Climbing the Diagonal Clifford Hierarchy



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Ion trap fabricated by Sandia National Laboratories and used by experimental teams at Duke and IonQ

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Quantum computers are moving out of physics labs and becoming generally programmable. In this talk, we start from quantum protocols like magic state distillation and Shor factoring algorithm that make essential use of diagonal logical gates. The difficulty of reliably implementing these gates in some quantum error correcting code (QECC) is measured by their level in the Clifford hierarchy, a mathematical framework that was defined by Gottesman and Chuang when introducing the teleportation model of quantum computation. We describe a method of working backwards from a target logical diagonal gate at some level in the Clifford hierarchy to a quantum error correcting code (CSS code) in which the target logical can be implemented reliably.



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Role of Quantum Error Correcting Code (QECC):



Generator Coefficients: Mathematical Framework for reasoning about Diagonal Logical Channels

The Pauli Group \mathcal{P}_N $(N = 2^m)$

Pauli Group
$$\mathcal{P}_2$$
: Generated by $\imath l_2$, $X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, and $Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Pauli Group $\mathcal{P}_N = \mathcal{P}_2^{\otimes m}$: Generated by iI_N , and matrices $D(\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{b})$ parametrized by binary vectors $\boldsymbol{a} = [a_1, \ldots, a_m], \boldsymbol{b} = [b_1, \ldots, b_m]$

$$egin{array}{ll} D(m{a},m{b})\coloneqq X^{m{a}_1}Z^{m{b}_1}\otimes\cdots\otimes X^{m{a}_m}Z^{m{b}_m}\ D(m{a},m{b})\ket{v}=(-1)^{vm{b}^T}\ket{v\oplusm{a}} \,\,\, ext{for all}\,\,v\in\mathbb{F}_2^m \end{array}$$

Hermitian Paulis: $E(a, b) := i^{ab^T \pmod{4}} D(a, b), \ E(a, b)^2 = I_N$

Pauli Group $\mathcal{P}_{N} := \{i^{\kappa}D(a,b): a, b \in \mathbb{F}_{2}^{m}, \kappa \in \mathbb{Z}_{4}\}\ (i = \sqrt{-1})$ $E(a,b), a, b \in \mathbb{F}_{2}^{m}: \underbrace{X \otimes \mathbb{Z} \otimes Y}_{m=3 \text{ qubits}} = E(\underbrace{101}_{a}, \underbrace{011}_{b}, \underbrace{011}_{b}, \underbrace{b=0}_{b=0} \underbrace{1}_{1} \underbrace{1}_{E(a,b)=-X_{1}}, \underbrace{Z_{2}-Y_{3}}_{2}$

Why Target Logical Diagonal Gates

Magic State Distillation

Period finding in the Shor factoring algorithm Unitary operator $U = Z^{1/2'}$, eigenvector \boldsymbol{v} , eigenvalue $e^{2\pi i \psi}$



Level of Difficulty

Diagonal Gates

Measured by level in the Clifford Hierarchy

I-th level: Unitaries $Z^{\frac{1}{2^{l-1}}}, CZ^{\frac{1}{2^{l-2}}}, \ldots, C^{l-1}Z$ $\mathcal{C}^{(l)} \coloneqq \{ U \in \mathbb{U}_N : U \mathcal{P}_N U^{\dagger} \subset \mathcal{C}^{(l-1)} \}$ $T = \sqrt{P} = Z^{\frac{1}{4}}$, CP, CCZ 3rd level 2nd level: The Clifford Group $P = 7^{\frac{1}{2}} C7$ $Cliff := \{ U \in \mathbb{U}_N : U\mathcal{P}_N U^{\dagger} \subset \mathcal{P}_N \}$ 1st level: The Pauli Group 7 $\mathcal{P}_{N} \coloneqq \mathcal{P}_{2}^{\otimes m}, \ \mathcal{P}_{2} \coloneqq \langle \imath^{\kappa} I, X, Z \rangle$

Quantum Gate: $2^n \times 2^n$ complex diagonal unitary matrix Walsh-Hadamard matrix: $H_{2^n} = H_2 \otimes H_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes H_2 = H_2^{\otimes n}$ where $H_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

> Pauli Basis $U_Z = \sum_{\boldsymbol{v} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} f(\boldsymbol{v}) E(0, \boldsymbol{v}) \xrightarrow{\mathsf{Dirac Basis}} U_Z = \sum_{\boldsymbol{u} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} d_{\boldsymbol{u}} |\boldsymbol{u}\rangle \langle \boldsymbol{u}|$ $[f(\boldsymbol{v})]_{\boldsymbol{v} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} = [d_{\boldsymbol{u}}]_{\boldsymbol{u} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} H_{2^n}$



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CSS Codes Defined as Projections

Code projector $\Pi_{\mathcal{S}}$ for $\mathcal{S} = \langle \epsilon_{(\boldsymbol{c}_{i},0)} E(\boldsymbol{c}_{i},0), \epsilon_{(0,\boldsymbol{d}_{j})} E(0,\boldsymbol{d}_{j}) \rangle$

$$\Pi_{\mathcal{S}} = \prod_{i=1}^{k_2} \frac{(I_N + \epsilon_{(\boldsymbol{c}_i, 0)} E(\boldsymbol{c}_i, 0))}{2} \prod_{j=1}^{n-k_1} \frac{(I_N + \epsilon_{(0, \boldsymbol{d}_j)} E(0, \boldsymbol{d}_j))}{2} \eqqcolon \Pi_{\mathcal{S}_X} \Pi_{\mathcal{S}_Z}$$

CSS Codes States

 $[n, k = k_1 - k_2, d]$ CSS $(X, C_2, \mathbf{r}; Z, C_1^{\perp}, \mathbf{y})$: Stabilizer S Codespace $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{S}) := \{ |\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^N : g |\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle \text{ for all } g \in \mathcal{S} \}$ Undetectable Errors: $g \in \mathcal{P}_N, g \notin \mathcal{S}, gh = hg$ for all $h \in \mathcal{S}$ Distance d: Undetectable error acts on at least d gubits X-distance d_X : min_{$\mathbf{x} \in C_1 \setminus C_2$} $w_H(\mathbf{x})$ Z-distance d_Z : min_{$z \in C_2^{\perp} \setminus C_1^{\perp}$} $w_H(z)$ General Encoding Map g_e : $|\psi\rangle_I \in \mathbb{F}_2^k \to |\overline{\psi}\rangle \in \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{S})$

$$ig|\overline{\psi}
angle\coloneqq rac{1}{\sqrt{|\mathcal{C}_2|}}\sum_{m{a}\in\mathcal{C}_2}(-1)^{m{ar}^{\, au}}ig|\psi {\sf G}_{\mathcal{C}_1/\mathcal{C}_2}\oplusm{a}\oplusm{y}
angle$$

Coherent Noise: Z-rotation $R_Z(\theta)$ through angle θ on each qubit

Obliviousness: Logical operator induced by $R_Z(\theta)$ is the identity $\mathcal{V}(S)$ is a Decoherence Free Subspace (DFS)

Necessary and Sufficient conditions for $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{S}) \subseteq \mathsf{DFS}$:

- Product Structure: weight-2 Z-stabilizers partition qubits into clumps
- Negative Signs: character vector **y** supported on half of each clump

[16, 1, 4] Shor Code with negative signs:

- Four Rows: Four Clumps $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_3, \Gamma_4$
- Character Vector: $\boldsymbol{y}|_{\Gamma_k} = [0110]$



For details see: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2011.00197

Code States that Support Logical Transversal T

Bravyi and Haah (2012): Triorthogonal CSS codes A binary matrix $[G_{i,j}]_{\{i \in \{1, \cdots, m\}, j \in \{1, \cdots, n\}\}}$ is triorthogonal if for all $1 \le f < g < h \le m$, $\sum_{i=1}^{n} G_{f,i}G_{g,i} = 0 \pmod{2}$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{n} G_{f,i}G_{g,i}G_{h,i} = 0 \pmod{2}$.

Triorthogonal CSS($X, C_2 = \langle G_0 \rangle, \boldsymbol{r} = 0; Z, C_1^{\perp} = \langle G^{\perp} \rangle, \boldsymbol{y} = 0$) code:

G is a triorthogonal matrix and G_0 is the submatrix of all even-weight rows



Triorthogonality is Sufficient: Physical transversal T preserves the codespace and induces logical transversal T (up to logical Clifford gates)

Stabilizer Perspective: Preserving a code is equivalent to preserving the projector that defines the code.

$$U\left|\overline{\psi}\right\rangle = UE(\boldsymbol{a},\boldsymbol{b})\left|\overline{\psi}\right\rangle = (UE(\boldsymbol{a},\boldsymbol{b})U^{\dagger})U\left|\overline{\psi}\right\rangle \Rightarrow UE(\boldsymbol{a},\boldsymbol{b})U^{\dagger} \in \mathcal{S}(U\left|\overline{\psi}\right\rangle)$$

Rengaswamy, Calderbank, Newman, and Pfister (2020) show that triorthogonality is necessary if physical transversal T is to induce logical transversal T (up to logical Clifford gates)

Hu, Liang, and Calderbank (2021) derive necessary and sufficient conditions for a physical diagonal gate to preserve a stabilizer code and induce a target logical diagonal gate



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Creating an Average Logical Channel



Generator Coefficient Framework

 2^{n-k_1} rows: the $[\![n, k_1 - k_2, d]\!]$ CSS codes corresponding to all possible signings of the Z-stabilizer group

 2^{k_2} columns: all possible X-syndromes μ

Logical operator B_{μ} is induced by

- **1** preparing a code state ρ_1
- 2 applying a diagonal physical gate U_Z to obtain ρ_2
- using X-stabilizers to measure ρ_2 , obtaining the syndrome μ with probability p_{μ} , and the post-measurement state ρ_3
- applying a Pauli correction to ρ_3 , obtaining ρ_4

$$\rho_4 = \sum_{\mu \in \mathbb{F}_2^n / \mathcal{C}_2^\perp} B_{\mu} \rho_1 B_{\mu}^{\dagger} \text{ and } B_{\mu} = \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{C}_2^\perp / \mathcal{C}_1^\perp} A_{\mu, \gamma} \underbrace{\epsilon_{(0, \gamma \oplus \gamma_\mu)} E(0, \gamma \oplus \gamma_\mu)}_{\text{Logical Pauli Z Operator}}$$

 $A_{\mu,\gamma}$ are the generator coefficients determined by U_Z

Diagonal Physical Gate: $U_Z = \sum_{\boldsymbol{v} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} f(\boldsymbol{v}) E(0, \boldsymbol{v}) = \sum_{\boldsymbol{u} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} d_{\boldsymbol{u}} | \boldsymbol{u} \rangle \langle \boldsymbol{u} |$

For a $CSS(X, C_2; Z, C_1^{\perp})$ code, let • $\mu \in \mathbb{F}_2^n / C_2^{\perp}$ be any X-syndrome • $\gamma \in C_2^{\perp} / C_1^{\perp}$ be any Z-logical

The generator coefficient $A_{\mu,\gamma}$ corresponding to U_Z is

$$A_{\mu,\gamma} = \sum_{\boldsymbol{z} \in \mathcal{C}_1^{\perp} + \mu + \gamma} \epsilon_{(0,\boldsymbol{z})} f(\boldsymbol{z}) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{C}_1|} \sum_{\boldsymbol{u} \in \mathcal{C}_1} (-1)^{(\boldsymbol{\mu} \oplus \boldsymbol{\gamma}) \boldsymbol{u}^{\mathsf{T}}} d_{\boldsymbol{u} \oplus \boldsymbol{y}}.$$

Here $\epsilon_{(0,z)} = (-1)^{zy^T}$ is the sign of Z-stabilizer E(0,z) for $y \in \mathbb{F}_2^n/\mathcal{C}_1$

When the Physical gate is a Transversal Z-Rotation

$$R_{Z}(\theta) = \left[\exp\left(-\imath\frac{\theta}{2}Z\right)\right]^{\otimes n} = \left(\cos\frac{\theta}{2}I - \imath\sin\frac{\theta}{2}Z\right)^{\otimes n} = \sum_{\boldsymbol{\nu}\in\mathbb{F}_{2}^{n}}f(\boldsymbol{\nu})E(0,\boldsymbol{\nu})$$
$$f(\boldsymbol{\nu}) = \left(\cos\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^{n-w_{H}(\boldsymbol{\nu})}\left(-\imath\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^{w_{H}(\boldsymbol{\nu})}$$

Generator Coefficients:

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{A}_{\mu,\gamma}(\theta) &= \sum_{z \in \mathcal{C}_1^{\perp} + \mu + \gamma} \epsilon_{(0,z)} \left(\cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right)^{n - w_H(z)} \left(-\imath \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right)^{w_H(z)} \\ &= \frac{1}{|\mathcal{C}_1|} \sum_{z \in \mathcal{C}_1} (-1)^{(\mu \oplus \gamma) z^T} \left(e^{-\imath \frac{\theta}{2}} \right)^{n - 2w_H(z \oplus y)}. \end{split}$$

for all syndromes $\mu \in \mathbb{F}_2^n/\mathcal{C}_2^\perp$ and Z-logicals $\gamma \in \mathcal{C}_2^\perp/\mathcal{C}_1^\perp$

 $w_H(z \oplus y) = \frac{n}{2}$: Induced logical gate is the identity

Repetition Code with Negative Stabilizers

Stabilizer $S = \langle -Z_1Z_2, Z_2Z_3 \rangle$: $C_2 = \langle 000 \rangle$, $C_1^{\perp} = \langle 110, 011 \rangle$ Character Vector: $\mathbf{y} = [100]$

Generator Coefficients $A_{0,\gamma}(\theta)$: $\gamma \in C_2^{\perp}/C_1^{\perp} = \{000, 111\}$

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{A}_{0,\gamma}(\theta) &= \sum_{\boldsymbol{z} \in \mathcal{C}_1^{\perp} + \gamma} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{(0,\boldsymbol{z})} \left(\cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right)^{n - w_H(\boldsymbol{z})} \left(-\imath \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right)^{w_H(\boldsymbol{z})} \\ &= \begin{cases} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}, & \text{if } \gamma = [0 \, 0 \, 0] \\ -\imath \sin \frac{\theta}{2}, & \text{if } \gamma = [1 \, 1 \, 1] \end{cases} \end{split}$$

 $\sum_{\gamma} |A_{0,\gamma}(\theta)|^2 = 1$: $R_Z(\theta)$ preserves the codespace

Induced Logical Operator: $\exp(-i\frac{\theta}{2}Z_L)$

$$R_{Z}^{L}(\theta) = A_{0,000}(\theta)I_{L} + A_{0,111}(\theta)Z_{L}$$

Preserving the Code Space

 U_Z : physical diagonal gate

Theorem: U_Z preserves $CSS(X, C_2; Z, C_1^{\perp})$ codespace if and only if

$$\sum_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}\in\mathcal{C}_2^\perp/\mathcal{C}_1^\perp}|A_{0,\boldsymbol{\gamma}}|^2=1$$

Intuition: Invariance of the codespace is equivalent to requiring the logical operator induced by the trivial syndrome $B_{\mu=0}$ is unitary

Logical operator induced by U_Z is

$$U_Z^L = \sum_{oldsymbol{lpha} \in \mathbb{F}_2^k} A_{0,h(oldsymbol{lpha})} E(0,oldsymbol{lpha})$$

where $h: \mathbb{F}_2^k \to \mathcal{C}_2^\perp / \mathcal{C}_1^\perp$ defined by $g(\alpha) = \alpha \, G_{\mathcal{C}_2^\perp / \mathcal{C}_1^\perp}$ and $G_{\mathcal{C}_2^\perp / \mathcal{C}_1^\perp}$ is the generator matrix of $\mathcal{C}_2^\perp / \mathcal{C}_1^\perp$

The Steane Code

Example: [7, 1, 3] Steane Code with the trivial signs

t	0	3	4	7
	1	7	7	1

Table: Weight Dist of $C_1 = C_2^{\perp} = \mathsf{RM}(1,3)$ Table: Weight Dist of $C_1^{\perp} = C_2$ Generator Coefficients for the trivial syndrome $\mu = 0$:

$$A_{0,0}(\theta) = \frac{1}{8} \left(\cos \frac{7\theta}{2} + 7\cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right), \ A_{0,1}(\theta) = \frac{i}{8} \left(-\sin \frac{7\theta}{2} + 7\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

Logical angle θ_L in terms of physical angle θ :

$$\theta_L = 2 \tan^{-1} \left(i \frac{A_{0,1}(\theta)}{A_{0,0}(\theta)} \right)$$
$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \theta_L = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

 $(\pi/4, -\pi/4)$

(0,0) Physical Angle

-0.5

-0.5

Quadratic Form Diagonal (QFD) Gate: $\tau_R^{(I)} = \sum_{\boldsymbol{v} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} \xi_I^{\boldsymbol{v}R\boldsymbol{v}^T \mod 2^I} |\boldsymbol{v}\rangle \langle \boldsymbol{v}|$

Here $l \ge 1$ is the level in the Clifford hierarchy, $\xi_l = e^{i\frac{\pi}{2^{l-1}}}$, and R is an $n \times n$ symmetric matrix with entries in $\mathbb{Z}_{2^l} = \{0, 1, \dots, 2^l - 1\}$

Rengaswamy, Calderbank, and Pfister (2019): QFD Gates include all 1-local and 2-local diagonal gates in the Clifford hierarchy.

Theorem: If $U_Z = \tau_R^{(l)}$, then $\sum_{\gamma \in C_2^{\perp}/C_1^{\perp}} |A_{0,\gamma}|^2 = 1$ if and only if $2^l \mid (\mathbf{v}_1 R \mathbf{v}_1^T - \mathbf{v}_2 R \mathbf{v}_2^T)$

for all $v_1, v_2 \in \mathcal{C}_1 + y$ such that $v_1 \oplus v_2 \in \mathcal{C}_2$

Divisibility conditions corresponding to successive levels differ only by a factor of 2



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Climbing the Diagonal Clifford Hierarchy



Raising the Physical Level by Concatenation

Quadratic Form Diagonal Gate: $ au_R^{(l)} = \sum_{m{v} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} \xi_l^{m{v}Rm{v}^T \mod 2^l} \ket{m{v}} ra{m{v}} \in \mathcal{C}^{(l)}$									
[<i>n</i> , <i>k</i> , <i>d</i>]			$\llbracket 2n, k, d' \ge d \rrbracket$	$oldsymbol{y}' = [1,1] \otimes oldsymbol{y}$					
\mathbb{F}_2^n	\mathbb{F}_2^n		\mathbb{F}_2^{2n}	\mathbb{F}_2^{2n}					
	$ \leftarrow \mu$	ار		$ \not \sim \mu' = (\mu, 0)$					
\mathcal{C}_1	\mathcal{C}_2^\perp		$\mathcal{C}_1' = [1,1] \otimes \mathcal{C}_1$	$(\mathcal{C}_2')^{\perp}$					
	$ \leftarrow \gamma$			$ \leftarrow \gamma' = (\gamma, 0)$					
\mathcal{C}_2	\mathcal{C}_1^{\perp}		$\mathcal{C}_2' = [1,1] \otimes \mathcal{C}_2$	$(\mathcal{C}'_1)^{\perp}$					
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{0}	{0}		{0}	{0}					
$A_{\mu,\gamma}\left(\tau_{R}^{(l)}\right) = A'_{\mu',\gamma'}\left(\tau_{l_{2}\otimes R}^{(l+1)}\right)$									
$U_Z \in O$	$\mathcal{C}^{(l)}$ and U_Z'	$=\sqrt{U_Z}^{\otimes 2}$	$\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{C}^{(l+1)}$: $A_{\mu,\gamma}(U_Z)$	$)=\mathcal{A}_{\mu^{\prime},\gamma^{\prime}}^{\prime}\left(U_{Z}^{\prime} ight)$					

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Climbing the Physical Hierarchy: $\llbracket 7, 1, 3 \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket 14, 1, 3 \rrbracket$

When
$$R = I_n$$
, $\tau_R^{(2)} = P^{\otimes n} = R_Z(\frac{\pi}{2})$ and $\tau_{I_2 \otimes R}^{(3)} = T^{\otimes 2n} = R_Z(\frac{\pi}{4})$
• $A_{\mu,\gamma}(\frac{\pi}{2})$: $R_Z(\frac{\pi}{2})$ acts on $[\![7,1,3]\!]$ code
• $A'_{\mu',\gamma'}(\frac{\pi}{4})$: $R_Z(\frac{\pi}{4})$ acts on $[\![14,1,3]\!]$ code

$$A_{\mu=0,\gamma=0}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = A'_{\mu'=(\mu,0),\gamma'=(\gamma,0)}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$
$$A_{\mu=0,\gamma=1}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = A'_{\mu'=(\mu,0),\gamma'=(\gamma,0)}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = i\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

	[7, 1, 3]	[14, 1, 3]] [14,2,2]
Physical Gates	$P^{\otimes 7}$	$T^{\otimes 14}$	
Logical Gates	P^{\dagger}	P^{\dagger}	$[7,1,3]$ \longrightarrow $[14,1,3]$

$$\begin{split} U_Z &= \sum_{\boldsymbol{u} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} d_{\boldsymbol{u}} \left| \boldsymbol{u} \right\rangle \left\langle \boldsymbol{u} \right|: \text{ Physical diagonal gate that preserves} \\ & \text{ an } \left[\!\left[n, k, d\right]\!\right] \text{ CSS}(X, \mathcal{C}_2; Z, \mathcal{C}_1^\perp, \boldsymbol{y}) \text{ code.} \end{split}$$

Theorem: The $[\![2n, k, d' \ge d]\!]$ CSS $(X, C'_2; Z, (C'_1)^{\perp}, y')$ code is preserved by any physical diagonal gate

$$U_{Z}^{\prime}=\sum_{oldsymbol{u}^{\prime}\in\mathbb{F}_{2}^{2n}}d_{oldsymbol{u}^{\prime}}^{\prime}\left|oldsymbol{u}^{\prime}
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angle\left\langleoldsymbol{u}^{\prime}
ight|^{2}$$

for which $d'_{[\boldsymbol{u},\boldsymbol{u}]} = d_{\boldsymbol{u}}$ for all $\boldsymbol{u} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$

 $(U'_Z)^L = U^L_Z$: The induced logical operator are the same, and many degrees of freedom are available to design U'_Z A CSS code supporting U_Z to realize U_Z^L : 2^{n-k_1} Z-resolutions of identity After Concatenation: the CSS code with 2^{2n-k_1} Z-resolutions of identity





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Removing Z-stabilizers Splits Generator Coefficients

Remove a Z-stabilizer generator z = Add z as a new Z-logical γ_0



Climbing the Logical Hierarchy: $\llbracket 14, 1, 3 \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket 14, 2, 2 \rrbracket$



Magic of Trigonometry: Double-Angle Identities

 U_Z : a fixed diagonal physical gate

Assume U_Z preserves the original CSS code: $\sum_{\gamma \in C_2^\perp / C_1^\perp} |A_{0,\gamma}|^2 = 1$

Admissible Split: U_Z preserves the CSS $(X, C_2; Z, (C'_1)^{\perp}, y)$ code obtained by removing the Z-stabilizer γ_0

Theorem: The necessary and sufficient condition for admissibility is

$$\sum_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}'\in \langle \mathcal{C}_2^{\perp}/\mathcal{C}_1^{\perp},\boldsymbol{\gamma}_0\rangle} |\mathcal{A}_{0,\boldsymbol{\gamma}'}'|^2 = \sum_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}\in \mathcal{C}_2^{\perp}/\mathcal{C}_1^{\perp}} |\mathcal{A}_{0,\boldsymbol{\gamma}}'|^2 + |\mathcal{A}_{0,\boldsymbol{\gamma}\oplus\boldsymbol{\gamma}_0}'|^2 = 1$$

Example: $|(\cos\theta)^2|^2 + |(i\sin\theta)^2|^2 + |i\sin\theta\cos\theta|^2 + |i\sin\theta\cos\theta|^2 = 1$

Climbing from $Z^{1/2^{l-1}}$ to $Z^{1/2^l}\otimes Z^{1/2^l}$



One Step for uniform rotations:

$$Z^{1/2^{l-1}} o Z^{1/2^{l}} \otimes Z^{1/2^{l}}$$



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Climbing with Non-Uniform Rotations

Multi-step for non-uniform rotations: $Z \to Z \otimes P^{\dagger} \to Z \otimes P^{\dagger} \otimes T^{\dagger} \to \cdots$

 $7^{1/2^{l-1}}$ $x_l = e^{i\pi/2^l}$ $c_l = \cos \frac{\pi}{2l}, s_l = -i \sin \frac{\pi}{2l}$ $Z^{1/2^{\prime-1}}\otimes \left(Z^{1/2^{\prime}}
ight)^{\dagger}$ Euler's Formula $x_{l} = x_{l+1}x_{l+1} = x_{l+1}(c_{l+1} - s_{l+1})$ $Z^{1/2^{l-1}}\otimes \left(Z^{1/2^l}
ight)^{\dagger}\otimes\cdots\otimes \left(Z^{1/2^{l-1+j}}
ight)^{\dagger}$ Ζ XICI XISI $X_{l+1}C_{l}C_{l+1}$ $-x_{l+1}c_{l}s_{l+1}$ $X_{l+1}S_{l}C_{l+1}$ $-x_{l+1}s_{l}s_{l+1}$ 17 11 71 77

Climbing the Diagonal Clifford Hierarchy

Climbing from $C^{(j-1)}Z^{1/2^{l-1}}$ to $C^{(j)}Z^{1/2^{l-1}}$

$$C^{(j-1)}Z^{1/2^{l-1}} = \operatorname{diag}[d_{j}] \text{ with } d_{j} = [1_{2^{j-1}}, 1_{2^{j-1}-1}, x_{l-1}]^{T} \& x_{l} = e^{i\pi/2^{l-1}}$$

$$d_{j} \rightarrow c_{j} = H_{2^{j}}d_{j} \rightarrow c_{j+1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} H_{2^{j}} & H_{2^{j}} \\ H_{2^{j}} & -H_{2^{j}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1_{2^{j}} \\ d_{j} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\stackrel{i}{\underset{c_{1}(0) = \frac{1+x_{l-1}}{2}}{\overset{c_{1}(1) = \frac{1-x_{l-1}}{2}}{\overset{c_{1}(1) = \frac{1-x_{l-1}}{2}}} & \downarrow^{j} \text{ is odd}$$

$$CZ^{1/2^{l-1}} \downarrow^{j} \text{ is even}$$

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$$CZ^{1/2^{l-1}} \downarrow^{j} \text{ is odd}$$

$$CCZ^{1/2^{l-1}} \downarrow^{j} \text{ is odd}$$

Recursion for the coefficients $c_j(\mathbf{v})$ comes from the recursive construction for the Walsh-Hadamard matrix



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Adding an X-stabilizer Permutes Generator Coefficients

Adding an X-stabilizer \mathbf{x}_0 transforms the Z-logical μ_0 to a X-syndrome



Introducing x_0 : doubles the number of X-syndromes and halves the number of Z-logicals

The blue rectangle shifts as the generator coefficients evolve

 U_Z : a fixed diagonal physical gate

Assume U_Z preserves the original CSS code: $\sum_{\gamma \in C_2^\perp / C_1^\perp} |A_{0,\gamma}|^2 = 1$

Admissible Addition: U_Z preserves the $CSS(X, \langle C_2, \mathbf{x}_0 \rangle; Z, C_1^{\perp}, \mathbf{y})$ code obtained by adding the X-stabilizer \mathbf{x}_0

Theorem: Addition of x_0 is admissible if and only if

 $A_{0,\gamma} = 0$ for all $\gamma \in D + \mu_0$, where $\mathcal{C}_2^{\perp} / \mathcal{C}_1^{\perp} = \langle D, \mu_0 \rangle$

Admissibility requires that half the generator coefficients $A_{0,\gamma}$ vanish

Quantum Reed-Muller (QRM) Code Family

Physical levels: $m/r \longrightarrow (m+r)/r = m/r + 1$ m/r + 1Logical levels:m/r $m/r \longrightarrow m/r + 1$





- Prior work focuses on CSS code states and derives sufficient conditions for a CSS code to be fixed by a transversal Z-rotation. The generator coefficient framework provides necessary and sufficient conditions. It has the advantage of tracking the logical operator induced by a physical diagonal gate.
- Generator coefficients support synthesis of a target logical diagonal operator by combining three basic operations.
 - Concatenation: increases physical level
 Removal of Z-stabilizers: increases logical level and code rate
 Addition of X-stabilizers: increases the distance
- When coherent noise dominates, Pauli X matrices can be used to switch between computation and storage of intermediate results in a decoherence-free subspace