



Efficient high-threshold decoding for concatenated quantum Hamming codes



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Abstract

In this talk, I will present a polynomial-time hard-decision decoder for concatenated quantum codes that improves on conventional local decoding by using higher-level syndrome information to revise lower-level recovery decisions. We refer to this approach as the bidirectional decoder. As a benchmark, we apply it to the concatenated $[[15,7,3]]$ quantum Hamming code under independent bit-flip noise, where it improves the decoding threshold by nearly a factor of three. Numerical results further indicate that it preserves the full code-distance scaling for at least three levels of concatenation. These results suggest that improved decoding can make high-rate concatenated-code architectures more competitive for low-overhead fault-tolerant quantum computation.

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