Special Issue

Semantic Communication for the Internet of Things

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For this Special Issue of Sensors, we welcome highquality original research and comprehensive surveys that advance theory, algorithms, and implementations of semantic communication for IoT applications. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, semantic source and channel coding, ontology-driven sensing, crosslayer semantic metrics, intent-based networking, joint perception-communication design, semantic distortion and reliability analysis, distributed representation learning at the edge, task-oriented federated learning, semantic middleware for heterogeneous sensors, security and privacy of semantic exchange, standardization efforts, and real-world testbeds or datasets. Submissions should articulate clear novelty, methodological rigor, and practical relevance, highlighting how semantic principles enhance efficiency, reliability, or interpretability in IoT systems. The Special Issue aims to bring together researchers from communications, signal processing, artificial intelligence, and domain-specific IoT fields to shape the next generation of meaning-centric networks.

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