

## ROCKePEDIA

*Towards a shared intelligence platform to  
support computer-assisted rock identification*

Eric PIRARD

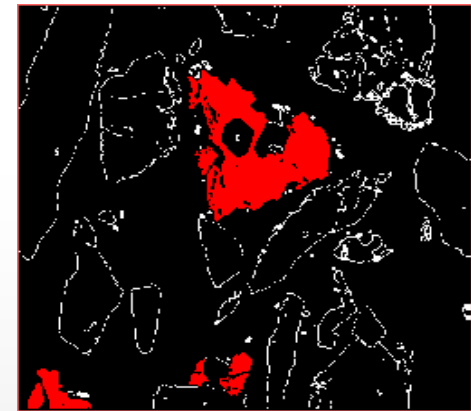
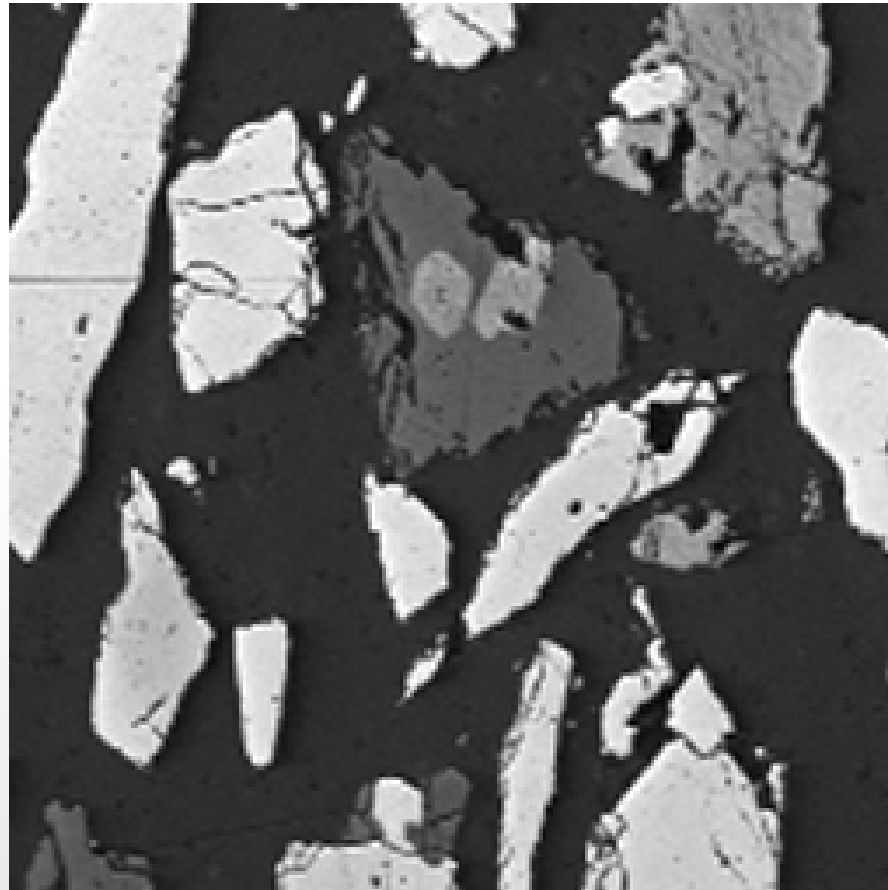
Bouzahzah H., Barnabé P.

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# Ever Better Pixels

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- 1985 - Grey Levels
  - 512 x 512 x 8 bits
  - Thresholding
  - Erosion / Rebuild

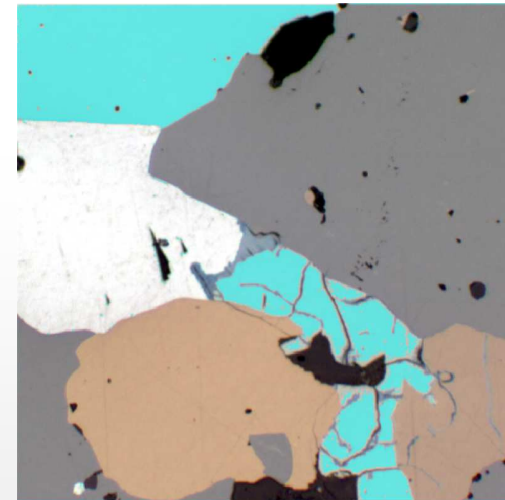
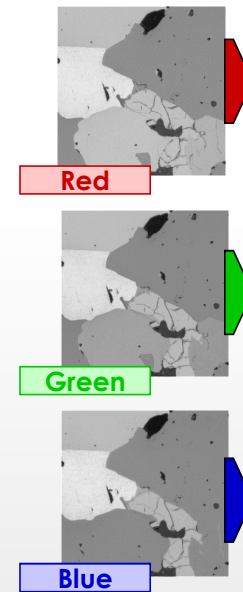
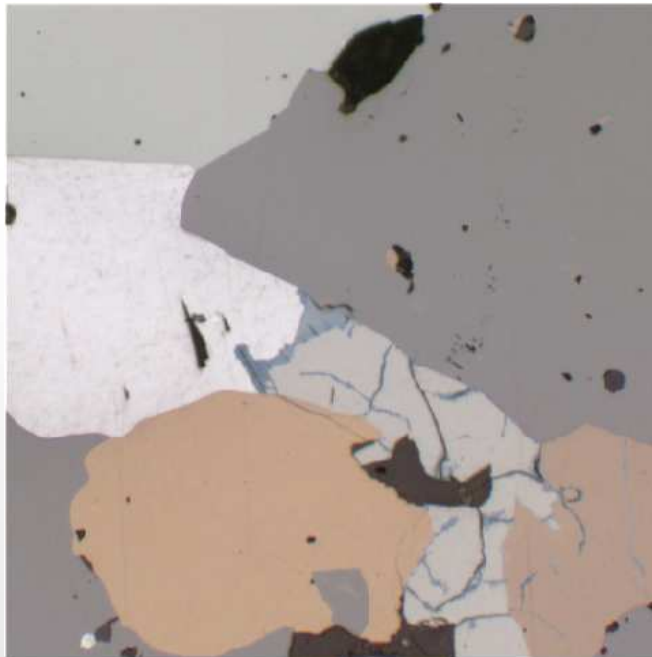
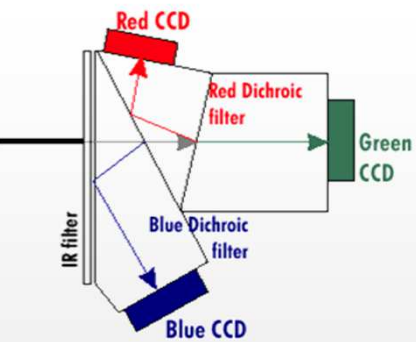


Panasqueira

*TT2 -Sulphide Concentrate*

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- 1991 - True colours
  - Shoe Box + PostProcess
  - 512 x 512 x 3 x 8 bits

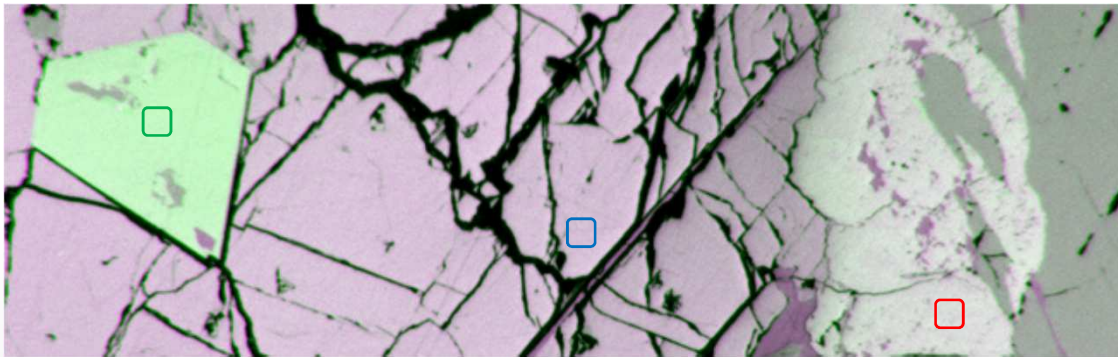


Kipushi  
*Bornite-Galena-Sphalerite*

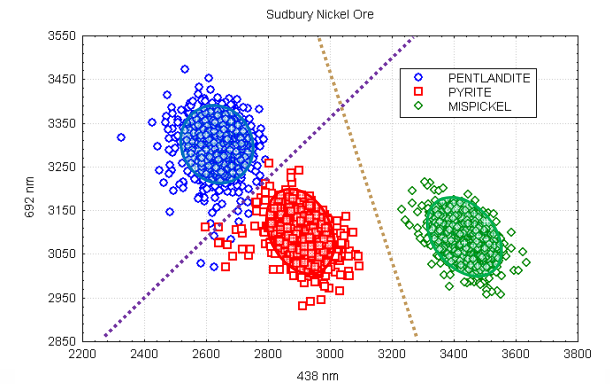


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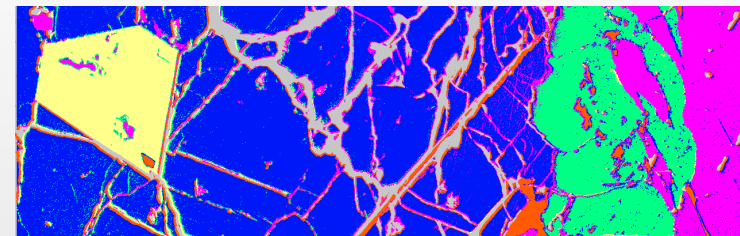
- 2000 – Multispectral Imaging
  - 1376 x 1040 x 12 bits x N bands



Sudbury  
Cu-Ni sulphides



Optimal multivariate hyperplanes (linear combinations) to separate the three training sets

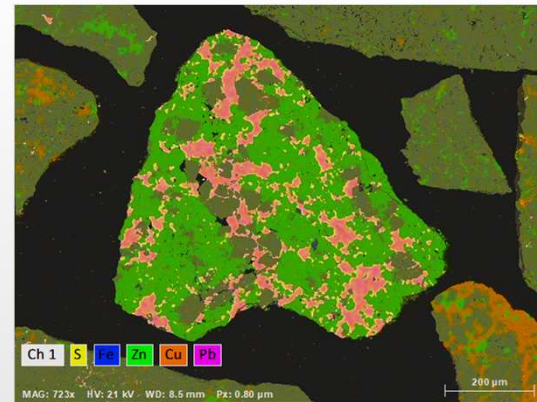
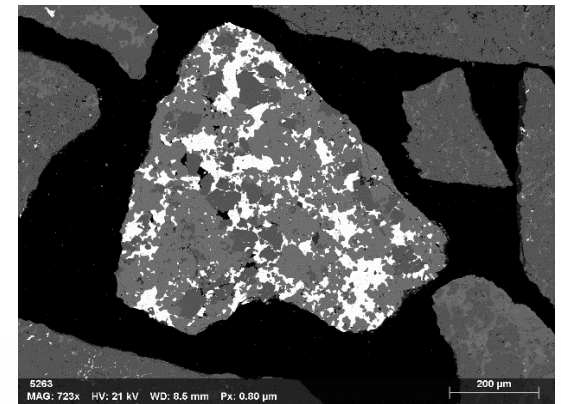
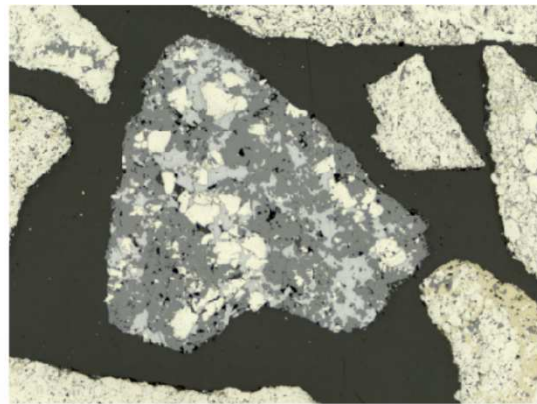
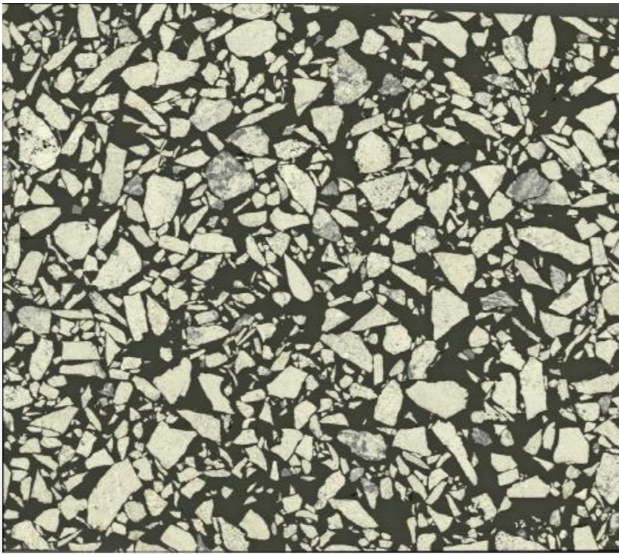


Result of MultiGaussian Maximum Likelihood classification using four bands (438nm-489nm-591nm-692nm)



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- 2020 – Multimodal Imaging
  - Gigapixel Images



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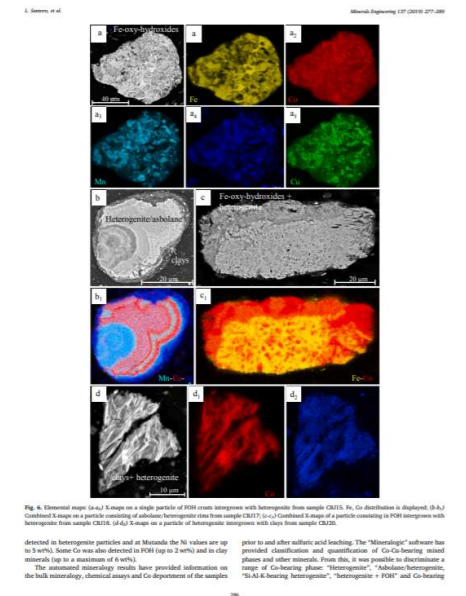
- 2021 – Where do we stand ?
  - Mature Imaging Technologies
  - Widely accessible
  - Need to share
    - Best SAMPLE PREPARATION practices
    - Best SCIENTIFIC IMAGING principles

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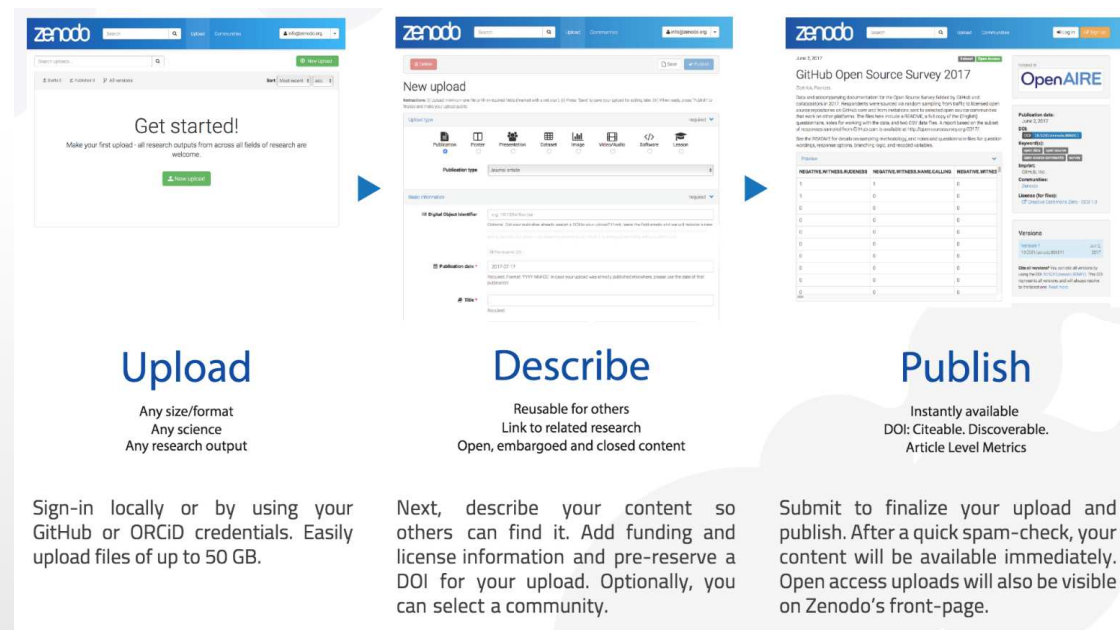
- Multiple generations of storage solutions
  - Floppy disk, magnetic tapes, zip disk, CD, mobile HDD, HDD racks, ...
  - TIFF file format
- Scientific papers
  - Low quality reproduction
  - JPG compression in PDF
  - Original data not available to researchers





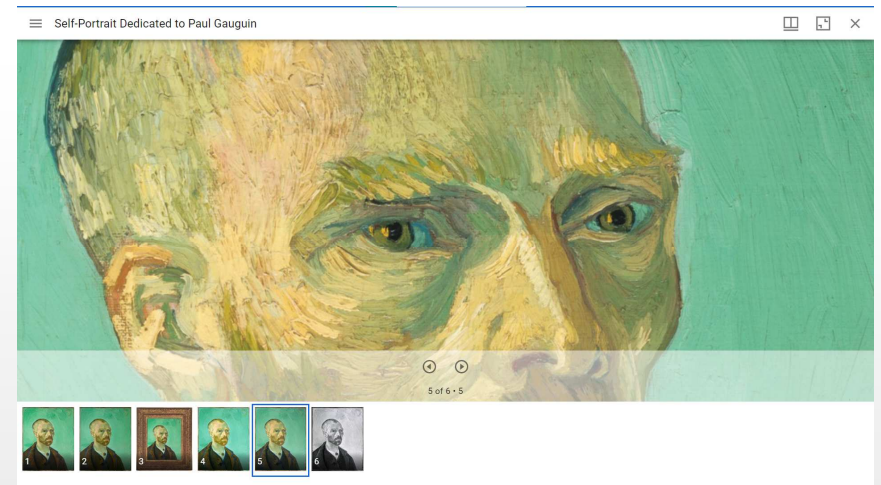
# Sharing Pixels

- Open Data / Open Science
  - <https://www.openaire.eu>
    - H2020 - Make data publicly available
  - ZENODO / DRYAD
    - Linking datasets to published papers
    - csv, text, xls,...



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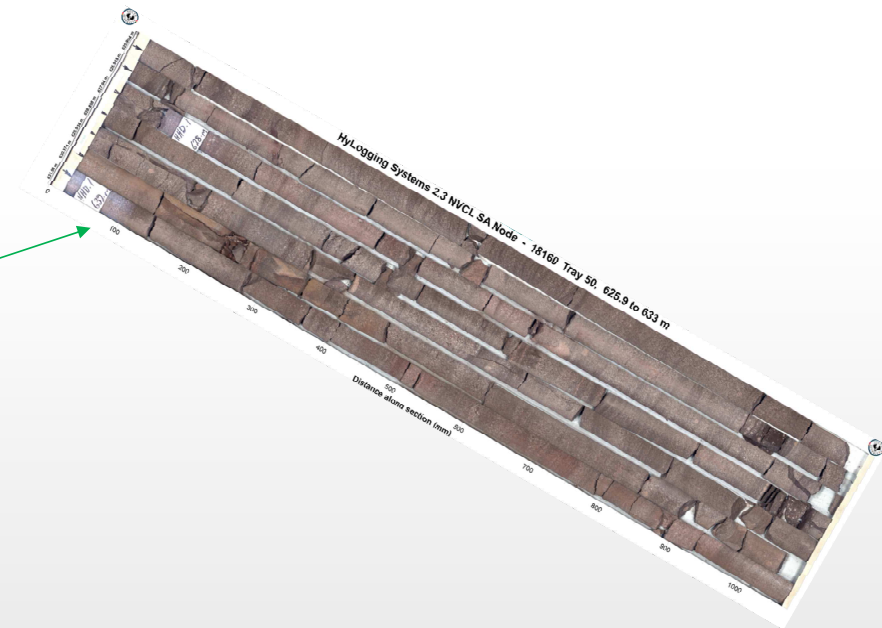
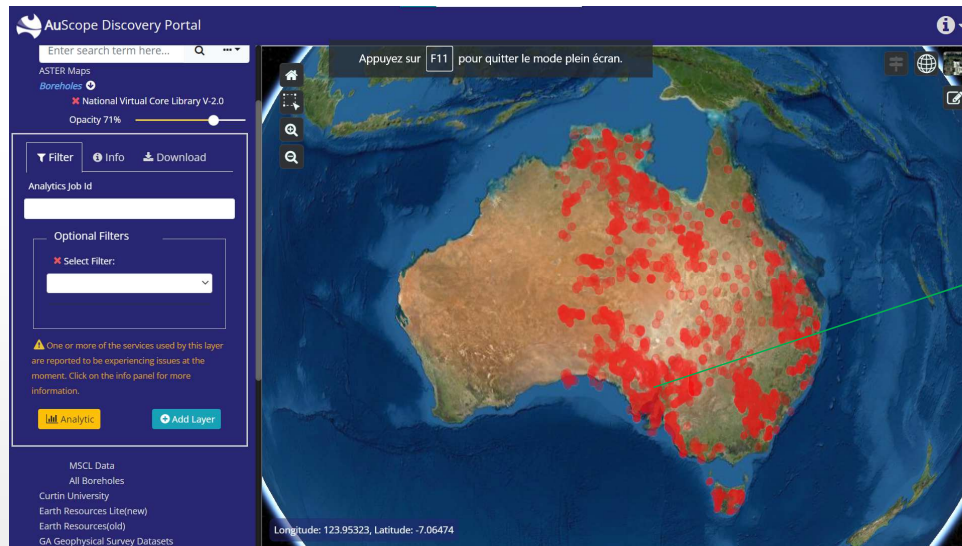
- Open Images
  - IIIF - International Image Interoperability Framework
    - Adopted by libraries and museums to visualise high quality images
      - ✓ Mirador, Micrio,...
    - Provides a shared environment in which both publishers and users can annotate the object



Mirador test site : <https://mirador-dev.netlify.app/>

# Sharing Pixels

- Geological and Georeferenced Images
  - Auscope Portal – National Virtual Core Library v2.0
    - Geographic navigation
    - On-demand visualisation of core trays



<http://portal.auscope.org.au/>



# Sharing Pixels

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- 2021 – Where do we stand ?
  - Open data is a growing trend
  - Online visualisation of scientific datasets
  - Available platforms for seamlessly navigating Gpixel images
  - Need to improve
    - Adequacy to geological samples (Georeferencing, 3D,...)
    - Possibility for expert annotation

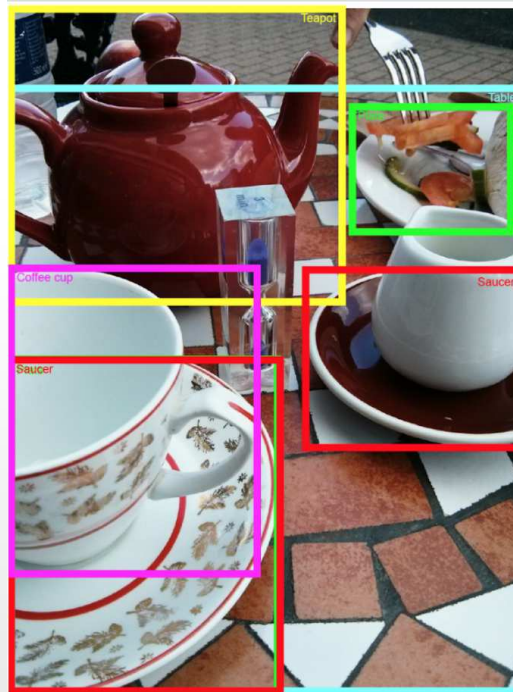
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# Actionable Intelligence

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- Open Image DataSet v6
  - 9M images annotated with 36M image-level labels, 15.8M bounding boxes, 2.8M instance segmentations.
  - For training the latest deep convolutional neural networks for computer vision tasks

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*Labels generated by tens of thousands of users from all over the world at [crowdsource.google.com](https://crowdsource.google.com)*

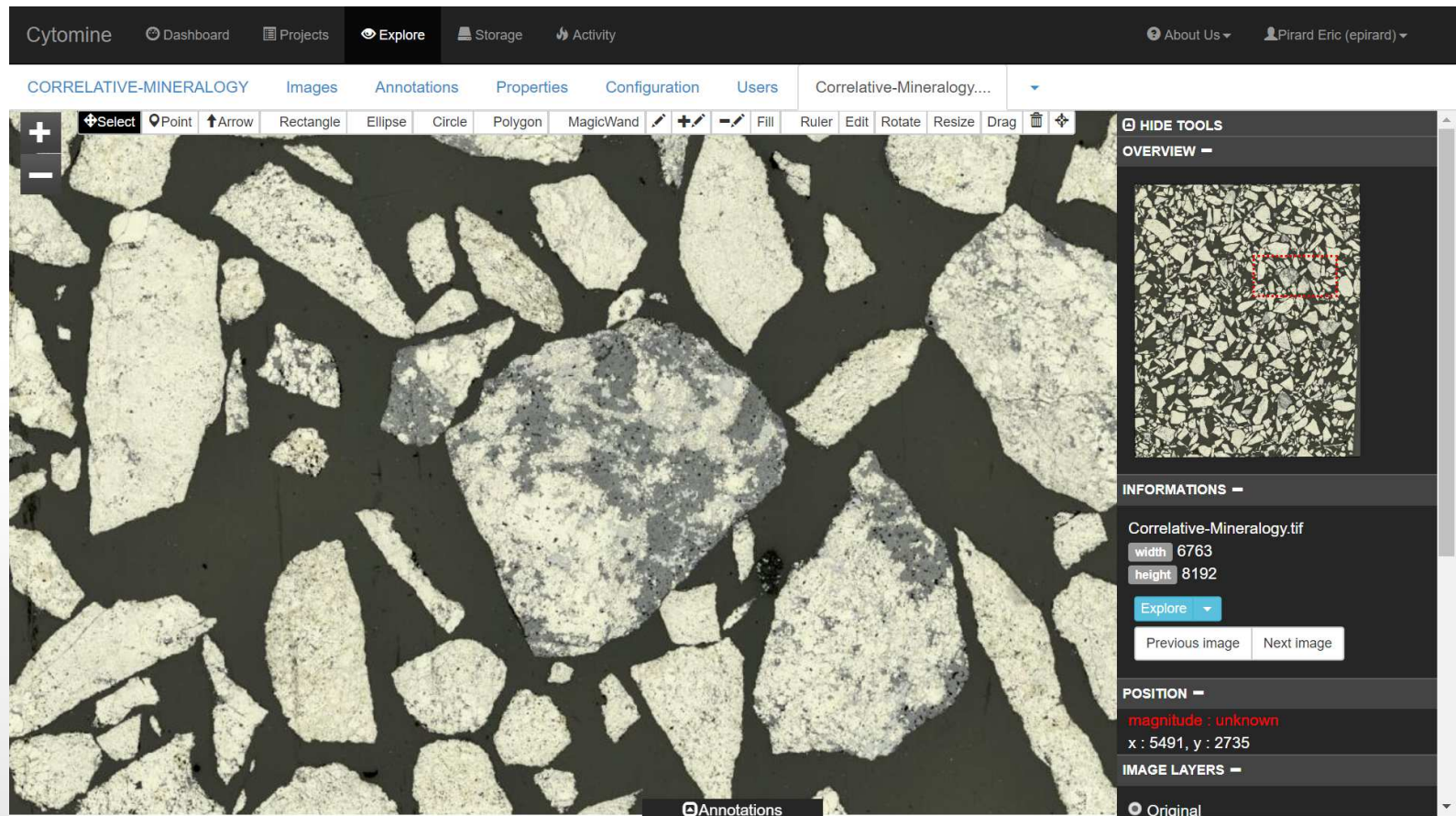
# Actionable Intelligence

- Open Image DataSet v6
  - Interactive segmentation : Neural Network + Professional Human Annotators

**Google AI** hopes that having a single dataset with unified annotations for image classification, object detection, visual relationship detection, and instance segmentation will stimulate progress towards genuine scene understanding.



# Actionable Intelligence





# Actionable Intelligence



cytomine Workspace Projects Storage # Ontologies Search + Eric Pirard (epirard) Help

PROJECT: AMCO THIN\_SECTION

- Images
- Annotations
- Information

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**CURRENT SELECTION**

Area 4196.000 pixels<sup>2</sup>

Perimeter 270.000 pixels

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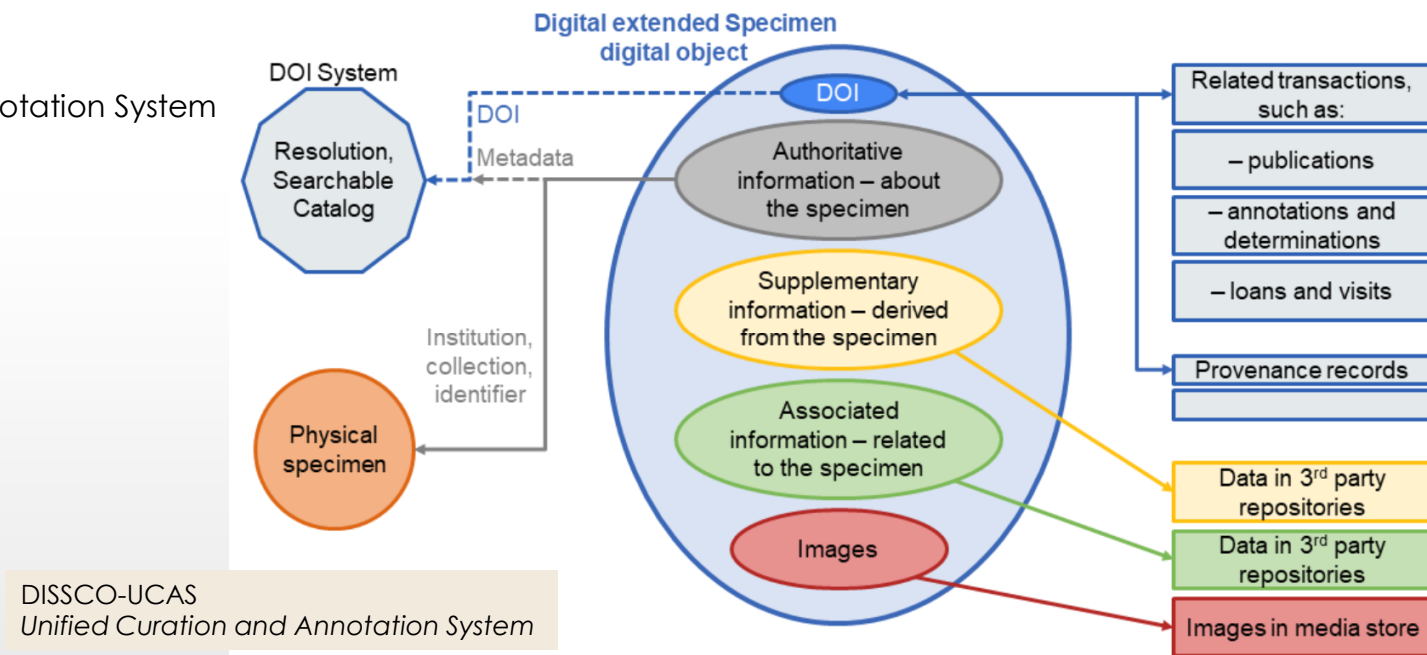
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# Sharing Pixels

- 2021 – Where do we stand ?
  - Available ~~Crowd~~ Expert- sharing platforms for annotating images
  - Need to improve
    - Co-option of experts
    - Unified Curation and Annotation System



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# Towards a Digital Twin of the Earth

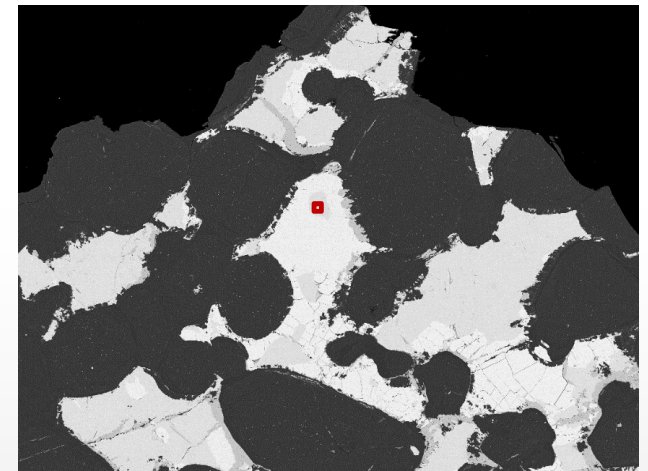


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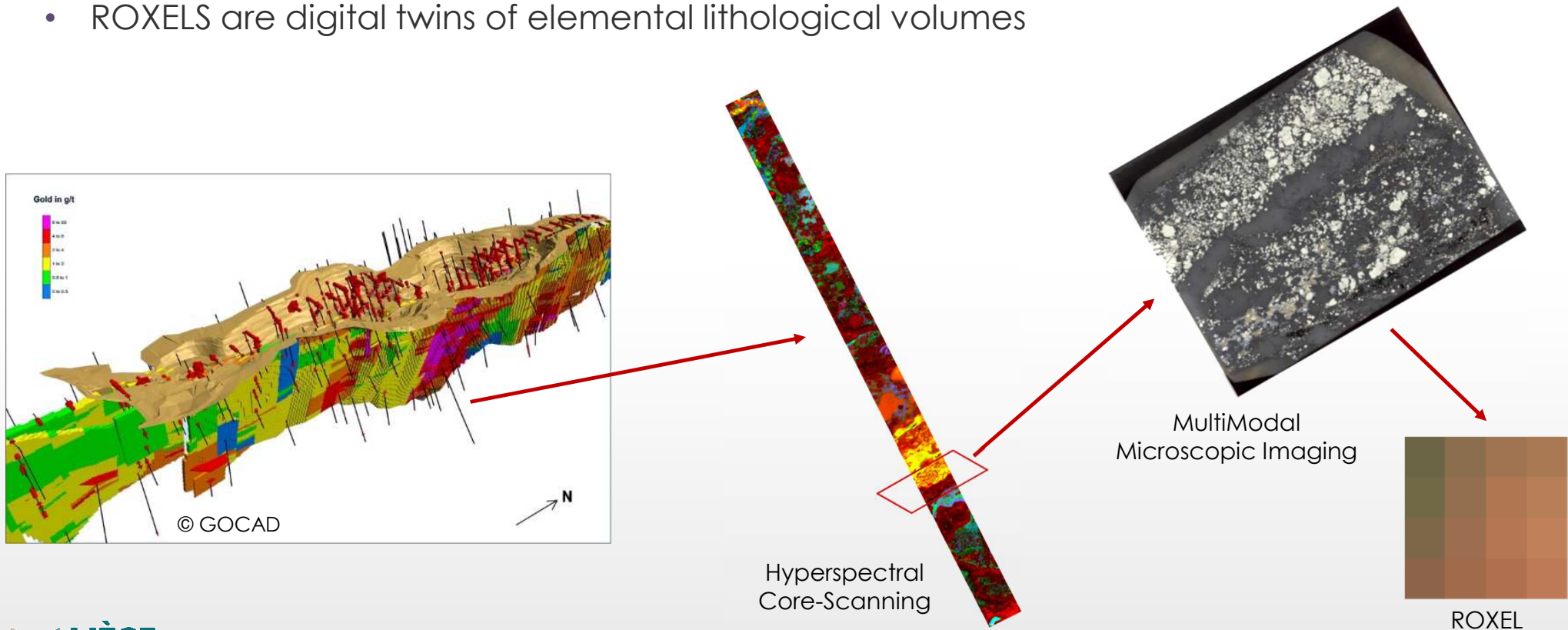
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Back Scattered Electrons Image -  
Raglan (CAN)

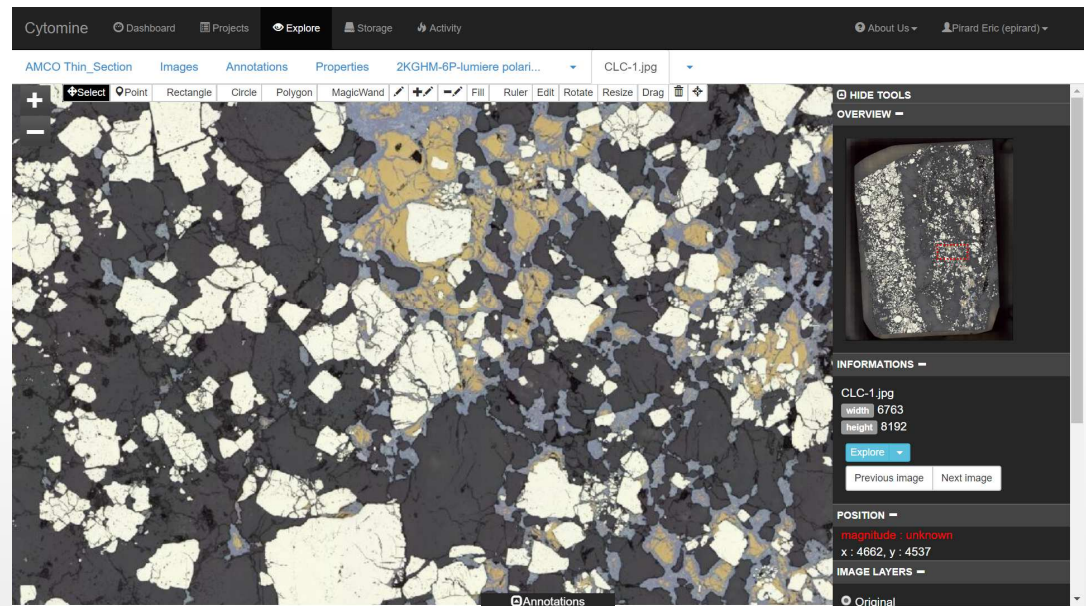
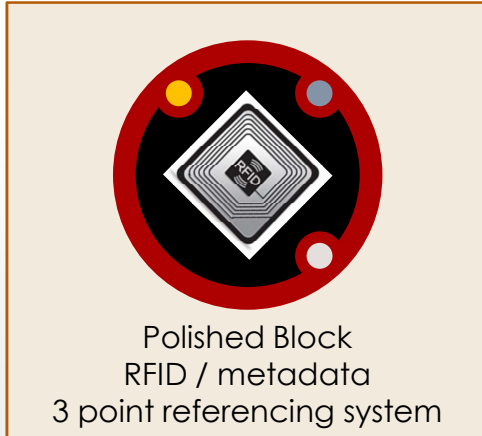
# From Pixels to Roxels

- ROXELS are digital twins of elemental lithological volumes



# Microscopical Information System

- Deposit(Name type,...)
  - Drill Core (ex. DH1343 Lat/Long/Dip/Azimut/...)
    - Log / Plug (ex. depth/length/...)
      - ✓ Rock\_Class (ex. litho type)
        - » Rock\_Compo (ex. modal)
          - > Grain (ex. size, shape,...)
            - + Roxel\_Class
            - + Roxel\_Compo
            - + Roxel\_Raw

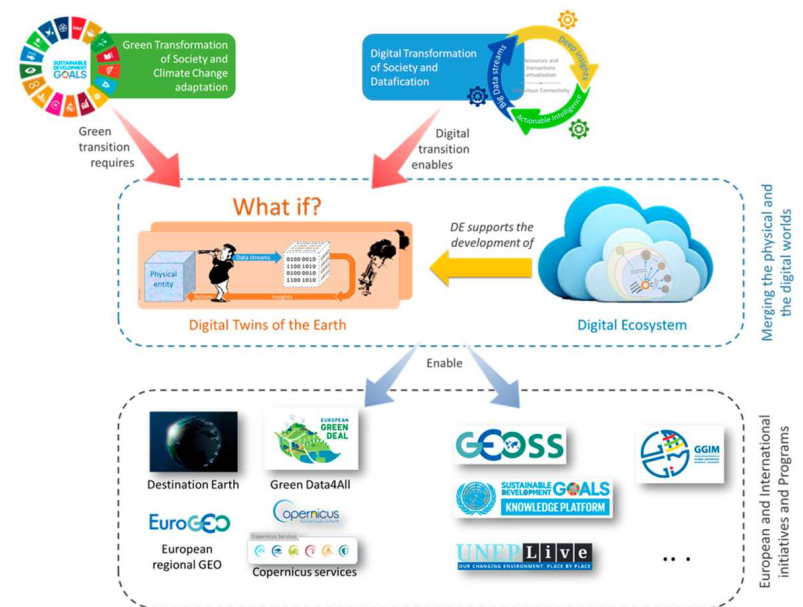


# ESA - Digital Twin Earth Challenge

- Conceptually, the goal of **Destination Earth** is to develop a dynamic, interactive, multi-dimensional, and data intensive replica of the Earth (system), which would enable different user groups (public, scientific, private) to interact with vast amounts of natural and socio-economic information. At the heart of Destination Earth is a common infrastructure providing access to data, advanced computing (including high performance computing), software, AI applications, and analytics
  - weather forecasting and climate change,
  - food and water security
  - global ocean circulation
  - biogeochemistry of the oceans
  - Waste management, smart cities and more yet to be defined...

Nothing about the Earth Crust and its georesources!

Nativi, S.; Mazzetti, P.; Craglia, M. Digital Ecosystems for Developing Digital Twins of the Earth: The Destination Earth Case. Remote Sens. 2021, 13, 2119. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rs13112119>



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# Conclusion

# Conclusions and way forward

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- Where do we stand in 2021?
  - Mature Imaging Technologies
  - Mature Web-based Image Exploration Platforms
  - Potential for a large image database of minerals and rocks
  - Powerful Artificial Intelligence Accessible
- RockePedia
  - Worldwide initiative to cure scientific rock images
  - Development of an expert community
  - Definition of a Unified Annotation Language (cf. GeoSciML, EarthResourcesML,...)
  - Training set for automated Rock Identification (minerals and relationships)
  - Exceptional resource for online education