

# Special Issue

## Machine Learning Applications in Soil Water and Groundwater Assessment

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue would like to explore and showcase the diverse ways in which machine learning techniques are being utilized to improve the assessment, monitoring, and management of soil water and groundwater resources. There are numerous potential topics that can be intertwined with this proposed theme, such as the following:

- Predictive modelling of groundwater levels and quality using machine learning algorithms.
- Estimation and monitoring of soil moisture content at various spatial and temporal scales.
- Detection and prediction of groundwater contamination using advanced machine learning techniques.
- Optimization of irrigation scheduling and water use efficiency through machine learning-based decision support systems.
- Development of sensor networks and data-fusion approaches for real-time monitoring soil water and groundwater dynamics.
- The best use of geophysical covariates to assess the soil water content.
- Integration of remote sensing data with machine learning for improved characterization of hydrological processes.
- Assessment of climate change's impacts on soil water and groundwater resources using machine learning-driven modelling frameworks.

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