

Call for Papers

Track 5 – 5G AND TOWARDS 6G

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Scope and Motivation:

The first commercial deployments of 5G networks back in early 2019 signified the culmination of a decade of work towards the creation of faster, more ubiquitous networks for everyone and everything. Today, the never-ending demand for higher data-rates, lower latency, higher reliability and higher energy efficiency for massive heterogeneous systems on the ground, in the air and even in space, require the development of new wireless technologies, from devices to protocols. The forthcoming sixth generation (6G) wireless system will be driven by both the refinement of past trends, such as densification and massive antenna arrays, as well as emerging trends including the adoption of the spectrum above 100 GHz, the end-to-end control of signal propagation through intelligent reflecting surfaces, or the use of AI/ML for the design and orchestration of new networking architectures. The purpose of this Special Track is to provide a platform for the discussion of the major research challenges, latest developments and recent advances from 5G towards 6G networks.

Main Topics of Interest:

Potential topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Breakthrough technologies and concepts for 5G and towards 6G
- Key drivers and core requirements for 5G and towards 6G
- Above 6 GHz: millimeter-wave, Terahertz-band, optical wireless communications
- Massive MIMO, Ultra-massive MIMO and Cell-free MIMO
- Smart environments enabled by intelligent reflecting surfaces
- Smart radio resource management techniques
- Integrated terrestrial, airborne, and satellite networks
- Integrated access and backhaul
- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning-based approaches for 5G and towards 6G
- End-to-end co-design of communication, control, and computing functionalities
- Energy transfer and harvesting techniques for enabling Self-Sustainable Networks
- Connected Robotics and Autonomous Systems (CRAS)
- Softwarization: SDR, SDN and O-RAN