

Special Issue

Aerial Robotics for Inspection and Maintenance

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue is devoted to aerial robotics for inspection and maintenance, a current trend that relies on recent research results to solve typical problems faced by human operators in their work in different industrial scenarios like power lines, chemical plants, or civil infrastructures. Authors are invited to submit original works describing:

- Intended applications;
- Technological challenges;
- Theoretical fundamentals;
- Methods and techniques;
- Developed prototypes;
- Experimental results.

The papers may describe the application of aerial robots to particular inspection and maintenance tasks, the development of new prototypes and concept designs, or the experimental evaluation of the system performance in terms of usual metrics. The implementation and validation of perception, control, and planning methods is of special interest to demonstrate the functionalities and capabilities of aerial robots, contributing to increasing the level of automation in the realization of these tasks. This Special Issue aims to reduce the gap between research results.

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