Special Issue

Barite

Message from the Guest Editors

Barite is a natural mineral which not only occurs in hydrothermal environments but also forms as unwanted scale. It is a highly insoluble mineral and has therefore been studied as a model for sparingly soluble salts. Furthermore, barite is relevant to ocean sedimentology and the geochemistry where the trace elements taken up during crystallization are used as a proxy to understand the marine barium cycle. We welcome studies including:

- Experimental and theoretical work;
- The barite-water interface;
- Geochemistry of barite in oceanic settings;
- Nucleation and growth of barite and isostructural minerals;
- Crystallography, bulk, and surface physical properties of barite and isostructural minerals;
- Environmental aspects: Scale formation of barite-type minerals and incorporation of foreign ions, remediation of pollutants by barite;
- Reactive transport and barite-based model systems;
- NORM and barite:
- Crystallography, bulk, and surface physical properties of barite and iso-structural minerals;
- Environmental aspects: Scale formation of barite-type minerals;
- Reactive transport and sulphate as model systems in porous media.

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