Special Issue

Feature Papers for AI and Big Data in Earth Science

Message from the Guest Editor

The rapid advancement of artificial intelligence, machine learning, and big data analytics is revolutionizing how we observe, model, and understand the Earth system. The increasing availability of diverse remote sensing data, such as radar, optical, and LiDAR acquired through multiplatform (drone and satellite) and multi-resolution systems, is reshaping how Earth processes are observed, analyzed, and modeled. The integration of heterogeneous datasets with AI-driven methodologies offers new opportunities to develop more accurate, interpretable, and scalable models of environmental dynamics.

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AI and machine learning applications in geoscience, climate, and environmental modeling.
Big data analytics and data fusion for remote sensing and Earth observation.
Integration of radar, optical, and LiDAR data from multiplatform and multi-resolution systems.
Open-source and cloud-based frameworks for large-scale environmental data analysis.
Interpretable AI, uncertainty quantification, and model validation in Earth system studies.

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