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Industrial Internet-of-Things (IIoT) Technologies for Industrial Intelligence

Message from the Guest Editors

The evolving Internet of Things paradigm has brought about profound and long-lasting changes to the industrial landscape. The Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) concept has emerged out of this paradigm, now further developing and maturing in its own right. Although the notion of IIoT is broad, it can be thought of as a systematic interconnection of sensors, instruments, communications and computing devices. as well as advanced analytics platforms in the industrial environment. These building blocks of the IIoT are flexible and scalable, and can be tailored to specific industry settings. IIoT for industrial intelligence refers to the deployment of IoT building blocks in industry, coupled with data-driven innovation and artificial intelligence (AI), to provide real-time control actions, and/or to directly feed into knowledge and decisionmaking systems. In this way, modern IIoT seeks to unlock potential benefits, inter alia, mitigating downtime and risk, improving efficiencies and safety, enhancing sustainability and reliability, etc.

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