

New Achievable Rate Regions for Multi-terminal Classical-Quantum Channels via Simultaneous Decoding of Coset Codes

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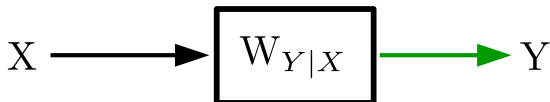
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Classical Channel

A classical discrete memoryless channel is described through:

- a finite input alphabet set \mathcal{X}
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- and a transition probability $W_{Y|X}(y|x)$



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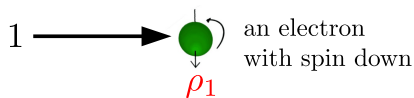
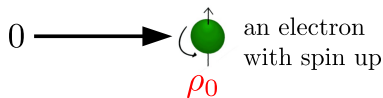
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Example of quantum state :

- polarized photon
- an electron with specific spin orientation

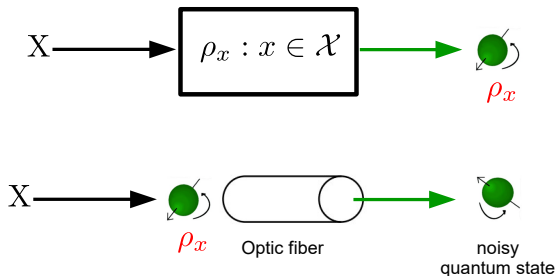
Suppose $\mathcal{X} = \{0, 1\}$



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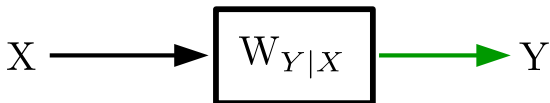
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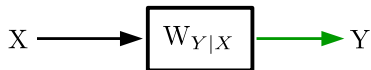
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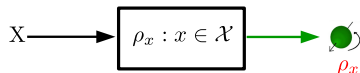
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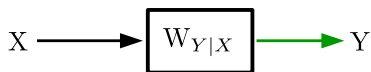
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Quantum states cannot be directly observed
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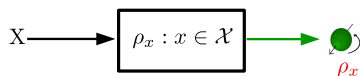
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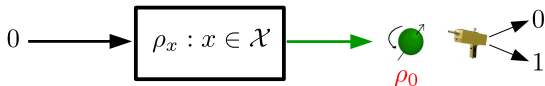


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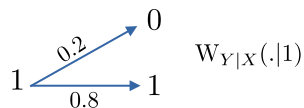
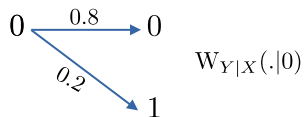
Quantum states are **not directly observable objects**.



The outcome of the measurement is **random**.

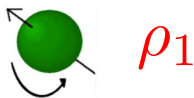
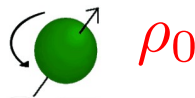
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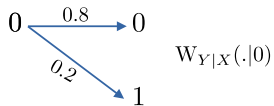
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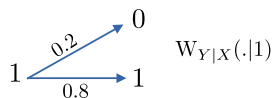
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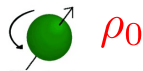
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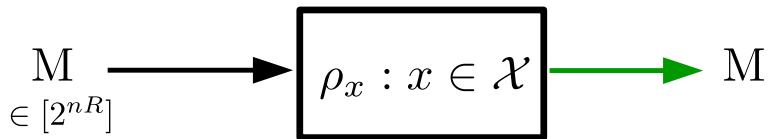

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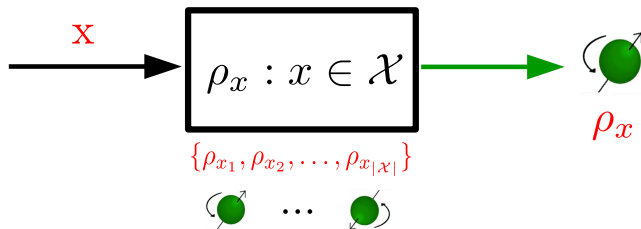
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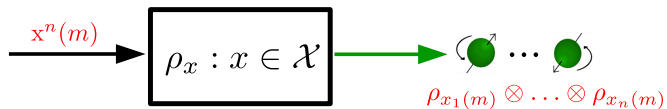
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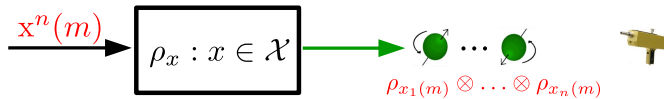
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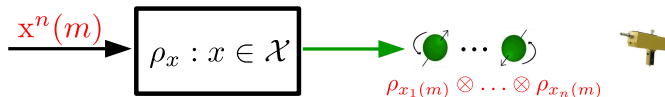
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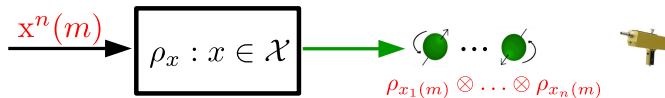


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?? How many classical bits can we reliably communicate through the quantum channel ??

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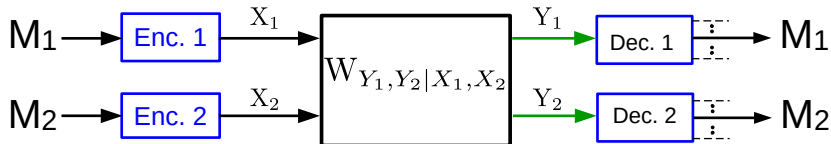
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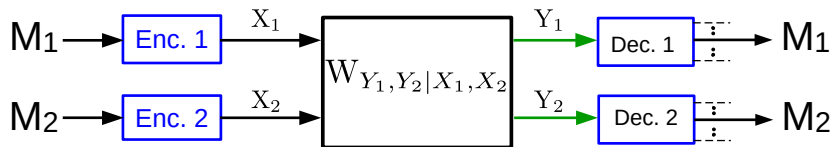
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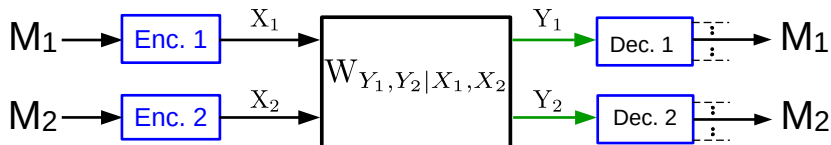


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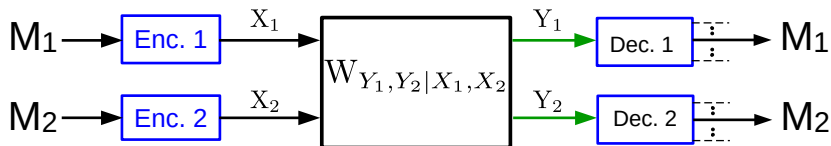
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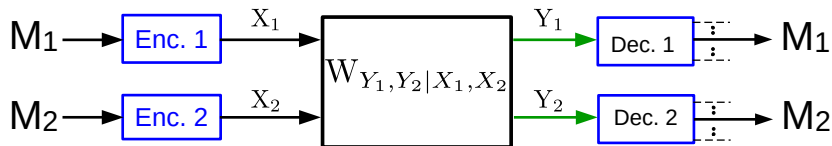
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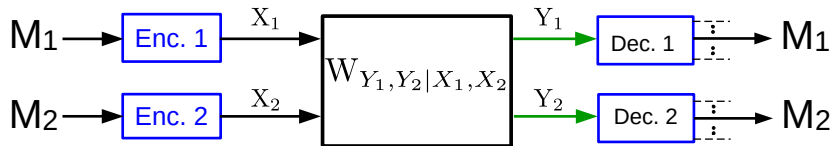
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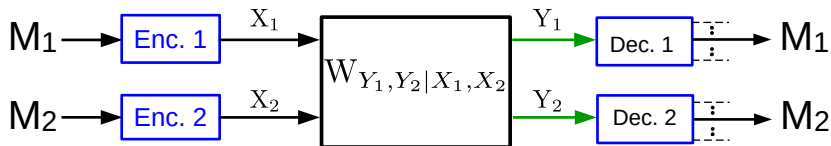
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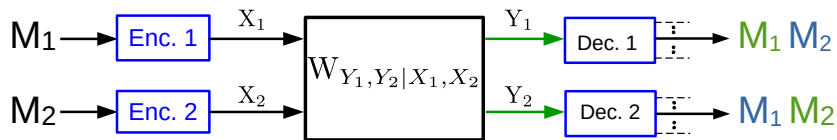
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- Simple, but **the achievable rates are small.**

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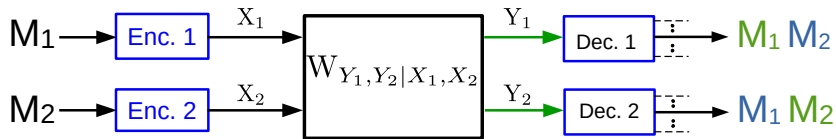
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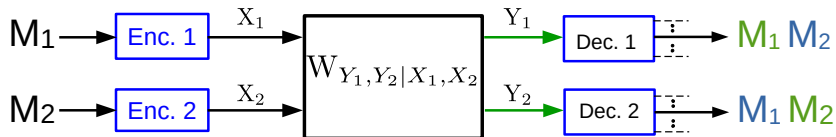
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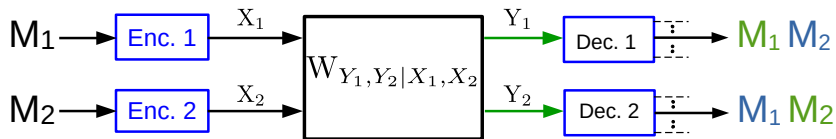
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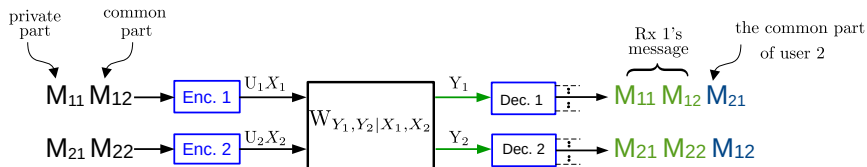


- Rx decodes **more information** than needed.
- Additional decoding constraints reduce achievable rates.

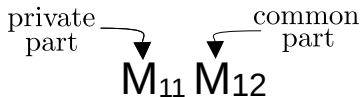
Can we partially decode the interference?

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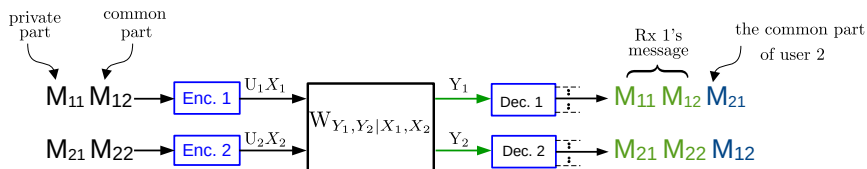


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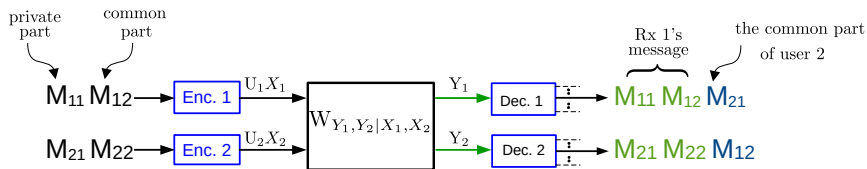


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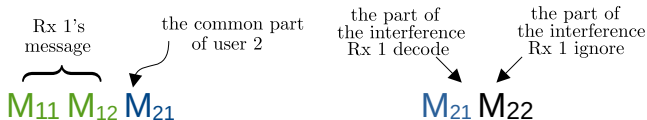


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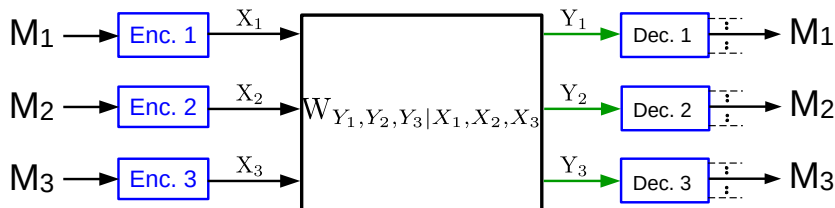
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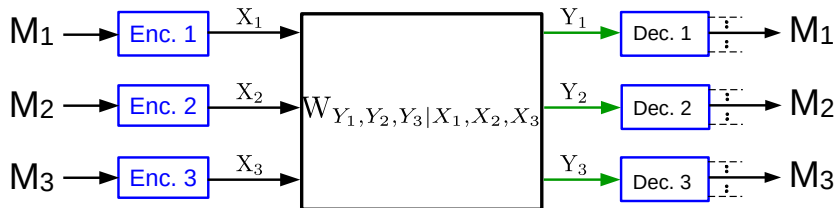
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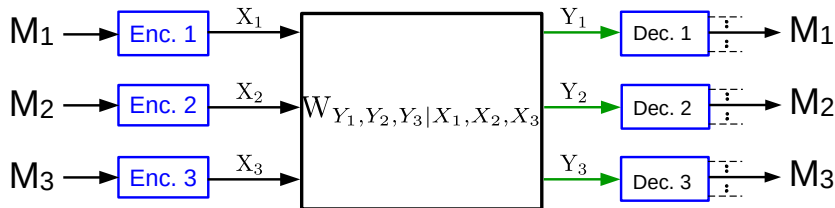


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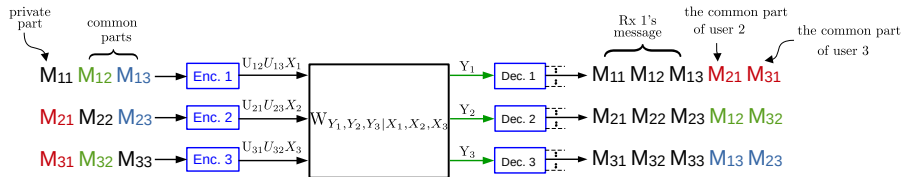
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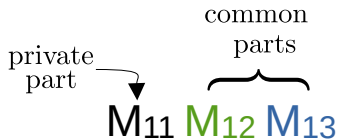


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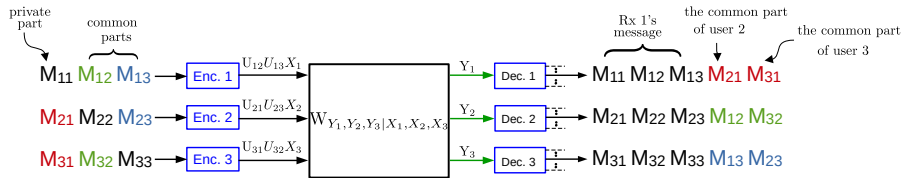
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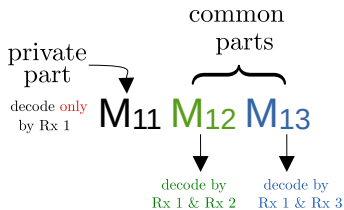
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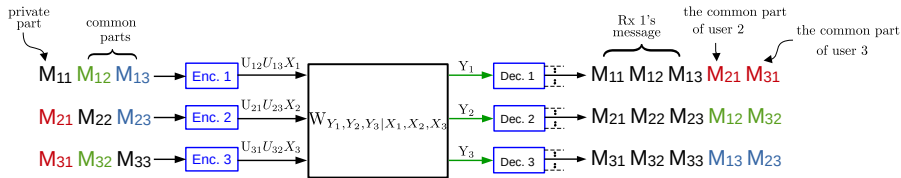
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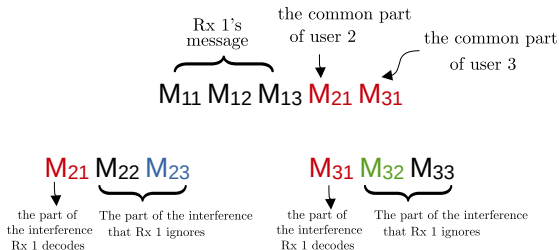
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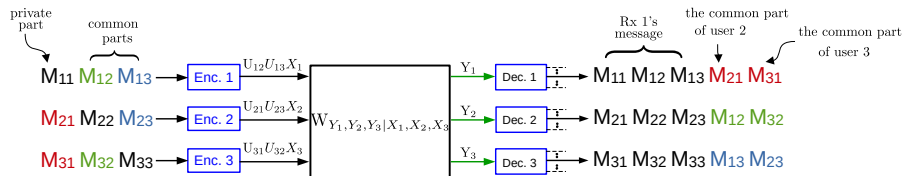
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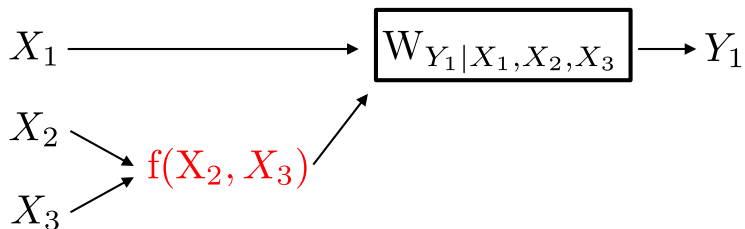
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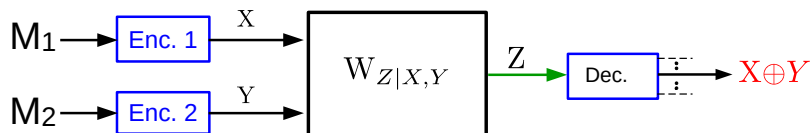
Each Rx decoding only **univariate** component of the different transmissions.

Interference over 3-User IC is Bivariate

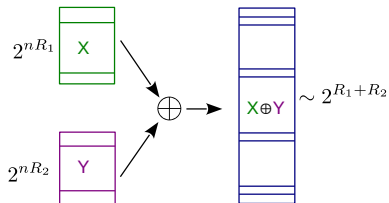
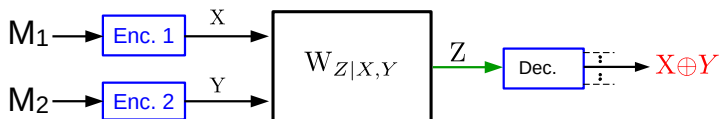


What hurts user 1 is a **bivariate** function of X_2 and X_3 .

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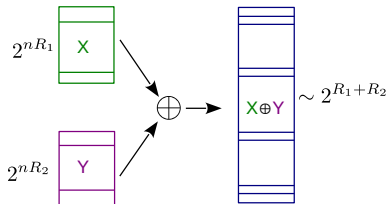
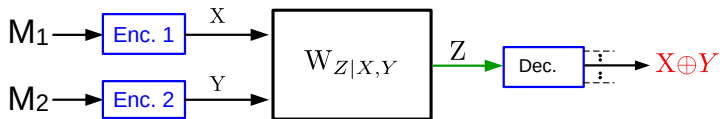
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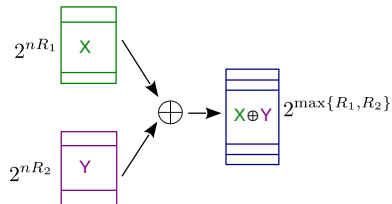
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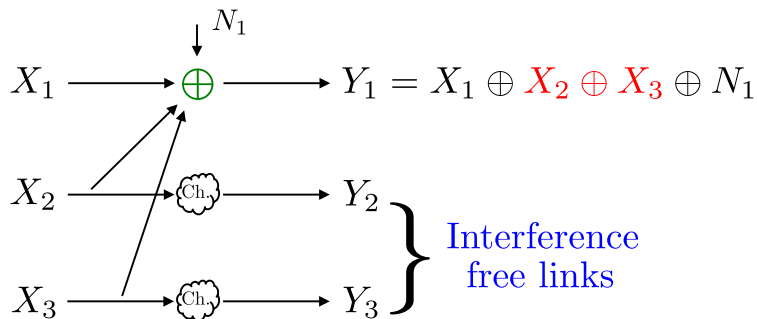
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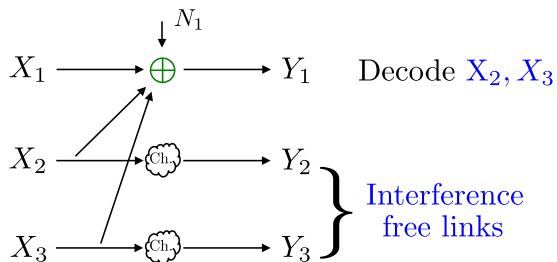
Structured codes have **algebraic properties + empirical properties.**

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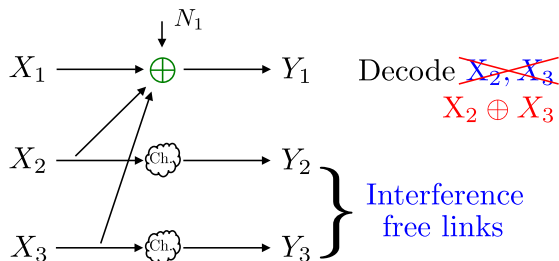
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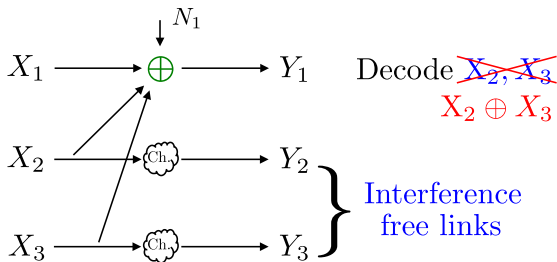
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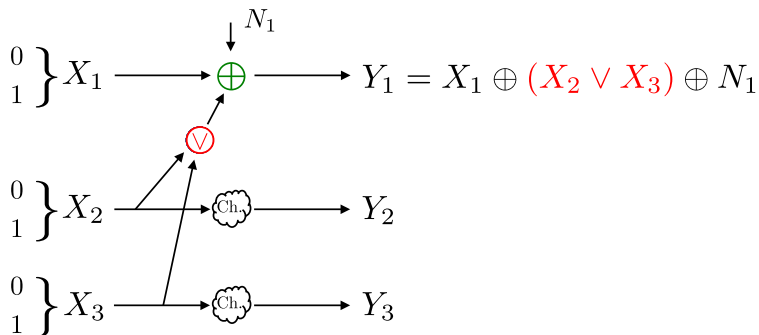
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- Decoding only the required function can achieve higher rates

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What if the interference is not additive?

Can coset codes still outperform unstructured i.i.d. codes ?

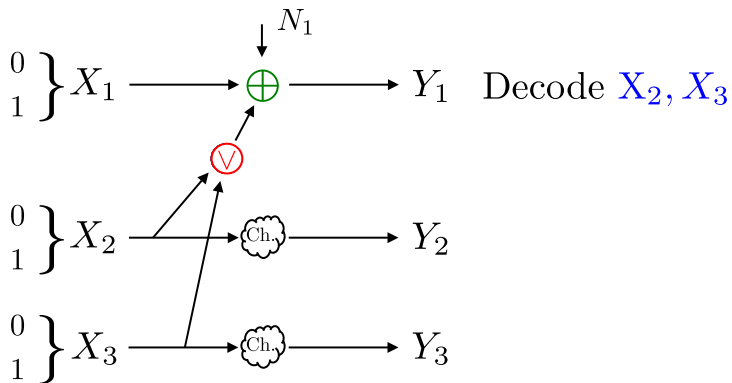
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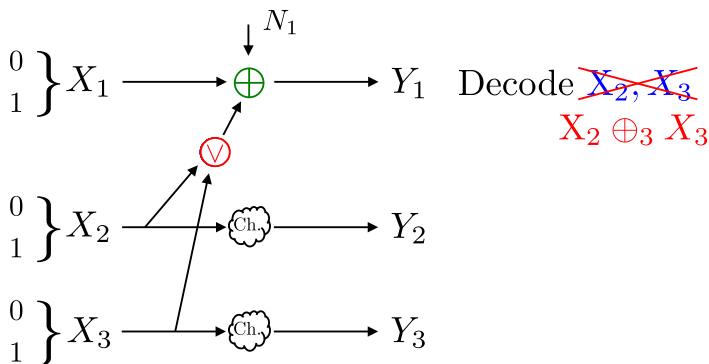
∇ = Binary sum, i.e., XOR

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Non-Additive Interference



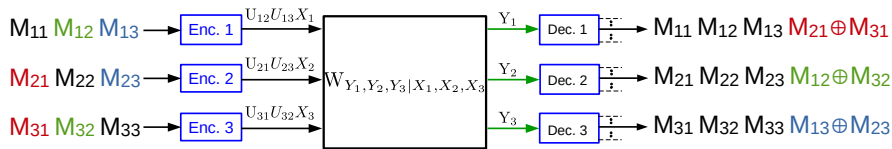
Pretend X_2, X_3 live on **ternary field** $\{0, 1, 2\}$.

From $X_2 \oplus_3 X_3$, Rx 1 can recover $X_2 \vee X_3$.
 Just map **2** to **1** !!

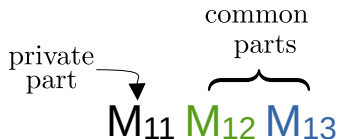
X_2	X_3	$X_2 \oplus_3 X_3$	$X_2 \vee X_3$
0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	2	1

\oplus_3 = Ternary addition.

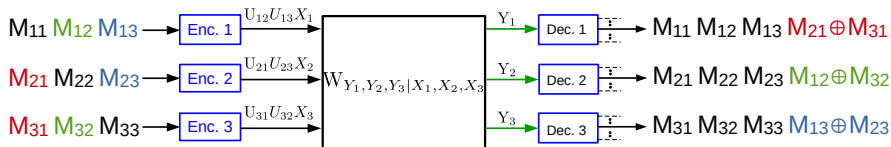
New coding scheme



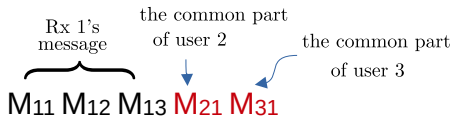
- Each message is split into: **1 private part** + **2 common parts**.



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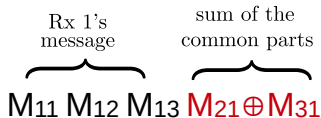


Han Kobayashi coding scheme



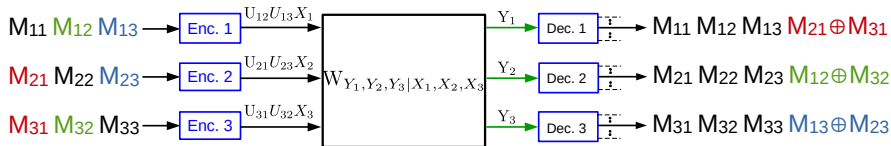
Receiver decodes more information than it actually needs.

Proposed coding scheme



Exploits the joint structure of the interference.

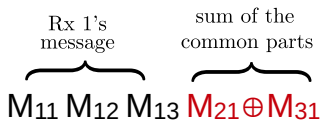
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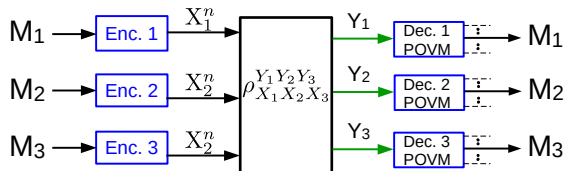
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Decoding the structured sum leads to [higher achievable rates](#).

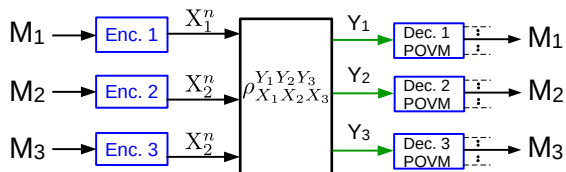
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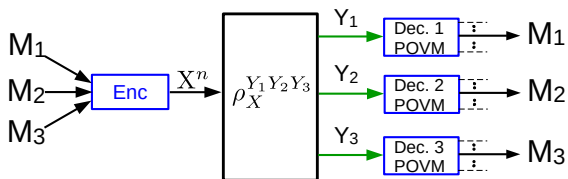


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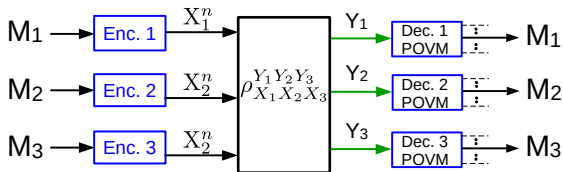


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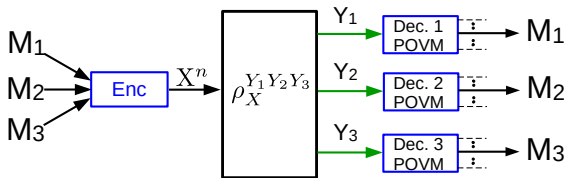


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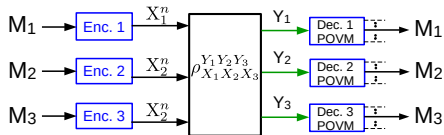
?? Optimal Coding Scheme ??

?? Capacity Region ??

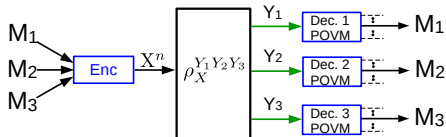
Contributions

All current known coding schemes for

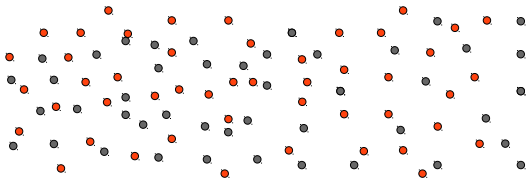
3-user CQ Interference Channel (3-CQIC)



3-user CQ Broadcast Channel (3-CQBC)



based on i.i.d. Unstructured codes.

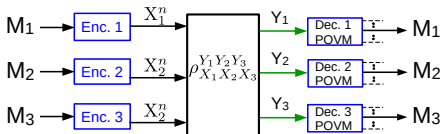


User 1's code. User 2's code.

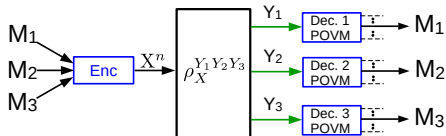
Contributions

New coding schemes for generic

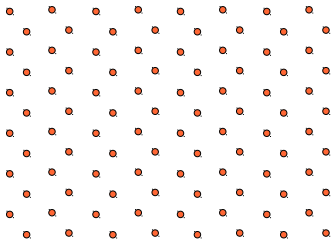
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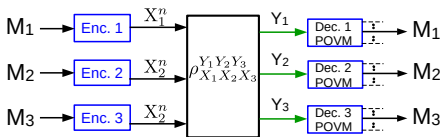
based on COSET codes.



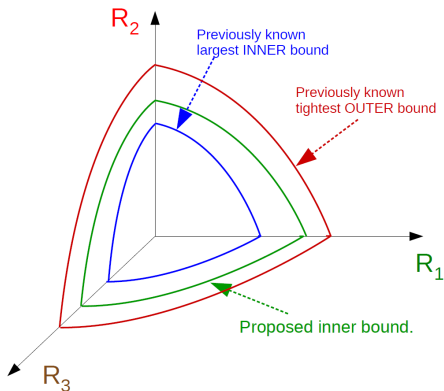
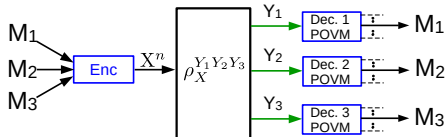
that strictly outperform the best previous known.

Contributions

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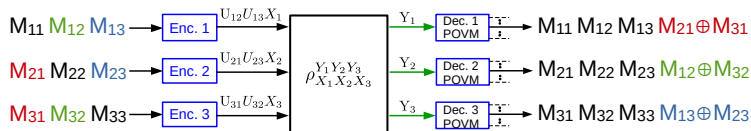


All Known Unstructured IID, i.e.
Han-Kobayashi + Marton

Characterized New Inner Bound. Strictly Larger
for identified 3-CQBCs and 3-CQICs.

The main challenge and contribution

General 3CQIC entails receiver decoding into multiple codebooks.

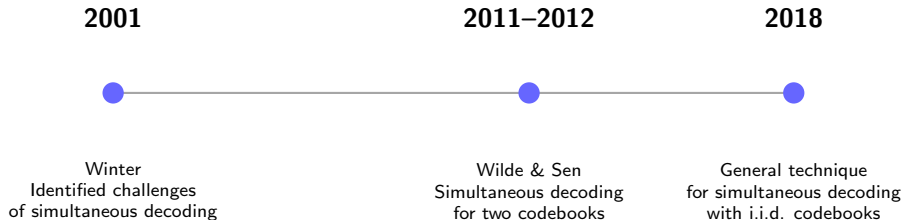


Two approaches for decoding multiple codebooks:

- **Successive Decoding:** Decodes messages one at a time — simpler but suboptimal.
- **Simultaneous Decoding:** Decodes all messages jointly — achieves larger rate regions.

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- Simultaneous decoding is **challenging in CQ channels**. It remained an open problem for nearly **two decades** before being formally resolved.
- Sen's method elegant but **limited to i.i.d. codebooks**.
- Coset codes require new analysis.

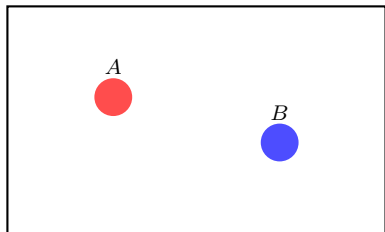
Main contribution: Extend Sen's method to coset codes.

Why simultaneous decoding is challenging in CQ settings

- In the classical setting, simultaneous decoding relies on **unions and intersections** of typical sets.
- In quantum settings, **typical sets are replaced by subspaces**, and this intuition **breaks down**.

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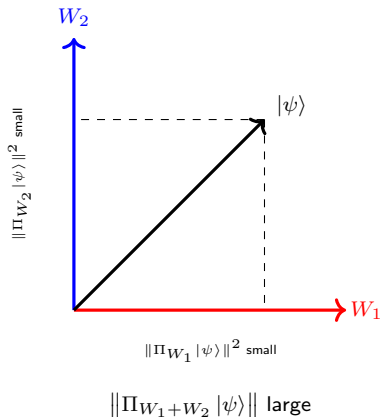
Classical settings



$$p(A), p(B) \ll 1$$

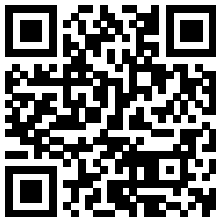
$p(A \cup B)$ is still small

Quantum settings



Thank You for Your Attention

Any questions ?



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