Special Issue

Advances in the Solvent Extraction of Metals

Message from the Guest Editor

The extraction of metals from their ores is at the base of every civilization. Solvent extraction is an industrially relevant technique well-suited for the separation and purification of metals, on the laboratory bench as well as at large scale. With this technique, an aqueous solution containing a metal ion of interest is contacted with an organic solution containing a metal-selective extractant. Although it has been investigated for long time, solvent-extraction systems exhibit unique physicochemical properties which are particularly challenging to elucidate due to the presence of the aqueous/organic interface. This Special Issue of *Metals* aims to present and discuss the latest advances in all aspects of the solvent extraction of metals. Reviews, articles, and short communications that focus on either fundamental or applied research are equally welcomed. A non-exhaustive list of topics of interest includes approaches to solvent-extraction intensification (energy, water, and chemicals reduction and improved extraction efficiency), interfacial and extractant chemistry, equilibrium and kinetic modelling, analytical techniques, and unit operations.

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