

## Special Issue

# Processing of Metal Sulfides in Seawater and Other High Ionic Strength Aqueous Media: Theory and Practice

### Message from the Guest Editors

The use of non-conventional sources of water such as seawater and other high ionic strength aqueous media to process metal-sulfides-bearing ores has become a more common practice in the mineral processing industry. The presence of inorganic and in some cases organic compounds strongly modifies the surface properties of particles of the metal sulfides and gangue minerals dispersed in water. As a result, the efficiency of the different stages of the processing plants of metal sulfide ores is strongly affected. One example is the use of seawater in concentrators located in some dry mining areas, which causes important changes in the physicochemical conditions of the mineral suspensions, affecting the efficiency of the whole processing chain (i.e., grinding, froth flotation, and solid-liquid separation). We invite you to contribute to this Special Issue entitled "Processing of Metal Sulfides in Seawater and Other High Ionic Strength Aqueous Media: Theory and Practice". Papers from academia and industry are welcome.

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