

# Dingjia Lin

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## Education

<b>PhD</b>	<b>University of Manchester, UK</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervisor: <a href="#">Prof. Zhiguo Ding (FIEEE)</a> 📄</li><li>Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering</li><li>Graduation Thesis: The Application of Optimization Techniques in Back-Com NOMA Networks. <a href="#">Link</a> 📄</li></ul>	03/2021 – 01/2025
<b>MSC</b>	<b>University of Southampton, UK</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School of Electronics and Computer Science</li><li>Mobile Communication and Smart Networking</li></ul>	09/2019 – 12/2020
<b>MSC</b>	<b>University of Sheffield, UK</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering</li><li>Electrical and Electronic Engineering</li></ul>	09/2017 – 12/2018
<b>BEng</b>	<b>Chongqing University of Posts and Telecommunications, China</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>College of Communication and Information Engineering</li><li>Communication Engineering</li></ul>	09/2013 – 06/2017

## Experience

<b>King's College London</b> , Research Associate <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Conducted research on optimization techniques for edge computing in cell-free and massive MIMO networks. (Supervisor: <a href="#">Prof. Toktam Mahmoodi (SMIEEE)</a> 📄)</li></ul>	London, UK Oct. 2024 – Apr. 2025
<b>University of Manchester</b> , General Teaching Assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assisted in delivering tutorials, marking coursework, and supporting students in undergraduate-level and postgraduate-level modules.</li></ul>	Manchester, UK Sept. 2021 – Jan. 2025

## Project

<b>Latency/Power Optimization in Cell-free Massive MIMO MEC System (Postdoctoral Project at Kings College London)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><u>Research scope</u>: Developed a cell-free massive MIMO MEC system integrating co-ordinated multi-point (CoMP) transmission and user-specific resource allocation.</li><li><u>Challenges addressed</u>: Minimized maximum task latency under individual power limits and total power consumption under latency constraints.</li><li><u>Techniques used</u>: Formulated joint latency and power optimization problems and solved them using a low-complexity successive convex approximation (SCA) algorithm.</li><li><u>Key contributions</u>: Demonstrated that the proposed CoMP-enabled architecture outperforms traditional massive MIMO and cell-free MIMO in both latency and power efficiency.</li></ul>	Oct. 2024 – Apr. 2025
<b>The Application of Optimization Techniques in BackCom NOMA Networks (PhD Project at University of Manchester)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><u>Research scope</u>: Modeled and optimized BackCom-NOMA systems for uplink/downlink performance or energy efficiency across single- and multi-cell scenarios.</li><li><u>Challenges addressed</u>: Tackled joint beamforming and reflection design, BS-device association, energy efficiency under imperfect CSI, and outage reduction.</li></ul>	Sept. 2021 – Jan. 2025

- Techniques used: Applied SDR, Dinkelbach, SCA, matching theory, S-procedure, and Bernstein inequality.
- Key contributions: Published four journal papers with novel frameworks and low-complexity algorithms for robust BackCom-NOMA deployment.

## Research Interests

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- Pinching Antenna System
- Cell-Free
- Edge Computing
- Cognitive Radio
- Massive MIMO
- Matching Theory
- Near-Far Field
- Non-Terrestrial Networks (NTN)
- Integrated Sensing and Communications (ISAC)
- Non-Orthogonal Multiple Access (NOMA)
- Fluid Antenna System (FAS)
- Backscatter Communication (BackCom)
- Visible Light Communication (VLC)
- Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces (RIS)
- Convex/Non-Convex Optimization

## Publications

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### [J4] EE Maximization with Imperfect CSI at Transmitter in BackCom NOMA System

Apr 2025

**Dingjia Lin**, Suhaib M. Al-Basit, Kaidi Wang, Zhiguo Ding

in *IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology*, vol. 74, no. 8, pp. 12727-12739, Aug. 2025,

doi: [10.1109/TVT.2025.3557244](https://doi.org/10.1109/TVT.2025.3557244) 

- Developed a robust optimization framework incorporating CSI uncertainty, solved via Dinkelbach, S-procedure, and SROCR techniques.

### [J3] Energy-Efficiency Maximization in Backscatter Communication Based Non-Orthogonal Multiple Access System: Dinkelbach and Successive Convex Approximation Approaches

Aug 2024

**Dingjia Lin**, Tianqi Wang, Kaidi Wang, Zhiguo Ding

in *IET Signal Processing*, 2024, 4107801, 12 pages

doi: [10.1049/2024/4107801](https://doi.org/10.1049/2024/4107801) 

- Jointly optimized beamforming and reflection coefficients under different decoding strategies using Dinkelbach and SCA algorithms to improve energy efficiency.

### [C1] Uplink Data Rate Maximization with Channel Uncertainties in BackCom NOMA System

Jul 2024

**Dingjia Lin**, Suhaib M. Al-Basit, Kaidi Wang, Zhiguo Ding

2024 *International Symposium on Wireless Communication Systems (ISWCS)*, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2024, pp. 1-6

doi: [10.1109/ISWCS61526.2024.10639114](https://doi.org/10.1109/ISWCS61526.2024.10639114) 

- Optimized sum uplink rate under AP-side CSI uncertainty using S-procedure and SDR, solved via alternating optimization.

### [J2] Uplink Data Rate Maximization in Multi-Cell BackCom NOMA Systems

Jan 2024

**Dingjia Lin**, Kaidi Wang, Tianqi Wang, Zhiguo Ding

in *IEEE Open Journal of the Communications Society*, vol. 5, pp. 526-539, 2024

doi: [10.1109/OJCOMS.2023.3349277](https://doi.org/10.1109/OJCOMS.2023.3349277) 

- Addressed BS-BD association and reflection optimization using matching theory and iterative algorithms to enhance sum-rate and reduce outage.

**[J1] Beamforming Design for BackCom Assisted NOMA Systems**

May 2023

**Dingjia Lin**, Kanapathippillai Cumanan, Zhiguo Ding

in *IEEE Wireless Communications Letters*, vol. 12, no. 9, pp. 1494-1498, Sept. 2023

doi: [10.1109/LWC.2023.3279668](https://doi.org/10.1109/LWC.2023.3279668) 

- Proposed an uplink rate maximization framework with downlink QoS guarantees in BackCom-NOMA systems using semidefinite relaxation (SDR).

## Publications (Submitted and in Preparation)

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**[P2] Cell-Free Networks Versus Massive MIMO: Optimizing Power Efficiency and Task Offloading**

Submitted

**Dingjia Lin**, Stefano Buzzi, Toktam Mahmoodi

- Designed a CoMP-enabled cell-free massive MIMO MEC system and minimized latency and power via a low-complexity SCA-based optimization scheme.

**[P1] Latency Minimization in Cell-Free Pinching Antenna Systems**

in Preparation

**Dingjia Lin**, Zhiguo Ding

## Peer Reviewer

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- IEEE Transactions on Communications (IEEE TCOM)
- IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology (IEEE TVT)
- Annals of Telecommunications
- IEEE International Symposium on Wireless Communication Systems (ISWCS 2024)

## Additional Skills

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**IT Skills:** Python, MATLAB,  $\LaTeX$ , MS Office, Photoshop, Lightroom.

**Languages:** English – fluent, Chinese – native.

**Interests:** Photography; Reading; Astronomical Observation; Writing

## Referee

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