

Special Issue

Sulfates: Crystal-Chemistry and Their Geological Significance

Message from the Guest Editors

Sulfate minerals play an important role in modern society, being a component of our mineral economy and having a remarkable environmental significance. Indeed, they are widespread in acid mine drainage systems, where they could remove or temporarily store acidity and metals. More than 400 sulfate mineral species are currently known. These species occur in several kinds of geological settings, both on our planet as well as on other terrestrial planets and icy moons of the Solar System. They occur in evaporitic settings, in hydrothermal veins, or they can be the weathering products of ore deposits, providing interesting clues about the geological evolution of the studied occurrences. This Special Issue welcomes contributions on sulfate mineralogy, describing their crystal-chemistry (also under non-ambient conditions), their variable geochemistry, and giving further insights into their genesis and kinds of occurrence.

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