## $\sqrt{n}\mapsto \Theta(n)$ 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  $\rho$  for its rate. The minimum distance of the code will be denoted as d, and the relative distance, i.e., d/n, as  $\delta$ . 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 to denote the dual code of G, which is defined such that any codeword of it G0 is orthogonal to any G1 is orthogonal to any G2. The parity check matrix of G3 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 in 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  $\tilde{C}$ .

## 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. 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 *i*th 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.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\Delta$  be a constant integer,  $C_0$ ,  $\tilde{C}_0$  codes over  $\Delta$  bits such  $\tilde{C}_0$  is Triorthogonal and  $C_0^\perp$  contains  $\tilde{C}_0$ ,  $C_0$  has parameters  $\Delta[1,\delta_0,\rho_0]$ , and  $C_0^{\top}$  has relative distance greater than  $\delta_0$ . Let  $C_{\text{Tanner}}$  be a Tanner code, defined by taking an expander graph with good expansion and  $C_0$  as the small code. Let  $C_{\text{initial}}$  be the dual-tensor code obtained by taking  $(C_{\text{Tanner}}^\perp \otimes C_{\text{Tanner}}^\perp)^\perp$ . Notes that first this code has positive rate and  $\Theta(\sqrt{n})$  distance, second this code is an LDPC code as well. Notice also that  $C_{\text{initial}}^{\top}$  obtained by transporting the parity check matrix, and therefore equals to  $(C_{\text{Tanner}}^{\top}, \Delta)^\perp$ . Hence  $C_{\text{initial}}^{\top}$  has a square root distance as well.

Let Q the CSS code, obtained by taking the Hyperproduct of  $C_{initial}$  with itself. So Q is an quantum qLDPC code with parameters  $[n, \Theta(n^{\frac{1}{4}}), \Theta(n)]$ .

**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  $C_{\text{Tanner}}$  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  $\Delta$ -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:

$$\begin{split} B_1 &= \{w(1), w(2), ..., w(\Delta)\} \\ B_2 &= \{w(\Delta+1), w(\Delta+2), ..., w(2\Delta)\} \\ B_i &= \{w((i-1)\Delta+1), w((i-1)\Delta+2), ..., w(i\Delta)\} \end{split}$$

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  $\Delta^2$  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 
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*Proof.* Let  $au\in \operatorname{span}\mathcal{X}'+C_Z^\perp$ , applying  $T^{(w)}$  on  $| au\rangle$  add a phase of  $i^{\pi}_{4}| au|_w$ . Notice that au 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.