Radio Frequency Sensing for Structural Health Monitoring

Structural health monitoring (SHM) plays a critical role in ensuring the safety of large-scale structures during their operational lifespan, such as pipelines, railways, and buildings. It is a reliable, effective, and economical monitoring method to ensure structural safety. SHM of large-scale structures, which aims at structural integrity and faults diagnosis, is critically important.

In the last few years, radio frequency (RF) sensing and sensors have attracted increasing interest in SHM for the advantages of being low-cost, passive, and maintenance-free. The enormous promise of RF sensing technology in SHM, including RF sensing vibration and crack sensing, has been shown in numerous scientific publications. Even though RF sensing-based SHM has made significant development, many scientific issues still need to be solved, such as multi-parameter detection and RF sensing's low sampling rate.

This special issue aims to promote the application of SHM based on RF sensing from laboratory testing or modeling to large-scale realistic structures. The detailed discussion hopes to be instructive in promoting the application of RF sensing in SHM.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:
RF field modulation for earthquake monitoring
Temperature monitoring using wireless RF sensing systems
RF sensing for corrosion detection & characterization
Structural damage detection based on RF technology
RF sensing technologies for intelligent bus monitoring
Multi-radio-frequency channels inspection system for bridges
RF sensing for 3D structural health monitoring
RF sensing for non-destructive testing of composite materials

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