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From 5G to 6G: The Role of Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces in the Evolution of Wireless Communications

Message from the Guest Editor

The transition from 5G to 6G represents a significant leap in wireless communication technologies, with Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces (RIS) playing a pivotal role in this evolution. RIS are artificial surfaces with embedded electronics that can manipulate electromagnetic waves, enhancing signal propagation, coverage, and capacity. These surfaces are expected to revolutionize wireless networks by providing smart, controllable environments that adapt to changing conditions, thereby improving communication reliability and efficiency. This Special Issue aims to explore the theoretical foundations, design principles, and practical implementations of RIS in the context of 6G networks. We invite contributions that address the challenges and opportunities associated with RIS, including advancements in materials, signal processing algorithms, network architectures, and real-world applications. By bringing together leading researchers and practitioners, this Special Issue will serve as a comprehensive resource for understanding the transformative impact of RIS on future wireless communication systems.

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