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Research is focused on the evaluation of geodynamical processes (both natural and those induced by human activities), investigation of slope stability, recent tectonic and seismotectonic mobility and the Earth's shell structure, characterisation of selected deposits of mineral resources and the possibility of their utilisation, ecological utilisation of raw materials and disposal of harmful wastes, development of materials from untraditional precursors providing biomaterials, heat-resistant, construction and structural materials.

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