Shared Randomness in AVCs

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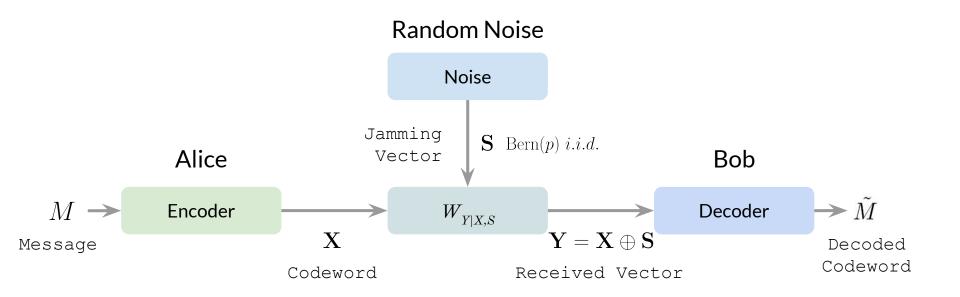


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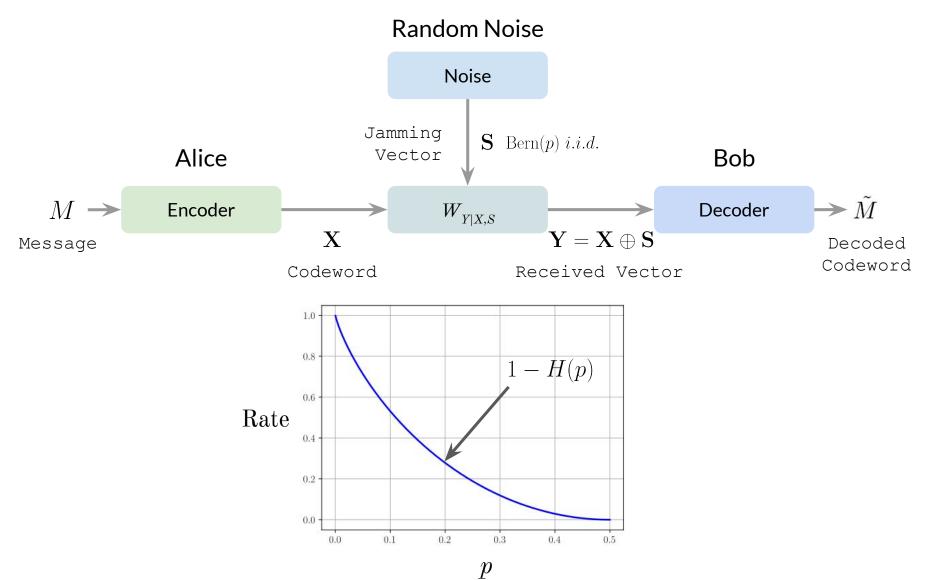


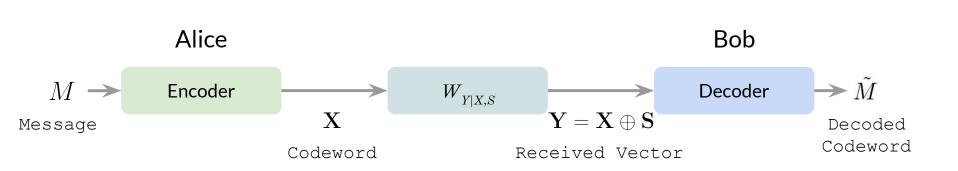
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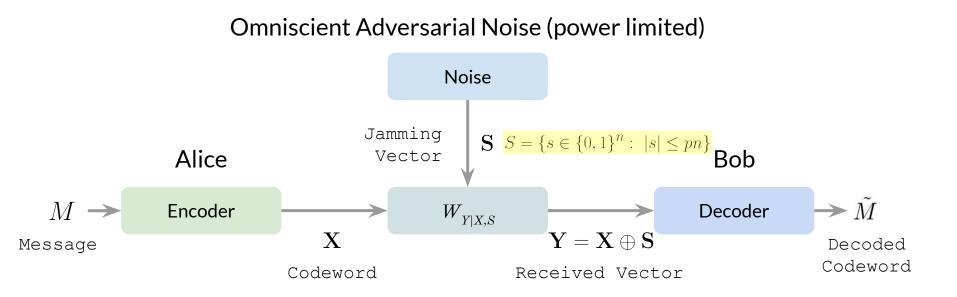
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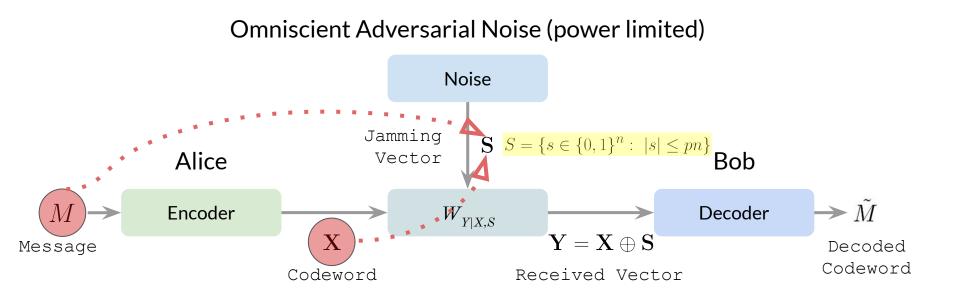


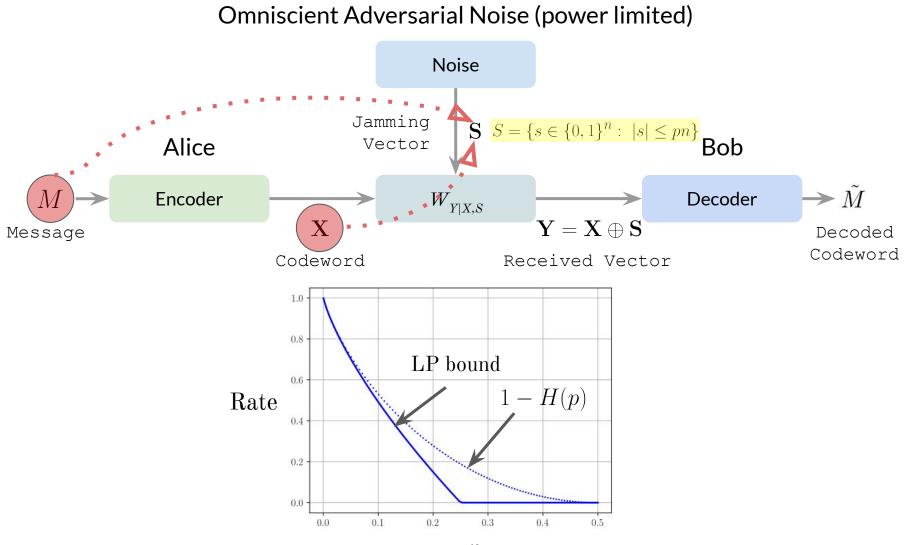
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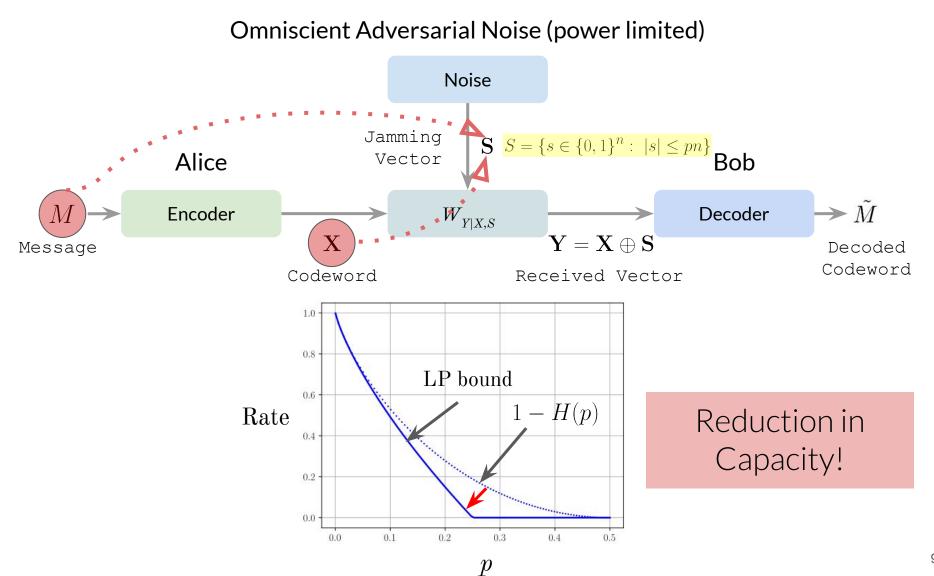




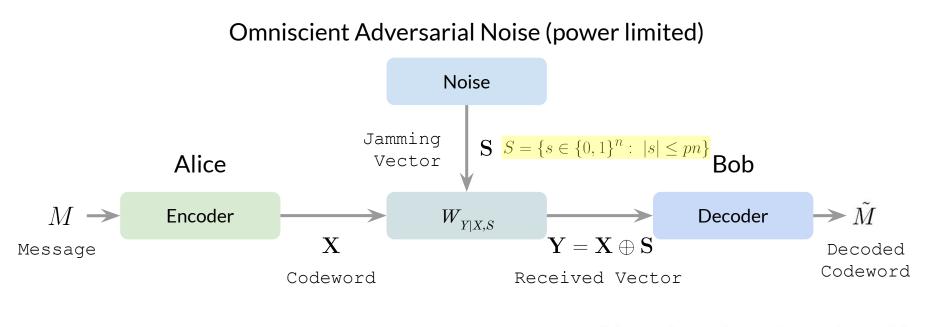


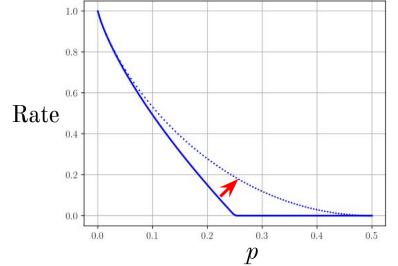






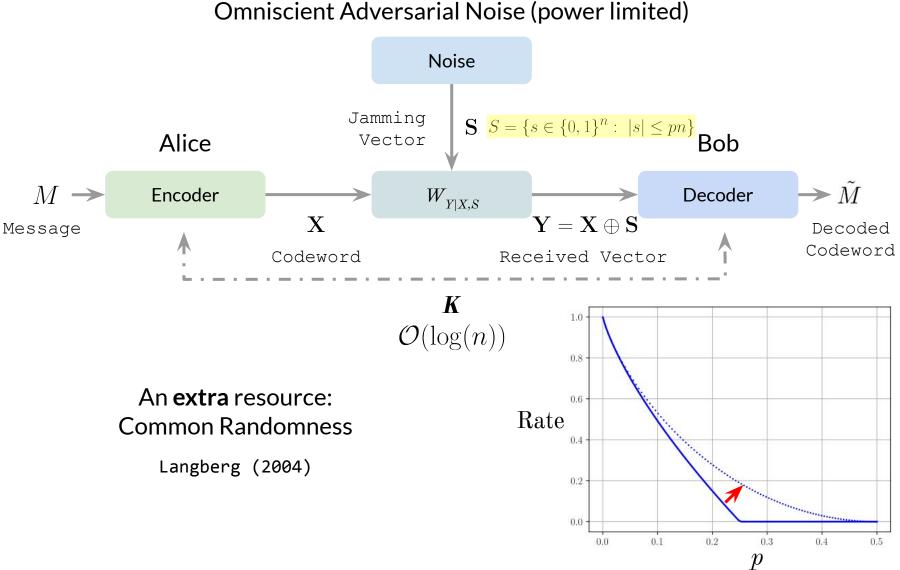
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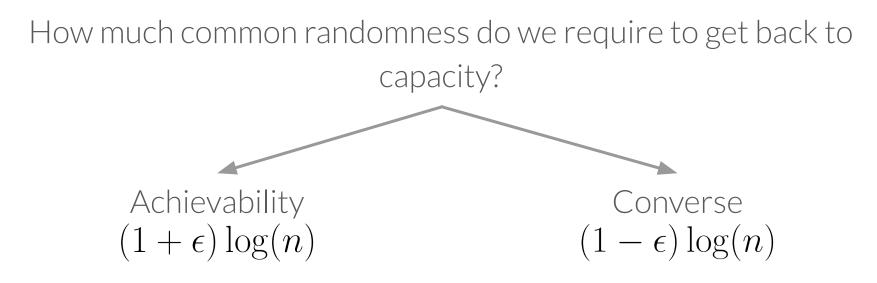
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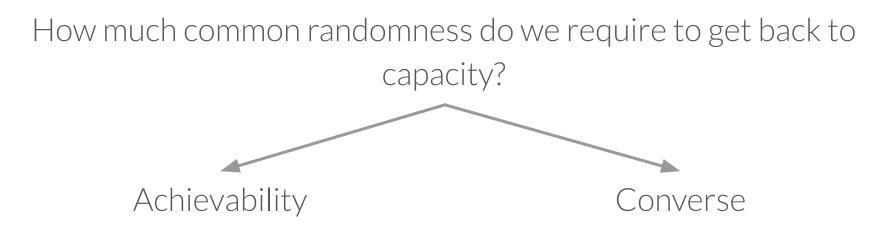


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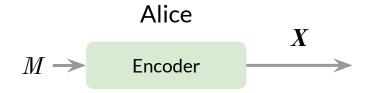
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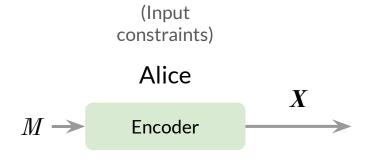


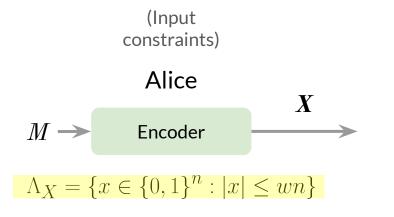
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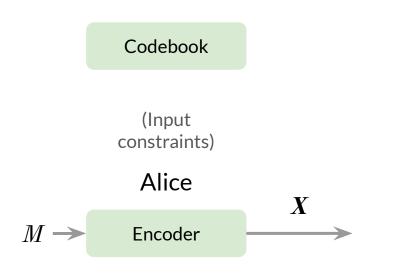


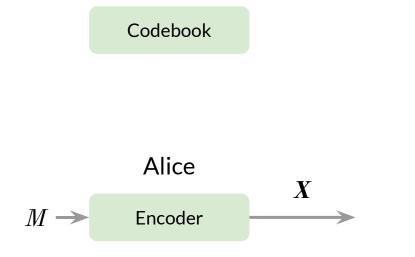
...which we answer for more general adversarial channels



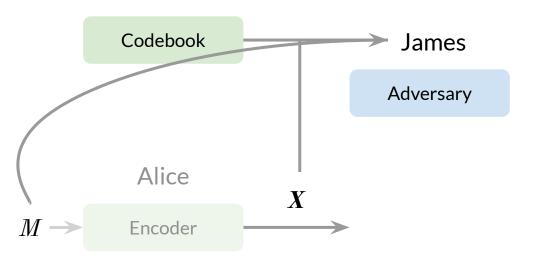




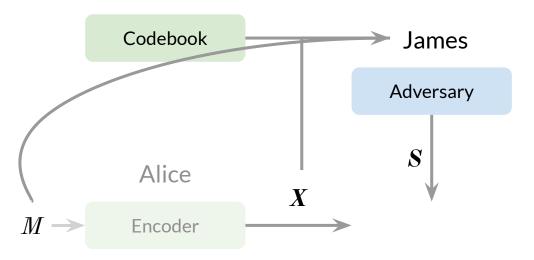


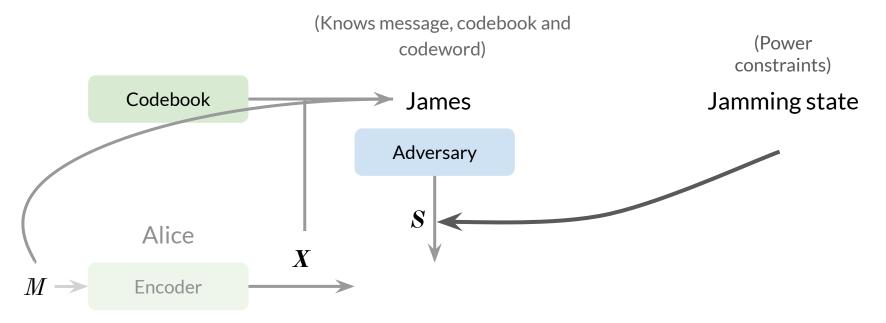


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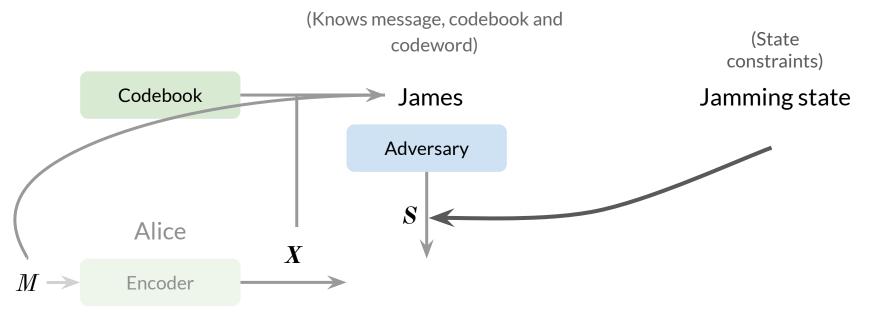
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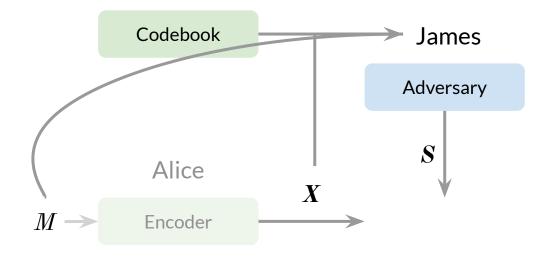


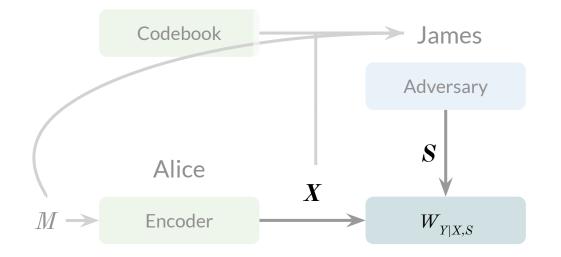


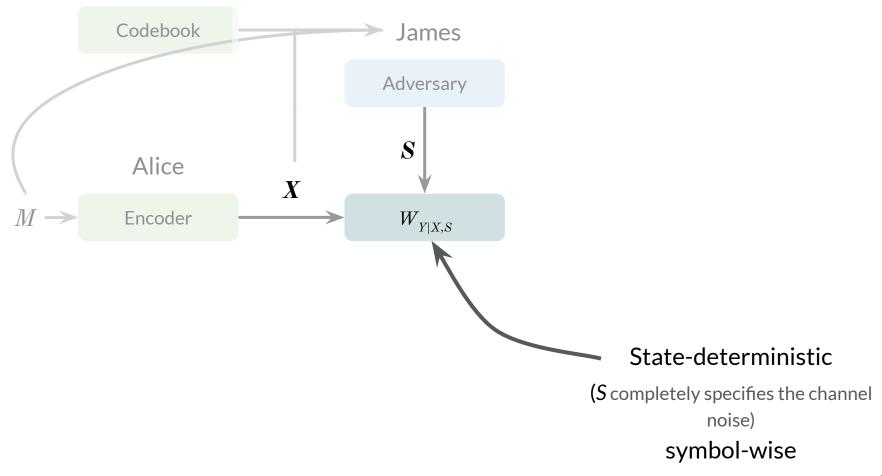
From an achievability perspective!

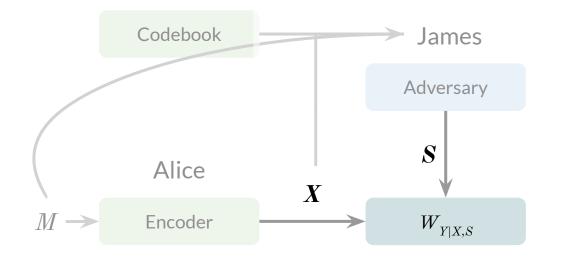
$\Lambda_{S} = \{ s \in \{0, 1\}^{n} : |s| \le pn \}$

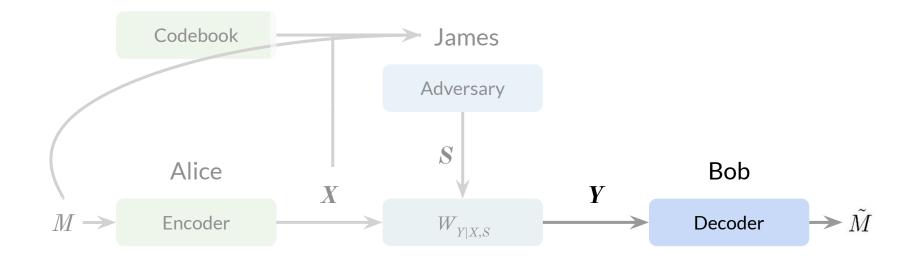


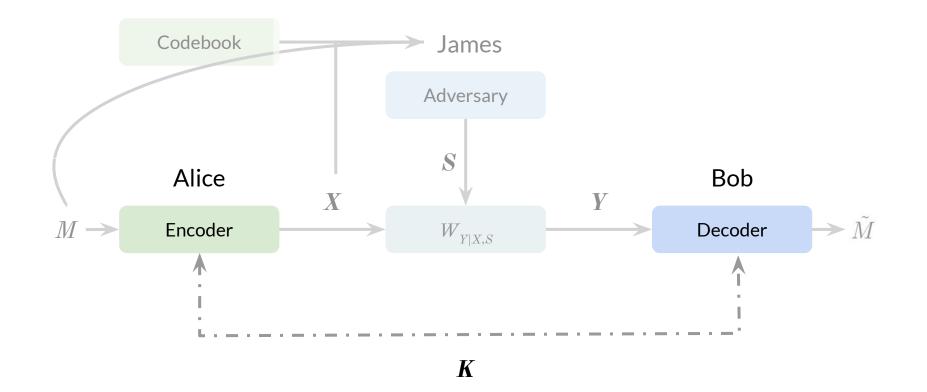


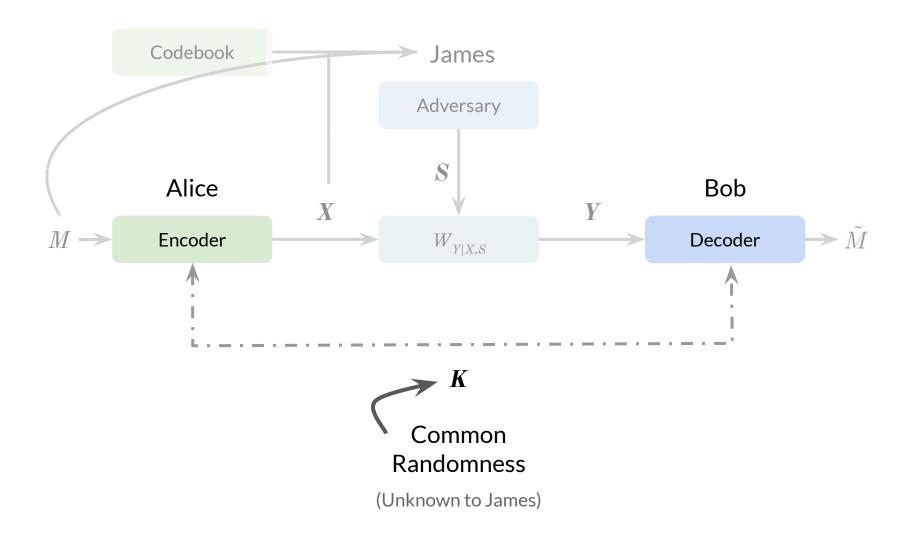


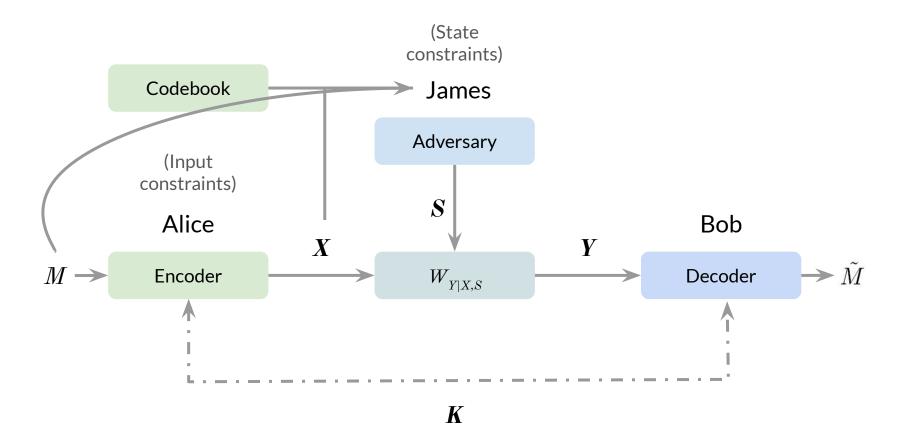




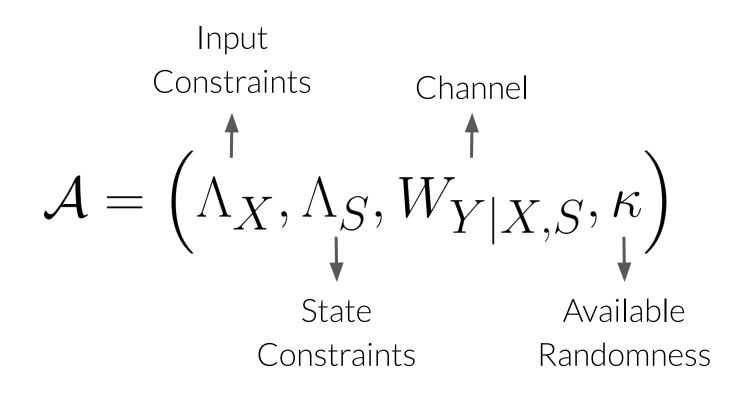








AVC



Randomised Coding Capacity

Definition: Maximum rate when unbounded common randomness is available

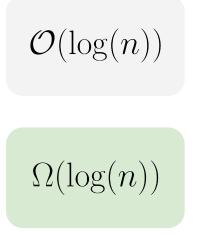
Theorem[Ahlswede 1986]

$$\overline{C}_r(\mathcal{A}) := \max_{P_X \in \Lambda_X} \min_{P_S|_X : [P_X P_S|_X]_S \in \Lambda_S} I(X;Y)$$

Reminder - Key Question

How much common randomness do we require to get to randomised coding capacity on a general AVC?

Some answers exist...



 $\mathcal{O}(\log(n))$ bits are sufficient for a fairly wide class of AVCs [Ahlswede, 1986][Langberg, 2004]

- Approach also used in [Smith, 2007]
- extended to a wide class in [Sarwate, 2008]

 $\Omega(\log(n))$ bits are necessary for an adversarial BSC(p) [Langberg, 2004]

Our contributions

Sufficiency

Using $(1 + \epsilon) \log(n)$ bits of common randomness achieves capacity.

Necessity

 $(1-\epsilon)\log(n)$ bits of common randomness are necessary to achieve capacity for 'adversary-weakened' AVCs.

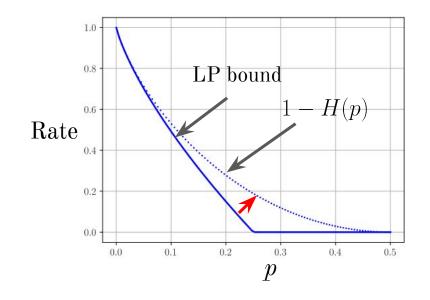
Therefore, precise characterisation of threshold.

Max probability of error metric

The Achievability

Overview

We want to increase the rate in presence of an adversary



Divide and Conquer



List Decoding



Polynomial Hashing

List coding

Key known result:

For any $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a deterministic list code with rate

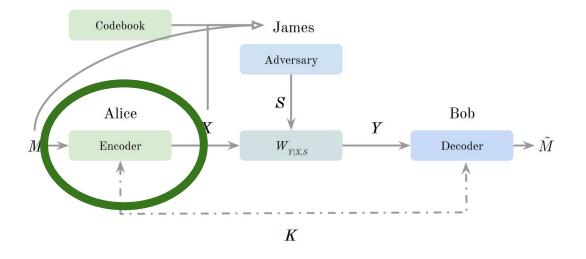
$$R = \overline{C}_r(\mathcal{A}) - \epsilon$$

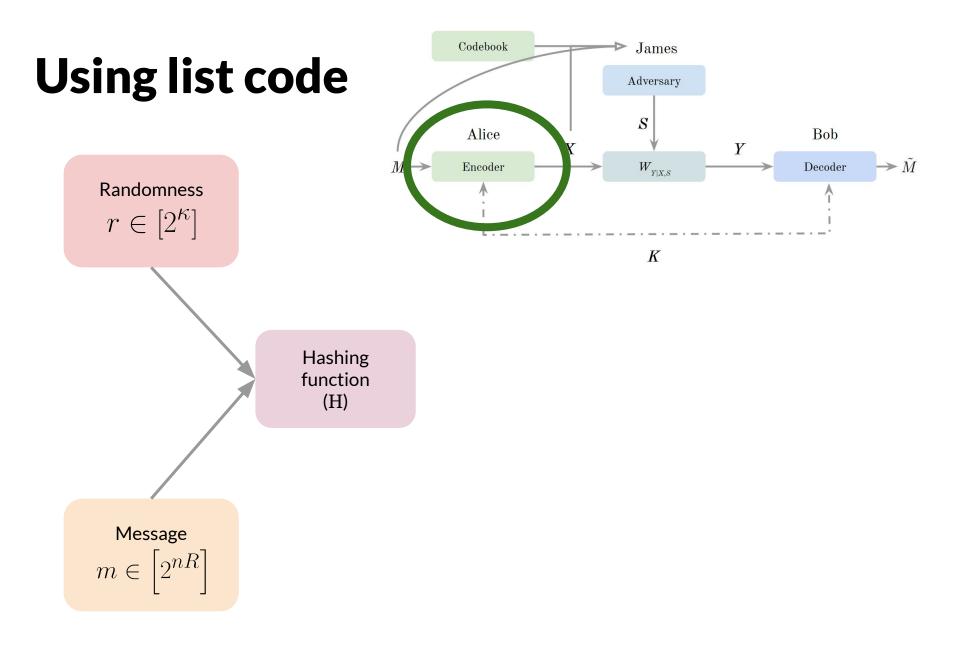
and list size

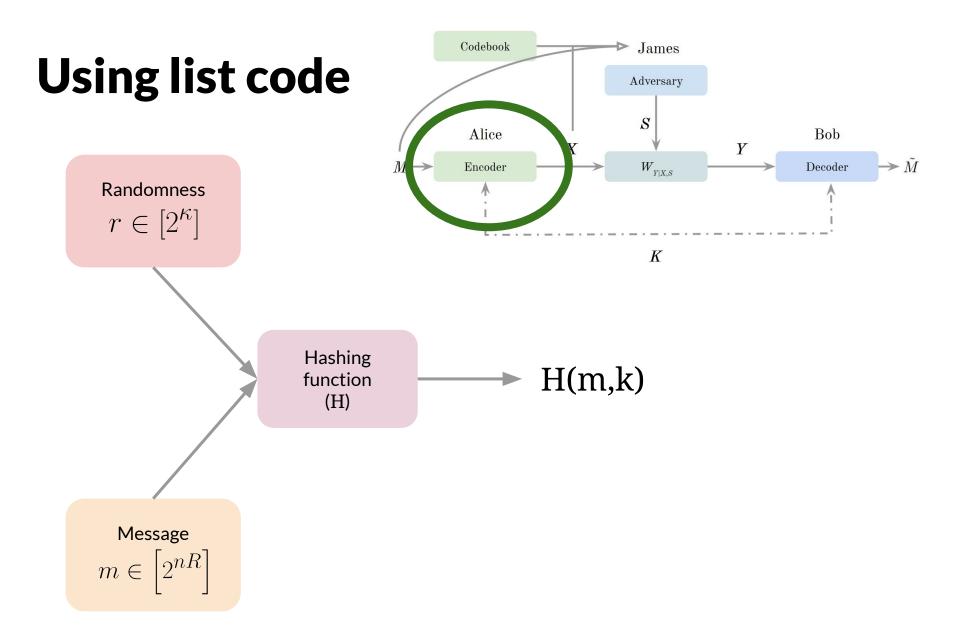
$$2 \cdot \frac{\log\left(|\text{output alphabet}|\right)}{\epsilon}$$

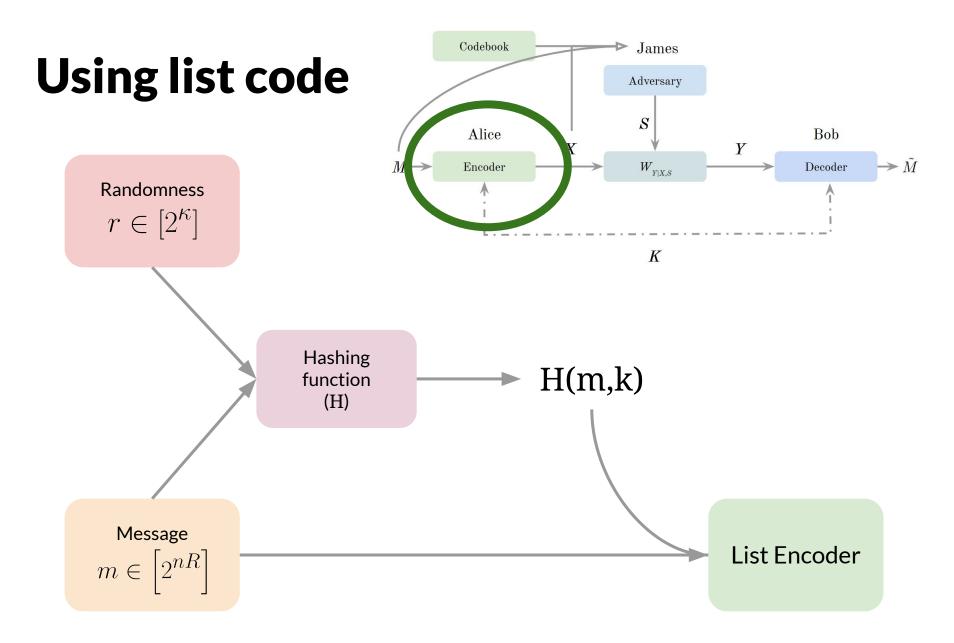
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$$\Phi$$

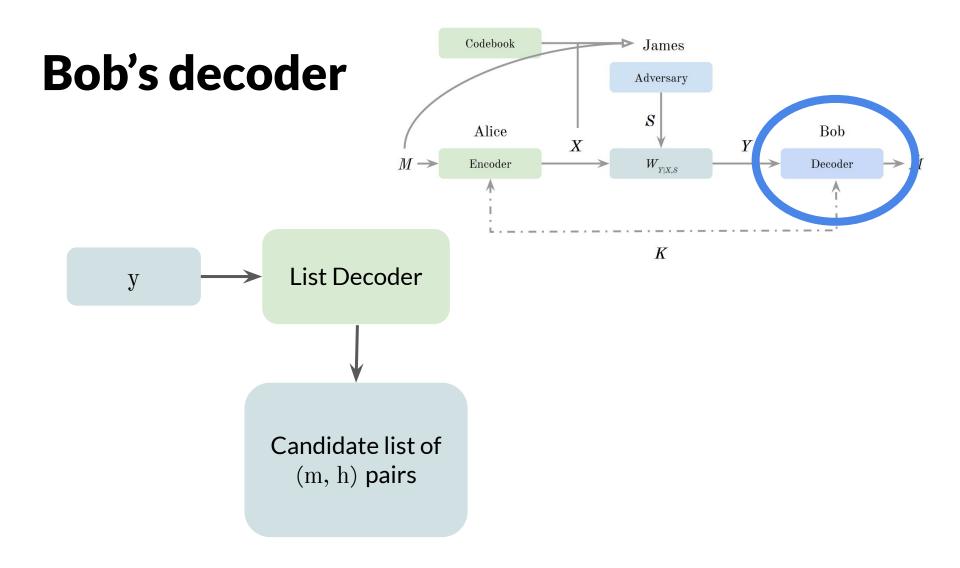
Using list code

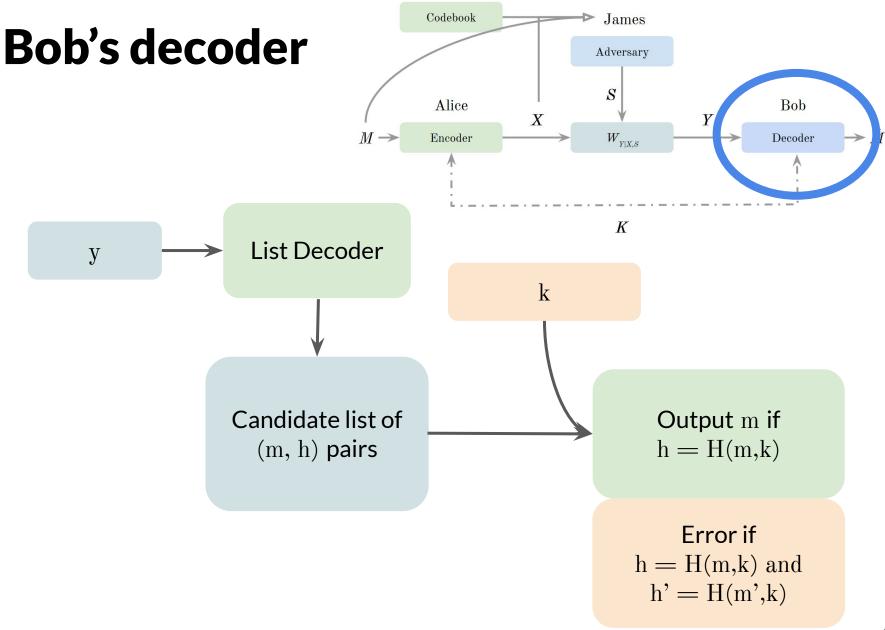




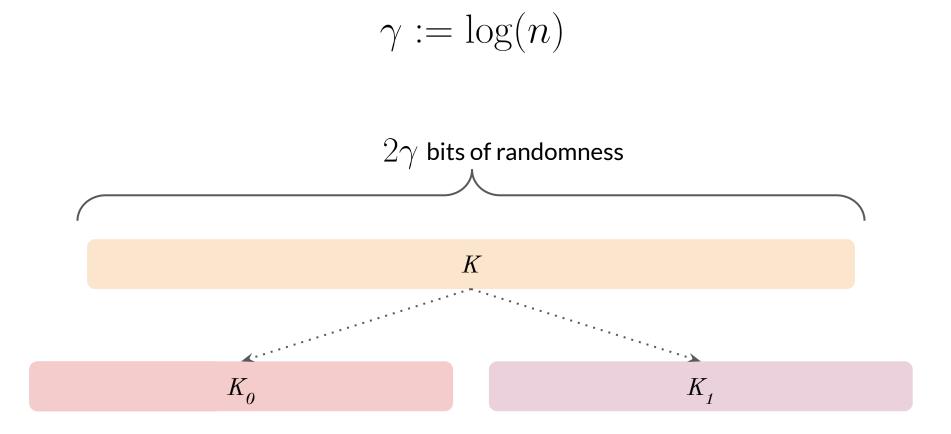


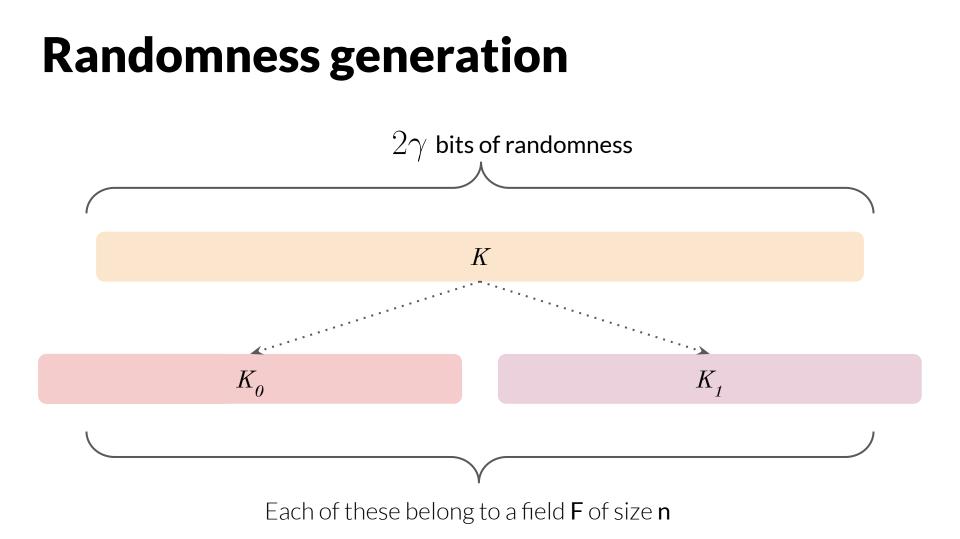


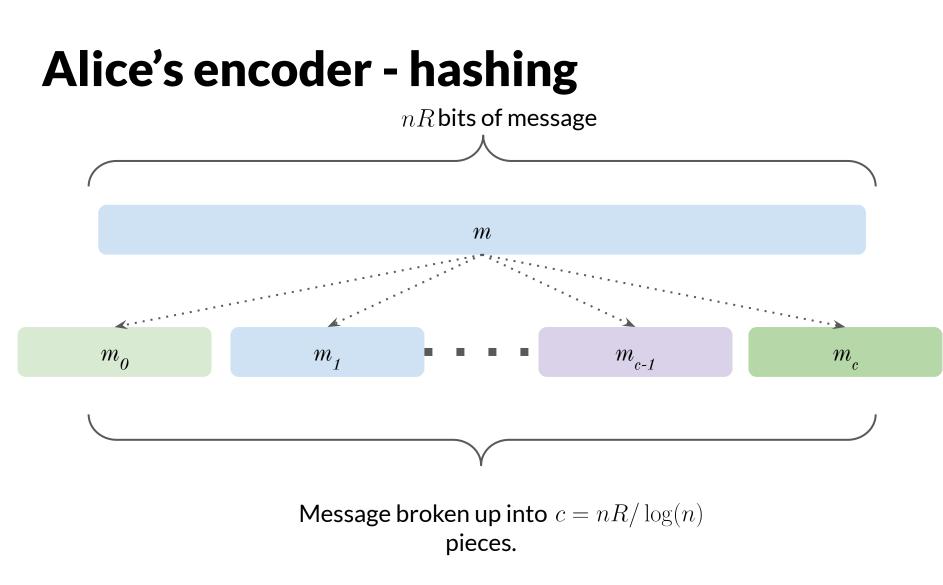




Randomness generation

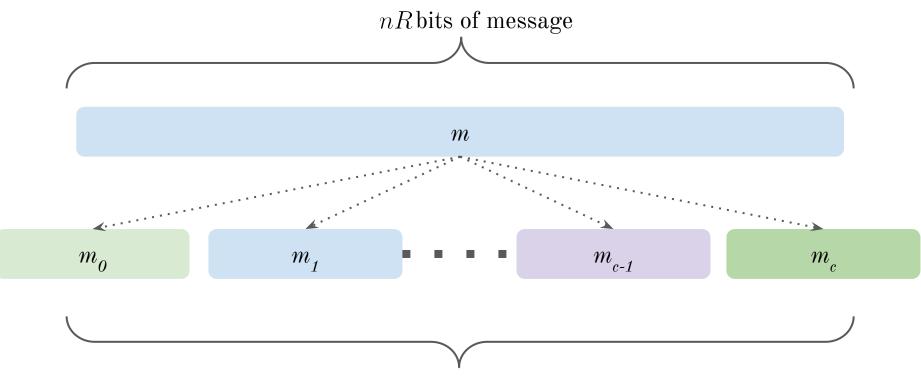






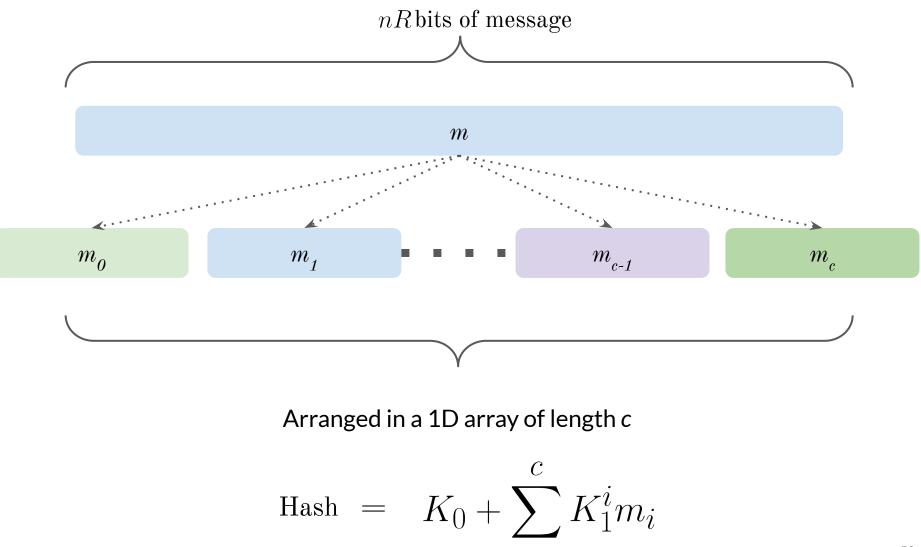
Each belongs to the field F

Alice's encoder - hashing



Arranged in a 1D array of length c

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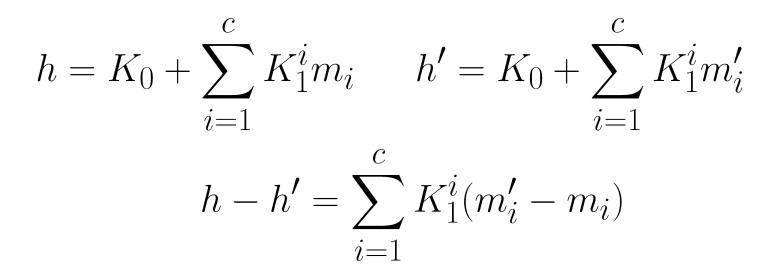


i=1

We make James **stronger**

- by **revealing** the hash and
- allowing him to send an **arbitrary short** list to Bob, as long as the correct pair is in the list.

If we show the rate is achievable, it will still be achievable with the weaker James.



Conditioned on everything that James knows, K_1 is uniformly distributed...

James has to guess **some** K_1 that will be consistent with the **true** message-hash pair.

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- It can be shown to give a polynomially decreasing error rate that goes down to zero which proves the claim.

Error Rate =
$$\frac{nR}{n\log(n)}$$

Average probability of error criterion

Holds even if adversary doesn't know the message

Therefore a **strong** converse

The Converse

'Achievability' for the adversary

Two parts to the converse





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Like a standard DMC converse



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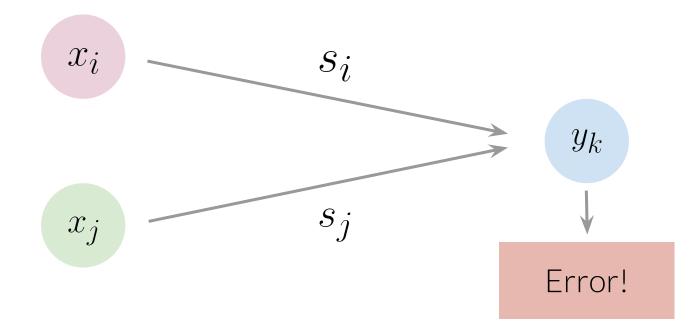
Same basic approach as in [Langberg, 2004] but extended

Proof

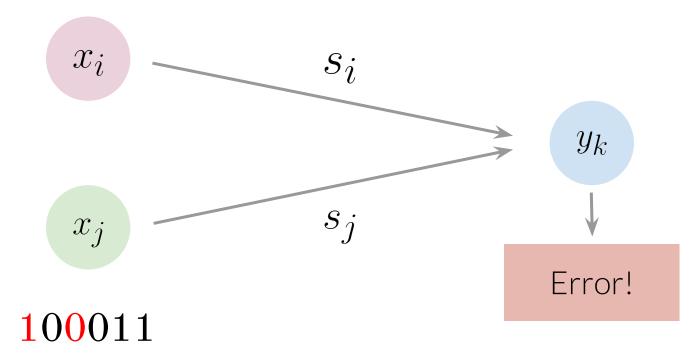
Available Randomness

$\kappa := (1 - \epsilon) \log(nR) - 1 < \log(n)$

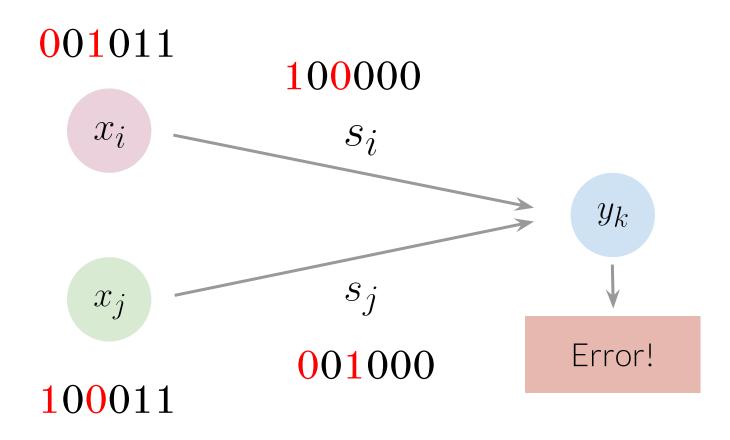
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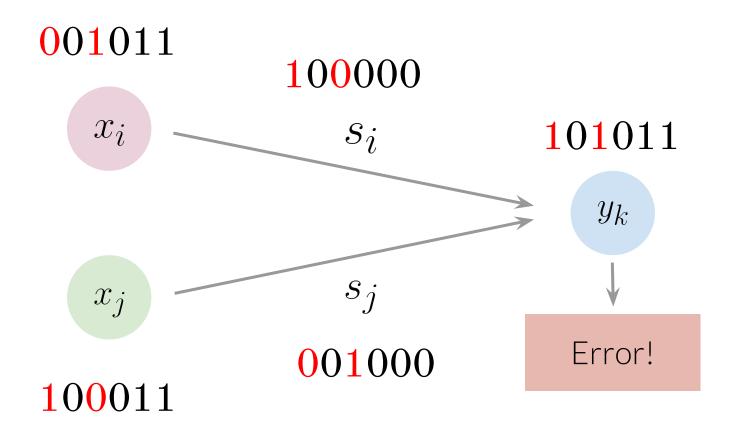
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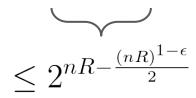
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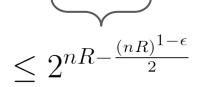
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Given A, these are called large if

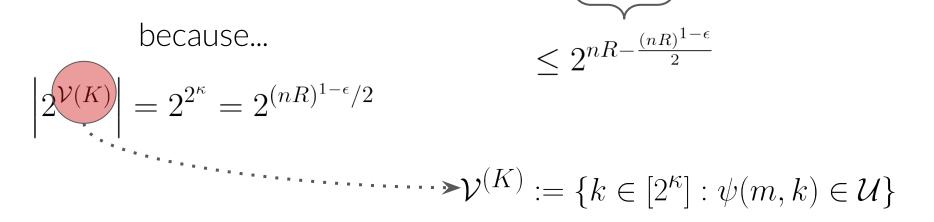
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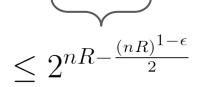
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The union of small sets is small

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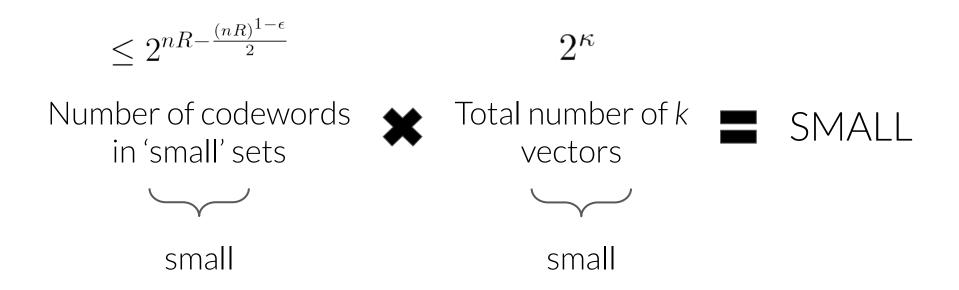
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Which gives the result!

Number of (*m*,*k*) pairs that map to codewords in small sets is small



Pairs that map to codewords in **large** sets is large

Large codes with rates higher than C_d have at least | C |/4 confusable pairs

Otherwise, expurgation of the small number of confusable codewords gives a deterministic code with higher rate than C_d

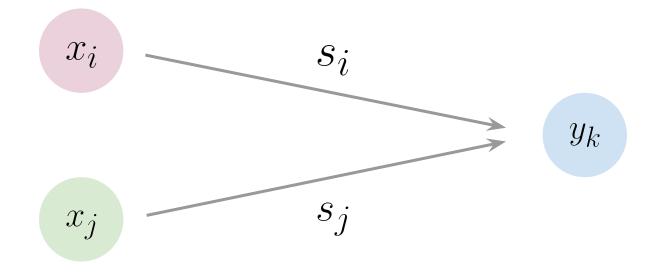
Quick aside - a non-adversary weakened AVC

$$\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{S} = \{0, 1\}$$
$$\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1, 2\}$$
$$y = x \text{ if } s = 0$$
$$y = x + s \text{ if } s = 1$$

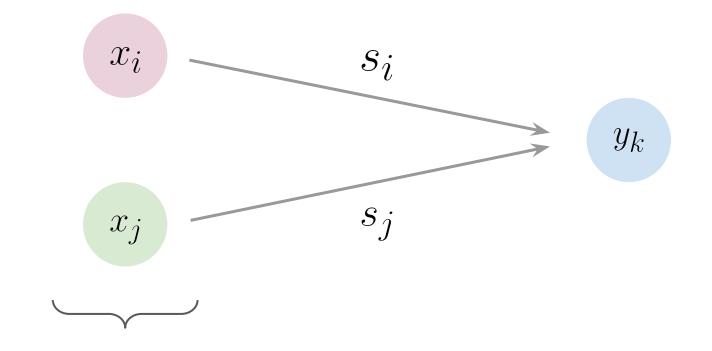
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By the previous result

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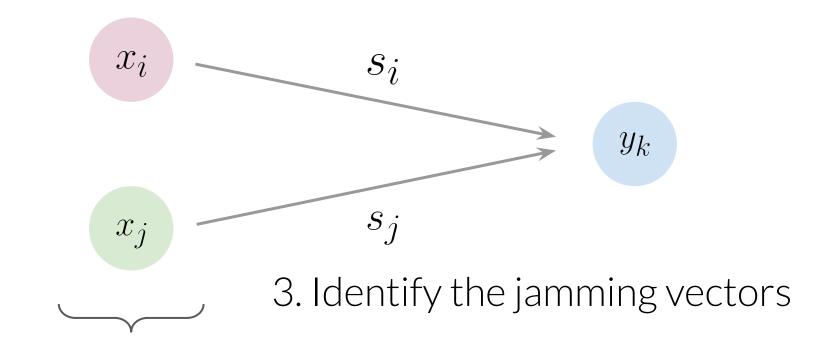


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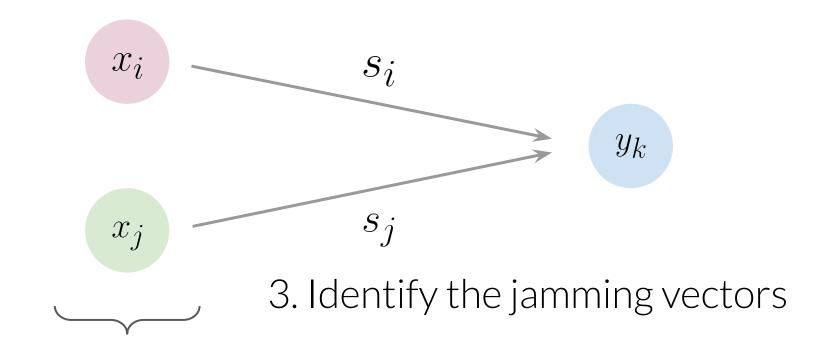
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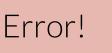


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Many Errors

Since there are many codewords in large sets, and many of them are confusable, probability of error is **large**

QED

Take-away

$(1 \pm \epsilon) \log(n)$

bits are necessary and sufficient to achieve randomized coding capacity. **Precise threshold!**

Thank you!

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