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Special Issue on

“Multisource remote sensing applications in sustainable urbanization: advances and challenges”

Urbanization is one of the major momentums that has shaped our planet with substantial impacts on both the society and environment, which urges for the sustainable city development. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11 and the Smart Sustainable Cities initiatives call for better monitoring the urbanization process and its societal consequences, involving built environment, transportation systems, urban green spaces, hazards and disasters, etc. However, the accurate and timely monitoring of the patterns, changes, and impacts of the urbanization requires comprehensive information which is often not sufficient from a single remote sensing source. Fortunately, recent advances of multisource remote sensing (e.g., optical, SAR, hyperspectral, LiDAR, and nighttime light data), from spaceborne and airborne platforms and small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS), provides great opportunities for these applications. Yet, there is a lack of comprehensive understanding of the theories, techniques and strategies of utilizing multisource remotely sensed data for urban monitoring. This special issue aims at providing a synthesized overview of the latest advances and challenges for multisource remote sensing applications in sustainable urbanization, which can serve as the directional support for sustainable smart cities construction.

The broad topics include (but are not limited to):

- Multisource/multi-model remote sensing fusion
- Urban land use/land cover change monitoring using multisource remote sensing
- Remote sensing of urban environment, built-ups, transportation networks, green spaces, etc.
- Assessing urban environmental problems: air quality, flood, heat island, etc.
- Data acquisition and analysis from other new sources: LiDAR, sUAS, videography, etc.
- Nonlinear remote sensing data analysis for structural deformation model enhancement
- Scalable multisource remote sensing for structural health monitoring and urban scenarios understanding

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