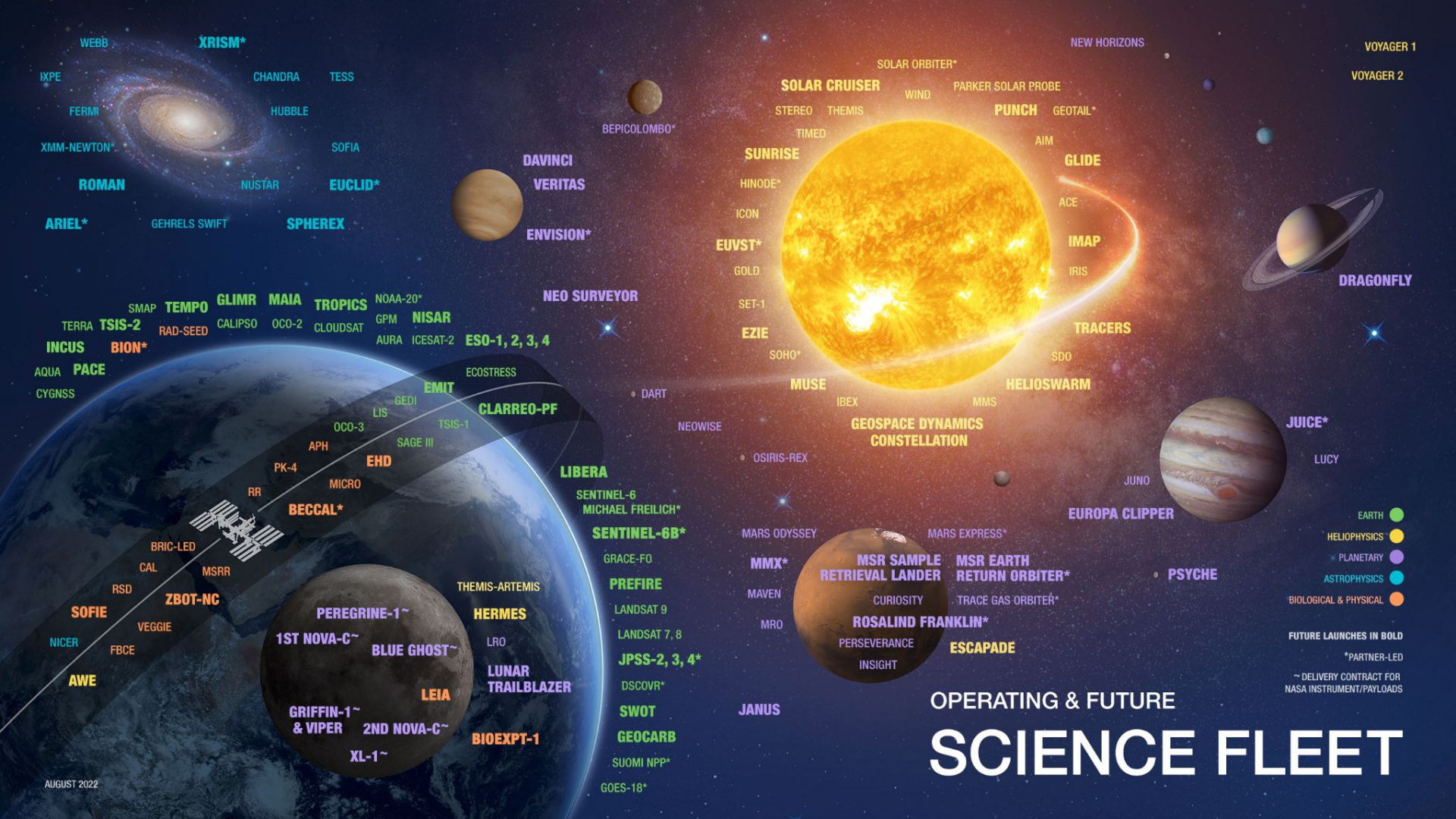


# AI & Science: NASA Perspective

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ARIEL\*  
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TESS  
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NUSTAR  
EUCLID\*  
GEHRELS SWIFT  
SPHEREX

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INCUS  
AQUA  
CYGNSS  
TSIS-2  
BION\*  
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GEOSPACE DYNAMICS  
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SDO

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EUROPA CLIPPER  
PSYCHE

MARS EXPRESS\*  
TRACE GAS ORBITER\*

# OPERATING & FUTURE SCIENCE FLEET

NEW HORIZONS  
VOYAGER 1  
VOYAGER 2

DRAGONFLY

JUICE\*  
LUCY

- EARTH ●
  - HELIOPHYSICS ●
  - PLANETARY ●
  - ASTROPHYSICS ●
  - BIOLOGICAL & PHYSICAL ●
- FUTURE LAUNCHES IN BOLD  
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MAIAC Aerosol Optical Depth  
Terra and Aqua / MODIS

Fires and Thermal Anomalies (Day, 375m)  
Suomi NPP / VIIRS

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Terra / MODIS

Corrected Reflectance (True Color)  
Terra / MODIS

+ Add Layers Start Comparison



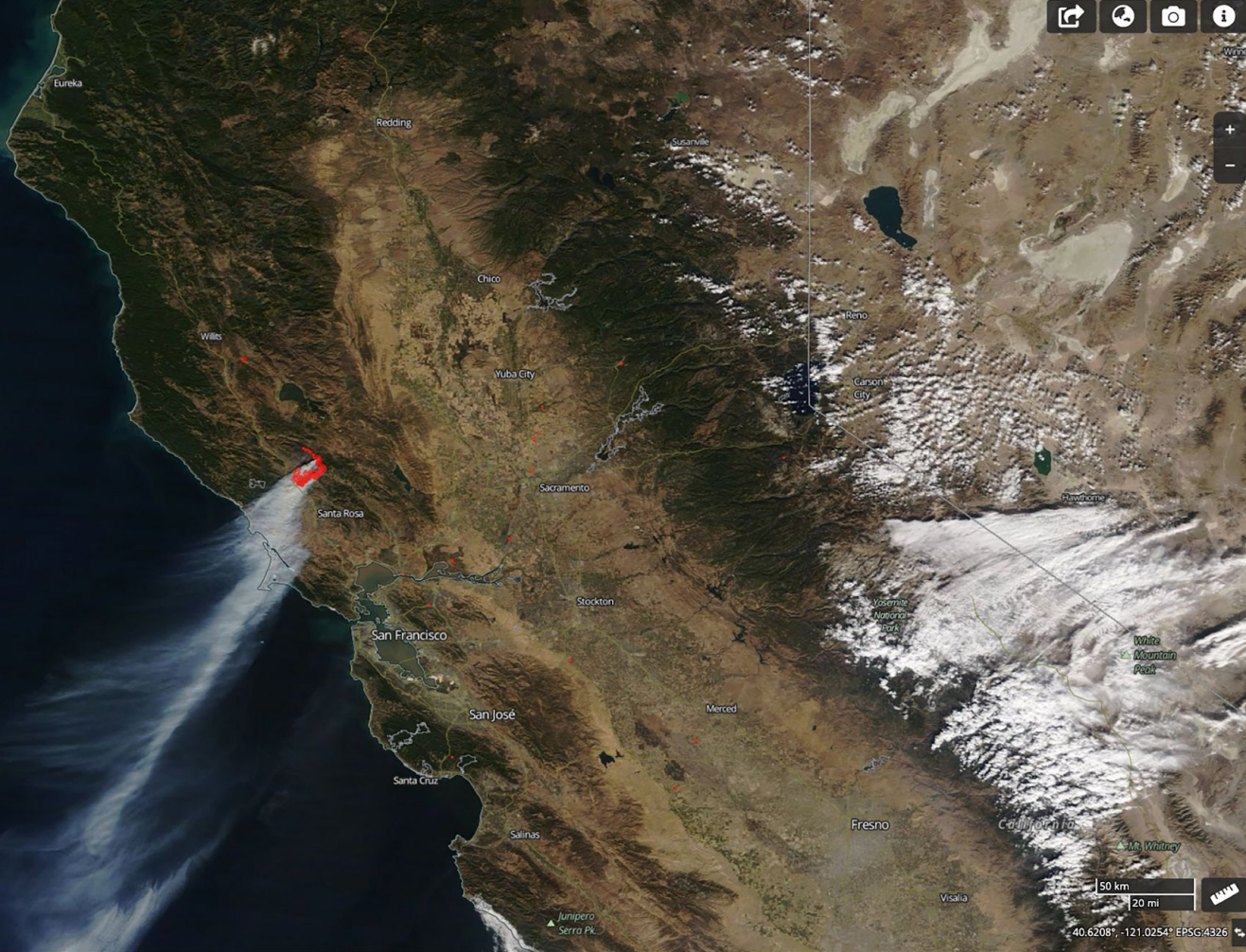
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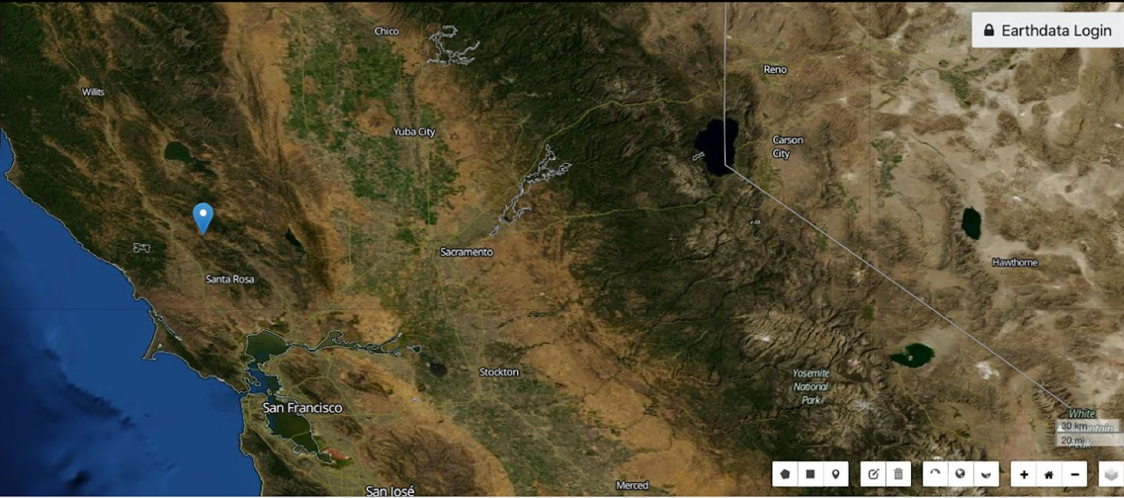


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- Browse Collections
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  - Map Imagery
  - Near Real Time
  - Customizable
- Keywords
- Platforms
- Instruments
- Organizations
- Projects
- Processing levels

fire

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
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
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Tip: Add + collections to your project to compare and download their data.

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
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MOD14A2 v006 - LP DAAC
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MOD14A1 v006 - LP DAAC
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**MODIS/Aqua Thermal Anomalies/Fire Daily L3 Global 1km SIN Grid V006**

3 Granules • 2002-07-04 ongoing • The Aqua Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) Thermal Anomalies and Fire Daily (MYD14A1) Version 6 data are generated every eight days at 1 kilometer (km) spatial resolution as a Level 3 product. MYD14A1 contains eight consecutive days of fire data conveniently packaged into a single file. The Science Dataset (SDS) layers include the fire mask, pixel quality indicators, maximum fire-radiative-power (MaxFRP), and the position of the fire pixel within the scan...

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+ Code + Text

✓ RAM   
Disk



```
✓ [139] answer, result = query("how many active fires were there in canada yesterday?")
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✓ [140] answer
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✓  result
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**Scientific process is fundamentally  
changing due to AI**

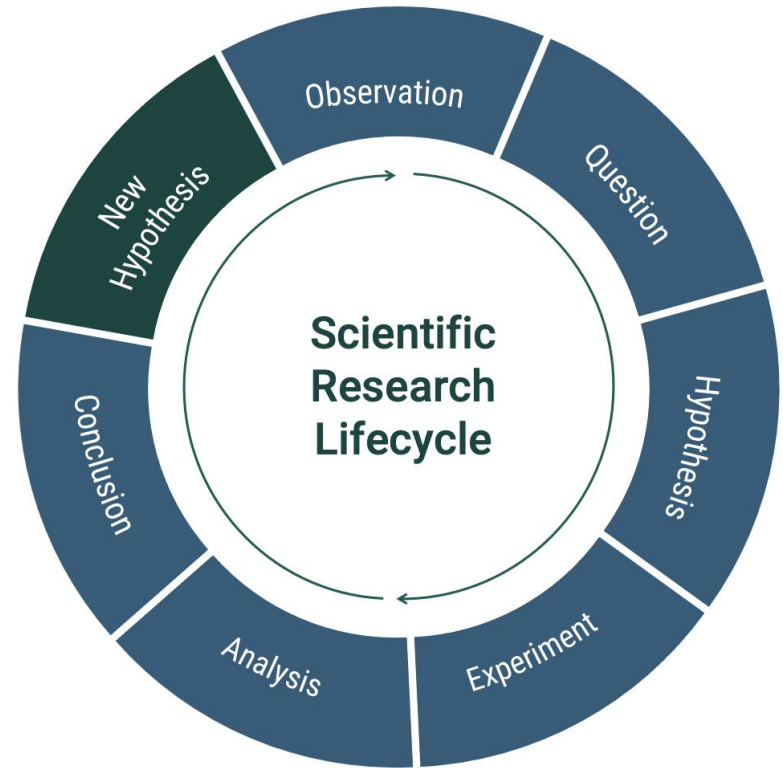
# How can we best utilize AI tools in science?

AI has the potential to change every step of the science research lifecycle

AI can speed up scientific discovery process - no repetitive tasks

Completely new AI generated hypothesis?

AI use should be disclosed





# Science

## Artificial Intelligence

Turing machine

Artificial Intelligence term coined

Early development of knowledge-representation

Perceptron

## Machine Learning

Computers “learn” the algorithms rather than programming them directly

Knowledge based systems

Neural network with back propagation

Deep blue beats Kasparov

## Deep Learning

ImageNet

AlphaGo

## Foundation Model

BERT

ChatGPT

1950

1960

1970

1980

1990

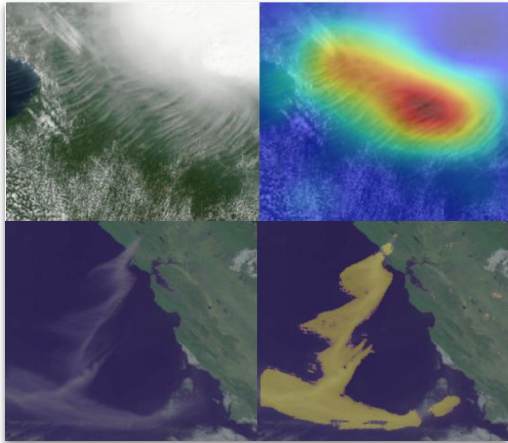
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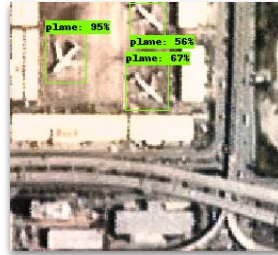
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# Supervised learning over the years...



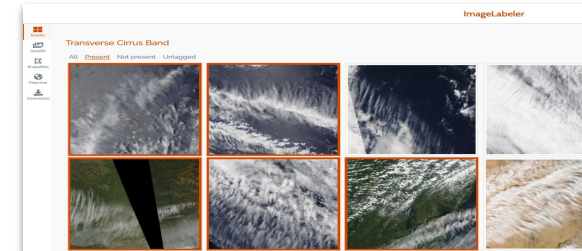
Atmospheric phenomena  
identification



COVID 19 indicators



Marine debris segmentation



Labeling tools

# Limitations of Supervised Learning

## Advancing Application of Machine Learning Tools for NASA's Earth Observation Data

Jan. 21-23, 2020 | Washington, D.C.  
Workshop Report

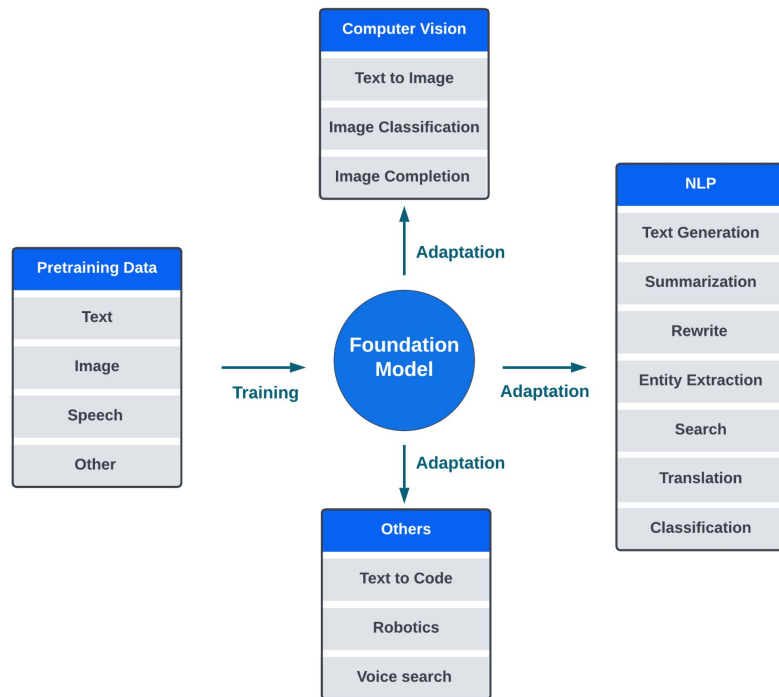


Maskey et al. "Advancing AI for Earth Science: A Data Systems Perspective," AGU Eos 2020

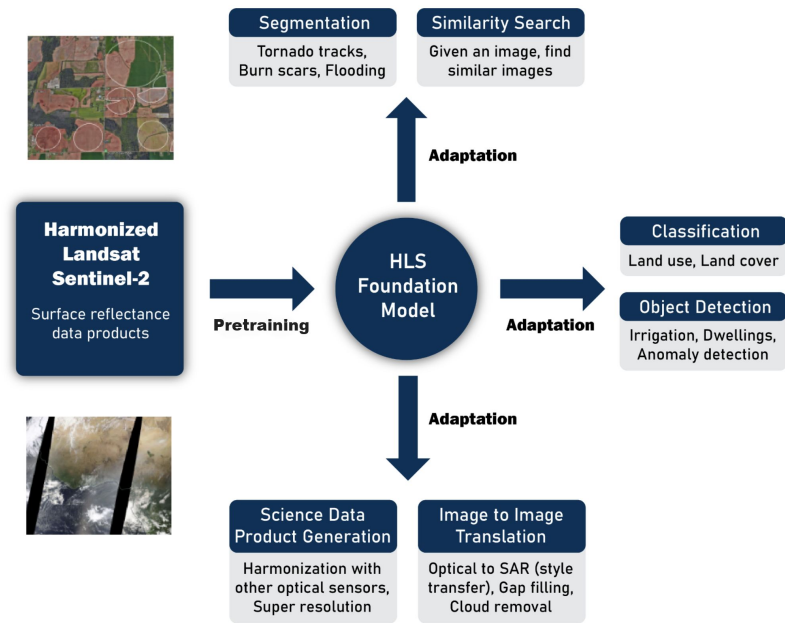
- **Training data** is the main component of supervised machine learning techniques and is increasingly becoming the **main bottleneck to advance applications of machine learning** techniques in Earth science.
- Geoscience models must **generalize across space and time**; however, for supervised learning one needs large training datasets to build generalizable models.

# AI foundation models

- Large-scale models pre-trained on vast amounts of data, serving as a starting point for fine-tuning on specific tasks
- Unlike traditional models FMs are pre-trained on general data and then adapted to specialized tasks
- Pre-training captures broad knowledge, allowing for versatility across multiple applications
- Substantially reduce the downstream effort for building AI applications, including the need for large labeled training datasets



# Geospatial foundation model with Harmonized Landsat Sentinel-2: Prithvi



- Build with collaboration with IBM Research
- Initial version released are 100M and 300M parameter models
- Masked Autoencoder where attention mechanism is extended in space and time
- Being evaluated for adaptation for different categories of downstream tasks

**Collaborators:** IBM, UAH, Clark University, ORNL, Hugging Face

## Foundation Models for Generalist Geospatial Artificial Intelligence

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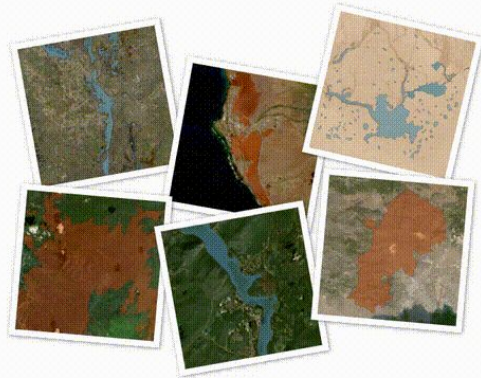
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## AI-powered Earth Insights

AI-powered Earth Insights is a system that leverages the first of its kind open-source geospatial AI foundation model developed by NASA and IBM Research. It uses the Harmonized Landsat Sentinel-2 Foundation (HLS) data and models that are fine-tuned on Flood mapping and Burn scar segmentation tasks. It allows users to inference on the fine-tuned models and visualizes the results.

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# Understanding of foundational knowledge

**Knowledge of AI is critical to  
develop scientific applications**

**Scientific knowledge is critical to  
evaluating AI results**

## **Sloppy Use of Machine Learning Is Causing a 'Reproducibility Crisis' in Science**

AI hype has researchers in fields from medicine to sociology rushing to use techniques that they don't always understand—causing a wave of spurious results.

Source: WIRED

# Ethical issues

Bias and Fairness

Transparency and Explainability

Safety and Security

Human-AI Collaboration

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## Garbage in, garbage out: mitigating risks and maximizing benefits of AI in research

**Artificial-intelligence tools are transforming data-driven science – better ethical standards and more robust data curation are needed to fuel the boom and prevent a bust.**



# What AI advances are needed to realize science goals?

*AI = Algorithm + Data (lots of data):*  
Algorithms that can learn from less data?

Novel data management

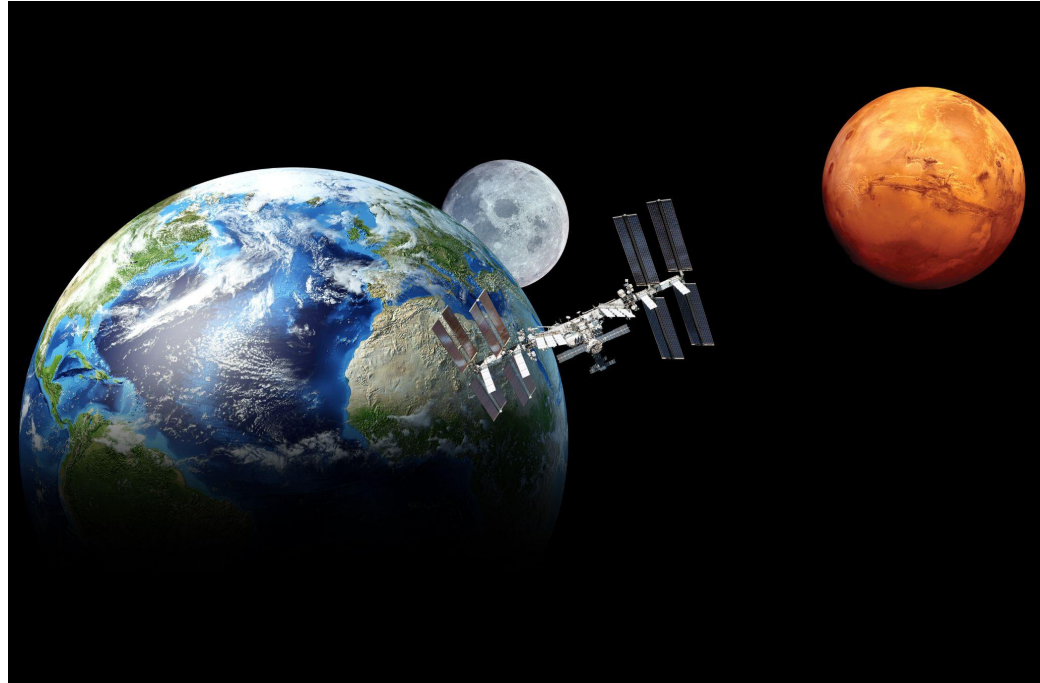
X-disciplinary tools

Optimization techniques

Ethical and explainable AI

Automated hypothesis generation

Affordable



# Transforming Science with AI

AI Integration in every step of the scientific discovery and understanding

Responsible AI outputs

Efficient data utilization and model development

Collaboration and Open Science

Need for foundational science and computer science knowledge

Infrastructure and ecosystem development

