



Edge Cloud Computing in Telecommunications

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Message from the Guest Editors

ECC is a natural evolution of cloud computing, and it is aimed at moving cloud storage and computing functionalities to the network edge closer to end users, i.e., inside the fixed access POPs and in the virtual Radio Access Network (RAN) sites. The efficient dimensioning and positioning of hardware/software platforms for ECC is one of the most important challenges, especially in terms of achievable network efficiency and of the Total Cost of Ownership (TCO). It guarantees the QoE for applications pertaining to several specific vertical sectors.

Potential topics in this Special Issue include, but are not limited to:

- ECC architecture and functionalities;
- ECC-enabled telecommunication infrastructures: design, planning, deployment, and interoperability;
- Operation and Maintenance (O&M);
- Internet-based innovative applications;
- Security issues and management;
- Machine learning and artificial intelligence in ECC;
- Cost models;
- Innovative business models.





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