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#### 2 Contribution

# 3 Notation and Definitions

# **Definitions and assumptions**

- We will use j when referring to a stabilizer, i when referring to a generator, k when referring to a bit
- ullet We take  $oldsymbol{e}_Z$  to be the error vector
- We take  $\sigma_Z$
- Let  $\mathcal{C}_Z$  be a code which can correct Z errors and  $\mathcal{C}_X$  be a code a which can correct X errors.

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- Let  $H_X \in F_2^{M \times N}$  be the parity check matrix for  $\mathcal{C}_X$  as well as the generator for  $\mathcal{C}_Z$ .
- Let  $H_Z \in F_2^{M \times N}$  be the parity check matrix for  $\mathcal{C}_Z$  as well as the generator for  $\mathcal{C}_X$ .
- Let M be the number of stabilizers. Let us also only consider the case where M is the number of generators. This results from when  $H_Z$  and  $H_X$  have the same number of rows.
- Let N be the number of bits.
- Assume  $H_X$  is the adjacency matrix of a  $(\delta, \gamma)$ -left-expander bipartite graph where A is the set of bits and B is the set of stabilizers. Assume the graph is  $\Delta_B, \Delta_S$  regular.

For the rest of the paper, we will only consider Z errors. The algorithm and analysis remain the same if considering X errors, but  $H_Z$  must be used as the generator matrix and  $H_X$  must be used as the parity check matrix.

#### **Notation**

# 4 Background

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### 4.1 Small Set Flip

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$$\xi_{ij}(t) = P(x_t = i, x_{t+1} = j | y, v, w; \theta) = \frac{\alpha_i(t) a_{ij}^{w_t} \beta_j(t+1) b_j^{v_{t+1}}(y_{t+1})}{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i(t) a_{ij}^{w_t} \beta_j(t+1) b_j^{v_{t+1}}(y_{t+1})}$$
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# 5 Algorithm: K-Top Probabilistic Flip Method (K-Top PFM)

#### 5.1 A Moral Reason/Intuition

The algorithm is essentially the same as Small Set Bit Flip [TODO: CITE] with a minor difference, only a constant number of generators are checked. The idea here is that given a syndrome  $\sigma$  and a parity check matrix,  $H_X$ , the ith row of  $H_X^T\sigma$  equals the number of error-ed checks that a qubit touches. Then, the kth row of  $H_ZH_X^T\sigma$  is roughly correlated to the number of error-ed checks that the qubits in the kth generator touch. This rough correlation comes from the fact that we are working with expander codes. So then, if you get the generators touching the most error-ed stabilizers, it

## Algorithm 1: sort-top-K(T)

**Data:** A vector  $T \in \mathbb{Z}_2^N$ 

**Result:** A set S of the top K indices in T

- 1  $S \leftarrow \text{indices of a descending radix sort of } T \text{'s rows};$
- 2 **return** A set of the top K indices in S;

# **Algorithm 2:** probabilistic-set-flip(E)

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Data: A syndrome \sigma_0 \in \mathbb{F}_2^M

Result: Deduced error \widehat{E} if the algorithm converges and \bot otherwise

1 \widehat{E} \leftarrow 0^N;

2 \sigma \leftarrow \sigma_0;

3 while \exists F \in \mathscr{F} : |\sigma_Z| - |\sigma_Z \oplus H_Z \mathbf{k}| > 0 do

4 | T \leftarrow H_Z H_X^T \sigma;

5 | generators \leftarrow sort-top-K(T);

6 | to-check \leftarrow \bigcup_{i \in \text{generators}} \mathscr{P}(\mathcal{C}_{Zi});

7 | \mathbf{k} \leftarrow \arg\max_{\mathbf{k} \in \text{to-check}} \frac{|\sigma_Z| - |\sigma_Z \oplus H_Z \mathbf{k}|}{|\mathbf{k}|};

8 | \widehat{E} \leftarrow \widehat{E} \oplus \mathbf{k};

9 | \sigma \leftarrow \sigma \oplus \sigma_X(\mathbf{k});
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10 end

11 **return**  $\widehat{E}$  if  $|\sigma| = 0, \perp$  otherwise.

would stand to reason that flipping some subset of qubits from a "highly error-ed generator" would result in decreasing the syndrome.

# 6 Time Bounds

TODO: basically each round is O(sqrt(n)) b/c matrix includes O(sqrt(n)) rows, and is sparse, so mm occur in that time. Then radix on O(sqrt(n)) elems

## 7 PFM Analysis

## **Definitions**

Let us start by defining a slew of random variables

- Let  $S_j = 1$  if and only if  $\sigma_{Z_j} = 1$  and 0 otherwise.
- Let  $L_j=1$  iff  $S_j=0 \land \exists k \in \Gamma(\text{stabilizer }j)$  such that  $e_{Z_k}=1$  and 0 otherwise. In other words, think of  $L_j$  as indicating whether stabilizer  $L_j$  is "lying" about not neighboring an error-ed bit.
- Let  $\aleph_i$  be the number of unique stabilizers in the neighborhood of a generator. More formally,

$$\aleph_i = \bigcup_{k \in H_{X_i}} \Gamma(k).$$

• Let  $G_i$  be the number of stabilizers in the neighborhood of a generator such that the stabilizer is flagged. More formally,

$$G_i = \sum_{j \in \aleph_i} S_j$$

• Let  $G'_i$  be  $T_i$  in the algorithm. Note that  $G'_i$  equals TODO: reference here

$$G_i' = \sum_{k \in H_{X_i}} \sum_{j \in \Gamma(k)} S_j$$

• Define  $E_i$  to be the number of "lying" stabilizers in  $\aleph$ , or,

$$E_i = \sum_{j \in \aleph_i} L_j$$

•  $E'_i$  be equal to the sum of the number of neighboring "lying" stabilizers of each bit in generator i. Specifically,

$$E_i' = \sum_{k \in H_{X_i}} \sum_{j \in \Gamma(k)} L_j$$

- Define  $\mathcal{O}_i^G = G_i' G_i$ .  $\mathcal{O}_i^G$  can be thought of as the number of "over-counted" flagged stabilizers which contribute to  $G_i'$ .
- Define  $\mathcal{O}_i^E = E_i' E_i$ .  $\mathcal{O}_i^E$  can be thought of as the number of "over-counted" lying stabilizers which contribute to  $E_i'$ .

### **Observations and Lemmas**

**Lemma 7.1.** For a generator, given  $E_i$  and  $G_i$ , we can find some correction vector  $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{F}_2^N$  such that  $|\sigma_Z| - |\sigma_Z \oplus H_Z \mathbf{k}| \ge G_i - E_i$  and  $|k| \le \frac{1-\delta}{\Delta_B} (G_i + E_i)$  for  $G_i > E_i$ .

*Proof.* Let B be a subset of bits in generator i such that flipping all the bits in i flips all  $j \in \aleph_i$  and  $S_j = 1$  to a 0. Then, notice that for all  $j' \in \Gamma(B)$  where  $S_{j'} \neq 1$ ,

. Then, if flipping k

TODO: part 1 is that there are 3 types of stabilizers in neighbourhood. Those from G', those from E, and those in neither. If those in neither, there is no neighbourhood in their error, so you can leave those bits alone. Then, by flipping bits connected to G' you decrease syndrome by G', but you add in at most E'

part 2: each flipping bit effects at least (1-delta)  $\Delta_B$  stables

**Lemma 7.2.** As  $M, N \to \infty$  and for stabilizers  $j_1, j_2, ..., j_C$  where C is less than some constant, then  $\Gamma(j_1), \Gamma(j_2), ..., \Gamma(j_C)$  are independent.

*Proof.* Let  $A \subsetneq [C]$  and  $B_{A_1}, B_{A_2}, ..., B_{A_{|A|}} \subseteq [N]$  such that  $|B_{A_i}| = \Delta_S$ . Then, to show independence, we want to show that for all  $j \in C \setminus A$  and some set  $B_j \subseteq [N], |B_j| = \Delta_S$ ,

$$\mathbf{Pr}[\Gamma(j) = B_j] = \mathbf{Pr}\big[\Gamma(j = B_j) \mid \Gamma(A_1) = B_{A_1}, ..., \Gamma(A_{|A|}) = B_{A_{|A|}})\big].$$

The above can easily be seen as  $N, M \to \infty$  as

$$\Pr_{B_j\subseteq [N], |B_j|=\Delta_S}[\Gamma(j)=B_j]=\Delta_S!\prod_{i=1}^{|B_j|}\Pr\Big[B_{j_i}\in \Gamma(j)\mid B_{j_{i-1}},...,B_{j_1}\in \Gamma(j)\Big]=\Delta_S!\cdot \frac{\Delta_S!}{N^{\Delta_S}}.$$

Then, let  $f(k, B_j, A)$  equal to the total number of instances some  $k \in B_j$  is in  $B_{A_i}$  for all  $i \in |A|$ . Note that

$$\Pr_{B_j \subseteq [N], |B_j| = \Delta_S} [f(k, B_j, A) > 0] \to 0$$

as  $N \to \infty$ . Then,

$$\begin{split} & \underset{B_{j}\subseteq[N],|B_{j}|=\Delta_{S}}{\mathbf{Pr}} \left[\Gamma(j=B_{j})\mid \Gamma(A_{1})=B_{A_{1}},...,\Gamma(A_{|A|})=B_{A_{|A|}})\right] \\ & = & \Delta_{S}! \prod_{i=1}^{|B_{j}|} \mathbf{Pr} \Big[B_{j_{i}}\in\Gamma(j)\mid B_{j_{i-1}},...,B_{j_{1}}\in\Gamma(j), \Gamma(A_{1})=B_{A_{1}},...,\Gamma(A_{|A|})=B_{A_{|A|}})\Big] \\ & = & \Delta_{S}! \prod_{i=1}^{|B_{j}|} \frac{(\Delta_{S}+1-i)\left(\Delta_{B}-f(B_{j_{i}},B_{j},A)\right)}{\Delta_{B}N} \\ & \text{as } N\to\infty, \Delta_{S}! \cdot \frac{\Delta_{S}!}{N^{\Delta_{S}}}. \end{split}$$

**Lemma 7.3.** Assuming that the error rate is independent, then  $S_1, S_2, ..., S_C$  are independent where  $C \leq \Delta_S \Delta_B$  and

$$\Pr[S_j = 1] = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}(1 - 2p)^{\Delta_S}$$

*Proof.* The  $Pr[S_j = 1]$  is then just equal to the probability that

$$\Pr[|\{e_{Zk} = 1 : k \in \Gamma(j)\}| \text{ is odd}].$$

Note we are assuming by lemma 7.2 that for  $j \in [C]$ , all the  $\Gamma(j)$  are independent. Thus, we have that  $\mathbf{Pr}[|\{e_{Zk}=1:k\in\Gamma(j)\}|]$  is odd] equals to the probability that a sample from  $\mathrm{binomial}(\Delta_S,p)$  is odd. This is then equal to  $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}(1-2p)^{\Delta_S}$ . Note also that we can assume  $S_1,S_2,...,S_C$  to be independent by lemma 7.2.

**Lemma 7.4.** Assuming that the error rate is independent,  $L_1, L_2, ..., L_C$  are independent for  $C \leq \Delta_S \Delta_B$  and

$$\mathbf{Pr}[L_j = 1] = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(1 - 2p)^{\Delta_S} - (1 - p)^{\Delta_S}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $s = |\{e_{Zk} = 1 : k \in \Gamma(j)\}|$ . Note that  $L_j$  is 1 iff s > 0 and s is even. Then,

$$\mathbf{Pr}[s > 0, s \text{ is even}] = \mathbf{Pr}[s \text{ is even}] - \mathbf{Pr}[s = 0] = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(1 - 2p)^{\Delta_S} - (1 - p)^{\Delta_S}.$$

We can also take that  $L_1, ..., L_C$  are independent by lemma 7.2.

#### Distributions on the random variables

## Probability of single generator error

Denote (x; n, p) to be  $\Pr[X = x]$  where  $X \sim \text{binomial}(n, p)$ . Denote F(x; n, p)  $\Pr[X \leq x]$ . Then for  $i \in [K]$ , let  $g_i$  be the index of the generator with the ith largest  $G_i'$ . In the language of order statistics, this means that  $G_{(M-i)}' = G_{g_i}'$ .

So then for any  $e_Z$  where  $|e_Z| < \min(\gamma_A n_A, \gamma_B n_B)$  by TODO: cite hypergraph prod paper, we know that we can always successfully decrease the reduced error weight if we can find a k such that k is a subset of a generator and

$$\frac{|\sigma_Z| - |\sigma_Z \oplus H_Z \mathbf{k}|}{|\mathbf{k}|} \ge \frac{1}{3}.$$

Then due to lemma 7.1, we know that we can find a k satisfying the above inequality if,

$$\frac{\Delta_B G_i - E_i}{(1 - \delta)G_i + E_i}$$

### Probability of error

#### **Error Probability Graphs**

## 8 PFM Numerical Simulations

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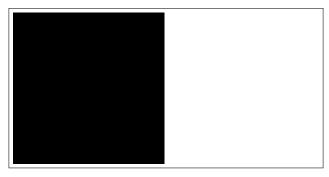


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## 13 Conclusion

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