



## Special Sessions

**Special sessions** are organised to raise visibility on topics of focused interest in a particular scientific or applications area. Comprising a number of papers focussed on a specific theme, which has been proposed by the Special Sessions chair/s, it's a great opportunity to address a topic with the right depth, giving it the proper visibility, and allowing also time for discussion and networking.

(NEW) Check the details of the **[Industry Panel Session: "Linking Research to Industry: The practitioner's view on "Competitive Manufacturing for Innovative Products and Services"](#)** with contributions from leading industrial and academic experts:

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