

# Enhancing PHY Security of Cooperative Cognitive Radio Multicast Communications

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**Abstract**—In this paper, we propose a cooperative approach to improve the security of both primary and secondary systems in cognitive radio multicast communications. During their access to the frequency spectrum licensed to the primary users, the secondary unlicensed users assist the primary system in fortifying security by sending a jamming noise to the eavesdroppers, while simultaneously protect themselves from eavesdropping. The main objective of this work is to maximize the secrecy rate of the secondary system, while adhering to all individual primary users' secrecy rate constraints. In the case of active eavesdroppers and perfect channel state information (CSI) at the transceivers, the utility function of interest is nonconcave and the involved constraints are nonconvex, and thus, the optimal solutions are troublesome. To solve this problem, we propose an iterative algorithm to arrive at least to a local optimum of the original nonconvex problem. This algorithm is guaranteed to achieve a Karush-Kuhn-Tucker solution. Then, we extend the optimization approach to the case of passive eavesdroppers and imperfect CSI knowledge at the transceivers, where the constraints are transformed into a linear matrix inequality and convex constraints, in order to facilitate the optimal solution.

**Index Terms**—Cognitive radio, convex optimization, interference, jamming noise, secrecy capacity, multicast transmission.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Traditionally, a secrecy mechanism is applied at the higher layers of a communication system by using a secret key exchange between the source and the destination, such as the Diffie-Hellman key exchange [2]. However, the execution of key exchange algorithms over wireless networks may be vulnerable to eavesdropping attacks, due to the broadcasting

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nature of the wireless transmission media. As a result, research in information theory for wireless communication systems has focused on achieving secrecy, by using channel coding and signal processing techniques at the physical layer (PHY) [3], [4]. Specifically, the pioneering work [3] introduced PHY security via wiretap channels, by providing perfect secrecy that can be attained when the eavesdropper channel is a degraded version of the main source-to-destination channel.

Recently, PHY security for wireless communications has become an important research area. The underlying idea is to guarantee a positive secrecy rate of legitimate users by exploiting the random characteristics of wireless channel. In particular, the authors in [5] proposed a low-complexity on/off power allocation strategy to attain secrecy under the assumption of full channel state information (CSI). The use of cooperative jamming noise (JN) was proposed in [6], where users who are prevented from transmitting according to a certain policy block the eavesdropper and thereby assist the remaining users. In [7], the authors analyzed the optimal location of an eavesdropper which results in zero secrecy capacity of all links, where the location is defined logically in terms of channel gains. From a quality-of-service (QoS) perspective, a secret transmit beamforming approach was considered in [8]–[10], in order to predetermine the signal-to-interference-plus-noise-ratio (SINR) target at the destination and/or at the eavesdropper. More recently, a jamming noise technique (a.k.a. artificial noise) was introduced, in order to improve the secrecy capacity by confusing the decoding capability of the eavesdroppers [11]–[17]. Furthermore, in [18], a new secure transmission was proposed in order to sustain the secrecy of the communication, by utilizing the available power to produce artificial noise for the eavesdropper. The authors in [19] considered the case of a passive eavesdropper with multi-antenna transmission, where the transmitter simultaneously transmits an information-bearing signal to the intended receiver and artificial noise to the eavesdropper. A joint information and jamming beamforming technique for a full-duplex base station (BS) which secures both uplink and downlink transmission, was proposed in [20]. Finally, cooperation between the source and destination was proposed in [21], with the destination operating in the full-duplex mode, i.e., the destination receives information from the source and sends a jamming signal to the eavesdropper at the same time.

Being a critical issue, PHY security of cognitive radio networks (CRNs), which deal with specific security risks due to the broadcasting nature of radio signals, has not been well investigated until recently, e.g., in [22]–[29]. More specifically,

in [22]–[24], multi-antennas at the secondary transmitter were utilized to attain beamforming that maximizes the secrecy capacity of the secondary system, while adhering to the peak interference constraint at the primary receiver. In [25], cooperation between the secondary system and the primary system was proposed, in order to improve the secrecy capacity of the primary system. Furthermore, a simple case with single antenna at the eavesdropper was considered in [26], [27]. Particularly, in [26], joint beamforming for information and jamming noise was proposed to protect both primary and secondary systems, with the secondary user acting as an amplify-and-forward relay to enhance the security of the primary system. A jamming beamforming technique was designed in [27], based on the nullspace of the legitimate channel, in order to protect the primary system by treating the signal from the secondary transmitter as interference. In [28], the authors considered a CRN model, where both primary user (PU) and secondary user (SU) send their confidential messages to intended receivers that are surrounded by a single eavesdropper. Besides, the capacity-equivocation region of cognitive interference channel was obtained in [30], where the primary receiver is treated as untrusted user (eavesdropper) who intends to eavesdrop the confidential message of the secondary system. Extensions of [30] were made in [31], [32] by additionally considering the secrecy of the primary system.

In this paper, we consider the PHY security in cooperative cognitive radio multicast communications, where the eavesdroppers intend to wiretap data from both primary and secondary systems. We assume that the primary transmitter is equipped only with a single antenna, which implies that the primary transmitter cannot generate a jamming signal or design a beamforming vector to protect itself from the eavesdroppers. The secrecy capacity of the primary system is improved by implementing a cooperative framework between the primary and secondary systems. Specifically, the primary system allows the secondary system to share its spectrum, and in return the secondary system sends jamming noise to degrade the eavesdropper’s channel, in order to protect the primary system. In the CRN multicast transmission model, we assume that there are one group of PUs and  $G$  groups of SUs, where all users in each group receives identical information from its transmitter, and furthermore, each group can be surrounded by multiple eavesdroppers. We note that the recent work in [28] is a special case of this paper, where only a single receiver and a single eavesdropper are assumed, which is well-known as unicast mode.

The aim of this paper is to design the optimal beamforming vectors that realize the PHY security and maximize the secrecy rate of the secondary system, while ensuring adherence to the individual secrecy rate constraints at each primary user. Specifically, the main contributions of this paper can be summarized as follows:

- For the perfect CSI case, we design a joint information and jamming signal at the secondary transmitter, where information is intended for secondary receivers and jamming noise is intended for eavesdroppers. The main objective is to maximize the secrecy rate of the secondary system, while satisfying the minimum secrecy

rate requirement for each legitimate user of the primary system as well as the power constraint. We show that the equivalent problem can be converted to a single-layer optimization problem, which can be easily solved through convex quadratic programming.

- When the CSI of the channel from the secondary transmitter to the PUs is imperfect and only partial CSI of the eavesdroppers is available, we transform the non-linear constraints into a linear matrix inequality and convex constraints, based on a specific matrix inequality lemma. We show that the approximate optimization problem can be efficiently solved in a similar manner as the perfect CSI case.
- We propose an efficient method to find the approximate solution for optimal transmit beamforming, by providing the convexity of the original problem that is considered through the use of a convex approximation. The optimal solutions of transmit beamforming for the confidential information and jamming noise do not fix the transmit strategy. Importantly, we develop an iterative algorithm of low complexity for the computational solution of the considered optimization problem. The obtained solutions are proved to be at least local optimum, as satisfying the necessary optimal conditions.
- We provide extensive numerical results to justify the novelty of the proposed algorithm and compare its performance with the known solutions. In particular, the numerical results demonstrate fast convergence of the proposed algorithm and a significant improvement of the secrecy rate, compared with other known solutions. We should remark that our results are more general than in [28], which was considered under the assumptions of one eavesdropper and perfect CSI. In addition, the model in this paper is of practical interest in designing networks that are required to transmit the same data to a group of users, for example, in video broadcasting and various applications. Moreover, the considered problem in this paper is highly nonlinear and nonconvex function, thus it is more challenging to solve compared to SINR-based design in [28].

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. Section II describes the CRN multicast transmission model with multiple eavesdroppers and formulates the optimization problem. Section III derives optimal beamforming for information signal and jamming noise at the secondary transmitter under the assumption of perfect CSI, while Section IV extends the considered problem to the case of imperfect CSI and passive eavesdropper. Section V provides numerical results and discussions. Finally, the conclusions are drawn in Section VI. In order to make the rest of the paper easy to follow, the notations and symbols used in the paper are specified in Table I.

## II. SYSTEM MODEL AND OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM

### A. System Model

We consider the PHY security of CRN multicast transmission with cooperation between a primary system and a secondary system. The primary system consists of one primary

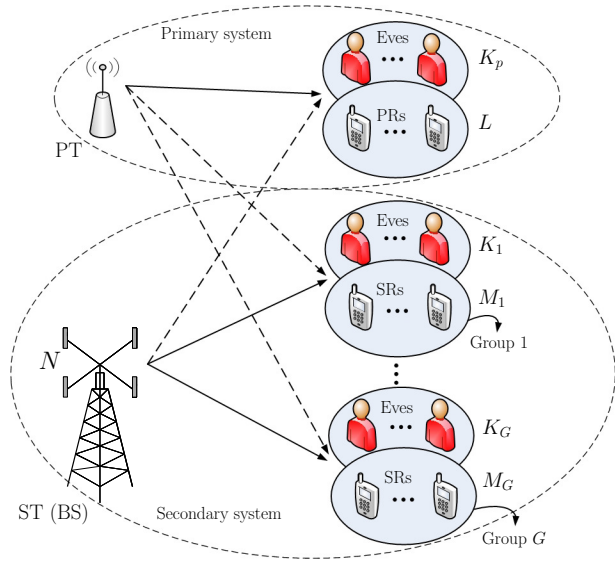


Figure 1. A cooperative CRN multicast transmission model with multiple eavesdroppers.

transmitter (PT) and  $L$  primary receivers (PRs), while the secondary system consists of one secondary transmitter (ST) and  $M$  secondary receivers (SRs), as illustrated in Fig. 1. The ST, which is a BS, is equipped with  $N$  antennas, whereas all other nodes are equipped with only one antenna.<sup>1</sup> The opportunistic spectrum access is improved by assigning the ST to send  $G$  information bearing signals  $s_g, g = 1, \dots, G$ , where  $s_g$  is the information being sent to the  $g$ -th group with unit average power  $\mathbb{E}\{|s_g|^2\} = 1$ . We assume that each individual multicast group  $\mathcal{G}_g$  in the secondary system consists of  $M_g$  secondary receivers. Specifically, the number of SRs in group  $\mathcal{G}_g$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{S}_g = \{1, \dots, m_g, \dots, M_g\}$ . Then, the total number of SRs in the secondary system with multicast transmission is indeed  $M = \sum_{g=1}^G M_g$ . In the multicast transmission, all users within the same group will receive identical data from its transmitter. Regarding security, we assume that the eavesdroppers (Eves) potentially intend to wiretap and decode confidential messages from both primary and secondary systems [33]. We assume that each group  $\mathcal{G}_g$  and the PRs are respectively wiretapped by a set of Eves such as  $\mathcal{K}_{e,g} \triangleq \{1, \dots, k_g, \dots, K_g\}, \forall g$  and  $\mathcal{K}_p \triangleq \{1, \dots, k_p, \dots, K_p\}$ . This implies that at the same time, each legitimate user is wiretapped by a separate group of Eves.

We aim to design multiple beamforming vectors at the ST, one for the JN and the other for its own information signal, to protect both primary and secondary systems. The transmit power at the PT is  $P_p > 0$  and the data intended for the PRs is  $x_p$  with unit average power  $\mathbb{E}\{|x_p|^2\} = 1$ . Before transmission, the data of the SRs  $s_g$  in the group  $\mathcal{G}_g$  is weighted to the  $N \times 1$  beamforming vector  $\mathbf{w}_g, \forall g$ . Hence, the transmitted signals at the ST can be expressed through a

<sup>1</sup>We note that the solution for multiple antennas at the PT is straightforward by following the same procedure presented in this paper since the resource allocation strategies at the ST and PT are independent.

Table I  
NOTATIONS AND SYMBOLS

$\mathbf{X}^H, \mathbf{X}^T$ and $\text{tr}(\mathbf{X})$	Hermitian transpose, normal transpose and trace of a matrix $\mathbf{X}$
$\ \cdot\ $ and $ \cdot $	Euclidean norm of a matrix or vector and the magnitude of a complex scalar
$\mathbf{I}_N$	$N \times N$ identity matrix
$\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{CN}(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \mathbf{Z})$	Random vector following a complex circular Gaussian distribution with mean $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ and covariance matrix $\mathbf{Z}$
$\mathbb{E}[\cdot]$	Statistical expectation
$\mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{0}$	Positive semidefinite matrix
$\Re\{\cdot\}$	Real part of the argument
$\mathbf{h}_{m_g}$ and $\mathbf{f}_l$	Channels from ST to $m_g$ -th SR and $l$ -th PR
$\mathbf{g}_{k_g}$ and $\mathbf{f}_{k_p}$	Channels from ST to $k_g$ -th Eve and $k_p$ -th Eve
$h_l$ and $f_{m_g}$	Channels from PT to $l$ -th PR and $m_g$ -th SR
$g_{k_p}$ and $f_{k_g}$	Channels from PT to $k_p$ -th Eve and $k_g$ -th Eve
$\mathbf{w}_g$	Beamforming vector at ST intended to group $\mathcal{G}_g$
$\mathbf{u}$	Artificial noise vector with $\mathbf{u} \sim \mathcal{CN}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^H)$
$t_g$	Maximum allowable rate for $k_g$ -th Eve
$z$	Maximum allowable rate for $k_p$ -th Eve
$\varphi$	Objective variable in maximizing secrecy rate of secondary system
$\alpha$	Minimum SINR requirement for $l$ -th PR
$\phi_g$	Maximum received SINR for $k_g$ -th Eve
$\beta$	Maximum received SINR for $k_p$ -th Eve

vector  $\mathbf{x}_s$  as

$$\mathbf{x}_s = \sum_{g=1}^G \mathbf{w}_g s_g + \mathbf{u} \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{u}$  is the artificial noise vector, whose elements are zero-mean complex Gaussian random variables with covariance matrix  $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^H$ , such that  $\mathbf{u} \sim \mathcal{CN}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^H)$  with  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$ . The artificial noise  $\mathbf{u}$  is assumed to be unknown to all SRs, PRs, and Eves. For notational simplicity, we define  $\mathbf{w} \triangleq [\mathbf{w}_1^T, \mathbf{w}_2^T, \dots, \mathbf{w}_G^T]^T \in \mathbb{C}^{NG \times 1}$ .

The corresponding SINR at the  $l$ -th PR for  $l = 1, \dots, L$  and the  $k_p$ -th Eve for  $k_p = 1, \dots, K_p$  are respectively given by

$$\Gamma_{p,l}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) = \frac{P_p |h_l|^2}{\sum_{g=1}^G |\mathbf{f}_l^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2 + \|\mathbf{f}_l^H \mathbf{U}\|^2 + \sigma_l^2}, \quad (2)$$

$$\Gamma_{e,k_p}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) = \frac{P_p |g_{k_p}|^2}{\sum_{g=1}^G |\mathbf{f}_{k_p}^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2 + \|\mathbf{f}_{k_p}^H \mathbf{U}\|^2 + \sigma_{k_p}^2} \quad (3)$$

where  $h_l \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $g_{k_p} \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbf{f}_l \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times 1}$ , and  $\mathbf{f}_{k_p} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times 1}$  are the respective baseband equivalent channels of the links PT  $\rightarrow$   $l$ -th PR, PT  $\rightarrow$   $k_p$ -th Eve, ST  $\rightarrow$   $l$ -th PR, and ST  $\rightarrow$   $k_p$ -th Eve.  $\sigma_l^2$  and  $\sigma_{k_p}^2$  are the variance of the additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) at the  $l$ -th PR and  $k_p$ -th Eve, respectively.

The respective SINR at the  $m_g$ -th SR in the group  $\mathcal{G}_g$  and the  $k_g$ -th Eve are given by

$$\Gamma_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) = \frac{|\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2}{\sum_{i=1, i \neq g}^G |\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{w}_i|^2 + \|\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{U}\|^2 + P_p |f_{m_g}|^2 + \sigma_{m_g}^2}, \quad (4)$$

$$\Gamma_{e,k_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) = \frac{|\mathbf{g}_{k_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2}{\sum_{i=1, i \neq g}^G |\mathbf{g}_{k_g}^H \mathbf{w}_i|^2 + \|\mathbf{g}_{k_g}^H \mathbf{U}\|^2 + P_p |f_{k_g}|^2 + \sigma_{k_g}^2} \quad (5)$$

where  $\mathbf{h}_{m_g} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times 1}$ ,  $\mathbf{g}_{k_g} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times 1}$ ,  $f_{m_g} \in \mathbb{C}$ , and  $f_{k_g} \in \mathbb{C}$  are the corresponding baseband equivalent channels of the links  $\text{ST} \rightarrow m_g$ -th SR,  $\text{ST} \rightarrow k_g$ -th Eve,  $\text{PT} \rightarrow m_g$ -th SR,  $\text{PT} \rightarrow k_g$ -th Eve.  $\sigma_{m_g}^2$  and  $\sigma_{k_g}^2$  are the variance of AWGN at the  $m_g$ -th PR and  $k_g$ -th Eve, respectively. We further assume that all channels remain constant during a transmission block, yet change independently from one block to another. By using dirty-paper coding (DPC), the ST with encoding order from the group  $\mathcal{G}_1$  to  $\mathcal{G}_G$  enables the SRs in  $\mathcal{S}_g$  to know the information signals intended for the SRs in  $\mathcal{S}_{g'}, g' = 1, \dots, g-1$  non-casually, so that it can be perfectly eliminated [34]. Hence, the SINR in (4) by DPC can be rewritten as

$$\Gamma_{s,m_g}^{\text{DPC}}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) = \frac{|\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2}{\sum_{i>g} |\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{w}_i|^2 + \|\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{U}\|^2 + P_p |f_{m_g}|^2 + \sigma_{m_g}^2}.$$

It is clear that under the same beamformer/precoder  $(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$ ,  $\Gamma_{s,m_g}^{\text{DPC}}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$  is better than  $\Gamma_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$ . However, DPC may be difficult to implement in practice due to its high computational complexity, and thus, we do not pursue it in this paper.

The channel of each legitimate user together with the respective Eves form a compound wiretap channel [35]. Therefore, the achievable secrecy rate for the  $l$ -th PR of the primary system, denoted by  $C_{p,l}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$ , can be expressed as [35], [36]

$$C_{p,l}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) = \left[ \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{p,l}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) - \max_{k_p \in \mathcal{K}_p} \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{e,k_p}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) \right]^+ \quad (6)$$

where  $[x]^+ = \max\{0, x\}$ .

Similarly, the achievable secrecy rate for the  $m_g$ -th SR of the secondary system, denoted by  $C_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$ , can be expressed as [5]

$$C_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) = \left[ \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) - \max_{k_g \in \mathcal{K}_{e,g}} \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{e,k_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) \right]^+ \quad (7)$$

If  $C_{p,l}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$  and  $C_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$  are above zero, the signal transmitted from the PT and ST are determined to be “undecodable” as is indicated in [6].

### B. Optimization Problem Formulation

The objective of the system design is to maximize the minimum (max-min) secrecy rate of the secondary system while satisfying the minimum QoS requirements, such as the secrecy rate achievable for the primary system. Accordingly, the optimization problem can be mathematically formulated as

$$\mathbf{P.1} : \max_{\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}} \min_{m_g \in \mathcal{S}_g, g \in \mathcal{G}} C_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) \quad (8a)$$

$$\text{s.t. } C_{p,l}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) \geq \bar{R}_{p,l}, l \in \mathcal{L} \quad (8b)$$

$$\sum_{g=1}^G \|\mathbf{w}_g\|^2 + \|\mathbf{U}\|^2 \leq P_s \quad (8c)$$

where  $\mathcal{L} \triangleq \{1, \dots, L\}$  and  $\mathcal{G} \triangleq \{1, \dots, G\}$ . In (8b),  $\bar{R}_{p,l} > 0$  are the minimum secrecy rate requirement for each legitimate user of the primary system. This implies that the QoS for each PR can be different and flexible. In (8c),  $P_s$  is the transmit power budget at the ST.

**Remark 1:** There are two other performance metrics of interest involved in the considered system. In particular, one is to maximize the secrecy rate of the primary system subject to the secrecy rate threshold of secondary system and the transmit power budget at the ST, while the other is to minimize the total transmit power at the ST subject to the secrecy rate threshold of both systems. However, the optimal solution for (8) is also applicable to those cases that will be presented shortly.

The recent works in [20], [28], [37], [38] often introduce new variables to relax the optimization problem as

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_g = \mathbf{w}_g \mathbf{w}_g^H, \forall g \quad (9)$$

which must satisfy the rank-one constraint, i.e.,  $\text{rank}(\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_g) = 1, \forall g$ . Then, they use semi-definite program (SDP) relaxation to solve the optimization problem by constructing an equivalent problem. In which, the optimal solution involves the dual variables of the relaxed problem. Unfortunately, some numerical solvers may not exhibit the optimal solution of dual variables, and then the construction of primal variables may not be possible. In what follows, we will solve (8) via a convex quadratic program and thus the rank-one constraints are automatically satisfied.

### III. THEORETICAL BENCHMARK WITH PERFECT CSI

We first consider the case for which the instantaneous CSI of all channels is available at the transceivers. In particular, the CSI of all channels in both systems can be obtained through feedback from the legitimate receivers to the legitimate transmitters. After CSI acquisition, we assume that only  $M$  SRs and  $L$  PRs are scheduled to be concurrently served. Herein, the remaining users (unscheduled users) are not necessarily malicious, but they could be untrusted users. Thus, the unscheduled users are treated as potential eavesdroppers, but with perfectly known CSI at the transmitters. These assumptions are consistent with several previous works on information theoretic analysis and optimization for the similar kind of problem, [5], [6], [12], [20], [21], for instance.<sup>2</sup>

#### A. Optimal Solution

We note that finding an optimal solution for (8) is challenging due to the nonconcavity of the objective function and nonconvexity of the feasible set. In this section, we propose an iterative algorithm that arrives a local optimum of the considered optimization problem. As the first step, we convert

<sup>2</sup>Though this assumption is quite ideal, however, the performance with assumption of perfect CSI is still of practical importance since it plays as a benchmark how the CRN system may achieve in more realistic conditions [24], [27]–[29].

(8) to another equivalent form as

$$\text{maximize}_{\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}, t, z} \min_{m_g \in \mathcal{S}_g, g \in \mathcal{G}} \left\{ \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{s, m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) - t_g \right\} \quad (10a)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{e, k_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) \leq t_g, \quad k_g \in \mathcal{K}_{e, g}, g \in \mathcal{G} \quad (10b)$$

$$\log_2(1 + \Gamma_{p, l}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) - z \geq \bar{R}_{p, l}, \quad l \in \mathcal{L} \quad (10c)$$

$$\log_2(1 + \Gamma_{e, k_p}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) \leq z, \quad k_p \in \mathcal{K}_p \quad (10d)$$

$$(8c) \quad (10e)$$

where  $t \triangleq \{t_g\}$  and  $z$  are the maximum allowable rates for Eves to wiretap the information signals from the ST and the PT, respectively. Even after the above transformations, (10) is still nonconvex and difficult to solve due to nonconcavity of the objective function. Toward a tractable form, let us rewrite (10) equivalently as

$$\text{maximize}_{\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}, t, z, \varphi} \varphi \quad (11a)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{s, m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) - t_g \geq \varphi, m_g \in \mathcal{S}_g, g \in \mathcal{G} \quad (11b)$$

$$\log_2(1 + \Gamma_{e, k_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) \leq t_g, \quad k_g \in \mathcal{K}_{e, g}, g \in \mathcal{G} \quad (11c)$$

$$\log_2(1 + \Gamma_{p, l}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) - z \geq \bar{R}_{p, l}, \quad l \in \mathcal{L} \quad (11d)$$

$$\log_2(1 + \Gamma_{e, k_p}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) \leq z, \quad k_p \in \mathcal{K}_p \quad (11e)$$

$$(8c) \quad (11f)$$

where  $\varphi$  is newly introduced variable to maximize the secrecy rate of the secondary system. The equivalence between (10) and (11) can be easily confirmed by justifying that the constraints in (11b) must hold with equality at optimum. Observe that the objective function is monotonic in its argument, therefore, we now only deal with the nonconvex constraints (11b)-(11e). Toward this end, we provide the following result.<sup>3</sup>

**Lemma 1:** For the secondary system, the inner convex approximations of nonconvex constraints (11b) and (11c) are given by:

$$\mathcal{F}_{m_g}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) \geq (\varphi + t_g) \ln 2, \quad (12)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{k_g}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) \leq t_g \ln 2 \quad (13)$$

where  $\mathcal{F}_{m_g}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{k_g}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$  are a lower bounding concave function for  $\log_2(1 + \Gamma_{s, m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}))$  and an upper bounding convex function for  $\log_2(1 + \Gamma_{e, k_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}))$ , which are concretized by (57) and (60) in Appendix A, respectively.

Similarly for the primary system, the nonconvex constraints (11d) and (11e) are innerly approximated by the following convex constraints:

$$\mathcal{P}_l^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) \geq (z + \bar{R}_{p, l}) \ln 2, \quad (14)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{k_p}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) \leq z \ln 2 \quad (15)$$

where  $\mathcal{P}_l^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{k_p}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$  are a lower bounding concave function for  $\log_2(1 + \Gamma_{p, l}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}))$  and an upper bounding convex function for  $\log_2(1 + \Gamma_{e, k_p}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}))$ , which are also concretized by (64) and (65) in Appendix A, respectively.

*Proof:* See Appendix A. ■

<sup>3</sup>Hereafter, suppose the value of  $(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$  at the  $(n + 1)$ -th iteration in an iterative algorithm presented shortly is denoted by  $(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})$ .

It is noteworthy that the following equalities hold at the optimum, i.e.,  $(\mathbf{w}^{(n+1)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n+1)}) = (\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})$ :

$$\mathcal{F}_{m_g}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) = \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{s, m_g}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})), \quad (16)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{k_g}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) = \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{e, k_g}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})), \quad (17)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_l^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) = \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{p, l}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})), \quad (18)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{k_p}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) = \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{e, k_p}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})). \quad (19)$$

In summary, at the  $(n + 1)$ -th iteration of the proposed method, we solve the following convex problem

$$\text{maximize}_{\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}, t, z, \varphi} \varphi \quad (20a)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathcal{F}_{m_g}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) \geq (\varphi + t_g) \ln 2, \quad m_g \in \mathcal{S}_g, g \in \mathcal{G} \quad (20b)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{k_g}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) \leq t_g \ln 2, \quad k_g \in \mathcal{K}_{e, g}, g \in \mathcal{G} \quad (20c)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_l^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) \geq (z + \bar{R}_{p, l}) \ln 2, \quad l \in \mathcal{L} \quad (20d)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{k_p}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) \leq z \ln 2, \quad k_p \in \mathcal{K}_p \quad (20e)$$

$$(8c). \quad (20f)$$

An iterative algorithm for solving (20) requires an initial feasible point of (11) to start, i.e., the constraints (11d)-(11f) are satisfied. Therefore, we solve the following nonconvex optimization problem

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}, z} \min_{l \in \mathcal{L}} \left\{ \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{p, l}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) - z - \bar{R}_{p, l} \right\} \quad (21a)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{e, k_p}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) \leq z, \quad k_p \in \mathcal{K}_p \quad (21b)$$

$$(8c). \quad (21c)$$

We first generate a feasible point  $(\mathbf{w}^{(0)}, \mathbf{U}^{(0)})$  to satisfy (21c) and then solve the following convex approximation problem at the  $n$ -th iteration

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}, z} \min_{l \in \mathcal{L}} \left\{ \mathcal{P}_l^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) - (z + \bar{R}_{p, l}) \ln 2 \right\} \quad (22a)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathcal{P}_{k_p}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) \leq z \ln 2, \quad k_p \in \mathcal{K}_p \quad (22b)$$

$$(8c) \quad (22c)$$

and output a feasible point of (11) when

$$\min_{l \in \mathcal{L}} \left\{ \mathcal{P}_l^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) - (z + \bar{R}_{p, l}) \ln 2 \right\} \geq 0. \quad (23)$$

We numerically observe that it requires no more than 3 iterations to satisfy (23) in all cases. After solving (20), we update  $(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})$  for the next iteration until convergence or maximum required number of iterations. Algorithm 1 outlines the proposed iterative method for solving (8).

## B. Proof of Convergence and Complexity Analysis

The convergence result of Algorithm 1 is stated in the following proposition.

**Proposition 1:** Algorithm 1 produces a sequence  $\{(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})\}$  of improved points of (8), which converges to a Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) point.

*Proof:* See Appendix B. ■

*Complexity Analysis:* We note that the proposed iterative algorithm requires solving only simple convex quadratic constraints at each iteration. We now provide the complexity

**Algorithm 1** An iterative algorithm to solve (8)

**Initialization:** Set  $n := 0$  and solve (22) to generate an initial feasible point  $(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})$

- 1: **repeat**
- 2:   Solve (20) to obtain the optimal solution:  $(\mathbf{w}^*, \mathbf{U}^*)$ .
- 3:   Update  $\mathbf{w}^{(n+1)} := \mathbf{w}^*$  and  $\mathbf{U}^{(n+1)} := \mathbf{U}^*$ .
- 4:   Set  $n := n + 1$ .
- 5: **until** Convergence or maximum required number of iterations

analysis of Algorithm 1. Specifically, in each iteration of Algorithm 1, the per-iteration computational complexity of solving (20) is  $\mathcal{O}(n^2\tilde{n}^{2.5} + \tilde{n}^{3.5})$ , where  $n = N(G+N)+G+2$  is scalar real variables and  $\tilde{n} = \sum_{g=1}^G(M_g + K_g) + K_p + L + 1$  is quadratic and linear constraints [39].

#### IV. OPTIMAL SOLUTION WITH REALISTIC SCENARIO

##### A. CSI Model

In this section, we extend the optimization approach of the last section to a realistic scenario, where the instantaneous CSI between ST and PRs is imperfectly known and Eves are passive devices. Specifically, the primary and secondary systems may not cooperate completely in reality, and therefore the channels  $\mathbf{f}_l, \forall l$  will be difficult to obtain perfectly. For instance, the PRs may be inactive for a long period of the secondary data transmission time. Then, the CSI of the PRs can be only obtained at the ST when the PRs is in active mode with the PT. As a result, the CSI of PRs at the ST may be outdated when the secondary system performs the transmit strategy. Hence, the CSI of the link between the ST and PRs is modeled as [11]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}_l &= \hat{\mathbf{f}}_l + \Delta\mathbf{f}_l, \forall l \\ \Omega_l &\triangleq \{\Delta\mathbf{f}_l \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times 1} : \Delta\mathbf{f}_l^H \Delta\mathbf{f}_l \leq \delta_l^2\} \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{f}}_l$  is the channel estimate of the  $l$ -th PR available at the ST, and  $\Delta\mathbf{f}_l$  represents the associated CSI error. In particular, we assume a time division duplex system with slowly time-varying channels. At the beginning of each time slot, the legitimate users (PRs, SRs) report their channel gains to the ST. The downlink CSI of the ST-to-legitimate users are obtained by measuring the uplink pilot based on some estimation methods, such as minimum-mean-square-error (MMSE). However, the detailed method to estimate these CSIs is beyond the scope of this paper. For notational simplicity, we define  $\Omega_l$  by a set of all possible CSI errors associated with the  $l$ -th PR. In addition, we assume that  $\Delta\mathbf{f}_l$  are deterministic and bounded, and therefore  $\delta_l$  represents the size of the uncertainty region of the estimated CSI for the  $l$ -th PR.

In addition, a passive Eve does not allow legitimate users to instantaneously obtain its CSI [11], [19], [27], which can be justified as the following two reasons. First, to wiretap the confidential messages from both systems, the eavesdroppers require to become as a part of the communication system, i.e., knowing the channel in the downlink. Second, to wiretap a downlink channel without being removed from the system, an eavesdropper has to protect its visibility from the ST without

exposing its CSI, for example, not responding its calls (like a passive user). For the passive Eves, we further assume that the entries of  $g_{k_p}, \mathbf{f}_{k_p}, \forall k_p, f_{k_g},$  and  $\mathbf{g}_{k_g}, \forall k_g,$  follow independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) Rayleigh fading, and that the instantaneous CSI of these wiretap channels is not available at ST. These assumptions of passive Eves are commonly used in the literature [11], [17], [19], [27]. Meanwhile, the channels  $\mathbf{h}_{m_g}, \forall m, g,$  are assumed to be perfectly known since the SRs are active users in the secondary system.

##### B. Optimization Problem Formulation

Based on the above setting and similar to (11), the optimization problem **P.1** can be reformulated as

$$\mathbf{P.2} : \underset{\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}, t, z, \varphi}{\text{maximize}} \quad \varphi \quad (25a)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{s, m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) - t_g \geq \varphi, m_g \in \mathcal{S}_g, g \in \mathcal{G} \quad (25b)$$

$$\underset{\mathbf{g}_{k_g}, f_{k_g}}{\text{max}} \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{e, k_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) \leq t_g, k_g \in \mathcal{K}_{e, g}, g \in \mathcal{G} \quad (25c)$$

$$\underset{\Delta\mathbf{f}_l \in \Omega_l}{\min} \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{p, l}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) - z \geq \bar{R}_{p, l}, l \in \mathcal{L} \quad (25d)$$

$$\underset{\mathbf{g}_{k_p}, f_{k_p}}{\text{max}} \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{e, k_p}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) \leq z, k_p \in \mathcal{K}_p \quad (25e)$$

$$(8c) \quad (25f)$$

where  $t \triangleq \{t_g\}$  and  $z$  are the maximum allowable rates for Eves in decoding the information signals from the ST and the PT, respectively, which were defined in (10);  $\varphi$  is objective variable to maximize the secrecy rate of the secondary system, which was also defined in (11). Observe that (25b) is well presented in (12). It is now clear that the difficulty in solving (25) is due to (25c)-(25e) since the remaining constraints are convex and approximate convex. Instead of this, we can find a sub-optimal solution of (25) as follows

$$\underset{\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}, t, z, \varphi, \phi, \alpha, \beta}{\text{maximize}} \quad \varphi \quad (26a)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \log_2(1 + \phi_g) \leq t_g, g \in \mathcal{G} \quad (26b)$$

$$\Pr\left(\max_{k_g \in \mathcal{K}_{e, g}} \Gamma_{e, k_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) \leq \phi_g\right) \geq \epsilon_g, g \in \mathcal{G} \quad (26c)$$

$$\log_2(1 + \alpha_l) - z \geq \bar{R}_{p, l}, l \in \mathcal{L} \quad (26d)$$

$$\underset{\Delta\mathbf{f}_l \in \Omega_l}{\min} \Gamma_{p, l}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) \geq \alpha_l, l \in \mathcal{L} \quad (26e)$$

$$\log_2(1 + \beta) \leq z \quad (26f)$$

$$\Pr\left(\max_{k_p \in \mathcal{K}_p} \Gamma_{e, k_p}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) \leq \beta\right) \geq \tilde{\epsilon} \quad (26g)$$

$$(8c), (25b) \quad (26h)$$

where  $\phi = \{\phi_g\}$ ,  $\alpha = \{\alpha_l\}$ , and  $\beta$  are newly introduced variables. The constraint (26e) is imposed to ensure that for a given CSI error set  $\Omega_l$ , the minimum received SINR at the  $l$ -th PR is larger than the minimum SINR requirement  $\alpha_l$ . According to (26c) and (26g), the probabilities that the maximum received SINR at the  $k_g$ -th passive Eve and at the  $k_p$ -th passive Eve are less than  $\phi_g > 0$  and  $\beta > 0$  are ensured to be greater than  $\epsilon_g$  and  $\tilde{\epsilon}$ , respectively. To ensure secure communications of the primary system (secondary system), it is required for  $\tilde{\epsilon}$  ( $\epsilon_g$ ) to be large enough (close to 1).

### C. Proposed Solution

We are now in position to expose the hidden convexity of the constraint of (26c), (26e), and (26g). Since  $\mathbf{U}$  does not require a rank-constraint matrix, we introduce  $\tilde{\mathbf{U}} \triangleq \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^H$  to facilitate the optimization problem. Let us handle the constraint (26e) first by rewriting it as

$$\max_{\Delta \mathbf{f}_l \in \Omega_l} \sum_{g=1}^G |\mathbf{f}_l^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2 + \text{tr}(\mathbf{f}_l^H \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \mathbf{f}_l) + \sigma_l^2 \leq \frac{P_p |h_l|^2}{\alpha_l}, l \in \mathcal{L}. \quad (27)$$

For arbitrary  $l$ -th PR, (27) can be shaped to take the following equivalent form

$$\sum_{g=1}^G \mu_{l,g} + \tilde{\mu}_l + \sigma_l^2 \leq \frac{P_p |h_l|^2}{\alpha_l}, l \in \mathcal{L} \quad (28)$$

$$\max_{\Delta \mathbf{f}_l \in \Omega_l} |\mathbf{f}_l^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2 \leq \mu_{l,g}, l \in \mathcal{L}, g \in \mathcal{G} \quad (29)$$

$$\max_{\Delta \mathbf{f}_l \in \Omega_l} \text{tr}(\mathbf{f}_l^H \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \mathbf{f}_l) \leq \tilde{\mu}_l, l \in \mathcal{L} \quad (30)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_l = \{\mu_{l,g}\}$  and  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}} = \{\tilde{\mu}_l\}$  are new variables. Note that both sides of (28) are convex, so it is iteratively replaced by the following linear constraint

$$\sum_{g=1}^G \mu_{l,g} + \tilde{\mu}_l + \sigma_l^2 \leq \frac{2P_p |h_l|^2}{\alpha_l^{(n)}} - \frac{P_p |h_l|^2}{(\alpha_l^{(n)})^2} \alpha_l, l \in \mathcal{L}. \quad (31)$$

To make the tractable form of (29) and (30), we first transform these constraints into a matrix inequality based on the following lemma.

**Lemma 2:** (*S-Procedure* [40]): Let  $f_m(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{A}_m \mathbf{x} + 2\text{Re}\{\mathbf{b}_m^H \mathbf{x}\} + c_m$ , where  $m = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}_m \in \mathbb{H}^N$ ,  $\mathbf{b}_m \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times 1}$  and  $c_m \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then there exists a  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  such that  $f_z(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) < 0$  satisfies:  $f_1(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 \Rightarrow f_2(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0$  if and only if there exists  $\omega \geq 0$  such that

$$\omega \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_1 & \mathbf{b}_1 \\ \mathbf{b}_1^H & c_1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_2 & \mathbf{b}_2 \\ \mathbf{b}_2^H & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{0}. \quad (32)$$

Substituting  $\mathbf{f}_l = \hat{\mathbf{f}}_l + \Delta \mathbf{f}_l, \forall l$  into (29) and applying Lemma 2, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta \mathbf{f}_l^H \Delta \mathbf{f}_l - \delta_l^2 \leq 0 \\ \Rightarrow (29) : & \Delta \mathbf{f}_l^H \mathbf{w}_g \mathbf{w}_g^H \Delta \mathbf{f}_l + 2\Re\{\hat{\mathbf{f}}_l^H \mathbf{w}_g \mathbf{w}_g^H \Delta \mathbf{f}_l\} \\ & + \hat{\mathbf{f}}_l^H \mathbf{w}_g \mathbf{w}_g^H \hat{\mathbf{f}}_l - \mu_{l,g} \leq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

holds if and only if there exists  $\omega_{l,g} = \{\omega_{l,g} \geq 0\}, \forall l$ , so that the following matrix inequality constraint holds

$$\begin{bmatrix} \omega_{l,g} \mathbf{I}_N - \mathbf{w}_g \mathbf{w}_g^H & -\mathbf{w}_g \mathbf{w}_g^H \hat{\mathbf{f}}_l \\ -\hat{\mathbf{f}}_l^H \mathbf{w}_g \mathbf{w}_g^H & -\hat{\mathbf{f}}_l^H \mathbf{w}_g \mathbf{w}_g^H \hat{\mathbf{f}}_l - \omega_{l,g} \delta_l^2 + \mu_{l,g} \end{bmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{0}. \quad (34)$$

However, (34) is still not in a tractable form. At this point, we apply the application of Schur's complement lemma [41, Eq. (7.2.6)] to obtain the following linear matrix inequality (LMI)

$$\begin{aligned} \exists \omega_{l,g} \geq 0 : & \mathbf{C}_{l,g}(\mathbf{w}_g, \mu_{l,g}, \omega_{l,g}) \triangleq \\ & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{w}_g^H & -\mathbf{w}_g^H \hat{\mathbf{f}}_l \\ \mathbf{w}_g & \omega_{l,g} \mathbf{I}_N & \\ -\hat{\mathbf{f}}_l^H \mathbf{w}_g & & -\omega_{l,g} \delta_l^2 + \mu_{l,g} \end{bmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{0}, g \in \mathcal{G}, l \in \mathcal{L}. \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

It is also worth noting that constraint (35) now includes only a finite number of constraints.

Analogously, with  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = \{\tilde{\omega}_l \geq 0\}$ , the constraint (30) admits the following representation

$$\begin{aligned} \exists \tilde{\omega}_l \geq 0 : & \tilde{\mathbf{C}}_l(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_l, \tilde{\omega}_l) \triangleq \\ & \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\omega}_l \mathbf{I}_N - \tilde{\mathbf{U}} & -\tilde{\mathbf{U}} \hat{\mathbf{f}}_l \\ -\hat{\mathbf{f}}_l^H \tilde{\mathbf{U}} & -\hat{\mathbf{f}}_l^H \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \hat{\mathbf{f}}_l - \tilde{\omega}_l \delta_l^2 + \tilde{\mu}_l \end{bmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{0}, l \in \mathcal{L}. \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

To deal with the nonconvex constraints given in (26g) and (26c), we provide the following two lemmas.

**Lemma 3:** For the primary system, the constraint (26g) is transformed to a new constraint as

$$\lambda_{\min} \left( \sum_{g=1}^G \mathbf{w}_g \mathbf{w}_g^H + \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \right) \geq \tilde{\xi}(\beta) \quad (37)$$

where  $\tilde{\xi}(\beta) \triangleq \left( \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{NP_p} \sigma_{k_p}^2\right) / (1 - \tilde{\epsilon}^{1/K_p})^{1/N} - 1 \right) \frac{P_p}{\beta}$ .

*Proof:* See Appendix C. ■

In Lemma 3, the claim is clearly true in the trivial case of  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e., the primary system is inactive, which leads to  $\sum_{g=1}^G \mathbf{w}_g \mathbf{w}_g^H + \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \succeq \mathbf{0}$ . This is always true and thus confirms our analysis. Next, we rewrite (37) equivalently in the form of

$$2 \ln \eta + \beta \frac{\sigma_{k_p}^2}{NP_p} \geq 0 \quad (38)$$

$$(\eta^2 / (1 - \tilde{\epsilon}^{1/K_p})^{1/N} - 1) P_p \leq \beta \theta \quad (39)$$

$$\lambda_{\min} \left( \sum_{g=1}^G \mathbf{w}_g \mathbf{w}_g^H + \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \right) \geq \theta \quad (40)$$

where  $\theta$  and  $\eta$  are newly introduced variables. Since the constraints (38) and (39) are convex, and we now focus on the remaining nonconvex constraint. In (40), we note that both  $\sum_{g=1}^G \mathbf{w}_g \mathbf{w}_g^H$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{U}}$  are Hermitian matrices. In addition, the eigenvalues of a Hermitian matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  are real and satisfy  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}) \geq \lambda \|\mathbf{x}\|^2$  for any given vector  $\mathbf{x}$  if and only if  $\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{Q}) \geq \lambda$ . Since  $\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{w}_g \mathbf{w}_g^H) = 0$  for all  $g$ , the lower bound of left side of (40) is given by

$$\lambda_{\min} \left( \sum_{g=1}^G \mathbf{w}_g \mathbf{w}_g^H + \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \right) \geq \lambda_{\min}(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}). \quad (41)$$

The implication of (41) is that the ST will degrade the eavesdropper's channel by transmitting jamming noise rather than the desired signals. From (40), it follows that

$$\lambda_{\min}(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}) \geq \theta \Leftrightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \succeq \mathbf{I}_N \theta. \quad (42)$$

**Lemma 4:** For the secondary system, the constraint (26c) is transformed to a new constraint as

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{w}_g\|^2}{\phi_g} \leq \xi_g + \sum_{i=1, i \neq g}^G \|\mathbf{w}_i\|^2 + \lambda_{\min}(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}), g \in \mathcal{G} \quad (43)$$

where  $\xi_g \triangleq \left[ \exp\left(\frac{\sigma_{k_g}^2}{NP_p}\right) \epsilon_g^{-1/NK_g} - 1 \right] P_p$ .

*Proof:* See Appendix D. ■

The formulation in (43) can be further shaped to take the following convex constraints

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{w}_g\|^2}{\phi_g} \leq \xi_g + \sum_{i=1, i \neq g}^G 2\Re\{(\mathbf{w}_i^{(n)})^H \mathbf{w}_g\} - \sum_{i=1, i \neq g}^G \|\mathbf{w}_i^{(n)}\|^2 + \vartheta, \quad g \in \mathcal{G} \quad (44)$$

$$\lambda_{\min}(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}) \geq \vartheta \Leftrightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \succeq \mathbf{I}_N \vartheta \quad (45)$$

where  $\vartheta$  is newly introduced variable.

**Remark 2:** We note that the new constraints in (37) and (43) are not equivalent to (26g) and (26c). Specifically, the optimal solutions for the former are also feasible for the latter, respectively, but not vice versa due to the inequalities in (76) and (81), and thus this leads to a lower bound of the system performance.

**Remark 3:** In this paper, the wiretap channels are modeled as i.i.d. Rayleigh random variables. Nevertheless, a different continuous channel distribution does not affect the type of constraints in (37) and (43). In other words, the proposed convex approximation is still applicable to any continuous channel distribution thanks to widespread applications of inner approximation method [42]. Therefore, our study is valid without loss of generality.

With the above discussions, the approximate convex problem solved at the  $(n+1)$ -th iteration of the proposed design is given by

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\substack{\mathbf{w}, \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \succeq \mathbf{0}, t, z, \varphi, \phi, \alpha, \\ \beta, \mu, \bar{\mu}, \omega, \bar{\omega}, \theta, \eta, \vartheta}}{\text{maximize}}}{\varphi} \end{aligned} \quad (46a)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathcal{F}_{m_g}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \tilde{\mathbf{U}}) \geq (\varphi + t_g) \ln 2, \quad m_g \in \mathcal{S}_g, g \in \mathcal{G} \quad (46b)$$

$$\sum_{g=1}^G \|\mathbf{w}_g\|^2 + \text{tr}(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}) \leq P_s \quad (46c)$$

$$(26b), (26d), (26f), (31), (35),$$

$$(36), (38), (39), (42), (44), (45). \quad (46d)$$

To find an initial feasible point to (25), we solve the following convex optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\substack{\mathbf{w}, \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \succeq \mathbf{0}, z, \alpha, \beta, \\ \mu, \bar{\mu}, \omega, \bar{\omega}, \theta, \eta}}{\text{max}}}{\min_{l \in \mathcal{L}} \left\{ \log_2(1 + \alpha_l) - z - \bar{R}_{p,l} \right\}} \end{aligned} \quad (47a)$$

$$\text{s.t. } (26f), (31), (35), (36), (38), (39), (42), (46c) \quad (47b)$$

and stop at reaching

$$\min_{l \in \mathcal{L}} \left\{ \log_2(1 + \alpha_l) - z - \bar{R}_{p,l} \right\} \geq 0. \quad (48)$$

The proposed iterative method is outlined in Algorithm 2. In a similar manner to Proposition 1, we can show that Algorithm 2 yields a nondecreasing sequence of objective due to updating the involved variables after each iteration.

*Complexity Analysis:* The optimization problem in (46) involves  $GL$  LMI constraints of size  $N+2$ ,  $L$  LMI constraints of size  $N+1$ , and 2 LMI constraints of size  $N$ . Since the major complexity of solving (46) comes from LMI constraints, we ignore the complexity of the constraints of lower sizes and they will not affect the complexity order of the whole problem.

**Algorithm 2** An iterative algorithm to solve (25)

**Initialization:** Set  $n := 0$  and solve (47) to generate an initial feasible point  $(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \tilde{\mathbf{U}}^{(n)}, \alpha^{(n)})$

1: **repeat**

2: Solve (46) to obtain the optimal solution:  $(\mathbf{w}^*, \tilde{\mathbf{U}}^*, \alpha^*)$ .

3: Update  $\mathbf{w}^{(n+1)} := \mathbf{w}^*$ ,  $\tilde{\mathbf{U}}^{(n+1)} := \tilde{\mathbf{U}}^*$ , and  $\alpha^{(n+1)} := \alpha^*$ .

4: Set  $n := n + 1$ .

5: **until** Convergence or maximum required number of iterations

As a result, in each iteration of Algorithm 2, the worst-case computational complexity for solving the generic convex problem in (46) using interior point methods is given by  $\mathcal{O}\left(n\sqrt{GL(N+2)} + L(N+1) + 2N[GL(N+2)^3 + L(N+1)^3 + 2N^3 + nGL(N+2)^2 + nL(N+1)^2 + 2nN^2 + n^2]\right)$ , where  $n = G(L+3) + N(N+G) + 2L + 6$  [39].

## V. NUMERICAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

In this section, we use simulations to evaluate the performance of the proposed approach. The number of groups of SUs is set to  $G = 2$ , each of which consists of two SR users, i.e.,  $M_g = 2, \forall g$ . The number of PRs is set to  $L = 2$ , and each group of SUs and PUs is surrounded by two Eves, i.e.,  $K_p = K_g = 2$ . All channel entries are assumed to be i.i.d. complex Gaussian random variables with  $\mathcal{CN}(0, 1)$ , and the background thermal noise at each user is generated as i.i.d. complex Gaussian random variables with zero means and unit variance. The transmit power at the PT is fixed to  $P_p = 20$  dBm. For simplicity, we further assume that the minimum secrecy rate requirement for all PUs are the same, i.e.,  $\bar{R}_{p,l} = \bar{R}_p, \forall l$ . For the imperfect CSI of the PU channels, we define the normalized channel estimation errors as  $\bar{\delta}_l^2 = \delta_l^2 / \|\mathbf{f}_l\|^2 = 5\%, \forall l$ . To guarantee secure communications, we choose  $\tilde{\epsilon} = 0.99$  and  $\epsilon_g = 0.99, \forall g$  for the passive Eves. The results obtained in this paper are referred to as the proposed optimal scheme. We also compare the performance of the proposed scheme with the known solutions, namely, the ‘‘No JN scheme’’ [23], [24] and ‘‘Partial ZF (zero-forcing) scheme’’ [22]. In the ‘‘No JN scheme,’’ the optimal solution can be obtained by setting  $\mathbf{U}$  to  $\mathbf{0}$ . In the ‘‘Partial ZF scheme,’’ we consider the null space approach at the ST. First of all, the JN is transmitted to all Eves and to avoid interfering with both PUs and SUs as

$$\mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{f}_l = 0, \forall l \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{h}_{m_g} = 0, \forall m_g, g. \quad (49)$$

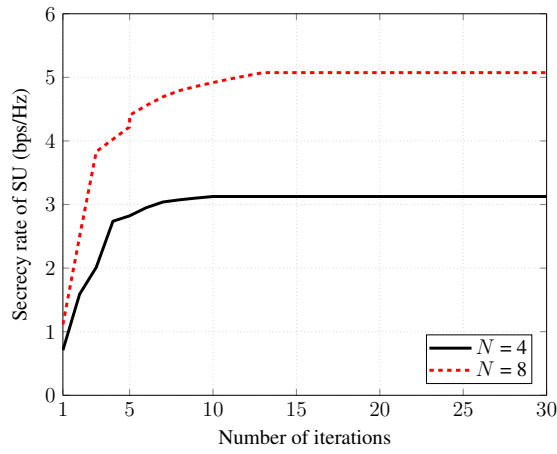
In a CRN, the primary system should have higher priority, and thus the transmitted information at the ST should not generate interferences to the PUs as

$$\mathbf{w}_g^H \mathbf{f}_l = 0, \forall l, g. \quad (50)$$

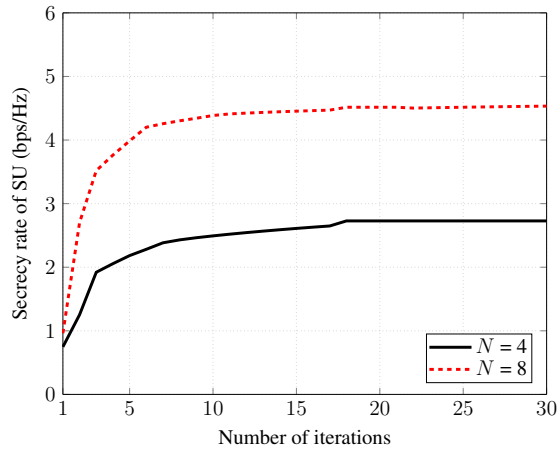
To simplify the problem, we enforce the information transmitted at the ST so that it should not introduce interference to other groups as

$$\mathbf{w}_g^H \mathbf{h}_{m_i} = 0, \forall i \neq g. \quad (51)$$





(a) Convergence results of Algorithm 1 for different numbers of antennas at the ST.



(b) Convergence results of Algorithm 2 for different numbers of antennas at the ST.

Figure 2. Convergence results of Algorithm 1 and 2 for different numbers of antennas at the ST over one random channel realization with  $\bar{R}_p = 2$  bps/Hz and  $P_s = 15$  dBm.

It is evident that  $\Gamma_{p,l} = \frac{P_p |h_l|^2}{\sigma^2}$ ,  $\forall l$ , does not depend on  $\mathbf{w}_g$  and  $\mathbf{U}$ . So, we utilize (49), (50), and (51) into P1 to obtain the optimal solution for “Partial ZF scheme.” To solve convex problems we use the SDPT3 as the internal solver [43] in MATLAB environment. The results of the secrecy rate are shown by averaging over 1,000 simulation trials.

Fig. 2 illustrates the typical convergence behavior of the proposed Algorithm 1 and Algorithm 2 as a function of the number of iterations with different numbers of antennas at the ST for Algorithm 1 in Fig. 2(a) and for Algorithm 2 in Fig. 2(b). As seen, the objective values of both algorithms increase rapidly within the first 10 iterations and stabilize after a few more iterations, and its convergence rate is slightly sensitive to the problem size i.e., as  $N$  increases. The convergence results also confirm that all optimization variables are accounted to find a better solution for the next iteration, i.e., the secrecy rates of SUs monotonically increasing. In addition, Fig. 2 shows that at least 90% of secrecy rate is obtained when the proposed algorithms reach to 10 iterations.

Fig. 3 plots the average secrecy rate of secondary system versus the transmit power at the ST. As can be seen, the

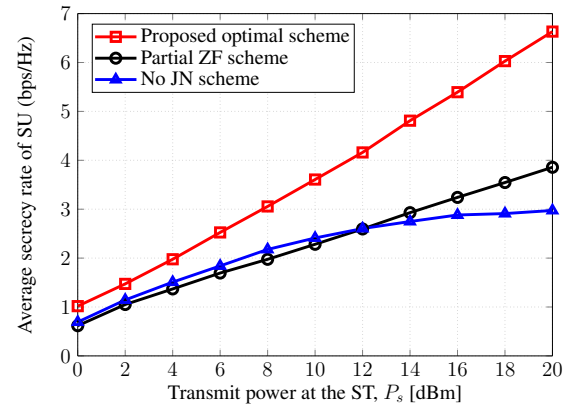


Figure 3. Average secrecy rate of the secondary system vs. the transmit power at the ST with perfect CSI, where  $\bar{R}_p = 2$  bps/Hz and  $N = 8$ .

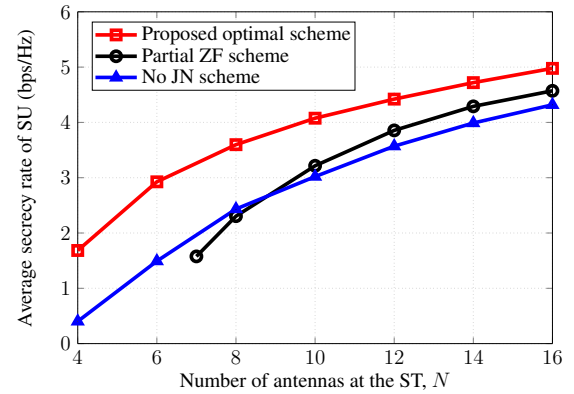
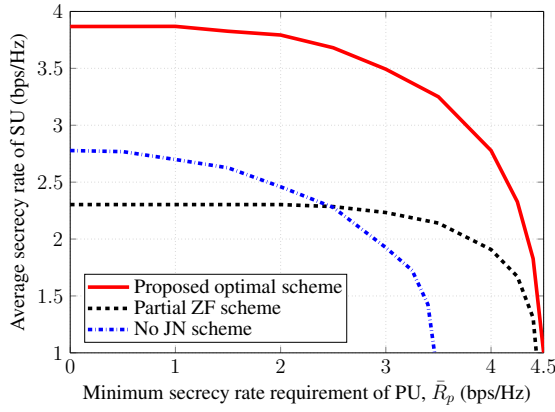


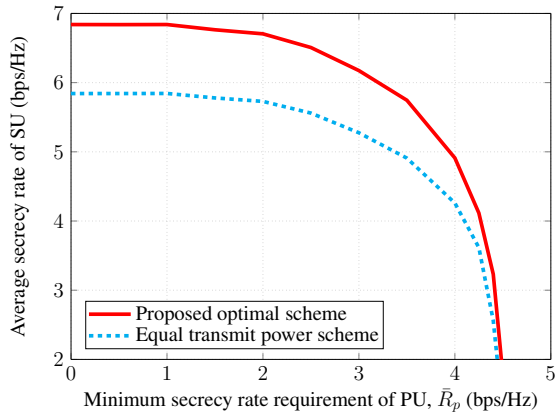
Figure 4. Average secrecy rate of the secondary system vs. the number of transmit antennas at the ST with perfect CSI, where  $\bar{R}_p = 2$  bps/Hz and  $P_s = 10$  dBm.

proposed optimal scheme greatly improves the secrecy rate of the “Partial ZF scheme” and “No JN scheme,” especially in high power regime. The performance gain is thus achieved as a result of more intelligent interference management than that of other schemes for primary users and Eves. Another interesting observation is that the “No JN scheme” outperforms the “Partial ZF scheme” in low power regime ( $P_s \leq 12$  dBm), but it tends to saturate when the transmit power becomes high. This is mainly due to the fact that, in high power regime, the ST needs to scale down the transmit power to maintain the secrecy rate of the primary system, which results in a loss of the secrecy rate of secondary system. Moreover, the simulation results in Fig. 3 further confirm that incorporating information and JN beamforming is a powerful means to transmit with full power.

In Fig. 4, we study the secrecy rate of secondary system as a function of the number of transmit antennas at the ST,  $N$ . The results show that the achievable secrecy rate increases as the number of transmit antennas increases in all schemes, since more degrees of freedom are added to the ST. The proposed optimal scheme still achieves a better performance than other schemes in all the range of  $N$ . We note that the optimal solution for the “Partial ZF scheme” is infeasible when  $N < 7$  because for the “Partial ZF scheme,” interference among legitimate users cannot be completely canceled out



(a) Average secrecy rate of the secondary system for different schemes, where  $P_s = 10$  dBm.



(b) Average secrecy rate of the secondary system for different power sharing, where  $P_s = 20$  dBm

Figure 5. Average secrecy rate of the secondary system vs. the minimum secrecy rate requirement of the primary system. (a) for different schemes and (b) for different power sharing with perfect CSI, where  $N = 8$ .

with insufficient number of transmit antennas. As expected, the gap between the proposed scheme and “Partial ZF scheme” is reduced as a result of providing more degrees of freedom.

The average secrecy rate of the secondary system is investigated as a function of the minimum secrecy rate requirement of primary system,  $\bar{R}_p$ , in Fig. 5(a) for different schemes and in Fig. 5(b) for different power sharing. As can be seen from Fig. 5(a), the secondary system achieves a higher secrecy rate with the proposed optimal scheme than with other schemes. Notably, the performance of “No JN scheme” is degraded significant as  $\bar{R}_p$  increases. The main reason for such a case is that, the ST is required to cause less interference to the PRs and transmit high interference to degrade the Eves’ channels, which results in a significant loss of the secondary system’s secrecy rate. The secrecy rate of the “Partial ZF scheme” is nearly unchanged when  $\bar{R}_p$  increases and approaches that of the proposed optimal scheme for high  $\bar{R}_p$ , since the ST does not cause any interference to the PRs. In Fig. 5(b), we plot the average secrecy rate of the secondary system for the proposed optimal scheme under different assumption of sharing equally the resources, i.e., transmit power at the ST. Particularly, the information and JN beamforming are assumed to share 50% of the power resource, i.e.,  $\sum_{g=1}^G \|\mathbf{w}_g\|^2 \leq P_s/2$

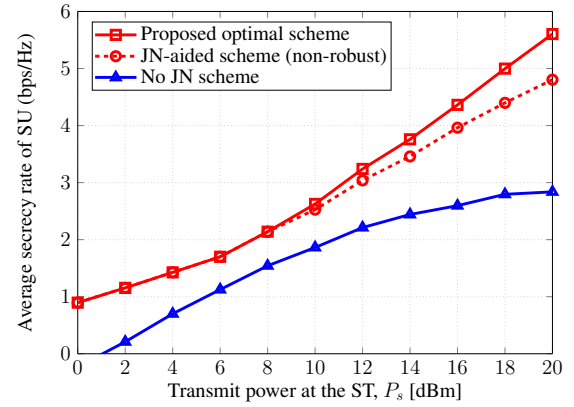
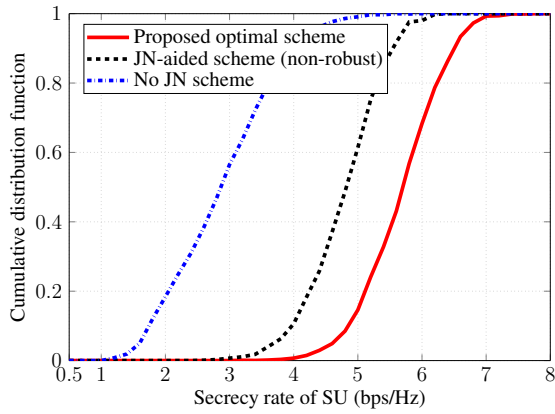


Figure 6. Average secrecy rate of the secondary system vs. the transmit power at the ST with realistic scenario, where  $\bar{R}_p = 1$  bps/Hz and  $N = 8$ .

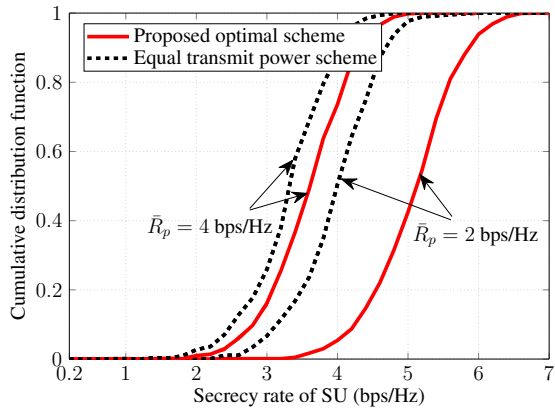
and  $\|\mathbf{U}\|^2 \leq P_s/2$ . As seen, the proposed joint information and JN beamforming offers better performance compared to that of the equal transmit power scheme. However, the gap between the schemes diminishes for high secrecy rate of the primary system. The reason for this is two-fold: 1) For small  $\bar{R}_p$ , a small portion of JN already fulfills the QoS requirement of PU, and there is no need to further waste power budget on JN; 2) For extremely stringent QoS requirement of PU, JN becomes crucial and so it is reasonable to allocate a significant part of the power budget to JN (i.e., nearly a half as shown in Fig. 5(b)) to meet the QoS requirement. From both Figs. 5(a) and 5(b), for high  $\bar{R}_p$ , the secondary system lacks degree of freedom for leveraging multiuser diversity.

We now turn our attention to illustrate the robustness of the proposed design in realistic scenario. We also compare the performance of the proposed robust design to that of non-robust secrecy rate. For the non-robust secrecy rate design, we use the presumed CSIs as  $\hat{\mathbf{f}}_l, \forall l$  rather than the true ones, to perform the transmit design (as presented in Section IV), which then evaluates the resultant secrecy rate. Fig. 6 depicts the secrecy rate as a function of the transmit power at the ST. As can be observed that the secrecy rate of non-robust design is sensitive to the CSI uncertainties for high  $P_s$ . In particular, when  $P_s \geq 8$  dBm, the non-robust design exhibits the degradation in terms of the secrecy rate that tends to worsen as  $P_s$  increases. Moreover, the proposed optimal design achieves the best secrecy rate performance, compared to other designs.

Finally, we generate cumulative distribution functions (CDFs) of the secrecy rate of the secondary system in Fig. 7(a) for different schemes and in Fig. 7(b) for different power sharing. It is obvious in both CDFs that on account for a larger feasible set, the proposed optimal scheme can promise a bigger secrecy rate as expected. For instance, the proposed optimal scheme attains 0.8 bps/Hz and 2.8 bps/Hz of the achievable secrecy rate higher than the non-robust scheme and “No JN scheme,” respectively, for approximately 60% of the simulated trials in Fig. 7(a). For large  $\bar{R}_p$ , the gap between the proposed design and non-robust design is reduced as in Fig. 7(b) due to a decrease in the available multiuser diversity gain.



(a) CDF of the secrecy rate of the secondary system for different schemes, where  $\bar{R}_p = 1$  bps/Hz.



(b) CDF of the secrecy rate of the secondary system for different power sharing.

Figure 7. CDF of secrecy rate of the secondary system, the probability that the secrecy rate will take a value less than or equal to a given secrecy rate threshold, (a) for different schemes and (b) for different power sharing with realistic scenario, where  $N = 8$  and  $P_s = 20$  dBm.

## VI. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have considered PHY security for both primary and secondary systems in the presence of multiple secondary receiver groups and multiple primary receivers. The secondary system has been proposed to assist the primary system by sending jamming noise to degrade the decoding capability of the eavesdroppers. The main objective is to maximize the secrecy rate of the secondary system, while the secondary transmitter is constrained not only by the power budget, but also by the individual minimum secrecy rate requirements of the primary users. We have proposed iterative algorithms to solve the optimization problems. The idea of the proposed method is to approximate the nonconvex problem by a convex formulation in each iteration. We have proved that our iterative algorithms are guaranteed to monotonically converge to at least local optima of the original nonconvex design problems. We have carried out simulations to evaluate the advantages of the proposed design. It has been shown that for a given initial feasible point, the proposed iterative algorithms are guaranteed to always converge to an optimal solution.

## APPENDIX A PROOF OF LEMMA 1

The following inequalities play an important role in our developments:

$$\ln\left(1 + \frac{|x|^2}{y}\right) \geq \ln\left(1 + \frac{|x^{(n)}|^2}{y^{(n)}}\right) - \frac{|x^{(n)}|^2}{y^{(n)}} + 2 \frac{\Re\{(x^{(n)})^* x\}}{y^{(n)}} - \frac{|x^{(n)}|^2(|x|^2 + y)}{y^{(n)}(y^{(n)} + |x^{(n)}|^2)}, \forall x \in \mathbb{C}, y > 0, \quad (52)$$

$$\frac{|x|^2}{y} \geq 2 \frac{(x^{(n)})^* x}{y^{(n)}} - \frac{|x^{(n)}|^2}{(y^{(n)})^2} y, \forall x \in \mathbb{C}, y > 0, \quad (53)$$

$$\ln(1 + x) \leq \ln(1 + x^{(n)}) + \frac{(x - x^{(n)})}{(1 + x^{(n)})}, \forall x \geq 0 \quad (54)$$

where (52) and (53) follow from the convexity of functions  $\ln(1 + |x|^2/y)$  and  $|x|^2/y$  [44], [45], respectively; while (54) is a result of the concavity of function  $\ln(1 + x)$ .

Let us treat the nonconvex constraint (11b) first. As the first step, (4) is equivalently rewritten by

$$\Gamma_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) = \frac{|\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2}{\chi_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})} \quad (55)$$

where

$$\chi_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) = \sum_{i=1, i \neq g}^G |\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{w}_i|^2 + \|\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{U}\|^2 + P_p |f_{m_g}|^2 + \sigma_{m_g}^2.$$

From (55), it follows that

$$\ln\left(1 + \frac{|\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2}{\chi_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})}\right) = -\ln\left(1 - \frac{|\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2}{\chi_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) + |\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2}\right). \quad (56)$$

From the fact that  $0 \leq \frac{|\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2}{\chi_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) + |\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2} \triangleq \Theta(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) < 1$ , the function  $-\ln(1 - \Theta(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}))$  is jointly convex w.r.t. the involved variables [40], which is useful for developing an approximate solution for (56). In particular, at feasible point  $(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})$ , applying (52) yields

$$\begin{aligned} & -\ln\left(1 - \frac{|\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2}{\chi_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) + |\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2}\right) \\ & \geq -\ln\left(1 - \frac{|\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g^{(n)}|^2}{\chi_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) + |\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g^{(n)}|^2}\right) \\ & \quad - \Gamma_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) + 2 \frac{\Re\{(\mathbf{w}_g^{(n)})^H \mathbf{h}_{m_g} \mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g\}}{\chi_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})} \\ & \quad - \frac{\Gamma_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) \left(\chi_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) + |\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2\right)}{\chi_{s,m_g}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) + |\mathbf{h}_{m_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g^{(n)}|^2} \\ & := \mathcal{F}_{m_g}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}). \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

Note that  $\mathcal{F}_{m_g}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$  is concave and is global lower bound of  $-\ln(1 - \Theta(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}))$ . It implies that we can iteratively replace  $-\ln(1 - \Theta(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}))$  by  $\mathcal{F}_{m_g}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$  to achieve a convex approximation of (11b) [42]. Hence, by substituting (55),

(56), and (57) into (11b), we provide (12). To handling the constraint (11c), we equivalently rewrite  $\Gamma_{e,k_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$  as

$$\Gamma_{e,k_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) = \frac{|\mathbf{g}_{k_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2}{\chi_{e,k_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})} \quad (58)$$

where

$$\chi_{e,k_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) = \sum_{i=1, i \neq g}^G |\mathbf{g}_{k_g}^H \mathbf{w}_i|^2 + \|\mathbf{g}_{k_g}^H \mathbf{U}\|^2 + P_p |f_{k_g}|^2 + \sigma_{k_g}^2.$$

The constraint (11c) requires a tight upper bound of  $\log_2(1 + \Gamma_{e,k_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}))$ . Applying (54) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(1 + \Gamma_{e,k_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})) &\leq \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{e,k_g}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})) \\ &+ (1 + \Gamma_{e,k_g}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}))^{-1} \\ &\times \left( \frac{|\mathbf{g}_{k_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2}{\chi_{e,k_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})} - \Gamma_{e,k_g}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (59)$$

Although the right-hand side of (59) is still nonconvex, it can be further convexified by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{k_g}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) &:= \log_2(1 + \Gamma_{e,k_g}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})) \\ &+ (1 + \Gamma_{e,k_g}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}))^{-1} \\ &\times \left( \frac{|\mathbf{g}_{k_g}^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2}{\Phi_{k_g}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})} - \Gamma_{e,k_g}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

where  $\Phi_{k_g}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$  is the first-order approximation of  $\chi_{e,k_g}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$  around the point  $(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})$  by using (53), which is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{k_g}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) &\triangleq \sum_{i=1, i \neq g}^G 2\Re\{(\mathbf{w}_i^{(n)})^H \mathbf{g}_{k_g} \mathbf{g}_{k_g}^H \mathbf{w}_i\} \\ &- \sum_{i=1, i \neq g}^G |\mathbf{g}_{k_g}^H \mathbf{w}_i^{(n)}|^2 + 2\Re\{\mathbf{g}_{k_g}^H \mathbf{U}^{(n)} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{g}_{k_g}\} \\ &- \|\mathbf{g}_{k_g}^H \mathbf{U}^{(n)}\|^2 + P_p |f_{k_g}|^2 + \sigma_{k_g}^2. \end{aligned}$$

The constraint (11c) is then approximated by the following convex constraint

$$\mathcal{F}_{k_g}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) \leq t_g \ln 2. \quad (61)$$

In a similar manner, at feasible point  $(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})$ , the nonconvex constraints (11d) and (11e) are approximated by the following convex constraints

$$\mathcal{P}_l^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) \geq (z + \bar{R}_{p,l}) \ln 2, \quad (62)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{k_p}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) \leq z \ln 2 \quad (63)$$

where  $\mathcal{P}_l^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{k_p}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$  are respectively given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_l^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) &:= \ln(1 + \Gamma_{p,l}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})) + \Gamma_{p,l}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) \\ &- \Gamma_{p,l}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) \frac{(\chi_{p,l}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) + P_p |h_l|^2)}{\chi_{p,l}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) + P_p |h_l|^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (64)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{k_p}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) &:= \ln(1 + \Gamma_{e,k_p}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})) \\ &+ (1 + \Gamma_{e,k_p}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}))^{-1} \\ &\times \left( \frac{P_p |g_{k_p}|^2}{\Phi_{k_p}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})} - \Gamma_{e,k_p}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (65)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{k_p}^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) &= \sum_{g=1}^G 2\Re\{(\mathbf{w}_g^{(n)})^H \mathbf{f}_{k_p} \mathbf{f}_{k_p}^H \mathbf{w}_g\} - \sum_{g=1}^G |\mathbf{f}_{k_p}^H \mathbf{w}_g^{(n)}|^2 \\ &+ 2\Re\{\mathbf{f}_{k_p}^H \mathbf{U}^{(n)} \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{f}_{k_p}\} - \|\mathbf{f}_{k_p}^H \mathbf{U}^{(n)}\|^2 + \sigma_{k_p}^2, \\ \chi_{p,l}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) &= \sum_{g=1}^G |\mathbf{f}_l^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2 + \|\mathbf{f}_l^H \mathbf{U}\|^2 + \sigma_l^2, \\ \chi_{e,k_p}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) &= \sum_{g=1}^G |\mathbf{f}_{k_p}^H \mathbf{w}_g|^2 + \|\mathbf{f}_{k_p}^H \mathbf{U}\|^2 + \sigma_{k_p}^2. \end{aligned}$$

## APPENDIX B PROOF OF PROPOSITION 1

Let  $\varphi(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$  and  $\varphi^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U})$  denote the objective of (11) and (20), respectively. We have

$$\varphi(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) \geq \varphi^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}), \quad (\text{thanks to (57)}) \quad (66)$$

and

$$\varphi(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) = \varphi^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}), \quad (\text{thanks to (16)}). \quad (67)$$

Let  $(\mathbf{w}^{(n+1)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n+1)})$  and  $(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})$  be the optimal solution and feasible point of (20), respectively. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\mathbf{w}^{(n+1)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n+1)}) &\geq \varphi^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}^{(n+1)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n+1)}) \\ &\geq \varphi^{(n)}(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) \\ &= \varphi(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}). \end{aligned} \quad (68)$$

It shows that  $(\mathbf{w}^{(n+1)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n+1)})$  is a better point to (20) than  $(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})$  in the scene of improving the objective value. Furthermore, the sequence  $\{\varphi^{(n)}\}$  is bounded above due to the power constraint in (8c). Let  $(\bar{\mathbf{w}}, \bar{\mathbf{U}})$  be a saddle point of (20), by Cauchy's theorem, there is a convergent subsequence  $\{(\mathbf{w}^{(n_\kappa)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n_\kappa)})\}$  satisfying

$$\lim_{\kappa \rightarrow +\infty} [\varphi(\mathbf{w}^{(n_\kappa)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n_\kappa)}) - \varphi(\bar{\mathbf{w}}, \bar{\mathbf{U}})] = 0. \quad (69)$$

For every  $n$  there is  $\kappa$  such that  $n_\kappa \leq n \leq n_{\kappa+1}$ . From (68) and (69), it is true that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \lim_{\kappa \rightarrow +\infty} [\varphi(\mathbf{w}^{(n_\kappa)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n_\kappa)}) - \varphi(\bar{\mathbf{w}}, \bar{\mathbf{U}})] \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} [\varphi(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) - \varphi(\bar{\mathbf{w}}, \bar{\mathbf{U}})] \\ &\leq \lim_{\kappa \rightarrow +\infty} [\varphi(\mathbf{w}^{(n_{\kappa+1})}, \mathbf{U}^{(n_{\kappa+1})}) - \varphi(\bar{\mathbf{w}}, \bar{\mathbf{U}})] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (70)$$

which leads to  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) = \varphi(\bar{\mathbf{w}}, \bar{\mathbf{U}})$ . In other words, Algorithm 1 will stop when the following termination condition is met, i.e.,

$$\left| \left( \varphi(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)}) - \varphi(\bar{\mathbf{w}}, \bar{\mathbf{U}}) \right) / \varphi(\bar{\mathbf{w}}, \bar{\mathbf{U}}) \right| \leq \epsilon \quad (71)$$

where  $\epsilon$  is a given accuracy. Following the same arguments as those in [42, Theorem 1], we can prove that each accumulation point  $(\bar{\mathbf{w}}, \bar{\mathbf{U}})$  of the sequence  $\{(\mathbf{w}^{(n)}, \mathbf{U}^{(n)})\}$  is a KKT-point of (8). Proposition 1 is thus proved.

APPENDIX C  
PROOF OF LEMMA 3

Since the channels are modeled as i.i.d. Rayleigh random variables, the constraint in (26g) can be rewritten for each  $k_p$  link as

$$\Pr\left(\frac{P_p |g_{k_p}|^2}{\sum_{g=1}^G \text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_{k_p} \widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_g) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_{k_p} \widetilde{\mathbf{U}}) + \sigma_{k_p}^2} \leq \beta\right) \geq \tilde{\epsilon} \quad (72)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \Pr\left(\frac{P_p}{\beta} |g_{k_p}|^2 \leq \text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_{k_p} (\sum_{g=1}^G \widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_g + \widetilde{\mathbf{U}})) + \sigma_{k_p}^2\right) \geq \tilde{\epsilon} \quad (73)$$

where  $\mathbf{F}_{k_p} \triangleq \mathbf{f}_{k_p} \mathbf{f}_{k_p}^H$  and  $\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_g \triangleq \mathbf{w}_g \mathbf{w}_g^H$ . It is very difficult to calculate the distribution of  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_{k_p} (\sum_{g=1}^G \widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_g + \widetilde{\mathbf{U}}))$  directly. Instead of this, we consider its lower bound. For notational simplicity, let us define  $\mathbf{A} = \sum_{g=1}^G \widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_g + \widetilde{\mathbf{U}}$ . In [46],

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i(\mathbf{F}_{k_p}) \lambda_{N-i+1}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_{k_p} \mathbf{A}) \quad (74)$$

is shown for  $N \times N$  Hermitian matrices  $\mathbf{F}_{k_p}$  and  $\mathbf{A}$ , where  $\lambda_i(\mathbf{X})$  denotes the  $i$ -th eigenvalue of matrix  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{H}^{N \times N}$ , and its magnitude is sorted as  $\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{X}) = \lambda_1(\mathbf{X}) \geq \lambda_2(\mathbf{X}) \geq \dots \geq \lambda_N(\mathbf{X}) = \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{X})$ . Since  $\mathbf{F}_{k_p}$  is a rank-one positive semidefinite matrix, (74) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_{k_p} \mathbf{A}) &\geq \lambda_1(\mathbf{F}_{k_p}) \lambda_N(\mathbf{A}) \\ &= \lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{F}_{k_p}) \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{A}) \\ &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_{k_p}) \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{A}). \end{aligned} \quad (75)$$

Substituting (75) into (73), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\Pr\left(\frac{P_p}{\beta} |g_{k_p}|^2 \leq \text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_{k_p} (\sum_{g=1}^G \widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_g + \widetilde{\mathbf{U}})) + \sigma_{k_p}^2\right) \\ &\geq \Pr\left(\frac{P_p}{\beta} |g_{k_p}|^2 \leq \text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_{k_p}) \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{A}) + \sigma_{k_p}^2\right) \geq \tilde{\epsilon}. \end{aligned} \quad (76)$$

Let  $x = \text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_{k_p}) = \text{tr}(|\mathbf{f}_{k_p}|^2)$ . Then,  $x$  follows a chi-squared distribution since  $|\mathbf{f}_{k_p}|^2$  is a sum of squares of  $N$  independent Gaussian random variables. Correspondingly, the probability density function (PDF) of  $x$  is given as  $f_X(x) = \frac{e^{-x} x^{N-1}}{\Gamma(N)}$ . Let  $y = \frac{P_p}{\beta} |g_{k_p}|^2$ , and it then follows an exponential distribution with the PDF as  $f_Y(y) = \frac{\beta}{P_p} e^{-\frac{\beta}{P_p} y}$ . Therefore, the probability in (76) is obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} &\Pr(y \leq x \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{A}) + \sigma_{k_p}^2) \geq \tilde{\epsilon} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \int_0^\infty \int_0^{x \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{A}) + \sigma_{k_p}^2} f_X(x) f_Y(y) dy dx \geq \tilde{\epsilon} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \int_0^\infty \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{P_p} (x \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{A}) + \sigma_{k_p}^2)\right)\right) f_X(x) dx \geq \tilde{\epsilon} \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{\Leftrightarrow} 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{P_p} \sigma_{k_p}^2\right) \left[\frac{\beta}{P_p} \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{A}) + 1\right]^{-N} \geq \tilde{\epsilon} \end{aligned} \quad (77)$$

where (a) is obtained using [47, Eq. (3.351.3)]. Next, the constraint in (26g) for  $K_p$  links is given as

$$\begin{aligned} (26g) &\Leftrightarrow \\ &\prod_{k_p=1}^{K_p} \Pr\left(\frac{P_p |g_{k_p}|^2}{\sum_{g=1}^G \text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_{k_p} \widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_g) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_{k_p} \widetilde{\mathbf{U}}) + \sigma_{k_p}^2} \leq \beta\right) \geq \tilde{\epsilon} \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{\Leftrightarrow} 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{P_p} \sigma_{k_p}^2\right) \left[\frac{\beta}{P_p} \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{A}) + 1\right]^{-N} \geq \tilde{\epsilon}^{1/K_p} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{A}) \geq \left[\exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{NP_p} \sigma_{k_p}^2\right) / (1 - \tilde{\epsilon}^{1/K_p})^{1/N} - 1\right] \frac{P_p}{\beta} \end{aligned} \quad (78)$$

where (b) is obtained by combining (77) since the channels of  $K_p$  passive Eves are independent and modeled as i.i.d. random variables.

APPENDIX D  
PROOF OF LEMMA 4

The constraint in (26c) can be rewritten for each  $k_g$  link as

$$\begin{aligned} &\Pr(P_p \phi_g |f_{k_g}|^2 \geq \\ &\text{tr}(\mathbf{G}_{k_g} (\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_g - \phi_g \sum_{i=1, i \neq g}^G \widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_i - \phi_g \widetilde{\mathbf{U}})) - \sigma_{k_g}^2 \phi_g) \geq \epsilon_g \end{aligned} \quad (79)$$

where  $\mathbf{G}_{k_g} \triangleq \mathbf{g}_{k_g} \mathbf{g}_{k_g}^H$  for all  $k_g$ . For any given  $N \times N$  Hermitian matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ , it follows from [46] that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(\mathbf{G}_{k_g} \mathbf{B}) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i(\mathbf{G}_{k_g}) \lambda_i(\mathbf{B}) \\ &= \lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{G}_{k_g}) \lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{B}) \\ &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{G}_{k_g}) \lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{B}). \end{aligned} \quad (80)$$

Substituting (75) and (80) into (79), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\Pr\left(P_p \phi_g |f_{k_g}|^2 \geq \text{tr}(\mathbf{G}_{k_g} (\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_g - \phi_g \sum_{i=1, i \neq g}^G \widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_i - \phi_g \widetilde{\mathbf{U}})) - \sigma_{k_g}^2 \phi_g\right) \\ &\geq \Pr\left(P_p \phi_g |f_{k_g}|^2 \geq \text{tr}(\mathbf{G}_{k_g}) \left[\|\mathbf{w}_g\|^2 - \phi_g \sum_{i=1, i \neq g}^G \|\mathbf{w}_i\|^2 - \phi_g \lambda_{\min}(\widetilde{\mathbf{U}})\right] - \sigma_{k_g}^2 \phi_g\right) \geq \epsilon_g. \end{aligned} \quad (81)$$

Following similar steps to the proof of Lemma 3, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\|\mathbf{w}_g\|^2}{\phi_g} - \sum_{i=1, i \neq g}^G \|\mathbf{w}_i\|^2 - \lambda_{\min}(\widetilde{\mathbf{U}}) \\ &\leq \left[\exp\left(\frac{\sigma_{k_g}^2}{NP_p}\right) \epsilon_g^{-1/NK_g} - 1\right] P_p \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{\|\mathbf{w}_g\|^2}{\phi_g} \leq \left[\exp\left(\frac{\sigma_{k_g}^2}{NP_p}\right) \epsilon_g^{-1/NK_g} - 1\right] P_p \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1, i \neq g}^G \|\mathbf{w}_i\|^2 + \lambda_{\min}(\widetilde{\mathbf{U}}) \end{aligned} \quad (82)$$

which completes the proof.

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