# Semantically-Secured Message-Key Trade-off over Wiretap Channels with Random Parameters

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**★** This example is a special case of the state dependent less-noisy eavesdropper WTC with a key, for which our region attains capacity.

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## Thank you!

## Abstract

Two fundamental questions in physical layer security are those related to the best achievable transmission rate of a secret message (SM) over a noisy channel, and the highest attainable secret key (SK) rate that distributed parties can agree upon. We study the trade-off between SM and SK rates simultaneously achievable over a state-dependent wiretap channel with non-causal channel state information (CSI) at the encoder. This model subsumes all other instances of CSI availability as special cases, and calls for an efficient utilization of the state sequence both for reliability and security purposes.

We derive an inner bound on the SM-SK capacity region based on a novel superposition coding scheme. This inner bound improves upon the previously best known SM-SK trade-off result by Prabhakaran et al, and to the best of our knowledge, upon all other existing lower bounds for either SM or SK for this setup. The results are derived under the strict semantic-security metric that requires negligible information leakage for all message-key distributions. The achievability proof uses the likelihood encoder and the strong soft-covering lemma for superposition codes. We conclude by a short outlook.