



Multi-Agent System Control: Recent Theories and Applications

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Multi-agent systems (MAS) use multiple interacting intelligent agents to solve problems that are difficult or impossible for an individual agent to solve. MAS can be applied in not only academic research, but also in industry and many other areas, such as computer games, networking and mobile technologies, transportation, logistics, manufacturing, power systems, smartgrids and geographic information systems (GIS). This Special Issue is dedicated to the control and communications of multi-agent systems (MAS). We invite researchers to submit original quality studies, urging them to address the main sub-disciplines, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- agent-oriented software engineering;
- beliefs, desires, and intentions (BDI);
- cooperation and coordination;
- distributed constraint optimization (DCOP);
- organization;
- communication;
- negotiation;
- distributed problem solving;
- multi-agent learning;
- agent mining;
- scientific communities (e.g., on biological flocking, language evolution and economics);
- dependability and fault-tolerance;



- robotics, multi-robot systems (MRS), robotic clusters;



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