ON THE PERFORMANCE OF POWER
BEACON-ASSISTED D2D COMMUNICATIONS IN THE
PRESENCE OF MULTI-JAMMERS AND EAVESDROPPER

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Abstract. In this work, we investigate the performance analysis of a device-to-device (D2D)
communication network under an eavesdropper E attack. Besides, we assume that E is located
in the proximal region where it can overhear the information from the source S. Specifically,
S transmits information to the destination D, adopting the power beacon’s energy to surmount
the limited energy budget. Moreover, to reduce the quality of the eavesdropping link, the coop-
erative jamming technique can be used, where the multi-friendly jammers are employed to generate
the artificial noises to E continuously. As considering the above presentation, we derive the
quality of system analysis in terms of the outage probability (OP), intercept probability (IP), and
secrecy outage probability (SOP) of the proposed system model. Finally, the Monte-Carlo simu-
lations are performed to corroborate the exactness of the mathematical analysis.

Keywords
Friendly jammer, energy harvesting, intercept probability, outage probability.

1. Introduction

The Internet of things (IoT) has received substantial attention from academia and industry because it is a promising communications paradigm that can potentially boost the quality of life with advances in smart transportation, manufacturing, smart cities, energy, health care, agriculture, and retail [1, 2]. Especially, it has become a crucial research direction to accelerate the evolution of the fifth-generation (5G) and beyond [3–6]. Besides many benefits, the massive number of IoT users proposes new communication challenges due to the limited resources, i.e., frequency, power. Fortunately, to improve network performance by increasing the coverage region, D2D communication has emerged as a solution and allows the IoT devices to share the content, as well as other users in close proximity, [7].

Recently, wireless energy harvesting (EH) [8–10] has emerged as a potential solution to pro-
long the lifetime of WSNs. In wireless EH, the energy-constrained devices can harvest energy from radio frequency signals generated by ambient nodes. In [8], the authors studied the EH Decode-and-Forward (DF) by applying a time-switching (TS) scheme in a cooperative Full-Duplex (FD) network, wherein a single-antenna source wants to transmit its signal to a multi-antenna destination with the help of a two-antenna relay was investigated. Different with [8], in [10], the authors employed a static/dynamic power splitting (PS) scheme at the relay, the outage probability and the diversity gain of the dual-hop DF relay systems were analyzed in the presence of a direct link with simultaneous wireless information and power transfer (SWIPT). By combining the TS and PS schemes, the hybrid TS-PS named HTPSR was studied to evaluate the quality of cooperative half-duplex (HD) network in [11]. In [12–14], the authors presented the EH relaying cooperative network with PS protocol with power beacon (PB)-assisted to charge energy for wireless devices and enhance the ability to exchange information between the nodes. The PB-aided wireless power transfer models are suitable for large-scale WSNs or ad-hoc wireless networks. More specifically, the authors in [15, 16] proposed novel multi-hop multi-path PB-assisted cooperating networks with path selection methods to enhance the system performance.

In addition, physical-layer security (PLS) [17–19] has also attracted much attention from researchers as an efficient method to obtain security. Due to its simple implementation, i.e., exploiting only wireless medium characteristics such as link distance and channel state information (CSI), PLS can be effectively implemented in wireless sensor networks (WSNs), internet-of-things (IoT) networks, etc. [20–22]. In [22], the secrecy performance of transmit antenna selection/selection combining (TAS/SC)-based multi-hop harvest-to-transmit cognitive WSNs under the joint impact of interference constraint, limited-energy source, and hardware impairments was investigated. The authors derived new exact and asymptotic expressions of the end-to-end secrecy outage probability (SOP) and probability of non-zero secrecy capacity (PNSC) over the Rayleigh fading channel. In [17], Tin et al. also used TAS and harvest-to-jam techniques to improve security and energy efficiency. Specifically, they derived the closed-form expressions of the probability of successful and secure communication (SS), outage probability (OP), and intercept probability (IP) for the system by considering both co-channel interference and hardware impairments. Despite many fruitful results obtained from the literature to improve the PLS in IoT networks [23–25], none of these works considered jammer in their system model. Therefore, to reduce quality of the eavesdropping channels and increase the credibility of the legitimate channels, in [26–28], the authors proposed cooperative jamming (CJ) techniques, where friendly jammers are adopted to generate artificial noises on the eavesdropper, and the legitimate receivers must cooperate with the jammers to cancel the interference in the received signals.

Motivated by the above discussions, this paper proposed and investigated the performance analysis of the D2D network under power beacon assistance in the presence of eavesdropper and multi-friendly jammers. Furthermore, the source node, which is equipped with an EH circuit, harvests energy from a power beacon. The main contributions are listed as follows:

- We consider a single-input single-output D2D system model in which the source node harvests energy from a power beacon and helps S transfer information to the destination in the presence of an eavesdropper. Moreover, multi-friendly jammers are adopted to reduce the ability to eavesdrop on information from E.
- For the SWIPT technique, a time-switching scheme is considered in our work to illustrate the EH process at the source node. Specifically, we derive the closed-form expressions in terms of OP, IP, and SOP to evaluate the quality of the proposed system. On the other hand, the indept security-reliability trade-off analysis is investigated.
- Simulation results are performed to corroborate the exactness of our analysis. The simulation results show the influences of different parameters on the system perfor-
Fig. 1: SWIPT-based cooperative D2D networks in the presence of an eavesdropper and multi friendly jammers.

Fig. 2: Energy Harvesting and Information transmission processing.

2. System model

As shown in Fig.1, a source node S harvests energy from a power beacon B. Then, S will transmit the information to the destination by using this energy, and eavesdropper E will overhear this signal in the broadcast phase. Furthermore, there are M multiple friendly jammers denoted by $J_1, J_2, ..., J_M$ that generate artificial noises on the eavesdropper and the legitimate users must cooperate with jammers to remove these noises in their received information. Please noticed that in our proposed model, we assume that the jammers are located very far from the power beacon B and can not harvest the energy. The EH and information processing are shown in Fig. 2. During the first time slot $\alpha T$, S will harvest the energy from B, and it adopts this energy to transmit its signal to the destination D. By applying the time-switching (TS) scheme, the average transmit power at S can be given as [29]

$$P_S = \frac{E_S}{(1-\alpha)T} = \frac{\eta \alpha T P_B |h_{BS}|^2}{(1-\alpha)T} = \mu P_B \gamma_{BS},$$

where $P_B$ is the transmit power at the power beacon B, $\mu = \frac{\eta \alpha}{1-\alpha}$, and $0 < \eta \leq 1$ denotes the energy conversion efficiency.
In the broadcast phase, the received signal at the destination D can be expressed as
\[ y_D = h_{SD}x_S + \sum_{n=1}^{M} x_{J_n}h_{J_nD} + n_D, \quad (4) \]

where \( x_S \) is the transmitted signal at the source S and \( \mathbb{E}\{|x_S|^2\} = P_S \); \( n_D \) is the zero-mean additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) with variance \( N_0 \) and \( \mathbb{E}\{\bullet\} \) is the expectation operator.

For simplicity, we assume that all the friendly jammers have the same transmit power \( P_j \), i.e.,
\[ \mathbb{E}\{|x_{J_n}|^2\} = P_j. \]

Because D have to cooperate with the jammers to remove the artificial noises which are generated by jammers in its received signal. Hence, (4) can be re-written by
\[ y_D = h_{SD}x_S + n_D, \quad (5) \]

Next, the received signal at the eavesdropper E can be expressed as
\[ y_E = h_{SE}x_S + \sum_{n=1}^{M} x_{J_n}h_{J_nE} + n_E, \quad (6) \]

Based on (3), (5) and (6), the signal to noise (SNR) at D and E can be given as, respectively.
\[ \gamma_D = \mu\Psi \gamma_{SD} \gamma_{BS}, \quad (7) \]
\[ \gamma_E = \mu|\frac{h_{SE}^2}{h_{BS}}|^2 \frac{|\Psi|}{\Phi X + 1}, \quad (8) \]

where \( \Psi = \frac{P_S}{N_0}, \Phi = \frac{P_s}{N_0} \) and \( X = \sum_{n=1}^{M} |h_{J_nE}|^2 \).

Next, the data rate expressions at D and E can be obtained by, respectively.
\[ C_D = (1 - \alpha)\log_2 (1 + \gamma_D), \]
\[ C_E = (1 - \alpha)\log_2 (1 + \gamma_E), \quad (9) \]

**Remark 1.** Based on [30, eq.35], the PDF of RV \( X \) can be computed as
\[ f_X(x) = \frac{(\lambda_{JE})^M}{(M-1)!} x^{M-1} \exp(-\lambda_{JE}x), \quad (10) \]

3. **Performance analysis**

3.1. **Outage probability (OP) analysis**

Based on (7) and (9), the OP of system can be calculated by [31]
\[ \begin{align*}
\text{OP} &= \text{Pr}(C_D < C_{th}) = \text{Pr}(\mu\Psi \gamma_{SD} \gamma_{BS} < \gamma_{th}) \\
&= \text{Pr}(\gamma_{SD} < \frac{\gamma_{th}}{\mu\Psi \gamma_{BS}}) = \int_0^{\infty} F_{\gamma_{SD}} \left( \frac{\gamma_{th}}{\mu\Psi \gamma_{BS}} \right) f_{\gamma_{BS}}(x) dx \\
&= 1 - \lambda_{BS} \int_0^{\infty} \exp \left( -\frac{\gamma_{th}\lambda_{BS}}{\mu\Psi} - \lambda_{BS}x \right) dx,
\end{align*} \quad (11) \]

where \( \gamma_{th} = \frac{C_{th}}{B_0} - 1 \) is the predefined threshold of system and \( C_{th} \) is the target rate.

By using [32, eq.3.324.1], (11) can be reformulated as
\[ \begin{align*}
\text{OP} &= 1 - 2 \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_{th}\lambda_{BS}\lambda_{SD}}{\mu\Psi}} \times K_v \left( 2 \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_{th}\lambda_{BS}\lambda_{SD}}{\mu\Psi}} \right),
\end{align*} \quad (12) \]

where \( K_v(\bullet) \) is the modified Bessel function of the second kind and \( v \)-th order.

3.2. **Intercept probability (IP) analysis**

Destination will be intercepted if eavesdropper can successfully wiretap signal, i.e. \( C_E \geq C_{th} \). Therefore, the IP can be defined as [33–35]
\[ \text{IP} = \text{Pr}(C_E \geq C_{th}) = \text{Pr}(\gamma_E \geq \gamma_{th}) = 1 - \text{Pr}(\gamma_E < \gamma_{th}), \quad (13) \]

By substituting (8) into (13), we obtain:
\[ \begin{align*}
\text{IP} &= 1 - \text{Pr}(\frac{\mu\gamma_{SE} \gamma_{BS}}{\Phi X + 1} < \gamma_{th}) \\
&= 1 - \int_0^{\infty} F_{\gamma_{SE} \gamma_{BS}} \left( \frac{\gamma_{th} \Phi X + 1}{\mu\Psi} \right) f_X(x) dx,
\end{align*} \quad (14) \]

First, by using the result from (12) to calculate the product of two variables \( \gamma_{SE} \gamma_{BS} \) as
following
\[ F_{\gamma_{SE\gamma_{BS}}} \left( \frac{\gamma_{SE}\gamma_{BS}+1}{\mu_\Psi} \right) = \Pr \left( \gamma_{SE}\gamma_{BS} < \frac{\gamma_{SE}\gamma_{BS}+1}{\mu_\Psi} \right) \]
\[ = \int_0^\infty F_{\gamma_{SE}} \left( \frac{\gamma_{SE}\gamma_{BS}+1}{\mu_\Psi} \right) \times f_{\gamma_{BS}}(y)dy \]
\[ = 1 - \lambda_{BS} \int_0^\infty \exp \left( -\frac{\gamma_{SE}\lambda_{BS}(\gamma_{BS}+1)}{\mu_\Psi} - \lambda_{BS}y \right) dy \]
\[ = 1 - 2\sqrt{\frac{\gamma_{SE}\lambda_{BS}\gamma_{BS}(\gamma_{BS}+1)}{\mu_\Psi}} \times K_1 \left( 2\sqrt{\frac{\gamma_{SE}\lambda_{BS}\gamma_{BS}(\gamma_{BS}+1)}{\mu_\Psi}} \right), \]
(15)

By substituting (10) and (15) into (14), the IP can be re-computed as (16) shown in the next top page.

In order to find the closed-form expression for (16), firstly, we denote \( y = \Phi x + 1 \), (16) can be re-written by
\[ IP = 1 - \frac{2(\lambda_{BE})^M}{(M-1)!\Phi^M\sqrt{\mu_\Psi}} \times \exp \left( \frac{\lambda_{BE}}{\Phi} \right) \]
\[ \times \int_1^\infty \left\{ (y - 1)^{M-1} y^{1/2} \exp \left( -\frac{\lambda_{BE}}{\Phi} \right) K_1 \left( 2\sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{BE}\gamma_{BS}\gamma_{SE}}{\mu_\Psi}} \right) \right\} dy, \]
(17)

Next, for ease of analysis, we apply the Maclaurin series as following
\[ \exp \left( -\frac{\lambda_{BE}}{\Phi} \right) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty \left( -\frac{\lambda_{BE}}{\Phi} \right)^k \]
\[ = \sum_{k=0}^\infty (-1)^k \left( \frac{\lambda_{BE}}{\Phi} \right)^k k!, \]
(18)

By substituting (18) into (17), and then by applying [32, eq.6.592.4], the closed-form expression of IP can be claimed by
\[ IP = 1 - \sum_{k=0}^\infty (-1)^k \left( \frac{\lambda_{BE}}{\Phi} \right)^k \exp \left( \frac{\lambda_{BE}}{\Phi} \right) \times G_{1.3}^{3.0} \left( \frac{\lambda_{BE}\gamma_{BS}\gamma_{SE}}{\mu_\Psi} \right)^k \left| \begin{array}{c} 0 \right. \end{array} \right. \]
\[ \times M, k+1, k \right), \]
(19)

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

### 3.3. Secrecy outage probability (SOP) analysis

For a general communication system, the secrecy rate is determined as the maximum between zero and the value of the difference between the channel rate at the destination and eavesdropper [19]. The secrecy capacity can be thus expressed by
\[ C_{\text{sec}} = \max (C_D - C_E, 0), \]
(20)

The SOP can be determined as following if the secrecy capacity is lower than the threshold of system
\[ \text{SOP} = \Pr (C_{\text{Sec}} < C_{th}) = \Pr \left( \frac{1 + \gamma_D}{1 + \gamma_E} < \gamma_{th} \right), \]
(21)

where \( \gamma_{th} = \gamma_{th} + 1 \).

Based on (7) and (8), the SOP can be reformulated by
\[ \text{SOP} = \Pr \left( \frac{1 + \mu_\Psi \gamma_{SD}\gamma_{BS}}{1 + \mu_\Psi \gamma_{SD}\gamma_{BS} + 1} < \gamma_{th} \right), \]
(22)

It is easy to observe that the closed-form expression of SOP in (22) is unsolvable due to the difficulty of deriving its probability distribution. To address this issue, we have used the approximation \( \frac{1+\mu}{1+\mu} \approx \frac{a}{b} \) which is widely adopted in [36, 37]. Therefore, (22) can be derived as
\[ \text{SOP} \approx \Pr \left( \frac{\Phi x_{\gamma_{SD}}}{\gamma_{SE}} < \gamma_{th} \right) = \Pr \left( \Omega < \frac{\gamma_{th}}{\Phi x} \right) \]
\[ = \int_0^\infty F_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\gamma_{th}}{\Phi x} \right) \times f_X(x)dx, \]
(23)

where \( \Omega = \frac{\gamma_{SD}}{\gamma_{SE}} \).

From (23), the CDF of \( \Omega \) can be computed by
\[ F_\Omega \left( \frac{\gamma_{th}}{\Phi x} \right) = \Pr \left( \Omega < \frac{\gamma_{th}}{\Phi x} \right) = \Pr \left( \frac{\gamma_{SD}}{\gamma_{SE}} < \frac{\gamma_{th}}{\Phi x} \right) \]
\[ = \int_0^\infty \Phi_{\gamma_{SD}} \left( \frac{\gamma_{th}}{\Phi x} \right) f_{\gamma_{SE}}(y)dy \]
\[ = 1 - \lambda_{SE} \int_0^{\gamma_{th}} \exp \left( -\frac{\lambda_{SD}\gamma_{th}}{\Phi x} - \lambda_{SE}y \right) dy \]
\[ = \frac{\lambda_{SD}\gamma_{th}}{\lambda_{SD}\gamma_{th} + \Phi x}, \]
(24)
\[ \text{IP} = 1 - \frac{2(\lambda_{JE})^M \sqrt{\lambda_{SE} \lambda_{BS}}}{(M-1)!} \int_0^\infty x^{M-1} \exp(-\lambda_{JE} x) \times \sqrt{\gamma_{th} (\Phi x + 1)} \times K_1 \left( 2\sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{SE} \lambda_{BS} \gamma_{th} (\Phi x + 1)}{\mu \Psi}} \right) dx, \]

By substituting (10) and (24) into (23), we obtain:
\[ \text{SOP} = \frac{\lambda_{SD} \tilde{r}_{th} (\lambda_{JE})^M}{(M-1)! \Phi \lambda_{SE}} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{M-1} \exp(-\lambda_{JE} x)}{x + \frac{\lambda_{SD} \tilde{r}_{th}}{\Phi \lambda_{SE}}} \, dx, \]

Finally, with the help of [32, eq.3.383.10], the SOP can be thus found by
\[ \text{SOP} = \frac{\lambda_{SD} \tilde{r}_{th} (\lambda_{JE})^M}{\Phi \lambda_{SE}} \times \left( \frac{\lambda_{SD} \tilde{r}_{th}}{\Phi \lambda_{SE}} \right)^{M-1} \times \exp \left( \frac{\lambda_{SD} \tilde{r}_{th}}{\Phi \lambda_{SE}} \right) \Gamma \left( 1 - M, \frac{\lambda_{SD} \tilde{r}_{th}}{\Phi \lambda_{SE}} \right). \]

where \( \Gamma (\alpha, x) = \int_x^\infty e^{-t} t^{\alpha-1} dt \) is the incomplete gamma function.

4. Numerical results

In this section, Monte-Carlo simulations are furnished to verify the theoretical expressions and the effects of various parameters on the system performance. To obtain the OP, IP and SOP for the proposed schemes, we perform \( 10^5 \) independent trials, and the channel coefficients are randomly generated as Rayleigh fading in each trial.

In Figs. 3 and 4, we sketch the OP and IP as functions of \( \Psi \) (dB) with different \( \alpha \) values, where \( C_{th} = 0.25 \) bps/Hz, \( \eta = 0.8 \), \( M = 1 \) and \( \Phi = 1 \) dB. First, in Fig. 3, we can see that if the \( \Psi \) is higher, the better OP can be obtained. On the other hand, in Fig. 4, the IP is also proportional to the \( \Psi \) value. This is easy to explain since when we increase the value of transmit power, the possibility to receive transmitted information from the source at the destination will be higher, so OP will decrease. Moreover, based on observation in (3), when \( \alpha = 0.25 \) case, the transmit power will be lower than \( \alpha = 0.55 \)
case. Furthermore, in (11), the OP is a linear function of the transmit power $\Psi$, hence, the OP with $\alpha=0.55$ is better than the OP with $\alpha=0.25$. Besides, when increasing the transmit power, the possibility of E eavesdropping data from the source is also very high. As the same explanation for OP case, the IP is the better if $\alpha=0.55$ and the transmit power $\Psi$ increases gradually. So, the problem is that we have to trade off between OP and IP. It means that if we want the system to work well, we must accept high eavesdropping information and vice versa. In more detail, for example in Fig. 3, with $\Psi=12$ dB, the OP is 0.1 while the IP is approximately 0.75 in Fig. 4. Hence, with the choice of simulation parameters as shown above, the overhear ability of E is still very high and in order to reduce the IP value, we can increase the number of jammers as shown in Fig. 5.

In order that the system works well, we have to find solutions which reduce E’s eavesdropping ability. So, as the same parameter such as $C_{th}=0.25$ bps/Hz, $\eta=0.8$ for OP analysis, we can observe in Fig. 3, the OP is very close the 0.1 value when $\Psi=12$dB. If want to hold this value, we will choose to increase the transmit power of the jammer as well as choose a large number of jammers to decrease the IP value where is illustrated in Fig. 5.

In Figs. 6 and 7, we plot the OP and IP as functions of $\alpha$, where $C_{th}=0.25$ bps/Hz, $\eta=0.8$, $\Psi = 10$ dB, $M=3$ and $\Phi = 3$ dB. By observing the results, the optimal $\alpha$ can be found when the OP is minimum in Fig. 6 and IP is maximum in Fig. 7. This optimal $\alpha$ value varies between 0.7 and 0.8. In both figures, once again, the trade-off between OP and IP is described clearly.
where the α value that makes the OP minimize will make the IP maximally. Therefore, the chosen α value must guarantee trade-off condition between OP and IP in practice. The recommendation α value in both Figs. 6 and 7 is approximately 0.2 with specific values set as above.

For a general analysis, finally, the SOP versus α with different number of jammers is investigated shown in Fig. 8, where \( C_{th} = 0.25 \) bps/Hz, \( \eta = 0.8, \Phi = 1 \) dB and \( \Psi = 5 \) dB. Similar to Figs. 6 and 7, there also exists an optimal value of α to minimize SOP. For instance, when M equals 1, the SOP performance converges to the optimal α value equals 0.6, then SOP value increases when α varies from 0.6 to 1 and decreases when α varies from 0 to 0.6. Moreover, it is easily observed that the higher value of Φ is, the the lower the secrecy performance can be achieved. Because of the higher Φ at the jammers, it will increase the power of artificial noises on the eavesdropper and make the received capacity \( C_E \) to decrease.

5. Conclusions

In this paper, we studied a D2D network that is assisted by a power beacon, an EH source, a destination under the impact of an eavesdropper, and multi-friendly jammers. The source node can harvest energy from a power beacon and used this energy to transmit its data to the destination. At the same time, other sources transfer information or noises using the same frequency. As mentioned above, we derive the performance analysis of the OP, IP, and SOP to estimate the system quality. Finally, the Monte-Carlo simulation is carried out to confirm the rightness of the mathematic analysis. The results also express the trade-off between the OP and IP. For future work, it is of interest to extend the average secrecy capacity (ASC) analysis and investigate to the case of a more generalized model such as investigating multi-sources, multi destinations models, i.e., and Rician or Weibull fading channels.

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