

# Algorithm Design for IRS-Assisted Wireless Communication Systems

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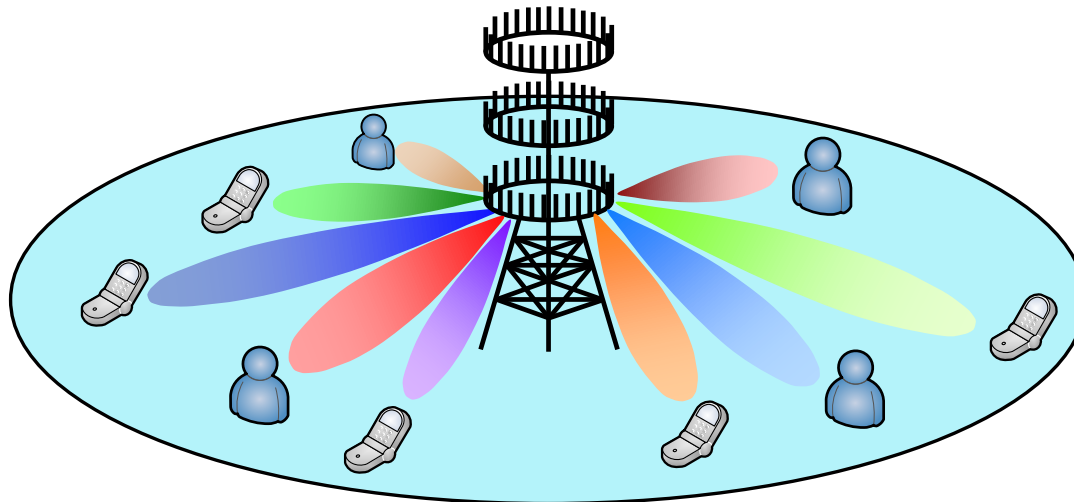


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# Background and Introduction

## ❖ Two Limitations in Current Wireless Systems

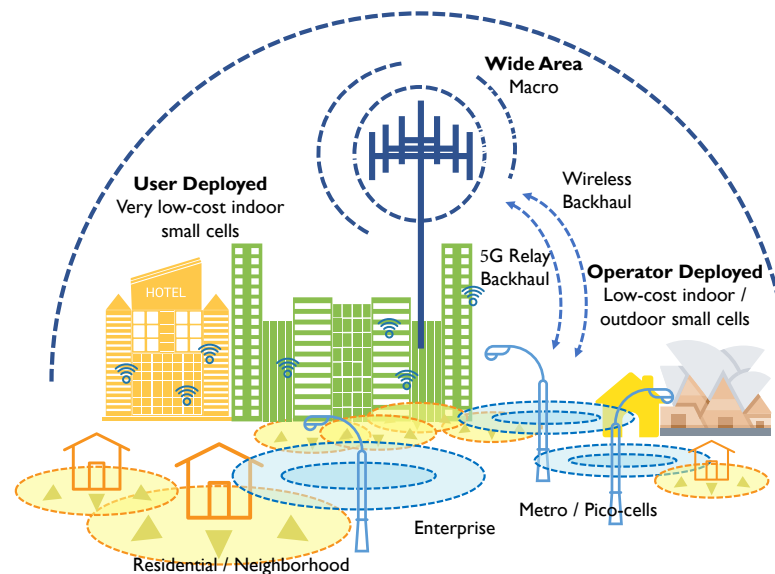
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Large-scale antenna arrays for massive MIMO systems

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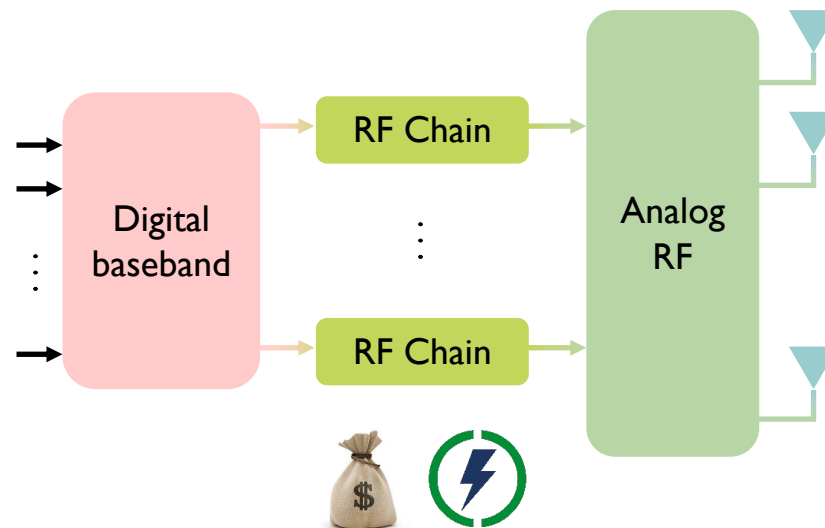
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Network densification with a large number of APs in small cells

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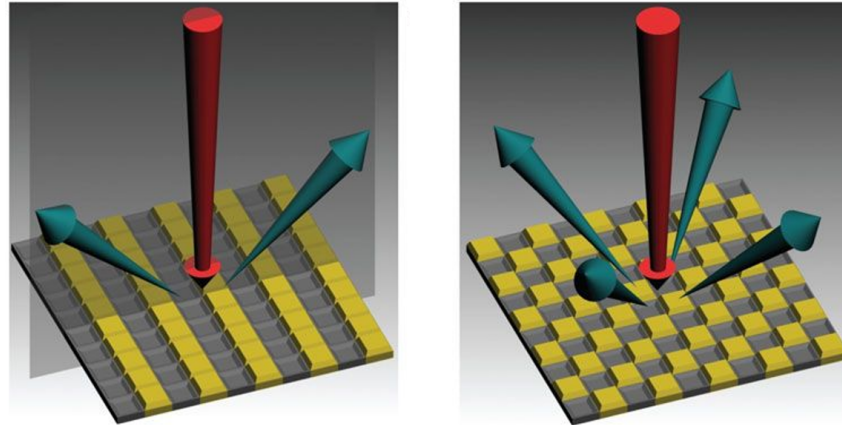
Costly and power-hungry RF chains at mm-wave bands

## ❖ Two Limitations in Current Wireless Systems

- Additional **cost and power consumption** are inevitably incurred
- Performance of wireless communication systems is limited by the wireless channels which are treated as a “black box” and **cannot be adaptively** controlled as would be desired

New paradigms that are energy-efficient, able to customize the wireless environment, and spectral-efficient, are needed for future wireless communication systems

## ❖ Intelligent Reflecting Surfaces (IRSs)

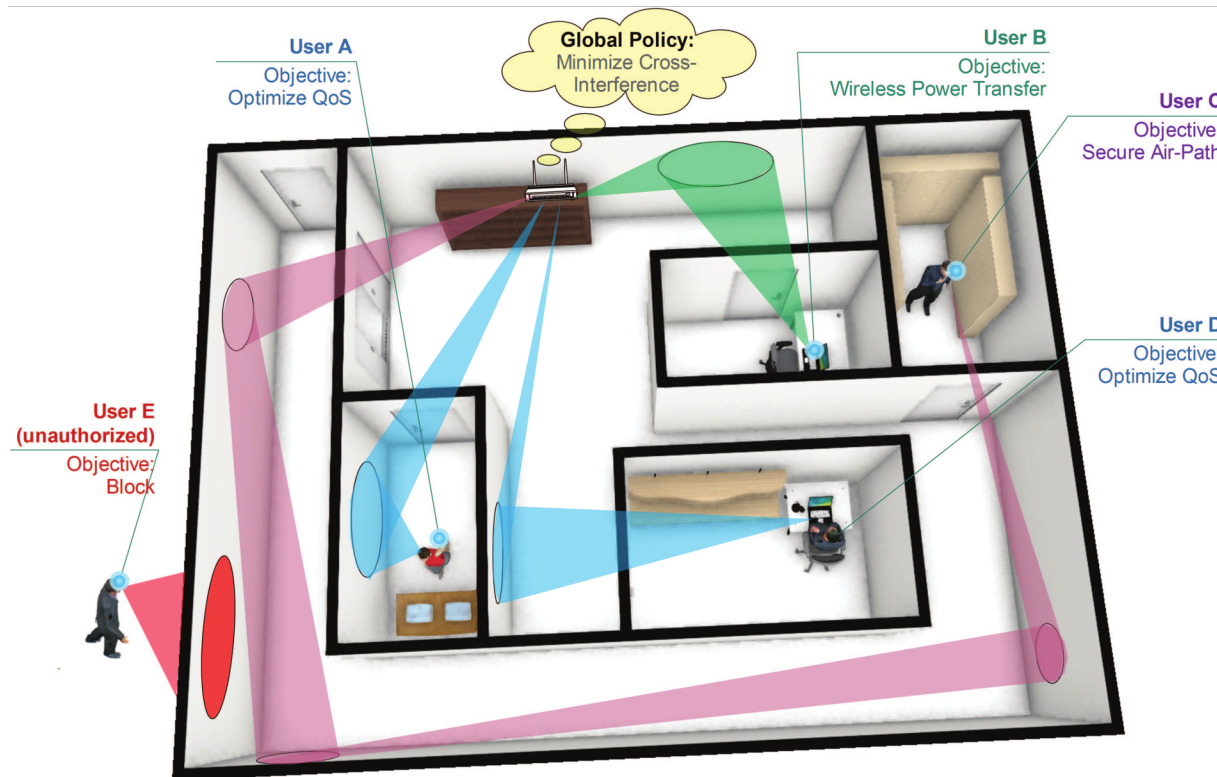


- IRSs can change the direction of the impinging electromagnetic (EM) waves
- **Low-cost passive** devices, e.g., dipoles and phase shifters
- Create **favorable** wireless propagation environments



## ❖ Intelligent Reflecting Surfaces (IRSs)

- IRSs can be readily coated on the facades of buildings, which **reduces implementation cost and complexity**



## ❖ Intelligent Reflecting Surfaces (IRSs)

- Conventional communication devices, e.g., relays, receive and retransmit new signals
- IRSs smartly **transform or recycle** existing signals
- Promising key enablers for improving the performance of wireless communications in an **economical** and **energy-efficient** manner



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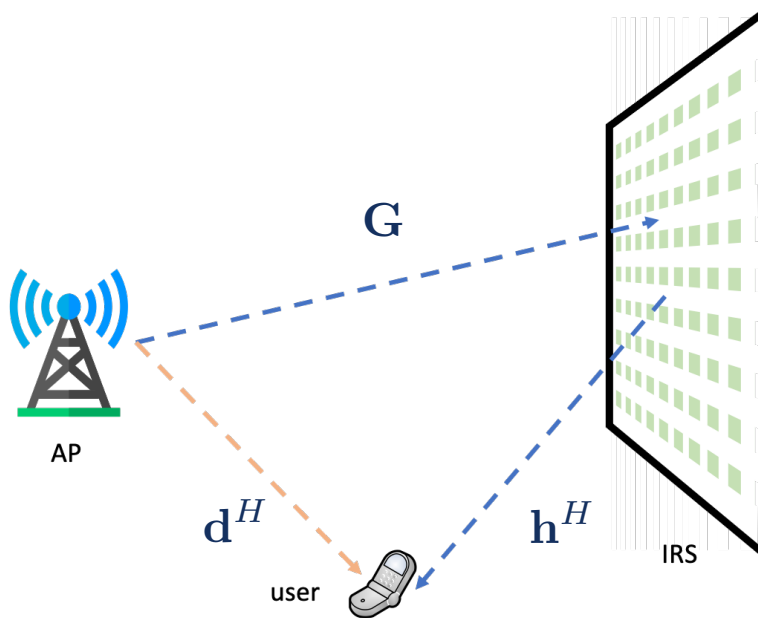
- IRSs have to be jointly designed with conventional communication techniques, e.g., beamforming at APs

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Rate maximization	Single-user MISO			
	Secure Wireless Communication	Single user + single eave		
		Multiple users and eaves, robust		
	Generic			
Power minimization	Multiuser MISO			
	SWIPT with large scale IRSs			

# Algorithm Design for IRS-Assisted Systems

## ❖ Warm-Up: Single-User MISO

### ➤ System model and notations



$$\Phi = \text{diag}(e^{j\theta_1}, e^{j\theta_2}, \dots, e^{j\theta_M})$$

➤ Received signal:  $y = (\mathbf{h}^H \Phi \mathbf{G} + \mathbf{d}^H) \mathbf{w}x + n$

## ❖ Warm-Up: Single-User MISO

### ➤ Optimal beamformer: MRT

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \sqrt{P} \frac{\mathbf{G}^H \Phi \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{d}}{\|\mathbf{G}^H \Phi \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{d}\|_2}$$

### ➤ Rate maximization $\mathbf{v} = [e^{-j\theta_1}, e^{-j\theta_2}, \dots, e^{-j\theta_M}, t], \quad |t| = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}^{M+1}}{\text{maximize}} && \mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{R} \mathbf{v} \\ & \text{subject to} && |v_i| = 1, \quad i \in \{1, 2, \dots, M+1\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{diag}(\mathbf{h}^H) \mathbf{G} \mathbf{G}^H \text{diag}(\mathbf{h}) & \text{diag}(\mathbf{h}^H) \mathbf{G} \mathbf{d} \\ \mathbf{d}^H \mathbf{G}^H \text{diag}(\mathbf{h}) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

### ➤ The **unit modulus constraints** are intrinsically non-convex

## ❖ Classic Approach

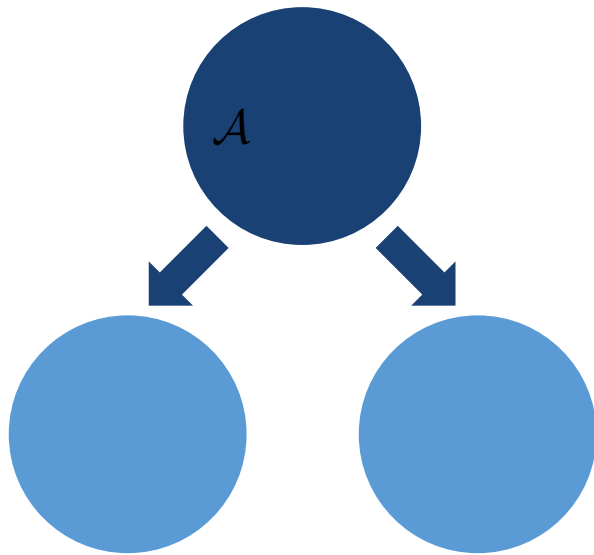
- Semidefinite relaxation (SDR):  $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^H$

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{H}^{M+1}}{\text{maximize}} && \text{Tr}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{V}) \\ & \text{subject to} && \text{diag}(\mathbf{V}) = \mathbf{1}_{M+1}, \\ & && \text{Rank}(\mathbf{V}) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

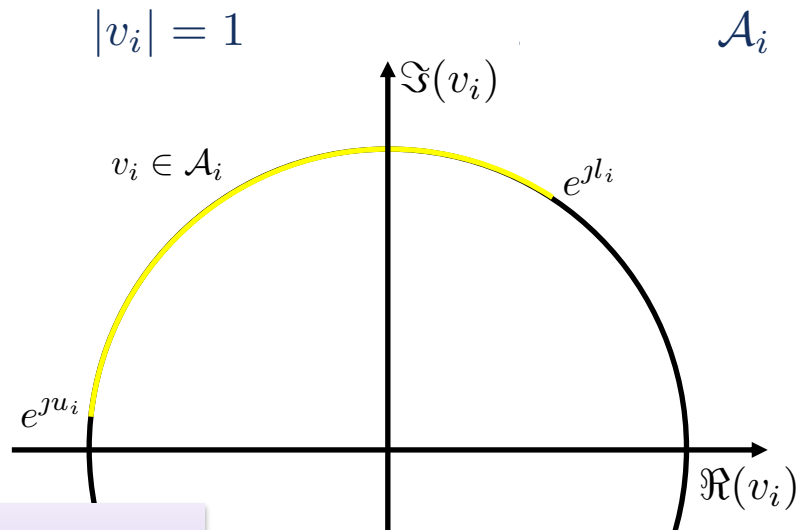
- No guarantee that the solution  $\mathbf{V}$  is with unit rank
- Gaussian randomization  $\bar{\mathbf{v}} \sim \mathcal{CN}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{V})$
- Normalization:  $\mathbf{v} = \text{unt}(\bar{\mathbf{v}}) \triangleq \left[ \frac{v_1}{|v_1|}, \frac{v_2}{|v_2|}, \dots, \frac{v_{M+1}}{|v_{M+1}|} \right]$
- **Suboptimal** solution: only ensures that the value of the objective function is asymptotically at least  $\pi/4$  of the optimal value

[Ref] S. Zhang and Y. Huang, “Complex quadratic optimization and semidefinite programming,” *SIAM J. Optim.*, vol. 16, no. 3, pp. 871–890, 2006.

## ❖ Branch and Bound (BnB)



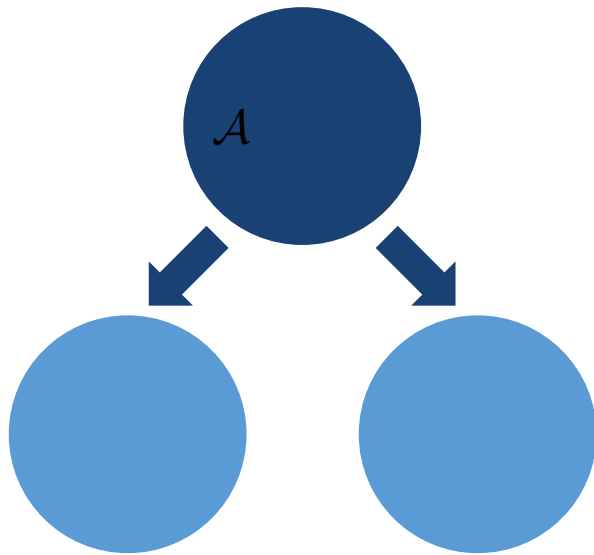
➤ **Node:** A subset of the feasible set defined in the problem to be solved



$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}^{M+1}}{\text{maximize}} && \mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{R} \mathbf{v} \\ & \text{subject to} && |v_i| = 1, \quad i \in \{1, 2, \dots, M+1\}, \end{aligned}$$



## ❖ Branch and Bound (BnB)



➤ **Subproblem:** A subset of the feasible set defined in the problem to be solved

$$\underset{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{V} \succeq \mathbf{0}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \underline{g}(\mathbf{V}) = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{V})$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad v_i \in \mathcal{A}_i, \quad \forall i,$$

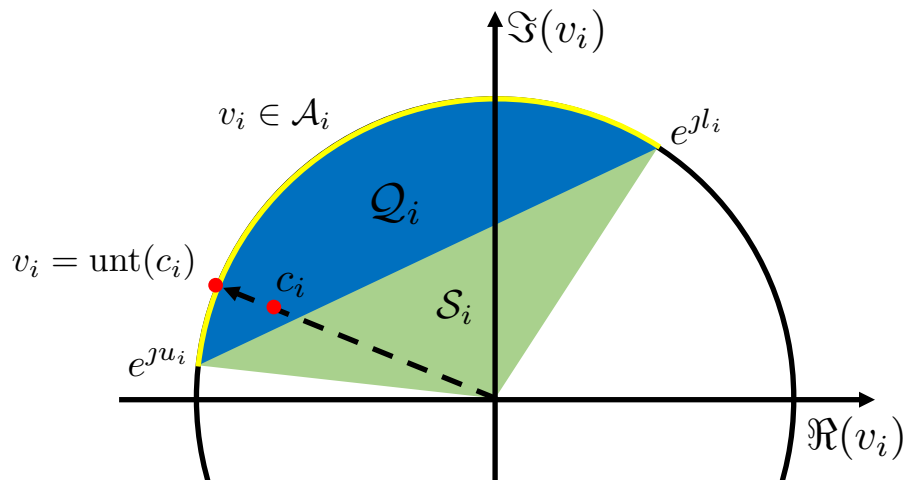
$$\text{Diag}(\mathbf{V}) = \mathbf{1}_{M+1},$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^H.$$

➤ A lower and an upper **bounds** are required for each node

## ❖ Branch and Bound (BnB)

➤ **Lower bound:** Relax the feasible set  $\mathcal{A}_i$



$$\text{minimize}_{\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{C} \succeq \mathbf{0}} \quad \underline{g}(\mathbf{C}) = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{RC})$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{c}_i \in \mathcal{Q}_i \quad \forall i,$$

$$\text{Diag}(\mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{1}_{M+1},$$

$$\mathbf{C} \succeq \mathbf{c}\mathbf{c}^H.$$

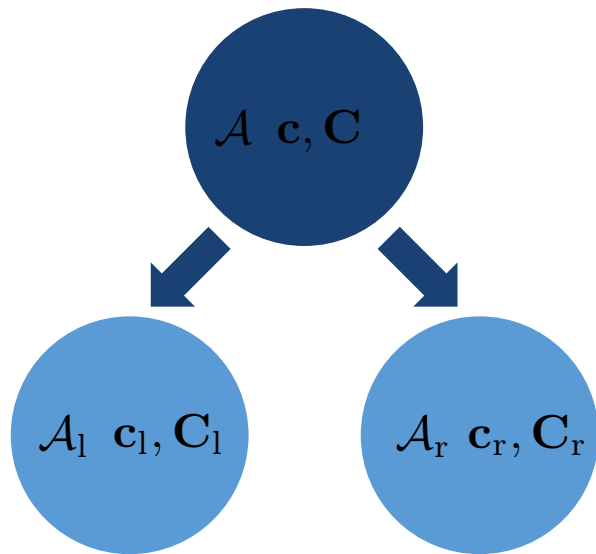
$$\mathbf{c}_i \in \mathcal{Q}_i \Leftrightarrow \Re(\mathbf{a}^* \circ \mathbf{c}) \geq \cos\left(\frac{\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{l}}{2}\right)$$

$$a_i = e^{j \frac{u_i + l_i}{2}}$$

➤ **Upper bound:** Construct a feasible set

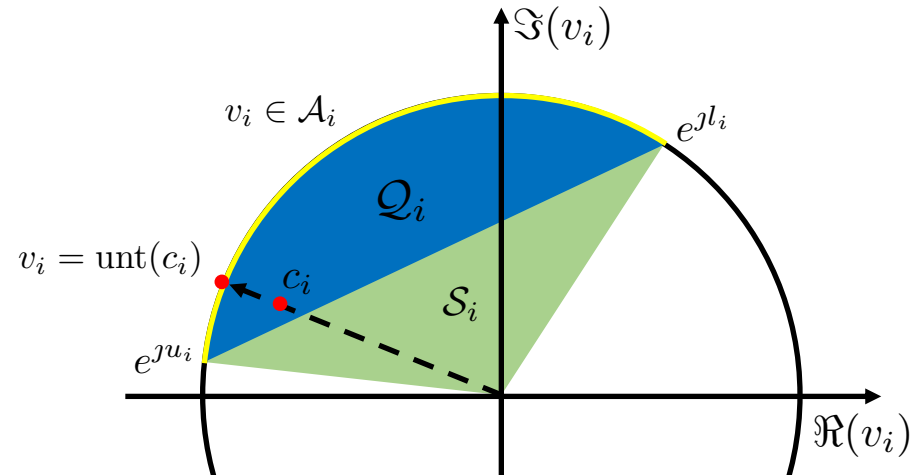
$$\mathbf{v} = \text{unt}(\mathbf{c}) \triangleq \left[ \frac{c_1}{|c_1|}, \frac{c_2}{|c_2|}, \dots, \frac{c_{M+1}}{|c_{M+1}|} \right]$$

## ❖ Branch and Bound (BnB)



- **Branch:** Select the node associated with the smallest lower bound
- Equally partition  $\mathcal{A}_{i^*}$

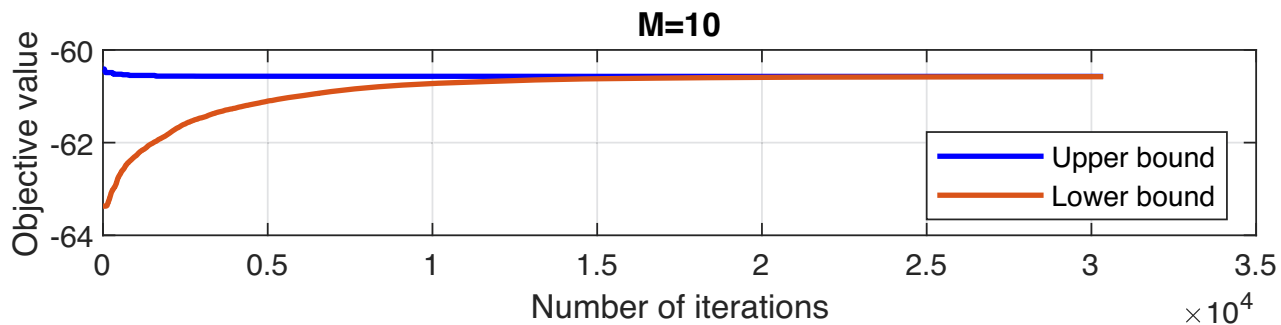
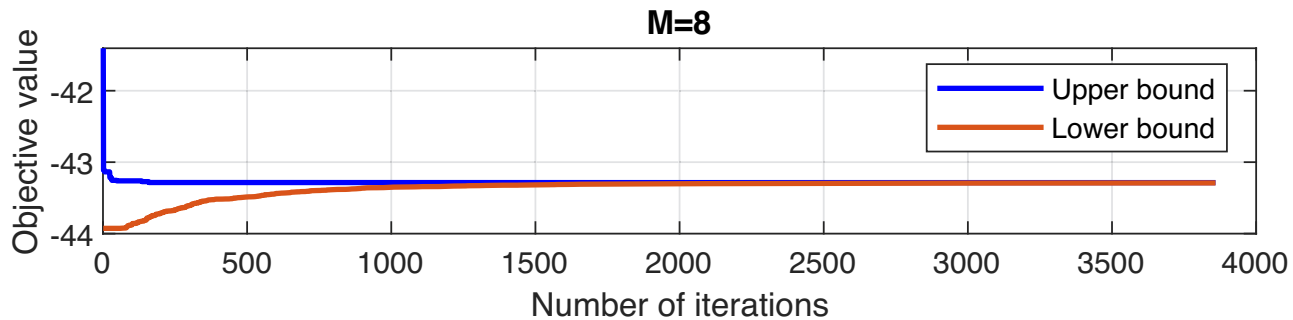
$$i^* = \arg \max_i |c_i - v_i|$$



## ❖ Branch and Bound (BnB)

➤ Simulation result: Convergence

**Complexity!**

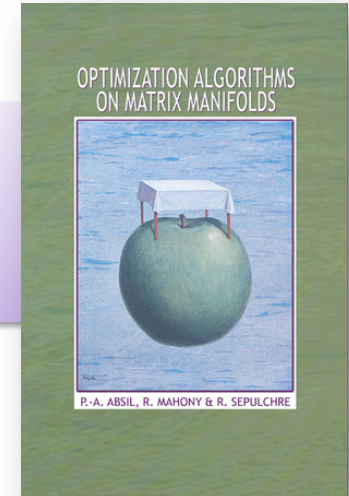


## ❖ Manifold Optimization

### ➤ Reformulation

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^M}{\text{minimize}} && f(\mathbf{x}) = -\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}^H \mathbf{x} \\ & \text{subject to} && |x_i| = 1, \quad i \in \{1, 2, \dots, M\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &= \text{diag}(\mathbf{h}_r^H) \mathbf{G} \mathbf{G}^H \text{diag}(\mathbf{h}_r), \\ \mathbf{b} &= \text{diag}(\mathbf{h}_r^H) \mathbf{G} \mathbf{h}. \end{aligned}$$



- The unit modulus constraints  $|x_i| = 1$  form a **complex circle manifold**
- Manifold optimization

## ❖ Three Key Elements in Manifold Optimization

### ➤ Tangent space:

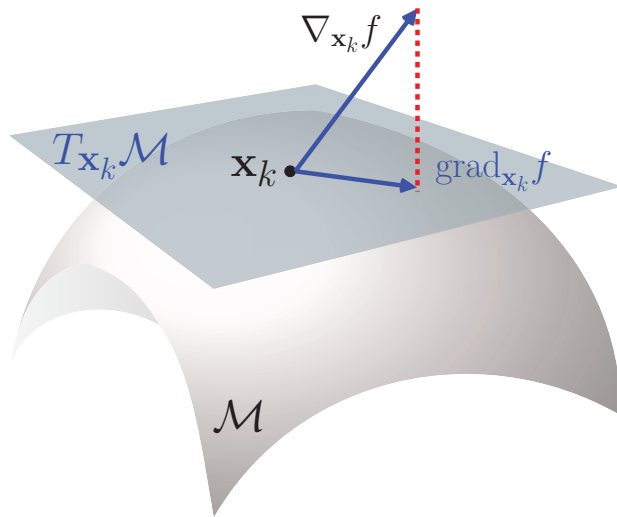
$$T_{\mathbf{x}_k} \mathcal{M} = \{ \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^M : \Re \{ \mathbf{z} \circ \mathbf{x}_k^* \} = \mathbf{0}_M \}$$

### ➤ Riemannian gradient: **Orthogonal projection** of the Euclidean gradient $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_k} f$ onto the tangent space $T_{\mathbf{x}_k} \mathcal{M}$

$$\text{grad}_{\mathbf{x}_k} f = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_k} f - \Re \{ \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_k} f \circ \mathbf{x}_k^* \} \circ \mathbf{x}_k,$$

where the Euclidean gradient of the objective function is given by

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_k} f = -2 (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{b}).$$



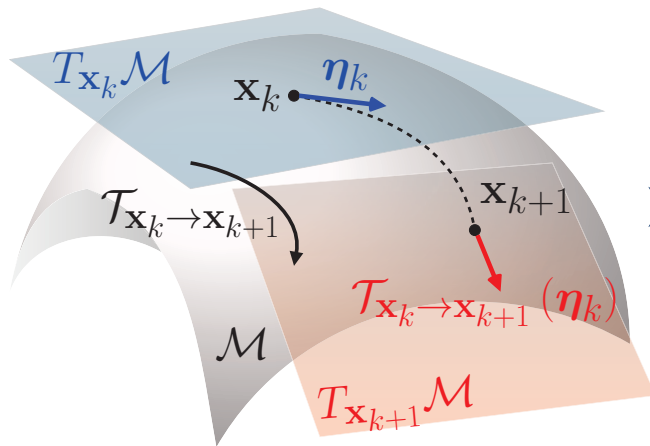
## ❖ Three Key Elements in Manifold Optimization

- Conjugate gradient (CG) method in the Euclidean space

$$\eta_{k+1} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_{k+1}} f + \beta_k \eta_k,$$

where  $\eta_k$  is the search direction at  $\mathbf{x}_k$ .

- **Transport:** Mapping of a tangent vector from one tangent space to another

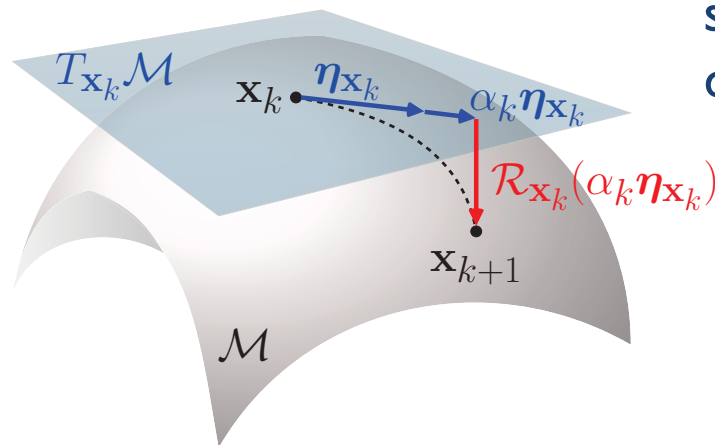


$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{x}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_{k+1}}(\eta_k) &\triangleq T_{\mathbf{x}_k} \mathcal{M} \mapsto T_{\mathbf{x}_{k+1}} \mathcal{M} : \\ \eta_k &\mapsto \eta_k - \mathcal{R}\{\eta_k \circ \mathbf{x}_{k+1}^*\} \circ \mathbf{x}_{k+1}. \end{aligned}$$

CG on the manifold:  $\eta_{k+1} = -\text{grad}_{\mathbf{x}_{k+1}} f + \beta_k \mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{x}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_{k+1}}(\eta_k)$

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- **Retraction**: Mapping from the tangent space to the manifold itself to find the destination on the manifold



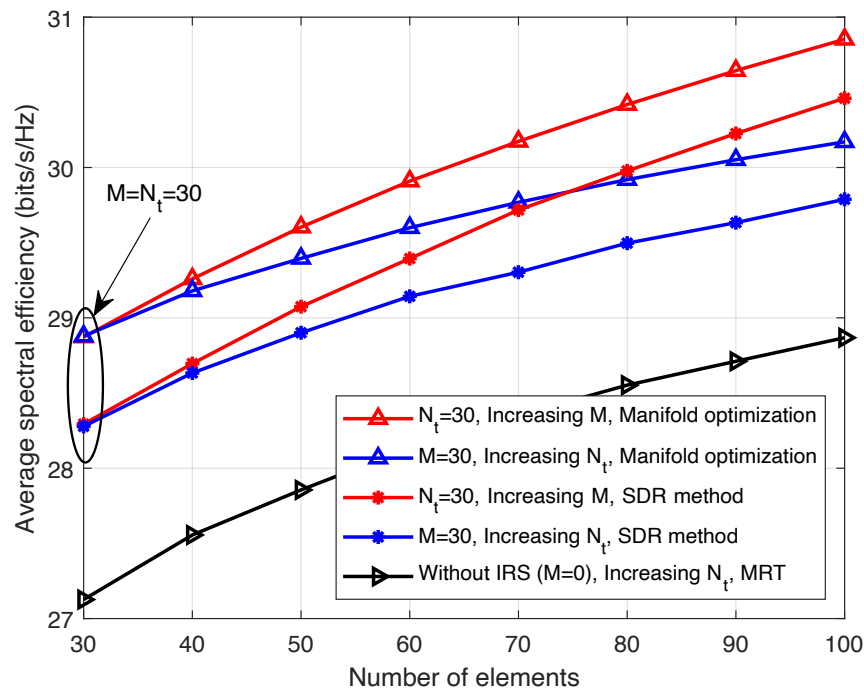
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{x}_k}(\alpha_k \boldsymbol{\eta}_k) &\triangleq T_{\mathbf{x}_k} \mathcal{M} \mapsto \mathcal{M} : \\ \alpha_k \boldsymbol{\eta}_k &\mapsto \text{unt}(\alpha_k \boldsymbol{\eta}_k) \end{aligned}$$

- The CG method based manifold optimization **converges to a critical point**
- Computational complexity:  $\mathcal{O}(M^{1.5})$  (SDR:  $\mathcal{O}((M+1)^6)$ )



## ❖ Warm-Up: Single-User MISO

### ➤ Simulation results: Manifold vs. SDR

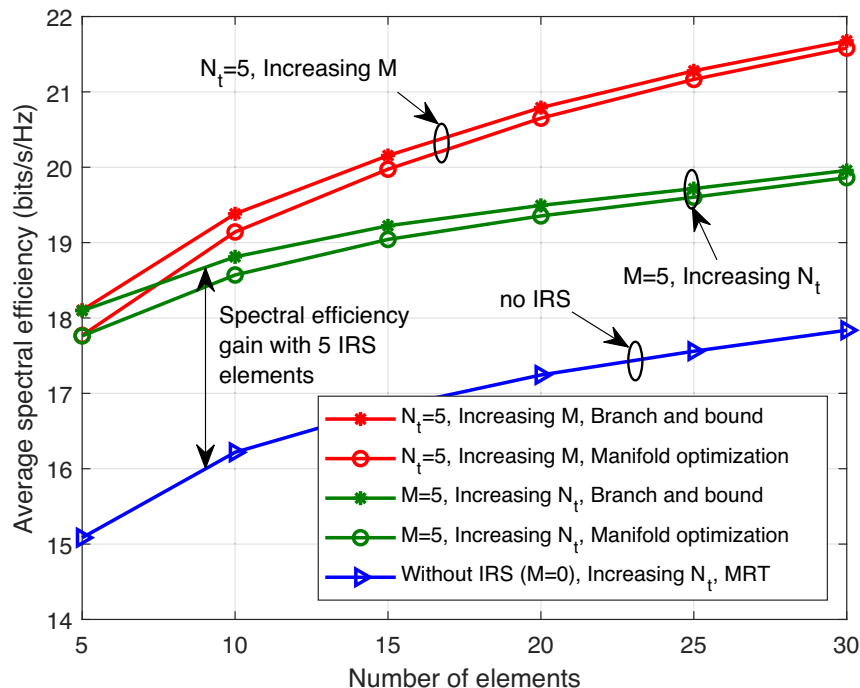


➤ Superiority over SDR

➤ Effectiveness of incorporating IRSs into wireless communication systems

## ❖ Warm-Up: Single-User MISO

### ➤ Simulation results: Manifold vs. BnB



➤ Manifold optimization-based algorithm achieves a near-optimal performance

➤ Increasing the number of IRS elements is more efficient than enlarging the antenna size at the AP in terms of improving spectral efficiency

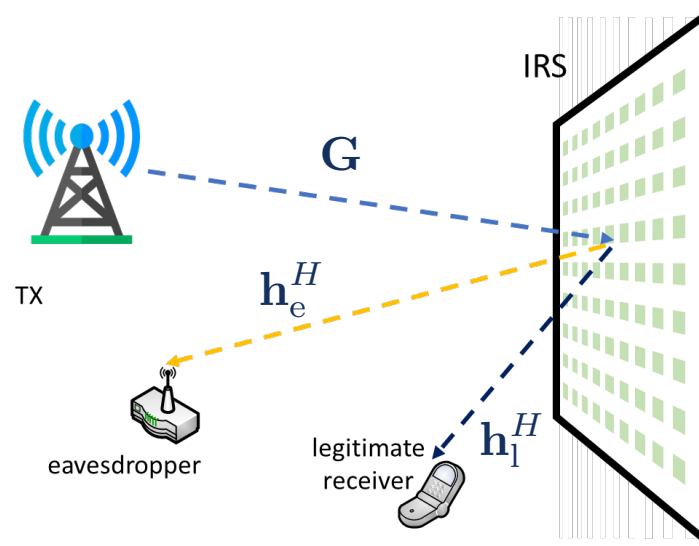
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### ➤ Conclusion

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Rate maximization	Single-user MISO		SDR	Introductory
			BnB	SPAWC20
			Manifold	ICCCI9
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## ❖ Secure Communication: Single-Eavesdropper

### ➤ System model



$$\Phi = \text{diag}(e^{j\theta_1}, e^{j\theta_2}, \dots, e^{j\theta_M})$$

➤ Received signals:

$$y_1 = \mathbf{h}_1^H \Phi \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w} x + n_1,$$

$$y_e = \mathbf{h}_e^H \Phi \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w} x + n_e,$$

## ❖ Secure Communication: Single-Eavesdropper

### ➤ Secrecy rate

$$C = \left[ \log \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} |\mathbf{h}_1^H \Phi \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w}|^2 \right) - \log \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sigma_e^2} |\mathbf{h}_e^H \Phi \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w}|^2 \right) \right]^+$$

### ➤ Rate maximization

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{w}, \Phi}{\text{maximize}} && \frac{1 + \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} |\mathbf{h}_1^H \Phi \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w}|^2}{1 + \frac{1}{\sigma_e^2} |\mathbf{h}_e^H \Phi \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w}|^2} \\ & \text{subject to} && \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \leq P \\ & && \Phi = \text{diag} (e^{j\theta_1}, e^{j\theta_2}, \dots, e^{j\theta_M}) \end{aligned}$$

### ➤ Difficulty: **Coupled variables & unit modulus constraint**

## ❖ Secure Communication: Single-Eavesdropper

➤ Coupling: Alternately optimizing variables

➤ (I) Beamforming optimization

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{w}}{\text{maximize}} && \frac{1 + \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} |\mathbf{h}_1^H \Phi \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w}|^2}{1 + \frac{1}{\sigma_e^2} |\mathbf{h}_e^H \Phi \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w}|^2} \\ & \text{subject to} && \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \leq P \end{aligned}$$

➤ Equivalent to a Rayleigh quotient problem

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \sqrt{P} \lambda_{\max} (\mathbf{X}_e^{-1} \mathbf{X}_l),$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{X}_i = \mathbf{I}_{N_t} + \frac{P}{\sigma_i^2} \mathbf{G}^H \Phi^H \mathbf{h}_i \mathbf{h}_i^H \Phi \mathbf{G}, \quad i \in \{l, e\}$$

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### ➤ (II) IRS optimization

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\Phi}{\text{maximize}} && \frac{1 + \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} |\mathbf{h}_1^H \Phi \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w}|^2}{1 + \frac{1}{\sigma_e^2} |\mathbf{h}_e^H \Phi \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w}|^2} && \text{SDR?} && f(\mathbf{v}) \\ & \text{subject to} && \Phi = \text{diag}(e^{j\theta_1}, e^{j\theta_2}, \dots, e^{j\theta_M}) && && \text{Monotonicity} \end{aligned}$$

### ➤ Solution I: Consider each phase $\theta_k$ as a block in BCD

$$\frac{1 + \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} |\mathbf{h}_1^H \Phi \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w}|^2}{1 + \frac{1}{\sigma_e^2} |\mathbf{h}_e^H \Phi \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w}|^2} = \frac{c_{1,k} + d_{1,k} \cos(\theta_k + p_{1,k})}{c_{e,k} + d_{e,k} \cos(\theta_k + p_{e,k})},$$

$$\theta_k^* = \begin{cases} \tilde{\theta}_k + \pi & c_{e,k} d_{1,k} \cos(p_{1,k}) < c_{1,k} d_{e,k} \cos(p_{e,k}) \\ \tilde{\theta}_k & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## ❖ Secure Communication: Single-Eavesdropper

➤ Solution I: Consider each phase  $\theta_k$  as a block in BCD

$$\tilde{\theta}_k = \arctan \frac{c_{e,k} d_{1,k} \cos(p_{1,k}) - c_{1,k} d_{e,k} \cos(p_{e,k})}{c_{e,k} d_{1,k} \sin(p_{1,k}) - c_{1,k} d_{e,k} \sin(p_{e,k})} - \arccos \frac{d_{1,k} d_{e,k} \sin(p_{e,k} - p_{1,k})}{\sqrt{c_{e,k}^2 d_{1,k}^2 + c_{1,k}^2 d_{e,k}^2 - 2c_{1,k} c_{e,k} d_{1,k} d_{e,k} \cos(p_{1,k} - p_{e,k})}}$$

$$c_{i,k} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} |h_{i,k}^* \mathbf{g}_k^H \mathbf{w}|^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \left| \sum_{m \neq k} h_{i,m}^* e^{j\theta_m} \mathbf{g}_m^H \mathbf{w} \right|^2 \right),$$

$$d_{i,k} = \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \left| h_{i,k}^* \mathbf{g}_k^H \mathbf{w} \sum_{m \neq k} h_{i,m} e^{-j\theta_m} \mathbf{w}^H \mathbf{g}_m \right|,$$

$$p_{i,k} = \angle \left( h_{i,k}^* \mathbf{g}_k^H \mathbf{w} \sum_{m \neq k} h_{i,m} e^{-j\theta_m} \mathbf{w}^H \mathbf{g}_m \right), \quad i \in \{1, e\},$$



## ❖ Secure Communication: Single-Eavesdropper

### ➤ Solution 2: Minorization maximization (MM) with AO

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\Phi}{\text{maximize}} && \frac{1 + \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} |\mathbf{h}_1^H \Phi \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w}|^2}{1 + \frac{1}{\sigma_e^2} |\mathbf{h}_e^H \Phi \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w}|^2} \\ & \text{subject to} && \Phi = \text{diag}(e^{j\theta_1}, e^{j\theta_2}, \dots, e^{j\theta_M}) \end{aligned}$$

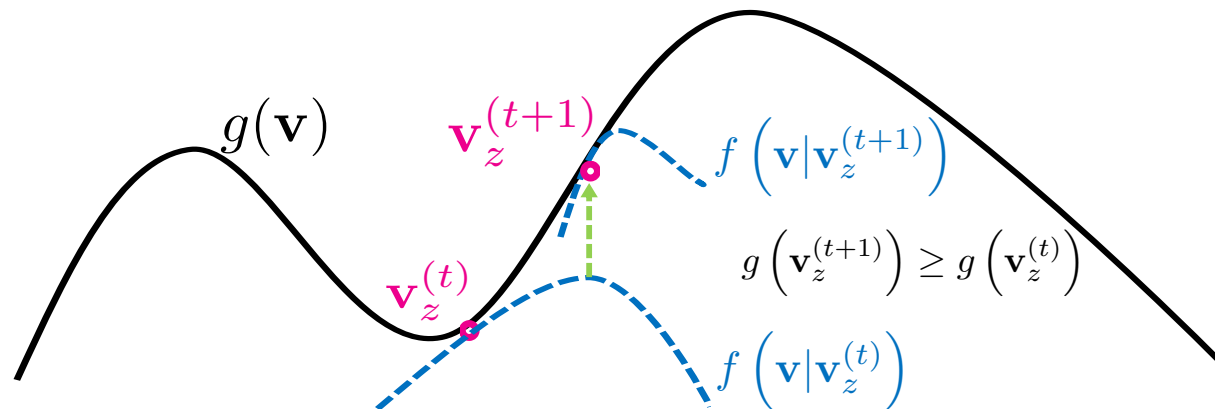
### ➤ Reformulation

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{v}}{\text{maximize}} && g(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{\mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{Y}_1 \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{Y}_e \mathbf{v}} \\ & \text{subject to} && |v_k| = 1, \quad k \in \{1, 2, \dots, M\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = [e^{j\theta_1}, \dots, e^{j\theta_M}]^H, \quad \mathbf{Y}_i = \frac{1}{M} \mathbf{I}_M + \frac{P}{\sigma_i^2} \text{diag}(\mathbf{h}_i^H) \mathbf{G} \mathbf{f} \mathbf{f}^H \mathbf{G}^H \text{diag}(\mathbf{h}_i)$$

## ❖ Secure Communication: Single-Eavesdropper

### ➤ Solution 2: Minorization maximization (MM)



- A lower bound on the objective function  $g(\mathbf{v})$  that **touches** the objective function at point  $\mathbf{v}_z^{(t)}$
- The key to the success of MM lies in constructing a surrogate objective function  $f(\mathbf{v}|\mathbf{v}_z^{(t)})$  for which **the maximizer  $\mathbf{v}_z^{(t+1)}$  is easy to find**

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### ➤ Solution 2: Minorization maximization (MM)

$$g(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{\mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{Y}_1 \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{Y}_e \mathbf{v}} \geq f(\mathbf{v}|\mathbf{v}_z) + [g(\mathbf{v}_z) - f(\mathbf{v}_z|\mathbf{v}_z)],$$

where

$$f(\mathbf{v}|\mathbf{v}_z) = 2 \frac{\Re(\mathbf{v}_z^H \mathbf{Y}_1 \mathbf{v})}{\mathbf{v}_z^H \mathbf{Y}_e \mathbf{v}_z} - \frac{\mathbf{v}_z^H \mathbf{Y}_1 \mathbf{v}_z}{(\mathbf{v}_z^H \mathbf{Y}_e \mathbf{v}_z)^2} \left\{ \lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{Y}_e) M \right. \\ \left. + 2 \Re(\mathbf{v}_z^H [\mathbf{Y}_e - \lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{Y}_e) \mathbf{I}_M] \mathbf{v}) \right\},$$

and  $g(\mathbf{v}_z) - f(\mathbf{v}_z|\mathbf{v}_z)$  is a term that is irrelevant for optimization.

## ❖ Secure Communication: Single-Eavesdropper

- Solution 2: Minorization maximization (MM)
- The phase shift optimization problem in each iteration of the AO is equivalent to

$$\mathbf{v}_z^{(t+1)} = \arg \max_{|v_i|=1} \Re \left[ \left( \mathbf{x}^{(t)} \right)^H \mathbf{v} \right],$$

where

$$\mathbf{x}^{(t)} = \frac{\mathbf{Y}_1 \mathbf{v}_z^{(t)}}{\left( \mathbf{v}_z^{(t)} \right)^H \mathbf{Y}_e \mathbf{v}_z^{(t)}} - \frac{\left( \mathbf{v}_z^{(t)} \right)^H \mathbf{Y}_1 \mathbf{v}_z^{(t)}}{\left[ \left( \mathbf{v}_z^{(t)} \right)^H \mathbf{Y}_e \mathbf{v}_z^{(t)} \right]^2} \left[ \mathbf{Y}_e - \lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{Y}_e) \mathbf{I}_M \right] \mathbf{v}_z^{(t)}.$$

- The optimal solution is given by  $\mathbf{v}_z^{(t+1)} = \text{unt} \left( \mathbf{x}^{(t)} \right)$

## ❖ Secure Communication: Single-Eavesdropper

### ➤ Solution 1: Element-wise BCD

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \sqrt{P} \lambda_{\max} (\mathbf{X}_e^{-1} \mathbf{X}_l),$$

$$\theta_k^* = \begin{cases} \tilde{\theta}_k + \pi & c_{e,k} d_{l,k} \cos(p_{l,k}) < c_{l,k} d_{e,k} \cos(p_{e,k}) \\ \tilde{\theta}_k & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**M+1 blocks, optimal solutions**

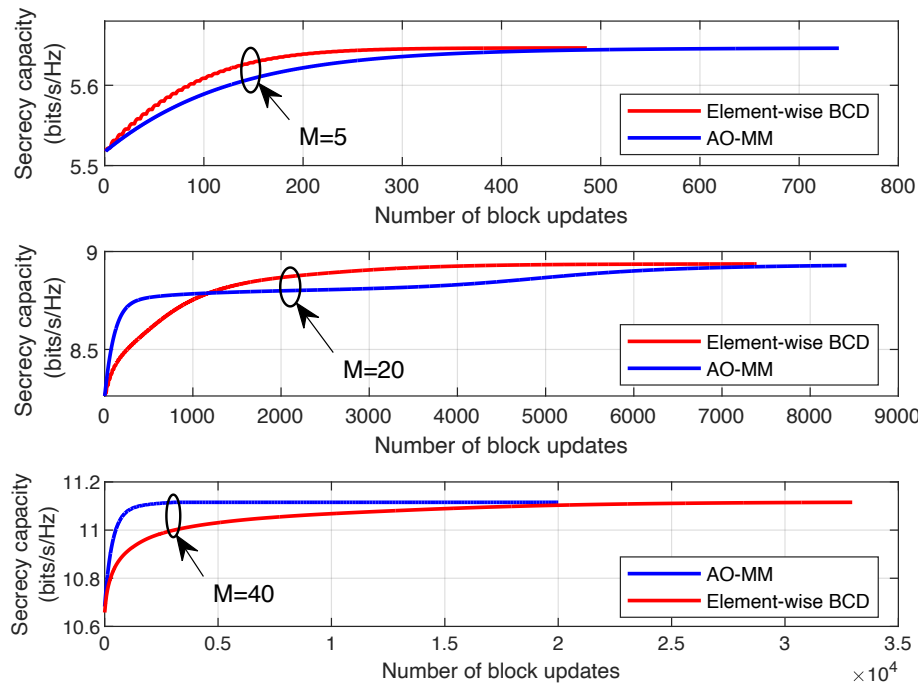
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$$\mathbf{w}^* = \sqrt{P} \lambda_{\max} (\mathbf{X}_e^{-1} \mathbf{X}_l), \quad \mathbf{v}_z^{(t+1)} = \text{unt} \left( \mathbf{x}^{(t)} \right)$$

**2 blocks, 1 optimal solution + M locally optimal solutions**

## ❖ Secure Communication: Single-Eavesdropper

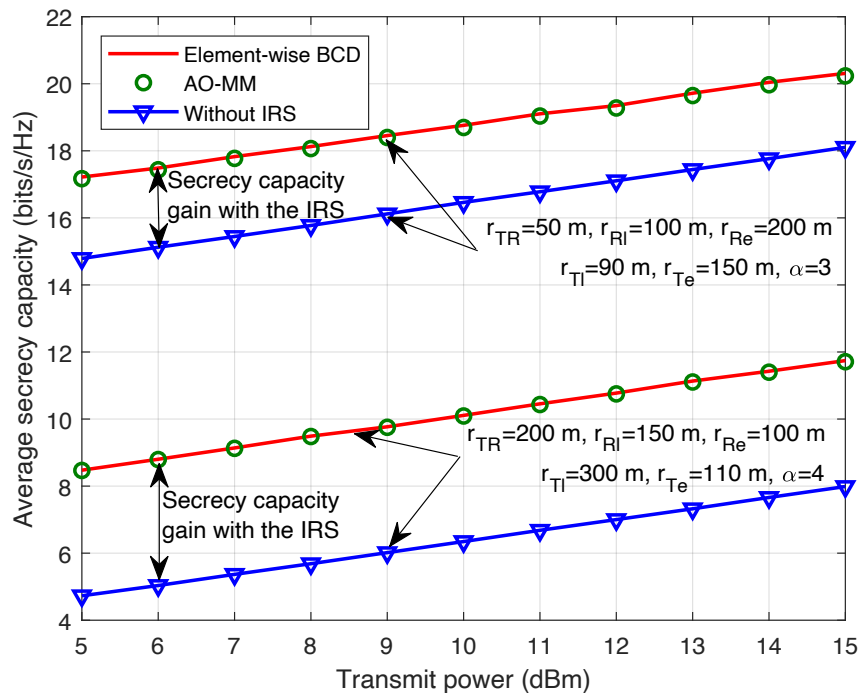
### ➤ Simulation results



➤ The element-wise BCD algorithm is suitable for small-scale IRS systems while the AO-MM algorithm is preferable for large-scale IRS

## ❖ Secure Communication: Single-Eavesdropper

### ➤ Simulation results

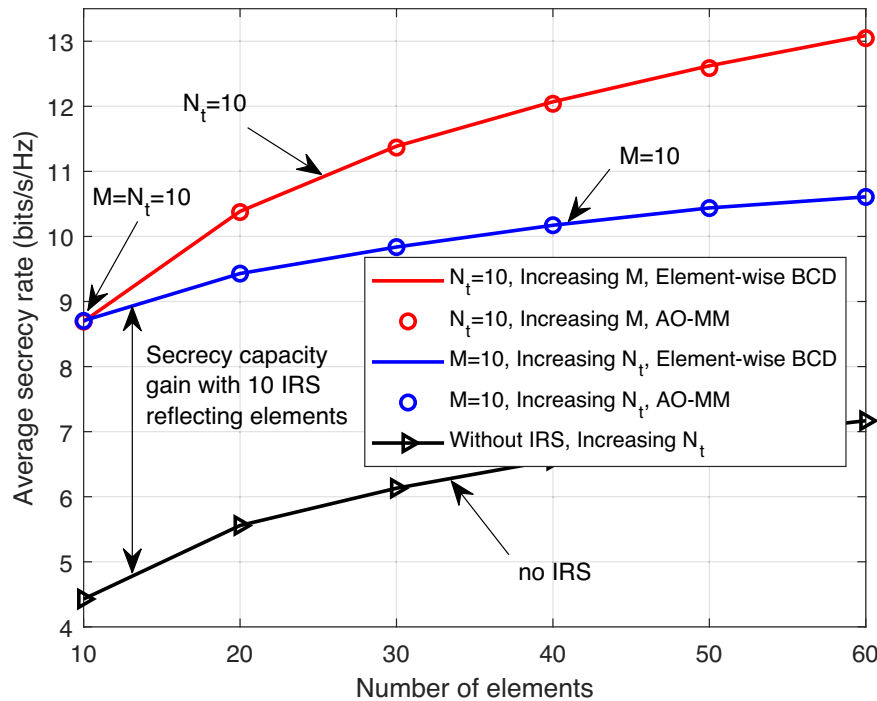


➤ The system with IRS provides a significant performance gain in terms of the secrecy rate

➤ Deploying IRSs is a promising approach for improving the physical layer security of wireless communications systems

## ❖ Secure Communication: Single-Eavesdropper

### ➤ Simulation results



➤ Increasing the number of IRS reflecting elements is more efficient than enlarging the transmit antenna array size

➤ More **spectral-efficient** and **energy-efficient** than conventional secure wireless systems



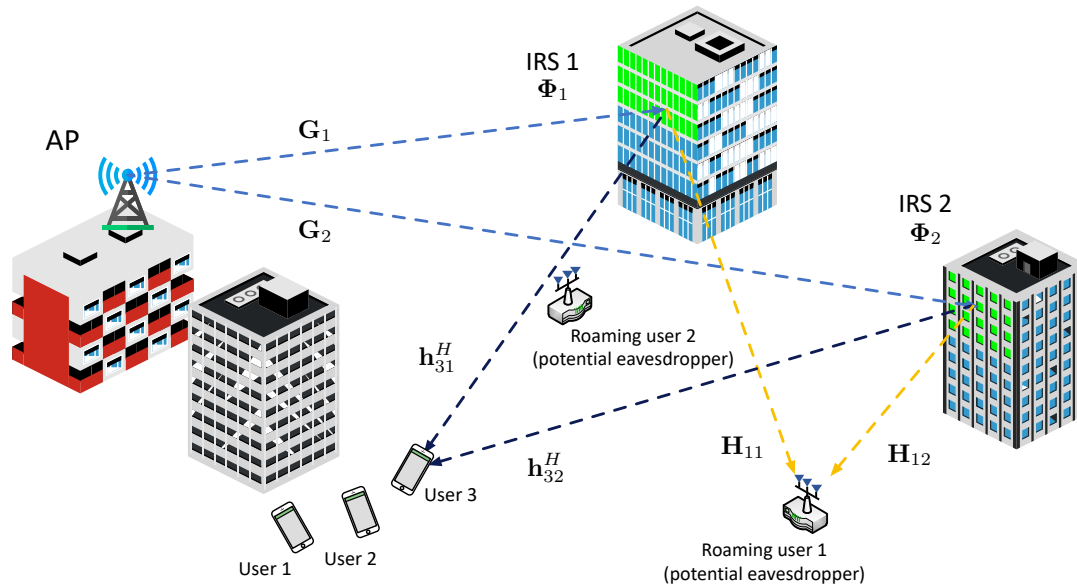
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## ❖ Secure Communication: Multiple Users and Eavesdroppers

### ➤ System model



$$\mathbf{h}_k^H = [\mathbf{h}_{k1}^H, \dots, \mathbf{h}_{kL}^H]$$

$$\Phi = \text{blkdiag}(\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_L)$$

$$\mathbf{G}^H = [\mathbf{G}_1^H, \dots, \mathbf{G}_L^H]$$

➤ Received signals:

$$y_k = \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}} \mathbf{h}_{kl}^H \Phi_l \mathbf{G}_l \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{K}} \mathbf{w}_i s_i + \mathbf{z} \right) + n_k$$

$$= \mathbf{h}_k^H \Phi \mathbf{G} \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{K}} \mathbf{w}_i s_i + \mathbf{z} \right) + n_k, \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{K},$$

## ❖ Secure Communication: Multiple Users and Eavesdroppers

### ➤ Worst-case robust sum-rate maximization

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underset{\mathbf{w}_k, \Phi, \mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{H}_t^N}{\text{maximize}} && \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} R_k && \leftarrow \text{Achievable rate of} \\
 & \text{subject to} && \text{C1: } \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \|\mathbf{w}_k\|^2 + \text{Tr}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq P, && \leftarrow \text{Artificial noise} \\
 & && \text{C2: } \mathbf{Z} \succeq \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{C3: } \Phi = \text{diag}(\mathbf{v}), && \\
 & && \text{C4: } \max_{\Delta \mathbf{H}_j \in \Omega_j} C_{j,k} \leq \tau_{k,j}, \quad \forall k, j. && 
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_j = \bar{\mathbf{H}}_j + \Delta \mathbf{H}_j,$$

$$\Omega_j \triangleq \{ \Delta \mathbf{H}_j \in \mathbb{C}^{N_r \times M} : \|\Delta \mathbf{H}_j\|_F \leq \epsilon_j \},$$

Capacity between the AP and potential eavesdropper  $j$  for decoding the signal of legitimate user  $k$

### ➤ Alternating optimization

## ❖ Secure Communication: Multiple Users and Eavesdroppers

### ➤ AO I: Optimization of beamforming and AN

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{w}_k, \mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{H}_t^N}{\text{maximize}} && \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} R_k && \text{SCA} \\ & \text{subject to} && \text{C1: } \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \|\mathbf{w}_k\|^2 + \text{Tr}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq P, \\ & && \text{C2: } \mathbf{Z} \succeq \mathbf{0}, \\ & && \text{C4: } \max_{\Delta \mathbf{H}_j \in \Omega_j} C_{j,k} \leq \tau_{k,j}, \quad \forall k, j. \end{aligned}$$

Infinite number of constraints in C4  $\xrightarrow{\text{Generalized S-procedure}}$  A finite number of LMI constraints

### ➤ SOCP or SDP problems

## ❖ Secure Communication: Multiple Users and Eavesdroppers

### ➤ AO II: Optimization of IRSs

$$\underset{p_{k,j} \geq 0, \Phi}{\text{minimize}} \quad - \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} R_k$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \text{C3: } \Phi = \text{diag}(\mathbf{v}),$$

$$\overline{\text{C4}}: \mathbf{P}_{k,j} + \mathbf{S}_j \Phi \mathbf{R}_k \Phi^H \mathbf{S}_j^H \succeq \mathbf{0}, \quad \forall k, j.$$

### ➤ $\overline{\text{C4}}$ : Manifold optimization, BCD, and MM are **NOT** applicable

### ➤ Reformulation:

$$\underset{p_{k,j} \geq 0, \mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{H}^M}{\text{minimize}} \quad - \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \hat{R}_k$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \overline{\text{C4}}: \mathbf{P}_{k,j} + \sum_i \mathbf{S}_j \text{diag}(\mathbf{p}_{k,i}) \mathbf{V} \text{diag}(\mathbf{q}_{k,i}^H) \mathbf{S}_j^H \succeq \mathbf{0}, \quad \forall k, j,$$

$$\text{C7: } \text{Diag}(\mathbf{V}) = \mathbf{1}_M, \quad \text{C8: } \mathbf{V} \succeq \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{C9: } \text{Rank}(\mathbf{V}) = 1$$

## ❖ Secure Communication: Multiple Users and Eavesdroppers

- AO II: Optimization of IRSs
- An alternative representation of rank-one constraint

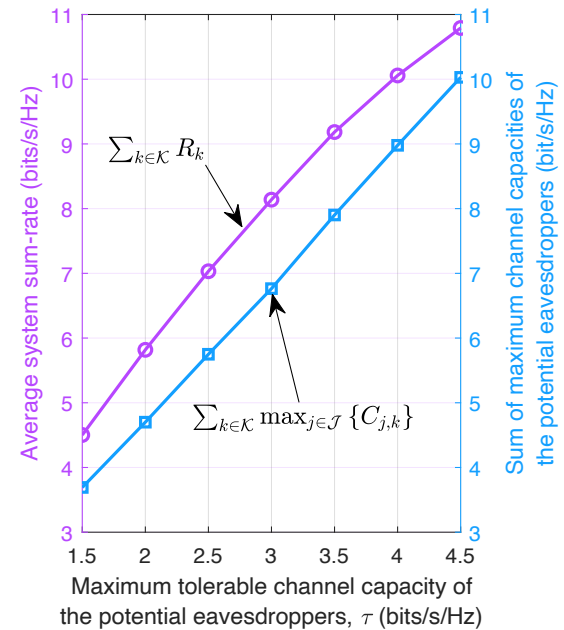
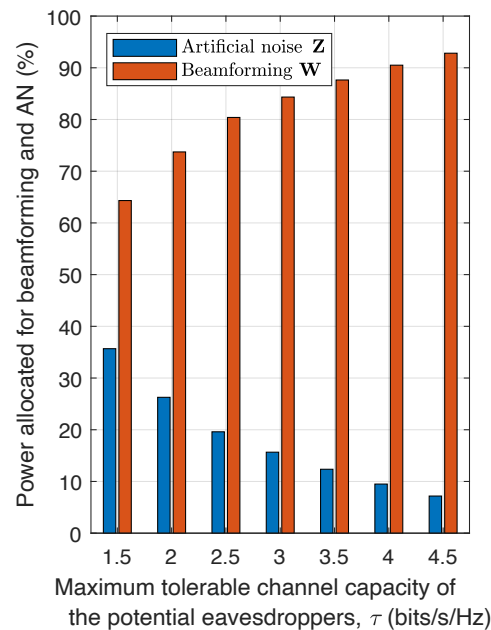
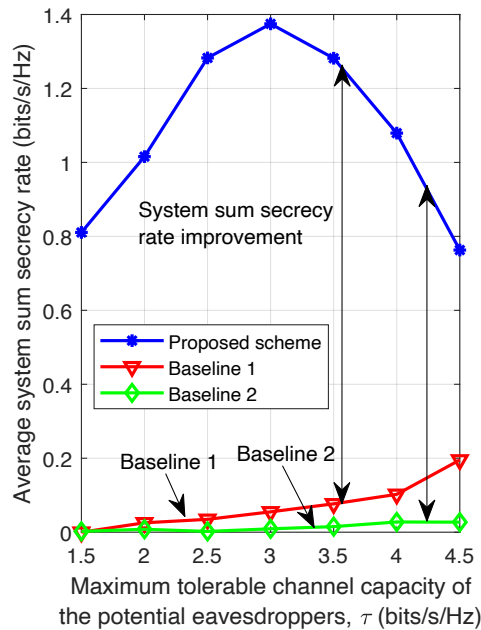
$$\text{Rank}(\mathbf{V}) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \|\mathbf{V}\|_* - \|\mathbf{V}\|_2 \leq 0$$

- Penalty-based method

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{p_{k,j} \geq 0, \mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{H}^M}{\text{minimize}} && - \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \hat{R}_k + \frac{1}{2\rho} (\|\mathbf{V}\|_* - \|\mathbf{V}\|_2) && \text{SCA} \\ & \text{subject to} && \overline{\text{C4}}: \mathbf{P}_{k,j} + \sum_i \mathbf{S}_j \text{diag}(\mathbf{p}_{k,i}) \mathbf{V} \text{diag}(\mathbf{q}_{k,i}^H) \mathbf{S}_j^H \succeq \mathbf{0}, \quad \forall k, j, \\ & && \text{C7: } \text{Diag}(\mathbf{V}) = \mathbf{1}_M, \quad \text{C8: } \mathbf{V} \succeq \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

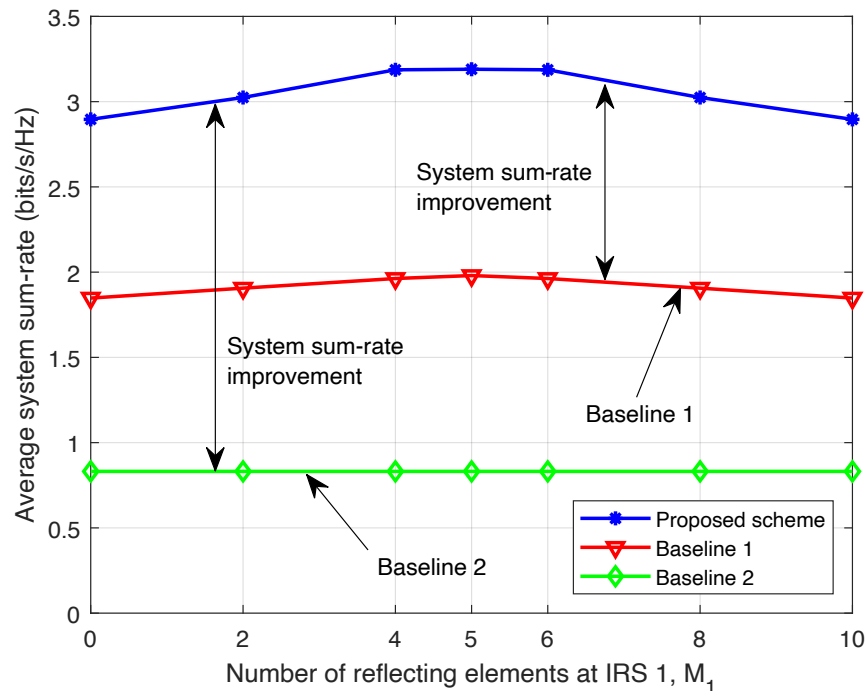
## Secure Communication: Multiple Users and Eavesdroppers

### Simulation results



## ❖ Secure Communication: Multiple Users and Eavesdroppers

### ➤ Simulation results



➤ Multiple IRSs create multiple independent propagation paths which introduces **macro diversity**

➤ Distance between each legitimate user and its nearest IRS is reduced



## ❖ Secure Communication: Multiple Users and Eavesdroppers

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## ❖ Rate Maximization: A Low-Complexity Framework

- Considered optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{W}, \Phi} \quad & f(\mathbf{W}, \Phi) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & |\Phi_{i,i}| = 1, \quad \forall i, \\ & \mathbf{W} \in \mathcal{X}_1 \end{aligned}$$

- Alternating optimization (AO)
- Optimization of  $\mathbf{W}$ : Identical to systems without IRSs  
Typically, optimal solutions obtained
- What about the optimization of  $\Phi$ ?

## ❖ Rate Maximization: A Low-Complexity Framework

- Take  $\Theta = [\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_M]^T$  as optimization variable rather than  $\Phi$

$$\min_{\Theta} f(\Theta | \mathbf{W}^{(t)})$$

- Gradient descent

$$\Theta^{(t+1)} = \Theta^{(t)} - \gamma^{(t)} \nabla_{\Theta} f(\mathbf{X}^{(t)})$$

- Classic Armijo-Goldstein (AG) line search

Block-wise monotonicity

$$f(\Theta^{(t+1)}, \mathbf{W}^{(t)}) \leq f(\Theta^{(t)}, \mathbf{W}^{(t)}) - c\gamma^{(t)} \nabla_{\Theta} f(\mathbf{X}^{(t)})^T \nabla_{\Theta} f(\mathbf{X}^{(t)})$$

- Our proposal

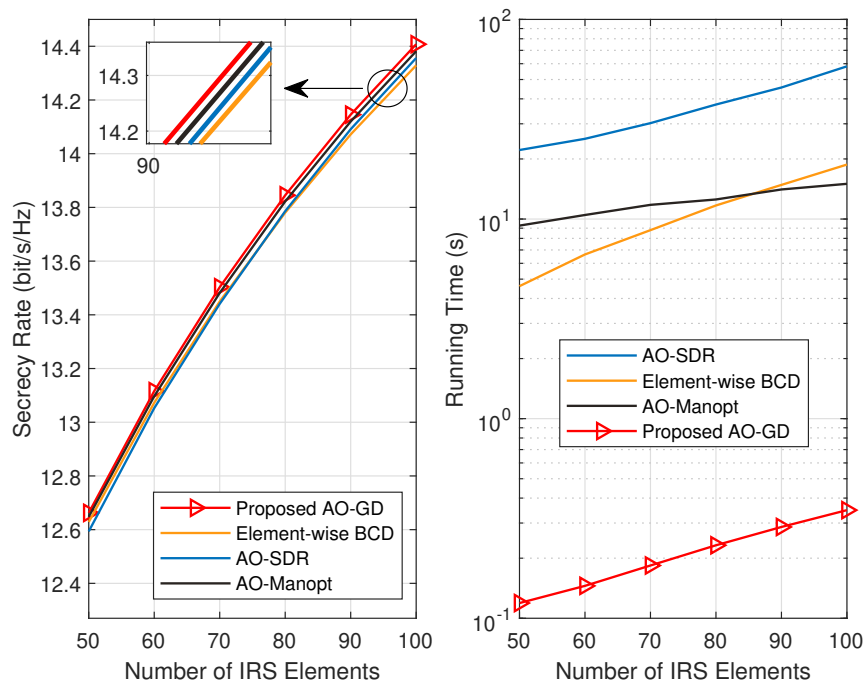
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Theoretical convergence result

## ❖ Rate Maximization: A Low-Complexity Framework

### ➤ Simulation result



- Support large-scale IRS optimization
- **SDR**: Complexity of SDP
- **Element-wise BCD**: Large number of blocks
- **Manifold**: Block-wise monotonicity

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## ❖ Power Minimization: What is the difference?

### ➤ Limitation of SDR for rate maximization

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}}{\text{maximize}} && f(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}) \\ & \text{subject to} && |v_i| = 1, \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, M + 1, \\ & && \|\mathbf{w}\|_2 \leq P. \end{aligned}$$

### ➤ Optimality cannot be guaranteed when recovering $\mathbf{v}$ from $\mathbf{V}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{V}}{\text{maximize}} && f(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{V}) \\ & \text{subject to} && \text{Diag}(\mathbf{V}) = \mathbf{1}, \\ & && \text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}) \leq P, \\ & && \text{Rank}(\mathbf{V}) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Optimality

## ❖ Power Minimization: What is the difference?

### ➤ Problem formulation

$$\begin{aligned} \underset{\mathbf{w}_k, \Phi}{\text{minimize}} \quad & f(\mathbf{w}_k; \Phi) = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \|\mathbf{w}_k\|_2^2 \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \text{SINR}_k \geq \gamma_k, \quad \forall k, \\ & \Phi = \text{diag}(e^{j\theta_1}, e^{j\theta_2}, \dots, e^{j\theta_M}), \end{aligned}$$

### ➤ What will happen if we apply AO to the above problem?

### ➤ AO I: Beamforming Optimization

$$\begin{aligned} \underset{\mathbf{w}_k}{\text{minimize}} \quad & f(\mathbf{w}_k) = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \|\mathbf{w}_k\|_2^2 \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \text{SINR}_k \geq \gamma_k, \quad \forall k, \end{aligned}$$

**Optimal solution**

## ❖ Power Minimization: What is the difference?

### ➤ Limitation of SDR for power minimization

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \underset{\Phi}{\text{minimize}} & 1 \\
 \text{subject to} & \text{SINR}_k \geq \gamma_k, \quad \forall k, \\
 & \Phi = \text{diag}(e^{j\theta_1}, e^{j\theta_2}, \dots, e^{j\theta_M}).
 \end{array}
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 \begin{array}{ll}
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 \text{subject to} & \text{SINR}_k \geq \gamma_k, \quad \forall k.
 \end{array}$$

➤ After the optimization in the  $t$ -th iteration, we have  $\mathbf{w}_k^{(t)}$ ;  $\Phi^{(t)}$

➤ Then we find a  $\Phi^{(t+1)}$  (if we could)

➤ The beamforming vectors are optimized based on  $\Phi^{(t+1)}$

$$f(\mathbf{w}_k^{(t)}; \Phi^{(t+1)}) \stackrel{(a)}{=} f(\mathbf{w}_k^{(t)}; \Phi^{(t)}) \stackrel{(b)}{\not\leq} f(\mathbf{w}_k^{(t+1)}; \Phi^{(t+1)})$$

Monotonicity



## ❖ Power Minimization: What is the difference?

### ➤ Limitation of SDR for power minimization

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{minimize}_{\Phi} & 1 \\
 \text{subject to} & \text{SINR}_k \geq \gamma_k, \quad \forall k, \\
 & \Phi = \text{diag}(e^{j\theta_1}, e^{j\theta_2}, \dots, e^{j\theta_M}).
 \end{array}
 \Leftrightarrow
 \begin{array}{ll}
 \text{minimize}_{\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{H}^{M+1}} & 1 \\
 \text{subject to} & \text{Tr}(\mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{V}) \leq \hat{\gamma}_k, \quad \forall k, \\
 & \text{Diag}(\mathbf{V}) = \mathbf{1}_{M+1}, \\
 & \text{Rank}(\mathbf{V}) = 1, \\
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### ➤ Gaussian randomization $\bar{\mathbf{v}} \sim \mathcal{CN}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{V})$

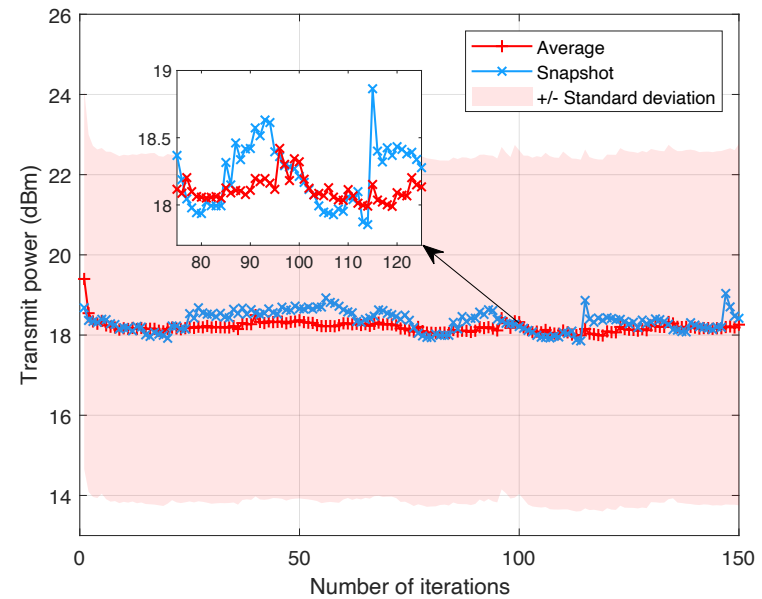
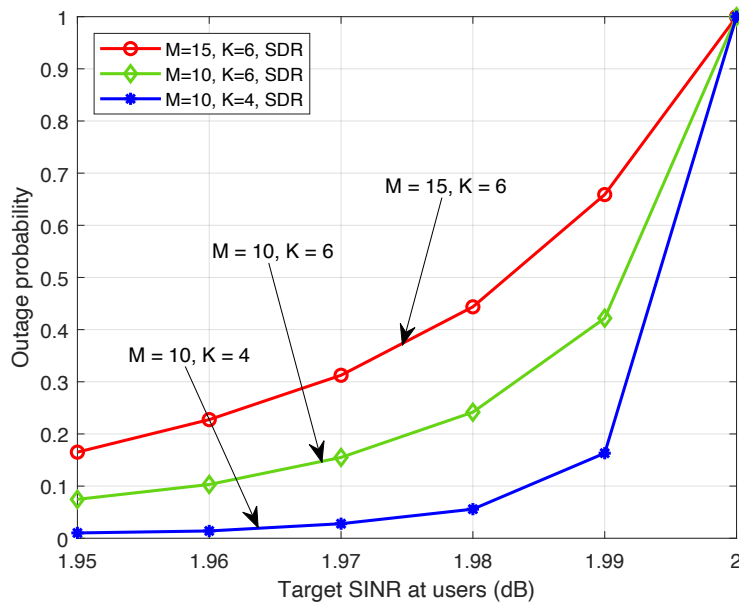
### ➤ Normalization: $\mathbf{v} = \text{unt}(\bar{\mathbf{v}}) \triangleq \left[ \frac{v_1}{|v_1|}, \frac{v_2}{|v_2|}, \dots, \frac{v_{M+1}}{|v_{M+1}|} \right]$ Feasibility

### ➤ QoS constraint violation – Infeasible! Optimality

### ➤ The **convergence** of the state-of-the-art SDR-based AO algorithm is **NOT** guaranteed – Even worse than that for rate maximization

## ❖ Power Minimization: Multiuser MISO

### ➤ Convergence of the SDR-AltMin algorithm



## ❖ Power Minimization: Multiuser MISO

### ➤ Problem reformulation

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{W}_k \in \mathbb{H}^{N_t}, \mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{H}^{M+1}}{\text{minimize}} && f(\mathbf{W}_k) = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}_k) \\ & \text{subject to} && \text{C1: } \gamma_k \sigma_k^2 + \gamma_k \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}_j \mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{V} \mathbf{G}_k^H) - \text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}_k \mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{V} \mathbf{G}_k^H) \leq 0, \quad \forall k, \\ & && \text{C2: } \text{Diag}(\mathbf{V}) = \mathbf{1}_{M+1}, \\ & && \text{C3: } \text{Rank}(\mathbf{V}) = 1, \\ & && \text{C4: } \text{Rank}(\mathbf{W}_k) = 1, \quad \forall k, \\ & && \text{C5: } \mathbf{V} \succeq \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{C6: } \mathbf{W}_k \succeq \mathbf{0}, \quad \forall k. \end{aligned}$$

### ➤ Coupling of variables

### ➤ Three non-convex constraints: C1, C3, C4

## ❖ Power Minimization: Multiuser MISO

### ➤ Inner Approximation: CI



The general IA algorithm optimizes a sequence of approximating convex programs. In each iteration of the algorithm, the non-convex constraints are **approximated by their convex counterparts**

$$\gamma_k \sigma_k^2 + \gamma_k \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}_j \mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{V} \mathbf{G}_k^H) - \text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}_k \mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{V} \mathbf{G}_k^H) \leq 0$$

$$\text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}_j \mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{V} \mathbf{G}_k^H) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{W}_j + \mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{V} \mathbf{G}_k^H\|_F^2 - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}_j^H \mathbf{W}_j) - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{V}^H \mathbf{G}_k^H \mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{V} \mathbf{G}_k^H)$$

## ❖ Power Minimization: Multiuser MISO

### ➤ Inner Approximation: C3

$$\widetilde{\text{C3}}: \|\mathbf{V}\|_* - \|\mathbf{V}\|_2 \leq 0$$

$$\overline{\text{C3}}: \|\mathbf{V}\|_* - \text{Tr} \left[ \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{\max} \left( \mathbf{V}^{(t)} \right) \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{\max}^H \left( \mathbf{V}^{(t)} \right) \left( \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}^{(t)} \right) \right] - \left\| \mathbf{v}^{(t)} \right\|_2 \leq 0.$$

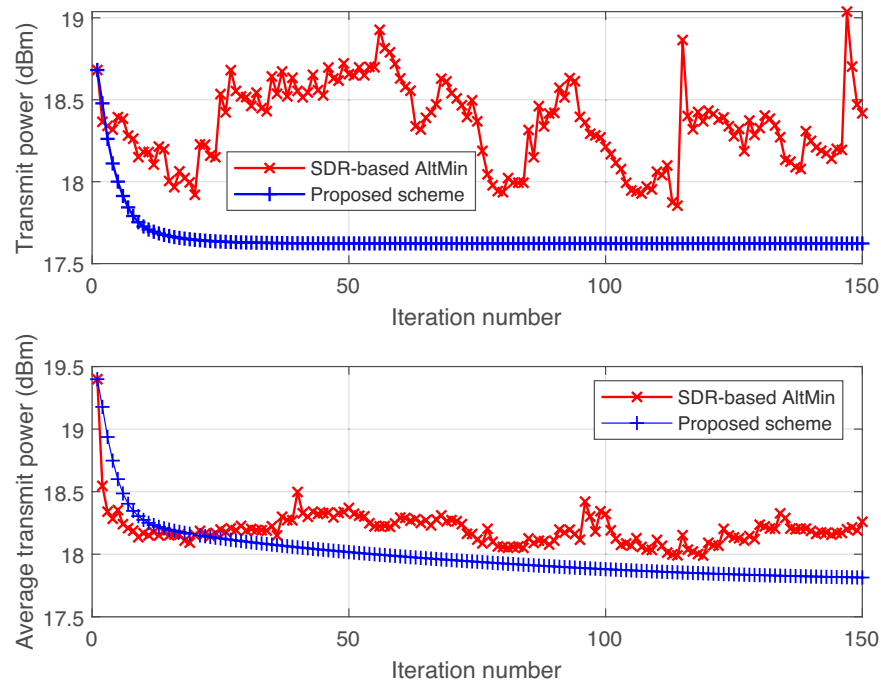
### ➤ Resulting optimization to be solved in the $(t+1)$ -th iteration of IA

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- An optimal beamforming matrix  $\mathbf{W}_k$  satisfying  $\text{Rank}(\mathbf{W}_k) = 1$  can always be obtained
- Guaranteed to converged to a **KKT point**

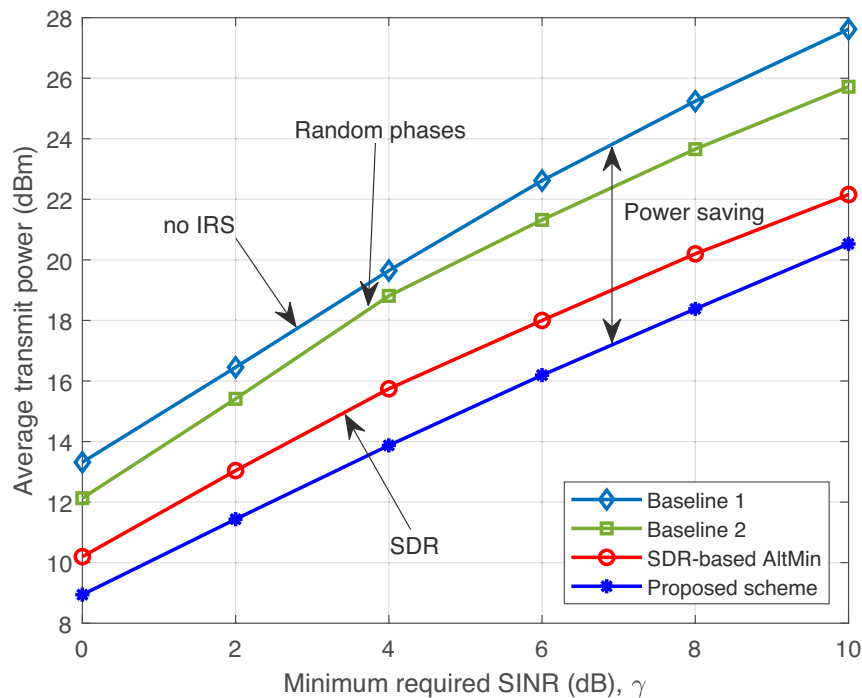
## ❖ Power Minimization: Multiuser MISO

### ➤ Simulation results



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### ➤ Simulation results



➤ Ability of IRSs to establish **favorable channel conditions**, which facilitates achieving the QoS of the users at lower transmit powers

➤ Effectiveness of the proposed optimization methodology

## ❖ Power Minimization: Multiuser MISO

### ➤ Conclusion

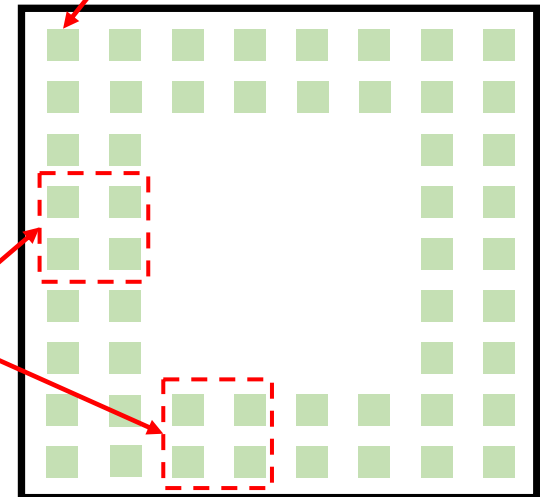
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## ❖ New IRS Modeling

- Current IRS modeling
- Each element is modeled as a phase shifter:  $e^{j\theta}$
- Bottleneck for large-scale optimization
  
- A novel physics-based modeling [Ref]
- Partition the large IRS into several **tiles**
- Each tile has a certain configuration of phase shifts

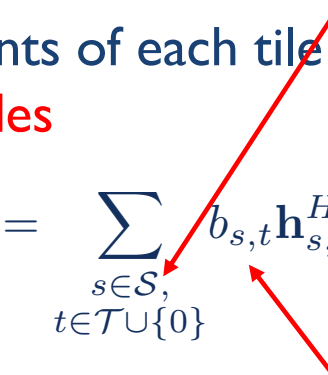
IRS element



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## ❖ New IRS Modeling

- Example: A codebook-based design
- **Offline design:** Generate a **codebook** by jointly designing the phase shift elements of each tile for the support of different **transmission modes**

$$y_k = \sum_{\substack{s \in \mathcal{S}, \\ t \in \mathcal{T} \cup \{0\}}} b_{s,t} \mathbf{h}_{s,t,k}^H \sum_{r \in \mathcal{K}} \mathbf{w}_r x_r + n_k$$


- **Online design:** We **choose the best transmission mode** from the transmission mode set for each tile such that the performance is optimized

$$b_{s,t} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{tile } t \text{ employs transmission mode } s \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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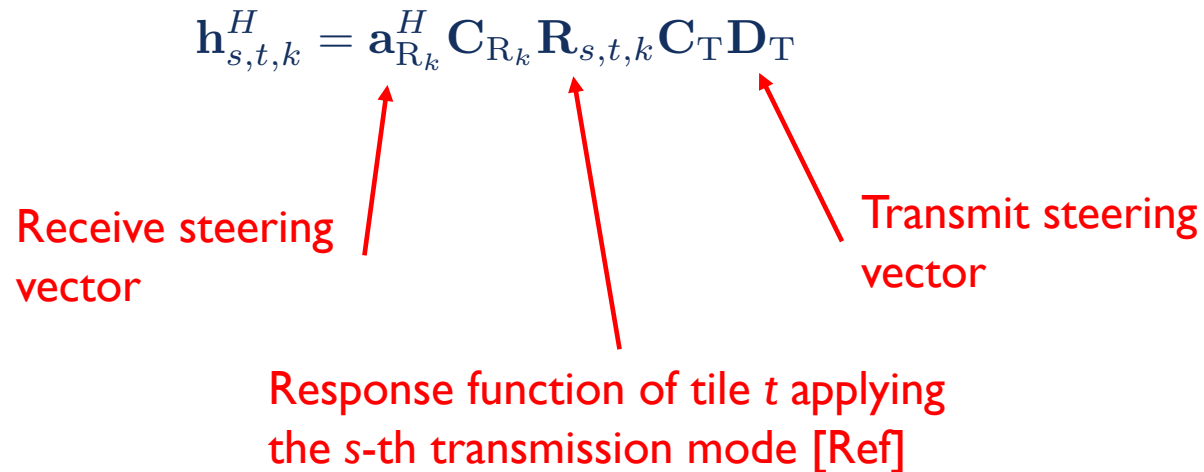
- Effective end-to-end channel between the AP and a receiver

$$\mathbf{h}_{s,t,k}^H = \mathbf{a}_{R_k}^H \mathbf{C}_{R_k} \mathbf{R}_{s,t,k} \mathbf{C}_T \mathbf{D}_T$$

Receive steering vector

Response function of tile  $t$  applying the  $s$ -th transmission mode [Ref]

Transmit steering vector



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### ➤ Example: IRS-Assisted SWIPT

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{w}_k, \mathbf{v}_j, b_{s,t}}{\text{maximize}} && \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \|\mathbf{w}_k\|^2 + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \|\mathbf{v}_j\|^2 \\ & \text{subject to} && \text{C1: SINR}_k \geq \gamma_k, \quad \forall k, \\ & && \text{C2: } \Upsilon_j^{\text{EH}} \geq E_{\text{req}_j}, \quad \forall j, \\ & && \text{C3: } b_{s,t} \in \{0, 1\}, \quad \forall s, \forall t, \\ & && \text{C4: } \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} b_{s,t} = 1, \quad \forall t. \end{aligned}$$

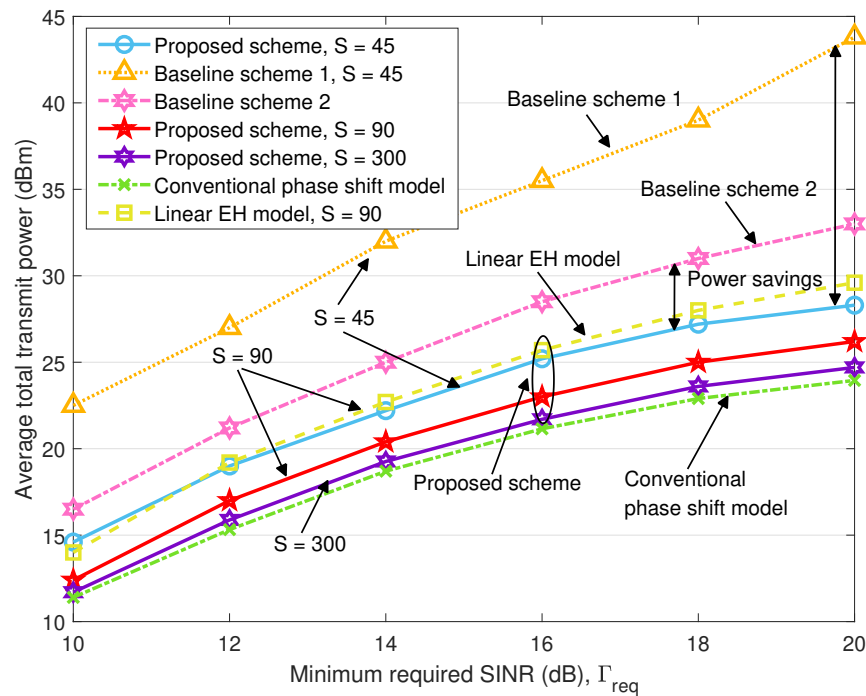
### ➤ Coupling: **Big-M** reformulation

### ➤ Binary: C3a: $\sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}, t \in \hat{\mathcal{T}}} b_{s,t} - b_{s,t}^2 \leq 0$ and C3b: $0 \leq b_{s,t} \leq 1, \forall s, t.$

**Penalty-based method + SCA**

## ❖ New IRS Modeling

### ➤ Simulation results



- More transmission modes, less transmit power
- Enable scalable optimization framework [ $M=480!$ ]
- A flexible tradeoff between computational complexity and performance

## ❖ New IRS Modeling

### ➤ Conclusion

Problem	System		Technique	Paper
Rate maximization	Single-user MISO		SDR	Introductory
			BnB	SPAWC20
			Manifold	ICCCI9
	Secure Wireless Communication	Single user + single eave	BCD	GC19
			MM	
		Multiple users and eaves, robust	S-procedure + AltMin + SCA	JSAC20
	Generic		Low-complexity gradient descent	GC20Ma
Power minimization	Multiuser MISO		IA	GC20Yu&TCOM
	SWIPT with large scale IRSs		Penalty + SCA	WCNC21

# Potential Research Directions

## ❖ Potential Topics

- Other methods to tackle coupling
- Large-scale IRSs optimization for sophisticated systems

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{W}, \Phi} \quad & f(\mathbf{W}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & |\Phi_{i,i}| = 1, \quad \forall i, \\ & \mathbf{W} \in \mathcal{X}_1, \\ & g(\mathbf{W}, \Phi) \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- More tractable IRS/channel model with good accuracy
- IRS deployment optimization
- Channel estimation for IRS-assisted systems
- IRS cooperation
- Stochastic geometry analysis of IRS-assisted networks



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