

## Special Issue

# Underwater Optical Communications Channel Models: Trends and Challenges

### Message from the Guest Editors

Underwater wireless communications refer to data transmission in unguided water environment through wireless carriers, i.e., radio-frequency (RF) wave, acoustic wave, and optical wave. In comparison to RF and acoustic counterparts, underwater optical wireless communication (UOWC) can provide a much higher transmission bandwidth and much higher data rate. However, UOWC systems also suffer from severe absorption and scattering introduced by underwater channels. Various effects of underwater turbulence on the propagating optical wave, thus on the receive optical signal are studied. These effects substantially degrade the performance of UOWC links operating in underwater medium. In addition to single channel UOWC systems, multi-channel technologies, such as MIMO (Multiple Input Multiple Output) and OAM (Orbital Angular Momentum), are recommended to overcome turbulence-induced fading or enlarge the capacity with channel multiplexing. This Special Issue aims at presenting an overview of UOWC channel modeling, recent progress, and future trends. We are excited to invite researchers to submit their contributions to this Special Issue.

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