



Optical Spectroscopy of Phosphate, Sulfate and Carbonate Minerals

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Collectively, phosphate, sulfate, and carbonate mineral groups occur in a wealth of terrestrial sedimentary settings. They are widely used in everyday life, they find application in a range of essential industries, and are of significant interest in planetary exploration. Considerable endeavour has been devoted to understanding the optical spectroscopic signatures of these mineral groups. However, the very nature of the challenge is such that spectroscopic characterisation of the ever-expanding list of synthetic and natural carbonate, sulfate and phosphate mineral compounds remains work in progress, as does the use of vibrational spectroscopy as a tool to decipher mineral paragenesis, hydration and dehydration reactions. Accordingly, the aim of this Special Issue is to publish papers on the most recent advances in vibrational spectroscopy in relation to the characterisation of stable and metastable carbonate, sulfate and phosphate mineral compounds.

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