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Reconfigurable Intelligent Surface (RIS), also known as intelligent reflecting surface or large intelligent surface, is an emerging new physical-layer technology in the field of wireless communications. The basic idea of RIS is to deploy a reconfigurable passive array in the environment to manipulate the propagation of electron-magnetic (EM) waves. RIS promises a new design paradigm for wireless communications, where the wireless propagation environment can be dynamically controlled, which is substantially different from the conventional design that focuses only on the transmitter and receiver. RIS is expected to solve the blockage problem, increase the channel capacity, promote the wireless coverage, and improve the energy efficiency for the future communication systems. Thus, it is regarded as a promising potential technology to realize the future intelligent communications from the physical layer.

For RIS-aided wireless communications, some of the current methodologies in conventional communication systems need to be revised, and some novel solutions are required to realize the potential benefits of the RIS. Although the number of publications about RIS has recently sharply increased, there are still many challenging issues to be extensively investigated, such as the RIS channel modelling, fundamental performance limits, the system design, joint optimization of the RIS and the transceivers, channel state information acquisition, and interdisciplinary applications. The goal of this special issue is to attract high-quality papers of original research on RIS-aided wireless communications.

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- RIS channel measurement and modelling
- RIS channel capacity and performance limits
- System and hardware architecture of RIS
- RIS-aided cell-free network
- Joint precoding of the RIS and the transceivers
- RIS channel estimation and channel feedback
- Indoor channel characterization
- Ambient backscatter communication
- Low-complexity signal processing tools for RIS
- Multiple access for RIS
- Resource allocation for RIS
- Interplay between AI and RIS
- RIS Prototyping and experimental results
- Interdisciplinary study between RIS and security, positioning, VLC, NOMA, etc.
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