

Special Issue

Membrane Fouling in Water/Wastewater Treatment: Mechanisms, Effects, and Control

Message from the Guest Editor

Membrane technology has revolutionized water and wastewater treatment, offering unparalleled efficiency in producing high-quality effluent, enabling water reuse, and recovering valuable resources. However, membrane fouling remains the most significant challenge hindering wider adoption and cost-effectiveness. Fouling manifests as decreased permeate flux, increased transmembrane pressure, higher energy consumption, more frequent chemical cleaning, shortened membrane lifespan, and ultimately, elevated operational costs. While current mitigation methods can effectively inhibit fouling, their ability to restore membrane performance is often limited. This Special Issue provides a focused platform for cutting-edge research on membrane fouling. We aim to deepen the understanding of fouling mechanisms, clarify their impact on membrane performance, and ultimately develop more effective anti-fouling strategies. We invite authors to submit original research articles and reviews addressing key aspects, including: the membrane fouling process, fundamental fouling mechanisms, novel strategies for mitigating membrane fouling, innovative cleaning solutions, etc.

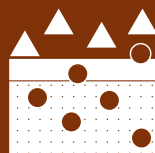
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