

Special Issue

Modelling of Sustainable Extractive Metallurgy Processes

Message from the Guest Editors

The field of extractive metallurgy continues to advance as higher grade orebodies are being depleted and wastes becomes more complex to recycle. Both mineral processors and extractive metallurgists have made considerable advances in the last few decades in developing new technologies. However, experimental testing of extractive metallurgy processes is becoming more expensive. Modelling techniques have advanced significantly over the last few decades and as a result process modelling has become a valuable tool to evaluate the technical feasibility of processes. In this regard, the purpose of this Special Issue is to invite researchers in this area to share their research via open access and, in this way, help the field progress. Papers on both physical and mathematical modelling are invited. The papers should present new ideas, research and technologies, which can lead to not only economic but more environmentally-friendly processes. The fields of mineral processing, hydrometallurgy and pyrometallurgy are included.

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