

CO781 / QIC 890:

Theory of Quantum Communication

Topic 2, part 1

The asymptotic equipartition theorem,  
Shannon entropy and classical data compression

von Neumann entropy, Quantum data compression,  
entanglement concentration and dilution

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## References:

Nielsen and Chuang Section 12.2

Preskill Sections 10.1.1, 10.3, 10.4

Cover & Thomas

## From reading material:

Def: Let  $\rho$  be a density matrix with spectral decomposition

$$\rho = \sum_{v=1}^d p(v) |e_v\rangle\langle e_v|.$$

Let  $V$  be a rv with sample space  $\{1, 2, \dots, d\}$   
and distribution  $p(v)$ .

Let  $T_{n,\delta}$  be the typical set for  $n$  iid draws of  $V$ .

For  $v^n = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in T_{n,\delta}$ , let

$$|e_{v^n}\rangle = |e_{v_1}\rangle |e_{v_2}\rangle \dots |e_{v_n}\rangle.$$

The  $\delta$ -typical space of  $\rho^{\otimes n} = \text{span} \{ |e_{v^n}\rangle : v^n \in T_{n,\delta} \} =: S$ .

Let  $\Pi_S = \sum_{v^n \in T_{n,\delta}} |e_{v^n}\rangle\langle e_{v^n}|$  (projector onto  $S$ ).

**Def:**  $H(V)$  = von Neumann entropy of  $\rho =: S(\rho)$

from Thur class

by def of vN entropy

$$\textcircled{1} \dim S = |\mathcal{T}_{n,\delta}| \leq 2^{n(H(\rho) + \delta)} = 2^{n(S(\rho) + \delta)}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{Tr}(\rho^{\otimes n} \Pi_S) = \sum_{\psi^n \in \mathcal{T}_{n,\delta}} p(\psi^n) \geq 1 - \epsilon \quad \text{if } n \geq n_0 = \dots$$

$$\sum_{\text{all } \psi^n} |\langle e_{\psi^n} \rangle \langle e_{\psi^n} | \rho(\psi^n)$$

$$\sum_{\psi^n \in \mathcal{T}_{n,\delta}} |\langle e_{\psi^n} \rangle \langle e_{\psi^n} |$$

$\rho^{\otimes n}$  "mostly" contained  
in its typical space

# The "transmit the typical space" (TTS) protocol:

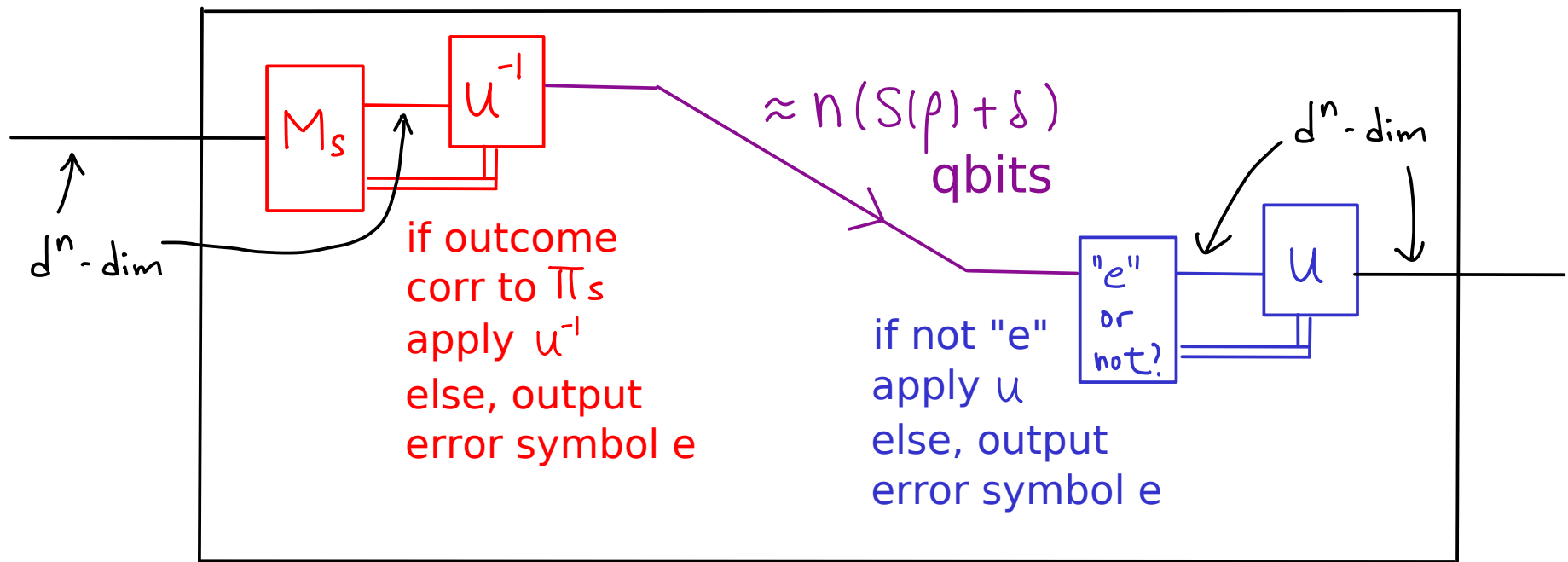
Fix  $\rho$  ( $d \times d$ ), for arbitrary  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $n \geq n_0$ ,

with  $n_0, T_{n,\delta}, S, \Pi_S$  as defined before,

let  $M_S$  denote the binary meas with POVM  $\{\Pi_S, I - \Pi_S\}$ .

Define isometric bijections :  $\mathbb{C}^{2^{n(S(\rho)+\delta)}} \xrightleftharpoons[u^{-1}]{u} S$ .

The "TTS" protocol  $\Upsilon$  :



In particular, for  $\rho^{\otimes n} = \sum_{z^n} p(z^n) |e_{z^n}\rangle\langle e_{z^n}|$

$$\mathcal{T}(\rho^{\otimes n}) = \sum_{z^n \in T_{n,\delta}} p(z^n) |e_{z^n}\rangle\langle e_{z^n}| + \underbrace{(1 - p(T_{n,\delta}))}_{\leq \varepsilon} |e\rangle\langle e|$$

$$\therefore \|\rho^{\otimes n} - \mathcal{T}(\rho^{\otimes n})\|_t \leq \varepsilon.$$

Note that both Alice and Bob need to know  $\rho$  in TTS.

The task to send  $\rho^{\otimes n}$  using TTS is NOT interesting, since Bob should simply create the state without Alice's help.

But TTS turns out very useful ... for much harder tasks !

# Quantum source, vN entropy, & quantum data compression

$X$  : random variable,  $\Omega$  : sample space,  $\Pr(X=x) = q(x)$ .

For each  $x$ ,  $\rho_x$  : quantum state (in  $d$ -dim) labeled by  $x$ .

Consider the process:

1. sample  $X$ , obtain  $x \in \Omega$  w.p.  $q(x)$

2. prepare quantum state  $\rho_x$

Resulting state:  $\Lambda = \sum_x q(x) |x\rangle\langle x|_R \otimes \rho_x_A$

classical	quantum
random	random
outcome	outcome

Terminology:

- receiving a specimen  $\rho_x$  in system  $A$  w.p.  $q(x)$  is called

"one draw" of the ensemble  $\mathcal{E} = \{q(x), \rho_x\}$

- average state of  $\mathcal{E}$  is  $\rho = \sum_x q(x) \rho_x = \text{tr}_R \Lambda$ .

↖ evals  $\neq q(x)$  in general

e.g., B92  $q(0) = q(1) = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\rho_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0|, \quad \rho_1 = |+\rangle\langle +|, \quad |+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$$

$$\Lambda = \frac{1}{2} |0\rangle\langle 0|_R \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|_A + \frac{1}{2} |1\rangle\langle 1|_R \otimes |+\rangle\langle +|_A, \quad \rho = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

e.g., BB84  $q(0) = q(1) = q(2) = q(3) = \frac{1}{4}$

$$\rho_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0|, \quad \rho_1 = |+\rangle\langle +|,$$

$$\rho_2 = |1\rangle\langle 1|, \quad \rho_3 = |-\rangle\langle -|, \quad |\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle \pm |1\rangle)$$

$$\Lambda = \frac{1}{4} |0\rangle\langle 0|_R \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|_A + \frac{1}{4} |1\rangle\langle 1|_R \otimes |+\rangle\langle +|_A$$

$$+ \frac{1}{4} |0\rangle\langle 0|_R \otimes |1\rangle\langle 1|_A + \frac{1}{4} |1\rangle\langle 1|_R \otimes |-\rangle\langle -|_A, \quad \rho = \frac{I}{2}$$

In both examples, Alice prepares both RA & transmits A to Bob. Eve sees A (a draw from the ensemble).



An iid quantum source: repeating the above process ...

Repeating n times means:

(1) Sample X n times iid

Obtain  $x^n = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  with prob  $q(x^n) = q(x_1) q(x_2) \dots q(x_n)$

(2) Prepare  $\rho_{x^n} = \rho_{x_1} \otimes \rho_{x_2} \dots \otimes \rho_{x_n}$

Resulting state:  $\sum_{x^n} q(x^n) \underbrace{|x^n\rangle\langle x^n|}_{\text{in } R^n = R_1 R_2 \dots R_n} \otimes \underbrace{\rho_{x^n}}_{\text{in } A^n = A_1 A_2 \dots A_n} = \Lambda^{\otimes n}$

Quantum data compression:

Transmit  $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$  using nr qbits, and minimize r.

Difference from "qbit" : there is restriction to what states might have to be sent. There are many scenarios ...

# Blind compression:

Sender Alice doesn't know what's being compressed.

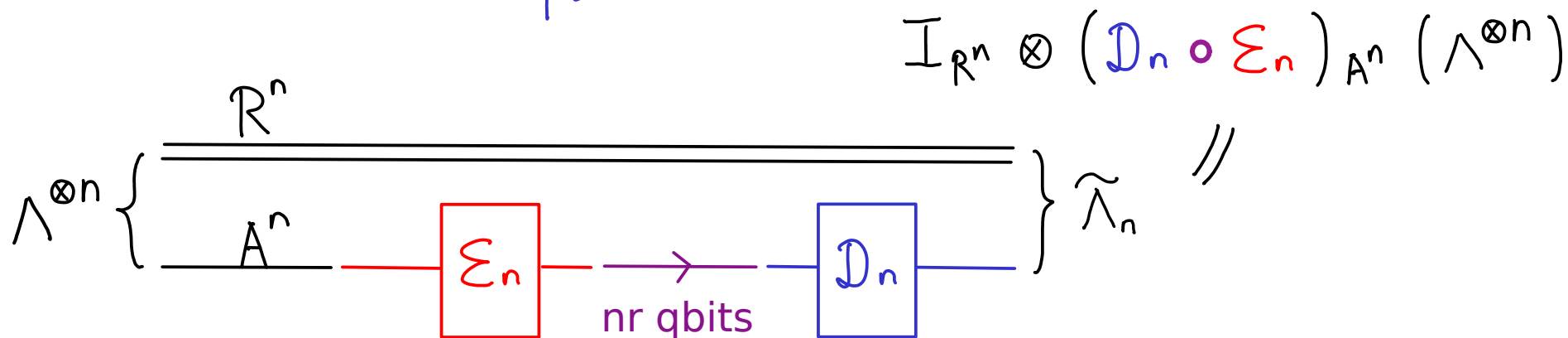
1. Referee Richard prepares  $\Lambda^{\otimes n}$  & gives  $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$  to Alice.

$$\parallel \sum_{x^n} q(x^n) |x^n\rangle\langle x^n|_{R_1 R_2 \dots R_n} \otimes \rho_{x^n}^{A_1 A_2 \dots A_n}$$

i.e., draws  $x^n$  w.p.  $q(x^n)$ , records on  $R_1 R_2 \dots R_n$ , prepares  $\rho_{x^n}$  on  $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$

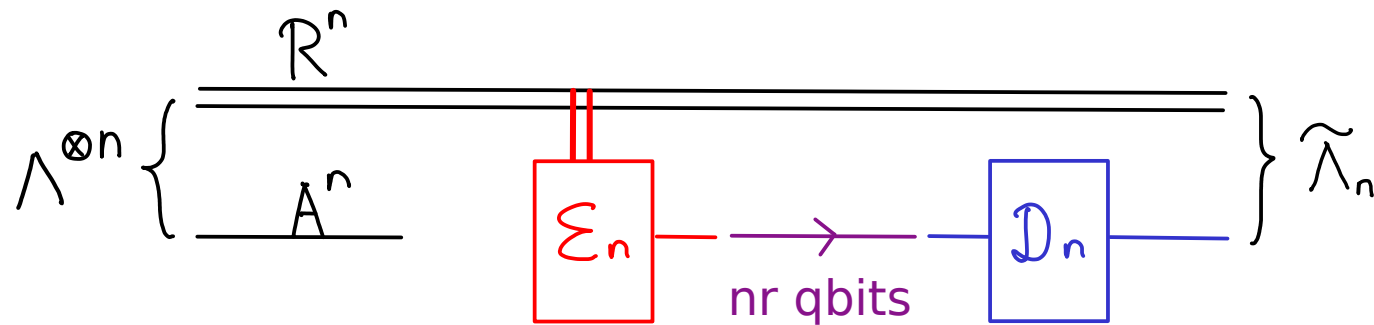
2. Alice encodes  $A_1 \dots A_n$  in  $nr$  qubits, transmits them to Bob

3. Bob decodes to an output, which on average over  $x^n$  should be close to  $\rho_{x^n}$



Correctness:  $\parallel \Lambda^{\otimes n} - \tilde{\Lambda}_n \parallel_1$  small.

Visible compression: Sender Alice is also referee Richard



Correctness:  $\| \Lambda^{\otimes n} - \tilde{\Lambda}_n \|_1$  small.

Remarks on the above correctness condition:

- Preserves correlation between  $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$  and  $R_1 R_2 \dots R_n$ .
- Simulation of "noiseless" comm of  $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$  only on  $\Lambda^{\otimes n}$ .
- Error is global: on the entire  $\rho_{x^n}$  but weighted by  $q(x^n)$ .

Definition:  $r$  is called an achievable rate, if for all  $n$  large enough, a protocol above exists with error vanishing with  $n$ .

## Schumacher compression:

pure state ensemble

Theorem: Let  $\Lambda = \sum_x q(x) |x\rangle\langle x|_R \otimes |\Psi_x\rangle\langle\Psi_x|_A$

$$\rho = \sum_x q(x) |\Psi_x\rangle\langle\Psi_x|$$

Consider blind Q data compression task.

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \quad \forall r > S(\rho)$$

$$\exists n_0 \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n_0 \quad \exists \epsilon_n, \mathcal{D}_n$$

$$\text{s.t. output dim of } \mathcal{E}_n \leq 2^{nr}$$

$$\| \Lambda^{\otimes n} - \mathbb{I}_{R^n} \otimes (\mathcal{D}_n \circ \mathcal{E}_n)_{A^n} (\Lambda^{\otimes n}) \|_1 \leq 2\sqrt{2\epsilon} + \epsilon$$

vanishing w/  $\epsilon$   
indep of dim, n

PS Alice doesn't know  $x^n$  cannot send it.

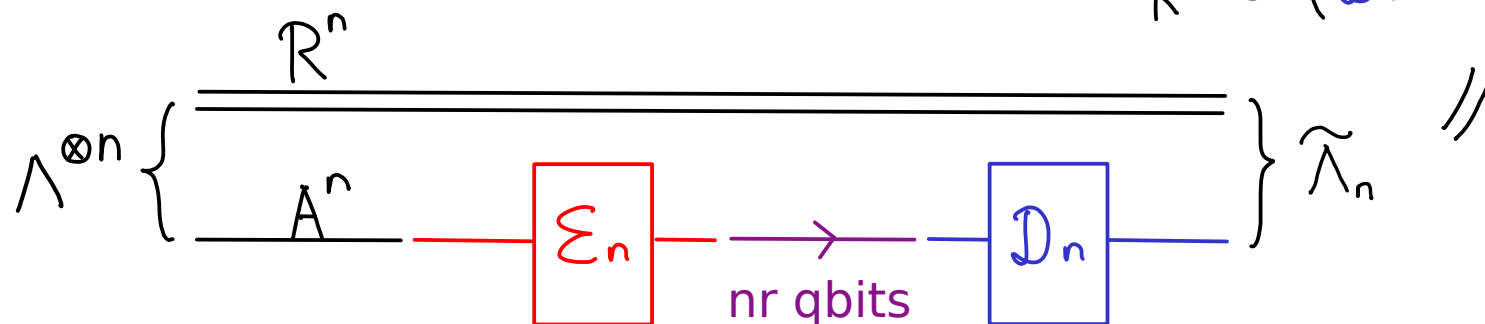
Sending  $x^n$  via classical data compression works in the visible setting, but can be suboptimal since

$$r \doteq H(x) \geq S(\rho).$$

Proof: will show that TTS works !

but remember the task is NOT sending  $\rho^{\otimes n}$

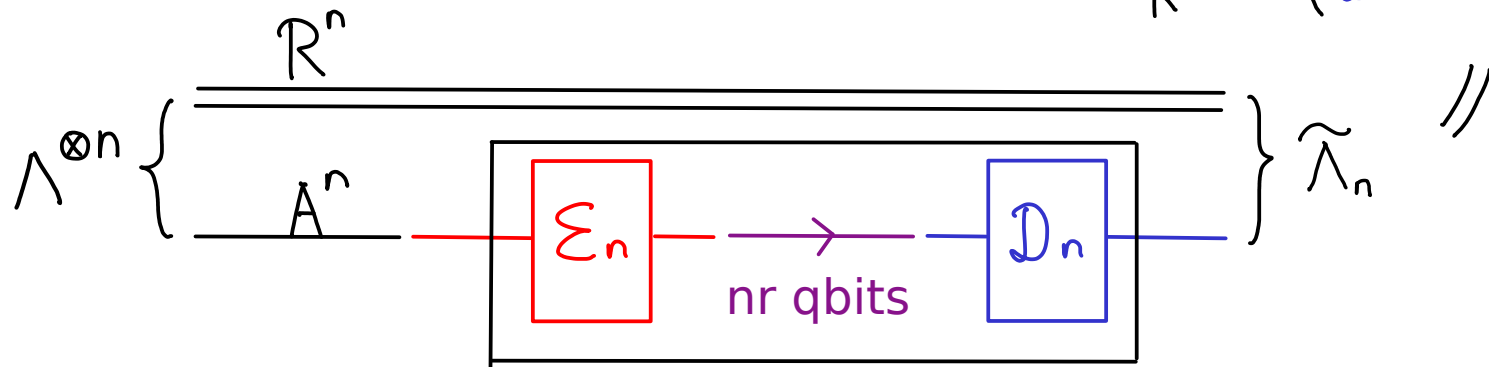
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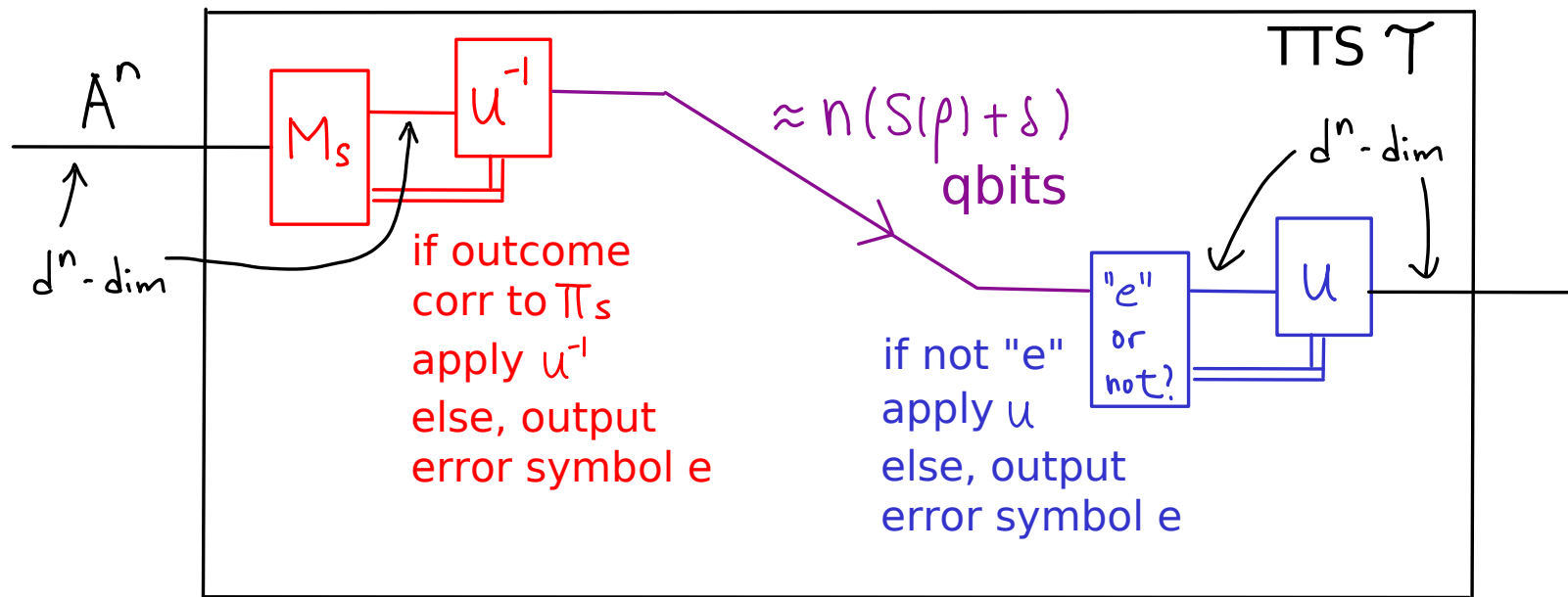
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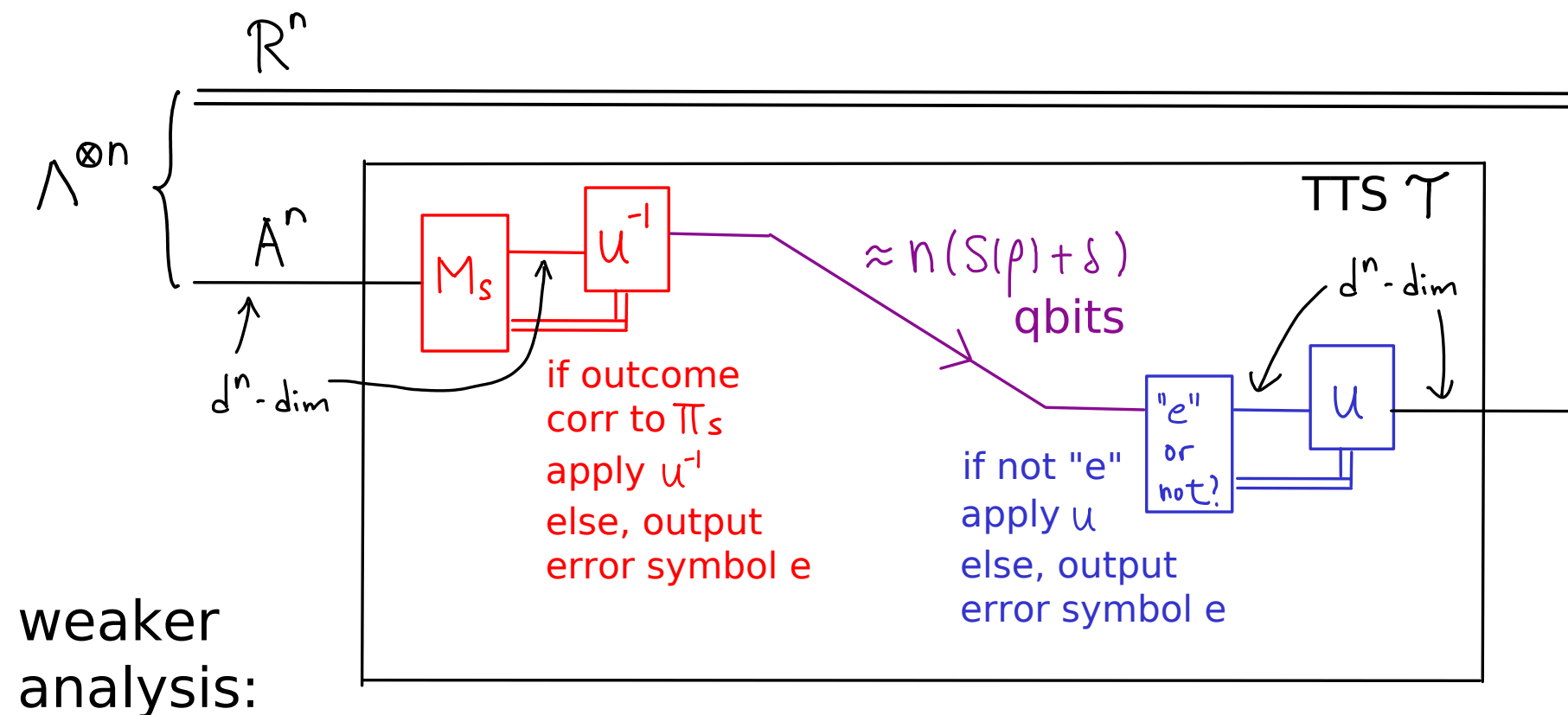
$$\mathbb{I}_{\mathbb{R}^n} \otimes (\mathcal{D}_n \circ \Sigma_n)_{A^n} (\Lambda^{\otimes n})$$



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Proof: will show that TTS works !



$|\Psi_{x^n}\rangle$  is transformed to  $\pi_s |\Psi_{x^n}\rangle \langle \Psi_{x^n}| \pi_s + \text{tr}(\mathbb{I} - \pi_s) \cdot |e\rangle \langle e|$

$$\text{Fidelity} = \left[ \langle \Psi_{x^n} | \left( \pi_s |\Psi_{x^n}\rangle \langle \Psi_{x^n}| \pi_s + \text{tr}(\mathbb{I} - \pi_s) \cdot |e\rangle \langle e| \right) | \Psi_{x^n} \rangle \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \langle \Psi_{x^n} | \pi_s | \Psi_{x^n} \rangle$$

(note unlike classical case, projection onto typical space can distort the state)

Average fidelity:  $\sum_{x^n} q(x^n) \langle \Psi_{x^n} | \Pi_S | \Psi_{x^n} \rangle$

all  $= \sum_{x^n} q(x^n) \text{Tr} ( | \Psi_{x^n} \rangle \langle \Psi_{x^n} | \Pi_S )$

$$= \text{Tr} ( \sum_{x^n} q(x^n) | \Psi_{x^n} \rangle \langle \Psi_{x^n} | \Pi_S )$$

$$= \text{Tr} ( \rho^{\otimes n} \Pi_S )$$

$$\geq 1 - \epsilon$$

not the state being transmitted  
but pops out in this error measure



# Detailed analysis:

$$\hat{\Lambda}_n = I_{\mathbb{R}^n} \otimes (\text{Dho} \bar{E}_n)_{S^n} (\Lambda^{\otimes n})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{x^n} f(x^n) |x^n\rangle\langle x^n|_{\mathbb{R}} \otimes \Pi_S |\Psi_{x^n}\rangle\langle\Psi_{x^n}| \Pi_S \\ &+ \sum_{x^n} f(x^n) |x^n\rangle\langle x^n|_{\mathbb{R}} \otimes \text{ERR} \left[ \text{tr} (I - \Pi_S) |\Psi_{x^n}\rangle\langle\Psi_{x^n}| \right] \end{aligned}$$

all  $x^n$  →  $x^n$

$$(*) \text{tr}(\text{2nd term}) \leq \varepsilon$$

$$\| \hat{\Lambda}_n - \Lambda^{\otimes n} \|_1$$

$\Delta \text{Ineq}$

$\leq$

$$\| \text{1st term of } \hat{\Lambda}_n - \Lambda^{\otimes n} \|_1 + \| \text{2nd term of } \hat{\Lambda}_n \|_1$$

$\Delta \text{I, } (*)$

$\leq$

$$\sum_{x^n} f(x^n) \| \Pi_S |\Psi_{x^n}\rangle\langle\Psi_{x^n}| \Pi_S - |\Psi_{x^n}\rangle\langle\Psi_{x^n}| \|_1 + \varepsilon$$

$\Delta I, \otimes$ 

$$\leq \sum_{x^n} f(x^n) \left\| \Pi_S | \Psi_{x^n} \rangle \langle \Psi_{x^n} | \Pi_S - | \Psi_{x^n} \rangle \langle \Psi_{x^n} | \right\|_1 + \epsilon$$

see notes

$$\leq \sum_{x^n} f(x^n) 2 \sqrt{1 - \langle \Psi_{x^n} | \Pi_S | \Psi_{x^n} \rangle^2} + \epsilon$$

$$1 - z^2 = (1-z)(1+z)$$

$$\leq 2(1-z)$$

$$\leq \sum_{x^n} f(x^n) 2\sqrt{2} \sqrt{1 - \langle \Psi_{x^n} | \Pi_S | \Psi_{x^n} \rangle} + \epsilon$$

$$\leq 2\sqrt{2} \sqrt{\sum_{x^n} f(x^n) (1 - \langle \Psi_{x^n} | \Pi_S | \Psi_{x^n} \rangle)} + \epsilon$$

Concavity  
of  $\sqrt{\cdot}$ 

$$\leq 2\sqrt{2} \sqrt{1 - \text{tr}(\rho^{\otimes n} \Pi_S)} + \epsilon$$

$$\leq 2\sqrt{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} + \epsilon.$$

## Notes on a minor detail:

$$\text{Want: } \left\| \pi_S |\Psi_{x^n}\rangle \langle \Psi_{x^n}| \pi_S - |\Psi_{x^n}\rangle \langle \Psi_{x^n}| \right\|_1 \leq 2 \sqrt{1 - \langle \Psi_{x^n}| \pi_S |\Psi_{x^n}\rangle^2}$$

NC 9.2.3, (9.97)-(9.99): for unit vectors  $|a\rangle, |b\rangle$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left\| |a\rangle \langle a| - |b\rangle \langle b| \right\|_1 = \sqrt{1 - |\langle a|b\rangle|^2}$$

but  $\pi_S |\Psi_{x^n}\rangle$  is not a unit vector ... so we tweak the proof in NC.

Proof:  $|\Psi_{x^n}\rangle = \pi_S |\Psi_{x^n}\rangle + (\mathbb{I} - \pi_S) |\Psi_{x^n}\rangle$  (two ortho terms)

$$= \alpha |e_0\rangle + \beta |e_1\rangle, \quad \alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0, \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1, \\ |e_0\rangle, |e_1\rangle \text{ ortho unit vecs}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi_{x^n}\rangle \langle \Psi_{x^n}| - \pi_S |\Psi_{x^n}\rangle \langle \Psi_{x^n}| \pi_S &= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^2 & \alpha\beta \\ \alpha\beta & \beta^2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha\beta \\ \alpha\beta & \beta^2 \end{pmatrix} = \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha \\ \alpha & \beta \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



## Remarks:

1. If the states  $|\Psi_x\rangle$  are orthogonal,  $S(\rho) = H(x)$  and Schumacher compression coincides with the classical data compression protocol last time.
2. Schumacher compression is rate optimal (see next pages). In fact, even visible compression of pure state requires the same rate, so, the sender's knowledge does not reduce the rate in this set up.

Other scenarios and bounds on the rate:

See p2-3 from [arXiv:1911.09126](https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.09126) for a summary.

Following: excerpt from a recent talk.

## Quantum data compression scenarios:

1. pure or mixed, quantum vs classical ensembles
2. blind vs visible (latter: Alice knows  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ )
3. assistance: entanglement, shared coins, none
4. global vs local error
5. asymptotic vs one-shot

# Quantum data compression optimal rates:

## Lower bound in unassisted scenario

Ensemble:

$X = x$  w.p.  $p_x$ , state  $\rho_x$

WARNING: WE USE  $g_{\rho_x}$  earlier this lecture

$$\text{Let } \rho = \sum_x p_x |x\rangle\langle x|_X \otimes \rho_{x,C}$$

$$\chi = I(X:C)_\rho = S\left(\sum_x p_x \rho_{x,C}\right) - \sum_x p_x S(\rho_{x,C}) \quad \text{Holevo information}$$

**Theorem:**  $r \geq \chi$  M Horodecki 98,  
Barnum, Caves, Fuchs, Jozsa, Schumacher 00



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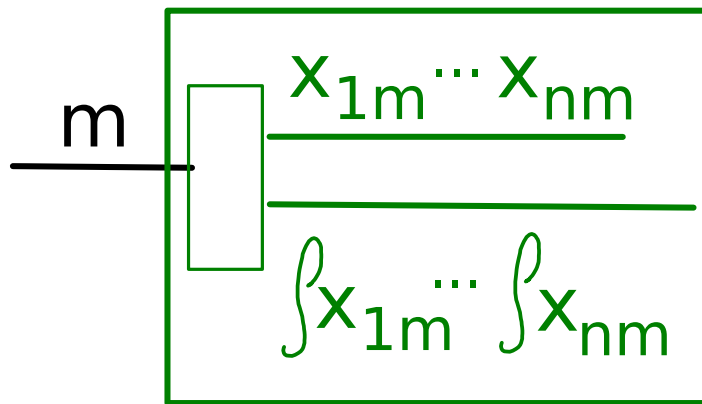
Lower bound in unassisted scenario

Theorem:  $r \geq \chi$

Proof idea (visible, implies same for blind):

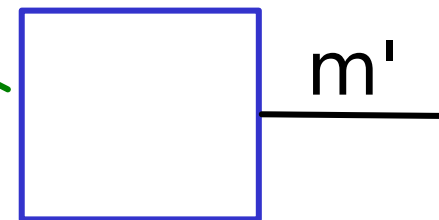
HSW theorem (capacity of q states to convey bits):

if  $m \in \{1, \dots, 2^{n\chi}\}$   
then  $m = m'$  with high prob  
so,  $n\chi$  bits communicated

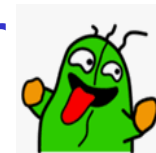


encoder  
Alice

where each  $x_{ij} \sim X$  iid



decoder  
Bob



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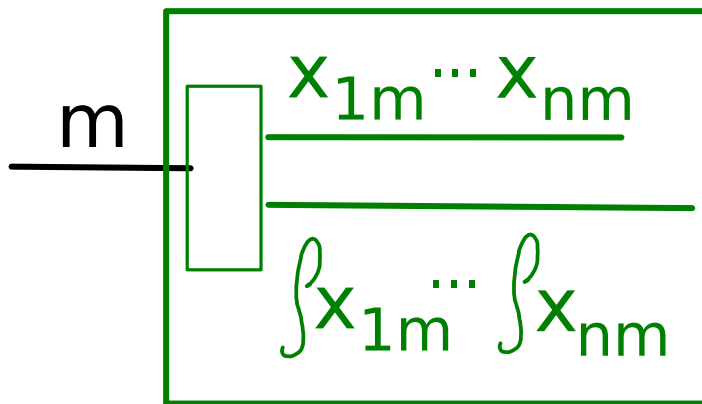
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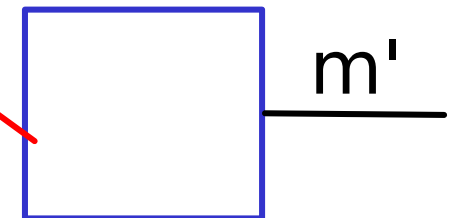
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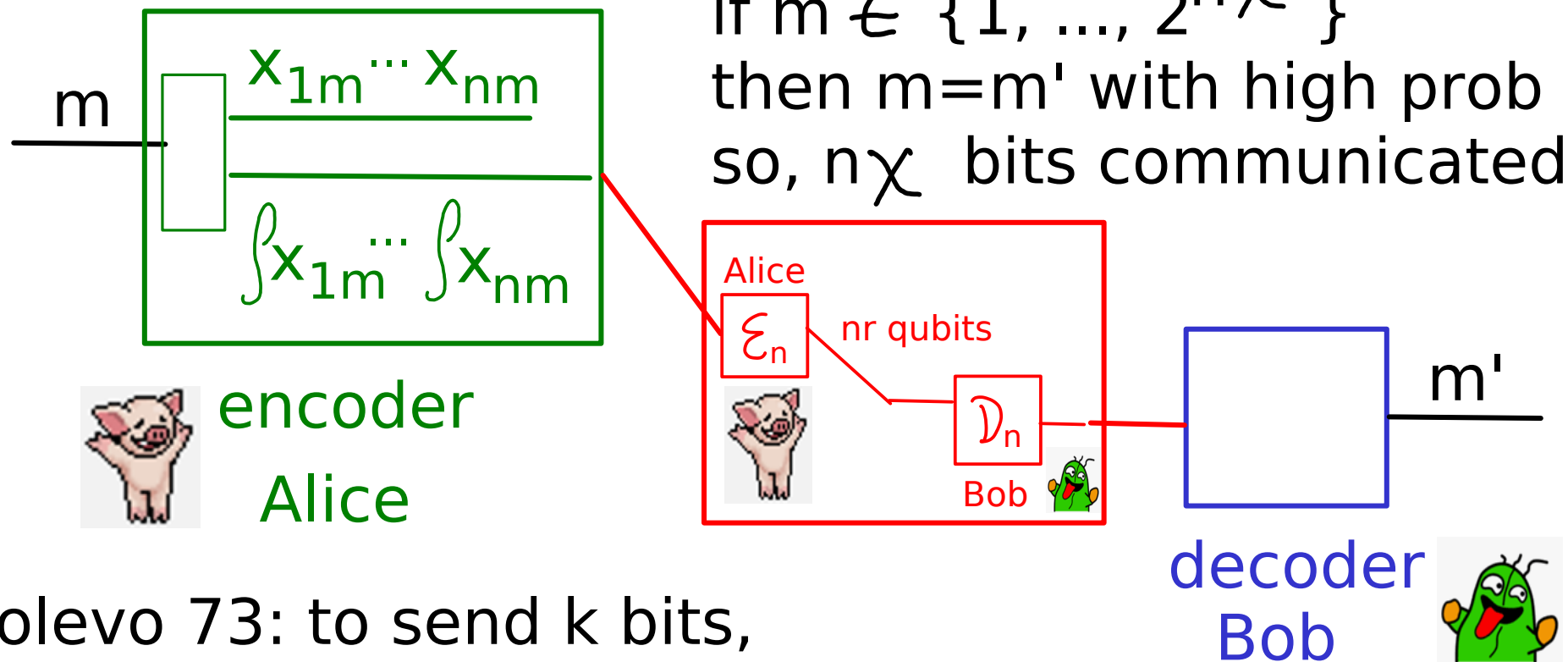
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Holevo 73: to send k bits,  
need k qubits, so,  $nr \geq n\chi$

## Quantum data compression optimal rates:

Lower bound in entanglement-assisted scenario

$\chi$  BITS / copy (quantum reverse Shannon thm)

visible case, implies same for blind compression

M Horodecki 00,

Barnum, Caves, Fuchs, Jozsa, Schumacher 00

Bennett, Shor, Smolin, Thapliyal 01

Bennett, Devetak, Harrow, Shor, Winter "14" + Berta et al

# Is the Holevo info achievable for compression?

yes / no

