

Secrecy Enhancement of Multiuser MISO Networks Using OSTBC and Artificial Noise

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Abstract—In this paper, we propose a novel physical layer strategy to improve the secrecy performance of multiuser multiple-input single-output networks. In this strategy, orthogonal space-time block code (OSTBC) is employed at an A_A -antenna base station (BS) and artificial noise (AN) is employed at an A_J -antenna cooperative relay to enhance the security level of the network. Moreover, two opportunistic scheduling schemes, namely, selection combining (SC) and scan-and-wait combining (SWC), are leveraged to select one legitimate user for data transmission. To evaluate the secrecy performance of the proposed OSTBC-SC-AN and OSTBC-SWC-AN schemes, we derive new exact closed-form expressions for the secrecy outage probability and the effective secrecy throughput. Using numerical results, we show that the OSTBC-SWC-AN scheme outperforms the OSTBC-SC-AN scheme when the switching threshold is carefully chosen. We also show that increasing A_A brings down the secrecy performance in the presence of a high switching threshold.

Index Terms—Physical layer security, orthogonal space-time block codes, artificial noise, secrecy performance.

I. INTRODUCTION

The information security has become an increasingly important issue in the design and implementation of wireless networks, due to the broadcast nature of the wireless medium. By exploiting the spatio-temporal characteristics of the wireless medium, physical layer security (PLS) has been extensively investigated to provide additional confidentiality protection for wireless networks in recent years [1].

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Remarkably, various advanced signal processing techniques, e.g., multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) techniques, relay-aided techniques, and multiuser diversity, have been explored to improve the secrecy performance of wireless communications systems. Considering MIMO wiretap channels, [2] studied the PLS achieved by using orthogonal space-time block code (OSTBC) with arbitrary transmit/receive antenna correlation. The impact of transmit antenna selection (TAS) on the PLS performance was established in [3, 4]. Focusing on Nakagami- m fading channels, [5] evaluated TAS with receive generalized selection combining. Very recently, [6, 7] designed the optimal artificial noise (AN)-based secure transmission schemes. Considering relay-aided wiretap channels, [8] proposed a two-stage scheme to boost the security of cooperative single-carrier systems via joint relay and destination selection. Differing from [8], [9] exploited the cooperative beamforming and user selection techniques for secrecy improvement. Building upon the aforementioned studies on the single-user wiretap channel, the secrecy performance of the multiuser wiretap channels has recently been evaluated. For example, [10] examined the impact of TAS and threshold-based selection diversity (tSD) on the secrecy performance over Nakagami- m fading. [11] studied the secure multiuser communications with TAS and cooperative jamming in wireless sensor networks, where the switch-and-stay combining (SSC) scheduling scheme is exploited over the sensor nodes.

We note that the scan-and-wait combining (SWC) scheme, proposed in [12], is an effective approach to realize multiuser diversity with a low implementation complexity and achieve a tradeoff between performance and delay. Specifically, this scheme conducts a sequential scan of all the available diversity branches and selects the first branch whose channel quality is not less than a predefined switching threshold as the acceptable branch. If no branch meets the required channel quality, the SWC scheme waits for a channel coherence time and then repeats the scanning. Despite the potential benefits, the secrecy performance achieved by the SWC scheme in multiuser MISO networks has not been examined thus far.

In this paper, we propose a novel PLS strategy for multiuser MISO networks where both the A_A -antenna base station (BS) and the A_J -antenna cooperative relay help the secure transmission in the presence of an A_E -antenna eavesdropper. In the proposed strategy, OSTBC is used at the BS to enable transmit multi-antenna diversity [13] and AN is explored at the cooperative relay to boost the security level of the considered network. Moreover, the selection combining (SC) scheme and the SWC scheme are adopted among the legitimate users to

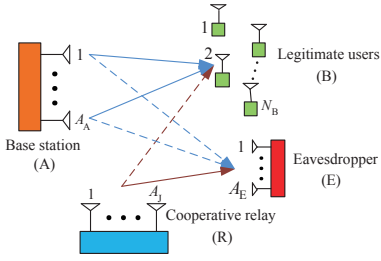


Fig. 1. The illustration of the multiuser MISO network where both the BS and the cooperative relay help the secure transmission to one selected legitimate user in the presence of an eavesdropper.

select one user for data transmission. We derive new exact closed-form expressions for the secrecy outage probability and the effective secrecy throughput to examine the secrecy performance achieved by the OSTBC-SC-AN and OSTBC-SWC-AN schemes. Numerical results are provided to demonstrate the validity of our derived expressions and reveal the impact of key network parameters on the secrecy performance.

II. SYSTEM MODEL

As illustrated in Fig. 1, we consider the downlink of a multiuser MISO network, in which one BS with A_A antennas serves N_B single-antenna legitimate users in the presence of an A_E -antenna eavesdropper. In order to strengthen the eavesdropping capability, we assume that the eavesdropper adopts maximal ratio combining (MRC) scheme to wiretap the messages. In this network, one A_J -antenna cooperative relay acts as a friendly jammer. We use A, R, B, and E to represent the BS, cooperative relay, legitimate users, and eavesdropper, respectively. We assume that the $A \rightarrow B$ link, $A \rightarrow E$ link, and $R \rightarrow E$ link are subject to independent and non-identically distributed (i.n.i.d) quasi-static Rayleigh fading, where the fading coefficients are constant over a frame of consecutive $2L$ symbols and varies from one frame to another. We also assume that the frame length keeps the same for all the channels and is long enough to allow capacity-achieving codes within each frame.

We propose that OSTBC is employed at the BS and AN is employed at the cooperative relay to enhance the security level of the network. Moreover, we consider the use of SC or SWC to schedule one out of N_B legitimate users for data transmission. The transmission process of the OSTBC-SC-AN and OSTBC-SWC-AN schemes are detailed as follows:

The BS first selects L transmit symbols, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_L , with $\mathbb{E}[|s_l|^2] = \mathcal{P}_A, \forall l$, where $\mathbb{E}[\cdot]$ represents expectation and \mathcal{P}_A denotes the transmit power at the BS. Then, an $A_A \times T$ OSTBC is adopted at the BS in T times slots. With the aid of [2, 13], the received SNR at the k -th user ($1 \leq k \leq N_B$) is given by

$$\gamma_{B,k} = \frac{\mathcal{P}_A}{\sigma_B^2} \|\mathbf{h}_{AB,k}\|_F^2, \quad (1)$$

where $\mathbf{h}_{AB,k}$ denotes the $A_A \times 1$ channel vector for the BS to k -th legitimate user channel whose entries follow i.i.d. Rayleigh fading, $\|\cdot\|_F^2$ represents the Frobenius norm and σ_B^2 is the

variance of additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) at the legitimate user.

When the SC scheme is employed, the user with the best channel quality is selected. Thus, we have the received SNR at the selected user as $\gamma_B = \max_{1 \leq k \leq N_B} \{\gamma_{B,k}\}$. When the SWC scheme is employed, the first user compares its received SNR $\gamma_{B,1}$ with the predefined threshold γ_T . If $\gamma_{B,1} \geq \gamma_T$, then this user is selected for transmission in the upcoming data burst and $\gamma_B = \gamma_{B,1}$. Otherwise, the next user compares its received SNR, $\gamma_{B,2}$, with γ_T . This procedure repeats until either an acceptable user is found or all the users have been examined. In the latter case, the BS waits for a period of time to buffer the input data instead of transmitting. After the waiting period ends, the BS re-initiates the same procedure. We note that in our context the selected legitimate user feeds its received SNR back to the BS through a specific uplink for wiretap codes construction, which is different from the scenario without secrecy consideration.

We assume that the selected legitimate user transmits pilot signals to the cooperative relay at the same frequency as that of $B \rightarrow R$ link, and the relay obtains the $A_J \times 1$ precise CSI vector of the $R \rightarrow B$ link, \mathbf{h}_{RB} through channel reciprocity. To enable the cooperative relay to send AN signals, we first design an $A_J \times A_J$ unitary beamforming matrix as $\mathbf{W} = [\mathbf{w}_{RB}, \mathbf{W}_{RE}]$, where \mathbf{w}_{RB} is an $A_J \times 1$ vector used for the $R \rightarrow B$ link and \mathbf{W}_{RE} is an $A_J \times (A_J - 1)$ matrix used for the remaining directions. We then choose \mathbf{w}_{RB} as the main eigenvector corresponding to the largest eigenvalue of $\mathbf{h}_{RB}\mathbf{h}_{RB}^\dagger$. We further choose \mathbf{W}_{RE} as the remaining $A_J - 1$ eigenvectors of $\mathbf{h}_{RB}\mathbf{h}_{RB}^\dagger$ such that \mathbf{W}_{RE} lies in the nullspace of \mathbf{h}_{RB} , i.e., $\mathbf{h}_{RB}\mathbf{W}_{RE} = \mathbf{0}$. Using \mathbf{W} , the cooperative relay transmits AN signals in all directions except towards the selected legitimate user within the data burst. We further assume that $A_J > A_E$, thus the eavesdropper cannot remove the AN signals [7, 14].

Without loss of generality, we take into account the practical assumption where the relay has no knowledge about the CSI of the $R \rightarrow E$ link. Thus, the relay uniformly allocates its transmit power \mathcal{P}_J across the $(A_J - 1)$ transmit antennas. It follows that the instantaneous signal-to-interference plus noise ratio (SINR) at the eavesdropper is expressed as

$$\gamma_E = \frac{\frac{\mathcal{P}_A}{\sigma_E^2} \|\mathbf{H}_{AE}\|_F^2}{\frac{\mathcal{P}_J}{(A_J - 1)\sigma_E^2} \|\mathbf{H}_{RE}\mathbf{W}_{RE}\|_F^2 + 1}, \quad (2)$$

where \mathbf{H}_{AE} denotes the $A_E \times A_A$ channel matrix of the $A \rightarrow E$ link and \mathbf{H}_{RE} denotes the $A_E \times A_J$ channel matrix of the $R \rightarrow E$ link, whose entries follow i.i.d. Rayleigh fading. σ_E^2 represents the variance of AWGN at the eavesdropper.

Using γ_B and γ_E , we define $\mathcal{C}_B \triangleq \log(1 + \gamma_B)$ and $\mathcal{C}_E \triangleq \log(1 + \gamma_E)$ as the instantaneous rate of the legitimate channel and the eavesdropper's channel, respectively. Therefore, the achievable secrecy rate of the multiuser MISO network is given by $\mathcal{C}_s = [\mathcal{C}_B - \mathcal{C}_E]^+$, where $[u]^+ = \max(u, 0)$. For simplicity, we define $\bar{\gamma}_B = \mathcal{P}_A/\sigma_B^2$, $\bar{\gamma}_E = \mathcal{P}_A/\sigma_E^2$, and $\bar{\gamma}_J = \mathcal{P}_J/\sigma_E^2$. In addition, we denote λ_{BE} as the main-to-eavesdropper ratio (MER), where $\lambda_{BE} = \bar{\gamma}_B/\bar{\gamma}_E$.

III. SECRECY PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

In this section, we first derive new exact closed-form expressions for the secrecy outage probability achieved by the OSTBC-SC-AN and OSTBC-SWC-AN schemes. Based on these expressions, we then evaluate the effective secrecy throughput of the considered network.

A. Preliminaries

Based on (1) and using the statistics of a Rayleigh faded SNR, the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of $\gamma_{B,k}$ is derived as

$$F_{\gamma_{B,k}}(x) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\bar{\gamma}_B}\right) \sum_{n=0}^{A_A-1} \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{x}{\bar{\gamma}_B}\right)^n. \quad (3)$$

We now make the assumption that all the legitimate channels undergo independent and identical distribution (i.i.d.) Rayleigh fading¹. When the SC scheme is adopted, we obtain the CDF of γ_B using the multinomial theorem, which gives

$$F_{\gamma_B}^I(x) = \sum_{q=0}^{N_B} \binom{N_B}{q} (-1)^q \exp\left(-\frac{qx}{\bar{\gamma}_B}\right) \Theta_{A_A,q}\left(\frac{x}{\bar{\gamma}_B}\right)^\phi, \quad (4)$$

where

$$\Theta_{A_A,q} = \sum_{n_1=0}^q \sum_{n_2=0}^{n_1} \cdots \sum_{n_{A_A-1}=0}^{n_{A_A-2}} \frac{q!}{n_{A_A-1}!} \prod_{t=1}^{A_A-1} \frac{(t!)^{n_{t+1}-n_t}}{(n_{t-1}-n_t)!},$$

with $n_0 = q$, $n_{A_A} = 0$, and $\phi = \sum_{q_0=1}^{A_A-1} n_{q_0}$. When the SWC scheme is used, according to [12], the CDF of γ_B is given by

$$F_{\gamma_B}^{II}(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < \gamma_T \\ \frac{F_{\gamma_{B,k}}(\gamma_T)}{1 - F_{\gamma_{B,k}}(\gamma_T)} \left(\frac{F_{\gamma_{B,k}}(x)}{F_{\gamma_{B,k}}(\gamma_T)} - 1 \right), & x \geq \gamma_T. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

We further examine the probability density function (PDF) of γ_E . According to (2), the PDF of γ_E is derived as

$$f_{\gamma_E}(x) = \frac{x^{A_A A_E - 1} \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\bar{\gamma}_E}\right)}{\Gamma(A_A A_E) \Gamma(A_E \rho) \bar{\gamma}_J^{A_E \rho} \bar{\gamma}_E^{A_A A_E}} \sum_{n=0}^{A_A A_E} \binom{A_A A_E}{n} \times \frac{\Gamma(A_E(A_A + \rho) - n)}{\rho^{A_A A_E - n}} \left(\frac{x}{\bar{\gamma}_E \rho} + \frac{1}{\bar{\gamma}_J}\right)^{-(A_E(A_A + \rho) - n)}, \quad (6)$$

where $\rho = A_J - 1$ and $\Gamma(\cdot)$ represents the gamma function.

Proof: For the sake of clarity, we first define $\mathcal{X} = \bar{\gamma}_E \|\mathbf{H}_{AE}\|_F^2$ and $\mathcal{Y} = \bar{\gamma}_J \|\mathbf{H}_{RE} \mathbf{W}_{RE}\|_F^2$ in (2). With the help of [15], the PDF of \mathcal{Y} is given by

$$f_{\mathcal{Y}}(y) = \frac{y^{A_E \rho - 1}}{\Gamma(A_E \rho) \bar{\gamma}_J^{A_E \rho}} \exp\left(-\frac{y}{\bar{\gamma}_J}\right). \quad (7)$$

By applying order statistics, the CDF of γ_E is derived as

$$F_{\gamma_E}(z) = \Pr\left[\frac{\mathcal{X}}{\frac{\mathcal{Y}}{\rho} + 1} < z\right] = \int_0^\infty F_{\mathcal{X}}\left(z\left(\frac{y}{\rho} + 1\right)\right) f_{\mathcal{Y}}(y) dy. \quad (8)$$

¹We assume that the legitimate users are located relatively close together, e.g., in a clustered structure. This assumption is commonly adopted in the context of cooperative multiuser systems.

Then we take derivative of (8) to obtain the PDF of γ_E as

$$f_{\gamma_E}(z) = \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{y}{\rho} + 1\right) f_{\mathcal{X}}\left(z\left(\frac{y}{\rho} + 1\right)\right) f_{\mathcal{Y}}(y) dy. \quad (9)$$

We further obtain the PDF of \mathcal{X} as

$$f_{\mathcal{X}}(x) = \frac{x^{A_A A_E - 1}}{\Gamma(A_A A_E) \bar{\gamma}_E^{A_A A_E}} \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\bar{\gamma}_E}\right). \quad (10)$$

By substituting (7) and (10) into (9), and utilizing [16, Eq. (3.326.2)] to perform some mathematical manipulations, we obtain (6), which completes the proof. ■

B. Secrecy Outage Probability

According to the definition in [3], the secrecy outage probability is characterized as the probability that the achievable secrecy rate \mathcal{C}_s is less than a predetermined secrecy transmission rate R_s . Therefore, we express the secrecy outage probability as

$$P_{\text{out}}(R_s) = \Pr[\mathcal{C}_s < R_s] = \int_0^\infty F_{\gamma_B}(2^{R_s}(1+y) - 1) f_{\gamma_E}(y) dy, \quad (11)$$

We next present the secrecy outage probability for the proposed schemes.

1) *OSTBC-SC-AN Scheme:* By substituting (4) and (6) into (11) and applying [16, Eq. (9.211.4)], the exact closed-form expression for the secrecy outage probability of the OSTBC-SC-AN scheme $P_{\text{out}}^I(R_s)$ is derived as (12).

2) *OSTBC-SWC-AN Scheme:* We first rewrite (11) as

$$P_{\text{out}}(R_s) = \begin{cases} \int_0^{\Omega_{\gamma_T}} F_{\gamma_B}(\theta(x)) f_{\gamma_E}(x) dx \\ + \int_{\Omega_{\gamma_T}}^\infty F_{\gamma_B}(\theta(x)) f_{\gamma_E}(x) dx, & \Omega_{\gamma_T} > 0 \\ \int_0^\infty F_{\gamma_B}(\theta(x)) f_{\gamma_E}(x) dx, & \Omega_{\gamma_T} \leq 0 \end{cases}, \quad (13)$$

where $\theta(x) = 2^{R_s}(1+x) - 1$ and $\Omega_{\gamma_T} = 2^{-R_s}(1 + \gamma_T) - 1$. By substituting (5) and (6) into (13) and performing mathematical manipulations using [16, Eqs. (1.111) and (9.211.4)], we derive the exact closed-form expression for the secure outage probability of the OSTBC-SWC-AN scheme as

$$P_{\text{out}}^{II}(R_s) = \begin{cases} P_{\text{out}}^{II-A}(R_s), & \Omega_{\gamma_T} > 0 \\ P_{\text{out}}^{II-B}(R_s), & \Omega_{\gamma_T} \leq 0 \end{cases}, \quad (14)$$

where $P_{\text{out}}^{II-A}(R_s)$ and $P_{\text{out}}^{II-B}(R_s)$ are given by (15) and (16), respectively, and $\Gamma(\cdot, \cdot)$ and $\Psi(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$ denote the upper incomplete Gamma function [16, Eq. (8.350.2)] and the confluent hypergeometric function of the second kind [16, Eq. (9.211.4)], respectively.

We clarify that the derived exact expressions in (12), (15), and (16) only obtain easy-to-compute functions. Moreover, these expressions hold for general networks with arbitrary A_A , A_E , A_J , and N_B .

C. Effective Secrecy Throughput

Based on its definition in [6, 7], the effective secrecy throughput is defined as the product of the complementary probability of $P_{\text{out}}(R_s)$ and the predetermined secrecy rate R_s . Thus, the effective secrecy throughput is given

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{\text{out}}^{\text{I}}(R_s) &= \sum_{q=0}^{N_B} \binom{N_B}{q} (-1)^q \exp\left(-\frac{2^{R_s}-1}{\bar{\gamma}_B} q\right) \frac{\Theta_{A_A, q}}{\bar{\gamma}_B^\phi} \sum_{q_1=0}^{\phi} \binom{\phi}{q_1} (2^{R_s} \bar{\gamma}_E)^{q_1} (2^{R_s}-1)^{\phi-q_1} \sum_{n=0}^{A_A A_E} \binom{A_A A_E}{n} \left(\frac{\rho}{\bar{\gamma}_J}\right)^{q_1+n} \\
 &\times \frac{\Gamma(A_E(A_A+\rho)-n)}{\Gamma(A_A A_E) \Gamma(A_E \rho)} \Gamma(A_A A_E + q_1) \Psi\left(A_A A_E + q_1, q_1 + n - A_E \rho + 1; \left(\frac{2^{R_s} q}{\bar{\gamma}_B} + \frac{1}{\bar{\gamma}_E}\right) \frac{\rho \bar{\gamma}_E}{\bar{\gamma}_J}\right). \quad (12)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{\text{out}}^{\text{II-A}}(R_s) &= \sum_{n=0}^{A_A A_E} \binom{A_A A_E}{n} \frac{\Gamma(A_E(A_A+\rho)-n)}{\Gamma(A_A A_E) \Gamma(A_E \rho)} \exp\left(\frac{\rho}{\bar{\gamma}_J}\right) \sum_{q_1=0}^{A_A A_E-1} \binom{A_A A_E-1}{q_1} (-1)^{q_1} \left(\frac{\rho}{\bar{\gamma}_J}\right)^{q_1+A_E \rho} \\
 &\times \Gamma\left(n - q_1 - A_E \rho, \frac{\rho}{\bar{\gamma}_J} \left(1 + \frac{\bar{\gamma}_J \Omega_{\gamma_T}}{\rho \bar{\gamma}_E}\right)\right) - \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{2^{R_s}-1}{\bar{\gamma}_B}\right)}{1 - F_{\gamma_{B,k}}(\gamma_T)} \sum_{m=0}^{A_A-1} \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{t=0}^m \binom{m}{t} \left(\frac{2^{R_s} \bar{\gamma}_E}{\bar{\gamma}_B}\right)^t \left(\frac{2^{R_s}-1}{\bar{\gamma}_B}\right)^{m-t} \\
 &\times \sum_{n=0}^{A_A A_E} \binom{A_A A_E}{n} \left(\frac{\bar{\gamma}_J}{\rho}\right)^{-(t+n)} \frac{\Gamma(A_E(A_A+\rho)-n)}{\Gamma(A_A A_E) \Gamma(A_E \rho)} \exp\left(\left(\frac{2^{R_s}}{\bar{\gamma}_B} + \frac{1}{\bar{\gamma}_E}\right) \frac{\rho \bar{\gamma}_E}{\bar{\gamma}_J}\right) \sum_{q_1=0}^{A_A A_E+t-1} \binom{A_A A_E+t-1}{q_1} \\
 &\times (-1)^{q_1} \left(\left(\frac{2^{R_s}}{\bar{\gamma}_B} + \frac{1}{\bar{\gamma}_E}\right) \frac{\rho \bar{\gamma}_E}{\bar{\gamma}_J}\right)^{-(n+t-q_1-A_E \rho)} \Gamma\left(n+t-q_1-A_E \rho, \left(\frac{2^{R_s}}{\bar{\gamma}_B} + \frac{1}{\bar{\gamma}_E}\right) \frac{\rho \bar{\gamma}_E}{\bar{\gamma}_J} \left(1 + \frac{\bar{\gamma}_J \Omega_{\gamma_T}}{\rho \bar{\gamma}_E}\right)\right). \quad (15)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{\text{out}}^{\text{II-B}}(R_s) &= \sum_{n=0}^{A_A A_E} \binom{A_A A_E}{n} \left(\frac{\rho}{\bar{\gamma}_J}\right)^n \frac{\Gamma(A_E(A_A+\rho)-n)}{\Gamma(A_E \rho)} \Psi\left(A_A A_E, n - A_E \rho + 1; \frac{\rho}{\bar{\gamma}_J}\right) - \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{2^{R_s}-1}{\bar{\gamma}_B}\right)}{1 - F_{\gamma_{B,k}}(\gamma_T)} \sum_{m=0}^{A_A-1} \frac{1}{m!} \\
 &\times \sum_{t=0}^m \binom{m}{t} \left(\frac{2^{R_s} \bar{\gamma}_E}{\bar{\gamma}_B}\right)^t \left(\frac{2^{R_s}-1}{\bar{\gamma}_B}\right)^{m-t} \sum_{n=0}^{A_A A_E} \binom{A_A A_E}{n} \left(\frac{\rho}{\bar{\gamma}_J}\right)^{t+n} \frac{\Gamma(A_E(A_A+\rho)-n)}{\Gamma(A_A A_E) \Gamma(A_E \rho)} \Gamma(A_A A_E + t) \\
 &\times \Psi\left(A_A A_E + t, t + n + 1 - A_E \rho; \left(\frac{2^{R_s}}{\bar{\gamma}_B} + \frac{1}{\bar{\gamma}_E}\right) \frac{\rho \bar{\gamma}_E}{\bar{\gamma}_J}\right). \quad (16)
 \end{aligned}$$

by $T_{\text{sec}}^{\text{I}}(R_s) = (1 - P_{\text{out}}^{\text{I}}(R_s)) R_s$ for the OSTBC-SC-AN scheme and $T_{\text{sec}}^{\text{II}}(R_s) = (1 - P_{\text{out}}^{\text{II}}(R_s)) R_s$ for the OSTBC-SWC-AN scheme.

The effective secrecy throughput is a meaningful performance metric since it quantifies the average rate of the messages that are sent from the transmitter to the legitimate user securely in the passive eavesdropping case. We remark that the effective secrecy throughput is different from the widely adopted conventional throughput definition in [17–19], where the throughput quantifies how much of transmitted messages on average but does not evaluate the average amount of the secure transmitted messages.

IV. NUMERICAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

In this section, we provide representative numerical results to verify our performed theoretical analysis and to evaluate the impact of network parameters on the secrecy performance achieved by the proposed schemes. In Figs. 3-5, we use solid lines and dashed lines to represent the secrecy performance achieved by the OSTBC-SWC-AN scheme and the OSTBC-SC-AN scheme, respectively.

Fig. 2 depicts the secrecy outage probability versus MER λ_{BE} . We first observe that the theoretical curves of both proposed schemes match precisely with the Monte Carlo simulations, which validates the accuracy of our derivation. Second, we observe that the secrecy outage probability decreases sharply when λ_{BE} increases and the secrecy performance improves when the secrecy rate R_s decreases, e.g., curve (b) and (c), (f) and (g). Third, we remark that if the improved useful signal dominates, the secrecy performance becomes worse when the eavesdropper's antenna number increases,

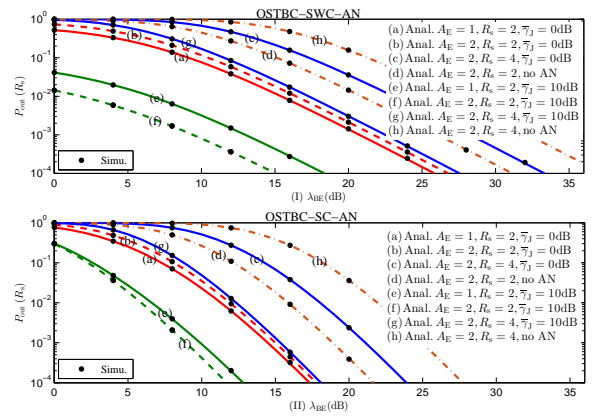


Fig. 2. Secrecy outage probability versus λ_{BE} with $\bar{\gamma}_E = 5\text{dB}$, $A_A = 2$, $A_J = 4$, $N_B = 2$, and $\gamma_T = 10\text{dB}$.

e.g., curve (a) and (b), and if the improved artificial noise dominates, the secrecy performance becomes better when the eavesdropper's antenna number increases, e.g., curve (e) and (f). The dominating factor depends on λ_{BE} and $\bar{\gamma}_J$. Finally, we find that the secrecy performance of the proposed schemes is better than that of the naive cases without AN, e.g., curve (b) and (d), (g) and (h), which demonstrates the effectiveness of our proposed schemes.

Fig. 3 depicts the secrecy outage probability versus the switching threshold γ_T . As observed in this figure, the secrecy performance of the OSTBC-SC-AN scheme is independent of γ_T , while that of the OSTBC-SWC-AN scheme improves

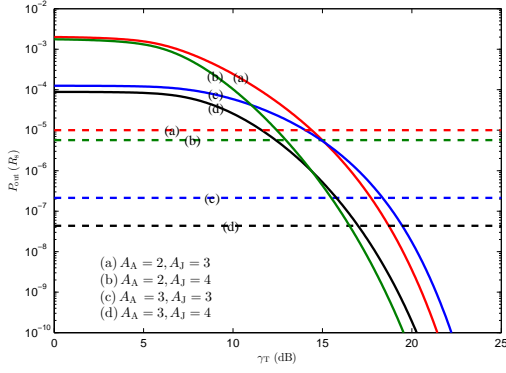


Fig. 3. Secrecy outage probability versus γ_T with $R_s = 2$, $A_E = 2$, $N_B = 2$, $\lambda_{BE} = 15$ dB, $\bar{\gamma}_J = 10$ dB, and $\bar{\gamma}_E = 5$ dB.

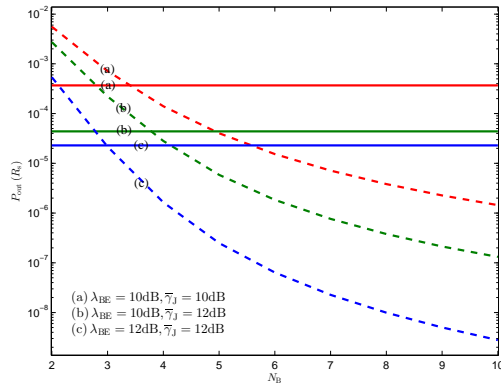


Fig. 4. Secrecy outage probability versus N_B with $R_s = 3$, $\gamma_T = 15$ dB, $A_A = A_E = 2$, $A_J = 4$, and $\bar{\gamma}_E = 5$ dB.

significantly when γ_T increases. We also observe that the OSTBC-SWC-AN scheme outperforms the OSTBC-SC-AN scheme when γ_T is higher than a certain value, which implies that the OSTBC-SWC-AN scheme can achieve a better secrecy performance at the cost of time delay for signal retransmission. Third, we observe the curve (a) and (c) for the OSTBC-SWC-AN scheme and find that curve (c) is firstly lower than curve (a) and then slightly higher than curve (a) when γ_T increases.

Fig. 4 depicts the secrecy outage probability versus the number of legitimate users N_B . We first observe that the secrecy performance of the OSTBC-SWC-AN scheme is independent of N_B . We also observe that the secrecy performance of OSTBC-SC-AN scheme improves when N_B increases. We further observe that increasing λ_{BE} or the average SNR of jammer's channel, $\bar{\gamma}_J$, brings about a superior secrecy performance for both schemes.

Fig. 5 plots the effective secrecy throughput versus the secrecy rate R_s . It is observed that the effective secrecy throughput first increases and then decreases as R_s increases from 3 to 7 for both schemes, which reveals that there exists an optimum R_s^* that yields the maximum effective secrecy throughput. Moreover, we observe that the effective secrecy throughput of the OSTBC-SC-AN scheme is higher than that of the OSTBC-SWC-AN scheme when $\gamma_T = 10$ dB, but lower

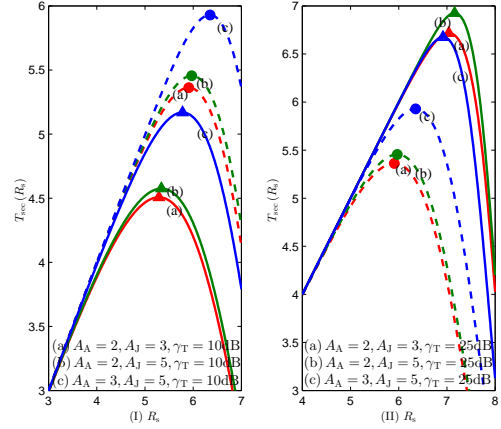


Fig. 5. Effective secrecy throughput versus R_s with $\bar{\gamma}_E = 5$ dB, $\lambda_{BE} = 15$ dB, $\bar{\gamma}_J = 10$ dB, $A_E = 2$ and $N_B = 2$.

than that of the OSTBC-SWC-AN scheme when $\gamma_T = 25$ dB. Furthermore, by observing the effective secrecy throughput of the OSTBC-SC-AN scheme with $\gamma_T = 10$ or 25 dB and the effective secrecy throughput of the OSTBC-SWC-AN scheme with $\gamma_T = 10$ dB, we find that increasing A_A and A_J shifts R_s^* to the right. This reveals that the BS is capable of supporting a larger secure transmission rate when the BS or the cooperative relay can accommodate a larger number of antennas under the considered network parameters.

V. CONCLUSION

We designed new secure transmission schemes for multiuser MISO networks, where OSTBC and AN were exploited at the BS and the cooperative relay, respectively, to enhance the security level and the SC and SWC schemes were explored for user scheduling. We derived new exact closed-form expressions for the secrecy outage probability and the effective secrecy throughput to evaluate the secrecy performance achieved by the proposed OSTBC-SC-AN and OSTBC-SWC-AN schemes. Our results revealed that the OSTBC-SWC-AN scheme outperforms the OSTBC-SC-AN scheme when the switching threshold is carefully chosen. Considering a high switching threshold, we found that increasing the number of antennas at the BS brings down the secrecy performance. Finally, we would like to consider the adoption of AN at the BS as our future work.

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