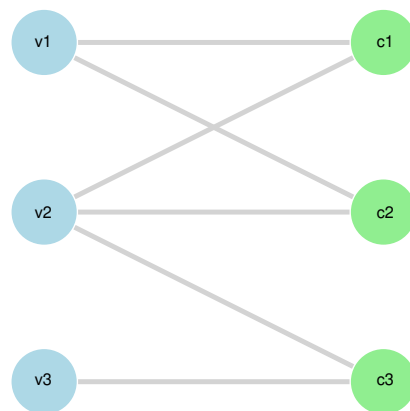
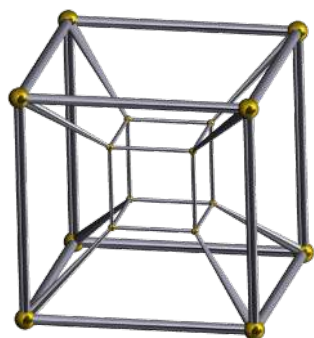
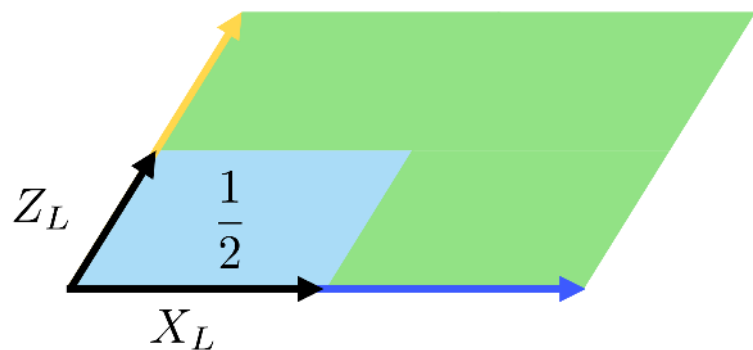


GKP codes with generalized concatenation or none at all



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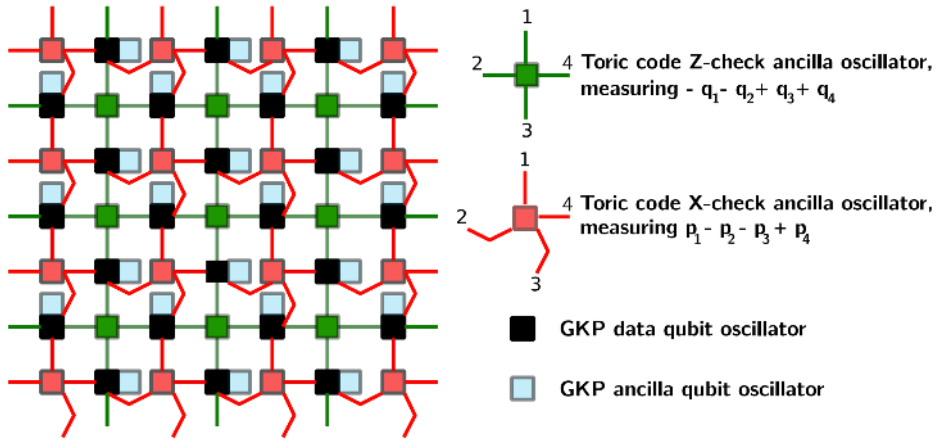
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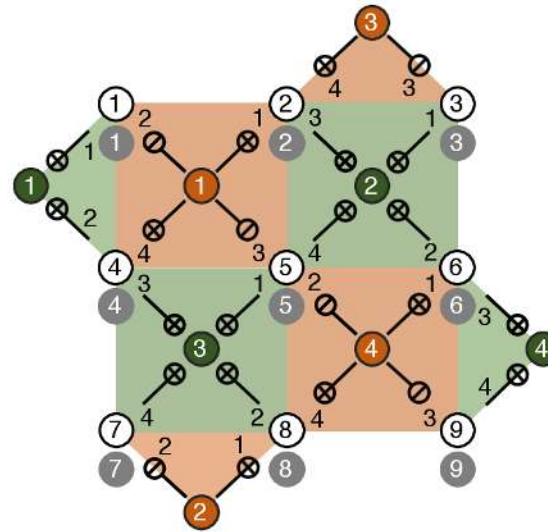
Continuous variables, MBQC, Q Machine Learning, verification, crypto, ...



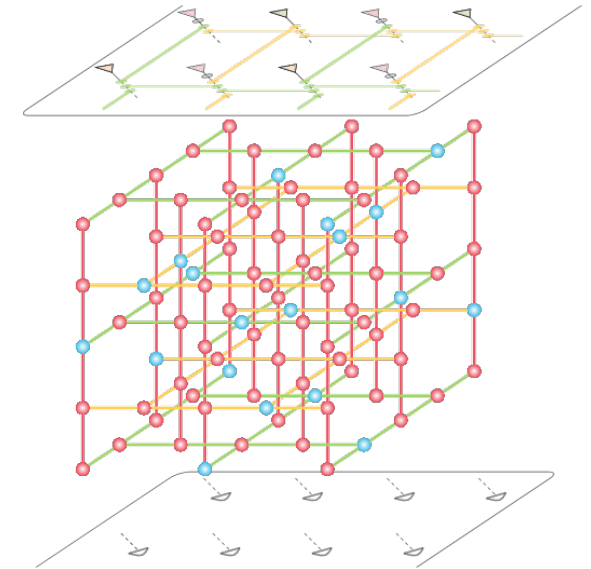
- > The goal: GKP codes without concatenation!
- > But...why? Don't you like concatenation?
- > It's great!



Vuillot et al, PRA (2019)



Noh & Chamberland, PRA (2020)



Bourassa et al, Quantum (2021)

Because it's very structured → Is it optimal?
Is it *close to* optimal?

Previous work (not exhaustive)

PHYSICAL REVIEW A, VOLUME 64, 062301

Achievable rates for the Gaussian quantum channel

Jim Harrington* and John Preskill[†]

Institute for Quantum Information, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California 91125

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Gottesman-Kitaev-Preskill codes: A lattice perspective

Jonathan Conrad^{1,2}, Jens Eisert^{1,2}, and Francesco Arzani¹


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Good Gottesman-Kitaev-Preskill codes from the NTRU cryptosystem

Jonathan Conrad^{1,2}, Jens Eisert^{1,2,3}, and Jean-Pierre Seifert^{4,5}

PRX QUANTUM 3, 010335 (2022)

Encoding Qubits in Multimode Grid States

Baptiste Royer^{1,2,*}, Shraddha Singh^{2,3}, and S.M. Girvin^{1,2}

PRX QUANTUM 4, 040334 (2023)

Closest Lattice Point Decoding for Multimode Gottesman-Kitaev-Preskill Codes

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And many more...

Outline

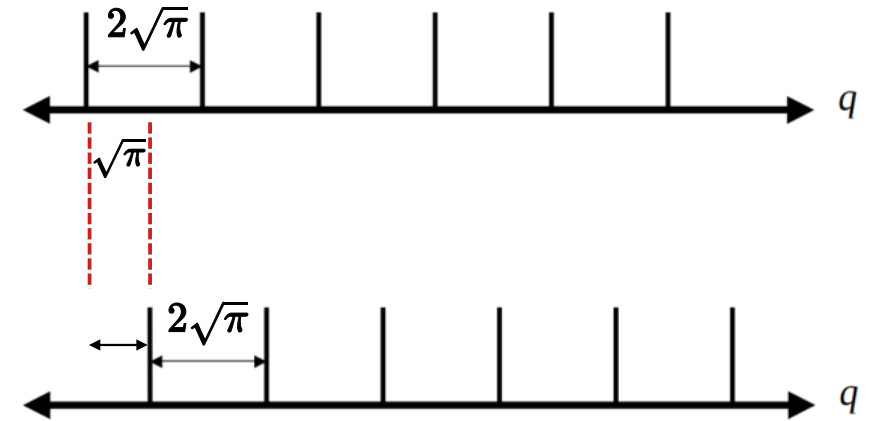
- 1) Gottesman-Kitaev-Preskill codes
- 2) Generalized concatenation: multi-mode inner codes
with Florian Cottier
- 3) Quantum low-density lattice codes (qLDLCs)
with Timo Hillmann

Part 1 : GKP codes

Square GKP qubits

$$|0_L\rangle = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |2k\sqrt{\pi}\rangle_q = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |k\sqrt{\pi}\rangle_p$$

$$|1_L\rangle = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |(2k+1)\sqrt{\pi}\rangle_q = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^k |k\sqrt{\pi}\rangle_p$$



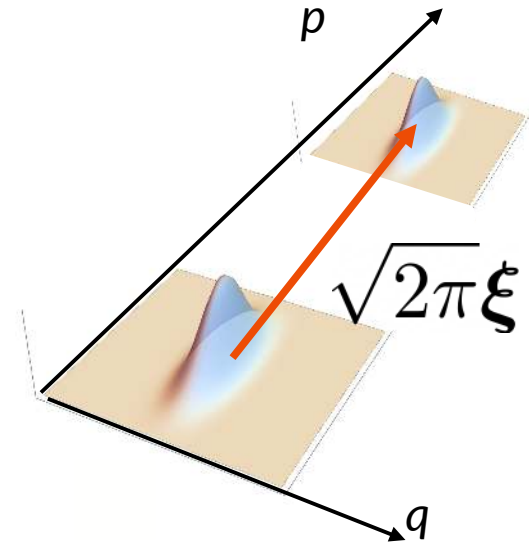
$$e^{-i2\sqrt{\pi}\hat{p}}|j_l\rangle = e^{i2\sqrt{\pi}\hat{q}}|j_l\rangle = |j_l\rangle$$

Displacement operators

$$D^\dagger(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \hat{\boldsymbol{x}} D(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \hat{\boldsymbol{x}} + \sqrt{2\pi} \boldsymbol{\xi}$$

$$D(\boldsymbol{\xi}) D(\boldsymbol{\eta}) = e^{-i2\pi \boldsymbol{\xi}^T J \boldsymbol{\eta}} D(\boldsymbol{\eta}) D(\boldsymbol{\xi})$$

Commute up to phase!



$$\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} = (q_1, \dots, q_n, p_1, \dots, p_n)^T$$

$$[\hat{x}_j, \hat{x}_k] = i J_{jk}$$

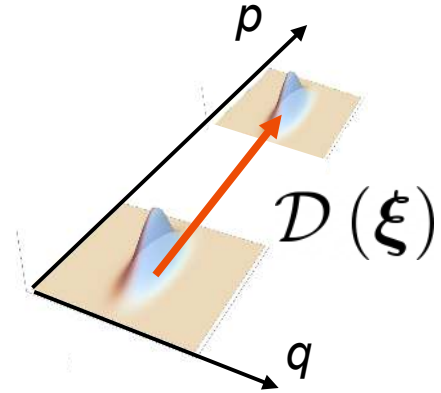
$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbb{I} \\ -\mathbb{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

Generalized GKP codes

Gottesman, Kitaev, Preskill PRA 64 (2001)

$$\{D(\boldsymbol{\xi}_1), \dots, D(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{2n})\} \Rightarrow \text{Code: } D(\boldsymbol{\xi}_j)|\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle \quad \forall j$$

$$D(\boldsymbol{\xi}_j)D(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k) = D(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k)D(\boldsymbol{\xi}_j)$$



$$\mathcal{S} = \langle D(\boldsymbol{\xi}_1), \dots, D(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{2n}) \rangle$$

$$D(\boldsymbol{\xi}_j)D(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k) = e^{i\phi_{jk}} D(\boldsymbol{\xi}_j + \boldsymbol{\xi}_k)$$

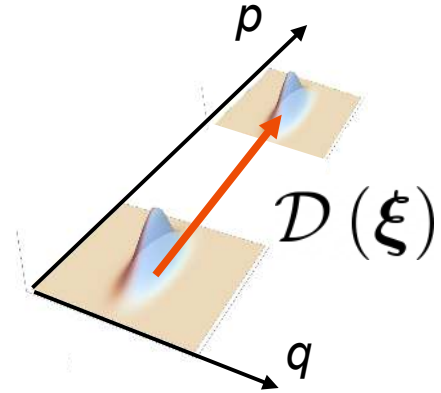
$$\mathcal{S} \cong \mathcal{L} = \left\{ \sum_j z_j \boldsymbol{\xi}_j : z_j \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

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$$\text{Commutation: } [D(\boldsymbol{\xi}_j), D(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k)] = 0 \Leftrightarrow \boldsymbol{\xi}_j^T J \boldsymbol{\xi}_k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\boxed{A_{jk}} = (M J M^T)_{jk} \in \mathbb{Z} \implies \text{Symplectically integral lattices}$$

Symplectic Gram matrix

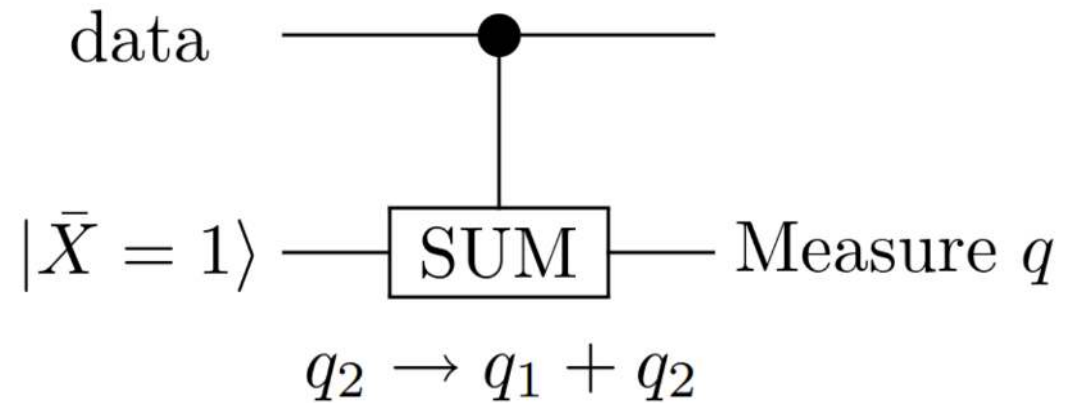
This is the only condition we need!

Syndrome extraction and decoding

$$D(M_i^T) D(\mathbf{e}) |\psi\rangle = e^{i2\pi M_i J \mathbf{e}} D(\mathbf{e}) |\psi\rangle \quad s(\mathbf{e}) = M J \mathbf{e} \pmod{1}$$

Use encoded ancillas
+ Gaussian operations

[Gottesman, Kitaev, Preskill PRA 64 \(2001\)](#)

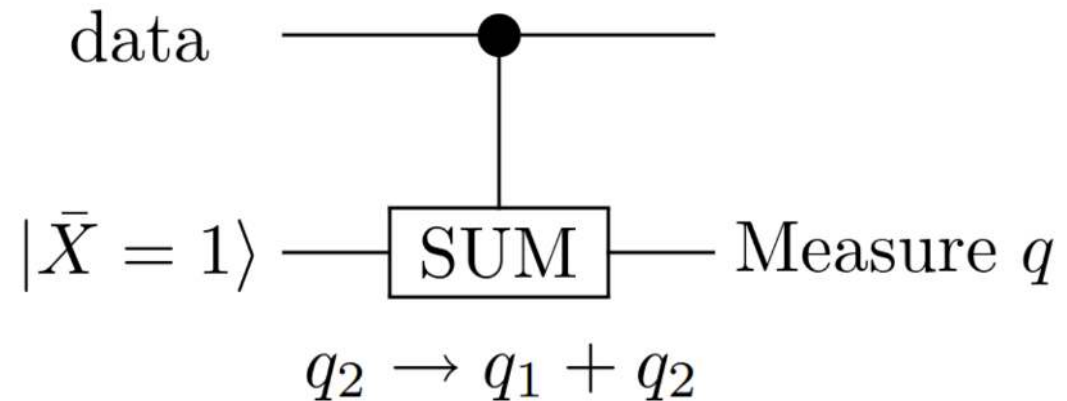


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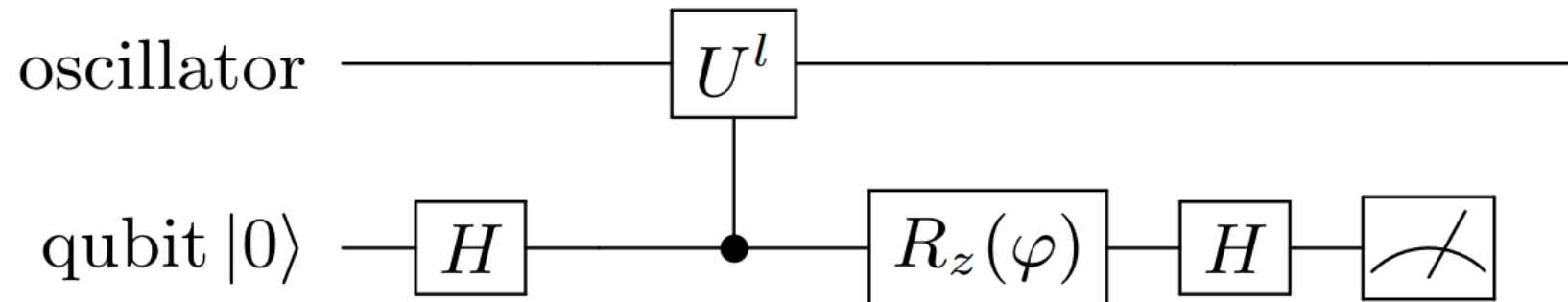
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Phase estimation
with ancillary qubit

Terhal, Weigand, PRA 93 (2016)



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$M J(\boldsymbol{\eta}(\mathbf{s}) + \mathbf{e}) \in \mathbb{Z}^{2n} \implies$ Either applied stabilizer or Pauli

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Evaluate coset probabilities:

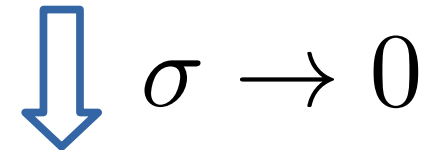
$$P(\mathbf{e} + \boldsymbol{\eta}(\mathbf{s}) \sim X_L | \mathbf{s}) \propto \sum_{\boldsymbol{\xi} \in \mathcal{L}} P_\sigma(\mathbf{e} + \boldsymbol{\eta}(\mathbf{s}) + \boldsymbol{\xi})$$

Gaussian random noise

$$\mathcal{N}(\rho) \propto \int d^{2n} \mathbf{x} e^{-\frac{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2}{\sigma^2}} D(\mathbf{x}) \rho D^\dagger(\mathbf{x})$$

Maximum-likelihood:

Find most likely logical coset



Minimum-energy:

Find most likely *single* term

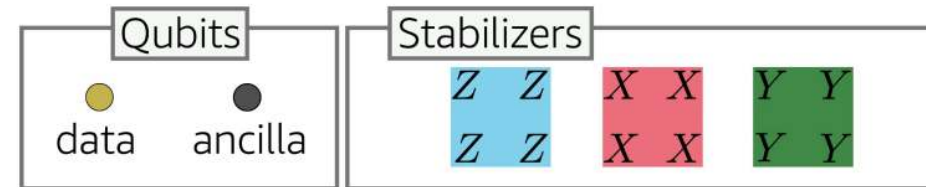
Essentially \sim closest vector problem
 \rightarrow NP-Hard for general lattices/bases

Part 2 : concatenation with multi-mode inner codes

With
Florian Cottier



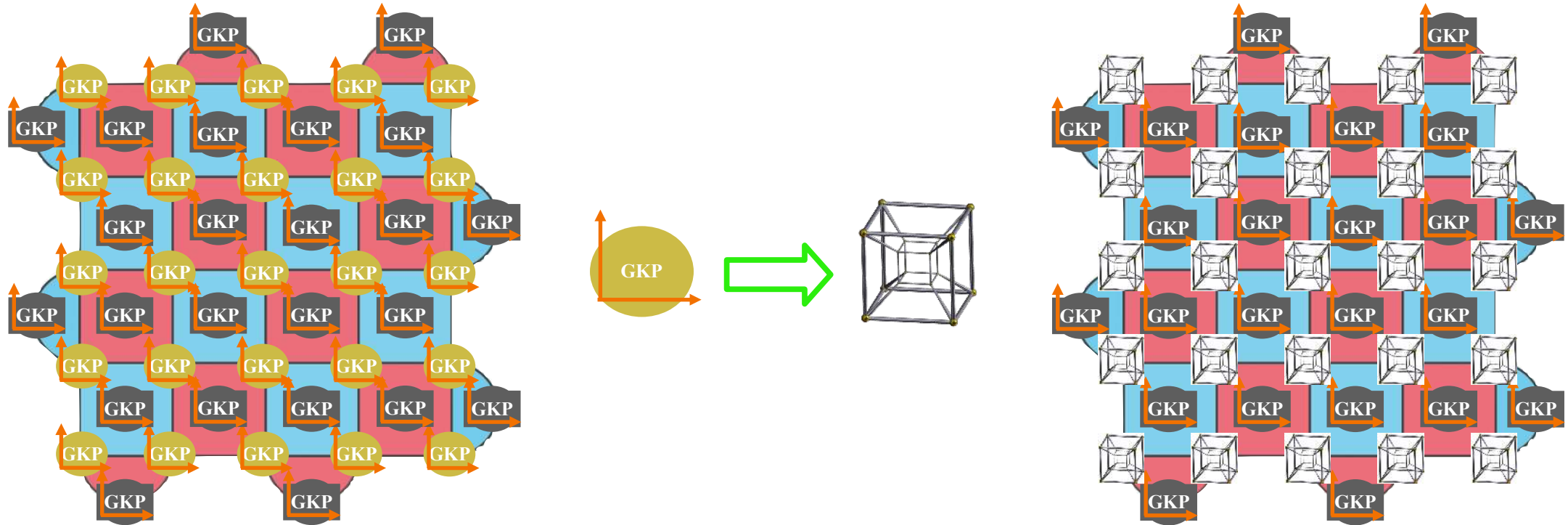
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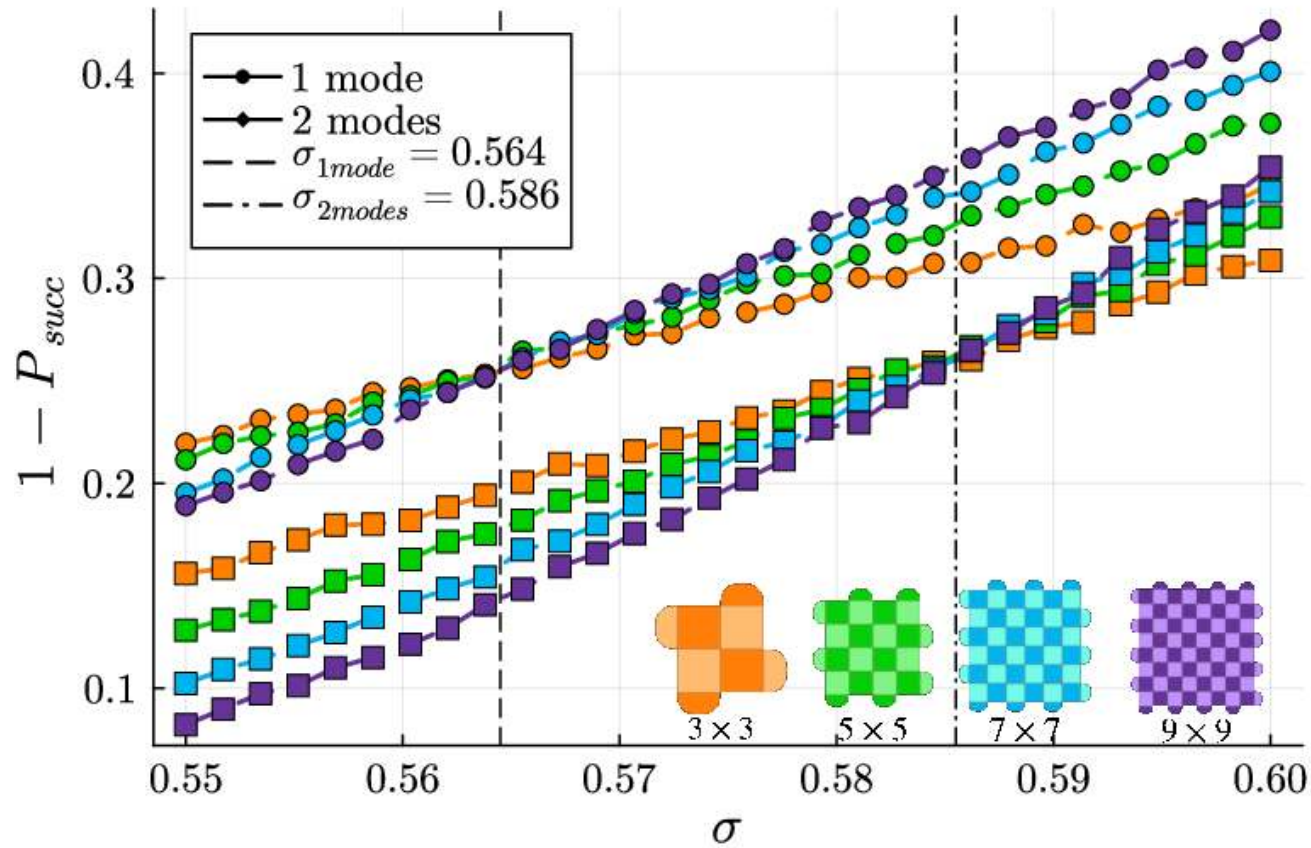


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Note: auxiliary modes might be relevant for circuit-level simulations

Code capacity results: 1 vs 2 modes



$\sigma^* \approx 9.63$ dB
(tesseract)

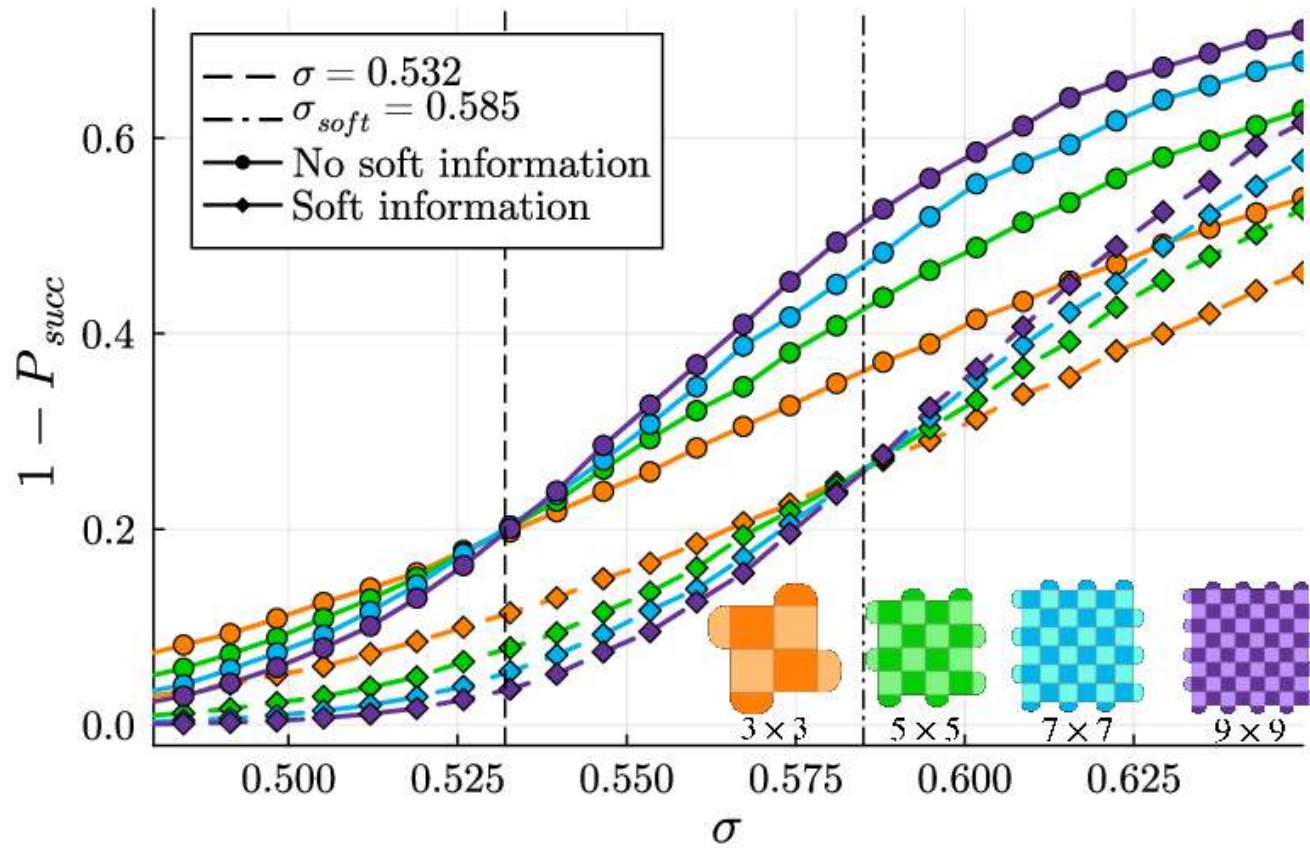
$\sigma^* \approx 9.95$ dB
(Hexagonal)

Compatible with 9.9 dB in

[Noh, Chamberland, Brandao PRX Quantum \(2022\)](#)

But suggests further optimization is possible

Code capacity results: soft information



With soft information

$$\sigma^* \approx 9.63 \text{ dB}$$

Without

$$\sigma^* \approx 10.45 \text{ dB}$$

$$d_X = \min_{b \in \mathbb{Z}^{2N}} \left\| e^* + \xi_X - \sqrt{2\pi} M^T b \right\|$$

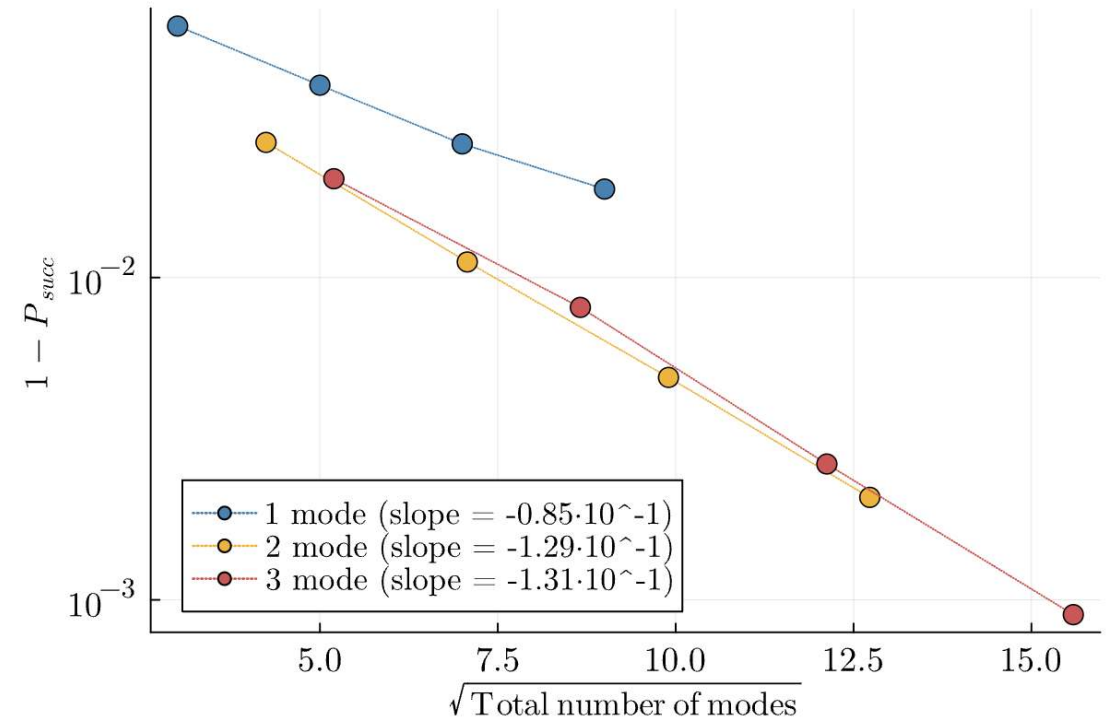
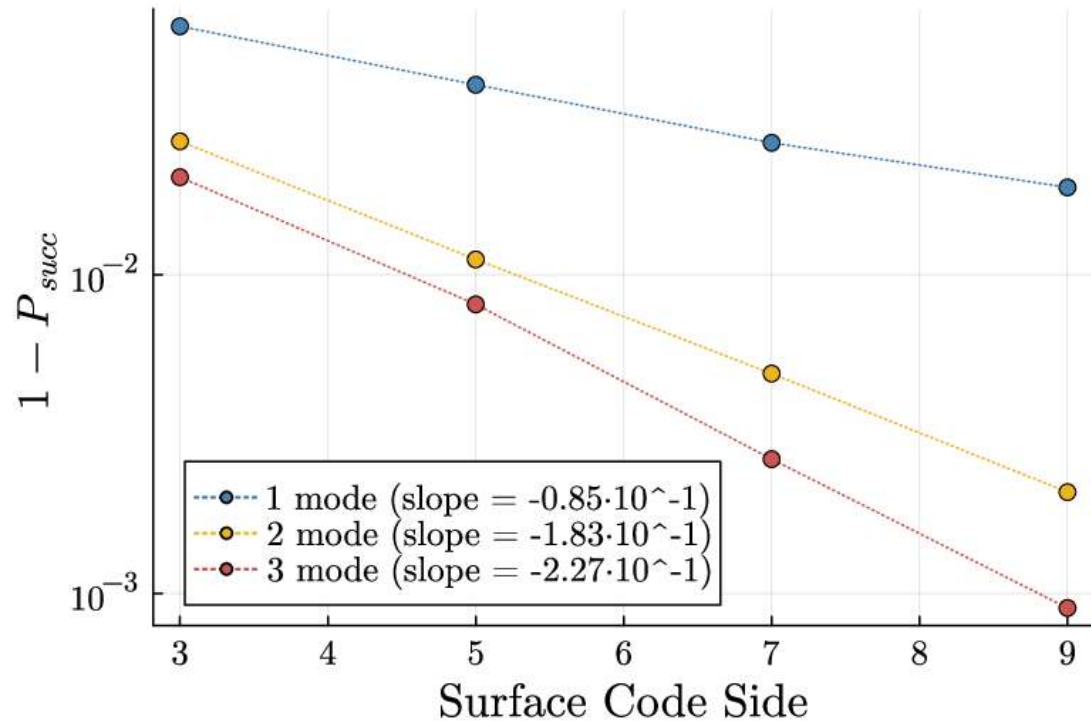
$$\Pr(X|\mathbf{s}) \approx P_X = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{gkp}^2}} e^{-d_X^2 / 2\sigma_{gkp}^2}$$

$$L_X = \log \frac{P_I + P_Z}{P_X + P_Y}$$

To pymatching

Code capacity results: subthreshold behaviour

$\sigma = 0.5 \approx 10$ dB



3 modes:

- Similar threshold
- Better sub-threshold*

Sub-threshold is about the same wrt # of modes

Part 3 : quantum low-density lattice codes

Low-density lattice codes (LDLCs)

Classical lattice codes

Codewords: $\mathcal{C} = \{x_1, \dots, x_l\} \subset \mathcal{L} \Rightarrow Hx_j = 0 \pmod{1}$

AWGN: $y = x + c, c \sim \mathcal{N}_\sigma^{\otimes n}$

MLD: most likely x given $y \Leftrightarrow \bar{x} = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathcal{L}} \|x - y\|$

Issues: CVP is NP-hard (in general...)

Solution: find lattices with large distance and "easy" decoding

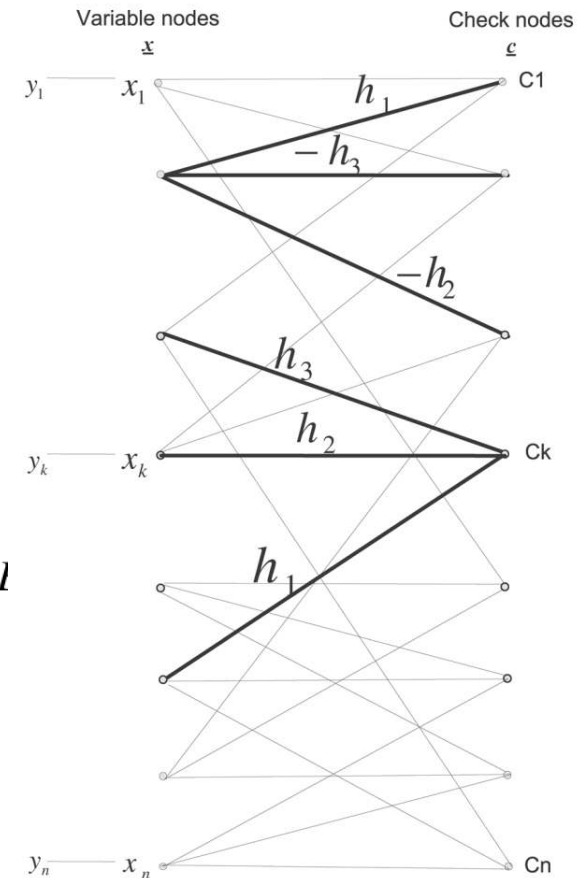
IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON INFORMATION THEORY, VOL. 54, NO. 4, APRIL 2008

Low-Density Lattice Codes

Naftali Sommer, *Senior Member, IEEE*, Meir Feder, *Fellow, IEEE*, and Ofir Shalvi, *Member, IEEE*

Sparsity condition \rightarrow efficient belief propagation

With
Timo Hillmann



Belief-propagation for lattice codes

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1. Initialization : Each variable sends a Gaussian PDF

$$f_k(w) = \mathcal{N}(w; y_k, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(w-y_k)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad \text{Variable prior}$$

2. Check-to-variable : convolution of received messages (except recipient), periodize

$$g_{t,l}(w) = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{N}\left(w; m_{c,l} - \frac{i}{h_l}, \sigma_{c,l}^2\right) \quad \sim \text{compute marginal variable distribution}$$

3. Variable-to-check : (variables treat incoming information as independent)

EXPENSIVE!

a) Product of received messages (except recipient), and local message

b) Normalization

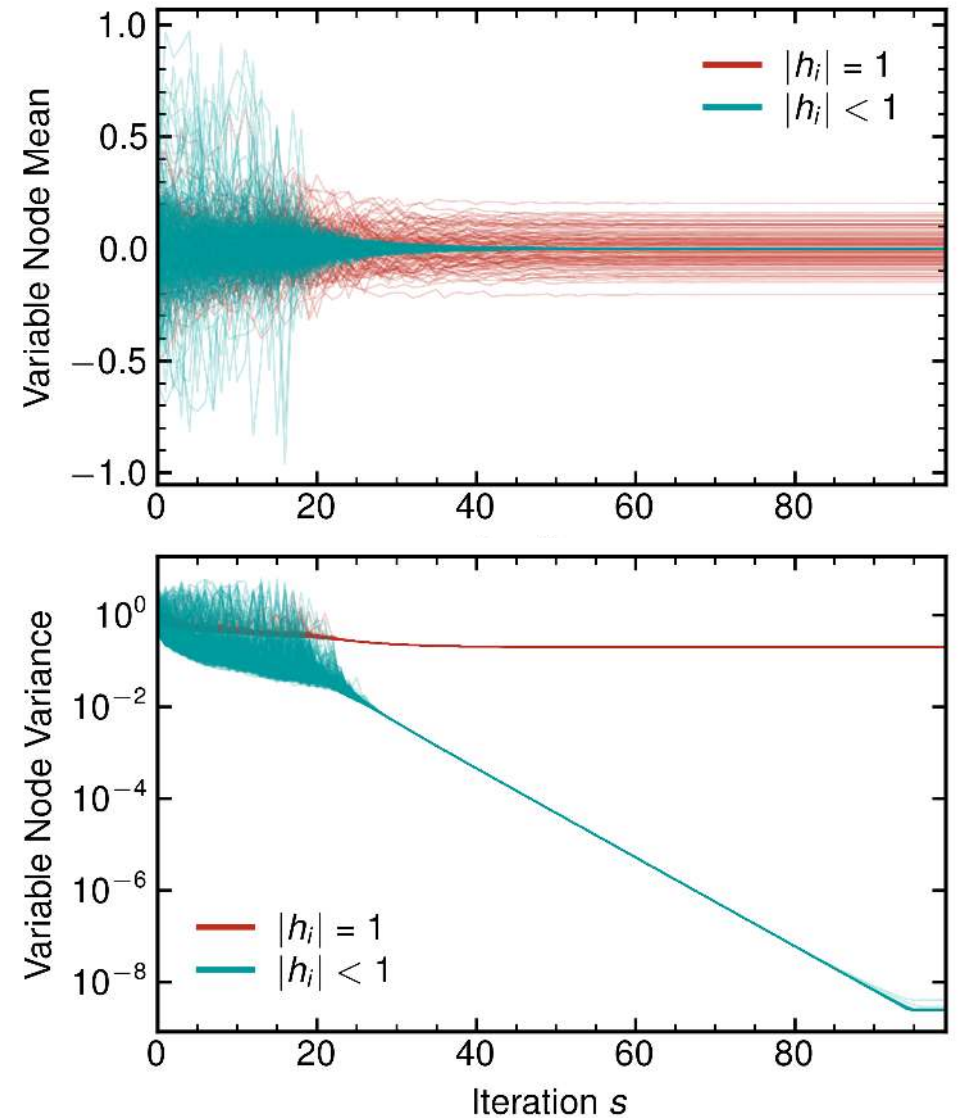
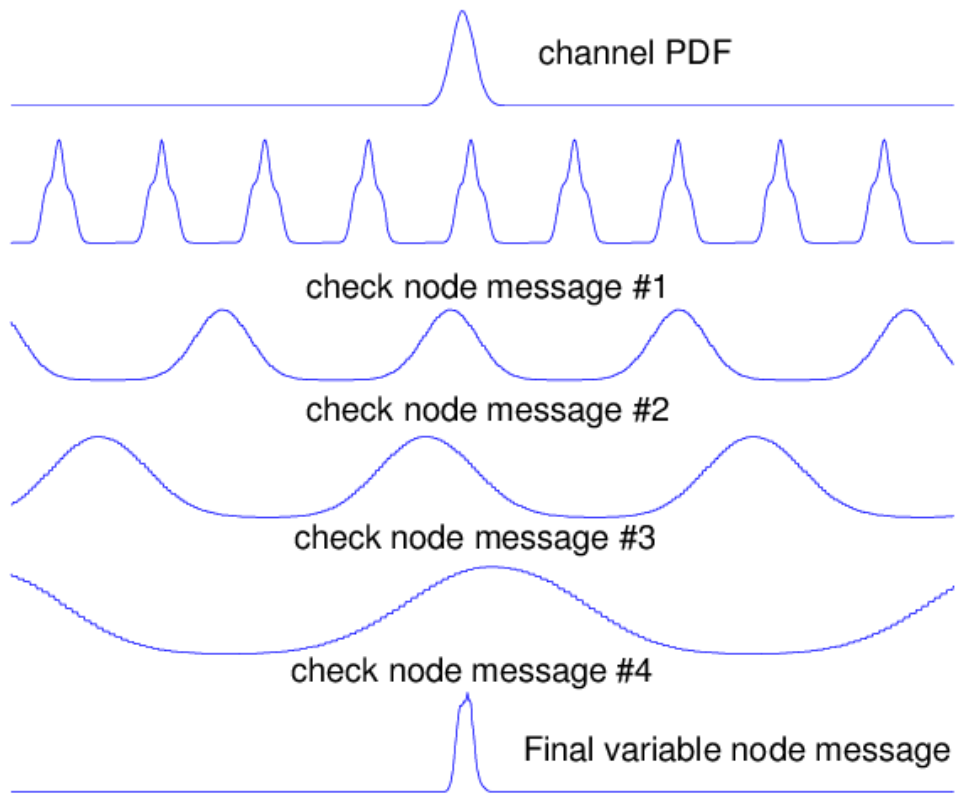
c) Approximation with single Gaussian

4. Decision : variables take product of messages, argmax, round

$$\hat{x}_k = \arg \max_w \hat{f}_k^{\text{final}}(w). \\ \hat{\mathbf{u}} = \lfloor \mathbf{H}\hat{\mathbf{x}} \rfloor.$$

Classical results

Variiances of 'non-unit' variable nodes converge to zero (exponentially fast!)

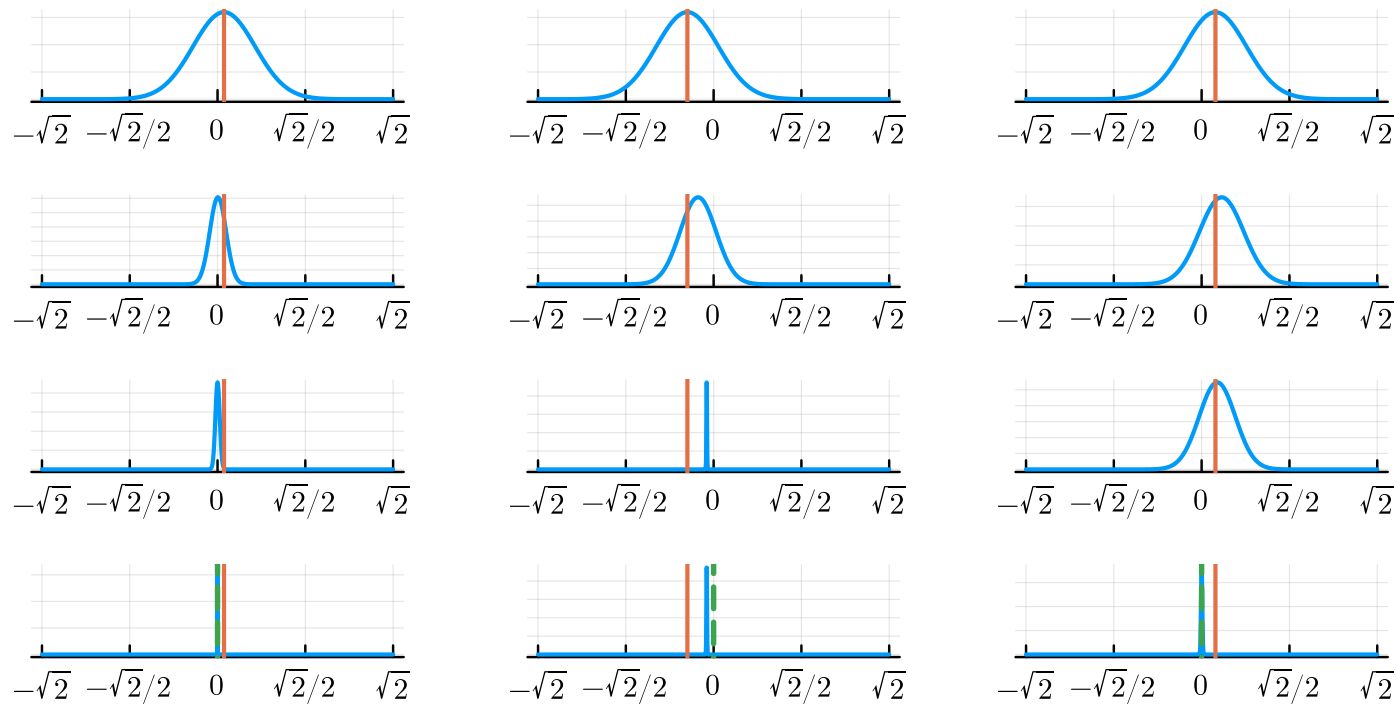


Visualizing BP

$$M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\begin{array}{c|ccc} 2\mathbb{I} & & & \\ \hline & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} c1 \\ c2 \\ c3 \end{array}$$

$v1$ $v2$ $v3$

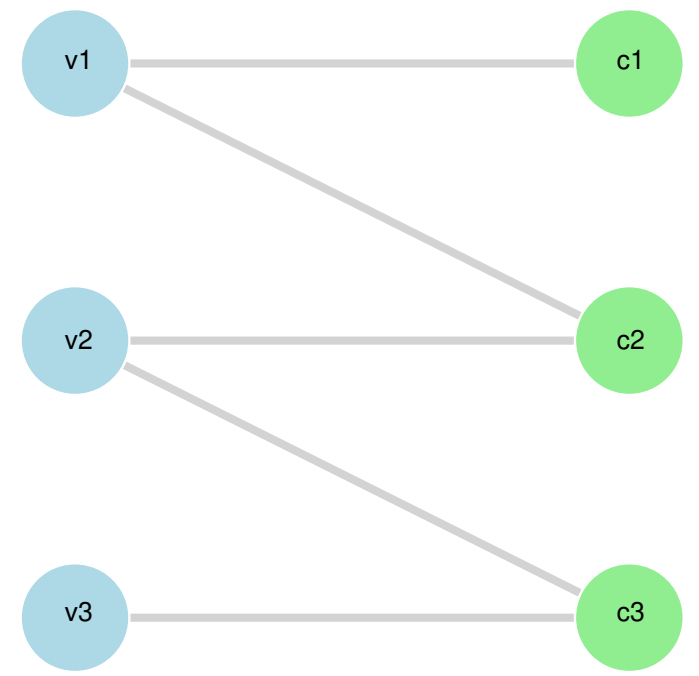
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v2

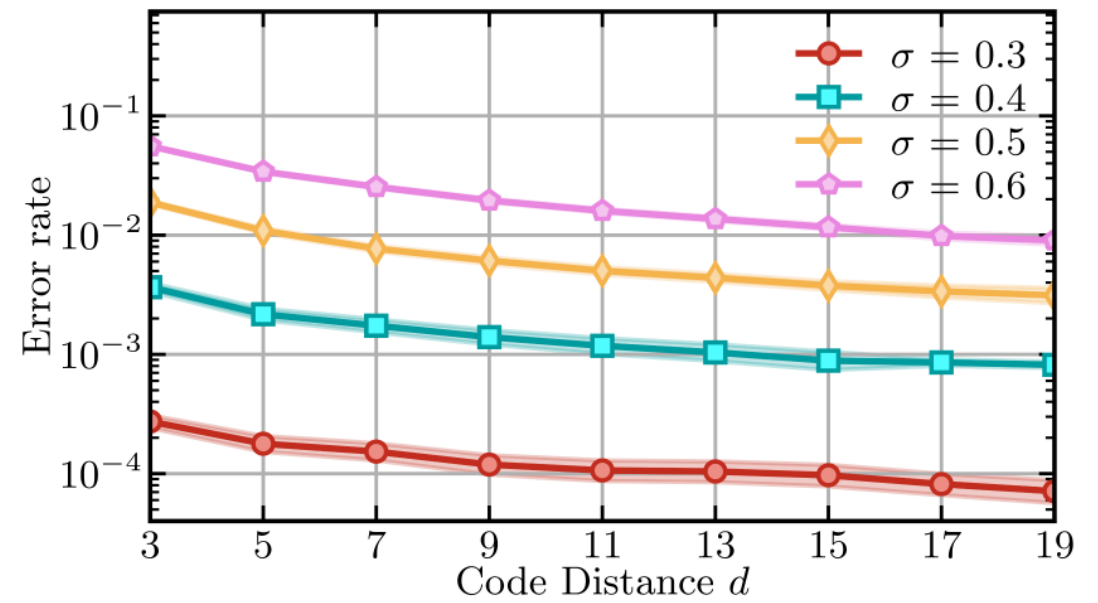
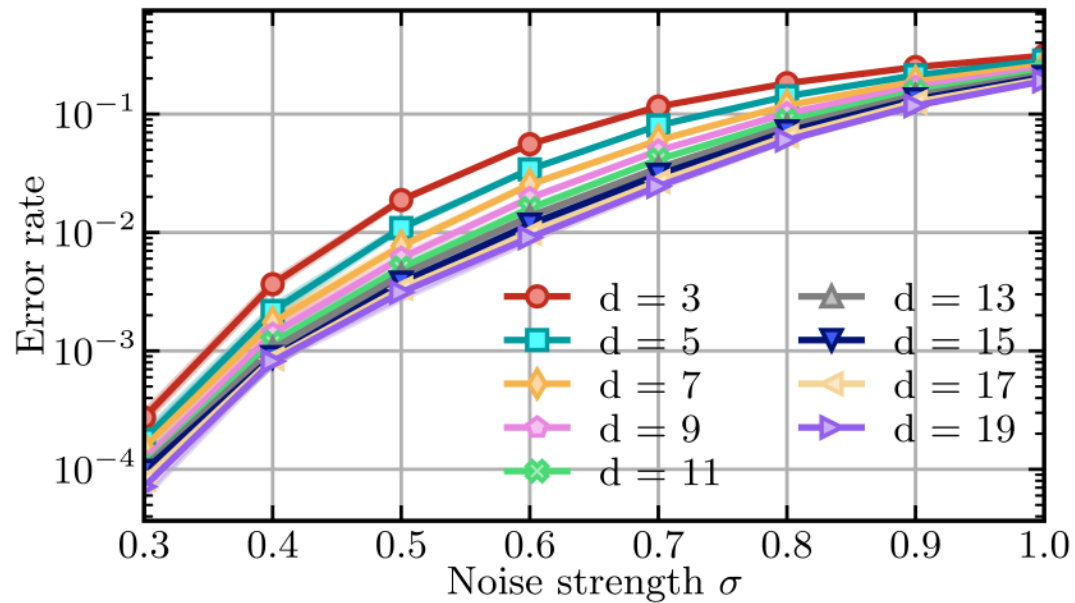
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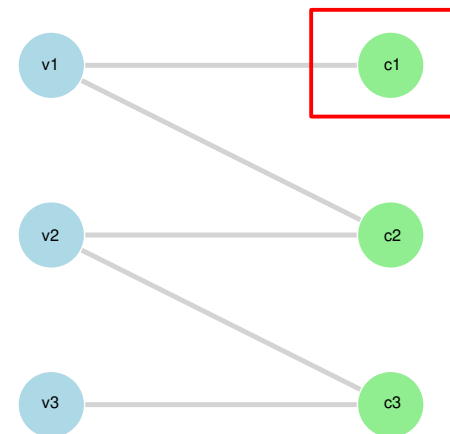
(decision is simulated at each iteration)

Decoding sparse concatenated codes?

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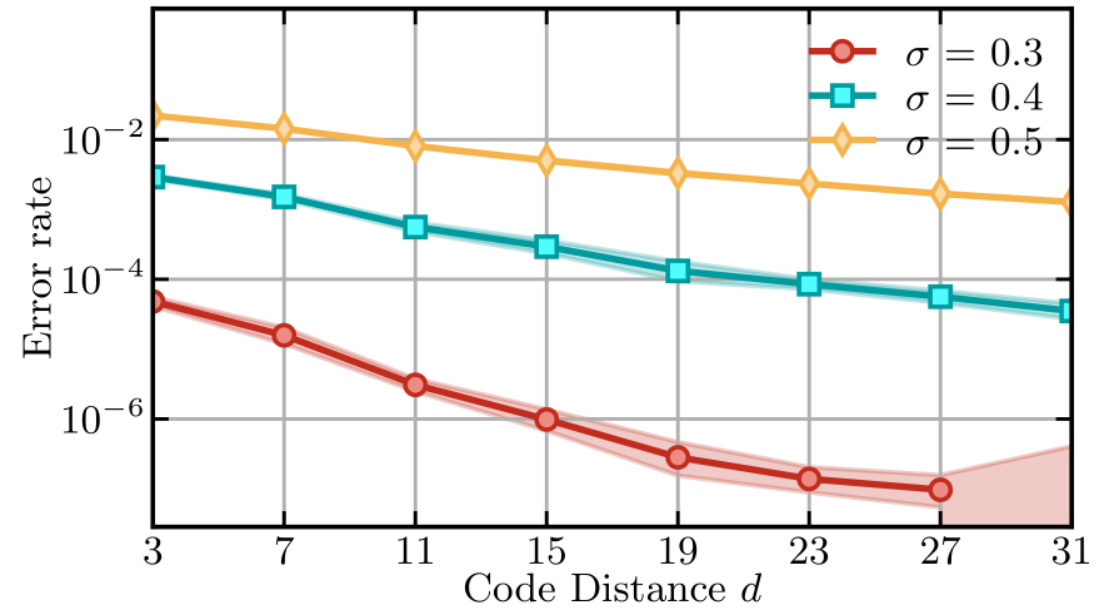
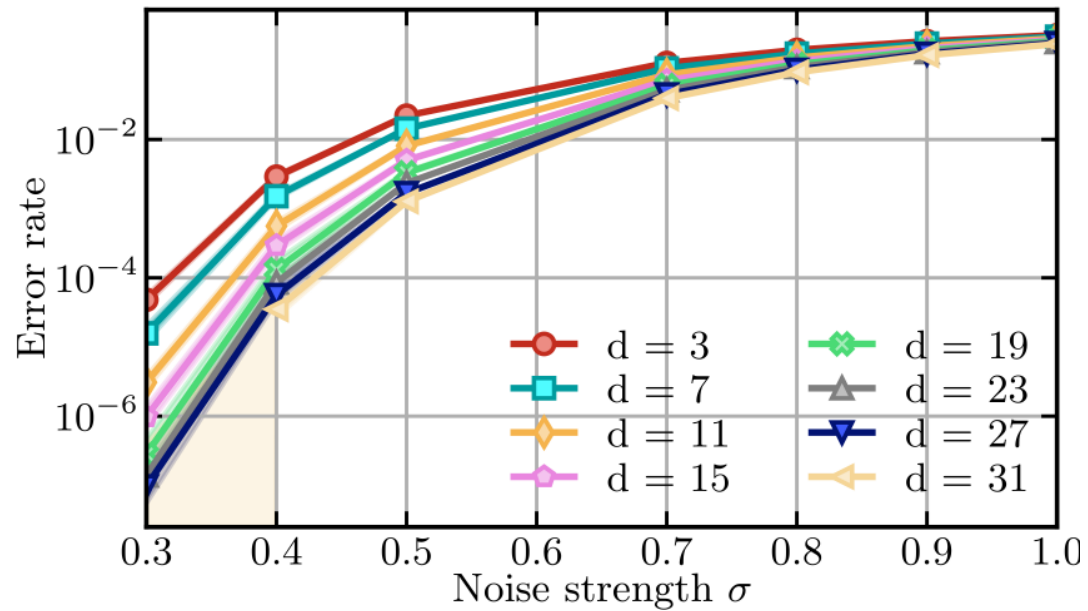


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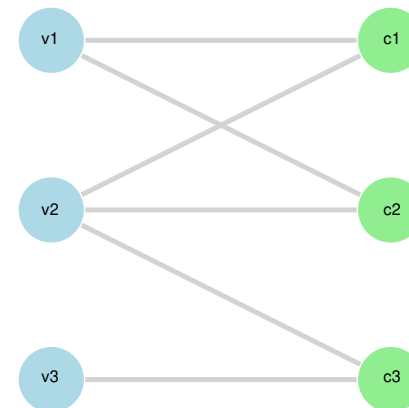


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UNLESS we remove *dangling checks*

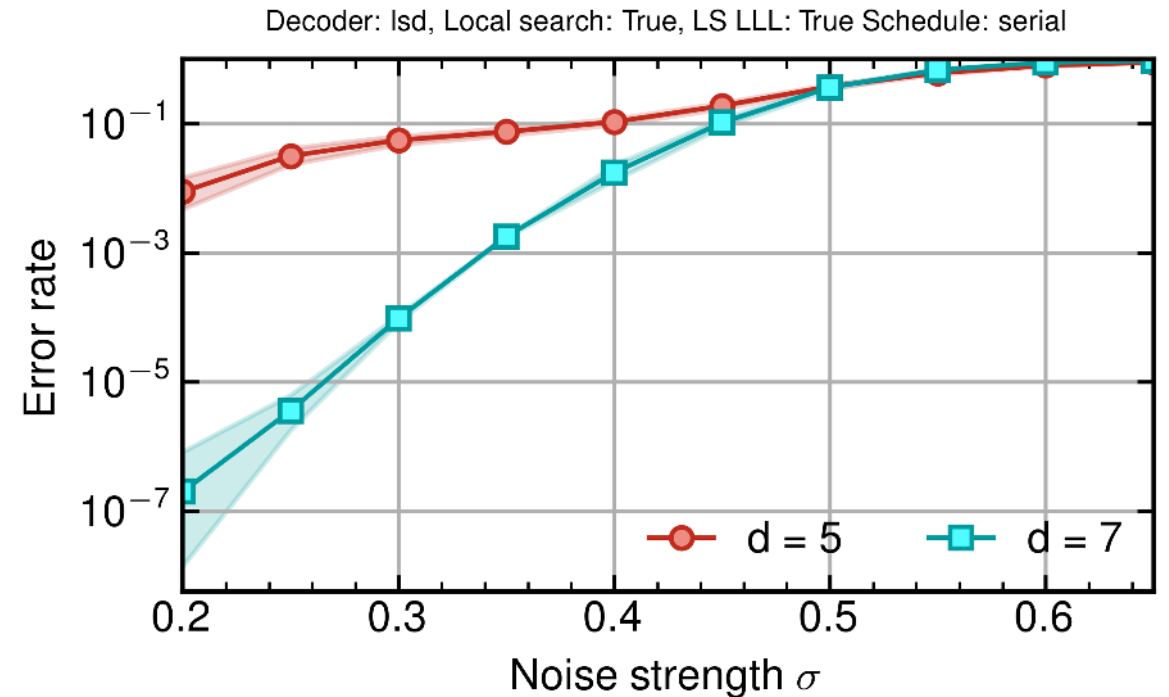
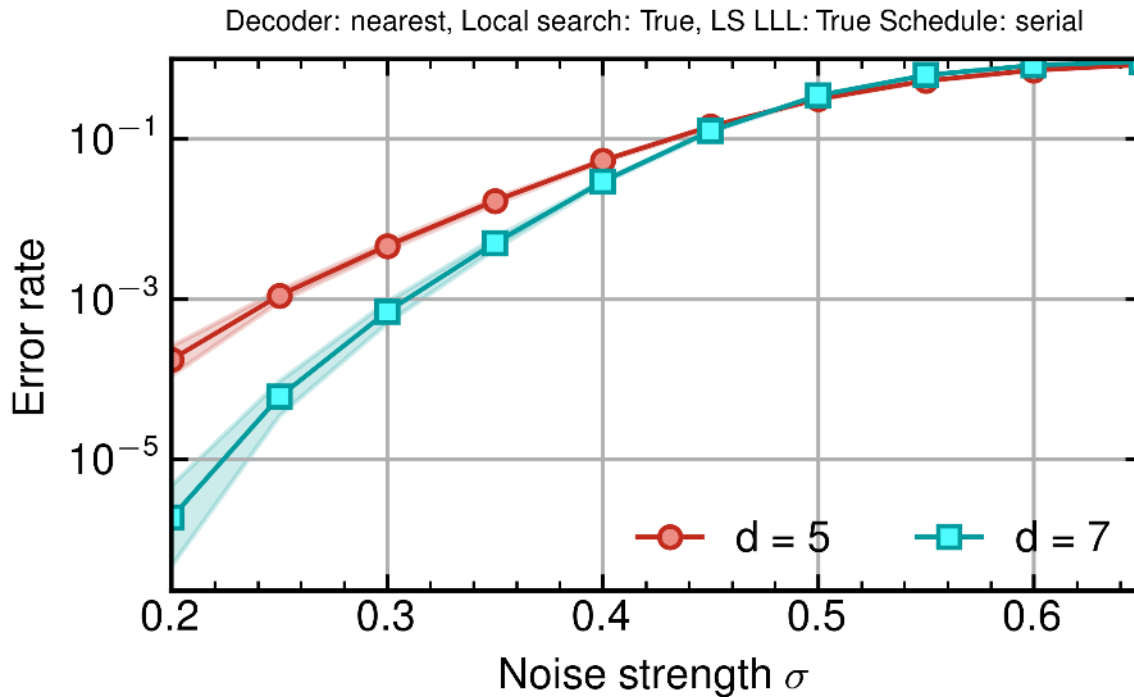


$$M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\begin{array}{c|ccc} 2\mathbb{I} & & & \\ \hline & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$



Decoding sparse concatenated codes?

How about true quantum codes? → small bivariate bicycle codes



Promising but hard to say:
too many hyperparameters →

- Variable update rule
- Update schedule
- “Local search” (~OSD)
- Message update schedule
- ...

Bosonic low-density lattice codes? (trivial)

Each row/column: exactly d non-zero entries, typically

Sommer, Feder, Shalvi, IEEE TIT 54 (2008)

$$h_1 = \pm 1, \quad h_2, \dots, h_d = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \quad (\text{magic square LDLC})$$

Random construction, no length-4 cycles

If $\sqrt{d} \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \sqrt{d}H$ has integer entries $\Rightarrow dHJH^T$ has integer entries

logical dimension becomes very large \Rightarrow code parameters are almost always terrible

Can we do better?

Bosonic low-density lattice codes: reduce dimension

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} M_q & 0 \\ 0 & M_p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_q H_1 & 0 \\ 0 & c_p H_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Canonical lattice basis:

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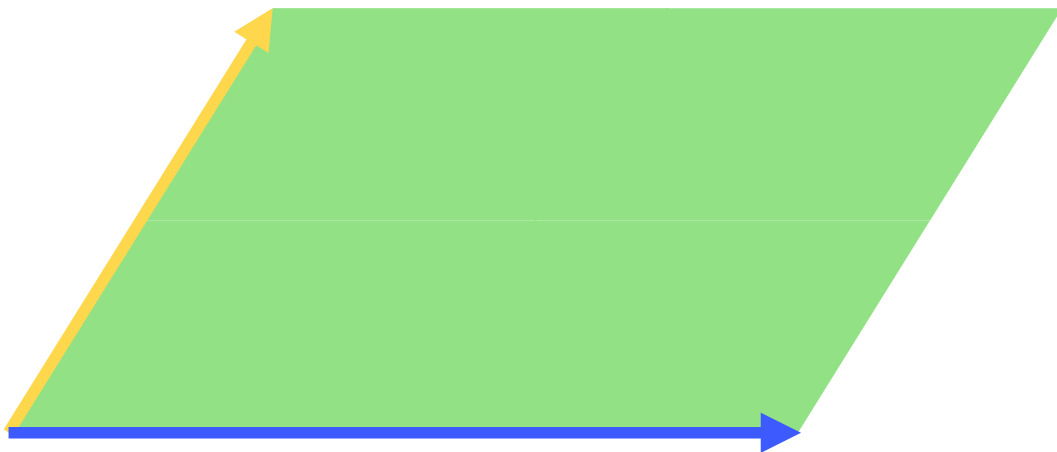
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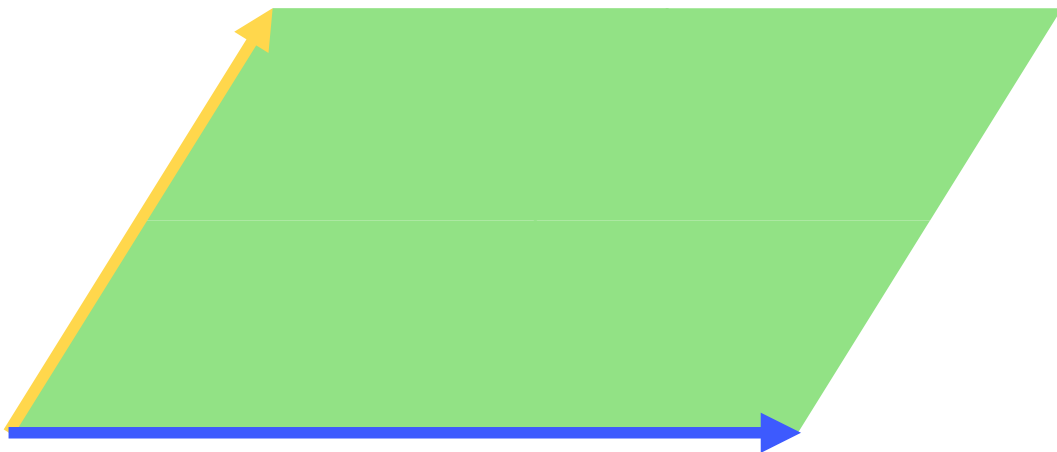
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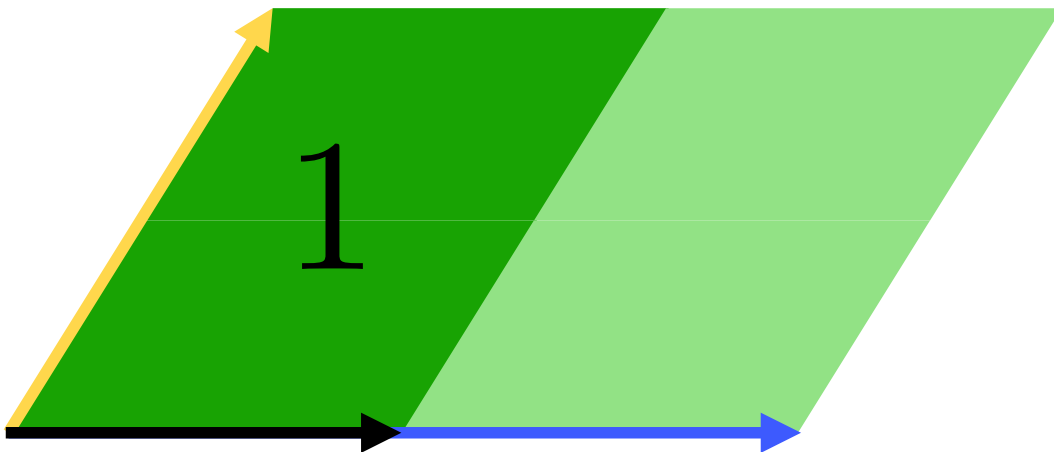
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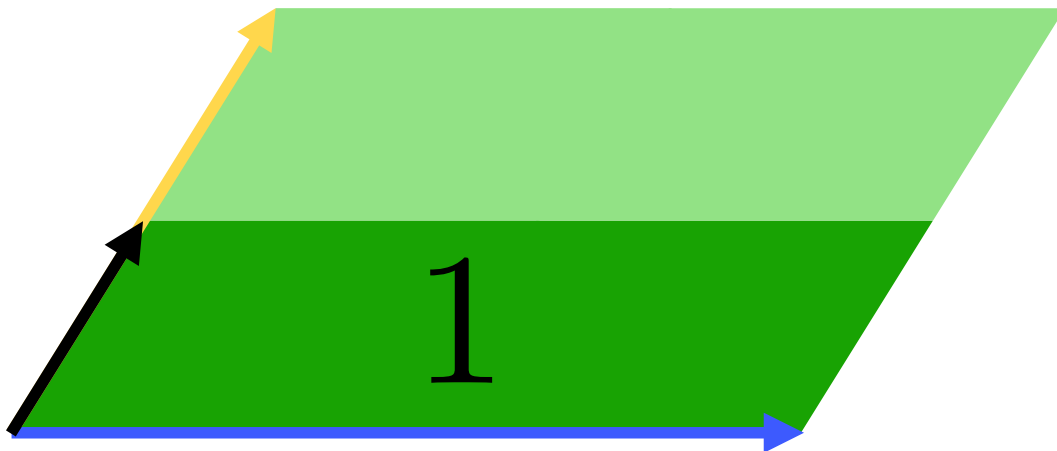
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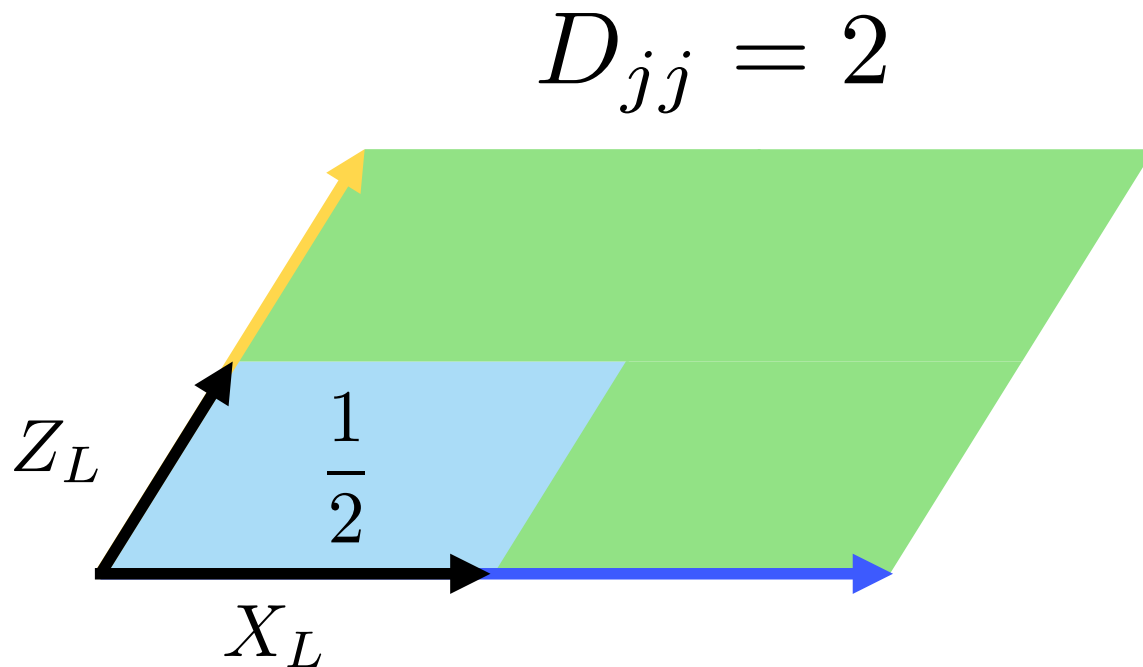
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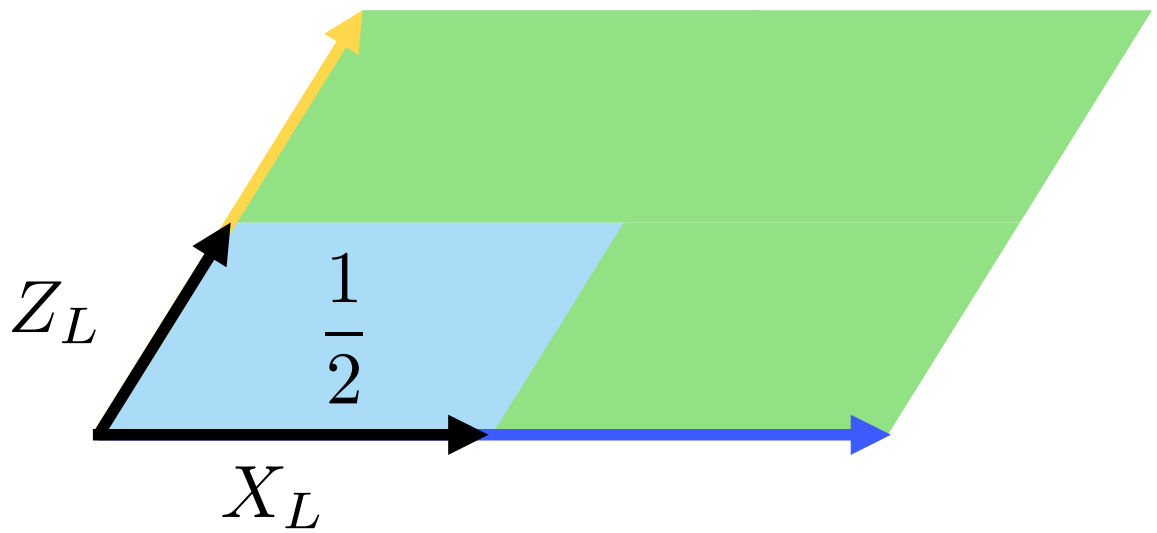
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Non unique:
different qudit decompositions
Burchards, Flammia, Conrad, Quantum (2025)

Frobenius standard form (unique)

$$D_{jj} \mid D_{j-1, j-1}$$

Can be computed efficiently!

Kuperberg, Kasteleyn Cokernels. Electr. J. Comb. 9(1), 2002

Bosonic low-density lattice codes: reduce dimension

1. Create random classical LDLC and define $M = cH$; $MJM^T \in \mathbb{Z}^{2n \times 2n}$

2. Find canonical basis in Frobenius SF

If not, restart

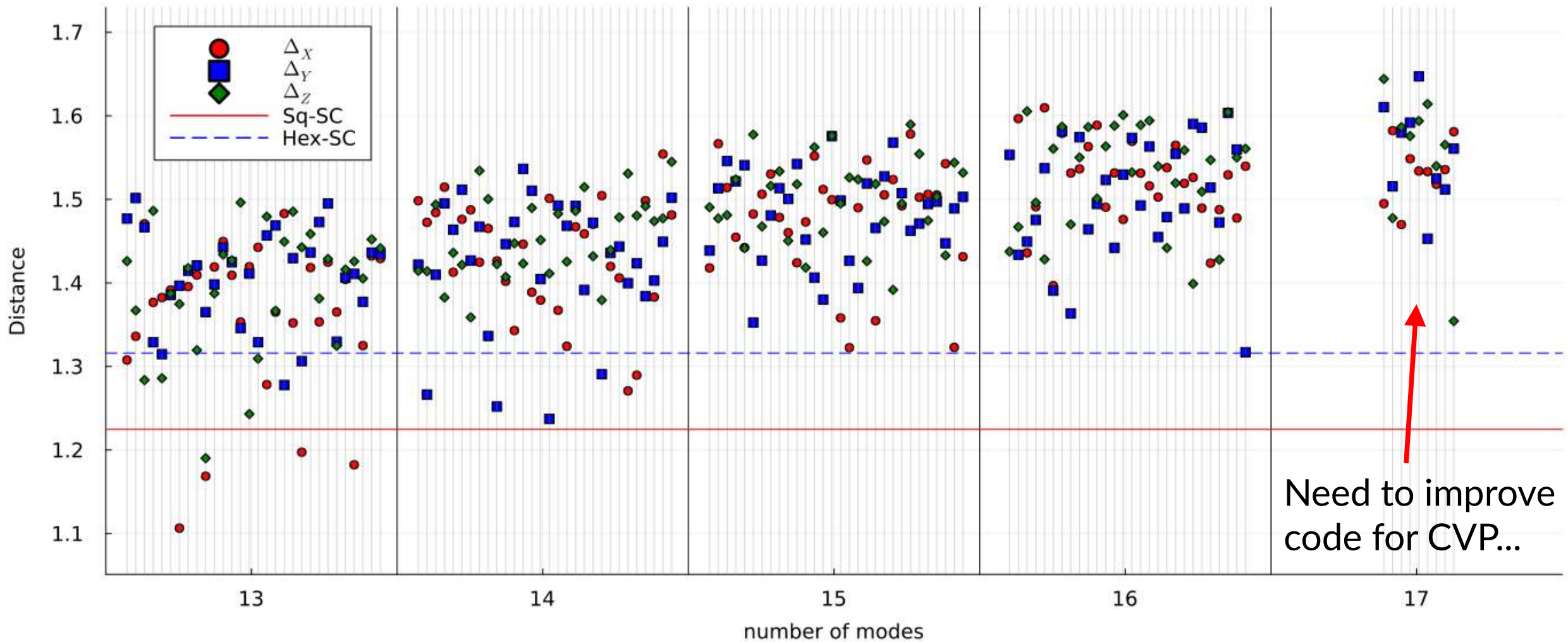
$$M_F J M_F^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & D \\ -D & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \text{diag}(1, 1, \dots, 1, \boxed{2z_1 z_2}), \quad z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

3. Add $\mathbf{u} = \frac{M_F(n, \cdot)}{z_1}$; $\mathbf{v} = \frac{M_F(2n, \cdot)}{z_2}$ as rows to M , reduce \rightarrow M_Q
Logical qubit

4. Define: $X_L = D \left(\frac{\mathbf{u}}{2} \right)$; $Z_L = D \left(\frac{\mathbf{v}}{2} \right)$

5. Find short representatives, e.g. : $X_L \mapsto D \left(\frac{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}}{2} \right)$; $\tilde{\mathbf{u}} = \text{argmin}_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{Z}^{2n}} \left\| \frac{\mathbf{u}}{2} - M_Q^T \mathbf{z} \right\|$

Dimension-reduced qLDLCs: distance



Small instances have **larger distances than surface codes** on the same modes!

Drawback: M_Q is almost sparse (two dense rows) \rightarrow Unclear if BP will work... TODO

Conclusions

- Many promising results, few certainties
- Concatenation from multi-mode might have good balance parameters/complexity
- There is potentially much we can adapt from classical lattice codes but...
- Can we make Gaussian BP work consistently?



Positions available!

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Thank you!

