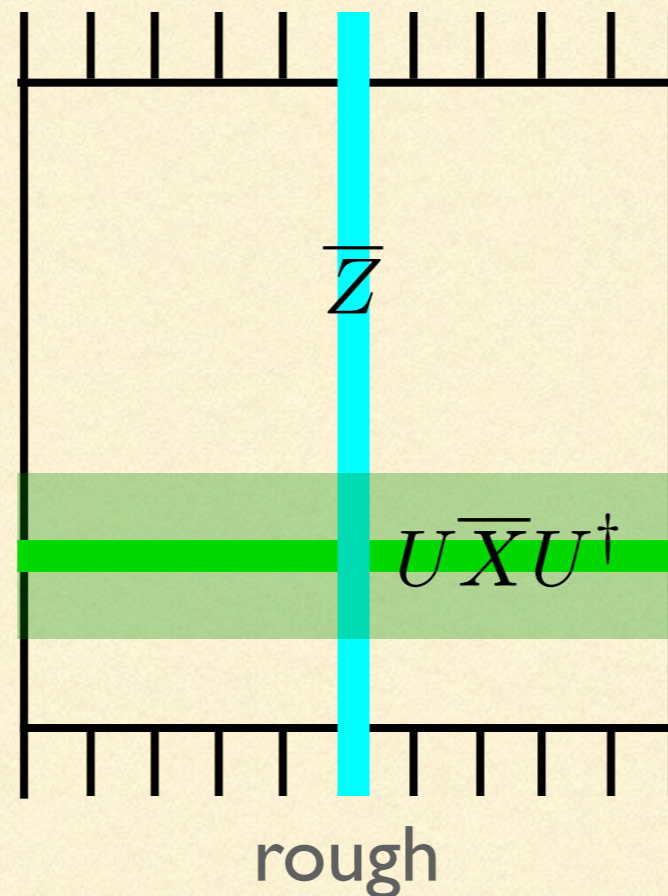


# NECESSITY OF FOLDING

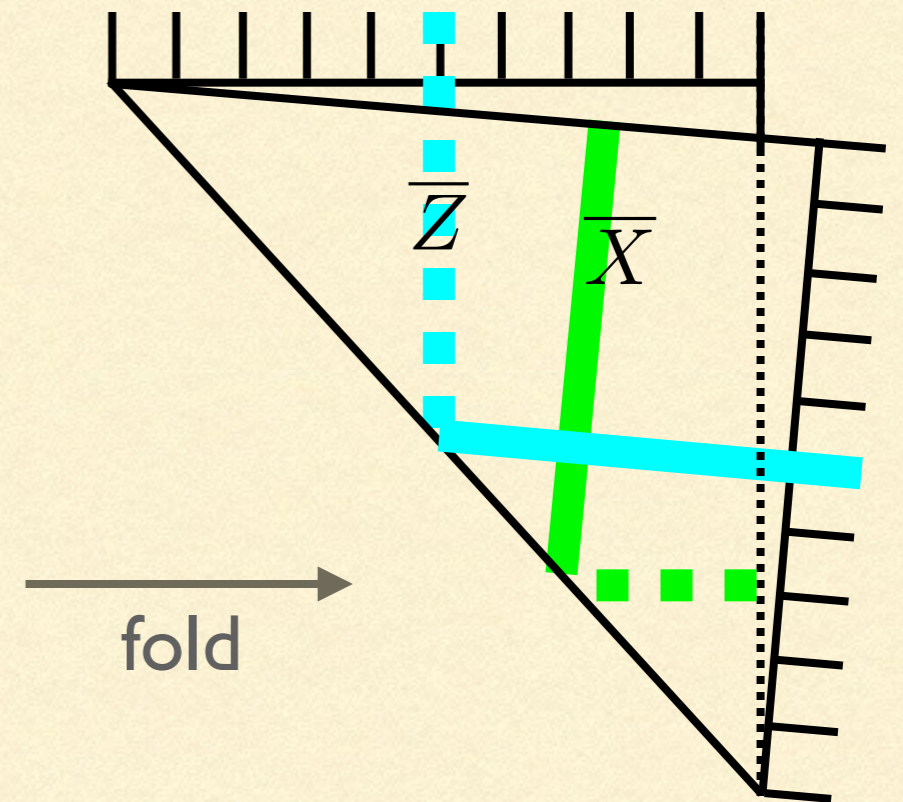
- We want to relate color code and toric code. But color code has transversal Hadamard gate!
- If  $U$  - local unitary implementing logical Hadamard in toric code, then

$$X \xleftrightarrow{H} Z$$

$$\bar{X} \xleftrightarrow{U} \bar{Z}$$

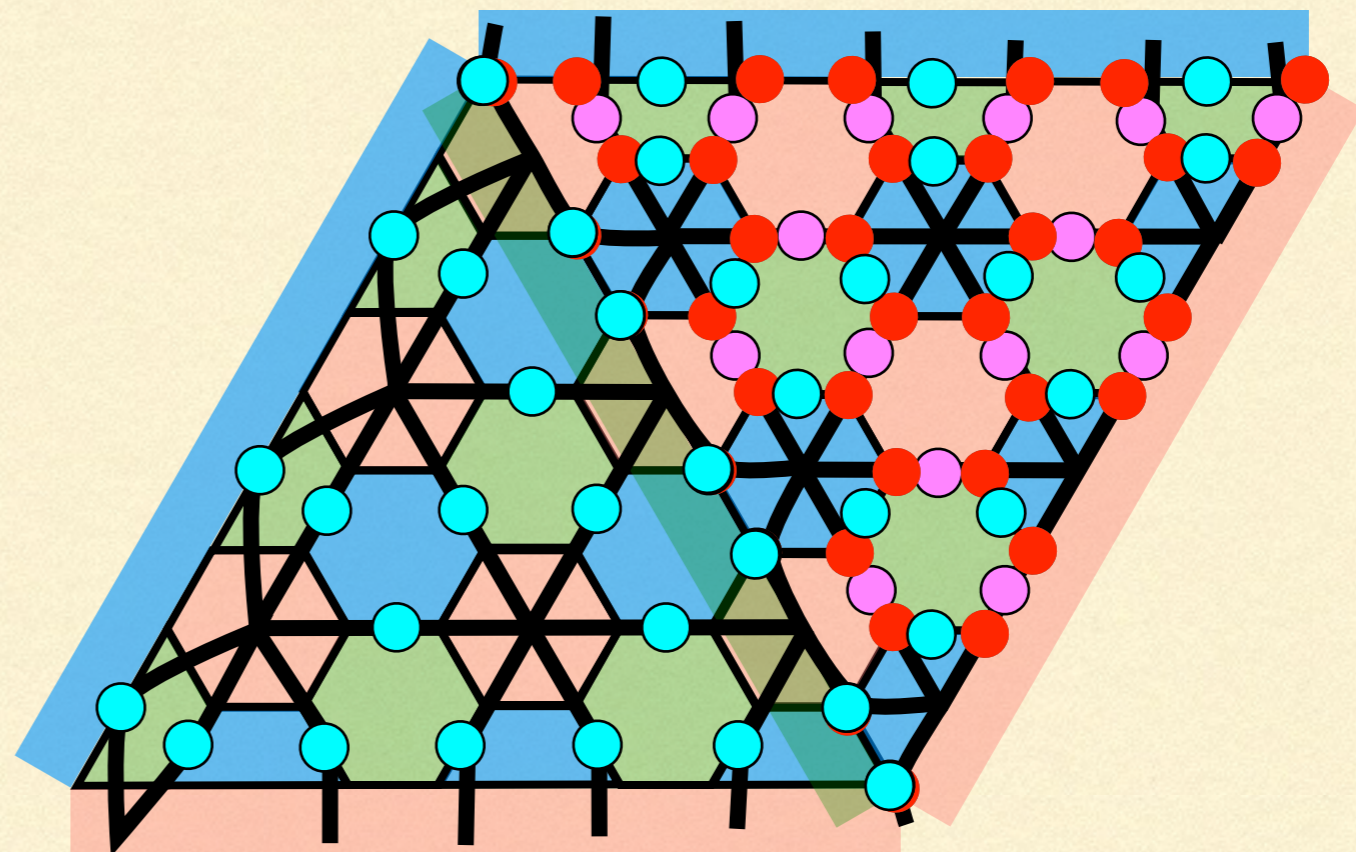
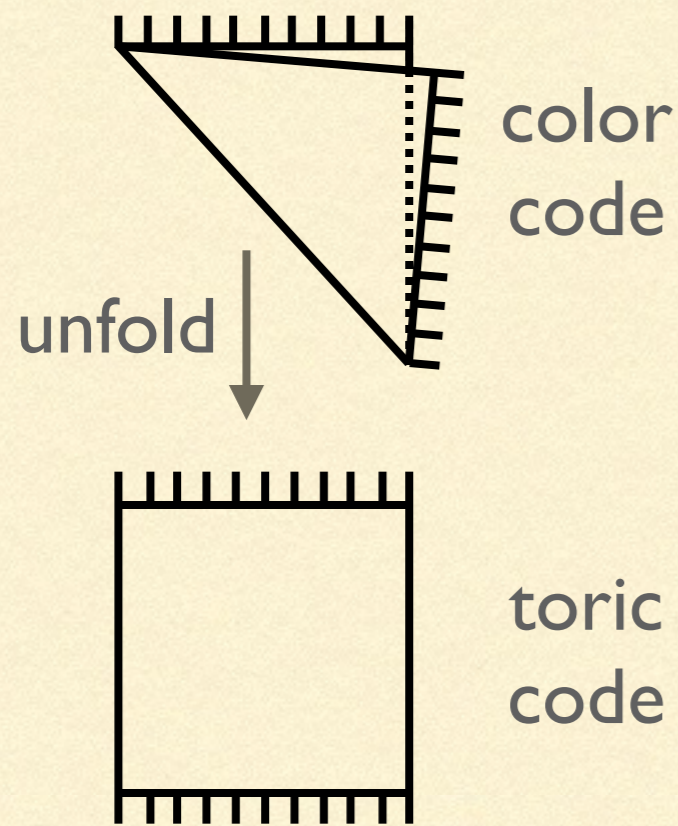


smooth





# COLOR CODE UNFOLDED



- local unitaries on green plaquettes and red/blue plaquettes along the green boundary
- **Theorem:** color code in  $d$  dim with  $d+1$  boundaries is equivalent to multiple copies of toric code attached along  $(d-1)$ -dimensional boundary. <sup>17</sup>



# ANYONS AND CONDENSATION

- **Fact:** anyons condensing into a gapped boundary have mutually trivial statistics.
- **Toric code:**  $e$  - rough,  $m$  - smooth.

- **Folded toric code:**

$$\partial R = \{1, e_1, m_2, e_1 m_2\}$$

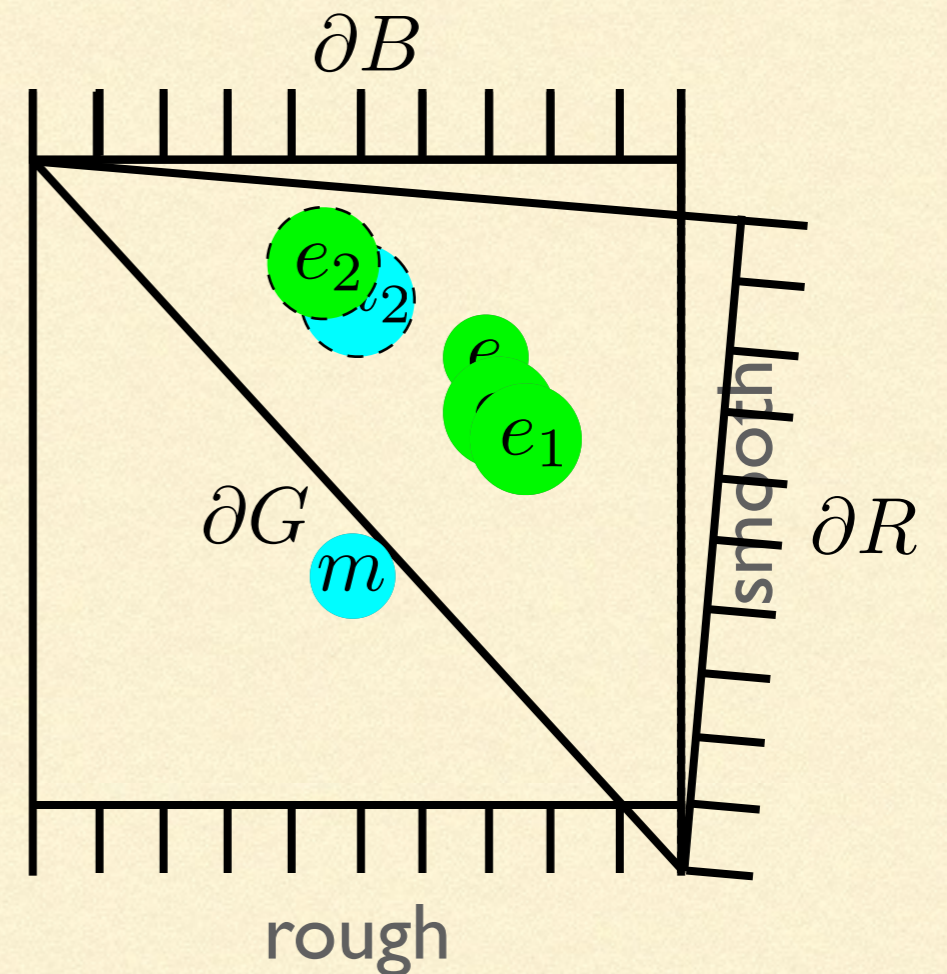
$$\partial B = \{1, e_2, m_1, e_2 m_1\}$$

$$\partial G = \{1, e_1 e_2, m_1 m_2, e_1 e_2 m_1 m_2\}$$

- Correspondence between anyonic excitations in toric code and color code:

$$e_1 \equiv R_X \quad e_2 \equiv B_X$$

$$m_2 \equiv R_Z \quad m_1 \equiv B_Z$$





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# TRANSVERSAL GATES

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- Gates in  $d^{\text{th}}$  level of Clifford hierarchy

$$R_d|x\rangle = e^{2\pi i x/2^d} |x\rangle \quad C^{d-1}Z|x_1, \dots, x_d\rangle = (-1)^{x_1 \dots x_d} |x_1, \dots, x_d\rangle$$

- Color code in  $d$  dim has transversally implementable logical  $R_d$ .
- Start with  $d$  copies of toric code, switch to color code by local unitary, apply logical  $R_d$ , switch back to toric code = implements logical  $C^{d-1}Z$  on  $d$  copies of toric code in  $d$  dim.
- Toric code saturates Bravyi-König classification!



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# SUMMARY

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- **No boundaries:** color code = multiple decoupled copies of toric code.
- **Boundaries:** color code = folded toric code.
- **Non-Clifford gate  $C^{d-1}Z$**  in  $d$  copies of toric code implementable via a local unitary transformation.
- Reverse the procedure: start with multiple copies and apply local transformations to obtain new codes, cf. Brell'14: G-color codes.
- Insights into classification of TQFTs with boundaries in 2 dim or more.



# TRANSFORMATION IN 2D

