

Special Issue

Advances in Particle Morphological Analysis and Current Characterization Applications in Mineral Processing

Message from the Guest Editors

Since ores must be physically or chemically processed before being converted into usable metals or finished mineral products, particle properties such as size and shape are critical for liberating and separating valuable minerals from their gangues, improving their separation efficiency, and employing them in the modeling and simulation of comminution unit operations. Since comminuted particles have non-spherical particles, they behave differently from the homogeneous spherical particles that are traditionally used as models. Therefore, not only their size and distribution but also their shape become crucial in mineral processing applications. Characterizing particle shapes helps to determine the connection between process efficiency and product quality and offers opportunities to increase production efficiency. Thus, this Special Issue welcomes the shape characterization of particles in mineral processing operations (screening and classification, ore sorting, gravity separation, magnetic separation, electrostatic separation, leaching, and flotation) by using new techniques and approaches.

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