

# Learning over Compressed Data

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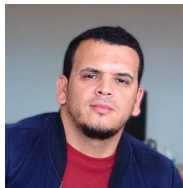
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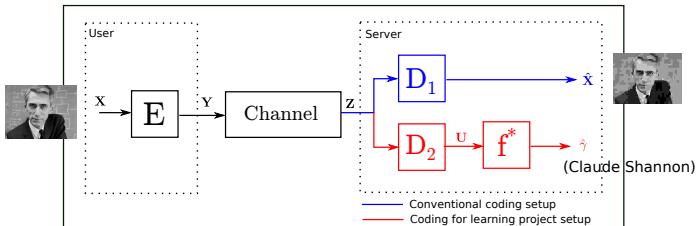
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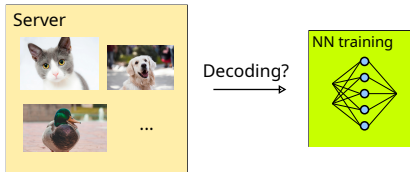
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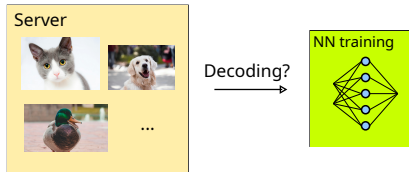
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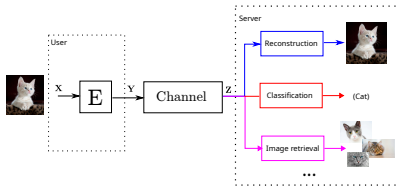


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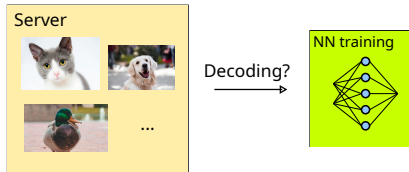


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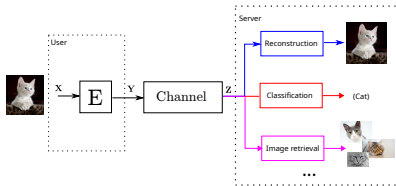


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## In this talk

- ▶ What is the **IT performance** of coding schemes for learning?
- ▶ Can we use the IT analysis to design efficient **practical coding schemes**?

# Outline

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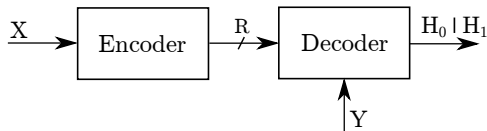
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# Distributed Hypothesis Testing<sup>2</sup>

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## ► Hypothesis-testing formulation:

$$\mathcal{H}_0 : (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \sim P_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}},$$

$$\mathcal{H}_1 : (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \sim P_{\tilde{\mathbf{X}}\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}}.$$

## ► Performance criteria:

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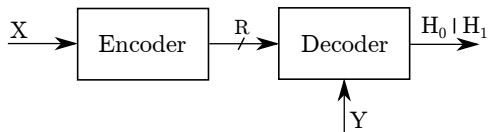
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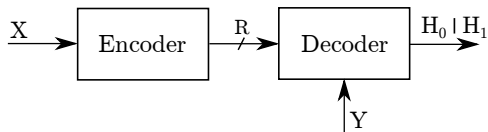
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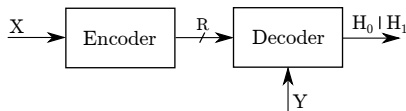
- It was shown that <sup>3</sup>

$$\theta \leq \sup_{P_{U|X}} \left\{ \min \{ \theta_{\text{test}}, \theta_{\text{bin}} \} \right\},$$

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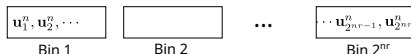
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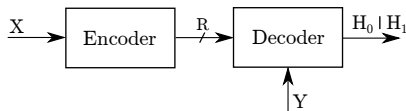


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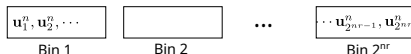


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## Decoder:

- **Bin extraction:** Pick  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}^n$  such that  $(\hat{\mathbf{u}}^n, \mathbf{y}^n) \in \mathcal{T}_n^{(2)}$
- **Decision:** Decide  $\mathcal{H}_0$  if  $(\hat{\mathbf{u}}^n, \mathbf{y}^n) \in A_n$

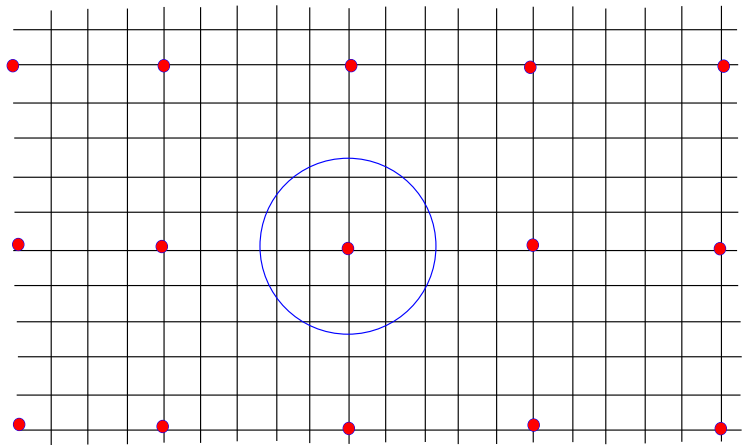
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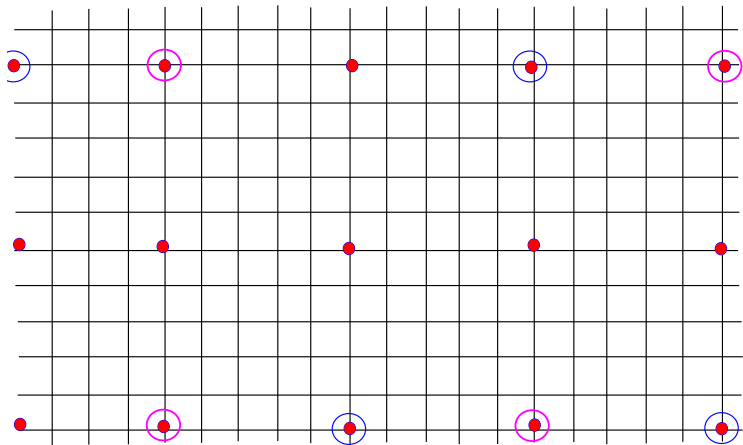


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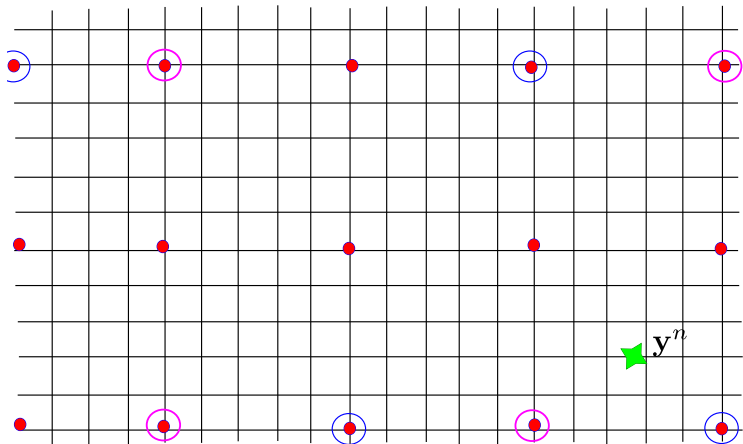


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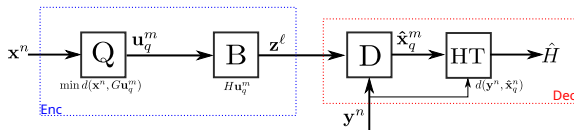
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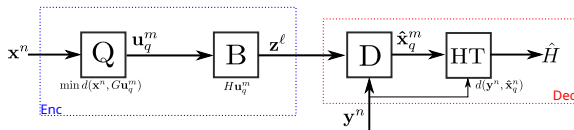
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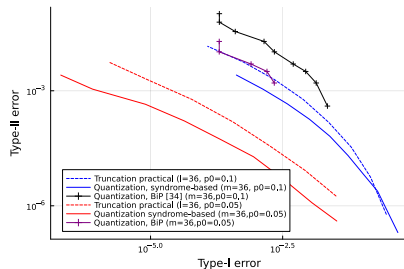
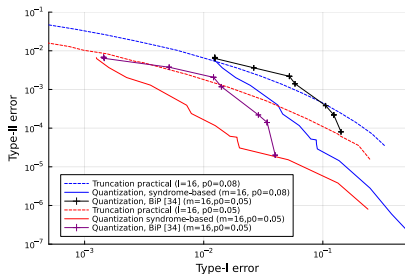
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- **Decision:** Apply a NP test as  $d(\mathbf{x}_q^n, \mathbf{y}^n) < \lambda$  to decide  $\mathcal{H}_0$

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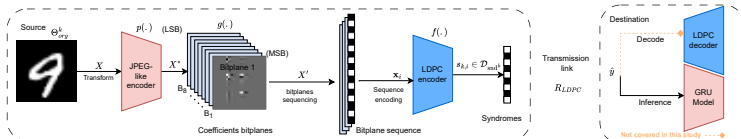
# Numerical results

- ▶ We need to consider **short codes**
- ▶ Practical **quantizers** with BCH(31,16) and BCH(63,36) codes



# Learning over LDPC-coded data<sup>5</sup>

- Classification over compressed images, without any prior decoding



- Accuracy of the GRU model on LDPC-coded data:

Dataset	Model	No coding		Coding on Orig. (Setup1)			Coding on JPEG (Setup2)				
		None	None MSB	Huff [28]	Arith [28]	LDPC	JPEG [28]	DCT -tr. [27]	J-L 8bp	J-L MSB	J-L MSB+1bp
MNIST	GRU12(proposed)	0.9439	0.8842	0.6790	0.5086	<b>0.8192</b>	-	-	<b>0.9060</b>	0.6548	0.8791
	GRU32(proposed)	0.9799	0.9154	0.7563	0.5370	<b>0.8556</b>	-	-	<b>0.9237</b>	0.6843	0.8849
	UVGG11 [28]	0.9891	-	0.8323	0.6313	-	-	-	-	-	-
	URESNET18 [28]	0.9875	-	0.7450	0.5949	-	-	-	-	-	-
YCIFAR-10	FullyConn [27]	0.9200	-	-	-	-	-	0.9000	-	-	-
	GRU12	0.3127	0.3249	0.2374	-	<b>0.4070</b>	-	-	<b>0.4234</b>	0.1350	0.3537
	GRU32	0.3596	0.3560	0.2400	-	<b>0.4171</b>	-	-	<b>0.4316</b>	0.1403	0.3544
	UVGG11 [28]	0.5657	-	0.3606	0.2976	-	0.3245	-	-	-	-
	URESNET18 [28]	0.3836	-	0.2591	0.2432	-	-	-	-	-	-
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