

Special Issue

Mineralogy of Natural Graphite

Message from the Guest Editor

Composed solely of carbon, natural graphite forms in a wide variety of geological and even extraterrestrial environments, and in parallel with synthetic graphite, it also occurs in a wide assortment of morphologies, including not only tabular hexagonal crystals but also cones, spheres, pyramids, and even tubes. Although graphite has been used and studied for centuries, new studies continue to reveal surprises in regard to occurrences, morphologies, properties and applications. For this Special Issue we invite authors to submit original research spanning topics among all areas of the mineralogy of natural graphite. Topics of particular interest may include studies new or unusual graphite occurrences, morphological and structural studies of graphite crystals or aggregates, graphite nucleation and growth, microtopography of graphite surfaces due to growth or etching mechanisms, carbon isotope geochemistry of graphite, origin of large- or small-scale graphite deposits, role graphite in precious metal and gemstone deposits, extraterrestrial graphite, etc.

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