



## Marine Mineral Resource Mining

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Solid organic matter in sedimentary rocks produces petroleum and bitumen when undergoes thermal maturation. Solid OM is a 'geomacromolecule', representing a mixture of various organisms with distinct biogenic origins. Programmed pyrolysis is a common method to reveal bulk geochemical characteristics of the dominant organic matter while detailed organic petrography is required to reveal biogenic origin of contributing macerals. Despite advantages of pyrolysis, it misses the heterogeneity of chemical compositions in the individual OM which varies with maturity. Therefore, other analytical techniques such as Raman, GC-MS and infrared spectroscopy, are necessary to elevate our understanding from individual organic particle in smaller scale. The focus of this special issue is to compare various analytical techniques on different source rocks that can provide insight to petroleum system evaluation of unconventional shale plays. This special issue is aiming to signify the potential of alternative methods to the conventional (pseudo) Van Krevelen diagram, by revealing the underlying chemical changes in source rocks during thermal advance.





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