

# Capacity of Quantum Private Information Retrieval with Colluding Servers

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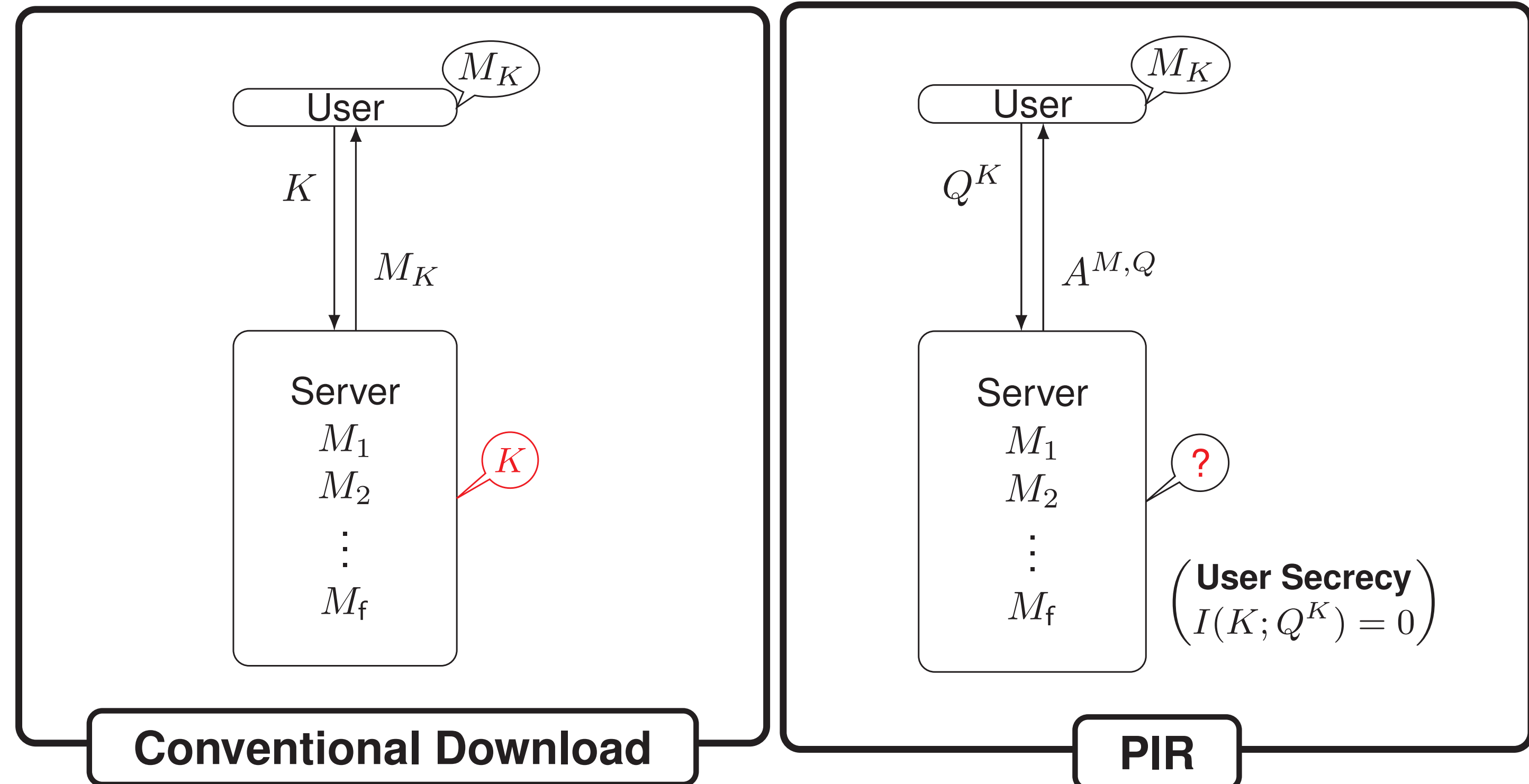
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## I. Private Information Retrieval (PIR)

Private Information Retrieval (PIR) is the problem to retrieve one of  $f$  classical files from servers without revealing the identity of the retrieved file.



### Existing Results and Our Result

- Existing Quantum PIR (QPIR) studies mainly focused on one-server PIR with finite-bit files. [Le Gall12], [Aharonov et al.19], ...
- Capacities** of  $n$ -server PIR with arbitrary size files:  $C = \sup \frac{(\text{File size})}{(\text{Communication})}$

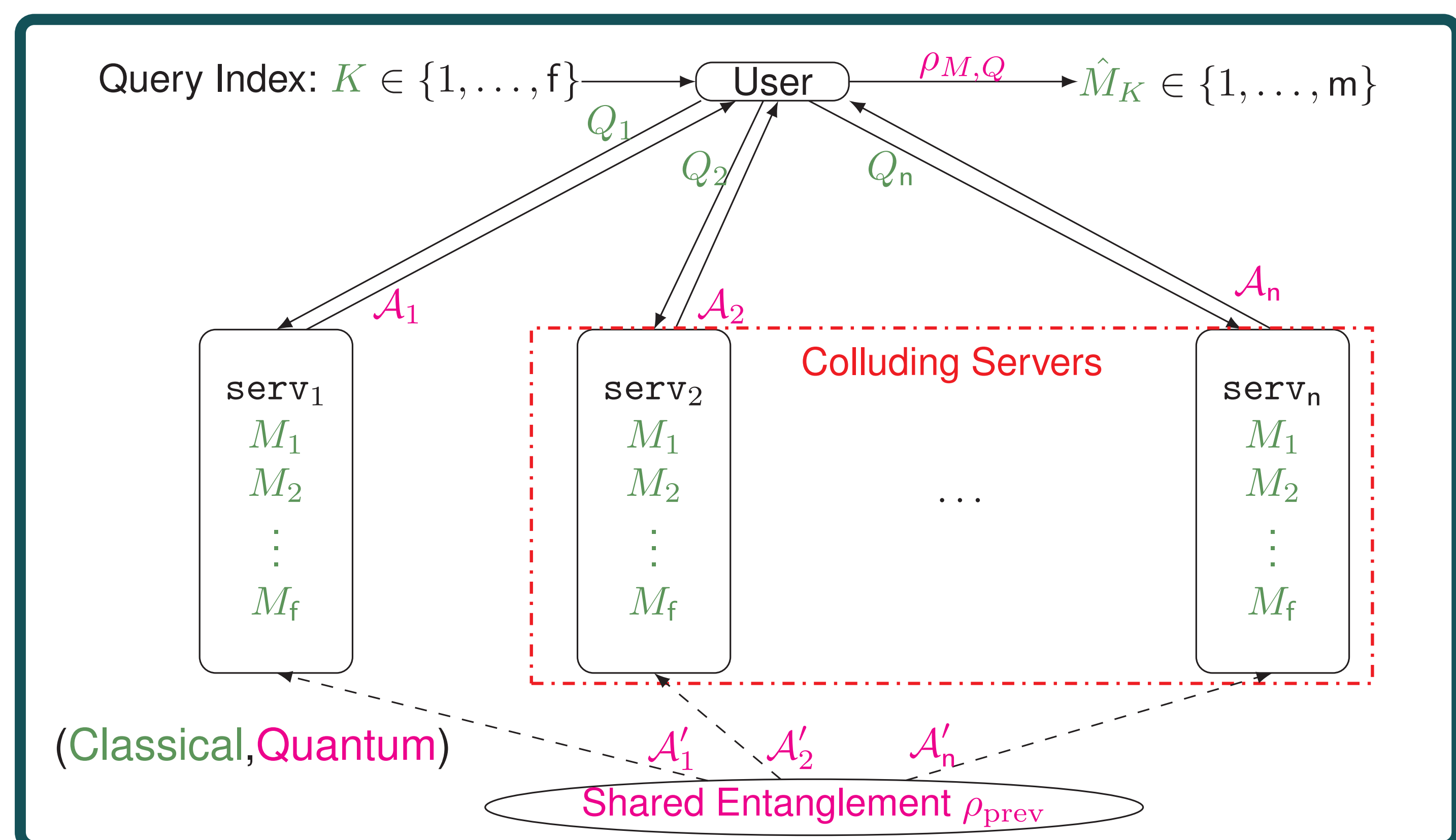
	Classical PIR	Quantum PIR <b>our result</b>
PIR Capacity	$\frac{1 - n^{-1}}{1 - n^{-f}}$ [Sun-Jafar16]	1 § [SH, arXiv:1903.10209]
- with $t$ -collusion	$\frac{1 - t/n}{1 - (t/n)^f}$ [Sun-Jafar18]	$\min \left\{ 1, \frac{2(n-t)}{n} \right\}$ §

§ With server secrecy and by strong converse.

\*  $n$  servers and  $f$  files.

## II. QPIR Model with Multiple and Colluding Servers

### QPIR Model



- User and servers are honest but **colluding servers** (at most  $t$ , unknown to user) communicate to reveal  $K$ .

### Evaluation of QPIR Protocol $\Psi_{\text{QPIR}}^{(m)}$

- Error Probability**  $P_{\text{err}}^{(m)} := \Pr[\hat{M}_K = M_K]$
- User Secrecy**  $S_{\text{user}}^{(m)} := \max_{\pi: \text{perm}(n)} I(K; (Q_{\pi(1)}, \dots, Q_{\pi(t)}))$
- Server Secrecy**  $S_{\text{serv}}^{(m)} := I(M \setminus \{M_K\}; Q_{[n]}, \bigotimes_{i=1}^n A_i | K)_{\rho_{M,Q}}$
- QPIR Rate**  $R^{(m)} = \frac{(\text{File size})}{(\text{Download size})} = \frac{\log m}{\sum_{i=1}^n \log \dim \mathcal{H}_i}$

**QPIR Capacity** For  $n$  servers and  $f$  files, QPIR capacity is defined as

$$C_{\text{exact}}^{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} := \sup_{\substack{m_\ell \rightarrow \infty \\ \{\Psi_{\text{QPIR}}^{(m_\ell)}\}_{\ell=1}^\infty}} \left\{ \lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} R^{(m_\ell)} \mid P_{\text{err}}^{(m_\ell)} \leq \alpha, S_{\text{user}}^{(m_\ell)} \leq \beta, S_{\text{serv}}^{(m_\ell)} \leq \gamma \right\},$$

$$C_{\text{asympt}}^{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} := \sup_{\substack{m_\ell \rightarrow \infty \\ \{\Psi_{\text{QPIR}}^{(m_\ell)}\}_{\ell=1}^\infty}} \left\{ \lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} R^{(m_\ell)} \mid \lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} P_{\text{err}}^{(m_\ell)} \leq \alpha, \lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} S_{\text{user}}^{(m_\ell)} \leq \beta, \lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} S_{\text{serv}}^{(m_\ell)} \leq \gamma \right\}.$$

## III. Main Result

**Theorem 1** For any  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$  and  $\beta, \gamma \in [0, \infty]$ , the QPIR capacity with  $f \geq 2$  files,  $n \geq 2$  servers, and  $1 \leq t < n$  colluding servers is

$$C_{\text{exact}}^{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} = C_{\text{asympt}}^{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} = 1 \text{ for } t \leq \frac{n}{2}, \quad C_{\text{exact}}^{\alpha, 0, 0} = C_{\text{exact}}^{0, \beta, 0} = \frac{2(n-t)}{n} \text{ for } t > \frac{n}{2}.$$

## IV. Preliminaries

**Lemma 1:** Let  $n, t$  be  $n/2 \leq t < n$ . There exists a  $2n \times 2t$  matrix  $D = (\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{2t}) = (\mathbf{w}_1^\top, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{2n}^\top)^\top$  over a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  s.t.

(a)  $\langle \mathbf{v}_i, J\mathbf{v}_j \rangle = 0$  for any  $i \in \{1, \dots, 2(n-t)\}$  and  $j \in \{1, \dots, 2t\}$ ,

where  $J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -I_n \\ I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and

(b)  $\mathbf{w}_{\pi(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{\pi(t)}, \mathbf{w}_{\pi(1)+n}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{\pi(t)+n}$  are linearly independent for any perm  $\pi \in \text{perm}(t)$ .

### Stabilizer Formalism by Condition (a)

- $V := \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{2(n-t)}\}$  defines a **stabilizer**.

( $\therefore$  Self-orthogonality  $V \subset V^\perp := \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{F}_q^{2n} \mid \langle \mathbf{v}, J\mathbf{v}' \rangle = 0 \forall \mathbf{v}' \in V\}$ )

- Let  $\mathcal{A} = \text{span}\{|i\rangle \mid i \in \mathbb{F}_q\}$ . For  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}_q$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_{2n}) \in \mathbb{F}_q^{2n}$ ,

$$X(a) := \sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_q} |i+a\rangle \langle i|, \quad Z(b) := \sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_q} \omega^{\text{tr} bi} |i\rangle \langle i| \text{ on } \mathcal{A},$$

$$\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{v}) := X(v_1)Z(v_{n+1}) \otimes X(v_2)Z(v_{n+2}) \otimes \dots \otimes X(v_n)Z(v_{2n}) \text{ on } \mathcal{A}^{\otimes n},$$

where  $\omega := \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}/p)$ .

- $\mathcal{A}^{\otimes n}$  is decomposed as  $\mathcal{H}^{\otimes n} = \mathcal{W} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{q^{n-\dim V}}$ , where  $\mathcal{W} = \text{span}\{|\mathbf{v}\rangle \mid \underbrace{|\mathbf{v}\rangle}_{\text{coset}} := \mathbf{v} + V^\perp \in \mathbb{F}_q^{2n}/V^\perp\}$ .

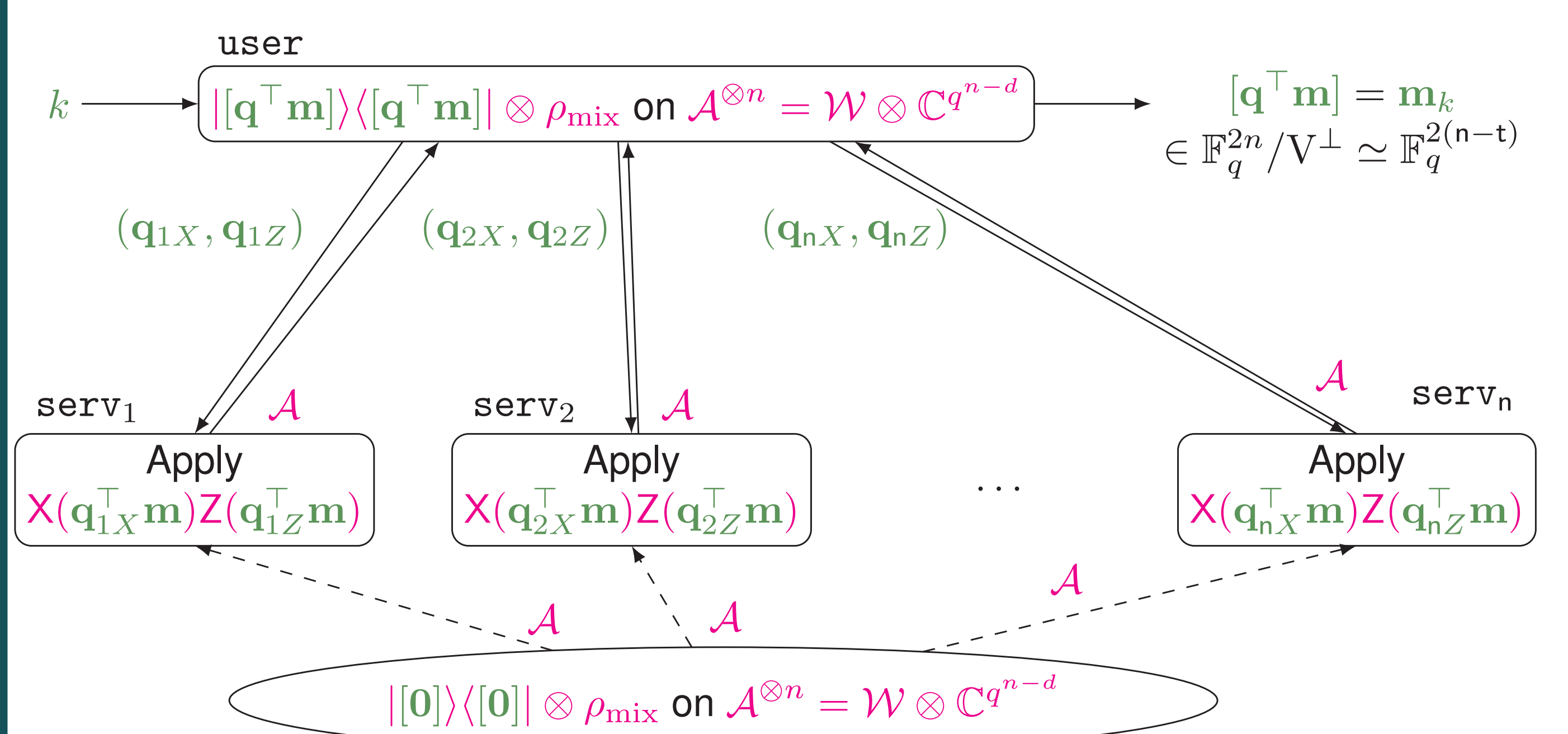
**Lemma 2:** For any  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}' \in \mathbb{F}_q^{2n}$ , we have

$$|\mathbf{v}\rangle \langle \mathbf{v}| \otimes \rho_{\text{mix}} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{v}')} |\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v}'\rangle \langle \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v}'| \otimes \rho_{\text{mix}}. \quad (1)$$

## V. Our QPIR Protocol

### Protocol for $n$ servers, $f$ files, $t \geq \frac{n}{2}$ colluding servers

- Files  $\mathbf{m} := (\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2, \dots, \mathbf{m}_f) \in \mathbb{F}_q^{2(n-t)} \times \dots \times \mathbb{F}_q^{2(n-t)} = \mathbb{F}_q^{2(n-t)f}$ .
- The target file is  $\mathbf{m}_k \in \mathbb{F}_q^{2(n-t)}$ .
- Choose  $\mathbf{v}_{2t+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{2n} \in \mathbb{F}_q^{2n}$  s.t.  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{2n}\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{F}_q^{2n}$ .
- For secret random  $R \in \mathbb{F}_q^{2t \times 2(n-t)f}$  and  $E_k = (0, \dots, 0, I, 0, \dots, 0)^\top$ ,  $(\mathbf{q}_{1X}, \dots, \mathbf{q}_{nX}, \mathbf{q}_{1Z}, \dots, \mathbf{q}_{nZ})^\top := (\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{2t})R + (\mathbf{v}_{2t+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{2n})E_k$



### Analysis of Protocol

- $R^{(m)} = \frac{(\text{Size of } \mathbf{m}_k)}{(\text{Download size})} = \frac{2(n-t)}{n}$ .
- $P_{\text{err}}^{(m)} = 0$  and  $S_{\text{serv}}^{(m)} = 0$  ( $\therefore$  the received state is  $|\mathbf{m}_k\rangle \langle \mathbf{m}_k| \otimes \rho_{\text{mix}}$ ).
- $S_{\text{user}}^{(m)} = 0$  ( $\therefore$  queries of any  $t$  servers are uniform random by (b)).

## VI. Proof Sketch of $C_{\text{exact}}^{\alpha, 0, 0} = C_{\text{exact}}^{0, \beta, 0} \leq 2(n-t)/n$

- By secrecy, colluding servers generate  $t$  ebits b/w user and other servers,
- With shared ebits, non-colluding  $(n-t)$  servers can send at most  $2(n-t)$  bits to the user.