



Remote Sensing-based Mineral Exploration

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Multispectral and hyperspectral remote sensing data have been used for mineral identification and exploration for decades. This development has been driven, on one hand, by a need to discover new ore deposits, and, on the other hand, by technological developments, such as the miniaturization of instruments. In recent years, unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)-based remote sensing has gained momentum as an intermediate-scale and flexible solution that offers both high spatial resolution and the ability to cover large and inaccessible areas. Albeit limited to areas with no extensive vegetation or sediment cover, optical spectroscopy offers a non-destructive and potentially cost-effective means of optimizing mineral exploration strategies and identifying new ore deposits.

This Special Issue will give an overview of the latest trends in remote sensing-based mineral exploration. Papers from all perspectives relevant to the topic are welcome, including those that report new advances in laboratory-based hyperspectral imaging. In particular, papers that explore the use of recent and emerging technologies, such as deep learning algorithms and UAVs, are welcome.





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