

Special Issue

Spinel Group Minerals

Message from the Guest Editor

Members of the spinel group are frequent accessory minerals of both igneous and metamorphic rocks and also occur as detrital grains in many sediments. Some of them, as magnetite and chromite, may be locally abundant and occur as monomineralic masses, pods, or layers. This Special Issue will focus on recent advances in the study of natural spinels from different geological setting, from deep in the Earth to meteorites, including detrital ones. These studies will include new advances via several different spectroscopic methods (IR, Raman, Mössbauer, XANES, and so on), as well as provenance studies for detrital spinels or geochemical studies, including trace elements. As spinels can be quite important in industrial application too, studies on synthetic spinels will be considered as well. The aim of this Special Issue is to bring together researchers from different fields to acquire new knowledge on their geological history and successive transformations, as well as new achievements in possible industrial applications.

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