

# Sphere Packing Bound for $E$ -capacity of Secrecy Leakage of the Broadcast Channel With Confidential Messages

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## Abstract

The discrete memoryless broadcast channel with confidential messages (BCC) involves two discrete memoryless channels with two sources and one encoder. A common message must be transmitted to two receivers and a private message to the intended receiver, while keeping the other receiver as ignorant of it as possible. Secrecy leakage rate is the rate of information available to the unintended receiver about the private message. Upper bound for  $E$ -capacity of secrecy leakage of the BCC is derived.

**Key words:** Broadcast channel with confidential messages,  $E$ -capacity, error probability exponent, method of types, secrecy leakage rate, sphere packing bound.

## Introduction

A broadcast channel with confidential messages (BCC) was first investigated by Csiszár Körner [1]. The model of BCC is depicted in Fig. 1. It is assumed that a common message must be transmitted to two receivers and a private message to the intended receiver, while keeping the private message secret from the other receiver. The capacity region of the BCC was obtained in [1].

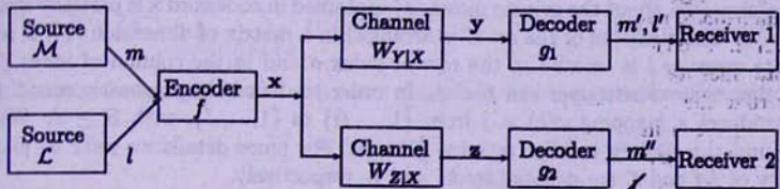


Figure 1. The model of BCC with two receivers.

In this paper, we study the rate of the maximal available information which can be obtained at an unintended receiver about the private message: we call it secrecy leakage rate. We find upper bound for  $E$ -capacity, which is the secrecy leakage rate of the unintended receiver independent on his error probability exponent  $E$ . This result generalizes the sphere packing bound for  $E$ -capacity of DMC found by E. Haroutunian in [2] (see also [3]–[5]).

## 2. Preliminaries and Result Formulation

We denote finite sets by script capitals. For the finite set  $\mathcal{X}$  the cardinality is denoted by  $|\mathcal{X}|$ . The capital letters  $X, \dots$  represent random variables (RVs) with values in  $\mathcal{X}, \dots$ , and specific realizations of them are denoted by the corresponding lower case letters  $x, \dots$ . The respective random vectors of length  $N$  are denoted by bold-face letters  $\mathbf{X}, \dots$ , and  $\mathbf{x}, \dots$ .

The discrete memoryless BCC has an input alphabet  $\mathcal{X}$  and output alphabets  $\mathcal{Y}$  and  $\mathcal{Z}$ , correspondingly, on the first and second receivers. The vector  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_N) \in \mathcal{X}^N$  is the input codeword,  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_N) \in \mathcal{Y}^N$  and  $\mathbf{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_N) \in \mathcal{Z}^N$  are the output vectors of length  $N$ .

We introduce an additional finite set  $\mathcal{U}_0$ . RVs  $U_0, X, Y$  and  $Z$  take values in  $\mathcal{U}_0, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}$  and  $\mathcal{Z}$ , correspondingly.

The memoryless broadcast channel is defined by the conditional transition PDs,

$$W_{Y|X} = \{W_{Y|X}(y|x), x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}\}, \quad W_{Z|X} = \{W_{Z|X}(z|x), x \in \mathcal{X}, z \in \mathcal{Z}\},$$

and by products for  $N$  uses of channel

$$W_{Y|X}^N(y|\mathbf{x}) \triangleq \prod_{n=1}^N W_{Y|X}(y_n|x_n), \quad W_{Z|X}^N(z|\mathbf{x}) \triangleq \prod_{n=1}^N W_{Z|X}(z_n|x_n).$$

Message  $m \in \mathcal{M}$  should be transmitted to both receivers, and the message  $l \in \mathcal{L}$  should be sent to receiver 1 ensuring to be kept as secret as possible from the other receiver.

We consider a code  $(f, g'_2)$ , where  $f$  is an encoder and  $g'_2$  is a decoder which receiver 2 applies to try to determine the private, secret message  $l$ . A code  $(f, g'_2)$  is characterized by the coding rate  $R_s$ .

To increase secrecy the stochastic encoding is applied [1]. The stochastic encoder  $f$  with the block length  $N$  is specified by conditional probabilities  $f(\mathbf{x}|m, l)$ , where  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}^N$ ,  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $l \in \mathcal{L}$ , and  $\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}^N} f(\mathbf{x}|m, l) = 1$ .

The information about the private message  $l$  contained in codeword  $\mathbf{x}$  is partially available to receiver 2. The elements of the set  $\mathcal{L}$  is arranged in a matrix of dimension  $A \times J$  so that the private message  $l$  is located in the row of index  $a$  and in the column of index  $j$ . We consider that the eavesdropper can find  $j$ . In order to define the stochastic encoding the coder introduces a mapping  $\varphi(b) = j$  from  $\{1, \dots, B\}$  to  $\{1, \dots, J\}$ , with  $B \geq J$ . We shall upper bound the secrecy leakage rate by  $\frac{1}{N} \log B$ . For more details we refer to [6]. The cardinality of  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  are denoted by  $M$  and  $L$ , respectively.

The average error probability at receiver 2 to determine  $b$  is the following

$$\bar{e}_2(f, g'_2, W_{Z|X}) \triangleq (M \times L)^{-1} \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}, l \in \mathcal{L}} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}^N} f(\mathbf{x}|m, l) W_{Z|X}^N((g'_2^{-1}(b))^c | \mathbf{x}), m, l. \quad (1)$$

The  $E$ -capacity  $\overline{C}(E)$  of secrecy leakage is the rate  $R_s$  of optimal code  $(f, g'_2)$  with the given exponent  $E$  of average error probability.

Let  $Q_0 = \{Q_0(u_0), u_0 \in \mathcal{U}_0\}$  be PD of RV  $U_0$ . We use conditional PD  $P_0 = \{P(x|u_0), x \in \mathcal{X}, u_0 \in \mathcal{U}_0\}$ . Let  $V_{Y|X} = \{V_{Y|X}(y|x), x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}\}$ , and  $V_{Z|X} = \{V_{Z|X}(z|x), x \in \mathcal{X}, z \in \mathcal{Z}\}$  be some conditional PDs.

We assume that  $U_0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y$  and  $U_0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow Z$  form Markov chains.

For the given  $E > 0$  consider the following functions

$$R_s^{sp}(E, Q_0, P_0) \triangleq \min_{V_{Z|X}: D(V_{Z|X} \| W_{Z|X}|Q_0, P_0) \leq E} I_{Q_0, P_0, V_{Z|X}}(X \wedge Z|U_0),$$

$$R_s^{sp}(E) \triangleq \max_{Q_0, P_0} R_s^{sp}(E, Q_0, P_0).$$

The purpose of the paper is to establish an upper bound for  $E$ -capacity of secrecy leakage.

**Theorem:** For all  $E > 0$ ,

$$\overline{C}(E) \leq R_s^{sp}(E).$$

### 3. Proof of the Theorem

Let  $Q'_0$  be a type of vectors in  $\mathcal{U}_0^N$  and  $P'_0$  be a conditional type of  $x \in \mathcal{X}^N$  for the given  $u_0$ . The codebook is generated by the following steps.

First,  $M$  vectors  $u_{0m}$  are chosen from  $T_{Q'_0}^N(U_0)$ . Then for each  $u_{0m}$ ,  $A \times B$  codewords  $x_{m,a,b}$  are drawn from  $P'_0$ -shell  $T_{Q'_0, P'_0}^N(X|u_{0m})$ . The codewords are arranged in  $M$  classes and every class contains  $A \times B$  codewords, where

$$B = \exp\{N \min_{V_{Z|X}: D(V_{Z|X} \| W_{Z|X}|Q'_0, P'_0) \leq E} (I_{Q'_0, P'_0, V_{Z|X}}(X \wedge Z|U_0) - \delta)\},$$

and  $A$  is such that  $\frac{1}{N} \log A = \frac{1}{N} \log L - \frac{1}{N} \log J$ . We use the sets  $\mathcal{A} \triangleq \{1, \dots, A\}$ ,  $\mathcal{B} \triangleq \{1, \dots, B\}$  and  $\mathcal{J} \triangleq \{1, \dots, J\}$ .

To encode the message  $l = (a, j)$  a pair  $(a, b_j)$  must be chosen. To this end, a function  $\varphi$  is defined to partition every class  $m$  of codewords into  $L$  subsets of nearly equal size. Then pair  $(a, b_j)$  is chosen randomly from  $\{(a, b) : b \in \varphi^{-1}(j)\}$ . The encoder of pair of messages  $(m, l)$  is  $f : (m, l) \rightarrow \{x_{m,a,b_j}\}_{m \in \mathcal{M}, a \in \mathcal{A}, j \in \mathcal{J}}$ .

Let  $E$  and  $\delta$  be given such that  $E > \delta > 0$ . Let the code  $(f, g'_2)$  of length  $N$  be defined,  $R_s$  be the rate of the code and average error probability decreases exponentially

$$(M \times L)^{-1} \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}, l \in \mathcal{L}} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}^N} f(x|m, l) W_{Z|X}^N((g'_2(b))^c | x) \leq \exp\{-N(E - \delta)\}. \quad (2)$$

The number of messages  $M \times L$  can be presented as the numbers of codewords of different types

$$M \times L = \sum_{Q'_0, P'_0} |f(\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{L}) \cap \bigcup_{u_0 \in T_{Q'_0}^N(U_0)} T_{Q'_0, P'_0}^N(X|u_0)|.$$

The number of all types  $Q'_0, P'_0$  is less than  $(N+1)^{|\mathcal{X}| |\mathcal{L}|}$  then there exists a major type  $Q_0^*, P_0^*$  such that

$$|f(\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{L}) \cap \bigcup_{u_0 \in T_{Q_0^*}^N(U_0)} T_{Q_0^*, P_0^*}^N(X|u_0)| \geq M \times L \times (N+1)^{-|\mathcal{X}| |\mathcal{L}|}. \quad (3)$$

Now in the left-hand side of (2) we can consider only the codewords of types  $Q_0^*, P_0^*$  and the part of output vectors  $z$  of the conditional type  $V_{Z|X}$

$$\sum_{m, a, j: x_{m,a,b_j} \in T_{Q_0^*, P_0^*}^N(X|u_0)} \sum_{b \in \varphi^{-1}(j)} f(x_{m,a,b_j}|m, l) W_{Z|X}^N(T_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}^N(Z|u_0, x_{m,a,b_j}) \cap g'_2(b) | x_{m,a,b_j})$$

$$\leq M \times L \times \exp\{-N(E - \delta)\}.$$

For  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}^N(Z|\mathbf{u}_{0m}, \mathbf{x}_{m,a,b})$  we obtain that

$$\sum_{m,a,j:\mathbf{x}_{m,a,b_j} \in \mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*}^N(X|\mathbf{u}_0)} \sum_{b \in \varphi^{-1}(j)} f(\mathbf{x}_{m,a,b}|m, l) W_{Z|X}^N(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_{m,a,b}) \times \left\{ |\mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}^N(Z|\mathbf{u}_{0m}, \mathbf{x}_{m,a,b})| - \right. \\ \left. - |\mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}^N(Z|\mathbf{u}_{0m}, \mathbf{x}_{m,a,b}) \cap g_2'^{-1}(b)| \right\} \leq M \times L \times \exp\{-N(E - \delta)\},$$

or

$$\sum_{m,a,j:\mathbf{x}_{m,a,b_j} \in \mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*}^N(X|\mathbf{u}_0)} \sum_{b \in \varphi^{-1}(j)} f(\mathbf{x}_{m,a,b}|m, l) |\mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}^N(Z|\mathbf{u}_{0m}, \mathbf{x}_{m,a,b})| - \\ \frac{M \times L \times \exp\{-N(E - \delta)\}}{\exp\{-N[D(V_{Z|X} \| W_{Z|X} | Q_0^*, P_0^*) + H_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}(Z|X)]\}} \leq \\ \leq \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \sum_{a,j:\mathbf{x}_{m,a,b_j} \in \mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*}^N(X|\mathbf{u}_0)} \sum_{b \in \varphi^{-1}(j)} f(\mathbf{x}_{m,a,b}|m, l) |\mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}^N(Z|\mathbf{u}_{0m}, \mathbf{x}_{m,a,b}) \cap g_2'^{-1}(b)|.$$

Then we have

$$\sum_{m,a,j:\mathbf{x}_{m,a,b_j} \in \mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*}^N(X|\mathbf{u}_0)} (N+1)^{-|\mathcal{X}||\mathcal{U}_0||\mathcal{Z}|} \exp\{NH_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}(Z|U_0, X)\} - \\ - M \times L \times \exp\{N[D(V_{Z|X} \| W_{Z|X} | Q_0^*, P_0^*) + H_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}(Z|X) - E + \delta]\} \leq \\ \leq \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \sum_{a,j:\mathbf{x}_{m,a,b_j} \in \mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*}^N(X|\mathbf{u}_0)} \sum_{b \in \varphi^{-1}(j)} f(\mathbf{x}_{m,a,b}|m, l) |\mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}^N(Z|\mathbf{u}_{0m}, \mathbf{x}_{m,a,b}) \cap g_2'^{-1}(b)|.$$

So

$$|f(\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{L}) \cap \bigcup_{\mathbf{u}_0 \in \mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*}^N(U_0)} \mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*}^N(X|\mathbf{u}_0)| (N+1)^{-|\mathcal{X}||\mathcal{U}_0||\mathcal{Z}|} \exp\{NH_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}(Z|U_0, X)\} - \\ - M \times L \times \exp\{N[D(V_{Z|X} \| W_{Z|X} | Q_0^*, P_0^*) + H_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}(Z|X) - E + \delta]\} \leq \\ \leq \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \sum_{a,j:\mathbf{x}_{m,a,b_j} \in \mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*}^N(X|\mathbf{u}_0)} \sum_{b \in \varphi^{-1}(j)} f(\mathbf{x}_{m,a,b}|m, l) |\mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}^N(Z|\mathbf{u}_{0m}, \mathbf{x}_{m,a,b}) \cap g_2'^{-1}(b)|. \quad (4)$$

For every  $j$  we consider such  $b_j$  that for each  $b \in \varphi^{-1}(j)$

$$|\mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}^N(Z|\mathbf{u}_{0m}, \mathbf{x}_{m,a,b}) \cap g_2'^{-1}(b)| \leq |\mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}^N(Z|\mathbf{u}_{0m}, \mathbf{x}_{m,a,b_j}) \cap g_2'^{-1}(b_j)|,$$

and from the definition of decoding function  $g'_2$  it follows that the sets  $g_2'^{-1}(b)$  are disjoint, therefore

$$\sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \sum_{a,j:\mathbf{x}_{m,a,b_j} \in \mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*}^N(X|\mathbf{u}_0)} \sum_{b \in \varphi^{-1}(j)} f(\mathbf{x}_{m,a,b}|m, l) |\mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}^N(Z|\mathbf{u}_{0m}, \mathbf{x}_{m,a,b}) \cap g_2'^{-1}(b)| \\ \leq \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \sum_{a,j:\mathbf{x}_{m,a,b_j} \in \mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*}^N(X|\mathbf{u}_0)} |\mathcal{T}_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}^N(Z|\mathbf{u}_{0m}, \mathbf{x}_{m,a,b_j}) \cap g_2'^{-1}(b_j)| \sum_{b \in \varphi^{-1}(j)} f(\mathbf{x}_{m,a,b}|m, l)$$

$$\leq \sum_{m \in M} |T_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}^N(Z|u_{0m})| \leq M \exp\{NH_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}(Z|U_0)\}. \quad (5)$$

taking into account (3) and by substituting (5) in (4) we come to

$$\begin{aligned} & M \times L \times (N+1)^{-|\mathcal{X}| |\mathcal{U}_0|(|\mathcal{Z}|+1)} \exp\{NH_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}(Z|U_0, X)\} - \\ & - M \times L \times \exp\{N[D(V_{Z|X} \| W_{Z|X} | Q_0^*, P_0^*) + H_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}(Z|X) - E + \delta]\} \\ & \leq M \exp\{NH_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}(Z|U_0)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$L \leq \frac{\exp\{NI_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}(X \wedge Z|U_0)\}}{(N+1)^{-|\mathcal{X}| |\mathcal{U}_0|(|\mathcal{Z}|+1)} - \exp\{N(D(V_{Z|X} \| W_{Z|X} | Q_0^*, P_0^*) - E + \delta)\}}.$$

Since  $L = A \times J$  then  $J \leq L$ , so

$$J \leq \frac{\exp\{NI_{Q_0^*, P_0^*, V_{Z|X}}(X \wedge Z|U_0)\}}{(N+1)^{-|\mathcal{X}| |\mathcal{U}_0|(|\mathcal{Z}|+1)} - \exp\{N(D(V_{Z|X} \| W_{Z|X} | Q_0^*, P_0^*) - E + \delta)\}}. \quad (6)$$

For  $N$  large enough  $(N+1)^{-|\mathcal{X}| |\mathcal{U}_0|(|\mathcal{Z}|+1)} - \exp\{N(D(V_{Z|X} \| W_{Z|X} | Q_0^*, P_0^*) - E + \delta)\}$  is positive  
the following inequality holds

$$D(V_{Z|X} \| W_{Z|X} | Q_0^*, P_0^*) \leq E - \delta.$$

Thus from (6) and the definition of  $R_s$  we conclude

$$0 \leq R_s \leq \max_{Q_0, P_0} \min_{V_{Z|X}: D(V_{Z|X} \| W_{Z|X} | Q_0, P_0) \leq E} I_{Q_0, P_0, V_{Z|X}}(X \wedge Z|U_0).$$

The proof is complete.

## Conclusion

We studied the secrecy leakage rate in the BCC and derived a sphere packing bound for  $E$ -capacity of secrecy leakage. This result generalizes the sphere packing bound for  $E$ -capacity of DMC, and will be used to establish an inner bound for  $E$ -capacity region of the BCC.

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Գաղտնի հաղորդագրություններով լայնասիյուր կապույտ գաղտնիքի հոսակորուսի արագության զնդերի փարերակորման զնահատականը

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#### Ամփոփում

Գաղտնի հաղորդագրություններով լայնասիյուր կապույտ ընթանոր հաղորդագրությունը փոխանցվում է երկու հասցեատերերին, իսկ մասնավոր հաղորդագրությունը՝ մայթ մեկին, այն պետք է հմարավորին զաղոտնի լինի մյուսի նկատմամբ: Կառուցվել է զաղոտը հոսակորուսի արագության  $E$ -ունակության վերին զնահատականը:

#### Граница сферической упаковки скорости утечки секрета в широковещательном канале с секретными сообщениями

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#### Аннотация

Общее сообщение широковещательного канала с секретными сообщениями передается двум адресатам, а частное сообщение только одному из них и должно быть насколько возможно секретным для второго. Построена верхняя граница  $E$ -пропускной способности скорости утечки секрета.