

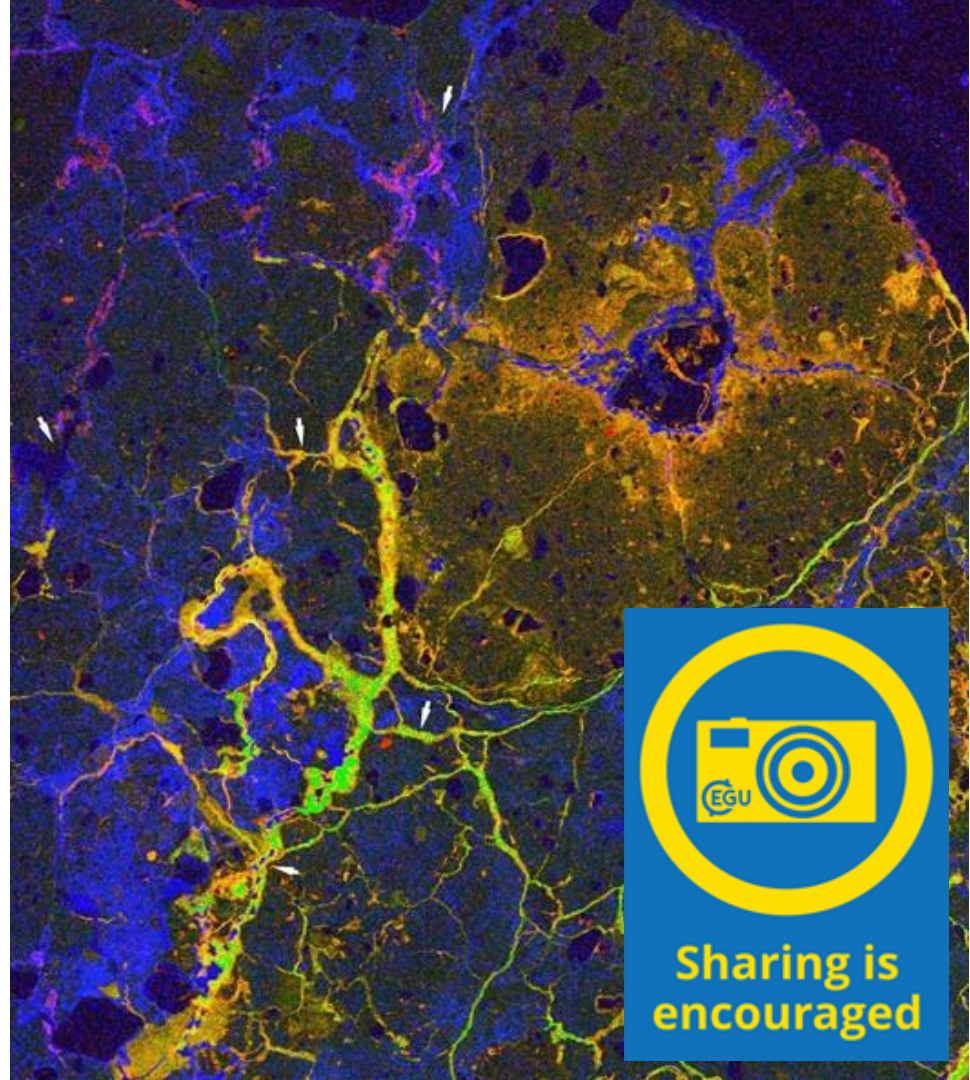


Reimagining the AuScope Virtual Research Environment Through Human- Centred Design

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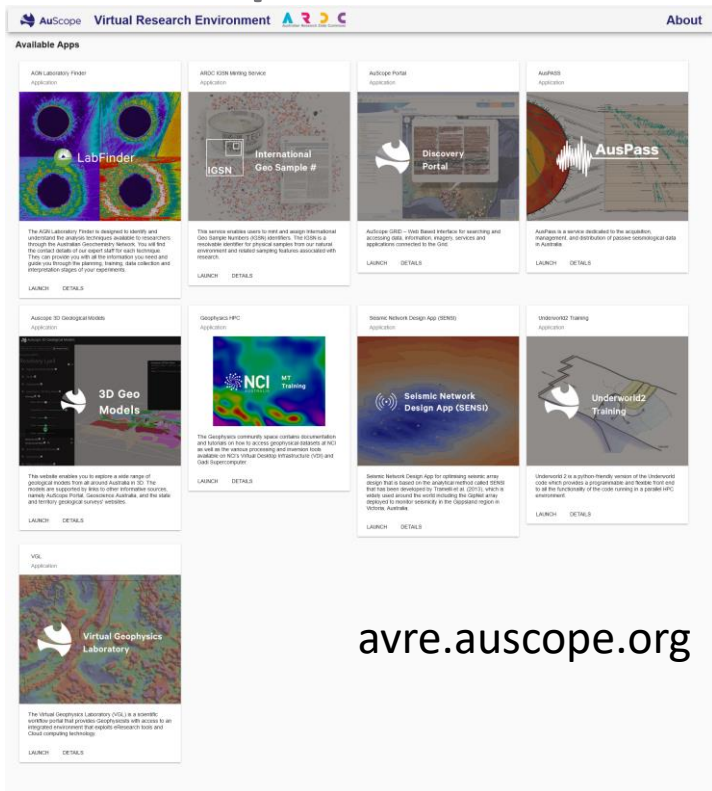


I would like to begin by acknowledging the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation as the Traditional Owners of the land from where I am speaking to you today, and pay my respect to their Elders past and present.





AuScope AVRE



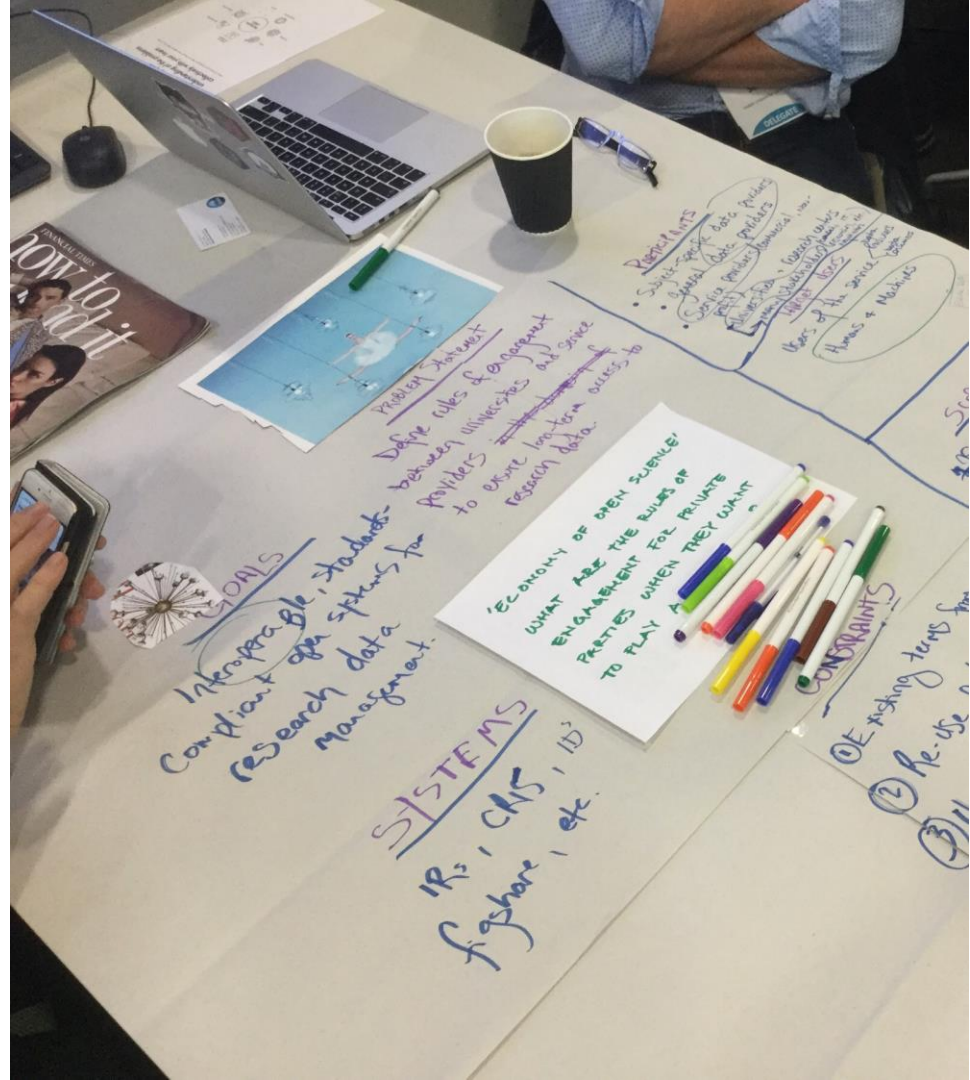
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- AuScope Virtual Research Environments (AVRE) is a collection of tools for processing and analysis of geoscience data, the AuScope Discovery Portal, and the Virtual Geophysics Lab.
- The system was launched in 2008 and has been expanded since then.

Human-Centred Design

Design principles:

1. Build the right thing
 2. Build the thing right
 3. Open Source
 4. FAIR Data
- Requirements gathering through User interviews.
 - Co-design process with users.



Interviews

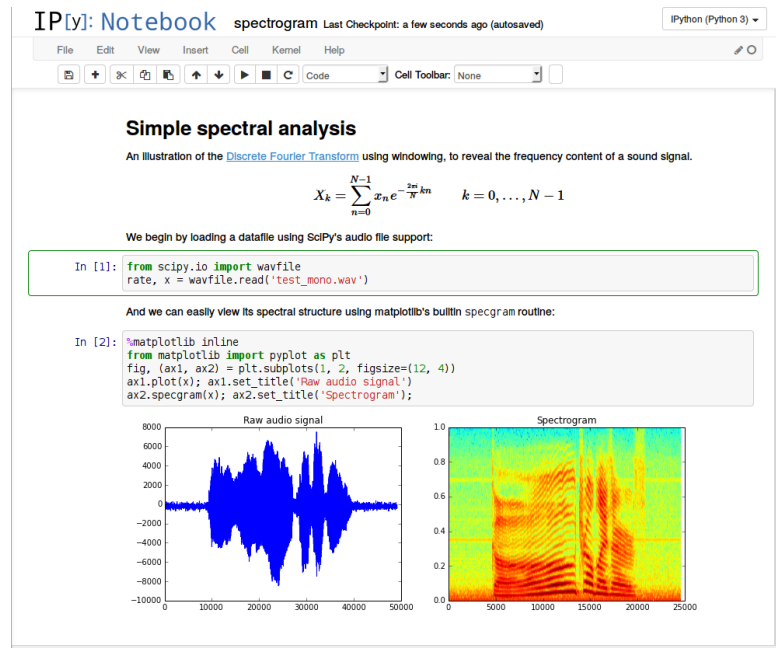
- Target audience:
 - AuScope Programs
 - NCRIS Facilities
 - Research geologists
- 14 hours of interviews, 1778 items noted.
- Common themes vs. variable domain specific requirements.



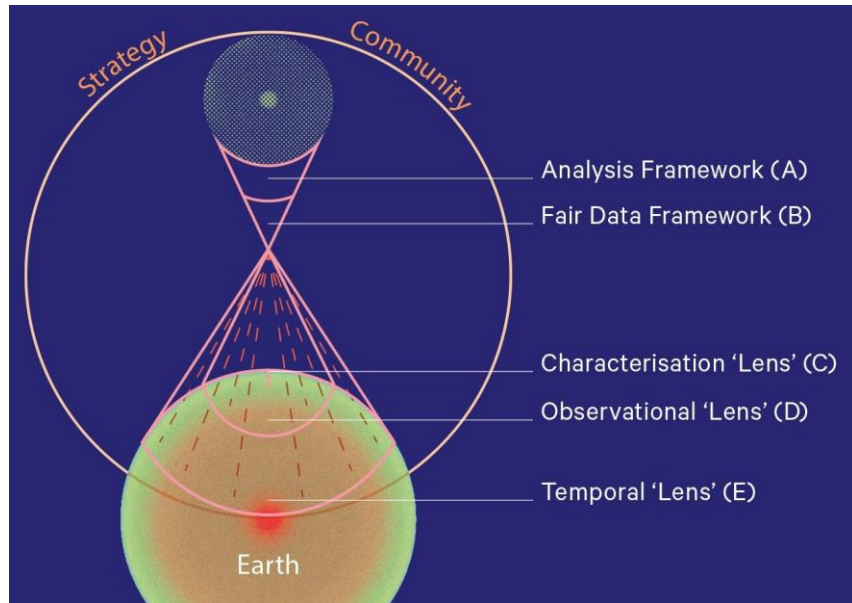


Initial Plans

- Improve search function.
- Improve download function.
- Shift from custom-made applications to Jupyter Notebooks:
 - Worked examples to introduce the API
 - Option for researchers to interact with the code.



AVRE Going Forward



- AVRE is part of the FAIR Data Framework in the “Downward Looking Telescope”.
- Further improve user experience.
- Build more tools through short-term projects.
- Extend links to other portals in Australia and abroad.



Thank you

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