



Minerals as Advanced Materials

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Minerals have been of great interest to chemists and physicists. The disadvantage of minerals is the presence of impurities that hamper or even preclude the study of physical properties on natural samples. However, the discovery of minerals with new structures and chemical compositions facilitates the identification of new chemical compounds that can be later prepared in the lab and put under the scrutiny of the physical characterization. This approach “from minerals to materials” avoids the trial-and-error method, often used in an exploratory synthesis, and may be advantageous over computational predictions of thermodynamic stability that can be biased by inaccuracies of the computational methods.

This Special Issue welcomes contributions on minerals and their synthetic analogues, new mineral species with potentially interesting applications, mineralogical crystallography, synthesis of mineral-related compounds, and properties of mineral-related inorganic materials.

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