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GeoAl (Geospatial AI) and GeoGAI (Geospatial Generative AI) used in geospatial research: extensive systematic review

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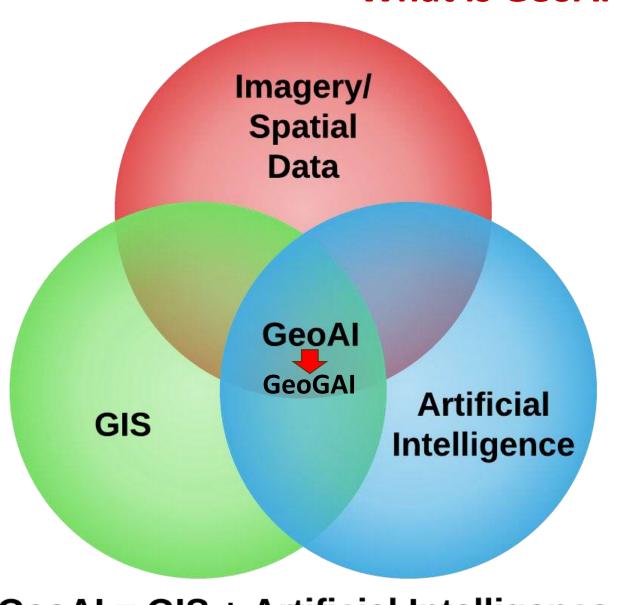




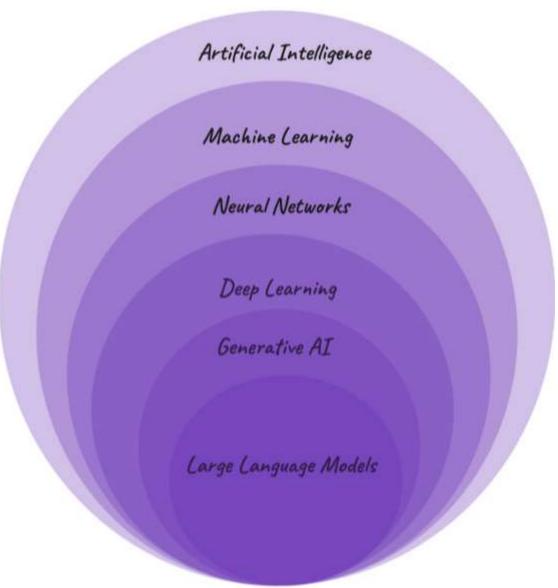




## What is GeoAl and GeoGAl?



**GeoAl = GIS + Artificial Intelligence** 



**Broad AI Family** 

# How GeoAl and GeoGAl have been used in geospatial research?

**Review 1: (by May, 2023)** 

An extensive systematic review of GeoAl in Human Geography

**Review 2: (by Dec, 2023)** 

A systematic review of GeoGAI (LLMs, ChatGPT, etc) in geospatial studies

# Review 1: An extensive systematic review of GeoAl in Human Geography



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# **Keyword scoping**

#### Cultural geography

the study of cultural phenomena, including language, religion, and customs, and how they vary across different places and regions

#### Urban geography

the study of urban space and its physical, social, and economic characteristics, and relationships between urban and surroundings

#### Rural geography

the study of rural areas and the people, communities, and landscapes that make up those areas

#### **Environmental geography**

the study of the effect of physical environment (including biosphere, species, etc) on population and human society

#### Natural Language Processing

enabling computers to understand, interpret, and generate human language, e.g., chatbots, virtual assistants, and language translation

#### Economic geography

the spatial organization of economic activities, and the impact of economic factors on human activity and physical environment

#### Population geography

the study of populations and factors (e.g., urbanization or demographics) that influence population growth and movement

#### Regional geography

the study of specific regions, e.g., continents, countries, cities, or even smaller areas, e.g., river basins or mountain ranges

#### Political geography

the study of political systems and how it shapes human activity across borders, territoriality, and geopolitical relations across states

#### Social geography

the study of social phenomena, e.g., social classes, ethnic groups, social divisions, identity, discrimination and inequality

#### Transport geography

the study of the mobility of people, freight, and information e.g., origin, destination, extent, nature, and purpose of mobility

#### Historical geography

the study of historical phenomena and how historical landscapes and material culture shape human and urban environment over time

#### Health geography

the study of distribution of diseases, healthcare access, and healthcare delivery, the impact of environment on human health

#### Behavioural geography

the study of how human behaviour is shaped by environment, e.g., perception and the psychological effects of environmental change

#### Tourism geography

the study of tourism impact on human activity and environment, e.g., tourist behaviour and development, and the cultural and environmental impacts of tourism

# GeoAl

**Human Geography** 

concentrates on the spatial organization and

processes shaping the lives and activities of people, and their interactions with places and

creating intelligent machines that can perform tasks that typically require human intelligence

**Artificial Intelligence** 

#### Computer Vision

enabling computers to interpret and understand the visual world, such as object recognition, image classification, and facial recognition.

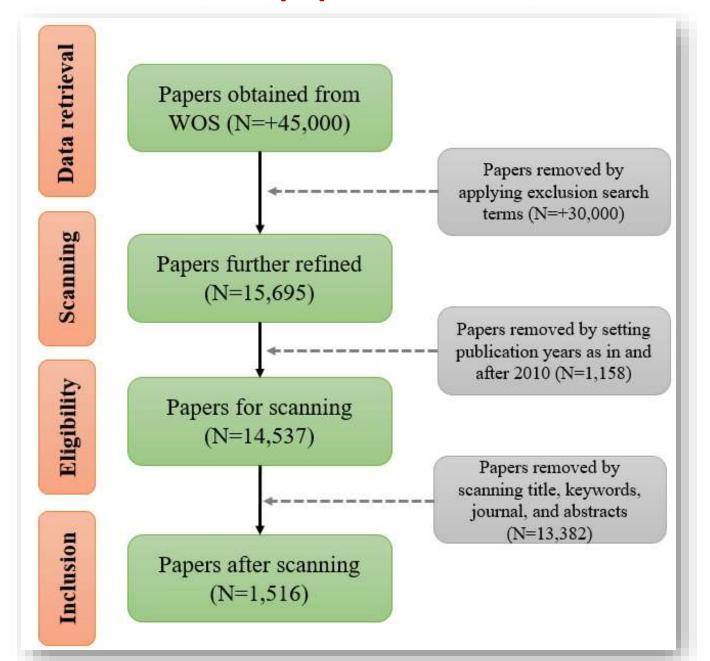
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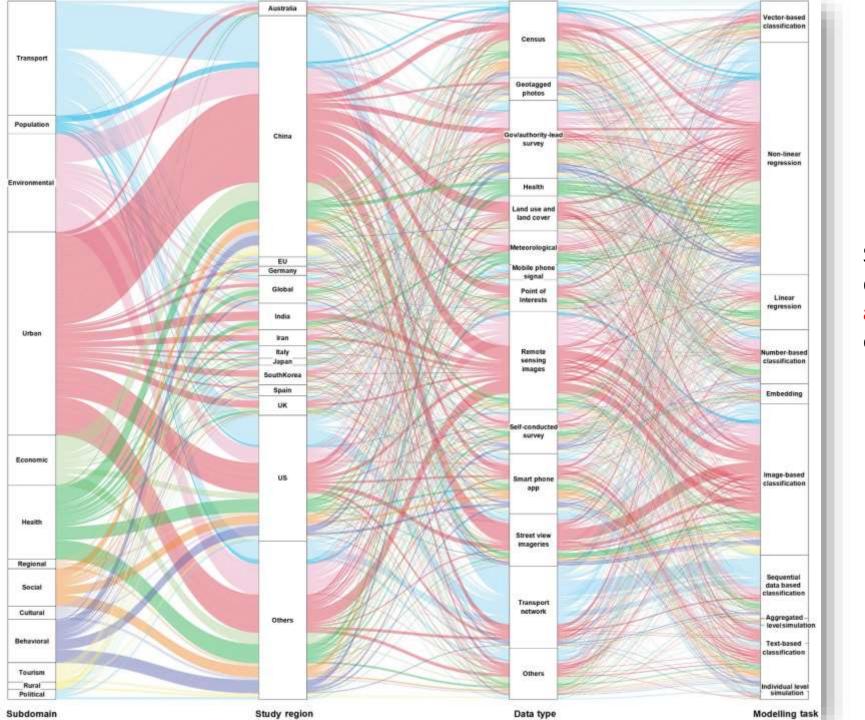
enables systems to learn and improve from experience without being explicitly programmed, .e.g. use of statistical models to identify patterns in data and make decisions

#### Deep learning

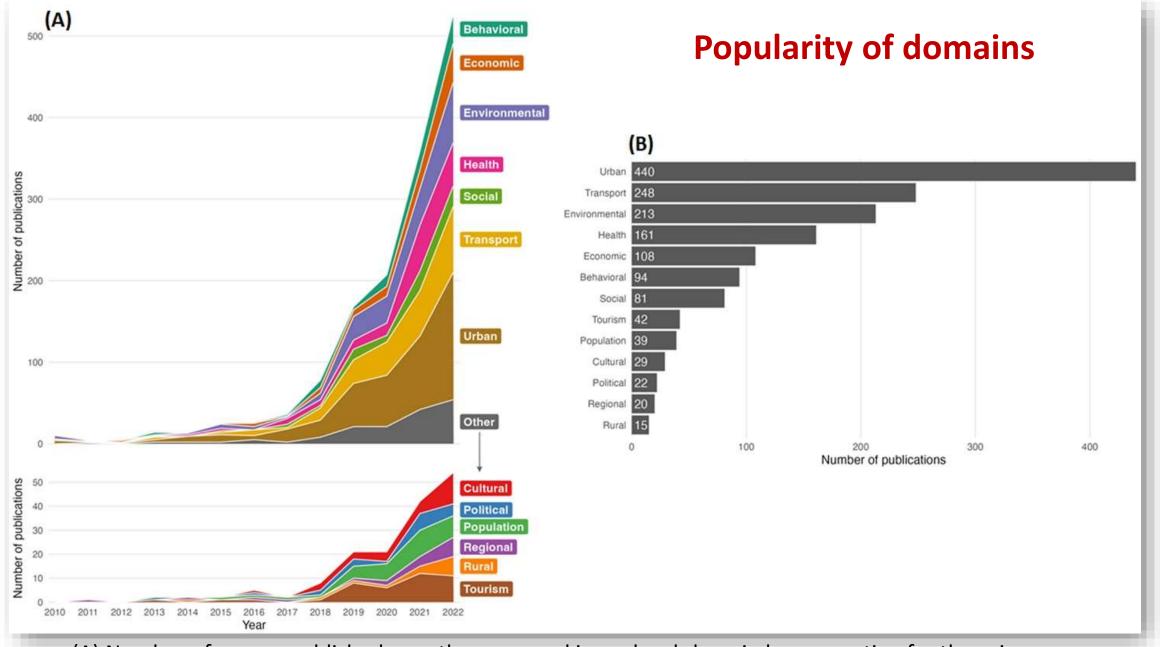
using neural networks to enable computers to learn from large amounts of data. It is particularly useful for tasks, e.g., image and speech recognition

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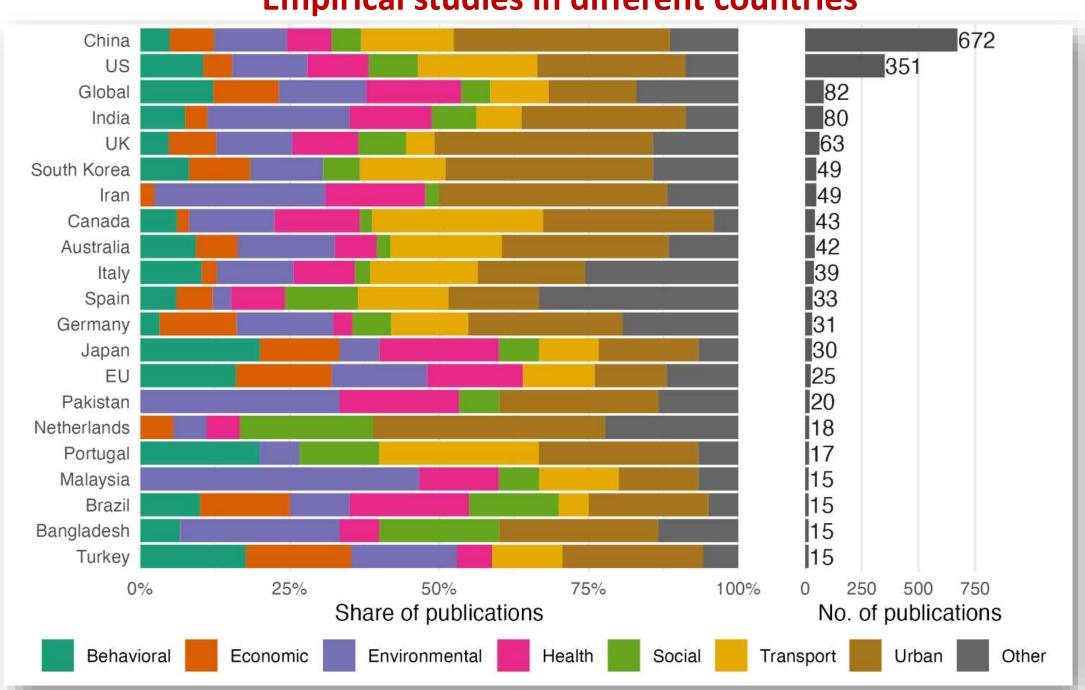


Sankey diagram showing the distribution of study areas, data types and modeling tasks GeoAl achieved in each subdomain of human geography

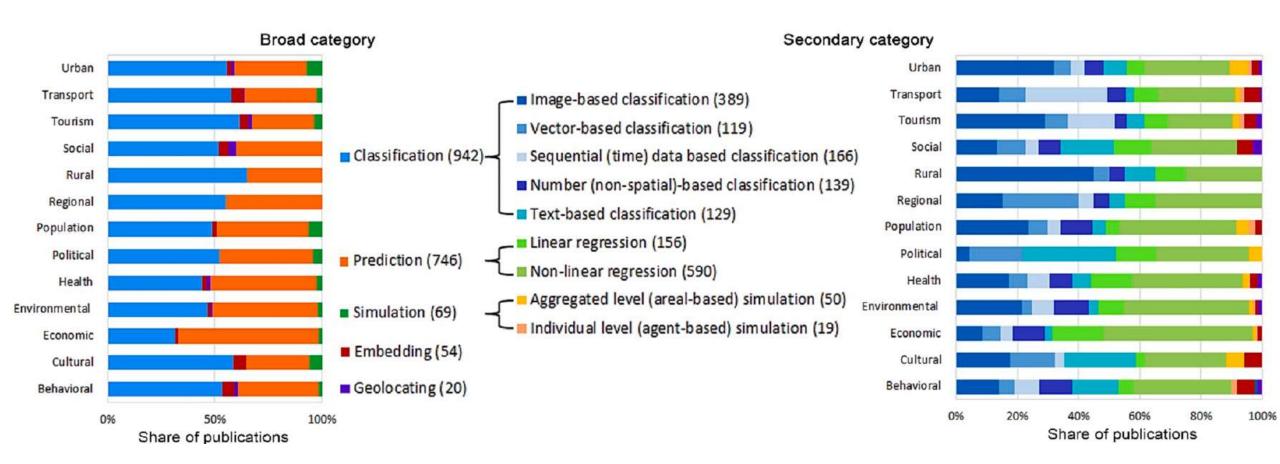


(A) Number of papers published over the years and in each subdomain by accounting for the primary subdomain (B) total number of papers published in each subdomain from 2010 to 2023.

# **Empirical studies in different countries**



## **GeoAl Modeling Tasks**



Broad category	Secondary category	Exemplary models and algorithms
GeoAl models  Classification	Image-based	Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) (LeNet, AlexNet, ResNet, VGG, Inception, EfficientNet, DenseNet, MobileNet) Artificial Neural Network Support vector machine (SVM) and one-class SVM Gradient Boosting algorithms (GBM) (e.g., XGBoost, LightGBM, Catboost) K-Nearest Neighbour Naïve Bayes Algorithm Deep Belief Networks (DBNs) Autoencoder (AE) Siamese networks Isolation forest Local outlier factor Angle-based outlier detector Histogram-based outlier detection Autoencoders (variational types) Hidden Markov models Fuzzy logic-based outlier detection Deep-learning based methods (Conditional neural network, RNN) YoLo model family R-CNN model family (R-CNN, Fast R-CNN, Mask R-CNN, R-FCN, Cascade R-CNN) CenterNet model family (Single Shot Detector (SSD), DSSD, RON, CornerNet) Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG) Region-Based Segmentation Edge Segmentation K-Means Convolutional Encoder-Decoder Architecture (e.g. SegNet, U-Net, Fully Convolutional Networks (FCN) Multi-Scale and Pyramid Network Based Models (FPN) Pyramid Scene Parsing Network (PSPNet), Mask R-CNN, Fast R-CNN) Dilated Convolutional Models and DeepLab Family
	Vector-based  Sequential (time) data-based	Spatially constrained multivariate clustering Multivariate clustering Density-based clustering Image segmentation Hot spot analysis Cluster and outlier analysis Space-time pattern mining Hierarchical clustering analysis (HCA) Density-based spatial clustering of applications with noise (DBSCAN) Spectral clustering Affinity propagation (AP) Gaussian mixture model (GMM) Hidden Markov Models Long Short-Term Memory networks (LSTM)
	Sequential (time) data-based	Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN)     Conditional Random Fields

	Number (non-spatial)-based	Support vector machine (SVM) Gradient Boosting algorithms (GBM) (e.g., XGBoost, lightGBM, CatBoost) Decision tree / Random Forest Means algorithm Fuzzy logic-based algorithms DBSCAN Spectral clustering Hierarchical clustering Affinity Propagation
	Text-based	Latent Dirichlet allocation (LDA) / RNN     Word2Vec     Doc2Vec     Bag-of-words model     n-gram model     Transformers-based methods (BERT, XLM, GPT, RoBERTa, XLNet, DistilBERT etc)     ELMo     RNN     LSTM     Word2Vec     Doc2Vec     Bag-of-words model     n-gram model     n-gram model     Transformers-based methods (BERT, XLM, GPT, RoBERTa, XLNet, DistilBERT etc)     ELMo     Transformers-based methods (BERT, XLM, GPT, RoBERTa, XLNet, DistilBERT etc)     ELMo
Prediction	Linear	Generalized linear model (GLM), including Lasso regression, Ridge regression, Polynomial Regression, Bayesian linear regression; Logistic regression, Gamma regression, Poisson regression, Bernoulli regression, Binomial regression, Multinomial regression, Exponential regression, (Inverse) Gaussian regression
	Non-linear	Support vector machine Artificially Neural Network (ANN) Gradient Boosting algorithms (GBM) (e.g., XGBoost, lightGBM, CatBoost) Empirical Bayesian Kriging regression prediction Forest based prediction (random forest, decision tree) Graph Convolutional Neural Network Generalised additive model (GAM) and GeoGAM Bayesian hierarchical model (BHM) Second-dimension spatial association Geographically optimal similarity model
Simulation	Aggregated level (areal-based)  Individual level (agent-based)	Cellular Automata     Deep neural network     Deep enforcement learning     Tabular Q-learning     Agent based modelling
Embedding	_	Principal component analysis (PCA) Independent Component Analysis (ICA) Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) Locally Linear Embedding (LLE) t-distributed Stochastic Neighbour Embedding (t-SNE) Auto-encoder model family

## Review 2: A systematic review of GeoGAI (LLMs, ChatGPT, etc) in geospatial studies

The promise of using GPT and generative artificial intelligence (GAI) models in geospatial science: a systematic review

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# **Keyword scoping**

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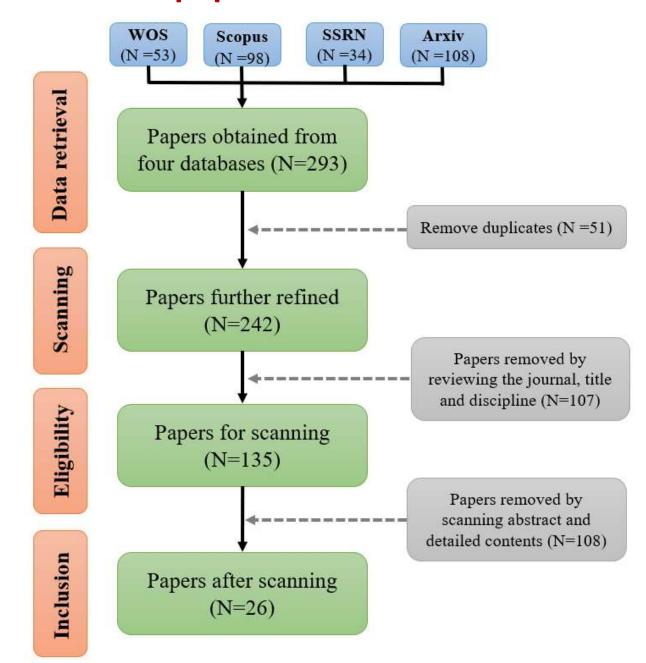
- 1) paper topics (including article titles, abstracts, and keywords) relevant to large pretrained models, including "GPT", "generative artificial intelligence", "generative AI", "GAI", "artificial general intelligence", "AGI", "large language model" and "foundation model";
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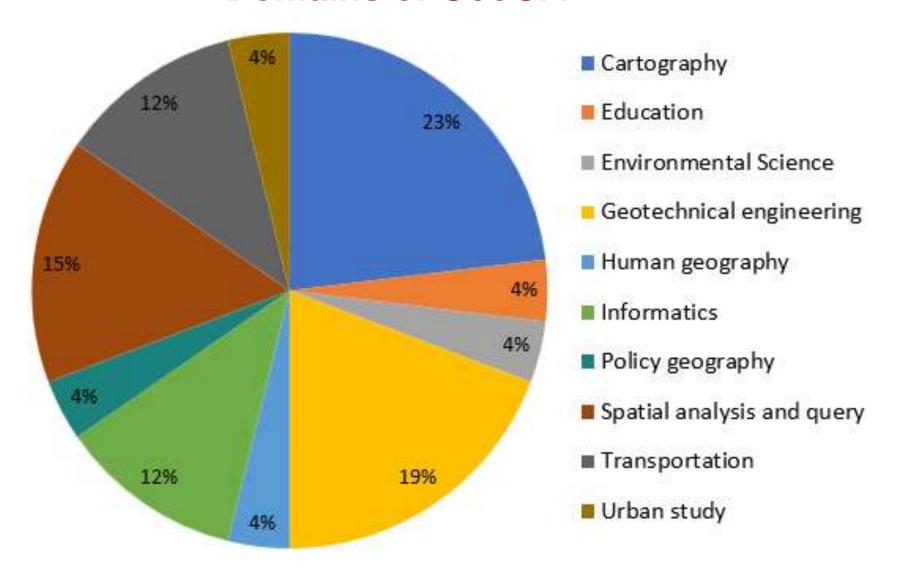
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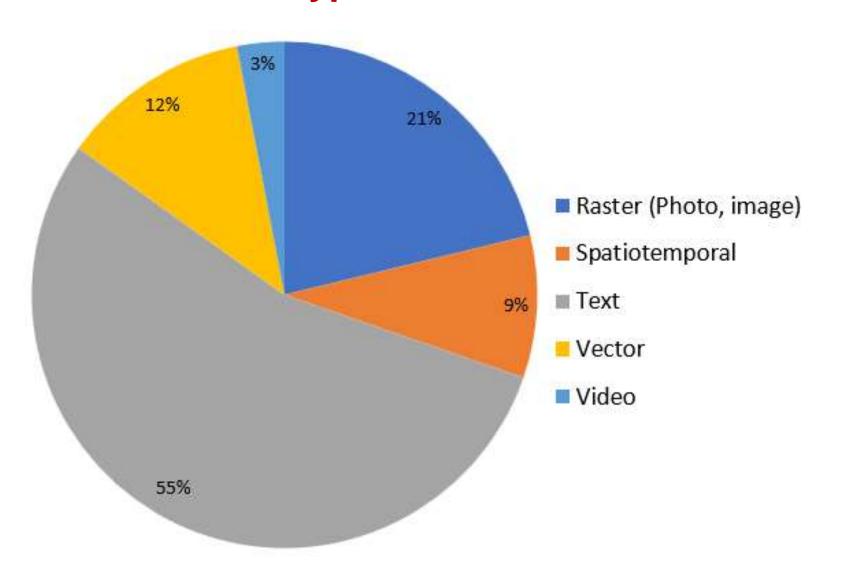
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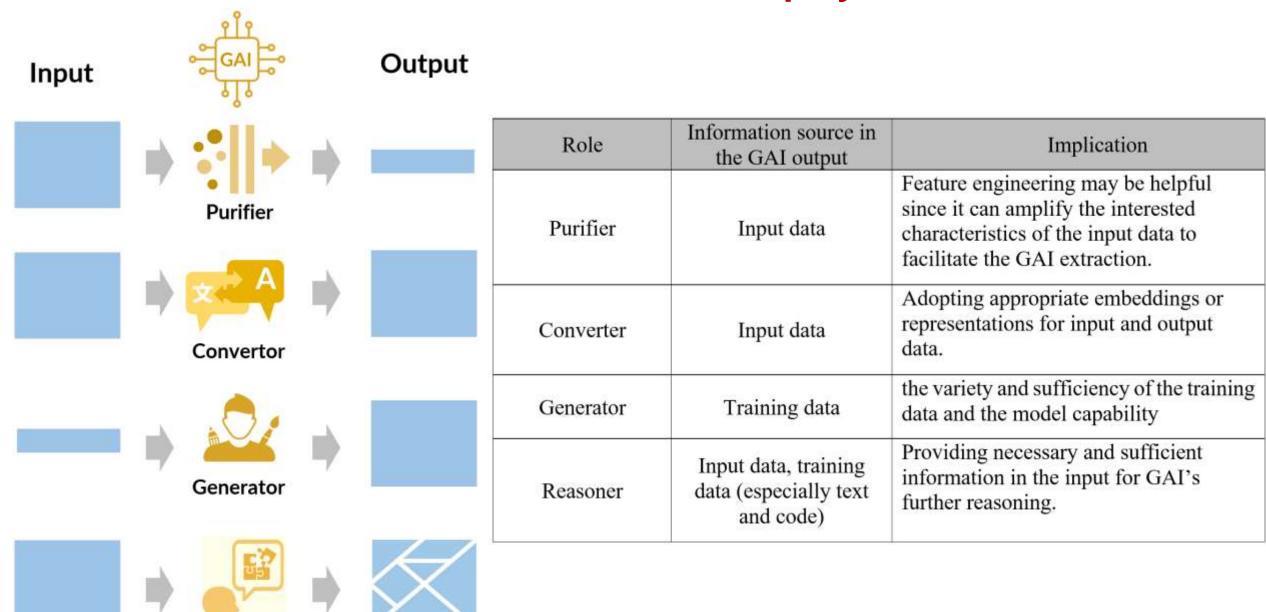
## **Domains of GeoGAI**



# Data types used in GeoGAI



# Four roles that GeoGAI play



Reasoner

# **Future directions for GeoGAI**

- 1. Future GAI functions to be integrated with geospatial science
- Enhancing geospatial data query and recommendation
- Building a robust LLM-based assessment framework
- 2. Multi-modal foundation models to develop highly effective GeoAl
- Feasibility of cross-scale geospatial science research
- Next-generation autonomous geospatial science
- 3. From GeoGAI to GeoAGI (artificial general intelligence): a promising way to go
- Bridging human cognition and geospatial intelligence
- Pioneering intelligent disaster management
- 4. Ethnical and privacy concerns: old problems in a new disguise



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