



Trends and Challenges in Robotic Applications

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The purpose of this Special Issue is to show the current state of robotic applications. In particular, in addition to introducing new theories and methods, this Special Issue is particularly focused on the use of robotic systems in real-life situations. Thus, the presentation of experimental results makes evident the feasibility and usefulness of robotic systems in practical cases.

Obviously, this Special Issue does not intend to exhaustively show all the current existing robotic applications but rather give an overview of them, showing the high level of activity in this area.

Potential topics include but are not limited to the following: human–robot collaboration and interaction; robot manipulation and manufacturing; robot control and planning; SLAM and robot navigation; robot learning and artificial intelligence; social and service robotics; bio-inspired robotics and soft robotics; multi-robot systems; rescue robotics and swarm robotics; micro and nano robotics; etc.

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