

QNC₁ \subset noisy-BQP

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1 Notations.

C_g - good qLDPC, C_{ft} - concatenation code (ft stands for fault tolerance). For a code C_y we use Φ_y, E_y, D_y to denote the channel maps circuits into the circuits compute in the code space, the encoder, and the decoder. We use Φ_U to denote the 'Bell'-state storing the gate U .

2 The Noise Model

3 Fault Tolerance (With Resets gates) at Linear Depth.

Claim 3.1. *There is $p_{th} \in (0, 1)$ such that if $p < p_{th}$ then any quantum circuit C with depth D and width W can be computed by p -noisy, resets allowed, circuit C' , with a depth at most $\max\{D, \log(WD)\}$.*

3.1 Initializing Magic for Teleportation gates and encodes ancillaries.

The Protocol:

1. Initializing zeros. Divide the qubits into $|B|$ -size blocks. Encodes each block in C_g via $D_{ft}\Phi_{ft}[E_g] |0^{|B|}\rangle$.
2. Initializing Magic for Teleportation gates encoded in C_g via $D_{ft}\Phi_{ft}[E_g] |\Phi_U\rangle$ for each gate U in the original circuit.
3. Each gate is replaced by gate teleportation.
4. At any time tick, any block runs a single round of error reduction.

Claim 3.2. *Assume that an error $|e| = \gamma n$, i.e e is supported on less than γn bits, then a single correction round reduce e into an error e' such $|e'| < \nu|e|$.*

Definition 3.1. *We will say that a CSS code C is monotonic if for any two codewords $X_1, X_2 \in C_X/C_Z^\perp$ such that $X_1 = \sum_i g_i^{(1)}, X_2 = \sum_i g_i^{(2)}$ and $\{g^{(1)}\} \cap \{g^{(2)}\} = \emptyset$ it holds that:*

$$|X_1 + X_2| > \frac{3}{2} (|X_1| + |X_2|)$$

For example, the Toric code is monotonic. In addition it's straightforwardly to see that concatenation of two monotonic codes yield monotonic code.

Claim 3.3. *The gate $D_{ft}\Phi_{ft}[E_g]$ initializes states encoded in C_g subject to $2p$ -noise channel.*

Proof. Clearly $\Phi_{ft}[E_g]$ success, with high probability, let's say $1 - \frac{1}{\text{poly}(n)}$, to encode in to $C_{ft} \circ C_g$. Denote by E_i, D_i the encoder and the decoder at the i th level of the concatenation construction. Recall that by definition $D_i E_i = I$, or in other words $D_i = E_i^\dagger$. Consider the decoder under \mathcal{N} action. $P_2 D_1 P_2 D_2, \dots, P_{i-1} D_i P_i$, by the fault-tolerance theorem a logical error happens at the i th stage occurs with probability p^{2^i} , therefore by the union bound the probability that in one of the steps the circuit absorbs an error that is not corrected is less than $p + p^2 + p^4 + \dots < 2p$. Hence any decoded qubit absorbs a noise with probability less than $2p$. □

Claim 3.4. *With probability $1 - \frac{WD}{|B|} \cdot D2e^{-2|B|(\beta-p)}$, the total amount of noise been absorb in a block, in any time t , is less than γn .*

Proof. Consider the i th block, denoted by B_i . Using the Hoeffding's inequality we have that the probability that more than $\beta|B|$ bits are flipped at time t is less than $\leq 2e^{-2|B|(\beta-p)}$. Using the union bounds over all the blocks at all the different time location we get that with probability $1 - \frac{WD}{|B|} \cdot D2e^{-2|B|(\beta-p)}$. Denote by X_t the support's size of the error over B_i at time t . Now using Claim 3.2, given that $X_{t-1} \leq \gamma n$ it follows that total amount of error absorbed by a block until time t can be bounded by:

$$X_t \leq \nu \cdot (X_{t-1} + \beta|B|) \leq \nu(\gamma + \beta)|B| \leq \gamma|B|$$

□