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Digital Twin Technologies for Advanced Wastewater Treatment Operation and Control

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This Special Issue seeks to explore cutting-edge applications, innovations, and interdisciplinary approaches to digital twins in the context of wastewater treatment, with a focus on unique challenges, opportunities, and pathways for transformative impacts. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Exploring novel frameworks and methodologies for developing interoperable DT platforms for water/wastewater treatment processes.
- Investigating the synergies between DTs and enabling machine learning, edge computing, the Internet of Things (IoT), and blockchain technologies for real-time operation and control.
- Applications of DTs in multi-objective optimization for enhancing energy efficiency, nutrient recovery, and water reuse.
- The development and application of predictive models integrated into DTs for forecasting.
- Advancing localized and context-aware DT solutions that incorporate regional variability in climate, regulations, and community needs.
- Combining data-driven and physics-based models within DT frameworks.

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