

## Special Issue

# Advancements in Mineral Resource Characterization Using Machine Learning

### Message from the Guest Editors

The traditional methods of mineral resource characterization have long relied on geological models, statistical techniques, and manual workflows to assess the quantity, quality, and distribution of mineral deposits. However, with the rapid advancement of machine learning (ML), new opportunities are emerging to improve the accuracy, efficiency, and predictive power of these assessments. By leveraging vast and complex datasets, ML algorithms offer innovative solutions to geological and geospatial challenges, optimizing exploration, resource management, and metallurgical processes. This Special Issue seeks to explore the latest advancements in applying ML techniques to the characterization of mineral resources. The integration of ML—such as deep learning, neural networks, ensemble methods, and unsupervised learning—into resource modeling workflows holds significant potential for improving the precision of geological models, understanding mineral deposit distribution, and automating time-consuming tasks.

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