

Convergence Analysis of SFL-ISCC

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Before establishing the convergence rate, some key Lemmas are presented as follows.

Lemma 1. According to **Assumption 1**, we can derive

$$\mathbb{E} [\| \mathbf{w}_c^t - \mathbf{w}_{c,m}^t \|^2] \leq 4\eta^2 I^2 \sum_{l=1}^{L_c} G_l^2. \quad (1)$$

Proof. See APPENDIX A. \square

Lemma 2. Under **Assumption 1** and **Lemma 1**, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} [\langle \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}), \mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^{t-1} \rangle] \\ & \leq \eta \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m^2 \left(\sum_{m=1}^M \Lambda_m^2 + 4M\beta^2 \eta^2 I^2 \sum_{l=1}^{L_c} G_l^2 \right) \\ & - \frac{\eta}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \right\|^2 \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Proof. See APPENDIX B. \square

Lemma 3. According to **Assumption 3** and **Assumption 4**, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [\| \mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^{t-1} \|^2] & < \frac{2\eta^2}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m \frac{\sum_{l=1}^{L_c} \sigma_l^2}{b} + \frac{4\eta^2}{M^2} \sum_{m=1}^M \Lambda_m^2 \\ & + 4\eta^2 \sum_{m=1}^M \kappa_m ((q_{s,m} - \bar{q}_s)^2 + \bar{q}_s^2) \Lambda_m^2 \\ & + 32\beta^2 \eta^4 I^2 \sum_{l=1}^{L_c} G_l^2 + 8\eta^2 \mathbb{E} [\| \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \|^2]. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Proof. See APPENDIX C. \square

Theorem 1. We consider the learning rate η of proposed SFLSCC satisfies that

$$0 < \eta < \frac{\sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m}{8\beta}. \quad (4)$$

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Under **Assumption 1-4** and **Lemma 1-3**, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \mathbb{E} [\| \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \|^2] & \leq \frac{2}{\eta \left(\sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m \right)^2 - 8\beta\eta^2} \\ & \left(\frac{\mathbb{E} [\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^0)] - \mathbb{E} [\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^*)]}{N} + \frac{\sum_{l=1}^L \beta\eta^2 \sigma_l^2}{Mb} \right. \\ & \quad + \frac{2\beta\eta^2}{M^2} \sum_{m=1}^M \Lambda_m^2 + 16\beta^3 \eta^4 I^2 \sum_{l=1}^{L_c} G_l^2 \\ & \quad + 2\beta\eta^2 \sum_{m=1}^M \kappa_m ((q_{s,m} - \bar{q}_s)^2 + \bar{q}_s^2) \Lambda_m^2 \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_{m=1}^M \eta \Lambda_m^2 + 4M\beta^2 \eta^3 I^2 \sum_{l=1}^{L_c} G_l^2 \right). \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Proof. See APPENDIX D. \square

Eq. (5) indicates that when the UAVs have varying target sensing probabilities, the adverse effects resulting from data heterogeneity $2\beta\eta^2 \sum_{m=1}^M \kappa_m ((q_{s,m} - q_s)^2 + q_s^2) \Lambda_m^2$ will be amplified. For alleviating this adverse effects, we assume the UAVs have the uniform target sensing probabilities, thus $q_{s,m} = q_s$. Moreover, we can derive the following corollary.

Corollary 1. Under the constraint of learning rate η as shown in Eq. (4), when the UAVs have uniform target sensing probabilities, we can obtain the expression of φ_m and κ_m , which can be given by

$$\varphi_m = \frac{q_s}{[1 - (1 - q_s)^M] M}. \quad (6)$$

Proof. See APPENDIX E. \square

$$\kappa_m = \frac{2}{M q_s^M}. \quad (7)$$

Proof. See APPENDIX B of [1]. \square

APPENDIX A

Let's fix the training round at $t \geq 1$. Identify the largest $t_0 \leq t$ and t_0 is a multiple of I (i.e. $t_0 \bmod I = 0$). It should be noted that such a t_0 definitely exists and the difference $t - t_0$ is at most I . According to the Eq.(?) which are used to update the model weights, we have

$$\mathbf{w}_{c,m}^t = \mathbf{w}_c^{t_0} - \eta \sum_{\tau=t_0}^{t-1} \alpha_m^\tau \mathbf{g}_{c,m}^\tau \quad (8)$$

and by Eq.(??), we have

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$$\mathbf{w}_c^t = \mathbf{w}_c^{t_0} - \eta \sum_{\tau=t_0}^{t-1} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^\tau \mathbf{g}_{c,m}^\tau. \quad (9)$$

To begin with, we derive the expectation expression of $\mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^{t-1}$.

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \mathbf{w}_c^t - \mathbf{w}_{c,m}^t \right\|^2 \right] \\ &= \eta^2 \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \sum_{\tau=t_0}^{t-1} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^\tau \mathbf{g}_{c,m}^\tau - \sum_{\tau=t_0}^{t-1} \alpha_m^\tau \mathbf{g}_{c,m}^\tau \right\|^2 \right] \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} 2\eta^2 \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \sum_{\tau=t_0}^{t-1} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^\tau \mathbf{g}_{c,m}^\tau \right\|^2 + \left\| \sum_{\tau=t_0}^{t-1} \alpha_m^\tau \mathbf{g}_{c,m}^\tau \right\|^2 \right] \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} 2\eta^2 (t - t_0) \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{\tau=t_0}^{t-1} \left\| \frac{\sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^\tau \mathbf{g}_{c,m}^\tau}{M} \right\|^2 + \sum_{\tau=t_0}^{t-1} \left\| \alpha_m^\tau \mathbf{g}_{c,m}^\tau \right\|^2 \right] \\ &\stackrel{(c)}{\leq} 2\eta^2 (t - t_0) \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\sum_{\tau=t_0}^{t-1} \sum_{m=1}^M \left\| \alpha_m^\tau \mathbf{g}_{c,m}^\tau \right\|^2}{M} + \sum_{\tau=t_0}^{t-1} \left\| \alpha_m^\tau \mathbf{g}_{c,m}^\tau \right\|^2 \right] \\ &\stackrel{(d)}{\leq} 4\eta^2 (t - t_0)^2 \sum_{l=1}^{L_c} G_l^2 \\ &\leq 4\eta^2 I^2 \sum_{l=1}^{L_c} G_l^2, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where inequality (a) – (c) follows from $\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right\|^2 \leq n \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^2$, and inequality (d) is due to **Assumption 2**.

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} \mathbf{g}_m^{t-1}}{M} \middle| \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} \neq 0 \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{l=1}^M \sum_{\substack{|\mathcal{M}_1|=l \\ |\mathcal{M}_2|=M-l}}^{\mathcal{M}_1 \cup \mathcal{M}_2 = \mathcal{M}} \Pr \left(\alpha_{m_1}^{t-1} = 1 \forall m_1 \in \mathcal{M}_1, \alpha_{m_2}^{t-1} = 0 \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \forall m_2 \in \mathcal{M}_2 \middle| \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} \neq 0 \right) \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m_1 \in \mathcal{M}_1} \mathbf{g}_{m_1}^{t-1} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{l=1}^M \sum_{\substack{|\mathcal{M}_1|=l \\ |\mathcal{M}_2|=M-l}}^{\mathcal{M}_1 \cup \mathcal{M}_2 = \mathcal{M}} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m_1 \in \mathcal{M}_1} \mathbf{g}_{m_1}^{t-1} \right. \\ & \quad \left. \cdot \frac{\prod_{m_1 \in \mathcal{M}_1} q_{s,m_1} \prod_{m_2 \in \mathcal{M}_2} (1 - q_{s,m_2})}{1 - \prod_{m \in M} (1 - q_{s,m})} \right] \\ &\triangleq \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m \mathbb{E} [\mathbf{g}_m^{t-1}], \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where \mathcal{M}_1 represents the set of UAVs which succeed in sensing the target, while \mathcal{M}_2 denotes the set of UAVs which fail to do that. Besides, $\varphi_m, \forall m \in \mathcal{M}$ is related to $q_{s,m}$ and $\sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m \leq 1$, this can be observed by setting $\mathbf{g}_m^{t-1} = 1$.

Next, we prove **Lemma 2** as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E} [\langle \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}), \mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^{t-1} \rangle] \\
&= -\eta \mathbb{E} \left[\left\langle \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}), \frac{\sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} \mathbf{g}_m^{t-1}}{M} \right\rangle \right] \\
&= -\eta \mathbb{E} \left[\left\langle \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}), \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}) \right\rangle \right] \\
&\leq -\eta \mathbb{E} \left[\left\langle \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}), \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}) \right\rangle \right] \\
&\stackrel{(a)}{=} \frac{\eta}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m (\nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) - \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1})) \right\|^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \right\|^2 - \left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}) \right\|^2 \right] \\
&\leq \underbrace{\frac{\eta}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m (\nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) - \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1})) \right\|^2 \right]}_{\triangleq X_B} \\
&\quad - \frac{\eta}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \right\|^2 \right], \tag{12}
\end{aligned}$$

where equality (a) follows from $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2)$. Then, we derive the upper bound of X_B .

$$\begin{aligned}
X_B &= \frac{\eta}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m (\nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) - \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1})) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) - \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}) \right\|^2 \right] \\
&\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \eta \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m (\nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) - \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1})) \right\|^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m (\nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) - \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1})) \right\|^2 \right] \tag{13} \\
&\stackrel{(c)}{\leq} \eta \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m^2 \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{m=1}^M \|\nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) - \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1})\|^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{m=1}^M \|\nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) - \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1})\|^2 \right] \\
&\quad - \frac{\eta}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \right\|^2 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\stackrel{(d)}{\leq} \eta \left(\sum_{m=1}^M \Lambda_m^2 + \beta^2 \sum_{m=1}^M \mathbb{E} [\|\mathbf{w}^{t-1} - \mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}\|^2] \right) \\
&\leq \eta \sum_{m=1}^M \Lambda_m^2 + \eta \beta^2 \sum_{m=1}^M \mathbb{E} [\|\mathbf{w}_s^{t-1} - \mathbf{w}_{s,m}^{t-1}\|^2 \\
&\quad + \|\mathbf{w}_c^{t-1} - \mathbf{w}_{c,m}^{t-1}\|^2] \\
&\leq \sum_{m=1}^M \eta \Lambda_m^2 + 4M\beta^2 \eta^3 I^2 \sum_{l=1}^{L_c} G_l^2,
\end{aligned}$$

where inequality (b) is due to $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 \leq 2\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{y}\|^2$ and inequality (c) stems from $\left\| \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{y}_i \right\|^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^N \|\mathbf{x}_i\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^N \|\mathbf{y}_i\|^2$, inequality (d) results from **Assumption 1** and 3.

Thus, we can derive that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E} [\langle \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}), \mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^{t-1} \rangle] \leq \sum_{m=1}^M \eta \Lambda_m^2 \\
&\quad + 4M\beta^2 \eta^3 I^2 \sum_{l=1}^{L_c} G_l^2 - \frac{\eta}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \right\|^2 \right]. \tag{14}
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E} [\|\mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^{t-1}\|^2] = \eta^2 \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \frac{\sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} \mathbf{g}_m^{t-1}}{M} \right\|^2 \right] \\
&= \eta^2 \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \frac{\sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} (\mathbf{g}_m^{t-1} - \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}))}{M} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \frac{\sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1})}{M} \right\|^2 \right] \tag{15} \\
&\leq 2\eta^2 \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \frac{\sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} (\mathbf{g}_m^{t-1} - \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}))}{M} \right\|^2 \right]}_{\triangleq X} \\
&\quad + 2\eta^2 \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \frac{\sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1})}{M} \right\|^2 \right]}_{\triangleq Y},
\end{aligned}$$

Then, we derive the upper bound of X and Y , respectively.

1) Bound of X :

$$\begin{aligned}
 X &\stackrel{(a)}{=} \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} \|(\mathbf{g}_m^{t-1} - \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}))\|^2}{M^2} \right] \\
 &+ \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i^{t-1} \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^M \alpha_j^{t-1} \Delta_i \Delta_j}{M^2} \right] \\
 &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\sum_{m=1}^M \|(\mathbf{g}_m^{t-1} - \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}))\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^M \Delta_i \Delta_j}{M^2} \right] \\
 &\stackrel{(b)}{=} \frac{1}{M^2} \sum_{m=1}^M \mathbb{E} \left[\|(\mathbf{g}_m^{t-1} - \nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}))\|^2 \right] \\
 &\stackrel{(c)}{\leq} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{l=1}^L \sigma_l^2, \quad (16)
 \end{aligned}$$

where (a) is due to $\|\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + \mathbf{x}_m\|^2 = \|\mathbf{x}_1\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x}_2\|^2 + \dots + \|\mathbf{x}_m\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^m \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_j$ and $\Delta_i = \mathbf{g}_i^{t-1} - \nabla \mathcal{L}_i(\mathbf{w}_i^{t-1})$, inequality (b) stems from **Assumption 4** and inequality (c) stems from **Assumption 2**.

2) Bound of Y :

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} 2\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} (\nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}) - \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1})) \right\|^2}{M^2} \right] \\
 &+ 2\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}) \right\|^2}{M^2} \right] \\
 &\stackrel{(b)}{=} 2\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} \|(\nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}) - \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}))\|^2}{M^2} \right] \\
 &\quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{Y_1} \\
 &+ 2\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} \Phi_i \Phi_j}{M^2} \right] \\
 &\quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{Y_2} \\
 &+ 2\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} (\nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1})) \right\|^2}{M^2} \right], \quad (17) \\
 &\quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{Y_3}
 \end{aligned}$$

where (a) follows from $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 \leq 2\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{y}\|^2$, equality (b) is similar to **Eq. 16(a)** and $\Phi_i = \nabla \mathcal{L}_i(\mathbf{w}_i^{t-1}) - \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}_i^{t-1})$. Next, we find the upper bound of Y_1 , Y_2 and Y_3 as follows.

Firstly, according to **Assumption 3**, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y_1 &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\sum_{m=1}^M \|(\nabla \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}) - \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}))\|^2}{M^2} \right] \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{M^2} \sum_{m=1}^M \Lambda_m^2. \quad (18)
 \end{aligned}$$

Secondly, the upper bound of Y_2 can be derived as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y_2 &= \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{l=2}^M \sum_{\substack{|M_1|=l \\ |M_2|=M-l}}^{M_1 \cup M_2 = M} \Pr \left(\alpha_{m_1}^{t-1} = 1 \forall m_1 \in M_1, \alpha_{m_2}^{t-1} = 0 \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. \forall m_2 \in M_2 \left| \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} \geq 2 \right. \right) \frac{1}{M^2} \sum_{i=1}^{M_1} \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{M_1} \Phi_i \Phi_j \right] \\
 &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{l=2}^M \sum_{\substack{|M_1|=l \\ |M_2|=M-l}}^{M_1 \cup M_2 = M} \Pr \left(\alpha_{m_1}^{t-1} = 1 \forall m_1 \in M_1, \alpha_{m_2}^{t-1} = 0 \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. \forall m_2 \in M_2 \left| \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} \geq 2 \right. \right) \frac{1}{l^2} \sum_{i=1}^{M_1} \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{M_1} \Phi_i \Phi_j \right] \\
 &= \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{l=2}^M \sum_{\substack{|M_1|=l \\ |M_2|=M-l}}^{M_1 \cup M_2 = M} \frac{1}{l^2} \sum_{i=1}^{M_1} \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{M_1} \Phi_i \Phi_j \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \cdot \frac{\prod_{m_1 \in M_1} q_{s, m_1} \prod_{m_2 \in M_2} (1 - q_{s, m_2})}{1 - \prod_{m \in M} (1 - q_{s, m}) - \sum_{m \in M} \prod_{\substack{m' \in M \\ m' \neq m}} (1 - q_{s, m'})} \right] \\
 &\leq \sum_{l=2}^M \sum_{\substack{|M_1|=l \\ |M_2|=M-l}}^{M_1 \cup M_2 = M} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{M_1} \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{M_1} q_{s, i} \Phi_i q_{s, j} \Phi_j \right] \cdot \frac{1}{l^2} \\
 &\quad \cdot \frac{\prod_{m_2 \in M_2} (1 - q_{s, m_2})}{1 - \prod_{m \in M} (1 - q_{s, m}) - \sum_{m \in M} \prod_{\substack{m' \in M \\ m' \neq m}} (1 - q_{s, m'})} \\
 &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \sum_{m=1}^M \kappa_m ((q_{s, m} - \bar{q}_s)^2 + \bar{q}_s^2) \Lambda_m^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

where inequality (a) is referred to [1]. Finally, we derive the

upper bound of Y_3 as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
Y_3 &\leq 2\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} (\nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}) - \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1})) \right\|^2}{M^2} \right] \\
&\quad + 2\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{t-1} \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \right\|^2}{M^2} \right] \\
&\leq 2\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\sum_{m=1}^M (\alpha_m^{t-1})^2 \sum_{m=1}^M \left\| \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}) - \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \right\|^2}{M^2} \right] \\
&\quad + 2\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\sum_{m=1}^M (\alpha_m^{t-1})^2 \sum_{m=1}^M \left\| \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \right\|^2}{M^2} \right] \\
&\leq 2\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\sum_{m=1}^M \left\| \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}_m^{t-1}) - \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \right\|^2}{M} \right] \\
&\quad + 2\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\sum_{m=1}^M \left\| \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \right\|^2}{M} \right] \\
&\leq 2\beta^2 \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\sum_{m=1}^M \left\| \mathbf{w}^{t-1} - \mathbf{w}_m^{t-1} \right\|^2}{M} \right] + 2\mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \right\|^2 \right] \\
&\leq 8\beta^2 \eta^2 I^2 \sum_{l=1}^{L_c} G_l^2 + 2\mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \right\|^2 \right]. \tag{20}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the upper bound of Y can be represented by

$$\begin{aligned}
Y &< \frac{2}{M^2} \sum_{m=1}^M \Lambda_m^2 + 2 \sum_{m=1}^M \kappa_m ((q_{s,m} - \bar{q}_s)^2 + \bar{q}_s^2) \Lambda_m^2 \\
&\quad + 16\beta^2 \eta^2 I^2 \sum_{l=1}^{L_c} G_l^2 + 4\mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \right\|^2 \right]. \tag{21}
\end{aligned}$$

Add X to Y , and we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^{t-1} \right\|^2 \right] &< \frac{\sum_{l=1}^L 2\eta^2 \sigma_l^2}{Mb} + \frac{4\eta^2}{M^2} \sum_{m=1}^M \Lambda_m^2 \\
&\quad + 4\eta^2 \sum_{m=1}^M \kappa_m ((q_{s,m} - \bar{q}_s)^2 + \bar{q}_s^2) \Lambda_m^2 \\
&\quad + 32\beta^2 \eta^4 I^2 \sum_{l=1}^{L_c} G_l^2 + 8\eta^2 \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \right\|^2 \right]. \tag{22}
\end{aligned}$$

APPENDIX D

Based on the smoothness of the loss function $\mathcal{L}(\cdot)$, for any training round $t \geq 0$, the second-order Taylor expansion of $\mathcal{L}(\cdot)$ can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} [\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^t)] &\leq \mathbb{E} [\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1})] + \frac{\beta}{2} \mathbb{E} [\left\| \mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^{t-1} \right\|^2] \\
&\quad + \mathbb{E} [\langle \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}), \mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^{t-1} \rangle]. \tag{23}
\end{aligned}$$

And according to **Lemma 2** and **Lemma 3**, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} [\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^t)] &\leq \mathbb{E} [\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1})] + \frac{\sum_{l=1}^{L_c} \beta \eta^2 \sigma_l^2}{Mb} \\
&\quad + \frac{2\beta \eta^2}{M^2} \sum_{m=1}^M \Lambda_m^2 + 16\beta^3 \eta^4 I^2 \sum_{l=1}^{L_c} G_l^2 \\
&\quad + 2\beta \eta^2 \sum_{m=1}^M \kappa_m ((q_{s,m} - \bar{q}_s)^2 + \bar{q}_s^2) \Lambda_m^2 \\
&\quad + \eta \left(\sum_{m=1}^M \Lambda_m^2 + 4M\beta^2 \eta^2 I^2 \sum_{l=1}^{L_c} G_l^2 \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{\eta}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \right\|^2 \right] \\
&\quad + 4\beta \eta^2 \mathbb{E} [\left\| \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \right\|^2]. \tag{24}
\end{aligned}$$

Next, we rearrange Eq. (24) and divide its both sides by $\frac{\eta \left(\sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m \right)^2 - 8\beta \eta^2}{2}$:

$$\mathbb{E} [\left\| \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1}) \right\|^2] \leq \frac{2}{\eta \left(\sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m \right)^2 - 8\beta \eta^2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left(\mathbb{E} [\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1})] - \mathbb{E} [\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^t)] + \frac{\sum_{l=1}^L \beta \eta^2 \sigma_l^2}{Mb} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{2\beta \eta^2}{M^2} \sum_{m=1}^M \Lambda_m^2 + 16\beta^3 \eta^4 I^2 \sum_{l=1}^{L_c} G_l^2 \\
&\quad + 2\beta \eta^2 \sum_{m=1}^M \kappa_m ((q_{s,m} - \bar{q}_s)^2 + \bar{q}_s^2) \Lambda_m^2 \\
&\quad + \sum_{m=1}^M \eta \Lambda_m^2 + 4M\beta^2 \eta^3 I^2 \sum_{l=1}^{L_c} G_l^2. \tag{25}
\end{aligned}$$

For ensuring the convergence of split federated learning process, we let $\eta \left(\sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m \right)^2 - 8\beta \eta^2 > 0$, which leads to

$0 < \eta < \frac{\sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m}{8\beta}$. Furthermore, adding up the aforementioned

terms from $t = 1$ to N and then dividing both sides by N results in

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \mathbb{E} [\|\nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^{t-1})\|^2] &\leq \frac{2}{\eta \left(\sum_{m=1}^M \varphi_m \right)^2 - 8\beta\eta^2} \\
&\left(\frac{\mathbb{E} [\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^0)] - \mathbb{E} [\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^*)]}{N} + \frac{\sum_{l=1}^L \beta\eta^2 \sigma_l^2}{Mb} \right. \\
&+ \frac{2\beta\eta^2}{M^2} \sum_{m=1}^M \Lambda_m^2 + 16\beta^3\eta^4 I^2 \sum_{l=1}^{L_c} G_l^2 \\
&+ 2\beta\eta^2 \sum_{m=1}^M \kappa_m ((q_{s,m} - \bar{q}_s)^2 + \bar{q}_s^2) \Lambda_m^2 \\
&\left. + \sum_{m=1}^M \eta \Lambda_m^2 + 4M\beta^2\eta^3 I^2 \sum_{l=1}^{L_c} G_l^2 \right), \tag{26}
\end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{w}^* is the optimal model.

APPENDIX E

We assume that each UAV has an identical successful sensing probability $q_{s,m} = q_s, \forall m \in \mathcal{M}$, thus we can have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{l=1}^M \sum_{\substack{|\mathcal{M}_1|=l \\ |\mathcal{M}_2|=M-l}}^{\mathcal{M}_1 \cup \mathcal{M}_2 = \mathcal{M}} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m_1 \in \mathcal{M}_1} \mathbf{g}_{m_1}^{t-1} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \cdot \frac{\prod_{m_1 \in \mathcal{M}_1} q_{s,m_1} \prod_{m_2 \in \mathcal{M}_2} (1 - q_{s,m_2})}{1 - \prod_{m \in \mathcal{M}} (1 - q_{s,m})} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{M} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{m=1}^M \frac{q_s^m (1 - q_s)^{M-m}}{1 - (1 - q_s)^M} \sum_{\substack{|\mathcal{M}_1|=m \\ |\mathcal{M}_2|=M-m}}^{\mathcal{M}_1 \cup \mathcal{M}_2 = \mathcal{M}} \sum_{m_1 \in \mathcal{M}_1} \mathbf{g}_{m_1}^{t-1} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{M} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{m=1}^M \frac{q_s^m (1 - q_s)^{M-m}}{1 - (1 - q_s)^M} C_{M-1}^{m-1} \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \mathbf{g}_m^{t-1} \right] \\
&= \frac{q_s}{[1 - (1 - q_s)^M] \cdot M} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{m=0}^{M-1} q_s^m (1 - q_s)^{M-m-1} \right. \\
&\quad \left. C_{M-1}^m \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \mathbf{g}_m^{t-1} \right] \\
&= \frac{q_s}{[1 - (1 - q_s)^M] \cdot M} \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \mathbb{E} [\mathbf{g}_m^{t-1}]. \tag{27}
\end{aligned}$$

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