Applications of Spatial Coupling & Sparse Graph Codes for Sparse Recovery

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Outline

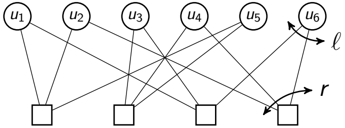
An (ℓ, r) LDPC Code

Parity-Check Matrix

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\ell = 2 \qquad r = 3$

Tanner Graph



Compressed Representation

Two Decoders & Two Thresholds

Belief Propagation (BP)

- Popular choice
- Low-complexity
- Threshold: $\mathtt{h}^{\mathrm{BP}}$

Maximum a Posteriori (MAP)

- Optimal Decoder
- Not Realizable
- Threshold: $\mathtt{h}^{\mathrm{MAP}}$

$$\mathtt{h}^{\mathrm{BP}} < \mathtt{h}^{\mathrm{MAP}}$$

Threshold Comparison

LDPC (ℓ, r)	Capacity	AWGN		BSC	
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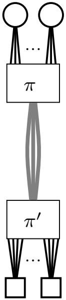

- An LDPC code of left-degree $\ell = 3$ and right-degree $r = 4$

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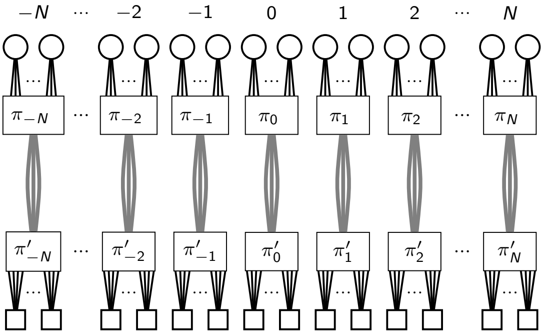

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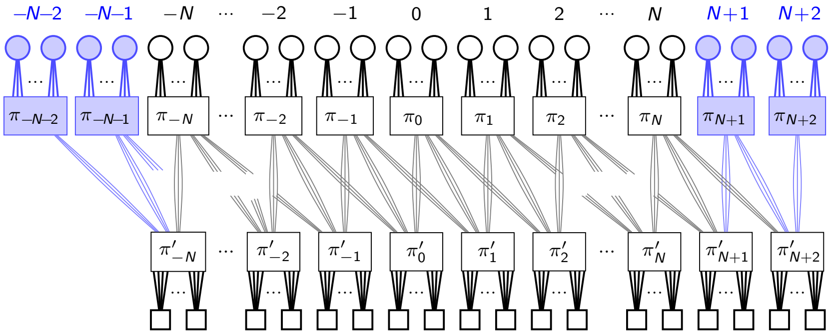

- Shown for $\ell = 3$, $r = 4$, and $w = 3$
- Check-nodes at Section $\{i\}$ are connected to variable-nodes in Sections $\{i-(w-1), \ldots, i\}$
- Shown to have near optimal BP thresholds

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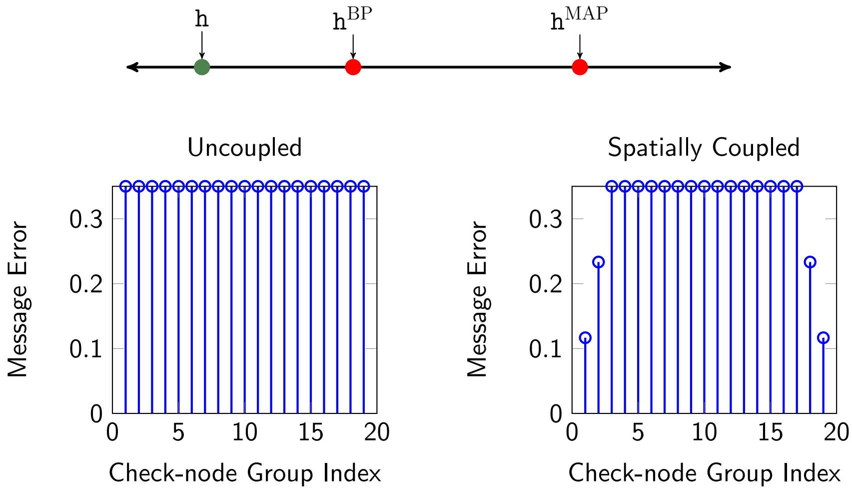

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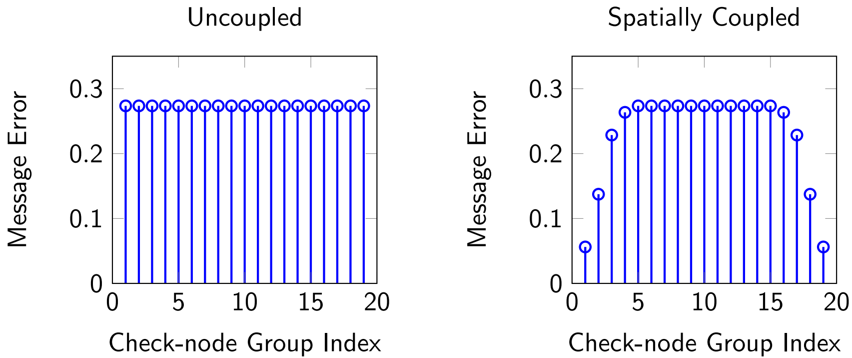

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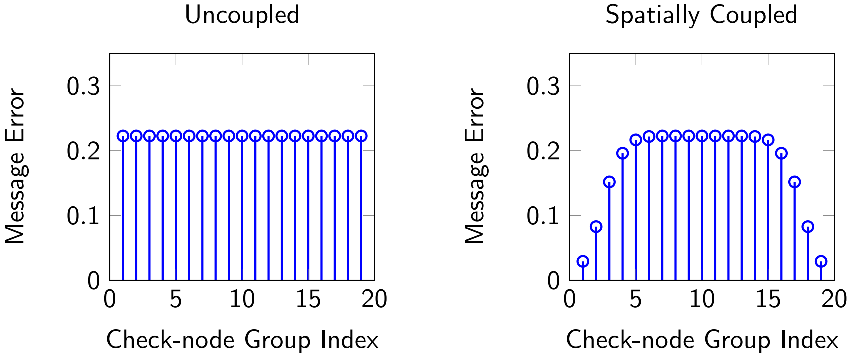

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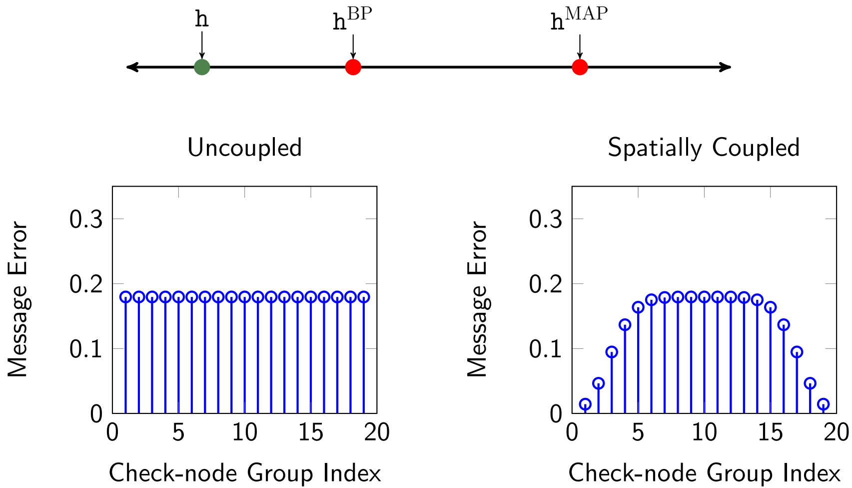

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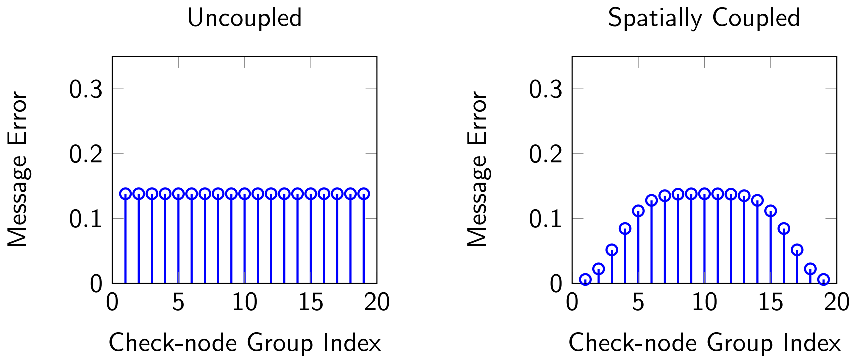

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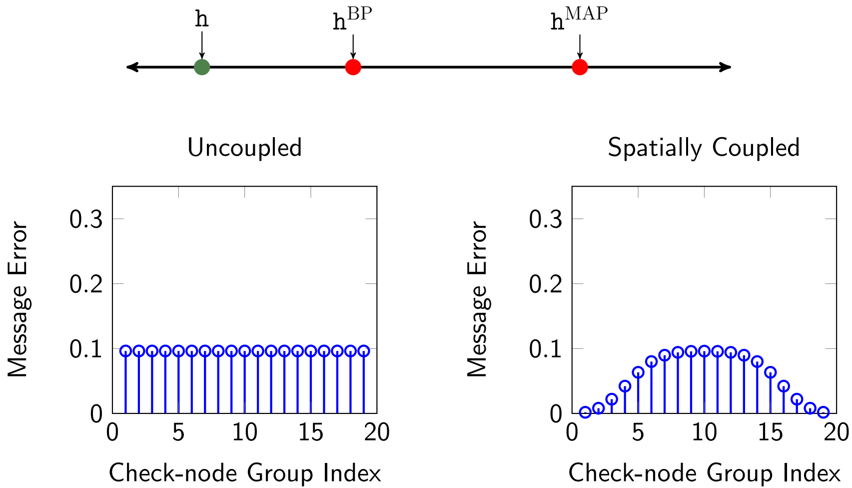

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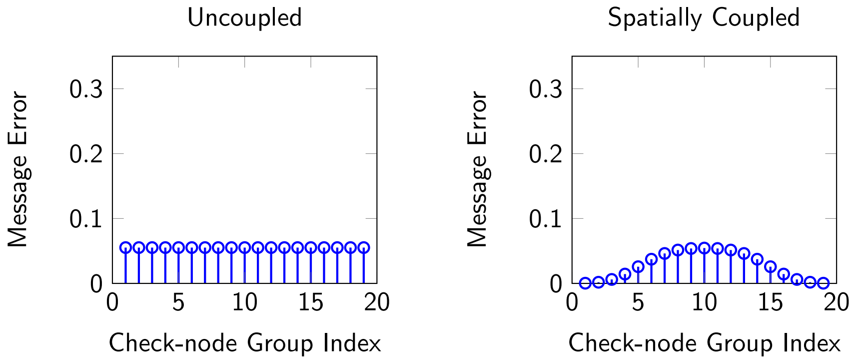

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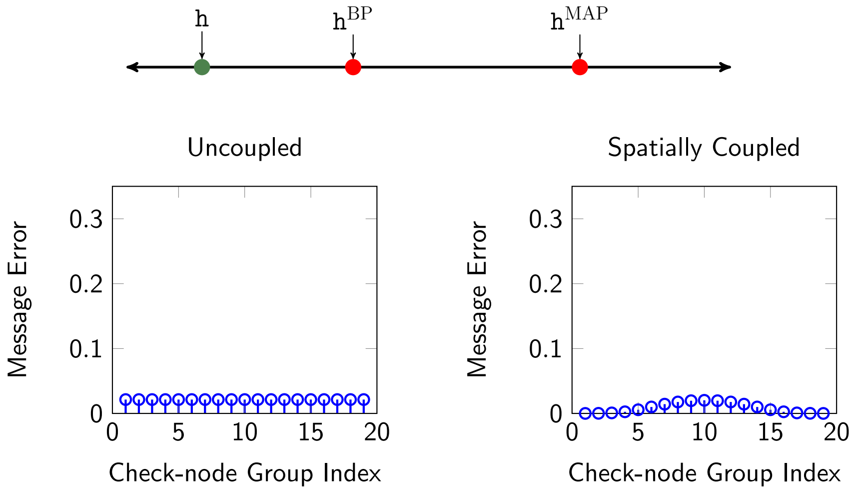

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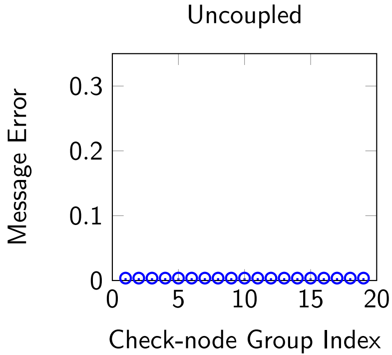

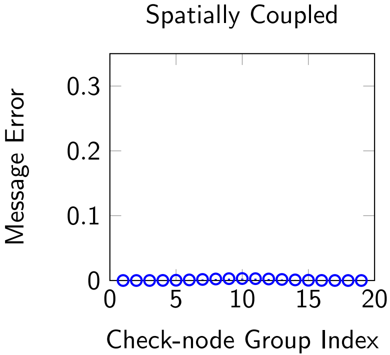

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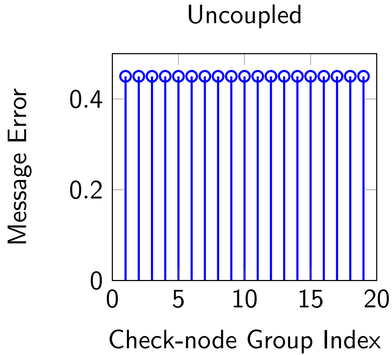

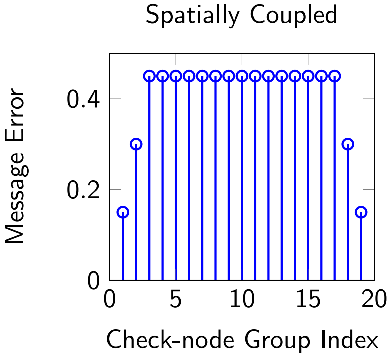

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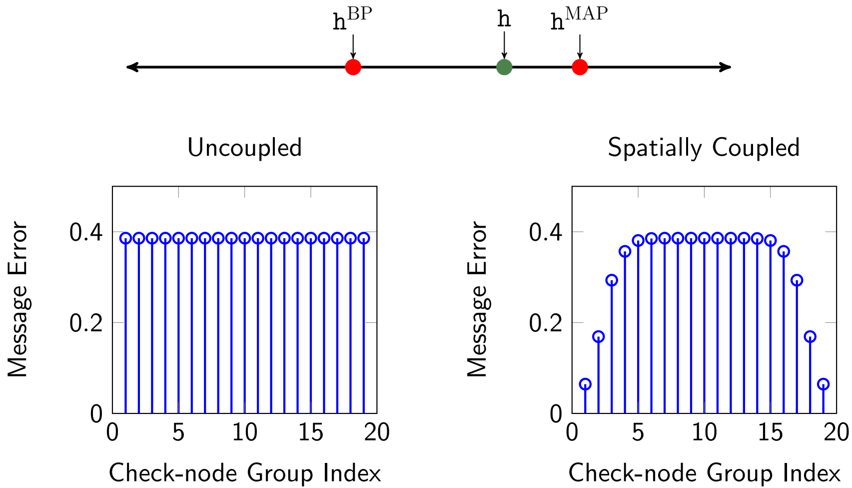

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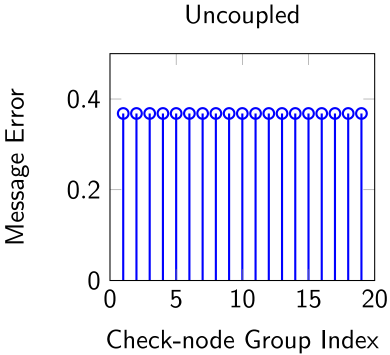

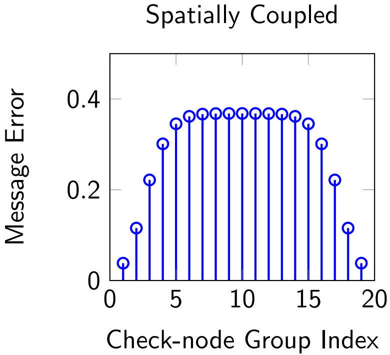

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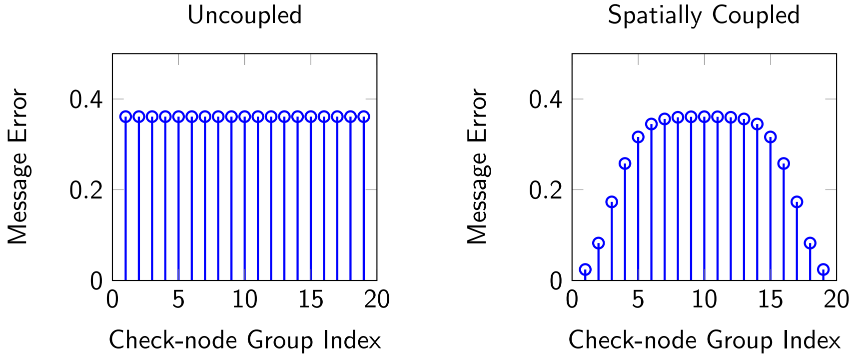

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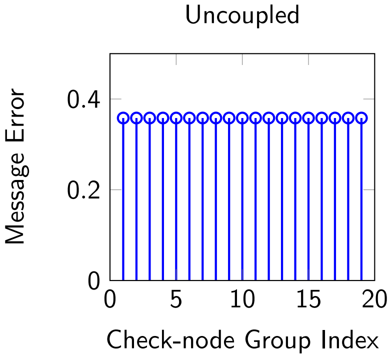

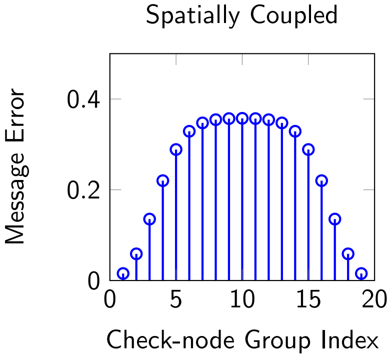

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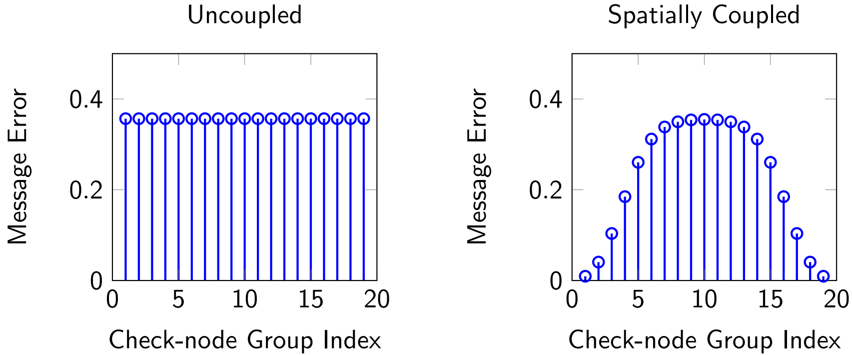

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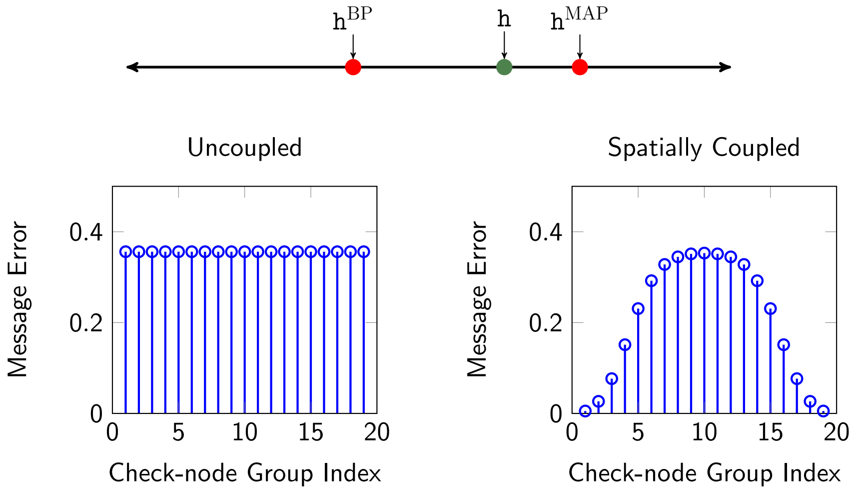

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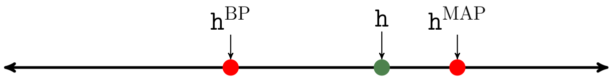

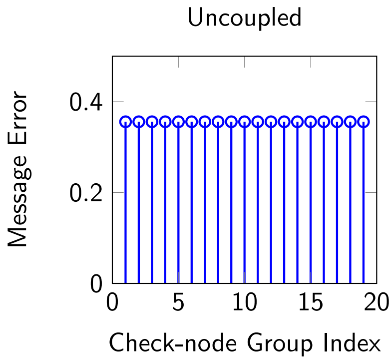

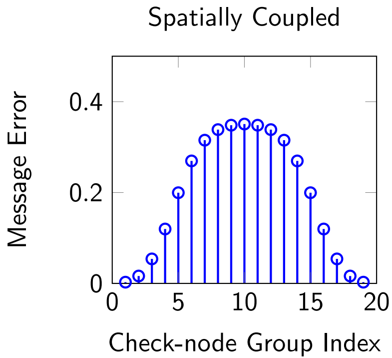

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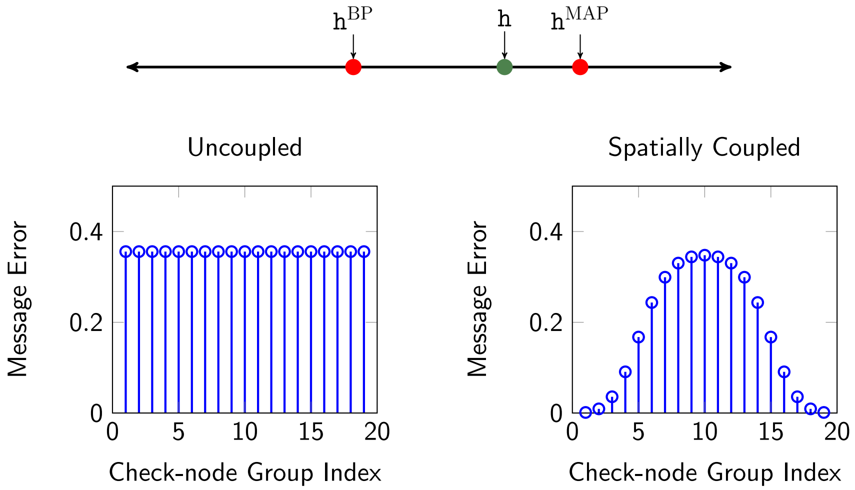

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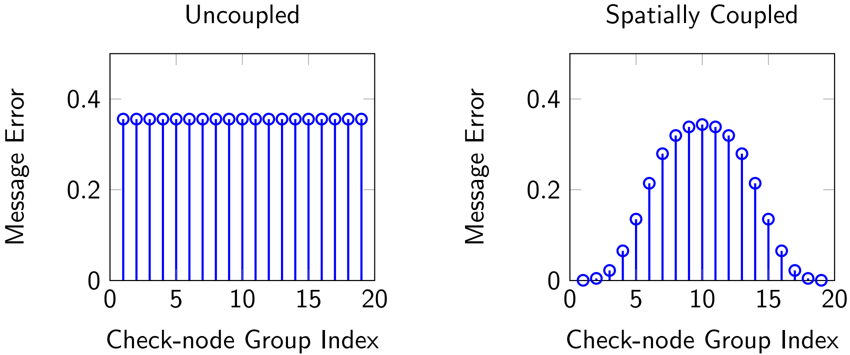

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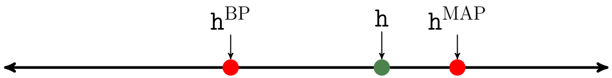

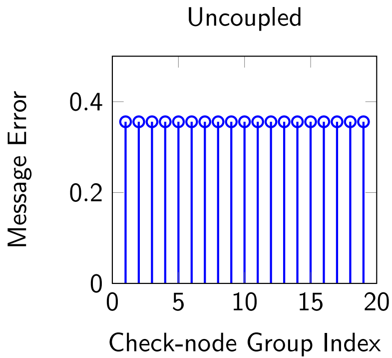

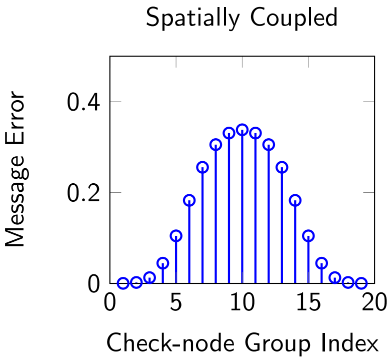

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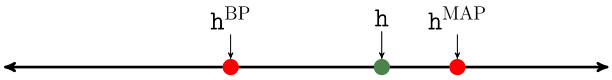

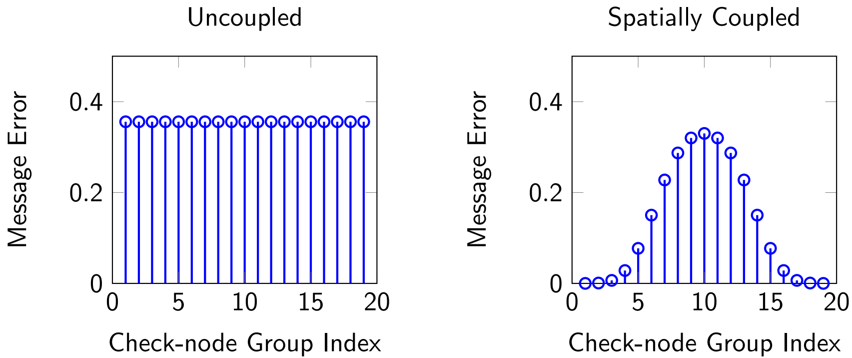

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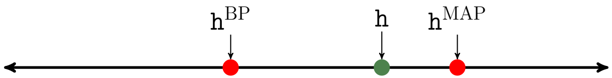

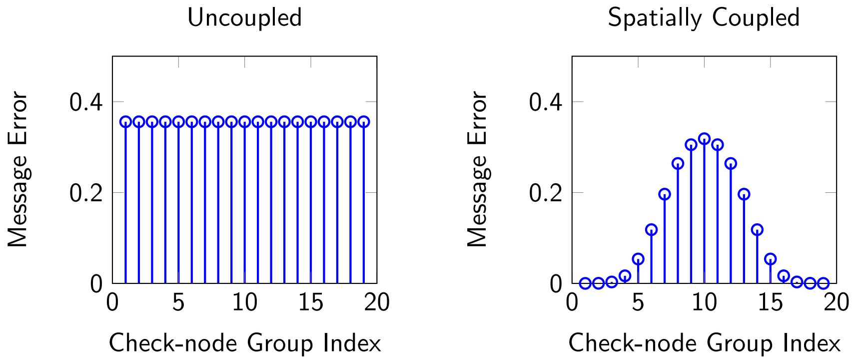

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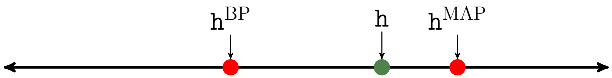

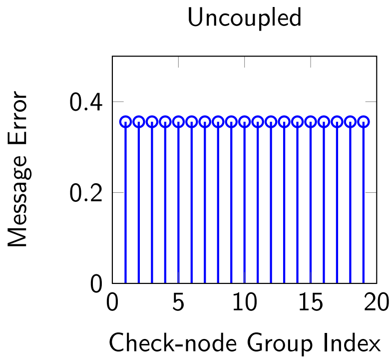

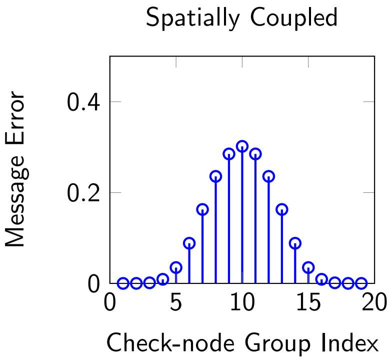

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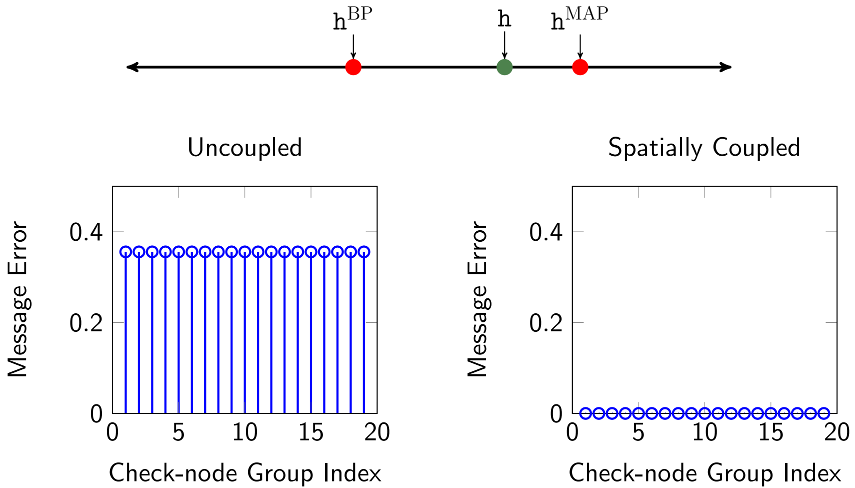

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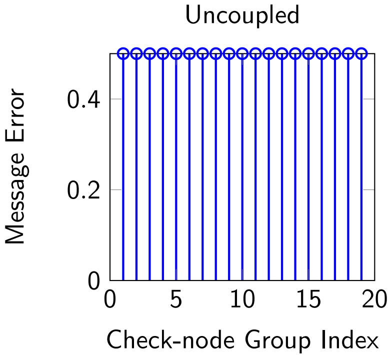

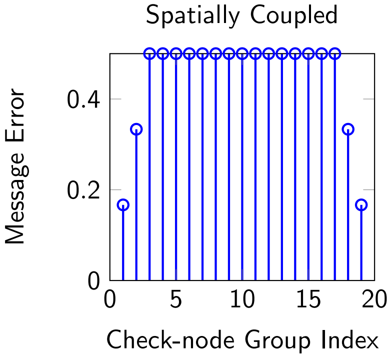

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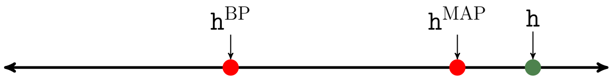

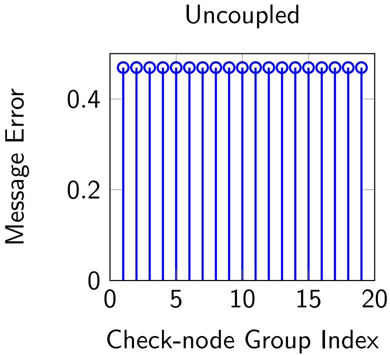

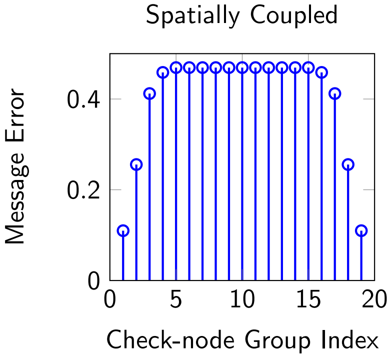

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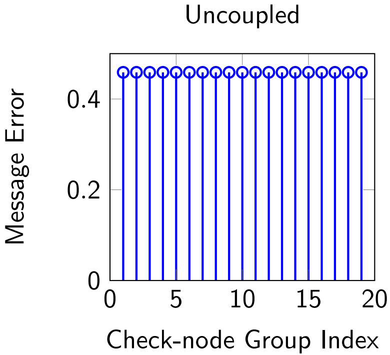

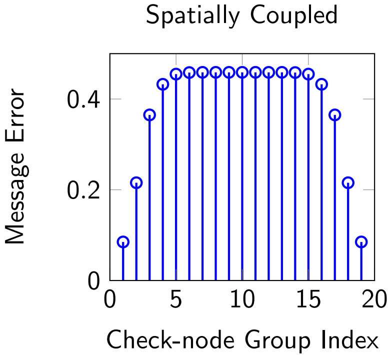

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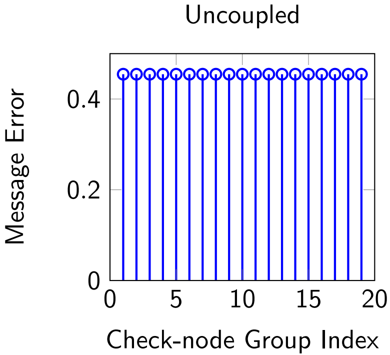

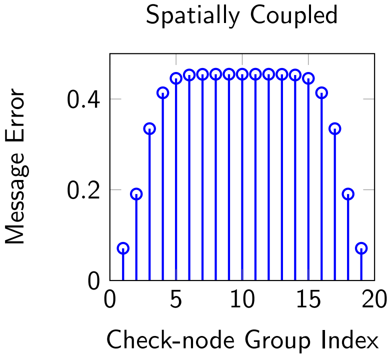

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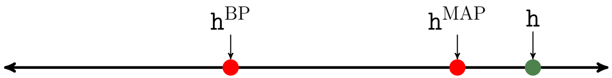

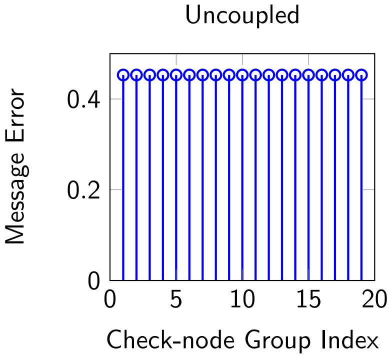

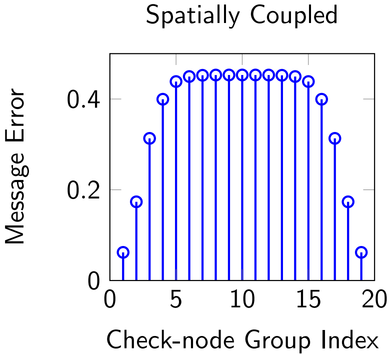

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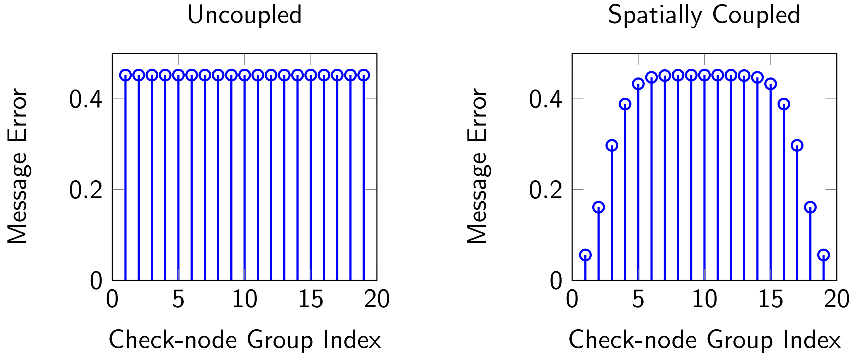

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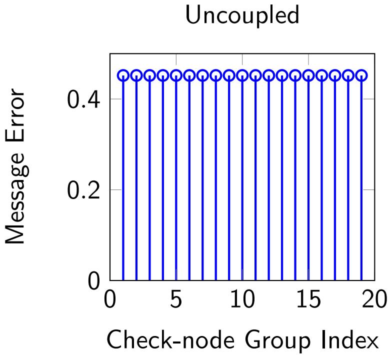

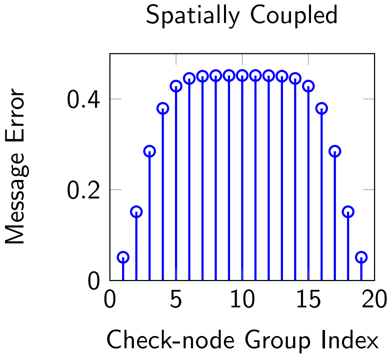

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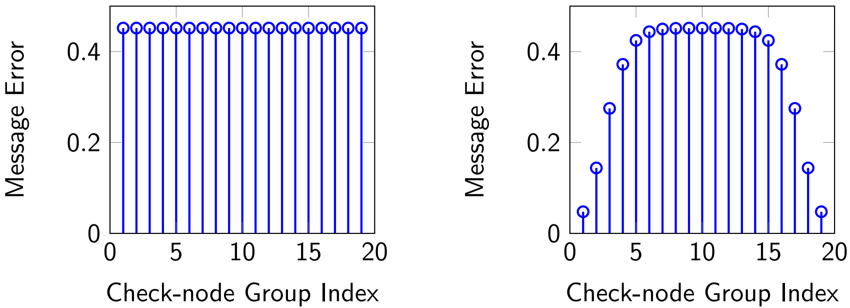

Main Result

MAP Performance with a BP Decoder!

For large N, w $\quad \mathtt{h}_{\mathrm{c}}^{\mathrm{BP}} = \mathtt{h}^{\mathrm{MAP}}$

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$(4, 6, 30, 3)$	0.6866	0.6645	0.6633
$(5, 6, 10, 3)$	0.9056	0.8333	0.8333
$(5, 6, 20, 3)$	0.8704	0.8333	0.8333
$(5, 6, 30, 3)$	0.8582	0.8333	0.8333

Pros & Cons

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- Significant improvment in thresholds
- Universality - works for all channels models!
- No need for irregularity
- Do not have to run decoder on the entire system length
  - Windowed Decoder

Cons

- Need large blocklengths to leverage the gains

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  - Mathematics: sphere packing and sphere covering problems
  - Information Theory: channel coding & quantization
- Single user Gaussian channel - Erez and Zamir
- Coding with side information - Wyner-Ziv and Costa, Zamir, Erez and Shamai
- Secrecy - He and Yener
- Dirty multiple access channel - Philosof, Khisti, Erez and Zamir

"Lattices are everywhere" by Ram Zamir

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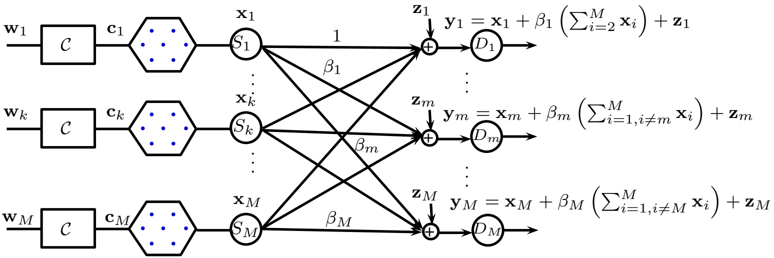

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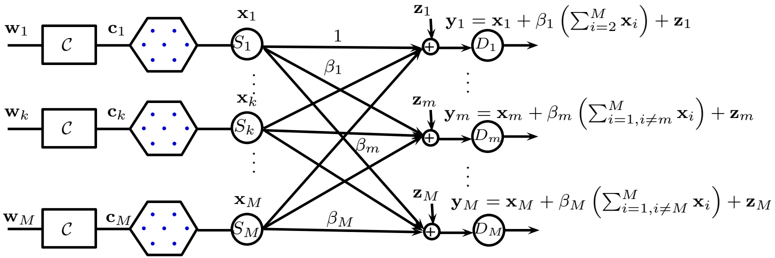

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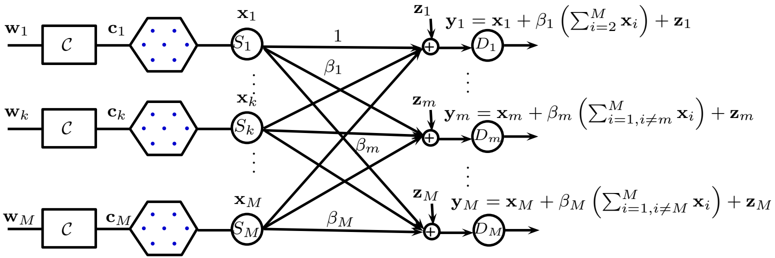

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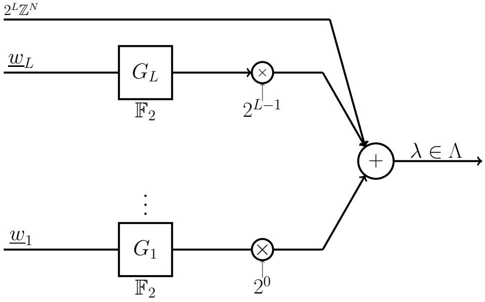

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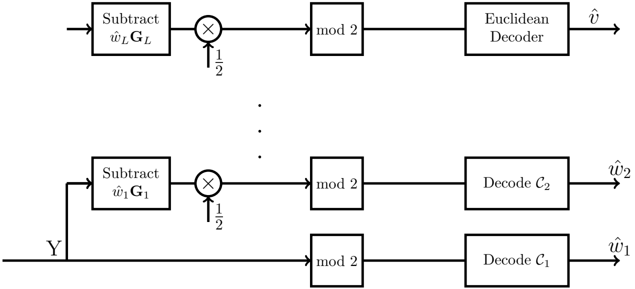

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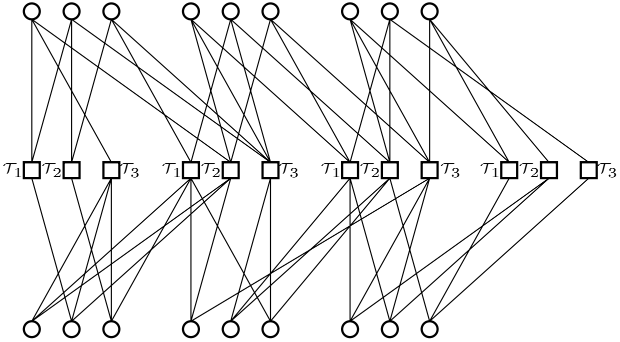

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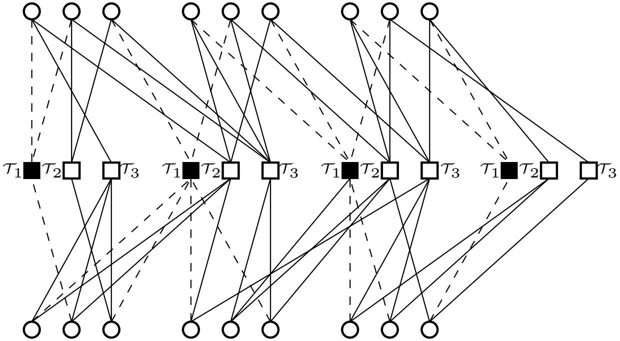

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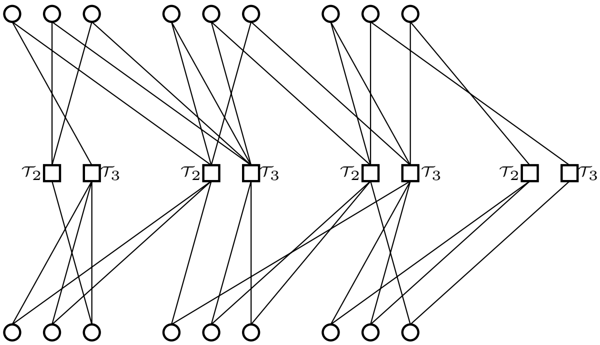

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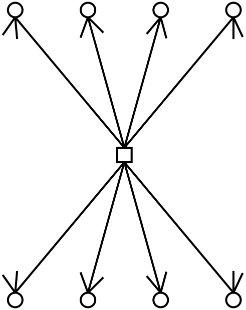

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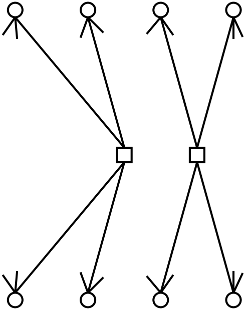

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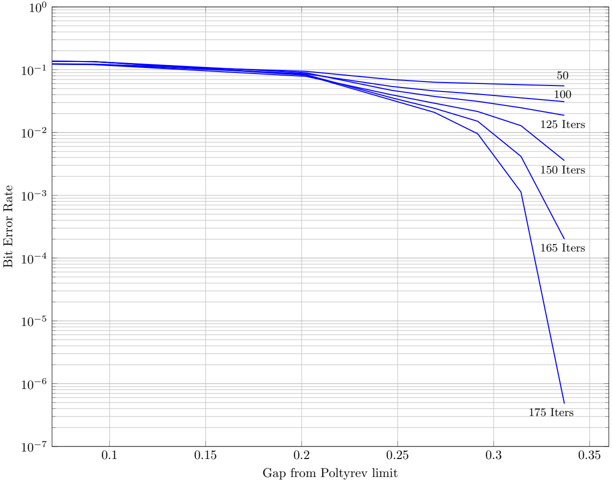

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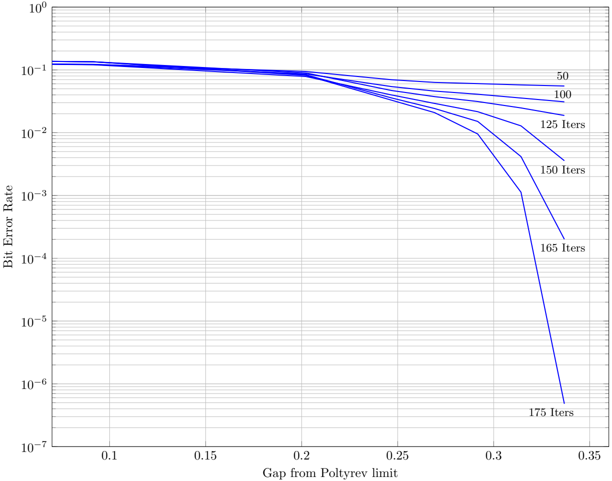

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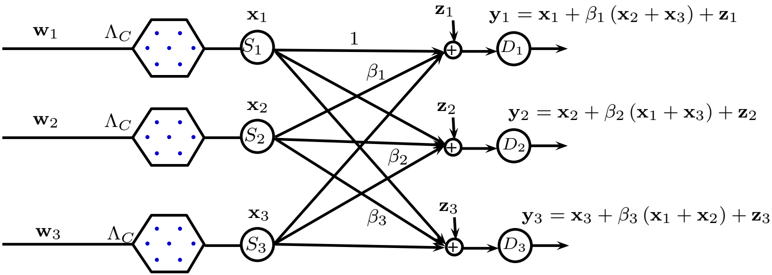

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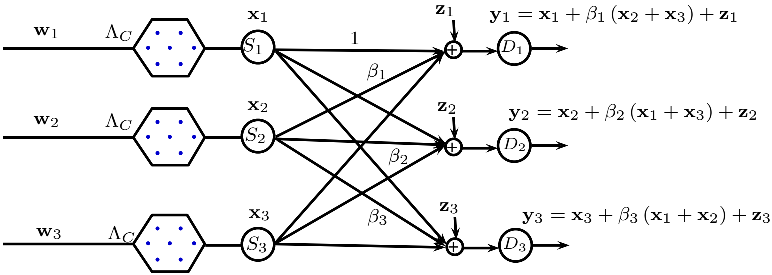

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Symmetric Interference Channel - Decoding Sums

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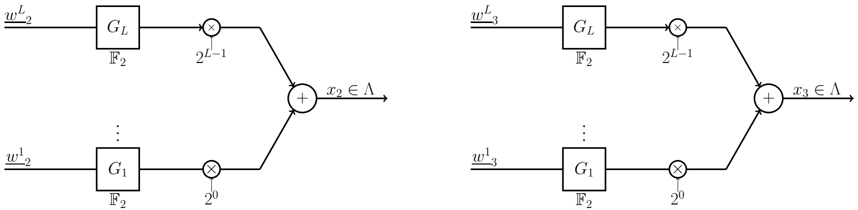

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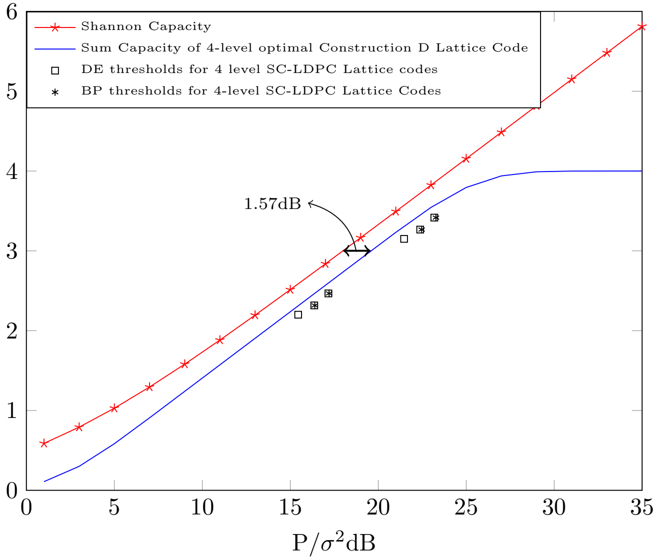

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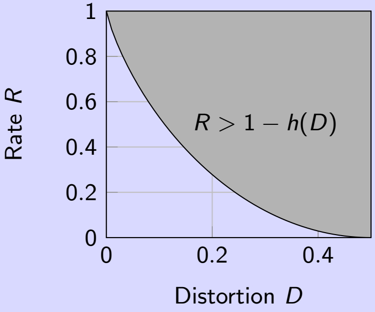

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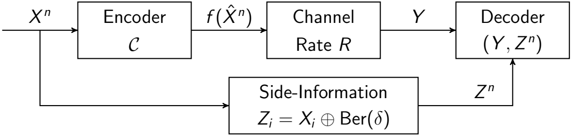

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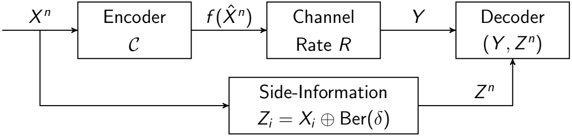

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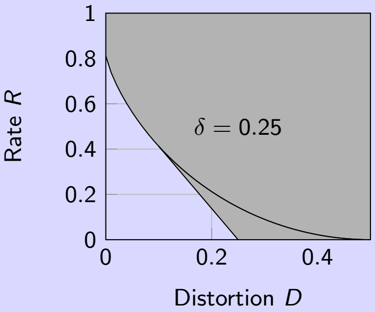

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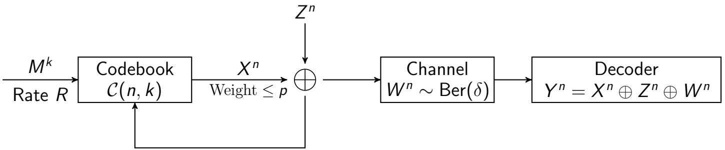

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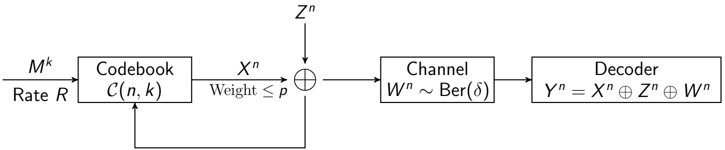

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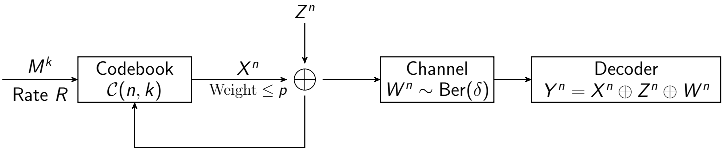

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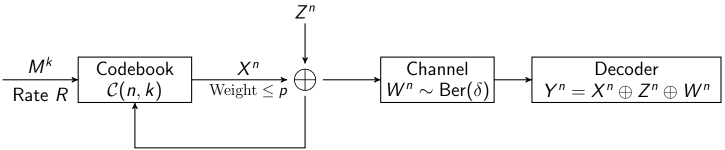

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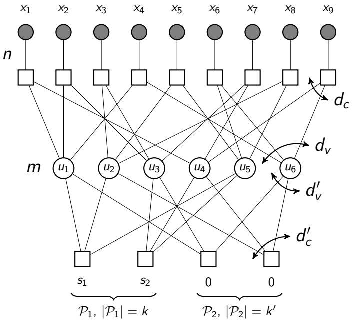

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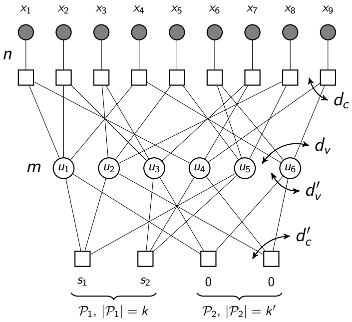

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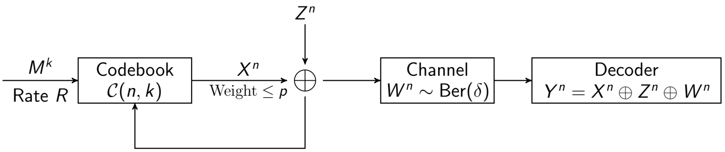

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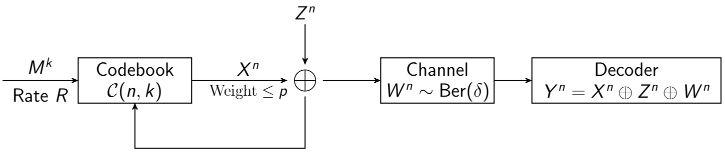

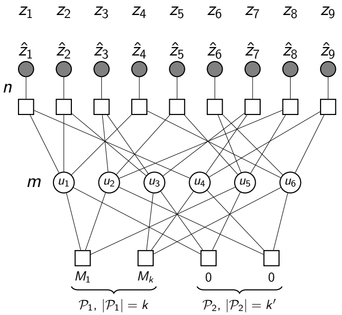

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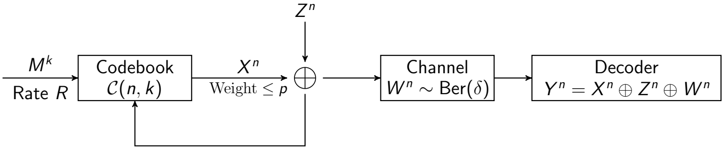

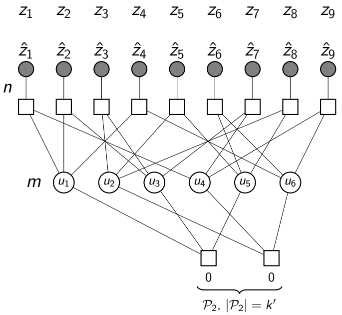

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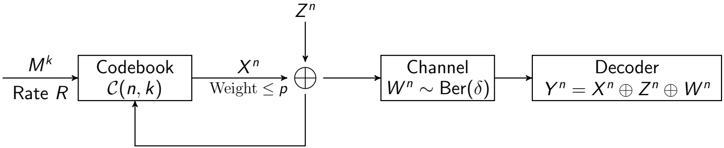

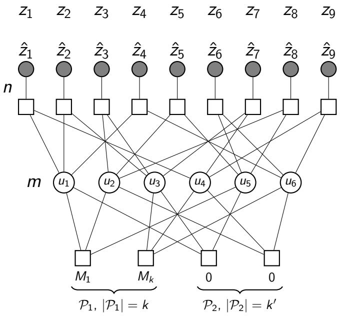

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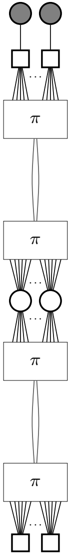

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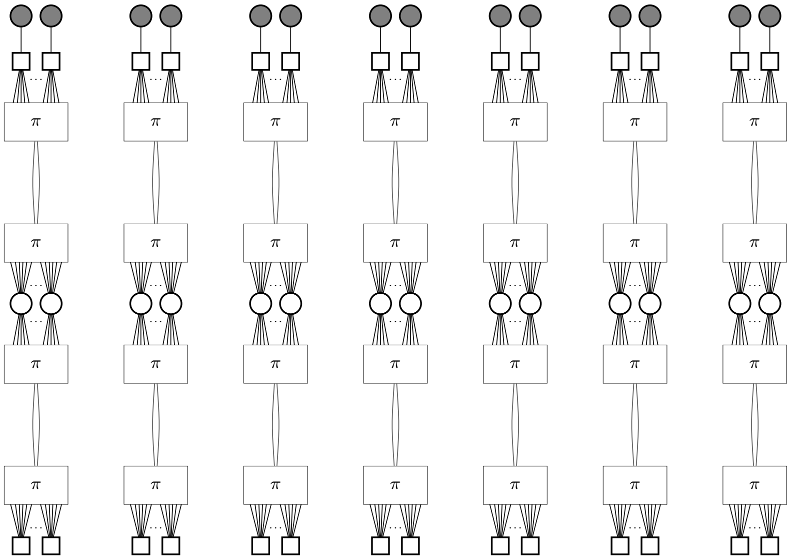

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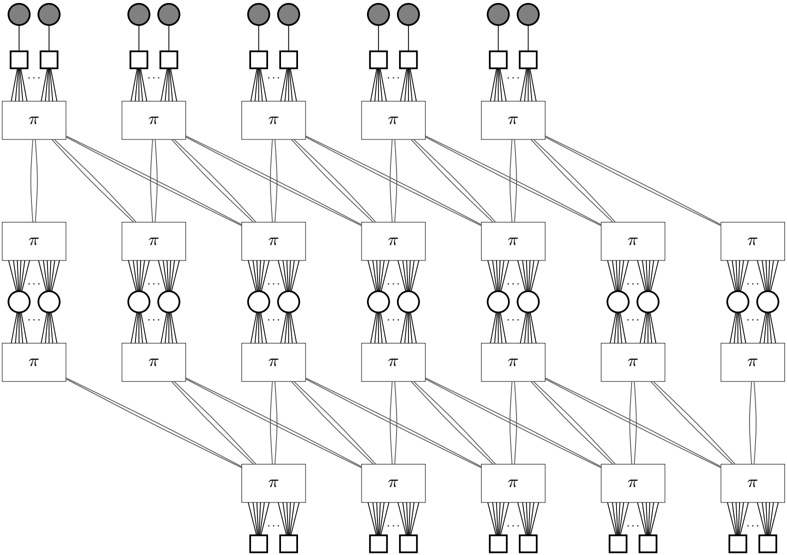

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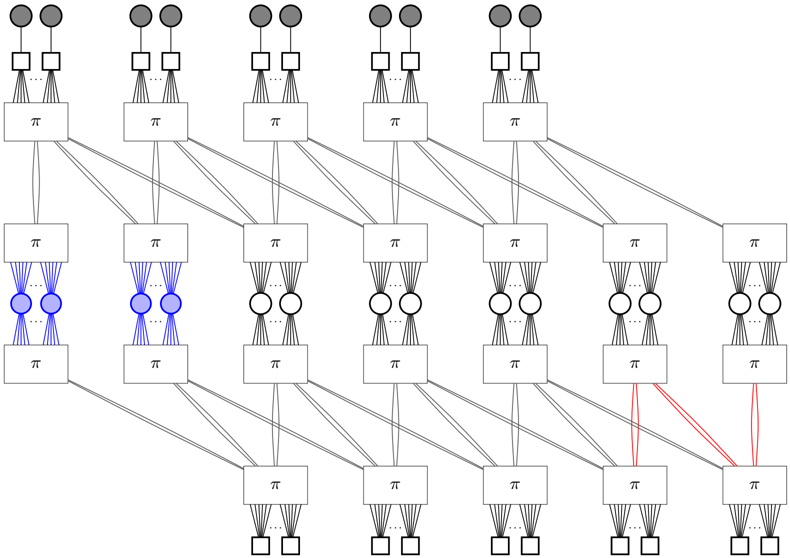

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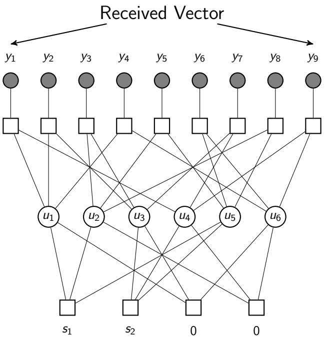

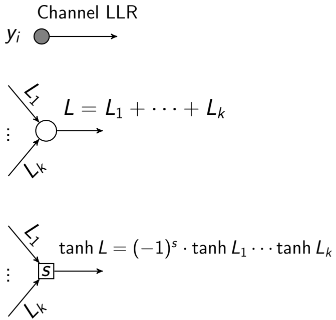

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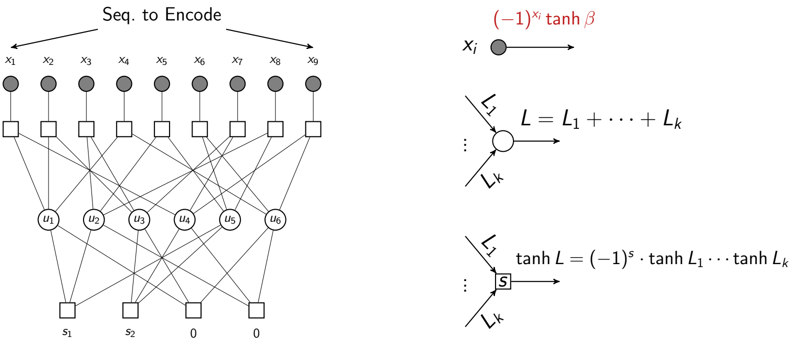

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- Randomization in setting u_{i^*} is crucial
- BPGD applied to uncoupled code always failed
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  - Does not encode if decimated from both left and right
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Encoding in SC Compound Codes: Numerical Example

Block length (n)	4-cycles	Attempts $1/2/3/4/\geq 5$
9000	yes	5/3/5/2/35
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63000	no	44/6/0/0/0
81000	no	50/0/0/0/0

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- # Attempts to encode 50 seq. in $(6,3)$ LDGM / $(3,6)$ LDPC
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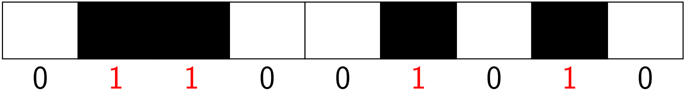

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$\downarrow \text{Ber}(p)$

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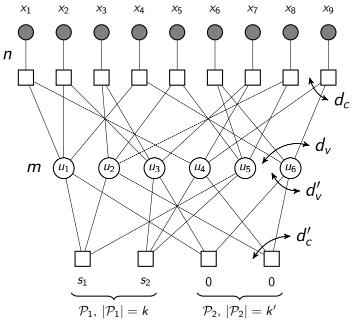

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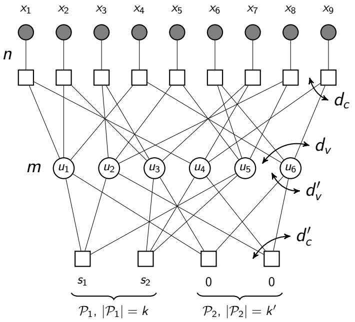

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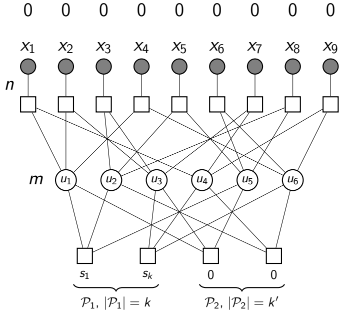

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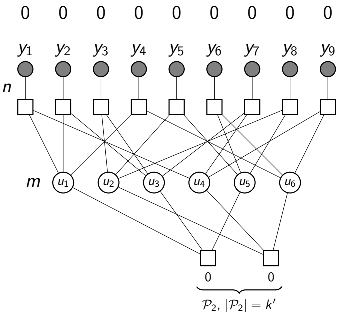

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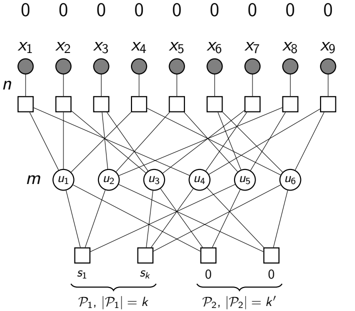

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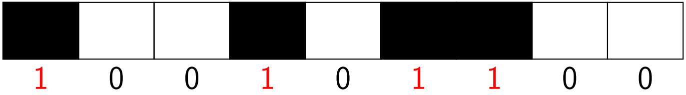

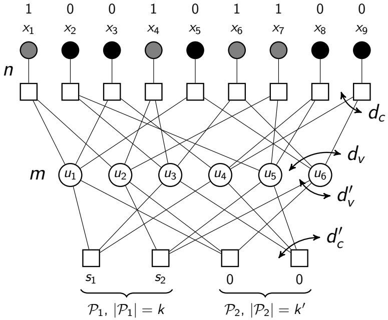

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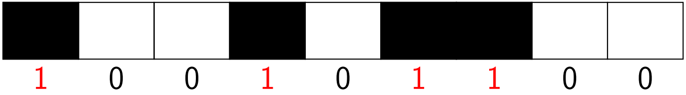

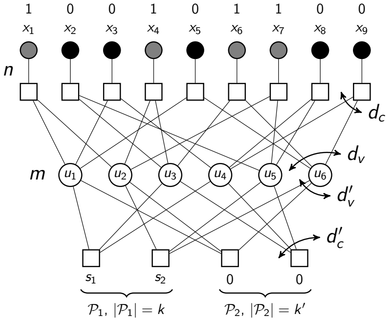

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    $$\Updownarrow$$

    Chan. dec. for $\mathcal{C}^\perp$ can correct all vectors with eras. $1^n \oplus e^n$
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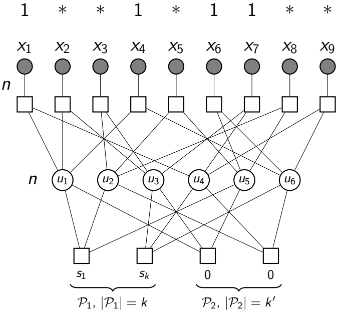

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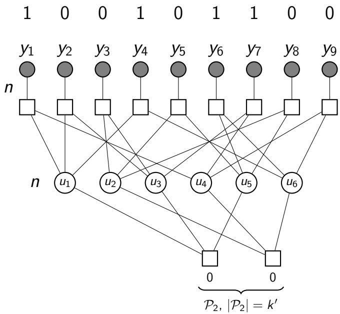

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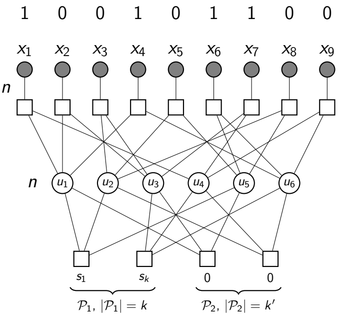

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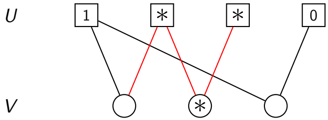

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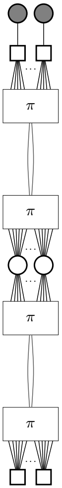

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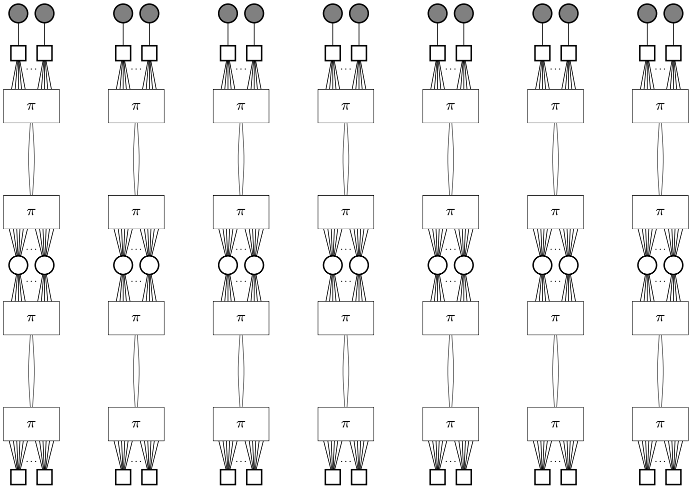

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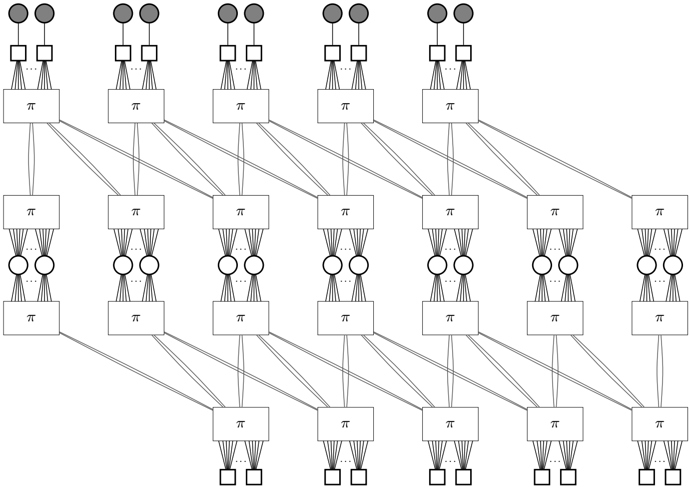

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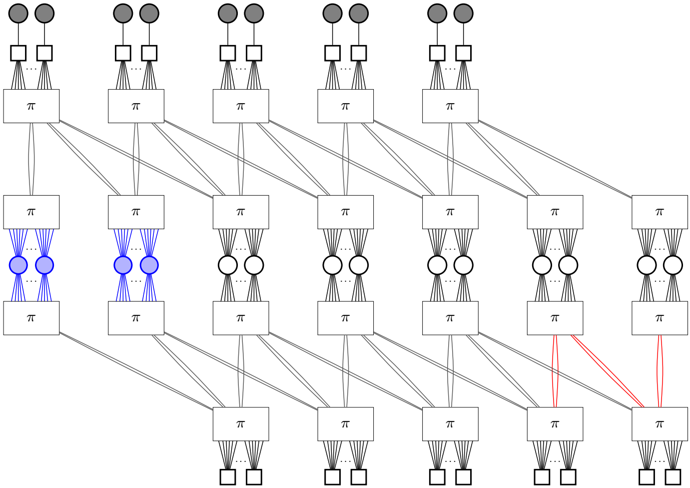

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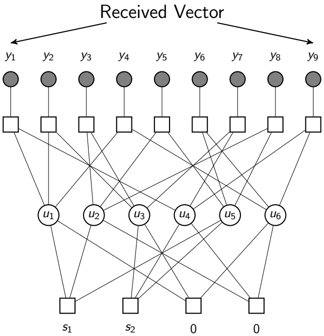
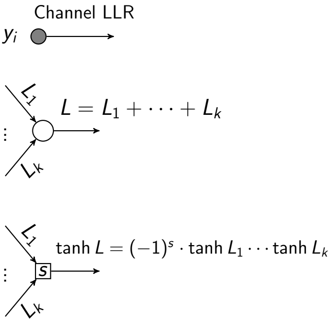




Remarks

- Standard message-passing algorithm
- Threshold saturation proven for SC compound codes on BEC
- Empirically observed for BMS channels

Numerical Results: Noiseless WOM

LDGM/LDPC (d_v, d_c, d'_v, d'_c)	δ^*	δ $w = 2$	δ $w = 3$	δ $w = 4$
$(3, 3, 3, 6)$	0.500	0.477	0.492	0.494
$(3, 3, 4, 6)$	0.333	0.294	0.324	0.326
$(3, 3, 5, 6)$	0.167	0.095	0.156	0.158
$(4, 4, 3, 6)$	0.500	0.461	0.491	0.492
$(4, 4, 4, 6)$	0.333	0.278	0.323	0.325
$(4, 4, 5, 6)$	0.167	0.086	0.155	0.159
$(5, 5, 3, 6)$	0.500	0.436	0.488	0.491
$(5, 5, 4, 6)$	0.333	0.260	0.320	0.324
$(5, 5, 5, 6)$	0.167	0.079	0.154	0.159

Remarks

- δ^* is the Shannon threshold
- $L = 30$, Single system length ≈ 24000

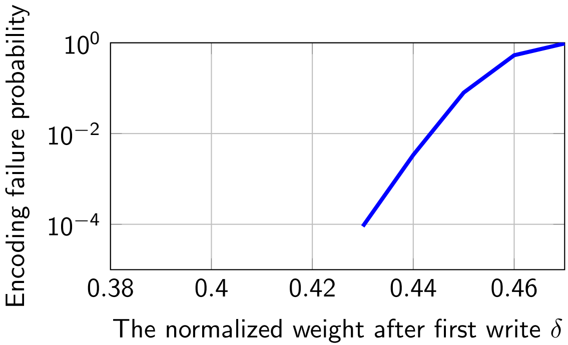
Numerical Results: WOM with Read Errors

LDGM/LDPC (d_v, d_c, d'_v, d'_c)	w	(δ^*, p^*)	(δ, p)
$(3, 3, 4, 6)$	3	$(0.333, 0.0615)$	$(0.321, 0.0585)$
$(3, 3, 4, 8)$	3	$(0.500, 0.0417)$	$(0.490, 0.0387)$
$(3, 3, 6, 8)$	4	$(0.250, 0.0724)$	$(0.239, 0.0684)$
$(4, 4, 4, 6)$	4	$(0.333, 0.0615)$	$(0.324, 0.0585)$
$(4, 4, 4, 8)$	4	$(0.500, 0.0417)$	$(0.492, 0.0387)$
$(4, 4, 6, 8)$	4	$(0.250, 0.0724)$	$(0.241, 0.0694)$

Remarks

- δ^* and p^* are the Shannon thresholds
- $L = 30$, Single system length ≈ 30000

Numerical Results: Small Blocklength



Remarks

- $(L, w) = (30, 3)$, Single system length 1200, Shannon threshold of 0.5
- A total of 10^5 were attempted to encode
- No failures for $\delta < 0.43$

Concluding Remarks

Conclusion

- Spatially-coupled compound codes achieve the capacity of 2-write systems
- Coupling structure is also crucial
  - to achieve optimum thresholds
  - for encoding to succeed

Multi-Write Systems

- Will BPGD work for multi-write systems?