The adoption of wireless communication protocols within industrial deployments is not a taboo anymore. Wireless Sensor and Actuator Networks are quickly replacing traditional wired industrial communication systems, where easy and fast-installation and low-cost maintenance are mandatory in addition to requirements such as reliability and timeliness. In this context, IEEE 802.15.4e is widely considered a major improvement, as it introduces many enhancements to the original IEEE 802.15.4 standard to support critical applications. Among them, the Time-Slotted Channel Hopping (TSCH) MAC protocol has been conceived to guarantee deterministic delay and high reliability. The increased need for interoperability and integration into existing infrastructures has driven recent standardization efforts within IETF towards the definition of solutions to adopt IPv6 as communication protocol also in industrial deployments. In this presentation I will survey 6TiSCH, the emerging family of standards for IPv6-based industrial communication over the TSCH mode of the IEEE 802.15.4e for low-power and lossy networks. Specifically, after a general overview of the 6TiSCH architecture, I will analyze major issues and open research directions.

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