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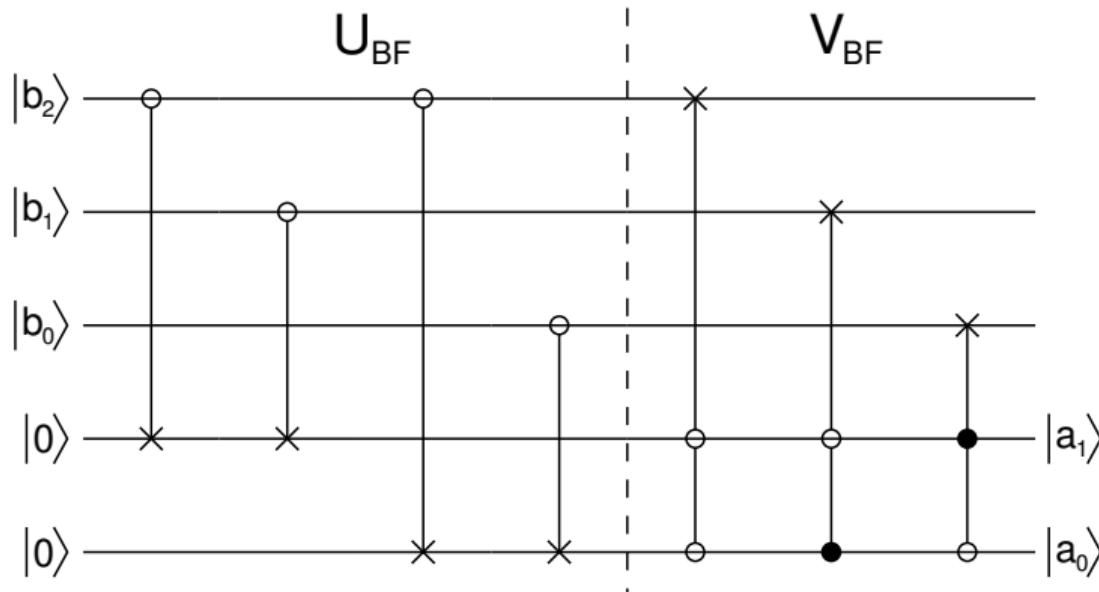
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$$E_a^\dagger \otimes E_b^\dagger |\phi\rangle = E_a^\dagger \otimes E_b^\dagger \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} \alpha_{ij} [E_a |c_i\rangle \otimes E_b |c_j\rangle] = \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} \alpha_{ij} [|c_i\rangle \otimes |c_j\rangle] = |\tilde{\psi}\rangle$$

When using logical states it is important to be able to directly perform computations

Let  $C$  be a  $[[n, k]]$  quantum code with  $U_C : W \rightarrow C$  encoding function

In order to compute on the encoded states with a function  $U : W \rightarrow W$ , there must be an analogous unitary operator  $\tilde{U}$  acting on the encoded states such that for all  $|w\rangle \in W$  sends  $U_C|w\rangle$  to  $U_C(U|w\rangle)$

The operator  $\tilde{U} = U_C(U \otimes I)U_C^\dagger$  is one such (inefficient) operator