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National University of Singapore, Singapore

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University of Toronto, Canada

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National University of Singapore, Singapore

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HONORS AND AWARDS

- Highly Cited Researcher, 2018, by Clarivate Analytics
- IEEE Signal Processing Society Young Author Best Paper Award, 2017
- Best student paper award, IEEE International Conference on Wireless Communications and Signal Processing, 2011
- Exemplary Reviewer for IEEE Transactions on Communications, 2018 (Fewer than 2%)
- Exemplary Reviewer for IEEE Wireless Communications Letters, 2017 (Fewer than 3%)
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- President's Graduate Fellowships, National University of Singapore, 2011-2014
- Research Scholarship, National University of Singapore, 2010-1011
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Wireless communications and networking
- $\bullet\,$ Signal processing and optimization
- Internet of Things (IoT)

PUBLICATIONS (ResearcherID, Google Scholar Profile)

Book Chapter

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- C2 L. Liu, R. Zhang, and K. C. Chua, "Wireless information transfer with opportunistic energy harvesting," in *Proc. IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT)*, Cambridge, MA, America, 2012.
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- C15 Z. Wang, **L. Liu**, and S. Cui, "Intelligent reflecting surface assisted massive MIMO communications," to appear in *Proc. IEEE International Workshop on Signal Processing Advances in Wireless Communications (SPAWC)*, 2020. [Available] Online: https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.05899.

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TEACHING

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• IEEE Wireless Communications Special Issue on Massive Machine-Type Communications for IoT

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- IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications.
- IEEE Wireless Communications Magazine.
- IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing.
- IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications.
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Technical Program Committee Member

- Vehicular Technology Conference (VTC) 2015 Fall.
- IEEE Globecom 2015 Workshop on Heterogeneous and Small Cell Networks.
- IEEE ICC 2016 Wireless Communications Symposium.
- IEEE ICC 2016 Workshop on Wireless Physical Layer Security.
- IEEE Globecom 2016 Workshop on Emerging Technologies for 5G Wireless Cellular Networks.
- IEEE Globecom 2016 Workshop on Full Duplex Wireless Communications.
- IEEE Globecom 2017 Workshop on Emerging Technologies for 5G and Beyond Wireless and Mobile Networks.
- IEEE ICC 2017 Wireless Communications Symposium.