1141-94-216 **Kathryn Haymaker***, kathryn.haymaker@villanova.edu. Absorbing sets of codes from incidence graphs.

An absorbing set is a graph substructure that can impact iterative decoding algorithms for codes on graphs. We examine the presence of absorbing sets, fully absorbing sets, and elementary absorbing sets in low-density parity-check codes arising from certain classes of finite geometries. In particular, we prove the parameters of the smallest absorbing sets for finite geometry codes using a tree-based argument. Moreover, we obtain the parameters of the smallest absorbing sets for a special class of codes whose graphs are d-left-regular with girth g. (Received July 30, 2018)