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Global Mineral Resource Exploration Using Multi-Sensor Satellite Data and Machine Learning Algorithms

Message from the Guest Editors

In recent years, global mineral resource exploration has seen significant advancements, driven by the fusion of multi-sensor satellite data and the rise in machine learning algorithms. These technological breakthroughs have transformed how we identify and assess mineral deposits, enabling more efficient, cost-effective, and accurate exploration processes. The issue will highlight innovative applications of remote sensing technologies such as hyperspectral, multispectral, and radar imaging, combined with artificial intelligence techniques like neural networks, random forests, and deep learning. Key topics include the integration of satellite data with geochemical, geological, and geophysical datasets, the development of novel machine learning models for mineral prospectivity mapping, and case studies demonstrating successful applications of these technologies in the field. We invite scholars, researchers, and practitioners to engage with this Special Issue and contribute to the ongoing discourse in this exciting intersection of geoscience and technology.

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