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## Fifth-Generation (5G)/5G-Advanced Networks: Technologies, Architectures and Applications

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This Special Issue aims to explore the latest advancements in 5G technologies. A key focus will also be on the integration of AI to optimize 5G/5G-Advanced networks, enhancing network management, and enabling intelligent decision-making for applications such as predictive maintenance, dynamic resource allocation, and network security. This Special Issue will publish high-quality, original research papers in the following overlapping fields:

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