

# QEC for GAD on QuDits

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Quantum Error Correction for Generalized Amplitude Damping on Qudits

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# Qudits: QHMs

There are two schools of thought:

Those who *think* the universe is made up Quantum Harmonic Oscillators

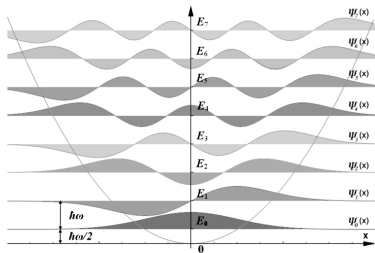


Figure: Quantum Harmonic Oscillator

And those who don't think at all.

# Qudits: QHMs

$$\psi_n(x) = \frac{C}{\sqrt{2^n n!}} e^{-\frac{\alpha x^2}{2}} H_n(\sqrt{\alpha} x)$$

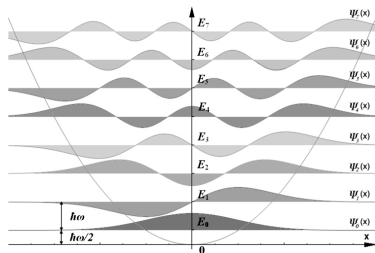


Figure: QHM

But higher dimensions are possible even if they're difficult to physically realize for now.

Therefore for qubits:

$$\psi_0 = Ce^{-\alpha x^2}$$

$$\psi_1 = Ce^{-\alpha x^2} \sqrt{2\alpha} x$$

$$\text{and } E_0 = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2}, E_1 = \frac{3\hbar\omega}{2}$$

## Qudits: Anharmonicity

We need anharmonicity to be able to distinguish b/w states, because energy levels of a QHM are equidistant.

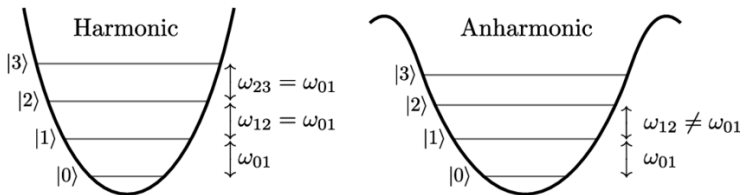


Figure: Quantum Anharmonic Oscillator

For superconducting qubits (**transmon**), this is achieved by using Josephson Junctions. In an LC Oscillator, we replace the linear inductance with a non-linear one.

## Qudits $\rightarrow$ GAD

Why is physical realization of qudits difficult?  $\exists$  several forms of noise, most prominent being dephasing and relaxation.

Amplitude Damping:

$$|1\rangle \rightarrow e^{-\frac{t}{T_1}} |1\rangle$$

With some probability, the state  $|1\rangle$  will decay to  $|0\rangle$  with time constant  $T_1$ . Let's call this probability  $\gamma$ , such that

$$|1\rangle \rightarrow \sqrt{1-\gamma}|1\rangle + \sqrt{\gamma}|0\rangle.$$

## Qudits $\rightarrow$ GAD

In general,  $|2\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle$ , and,  $|1\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle$ . But what may also happen is  $|2\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle$  directly with some probability  $\gamma_2 \propto \gamma^2$  and so on upto  $\gamma^d$ .

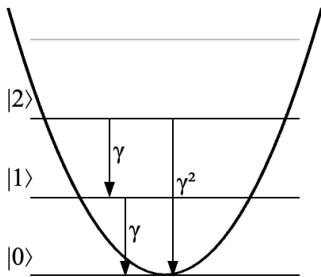
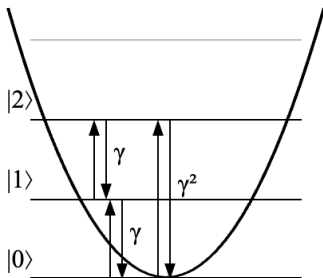


Figure: Extended Amplitude Damping

For our considerations, we'll consider the case where  $\gamma_2 = \gamma^2$  since we're worried only about order of noise and not the exact values.

## Qudits $\rightarrow$ GAD

In the other direction,  $|0\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle$  with probability  $\gamma$  and  $|1\rangle \rightarrow |2\rangle$  with probability  $\gamma^2$ .



**Figure:** Generalized Amplitude Damping

This is the generalized amplitude damping channel. We'll consider this as our noise model for the rest of the presentation.



# GAD

It is worth noting there is some nuance in how the probabilities for GAD are reported,

For decay, it is always  $\mathbb{O}(\gamma^n)$ , but for excitation, it has a prefix  $p$ , which is a function of temperature  $T$

$$\begin{cases} T = 0 \rightarrow p = 0 \\ T = \infty \rightarrow p = \gamma \end{cases}$$

Therefore, it is in fact common to report  $p$  as a fraction of  $\gamma$  most commonly  $\frac{\gamma}{10}$  or  $\frac{3\gamma}{10}$

# QEC: Modelling Noise

Noise is modelled via an error channel  $\mathcal{E}$  acting on the state  $\rho$  of the system

$$\mathcal{E}(\rho) = \sum_i E_i \rho E_i^\dagger, \quad \sum_i E_i^\dagger E_i = I$$

The canonical qubit Kraus operators for relaxation and excitation respectively are:

$$A_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{1-\gamma} \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{\gamma} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$R_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{1-\gamma} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{\gamma} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# QEC: Correctability

In general noise is correctable only if it satisfies two conditions:

- ▶  $\langle i|E_a^\dagger E_b|j\rangle = 0$  if  $i \neq j$ . Orthogonality condition: no two subspaces have any intersection.
- ▶  $\langle i|E_a^\dagger E_b|i\rangle = \text{const}$ , Deformity condition: the subspaces are NOT deformed by the noise.

Both of these combine to give us the Knill-Laflamme conditions for correctability.

$$\langle i_L|E_a^\dagger E_b|j_L\rangle = \lambda_{ab}\delta_{ij}$$

# QEC: Approximate QEC

In general exact QEC is difficult to achieve. We get around this by using approximate QEC via the Beny-Oreshkov condition:

$$\langle i_L | E_a^\dagger E_b | j_L \rangle = \lambda_{ab} \delta_{ij} + \langle i_L | B_{ab} | j_L \rangle$$

where  $B_{ab}$  is the error term to allow for approximate QEC.

# QEC: Overhead

In general error correction has two extra steps:



Figure: Before Error Correction

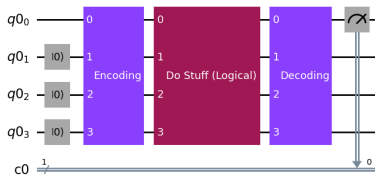


Figure: After Error Correction we add extra steps before and after

# QEC: Encoding

We tend to encode data from lower to higher dimensions for redundancy, ex. the trivial code is  $|000\rangle \rightarrow |0_L\rangle$  and  $|111\rangle \rightarrow |1_L\rangle$ . Some popular codes are the Shor code, the CSS code, stabilizer codes etc.

Generally any code is:

$$|0_L\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^d c_i \bigotimes_{i=1}^d |i\rangle$$

where  $c_i$  are some coefficients. Or even more generally,

$$|0_L\rangle = T|\psi_0\rangle, |1_L\rangle = T|\psi_1\rangle, \dots$$

where  $T$  is a rectangular transformation matrix applied to some state  $|\psi_0\rangle$  for  $\psi_i$  in the physical space.

# Finding $T$

We can now construct a system such that:

$$\langle i | T^\dagger E_a^\dagger E_b T | j \rangle = \lambda_{ab} \delta_{ij} + \langle i_L | B_{ab} | j_L \rangle$$

with three weights in the cost function:

- ▶  $\|TT^T - \text{diag}(TT^T)\|_F \rightarrow 0$ , for orthogonality  $\because TT^T$  is diagonal
- ▶  $\sum_i (1 - \|T_i\|)^2 \rightarrow 0$ , to ensure norm = 1, such that  $T_i$  are the rows of  $T$
- ▶  $\|B_{ab}\|_F \rightarrow 0$ , Error matrix tend to zero

# Finding T: Algorithm

For  $B_{ab} \in \mathbb{R}^{I^k \times I^k}$ :

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**Algorithm 1** Finding Loss

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1:  $L_{\text{AQEC}} \leftarrow 0$ 
2:  $L_{\text{ortho}} \leftarrow \|TT^T - \text{diag} TT^T\|_F$ 
3:  $L_{\text{norm}} \leftarrow \sum_i (1 - \|T[i]\|_2)^2$ 
4: for  $E_a, E_b$  in  $\{E_i\}$  do
5:   for  $i, j$  in basis of  $\dim I^k$  do
6:      $B_{ab}[j, i] = \langle j | T^\dagger E_a^\dagger E_b T | i \rangle$ 
7:   end for
8:    $L_{\text{AQEC}} \leftarrow L_{\text{AQEC}} + \|B_{ab} - \text{Tr}(B_{ab}) \cdot \mathbb{I}\|_F$ 
9: end for
10: return  $L_{\text{AQEC}} + L_{\text{norm}} + L_{\text{ortho}}$ 
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## Choosing $T$

We choose initial  $T$  to minimise optimization time. Let  $T_i$  be a Legendre polynomial such that, for  $P_0(x) = 1, P_1(x) = x$ :

$$(n+1)P_{n+1}(x) = (2n+1)xP_n(x) - nP_{n-1}(x)$$

For reference, the next few Legendre polynomials are:

$$P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1)$$

$$P_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x)$$

$$P_4(x) = \frac{1}{8}(35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3)$$

## Choosing $T$

The advantage then is that all rows are orthogonal:

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_m(x) P_n(x) dx = 0 \quad \forall n \neq m$$

We trivially normalise maintaining orthogonality, with  $k_m = \int_{-1}^1 P_m(x)^2 dx$ :

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{P_m(x)}{k_m} \frac{P_n(x)}{k_n} dx = \frac{2}{2n+1} \frac{\delta_{mn}}{k_m k_n}$$

Note: We choose Legendre's polynomials because they're orthogonal in  $[-1, 1]$ , unlike Hermite's in  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . It also has a constant weight unlike Chebyshev's.

# Running the Gradient Descent

Having run the gradient descent, we get the following code-words:

$$\begin{aligned}|0_L\rangle = & 0.077|0000\rangle - 0.192|0001\rangle - 0.108|0010\rangle + 0.326|0011\rangle \\ & - 0.087|0100\rangle + 0.582|0101\rangle + 0.101|0110\rangle + 0.096|0111\rangle \\ & - 0.250|1000\rangle + 0.229|1001\rangle - 0.032|1010\rangle + 0.300|1011\rangle \\ & + 0.334|1100\rangle + 0.243|1101\rangle + 0.301|1110\rangle + 0.087|1111\rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}|1_L\rangle = & 0.091|0000\rangle + 0.084|0001\rangle - 0.153|0010\rangle + 0.379|0011\rangle \\ & + 0.035|0100\rangle - 0.666|0101\rangle + 0.161|0110\rangle - 0.157|0111\rangle \\ & - 0.187|1000\rangle - 0.053|1001\rangle + 0.013|1010\rangle + 0.191|1011\rangle \\ & + 0.207|1100\rangle - 0.147|1101\rangle + 0.413|1110\rangle + 0.108|1111\rangle\end{aligned}$$

## Comparison

We compare our **four** qubit code against the standard benchmark of **five** qubit  $[[5, 1, 3]]$  code, via Petz Recovery at  $\gamma = 0.1$ .

Stat	$[[5, 1]]$	Leung	Ours
$p = \gamma/10$	0.863	0.825	0.881
$p = 3\gamma/10$	0.901	0.831	0.887
$p = \gamma$	0.937	0.850	0.896

Table: Entanglement Fidelity

$$F = \frac{1}{(\dim C)^2} \sum_k \sum_l |Tr(R_l A_k)|_C|^2$$

We consistently outperform the benchmark Leung code, and even do better than  $[[5, 1]]$  for  $\gamma/10$

# QEC: Recovery

In general there are three ways to do recovery:

- ▶ Simply project back  $|0_L\rangle \rightarrow |0_L\rangle\langle 0_L|$
- ▶ Use Petz Recovery:  $R = \sum_k \sum_l \text{Tr}(R_l A_k) |k\rangle\langle l|$
- ▶ Construct a recovery operator  $|0_L\rangle \rightarrow |0_L\rangle\langle 0'_L|$

## QEC: Parametrised Form

Consider code word  $|0_L\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0000\rangle + |1111\rangle)$ , then the trivial projected back recovery is:

$$|0_L\rangle \rightarrow |0_L\rangle \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\langle 0000| + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\langle 1111| \right).$$

We, can however, run a gradient descent and find a more optimal recovery:

$$|0_L\rangle \rightarrow |0_L\rangle(\alpha\langle 0000| + \beta\langle 1111|).$$

## QEC: Parametrised Form (1st Order)

The first would then require a first order damping applied to each qubit.  $\{A_{0001}, A_{0010}, A_{0100}, A_{1000}\}$ . Which as an example, for  $A_{0001}$  would be:

$$A_{0001}|1_L\rangle = A_{0001}|1111\rangle \rightarrow |1110\rangle$$

which would then mean we have to construct a recovery from the new state  $|1110\rangle$  to 4-GHZ.

# QEC: Recovery Loss

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**Algorithm 2** Loss for Recovery of order  $p$ 

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1:  $R_k \leftarrow []$ 
2:  $L_{\text{ortho}} \leftarrow 0$ 
3:  $L_{\text{norm}} \leftarrow 0$ 
4: for  $\{\psi_i\} \forall A_k$  do
5:    $\{|\phi_i\rangle\} \leftarrow \text{reweight}(\{|A_k\psi_i\rangle\})$ 
6:    $L_{\text{ortho}} \leftarrow L_{\text{ortho}} + \sum_{i,j} \langle \phi_i | \phi_j \rangle^2$ 
7:    $L_{\text{norm}} \leftarrow L_{\text{norm}} + \sum_i (1 - \|\phi_i\|)^2$ 
8:    $R_k \leftarrow \sum_i |\psi_i\rangle \langle \phi_i|$ 
9: end for
10:  $L_{\text{fidelity}} \leftarrow \sum_k \sum_l |Tr(R_l A_k)|_C|^2$ 
11: return  $L_{\text{ortho}} + L_{\text{norm}} - L_{\text{fidelity}}$ 
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For Leung code, we are able to replicate the known optimal recovery.



# QEC: Comparison

We can now compare our code against our recovery or the petz recovery

Stat	Petz Recovery	Ours
$p = \gamma/10$	0.9996	0.9997
$p = 3\gamma/10$	0.9992	0.9995
$p = \gamma$	0.9980	0.9987

Table: Full Channel Entanglement Fidelity, both for our code

It is worth noting, we have yet done only 0th order recovery, and the Petz recovery is near optimal for all orders.

# Combining

We now have a function which can generate a code and one for recovery. We can do one of two approaches:

- ▶ Run Separately: Code  $\rightarrow$  Recovery  $\rightarrow$  Better Code  $\rightarrow$  Better Recovery  $\rightarrow \dots$
- ▶ Run Together: GAN

Considering that the separately is computationally cheaper and can get 0.999s of reliability we will use that. Despite the fact that the GAN is guaranteed to be more optimal.

# GAN: Optimality

let  $f(x) \in V, g(y) \in W$  be optimisation functions. To ensure optimality of GAN, we need to prove:

$$vw \geq v + w, \text{ where } v = |V|, w = |W|$$

WLOG, let  $w = v + k$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} v + v + k - v(v + k) &\leq 0 \\ \implies v^2 - v(k + 2) - k &\geq 0 \\ \implies v &= \frac{k + 2 \pm \sqrt{k^2 + 8k + 4}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for all natural values of  $v, w$ , and  $vw \geq v + w$ .

# Next Steps

We have a working code for GAD on qudits, and a recovery operator. We can now move on to:

- ▶ Calculate 4 qubit for 1st and 2nd order recovery
- ▶ Run for 5 qubits because we expect to be able to correct GAD
- ▶ For more qubits we'll have enough data to find thresholds
- ▶ Qubit-Qutrit system