

# Throughput Enhancement in FD- and SWIPT-enabled IoT Networks over Non-Identical Rayleigh Fading Channels

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**Abstract**—Simultaneous wireless information and power transfer (SWIPT) and full-duplex (FD) communications have emerged as prominent technologies in overcoming the limited energy resources in Internet-of-Things (IoT) networks and improving their spectral efficiency (SE). The article investigates the outage and throughput performance for a decode-and-forward (DF) relay SWIPT system, which consists of one source, multiple relays, and one destination. The relay nodes in this system can harvest energy from the source's signal and operate in FD mode. A sub-optimal, low-complexity, yet efficient relay selection scheme is also proposed. Specifically, a single relay is selected to convey information from a source to a destination so that it achieves the best channel from the source to the relays. An analysis of outage probability (OP) and throughput performed on two relaying strategies, termed static power splitting-based relaying (SPSR) and optimal dynamic power splitting-based relaying (ODPSR), is presented. Notably, we considered independent and non-identically distributed (i.n.i.d.) Rayleigh fading channels, which pose new challenges in obtaining analytical expressions. In this context, we derived exact closed-form expressions of the OP and throughput of both SPSR and ODPSR schemes. We also obtained the optimal power splitting ratio of ODPSR for maximizing the achievable capacity at the destination. Finally, we present extensive numerical and simulation results to confirm our analytical findings. Both simulation and analytical results show the superiority of ODPSR over SPSR.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The Internet of things (IoT) has received substantial attention from academia and industry because it is a promising communications paradigm which can potentially boost the quality of life with advances in smart transportation, manufacturing, smart cities, energy, health care, agriculture, and retail [1]–[3]. Particularly, IoT plays an important key role in fifth generation and beyond, i.e., sixth-generation (6G) systems [4]. Besides many advantages, IoT users usually have limited energy budgets due to their mobility nature and use in remote working environments. Moreover, the explosive increase of resource-intensive IoT applications such as multi-view video construction, augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), and interactive gaming imposes more stringent demands on energy consumption and can significantly reduce the device lifetime. Fortunately, energy harvesting (EH) is a promising solution to overcome the aforementioned problems in IoT networks. In contrast to environmental energy sources such as solar [5] and wind, radio frequency (RF) EH is potential because of its manageability and predictability [6], [7].

RF EH techniques can be divided into wireless power transfer (WPT) [8]–[11] and simultaneous wireless information and power transfer (SWIPT) categories. The main distinction between WPT and SWIPT is that the transmitter's RF signals carry only power in WPT, while it can carry both information and power concurrently in SWIPT. Therefore, SWIPT brings more utilities than WPT but also presents more design challenges since it needs to allocate the harvested energy and information transmission to IoT users. Varshney [12] originated the SWIPT concept and Pulkit Grover and Anant Sahai [13] extended the work to frequency-selective channels with additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN). Nevertheless, [12] and [13] only provided theoretical limits, which was impractical because the electric circuit used to harvest energy from an RF signal could not decode the carried information. To overcome the limitations in [12] and [13], Zhang and Ho [14] proposed two practical receiver designs, termed time switching (TS) and static power splitting (SPS), to schedule the wireless power

transfer (WPT) and wireless information transfer (WIT) at the EH receiver.

Recently, extensive studies have been performed to investigate SWIPT with cooperative relaying communications since the SWIPT relay network can improve the communication range and provide power to energy-restricted users. Moreover, the benefits of SWIPT in communication networks have been thoroughly discussed in [15]. The SWIPT relay network can be divided into two types: time switching (TS)-based relaying [16]–[18] and power splitting (PS)-based relaying [19]–[25]. Specifically, Nasir et al. [16] proposed TS-based EH and information transmission (IT) protocols with continuous-time EH and discrete-time EH modes at the relay. They then derived the analytical expressions in terms of throughput for the proposed protocols. Focusing on the TS architecture, the authors in [17] proposed novel relaying protocols based on adaptive TS for amplify-and-forward (AF) and decode-and-forward (DF) modes. In contrast to the studies in [16] and [17], which only considered a simple static TS structure, [18] divided the total time  $T$  into  $N$  equal time slots and optimized the TS factor in all time slots. Making use of a PS-based EH receiver architecture, a novel system model in which a massive multi-input multi-output (MIMO) two-way relaying system with a PS relay was considered in [19]. By taking into account the Nakagami- $m$  and Rayleigh fading channel, Tan et al. [20] analyzed the performance analysis of user selection protocols with PS-based EH. Differently from [19] and [20], which only considered a static PS factor, [21] and [22] designed relay selection schemes based on an optimal dynamic PS ratio. While [19]–[22] only considered TS- or PS-based relaying schemes, [23] and [24] investigated a two-way half-duplex hybrid time-switching and power-splitting (HTPSR) relay network which leveraged the advantages of both TS and PS protocols. Besides, Liu et al [25] aimed to maximize the 5G and IoT transmission rate and the total power consumption by jointly optimizing time/power allocation factors and transmit powers. In [26], the authors proposed a practical non-linear EH model in SWIPT systems, where they aimed to maximize the total harvested energy at the EH receivers according to the minimum demanded signal-to-interference-plus-noise ratios at the information receivers.

The above works on SWIPT relay networks are discussed in the context of half-duplex (HD) scenarios in which half of the time or frequency resources are wasted [27]. However, advances in self-interference cancellation (SIC) techniques achieve more than 110 dB reduction of self-interference [28]–[31]. Therefore, full-duplex (FD) communication may be considered a potential spectral efficiency (SE) enhancement technique for future 5G/6G systems [32], [33]. The combination of SWIPT techniques and FD for cooperative relaying systems was studied in [34]–[39]. Tan et al. [34] investigated a DF FD adaptive relaying network over a Rician fading environment with SWIPT. Specifically, in the first time slot, the relay harvested energy from the source node. In the second time slot, a portion of power was used for EH in combination with the PS method, and the other portion was scheduled for relaying data from the

source to destination. The integration of physical layer security together with FD and SWIPT was studied in [35], [36]. In [35], the secrecy sum rate maximization problem for OFDMA with PS-SWIPT and TDMA with TS-SWIPT under perfect and imperfect CSI was investigated. In [36], sum-information-transmission-rate-maximization (SITRM) and fairness-aware-SITRM problems were studied, whereas multiple eavesdroppers could overhear information from the FD base station and FD users. An accumulated loopback self-interference (ALSI) under the AF protocol in a two-way FD relaying system with SWIPT was first proposed and investigated in [37]. In [38], self-energy recycling was applied to improve the network performance of an FD wireless-powered AF relaying system.

Note that for simplicity, all the aforementioned works on FD SWIPT relay systems [34]–[39] only consider traditional independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) fading channels. Moreover, few works apply an independent and non-identically distributed (i.n.i.d.) fading model because of the difficulty in obtaining the closed-form expressions. Motivated by these observations, our work presents a generalized FD SWIPT relay network which models the transmission channels with i.n.i.d. Rayleigh fading. The main contributions of this work can be summarized as follows:

- We propose and thoroughly study the benefits of two cooperative relaying schemes: (i) static power splitting-based relaying (SPSR); (ii) optimal dynamic power splitting-based relaying (ODPSR).
- To the best of our knowledge, this is the first work which obtains closed-form expressions for the outage probability (OP) and system throughput in DF-based FD SWIPT cooperative networks over non-identical fading channels. This is particularly challenging since the mathematical analysis involves many random variables and the model channel uses i.n.i.d. Rayleigh fading, thereby complicating derivation.
- We present a mathematical analysis for the optimal value of the power splitting ratio  $\rho^*$  to maximize the destination's capacity, i.e.,  $C_{DF}$ . Specifically, since we consider the DF protocol, the  $\rho^*$  can be obtained by equalizing the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) on the first and second hop. Notably,  $\rho^*$  is achieved before data transmission begins.
- Our analytical expressions are corroborated through Monte Carlo simulations. The simulation results show the superiority of ODPSR compared to SPSR.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. The system model and problem formulation are given in Section II. The derivation of key performance metrics, including the OP and throughput of the proposed model, is presented in Section III. Numerical results are shown in Section IV. Section V concludes the paper.

## II. SYSTEM MODEL

In this model, a source  $S$  communicates with the destination  $D$  with the assistance of full-duplex relays denoted by  $R_m$ , where  $m = \{1, \dots, M\}$ .

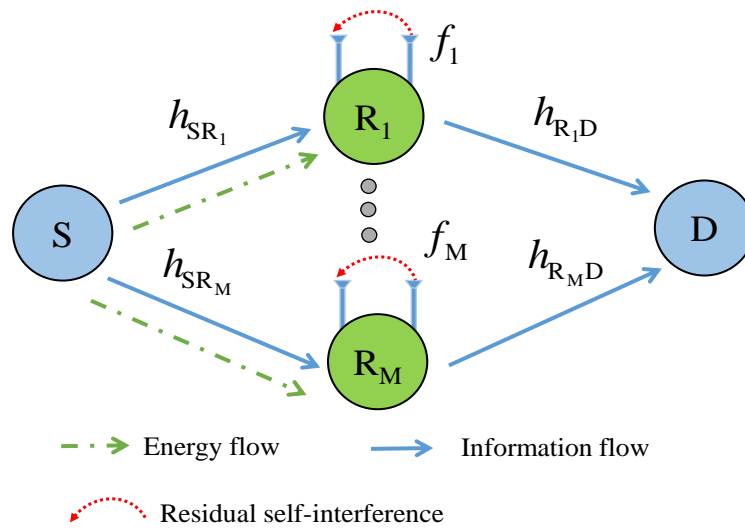


Fig. 1: System model

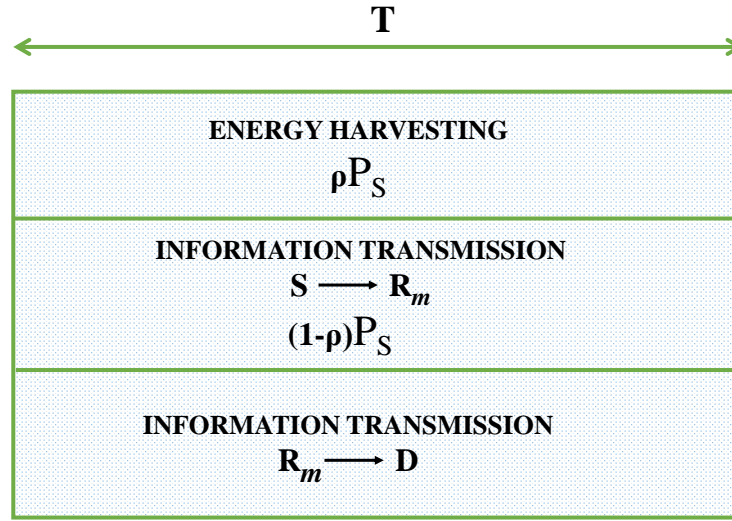


Fig. 2: Schematic illustration of EH and IT processes with a power splitting relaying protocol at the relay

Let us denote  $h_{SR_m}$  and  $h_{R_mD}$  as the channel coefficients between  $S \rightarrow R_m$  and  $R_m \rightarrow D$  links, respectively. We also denote the self-interference between the transmit antenna and the receive antenna of the relay  $R_m$ .

Let us assume that all the channels are independent and non-identical (i.i.d.) Rayleigh fading, hence the channel gains  $\gamma_{SR_m} = |h_{SR_m}|^2$  and  $\gamma_{R_mD} = |h_{R_mD}|^2$  are exponential random variables (RVs) whose CDF are given as

$$F_{\gamma_{SR_m}}(x) = 1 - \exp(-\lambda_{SR_m}x), \quad (1)$$

$$F_{\gamma_{R_mD}}(x) = 1 - \exp(-\lambda_{R_mD}x). \quad (2)$$

The physical meaning of the parameters  $\lambda_{S_mR}$  or  $\lambda_{R_mD}$  is the inverse of the channel power gains. Furthermore, the channel power gain is inversely proportional to the distance between transmitter and receiver, increasing exponentially with the path-loss exponent. In this paper, we apply the simplified path-loss model [40], thus, the parameters  $\lambda_{S_mR}$  and  $\lambda_{R_mD}$  can

be modeled respectively as follows:

$$\lambda_{SR_m} = (d_{SR_m})^\beta, \quad (3)$$

$$\lambda_{R_mD} = (d_{R_mD})^\beta, \quad (4)$$

where  $d_{SR_m}$  and  $d_{R_mD}$  are Euclidean distances between  $S \rightarrow R_m$  and  $R_m \rightarrow D$ , respectively.

Let us denote  $f_m$  as the residual self-interference suppression (SiS) level after interference cancellations, which is modeled as a complex Gaussian RV and  $\varphi_m = |f_m|^2$  follows exponential distribution. Therefore, its cumulative distribution function (CDF) can be expressed as

$$F_{\varphi_m}(x) = 1 - \exp(-\Omega_m x). \quad (5)$$

From (1), (2), and (5), the probability density functions

TABLE I: Key Parameters of the System Model

Notations	Descriptions
$P_S$	The average transmit power at the source
$P_{R_m}$	The average transmit power at the relay $R_m$
$n_{R_m}$	The additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) at the relay $R_m$
$n_D$	The AWGN at the destination D
$\Gamma_{SR_m}$	The SNR at the relay $R_m$
$\Gamma_{R_mD}$	The SNR at the destination D
$C_{DF}$	The capacity of system
$\psi_{DF}$	The overall SNR of system
$\tau$	The average achievable throughput at the destination D
OP	The outage probability
T	The time duration
$\gamma_{SR_m} =  h_{SR_m} ^2$	The channel gain of S $\rightarrow$ $R_m$ link
$\gamma_{R_mD} =  h_{R_mD} ^2$	The channel gain of $R_m \rightarrow$ D link
$\varphi_m =  f_m ^2$	The channel gain of residual self-interference at the relay $R_m$
$C_{th}$	The target rate
$\gamma_{th}$	The SNR threshold of the system

(PDFs) of  $\gamma_{SR_m}$ ,  $\gamma_{R_mD}$ , and  $\varphi_m$  are respectively given as

$$f_{\gamma_{SR_m}}(x) = \lambda_{SR_m} \exp(-\lambda_{SR_m}x), \quad (6)$$

$$f_{\gamma_{R_mD}}(x) = \lambda_{R_mD} \exp(-\lambda_{R_mD}x), \quad (7)$$

$$f_{\varphi_m}(x) = \Omega_m \exp(-\Omega_m x). \quad (8)$$

Then, the received signal at the  $m$ -th relay can be expressed as

$$y_{R_m} = \sqrt{1-\rho}h_{SR_m}x_S + f_mx_{R_m} + n_{R_m}, \quad (9)$$

where  $m \in (1, 2, \dots, M)$ ;  $x_S$  denotes the transmitted signal at the source S such that  $\mathbb{E}\{|x_S|^2\} = P_S$ , where  $P_S$  is the average transmit power at the source and  $\mathbb{E}\{\bullet\}$  is the expectation operator;  $n_{R_m} \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, N_0)$  is the additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) at relay  $R_m$ ;  $x_{R_m}$  is the loopback interference signal at  $R_m$  due to full-duplex relaying and satisfies  $\mathbb{E}\{|x_{R_m}|^2\} = P_{R_m}$ .

Use of the power splitting method means the transmit power at relay  $R_m$  can be mathematically modeled as

$$P_{R_m} = \frac{E_m}{T} = \eta\rho P_S \gamma_{SR_m}, \quad (10)$$

where  $0 < \eta \leq 1$  is the energy conversion coefficient at the relay. The received signal at the destination D can then be given as

$$y_D = h_{R_mD}x_{R_m} + n_D, \quad (11)$$

where  $n_D$  is the zero mean AWGN with variance  $N_0$  at the destination D.

From (9), the signal to noise ratio (SNR) at the  $m$ -th relay can be derived according to

$$\Gamma_{SR_m} = \frac{(1-\rho)\gamma_{SR_m}P_S}{\varphi_m P_{R_m} + N_0}. \quad (12)$$

By substituting (10) into (12),  $\Gamma_{SR_m}$  is re-written as

$$\Gamma_{SR_m} = \frac{(1-\rho)\gamma_{SR_m}P_S}{\eta\rho P_S \varphi_m \gamma_{SR_m} + N_0} \approx \frac{(1-\rho)}{\eta\rho\varphi_m}. \quad (13)$$

Based on (11), the SNR at the destination can be obtained

as

$$\Gamma_{R_mD} = \frac{P_{SR_m} \gamma_{R_mD}}{N_0} = \eta\rho\Psi\gamma_{SR_m} \gamma_{R_mD}, \quad (14)$$

where

$$\Psi \triangleq \frac{P_S}{N_0}. \quad (15)$$

In the proposed system, we consider the decode-and-forward (DF) technique. Therefore, the overall SNR and the capacity of the system can be respectively given by

$$\psi_{DF} = \min(\Gamma_{SR_m}, \Gamma_{R_mD}), \quad (16)$$

$$C_{DF} = \log_2(1 + \psi_{DF}). \quad (17)$$

The average achievable throughput at the destination D can be defined as

$$\tau = (1 - \text{OP}) \times C_{DF}, \quad (18)$$

where

$$\text{OP} = \Pr(\psi_{DF} < \gamma_{th}), \quad (19)$$

$$\gamma_{th} \triangleq 2^{C_{th}} - 1, \quad (20)$$

are defined as the outage probability and the SNR threshold of the system, respectively.  $C_{th}$  is the target rate at the destination to successfully decode the received signals.

**Remark 1:** In the present paper, we apply the partial relay selection (PRS) method. Specifically, we propose an optimal relay selection protocol in which the best relay user is selected, as follows:

$$R_a : \gamma_{SR_a} = \max_{m=1,2,\dots,M} (\gamma_{SR_m}). \quad (21)$$

Because the best relay fails to decode a message from the source is equivalent to the failure of all of the relays, and each relay is independent of the others. Therefore, the CDF of  $\gamma_{SR_a}$  can be expressed as follows [41]:

$$F_{\gamma_{SR_a}}(x) = \Pr(\gamma_{SR_a} < x) = \prod_{m=1}^M F_{\gamma_{SR_m}}(x). \quad (22)$$

Particularly, we consider a generalized system model with i.n.i.d. Rayleigh fading channel such that  $\lambda_{SR_m} \neq \lambda_{SR_n}, \forall m \neq n$ .

$n$ . Thus,  $F_{\gamma_{SR_a}}(x)$  can be expressed as follows [41]:

$$F_{\gamma_{SR_a}}(x) = \prod_{m=1}^M [1 - \exp(-\lambda_{SR_m} x)] \\ = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^M (-1)^n \sum_{\substack{SR_1=\dots=SR_n=1, \\ SR_1<\dots<SR_n}} \exp\left(-\sum_{t=1}^n \lambda_{SR_t} x\right). \quad (23)$$

### III. OUTAGE PROBABILITY ANALYSIS

In this section, the outage probability of the FD- and SWIPT-assisted DF relaying system with i.n.i.d. Rayleigh fading channels and PS method is derived. It is noted that the derived mathematical framework can be straightforwardly apply to the TS protocol by modifying some constant numbers, i.e., the target rate and the constant number associates with  $\Gamma_{SR_m}$ .

#### A. Static Power Splitting-based Relaying (SPSR)

In this case, the power splitting ratio  $\rho$  is fixed at a constant value.

By combining (16) and (19), the OP of the SPS-based relaying method can be formulated as in (24) shown at the top of the next page.

**Lemma 1:** Based on (23), the CDF function of  $Z_a$  can be computed as

$$F_{Z_a}(x) = \Pr(Z_a < x) = \prod_{m=1, m \neq a}^M (1 - \exp(-\lambda_{SR_m} x)) \\ = 1 + \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^u \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1<\dots<i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \exp\left(-\sum_{v=1}^u \lambda_{SR_{i_v}} x\right) \\ = 1 + \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^u \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1<\dots<i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \exp(-\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} x) \quad (26)$$

where

$$\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} = \sum_{v=1}^u \lambda_{SR_{i_v}} \quad (27)$$

**Lemma 2:** Based on (26), the PDF function of  $Z_a$  can be computed as

$$f_{Z_a}(x) = \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1<\dots<i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} \exp(-\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} x). \quad (28)$$

**Theorem 1:** In the FD SWIPT system which uses the static power splitting method, the exact closed-form expression of OP can be mathematically formulated as in (29), which is shown at the top of next page.

*Proof:* See Appendix A. ■

#### B. Optimal Dynamic Power Splitting-based Relaying (ODPSR)

From (16)(18), in order to improve the achievable throughput of system, we find the optimal value of the power splitting ratio  $\rho^*$  to maximize  $C_{DF}$ . Since the DF protocol is considered in our work, the optimal power splitting ratio  $\rho^*$  can be obtained as follows:

$$\Gamma_{SR_m} = \Gamma_{R_mD} \leftrightarrow \frac{(1-\rho)}{\eta\rho\varphi_m} = \eta\rho\Psi\gamma_{SR_m}\gamma_{R_mD}. \quad (31)$$

*Proof:* See Appendix B. ■

**Lemma 3:** In an FD SWIPT system which uses ODPSR with one source, multiple FD relay nodes, and one destination, the closed-form of optimal power splitting ratio  $\rho^*$  can be given as

$$\rho^* = \frac{\sqrt{4\eta^2\Psi\varphi_m\gamma_{SR_m}\gamma_{R_mD} + 1} - 1}{2\eta^2\Psi\varphi_m\gamma_{SR_m}\gamma_{R_mD}}. \quad (32)$$

*Proof:* See Appendix C. ■

By substituting (32) into (14), we then have

$$\Gamma_{R_mD}^* = \frac{\sqrt{4\eta^2\Psi\varphi_m\gamma_{SR_m}\gamma_{R_mD} + 1} - 1}{2\eta\varphi_m}. \quad (33)$$

Then, the OP of ODPSR method can be mathematically formulated as

$$\text{OP}_{\text{ODPSR}} \\ = \sum_{a=1}^M \Pr\left(\gamma_{SR_a} = \max_{m=1, \dots, M}(\gamma_{SR_m}), \Gamma_{R_mD}^* < \gamma_{th}\right) \\ = \sum_{a=1}^M \Pr\left(\frac{\gamma_{SR_a} > Z_a, \frac{\sqrt{4\eta^2\Psi\varphi_a\gamma_{SR_a}\gamma_{R_aD} + 1} - 1}{2\eta\varphi_a} < \gamma_{th}\right) \\ = \sum_{a=1}^M \Pr\left(\frac{\gamma_{SR_a} > Z_a, 4\eta^2\Psi\varphi_a\gamma_{SR_a}\gamma_{R_aD} + 1 < (2\eta\gamma_{th}\varphi_a + 1)^2}{\gamma_{th}(\eta\gamma_{th}\varphi_a + 1)}\right) \\ = \sum_{a=1}^M \Pr\left(\gamma_{SR_a} > Z_a, \eta\Psi\gamma_{SR_a}\gamma_{R_aD} < \gamma_{th}(\eta\gamma_{th}\varphi_a + 1)\right) \\ = \sum_{a=1}^M \Pr\left(\underbrace{\gamma_{SR_a} > Z_a, \gamma_{SR_a}\gamma_{R_aD} < \frac{\gamma_{th}(\eta\gamma_{th}\varphi_a + 1)}{\eta\Psi}}_{\Upsilon}\right) \quad (34)$$

From (34), we need to find  $\Upsilon$  to obtain the closed-form of  $\text{OP}_{\text{ODPSR}}$ , which can be given by

$$\Upsilon = \int_0^{+\infty} \Omega_a \exp(-\Omega_a x) \Theta dx, \quad (35)$$

where

$$\Theta \triangleq \Pr\left(\gamma_{SR_a} > Z_a, \gamma_{SR_a}\gamma_{R_aD} < \frac{\gamma_{th}(\eta\gamma_{th}x + 1)}{\eta\Psi}\right). \quad (36)$$

**Lemma 4:** The closed-form expression of  $\Theta$  can be given as

$$\Theta = \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1<\dots<i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \lambda_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OP}_{\text{SPSR}} &= \sum_{a=1}^M \Pr \left( \gamma_{\text{SR}_a} = \max_{m=1,2,\dots,M} (\gamma_{\text{SR}_m}), \psi_{\text{DF}} < \gamma_{\text{th}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{a=1}^M \Pr \left( \gamma_{\text{SR}_a} > Z_a, \min \left( \frac{(1-\rho)}{\eta\rho\varphi_a}, \eta\rho\Psi\gamma_{\text{SR}_a}\gamma_{\text{R}_a\text{D}} \right) < \gamma_{\text{th}} \right) \\ &= 1 - \underbrace{\sum_{a=1}^M \Pr \left( \gamma_{\text{SR}_a} > Z_a, \frac{(1-\rho)}{\eta\rho\varphi_a} \geq \gamma_{\text{th}}, \eta\rho\Psi\gamma_{\text{SR}_a}\gamma_{\text{R}_a\text{D}} \geq \gamma_{\text{th}} \right)}_{\overline{\text{OP}}}, \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

$$\text{where } Z_a = \max_{m=1,2,\dots,M, m \neq a} (\gamma_{\text{SR}_m}). \quad (25)$$

$$\text{OP}_{\text{SPSR}} = 1 + \sum_{a=1}^M \left\{ 1 - \exp \left[ -\frac{\Omega_a(1-\rho)}{\eta\rho\gamma_{\text{th}}} \right] \right\} \times \left\{ \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \left[ \begin{aligned} &\frac{2\lambda_{\text{SR}_a}}{\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{\text{SR}_a}} \times \sqrt{(\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{\text{SR}_a})\chi} \\ &\times K_1 \left( 2\sqrt{(\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{\text{SR}_a})\chi} \right) \\ &- 2\sqrt{\lambda_{\text{SR}_a}\chi} \times K_1 \left( 2\sqrt{\lambda_{\text{SR}_a}\chi} \right) \end{aligned} \right] \right\}, \quad (29)$$

$$\text{where } \chi \triangleq \frac{\lambda_{\text{R}_a\text{D}}\gamma_{\text{th}}}{\eta\rho\Psi}. \quad (30)$$

$K_v \{\bullet\}$  is the modified Bessel function of the second kind and  $v^{\text{th}}$  order.

$$+ \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \Theta_1, \quad (37)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_1 &= \frac{2\lambda_{\text{SR}_a}}{\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{\text{SR}_a}} \sqrt{\frac{(\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{\text{SR}_a}) \lambda_{\text{R}_a\text{D}}\gamma_{\text{th}} (\eta\gamma_{\text{th}}x + 1)}{\eta\Psi}} \\ &\times K_1 \left( 2\sqrt{\frac{(\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{\text{SR}_a}) \lambda_{\text{R}_a\text{D}}\gamma_{\text{th}} (\eta\gamma_{\text{th}}x + 1)}{\eta\Psi}} \right) \\ &- 2\sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{\text{SR}_a}\gamma_{\text{th}}\lambda_{\text{R}_a\text{D}} (\eta\gamma_{\text{th}}x + 1)}{\eta\Psi}} \\ &\times K_1 \left( 2\sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{\text{SR}_a}\lambda_{\text{R}_a\text{D}}\gamma_{\text{th}} (\eta\gamma_{\text{th}}x + 1)}{\eta\Psi}} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

*Proof:* See Appendix D. ■

**Lemma 5:** Based on  $\Theta$  from (37), the exact closed-form

expression of  $\Upsilon$  can be given as

$$\begin{aligned} \Upsilon &= \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \lambda_1 \\ &+ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \frac{(-1)^{t+u+1} \left( \frac{\Omega_a}{\eta\gamma_{\text{th}}} \right)^{t+1} \exp \left( \frac{\Omega_a}{\eta\gamma_{\text{th}}} \right)}{t!} \\ &\times \left[ \frac{\lambda_{\text{SR}_a} \times G_{1,3}^{3,0} \left( \vartheta^2 \middle| \begin{matrix} 0 \\ -1, t+1, t \end{matrix} \right)}{(\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{\text{SR}_a}) \vartheta^{2t}} \right. \\ &\left. - \frac{G_{1,3}^{3,0} \left( \zeta^2 \middle| \begin{matrix} 0 \\ -1, t+1, t \end{matrix} \right)}{\zeta^{2t}} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

where  $G_{p,q}^{m,n} \left( z \middle| \begin{matrix} a_1, \dots, a_p \\ b_1, \dots, b_q \end{matrix} \right)$  is the Meijer G-function.

*Proof:* See Appendix E. ■

Based on the result obtained in Lemma 5, the OP of DPS can be given as the theorem below.

**Theorem 2:** In an FD SWIPT system which uses the dynamic power splitting method, the exact closed-form expression of OP can be mathematically formulated as follows:

$$\text{OP}_{\text{ODPSR}} = \sum_{a=1}^M \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \lambda_1 + \sum_{t=0}^{\infty}$$

TABLE II: Simulation parameters.

Symbol	Parameter name	Value
$C_{th}$	SNR threshold of the system	1.25
$\eta$	Energy harvesting efficiency	0.8
$\rho$	Power splitting ratio	0.05 to 0.95
$\lambda_{RR}$	Rate parameter of $ h_{RR} ^2$	0.5 to 5
$\Psi$	Transmit power-to-noise-ratio	-15 to 15 (dB)
$M$	Number of relays	1 to 4

$$\left[ \sum_{a=1}^M \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \frac{(-1)^{t+u+1} \times \left( \frac{\Omega_a}{\eta \gamma_{th}} \right)^{t+1} \times \exp\left( -\frac{\Omega_a}{\eta \gamma_{th}} \right)}{t!} \right] \times \left( \frac{\lambda_{SR_a} \times G_{1,3}^{3,0} \left( \vartheta^2 \left| \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ -1, t+1, t \end{smallmatrix} \right. \right)}{(\lambda_{a,u}^{sum} + \lambda_{SR_a}) \vartheta^{2t}} - \frac{G_{1,3}^{3,0} \left( \zeta^2 \left| \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ -1, t+1, t \end{smallmatrix} \right. \right)}{\zeta^{2t}} \right) \right] \quad (40)$$

*Remark 2:* By substituting (29) and (40) into (18), we can obtain the average achievable throughput at the destination for both the static and the dynamic power splitting methods.

#### IV. NUMERICAL RESULTS

This section presents the numerical results, validation of the analytical expressions with simulations, and a description of the effect on system performance by the various parameters. Unless otherwise stated, we assume the following parameters: threshold rate  $C_{th} = 1.25$  bps/Hz, static power splitting ratio  $\rho = 0.3$ , energy conversion coefficient  $\eta = 0.8$ ,  $\Psi = 5$  dB,  $\Omega_a = 0.5$ , number of relays  $M = 2$ , path loss exponent  $\beta = 3$  [42], [43]. We also assume a unit distance between the source S and destination D. The results were obtained from Monte Carlo simulations with MATLAB [44]. All simulation results were averaged over  $10^6$  channel realizations. For clarity, the simulation parameter settings are listed in Table II.

Fig. 3 charts the outage probability and throughput versus  $\Psi$  of the SPSR and ODPSR schemes for a varying number of relay nodes, where  $C_{th} = 1.25$  bps/Hz,  $\eta = 0.8$  and  $\Omega_a = 5$ . The distance from source S to relay  $R_m$  was  $d_{SR_m} = 0.3$  or  $d_{SR_m} = [0.3, 0.65, 0.8]$ , corresponding to the respective number of relays used. We can observe from Fig. 3 that the outage probability of the SPSR and ODPSR schemes significantly improved as  $\Psi$  increased from -15 to 15 dB. Specifically, at  $\Psi = -15$  dB and  $\Psi = 15$  dB for  $M = 3$ , the OP of the ODPSR scheme was 0.5333 and 0.0013, respectively, while the SPSR only achieved 0.7866 and 0.0036. This was expected since  $\Psi$  is defined as the ratio of the transmit power at the source divided by the noise power. Therefore, the higher  $\Psi$  values imply that a higher source transmit power  $P_s$  is used. Consequently, a higher SNR at the destination can be obtained, calculated from Eqs. (10) and (14). In addition, by increasing the number of relays from one to three, the outage performance improved dramatically. For example, at  $\Psi = -15$  dB for  $M = 1$  and  $M = 3$ , the OP of ODPSR scheme was 0.6024 and 0.533, respectively.

This is obvious because we have more opportunities to select the better channel, which improves the network performance.

Fig. 4 plots the total collected throughput versus  $\Psi$  of the SPSR and ODPSR schemes for a varying number of relay nodes, where  $C_{th} = 1.25$  bps/Hz,  $\eta = 0.8$  and  $\Omega_a = 5$ . We observe that as the  $\Psi$  value increased from -15 to 6 dB, the achievable throughput at the destination improved significantly. Specifically, at  $\Psi = -15$  and -9 dB, the throughput of ODPSR with three relays was 0.5837 and 0.9860 bps/Hz, respectively. This is because the outage value reduced dramatically as  $\Psi$  changed from -15 to 6 dB, leading to an improvement in the achievable throughput given by Eq. (18). We can also observe that the throughput of the ODPSR scheme is much higher than the throughput of SPSR. This is because the outage performance of ODPSR is much lower than the OP of SPSR, shown in Fig. 3. Specifically, for  $M = 3$  and  $\Psi = -15$  dB, the throughput of the ODPSR scheme achieved 0.5837 bps/Hz while SPSR obtained less than 54 % throughput, i.e., 0.2667 bps/Hz. Nevertheless, when the value of  $\Psi$  is large enough (i.e.,  $\Psi \geq 15$  dB), the throughput of all algorithms converges to the saturation value. For wireless communication systems, we expect high throughput but low outage probability. Thus, it is necessary to select a suitable value of  $\Psi$  to achieve this target. A large value of  $\Psi$  may not always benefit since the system cannot be supported because of the limited energy budget, especially in IoT networks. Moreover, it also increases the risk of eavesdropping on important information.

Figs. 5 and 6 chart the OP and throughput versus  $\Psi$  for different distances of the relay node to source S, where  $M = 2$ ,  $C_{th} = 1.25$  (bps/Hz),  $\eta = 0.8$ , and  $\Omega_a = 5$ . We observe from Fig. 5 results similar to those in Fig. 3. Specifically, the outage probability of ODPSR still outperforms SPSR methods. SPSR where  $\rho = 0.3$  has better results than SPSR where  $\rho = 0.7$ . We can also observe that the closer the distance between the relay nodes and the source node, the better the achieved outage performance. This is because we apply two-hop decode-and-forward relaying, and the overall SNR of the system can be calculated as the minimum of the SNR at relay  $R_m$  and the SNR at destination D, as in (16). When the relay nodes are allocated near source S, we thus have more chance of successfully decoding the signal on the first hop, which enhances the OP. If the relay node fails to decrypt the received signals, an outage will occur. Inherited from the superior OP of ODPSR, the throughput of this method is still better than SPSR-based schemes, as shown in Fig. 7. Moreover, the throughput of ODPSR and SPSR where  $\rho = 0.3$  can converge to a saturation value when  $\Psi$  is large, e.g.,  $\Psi \geq 15$  dB. However, the throughput of SPSR where  $\rho = 0.7$  is still much worse than others, even with a high source transmit power, i.e.,  $\Psi = 15$  dB. This means SPSR only attains the same throughput performance as ODPSR when the source transmit power is large and a suitable  $\rho$  value is applied. Otherwise, the throughput of SPSR is far inferior to that of ODPSR.

In Figs. 7 and 8, we investigate the effect of the power splitting ratio  $\rho$  on OP and throughput. The parameters are

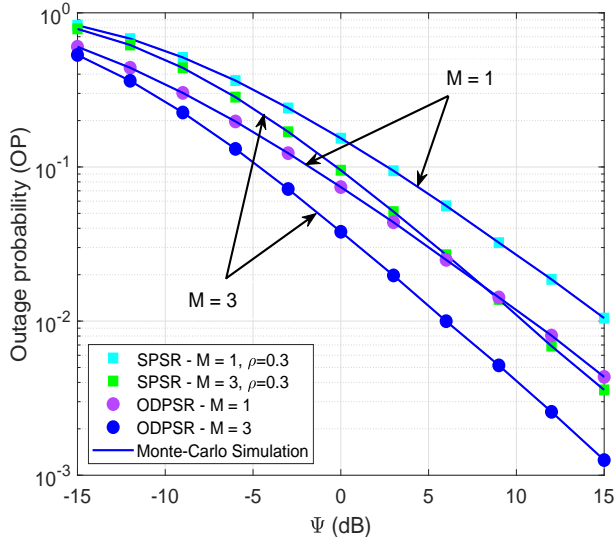


Fig. 3: OP versus  $\Psi$  with  $C_{th} = 1.25$  (bps/Hz),  $\eta = 0.8$ , and  $\Omega_a = 5$ , where  $d_{SR_m} = 0.3$  and  $d_{SR_m} = [0.3, 0.65, 0.8]$  corresponding to  $M = 1$  and  $M = 3$ , respectively.

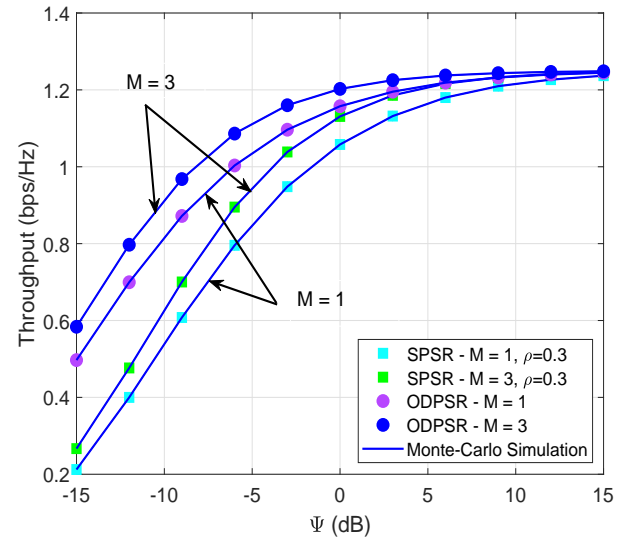


Fig. 4: Throughput versus  $\Psi$  with  $C_{th} = 1.25$  (bps/Hz),  $\eta = 0.8$  and  $\Omega_a = 5$ , where  $d_{SR_m} = 0.3$  and  $d_{SR_m} = [0.3, 0.65, 0.8]$  corresponding to  $M = 1$  and  $M = 3$ , respectively.

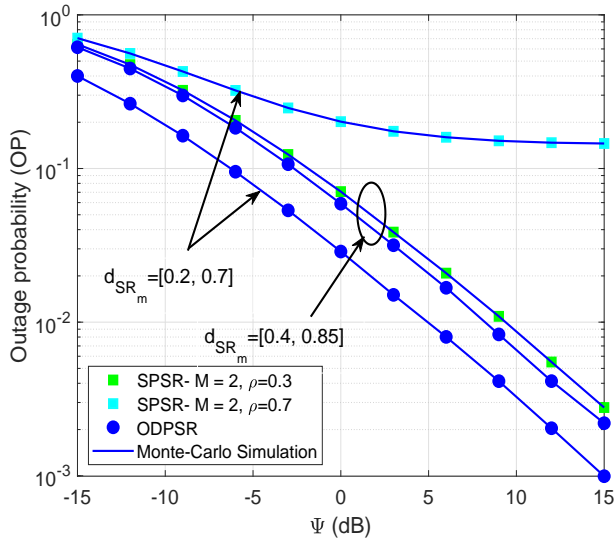


Fig. 5: OP versus  $\Psi$  with  $M = 2$ ,  $C_{th} = 1.25$  (bps/Hz),  $\eta = 0.8$ , and  $\Omega_a = 5$ .

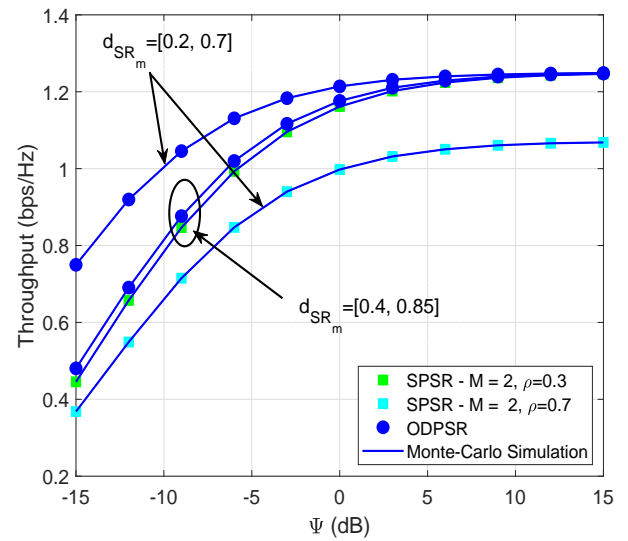


Fig. 6: Throughput versus  $\Psi$  with  $C_{th} = 1.25$  (bps/Hz),  $\eta = 0.8$  and  $\Omega_a = 5$ .

set at  $M = 2$ ,  $C_{th} = 1.25$  bps/Hz,  $\eta = 0.8$ ,  $\Psi = 5$  dB, and  $d_{SR} = [0.25, 0.65]$ . Notably, the power splitting ratio is a crucial factor because it not only affects the harvested energy at the relay but also the data transmission from relay  $R_m$  to destination D. Fig. 7 shows that for both SPSR- $\Omega_a = 0.5$  and SPSR- $\Omega_a = 2$ , the outage decreased as  $\rho$  increased from 0 to the optimal  $\rho$ , but then decreased for a higher value of  $\rho$ . For instance, the optimal  $\rho$  equals 0.1 and 0.25, corresponding to SPSR- $\Omega_a = 0.5$  and SPSR- $\Omega_a = 2$ , respectively. This is because a low amount of harvested energy is obtained with a small  $\rho$ , which results in a larger OP. However, when  $\rho$  is larger than the optimal value, more time is used for energy

harvesting, while less time accounts for data transmission from  $R_m \rightarrow D$ , which also degrades the outage performance. This only exists for an optimal value of  $\rho$  maximizing the OP, which is obtained in ODPSR. This also explains why the outage performance of ODPSR for  $\Omega_a = 0.5$  and ODPSR for  $\Omega_a = 2$  is fixed with various  $\rho$  values. Fig. 8 plots the throughput of SPSR and ODPSR versus  $\rho$ . We can see that the throughput of ODPSR maintains a constant value with a varying value of  $\rho$ . In addition, ODPSR-based methods always outperform SPSR-based ones. This is expected since the inherent nature of ODPSR is to find the optimal power splitting ratio value which maximizes system capacity, as described in Section B.



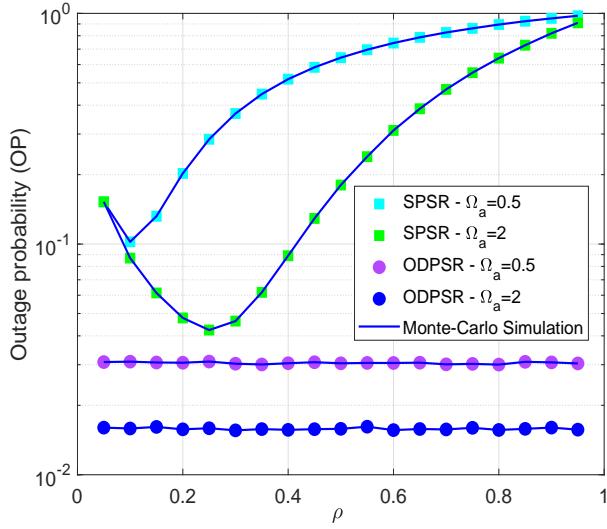


Fig. 7: OP versus  $\rho$  with  $M= 2$ ,  $C_{th}=1.25$  bps/Hz,  $\eta=0.8$ ,  $\Psi = 5$  dB, and  $d_{SR} = [0.25,0.65]$ .

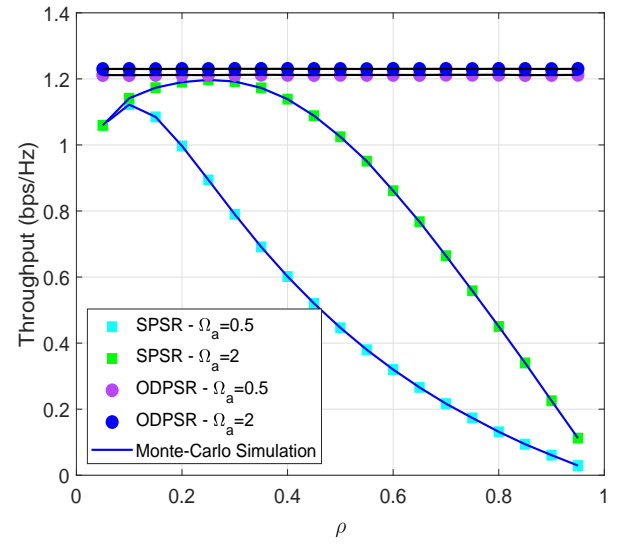


Fig. 8: Throughput versus  $\rho$  with  $M= 2$ ,  $C_{th} = 1.25$  (bps/Hz),  $\eta = 0.8$ ,  $\Psi = 5$  dB and  $d_{SR} = [0.25,0.65]$ .

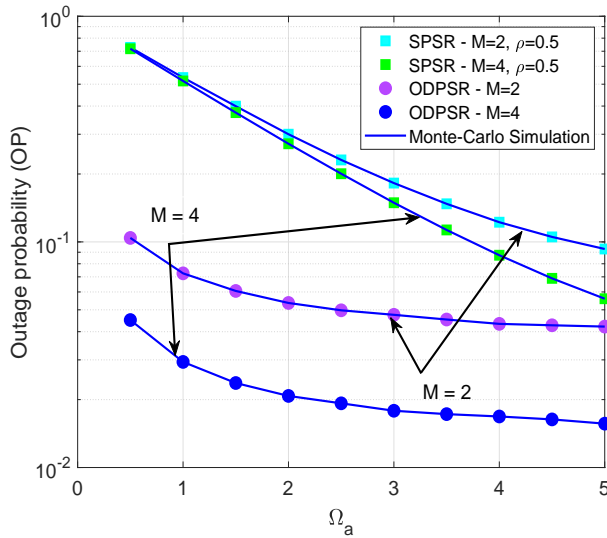


Fig. 9: OP versus  $\Omega_a$  with  $\eta = 0.8$ ,  $\Psi = 3$  dB,  $C_{th} = 1.5$  (bps/Hz), where  $d_{SR_m} = [0.35, 0.85]$  and  $d_{SR_m} = [0.25, 0.55, 0.4, 0.75]$  corresponding to  $M = 2$  and  $M = 4$ , respectively.

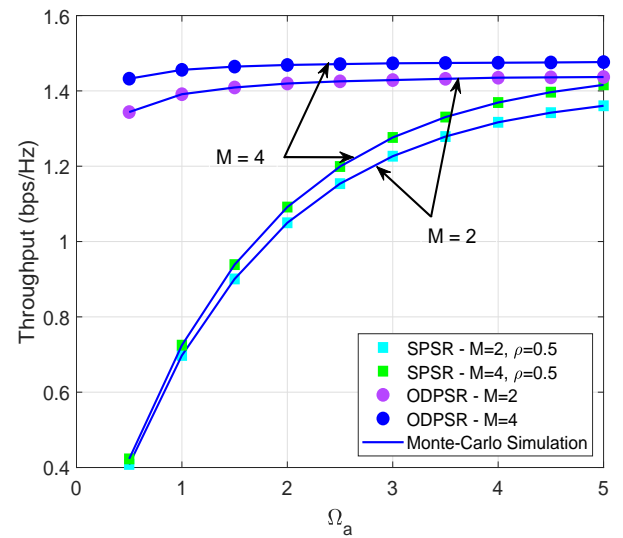


Fig. 10: Throughput vs.  $\Omega_a$  with  $\eta = 0.8$ ,  $\Psi = 3$  dB,  $C_{th} = 1.5$  (bps/Hz), where  $d_{SR_m} = [0.35, 0.85]$  and  $d_{SR_m} = [0.25, 0.55, 0.4, 0.75]$  corresponding to  $M = 2$  and  $M = 4$ , respectively.

As the results show, the throughput of the SPSR-based scheme increased at the optimal  $\rho$  but then significantly decreased as  $\rho$  increased. This demonstrates the stability of ODPSR-based methods compared to SPSR-based methods.

Figs. 9 and 10 plot the effects of the residual self-interference parameter  $\Omega_a$  at the relay in full-duplex operation on outage probability and throughput, where  $\eta = 0.8$ ,  $\Psi = 3$  dB and  $C_{th} = 1.5$  bps/Hz. Fig. 9 indicates that ODPSR for  $M = 4$  achieves the best results. Specifically, at  $\Omega_a = 3$ , the OP values of ODPSR for  $M = 4$ , ODPSR for  $M = 2$ , SPSR for  $M = 4$ , SPSR for  $M = 2$ , were 0.0178, 0.0475, 0.1491, and 0.1823, respectively. Moreover, OP improved significantly as

$\Omega_a$  increased. For example, at  $\Omega_a = 0.5$  and  $\Omega_a = 2$ , the OP of ODPSR for  $M = 4$  was 0.0451 and 0.0208, respectively. An explanation for this is that the higher the  $\Omega_a$ , the lower the residual self-interference gain  $f_m$  at the relay, thereby reducing the effect of interference noise at the relay  $R_m$  and improving the system capacity. Fig. 10 shows the effect of  $\Omega_a$  on throughput in each proposed method. We can observe that as  $\Omega_a$  increased, the throughput of the SPSR-based methods dramatically improved. For example, at  $\Omega_a = 2$  and  $\Omega_a = 4$ , the throughput of SPSR for  $M = 4$  was 1.0916 and 1.3691 bps/Hz, respectively. However, the throughput performance of ODPSR-based methods only slightly improved as  $\Omega_a$  increased.

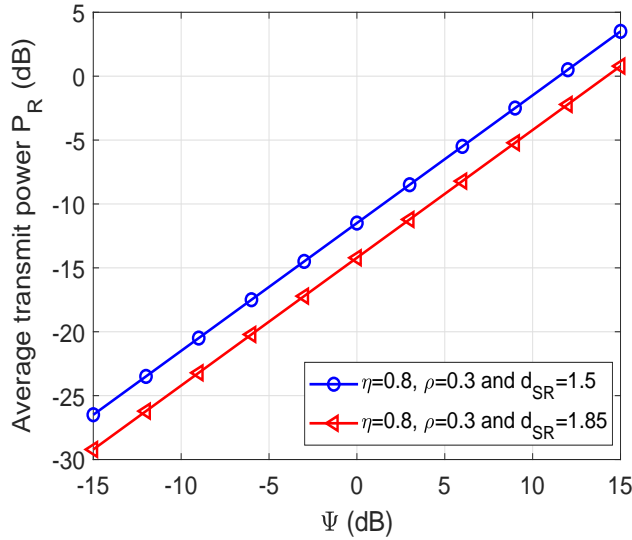


Fig. 11:  $P_R$  versus the transmit power-to-noise ratio  $\Psi$ .

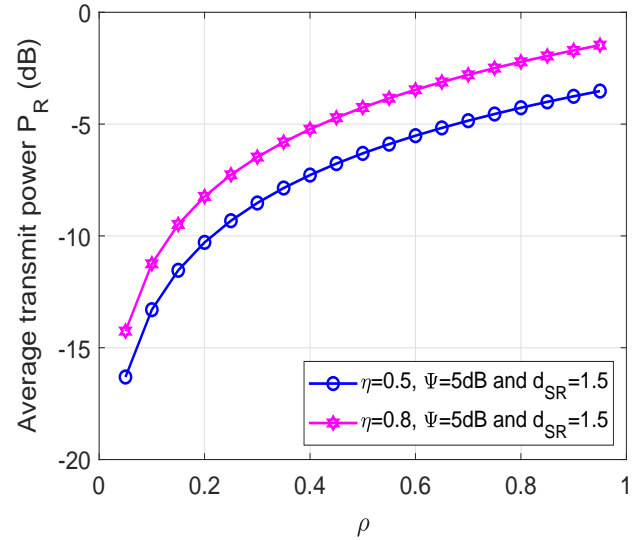


Fig. 12:  $P_R$  versus the power splitting ratio  $\rho$ .

This demonstrates that the residual self-interference has a more significant effect on SPSR than ODPSR. In other words, the ODPSR-based methods have better stability than SPSR-based methods. Figs. 4 to 10 clearly show that the analytical results closely match the simulation results for the proposed scheme, validating the analysis in Section IV.

Fig. 11 unveils the relationship between the transmit-power-to-noise  $\Psi$  and the average transmit power of the relay  $P_R$ . It is noted that since we assume that the transmission duration is normalized to 1, i.e.,  $T = 1$ , the average transmit power, thus, can be considered as the average harvested energy too. It is no doubt that  $P_R$  increases linearly versus  $\Psi$  and confirms the accuracy of (10). Moreover, it is expected that the smaller the distance from S to R, the higher the harvested energy is achieved, improving the transmit power of the relay. Fig. 12 stretches the behavior of  $P_R$  regarding the PS ratio  $\rho$ . It is apparent that  $P_R$  is a monotonic increasing function of the  $\rho$ . Specifically, the larger the  $\eta$  is, the higher the  $P_R$  can be obtained.

## V. CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

In the paper, we investigated the outage and throughput performance of a DF-based FD SWIPT relay network consisting of a source, multiple relays, and a destination under i.i.d. Rayleigh fading channels. By using the PS method and operating in FD mode, the relays could harvest energy from the source's signals. Closed-form expressions of the system OP and achievable throughput for SPSR and ODPSR schemes were derived. The theoretical analysis and numerical results indicated that the outage and throughput performance were highly dependent on the source's transmit power, the PS ratio, and the residual self-interference. It was observed that the performance of SPSR was shown to be far inferior to that of ODPSR. Nevertheless, when the source transmit power is

high enough or when the self-interference has a small effect (i.e.,  $\Omega_a > 5$ ), the SPSR can obtain the same performance as ODPSR. Thus, the system is able to operate using SPSR with a simpler configuration. The outcome of this work will motivate a more general model that considers the Rician channel, which imposes new challenges and complexities but might enhance network performance.

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## APPENDIX A: PROOF OF THEOREM 1

First, the  $\widetilde{\text{OP}}$  in (24) can be calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\text{OP}} &= \sum_{a=1}^M \Pr \left( \gamma_{\text{SR}_a} > Z_a, \varphi_a \leq \frac{(1-\rho)}{\eta\rho\gamma_{\text{th}}}, \Gamma_{\text{R}_a\text{D}} \geq \gamma_{\text{th}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{a=1}^M \underbrace{\Pr \left( \varphi_a \leq \frac{(1-\rho)}{\eta\rho\gamma_{\text{th}}} \right)}_{P_1} \underbrace{\Pr \left( \gamma_{\text{SR}_a} > Z_a, \Gamma_{\text{R}_a\text{D}} \geq \gamma_{\text{th}} \right)}_{P_2} \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

Based on (41),  $P_1$  can be expressed as follows:

$$P_1 = \Pr \left( \varphi_a \leq \frac{(1-\rho)}{\eta\rho\gamma_{\text{th}}} \right) = 1 - \exp \left[ -\frac{\Omega_a(1-\rho)}{\eta\rho\gamma_{\text{th}}} \right]. \quad (42)$$

Then,  $P_2$  in (41) can be computed by

$$\begin{aligned} P_2 &= \Pr(\gamma_{\text{SR}_a} > Z_a, \eta\rho\Psi\gamma_{\text{SR}_a}\gamma_{\text{R}_a\text{D}} \geq \gamma_{\text{th}}) \\ &= \Pr(\gamma_{\text{SR}_a} > Z_a) \\ &\quad - \Pr(\gamma_{\text{SR}_a} > Z_a, \eta\rho\Psi\gamma_{\text{SR}_a}\gamma_{\text{R}_a\text{D}} < \gamma_{\text{th}}) \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} f_{Z_a}(z)(1 - F_{\gamma_{\text{SR}_a}}(z))dz \\ &\quad - \int_0^{+\infty} f_{\lambda_{\text{R}_a\text{D}}}(y) \left[ \int_0^{z_1} \int_z^{z_1} f_{Z_a}(z) f_{\lambda_{\text{SR}_a}}(t) dz dt \right] dy \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} \exp(-\lambda_{\text{SR}_a} z) f_{Z_a}(z) dz \\ &\quad - \int_0^{+\infty} f_{\lambda_{\text{R}_a\text{D}}}(y) \left\{ \int_0^{z_1} f_{Z_a}(z) f_{\lambda_{\text{SR}_a}}(z, z_1) dz \right\} dy, \quad (43) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$z_1 \triangleq \frac{\gamma_{\text{th}}}{\eta\rho\Psi y}, \quad (44)$$

$$f_{\lambda_{\text{SR}_a}}(z, z_1) \triangleq [\exp(-\lambda_{\text{SR}_a} z) - \exp(-\lambda_{\text{SR}_a} z_1)]. \quad (45)$$

Then, by substituting  $f_{Z_a}(x)$  of Lemma 2 into (43),  $P_2$  can be expressed as in (46), shown at the top of the next page.

Note that (46) still contains an integral. By adopting [45, Eq. (3.471.9)], the exact closed-form expression of  $P_2$  is given as in (48), which is shown at the top of the next page.

By substituting (41), (42), (48) into (24), the  $\text{OP}_{\text{SPSR}}$  can be obtained from (29), which completes the proof.

## APPENDIX B: PROOF OF LEMMA 1

Since we consider DF technique, the overall SNR of our system can be represented as in (16). The average throughput of the system is given as in (17). Therefore, to find the optimal value of the dynamic power splitting ratio  $\rho^*$ , we need to solve the following optimization problem:

$$\mathcal{P}_1 : \max_{\rho} (1 - \text{OP}) \times C_{\text{DF}}, \quad (49)$$

$$\text{s.t. } 0 \leq \rho \leq 1. \quad (50)$$

The problem  $\mathcal{P}_1$  means we need to find the value of  $\rho$  to maximize the throughput  $(1 - \text{OP}) \times C_{\text{DF}}$  such that  $\rho$  ranges from 0 to 1. Because the OP and  $C_{\text{DF}}$  are expressed as  $\text{OP} = \Pr(\psi_{\text{DF}} < \gamma_{\text{th}})$  and  $C_{\text{DF}} = \log_2(1 + \psi_{\text{DF}})$ , respectively,  $\mathcal{P}_1$  is therefore equivalent to the following optimization problem:

$$\mathcal{P}_2 : \max_{\rho} \Psi_{\text{DF}} \quad (51)$$

$$\text{s.t. } 0 \leq \rho \leq 1, \quad (52)$$

where  $\Psi_{\text{DF}} = \min(\Gamma_{\text{SR}_m}, \Gamma_{\text{R}_m\text{D}})$ .

To clarify, Fig. 13 illustrates the  $\Psi_{\text{DF}}$  as a function of  $\rho$ . It shows that the values of  $\Gamma_{\text{SR}_m}$  linearly decrease and  $\Gamma_{\text{R}_m\text{D}}$  linearly increase as  $\rho$  changes from 0 to 1. This can be explained based on the expressions of  $\Gamma_{\text{SR}_m}$  and  $\Gamma_{\text{R}_m\text{D}}$  in (13) and (14). From Fig. 13, it is easy to see that the optimal value of  $\rho^*$  is obtained when  $\Gamma_{\text{SR}_m} = \Gamma_{\text{R}_m\text{D}}$ , which completes the proof.

## APPENDIX C: PROOF OF LEMMA 3

From (31) and after some algebraic manipulations,  $\rho^*$  can be expressed as

$$\rho^* = \frac{-\sqrt{4\eta^2\Psi\varphi_m\gamma_{\text{SR}_m}\gamma_{\text{R}_m\text{D}} + 1} - 1}{2\eta^2\Psi\varphi_m\gamma_{\text{SR}_m}\gamma_{\text{R}_m\text{D}}}, \quad (53)$$

or

$$\rho^* = \frac{\sqrt{4\eta^2\Psi\varphi_m\gamma_{\text{SR}_m}\gamma_{\text{R}_m\text{D}} + 1} - 1}{2\eta^2\Psi\varphi_m\gamma_{\text{SR}_m}\gamma_{\text{R}_m\text{D}}}. \quad (54)$$

Because  $\rho^* = \frac{-\sqrt{4\eta^2\Psi\varphi_m\gamma_{\text{SR}_m}\gamma_{\text{R}_m\text{D}} + 1} - 1}{2\eta^2\Psi\varphi_m\gamma_{\text{SR}_m}\gamma_{\text{R}_m\text{D}}} < 0$ ,  $\rho^* = \frac{\sqrt{4\eta^2\Psi\varphi_m\gamma_{\text{SR}_m}\gamma_{\text{R}_m\text{D}} + 1} - 1}{2\eta^2\Psi\varphi_m\gamma_{\text{SR}_m}\gamma_{\text{R}_m\text{D}}}$  is selected as the optimal value of  $\rho$ . This completes the proof of Lemma 3.

## APPENDIX D: PROOF OF LEMMA 4

From (36),  $\Theta$  can be re-written as

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta &= \int_0^{+\infty} f_{\gamma_{\text{R}_a\text{D}}}(y) \left[ \int_0^{z_2} \int_z^{z_2} f_{Z_a}(z) f_{\gamma_{\text{SR}_a}}(t) dz dt \right] dy \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} f_{\gamma_{\text{R}_a\text{D}}}(y) \left[ \int_0^{z_2} f_{Z_a}(z) f_{\lambda_{\text{SR}_a}}(z, z_2) dz \right] dy, \quad (55) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$z_2 = \frac{\gamma_{\text{th}}(\eta\gamma_{\text{th}}x + 1)}{\eta\Psi y}, \quad (56)$$

$$f_{\lambda_{\text{SR}_a}}(z, z_2) \triangleq [\exp(-\lambda_{\text{SR}_a} z) - \exp(-\lambda_{\text{SR}_a} z_2)]. \quad (57)$$

By applying Lemma 2,  $\Theta$  can be expressed as in (58), which is shown at the top of the next page.

Then, by adopting [45, Eq. (3.324.1)], the exact closed-form expression of  $\Theta$  is obtained as in (37). This completes the proof of Lemma 4.

## APPENDIX E: PROOF OF LEMMA 5

By substituting (37) into (35), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Upsilon &= \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \lambda_1 \frac{\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}}}{\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{\text{SR}_a}} \\ &\quad + \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \int_0^{+\infty} \Omega_a \exp(-\Omega_a x) \Theta_1 dx. \quad (59) \end{aligned}$$

By denoting  $y = \eta\gamma_{\text{th}}x + 1$ , (59) can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \Upsilon &= \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \lambda_1 + \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \\ &\quad \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \frac{\Omega_a}{\eta\gamma_{\text{th}}} \exp\left(\frac{\Omega_a}{\eta\gamma_{\text{th}}}\right) \int_1^{+\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\Omega_a y}{\eta\gamma_{\text{th}}}\right) \Theta_1 dy. \quad (60) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P_2 &= \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1<\dots<i_u, \\ i_1,\dots,i_u \neq a}}^M \int_0^{+\infty} \lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} \exp(-\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} z - \lambda_{\text{SR}_a} z) dz \\
&\quad - \int_0^{+\infty} f_{\gamma_{\text{R}_a\text{D}}}(y) \left[ \int_0^{z_1} \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1<\dots<i_u, \\ i_1,\dots,i_u \neq a}}^M \lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} \exp(-\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} z) \times f_{\lambda_{\text{SR}_a}}(z) dz \right] dy \\
&= \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1<\dots<i_u, \\ i_1,\dots,i_u \neq a}}^M \lambda_1 \\
&\quad - \int_0^{+\infty} f_{\gamma_{\text{R}_a\text{D}}}(y) \left[ \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1<\dots<i_u, \\ i_1,\dots,i_u \neq a}}^M \lambda_1 [1 - \exp(-(\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{\text{SR}_a}) z_1)] \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1<\dots<i_u, \\ i_1,\dots,i_u \neq a}}^M \exp(\lambda_{\text{SR}_a} z_1) [1 - \exp(-\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} z_1)] \right] dy \\
&= \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1<\dots<i_u, \\ i_1,\dots,i_u \neq a}}^M \lambda_1 \\
&\quad - \int_0^{+\infty} f_{\gamma_{\text{R}_a\text{D}}}(y) \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1<\dots<i_u, \\ i_1,\dots,i_u \neq a}}^M \left[ + \frac{\lambda_{\text{SR}_a}}{\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{\text{SR}_a}} \exp(-(\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{\text{SR}_a}) z_1) \right] dy \\
&= \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1<\dots<i_u, \\ i_1,\dots,i_u \neq a}}^M \int_0^{+\infty} \lambda_{\text{R}_a\text{D}} \times \exp(-\lambda_{\text{R}_a\text{D}} y - \lambda_{\text{SR}_a} z_1) dy \\
&\quad - \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1<\dots<i_u, \\ i_1,\dots,i_u \neq a}}^M \lambda_1 \int_0^{+\infty} \lambda_{\text{R}_a\text{D}} \times \exp(-\lambda_{\text{R}_a\text{D}} y - (\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{\text{SR}_a}) z_1) dy, \tag{46}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \lambda_1 \triangleq \frac{\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}}}{\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{\text{SR}_a}}. \tag{47}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P_2 &= - \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1<\dots<i_u, \\ i_1,\dots,i_u \neq a}}^M \left[ \frac{2\lambda_{\text{SR}_a}}{\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{\text{SR}_a}} \times \sqrt{\frac{(\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{\text{SR}_a}) \lambda_{\text{R}_a\text{D}} \gamma_{\text{th}}}{\eta \rho \Psi}} \times K_1 \left( 2 \sqrt{\frac{(\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{\text{SR}_a}) \lambda_{\text{R}_a\text{D}} \gamma_{\text{th}}}{\eta \rho \Psi}} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - 2 \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{\text{SR}_a} \lambda_{\text{R}_a\text{D}} \gamma_{\text{th}}}{\eta \rho \Psi}} \times K_1 \left( 2 \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{\text{SR}_a} \lambda_{\text{R}_a\text{D}} \gamma_{\text{th}}}{\eta \rho \Psi}} \right) \right]. \tag{48}
\end{aligned}$$

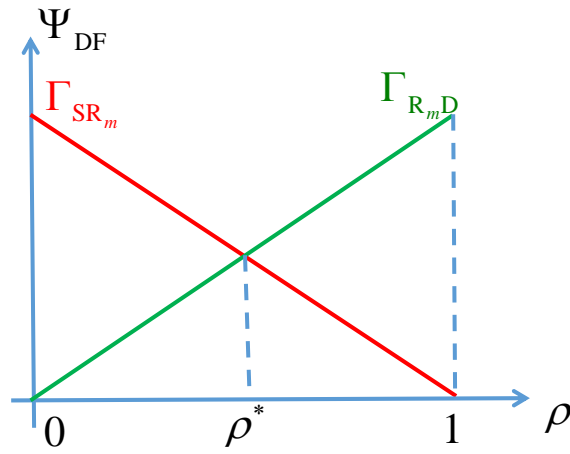


Fig. 13: Illustration of the  $\Gamma_{SR_m}$  and  $\Gamma_{R_mD}$  as a function of  $\rho$ .

To simplify analysis, we adopt the Taylor Series, as follows:

$$\exp\left(-\frac{\Omega_a y}{\eta\gamma_{th}}\right) = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(-\frac{\Omega_a y}{\eta\gamma_{th}}\right)^t}{t!} = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} (-1)^t \frac{\left(\frac{\Omega_a}{\eta\gamma_{th}}\right)^t}{t!} y^t. \quad (61)$$

By substituting (61) into (60), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Upsilon &= \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \frac{\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}}}{\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{SR_a}} \\ &+ \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \left[ \int_1^{+\infty} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} (-1)^t \frac{\left(\frac{\Omega_a}{\eta\gamma_{th}}\right)^t}{t!} \right] \\ &\times \left[ \frac{2\lambda_{SR_a} \vartheta}{\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{SR_a}} \times y^{t+0.5} \times K_1(2\vartheta\sqrt{y}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2\zeta y^{t+0.5} \times K_1(2\zeta\sqrt{y}) \right] dy, \quad (62) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\vartheta = \sqrt{\frac{(\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{SR_a}) \lambda_{R_aD} \gamma_{th}}{\eta\Psi}}, \quad (63)$$

$$\zeta = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{SR_a} \lambda_{R_aD} \gamma_{th}}{\eta\Psi}}. \quad (64)$$

By adopting [45, Eq. (6.592.4)], the exact closed-form expression of  $\Upsilon$  can be obtained as in Lemma 5. This completes the proof.

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$$\begin{aligned}
\Theta &= \int_0^{+\infty} f_{\gamma_{R_a D}}(y) \left[ \int_0^{z_2} \left\{ \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} \exp(-\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} z) \times \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. (\exp(-\lambda_{S R_a} z) - \exp(-\lambda_{S R_a} z_2)) \right\} dz \right] dy \\
&= \int_0^{+\infty} f_{\gamma_{R_a D}}(y) \left[ \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \lambda_1 [1 - \exp(-(\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{S R_a}) z_2)] \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \exp(-\lambda_{S R_a} z_2) [1 - \exp(-\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} z_2)] \right] dy \\
&= \int_0^{+\infty} f_{\gamma_{R_a D}}(y) \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \left[ \frac{\lambda_1 - \exp(-\lambda_{S R_a} z_2)}{\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{S R_a}} \exp(-(\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{S R_a}) z_2) \right] dy \\
&= \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \lambda_1 - \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \int_0^{+\infty} \lambda_{R_a D} \times \exp(-\lambda_{R_a D} y - \lambda_{S R_a} z_2) dy \\
&\quad + \sum_{u=1}^{M-1} (-1)^{u+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1=\dots=i_u=1, \\ i_1 < \dots < i_u, \\ i_1, \dots, i_u \neq a}}^M \frac{\lambda_{S R_a}}{\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{S R_a}} \int_0^{+\infty} \lambda_{R_a D} \times \exp(-\lambda_{R_a D} y - (\lambda_{a,u}^{\text{sum}} + \lambda_{S R_a}) z_2) dy. \tag{58}
\end{aligned}$$

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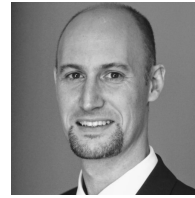
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