Special Issue

Design and Application of Underwater Robots for Navigation and Manipulation

Message from the Guest Editor

We are pleased to announce a call for papers for a Special Issue, focusing on the innovative field of "Design and Application of Underwater Robotics for Navigation and Manipulation Tasks". This Special Issue aims to bring together pioneering research, case studies, and reviews that address the latest developments, challenges, and future directions in underwater robotics. In detail, we welcome contributions that explore a wide range of topics, including but not limited to: -

Autonomous navigation and control systems;

- Advanced sensing and perception technologies;
- Manipulation techniques;
- Al and machine learning applications in underwater robotics;
- Energy-efficient propulsion and power management;
- Swarm robotics and multi-robot cooperation;
- Material science and design for underwater endurance;
- Environmental impact and sustainability.

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