

# Spectral data-driven modeling of geochemical elements applied to the Eastern Tianshan Cu-Ni mining area

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## Summary

Our study aims to construct a high-precision, generalized spectral data-driven model to be applied to Cu-Ni mining area for accurately locating the distribution of geochemical element anomalies. The results of Meta-analysis and Bayesian causal inference modeling show that the main factors affecting the inversion accuracy of geochemical elements are spectral transformation method, band optimization method and inversion algorithm. Then, we developed inversion model using the laboratory-satellite joint spectral data collected from Cu-Ni mining areas in Eastern Tianshan and the three models with the highest elemental inversion accuracy are Cu (SD-PCC-RF), Ni (ORI-PCC-ELM), and Cr (C\_2-PCC-RF). The findings from this research are expected to offer valuable technical insights for Cu-Ni deposit exploration in similar regions of the Eastern Tianshan and propose innovative strategies for conducting effective geochemical exploration in challenging environments.

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