





Editorial

Forging the Future of Complex Dynamical Systems

Quanxin Zhu

School of Mathematics and Statistics, Hunan Normal University, Changsha 410081, China; zqx22@126.com or zqx22@hunnu.edu.cn

How To Cite: Zhu, Q. Forging the Future of Complex Dynamical Systems. Complex Systems Stability & Control 2025, 1(1), 1.

It is with immense pleasure and a profound sense of duty that I introduce the inaugural issue of *Complex Systems Stability & Control (CSSC)*. As the founding Editor-in-Chief, I am honored to guide this journal in its mission to become a premier forum for disseminating groundbreaking research at the intersection of stability theory, control engineering, and the science of complex systems.

1. The Imperative of Understanding Complexity

We are surrounded by and deeply embedded within complex dynamical systems. From the intricate regulatory networks within a single cell to the vast, interconnected global power grid, these systems exhibit behaviors that are emergent, adaptive, and often non-intuitive. Their inherent properties—nonlinearity, uncertainty, high dimensionality, and strong interconnectedness—pose significant challenges to their analysis, prediction, and control.

The launch of *CSSC* is a direct response to these challenges. Recent advancements in theoretical frameworks, computational power, and data availability have brought us to a tipping point. We now possess the tools not only to model these complexities with greater fidelity but also to devise sophisticated strategies to ensure their stability, resilience, and performance. This journal is dedicated to capturing and accelerating this wave of innovation.

2. Scope of Complex Systems Stability & Control

CSSC aims to provide a dedicated platform for research that pushes the boundaries of our ability to understand and engineer complex dynamical systems. We seek to publish original, high-quality articles that present fundamental theoretical insights, novel methodological developments, and transformative applications. Our scope encompasses, but is not limited to, the following core areas:

- Theoretical Foundations: Stability analysis (e.g., Lyapunov methods, input-to-state stability, network stability), control synthesis (e.g., robust, adaptive, distributed, optimal, data-driven control), dynamical systems theory, and frameworks for resilience, safety, and fault tolerance.
- Methodological Innovations: Model reduction and abstraction techniques, scalable algorithms for large-scale systems, learning-based and AI-enhanced control frameworks, verification and validation methods, and novel approaches to quantify and manage uncertainty.
- Interdisciplinary Applications: Contributions spanning engineering (smart grids, robotics, autonomous systems, aerospace, power networks), physics & chemistry (collective dynamics, self-organization), biological & ecological systems (neural dynamics, cellular regulation, ecosystem resilience), neuroscience (brain network stability), economics & finance (market stability, systemic risk), and social & information networks (opinion dynamics, epidemic control, cyber-physical security).

By bridging rigorous theory with real-world impact, *CSSC* will serve as an indispensable resource for researchers and practitioners aiming to navigate and harness the complexity of the modern world.



3. For Authors, Reviewers, and Editors

The success of *CSSC* hinges on the collaborative spirit and scholarly rigor of our global community. We extend a warm invitation to researchers to submit their most innovative work. We are committed to a fair, thorough, and constructive peer-review process managed by our distinguished international editorial board. Our goal is to provide authors with feedback that enhances the quality and impact of their research, regardless of the final publication decision.

We firmly believe that groundbreaking science thrives on diversity of thought, background, and approach. We are dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment where the best ideas can flourish.

4. Outlook

As we embark on this journey, my vision for *CSSC* is to be more than just a repository of knowledge. I envision it as a vibrant hub that catalyzes collaboration, sparks debate, and sets the agenda for the future of complex systems research. We are committed to not only documenting progress but also actively propelling the field forward.

We invite you to be a part of this endeavor—to share your discoveries, to challenge existing paradigms, and to help build a deeper, more principled understanding of the complex systems that define our age. Together, we can develop the theoretical foundations and engineering principles needed to design systems that are stable, efficient, safe, and beneficial for society.

In closing, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the authors, reviewers, editorial board members, and publishing team whose hard work and shared belief in this project have made the first issue of *CSSC* a reality. The path ahead is as complex as it is exciting, and I look forward to exploring it with you.

Conflicts of Interest

The author declares no conflict of interest.