

# The interference channel

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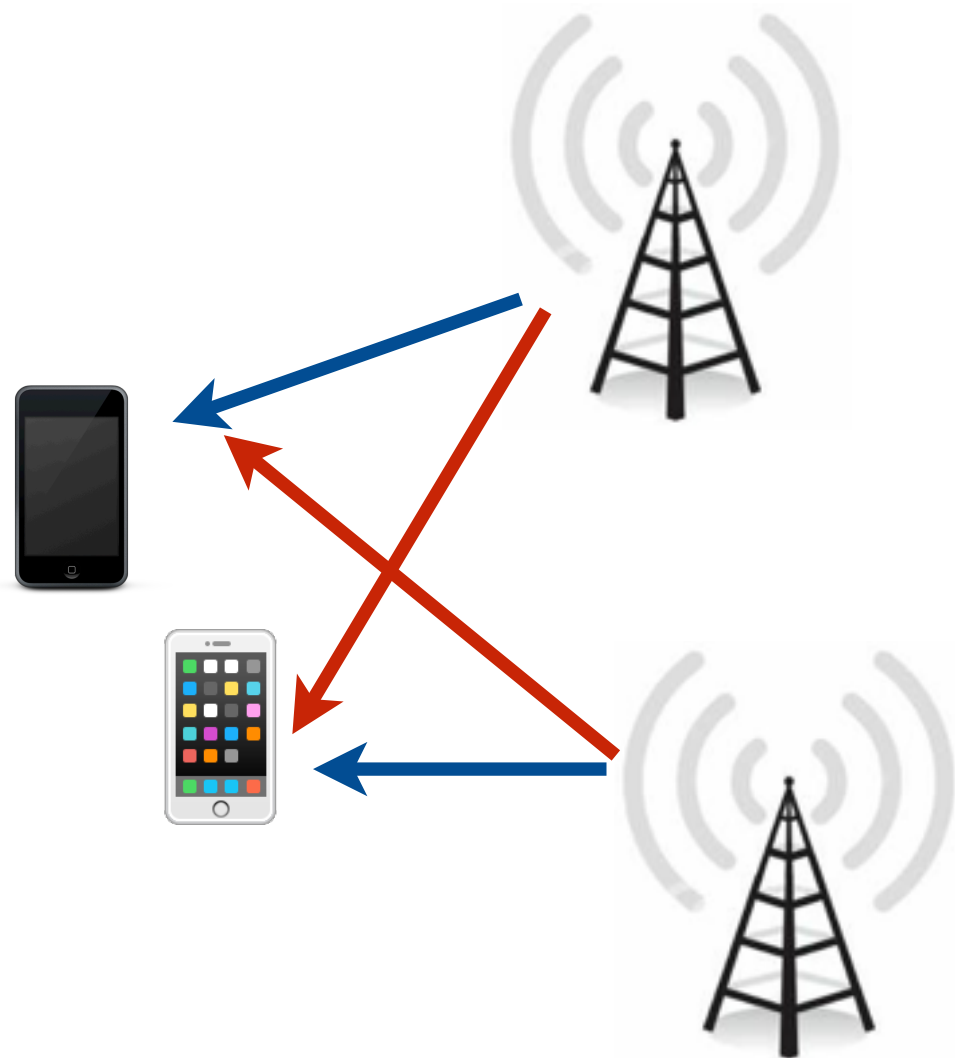
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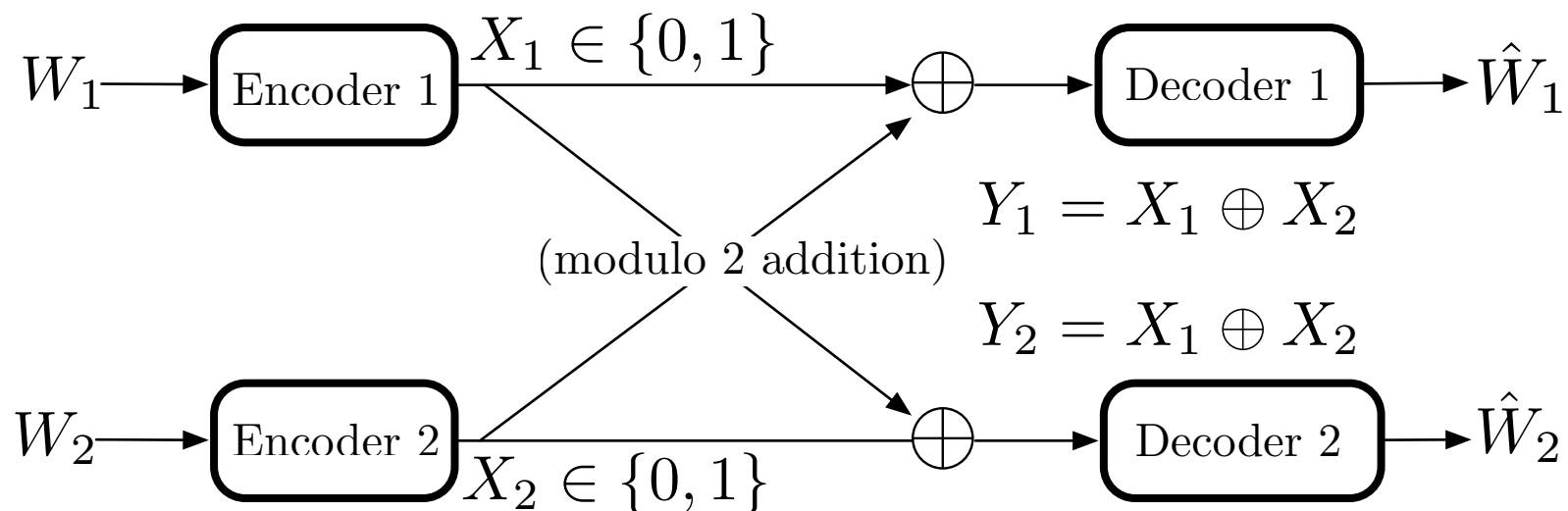


What to do?

What is information  
theoretically optimal?

**OPEN PROBLEM: THE CAPACITY REGION OF THE  
INTERFERENCE CHANNEL**

# Example 1: binary adder channel



What rate pairs  $(\log(\#W_1), \log(\#W_2))$  can be transmitted reliably?

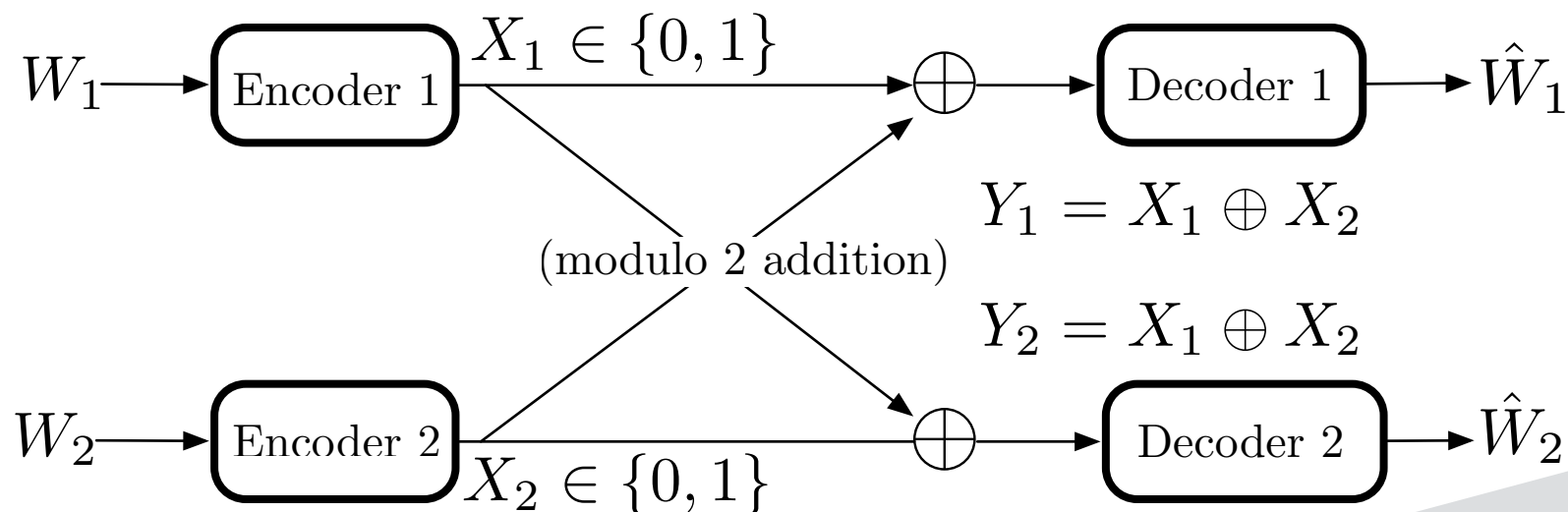
		$X_1$	
		0	1
$X_2$	0	0	1
	1	1	0

$$Y_1 = Y_2 = 0 \rightarrow (X_1, X_2) \in \{(0, 0), (1, 1)\}$$

$$Y_1 = Y_2 = 1 \rightarrow (X_1, X_2) \in \{(0, 1), (1, 0)\}$$

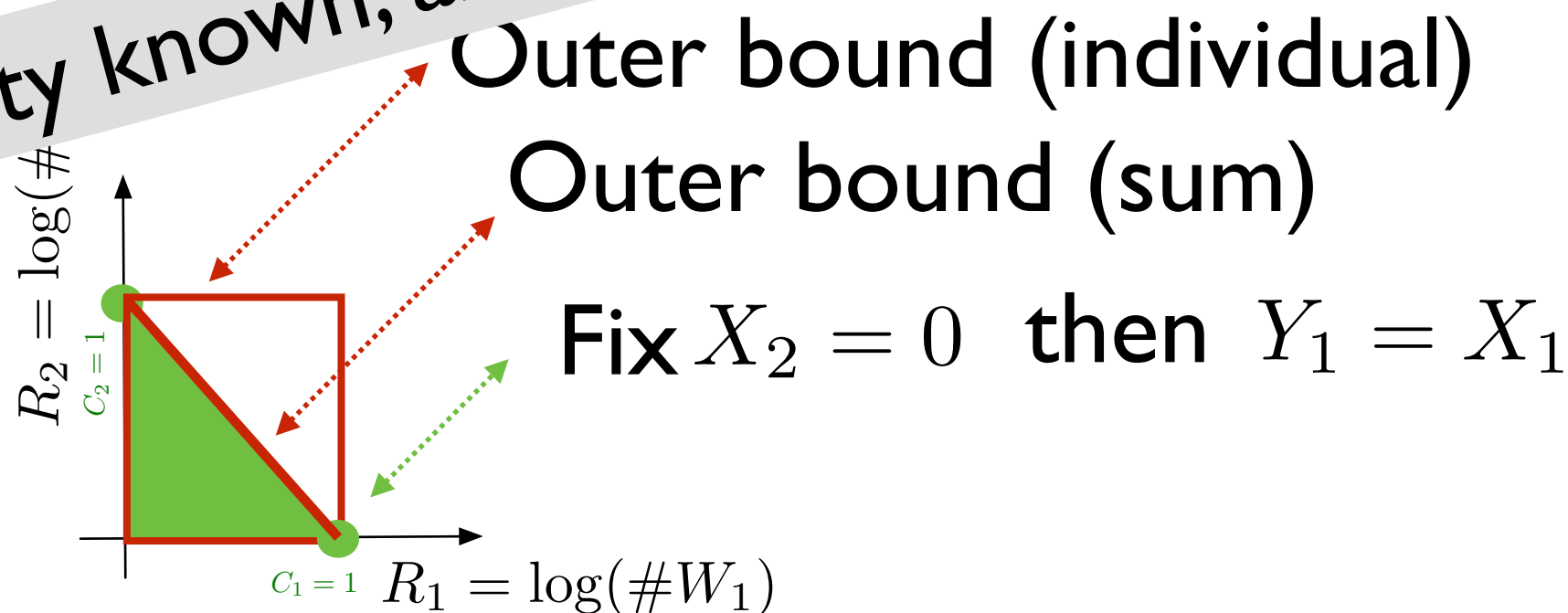
Can only transmit **1 bit in total**

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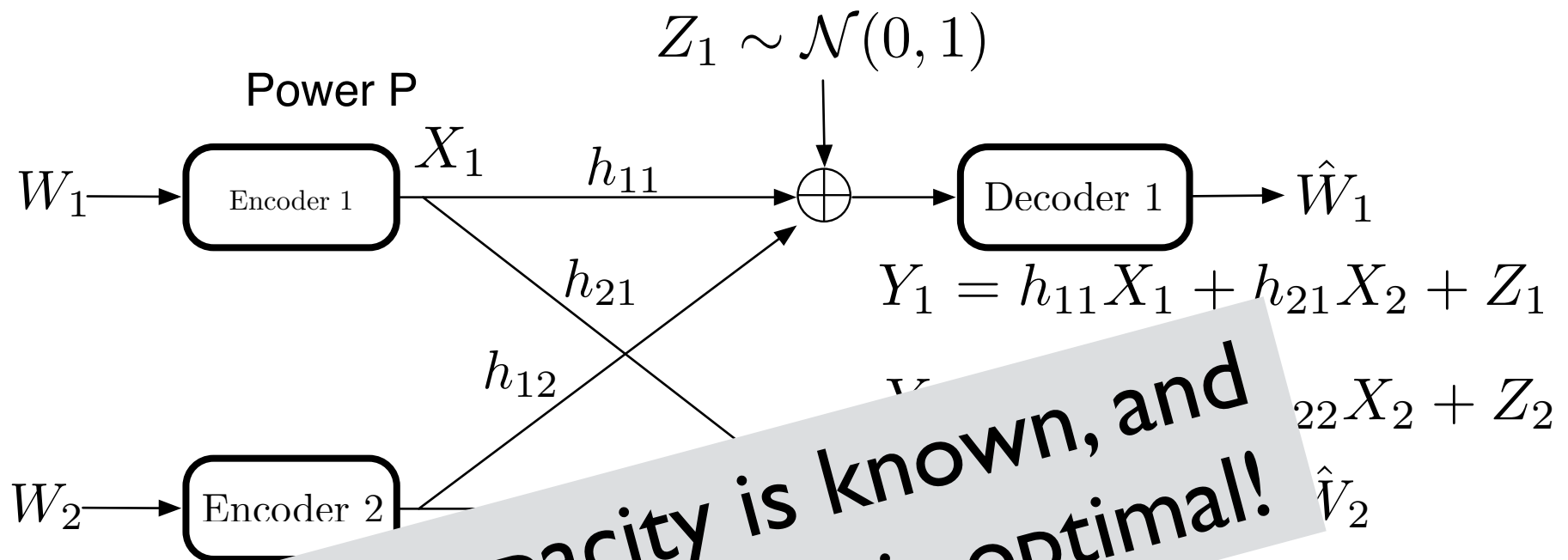
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# Example 2: AWGN channel

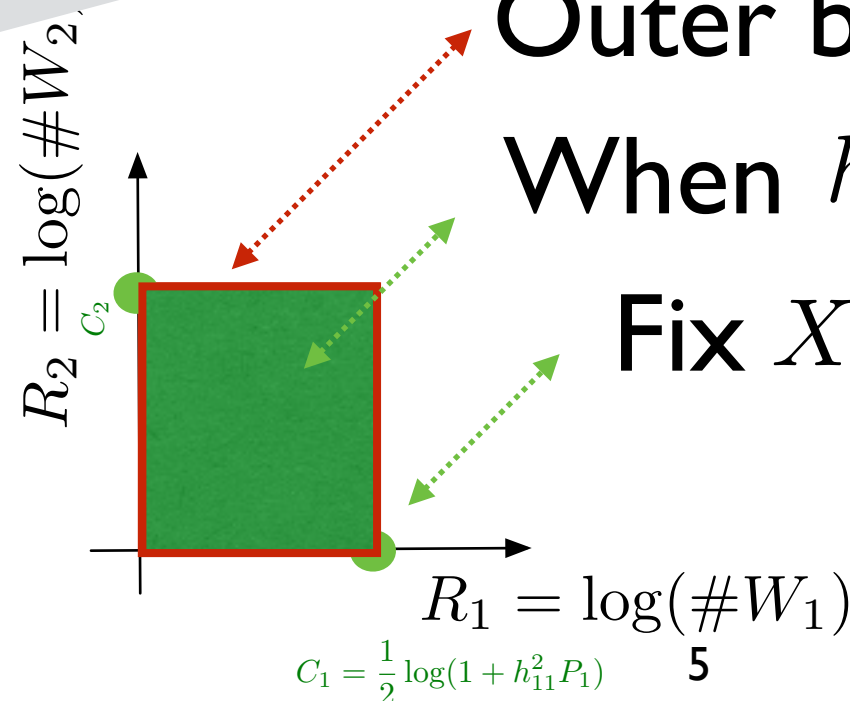


Sometimes capacity is known, and decoding interference is optimal!

Outer bound (individual)

When  $h_{21}, h_{12}$  are “big”

Fix  $X_2 = 0$  then  $Y_1 = h_{11}X_1 + Z_1$



# Goals of this lecture

*forced jokes*

1) understand what is understood

*forced travel pics*

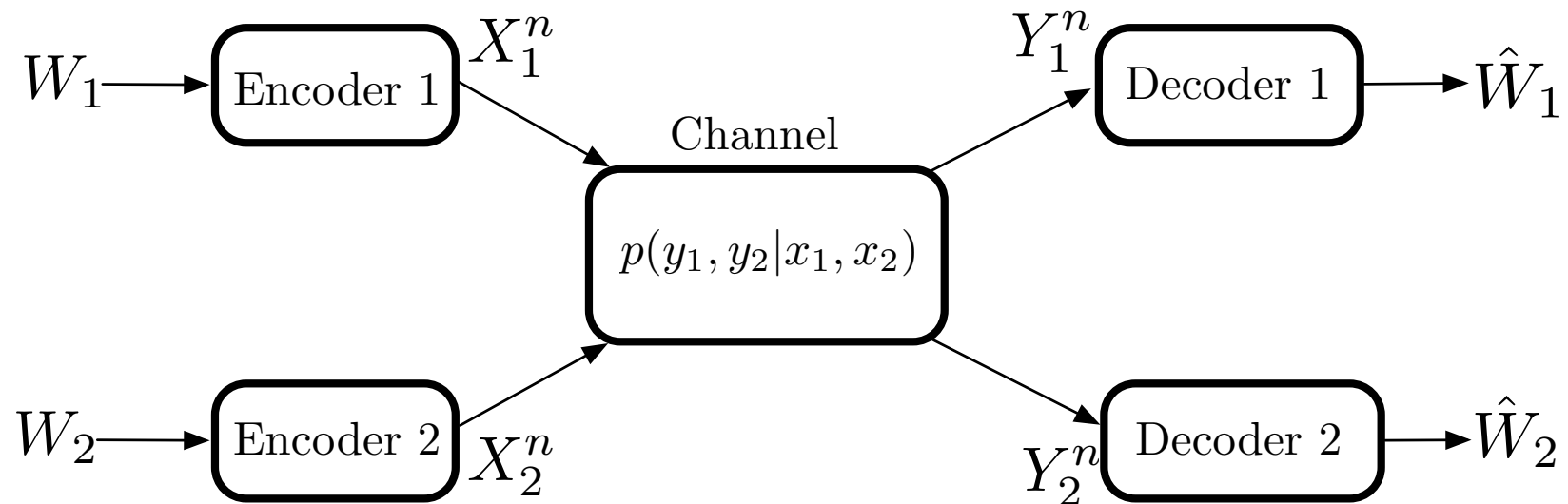
2) understand 3 outer bound and 1 inner  
bound proof techniques

*forced UIC advertisement*

3) understand different ways of handling  
interference

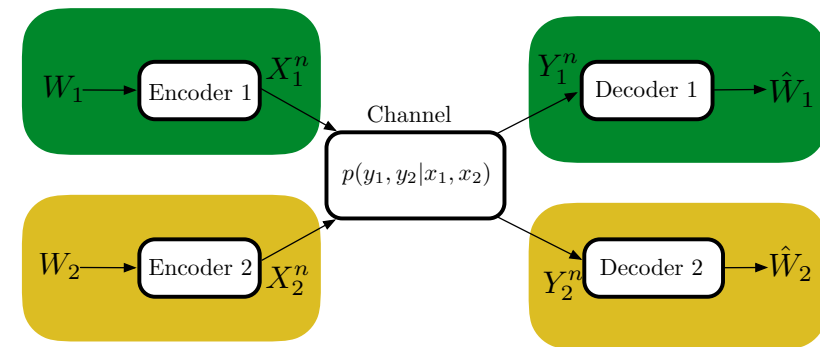
4) ask questions and relate to your own research

# Formal definition



- a discrete memoryless interference channel (DM-IC)  $(\mathcal{X}_1 \times \mathcal{X}_2, p(y_1, y_2 | x_1, x_2), \mathcal{Y}_1 \times \mathcal{Y}_2)$  consists of 4 finite sets/alphabets  $\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{X}_2, \mathcal{Y}_1, \mathcal{Y}_2$  and a collection of conditional pmfs  $p(y_1, y_2 | x_1, x_2)$
- sender  $j = 1, 2$  sends an independent message  $W_i$  to receiver  $j$
- lower case  $x$  is an instance of random variable  $X$  in calligraphic alphabet  $\mathcal{X}$

# Formal definition



- A  $(2^{nR_1}, 2^{nR_2}, n)$  code for the IC consists of:

1. Two message sets  $[1 : 2^{nR_1}]$ , and  $[1 : 2^{nR_2}]$
2. Two encoders:

$$w_1 \in [1 : 2^{nR_1}] \rightarrow x_1^n(w_1)$$

$$w_2 \in [1 : 2^{nR_2}] \rightarrow x_2^n(w_2)$$

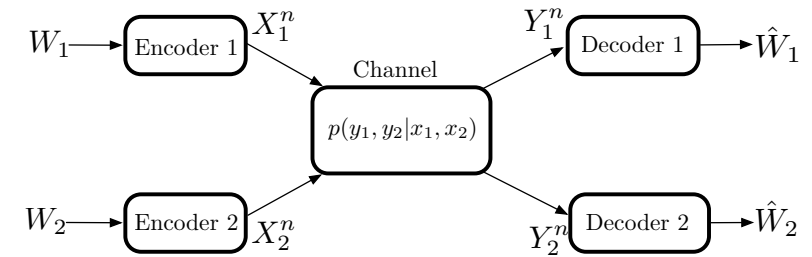
3. Two decoders:

$$y_1^n \rightarrow [1 : 2^{nR_1}] \cup \text{error}$$

$$y_2^n \rightarrow [1 : 2^{nR_2}] \cup \text{error}$$

- we assume  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are uniformly distributed on  $[1 : 2^{nR_1}]$  and  $[1 : 2^{nR_2}]$  respectively

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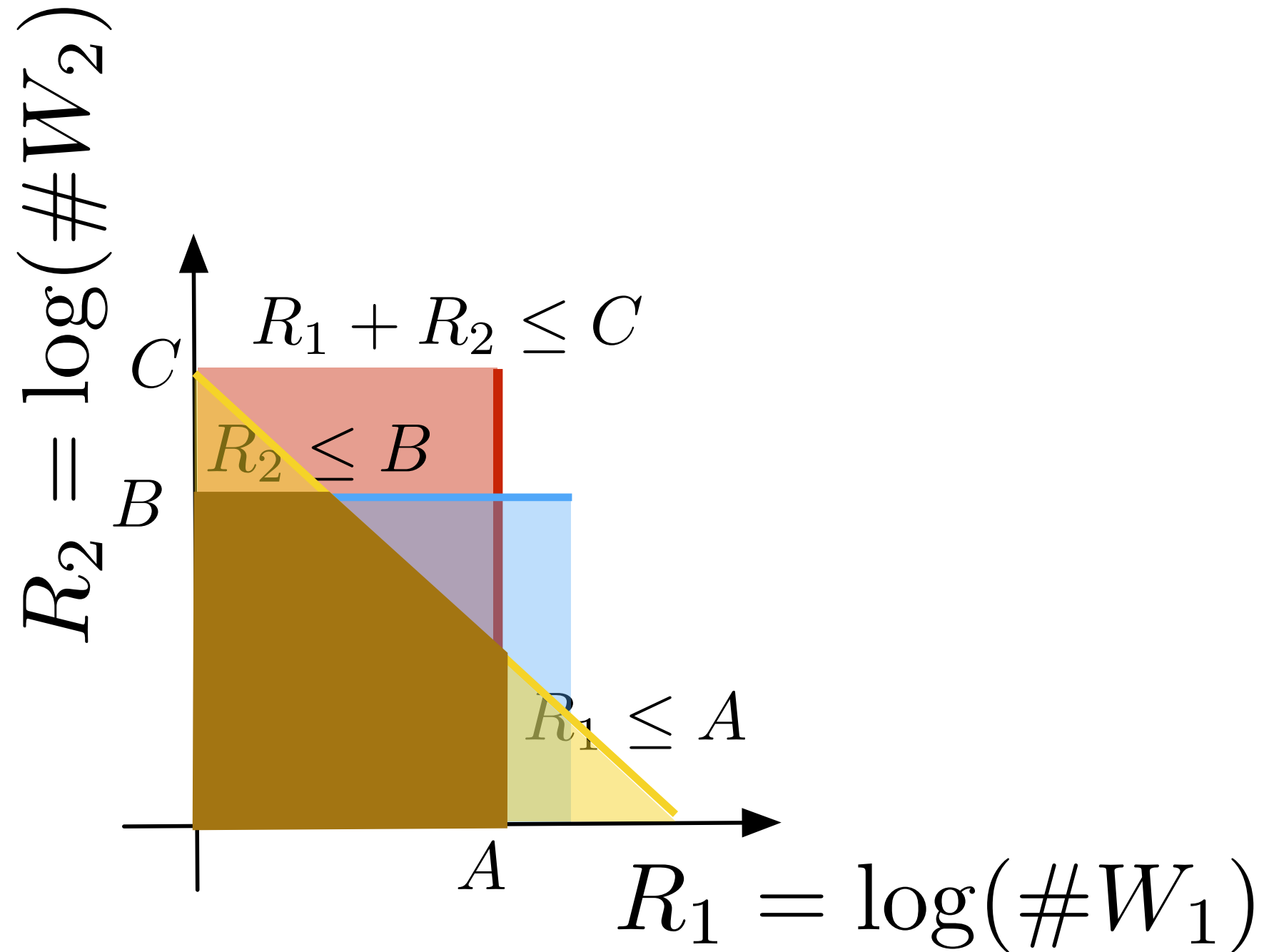
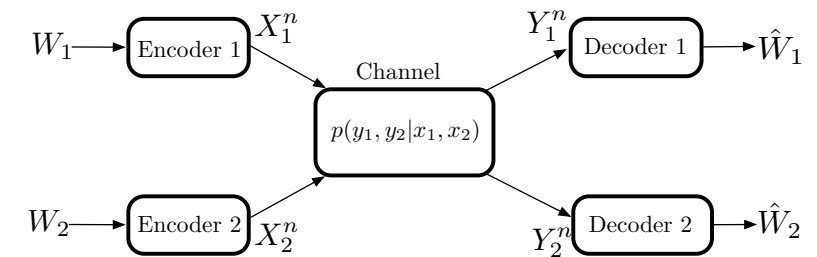


- average probability of error:

$$P_e^{(n)} := \mathbb{P}\{(\widehat{W}_1, \widehat{W}_2) \neq (W_1, W_2)\}$$

- Rate pair  $(R_1, R_2)$  is *achievable* if there exists a sequence of  $(2^{nR_1}, 2^{nR_2}, n)$  codes with  $P_e^{(n)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- The *capacity region* of the DM-IC is the closure of the set of achievable rate pairs  $(R_1, R_2)$
- Note: capacity region depends on  $p(y_1, y_2 | x_1, x_2)$  only through the marginals  $p(y_1 | x_1, x_2)$  and  $p(y_2 | x_1, x_2)$

# Rate regions

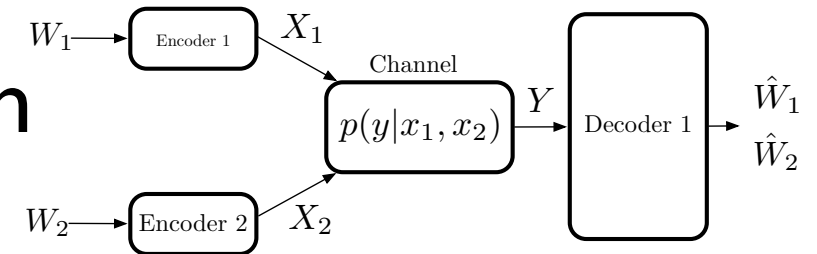


# Reminder

## Point-to-point capacity

$$R \leq C := \max_{p(x)} I(X; Y)$$

## Multiple-access channel (MAC) capacity region

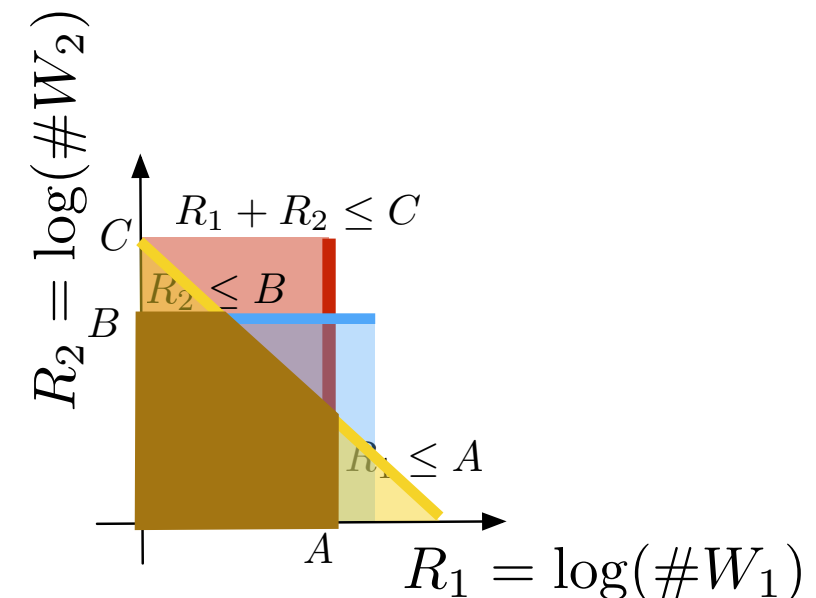


$$R_1 \leq I(X_1; Y | X_2, Q)$$

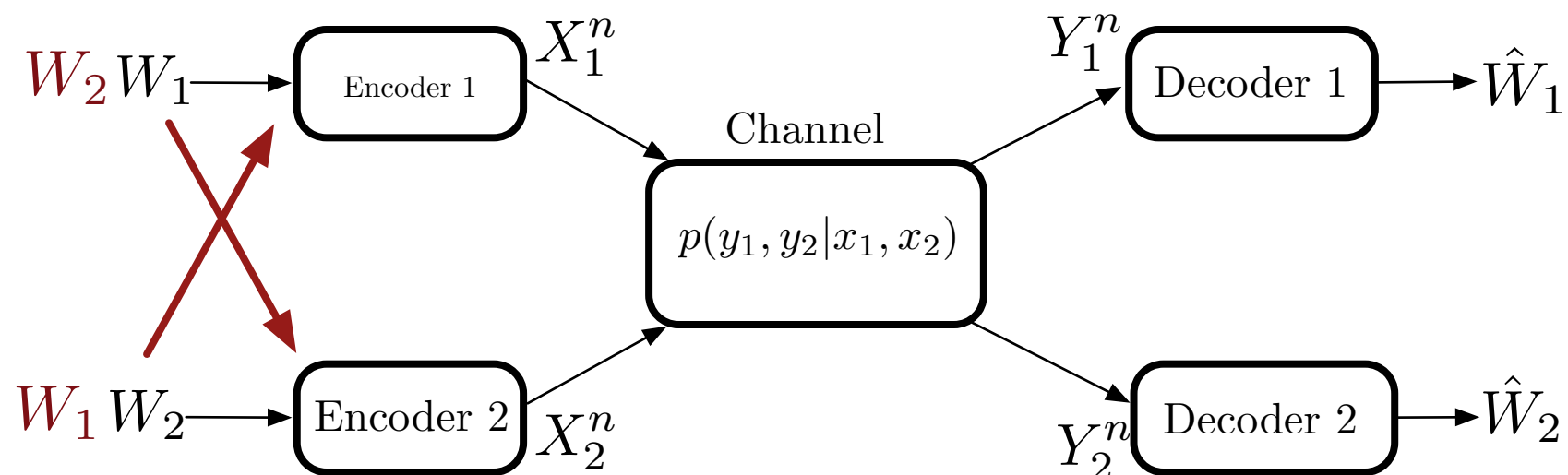
$$R_2 \leq I(X_2; Y | X_1, Q)$$

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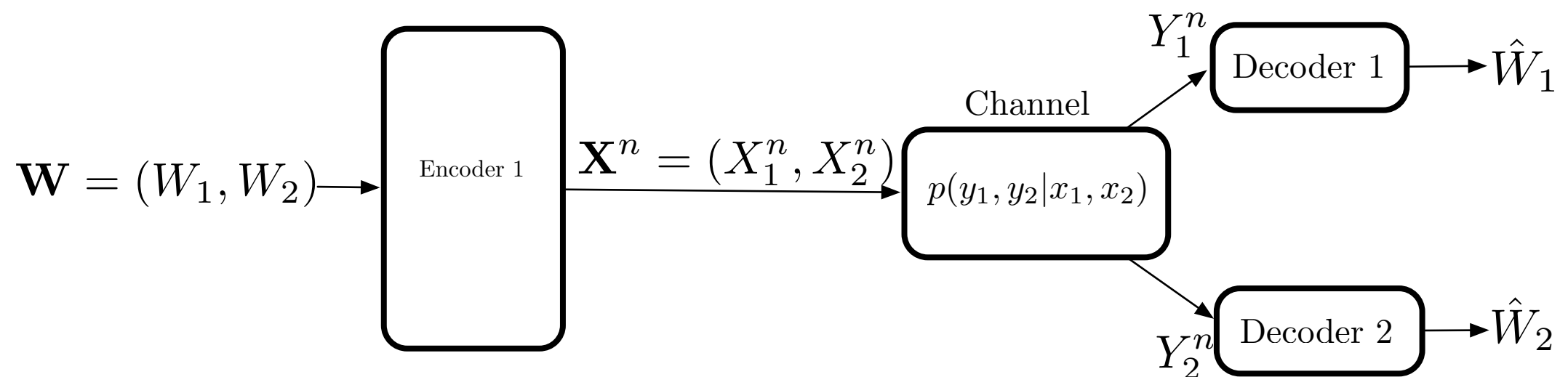
union taken over all  $p(q)p(x_1|q)p(x_2|q)$



# What if the transmitters cooperate?

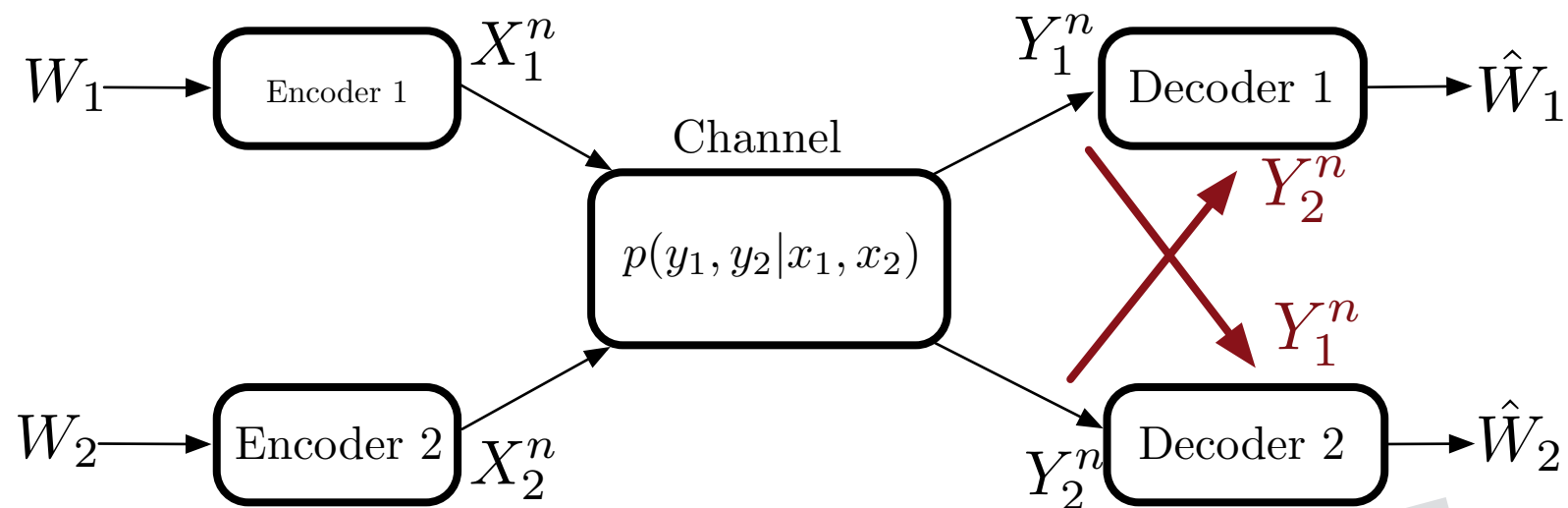


becomes a 2Tx antenna broadcast channel (solved for AWGN)





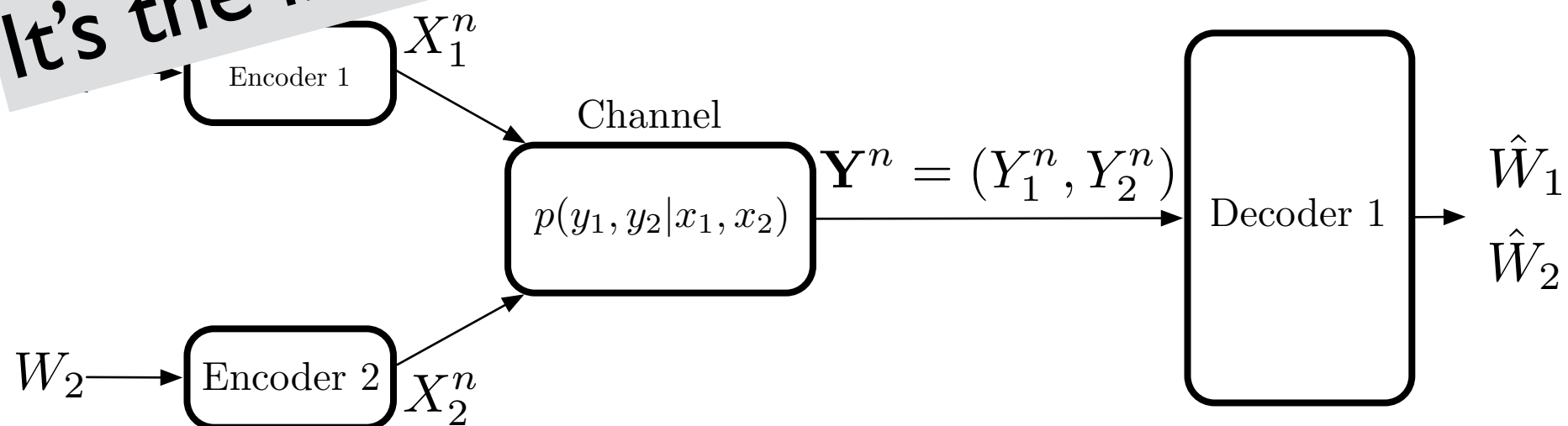
# What if the receivers cooperate?



becomes a 2Rx antenna

**It's the interference that is difficult!**

access channel (solved)



# Early work

[H. Sato, “Two-user communication channels,” IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, vol. 23, no. 3, pp. 295–304, 1977.]



*Devroye fail*

[R. Ahlswede, “The capacity region of a channel with two senders and two receivers,” Ann. Probability, vol. 2, pp. 805–814, 1974.]

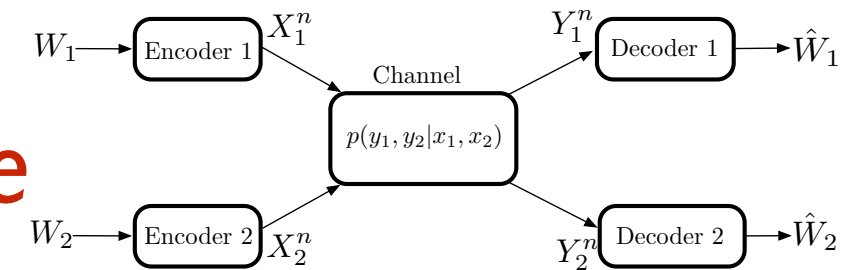


[A. B. Carleial, “A case where interference does not reduce capacity,” IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, vol. 21, no. 5, pp. 569–570, 1975.]

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# DM-IC: Basic inner and outer bounds



“Single-user” outer bound: *FLX interference*

- Maximal (achievable) individual rates:

$$R_1 \leq C_1 := \max_{p(x_1), x_2} I(X_1; Y_1 | X_2 = x_2), \quad R_2 \leq C_2 := \max_{p(x_2), x_1} I(X_2; Y_2 | X_1 = x_1)$$

“Basic genie” outer bound: *GIVE interference*

- Union over all  $p(q)p(x_1|q)p(x_2|q)$  of

$$R_1 \leq I(X_1; Y_1 | X_2, Q), \quad R_2 \leq I(X_2; Y_2 | X_1, Q)$$

“Single-user” time-sharing inner bound: *AVOID interference*

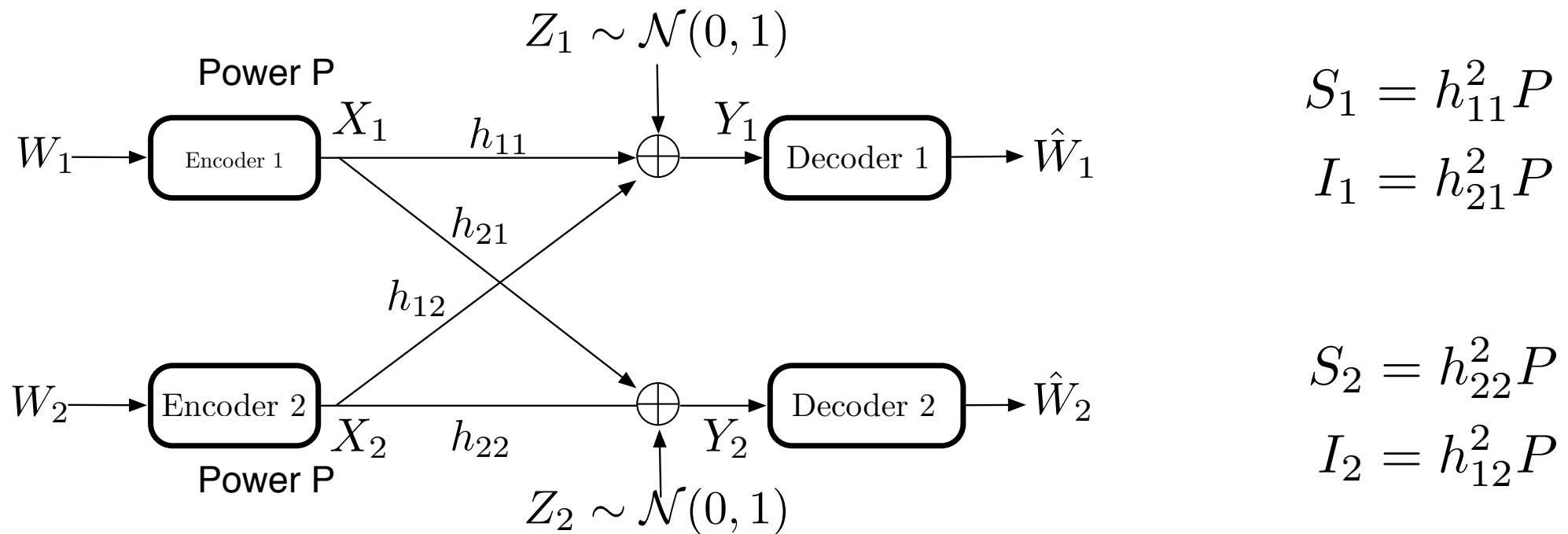
- Union over all  $t \in [0, 1]$  of:  $R_1 \leq t C_1, \quad R_2 \leq (1 - t) C_2$

Treating interference as noise inner bound: *“SUFFER” interference*

- Union over all  $p(q)p(x_1|q)p(x_2|q)$  of

$$R_1 \leq I(X_1; Y_1 | Q), \quad R_2 \leq I(X_2; Y_2 | Q)$$

# AWGN Gaussian IC

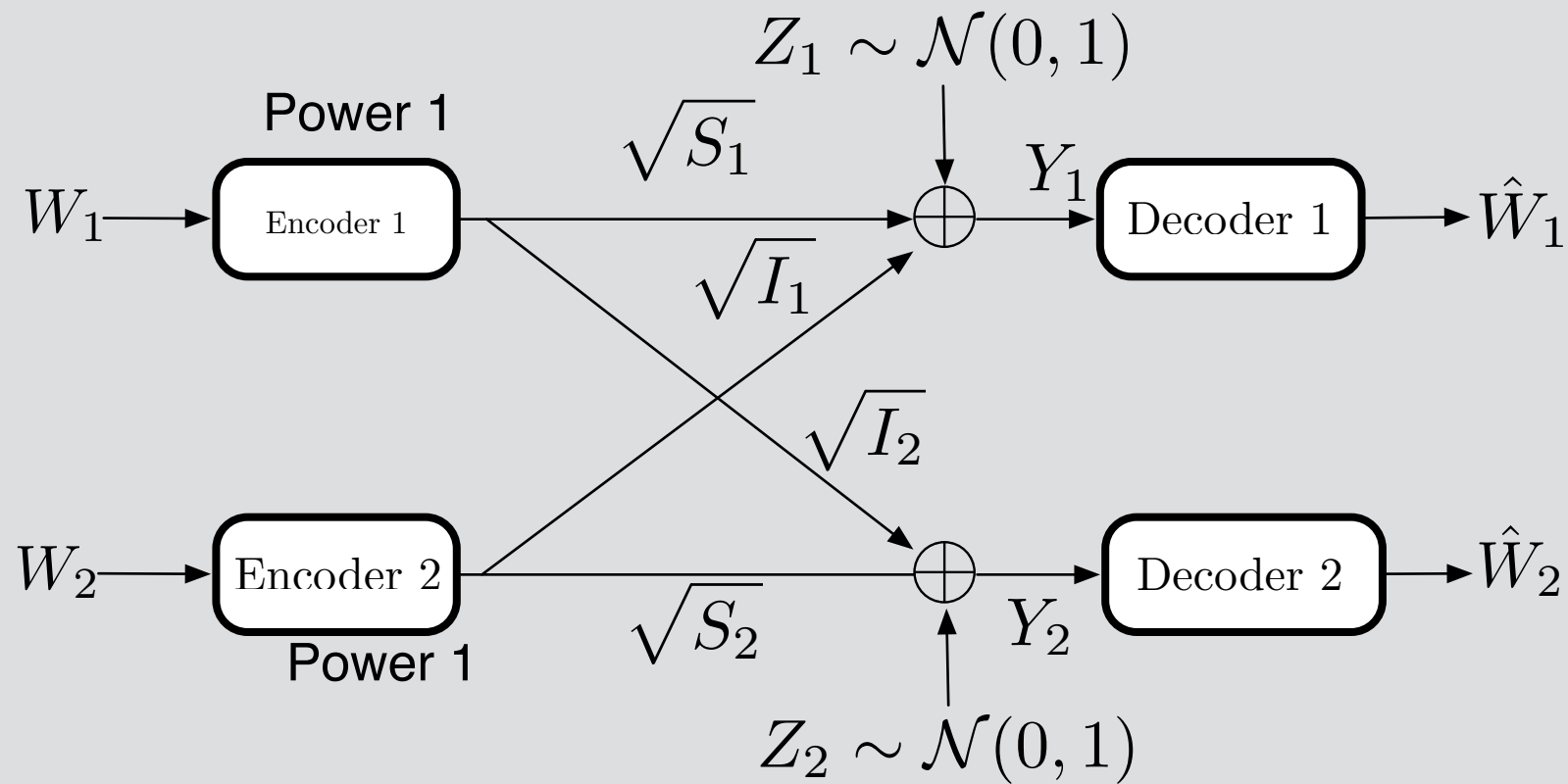


Average transmit power constraint: for all codewords  $x_1^n(w_1)$  and  $x_2^n(w_2)$ ,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n x_{1j}^2(w_1) \leq nP, \quad \sum_{j=1}^n x_{2j}^2(w_2) \leq nP,$$

Practically relevant

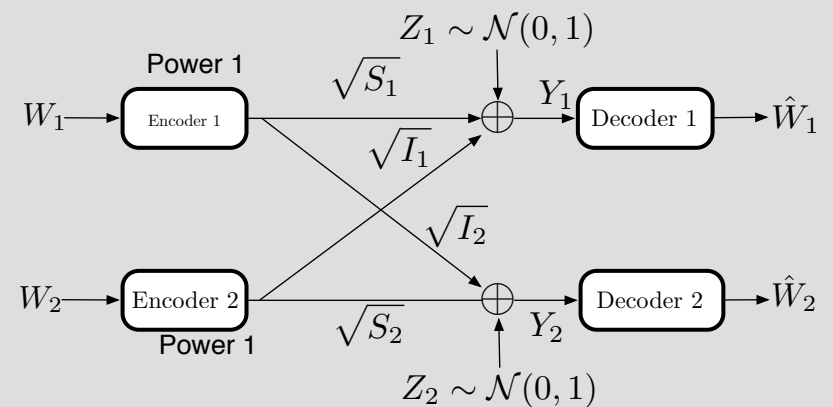
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$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n x_{1j}^2(w_1) \leq 1, \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n x_{2j}^2(w_2) \leq 1,$$

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## “Single-user” time-sharing (with power control) inner bound:

- Union over all  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ :

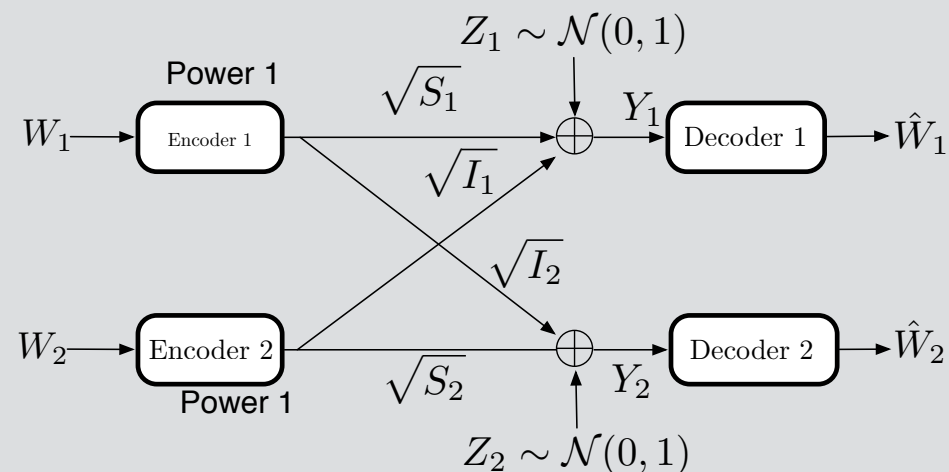
$$R_1 \leq \frac{\alpha}{2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{S_1}{\alpha} \right), \quad R_2 \leq \frac{(1 - \alpha)}{2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{S_2}{(1 - \alpha)} \right)$$

## Treating interference as noise inner bound (with Gaussian inputs):

$$R_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{S_1}{1 + I_1} \right), \quad R_2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{S_2}{1 + I_2} \right)$$

# The main problem with the Gaussian-IC

What inputs are optimal?



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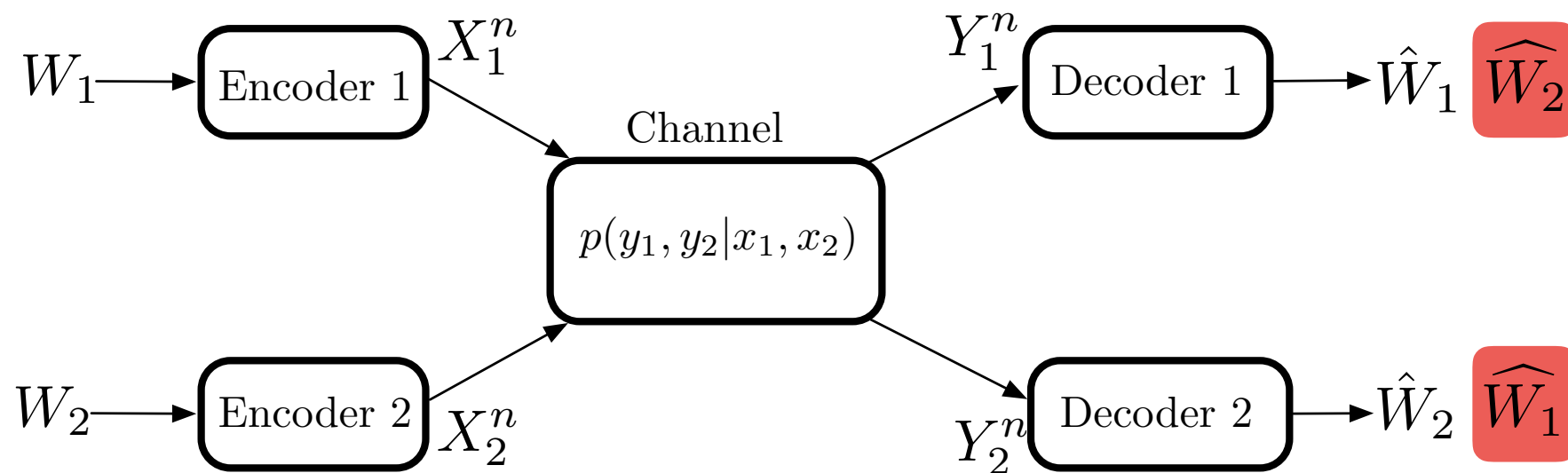
$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n x_{1j}^2(w_1) \leq 1, \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n x_{2j}^2(w_2) \leq 1,$$

Max entropy and EPI:  
Gaussian inputs are *best inputs*  
but also *worst noise*

Tension between the 2 users!

# DM-IC: Simultaneous decoding inner bound

“Compound MAC” inner bound: (force both to decode both)



- Union over all  $p(q)p(x_1|q)p(x_2|q)$  of

$$R_1 \leq \min\{I(X_1; Y_1 | X_2, Q), I(X_1; Y_2 | X_2, Q)\}$$

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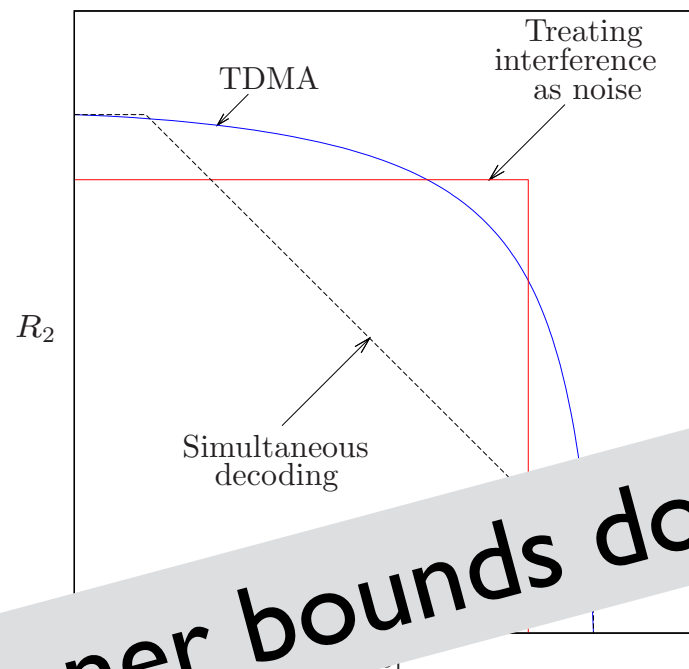
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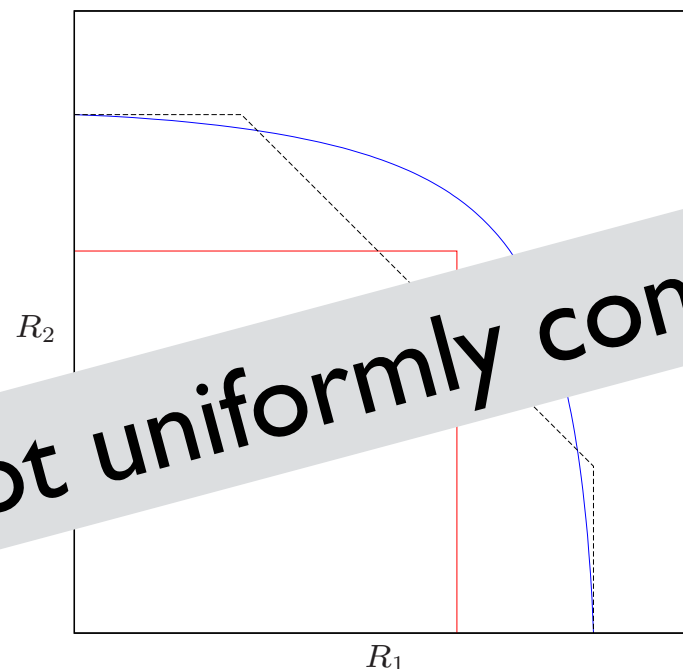
# Comparison of the Bounds

- We consider the symmetric case ( $S_1 = S_2 = S = 1$  and  $I_1 = I_2 = I$ )

*low interference*  $I = 0.2$

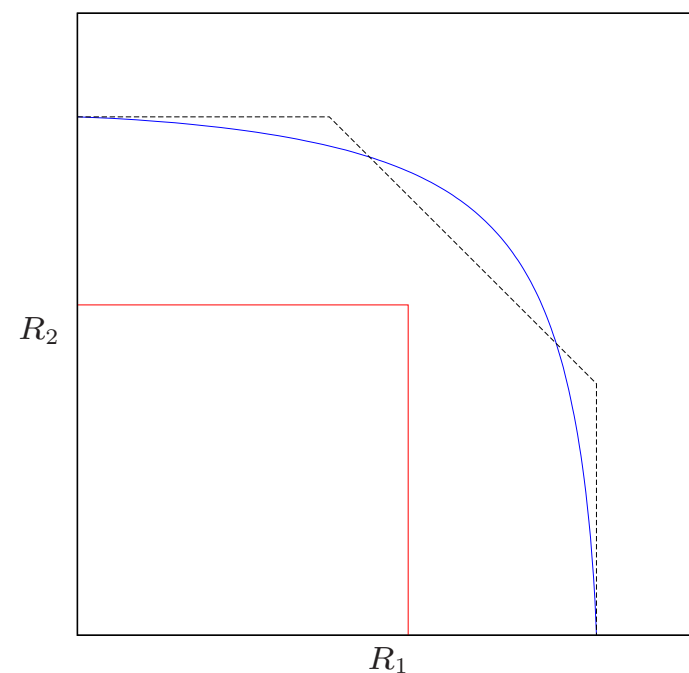


*lowish interference*  $I = 0.5$

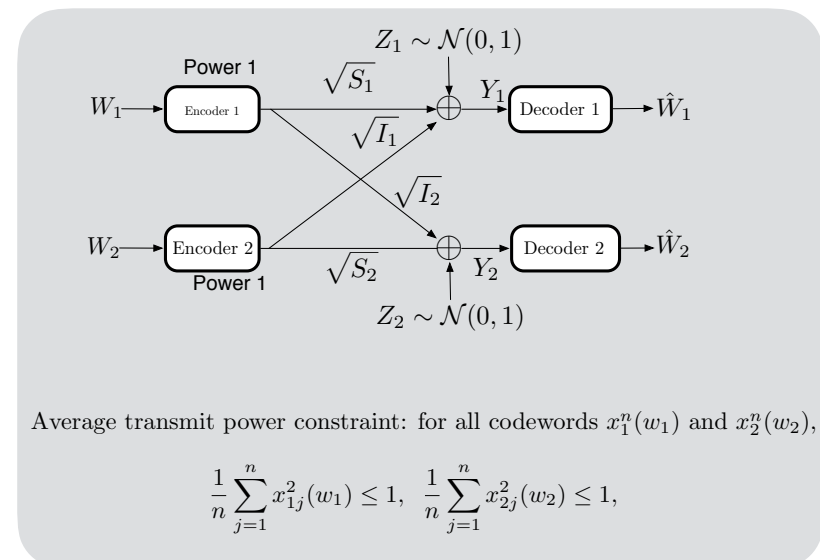
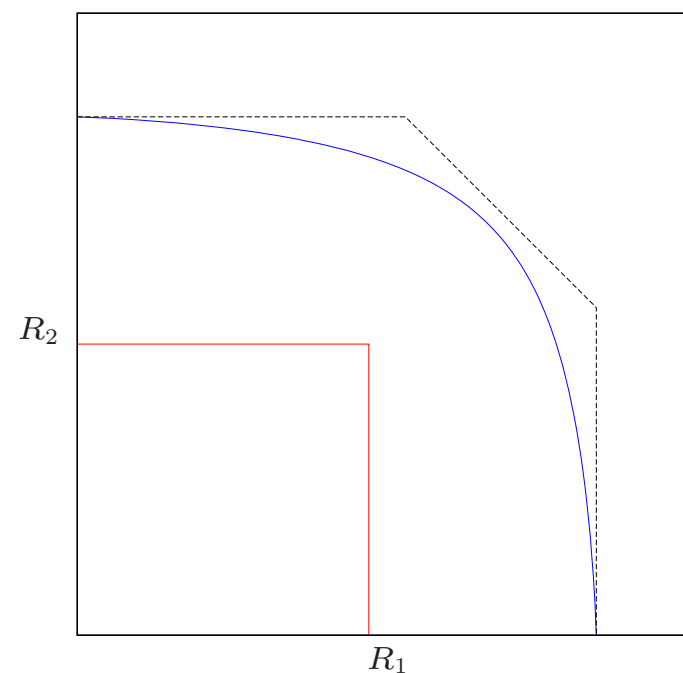


inner bounds do not uniformly contain each other!

*highish interference*  $I = 0.8$



*high interference*  $I = 1.1$



# DM-IC: Sato's outer bound



- Let  $\mathcal{R}(\tilde{p}(y_1, y_2|x_1, x_2))$  be the union over all  $p(q)p(x_1|q)p(x_2|q)\tilde{p}(y_1, y_2|x_1, x_2)$  of

$$R_1 \leq I(X_1; Y_1|X_2, Q)$$

$$R_2 \leq I(X_2; Y_2|X_1, Q)$$

$$R_1 + R_2 \leq I(X_1, X_2; Y_1, Y_2|Q)\}.$$

Then the intersection of the sets  $\mathcal{R}(\tilde{p}(y_1, y_2|x_1, x_2))$  over all  $\tilde{p}(y_1, y_2|x_1, x_2)$  with the same marginals as  $p(y_1, y_2|x_1, x_2)$  is an outer bound for the DM-IC.

Give user 2 signal as side information at Rx 1

Give user 1 signal as side information at Rx 2

Let both Rxs cooperate in decoding both messages

## Handout 1: proof of Sato's outer bound

# Handout I: proof of Sato's outer bound

$$nR_1 = H(W_1)$$

$$\stackrel{(a)}{=} H(W_1|W_2)$$

$$\stackrel{(b)}{=} H(W_1|X_2^n)$$

$$\stackrel{(c)}{=} H(W_1|Y_1^n, X_2^n) + I(W_1; Y_1^n|X_2^n)$$

$$\stackrel{(d)}{\leq} n\epsilon_1^n + I(W_1; Y_1^n|X_2^n)$$

$$\stackrel{(e)}{=} n\epsilon_1^n + I(X_1^n; Y_1^n|X_2^n)$$

$$\stackrel{(f)}{\leq} n\epsilon_1^n + \sum_{j=1}^n I(X_{1j}; Y_{1j}|X_{2j})$$

$$\stackrel{(g)}{=} n\epsilon_1^n + nI(X_1; Y_1|X_2, Q),$$

single-letterization is the issue!

# Handout I: proof of Sato's outer bound

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(X_1^n; Y_1^n | X_2^n) &\stackrel{(h)}{=} \sum_{j=1}^n I(X_{1j}; Y_1^n | X_2^n, X_{11}, \dots, X_{1(j-1)}) \\
 &\stackrel{(i)}{\leq} \sum_{j=1}^n I(X_{1j}; Y_{1j} | X_2^n, X_{11}, \dots, X_{1(j-1)}) \\
 &\stackrel{(j)}{=} \sum_{j=1}^n H(Y_{1j} | X_2^n, X_{11}, \dots, X_{1(j-1)}) - H(Y_{1j} | X_2^n, X_{11}, \dots, X_{1(j-1)}, X_{1j})
 \end{aligned}$$

memoryless-ness of the channel!

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\stackrel{(k)}{\leq} \sum_{j=1}^n H(Y_{1j} | X_{2j}) - H(Y_{1j} | X_2^n, X_{11}, \dots, X_{1(j-1)}, X_{1j}) \\
 &\stackrel{(l)}{=} \sum_{j=1}^n H(Y_{1j} | X_{2j}) - H(Y_{1j} | X_{2j}, X_{1j})
 \end{aligned}$$

negative term has all inputs in conditioning

Are these ever *tight*?  
(*inner* = *outer*)

Treat interference as noise

(Coded) time-sharing

Simultaneous decoding

(Successive interference cancellation)

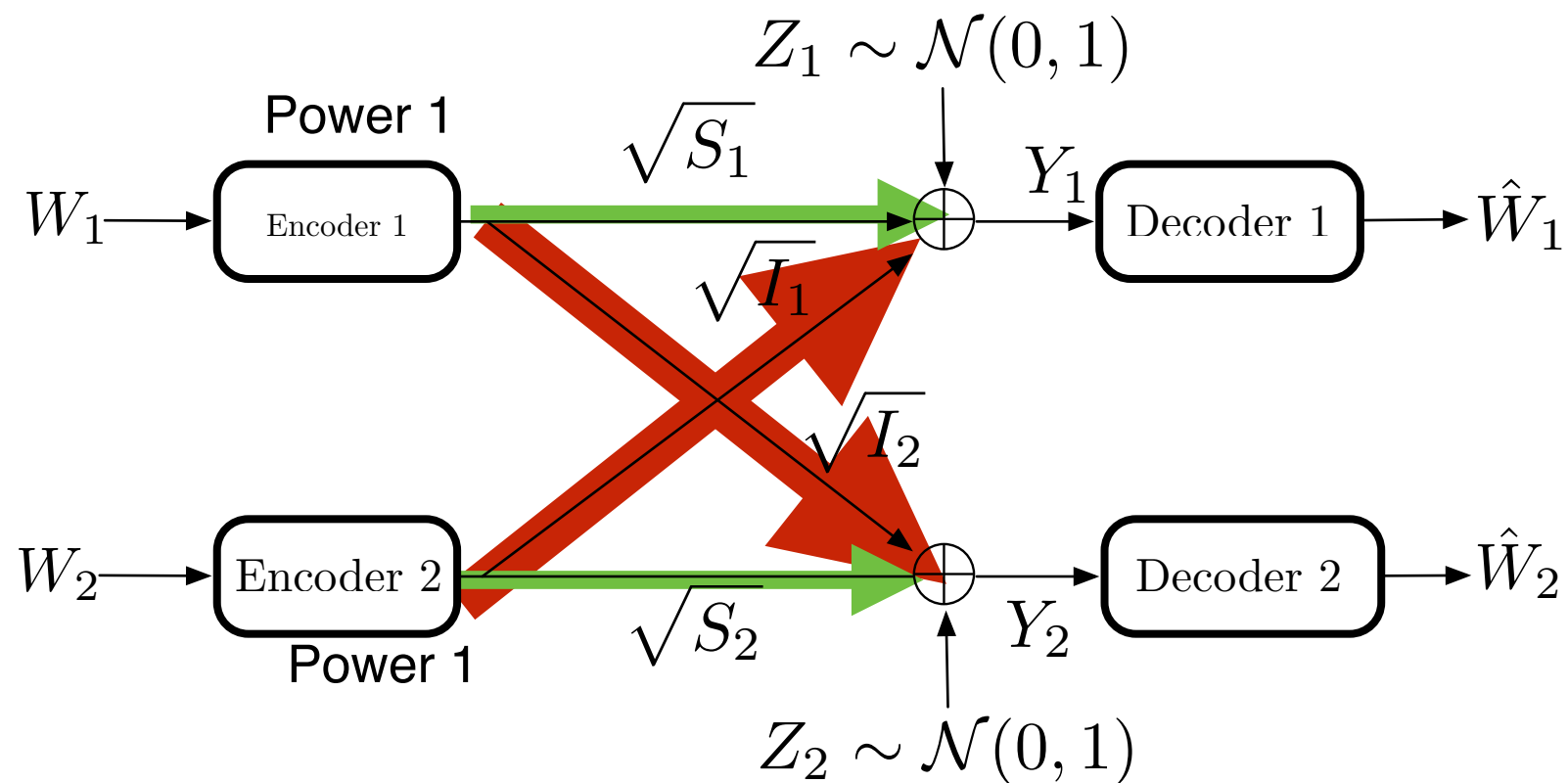
Single-user outer

Sato outer

A DM-IC is said to have *very strong interference* if

$$\begin{aligned} I(X_1; Y_1 | X_2) &\leq I(X_1; Y_2) \\ I(X_2; Y_2 | X_1) &\leq I(X_2; Y_1) \end{aligned}$$

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**Theorem (capacity region under very strong interference).** The capacity region of the DM=IC under very strong interference is the set of rate pairs  $(R_1, R_2)$  such that

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for some  $p(q, x_1, x_2) = p(q)p(x_1|q)p(x_2|q)$ .

**Achievability? Successive interference cancellation!**

**Decode interference FIRST, then desired!**

At Rx 1:  $R_2 \leq I(X_2; Y_1)$  then  $R_1 \leq I(X_1; Y_1 | X_2)$   
At Rx 2:  $R_1 \leq I(X_1; Y_2)$  then  $R_2 \leq I(X_2; Y_2 | X_1)$



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**Converse?      Basic genie outer bounds (or Sato)**

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*Very strong interference*  $\rightarrow$  *strong interference*

*Strong interference*  $\nrightarrow$  *very strong interference*

# Capacity of DM-IC under *strong interference*

$$\begin{aligned} I(X_1; Y_1 | X_2) &\leq I(X_1; Y_2 | X_2) \\ I(X_2; Y_2 | X_1) &\leq I(X_2; Y_1 | X_1) \end{aligned} \quad \forall p(x_1)p(x_2)$$

**Theorem (capacity region in strong interference).** The capacity region of the interference channel  $(\mathcal{X}_1 \times \mathcal{X}_2, p(y_1, y_2 | x_1, x_2), \mathcal{Y}_1 \times \mathcal{Y}_2)$  in strong interference is the set of rate pairs  $(R_1, R_2)$  such that

$$R_1 \leq I(X_1; Y_1 | X_2, Q) \tag{1}$$

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$$R_1 + R_2 \leq \min\{I(X_1, X_2; Y_1 | Q), I(X_1, X_2; Y_2 | Q)\} \tag{3}$$

for some  $p(q, x_1, x_2) = p(q)p(x_1|q)p(x_2|q)$  where  $|\mathcal{Q}| \leq 4$ .

[M. H. M. Costa and A. El Gamal, "The capacity region of the discrete memoryless interference channel with strong interference," IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, vol. 33, no. 5, pp. 710–711, 1987.]

**Achievability?**      **Simultaneous decoding inner bound**  
**Converse?**        **See handout**

$$n(R_1 + R_2) = H(W_1) + H(W_2)$$

$$\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} I(W_1; Y_1^n) + I(W_2; Y_2^n) + n\epsilon_n$$

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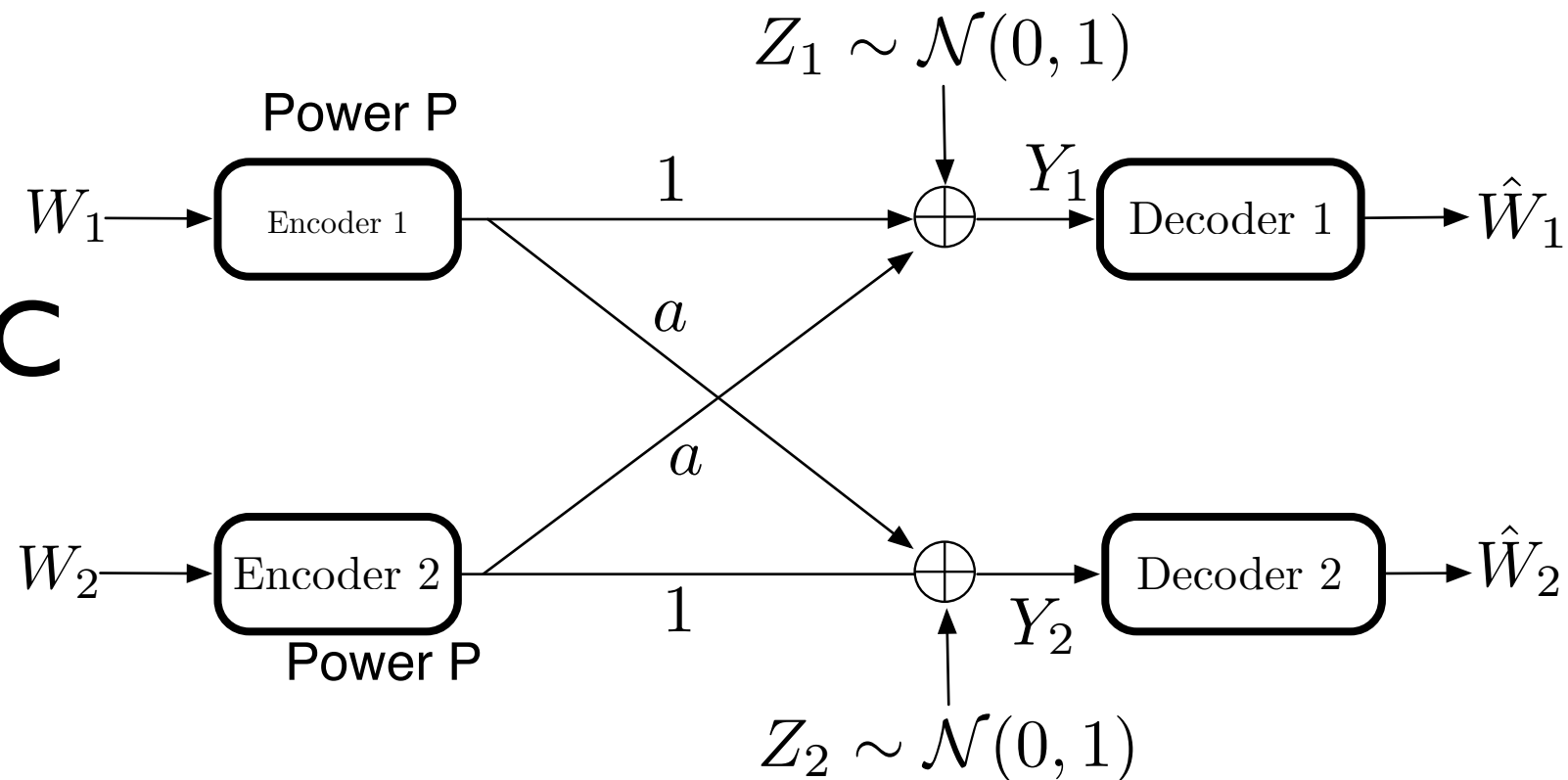
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$$\stackrel{(f)}{\leq} \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_{1i}, X_{2i}; Y_{2i}) + n\epsilon_n$$

$$\stackrel{(g)}{=} nI(X_1, X_2; Y_2 | Q) + n\epsilon_n$$

**strong interference! one output!**

# Symmetric Gaussian IC



Very strong interference:  $a^2 > 1 + P$   
*capacity region known, decode interference fully first*

Strong interference:  $a^2 \geq 1$   
*capacity region known, jointly decode interference and message*

Weak interference:  $a^2 \leq 1$  *Costa's corner point known, LATER*

Very weak interference:  $a^2 P \leq 1$   
*capacity known, Gaussian inputs+TIN*

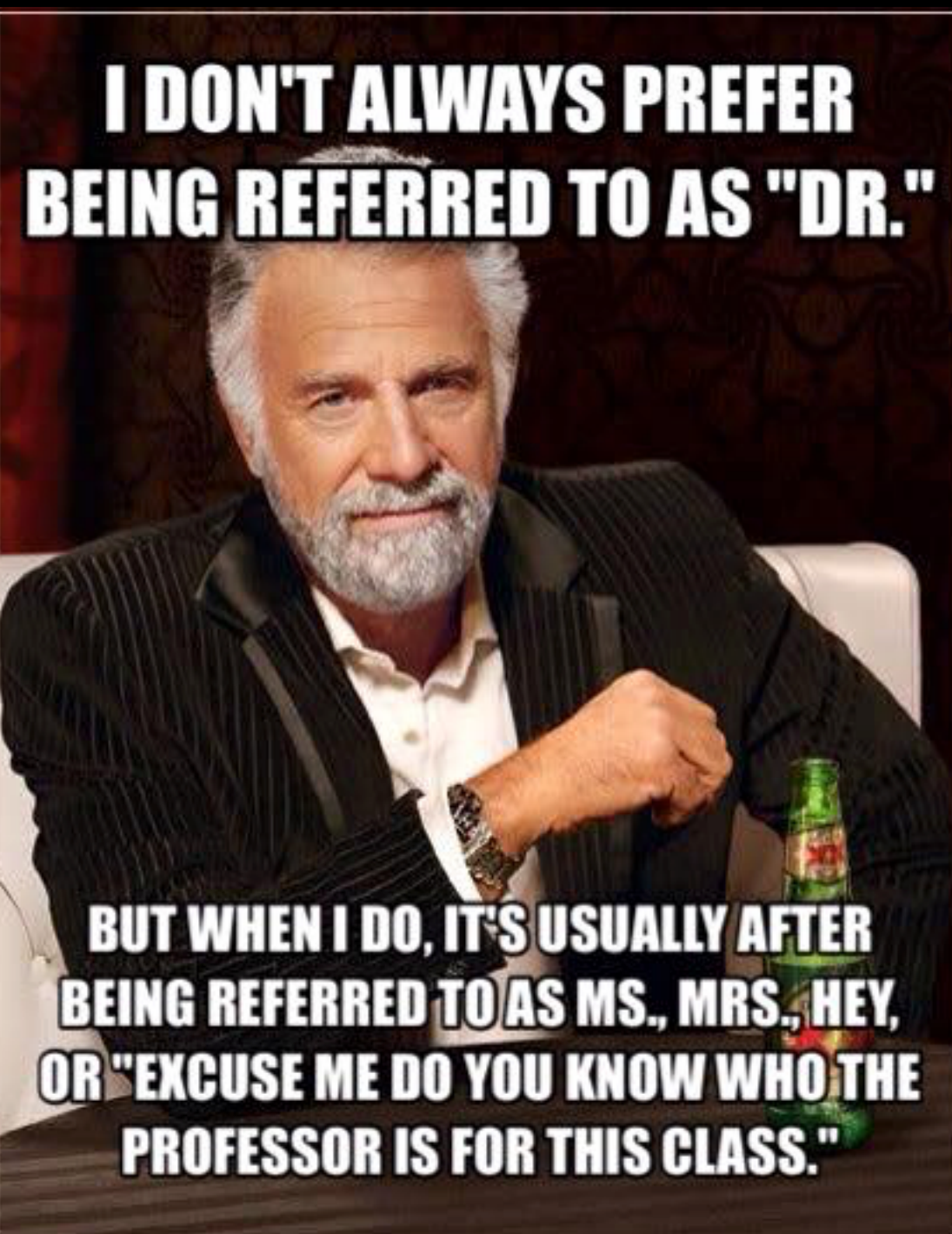
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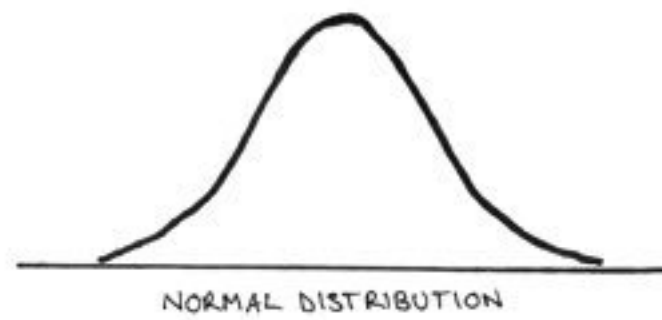
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Forced jokes







*Freeman*





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# DMC: Han+Kobayashi inner bound



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## Largest single-letter achievable rate region

[T. S. Han and K. Kobayashi, "A new achievable rate region for the interference channel," IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, vol. 27, no. 1, pp. 49–60, 1981.]

## Achieves capacity when we know it

[H.-F. Chong, M. Motani, H. K. Garg, and H. El Gamal, "On the Han–Kobayashi region for the interference channel," IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, vol. 54, no. 7, pp. 3188–3195, July 2008. ]

Thought to perhaps be the capacity region in general,  
but NO!

[C. Nair, L. Xia, M. Yazdanpanah, "Sub-optimality of the Han-and-Kobayashi Achievable Region for Interference Channels," *Proc. of ISIT*, 2015.]

more later... for now, let us understand this  
important region

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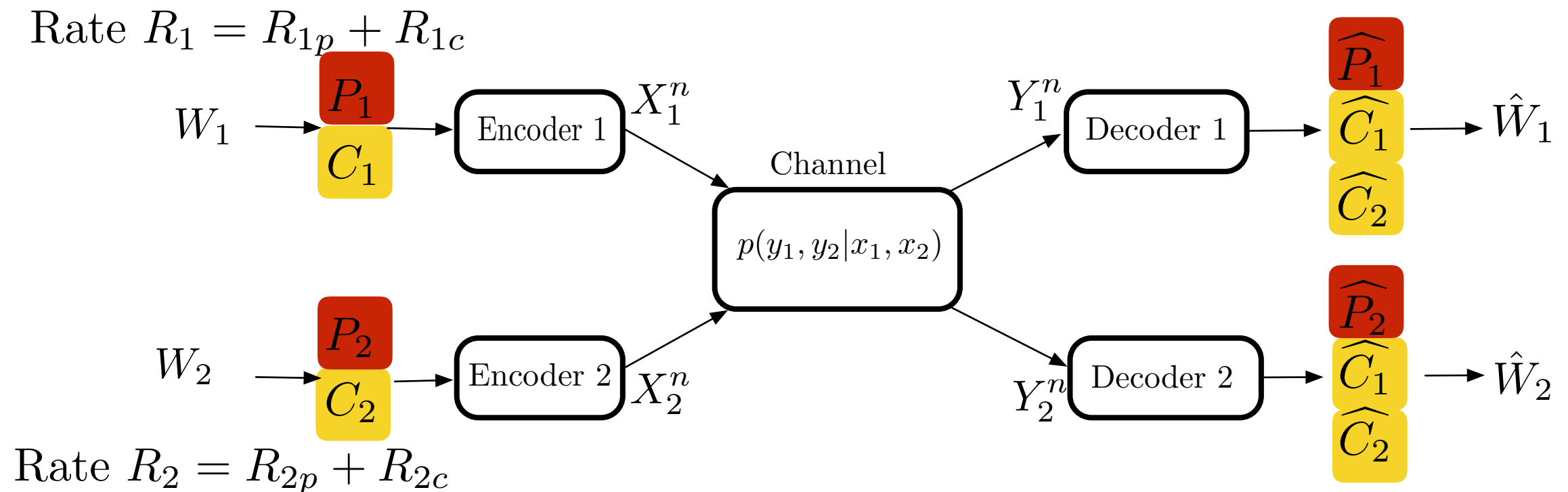


# Handout 3: proof of H+K

## Outline:

- 1) Split message into “public” and “private” parts
- 2) At each Tx, superpose public over private
- 3) At each Rx, decode both public messages and the desired private message
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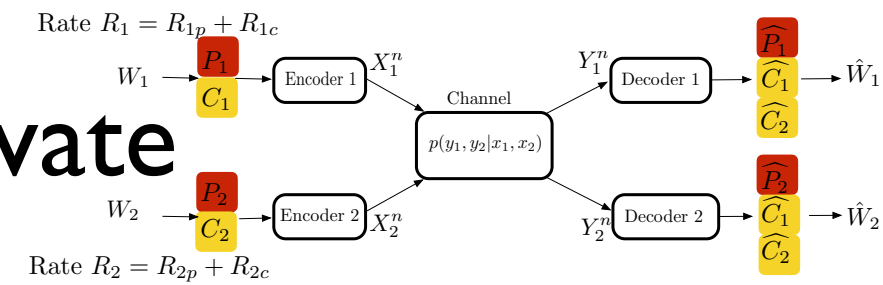
“Private” = decoded only by intended

“Public” = common = decoded by everyone

Idea: **carefully** split so can decode part of the interference



## 2) At each Tx, superpose public over private



Codebook generation: Fix  $p(q)p(u_1, x_1|q)p(u_2, x_2|q)$

Generate a sequence  $q^n \sim \prod_{i=1}^n p_Q(p_i)$

Tx 1 codebook: randomly and conditional independently generate  $2^{nR_{1c}}$  sequences  $u_1^n(w_{1c}), w_{1c} \in [1 : 2^{nR_{1c}}]$ , each according to  $\prod_{i=1}^n p_{U_1|Q}(u_{1i}|q_i)$ . For each  $u_1^n(w_{1c})$ , randomly and conditionally independently generate  $2^{nR_{1p}}$  sequences  $x_1^n(w_{1c}, w_{1p}), w_{1p} \in [1 : 2^{nR_{1p}}]$ , each according to  $\prod_{i=1}^n p_{X_1|U_1, Q}(x_{1i}|u_{1i}(w_{1c}), q_i)$

(similarly for Tx 2 codebook)

Encoding: to send  $w_1 = (w_{1c}, w_{1p})$ , encoder 1 transmits  $x_1^n(w_{1c}, w_{1p})$  (similarly for encoder 2)

Decoding: upon receiving  $y_1^n$ , decoder 1 finds the unique message pair  $(\widehat{w_{1c}}, \widehat{w_{1p}})$  such that  $(q^n, u_1^n(\widehat{w_{1c}}), u_2^n(w_{2c}), x_1^n(\widehat{w_{1c}}, \widehat{w_{1p}}), y_1^n)$  are jointly typical for some  $w_{2c} \in [1 : 2^{nR_{2c}}]$ . If no unique pair exists, the decoder declares an error. Similarly for decoder 2.

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Possible errors:

	$w_{1c}$	$w_{2c}$	$w_{1p}$	Joint pmf
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8	1	*	1	$p(u_1^n, x_1^n)p(u_2^n)p(y_1^n x_1^n)$

Count them and get probability from the packing lemma:

### 3) At each Rx, decode both public messages and the desired private message

**Packing Lemma [3].** Let  $(U, X, Y) \sim p(u, x, y)$ . Let  $(\tilde{U}^n, \tilde{Y}^n) \sim p(\tilde{u}^n, \tilde{y}^n)$  be a pair of arbitrarily distributed random sequences (not necessarily according to  $\prod_{i=1}^n p_{U,Y}(\tilde{u}_i, \tilde{y}_i)$ ). Let  $X^n(m), m \in \mathcal{A}$ , where  $|\mathcal{A}| \leq 2^{nR}$ , be random sequences, each distributed according to  $\prod_{i=1}^n p_{X|U}(x_i|\tilde{u}_1)$ . Assume that  $X^n(m), m \in \mathcal{A}$ , is pairwise conditionally independent of  $\tilde{Y}^n$  given  $\tilde{U}^n$ , but is arbitrarily dependent on other  $X^n(m)$  sequences. Then, there exists  $\delta(\epsilon) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  such that

$$\Pr\{(\tilde{U}^n, X^n(m), \tilde{Y}^n) \in \mathcal{T}_\epsilon^n\} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ if } R < I(X; Y|U) - \delta(\epsilon),$$

where  $\mathcal{T}_\epsilon^{(n)}$  is defined as the typical set

$$\mathcal{T}_\epsilon^{(n)} = \mathcal{T}_\epsilon^{(n)}(U, X, Y) := \{(u^n, x^n, y^n) : |\pi(u, x, y|u^n, x^n, y^n) - p(u, x, y)| \leq \epsilon \cdot p(u, x, y)\},$$

where

$$\pi(u, x, y|u^n, x^n, y^n) = \frac{|\{i : (u_i, x_i, y_i) = (u, x, y)\}|}{n} \text{ for } (u, x, y) \in \mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$$

U is “correct” and jointly distributed with output Y

X is “incorrect” of rate R

Prob. that (X,U,Y) are jointly typical vanishes if

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**symmetry at user 2**

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**OLD**

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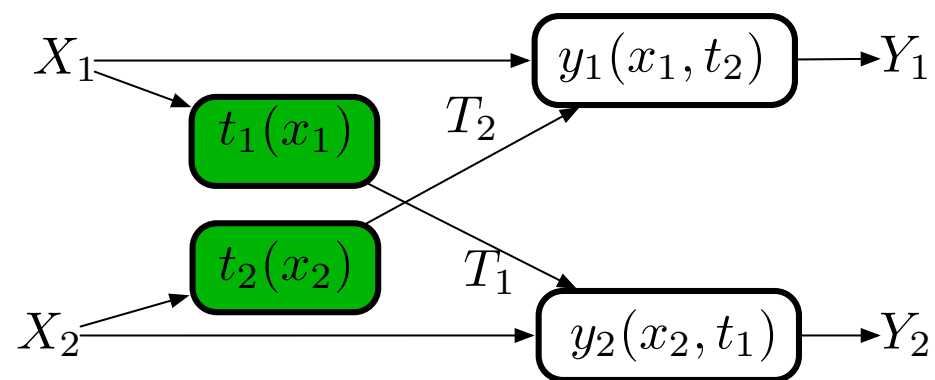
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3) As of 2015 and the great work of Chandra Nair,  
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Does  $H+K$  ever achieve  
capacity?

# Class of deterministic ICs



**deterministic**  
have capacity in general

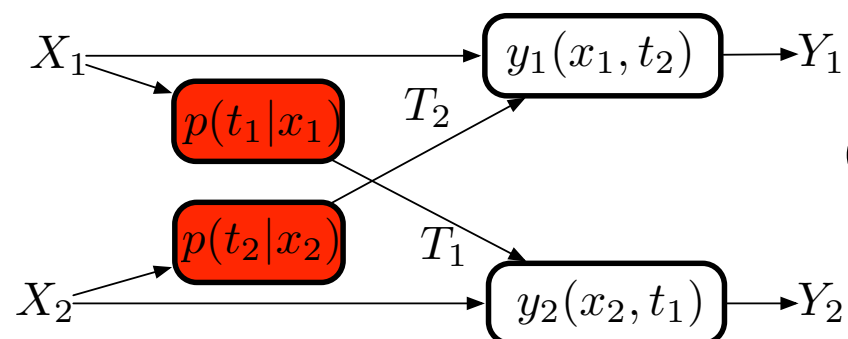
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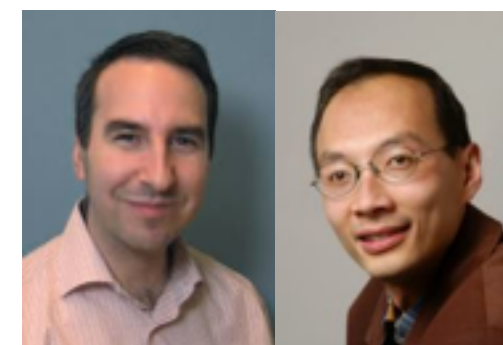
[A. El Gamal and M. H. M. Costa, "The capacity region of a class of deterministic interference channels," IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, vol. 28, no. 2, pp. 343–346, 1982.]

recovers / generalizes

# Class of **semi**-deterministic ICs

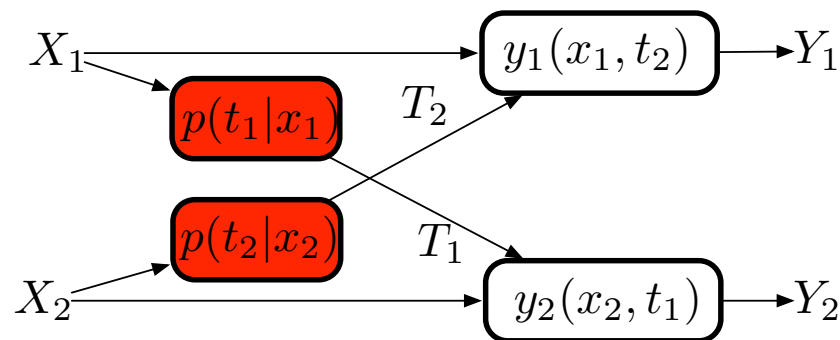


**probabilistic**  
constant gap to capacity



[I. E. Telatar and D. N. C. Tse, "Bounds on the capacity region of a class of interference channels," in Proc. IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory, Nice, France, June 2007.]

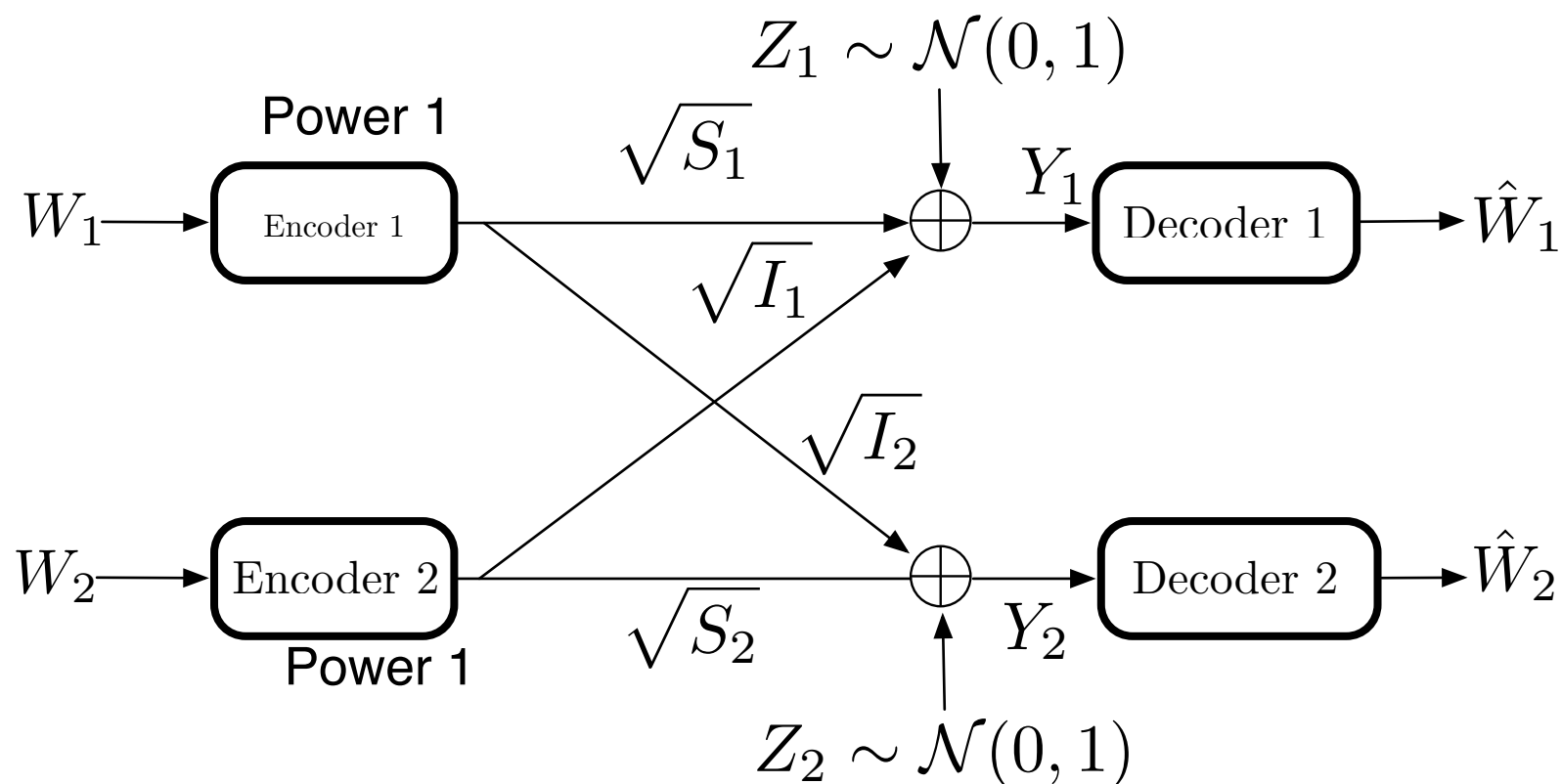
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probabilistic

Gaussian is a special case!



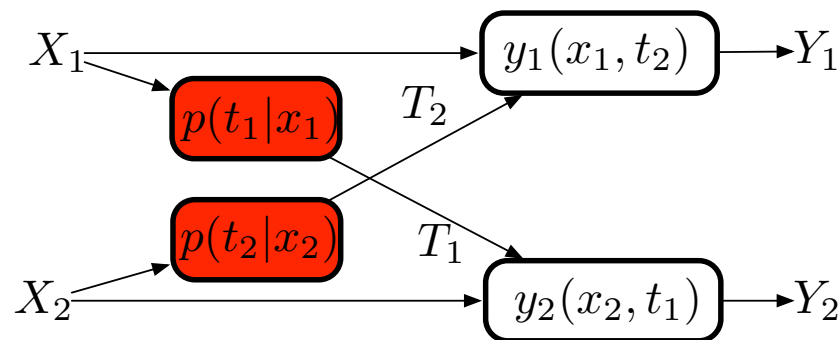
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# Class of **semi**-deterministic ICs

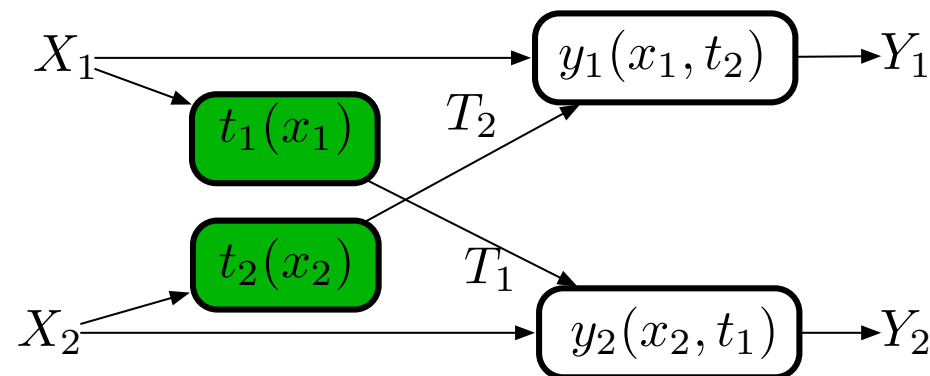


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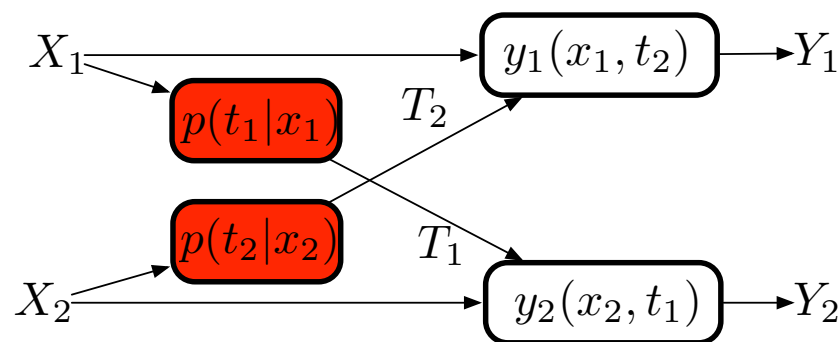
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# Inner bound: class of **semi**-deterministic ICs



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probabilistic

**Theorem (inner bound of semi-deterministic IC)** The following rate pairs  $(R_1, R_2)$  are achievable (Han+Kobayashi scheme under restriction  $p(u_1, u_2|q, x_1, x_2) = p_{T_1|X_1}(u_1|x_1)p_{T_2|X_2}(u_2|x_2)$ ):

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$$R_1 + R_2 \leq H(Y_1|Q) + H(Y_2|U_1, Q) - H(T_1|U_1, Q) - H(T_2|U_2, Q) \quad (3)$$

$$R_1 + R_2 \leq H(Y_1|U_1, U_2, Q) + H(Y_2|Q) - H(T_1|U_1, Q) - H(T_2|U_2, Q) \quad (4)$$

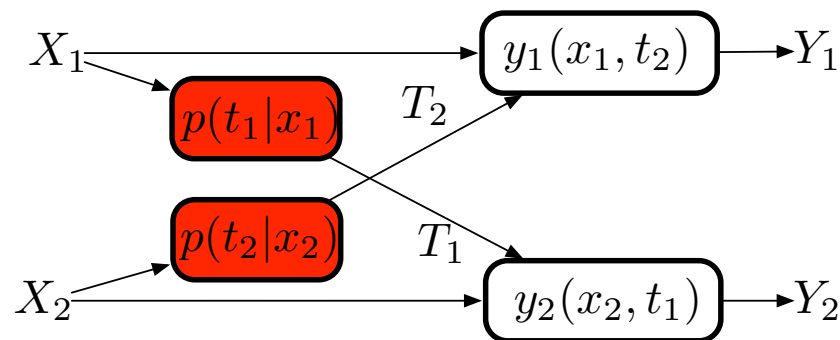
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# Outer bound: class of **semi**-deterministic ICs



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$$\mathcal{R}_O(Q, X_1, X_2)$$

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# Handout 4: outer bound semi-deterministic

## Outline:

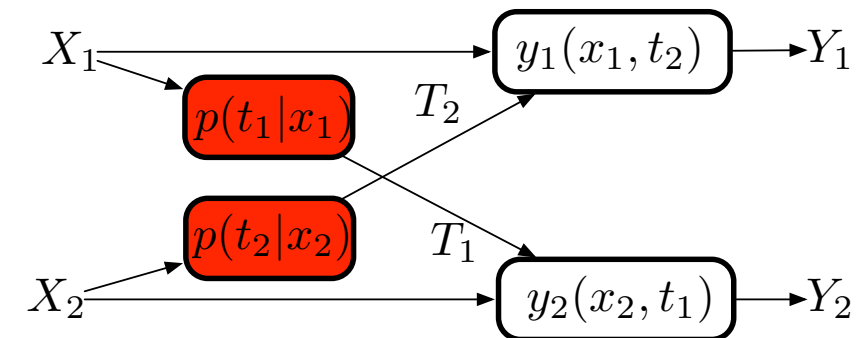
- 1) Showcases major difficulty in converses: single-letterization (if this is desired...)
- 2) Neat trick of combining many multi-letter terms



# Handout 4: outer bound semi-deterministic

Define random variables  $U_1^n$  and  $U_2^n$  such that  $U_{ji}$  is jointly distributed with  $X_{ji}$  according to  $p_{T_j|X_j}(u|x_{ji})$ , conditionally independent of  $T_{ji}$  given  $X_{ji}$  for every  $j = 1, 2$  and every  $i \in [1 : n]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} nR_j &= H(W_j) = I(W_j; Y_j^n) + H(W_j | Y_j^n) \\ &\leq I(W_j; Y_j^n) + n\epsilon_n \\ &\leq I(X_j^n; Y_j^n) + n\epsilon_n \end{aligned}$$



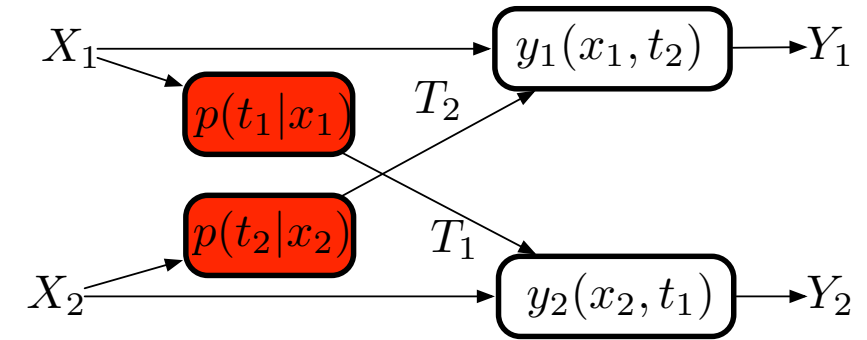
**Bound A1:**

$$\begin{aligned} nR_1 &\leq I(X_1^n; Y_1^n) \\ &= H(Y_1^n) - H(Y_1^n | X_1^n) \\ &= H(Y_1^n) - H(T_2^n | X_1^n) \\ &= H(Y_1^n) - H(T_2^n) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n H(Y_{1i}) - \boxed{H(T_2^n)} \end{aligned}$$

# Handout 4: outer bound semi-deterministic

Bound B1: (genie at Rx 1 of  $U_1^n, X_2^n$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 nR_1 &\leq I(X_1^n; Y_1^n, U_1^n, X_2^n) \\
 &= I(X_1^n; U_1^n) + I(X_1^n; X_2^n | U_1^n) + I(X_1^n; Y_1^n | U_1^n, X_2^n) \\
 &= H(U_1^n) - H(U_1^n | X_1^n) + H(Y_1^n | U_1^n, X_2^n) - H(Y_1^n | X_1^n, U_1^n, X_2^n) \\
 &\stackrel{(a)}{=} H(T_1^n) - H(U_1^n | X_1^n) + H(Y_1^n | U_1^n, X_2^n) - H(T_2^n | X_2^n) \\
 &\leq \boxed{H(T_1^n)} - \sum_{i=1}^n H(U_{1i} | X_{1i}) + \sum_{i=1}^n H(Y_{1i} | U_{1i}, X_{2i}) - \sum_{i=1}^n H(T_{2i} | X_{2i})
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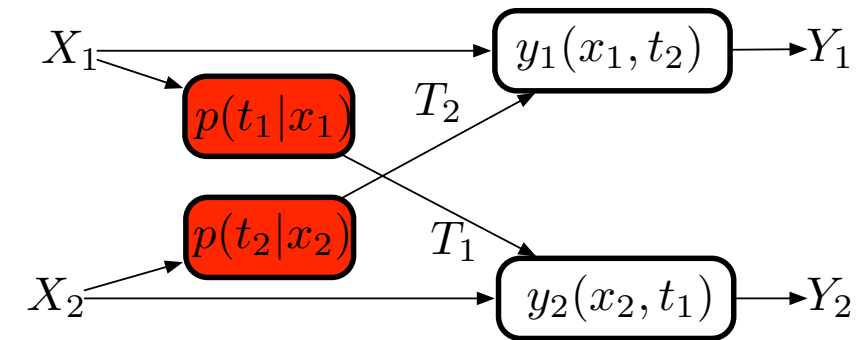


Bound C1: (genie at Rx 1 of  $U_1^n$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 nR_1 &\leq I(X_1^n; Y_1^n, U_1^n) \\
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 &= H(U_1^n) - H(U_1^n | X_1^n) + H(Y_1^n | U_1^n) - H(Y_1^n | X_1^n, U_1^n) \\
 &= H(T_1^n) - H(U_1^n | X_1^n) + H(Y_1^n | U_1^n) - H(T_2^n) \\
 &\leq \boxed{H(T_1^n)} - \boxed{H(T_2^n)} - \sum_{i=1}^n H(U_{1i} | X_{1i}) + \sum_{i=1}^n H(Y_{1i} | U_{1i})
 \end{aligned}$$

*why do some terms single-letterize but not others?*

# Handout 4: outer bound semi-deterministic

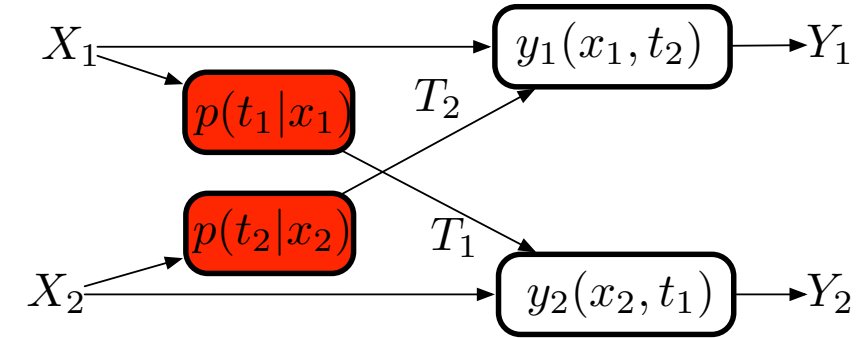


Bound D1: (genie at Rx 1 of  $X_2^n$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 nR_1 &\leq I(X_1^n; Y_1^n, X_2^n) \\
 &= I(X_1^n; X_2^n) + I(X_1^n; Y_1^n | X_2^n) \\
 &= H(Y_1^n | X_2^n) - H(Y_1^n | X_1^n, X_2^n) \\
 &= H(Y_1^n | X_2^n) - H(T_2^n | X_2^n) \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n H(Y_{1i} | X_{2i}) - \sum_{i=1}^n H(T_{2i} | X_{2i})
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by symmetry, obtain analogous bounds at Rx 2

# Handout 4: outer bound semi-deterministic



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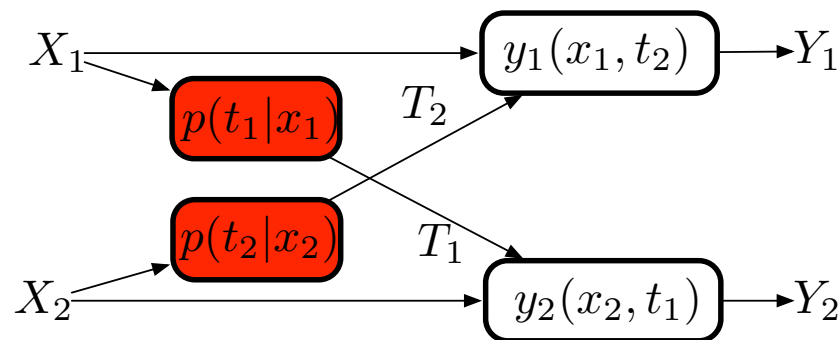
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Combine these in different ways and use Q time-sharing

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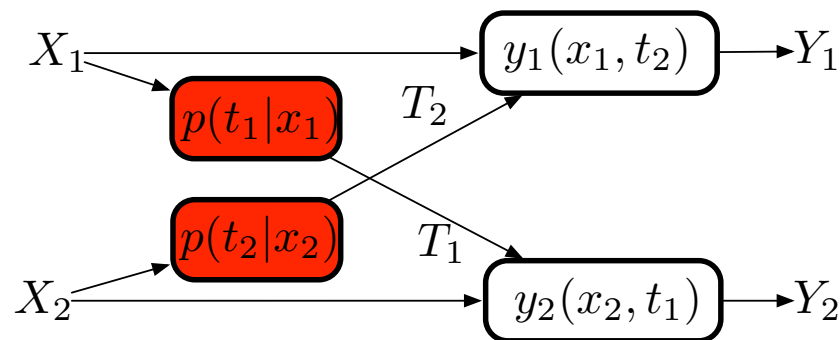
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# GAP: Class of **semi**-deterministic ICs



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probabilistic

**Theorem (gap for class of semi-deterministic IC)** If  $(R_1, R_2) \in \mathcal{R}_O(Q, X_1, X_2)$  then  $(R_1 - I(X_2; T_2|U_2, Q), R_2 - I(X_1; T_1|U_1, Q))$  is achievable.

[I. E. Telatar and D. N. C. Tse, "Bounds on the capacity region of a class of interference channels," in Proc. IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory, Nice, France, June 2007.]

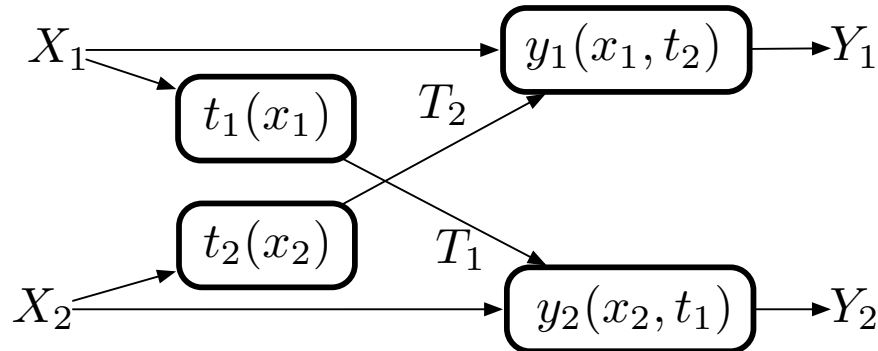
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**Theorem (gap for class of deterministic ICs)** If  $y_i$  is a deterministic function of  $x_i$ , and the one-to-one constraint is satisfied, then the inner and outer bounds match and we have the capacity region of a class of deterministic ICs.

[A. El Gamal and M. H. M. Costa, "The capacity region of a class of deterministic interference channels," IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, vol. 28, no. 2, pp. 343–346, 1982.]

# Capacity: class of deterministic ICs



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**Theorem (capacity of class of deterministic IC)** The capacity region of the class of deterministic interference channels is the set of rate pairs  $(R_1, R_2)$  such that

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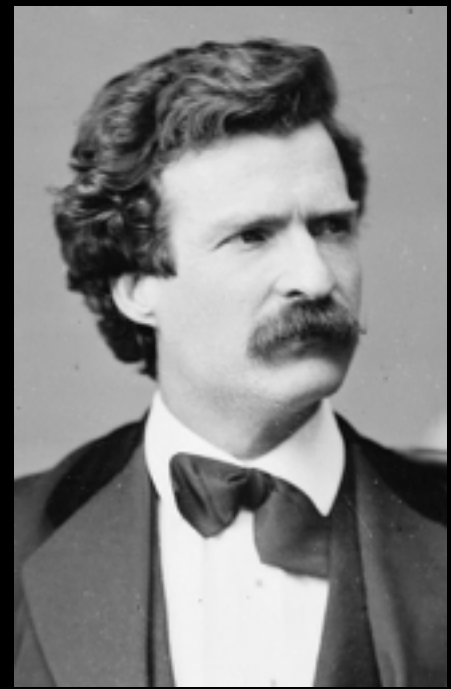
Forced interference quotes





“Do not let the things that you can’t do  
interfere with the things that you can do”

– John Wooden



"I have never let schooling interfere  
with my education"

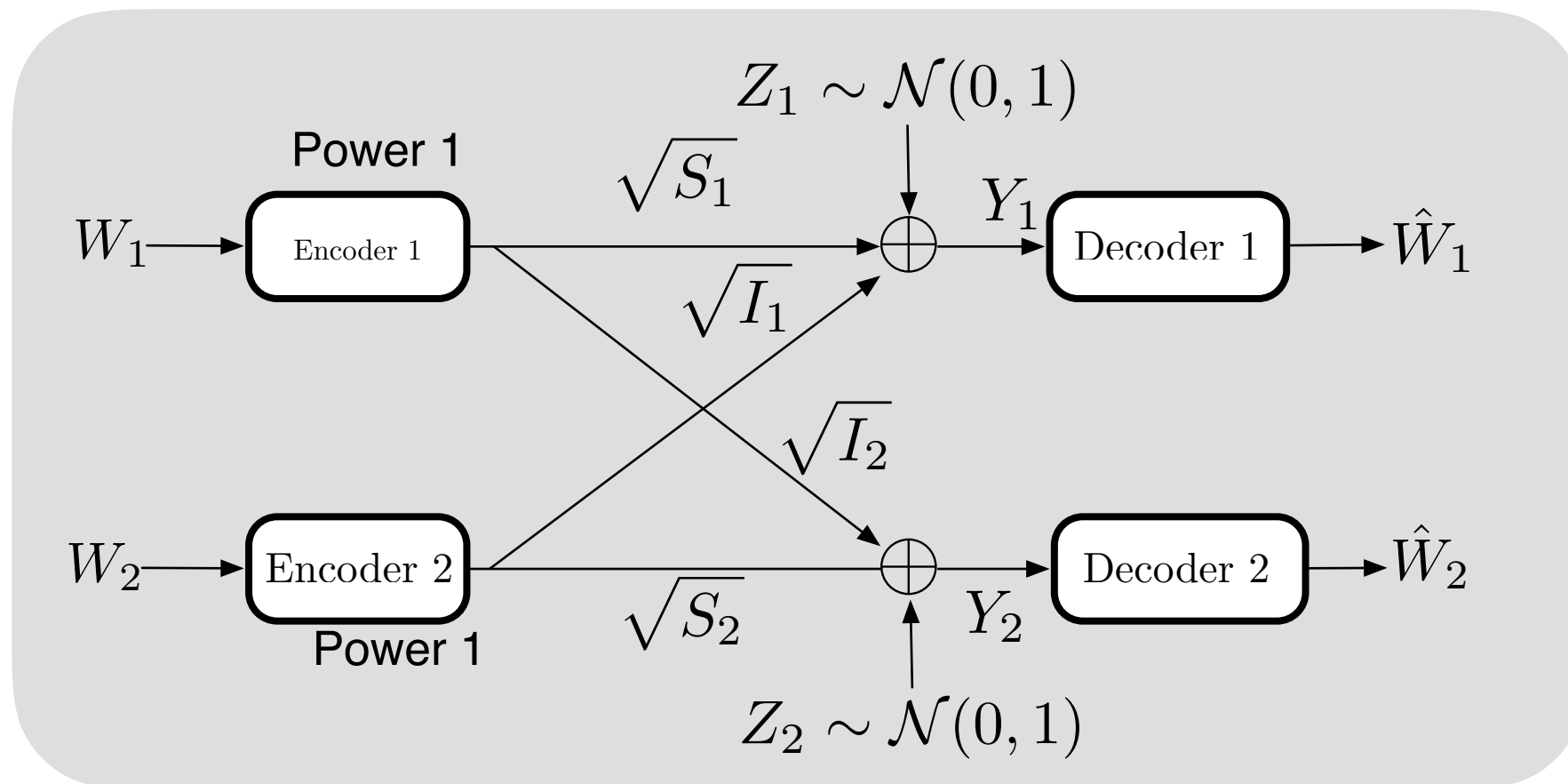
- Mark Twain

Does  $H+K$  ever achieve  
capacity?

almost.....

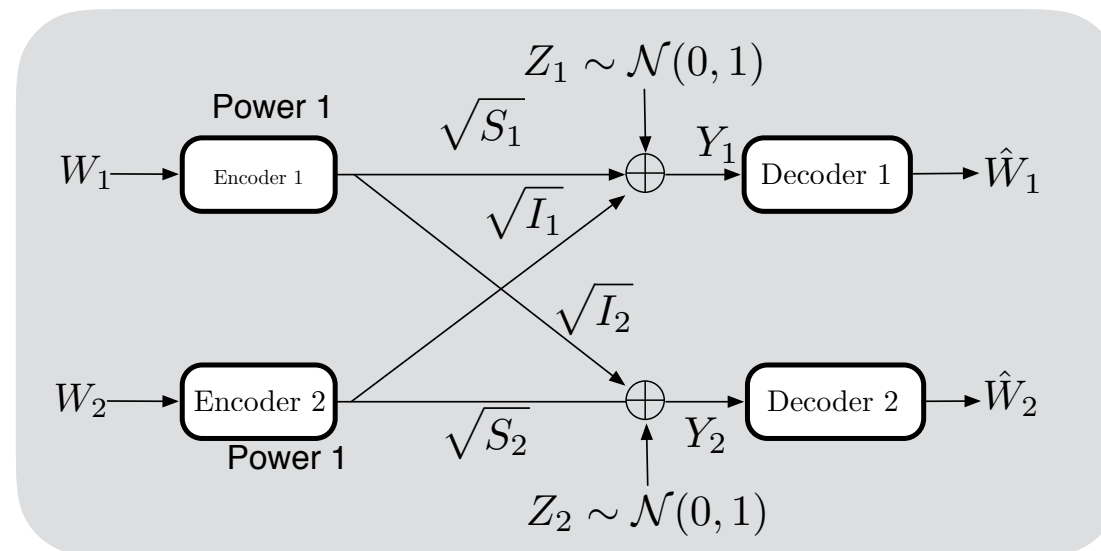
The Gaussian IC

# The AWGN-IC



of practical relevance in wireless systems:  
cellular, wireless local area networks (WiFi),  
ad hoc networks (wireless sensors or nodes)

# AWGN: H+K achieves capacity to within 1/2 bit



**Theorem (gap for Gaussian IC)** If  $(R_1, R_2)$  is in the outer bound  $\mathcal{R}_O^{\text{AWGN}}$  then  $(R_1 - 1/2, R_2 - 1/2)$  is achievable.

Etkin, Tse, Wang show how to pick  
Gaussian inputs in H+K scheme

[R. Etkin, D. Tse, and H. Wang, "Gaussian interference channel capacity to within one bit," IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, vol. 54, no. 12, pp. 5534–5562, Dec. 2008. ]

depends on the regime of operation

# AWGN: the “W” curve for the GDoF

highlights effect of interference rather than noise

$$\mathcal{D}(\alpha) := \left\{ (d_1, d_2) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 : d_i := \lim_{\substack{\text{inr} = \text{snr}^\alpha, \\ \text{snr} \rightarrow \infty}} \frac{R_i}{\frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \text{snr})}, i \in [1 : 2], (R_1, R_2) \text{ is achievable} \right\}.$$

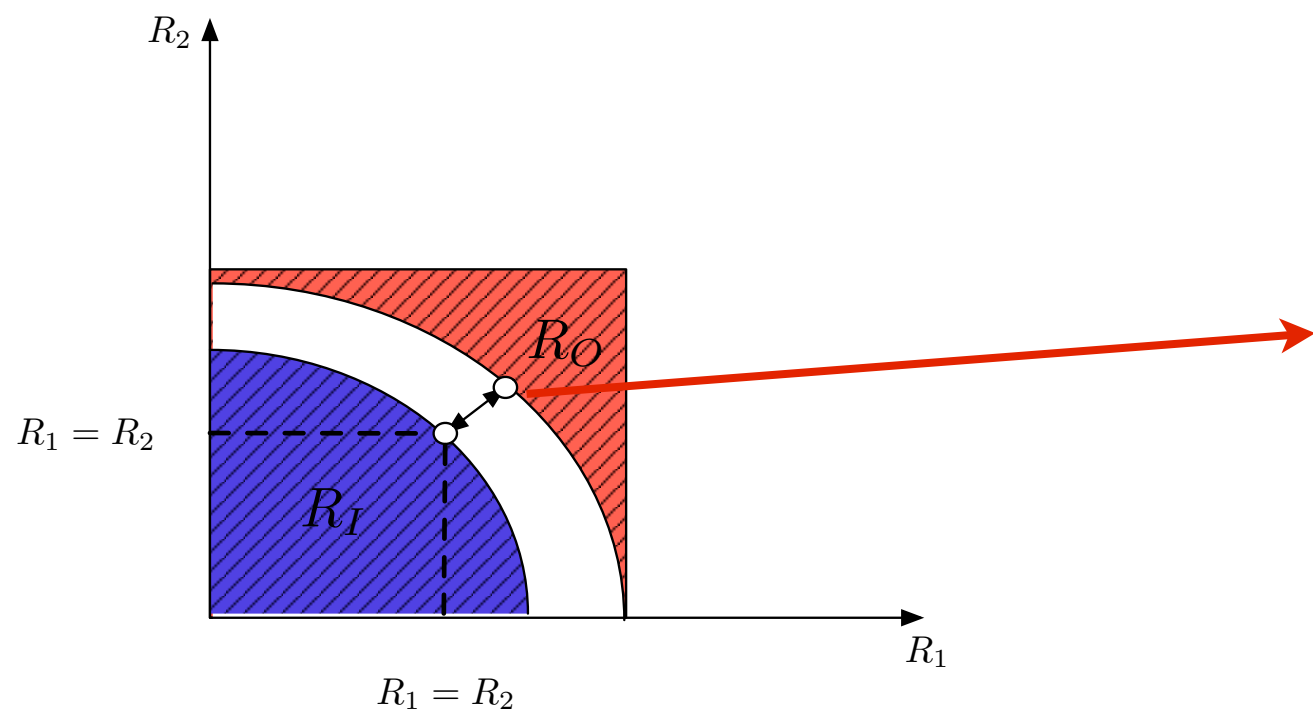
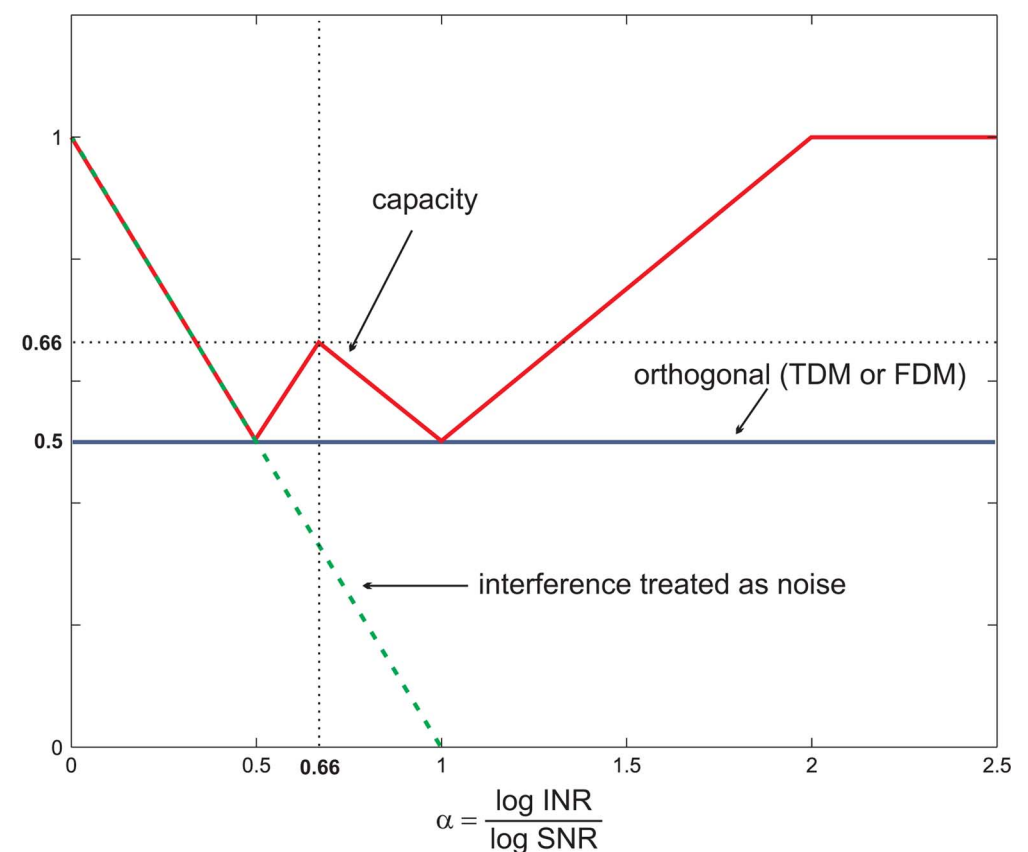


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“W” curve for  $R_1=R_2$

generalized DoF



increasing interference

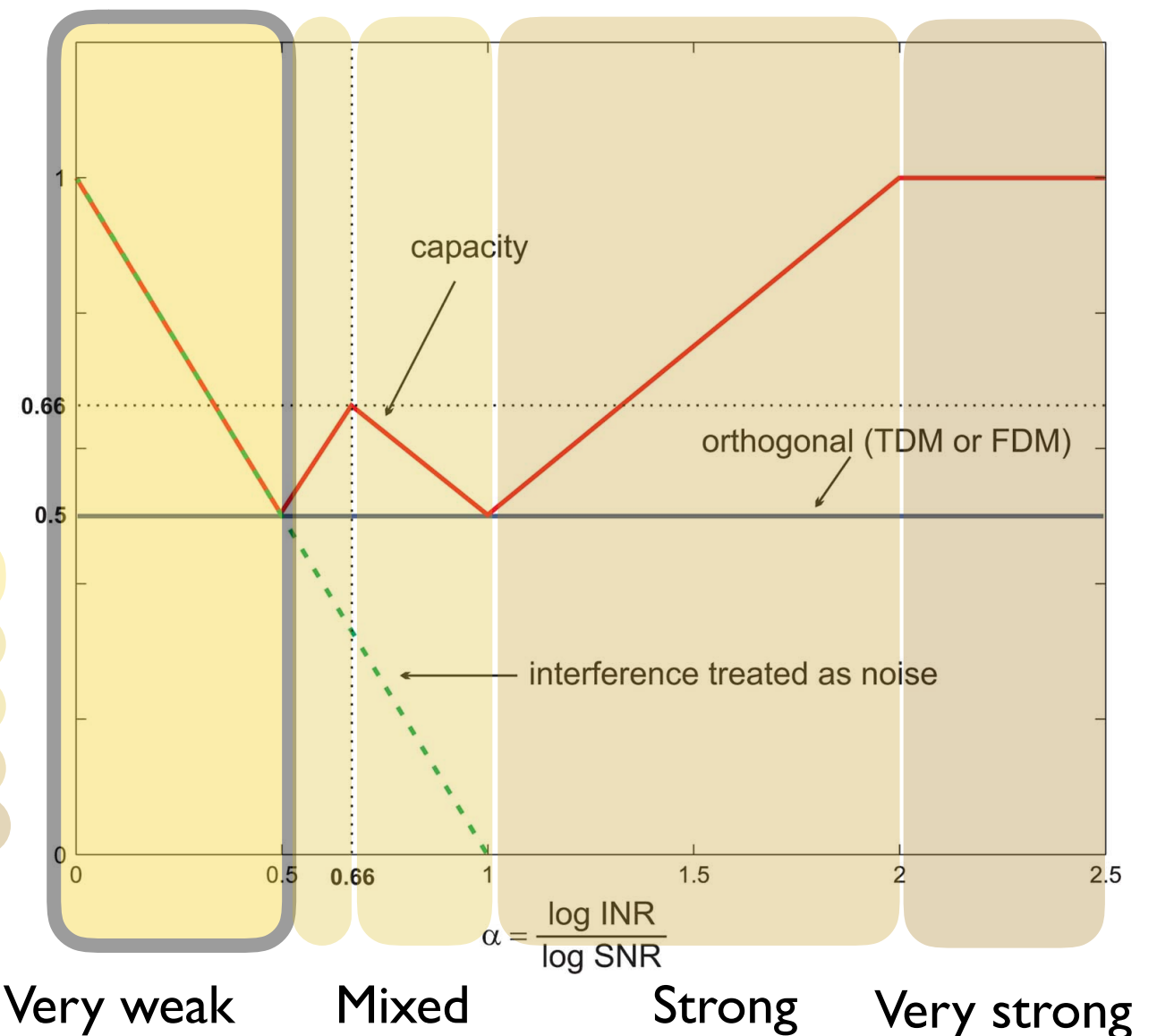
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## Regimes



Very weak: treating interference as noise is sometimes sum-capacity optimal, capacity partially known

[X. Shang, G. Kramer, and B. Chen, “A new outer bound and the noisy-interference sum-rate capacity for Gaussian interference channels,” IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, vol. 55, no. 2, pp. 689–699, Feb. 2009.]

[V. S. Annapureddy and V. V. Veeravalli, “Gaussian interference networks: Sum capacity in the low interference regime and new outer bounds on the capacity region,” IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, vol. 55, no. 7, pp. 3032–3050, July 2009. ]

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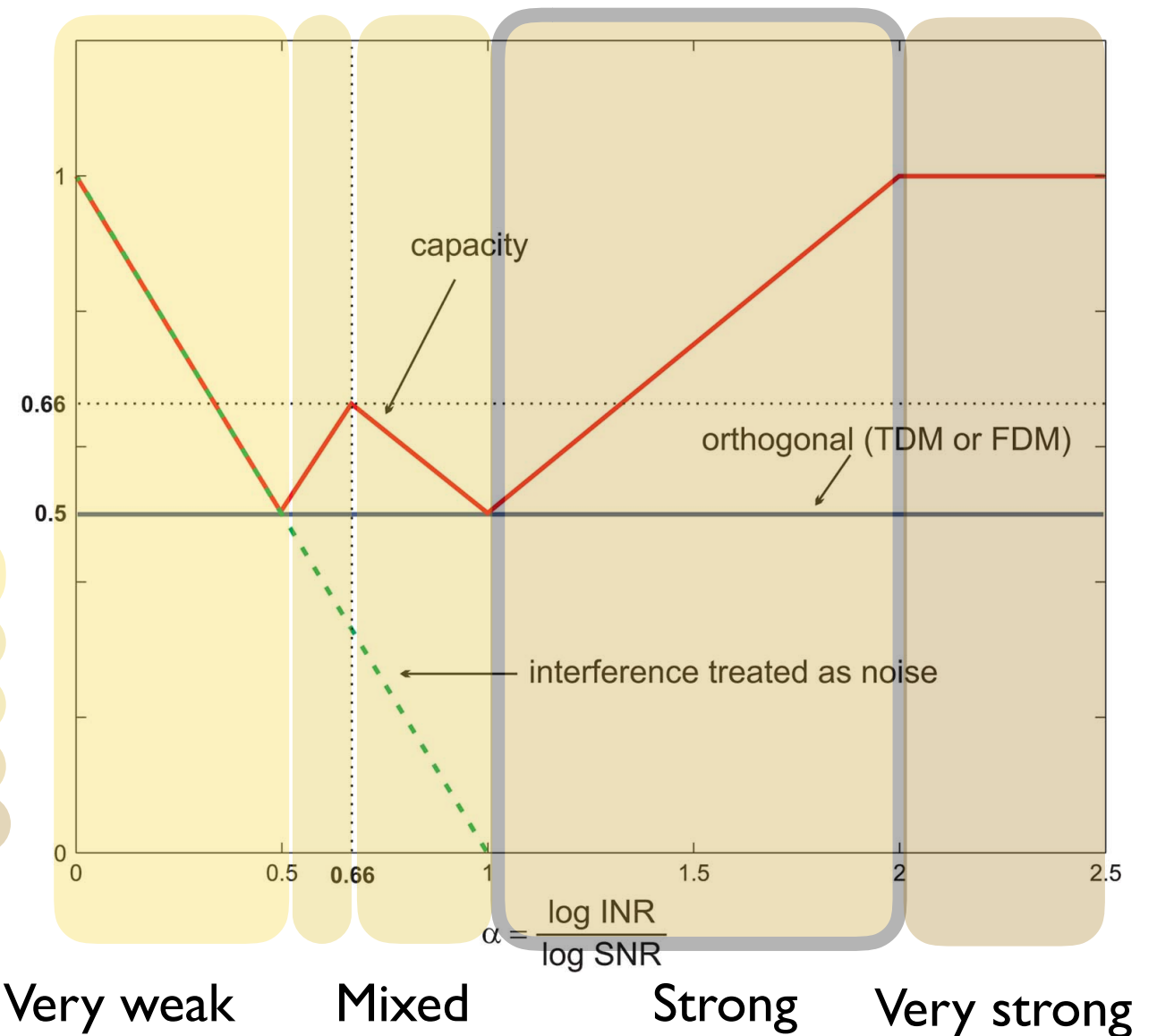
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Strong: jointly decoding both messages at both receivers is capacity optimal, capacity known



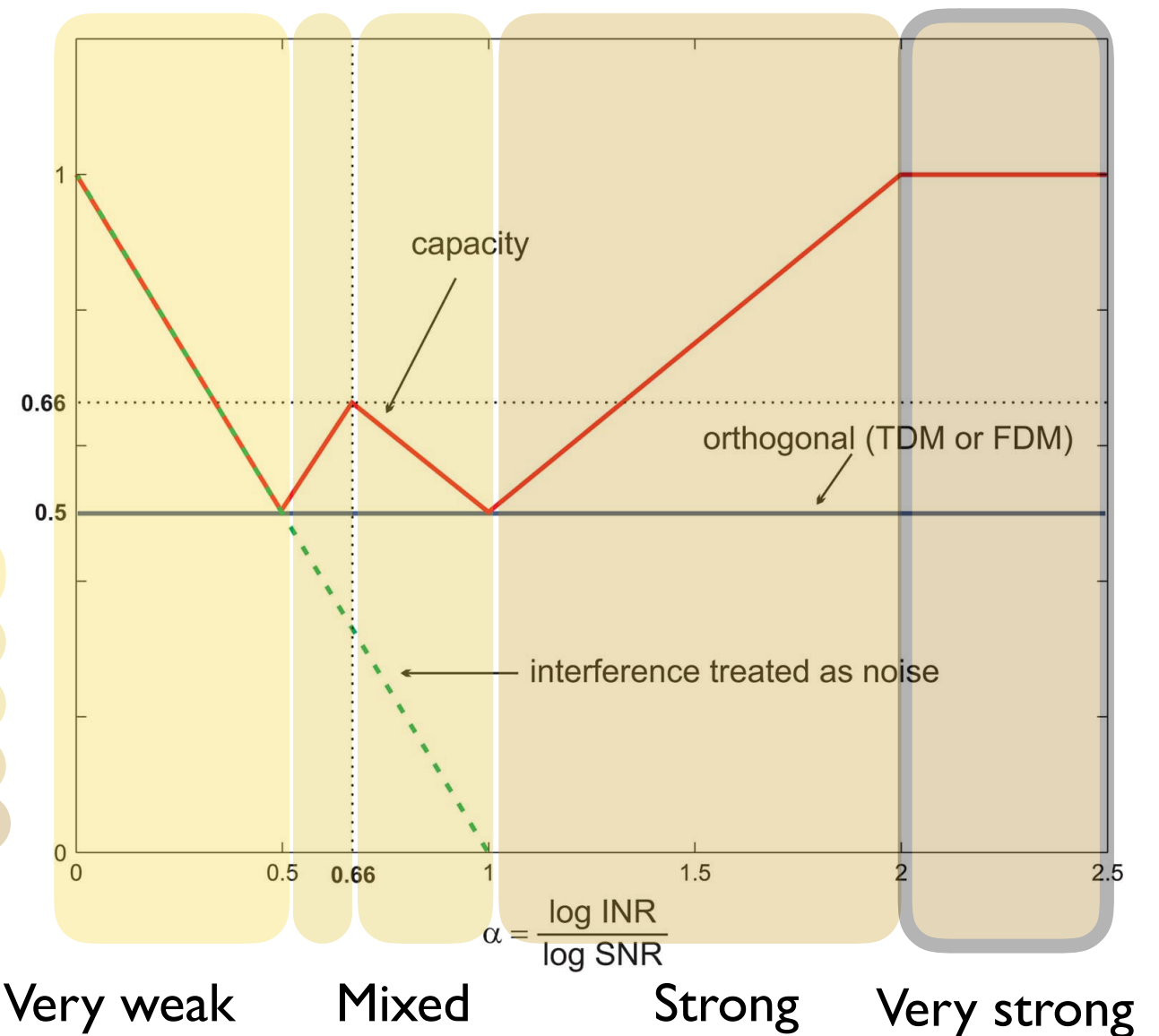
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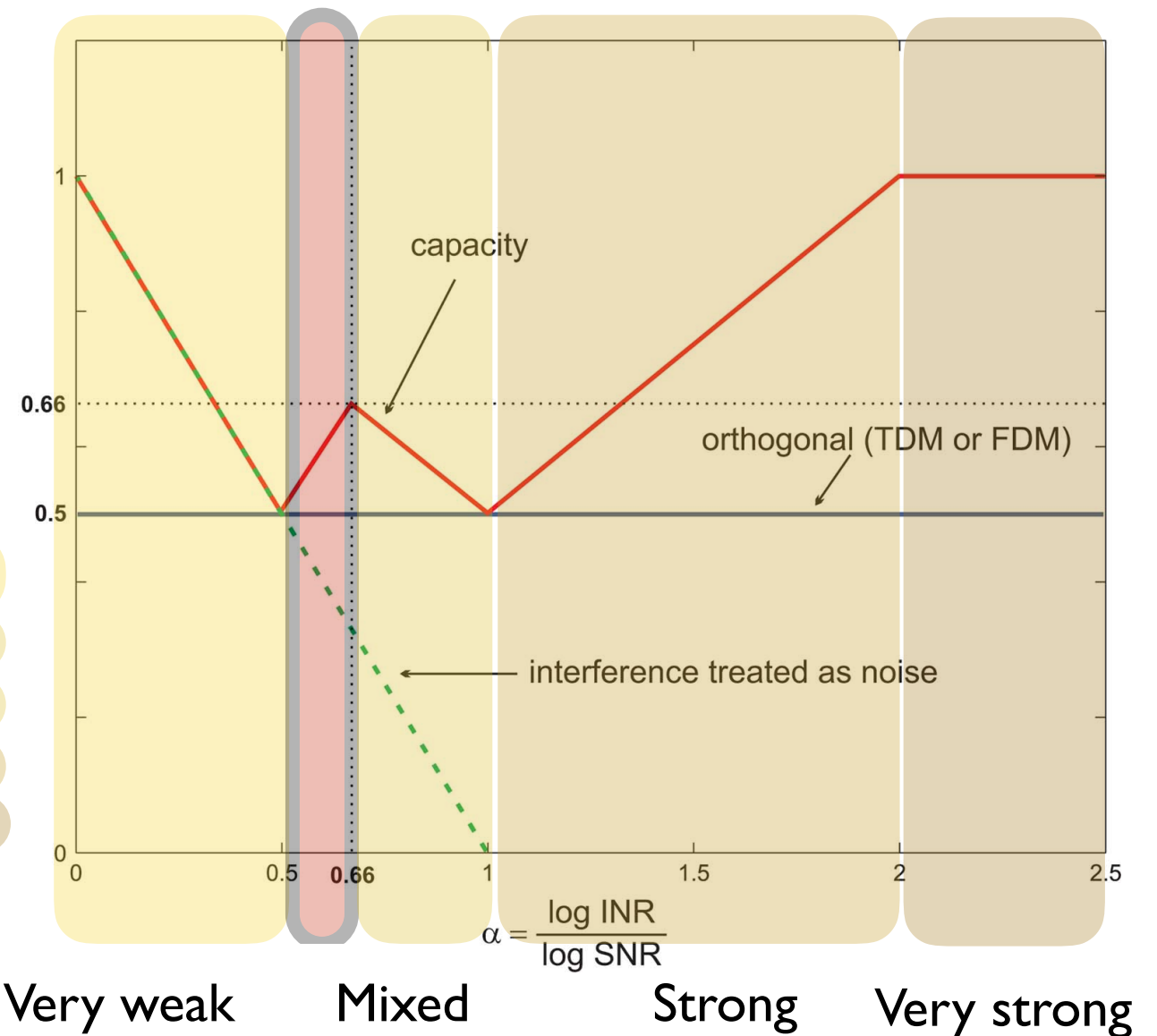
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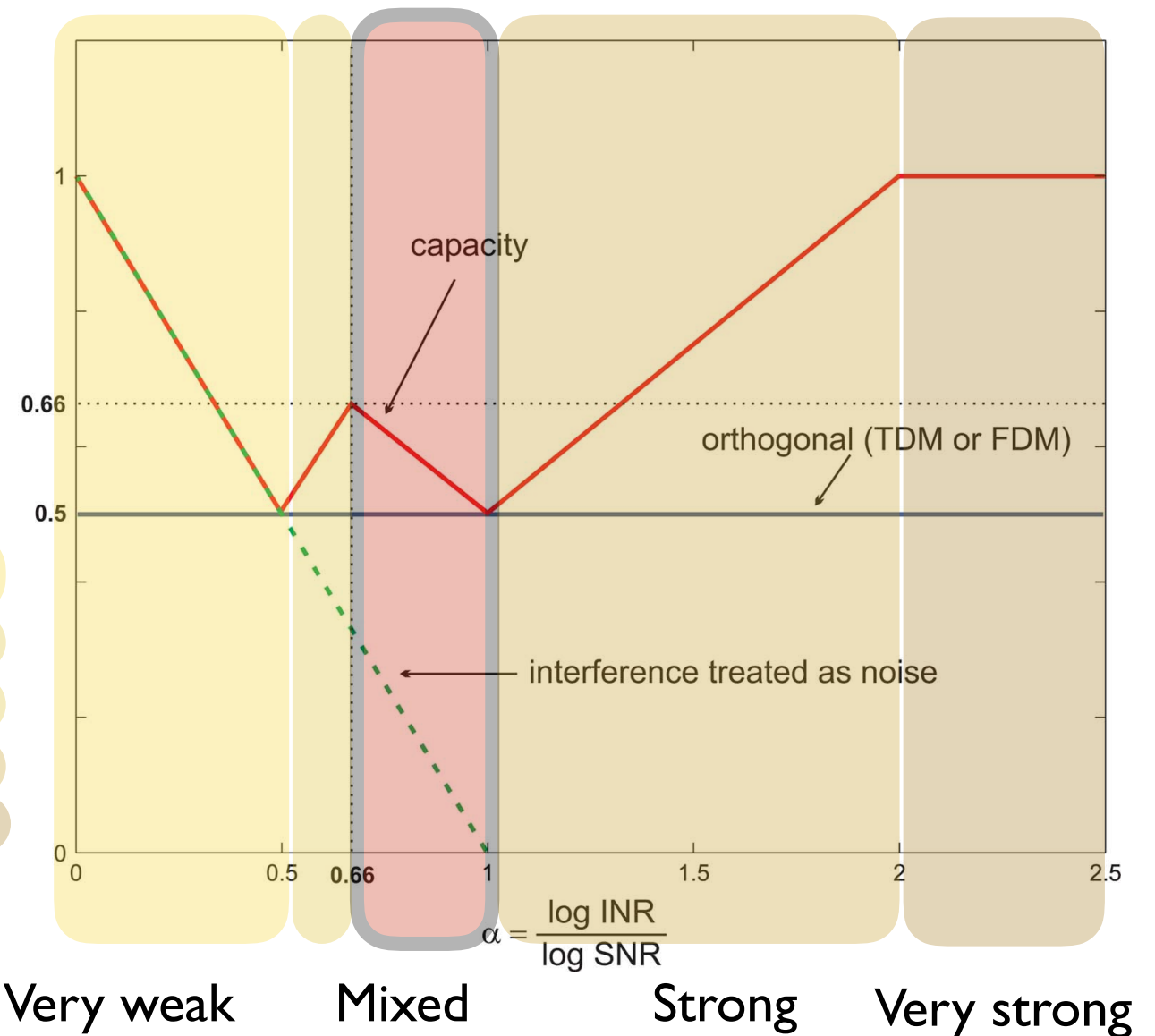
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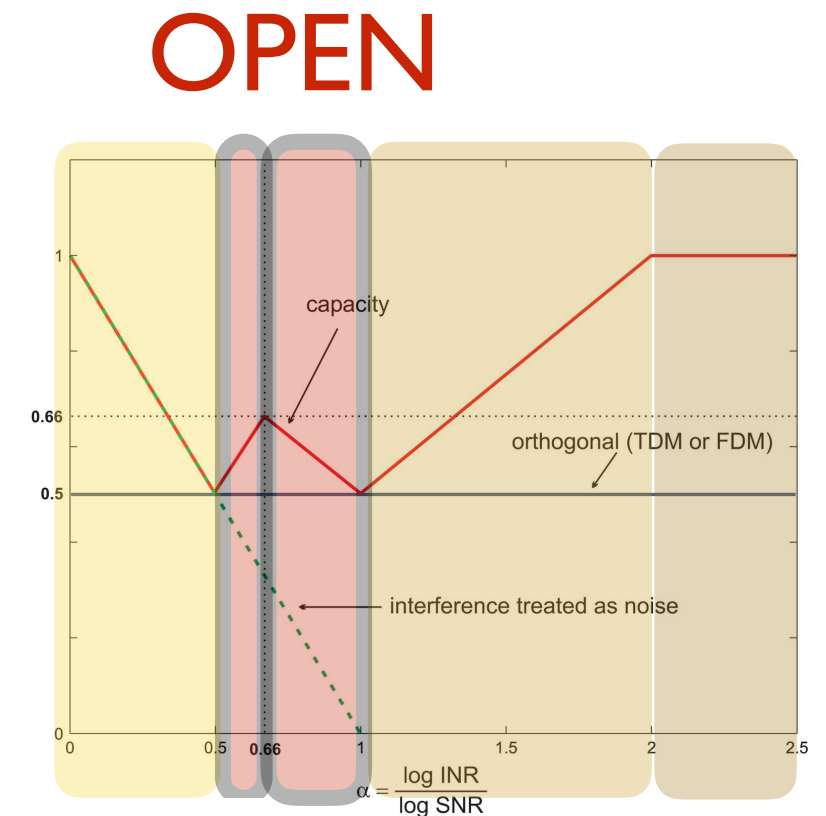
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# AWGN: Regimes

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IGAL SASON'S PAPERS ON GAUSSIAN ICs FOR  
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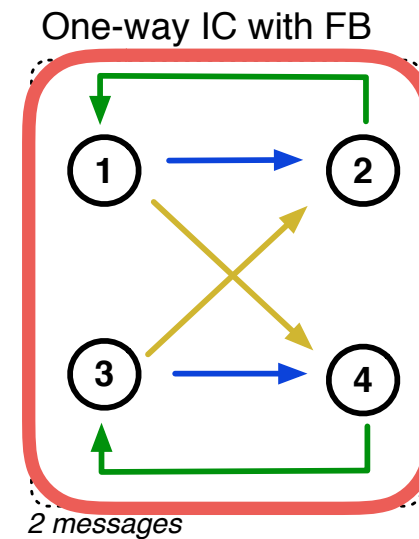
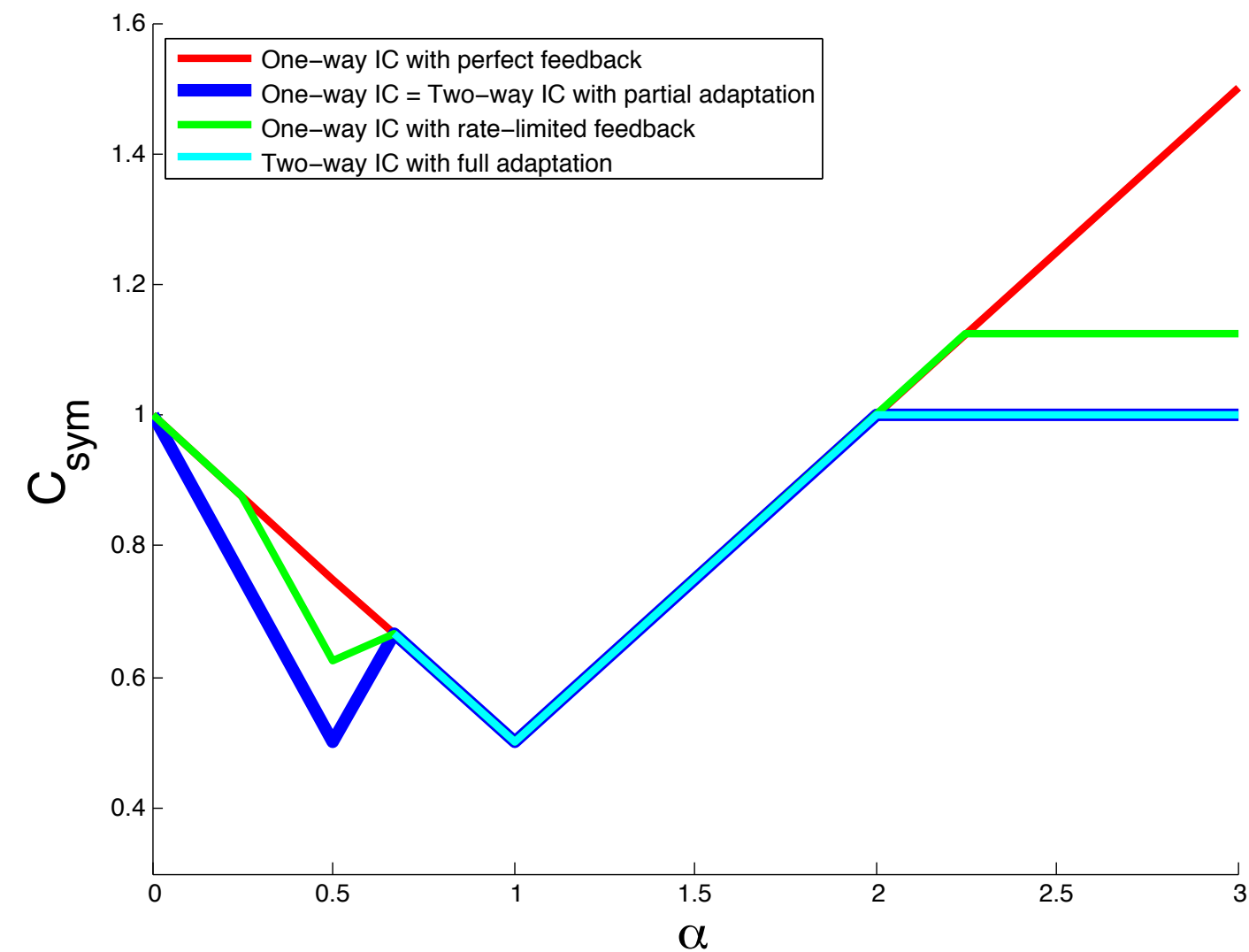
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Use Han+Kobayashi scheme with private level set such that received at same level as noise at undesired receiver

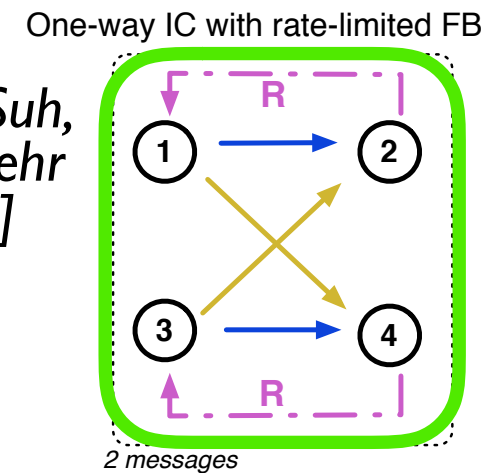
Simple, almost optimal but not necessarily the best, in these challenging regimes

[R. Etkin, D. Tse, and H. Wang, "Gaussian interference channel capacity to within one bit," IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, vol. 54, no. 12, pp. 5534–5562, Dec. 2008. ]

# Some other GDoF comparisons

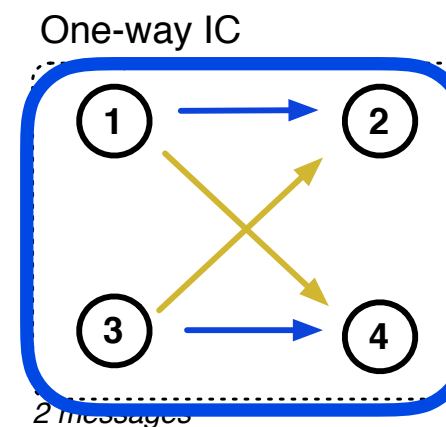
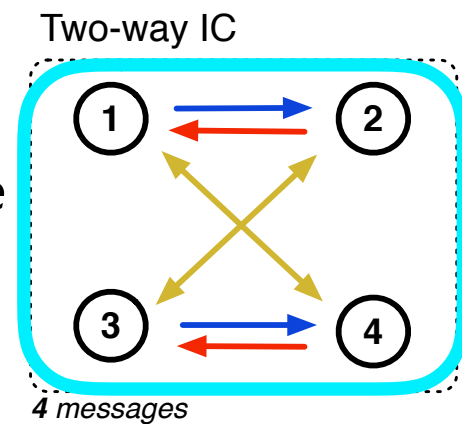


[Vahid, Suh, Avestimehr 2012]



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[Cheng, Devroye 2012]



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# 2 recent results

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## I) Simplified channel model, Z-IC

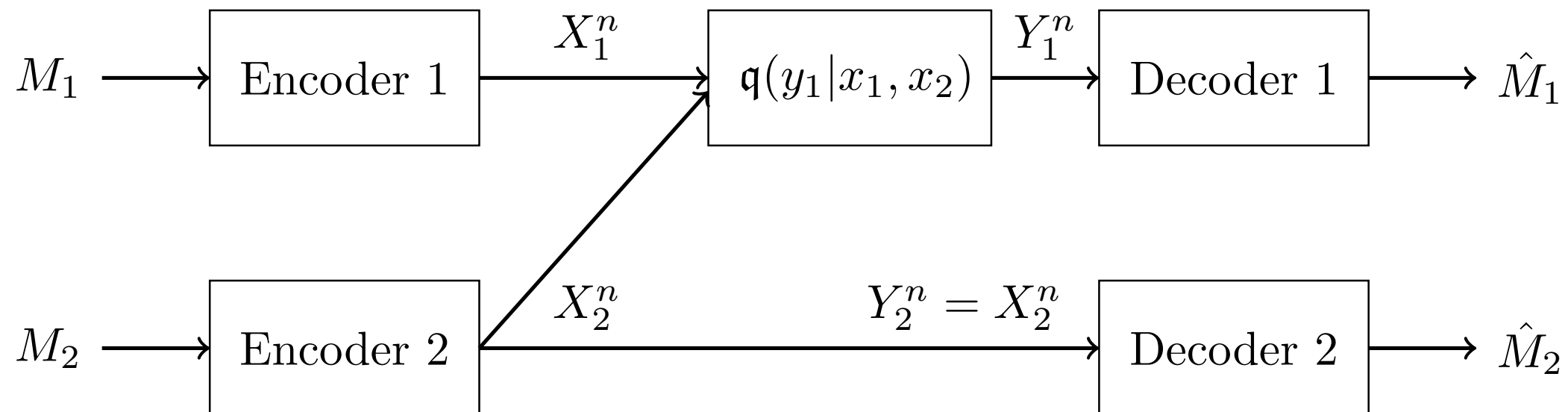


Fig. 2: Discrete memoryless CZI channel



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## 2) Characterize max sum-rate for H+K along the direction $\lambda R_1 + R_2$

**Lemma 1.** *For a CZI channel, for all  $\lambda > 1$*

$$\max_{\mathcal{R}_{hk}}(\lambda R_1 + R_2) = \max_{p_1(x_1)p_2(x_2)} \left\{ I(X_1, X_2; Y_1) + \mathfrak{C}_{p_2(x_2)} [H(X_2) - I(X_2; Y_1|X_1) + (\lambda - 1)I(X_1; Y_1)] \right\},$$

where  $\mathfrak{C}_x[f(x)]$  of  $f(x)$  denotes the upper concave envelope of  $f(x)$  over  $x$ . [4]

[4] Chandra Nair, Upper concave envelopes and auxiliary random variables, International Journal of Advances in Engineering Sciences and Applied Mathematics **5** (2013), no. 1, 12–20 (English).

## 3) Look at two-letter treating interference as noise region

**Proposition 3.** *The set of rate pairs satisfying*

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 &= \frac{1}{2} I(X_{11}, X_{12}; Y_{11}, Y_{12}|Q), \\ R_2 &= \frac{1}{2} H(X_{21}, X_{22}|Q), \end{aligned}$$

for some pmf  $p(q)p(x_{11}, x_{12}|q)p(x_{21}, x_{22}|q)$  with  $|Q| \leq 2$  is achievable by the original channel.





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$$q(y_1|x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} P(Y_1 = 0|X_1, X_2 = 0, 0) & P(Y_1 = 0|X_1, X_2 = 0, 1) \\ P(Y_1 = 0|X_1, X_2 = 1, 0) & P(Y_1 = 0|X_1, X_2 = 1, 1) \end{bmatrix}.$$

4) Find computable channel for which two-letter TIN outperforms i.i.d. HK  $\lambda R_1 + R_2$

Analytical for  $\lambda = 2$

$$(p_0, q_0) = (0.507829413, 0.436538150)$$

$$P((X_{11}, X_{12}) = (0, 0)) = p_0$$

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repetition coding!

$$P((X_{21}, X_{22}) = (0, 0)) = 0.36q_0$$

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memory

Tab. 1: Table of counter-examples

$\lambda$	channel	$\max_{\mathcal{R}_{hk}}(\lambda R_1 + R_2)$	$\max_{\mathcal{R}_{two}}(\lambda R_1 + R_2)$
2	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	1.107516	1.108141
2.5	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.204581 & 0.364813 \\ 0.030209 & 0.992978 \end{bmatrix}$	1.159383	1.169312
3	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.591419 & 0.865901 \\ 0.004021 & 0.898113 \end{bmatrix}$	1.241521	1.255814
3	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.356166 & 0.073253 \\ 0.985504 & 0.031707 \end{bmatrix}$	1.292172	1.311027
3	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.287272 & 0.459966 \\ 0.113711 & 0.995405 \end{bmatrix}$	1.117253	1.123151
4	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.429804 & 0.147712 \\ 0.948192 & 0.002848 \end{bmatrix}$	1.181392	1.196189
4	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.068730 & 0.443630 \\ 0.011377 & 0.954887 \end{bmatrix}$	1.223409	1.243958
5	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.969199 & 0.564440 \\ 0.954079 & 0.061409 \end{bmatrix}$	1.351229	1.372191
5	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.943226 & 0.447252 \\ 0.950791 & 0.024302 \end{bmatrix}$	1.231254	1.250564
6	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.943292 & 0.045996 \\ 0.589551 & 0.202487 \end{bmatrix}$	1.069405	1.076932
6	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.714431 & 0.019375 \\ 0.955918 & 0.448539 \end{bmatrix}$	1.528508	1.541781
7	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.058449 & 0.558649 \\ 0.194915 & 0.959172 \end{bmatrix}$	1.424974	1.452769
7	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.033312 & 0.876067 \\ 0.286125 & 0.992825 \end{bmatrix}$	1.179438	1.187867
10	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.307723 & 0.874843 \\ 0.032090 & 0.710535 \end{bmatrix}$	1.370830	1.388674
15	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.946802 & 0.311909 \\ 0.730770 & 0.155075 \end{bmatrix}$	1.391596	1.406325
100	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.382410 & 0.081474 \\ 0.584797 & 0.241840 \end{bmatrix}$	3.754016	3.789316
100	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.673979 & 0.194596 \\ 0.781192 & 0.285216 \end{bmatrix}$	1.711938	1.730715

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*All known capacity results use H+K....*

Intuition:

$X_2$  acts as a state for  $X_1 \rightarrow Y_1$  channel

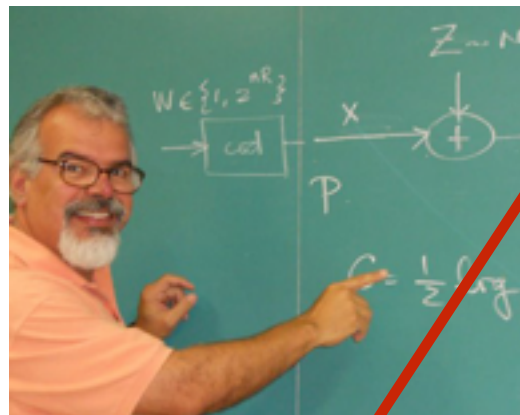
i.i.d. distributions on  $X_1$  are not optimal if state has memory



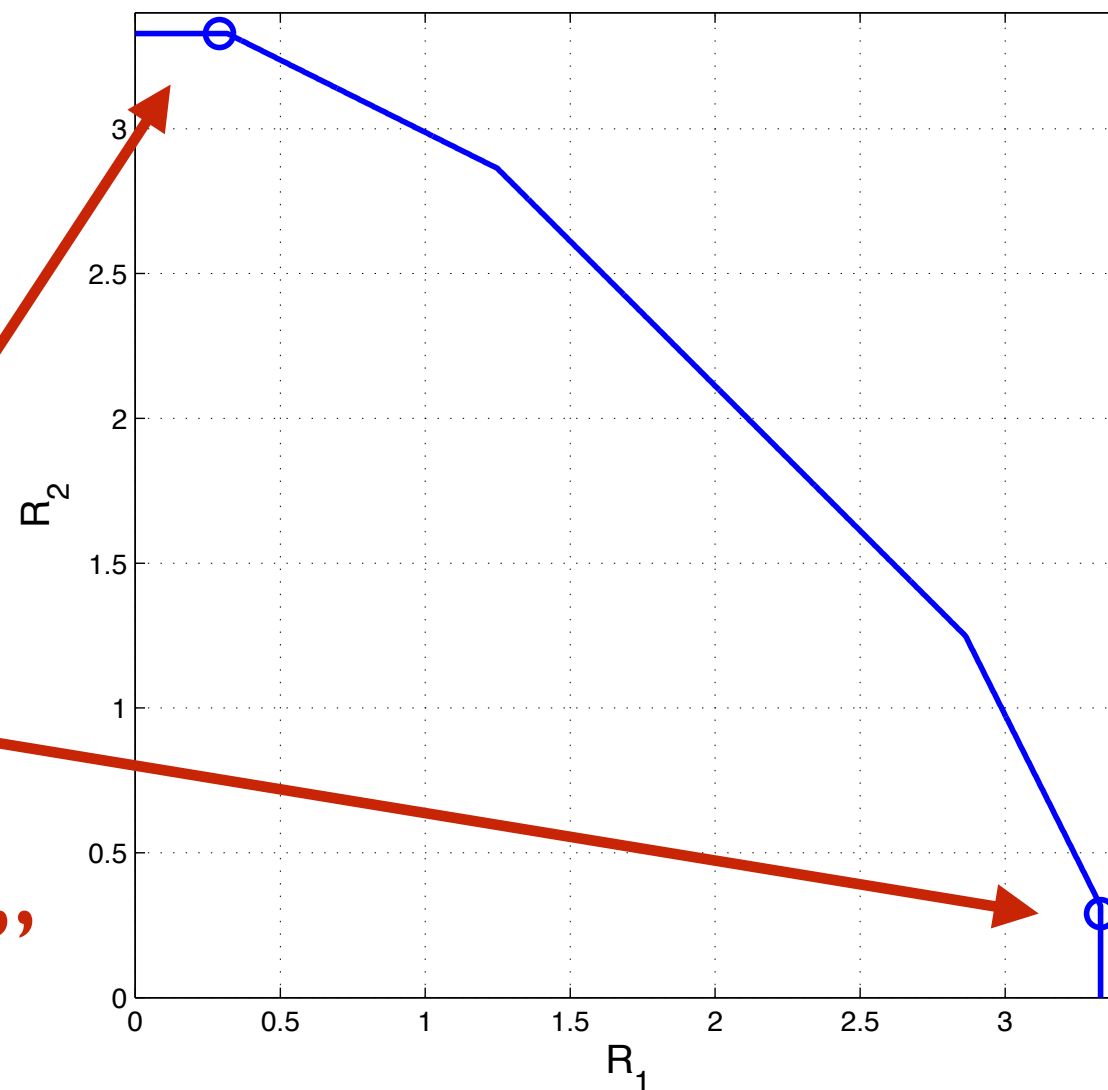
# 2 recent results

## 2) Costa's corner point conjecture

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“Costa's  
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# Recent result: Costa's corner point conjecture

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## Conjecture (Originated by Costa, 1985)

For a two-user GIC with positive cross-link gains, let

$$C_1 \triangleq \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + P_1), \quad C_2 \triangleq \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + P_2)$$

be the capacities of the single-user AWGN channels, and

$$R_1^* \triangleq \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{a_{21}P_1}{1 + P_2} \right), \quad R_2^* \triangleq \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{a_{12}P_2}{1 + P_1} \right).$$

Then, the following is conjectured to hold for reliable communication:

- ① If  $R_2 \geq C_2 - \varepsilon$ , then  $R_1 \leq R_1^* + \delta_1(\varepsilon)$  where  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \delta_1(\varepsilon) = 0$ .
- ② If  $R_1 \geq C_1 - \varepsilon$ , then  $R_2 \leq R_2^* + \delta_2(\varepsilon)$  where  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \delta_2(\varepsilon) = 0$ .

## Gaussian IC:

$$Y_1 = X_1 + \sqrt{a_{12}} X_2 + Z_1$$

$$Y_2 = \sqrt{a_{21}} X_1 + X_2 + Z_2$$

Maximal P2P rates

Maximal treat-interference as noise rates

## Interpretation of this conjecture for weak GIC

If one user transmits at its maximal possible rate, the other user should decrease its rate such that both decoders can reliably decode its message.

# Recent result: Costa's corner point conjecture

## Recent progress by Sason:

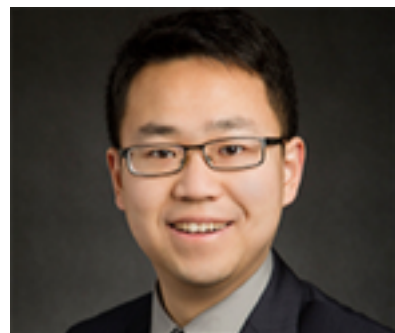
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idea: similar to gDoF analysis, shows asymptotic tightness of new bounds on corner point

## And finally proven by:

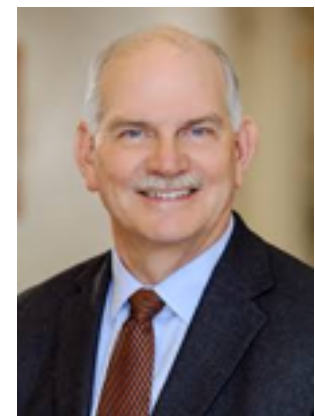
[Y. Polyanskiy and Y. Wu "Wasserstein continuity of entropy and outer bounds for interference channels," <http://arxiv:1504.04419>]



idea: new converse which relates differential entropies to Wasserstein distances and bounds these using Talagrand's inequality

[R. Bustin, H.V. Poor, and S. Shamai "The Effect of Maximal Rate Codes on the Interfering Message Rate," <http://arxiv.org/abs/1404.6690>]

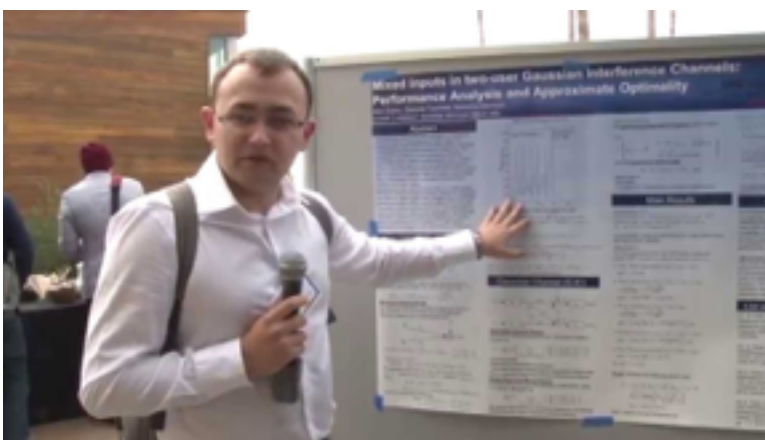
idea: use properties of the MMSE of good channel codes



BREAK!

# Variations, extensions and implications





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# Overview



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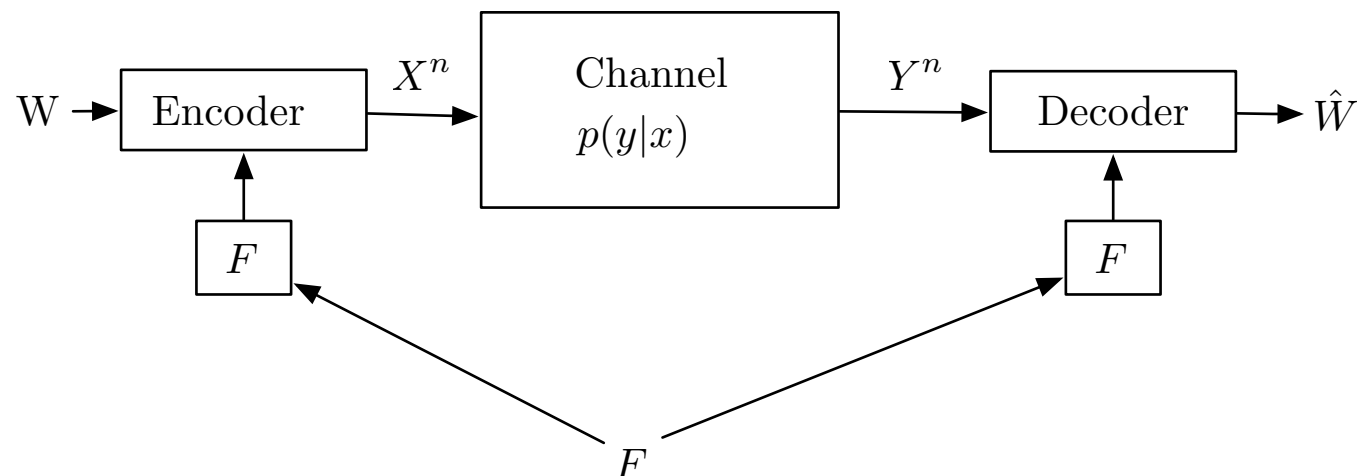
## Discrete inputs in Gaussian interference channel: “good” codes and “good” interferers

some slides taken from Alex Dytso's Ph.D. defense, May 2016

## Variations of the IC

# ICs with lack of codebook knowledge

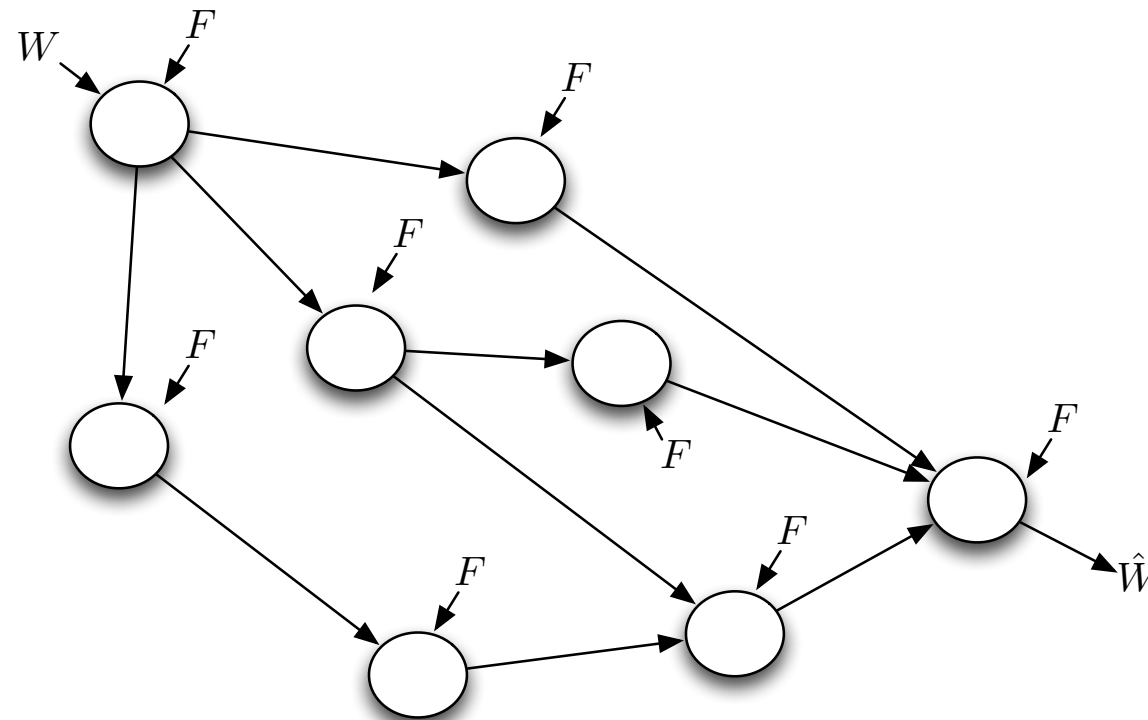
“F” is the codebook, known to all Tx,Rx



$$\left( \begin{array}{c} W \rightarrow X^n \\ \hline 1 \rightarrow X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \\ 2 \rightarrow X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ |W| \rightarrow X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \end{array} \right)$$

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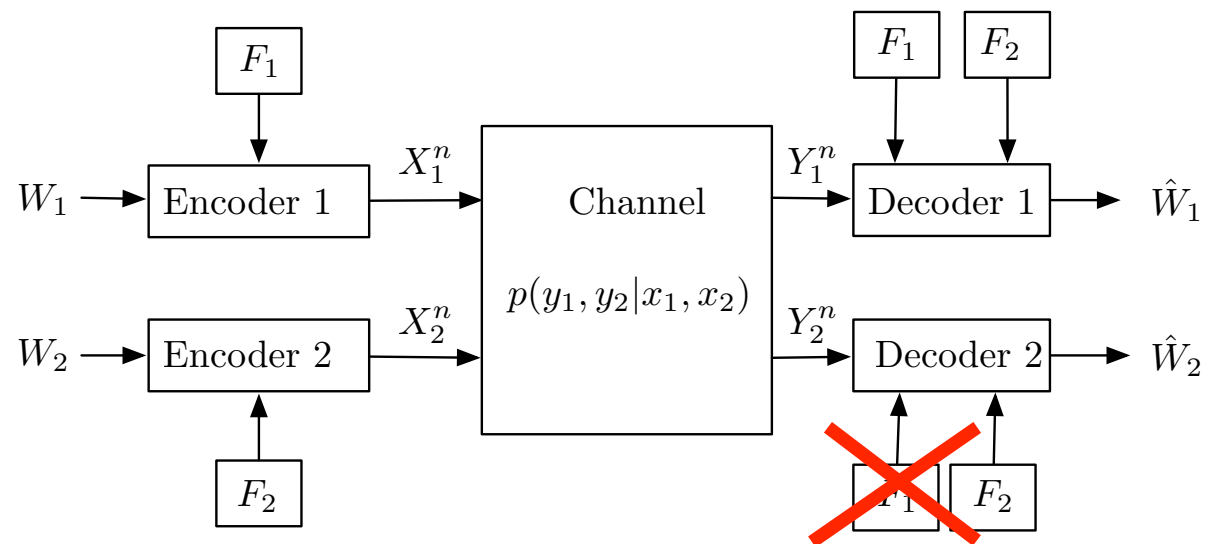
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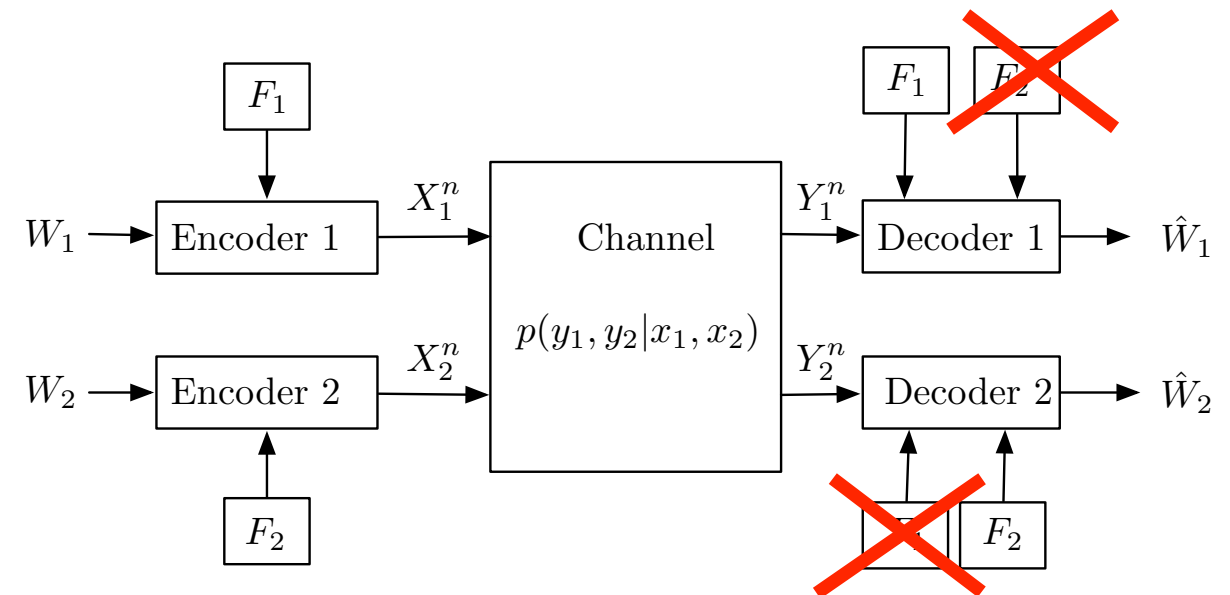
- this may be unrealistic sometimes....

# ICs with lack of codebook knowledge

*Our motivation:*



**IC with one  
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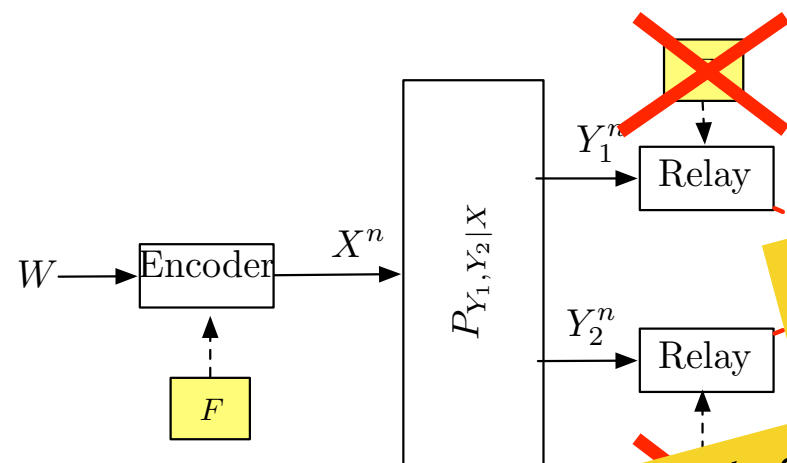
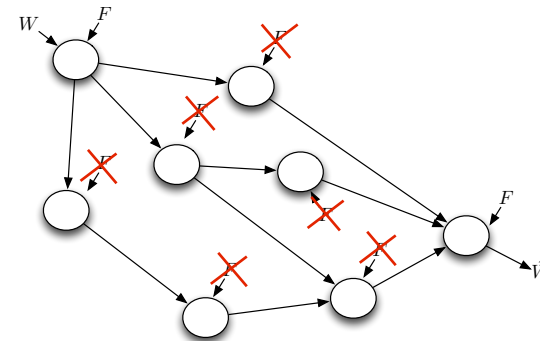
**IC with two  
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- A. Dytso, N. Devroye, and D. Tuninetti, "On the capacity of interference channels with partial codebook knowledge," ISIT 2013
- A. Dytso, D. Tuninetti and N. Devroye, "On the Two-User Interference Channel With Lack of Knowledge of the Interference Codebook at One Receiver," IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, Vol. 61, No. 3, pp. 1256-1276, March 2015.
- A. Dytso, D. Tuninetti and N. Devroye, "On Gaussian Interference Channels with Mixed Gaussian and Discrete Inputs," ISIT 2014
- A. Dytso, D. Tuninetti and N. Devroye "Interference as Noise: Friend of Foe?" IEEE Trans. on Info Theory, June 2016.

# Past work: lack of codebooks leads to non-Gaussians outperforming Gaussians

A. Sanderovich, S. Shamai, Y. Steinberg, and G. Kramer, "Communication via decentralized processing," IT July 2008.

Gaussian noise: example where BPSK outperforms Gaussian inputs



**Ask Aylin**

[Ye Tian and Aylin Yener, Relaying for Multiuser Networks in the Absence of Codebook Information, IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, 61(3), pp. 1247-1256, Mar. 2015.]

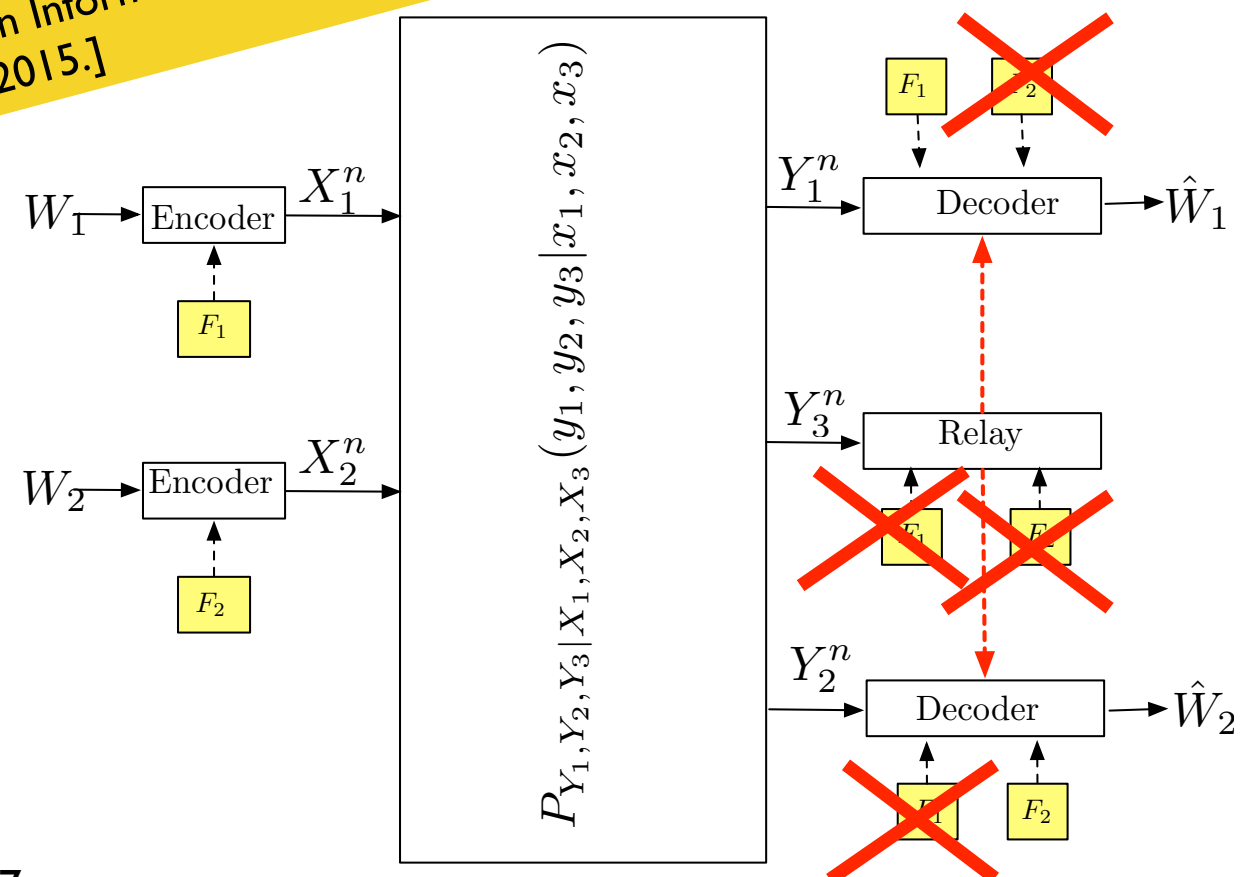
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Upper and lower bounds for deterministic channels  
Gaussian noise: example where BPSK outperforms Gaussian inputs

O. Simeone, E. Erkip, and S. Shamai, "On codebook information for interference relay channels with out-of-band relaying," IT May 2011.

1. Primitive relay channel: capacity with compress forward
2. IC+R+Oblivious receivers: capacity with compress forward and TIN
3. Gaussian noise: optimizing input unknown

$$\mathcal{C}^{\text{IC-OR}} = \bigcup_{P_Q P_{X_1|Q} P_{X_2|Q}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} R_1 \leq I(X_1; Y_1 | Q) \\ R_2 \leq I(X_2; Y_2 | Q) \end{array} \right\}$$



# Discrete inputs in Gaussian channels — deeper?

## Other supporting arguments

- E. Abbe and L. Zheng, “A coordinate system for Gaussian networks,” IT 2012.
- E. Calvo, J. Fonollosa, and J. Vidal, “On the totally asynchronous interference channel with single-user receivers,” ISIT 2009
- No gDoF Gain
- Discrete input conclusions are simulation based

# Questions

- loss in performance due to lack of codebook knowledge? due to lack of synchronization?
- are there inputs that outperform Gaussians in the AWGN IC under these conditions?
- can we show analytical gains?

# How we tackle discrete inputs for G-IC

- best inner bound for Gaussian IC is the complex H+K scheme
- simpler scheme — Treating Interference as Noise with no Time Sharing:

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{in}}^{\text{TINnoTS}} = \bigcup_{P_{X_1 X_2} = P_{X_1} P_{X_2}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq R_1 \leq I(X_1; Y_1) \\ 0 \leq R_2 \leq I(X_2; Y_2) \end{array} \right\}$$

- we show discrete inputs in TINnoTS performs well!
- neat, general tools to bound minimum distance of sum-sets, and information achieved by discrete RVs in Gaussian noise

Ask Henry

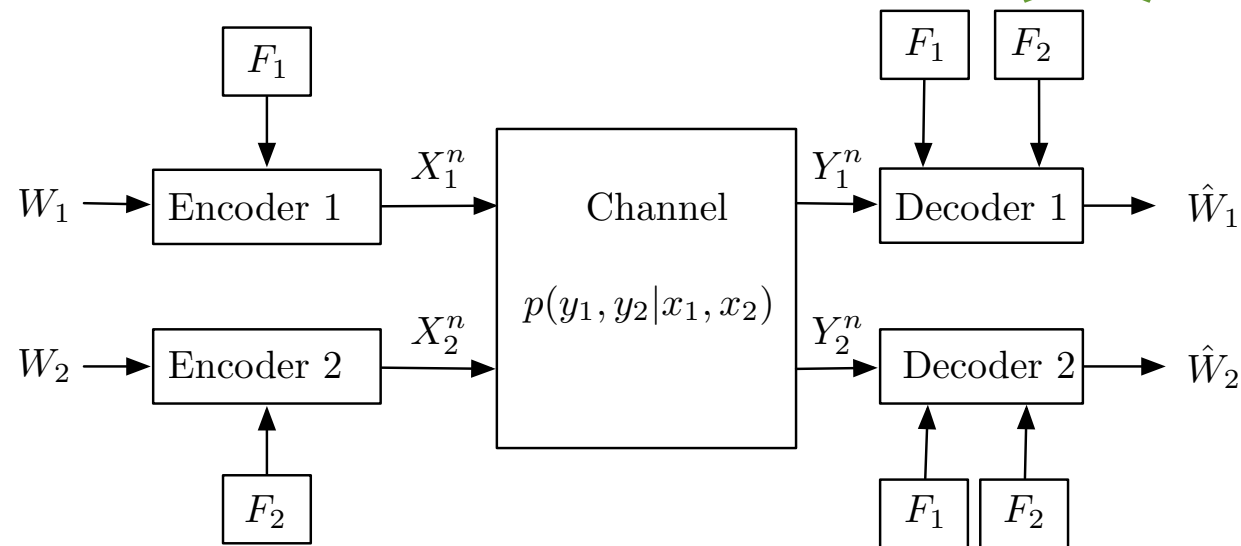
Similar results as

S. Li, Y.-C. Huang, T. Liu, and H.D. Pfister, "On the limits of treating interference as noise in the two-user Gaussian symmetric interference channel," ISIT 2015.



# Capacity is actually known.... sort of

## Interference Channel (IC)



$$C = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{co} \left( \bigcup_{P_{X_1^n X_2^n} = P_{X_1^n} P_{X_2^n}} \left\{ (R_1, R_2) : \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq R_1 \leq \frac{1}{n} I(X_1^n; Y_1^n) \\ 0 \leq R_2 \leq \frac{1}{n} I(X_2^n; Y_2^n) \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

**Uncomputable**

**Complexity**  $|\mathcal{X}_1 \times \mathcal{X}_2|^n$

# Treating interference as noise inner bound

**Capacity:**  $\mathcal{C} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{co} \left( \bigcup_{P_{X_1^n X_2^n} = P_{X_1^n} P_{X_2^n}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq R_1 \leq \frac{1}{n} I(X_1^n; Y_1^n) \\ 0 \leq R_2 \leq \frac{1}{n} I(X_2^n; Y_2^n) \end{array} \right\} \right)$

R. Ahlswede, "Multi-way communication channels," in Proc. IEEE Int. Symp. Inf. Theory, March 1973, pp. 23–52.

↓ i.i.d. inputs

**Treat Interference as Noise Inner Bound:**

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{in}}^{\text{TIN+TS}} = \text{co} \left( \bigcup_{P_{X_1 X_2} = P_{X_1} P_{X_2}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq R_1 \leq I(X_1; Y_1) \\ 0 \leq R_2 \leq I(X_2; Y_2) \end{array} \right\} \right) \quad \text{With Time Sharing}$$

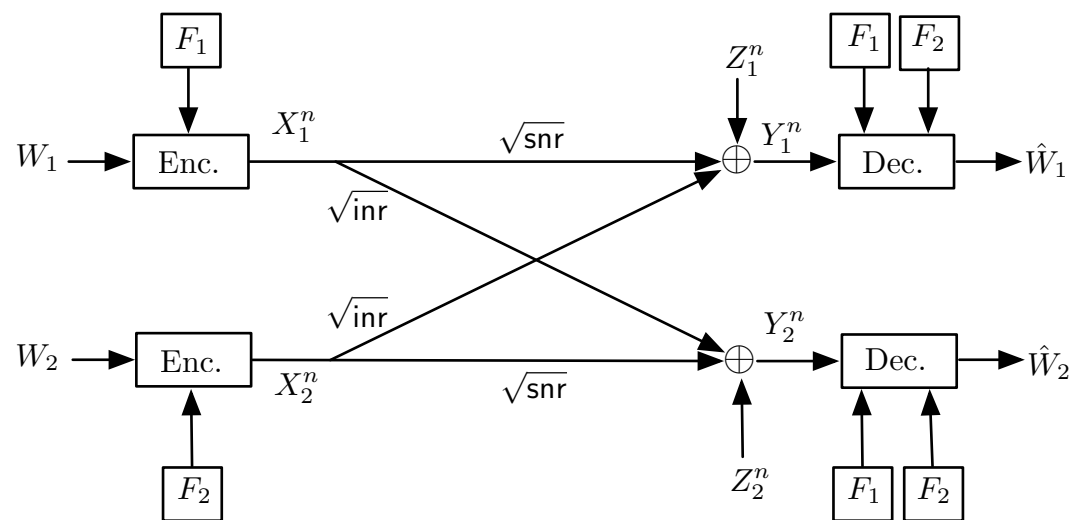
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**How far away is TINnoTS from capacity?**

**Is it really "treating interference as noise"?**

# Gaussian channels with discrete inputs

$$Z_1, Z_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$



$$Y_1 = \sqrt{\text{snr}}X_1 + \sqrt{\text{inr}}X_2 + Z_1$$

$$Y_2 = \sqrt{\text{inr}}X_1 + \sqrt{\text{snr}}X_2 + Z_2$$

- instead of taking  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  to be Gaussian, take them to be discrete
- difficulty: how to evaluate mutual information expressions with discrete and Gaussian mixtures

# Tools for Discrete Inputs

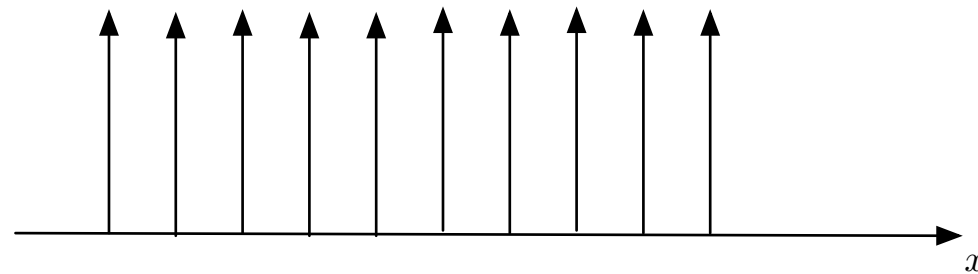
# Discrete+mixed inputs

- Discrete input

$$X_D \sim P(X_D) = \sum_{i=1}^{|X|} p_i \delta(x_i)$$

$$X_D \sim \text{PAM}(N), |X| = N, p_i = \frac{1}{N} \text{ for all } i \in [1, \dots, N]$$

- PAM input



- Minimum distance

$$d_{\min}(X_D) = \min_{x_i, x_j: i \neq j} \|x_i - x_j\|$$

- Mixed inputs

$$X_{\text{mix}} = \sqrt{1 - \delta} X_D + \sqrt{\delta} X_G,$$

$$\delta \in [0, 1],$$

$$X_G \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X_D^2] \leq 1$$

# Bounds on mutual information

We define:

$$Y = \sqrt{\text{snr}}X + Z,$$
$$Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$I(X; Y_{\text{snr}}) = I(X, \text{snr})$$

$$\mathbb{E} [(X - \mathbb{E}[X|Y_{\text{snr}}])^2] = \text{mmse}(X, \text{snr})$$

Interested in:

$$[H(X_D) - \text{gap}]^+ \leq I(X_D, \text{snr}) \leq H(X_D)$$

**Want the tightest version of the “gap” term  
for a given PMF**

# Bounds on mutual information

$$[H(X_D) - \text{gap}]^+ \leq I(X_D, \text{snr}) \leq H(X_D)$$

## Ozarow-Wyner-A

$$\text{gap}_{\text{OW-A}} \leq \xi \log \frac{1}{\xi} + (1 - \xi) \log \frac{1}{1 - \xi} + \xi \log(N - 1), \quad \xi := 2Q \left( \frac{\sqrt{\text{snr}} d_{\min}(X_D)}{2} \right)$$

## Ozarow-Wyner-B

$$\text{gap}_{\text{OW-B}} \leq \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{\pi e}{6} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{12}{\text{snr} d_{\min}^2(X_D)} \right)$$

L. Ozarow and A. Wyner, "On the capacity of the Gaussian channel with a finite number of input levels," IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, vol. 36, no. 6, pp. 1426–1428, Nov 1990.

## DTD-ITA`14-A

$$\left[ -\log \left( \sum_{(i,j) \in [1:N]^2} \frac{p_i p_j}{\sqrt{4\pi}} e^{-\frac{\text{snr}(x_i - x_j)^2}{4}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi e) \right]^+ \leq I(X_D, \text{snr}) \leq H(X_D)$$

$$\text{gap}_{\text{ITA}} \leq \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{e}{2} \right) + \log \left( 1 + (N - 1) e^{-\frac{\text{snr} d_{\min}^2(X_D)}{4}} \right)$$

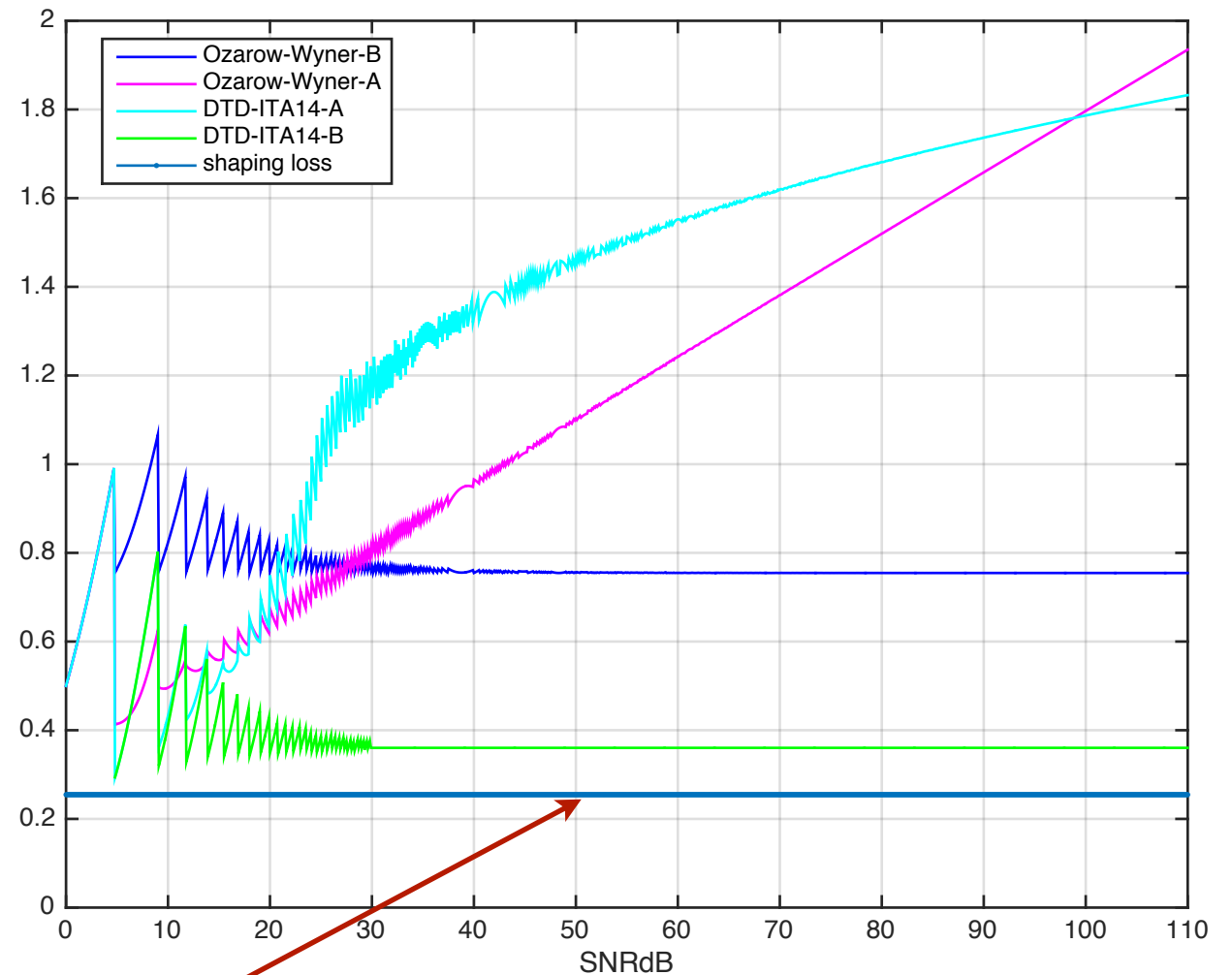
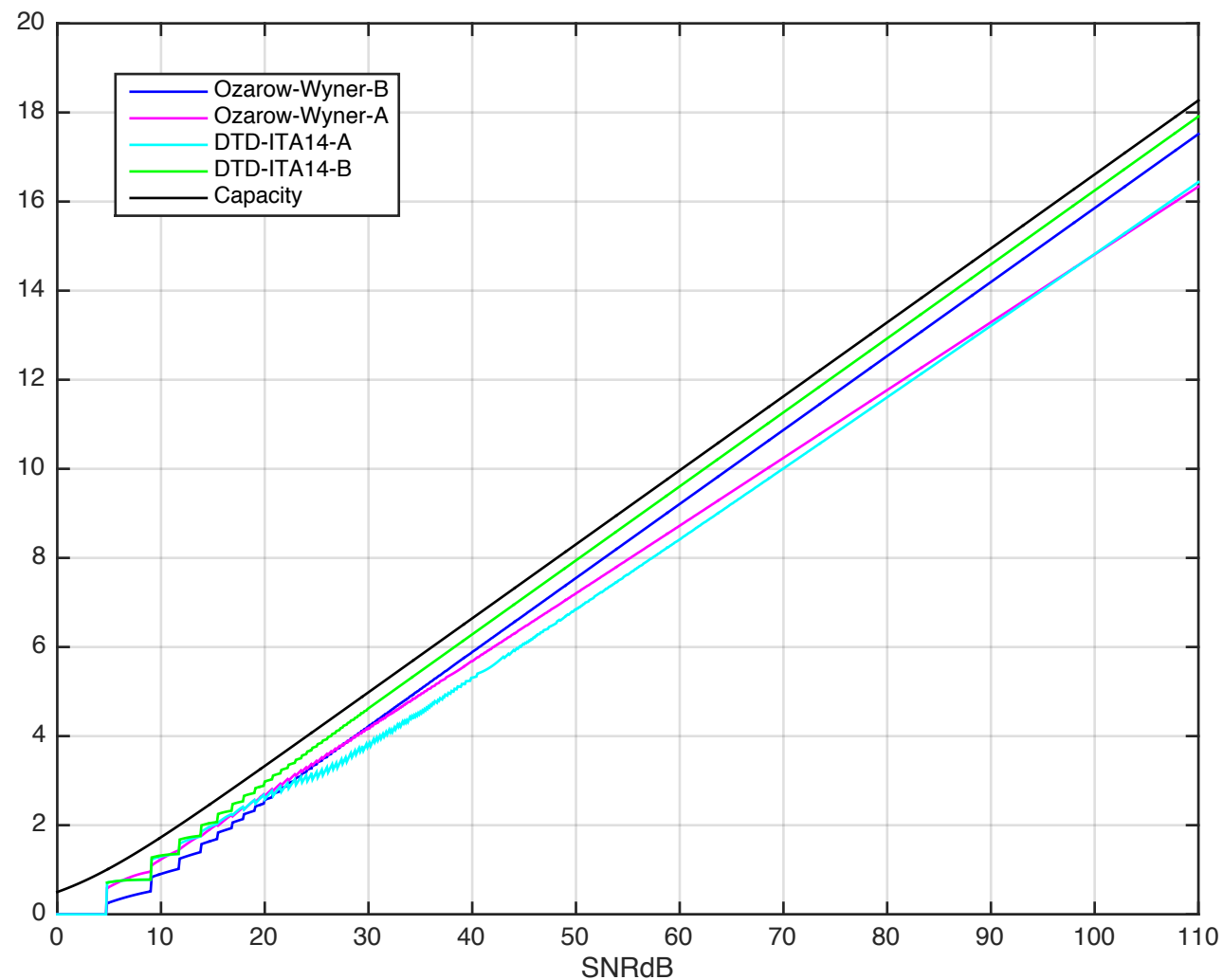
## DTD-ITA`14-B

Dytso, A.; Tuninetti, D.; Devroye, N., "On discrete alphabets for the two-user Gaussian interference channel with one receiver lacking knowledge of the interfering codebook," ITA, 2014, vol., no., pp.1,8, 9-14 Feb. 2014

# Comparison of bounds

Input: PAM with  
number of points

$$N = \lfloor \sqrt{1 + \text{snr}} \rfloor \Rightarrow H(X) = \log(N) \approx \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \text{snr})$$



shaping loss of uniform lattice



# Why is discrete good? Examples.

## 1. Point-to-point Gaussian noise Channel

$$Y = \sqrt{\text{snr}} X + Z_G : \quad \text{good input}$$
$$E[X^2] \leq 1, Z_G \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

## 2. Point-to-point Gaussian noise Channel with State

$$Y = \sqrt{\text{snr}} X + hT + Z_G : \quad \text{good state / interferer}$$
$$E[X^2] \leq 1, Z_G \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1),$$
$$T \sim \text{discrete: } |T| = N \text{ and } d_{\min(T)}^2 > 0$$

Channel State is  
Unknown at  
Transmitter and  
Receiver

# Discrete is a good input.

## 1. Point-to-point Gaussian noise Channel

$$Y = \sqrt{\text{snr}} X + Z_G :$$

$$E[X^2] \leq 1, Z_G \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

Capacity

$$C = \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \text{snr})$$

achieved by Gaussian

with PAM:

$$N = \lfloor \sqrt{1 + \text{snr}} \rfloor$$

$$C \geq \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \text{snr}) - \text{gap}$$

$$\text{gap} = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{4\pi e}{3} \right)$$

# Discrete is a good interferer.

## 2. Point-to-point Gaussian noise Channel with State

$$Y = \sqrt{\text{snr}}X + hT + Z_G :$$

$$E[X^2] \leq 1, Z_G \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1),$$

$$T \sim \text{discrete: } |T| = N \text{ and } d_{\min}^2(T) > 0$$

### Discrete Interference

$$C \geq I(X_G; \sqrt{\text{snr}}X_G + hT + Z_G)$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \text{snr}) - \text{gap}$$

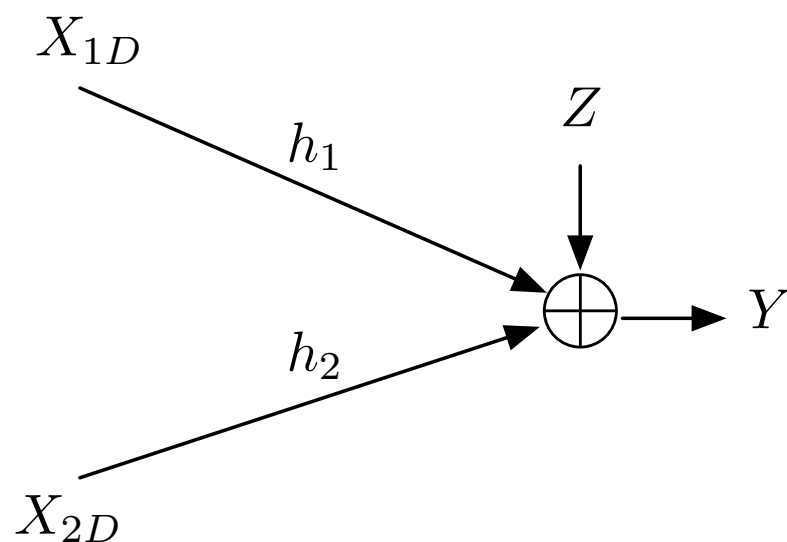
$$\text{gap} = \frac{1}{2} \log \left[ \frac{2\pi e}{12} \left( 1 + \frac{12}{d_{\min}^2(T)} \frac{|h|^2 \mathcal{E}_T}{|h|^2 \mathcal{E}_T + 1 + \text{snr}} \right) \right]$$

### Gaussian Interference

$$\begin{aligned} C &\geq I(X_G; \sqrt{\text{snr}}X_G + hT_G + Z_G) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{\text{snr}}{1 + |h|^2 \mathcal{E}_T} \right) \end{aligned}$$

# Discrete inputs in multi-user channels

More complex in multi-user scenarios



“sum-set”

$$h_1 X_{1D} + h_2 X_{2D} = \{h_1 x_{1D} + h_2 x_{2D} | x_1 \in X_{1D}, x_2 \in X_{2D}\}$$

$$|h_1 X_{1D} + h_2 X_{2D}| = |\{h_1 x_{1D} + h_2 x_{2D} | x_1 \in X_{1D}, x_2 \in X_{2D}\}| \quad ???$$

$$d_{\min}(h_1 X_{1D} + h_2 X_{2D}) = \min\{|s_i - s_j| : s_i, s_j \in h_1 X_{1D} + h_2 X_{2D}\} \quad ???$$

Ask Helmut!

# New phenomenon

## Example, BPSK:

$$X_{1D} = X_{2D} = \{-1, +1\}$$

$$h_1 X_{1D} + h_2 X_{2D} \stackrel{(h_1=1, h_2=2)}{=} \{3, -1, 1, 3\}$$

$$\stackrel{(h_1=1, h_2=1)}{=} \{1, 0, -1\}$$

“Cardinality is Sensitive to Channel Gain Values.”

# Overall proposition / tool

- cardinality of the sum-set  $\{h_x X + h_y Y\}$

**Proposition:** Let  $X \sim \text{PAM}(|X|, d_{\min(X)})$  and  $Y \sim \text{PAM}(|Y|, d_{\min(Y)})$ .  
Then for  $(h_x, h_y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

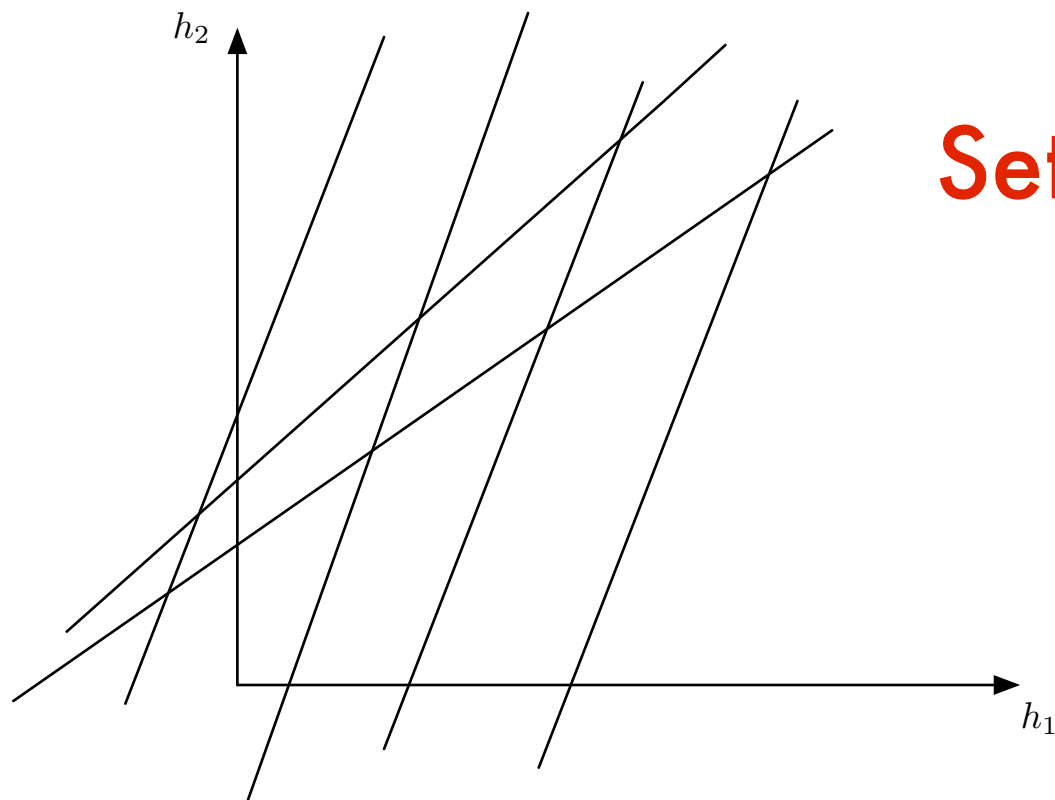
$$|h_x X + h_y Y| = |X||Y| \text{ almost everywhere (a.e.)}, \quad (1)$$

- minimum distance of the sum-set

$$\text{and } d_{\min(h_x X + h_y Y)} \geq \dots\dots?$$

# Cardinality

$$|h_x X + h_y Y| = |X||Y| \text{ almost everywhere (a.e.)}$$

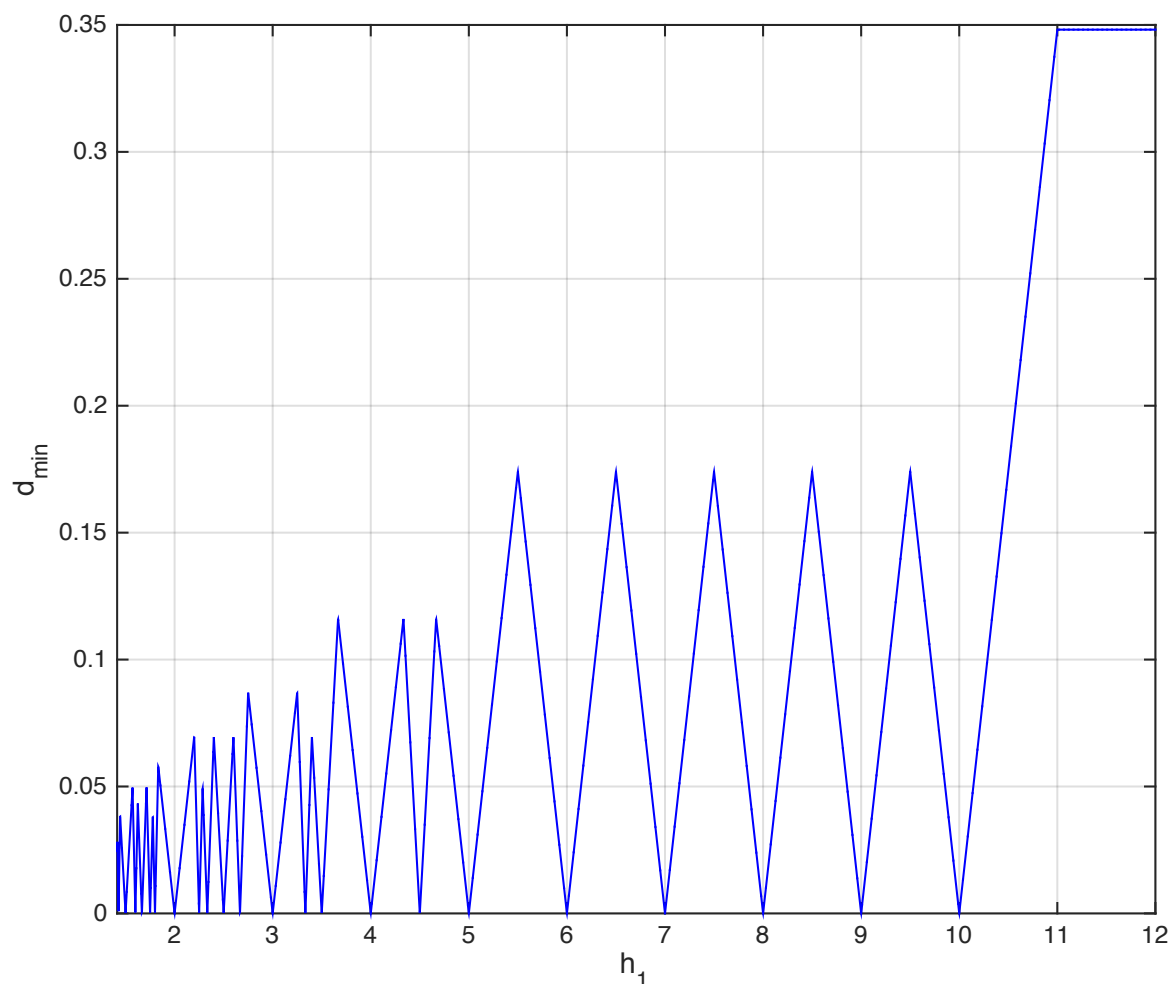


**Set Values where cardinality is less**

**Union of lines has measure 0**

# Minimum distance

Example:  $h_2=1$ ,  $N_1=N_2=10$



**Very Irregular**

**Can we even have a lower bound?**

$$\text{gap}_{\text{OW-B}} \leq \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{\pi e}{6} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{12}{\text{snr } d_{\min}^2(X_D)} \right)$$



# Minimum distance, case I: **no overlap**

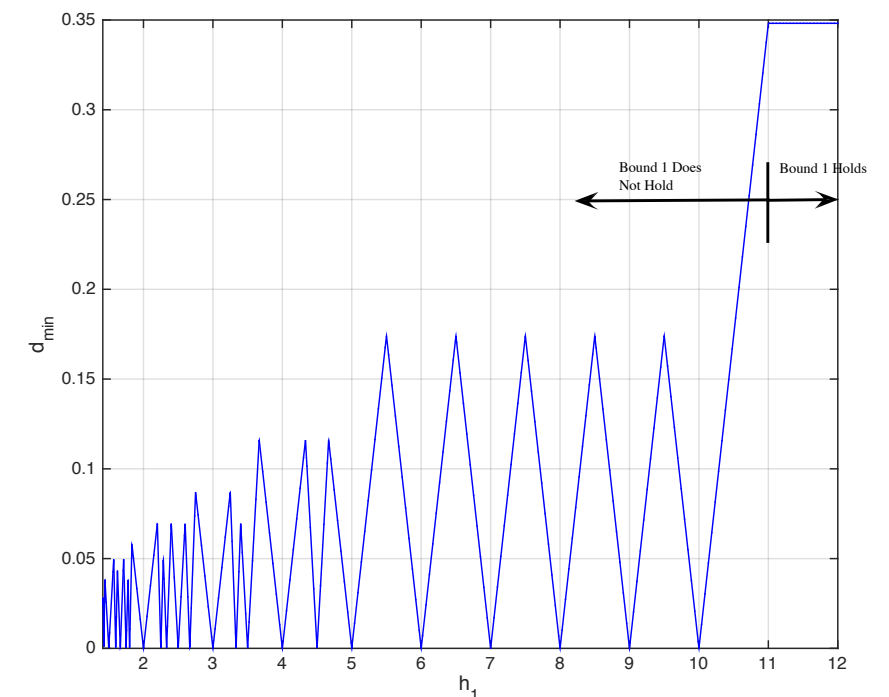
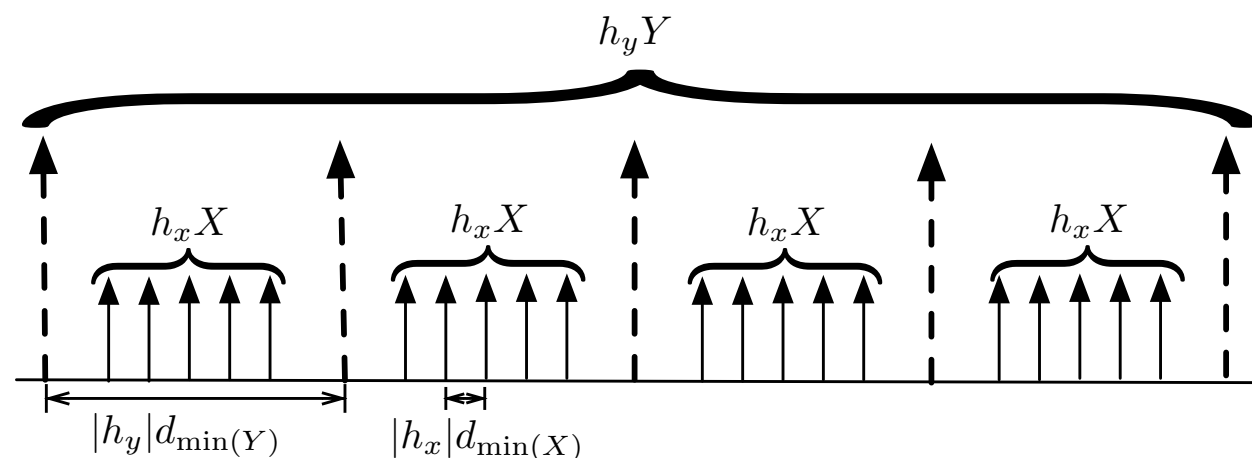
We have

$$d_{\min}(h_x X + h_y Y) = \min(|h_x|d_{\min}(X), |h_y|d_{\min}(Y))$$

under the following conditions

$$\text{either } |Y||h_y|d_{\min}(Y) \leq |h_x|d_{\min}(X),$$

$$\text{or } |X||h_x|d_{\min}(X) \leq |h_y|d_{\min}(Y) \text{ (shown below).}$$



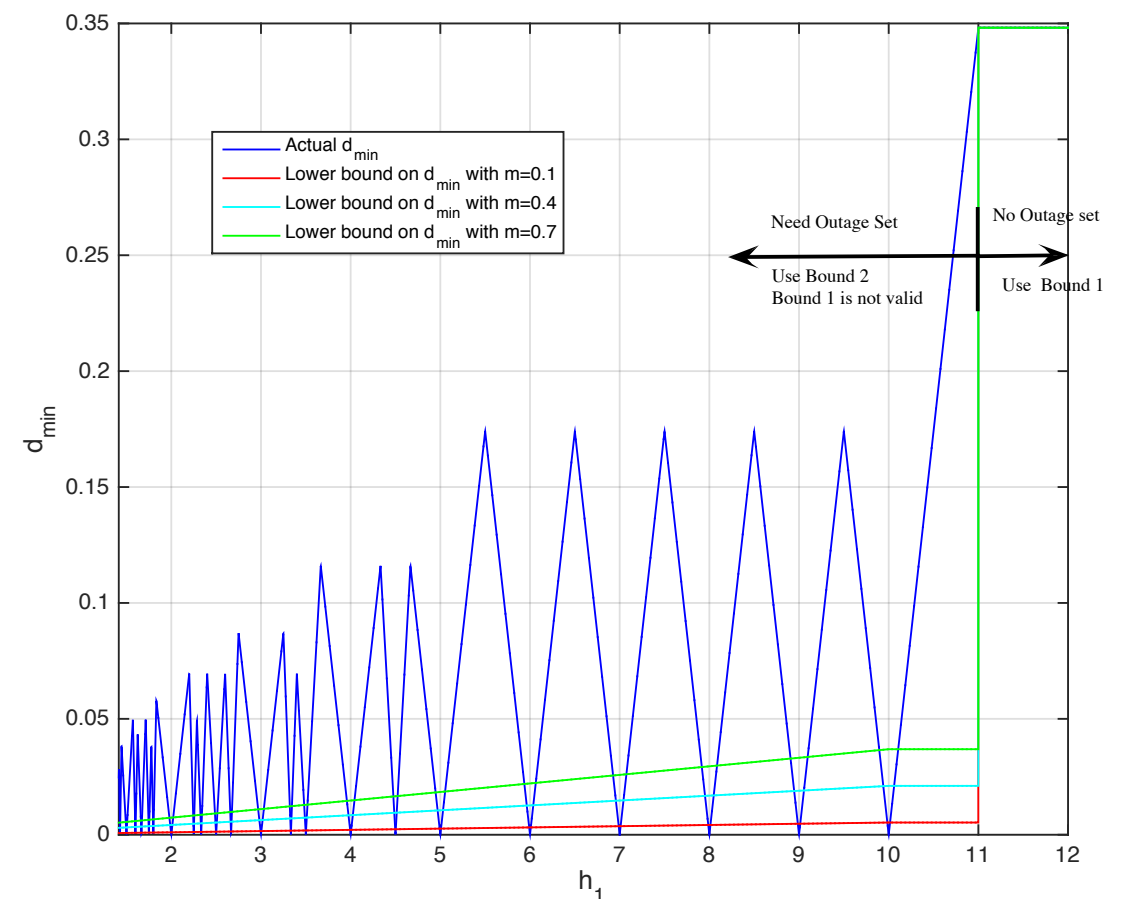
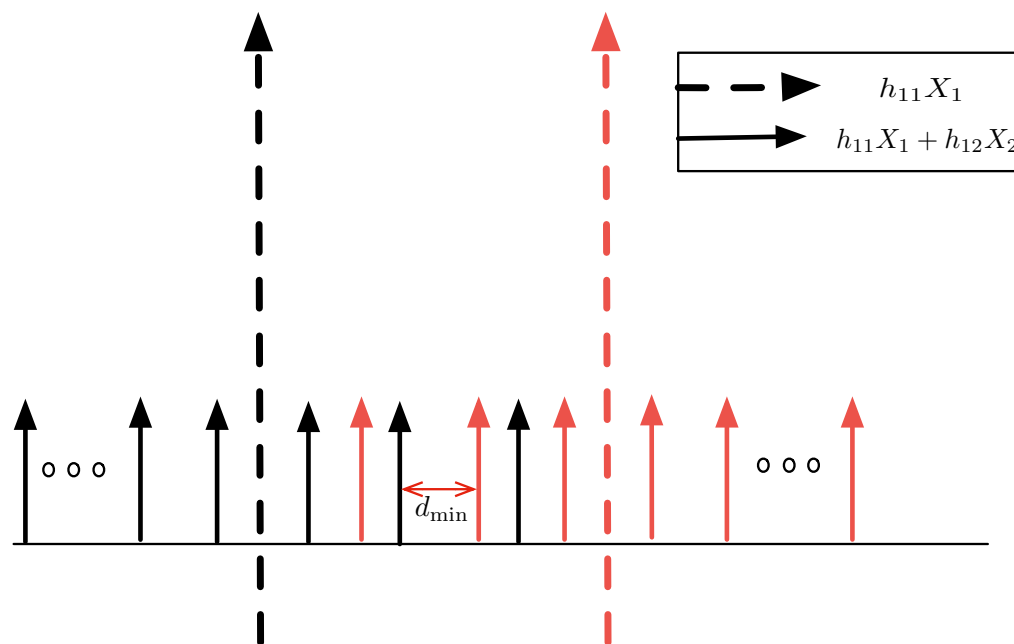
# Minimum distance, case 2: with **overlap**

Then, up to a set of  $(h_x, h_y)$  of measure no more than  $\gamma$ , we have

$$d_{\min}(h_x X + h_y Y) \geq \kappa_{\gamma, |X|, |Y|} \cdot \min(|h_x| d_{\min}(X), |h_y| d_{\min}(Y), \xi_{|h_x|, |h_y|, |X|, |Y|}),$$

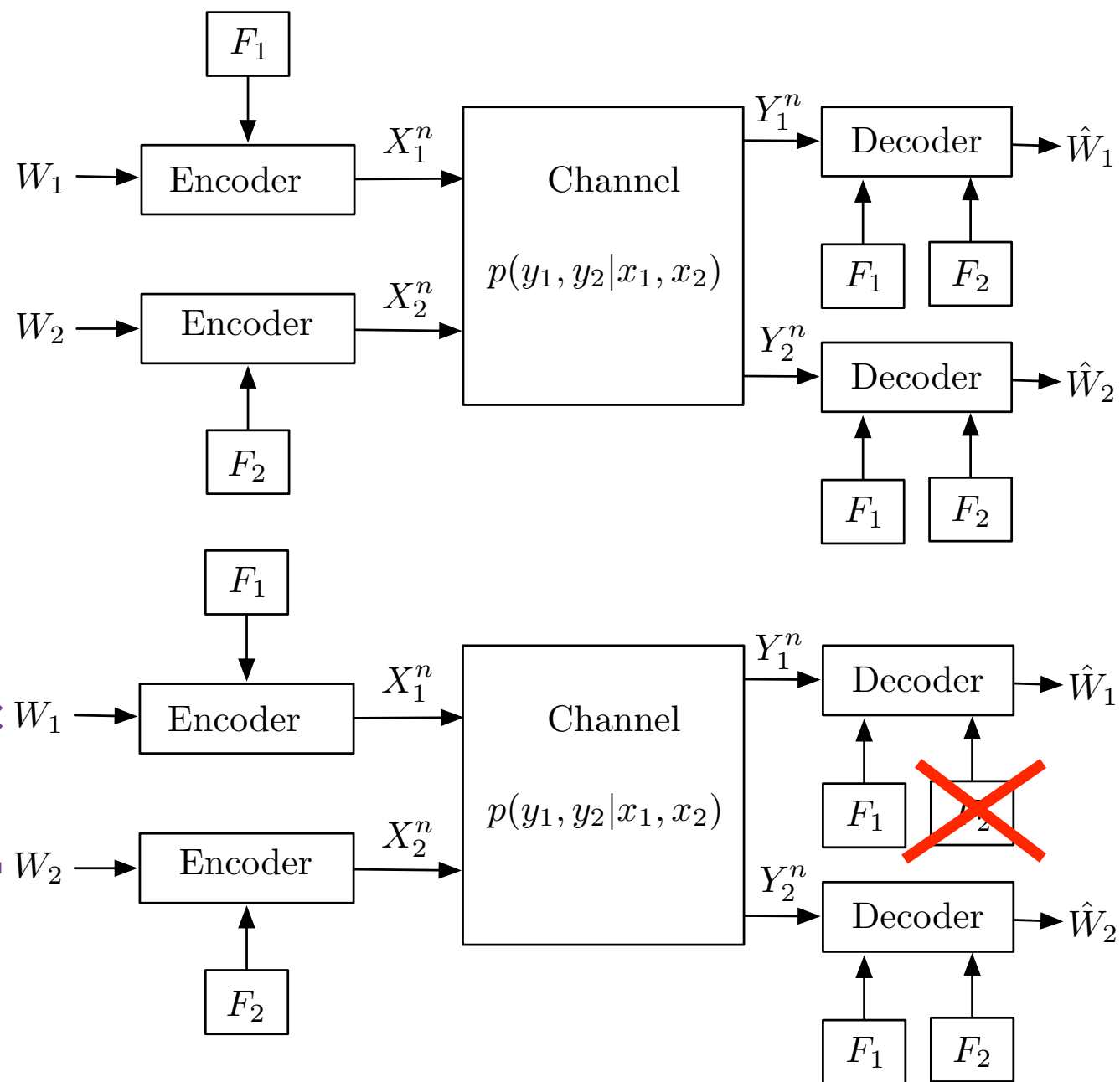
$$\kappa_{\gamma, |X|, |Y|} := \frac{\gamma/2}{1 + \ln(\max(|X|, |Y|))},$$

$$\xi_{|h_x|, |h_y|, |X|, |Y|} := \max\left(\frac{|h_x| d_{\min}(X)}{|Y|}, \frac{|h_y| d_{\min}(Y)}{|X|}\right),$$



# Applications of discrete inputs

# Approximate capacity without codebooks



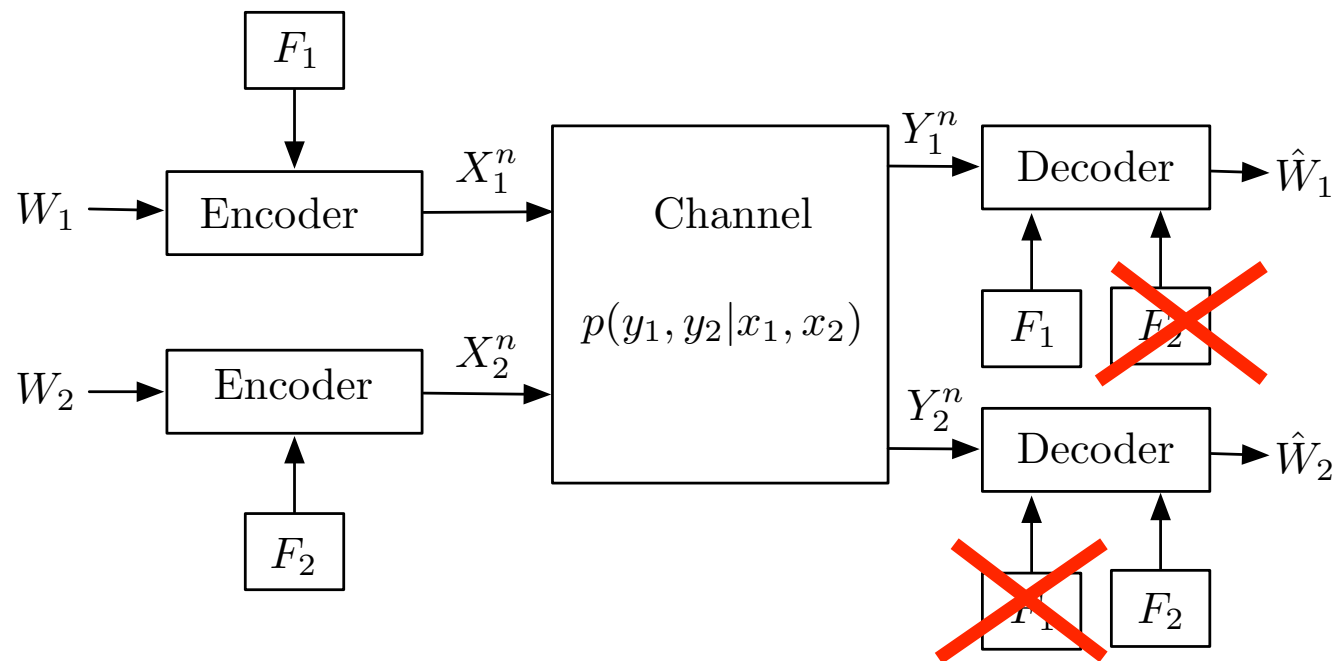
**HK+Gaussian Inputs**  
**1/2 bit**

R. Etkin, D. Tse, and H. Wang, "Gaussian interference channel capacity to within one bit," IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, vol. 54, no. 12, pp. 5534–5562, Dec. 2008.

**"One-sided" HK+  
Mixed Inputs**  
**3.34 bits**

A. Dytso, D. Tuninetti, and N. Devroye, "On the two-user interference channel with lack of knowledge of the interference codebook at one receiver," IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, vol. 61, no. 3, pp. 1257–1276, March 2015.

# Approximate capacity without codebooks



**TINnoTS +  
Mixed Inputs  
constant or log-log gaps**

A. Dytso, D. Tuninetti, and N. Devroye, "Interference as Noise: Friend of Foe?" to appear in IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, 2016. Available on arXiv.

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{in}}^{\text{TINnoTS}} = \bigcup_{N_1, N_2, \delta_1, \delta_2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq R_1 \leq I(X_1; Y_1) \\ 0 \leq R_2 \leq I(X_2; Y_2) \end{array} \right\}$$

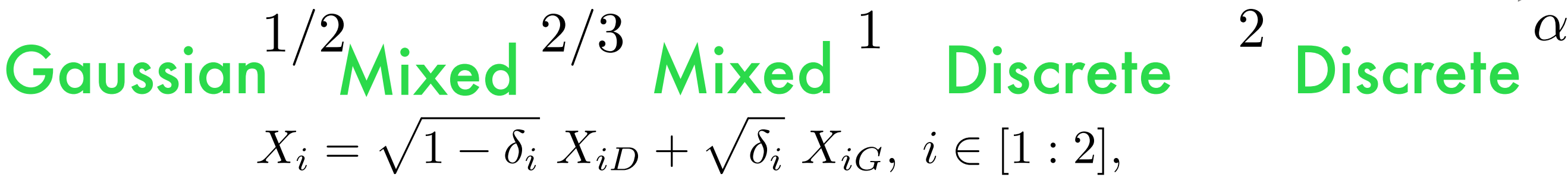
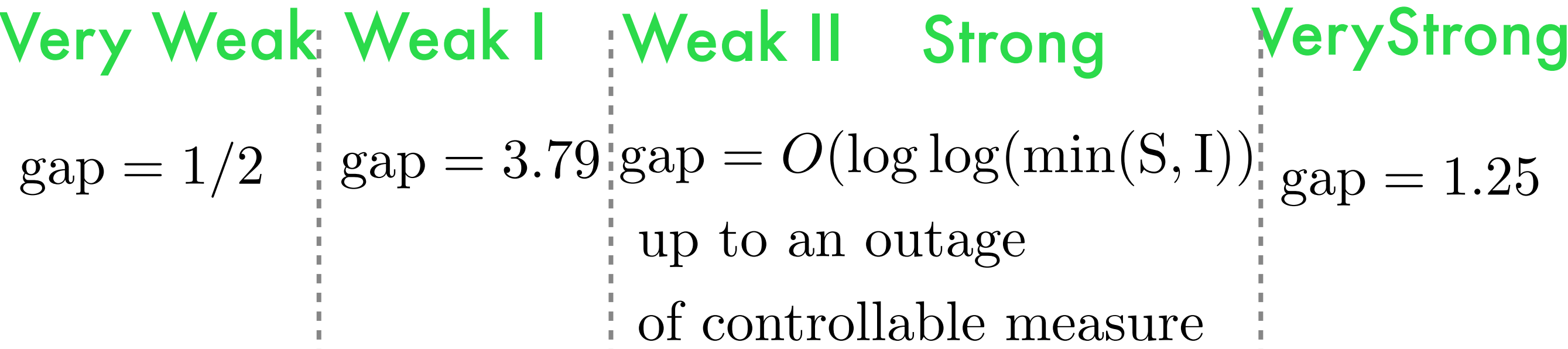
**with**

$$\begin{aligned} X_i &= \sqrt{1 - \delta_i} X_{iD} + \sqrt{\delta_i} X_{iG}, \\ \delta_i &\in [0, 1], \\ X_{iD} &\sim \text{PAM}(N_i), \\ X_{iG} &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1), \\ i &= 1, 2. \end{aligned}$$

**Choice of  $N_i, \delta_i$  looks like**

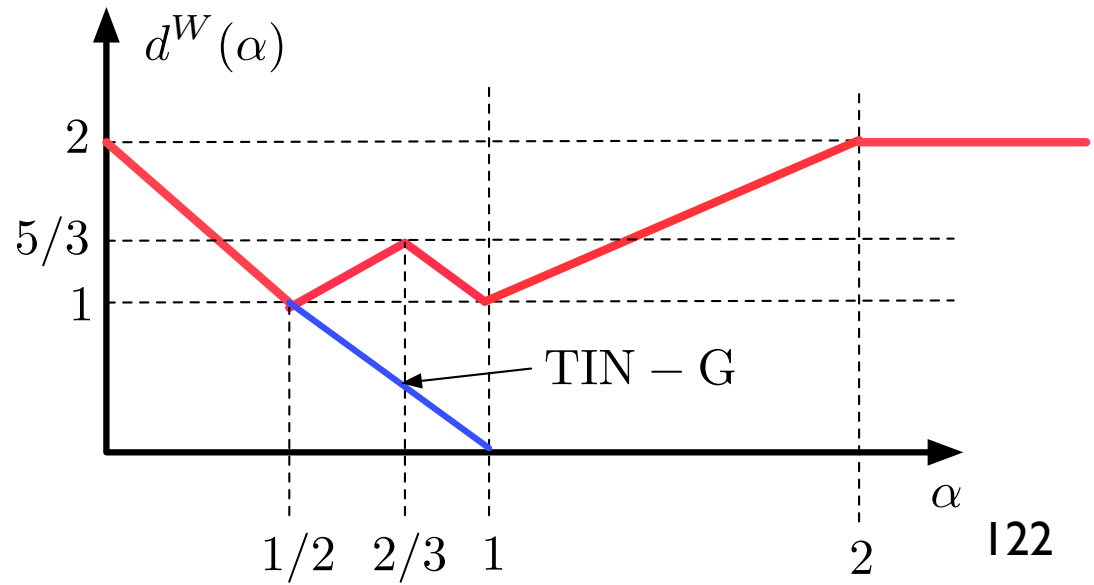
**discrete  $\iff$  public  
Gaussian  $\iff$  private**

# Approximate optimality of TINnoTS in Gaussian-IC

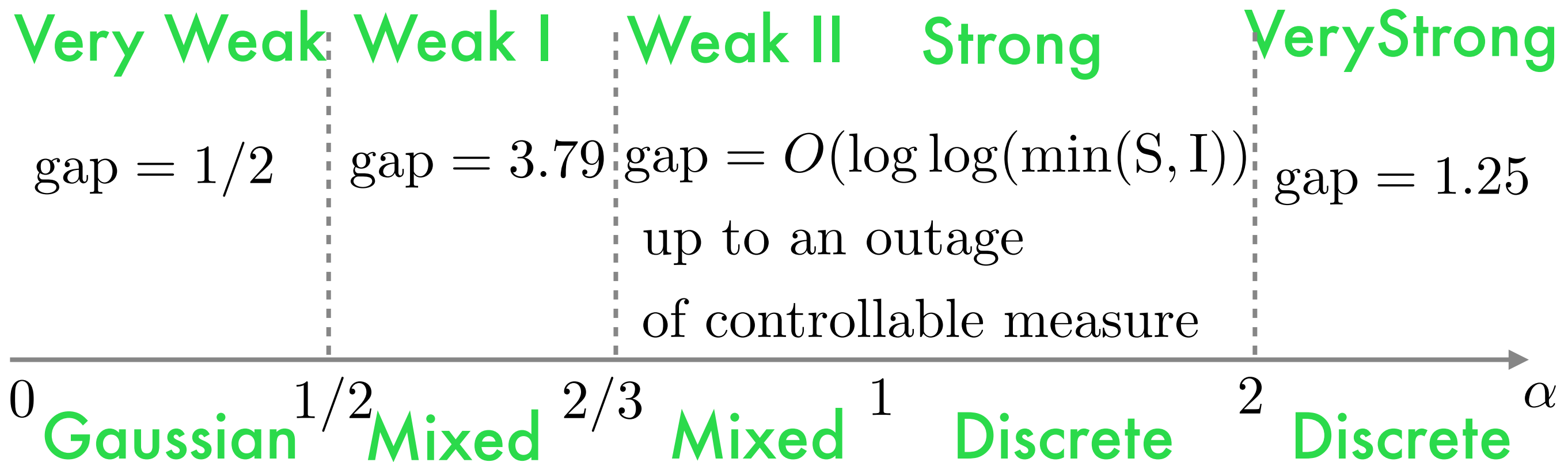


$\alpha = \frac{\text{inrdB}}{\text{snrdB}}$

DoF gain over  
Gaussians with  
TINnoTS!



# Approximate optimality of TINnoTS in Gaussian-IC



$$X_i = \sqrt{1 - \delta_i} X_{iD} + \sqrt{\delta_i} X_{iG}, \quad i \in [1 : 2],$$

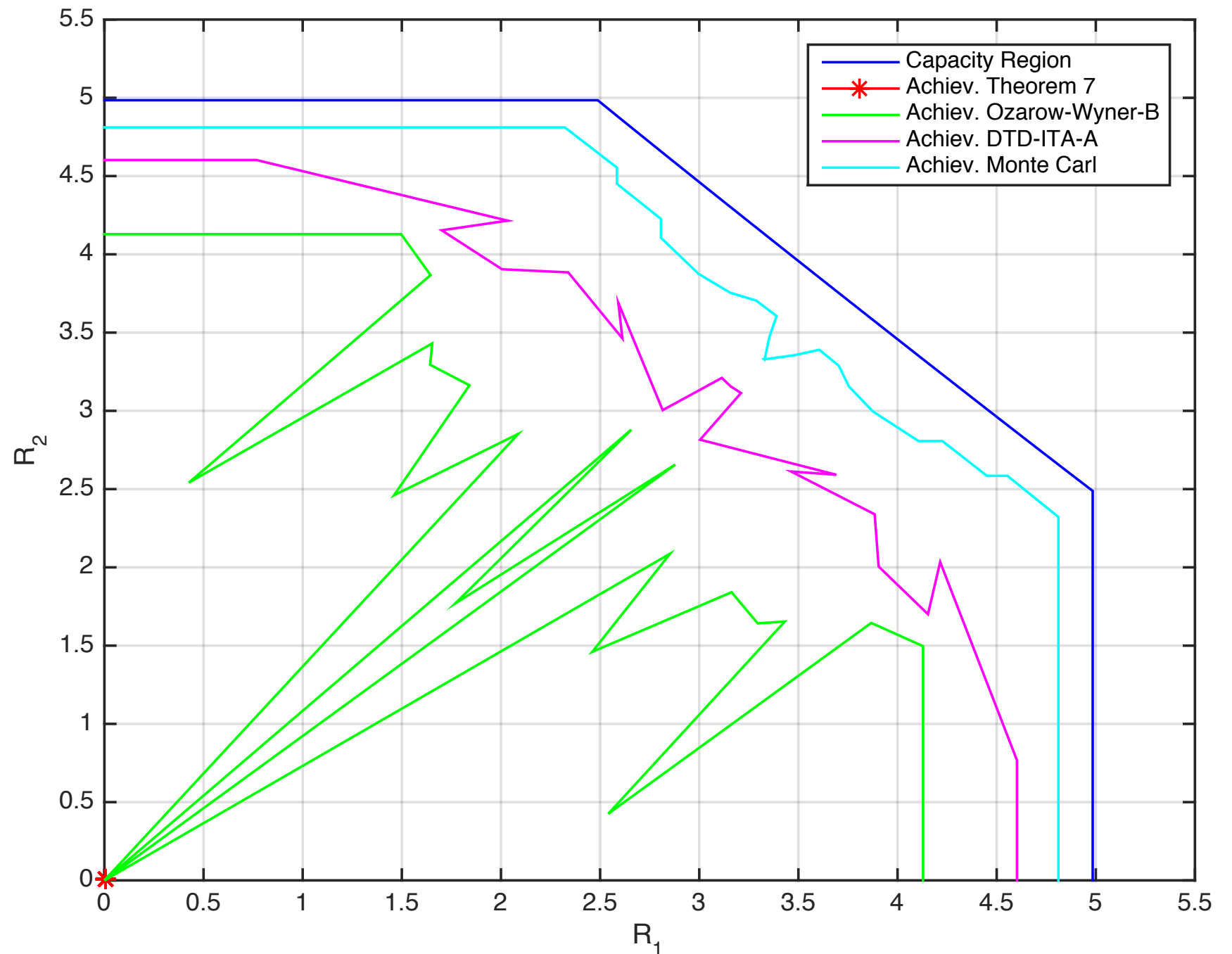
$$\alpha = \frac{\text{inrdB}}{\text{snrdB}}$$

Closed-form expressions  
for number of points,  
power splits and gap

# Numerical evaluation

Analytical  
bounds on  
gaps are  
pessimistic!

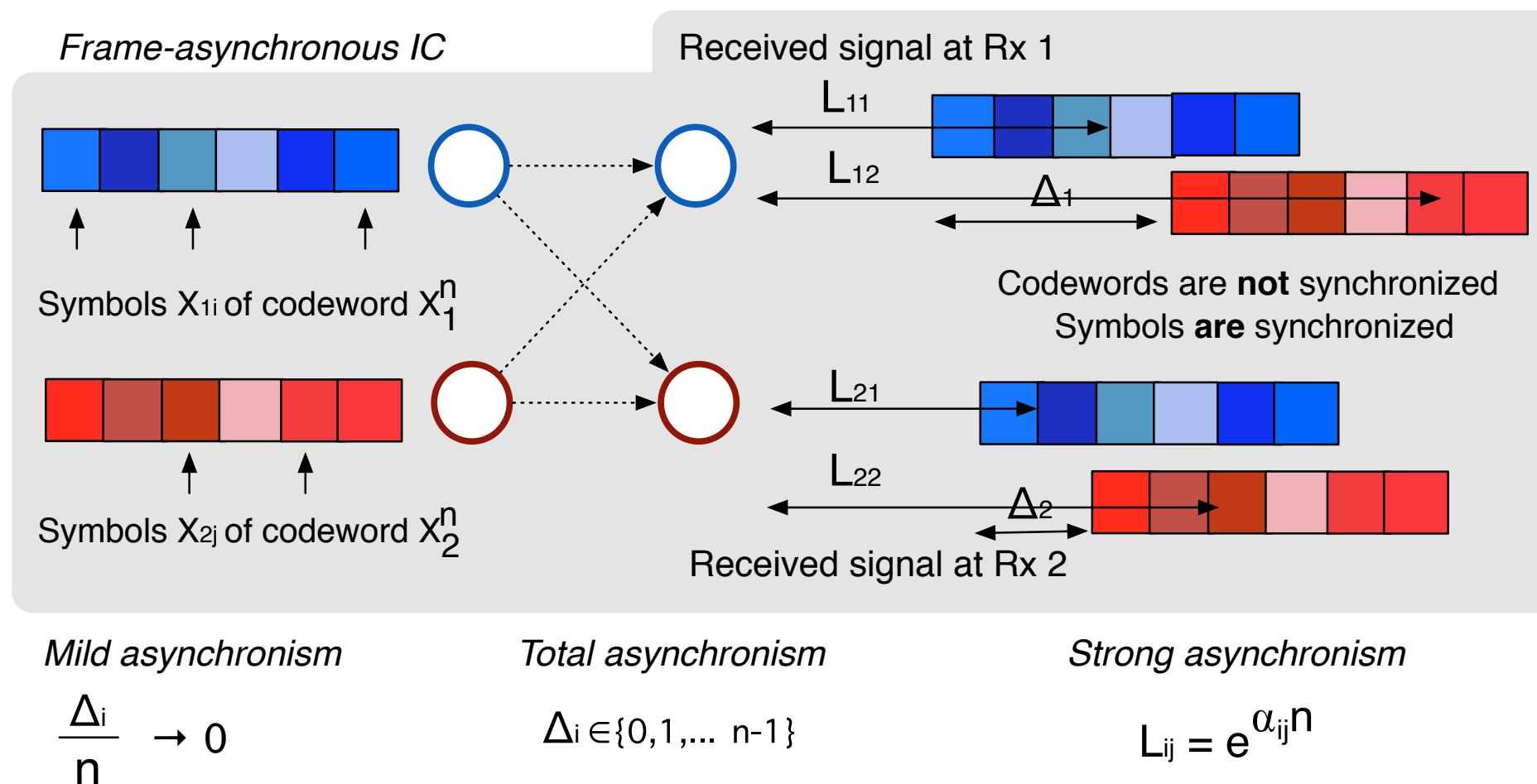
strong interference, discrete  
inputs with analytical lower  
bound is red region!





# Approximate capacity of ICs with lack of synchronization

- in networks, often assume all nodes are synchronized



- this may be unrealistic sometimes....

# Approximate capacity of ICs with lack of synchronization

## Treat Interference as Noise without Time Sharing Inner Bound:

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{in}}^{\text{TINnoTS}} = \bigcup_{P_{X_1 X_2} = P_{X_1} P_{X_2}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq R_1 \leq I(X_1; Y_1) \\ 0 \leq R_2 \leq I(X_2; Y_2) \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{No Time Sharing}$$

- this is achievable by asynchronous G-IC, so our approximate gap to capacity results apply even without synchronization!

# Key ideas + open problems

- use non-Gaussian inputs: good inputs, good interferers
- general tools on bounding  $d_{\min}$ , mutual information applicable elsewhere?
- mixed inputs hence approximately optimal for the **block asynchronous** G-IC and the **codebook oblivious** G-IC
- **OPEN:** better constellation than PAM? What about higher dimensions?
- **OPEN:** can we develop a smart set of multi-letter discrete inputs and evaluate these in the capacity achieving expression for the G-IC?

**Capacity:**  $\mathcal{C} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{co} \left( \bigcup_{P_{X_1^n X_2^n} = P_{X_1^n} P_{X_2^n}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq R_1 \leq \frac{1}{n} I(X_1^n; Y_1^n) \\ 0 \leq R_2 \leq \frac{1}{n} I(X_2^n; Y_2^n) \end{array} \right\} \right)$

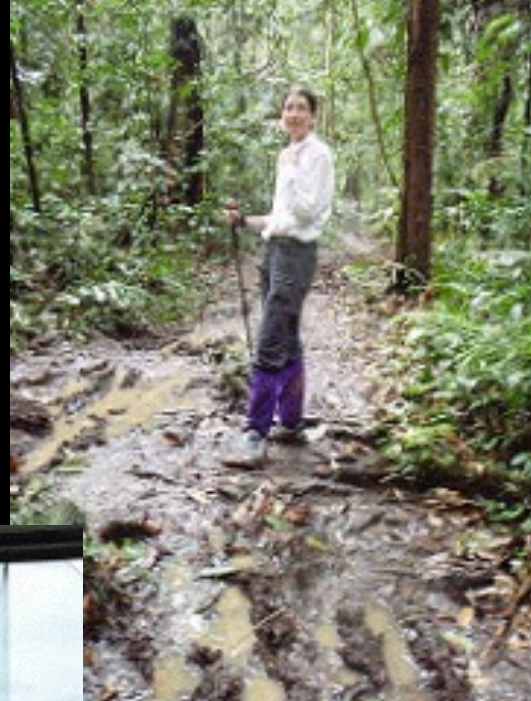
R. Ahlswede, "Multi-way communication channels," in Proc. IEEE Int. Symp. Inf. Theory, March 1973, pp. 23–52.

Forced travel pics

unsolicited MENTORING advice:  
TRAVEL!



# Post-Ph.D., pre tenure track



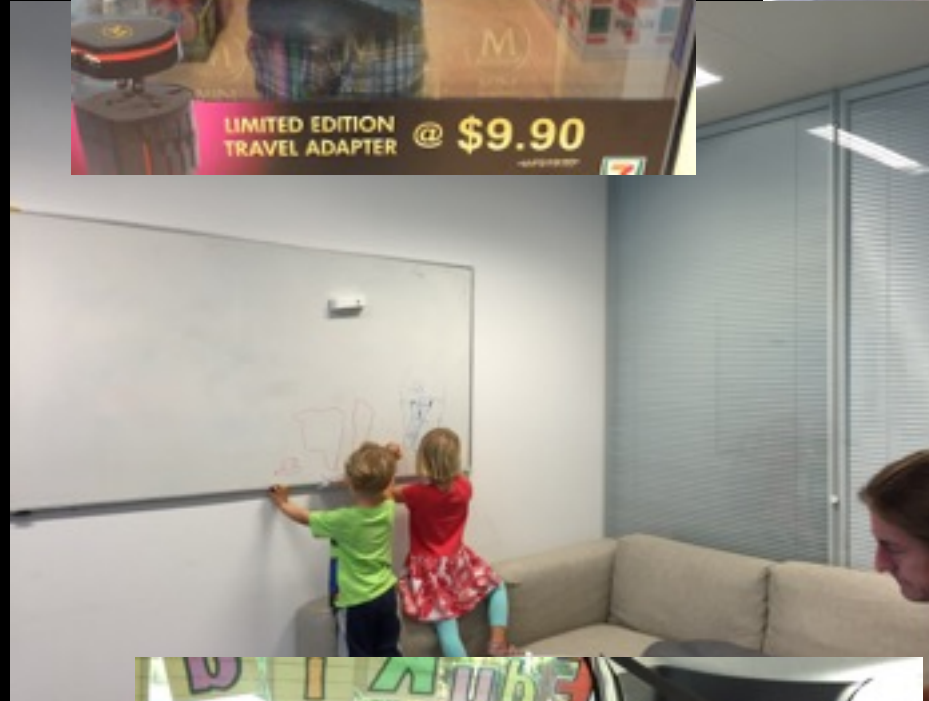
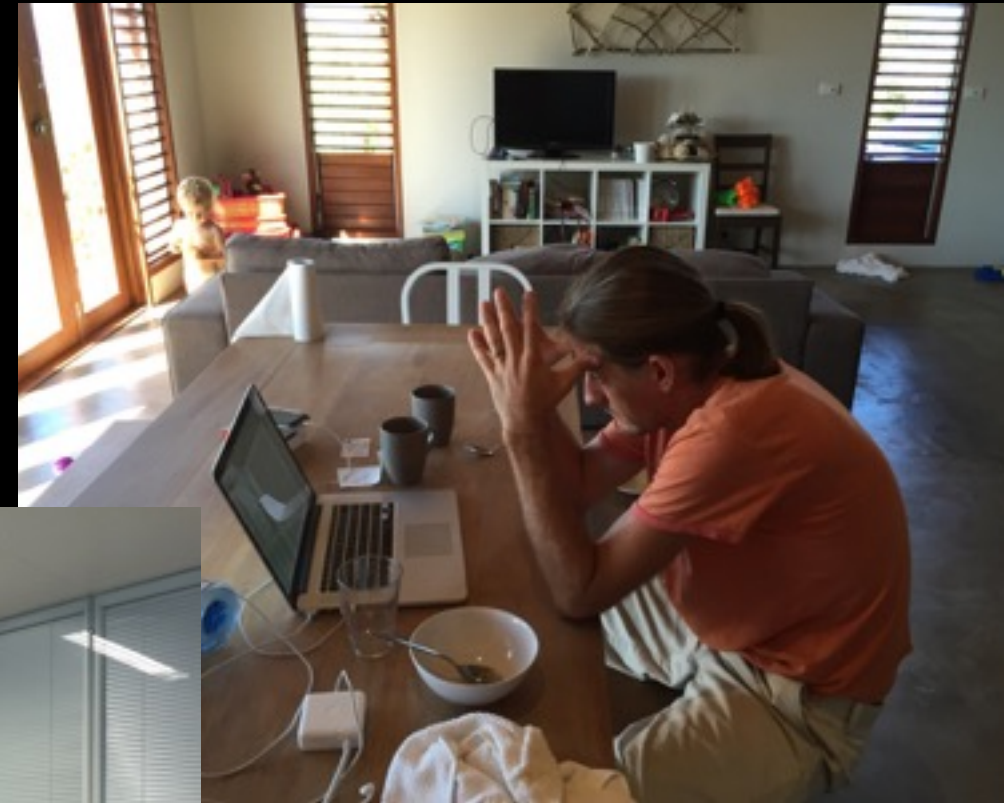


# On the tenure track





# On sabbatical



**Practical codes for  
interference channels?**



# Polar codes over interference channels?

[L. Wang and E. Sasoglu, “Polar coding for interference networks,” in *Proc. IEEE Int. Symp. Inf. Theory*, Honolulu, Hawaii 2014.]



propose a polar coding scheme able to  
achieve the  $H+K$  region for the IC  
based on ideas in

[E. Arıkan, “Polar coding for the slepian-wolf problem based on mono- tone chain rules,” in *Proc. IEEE Int. Symp. Inf. Theory*, Cambridge, MA, 2012, pp. 566–570.]

[S. H. Hassani and R. L. Urbanke, “Universal polar codes,” 2013. [Online]. Available: <http://arxiv.org/abs/1307.7223> ]

Informal statement by Ruediger  
Urbanke: “any region achievable by  
i.i.d. inputs usually can be shown to  
be achievable by polar codes”



# Point to point codes for interference networks?

Young-Han Kim's group has worked extensively on this, see excellent slides:  
<http://circuit.ucsd.edu/~yhk/pdfs/swcm.pdf>

Main ideas: high performance, low

Other thoughts:  
Ask Henry+Krishna?

Block coding (relaying, feedback)

Superposition coding (without rate-splitting)

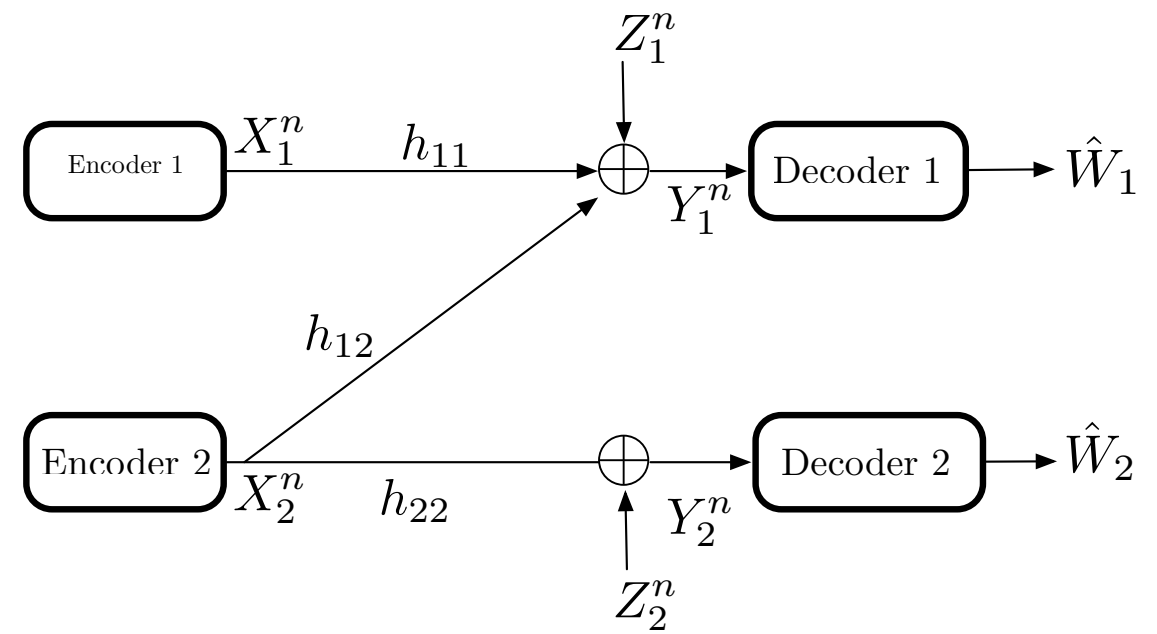
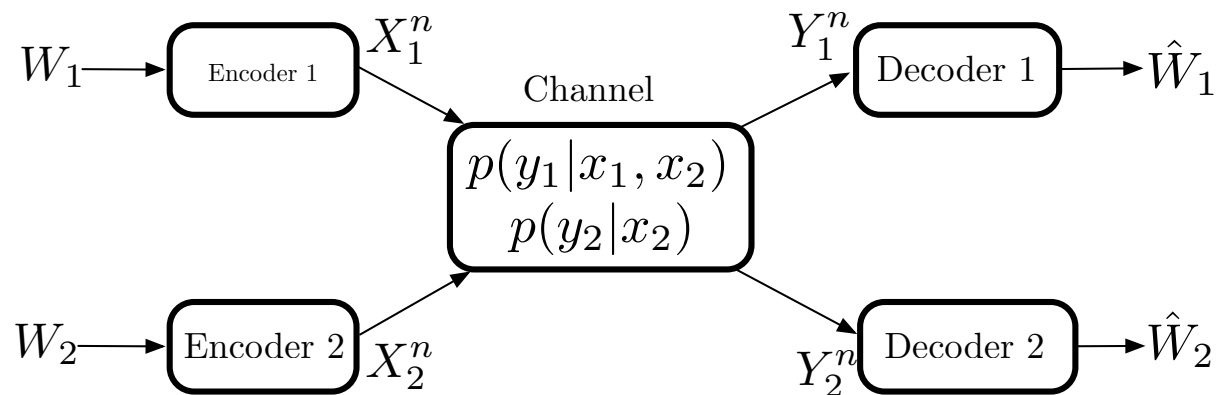
Staggered transmission

Sliding window and successive cancellation decoding



# Variations

# Z interference channel



[N. Liu and A. Goldsmith, "Capacity regions and bounds for a class of Z interference channels", IEEE Trans. on Info Theory, Vol. 55, No. 11, pp. 4986- 4994, Nov. 2009.]

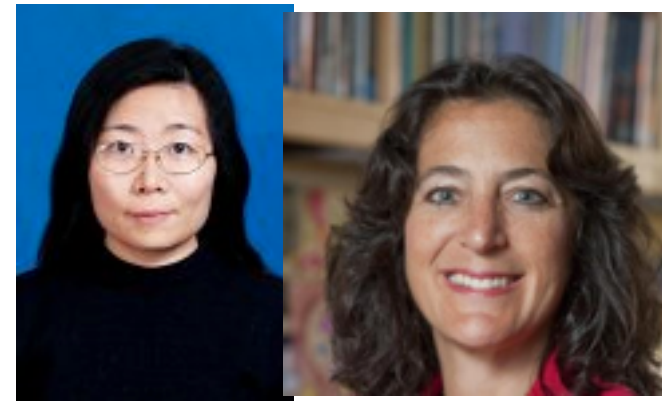
Capacity unknown in general, except:

- sum-rate known for Gaussian Z-IC

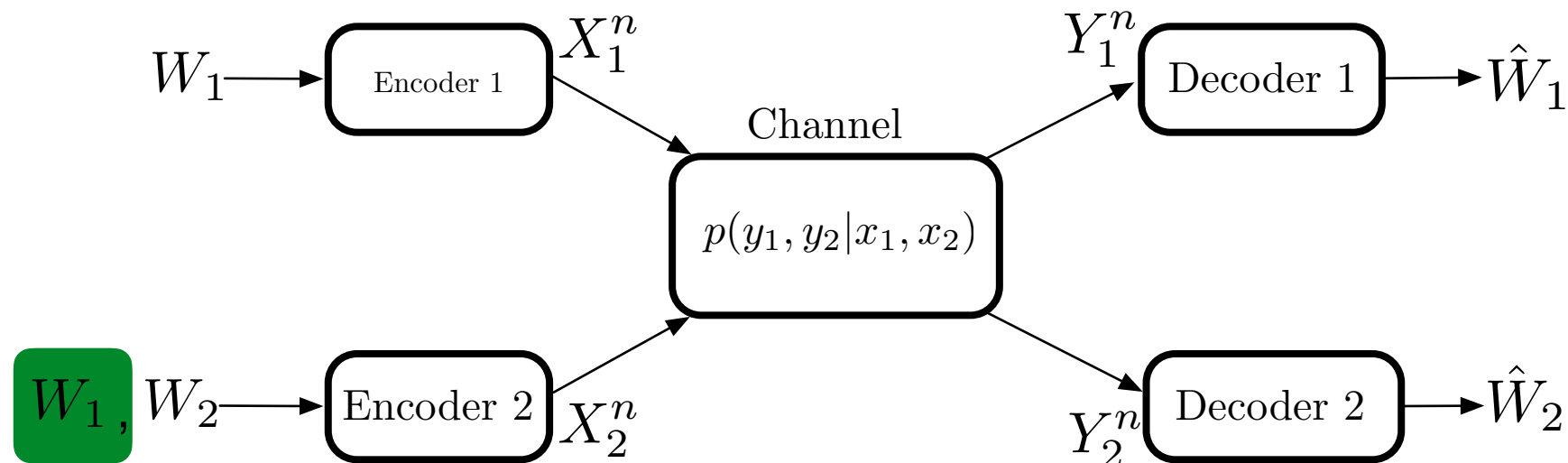
[I. Sason, "On achievable rate regions for the Gaussian interference channel," *IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory*, vol. 50, no. 6, pp. 1345–1356, Jun. 2004. ]

- sum-rate known when interference-free link is noise-free

[R. Ahlswede and N. Cai, "Codes with the identifiable parent property and the multiple-access channel," in *General Theory of Information Transfer and Combinatorics (Lecture Notes in Computer Science)*. ]



# Cognitive interference channel



Introduced:

[N. Devroye, P. Mitran and V. Tarokh, "Achievable rates for cognitive radio channels," IEEE Trans. on Info. Theory, vol. 52, no. 5, pp. 1813-1827, May 2006.]

State of the art DM:

[S. Rini, D. Tuninetti and N. Devroye, "New inner and outer bounds for the discrete memoryless cognitive interference channel and some capacity results," IEEE Trans. on Info. Theory, vol. 57, no. 7, pp. 4087-4109, July 2011.]

State of the art Gaussian (capacity to within a constant gap):

[S. Rini, D. Tuninetti and N. Devroye, "Inner and outer bounds for the Gaussian cognitive interference channel and some new capacity results," IEEE Trans. on Info. Theory, vol. 58, no. 2, pp. 820-848, Feb. 2012.]

GDoF, cognitive with more users:

[D. Maamari, D. Tuninetti, and N. Devroye, "Approximate Sum-Capacity of K-user Cognitive Interference Channels with Cumulative Message Sharing," IEEE Journal of Selected Areas in Communications -- Cognitive Radio Series, Vol. 32, No. 3, pp. 654-666, March 2014.]

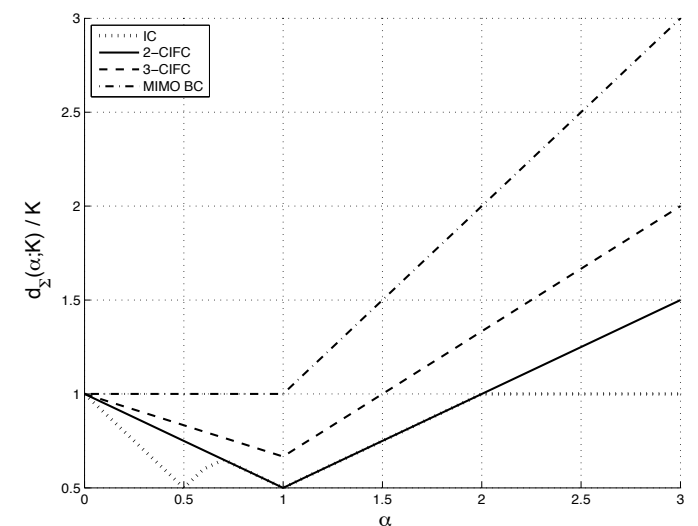
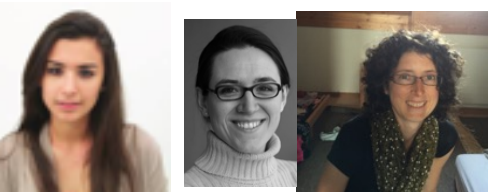
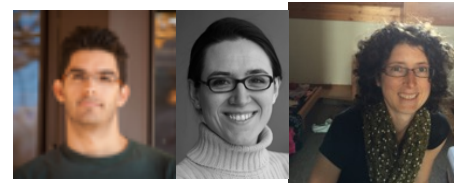
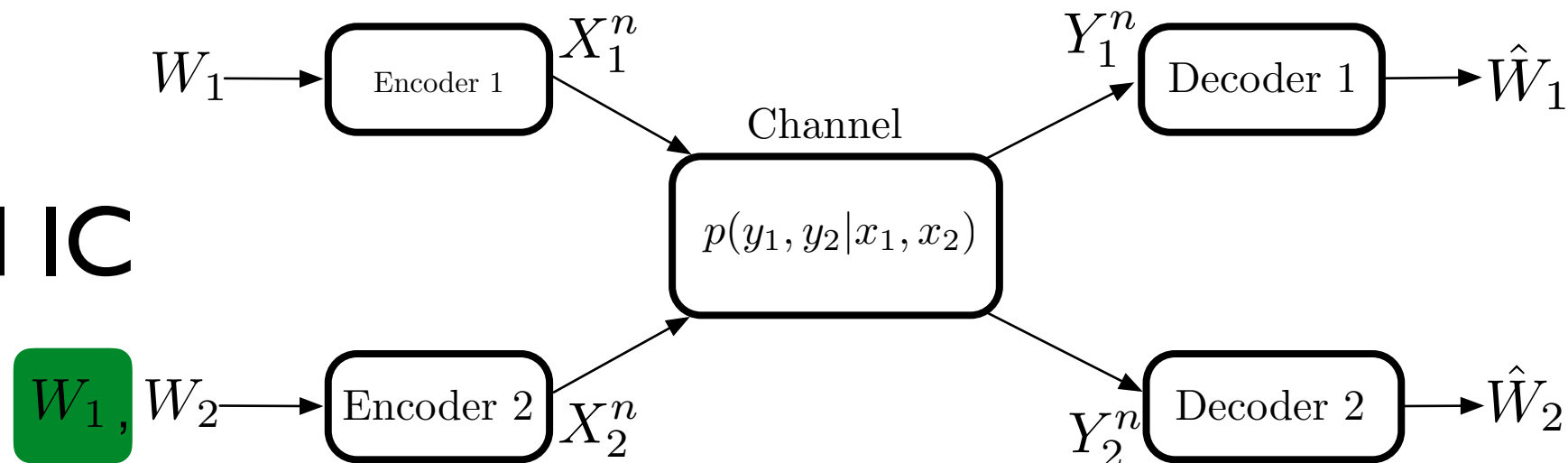


Fig. 3.  $d_2(\alpha; K)/K$  for different channel models. The discontinuity at  $\alpha = 1$  is not shown where the value is 1.



# Cognitive interference channel

BC and IC



New feature (like Broadcast Channel):

Encoder 2 can use

- a) “dirty paper coding” to *eliminate* interference of  $W_2$  at Rx 1, or
- b) “cooperate” in sending  $W_1$  to Rx 1

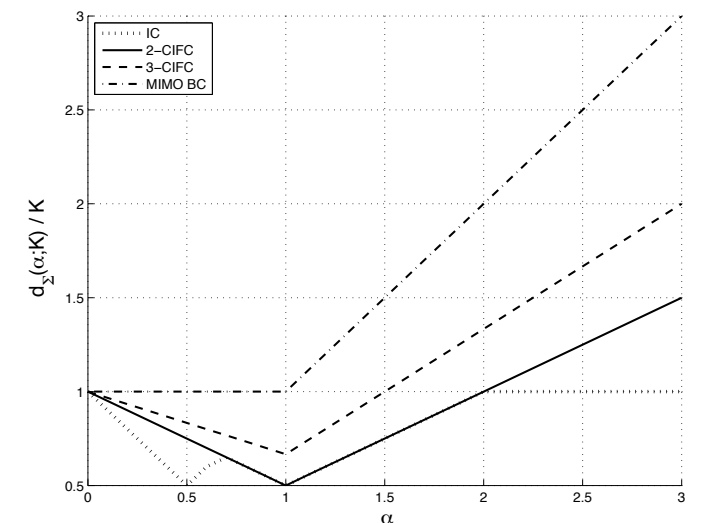
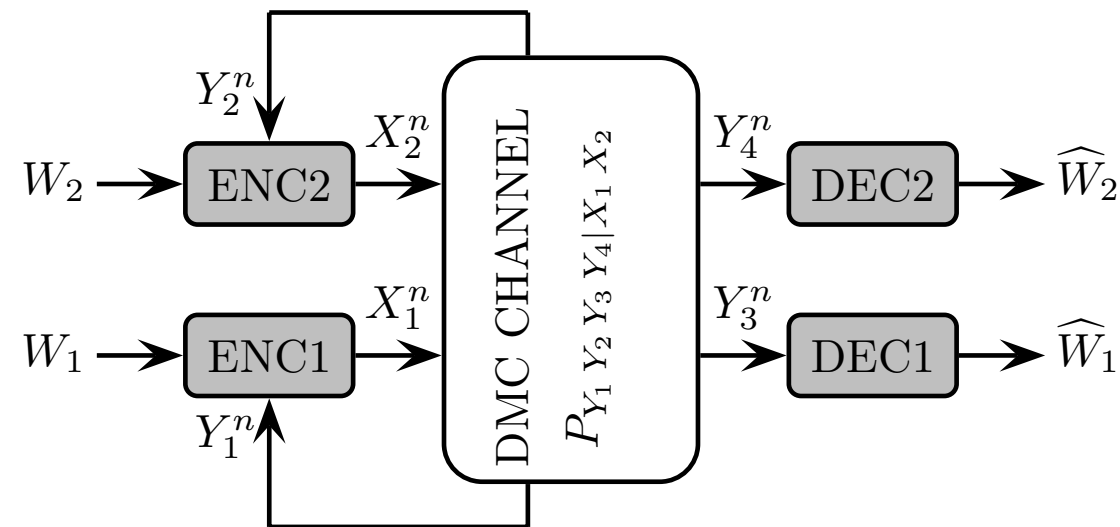


Fig. 3.  $d_{\Sigma}(\alpha; K)/K$  for different channel models. The discontinuity at  $\alpha = 1$  is not shown where the value is  $\frac{1}{K}$ .

# Interference channel with generalized feedback



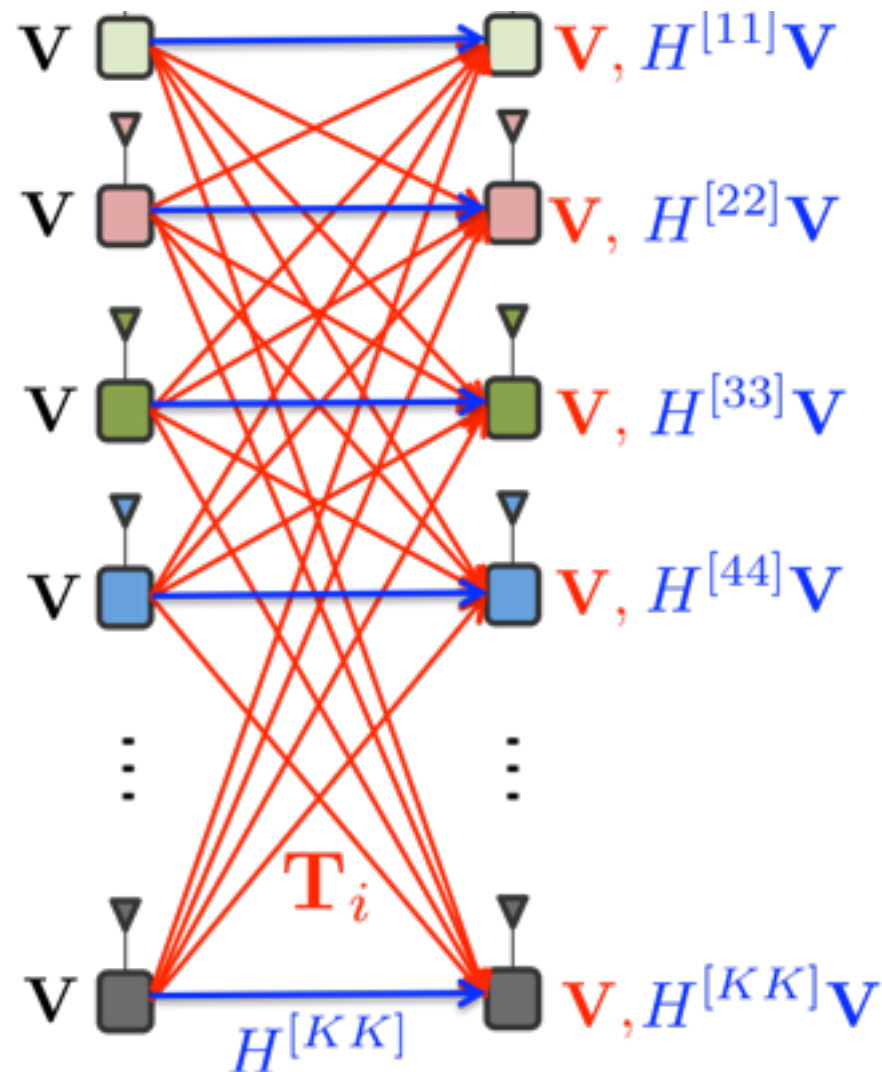
[S. Yang and D. Tuninetti, "Interference channel with generalized feedback (aka source cooperation) Part 1: achievable regions" IEEE Trans. on Info. Theory, Vo. 57, No. 5, pp. 2686-2710, May 2011.]

[D. Tuninetti, "An outer bound for the memoryless two-user interference channel with general cooperation" Information Theory Workshop, pp. 217-221, 2012.]

general model that captures causal source  
cooperation, all forms of feedback



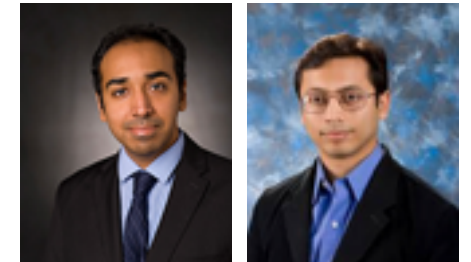
# K-user interference channels



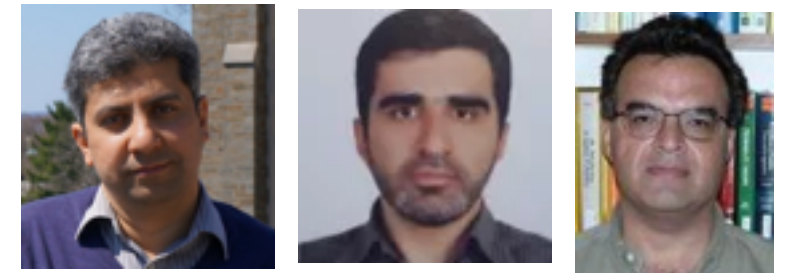
(a) K user interference channel

## Interference alignment

[VR Cadambe and SA Jafar, "Interference alignment and the degrees of freedom of the K user interference channel," IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, Vol. 54, No. 8, pp. 3425-3441, Aug. 2008.]



[M. Maddah-Ali, A. Motahari, and A. Khandani, "Communication over X channel: Signalling and multiplexing gain," in Technical Report. UW-ECE-2006-12, University of Waterloo, July 2006.]



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Each user can send up to half of interference-free rate

$$\text{DoF} = K/2$$

image taken from <https://sites.google.com/site/interferencealignment/home>

highly recommended site for interference alignment



## Other variations

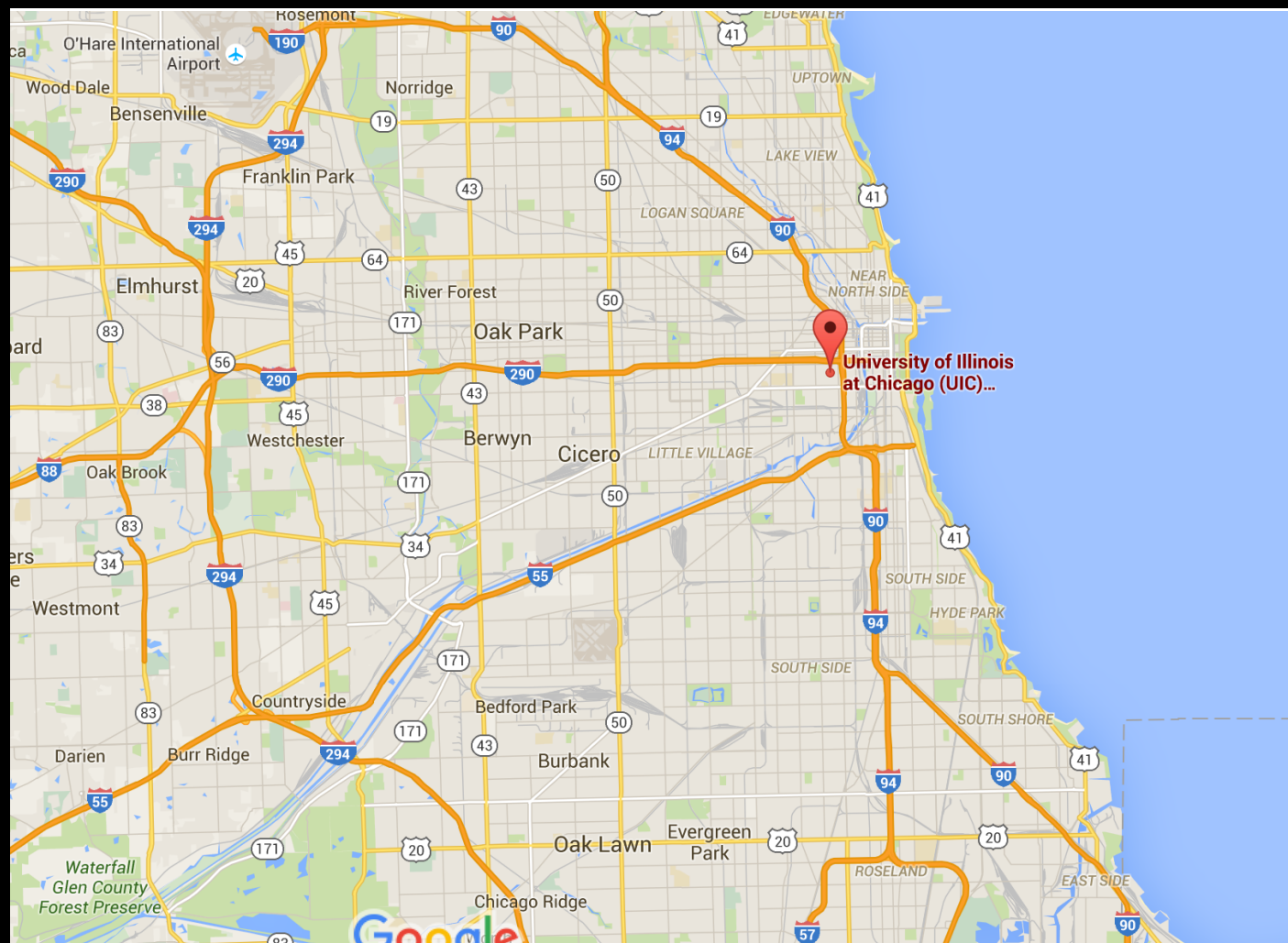
- with state, known at....?
- secrecy.....?
- with cognition and state....?
- ergodic capacity.....?
- game-theoretic issues....?
- Wyner model ...?
- zero-error capacity....?
- MIMO interference channel....?
- IC with various flavors of feedback....?
- I-MMSE approach to understanding the IC ....?
- ICs with relays....?
- two-way ICs.....?

unsolicited advice: chip away at fundamental problems!

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# Key lessons learned

Simple channel model, what is it?

Many ways of treating interference, such as?

Is capacity known?

What is surprising?

# Open problems

Are Gaussian inputs optimal for the Gaussian IC?  
depends what expression!

[S. Beigi, S. Liu, C. Nair, and M. Yazdanpanah, “Some results on the scalar Gaussian interference channel,” ISIT, July 2016.]

Progress on evaluating the multi-letter capacity  
expression?

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Does the sum-capacity decrease or increase with the  
symmetric interference coefficient (btw 0 and 1)?

[I. Sason, “On achievable rate regions for the Gaussian interference channel,” *IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory*, vol. 50, no. 6, pp. 1345–1356, Jun. 2004. ]

# Questions + discussions now, later, email are always welcome

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