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Intelligent Control and Optimization of Electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Message from the Guest Editors

Electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) are a category of aircraft equipped with multiple rotors, with or without tilting capabilities. They combine the functionalities of vertical take-off and landing with the ability to fly forward at high speeds. This unique capability makes them highly versatile, enabling them to address various applications that require velocity, agility, and long- range flight performance. This Special Issue aims to present the latest advancements in intelligent control strategies, optimization methods, and system design for eVTOL UAVs. However, the inherent challenges, including dynamic transition control, aerodynamic interference, power management, and safety redundancy, necessitate innovative approaches in intelligent control algorithms and optimization techniques. This Special Issue aims to bridge the gap between theoretical research and practical applications, focusing on innovations which address challenges in flight dynamics, energy efficiency, real-time decision making, and mission planning for eVTOL UAVs.

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