



Supplementary materials for

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1 Derivation of Eq. (21)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \mathbb{E} \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^M \sqrt{p_{m,k} l_{m,k}} \mathbf{g}_{m,k}^H \mathbf{w}_{m,k} \right\} \right|^2 &= \left| \sum_{m=1}^M \sqrt{p_{m,k} l_{m,k}} \mathbb{E} \left\{ (\hat{\mathbf{g}}_{m,k})^H \mathbf{w}_{m,k} \right\} \right|^2 \\
 &= \left| \sum_{m=1}^M \sqrt{p_{m,k} l_{m,k}} \mathbb{E} \left\{ (\hat{\mathbf{g}}_m^t \mathbf{e}_k)^H \sqrt{\lambda_{m,k}} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_m^t \left((\hat{\mathbf{g}}_m^t)^H \hat{\mathbf{g}}_m^t \right)^{-1} \mathbf{e}_k \right\} \right|^2 \quad (\text{S1}) \\
 &= \left| \sum_{m=1}^M \sqrt{p_{m,k} \lambda_{m,k} l_{m,k}} \right|^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{k'=1}^K \mathbb{E} \left\{ \left| \sum_{m=1}^M \sqrt{p_{m,k'} l_{m,k'}} \mathbf{g}_{m,k'}^H \mathbf{w}_{m,k'} \right|^2 \right\} \\
 &= \sum_{k'=1}^K \mathbb{E} \left\{ \left| \sum_{m=1}^M \left(\sqrt{p_{m,k'} l_{m,k'}} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{m,k}^H \mathbf{w}_{m,k'} + \sqrt{p_{m,k'} l_{m,k'}} \tilde{\mathbf{g}}_{m,k}^H \mathbf{w}_{m,k'} \right) \right|^2 \right\} \\
 &= \sum_{k'=1}^K \mathbb{E} \left\{ \underbrace{\left| \sum_{m=1}^M \left(\sqrt{p_{m,k'} l_{m,k'}} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{m,k}^H \mathbf{w}_{m,k'} \right) \right|^2}_{(1)} + \underbrace{\left| \sum_{m=1}^M \sqrt{p_{m,k'} l_{m,k'}} \tilde{\mathbf{g}}_{m,k}^H \mathbf{w}_{m,k'} \right|^2}_{(2)} \right\} \\
 &= \sum_{k'=1}^K \mathbb{E} \left\{ \underbrace{\left(\sum_{m=1}^M \left(\sqrt{p_{m',k'} l_{m',k'}} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{m',k}^H \mathbf{w}_{m',k'} \right) \right)^2}_{(1)} + \underbrace{\sqrt{p_{m,k'} l_{m,k'}} \tilde{\mathbf{g}}_{m,k}^H \mathbf{w}_{m,k'} \sqrt{p_{m',k'} l_{m',k'}} \mathbf{w}_{m',k'}^H \tilde{\mathbf{g}}_{m',k}}_{(2)} \right\}, \quad (\text{S2})
 \end{aligned}$$

where term (1) is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \sum_{m=1}^M \left(\sqrt{p_{m,k'} l_{m,k'}} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{m,k}^H \mathbf{w}_{m,k'} \right) \right|^2 &\stackrel{k'=k}{=} \left| \sum_{m=1}^M \left(\sqrt{p_{m,k} l_{m,k}} \mathbf{e}_k^H \hat{\mathbf{g}}_m^t \sqrt{\lambda_{m,k}} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_m^t \left((\hat{\mathbf{g}}_m^t)^H \hat{\mathbf{g}}_m^t \right)^{-1} \mathbf{e}_k \right) \right|^2 \\
 &= \left(\sum_{m=1}^M \left(\sqrt{p_{m,k} l_{m,k}} \sqrt{\lambda_{m,k}} \right) \right)^2, \quad (\text{S3})
 \end{aligned}$$

and term (2) is

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} \left| \sum_{m=1}^M \sqrt{p_{m,k'} l_{m,k'}} \tilde{\mathbf{g}}_{m,k}^H \mathbf{w}_{m,k'} \right|^2 &\stackrel{m' \equiv m}{=} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^M \sqrt{p_{m,k'} l_{m,k'}} \tilde{\mathbf{g}}_{m,k}^H \mathbf{w}_{m,k'} \mathbf{w}_{m,k'}^H \sqrt{p_{m,k'} l_{m,k'}} \tilde{\mathbf{g}}_{m,k} \right\} \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^M p_{m,k'} l_{m,k'} \tilde{\mathbf{g}}_{m,k}^H \mathbf{w}_{m,k'} \mathbf{w}_{m,k'}^H \tilde{\mathbf{g}}_{m,k} \right\} \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^M p_{m,k'} l_{m,k'} (\beta_{m,k} - r_{m,k}).
\end{aligned} \tag{S4}$$

Finally, substituting Eqs. (S1)–(S4) into Eq. (16) yields Eq. (21).

2 Derivation of Eq. (24)

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E} \left\{ \left| \sum_{m=1}^M \sqrt{p_{m,k} l_{m,k}} \mathbf{g}_{m,e}^H \mathbf{w}_{m,k} \right|^2 \right\} \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^M (\sqrt{p_{m,k} l_{m,k}} \mathbf{g}_{m,e}^H \mathbf{w}_{m,k})^2 + \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{n \neq m} (\sqrt{p_{m,k} l_{m,k}} \mathbf{g}_{m,e}^H \mathbf{w}_{m,k}) (\sqrt{p_{n,k} l_{n,k}} \mathbf{g}_{n,e}^H \mathbf{w}_{n,k}) \\
&= \mathbb{E} (\sqrt{p_{m,k} l_{m,k}} \mathbf{g}_{m,e}^H \mathbf{w}_{m,k})^2 = p_{m,k} l_{m,k} \mathbb{E} |\mathbf{g}_{m,e}^H|^2 \mathbb{E} |\mathbf{w}_{m,k}|^2 = p_{m,k} l_{m,k} \beta_{m,e}.
\end{aligned} \tag{S5}$$

$$\sum_{k' \neq k}^K \mathbb{E} \left\{ \left| \sum_{m=1}^M \sqrt{p_{m,k'} l_{m,k'}} \mathbf{g}_{m,e}^H \mathbf{w}_{m,k'} \right|^2 \right\} = \sum_{k' \neq k}^K \sum_{m=1}^M \mathbb{E} (\sqrt{p_{m,k'} l_{m,k'}} \mathbf{g}_{m,e}^H \mathbf{w}_{m,k'})^2 = \sum_{k' \neq k}^K \sum_{m=1}^M p_{m,k'} l_{m,k'} \beta_{m,e}. \tag{S6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
-\log_2 \left(1 - \frac{|a|^2}{b} \right) &\geq - (f(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) + (a - \bar{a}) f'_a(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) + (b - \bar{b}) f'_b(\bar{a}, \bar{b})) \\
&= - \left(\log_2 \left(1 - \frac{|\bar{a}|^2}{\bar{b}} \right) + (a - \bar{a}) \frac{-\frac{2|\bar{a}|}{\bar{b}}}{(1 - \frac{|\bar{a}|^2}{\bar{b}}) \ln 2} + (b - \bar{b}) \frac{\frac{|\bar{a}|^2}{\bar{b}^2}}{(1 - \frac{|\bar{a}|^2}{\bar{b}}) \ln 2} \right) \\
&= -\log_2 \left(1 - \frac{|\bar{a}|^2}{\bar{b}} \right) + 2 \frac{a |\bar{a}|}{(\bar{b} - |\bar{a}|^2) \ln 2} - \frac{|\bar{a}|^2}{(\bar{b} - |\bar{a}|^2) \ln 2} - \frac{b |\bar{a}|^2}{\bar{b} (\bar{b} - |\bar{a}|^2) \ln 2}.
\end{aligned} \tag{S7}$$

Finally, substituting Eqs. (S5)–(S7) into Eq. (18) yields Eq. (24).

3 Derivation of inequality (37)

It is known that $-\ln(1-x)$ is convex, and when $g(a,b) = |a|^2/b$ is convex, the composite function $f(g(a,b)) = -\ln\left(1 - \frac{|a|^2}{b}\right)$ is convex.

$$\log_2 \left(1 + \frac{|S|^2}{I} \right) = -\log_2 \left(1 - \frac{|S|^2}{I + |S|^2} \right). \tag{S8}$$

$$b = I + |S|^2. \tag{S9}$$

$$\log_2 \left(1 + \frac{|S|^2}{I} \right) \geq \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{|\bar{S}|^2}{\bar{I}} \right) + 2 \frac{S |\bar{S}|}{\bar{I} \ln 2} - \frac{|\bar{S}|^2}{\bar{I} \ln 2} - \frac{(I + |S|^2) |\bar{S}|^2}{(\bar{I} + |\bar{S}|^2) \bar{I} \ln 2}. \tag{S10}$$