Special Session

Title
Recent Advances in Intelligent Manufacturing System Scheduling and Optimization

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Over the last decades, significant advancement in information technology, such as artificial intelligence, cloud computing, internet of things and big data analysis have generated numerous opportunities for continuous improvement and innovations in manufacturing. Meanwhile, new challenges have emerged for applying and implementing these techniques and innovations. This special session aims to bring together academic researchers and industrial practitioners on new models, solutions, methodologies, algorithms, case studies, surveys on topics related to product assembly, disassembly, additive manufacturing, digital manufacturing, and cyber-physical solutions regarding manufacturing system design, control, scheduling and optimization. The focus is put on system scheduling and optimization. Topics to be covered include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Design, control and optimization of assembly systems
- Design, control and optimization of disassembly systems
- Digital twin techniques in manufacturing
- Emission control and energy saving in manufacturing
- End-of-life product recycling
- Formal methods in the modeling, verification and analysis of manufacturing systems, such as Petri nets, UML, queuing theory, model checking techniques, etc.
- Heuristic search algorithms
- Intelligent factory
- Real-time operation management
- Real-time task allocation
- Real-time task scheduling
- Machine learning and reinforcement learning in manufacturing
- Smart sensing and control
- Smart logistics management
- System simulation and performance evaluation
- Sustainability manufacturing
- Workstation load balancing in manufacturing, assembly and disassembly