Overview
With the challenge of 1000 times wireless traffic volume increasing in 2020 as compared to the 2010 level, fundamental research on the next generation mobile communication networks, or in a general term as 5G networks, is highly demanded in next 5 to 10 years. 5G networks are not the simple upgrade of its predecessor, by adding additional spectrum and thus boosting the capacity, or replaced with advanced radio technology. It needs fundamental rethinking from system and architecture level down to the physical layer, and to answer the question of how to provision data-intensive services in very dense area with guaranteed quality of service (QoS) and affordable energy consumption by sustainable systems.

In 5G networks, one prominent feature is the prevalence of small cell for high capacity and energy efficient way of service provision. The old cell concept is disrupted and replaced by multiple-layer heterogeneous cell concept, evolving from with border to borderless. The new system architecture, control plane, interference coordination techniques, multi-branch and multi-site antenna transmission are heavily required. To deal with the ever-increasing complexity in radio access as well as mobile core networks, self-organizing networks and cognitive radio networks will find their key roles in 5G networks.

To meet the above challenges, 5G networks require a mix of new technologies to boost the designs on networking, e.g., small cell deployment, dense network, massive MIMO, heterogeneous wireless networks, and etc. We expect to explore these key technologies along with the prospects and challenges of future 5G networking. This Special Issue solicits both original research and tutorial articles that discuss about the networking aspect of 5G mobile communications systems, and propose new network architectures and protocols to improve the network throughput and energy efficiency, as well as guarantee the quality of experience (QOE) of subscribers.

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