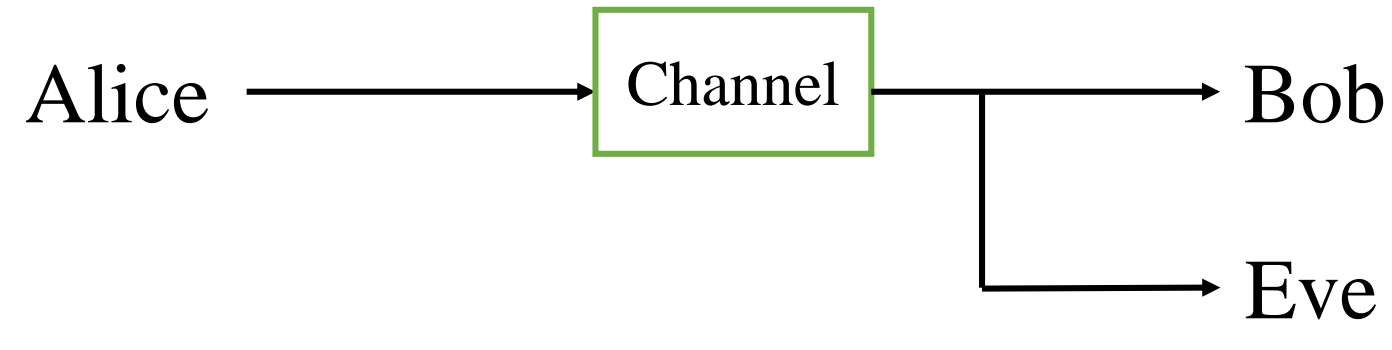


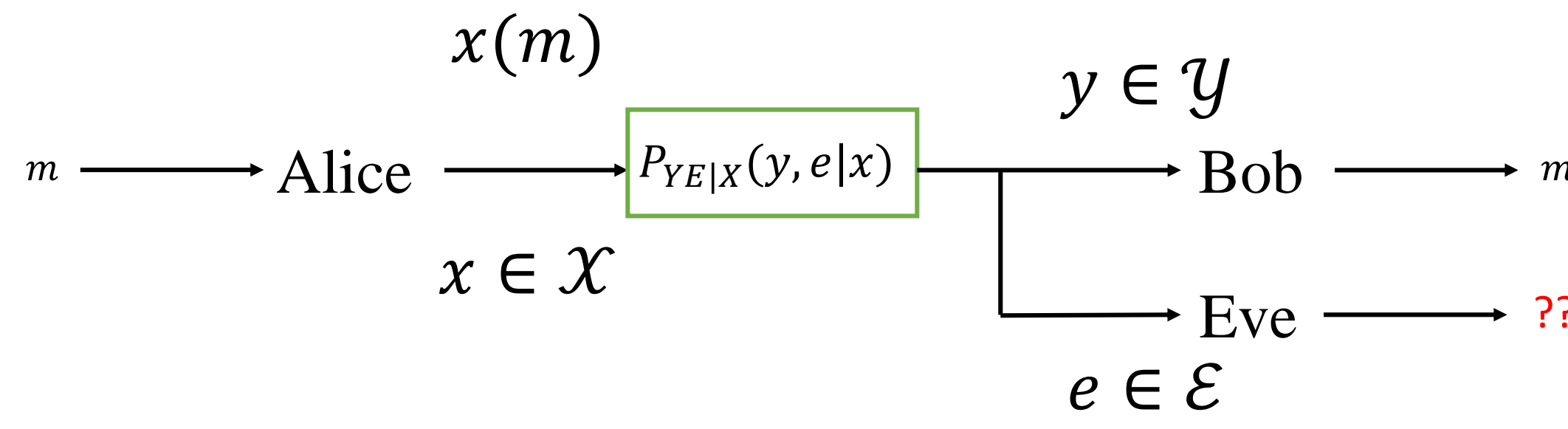
# One-shot Inner Bounds for Sending Private Classical Information over a Quantum MAC

## The Problem



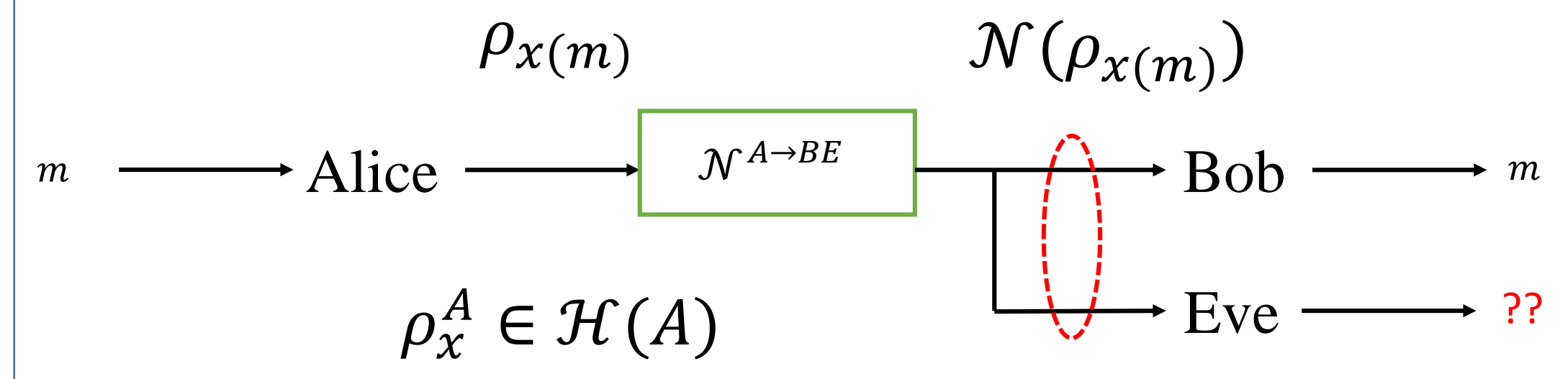
Can Alice send messages to Bob while hiding them from Eve?

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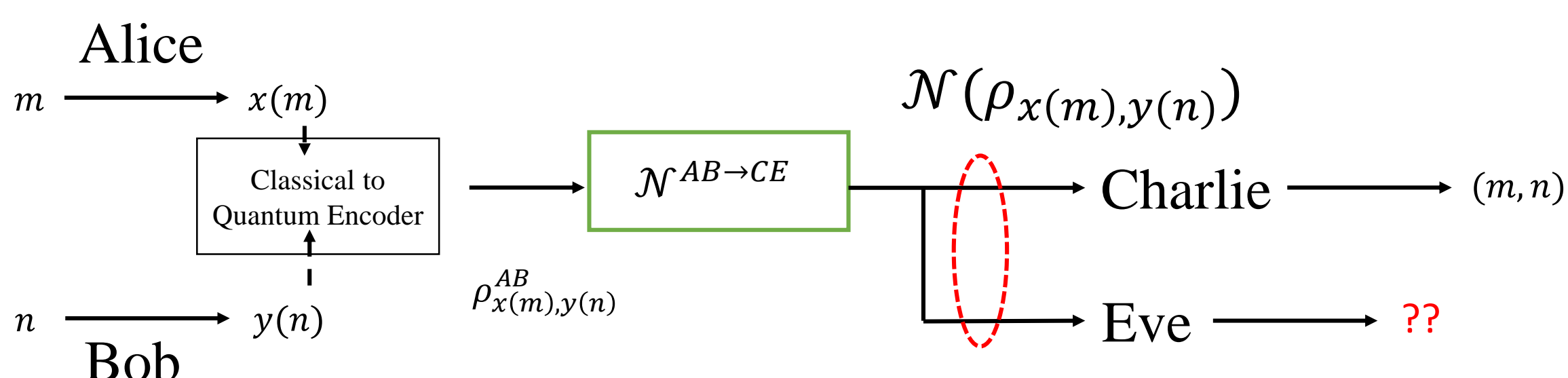
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Classical Quantum Multiple Access Channel

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## Formal Problem Statement : The Point to Point Channel

Given a quantum channel  $\mathcal{N}^{A \rightarrow BE}$ , where  $A$  belongs to the sender Alice,  $B$  belongs to the legitimate receiver Bob and  $E$  belongs to the eavesdropper Eve, does there exist a classical to quantum encoding map  $\mathcal{F}^{[M] \rightarrow A}$  and a quantum classical decoding map  $\mathcal{D}^{B \rightarrow [M]}$  such that the following conditions are met :

- Reliability** : For all  $m \in [M]$  Bob should be able to recover the transmitted message with probability of error at most some small constant  $\epsilon > 0$ .
- Privacy** : For all  $m \in [m]$ , the state on Eve's system  $E$  should be close to a constant independent of  $m$ .

## Strategy for the Point to Point Channel

- Alice creates a random code  $\{x(m, k)\}$  from a fixed distribution  $P_X$ , for each index  $(m, k)$ .
- She divides the codebook into blocks of size  $k$ , where each block corresponds to some message  $m$ . Here,  $k \in [K], m \in [M]$ .
- This operation corresponds to the encoding map  $\mathcal{F}^{[M] \rightarrow A}$ .
- To send the message  $m$ , Alice randomly chooses an index  $k \in [K]$  at random and encodes the corresponding symbol  $x(m, k)$  into the input state  $\rho_{x(m, k)}$ .
- $\rho_{x(m, k)}$  is input to the channel.

## Strategy for the Point to Point Channel

- Reliability** : Existence of  $\mathcal{D}$  guaranteed by
  - the HSW theorem in the asymptotic iid regime, whenever  $M < I(X : B)$
  - by Sen's sequential decoder in the One-shot regime, whenever  $M < I_H^\epsilon(X : B)$

- Privacy** : Guaranteed by the covering lemma and the random choice of  $k$  at the encoder (both iid and one-shot) :

$$\left\| \frac{1}{K} \sum_k \rho_{x(m, k)}^E - \rho^E \right\| \leq \epsilon$$

- Whenever  $K > I(X : E)$  in the asymptotic iid regime
- Whenever  $K > I_{\max}^\epsilon(X : E)$  in the one-shot regime.

## The Classical-Quantum MAC

- Reliability** :
  - Successive Cancellation + Time Sharing in asymptotic iid
  - Sen's Simultaneous decoder in the one-shot regime

**ISSUE** : Need a multiterminal version of the covering lemma to guarantee joint secrecy of Alice and Bob.

## The Simultaneous Smoothing Conjecture

Ideal Multiterminal Covering Lemma : For senders Alice and Bob, given the encoding distributions  $P_X$  and  $P_Y$ , the classical to quantum channel  $\mathcal{N}^{AB \rightarrow CE}$  and the resulting control state

$$\sum_{x, y} P_X(x) P_Y(y) |x\rangle \langle x| \otimes |y\rangle \langle y| \otimes \rho_{x, y}^{CE}$$

for  $K$  and  $L$  random samples  $\{x(k) \mid k \in [K]\}$  and  $\{y(\ell) \mid \ell \in [L]\}$  picked independently from  $P_X$  and  $P_Y$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{1}{KL} \sum_{k, \ell} \rho_{x(k), y(\ell)}^E - \rho^E \right\| \leq \epsilon$$

whenever

$$\begin{aligned} K &> I_{\max}^\epsilon(X : C) \\ L &> I_{\max}^\epsilon(Y : C) \\ K + L &> I_{\max}^\epsilon(XY : C) \end{aligned}$$

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## The Solution : A Successive Cancellation Covering Lemma

Under the same setup as the ideal lemma, the secrecy condition

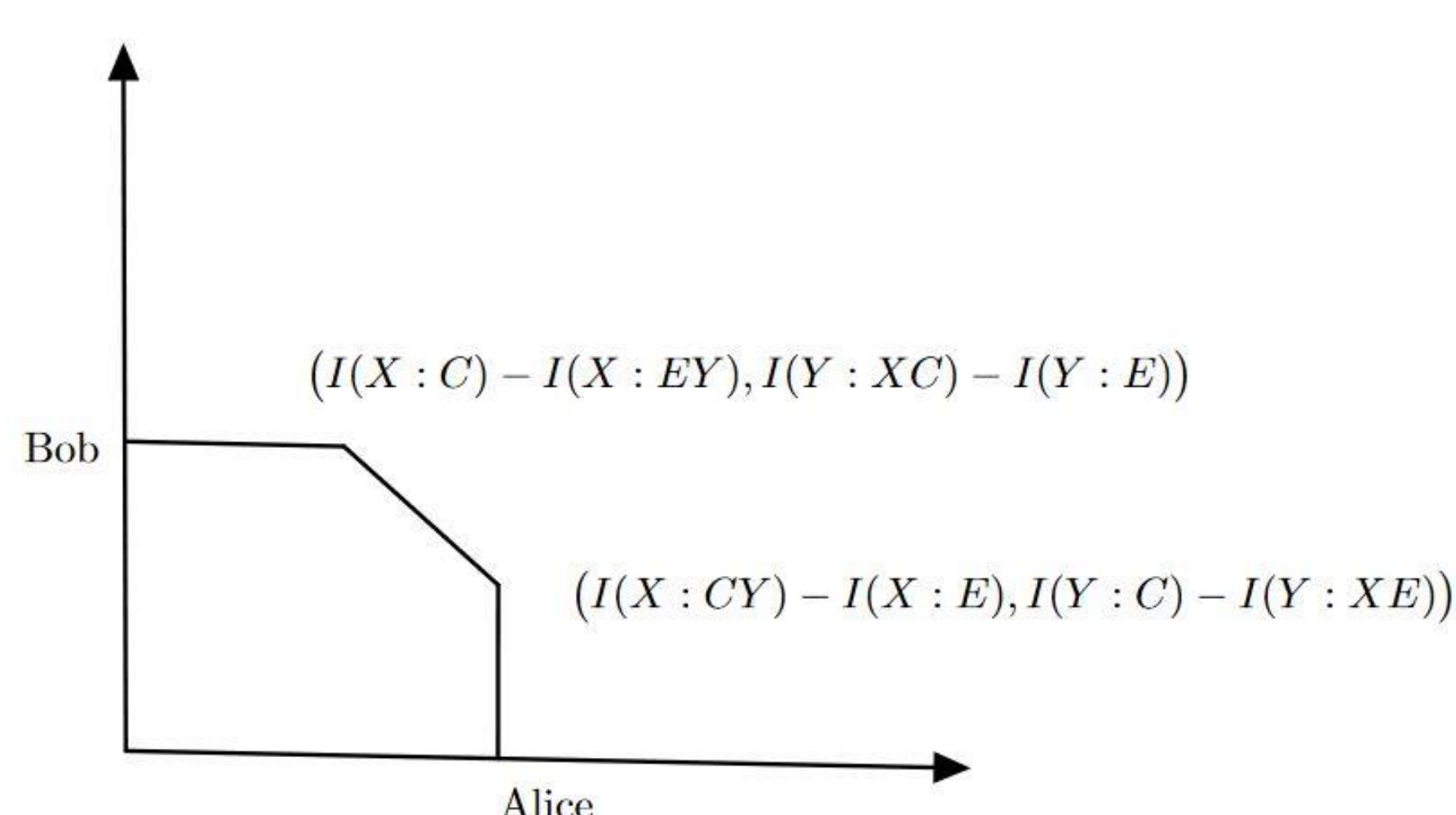
$$\mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{1}{KL} \sum_{k, \ell} \rho_{x(k), y(\ell)}^E - \rho^E \right\| \leq \epsilon$$

holds whenever

$$\begin{aligned} K > I_{\max}^\epsilon(X : EY) & \quad \text{or} \quad K > I_{\max}^\epsilon(X : E) \\ L > I_{\max}^\epsilon(Y : E) & \quad \quad \quad L > I_{\max}^\epsilon(Y : XE) \end{aligned}$$

## Consequences : The Private Classical Capacity of the Quantum MAC

Asymptotic IID : Joint secrecy for points on the dominant face (other than the corner points) guaranteed by time sharing.



## Consequences : The Private Classical Capacity of the Quantum MAC

One-Shot : **Issue** – Time sharing can no longer be done.

Solution – Use rate splitting and the successive cancellation covering lemma to guarantee joint secrecy for more points other than the corner points.

