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Geochemical exploration can be classified into lithochemical, pedochemical, hydrochemical, and biogeochemical methods according to the sampling medium. Such methods have been widely applied in both ore prospecting and environmental evaluation. Data digging is usually used to extract information for the assessment of both mineralization and the environment, using linear, nonlinear, and artificial intelligence methods. This Issue covers innovative research achievements in mineral exploration and environmental assessments in recent years.

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