

## AI-Enhanced E-Mobility and Electrification of Propulsion Systems for Low-Carbon Transportation Applications

## **Abstract**

As the world accelerates efforts to decarbonize transportation, the electrification of propulsion systems has become a central strategy for achieving lower emissions and enhancing energy efficiency. Coupled with AI technologies, electrification offers the potential for highly optimized, intelligent transport solutions. This session will focus on how AI and electrification can work together to reduce carbon footprints, improve operational efficiency, and integrate renewable energy sources into transportation infrastructure. This session aims to showcase innovative research and applications that contribute to the sustainable electrification of diverse transportation sectors, including rail, marine, heavy-duty, and light-duty vehicles.

## **Special Session Topics**

include, but are not limited to:

- Electrification and Al-driven control for hybrid and fuel cell propulsion systems
- Electrification of marine and rail transport with Al support
- Integration of renewable energy in electrified transport systems
- Smart charging infrastructure for electric vehicles
- Al-based predictive maintenance for electrified propulsion systems
- Al in energy storage and battery management for electrified vehicles
- Al for the electrification of transportation infrastructure











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