

Special Issue

Characterization and Design of Cement and Concrete Materials

Message from the Guest Editors

Cement and concrete stand out as the predominant materials in construction, surpassing the combined usage of all other construction materials. This *Special Issue* will focus on reporting the interesting results of research on the properties and performance of cement and concrete materials. This issue of cement is interpreted including not only Portland-based materials, but also blended cement and other binding materials. Contributions are expected to cover the topics listed below, but more topics can be included if they fit the field: Comments and deep thinking on the significance of cement characterization and design (invited only); Development of new characterization methods; Revealing the relationship between characterization and design; Characterization by modeling; Advanced techniques for cement characterization; Cutting-edge cement-based material design; The chemical reaction of hydration, pozzolanic, alkali-activated process or any other process in cement (or concrete) generation.

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