# Optimal Hadamard gate reduction in Clifford+ $R_Z$ circuits

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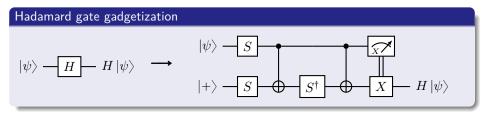
$$\tau \leqslant (n+1)(n+h)$$

where  $\tau$  is the number of T gates in the circuit, h is the number of internal Hadamard gates in the circuit and n is the number of qubits.

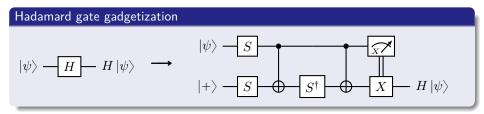
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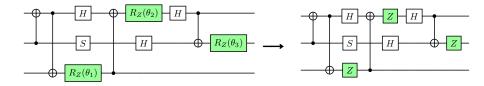
• This procedure requires one ancilla qubit per internal Hadamard gate, which motivates the minimization of internal Hadamard gates.

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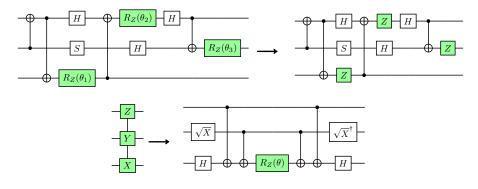


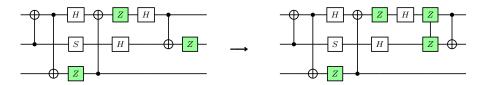
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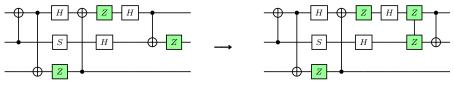
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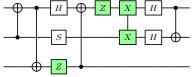
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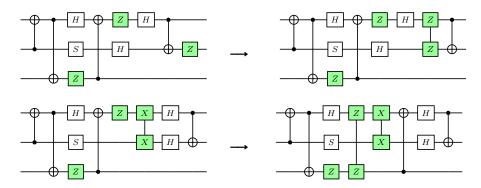
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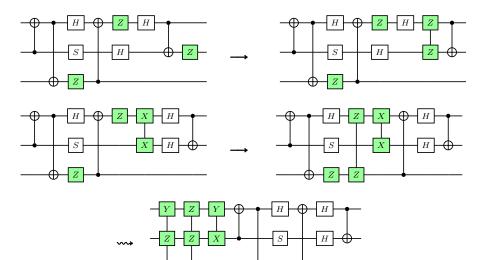




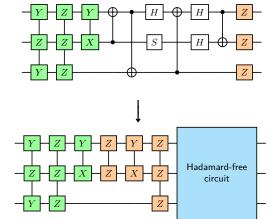




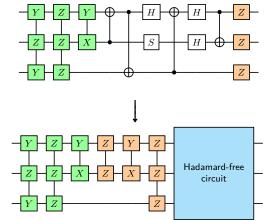
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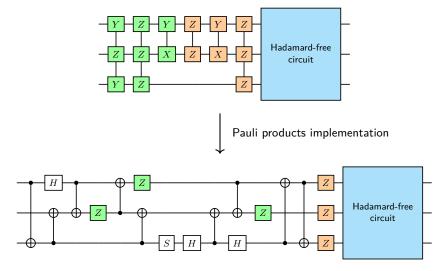
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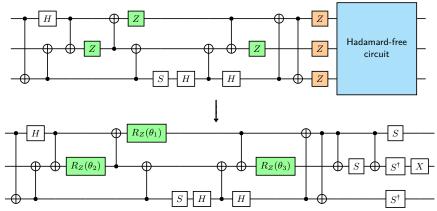
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• Implementing a sequence of Pauli products is done by inserting Clifford gates so that each Pauli products is composed of exactly one Z element.



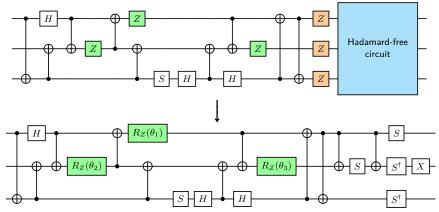
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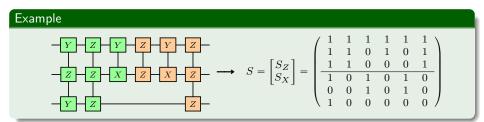
• The sign can be switched using X gates:

$$-R_Z(-\theta) \longrightarrow -X - R_Z(\theta) - X -$$

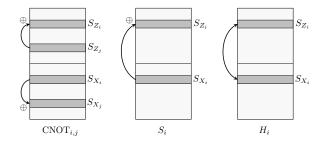
The Pauli matrices can be encoded using 2 bits:

$$I = (0,0) \qquad Z = (1,0)$$
  
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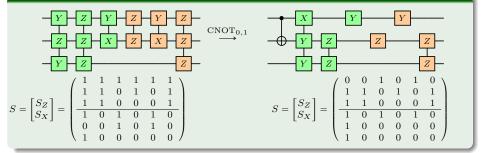
A sequence of *m* Pauli products can be encoded in a block matrix of size  $2n \times m$ :  $S = \begin{bmatrix} S_Z \\ S_X \end{bmatrix}$ .



## Pauli products encoding

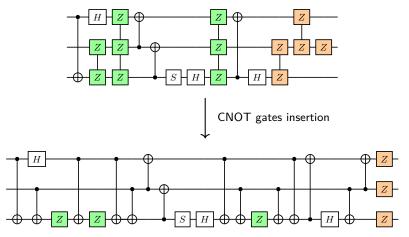


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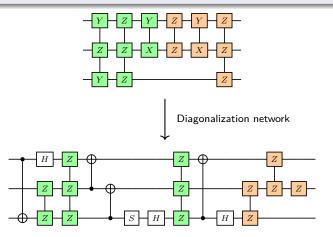
# Diagonalization of Pauli products

- A Pauli product is diagonal if its components are all Z or I matrices.
- If all Pauli products are diagonal, then their implementation can be completed by inserting only CNOT gates.



### Diagonalization network

A diagonalization network is a circuit in which all Pauli products are diagonal.

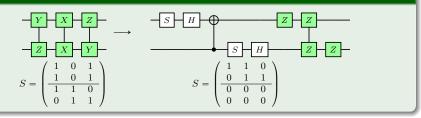


Objective: construct a diagonalization network with a minimal number of Hadamard gates.

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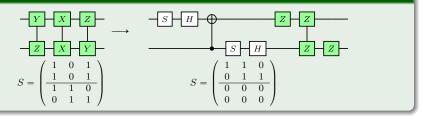
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At least  $\mathrm{rank}(S_X)$  Hadamard gates are required to simultaneously diagonalize the Pauli products encoded in S.

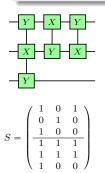
Proof:

- $\blacksquare$  The only gate that can lower (by at most 1) the rank of  $S_X$  is the Hadamard gate.
- 2) If all Pauli products of S are diagonalized then  $rank(S_X) = 0$ .

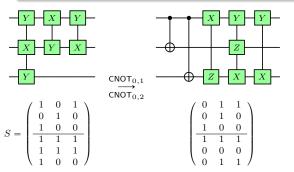
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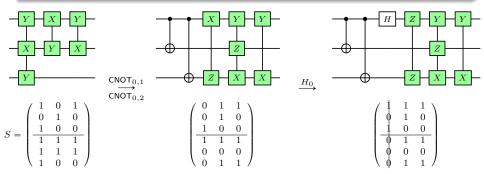
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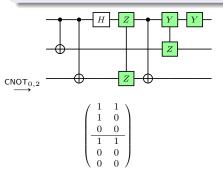
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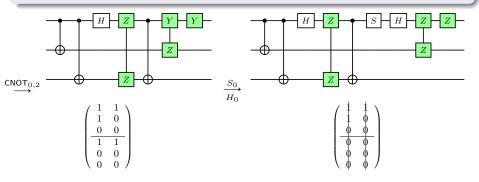
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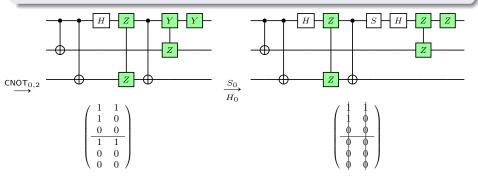
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#### Proposition 2

The circuit constructed by Algorithm 1 contains  $\operatorname{rank}(S_X)$  Hadamard gates and is an optimal solution to the simultaneous diagonalization network problem.

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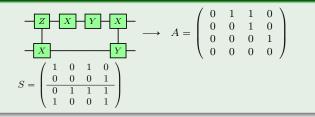
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### Commutativity matrix

The commutativity matrix A associated with S is a strictly upper triangular Boolean matrix of size  $m \times m$  such that for all i < j:

$$\begin{split} A_{i,j} &= 0 \quad \text{ if } S_{:,i} \text{ commutes with } S_{:,j}, \\ A_{i,j} &= 1 \quad \text{ if } S_{:,i} \text{ anticommutes with } S_{:,j}. \end{split}$$

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Value to optimize	H-count	Complexity
H gates	$\operatorname{rank}(M)$	$\mathcal{O}(n^2m)$
Internal $H$ gates (approximation)	$\leq n + \operatorname{rank}(A)$	$\mathcal{O}(n^2m)$
Internal $H$ gates	$\operatorname{rank}(A)$	$\mathcal{O}(m^3)$

For a sequence  $\boldsymbol{S}$  of Pauli products where

- n is the number of qubits, m is the number of Pauli products,
- A is the commutativity matrix associated with S,

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