# **Special Issue**

# Digital Twin Networks, Network Virtualization and Applications for Next-Generation Sensor Systems

# Message from the Guest Editors

The convergence of Digital Twin Networks with 6G technology and advanced Sensor Networks represents a promising breakthrough capable of transforming how we connect, communicate, and utilize networks. By integrating terahertz communications, Al-native network orchestration, and ultra-massive MIMO, this synergy establishes the foundation for a new generation of intelligent, ultra-responsive applications and services, enabling unprecedented levels of automation, connectivity, and real-time data exchange. Network virtualization serves as a key enabler for the seamless deployment and scalability of Digital Twin Networks for a new generation of resilient, adaptive, and context-aware applications and services.

This Special Issue aims to highlight original research and review articles in this field. Potential topics includes:

- Architectural foundations;
- Modelling;
- Data acquisition and synchronization;
- Network communications and protocols;
- Energy-efficient protocols for large-scale sensordigital twin network connectivity;
- Data management;
- Al processing;
- Edge devices;
- Security:
- Resilience and fault-tolerant strategies;
- Application domains.

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