

# UAV-Assisted Secure Communications in Terrestrial Cognitive Radio Networks: Joint Power Control and 3D Trajectory Optimization

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**Abstract**—This paper considers secure communications for an underlay cognitive radio network (CRN) in the presence of an external eavesdropper (Eve). The secrecy performance of CRNs is usually limited by the primary receiver's interference power constraint. To overcome this issue, we propose to use an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) as a friendly jammer to interfere Eve in decoding the confidential message from the secondary transmitter. Our goal is to jointly optimize the transmit power and UAV's trajectory in the three-dimensional space to maximize the average achievable secrecy rate of the secondary system. The formulated optimization problem is nonconvex due to the nonconvexity of the objective and non-convexity of constraints, which is very challenging to solve. To obtain a suboptimal but efficient solution to the problem, we first transform the original problem into a more tractable form and develop an iterative algorithm for its solution by leveraging the inner approximation (IA) framework. Combining tools from IA framework and S-procedure, we further extend the proposed algorithm to a more realistic scenario, where the imperfect location information of ground nodes (including Eve, secondary receiver and primary receiver) is considered, resulting in the average worst-case secrecy rate. Extensive numerical results are provided to demonstrate the merits of the proposed algorithms over existing approaches.

**Index Terms**—Cognitive radio networks, unmanned aerial vehicles, inner approximation, trajectory optimization, physical layer security.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Recently, the rapidly increasing number of mobile devices and multimedia services have made radio spectrum scarce and expensive resource [1]–[5]. To exploit spectrum more efficiently, cognitive radio has been widely considered as a promising solution [6], which enables to learn the surrounding context and to adjust the operating parameters, thereby adapting to changes of radio frequency environment. Accordingly, secondary devices are allowed to use the licensed bands simultaneously, making cognitive radio a potential approach for future wireless networks. However, various malicious wireless devices can also opportunistically access the licensed spectrum, which might make cognitive radio networks (CRNs) vulnerable [7]–[11]. For instance, when a secondary transmitter (ST) transmits confidential messages to a secondary receiver (SR), an external eavesdropper (Eve, also known as a passive attacker) probably overhears and intercepts the legitimate transmissions.

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Traditionally, the complexity-based cryptography can be effective when the computational ability of Eves is too restricted to decipher secret key. Nevertheless, Eve's computing power is evolving consistently, while a trust infrastructure for guaranteeing confidential communications is expensive to deploy. To overcome such challenges, physical-layer security (PLS) has been introduced as a potential technique to prevent eavesdropping without a secure cryptographic protocol [12], [13]. The key idea of PLS is to exploit random characteristics of the wireless channel to degrade the Eve's decoding capability. To make the PLS viable, jamming noise (JN) can be embedded at the transmitter and transmitted along with the information signals to degrade the channel quality of Eve [11], [14], [15]. A large effort has been made to bring the PLS a step closer to practice [16]–[19]. However, most of the conventional JN-based schemes are based on the ground jammers at the fixed locations, leading to several major challenges. First, when jammers are set far away from Eves, the effect of JN is significantly reduced, and thus the secrecy rate deteriorates. Second, for JN to be effective, the legitimate transmitter needs to be aware of the channel state information (CSI) between itself and Eve. Since Eves are usually passive, it may not be possible to obtain their instantaneous CSI. Finally, in CRNs, the secrecy performance improvement of the secondary system using JN may also affect the primary system; the interference power to the primary receiver (PR) may exceed the predefined threshold.

In recent years, unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) has attracted significant interest in many applications, such as agriculture, traffic control, military, photography, and package delivery [20]–[24]. PLS can benefit from the application of UAV as well, by making UAV send a JN to Eves. Compared with the on-ground jammer, there are two obvious advantages of UAV-aided JN: *i*) Eve will undergo strong interference due to the line-of-sight (LoS) dominated UAV-Eve channel; *ii*) A UAV operating in the three-dimensional (3D) space at the altitude of a few hundred meters is able to fly to an optimal location to cause interference to the channel between ST and Eve by emitting a friendly JN. Thus, it is expected that UAV-aided JN can provide better secrecy performance as compared to the conventional on-ground jamming.

## A. Related Works

PLS of CRNs has been well studied recently, which dealt with specific security risks due to the broadcasting nature of the wireless transmission media [7]–[11], [25], [26]. In general, these works mainly focused on secure communications for the secondary system [7]–[10] and the primary system [25], [26], where power control is an effective way to control

the interference, assuming that the CSI of the ST-PR links is already known. In [11], a cooperative transmission strategy was proposed to maximize the minimum secrecy rate of the secondary system while satisfying the minimum secrecy rate achievable for the primary system. The common technique used in the above works is to make JN and the desired signal concurrently transmitted at the same transmitter (ST or primary transmitter), which limits the effectiveness of JN. The transmitter needs to be equipped with multiple antennas to perform beamforming; otherwise the legitimate user must have better channel condition than Eve, which is too optimistic in practice. The security performance of ground users in the presence of a ground Eve is improved by using UAV as a mobile relaying [27]. In this work, UAV is assumed to fly with a fixed trajectory, leading to a suboptimal solution. In [28], a UAV is used to transmit a friendly JN with the aim of interfering the channel between ST and Eve, where the security performance of UAV-to-ground communication is maximized by jointly optimizing the UAV trajectory and the transmission power. The authors in [29] proposed a cooperative jamming UAV to enable confidential air-to-ground communications between a mobile UAV and ground nodes, where the user scheduling, UAV's trajectory and the transmit power are jointly optimized to maximize the minimum secrecy rate among ground nodes. In general, the location information of Eves is assumed to be perfectly known [27]–[30]. A practical scenario was considered in [31] in which the location information of Eves is unknown. Notably, the trajectories of UAV in the 3D space were not considered in [31], presumably due to the nonconvexity and complexity of the constraints related to UAV mobility. Moreover, all these works only consider a static scenario in which the location of ground nodes does not change during the communication time.

### B. Main Contribution

In this paper, we study the PLS for CRNs, in which the secure communication of secondary system is guaranteed by using a UAV as a friendly jammer. UAV is controlled to move in a period of time that consists of many intervals, called time slots. Such a time slot is designed to be suitable with the motion characteristics of UAV in the 3D space. We first formulate the average achievable secrecy rate maximization problem over all time slots, where UAV's trajectory and power allocation are jointly optimized under the transmit power constraints, interference power at the PR caused by both UAV and ST, and mobility capability of UAV. The formulated problem is highly nonconvex due to strong coupling between optimization variables, which makes it very challenging to find the globally optimal solution. The existing approaches [28]–[31] mainly utilized the inner convex approximation to tackle subproblems, where each subproblem involves a single optimization variable. These approaches are not applicable to solve the current optimization problem due to the imperfect location information of Eve and the mobility of ground nodes (SR and PR).

To the best of our knowledge, our earlier work in [1] is the first work that aims at improving the secrecy rate

of the on-ground secondary system by using UAV-enabled cooperative JN. Differently from [1], this paper considers the following completely new issues: *i)* We aim at finding the optimal trajectory of UAV in the 3D space instead of the two-dimensional (2D) space, by jointly optimizing its altitude as well as horizontal location; *ii)* Towards a realistic scenario, the imperfect location information of ground nodes (i.e., Eve, SR and PR), is considered, making the problem even more challenging to solve. As a result, the main contributions of the paper are summarized as follows.

- We propose a new model for PLS in CRNs to maximize the average achievable secrecy rate of the secondary system by exploiting UAV-enabled JN.
- We formulate a new optimization problem that jointly optimizes the transmit power and UAV's trajectory subject to the PR's interference power constraint. We first consider the perfect CSI, including Eve, to investigate benefits of our new model, for which an efficient and low-complexity algorithm is proposed. The key idea of our approach is to transform the original nonconvex problem into a more tractable form and then develop new inner approximate (IA) functions of nonconvex parts [32], [33], which guarantee convergence at least to a locally optimal solution.
- Towards more practical applications, the location of ground nodes (SR, PR and Eve) is assumed to be unknown *a priori*. In particular, we consider that the ground nodes are distributed in a circular region with a given radius, and then reformulate the optimization problem considering the worst-case secrecy rate. The main difficulty of this problem is due to the complicated rate functions of both legitimate and wiretap channels. To address this issue, we derive some intermediate results to convert the secrecy rate functions into more tractable forms, which are then convexified by combining tools from IA framework and S-procedure.
- Extensive numerical results are provided to show great performance improvement over existing schemes. Numerical results also confirm the effectiveness of jointly optimizing the altitude of Eve as well as the horizontal location.

### C. Paper Organization and Notation

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. The system model is introduced in Section II. The optimization problems and the proposed algorithms under perfect and imperfect location information of Eve are provided in Section III and Section IV, respectively. Numerical results are given in Section V. Finally, Section VI concludes the paper.

*Notation:* Bold lower and upper case letters denote vectors and matrices, respectively.  $\mathbb{E}\{\cdot\}$  represents the expectation of random variables.  $\nabla$  denotes the gradient of a function. The superscript  $(\cdot)^T$  denotes the transpose of a matrix.  $\mathbf{A} \succeq 0$  indicates that  $\mathbf{A}$  is a positive semidefinite matrix.  $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle$  is the inner product of two vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .  $\ln(X)$  denotes the natural logarithm of  $X$ .

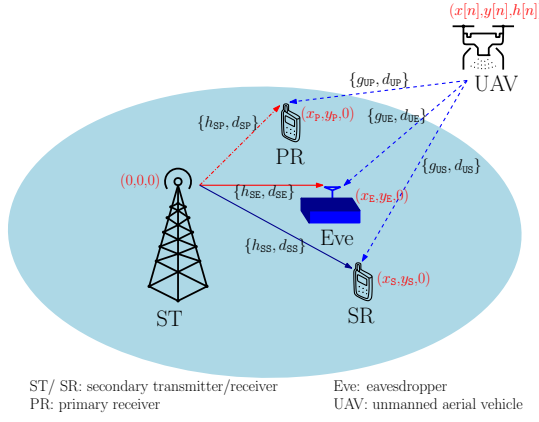


Fig. 1. Illustration of a CRN with a UAV-aided JN and an external Eve.

## II. SYSTEM MODEL

### A. Transmission Model

We consider an on-ground CRN consisting of an ST and an SR in the presence of a PR and an Eve, as illustrated in Fig. 1. Herein, Eve endeavors to intercept and overhear the legitimate transmission between ST and SR in the secondary network. In order to further enhance the PLS of CRN, we propose to use UAV as a friendly jammer to degrade the eavesdropping channel. Let us define the 3D space  $\mathcal{T} \triangleq \{(x, y, z) | x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . The positions of ground nodes (ST, SR, PR and Eve) in the 3D-space model are expressed as  $\mathbf{c}_{ST} \triangleq (0, 0, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{c}_S \triangleq (x_S, y_S, z_S)$ ,  $\mathbf{c}_P \triangleq (x_P, y_P, z_P)$ , and  $\mathbf{c}_E \triangleq (x_E, y_E, z_E)$ , respectively. Herein, the SR, PR and Eve are located on the ground, i.e.,  $z_S = z_P = z_E = 0$ .

The predefined time interval  $T$  of UAV is split into  $N$  time slots of equal length, i.e., the duration of each time slot is given as  $\delta_t = T/N$ . Note that  $N$  must be large enough to guarantee a small interval per time slot, such that in each time slot the UAV's location is almost unchanged. Thus, we define the time-varying horizontal coordinate of UAV as  $\mathbf{c}_U[n] \triangleq (x_U[n], y_U[n], z_U[n])$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathcal{N} \triangleq \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ , where the altitude of UAV is limited in the range  $h^{\min} \leq z_U[n] \leq h^{\max}$ . The UAV is assumed to move from the initial position  $\mathbf{c}_U[0] \triangleq (x_0, y_0, h_0)$  to the final predefined position  $(x_f, y_f, h_f)$ . Furthermore, the maximum velocity constraint can be formulated as  $\|\dot{\mathbf{q}}'_v(t)\| \leq V_{\max}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq T$ , where  $\dot{\mathbf{q}}'_v(t)$  and  $V_{\max}$  are the derivative of the UAV's position with respect to  $t$  and the maximum speed of UAV, respectively. Accordingly, for a small interval of time slot  $\delta_t$ , the mobility constraints of UAV can be expressed as

$$h^{\min} \leq z_U[n] \leq h^{\max}, \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (1a)$$

$$f_d(\mathbf{c}_U[n], \mathbf{c}_U[n-1]) \leq L_{\max}^2, \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (1b)$$

$$\mathbf{c}_U[N] = (x_f, y_f, h_f), \quad (1c)$$

where  $L_{\max} \triangleq V_{\max} \delta_t$  and  $f_d(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \triangleq (x_a - x_b)^2 + (y_a - y_b)^2 + (z_a - z_b)^2$ , with  $\mathbf{a} \triangleq (x_a, y_a, z_a)$  and  $\mathbf{b} \triangleq (x_b, y_b, z_b) \in \mathcal{T}$ .

### B. Achievable Secrecy Rate

We assume that the air-to-ground channels are modeled as LoS channels. The distances between UAV and ground nodes

are calculated as  $d_{ux}[n] \triangleq f_d(\mathbf{c}_x, \mathbf{c}_U[n])$ , for  $\mathbf{x} \in \{\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{E}\}$ . At the time slot  $n$ , the channel gains from the UAV to SR, PR and Eve, denoted by  $g_{US}$ ,  $g_{UP}$  and  $g_{UE}$ , respectively, can be modeled according to the free-space path loss [23], [27]–[31], i.e.,  $g_{ux}[n] = \rho_0(d_{ux}[n])^{-2}$ , where  $\rho_0$  is the channel gain at the reference distance  $d_0 = 1$  m. The terrestrial channels experience quasi-static independent Rayleigh fading [1], [28], [34]. Therefore, the channel gains of the links from the ST to SR, PR and Eve, denoted by  $h_{SP}$ ,  $h_{SS}$  and  $h_{SE}$ , respectively, can be expressed as  $h_{sx} = \rho_0(d_{sx})^{-\varphi} \psi_{sx}$ , where  $d_{sx} \triangleq f_d(\mathbf{c}_x, \mathbf{c}_{ST})$ ;  $\varphi$  and  $\psi_{sx}$  are the path loss exponent and an exponential random variable with unit mean, respectively.

The achievable rates at SR and Eve for decoding the messages from ST at the time slot  $n$  can be expressed as [1], [28]

$$R_S[n] = \mathbb{E}_{h_{SS}} \left\{ \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{p_S[n] h_{SS}}{p_U[n] g_{US}[n] + \sigma^2} \right) \right\}, \quad (2a)$$

$$R_E[n] = \mathbb{E}_{h_{SE}} \left\{ \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{p_S[n] h_{SE}}{p_U[n] g_{UE}[n] + \sigma^2} \right) \right\}, \quad (2b)$$

where  $p_S[n]$  and  $p_U[n]$  are the transmit powers at the ST and UAV, respectively, and  $\sigma^2$  is the power of additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN). For total  $N$  time slots, the average achievable secrecy rate for the secondary system can be expressed as [35]

$$R_{\text{sec}} \triangleq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}} [R_S[n] - R_E[n]]^+, \quad (3)$$

where  $[x]^+ \triangleq \max\{0, x\}$ .

## III. PROPOSED ALGORITHM WITH PERFECT LOCATION INFORMATION OF EAVESDROPPER

In this section, the Eve's location information is assumed to be perfectly known at the transmitters (ST and UAV). This assumption is of interest in some scenarios. For instance, at the beginning of the time interval, both SR and Eve perform handshaking with ST by sending pilot signals. However, only SR is scheduled to be served, while Eve is treated as an untrusted user. In addition, the system performance under the assumption of perfect location information of Eve will act as an upper bound for the practical system, providing a reference of the potential benefit of using UAV-aided JN.

### A. Optimization Problem Formulation

In this paper, the key idea is to exploit the advantage of UAV's mobility in combination with developing an effective power control scheme to enhance the security performance of the secondary system while satisfying the transmit power constraints and the PR's interference power constraint. By defining  $\mathbf{c} \triangleq \{\mathbf{c}_U[n]\}_{n \in \mathcal{N}}$  and  $\mathbf{p} \triangleq \{p_S[n], p_U[n]\}_{n \in \mathcal{N}}$ , the secrecy rate maximization (SRM) problem for the secondary

system is formulated as follows:

$$\underline{P}: \max_{\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{p}} R_{\text{sec}} \quad (4a)$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad (1), \quad (4b)$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}} p_U[n] \leq \bar{P}_U, \quad (4c)$$

$$0 \leq p_U[n] \leq P_U^{\max}, \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (4d)$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}} p_S[n] \leq \bar{P}_S, \quad (4e)$$

$$0 \leq p_S[n] \leq P_S^{\max}, \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (4f)$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{h_{\text{SP}}} \{p_S[n]h_{\text{SP}}\} + p_U[n]g_{\text{UP}}[n] \leq \varepsilon, \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}. \quad (4g)$$

Constraints (4c) and (4d) are the average power and the peak power constraints at UAV, respectively. The average power and the peak power constraints at ST are stated by (4e) and (4f), respectively. Herein, we assume that  $\bar{P}_S \leq P_S^{\max}$  and  $\bar{P}_U \leq P_U^{\max}$ . In (4g), the peak interference power (PIP) at PR caused by ST and UAV in each time slot must be less than a predefined threshold  $\varepsilon$  to guarantee the quality-of-service (QoS) of the primary system, as commonly adopted in [36]–[38]. It is not difficult to see that the objective function (4a) is nonconcave while constraint (4g) is nonconvex. Strong coupling between the optimization variables makes the problem even more challenging to be tackled. Moreover, the objective function may not be addressed directly due to the expectation of the average achievable secrecy rate. In what follows, we first transform problem (4) into a more tractable form by bypassing the expectation functions with respect to the ground channels. Then, a low-complexity iterative algorithm based on IA framework is developed to solve the problem, which yields at least a locally optimal solution.

### B. Tractable Formulation for (4)

In the PLS, it is important to consider a safe design, taking into account the effects of wireless channels. To do so, we derive a lower bound of  $R_S[n]$  and an upper bound of  $R_E[n]$  following the similar developments in [28].

*Lower bound of  $R_S[n]$ :* Let  $X[n] \triangleq \frac{p_S[n]h_{\text{SS}}}{p_U[n]g_{\text{US}}[n] + \sigma^2}$ . Since  $h_{\text{SS}} = \rho_0(d_{\text{SS}})^{-\varphi}\psi_{\text{SS}}$ , we have  $X[n] = \frac{p_S[n]\rho_0(d_{\text{SS}})^{-\varphi}\psi_{\text{SS}}}{p_U[n]g_{\text{US}}[n] + \sigma^2}$ . It is true that  $X[n]$  is an exponentially distributed random variable with parameter  $\lambda_S[n] = d_{\text{SS}}^\varphi / \left( \frac{p_S[n]\rho_0}{p_U[n]g_{\text{US}}[n] + \sigma^2} \right)$ .  $R_S[n]$  in (2a) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} R_S[n] &= \mathbb{E}_{h_{\text{SS}}} \{ \log_2(1 + X[n]) \} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{h_{\text{SS}}} \left\{ \log_2(1 + e^{\ln(X[n])}) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Since  $\log_2(1 + e^x)$  is a convex function [39] and by Jensen's inequality, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} R_S[n] &= \mathbb{E}_{h_{\text{SS}}} \left\{ \log_2(1 + e^{\ln(X[n])}) \right\} \\ &\geq \log_2(1 + e^{\mathbb{E}_{h_{\text{SS}}} \{ \ln(X[n]) \}}), \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where  $\mathbb{E}_{h_{\text{SS}}} \{ \ln(X[n]) \}$  is computed as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{h_{\text{SS}}} \{ \ln(X[n]) \} &= \int_0^\infty \ln(X[n]) \lambda_S[n] e^{-\lambda_S[n]x} dx \\ &= -\ln(\lambda_S[n]) - k, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

with  $k$  being the Euler constant. Substituting (7) into (6), we get

$$R_S[n] \geq R_S^{\text{LB}}[n] \triangleq \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{e^{-k} \gamma_0 d_{\text{SS}}^{-\varphi} p_S[n]}{\gamma_0 d_{\text{US}}^{-2}[n] p_U[n] + 1} \right), \quad (8)$$

where  $\gamma_0 \triangleq \rho_0/\sigma^2$ .

*Upper bound of  $R_E[n]$ :* Since  $h_{\text{SE}} = \rho_0(d_{\text{SE}})^{-\varphi}\psi_{\text{SE}}$ , we have

$$Y[n] \triangleq \frac{p_S[n]h_{\text{SE}}}{p_U[n]g_{\text{UE}}[n] + \sigma^2} = \frac{p_S[n]\rho_0(d_{\text{SE}})^{-\varphi}\psi_{\text{SE}}}{p_U[n]g_{\text{UE}}[n] + \sigma^2}. \quad (9)$$

Similarly to  $X[n]$ ,  $Y[n]$  is also an exponentially distributed random variable with parameter  $\lambda_E[n] = d_{\text{SE}}^\varphi / \left( \frac{p_S[n]\rho_0}{p_U[n]g_{\text{UE}}[n] + \sigma^2} \right)$ . Given that  $\log_2(1 + y)$  is a concave function in  $y$  [39], we obtain the following inequality using Jensen's inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} R_E[n] &= \mathbb{E}_{h_{\text{SE}}} \{ \log_2(1 + Y[n]) \} \\ &\leq \log_2(1 + \mathbb{E}_{h_{\text{SE}}} \{ Y[n] \}) \\ &= R_E^{\text{UB}}[n] \triangleq \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{\gamma_0 d_{\text{SE}}^{-\varphi} p_S[n]}{\gamma_0 d_{\text{UE}}^{-2}[n] p_U[n] + 1} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where  $\mathbb{E}_{h_{\text{SE}}} \{ \ln(Y[n]) \} = 1/\lambda_E[n]$ .

In addition, from the fact that  $\mathbb{E}_{h_{\text{SP}}} \{ p_S[n]h_{\text{SP}} \} = \rho_0 d_{\text{SP}}^{-\varphi} p_S[n]$ , constraint (4g) can be further simplified as

$$\rho_0 d_{\text{SP}}^{-\varphi} p_S[n] + \rho_0 d_{\text{UP}}^{-2}[n] p_U[n] \leq \varepsilon. \quad (11)$$

Simply put, we consider the following safe optimization problem:

$$\underline{P}^{\text{Safe}}: \max_{\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{p}} R_{\text{sec}}^{\text{LB}} \triangleq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}} (R_S^{\text{LB}}[n] - R_E^{\text{UB}}[n]) \quad (12a)$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad (1), (4c) - (4f), (11), \quad (12b)$$

where the operation  $[x]^+$  is ignored since it does not affect the optimal solution. If the objective function is less than zero for any time slot, ST can reduce its transmit power of ST to zero while satisfying constraint (11).

**Remark 1.** Note that problem (12) is considered as a safe design in the sense that its solution is always feasible to problem (4) but not vice versa due to the inequalities in (8) and (10), i.e.,  $R_{\text{sec}} \geq R_{\text{sec}}^{\text{LB}}$ . In the rest of this paper, we will consider the safe optimization problem (12) to provide a lower bound of the average secrecy rate rather than the actual secrecy rate in (4).

### C. Proposed Iterative Algorithm for Solving (12)

We are now ready to apply IA method [32] to approximate the nonconvex problem (12). Before proceeding further, we first introduce new optimization variables  $\mathbf{r} \triangleq$

$\{r_s[n], r_E[n]\}_{n \in \mathcal{N}}$  to rewrite (12) equivalently as

$$\underline{\text{pSafe}}_{\text{Equi}} : \max_{\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}} R_{\text{sec}}^{\text{LB}} \triangleq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}} (r_s[n] - r_E[n]) \quad (13a)$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad (1), (4c) - (4f), (11), \quad (13b)$$

$$R_s^{\text{LB}}[n] \geq r_s[n], \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (13c)$$

$$R_E^{\text{UB}}[n] \leq r_E[n], \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (13d)$$

It can be readily seen that the objective (13a) is a linear function of  $\mathbf{r}$ . In problem (13), nonconvex parts include (11), (13c) and (13d).

Convexity of (13c): By introducing slack variables  $z_s[n]$  and  $t_s[n]$ , (13c) is expressed as

$$(13c) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} R_s^{\text{LB}}[n] \geq \log_2(1 + t_s[n]) \geq r_s[n], & (14a) \\ \frac{e^{-k} \gamma_0 d_{\text{ss}}^{-\varphi} p_s[n]}{\gamma_0 \alpha_s^{-1}[n] p_U[n] + 1} \geq t_s[n], & (14b) \\ \alpha_s[n] \leq f_a(\mathbf{c}_s, \mathbf{c}_U[n]). & (14c) \end{cases}$$

We note that constraints (14a)-(14c) will hold with equality at optimum, leading to an equivalence between (13c) and (14). To avoid the implementation complexity of log function, we apply the first-order approximation to approximate the concave function  $\log_2(1 + t_s[n])$  around the point  $t_s^{(i)}[n]$  [40, Eq. (66)], and thus (14a) is iteratively approximated as

$$R_s^{(i)}[n] \triangleq a(t_s^{(i)}[n]) - b(t_s^{(i)}[n]) \frac{1}{t_s^{(i)}[n]} \geq r_s[n], \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (15)$$

where  $a(t_s^{(i)}[n]) \triangleq \log_2(1 + t_s^{(i)}[n]) + \log_2(e) \frac{t_s^{(i)}[n]}{t_s^{(i)}[n] + 1}$  and  $b(t_s^{(i)}[n]) \triangleq \log_2(e) \frac{(t_s^{(i)}[n])^2}{t_s^{(i)}[n] + 1}$ . Next, we rewrite (14b) as

$$t_s[n] (\gamma_0 p_U[n] + \alpha_s[n]) \leq e^{-k} \gamma_0 d_{\text{ss}}^{-\varphi} p_s[n] \alpha_s[n], \quad (16)$$

and then apply the following inequality [17]:

$$xy \leq 0.5 \left( \frac{y^{(i)}}{x^{(i)}} x^2 + \frac{x^{(i)}}{y^{(i)}} y^2 \right), \quad \text{for } x, y \in \mathbb{R}_+, x^{(i)}, y^{(i)} > 0,$$

to convexify (16) as

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{t_s^{(i)}[n]}{\gamma_0 p_U^{(i)}[n] + \alpha_s^{(i)}[n]} (\gamma_0 p_U[n] + \alpha_s[n])^2 + \\ & \frac{1}{2} \frac{\gamma_0 p_U^{(i)}[n] + \alpha_s^{(i)}[n]}{t_s^{(i)}[n]} t_s^2[n] + \frac{e^{-k} \gamma_0 d_{\text{ss}}^{-\varphi}}{4} (p_s[n] - \alpha_s[n])^2 \\ & \leq \frac{e^{-k} \gamma_0 d_{\text{ss}}^{-\varphi}}{4} ((p_s[n] + \alpha_s[n])^2), \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

For constraint (14c), we note that its right-hand side (RHS) is a quadratic convex function which is useful to apply the first-order approximation. Hence, (14c) can be iteratively replaced by the following linear constraint:

$$\alpha_s[n] \leq f_a^{(i)}(\mathbf{c}_U[n] | \mathbf{c}_s, \mathbf{c}_U^{(i)}[n]), \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (18)$$

where  $f_a^{(i)}(\mathbf{c}_U[n] | \mathbf{c}_s, \mathbf{c}_U^{(i)}[n])$  is the first-order approximation of  $f_a(\mathbf{c}_s, \mathbf{c}_U[n])$  around the point  $\mathbf{c}_U^{(i)}[n]$ , which is defined in (26). It can be seen that (15), (17) and (18) are convex quadratic and linear constraints [39].

Convexity of (13d): For new slack variables  $t_E[n], \alpha_E[n]$  and  $\beta[n]$ , constraint (13d) can be rewritten equivalently as

$$(13d) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} R_E^{\text{UB}}[n] \leq \log_2(1 + t_E[n]) \leq r_E[n], & (19a) \\ \frac{\gamma_0 d_{\text{SE}}^{-\varphi} p_s[n]}{\beta[n] + 1} \leq t_E[n], & (19b) \\ \beta[n] \leq \frac{\gamma_0 p_U[n]}{\alpha_E[n]}, & (19c) \\ f_a(\mathbf{c}_E, \mathbf{c}_U[n]) \leq \alpha_E[n]. & (19d) \end{cases}$$

In (19), except for (19d), other constraints still remain non-convex. Since  $\log_2(1 + t_E[n])$  is a concave function, (19a) is iteratively replaced by

$$\begin{aligned} R_E^{(i)}[n] & \triangleq \log_2(1 + t_E^{(i)}[n]) + \frac{\log_2(e)(t_E[n] - t_E^{(i)}[n])}{1 + t_E^{(i)}[n]} \\ & \leq r_E[n], \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

which is a linear constraint. Similarly to (17), constraint (19b) is approximated around the feasible point  $(p_s^{(i)}[n], \beta^{(i)}[n])$  as

$$\frac{\gamma_0 d_{\text{SE}}^{-\varphi}}{2} \left( \frac{p_s^2[n]}{p_s^{(i)}[n](\beta^{(i)}[n] + 1)} + \frac{p_s^{(i)}[n](\beta^{(i)}[n] + 1)}{(\beta[n] + 1)^2} \right) \leq t_E[n],$$

which can be cast to the following convex constraint:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\gamma_0 d_{\text{SE}}^{-\varphi}}{2} \left( \frac{p_s^2[n]}{p_s^{(i)}[n](\beta^{(i)}[n] + 1)} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{p_s^{(i)}[n]}{2\beta[n] - \beta^{(i)}[n] + 1} \right) \leq t_E[n], \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

In (21), the lower bound of  $(\beta[n] + 1)^2$  is given as  $(\beta^{(i)}[n] + 1)(2\beta[n] - \beta^{(i)}[n] + 1)$  over the trust region  $2\beta[n] - \beta^{(i)}[n] + 1 > 0$ . Constraint (19c) is rewritten as  $\alpha_E[n] \beta[n] \leq \gamma_0 p_U[n]$  and in the same manner as (17), we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\beta^{(i)}[n]}{\alpha_E^{(i)}[n]} \alpha_E^2[n] + \frac{\alpha_E^{(i)}[n]}{\beta^{(i)}[n]} \beta^2[n] \right) \leq \gamma_0 p_U[n], \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}. \quad (22)$$

Convexity of (11): We first reformulate (11) as

$$(11) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \rho_0 d_{\text{SP}}^{-\varphi} p_s[n] + \rho_0 \frac{p_U[n]}{\alpha_P[n]} \leq \varepsilon, & (23a) \\ \alpha_P[n] \leq f_a(\mathbf{c}_P, \mathbf{c}_U[n]) & (23b) \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha_P[n], \forall n$  are slack variables. Similarly to (21), constraint (23a) is iteratively approximated as

$$\rho_0 d_{\text{SP}}^{-\varphi} p_s[n] + \frac{\rho_0}{2} \left[ \frac{p_U^2[n]}{p_U^{(i)}[n] \alpha_P^{(i)}[n]} + \frac{p_U^{(i)}[n]}{2\alpha_P[n] - \alpha_P^{(i)}[n]} \right] \leq \varepsilon. \quad (24)$$

For a given point  $\mathbf{a} = (x_a, y_a, z_a) \in \mathcal{T}$  and optimization variable  $\mathbf{b} = (x_b, y_b, z_b) \in \mathcal{T}$ , constraint (23b) is innerly approximated as

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_P[n] & \leq f_a(\mathbf{c}_P, \mathbf{c}_U^{(i)}[n]) + f_g(\mathbf{c}_U[n] | \mathbf{c}_P, \mathbf{c}_U^{(i)}[n]) \\ & \triangleq f_a^{(i)}(\mathbf{c}_U[n] | \mathbf{c}_P, \mathbf{c}_U^{(i)}[n]), \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$



[31]:

$$(\Delta x_S, \Delta y_S) \in \Xi \triangleq \{(\Delta x_S, \Delta y_S) | \Delta x_S^2 + \Delta y_S^2 \leq Q_S^2\}, \quad (31a)$$

$$(\Delta x_P, \Delta y_P) \in \Xi \triangleq \{(\Delta x_P, \Delta y_P) | \Delta x_P^2 + \Delta y_P^2 \leq Q_P^2\}. \quad (31b)$$

It is reasonable to assume that  $Q_S \leq Q_E$  and  $Q_P \leq Q_E$  since SR and PR are legitimate users.

#### A. Worst-Case Optimization Problem Formulation

Toward a safe design, the worst-case secrecy rate is considered. We first introduce the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.** Consider that the location estimation errors of Eve, SR, and PR are deterministic and bounded:  $(\Delta x_E, \Delta y_E), (\Delta x_S, \Delta y_S), (\Delta x_P, \Delta y_P) \in \Xi$ . By utilizing the formulations presented in Section III-B, we formulate the worst-case secrecy rate of the secondary system [19] at time slot  $n$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{R}_{\text{sec}}[n] = & \min_{(\Delta x_S, \Delta y_S) \in \Xi} R_S^{\text{LB}}(\hat{d}_{\text{SS}}, \hat{d}_{\text{US}}[n]) \\ & - \max_{(\Delta x_E, \Delta y_E) \in \Xi} R_E^{\text{UB}}(\hat{d}_{\text{SE}}, \hat{d}_{\text{UE}}[n]), \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

where  $R_S^{\text{LB}}(\hat{d}_{\text{SS}}, \hat{d}_{\text{US}}[n])$  and  $R_E^{\text{UB}}(\hat{d}_{\text{SE}}, \hat{d}_{\text{UE}}[n])$  are functions of  $(\hat{d}_{\text{SS}}, \hat{d}_{\text{US}}[n])$  and  $(\hat{d}_{\text{SE}}, \hat{d}_{\text{UE}}[n])$ , respectively. Towards a tractable form, the worst-case secrecy rate in (32) is further transformed into a “strict” worst-case secrecy rate:

$$\hat{R}_{\text{sec}}[n] = \min_{(\Delta x_S, \Delta y_S) \in \Xi} \hat{R}_S^{\text{LB}}[n] - \max_{(\Delta x_E, \Delta y_E) \in \Xi} \hat{R}_E^{\text{UB}}[n], \quad (33)$$

where

$$\hat{R}_S^{\text{LB}}[n] \triangleq R_S^{\text{LB}}[n](\hat{d}_{\text{SS}}, \hat{d}_{\text{US}}[n]) = \inf_{\hat{d}_{\text{SS}} \in \mathcal{D}_1} R_S^{\text{LB}}[n](\hat{d}_{\text{SS}}, \hat{d}_{\text{US}}[n]),$$

$$\hat{R}_E^{\text{UB}}[n] \triangleq R_E^{\text{UB}}[n](\hat{d}_{\text{SE}}, \hat{d}_{\text{UE}}[n]) = \sup_{\hat{d}_{\text{SE}} \in \mathcal{D}_2} R_E^{\text{UB}}[n](\hat{d}_{\text{SE}}, \hat{d}_{\text{UE}}[n]),$$

with  $\mathcal{D}_1$  and  $\mathcal{D}_2$  being the sets of distances from ST to SR and Eve, respectively. As illustrated in Fig. 3, the fixed distance  $\hat{d}_{\text{SS}}$  is determined by  $\hat{d}_{\text{SS}} = f_d(\check{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{SR}}, \mathbf{c}_{\text{ST}})$ , where  $\check{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{S}}$  is the farthest geometric point such that  $\check{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{SR}} \in \{\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{SR}} + (\Delta x_S, \Delta y_S) | (\Delta x_S, \Delta y_S) \in \Xi\}$ . The fixed distance  $\hat{d}_{\text{SE}}$  shown in Fig. 4 is given by  $\hat{d}_{\text{SE}} = f_d(\check{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{E}}, \mathbf{c}_{\text{ST}})$ , where  $\check{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{E}}$  is the nearest geometric point such that  $\check{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{E}} \in \{\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{E}} + (\Delta x_E, \Delta y_E) | (\Delta x_E, \Delta y_E) \in \Xi\}$ . Similarly to (32), (11) can be transformed into the “strict” worst-case PIP constraint as

$$f_1[n](\hat{d}_{\text{SP}}) + \max_{(\Delta x_P, \Delta y_P) \in \Xi} f_2[n] \leq \varepsilon, \quad (34)$$

where

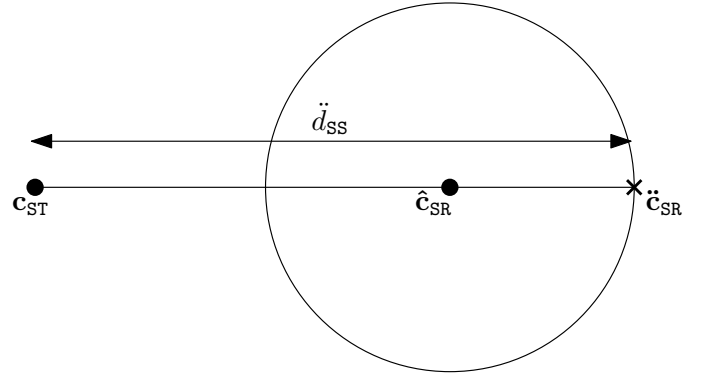
$$f_1[n](\hat{d}_{\text{SP}}) = \sup_{\hat{d}_{\text{SP}} \in \mathcal{D}_3} \rho_0 \hat{d}_{\text{SP}}^{-\alpha} p_S[n],$$

$$f_2[n] = \rho_0 d_{\text{UP}}^{-2}[n] p_U[n],$$

with  $\mathcal{D}_3$  being the set of distance from ST to PR. Fig. 5 shows the fixed distance  $\hat{d}_{\text{SP}} = f_d(\check{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{PR}}, \mathbf{c}_{\text{ST}})$ , where  $\check{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{P}}$  is the nearest geometric point such that  $\check{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{PR}} \in \{\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{PR}} + (\Delta x_P, \Delta y_P) | (\Delta x_P, \Delta y_P) \in \Xi\}$ .

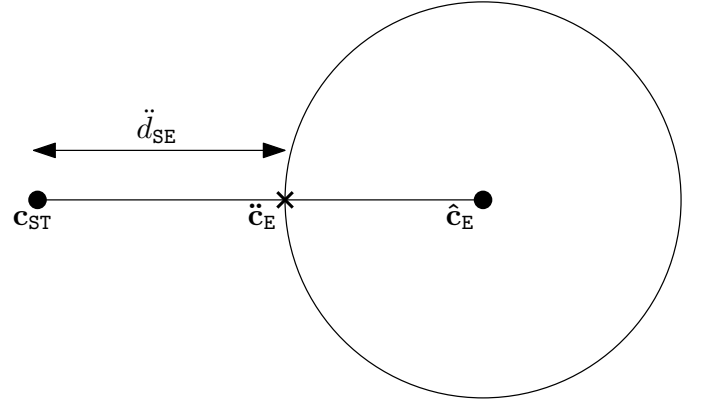
*Proof:* Please see Appendix A. ■

It can be foreseen that this analysis can further reduce the complexity of the optimization problem, since  $\hat{d}_{\text{S}}$ ,  $\hat{d}_{\text{SE}}$  and  $\hat{d}_{\text{SP}}$



$\mathbf{c}_{\text{ST}}$ : secondary transmitter  
 $\check{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{SR}}$ : secondary receiver  
 $\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{SR}}$ : center of circle  
 $\hat{d}_{\text{SS}}$ : longest distance

Fig. 3. The possible location of SR in the “strict” worst-case optimization problem.



$\mathbf{c}_{\text{ST}}$ : secondary transmitter  
 $\check{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{E}}$ : eavesdropper  
 $\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{E}}$ : center of circle  
 $\hat{d}_{\text{SE}}$ : shortest distance

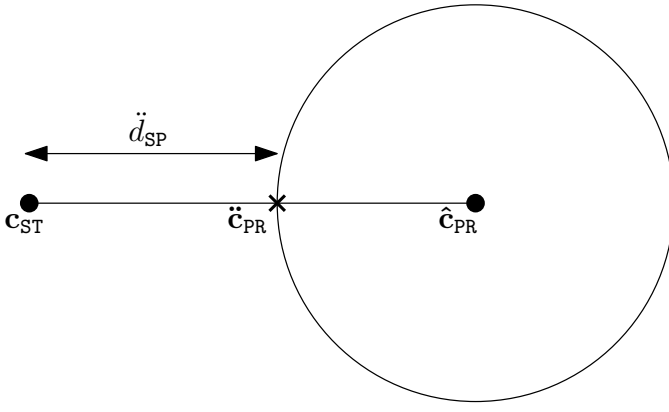
Fig. 4. The possible location of Eve in the “strict” worst-case optimization problem.

are replaced by  $\hat{d}_{\text{S}}$ ,  $\hat{d}_{\text{SE}}$ , and  $\hat{d}_{\text{SP}}$ , respectively. Nevertheless, the property of worst-case secrecy over the set of  $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$  would be strictly remained when addressing  $\hat{d}_{\text{US}}[n]$ ,  $\hat{d}_{\text{UE}}[n]$ , and  $\hat{d}_{\text{UP}}[n]$ . Based on the developments in Section III-B, the average strict worst-case SRM (WC-SRM) problem of CRN is reformulated as

$$\underline{\hat{P}}^{\text{Safe}} : \max_{\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{p}} \hat{R}_{\text{sec}}^{\text{LB}} \triangleq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}} \hat{R}_{\text{sec}}[n] \quad (35a)$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad (1), (4c) - (4f), (34). \quad (35b)$$

It can be seen that (13) and (35) have similar structure and the same set of constraints. However, the objective function of (35) is more complex due to joint optimization under estimation errors, making the problem even more challenging to solve.



$\mathbf{c}_{\text{ST}}$ : secondary transmitter  
 $\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{PR}}$ : primary receiver  
 $\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{PR}}$ : center of circle  
 $\hat{d}_{\text{SP}}$ : shortest distance

Fig. 5. The possible location of PR in the “strict” worst-case optimization problem.

### B. Proposed Iterative Algorithm for Solving (35)

In this section, we reuse all the slack optimization variables introduced in Section III. By following the same steps presented in Section III-C, we arrive at the following safe and approximate optimization problem for the WC-SRM (35):

$$\underset{\mathbf{t}_S, \alpha_{\text{PS}}}{\text{p}_{\text{Appr}}^{\text{Safe}} : \max_{\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}}} \hat{R}_{\text{sec}}^{\text{LB}} \triangleq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}} (r_S[n] - r_E[n]) \quad (36a)$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad (34), \quad (36b)$$

$$(1), (4c) - (4f), \quad (36c)$$

$$\min_{(\Delta x_S, \Delta y_S) \in \Xi} \hat{R}_S^{\text{LB}}[n] \geq r_S[n], \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (36d)$$

$$\max_{(\Delta x_E, \Delta y_E) \in \Xi} \hat{R}_E^{\text{UB}}[n] \leq r_E[n], \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (36e)$$

where  $\mathbf{t}_S \triangleq \{t_S[n]\}_{n \in \mathcal{N}}$  and  $\alpha_{\text{PS}} \triangleq \{\alpha_P[n], \alpha_S[n]\}_{n \in \mathcal{N}}$ . In (36), the objective is now a linear function while constraints (36d), (36e), and (36b) are nonconvex.

Convexity of (36d): Similarly to (14), it can be rewritten as follows:

$$\hat{R}_S^{\text{LB}}[n] \geq \log_2(1 + t_S[n]) \geq r_S[n], \quad (37a)$$

$$(36d) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-k} \gamma_0 \hat{d}_{\text{SS}}^{-\varphi} p_S[n]}{\gamma_0 \alpha_S^{-1}[n] p_U[n] + 1} \geq t_S[n], \\ \min_{(\Delta x_S, \Delta y_S) \in \Xi} f_d(\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{SR}} + (\Delta x_S, \Delta y_S, 0), \mathbf{c}_U[n]) \geq \alpha_S[n]. \end{cases} \quad (37b)$$

$$(37c)$$

Constraint (37a) is iteratively approximated as in (14a). For (37b), it can be convexified by replacing  $d_{\text{SS}}$  in (14b) with  $\hat{d}_{\text{SS}}$

as

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{t_S^{(i)}[n]}{\gamma_0 p_U^{(i)}[n] + \alpha_S^{(i)}[n]} (\gamma_0 p_U[n] + \alpha_S[n])^2 + \\ & \frac{1}{2} \frac{\gamma_0 p_U^{(i)}[n] + \alpha_S^{(i)}[n]}{t_S^{(i)}[n]} t_S^2[n] + \frac{e^{-k} \gamma_0 \hat{d}_{\text{SS}}^{-\varphi}}{4} (p_S[n] - \alpha_S[n])^2 \\ & \leq \frac{e^{-k} \gamma_0 \hat{d}_{\text{SS}}^{-\varphi}}{4} ((p_S[n] + \alpha_S[n])^2), \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}. \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

Since  $\Xi$  is a continuous set of estimation errors, considering all the possible cases of  $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$  is obviously impossible due to extremely high complexity. To overcome this issue, we first reformulate (37c) as follows:

$$(37c) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \Delta x_S^2 + \Delta y_S^2 \leq Q_S^2, \\ f_d(\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{SR}} + (\Delta x_S, \Delta y_S, 0), \mathbf{c}_U[n]) \geq \alpha_S[n]. \end{cases} \quad (39a)$$

$$(39b)$$

To address the nonconvex constraint (39), we introduce the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.** By applying *S-procedure* and *Schur's complement* [39], (39) is transformed into the following convex constraints:

$$f_d^{(i)}(\mathbf{c}_U[n] | \hat{\mathbf{c}}_S, \mathbf{c}_U^{(i)}[n]) - \alpha_S[n] + \theta_S[n] \geq 0, \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (40a)$$

$$\mu_S[n] \geq 0, \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (40b)$$

$$\mathbf{S}_S[n] \succeq \mathbf{0}, \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (40c)$$

where  $\theta_S \triangleq \{\theta_S[n]\}_{n \in \mathcal{N}}$  and  $\mu_S \triangleq \{\mu_S[n]\}_{n \in \mathcal{N}}$  are slack variables, and

$$\mathbf{S}_S[n] \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \mu_S[n] + 1 & 0 & \hat{x}_S - x_U[n] \\ 0 & \mu_S[n] + 1 & \hat{y}_S - y_U[n] \\ \hat{x}_S - x_U[n] & \hat{y}_S - y_U[n] & -Q_S^2 \mu_S[n] - \theta_S[n] \end{bmatrix},$$

$f_d^{(i)}(\mathbf{c}_U[n] | \hat{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{SR}}, \mathbf{c}_U^{(i)}[n])$  is the first-order approximation of  $f_d(\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{\text{SR}}, \mathbf{c}_U[n])$  around the point  $\mathbf{c}_U^{(i)}[n]$ .

*Proof:* Please see Appendix B. ■

Convexity of (36e): Similarly to (19), it follows that

$$\hat{R}_E^{\text{UB}}[n] \leq \log_2(1 + t_E[n]) \leq r_E[n], \quad (41a)$$

$$\frac{\gamma_0 \hat{d}_{\text{SE}}^{-\varphi} p_S[n]}{\beta[n] + 1} \leq t_E[n], \quad (41b)$$

$$(36e) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \beta[n] \leq \frac{\gamma_0 p_U[n]}{\alpha_E[n]}, \\ \max_{(\Delta x_E, \Delta y_E) \in \Xi} f_d(\hat{\mathbf{c}}_E + (\Delta x_E, \Delta y_E, 0), \mathbf{c}_U[n]) \leq \alpha_E[n]. \end{cases} \quad (41c)$$

$$(41d)$$

Constraints (41a) and (41c) are tackled as the same steps in (19a) and (19c), respectively; (41b) can be convexified by replacing  $d_{\text{SE}}$  in (19b) with  $\hat{d}_{\text{SE}}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\gamma_0 \hat{d}_{\text{SE}}^{-\varphi}}{2} \left( \frac{p_S^2[n]}{p_S^{(i)}[n] (\beta^{(i)}[n] + 1)} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{p_S^{(i)}[n]}{2\beta[n] - \beta^{(i)}[n] + 1} \right) \leq t_E[n], \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}. \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

Similarly to (37c), constraint (41d) is reformulated as follows:

$$(41d) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \Delta x_E^2 + \Delta y_E^2 \leq Q_E^2, \\ f_d(\hat{\mathbf{c}}_E + (\Delta x_E, \Delta y_E, 0), \mathbf{c}_U[n]) \leq \alpha_E[n]. \end{cases} \quad (43a)$$

$$(43b)$$



The nonconvex constraint (43) is solved by the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.** *By applying S-procedure and Schur's complement [39], (43) is transformed into the following convex constraints:*

$$f_d(\hat{\mathbf{c}}_E, \mathbf{c}_U[n]) - \alpha_E[n] \leq \theta_E[n], \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (44a)$$

$$\mu_E[n] \geq 0, \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (44b)$$

$$\mathbf{S}_E[n] \succeq \mathbf{0}, \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (44c)$$

where  $\theta_E \triangleq \{\theta_E[n]\}_{n \in \mathcal{N}}$  and  $\mu_E \triangleq \{\mu_E[n]\}_{n \in \mathcal{N}}$  are slack variables, and

$$\mathbf{S}_E[n] \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \mu_E[n] - 1 & 0 & x_U[n] - \hat{x}_E \\ 0 & \mu_E[n] - 1 & y_U[n] - \hat{y}_E \\ x_U[n] - \hat{x}_E & y_U[n] - \hat{y}_E & -Q_E^2 \mu_E[n] - \theta_E[n] \end{bmatrix}.$$

*Proof:* Please see Appendix C. ■

*Convexity of (36b):* Constraint (36b) is formulated as in (19):

$$(36b) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \rho_0 \ddot{d}_{SP}^{-\varphi} p_S[n] + \rho_0 \frac{p_U[n]}{\alpha_P[n]} \leq \varepsilon, \\ \max_{(\Delta x_P, \Delta y_P) \in \Xi} f_d(\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{PR} + (\Delta x_P, \Delta y_P, 0), \mathbf{c}_U[n]) \\ \leq \alpha_P[n]. \end{cases} \quad (45a) \quad (45b)$$

Constraints (45a) is iteratively approximated by replacing  $d_{SP}$  in (23a) with  $\ddot{d}_{SP}$  as

$$\rho_0 \ddot{d}_{SP}^{-\varphi} p_S[n] + \frac{\rho_0}{2} \left[ \frac{p_U^2[n]}{p_U^{(i)}[n] \alpha_P^{(i)}[n]} + \frac{p_U^{(i)}[n]}{2\alpha_P[n] - \alpha_P^{(i)}[n]} \right] \leq \varepsilon, \quad (46)$$

while (45b) can be expressed by the following constraints:

$$(41d) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \Delta x_P^2 + \Delta y_P^2 \leq Q_P^2, \\ f_d(\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{PR} + (\Delta x_P, \Delta y_P, 0), \mathbf{c}_U[n]) \leq \alpha_P[n]. \end{cases} \quad (47a) \quad (47b)$$

Similarly to (43), we tackle the nonconvex constraint (47) by introducing the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.** *By applying S-procedure and Schur's complement [39], (47) is transformed into the following convex constraints:*

$$f_d(\hat{\mathbf{c}}_P, \mathbf{c}_U[n]) - \alpha_P[n] \leq \theta_P[n], \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (48a)$$

$$\mu_P[n] \geq 0, \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (48b)$$

$$\mathbf{S}_P[n] \succeq \mathbf{0}, \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (48c)$$

where  $\theta_P \triangleq \{\theta_P[n]\}_{n \in \mathcal{N}}$  and  $\mu_P \triangleq \{\mu_P[n]\}_{n \in \mathcal{N}}$  are slack variables, and

$$\mathbf{S}_P[n] \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \mu_P[n] - 1 & 0 & x_U[n] - \hat{x}_P \\ 0 & \mu_P[n] - 1 & y_U[n] - \hat{y}_P \\ x_U[n] - \hat{x}_P & y_U[n] - \hat{y}_P & -Q_P^2 \mu_P[n] - \theta_P[n] \end{bmatrix}.$$

follows the same steps.

*Proof:* Please see Appendix C. ■

As summarized in Algorithm 2, the solution of the WC-SRM problem (35) can be found by successively solving a

safe and convex program, of which the approximated problem at iteration  $i + 1$  is expressed as

$$\hat{\mathbf{p}}_{\text{Convex}}^{\text{Safe}} : \max_{\hat{\Psi}} \hat{R}_{\text{sec}}^{\text{LB},(i)} \triangleq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}} (r_S[n] - r_E[n]) \quad (49a)$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad (1), (4c) - (4f), (15), (38), (40), \\ (20), (22), (42), (44), (46), (48), \quad (49b)$$

where  $\hat{\Psi} \triangleq \{\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{t}, \alpha, \beta, \theta, \mu\}$ , and  $\hat{\Psi}^{(i)} \triangleq \{\mathbf{c}^{(i)}, \mathbf{p}^{(i)}, \mathbf{r}^{(i)}, \mathbf{t}^{(i)}, \alpha^{(i)}, \beta^{(i)}, \theta^{(i)}, \mu^{(i)}\}$  are the feasible point for (49) at iteration  $i$ .

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#### Algorithm 2 Proposed Algorithm for Solving (35)

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- 1: **Initialization:** Set  $i := 0$  and generate an initial feasible point  $\hat{\Psi}^{(0)}$  satisfying (49b).
  - 2: **repeat**
  - 3:   Set  $i := i + 1$ ;
  - 4:   Find the optimal solution  $\hat{\Psi}^{(*)}$  by solving (49);
  - 5:   Update  $\hat{\Psi}^{(i)} = \hat{\Psi}^{(i-1)}$ ;
  - 6: **until**  $\frac{\hat{R}_{\text{sec}}^{\text{LB},(i)} - \hat{R}_{\text{sec}}^{\text{LB},(i-1)}}{\hat{R}_{\text{sec}}^{\text{LB},(i-1)}} \leq \epsilon_{\text{tol}}$ .
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*Complexity Analysis:* The optimization problem (49) has  $15N$  real variables and  $22N$  constraints. The complexity required to solve (49) in each iteration of Algorithm 2 is  $\mathcal{O}((22N)^{2.5}(19N)^2 + (22N)^{3.5})$ .

#### C. Convergence Analysis of Algorithms 1 and 2

We can see that the objective values in (27a) and (49a) are non-decreasing with respect to the number of iterations, and the convergence proof for the optimization problems is given in [17, Appendix C]. To be self-contained, we briefly provide the convergence analysis as follows. We can see that the approximations of nonconvex constraints  $\{(11), (13c), (13d)\}$  for problem (12) and  $\{(11), (13c), (36e)\}$  for problem (35) satisfy properties of the IA method given in [32]. This means that the proposed Algorithms 1 and 2 for solving (27) and (49), respectively, generate the sequences of non-decreasing objective values (i.e.,  $R_{\text{sec}}^{\text{LB},(i)} \geq R_{\text{sec}}^{\text{LB},(i-1)}$  and  $\hat{R}_{\text{sec}}^{\text{LB},(i)} \geq \hat{R}_{\text{sec}}^{\text{LB},(i-1)}$ ), which are upper bounded due to the power constraints, leading to a monotonic convergence. At each iteration, the achieved optimal solutions satisfy the Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) conditions of (27) and (49), i.e., step 4 of Algorithms 1 and 2, respectively. By IA principle, the KKT conditions of (27) and (49) are also identical to those of (12) and (35), respectively, once the conditions  $\Psi^{(i)} = \Psi^{(i-1)}$  (in Algorithm 1) and  $\hat{\Psi}^{(i)} = \hat{\Psi}^{(i-1)}$  (in Algorithm 2) are met [32, Theorem 1].

#### V. NUMERICAL RESULTS

We now evaluate the performance of the proposed schemes using computer simulations in the MATLAB environment. The key parameters are given in Table I. The ST, SR and PR are assumed to locate at  $(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $(300, 0, 0)$  and  $(0, 250, 0)$ , respectively. We also assume that UAV flies from the original location at  $(-100, 200, 100)$  to the destination

TABLE I  
SIMULATION PARAMETERS

Parameter	Value
System bandwidth	10 MHz
Path loss exponent, $\varphi$	3
Number of time slots, $N$	500
Channel gain at the reference distance, $\rho_0$	10 dB
Power budget at ST, $P_S^{\max}$	40 dBm
Average power limit at ST, $\bar{P}_S$	$P_S^{\max}/2$
Power budget at UAV, $P_U^{\max}$	4 dBm
Average power limit at UAV, $\bar{P}_U$	$P_U^{\max}/2$
Maximum and minimum altitudes of UAV, $(h^{\max}, h^{\min})$	(150, 50) m
Maximum speed of UAV, $V_{\max}$	10 m/s
Average interference power threshold at PR, $\varepsilon$	-20 dBm
Noise power, $\sigma^2$	-70 dBm
Error tolerance threshold, $\epsilon_{\text{tol}}$	$10^{-4}$

at (500, 200, 100). The other parameters are provided in the captions of the figures. The convex solver SeDuMi is used to solve the convex program.

The results obtained by Algorithms 1 and 2 are labeled as “Proposed scheme (Alg. 1)” and “Proposed scheme (Alg. 2)”, respectively. For comparison purpose, we investigate three benchmark schemes:

- “Fixed power:” In every time slot, ST and UAV transmit their signals with the fixed transmit powers, i.e.,  $\bar{P}_S$  and  $\bar{P}_U$ , respectively, and only the UAV’s trajectory is optimized [28]–[30].
- “Straight line trajectory:” The UAV flies along the straight line from the initial location to the final location, and only the transmit power of ST and UAV is optimized [27], [28], [30].
- “No UAV-aided JN:” We set  $p_U[n] = 0, \forall n$  (i.e., without using UAV-aided JN), which corresponds to the traditional on-ground CRN [28], [30].

The solutions of these schemes can also be obtained by using Algorithms 1 and 2 after some slight modifications.

#### A. Numerical Results for Perfect Location Information of Eve

In this scenario, Eve is placed at (150, 250, 0), which is closer to ST than SR. This unfair setting aims at demonstrating the effectiveness of using UAV-aided JN.

In Fig. 6, the average secrecy rates of different schemes are illustrated versus the time interval,  $T \in [0, 500\text{s}]$ . It is not difficult to see that the average secrecy rate is always less than or equal to zero in the case of “No UAV-aided JN” scheme. The reason is that the ST-SR link has worse channel quality than the ST-Eve link. This result verifies the importance of using UAV-aided JN. The other important observations from the figure are as follows. First, all schemes provide the non-decreasing secrecy rates as  $T$  increases. This is because the larger  $T$  the larger time for UAV to hover over Eve to transmit JN more effectively. Second, from numerical results of the average secrecy rates of “Straight line trajectory” when compared to the “Proposed method (Alg. 1)” and “Fixed power”, we can see that the UAV’s trajectory optimization is highly important, since it can help UAV fly to an optimal location to interfere with the ST-Eve channel. Third, the proposed method always provides the best performance along

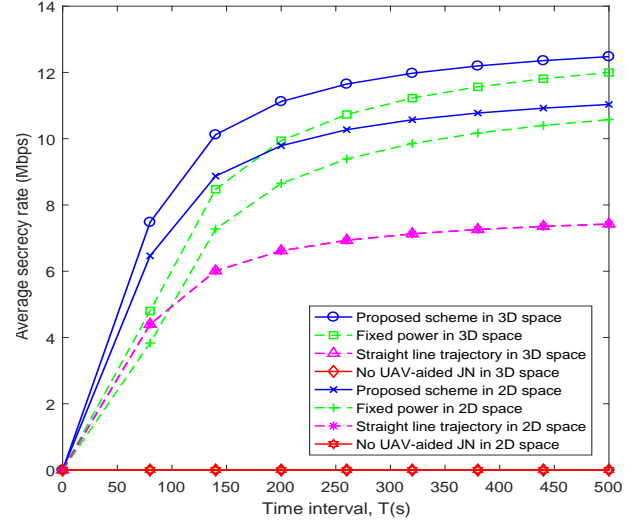


Fig. 6. Average secrecy rate versus time interval  $T$ , with perfect location information of Eve.

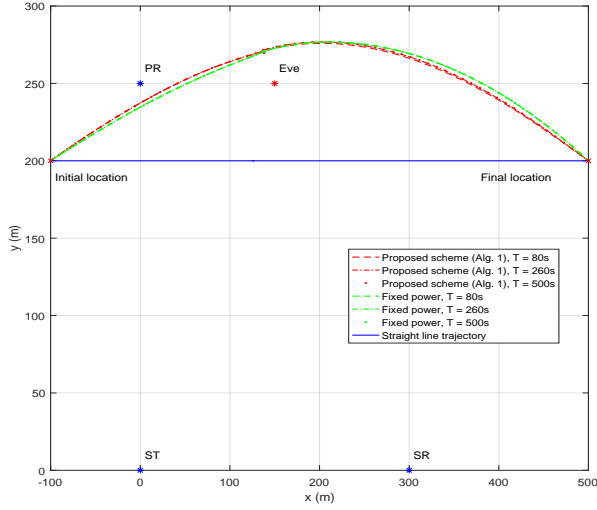
with  $T$ . Finally, the secrecy rate of the proposed scheme in the 3D space is superior to that in the 2D space, and an improvement of almost 2 Mbps is achieved at  $T = 400\text{s}$ .

The trajectories of UAV are depicted in Figs. 7(a) and 7(b) for different schemes with  $T \in \{80\text{s}, 260\text{s}, 500\text{s}\}$  in both the 2D and 3D spaces. Except for “Straight line trajectory”, the other schemes follow similar trajectories, since UAV aims at emitting JN to jam Eve in a short distance (but keep far away from SR to mitigate the interference caused by JN), as long as satisfying the PR’s interference power requirement. Furthermore, the distances between Eve and UAV are defined as a function of  $n$  in Fig. 8. Although the optimal UAV-Eve distance is intuitively 100 m, UAV does not move to the point above Eve directly. To maximize the average secrecy rate, the UAV trajectory is optimized under a tradeoff between the secrecy performance improvement and the amount of undesired interference to SR and PR.

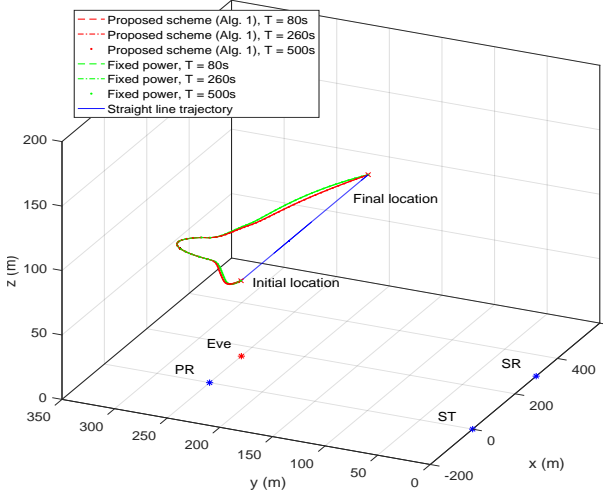
Fig. 9 depicts the secrecy rate of Algorithm 1 per time slot with different values of  $T$  in both the 2D and 3D spaces. One can see that the number of time slots having the positive secrecy rate in the 3D space is much higher than that in the 2D space, which demonstrates the effectiveness of jointly optimizing the UAV’s altitude. This phenomenon can be further confirmed by the results in Fig. 8, where the number of time slots having the optimal UAV-Eve distance in the 3D space is higher than that in the 2D space. Moreover, the secrecy rates reduce to zero at the last time slots. This is because UAV moves closer to SR than Eve at those time slots, and thus, it must stop sending JN.

#### B. Numerical Results for Imperfect Location Information of Eve

We assume that Eve is located in a circular region centered at  $(x_{E_0}, y_{E_0}, h_{E_0}) = (150, 250, 0)$  with the radius  $Q_E = 20$  m. Similarly, we also assume that SR and PR may move in a circular region centered at  $(x_{S_0}, y_{S_0}, h_{S_0}) = (300, 0, 0)$  and



(a) Trajectories of UAV in the 2D space.



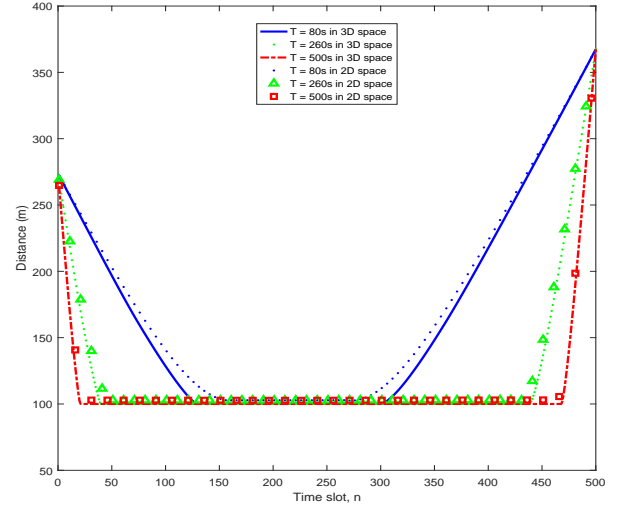
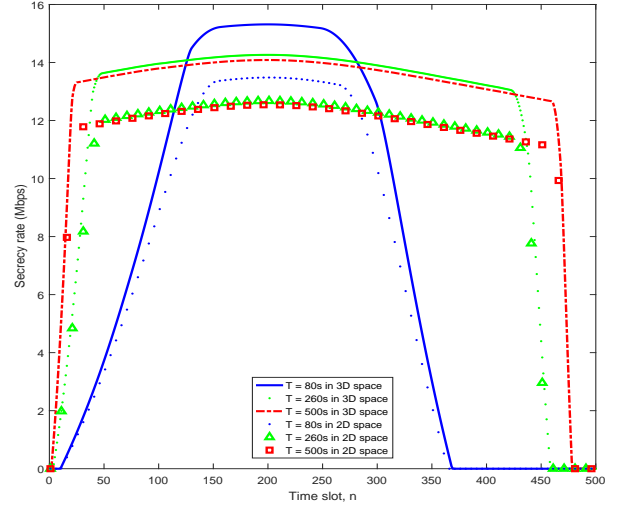
(b) Trajectories of UAV in the 3D space.

Fig. 7. Trajectories of UAV for different schemes with perfect location information of Eve.

$(x_{P_0}, y_{P_0}, h_{P_0}) = (0, 250, 0)$  with the radius  $Q_S = Q_P = 20$  m. The other simulation parameters are the same as before.

We plot the average secrecy rate versus the time interval  $T$  in Fig. 10(a) and the secrecy rate of Algorithm 2 per time slot with different values of  $T$  in Fig. 10(b). Unsurprisingly, the secrecy rate of all schemes is degraded, when compared to the case of perfect location information of Eve. Notably, the performance gaps between 3D and 2D cases are even deeper. In Fig. 10(a), at  $T = 400$ s, the performance gain of 3D over 2D is about 3.5 Mbps, compared to 2 Mbps in Fig. 6. These results confirm the robustness of the proposed scheme against the effect of imperfect location information of Eve. Fig. 11 illustrates the trajectories of UAV in the 2D and 3D spaces, and we recall the discussions presented for Fig. 7.

In Fig. (12), we plot the secrecy rate as a function of  $Q \in [0, 40]$  m. We note that  $Q = 0$  corresponds to the case of perfect location information of Eve. It can be observed that

Fig. 8. UAV-Eve distance per time slot  $n$  during time interval  $T$ , with perfect location information of Eve.Fig. 9. Secrecy rate of Algorithm 1 per time slot  $n$  during time interval  $T$ , with perfect location information of Eve.

the average secrecy rate of all schemes drops quickly when  $Q$  increases. The reasons for these results are two-fold: 1) For a larger  $Q$ , Eve is able to move closer to ST to wiretap confidential messages more effectively; 2) The active region of Eve becomes wider, and thus, the location information of Eve is more difficult to estimate. In this case, the use of UAV-aided JN becomes less effective. Nevertheless, the proposed scheme still achieves the best secrecy rate by jointly optimizing the transmit power and UAV's trajectory in the 3D space.

### C. Convergence Behavior of Algorithms 1 and 2

The convergence behavior of Algorithms 1 and 2 is shown in Fig. 13, where the convergence condition is set as  $\epsilon_{\text{tol}} = 10^{-4}$ . One can see that the proposed Algorithms monotonically improve the secrecy rate after every iteration, since the optimization variables are adjusted to find a better solution for next iterations. Intuitively, Algorithms 1 and 2 require only

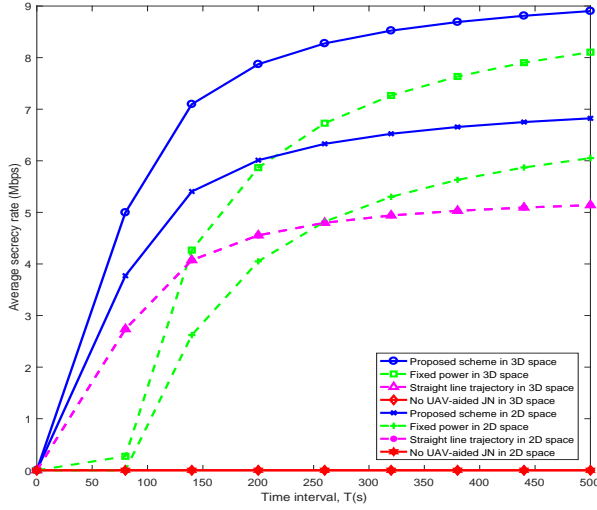
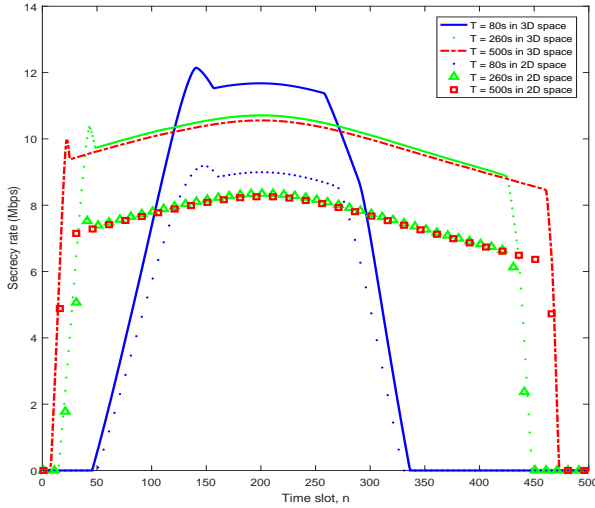
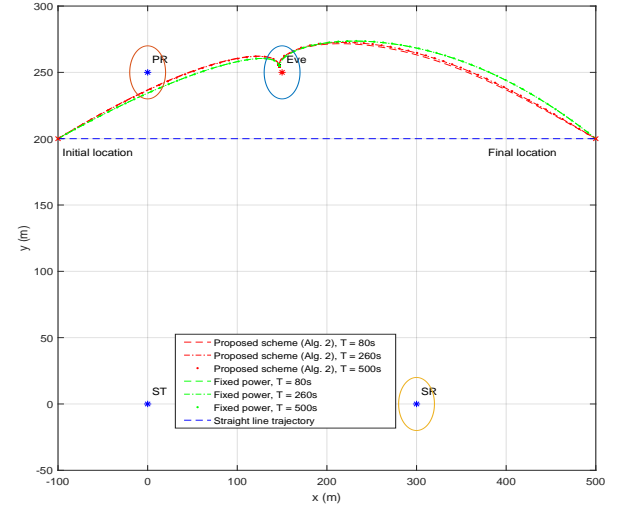
(a) Average secrecy rate versus the time interval  $T$ .(b) Secrecy rate of Algorithm 2 per time slots  $n$  during time interval  $T$ .

Fig. 10. Secrecy rates with imperfect location information of Eve.

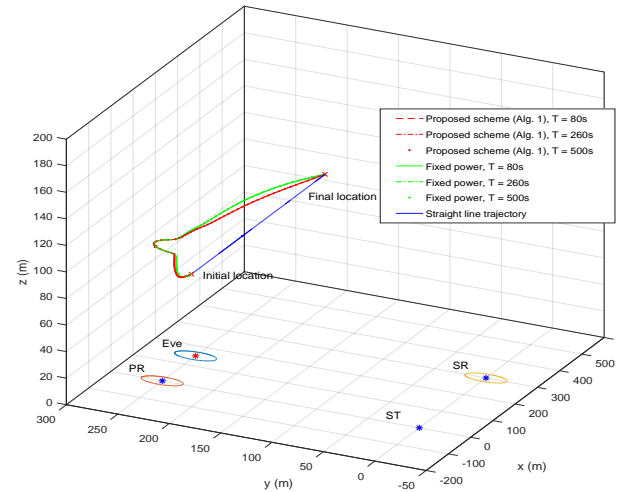
about 8 iterations to obtain the maximum secrecy rates, which are also typical for other settings.

## VI. CONCLUSION

This paper studied the optimization problems of maximizing the average secrecy rate of the secondary system, where a UAV is deployed to transmit JN for interfering the ST-Eve channel in both perfect and imperfect location information of Eve. The problems under the power constraints and the PR's interference power threshold were formulated as nonconvex optimization problems. To address these problems, we first derived new nonconvex problems but with more tractable forms, and then applied IA-based method to develop low-complexity iterative algorithms for their solutions. Numerical results confirmed fast convergence of the proposed algorithms and significant performance improvement over existing schemes. They also revealed that joint optimization of UAV's altitude (in 3D space) provides robustness against the effect of imperfect



(a) Trajectories of UAV in the 2D space.



(b) Trajectories of UAV in the 3D space.

Fig. 11. Trajectories of UAV for different schemes with imperfect location information of Eve.

location information of Eve. The results developed in this work open several interesting future works: *i*) Novel optimization algorithms for a general cognitive radio system with multiple Eves and PRs; and *ii*) Swarm intelligence-based approaches for the coordination of multiple UAVs. In addition, it would be interesting to develop machine learning-based solutions to support flexible and real-time decision making.

## APPENDIX A PROOF OF LEMMA 1

The worst-case secrecy rate can be written as

$$\hat{R}_{\text{sec}}[n] = \min_{(\Delta x_s, \Delta y_s) \in \Xi} R_s[n] - \max_{(\Delta x_e, \Delta y_e) \in \Xi} R_e[n]. \quad (50)$$

Similarly to (8) and (10),  $R_s[n]$  and  $R_e[n]$  can be safely derived as

$$\hat{R}_{\text{sec}}[n] = \min_{(\Delta x_s, \Delta y_s) \in \Xi} \hat{R}_s^{\text{LB}}[n] - \max_{(\Delta x_e, \Delta y_e) \in \Xi} \hat{R}_e^{\text{UB}}[n], \quad (51)$$

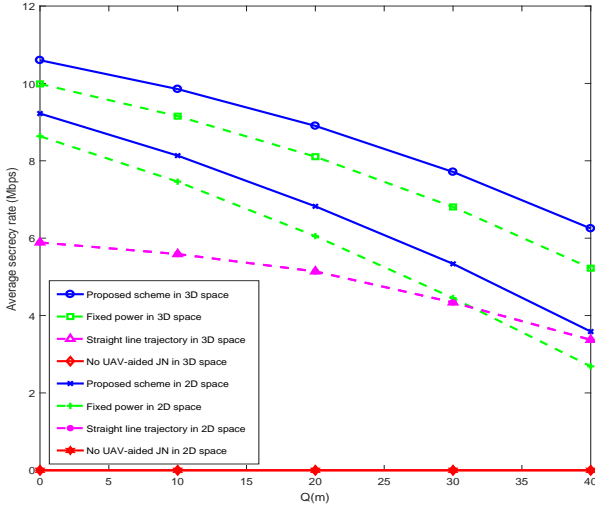


Fig. 12. Average secrecy rate of different schemes versus  $Q_E$ .

where  $R_S^{LB}[n]$  and  $R_E^{UB}[n]$  are given in (8) and (10), respectively. Considering  $(\hat{d}_{SS}, \hat{d}_{US}[n])$  and  $(\hat{d}_{SE}, \hat{d}_{UE}[n])$ ,  $R_S^{LB}[n]$  and  $R_E^{UB}[n]$  can be rewritten as

$$R_S[n] \geq R_S^{LB}[n](\hat{d}_{SS}, \hat{d}_{US}[n]) = \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{e^{-k} \gamma_0 \hat{d}_{SS}^{-\varphi} p_S[n]}{\gamma_0 \hat{d}_{US}^{-2}[n] p_U[n] + 1} \right), \quad (52a)$$

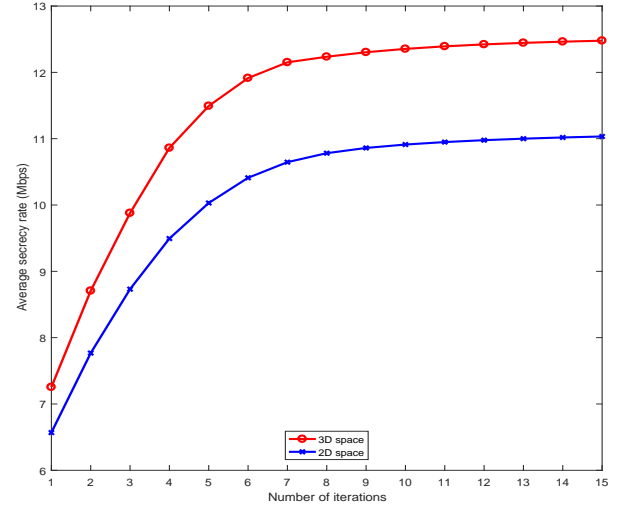
$$R_E[n] \leq R_E^{UB}[n](\hat{d}_{SE}, \hat{d}_{UE}[n]) = \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{\gamma_0 \hat{d}_{SE}^{-\varphi} p_S[n]}{\gamma_0 \hat{d}_{UE}^{-2}[n] p_U[n] + 1} \right). \quad (52b)$$

Differently from the case of the perfect location information,  $\hat{d}_{SS}$  and  $\hat{d}_{SE}$  are also optimization variables of  $R_S^{LB}[n]$  and  $R_E^{UB}[n]$ , respectively. However, the joint optimization with  $\hat{d}_{SS}$  and  $\hat{d}_{SE}$  will make the optimization problem very complex. To reduce the complexity of the problem, an infimum of  $R_S^{LB}[n](\hat{d}_{SS}, \hat{d}_{US}[n])$  over  $\hat{d}_{SS}$  and a supremum of  $R_E^{UB}[n](\hat{d}_{SE}, \hat{d}_{UE}[n])$  over  $\hat{d}_{SE}$  are respectively considered as follows:

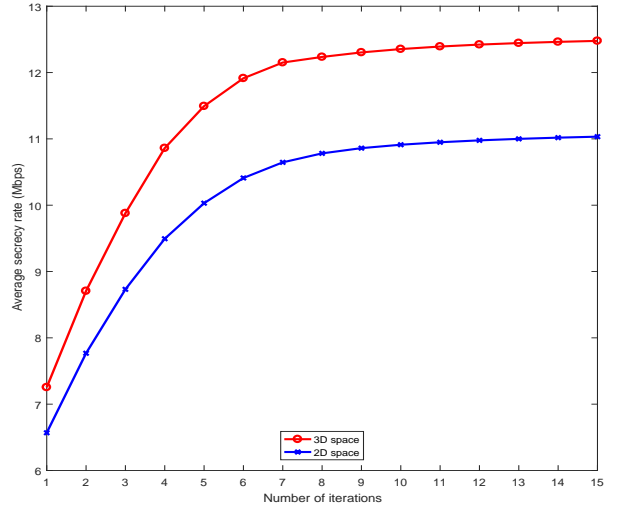
$$R_S^{LB}[n](\hat{d}_{SS}, \hat{d}_{US}[n]) = \inf_{\hat{d}_{SS} \in \mathcal{D}_1} R_S^{LB}[n](\hat{d}_{SS}, \hat{d}_{US}[n]), \quad (53a)$$

$$R_E^{UB}[n](\hat{d}_{SE}, \hat{d}_{UE}[n]) = \sup_{\hat{d}_{SE} \in \mathcal{D}_2} R_E^{UB}[n](\hat{d}_{SE}, \hat{d}_{UE}[n]), \quad (53b)$$

where  $\mathcal{D}_1$  and  $\mathcal{D}_2$  are the sets of distances from ST to SR and from ST to Eve, respectively;  $\hat{d}_{SS}$  is the longest distance between ST and a possible location of SR, denoted by  $\check{\mathbf{c}}_{SR}$ , such that  $\check{\mathbf{c}}_{SR} \in \mathcal{C}_{SR} \triangleq \{\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{SR} + (\Delta x_S, \Delta y_S, 0) | (\Delta x_S, \Delta y_S) \in \Xi\}$ , while  $\hat{d}_{SE}$  denotes the shortest distance between ST and a possible location of Eve, denoted by  $\check{\mathbf{c}}_E$ , such that  $\check{\mathbf{c}}_E \in \mathcal{C}_E \triangleq \{\hat{\mathbf{c}}_E + (\Delta x_E, \Delta y_E, 0) | (\Delta x_E, \Delta y_E) \in \Xi\}$ . Notably, the expression in (52) indicates that the infimum of  $R_S^{LB}[n](\hat{d}_{SS}, \hat{d}_{US}[n])$  over  $\hat{d}_{SS}$  and the supremum of  $R_E^{UB}[n](\hat{d}_{SE}, \hat{d}_{UE}[n])$  over  $\hat{d}_{SE}$  can be obtained by finding the minimum distance of  $\hat{d}_{SS}$  and  $\hat{d}_{SE}$  corresponding to  $\hat{d}_{SS}$  and  $\hat{d}_{SE}$ , respectively. In particular, based on geometric property,  $\check{\mathbf{c}}_{SR}$  can be easily determined



(a) Algorithm 1.



(b) Algorithm 2.

Fig. 13. Typical convergence behaviors of Algorithms 1 and 2 for  $T = 500s$ .

as in Fig. 3, while satisfying the condition in (53a). Similarly,  $\check{\mathbf{c}}_E$  is determined as in Fig. 4, and it also satisfies the condition in (53b). Finally,  $\hat{d}_{SS}$  and  $\hat{d}_{SE}$  can be calculated as  $\hat{d}_{SS} = f_d(\check{\mathbf{c}}_{SR}, \mathbf{c}_{ST})$  and  $\hat{d}_{SE} = f_d(\check{\mathbf{c}}_E, \mathbf{c}_{ST})$ , respectively.

We should note that  $\hat{d}_{SS}$  and  $\hat{d}_{US}[n]$  are not independent of the SR's location  $\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{SR}$ . This leads to the fact that the infimum of  $R_S^{LB}[n](\hat{d}_{SS}, \hat{d}_{US}[n])$  cannot be determined only over the set of  $\hat{d}_{SS}$ . In addition, there is no basis to say that when SR is located at  $\check{\mathbf{c}}_{SR}$  as shown in Fig. 3, we can obtain the average worst-case secrecy rate. However, with a fixed point  $\check{\mathbf{c}}_{SR}$ , we can compute  $\hat{d}_{SS} \equiv \max_{\hat{d}_{SS} \in \mathcal{D}_1} \{\hat{d}_{SS}\}$ , and then, obtain a lower bound of  $R_S^{LB}[n](\hat{d}_{SS}, \hat{d}_{US}[n])$  regardless of a location of SR, i.e.,  $R_S^{LB}[n](\hat{d}_{SS}, \hat{d}_{US}[n]) \leq R_S^{LB}[n](\hat{d}_{SS}, \hat{d}_{US}[n])$ . Similarly, we can obtain an upper bound of  $R_E^{UB}[n](\hat{d}_{SE}, \hat{d}_{UE}[n])$  regardless of a real location of Eve. As a result, the strict worst-case objective function is derived as in (33).

APPENDIX B  
PROOF OF LEMMA 2

We rewrite constraint (39) as

$$(39) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_S \\ \Delta y_S \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_S \\ \Delta y_S \end{bmatrix} - Q_S^2 \leq 0, \\ f_d(\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{SR} + (\Delta x_S, \Delta y_S, 0), \mathbf{c}_U[n]) \geq \alpha_S[n], \end{cases} \quad (54a)$$

$$(54b)$$

which is equivalent to the following constraints:

$$(62) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_S \\ \Delta y_S \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_S \\ \Delta y_S \end{bmatrix} - Q_S^2 \leq 0, \\ \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_S \\ \Delta y_S \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_S \\ \Delta y_S \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} x_U[n] - \hat{x}_S \\ y_U[n] - \hat{y}_S \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_S \\ \Delta y_S \end{bmatrix} \\ + f_d(\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{SR}, \mathbf{c}_U[n]) - \alpha_S[n] \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (55a)$$

$$(55b)$$

We first introduce  $\theta_S[n]$  such that

$$f_d(\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{SR}, \mathbf{c}_U[n]) - \alpha_S[n] + \theta_S[n] \geq 0, \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (56)$$

By using the first-order approximation, we next transform (56) into the convex constraint as

$$f_d^{(i)}(\mathbf{c}_U[n] | \hat{\mathbf{c}}_{SR}, \mathbf{c}_U^{(i)}[n]) - \alpha_S[n] + \theta_S[n] \geq 0, \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (57)$$

and applying  $S$ -procedure [31], [39] to (55), there exists

$$\mu_S[n] \geq 0, \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (58)$$

such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & (x_U[n] - \hat{x}_S) \\ ((x_U[n] - \hat{x}_S) & (y_U[n] - \hat{y}_S)) \\ (y_U[n] - \hat{y}_S) & \theta_S[n] \end{bmatrix} \preceq \mu_S[n] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -Q_S^2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (59)$$

Although (59) is still intractable, we can apply Schur's complement [41] to transform (59) into the convex constraint as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & x_U[n] - \hat{x}_S \\ 0 & 1 & y_U[n] - \hat{y}_S \\ x_U[n] - \hat{x}_S & y_U[n] - \hat{y}_S & \theta_S[n] \end{bmatrix} \preceq \mu_S[n] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -Q_S^2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (60)$$

which is equivalent to

$$\mathbf{S}_S[n] \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \mu_S[n] + 1 & 0 & \hat{x}_S - x_U[n] \\ 0 & \mu_S[n] + 1 & \hat{y}_S - y_U[n] \\ \hat{x}_S - x_U[n] & \hat{y}_S - y_U[n] & -Q_S^2 \mu_S[n] - \theta_S[n] \end{bmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{0}. \quad (61)$$

We can observe that constraints (57), (58) and (61) are convex, and thus, the proof is completed.

APPENDIX C  
PROOF OF LEMMA 3, 4

Constraint (43) can be rewritten as

$$(43) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_E \\ \Delta y_E \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_E \\ \Delta y_E \end{bmatrix} - Q_E^2 \leq 0, \\ f_d(\hat{\mathbf{c}}_E + (\Delta x_E, \Delta y_E, 0), \mathbf{c}_U[n]) \leq \alpha_E[n], \end{cases} \quad (62a)$$

$$(62b)$$

which is equivalent to the following constraints:

$$(62) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_E \\ \Delta y_E \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_E \\ \Delta y_E \end{bmatrix} - Q_E^2 \leq 0, \\ \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_E \\ \Delta y_E \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_E \\ \Delta y_E \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} x_U[n] - \hat{x}_E \\ y_U[n] - \hat{y}_E \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_E \\ \Delta y_E \end{bmatrix} \\ + f_d(\hat{\mathbf{c}}_E, \mathbf{c}_U[n]) - \alpha_E[n] \leq 0. \end{cases} \quad (63a)$$

$$(63b)$$

By introducing  $\theta_E[n]$  such that

$$f_d(\hat{\mathbf{c}}_E, \mathbf{c}_U[n]) - \alpha_E[n] \leq \theta_E[n], \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (64)$$

and applying  $S$ -procedure [31], [39] to (63), there exists

$$\mu_E[n] \geq 0, \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (65)$$

such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & (\hat{x}_E - x_U[n]) \\ ((\hat{x}_E - x_U[n]) & (\hat{y}_E - y_U[n])) \\ (\hat{y}_E - y_U[n]) & \theta_E[n] \end{bmatrix} \preceq \mu_E[n] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -Q_E^2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (66)$$

Although (66) is still intractable, we can apply Schur's complement [41] to transform (66) into the convex constraint as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \hat{x}_E - x_U[n] \\ 0 & 1 & \hat{y}_E - y_U[n] \\ \hat{x}_E - x_U[n] & \hat{y}_E - y_U[n] & \theta_E[n] \end{bmatrix} \preceq \mu_E[n] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -Q_E^2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (67)$$

which is equivalent to

$$\mathbf{S}_E[n] \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \mu_E[n] - 1 & 0 & x_U[n] - \hat{x}_E \\ 0 & \mu_E[n] - 1 & y_U[n] - \hat{y}_E \\ x_U[n] - \hat{x}_E & y_U[n] - \hat{y}_E & -Q_E^2 \mu_E[n] - \theta_E[n] \end{bmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{0}. \quad (68)$$

It is true that constraints (64), (65) and (68) are convex, and thus, the proof is completed.

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