# **Special Issue**

# Advances in Membrane Technology for Ion Separation

## Message from the Guest Editor

The growing demand for critical resource recovery, water security, and environmental remediation underscores the urgent need for precise and energy-efficient ion separation technologies. In this context, membrane-based processes have emerged as a pivotal solution for selective ion removal and fractionation. This Special Issue focuses on fundamental and applied breakthroughs in ion-selective membranes. We invite contributions addressing the following topics:

- Novel membrane materials (MOFs, COFs, biomimetic channels, graphene oxides, hybrid polymers);
- Advanced fabrication/modification techniques for enhanced selectivity, separation efficiency, and stability;
- Mechanistic studies of ion transport and separation phenomena;
- Process innovations in electrodialysis, nanofiltration, selective electro-membranes, and hybrid systems;
- Applications in mineral extraction, industrial wastewater valorization, battery recycling, and acid/base recovery;
- Sustainability analyses: energy efficiency, fouling mitigation, and lifecycle assessment.

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