



AGENTIC AI:

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Abstract

Geospatial data is more abundant than ever, yet its value often remains locked behind complex tools and specialized expertise. This whitepaper introduces Agentic AI as a transformative tool that brings intuitive, conversational interaction to geospatial data across industries. Agentic AI can simplify decision making, accelerate analytical workflows, and empower a wider range of users to act on insight. Discover how this emerging technology is making geospatial intelligence more accessible, actionable, and impactful than ever before.

Executive Summary

Modern operations across defense, commercial, and public sectors depend on fast and reliable insights from geospatial and sensor-based data. Whether the task involves supporting military missions, guiding urban growth, responding to emergencies, or monitoring environmental change, organizations need tools that can turn complex information into clear and actionable results.

Today's professionals face increasing challenges as they locate the right data, interpret imagery at large scales, and operate tools that require specialized training and manual effort. Work often concentrates with a small number of experts, creating bottlenecks that slow delivery. Insights are frequently siloed and do not always flow into operational workflows, which limits impact and repeatability.

[GeoAgent™](#) introduces a more capable approach. Powered by trusted scientific analytics in ENVI®, it uses agentic AI to interpret intent, plans the steps required to achieve a result, and performs the necessary workflows. Instead of placing the execution burden on users, GeoAgent manages the process and asks for input only when needed, reducing time and effort while preserving control.

Built on the Model Context Protocol (MCP), GeoAgent supports scalable operations and produces results that are transparent, auditable, and easy to understand. Every step and parameter is recorded, and the system provides clear summaries of what was done so teams can explain outcomes and, when necessary, reproduce them. Outputs integrate with GIS platforms, operational systems, and other enterprise environments so that insights move directly into day-to-day workflows.

Designed for environments where accuracy and timing are critical, GeoAgent shortens the path from data to decisions and helps organizations act with greater clarity and confidence.

Introduction

Today's organizations are awash in data but often struggle to turn it into actionable insights. Across industries, professionals face an overwhelming influx of imagery often measured in terabytes. At this scale, manual analysis becomes impractical and slows decision making, strains resources, and increases the risk of missed opportunities.

While traditional AI and machine learning tools offer some automation, they typically require extensive configuration and lack the flexibility to adapt quickly to real-world variability. GeoAgent redefines automation by combining adaptive AI with domain-specific expertise, enabling seamless, scalable workflows that intelligently respond to changing conditions.

This agentic AI approach introduces a new paradigm: systems that reason, adapt, and autonomously manage complex tasks while collaborating with human users. NV5's GeoAgent brings this capability to the geospatial domain by combining adaptive AI with ENVI's proven remote sensing analytics through a conversational, task-oriented interface. Instead of placing the execution burden on users, GeoAgent plans the steps, manages the process, and requests input as needed.

Unlike conventional chat-based tools, GeoAgent goes beyond simple prompt-response interactions. It understands task context, dynamically sequences workflows, and delivers outputs aligned with user intent and project objectives. Every step is logged for transparency and control, accelerating time to insight from hours to minutes. Built on MCP, GeoAgent orchestrates existing tools and data sources so organizations can preserve current investments while gaining speed, consistency, and interoperability.

Solution Overview: NV5's GeoAgent

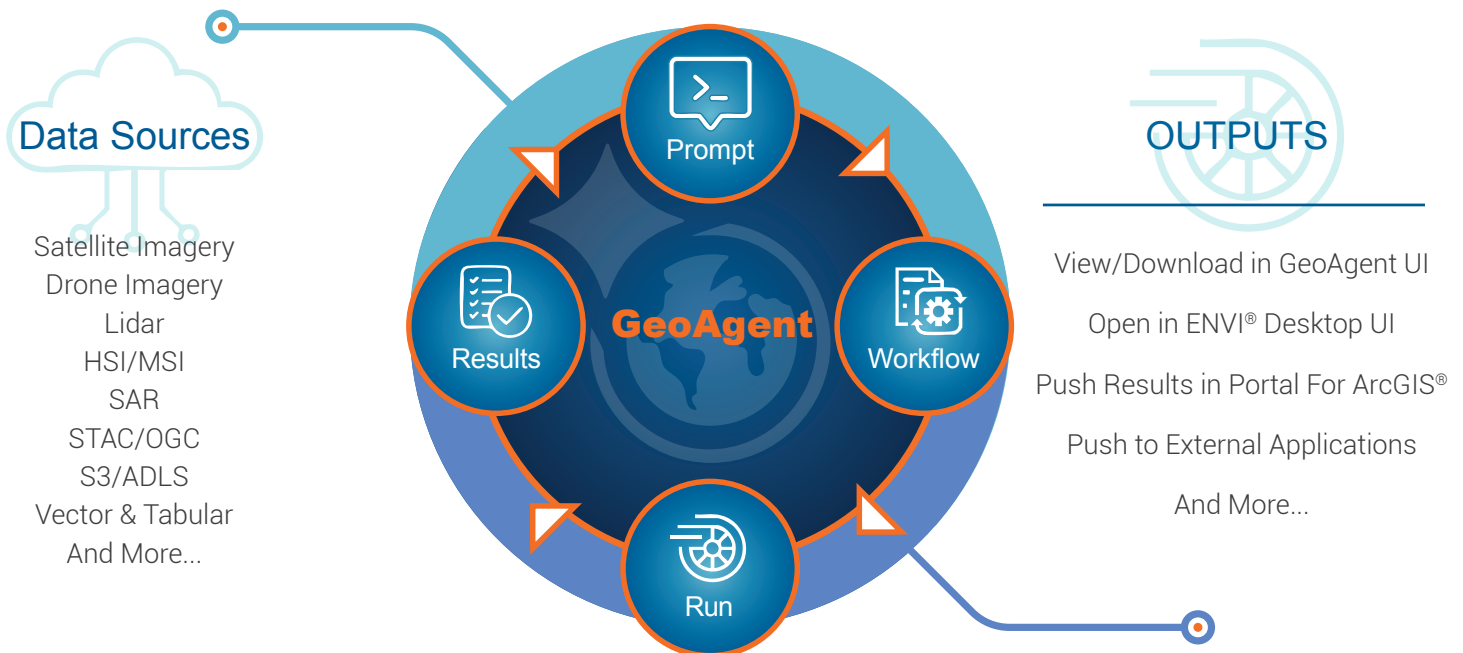
GeoAgent is a flexible and intelligent system that provides access to ENVI's advanced geospatial processing tools without requiring coding. It integrates with existing environments so organizations can work with their current data, sensors, and analytical methods while gaining adaptive, AI-driven automation.

Built on MCP, GeoAgent autonomously manages complex workflows with full transparency and control. Every action and parameter is recorded, and the system explains what was done, so outcomes are understandable and repeatable.

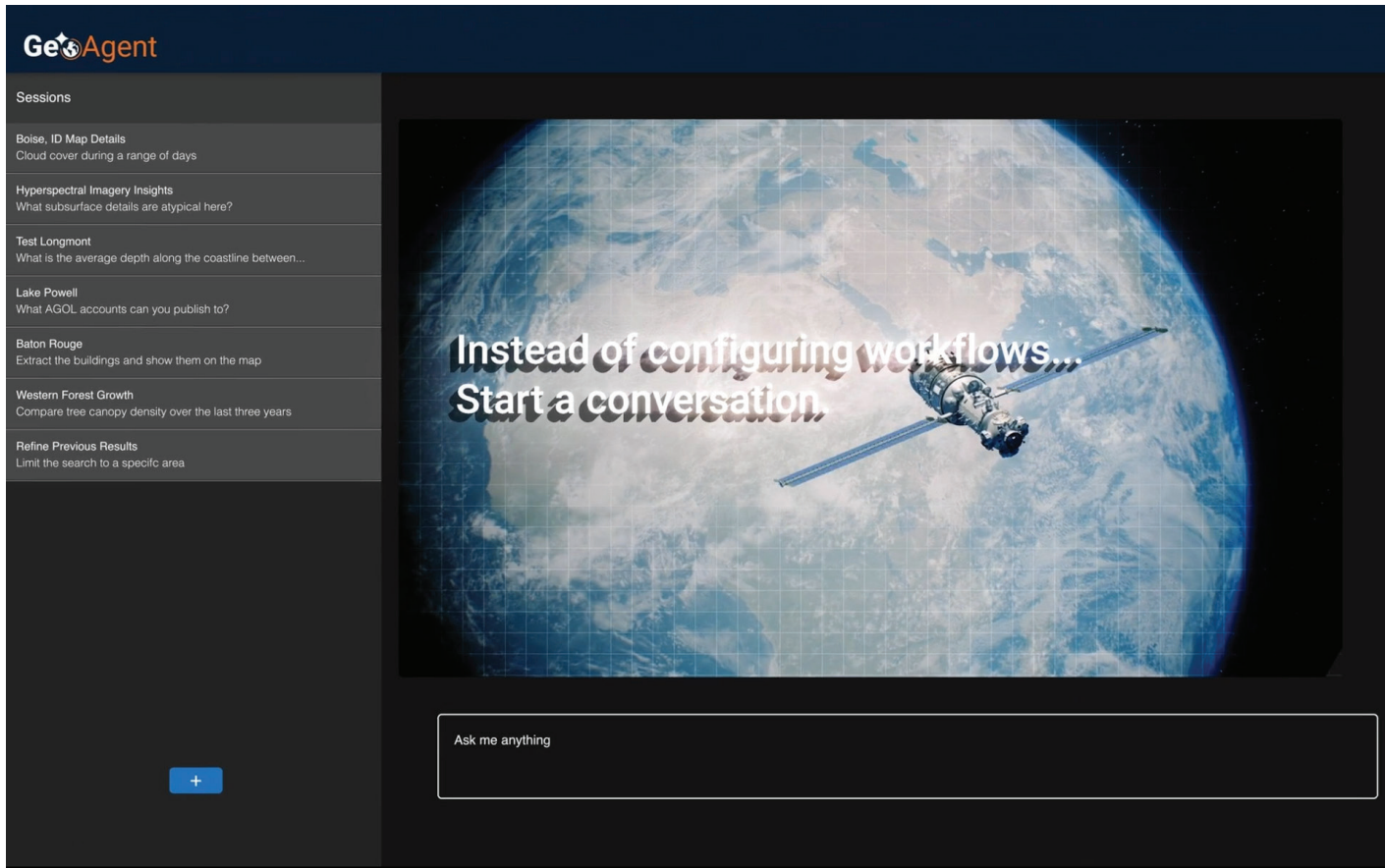
GeoAgent sits above existing tools and data sources, orchestrating them rather than replacing them. This approach allows organizations to preserve prior investments while automating multi-step processes and evolving them over time. Workflows can be updated to accommodate new sensors or analytics, avoiding the need to rebuild processes from scratch and ensuring long-term continuity.

The system works with a wide range of geospatial data, including optical, spectral, hyperspectral, synthetic aperture radar (SAR), lidar, full-motion video, and vector formats, converting them into meaningful analytical outputs. It adapts to tasks such as monitoring conditions, evaluating terrain, supporting planning, and assessing change over time.

Its architecture gives organizations the flexibility to tune performance, connectivity, and governance to mission needs, from local operations to enterprise-level deployments.



GeoAgent™



Core Features

GeoAgent's core capabilities focus on autonomous execution, adaptive intelligence, and full transparency to ensure results are fast, consistent, and easy to understand.

- **Autonomous Task Chaining**
GeoAgent interprets intent and sequences the ENVI tools needed to achieve the desired result.
- **Customizable Analytics**
Organizations can use any ENVI-supported process and update workflows as new sensors or methods become available.
- **Rapid Product Generation**
GeoAgent produces vectors, summaries, and annotated outputs that integrate with operational systems.
- **Prompt-Aware Execution**
Workflows can be triggered through natural language or structured inputs.
- **Explainable and Auditable Operation**
All steps and parameters are recorded and summarized, so results can be understood and reproduced.

Integration Operations

- **Agent-to-Agent Orchestration**
GeoAgent can collaborate with other MCP-compliant agents to support multi-step, cross-domain workflows. Some integration effort is still required, but MCP reduces bespoke work overtime and supports a collaborative framework where specialized agents can work together to deliver end-to-end solutions.
- **Bidirectional Data Exchange**
GeoAgent can ingest additional data layers for context, issue and receive messages from other agents, and publish outputs directly to GIS platforms, asset management systems, operational workflows, and other enterprise environments. This two-way integration keeps processes dynamic, supports agent collaboration, and enables richer analysis and faster operational decisions with less manual intervention.
- **Flexible Deployment Across Mission Environments**
GeoAgent supports deployment on rugged edge devices, on-premise systems, and private cloud environments, allowing organizations to match performance, connectivity, and governance requirements to their mission needs.

Innovation and Differentiation

Organizations have many tools for working with geospatial data, but few are designed to combine adaptive autonomy, scientific rigor, and scalable interoperability in a single system. GeoAgent brings these capabilities together in ways that meaningfully shift how geospatial analysis is performed and delivered.

- **Agentic Reasoning with Scientific Grounding**
GeoAgent does more than automate steps. It reasons through tasks using a foundation built on ENVI's proven scientific analytics. This blend of adaptive planning and domain-aware processing delivers results that are contextually informed and reliable.
- **Purpose-Built for Geospatial Understanding**
GeoAgent is designed to work with the real-world challenges of geospatial data, from spectral interpretation to terrain understanding. It applies methods rooted in decades of remote sensing expertise and aligns them with the goals the user provides.
- **Interoperability Through MCP**
GeoAgent participates in a growing ecosystem of agents and tools. Through MCP, it communicates, exchanges context, and collaborates as part of larger analytical processes. This allows organizations to expand capabilities naturally rather than relying on tightly coupled or one-off integrations.
- **Evolves Without Reinventing Workflows**
As new sensors, data sources, and analytical models emerge, GeoAgent adapts without requiring teams to rebuild established processes. Existing workflows can be updated rather than replaced, preserving investment and ensuring long-term continuity.

Together, these capabilities distinguish GeoAgent as a best-in-class approach to delivering dependable, transparent, and scalable geospatial intelligence in environments where accuracy and timeliness matter.

Agent User Types: Two Levels of Support

GeoAgent supports a wide range of users by adapting to diverse levels of technical experience and analytical needs. Its agentic design allows people to begin with simple requests or engage in more complex workflows while receiving the right level of guidance along the way.

Non-Technical Users

Users without deep geospatial expertise can interact with GeoAgent through clear, natural-language instructions. They can upload data, describe what they want to accomplish, and let GeoAgent determine the appropriate steps. For example, a user might ask, "Using the data I just uploaded, identify critical minerals such as Neodymium in the Mountain Pass area of California."

GeoAgent identifies the relevant spectral range, selects suitable analytical methods, performs the analysis, and summarizes the steps taken in an understandable way. This allows users to gain meaningful insights without managing tools or terminology.

Technical Analysts

More experienced users can rely on GeoAgent to streamline routine tasks, suggest appropriate tools or parameters, and account for variations such as seasonal effects or sensor differences. GeoAgent accelerates established workflows and improves consistency while still allowing users to adjust methods and maintain full control over final outputs.

By supporting both simple and advanced interactions, GeoAgent makes sophisticated geospatial analysis accessible while preserving the flexibility and depth required for complex missions and operational environments.

Example Use Cases

- **Environmental – Agriculture**
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- **Environmental – Mineral Exploration**
As a project geologist working for a mining company, I want to identify locations that may contain critical minerals such as Dysprosium. GeoAgent locates the appropriate imagery, identifies the relevant spectral range, performs continuum removal to isolate diagnostic absorption features, classifies materials, and publishes results to a mapping environment for evaluation.
- **Emergency Response**
As a member of a disaster response team, I need to understand how an event has affected accessibility. GeoAgent identifies available imagery, detects floodwater or other disruptions, intersects findings with road networks, and publishes outputs to enterprise systems to support evacuation or recovery operations.
- **Urban Planning – Data Discovery**
As a GIS analyst at a regional planning agency, I want to identify recent land use changes to support zoning and infrastructure decisions. GeoAgent locates relevant imagery, clips data to areas of interest, analyzes changes or classifications, and delivers the results directly into the organization's workflows to speed planning activities.
- **Urban Planning – Infrastructure Monitoring**
As a regional planner, I need to understand construction activity near critical infrastructure such as fiber lines or utility corridors. GeoAgent uses time-series imagery to detect change, retrieves additional data for context, classifies land use, and highlights activity occurring near sensitive assets.

- **Military – Landing Zone Identification**
As someone supporting operational planning, I need to identify suitable landing areas for helicopters in a given region. GeoAgent analyzes elevation models and optical imagery to evaluate slope, terrain stability, and line-of-sight, then produces a map of potential landing sites for coordination with flight crews.
- **Military – Rapid Battle Damage Assessment**
As a mission support specialist, I need to compare imagery before and after an event to identify damage. GeoAgent retrieves relevant datasets, applies change detection, incorporates object detection models if available, and produces annotated image chips that support situational awareness.
- **Military – Route Suitability Assessment**
As a logistics planner, I need to evaluate safe and efficient routes for personnel moving through a region. GeoAgent fuses terrain data, vegetation cover, and known threat information to create a color-coded mobility corridor map and accompanying rationale to support informed route selection.

Agent User Types: Two Levels of Support

GeoAgent provides a practical way to scale geospatial analysis. It executes the work, shows how it was done, and makes the outputs available across enterprise systems so more people can act on them. Dependence on a small group of experts is reduced, and results remain understandable and reproducible.

What is different?

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- GeoAgent reduces bottlenecks created by limited analyst capacity by managing the steps, documenting the process, and delivering results a wider range of users can rely on.
- Workflows evolve as sensors and models change without requiring teams to rebuild processes.
- Insights publish directly into operational systems, so decisions do not stall at the desktop.
- Integrations expand more easily as the MCP ecosystem grows and agents collaborate across shared workflows.

Why it matters

- One off analysis becomes operational workflows that run-in context and support real time decisions.
- Teams gain faster, more consistent access to geospatial insights, reducing delays and rework.
- Outputs include a clear record of methods and parameters for review and defense.
- Investments in data, tools, and expertise are preserved while creating a path to expand capabilities.

What to expect next

- Near-term gains from automating high-value workflows already in use.
- Broader adoption as agent-to-agent collaboration matures across teams.
- Reduced cycle time and fewer manual handoffs as processes evolve.

GeoAgent provides a practical way to modernize geospatial analysis today and a durable foundation for the workflows, systems, and missions that will evolve tomorrow.

Looking Ahead: The Evolution of Geospatial Intelligence

Geospatial intelligence is entering a phase where systems do more than process data. They will understand context, simulate outcomes, and help organizations explore options before acting. The following advances are likely to shape this evolution:

- Generative Models for Scenario Planning — enabling synthetic simulations of urban growth, disaster response, and climate adaptation.
- Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) — modeling complex spatial relationships such as transportation networks and ecological corridors.
- Neuro-Symbolic Reasoning — combining machine learning with logical inference for explainable decision making.

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As these capabilities mature, workflows will become more predictive and context-aware, with coordinated agents sharing information and managing tasks across systems. GeoAgent is positioned to incorporate these advances as they reach operational readiness, allowing organizations to adopt new methods without redesigning their processes.

Call to Action

Discover how Agentic AI can simplify your workflows, accelerate insights, and empower your team, regardless of technical background. Ready to see what GeoAgent can do? **Email us at GeoAI@NV5.com to request a customized demo or speak with our team to learn more.**