Special Issue on: “Traffic Modelling and Control for Smart, Safe and Green Mobility”

Scope
Congestion, pollution and road accidents are just some of the phenomena that daily deteriorate the environment and the quality of life of citizens all over the world. In this context, a move towards sustainable mobility becomes more and more pressing, requiring the adoption of innovative strategies that allow, on the one hand, to meet the mobility needs of users and, on the other hand, to limit inefficiencies by reducing travel time and the negative impact on the environment, health and wellbeing of citizens.

In recent years, significant technological advances have led to increasingly efficient and reliable communication, data collection and transmission systems. Simultaneously, there has been a massive interest in the development of increasingly sophisticated vehicles with automated and semi-automated driving capabilities. These technological tools pave the way for new modelling and control approaches that can be applied to represent viable new technology solutions to these challenges.

This special issue aims to gather the most innovative approaches in the field of modelling and control of vehicular traffic, on both urban and freeway, whose objective is to improve its efficiency, reduce its negative impact on the environment, increase the safety of road users and livability for citizens.

Contributions for consideration in the Special Issue will include a paper proposed by Prof. Kara M. Kockelman (The University of Texas at Austin) titled “Energy implications of self-driving vehicles”.

The scientific areas include but are not limited to:

- Modelling and control of road traffic networks
- Urban mobility systems
- Control of connected and automated vehicles
- Smart Mobility
- Safety and security in transportation systems
- Technologies for control in transportation systems
- Planning and control problems in freight transportation networks
- Advanced and automated public transportation
- Human factors in the interaction of AVs with pedestrian/bicycles

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