



## *IEEE Transactions on Reliability*

# **Special Section on Reliability, Resilience, and Prognostics Modeling of Complex Engineering Systems**

## **Call for Papers**

### **Background**

Reliability, resilience, and prognostics modeling and assessment for complex engineering systems have become very challenging due to factors such as complex dependency/interfaces, functional interactions among mechanical, electrical, software, and control subsystems, as well as the interaction with external environments. The difficulties of modeling the reliability and resilience as well as system performance prognostics of complex engineering system have been observed from many perspectives, for example, 1) the schedule delays and cost overruns of major programs including NASA aerospace projects, DOD major programs, such as the F-35, Boeing 787, GM and the Chevy Volt projects, 2) challenges when planning and managing recovery of civil infrastructure from extreme events with resilience and sustainability. In addition, when diverse sources of disparate data and other physical performance data are available, how to monitor, model, and predict the system resilience and reliability over time of complex engineering systems becomes very critical for safe, reliable, resilient, and economic operations of most cyber-physical systems. This special section will focus on resilience and reliability modeling, assessment, and prognostics for a variety of complex engineering systems, new quantitative methods for reliability, resilience, and prognostics modeling in a variety of application areas are especially welcome.

### **Topics**

The topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Fundamental and innovative methodologies for reliability, resilience, and prognostics modeling and analysis focusing on modeling functional dependency and failure propagations
- Design for resilience and reliability methods for engineering systems involving multidisciplinary functions and interactions/interfaces
- Resilience and reliability performance prognostics and failure diagnostics methods
- Innovative methods for reliability and resilience modeling, assessment, and prognostics with extreme data, e.g., limited data or big data such as large volume and disparate operating and performance data
- Resilience and sustainability in civil infrastructure redesign and recovery from natural disasters
- Reliability, Resilience, and prognostics performance in decision support process to cope with extreme events
- Case studies of successful reliable and resilient complex engineering design processes and methodologies

### **Submission Information**

We welcome high quality submissions that are original and innovative research, not published or currently submitted elsewhere. We also encourage extensions of conference papers, unless prohibited by copyright agreements, if there is a significant difference in the technical content and does not involve self-plagiarism. Authors can find more information at <http://rs.ieee.org/transactions-on-reliability.html> on how to prepare and submit their manuscripts.

### **Important Dates**

December 25, 2016	Paper submission deadline
May 1, 2017	All reviews back

May 15, 2017

First round notification

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