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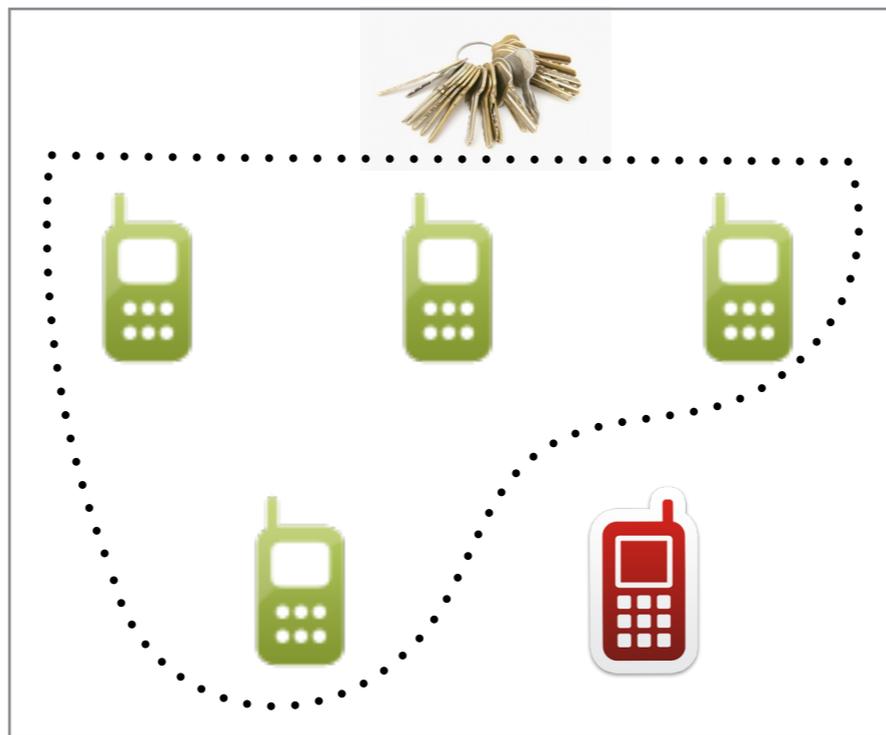
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# Motivation

- Consider  $m$  trusted terminals that communicate through a wireless channel
- **Goal:** Creating a common secret key  $K$ , which is concealed from a passive eavesdropper **Eve**



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- **Current Approach:** Using public-key cryptography;  
Based on:
  - Some **unproven** hardness problems

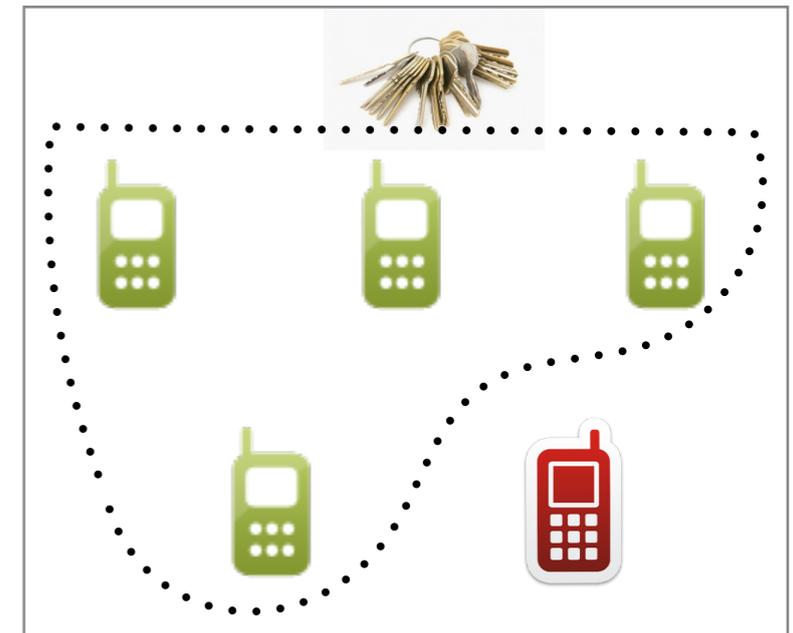


- The computational power of Eve is limited



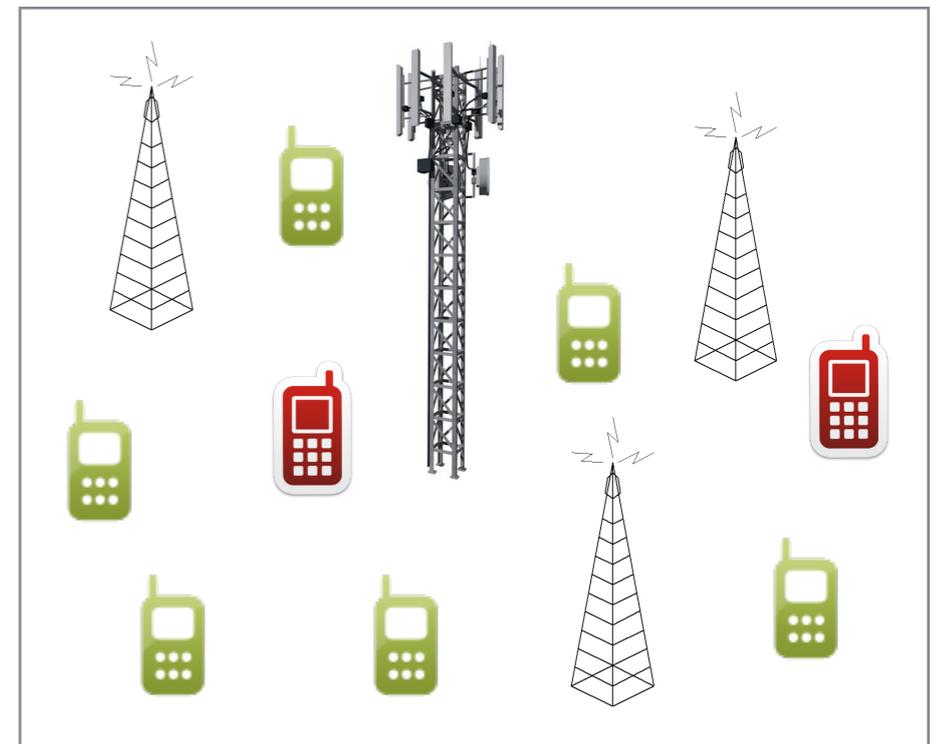
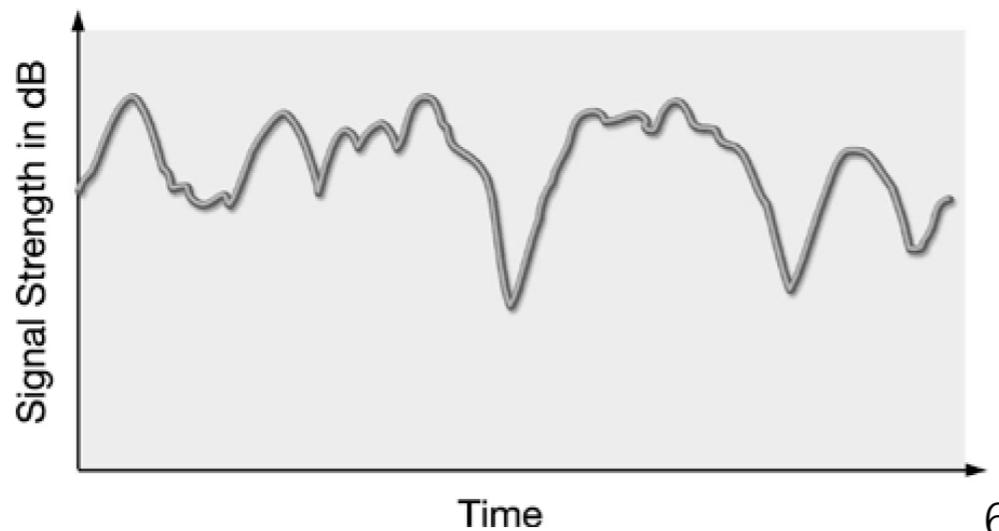
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- **Alternative Approach:** Propose a scheme that guarantees **information theoretical secrecy**
  - Benefits:
    - It is the strongest notion of secrecy
    - **No matter how computationally powerful Eve is**, she cannot find any information about the **secret key**
- **Disclaimer!** (use it at your own risk!) :-)
  - not claiming that this approach is a replacement for the current cryptographic systems



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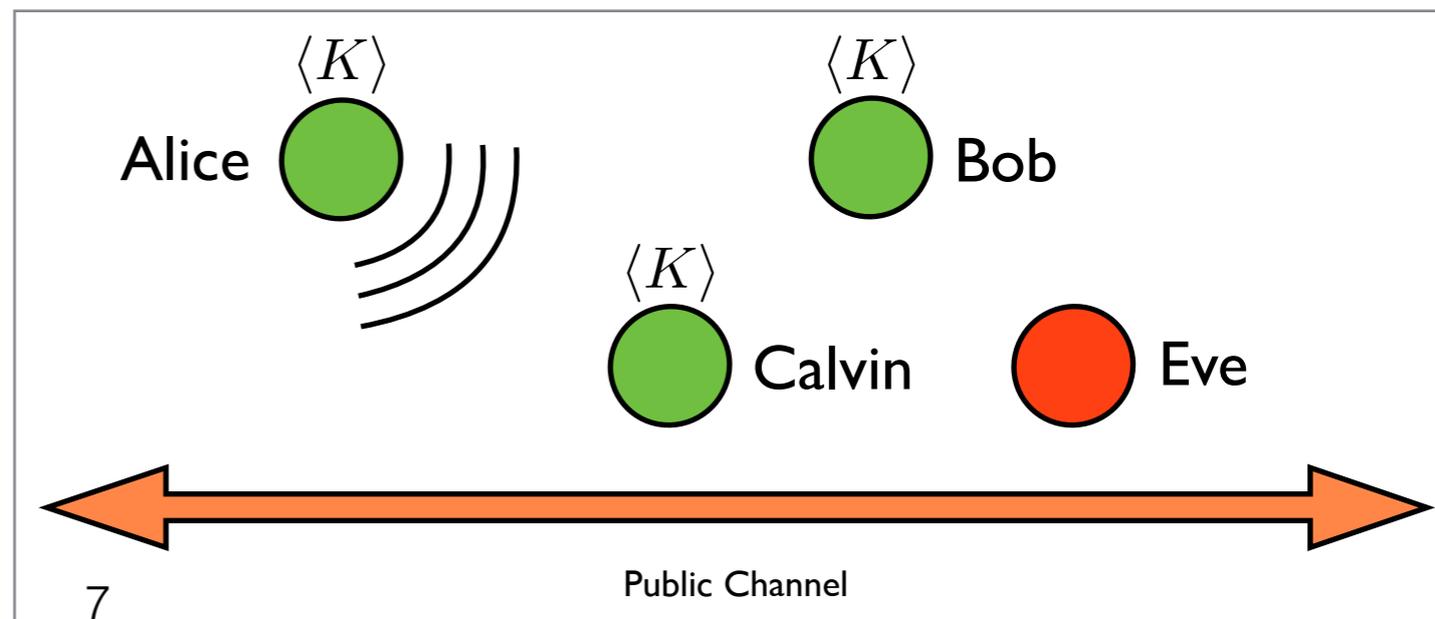
- **Wireless Networks:**
  - **Disadvantage:** Eavesdropping on wireless networks is much easier than wired network
  - **Advantages:** The channels from the source to different destinations are different and are changing over time
- **Main idea:** Use the **non-uniformity** nature (fluctuations) of the wireless medium



# Problem Statement

- **Goal:**  $m$  trusted (authenticated) terminals aim to create a common secret key which will be secret from a passive eavesdropper Eve
- There is a broadcast channel from one of the terminals (Alice) to the others including Eve
- Trusted terminals have access to a costless public channel
- Terminals can interact in many rounds

- In general, the exact characterization of the secrecy rate is unknown!



# Problem Statement

## Wireless Channel Models

- Different Broadcast Models:
  1. We assume that the wireless broadcast channel acts as a broadcast packets erasure channel
  2. We approximately model different SNR levels by using a deterministic model
  3. We investigate a state-dependent Gaussian broadcast channel
- **Assumption:** The channels from Alice to the rest of terminal are independent, namely:

$$P_{X_1 \dots X_m X_E | X_A}(x_1, \dots, x_m, x_E | x_A) = P_{X_E | X_A}(x_E | x_A) \prod_{i=1}^m P_{X_i | X_A}(x_i | x_A)$$

# Previous Results

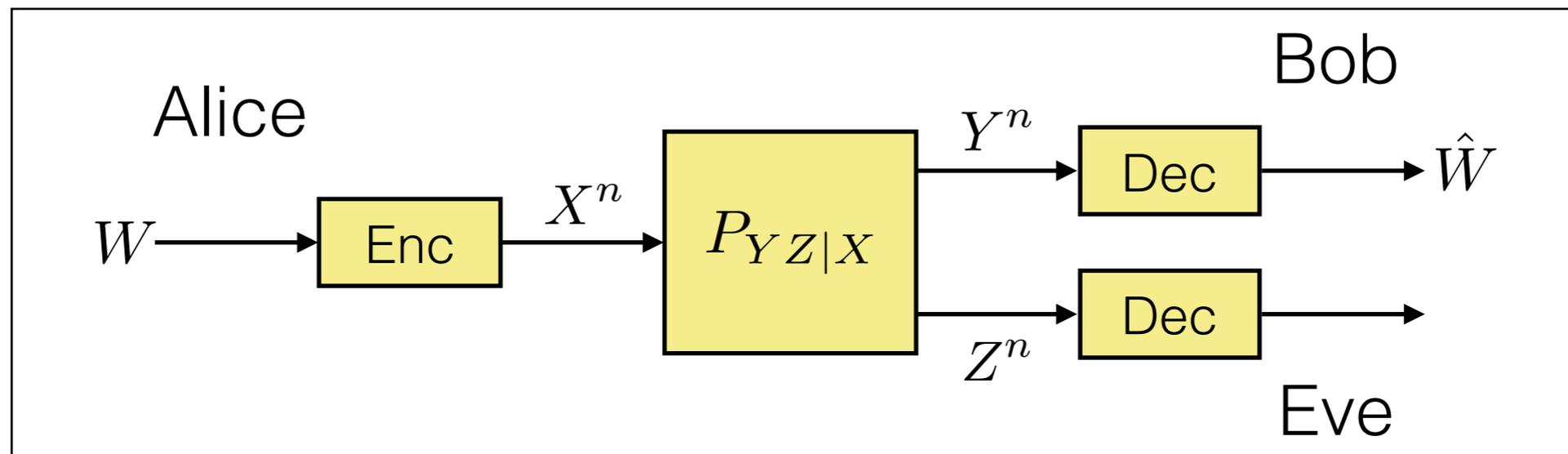
# Previous Results

Wiretap Channel (Wyner 1975, Csiszar and Korner 1978)

- **Goal:** Alice wants to send a message to Bob over a broadcast channel where Eve overhears

$$\mathcal{P}[\hat{W} = W] > 1 - \epsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{n} I(W; Z^n) < \epsilon$$

- If Eve's channel is "less noisy" than Bob's  $\Rightarrow C_s = 0$



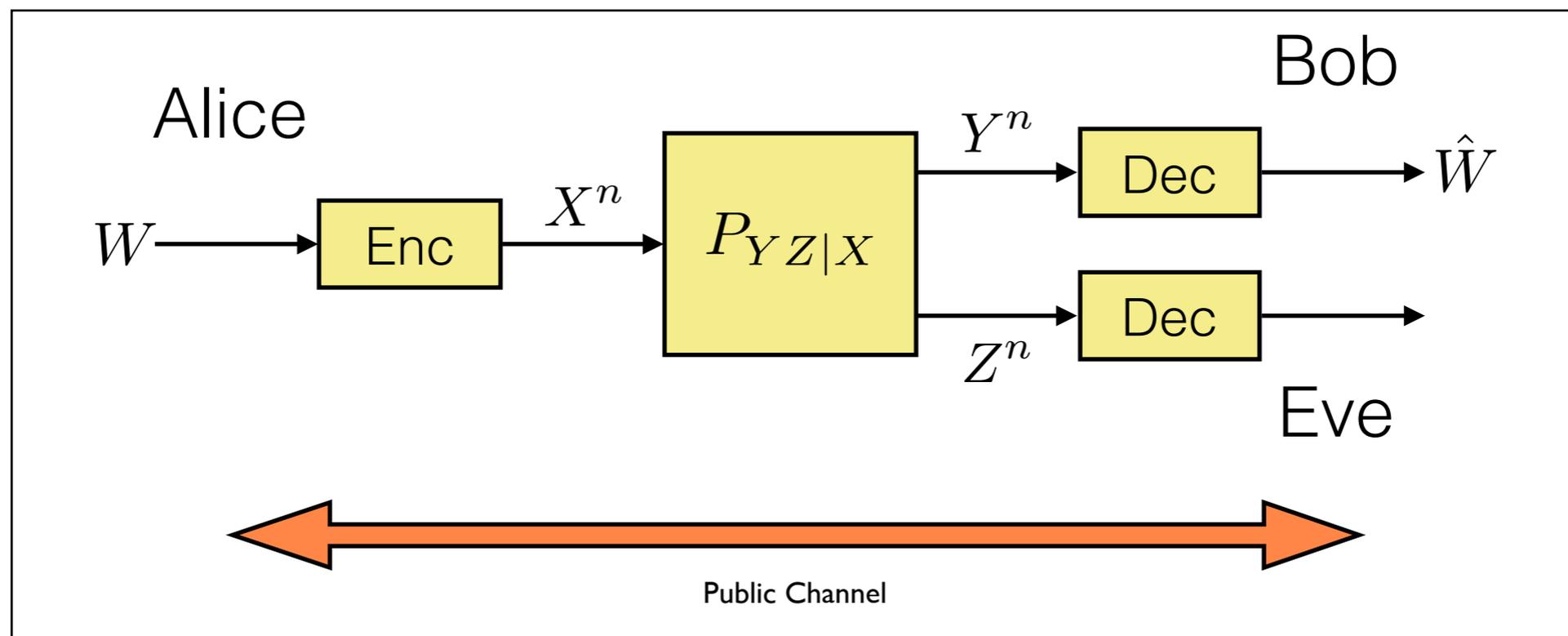
$$C_s = \max_{U-X-Y-Z} [I(U; Y) - I(U; Z)]$$

# Previous Results

Feedback Can Help (Maurer 1993)

- The same setup as wiretap channel
- A **rate-unlimited costless public channel** is available
- Even if Eve's channel is "less noisy" than Bob's, we may have:

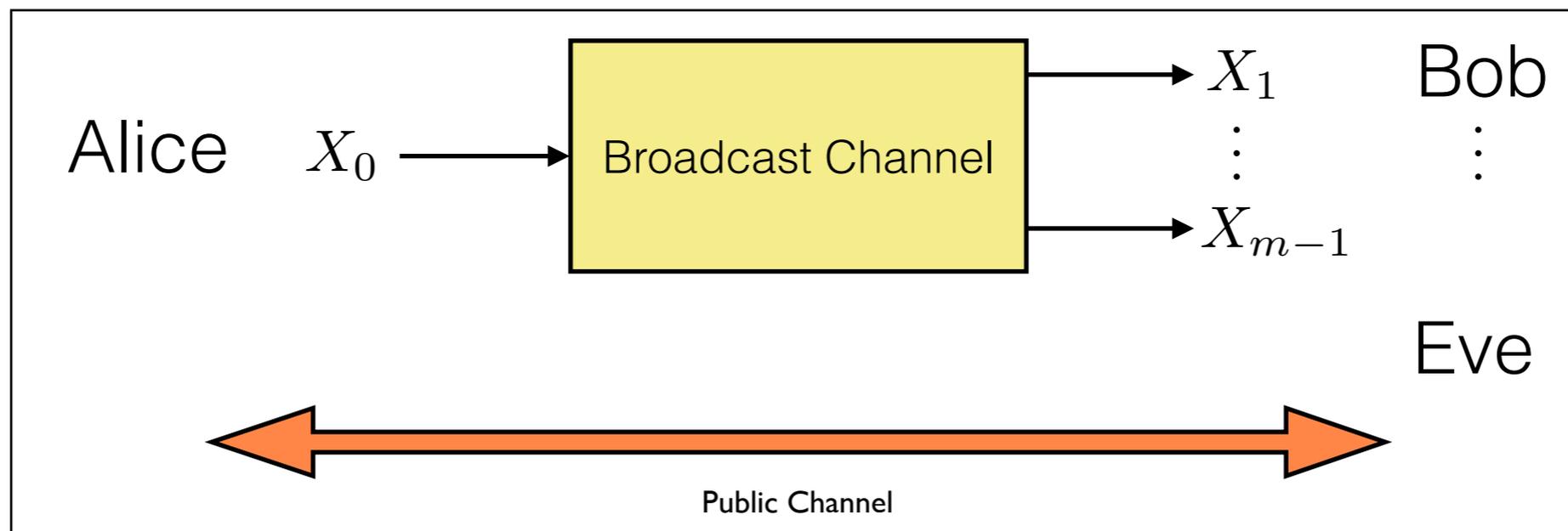
$$C_s > 0$$



# Previous Results

Multi-terminal Secret Key Sharing Problem (Csiszar and Narayan 2008)

- Assumptions: A broadcast channel and a public channel is available; Terminal 0 broadcasts; Eve has only access to public channel; Terminals can interact in many rounds



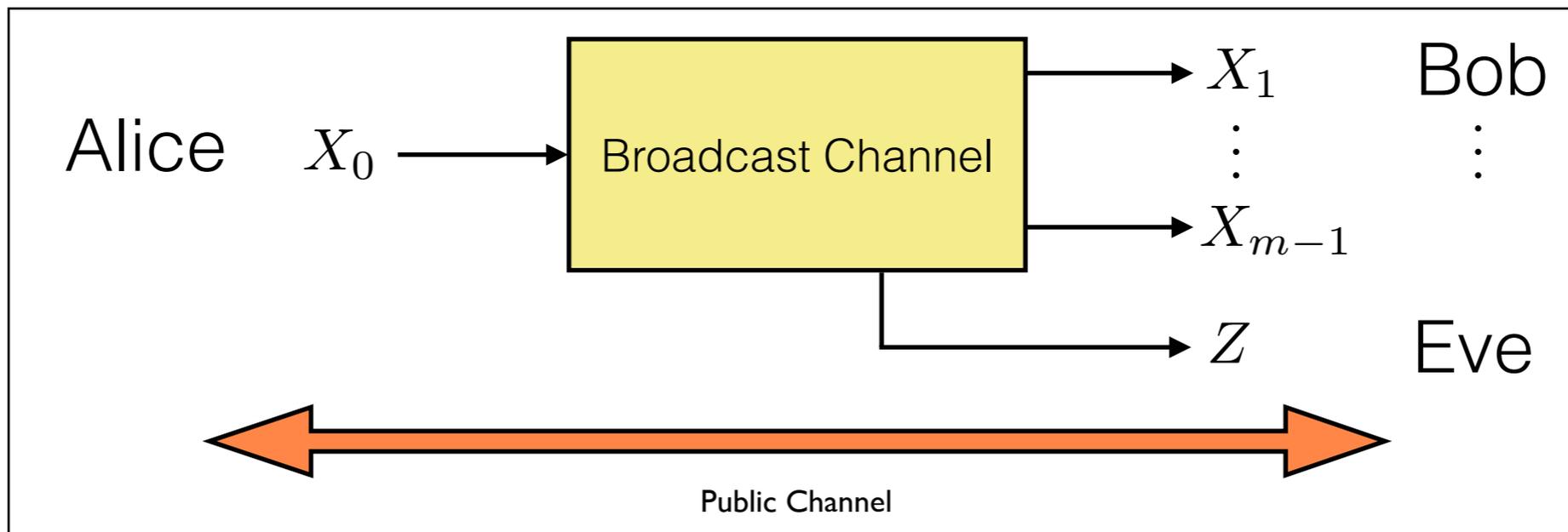
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- $R_{CO}$  is the smallest rate of public discussion  $F$  such that  $X_{[0:m-1]}^n$  is recoverable from  $(X_i^n, F)$

# Previous Results

Multi-terminal Secret Key Sharing Problem **with Side Information**

- **Assumptions:** Similar to the previous problem;  
Eve has access to public channel+side information



- **The problem is still open even for two terminals**
- A corollary of the previous result (but no achievability proposed by Csiszar & Narayan):

$$S(X_0; \dots; X_{m-1} \| Z) \leq \max_{P_{X_0}} \left[ H(X_0, \dots, X_{m-1} | Z) - \max_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \sum_{B \subseteq [0:m-1]} \lambda_B H(X_B | X_{B^c}, Z) \right]$$

# Previous Results

## Extensions

- Multi-terminal Secret Key Sharing Problem **with Side Information** (Gohari and Anantharam 2010)
  - The same setup as before
  - Upper and lower bounds for the secret key generation (the achievability is hard to evaluate; infinite aux. rv.s)
- (Csiszar and Narayan 2013) and (Chan and Zheng 2014)
  - Extension to multi-input multi-output channel but without eavesdropper side information
  - Upper and lower bounds for the secret key generation

# Upper Bound

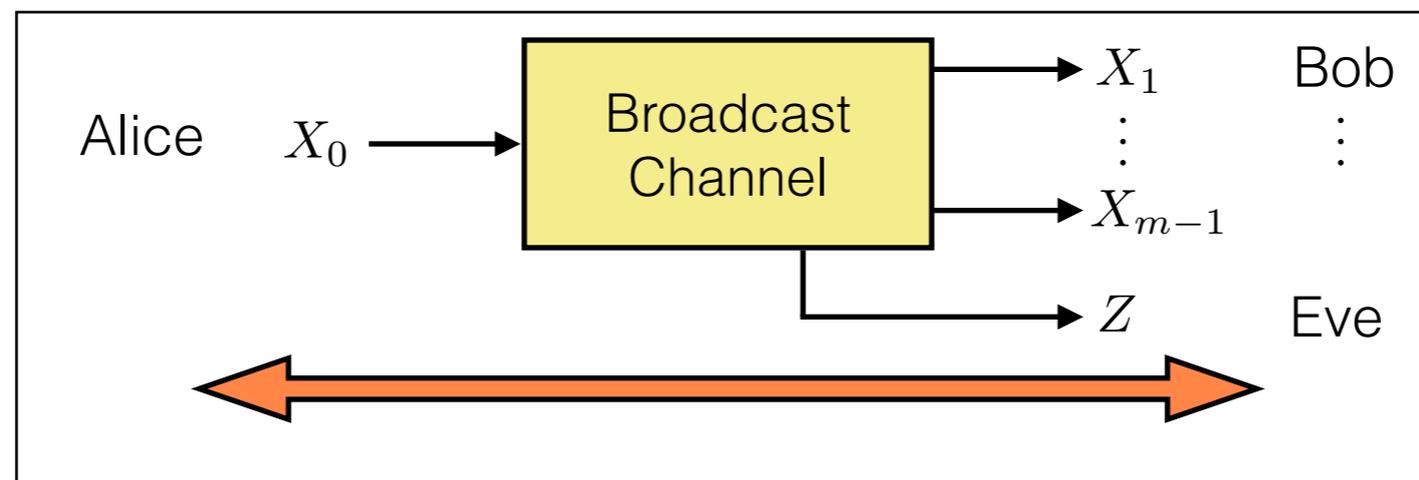
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- By [CsiszarNarayan08] and **adding a dummy terminal**, we have (but no achievability proposed by C&N):

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- If the **channels are independent**, we can further simplify:

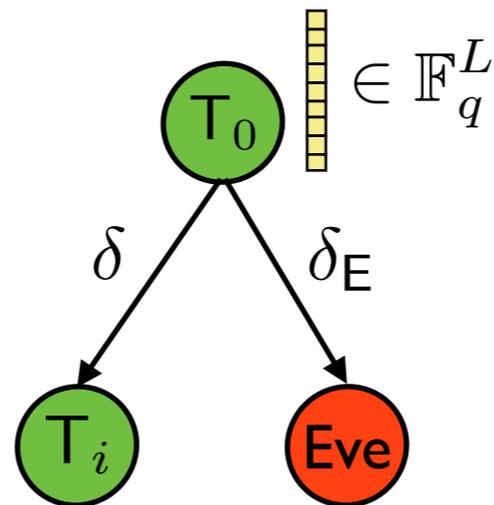
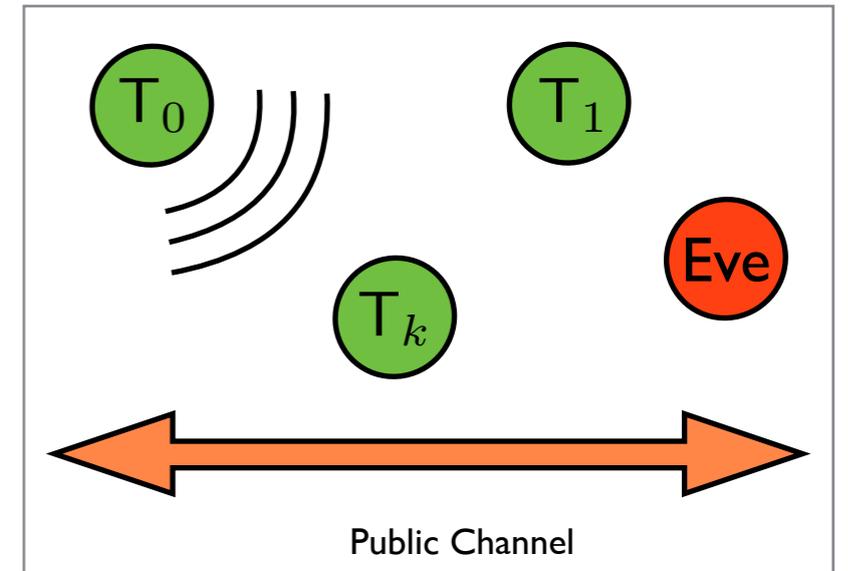
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# Erasure Broadcast Channel

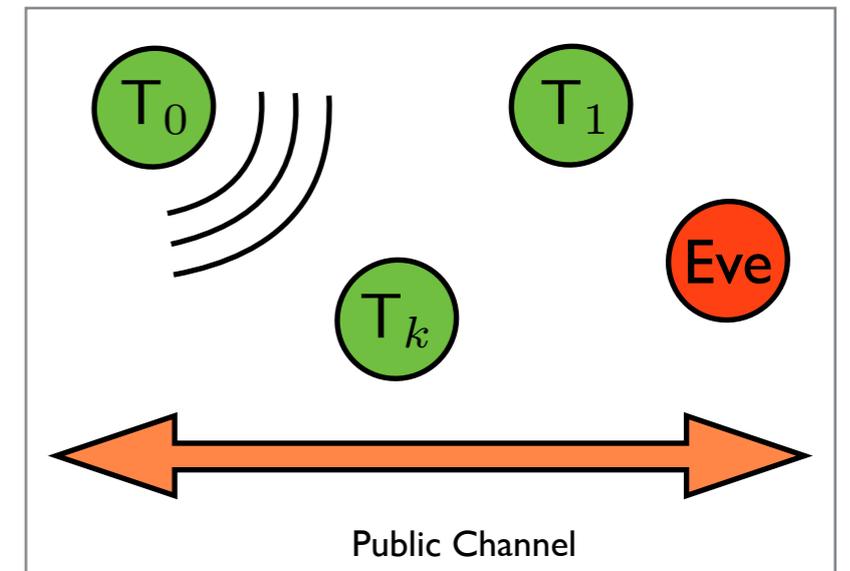
# Erasure Broadcast Channel

- The wireless channel is modelled by a **packet erasure channel**
- Each terminal either receives packets sent by Alice or not
- Channels are **independent**
- The input and output symbols are packets of length  $L$  from  $\mathbb{F}_q$



# Erasure Broadcast Channel

- **Question:** What is the secret key sharing capacity in this setup?



- **Theorem:** The capacity of this problem is

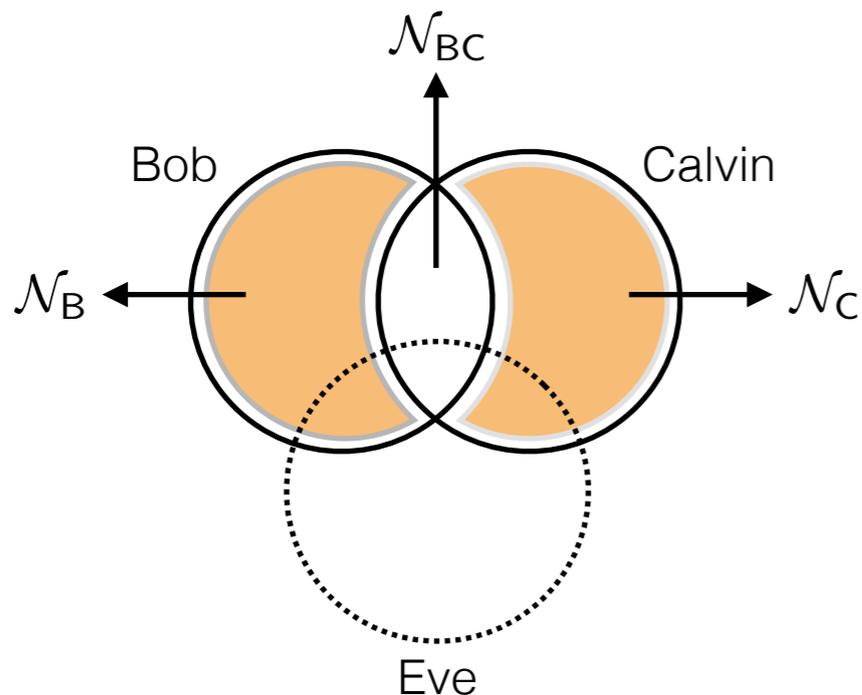
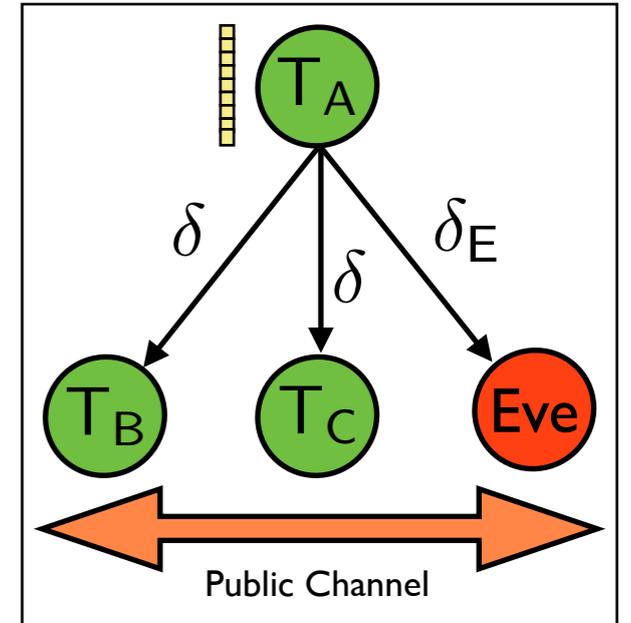
$$S(X_0; \dots; X_{m-1} \| Z) = (1 - \delta) \delta_E \times \underbrace{(L \log_2 q)}_{\text{packet length in bits}}$$

- The result does not depend on  $m$ !

# Sketch of the Achievability

## Private Phase

- Alice sends  $n$  packets  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$
- Bob and Calvin receives  $(1 - \delta)n$  packets each
- Eve observes  $(1 - \delta_E)(1 - \delta)n$  packets from each of these sets
- => There exist **some packets** that Bob (Calvin) receives but Eve does not



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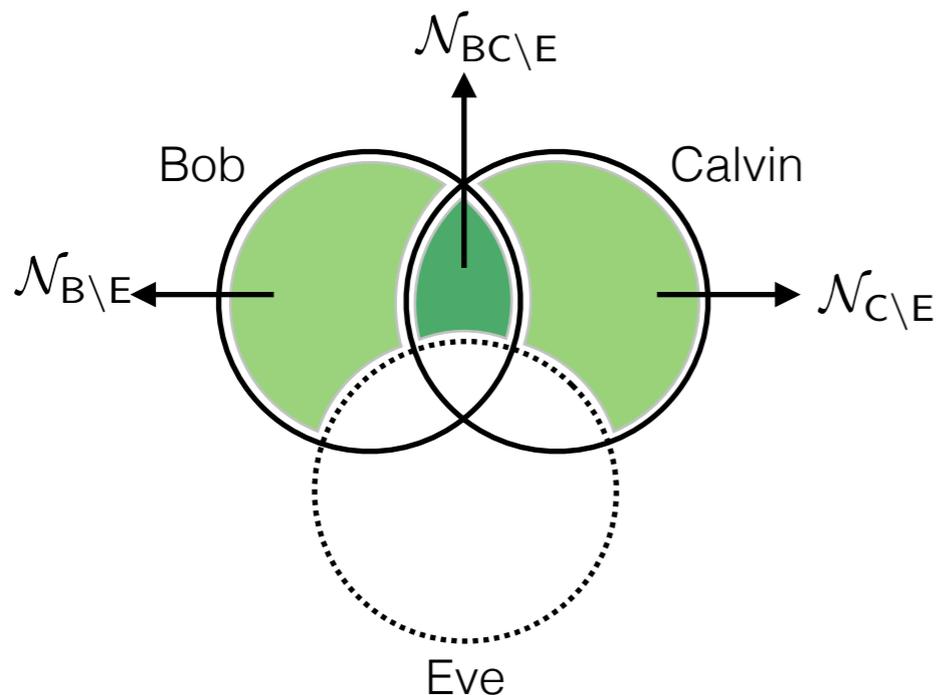
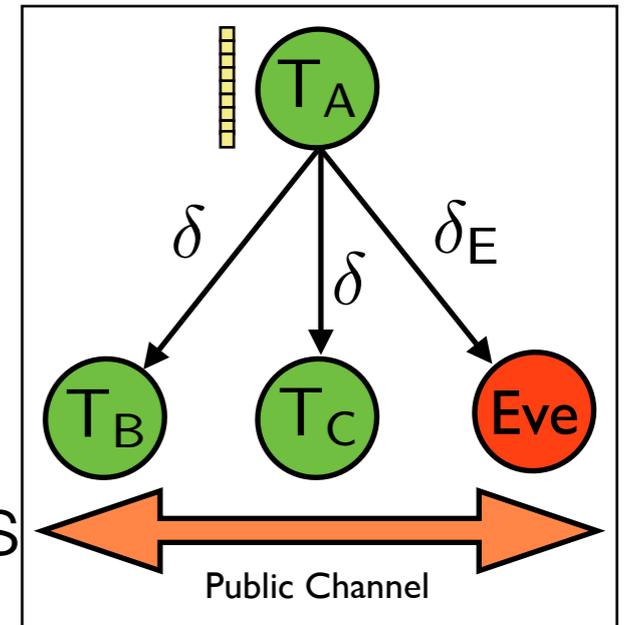
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# Sketch of the Achievability

## Public Discussion (Initial Phase)

- Bob and Calvin send back the indices of their packets **publicly**
- Alice reproduce  $\mathcal{N}_B$ ,  $\mathcal{N}_C$ , and  $\mathcal{N}_{BC}$
- If a genie tells Alice the indices of Eve's packets we are done => **The green packets form a key**
- **Question: What we can do?**



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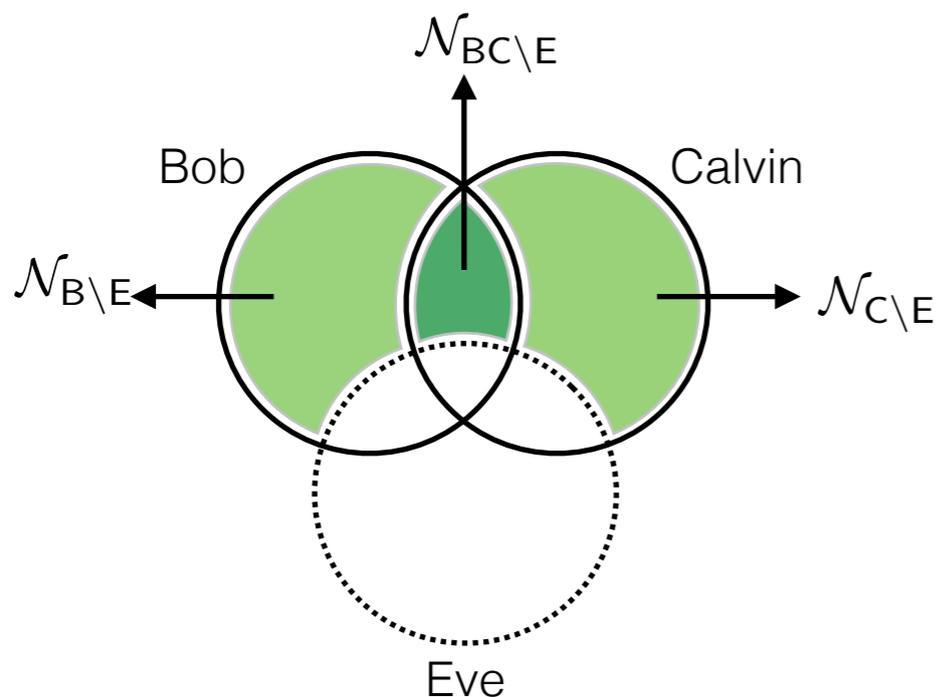
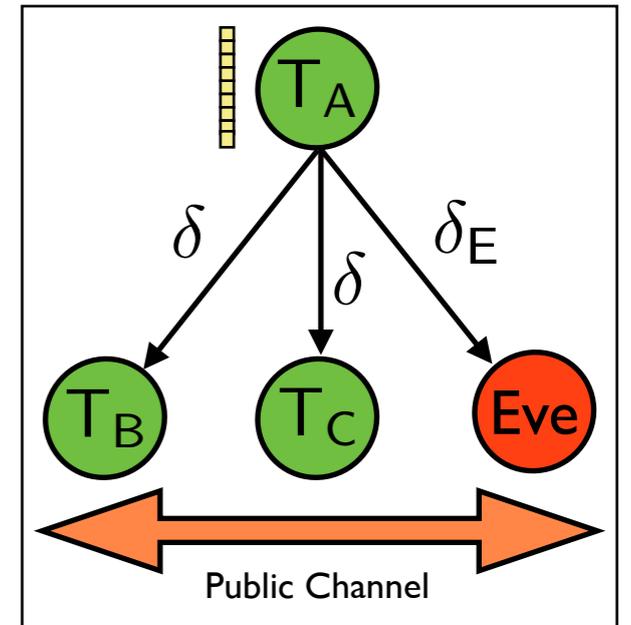
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## Public Discussion (Initial Phase)

- **Lemma:** It is possible to create the same number as of **green sets**, **linear combinations** out of  $\mathcal{N}_B$ ,  $\mathcal{N}_C$  and over  $\mathcal{N}_{BC}$  so that these packets are **secure from Eve**.
- Alice sends the coefficients of these new **green linear combinations publicly**, **Eve does not gain any information**  $\implies$  A set of keys:  $K_B$ ,  $K_C$ , and  $K_{BC}$



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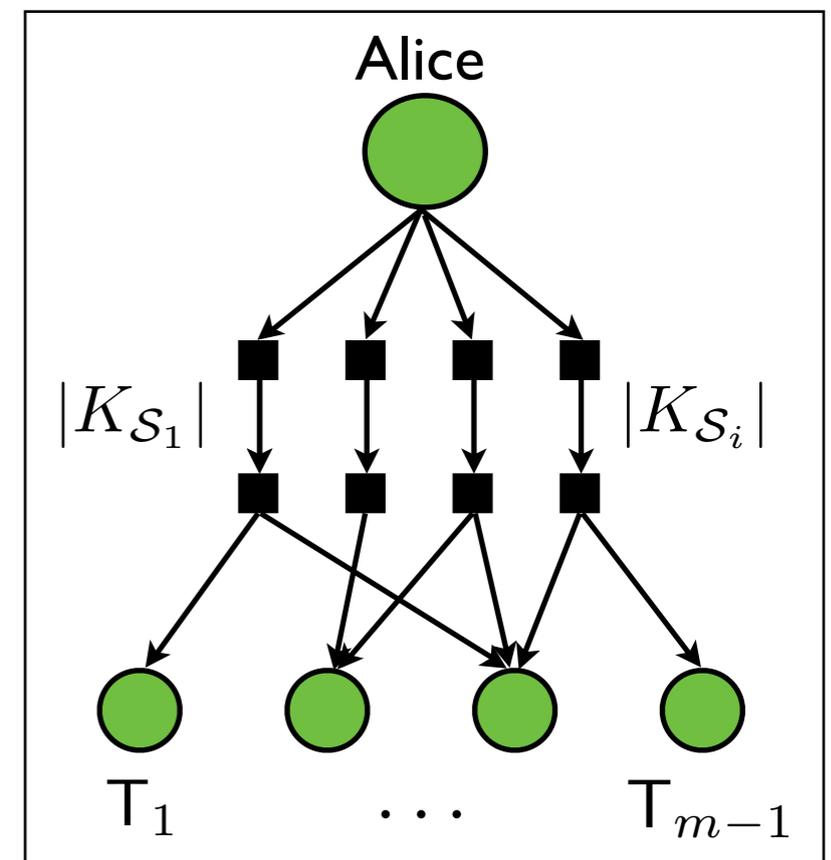
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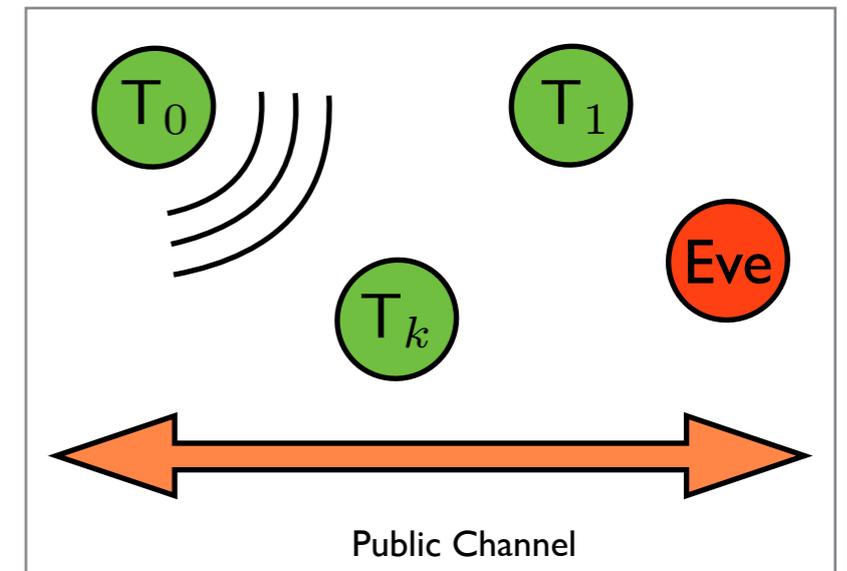
- $K_{BC}$  can be part of the final key
- Using  $K_B$  and  $K_C$ , Alice can share a new key with Bob and Calvin over the **public channel**
- So in total, the final key size is:  $|K_B| + |K_{BC}| = |\mathcal{N}_{B \setminus E}| + |\mathcal{N}_{BC \setminus E}| \approx (1 - \delta)\delta_E n$
- In general, Alice can use a **network code** to **reconcile the key** over the **public channel**



# Erasure Broadcast Channel

Shortcomings of modelling a wireless channel with an erasure channel

- A packet is declared as erased if some number of bits have been corrupted  
=> Eve can exploit the remaining bits
- The actual channel is a continuous channel with varying SNR  
=> Need a more sophisticated model to capture the different SNR levels



# Deterministic Broadcast Channel

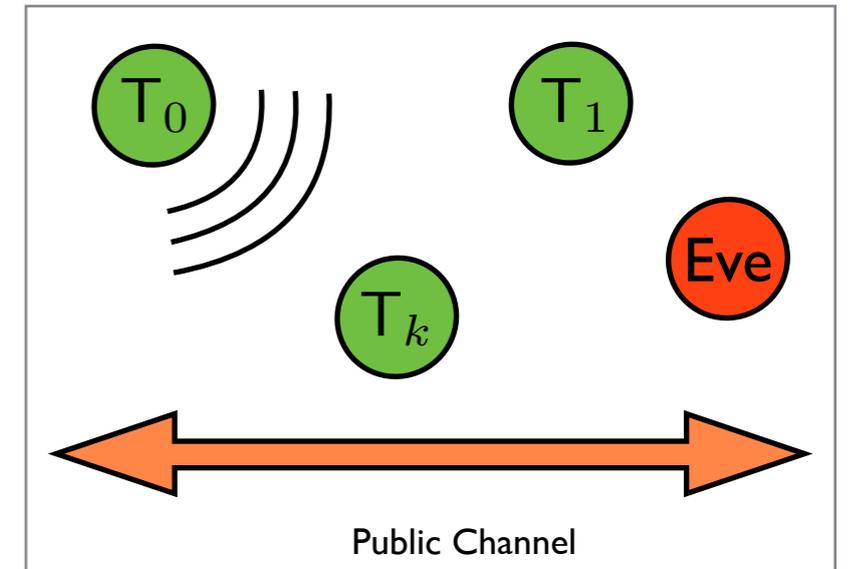
# Deterministic Broadcast Channel

- The wireless channel is modelled by a **deterministic channel**\*
- There are  $s + 1$  **channel states** modelling different SNR levels

$$X_r[t] = \mathbf{F} S_r[t] X_0[t]$$

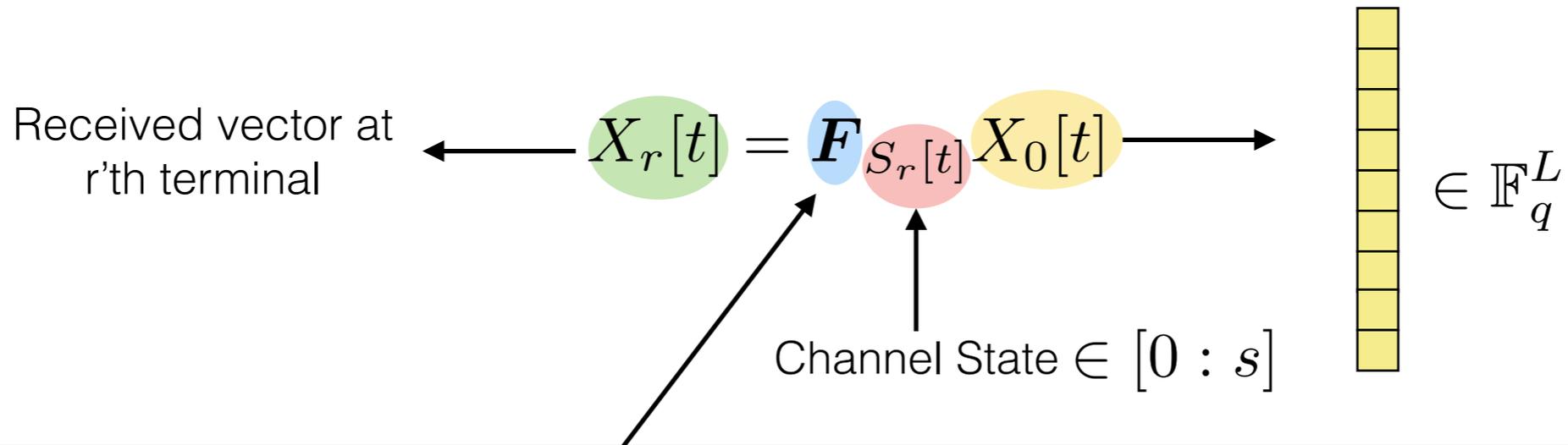
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Channel State

- Channels are **independent**
- Assume **CSI at receivers**



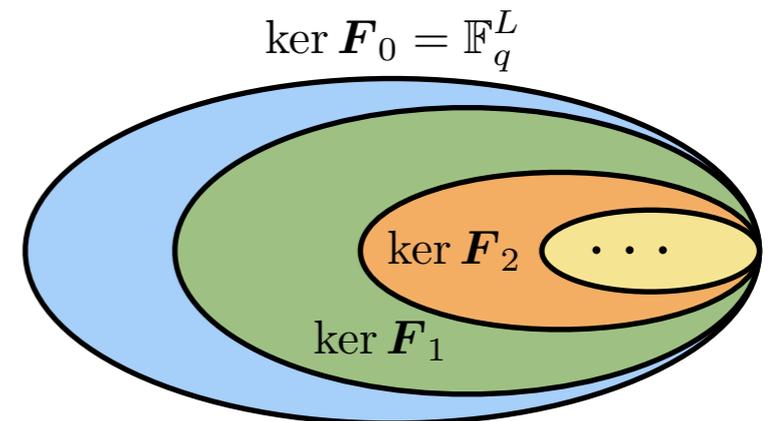
[\*] Avestimehr, Diggavi, and Tse, "Wireless Network Information Flow: A Deterministic Approach," IT11.

# Deterministic Broadcast Channel



$$\mathbf{0} = \ker \mathbf{F}_s \subset \ker \mathbf{F}_{s-1} \subset \dots \subset \ker \mathbf{F}_0 = \mathbb{F}_q^L$$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{F}_i - \mathbf{F}_{i-1}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{F}_i) - \text{rank}(\mathbf{F}_{i-1})$$



$$\mathbf{F}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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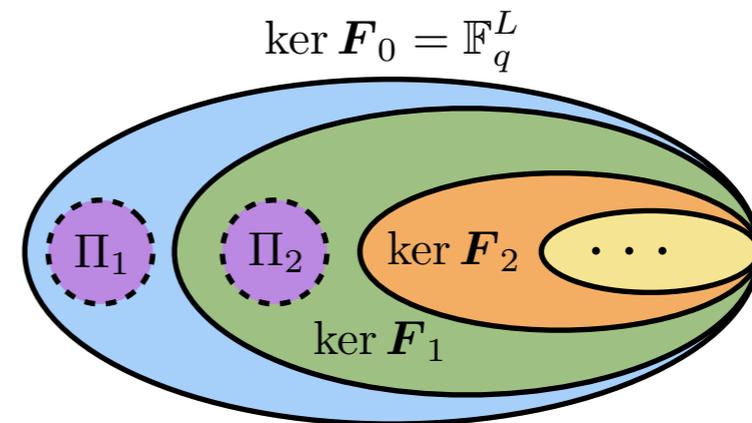
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# Sketch of the Achievability

## Superposition Coding

- We can find subspaces  $\Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_s$  such that  $\Pi_i \cap \Pi_j = \mathbf{0}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_1 \oplus \ker \mathbf{F}_1 &= \mathbb{F}_q^L \\ \Pi_2 \oplus \Pi_1 \oplus \ker \mathbf{F}_2 &= \mathbb{F}_q^L \\ &\vdots \\ \Pi_s \oplus \dots \oplus \Pi_1 \oplus \ker \mathbf{F}_s &= \mathbb{F}_q^L \end{aligned}$$



- Alice uses **superposition coding**:

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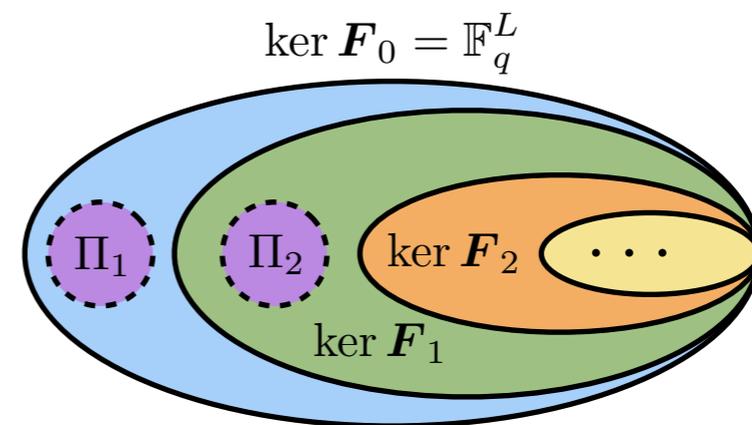
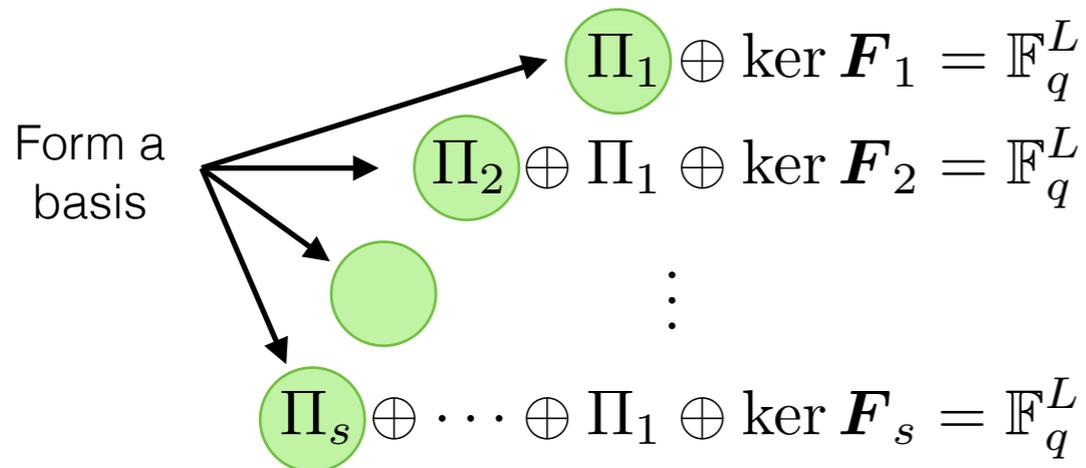
- Vector  $X_{0,i}[t]$  is received by the  $r$ 'th terminal only if  $S_r \geq i$   
 $\implies$  **we have  $s$  independent erasure channels!**

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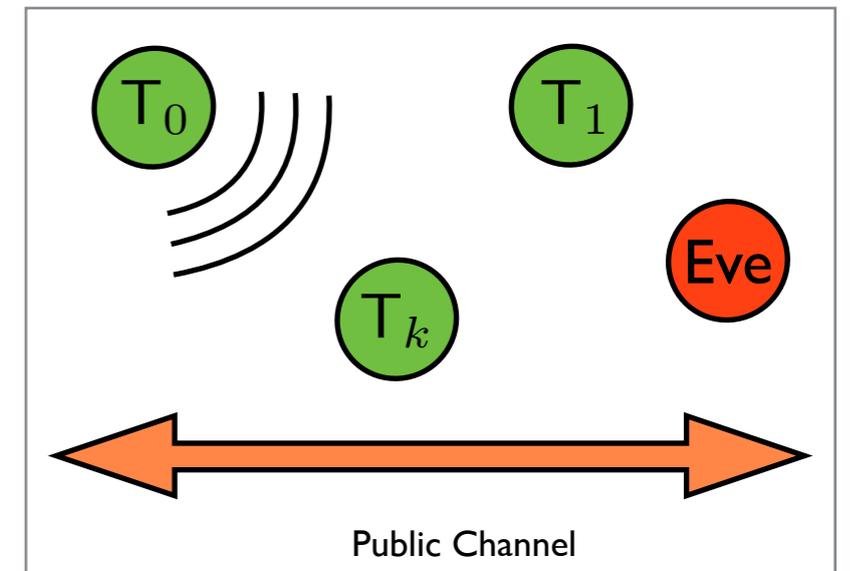
- **Theorem:** The **secret key generation capacity** for the deterministic broadcast channel is:

$$S(X_0; \dots; X_m \| Z) = \sum_{j=1}^s \theta_j (1 - \theta_j) \underbrace{[\text{rank } \mathbf{F}_j - \text{rank } \mathbf{F}_{j-1}] \log_2 q}_{\substack{\text{\# of messages in the } j\text{th layer (in bits)}}}$$

# Gaussian Broadcast Channel

# Gaussian Broadcast Model

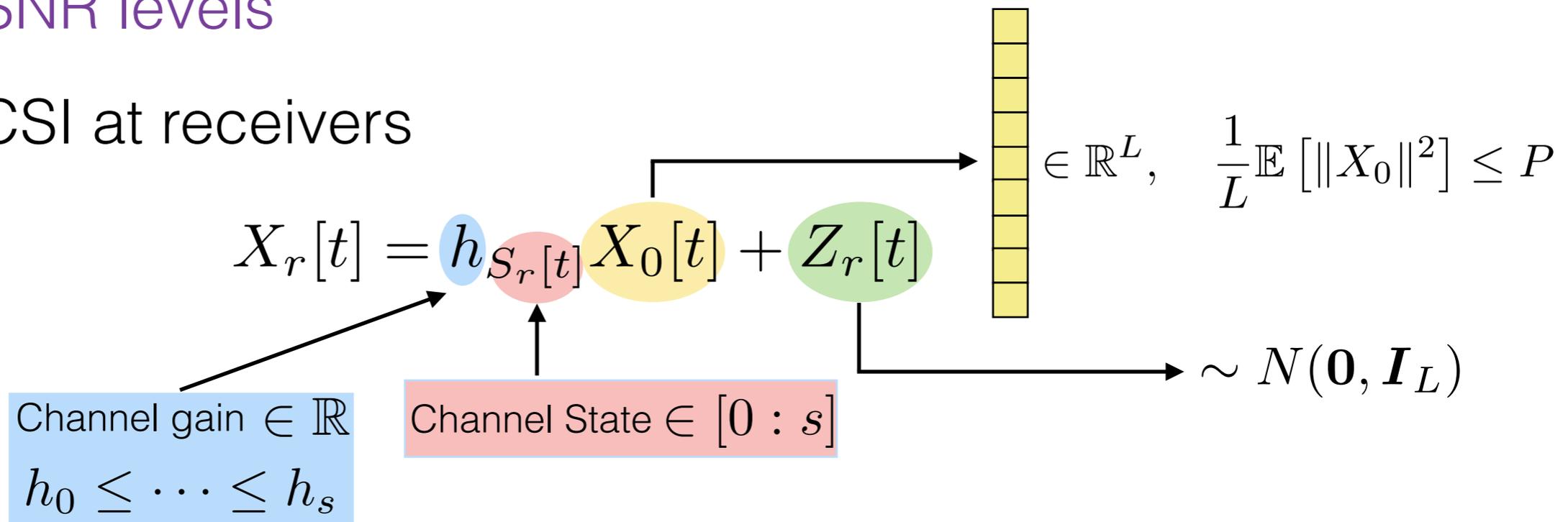
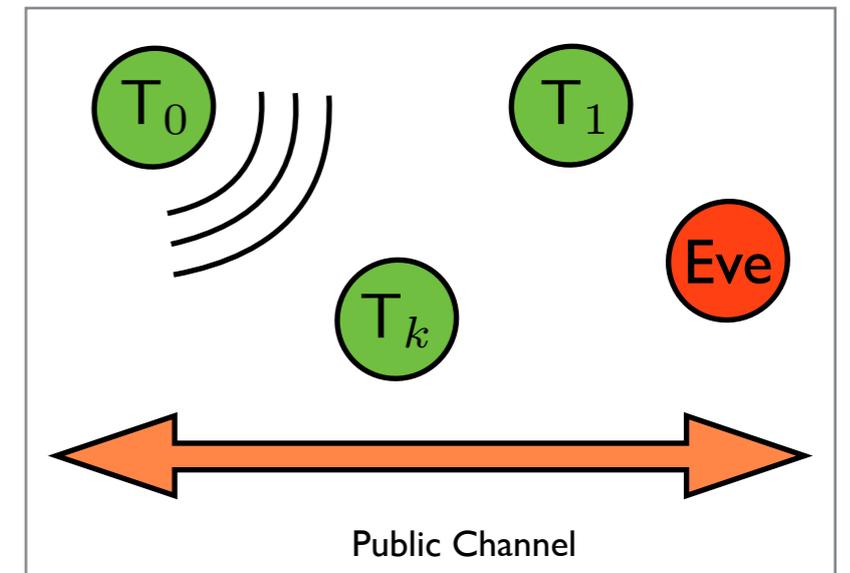
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- **Theorem:** (By combining [Csiszar-Narayan-08] and [Chan-Zheng-14] and independence of channels):

The **secret key generation capacity** of the **Gaussian broadcast channel** using public discussion is upper bounded as follows:

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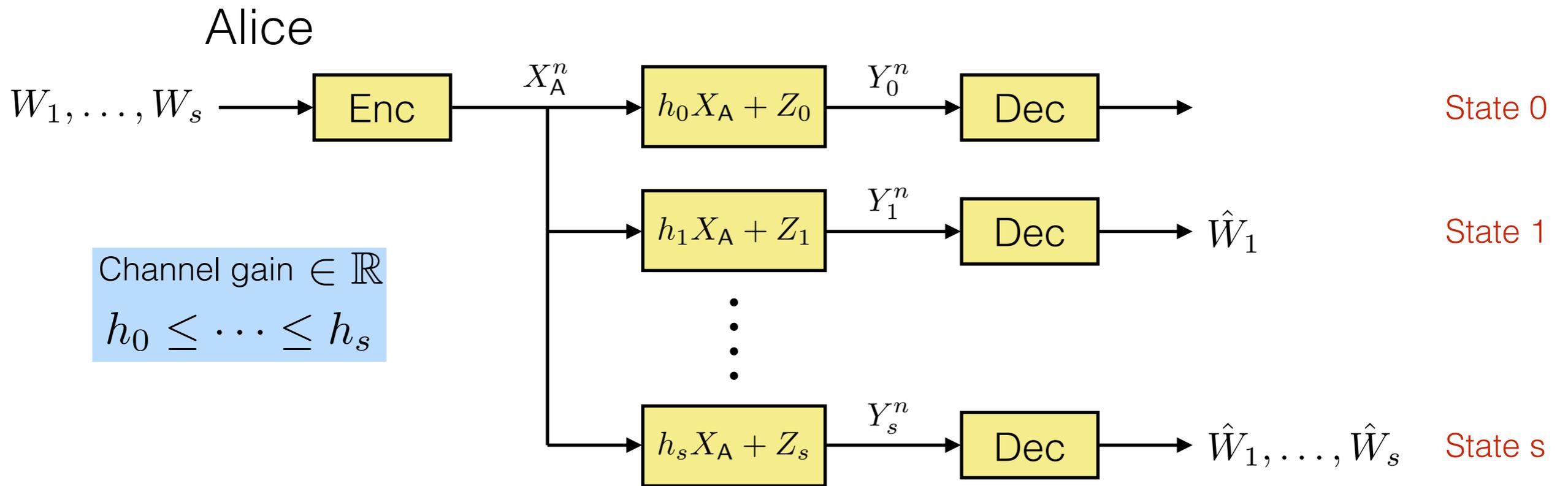
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State probability
Channel gain  $\in \mathbb{R}$   
 $h_0 \leq \dots \leq h_s$ 
Input power budget

# Sketch of the Achievability

- We want to mimic the **orthogonality operation** of the deterministic channel
- By using a **properly designed layered wiretap code**:
  - => we can introduce orthogonal layers (**each layer acts as an erasure channel**)
- On each layer, we apply the interactive scheme devised for the erasure channel

# Nested Message Set, Degraded Wiretap Channel



- Code Design Goals:

- Message  $W_i$  should be **decodable** by receivers  $Y_i, \dots, Y_s$
- All receivers  $Y_0, \dots, Y_{i-1}$  should be **ignorant** about message  $W_i$
- Now, we have the **orthogonality operation** among messages  $W_i$

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- Alice uses **superposition coding**:  $X_A[t] = X_{A,1}[t] + \dots + X_{A,s}[t]$
- She maps  $W_i$  to  $X_{A,i}$  as follows:
  - Construct codebook  $\hat{\mathcal{C}}_i(2^{L\hat{R}_i}, L)$  by choosing independent symbols from  $\mathcal{N}(0, P_i)$  where:

$$\hat{R}_i = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{h_i^2 P_i}{1 + h_i^2 I_i} \right)$$

- Each codebook  $\hat{\mathcal{C}}_i$  is divided into  $2^{LR_i}$  bins where:

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- Alice uses **superposition coding**:  $X_A[t] = X_{A,1}[t] + \dots + X_{A,s}[t]$  ←  $W_s$
- She maps  $W_i$  to  $X_{A,i}$  as follows:
  - Construct codebook  $\hat{\mathcal{C}}_i(2^{L\hat{R}_i}, L)$  by choosing independent symbols from  $\mathcal{N}(0, P_i)$  where:

$$\hat{R}_i = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{h_i^2 P_i}{1 + h_i^2 I_i} \right)$$

power of i'th layer

$$I_i = \sum_{j=i+1}^s P_j$$

- Each codebook  $\hat{\mathcal{C}}_i$  is divided into  $2^{LR_i}$  bins where:

$$R_i = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \log \left( 1 + \frac{h_i^2 P_i}{1 + h_i^2 I_i} \right) - \log \left( 1 + \frac{h_{i-1}^2 P_i}{1 + h_{i-1}^2 I_i} \right) \right]$$

- Message  $W_i$  is mapped to the bin index and  $X_{A,i}$  is a random sequence from that bin

# Sketch of the Achievability, cont.

- The  $r$ 'th receiver with channel state  $S_r = i$  :
  - can **successively decode** messages up to layer  $i$
  - is **ignorant** about messages of layers above  $i$
- $\implies$  Each  $W_i$  experiences an independent erasure channel with **erasure probability**:

$$\theta_i \triangleq \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \delta_j$$

- For each layer, **run the interactive scheme for erasure channels**
- The achievable secret key generation rate, for each power allocation  $\{P_i\}$  is:

$$R_s = \sum_{i=1}^s \theta_i (1 - \theta_i) R_i$$

# Power Optimization Problem

## Sketch of the Achievability

- The **maximum achievable secrecy rate** is given by:

$$R_s = \begin{cases} \max & \sum_{i=1}^s \theta_i (1 - \theta_i) R_i \\ \text{subject to} & \sum_{i=1}^s P_i \leq P \\ & P_i \geq 0, \quad \forall i \in [1 : s]. \end{cases}$$

- This is a **not** a **convex optimization problem!**
- Constraints are affine  $\Rightarrow$  KKT equations give necessary conditions
  - **All of KKT solutions** can be found by a **backtracking algorithm**
  - $\Rightarrow$  **The optimum solution can be found!**
- **The upper and lower bounds do not match!**

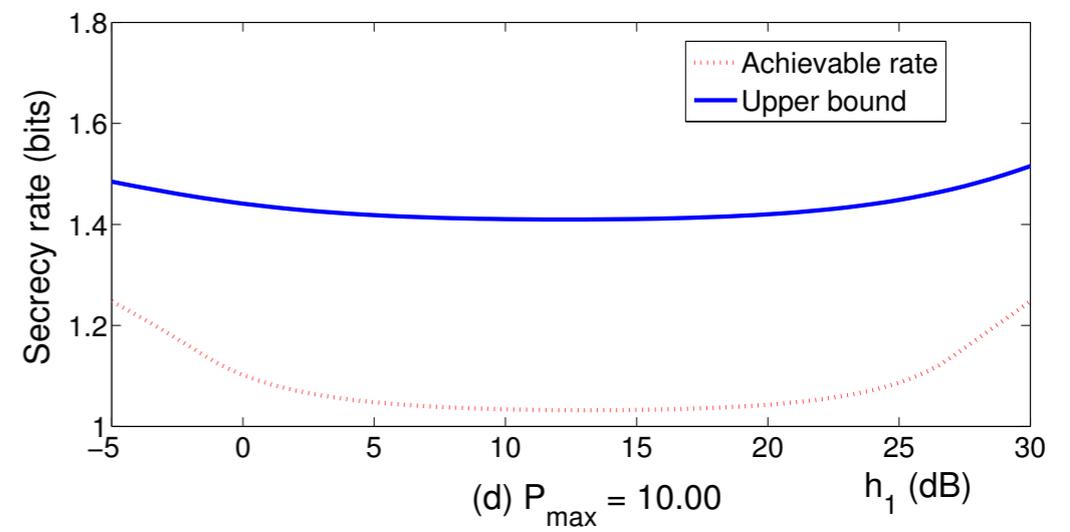
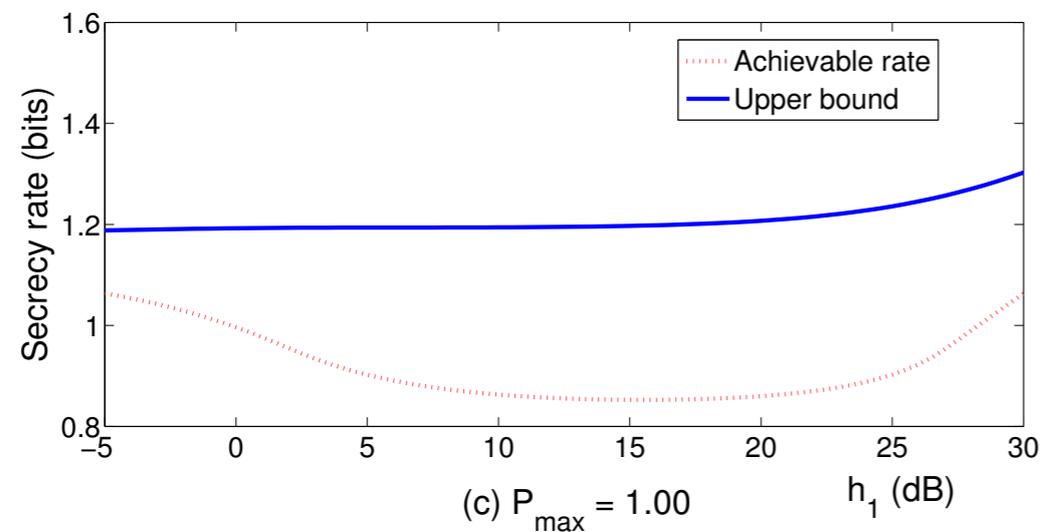
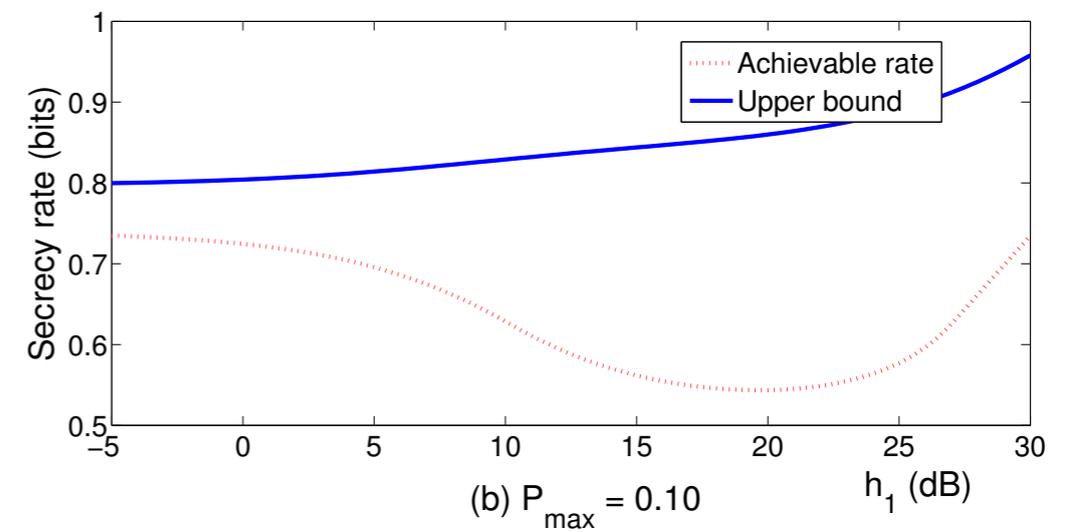
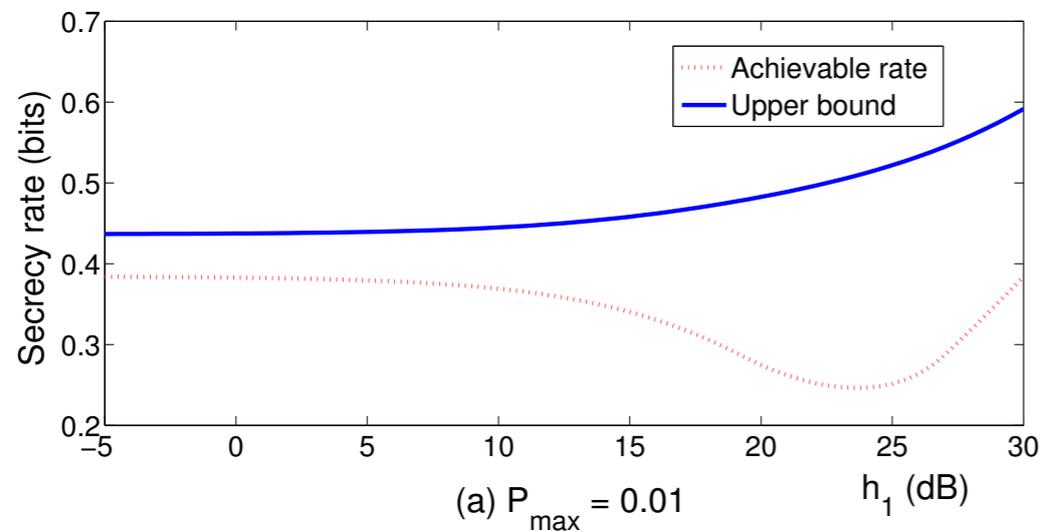
# Results: Asymptotic Behaviour

- Assuming high-dynamic range, i.e.,  $h_i \gg h_{i-1}$  and high-SNR regime:
  - The upper and lower bounds match in a degrees of freedom sense ( $h_i = Q^{\gamma_i}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{DoF}_s &\triangleq \lim_{Q \rightarrow \infty} \frac{C_s}{\frac{1}{2} \log Q} \\ &= L \sum_{i=1}^s (\gamma_i - \gamma_{i-1})(1 - \theta_i)\theta_i \end{aligned}$$

# Results: Bounds Comparison

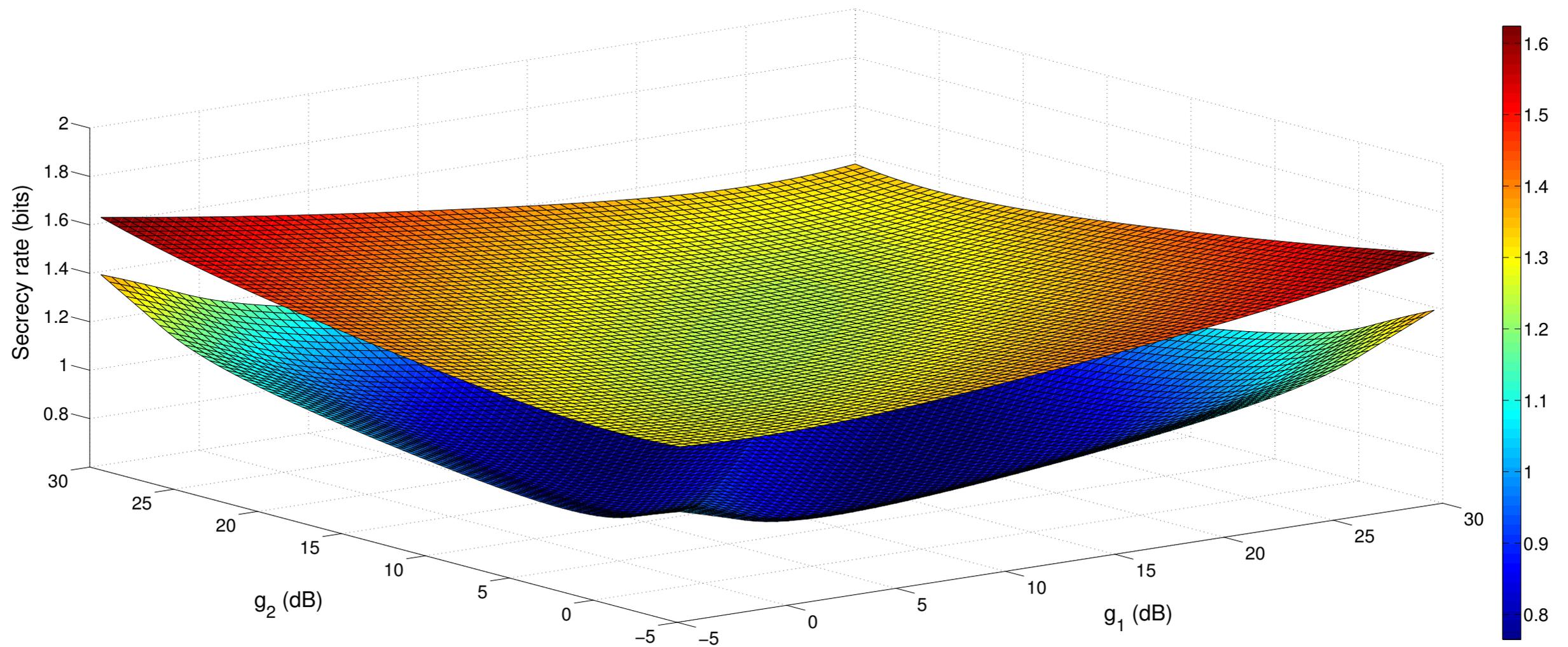
## 3 Equiprobable States



The achievable rate and the upper bound as a function of  $h_1$  with  $P$ : (a)  $P=0.01$ , (b)  $P=0.1$ , (c)  $P=1$ , and (d)  $P=10$ , in a setup with 3 equiprobable states ( $h_0 = -5\text{dB}$ ,  $-5\text{dB} < h_1 < 30\text{dB}$ , and  $h_2 = 30\text{dB}$ ).

# Results: Bounds Comparison

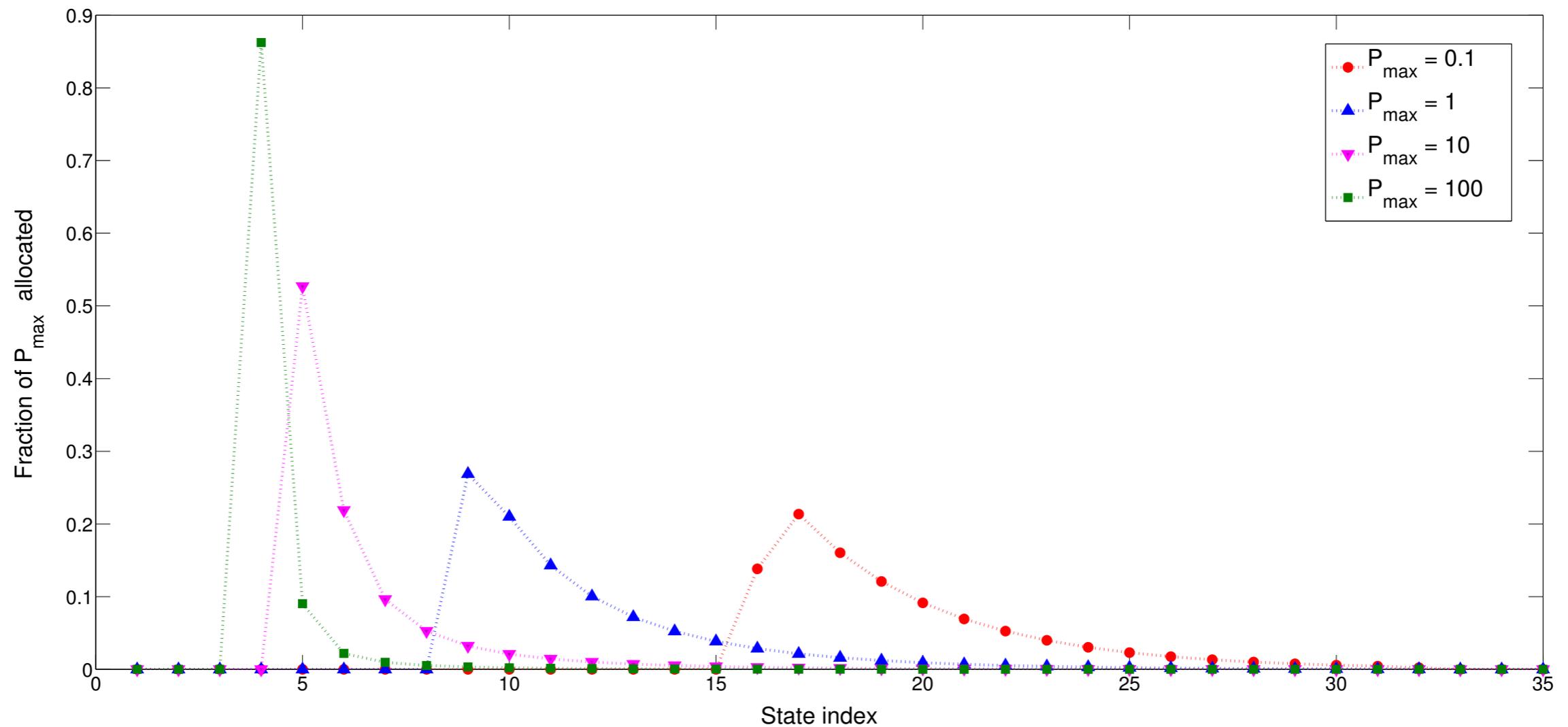
## 4 Equiprobable States



The achievable rate and the upper bound as a function of  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  with  $P=10$  in a setup with 4 equiprobable states ( $h_0 = -5\text{dB}$ ,  $h_1 = \min[g_1, g_2]$ ,  $h_2 = \max[g_1, g_2]$ , and  $h_3 = 30\text{dB}$ ).

# Results: Power Allocation

## 36 Equiprobable States



Fraction of total power  $P$  allocated to each layer by the proposed scheme for  $P = 0.1, 1.0, 10, 100$  in a setup consisting 36 equiprobable states ( $h_0 = -5\text{dB}, h_1 = -4\text{dB}, \dots, h_{35} = 30\text{dB}$ ).

# Challenges

- For a usual cryptographic system:  
An attack can be done by an adversary who has very high computational power
- In the proposed setup:  
An attack can be done by an adversary who has multiple antennas at many different places
- In general, it is hard to estimate the Eve's channel statistics

Thank You!

