



# EXPLORE

## Innovative Scientific Data Exploration and Exploitation Applications for Space Sciences

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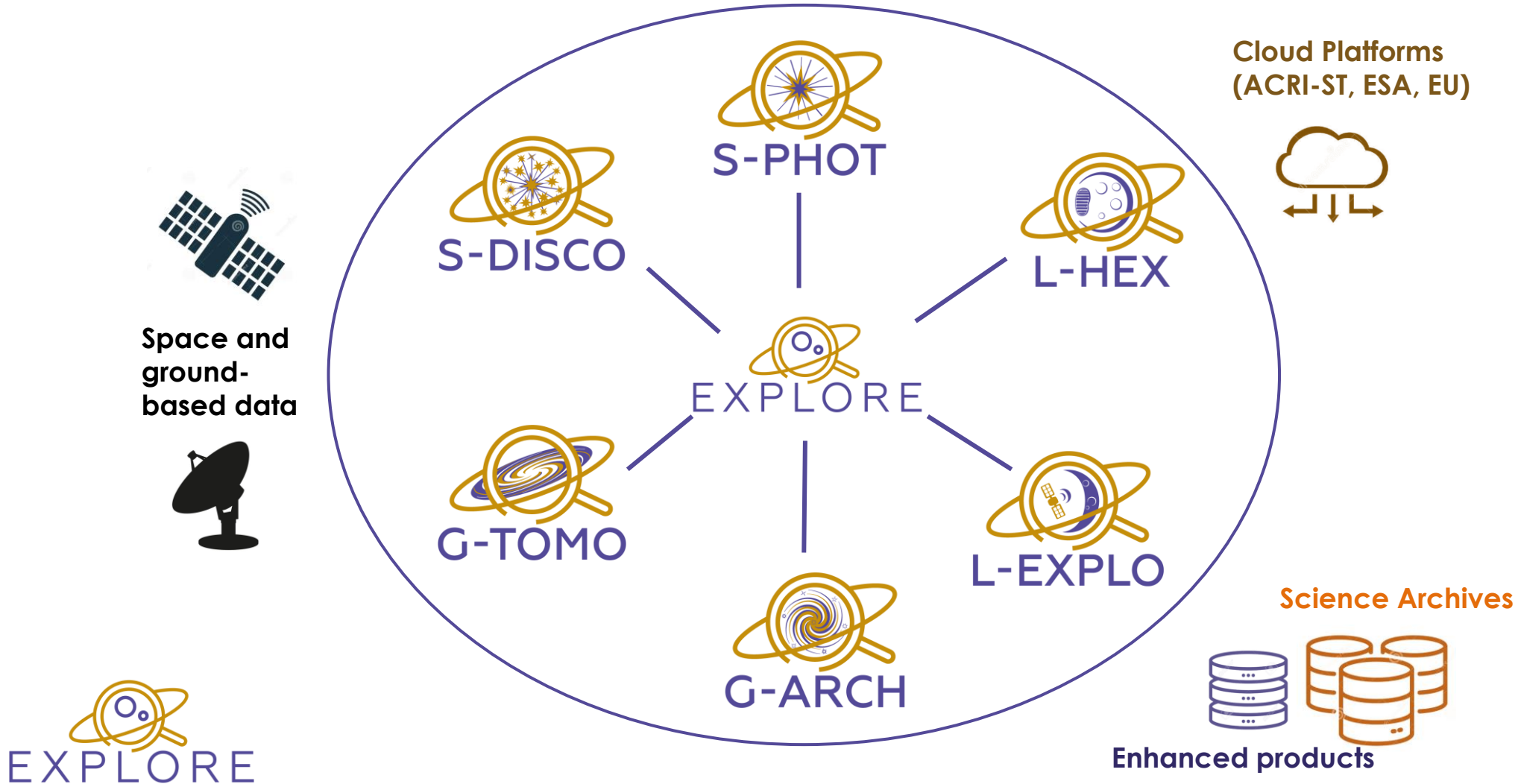


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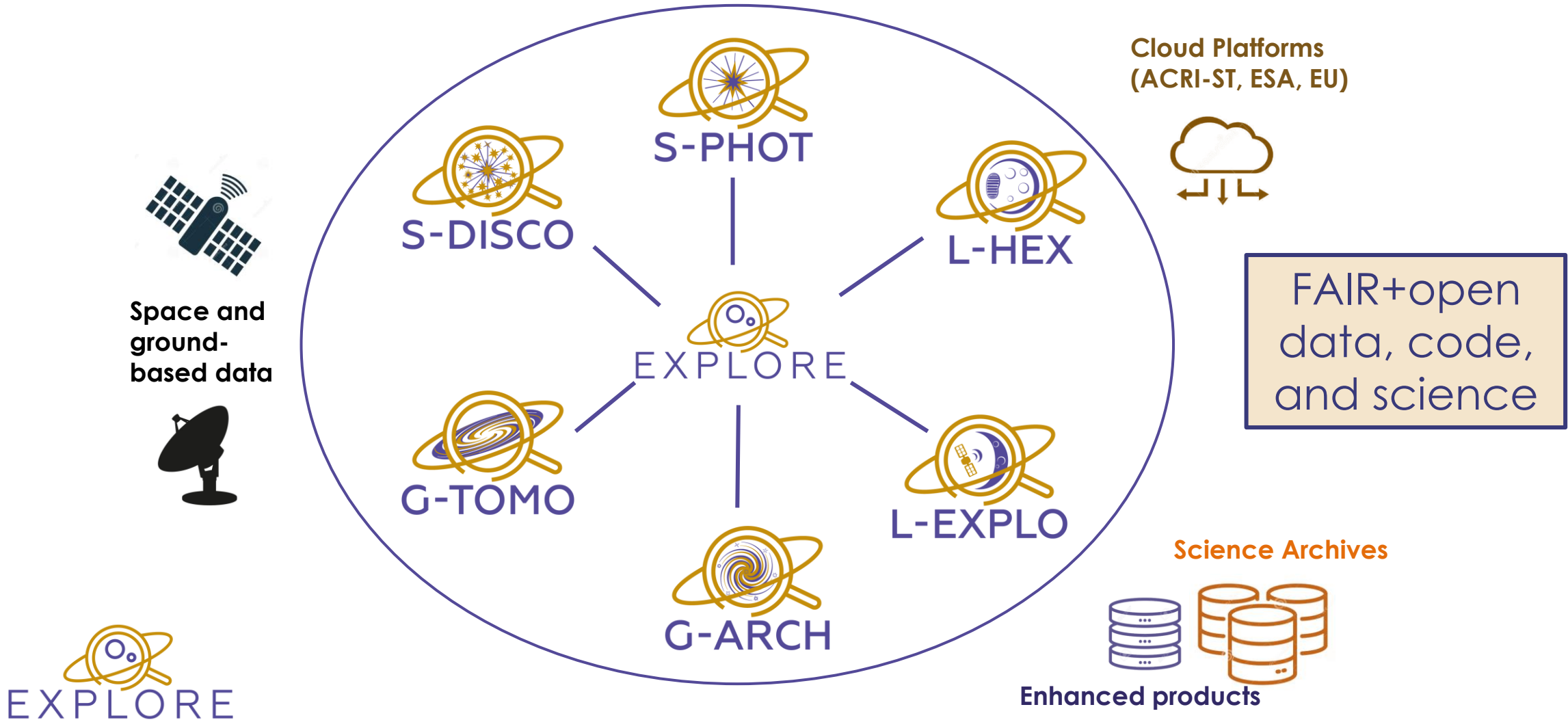
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# Science Platforms & EXPLORE-platform

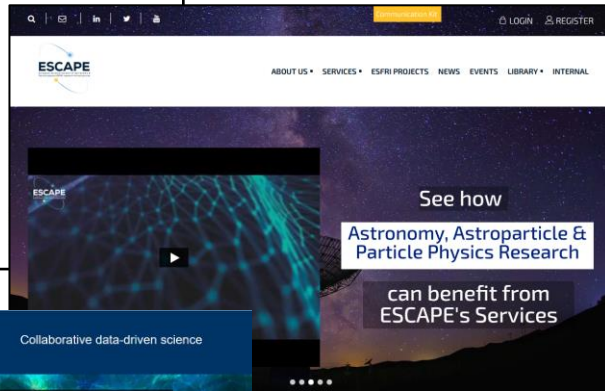
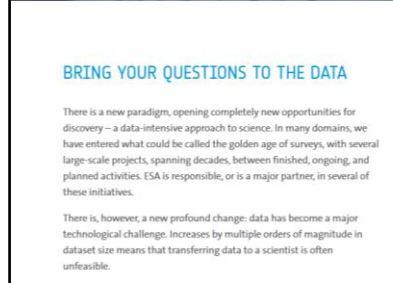
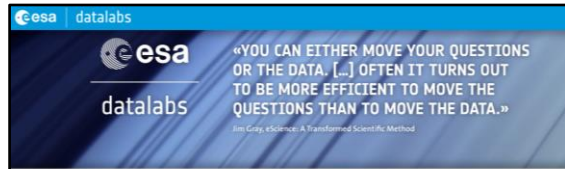
**Science Platforms** → scientific applications in the 'cloud' (close to the data)

For **space sciences**

- US: SciServer, CyVerse (generic)
- Europe: ESA Datalabs, ESCAPE SAP  
→ EOSC ecosystem

EXPLORE **dev/test** platform for SDA (with limited resources 🧑🧑🧑 & 🖥️)

Beyond project EXPLORE platform could offer **bespoke niche services**



# EXPLORE dev platform

## Space browser

## Applications

The screenshot shows the SDAS (Software Data Access System) interface for the G-Tomo Mini application. The title "SDAS" is at the top right. Below it, "G-Tomo Mini" is displayed in large yellow text. The interface is divided into several sections: "Description" with fields for "G-Tomo SDA", "HAS OUTPUT" (checkbox), "Creator" (EXPLORE), and "Licence" (Apache 2.0); "METADATA" section; and "operations" section with "OPEN" and "STOP" buttons.

The screenshot shows the Space browser interface. On the left, a "Collection" dropdown is set to "Clementine-LWIR". Below it, a table of product parameters is shown, including "PRODUCT TYPE" (RDR), "MIN EMISSION ANGLE", "MIN INCIDENCE ANGLE", "MIN PHASE ANGLE", "MAX OBSERVATION TIME", and "MIN OBSERVATION TIME". On the right, a lunar map displays various lunar features like "MARE SERENITATIS", "MARE CRISIUM", and "MARE TRANQUILLITATIS". A blue box highlights a specific location on the map. The interface includes a search bar and a "SEARCH" button.

## User workspace

The screenshot shows the "My Files" user workspace interface. It features a header "My Files" and a sub-header "Navigate through all files you have access to in the Explore platform's". Below this, a file browser shows a "My user space" containing a list of folders and files, including "TestFiles", "app\_data", and several "g-tomo" and "g-tomo\_mini" folders with their respective IDs and permissions (read, write, delete).

The screenshot shows a selection screen in the Space browser interface. It prompts the user to "SELECT A SOLAR BODY" and displays two options: "MOON" (with a lunar image) and "MARS" (with a Mars image).

<https://explore-platform.eu>



# EXPLORE

Innovative Scientific Data Exploration  
and Exploitation Applications for Space Sciences



## GOAL

Advance the exploration and exploitation of European space science data



## TEAM

8 international partners, including SMEs, academic institutions and research & outreach centres



## OUTCOME

6 Scientific Data Applications for space sciences powered with state-of-the art AI and Visual Analytics deployed on cloud platforms



NEWS

SPACE BROWSER

SDAS

PROJECT >

FILES

ADMIN

Welcome admin

Logout

SELECT A SOLAR BODY



MOON



MARS



MOON



CATALOG

PRODUCTS -

Collection



Clementine-LWIR



Required

PRODUCT TYPE

eq



RDR



Optional

MIN EMISSION ANGLE

MIN 0 MAX 89.91

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eq



Min Emission Angle



eq



Max Emission Angle



MIN INCIDENCE ANGLE

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Min Incidence Angle



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Max Incidence Angle



MIN PHASE ANGLE

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Min Phase Angle



eq



Max Phase Angle



MAX OBSERVATION TIME

eq



Max Observation Time

FOOTPRINT

lat/lon

polygon



REDRAW

geointersects

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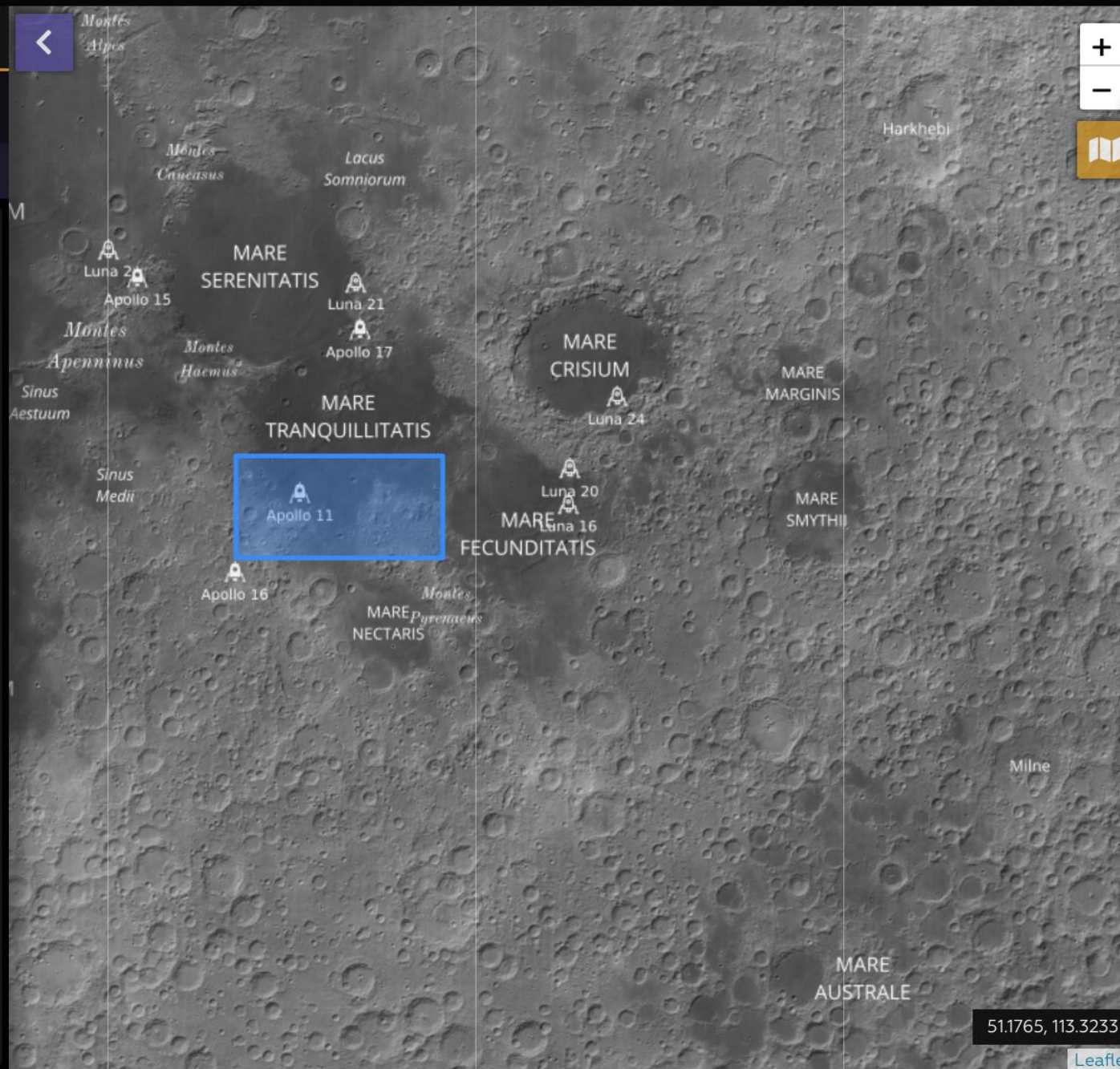
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SEARCH



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MOON



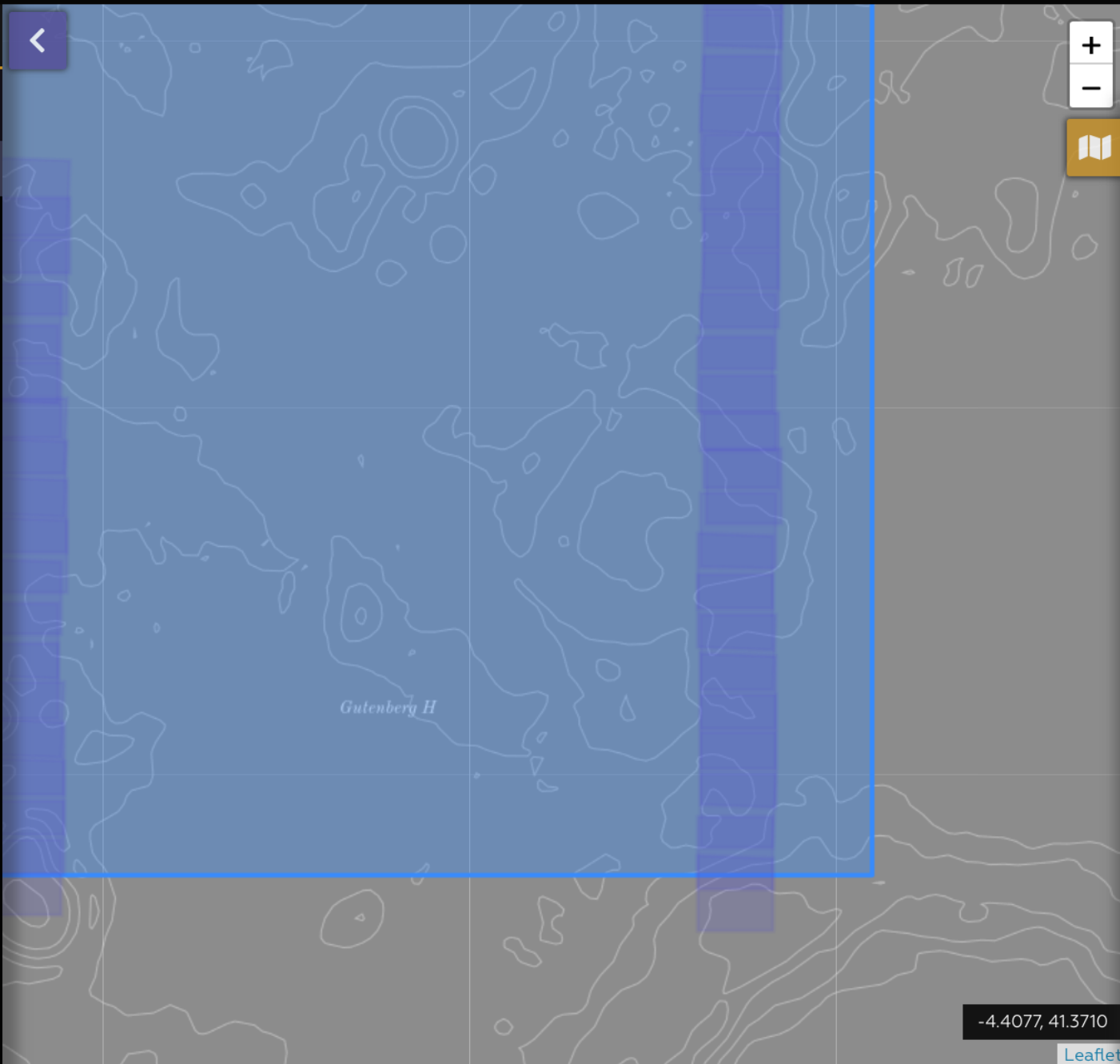
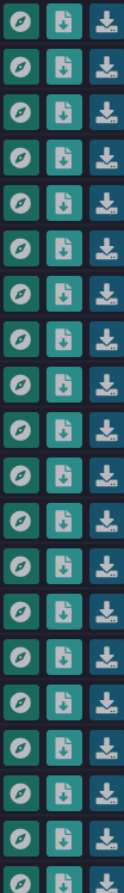
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total 1442

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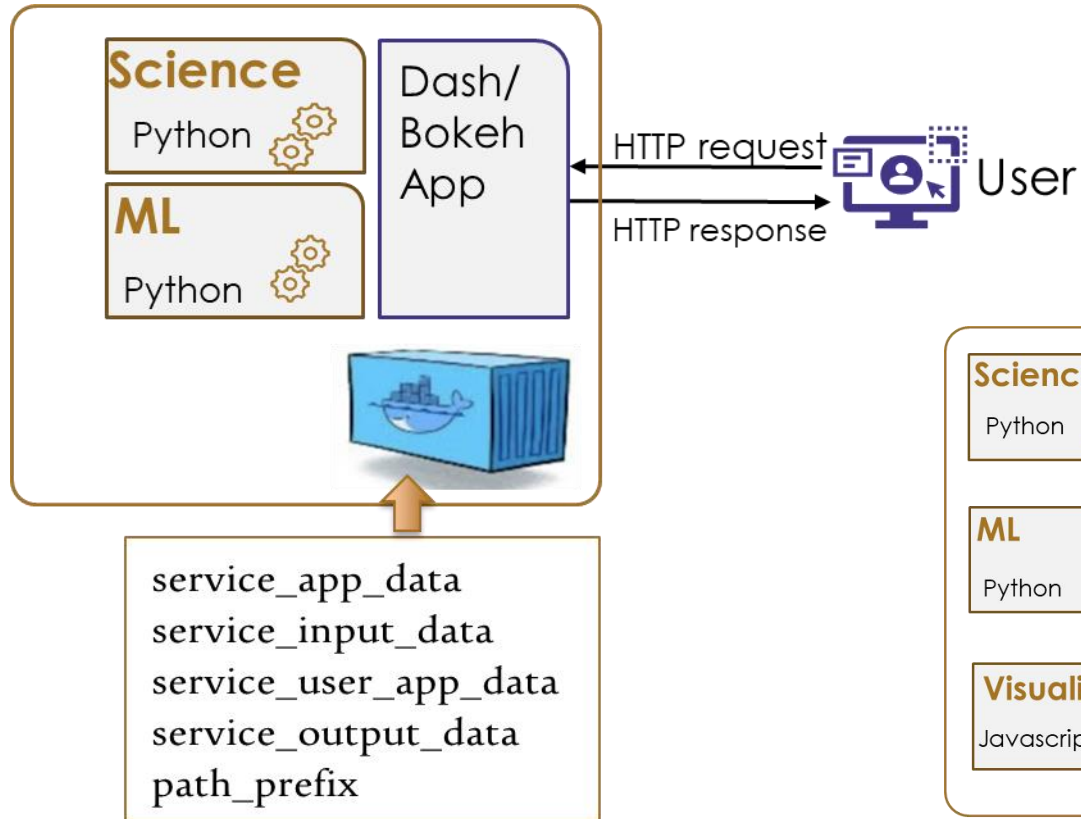
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# Scientific Data Applications (SDAs)?

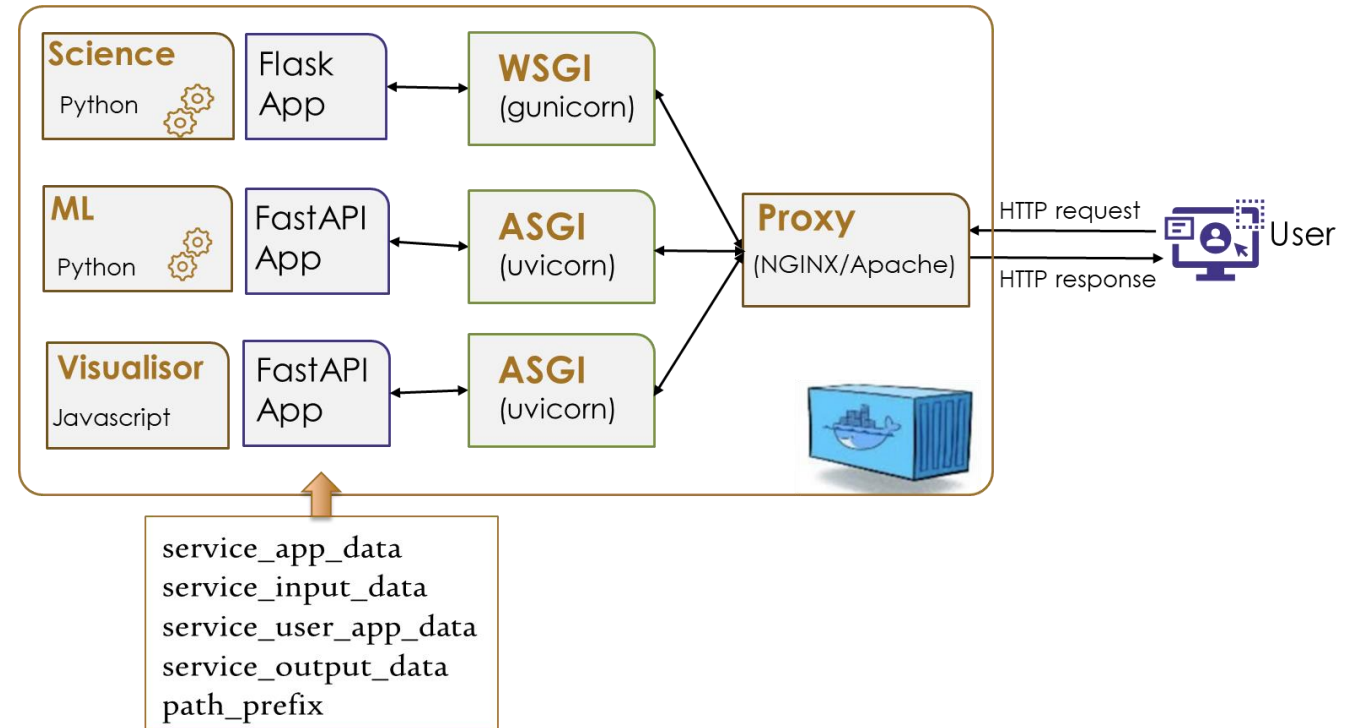
- Applications / tools for scientific data exploration, visualisation, analysis
- Deployed on science 'cloud' platforms and accessed through a web frontend interface (UI) or API.
- Let users interact remotely with data (bringing the users to the tools and data rather than bringing the tools/data to the user)
- Container approach to create, deploy, and share open-source, interoperable SDAs
- SDAs to demonstrate and promote, leading by example, space science exploitation and uptake of science platforms.

# Scientific Data Applications

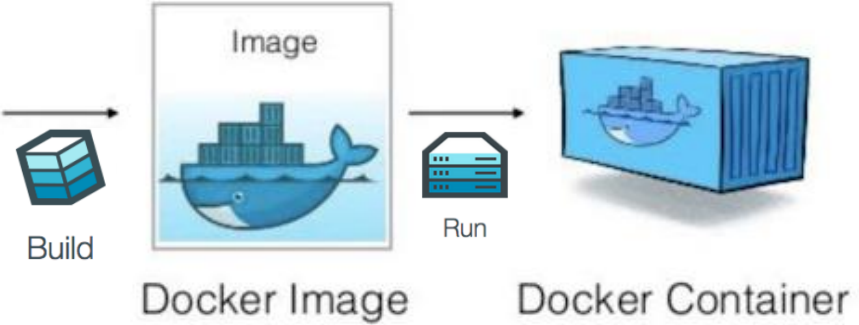
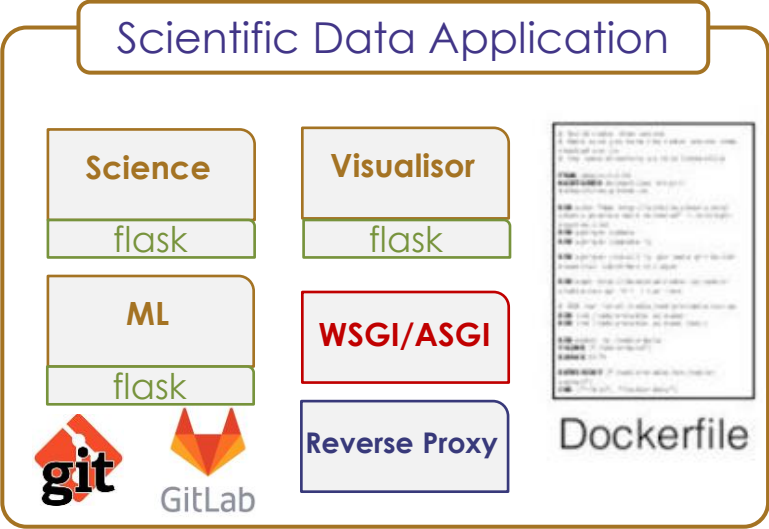
## Single-service SDA



## Multi-service SDA



# SDA 'dev-build-deploy' process

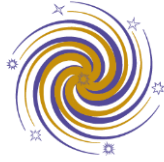


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# Scientific Data Applications

Led by Science Experts



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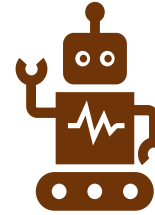
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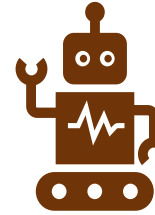
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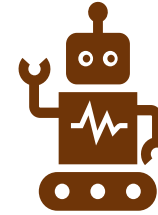
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# Objectives L-Hex and L-Explo

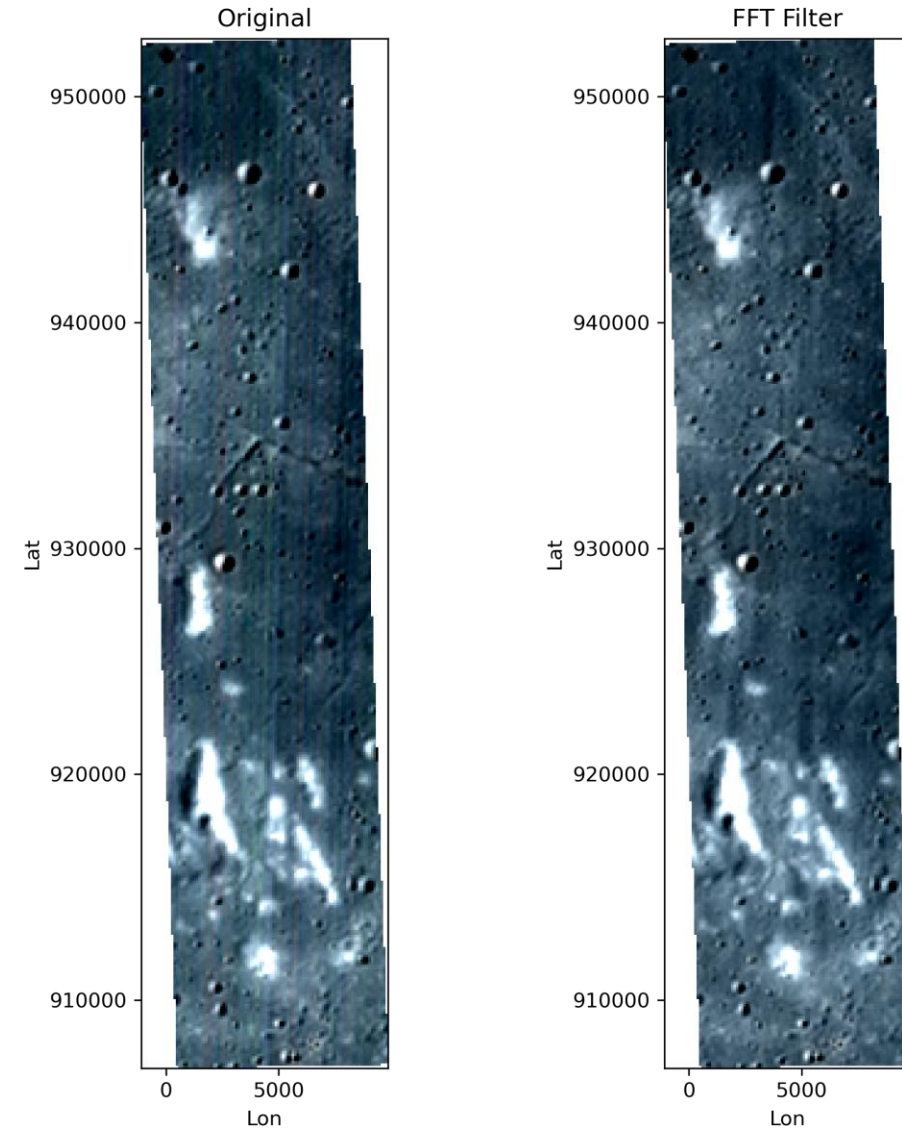
- **Provide access to relevant higher-level data** from Lunar orbital missions
- **Allow analytical operations** (e.g. **image visualisation, colour-composites**, hyperspectral summary products, spectral indexes visualisation or generation)
- **Provide functionality for building workflows** (e.g. from data selection, gathering, visualisation, analysis, export e.g. to GIS systems)
- **Support surface mapping tasks**, including geologic mapping (e.g. via data export and embed in external mapping workflows)



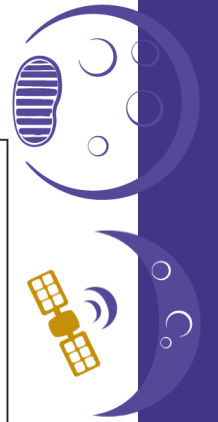
# SDA – L-Hex and L-Explo

Integrated processing tools:

- **Spectral Profile tool** → API → retrieve spectral profile of M3 data at user's clicked coordinates (UI under implementation)
- **Spectral Band Compositions** → API → create RGB type images from user's selected wavelengths (UI under implementation)
- **Spectral Index** → API → create specific spectral indexes from a predefined list or custom user's input (Under Development)
- **Spectral Advanced filtering** → API → process M3 data and perform advanced filtering such as continuum removal



Before and after inverse FFT transform to remove vertical stripes clearly visible in the left image. See Shkuratov et al, 2019



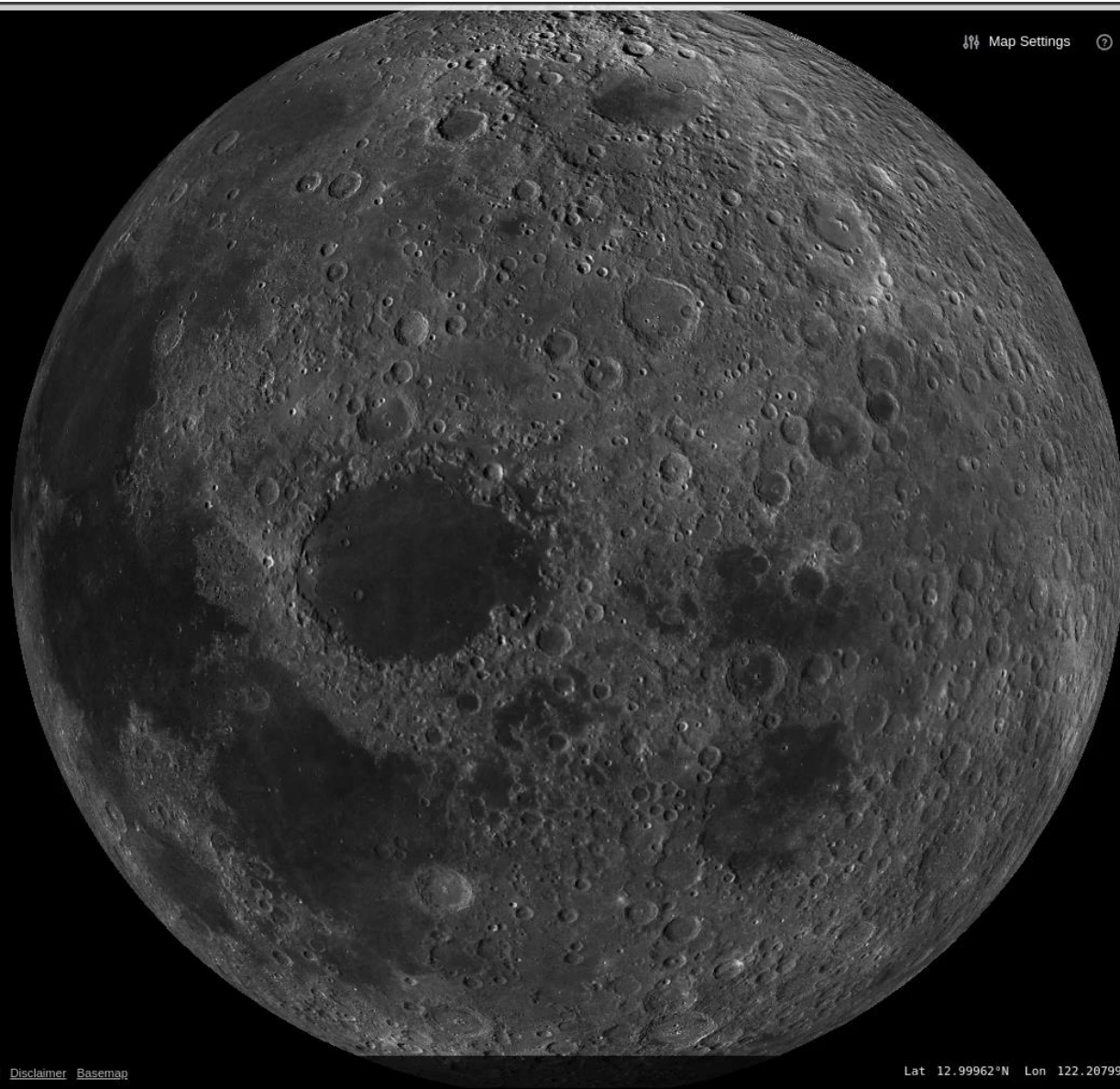
Search for locations

[Explore map data](#)
[Upload](#)

Your workbench is empty

**Helpful hints**

- ✧ Browse available data by selecting 'Explore map data' or click 'Upload' to add your own data to the map.
- ✧ Once you've added data to the map, your active data sets are listed here in your workbench. The workbench will help you to interact with the data.
- ✧ In the workbench you can toggle data sets on and off, change their opacity, activate the split screen comparison, change styles, and navigate through dates and times, if the data supports this functionality.



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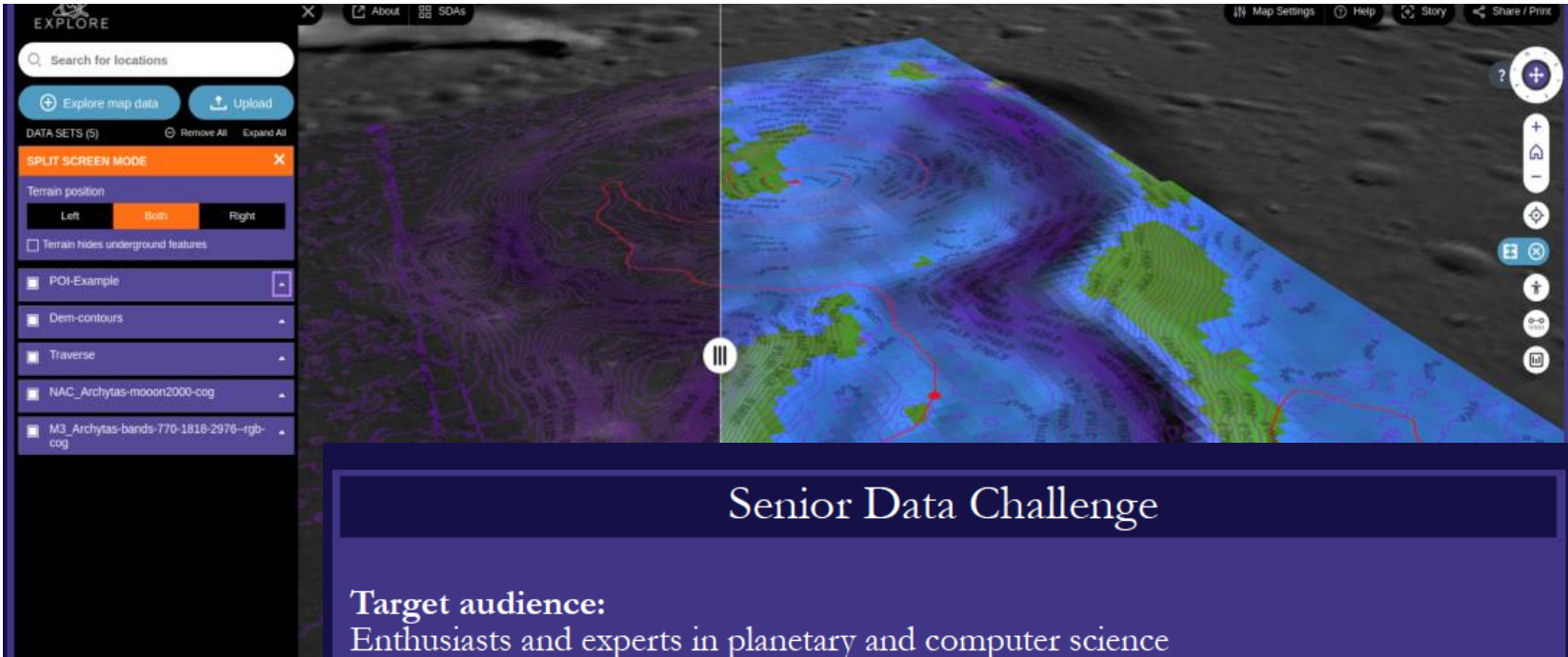


<https://exploredatachallenges.space>

## Explore Data Challenges

The EXPLORE Data Challenges aim to raise awareness of Scientific Data Applications (Apps) produced by the [EXPLORE project](#), and to improve the accuracy of the Apps by harnessing expertise from other data analysis fields.

# Senior Data Challenges



## Senior Data Challenge

### Target audience:

Enthusiasts and experts in planetary and computer science

### Objectives:

- Train Machine Learning models and use them to detect and map relevant features (e.g., Craters, Rilles, Mounds)
- Design an optimal traverse for a manned or unmanned exploration rover, possibly using Machine Learning (e.g., Reinforcement Learning) [2-3]

## Materials

Basemaps, Digital Elevation Models, Hyperspectral data, targets of interest, example traverse, processign scripts.

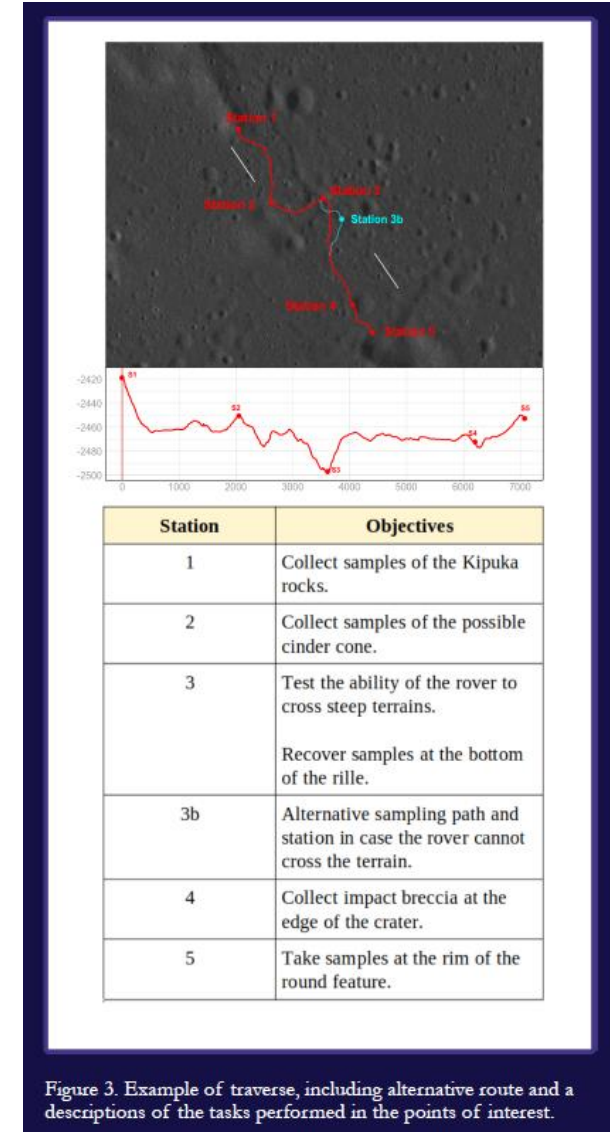


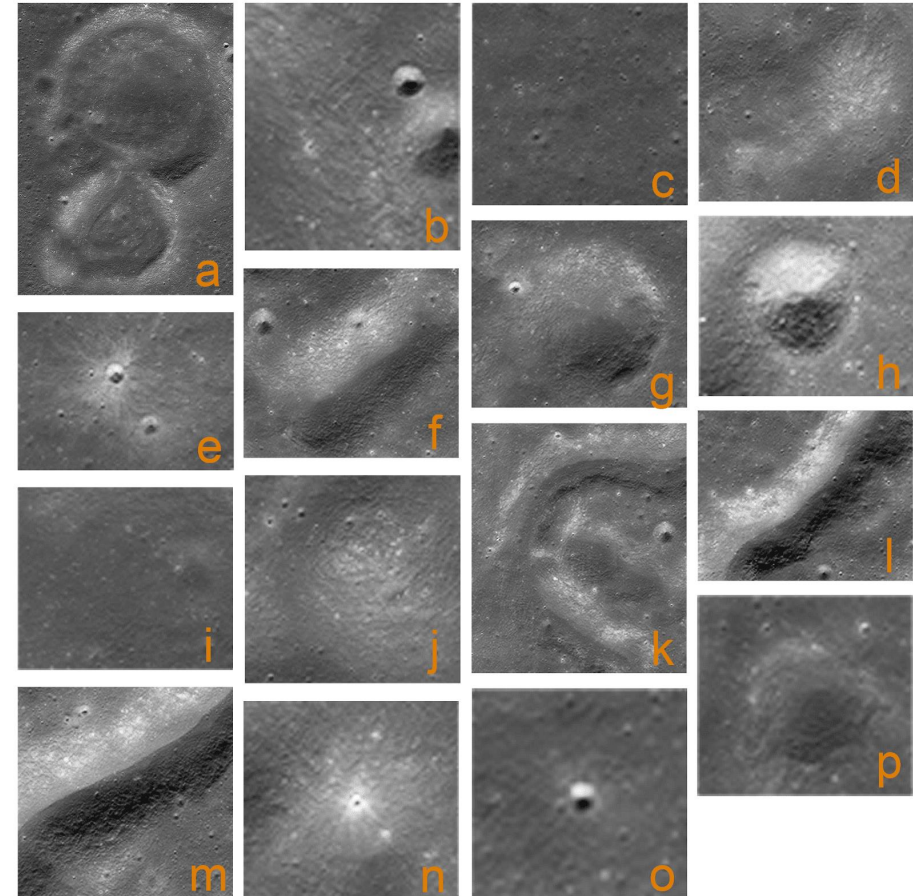
Figure 3. Example of traverse, including alternative route and a descriptions of the tasks performed in the points of interest.

# Junior Data Challenges

## EXPLORE-ing the Surface of the Moon

### Activity 1: Pattern Recognition

- Can you sort these images into groups based on which look similar?
- Once you've done this, what do you think the images in each group are showing?

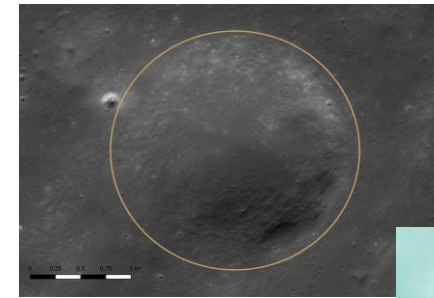


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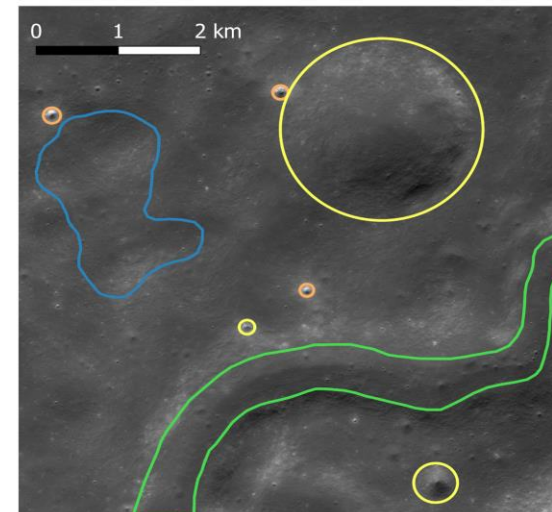
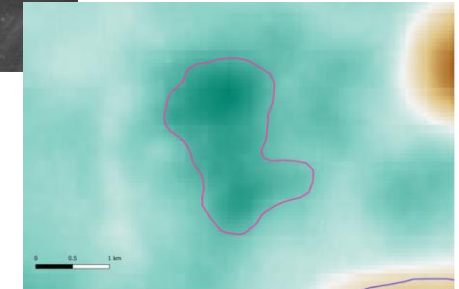
### Activity 2: Identifying Features on the Moon

- In this activity, you are tasked with identifying features on the surface which could be a hazard for a future rover mission!
- You will be shown some real images taken by a satellite in orbit around the Moon called the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter



Old/Eroded  
Craters

Mounds /  
Ridges



Features:  
○ Crater (New)  
○ Crater (Old)  
— Rille  
— Mound/Ridge





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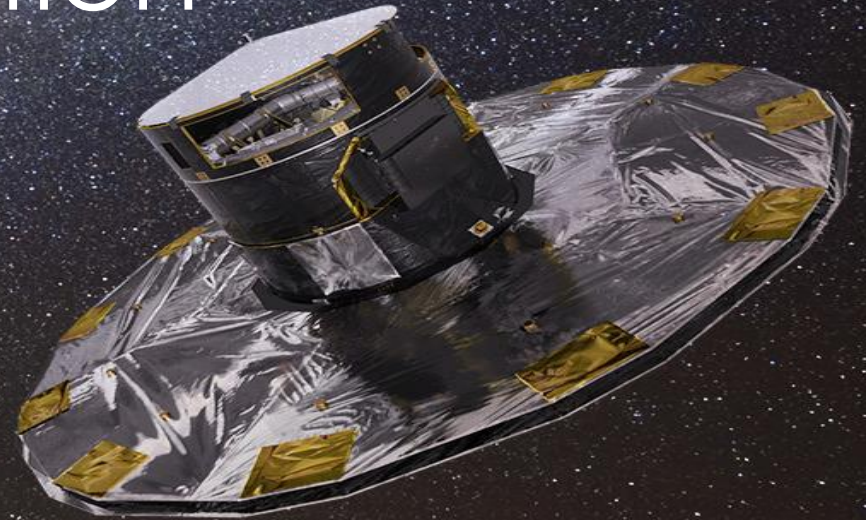
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