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Tools and Data From NASA Planetary Science Missions Planetary Science

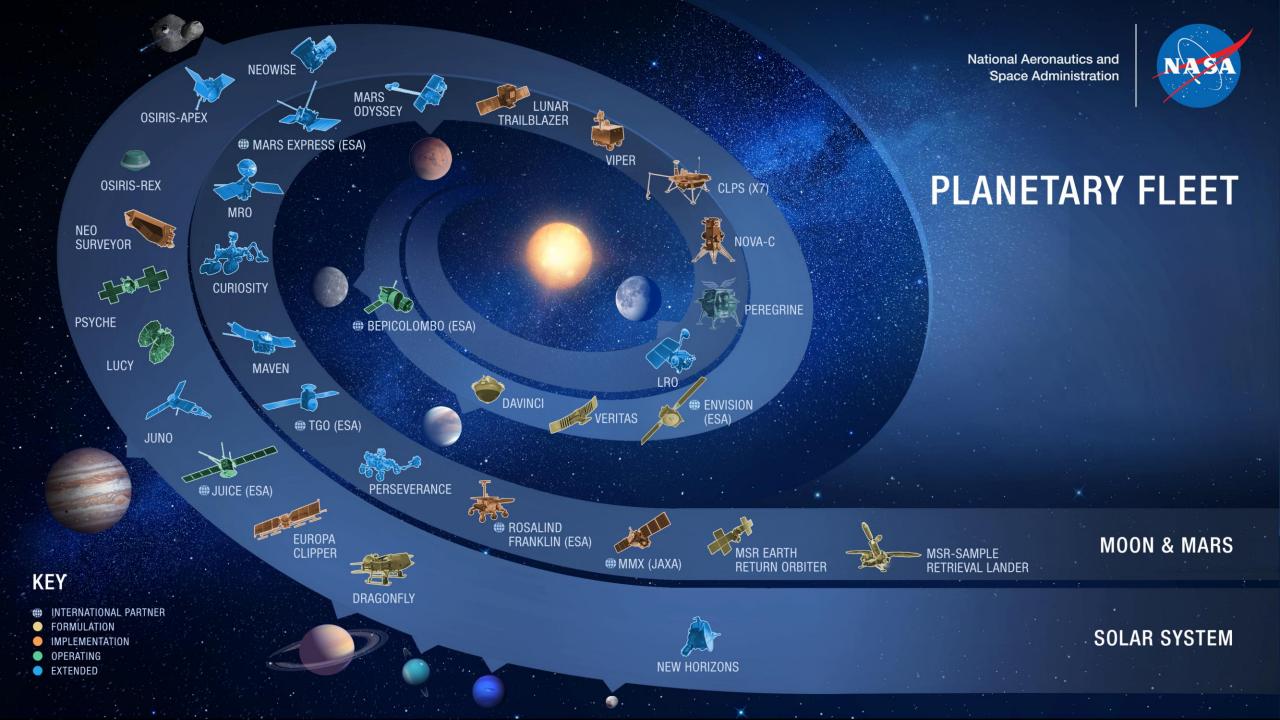
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- Presenting highlights of data and tools available.
 - Intended to give you a starting point for exploring ways to access, explore, and analyze planetary science data without significant technical or scientific expertise.
 - This is not meant to be an exhaustive list of all datasets and analysis tools available to the planetary science community.
- All information was gathered from publicly available information, and primarily on the dataset or tool website.
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Planetary Data System (PDS)

- PDS is NASA's long-term archive of digital data products returned from NASA's planetary missions.
 - Atmospheres (ATM)
 - Non-imaging atmospheric data
 - Cartography and Imaging Sciences (IMG)
 - Digital image collections
 - Geosciences (GEO)
 - Related to the surface and interiors of terrestrial bodies
 - Planetary Plasma Interactions (PPI)
 - Related to the study of the interaction between the solar wind and planetary winds with planetary magnetospheres, ionospheres, and surfaces
 - Ring-Moon Systems (RMS)
 - Relevant to planetary systems, including planets, rings, and moons and the way they interact.
 - Small Bodies (SBN)
 - Relevant to asteroids, comets, and interplanetary dust
- Data available at: <u>https://pds.nasa.gov/</u>

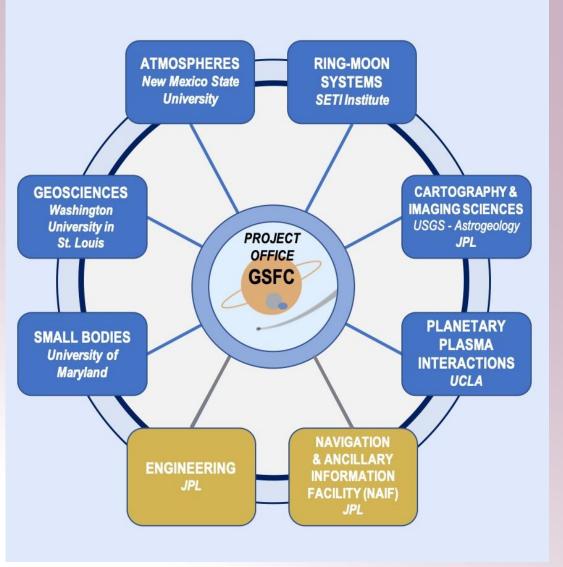


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Analyst's Notebook – Landed Missions

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- PDS Geosciences Node <u>Analyst's Notebook</u>
- Tool for accessing the science data archives from NASA landed Mars and lunar missions
- Missions supported: Perseverance, Curiosity, InSight, Opportunity and Spirit, Phoenix, LCROSS, Apollo
- Features
 - Customizable searches for data, targets, and documentation
 - Interactive plot showing rover traverse over time
 - Information on samples collected for return to Earth
 - High-level view of the mission describe by the science and instrument teams
- Web-based service: <u>https://an.rsl.wustl.edu/</u>

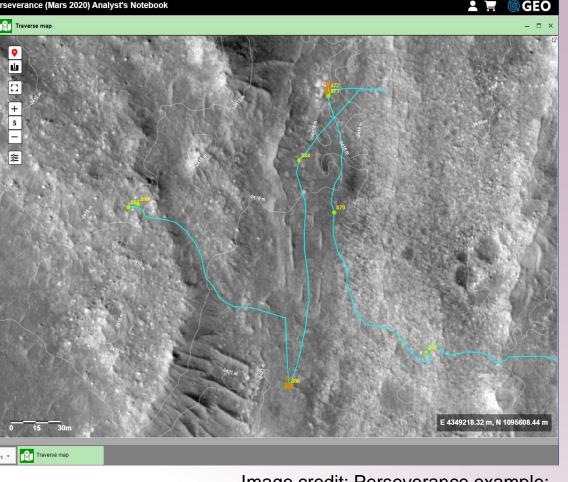


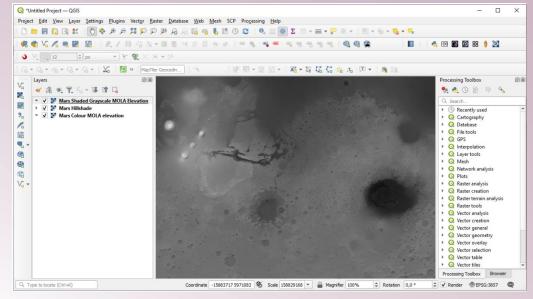
Image credit: Perseverance example; https://an.rsl.wustl.edu/m20/AN/an3.aspx

QGIS – Free and Open-Source GIS

- Create, edit, visualize, analyze and publish geospatial data
 - Highly capable GIS software platform; relatively high learning curve
- Targets supported: Any target with geospatial data
 - Users import individual datasets and builds custom projects
- Features
 - Extensive analysis capabilities
 - Can write custom analysis functions and run those functions on data in QGIS
 - Vector and raster data analysis
 - Data analysis plug-ins are available (or can be written)
 - Data export function
 - Extensive training material
 - User guide, training manual, QGIS tutorials, books
- Website to download:

https://www.qgis.org/en/site/forusers/download.html

 Supported on Mac, Windows, Linux, Berkeley Software Distribution (BSD), and Apps for mobile and tablet



Illustrating a Mars shaded MOLA elevation plug-in; Image credit: https://www.giscourse.com/openplanetary-tile-loader-qgis-plugin/

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JMARS - Java Mission-planning and Analysis for Remote Sensing

- View and perform basic analytics of geospatial orbital data by importing multiple data layers
- Targets currently supported: Mercury, Venus, Moon, Mars, and Jupiter
- Features
 - Can save the state of an entire JMARS session to a file for later use
 - Adjust the opacity of datasets
 - Import custom datasets as data layers
 - Visually compare and plot data values
 - Impact Crater Analysis (in beta)
 - Data export function
- Website to download: <u>https://jmars.asu.edu/</u>
 - Supported on Mac, Windows, Linux, and Solaris

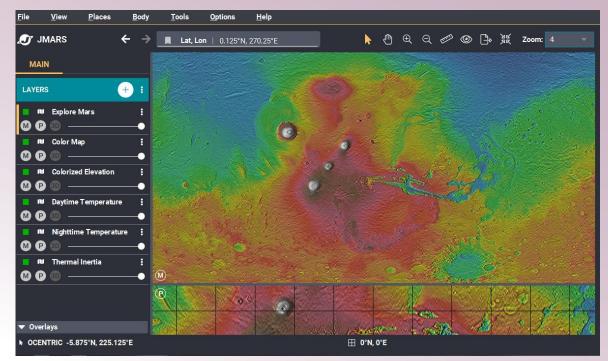


Image credit: https://jmars.asu.edu/tour-interface/overview

JMARS team has four posters during the Tuesday poster session

Solar System Treks

- View and perform basic analytics of geospatial orbital data by importing multiple data layers
- Targets supported:
 - Planets: Mercury, Venus, Mars
 - Moons: Europa, Ganymede, Icy Moons, Moon, Phobos, Titan
 - Asteroids: Bennu, Ceres, Ryugu, Vesta
- Features
 - Calculate distance, elevation, sun angles
 - 3D visualization
 - 3D printing
 - Can download products
 - Most map layers are available through a RESTful tile service
- Web-based service: <u>https://trek.nasa.gov/#</u>

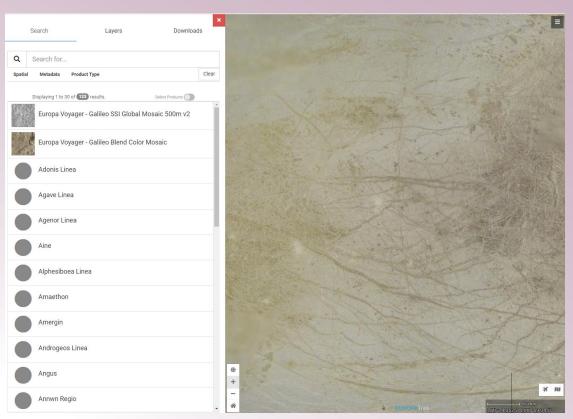


Image credit: https://trek.nasa.gov/europa/

QuickMap

- View and perform basic analytics of geospatial orbital data by importing multiple data layers
- Targets supported: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Moon
- Features
 - Display lunar data from current and past missions
 - Arecibo, Clementine, Chandrayaan-1, GRAIL, Kaguya, Lunar Prospector, LRO
 - Provides metadata information for each image
 - Additional description about the image processing and image capture conditions
 - Draw polygons and select areas for plotting data
 - Enable 3D terrain
 - Data export function
- Web-based service: <u>https://quickmap.lroc.asu.edu/</u>

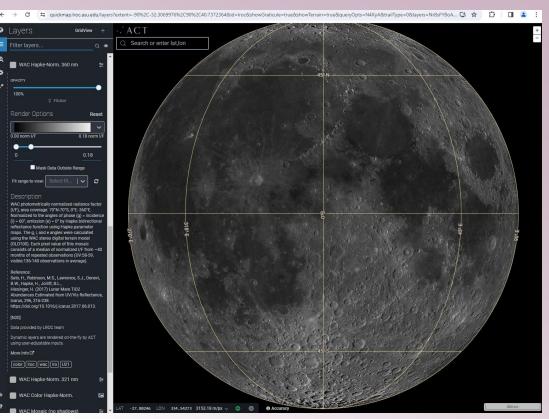


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Small Body Mapping Tool (SBMT)

- Search, access, and analyze spacecraft data of small bodies
- Targets supported:
 - Asteroids
 - Main Belt: Ceres, Vesta, Lutetia, Ida, Mathilde, Gaspra, Steins
 - Near-Earth: Eros, Itokawa, Bennu, Ryugu, Toutatis
 - Comets
 - Hailey, Tempel 1, Wild 2, Hartley 2
 - Moons
 - Mars: Deimos, Phobos
 - Saturn: Dione, Epimetheus, Hyperion, Janus, Mimas, Pandora, Phoebe, Prometheus, Tethys
- Features
 - Allows users to visualize and manipulate small body shape models in three dimensions
 - Built-in analysis and mapping capabilities
 - Can save a previous session and reload
 - Data export function
 - Training videos and tutorials available
- Website to download: <u>https://sbmt.jhuapl.edu/</u>
 - Supported on Mac, Windows, and Linux

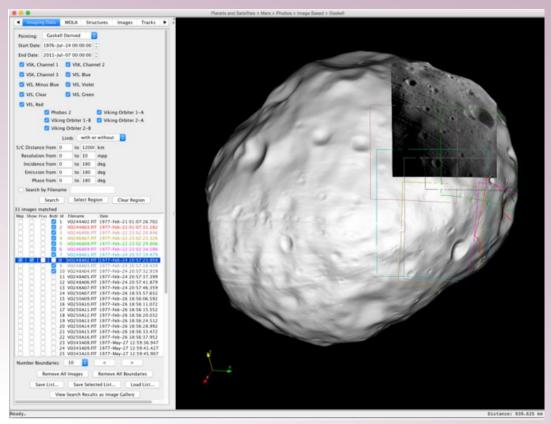


Image credit: Ernst et al., 2018, LPSC, Abs. 1043

Near-Earth Asteroids

- <u>The Daily Minor Planet</u> Catalina Sky Survey
 - Examples of current Citizen Science efforts
 - Discussion Forum
 - Examples of what asteroids look like in survey images
- International Search Collaboration (IASC)
 - Provides high-quality astronomical data to citizen scientists around the world
- PDS Small Bodies Node (SBN)
 - NEO survey data
 - <u>Catalina Sky Survey data</u>
 - Survey data holding continues to grow
- <u>CATCH</u> Comet Asteroid Telescopic Catalog Hunter
 - Search for an astronomical object with the CATCH tool
 - Features and functionality continue to be added
- <u>NEOWISE</u> Space telescope to hunt for asteroids and comets

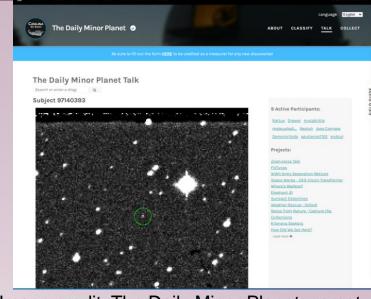


Image credit: The Daily Minor Planet; comet identified by a Citizen Scientist

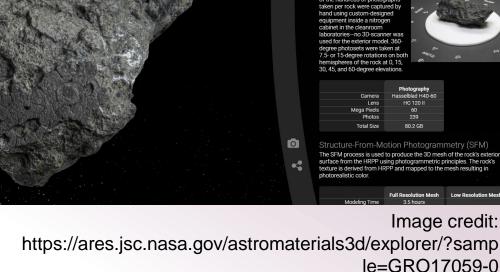


Image credit: Example CATCH search for a comet (comet 243P/NEAT)

Astromaterials 3D Explorer

- A virtual library for exploration and research of • NASA's space rock collections
 - Apollo lunar collection
 - Antarctic meteorite collection
- Features ٠
 - View high-resolution 3D images of astromaterials
 - 3D images are produced using:
 - High-resolution precision photography
 - Structure-from-motion photogrammetry
 - Micro x-ray computed tomography
 - Extensive metadata of each sample ٠
 - Data export function ٠
 - High resolution 3D models of the rocks can be downloaded as .obj files
- Web-based service: •

https://ares.jsc.nasa.gov/astromaterials3d/



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ANSMET Field Season 2017, Grosvenor Mountain

GRO 17059,0 Processing Details High-Resolution Precision Photo

The HRPP I of the hundreds of photographs



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