

# SELF-ENERGY RECYCLING IN DF FULL-DUPLEX RELAY NETWORK: SECURITY-RELIABILITY ANALYSIS

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**Abstract.** This paper studied the physical layer security (PLS) reliability of concurrent wireless communications. A decode and forward (DF) full-duplex (FD) network with the impact of an eavesdropper was proposed to evaluate the security and reliability. Essentially, the DF-FD relay adopted the power-splitting (PS) protocol to gather energy from the source and simultaneously utilized the self-energy recycling (S-ER) technique by manipulating the loopback interference to increase the harvested energy. By constructing closed-form expressions for outage probability (OP) and intercept probability (IP), we offer the trade-off analysis between them. Monte Carlo simulation was conducted to verify the analytical formulations. Furthermore, the key parameters were also examined to play an important role in selecting the suitable trade-off for the proposed system.

## Keywords

*Full-duplex, Self-energy recycling, Outage probability, Intercept probability, Decode-and-forward*

## 1. Introduction

5G wireless networks can provide not only traditional audio and data information but also many new indus-

trial applications, multiple devices, and apps to connect to a wider society. It is believed that 5G wireless telecommunications systems can increase mobile bandwidth with large services and IoT. The term "Internet-of-Things" (IoT) is applied to describe how all physical objects are connected to the Internet through information sensing devices for the exchange of information, i.e., how physical objects communicate with one another for the purpose of intelligent identification and administration. Next-generation telecommunications networks are required to be highly secure, unlike previous cellular networks. Due to the natural broadcast and bandwidth limitations of wireless communications, it leads to security that is possible but will be difficult to provide security features such as authentication, integrity, and privacy. The service direction for 5G will pay particular attention to the problems mentioned above. [1–4]

In general, the new characteristics of 5G networks have presented many complex situations in dealing with eavesdropping, and since then wireless physical layer security (PLS) has recently received significant research attention. The advantages of using PLS algorithms for wireless networks in the context of 5G and beyond are double those of conventional cryptography methods. Compared PLS to cryptography at higher layers, PLS is first independent of computing complexity [5]. Accordingly, safe and trustworthy communications can be ensured even when eavesdroppers have extremely powerful computational capabilities. The sec-

ond is the remarkable scalability of PLS techniques [6]. It is significant to note that PLS can be used as an additional layer of security on top of the existing security measures. To provide secure and private communication data in wireless networks beyond 5G, PLS can be coupled with other security technologies [7], [8]. Numerous methods have been developed to reduce the quality of the wiretapped signals at the eavesdropper, including cooperative beamforming [9], artificial noise [10], and multi-antenna beamforming [11]. Multiple investigations have advanced our understanding of the physics layer's fundamental potential to sustain secure communications and revealed its subsequent limits. [12–15]. It has been demonstrated, in particular, that the two fundamental characteristics of radio transmission—diffusion and superposition—can be used to provide data confidentiality through a number of mechanisms that limit the information that potential listeners can learn about private messages. These methods make advantage of fading, interference, and path diversity (by employing numerous antennas), all of which can potentially lead to strategies that can be used in real-world wireless systems. Moreover, because an intermediate relay node is more susceptible to eavesdropping than any other endpoint, PLS techniques are crucial in relay networks. Relaying of signals has also been extensively employed to improve cellular networks' service quality. Numerous benefits of relaying techniques include increased data rate and wider coverage. Numerous studies have been conducted to determine the advantages of cooperative relaying systems in the context of PLS [16–21]. In [16], power allocation strategies for both legal and jamming signals were developed as part of an investigation into the PLS for the cooperative non-orthogonal multiple access (NOMA) system. In [17], the security vs. dependability trade-off for wireless communications was explored. An opportunistic relay selection strategy was then presented to boost the cellular network's capacity for secrecy. To ensure a safe transmission for the cellular network, the relay selection of a cooperative scenario was examined in [18] in this regard. In order to prevent eavesdropping attempts on wireless broadcasts, the relay selection strategy was devised. The PLS of energy harvesting for cognitive radio networks utilizing the cooperative relaying technique was investigated by the authors in [19]. For IoT networks, the PLS of cooperative dual-hop NOMA was examined in [20]. In [21], the PLS of underlay multihop D2D relaying was examined. Besides, in wireless ad-hoc networks, energy harvesting (EH) has become a promising method for extending the lifespan of IoT devices. Solar, wind, and water are examples of potential ambient energy sources. Particularly, researchers have paid close attention to radio frequency (RF) energy harvesting (EH) because it is independent of the environment's randomness and intermittency, i.e., wind and solar. The ef-

fect of RF EH on cognitive radio networks was studied in [22, 23]. In particular, the energy from the primary transmitters (PTs) could be harvested by the secondary transmitters (STs), which are then stored in their rechargeable batteries. When the PTs were far away, the STs utilized this energy to transmit data. In another aspect of EH, the authors in [24] put forth a single-input multiple-output system concept in which a two-antenna Full-Duplex (FD) relay node can harvest energy from RF signals coming from a single antenna source and utilize that energy for transmitting information to a multi-antenna destination. To decode the received information, the destination can adopt selection combining (SC) or maximal ratio combining (MRC) techniques. Tan et al. in [25] analyzed the system performance of a multisource power splitting EH relaying network operating in half-duplex (HD) mode over a block Rayleigh-fading channel in both delay-limited transmission and delay-tolerant transmission modes. The energy-harvesting approach based on PS was applied by the authors in [26] to improve the transmission between a wireless access point and a mobile user via a helpful relay. In which, the energy is provided by the access point and then forwarded by the relay, the mobile user transmits its own data back to the access point with the help of the relay again. In addition [27] constituted one of the few research investigations that focused on user selection and EH protocols employing different Nakagami-m/Rayleigh channels. Specifically, the authors examined the performance of user selection protocol cooperative networks using PS protocol-based EH.

Although Full-duplex (FD) communication improves spectral efficiency for relay deployment, it is hampered by the high communication signal coupling to the sensitive receive chain that causes inherent self-interference. The author in [28] presented a self-energy recycling (S-ER) protocol for FD multi-relay networks, in which self-interference energy is captured and used again at the relay. To increase the reliability of the suggested systems, two amplify-and-forward (AF) relay selection algorithms—partial relay selection and full relay selection are presented by using the power splitting (PS) protocol. In an AF relaying cooperative network, where the relay node harvests the energy from the RF transmission, Hu et al. [29] examined the problem of beamforming optimization. The authors researched the beamforming optimization problem using the S-ER relay technique. The goal of the formulated problem is to maximize the rate that can be achieved given the transmitting power that is available at the relay node. An energy-constrained relay node helps the information transfer from the source to the destination utilizing the energy captured from the source, according to research done in [30]. The relays operated in FD mode with simultaneous energy harvesting and information transmission, and they suggested

a novel two-phase protocol for efficient energy transfer and information transmission. The proposed design has two main benefits: it ensures uninterrupted information transmission because no time switching (TS) or PS is required at the relay for EH, and it enables what is known as "S-ER," which allows for the harvesting and reusing of some of the energy (referred to as "loop energy"). This harvested energy is also used to decode the received information and then transfer it to the destination.

The PLS in the cooperative relaying network has been extensively researched in recent literature. By adopting the source jamming strategy, the authors in [31] investigated the issue of security in the untrusted FD relaying using the AF protocol system. However, the authors did not think that EH would lengthen the device's lifetime. In addition, S-ER was not stated, even though a different protocol decode-and-forward (DF) FD relay networks' PLS has been provided in [32]. Moreover, the security-reliability of AF FD relay network and using S-ER has been studied in [33]. The security performance of the AF relaying FD system in the presence of a passive eavesdropper was examined in [34]. The dependability and security of the AF relaying system in the presence of an eavesdropper were investigated in [35, 36].

Different from some above-related works, in this paper, we studied the security-reliability analysis for DF FD relay network by adopting the EH PS scheme at the relay. In particular, the relay can apply the S-ER technique to increase its harvested energy. The main contributions and novelties are listed as follows:

- We propose a model for relaying information from sources (S) to users and devices (D) via an FD Relay (R) with the appearance of Eavesdropper (E). PLS is taken into account in the DF-FD Relay network to assess the security and reliability trade-offs in our suggested model. In particular, the relay can employ the PS protocol to achieve a battery-free system by harvesting energy from the source and reusing the self-interference channel in order to enhance the EH.
- The approximation expressions of OP and IP are derived by using the Gaussian-Chebyshev quadrature to analyze the security-reliability trade-off of the proposed system.
- Finally, the Monte Carlo simulation is adopted to verify the accuracy of the mathematical analysis. Moreover, the key parameters are examined to give more physical meaning insights.

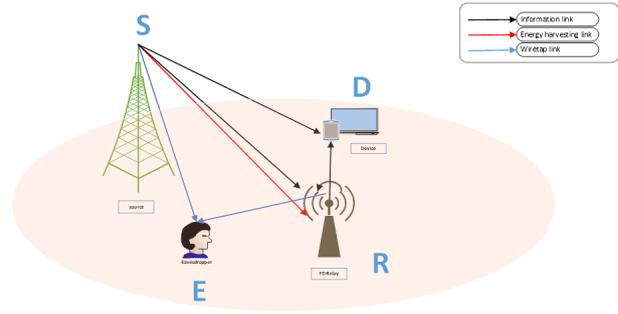


Fig. 1: System Model

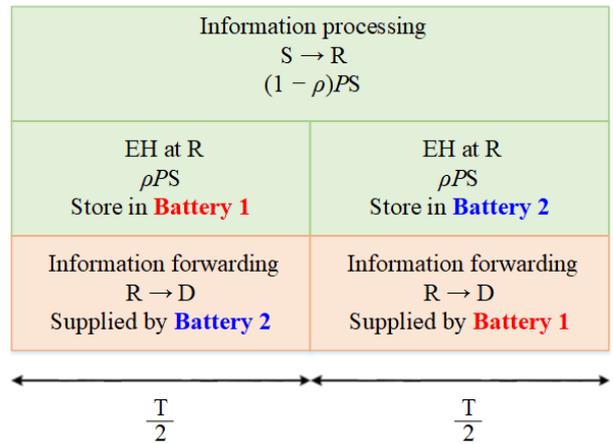


Fig. 2: Virtual harvest-use protocol for S-ER

## 2. System Model

According to the suggested wireless communication system model as illustrated in Fig. 1, one source node S and one destination node D connect with the aid of one FD relay node R while an eavesdropper node E attempts to steal the data from both R and S. We made the assumption that S could send its signal both directly to D and through the relay R, which would improve performance at D. Due to the energy shortage, R must first harvest wireless energy from S by adopting PS protocol and then harvest the energy from loop-back interference called S-ER technique implemented as shown in Fig.2. Specifically, each transmission block is split up into two-time slots of the same length, and the duration of each slot lasts  $\frac{T}{2}$ . After every time slot, two batteries alternate between two different functions: one battery is used for storing the harvested energy, and the other is to supply the power to the activated relay. It should be mentioned that the original assumption is that every battery has enough redundant energy [28]. Finally, the R will employ the whole amount of harvested energy to decode the information from S and then forward to D.

Let's refer to the links among these nodes as the given channel coefficients  $h_{SD}$ ,  $h_{SR}$ ,  $h_{SE}$ ,  $h_{RD}$ , and

$h_{RE}$  as well as the links  $S \rightarrow D, S \rightarrow R, S \rightarrow E, R \rightarrow D, R \rightarrow E$ , respectively. The self-interference coefficient between the transmit and receive antennas of relay node R is also denoted by the letter  $h_{RR}$ . Assume that  $h_X$  ( $X \in \{SD, SR, SE, RD, RE\}$ ) are Rayleigh fading channels, the channel gains  $\gamma_X = |h_X|^2$  are exponential random variables (RVs) whose cumulative distribution function (CDF) are given as:

$$F_X(x) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\lambda_X}\right). \quad (1)$$

To take into account the simple path loss model, we have:

$$\lambda_X = (d_X)^{-\omega}. \quad (2)$$

where  $\omega$  is the path-loss exponent and  $d_X$  is the distance between two respectively nodes.

$\gamma_{RR} = |h_{RR}|^2$  is also an exponential RV. Hence, its CDF can be thus expressed by:

$$F_{\gamma_{RR}}(x) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\lambda_{RR}}\right). \quad (3)$$

Then, probability density function (PDF) of  $\gamma_Y$  is given by:

$$f_{\gamma_X}(x) = \frac{1}{\xi} \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\xi}\right). \quad (4)$$

where  $\xi \in \{\lambda_{SR}, \lambda_{SD}, \lambda_{RD}, \lambda_{SE}, \lambda_{RE}, \lambda_{RR}\}$ .

In the energy harvesting phase, firstly R will harvest the energy from S and then simultaneously perform S-ER. Therefore, the total captured energy at the R can be expressed as [28]

$$E_R = \eta\rho \frac{T}{2} (P_S\gamma_{SR} + P_R\gamma_{RR}). \quad (5)$$

The transmit power of R can then be computed as:

$$P_R = \frac{E_R}{\frac{T}{2}} = \frac{\eta\rho P_S\gamma_{SR}}{1 - \eta\rho\gamma_{RR}}. \quad (6)$$

It is important to know from (6) that  $P_R = 0$  when

$$\gamma_{RR} < \frac{1}{\eta\rho}. \quad (7)$$

Because passive interference cancellation (IC), such as antenna isolation, causes  $\gamma_{RR}$  to be significantly less than 1 in actuality, the denominator in equation (6) is positive [28].

The received signal at R during the information transmission phase is described as follows:

$$y_R = \sqrt{1 - \rho}h_{SR}x_S + \sqrt{1 - \rho}h_{RR}x_R + n_R. \quad (8)$$

The received signal-to-interference-plus-noise ratio (SINR) at R to decode the message from S in this phase can be found by:

$$\gamma_R = \frac{\mathbb{E}\{|signal|^2\}}{\mathbb{E}\{|noise|^2\}} = \frac{(1 - \rho)\gamma_{SR}P_S}{(1 - \rho)\gamma_{RR}P_R + N_0}. \quad (9)$$

Using the fact that  $N_0 \ll P_S$ , then by doing some algebra, and finally by substituting (6) into (9), we have:

$$\gamma_R \approx \frac{1 - \eta\rho\gamma_{RR}}{\eta\rho\gamma_{RR}}. \quad (10)$$

In this model, we applied the DF protocol. Therefore, after receiving the information from S, R will decode this information and forward to both D and E in the broadcast phase. The received signal was illustrated at E and D as follows:

$$y_D^1 = h_{RD}x_R + n_D^1. \quad (11)$$

$$y_E^1 = h_{RE}x_R + n_E^1. \quad (12)$$

The received SINR at D and E in the first phase can be thus calculated by, respectively.

$$\gamma_D^1 = \frac{\mathbb{E}\{|signal|^2\}}{\mathbb{E}\{|noise|^2\}} = \frac{\gamma_{RD}P_R}{N_0}. \quad (13)$$

$$\gamma_E^1 = \frac{\mathbb{E}\{|signal|^2\}}{\mathbb{E}\{|noise|^2\}} = \frac{\gamma_{RE}P_R}{N_0}. \quad (14)$$

By substituting (6) into (13) and (14), then by doing some algebra, the SINR at D and E can be rewritten as:

$$\gamma_D^1 = \frac{\gamma_{SR}\gamma_{RD}\eta\rho\Psi}{1 - \eta\rho\gamma_{RR}}, \quad (15)$$

$$\gamma_E^1 = \frac{\gamma_{SR}\gamma_{RE}\eta\rho\Psi}{1 - \eta\rho\gamma_{RR}}, \quad (16)$$

where  $\Psi = \frac{P_S}{N_0}$  denotes the average transmit signal-to-noise ratio (SNR).

Finally, the overall SINR of the system in DF mode of both signaling paths:  $S \rightarrow R \rightarrow D$  and  $S \rightarrow R \rightarrow E$  can be confirmed as follows, respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{SRD} &= \min(\gamma_R, \gamma_D^1) \\ &= \min\left(\frac{1 - \eta\rho\gamma_{RR}}{\eta\rho\gamma_{RR}}, \frac{\gamma_{SR}\gamma_{RD}\eta\rho\Psi}{1 - \eta\rho\gamma_{RR}}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{SRE} &= \min(\gamma_R, \gamma_E^1) \\ &= \min\left(\frac{1 - \eta\rho\gamma_{RR}}{\eta\rho\gamma_{RR}}, \frac{\gamma_{SR}\gamma_{RE}\eta\rho\Psi}{1 - \eta\rho\gamma_{RR}}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Our suggested model takes into account the direct link. As a result, when S broadcasts to R and D during

the broadcast phase, D can receive the direct signal from S, and E can overhear this signal. Consequently, the received signal at D and E can be thus expressed by

$$y_D^2 = h_{SD}x_S + n_D^2. \quad (19)$$

$$y_E^2 = h_{SE}x_S + n_E^2. \quad (20)$$

The SNR at D and E in this phase can be computed by, respectively.

$$\gamma_D^2 = \Psi\gamma_{SD}, \quad (21)$$

$$\gamma_E^2 = \Psi\gamma_{SE}. \quad (22)$$

Finally, the end-to-end SNR at D and E can be claimed as, respectively, by using the selection combining (SC) technique at the receiver.

$$\gamma_D = \max(\gamma_{SRD}, \gamma_D^2). \quad (23)$$

$$\gamma_E = \max(\gamma_{SRE}, \gamma_E^2). \quad (24)$$

### 3. Performance Analysis

In this section, the performances of the proposed system were analyzed. In particular, the closed-form of OP and IP were derived.

#### 3.1. Outage Probability Analysis

The OP of the system can be thus defined by:

$$\text{OP} = \Pr(\gamma_{SRD} \leq \gamma_{th}), \quad (25)$$

where  $\gamma_{th} = 2^{R_{th}} - 1$  is the threshold of the system and  $R_{th}$  is the target rate.

From (23) and (25), the OP can be reformulated as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OP} &= \Pr[\max(\min(\gamma_R, \gamma_D^1), \gamma_D^2) \leq \gamma_{th}] \\ &= \underbrace{\Pr(\gamma_D^2 \leq \gamma_{th})}_{Y_1} \underbrace{\Pr(\min(\gamma_R, \gamma_D^1) \leq \gamma_{th})}_{Y_2}. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Based on (26),  $Y_1$  can be figured out as

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1 &= \Pr(\gamma_D^2 \leq \gamma_{th}) = \Pr(\Psi\gamma_{SD} \leq \gamma_{th}) \\ &= \Pr\left(\gamma_{SD} \leq \frac{\gamma_{th}}{\Psi}\right) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma_{th}}{\lambda_{SD}\Psi}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Next,  $Y_2$  can be thus computed by

$$\begin{aligned} Y_2 &= \Pr(\min(\gamma_R, \gamma_D^1) \leq \gamma_{th}) \\ &= \Pr\left[\min\left(\frac{1 - \eta\rho\gamma_{RR}}{\eta\rho\gamma_{RR}}, \frac{\gamma_{SR}\gamma_{RD}\eta\rho\Psi}{1 - \eta\rho\gamma_{RR}}\right) \leq \gamma_{th}\right] \\ &= 1 - \Pr\left[\min\left(\frac{1 - \eta\rho\gamma_{RR}}{\eta\rho\gamma_{RR}}, \frac{\gamma_{SR}\gamma_{RD}\eta\rho\Psi}{1 - \eta\rho\gamma_{RR}}\right) \geq \gamma_{th}\right] \\ &= 1 - \Pr\left[\left(\frac{\gamma_{SR}\gamma_{RD}\eta\rho\Psi}{1 - \eta\rho\gamma_{RR}}\right) \geq \gamma_{th}, \gamma_{RR} \leq \frac{1}{\eta\rho(1 + \gamma_{th})}\right]. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Combined with (7) and (28), we will have the constraint condition of  $\gamma_{RR}$  as

$$\gamma_{RR} < \min\left(\frac{1}{\eta\rho(1 + \gamma_{th})}, \frac{1}{\eta\rho}\right) \Leftrightarrow \gamma_{RR} < \frac{1}{\eta\rho(1 + \gamma_{th})}. \quad (29)$$

So (28) is calculated where  $\gamma_{SRD} = \gamma_{SR}\gamma_{RD}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_2 &= 1 - \int_0^{\frac{1}{\eta\rho(1 + \gamma_{th})}} \Pr\left(\frac{\gamma_{SRD}\eta\rho\Psi}{1 - \eta\rho x} \geq \gamma_{th}\right) f_{\gamma_{RR}}(x) dx \\ &= 1 - \int_0^{\frac{1}{\eta\rho(1 + \gamma_{th})}} f_{\gamma_{RR}}(x) \left[1 - F_{\gamma_{SRD}}\left(\frac{(1 - \eta\rho x)\gamma_{th}}{\eta\rho\Psi}\right)\right] dx \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_{RD}\lambda_{RR}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{\eta\rho(1 + \gamma_{th})}} \exp\left(\frac{-x}{\lambda_{RR}}\right) dx \\ &\quad \times \int_0^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\left(\frac{(1 - \eta\rho x)\gamma_{th}}{\eta\rho\Psi}\right)}{y\lambda_{SR}} - \frac{y}{\lambda_{RD}}\right) dy. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

With the help of [37, Eq. 3.324.1], we claim:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_2 &= 1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_{RR}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{\eta\rho(1 + \gamma_{th})}} \exp\left(\frac{-x}{\lambda_{RR}}\right) \\ &\quad \times \sqrt{\frac{4(1 - \eta\rho x)\gamma_{th}}{\eta\rho\Psi\lambda_{SR}\lambda_{RD}}} K_1\left(\sqrt{\frac{4(1 - \eta\rho x)\gamma_{th}}{\eta\rho\Psi\lambda_{SR}\lambda_{RD}}}\right) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Unfortunately, the integral in  $Y_2$  is a tough task to find a closed-form expression. Hence, by applying the Gaussian-Chebyshev quadrature in [38],  $Y_2$  can be approximated as in (32) and shown on the top next page with  $\phi_n = \cos\left(\frac{2n-1}{2N}\pi\right)$ .

Finally, by substituting (27) and (32) into (26), the OP can be obtained as in (33) and shown on the top next page.

#### 3.2. Intercept Probability analysis

The considered system will be wiretapped if E can successfully decode received signals from the source and

$$Y_2 \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2\lambda_{RR}\eta\rho(\gamma_{th} + 1)} \left[ \frac{\pi}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \sqrt{1 - \varphi_n^2} \exp\left(\frac{-\varphi_n - 1}{2\eta\rho(\gamma_{th} + 1)\lambda_{RR}}\right) \right. \\ \left. \times \sqrt{\frac{2\gamma_{th}(2\gamma_{th} - 2\varphi_n + 1)}{\eta\rho\Psi\lambda_{SR}\lambda_{RD}(\gamma_{th} + 1)}} K_1\left(\sqrt{\frac{2\gamma_{th}(2\gamma_{th} - 2\varphi_n + 1)}{\eta\rho\Psi\lambda_{SR}\lambda_{RD}(\gamma_{th} + 1)}}\right) \right]. \quad (32)$$

$$OP \approx \left[ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma_{th}}{\lambda_{SD}\Psi}\right) \right] \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2\lambda_{RR}\eta\rho(\gamma_{th} + 1)} \left[ \frac{\pi}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \sqrt{1 - \varphi_n^2} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \times \exp\left(\frac{-\varphi_n - 1}{2\eta\rho(\gamma_{th} + 1)\lambda_{RR}}\right) \sqrt{\frac{2\gamma_{th}(2\gamma_{th} - 2\varphi_n + 1)}{\eta\rho\Psi\lambda_{SR}\lambda_{RD}(\gamma_{th} + 1)}} K_1\left(\sqrt{\frac{2\gamma_{th}(2\gamma_{th} - 2\varphi_n + 1)}{\eta\rho\Psi\lambda_{SR}\lambda_{RD}(\gamma_{th} + 1)}}\right) \right] \right]. \quad (33)$$

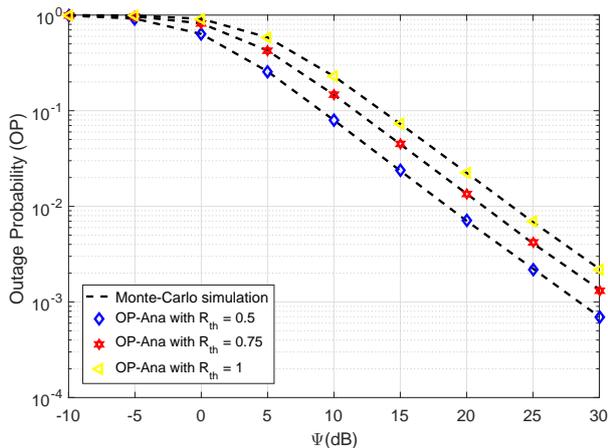
relay [36]. Therefore, the IP is given by

$$IP = 1 - \Pr\left[\max\left(\min(\gamma_R, \gamma_E^1), \gamma_E^2\right) < \gamma_{th}\right] \\ = 1 - \Pr(\gamma_E^2 < \gamma_{th}) \Pr\left(\min(\gamma_R, \gamma_E^1) < \gamma_{th}\right). \quad (34)$$

By the same proof for OP, the IP can be obtained as (35) and shown on the top next page.

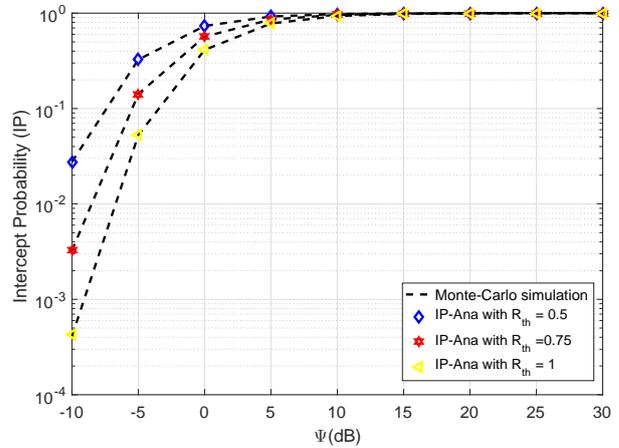
### 4. Numerical results

In this section, we provide numerical results to not only verify the accuracy of the proposed mathematical frameworks but also discuss the behaviors of the considered systems under the impact of various important parameters by using the Monte Carlo approach [39–43]. The simulation parameters are listed in Table 1.



**Fig. 3:** The OP versus  $\Psi$ (dB) with varying  $R_{th}$  and  $\eta = 0.8$ ,  $\lambda_{RR} = 2$ ,  $\rho = 0.5$ .

With varying  $R_{th}$ , the fix values  $\eta = 0.8$ ,  $\lambda_{RR} = 2$ , and  $\rho = 0.5$ , Fig. 3 and 4 displayed the OP and IP versus  $\Psi$ (dB). The curves of OP and IP match



**Fig. 4:** The IP versus  $\Psi$ (dB) with varying  $R_{th}$  and  $\eta = 0.8$ ,  $\lambda_{RR} = 2$ ,  $\rho = 0.5$ .

the Monte Carlo simulation findings exactly, as can be seen. By observing in Fig. 3, an increase in  $\Psi$  will result in a drop in OP performance. Because the higher  $\Psi$  is applied, the higher harvested energy at the relay will be obtained and it leads to the received SINR will be greatly improved when  $\Psi$  is large. Contrary, Fig. 4 showed that the IP performance will likewise increase. This was expected because an eavesdropper is more likely to overhear the message with higher transmission power at S. In both figures, when  $R_{th}$  is decreased, the better OP performance will be claimed and reversed with the IP case. It can be explained that the higher  $R_{th}$  leads to the higher system threshold. In addition, based on the definition of OP and IP as in equations (25) and (34), the ability to successfully decode data at D will be decreased but will be increased at E. This phenomenon can be concluded as the trade-off between OP and IP.

In Fig. 5 and 6, We presented the OP and IP versus  $\lambda_{RR}$  with varying  $\eta$  with fixed parameters  $\rho = 0.5$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{IP} \approx & 1 - \left[ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma_{\text{th}}}{\lambda_{\text{SE}}\Psi}\right) \right] \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2\lambda_{\text{RR}}\eta\rho(\gamma_{\text{th}}+1)} \left[ \frac{\pi}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \sqrt{1-\varphi_n^2} \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. \times \exp\left(\frac{-\varphi_n-1}{2\eta\rho(\gamma_{\text{th}}+1)\lambda_{\text{RR}}}\right) \sqrt{\frac{2\gamma_{\text{th}}(2\gamma_{\text{th}}-2\varphi_n+1)}{\eta\rho\Psi\lambda_{\text{SR}}\lambda_{\text{RE}}(\gamma_{\text{th}}+1)}} K_1\left(\sqrt{\frac{2\gamma_{\text{th}}(2\gamma_{\text{th}}-2\varphi_n+1)}{\eta\rho\Psi\lambda_{\text{SR}}\lambda_{\text{RE}}(\gamma_{\text{th}}+1)}}\right) \right] \right]. \quad (35)
 \end{aligned}$$

Tab. 1: Simulation parameters.

Symbol	Parameter name	Value
$R_{\text{th}}$	Target rate	0.5; 0.75 1(bps/Hz)
$\eta$	EH efficiency	0.5;0.8;1
$\rho$	Power splitting ratio	0.5
$d_{\text{SR}}$	Distance between S and R	1m
$d_{\text{RD}}$	Distance between R and D	1m
$d_{\text{SD}}$	Distance between S and D	2m
$d_{\text{RE}}$	Distance between R and E	1m
$d_{\text{SE}}$	Distance between S and E	1m
$\lambda_{\text{RR}}$	Mean of $ h_{\text{RR}} ^2$	2
$\beta$	Path-loss exponent	2.2
$\Psi$	Transmit power to noise ratio at source	-10 to 30 (dB)

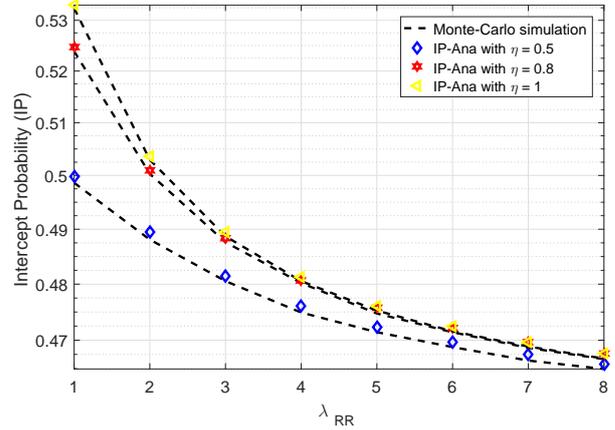


Fig. 6: The IP versus  $\lambda_{\text{RR}}$  with varying  $\eta$  and  $\Psi(\text{dB}) = 1$ ,  $\rho = 0.5$ ,  $R_{\text{th}} = 1$ .

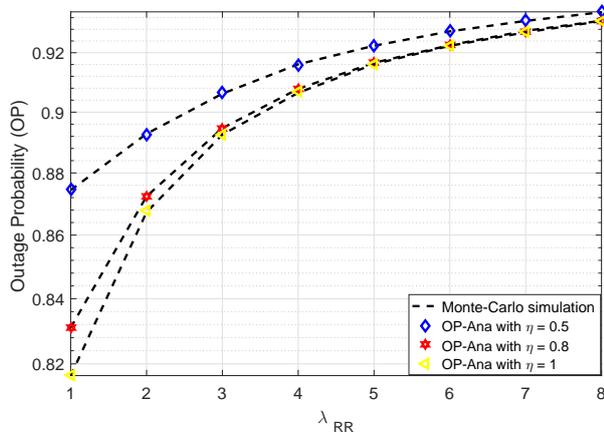


Fig. 5: The OP versus  $\lambda_{\text{RR}}$  with varying  $\eta$  and  $\Psi(\text{dB}) = 1$ ,  $\rho = 0.5$ ,  $R_{\text{th}} = 1$ .

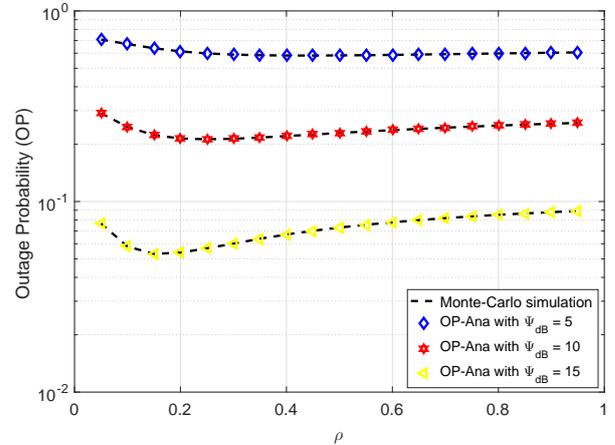
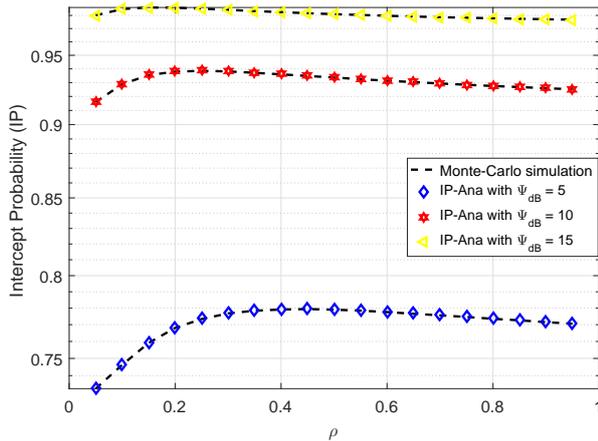


Fig. 7: The OP versus  $\rho$  varying  $\Psi(\text{dB})$  with  $\eta = 0.8$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{RR}}$  and  $R_{\text{th}} = 0.5$ .

$\Psi(\text{dB}) = 1$ ,  $R_{\text{th}} = 1$  (bps/hz). In Fig. 5, the higher  $\lambda_{\text{RR}}$  will increase the OP. The reason is that increasing  $\lambda_{\text{RR}}$  will make (31) to converge 1, so OP in (33) will get worse. However, when the energy efficiency  $\eta$  is increased, the average transmit power of R will be higher and will therefore lead to an improvement in OP. Contrary, when  $\lambda_{\text{RR}}$  is large, it will reduce E's eavesdropping ability, but if we increase  $\eta$ , E's eavesdropping ability also increases significantly. Thus, the possibility of E can overhear information from S and R is also very high.

Finally, Fig. 7 and 8 displayed the OP and IP versus  $\rho$ , with varying  $\Psi(\text{dB})$ , the fix values  $\eta = 0.8$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{RR}} = 2$ , and  $R_{\text{th}} = 0.5$ . The curves of OP and IP match the Monte Carlo simulation findings exactly. The power splitting factor  $\rho$  plays an important role because it affects the portion of the used energy for energy collection and data transmission. As a result, the higher the value of  $\rho$ , the more likely it is to successfully decode the signal at R. However, the received data at the relay will decrease and vice versa. Thus, OP will be resulted in a concave function, hence, OP can obtain



**Fig. 8:** The IP versus  $\rho$  varying  $\Psi(dB)$  with  $\eta = 0.8$ ,  $\lambda_{RR} = 2$  and  $R_{th} = 0.5$ .

the best value at the optimal point of  $\rho$ , and after that the performance deteriorates. By observing in Fig. 7, OP with  $\Psi(dB) = 15$  can obtain the best values respectively at point  $\rho = 0.15$ . So, when the value of  $\rho$  is small, the eavesdropper has a low probability of intercepting the information. When  $\rho$  is higher than the optimal value, the outage performance and system security are worse. Furthermore, the increasing  $\Psi(dB)$  also improved OP but also led to increase eavesdropping as similar discussion in Fig. 3 and 4. Once again, when considering the trade-off between OP and IP, selecting suitable parameters plays an important role to enhance the reliability or prevent the wiretap channel. Therefore, in order for the system to work well, we must accept high levels of eavesdropping information and vice versa.

### 5. Conclusion

In this study, we examined the security and reliability of a DF-FD relay network with the existence of an eavesdropper by using S-ER to improve the EH at the relay. With respect to the OP and IP, we also assessed how well the security-reliability trade-offs performed. Specifically, in Figure 7 OP with  $\Psi(dB) = 15$  can obtain the best values respectively at point  $\rho = 0.15$ . But for the same  $\Psi(dB)$  and  $\rho$  value, in Figure8 IP has a significantly high value. So it can be said that when OP improves, IP also increases significantly. Thus, for the system to operate optimally, we used the trade-off method, which means we will calculate the probability of stopping the user's OP and the probability of intercepting the IP when eavesdropped by eavesdropper. Based on that, we will trade off between OP and IP to have both guaranteed OP and guaranteed IP. Moreover, the accuracy of the analytical formulations and the impact of system settings on network perfor-

mance were confirmed and investigated through the use of Monte Carlo simulation. Especially, compared to other works as in [24], [25] and [41]. The authors only investigated full-duplex or half-duplex relay networks with the source, relay, and destination. They did not consider the existence of eavesdropper in their proposed systems. But, the model which we examine has the appearance of an eavesdropper and at the same time, we also demonstrate the interception probability of the eavesdropper and then set the optimal settings for the system. In the future, we will apply the findings of this work to scenarios including many devices, models with several relays, and the presence of interfering devices. In addition, other transmission channels, including the Rician and Nakagami-m channels, will also be taken into consideration in order to assess system performance in a more realistic manner.

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