

Program at a Glance

Time (CDT)	<u>Day 1 – Tuesday, May 19, 2026</u>
2:00 - 2:30 PM	Arrival at Jackson Center and Registration
2:30 - 3:00 PM	Opening Remarks - Nicolas Longepe and Rahul Ramachandran
3:00 - 4:30 PM	Agency Perspectives
4:30 - 5:30 PM	Technical Keynotes
6:00 - 8:00 PM	Non-Host Social Dinner at USSRC Saturn V Hall

Time (CDT)	<u>Day 2 – Wednesday, May 20, 2026</u>			
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Arrival at Jackson Center and Registration			
8:00 - 8:30 AM	<u>Classroom A Intro and Keynote</u>	<u>Classroom B Intro and Keynote</u>		
8:30 - 10:30 AM	<u>Good practices for GFM development and deployment Oral Session</u>	<u>Science-based approaches to benchmarking and evaluating FMs in EO Oral Session</u>		
10:30 - 11:30 AM	<u>Poster Session</u>	<u>Collaborative Discussion</u>		
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5:00 - 5:30 PM	Closing Remarks			

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TerraKit: An Open-Source Python Library for Streamlining Multimodal and Multiresolution Data Access for Geospatial Foundation Models by Lickorish et al

TerraTorch: A Standardized Open-Source Framework for Embedding Generation and Fine-Tuning of Geospatial Foundation Models by Kienzler et al

Benchmarking and Scaling Earth Observation Foundation Models with vLLM and Kubernetes Orchestration by Gazzetti et al

Hawaii Cropland Data Layers (HCDL) V2.0: Leveraging Satellite Embeddings for Operational Crop Mapping by Li et al

Cross Sensor Emerging Thermal Hotspot Dynamics for Urban Climate Intelligence Using Multi-Resolution Earth Observation Data by Patel et al

Enhanced onboard autonomy, versatility and performance by geospatial foundation models by Longepe et al

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GEO-Bench-2: From Performance to Capability, Rethinking Evaluation in Geospatial AI by Fraccaro et al

Toward Holistic Benchmarking of Earth Observation Foundation Models - N. LaHaye et al

Benchmarking Geo-Foundation Models for Glacial Lake Mapping: supporting global scale applications by Kaushik et al

Do EO foundation models encode land-use semantics? A distance-based evaluation with seasonal Harmonized Landsat–Sentinel data by Islam et al

WaterBench & MMOcean: Benchmarking and Pretraining Foundation Models for Coastal and Marine Earth Observation by Prasad et al

Benchmarking Geospatial Foundation Models for LULC Segmentation Under Resolution and Sensor Shifts by Hucko et al

SkySpector: From Caption Matching to Archive Search with a Multi-Positive Benchmark by Tomoiaga et al

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*A Knowledge Graph-Enhanced Pipeline for Scalable and Traceable Gap Analysis in Earth
Observation Literature* by Moses et al

EVE: An Open Agentic Platform for Earth Intelligence by Atrio et al

*Earth AI Agents: Operationalizing Downstream Use of Geospatial Foundation Models with
Agentic Workflows* by Bell et al

Hydrology Copilot: A Cloud-Native AI System for Hydrological Data Analysis by Hashemi et al

Agents for Science: A Framework for Verifiable Evaluation and Correction of Scientific Text by
Barry et al

GeoAI agents for Earth Observation: from questions to insights by Thomas et al

Agentic AI for Bridging Earth Foundation Models and Process-Based Benchmarking in ILAMB
by Wang et al

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COP-GEN: Stochastic Generative Modelling of Copernicus Data by M. Espinosa et al

Ranking the Changes: Reinforced Best-of-N Ranking with Retrieval-Augmented Vision-Language Models for Semantic Change Captioning by R. Kazoom et al

Open-World Change Detection via Natural Language by F. Yu et al

TerraVerse: Simulating Future Satellite Mission Imagery by B. Blumenstiel et al

Towards Knowledge Guided Pretraining Approaches for Multimodal Foundation Models: Applications in Remote Sensing by P. Ravirathinam et al

SatVision-Pix4D: Toward Improved Cloud and Convection Prediction via Spatiotemporal Foundation Modeling by J. Caraballo-Vega et al

Logit-Koopman Priors for Stable, Multiscale Generative Forecasting and Transfer Diagnostics in Earth-System Foundation Models by M. Pena et al

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8:45 - 9:00 AM *Geospatial Foundation Models Scaling on the MajorTOM and FastTOM Datasets: Evaluation on the PhilEO Bench* by N. Dionelis et al

9:00 - 9:15 AM *Beyond Backscatter: The Case for Phase-Aware Temporal Foundation Models in Conflict Damage Mapping* by P. Barthelme et al

9:15 - 9:30 AM *A Contrastive Self-supervised Learning Model for Soil Moisture Retrieval from P-band PolSAR* by S. Khallaghi et al

9:30 - 9:45 AM *Enhancing Earth Observation Foundation Models with Sparse and Asynchronous In Situ Air Pollution Data* by G. Arvanitakis et al

9:45 - 10:00 AM *From Satellite Data, GFMs and Geo-tagged Field Photos to Reliable Agricultural Reference Data* by R. Cartuyvels et al

10:00 - 10:15 AM *Spaceborne ICESat2 and AI Foundation Model highlight asymmetric canopy height change across southeastern US forests* by C. Alvites Diaz et al

10:15 -10:30 AM *A regional-scale assessment of a foundation model approach to monitoring above-ground biomass* by M. Truong et al

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THOR: A Versatile, Compute-Adaptive Foundation Model for Earth Observation by A. Salberg et al

PDE foundation models are skillful AI weather emulators for the Martian atmosphere by J. Schmude et al

GeospatialVLM: Bridging Pixel-Level Reasoning and Natural Language for Operational Earth Observation by G. Mutreja et al

SpecTM: Spectral Targeted Masking for Trustworthy Foundation Models by S. Imtiaz et al

Zero-shot regional weather forecasts by B. Luttjens et al

TerraMind 2.0 by J. Jakubik et al

SHRUG-FM: Reliability-Aware Foundation Models for Earth Observation by R. Cartuyvels et al

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Practical application of Prithvi-EO-2.0 to real world tasks: evaluating mapped predictions of forest biomass, land use, and landscape change agent by R. Kennedy et al

Hierarchy-Native EO Foundation Models for Real-Time Digital Twins by M. Pena et al

Dense MWIR Embeddings for Ultra-Low-Latency Wildfire Detection in Commercial EO by M. Rotzer et al

Global Monitoring and Risk Assessment of Mining and Human Activity for Decision Making at Both Scale and Speed Using Foundation Models by R. Lav et al

From Earth Foundation Models to Operational Decision Support: Application of GFT in Real-World Power Grid Operations by S. Flampouris et al

From Static Indices to Adaptive Multi-Hazard Vulnerability Models: EO-Informed, Uncertainty-Aware Risk Stratification for Urban Response by D. Johnson et al

EarthDaily FM - High-Cadence Geospatial Foundation Models for Real-World Agricultural Forecasting by C. Rampersad et al

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Text-Aligned Earth Observation Embeddings for Natural Language Search and Discovery by
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Hyperspectral Foundation Representations* by Nasr Azadani et al

*Foundation Model Embeddings as Contextual Priors for Hyperlocal Near-Surface Air
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*Embeddings to Action: Scalable Workflows and Insights from Global-Scale Earth Observation
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Operational Trust through 20ESP: A Rigorous Taxonomy for Science-Based EO Foundation Model Benchmarking by J. Cardille et al

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