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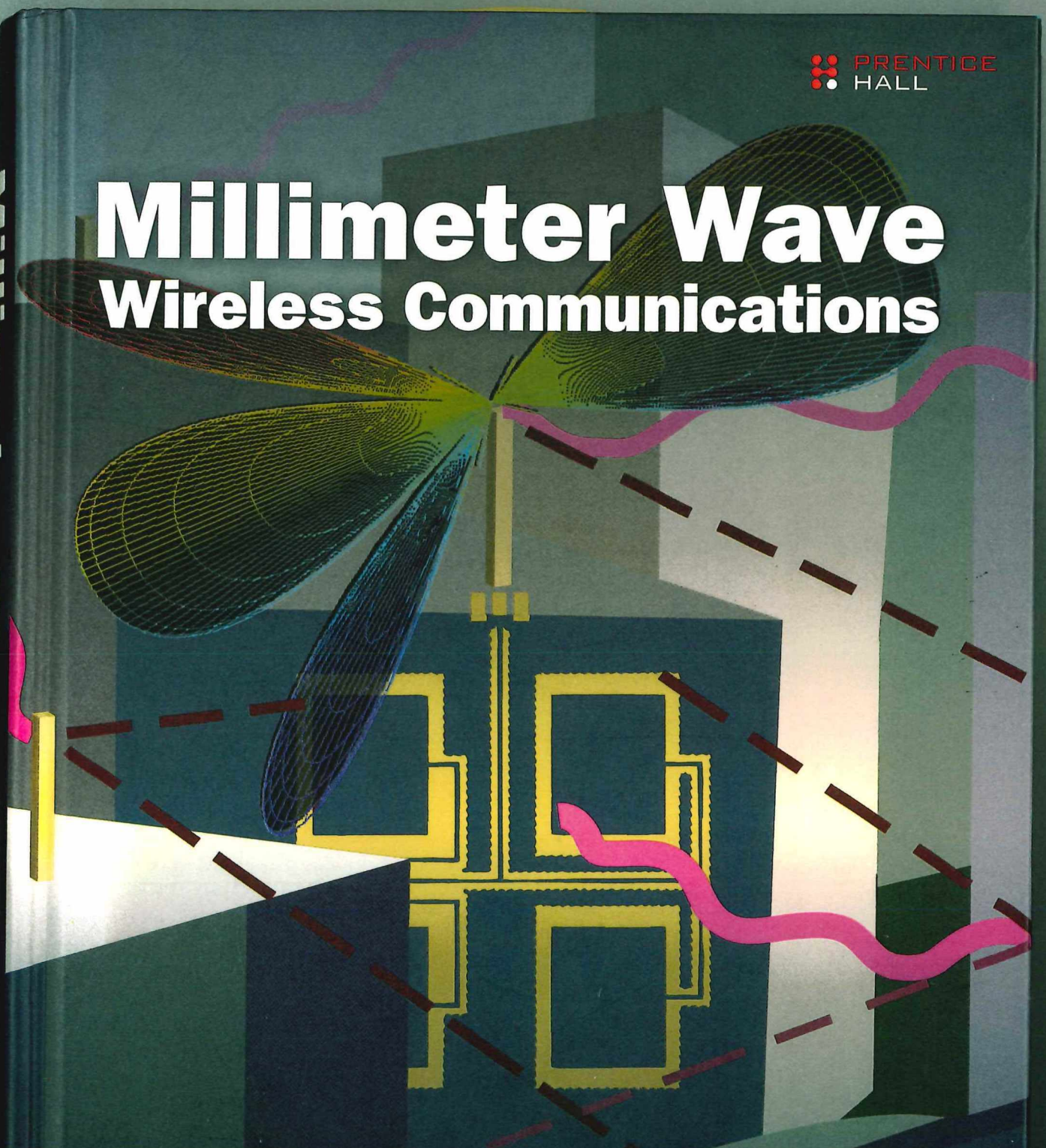

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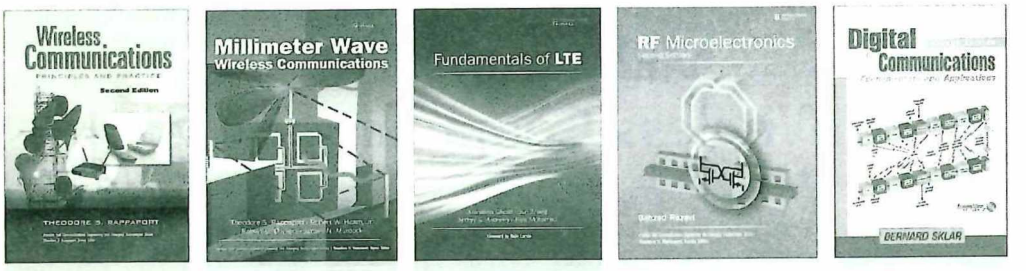


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# Preface

When the cellular telephone revolution began in the 1970s, it was hard to imagine how wireless communication would become such a fundamental part of today's world. Indeed, the Internet had not yet been invented, personal computers did not exist, and long-distance data communication was carried out over landline phones using analog audio modems with data rates no greater than 300 bits per second. The launch of the commercial cellular telephone industry gave birth to unprecedented freedom and functionality, the wireless age was born, and tetherless communications captured the hearts and minds of a new generation of engineers and technologists, and most importantly, the public. As the computer and Internet revolutions sprang forward in the 1990s and into the 21st century, the wireless industry followed. Despite its remarkable growth, however, wireless has failed to reach its full potential.

Wireless technologies are pervasive, with over 5 billion cellphones on planet Earth. Today's fourth-generation (4G) Long Term Evolution (LTE) cellular technology and the IEEE 802.11n wireless Internet standards provide enormous data rates — transfer rates of hundreds of megabits per second between users. The wireless industry is estimated to be a 1 trillion USD global business, approaching the size of the global construction industry. It is remarkable to consider, however, that in one important dimension, wireless is still in its infancy with enormous room to expand.

Consider this astonishing fact: Since the first cellphone call was made 40 years ago, computer clock speeds have increased from less than 1 MHz to today's clock rates of 5 GHz, more than three orders of magnitude. The memory and storage sizes of computers have exploded from a few kilobytes to today's terabyte-sized hard drives, an expansion of seven orders of magnitude. Yet, during their 40-year lifetime, the mobile communications and personal area network industries have been range-bound in operating carrier frequency, stuck between approximately 500 MHz (used by the early analog mobile phone systems and the recently allocated 700 MHz cellular spectrum) and 5.8 GHz (used by modern WiFi enterprise systems on the IEEE 802.11a standard). Remarkably, in 40 years, the wireless industry has seen little movement in its operating frequency. While all other technological evolutions have exploited Moore's law to gain an increase in scale of many orders of magnitude, the operating carrier frequencies of practically all mobile and portable wireless communication systems have barely budged.

Why would wireless be so delinquent in moving up in the frequency bands? Why would the wireless industry wait until now to exploit the vast frontier of spectrum that, to date,



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has seen little use, yet offers such vast potential for greater capacity? After all, as we show in Chapter 1 of this book, England's Ofcom and the US FCC considered millimeter wave (mmWave) for mobile communications in the 1980s. And more than 100 years ago, Jagadis Chandra Bose and Pyotr Lebedev (also spelled "Lebedew") reportedly conducted the first 60 GHz wireless transmissions. To address these questions, and to offer the fundamental technical details needed by the next generation of engineers who will be fortunate to conquer this new frontier of mmWave wireless, we have written this textbook.

The answers to why consumer wireless networks have not exploited mmWave frequencies have to do with many factors, such as the slow standards process and even slower global spectrum regulatory process; myths and lack of fundamental understanding of radio propagation, antennas, circuits, and networks; the amount of entrenched investments and the competition between traditional (and emerging) business models to provide broadband wireless coverage and capacity; the competing standards that dilute capital needed to bring about a new cellular or WiFi technology; the existing and expanding infrastructure needed to carry such large bandwidths; and, most of all, the cost of designing, fabricating, and deploying widespread consumer technologies that deliver an unmet need, such that they justify the massive investments needed to bring them to the marketplace.

Today, semiconductor technologies are able to make reliable radio frequency circuits with gate lengths at or below 30 nm. The ability to fabricate low-cost radio frequency circuits and on-chip antennas systems at frequencies much higher than 5 GHz is now firmly in place. Optical fiber backbones are now being deployed throughout the world, and mmWave wireless systems will enable a much greater proliferation of backhaul to support data rates that meet or exceed those of 4G cellular systems. The processing power of smartphones and tablets, and the insatiable public demand for content offered through these devices, is also now proven. New wireless local area network (WLAN) products based on IEEE 802.11ad are offering multi-gigabit per second data rates. Recent work has shown that outdoor radio propagation is viable at mmWave frequencies when directional, steerable phased-array antennas are used. Thus, all of the key components are set for wireless to expand from its current low microwave carrier frequency to a new frequency regime that promises several orders of magnitude more capacity for future cellphone and local area network users.

This textbook has evolved from our research programs in many technical areas that must come together to make mmWave mobile communications a reality. We have sought to explore the literature and we have used our own personal experiences as researchers, entrepreneurs, inventors, and consultants to build a textbook that empowers engineers at all levels to work on the exciting future of mmWave wireless. Fundamental principles in many important areas of mmWave communications, circuits, antennas, and propagation are treated in this book. We also provide a wealth of references to assist the reader in exploring specific areas of interest where specific challenges or advances must still be made.

The material in this book is designed to provide a solid foundation in mmWave fundamentals, including communication theory, channel propagation, circuits, and antennas. Chapter 1 provides an introduction and illustrates the vast capabilities and new architectures that will evolve as wireless moves from the UHF and microwave bands to the

mmWave spectrum. Conventional applications of mmWave, including WLANs, wireless personal area networks (WPANs), and cellular networks are described, along with new applications of mmWave for applications in the office of the future, data centers, personal interconnects, and the automotive and aerospace industries. Chapter 2 provides an introduction to the fundamentals of digital communication. Important topics including baseband signal and channel models, modulation, equalization, and error control coding are discussed with an emphasis on the techniques that are already found in early mmWave systems. Multiple input multiple output (MIMO) wireless communication principles, which leverage large-antenna arrays, are also reviewed. Background is provided on hardware architectures for upconversion and downconversion and the fundamentals of the network stack.

The treatment of the fundamentals of mmWave starts in Chapter 3, where elemental principles on radio wave propagation for both indoor and outdoor applications of mmWave communication are taught. Radio propagation characteristics for mmWave are reviewed in detail, with special attention paid to the fundamental issues that are pertinent to building mmWave wireless networks. Chapter 4 delves into antennas and antenna arrays for mmWave communication systems. Because mmWave antennas will be very small and integrated, important background is provided on the fundamentals of on-chip and in-package antennas, describing the challenges associated with fabricating efficient mmWave antennas as part of the chip fabrication or packaging. Chapter 5 provides in-depth treatment of analog circuit design and provides fundamental treatment of key design challenges and operating considerations when building RF circuitry. Background is provided on several topics, including analog millimeter wave transistors, their fabrication, and important circuit design approaches for the basic building blocks within a transceiver. The treatment of analog circuits has intentionally included details of complementary metal oxide semiconductor (CMOS) and metal oxide semiconductor field-effect transistors (MOSFET) semiconductor theory in sufficient detail to allow communications engineers to appreciate and understand the fundamentals and challenges of mmWave analog circuits, and to understand the capabilities and approaches used to create circuits that will enable the mmWave revolution. Key parameters used to characterize active and passive analog components as well as key qualities of merit are also reviewed with great detail. Design approaches for transmission lines, amplifiers (both power amplifiers and low-noise amplifiers) frequency synthesizers, voltage-controlled oscillators (VCOs), and frequency dividers are also reviewed. Chapter 6 delves into baseband circuit design. It presents a wide range of technical design issues and references to help the reader understand the fundamentals of designing multi-gigabit per second high-fidelity digital-to-analog (DAC) and analog-to-digital (ADC) converters, and the challenges with reaching such high bandwidths.

The book concludes with a detailed treatment of mmWave design and applications. Chapter 7 presents physical layer aspects of the design of a mmWave communication system. The emphasis is on the physical layer algorithmic choices and design considerations for 60 GHz communication systems. Important concepts include practical impairments such as clipping, quantization, nonlinearity, phase noise, and emerging physical layer design concepts such as spatial multiplexing. The choice of modulation and equalization is discussed in terms of tradeoffs that can be made between complexity and

throughput. Chapter 8 reviews higher-layer (above the physical layer) design issues for mmWave systems, with a particular emphasis on techniques relevant to 60 GHz systems, but also speculates on the impact in mmWave cellular and backhaul systems. Chapter 8 provides background on the challenge associated with networking mmWave devices. Select topics are treated, including beam adaptation protocols, relaying, multimedia transmission, and multiband considerations. Finally, Chapter 9 concludes the technical content with a review of design elements from the standardization efforts for 60 GHz wireless communication systems. Several standards are reviewed, including IEEE 802.15.3c for WPAN, Wireless HD, ECMA-387, IEEE 802.11ad, and the Wireless Gigabit Alliance (WiGig) standard. The key features of each standard are presented along with important details about their physical layer and medium access control design choices.

Just as the cellphone has morphed from a voice-only analog communications device into today's impressive smartphone, the frontier of mmWave wireless communications is sure to usher in even more astounding capabilities and is certain to spawn new businesses, new consumer use cases, and complete transformations of how we live and work. The vast mmWave spectrum, and the new technologies that will conquer it, will bring wireless into its renaissance where it pervades all aspects of our lives. Our hope is that this textbook offers some assistance for the engineering explorers who are called to create this exciting future.

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