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## **ICIT 2023 Special Session Proposal**

### **Title of the Proposal:**

**Distributed machine learning systems in industrial IoT and robotized environments**

### **Technical Outline of the Session and Topics:**

Next generation industry, driven by novel communication technologies, will rely on networked machines with increasing level of intelligence and autonomy. New research opportunities will target the integration of distributed learning tools with sensing, communication, and machine-level decision operations. Distributed techniques, namely decentralized, federated or split learning, are becoming crucial to enable challenging tasks in several robotized environments, improving safety, trustworthiness, data-ownership, reliability, scalability, and latency.

This Special Session aims to put together original research papers on advanced algorithms for distributed learning in robotized environments, based on dense wireless networks and industrial IoT methods (localization, perception, motion tracking), and performance optimization.

### Topics of the Session:

- *Federated machine learning and reinforcement learning methods in robotized environments and automated buildings*
- *Distributed signal processing and learning for automated guided vehicles and industrial IoT networks*
- *Human-machine shared workspaces and cobots optimization*

- *Free-space user interfaces for human-machine interaction (half/full body gesture and activity recognition) in workspaces*
- *Device-free localization and operator motion tracking for building automation and control*
- *Advanced distributed radio sensing, radio tomography and holography methods in robotized environments*

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