"New perspectives on Wireless Communications in automation: From industrial monitoring and control to cyber-physical systems."

**The Theme:** Wireless communication is steadily increasing in many automation applications and there is a further need for communication protocols able to meet requirements such as bounded latencies, high reliability, energy efficiency, security, dependability, and adaptivity. This need is especially driven by the industry interest in enabling large-scale wireless deployments for the sake of flexible, competitive and cost-efficient production. Wireless communication is also steadily penetrating other application areas in automation, such as cyber-physical systems, in which network-related effects, such as jitter, packet loss and resource contention, can affect the stability and dynamics of the physical subsystems. For this reason, there is a need to disseminate, streamline and investigate research findings coming from several different application domains. The challenge is exploiting the similarities between the different domains, while coping with the peculiar requirements of each automation application.

The goal of the Special Section is to attract papers tackling with the main research issues in the development, adoption and application of wireless communications for a broad range of automation applications, such as traffic, environmental, building, and structural monitoring, factory automation, industrial process monitoring and control, mobile robotics, vehicular communication, energy management, smart grids, avionics, healthcare applications, and many others.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:
- Architectures, protocols and algorithms for wireless communication in automation applications.
- Security and safety for wireless automation systems.
- Reliable and time-critical wireless communications for automation applications.
- Techniques for adaptive wireless communication in dynamic environments.
- Performance evaluation, simulation, RF measurements, and modeling of wireless networks.
- Deployment, integration and case studies of wireless sensor and actuator systems in automation.
- Wireless communications in Cyber-Physical systems: Design, deployment, evaluation, and case studies.

Papers discussing new application areas and new developments of wireless networks are especially welcome. All contributions must focus on wireless communications. Results obtained by simulations must be validated in bounds by experiments or analytical results.

**Manuscript Preparation and Submission**


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