

## Special Issue

# Next-Generation Cybersecurity Solutions for Cyber-Physical Systems

### Message from the Guest Editors

In an era where technology intersects with every aspect of daily life, the security of cyber-physical systems has become paramount. These systems, which integrate computing, networking, and physical processes, are the backbone of critical infrastructure, manufacturing, healthcare, and more. The Special Issue, entitled 'Next-Generation Cybersecurity Solutions for Cyber-Physical Systems', seeks to explore innovative security strategies that leverage the latest advancements in technology to protect these essential systems from evolving threats. Below are examples of suggested topics that would fit well with the theme of the Special Issue:

- AI-enhanced security protocols in CPS;
- Blockchain for secure CPS communications;
- Blockchain-enabled identity & access management in Cyber-Physical Systems;
- Quantum-resistant cryptography in CPS;
- Quantum machine learning for enhanced threat prediction in CPS;
- Federated learning for distributed security in CPS;
- Privacy preservation through federated learning in CPS;
- Machine learning-based anomaly detection in CPS;
- Secure IoT integration in CPS;
- Automated defense mechanisms in CPS;
- Automated and AI-driven security solutions in CPS.

---

### Guest Editors

Dr. Abbas Yazdinejad

Decentralized Cybersecurity Artificial Intelligence Lab (DCAILab),  
Department of Computer Science, University of Regina, Regina, SK S4S  
0A2, Canada

Dr. Quanyan Zhu

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, New York  
University-Tandon School of Engineering, Brooklyn, NY 11201, USA

---

### Deadline for manuscript submissions

closed (28 February 2026)



## Automation

---

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

---

Impact Factor 2.0  
CiteScore 4.1



[mdpi.com/si/206775](https://mdpi.com/si/206775)

*Automation*  
Editorial Office  
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5  
4052 Basel, Switzerland  
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34  
[automation@mdpi.com](mailto:automation@mdpi.com)

[mdpi.com/journal/  
automation](https://mdpi.com/journal/automation)





# Automation

---

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

---

Impact Factor 2.0  
CiteScore 4.1



[mdpi.com/journal/  
automation](https://mdpi.com/journal/automation)



## About the Journal

### Message from the Editor-in-Chief

*Automation* (ISSN 2673-4052) is an international peer-reviewed open access journal devoted to fast publication of the latest achievements of technological developments and scientific research in the huge area of automation and control system. Both experimental and theoretical papers are published, including all aspects of manufacturing systems, energy management systems, aerospace control systems, learning systems, intelligent control systems and so on. *Automation* organizes Special Issues devoted to specific automation and controlling areas and applications each year.

---

### Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Eyad H. Abed

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and the Institute for Systems Research, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742, USA

---

### Author Benefits

#### Open Access:

free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

#### High Visibility:

indexed within ESCI (Web of Science), Scopus, EBSCO, and other databases.

#### Reliable Service:

rigorous peer review and professional production.