



Cybersecure and Trustworthy Deployment of Drones and Autonomous Vehicles

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Dear Colleagues,

Autonomous systems have recently witnessed an exponential growth in utilization for their contribution to promoting life quality.

The aim of this Special Issue is to promote cybersecurity awareness in autonomous systems by inviting original research articles that investigate the recent cybersecurity challenges, detection and mitigation methodologies, and research findings with applications to UAVs and autonomous vehicles. This Issue also aims to establish a broader impact by creating the foundation of cybersecurity research that benefits other research areas such as robotics.

Suggested themes of articles are those that address the aforementioned cybersecurity challenges and highlight novel state-of-the-art detection and countermeasure approaches. Such approaches may include artificial intelligence, image or video processing, signal processing, new or improved hardware modules (e.g., sensors, front-end circuitry), cooperative networking, vehicle-to-vehicle communications, and coding protocols.

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