

Title: Identifying Stabilizer States

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Abstract: Suppose you are given m copies of an unknown n -qubit stabilizer state. How many copies do you need before you can figure out exactly what state it is? Just to specify the state requires about $n^2/2$ bits, so certainly m is at least $n/2$. Using only single-copy measurements, we show how to identify the state with high probability using $m=O(n^2)$ copies. If one can make joint measurements, $O(n)$ copies is sufficient. This is joint work with Scott Aaronson.

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