

# The Multiple-Access Channel With Entangled Transmitters

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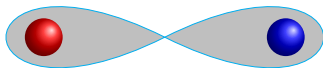


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  - uncertainty [Maric et al., 2005]
  - AWGN [Wigger, 2008] [Bross et al., 2012]
  - jamming and secrecy [Wiese and Boche, 2014]
  - reliability [Steinberg, 2014] [Huleihel and Steinberg, 2017]
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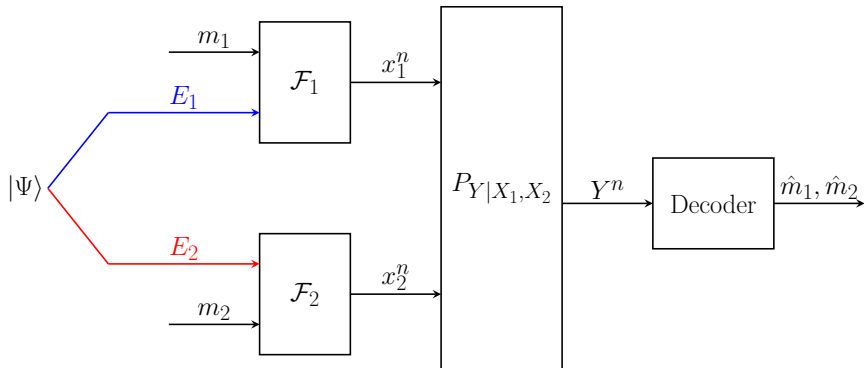
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Thus, the joint input distribution is

$$p(x_1^n, x_2^n | m_1, m_2) = \text{Tr} \left[ \left( F_{x_1^n}^{(m_1)} \otimes F_{x_2^n}^{(m_2)} \right) \Psi_{E_1 E_2} \right].$$

The conditional probability of error given  $(m_1, m_2)$ ,

$$\Pr(\text{error} | m_1, m_2) = \sum_{y^n: g(y^n) \neq (m_1, m_2)} \left[ \sum_{x_1^n, x_2^n} p(x_1^n, x_2^n | m_1, m_2) P_{Y|X_1, X_2}^n(y^n | x_1^n, x_2^n) \right]$$

The maximal probability of error is thus

$$P_e^{(n)} = \max_{m_1, m_2} \Pr(\text{error} | m_1, m_2)$$

**Def:** A rate pair  $(R_1, R_2)$  is achievable if there exists a sequence of  $(M_1, M_2, n)$  codes such that  $\frac{1}{n} \log(M_k) \geq R_k$  for  $k \in \{1, 2\}$ , and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_e^{(n)} = 0$$

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# Main Results

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The union is over the set of all

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- classical auxiliary variables  $(V_0, V_1, V_2) \sim p_{V_0} p_{V_1|V_0} p_{V_2|V_0}$
- collection of POVMs  $\{L_1(x_1|v_0, v_1) \otimes L_2(x_2|v_0, v_2)\}$ , for  $v_0 \in \mathcal{V}_0, v_k \in \mathcal{V}_k, k \in \{1, 2\}$ .

Given such a state, variables, and POVMs,  $(V_0, V_1, V_2, X_1, X_2, Y)$  are distributed as

$$\begin{aligned} & p_{V_0}(v_0) p_{V_1|V_0}(v_1|v_0) p_{V_2|V_0}(v_2|v_0) \\ & \cdot \text{Tr} [(L_1(x_1|v_0, v_1) \otimes L_2(x_2|v_0, v_2)) \varphi_{A_1 A_2}] \\ & \cdot P_{Y|X_1, X_2}(y|x_1, x_2) \end{aligned}$$

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- Proof shows that there exists a family of refereed games such that it is **undecidable** to determine if  $\exists$  a perfect strategy for a game in the family.

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In the achievability proof:

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- Generate i.i.d.  $v_0^n, v_1^n(m_1), v_2(m_2)$
- Measure  $x_k^n$  using POVM  $\bigotimes_{i=1}^n L_k(x_{k,i} | v_{0,i}, v_{k,i}(m_k)), k \in \{1, 2\}$



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Proof: Every pure state  $|\phi_{AB}\rangle$  has a Schmidt decomposition,

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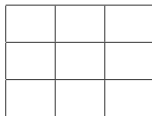
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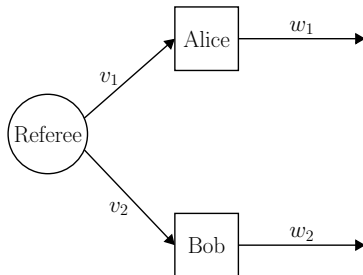
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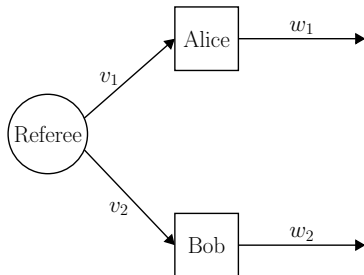


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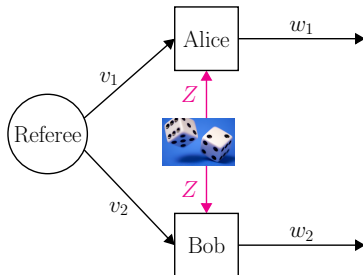


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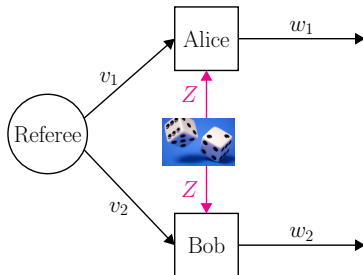
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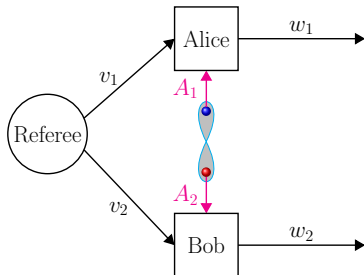


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Using **quantum** strategies:

- Given entanglement correlation,  $\Pr(\text{winning}) = 1$



An equivalent formulation of the magic square game with  $\pm 1$ :

+1	+1	+1
+1	-1	-1
-1	+1	?

such that the row and column products are  $+1$  and  $-1$ , respectively.

The following quantum strategy wins the game with probability 1:

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$-X \otimes Z$	$-Z \otimes X$	$Y \otimes Y$
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simultaneously. This is possible because the operators in each row/column commute.

## Magic-Square Channel

Define  $P_{Y|X_1, X_2}$  with

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$$\mathcal{Y} = \{1, 2, 3\}^2$$

such that given  $X_1 = (V_1, W_1)$  and  $X_2 = (V_2, W_2)$ ,

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## EXAMPLE 2 [LEDITZKY ET AL. 2020]

Slofstra and Vidick (2018) presented a linear equation game. Consider a  $K \times N$  equation system,  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$ , over  $\text{GF}(2)$ .

A referee selects an equation  $k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$  and a variable  $j \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ , uniformly at random, and sends to players.

- Player 1 gives  $u_1 \in \{0, 1\}^N$  that satisfies Equation  $\#k$
- Player 2 give  $u_2[j] \in \{0, 1\}$

They win if  $\mathbf{H}[k, j] = 0$  or  $u_1[j] = u_2[j]$ .

The MAC  $P_{Y|X_1, X_2}$  is defined in a similar manner.



## Theorem [Slofstra and Vidick 2018]

There exist linear equation systems such that

- quantum strategies can outperform classical strategies
- the minimal entanglement dimension to win w.p.  $1 - e^{-T}$  satisfies

$$C e^{T/6} \leq d_{E,\min} \leq C' e^{T/2}$$

for  $T > 0$ , where  $C, C' > 0$  are constants.

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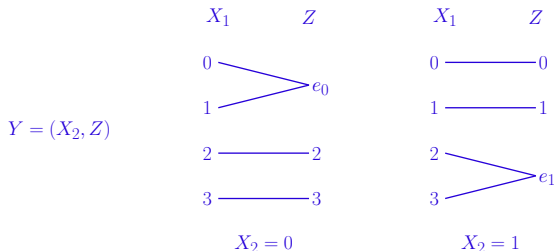
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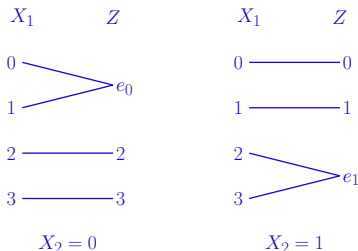
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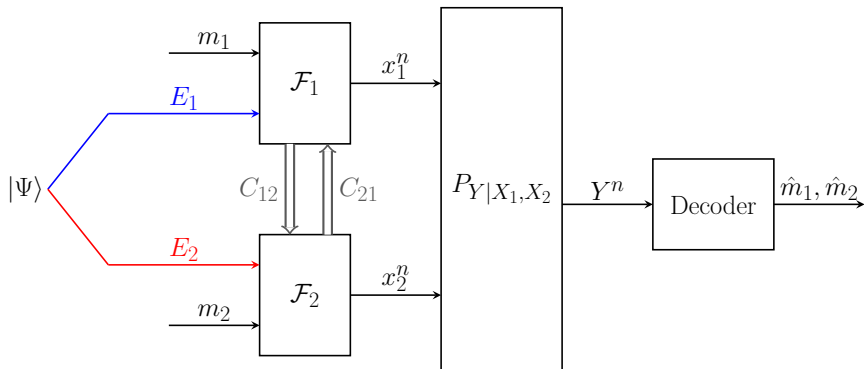
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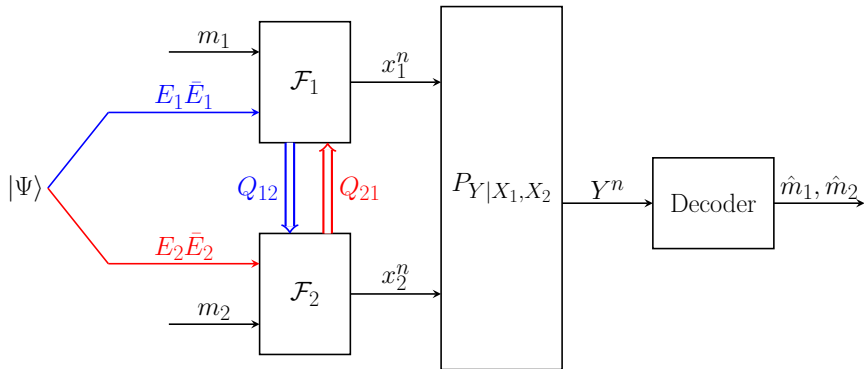
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Each encoder can use superdense coding in order to **double** her conferencing rate.

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We have considered communication over a two-user classical multiple-access channel (MAC) with entanglement resources shared between the transmitters before communication begins.

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Alice 1 uses a sequence of permutations  $\pi_1, \dots, \pi_{n^2}$  over the message set  $\{1, \dots, M_1\}$ . Given a key  $L = \ell$ , she encodes using  $\mathcal{F}^{\pi_\ell(m_1)}$ .

For a uniformly distributed permutation  $\pi$ , we have

$\Pr(\pi(m_1) = m'_1) = \frac{(M_1-1)!}{M_1!} = \frac{1}{M_1}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\Pr(\text{error}|\pi(m_1), m_2)] &= \sum_{m'_1} \Pr(\pi(m_1) = m'_1) \cdot \Pr(\text{error}|m'_1, m_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{M_1} \sum_{m'_1} \Pr(\text{error}|m'_1, m_2) \\ &= \overline{Q}_e^{(n)}(m_2) \\ &\leq 2\lambda \quad \forall m_2 \in \mathcal{M}'_2\end{aligned}$$



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Then, based on the Chernoff bound, for an i.i.d. sequence of uniform permutations  $\pi_1, \dots, \pi_{n^2}$ ,

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