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# Some New Classes of Entanglement-Assisted Quantum MDS Codes Derived From Constacyclic Codes

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**ABSTRACT** Although quantum maximal-distance-separable (MDS) codes that satisfy the quantum singleton bound have become an important research topic in the quantum coding theory, it is not an easy task to search for quantum MDS codes with the minimum distance that is larger than  $(q/2) + 1$ . The pre-shared entanglement between the sender and the receiver can improve the minimum distance of quantum MDS codes such that the minimum distance of some constructed codes achieves  $(q/2) + 1$  or exceeds  $(q/2) + 1$ . Meanwhile, how to determine the required number of maximally entangled states to make the minimum distance of quantum MDS codes larger than  $(q/2) + 1$  is an interesting problem in the quantum coding theory. In this paper, we utilize the decomposition of the defining set and  $q^2$ -cyclotomic cosets of constacyclic codes with the form  $q = \alpha m + t$  or  $q = \alpha m + \alpha - t$  and  $n = (q^2 + 1/\alpha)$  to construct some new families of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes that satisfy the entanglement-assisted quantum singleton bound, where  $q$  is an odd prime power and  $m$  is a positive integer, while both  $\alpha$  and  $t$  are positive integers such that  $\alpha = t^2 + 1$ . The parameters of these codes constructed in this paper are more general compared with the ones in the literature. Moreover, the minimum distance of some codes in this paper is larger than  $(q/2) + 1$  or  $q + 1$ .

**INDEX TERMS** Entanglement-assisted quantum codes, constacyclic codes, maximal-distance-separable (MDS) codes.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In the quantum information and quantum computing, an important subject is to construct some good quantum error-correcting codes (quantum codes for short) [3], [5], [7], [8], [15], [18], [30], [31], [35]–[37], [42]. Let  $q$  be a prime power, a  $q$ -ary quantum code of length  $n$  can be denoted as  $[[n, k, d]]_q$ , where  $k$  represents the size of  $q^k$  that is a  $q^k$ -dimensional subspace of the  $q^n$ -dimensional Hilbert space and  $d$  is the minimum distance. The quantum code can detect up to  $d - 1$  quantum errors and correct up to  $\lfloor \frac{d-1}{2} \rfloor$  quantum errors. Quantum MDS codes that satisfy the quantum

Singleton bound, that is,  $2d = n - k + 2$ , are constructed from the Hermitian construction by most scholars. Based on this Hermitian construction, quantum MDS codes have been constructed from constacyclic codes including negacyclic codes and cyclic codes. Some quantum MDS codes with minimum distance exceeding  $\frac{q}{2} + 1$  have been constructed from constacyclic codes. In [16], Kai et al. constructed two families of quantum MDS codes by using negacyclic codes. In [17], Kai et al. researched some families of constacyclic codes. In [38], Wang et al. studied two families of constacyclic codes extended from some results of [17]. In [4], Chen et al. studied some families of constacyclic codes that were different from the ones in [17] and used them to construct quantum MDS codes. For more results of quantum MDS codes,

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the readers can consult [24], [33], [40], [41]. However, the construction of quantum MDS codes with relatively large minimum distance is not an easy task. Most of known  $q$ -ary quantum MDS codes have minimum distance less than or equal to  $\frac{q}{2} + 1$  except for some special codes' length.

In recent years, the discovery of the theory of entanglement-assisted quantum codes plays an important role in the area of quantum error-correction. Entanglement-assisted stabilizer formalism was proposed by Brun et al. in [2]. They showed that if the sender and the receiver shared a certain amount of pre-existing entanglement, some entanglement-assisted quantum codes can be constructed without dual-containing classical quaternary codes [2]. Many scholars have constructed some entanglement-assisted quantum codes with good parameters in [1], [13], [21], [39]. In [25], the concept about a decomposition of the defining set of cyclic code was proposed by Li et al., and this method was used to construct some entanglement-assisted quantum codes having good parameters. In [32], Qian et al. constructed some families of entanglement-assisted quantum codes by using arbitrary binary linear codes and showed the existence of asymptotically good entanglement-assisted quantum codes. In [2], Brun et al. proposed the entanglement-assisted Singleton bound for entanglement-assisted quantum codes, which could be called entanglement-assisted quantum maximum-distance-separable (MDS) codes. A construction of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with the help of a small amount of pre-shared maximally entanglement was provided by Fan et al. in [10]. Guenda et al. introduced the hull of the classical codes and constructed some families of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes in [12]. Based on the results of [22], [25], we proposed a decomposition of the defining set of negacyclic codes and utilized this method to construct some families of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with different lengths in [6]. In [26], [27], Lü et al. used the decomposition of the defining set of negacyclic codes and constacyclic codes to construct some families of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes respectively, and someone of those constructed quantum MDS codes have larger minimum distance with  $d \geq q + 1$ . In [23], Liu et al. constructed some new entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes from constacyclic codes of length  $n = \frac{q^2-1}{r}$  for  $r = 3, 5, 6, 7$  and  $q \equiv -1 \pmod r$ . In fact, pre-shared entanglement can improve the error-correcting ability of quantum codes. By using the method of pre-shared entanglement, those quantum MDS codes with minimum distance not exceeding  $\frac{q}{2} + 1$  can exceed  $\frac{q}{2} + 1$  or even  $q + 1$ . Therefore, it is necessary for us to consider the construction of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with larger distance.

Moreover, in quantum coding theory, how to determine the number of pre-shared maximally entangled states to make the minimum distance of quantum MDS codes larger than  $\frac{q}{2} + 1$  or even  $q + 1$  is an interesting problem. In [28], although Luo et al. studied some classes of entanglement-assisted

MDS codes from generalized Reed-Solomon codes under the Euclidean case and the parameters of those codes were new and flexible relative to the ones from [6], [12], [27], [34], the authors just consider the Euclidean construction not Hermitian construction. Very recently, in [11], although Fang et al. presented several classes of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes by employing the Hermitian hull of generalized Reed-Solomon codes, they did not consider the case of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with length  $\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}$ . In this paper, the method that is the decomposition of the defining set of constacyclic codes with length  $\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}$  is used to determine the number of pre-shared maximally entangled states, and then to construct some new families of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with length  $\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}$ , which is different from the one used in [11], [28]. Additionally, by the method, the length of entanglement-assisted quantum codes is more general, so we can obtain more entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with minimum distance that is more than  $\frac{q}{2} + 1$  relative to the ones of [19], [26], [27]. Furthermore, we can also use the same method of the decomposition of the defining set of constacyclic codes to obtain other entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with the number of pre-shared maximally entangled states that exceeds 9 in the Hermitian construction. Some families of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes constructed in this paper are listed as follows.

(1)  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 3, d; 1]]_q$ , where  $q$  is an odd prime power with the form  $q = \alpha m + t$ ,  $m$  is a positive integer,  $\alpha$  and  $t \geq 2$  are positive integers such that  $\alpha = t^2 + 1$  and  $2 \leq d \leq \frac{2tq+2}{\alpha}$  is even.

(2)  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 7, d; 5]]_q$ , where  $q$  is an odd prime power of the form  $q = \alpha m + t$ ,  $m$  is a positive integer,  $\alpha$  and  $t \geq 2$  are positive integers such that  $\alpha = t^2 + 1$  and  $\frac{2tq+2+2\alpha}{\alpha} \leq d \leq \frac{2(t+1)q-2(t-1)}{\alpha}$  is even.

(3)  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 11, d; 9]]_q$ , where  $q$  is an odd prime power of the form  $q = \alpha m + t$ ,  $m$  is a positive integer,  $\alpha$  and  $t \geq 3$  are positive integers such that  $\alpha = t^2 + 1$  and  $\frac{2(t+1)q-2(t-1)+2\alpha}{\alpha} \leq d \leq \frac{2(2t-1)q+2t+4}{\alpha}$  is even. If  $t = 2$ , then there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 11, d; 9]]_q$ , where  $\frac{6q+8}{5} \leq d \leq \frac{8q-6}{5}$  is even.

(4)  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 3, d; 1]]_q$ , where  $q$  is an odd prime power with the form  $q = \alpha m + \alpha - t$ ,  $m$  is a positive integer,  $\alpha$  and  $t \geq 2$  are positive integers such that  $\alpha = t^2 + 1$  and  $2 \leq d \leq \frac{2tq-2}{\alpha}$  is even.

(5)  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 7, d; 5]]_q$ , where  $q$  is an odd prime power of the form  $q = \alpha m + \alpha - t$ ,  $m$  is a positive integer,  $\alpha$  and  $t \geq 2$  are positive integers such that  $\alpha = t^2 + 1$  and  $\frac{2tq-2+2\alpha}{\alpha} \leq d \leq \frac{2(t+1)q+2(t-1)}{\alpha}$  is even.

(6)  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 11, d; 9]]_q$ , where  $q$  is an odd prime power of the form  $q = \alpha m + \alpha - t$ ,  $m$  is a positive integer,  $\alpha$  and  $t > 3$  are positive integers such that  $\alpha = t^2 + 1$  and  $\frac{2(t+1)q+2(t-1)+2\alpha}{\alpha} \leq d \leq \frac{2(2t-1)q-2t-4}{\alpha}$  is even.

If  $t = 2$ , then there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 11, d; 9]]_q$ , where  $\frac{6q+12}{5} \leq d \leq \frac{8q-4}{5}$  is even. If  $t = 3$ , then there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 11, d; 9]]_q$ , where  $\frac{8q+24}{10} \leq d \leq \frac{10q+10}{10}$  is even.

The main organization of this paper is as follows. In Sec. 2, we present some definitions and basic results of constacyclic codes and entanglement-assisted quantum codes. In Sec. 3, we construct some families of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes by using constacyclic codes with length  $\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}$ , where some quantum MDS codes have larger minimum distance exceeding  $\frac{q}{2} + 1$  or  $q + 1$ . In Sec. 4, we give the conclusion and discussion.

## II. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we recall some basic results about constacyclic codes in [4], [14], [16], [17], [20], [24], [29], [33], [38], [40], [41] and some results of entanglement-assisted quantum codes in [2], [6], [23], [25], [26].

Let  $F_{q^2}$  be the finite field with  $q^2$  elements, where  $q$  is a power of  $p$  and  $p$  is an odd prime number. Assume that  $n$  is a positive integer relatively prime to  $q$ , i.e.,  $\gcd(n, q) = 1$ . If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $k$ -dimensional subspace of  $F_{q^2}^n$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  is said to be an  $[n, k]$ -linear code. The number of nonzero components of  $c \in \mathcal{C}$  is said to be the weight  $wt(c)$  of the codeword  $c$ . The minimum nonzero weight  $d$  of all codewords in  $\mathcal{C}$  is said to be the minimum weight of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Let  $a^q = (a_0^q, a_1^q, \dots, a_{n-1}^q)$  denote the conjugation of the vector  $a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$ . For  $u = (u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{n-1})$  and  $v = (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}) \in F_{q^2}^n$ , the Hermitian inner product is defined as

$$\langle u, v \rangle_h = u_0 v_0^q + u_1 v_1^q + \dots + u_{n-1} v_{n-1}^q.$$

The Hermitian dual code of  $\mathcal{C}$  can be defined as

$$\mathcal{C}^{\perp_h} = \{u \in F_{q^2}^n \mid \langle u, v \rangle_h = 0 \text{ for all } v \in \mathcal{C}\}.$$

If  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{C}^{\perp_h}$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  is called a Hermitian self-orthogonal code. If  $\mathcal{C}^{\perp_h} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  is a Hermitian dual-containing code.

Given a nonzero element  $\lambda \in F_{q^2}^*$ , a linear code  $\mathcal{C}$  of length  $n$  over  $F_{q^2}$  is said to be  $\lambda$ -constacyclic if  $(\lambda c_{n-1}, c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-2}) \in \mathcal{C}$  for every  $(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}) \in \mathcal{C}$ . When  $\lambda = -1$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  is a negacyclic code. When  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  is a cyclic code. We know that a  $q^2$ -ary  $\lambda$ -constacyclic code  $\mathcal{C}$  of length  $n$  is an ideal of  $F_{q^2}[x]/\langle x^n - \lambda \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  can be generated by a monic polynomial  $g(x)$  which divides  $x^n - \lambda$ . From [4], [17], we can see that the Hermitian dual  $\mathcal{C}^{\perp_h}$  of a  $\lambda$ -constacyclic code over  $F_{q^2}$  is a  $\lambda^{-q}$ -constacyclic code. Assume that  $\lambda \in F_{q^2}^*$  is a primitive  $r$ -th root of unity, and then there exists a primitive  $rn$ -th root of unity over some extension field of  $F_{q^2}$ , denoted by  $\eta$ , such that  $\eta^n = \lambda$ . Let  $\xi = \eta^r$ , then  $\xi$  is a primitive  $n$ -th root of unity, which implies that the elements  $\eta \xi^i = \eta^{1+ri}$  are the roots of  $x^n - \lambda$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}_m = \{1 + jr \mid 0 \leq j \leq n-1\}$ . For each  $i \in \mathcal{O}_m$ , the  $q^2$ -cyclotomic coset modulo  $rn$

containing  $i$  is  $C_i = \{i, iq^2, iq^4, \dots, iq^{2k-2}\} \bmod rn$ , where  $k$  is the smallest positive integer such that  $iq^{2k} \equiv i \bmod rn$ . The defining set of a constacyclic code  $\mathcal{C} = \langle g(x) \rangle$  of length  $n$  is the set

$$Z = \{i \in \mathcal{O}_m \mid \eta^i \text{ is a root of } g(x)\}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $[n, k]$  constacyclic code over  $F_{q^2}$  with defining set  $Z$ . Then the Hermitian dual  $\mathcal{C}^{\perp_h}$  has a defining set  $Z^{\perp_h} = \{z \in \mathcal{O}_m \mid -qz \bmod rn \notin Z\}$ .

*Proposition 1 (The BCH Bound for Constacyclic Codes [17], [20]):* Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a  $q^2$ -ary constacyclic code of length  $n$ . If the generator polynomial  $g(x)$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  has the elements  $\{\eta^{1+ri} \mid 0 \leq i \leq d-2\}$  as the roots where  $\eta$  is a primitive  $rn$ -th root of unity, then the minimum distance of  $\mathcal{C}$  is at least  $d$ .

*Proposition 2 (Singleton bound [14], [29]):* If an  $[n, k, d]$  linear code  $\mathcal{C}$  over  $F_q$  exists, then

$$k \leq n - d + 1.$$

If  $k = n - d + 1$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  is called an MDS code.

*Lemma 1 ([4], [17]):* Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a  $q^2$ -ary constacyclic code of length  $n$  with defining set  $Z$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  contains its Hermitian dual code if and only if  $Z \cap -qZ = \emptyset$ , where  $-qZ = \{-qz \bmod rn \mid z \in Z\}$ .

In the following of this section, we recall some basic notions and results of entanglement-assisted quantum codes in [2], [6], [23], [25], [26].

An entanglement-assisted quantum code can be denoted as  $[[n, k, d; c]]_q$ , with the help of  $c$  pairs of maximally entangled states, which encodes  $k$  information qubits into  $n$  channel qubits, where the minimum distance is  $d$ . Let  $H$  be an  $(n - k) \times n$  parity check matrix of  $\mathcal{C}$  over  $F_{q^2}$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}^{\perp_h}$  has an  $n \times (n - k)$  generator matrix  $H^\dagger$ , where  $H^\dagger$  is the conjugate transpose matrix of  $H$  over  $F_{q^2}$ .

*Theorem 1 ([2], [6], [23], [25], [26]):* If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a classical code and  $H$  is its parity check matrix over  $F_{q^2}$ , then there exist entanglement-assisted codes with parameters

$$[[n, 2k - n + c, d; c]]_q,$$

where  $c = \text{rank}(HH^\dagger)$  is the number of maximally entangled states required.

*Proposition 3 ([2], [6], [23], [25], [26]):* If  $\mathcal{C}$  is an entanglement-assisted quantum code with parameters  $[[n, k, d; c]]_q$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  satisfies the entanglement-assisted Singleton bound  $n + c - k \leq 2(d - 1)$ . If  $\mathcal{C}$  satisfies the equality

$$n + c - k = 2(d - 1),$$

then it is called an entanglement-assisted quantum MDS code.

**III. CONSTRUCTIONS OF ENTANGLEMENT-ASSISTED QUANTUM MDS CODES**

In [23], [26], the authors gave the definition for the decomposition of the defining set of constacyclic codes that containing cyclic codes and negacyclic codes.

*Definition 1 ([23], [26]):* Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a constacyclic code of length  $n$  with defining set  $Z$ . Assume that  $Z_1 = Z \cap (-qZ)$  and  $Z_2 = Z \setminus Z_1$ , where  $-qZ = \{rn - qx | x \in Z\}$ . Then  $Z = Z_1 \cup Z_2$  is called a decomposition of the defining set of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

*Lemma 2 ([23], [26]):* Let  $Z$  be a defining set of a constacyclic code  $\mathcal{C}$  with length  $n$ , where  $\gcd(n, q) = 1$ . Suppose that  $Z = Z_1 \cup Z_2$  is a decomposition of  $Z$ . Then the required number of entangled states is  $c = |Z_1|$ .

Similar to Lemma 3.1 in [24], we can get Lemma 3 as follows.

*Lemma 3:* Let  $n = \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}$ , where  $q$  is an odd prime power with the form  $q = \alpha m + t$  or  $q = \alpha m + \alpha - t$ ,  $m$  is a positive integer, both  $\alpha$  and  $t \geq 2$  are integers such that  $\alpha = t^2 + 1$ . Then the  $q^2$ -cyclotomic cosets modulo  $(q+1)n$  are  $C_n = \{n\}$  and  $C_{n-(q+1)j} = \{n - (q+1)j, n + (q+1)j\}$  for  $1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$ .

*Theorem 2:* Let  $n = \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}$ , where  $q$  is an odd prime power with the form  $q = \alpha m + t$ ,  $m$  is a positive integer, both  $\alpha$  and  $t \geq 2$  are integers such that  $\alpha = t^2 + 1$ . If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a constacyclic code whose defining set is given by  $Z = \cup_{i=1}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}$ , where  $1 \leq \delta \leq \frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha}$ , then  $\mathcal{C}^{\perp_h} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ .

*Proof:* We only need to consider that  $Z \cap -qZ = \emptyset$  from Lemma 1. If  $Z \cap -qZ \neq \emptyset$ , then there exist two integers  $i$  and  $j$ , where  $1 \leq i, j \leq \frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha}$ , such that

$$n - (q+1)i \equiv -q(n - (q+1)j)q^{2k} \pmod{(q+1)n}$$

for  $k \in \{0, 1\}$ . We can seek some contradictions as follows.

(1) If  $k = 0$ , then

$$n - (q+1)i \equiv -q(n - (q+1)j) \pmod{(q+1)n}$$

is equivalent to  $0 \equiv qj + i \pmod{n}$ .

For  $1 \leq i, j \leq \frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha}$ , we can consider the following cases.

(i) When  $1 \leq j \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} q+1 &\leq qj+i \\ &\leq q \frac{q-t}{\alpha} + \frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha} \\ &= \frac{q^2-\alpha+1}{\alpha} < n. \end{aligned}$$

It is in contradiction with the congruence  $0 \equiv qj + i \pmod{n}$ .

(ii) When  $\frac{q-t+\alpha}{\alpha} \leq j \leq \frac{2q-2t}{\alpha}$ , let  $j' = j - \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , where  $1 \leq j' \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ . Then we have

$$0 \equiv q(j' + \frac{q-t}{\alpha}) + i \pmod{n},$$

which is equivalent to

$$0 \equiv qj' + \frac{q^2-tq}{\alpha} + i \equiv qj' - \frac{tq+1}{\alpha} + i \pmod{n}.$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{(\alpha-t)q + \alpha - 1}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qj' - \frac{tq+1}{\alpha} + i \\ &\leq q \frac{q-t}{\alpha} - \frac{tq+1}{\alpha} + \frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha} \\ &= \frac{q^2-\alpha-tq}{\alpha} < n. \end{aligned}$$

It is in contradiction with the congruence  $0 \equiv qj' - \frac{tq+1}{\alpha} + i \pmod{n}$ .

(iii) When  $\frac{(\epsilon-1)q-(\epsilon-1)t+\alpha}{\alpha} \leq j \leq \frac{\epsilon q-\epsilon t}{\alpha}$ , where  $3 \leq \epsilon \leq t$  (if there exists  $t \geq 3$ ), let  $j' = j - \frac{(\epsilon-1)q-(\epsilon-1)t}{\alpha}$ , where  $1 \leq j' \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ . Then we have

$$0 \equiv q(j' + \frac{(\epsilon-1)q-(\epsilon-1)t}{\alpha}) + i \pmod{n},$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\equiv qj' + \frac{(\epsilon-1)q^2 - (\epsilon-1)qt}{\alpha} + i \\ &\equiv qj' - \frac{(\epsilon-1)tq + (\epsilon-1)}{\alpha} + i \pmod{n}. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{(t+1)q + \alpha - t + 1}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{(\alpha - (\epsilon-1)t)q + \alpha - (\epsilon-1)}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qj' - \frac{(\epsilon-1)tq + (\epsilon-1)}{\alpha} + i \\ &\leq q \frac{q-t}{\alpha} - \frac{(\epsilon-1)tq + (\epsilon-1)}{\alpha} + \frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha} \\ &= \frac{q^2-\alpha+1 - (\epsilon-1)tq - (\epsilon-1)}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{q^2-\alpha-2tq-1}{\alpha} < n. \end{aligned}$$

It is in contradiction with the congruence

$$0 \equiv qj' - \frac{(\epsilon-1)tq + (\epsilon-1)}{\alpha} + i \pmod{n}.$$

(2) If  $k = 1$ , then

$$n - (q+1)i \equiv -q(n - (q+1)j)q^2 \pmod{(q+1)n}$$

is equivalent to  $qj \equiv i \pmod{n}$ .

For  $1 \leq i, j \leq \frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha}$ , we can consider the following cases.

(i) When  $1 \leq j \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , we have

$$q \leq qj \leq q \frac{q-t}{\alpha} \leq \frac{q^2-tq}{\alpha} < n.$$

It is in contradiction with  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha}$ .

(ii) When  $\frac{q-t+\alpha}{\alpha} \leq j \leq \frac{2q-2t}{\alpha}$ , let  $j' = j - \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , where  $1 \leq j' \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ . Then we have

$$i \equiv q(j' + \frac{q-t}{\alpha}) \pmod n,$$

which is equivalent to

$$i \equiv qj' + \frac{q^2 - tq}{\alpha} \equiv qj' - \frac{tq + 1}{\alpha} \pmod n.$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{(\alpha - t)q - 1}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qj' - \frac{tq + 1}{\alpha} \\ &\leq q \frac{q-t}{\alpha} - \frac{tq + 1}{\alpha} \\ &= \frac{q^2 - 2tq - 1}{\alpha} < n. \end{aligned}$$

It is in contradiction with  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha}$ .

(iii) When  $\frac{(\varepsilon-1)q-(\varepsilon-1)t+\alpha}{\alpha} \leq j \leq \frac{\varepsilon q-\varepsilon t}{\alpha}$ , where  $3 \leq \varepsilon \leq t$  (if there exists  $t \geq 3$ ), let  $j' = j - \frac{(\varepsilon-1)q-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha}$  and  $1 \leq j' \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ .

Then we have

$$i \equiv q(j' + \frac{(\varepsilon - 1)q - (\varepsilon - 1)t}{\alpha}) \pmod n,$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} i &\equiv qj' + \frac{(\varepsilon - 1)q^2 - (\varepsilon - 1)qt}{\alpha} \\ &\equiv qj' - \frac{(\varepsilon - 1)tq + (\varepsilon - 1)}{\alpha} \pmod n. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{q(t+1) - t + 1}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qj' - \frac{(\varepsilon - 1)tq + (\varepsilon - 1)}{\alpha} \\ &\leq q \frac{q-t}{\alpha} - \frac{(\varepsilon - 1)tq + (\varepsilon - 1)}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{q^2 - 3tq - 2}{\alpha} < n. \end{aligned}$$

It is in contradiction with  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha}$ .

From the above discussion, the result follows.  $\square$

**Theorem 3:** Let  $n = \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}$ , where  $q$  is an odd prime power with the form  $q = \alpha m + t$ ,  $m$  is a positive integer, both  $\alpha$  and  $t \geq 2$  are positive integers such that  $\alpha = t^2 + 1$ . If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $q^2$ -ary constacyclic code of length  $n$  with defining set  $Z = \cup_{i=0}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}$  for  $0 \leq \delta \leq \frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha}$ , then there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 3, d; 1]]_q$ , where  $2 \leq d \leq \frac{2tq+2}{\alpha}$  is even.

*Proof:* From Lemma 3, we assume that the defining set of constacyclic code  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $Z = \cup_{i=0}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}$  for  $0 \leq \delta \leq \frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha}$ , and then  $\mathcal{C}$  is a constacyclic code with parameters

$[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2\delta - 1, 2\delta + 2]]_{q^2}$  from Propositions 1 and 2. The defining set of  $\mathcal{C}$  can be divided into two mutually disjoint subsets, i.e.,  $Z = Z_0 \cup Z_1$ , where  $Z_0 = C_n$  and  $Z_1 = \cup_{i=1}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}$  for  $1 \leq \delta \leq \frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha}$ . Assume that the defining sets  $Z_0$  and  $Z_1$  can generate constacyclic codes  $\mathcal{C}_0$  and  $\mathcal{C}_1$  respectively. Let the parity check matrices of  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_0$  and  $\mathcal{C}_1$  over  $F_{q^2}$  be  $H$ ,  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ , respectively. Therefore,

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} H_0 \\ H_1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$HH^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} H_0H_0^\dagger & H_0H_1^\dagger \\ H_1H_0^\dagger & H_1H_1^\dagger \end{pmatrix}.$$

From Theorem 2, we can see that  $H_1H_1^\dagger = 0$ . Moreover, we have  $H_0H_1^\dagger = 0$ , and  $H_1H_0^\dagger = 0$  from

$$C_n \cap -q(\cup_{i=1}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}) = -q(C_n \cap (\cup_{i=1}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i})) = \emptyset,$$

and then

$$HH^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} H_0H_0^\dagger & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $Z_0 \cap -qZ_0 = \{n\}$ , it follows that  $rank(H_0H_0^\dagger) = 1$ . From Lemma 2, we have  $c = 1$ . Therefore, there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 3, d; 1]]_q$  from Theorem 1 and Proposition 3, where  $2 \leq d \leq \frac{2tq+2}{\alpha}$  is even.  $\square$

*Example 1:* If  $t = 7$  and  $m = 3$ , then  $q = 157$  and  $n = 493$ . Hence, there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes that from Theorem 3 are listed in Table 1.

**TABLE 1. Sample parameters of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes constructed from Theorem 3.**

$q$	$n$	$[[n, k, d; c]]_q$
157	493	$[[493, 492, 2; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 488, 4; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 484, 6; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 480, 8; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 476, 10; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 472, 12; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 468, 14; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 464, 16; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 460, 18; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 456, 20; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 452, 22; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 448, 24; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 444, 26; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 440, 28; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 436, 30; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 432, 32; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 428, 34; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 424, 36; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 420, 38; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 416, 40; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 412, 42; 1]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 408, 44; 1]]_{157}$

**Theorem 4:** Let  $n = \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}$ , where  $q$  is an odd prime power with the form  $q = \alpha m + t$ ,  $m$  is a positive integer, both

$\alpha$  and  $t \geq 2$  are positive integers such that  $\alpha = t^2 + 1$ . If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $q^2$ -ary constacyclic code of length  $n$  with defining set  $Z = \cup_{i=0}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}$  for  $\frac{tq+1}{\alpha} \leq \delta \leq \frac{(t+1)q-t(t+1)}{\alpha}$ , then there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 7, d; 5]]_q$ , where  $\frac{2tq+2\alpha+2}{\alpha} \leq d \leq \frac{2(t+1)q-2(t-1)}{\alpha}$  is even.

*Proof:* From Lemma 3, we assume that the defining set of constacyclic code  $\mathcal{C}$  is given by  $Z = \cup_{i=0}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}$  for  $\frac{tq+1}{\alpha} \leq \delta \leq \frac{(t+1)q-t(t+1)}{\alpha}$ , and then  $\mathcal{C}$  is a constacyclic code with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2\delta - 1, 2\delta + 2]]_{q^2}$  from Propositions 1 and 2. The defining set of  $\mathcal{C}$  can be divided into three mutually disjoint subsets, i.e.,  $Z = Z_0 \cup Z_1 \cup Z_2$ , where  $Z_0 = C_n$ ,  $Z_1 = \cup_{i=1}^{\frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i}$  and  $Z_2 = \cup_{i=\frac{tq+1}{\alpha}}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}$ . Assume that the defining sets  $Z_0, Z_1, Z_2$  can generate constacyclic codes  $\mathcal{C}_0, \mathcal{C}_1$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$  respectively. Let the parity check matrices of  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_0, \mathcal{C}_1$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$  over  $F_{q^2}$  be  $H, H_0, H_1$  and  $H_2$ , respectively. Therefore,

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} H_0 \\ H_1 \\ H_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$HH^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} H_0H_0^\dagger & H_0H_1^\dagger & H_0H_2^\dagger \\ H_1H_0^\dagger & H_1H_1^\dagger & H_1H_2^\dagger \\ H_2H_0^\dagger & H_2H_1^\dagger & H_2H_2^\dagger \end{pmatrix}.$$

From the proof of Theorem 3, we have  $rank(H_0H_0^\dagger) = 1$ ,  $H_0H_1^\dagger = 0$ ,  $H_1H_0^\dagger = 0$  and  $H_1H_1^\dagger = 0$ , furthermore,  $H_0H_2^\dagger = 0$  and  $H_2H_0^\dagger = 0$  from

$$\begin{aligned} C_n \cap -q(\cup_{i=\frac{tq+1}{\alpha}}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}) \\ = -q(C_n \cap (\cup_{i=\frac{tq+1}{\alpha}}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i})) = \emptyset, \end{aligned}$$

and then

$$HH^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} H_0H_0^\dagger & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & H_1H_2^\dagger \\ 0 & H_2H_1^\dagger & H_2H_2^\dagger \end{pmatrix}.$$

In order to determine the number of entangled states of entanglement-assisted quantum codes, we discuss two cases as follows.

(1)  $H_2H_2^\dagger = 0$ . In fact, we only need to consider that  $Z_2 \cap -qZ_2 = \emptyset$  from Lemma 1. If  $Z_2 \cap -qZ_2 \neq \emptyset$ , where  $Z_2 = \cup_{i=1}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)(i+\frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha})}$  with  $1 \leq \delta \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , then there exist two integers  $i$  and  $j$ , where  $1 \leq i, j \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} n - (q+1)(i + \frac{tq - \alpha + 1}{\alpha}) \\ \equiv -q(n - (q+1)(j + \frac{tq - \alpha + 1}{\alpha}))q^{2k} \pmod{(q+1)n} \end{aligned}$$

for  $k \in \{0, 1\}$ .

If  $k = 0$ , then we have

$$qj + i \equiv \frac{t(t-1)q + t(t+1)}{\alpha} \pmod{n},$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{(q+1) + t(q-1)}{\alpha} \\ &\leq q+1 - \frac{t(t-1)q + t(t+1)}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qj + i - \frac{t(t-1)q + t(t+1)}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{q^2 - tq}{\alpha} + \frac{q-t}{\alpha} - \frac{t(t-1)q + t(t+1)}{\alpha} \\ &= \frac{q^2 - (t^2 - 1)q - t^2 - 2t}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with

$$qj + i \equiv \frac{t(t-1)q + t(t+1)}{\alpha} \pmod{n}.$$

If  $k = 1$ , then we have

$$qj \equiv i + \frac{t(t+1)q - t(t-1)}{\alpha} \pmod{n}.$$

When  $j = 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} q &< \frac{\alpha q + (t-1)q + 1 + t}{\alpha} \\ &= 1 + \frac{t(t+1)q - t(t-1)}{\alpha} \\ &\leq i + \frac{t(t+1)q - t(t-1)}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha} + \frac{t(t+1)q - t(t-1)}{\alpha} \\ &= \frac{t(t+1)q + q - t^2}{\alpha} \\ &= \frac{\alpha q + tq - t^2}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with

$$q \equiv i + \frac{t(t+1)q - t(t-1)}{\alpha} \pmod{n}.$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , and  $2 \leq j \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$  (if  $q = \alpha + t$ , then we have  $j = 1$ , which has been discussed), we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{(t^2 - t + 1)q + t^2}{\alpha} \\ &\leq 2q - \frac{q-t}{\alpha} - \frac{t(t+1)q - t(t-1)}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qj - i - \frac{t(t+1)q - t(t-1)}{\alpha} \\ &\leq q\frac{q-t}{\alpha} - 1 - \frac{t(t+1)q - t(t-1)}{\alpha} \\ &= \frac{q^2 - (t^2 + 2t)q - t - 1}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with

$$qj \equiv i + \frac{t(t+1)q - t(t-1)}{\alpha} \pmod{n}.$$

(2)  $rank(H_1H_2^\dagger) = rank(H_2H_1^\dagger) = 2$ . We can assume that  $Z_1 = \cup_{i=1}^{\frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i}$  can be divided into three defining sets which are

$$Z_{11} = \cup_{i=1}^{\frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i},$$

$$Z_{12} = C_{n-(q+1)\frac{q-t}{\alpha}}$$

and

$$Z_{13} = \cup_{i=\frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha}}^{\frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i}.$$

Here, we only consider the case of  $q > \alpha + t$ , if  $q = \alpha + t$ , then we can use the same method to discuss that  $Z_1 = \cup_{i=1}^{\frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i} = C_{n-(q+1)\frac{q-t}{\alpha}} \cup (\cup_{i=\frac{q+\alpha-t}{\alpha}}^{\frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i})$ .

Therefore, the defining sets  $Z_{11}, Z_{12}, Z_{13}$  and  $Z_2$  can generate constacyclic codes  $C_{11}, C_{12}, C_{13}$  and  $C_2$  respectively.

Let the parity check matrices of  $C_1, C_{11}, C_{12}, C_{13}$  and  $C_2$  over  $F_{q^2}$  be  $H_1, H_{11}, H_{12}, H_{13}$  and  $H_2$ , respectively. Therefore,

$$H_1H_2^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} H_{11}H_2^\dagger \\ H_{12}H_2^\dagger \\ H_{13}H_2^\dagger \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} & -qC_{n-(q+1)\frac{q-t}{\alpha}} \cap (\cup_{i=\frac{tq+1}{\alpha}}^\delta C_{n-(q+1)i}) \\ &= C_{n-(q+1)\frac{tq+1}{\alpha}} \cap (\cup_{i=\frac{tq+1}{\alpha}}^\delta C_{n-(q+1)i}) \\ &= C_{n-(q+1)\frac{tq+1}{\alpha}}, \end{aligned}$$

in order to obtain  $rank(H_1H_2^\dagger) = rank(H_2H_1^\dagger) = 2$ , we have to show that  $H_{11}H_2^\dagger = 0$  and  $H_{13}H_2^\dagger = 0$  as follows.

(i)  $H_{11}H_2^\dagger = 0$ . In fact, it only need to show that

$$-q(\cup_{i=1}^{\frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i}) \cap (\cup_{i=0}^\delta C_{n-(q+1)(i+\frac{tq+1}{\alpha})}) = \emptyset$$

from Lemma 1, where  $0 \leq \delta \leq \frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha}$ . Assume that there exist two integers  $i, j, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha}$  and  $0 \leq j \leq \frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha}$ , such that

$$-q(C_{n-(q+1)i}) \cap (C_{n-(q+1)(j+\frac{tq+1}{\alpha})}) \neq \emptyset.$$

Then we have

$$-q(n - (q+1)i)q^{2k} \equiv n - (q+1)(j + \frac{tq+1}{\alpha}) \pmod{(q+1)n}.$$

If  $k = 0$ , then

$$-q(n - (q+1)i) \equiv n - (q+1)(j + \frac{tq+1}{\alpha}) \pmod{(q+1)n},$$

which is equivalent to

$$j + \frac{tq+1}{\alpha} + qi \equiv 0 \pmod{n},$$

where  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha}$  and  $0 \leq j \leq \frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha}$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{(\alpha+t)q+1}{\alpha} \\ &= q + \frac{tq+1}{\alpha} \\ &\leq j + \frac{tq+1}{\alpha} + qi \\ &\leq (q+1)\frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha} + \frac{tq+1}{\alpha} \\ &= \frac{q^2 - (\alpha-1)q - t(t+1)}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

it is in contradiction with  $j + \frac{tq+1}{\alpha} + qi \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ .

If  $k = 1$ , then

$$-q^3(n - (q+1)i) \equiv n - (q+1)(j + \frac{tq+1}{\alpha}) \pmod{(q+1)n},$$

which is equivalent to

$$j + \frac{tq+1}{\alpha} \equiv qi \pmod{n},$$

where  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha}$  and  $0 \leq j \leq \frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha}$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{tq+1}{\alpha} \\ &\leq j + \frac{tq+1}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{(t+1)q - t(t+1)}{\alpha} < q, \end{aligned}$$

it is in contradiction with  $q \leq qi \leq \frac{q^2 - (\alpha+t)q}{\alpha}$ .

(ii)  $H_{13}H_2^\dagger = 0$ . In fact, it only need to show that

$$\begin{aligned} & (\cup_{i=1}^{\frac{(t-1)q-t(t-1)}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)(i+\frac{q-t}{\alpha})}) \\ & \cap -q(\cup_{i=0}^\delta C_{n-(q+1)(i+\frac{tq+1}{\alpha})}) = \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

from Lemma 1, where  $0 \leq \delta \leq \frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha}$ . Assume that

$$\begin{aligned} & (\cup_{i=1}^{\frac{(t-1)q-t(t-1)}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)(i+\frac{q-t}{\alpha})}) \\ & \cap -q(\cup_{i=0}^\delta C_{n-(q+1)(i+\frac{tq+1}{\alpha})}) \neq \emptyset, \end{aligned}$$

then there exist two integers  $i, j$ , where  $0 \leq j \leq \frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha}$  and  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{(t-1)q-t(t-1)}{\alpha}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & n - (q+1)(i + \frac{q-t}{\alpha}) \\ & \equiv -q(n - (q+1)(j + \frac{tq+1}{\alpha}))q^{2k} \pmod{(q+1)n} \end{aligned}$$

for  $k \in \{0, 1\}$ .

If  $k = 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & n - (q+1)(i + \frac{q-t}{\alpha}) \\ & \equiv -q(n - (q+1)(j + \frac{tq+1}{\alpha})) \pmod{(q+1)n}, \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$q(j + \frac{tq+1}{\alpha}) + (i + \frac{q-t}{\alpha}) \equiv 0 \pmod{n},$$

i.e.,

$$qj + i + \frac{2q - 2t}{\alpha} \equiv 0 \pmod{n},$$

where  $0 \leq j \leq \frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha}$  and  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{(t-1)q-t(t-1)}{\alpha}$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{2q + \alpha - 2t}{\alpha} \\ &= 1 + \frac{2q - 2t}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qj + \frac{2q - 2t}{\alpha} + i \\ &\leq q \frac{q - \alpha - t}{\alpha} + \frac{2q - 2t}{\alpha} + \frac{(t - 1)q - t(t - 1)}{\alpha} \\ &= \frac{q^2 - t^2q - t(t + 1)}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

it is in contradiction with

$$qj + i + \frac{2q - 2t}{\alpha} \equiv 0 \pmod{n}.$$

If  $k = 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} n - (q + 1)(i + \frac{q - t}{\alpha}) \\ \equiv -q(n + (q + 1)(j + \frac{tq + 1}{\alpha})) \pmod{(q + 1)n}, \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$q(j + \frac{tq + 1}{\alpha}) \equiv i + \frac{q - t}{\alpha} \pmod{n},$$

i.e.,

$$qj \equiv i \pmod{n},$$

where  $0 \leq j \leq \frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha}$  and  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{(t-1)q-t(t-1)}{\alpha}$ . If  $j = 0$ , then  $i = 0$ , which is in contradiction with  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{(t-1)q-t(t-1)}{\alpha}$ . For  $q \leq qj \leq \frac{q^2-\alpha q-tq}{\alpha} < n$ , it is in contradiction with  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{(t-1)q-t(t-1)}{\alpha}$ .

Therefore, we have  $\text{rank}(H_1H_2^\dagger) = 2$  and  $\text{rank}(HH^\dagger) = 5$ . Moreover, we have  $c = 5$  from Lemma 2. From Theorem 1 and Proposition 3, there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 7, d; 5]]_q$ , where  $\frac{2tq+2\alpha+2}{\alpha} \leq d \leq \frac{2(t+1)q-2(t-1)}{\alpha}$  is even.  $\square$

*Example 2:* If  $t = 7$  and  $m = 3$ , then  $q = 157$  and  $n = 493$ . Additionally, Let  $t = 7$  and  $m = 5$ , then  $q = 257$  and  $n = 1321$ . Therefore, there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS code that from Theorem 4 are listed in Table 2.

*Theorem 5:* Let  $n = \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}$ , where  $q$  is an odd prime power with the form  $q = \alpha m + t$ ,  $m$  is a positive integer, both  $\alpha$  and  $t \geq 2$  are positive integers such that  $\alpha = t^2 + 1$ . Then we have the following results.

(1) If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $q^2$ -ary constacyclic code of length  $n$  with defining set  $Z = \cup_{i=0}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}$  for  $\frac{3q-1}{5} \leq \delta \leq \frac{4q-8}{5}$  (i.e.,  $t = 2$ ), then there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS

**TABLE 2.** Sample parameters of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes constructed from Theorem 4.

$q$	$n$	$[[n, k, d; c]]_q$
157	493	$[[493, 408, 46; 5]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 404, 48; 5]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 400, 50; 5]]_{157}$
257	1321	$[[1321, 1180, 74; 5]]_{257}$
257	1321	$[[1321, 1176, 76; 5]]_{257}$
257	1321	$[[1321, 1172, 78; 5]]_{257}$
257	1321	$[[1321, 1168, 80; 5]]_{257}$
257	1321	$[[1321, 1164, 82; 5]]_{257}$

codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{5}, \frac{q^2+1}{5} - 2d + 11, d; 9]]_q$ , where  $\frac{6q+8}{5} \leq d \leq \frac{8q-6}{5}$  is even.

(2) If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $q^2$ -ary constacyclic code of length  $n$  with defining set  $Z = \cup_{i=0}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}$  for  $\frac{(t+1)q-t+1}{\alpha} \leq \delta \leq \frac{(2t-1)q-\alpha+t+2}{\alpha}$  (here,  $t \geq 3$ ), then there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 11, d; 9]]_q$ , where  $\frac{(2t+2)q+2\alpha-2t+2}{\alpha} \leq d \leq \frac{(4t-2)q+2t+4}{\alpha}$  is even.

*Proof:* Here, we only show the part (2) of this theorem, since the part (1) could be obtained by using the same method. From Lemma 3, the defining set of constacyclic code  $\mathcal{C}$  is given by  $Z = \cup_{i=0}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}$  for  $\frac{(t+1)q-t+1}{\alpha} \leq \delta \leq \frac{(2t-1)q-\alpha+t+2}{\alpha}$ . We can see that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a constacyclic code with parameters  $[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2\delta - 1, 2\delta + 2]_{q^2}$  from Propositions 1 and 2. The defining set of  $\mathcal{C}$  can be divided into four mutually disjoint subsets, i.e.,  $Z = Z_0 \cup Z_1 \cup Z_2 \cup Z_3$ , where  $Z_0 = C_n$ ,  $Z_1 = \cup_{i=1}^{\frac{tq-\alpha+1}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i}$ ,  $Z_2 = \cup_{i=\frac{tq+1}{\alpha}}^{\frac{(t+1)q-\alpha-t+1}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i}$  and  $Z_3 = \cup_{i=\frac{(t+1)q-t+1}{\alpha}}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}$ . Assume that the defining sets  $Z_0, Z_1, Z_2$  and  $Z_3$  can generate constacyclic codes  $\mathcal{C}_0, \mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2$  and  $\mathcal{C}_3$  respectively. Let the parity check matrices of  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}_0, \mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2$  and  $\mathcal{C}_3$  over  $F_{q^2}$  be  $H, H_0, H_1, H_2$  and  $H_3$ , respectively. Therefore,

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} H_0 \\ H_1 \\ H_2 \\ H_3 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$HH^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} H_0H_0^\dagger & H_0H_1^\dagger & H_0H_2^\dagger & H_0H_3^\dagger \\ H_1H_0^\dagger & H_1H_1^\dagger & H_1H_2^\dagger & H_1H_3^\dagger \\ H_2H_0^\dagger & H_2H_1^\dagger & H_2H_2^\dagger & H_2H_3^\dagger \\ H_3H_0^\dagger & H_3H_1^\dagger & H_3H_2^\dagger & H_3H_3^\dagger \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is easy to see that  $\text{rank}(H_0H_0^\dagger) = 1$ ,  $\text{rank}(H_2H_1^\dagger) = \text{rank}(H_1H_2^\dagger) = 2$ ,  $H_0H_1^\dagger = 0$ ,  $H_0H_2^\dagger = 0$ ,  $H_0H_3^\dagger = 0$  and  $H_0H_4^\dagger = 0$ , then

$$HH^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} H_0H_0^\dagger & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & H_1H_1^\dagger & H_1H_2^\dagger & H_1H_3^\dagger \\ 0 & H_2H_1^\dagger & H_2H_2^\dagger & H_2H_3^\dagger \\ 0 & H_3H_1^\dagger & H_3H_2^\dagger & H_3H_3^\dagger \end{pmatrix}.$$



From the proof of Theorem 4, we have

$$HH^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} H_0H_0^\dagger & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & H_1H_2^\dagger & H_1H_3^\dagger \\ 0 & H_2H_1^\dagger & 0 & H_2H_3^\dagger \\ 0 & H_3H_1^\dagger & H_3H_2^\dagger & H_3H_3^\dagger \end{pmatrix}.$$

In order to obtain

$$HH^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} H_0H_0^\dagger & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & H_1H_2^\dagger & H_1H_3^\dagger \\ 0 & H_2H_1^\dagger & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & H_3H_1^\dagger & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

we discuss three cases as follows.

(1)  $rank(H_1H_3^\dagger) = rank(H_3H_1^\dagger) = 2$ . In fact, if  $\delta = \frac{(t+1)q-t+1}{\alpha}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} -qC_{n-(q+1)\left(\frac{(t+1)q-t+1}{\alpha}\right)} \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\frac{tq-t^2}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i}\right) \\ = C_{n-(q+1)\left(\frac{(t-1)q+t+1}{\alpha}\right)}, \end{aligned}$$

then  $rank(H_1H_3^\dagger) = rank(H_3H_1^\dagger) = 2$ . For  $\frac{(t+1)q+\alpha-t+1}{\alpha} \leq \delta \leq \frac{(2t-1)q-\alpha+t+2}{\alpha}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} -q\left(\bigcup_{i=\frac{(t+1)q-t+1}{\alpha}}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}\right) \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\frac{tq-t^2}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i}\right) \\ = -q\left(\bigcup_{i=\frac{(t+1)q+\alpha-t+1}{\alpha}}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i} \cup C_{n-(q+1)\left(\frac{(t+1)q-t+1}{\alpha}\right)}\right) \\ \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\frac{tq-t^2}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i}\right) \\ = \left(-q\left(\bigcup_{i=\frac{(t+1)q+\alpha-t+1}{\alpha}}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}\right) \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\frac{tq-t^2}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i}\right)\right) \\ \cup \left(C_{n-(q+1)\left(\frac{(t-1)q+t+1}{\alpha}\right)} \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\frac{tq-t^2}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i}\right)\right) \\ = \left(-q\left(\bigcup_{i=\frac{(t+1)q+\alpha-t+1}{\alpha}}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}\right) \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\frac{tq-t^2}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i}\right)\right) \\ \cup C_{n-(q+1)\left(\frac{(t-1)q+t+1}{\alpha}\right)}. \end{aligned}$$

In order to get that  $rank(H_1H_3^\dagger) = rank(H_3H_1^\dagger) = 2$ , we need to show that

$$-q\left(\bigcup_{i=\frac{(t+1)q+\alpha-t+1}{\alpha}}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}\right) \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\frac{tq-t^2}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i}\right) = \emptyset,$$

with  $\frac{(t+1)q+\alpha-t+1}{\alpha} \leq \delta \leq \frac{(2t-1)q-\alpha+t+2}{\alpha}$ , which is equivalent to

$$-q\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)\left(i+\frac{(t+1)q-(t-1)}{\alpha}\right)}\right) \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\frac{tq-t^2}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i}\right) = \emptyset$$

for  $1 \leq \delta \leq \frac{(t-2)q-t(t-2)}{\alpha}$ .

If

$$-q\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)\left(i+\frac{(t+1)q-(t-1)}{\alpha}\right)}\right) \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\frac{tq-t^2}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i}\right) \neq \emptyset,$$

then we assume that there exist two integers  $i, j$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{(t-2)q-t(t-2)}{\alpha}$  and  $1 \leq j \leq \frac{tq-t^2}{\alpha}$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} -q\left(n - (q+1)\left(i + \frac{(t+1)q - (t-1)}{\alpha}\right)\right)q^{2k} \\ \equiv n - (q+1)j \pmod{(q+1)n} \end{aligned}$$

for  $k \in \{0, 1\}$ .

If  $k = 0$ , then it is equivalent to

$$qi + j - \frac{(t+1) + (t-1)q}{\alpha} \equiv 0 \pmod{n}.$$

(i) When  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \frac{(\alpha - t + 1)q + \alpha - t - 1}{\alpha} \\ = q + 1 - \frac{(t+1) + (t-1)q}{\alpha} \\ \leq qi - \frac{(t+1) + (t-1)q}{\alpha} + j \\ \leq \frac{q^2 - (t-1)q - t - \alpha}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with  $qi + j - \frac{(t+1) + (t-1)q}{\alpha} \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ .

(ii) When  $\frac{q+\alpha-t}{\alpha} \leq i \leq \frac{2q-2t}{\alpha}$ , and let  $i' = i - \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , we have  $1 \leq i' \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ . Then

$$q\left(i' + \frac{q-t}{\alpha}\right) - \frac{(t+1) + (t-1)q}{\alpha} + j \equiv 0 \pmod{n},$$

which is equivalent to  $qi' - \frac{t+2+(2t-1)q}{\alpha} + j \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \frac{(\alpha - 2t + 1)q + \alpha - t - 2}{\alpha} \\ = q + 1 - \frac{t + 2 + (2t - 1)q}{\alpha} \\ \leq qi' - \frac{t + 2 + (2t - 1)q}{\alpha} + j \\ \leq \frac{q^2 - t - 2 - (2t - 1)q - t^2}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with  $qi' - \frac{t+2+(2t-1)q}{\alpha} + j \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ .

(iii) When  $\frac{(\varepsilon-1)q+\alpha-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha} \leq i \leq \frac{\varepsilon q-\varepsilon t}{\alpha}$ , where  $3 \leq \varepsilon \leq t-2$  (Here, if there exists  $t \geq 5$ ), and let  $i' = i - \frac{(\varepsilon-1)q-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha}$ , then  $1 \leq i' \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ . We have

$$q\left(i' + \frac{(\varepsilon-1)q-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha}\right) - \frac{(t+1) + (t-1)q}{\alpha} + j \equiv 0 \pmod{n},$$

which is equivalent to  $qi' - \frac{t+\varepsilon+(t-1+(\varepsilon-1)t)q}{\alpha} + j \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ , and then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \frac{(2t+2)q + \alpha - 2t + 2}{\alpha} \\ \leq \frac{(\alpha - t + 1 - (\varepsilon - 1)t)q + \alpha - t - \varepsilon}{\alpha} \\ = q + 1 - \frac{t + \varepsilon + (t - 1 + (\varepsilon - 1)t)q}{\alpha} \\ \leq qi' - \frac{t + \varepsilon + (t - 1 + (\varepsilon - 1)t)q}{\alpha} + j \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{q^2 - tq}{\alpha} - \frac{t + \varepsilon + (t - 1 + (\varepsilon - 1)t)q}{\alpha} + \frac{tq - t^2}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{q^2 - (t - 1 + (\varepsilon - 1)t)q - t^2 - t - \varepsilon}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{q^2 - (3t - 1)q - t^2 - t - 3}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with  $qi' - \frac{t+\varepsilon+(t-1+(\varepsilon-1)t)q}{\alpha} + j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ .

If  $k = 1$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} -q(n + (q + 1)(i + \frac{(t + 1)q - (t - 1)}{\alpha})) \\ \equiv n - (q + 1)j \pmod{(q + 1)n}, \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to  $qi - \frac{(t+1)+(t-1)q}{\alpha} - j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ .

(i) When  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{(\alpha - 2t + 1)q + (t^2 - t - 1)}{\alpha} \\ &= q - \frac{(t + 1) + (t - 1)q}{\alpha} - \frac{tq - t^2}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qi - \frac{(t + 1) + (t - 1)q}{\alpha} - j \\ &\leq \frac{q^2 - (2t - 1)q - (\alpha + t + 1)}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with  $qi - \frac{(t+1)+(t-1)q}{\alpha} - j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ .

(ii) When  $\frac{q+\alpha-t}{\alpha} \leq i \leq \frac{2q-2t}{\alpha}$ , and let  $i' = i - \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , we have  $1 \leq i' \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ . We have

$$q(i' + \frac{q-t}{\alpha}) - \frac{(t+1)+(t-1)q}{\alpha} - j \equiv 0 \pmod n,$$

which is equivalent to  $qi' - \frac{t+2+(2t-1)q}{\alpha} - j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{(\alpha - 3t + 1)q + (t^2 - t - 2)}{\alpha} \\ &= q - \frac{tq - t^2}{\alpha} - \frac{t + 2 + (2t - 1)q}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qi' - \frac{t + 2 + (2t - 1)q}{\alpha} - j \\ &\leq \frac{q^2 - (3t - 1)q - t - 2 - \alpha}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with  $qi' - \frac{t+2+(2t-1)q}{\alpha} - j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ .

(iii) When  $\frac{(\varepsilon-1)q+\alpha-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha} \leq i \leq \frac{\varepsilon q-\varepsilon t}{\alpha}$ , where  $3 \leq \varepsilon \leq t-2$  (Here, if there exists  $t \geq 5$ ), and let  $i' = i - \frac{(\varepsilon-1)q-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha}$ , we have  $1 \leq i' \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ . Additionally,

$$q(i' + \frac{(\varepsilon-1)q-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha}) - \frac{(t+1)+(t-1)q}{\alpha} - j \equiv 0 \pmod n,$$

which is equivalent to  $qi' - \frac{\varepsilon+t+(\varepsilon t-1)q}{\alpha} - j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ .

For  $1 \leq i' \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$  and  $1 \leq j \leq \frac{tq-t^2}{\alpha}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{(t + 2)q + t^2 - 2t + 2}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{(\alpha - \varepsilon t - t + 1)q + t^2 - \varepsilon - t}{\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= q - \frac{tq - t^2}{\alpha} - \frac{\varepsilon + t + (\varepsilon t - 1)q}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qi' - \frac{\varepsilon + t + (\varepsilon t - 1)q}{\alpha} - j \\ &\leq \frac{q^2 - (\varepsilon t + t - 1)q - \varepsilon - t - \alpha}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{q^2 - (4t - 1)q - 3 - t - \alpha}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with  $qi' - \frac{\varepsilon+t+(\varepsilon t-1)q}{\alpha} - j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ .

(2)  $H_3H_2^\dagger = H_3H_2^\dagger = 0$ . In fact, we need to show that

$$-q(\cup_{i=\frac{(t+1)q-t+1}{\alpha}}^\delta C_{n-(q+1)i}) \cap (\cup_{i=\frac{tq+1}{\alpha}}^{\frac{(t+1)q-t(t+1)}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)i}) = \emptyset,$$

which is equivalent to

$$-q(\cup_{i=0}^\delta C_{n-(q+1)(i+\frac{(t+1)q-t+1}{\alpha})}) \cap (\cup_{i=0}^{\frac{q-t-\alpha}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)(i+\frac{tq+1}{\alpha})}) = \emptyset.$$

If

$$-q(\cup_{i=0}^\delta C_{n-(q+1)(i+\frac{(t+1)q-t+1}{\alpha})}) \cap (\cup_{i=0}^{\frac{q-t-\alpha}{\alpha}} C_{n-(q+1)(i+\frac{tq+1}{\alpha})}) = \emptyset,$$

then we assume that there exist two integers  $0 \leq i \leq \frac{(t-2)q-t(t-2)}{\alpha}$  and  $0 \leq j \leq \frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} -q(n - (q + 1)(i + \frac{(t + 1)q - (t - 1)}{\alpha}))q^{2k} \\ \equiv n - (q + 1)(j + \frac{tq + 1}{\alpha}) \pmod{(q + 1)n} \end{aligned}$$

for  $k \in \{0, 1\}$ .

If  $k = 0$ , it is equivalent to  $qi + j + \frac{q-t}{\alpha} \equiv 0 \pmod n$  for  $0 \leq i \leq \frac{(t-2)q-t(t-2)}{\alpha}$  and  $0 \leq j \leq \frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha}$ .

(i) When  $0 \leq i \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{q-t}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qi + \frac{q-t}{\alpha} + j \\ &\leq \frac{q^2 - (t-2)q - \alpha - 2t}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with  $qi + j + \frac{q-t}{\alpha} \equiv 0 \pmod n$ .

(ii) When  $\frac{q+\alpha-t}{\alpha} \leq i \leq \frac{2q-2t}{\alpha}$ , and let  $i' = i - \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , we have  $1 \leq i' \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ . We have

$$q(i' + \frac{q-t}{\alpha}) + j + \frac{q-t}{\alpha} \equiv 0 \pmod n,$$

which is equivalent to  $qi' - \frac{(t-1)q+t+1}{\alpha} + j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ , and then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{(\alpha - t + 1)q - t - 1}{\alpha} \\ &= q - \frac{(t - 1)q + t + 1}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qi' - \frac{(t - 1)q + t + 1}{\alpha} + j \\ &\leq \frac{q^2 - (2t - 2)q - 2t - 1 - \alpha}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with  $qi' - \frac{(t-1)q+t+1}{\alpha} + j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ .

(iii) When  $\frac{(\varepsilon-1)q+\alpha-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha} \leq i \leq \frac{\varepsilon q-\varepsilon t}{\alpha}$ , where  $3 \leq \varepsilon \leq t-2$  (Here, if there exists  $t \geq 5$ ), and let  $i' = i - \frac{(\varepsilon-1)q-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha}$ , we have  $1 \leq i' \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ . Additionally,

$$q(i' + \frac{(\varepsilon-1)q-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha}) + j + \frac{q-t}{\alpha} \equiv 0 \pmod n,$$

which is equivalent to  $qi' - \frac{((\varepsilon-1)t-1)q+(\varepsilon-1)+t}{\alpha} + j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ , and then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{(3t+2)q-2t+3}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{(\alpha-(\varepsilon-1)t+1)q-(\varepsilon-1)-t}{\alpha} \\ &= q - \frac{((\varepsilon-1)t-1)q+(\varepsilon-1)+t}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qi' - \frac{((\varepsilon-1)t-1)q+(\varepsilon-1)+t}{\alpha} + j \\ &\leq \frac{q^2-(\varepsilon t-2)q-(\varepsilon-1)-\alpha-2t}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{q^2-(3t-2)q-2-\alpha-2t}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with  $qi' - \frac{((\varepsilon-1)t-1)q+(\varepsilon-1)+t}{\alpha} + j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ .

If  $k = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} -q(n+(q+1)(i+\frac{(t+1)q-(t-1)}{\alpha})) \\ \equiv n-(q+1)(j+\frac{tq+1}{\alpha}) \pmod{(q+1)n} \end{aligned}$$

for  $0 \leq i \leq \frac{(t-2)q-(t-2)t}{\alpha}$  and  $0 \leq j \leq \frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha}$ , which is equivalent to  $qi \equiv j + \frac{(2t-1)q+t+2}{\alpha} \pmod n$ .

(i) When  $0 \leq i \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , for  $i = 0$ , we have  $j = n - \frac{(2t-1)q+t+2}{\alpha} = \frac{q^2-(2t-1)q-t-1}{\alpha}$ , which is in contradiction with  $0 \leq j \leq \frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha}$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{(\alpha-2t)q+(\alpha-2)}{\alpha} \\ &= q - \frac{(2t-1)q+t+2}{\alpha} - \frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qi - \frac{(2t-1)q+t+2}{\alpha} - j \\ &\leq \frac{q^2-(3t-1)q-t-2}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with  $qi \equiv j + \frac{(2t-1)q+t+2}{\alpha} \pmod n$ .

(ii) When  $\frac{q+\alpha-t}{\alpha} \leq i \leq \frac{2q-2t}{\alpha}$ , and let  $i' = i - \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , we have  $1 \leq i' \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ . Additionally,

$$q(i' + \frac{q-t}{\alpha}) - \frac{(2t-1)q+t+2}{\alpha} - j \equiv 0 \pmod n,$$

which is equivalent to  $qi' - \frac{(3t-1)q+t+3}{\alpha} - j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ , and then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{(\alpha-3t)q+\alpha-3}{\alpha} \\ &= q - \frac{(3t-1)q+t+3}{\alpha} - \frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq qi' - \frac{(3t-1)q+t+3}{\alpha} - j \\ &\leq \frac{q^2-(4t-1)q-t-3}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with  $qi' - \frac{(3t-1)q+t+3}{\alpha} - j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ .

(iii) When  $\frac{(\varepsilon-1)q+\alpha-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha} \leq i \leq \frac{\varepsilon q-\varepsilon t}{\alpha}$ , where  $3 \leq \varepsilon \leq t-2$  (Here, if there exists  $t \geq 5$ ), and let  $i' = i - \frac{(\varepsilon-1)q-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha}$ , we have  $1 \leq i' \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ . Additionally,

$$\begin{aligned} q(i' + \frac{(\varepsilon-1)q-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha}) - \frac{(2t-1)q+t+2}{\alpha} - j \\ \equiv 0 \pmod n, \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to  $qi' - \frac{\varepsilon+1+t+((\varepsilon+1)t-1)q}{\alpha} - j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ , and then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{\alpha-t+3+(t+1)q}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha-\varepsilon+1+(\alpha-(\varepsilon+1)t)q}{\alpha} \\ &= q - \frac{\varepsilon-1+t+((\varepsilon+1)t-1)q}{\alpha} - \frac{q-\alpha-t}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qi' - \frac{\varepsilon-1+t+((\varepsilon+1)t-1)q}{\alpha} - j \\ &\leq \frac{q^2-tq}{\alpha} - \frac{\varepsilon-1+t+((\varepsilon+1)t-1)q}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{q^2-\varepsilon-t+1-((\varepsilon+2)t-1)q}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{q^2-2-t-(5t-1)q}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with  $qi' - \frac{\varepsilon+1+t+((\varepsilon+1)t-1)q}{\alpha} - j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ .

(3) We have  $H_3H_3^\dagger = 0$ . In fact, we need to show that

$$-q(\cup_{i=\frac{(t+1)q-t+1}{\alpha}}^\delta C_{n-(q+1)i}) \cap (\cup_{i=\frac{(t+1)q-t+1}{\alpha}}^\delta C_{n-(q+1)i}) = \emptyset,$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} -q(\cup_{i=0}^\delta C_{n-(q+1)(i+\frac{(t+1)q-t+1}{\alpha})}) \\ \cap (\cup_{i=0}^\delta C_{n-(q+1)(i+\frac{(t+1)q-t+1}{\alpha})}) = \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

If

$$\begin{aligned} -q(\cup_{i=0}^\delta C_{n-(q+1)(i+\frac{(t+1)q-t+1}{\alpha})}) \\ \cap (\cup_{i=0}^\delta C_{n-(q+1)(i+\frac{(t+1)q-t+1}{\alpha})}) \neq \emptyset, \end{aligned}$$

we assume that there exist two integers  $i, j$ , where  $0 \leq i, j \leq \frac{(t-2)q-(t-2)t}{\alpha}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} -q(n-(q+1)(i+\frac{(t+1)q-(t-1)}{\alpha}))q^{2k} \\ \equiv n-(q+1)(j+\frac{(t+1)q-(t-1)}{\alpha}) \pmod{(q+1)n} \end{aligned}$$

for  $k \in \{0, 1\}$ .

If  $k = 0$ , then it is equivalent to  $qi + \frac{2q-2t}{\alpha} + j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ .

(i) When  $0 \leq i \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , we have

$$0 < \frac{2q-2t}{\alpha}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq qi + \frac{2q-2t}{\alpha} + j \\ &\leq \frac{q^2-t^2}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with  $qi + j + \frac{2q-2t}{\alpha} \equiv 0 \pmod n$ .

(ii) When  $\frac{q+\alpha-t}{\alpha} \leq i \leq \frac{2q-2t}{\alpha}$ , and let  $i' = i - \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , then  $1 \leq i' \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ . We have

$$q(i' + \frac{q-t}{\alpha}) + j + \frac{2q-2t}{\alpha} \equiv 0 \pmod n,$$

which is equivalent to  $qi' - \frac{(t-2)q+2t+1}{\alpha} + j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ , and then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{(\alpha-t+2)q-2t-1}{\alpha} \\ &= q - \frac{(t-2)q+2t+1}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qi' - \frac{(t-2)q+2t+1}{\alpha} + j \\ &\leq \frac{q^2-tq-t^2-1}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with  $qi' - \frac{(t-2)q+2t+1}{\alpha} + j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ .

(iii) When  $\frac{(\varepsilon-1)q+\alpha-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha} \leq i \leq \frac{\varepsilon q-\varepsilon t}{\alpha}$ , where  $3 \leq \varepsilon \leq t-2$  (Here, if there exists  $t \geq 5$ ), and let  $i' = i - \frac{(\varepsilon-1)q-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha}$ , we have  $1 \leq i' \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ . Additionally,

$$q(i' + \frac{(\varepsilon-1)q-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha}) + j + \frac{2q-2t}{\alpha} \equiv 0 \pmod n,$$

which is equivalent to  $qi' - \frac{((\varepsilon-1)t-2)q+(\varepsilon-1)+2t}{\alpha} + j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ , and then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{(3t+3)q-3t+3}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{(\alpha-(\varepsilon-1)t+2)q-(\varepsilon-1)-2t}{\alpha} \\ &= q - \frac{((\varepsilon-1)t-2)q+(\varepsilon-1)+2t}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qi' - \frac{((\varepsilon-1)t-2)q+(\varepsilon-1)+2t}{\alpha} + j \\ &\leq \frac{q^2-(\varepsilon-1)tq-(\varepsilon-1)-t^2}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{q^2-2tq-2-t^2}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with  $qi' - \frac{((\varepsilon-1)t-2)q+(\varepsilon-1)+2t}{\alpha} + j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ .

If  $k = 1$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} &-q(n + (q+1)(i + \frac{(t+1)q-(t-1)}{\alpha})) \\ &\equiv n - (q+1)(j + \frac{(t+1)q-(t-1)}{\alpha}) \pmod{(q+1)n} \end{aligned}$$

for  $0 \leq i, j \leq \frac{(t-2)q-(t-2)t}{\alpha}$ , which is equivalent to  $qi \equiv j + \frac{2tq+2}{\alpha} \pmod n$ .

(i) If  $0 \leq i \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , for  $i = 0$ , we have  $j = n - \frac{2tq+2}{\alpha} = \frac{q^2-2tq-1}{\alpha}$ , which is in contradiction with  $0 \leq j \leq \frac{(t-2)q-(t-2)t}{\alpha}$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{2tq+2}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{2tq+2}{\alpha} + j \\ &\leq \frac{2tq+2}{\alpha} + \frac{(t-2)q-(t-2)t}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{(3t-2)q-t^2+2t+2}{\alpha} < q, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with  $qi \equiv j + \frac{2tq+2}{\alpha} \pmod n$ .

(ii) If  $\frac{q+\alpha-t}{\alpha} \leq i \leq \frac{2q-2t}{\alpha}$ , and let  $i' = i - \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ , then  $1 \leq i' \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ . We have

$$q(i' + \frac{q-t}{\alpha}) - j - \frac{2tq+2}{\alpha} \equiv 0 \pmod n,$$

which is equivalent to  $qi' - \frac{3tq+3}{\alpha} - j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ , and then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{(\alpha-4t+2)q+t^2-2t-3}{\alpha} \\ &= q - \frac{3tq+3}{\alpha} - \frac{(t-2)q-(t-2)t}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qi' - \frac{3tq+3}{\alpha} - j \\ &\leq \frac{q^2-4tq-3}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with  $qi' - \frac{3tq+3}{\alpha} - j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ .

(iii) If  $\frac{(\varepsilon-1)q+\alpha-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha} \leq i \leq \frac{\varepsilon q-\varepsilon t}{\alpha}$ , where  $3 \leq \varepsilon \leq t-2$  (Here, if there exists  $t \geq 5$ ), and let  $i' = i - \frac{(\varepsilon-1)q-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha}$ , then  $1 \leq i' \leq \frac{q-t}{\alpha}$ . We have

$$q(i' + \frac{(\varepsilon-1)q-(\varepsilon-1)t}{\alpha}) - \frac{2tq+2}{\alpha} - j \equiv 0 \pmod n,$$

which is equivalent to  $qi' - \frac{(\varepsilon+1)tq+\varepsilon+1}{\alpha} - j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ , and then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \frac{3q+t^2-3t+1}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{(\alpha-\varepsilon t-2t+2)q+t^2-2t-\varepsilon-1}{\alpha} \\ &= q - \frac{(\varepsilon+1)tq+\varepsilon+1}{\alpha} - \frac{(t-2)q-(t-2)t}{\alpha} \\ &\leq qi' - \frac{(\varepsilon+1)tq+\varepsilon+1}{\alpha} - j \\ &\leq q \frac{q-t}{\alpha} - \frac{(\varepsilon+1)tq+\varepsilon+1}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{q^2-(\varepsilon+2)tq-\varepsilon-1}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{q^2-5tq-4}{\alpha} < n, \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with  $qi' - \frac{(\varepsilon+1)tq+\varepsilon+1}{\alpha} - j \equiv 0 \pmod n$ .

Therefore, we have

$$HH^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} H_0H_0^\dagger & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & H_1H_2^\dagger & H_1H_3^\dagger \\ 0 & H_2H_1^\dagger & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & H_3H_1^\dagger & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and  $\text{rank}(HH^\dagger) = 9$ . From Theorem 1 and Proposition 3, there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 11, d; 9]]_q$ , where  $\frac{2(t+1)q+2\alpha-2t+2}{\alpha} \leq d \leq \frac{(4t-2)q+2t+4}{\alpha}$  is even.  $\square$

*Example 3:* If  $t = 7$  and  $m = 3$ , then  $q = 157$  and  $n = 493$ . Therefore, there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS code from Theorem 5 that are listed in Table 3.

**TABLE 3. Sample parameters of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes constructed from Theorem 5.**

$q$	$n$	$[[n, k, d; c]]_q$
157	493	$[[493, 400, 52; 9]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 396, 54; 9]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 392, 56; 9]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 388, 58; 9]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 384, 60; 9]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 380, 62; 9]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 376, 64; 9]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 372, 66; 9]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 368, 68; 9]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 364, 70; 9]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 360, 72; 9]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 356, 74; 9]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 352, 76; 9]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 348, 78; 9]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 344, 80; 9]]_{157}$
157	493	$[[493, 340, 82; 9]]_{157}$

When  $n = \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}$ , where  $q$  is an odd prime power with the form  $q = \alpha m + \alpha - t$ ,  $m$  is a positive integer, both  $\alpha$  and  $t \geq 2$  are positive integers such that  $\alpha = t^2 + 1$ , we have the following result of Theorem 6 by using the same method of Theorem 2. Moreover, based on Theorem 6, we can use the method of Theorems 3, 4 and 5 to get Theorem 7.

*Theorem 6:* Let  $n = \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}$ , where  $q$  is an odd prime power with the form  $q = \alpha m + \alpha - t$ ,  $m$  is a positive integer, both  $\alpha$  and  $t \geq 2$  are positive integers such that  $\alpha = t^2 + 1$ . If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a constacyclic code whose defining set is given by  $Z = \cup_{i=1}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}$ , where  $1 \leq \delta \leq \frac{tq-\alpha-1}{\alpha}$ , then  $\mathcal{C}^{\perp h} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ .

*Theorem 7:* Let  $n = \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}$ , where  $q$  is an odd prime power with the form  $q = \alpha m + \alpha - t$ ,  $m$  is a positive integer, both  $\alpha$  and  $t \geq 2$  are positive integers such that  $\alpha = t^2 + 1$ . Then we have the following results.

(1) If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $q^2$ -ary constacyclic code of length  $n$  with defining set  $Z = \cup_{i=0}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}$  for  $0 \leq \delta \leq \frac{tq-\alpha-1}{\alpha}$ , then there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 3, d; 1]]_q$ , where  $2 \leq d \leq \frac{2tq-2}{\alpha}$  is even.

(2) If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $q^2$ -ary constacyclic code of length  $n$  with defining set  $Z = \cup_{i=0}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}$  for  $\frac{tq-1}{\alpha} \leq \delta \leq \frac{(t+1)q-\alpha+(t-1)}{\alpha}$ ,

**TABLE 4. Sample parameters of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes constructed from Theorem 7.**

$q$	$n$	$[[n, k, d; c]]_q$
193	745	$[[745, 744, 2; 1]]_{193}$
193	745	$[[745, 740, 4; 1]]_{193}$
193	745	$[[745, 736, 6; 1]]_{193}$
...	...	...
193	745	$[[745, 648, 50; 1]]_{193}$
193	745	$[[745, 644, 52; 1]]_{193}$
193	745	$[[745, 640, 54; 1]]_{193}$
193	745	$[[745, 640, 56; 5]]_{193}$
193	745	$[[745, 636, 58; 5]]_{193}$
193	745	$[[745, 632, 60; 5]]_{193}$
193	745	$[[745, 628, 62; 5]]_{193}$
193	745	$[[745, 628, 64; 9]]_{193}$
193	745	$[[745, 624, 66; 9]]_{193}$
193	745	$[[745, 620, 68; 9]]_{193}$
...	...	...
193	745	$[[745, 564, 96; 9]]_{193}$
193	745	$[[745, 560, 98; 9]]_{193}$
193	745	$[[745, 556, 100; 9]]_{193}$

then there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 7, d; 5]]_q$ , where  $\frac{2tq-2+2\alpha}{\alpha} \leq d \leq \frac{2(t+1)q+2(t-1)}{\alpha}$  is even.

(3) If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $q^2$ -ary constacyclic code of length  $n$  with defining set  $Z = \cup_{i=0}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}$  for  $\frac{(t+1)q+t-1}{\alpha} \leq \delta \leq \frac{(2t-1)q-\alpha-t-2}{\alpha}$  (here,  $t > 3$ ), then there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 11, d; 9]]_q$ , where  $\frac{2(t+1)q+2(t-1)+2\alpha}{\alpha} \leq d \leq \frac{2(2t-1)q-2t-4}{\alpha}$ . If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $q^2$ -ary constacyclic code of length  $n$  with defining set  $Z = \cup_{i=0}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}$  for  $\frac{3q+1}{5} \leq \delta \leq \frac{4q-7}{5}$  (here,  $t = 2$ ), then there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 11, d; 9]]_q$ , where  $\frac{6q+12}{5} \leq d \leq \frac{8q-4}{5}$ . If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $q^2$ -ary constacyclic code of length  $n$  with defining set  $Z = \cup_{i=0}^{\delta} C_{n-(q+1)i}$  for  $\frac{4q+2}{10} \leq \delta \leq \frac{5q-5}{10}$  (here,  $t = 3$ ), then there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 11, d; 9]]_q$ , where  $\frac{8q+24}{10} \leq d \leq \frac{10q+10}{10}$ .

*Example 4:* If  $t = 7$  and  $m = 3$ , then  $q = 193$  and  $n = 745$ . Then there exist some entanglement-assisted quantum MDS code that from Theorem 7 are listed in Table 4.

**IV. CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION**

In this paper, we use constacyclic codes with length  $\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}$  to construct some classes of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes. When  $\alpha = 5, 10$ , we can see that the minimum distance of some entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes constructed in this paper is larger than  $\frac{q}{2} + 1$  or even  $q + 1$ . Furthermore, as the  $\alpha$  increases, it becomes more and more difficult to search for the codes with the minimum distance that is larger than  $\frac{q}{2} + 1$ .

In Table 5, we give some families of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes available in [19], [26], [27] as well as the new families of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes constructed in this paper. We give the parameters

TABLE 5. Entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes.

$[[n, k, d; c]]_q$	Range of parameters	$d$	Ref.
$[[\frac{q^2+1}{10}, \frac{q^2+1}{10} - \frac{6}{5}(q-7) - 4\lambda - 1, \frac{2}{5}(q-7) + 2\lambda + 4; 5]]_q$	$q$ is an odd prime power with the form $q \equiv 7 \pmod{10}$ and $1 \leq \lambda \leq \frac{q+3}{10}$	$d = \frac{2}{5}(q-7) + 2\lambda + 4$ and $\frac{2q+9}{5} \leq d \leq \frac{4q+2}{5}$	[19]
$[[\frac{q^2+1}{10}, \frac{q^2+1}{10} - \frac{4}{5}(2q+1) - 4\lambda + 7, \frac{2}{5}(2q+1) + 2\lambda + 2; 9]]_q$	$q$ is an odd prime power with the form $q \equiv 7 \pmod{10}$ and $1 \leq \lambda \leq \frac{q-7}{10}$	$d = \frac{2}{5}(2q+1) + 2\lambda + 2$ and $\frac{4q+22}{5} \leq d \leq \frac{5q+5}{5}$	[19]
$[[\frac{q^2+1}{10}, \frac{q^2+1}{10} - \frac{6}{5}(q-3) - 4\lambda + 3, \frac{2}{5}(q-3) + 2\lambda + 2; 5]]_q$	$q$ is an odd prime power with the form $q \equiv 3 \pmod{10}$ and $1 \leq \lambda \leq \frac{q-3}{10}$	$d = \frac{2}{5}(q-3) + 2\lambda + 2$ and $\frac{3q+11}{5} \leq d \leq \frac{4q-2}{5}$	[19]
$[[\frac{q^2+1}{10}, \frac{q^2+1}{10} - \frac{8}{5}(q-3) - 4\lambda + 7, \frac{4}{5}(q-3) + 2\lambda + 2; 9]]_q$	$q$ is an odd prime power with the form $q \equiv 3 \pmod{10}$ and $1 \leq \lambda \leq \frac{q-3}{10}$	$d = \frac{4}{5}(q-3) + 2\lambda + 2$ and $\frac{4q+8}{5} \leq d \leq \frac{5q-5}{5}$	[19]
$[[\frac{q^2+1}{10}, \frac{q^2+1}{10} - 2d + 3, d; 1]]_q$	$q$ is an odd prime power with the form $q = 10m + 3$ , $m$ is a positive integer	$2 \leq d \leq 6m + 2$ and $d$ is even.	[26]
$[[\frac{q^2+1}{10}, \frac{q^2+1}{10} - 2d + 3, d; 1]]_q$	$q$ is an odd prime power with the form $q = 10m + 7$ , $m$ is a positive integer	$2 \leq d \leq 6m + 4$ and $d$ is even	[26]
$[[\frac{q^2+1}{5}, \frac{q^2+1}{5} - 2d + 3, d; 1]]_q$	$q$ is an odd prime power with the form $q = 10m + 3$ , $m = 2\chi$ is an even, and $\chi$ is a positive integer	$2 \leq d \leq 8m + 2$ and $d$ is an even	[27]
$[[\frac{q^2+1}{5}, \frac{q^2+1}{5} - 2d + 7, d; 5]]_q$	$q$ is an odd prime power with the form $q = 10m + 3$ , $m = 2\chi$ is an even, and $\chi$ is a positive integer	$8m + 4 \leq d \leq 12m + 4$ and $d$ is an even	[27]
$[[\frac{q^2+1}{5}, \frac{q^2+1}{5} - 2d + 3, d; 1]]_q$	$q$ is an odd prime power with the form $q = 10m + 7$ , $m = 2\chi$ is an even, and $\chi$ is a positive integer	$2 \leq d \leq 8m + 6$ and $d$ is an even	[27]
$[[\frac{q^2+1}{5}, \frac{q^2+1}{5} - 2d + 7, d; 5]]_q$	$q$ is an odd prime power with the form $q = 10m + 7$ , $m = 2\chi$ is an even, and $\chi$ is a positive integer	$8m + 8 \leq d \leq 12m + 8$ and $d$ is an even	[27]

TABLE 5. (Continued.) Entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes.

$[[[n, k, d; c]]_q]$	Range of parameters	$d$	Ref.
$[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 3, d; 1]]_q$	$q$ is an odd prime power with the form $q = \alpha m + t$ , $m$ is a positive integer, $\alpha$ and $t \geq 2$ are positive integers such that $\alpha = t^2 + 1$	$2 \leq d \leq \frac{2tq+2}{\alpha}$ and $d$ is even	Theorem 3
$[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 7, d; 5]]_q$	$q$ is an odd prime power with the form $q = \alpha m + t$ , $m$ is a positive integer, $\alpha$ and $t \geq 2$ are positive integers such that $\alpha = t^2 + 1$	$\frac{2tq+2+2\alpha}{\alpha} \leq d \leq \frac{2(t+1)q-2(t-1)}{\alpha}$ and $d$ is even	Theorem 4
$[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 11, d; 9]]_q$	$q$ is an odd prime power, with the form $q = \alpha m + t$ , $m$ is a positive integer, $\alpha$ and $t \geq 2$ are positive integers such that $\alpha = t^2 + 1$	$\frac{2(t+1)q-2(t-1)+2\alpha}{\alpha} \leq d \leq \frac{2(2t-1)q+2t+4}{\alpha}$ with $t \geq 3$ and $d$ is even, $\frac{6q+8}{5} \leq d \leq \frac{8q-6}{5}$ with $t = 2$ and $d$ is even	Theorem 5
$[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 3, d; 1]]_q$	$q$ is an odd prime power, with the form $q = \alpha m + \alpha - t$ , $m$ is a positive integer, $\alpha$ and $t \geq 2$ are positive integers such that $\alpha = t^2 + 1$	$2 \leq d \leq \frac{2tq-2}{\alpha}$ and $d$ is even	Theorem 7
$[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 7, d; 5]]_q$	$q$ is an odd prime power, with the form $q = \alpha m + \alpha - t$ , $m$ is a positive integer, $\alpha$ and $t \geq 2$ are positive integers such that $\alpha = t^2 + 1$	$\frac{2tq-2+2\alpha}{\alpha} \leq d \leq \frac{2(t+1)q+2(t-1)}{\alpha}$ and $d$ is even	Theorem 7
$[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 11, d; 9]]_q$	$q$ is an odd prime power, with the form $q = \alpha m + \alpha - t$ , $m$ is a positive integer, $\alpha$ and $t \geq 2$ are positive integers such that $\alpha = t^2 + 1$	$\frac{2(t+1)q+2(t-1)+2\alpha}{\alpha} \leq d \leq \frac{2(2t-1)q-2t-4}{\alpha}$ with $t > 3$ and $d$ is even, $\frac{6q+12}{5} \leq d \leq \frac{8q-4}{5}$ with $t = 2$ and $d$ is even, $\frac{8q+24}{10} \leq d \leq \frac{10q+10}{10}$ with $t = 3$ and $d$ is even	Theorem 7

$[[n, k, d; c]]_q$  of entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes in the first column, the range of parameters in the second column, the minimum distance  $d$  of the corresponding entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes in the third column, and the corresponding references in the fourth column.

In [19], when  $s = \frac{q^2+1}{2}$ , there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{10}, \frac{q^2+1}{10} - \frac{4}{5}(2q+1) - 4\lambda + 7, \frac{2}{5}(2q+1) + 2\lambda + 2; 9]]_q$ , where  $q$  is an odd prime power with the form  $q \equiv 7 \pmod{10}$  and  $1 \leq \lambda \leq \frac{q+3}{10}$ . Here, the range of  $\lambda$  should be  $1 \leq \lambda \leq \frac{q-7}{10}$ . In fact,

if  $\lambda = \frac{q+3}{10}$ ,  $-qC_{s-(q+1)(\frac{2q+1}{5}+\lambda)} = -qC_{s-(q+1)(\frac{q+1}{2})} = C_{s-(q+1)\frac{q-1}{2}}$ , then the required number of entangled states is 13.

Compared with the entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes constructed from [19], [26] and [27], the ones constructed in this paper are more general. From Table 5, the range of  $d$  of some codes constructed in [19], [26] are included in the results of this paper. Additionally, in [27], when  $q$  is an odd prime power in the form of  $20\chi + 3$  with a positive integer  $\chi$ , and then there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{5}, \frac{q^2+1}{5} - 2d + 3, d; 1]]_q$  and  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{5}, \frac{q^2+1}{5} - 2d + 7, d; 5]]_q$ , whose minimum distance is even and the range of the ones are  $2 \leq d \leq 16\chi + 2$  and  $16\chi + 4 \leq d \leq 24\chi + 4$  respectively. The minimum distance can be transformed to  $2 \leq d \leq \frac{4q-2}{5}$  and  $\frac{4q+8}{5} \leq d \leq \frac{6q+2}{5}$  respectively and the minimum distance is even. From Theorem 7, we have entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{5}, \frac{q^2+1}{5} - 2d + 3, d; 1]]_q$  where  $2 \leq d \leq \frac{4q-2}{5}$  is even, and  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{5}, \frac{q^2+1}{5} - 2d + 7, d; 5]]_q$  where  $\frac{4q+8}{5} \leq d \leq \frac{6q+2}{5}$  is even. Moreover, when  $q$  is an odd prime power in the form of  $20\chi + 7$  with a positive integer  $\chi$ , there exist entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 3, d; 1]]_q$  where  $2 \leq d \leq 16\chi + 6$  is even, and  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{\alpha}, \frac{q^2+1}{\alpha} - 2d + 7, d; 5]]_q$  where  $16\chi + 8 \leq d \leq 24\chi + 8$  is even. The minimum distance can be transformed to  $2 \leq d \leq \frac{4q+2}{5}$  and  $\frac{4q+12}{5} \leq d \leq \frac{6q-2}{5}$  respectively and the minimum distance  $d$  is even. From Theorems 3 and 4, we have entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with parameters  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{5}, \frac{q^2+1}{5} - 2d + 3, d; 1]]_q$  where  $2 \leq d \leq \frac{4q+2}{5}$  is even, and  $[[\frac{q^2+1}{5}, \frac{q^2+1}{5} - 2d + 7, d; 5]]_q$  where  $\frac{4q+12}{5} \leq d \leq \frac{6q-2}{5}$  is even. Therefore, entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes of length  $\frac{q^2+1}{5}$  listed in Table 5 of [27] are included in this paper.

Although the number of pre-shared entangled states is fixed relative to the codes of [11], [28], entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes with different lengths in this paper are got in the Hermitian case that not covered in [11], [28]. In order to get more entanglement-assisted quantum MDS with flexible entangled states, we will use combinatorial method or computer search algorithm to obtain them in the future work. Moreover, how to determine the minimum required number of pre-shared entangled states to make some entanglement-assisted quantum MDS codes constructed from other constacyclic codes with better parameters is still an interesting topic.

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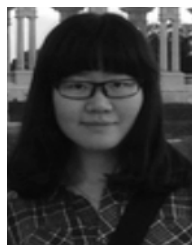
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