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Inter-disciplinary teams working on all aspects of the water cycle from catchments to urban water and wastewater infrastructure. Developing a strategic research agenda and jointly pursuing projects via a number of different funding mechanisms.

Buried Infrastructure Performance:
Though the evidence demonstrating impending asset collapse does not always exist, water utilities need to be assured that their assets are going to perform adequately into the future. This will require a combination of asset condition assessment techniques, management and monitoring of system performance, analysis of asset data, identification and management of risks. This TLC includes participants with knowledge about sensors, data, network simulations, and risk among others.

Zero Failures:
Water utilities need to deliver reliably so that their customers and other stakeholders are not inconvenienced. This means both improving water infrastructure to increase its performance as well as understanding customer perceptions and engaging with them regarding the performance limits of the systems. There is also the potential to explore whether and how service levels could vary from those currently delivered. This TLC includes participants with knowledge about system performance, alternative methods for compliance, policy, and customer partnerships.

Resource Recovery and Efficiency:
Water utilities need to sustainably manage water and to support customers in reducing their water (and consequently energy) use in the home. There are many opportunities within the water cycle to reduce energy input, derive energy from sustainable sources, and recover energy. In addition, many waste products derived from treatment processes have beneficial uses that could further reduce the overall footprint of the modern water utility. The TLC includes participants with knowledge about energy management, strategies for infrastructure, waste management, treatment process optimisation and alternative energy sources.

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