

Special Issue

Minerals Down to the Nanoscale: A Glimpse at Ore-Forming Processes

Message from the Guest Editors

Many new insights have been obtained owing to the expanding development of analytical capability at the nanoscale, including transmission electron microscopy, nanoSIMS, microbeam X-ray absorption spectrometry, and atom probe. In-situ slicing, 3D-tomography, or electron backscatter diffraction on focused-ion-beam-platforms allows unparalleled opportunities to bridge scales of observation on sites of petrogenetic interest. This session invites analytical and experimental studies demonstrating that physicochemical properties observable at the nanoscale represent important clues to elucidate the character and timing of geological processes, including but not limited to magmatic and hydrothermal ore genesis and associated alteration. The special issue will include papers presented in the session of the same name at Goldschmidt-2018 in Boston (session O6b) but submission is encouraged to all authors wishing to publish new research demonstrating a nanoscale approach to ore-forming processes and similar topics.

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