

Appendix A Proof of Theorem 1

In order to prove the equivalence of Problem (15) and Problem (16), we have to demonstrate that they share the identical optimal solution when $f(\eta^*) = 0$. It is plain to see that Problem (15) and (16) possess the same the same range of feasible solutions. First, we denote $(\widehat{\mathbf{W}}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}) \in R_1$ and $(\widehat{\mathbf{W}}^*, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}^*) \in R_1$ as feasible and optimal solutions of Problem (15) separately. Then, for any $(\widehat{\mathbf{W}}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}})$, we have the maximum SSE i.e., η^* as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \eta^* &= \frac{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \gamma_k(\widehat{\mathbf{W}}_k^*)}} - \frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k^*}} \right)}{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{tr}(\widehat{\mathbf{W}}_k^*)} \\ &= \max_{\mathbf{W}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}} \frac{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \gamma_k(\mathbf{W}_k)} - \frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k}} \right)}{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{W}_k)} \\ &\geq \frac{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \gamma_k(\widehat{\mathbf{W}}_k)} - \frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k}} \right)}{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{tr}(\widehat{\mathbf{W}}_k)}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A1})$$

Since both $\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{tr}(\widehat{\mathbf{W}}_k^*) \geq 0$ and $\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{W}_k) \geq 0$, we can transform (A1) as

$$\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \gamma_k(\widehat{\mathbf{W}}_k^*)}} - \frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k^*}} \right) - \eta^* \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{tr}(\widehat{\mathbf{W}}_k^*) = 0, \quad (\text{A2})$$

$$\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \gamma_k(\widehat{\mathbf{W}}_k)} - \frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k}} \right) - \eta^* \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{tr}(\widehat{\mathbf{W}}_k) \leq 0. \quad (\text{A3})$$

By combing (A2) and (A3), it is clearly observed that $(\widehat{\mathbf{W}}^*, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}^*)$ is the optimal solution for (16). Similarly, we denote $(\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}, \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}) \in R_1$ and $(\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}^*, \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}^*) \in R_1$ be feasible and optimal solutions of Problem (16) respectively. Let $f(\eta^*) = 0$ and we have

$$\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \gamma_k(\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_k^*)}} - \frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k^*}} \right) - \eta^* \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{tr}(\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_k^*) = 0, \quad (\text{A4})$$

$$\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \gamma_k(\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_k)} - \frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k}} \right) - \eta^* \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{tr}(\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_k) \leq 0. \quad (\text{A5})$$

By combing (A4) and (A5), it is clearly observed that $(\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}^*, \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}^*)$ is the optimal solution for (15). Finally, we can verify the equivalence between Problem (15) and (16) only if $f(\eta^*) = 0$.

Appendix B Proof of Theorem 2

We denote $\mathbf{V}_k^i = (\mathbf{W}^i, p_t^i, \boldsymbol{\varphi}^i, \mathbf{z}^i, \mathbf{y}^i)$ and $\mathbf{V}_k^{i+1} = (\mathbf{W}^{i+1}, p_t^{i+1}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}^{i+1}, \mathbf{z}^{i+1}, \mathbf{y}^{i+1})$ as the feasible solution sets at the i -th and $(i+1)$ -th iterations for the problem (28), respectively. So that, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} (z_k^{i+1} - T_{e_k}^{i+1}) - \eta \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{W}_k^{i+1}) \\ &= \max_{\mathbf{W}, p_t, \boldsymbol{\varphi}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}, \eta} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} (z_k - T_{e_k}) - \eta \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{W}_k) \\ &\geq \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \left(z_k^i - \frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k^i}} \right) - \eta \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{W}_k^i). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B1})$$

Moreover, utilizing (17), we can additionally attain

$$\frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k^{i+1}}} \leq \frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k^i}} + \frac{\tau_k e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k^i}}{(1+e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k^i})^2} (\varphi_k^{i+1} - \varphi_k^i). \quad (\text{B2})$$

Subsequently, adhering to the iterative method outlined in (28), we conclude with

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \left(z_k^{i+1} - \frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k^{i+1}}} \right) - \eta \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{W}_k^{i+1}) \\ &\geq \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \left(z_k^{i+1} - \frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k^i}} - \frac{\tau_k e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k^i}}{(1+e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k^i})^2} (\varphi_k^{i+1} - \varphi_k^i) \right) - \eta \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{W}_k^{i+1}) \\ &= \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} (z_k^{i+1} - T_{e_k}^{i+1}) - \eta \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{W}_k^{i+1}) \\ &\geq \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \left(z_k^i - \frac{1}{1+e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k^i}} \right) - \eta \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{W}_k^i). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B3})$$

Based on (B3), it is evident that the iterative process (28) consistently yields solutions that are no worse than the previous iteration, ensuring a monotonically nondecreasing sequence as the number of iterations grows. Furthermore, employing the transmit power constraint $\text{tr}(\mathbf{W}_k) \leq p_t$ and utilizing the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we can derive an upper bound for the objective function, as illustrated below

$$\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-\tau_k \gamma_k}} - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k}} \right) - \eta \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{W}_k) \leq \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\tau_k \gamma_k^{\max}}} \quad (\text{B4})$$

where $\gamma_k^{\max} = \frac{p_t \text{tr}(\mathbf{H}_k)}{\sigma^2}$ denotes the maximum value of the signal-to-noise ratio. Upon integrating (B3) and (B4), we can ascertain that the iterative procedure defined in (28) will converge to a ϵ -optimal solution of (16) upon completion of a sufficient number of iterations.

Appendix C Proof of Theorem 3

We denote the objective function as

$$f(\tau_k) = \frac{1}{\tau_k} \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-\tau_k \gamma_k}} - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\tau_k \varphi_k}} \right). \quad (\text{C1})$$

We set $\tau_k \varphi_k = u_k$ and then $\tau_k \gamma_k = v_k u_k$, where $v_k = \frac{\gamma_k}{\varphi_k} > 1$. The fomula (C1) can be expressed as

$$f(y_k) = \frac{\varphi_k}{u_k} \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-v_k u_k}} - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-u_k}} \right) = \varphi_k \hat{f}(u_k). \quad (\text{C2})$$

We construct function $g(u_k, v_k)$ and its expression can be written as

$$g(u_k, v_k) = \frac{1}{u_k} \frac{1}{1 + e^{-v_k u_k}}, \quad (\text{C3})$$

then

$$\hat{f}(u_k) = g(u_k, v_k) - g(u_k, 1). \quad (\text{C4})$$

The first derivative of $\hat{f}(u_k)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\hat{f}(u_k)}{du_k} &= \dot{g}(u_k, v_k) - \dot{g}(u_k, 1) \\ &= \frac{(v_k u_k - 1)e^{-v_k u_k} - 1}{u_k^2 (1 + e^{-v_k u_k})^2} - \frac{(u_k - 1)e^{-u_k} - 1}{u_k^2 (1 + e^{-u_k})^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C5})$$

where $\dot{g}(u_k, v_k)$ and $\dot{g}(u_k, 1)$ represent the first-order partial derivatives of the function $g(u_k, v_k)$ and $g(u_k, 1)$ with respect to u_k respectively. The derivative of $\dot{g}(u_k, v_k)$ with respect to v_k is

$$\frac{\partial \dot{g}(u_k, v_k)}{\partial v_k} = \frac{g_1 - g_2}{(u_k^2 (1 + e^{-v_k u_k})^2)^2}, \quad (\text{C6})$$

where

$$g_1 = u_k^3 e^{-v_k u_k} (2 - v_k u_k) (1 + e^{-v_k u_k})^2, \quad (\text{C7})$$

$$g_2 = 2u_k^3 e^{-v_k u_k} (1 + e^{-v_k u_k}) (1 - (v_k u_k - 1)e^{-v_k u_k}). \quad (\text{C8})$$

The formula $g_1 - g_2$ can be expanded as

$$g_1 - g_2 = v_k u_k^4 e^{-v_k u_k} (1 + e^{-v_k u_k}) (e^{-v_k u_k} - 1). \quad (\text{C9})$$

According to (C9), it is evident that $g_1 - g_2$ is less than zero. Then, function $\dot{g}(u_k, v_k)$ monotonically decreases with respect to v_k , i.e., $\dot{g}(u_k, v_k) \leq \dot{g}(u_k, 1)$, making $\frac{d\hat{f}(u_k)}{du_k} \leq 0$. Therefore, $\hat{f}(u_k)$ is a monotonically decreasing function about u_k , which is equivalent that $f(\tau_k)$ is a monotonically decreasing function about τ_k .

Appendix D Proof of Lemma 1

Firstly, the SINR expression in (37a) can be rewritten as

$$\gamma_{k,n} = \frac{|\mathbf{h}_{k,n}^H \mathbf{w}_k|^2}{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{K}, i \neq k} |\mathbf{h}_{k,n}^H \mathbf{w}_i|^2 + \sigma_n^2} \leq \gamma_e, \quad (\text{D1a})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{h}_{k,n}^H (\mathbf{W}_k - \gamma_e \sum_{i \in \mathcal{K}, i \neq k} \mathbf{W}_i) \mathbf{h}_{k,n} \leq \gamma_e \sigma_n^2, \quad (\text{D1b})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{h}_{k,n}^H \mathbf{Q}_k \mathbf{h}_{k,n} + \gamma_e \sigma_n^2 \geq 0. \quad (\text{D1c})$$

where we denote $\mathbf{Q}_k \triangleq \gamma_e \sum_{i \in \mathcal{K}, i \neq k} \mathbf{W}_i - \mathbf{W}_k$. By substituting $\mathbf{h}_{k,n} = \hat{\mathbf{h}}_{k,n} + \Delta \mathbf{h}_{k,n}$ into (D1c), we get the equivalent expression as follows

$$(\text{D1c}) \Leftrightarrow (\hat{\mathbf{h}}_{k,n} + \Delta \mathbf{h}_{k,n})^H \mathbf{Q}_k (\hat{\mathbf{h}}_{k,n} + \Delta \mathbf{h}_{k,n}) + \gamma_e \sigma_n^2 \geq 0, \quad (\text{D2a})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underbrace{\Delta \mathbf{h}_{k,n}^H \mathbf{Q}_k \Delta \mathbf{h}_{k,n}}_{f_1} + 2 \operatorname{Re} \{ \underbrace{\hat{\mathbf{h}}_{k,n}^H \mathbf{Q}_k \Delta \mathbf{h}_{k,n}}_{f_2} \} + \underbrace{\hat{\mathbf{h}}_{k,n}^H \mathbf{Q}_k \hat{\mathbf{h}}_{k,n} + \gamma_e \sigma_n^2}_{c_{k,n}} \geq 0. \quad (\text{D2b})$$

We represent the CSI error $\Delta \mathbf{h}_{k,n}$ as $\Delta \mathbf{h}_{k,n} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k,n}^{1/2} \mathbf{v}_{k,n}$, where $\mathbf{v}_{k,n} \sim \mathcal{CN}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$, $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k,n} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k,n}^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k,n}^{1/2}$ and $(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k,n}^{1/2})^H = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k,n}^{1/2}$, so that the expression f_1 in (D2b) can be reformulated as

$$f_1 = (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k,n}^{1/2} \mathbf{v}_{k,n})^H \mathbf{Q}_k (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k,n}^{1/2} \mathbf{v}_{k,n}), \quad (\text{D3a})$$

$$= \mathbf{v}_{k,n}^H \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k,n}^{1/2} \mathbf{Q}_k \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k,n}^{1/2} \mathbf{v}_{k,n}, \quad (\text{D3b})$$

$$\triangleq \mathbf{v}_{k,n}^H \mathbf{A}_{k,n} \mathbf{v}_{k,n}, \quad (\text{D3c})$$

where $\mathbf{A}_{k,n} \triangleq \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k,n}^{1/2} \mathbf{Q}_k \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k,n}^{1/2}$.

Similarly, the expression f_2 in (D2b) can be reformulated as

$$f_2 = \hat{\mathbf{h}}_{k,n}^H \mathbf{Q}_k \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k,n}^{1/2} \mathbf{v}_{k,n}, \quad (\text{D4a})$$

$$\triangleq \mathbf{u}_{k,n}^H \mathbf{v}_{k,n}, \quad (\text{D4b})$$

where $\mathbf{u}_{k,n}^H \triangleq \hat{\mathbf{h}}_{k,n}^H \mathbf{Q}_k \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k,n}^{1/2}$. And the expression $c_{k,n}$ in (D2b) can be restructured as

$$c_{k,n} = \operatorname{tr}(\hat{\mathbf{h}}_{k,n}^H \mathbf{Q}_k \hat{\mathbf{h}}_{k,n}) + \gamma_e \sigma_n^2. \quad (\text{D5})$$

By substituting (D3c), (D4b) and (D5) into (D2b), we have

$$\mathbf{v}_{k,n}^H \mathbf{A}_{k,n} \mathbf{v}_{k,n} + \mathbf{u}_{k,n}^H \mathbf{v}_{k,n} + c_{k,n} \geq 0. \quad (\text{D6})$$

Therefore, the per-eavesdropper secrecy outage probability constraint can be given by

$$Pr_{h_{k,n}} \{ \mathbf{v}_{k,n}^H \mathbf{A}_{k,n} \mathbf{v}_{k,n} + 2 \operatorname{Re} \{ \mathbf{u}_{k,n}^H \mathbf{v}_{k,n} \} + c_{k,n} \geq 0 \} \geq 1 - \rho_k. \quad (\text{D7})$$

The equivalence stated in (D7) indicates that the outage probability defined in (37a) can be described through a quadratic inequality pertaining to the Gaussian random vector $\mathbf{v}_{k,n}$.

By invoking the BTI, we can convert the chance constraint (D7) into a deterministic constraint, which furnishes (D7) with a reliable approximation and is given by

$$(\text{D7}) \Leftrightarrow \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{A}_{k,n}) - \sqrt{2 \ln(1/\rho_{k,n})} \sqrt{\|\mathbf{A}_{k,n}\|_F^2 + 2 \|\mathbf{u}_{k,n}\|^2} + \ln(\rho_{k,n}) \lambda^+(-\mathbf{A}_{k,n}) + c_{k,n} \geq 0, \quad (\text{D8a})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{A}_{k,n}) - \sqrt{-2 \ln(\rho_{k,n})} p_{k,n} + \ln(\rho_{k,n}) q_{k,n} + c_{k,n} \geq 0, \\ \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{vec}(\mathbf{A}_{k,n}) \\ \sqrt{2} \mathbf{u}_{k,n} \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 \leq p_{k,n}, \\ q_{k,n} \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}_{k,n} \succeq 0, q_{k,n} \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (\text{D8b})$$

where $\lambda^+(\mathbf{A}_{k,n}) = \max(\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{A}_{k,n}), 0)$. $p_{k,n}$ and $q_{k,n}$ are slack variables.