

# Physical-Layer Security of SIMO Communication Systems over Multipath Fading Conditions

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**Abstract**—The present work investigates the physical layer security of wireless communication systems over non-homogeneous fading environments, i.e.  $\eta$ - $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading models, which are typically encountered in realistic wireless transmission scenarios in the context of conventional and emerging communication systems. This study considers a single-input multiple-output system that consists of a single-antenna transmitter, a multi-antenna legitimate receiver, and an active multi-antenna eavesdropper. To this end, novel exact analytical expressions are derived for the corresponding average secrecy capacity and secrecy outage probability, which are corroborated by respective results from computer simulations. Capitalizing on the offered results, the physical layer security is quantified in terms of different parameters, which leads to useful insights on the impact of non-homogeneous fading environment and the number of employed antennas on the achieved physical layer security levels of the underlying system configuration. The offered results and insights are useful for the design of such systems as well as for the computational requirements and sustainability relating to such systems, since emerging communications are largely characterized by stringent quality of service and complexity requirements.

**Index Terms**—Multipath fading, secrecy capacity, secrecy outage probability, physical layer security, multi-antenna communications, computational complexity.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Physical layer (PHY) security has received a great deal of attention in the past few years since it can address the issues of privacy and security in wireless communication networks, without necessarily relying on encryption techniques. Owing to this fact, several

reported contributions have investigated the secrecy performance over small-scale fading channels and large-scale fading channels ([1]–[6] and references therein). However, the aforementioned fading conditions do not typically encompass various fading types that are experienced in practical communication scenarios. This also concerns the effects of non-homogeneous fading environments such as  $\alpha$ - $\mu$  [7], and  $\kappa$ - $\mu$  and  $\eta$ - $\mu$  [8], which although they are encountered in realistic communication scenarios, they are typically neglected for the sake of complexity reduction. As a result, several simplistic assumptions have led to results that are largely inaccurate, which is a critical issue in the context of secure communications since the reliability of modeling effects is of paramount importance. To this end, recent emphasis on generalized fading distributions that do not necessarily assume homogeneous fading environments has generated a considerable interest in analyses relating to PHY security, which constitutes a critical topic of interest in emerging communication technologies (see for instance, [9]–[18] and references therein). Specifically, the authors in [9] derived analytical expressions for the lower bound of the secrecy outage probability (SOP) and the probability of strictly positive secrecy capacity (SPSC) over generalized Gamma fading channels. Likewise, the secrecy performance analysis over generalized- $K$  fading channels was investigated in [10], while the effects of  $\kappa$ - $\mu$  and  $\alpha$ - $\mu$  fading conditions were investigated in [11] and in [12], respectively. Considering a different configuration from the above studies [9]–[12], the authors in [13]–[16] investigated the PHY security problem in a single-input multiple-output (SIMO) system over the generalized- $K$ ,  $\kappa$ - $\mu$ ,  $\kappa$ - $\mu$  shadowed and  $\alpha$ - $\mu$  fading channels, respectively. In [17], the secrecy performance of stochastic MIMO wireless networks over  $\alpha$ - $\mu$  fading channels was studied in terms of the connection outage probability (COP), the probability of non-zero secrecy capacity (PNZ) and ergodic secrecy capacity. Most recently, a comprehensive and unifying fading model introduced in [19], i.e., the  $\alpha$ - $\eta$ - $\kappa$ - $\mu$  distribution, was investigated in the context of secure wireless communication systems (e.g. [18]). In [18], the authors obtained novel and exact expressions for the secrecy performance metrics of the classic Wyner’s wiretap model.

Other types of versatile fading distributions are the so-called  $\eta$ - $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading models [8], [20], which can accurately model the small-scale variations of the wireless signal under non-line-of-sight conditions. The generality of these models is also evident by the fact that they include as special cases well-known multipath

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fading models such as Rayleigh, Nakagami- $m$  and Nakagami- $q$  i.e. Hoyt distributions. Because of their wide applicability and versatility [8], their consideration in the context of PHY security arises as an interesting issue to be investigated. However, none of the above-cited works (i.e., [9]–[18]) has studied the performance analysis of secure wireless communication in either  $\eta$ - $\mu$  or  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading conditions. Importantly, it is expected that the proposed investigations will be also insightful in terms of the computational complexity and sustainability associated with the determination of secure communications in the context of emerging communication systems. Besides the traditional communication-based perspective, such insights on the related computations are of paramount importance since modern communication systems and networks are typically characterized by stringent quality of service requirements and increased computational complexity and costs, which render their sustainability a challenging task. Thus, the core aim of the present analysis is to provide the necessary tools for an in-depth quantification of the computational sustainability associated with physical layer security in emerging communications in realistic propagation media, which will be useful in the effective and sustainable deployment and operation of future communication systems, both independently and as part of the generic Internet of Things (IoT) paradigm.

To the best of the authors' knowledge, the secrecy performance of wireless communication systems over  $\eta$ - $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading models remains vastly unexplored. Motivated by the above, the present work conducts an investigation into the physical layer security of SIMO systems under generalized multipath fading conditions characterized by  $\eta$ - $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  distributed fading conditions. The main contributions of this work are as follows:

- Novel analytical expressions for ASC and the secrecy outage probability (SOP) of the considered setup are derived. These expressions are given in terms of infinite series representations, which are fully convergent and involve elementary and known special functions. Also, a small number of terms is required to ensure a sufficiently low truncation error.
- Simple closed-form upper bounds for the truncation errors of the involved infinite series are also derived in order to enable precise determination of the number of truncation terms required to achieve certain accuracies. The derived analytical expressions are subsequently employed to quantify the ASC and the SOP under the considered fading conditions.
- Simple and explicit expressions of the asymptotic SOP in the high-SNR regime are obtained under both the  $\eta$ - $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading models.
- The validity of the offered results is verified through extensive comparisons with respective results from computer simulations. It is shown that the number of antennas is critical to the level of achieved security as it improves the performance when they increase at the legitimate user, and they degrade it as their number increases at the eavesdropper. Also, it is shown that the effects of non-homogeneous fading have a non-negligible effect on the ASC and SOP performance. However, the effect of fading conditions in both cases is, as expected, smaller when the number of antennas at the legitimate and at eavesdropper's links is not small.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows: Section 2 describes the considered system and channel models, while Section 3 focuses on the analysis of the ASC over generalized multipath fading channels characterized by  $\eta$ - $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading

models. Likewise, the corresponding exact and asymptotic SOP under these fading conditions are analyzed in Section 4, followed by corresponding numerical results, and insightful discussions are provided in Section 5. Finally, concluding remarks are provided in Section 6.

## 2 SYSTEM AND CHANNEL MODELS

As shown in Fig. 1, we consider a SIMO wiretap channel in which the transmitter (Alice) sends confidential messages to the legitimate receiver (Bob) with a transmit power denoted by  $P$ , while the eavesdropper (Eve) overhears the transmission through the eavesdropper channel. In this context, it is assumed that Alice is equipped with a single antenna whereas Bob and Eve are equipped with multiple antennas, denoted as  $L_B$  and  $L_E$ , respectively. Also, both the legitimate (Alice-Bob) channel and the eavesdropper (Alice-Eve) channel are assumed to undergo independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) quasi-static generalized  $\eta$ - $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading conditions. In this context, an active eavesdropping scenario is considered, in which the channel state information (CSI) of both the main and wiretap links are known at Alice. Also, a maximal-ratio combining (MRC) scheme is employed at the involved receivers in order to exploit the antenna diversity and to maximize the probabilities of secure transmission and successful eavesdropping. The latter probability represents the worst-case scenario in the context of physical layer security, and it is paramount to investigate wireless communication system under such circumstances.

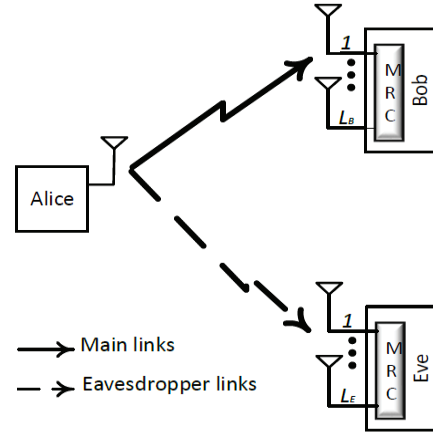


Fig. 1: Illustration of a SIMO wiretap channel, where a single-antenna transmitter (Alice) communicates with a multi-antenna legitimate receiver (Bob) in the presence of an active multi-antenna eavesdropper (Eve).

The encountered fading conditions in the underlying setup are assumed to be  $\eta$ - $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  distributed with arbitrary values of fading parameters. These two models represent physical measures and have been distinct for their generality since they have been shown extensively, both theoretically and experimentally, capable of providing accurate characterization of versatile multipath fading channels [8], [20]–[22], and the references therein. Specifically, these fading models consider that the signals are composed of clusters of multipath waves propagating in a non-homogeneous environment. Within any one cluster, the phases of the scattered waves are random and have similar delay times with delay-time spreads of different clusters being relatively large. Furthermore, the in-phase and quadrature components of wireless signals within each cluster are assumed to: i) be independent to each other

and have different powers, in the  $\eta$ - $\mu$  fading model; ii) have zero mean and identical power but they are correlated, in the  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading model. In this context,  $\mu$  represents the number of multipath clusters, in both fading models,  $\eta$  denotes the power ratio of the in-phase and quadrature components of the wireless signal within each cluster and  $\lambda$  denotes the correlation coefficient between the scattered-wave in-phase and quadrature components in each multipath cluster [8], [20]. Different from the  $\eta$ - $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading models, the  $\alpha$ - $\mu$  fading model accounts for the nonlinearity and clustering of a propagation channel, while the  $\kappa$ - $\mu$  fading distribution is better suited for line-of-sight (LOS) applications. In the former model, the nonlinearity is described in terms of a power parameter, so that the resulting signal intensity is obtained in two ways: (a) modulus of the sum of the multipath components, (b) modulus to a certain given exponent. In the latter model, each cluster of multipath waves is assumed to have scattered waves with identical powers and a dominant component found within.

The signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) probability density functions (PDF) of the  $\eta$ - $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading distributions are obtained using [22, Eq. (1)] and [22, Eq. (2)], respectively and setting  $\alpha = 1$ , and are expressed as

$$f_{\gamma}(x) = \frac{(\eta + 1)^{\mu + \frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{\pi} \mu^{\mu + \frac{1}{2}} x^{\mu - \frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(\mu) \sqrt{\eta} (\eta - 1)^{\mu - \frac{1}{2}} \bar{\gamma}^{\mu + \frac{1}{2}}} \times e^{-\frac{(1+\eta)^2 \mu x}{2\eta \bar{\gamma}}} I_{\mu - \frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{(\eta^2 - 1) \mu x}{2\eta \bar{\gamma}} \right), \quad (1)$$

and

$$f_{\gamma}(x) = \frac{(-1)^{\mu - \frac{1}{2}} 2 \sqrt{\pi} \mu^{\mu + \frac{1}{2}} x^{\mu - \frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(\mu) \sqrt{1 - \lambda} \sqrt{1 + \lambda} \lambda^{\mu - \frac{1}{2}} \bar{\gamma}^{\mu + \frac{1}{2}}} \times e^{-\frac{2\mu x}{(1-\lambda^2)}} I_{\mu - \frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{2\lambda \mu x}{(\lambda + 1)(\lambda - 1) \bar{\gamma}} \right), \quad (2)$$

where  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  and  $I_n(\cdot)$  denote the Euler Gamma function and the modified Bessel function of the first kind, respectively and  $\bar{\gamma} = \mathbb{E}\{\gamma\}$  represents the average SNR, with  $\mathbb{E}\{\cdot\}$  denoting statistical expectation. Based on the above representations and with the aid of [23, Eq. (8.445.1)] and [24], the corresponding PDFs of the SNR  $\gamma_i$ ,  $i \in \{B, E\}$ <sup>1</sup>, at the receiver's combiner output for each case are given by

$$f_{\gamma_i}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{1-2L_i\mu_i-4k} (\eta_i + 1)^{2L_i\mu_i} (1 - \eta_i)^{2k} \mu_i^{2L_i\mu_i+2k}}{k! \eta_i^{L_i\mu_i+2k} \Gamma(L_i\mu_i) \Gamma(L_i\mu_i + k + \frac{1}{2})} \times \frac{\sqrt{\pi} x^{2L_i\mu_i+2k-1}}{\bar{\gamma}_i^{2L_i\mu_i+2k}} e^{-\frac{2\mu_i(\eta_i+1)^2 x}{4\eta_i \bar{\gamma}_i}}, \quad (3)$$

and

$$f_{\gamma_i}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2\sqrt{\pi} \lambda_i^{2k} \mu_i^{2L_i\mu_i+2k}}{k! (1 - \lambda^2)^{L_i\mu_i+2k} \Gamma(L_i\mu_i) \Gamma(L_i\mu_i + k + \frac{1}{2})} \times \frac{x^{2L_i\mu_i+2k-1}}{\bar{\gamma}_i^{2L_i\mu_i+2k}} e^{-\frac{2\mu_i x}{(1-\lambda^2) \bar{\gamma}_i}}, \quad (4)$$

respectively. Based on (3) and (4), the corresponding cumulative

distribution functions (CDF) are expressed as follows:

$$F_{\gamma_i}(x) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \eta_i^{L_i\mu_i}}{2\Gamma(L_i\mu_i)(\eta_i + 1)^{2L_i\mu_i}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j! 2^{2j} \Gamma(L_i\mu_i + j + \frac{1}{2})} \times \left( \frac{1 - \eta_i}{1 + \eta_i} \right)^{2j} \gamma_{\text{inc}} \left( 2L_i\mu_i + 2j, \frac{\mu_i(1 + \eta_i)^2 x}{2\eta_i \bar{\gamma}_i} \right), \quad (5)$$

and

$$F_{\gamma_i}(x) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}(1 - \lambda_i^2)^{L_i\mu_i}}{2^{2L_i\mu_i-1} \Gamma(L_i\mu_i)} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_i^{2j}}{j! 2^{2j} \Gamma(L_i\mu_i + j + \frac{1}{2})} \times \gamma_{\text{inc}} \left( 2L_i\mu_i + 2j, \frac{2\mu_i x}{(1 - \lambda_i^2) \bar{\gamma}_i} \right), \quad (6)$$

respectively, where  $\gamma_{\text{inc}}(\alpha, x)$  denotes the lower incomplete Gamma function<sup>2</sup> [23, Eq. (8.350.1)].

### 3 AVERAGE SECRECY CAPACITY

In this section, the scenario wherein the CSI of the eavesdropper channel is available at Alice is considered. This scenario is applicable to wireless networks where Eve is active and Alice has access to her CSI [25]. In this case, a fundamental performance metric used to evaluate the secrecy performance is the ASC, which is defined as the instantaneous secrecy capacity  $C_S$  averaged over the instantaneous SNRs  $\gamma_B$  and  $\gamma_E$ , where  $C_S = \max\{C_B - C_E, 0\}$  with  $C_B = \log_2(1 + \gamma_B)$  and  $C_E = \log_2(1 + \gamma_E)$  denoting the capacities of the main and eavesdropper channels, respectively. In what follows, we will determine the ASC for the case of  $\eta - \mu$  and  $\lambda - \mu$  fading conditions, which are encountered in practical communication scenarios.

#### 3.1 Exact ASC over $\eta$ - $\mu$ fading channels

It is recalled that the ASC can be formulated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{C}_S &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} C_S f_{\gamma_B}(\gamma_B) f_{\gamma_E}(\gamma_E) d\gamma_B d\gamma_E \quad (7) \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{\ln(2)} \int_0^{\infty} \ln(1 + \gamma_B) f_{\gamma_B}(\gamma_B) F_{\gamma_E}(\gamma_B) d\gamma_B}_{\mathcal{J}_1} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\ln(2)} \int_0^{\infty} \ln(1 + \gamma_E) f_{\gamma_E}(\gamma_E) F_{\gamma_B}(\gamma_E) d\gamma_E}_{\mathcal{J}_2} \\ &\quad - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\ln(2)} \int_0^{\infty} \ln(1 + \gamma_E) f_{\gamma_E}(\gamma_E) d\gamma_E}_{\mathcal{J}_3}. \quad (8) \end{aligned}$$

Based on this, the ASC in the considered set up for the case of  $\eta$ - $\mu$  fading conditions can be derived with the aid of the PDF and CDF representations in (3) and (5), respectively. To this end, it is evident that the ASC for the considered case can be obtained by deriving analytical expressions for the  $\mathcal{J}_1^n$ ,  $\mathcal{J}_2^n$  and  $\mathcal{J}_3^n$  terms<sup>3</sup>

2. The subscript "inc" is used in order to differentiate the instantaneous SNR  $\gamma_i$  from the lower incomplete Gamma function  $\gamma_{\text{inc}}(\cdot, \cdot)$ .

3. The  $\mathcal{J}_n^n$  and  $\mathcal{I}_n^n$  terms account for  $\mathcal{J}_n$  and  $\mathcal{I}_n$  for the case of  $\eta$ - $\mu$  fading channels, whereas the  $\mathcal{J}_n^\lambda$  and  $\mathcal{I}_n^\lambda$  terms account for  $\mathcal{J}_n$  and  $\mathcal{I}_n$  for the case of  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading channels.

1. Henceforth, the subscript  $B$  is associated with Bob's measures, while the subscript  $E$  refers to Eve's measures.

Therefore, by substituting appropriately (3) and (5) into (8), the  $\mathcal{J}_1^\eta$  term can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_1^\eta &= \frac{2^{1-2L_B\mu_B+2L_E\mu_E} \pi (\eta_B + 1)^{2L_B\mu_B}}{\ln(2) \eta_B^{L_B\mu_B} \Gamma(L_B\mu_B) \Gamma(L_E\mu_E) \bar{\gamma}_B^{2L_B\mu_B}} \\ &\times \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\eta_E^{L_E\mu_E-2j} (1-\eta_E^2)^{2j}}{k! j! (\eta_E + 1)^{2L_E\mu_E+4j} \bar{\gamma}_B^{2k}} \left( \frac{1-\eta_B^2}{4\eta_B} \right)^{2k} \\ &\times \frac{\mu_B^{2L_B\mu_B+2k} 2^{1-2L_E\mu_E-2j}}{\Gamma(L_B\mu_B+k+0.5) \Gamma(L_E\mu_E+2j+0.5)} \\ &\times \int_0^\infty \frac{\ln(1+\gamma_B) \gamma_{\text{inc}}(2L_E\mu_E+2j, \mathcal{A}_E \gamma_B)}{\gamma_B^{1-2L_B\mu_B-2k} e^{\mathcal{A}_E \gamma_B}} d\gamma_B, \quad (9) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathcal{A}_B = \frac{\mu_B (\eta_B + 1)^2}{2\eta_B \bar{\gamma}_B}, \quad (10)$$

and

$$\mathcal{A}_E = \frac{\mu_E (\eta_E + 1)^2}{2\eta_E \bar{\gamma}_E}. \quad (11)$$

By denoting the integral in (9) as  $\mathcal{I}_1^\eta$ , making use of [23, Eq. (8.352.4)], and carrying out after some algebraic manipulations, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_1^\eta &= (2L_E\mu_E + 2j - 1)! \left\{ \int_0^\infty \ln(1+\gamma_B) \gamma_B^{2L_B\mu_B+2k-1} \right. \\ &\times e^{-\mathcal{A}_B \gamma_B} d\gamma_B - \sum_{n=0}^{2L_E\mu_E+2j-1} \frac{1}{n!} \mathcal{A}_E^n \\ &\left. \times \int_0^\infty \frac{\ln(1+\gamma_B)}{\gamma_B^{1-2L_B\mu_B-2k-n}} e^{-\mathcal{A}_B \gamma_B + \mathcal{A}_E \gamma_B} d\gamma_B \right\}. \quad (12) \end{aligned}$$

It is noticed that both integrals in (12) have the form:  $\int_0^\infty \ln(1+x) x^a e^{-bx} dx$ , where  $a > 0$  and  $b > 0$ . To this effect and using [26, Eq. (78)], the first integral of (12), denoted by  $\mathcal{I}_{11}^\eta$ , can be derived as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_{11}^\eta &= \frac{\Gamma(2L_B\mu_B + 2k)}{e^{-\mathcal{A}_B}} \\ &\times \sum_{m=1}^{2L_B\mu_B+2k} \frac{\Gamma(m - 2L_B\mu_B - 2k, \mathcal{A}_B)}{\mathcal{A}_B^m}. \quad (13) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the second integral in (12) can be derived so that  $\mathcal{I}_1^\eta$  can be expressed as in closed-form as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_1^\eta &= \Gamma(2L_E\mu_E + 2j) \left[ \Gamma(2L_B\mu_B + 2k) e^{\mathcal{A}_B} \right. \\ &\times \sum_{m=1}^{2L_B\mu_B+2k} \frac{\Gamma(m - 2L_B\mu_B - 2k, \mathcal{A}_B)}{\mathcal{A}_B^m} \\ &- \sum_{n=0}^{2L_E\mu_E+2j-1} \sum_{l=1}^{2L_B\mu_B+2k+n} \frac{\Gamma(2L_B\mu_B + 2k + n)}{n!} \\ &\left. \times \frac{\mathcal{A}_E^n e^{\mathcal{A}_B + \mathcal{A}_E}}{(\mathcal{A}_B + \mathcal{A}_E)^l} \Gamma(l - 2L_B\mu_B - 2k - n, \mathcal{A}_B + \mathcal{A}_E) \right]. \quad (14) \end{aligned}$$

Then, by replacing (15) into (9), an analytical expression for  $\mathcal{J}_1^\eta$  can be obtained as (16), shown at the top of the next page (see p. 5), where  $\Gamma(\cdot, \cdot)$  denotes the upper incomplete Gamma function [23, Eq. (8.350.2)]. Likewise, an expression for  $\mathcal{J}_2^\eta$  can also be attained from (16) after replacing  $L_B$  by  $L_E$ ,  $\mu_B$  by  $\mu_E$ ,  $H_B$  by  $H_E$ ,  $h_B$  by  $h_E$ , and  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  by  $\bar{\gamma}_E$ , and vice-versa.

Next, by substituting appropriately (3) into the expression of  $\mathcal{J}_3^\eta$  in (8), and using [26, Eq. (78)] along with some algebraic

manipulations,  $\mathcal{J}_3^\eta$  can be derived as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_3^\eta &= \frac{2\sqrt{\pi}}{\ln(2) \Gamma(L_E\mu_E)} \left( \frac{(\eta_E + 1)^2}{4\eta_E} \right)^{L_E\mu_E} \\ &\times \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_E^{2L_E\mu_E+2k} \Gamma(2L_E\mu_E + 2k)}{k! \Gamma(L_E\mu_E + k + 0.5)} \left( \frac{(\eta_E + 1)^2}{4\eta_E} \right)^{2k} \\ &\times e^{\mathcal{A}_E} \sum_{m=1}^{2L_E\mu_E+2k} \frac{\Gamma(-2L_E\mu_E - 2k + m, \mathcal{A}_E)}{(2\mu_E)^m \bar{\gamma}_E^{2L_E\mu_E+2k-m}} \mathcal{A}_E^{-2k}. \quad (17) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by substituting (16) and (17) into (8) leads to the corresponding analytical expression for the  $\bar{C}_S$  for the case of  $\eta$ - $\mu$  fading channels.

It is evident that the derived analytical expression for the  $\bar{C}_S$  is expressed in terms of an infinite series representation. However, this is not a detrimental issue in practice since this series is fully convergent and it requires few terms to achieve sufficient levels of accuracy. In fact, fairly accurate results can be obtained by truncating the series after 50 terms, which yields a relative error due to truncation [27] of less than 0.002%. Also, the algebraic representation of the derived series is tractable since it consists of well-known elementary and special functions, which render it convenient to handle both analytically and numerically.

### 3.2 Exact ASC over $\lambda$ - $\mu$ fading channels

Capitalizing on the derived analytical expression for the ASC over  $\eta$ - $\mu$  fading channels, we can also derive a similar expression for the ASC for the case of  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading channels. To this end, by substituting (4) and (6) into (8) and following the same process as in the previous subsection, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_1^\lambda &= \frac{2\pi}{\ln(2) (1 - \lambda_B^2)^{L_B\mu_B} \Gamma(L_B\mu_B) \Gamma(L_E\mu_E)} \\ &\times \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_B^{2k} \lambda_E^{2j} (1 - \lambda_E^2)^{L_E\mu_E}}{k! j! (1 - \lambda_B^2)^{2k} \bar{\gamma}_B^{2L_B\mu_B+2k}} \\ &\times \frac{2^{1-2L_E\mu_E-2j} \mu_B^{2L_B\mu_B+2k}}{\Gamma(L_B\mu_B+k+0.5) \Gamma(L_E\mu_E+2j+0.5)} \\ &\times \int_0^\infty \ln(1+\gamma_B) \gamma_B^{2L_B\mu_B+2k-1} e^{-\frac{2\mu_B\gamma_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)}} \\ &\times \gamma_{\text{inc}} \left( 2L_E\mu_E + 2j, \frac{2\mu_E\gamma_B}{(1-\lambda_E^2)\bar{\gamma}_E} \right) d\gamma_B, \quad (18) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_1^\lambda &= \Gamma(2L_E\mu_E + 2j) \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{\ln(1+\gamma_B)}{\gamma_B^{1-2L_B\mu_B-2k}} e^{-\frac{2\mu_B\gamma_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)}} d\gamma_B \right. \\ &- \sum_{n=0}^{2L_E\mu_E+2j-1} \frac{1}{n!} \left( \frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)} \right)^n \\ &\left. \times \int_0^\infty \frac{\ln(1+\gamma_B)}{\gamma_B^{1-2L_B\mu_B-2k-n}} e^{-\frac{2\mu_B\gamma_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)} - \frac{2\mu_E\gamma_B}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)}} d\gamma_B \right\}, \quad (19) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{J}_1^\eta &= \frac{2\pi}{\ln(2)\Gamma(L_B\mu_B)\Gamma(L_E\mu_E)} \left( \frac{(\eta_B + 1)^2}{4\eta_B} \right)^{L_B\mu_B} \\
&\times \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_B^{2L_B\mu_B+2k} (2L_E\mu_E + 2j - 1)!}{k!j!2^{2L_E\mu_E+2j-1}\Gamma(L_B\mu_B + k + 0.5)\Gamma(L_E\mu_E + j + 0.5)} \left( \frac{1 - \eta_B^2}{4\eta_B} \right)^{2k} \left( \frac{1 - \eta_E^2}{4\eta_E} \right)^{2j} \left( \frac{4\eta_E}{(\eta_E + 1)^2} \right)^{L_E\mu_E+2j} \\
&\times \left[ (2L_B\mu_B + 2k - 1)! e^{A_B} \sum_{m=1}^{2L_B\mu_B+2k} \mathcal{A}_B^{-m} \Gamma(m - 2L_B\mu_B - 2k, \mathcal{A}_B) - \sum_{n=0}^{2L_E\mu_E+2j-1} \sum_{\iota=1}^{2L_B\mu_B+2k+n} \frac{1}{n!} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \times \Gamma(2L_B\mu_B + 2k + n) \mathcal{A}_E^n (\mathcal{A}_B + \mathcal{A}_E)^{-\iota} e^{A_B+A_E} \Gamma(-2L_B\mu_B - 2k - n + \iota, \mathcal{A}_B + \mathcal{A}_E) \right]. \quad (16)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{J}_1^\lambda &= \frac{2\pi(1 - \lambda_E^2)^{L_E\mu_E}}{\ln(2)\Gamma(L_B\mu_B)\Gamma(L_E\mu_E)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_E^{2j} \lambda_B^{2k} \mu_B^{2L_B\mu_B+2k} 2^{1-2L_E\mu_E-2j} \Gamma(2L_E\mu_E + 2j)}{k!j!(1 - \lambda_B^2)^{L_B\mu_B+2k} \Gamma(L_B\mu_B + k + 0.5) \Gamma(L_E\mu_E + j + 0.5)} \\
&\times \left[ \Gamma(2L_B\mu_B + 2k) e^{\frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)}} \sum_{m=1}^{2L_B\mu_B+2k} \left( \frac{\bar{\gamma}_B(1 - \lambda_B^2)}{2\mu_B} \right)^m \Gamma\left(m - 2L_B\mu_B - 2k, \frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1 - \lambda_B^2)}\right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{n=0}^{2L_E\mu_E+2j-1} \sum_{\iota=1}^{2L_B\mu_B+2k+n} \frac{1}{n!} \Gamma(2L_B\mu_B + 2k + n) \left( \frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1 - \lambda_E^2)} \right)^n \left( \frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1 - \lambda_B^2)} + \frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1 - \lambda_E^2)} \right)^{-\iota} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \times e^{\frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)}} e^{\frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)}} \Gamma\left(\iota - 2L_B\mu_B - 2k - n, \frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1 - \lambda_B^2)} + \frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1 - \lambda_E^2)}\right) \right]. \quad (21)
\end{aligned}$$

which yields

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{I}_1^\lambda &= \Gamma(2L_E\mu_E + 2j) \left[ (2L_B\mu_B + 2k - 1)! e^{\frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)}} \right. \\
&\times \sum_{m=1}^{2L_B\mu_B+2k} \left( \frac{\bar{\gamma}_B(1 - \lambda_B^2)}{2\mu_B} \right)^m \\
&\times \Gamma\left(m - 2L_B\mu_B - 2k, \frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1 - \lambda_B^2)}\right) \\
&- \sum_{n=0}^{2L_E\mu_E+2j-1} \sum_{\iota=1}^{2L_B\mu_B+2k+n} \frac{\Gamma(2L_B\mu_B + 2k + n)}{n!} e^{\frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)}} \\
&\quad \left. e^{-\frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)}} \right. \\
&\times \Gamma\left(-2L_B\mu_B - 2k - n + \iota, \frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1 - \lambda_B^2)} + \frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1 - \lambda_E^2)}\right) \\
&\times \left. \left( \frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1 - \lambda_E^2)} \right)^n \left( \frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1 - \lambda_B^2)} + \frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1 - \lambda_E^2)} \right)^{-\iota} \right]. \quad (20)
\end{aligned}$$

To this effect and after some long but basic algebraic manipulations, one obtains (21), at the top of this page. Likewise, an expression for  $\mathcal{J}_2^\lambda$  can be deduced from (21) after replacing  $L_B$  by  $L_E$ ,  $\mu_B$  by  $\mu_E$ ,  $H_B$  by  $H_E$ ,  $h_B$  by  $h_E$ , and  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  by  $\bar{\gamma}_E$ , and vice-versa, whereas  $\mathcal{J}_3^\lambda$  can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{J}_3^\lambda &= \frac{2\sqrt{\pi}}{\ln(2)\Gamma(L_E\mu_E)(1 - \lambda^2)^{L_E\mu_E}} \\
&\times \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_E^{2k} \mu_E^{2L_E\mu_E+2k} \Gamma(2L_E\mu_E + 2k)}{k!(1 - \lambda_E^2)^{2k-m} \Gamma(L_E\mu_E + k + 0.5)} \\
&\times \sum_{m=1}^{2L_E\mu_E+2k} \frac{\Gamma\left(m - 2L_E\mu_E - 2k, \frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)}\right)}{\bar{\gamma}_E^{2L_E\mu_E+2k-m} e^{-\frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)}}}. \quad (22)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by substituting (21) and (22) into (8) and after some algebraic manipulations, the corresponding analytical expression

for the  $\bar{C}_S$  over  $\lambda - \mu$  fading channels is deduced.

### 3.3 Upper Bounds for the Truncation Errors

As already mentioned, the derived expression for the ASC is given in terms of infinite series. Depending on the value of the involved parameters, this series requires different number of terms to ensure acceptable truncation that leads to accurate results. Unlike error rate measures that typically require several decimal digits accuracy, the derived ASC measure only requires, at most, a two-decimal digit accuracy. Nevertheless, even though the involved series achieves a sufficient accuracy for a relatively low number of terms, deriving a tight closed-form upper bound for the exact truncation error of this series will allow the determination of the exact accuracy for a specific number of terms at given scenarios. Based on this, we derive a tight and tractable closed-form upper bound for the truncation error of the derived series representation in (8). In this case, the truncation error of (8) can be bounded by deriving closed-form bounds for  $\mathcal{J}_1^\eta$ ,  $\mathcal{J}_2^\eta$  and  $\mathcal{J}_3^\eta$ , for the case of  $\eta - \mu$  fading.

To this end, the truncation of  $\mathcal{J}_1^\eta$  after  $p - 1$  terms results to the truncation error in (23), at the top of the next page, i.e., p. 6. It is evident that (23) can be upper bounded by (24), shown at the top of the next page (see p. 6). To this effect, we use the Pochhammer symbol identities in [28] and after some algebraic manipulations, the resulting expression with the two infinite series can be expressed in terms of the hypergeometric function [23], which yields a closed-form upper bound for  $\mathcal{J}_1^\eta$ . By following the same methodology, it follows that the upper bound of  $\mathcal{J}_2^\eta$  can be also obtained in closed-form. The aforementioned two representations can be expressed in a more compact form as in (25), at the bottom of the next page (see p. 6), where the superscript ‘‘Tr’’ denotes *truncate*.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_1^\eta &= \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \sum_{j=p}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_B^{2k} (2L_E \mu_E + 2j - 1)! (1 - \eta_E)^{2j}}{k! j! 2^{2j} \Gamma(L_B \mu_B + k + \frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(L_E \mu_E + j + \frac{1}{2}) (1 + \eta_E)^{2j}} \left( \frac{1 - \eta_B^2}{4\eta_B} \right)^{2k} \\ &\times \left[ (2L_B \mu_B + 2k - 1)! e^{\mathcal{A}_B} \sum_{m=1}^{2L_B \mu_B + 2k} \frac{\Gamma(-2L_B \mu_B - 2k + m, \mathcal{A}_B)}{\mathcal{A}_B^m} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_{n=0}^{2L_E \mu_E + 2j - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{2L_B \mu_B + 2k + n} \frac{\Gamma(2L_B \mu_B + 2k + n) \mathcal{A}_E^n}{n! (\mathcal{A}_B + \mathcal{A}_E)^i e^{-\mathcal{A}_B - \mathcal{A}_E}} \Gamma(-2L_B \mu_B - 2k - n + i, \mathcal{A}_B + \mathcal{A}_E) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_1^\lambda &< \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_B^{2k} \mu_B^{2k}}{k! (1 - \lambda_B)^{2k} \Gamma(L_B \mu_B + k + \frac{1}{2})} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_E^{2j} \Gamma(2L_E \mu_E + 2j)}{j! 2^{2j} \Gamma(L_E \mu_E + j + \frac{1}{2})} \\ &\times \left[ \Gamma(2L_B \mu_B + 2p) e^{\frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)}} \sum_{m=1}^{2L_B \mu_B + 2p} \left( \frac{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)}{2\mu_B} \right)^m \Gamma\left(m - 2L_B \mu_B - 2p, \frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_{n=0}^{2L_E \mu_E + 2j - 1} \times \sum_{i=1}^{2L_B \mu_B + 2p + n} \frac{\Gamma(2L_B \mu_B + 2p + n)}{n!} \left( \frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)} \right)^n e^{\frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)} + \frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \left( \frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)} + \frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)} \right)^{-i} \Gamma\left(-2L_B \mu_B - 2p - n + i, \frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)} + \frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)}\right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \mathcal{J}_1 \right\}_{\text{Tr}}^\eta &< \frac{\Gamma\left(2 \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} L_E \mu_E \\ L_B \mu_B \end{smallmatrix} \right\}\right)}{\Gamma(L_B \mu_B + \frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(L_E \mu_E + \frac{1}{2})} {}_0F_1\left(\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} L_B \mu_B \\ L_E \mu_E \end{smallmatrix} \right\} + \frac{1}{2}; \left\{ \left( \frac{1 - \eta_B^2}{4\eta_B} \right)^2 \mu_B^2 \right\}\right) {}_1F_0\left(\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} L_E \mu_E \\ L_B \mu_B \end{smallmatrix} \right\}; \left\{ \frac{(1 - \eta_E)^2}{(1 - \eta_B)^2 (1 + \eta_B)^2} \right\}\right) \\ &\times \left[ \left(2 \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} L_B \mu_B \\ L_E \mu_E \end{smallmatrix} \right\} + 2p - 1\right)! e^{\mathcal{A}_B} \sum_{m=1}^{2 \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} L_B \mu_B \\ L_E \mu_E \end{smallmatrix} \right\} + 2p} \left( \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} \mathcal{A}_B^{-1} \\ \mathcal{A}_E^{-1} \end{smallmatrix} \right\} \right)^m \Gamma\left(-2 \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} L_B \mu_B \\ L_E \mu_E \end{smallmatrix} \right\} - 2p + m, 2 \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} \mathcal{A}_B \\ \mathcal{A}_E \end{smallmatrix} \right\}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_{n=0}^{2 \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} L_E \mu_E \\ L_B \mu_B \end{smallmatrix} \right\} + 2j - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{2 \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} L_B \mu_B \\ L_E \mu_E \end{smallmatrix} \right\} + 2p + n} \frac{\Gamma\left(2 \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} L_B \mu_B \\ L_E \mu_E \end{smallmatrix} \right\} + 2p + n\right)}{n!} \frac{\mathcal{A}_E^n e^{\mathcal{A}_B + \mathcal{A}_E}}{(\mathcal{A}_B + \mathcal{A}_E)^i} \Gamma\left(-2 \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} L_B \mu_B \\ L_E \mu_E \end{smallmatrix} \right\} - 2p - n + i, \mathcal{A}_B + \mathcal{A}_E\right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Similarly, a closed-form upper bound for the truncation error of  $\mathcal{J}_3^\eta$  can be derived as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_3^{\text{Tr}, \eta} &< \frac{\mu_E^{2L_E \mu_E} \Gamma(2L_E \mu_E) {}_1F_0\left(L_E \mu_E; \left(2\mu_E \frac{1 - \eta_E^2}{4\eta_E}\right)^2\right)}{\Gamma(L_E \mu_E + \frac{1}{2}) \bar{\gamma}^{2L_E \mu_E + 2p} e^{-\mathcal{A}_E}} \\ &\times \sum_{m=1}^{2L_E \mu_E + 2p} \frac{2\bar{\gamma}^m \eta_E}{\mu_E^m (\eta_E + 1)^2} \Gamma(-2L_E \mu_E - 2p + m, \mathcal{A}_E). \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Having derived closed-form upper bounds for the truncation error of the infinite series representation for the ASC over  $\eta$ - $\mu$  fading channels, we can readily deduce a similar expression for the truncation error of the ASC for the case of  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading channels. To this end, by following the same procedure and after long but basic algebraic manipulations, the closed-form bounds in (27) (top of the next page, i.e., p.7) and (28) are deduced

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_3^{\text{Tr}, \lambda} &< \frac{\mu_E^{2L_E \mu_E} \Gamma(2L_E \mu_E) e^{\frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)}}}{\Gamma(L_E \mu_E + \frac{1}{2}) \bar{\gamma}^{2L_E \mu_E + 2p}} {}_1F_0\left(L_E \mu_E; \left(\frac{4\mu_E^2 \lambda_E^2}{(1-\lambda_E^2)^2}\right)\right) \\ &\times \sum_{m=1}^{2L_E \mu_E + 2p} \frac{\bar{\gamma}^m (1 - \lambda_E^2)^m}{(2\mu_E)^m} \Gamma\left(m - 2L_E \mu_E - 2p, \frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

The derived bounds for the considered ASC cases are tight and can be readily computed in popular software packages (such as MATHEMATICA and MATLAB) that include the involved elementary and special functions as built-in functions. Thus, the accuracy of the derived series can be determined precisely at any given case.

## 4 SECURITY OUTAGE PROBABILITY

### 4.1 Exact SOP over $\eta$ - $\mu$ fading channels

Having determined the ASC over  $\eta$ - $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading channels, it is next assumed that Eve acts in a passive manner and therefore the CSI of the eavesdropper channel is not available at Alice. The secrecy outage probability arises as an important performance metric to evaluate the security performance in this scenario, and it is defined as the probability that the instantaneous secrecy

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\{ \mathcal{J}_1 \right\}_{\text{Tr}}^\lambda \underset{k=j=p}{<} \frac{\Gamma\left(2\left\{\begin{smallmatrix} L_E\mu_E \\ L_B\mu_B \end{smallmatrix}\right\}\right)}{\Gamma\left(L_B\mu_B + \frac{1}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(L_E\mu_E + \frac{1}{2}\right)} {}_0F_1\left(\left\{\begin{smallmatrix} L_B\mu_B \\ L_E\mu_E \end{smallmatrix}\right\} + \frac{1}{2}; \left\{\lambda_B^2\mu_B^2/(1-\lambda_B^2)^2\right\}\right) {}_1F_0\left(\left\{\begin{smallmatrix} L_E\mu_E \\ L_B\mu_B \end{smallmatrix}\right\}; \left\{\lambda_E^2\mu_E^2\right\}\right) \\
& \times \left[ \Gamma\left(2\left\{\begin{smallmatrix} L_B\mu_B \\ L_E\mu_E \end{smallmatrix}\right\} + 2p\right) e^{\left\{\frac{2\mu_B/(\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2))}{2\mu_E/(\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2))}\right\}} \sum_{m=1}^{2\left\{\begin{smallmatrix} L_B\mu_B \\ L_E\mu_E \end{smallmatrix}\right\}+2p} \left(\frac{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)/(2\mu_B)}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)/(2\mu_E)}\right)^m \Gamma\left(-2\left\{\begin{smallmatrix} L_B\mu_B \\ L_E\mu_E \end{smallmatrix}\right\} - 2p + m, 2\left\{\frac{\mu_B/(\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2))}{\mu_E/(\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2))}\right\}\right) \right. \\
& - \sum_{n=0}^{2\left\{\begin{smallmatrix} L_E\mu_E \\ L_B\mu_B \end{smallmatrix}\right\}+2j-1} \sum_{i=1}^{2\left\{\begin{smallmatrix} L_B\mu_B \\ L_E\mu_E \end{smallmatrix}\right\}+2p+n} \frac{\Gamma\left(2\left\{\begin{smallmatrix} L_B\mu_B \\ L_E\mu_E \end{smallmatrix}\right\} + 2p + n\right)}{n!} \left(\frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)}\right)^n \left(\frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)} + \frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)}\right)^{-i} \\
& \left. \times e^{\frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)} + \frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)}} \Gamma\left(-2\left\{\begin{smallmatrix} L_B\mu_B \\ L_E\mu_E \end{smallmatrix}\right\} - 2p - n + i, \frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)} + \frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)}\right) \right]. \tag{27}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{\text{out}}^n(R_S) &= \frac{4\pi h_E^{L_E\mu_E}}{\Gamma(L_E\mu_E)\Gamma(L_B\mu_B)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2j} \eta_B^{L_B\mu_B+2j} \mu_E^{2L_E\mu_E+2k} (1-\eta_E^2)^{2k} (1-\eta_B^2)^{2j} \Gamma(2L_B\mu_B+2j)\Gamma(2L_E\mu_E+2k)}{k!j!2^{4k}\eta_E^{2k}(\eta_B+1)^{2L_B\mu_B+4j}\Gamma(L_E\mu_E+k+0.5)\Gamma(L_B\mu_B+j+0.5)\bar{\gamma}_E^{2L_E\mu_E+2k}} \\
& \times \left[ \mathcal{A}_E^{-2L_E\mu_E-2k} - e^{(1-2R_S)A_B} \sum_{m=0}^{2L_B\mu_B+2j-1} \sum_{\iota=0}^m \frac{(-1)^{m-\iota} 2^{R_S\iota}}{m!} \binom{m}{\iota} \mathcal{A}_B^m \Psi(2L_E\mu_E+2k, \iota+2L_E\mu_E+2k+1; A_E+A_B) \right]. \tag{30}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{\text{out}}^\lambda(R_S) &= \frac{2\pi}{\Gamma(L_E\mu_E)\Gamma(L_B\mu_B)(1-\lambda_E^2)^{L_E\mu_E}} \\
& \times \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{1-2L_B\mu_B-2j} \mu_E^{2L_E\mu_E+2k} \lambda_B^{2j} (1-\lambda_B^2)^{L_B\mu_B} \Gamma(2L_B\mu_B+2j)\Gamma(2L_E\mu_E+2k)}{k!j!\Gamma(L_E\mu_E+k+0.5)\Gamma(L_B\mu_B+j+0.5)\bar{\gamma}_E^{2L_E\mu_E+2k}} \left(\frac{\lambda_E}{1-\lambda_E^2}\right)^{2k} \\
& \times \left[ \left(\frac{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)}{2\mu_E}\right)^{2L_E\mu_E+2k} - e^{(1-2R_S)\frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)}} \sum_{m=0}^{2L_B\mu_B+2j-1} \sum_{\iota=0}^m \frac{(-1)^{m-\iota} 2^{R_S\iota}}{m!} \binom{m}{\iota} \right. \\
& \left. \times \left(\frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)}\right)^m \Psi\left(2L_E\mu_E+2k, \iota+2L_E\mu_E+2k+1; \frac{2\mu_E}{\bar{\gamma}_E(1-\lambda_E^2)} + \frac{2\mu_B}{\bar{\gamma}_B(1-\lambda_B^2)}\right) \right]. \tag{31}
\end{aligned}$$

capacity remains below a target rate denoted by  $R_S$ . This can be mathematically formulated as

$$P_{\text{out}}(R_S) = \int_0^\infty f_{\gamma_E}(\gamma_E) F_{\gamma_B}\left(2^{R_S}(1+\gamma_E) - 1\right) d\gamma_E. \tag{29}$$

Therefore, by substituting (3) and (5) in (29), and with the aid of [23, Eq. (8.352.4)] and [23, Eq. (3.351.3)], the binomial expansion  $(y-1)^a = \sum_{\chi=0}^a \binom{a}{\chi} (-1)^{a-\chi} y^\chi$ , and [23, Eq. (9.211.1)], an exact SOP is derived in (30), shown at the top of this page. In this expression,  $\Psi(\cdot, \cdot; \cdot)$  denotes the confluent hypergeometric function of the second kind defined by [23, Eq. (9.211.1)]. It is also worth noting that although (30) is expressed in terms of infinite series, this converges rapidly and steadily with only a few terms.

## 4.2 Exact SOP over $\lambda$ - $\mu$ fading channels

Having derived an explicit expression for the outage exact SOP over  $\eta$ - $\mu$  fading channels can lead to the derivation of a similar analytical expression for the SOP over  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading channels. To this end, by performing the necessary variable transformation in (4) and (6) and substituting into (29) along with some algebraic manipulations yields the explicit analytical representation in (31), at the top of this page.

## 4.3 Upper Bounds for the Truncation Errors

In the previous section, we derived closed-form upper bounds for the truncation error of the infinite series representations for the ASC over  $\eta$ - $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading channels. These bounds are tractable and they can determine the required number of terms for certain target accuracy. Based on this, similar closed-form upper bounds can be also derived for the truncation error of the derived SOP infinite series representations for the case of  $\eta$ - $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading conditions. To this end and given that the algebraic representation of the series representations for the considered ASC and SOP scenarios are algebraically similar, we follow the same procedure in bounding the series which ultimately leads to the following simple upper bound

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{\text{out}}^{\text{Tr}, \eta} &< \frac{\Gamma(2L_B\mu_B)\Gamma(2L_E\mu_E)}{\Gamma\left(L_B\mu_B + \frac{1}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(L_E\mu_E + \frac{1}{2}\right)} \\
& \times {}_1F_0\left(L_E\mu_E; \frac{(1-\eta_E)^2\mu_E^2}{\bar{\gamma}_E^2\eta_E^2}\right) \\
& \times {}_1F_0\left(L_B\mu_B; \frac{(1-\eta_B)^2}{(1+\eta_B)^2}\right), \tag{32}
\end{aligned}$$

for the truncation error of the SOP over  $\eta$ - $\mu$  fading channels.

Based on this, a similar closed-form upper bounds can be

$$P_{\text{out}}^{\infty, \eta}(R_S) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\pi \bar{\gamma}_E^{2L_B \mu_B} \bar{\gamma}_B^{-2L_B \mu_B} \Gamma(2L_B \mu_B + 2L_E \mu_E + 2m) \mu_B^{2L_B \mu_B - 1} (\eta_B + 1)^{2L_B \mu_B} 2^{2L_B \mu_B R_S - 2m + 1} \eta_E^{2L_B \mu_B + L_E \mu_E}}{m! L_B \Gamma(L_B \mu_B) \Gamma(L_E \mu_E) \Gamma(L_B \mu_B + \frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(L_E \mu_E + m + \frac{1}{2}) \eta_B^{L_B \mu_B} \mu_E^{2L_B \mu_B} (\eta_E + 1)^{4L_B \mu_B + 2L_E \mu_E}}. \quad (37)$$

deduced for the truncation error of the SOP under  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading conditions. Hence, by performing the necessary change of variables and after some algebraic manipulations, the following inequality is deduced

$$P_{\text{out}}^{\text{Tr}, \lambda} < \frac{\Gamma(2L_B \mu_B) \Gamma(2L_E \mu_E)}{\Gamma(L_B \mu_B + \frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(L_E \mu_E + \frac{1}{2})} {}_1F_0(L_B \mu_B; ; \lambda_B^2) \times {}_1F_0\left(L_E \mu_E; ; \frac{(2\lambda_E \mu_E)^2}{\bar{\gamma}_E^2(1 - \lambda_E^2)^2}\right). \quad (33)$$

It is evident that the derived closed-form upper bounds in (32) and (33) are rather compact and tractable.

#### 4.4 Simple Asymptotic SOP Representations

Capitalizing on the exact derived expressions for the SOP over  $\eta$ - $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading channels, we can investigate their behavior at the high SNR regime in order to develop useful insights on the role of the involved parameters on the system performance. To this end, assuming  $\bar{\gamma}_B \rightarrow \infty$  and fixed  $\bar{\gamma}_E^4$ , our aim is to find an approximate expression of  $P_{\text{out}}(R_S)$  in the form [29]  $P_{\text{out}}^{\infty}(R_S) \approx \mathcal{G}_c \bar{\gamma}_B^{-\mathcal{G}_d}$ , where  $\mathcal{G}_c$  represents the secrecy array gain and  $\mathcal{G}_d$  denotes the secrecy diversity gain. The secrecy diversity gain is defined as [30]

$$\mathcal{G}_d \doteq - \lim_{\bar{\gamma}_B \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(P_{\text{out}}^{\infty}(R_S))}{\log(\bar{\gamma}_B)}, \quad (34)$$

where  $P_{\text{out}}^{\infty}(R_S)$  will be determined subsequently for both  $\eta$ - $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading conditions. First, note that (29) can be approximated using the expression of the lower bound<sup>5</sup>

$$P_{\text{out}}^{\infty}(R_S) = \int_0^{\infty} f_{\gamma_E}(\gamma_E) F_{\gamma_B}(2^{R_S} \gamma_E) d\gamma_E. \quad (35)$$

Next, an approximation for the CDF  $F_{\gamma_B}(\gamma_E)$  will be derived since it is dependent on  $\bar{\gamma}_B$ . To this end, as the PDF in (3) is dominated by the term corresponding to  $k = 0$  in the summation, for  $\bar{\gamma}_B \rightarrow \infty$ , such expression can be used to obtain the corresponding CDF, i.e.,

$$F_{\gamma_B}(\gamma_E) \approx \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \mu_B^{2L_B \mu_B - 1} (1 + \eta_B)^{2L_B \mu_B} \bar{\gamma}_E^{2L_B \mu_B}}{L_B \Gamma(L_B \mu_B) \Gamma(L_B \mu_B + 0.5) (4\eta_B)^{L_B \mu_B} \bar{\gamma}_B^{2L_B \mu_B}}. \quad (36)$$

Finally, substituting (3) and (36) into the aforementioned approximated SOP expression and using [23, (Eq. 3.381.4)] along with some algebraic manipulations, the asymptotic SOP can be derived in (37), at the top of this page. It is evident that the secrecy diversity gain is given by  $\mathcal{G}_d = 2L_B \mu_B$ , which provides useful insights on the effect of the involved key parameter on the overall system performance. To this effect and recalling the Pochhammer symbol identities and the properties of the hypergeometric functions as

4. Intuitively, due to the high probability of successful eavesdropping, the diversity gain associated with the case wherein  $\bar{\gamma}_E \rightarrow \infty$ , is zero.

5. It has generally been shown that the lower bound of the SOP is in close agreement with the exact SOP over the entire SNR regime (see [11], [14] and the references therein). Since finding a solution for the lower bound of the SOP is easier than the exact SOP one, we use the former to derive our asymptotic expressions of the SOP at high SNR.

well as carrying out some algebraic manipulations, the following compact closed-form asymptotic expression can be deduced for the SOP over  $\eta$ - $\mu$  fading channels at the high SNR regime:

$$P_{\text{out}}^{\infty, \eta}(R_S) = \frac{\pi \Gamma(2L_B \mu_B + 2L_E \mu_E) \eta_E^{2L_B \mu_B + L_E \mu_E}}{\Gamma(L_E \mu_E + \frac{1}{2}) (1 + \eta_E)^{4L_B \mu_B + 2L_E \mu_E} \eta_B^{L_B \mu_B}} \times \frac{\bar{\gamma}_E^{2L_B \mu_B} \mu_B^{2L_B \mu_B - 1} 2^{1 + 2L_B \mu_B R_S - 2L_E \mu_E} (1 + \eta_B)^{2L_B \mu_B}}{L_B \bar{\gamma}_B^{2L_B \mu_B} \mu_E^{2L_B \mu_B} \Gamma(L_B \mu_B) \Gamma(L_E \mu_E) \Gamma(L_B \mu_B + \frac{1}{2})} \times {}_2F_1(L_B \mu_B + L_E \mu_E, L_B \mu_B + \mathcal{C}_1; \mathcal{C}_1; \mathcal{C}_2). \quad (38)$$

where  $\mathcal{C}_1$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$  are constant values given by

$$\mathcal{C}_1 = L_E \mu_E + \frac{1}{2}, \quad (39)$$

and

$$\mathcal{C}_2 = \frac{(1 - \eta_E)^2}{(1 + \eta_E)^2}. \quad (40)$$

The above expression provides useful insights on the impact of the involved parameters on the overall system performance. Furthermore, it can be used to derive a similar expression for the SOP over  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading channels. Thus, by performing the necessary variable transformation and after some algebraic manipulations, the following closed-form expression is deduced

$$P_{\text{out}}^{\infty, \lambda}(R_S) = \frac{\Gamma(2L_B \mu_B + 2L_E \mu_E) (1 - \lambda_E^2)^{2L_B \mu_B + L_E \mu_E}}{\Gamma(L_E \mu_E + \frac{1}{2}) (1 - \lambda_B^2)^{L_B \mu_B}} \times \frac{\pi \bar{\gamma}_E^{2L_B \mu_B} \mu_B^{2L_B \mu_B - 1} 2^{1 - 2L_B \mu_B (1 - R_S) - 2L_E \mu_E}}{L_B \bar{\gamma}_B^{2L_B \mu_B} \mu_E^{2L_B \mu_B} \Gamma(L_B \mu_B) \Gamma(L_E \mu_E) \Gamma(L_B \mu_B + \frac{1}{2})} \times {}_2F_1\left(L_B \mu_B + L_E \mu_E, L_B \mu_B + L_E \mu_E + \frac{1}{2}; \mathcal{C}_1; \lambda_E^2\right). \quad (41)$$

To the best of the authors knowledge, the above analytical expressions have not been previously reported in the open technical literature.

## 5 NUMERICAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

In this section, representative numerical examples are plotted along with Monte Carlo simulations to assess the accuracy of the derived mathematical results. Without loss of generality, it is assumed that  $R_S = 1$  bit/s/Hz throughout the paper, unless otherwise stated. In this section, we present the ASC and SOP performance metrics for various values of the fading parameters  $\eta$ ,  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ . It is worthwhile to recall that  $\eta$  represents the scattered-wave power ratio between the in-phase and quadrature components of the wireless signal within any one cluster and has real positive values, i.e.,  $0 < \eta < \infty$ . On the other hand,  $-1 < \lambda < 1$  represents the correlation coefficient between the scattered-wave in-phase and quadrature components of any multipath cluster, while  $\mu > 0$  is the number of multipath clusters in both fading models.

Fig. 2 shows the average secrecy capacity for various number of antennas at Bob and Eve, and different fading parameters. It can



be seen that the analytical results are in good agreement with the Monte-Carlo simulations across all the scenarios, which verifies the validity of the derived expressions. Although the fading parameters for the main and eavesdropper links vary, we note that as the number of antennas at Eve increases, the ASC decreases. This is expected since a high number of antennas at Eve yields some antenna diversity and therefore a secure eavesdropping which can be detrimental to the security performance of the system.

In addition, different combinations of the fading parameters for the main and eavesdropper channels are considered. The ASC corresponding to  $\eta_B = 1.6, \mu_B = 3$  and  $\eta_E = 0.7, \mu_E = 0.5$  outperforms the other ASC performances corresponding to other fading parameters. This observation shows that the fading parameters affect the overall security performance of the underlying system. In the same context, Fig. 3 illustrates the achieved ASC for different antennas values under  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading conditions. It is shown that the number of antennas is critical also in this case as the achieved ASC doubles in the moderate and high SNR regimes when  $L_B = 2$  is changed to  $L_B = 8$  for fixed fading conditions and  $L_E = 2$ .

Fig. 4 illustrates the impact of  $\eta$  and  $\mu$  fading parameters on the achieved ASC. It is evident that the power ratio of the in-phase and quadrature components of the wireless signal in the two paths affects the overall system performance even for a fixed number of used antennas. Particularly in the case of considerably higher  $\eta_E$  compared to  $\eta_B$ , a non-negligible ASC degradation occurs across all SNR regimes. Likewise, this is also the trend regarding the effects of the correlation between the scattered-wave in-phase and quadrature components in Fig. 5. It is noticed that changes of over 20% for fixed number of antennas. Therefore, the variations of the number of antennas along with the fading parameters  $\eta$ ,  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  affect the achieved ASC levels significantly. Moreover, a performance comparison between the underlying system over  $\eta$ - $\mu$ ,  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  and the one over Rayleigh fading channels is provided. It can be seen that there is a performance improvement or deterioration of the  $\eta$ - $\mu$  or  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  over the Rayleigh depending on the values the fading parameters of the generalized fading. For example, the ASC with  $\eta_B = 1, \mu_B = 1.5$  and  $\eta_E = 3, \mu_E = 0.5$  outperforms the ASC corresponding to the Rayleigh from medium to high-SNR regimes, while the ASC corresponding to  $\eta_B = 4, \mu_B = 0.5$  and  $\eta_E = 2, \mu_E = 1.5$  is outperformed by the one in the Rayleigh case. From these observations, one can infer the scenarios under which the generalized  $\eta$ - $\mu$  provides a better security performance with respect to the well-known fading models.

Fig. 6 and Fig. 7 demonstrate the effect of  $\bar{\gamma}_E$  on the corresponding ASC performance for fixed fading conditions and two different antenna combinations. It is evident that the values of  $\bar{\gamma}_E$  is, as expected, rather critical on the achieved ASC levels. For example, an over 20% ASC enhancement or degradation is observed when the value of  $\bar{\gamma}_E$  decreases or increases, respectively at both severe and light fading conditions. Furthermore, it becomes evident that the value of  $\bar{\gamma}_E$  is comparably crucial to the number of selected antennas at Bob and Eve.

The above behavior is also observed in Fig. 8 and Fig. 9, which demonstrate the SOP for the considered fading conditions. It is noticed that changing the value of  $\bar{\gamma}_E$  typically leads to SOP variations of about an order of magnitude across all  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  values. In addition, it is shown that high  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  values can ensure acceptable SOP levels even at moderate to high  $\bar{\gamma}_E$  values. Conversely, low  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  values lead to dramatically poor performance even for low  $\bar{\gamma}_E$  values since the achieved SOP is shown to lie around unity.

Therefore, besides ensuring that  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  must be considerably greater than  $\bar{\gamma}_E$ , it must be also ensured that the value of  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  is not low since the corresponding SOP will be rather poor regardless of the value of  $\bar{\gamma}_E$  and the number of antennas. These figures also exhibit the accuracy of the derived closed-form asymptotic expressions for the SOP, which exhibit a tight match with the respective exact results in both moderate and high  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  regimes.

The behavior of the SOP over  $\eta$ - $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading conditions is also illustrated in Fig. 10 and Fig. 11. It is evident that the derived secrecy diversity gain is confirmed, i.e.,  $\mathcal{G}_d = 2L_B\mu_B$ . Moreover, it is verified, as in the ASC case, that for a fixed number of antennas at Bob, an increasing number of antennas at Eve reduces considerably the overall security performance, whereas an increasing number of antennas at Bob (for a fixed number of antennas at Eve), improves the overall system performance. Furthermore, since it has been shown that the diversity gain is a function of  $\mu_B$ , an increasing value of  $\mu_B$  yields a performance improvement. Fig. 12 shows the SOP performance for various target secrecy rates  $R_S$  in  $\eta$ - $\mu$  conditions. It can be noted that as  $R_S$  increases, the SOP increases due to the fact that the outage event is likely to occur. It is worth noting that the aforementioned behavior can also be seen for different fading parameters and number of antennas.

Fig. 13 shows the SOP versus  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  for different values of the target secrecy rates  $R_S$  for some well-known fading distributions, i.e., One-sided Gaussian, Rayleigh and Nakagami- $m$ . In this scenario,  $L_B = 4, L_E = 2$ , and  $\bar{\gamma}_E = 10$  dB and it can be seen that under the Rayleigh distribution ( $\eta_l \rightarrow 1, \mu_l = 0.5$ ), the results coincide with the ones in [31, Fig. 3]. Moreover, this figure depicts the SOP performance under the one-sided Gaussian and Nakagami- $m$  with  $m = 2$ . It is noted that as  $R_S$  decreases, the SOP performance improves in all scenarios, which corroborates the results in Fig. 12.

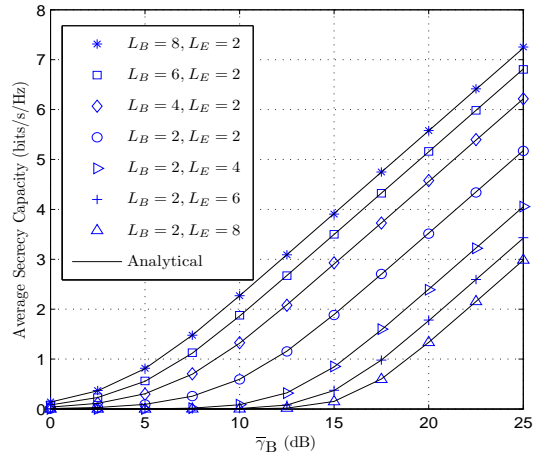
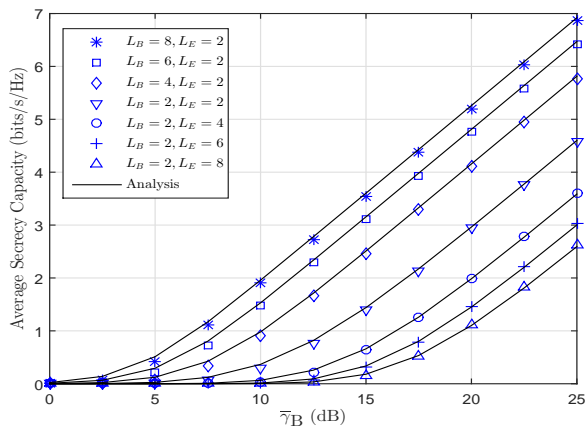
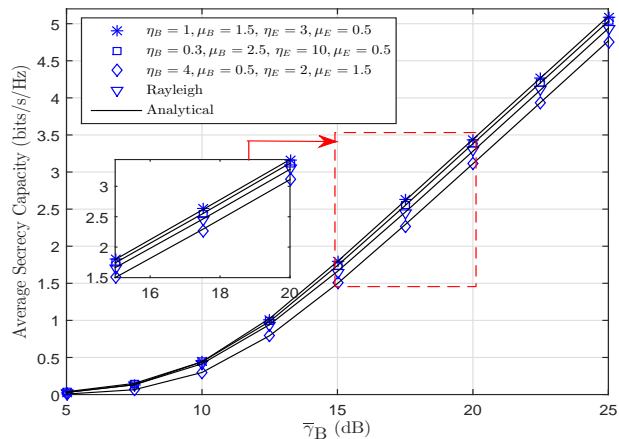


Fig. 2: Exact average secrecy capacity versus  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  for different number of antennas and  $\eta_B = 1.6, \mu_B = 2.5, \eta_E = 0.7, \mu_E = 0.5$  at  $\bar{\gamma}_E = 10$  dB.

Finally, the overall impact of the involved different parameters on the overall performance under the effects of  $\eta$ - $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading is demonstrated in Table 1, which depicts the corresponding ASC and the SOP for different values of  $\eta_B, \eta_E, \mu_B, \mu_E$  against  $L_B, L_E, \bar{\gamma}_B$  and  $\bar{\gamma}_E$  values. The two considered cases are analyzed for the following realistic scenarios: (a) severe  $\eta_B$  and  $\mu_B$  with favorable  $\eta_E$  and  $\mu_E$ ; (b) favorable  $\eta_B$  and  $\mu_B$  with severe  $\eta_E$  and  $\mu_E$ ;

TABLE 1: Effects of Fading parameters on the SOP and ASC for different system parameters.

Fading	System Parameters		$\bar{\gamma}_B$ (dB)	ASC (bits/s/Hz)	SOP
$\eta - \mu$ Fading Conditions	severe $\eta_B - \mu_B$ , light $\eta_E - \mu_E$	$L_B = 1, L_E = 1$	15	3.81980	0.893285
			25	7.08452	0.021604
		$L_B = 2, L_E = 2$	15	4.31824	0.950617
			25	7.61596	0.001489
		$L_B = 3, L_E = 3$	15	4.51655	0.976031
			25	7.82320	0.000115
	light $\eta_B - \mu_B$ , severe $\eta_E - \mu_E$	$L_B = 1, L_E = 1$	15	4.01385	0.815588
			25	7.29112	0.003253
		$L_B = 2, L_E = 2$	15	4.43691	0.909554
			25	7.73743	0.000073
		$L_B = 3, L_E = 3$	15	4.60384	0.952317
			25	7.91168	1.8091e-6
$\lambda - \mu$ Fading Conditions	severe $\lambda_B - \mu_B$ , light $\lambda_E - \mu_E$	$L_B = 1, L_E = 1$	15	3.35750	0.864553
			25	6.41581	0.047707
		$L_B = 2, L_E = 2$	15	1.16424	0.692372
			25	4.55584	0.006152
		$L_B = 3, L_E = 3$	15	0.214783	0.371675
			25	1.441140	0.000886
	light $\lambda_B - \mu_B$ , severe $\lambda_E - \mu_E$	$L_B = 1, L_E = 1$	15	3.84456	0.705777
			25	6.92600	0.001010
		$L_B = 2, L_E = 2$	15	3.24434	0.565260
			25	5.53814	5.7843e-8
		$L_B = 3, L_E = 3$	15	1.86507	0.295097
			25	3.09455	1.919e-13

Fig. 3: Exact average secrecy capacity versus  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  for different number of antennas and  $\lambda_B = 0.4, \mu_B = 0.5, \lambda_E = 0.1, \mu_E = 1.5$  at  $\bar{\gamma}_E = 10$  dB.Fig. 4: Exact average secrecy capacity versus  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  for different fading conditions and  $L_B = 4, L_E = 4$  at  $\bar{\gamma}_E = 10$  dB.

(c) severe  $\lambda_B$  and  $\mu_B$  with favorable  $\lambda_E$  and  $\mu_E$ ; and (d) favorable  $\lambda_B$  and  $\mu_B$  with severe  $\lambda_E$  and  $\mu_E$ . Without loss of generality, the following parameters are used:  $\bar{\gamma}_B = \{15\text{dB}, 25\text{dB}\}$  and  $\eta_\iota = 4, \mu_\iota = 2$  (severe),  $\eta_\iota = 1, \mu_\iota = 5$  (light or favorable) for the case of  $\eta - \mu$  fading, where  $\iota = \{B, E\}$ , and  $\lambda_\iota = 0.9, \mu_\iota = 2$  (severe) and  $\lambda_\iota = 0.1, \mu_\iota = 5$  (favorable) for the case of  $\lambda - \mu$  fading. In addition, we assume  $\bar{\gamma}_E = 0\text{dB}$  for the case of ASC and  $\bar{\gamma}_E = 15\text{dB}$  for the case of SOP. In this context, it is first verified that the ASC performance is affected by the different values of the fading parameters  $\eta_\iota, \lambda_\iota$  and  $\mu_\iota$ . For example, in the  $\eta - \mu$  case, it can be noted that for various number of antennas or main link SNR values, the ASC under severe  $\eta_B, \mu_B$  and light  $\eta_E, \mu_E$  outperforms the one with favorable  $\eta_B, \mu_B$  and severe

$\eta_E, \mu_E$ . Similar observations are made for the case of  $\lambda - \mu$  fading. Furthermore, as the number of antennas  $L_B$  and  $L_E$  increases, the ASC improves regardless of the scenario and the values of the main link SNR (e.g. 15dB, 25dB). More importantly, it is seen that in both cases and for any number of antennas, the ASC in scenario (b) outperforms the one in scenario (a). It is worth mentioning that, the performance difference between the two scenarios increases with the number of antennas between the corresponding values of the main link SNR.

In the same context, the effects of the fading parameters on the SOP are discussed. In the  $\eta - \mu$  case, it can be seen that as the number of antennas increases, the SOP performance slightly deteriorates for  $\bar{\gamma}_B = 15\text{dB}$ . Intuitively, this can be explained as

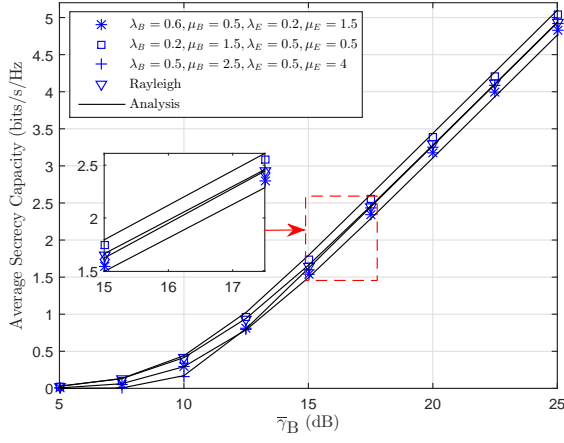


Fig. 5: Exact average secrecy capacity versus  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  for different fading conditions and  $L_B = 4$ ,  $L_E = 4$  at  $\bar{\gamma}_E = 10$  dB.

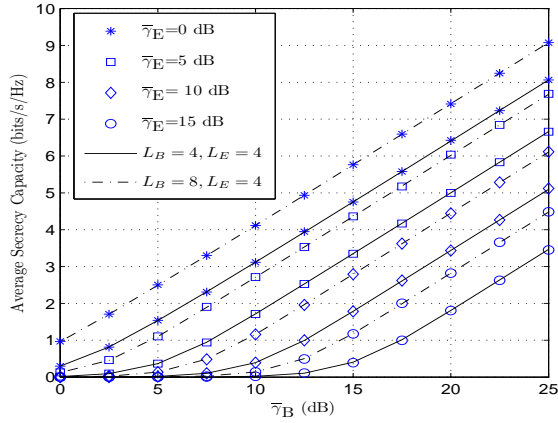


Fig. 6: Exact average secrecy capacity versus  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  for different  $\bar{\gamma}_E$  values and number of antennas for  $\eta_B = 2.5$ ,  $\mu_B = 3.5$ ,  $\eta_E = 0.85$ ,  $\mu_E = 0.5$ .

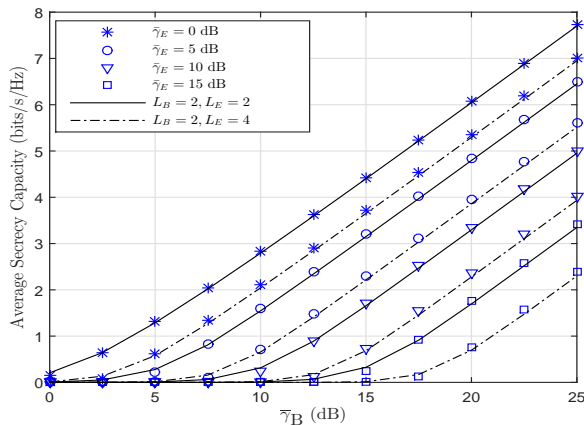


Fig. 7: Exact average secrecy capacity versus  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  for different  $\bar{\gamma}_E$  values number of antennas for  $\lambda_B = 0.1$ ,  $\mu_B = 2.5$ ,  $\lambda_E = 0.1$ ,  $\mu_E = 1.5$ .

follows: the wiretap SNR is set to 15dB, i.e., the eavesdropper channel has the same quality as the main link. However, as the main link SNR improves (i.e.,  $\bar{\gamma}_B = 25$ dB), a substantial performance improvement is noted as the number of antennas increases in both scenarios.

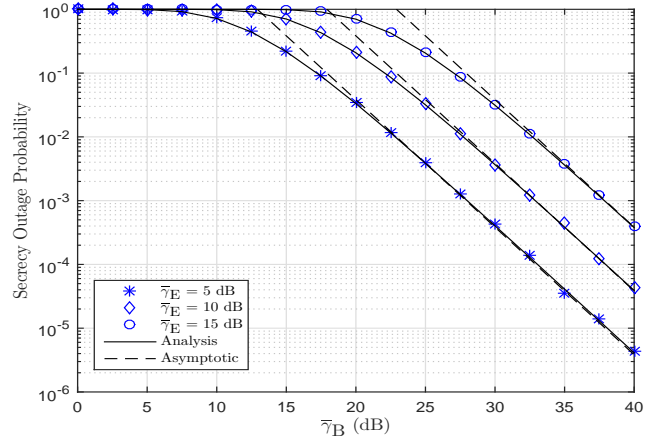


Fig. 8: Exact secrecy outage probability versus  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  for different  $\bar{\gamma}_E$  values and  $\eta_B = 0.5$ ,  $\mu_B = 0.5$ ,  $\eta_E = 1.5$ ,  $\mu_E = 2$ , and system parameters  $L_B = 2$ , and  $L_E = 4$ .

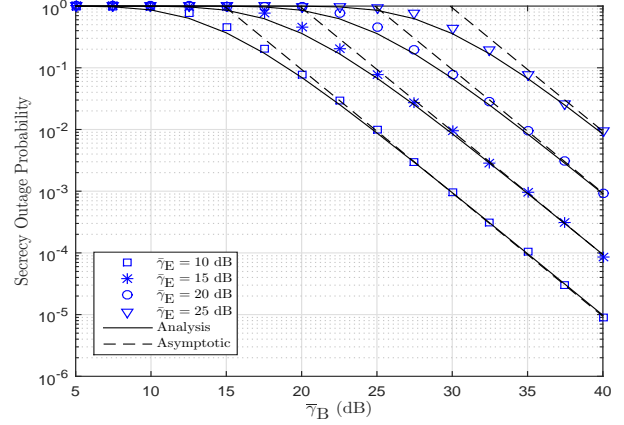


Fig. 9: Exact secrecy outage probability versus  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  for different  $\bar{\gamma}_E$  values and  $\lambda_B = 0.2$ ,  $\mu_B = 0.5$ ,  $\lambda_E = 0.1$ ,  $\mu_E = 2$ , and system parameters  $L_B = 2$ , and  $L_E = 2$ .

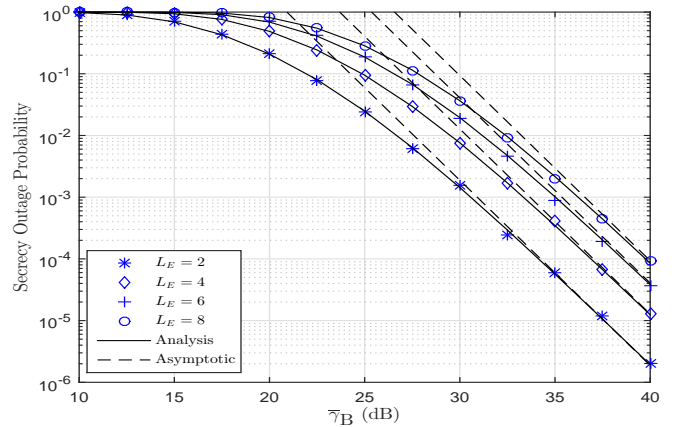


Fig. 10: Exact secrecy outage probability versus  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  for different  $L_E$  values and  $\eta_B = 0.8$ ,  $\mu_B = 1.5$ ,  $\eta_E = 0.5$ ,  $\mu_E = 2.5$ , and  $L_B = 1$  at  $\bar{\gamma}_E = 10$  dB.

As aforementioned, it is seen that  $\eta_l$ ,  $\lambda_l$  and  $\mu_l$  have affect the PHY security of the underlying system. It is noted that such effects can be detrimental or can improve the system performance

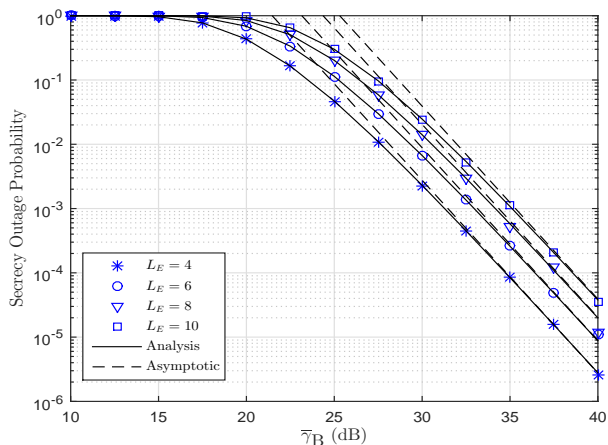


Fig. 11: Exact secrecy outage probability versus  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  for different  $L_E$  values and  $\lambda_B = 0.8$ ,  $\mu_B = 1.5$ ,  $\lambda_E = 0.5$ ,  $\mu_E = 2.5$ , and  $L_B = 1$  at  $\bar{\gamma}_E = 10$  dB.

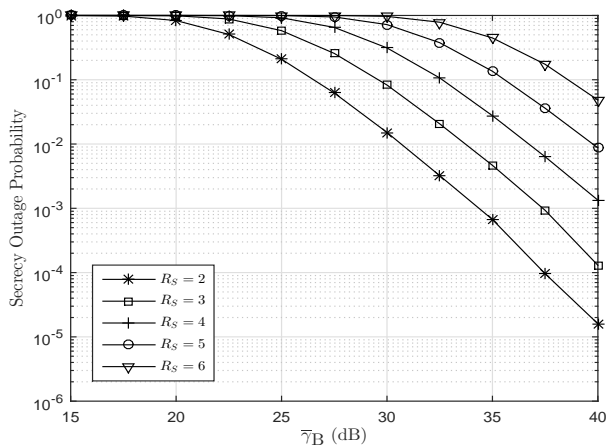


Fig. 12: Exact secrecy outage probability versus  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  for various secrecy target rates  $R_S$ .  $L_E$  values and  $\lambda_B = 0.8$ ,  $\mu_B = 1.5$ ,  $\lambda_E = 0.5$ ,  $\mu_E = 2.5$ , and  $L_B = 1$  at  $\bar{\gamma}_E = 10$  dB.

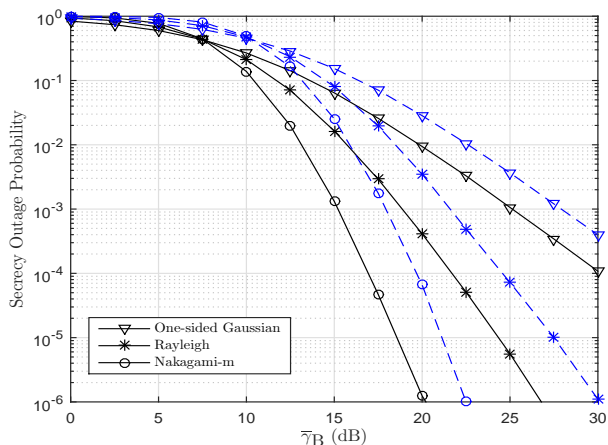


Fig. 13: Exact secrecy outage probability versus  $\bar{\gamma}_B$  for various well-known fading distributions.  $L_B = 4$ ,  $L_E = 2$  at  $\bar{\gamma}_E = 10$  dB. Solid lines correspond to  $R_S = 0.1$  and dashed lines correspond to  $R_S = 1$ .

depending on the values of  $\eta_l$  and  $\mu_l$  for the main and wiretap channels. The offered conclusions on the effects of the fading

parameters on the system performance provide interesting insights that might be useful to future designs since the issue of security is addressed in this work.

## 6 CONCLUSIONS

This contribution addressed the secrecy performance of a wireless communication system over the generalized fading conditions characterized by the  $\eta$ - $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ - $\mu$  fading models. Novel analytical expressions were derived for the ASC and SOP, which have been validated through comparisons with respective results from Monte-Carlo simulations. Also, the asymptotic analysis for the SOP has shown to approximate well the exact SOP at the high SNR regime. The offered analytical results were then used in quantifying the effects of the different parameters on the achieved PHY layer security. It was shown that PHY depends significantly on these parameters, which verifies the need for accurate characterization and modeling of multipath fading conditions. Also, the offered results are expected to provide insights on the involved computational complexity and sustainability, since emerging communication systems are largely characterized by stringent quality of service and computational complexity requirements. Possible future extensions to this work involve multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) wiretap channels with transmit antenna selection. MIMO systems have emerged as good candidates for current and future communication systems and therefore, its consideration in the context of physical layer security is of paramount importance. Another direction of research could investigate the impact of outdated channel information in transmit antenna selection.

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