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# Membrane Fouling in Water/Wastewater Treatment: Characterization, Modeling and Control

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Membrane technology plays a vital role in water and wastewater treatment. A variety of membrane processes including low-pressure have sprung up, microfiltration and ultrafiltration), high-pressure (e.g., nanofiltration and reverse osmosis), electrically driven (e.g., electrodialysis), osmotically driven (e.g., forward osmosis) and temperature-driven (e.g., membrane distillation) processes. However, their development is seriously challenged by the membrane fouling problem, which impedes the separation and makes the process energyintensive. Foulants with various compositions can interact with the membrane material, block the pores or cover the surface. The fouling phenomena might be described under universal laws, or be specific to the detailed membrane/foulant materials or membrane processes. It is of great importance to scientifically describe, understand, predict and control fouling for the future development and application of membrane processes in the field of water/wastewater treatment.

This Special Issue aims to cover recent developments and advances in all aspects of membrane fouling in water/wastewater treatment













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