Hi. Some of you may be interested in this new
paper from Rudi Urbanki, et al.

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Dear Colleague:

In recent weeks we designed sequences of low-density parity check
codes that provably perform at rates extremely close to the Shannon
capacity. For instance, our best code of rate 1/2 is
asymptotically less than 0.06dB away from capacity for the AWGN
channel. Simulation results indicate that for a length of 1,000,000 we
can achieve an error probability of 10^{-6} at 0.13dB from capacity.
Our codes are built from highly irregular bipartite graphs with
carefully chosen degree patterns on both sides, by optimizing the
threshold obtained in our previous paper.

Moreover, the paper gives some more theoretical insight into the
behavior of the decoding process.

A preprint of our paper, entitled
"Design of provably good low-density parity check codes"
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As always, comments are most welcome.

                        Best regards,

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