# DeepAntiJam: Stackelberg Game-Oriented Secure Transmission via Deep Reinforcement Learning

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Abstract—In this letter, we present a novel deep reinforcement learning-assisted anti-jamming transmission scheme (DeepAnti-Jam) to guarantee reliable and creditable transmission in the presence of one smart jammer and multiple eavesdroppers. Specifically, we formulate secure transmission as a Stackelberg game in which the jammer, as the leader, adaptively adjusts its jamming power while the transmitter, as the follower, selects its transmit power and secrecy rate accordingly. Furthermore, the existence and uniqueness of Stackelberg equilibrium are proved. To achieve the Stackelberg equilibrium when the prior knowledge of jammer is unknown, DeepAntiJam is proposed to improve the secrecy throughput, where a solver neural network is utilized to determine the optimal transmission parameter according to the transmission strategy obtained by deep reinforcement learning. Moreover, transfer learning is introduced into the initialization of DeepAntiJam to avoid unnecessary initial random exploration. Simulation results validate that DeepAntiJam can enhance secrecy throughput significantly under the coexistence of smart jammer.

*Index Terms*— Reinforcement learning, smart jammer, multiple eavesdroppers, Stackelberg game, transfer learning.

## I. INTRODUCTION

DUE to its shortcomings in secret key generation, distribution and management, conventional cryptography-based protocols would fail to satisfy the escalating secrecy requirement of future wireless communications. As an alternative, physical layer security has shown to be effective in ensuring information confidentiality by exploiting the randomness of wireless channels, which has attracted much attention from both academia and industry [1].

Recently, game theory based solutions are popularly used in physical layer security to overcome the serious threat from reactive jammers [2], [3]. In particular, as a method focusing on hierarchical decision-making issues, Stackerlberg game is effective to analyze the mutual interactions between transmitters and jammers [4]. For example, by modeling the legitimate user as leader and the jammer as follower, Stackelberg game

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was utilized to control the transmit power [5]. Moreover, the observation inaccuracy of jammer in such model was further investigated in [6]. In addition, the Stackelberg approach was also used to obtain the optimal secrecy code rate and guard zone of eavesdroppers to guarantee secrecy performance [3].

Benefit from artificial intelligence, smart jammers are capable of inferring the transmission policy of transmitter and adjusting their strategy accordingly, which have become a tremendous challenge to secure wireless communications [7]. To address this issue, reinforcement learning (RL) is introduced to generate adaptive anti-jamming strategies [8]. For instance, a hierarchical discrete power control algorithm (HPCA) was proposed to obtain the Stackelberg equilibrium (SE) under the coexistence of Q-learning based jammer [9]. In [10], a fast Q-based power allocation scheme combining hotbooting technique and Dyna structure was investigated in a nonorthogonal multiple access system, which improves the anti-jamming performance significantly. However, the above works ignored the transmission confidentiality during anti-jamming, especially under the coexistence of multiple eavesdroppers.

In this letter, a deep RL-based transmission scheme is designed to ensure reliable and creditable transmission in the presence of one learning-assisted jammer and multiple eavesdroppers. Our main contributions are summarized as follows: 1) To resist the smart jammer and multiple passive eavesdroppers simultaneously, Stackelberg game is utilized to analyze the dynamic interactions between transmitter and jammer considering connection outage probability (COP) and secrecy outage probability (SOP), and the existence and uniqueness of the SE are mathematically proved. 2) A deep RL-based antijamming transmission scheme, called DeepAntiJam, is proposed to generate the optimal transmission strategy without any prior knowledge of jamming model, where a solver neural network (NN) is proposed to determine the transmission parameter based on the strategy obtained by deep RL. Specifically, transfer learning is introduced into initialization, which simplifies the initial random exploration. In comparison to its conventional anti-jamming counterparts, our proposed DeepAntiJam could improve the secrecy throughput remarkably in the presence of one Q-learning based or deep RL-based jammer.

# II. PROBLEM FORMULATION

# A. System Model

As shown in Fig. 1, we consider the wireless link from transmitter (Alice) to legitimate receiver (Bob) in the presence of one smart jammer and M passive eavesdroppers  $E_m$   $(1 \leq m \leq M)$ . To ensure the transmission confidentiality, the Wyner's encoding scheme with rate  $(R_t, R_s)$  is adopted, where  $R_t$  and  $R_s$  denote the transmission rate and secrecy rate,

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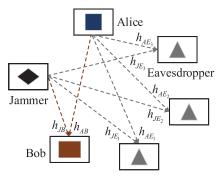


Fig. 1. Illustration of the secure transmission system.

respectively. Alice adaptively changes the secrecy rate  $R_s$  as well as its transmit power  $P_A$  to resist jamming. Meanwhile, the smart jammer, which is capable of learning the transmission strategy of Alice, adjusts its jamming power  $P_J$  flexibly.

All channels are assumed to experience independent and identically distributed (i.i.d) Rayleigh fading while only the statistical channel state information (CSI) is available at Alice and jammer. The instantaneous CSI of links Alice-Bob, Alice- $E_m$ , Jammer-Bob, and Jammer- $E_m$  are denoted by  $h_{AB}$ ,  $h_{AE_m}$ ,  $h_{JB}$ , and  $h_{JE_m}$ , respectively, which are complex Gaussian random variables with zero means and variances  $\sigma_{AB}^2$ ,  $\sigma_{AE_m}^2$ ,  $\sigma_{JB}^2$ , and  $\sigma_{JE_m}^2$ , respectively. Moreover, the noise powers at Bob and  $E_m$  are  $\sigma_B^2$  and  $\sigma_{E_m}^2$ . Thus, the signal-to-interference-plus-noise ratio (SINR) at Bob and  $E_m$  can be derived as  $\gamma_B = \frac{P_A |h_{AB}|^2}{P_J |h_{JE_m}|^2 + \sigma_E^2}$  and  $\gamma_{E_m} = \frac{P_A |h_{AE_m}|^2}{P_J |h_{JE_m}|^2 + \sigma_{E_m}^2}$ , respectively.

Typically, a connection outage occurs if the capacity of Bob is less than the transmission rate, i.e.,  $C_B < R_t$ , and a secrecy outage occurs when the capacity of eavesdroppers is larger than the redundancy rate against wiretapping, i.e.,  $C_E > R_t - R_s$  [11]. To depict the transmission reliability, COP can be presented as

$$P_{co} = \mathbf{P} \left\{ C_{B} < R_{t} \right\} = \mathbf{P} \left\{ \frac{P_{A} |h_{AB}|^{2}}{P_{J} |h_{JB}|^{2} + \sigma_{B}^{2}} < \gamma_{1} \right\},$$

$$= \mathbf{E}_{|h_{JB}|^{2}} \left\{ 1 - \exp \left( -\frac{\gamma_{1} (P_{J} |h_{JB}|^{2} + \sigma_{B}^{2})}{P_{A} \sigma_{AB}^{2}} \right) \right\},$$

$$= 1 - \exp \left( -\frac{\gamma_{1} \sigma_{B}^{2}}{P_{A} \sigma_{AB}^{2}} \right)$$

$$\times \int_{0}^{\infty} \exp \left( -\frac{\gamma_{1} P_{J} |h_{JB}|^{2}}{P_{A} \sigma_{AB}^{2}} \right) \frac{\exp(-\frac{|h_{JB}|^{2}}{\sigma_{JB}^{2}})}{\sigma_{JB}^{2}} d|h_{JB}|^{2},$$

$$= 1 - \frac{\exp\left( -\frac{\gamma_{1} \sigma_{B}^{2}}{P_{A} \sigma_{AB}^{2}} \right) P_{A} \sigma_{AB}^{2}}{P_{A} \sigma_{AB}^{2} + \gamma_{1} P_{J} \sigma_{JB}^{2}}, \tag{1}$$

where  $\gamma_1 = 2^{R_t} - 1$ .

The passive eavesdroppers are assumed to operate at the non-colluding mode and their performance is determined by the eavesdropper with the strongest received signal, where the SINR of eavesdroppers can be formulated as  $\max_{1 \le m \le M} \{\gamma_{E_m}\}$ . Therefore, SOP can be presented as

$$P_{so} = \mathbf{P} \{ C_E > R_t - R_s \} = \mathbf{P} \left\{ \max_{1 \le m \le M} \{ \gamma_{E_m} \} > \gamma_2 \right\},$$

$$= 1 - \prod_{m=1}^{M} \mathbf{P} \left\{ \frac{P_{A} |h_{AE_{m}}|^{2}}{P_{J} |h_{JE_{m}}|^{2} + \sigma_{E_{m}}^{2}} \leq \gamma_{2} \right\},$$

$$= 1 - \prod_{m=1}^{M} \left[ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma_{2} \sigma_{E_{m}}^{2}}{P_{A} \sigma_{AE_{m}}^{2}}\right) \times \int_{0}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma_{2} P_{J} t_{m}}{P_{A} \sigma_{AE_{m}}^{2}}\right) \frac{1}{\sigma_{JE_{m}}^{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{t_{m}}{\sigma_{JE_{m}}^{2}}\right) dt_{m} \right],$$

$$= 1 - \prod_{m=1}^{M} \left[ 1 - \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{\gamma_{2} \sigma_{E_{m}}^{2}}{P_{A} \sigma_{AE_{m}}^{2}}\right) P_{A} \sigma_{AE_{m}}^{2}}{P_{A} \sigma_{AE_{m}}^{2} + \gamma_{2} P_{J} \sigma_{JE_{m}}^{2}} \right], \quad (2)$$

where  $\gamma_2 = 2^{R_t - R_s} - 1$  and  $t_m = |h_{JE_m}|^2$ 

Moreover, to facilitate the analysis of Stackelberg game, the monotonicity of  $P_{co}$  and  $P_{so}$  are presented in the following lemma.

Lemma 1:  $P_{co}$  is a decreasing function of  $P_A$ , and  $P_{so}$  is an increasing function of  $P_A$  and  $R_s$ .

*Proof:* Please refer to Appendix.

#### B. Stackelberg Game Model

To obtain the optimal transmission strategy against smart jamming, the interactions between Alice and smart jammer are formulated as a Stackelberg game, where the jammer acts as leader and Alice acts as follower [4]. Due to the adaptation of jamming policy, Alice cannot determine its optimal transmission strategy directly, which requires Alice to dynamically select its transmission parameters. Specifically, the smart jammer as the leader first imposes the interference strategy by elaborately selecting a jamming power from its power set  $\mathcal{P}_J = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_J^{max}\}$  to deteriorate the secure transmission probability  $P_s$ . Then, Alice accordingly updates its anti-jamming strategy with the purpose of maximizing the secrecy throughput  $T_s$  by fine-tuning its transmit power  $P_A$ , where  $0 \le P_A \le P_A^{max}$ , and selecting its secrecy rate from  $\mathcal{R}_s = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_s^{max}\}$ . Here,  $T_s$  is defined as the average number of successfully transmitted secrecy bits per second per Hz, i.e.,  $T_s = (1 - P_{co})R_s$  [11]. To be specific,  $P_s$  is utilized to characterize the security and reliability performance simultaneously, given by  $P_s = (1 - P_{co})(1 - P_{so})$ . Thus, the utility functions of jammer and Alice are  $U_J(P_A, R_s, P_J) =$  $1 - P_s$  and  $U_A(P_A, R_s, P_J) = T_s$ , respectively.

To avoid being detected by legitimate users directly, the jamming power of jammer is controlled under a threshold  $P_J^{max}$ . Therefore, the optimization problem of jammer can be expressed as

$$\max_{P_J} 1 - (1 - P_{co})(1 - P_{so}) \quad s.t. \ P_J \le P_J^{max}.$$
 (3)

Meanwhile, the optimization problem of Alice can be formulated as

$$\max_{R_s, P_A} (1 - P_{co}) R_s \quad s.t. \ P_{so} \le \varepsilon, \tag{4}$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is a certain threshold guaranteeing the SOP derived in (2).

#### C. Stackelberg Equilibrium

At the SE of our considered anti-jamming game described in Section II-B, the smart jammer properly selects its jamming strategy to maximize its expected utility  $U_J$  based on the estimated  $P_A$  and  $R_s$ . Meanwhile, based on the observed jamming power  $P_J$ , Alice determines its transmit power  $P_A$  and secrecy rate  $R_s$  to maximize its throughput  $T_s$ . As a result, the SE constituted by  $(R_s^*, P_A^*, P_J^*)$  can be expressed as

$$\begin{cases}
P_{J}^{*} = \underset{P_{J} \in \mathcal{P}_{J}}{\operatorname{arg \, max}} \ U_{J}\left(R_{s}, P_{A}, P_{J}\right), \\
R_{s}^{*}, P_{A}^{*} = \underset{0 \leq P_{A} \leq P_{A}^{max}, R_{s} \in \mathcal{R}_{s}}{\operatorname{arg \, max}} \ U_{A}\left(R_{s}, P_{A}, P_{J}\right).
\end{cases} (5)$$

To prove the existence of equilibrium (5), the follower's problem (4) should be solved by two steps: 1) given  $R_s$ , maximize  $1-P_{co}$  over available  $P_A$ ; 2) maximize  $T_s$  over the available  $R_s$ . Due to that  $P_{co}$  decreases w.r.t.  $P_A$  and  $P_{so}$  increases w.r.t.  $P_A$ , for a given  $R_s$ , the optimal  $P_A^*(R_s)$  could be obtained by solving  $P_{so}=\varepsilon$ .

Furthermore, we maximize  $T_s(R_s)$  over  $R_s$  with the help of following lemma.

Lemma 2: The secrecy throughput  $T_s(R_s)$  is a quasiconcave function of  $R_s$ .

*Proof:* Take the first-order derivative of  $T_s(R_s)$  w.r.t.  $R_s$ , we have

$$T_s' = \frac{\partial T_s(R_s)}{\partial R_s} = 1 - P_{co} - R_s \frac{\partial P_{co}}{\partial R_s},\tag{6}$$

where

$$\frac{\partial P_{co}}{\partial R_s} = \frac{\partial P_{co}}{\partial P_A^*(R_s)} \frac{\partial P_A^*(R_s)}{\partial R_s}.$$
 (7)

Define  $F = P_{so} - \varepsilon$ , the first-order derivative of  $P_A^*(R_s)$  w.r.t.  $R_s$  can be obtained according to the derivative rule for implicit function, given by

$$\frac{\partial P_A^*(R_s)}{\partial R_s} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial R_s}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial P_A^*(R_s)}} = -\frac{\frac{\partial P_{so}}{\partial R_s}}{\frac{\partial P_{so}}{\partial P_A^*(R_s)}} < 0. \tag{8}$$

Based on (8),  $P_A^*(R_s)$  decreases monotonically w.r.t.  $R_s$ . Hence, we have  $\frac{\partial P_{co}}{\partial R_s} > 0$ . Thus,  $T_s'(0) > 0$  and  $T_s'(\infty) < 0$  can be obtained. Accordingly,  $T_s$  is a quasi-concave function of  $R_s$  and there exists a unique  $R_s^*$  that maximizes  $T_s$ .

The aforementioned **Lemma 1** proves that the best-response strategy set of the follower is a singleton, which corresponds to the unique secrecy rate  $R_s$  and transmit power  $P_A$ . As a result, the existence of equilibrium in our considered scenario can be guaranteed [12].

Based on the analysis of SE, for a fixed jamming policy the optimal transmission strategy can be obtained numerically [3]. However, when the jamming policy is dynamic and unknown, it is still challenging to obtain the optimal transmission strategy, which should be further investigated.

#### III. DEEPANTIJAM METHODOLOGY

To update the transmission policy without any prior knowledge about the jamming model, DeepAntiJam relying on deep RL is proposed, which can accelerate the optimization of transmission policy and suppress smart jamming.

As illustrated in Fig. 2, Alice firstly observes the state  $\mathbf{s}^k$  at time k, which consists of its estimated jamming power at time k-1, i.e.,  $P_J^{k-1}$ . As a result, the state  $\mathbf{s}^k$  can be expressed as  $\mathbf{s}^k = \{P_J^{k-1}\}$ . Next, a two-step actions selection

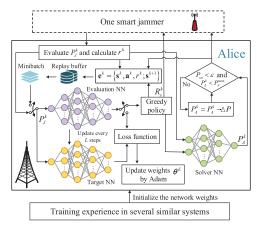


Fig. 2. Illustration of our proposed DeepAntiJam.

is executed to generate the action of Alice, defined as  $\mathbf{a}^k = \{R_s^k, P_A^k\}$ , where the secrecy rate  $R_s^k$  is selected according to the Q-function values computed by the deep neural network and then the transmission power  $P_A^k$  is determined according to  $P_{so} = \varepsilon$ . Then, the utility denoted by  $r^k$  can be calculated based on (1). At time k+1, the experience  $\mathbf{e}^k$  including  $\{\mathbf{s}^k; \mathbf{a}^k; r^k; \mathbf{s}^{k+1}\}$  which records one interaction between jammer and Alice is stored in the replay buffer. Note that the Q-function denoted by  $Q(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$  corresponds to the long-term discounted reward when Alice takes action  $\mathbf{a}$  at state  $\mathbf{s}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  contains the weights of neural network. Besides, the replay buffer generated by the repeated interactions can be utilized to update  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ .

To improve the learning accuracy and efficiency of Q-function, two neural networks with the same three fully connected (FC) layers are adopted, namely, evaluation NN and target NN. During the training process, a minibatch  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{e}_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq Y}$  is sampled from the replay buffer. For each experience  $\mathbf{e}_i = \{\mathbf{s}_i; \mathbf{a}_i; r_i; \mathbf{s}_{i+1}\}$ , the evaluation network takes state  $\mathbf{s}_i$  as the input and outputs the evaluated Q-function values, while the target network takes the  $\mathbf{s}_{i+1}$  as the input and generates the target Q-function values for the i-th experience. The weight of evaluation network is updated to minimize the loss function, which is given by

$$Loss(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{E}) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e}_{i} \in \mathcal{B}} \left[ \left( q_{i} - Q(\mathbf{s}_{i}, \mathbf{a}_{i}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{E}) \right)^{2} \right], \tag{9}$$

where  $q_i = r_i + \eta \max_{\mathbf{a}'} Q(\mathbf{s}_{i+1}, \mathbf{a}'; \boldsymbol{\theta}^T)$  represents target Q-function values,  $\eta$  is a discount factor,  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^E$  and  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^T$  denote the weights of evaluation and target NN, respectively. The weights  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^E$  are optimized by Adam method [14]. After fixed training steps L, we set  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^T = \boldsymbol{\theta}^E$  to stabilize the learning process.

In particular, to simplify the selection of  $P_A$ , a solver NN is firstly proposed to replace traditional bisection method in solving  $P_{so} = \varepsilon$ , which takes  $P_j$  and  $R_s$  as input and outputs the estimated  $P_A$ .<sup>2</sup> Moreover, transfer learning is

<sup>1</sup>To stabilize learning process at the beginning, target NN should have the same structure with evaluation NN, which is utilized to duplicate evaluation NN every fixed time and generate steady target Q-function values [13].

<sup>2</sup>The time complexity of our considered solver NN is  $\mathcal{O}(2n_1 + n_1n_2 + n_2)$ , whereby  $n_i$  denotes the nodes number of *i*-th layer [15], while the complexity of bisection method is  $\mathcal{O}\left(\log_2(N_{P_A})\right)$ , where  $N_{P_A}$  is the size of available transmit power set.

introduced to initialize the weights  $\theta^S$  of solver NN, which can simplify the network training and accelerate the algorithm convergence [7]. The details of our proposed DeepAntiJam are shown in **Algorithm 1**.<sup>3</sup>

# Algorithm 1 DeepAntiJam

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1: Initialize networks weights \theta^E, \theta^T, and \theta^S with transfer
     learning.
 2: Set \varepsilon, \eta, buffer size Z, Y, \mathcal{B} = \emptyset, steps L, and \triangle P.
 3: Evaluate jamming power P_I^0, \mathbf{s}^1 = \{P_I^0\}.
 4: for k = 1, 2, \cdots do
        Set \mathbf{s}^k as input of the evaluation NN and obtain the output
        Q(\mathbf{s}^k, \mathbf{a}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^E).
        Select R_s^k via greedy policy for Alice.
        Set \{R_s^k, P_J^{k-1}\} as the input to solver NN, obtain P_A^k.
       Calculate the secrecy outage probability P_{so}.

while P_{so} > \varepsilon or P_A^k > P_A^{max} do

P_A^k = P_A^k - \triangle P, and calculate P_{so}.
10:
11:
        Calculate the reward r^k based on (1).
12:
        Evaluate jamming power P_I^k, \mathbf{s}^{k+1} = \{P_I^k\}.
        Formulate an experience: \mathbf{e}^k = \{\mathbf{s}^k, \mathbf{a}^k, r^k; \mathbf{s}^{k+1}\}.

\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B} \cup \mathbf{e}^k, \mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{e}^{k-Z}, \mathbf{e}^{k-Z+1}, \cdots, \mathbf{e}^k\}.
14:
15:
        if k > Y then
16:
            Randomly sample Y experiences from reply buffer.
17:
            Update q_i = r_i + \eta \max_{\mathbf{a}'} Q(\mathbf{s}_{i+1}, \mathbf{a}'; \boldsymbol{\theta}^T), 1 \leq i \leq Y.
18:
            Optimize \theta^E with Adam by minimizing (9).
19:
           if k \equiv 0 \pmod{L} then
20:
               Set \theta^T = \theta^E.
21.
            end if
22:
        end if
23:
24: end for
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#### IV. SIMULATION RESULTS

In this section, simulation results are presented to evaluate the effectiveness of our proposed scheme. In particular, there are M=3 eavesdroppers, and similar to [3] and [10], we set  $R_t=4$  bps/Hz,  $\eta=0.9$ ,  $\sigma_{AB}^2=0.1$ ,  $\sigma_{JB}^2=0.01$ ,  $\sigma_{AE_1}^2=0.0001$ ,  $\sigma_{AE_2}^2=0.0002$ ,  $\sigma_{AE_3}^2=0.001$ ,  $\sigma_{JE_1}^2=0.05$ ,  $\sigma_{JE_2}^2=0.04$ , and  $\sigma_{JE_3}^2=0.003$ . The maximal power of transmitter  $P_A^{max}$  is 30W, and the sets  $\mathcal{P}_J$  and  $\mathcal{R}_s$  are set to be  $\{0,0.5,1,\ldots,6\}$  and  $\{0.8,1,1.2,\ldots,3.8\}$ , respectively. Without loss of generality, the noise powers at each receiver are assumed to be same and equal to 0.01, i.e.,  $\sigma_B^2=\sigma_{E_m}^2=0.01$ .

In terms of simulation environment, all simulations are carried out on a desktop with 12-core 3.6Ghz Intel i7-12700K microprocessor. Specifically, the proposed DeepAntiJam architecture is implemented by using the Torch library on the Pytorch platform (version 1.11.0) [16] in Python 3.9 version [17]. In terms of simulation parameters, the hyperparameters for DeepAntiJam are as follows, the number of neurons in the hidden layers of two considered evaluation NNs are (64)

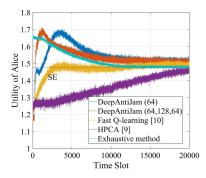


Fig. 3. Performance comparison of HPCA, fast Q-learning, exhaustive method, and our proposed DeepAntiJam against Q-learning based jammer.

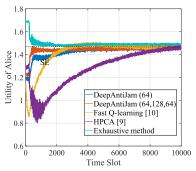


Fig. 4. Performance comparison of HPCA, fast Q-learning, exhaustive method, and our proposed DeepAntiJam against deep RL-based jammer.

and (64, 128, 64), respectively, and the number of neurons in the hidden layers of solver NN is (64, 16). The batch size is 64, and the learning rate of all NN is 0.001. The sigmoid function is used as the activation function.

To show the superiority of our proposed DeepAntiJam, Fig. 3 is presented to illustrate Alice's utility of four schemes, namely, HPCA [9], fast Q-learning [10], exhaustive method, and our proposed DeepAntiJam. It is apparent that our proposed DeepAntiJam achieves a better jamming resistance performance with larger cumulative utility than HPCA and fast O-learning. Though all the three learning schemes converge to SE at last, due to its outstanding learning ability compared to HPCA and fast Q-learning, our proposed scheme finds the suitable transmission strategy quickly. As a result, DeepAnti-Jam achieves a higher utility at the beginning and its utility degrades slowly, which results in a higher cumulative utility compared to HPCA and fast Q-learning. In addition, although the exhaustive method can achieve the similar performance as DeepAntiJam, it is impractical to resist dynamic jamming due to its high implementation complexity.<sup>4</sup>

Figure 4 depicts the utility of Alice against deep RL-based jammer which utilizes deep RL with network (64, 128, 64) to obtain its jamming strategy. Compared to Fig. 3, due to the fact that deep RL-based smart jammer can learn a better jamming strategy than Q-learning based smart jammer, the utilities achieved by the four anti-jamming schemes degrades obviously. However, SE can always be realized by all the four schemes. In addition, our proposed DeepAntiJam can obtain a significant enhancement of secrecy throughput at the beginning

<sup>4</sup>The computational complexity of exhaustive method is  $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{R}_s|\log_2(N_{P_A}))$ , where  $N_{P_A}$  denotes the size of available transmit power set.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The complexity of our proposed DeepAntiJam is mainly determined by the evaluation NN and solver NN, which is  $\mathcal{O}(m_1+m_1m_2+m_2m_3+m_3|\mathcal{R}_s|+2n_1+n_1n_2+n_2)$  with  $m_i$  denoting the number of nodes in the *i*-th layer of evaluation NN and  $|\mathcal{R}_s|$  denoting the size of secrecy rate set.

compared to HPCA and fast Q-learning, which guarantees a larger cumulative utility. Moreover, it is apparent that the convergence speed and anti-jamming ability of our proposed DeepAntiJam are determined by the dimension of evaluation NN, where more complicated evaluation NN will lead to faster convergence and stronger anti-jamming ability.

#### V. CONCLUSION

In this letter, a deep RL-assisted anti-jamming transmission scheme, called DeepAntiJam, was proposed to update the transmission strategy of legitimate transceiver under the coexistence of one smart jammer and multiple passive eavesdroppers. Firstly, the secure transmission was formulated as a Stackelberg game, and the existence and uniqueness of its equilibrium were proved. To improve the anti-jamming ability and arrive at SE, DeepAntiJam was developed to overcome the threat of learning-assisted jammer. Moreover, transfer learning was introduced into initialization to accelerate the convergence performance. Simulation results validate that our proposed secure transmission methodology can improve the secrecy throughput significantly in the presence of learning-based jammer.

# APPENDIX PROOF OF LEMMA 1

The first-order derivative of  $P_{co}$  with respect to  $P_A$  can be obtained, given by

$$\frac{\partial P_{co}}{\partial P_A} = \frac{\partial \left[1 - f_1(P_A)f_2(P_A)\right]}{\partial P_A},$$

$$= -f_2(P_A)\frac{\partial f_1(P_A)}{\partial P_A} - f_1(P_A)\frac{\partial f_2(P_A)}{\partial P_A}, \quad (10)$$

where  $f_1(P_A)$  and  $f_2(P_A)$  are denoted as  $f_1(P_A) = \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma_1\sigma_B^2}{P_A\sigma_{AB}^2}\right)$  and  $f_2(P_A) = \frac{P_A\sigma_{AB}^2}{P_A\sigma_{AB}^2+\gamma_1P_J\sigma_{JB}^2}$ , respectively. Since  $\frac{\partial f_1(P_A)}{\partial P_A} > 0$  and  $\frac{\partial f_2(P_A)}{\partial P_A} > 0$ , we can obtain that  $\frac{\partial P_{co}}{\partial P_A} < 0$ .

The first-order derivative of  $P_{so}$  with respect to  $P_A$  can be expressed as

$$\frac{\partial P_{so}}{\partial P_A} = \frac{\partial \left[1 - \prod_{m=1}^M g_m\right]}{\partial P_A},$$

$$= -\sum_{k=1}^M \left(\frac{\partial g_k}{\partial P_A} \prod_{m=1,\dots,k-1,k+1,\dots,M} g_m\right), \quad (11)$$

where  $g_m = \mathbf{P}\left\{\gamma_{E_m} \leq \gamma_2\right\} = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma_2 \sigma_{E_m}^2}{P_A \sigma_{AE_m}^2}\right)$   $\frac{P_A \sigma_{AE_m}^2}{P_A \sigma_{AE_m}^2 + \gamma_2 P_J \sigma_{JE_m}^2} > 0$ . Accordingly, we have  $\frac{\partial g_k}{\partial P_A} < 0$ , thus  $\frac{\partial P_{So}}{\partial P_A} > 0$ .

The first-order derivative of  $P_{so}$  with respect to  $P_A$  can be derived as

$$\frac{\partial P_{so}}{\partial R_s} = \frac{\partial \left[1 - \prod_{m=1}^M g_m\right]}{\partial R_s},$$

$$= -\sum_{k=1}^M \left(\frac{\partial g_k}{\partial R_s} \prod_{m=1,\dots,k-1,k+1,\dots,M} g_m\right). \quad (12)$$

Then, we take first-order derivative of  $g_m$  with respect to  $R_s$ , which can be derived as

$$\frac{\partial g_m}{\partial R_s} = \frac{\partial \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma_2 \sigma_{E_m}^2}{P_A \sigma_{AE_m}^2}\right) \frac{P_A \sigma_{AE_m}^2}{P_A \sigma_{AE_m}^2 + \gamma_2 P_J \sigma_{JE_m}^2}\right]}{\partial R_s},$$

$$= -\frac{\partial \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma_2 \sigma_{E_m}^2}{P_A \sigma_{AE_m}^2}\right)}{\partial R_s} \frac{P_A \sigma_{AE_m}^2}{P_A \sigma_{AE_m}^2 + \gamma_2 P_J \sigma_{JE_m}^2}$$

$$-\frac{\partial \frac{P_A \sigma_{AE_m}^2}{P_A \sigma_{AE_m}^2 + \gamma_2 P_J \sigma_{JE_m}^2}}{\partial R_s} \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma_2 \sigma_{E_m}^2}{P_A \sigma_{AE_m}^2}\right),$$

$$= -\frac{\exp\left(-\frac{\gamma_2 \sigma_{E_m}^2}{P_A \sigma_{AE_m}^2}\right) \sigma_{E_m}^2 2^{R_t - R_s} \ln 2}{P_A \sigma_{AE_m}^2}$$

$$-\frac{P_A \sigma_{AE_m}^2 P_J \sigma_{JE_m}^2 2^{R_t - R_s} \ln 2}{(P_A \sigma_{AE_m}^2 + \gamma_2 P_J \sigma_{JE_m}^2)^2} < 0. \tag{13}$$

Substituting (13) into (12), we have  $\frac{\partial P_{so}}{\partial R_s} > 0$ .

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