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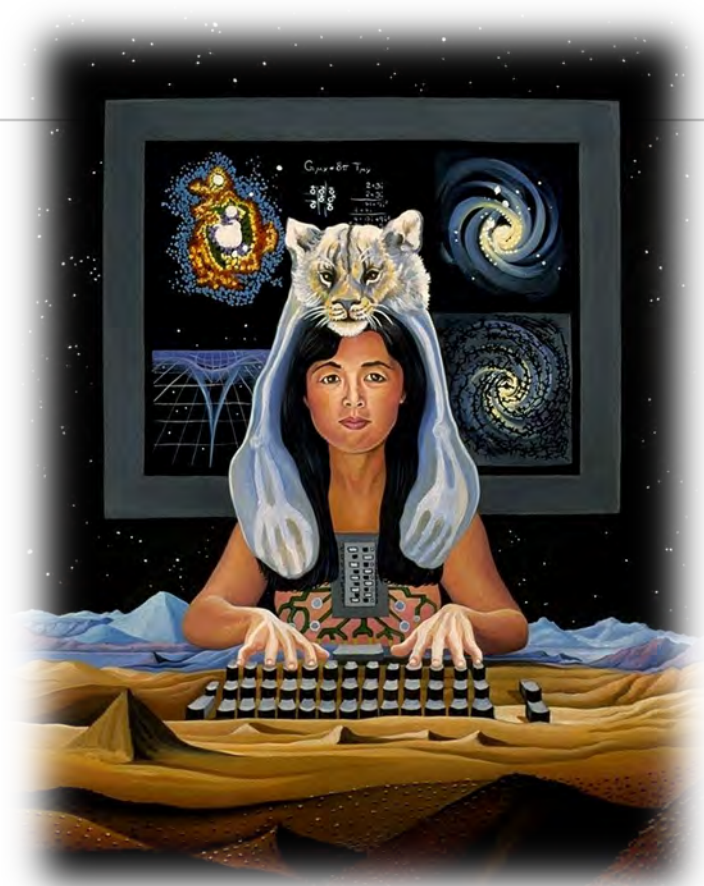
Maria Antonia Brovelli

Artificial intelligence (AI) is **intelligence** demonstrated by **machines**, as opposed to **intelligence displayed by humans** or **by other animals**. "Intelligence" encompasses the ability to learn and to reason, to generalize, and to infer meaning

Artificial_intelligence, https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Artificial_intelligence&oldid=1161042240 (last visited June 20, 2023)

A Cyborg Manifesto – **Donna Haraway**, 1985 (Essay published in Socialist Review (US)).

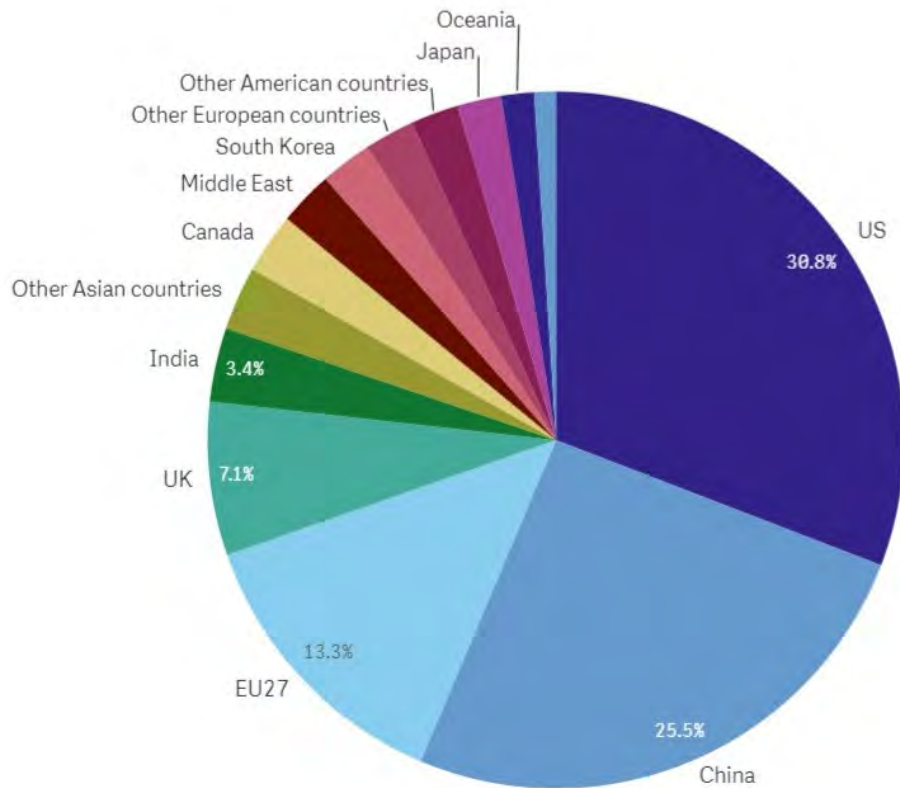
In it, the concept of the cyborg represents a rejection of rigid boundaries, notably those separating "human" from "animal" and "human" from "machine."



Cyborg, 1989, Lynn Randolph

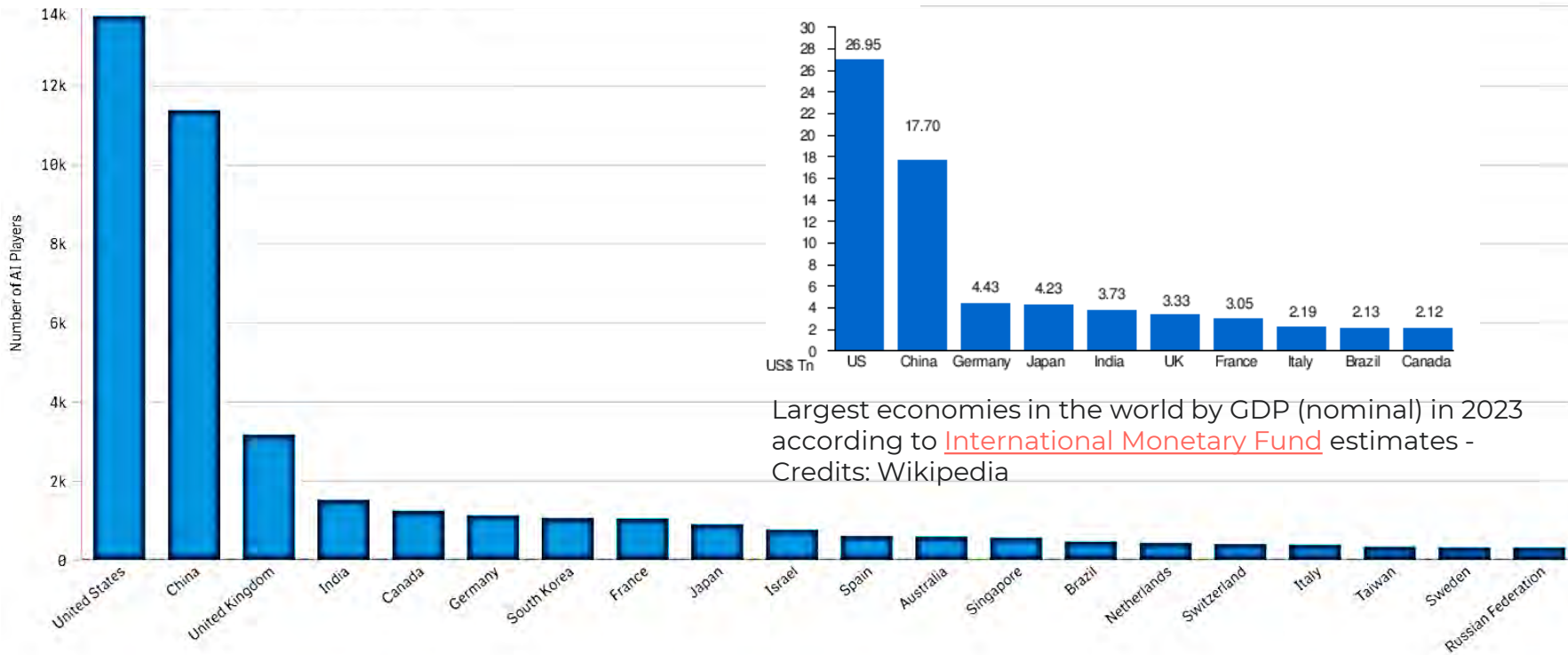


SOME STATISTICS

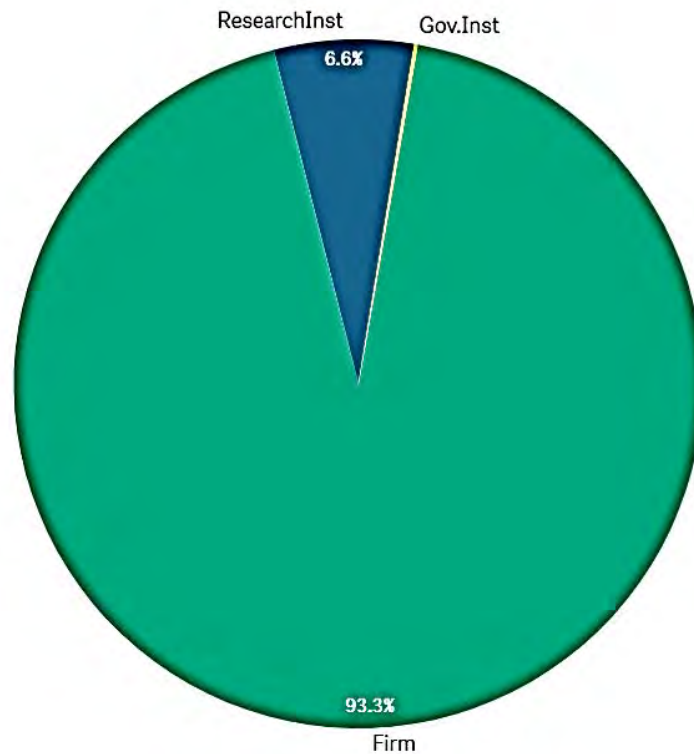




AI Players in the AI landscaper by Country (top 20)

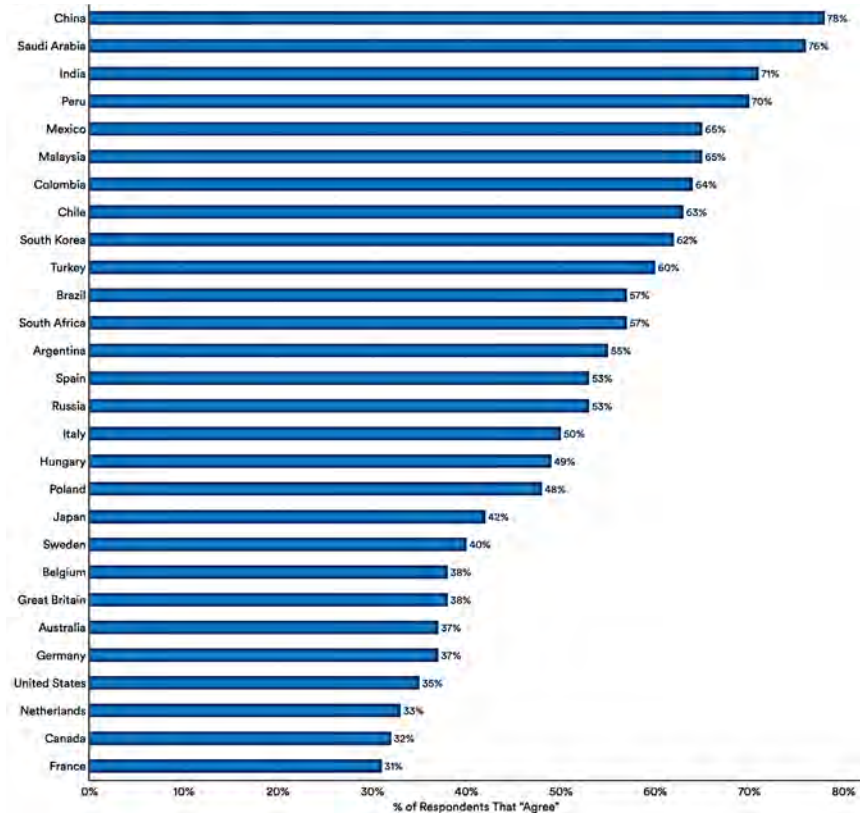


Largest economies in the world by GDP (nominal) in 2023 according to [International Monetary Fund](#) estimates - Credits: Wikipedia





“Products and services using AI have more benefits than drawbacks” by Country (% of Total), 2022





AI Advisory Body

High-level Advisory Body on Artificial Intelligence

- **The Global AI Imperative**

Globally coordinated AI governance is the only way to harness AI for humanity, while addressing its risks and uncertainties, as AI-related applications, algorithms, computing capacity and expertise become more widespread internationally.

- **The UN's Response**

To foster a globally inclusive approach, the UN Secretary-General is convening a multi-stakeholder High-level Advisory Body on AI to undertake analysis and advance recommendations for the international governance of AI.

- **Calling for Interdisciplinary Expertise**

Bringing together up to 38 experts in relevant disciplines from around the world, the Body will offer diverse perspectives and options on how AI can be governed for the common good, aligning internationally interoperable governance with human rights and the Sustainable Development Goals.

- **A Multistakeholder, Networked Approach**

The Body, which will comprise experts from government, private sector and civil society, will engage and consult widely with existing and emerging initiatives and international organizations, to bridge perspectives across stakeholder groups and networks.

- **Supporting the Body**

The UN is calling for support to the Body's operations and the Secretariat, based in the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology (OSET). Through their support, contributors will strengthen stakeholder cooperation on governing AI in the face of pressing technical breakthroughs, and thereby contribute to better-governed AI globally.

ROADMAP – TOWARDS GLOBALLY INCLUSIVE AI GOVERNANCE OPTIONS

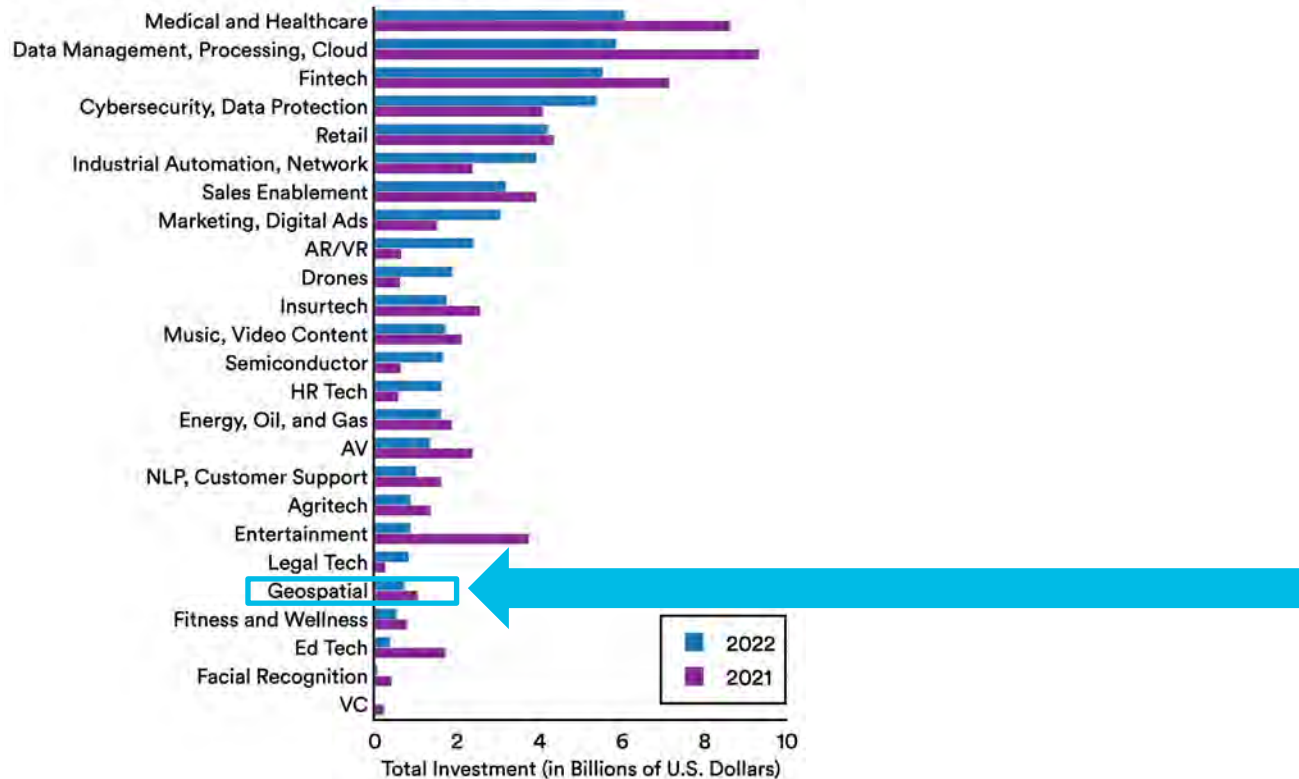




WHY DOES GEOSPATIAL AI MATTER?

Private Investment in AI by Focus Area, 2021 Vs. 2022

Source: NetBase Quid, 2022 | Chart: 2023 AI Index Report



[GEOAI CHALLENGE GUIDELINES](#)

Everything happens somewhere

Sky



Satellite



Aircrafts



Drone

Optical (images & videos), LIDAR, SAR, Multi/Hyper Spectral and GNSS

Ground



Surveying



Points of Interest



Govt Records



Enterprise Data



IOT



Public Cameras



Navigation Support (RTK, CORS)



GPS Trajectories



Geotagged Media



User Reviews



Social Media



Geotagged Actions



WiFi Metadata



Bluetooth

User Generated Content

Water + below surface level



Ships



Boats



Submarines/ Underwater ROV

Optical (images & videos), SONAR, LIDAR and Bathymetric

WHY DOES GEOSPATIAL AI MATTER? FROM MAPS ...



Credits:

<https://luciodp.altervista.org/scuola/storia/mappe/peutingeriana.html#s05>

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WHY DOES GEOSPATIAL AI MATTER? ... TO THE DIGITAL TWIN EARTH AND THE METaverse

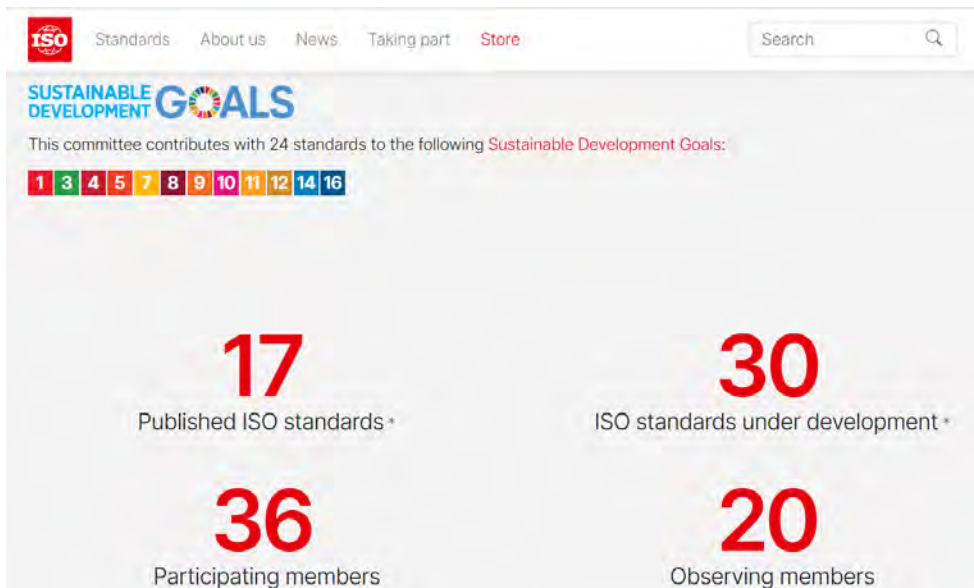


[Credits: ESA - Digital Twin Earth, quantum computing and AI take centre stage at ESA's \$\Phi\$ -week](#)

- THE FUNDAMENTALS OF MACHINE LEARNING
 - A pattern exists
 - We cannot determine it mathematically (→ learning from data)
 - We have data on it
- ❖ The machine is able to **learn** from the **data** and **understand** the **underlying patterns** that are contained within it.
- ❖ **DATA and specifically GEODATA is an essential component**



The ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 42 Artificial intelligence Committee was established in 2017.



Areas of interest:

- foundational standards
- **data**
- trustworthiness
- use cases and applications
- computational approaches



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Andrej Karpathy former director of Autopilot Vision at Tesla



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SUMMIT 2018
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Amount of lost sleep over...

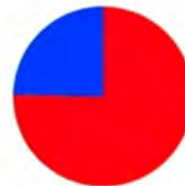
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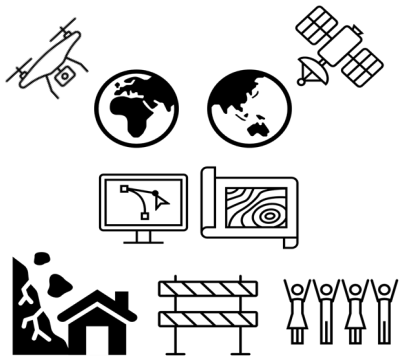
■ datasets
■ models and algorithms



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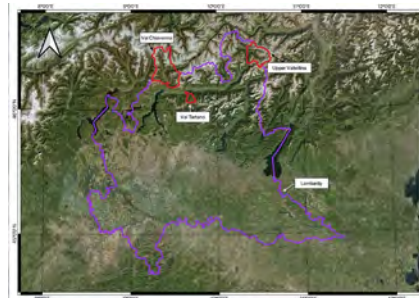
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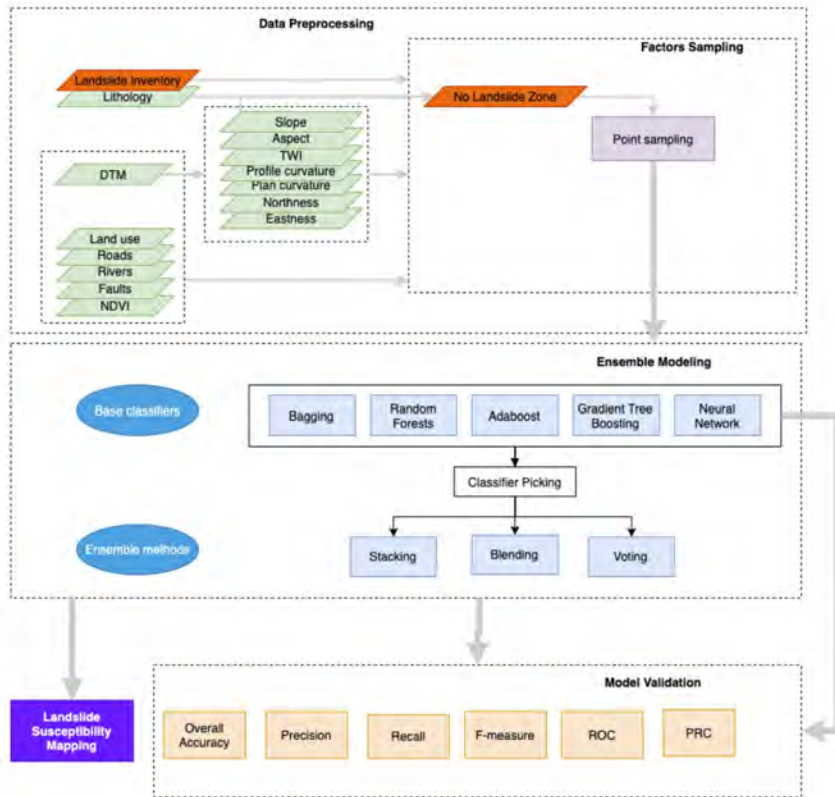




- Authoritative maps
- Satellite/aerial/drone imagery
- Authoritative databases
- Crowdsourced data

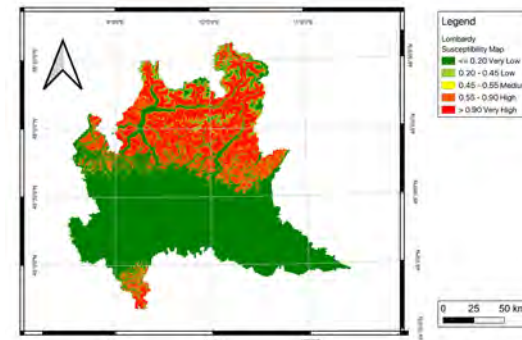
Aim: generate landslide susceptibility maps using different ensemble methods. The case study was the Lombardy region (Northern Italy). The analyses were first applied to some smaller regions (Val Tartano/Upper Valtellina/Val Chiavenna), and then extended to the whole region.





OA = 95.93%,
 Precision = 95.41%,
 Recall 96.51%,
 F1 = 95.96%

Map produced based on Neural Networks model trained on Val Tartano, Valchiavenna and Upper Valtellina.



Xu Qiongjie, Vasil Jordanov, Maria A Brovelli



How much geodata we need?

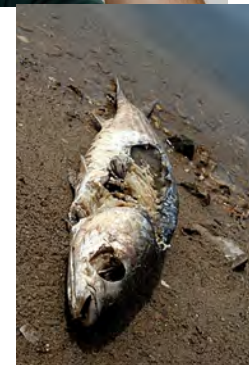
The amount of data required for machine learning depends strongly on

- **The complexity of the problem**, i.e., the unknown underlying function that best link the input variables to the output variable.
- **The complexity of the learning algorithm**, i.e., the algorithm used to learn the unknown underlying mapping function from specific examples.

→ **THE MORE DATA WE HAVE, THE BETTER IS
(PROVIDED THAT THE DATA ARE GOOD)**

- The sample of data must be
 - **representative** of the problem to be solved
 - **good quality**

A gastronomic comparison: the choice of ingredients





A BIG NUMBER IS NOT ENOUGH



Are the technology or the experience of the chef enough for ensuring a delicious dish?

Use domain knowledge or find a domain expert to justify the domain and amount of data that may be needed to properly understand the complexity of the problem.



Data **collection** process, **aggregating, combining, labelling, pre-processing, quality evaluation** and **data governance** are key steps in building a quality AI system.

Real-world datasets are often 'dirty' and come with a variety of data **quality problems**.

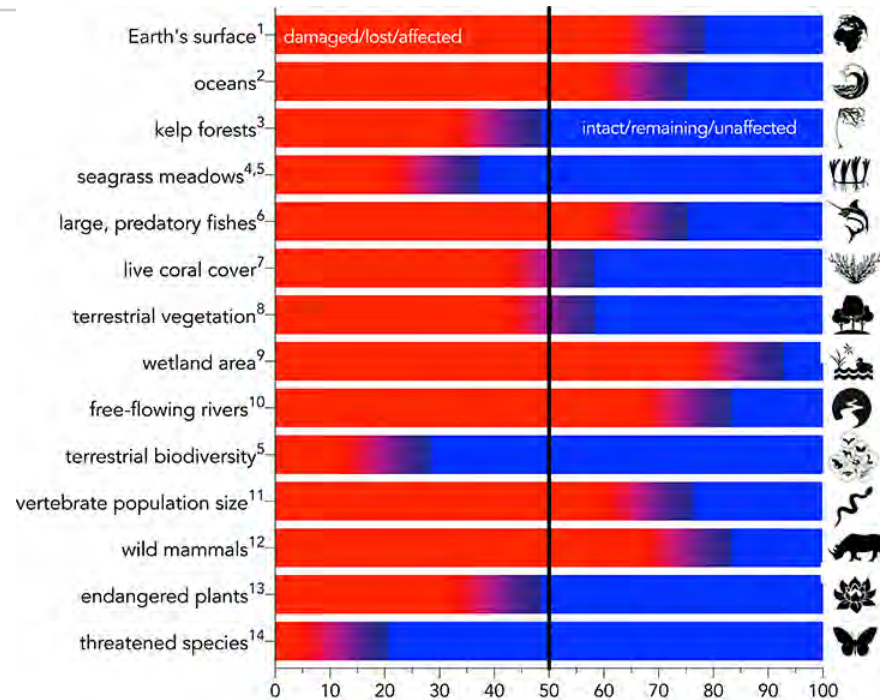
But **data quality is crucial** to ensure that the ML system using that data can accurately represent and predict the phenomena it is claiming to measure. Understanding and improving data quality to **avoid the garbage in, garbage out** problem is fundamental.

Very often we need specialized datasets by **region**, demographics, phenomena, or species, and **we are experiencing lack of data especially in under-digitized environments**.

With limited digital infrastructures and fewer socio-economic datasets, data collection must be done from scratch through **field partners**. This is a cost but can be also an opportunity of **introducing AI literacy to partners**.

[Public Participatory GIS and Spatial Data Infrastructure in Disaster Management](#)
(QField, Epicollect, LandslideSurvey, Geopaparazzi and everything you want to know about OSM)





Summary of major environmental-change categories expressed as a percentage change relative to the baseline given in the text. Red indicates the percentage of the category that is damaged, lost, or otherwise affected, whereas blue indicates the percentage that is intact, remaining, or otherwise unaffected. Credits: Wikipedia (Biodiversity loss)

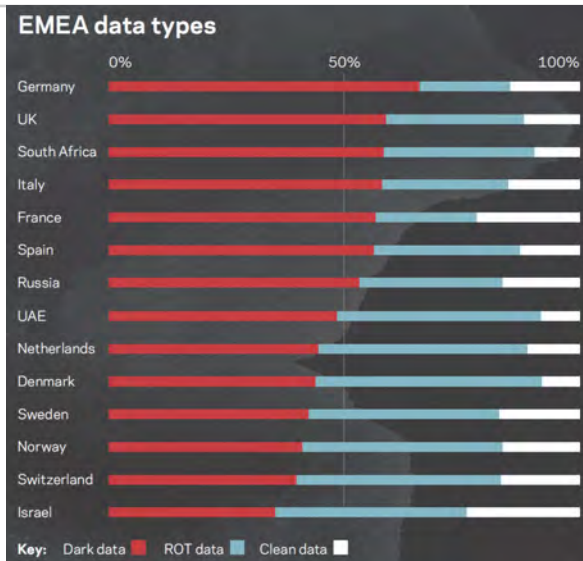


THE DATABERG REPORT: **SEE WHAT OTHERS DON'T**

VERITAS

2015

Europe, Middle East, and Africa



The 3 myths driving data hoarding

- ~~MORE DATA = MORE VALUE~~
- ~~STORAGE IS FREE~~
- ~~ALL DATA IS EQUAL~~



- **After the intoxication of big data, we must begin to think about the ECOLOGY OF DATA, especially in the era of machines that must be fed with data**



- **Open Data Aggregators** ([Kaggle](#), [Google Search](#), [DataHub](#), [OpenML](#), [VisualData](#), [SpaceNet](#), [Radiant Earth Foundation](#))
- **Public Authoritative Datasets (Europe: Copernicus, INSPIRE)**
 - Open Data Directive (Directive EU 2019/1024), the European Commission was tasked to adopt an implementing act (December 2022) specifying **high-value datasets** (HVDs) that organizations in the scope of the Directive will have to make available **free of charge, in machine-readable format** and **via APIs**, and, where relevant, **as a bulk download**.
- **Citizen Science Projects**



List of high-value datasets (Geospatial and Earth Observation and environment)

Geospatial

- Administrative units
- Geographical names
- Addresses
- Buildings
- Cadastral parcels
- Reference parcels
- Agricultural parcels

Earth observation and environment

- Hydrography
- Protected sites
- Elevation
- Geology
- Land cover
- Orthoimagery
- Area management/restriction / regulation zones & reporting units
- Bio-geographical regions
- Energy resources
- Environmental monitoring facilities
- Habitats and biotopes
- Land use
- Mineral resources
- Natural risk zones
- Oceanographic geographical features
- Production and industrial facilities
- Sea regions
- Soil
- Species distribution
- Air
- Climate
- Emissions
- Nature preservation and biodiversity
- Noise
- Waste
- Water

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The partnership of citizen science and machine learning: Benefits, risks and future challenges for engagement, data collection and data quality

Lotfian, M., Ingensand, J., Brovelli, M.A.
Sustainability (Switzerland), 2021, 13(14), 8087

Integration of machine learning and citizen science to address the challenges of public engagement and data validation

Lotfian Maryam, PhD thesis, 2021.



Planet OSM

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[see the project wiki.](#)

Complete OSM Data

[Latest Weekly Planet XML File \(torrent\) \(RSS\)](#)

128 GB, created 3 hours ago.
md5: 3fbad6f8f84827344939fa8737928675.

[Latest Weekly Changesets \(torrent\) \(RSS\)](#)

5.8 GB, created 3 hours ago.
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[Latest Weekly Planet PBF File \(torrent\) \(RSS\)](#)

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md5: cbe463be01a70ec4115272acb9f34f1f.

Each week, a new and complete copy of all data in OpenStreetMap is made available as both a compressed XML file and a custom PBF format file. Also available is the 'history' file which contains not only up-to-date data but also older versions of data and deleted data items.

A smaller file with complete metadata for all changes ('changesets') in XML format is also available.

Using The Data

You are granted permission to use OpenStreetMap data by [the OpenStreetMap License](#), which also describes your obligations.

You can [process the file](#) or extracts with a variety of tools. [Osmosis](#) is a general-purpose command-line tool for converting the data among different formats and databases, and [Osm2pgsql](#) is a tool for importing the data into a Postgis database for rendering maps.

[Processed coastline data](#) derived from OSM data is also needed for rendering usable maps.

Extracts & Mirrors

The complete planet is very large, so you may prefer to use one of [several periodic extracts](#) (individual countries or states) from third parties. [GeoFabrik.de](#) and [BBBike.org](#) are two providers of extracts with up-to-date worldwide coverage.

A New Method for the Assessment of Spatial Accuracy and Completeness of OpenStreetMap Building Footprints, Brovelli, M.A.; Zamboni, G. *ISPRS Int. J. Geo-Inf.* (2018), 7, 289. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijgi7080289>

Assessing OSM building completeness using population data,

Yuheng Zhang, Qi Zhou, Maria Antonia Brovelli & Wanjing Li (2022) International Journal of Geographical Information Science, DOI: [10.1080/13658816.2021.2023158](https://doi.org/10.1080/13658816.2021.2023158)

Assessing OSM building completeness for almost 13,000 cities globally

Qi Zhou, Yuheng Zhang, Ke Chang and Maria Antonia Brovelli (2022) INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF DIGITAL EARTH2022, VOL. 15, NO. 1, 2400–2421
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17538947.2022.2159550>

The screenshot displays the SIMILE Web App interface. On the left, a smartphone shows the SIMILE logo. The main area features a map titled "MAPPA" showing the Insubrian lakes region with various monitoring stations marked by colored circles (5, 10, 176, 275). To the right of the map is a grid of six data cards, each representing a monitoring station. Each card includes weather conditions, temperature, wind speed, a timestamp, a photograph of the lake, and a label for the observed phenomenon.

Weather	Temperature	Wind Speed	Timestamp	Image	Label
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Nuvoloso	25.7 °C	1.8 m/s	27/05/2023 03:45 PM		Algae
Nuvoloso	25.6 °C	1.8 m/s	27/05/2023 03:44 PM		
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A Chat with Andrew on MLOps: From Model-centric to Data-centric AI

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Nithya Sambasivan, Shivani Kapania, Hannah Highfill, Diana Akrong, Praveen Paritosh, Lora Aroyo. 2021. **“Everyone wants to do the model work, not the data work”**: Data Cascades in High-Stakes AI . In *CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '21)*, May 8–13, 2021, Yokohama, Japan. ACM, New York, NY, USA, 15 pages. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3411764.3445518>



MODEL CENTRIC

- Keep the data the same and improve the code or model architecture.
Working on code is the central objective of this approach (**90% of research papers in the ML domain are model-centric**)

DATA CENTRIC

- Systematically improving datasets to increase the accuracy of ML applications.
Working on data is the central objective of this approach.

Model-centric ML

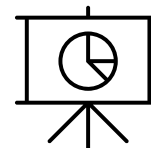
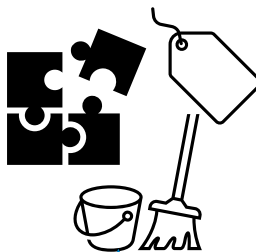
Central objective: working on code

Optimizing the model to deal with the noise in the data

Inconsistent data labels

Data is fixed after standard preprocessing

Model is improved iteratively



Data-centric ML

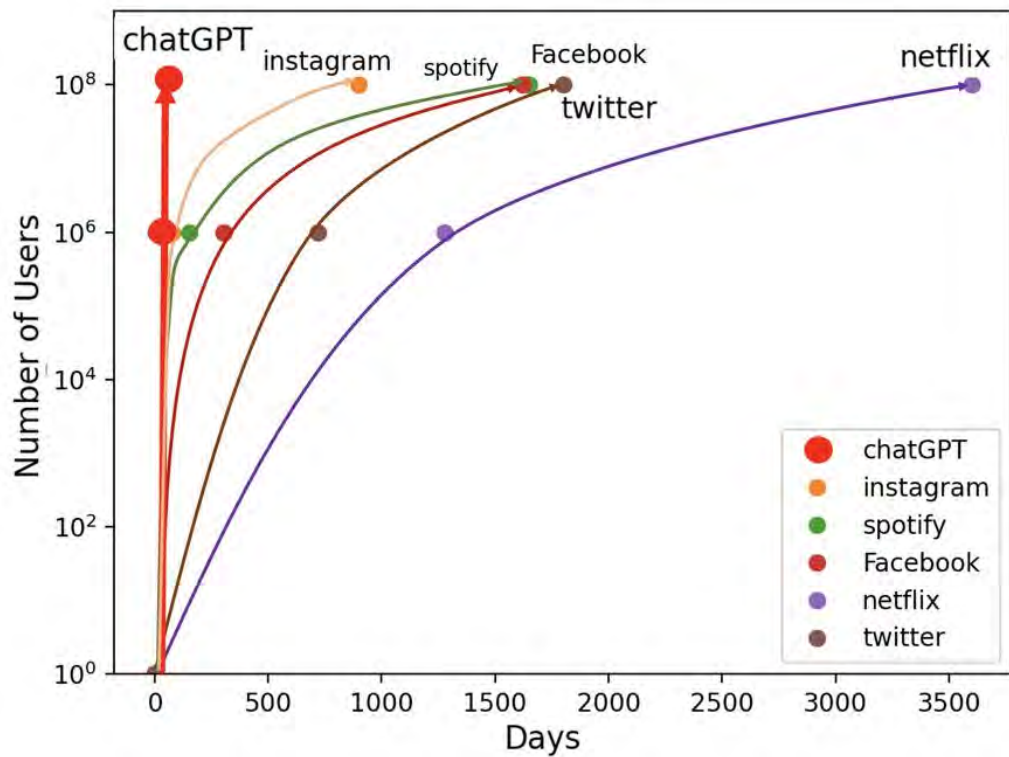
Central objective: working on data

Invest in data quality tools

Data consistency is key

Code/algorithms are fixed

Iterated the data quality



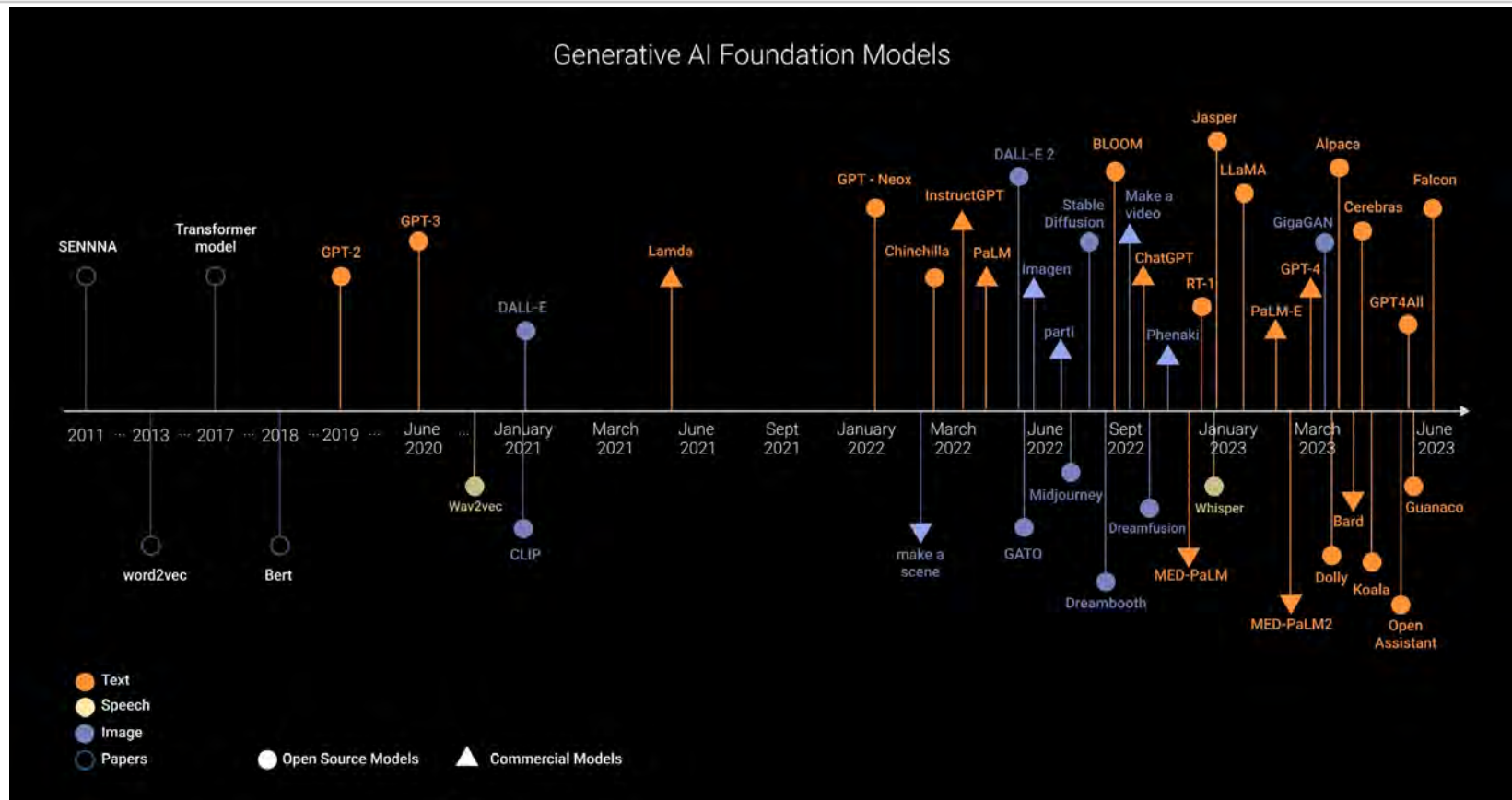
Number of days to 1M and 100M users – Kyle Hayley (9 February 2023)



Large Language Models (LLM) are based on deep learning neural networks and are trained on massive amounts of text data. The more data it is trained on, the better it will be at generating new content.

Foundation Models (FM) are artificial intelligence systems with versatile capabilities that can be tailored for various specific purposes. The primary model serves as a base or foundation upon which other components can be constructed. LLM is an example of FM referring to languages.

Generative Artificial Intelligence (also generative AI or GenAI) is artificial intelligence capable of generating text, images, or other media, using generative models. Generative AI models learn the patterns and structure of their input training data and then generate new data that has similar characteristics.





Geospatial knowledge is not solely confined to vector and raster data; it also encompasses **textual, graphical, and chart-based representations**. The latter formats incorporate analytical assessments, qualitative information, and non-conventional insights beyond what is typically found in conventional geographic information system (GIS) data.

The connection between information and location can be present in **metadata**, embedded in documents, or inferred from the contextual details we extract.

But geospatial has much more: **Raster and Vector data**.

ChatGPT code interpreter plugin equips ChatGPT with the capacity to formulate and run code in natural language, facilitating effective data examination, file transformations, and beyond.



ChatGPT's Code Interpreter executes Python code

Data Analysis and Visualization: Analyze and visualize your data offline using packages like pandas, numpy, scipy, xarray, matplotlib, seaborn, plotly, and bokeh.

Natural Language Processing and Machine Learning: Dive into text data with nltk, spacy, textblob, and gensim, or build machine learning models with scikit-learn, xgboost, keras, and torch.

Image and Audio Processing: Manipulate and analyze images and audio with pillow, imageio, opencv-python, scikit-image, librosa, pyaudio, and soundfile.

File Format Manipulation and Web Development: Handle various file formats with openpyxl, xlrd, pyPDF2, python-docx, or build web applications with flask, django, tornado, and quart.



An attempt to build a Geospatial FM is Queriable Earth (Microsoft AI for Good Lab and Planet): 'how next-gen AI can make satellite data more accessible for all by making it searchable, conversational and context-aware.'

<https://youtu.be/dNaPmRu0b9Q>

Credits: Planet

Queriable California **Demo**

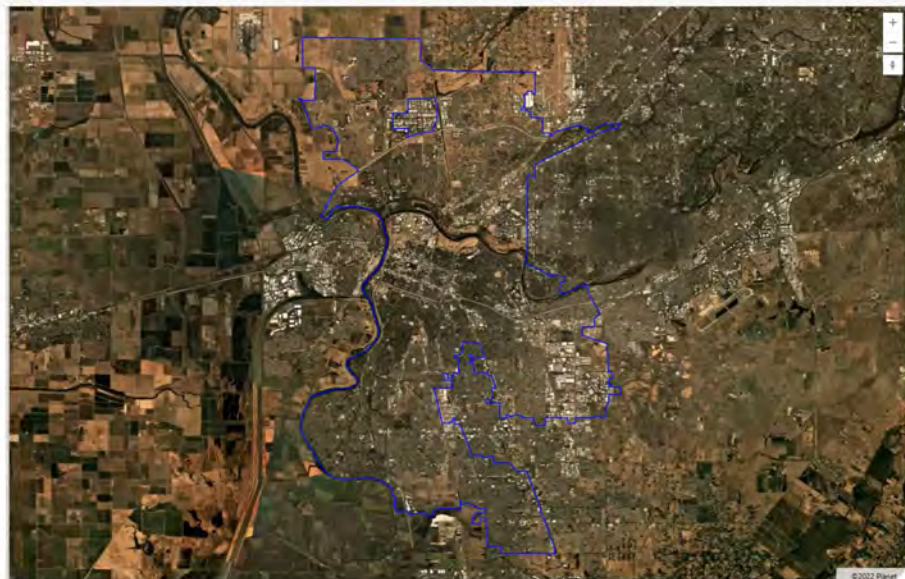
Microsoft planet

What was the average land surface temperature in Sacramento in 2005?

The average land surface temperature in Sacramento in 2005 was 10.68 degrees Celsius.

Land surface temperature is the temperature of the land cover, which includes soil, vegetation, and other materials found on the ground.

Land Surface Temperature, Planet Labs



Queriable Earth: combining satellite imagery and next-generation AI



A significant achievement has been reached through a collaborative effort between NASA and IBM Research in a public/private partnership. This collaboration has resulted in the introduction of NASA's inaugural open-source geospatial artificial intelligence (AI) foundational model designed for Earth observation data. The model, HLS Geospatial FM, has been developed utilizing NASA's Harmonized Landsat and Sentinel-2 (HLS) dataset

<https://www.earthdata.nasa.gov/news/impact-ibm-hls-foundation-model>

The screenshot shows the EarthData website header with the NASA logo and the text 'EARTH DATA OPEN ACCESS FOR OPEN SCIENCE'. Navigation links for 'Data', 'Topics', 'Learn', 'Engage', and 'About' are visible. The main article title is 'NASA and IBM Openly Release Geospatial AI Foundation Model for NASA Earth Observation Data'. Below the title, a sub-headline reads: 'Based on NASA's Harmonized Landsat Sentinel-2 (HLS) data, the artificial intelligence (AI) foundation model is a milestone in the application of AI for Earth science.' The author is identified as Josh Blumenfeld, dated Aug 8, 2023. The article text states: 'A public/private partnership involving NASA and IBM Research has led to the release of NASA's first open-source geospatial artificial intelligence (AI) foundation model for Earth observation data. Built using NASA's Harmonized Landsat and Sentinel-2 (HLS) dataset, the release of the HLS Geospatial Foundation Model (HLS Geospatial FM) is a milestone in the application of AI for Earth science. The model has a wide range of potential applications, including tracking changes in land use, monitoring natural disasters, and predicting crop yields. The HLS Geospatial FM is available at Hugging Face[®], a public repository for open-source machine learning models.' To the right of the text is a satellite image of a river delta. Further right is a sidebar with 'Topics' (Human Dimensions, Land Surface) and 'Sensors' (MSI, OLI).



Geographic Bias:

- the training data is collected on a large scale, which is prone **to being influenced by overrepresented communities or regions;**
- the extensive number of parameters and intricate model structures pose **challenges in interpreting and mitigating biases;**
- the geographical bias present in the foundation models can be effortlessly **passed on to all subsequent adapted models.**

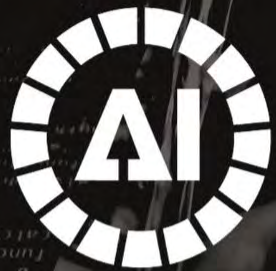
→ **We need data everywhere and this in principle can be also an opportunity**



Spatial (and Temporal) Scale.

Generalizability vs Spatial Heterogeneity → When working with geospatial data of **diverse spatial scales**, it is desirable to have a FM that can learn overarching spatial patterns while retaining specific details associated with each location.

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- **GeoAI Discovery** Channel on GeoAI applications, highlighting its relevance to the Sustainable Development Goals.
- **GeoAI Challenge**, a competition aimed at providing solutions for collaboratively addressing real-world geospatial problems by applying artificial intelligence (AI)/machine learning (ML).



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GeoAI

Geospatial AI (GeoAI), the emerging scientific discipline at the intersection of geospatial data and artificial intelligence, is the new frontier of technological innovation that promises to transform entire business industries.

Geographic information systems (GIS) have been used widely to present a view of our world based on geographic and geospatial data. Started as the basic capability to visualize information on maps to improve efficiency and decision-making, GIS has conceptually evolved to include the Digital Twin Earths for revisiting the past, understanding the present and predicting the future.

Nowadays we are undergoing significant new developments expanding the use of geographic data in a way that promises to disrupt entire sectors as energy, transportation, healthcare, agriculture, insurance and institutions in the public/private sector (weather centres, national labs)

Behind the rise of geospatial AI are three trends: increased availability of geospatial Earth Observation data both from flying (satellites, airplanes, and UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicle)) and on the ground sensors, the advancement of AI (particularly machine and deep learning), and the availability of massive computational power.

This series provides a forum for leading voices in the fields of geospatial and AI across various sectors (private sector, academia, governments, national and international organizations) to describe latest research and real applications of GeoAI to meet the Sustainable Development Goals.

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Geospatial AI/ML applications and policies – A global perspective (<i>Zoom</i>)	13 April 2021	260	-	284
Workshop: Satellite data analysis and machine learning classification with QGIS – Part 1 (<i>Zoom</i>)	27 April 2021	1347	-	6887
Workshop: Satellite data analysis and machine learning classification with QGIS – Part 2 (<i>Zoom</i>)	11 May 2021	896	-	4515
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Education in GEOAI: a challenge and an opportunity

AI for Good Workshop “Building a foundation for geospatial AI: defining a syllabus and body of knowledge”
Geneve, 5 July 2023

5 July 2023

In person and Online

Building a foundation for geospatial AI: defining a syllabus and body of knowledge - updated on June 15th

14:00 - 17:30

Maria Antonia Brovelli (Politecnico di Milano), Andrea Manara (ITU), Andrew Zolli (Planet)...

Workshop

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- WG1 – GEOAI Syllabus for developers
- WG2 – GEOAI Syllabus for appliers
- WG3 – GEOAI Syllabus for decision-makers
- WG4 – GEOAI Body of Knowledge

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GeoAI Challenge

Everything happens somewhere – applying machine learning to geospatial analysis

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Join the GeoAI Challenge in 2023 (second edition), a competition aimed at providing solutions for collaboratively addressing real-world geospatial problems by applying artificial intelligence (AI)/machine learning (ML). Through this platform, participants will attempt to address the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related problems using real-world data. In addition, participants will acquire hands-on experience in AI/ML in areas relevant to solving SDGs and compete for prizes, recognition, and certificates.

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GEOAI Challenge 2023

Compute platform

ITU provides a state-of-the-art, free-of-charge compute platform to participants of the Challenge who do not have adequate access to compute in their respective institutions. The compute platform will provide participants with access to:

- Free GPUs and CPUs
- Hosted Jupyter notebook server
- Python kernel
- Pre-installed machine learning packages, e.g. PyTorch and Tensorflow

GeoAI Challenge Timeline

7 July 2023 Start	31 October 2023 Deadline Project	30 November Evaluation
December Challenge Finale		



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Air pollution susceptibility mapping in Milan, Italy



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Cropland mapping with satellite imagery



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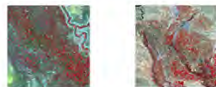
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Develop accurate, cost-effective classification model for cropland extent mapping with ML techniques in three test regions.

Location Mention Recognition (LMR) from Social Media Crisis-related Text, Qatar



Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF), was founded in 2010 to continue fulfilling QF's vision of unlocking human potential.



Qatar Computing Research Institute (QCRI) is a national research institute, established in 2010 by QF. QCRI operates under the umbrella of Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU).



Qen Labs Inc. is a Geospatial AI (GeoAI) company focused on enabling and measuring growth towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the fusion of geospatial data with other public and private datasets. They develop AI algorithms that leverage the spatiotemporal attributes of both structured and unstructured data to provide actionable insights.



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This challenge contributes to the SDGs 10 and 11.

#HYPERVIEW

The HYPERVIEW Challenge: Estimating Soil Parameters from Hyperspectral Images

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2nd SDG
3rd SDG
15th SDG

This challenge contributes to the SDGs 2nd, 3rd and 15th



GeoAI Challenge for Air Pollution Susceptibility Mapping by ITU

Can you build a air quality susceptibility map for Milan?

Prize

\$1 000 USD


Time

Ended 15 days ago

Participants

35 active - 207 enrolled

Helping

 Italy

GEO-AI Challenge for Landslide Susceptibility Mapping by ITU

Can you build a landslide susceptibility map for a specific watershed in the Italian Alps?

Prize

\$1 000 USD


Time

Ended 25 days ago

Participants

20 active - 196 enrolled

Helping

 Italy



GEO-AI Challenge for Cropland Mapping by ITU

Can you develop a cropland mapping tool with machine learning?

Prize

\$4 000 USD

Time

Ended 24 days ago

Participants

74 active - 326 enrolled

Helping

Iran (Islamic Republic of), Sudan and Afghanistan

GeoAI Challenge Location Mention Recognition from Social Media by ITU

Can you predict where a microblogging post is from based on its text?

Prize

1 000 CHF

Time

Ended 7 days ago

Participants

28 active - 138 enrolled

GeoAI Challenge Estimating Soil Parameters from Hyperspectral Images by ITU

Can you predict soil parameters from hyperspectral earth observation data?

Prize

\$1 000 USD

Time

14 days to go

Participants

36 active - 164 enrolled



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