# Physical Layer Security in Frequency-Domain Fast-Fading TDD Time-Reversal SISO OFDM Communication

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Abstract-A frequency domain (FD) fast-fading (FF) time division duplex (TDD) time-reversal (TR) precoder is proposed to perform physical layer security (PLS) in single-input singleoutput (SISO) system using orthogonal frequency-division multiplexing (OFDM). To maximize the secrecy of the communication, the design of an artificial noise (AN) signal well-suited to the proposed FD TR-based OFDM SISO system is derived. This new scheme guarantees the secrecy of a communication toward a legitimate user when the instantaneous channel state information (CSI) of a potential eavesdropper is not known. The instantaneous CSI of the legitimate receiver is known at the transmitter thanks to channel reciprocity in TDD systems. In particular, we derive an AN signal that does not corrupt the data transmission to the legitimate receiver but degrades the decoding performance of the eavesdropper. We consider three possible decoding structures at the eavesdropper position depending on the handhsake procedure, and we derive closed-form approximations of the AN energy to inject in order to maximize the secrecy rate (SR) of the communication. Furthermore, a waterfilling-like power allocation strategy, keeping into account the AN injection, is presented to further enhance the secrecy of the scheme. Simulation results are presented to demonstrate the security performance of the proposed secure FD TR SISO OFDM system.

*Index Terms*—Physical layer security, time-reversal, time division duplex, fast-fading, eavesdropper, SISO-OFDM, artificial noise, waterfilling, secrecy rate.

# I. INTRODUCTION

THE demand for wireless communication services and the number of interconnected users is increasing day by day. Internet-based services have become indispensable in daily life. Wireless media has become the dominant access for most of these services and is intrisically unsecure due to its broadcast nature. Therefore, several issues have emerged and need to be urgently adressed such as data confidentiality and integrity, [1], [2].

The concept of security started in Shannon's work with cryptography-based security, [3]. Shannon's security model using cryptographic key-based sharing approaches was widely

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used despite having multiple serious drawbacks. First, these techniques are based on the assumption that the eavesdropper (Eve) has limited computational power capabilities. With the fast development in computing power devices, secret keys are nowadays more subject to successful brut-force attacks. Second, the security is enhanced when the key length increases, resulting in more waste of resources. In addition, the key management processes become a real issue with the deployment of large-scale heterogeneous and decentralized networks involving different acces technologies, such as 5G networks. Finally, the emergence of power-limited, delaysentive and processing-restricted wireless technologies, such as Internet Of Things (IoT), banking, health monitoring, vehicular communications, makes cryptography-based methods naturally unsuitable, [1].

To circumvent the aforementionned issues, physical layer security (PLS) has emerged as an effective way to enhance security of wireless communications, [4]–[7]. PLS classically takes benefit of the characteristics of wireless channels (e.g., multipath fading, noise, dispersion, diversity) to improve security of communications against potential eavesdroppers without relying on computational complexity, i.e., the security will not be affected if Eve has unlimited computing capabilities, [8], [9].

The starting point of PLS was exposed in 1975 by Wyner where it is explained that a communication can be made secure, without sharing a secret key, when the wiretap channel of the eavesdropper is a degraded version, i.e., much noisier, of the legitimate link (Bob), [10]. This work was later extended to the broadcast channel in [11] and to the Gaussian channel in [12].

It is of prime importance to evaluate the effectiveness of a PLS scheme by quantifying the degree of secrecy it can provide with a suitable metric. One of the most studied class of PLS metrics is the signal-to-interference-plus-noise ratio (SINR)-based metric where the secrecy channel capacity is commonly used. It is defined as the difference in channel capacities between the legitimate receiver and the eavesdropper, and was first formulated in [10]. PLS performances highly

depend on the availability of the channel state information (CSI) at the communication parties. It is generally assumed that the transmitter (Alice) knows Bob CSI but does not know or partially knows Eve CSI, since she is considered as passive, [1]. We often assume Eve as an external passive node of the network that tries to eavesdrop the data. We usually consider that Bob and Eve CSI's are spatially independent. PLS can be achieved by increasing the SINR at the intended position and decreasing the SINR at the unintended position by designing a suitable channel-based adaptive transmission scheme and/or by injecting an artificial noise (AN) signal to the data. These techniques can be implemented in the space, time and/or frequency domains, [1], [13], [14].

Channel-based adaptation secrecy schemes were first introduced in [15]–[17]. In these works, it was proven that positive secrecy can be obtained even if, on average, Bob is a degraded version of Eve, by optimizing or adapting at the transmitter side the communication parameters. In doing so, the transmitted signal will be optimal for Bob's channel and not for Eve's one since they experience different fading. The concept of AN addition was first established in [18]–[20]. The idea is to made Eve's channel condition artificially degraded by intentionnaly adding an AN signal at the transmitter side. This AN signal does not have to degrade Bob's channel, therefore leading to a PLS enhancement, [1]

While many works implement these schemes using multiple antennas at the transmitter, via frequency diverse array beamforming [21], [22], directional modulation (DM) [23], antenna subset modulation (ASM) [24], near-field direct antenna modulation (NFDAM) [25], [26], multiple-inputs multiple-outputs (MIMO) diversity [27]–[30],... few ones intend to do it using single-input single-output (SISO) systems [8], [31]–[39].

In [31], a symbol waveform optimization technique in timedomain (TD) is proposed to reach a desired SINR at Bob with AN injection, under power constraint, when eavesdropper's CSI is not known. Another approach to increase the SINR in SISO systems is time reversal (TR) pre-filtering. This has the advantage to be implemented with a simple precoder at the transmitter. TR achieves a focusing gain at the intended receiver position only, thereby naturally offering intrinsic antieavesdropping capabilities, [32], [40]. TR is achieved by up/downsampling the signal in the TD. While the impact of the back-off rate (BOR), defined as the up/downsampling rate [41], was studied in [8], [32], very basic decoding capabilities were attributed at Eve. TR can also be equivalently implemented in frequency domain (FD) by replicating and shifting the signal spectrum, [42]. FD implementation has the advantage to be easily performed using orthogonal frequency-division multiplexing (OFDM). In [33], [34] FD OFDM schemes are presented consisting of subcarriers index selection. Only several subcarriers are used for data transmission depending on their channel gains.

To further enhance the secrecy, few works combine TD or FD precoding with AN injection, [35]–[39]. In [35]–[37], TD TR precoders are presented. In these works, the AN is added either on all the channel taps or on a set of selected taps. While the condition for AN generation is given, its derivation is however not detailed. In [38], [39], FD precoders using

OFDM and AN injection are presented. The idea is to use several OFDM subcarriers for dummy data transmission, i.e., several subcarriers are used for data obfuscation. However, the encryption information must be shared between the transmitter and the legitimate receiver, leading to more processing needed at the receiver. In addition, the security is enhanced when more subcarriers are used for data obfuscation, at the expense of the data rate. Furthermore, it is assumed that Eve has no knowledge about the legitimate link.

In this article, we present an original and novel FD TR precoder in SISO OFDM systems with AN addition, which establish secure communications. The paper is an extension of the study in [8] where only one decoding capability was considered at the wiretap link. In the following, we investigate three scenarios corresponding to three different eavesdropper knowledges depending on the handshake procedure. Bob's CSI is fully known at Alice, using channel reciprocity inherent from time division duplex (TDD) systems, in a fast fading (FF) environment. An AN signal is designed in the FD to maximize the ergodic SR of the communication in the presence of a passive eavesdropper whose instantaneous CSI is supposed unknown. A power allocation technique, keeping into account the AN injection, is also derived in order to further enhance the communication SR. The proposed scheme uses only frequency diversity inherently present in multipath environments to achieve security. It can therefore be used in SISO systems and is then well-suited for resource-limited nodes such as encountered in IoT or vehicular communications for instance, [8]. In addition, the presented scheme does not suppose any degradation of Eve's channel compared to the legitimate link. Furthermore, the OFDM implementation makes this approach compatible with LTE and 5G networks.

The reminder of this article is organized as follows: the handshake and the communication protocols are exposed in Section II. Section III presents a closed-form approximation of the amount of AN energy to be injected in order to maximize the SR, for the different decoding structures at Eve. A derivation of the required SNR at Bob to target a desired SR is proposed, as a function of the communication parameters. Then, a waterfilling optimization procedure is outlined in order to further increase the communication SR. Theoretical and numerical results are shown in Section IV. Section V concludes the paper.

**Notation:** the italic lower-case letter denotes a complex number. Greek letter corresponds to a scalar, the bold lower-case letter denotes a column vector. Bold upper-case letter corresponds to a matrix;  $\mathbf{I}_N$  is  $N \times N$  identity matrix;  $(.)^{-1}$ ,  $(.)^*$ ,  $(.)^H$  are respectively the inverse, the complex conjugate and the Hermitian transpose operators;  $\mathbb{E}[.]$  is the expectation operator; |.| is the modulus operator (element-wize modulus if we deal with a matrix);  $\odot$  is the element-wize (hadamard) product between two vectors of same dimension.

# II. SYSTEM MODEL

#### A. Handshake Protocol

Prior to the secure data transmission between Alice and Bob, a handshake protocol must take place. Depending on it, Eve will obtain different knowledges about the communication parameters which will lead to different decoding capabilities and so, different security performances.

In this paper, we consider a Fast Fading (FF) Time-Division Duplex (TDD) communication. In doing so, we will investigate three different decoding schemes at Eve depending on weither Alice or Bob wants to first initiate the secure communication. The FF hypothesis means that each OFDM block sent by Alice will experience a different channel realization. The TDD hypothesis implies that channel reciprocity between Alice and Bob or Alice and Eve can be used.

The first investigated situation arises when Alice asks first to Bob for secure commnication. In this configuration, she sends a pilot to Bob allowing Eve to estimate her own channel frequency response (CFR)  $\mathbf{H}_{\rm E}$ . From that, Bob acknowledges to Alice without need of sending his channel estimation  $\mathbf{H}_{\rm B}$ . This comes from the channel reciprocity property in TDD systems. Finally, Alice will send precoded data without pilot to Bob. From the FF assumption, Eve cannot learn the precoding performed by the transmitter. In this configuration, Eve will implement the "own channel knowledge" decoding structure since she only has the knowledge of her own channel.

The last 2 scenarios appear when Bob first requests to Alice for secure communication. In both cases, Bob transmits a pilot to Alice allowing her to know Bob's channel. If Alice only transmits precoded data to Bob, Eve will not be able to know anything about the communication parameters. In that situation, she will implement the "same decoding structure as Bob", i.e., she will only despread the received sequence. However, if Alice sends precoded pilot and data to Bob, Eve will be able to know her equivalent channel  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{B}}^*\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{E}}$  and will implement the "matched filtering" decoding structure.

In the following, these three decoding schemes will be investigated and analytic models will be derived.

#### B. Communication Protocol

When the handshaking procedure between Alice and Bob is established, secure data can be transmitted to Bob. In order to do so, the useful data will be precoded and an AN signal w will be added to it before transmission, as depicted in Fig.1.

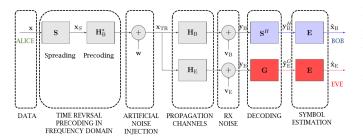


Figure 1. Communication scheme

The system model was already described in [8]. Briefly, it consists to data transmission onto OFDM blocks with Q subcarriers. We consider that only one data block  $\mathbf{x}$  is sent and is composed of N symbols  $x_n$  (for n = 0, ..., N-1, with  $N \le Q$ ). The symbol  $x_n$  is a zero-mean random variable (RV) with variance  $\mathbb{E}\left[|x_n|^2\right] = \sigma_x^2 = 1$ , i.e., a normalized constellation

is considered. The block is then spread by a factor U = Q/N, called back-off rate (BOR), thanks to the spreading matrix **S** of size  $Q \times N$ . The design of the spreading matrix is such that it allows not to increase the PAPR, as suggested in [43]. The matrix is expressed in [8]. The signal is spread in the FD by repetiting and shifting its spectrum, [42]. In doing so, each data symbol will be transmitted onto U different subcarriers with a spacing of N subcarriers, introducing frequency diversity. The spread sequence is then precoded with the complex conjugate of Bob's channel  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{B}}^*$ , before addition of the AN signal  $\mathbf{w}$  and transmission.

The AN should not have any impact at Bob's position but should be seen as interference everywhere else since Alice does not have any information about Eve's instantaneous CSI, i.e., Eve is a passive node. Furthermore, this signal should not be guessed at the unintended positions to ensure the secure communication. From that, the idea of the AN signal addition is to corrupt the data detection everywhere except at Bob's position. With these considerations, the transmitted sequence becomes:

$$\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{TR}} = \sqrt{\alpha} \; \mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{R}}^* \mathbf{S} \; \mathbf{x} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha} \; \mathbf{w} \tag{1}$$

where  $\alpha \in [0,1]$  defines the ratio of the total energy sent dedicated to the useful signal, knowing that  $\mathbb{E}\left[\left|\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{B}}^{*}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}\right|^{2}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\mathbf{w}\right|^{2}\right] = 1/U$ . Whatever the value of  $\alpha$ , the total transmitted power remains constant, i.e., 1/U.

In order to precod the data, Alice needs to have the knowledge of Bob CFR. We consider that Alice can perfectly estimate Bob CFR. The channels between Alice and Bob ( $\mathbf{H}_{\rm B}$ ) and between Alice and Eve (H<sub>E</sub>) are assumed to be static during the transmission of one OFDM symbol. However, the CFRs differ between two subsequent OFDM blocks thanks to the FF hypothesis.  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{B}}$  and  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{E}}$  are  $Q \times Q$  diagonal matrices whose elements are  $h_{\mathrm{B},q}$  and  $h_{\mathrm{E},q}$  (for q=0,...,Q-1) and follow a zero-mean unit-variance complex normal distribution, i.e., their modulus follow a Rayleigh distribution. We also consider that the overall channel energies are normalized to unity for each channel realization. The precoding matrix  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{B}}^{*}$  is also a diagonal matrix with elements  $h_{\mathrm{B},a}^{*}$ . At Bob, a despreading operation is performed by applying  $S^H$ . We consider that Bob and Eve know the spreading sequence. Bob will then apply a ZF equalization. As stated in section II-A, three decoding structures G will be investigated at Eve. These different schemes will lead to different level of security performances. After decoding, Eve also perfoms a ZF equalization. A perfect synchronization is finally assumed at Bob and Eve positions.

1) Artificial noise Design: In order not to have any impact at the intended position, the AN signal must satisfy the following condition:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0} \tag{2}$$

where  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}^H \mathbf{H}_B \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times Q}$ . Condition (2) ensures that  $\mathbf{w}$  lies in the right null space of  $\mathbf{A}$ . If we perform a singular value decomposition (SVD) of  $\mathbf{A}$ , we obtain:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \left( \Sigma \ \mathbf{0}_{Q-N \times Q} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{V}_1^H \\ \mathbf{V}_2^H \end{pmatrix}$$
 (3)

where  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$  contains left singular vectors,  $\Sigma \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$ is a diagonal matrix containing singular values,  $\mathbf{V}_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{Q \times N}$ contains right singular vectors associated to non-zero singular values, and  $V_2 \in \mathbb{C}^{Q \times Q - N}$  contains right singular vectors that span the right null space of A. Therefore, the AN signal can be expressed as:

$$\mathbf{w} = \beta \mathbf{V}_2 \tilde{\mathbf{w}} \tag{4}$$

which ensures that (2) is satisfied for any arbitrary vector  $\tilde{\mathbf{w}} \in \mathbb{C}^{Q-N\times 1}$ . Since Q = NU, as soon as  $U \geq 2$ , there is a set of infinite possibilities to generate  $\tilde{\mathbf{w}}$  and therefore the AN signal. In the following, we assume that  $\tilde{\mathbf{w}}$  is a zeromean circularly symmetric white complex Gaussian noise with covariance matrix  $\mathbb{E}\left[\tilde{\mathbf{w}}(\tilde{\mathbf{w}})^H\right] = \mathbf{I}_{Q-N}$ . The AN signal is then generated thanks to (4) with a weighting coefficient  $\beta$  to have an energy of 1/U.

2) Received sequence at the intended position: After despreading, the received sequence at Bob is:

$$\mathbf{y}_{\mathrm{B}}^{H} = \sqrt{\alpha} \; \mathbf{S}^{H} \left| \mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{B}} \right|^{2} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{S}^{H} \mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{B}} \tag{5}$$

where  $v_B$  is the FD complex AWGN. The noise's autocorrelation is  $\mathbb{E}\left[|v_{\mathrm{B},n}|^2\right] = \sigma_{\mathrm{V.B}}^2$  and the covariance matrix is  $\mathbb{E}\left[ (\mathbf{S}^H \mathbf{v}_B).(\mathbf{S}^H \mathbf{v}_B)^H \right] = \sigma_{VB}^2.\mathbf{I}_N$ . We also assume that the data and noise symbols,  $x_n$  and  $v_{B,n}$  respectively, are independent of each other. In (5), each transmitted symbol is affected by a real gain at the position of the legitimate receiver. This results from the data precoding at Alice leading to the product  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{B}}\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{B}}^*$ in the received sequence at Bob, which is a real diagonal matrix. The gains differ between each symbol in the OFDM block but increases with an increase of the BOR value as each symbol would be sent on more subcarriers and would benefit from a larger frequency diversity gain. If we consider a fixed bandwidth, the TR focusing effect is enhanced for higher BOR's at the expense of the data rate. We also observe that no AN contribution is present in (5) since (2) is respected. A ZF equalization is performed at the receiver leading to:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{\mathrm{B}} = \left(\sqrt{\alpha}\mathbf{S}^{H} |\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{B}}|^{2} \mathbf{S}\right)^{-1} \left(\sqrt{\alpha}\mathbf{S}^{H} |\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{B}}|^{2} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{S}^{H} \mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{B}}\right)$$

$$= \mathbf{x} + \left(\sqrt{\alpha}\mathbf{S}^{H} |\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{B}}|^{2} \mathbf{S}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{S}^{H} \mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{B}}$$
(6)

From (6), a perfect data recovery is possible in high SNR scenarios.

3) Received sequence at the unintended position: The received sequence at the eavesdropper position is given by:

$$\mathbf{y}_{\mathrm{E}}^{G} = \sqrt{\alpha} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{B}}^{*} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{G} \mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{E}}$$
 (7)

where **G** is a  $N \times Q$  filter matrix performed by Eve,  $\mathbf{v}_{E}$  is the complex AWGN. The noise auto-correlation is  $\mathbb{E}\left[|v_{E,n}|^2\right]$  =  $\sigma_{\rm V.E.}^2$  In (7),  ${\bf H}_{\rm E}{\bf H}_{\rm B}^*$  is a complex diagonal matrix. Therefore, since the transmitted data is precoded to reach Bob, each received symbol component will be affected by a random coefficient. This coefficient can be real or complex depending on the decoding structure G. If it is complex, its magnitude does not depend on the BOR value. It results in an absence of TR gain at the unintended position. As a consequence, worse decoding performance will be expected at Eve than at the intended position. In addition, we observe in (7) a term

depending on the AN signal. It results from the precoding at Alice since  $GH_Ew \neq 0$  in general. This term introduces an interference at Eve and thus scrambles the received constellation even in a noiseless environment. After ZF equalization, the estimated symbols are:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{E} = (\mathbf{G}\mathbf{H}_{E}\mathbf{H}_{B}^{*}\mathbf{S})^{-1} \left( \sqrt{\alpha}\mathbf{G}\mathbf{H}_{E}\mathbf{H}_{B}^{*}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{x} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha}\mathbf{G}\mathbf{H}_{E}\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{G}\mathbf{v}_{E} \right)$$

$$= \sqrt{\alpha}\mathbf{x} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha} \left( \mathbf{G}\mathbf{H}_{E}\mathbf{H}_{B}^{*}\mathbf{S} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{G}\mathbf{H}_{E}\mathbf{w} + \left( \mathbf{G}\mathbf{H}_{E}\mathbf{H}_{B}^{*}\mathbf{S} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{G}\mathbf{v}_{E}$$
(8)

Equation (8) shows that the addition of AN in the FD TR SISO OFDM communication can secure the data transmission. In fact, a term depending on the AN signal still remains after equalization even in high SNR scenarios. It is to be noted that, since w is generated from an infinite set of possibilities, even if Eve knows its equivalent channel  $\mathbf{H}_{E}\mathbf{H}_{B}^{*}$  and the spreading sequence, she cannot estimate the AN signal to try retrieving the data. The degree of security will depend on the investigated scenario, i.e., decoding structure G at Eve, and the amount of data energy (via  $\alpha$ ) that is injected into the communication, as it will be explained in Section III.

#### III. PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENTS

The classical metric used to evaluate the degree of secrecy in a communication in the PLS field is the secrecy capacity channel, or secrecy rate (SR). The SR is defined as the maximum transmission rate that can be supported by the legitimate receiver's channel while ensuring the impossibility for the eavesdropper to retrieve the data, [44]. In the ergodic sense, it can be expressed as:

$$C_S = \mathbb{E}\left[\log_2\left(1 + \gamma_B\right) - \log_2\left(1 + \gamma_E\right)\right] , \quad \gamma_B > \gamma_E$$
  
$$\leq \log_2\left(1 + \mathbb{E}\left[\gamma_B\right]\right) - \log_2\left(1 + \mathbb{E}\left[\gamma_E\right]\right)$$
(9)

with  $\gamma_B$  and  $\gamma_E$  being respectively the SINR at Bob and Eve's positions. The inequality in (9) arises from the Jensen's inequality. To estimate the SR of the communication, we observe from (9) that an analytic expression of Bob and Eve ergodic SINR must be derived.

## A. Hypothesis

In order to obtain the analytic models, we consider the following assumptions:

- Q subcarriers, back off rate = U, N = Q/U symbols sent per OFDM block
- $\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{B}} = \mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{B},x} + j\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{B},y} \sim \mathcal{CN}(0,1) \sim \mathcal{N}(0,\frac{1}{2}) + j\mathcal{N}(0,\frac{1}{2})$   $\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{E}} = \mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{E},x} + j\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{E},y} \sim \mathcal{CN}(0,1) \sim \mathcal{N}(0,\frac{1}{2}) + j\mathcal{N}(0,\frac{1}{2})$
- $h_{B,i} \perp h_{B,j}, \forall i \neq j$ , i.e., no frequency correlation between Bob's channel subcarriers
- $h_{E,i} \perp h_{E,j}, \forall i \neq j$ , i.e., no frequency correlation between Eve's channel subcarriers<sup>1</sup>.
- $h_{B,i} \perp h_{E,j}, \forall i, j$ , i.e., Bob and Eve are sufficiently spaced leading to no spatial correlation between them.

<sup>1</sup>Thanks to the design of the spreading matrix, the U subcarriers composing one symbol are spaced by N = Q/U subcarriers. If this distance is larger than the coherence bandwidth of the channel, the assumption holds. This usually occurs in rich multipath environments and for sufficiently large bandwidths and moderate BOR values.

#### B. SINR determination

In this section, we derive the ergodic SINR for the transmitted symbols n, n = 0,...,N-1 at Bob and Eve positions depending on the investigated scenario, i.e., on the handshake procedure.

1) At the intended position: At Bob, a simple despreading operation is performed. As a reminder, due to the precoding at the transmitter side, every transmitted data symbol will be affected by a real gain, as expressed in (5). The ergodic SINR for the transmitted symbols *n* is given by:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\gamma_{B,n}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\left|\sqrt{\alpha}A_{1,n}x_{n}\right|^{2}}{\left|A_{2,n}\right|^{2}}\right] = \alpha\mathbb{E}\left[\left|A_{1,n}x_{n}\right|^{2}\right]\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{\left|A_{2,n}\right|^{2}}\right]$$

$$\geq \frac{\alpha\mathbb{E}\left[\left|A_{1,n}x_{n}\right|^{2}\right]}{\mathbb{E}\left[\left|A_{2,n}\right|^{2}\right]} = \frac{\alpha\mathbb{E}\left[\left|A_{1,n}\right|^{2}\right]\mathbb{E}\left[\left|x_{n}\right|^{2}\right]}{\mathbb{E}\left[\left|A_{2,n}\right|^{2}\right]}$$
(10)

where  $A_{1,n} = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha}}{U} \sum_{i=0}^{U-1} \left| h_{\mathrm{B},n+iN} \right|^2$ ,  $x_n$  is the  $n^{\mathrm{th}}$  data symbol, and  $A_{2,n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{U}} \sum_{i=0}^{U-1} \left| v_{\mathrm{B},n+iN} \right|$  is the  $n^{\mathrm{th}}$  noise symbol component and where it is observed that  $k_n \perp \!\!\! \perp x_n \perp \!\!\! \perp v_{B,n}$ . For the term  $A_{1,n}$ , we have:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|A_{1}|^{2}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\sqrt{\alpha} \mathbf{S}^{H} |\mathbf{H}_{B}|^{2} \mathbf{S}\right|^{2}\right] \\
\mathbb{E}\left[|A_{1,n}|^{2}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\frac{\sqrt{\alpha}}{U} \sum_{i=0}^{U-1} |h_{B,n+iN}|^{2}\right|^{2}\right] \\
= \frac{\alpha}{U^{2}} \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\sum_{i=0}^{U-1} |h_{B,n+iN}|^{2}\right) \left(\sum_{j=0}^{U-1} |h_{B,n+jN}|^{2}\right)^{H}\right] \\
= \frac{\alpha}{U^{2}} \left(\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=0}^{U-1} |h_{B,n+iN}|^{4}\right] + \\
\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=0}^{U-1} |h_{B,n+iN}|^{2}\right] \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{\substack{j=0\\j\neq i}}^{U-1} |h_{B,n+jN}^{*}|^{2}\right] \right) \\
= \frac{\alpha}{U^{2}} \left(2U + U(U-1)\right) = \frac{\alpha(U+1)}{U} \tag{11}$$

where we used the fact that  $\mathbb{E}\left[\left|h_{\mathrm{B},n+iN}\right|^2\right]=1$  and  $\mathbb{E}\left[\left|h_{\mathrm{B},n+iN}\right|^4\right]=2$  since  $\mathbf{H}_\mathrm{B}\sim C\mathcal{N}(0,1)$ .

The mean energy per noise symbol,  $A_{2,n}$ , can be derived as follow:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|A_{2}|^{2}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\mathbf{S}^{H}\mathbf{v}_{B}\right|^{2}\right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\mathbf{S}^{H}\mathbf{v}_{B}\right)\left(\mathbf{S}^{H}\mathbf{v}_{B}\right)^{H}\right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{S}^{H}\mathbf{v}_{B}\mathbf{v}_{B}^{*}\mathbf{S}\right]$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|A_{2,n}|^{2}\right] = \frac{1}{U}\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=0}^{U-1}|\nu_{B,n+iN}|^{2}\right] = \sigma_{V,B}^{2}$$
(12)

From (10), (11) and (12), the ergodic SINR for particular symbols n at the intended position is given by:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\gamma_{B,n}\right] \ge \frac{\alpha \left(U+1\right)}{U \,\sigma_{\mathrm{VB}}^2} \tag{13}$$

It was observed in simulations than the lower-bound (13) is tight enough to be used as an approximation of the averaged SINR at the intended position.

2) At the unintended position: At the unintended position, the received signal before ZF equalization is given by (7). Let's introduce  $\mathbf{A}_1 = \sqrt{\alpha}\mathbf{G}\mathbf{H}_E\mathbf{H}_B^*\mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}_2 = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{v}_E$  and  $\mathbf{A}_3 = \sqrt{1-\alpha}\mathbf{G}\mathbf{H}_E\mathbf{w}$  being respectively the data component, the noise component and the AN component of the received signal for a particular decoding structure  $\mathbf{G}$ . Using the Jensen's inequality, an approximation of a lower-bound of the averaged SINR of the symbols n at the unintended position can be derived as<sup>2</sup>:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\gamma_{E,n}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\left|A_{1,n}\right|^{2}}{\left|A_{2,n} + A_{3,n}\right|^{2}}\right] \approx \mathbb{E}\left[\left|A_{1,n}\right|^{2}\right] \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{\left|A_{2,n} + A_{3,n}\right|^{2}}\right]$$

$$\gtrsim \frac{\mathbb{E}\left[\left|A_{1,n}\right|^{2}\right]}{\mathbb{E}\left[\left|A_{2,n} + A_{3,n}\right|^{2}\right]} = \frac{\mathbb{E}\left[\left|A_{1,n}\right|^{2}\right]}{\mathbb{E}\left[\left|A_{2,n}\right|^{2}\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\left|A_{3,n}\right|^{2}\right]}$$
(14)

where  $A_{1,n}$ ,  $A_{2,n}$  and  $A_{3,n}$  being respectively the data, noise and AN  $n^{\text{th}}$  symbol components of the received signal. The expression of the SINR at Eve will depend on the receiving structure G and we will investigate three of them.

a) Same decoding strucure as Bob: This scenario corresponds to the situation where Bob first requests a secure communication to Alice. He sends her a pilot and she answers with precoded data without pilot. As a consequence, Eve will not be able to know any communication parameter. Therefore, the eavesdropper is limited to a despreading operation of the received signal thanks to  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{S}^H$ . In that case, the received sequence becomes:

$$\mathbf{y}_{E}^{G} = \sqrt{\alpha} \mathbf{S}^{H} \mathbf{H}_{E} \mathbf{H}_{B}^{*} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha} \mathbf{S}^{H} \mathbf{H}_{E} \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{S}^{H} \mathbf{v}_{E}$$
 (15)

We define:

$$A_{1,n} = \sqrt{\alpha} \frac{1}{U} \sum_{i=0}^{U-1} h_{E,n+iN} h_{B,n+iN}^*$$

$$A_{2,n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{U}} \sum_{i=0}^{U-1} v_{E,n+iN}$$

$$A_{3,n} = \sqrt{1-\alpha} \frac{1}{\sqrt{U}} \sum_{i=0}^{U-1} h_{E,n+iN} w_{n+iN}$$
(16)

<sup>2</sup>Neglecting the covariance between  $|A_{1,n}|^2$  and  $|A_{2,n} + A_{3,n}|^2$ , as done in the first line of (14), makes the nature of the bound, i.e., lower or upper, obtained for  $\mathbb{E}\left[\gamma_{E,n}\right]$  uncertain. However, we have observed by simulations that it remains a lower one for all considered scenarios.

For the data component, we have:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|\mathbf{A}_{1}|^{2}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\sqrt{\alpha}\mathbf{S}^{H}\mathbf{H}_{E}\mathbf{H}_{B}^{*}\mathbf{S}\right|^{2}\right]$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|A_{1,n}|^{2}\right] = \alpha\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{U^{2}}\sum_{i=0}^{U-1}\left|h_{E,n+iN}\right|^{2}\left|h_{B,n+iN}^{*}\right|^{2}\right]$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{U}$$
(17)

For the noise component:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|\mathbf{A}_{2}|^{2}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\mathbf{S}^{H}\mathbf{v}_{E}\right|^{2}\right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{S}^{H}\mathbf{v}_{E}\mathbf{v}_{E}^{*}\mathbf{S}\right]$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|A_{2,n}|^{2}\right] = \frac{1}{U}\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=0}^{U-1}|v_{E,n+iN}|^{2}\right] = \sigma_{V,E}^{2}$$
(18)

The AN term is given by:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|\mathbf{A}_{3}|^{2}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\sqrt{1-\alpha}\mathbf{S}^{H}\mathbf{H}_{E}\mathbf{w}\right|^{2}\right]$$

$$= (1-\alpha)\mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{S}^{H}\mathbf{H}_{E}\mathbf{H}_{E}^{*}\mathbf{w}\mathbf{w}^{*}\mathbf{S}\right]$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|A_{3,n}|^{2}\right] = \frac{1-\alpha}{U}\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=0}^{U-1}|h_{E,n+iN}w_{n+iN}|^{2}\right] = \frac{1-\alpha}{U}$$
(19)

From (14), (17), (18) and (19), the ergodic SINR for particular symbols n when Eve has the same capabilities as Bob is given by:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\gamma_{E,n}\right] \gtrsim \frac{\frac{\alpha}{U}}{\sigma_{\text{VE}}^2 + \frac{1-\alpha}{U}} \tag{20}$$

Low performances at Eve are expected with this decoding structure since the despreading operation will not coherently add the received symbol components. No frequency diversiy will be obtained, leading to suboptimal decoding performances, and therefore to high SR values.

b) Matched filtering: In this scenario, Bob initiates the communication. He sends a pilot to Alice which answers with precoded data and pilot. From that, Eve is able to know her equivalent channel H<sub>B</sub>\*H<sub>E</sub> and implements a matched filtering decoding structure  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{S}^H \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{B}} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{E}}^*$ . The received signal is given

$$\mathbf{y}_{\mathrm{E}}^{G} = \sqrt{\alpha} \mathbf{S}^{H} |\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{E}}|^{2} |\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{B}}|^{2} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha} \mathbf{S}^{H} \mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{B}} |\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{E}}|^{2} \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{S}^{H} \mathbf{H}_{E}^{*} \mathbf{H}_{B} \mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{E}}$$
(21)

We define:

$$A_{1,n} = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha}}{U} \sum_{i=0}^{U-1} \left| h_{E,n+iN} \right|^2 \left| h_{B,n+iN} \right|^2$$

$$A_{2,n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{U}} \sum_{i=0}^{U-1} h_{E,n+iN}^* h_{B,n+iN} v_{E,n+iN}$$

$$A_{3,n} = \frac{\sqrt{1-\alpha}}{\sqrt{U}} \sum_{i=0}^{U-1} h_{B,n+iN} \left| h_{E,n+iN} \right|^2 w_{n+iN}$$
(22)

The data component can be derived as:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|A_{1,n}|^{2}\right] = \alpha \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\frac{1}{U}\sum_{i=0}^{U-1}\left|h_{B,n+iN}\right|^{2}\left|h_{E,n+iN}\right|^{2}\right|^{2}\right]$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{U^{2}}\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=0}^{U-1}\left|h_{B,n+iN}\right|^{4}\left|h_{E,n+iN}\right|^{4}$$

$$+ \sum_{i=0}^{U-1}\sum_{\substack{j=0\\j\neq i}}^{U-1}\left|h_{B,n+jN}\right|^{2}\left|h_{E,n+iN}\right|^{2}\left|h_{B,n+iN}^{*}\right|^{2}\left|h_{E,n+jN}^{*}\right|^{2}\right]$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{U^{2}}\left(U.2.2 + U(U-1)\right) = \frac{\alpha(U+3)}{U} \tag{23}$$

where we used the fact that  $\mathbb{E}\left[\left|h_{\mathrm{E},n+iN}\right|^2\right]=1$  and  $\mathbb{E}\left[\left|h_{\mathrm{E},n+iN}\right|^4\right] = 2 \text{ since } \mathbf{H}_\mathrm{E} \sim \mathcal{CN}(0,1).$  The additve white noise component is determined as follow:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|\mathbf{A}_{2}|^{2}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\mathbf{S}^{H}\mathbf{H}_{E}^{*}\mathbf{H}_{B}\mathbf{v}_{E}\right|^{2}\right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{S}^{H}\mathbf{H}_{E}\mathbf{H}_{E}^{*}\mathbf{H}_{B}\mathbf{H}_{B}^{*}\mathbf{v}_{E}\mathbf{v}_{E}^{*}\mathbf{S}\right]$$

$$(19) \quad \mathbb{E}\left[|A_{2,n}|^{2}\right] = \frac{1}{U}\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=0}^{U-1}|h_{E,n+iN}|^{2}|h_{B,n+iN}|^{2}|v_{E,n+iN}|^{2}\right] = \sigma_{V,E}^{2}$$

$$(24)$$

The component  $A_{3,n}$  depends on w and  $H_B$  which are correlated via the AN design (2). The expectation is therefore more difficult to compute. After some mathematical operations, we find: JUSQU'A QUEL POINT METTRE LES DERIVA-TIONS ICI ? CA PREND 3 PAGES DANS LE RAPPORT

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|A_{3,n}|^2\right] = \frac{1-\alpha}{U+1} \tag{25}$$

From (14), (23), (24) and (25), the ergodic SINR for particular symbols n when Eve matched filters the received sequence is given by:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\gamma_{E,n}\right] \gtrsim \frac{\alpha \frac{U+3}{U}}{\sigma_{\text{V,E}}^2 + \frac{1-\alpha}{U+1}} \tag{26}$$

c) Own channel knowledge: This situation corresponds to the scenario where Alice wants to initiate the communication with Bob. She sends a pilot to Bob allowing Eve to know H<sub>E</sub>. Bob acknowledges and Alice can then send back precoded data. Consequently, Eve will decode the data thanks to  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{S}^H \mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{F}}^*$ . The received sequence is:

$$\mathbf{y}_{\mathrm{E}}^{G} = \sqrt{\alpha} \mathbf{S}^{H} |\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{E}}|^{2} \mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{B}}^{*} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha} \mathbf{S}^{H} |\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{E}}|^{2} \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{S}^{H} \mathbf{H}_{E}^{*} \mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{E}}$$
(27)

We define:

$$A_{1,n} = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha}}{U} \sum_{i=0}^{U-1} \left| h_{E,n+iN} \right|^2 h_{B,n+iN}^*$$

$$A_{2,n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{U}} \sum_{i=0}^{U-1} h_{E,n+iN}^* v_{E,n+iN}$$

$$A_{3,n} = \frac{\sqrt{1-\alpha}}{\sqrt{U}} \sum_{i=0}^{U-1} \left| h_{E,n+iN} \right|^2 w_{n+iN}$$
(28)

The first term is determined as:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|A_{1,n}|^{2}\right] = \alpha \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\frac{1}{U}\sum_{i=0}^{U-1}h_{\mathrm{B},n+iN}^{*}\left|h_{\mathrm{E},n+iN}\right|^{2}\right|^{2}\right]$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{U^{2}}\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=0}^{U-1}\left|h_{\mathrm{B},n+jN}\right|^{2}\left|h_{\mathrm{E},n+iN}\right|^{4}\right]$$

$$+ \sum_{i=0}^{U-1}\sum_{\substack{j=0\\j\neq i}}^{U-1}h_{\mathrm{B},n+jN}h_{\mathrm{B},n+iN}^{*}\left|h_{\mathrm{E},n+jN}\right|^{2}\left|h_{\mathrm{E},n+iN}^{*}\right|^{2}$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{U^{2}}\left(U.2.1 + U(U-1).1.1.0\right) = \frac{2\alpha}{U} \quad (29)$$

The AWGN term is derived as follow:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|\mathbf{A}_{2}|^{2}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\mathbf{S}^{H}\mathbf{H}_{E}^{*}\mathbf{v}_{E}\right|^{2}\right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{S}^{H}\left|\mathbf{H}_{E}\right|^{2}\left|\mathbf{v}_{E}\right|^{2}\mathbf{S}\right]$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|A_{2,n}|^{2}\right] = \frac{1}{U}\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=0}^{U-1}|h_{E,n+iN}|^{2}|v_{E,n+iN}|^{2}\right] = \sigma_{V,E}^{2}$$
(30)

Finally, the AN term is given by:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|\mathbf{A}_{3}|^{2}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\sqrt{1-\alpha}\mathbf{S}^{H}\left|\mathbf{H}_{E}\right|^{2}\mathbf{w}\right|^{2}\right]$$

$$= (1-\alpha)\mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{S}^{H}\left|\mathbf{H}_{E}\right|^{2}\mathbf{w}\mathbf{w}^{*}\left|\mathbf{H}_{E}^{*}\right|^{2}\mathbf{S}\right]$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|A_{3,n}|^{2}\right] = \frac{1-\alpha}{U}\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=0}^{U-1}\left|h_{E,n+iN}\right|^{4}\left|w_{n+iN}\right|^{2}\right] = \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{U}$$
(31)

From (14), (29), (30) and (31), the ergodic SINR for particular symbols n when Eve knows her own channel is given by:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\gamma_{E,n}\right] \gtrapprox \frac{\frac{\alpha}{U}}{\frac{\sigma_{\text{VE}}^2}{2} + \frac{1-\alpha}{U}} \tag{32}$$

One can observe that (32) is very similar to (20) such that high SR values are expected. In particular, (32) leads to slightly higher SINR values at Eve than (20), i.e., slightly lower SR values, especially at high  $\sigma_{\rm VE}^2$  and high  $\alpha$ .

#### C. Optimal amount of data energy to inject

For each handshake scenario, we derived a closed form approximation of the SINR for the transmitted symbols n at Bob and Eve positions, respectively given by (20), (26) and (32). We can then obtain the analytic expressions of the SR thanks to (9). These expressions can finally be optimized as a function of  $\alpha$  to determine the amount of data energy to inject in the communication in order to maximize the ergodic SR.

1) Same decoding strucure as Bob: With (9), (13) and (20), the SR becomes:

$$C_s \leq \log_2\left(1 + \frac{\alpha (U+1)}{U \sigma_{V,B}^2}\right) - \log_2\left(1 + \frac{\frac{\alpha}{U}}{\sigma_{V,E}^2 + \frac{1-\alpha}{U}}\right)$$
 (33)

If we introduce  $T_1 = -(U+1)$ ,  $T_2 = (U+1)U\sigma_{V,E}^2 + U + 1 - U\sigma_{V,B}^2$  and  $T_3 = U\sigma_{V,E}^2 + U\sigma_{V,E}^2 + 1$ , it is easy to show that the SR can be expressed as:

$$C_s \leqslant \log_2\left(\frac{\alpha^2 T_1 + \alpha T_2 + T_3}{T_3}\right) \tag{34}$$

Since  $T_3$  is always strictly positive, the SR is maximized for:

$$\alpha_{\text{opt}} = \frac{-T_2}{2T_1} \tag{35}$$

2) Matched filtering: With (9), (13) and (26), the SR is expressed as:

$$C_s \leq \log_2\left(1 + \frac{\alpha (U+1)}{U \sigma_{V,B}^2}\right) - \log_2\left(1 + \frac{\alpha \frac{U+3}{U}}{\sigma_{V,E}^2 + \frac{1-\alpha}{U+1}}\right)$$
 (36)

(29) If we introduce  $T_1 = U+1$ ,  $T_2 = (U+1)^2 \sigma_{\text{V,E}}^2 + (U+1) - U \sigma_{\text{V,B}}^2$ ,  $T_3 = U(U+1)\sigma_{\text{V,B}}^2 \sigma_{\text{E}}^2 + U \sigma_{\text{V,B}}^2$ , and  $T_4 = (U+1)(U+3)\sigma_{\text{V,B}}^2 - U \sigma_{\text{V,B}}^2$ , we obtain:

$$C_s \lesssim \log_2\left(\frac{-\alpha^2 T_1 + \alpha T_2 + T_3}{\alpha T_4 + T_3}\right) \tag{37}$$

We have to find the zeroes of:

$$\frac{\partial C_s}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{\frac{-\alpha^2 T_1 T_4 - 2\alpha T_1 T_3 + (T_2 T_3 - T_3 T_4)}{(\alpha T_4 + T_3)^2}}{\frac{-\alpha^2 T_1 + \alpha T_2 + T_3}{\alpha T_4 + T_3} \cdot \ln 2}$$
(38)

After some algebraic manipulations, one obtains:

$$\alpha_{\text{opt}} = \frac{\pm \sqrt{T_1^2 T_3^2 + T_1 T_2 T_3 T_4 - T_1 T_3 T_4^2} - T_1 T_3}{T_1 T_4}$$
(39)

where only the positive root is solution since  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ .

3) Own channel knowledge: With (9), (13) and (32), we obtain a SR expression given by:

$$C_s \leq \log_2\left(1 + \frac{\alpha (U+1)}{U \sigma_{V,B}^2}\right) - \log_2\left(1 + \frac{\frac{\alpha}{U}}{\frac{\sigma_{V,E}^2}{2} + \frac{1-\alpha}{U}}\right)$$
 (40)

By introducing  $T_1 = -2(U+1)$ ,  $T_2 = (U+1)(2+U\sigma_{V,E}^2) - 2U\sigma_{V,B}^2$  and  $T_3 = U\sigma_{V,B}^2(U\sigma_{V,E}^2+2)$ , it is easy to show that the SR can be expressed as:

$$C_s \leqslant \log_2\left(\frac{\alpha^2 T_1 + \alpha T_2 + T_3}{T_3}\right) \tag{41}$$

Since  $T_3$  is always strictly positive, the SR is maximized for:

$$\alpha_{\text{opt}} = \frac{-T_2}{2T_1} \tag{42}$$

#### D. Required SNR at Bob for a targetted SR

With the closed-form approximations of the SR (33), (36) and (40), it is possible to determine what should be the SNR at Bob and the amount of data energy to transmit  $\alpha$ , in order to target a given SR, for different Eve SNR and BOR values. One can study under which conditions it is possible to guarantee a desired level of secrecy using the investigated FD TR SISO schemes. We introduce x being the targetted SR in bit per channel use,  $\delta_{B,1}$ ,  $\delta_{B,2}$  and  $\delta_{B,3}$  being respectively Bob's SNR

in dB for the first, second and third investigated handshake procedure. Remembering that  $\sigma_{\rm V,B}^2 = \frac{1/U}{\frac{\delta_B}{10}}$ , we can show that:

$$\delta_{B,1} = 10 \log_{10} \left[ \frac{2^{x} (U\sigma_{V,E}^{2} + 1) - (U\sigma_{V,E}^{2} + 1 - \alpha)}{\alpha (U+1)(U\sigma_{V,E}^{2} + 1 - \alpha)} \right]$$

$$\delta_{B,2} = 10 \log_{10} \left[ \frac{T_{1} - T_{2}}{T_{3}} \right]$$

$$\delta_{B,3} = 10 \log_{10} \left[ \frac{2^{x} (U\sigma_{V,E}^{2} + 2) - (U\sigma_{V,E}^{2} + 2 - 2\alpha)}{\alpha (U+1)(U\sigma_{V,E}^{2} + 2 - 2\alpha)} \right]$$
(43)

where we define:

$$T_{1} = 2^{x} \left[ U(U+1)\sigma_{\text{V,E}}^{2} + \alpha(U+1)(U+3) + U(1-\alpha) \right],$$

$$T_{2} = U(U+1)\sigma_{\text{V,E}}^{2} + U(1-\alpha), \text{ and}$$

$$T_{3} = \alpha U(U+1) \left[ (U+1)\sigma_{\text{V,E}}^{2} + (1-\alpha) \right]$$
Eq.(43) gives the required SNR at Bob to target a SR x as a

function of the BOR U and the noise level at Eve  $\sigma_{VE}^2$ , for the three investigated decoding structures.

## E. Secrecy rate optimization via waterfilling

From section III-C, the optimal amount of transmitted data energy is derived. The analytic expressions (35), (39) and (42) lead to the coefficients  $\alpha_{opt}$  that maximize the ergodic SR of the communication depending on the investigated scenarios. In particular, we observe that  $\alpha_{\rm opt}$  is an unique coefficient weighting the Q components of the useful data. That is, each subcarrier will be affected by the same coefficient. However, we know that the channel capacity at one subcarrier is proportional to the subcarrier energy. Therefore, subcarriers with higher gains will contribute more to the total channel capacity than subcarriers with lower gains. We also consider throughout this paper that Alice can instantaneously estimate Bob's channel but does not have any information about Eve instantaneous CSI. From that, we can compute the instantaneous capacity at Bob but we only have access to the ergodic capacity at Eve. From this discussion, we can state that, if we could have access to Eve's instantaneous capacity, we could tune the amount of transmitted data energy at each subcarrier, i.e., applying a different weight at each subcarrier depending on its power, in such a way that it enhances the instantaneous capacity at Bob and it degrades the instantaneous capacity at the eavesdropper position. Since we only have access to the ergodic capacity at Eve, we proceed as follow:

Based on the statistics of Bob and Eve channels, we obtain a closed form approximation of the ergodic SR depending on the handshake procedure. From that, we can find the value of  $\alpha_{\rm opt}$  that, in the ergodic sense, will maximize the SR. Then, at each channel realization, we determine a new set of coefficients, denoted by  $\alpha_{\rm w} = [\alpha_{\rm w,0},...,\alpha_{\rm w,Q-1}]^T$ , that enhances the instantaneous capacity at Bob while ensuring

1. The total radiated energy remains constant:

$$\left| \sqrt{\alpha_{\text{opt}}} \mathbf{H}_{\text{B}}^* \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{\text{opt}}} \mathbf{w} \right|^2 = \left| \sqrt{\alpha_{\text{w}}} \mathbf{H}_{\text{B}}^* \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{\text{w}}} \odot \mathbf{w} \right|$$
(44)

2. The energy radiated dedicated to the AN signal remains constant:

$$\left| \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{\text{opt}}} \mathbf{w} \right|^2 = \left| \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{\text{w}}} \odot \mathbf{w} \right|^2 \tag{45}$$

3. The AN signal still lies in the null space of Bob after optimization:

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \;,\; \exists \; \alpha_{\mathbf{w}} \;:\; \left| \mathbf{S}^{H} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{B}} \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{\mathbf{w}}} \odot \mathbf{w} \right|^{2} < \epsilon$$
 (46)

Since we consider that Bob and Eve channels are independent, optimizing the energy coefficients that weight each data subcarrier to enhance the capacity at Bob will not modify the capacity at Eve. Consequently, the communication SR will increase with this waterfilling optimization procedure. However it is worth to note that this approach is computationally expensive since new weights have to be determined at each channel realization and since a FF environment is considered.

## IV. SIMULATION RESULTS

## A. Model performances

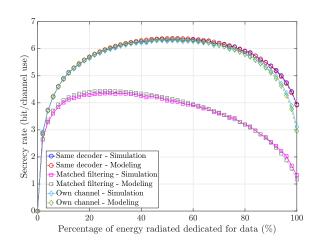


Figure 2. Models vs simulations,  $E_b/N_0 = 15$ dB at Bob,  $E_b/N_0 = 10$ dB at Eve, BOR = 4

Fig.2 shows the secrecy performances for the three investigated scenarios, i.e., Eve implementing a simple despreading (circle markers), Eve implementing a matched filter (square markers), and Eve knowing her own channel (diamond markers), in terms of the SR evolution as a function of  $\alpha$ . The figure also outlines a comparaison between the simulation curves (continuous lines) and the analytic ones (dotted lines).

First, it can be seen that the analytic models given by (33), (37), and (41) approximate well the simulation curves and remain tight upper bounds for all scenarios. In addition, one can notice the importance of the AN addition to increase the SR. In fact, we observe a SR enhancement with the addition of AN except for very high percentages of AN sent, i.e., when  $\left| \sqrt{\alpha_{\text{opt}}} \mathbf{H}_{\text{B}}^* \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{\text{opt}}} \mathbf{w} \right|^2 = \left| \sqrt{\alpha_{\text{w}}} \mathbf{H}_{\text{B}}^* \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{\text{w}}} \odot \mathbf{w} \right|^2$ Furthermore, for all three models, no more secrecy is obtained when  $\alpha \to 0$  since the SINR's at Bob and Eve drop to zero. As

anticipated from sections III-B2a and III-B2c, high SR values are obtained, i.e., low decoding performances at Eve, when she has the same capabilities than Bob, and when she knows her own channel. We also observe that these two scenarios exhibit very similar behaviours except when  $\alpha \to 1$ , as explained in section III-B2c. Finally, we observe low SR values when Eve implements a matched filtering decoding structure. This can be understood from (21) where we notice that each transmitted data symbol will be afffected by a real gain at Eve. From that, each transmitted symbol will benefit from frequency diversity, leading to high decoding performances for the wiretap link, and so, low SR values.

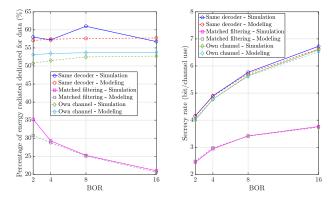


Figure 3. Optimal of AN energy to inject,  $E_b/N_0 = 10 \text{dB}$  at Bob,  $E_b/N_0 = 5 \text{dB}$  at Eve

The left part of Fig.3 illustrates the values of  $\alpha_{opt}$  given by (35), (39) and (42) that maximize the ergodic SR determined from the closed-form approximations (33), (37), and (41), as well as obtained from the numerical simulations, as a function of the BOR. The analytic estimations of the optimal amount of data energy to inject are not perfect but, the resulting simulated SR are very close to the maximal SR obtained numerically, as it can be observed on right part of Fig.3. The reason can be observed in Fig.2 where the SR curves vary very slowly about their maxima when  $\alpha$  changes, for all models. So, for a given BOR value, Alice can make a rough determination of  $\alpha_{\rm opt}$  depending on Eve decoding structure, and therefore the available SR, if  $E_b/N_0$  is known. One can also note that much lower values of  $\alpha_{opt}$  should be injected to maximize the SR when Eve matched filters the received signal compared to the two other scenarios.

Fig.4 illustrates the discussion from section III-D, only for the scenario where Eve implements a matched filter. A targetted SR of 0 bit per channel use was simulated in order to investigated under which conditions a positive secrecy can be ensured with the proposed FD TR SISO OFDM precoder scheme.

The left part of Fig.4 shows the required amount of data energy to inject to target the SR, as a function of Eve's SNR for different BOR values. One can observe that more AN energy must be injected when Eve SNR increases, which highlights once again the importance of the AN addition. In addition, we observe that higher values of  $\alpha$  are needed for lower BOR values, which could have been anticipated from Fig.3

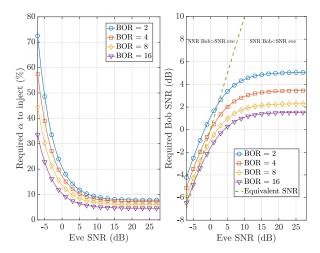


Figure 4. Targetted SR = 0 bit/channel use, matched filtering at Eve

The right part of Fig.4 represents the required SNR values at Bob. First, one observes that, except for low Eve SNRs, i.e., high AWGN energies, lower SNR values at Bob than at Eve are required in order to achieve a positive SR. We see that Bob SNR curves lay in the right side of the green dotted curve as soon as Eve's SNR is higher than 3dB, for all BOR values. The green dotted curve represents the set of points where Bob and Eve SNRs are identical, i.e., where Bob and Eve channels are equivalently degraded. In particular, for high SNR values at Eve, typically higher than 15dB, we note a saturation of Bob required SNR, for all BOR values. This highlights that positive secrecy can be obtained with our FD TR SISO OFDM precoder even if Bob's channel is a degraded version of the wiretap link. Finally, higher Bob SNR values are required when the BOR decreases. This is explained by the fact that the frequency diversity gain decreases with a decrease of the BOR value. Consequently, a better channel condition is needed to target the same SR

## B. Waterfilling optimization performances

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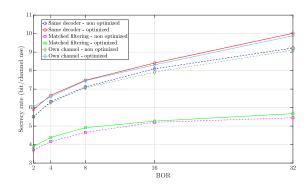


Figure 5. Waterfilling optimization,  $E_b/N_0=15 \mathrm{dB}$  at Bob and Eve, BOR = 4

Fig. 5 presents the maximal values of the SR for the three decoding structures, before (dotted lines) and after (continuous lines) waterfilling optimization. As a reminder, before and after

optimization, the mean energy radiated dedicated to the useful data remains unchanged, and the AN signal always remains in Bob's null space. The optimal amount of data energy to inject is computed thanks to (35), (39) and (42) in order to ensure a maximal ergodic SR. The SR is then further increased via the waterfilling optimization procedure, as described in section III-E. As we can see, there is an increase of the SR for all three models and all BOR values thanks to the waterfilling.

## V. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, the problem of securing the FD TR SISO OFDM wireless transmission, in a FF environment, from a transmitter to a legitimate receiver in the presence of a passive eavesdropper is considered. A novel and original approach based on the addition of an AN signal onto OFDM blocks that improves the PLS is proposed. This approach can be easily integrated into existing standards based on OFDM. It only requires a single transmit antenna and is therefore well suited for devices with limited capabilities. Three different decoding structures for the passive eavesdropper are considered, resulting from the handshake procedure between Alice and Bob. Analytic and simulation results show that the novel approach significantly improves the security of the communication and so considerably jeopardizes any attempt of an eavesdropper to retrieve the data.

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