

**EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH AND PROTOTYPING TOWARDS 5G AND BEYOND**

In recent years, it clearly emerged an increasing importance of experimental validation of innovative wireless solutions and applications, due to the increasing complexity of the wireless ecosystem in the emerging 5G scenarios and beyond. Several research initiatives worldwide are proposing the design of experimental platforms and control architectures for validating innovative wireless devices, communication techniques, networks, and services. The objective of this technical session is bringing together developers, practitioners, technical experts and researchers to share experiences and advance the state of the art in all aspects of 5G systems prototyping, evaluation and testing. The session also aims to solicit contributions and promote discussion on the novel methodological studies and experimental paradigms for future 5G testbeds and co-development of experimental platforms.

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