

Control and Optimization of process Industries in the AI Era: Driven by Demand to Promote Intelligent Transformation

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Abstract

The control and optimization of process industries in the AI era face enormous challenges. How to meet challenges and achieve the intelligent transformation of control disciplines is a widely concerned issue. From the perspective of the national strategy for intelligent process industry, there is an urgent need for intelligent upgrading and transformation in control and optimization. Driven by the actual demand for industrial intelligence, this report introduces the progress made in combining control and optimization with artificial intelligence. The purpose is to deepen the discussion and broaden our thinking by throwing bricks, and to meet the challenges brought by AI.



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