

On the minimum distance of LDPC codes based on repetition codes and permutation matrices

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$$\mathbf{I}_p^t = \mathbf{I}_{tp_1 \pmod{m}},$$

in particular if $p_1 \in \mathbb{N}$, $0 \leq p_1 \leq m$, then

$$\mathbf{I}_{p_1}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}_{m-p_1}.$$

It is easy to note that the set $\mathcal{I}_m = \{\mathbf{I}_p : p \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ of $m \times m$ matrices \mathbf{I}_p is a cyclic group with generator \mathbf{I}_1 .

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Table: Code constructions

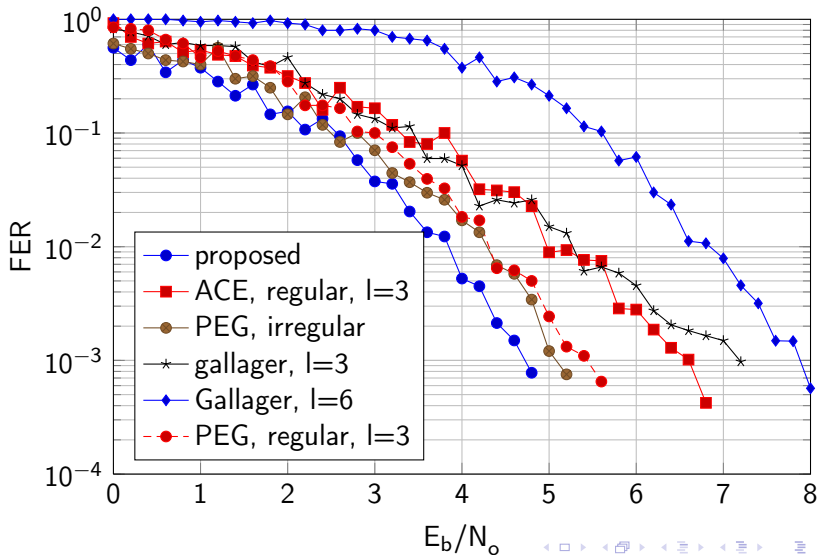
m	n_0	k_0	n	R	d_{min}
7	4	2	56	0.3036	12
11	4	2	88	0.2841	16
181	4	2	1448	0.2521	≥ 10

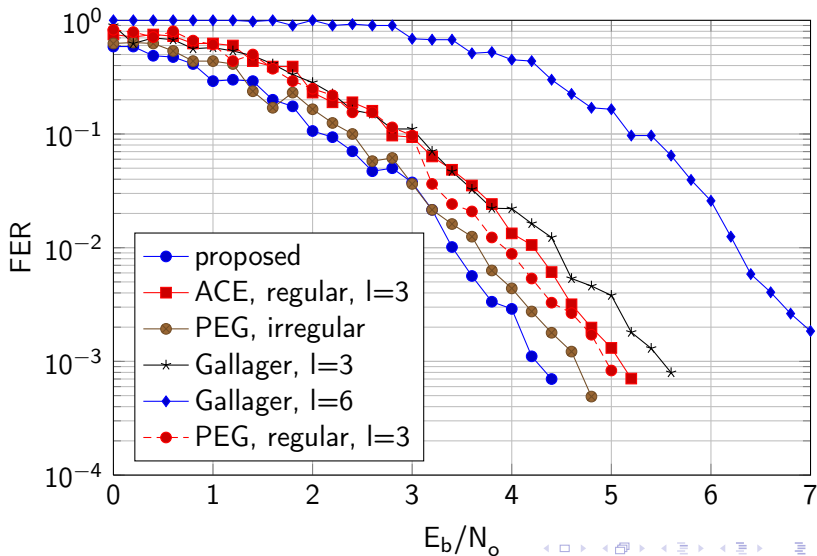
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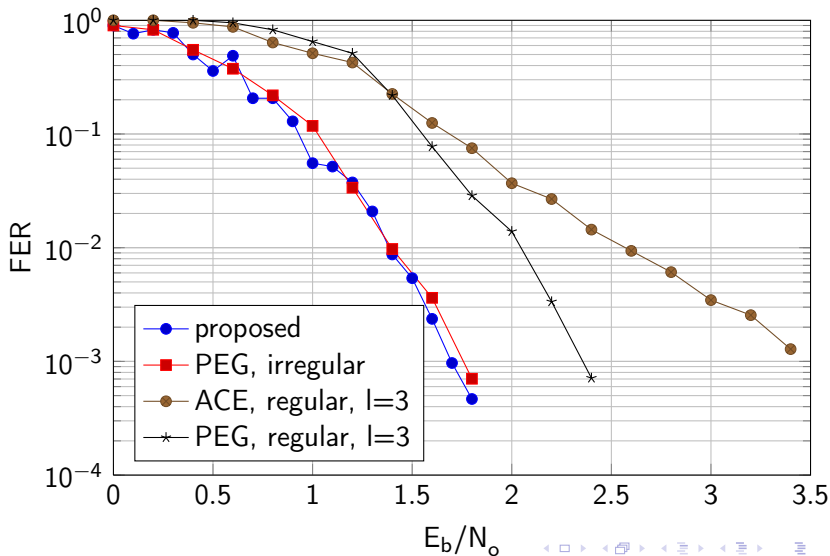
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Thank you for your attention!