$\sqrt{n}\mapsto \Theta(n)$ Magic States 'Distillation' Using Quantum LDPC Codes.

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1 Notations and Definitions.

The notation used in this paper follows standard conventions for coding theory. We use n to represent the length of the code, k for the code's dimension, and ρ for its rate. The minimum distance of the code will be denoted as d, and the relative distance, i.e., d/n, as δ . In this paper, n and k will sometimes refer to the number of physical and logical bits. Codes will be denoted by a capital C followed by either a subscript or superscript. When referring to multiple codes, we will use the above parameters as functions. For example, $\rho(C_1)$ represents the rate of the code C_1 . Square brackets are used to present all these parameters compactly, and we use them as follows: C = [n, k, d] to declare a code with the specified length, dimension, and distance. Any theorem, lemma, or claim that states a statement that is true in the asymptotic sense refers to a family of codes. The parity check matrix of the code will be denoted as H, with the rows of H representing the parity check equations. The generator matrix of the code will be denoted as G, with the rows of G representing the basis of codewords. The syndrome of a received word will be denoted as G, which is the result of multiplying G by the transpose of G. We use G^\perp to denote the dual code of G, which is defined such that any codeword of it G0 is orthogonal to any G1 to denote the parity check matrix of G2 and transposing it.

In this paper, we define the triple product $\mathbb{F}_2^n \times \mathbb{F}_2^n \times \mathbb{F}_2^n \to \mathbb{Z}$ as $|x \cdot y \cdot z| = \sum_i^n x_i y_i z_i$. Similarly, we define the binary product $|x \cdot y|$, noting that this product differs from the standard product by mapping into \mathbb{Z} rather than \mathbb{F}_2 . For $w \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$, we use the super operator $\cdot|_w$ to map an operator originally defined in an n-dimensional space to an operator that only acts on coordinates restricted to w. For example, $x|_w$ is the vector in $\mathbb{F}_2^{|w|}$ obtained by taking the values of x on coordinates where w is not zero. $|x \cdot y|_w = \sum_{i: w_i \neq 0} x_i y_i$ and $C|_w$ is the code obtained by taking the codewords of C restricted to w.

Definition 1.1. Let C, \tilde{C} be linear binary codes at the same length, We will say that \tilde{C} is a Triorthogonal with respect to C if:

- 1. $\tilde{C} \subset C$
- 2. $|x \cdot y \cdot z|$ is even for $x, y, z \in C$ such that at least one of x, y, z belongs to \tilde{C} .
- 3. $|x \cdot y|$ is even for $x, y \in C$ such that at least one of x, y belongs to \tilde{C} .

For example, the empty code, that contains only the zero code word, is a Triorthogonal with respect to any code. In fact for proving Theorem 1.1 taking the empty code is sufficient.

Definition 1.2. Let Δ be a constant integer, C_0 and \tilde{C}_0 be codes over Δ bits such that \tilde{C}_0 is Triorthogonal with respect to C_0^{\perp} . C_0 has parameters $\Delta[1,\delta_0,\rho_0]$, and C_0^{\top} has relative distance greater than δ_0 . Let C_{Tanner} be a Tanner code, defined by taking an expander graph with good expansion and C_0 as the small code. Let C_{initial} be the dual-tensor code obtained by taking $(C_{\text{Tanner}}^{\perp} \otimes C_{\text{Tanner}}^{\perp})^{\perp}$. Note that first, this code has a positive rate and $\Theta(\sqrt{n})$ distance. Second, this code is an LDPC code as well. Also, notice that $C_{\text{initial}}^{\top}$ is obtained by

transporting the parity check matrix, and therefore equals to $(C_{Tanner}^{\top,\perp} \otimes C_{Tanner}^{\top,\perp})^{\perp}$. Hence, $C_{initial}^{\top}$ has a square root distance as well.

Let Q be the CSS code obtained by taking the Hyperproduct of $C_{initial}$ with itself. So, Q is a quantum qLDPC code with parameters $[n, \Theta(n^{\frac{1}{4}}), \Theta(n)]$. The notations $Q, C_{Tanner}, C_{initial}, \tilde{C}_0, C_0$ will keep these definitions for the rest of the paper.

In this work we consider quantum circuits under the Clifford-free noise model, in this model it is assumed that any of the Clifford gates, let's say S,H,CZ, can be applied perfectly. In addition, the circuits has access to noisy magic states at error rate p, formulated as the mixed state $(1-p)|T\rangle+pZ|T\rangle$, Where $p\in(0,1)$ is the probability that a given state is actually an faulted one and $|T\rangle=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle+e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}|1\rangle)$ is a Magic States, finally the model allowed to perform intermediate measurements and apply Clifford gates controlled on the measurements classical outcomes. It was shown that this model is quantum universal. Magic State Distillation Protocol, is a quantum circuit in the Clifford-free noise model, which consume n noisy magic state at error rate p and outputs k independently magic states at error rate $\frac{1}{\pi}$.

Theorem 1.1 ($\sqrt{n} \rightarrow n$ Distillation).

2 The Construction.

Let x_0 be a codeword of C_X/C_Z^\perp , Denote by $w \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ the binary string presents the Z-generator that anti commute with the X-generator corresponds to x_0 . Let $\mathcal{X} = \{x_0, x_1, ... x_{k'}\} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ be a subset of a base for the code C_X/C_Z^\perp . Such (span \mathcal{X}/x_0) $|_w$ is Triorthogonal code in respect to $C_X|_w$. Let us denote by \mathcal{X}' the base $\{y_1, y_2, ..., y_{k'}\} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ defined such: $y_i = x_j + x_0$.

Denote by E the circuit that encodes the logical ith bit to y_i , by $T^{(w)}$ the application of T gates on the qubits for which both w and x_0 act non trivial, means $T^{(w\cap x_0)}$ is a tensor product of T's and identity where on the ith qubit $T^{(w)}$ apply T if w_i and $(x_0)_i$ are both 1 and identity otherwise. And finally by D denote the gate that decode binary strings in \mathbb{F}_2^n back into the logical space.

Let
$$|\mathcal{X}'\rangle \propto \sum_{x \in \text{span } \mathcal{X}'} |x\rangle$$
.

3 Proof of Theorem 1.

Claim 3.1. There exists family of non-trivial distance quantum LDPC codes Q such the codes span \mathcal{X}' chosen respect to them has a positive rate. Furthermore, the rate of span \mathcal{X}' is a asymptotically converges to Q rate:

$$|\rho(Q) - \rho(\operatorname{span} \mathcal{X}')| = o(1)$$

Proof. Pick x_0 and $w \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$, which correspond to the supports of anti commute X and Z generators, such that w can be obtains by setting a codeword of C_{Tanner} on the first $n^{\frac{1}{4}}$ bits and padding by zeros the rest. Clearly, $|w| = \Theta(n^{\frac{1}{4}})$.

Now for defying span \mathcal{X} , we are going to consider the parity checks matrix obtained by adding restrictions to C_X 's restrictions as follows: Divide the first w bits into Δ -size buckets, define by w(i) the ith coordinate on which w isn't trivial. For example if w(1)=j then j is the first nonzero coordinate of w, Denote by $B_1, B_2, ..., B_{|w|/\Delta}$ the partion of w's bits:

$$B_1 = \{w(1), w(2), ..., w(\Delta)\}$$

$$B_2 = \{w(\Delta + 1), w(\Delta + 2), ..., w(2\Delta)\}$$

$$B_i = \{w((i - 1)\Delta + 1), w((i - 1)\Delta + 2), ..., w(i\Delta)\}$$

Then let span \mathcal{X} be all the codewords of C_X/C_Z^{\perp} satisfying \tilde{C}_0 restrictions for each bucket, Let us name the union of \tilde{C}_0 restrictions over the buckets by B. The dimension of the space satisfies both C_X restrictions and B is at least:

$$\rho(C_X) \cdot n - |B| \cdot (1 - \rho(\tilde{C}_0))\Delta \ge \rho(C_X) \cdot n - n^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

And by the fact that the dimension of C_Z^{\perp} 's codewords satisfying B is strictly lower then $\dim C_Z^{\perp}$, we get the following lower bound:

$$\dim \operatorname{span} \mathcal{X} \ge \rho(C_X) \cdot n - n^{\frac{1}{4}} + \rho(C_Z) \cdot n - n$$
$$\ge \rho(Q) - n^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Remark 3.1. We emphasise that the above proof can be easily adapted to result the following for general CSS codes:

$$|\rho(Q) - \rho(\operatorname{span} \mathcal{X}')| = d(Q)(1 - \rho(\tilde{C}_0))$$

For example lets consider the quantum Tanner code. Since the distance of the quantum Tanner codes is $\sim n/\Delta$, where Δ^2 is the degree of the square complex graph, (obtained by taking a codeword for which each local view of it is supported only on rows correspond to a specific single left generator), we get that for any $\rho \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ one there is a good qLDPC such that the dimension of span \mathcal{X}' obtained respecting to it $\geq (1-2\rho)^2 n - n/\Delta \cdot (1-\rho(\tilde{C}_0))$.

Claim 3.2. There is a family of quantum circuits C consists of Clifford gates and at most $o(\sqrt{n})$ number of T gates such that:

$$T^{(w)} | \mathcal{X}' + C_Z^{\perp} \rangle \propto E \, \mathcal{C} \, (TH)^{\rho \left(\operatorname{span} \mathcal{X}' \right) n} | 0 \rangle$$

Proof. Let $\tau \in \operatorname{span} \mathcal{X}' + C_Z^{\perp}$, applying $T^{(w)}$ on $|\tau\rangle$ add a phase of $i\frac{\pi}{4} |\tau|_w$. Notice that τ can decompose to the sum of $x_0 + y + z$ when $y \in \operatorname{span} \mathcal{X}$ and $z \in C_Z^{\perp}$, so

$$\begin{split} |\tau|_w &= |x_0 + y_z|_w \\ &= |x_0|_w + |y|_w + |z|_w - 2|x \cdot y|_w - 2|x \cdot z|_w - 2|z \cdot y|_w + 4|x_0 \cdot y \cdot z|_w \\ &= |x_0 \cdot w| + |y|_w + |z|_w - 2|y|_w - 2|z|_w - 2|z \cdot y|_w + 4|y \cdot z|_w \end{split}$$

Since we picked $\tilde{C}_0 \in C_0^{\perp}$ then $y \cdot z|_w = 0 \Rightarrow |y \cdot z|_w|$ is even.