

IEICE Transactions on Communications announces that it will publish a special section entitled “Special Section on Technology Trials and Proof-of-Concept Activities for 5G Evolution and Beyond” in the September 2021 issue. The 5th generation (5G) cellular communication systems are just launched in 2019 and it is expected to provide various services utilizing 5G technology such as enhanced mobile broadband (eMBB), ultra-reliable and low latency communications (URLLC), and massive machine type communication (mMTC). In the 5G standardization, key enabling technologies such as massive MIMO, beamforming, access technology, and frame designs are specified and related advanced technologies are still being developed. Meanwhile, new technology concepts for the next generation mobile communications including 5G evolution and beyond 5G (B5G) are about to be investigated in many research entities. On top of that, research and development activities of key technologies for next generation mobile communications are about to be initiated. In these regards, this special section is aiming to provide opportunities to present the latest trials and the proof-of-concept activities for next generation mobile communications.

### 1. Scope

This special section aims at timely dissemination of research in the following areas. Possible topics include, but are not limited to :

- Advanced interference coordination and mitigation techniques
- Advanced MIMO technologies
- Advanced modulation and coding schemes
- Advanced multiple access technologies
- Advanced multiple radio access technologies
- Advanced relay
- Advanced retransmission control
- Advanced technologies for flexible duplex
- Capacity/coverage split system design
- Device to device (D2D) communications
- Energy-efficient radio access technologies
- Hardware implementation issues of the 5G evolution and B5G systems
- Heterogeneous access networks
- Massive MIMO techniques
- New waveform design
- Proof-of-concept activities for the 5G evolution and B5G systems
- Radio interface design
- Small cell technologies
- System concept and architecture
- Technologies for higher frequency bands
- Technologies for massive connectivity
- Technologies for small packet transmission
- Technologies for ultra-low latency
- Validation of technology for the 5G evolution and B5G systems
- Wireless fronthauling and backhauling

### 2. Submission Instructions

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