Overview:

As many as 50 billion devices will be connected to the Internet by 2020. It is predicted that the number of mobile-connected devices will exceed 11.5 billion by 2019 (nearly 1.5 mobile devices per capita), which poses a huge traffic demand for ubiquitous communications. It has been projected that the total volume of data traffic will nearly triple between 2016 and 2021, of which about 75% will originate from non-PC devices and about 42% of all connections will be for M2M communication between over 10 billion smart objects. It is anticipated that we will witness an up to 10000-fold growth in wireless data traffic by the year 2030. Predictions evidently indicates the skyrocketing demand on data traffic and applications for machine type communication such as self-driving vehicles, healthcare monitoring, smart cities and factories, and artificial intelligence-based personalized assistants along with traditional human-centric communications. Coexistence of human-centric and machine-type services as well as hybrids of these will make next generation wireless networks more diverse and complex. Current wireless radio access techniques are not capable of delivering these new applications and may pose a much higher security risk than the WiFi and 4G networks did. Without novel approaches, mobile networks will grind to a halt unless more capacity is added to mobile networks. In addition, in order to better support the Internet-of-Things (IoT) applications, many technical challenges need to be overcome in 5G and beyond including network architectures, network resource allocation schemes, and advanced signal processing techniques, etc. In addition, deep learning and AI techniques have been considered as promising approaches to unleash the full potential of 5G networks.

To overcome the aforementioned challenges of emerging wireless communications and networks for 5G and Beyond, this special issue focuses on (but are not restricted to) the following topics.

**Topics**

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following scope:

- Advanced network architecture design for IoT towards 5G
- New air interface design for 5G (New Radio (NR))
- Energy-efficiency in 5G for IoT applications
- 5G wireless heterogeneous networks: design and optimization
- Mobility management of 5G networks for IoT applications
- 5G wireless communications and networks for surveillance and management
- 5G Cognitive networks and IoT
- Experimental results, prototypes, and testbeds of 5G wireless communications and networks
- Data security, privacy and reliability for IoT towards 5G
- Energy efficiency (harvesting and saving) wireless protocols and algorithms for 5G and IoT
- Security and privacy concerns in 5G wireless communications
- NOMA, full-duplex, massive MIMO
- Green 5G multimedia wireless networks
- Machine learning for resource allocation in wireless networks
- Deep reinforcement learning for wireless communications
- Network planning, optimization and
Ultra-reliable and low latency communication (URLLC) learning theories for mmWave networks

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