## On Multicasting Prioritized Messages

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- Ahlswede, Li, Cai and Yeung (2000)
- Avestimehr, Diggavi and Tse (2007)


## Problem setup: prioritized messages



Video Streaming over Heterogeneous Networks Scalable Video Coding (SVC standard)

- Korner and Marton (1977); Nair and El-Gamal (2008)
- Ngai and Yeung (2004), Erez and Feder (2003), and Ramamoorthy and Wessel (2009)


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Mixing of the common and private messages is necessary; but in a controlled manner

One has to reveal (partial) information about the private message to public receivers!

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(3) A block Markov encoding scheme may improve both previous schemes.
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## Rate splitting and linear superposition coding

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- choose appropriate parameters, and complete the matrix


## Rate-region I

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Structural constraints:

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## Two public and any number of private receivers

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The private information revealed to different subsets of public receivers need not be independent

## Appropriate pre-encoding



- pre-encode $W_{2}=\left[w_{2,1}, w_{2,2}\right]^{T}$ into $W_{2}^{\prime}=\left[w_{2,1}^{\prime}, w_{2,2}^{\prime}, w_{2,3}^{\prime}\right]$
- now use an structured encoding matrix

$$
\left[\begin{array}{l}
X_{\{1\}} \\
X_{\{2\}} \\
X_{\{3\}}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l|l|l}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
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## Optimality results

Discussions delegated to the end of the presentation, if of your interest!

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## Connections with linear deterministic broadcast channels

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\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{1} \\
x_{2} \\
x_{3} \\
x_{4}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{1}
\end{array}\right] \\
& Y_{2}=\left[\begin{array}{llll}
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
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\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{1} \\
x_{2} \\
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\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{2} \\
x_{3}
\end{array}\right] \\
& Y_{3}=\left[\begin{array}{llll}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
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1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{1} \\
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\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{c}
x_{1}+2 x_{2} \\
x_{3}
\end{array}\right] \\
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\end{array}\right] \\
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1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
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0 & 1 & 3 & 2
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## Capacity result

The capacity region of a linear deterministic broadcast channel with two public receivers and any number of private receivers is given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
R_{1} & \leq \min _{i \in I} r_{\{i\}} \\
R_{1}+R_{2} & \leq \min _{i \in I_{2}} r_{\{i\}} \\
2 R_{1}+R_{2} & \leq \min _{i \in I_{2}}\left\{r_{\{1\}}+r_{\{2\}}+r_{\{1,2, i\}}-r_{\{1,2\}}\right\},
\end{aligned}
$$

where the size of $\mathbb{F}$ is larger than $K$. The rates given above are expressed in $\log _{|\mathbb{F}|}(\cdot)$.

- $r_{\{i\}} \triangleq \operatorname{rank}\left(\mathbf{H}_{i}\right)$
- $r_{\left\{i_{1}, \cdots, i_{|\mathcal{S}|}\right\}} \triangleq \operatorname{rank}\left[\begin{array}{c}\mathbf{H}_{i_{1}} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{H}_{i_{|\mathcal{S}|}}\end{array}\right]$


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