

PIMRC 2016: Practical Examples of Physical Layer Security

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Openness of wireless channel: security more challenging

- Eavesdropping
- Denial of service attacks (jamming)

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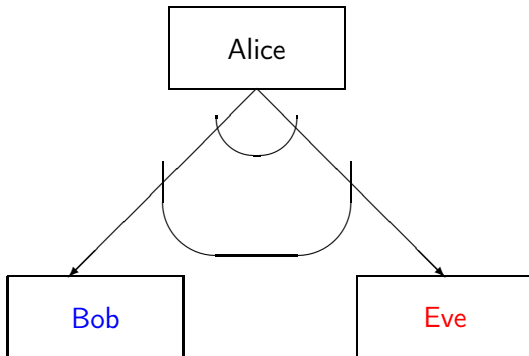
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- 2 Build encoders for **degraded** adversarial links: **"hide" part of the message in noise**

What are the hurdles for PLS to gain trust?

1. The adversaries are not powerful enough (passive)



What real systems look like!

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There are officially more mobile devices than people in the world

The world is home to 7.2 billion gadgets, and they're multiplying five times faster than we are

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 - Small cells: natural PLS setting
 - Full duplex: existence of structured interference
 - Ad hoc networks, IoT, D2D: secret keys on the fly

Generating secret key from fading coefficients in the presence of active adversaries

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NIST TEST	P-Value
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Cumulative Sums	0.534146
Runs	0.739918
Longest Run	0.350485
Binary Matrix Rank	0.213309
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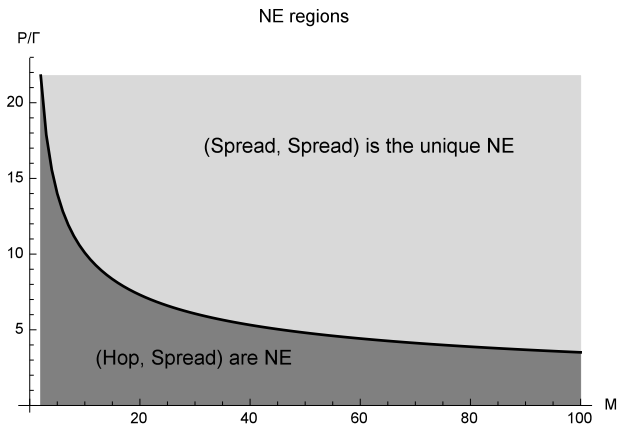
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respectively to hop on channel i for
Probabilities $\alpha_{N+1}, \beta_{N+1}$ to spread

$$\begin{aligned} u(\alpha, \beta) = & \sum_{i=1}^N \{ \alpha_i (1 - \beta_i - \beta_{N+1}) C(NP, 0) + \alpha_i \beta_i C(NP, N\Gamma) \\ & + \alpha_i \beta_{N+1} C(NP, \Gamma) + \alpha_{N+1} (1 - \beta_i - \beta_{N+1}) C(P, 0) \\ & + \alpha_{N+1} \beta_i C(P, N\Gamma) + \alpha_{N+1} \beta_{N+1} C(P, \Gamma) \} . \end{aligned}$$

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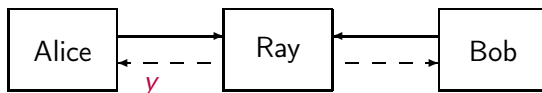
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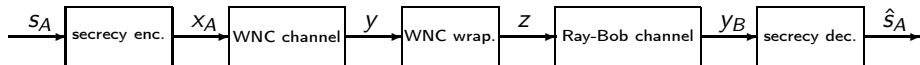
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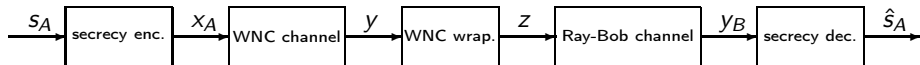
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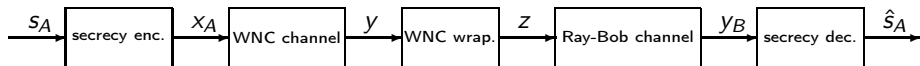


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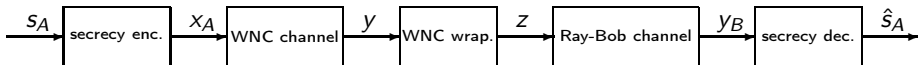
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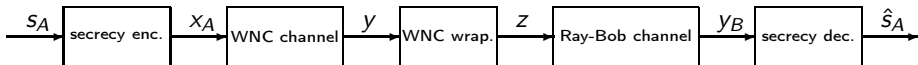
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W, W_A, W_B AWGN noise

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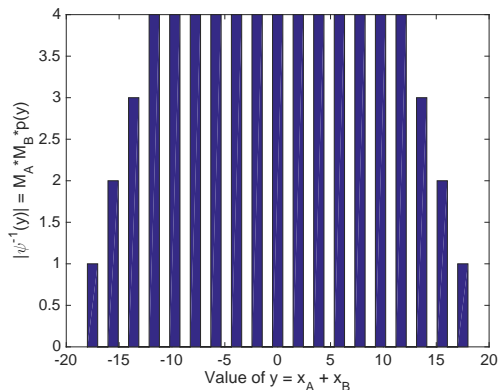


Figure: Pmf of Ray's observation $y = x_A + x_B$ in the noiseless scenario for a 4-PAM modulator and a 16-PAM modulator.

Upper bound in M-PAM systems

Theorem 1

In the noiseless setting with unit channel gains when Alice and Bob employ M_A -PAM and M_B -PAM modulators with $M_B \geq M_A$, we have

$$\widehat{R}^s = m_A \frac{M_B - M_A + 1}{M_B} + \frac{2}{M_A M_B} \sum_{a=1}^{M_A-1} a \log_2(a).$$

In particular, for fixed M_A we have $\lim_{M_B \rightarrow \infty} \widehat{R}^s = m_A$.

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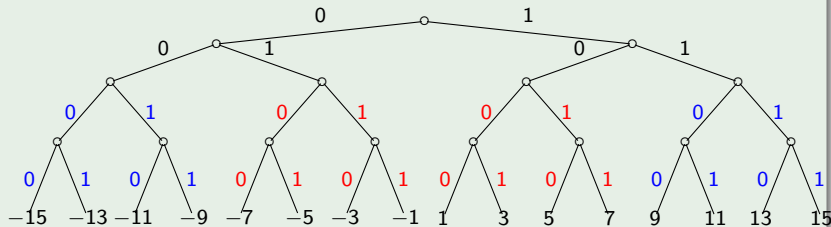
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Bob's Encoder Example

Example: $M_A = 4, M_B = 16, \mathcal{X}_B^s = \{-7, \dots, +7\},$
 $\mathcal{X}_B = \{-15, \dots, +15\}$

Bob transmits $m_A = 2$ bits on \mathcal{X}_B^s with rate $R_B^s = m_A \frac{M_B - 2M_A}{M_B}$



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time $t = 1$ 1011 $\rightarrow +7 = x_B(1)$

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time $t = 3$ 0111 $\rightarrow -1 = x_B(3)$

Alice's Bit Labeling

With side info, Alice's bit labeling function

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Theorem 3

Suppose that $M_B \geq M_A$. For the above encoder, $I(S_A; Y) = 0$, $R_A^s = m_A \frac{M_B - M_A + 1}{M_B}$ and for fixed M_A , $\lim_{M_B \rightarrow \infty} R_A^s = m_A$.

Example of Alice's Encoder Construction

$$M_A = 4, M_B = 8 \quad Q_A^s = \text{1011}, x_B(1) = 7, x_B(2) = -5, x_B(3) = +5$$

		x_B							
		-7	-5	-3	-1	+1	+3	+5	+7
x_A	+3	00	00	00	00	00	ε	ε	ε
	+1	ε	01	01	01	01	01	ε	ε
	-1	ε	ε	11	11	11	11	11	ε
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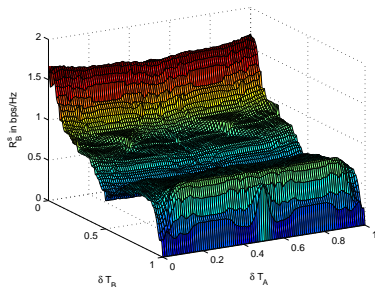
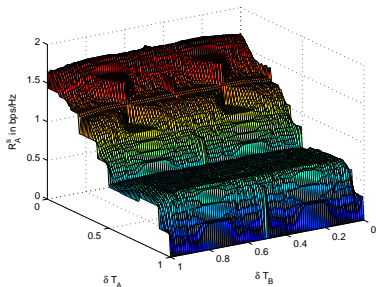
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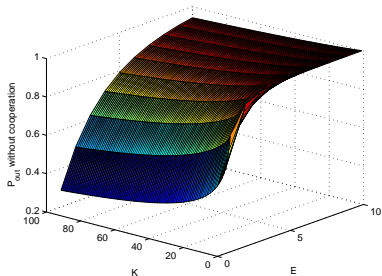
$$P_{out}^{(nc)}(K, E, \tau) K \Gamma(K) \sum_{n=1}^E (-1)^{n+1} \binom{E}{n} \frac{\Gamma(n2^{-\tau} + 1)}{\Gamma(K + n2^{-\tau} + 1)}$$

- Fully cooperative scenario (virtual MIMO)

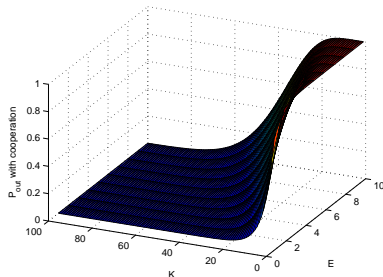
$$P_{out}^{(co)}(K, E, \tau) 1 - \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{K-1} \binom{K+E-1}{n} 2^{n\tau}}{(1 + 2^\tau)^{K+E-1}}$$

$$\tau = 1 \text{ bit/sec/Hz}$$

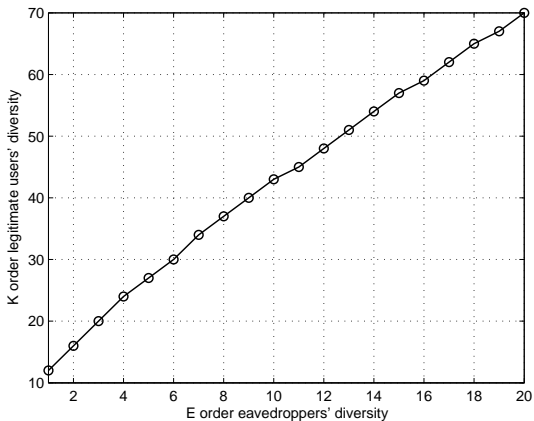
Non-cooperative case $P_{out}^{(nc)}$



Cooperative case $P_{out}^{(co)}$



Required minimum number of K versus E to upper-bound the $P_{out}^{(co)} \leq 1\%$ for $\tau = 1$ bit/sec/Hz



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