Special Issue

The Fascinating World of Lithium

Message from the Guest Editors

Lithium, which occurs widely in nature, generally in trace concentrations, has been in the list of Critical Raw Materials since September 2020. The peculiarities of lithium give it important properties that make it useful in many areas, such as the nuclear industry, industrial production processes, high-tech applications (e.g., ultra-large telescope optics), military applications, earth science process studies (e.g., geochronometers, weathering thermostats), medicine (e.g., treatment of psychiatric affective disorders), and emerging clean and alternative energies (e.g., rechargeable batteries) for electric mobility. Since lithium has, for a long time, played an important role in society, we invite colleagues from different disciplines to share their research on Li geological resources and economic exploitation, fields of application, future demands, environmental concerns, biochemistry mechanisms, and human health.

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