

Special Issue

Applications of Microscopy Image Processing and Machine Learning in Thin Sections

Message from the Guest Editors

It is surprising how a thin slice of a rock or mineral sample prepared in a laboratory, known as thin section or petrographic thin section, can be used with different microscopic techniques such as polarizing petrography, electron microscopy, electron microprobe, cathodoluminescence, Raman spectroscopy, micro-X-ray fluorescence, etc. This versatility of analytical techniques makes thin sections applicable and useful for a variety of interests:

- Sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic petrography;
- Oil and gas exploration and production reservoir characterization;
- Digital rock physics;
- Cultural materials and conservation research;
- Mineral deposits exploration;
- Concrete analysis;
- And many others.

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