Ph.D. position - Thesis offer (M/F)
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Research topics
Radio Resource Allocation and Management in Heterogeneous 5G RAN

Department
Communication Systems Department

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1st of June 2017

Start date
3rd quarter 2017 (1st of September 2017)

Duration
Duration of the thesis

Description
A Ph.D. position is available in the Communication Systems Department at EURECOM. The successful candidate will conduct both academic and experimental research toward the future low-latency and reliable wireless 5G communication system with a particular focus on the radio resource allocation and management algorithms and polices. Three network categories (aka Slice) with different QoS requirements will be considered, namely xMBB, uRLLC, mMTC, to develop scheduling, resource allocation/sharing, and channel access algorithm. The latest release of evolved LTE provides a natural extension with some new feature such as NB-IoT, which will be used as the starting point to conduct research and development toward 5G system. In addition, the problem of beamforming, radio resource allocation and management will be considered for the 5G New radio (frequency above 6GHz).

We will be prototyping and validating the envisioned system architecture and designed algorithm on both in Matlab simulator and in the OpenAirInterface platform in terms of different radio technologies, e.g., NB-IoT, eLTE, and NR over different centralized/cloud RAN deployments based on 3GPP 3-tier architecture (i.e. remote radio unit (RRU), distributed unit (DU), and centralized unit (CU)). The successful candidate will work closely together with research engineers and PhD students, in developing/improving strategies for 5G/LTE network performance optimization.

The work will be carried out in the framework of the two 5GPPP European projects. Both project aim at building a flexible and automated network for 5G systems for different type of deployment (centralized and distributed), and its consortium comprises strong industrial partners as well as a number of world-class universities. It is funded by the European Commission under the H2020 Framework Programme. The candidate will actively participate to the progress of the projects.

Requirements
Education Level / Degree: Master degree

Field / specialty: Computer science, electrical engineering, telecommunications, or applied mathematics

Technologies: A very good background current technology landscape 5G, LTE (Rel 10-14), New Radio, NB-IoT Knowledge of radio resource allocation and management, beamforming algorithm.
Language / Systems: Past experience in Matlab, C and python programming
Very good knowledge in Linux OS

Other skills / specialties: Good analytical and performance analysis skills,

Other important elements: Strong communication skills and keen to operate in a multidisciplinary team
Demonstrate an excellent level of spoken and written English.

Application
The application must include (I, II and III):
- A curriculum vitae, with full contact information, education, positions and academic work.
- A cover letter explaining the candidate’s background (relevant publications), qualifications and research interests.
- Copies of relevant diplomas / degree certificates, transcripts of records, copies 2-3 recommendation letters.

Applications should be submitted by e-mail to navid.nikaein@eurecom.fr, with the reference: CS_NN_PHD2_H2020_052017

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