

Special Issue

Advanced Communication and Control Technologies for Next-Generation Drones

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue includes but is not limited to the following:

- Communication technologies for aerial, terrestrial, and underwater drones.
- Advanced control and autonomous navigation systems.
- AI and ML applications for drone intelligence and optimization.
- Multi-drone coordination and swarm communication.
- 6G-enabled swarm communication protocols for cooperative drones.
- Secure communication protocols and cybersecurity for drone networks.
- Edge and fog computing for real-time drone operations.
- UAV-assisted Internet of Things (IoT) for disaster recovery and remote sensing.
- Human-drone interaction and collaborative control systems.
- Drone-to-everything (D2X) communication frameworks.
- Satellite-drone integrated communication architectures.
- Resilient communication strategies for adverse and remote environments.
- Applications of drones in agriculture, logistics, healthcare, defense, environmental monitoring, and maritime operations.
- Regulatory and standardization issues in drone communications.

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