Job vacancy #2023-06761

Distributed Learning for 5G-IoT

Level of qualifications required: Graduate degree or equivalent

Fonction: Temporary scientific engineer

About the research centre or Inria department

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Context

The position is part of the 5G-mmTc research project aiming at deploying a 5G cellular network oriented “massive IoT”, compatible with 4G technology. The use cases are the Smart-Grid, in partnership with EDF and the connected bike, in partnership with the French Cycling Federation (FFC).

Assignment

As part of the project 5G-mMTC, some of the work is the orchestration and resource allocation in cellular networks, more specifically on the virtual core networks (slices) possible in 5G. The key advantage of a native 5G network is the ability to create on-demand and on-the-fly slices for each virtual operator. This allows multiple networks from distinct operators to coexist at the core of the 5GC network with heterogeneous quality of service needs, such as mMTC, URLCC, and eMBB.

Main activities

This position focuses on the study of orchestration and resource allocation in virtual core networks (slices) of cellular networks. We will focus on the case of IoT networks such as LTE Cat-M and NB-IoT, and their 5G equivalents.

The task of the position will be to study the literature on this topic, then propose new orchestration and resource allocation algorithms, and finally implement a proof of concept through simulation. An initial objective is to perform the implementations and simulations based on the OpenAirInterface (OAI) codebase, an open-source implementation of 4G/5G base stations.

More precisely, the objective is to develop intelligent algorithms to enhance the slicing service (NSSF, "Network Slice Selection Function") and ensure efficient resource allocation. The steps will include analyzing the quality of service requirements for IoT applications, understanding the NSSF function, drafting a state of the art of related topic, developing algorithms, implementing through simulation on a free software cellular system base, and finally evaluating performance.

Skills

- Knowledge of one or more programming languages, preferably Python and C/C++.
- Understanding of Open Air Interface
- A good command of technical English

Benefits package

- Subsidized meals
- Partial reimbursement of public transport costs
- Leave: 7 weeks of annual leave + 10 extra days off due to RTT (statutory reduction in working hours) + possibility of exceptional leave (sick children, moving home, etc.)
- Possibility of teleworking (after 6 months of employment) and flexible organization of working hours
- Professional equipment available (videoconferencing, loan of computer equipment, etc.)
- Social, cultural and sports events and activities
- Access to vocational training
Remuneration

Income in regards to professional experience

General Information

- Theme/Domain: Networks and Telecommunications System & Networks (BAP E)
- Town/city: Palaiseau
- Inria Center: Centre Inria de Saclay
- Starting date: 2023-11-01
- Duration of contract: 1 year
- Deadline to apply: 2023-12-31

Contacts

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The keys to success

- A thesis in telecommunication is a useful asset.
- Knowledge of the 5G protocol stacks, especially the 5G Core
- Some knowledge of the architectures proposed in OpenRAN

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Instruction to apply

- CV
- Cover letter
- Letter(s) of recommendation, where applicable

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