In recent years, mobile technology and the internet of objects have been used in mobile networks to meet new technical demands. The advancement of the technology focuses on data communication, the reduction of transmission and network load. The emerging needs have centered on data storage, computation and low latency management in potentially smart city, transport, smart grids and a wide number of sustainable environments. Federated Learning's contributions include an effective framework to improve network security in heterogeneous Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) environments. Federated Learning (FL) is a bottle neck technology that improves wireless paradigm privacy and security problems. Federated Learning is a platform which promotes the connectivity of intelligent systems with increased network capacity, service quality, accessibility of the network and user experience. Blockchain is a technology which is exposed and can contribute to stability in IIoT. Blockchain appears to be a mechanism to preserve IIoT and retain confidentiality of user / data, and the capacity to provide unauthorized reproductive and information services.

The main focus of this Special Section is on the most recent applications of Federated Learning using blockchain and IIoT to optimize data for next-generation networks. This Special issue provides an insight to the readers in way of inculcating the theme that shapes the next generation secure communication.

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- Blockchain and IoT applications
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- Deep learning for edge computing networks
- Training scheme of Federated Learning model
- Segmentation of Federated Learning models for collaborative intelligence between cloud and the edge

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