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Advanced Decision-Making Techniques in Dynamic Industry 4.0 Sustainable Engineering Processes

Message from the Guest Editors

The successful enrolment of Industry 4.0 into worldwide engineering processes is highly dependent on advanced decision-making techniques. The globalized market and digitally supported industry, regardless of the production type, from the most basic job shop to mass personalized production, aim to optimize engineering processes. In the era of Industry 4.0, where the high complexity of engineering processes is reflected in symmetry with multicriteria decision making, optimization problems need to be solved with advanced evolutionary computation methods, complex system simulations, and new visual computing approaches. Personalized products in Industry 4.0 manufacturing systems are represented by the high-mix low-volume production type, for which adequate evaluation of different optimization parameters is crucial. The impact of highly dynamic processes (rapidly changing global demands and new global paradigms) needs to be further explored in order to sustainably justify engineering processes in globalized markets.

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