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# Performance Analysis of zeRIS-aided NOMA Communication

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**Abstract:**

This project investigates an innovative method by which wireless communication systems with Non-Orthogonal Multiple Access (NOMA) and zero-energy Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces (zeRIS) function together without external power sources. The study presents a thorough performance assessment that includes theoretical and simulated findings. The study shows how zeRIS technology increases system efficiency together with network performance which represents a great sustainable solution for communication infrastructure.

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# Preface

The exponential technological advancement in wireless communication system to enhance higher data rate, lower latency and power efficiency has been the main justification for the development of new techniques. From the above mentioned advancements: Non-orthogonal Multiple Access (NOMA) and Reconfigurable intelligent surfaces (RIS). Nevertheless, the integration of these systems creates issues, especially concerning energy viability and system integration.

This work, called Performance Analysis of Zero-Energy RIS (zeRIS)-Aided NOMA Communication, aims to present a new mode where the RIS does not require external energy resources. In this regard, zeRIS, which harvests ambient energy and ensures improved system performances, offers a solution to the sustainable communication networks. Therefore, the project is more about evaluating performance of the system both theoretically and by simulation along with self-sustainable operation of zeRIS.

This research and findings shown in this paper is a demonstration of genuine concern in pushing forward energy efficient wireless communications. This work is the result of a process of learning, testing and cooperation as a step towards the construction of more sustainable technologies in the sector of communication.

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

The surge in connected gadgets like smartphones through to smart homes has posed colossal demands on wireless networks — in fact to a never experienced before level — as we inch towards 5G era and beyond (5GB). The continuous quest for improving wireless technology stems from the need to speedy data transfer rates along with high network capacity and energy efficiency. However, accomplishing such thrilling goals isn't devoid of barriers. Wireless communication poses challenges like small-scale and large-scale fadings, delay, symbol interference, etc.

### 1.1 Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces

One of the solutions to these problems is device known as reconfigurable intelligent surface (RIS). It is equipped with a multitude of tiny, programmable components that can change the amplitude and phase shift of each element [1], [2], [3]. These surfaces are employed to increase the quality of wireless signal or reroute them to facilitate better connection [4], [5]. By reducing interference, boosting signal strength in particular directions, and intelligently regulating signal propagation, RIS is considered a means of optimizing wireless communication. With the advent of 6G and other future wireless communication networks, this idea is very significant [5]. For instance, a conventional passive RIS or single-functional RIS (SF-RIS) reflects an incident signal while simultaneously transmitting and reflecting RIS (STAR-RIS) can reflect and transmit the signal, thus, ensuring full-space coverage [6], [7], [8].

### 1.2 Active RIS

Double-fading attenuation caused by cascaded channel is mitigated by integrating amplifiers or so-called reflection amplifiers into the RIS [9, 10]. This type of RIS is

termed as an active RIS [11]. However, having a reflection amplifier per unit cell can be inefficient in terms of cost and energy use, especially when the number of unit cells is huge [12, 13]. To this end, [14] and [15] proposed a novel architecture of an active RIS such as sub-connected active RIS which had a common reflection-type amplifier for multiple unit cells. This type of design ensured amplification for all unit cells and reduced their number as well compared to fully-connected active RIS. Nonetheless, both SF-RIS and double-functional RIS (DF-RIS) rely on external power supply such as power grid or battery to maintain a continuous uninterrupted work flow [16], [17], [18].

### 1.3 Zero-energy RIS

To overcome those problems faced by RISs, a zero-energy RIS (zeRIS), one of the new paradigms, have emerged as an innovative technology that might completely alter wireless communication networks [19], [20]. By leveraging both information and power transmission, RIS can harvest an energy from ambient radio frequency (RF) signals, hence, resulting in zero power consumption at the RIS, [21], [22]. These RISs are known to be as zeRISs or self-sustainable RISs. Because of their exceptional capacity to control electromagnetic waves, these intelligent surfaces have attracted a lot of interest and opened up a range of applications beyond simple communication improvement. To fully appreciate the importance of the zeRIS, it is essential to recognize the difficulties presented by the increasing need for high data rates, low latency communication, and widespread connectivity. Conventional communication infrastructures frequently struggle with energy inefficiency, signal attenuation, and spectrum shortages [23], [1]. As an intelligent mediator that can dynamically adapt to the communication environment, optimize signal propagation, and improve overall network performance, zeRIS emerges as a promising option in this context. zeRIS can harvest energy, reflect and transmit an incident signal simultaneously unlike its predecessors such as SF-RIS or DF-RIS [24], [25]. Hence, zeRIS avoids external power supply and solves the issue of half-space coverage as long as receivers on the other side of the RIS are considered as well [26], [27]. Additionally, a zeRIS can be mounted on walls of the buildings, which substantially facilitated its application in the 5GB by bestowing a convenience on its installation [27].

## 1.4 Ethical and Professional Responsibilities

### 1.4.1 Ethical Responsibility

There are some ethical issues concerned with the deployment of a zeRIS like privacy and security as long as the communication system encompasses various different sectors such as governmental, personal, commercial, etc. On the one hand, users should be informed about how their data will be used and stored. On the other hand, a communication must be secure so that eavesdroppers could not access data of users during the transmission through a zeRIS. Therefore, different wireless service providers should take a formal consent from their users to collect and use their data according to local regulations and laws (e.g. Personal Data Law in Kazakhstan or General Data Protection Regulation for European Union). Random checks and transparency reports must be conducted to maintain accountability and trustworthiness. As for security, the message must be robustly encrypted with state-of-the-art techniques such as end-to-end encryption that assures access solely to authorized users. A multi-factor authentication protocol along with physical layer security techniques like destructively superimposed signal at the eavesdroppers and constructively superimposed signal at the receivers owing to beamforming at the zeRIS, on the contrary, will prevent an unauthorized access to the data of users. All these ethical developments combined together can ensure transparency and balance between confidential and safe communication in zeRIS-aided wireless networks.

### 1.4.2 Informed Judgments

Both software and hardware aspects of a zeRIS ought to be decided by the advice from experts in the field of new innovative wireless communication technologies working in the research and development department of regional companies or in higher educational institutions. Power allocation, superposition coding and user pairing based on the NOMA protocol, phase shift optimization, effective practical non-linear energy harvesting, installation of the zeRIS closer to access points or base stations and configuration of a operation mode for the zeRIS from available three modes like time-switching, mode selection or energy-splitting protocols will uphold technical aspects of the deployment of the technology. Both simulated and analytically obtained results for data rates of users in distinct settings, spectral and energy efficiency and outage probability would pave a way to assess both user-specific and overall system performances. As for awareness of decisions made during the project, getting a feedback from stakeholders, in particular from regional regulatory bodies, users and wireless service providers, would be valuable to ascertain that different parties are well-informed and get broader understanding of the societal implications of the project. Especially, a public consultation

with consumers helps to know whether they are content with the speed, fairness, security and smoothness of the newly introduced zeRIS-aided communication.

### 1.4.3 Global Context

It is expected that a zeRIS after proper testing and enhancement will find its application in developed countries in which 5G networks are beginning to work in urban areas, and then, in developing countries. A zeRIS is suited to regions even with limited operational cost like constrained power budget allocated to the zeRIS networks because it does not require supplementary power grid or battery to be charged and work regularly. Rather, it receives and harvests an energy from the incident RF signals, supporting an information transmission with a self-sustainability. Also, convenience of mounting a zeRIS in the walls of buildings due to absence of external power supplies makes zeRIS a good candidate for inexpensive energy efficient technology among other RISs or relays. The cost of the zeRIS is diminished by introducing an RF power combiner that feeds to a single RF-to-DC conversion circuit of rectifier rather than having a rectifier per unit cell. Additionally, wireless communication via zeRIS is more affordable compared to wireline communication in which trenching and laying fiber optic cables is needed. This opportunity would attract attention of many developing countries as well as developed countries. To conclude, those features like self-sustainability, more realizable installation and budget-friendliness will facilitate a digital inclusion of all countries in spite of their economic situation.

### 1.4.4 Economic Impact

The early stages of deployment of the zeRIS require substantial amount of money for hardware acquisition, designing process and assessment of an environments that fit its installation. Nonetheless, these expenses can be defrayed by the high demand for 5GB services, both benefiting investors, telecom operators and users. Even if the implementation of the project may seem challenged for certain developing countries, the subsidies and grants from the government or international organizations could secure the realization of the task in some big cities of those regions, and then, widen it through a whole country gradually. Moreover, exploiting the same resource owing to NOMA saves the money for spectrum acquisition. In the long-term, zeRIS-aided NOMA networks will have a positive impact on e-commerce, fintech, and cloud-related services due to improved data rate and reliable communication. One of the significant advantages of the zeRIS is the energy efficiency. This will help to improve the communication where underdeveloped electricity infrastructure prevails. However, semi-autonomy of the zeRIS can cause in the reduction of some job places responsible for network management and maintenance. Meanwhile, there would be new unoccupied job places in a technology

sector dealing with zeRIS installation and energy harvesting that can compensate for the previous loss.

#### **1.4.5 Environmental Impact**

zeRIS is self-sustainable because of energy harvesting capability in addition to information transmission. Thus, using available RF signals in the air to harvest an energy at the same time with information delivery minimizes environmental harm by lowering a carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions caused by fossil-fueled energy generation. This important feature of zeRIS eliminates unnecessary air and noise pollution caused by constructions. NOMA power allocation and superposition coding diminishes a spectrum usage, and therefore, energy consumption because of reduced network traffic. Additionally, designing zeRIS elements with recyclable materials like biodegradable plastics and metals will mitigate accumulation of electronic wastes. zeRIS is particularly favorable in decreasing the reliance on base stations (BSs) per unit area because it provides an alternative indirect path for the signal reception in the case when a direct link between a BS and receiver is blocked or suffers deep fading. Hence, land is free from additional BSs due to better coverage which is useful for protecting natural habitats and averting a deforestation and undesirable change of ecosystems within the urban natural and rural areas. Also, a decreased number of BSs implies less electromagnetic pollution caused by emission of RF radiation that has been a dangerous resentment among opponents of 5G over the world.

#### **1.4.6 Societal Impact**

There would be new services available associated with development and maintenance of zeRIS, which will open new job opportunities for communication and technology specialists. Regarding wireless service providers, they would get improved data rate and coverage area which serve them as an innovative solution and opportunity for company growth. As for users, they would be provided with faster access to the Internet. Furthermore, the residents of remote or rural areas will get more access and comfortability to work from their home without relocating to the cities and metropolises. This will considerably prevent massive urban migration and support rural activity that became so scarce in recent centuries. Disabled or elder people who did not have a proper digital experience can receive telehealth services that assist in real-time healthcare consultations. Regarding students living in regions lacking a reliable internet access, the installation of zeRIS can enhance their engagement with online education platforms and provide a real-time access to live lectures given by internationally recognized professors. All of these factors contribute to speed up digital inclusion by narrowing the existing noticeable gap between people living in populated cities and ordinary villages. As for public

safety and security, disaster-prone areas such as those subject to frequent earthquakes, hurricanes, floods and so on could be alerted about emergency quickly and without loss of connection.

## Chapter 2

# Methodology

This section elaborates network model, channel model, received signal model and energy consumption and harvesting models.

### 2.1 Network Model

This paper considers zeRIS-aided scheme in which a base station (BS) with a single antenna tries to communicate with single antenna user equipments at the reflection and transmission spaces, also known as  $UE_r$  and  $UE_t$ , respectively (see Fig. 2.1). There is a direct link between the BS and  $UE_r$  while a direct link between the BS and  $UE_t$  is blocked due to some environmental factors. The distances between the BS and zeRIS, zeRIS and  $UE_r$ , BS and  $UE_r$  and zeRIS and  $UE_t$  are denoted as  $d_{sz}$ ,  $d_{zr}$ ,  $d_{sr}$  and  $d_{zt}$ , respectively. It is assumed that the zeRIS operates under mode switching protocol. Let  $M$  be the number of metasurfaces of MF-RIS that have three modes of operation labeled as R mode, T mode and H mode for reflection, transmission/refraction and energy harvesting, respectively. Analogously, let  $M_r$ ,  $M_t$  and  $M_h$  be the number of metasurfaces for those modes. Then,  $M = M_r + M_t + M_h$ . A reflection response matrix of zeRIS is denoted as  $\Phi_r = \beta_{\max} \text{diag} \left( \exp(\phi_r^{(1)}), \exp(\phi_r^{(2)}), \dots, \exp(\phi_r^{(M_r)}) \right)$  while a transmission response matrix of zeRIS is denoted as  $\Phi_t = \beta_{\max} \text{diag} \left( \exp(\phi_t^{(1)}), \exp(\phi_t^{(2)}), \dots, \exp(\phi_t^{(M_t)}) \right)$ .

### 2.2 Channel Model

As we can see from Fig. 2.1, the channel between the BS and zeRIS as well as one between the zeRIS and  $UE_r$  and  $UE_t$  are denoted as  $\mathbf{h}$ ,  $\mathbf{g}_r$  and  $\mathbf{g}_t$ , respectively. The direct link between the base station and  $UE_r$  is labeled as  $h_d$ . Similarly, All channels are assumed to be independent Nakagami- $m$  distributed flat fading channels. Furthermore, if the shape parameter  $m_i = 1$  in which  $i \in \{h, g_r, g_t, h_d\}$ , the channel

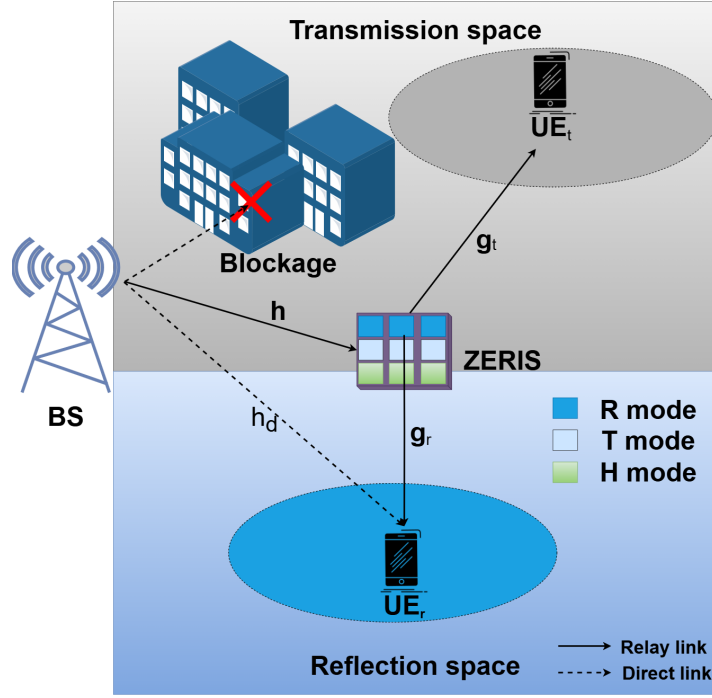


Figure 2.1: Proposed zeRIS-aided NOMA communication scheme.

would be a Rayleigh fading channel. As for  $m_i > 1$ , the channel would behave more as a Ricean fading channel. Channels incorporate a large-scale fading like 3GPP Urban Micro path loss given in [28]. Thus, a channel gain at a carrier frequency of 3 GHz is

$$\Omega_i(d)[\text{dB}] = \begin{cases} -37.5 - 22 \log_{10}(d), & \text{if LoS,} \\ -35.1 - 36.7 \log_{10}(d), & \text{if NLoS,} \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

where  $i \in \{h, g_r, g_t, h_d\}$  and  $d$  is length of the link in meters.

### 2.3 Received Signal Model

According to NOMA protocol, a superimposed signal transmitted from the BS is

$$x = \sqrt{P} (\sqrt{\alpha_r} s_r + \sqrt{\alpha_t} s_t) \quad (2.2)$$

where power allocation coefficients  $\alpha_r$  for  $\text{UE}_r$  and  $\alpha_t$  for  $\text{UE}_t$  satisfy  $\alpha_r + \alpha_t = 1$ .  $s_r \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, 1)$  and  $s_t \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, 1)$  represent the desired symbols for  $\text{UE}_r$  and  $\text{UE}_t$ , respectively. The received signal at  $\text{UE}_r$  is

$$y_r = \left( \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \mathbf{h}_r + d_r \right) x + \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \mathbf{n}_r + n = \hat{g}_r x + \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \mathbf{n}_r + n, \quad (2.3)$$

where  $\mathbf{n}_r \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_{M_r})$  and  $n \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, \sigma^2)$ . The received signal at UE<sub>t</sub> is

$$y_t = \mathbf{g}_t^H \Phi_t \mathbf{h}_t x + \mathbf{g}_t^H \Phi_t \mathbf{n}_t + n = \widehat{g}_t x + \mathbf{g}_t^H \Phi_t \mathbf{n}_t + n \quad (2.4)$$

where  $\mathbf{n}_t \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_{M_t})$ .  $\alpha_t > \alpha_r$  as long as UE<sub>r</sub> is a strong user with better channel conditions while UE<sub>t</sub> is regarded as a weak user. Therefore, direct decoding at UE<sub>r</sub> gives a message of UE<sub>t</sub>, and its signal-to-noise-plus-interference ratio (SINR) is

$$\gamma_{t \rightarrow r} = \frac{P \alpha_t |\widehat{g}_r|^2}{P \alpha_r |\widehat{g}_r|^2 + \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 \sigma^2 + \sigma^2} = \frac{\rho \alpha_t \mathcal{G}_r}{\rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r + \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1}, \quad (2.5)$$

where  $\rho = \frac{P}{\sigma^2}$  and combined fading channel gain for UE<sub>r</sub> is  $\mathcal{G}_r = |\widehat{g}_r|^2$ . After successive interference cancellation (SIC), UE<sub>r</sub> decodes its own signal. The SNR is given by

$$\gamma_{r \rightarrow r} = \frac{P \alpha_r |\widehat{g}_r|^2}{\|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 \sigma^2 + \sigma^2} = \frac{\rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r}{\|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1}. \quad (2.6)$$

As for UE<sub>t</sub>, it directly decodes its own signal while treating the signal of UE<sub>r</sub> as an interference. It's SINR is

$$\gamma_{t \rightarrow t} = \frac{P \alpha_t |\widehat{g}_t|^2}{P \alpha_r |\widehat{g}_t|^2 + \|\mathbf{g}_t^H \Phi_t\|^2 \sigma^2 + \sigma^2} = \frac{\rho \alpha_t \mathcal{G}_t}{\rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_t + \|\mathbf{g}_t^H \Phi_t\|^2 + 1}, \quad (2.7)$$

where combined fading channel gain for UE<sub>t</sub> is  $\mathcal{G}_t = |\widehat{g}_t|^2$ .

## 2.4 Energy Consumption and Harvesting Models

To achieve net zero energy at zeRIS, a new integrated architecture proposed in [29] is considered. Compared to traditional architectures in which a micro-controller such as Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs) are connected to the RIS unit cells through the drive circuits, integrated architecture includes chips that control impedance-adjusting semiconductors based on unit cell state. The integrated architecture can save a lot more power in comparison with micro-controller-based architectures. The total power consumed by zeRIS is

$$P_{\text{RIS}} = P_{\text{st}}^{\text{tot}} + P_{\text{dyn}}^{\text{tot}}, \quad (2.8)$$

where  $P_{\text{st}}^{\text{tot}}$  and  $P_{\text{dyn}}^{\text{tot}}$  denote total static and dynamic power consumed by the ZERIS due to control chips and impedance-matching semiconductors, respectively. Assuming one control chip and one impedance-matching semiconductor per unit cell,

$$P_{\text{st}}^{\text{tot}} = M P_{\text{st}}, \quad (2.9)$$

where  $P_{\text{st}}$  is a static power consumption per unit cell. As for dynamic power, it is

$$P_{\text{dyn}}^{\text{tot}} = (M_r + M_t)(P_b + P_{DC}) + P_C + \zeta_{\text{RIS}} P_O, \quad (2.10)$$

where  $P_b$ ,  $P_{DC}$  and  $P_C$  denote consumed power per phase shifter, by amplifier for DC biasing and by RF-to-DC power conversion circuit.  $\zeta_{\text{RIS}}$  is the inverse amplifier efficiency of the RIS. The output power from zeRIS is given by

$$P_O = P (|\Phi_r \mathbf{h}_r|^2 + |\Phi_t \mathbf{h}_t|^2) + \sigma^2 \|\Phi_r\|_{\text{F}}^2 + \sigma^2 \|\Phi_t\|_{\text{F}}^2, \quad (2.11)$$

because the reflected and transmitted signals from zeRIS are

$$\mathbf{y}_r^{\text{O}} = \Phi_r (\mathbf{h}_r x + \mathbf{n}_r), \quad \mathbf{y}_t^{\text{O}} = \Phi_t (\mathbf{h}_t x + \mathbf{n}_t). \quad (2.12)$$

Conversely, the incident signal on  $m$ th H mode cell is

$$y_{\text{RIS}}^m = h_h^m x + n_h, \quad (2.13)$$

where  $n_h \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, \sigma^2)$ . Leveraging RF power combiner, the total received RF power at zeRIS is

$$P_{\text{RF}}^{\text{tot}} = P \sum_{m=1}^{M_h} |h_h^{(m)}|^2, \quad (2.14)$$

in which a noise is omitted due to sensitivity of rectennas. Then, the total RF power is fed to a single rectifier to get a direct current (DC) power. The total harvested power assuming linear energy harvesting is

$$P_h^{\text{lin}} = \eta P_{\text{RF}}^{\text{tot}}, \quad (2.15)$$

where  $\eta$  is a energy conversion efficiency. Practically, energy harvesting behaves non-linearly relative to the number of energy harvesting elements. Based on [30],

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{1 + e^{ab}}, \quad \Psi = \frac{P_h^{\text{max}}}{1 + e^{-a(P_{\text{RF}}^{\text{tot}} - b)}}, \quad (2.16)$$

$$P_h^{\text{non-lin}} = \frac{\Psi - P_h^{\text{max}} \Omega}{1 - \Omega} = \frac{P_h^{\text{max}} \left( \frac{1}{1 + e^{-a(P_{\text{RF}}^{\text{tot}} - b)}} - \frac{1}{1 + e^{ab}} \right)}{1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{ab}}}, \quad (2.17)$$

where  $\Omega$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  are constants that ensures zero input-zero output for energy harvesting and circuit specifications like resistance, capacity and diode turn-on voltage.  $\Psi$  is a logistic function with respect to a combined RF power by H mode elements of the zeRIS.  $P_h^{\text{non-lin}}$  is the total power harvested by all H mode elements of the zeRIS. A critical amplification gain at the zeRIS is

$$\beta_{\text{max}}^* = \max \left( \frac{(P_h^{\text{type}} - MP_{\text{st}} - (M_r + M_t)(P_b + P_{DC}) - P_C)}{\zeta_{\text{RIS}} (P(\sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |h_r^m|^2 + \sum_{m=1}^{M_t} |h_t^m|^2) + (M_r + M_t)\sigma^2)}, 0 \right), \quad (2.18)$$

where  $\text{type} = \{\text{lin}, \text{non-lin}\}$  indicates a type of energy harvesting model.

## 2.5 Performance analysis

Due to random nature of wireless communication, the ergodic rates were found to assess the performance of the system. The ergodic rate of UE<sub>r</sub> is

$$R_r = \mathbb{E} [\log_2 (1 + \gamma_{r \rightarrow r})] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{P\alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r}{\sigma^2} \right) \right]. \quad (2.19)$$

The ergodic rate of UE<sub>t</sub> is

$$R_t = \mathbb{E} [\log_2 (1 + \min(\gamma_{t \rightarrow r}, \gamma_{t \rightarrow t}))], \quad (2.20)$$

where min ensures that both UEs can successfully decode the signal of UE<sub>t</sub>.

A spectral efficiency is given by

$$SE = R_r + R_t, \quad (2.21)$$

whilst an energy efficiency is

$$EE = \frac{SE}{P_{\text{tot}}} = \frac{SE}{\zeta_s P + P_{\text{BS}} + 2P_{\text{U}}}, \quad (2.22)$$

where  $P_{\text{tot}}$  is the total power consumed by the network except zerIS due to self-sustainability.  $\zeta_s$ ,  $P_{\text{BS}}$  and  $P_{\text{U}}$  are inverse amplifier efficiency at the BS, circuit power consumed by the BS and UE, respectively.

The outage probability at UE<sub>r</sub> is

$$P_r^{\text{out}} = \mathbb{P}\{R_r < R_r^{\text{th}}\} = \mathbb{P}\{\gamma_{r \rightarrow r} < \gamma_r^{\text{th}}\} = \mathbb{P}\left\{ \frac{\rho\alpha_r |\widehat{\mathcal{G}}_r|^2}{\|\mathbf{g}_r^{\text{H}} \boldsymbol{\Phi}_r\|^2 + 1} < \gamma_r^{\text{th}} \right\}, \quad (2.23)$$

where  $R_r^{\text{th}}$  and  $\gamma_r^{\text{th}} = 2^{R_r^{\text{th}}} - 1$  are threshold data rate and SNR to successfully decode UE<sub>r</sub>'s signal, respectively. Similarly, the outage probability at UE<sub>t</sub> is

$$\begin{aligned} P_t^{\text{out}} &= \mathbb{P}\{R_t < R_t^{\text{th}}\} = \mathbb{P}\{\min(\gamma_{t \rightarrow r}, \gamma_{t \rightarrow t}) < \gamma_t^{\text{th}}\} = 1 - \mathbb{P}\{\min(\gamma_{t \rightarrow r}, \gamma_{t \rightarrow t}) \\ &> \gamma_t^{\text{th}}\} = 1 - \mathbb{P}\{\gamma_{t \rightarrow r} > \gamma_t^{\text{th}}\} \times \mathbb{P}\{\gamma_{t \rightarrow t} > \gamma_t^{\text{th}}\} = 1 - (1 - \mathbb{P}\{\gamma_{t \rightarrow r} \\ &< \gamma_t^{\text{th}}\}) \times (1 - \mathbb{P}\{\gamma_{t \rightarrow t} < \gamma_t^{\text{th}}\}) = \mathbb{P}\{\gamma_{t \rightarrow r} < \gamma_t^{\text{th}}\} + \mathbb{P}\{\gamma_{t \rightarrow t} < \gamma_t^{\text{th}}\} \\ &- \mathbb{P}\{\gamma_{t \rightarrow r} < \gamma_t^{\text{th}}\} \times \mathbb{P}\{\gamma_{t \rightarrow t} < \gamma_t^{\text{th}}\}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

where  $R_t^{\text{th}}$  and  $\gamma_t^{\text{th}} = 2^{R_t^{\text{th}}} - 1$  are threshold data rate and SINR to successfully decode UE<sub>t</sub>'s signal, respectively. The theoretical results of all metrics can found in Appendices A, B, C and D.

## Chapter 3

# Results and Discussions

The simulated results were obtained by Monte Carlo simulations in MATLAB with 100000 iterations. The simulation parameters are given in 3.1.

**Table 3.1:** Simulation Parameters

Parameter	Value
Power weight for UE <sub>r</sub>	$\alpha_r = 0.2$
Noise Variance	$\sigma^2 = -70$ dBm
Threshold data rates	$R_r = 10, R_t = 2.31$
Distances	$\{d_{sz}, d_{zr}, d_{zt}, d_{sr}\} = \{10, 15, 10, 45\}$
Shape parameters	$\{m_{g_r}, m_{g_t}, m_h, m_{h_d}\} = \{2, 3, 5, 5\}$
Inverse amplifier efficiency at BS	$\zeta_s = 1.1$
Inverse amplifier efficiency at zeRIS	$\zeta_{\text{RIS}} = 1.1$
Power conversion efficiency	$\eta = 1$
Circuit specifications for non-linear energy harvesting	$a = 150, b = 0.014$
BS Circuit Power	$P_{\text{BS}} = 10$ dBm
Static power per unit cell	$P_{\text{st}} = 2$ $\mu$ W
Circuit Power at UEs	$P_{\text{U}} = 10$ dBm

### 3.1 Results

Firstly, we found amplification gains for different transmit powers at the BS for which net zero energy at the zeRIS is ensured (see **Figure 3.1**). Then, we considered a practical scenario in which zeRIS harvests energy according to non-linear

behavior. The performance metrics like ergodic rates, spectral and energy efficiencies and outage probability were plotted against transmit powers (see **Figure 3.2 - 3.5**).

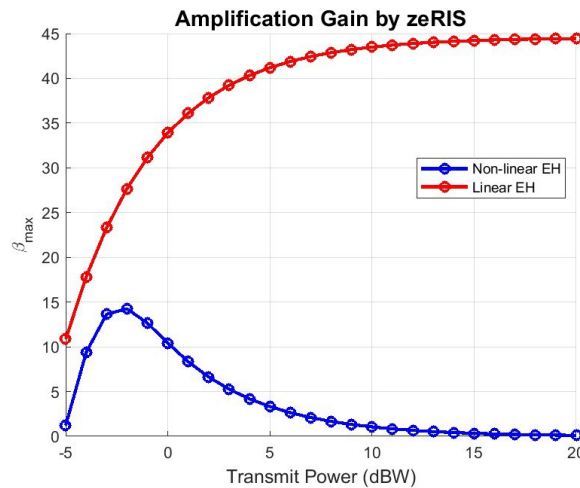
The maximum amplification gain of zeRIS depends on how energy harvesting functions in the system. The non-linear EH model achieves a peak gain of 14 dB at -2 dBW transmit power which later decreases but the linear EH model demonstrates very rapid gain enhancement that reaches nearly 44 dB at power levels exceeding 8 dBW (see **Figure 3.1**).

$UE_r$ 's ergodic rate increases from 8 bits/s/Hz at -5 dBW transmit power to reach 14.5 bits/s/Hz at 20 dBW but  $UE_t$  maintains a fixed rate of about 2.5 bits/s/Hz during this power range as demonstrated in **Figure 3.2**.

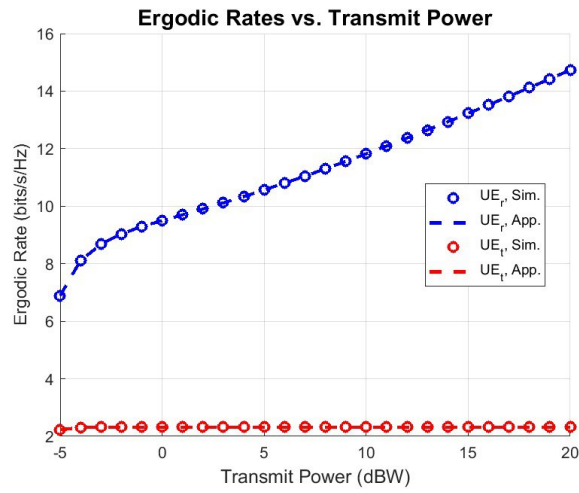
The outage probability shows a reduction when transmit power elevates for all user equipments but  $UE_t$  demonstrates better outage performance compared to  $UE_r$  at every power setting (see **Figure 3.3**). The outage probability for  $UE_r$  follows  $10^{-5}$  at a 20 dB transmit power but  $UE_t$  experiences a probability of roughly 0.01 as displayed in **Figure 3.3**.

The spectral efficiency rises with transmit power thus making it possible to achieve higher data rates as seen from **Figure 3.4**. The spectral efficiency evaluates at 10 bits/s/Hz when transmit power reaches -5 dB but achieves 17 bits/s/Hz at 20 dB (see **Figure 3.4**).

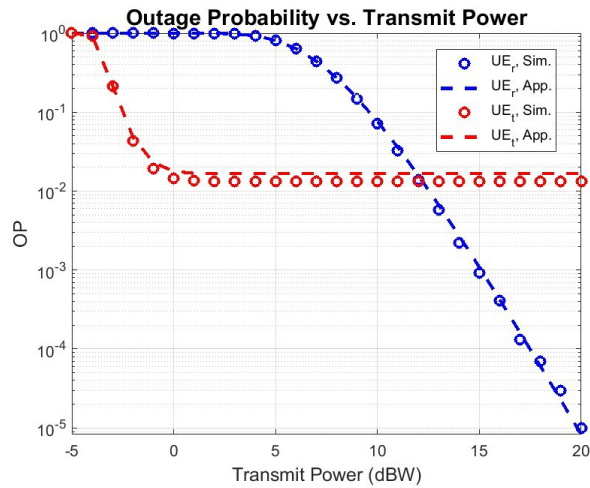
Energy efficiency experiences its highest decline when transmit power increases particularly during lower power settings as seen from **Figure 3.5**. The energy efficiency measurement decreases from 25 bits/Hz/J at -5 dB transmit power through 5 dB until reaching below 5 bits/Hz/J as shown in **Figure 3.5**.



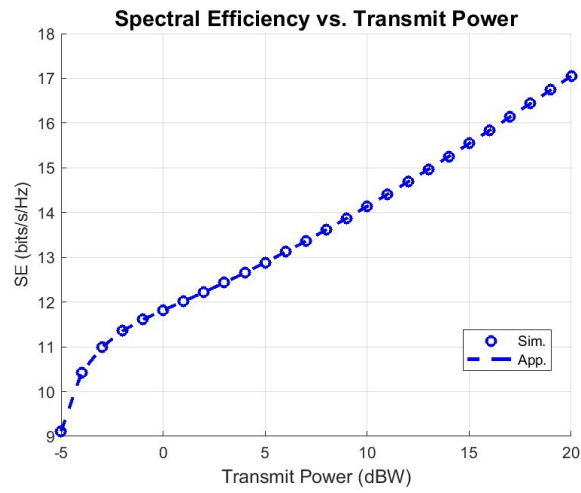
**Figure 3.1:** Amplification Gain of zeRIS for different energy harvesting models.



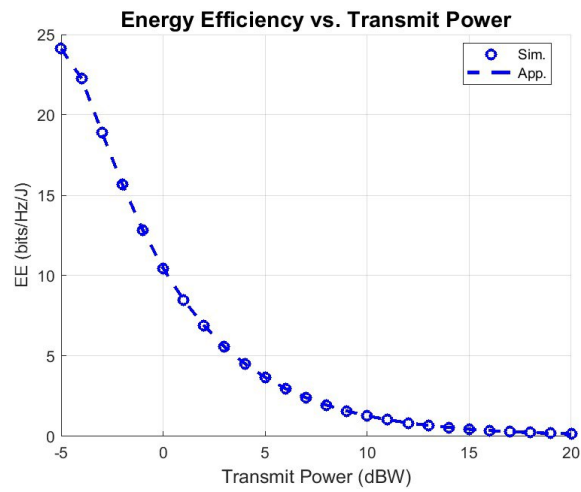
**Figure 3.2:** Ergodic Rates of UE<sub>r</sub> and UE<sub>t</sub> under self-sustainable operation of zeRIS and practical non-linear energy harvesting.



**Figure 3.3:** Outage probabilities for UE<sub>r</sub> and UE<sub>t</sub> under self-sustainable operation of zeRIS and practical non-linear energy harvesting.



**Figure 3.4:** Spectral Efficiency under self-sustainable operation of zeRIS and practical non-linear energy harvesting.



**Figure 3.5:** Energy Efficiency under self-sustainable operation of zeRIS and practical non-linear energy harvesting.

## 3.2 Discussion

Multiple key observations emerge from the study regarding the functioning of zeRIS systems. The direct relationship between energy efficiency and transmit power demonstrates that power boost can enhance spectral efficiency and reduce outages at the expense of energy consumption. The specified energy-efficiency trade-off becomes critical in situations that maintain limited energy availability. RIS-assisted user equipment location together with channel conditions determine how zeRIS systems perform by providing  $UE_r$  with better outage probability and ergodic rates than  $UE_t$ . User pairing strategies along with proper power allocation should be implemented to achieve fair and efficient wireless communication. The model selected for energy harvesting primarily determines the amplification strength of a zeRIS system. The peak gain behavior of non-linear power amplifiers indicates performance degradations may occur when transmit power is not properly optimized but the linear EH model delivers predictable performance levels with the increase in power. For zeRIS systems, the identification of proper transmit power stands as essential because it establishes the preferred levels of energy efficiency along with spectral efficiency and user fairness and outage probability. System performance would benefit from lower transmit power when energy efficiency requirements demand it even though spectral efficiency will decrease as a result. New research must develop power control methods which can automatically adjust power output according to changing channels together with shifting user positions. The assessment of enhanced energy harvesting techniques in connection with zeRIS performance demands greater investigation. The research needs to explore better strategies for minimizing differences between user performances through multi-user scheduling algorithms.

## **Chapter 4**

# **Conclusion**

The project evaluates zeRIS integration for NOMA systems through a design which enables RIS operation using ambient RF signal energy harvesting. Theoretical analysis and simulation demonstrate zeRIS's ability to waste less power along with improving broad system performance. The method provides a practical answer to create sustainable wireless communication networks.

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## Appendix A

### Outage Probability of UE<sub>r</sub>

$$\begin{aligned}
P_r^{\text{out}} &= \mathbb{P}\{\log_2(1 + \gamma_{r \rightarrow r}) < R_r^{\text{th}}\} = \mathbb{P}\{\gamma_{r \rightarrow r} < \gamma_r^{\text{th}}\} = \mathbb{P}\left\{\frac{\rho\alpha_r |\widehat{g}_r|^2}{\|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1} < \gamma_r^{\text{th}}\right\} \\
&= \mathbb{P}\left\{\rho\alpha_r |\widehat{g}_r|^2 < \gamma_r^{\text{th}} \left(\|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + \gamma_r^{\text{th}}\right)\right\} = \mathbb{P}\left\{\rho\alpha_r |\widehat{g}_r|^2 - \gamma_r^{\text{th}} \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 < \gamma_r^{\text{th}}\right\} \\
&= \mathbb{P}\left\{\frac{|\widehat{g}_r|^2}{\gamma_r^{\text{th}}} - \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2}{\rho\alpha_r} < \frac{1}{\rho\alpha_r}\right\} = \mathbb{P}\left\{\tilde{g}_r < \frac{1}{\rho\alpha_r}\right\} \\
&= F_{\tilde{g}_r}\left(\frac{1}{\rho\alpha_r}\right) = \frac{\gamma(k_{\tilde{g}_r}, \frac{1}{\theta_{\tilde{g}_r}})}{\Gamma(k_{\tilde{g}_r})}, \quad (\text{A.1})
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$k_{\tilde{g}_r} = \frac{\mathbb{E}[\tilde{g}_r]^2}{\mathbb{V}[\tilde{g}_r]}, \quad \theta_{\tilde{g}_r} = \frac{\mathbb{V}[\tilde{g}_r]}{\mathbb{E}[\tilde{g}_r]}. \quad (\text{A.2})$$

According to [nguyen2023performance], the  $p$ th moment of  $h_r^m$ ,  $h_d$ ,  $g_r^m$  and  $g_t^m$  are given as

$$\mu_{h_r}(p) \triangleq \frac{\Gamma(m_h + \frac{p}{2})}{\Gamma(m_h)} \left(\frac{\Omega_h}{m_h}\right)^{\frac{p}{2}}, \quad (\text{A.3})$$

$$\mu_{h_d}(p) \triangleq \frac{\Gamma(m_{h_d} + \frac{p}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{h_d})} \left(\frac{\Omega_{h_d}}{m_{h_d}}\right)^{\frac{p}{2}}, \quad (\text{A.4})$$

$$\mu_{g_r}(p) \triangleq \frac{\Gamma(m_{g_r} + \frac{p}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{g_r})} \left(\frac{\Omega_{g_r}}{m_{g_r}}\right)^{\frac{p}{2}}, \quad (\text{A.5})$$

$$\mu_{g_t}(p) \triangleq \frac{\Gamma(m_{g_t} + \frac{p}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{g_t})} \left(\frac{\Omega_{g_t}}{m_{g_t}}\right)^{\frac{p}{2}}. \quad (\text{A.6})$$

Obviously,  $\mu_{h_i}(p) = \mu_{h_h}(p) = \mu_{h_r}(p)$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} [\tilde{g}_r] &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\left( \sqrt{\beta_{\max}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} (|g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}|) + |h_d| \right)^2}{\gamma_r^{\text{th}}} - \frac{\beta_{\max} \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2}{\rho \alpha_r} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\gamma_r^{\text{th}}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sqrt{\beta_{\max}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} (|g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}|) + |h_d| \right)^2 \right] - \frac{\beta_{\max}}{\rho \alpha_r} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2 \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\gamma_r^{\text{th}}} \left( \underbrace{\beta_{\max} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}| \right)^2 \right]}_{A_r} + 2\sqrt{\beta_{\max}} \mathbb{E} [|h_d|] \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} (|g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}|) \right]}_{B_r} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \mathbb{E} [|h_d|^2] \right) - \frac{\beta_{\max}}{\rho \alpha_r} \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} \mathbb{E} [|g_r^{(m)}|^2] = \frac{1}{\gamma_r^{\text{th}}} (\beta_{\max} M_r \Omega_{g_r} \Omega_h \\
&\quad + \beta_{\max} M_r (M_r - 1) \left( \frac{\Gamma(m_{g_r} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{g_r})} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\Omega_{g_r}}{m_{g_r}} \right) \left( \frac{\Gamma(m_h + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_h)} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\Omega_h}{m_h} \right) \\
&\quad + 2\sqrt{\beta_{\max}} M_r \frac{\Gamma(m_{g_r} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{g_r})} \left( \frac{\Omega_{g_r}}{m_{g_r}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(m_h + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_h)} \left( \frac{\Omega_h}{m_h} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(m_{h_d} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{h_d})} \left( \frac{\Omega_{h_d}}{m_{h_d}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \Omega_{h_d}) \\
&\quad - \frac{\beta_{\max} M_r \Omega_{g_r}}{\rho \alpha_r}, \quad (\text{A.7})
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
A_r &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}| \right)^2 \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} (|g_r^{(m)}|^2 |h_r^{(m)}|^2) + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} |g_r^{(i)}| |h_r^{(i)}| |g_r^{(j)}| |h_r^{(j)}| \right] \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} \mathbb{E} [|g_r^{(m)}|^2] \mathbb{E} [|h_r^{(m)}|^2] + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} \mathbb{E} [|g_r^{(i)}|] \mathbb{E} [|g_r^{(j)}|] \mathbb{E} [|h_r^{(i)}|] \mathbb{E} [|h_r^{(j)}|] \\
&= M_r \Omega_{g_r} \Omega_h + M_r (M_r - 1) \left( \frac{\Gamma(m_{g_r} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{g_r})} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\Omega_{g_r}}{m_{g_r}} \right) \left( \frac{\Gamma(m_h + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_h)} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\Omega_h}{m_h} \right) \quad (\text{A.8})
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
B_r &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} (|g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}|) \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} (|g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}|) \right] \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} \mathbb{E} [ |g_r^{(m)}| ] \mathbb{E} [ |h_r^{(m)}| ] = M_r \frac{\Gamma(m_{g_r} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{g_r})} \left( \frac{\Omega_{g_r}}{m_{g_r}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(m_h + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_h)} \left( \frac{\Omega_h}{m_h} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (\text{A.9})
\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} [\tilde{\sigma}_r^2] &= \frac{1}{(\gamma_r^{\text{th}})^2} \left( \beta_{\max}^2 \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}| \right)^4 \right]}_{C_r} + 4\beta_{\max}^3 \right. \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{E} [|h_d|] \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}| \right)^3 \right]}_{D_r} + 6\beta_{\max} \mathbb{E} [|h_d|^2] \\
&\quad \times \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}| \right)^2 \right]}_{A_r} + 4\sqrt{\beta_{\max}} \mathbb{E} [|h_d|^3] \\
&\quad \times \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}| \right) \right]}_{B_r} + \mathbb{E} [|h_d|^4] \left. \right) - \frac{2\beta_{\max}}{\gamma_r^{\text{th}} \rho \alpha_r} (\beta_{\max} \\
&\quad \times \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}| \right)^2 \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2 \right]}_{E_r} + 2\sqrt{\beta_{\max}} \\
&\quad \times \underbrace{\mathbb{E} [|h_d|] \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}| \right) \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2 \right]}_{F_r} + \mathbb{E} [|h_d|^2] \\
&\quad \times \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} \mathbb{E} [|g_r^{(m)}|^2] \left. \right) + \underbrace{\frac{\beta_{\max}^2}{(\rho \alpha_r)^2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2 \right)^2 \right]}_{H_r}, \quad (\text{A.10})
\end{aligned}$$

Let us denote  $\mathcal{K}$  as  $\{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{M_r}\}$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
C_r &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}| \right)^4 \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_{M_r}=4} 4! \right. \\
&\quad \times \frac{1}{k_1!k_2! \dots k_{M_r}!} \left( |g_r^{(1)}| |h_r^{(1)}| \right)^{k_1} \left( |g_r^{(2)}| |h_r^{(2)}| \right)^{k_2} \\
&\quad \dots \left( |g_r^{(M_r)}| |h_r^{(M_r)}| \right)^{k_{M_r}} = \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{\mathcal{K}=\{4,0,0,\dots,0\}, 1 \leq i \leq M_r} \frac{4!}{4!} \right. \\
&\quad \times \left( |g_r^{(i)}| |h_r^{(i)}| \right)^4 + \sum_{\mathcal{K}=\{3,1,0,\dots,0\}, 1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} \frac{4!}{3!} \\
&\quad \times \left( |g_r^{(i)}| |h_r^{(i)}| \right)^3 \left( |g_r^{(j)}| |h_r^{(j)}| \right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{\mathcal{K}=\{2,2,0,\dots,0\}, 1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} \frac{4!}{2!2!} \left( |g_r^{(i)}| |h_r^{(i)}| \right)^2 \\
&\quad \times \left( |g_r^{(j)}| |h_r^{(j)}| \right)^2 + \sum_{\mathcal{K}=\{2,1,1,0,\dots,0\}, 1 \leq i \neq j \neq l \leq M_r} \frac{4!}{2!} \\
&\quad \times \left( |g_r^{(i)}| |h_r^{(i)}| \right)^2 \left( |g_r^{(j)}| |h_r^{(j)}| \right) \left( |g_r^{(l)}| |h_r^{(l)}| \right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{\mathcal{K}=\{1,1,1,1,0,\dots,0\}, 1 \leq i \neq j \neq l \neq n \leq M_r} \frac{4!}{1!} \left( |g_r^{(i)}| |h_r^{(i)}| \right) \\
&\quad \times \left( |g_r^{(j)}| |h_r^{(j)}| \right) \left( |g_r^{(l)}| |h_r^{(l)}| \right) \left( |g_r^{(n)}| |h_r^{(n)}| \right) \\
&= \sum_{\mathcal{K}=\{4,0,0,\dots,0\}, 1 \leq i \leq M_r} \frac{4!}{4!} \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(i)}|^4 \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |h_r^{(i)}|^4 \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{\mathcal{K}=\{3,1,0,\dots,0\}, 1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} \frac{4!}{3!} \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(i)}|^3 \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |h_r^{(i)}|^3 \right] \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(j)}| \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |h_r^{(j)}| \right] + \sum_{\mathcal{K}=\{2,2,0,\dots,0\}, 1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} \frac{4!}{2!2!} \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(i)}|^2 \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |h_r^{(i)}|^2 \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(j)}|^2 \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |h_r^{(j)}|^2 \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{\mathcal{K}=\{2,1,1,0,\dots,0\}, 1 \leq i \neq j \neq l \leq M_r} \frac{4!}{2!} \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(i)}|^2 \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |h_r^{(i)}|^2 \right] \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(j)}| \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |h_r^{(j)}| \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(l)}| \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |h_r^{(l)}| \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{\mathcal{K}=\{1,1,1,1,0,\dots,0\}, 1 \leq i \neq j \neq l \neq n \leq M_r} \frac{4!}{1!} \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(i)}| \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |h_r^{(i)}| \right] \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(j)}| \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |h_r^{(j)}| \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(l)}| \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |h_r^{(l)}| \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(n)}| \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |h_r^{(n)}| \right], \quad (\text{A.11})
\end{aligned}$$

which is

$$\begin{aligned}
C_r = & \frac{4!}{4!} M_r m_{g_r} (m_{g_r} + 1) \left( \frac{\Omega_{g_r}}{m_{g_r}} \right)^2 m_h (m_h + 1) \left( \frac{\Omega_h}{m_h} \right)^2 \\
& + \frac{4!}{3!} \frac{M_r (M_r - 1)}{2!} \frac{\Gamma(m_{g_r} + \frac{3}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{g_r})} \left( \frac{\Omega_{g_r}}{m_{g_r}} \right)^2 \frac{\Gamma(m_h + \frac{3}{2})}{\Gamma(m_h)} \\
& \times \left( \frac{\Omega_h}{m_h} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\Gamma(m_{g_r} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{g_r})} \right) \left( \frac{\Gamma(m_h + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_h)} \right) + \frac{4!}{2!2!} \\
& \times \frac{M_r (M_r - 1)}{2!} \Omega_{g_r}^2 \Omega_h^2 + \frac{4}{2!} \frac{M_r (M_r - 1) (M_r - 2)}{3!} \\
& \times \frac{\Omega_{g_r}^2 \Omega_h^2}{m_{g_r} m_h} \left( \frac{\Gamma(m_{g_r} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{g_r})} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\Gamma(m_h + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_h)} \right)^2 + \frac{4!}{1!} \\
& \times \frac{M_r (M_r - 1) (M_r - 2) (M_r - 3)}{4!} \left( \frac{\Omega_{g_r}}{m_{g_r}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\Omega_h}{m_h} \right)^2 \\
& \times \left( \frac{\Gamma(m_{g_r} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{g_r})} \right)^4 \left( \frac{\Gamma(m_h + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_h)} \right)^4. \quad (\text{A.12})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
D_r &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}| \right)^3 \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_{M_r}=3} 3! \right. \\
&\quad \times \frac{1}{k_1!k_2!\dots k_{M_r}!} \left( |g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}| \right)^{k_1} \left( |g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}| \right)^{k_2} \\
&\quad \left. \dots \left( |g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}| \right)^{k_{M_r}} \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{\mathcal{K}=\{3,0,0,\dots,0\}, 1 \leq i \leq M_r} \frac{3!}{3!} \right. \\
&\quad \times \left( |g_r^{(i)}| |h_r^{(i)}| \right)^3 + \sum_{\mathcal{K}=\{2,1,0,\dots,0\}, 1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} \frac{3!}{2!} \\
&\quad \times \left( |g_r^{(i)}| |h_r^{(i)}| \right)^2 \left( |g_r^{(j)}| |h_r^{(j)}| \right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{\mathcal{K}=\{1,1,1,0,\dots,0\}, 1 \leq i \neq j \neq l \leq M_r} \frac{3!}{1!} \left( |g_r^{(i)}| |h_r^{(i)}| \right) \\
&\quad \times \left( |g_r^{(j)}| |h_r^{(j)}| \right) \left( |g_r^{(l)}| |h_r^{(l)}| \right) \left. \right] = \sum_{\mathcal{K}=\{3,0,0,\dots,0\}, 1 \leq i \leq M_r} \frac{3!}{3!} \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(i)}|^3 \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |h_r^{(i)}|^3 \right] + \sum_{\mathcal{K}=\{2,1,0,\dots,0\}, 1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} \frac{3!}{2!} \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( |g_r^{(i)}| |h_r^{(i)}| \right)^2 \left( |g_r^{(j)}| |h_r^{(j)}| \right) \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{\mathcal{K}=\{1,1,1,0,\dots,0\}, 1 \leq i \neq j \neq l \leq M_r} \frac{3!}{1!} \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(i)}| \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |h_r^{(i)}| \right] \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(j)}| \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |h_r^{(j)}| \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(l)}| \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |h_r^{(l)}| \right], \quad (\text{A.13})
\end{aligned}$$

which is

$$\begin{aligned}
D_r &= \frac{3!}{3!} M_r \frac{\Gamma(m_{g_r} + \frac{3!}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{g_r})} \left( \frac{\Omega_{g_r}}{m_{g_r}} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(m_h + \frac{3}{2})}{\Gamma(m_h)} \left( \frac{\Omega_h}{m_h} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \\
&\quad + \frac{3!}{2!} \frac{M_r(M_r - 1)}{2!} \Omega_{g_r} \Omega_h \frac{\Gamma(m_{g_r} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{g_r})} \left( \frac{\Omega_{g_r}}{m_{g_r}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\quad \times \frac{\Gamma(m_h + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_h)} \left( \frac{\Omega_h}{m_h} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{3!}{1!} \frac{M_r(M_r - 1)(M_r - 2)}{3!} \\
&\quad \times \left( \frac{\Gamma(m_{g_r} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{g_r})} \right)^3 \left( \frac{\Omega_{g_r}}{m_{g_r}} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left( \frac{\Gamma(m_h + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_h)} \right)^3 \left( \frac{\Omega_h}{m_h} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \quad (\text{A.14})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E_r &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}| \right)^2 \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2 \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} (|g_r^{(m)}|^2 |h_r^{(m)}|^2) + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} |g_r^{(i)}| |h_r^{(i)}| \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. \times |g_r^{(j)}| |h_r^{(j)}| \right) \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2 \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} (|g_r^{(m)}|^4 |h_r^{(m)}|^2) \right. \\
&\quad + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} (|g_r^{(i)}|^2 |g_r^{(j)}|^2 |h_r^{(i)}|^2) + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} |g_r^{(i)}|^3 \\
&\quad \left. \times |h_r^{(i)}| |g_r^{(j)}| |h_r^{(j)}| + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} |g_r^{(i)}| |h_r^{(i)}| |g_r^{(j)}|^3 |h_r^{(j)}| \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{i \neq j \neq l} |g_r^{(i)}| |h_r^{(i)}| |g_r^{(j)}| |h_r^{(j)}| |g_r^{(l)}|^2 \right] = \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} \mathbb{E} [ |g_r^{(m)}|^4 ] \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{E} [ |h_r^{(m)}|^2 ] + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} \mathbb{E} [ |g_r^{(i)}|^2 ] \mathbb{E} [ |g_r^{(j)}|^2 ] \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{E} [ |h_r^{(i)}|^2 ] + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} \mathbb{E} [ |g_r^{(i)}|^3 ] \mathbb{E} [ |h_r^{(i)}| ] \mathbb{E} [ |g_r^{(j)}| ] \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{E} [ |h_r^{(j)}| ] + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} \mathbb{E} [ |g_r^{(i)}|^3 ] \mathbb{E} [ |h_r^{(i)}| ] \mathbb{E} [ |g_r^{(j)}|^3 ] \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{E} [ |h_r^{(j)}| ] + \sum_{i \neq j \neq l} \mathbb{E} [ |g_r^{(i)}| |h_r^{(i)}| |g_r^{(j)}| |h_r^{(j)}| |g_r^{(l)}|^2 ], \quad (\text{A.15})
\end{aligned}$$

which is

$$\begin{aligned}
E_r &= M_r m_{g_r} (m_{g_r} + 1) \left( \frac{\Omega_{g_r}}{m_{g_r}} \right)^2 \Omega_h + M_r (M_r - 1) \Omega_{g_r}^2 \Omega_h \\
&\quad + 2M_r (M_r - 1) \frac{\Gamma(m_{g_r} + \frac{3}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{g_r})} \left( \frac{\Omega_{g_r}}{m_{g_r}} \right)^2 \frac{\Gamma(m_{g_r} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{g_r})} \\
&\quad \times \left( \frac{\Gamma(m_h + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_h)} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\Omega_h}{m_h} \right) + \frac{M_r (M_r - 1) (M_r - 2)}{3!} \\
&\quad \times \frac{\Omega_{g_r}^2 \Omega_h}{m_{g_r} m_h} \left( \frac{\Gamma(m_{g_r} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{g_r})} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\Gamma(m_h + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_h)} \right)^2. \quad (\text{A.16})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E_r &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}| \right) \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2 \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^3 |h_r^{(m)}| + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} |g_r^{(i)}| |g_r^{(j)}|^2 |h_r^{(i)}| \right] \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(m)}|^3 \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |h_r^{(m)}| \right] + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(i)}| \right] \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(j)}|^2 \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |h_r^{(i)}| \right] = M_r \frac{\Gamma(m_{g_r} + \frac{3}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{g_r})} \left( \frac{\Omega_{g_r}}{m_{g_r}} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \\
&\quad \times \frac{\Gamma(m_{h_r} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{h_r})} \left( \frac{\Omega_h}{m_h} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + M_r(M_r - 1) \Omega_{g_r} \frac{\Gamma(m_{g_r} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{g_r})} \\
&\quad \times \left( \frac{\Omega_{g_r}}{m_{g_r}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(m_h + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_h)} \left( \frac{\Omega_h}{m_h} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (\text{A.17})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
H_r &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2 \right)^2 \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^4 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} |g_r^{(i)}|^2 |g_r^{(j)}|^2 \right] = \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(m)}|^4 \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq M_r} \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(i)}|^2 \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ |g_r^{(j)}|^2 \right] \\
&= M_r m_{g_r} (m_{g_r} + 1) \left( \frac{\Omega_{g_r}}{m_{g_r}} \right)^2 + M_r(M_r - 1) \Omega_{g_r}^2. \quad (\text{A.18})
\end{aligned}$$

Afterwards, the variance can be find as

$$\mathbb{V}[\tilde{g}_r] = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{g}_r^2] - (\mathbb{E}[\tilde{g}_r])^2, \quad (\text{A.19})$$

and we get  $k_{\tilde{g}_r}$  and  $\theta_{\tilde{g}_r}$  defined in (A.2). Also,

$$I_r = \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{G}_r] = \beta_{\max} A_r + 2\sqrt{\beta_{\max}} \frac{\Gamma(m_{h_d} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{h_d})} \left( \frac{\Omega_{h_d}}{m_{h_d}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} B_r + \Omega_{h_d}, \quad (\text{A.20})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
J_r = \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{G}_r^2] &= \beta_{\max}^2 C_r + 4\beta_{\max}^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(m_{h_d} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{h_d})} \left( \frac{\Omega_{h_d}}{m_{h_d}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} D_r \\
&\quad + 6\beta_{\max} \Omega_{h_d} E_r + 4\beta_{\max}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(m_{h_d} + \frac{3}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{h_d})} \left( \frac{\Omega_{h_d}}{m_{h_d}} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} B_r + m_{h_d} (m_{h_d} + 1) \left( \frac{\Omega_{h_d}}{m_{h_d}} \right)^2. \quad (\text{A.21})
\end{aligned}$$

This concludes the derivation of outage probability for UE<sub>r</sub>.

## Appendix B

# Outage Probability of UE<sub>t</sub>

$$\begin{aligned}
P_t^{\text{out}} &= \mathbb{P} \left\{ R_t < R_t^{\text{th}} \right\} = \mathbb{P} \left\{ \min(\gamma_{t \rightarrow r}, \gamma_{t \rightarrow t}) < \gamma_t^{\text{th}} \right\} = 1 \\
&\quad - \mathbb{P} \left\{ \min(\gamma_{t \rightarrow r}, \gamma_{t \rightarrow t}) > \gamma_t^{\text{th}} \right\} = 1 - \mathbb{P} \left\{ \gamma_{t \rightarrow r} > \gamma_t^{\text{th}} \right\} \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{P} \left\{ \gamma_{t \rightarrow t} > \gamma_t^{\text{th}} \right\} = 1 - \left( 1 - \mathbb{P} \left\{ \gamma_{t \rightarrow r} < \gamma_t^{\text{th}} \right\} \right) \\
&\quad \times \left( 1 - \mathbb{P} \left\{ \gamma_{t \rightarrow t} < \gamma_t^{\text{th}} \right\} \right) = \mathbb{P} \left\{ \gamma_{t \rightarrow r} < \gamma_t^{\text{th}} \right\} \\
&\quad + \mathbb{P} \left\{ \gamma_{t \rightarrow t} < \gamma_t^{\text{th}} \right\} - \mathbb{P} \left\{ \gamma_{t \rightarrow r} < \gamma_t^{\text{th}} \right\} \times \mathbb{P} \left\{ \gamma_{t \rightarrow t} < \gamma_t^{\text{th}} \right\}. \quad (\text{B.1})
\end{aligned}$$

Let us find first  $\mathbb{P} \left\{ \gamma_{t \rightarrow r} < \gamma_t^{\text{th}} \right\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P} \left\{ \gamma_{t \rightarrow r} < \gamma_t^{\text{th}} \right\} &= \mathbb{P} \left\{ \frac{\rho \alpha_t \mathcal{G}_r}{\rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r + \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1} < \gamma_t^{\text{th}} \right\} \\
&= \mathbb{P} \left\{ \rho \mathcal{G}_r (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}}) - \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 \gamma_t^{\text{th}} < \gamma_t^{\text{th}} \right\} \\
&= \mathbb{P} \left\{ \frac{\mathcal{G}_r}{\gamma_t^{\text{th}}} - \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2}{\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} < \frac{1}{\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} \right\} \\
&= \mathbb{P} \left\{ \check{\gamma}_r < \frac{1}{\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} \right\} = F_{\check{\gamma}_r} \left( \frac{1}{\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\Gamma(k_{\check{\gamma}_r})} \gamma \left( k_{\check{\gamma}_r}, \frac{1}{\theta_{\check{\gamma}_r}} \right), \quad (\text{B.2})
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$k_{\check{\gamma}_r} = \frac{\mathbb{E} [\check{\gamma}_r]^2}{\mathbb{V} [\check{\gamma}_r]}, \quad \theta_{\check{\gamma}_r} = \frac{\mathbb{V} [\check{\gamma}_r]}{\mathbb{E} [\check{\gamma}_r]}. \quad (\text{B.3})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} [\check{\mathcal{G}}_r] &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\left( \sqrt{\beta_{\max}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} (|g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}|) + |h_d| \right)^2}{\gamma_t^{\text{th}}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{\beta_{\max} \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2}{\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\gamma_t^{\text{th}}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sqrt{\beta_{\max}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} (|g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}|) + |h_d| \right)^2 \right] \\
&\quad - \frac{\beta_{\max}}{\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2 \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\gamma_t^{\text{th}}} \left( \underbrace{\beta_{\max} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}| \right)^2 \right]}_{A_r} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + 2\sqrt{\beta_{\max}} \mathbb{E} [|h_d|] \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} (|g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}|) \right]}_{B_r} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \mathbb{E} [|h_d|^2] \right) - \frac{\beta_{\max}}{\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} \mathbb{E} [|g_r^{(m)}|^2] \quad (\text{B.4})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} [\check{\mathcal{G}}_r^2] &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \frac{\left( \sqrt{\beta_{\max}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} (|g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}|) + |h_d| \right)^2}{\gamma_t^{\text{th}}} - \frac{\beta_{\max} \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2}{\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} \right)^2 \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\left( \sqrt{\beta_{\max}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} (|g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}|) + |h_d| \right)^4}{(\gamma_t^{\text{th}})^2} \right] \\
&\quad - \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{2\beta_{\max}}{\gamma_t^{\text{th}} \rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} \left( \sqrt{\beta_{\max}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} (|g_r^{(m)}| |h_r^{(m)}|) + |h_d| \right)^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. \times \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2 \right) \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\beta_{\max}^2 \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2 \right)^2}{(\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}}))^2} \right], \quad (\text{B.5})
\end{aligned}$$

which is

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} [\check{\gamma}_r^2] &= \frac{1}{(\gamma_t^{\text{th}})^2} \left( \beta_{\max}^2 C_r + 4\beta_{\max}^{\frac{3}{2}} \mu_{h_d}(1) D_r \right. \\
&\quad \left. + 6\beta_{\max} \mu_{h_d}(2) A_r + 4\sqrt{\beta_{\max}} \mu_{h_d}(3) B_r \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \mu_{h_d}(4) \right) - \left( \frac{2\beta_{\max}}{\gamma_t^{\text{th}} \rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} \beta_{\max} E_r \right. \\
&\quad \left. + 2\sqrt{\beta_{\max}} \mu_{h_d}(1) F_r + M_r \mu_{h_d}(2) \right) + \frac{\beta_{\max}^2}{(\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}}))^2} H_r. \quad (\text{B.6})
\end{aligned}$$

Now, in similar fashion, we can find  $k_{\check{\gamma}_r}$  and  $\theta_{\check{\gamma}_r}$ . As for  $\mathbb{P} \{ \gamma_{t \rightarrow t} < \gamma_t^{\text{th}} \}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P} \{ \gamma_{t \rightarrow t} < \gamma_t^{\text{th}} \} &= \mathbb{P} \left\{ \frac{\rho \alpha_t \mathcal{G}_t}{\rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_t + \|\mathbf{g}_t^H \Phi_t\|^2 + 1} < \gamma_t^{\text{th}} \right\} \\
&= \mathbb{P} \left\{ \frac{\mathcal{G}_t}{\gamma_t^{\text{th}}} - \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_t^H \Phi_t\|^2}{\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} < \frac{1}{\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} \right\} = \mathbb{P} \left\{ \check{\gamma}_t < \frac{1}{\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} \right\} \\
&= F_{\check{\gamma}_t} \left( \frac{1}{\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} \right) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(k_{\check{\gamma}_t})} \gamma(k_{\check{\gamma}_t}, \frac{1}{\theta_{\check{\gamma}_t}^{\rho(\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})}}), \quad (\text{B.7})
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$k_{\check{\gamma}_t} = \frac{\mathbb{E} [\check{\gamma}_t]^2}{\mathbb{V} [\check{\gamma}_t]}, \quad \theta_{\check{\gamma}_t} = \frac{\mathbb{V} [\check{\gamma}_t]}{\mathbb{E} [\check{\gamma}_t]}. \quad (\text{B.8})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} [\check{\gamma}_t] &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\beta_{\max} \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_t} |\mathcal{G}_t^{(m)}| |h_t^{(m)}| \right)^2}{\gamma_t^{\text{th}}} - \frac{\beta_{\max} \sum_{m=1}^{M_t} |\mathcal{G}_t^{(m)}|^2}{\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} \right] = \frac{\beta_{\max}}{\gamma_t^{\text{th}}} A_t \\
&\quad - \frac{\beta_{\max} M_t \Omega_{\mathcal{G}_t}}{\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} \\
&= \frac{\beta_{\max}}{\gamma_t^{\text{th}}} \left( M_t \Omega_{\mathcal{G}_t} \Omega_h + M_t (M_t - 1) \left( \frac{\Gamma(m_{\mathcal{G}_t} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_{\mathcal{G}_t})} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\Omega_{\mathcal{G}_t}}{m_{\mathcal{G}_t}} \right) \left( \frac{\Gamma(m_h + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(m_h)} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\Omega_h}{m_h} \right) \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{\beta_{\max} M_t \Omega_{\mathcal{G}_t}}{\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} \quad (\text{B.9})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} [\check{\gamma}_t^2] &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \frac{\beta_{\max} \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_t} |g_t^{(m)}| |h_t^{(m)}| \right)^2}{\gamma_t^{\text{th}}} - \frac{\beta_{\max} \sum_{m=1}^{M_t} |g_t^{(m)}|^2}{\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} \right)^2 \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\beta_{\max}^2 \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_t} |g_t^{(m)}| |h_t^{(m)}| \right)^4}{(\gamma_t^{\text{th}})^2} \right] \\
&- \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{2\beta_{\max}^2}{\gamma_t^{\text{th}} \rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_t} |g_t^{(m)}| |h_t^{(m)}| \right)^2 \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_t} |g_t^{(m)}|^2 \right) \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\beta_{\max}^2 \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_t} |g_t^{(m)}|^2 \right)^2}{(\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}}))^2} \right] \\
&= \left( \frac{\beta_{\max}}{\gamma_t^{\text{th}}} \right)^2 \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_t} |g_t^{(m)}| |h_t^{(m)}| \right)^4 \right]}_{C_t} \\
&- \frac{2\beta_{\max}^2}{\gamma_t^{\text{th}} \rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}})} \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_t} |g_t^{(m)}| |h_t^{(m)}| \right)^2 \sum_{m=1}^{M_t} |g_t^{(m)}|^2 \right]}_{E_t} \\
&+ \frac{\beta_{\max}^2}{(\rho (\alpha_t - \alpha_r \gamma_t^{\text{th}}))^2} \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_t} |g_t^{(m)}|^2 \right)^2 \right]}_{H_t}. \quad (\text{B.10})
\end{aligned}$$

Then, we have  $k_{\check{\gamma}_t}$  and  $\theta_{\check{\gamma}_t}$ .

## Appendix C

### Ergodic Rate of UE<sub>r</sub>

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_r &= \mathbb{E} [\log_2 (1 + \gamma_{r \rightarrow r})] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{\rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r}{\|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1} \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\ln 2} \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \ln \left( \rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r + \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1 \right) \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \mathbb{E} \left[ \ln \left( \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1 \right) \right] \right). \quad (\text{C.1})
 \end{aligned}$$

A second-order Taylor series of  $\ln x$  about  $\mathbb{E}[x]$  is

$$\ln x = \ln (\mathbb{E}[x]) - \frac{(x - \mathbb{E}[x])^2}{2\mathbb{E}[x]^2}. \quad (\text{C.2})$$

Then,

$$\mathbb{E} [\ln x] = \ln (\mathbb{E}[x]) - \frac{\mathbb{V}[x]}{2\mathbb{E}[x]^2}. \quad (\text{C.3})$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_r &= \frac{1}{\ln 2} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r + \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1 \right] \right) - \frac{\mathbb{V} \left[ \rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r + \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1 \right]}{2\mathbb{E} \left[ \rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r + \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1 \right]^2} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \ln \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1 \right] \right) + \frac{\mathbb{V} \left[ \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1 \right]}{2\mathbb{E} \left[ \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1 \right]^2} \right) \quad (\text{C.4})
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us find  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \rho\alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r + \left\| \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \right\|^2 + 1 \right]$  and  $\mathbb{V} \left[ \rho\alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r + \left\| \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \right\|^2 + 1 \right]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} K_r &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \rho\alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r + \left\| \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \right\|^2 + 1 \right] = \mathbb{E} [\rho\alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r] + \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \right\|^2 \right] \\ &\quad + 1 = \rho\alpha_r I_r + \beta_{\max} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2 \right] + 1 = \rho\alpha_r I_r \\ &\quad + \beta_{\max} M_r \Omega_{g_r} + 1 \quad (\text{C.5}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_r &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \rho\alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r + \left\| \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \right\|^2 + 1 \right)^2 \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ (\rho\alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r)^2 \right. \\ &\quad + \beta_{\max}^2 \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2 \right)^2 + 1 + 2 \left( \rho\alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r \beta_{\max} \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \rho\alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r + \beta_{\max} \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2 \right) \right] = (\rho\alpha_r)^2 J_r \\ &\quad + \beta_{\max}^2 H_r + 1 + 2\rho\alpha_r (\beta_{\max} M_r \Omega_{g_r} + 1) I_r + 2\beta_{\max} M_r \Omega_{g_r} \quad (\text{C.6}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} N_r &= \mathbb{V} \left[ \rho\alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r + \left\| \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \right\|^2 + 1 \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \rho\alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r + \left\| \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \right\|^2 + 1 \right)^2 \right] \\ &\quad - \mathbb{E} \left[ \rho\alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r + \left\| \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \right\|^2 + 1 \right]^2 \\ &\quad \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \right\|^2 + 1 \right] = \beta_{\max} M_r \Omega_{g_r} + 1 \quad (\text{C.7}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{V} \left[ \left\| \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \right\|^2 + 1 \right] &= \beta_{\max}^2 \mathbb{V} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} |g_r^{(m)}|^2 \right] = \beta_{\max}^2 \sum_{m=1}^{M_r} \mathbb{V} \left[ |g_r^{(m)}|^2 \right] \\ &= \beta_{\max}^2 M_r m_{g_r} \left( \frac{\Omega_{g_r}}{m_{g_r}} \right)^2 = \frac{\beta_{\max}^2 M_r \Omega_{g_r}^2}{m_{g_r}} \quad (\text{C.8}) \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$R_r = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \left( \ln(K_r) - \frac{N_r}{2K_r^2} - \ln(\beta_{\max} M_r \Omega_{g_r} + 1) + \frac{\frac{\beta_{\max}^2 M_r \Omega_{g_r}^2}{m_{g_r}}}{2(\beta_{\max} M_r \Omega_{g_r} + 1)^2} \right). \quad (\text{C.9})$$

## Appendix D

### Ergodic Rate of $\text{UE}_t$

$$R_t = \mathbb{E} [\min (\log_2 (1 + \gamma_{t \rightarrow r}), \log_2 (1 + \gamma_{t \rightarrow t}))] \\ = \min (\mathbb{E} [\log_2 (1 + \gamma_{t \rightarrow r})], \mathbb{E} [\log_2 (1 + \gamma_{t \rightarrow t})]) \quad (\text{D.1})$$

$$\mathbb{E} [\log_2 (1 + \gamma_{t \rightarrow r})] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{\rho \alpha_t \mathcal{G}_r}{\rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r + \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1} \right) \right] \\ = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\rho \mathcal{G}_r + \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1}{\rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r + \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \\ \times \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \ln \left( \rho \mathcal{G}_r + \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1 \right) \right] - \mathbb{E} \left[ \ln \left( \rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r \right. \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \left. + \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1 \right) \right] \right)$$

$$O_r = \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \rho \mathcal{G}_r + \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1 \right) \right] = \rho I_r + \beta_{\max} M_r \Omega_{g_r} + 1 \quad (\text{D.2})$$

$$P_r = \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \rho \mathcal{G}_r + \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1 \right)^2 \right] = \rho^2 J_r + \beta_{\max}^2 M_r \Omega_{g_r} + 1 \\ + 2\rho (\beta_{\max} M_r \Omega_{g_r} + 1) I_r + 2\beta_{\max} M_r \Omega_{g_r} \quad (\text{D.3})$$

$$Q_r = \mathbb{V} \left[ \left( \rho \mathcal{G}_r + \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1 \right) \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \rho \mathcal{G}_r + \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1 \right)^2 \right] \\ - \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \rho \mathcal{G}_r + \|\mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r\|^2 + 1 \right) \right]^2 \quad (\text{D.4})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [\log_2 (1 + \gamma_{t \rightarrow r})] &= \frac{1}{\ln 2} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \rho \mathcal{G}_r + \left\| \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \right\|^2 \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \left. + 1 \right) \right) - \frac{\mathbb{V} \left[ \rho \mathcal{G}_r + \left\| \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \right\|^2 + 1 \right]}{2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \rho \mathcal{G}_r + \left\| \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \right\|^2 + 1 \right]^2} - \ln \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \left. + \left\| \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \right\|^2 + 1 \right] \right) + \frac{\mathbb{V} \left[ \rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r + \left\| \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \right\|^2 + 1 \right]}{2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_r + \left\| \mathbf{g}_r^H \Phi_r \right\|^2 + 1 \right]^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [\log_2 (1 + \gamma_{t \rightarrow t})] &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{\rho \alpha_t \mathcal{G}_t}{\rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_t + \left\| \mathbf{g}_t^H \Phi_t \right\|^2 + 1} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\ln 2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\rho \mathcal{G}_t + \left\| \mathbf{g}_t^H \Phi_t \right\|^2 + 1}{\rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_t + \left\| \mathbf{g}_t^H \Phi_t \right\|^2 + 1} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \\ &\quad \times \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \ln \left( \rho \mathcal{G}_t + \left\| \mathbf{g}_t^H \Phi_t \right\|^2 + 1 \right) \right] - \mathbb{E} \left[ \ln \left( \rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_t \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \left. + \left\| \mathbf{g}_t^H \Phi_t \right\|^2 + 1 \right) \right] \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \rho \mathcal{G}_t + \left\| \mathbf{g}_t^H \Phi_t \right\|^2 + 1 \right) \right] = \rho \mathbb{E} [\mathcal{G}_t] + \beta_{\max} M_t \Omega_{\mathcal{G}_t} + 1 \quad (\text{D.5})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \rho \mathcal{G}_t + \left\| \mathbf{g}_t^H \Phi_t \right\|^2 + 1 \right)^2 \right] &= \rho^2 \mathbb{E} [\mathcal{G}_t^2] + \beta_{\max}^2 \mathcal{G}_t + 1 \\ &\quad + 2\rho (\beta_{\max} M_t \Omega_{\mathcal{G}_t} + 1) \mathbb{E} [\mathcal{G}_t] + 2\beta_{\max} M_t \Omega_{\mathcal{G}_t} \quad (\text{D.6}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{V} \left[ \left( \rho \mathcal{G}_t + \left\| \mathbf{g}_t^H \Phi_t \right\|^2 + 1 \right) \right] &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \rho \mathcal{G}_t + \left\| \mathbf{g}_t^H \Phi_t \right\|^2 + 1 \right)^2 \right] \\ &\quad - \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \rho \mathcal{G}_t + \left\| \mathbf{g}_t^H \Phi_t \right\|^2 + 1 \right) \right]^2 \quad (\text{D.7}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} [\log_2 (1 + \gamma_{t \rightarrow t})] &= \frac{1}{\ln 2} \left( \ln \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \rho \mathcal{G}_t + \left\| \mathbf{g}_t^H \boldsymbol{\Phi}_t \right\|^2 \right. \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. \left. + 1 \right) \right] - \frac{\mathbb{V} \left[ \rho \mathcal{G}_t + \left\| \mathbf{g}_t^H \boldsymbol{\Phi}_t \right\|^2 + 1 \right]}{2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \rho \mathcal{G}_t + \left\| \mathbf{g}_t^H \boldsymbol{\Phi}_t \right\|^2 + 1 \right]^2} - \ln \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_t \right. \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. \left. + \left\| \mathbf{g}_t^H \boldsymbol{\Phi}_t \right\|^2 + 1 \right] \right) + \frac{\mathbb{V} \left[ \rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_t + \left\| \mathbf{g}_t^H \boldsymbol{\Phi}_t \right\|^2 + 1 \right]}{2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \rho \alpha_r \mathcal{G}_t + \left\| \mathbf{g}_t^H \boldsymbol{\Phi}_t \right\|^2 + 1 \right]^2} \right) \quad (\text{D.8})
\end{aligned}$$