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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### RESEARCH SUMMARY

**Fields of interest:** statistics, signal processing, machine learning, wireless communications, graph theory, random matrix theory.

**Abstract:** My research work consists in the theoretical analysis and the development of new algorithms in large dimensional systems, with applications to statistics, signal processing, wireless communications, statistical finance, and recently to machine learning and graph theory. My interest is mostly in the field of random matrix theory which appropriately models many such systems (multi-user MIMO systems in wireless communications, large antenna arrays in array processing, graph adjacency matrices and kernel matrices). The main findings of my work consist (chronologically) in the following: (i) in wireless communications: derivation of the capacity of MIMO-MAC systems and linearly-precoded broadcast channels with many antennas, (ii) in signal processing: derivation of improved detection and estimation methods for array processing in impulsive noise, (iii) in statistics: the analysis of the random matrix asymptotic of robust scatter estimators along with multiple applications to robust detection and estimation, and (iv) in machine learning: an original analysis framework of kernel spectral clustering algorithms for large dimensional datasets as well as a new approach to study non-linear random matrix models common to neural network modelling.

These works led to more than thirty publications in international math and engineering journals (most of them in *Journal of Multivariate Analysis*, *IEEE Trans. on Information Theory*, and *IEEE Trans. on Signal Processing*), more than fifty articles published in international conferences, and a 650-page book published by Cambridge University Press. In 2011, I received the best 2010 PhD thesis award delivered by EEA/GdR ISIS/GRETSI. In 2012, M. Debbah (PI) and myself received an ERC Starting Grant (project MORE), and I myself received in 2014 an ANR Young Researcher Grant (ANR4GRAPH project). In 2013, I was awarded the CNRS Bronze Medal in section “science of information and its interactions” and the IEEE ComSoc Outstanding Young Researcher prize for the Europe/Middle-East/Africa region.

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

**Université Grenoble–Alpes**, Saint-Martin d’Hères, France.

*GSTATS IDEX DataScience Chair Holder*

**April 2018 - Present**

- Research in applied random matrix theory for large dimensional statistics and machine learning.
- Teaching in data science masters.

**CentraleSupélec**, Gif sur Yvette, France.

*Full Professor*

**January 2016 - Present**

*Assistant Professor*

**January 2011 - December 2015**

- Research in mathematics applied to statistics, machine learning, and signal processing.
- Teaching in undergrad, master 2 (SAR and MVA) and PhD levels.

**ST-Ericsson**, Sophia Antipolis, France.

*Development Engineer and PhD student*

**September 2007 - December 2010**

- Research in cognitive radios, random matrix theory, probability, applied to future multiple antenna-based standards.
- Specific applications to mobile terminal synchronization, performance evaluation for the 3GPP-Long Term Evolution and 3GPP-LTE Advanced standards.

PUBLICATION  
RECORD

*Google scholar figures as of Feb. 2019*

**Overall** 1 book, 3 chapters, 50+ journals, 70+ conferences, 4 patents.  
**Citations** ~ 2750 (five best: 617, 464, 125, 85, 85)  
**h-index** 22  
**i10-index** 49

AWARDS

CNRS Bronze Medal.

*2013 CNRS Bronze Medal in section “science of information and its interaction”*

- Awarding my work in Signal Processing and Wireless Communications as a young researcher since 2008.
- *Year: 2013.*

IEEE ComSoc Young Researcher Award.

*2013 IEEE ComSoc Outstanding Young Researcher Award for the EMEA Region*

- Awarding my work in Communications-related topics as a young researcher since 2008.
- *Year: 2013.*

Best PhD Thesis Award.

*EEA/GdR ISIS/GRETSI 2011 Award of the Best 2010 Thesis*

- “Application of random matrix theory to future wireless flexible networks”
- *Year: 2011.*

Best Student Paper Award.

*Second prize of the 2012-2013 IEEE Australia Council Student Paper Contest*

- “Large System Analysis of Linear Precoding in MISO Broadcast Channels with Confidential Messages”
- *Recipients:* G. Geraci, R. Couillet, J. Yuan, M. Debbah, I. B. Collings.
- *Year:* 2013.

Best Student Paper Award.

*Best Student Paper Award Final of the 2011 Asilomar Conference*

- “Asymptotic Analysis of Double-Scattering Channels”
- *Recipients:* J. Hoydis, R. Couillet, M. Debbah.
- *Year:* 2011.

Best Student Paper Award.

*Best Student Paper Award of the 2008 ValueTools Conference*

- “The Space Frontier: Physical Limits of Multiple Antenna Information Transfer”
- *Recipients:* R. Couillet, S. Wagner, M. Debbah, A. Silva.
- *Year:* 2008.

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**Université Grenoble-Alpes**, Grenoble, France.

*Introduction to convex optimization* **Since 2018**

- Master 2 level (master SIGMA), lectures, 15 hours

*Scientific Communication* **Since 2018**

- PhD level (EEATS doctoral school), lectures, 18 hours

**ENS ParisSaclay**, Cachan, France.

*Random matrix theory and machine learning applications* **Since 2013**

- Master 2 level, lectures, 15 hours

**CentraleSupélec**, Gif sur Yvette, France.

*Introduction to random matrix theory* **Since 2012**

- Master 2 level, seminar lecture, 12 hours

*Theoretical foundations of flexible radio networks* **Since 2012**

- Master 2 level, seminar lecture, 12 hours

*Techniques of scientific writing* **Since 2012**

- Undergraduate and PhD levels, lectures, 18+12 hours

*Practical lectures in signals, filtering, and statistics* **Since 2012**

- Undergraduate and PhD levels, lectures, 18+12 hours

*Introduction to random matrix theory* **Fall 2009/2011**

- PhD level, lectures, 18 hours

**Polytech Nice-Sophia**, Sophia-Antipolis, France.

*Digital communications*

**Spring 2010**

- Master level, lectures, 24 hours

*Digital filtering*

**Spring 2010**

- Master level, practical lessons, 60 hours

**EDUCATION**

**Université d'Orsay**, Saclay, France.

**January 2011 - February 2015**

HDR diploma in Physics

- Title: Robust estimation methods in the large random matrix regime
- Jury: A. Hero, L. Pastur, J-Y. Tournet (evaluators), F. Benaych-Georges, P. Bondon, M. McKay, E. Ollila.

**CentraleSupélec**, Gif sur Yvette, France.

**January 2008 - November 2010**

Ph.D. in Physics ([Telecommunications](#)), November 2010

- Title: Application of random matrix theory to future wireless flexible networks
- Advisor: [Professor Mérouane Debbah](#)
- Jury: P. Loubaton, X. Mestre (evaluators), M. Debbah, P. Duhamel, W. Hachem, A. Moustakas, J. Silverstein.

**Telecom ParisTech**, Paris, France.

**September 2004 - June 2007**

M.S., [System of Communications \(SiCom\)](#), (mention TB), March 2008

- Wireless communications
- Image processing
- Blind detection techniques

**Eurecom Institute**, Sophia Antipolis, France.

**September 2005 - June 2007**

M.S., [Telecommunication Engineering](#), September 2007

- Mobile communications
- Embedded systems
- Computer science

**Lycée Louis le Grand**, Paris, France.

**September 2001 - June 2004**

[Preparation to Engineering School](#)

**COMMUNITY**

**IEEE**

IEEE Senior Member (member since 2007)

**since 2015**

IEEE TSP Associate Editor

**since 2015**

IEEE STPM Technical Committee Member

**since 2015**

Special Session Chair of IEEE CAMSAP'19

**2019**

Technical Area Chair of IEEE Asilomar'16

**2016**

Organizer of 4 special sessions in IEEE Asilomar'13, SSP'14, Asilomar'16, SSP'16

## GRETSI

Member of the GRETSI association since **2011**  
Editor for special issue “Matrices aléatoires” of TS magazine **2015**

## GDR ISIS

Co-organizer of GdR day “Estimation et traitement statistique en grande dimensions” **2013**

## PUBLICATIONS IN JOURNALS

- J1. C. Louart, R. Couillet, “Concentration of Measure and Large Random Matrices with an application to Sample Covariance Matrices”, (submitted to) Random Matrix Theory and Applications, 2019.
- J2. X. Mai, R. Couillet, “Consistent Semi-Supervised Graph Regularization for High Dimensional Data”, (submitted) Journal of Machine Learning Research, 2019.
- J3. R. Couillet, M. Tiomoko, S. Zozor, E. Moisan, “Random matrix-improved estimation of covariance matrix distances”, (submitted to) Journal of Multivariate Analysis, 2018.
- J4. X. Mai, R. Couillet, “A Random Matrix Analysis and Improvement of Semi-Supervised Learning for Large Dimensional Data”, Journal of Machine Learning Research, vol. 19, no. 79, pp. 1-27, 2018.
- J5. A. Kammoun, R. Couillet, “Subspace Kernel Clustering of Large Dimensional Data” (submitted to) Annals of Applied Probability, 2017.
- J6. K. Elkhail, A. Kammoun, R. Couillet, T. Al-Naffouri, M-S. Alouini, “A Large Dimensional Analysis of Regularized Discriminant Analysis Classifiers” (submitted to) Journal of Machine Learning Research, 2017.
- J7. L. Yang, M. McKay, R. Couillet, “High-Dimensional MVDR Beamforming: Optimized Solutions based on Spiked Random Matrix Models”, IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, vol. 66, no. 1, pp. 1933-1947, 2018.
- J8. A. Karadimitrakis, A. L. Moustakas, R. Couillet, “Gallager Bound for MIMO Channels: Large-N Asymptotics” IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications, vol. 17, no. 2, pp. 1323-1330, 2018.
- J9. N. Auguin, D. Morales, M. McKay, R. Couillet, “Large-dimensional behavior of regularized Maronna’s M-estimators of covariance matrices” IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, vol. 66, no. 13, pp. 3529–3542, 2018.
- J10. C. Louart, Z. Liao, R. Couillet, “A Random Matrix Approach to Neural Networks” Annals of Applied Probability, vol. 28, no. 2, pp. 1190–1248, 2018.
- J11. Z. Liao, R. Couillet, “A Large Dimensional Analysis of Least Square Support Vector Machines” IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, vol. 67, no. 4, pp. 1065-1074, 2018.

- J12. R. Couillet, H. Tiomoko Ali, “Improved spectral community detection in large heterogeneous networks” *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, vol. 18, no. 225, pp. 1–49, 2018.
- J13. R. Couillet, M. McKay, “Optimal block-sparse PCA for high dimensional correlated samples” (submitted to) *Journal of Multivariate Analysis*, 2016.
- J14. R. Couillet, G. Wainrib, H. Sevi, H. Tiomoko Ali, “The asymptotic performance of linear echo state neural networks” *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, vol. 17, no. 178, pp. 1-35, 2016.
- J15. R. Couillet, F. Benaych-Georges, “Kernel Spectral Clustering of Large Dimensional Data” *Electronic Journal of Statistics*, vol. 10, no. 1, pp. 1393-1454, 2016.
- J16. F. Benaych-Georges, R. Couillet, “Spectral Analysis of the Gram Matrix of Mixture Models” *ESAIM: Probability and Statistics*, DOI <http://dx.doi.org/10.1051/ps/2016007>, 2016.
- J17. R. Couillet, *Estimation robuste et matrices aléatoires*, revue *Traitement du Signal*, vol. 33, no. 2-3, pp. 273-320, 2016.
- J18. R. Couillet, G. Wainrib, *Perspectives en matrices aléatoires et grands réseaux*, revue *Traitement du Signal*, vol. 33, no. 2-3, pp. 351-376, 2016.
- J19. M. Sadeghi, L. Sanguinetti, R. Couillet, Y. Chau, “Large System Analysis of Power Normalization Techniques in Massive MIMO”, *IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technologies*, vol. 66, no. 10, pp. 9005-9017, 2017.
- J20. M. Sadeghi, L. Sanguinetti, R. Couillet, Y. Chau, “Reducing the Computational Complexity of Multicasting in Large-Scale Antenna Systems”, *IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications*, vol. 16, no. 5, pp. 2963-2975, 2017.
- J21. L. Sanguinetti, R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “Large System Analysis of Base Station Cooperation for Power Minimization” *IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications*, vol. 15, no. 8, pp. 5480-5496, 2016.
- J22. A. Abboud, F. Iutzeler, R. Couillet, H. Siguerdidjane, M. Debbah, “Distributed Production-Sharing Optimization and Application to Power Grid Networks,” *IEEE Transactions on Signal and Information Processing over Networks*, vol. 2, no. 1, pp. 1628, 2016.
- J23. A. Kammoun, R. Couillet, F. Pascal, M.-S. Alouini, “Optimal Design of the Adaptive Normalized Matched Filter Detector using Regularized Tyler Estimator” *IEEE Transactions on Aerospace and Electronic Systems*, vol. 54, no. 2, pp. 755–769, 2018.
- J24. A. Kammoun, R. Couillet, F. Pascal, M.-S. Alouini, “Convergence and Fluctuations of Regularized Tyler Estimators” *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 64, no. 4, pp. 1048-1060, 2016.
- J25. D. Morales-Jimenez, R. Couillet, M. McKay, “Large Dimensional Analysis of Robust M-Estimators of Covariance with Outliers” *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 63, no. 21, pp. 5784-5797, 2015.

- J26. L. Yang, R. Couillet, M. McKay, “A Robust Statistics Approach to Minimum Variance Portfolio Optimization” *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 63, no. 24, pp. 6684–6697, 2015.
- J27. R. Couillet, A. Kammoun, F. Pascal, “Second order statistics of robust estimators of scatter. Application to GLRT detection for elliptical signals” *Elsevier Journal of Multivariate Analysis*, vol. 143, pp. 249-274, 2015.
- J28. A. Müller, R. Couillet, E. Bjørnson, S. Wagner, M. Debbah, “Interference-Aware RZF Precoding for Multi-Cell Downlink Systems” *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 63, no. 15, pp. 3959-3973 2015.
- J29. R. Couillet, “Robust spiked random matrices and a robust G-MUSIC estimator” *Elsevier Journal of Multivariate Analysis*, vol. 140, pp. 139-161, 2015.
- J30. R. Couillet, M. McKay, “Large Dimensional Analysis and Optimization of Robust Shrinkage Covariance Matrix Estimators” *Elsevier Journal of Multivariate Analysis*, vol. 131, pp. 99-120, 2014.
- J31. Y. Chitour, R. Couillet, F. Pascal “On the convergence of Maronna’s M-estimators of scatter” *IEEE Signal Processing Letters*, vol. 22, no. 6, pp. 709-712, 2014.
- J32. R. Couillet, F. Pascal, J. W. Silverstein, “The Random Matrix Regime of Maronna’s M-estimator with elliptically distributed samples”, vol. 139, pp. 56-78, *Elsevier Journal of Multivariate Analysis*, 2015.
- J33. J. Vinogradova, R. Couillet, W. Hachem, “Estimation of Toeplitz covariance matrices in large dimensional regime with application to source detection large”, *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 63, no. 18, pp. 4903-4913, 2015.
- J34. R. Couillet, W. Hachem, “Analysis of the limiting spectral measure of large random matrices of the separable covariance type”, *Random Matrix Theory and Applications*, vol. 3, pp. 1-23, 2014.
- J35. J. Hoydis, R. Couillet, P. Piantanida, “The Second-Order Coding Rate of the MIMO Rayleigh Block-Fading Channel,” *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*, vol. 61, no. 12, pp. 6591-6622, 2015.
- J36. J. Vinogradova, R. Couillet, W. Hachem, “Statistical Inference in Large Antenna Arrays under Unknown Noise Pattern,” *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 61, no. 22, pp. 5633-5645, 2013.
- J37. F. Chapon, R. Couillet, W. Hachem, X. Mestre, “The outliers among the singular values of large rectangular random matrices with additive fixed rank deformation,” *Markov Processes and Related Fields*, vol. 20, pp. 183-228, 2014.
- J38. R. Couillet, F. Pascal, J. W. Silverstein, “Robust Estimates of Covariance Matrices in the Large Dimensional Regime,” *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*, vol. 60, no. 11, 2014.

- J39. G. Geraci, R. Couillet, J. Yuan, M. Debbah, I. B. Collings, “Large System Analysis of Linear Precoding in MISO Broadcast Channels with Confidential Messages,” *IEEE Journal on Selected Area in Communications*, vol. 31, no. 9, pp. 1660-1671, 2013. **Second prize of the 2012-2013 IEEE Australia Council Student Paper Contest.**
- J40. J. Hoydis, R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “Iterative Deterministic Equivalents for the Capacity Analysis of Communication Systems,” Technical Report.
- J41. R. Couillet, S. Medina Perlaza, H. Tembine, M. Debbah, “Electrical Vehicles in the Smart Grid: A Mean Field Game Analysis,” *IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications: Smart Grid Communications Series*, vol. 30, no. 6, pp. 1086-1096, 2012.
- J42. J. Yao, R. Couillet, J. Najim, M. Debbah, “Fluctuations of an Improved Population Eigenvalue Estimator in Sample Covariance Matrix Models,” *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*, vol. 59, no. 2, pp. 1149-1163, 2013.
- J43. R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “Signal Processing in Large Systems: a New Paradigm,” *IEEE Signal Processing Magazine*, vol. 30, no. 1, pp. 24-39, 2013.
- J44. R. Couillet, W. Hachem, “Fluctuations of spiked random matrix models and failure diagnosis in sensor networks,” *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*, vol. 59, no. 1, pp. 509-525, 2013.
- J45. A. Kammoun, R. Couillet, J. Najim, M. Debbah, “Performance of capacity inference methods under colored interference,” *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*, vol. 59, no. 2, pp. 1129-1148, 2013.
- J46. R. Couillet, J. Hoydis, M. Debbah, “Random beamforming over quasi-static and fading channels: A deterministic equivalent approach,” *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*, vol. 58, no. 10, pp. 6392-6425, 2012.
- J47. S. Wagner, R. Couillet, M. Debbah, D. T. M. Slock, “Large System Analysis of Linear Precoding in MISO Broadcast Channels with Limited Feedback”, *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*, vol. 58, no. 7, pp. 4509-4537, 2012.
- J48. R. Couillet, J. W. Silverstein, Z. Bai, M. Debbah, “Eigen-Inference for Energy Estimation of Multiple Sources”, *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*, vol. 57, no. 4, pp. 2420-2439, 2011.
- J49. R. Couillet, M. Debbah, J. W. Silverstein, “A Deterministic Equivalent for the Analysis of Correlated MIMO Multiple Access Channels”, *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*, vol. 57, no. 6, pp. 3493-3514, 2011.
- J50. R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “A Bayesian Framework for Collaborative Multi-Source Signal Sensing”, *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 58, no. 10, pp. 5186-5195, 2010.
- J51. R. Couillet, A. Ancora, M. Debbah, “Bayesian Foundations of Channel Estimation for Cognitive Radios”, *Advances in Electronics and Telecommunications*, vol. 1, no. 1, pp. 41-49, 2010.



- J52. R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “Le téléphone du futur : plus intelligent pour une exploitation optimale des fréquences” *Revue de l’Electricité et de l’Electronique*, no. 6, pp. 71-83, 2010.
- J53. R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “Mathematical foundations of cognitive radios”, *Journal of Telecommunications and Information Technologies*, no. 4, 2009.
- J54. R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “Outage performance of flexible OFDM schemes in packet-switched transmissions”, *Eurasip Journal on Advances on Signal Processing*, Volume 2009, Article ID 698417, 2009.

CONFERENCE  
PUBLICATIONS

- C1. M. Tiomoko, R. Couillet, “Random Matrix-Improved Estimation of the Wasserstein Distance between two Centered Gaussian Distributions”, (submitted to) *European Signal Processing Conference (EUSIPCO’19)*, A Coruna, Spain, 2019.
- C2. M. Seddik, M. Tamaazousti, R. Couillet, “Kernel Random Matrices of Large Concentrated Data: The Example of GAN-Generated Image”, *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP’19)*, Brighton, UK, 2019.
- C3. L. Dall’Amico, N. Tremblay, R. Couillet “Optimized Deformed Laplacian for Spectrum-based Community Detection in Sparse Heterogeneous Graphs”, (submitted to) *International Conference on Machine Learning*, Long Beach, USA, 2019.
- C4. M. Tiomoko, F. Bouchard, G. Ginholac, R. Couillet “Random Matrix Improved Covariance Estimation for a Large Class of Metrics”, (submitted to) *International Conference on Machine Learning*, Long Beach, USA, 2019.
- C5. L. Dall’Amico, R. Couillet “Community Detection in Sparse Realistic Graphs: Improving the Bethe Hessian”, *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP’19)*, Brighton, UK, 2019.
- C6. X. Mai, R. Couillet “Revisiting and Improving Semi-Supervised Learning: A Large Dimensional Approach”, *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP’19)*, Brighton, UK, 2019.
- C7. H. Tiomoko Ali, S. Liu, Y. Yilmaz, R. Couillet, I. Rajapakse, A. Hero, “Latent Heterogeneous Multilayer Community Detection”, *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP’19)*, Brighton, UK, 2019.
- C8. Z. Liao, X. Mai, R. Couillet “A Large  $n, p$  Analysis of Logistic Regression: Asymptotic Performance and New Insights”, *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP’19)*, Brighton, UK, 2019.
- C9. M. Tiomoko, R. Couillet, S. Zozor, E. Moisan, “Improved Estimation of the Distance between Covariance Matrices”, *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP’19)*, Brighton, UK, 2019.
- C10. R. Couillet, Z. Liao, X. Mai, “Classification Asymptotics in the Random Matrix Regime”, *European Signal Processing Conference (EUSIPCO’18)*, Rome, Italy, 2018.

- C11. M. Seddik, M. Tamaazousti, R. Couillet, “[A Kernel Random Matrix-Based Approach for Sparse PCA](#)”, International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR’19), New Orleans, USA, 2019.
- C12. Z. Liao, Y. Chitour, R. Couillet, “[Almost Global Convergence to Global Minima for Gradient Descent in Deep Linear Networks](#)”, (submitted to) Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS’18), Montreal, Canada, 2018.
- C13. X. Mai, R. Couillet, “[Semi-Supervised Spectral Clustering](#)”, (submitted to) Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers, Pacific Grove, CA, USA, 2018.
- C14. Z. Liao, R. Couillet, “[The Dynamics of Learning: A Random Matrix Approach](#)”, (submitted to) International Conference on Machine Learning, Stockholm, Sweden, 2018.
- C15. Z. Liao, R. Couillet, “[On the Spectrum of Random Features Maps of High Dimensional Data](#)”, (submitted to) International Conference on Machine Learning, Stockholm, Sweden, 2018.
- C16. H. Tiomoko Ali, A. Kammoun, R. Couillet, “[Random matrix-improved kernels for large dimensional spectral clustering](#)”, (submitted to) Statistical Signal Processing Workshop (SSP’18), Freiburg, Germany, 2018.
- C17. L. Yang, M. R. McKay, R. Couillet, “[Random Matrix-Optimized High-Dimensional MVDR Beamforming](#)”, (submitted to) Statistical Signal Processing Workshop (SSP’18), Freiburg, Germany, 2018.
- C18. C. Louart, R. Couillet, “[A Random Matrix and Concentration Inequalities Framework for Neural Networks Analysis](#)”, (submitted to) IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP’18), Calgary, Canada, 2018.
- C19. H. Tiomoko Ali, A. Kammoun, R. Couillet, “[Random matrix asymptotic of inner product kernel spectral clustering](#)”, (submitted to) IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP’18), Calgary, Canada, 2018.
- C20. K. Elkalil, A. Kammoun, R. Couillet, T. Al-Naffouri, M.-S. Alouini, “[Asymptotic Performance of Regularized Quadratic Discriminant Analysis Based Classifiers](#)”, IEEE International Workshop on Machine Learning for Signal Processing (MLSP’17), Roppongi, Tokyo, Japan, 2017. **Best student paper award finalist**
- C21. Z. Liao, R. Couillet, “[Random matrices meet machine learning: a large dimensional analysis of LS-SVM](#)”, IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP’17), New Orleans, USA, 2017.
- C22. X. Mai, R. Couillet, “[The counterintuitive mechanism of graph-based semi-supervised learning in the big data regime](#)”, IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP’17), New Orleans, USA, 2017.
- C23. C. Louart, R. Couillet, “[Harnessing neural networks: a random matrix approach](#)”, IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP’17), New Orleans, USA, 2017.

- C24. H. Tiomoko Ali, R. Couillet, “[Random Matrix Improved Community Detection in Heterogeneous Networks](#)”, Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers, Pacific Grove, CA, USA, 2016.
- C25. R. Couillet, A. Kammoun, “[Random Matrix Improved Subspace Clustering](#)”, Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers, Pacific Grove, CA, USA, 2016.
- C26. R. Couillet, G. Wainrib, H. Sevi, H. Tiomoko Ali, “[A Random Matrix Approach to Recurrent Neural Networks](#)”, International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), New York, USA, 2016.
- C27. A. Kammoun, R. Couillet, F. Pascal, M. Slim-Alouini, “[Optimal Design of Adaptive Normalized Matched Filter For Large Antenna Arrays](#)”, IEEE Statistical Signal Processing Workshop (SSP), Palma de Majorca, Spain, 2016.
- C28. N. Auguin, D. Morales, M. R. McKay, R. Couillet, “[Robust Shrinkage M-estimators of Large Covariance Matrices](#)”, IEEE Statistical Signal Processing Workshop (SSP), Palma de Majorca, Spain, 2016.
- C29. R. Couillet, G. Wainrib, H. Sevi, H. Tiomoko Ali, “[Training performance of echo state neural networks](#)”, IEEE Statistical Signal Processing Workshop (SSP), Palma de Majorca, Spain, 2016.
- C30. H. Tiomoko Ali, R. Couillet, “[Performance analysis of spectral community detection in realistic graph models](#)”, IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP’16), Shanghai, China, 2016.
- C31. R. Couillet, F. Benaych-Georges, “[Understanding Big Data Spectral Clustering](#)”, IEEE International Workshop on Computational Advances in Multi-Sensor Adaptive Processing (CAMSAP), Cancun, Mexico, 2015.
- C32. L. Yang, R. Couillet, M. R. McKay, “[Minimum Variance Portfolio Optimization in the Spiked Covariance Model](#)”, IEEE International Workshop on Computational Advances in Multi-Sensor Adaptive Processing (CAMSAP), Cancun, Mexico, 2015.
- C33. L. Sanguinetti, R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “[Base Station Cooperation for Power Minimization in the Downlink: Large System Analysis](#)”, IEEE Global Communications Conference (GLOBECOM’15), San Diego, USA, 2015.
- C34. R. Couillet, M. S. Greco, J-P. Ovarlez, F. Pascal, “[RMT for Whitening Space Correlation and Applications to Radar Detection](#)”, IEEE International Workshop on Computational Advances in Multi-Sensor Adaptive Processing (CAMSAP), Cancun, Mexico, 2015.
- C35. D. Morales-Jimenez, R. Couillet, M. McKay, “[Large dimensional analysis of Maronna’s M-estimator with outliers](#)”, IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP’15), Brisbane, Australia, 2015.
- C36. A. Kammoun, R. Couillet, F. Pascal, “[Second order statistics of bilinear forms of robust scatter estimators](#)”, IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP’15), Brisbane, Australia, 2015.

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- C41. R. Couillet, A. Kammoun, “[Robust G-MUSIC](#)”, European Signal Processing Conference (EUSIPCO’14), Lisbon, Portugal, 2014.
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- C44. A. Abboud, R. Couillet, M. Debbah, H. Siguerdidjane, “[Asynchronous alternating direction method of multipliers applied to the direct-current optimal power flow problem](#),” IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP’14), Florence, Italy, 2014.
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- C47. J. Hoydis, R. Couillet, P. Piantanida, “[Bounds on the Second-Order Coding Rate of the MIMO Rayleigh Block-Fading Channel](#),” IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory, Istanbul, Turkey, 2013.
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- C52. A. Müller, J. Hoydis, R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “Optimal 3D Cell Planning: A Random Matrix Approach,” IEEE Global Communications Conference (GLOBECOM’12), Anaheim, California, USA, 2012.
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- C61. R. Couillet, W. Hachem, “Local Failure Localization in Large Sensor Networks,” IEEE Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers (ASILOMAR’11), Pacific Grove, CA, USA, 2011.

- C62. R. Couillet, M. Guillaud, “Performance of Statistical Inference Methods for the Energy Estimation of Multiple Sources,” (Invited Paper) IEEE Statistical Signal Processing Workshop (SSP’11), Nice, France, 2011.
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- C69. S. Wagner, R. Couillet, D. T. M. Slock, M. Debbah, “Optimal Training in Large TDD Multi-user Downlink Systems under Zero-forcing and Regularized Zero-forcing Precoding,” IEEE Global Communication Conference, Miami, 2010.
- C70. S. Wagner, R. Couillet, D. T. M. Slock, M. Debbah, “Large System Analysis of Zero-Forcing Precoding in MISO Broadcast Channels with Limited Feedback” IEEE International Workshop on Signal Processing Advances for Wireless Communications, Marrakech, Morocco, 2010.
- C71. R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “Information theoretic approach to synchronization: the OFDM carrier frequency offset example”, Advanced International Conference on Telecommunications, Barcelona, Spain, 2010.
- C72. R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “Uplink capacity of self-organizing clustered orthogonal CDMA networks in flat fading channels” IEEE Information Theory Workshop Fall’09, Taormina, Sicily, 2009.
- C73. R. Couillet, M. Debbah, J. W. Silverstein, “Asymptotic Capacity of Multi-User MIMO Communications” IEEE Information Theory Workshop Fall’09, Taormina, Sicily, 2009.
- C74. R. Couillet, M. Debbah, J. W. Silverstein, “Rate region of correlated MIMO multiple access channel and broadcast channel” IEEE Workshop on Statistical Signal Processing, Cardiff, Wales, UK, 2009.

- C75. R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “Mathematical foundations of cognitive radios” U.R.S.I.’09, Warsaw, Poland, 2009.
- C76. R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “A maximum entropy approach to OFDM channel estimation”, IEEE International Workshop on Signal Processing Advances for Wireless Communications, Perugia, Italy, 2009.
- C77. R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “Bayesian inference for multiple antenna cognitive receivers”, IEEE Wireless Communications & Networking Conference, Budapest, Hungary, 2009.
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- C79. R. Couillet, S. Wagner, M. Debbah, “Asymptotic Analysis of Correlated Multi-Antenna Broadcast Channels”, IEEE Wireless Communications & Networking Conference, Budapest, Hungary, 2009.
- C80. R. Couillet, S. Wagner, M. Debbah, A. Silva, “The Space Frontier: Physical Limits of Multiple Antenna Information Transfer”, ValueTools, Inter-Perf Workshop, Athens, Greece, 2008. **Best student paper award**
- C81. R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “Free deconvolution for OFDM multicell SNR detection”, IEEE Personal, Indoor and Mobile Radio Communications Symposium, Cognitive Radio Workshop, Cannes, France, 2008.

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- **Random Matrix Methods for Wireless Communications** [book]
 

Theoretical random matrix tools (finite dimensional analysis, limiting spectral laws, free probability, deterministic equivalents, statistical inference) and applications to wireless communications (SU-MIMO, MU-MIMO, CDMA, detection, estimation, channel modelling).

  - *Authors:* R. Couillet and M. Debbah
  - *Publisher:* Cambridge University Press
  - *Year:* 2011
- **Mathematical Foundations for Signal Processing, Communications and Networking** [book chapter]
 

Chapter “Random matrix theory” on random matrix theory and especially statistical inference methods.

  - *Chapter authors:* R. Couillet, M. Debbah
  - *Publisher:* CRC Press, Taylor & Francis Group
  - *Year:* 2011
- **Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access Fundamentals and Applications** [book chapter]
 

Chapter “Fundamentals of OFDMA Synchronization” on theoretical considerations and application tools for time offset and frequency offset regulation in OFDM and OFDMA systems.

  - *Chapter authors:* R. Couillet, M. Debbah
  - *Publisher:* Auerbach Publications, CRC Press, Taylor & Francis Group
  - *Year:* 2010

## TUTORIALS

- R. Couillet, Z. Liao, X. Mai, “Random Matrix Advances for Machine Learning”, European Signal Processing Conference (EUSIPCO’18), Rome, 2018.
- R. Couillet, H. Tiomoko Ali “Random Matrices for Big Data Signal Processing and Machine Learning”, IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP’17), New Orleans, USA, 2017.
- R. Couillet, “Random Matrices, Robust Estimation, and Applications”, IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP’15), Brisbane, Australia, 2015.
- R. Couillet, A. Kammoun, “Future Random Matrix Tools for Large Dimensional Signal Processing”, European Conference on Signal Processing (EUSIPCO), Lisbon, Portugal, 2014.
- R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “Random Matrix Advances in Signal Processing”, IEEE International Workshop on Signal Processing Advances in Wireless Communications, Darmstadt, Germany, 2013.
- R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “Random Matrix Theory for Signal Processing Applications”, IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP’11), Prague, Czech Republic, 2011.
- R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “Random Matrices in Wireless Flexible Networks”, International ICST Conference on Cognitive Radio Oriented Wireless Networks and Communications (Crowncom’10), Cannes, France, 2010.
- R. Couillet, M. Debbah, “Eigen-Inference Statistical methods for Cognitive Radio”, European Wireless, Lucca, Italy, 2010.

## VISITING APPOINTMENTS

**Hong-Kong University of Science and Technology**, Hong-Kong. **June 2014**

Collaboration work with [Professor M. McKay](#),

- Department of Electronic and Computer Engineering
- Project Topic: robust estimation in large financial data

**North Carolina State University**, North Carolina, USA. **Nov. 2009**

Collaboration work with [Professor J. W. Silverstein](#),

- Department of Mathematics
- Project Topic: random matrix theory for multi-source energy detection

## WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

*Workshops and Special Sessions in international and French symposia*

- *International*: Special Session Chair (IEEE CAMSAP, 2019), Special Session “Random Matrices in Signal Processing and Machine Learning” (IEEE SSP, 2016), Special Session “Random Matrix Advances in Signal Processing” (IEEE SSP, 2014), Special Session “Random Matrices and Applications” (IEEE Asilomar, 2013).
- *France*: GdR day “Estimation et traitement statistique en grande dimension” (2013).

## PROJECTS

*Participation to French and European research projects*

- *Europe*: ERC Starting Grant MORE (2012-2017) [co-PI], FP7 NEWCOM# (2012-2015), FET FP7 HIATUS (2012-2015), FP7 NEWCOM++ (2009-2011).
- *France*: UGA IDEX DataScience Chair (2018-2020) [PI], ANR RMT4GRAPH (2014-2017) [PI], ANR DIONISOS (2012-2016) [co-PI], ANR SESAME (2008-2012).



## PATENTS

### *Patents owned by ST-Ericsson*

- R. Couillet, M. Debbah, **No. 08368028.0** “Process and apparatus for performing initial carrier frequency offset in an OFDM communication system”
- R. Couillet, M. Debbah, **No. 08368023.1** “Method for short-time OFDM transmission and apparatus for performing flexible OFDM modulation”
- R. Couillet, S. Wagner, **No. 09368025.4** “Precoding process for a transmitter of a MU-MIMO communication system”
- R. Couillet, **No. 09368030.4** “Process for estimating the channel in an OFDM communication system, and receiver for doing the same”

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PhD students under my supervision.

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- “Concentration of measure theory for deep learning”
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- “Statistical physics and graph mining”
- Defense expected in September 2021
- Grant: ED EEATS grant, Grenoble

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- fully advised by myself
- “Large dimensional statistical learning”
- Defense expected in September 2021
- Grant: ED STIC grant, ParisSaclay

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- fully advised by myself
- “Random matrices for deep networks”
- Defense expected in September 2020
- Grant: CEA-list

### *Zhenyu Liao*

**2016-2019**

- co-advised (80%) with Y. Chitour
- “Random matrix theory for deep neural networks”
- Defense expected in September 2019
- Grant: Fondation Supélec

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- fully advised by myself
- “Random matrix theory for machine learning”
- Defense expected in September 2019
- Grant: DIGICOSME Grant, University ParisSaclay

### *Hafiz Tiomoko Ali*

**2015-2018**

- fully advised by myself
- “Community detection in large random graphs”
- Defense expected in September 2018

- Grant: ANR RMT4GRAPH

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**2013-2016**

- co-advised (33%) with P. Piantanida and M. Debbah
- “Interactive Communication for Distributed Computing”
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- co-advised (50%) with M. Debbah
- “Distributed optimization for Smart Grids”
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- co-advised (50%) with W. Hachem
- “Large random matrices, statistical inference, and future wireless communication networks”
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- Grant: DIGITEO

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- co-advised (50%) with M. Debbah
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- Defense in September 2014
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