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Each proposal (no more than 3 pages) must include the following:

- Special Session title and abstract: a brief description of the special session (no more than about 100 words) and its title
- Description: rationale why the proposed topic is novel and time-compelling to PCS and its relevant communities
- Proposed contributors: list of 4~5 proposed papers (title, name of authors)
- Plan how to keep the quality level of the session higher: information on timeliness of the topic, quality/track record of the proposers and authors, coherence of the session, etc.
- Any other relevant information (if any)

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The proposal should be submitted in PDF format in email as following:
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Schedule
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