

Advanced AI for Low-Altitude Sensing, Communication, Computing, and Control

Theme: The low-altitude economy is transforming sectors such as logistics and disaster response., which depends on integrated low-altitude sensing, communication, computing, and control (SCCC) systems to perceive environments, manage computation, and make decisions. However, as these applications grow in, traditional SCCC systems face challenges in real-time data processing, distributed coordination, and adaptive decision-making. Traditional AI methods offer partial solutions but often rely on domain-specific models and labor-intensive processes. In contrast, the convergence of advanced AI, such as generative AI (GenAI) and large language models (LLMs), introduces a transformative paradigm with capabilities to enhance sensing through diagnostic generation, improve communications via semantic compression, support computing with dynamic orchestration, and enable interpretable control. However, challenges remain in deploying these models for low-altitude SCCC systems, including handling noisy time-series data, ensuring low-latency performance, and addressing privacy issues. Accordingly, this special issue seeks original and high-quality submissions for innovative methodologies for integrating advanced AI into future low-altitude SCCC systems.

This special issue will focus on (but not limited to) the following topics:

Advanced AI driven multimodal sensor fusion for intelligent perception and environment understanding in low-altitude SCCC systems; Advanced AI for decision support and management in low-altitude sensor networks; Applications of advanced AI for real-time anomaly detection in low-altitude SCCC systems; Advanced AI for adaptive optimization of communication protocols in low-altitude SCCC systems; Advanced AI approaches to robustness and safety for low-altitude control applications; Human-AI collaboration frameworks leveraging advanced AI for interactive decision-making in low-altitude SCCC; Integration of advanced AI with low-altitude IoT architectures for enhanced sensing and control.

Manuscript Preparation and Submission

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