

## Special Issue

# Advancing Earth Observation Through Artificial Intelligence: From Foundation Models to Intelligent Retrieval Systems

### Message from the Guest Editors

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) are rapidly transforming the landscape of Earth Observation (EO), offering unprecedented capabilities to process, interpret, and exploit satellite data. This Special Issue aims to showcase top-notch research that leverages AI/ML to enhance the utility, precision, and accessibility of remote sensing data across atmospheric, oceanic, and land domains. We invite contributions that address core challenges and opportunities at the intersection of AI and EO, including the development of foundation models, the emulation of complex physical processes, and the creation of AI-native retrieval and detection algorithms. Key topics include, but are not limited to, the following: Foundation Models for Earth Observation; AI for data fusion and data assimilation; Satellite Retrieval Algorithms; Radiative Transfer Emulators; Data Curation for AI; Super-Resolution in Remote Sensing; Radar Proxy Learning; Cloud Detection and Scene Classification.

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