

Can 'finite' be more than 'infinite' in distributed source coding

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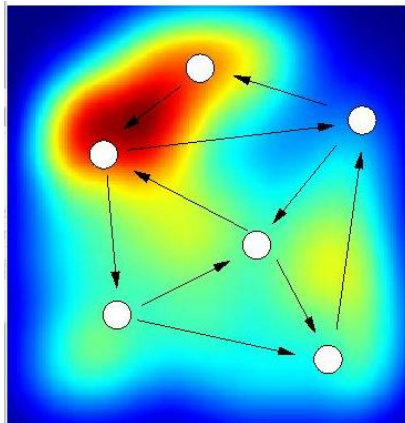
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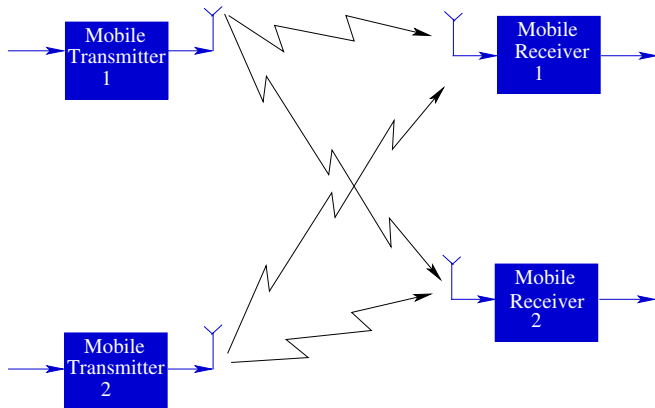
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- ▶ Supported by distributed information processing
- ▶ Information-theoretic perspective

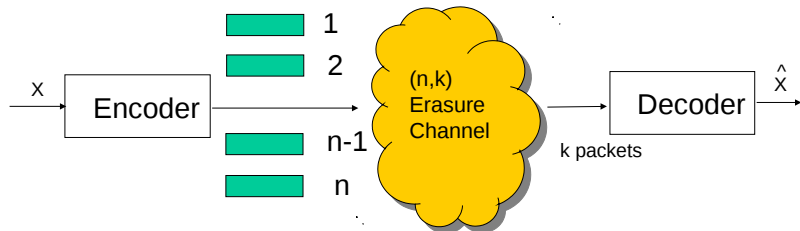
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- ▶ Fast encoding and decoding algorithms
- ▶ Objective: practical implementability of optimal communication systems

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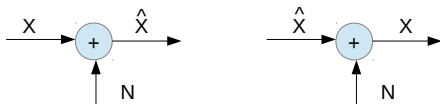
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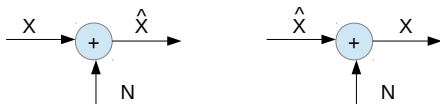
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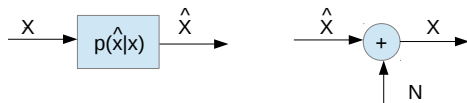
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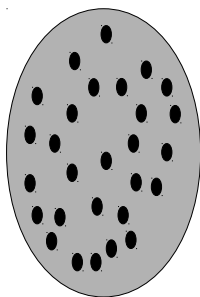
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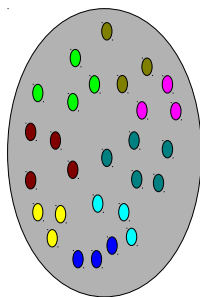


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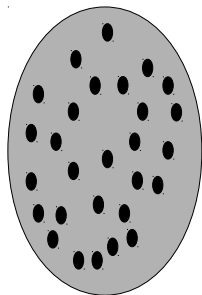
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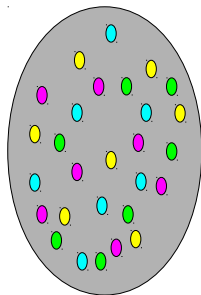
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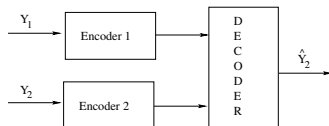
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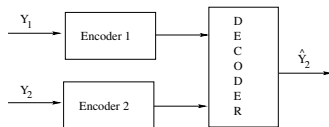
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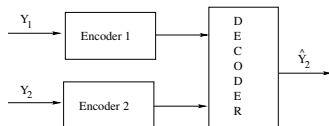
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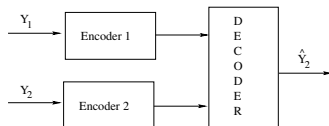
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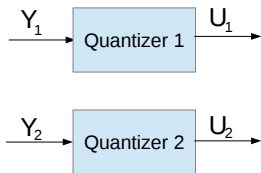
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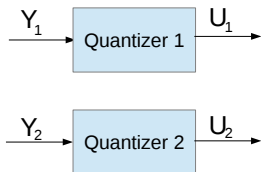


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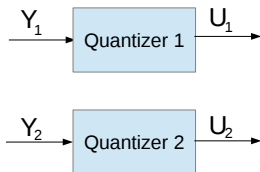


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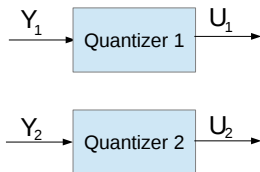
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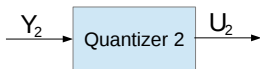
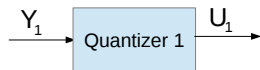
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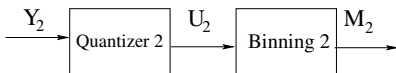
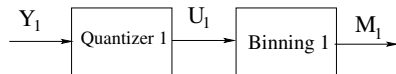


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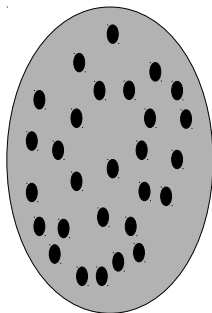
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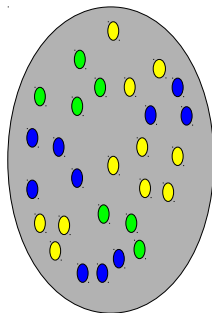
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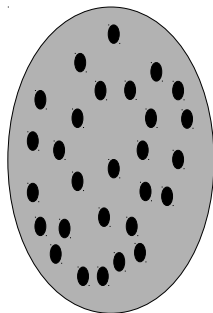


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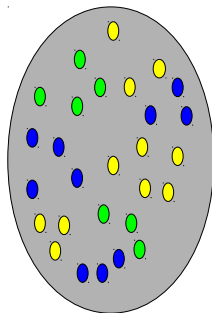


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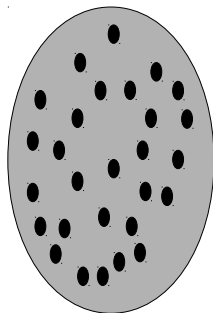
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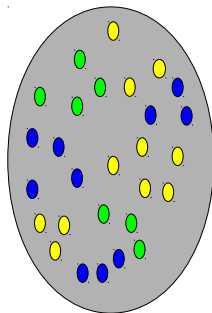
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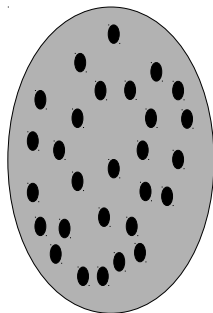
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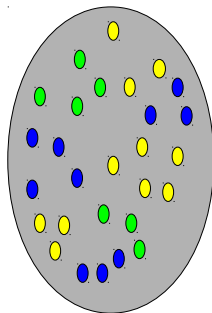
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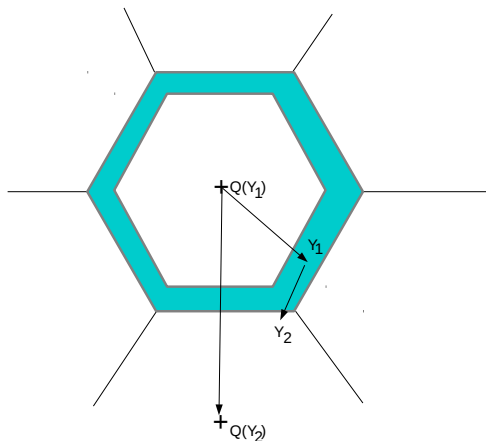
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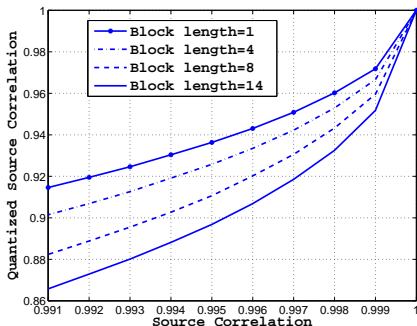
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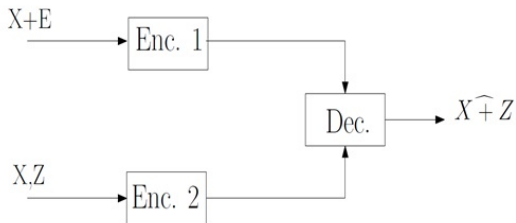
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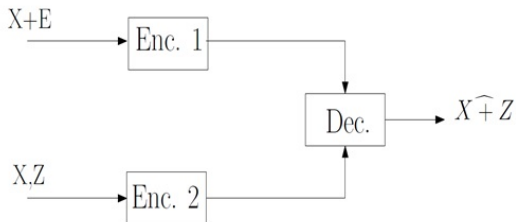
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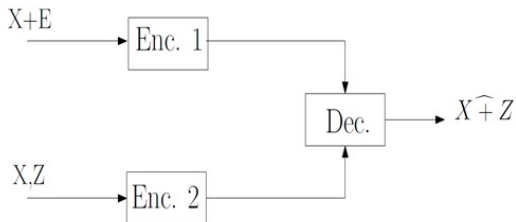
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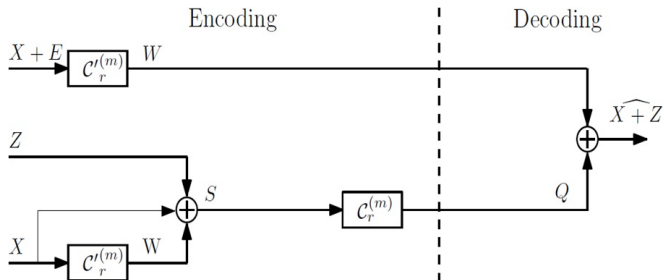
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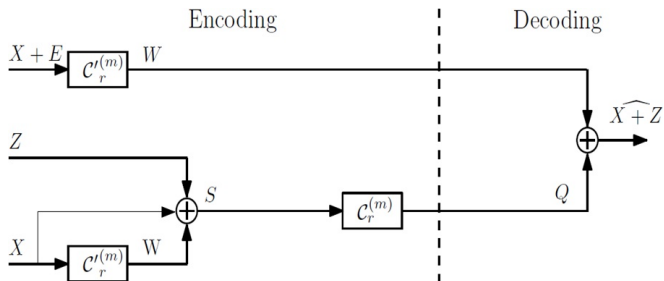
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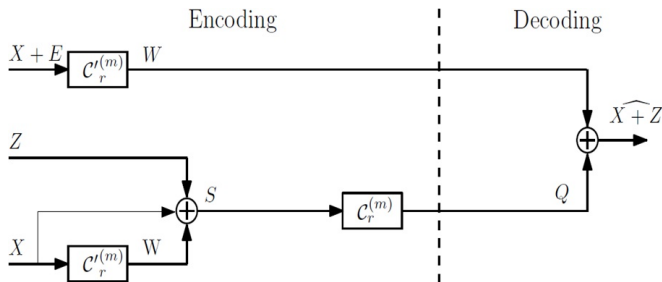
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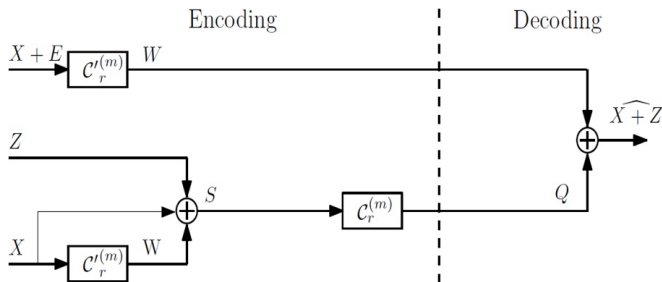
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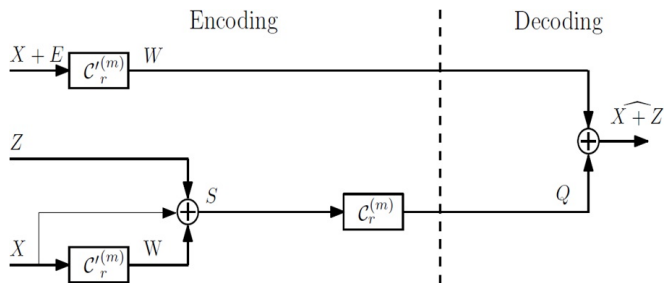
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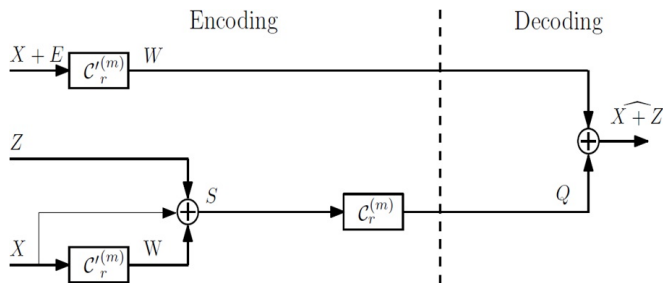
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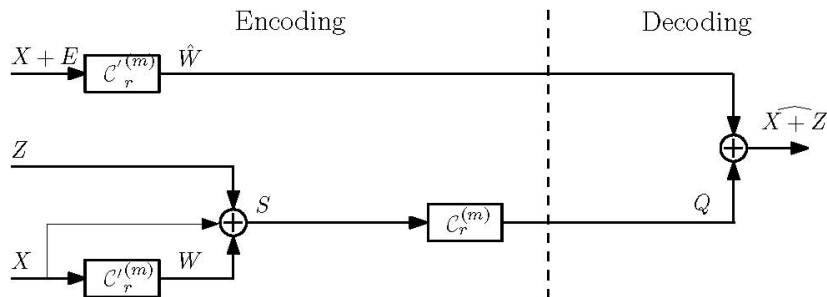
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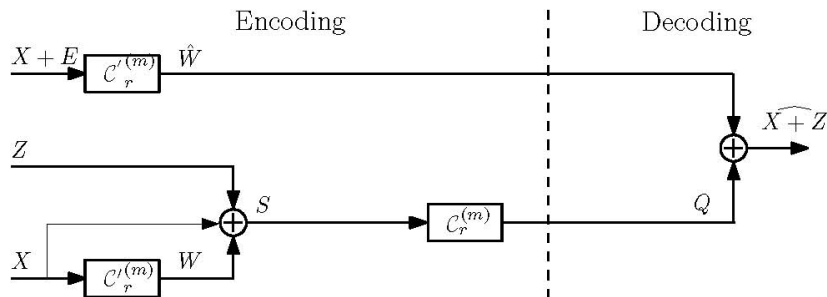
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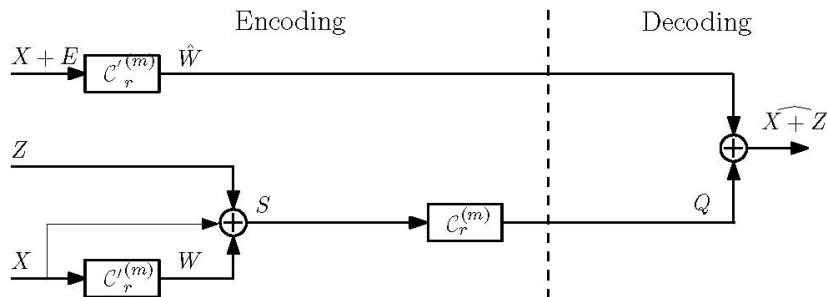
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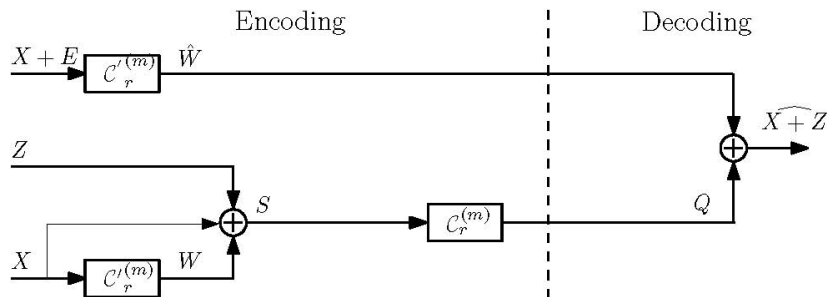
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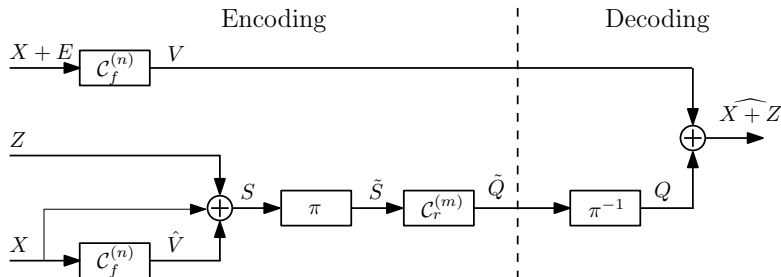
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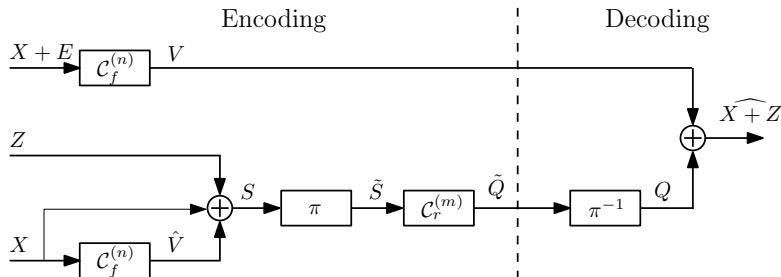
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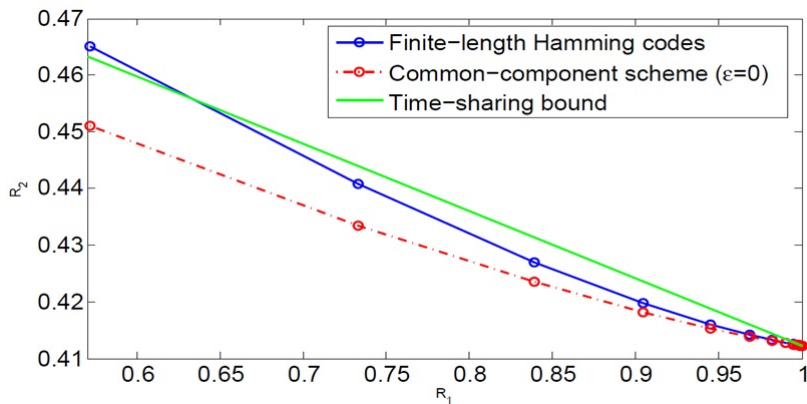
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