

# Low-Power Cooling Codes with Efficient Encoding and Decoding

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**Abstract**—A class of low-power cooling (LPC) codes, to control simultaneously both the peak temperature and the average power consumption of interconnects, were introduced recently. An  $(n, t, w)$ -LPC code is a coding scheme over  $n$  wires that (A) avoids state transitions on the  $t$  hottest wires (cooling), and (B) limit the number of transitions to  $w$  in each transmission (low-power).

A few constructions for large LPC codes that have efficient encoding and decoding schemes, are given. In particular, when  $w$  is fixed, we construct LPC codes of size  $(n/w)^{w-1}$  and show that these LPC codes can be modified to correct errors efficiently. We further present a construction for large LPC codes based on a mapping from cooling codes to LPC codes.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Power and heat dissipation have emerged as first-order design constraints for chips, whether targeted for battery-powered devices or for high-end systems. High temperatures have dramatic negative effects on interconnect performance. Power-aware design alone is insufficient to address the thermal challenges, since it does not directly target the spatial and temporal behavior of the operating environment. For this reason, thermally-aware approaches have emerged as one of the most important domains of research in chip design today. Numerous techniques have been proposed to reduce the overall power consumption of on-chip buses (see [1] and the references therein). However, these techniques do not directly address peak temperature minimization.

Recently, Chee et al. [1] introduced several efficient coding schemes to directly control the peak temperature and the average power consumption. Among others, *low-power cooling (LPC) codes* are of particular interest as they control both the peak temperature and the average power consumption simultaneously. Specifically, an  $(n, t, w)$ -LPC code is a coding scheme for communication over a bus consisting of  $n$  wires, if the scheme has the features:

- (A) every transmission does not cause state transitions on the  $t$  hottest wires;
- (B) the number of state transitions on all the wires is at most  $w$  in every transmission.

Using *partial spreads*, Chee et al. [1] constructed LPC codes with efficient encoding and decoding schemes. When  $t \leq 0.687n$  and  $w \geq (n-t)/2$ , these codes achieve optimal asymptotic rates. However, when  $w$  is small, the code rates are small and Chee et al. proposed another construction based on *decomposition of the complete hypergraph* into perfect matchings. While the construction results in LPC codes of large size, efficient encoding and decoding algorithms are not known.

In this work, we focus on this regime ( $w$  small) and construct LPC codes with efficient encoding and decoding schemes. Specifically, our contributions are as follows.

- (I) We propose a method that takes a linear erasure code as input and constructs an LPC code. Using this method, we then construct a family of LPC codes of size  $(n/w)^{w-1}$  that attains the asymptotic upper bound  $O(n^{w-1})$  when  $w$  is fixed. We also use this method to construct a class of LPC codes of size  $(n/w)^{w-e-1}$  that is able to correct  $e$  substitution errors.
- (II) We propose efficient encoding / decoding schemes for the output LPC code. In particular, for the above family of LPC codes, we demonstrate encoding with  $O(n)$  multiplications over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  and decoding with  $O(w^3)$  multiplications over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $q = n/w$ . Furthermore, the related class of LPC codes is able to correct  $e$  errors with complexity  $O(n^3)$ .
- (III) A recursive construction for a class of  $(n, t, w)$ -LPC codes where  $t \geq n/w$ .
- (IV) A construction for a class of  $(n, t, w)$ -LPC codes based on a mapping from  $(m, t)$ -cooling codes.

For lack of space, all the proofs of the results will be given in the full version of this paper.

## II. PRELIMINARY

Given a positive integer  $n$ , the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is abbreviated as  $[n]$ . The *Hamming weight* of a vector  $x \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$ , denoted  $\text{wt}(x)$ , is the number of nonzero positions in  $x$ , while the *support* of  $x$  is defined as  $\text{supp}(x) \triangleq \{i \in [n] : x_i \neq 0\}$ .

A  $q$ -ary code  $\mathcal{C}$  of length  $n$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{F}_q^n$ . If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}_q^n$ , it is called *linear code*. An  $[n, k, d]_q$ -code is a linear code with dimension  $k$  and minimum distance  $d$ .

**Definition 1.** For  $n$  and  $t$ , an  $(n, t)$ -cooling code  $\mathcal{C}$  of size  $M$  is defined as a collection  $\{\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \dots, \mathcal{C}_M\}$ , where  $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \dots, \mathcal{C}_M$  are disjoint subsets of  $\{0, 1\}^n$  satisfying the following property: for any set  $S \subseteq [n]$  of size  $|S| = t$  and for  $i \in [M]$ , there exists a vector  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{C}_i$  with  $\text{supp}(\mathbf{u}) \cap S = \emptyset$ . We refer to  $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \dots, \mathcal{C}_M$  as *codesets* and the vectors in them as *codewords*.

**Definition 2.** For  $n, t$  and  $w$  with  $t + w \leq n$ , an  $(n, t, w)$ -low-power cooling (LPC) code  $\mathcal{C}$  of size  $M$  is defined as a collection of codesets  $\{\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \dots, \mathcal{C}_M\}$ , where  $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \dots, \mathcal{C}_M$  are disjoint subsets of  $\{\mathbf{u} \in \{0, 1\}^n : \text{wt}(\mathbf{u}) \leq w\}$  satisfying the following property: for any set  $S \subseteq [n]$  of size  $|S| = t$  and for  $i \in [M]$ , there exists a vector  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{C}_i$  with  $\text{supp}(\mathbf{u}) \cap S = \emptyset$ .

In this paper, we focus on a class of  $(n, t, w)$ -LPC codes where every transmission results in exactly  $w$  state transitions. We call such codes  $(n, t, w)$ -constant-power cooling (CPC) codes. In particular, let  $J(n, w) \triangleq \{\mathbf{u} \in \{0, 1\}^n : \text{wt}(\mathbf{u}) = w\}$ , and  $J^+(n, w) \triangleq \{\mathbf{u} \in \{0, 1\}^n : \text{wt}(\mathbf{u}) \leq w\}$ . Then an  $(n, t, w)$ -CPC code is an  $(n, t, w)$ -LPC code such that  $\mathcal{C}_i \subseteq J(n, w)$  for  $i \in [M]$ .

### A. Set Systems

For a finite set  $X$  of size  $n$ ,  $2^X$  denotes the collection of all subsets of  $X$ , i.e.,  $2^X \triangleq \{A : A \subseteq X\}$ . A set system of order  $n$  is a pair  $(X, \mathcal{B})$ , where  $X$  is a finite set of  $n$  points and  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq 2^X$ . The elements of  $\mathcal{B}$  are called *blocks*. A set system  $(X, 2^X)$  is a *complete set system*. Two set systems  $(X, \mathcal{B}_1)$  and  $(X, \mathcal{B}_2)$  with the same point set are called *disjoint* if  $\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_2 = \emptyset$ .

A *partial parallel class* of a set system  $(X, \mathcal{B})$  is a collection of pairwise disjoint blocks. If a partial parallel class partitions the point set  $X$ , it is called *parallel class*. A set system  $(X, \mathcal{B})$  is called *resolvable* if the block set  $\mathcal{B}$  can be partitioned into parallel classes.

There is a canonical one-to-one correspondence between the set of all codes of length  $n$  and the set of all set systems of order  $n$ : the coordinates of vectors in  $\{0, 1\}^n$  correspond to the points in  $[n]$ , and each vector  $\mathbf{u} \in \{0, 1\}^n$  corresponds to the block  $\text{supp}(\mathbf{u})$ . Thus we may speak of the set system of a code or the code of a set system.

### B. Upper Bounds

Given a  $t$ -subset  $S$  and a vector  $\mathbf{u} \in \{0, 1\}^n$ , we shall say that  $\mathbf{u}$  *avoids*  $S$  if  $\text{supp}(\mathbf{u}) \cap S = \emptyset$ . Observing that a vector of weight  $w$  avoids exactly  $\binom{n-w}{t}$  different  $t$ -subsets, we have the following bounds on LPC codes and CPC codes.

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $\mathbf{C}$  be an  $(n, t, w)$ -LPC code of size  $M$ , then*

$$M \leq \frac{1}{\binom{n}{t}} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^w \binom{n}{i} \binom{n-i}{t} \right] = \sum_{i=0}^w \binom{n-t}{i}.$$

Furthermore, if  $\mathbf{C}$  is an  $(n, t, w)$ -CPC code, then

$$M \leq \binom{n}{w} \binom{n-w}{t} / \binom{n}{t} = \binom{n-t}{w}.$$

Hence both LPC codes and CPC codes share the same asymptotic upper bound  $O(n^w)$ .

Next, we improve this upper bound in some parameters. To do so, we need results on Turán systems.

Let  $n \geq k \geq r$ . Let  $|X| = n$  and define  $\binom{X}{r}$  be the collection of  $r$ -subsets of  $X$ . A *Turán  $(n, k, r)$ -system* is a set system  $(X, \mathcal{B})$  where  $|X| = n$  and  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \binom{X}{r}$  such that every  $k$ -subset of  $X$  contains at least one of the blocks. The *Turán number*  $T(n, k, r)$  is the minimum number of blocks in such system. This number is determined only for  $r = 2$  and some sporadic examples. De Caen [3] proved the general lower bound.

$$T(n, k, r) \geq \frac{n-k+1}{n-r+1} \cdot \frac{k/r}{\binom{k}{r}} \binom{n}{r}. \quad (1)$$

The following is immediate from the definition of Turán systems.

**Proposition 4.** *A family of codesets  $\{\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \dots, \mathcal{C}_M\}$  is an  $(n, t, w)$ -CPC code if and only if the set system of each  $\mathcal{C}_i$  is a Turán  $(n, n-t, w)$ -system and these  $M$  set systems are pairwise disjoint.*

Combining the bound (1) and Proposition 4, we have the following upper bound on the size of CPC codes.

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $\mathbf{C}$  be an  $(n, t, w)$ -CPC code of size  $M$ . Then*

$$M \leq \frac{n-w+1}{t+1} \binom{n-t-1}{w-1}.$$

When  $t = \Theta(n)$ , we have  $(n-w+1)/(t+1) = O(1)$ , and so the upper bound for  $(n, t, w)$ -CPC codes is improved from  $O(n^w)$  to  $O(n^{w-1})$ .

For an  $(n, t, w)$ -LPC code, the number of codesets containing at least one codeword of weight  $< w$  is at most  $\sum_{i=0}^{w-1} \binom{n}{i}$ . Thus, the size of a LPC code is at most  $\sum_{i=0}^{w-1} \binom{n}{i} + \frac{n-w+1}{t+1} \binom{n-t-1}{w-1}$ , which is  $O(n^{w-1})$  when  $t$  is proportional to  $n$ .

### C. Previous Constructions

Chee et. al [1] provided the following construction of LPC / CPC codes.

**Proposition 6** (Decomposition of Complete Hypergraphs). *Let  $n = (t+1)w$ . There exists an  $(n, t, w)$ -CPC code of size  $\binom{n-1}{w-1}$ .*

When  $w$  is fixed, we have  $t$  proportional to  $n$  and the above construction attains the asymptotic upper bound  $O(n^{w-1})$ . Unfortunately, no efficient encoding and decoding methods are known for this construction and the only known encoding method involves listing all  $\binom{n-1}{w-1}$  codesets.

In the same paper, Chee et. al then proposed the following constructions of LPC codes that have efficient coding schemes.

**Proposition 7** (Concatenation). *Suppose that  $q \leq \sum_{i=0}^{w'} \binom{s}{i}$  and  $q$  is a prime power and  $t \leq s$ .*

- (i) *If  $t+1 \leq m/2$ , then there exists an  $(ms, t, mw')$ -LPC code of size  $q^{m-t-1}$ .*
- (ii) *If  $t+1 \leq m \leq q+1$ , then there exists an  $(ms, t, mw')$ -LPC code of size  $q^{m-t}$ .*

**Proposition 8** (Sunflower Construction). *Let  $r+t \leq (n+s)/2$ . If a linear  $[n, s, w+1]_2$ -code exists and a linear  $[n-t, r, w+1]_2$ -code does not exist, then there exists an  $(n, t, w)$ -LPC code of size  $2^{n-t-r}$ .*

## III. CONSTANT-POWER COOLING CODES

In this section, we present our main construction of CPC codes. Our construction is based on the following generalization of Proposition 6.

**Proposition 9.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{B})$  be a set system of order  $n$  with  $\mathcal{B}$  partitioned into  $M$  partial parallel classes  $\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2, \dots, \mathcal{P}_M$ . If  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \binom{X}{w}$  and each  $\mathcal{P}_i$  has at least  $t+1$  blocks, then the codesets  $\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2, \dots, \mathcal{P}_M$  constitute an  $(n, t, w)$ -CPC code.*

Since a decomposition of the complete  $k$ -uniform hypergraph with vertex set  $X$  is a resolvable set system  $(X, \binom{X}{k})$ , we recover Proposition 6.

### A. CPC Codes Based on Linear Codes

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $[N, K, D]_q$ -code. Using the codewords of  $\mathcal{C}$ , we construct a set system with  $q^{K-1}$  partial parallel classes and then Proposition 9 yields an CPC code  $\mathbb{D}$ . To equip  $\mathbb{D}$  with efficient coding, we then utilize the erasure-correcting algorithms of the linear code  $\mathcal{C}$ . We discuss this in detail in Section III-B.

For a coordinate set  $I$  and a vector  $\sigma \in \mathbb{F}_q^{|I|}$ , we say  $\sigma$  appears  $\lambda$  times in  $\mathcal{C}$  at  $I$  if there are  $\lambda$  codewords in  $\mathcal{C}$  whose restrictions on  $I$  are  $\sigma$ . Since any two codewords of  $\mathcal{C}$  agree in at most  $N - D$  positions, we have the following observations.

**Lemma 10.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $[N, K, D]_q$ -code.*

- (i) *For any  $(N - D + 1)$ -subset  $I$  and any  $\sigma \in \mathbb{F}_q^{N-D+1}$ ,  $\sigma$  appears at most once in  $\mathcal{C}$  at  $I$ .*
- (ii) *For any  $(N - D)$ -subset  $J$  and any  $\tau \in \mathbb{F}_q^{N-D}$ ,  $\tau$  appears at most  $q$  times in  $\mathcal{C}$  at  $J$ .*

**Lemma 11.** *Let  $G$  be a generator matrix of an  $[N, K, D]_q$ -code. Then every  $K \times (N - D)$  submatrix of  $G$  has rank  $K$  or  $K - 1$ . Furthermore, there is a  $K \times (N - D)$  submatrix of rank  $K - 1$ .*

We are ready to present our main construction.

**Construction 1.** Let  $G$  be a generator matrix of an  $[N, K, D]_q$ -code  $\mathcal{C}$ . From Lemma 11, we assume that the last  $N - D$  columns of  $G$  form a submatrix of rank  $K - 1$ .

- Partition  $\mathcal{C}$  into disjoint codesets  $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \dots, \mathcal{C}_M$  such that  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are in the same codeset if and only if they agree on the last  $N - D$  symbols.
- For  $i \in [M]$ , we truncate the codewords in  $\mathcal{C}_i$  to length  $w$  by removing their last  $N - w$  symbols. In other words, set  $\mathcal{C}'_i = \{\mathbf{u}|_{[w]} : \mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{C}_i\}$  for  $i \in [M]$ .
- Let  $X = \mathbb{F}_q \times [w]$ . We construct the partial parallel classes  $\mathbb{D} = \{\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2, \dots, \mathcal{D}_M\}$ , where

$$\mathcal{D}_i = \{\{(x_j, j) : j \in [w]\} : \mathbf{x} = x_1 x_2 \dots x_w \in \mathcal{C}'_i\}.$$

If  $N - D + 1 \leq w \leq D$ , then  $\mathbb{D}$  is an  $(n, t, w)$ -CPC code of size  $M = q^{K-1}$  where  $n = qw$  and  $t \leq q - 1$ .

Observe that for Construction 1, in addition to the input code  $\mathcal{C}$ , we need to find a minimum weight word in  $\mathcal{C}$  in order to determine the  $K \times (N - D)$ -submatrix. As it is difficult to determine the minimum weight word for general linear codes, we focus on certain families of codes where this is well known.

Recall that a linear  $[N, K, D]_q$ -code is *maximum distance separable (MDS)* if  $D = N - K + 1$ . If the input code  $\mathcal{C}$  is MDS, every  $K$  columns of  $G$  are linearly independent and so any  $K \times (N - D)$  submatrix of  $G$  has rank  $K - 1$  as  $N - D = K - 1$ . Therefore, we use any  $N - D$  coordinate positions to partition  $\mathcal{C}$ . It is well known that MDS codes exist for the following all parameters.

**Theorem 12** (see [2, Ch.11]). *Let  $q$  be a prime. If  $D \geq 3$ , then there exists an  $[N, K, D]_q$ -MDS code if  $N \leq q + 1$  for all  $q$  and  $2 \leq K \leq q - 1$ , except when  $q$  is even and  $K \in \{3, q - 1\}$ , in which case  $N \leq q + 2$ .*

Setting  $N = q + 1$ ,  $K = w$ ,  $D = q - w + 2$  and using an  $[N, K, D]_q$ -MDS code as the input code, Construction 1 yields the following corollary.

**Corollary 13.** *If  $q = n/w$  is a prime power and  $q \geq \max\{2w - 2, t + 1\}$ , then there exists an  $(n, t, w)$ -CPC code of size  $(n/w)^{w-1}$ .*

In Corollary 13, when  $w$  is fixed, we choose  $t$  to be proportional to  $n$ . In this case, the codes constructed asymptotically attain the upper bound  $O(n^{w-1})$ . We also note that in some parameters, these CPC codes are much larger than the LPC codes provided by Propositions 7 and 8.

**Example 14.** Setting  $n = 96$ ,  $w = 6$  and  $t = 15$  in Corollary 13 yields a  $(96, 15, 6)$ -CPC code of size  $16^5 = 2^{20}$ .

In contrast, suppose we use Proposition 7 to construct an  $(96, t, 6)$ -LPC code with  $t \leq 15$ . The largest size  $16^5 = 2^{20}$  is obtained by setting  $m = 6$ ,  $t = 1$ ,  $s = 16$ ,  $w' = 1$ , and  $q = 16$ . While the resulting  $(96, 1, 6)$ -LPC code has the same size as the CPC from Corollary 13, the cooling capability of the former is clearly much weaker. Proposition 8, on the other hand, yields an  $(96, 15, 6)$ -LPC code of size  $2^{16}$  by setting  $s = 81$  and  $r = 65$ .

As before, in some parameters, these CPC codes are much larger than the LPC codes provided by Propositions 7 and 8.

**Example 15.** There exists an  $[17, 8, 9]_9$ -code (see [4]). Setting  $w = 9$  and  $t = 8$  in Construction 1 yields a  $(81, 8, 9)$ -CPC code of size  $9^7 \approx 2^{22.189}$ .

In contrast, the largest  $(81, 8, 9)$ -LPC resulting from Proposition 7 is of size  $9 \approx 2^{3.17}$  by setting  $m = s = q = 9$ ,  $w' = 1$ . Proposition 8, on the other hand, yields an  $(81, 8, 9)$ -LPC of size  $2^{21}$  by setting  $s = 54$  and  $r = 52$ .

### B. Encoding and Decoding Schemes

Now, we discuss the encoding and decoding schemes for the code  $\mathbb{D}$  in Construction 1. Let  $G$  be a generator matrix of the input  $[N, K, D]_q$ -linear code  $\mathcal{C}$  such that the last  $N - D$  columns of  $G$  form a matrix  $\hat{G}$  of rank  $K - 1$ . Furthermore, we assume that  $\hat{G}$  has the following form.

$$\hat{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{I}_{K-1} \\ 0 \dots 0 & 0 \dots 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\mathbf{I}_{K-1}$  is the identity matrix of size  $K - 1$ .

Since the number of codesets is  $q^{K-1}$ , we index the codesets in  $\mathbb{D}$  using vectors in  $\mathbb{F}_q^{K-1}$ . For  $\sigma \in \mathbb{F}_q^{K-1}$ , let  $\mathcal{C}_\sigma$  be the set of  $q$  codewords whose  $(K - 1)$ -suffix is  $\sigma$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}'_\sigma$  and  $\mathcal{D}_\sigma$  are derived as in Construction 1.

Given a  $t$ -subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{F}_q \times [w]$  and  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{K-1}) \in \mathbb{F}_q^{K-1}$ , our objective for encoding is to find  $D \in \mathcal{D}_\sigma$  such that  $D \cap S = \emptyset$ . Let  $\beta_i$  be the  $i$ -th row of  $G$  and  $\beta_i|_{[w]}$  be the  $w$ -prefix of  $\beta_i$ . First compute

$$\mathbf{r} = \sum_{i=1}^{K-1} \sigma_i \beta_i|_{[w]}.$$

Then the codeset  $\mathcal{C}'_\sigma$  can be determined as follows.

$$\mathcal{C}'_\sigma = \{\mathbf{r} + \lambda \beta_k|_{[w]} : \lambda \in \mathbb{F}_q\}.$$

Consequently, the codeset  $\mathcal{D}_\sigma$  can be derived as in Construction 1, and so we can compare all the blocks in  $\mathcal{D}_\sigma$  with  $S$  to find the block  $D$  such that  $D \cap S = \emptyset$ .

Hence, for our encoding, since  $n = qw$ , we need to perform  $O(n)$  multiplications over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  to find  $\mathcal{D}_\sigma$  and  $O(tn)$  comparisons to find  $D$ .

For the decoding, suppose that we have a code-word  $\{(x_1, 1), (x_2, 2), \dots, (x_w, w)\}$ . Since  $w \geq N - D + 1$ , we can run the erasure correcting algorithm of  $\mathcal{C}$  on  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_w, ?, ?, \dots, ?)$  to recover the last  $K - 1$  symbols,  $x_{N-K+2}, x_{N-K+3}, \dots, x_N$ . Then the message can be decoded as  $(x_{N-K+2}, x_{N-K+3}, \dots, x_N)$ . In particular, if the input code  $\mathcal{C}$  is a Reed-Solomon code, by using Lagrange interpolation, we perform  $O(w^3)$  multiplications to decode.

#### IV. ERROR-CORRECTING CPC CODES

In this section we consider LPC codes that can correct transmission errors ('0' received as '1', or '1' received as '0'). An  $(n, w, t)$ -CPC that is able to correct up to  $e$  errors is denoted as an  $(n, t, w, e)$ -CPECC code.

We adapt Construction 1 to produce CPECC codes.

**Theorem 16.** *If the input code  $\mathcal{C}$  is an  $[N, K, D]_q$ -code, then the output code  $\mathcal{D}$  of Construction 1 is an  $(n, t, w, e)$ -CPECC code of size  $M = q^{K-1}$ , where  $n = qw$ ,  $t \leq q$ ,  $e = w - (N - D) - 1$ .*

For error-correcting, we focus on a special case, where  $\mathcal{C}$  is a Reed-Solomon code and  $K = N - D + 1 = w - e$ .

**Construction 2.** Let  $w$  and  $e$  be positive integers and  $q$  be a prime power such that  $q \geq 2w - e - 1$ . Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_w, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{w-e-1}$  be  $2w - e - 1$  pairwise distinct elements of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

- For each polynomial  $f(X) \in \mathbb{F}_q[X]$ , define

$$C_f = \{(f(a_j), j) : j \in [w]\}.$$

- For each  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{w-e-1}) \in \mathbb{F}_q^{w-e-1}$ , let

$$\mathcal{E}_\sigma = \{C_f : f \in \mathbb{F}_q[X], \deg(f) \leq w - e - 1, \\ f(b_\ell) = \sigma_\ell \text{ for } \ell \in [w - e - 1]\}.$$

Denote the collection of  $\mathcal{E}_\sigma$  as  $\mathbb{E}$ . Then  $\mathbb{E}$  is an  $(n, t, w, e)$ -CPECC code of size  $q^{w-e-1}$  where  $n = qw$  and  $t < q$ .

The encoding scheme in Section III-B can be easily adapted for the encoding of the CPECC code  $\mathbb{E}$ . Now we use Algorithm 1 to illustrate the decoding scheme.

**Theorem 17.** *Algorithm 1 is correct. In other words, suppose that  $c \in \mathbb{E}$  and  $u$  is the received word from  $c$  with at most  $e$  errors. Then Algorithm 1 returns  $\sigma \in \mathbb{F}_q^{w-e-1}$  such that  $c \in \mathcal{E}_\sigma$ .*

The Berlekamp-Welch algorithm corrects errors in time  $O(q^3)$  [5], and hence, Algorithm 1 has complexity  $O(n^3)$ .

#### V. RECURSIVE CONSTRUCTION

Notice that an  $(n, t, w)$ -CPC code resulting from Proposition 6 and Construction 1 has  $t < n/w$ . In this section, we present a recursive construction that yields  $(n, t, w)$ -CPC codes with  $t \geq n/w$ .

To do so, we revisit Proposition 9. Let  $(X, \mathcal{B})$  be a set system of order  $n$  with  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \binom{X}{w}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  partitioned into  $M$  partial parallel classes  $\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2, \dots, \mathcal{P}_M$ . Suppose further that each  $\mathcal{P}_i$  has exactly  $q$  blocks.

Let  $S$  be a  $t$ -subset of  $X$  and fix a partial parallel class  $\mathcal{P}_i$ . If  $t \geq q$ , it is not always possible to choose

#### Algorithm 1 Error-Correction for the CPECC codes in Construction 2

**Input:** a binary word  $u$  indexed by  $\mathbb{F}_q \times [w]$

**Output:** a message  $\sigma \in \mathbb{F}_q^{w-e-1}$

- 1:  $C \leftarrow \text{supp}(u)$ . Note that  $C \subseteq \mathbb{F}_q \times [w]$
- 2: **for** each  $i \in [w]$  **do**
- 3:   **if**  $|\{(y, i) : (y, i) \in C\}| = 1$  **then**
- 4:      $y_i \leftarrow y$ , where  $(y, i)$  is the unique pair in  $\{(y, i) : (y, i) \in C\}$ ;
- 5:   **else**
- 6:      $y_i \leftarrow \#$ ;
- 7:  $\mathbf{y} \leftarrow (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_w)$ ;
- 8:  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} \leftarrow$  the vector obtained by deleting all the '#' from  $\mathbf{y}$
- 9: run the decoding algorithm for Reed-Solomon codes on  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ , returning a polynomial  $L(x)$  of degree  $w - e - 1$ ;
- 10:  $\sigma \leftarrow (L(b_1), L(b_2), \dots, L(b_{w-e-1}))$ ;
- 11: **return**  $\sigma$ ;

a block/codeword in  $\mathcal{P}_i$  that avoids  $S$ . However, by pigeonhole principle, we can find a block/codeword that contains at most  $\lfloor t/q \rfloor$  elements in  $S$ . Suppose we use a  $(w, \lfloor t/q \rfloor, w')$ -LPC code  $\mathcal{H}$  to break up this codeword into codewords of weight at most  $w'$ . Then we are able to find a block/codeword of weight  $w'$  that avoids  $S$ .

We formalise this idea in the following recursive construction. To simplify our construction, we specialise our recursive construction akin to Construction 2.

**Construction 3.** Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an  $(n, t, w)$ -CPC code of size  $m$ . Let  $q \geq n + w - 1$  be a prime power and choose  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{w-1}$  be  $n + w - 1$  distinct elements of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

- Consider the point set  $A = \mathbb{F}_q \times [n]$  and set  $\mathcal{B} = \{\{(f(a_j), j) : j \in [n]\} : f \in \mathbb{F}_q[x], \deg(f) \leq w - 1\}$ . As before, using  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{w-1}$ , we can partition  $\mathcal{B}$  into  $q^{w-1}$  parallel classes. Label the blocks such that the parallel classes are  $\mathcal{P}_i = \{B_{ij} : j \in [q]\}$  for  $i \in [q^{w-1}]$ .
- Since the block  $B_{ij}$  is of size  $n$ , we can use  $B_{ij}$  to relabel the point set of the  $(n, t, w)$ -CPC code  $\mathcal{H}$  so that each codeword in  $\mathcal{H}$  corresponds to a  $w$ -subset of  $B_{ij}$ . Then each codeword  $B_{ij}$  gives rise to a collection of codesets, denoted as  $\mathcal{E}_{ij\ell}$  for  $\ell \in [m]$ .
- For  $(i, \ell) \in [q^{w-1}] \times [m]$ , the codeset  $\mathcal{E}_{i\ell}$  is given by the union  $\bigcup_{j=1}^q \mathcal{E}_{ij\ell}$ .

Therefore,  $\mathbb{E} = \{\mathcal{E}_{i\ell} : i \in [q^{w-1}], \ell \in [m]\}$  is an  $(nq, tq, w)$ -LPC code of size  $mq^{w-1}$ .

**Corollary 18.** *Let  $q$  be a prime power. If  $t + w \leq n$  and  $q \geq n + w - 1$ , then*

- (i) *there exists an  $(nq, tq, w)$ -CPC code of size  $q^{w-1}$ ;*
- (ii) *there exists an  $(nq, tq, w)$ -LPC code of size  $\sum_{i=0}^{w-1} q^i$ .*

**Example 19.** We compare certain CPC codes resulting from Construction 3 and Corollary 18 with the LPC codes resulting from Proposition 8.

- (i) Consider the set of five disjoint 3-(10, 4, 1)-designs constructed by Etzion and Hartmann [6]. By taking the complements of the blocks, we obtain a (10, 3, 6)-CPC code of size five. Applying Construction 3 with

$q = 16$ , we obtain a  $(160, 48, 6)$ -CPC code of size  $5 \cdot 16^5 \approx 2^{22.322}$ .

In contrast, Proposition 8 yields a  $(160, 48, 6)$ -LPC code of size  $2^{17}$  by setting  $s = 137$  and  $r = 95$ .

(ii) Setting  $n = 9$ ,  $t = 2$ ,  $w = 7$ , and  $q = 16$  in Corollary 18 yields a  $(144, 32, 7)$ -LPC code of size  $\sum_{i=0}^6 16^i \approx 2^{24.093}$ .

In contrast, Proposition 8 yields a  $(144, 32, 7)$ -LPC code of size  $2^{18}$  by setting  $s = 121$  and  $r = 94$ .

In the regime where  $w$  is fixed and  $t$  is proportional to  $n$ , we show that the codes in this section are asymptotically larger than those resulting from Proposition 8. The CPC codes resulting from Construction 3 and Corollary 18 attain the asymptotic upper bound  $O((nq)^{w-1})$  when  $w$  is fixed. In contrast, if we apply Proposition 8 with  $s = nq - \lfloor \log_2(\sum_{i=0}^{w-1} \binom{nq-1}{i}) \rfloor$  (the GV lower bound) and  $r = nq - tq - \lfloor \log_2(\sum_{i=0}^w \binom{nq-tq}{i}) \rfloor$  (the Hamming upper bound), we obtain an  $(nq, tq, w)$ -LPC code of size  $O((nq)^{w/2}) = o((nq)^{w-1})$ .

## VI. LPC CODES FROM COOLING CODES

In this section we use a novel method to transform cooling codes into low-power cooling codes, while preserving the efficiency of the cooling codes. The construction is based on two mappings.

Given a surjection

$$g : [n] \longrightarrow [m],$$

called a *coordinates mapping* and an injection

$$\varphi : \mathbb{F}_2^m \longrightarrow J^+(n, w),$$

the mapping  $\varphi(m, n, w)$  is called a *domination mapping* if the following condition holds:

For any binary word  $(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m)$  of length  $m$  and its image  $(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ , under the injection  $\varphi$ ,  $u_i = 1$  implies that  $v_{g(i)} = 1$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

**Theorem 20.** *If there exists an  $(m, t)$ -cooling code  $\mathbf{C}$  and a domination mapping  $\varphi(m, n, w)$  then the code*

$$\mathbf{C}' \triangleq \{\varphi(x) : x \in \mathbf{C}\},$$

is an  $(n, t, w)$ -LPC code.

Domination mappings are not difficult to find. There are many with efficient encoding and decoding. For example, we have such mappings for the following triples  $(m, n, w)$ :  $(5, 8, 2)$ ,  $(9, 15, 3)$ ,  $(12, 20, 4)$ .

**The product construction:**

Given  $\ell$  domination mappings  $\varphi_i(m_i, n_i, w_i)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq \ell$ , and a binary word  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_\ell)$ , where the length of  $x_i$  is  $m_i$ , for each  $1 \leq i \leq \ell$ . The mapping  $\varphi(m, n, w)$ , defined by

$$\varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_\ell) = (\varphi_1(x_1), \varphi_2(x_2), \dots, \varphi_\ell(x_\ell)),$$

is also a domination mapping for  $m = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} m_i$ ,  $n = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} n_i$ , and  $w = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} w_i$ .

The main construction is given with specific parameters for simplicity and better understanding, but it can be generalized easily to other sets of parameters.

**Construction 4.** Assume we are given  $w \geq 6$ ,  $m = 3w = 9\alpha + 12\beta$ ,  $n = 5w = 15\alpha + 20\beta$ ,  $t$ , and an  $(m, t)$ -cooling code  $\mathbf{C}$  with  $2^k$  codesets. We will construct an  $(n, t, w)$ -LPC code  $\mathbf{C}'$ . Let  $u$  be the information word of length  $k$  and let  $\mathbf{C}_u$  be its related codeset in  $\mathbf{C}$ . The encoder partitions the set of  $m$  coordinates into  $\alpha + \beta$  subsets,  $\alpha$  subsets of size 9 and  $\beta$  subsets of size 12. Similarly, it partitions the set  $n$  coordinates of codewords from  $\mathbf{C}'$  into  $\alpha + \beta$  subsets,  $\alpha$  subsets of size 15 and  $\beta$  subsets of size 20. Let  $\varphi_1(9, 15, 3)$  and  $\varphi_2(12, 20, 4)$  be two domination mappings and let  $\varphi(m, n, w)$  be the domination mapping implied by the product construction on  $\alpha$  copies of  $\varphi_1$  and  $\beta$  copies of  $\varphi_2$ . Let  $g$  be the coordinates mapping implied by the product construction. Let  $T = \{i_1, \dots, i_t\}$  be the  $t$  hottest wires on the  $n$ -wire bus and let  $T' = \{g(i_1), \dots, g(i_t)\}$  be a  $t'$ -subset of  $[m]$ , where  $t' \leq t$ . The encoder finds the vector  $v$  in  $\mathbf{C}_u$  related to the set  $T'$ , i.e.  $v$  has zeroes in the coordinates of  $T'$ , as required by the encoder of  $\mathbf{C}$ . Finally the encoder parse  $v$  into  $v_1 v_2 \dots v_\alpha v'_1 v'_2 \dots v'_\beta$ , where  $v_i$  is of length 9 and  $v'_i$  is of length 12. By using the encoding of the mappings  $\varphi_1(9, 15, 3)$  and  $\varphi_2(12, 20, 4)$ , the encoder maps  $v_1 v_2 \dots v_\alpha v'_1 v'_2 \dots v'_\beta$  to the word  $\varphi(v_1 v_2 \dots v_\alpha v'_1 v'_2 \dots v'_\beta)$  of the  $(n, t, w)$ -LPC code, where each  $v_i$  is mapped by  $\varphi_1$  to a word of length 15 and each  $v'_i$  is mapped by  $\varphi_2$  to a word of length 20.

The decoder is applied in reverse order to generate the information word of length  $k$  from a word of length  $n$  of the code  $\mathbf{C}'$ , by first generating a word from  $\mathbf{C}$  and after that using the decoder of  $\mathbf{C}$ .

Note that Construction 4 can be viewed as a modification of the Concatenation construction (See Proposition 7). Construction 4 has an advantage on the Concatenation of Proposition 7 and other constructions with larger size for the same weight  $w$  and where the number of hottest wires is  $t$ . A complete analysis and comparison between all the constructions will be given in the full version of this paper.

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