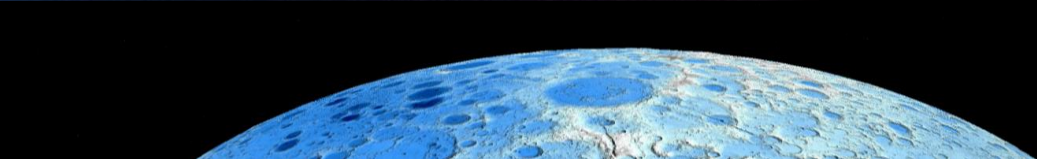


# AI based Lunar Data rendering and Visualization in Celestial Mapping System

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# Outline

- Introduction to CMS
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party data ingestion (HORUS datasets)
- Functional analysis on ingested datasets
- Subsurface feature visualization capability
- AI enhanced data ingestion pipeline and analytics
- AI assisted geo-referencing and rendering
- AI assisted subsurface data ingestion, geo-referencing and rendering in CMS



# Introduction

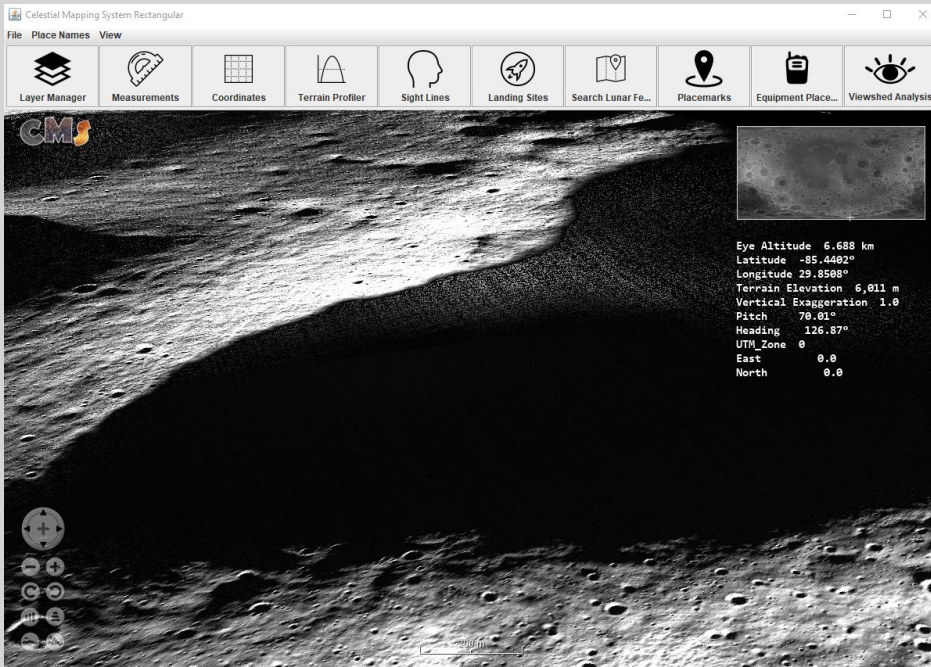
- CMS is a multiplatform application to generate user-interactive virtual 3D globes for celestial bodies within our solar system.
- Various layers are built on top of the virtual globe to provide visualization of high-resolution imagery, enable precise measurements, build extensive analytical capabilities and a broad range of functionalities
- CMS website - <https://celestial.arc.nasa.gov/>

## Key Features

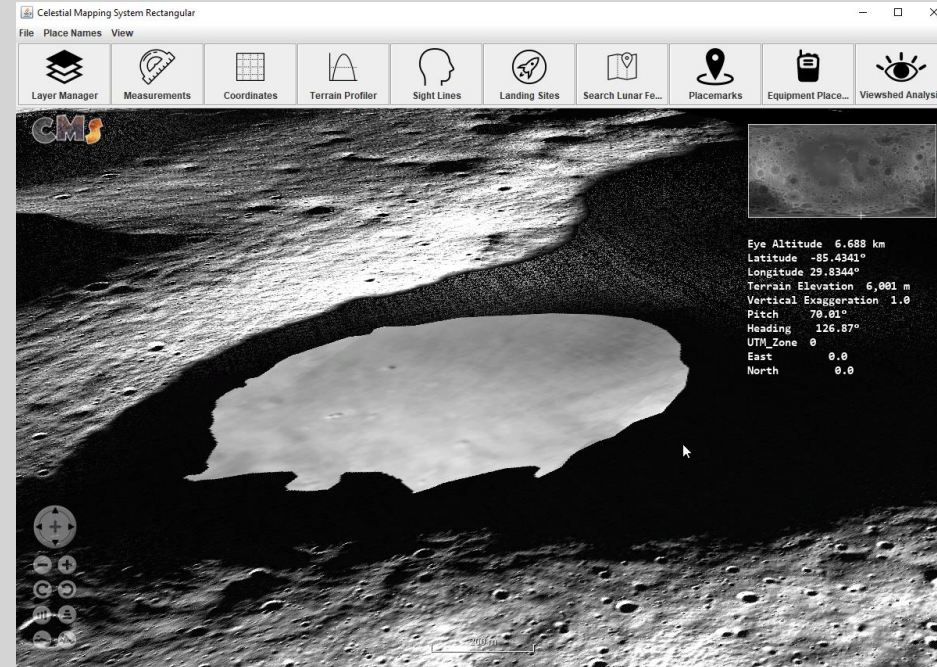
- **3<sup>rd</sup> party Maps and data ingestion, rendering and visualization**
- 3D Measurement tool kit
- Line of sight analysis
- Equipment placement & Planning
- Data import-export
- 3D COLLADA Models
- Sun angle calculations
- **Subsurface visualization (in development)**

# Example of 3<sup>rd</sup> party data Ingestion - Illumination of PSR by HORUS

Ingestion of super enhanced images in CMS created by Hyper-effective nOise Removal U-net Software [HORUS] \* near Nobili Crater - VIPER landing site



PSR site shown in LROC NAC layer of CMS



Illuminated site by using ingested and merged HORUS images within CMS

\* Ref: [Bickel V.T, et al., 2021](#) "Peering into lunar permanently shadowed regions with deep learning", Nature Comm 12, 5607

# Platform Demo

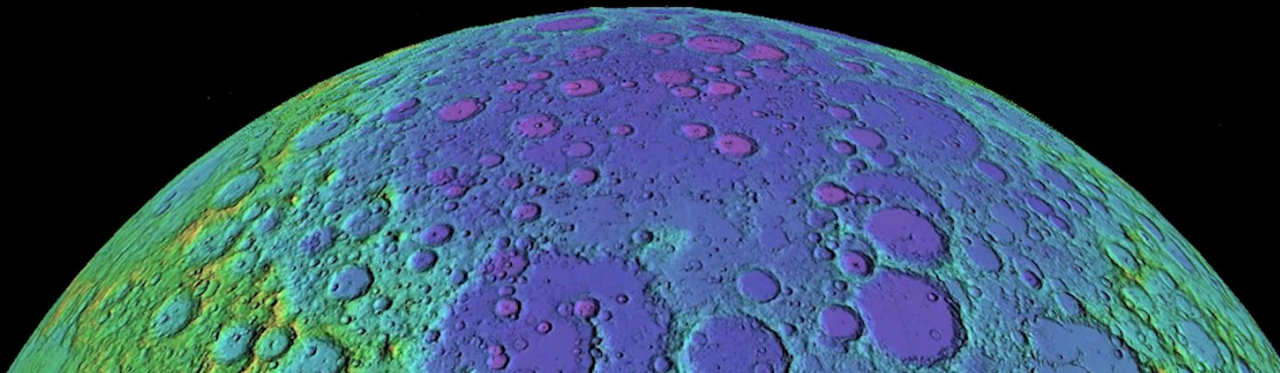


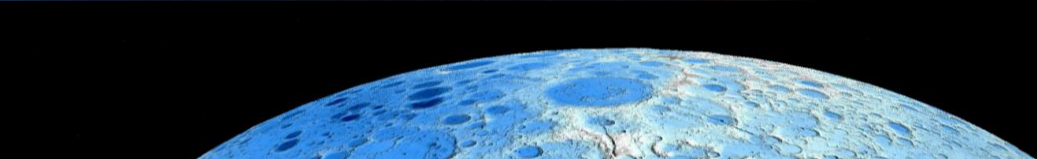
# Celestial Mapping System

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Video Demonstration Part 4

<https://celestial.arc.nasa.gov>

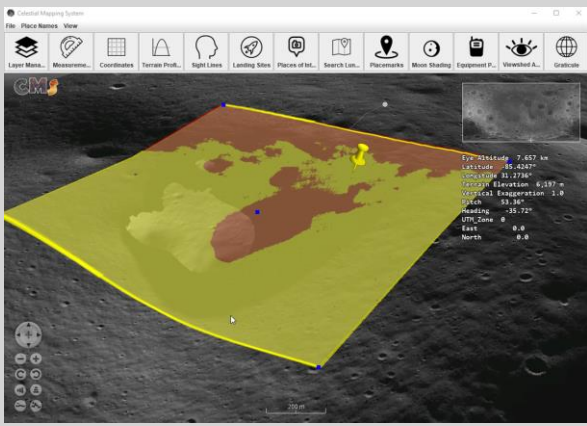




# Functional Analysis on Illuminated PSR

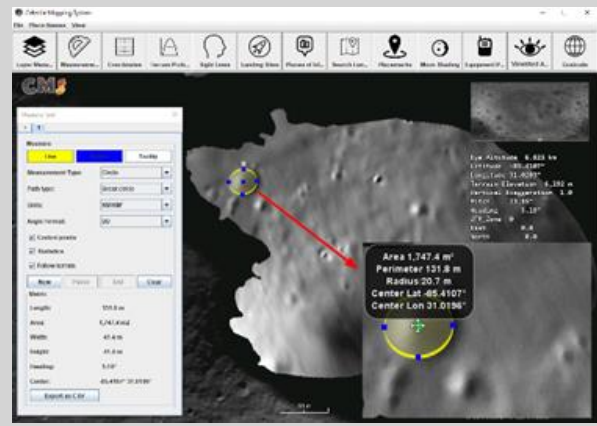
Once the 3<sup>rd</sup> party data is ingested and rendered in CMS, it can be utilized for various analyses. \*

## Visibility Analysis



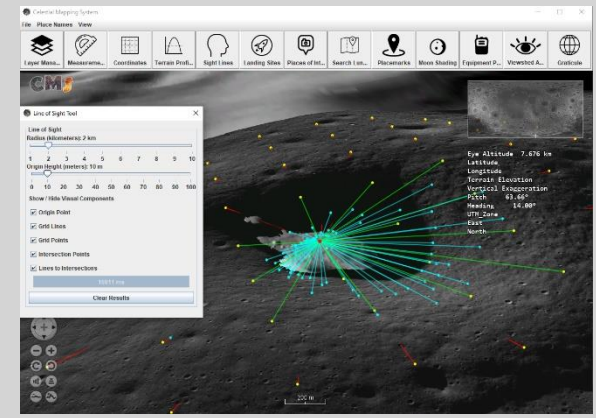
Viewshed Analysis with observer location shown by yellow pin

## Measurements



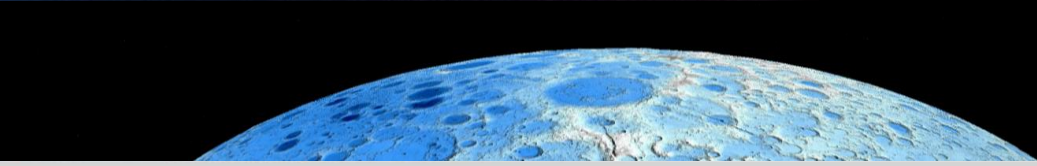
Measurement of a crater inside the PSR by 3D measurement tool

## Equipment Placement and Coverage



Equipment placement and analysis of coverage

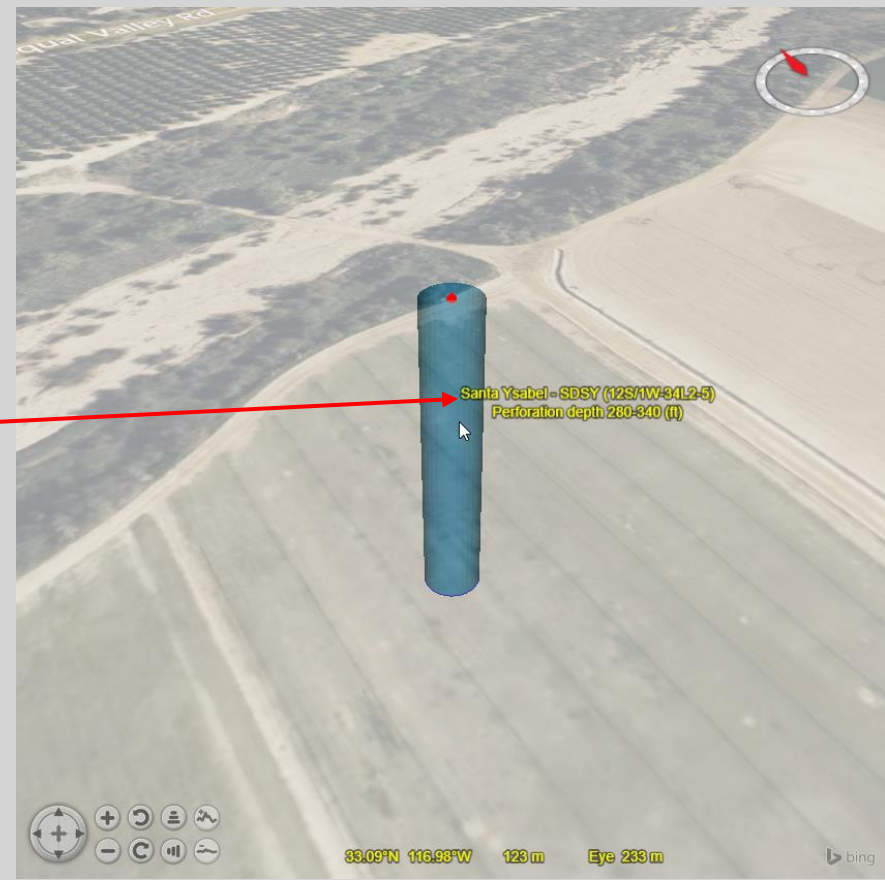
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# Subsurface Capabilities



Area of Interest

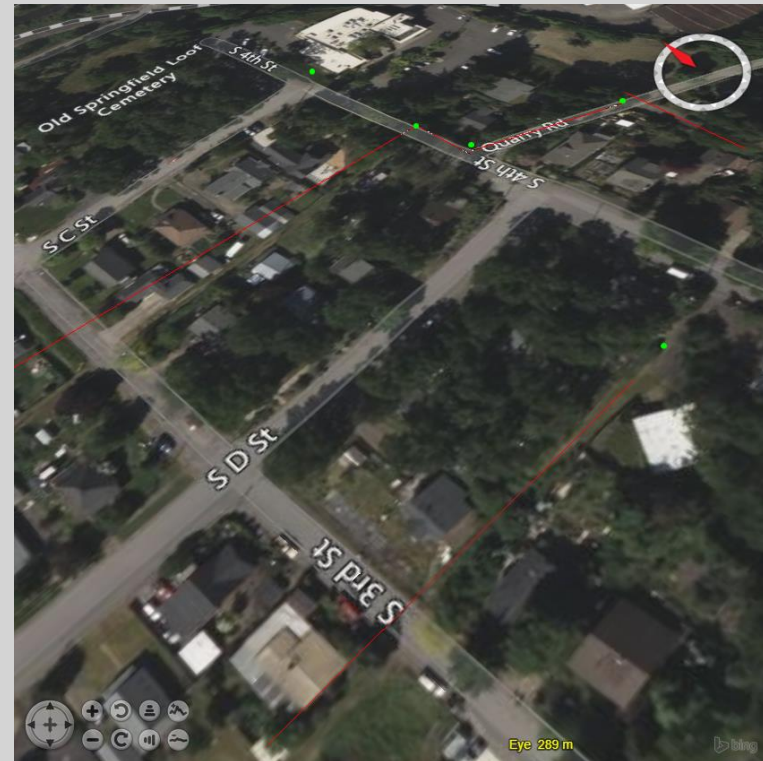


Subsurface 3D object

# Subsurface feature (water pipes)

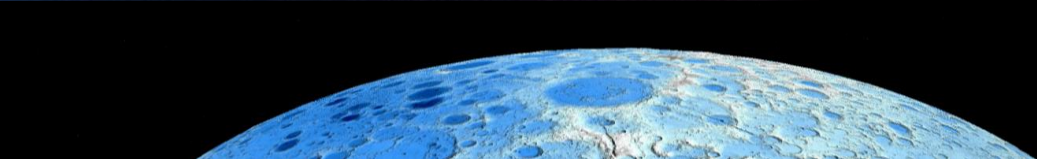


Overview of region



Water Pipes (red) and Manhole Covers (green)





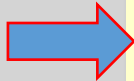
# Potential Lunar Subsurface Features in CMS

- Seismic data rendering
- LiDAR data rendering and visualization of Lunar lava tubes
- 3D representation of Lunar lava tube cave entrance

# AI ENHANCED DATA PIPELINE and ANALYTICS

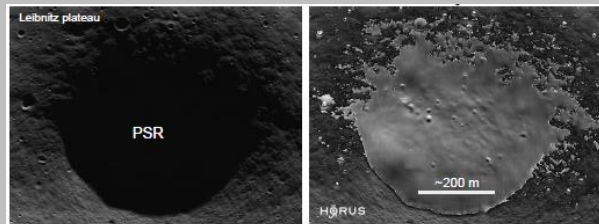
Use AI to amplify the CMS differentiators:

1. **Local-to-global:** AI enhancements that span all scales of geography and datasets.
2. **“Data Open”** : Rapid data import pipeline, robust layer management.
3. **Digging into subsurface:** there is a whole new Moon waiting for us!
4. **Intelligent Analytics:** Assisting in the hunt for subsurface resources



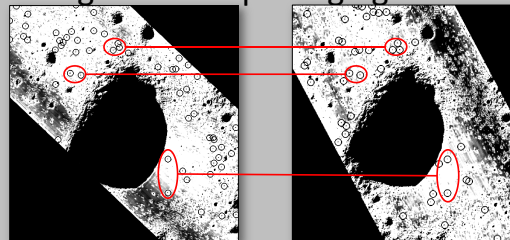
## Raw Data Augmentation:

- Super resolution
- Signal-noise enhancement



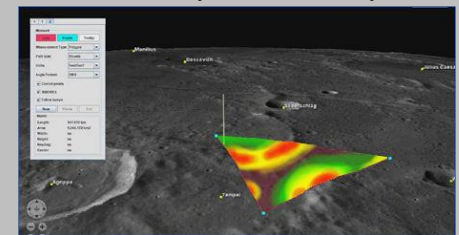
## Accelerated data pipeline:

- Automated georectification and mosa
- Intelligent overlap merging



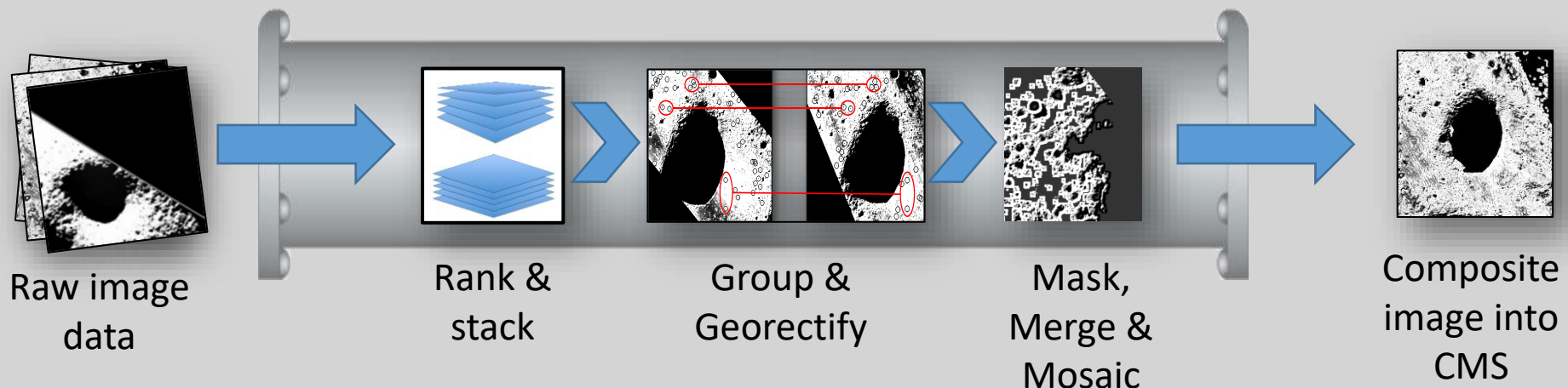
## AI Analytics:

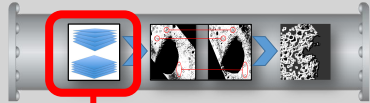
- Sub-surface layers
- Multi-layer similarity search



# AI Data Pipeline Process

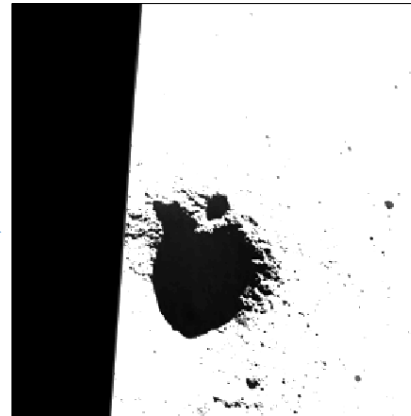
- **Immediate Goal:** Validate a process capable of rapid and automated ingest of 1000s of south pole images enhanced by HORUS
- **Future Goal:** Extend this capability to automate the ingest of many datasets, including subsurface.



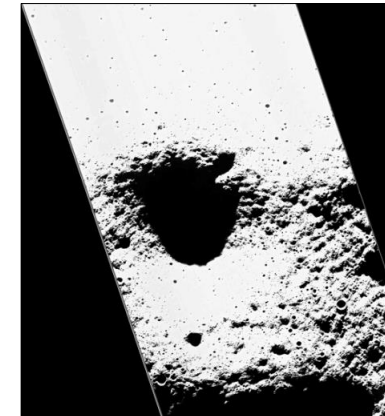


Step 1) Rank and stack using statistical measures of information density.

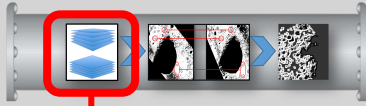
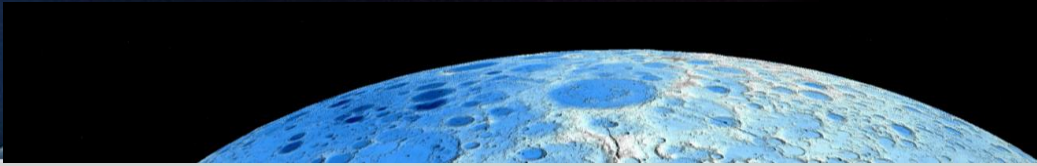
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def info_density(data, edge_lines, cell_size = cellsize, cut_off = min_std_dev):  
    raw_std_dev = ndimage.generic_filter(data, np.std, size=(cell_size, cell_size))  
    # Remove erroneously elevated std dev values caused by the LROC image edges  
    std_dev = shave_edges(raw_std_dev, edge_lines, int(cell_size*2.0))  
    std_dev = np.nan_to_num(std_dev, nan=0)  
    mask = np.where(std_dev > cut_off, 1, 0)  
    score = int(np.average(std_dev) * np.sum(mask) / 10000)  
    return score, mask
```



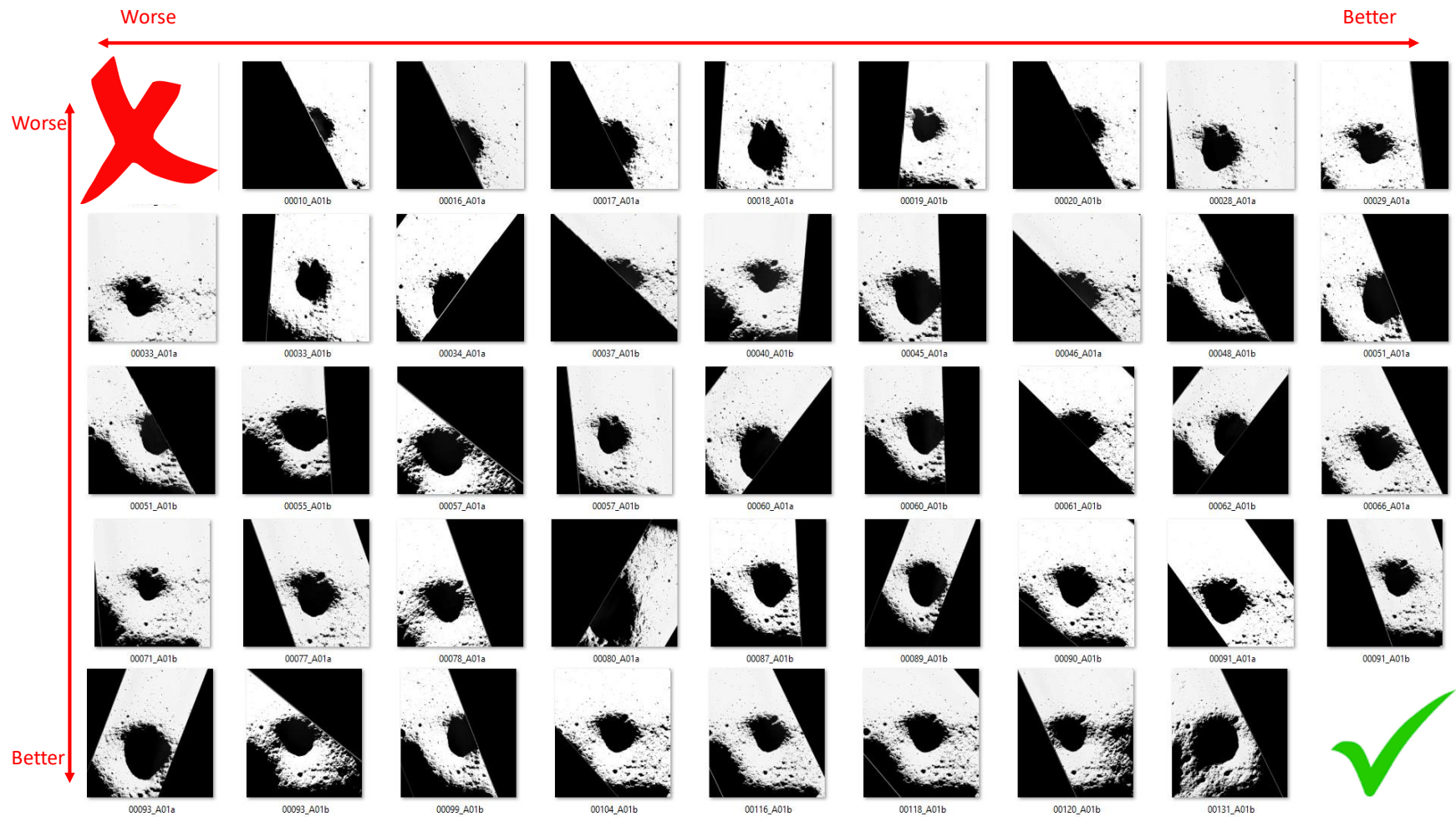
Score: 9 ✗



Score: 211 ✓

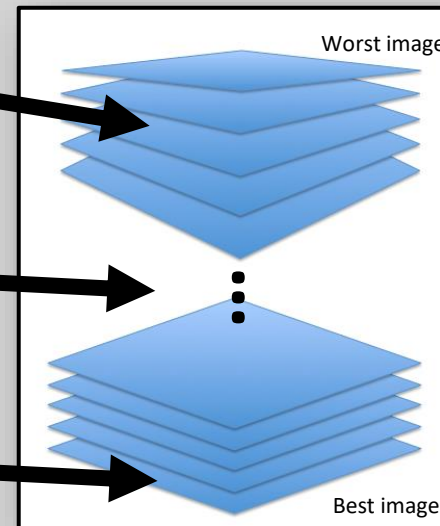
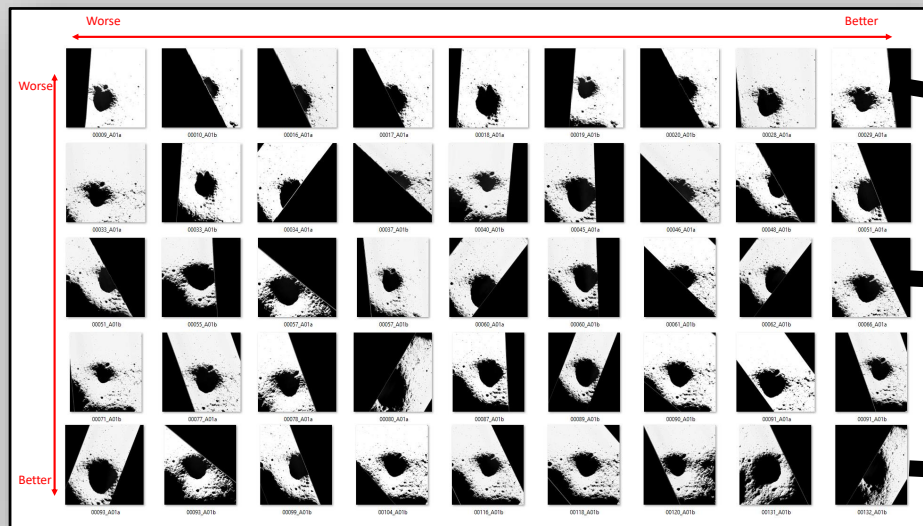


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Stack images for merging based on their image density score.

Highest score becomes the background, lower scores are merged onto the aggregate image that has been generated below.

## Step 2) Georectify: Find control features in each image

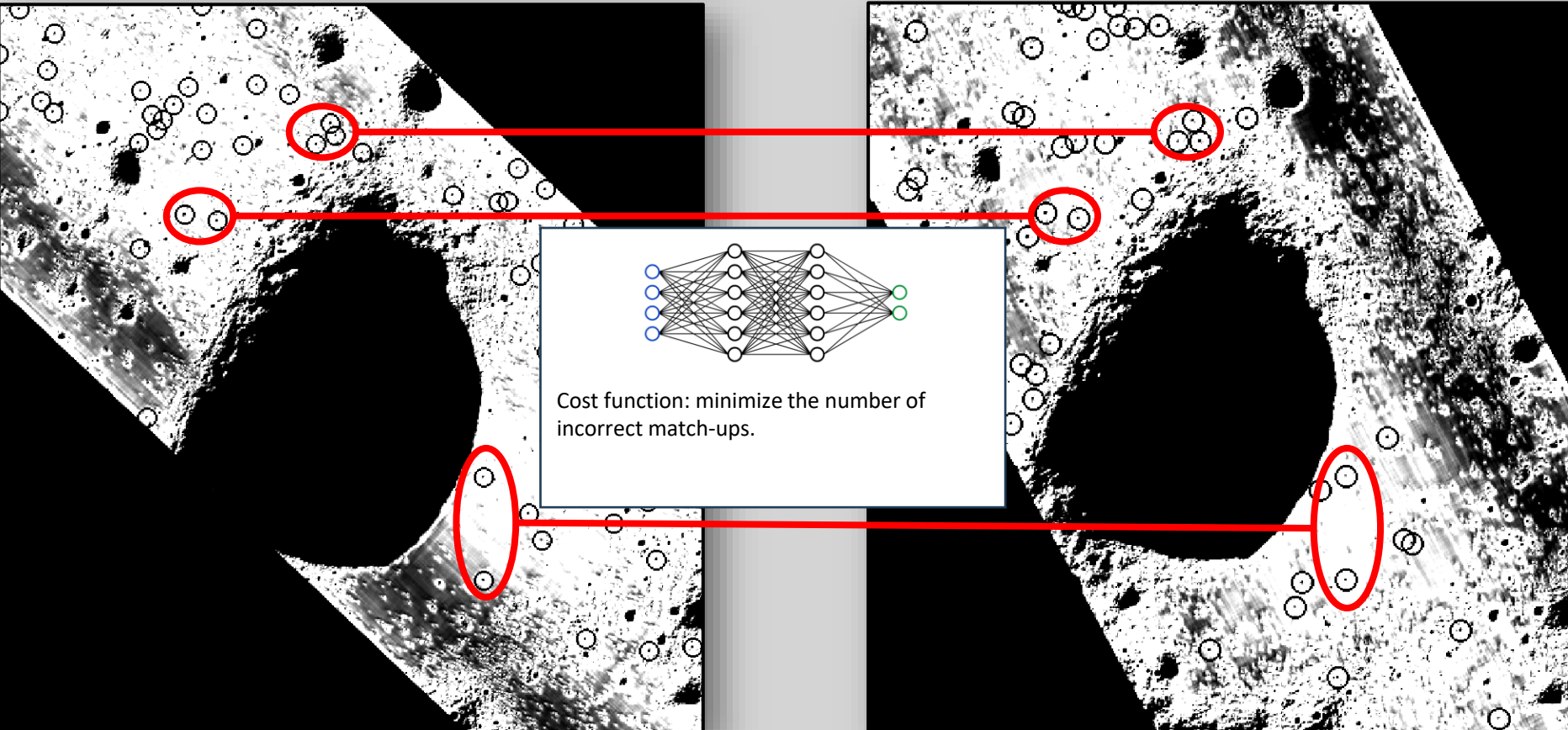
```

def control_point_delta(cell):
    # total difference in pixel values between the cell and the "ideal" control point template
    # SMALLER IS BETTER
    return (np.sum(abs(cell - control_point_template))*0.015625).astype(np.uint8) # normalize delta to be 0-255

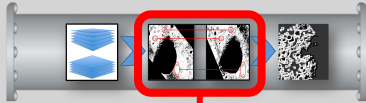
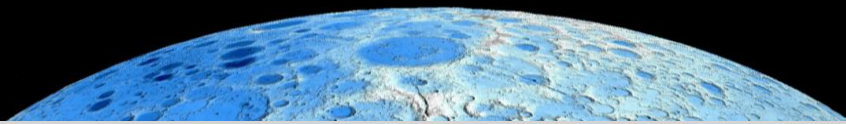
def find_control_points(data, cell_size = cellsize, cut_off = max_control_point_delta):
    control_point_deltas = ndimage.generic_filter(data, control_point_delta, size=(cell_size, cell_size), cval=0)
    control_points = np.nonzero(control_point_deltas < cut_off)
    control_point_coors = list(zip(control_points[1], control_points[0]))
    return control_point_coors

def highlight_control_points(img, control_points):
    control_img = img.copy()
    control_shape = ImageDraw.Draw(control_img)
    # control_shape.line(control_points, fill =100, width = 1)
    for (x,y) in control_points:
        control_shape.ellipse((x-cellsize,y-cellsize,x+cellsize,y+cellsize), outline=0, width=2)
    return control_img
    
```

Step 2) Georectify: AI to find matching control points







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### Synthetic training data to the rescue

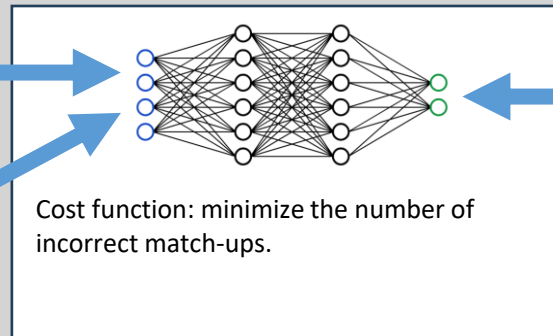
#### SYNTHETIC TRAINING DATA

Random number generation for list of "image #1" synthetic control point coordinates

Synthetic #1  
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Synthetic #2  
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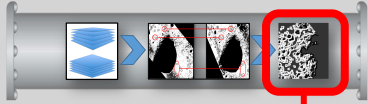
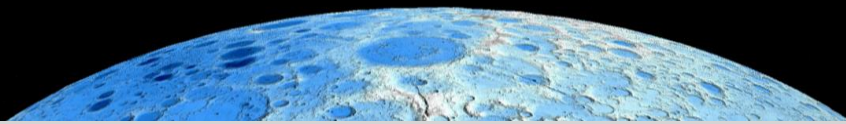
Do this millions of times to create a massive fully labelled dataset for training and testing.



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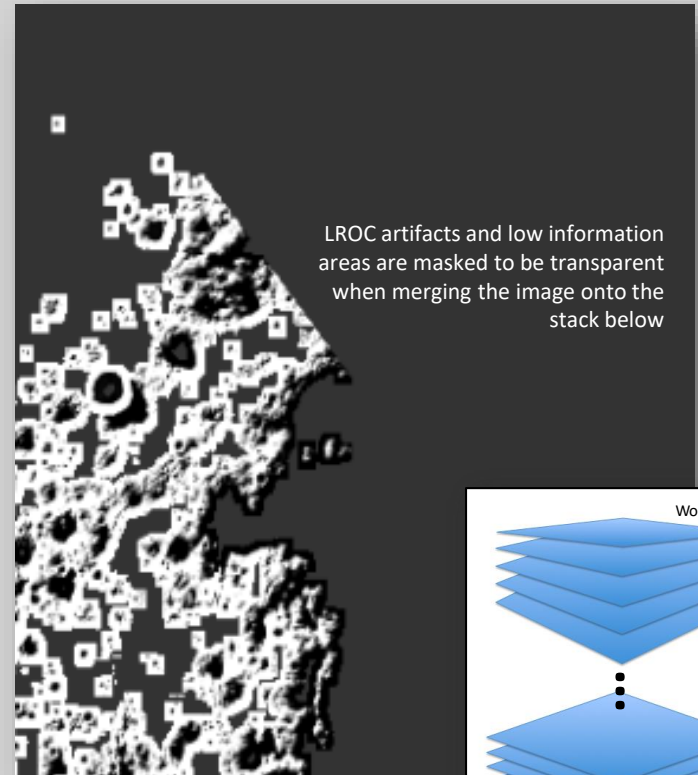
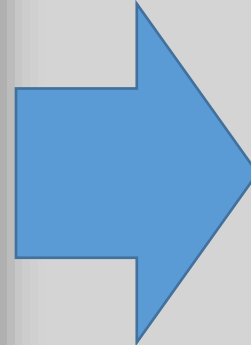
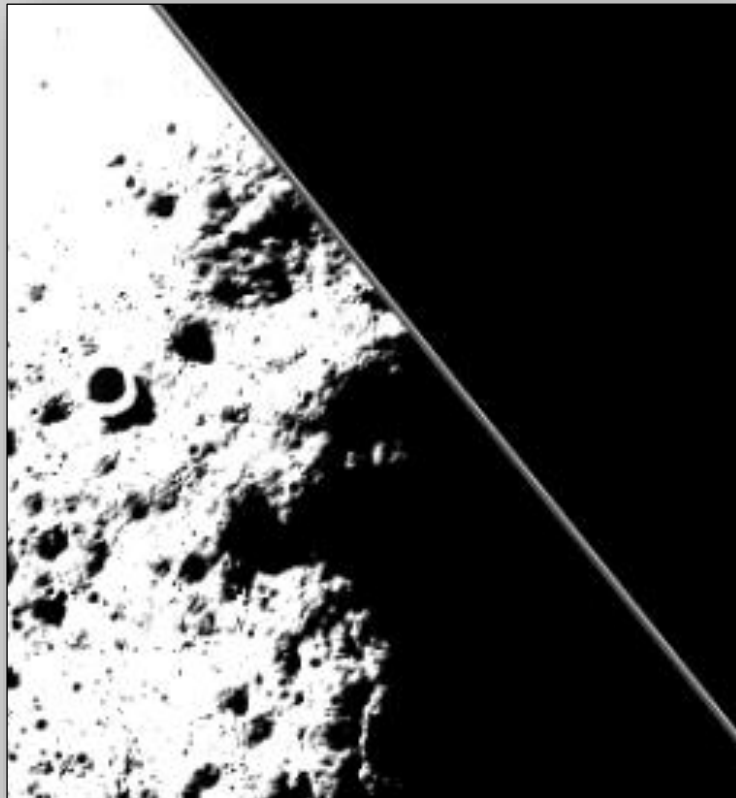
This is synthetic data, so we know that this is the correct answer, which is used to train the model.

Use simple Cartesian functions to randomly rotate, translate and dilate the first list of control points into a second list; then randomly add/remove other points and scramble the order of the points in each list.

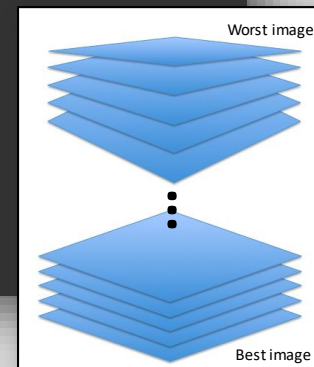


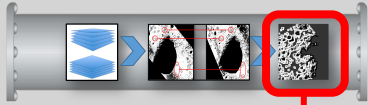
### Step 3) Intelligent Mask & Merge for Optimal Information Gain

Mask the areas of the new image that are of a lower info density than the aggregate image already built up below it



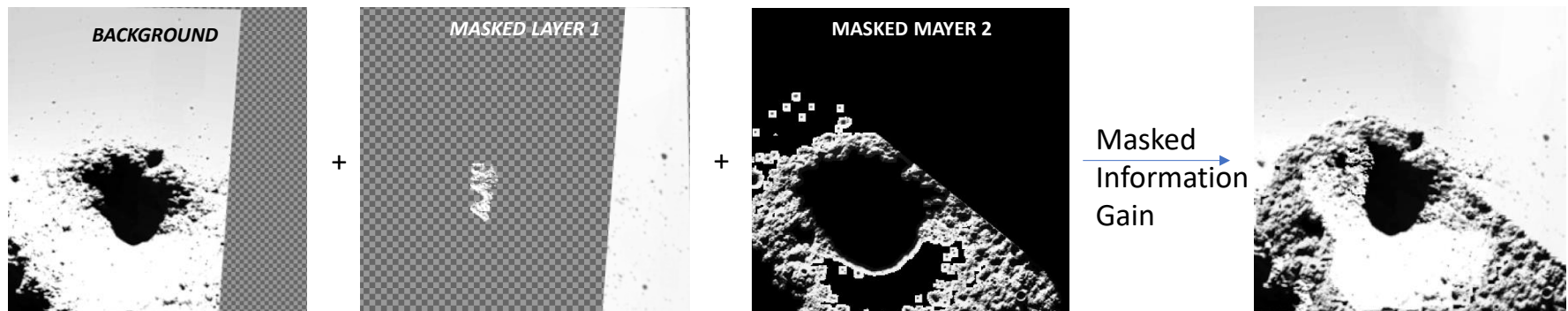
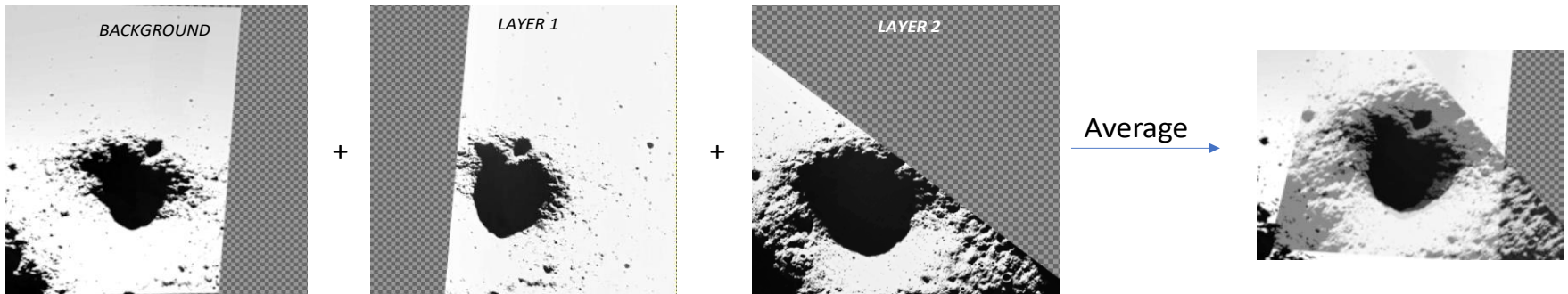
LROC artifacts and low information areas are masked to be transparent when merging the image onto the stack below

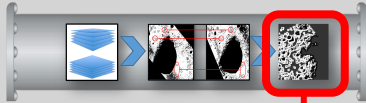




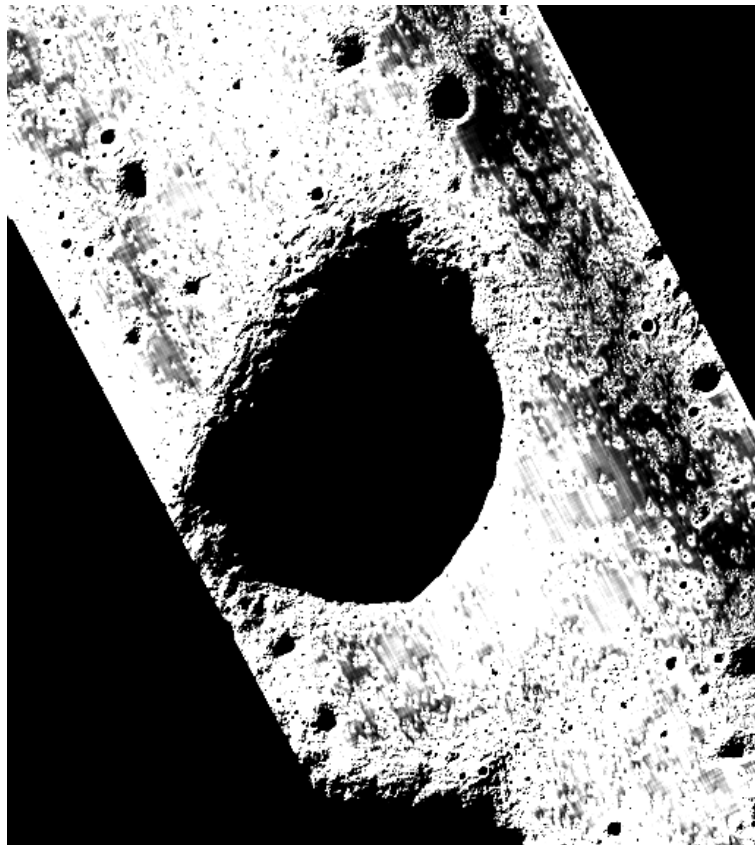
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### Pixel Averaging vs. Masked Addition

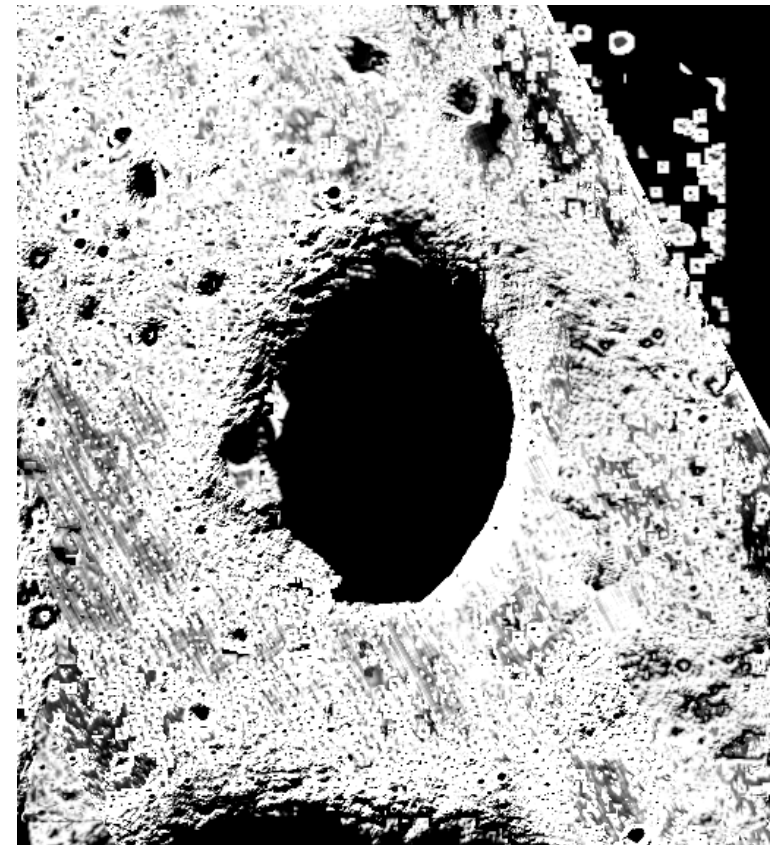




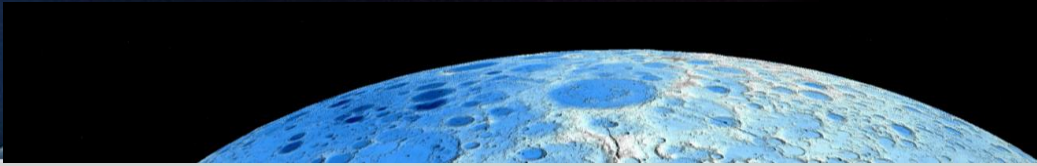
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Highest scoring image is selected as the background



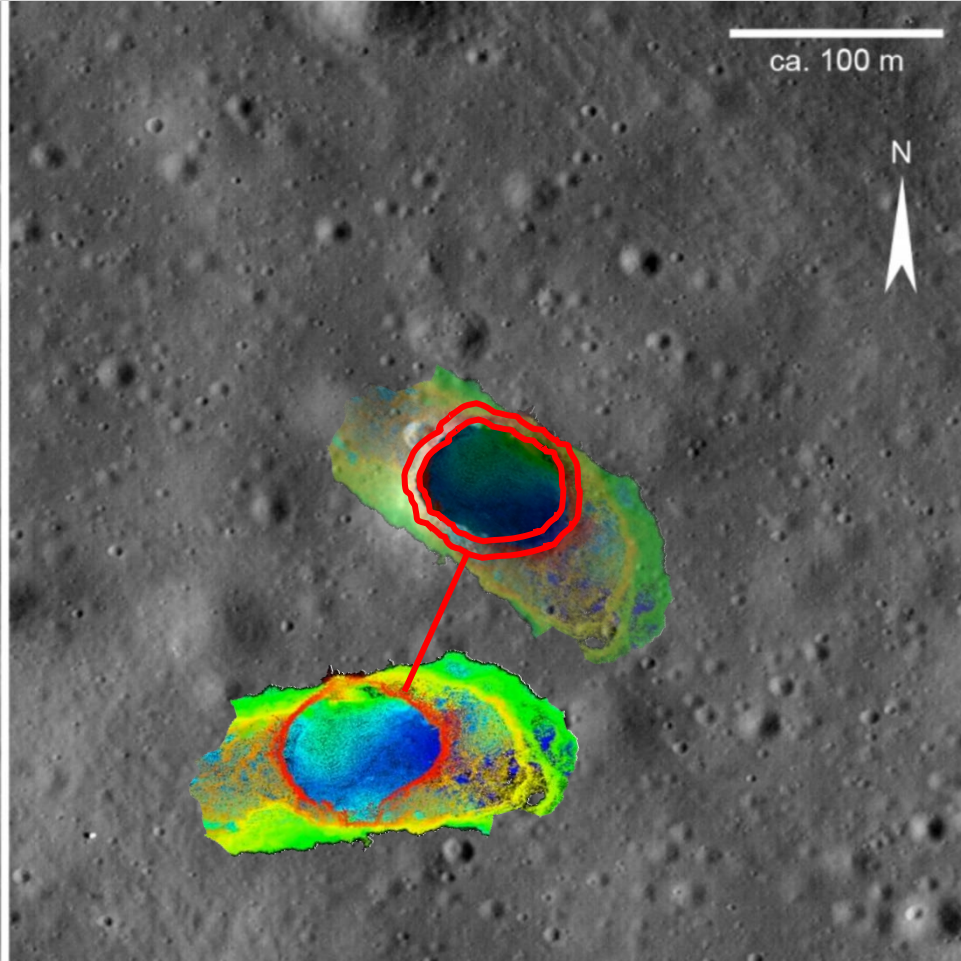
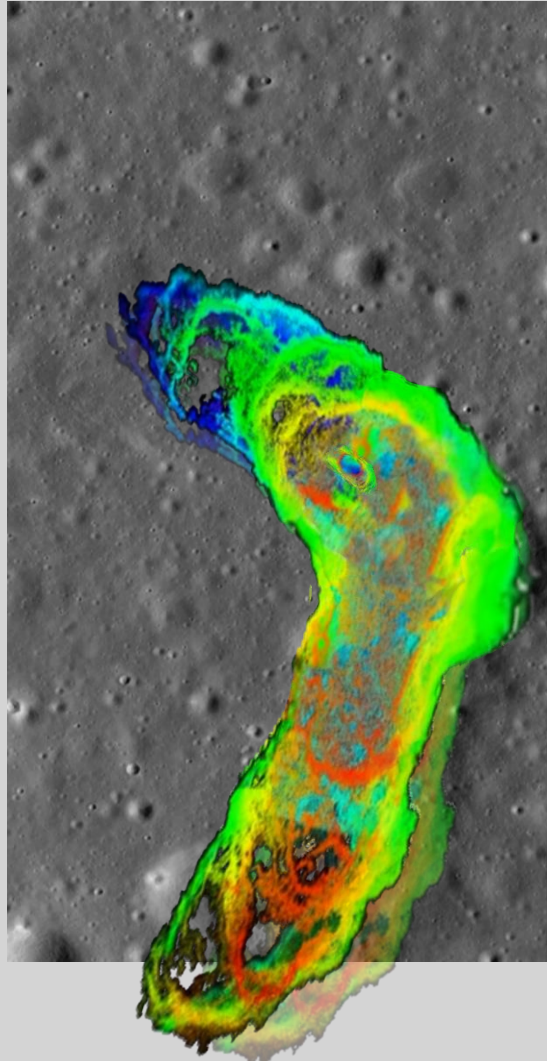
Addition of 7 layers that are masked based on where each layer would add (vs. subtract) information



# Looking ahead: Expand the CMS automated ingest pipeline to include a wide range of surface and subsurface data

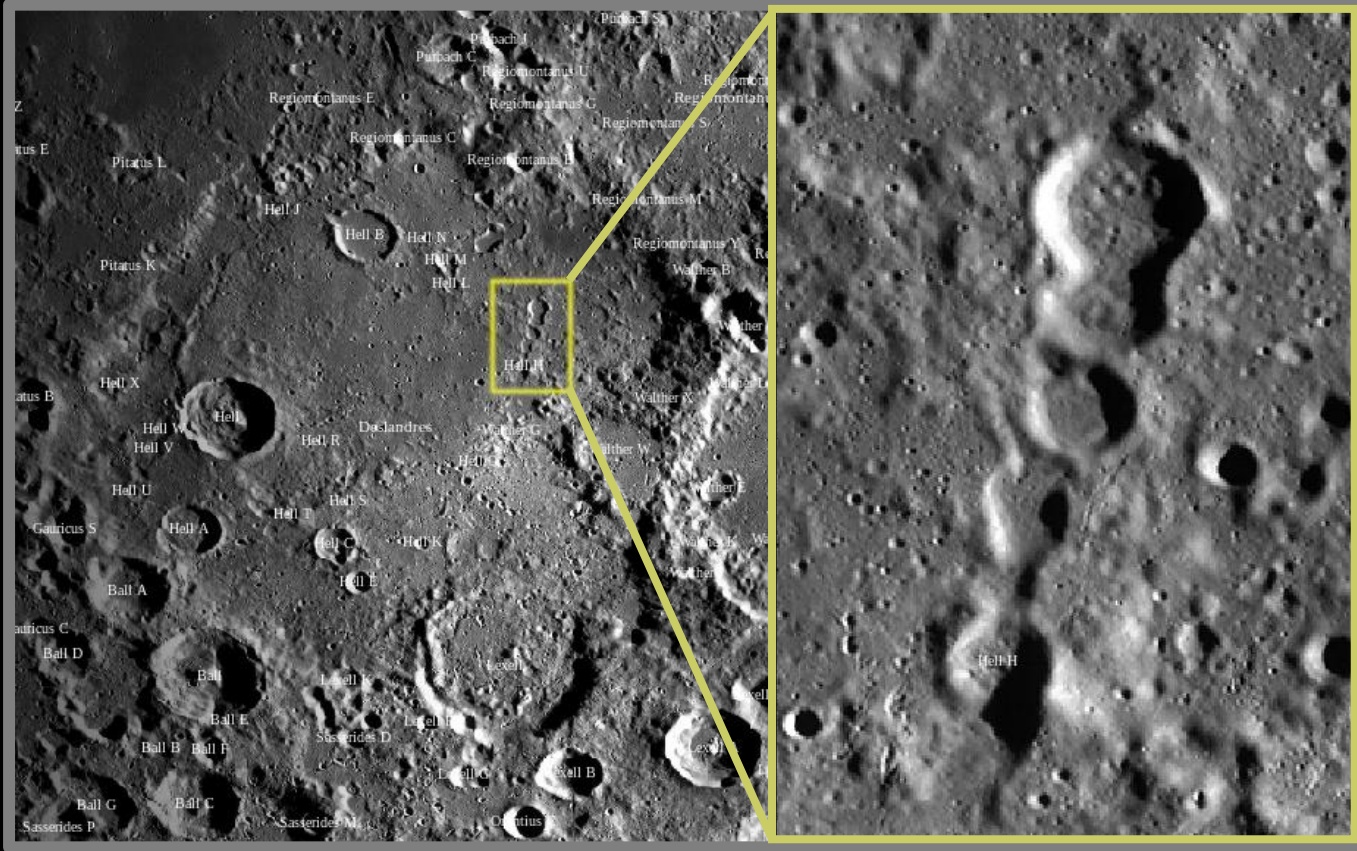
## Digging Down: AI Assisted Pipeline for Subsurface Data

- Use local surface features (e.g. rim outline) to georectify subsurface data.
- Use large scale features to fine tune georectification





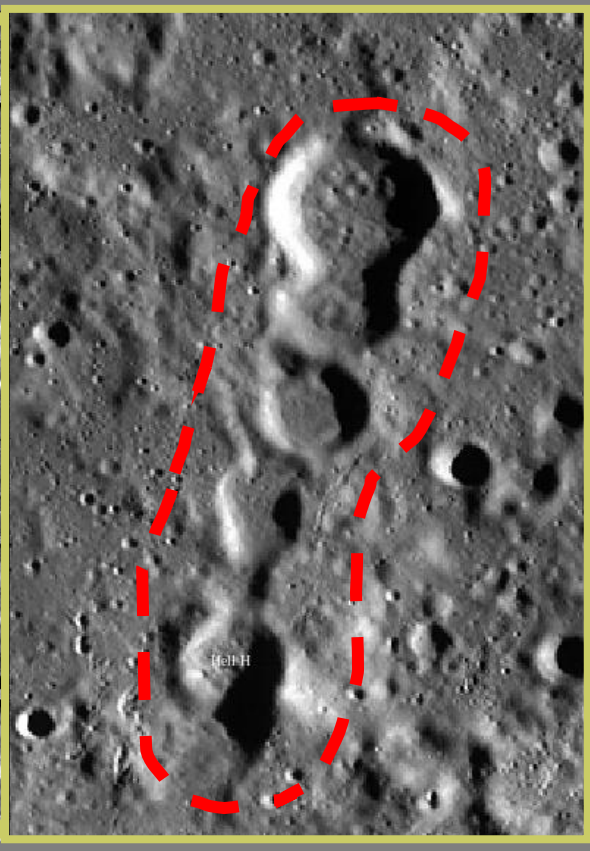
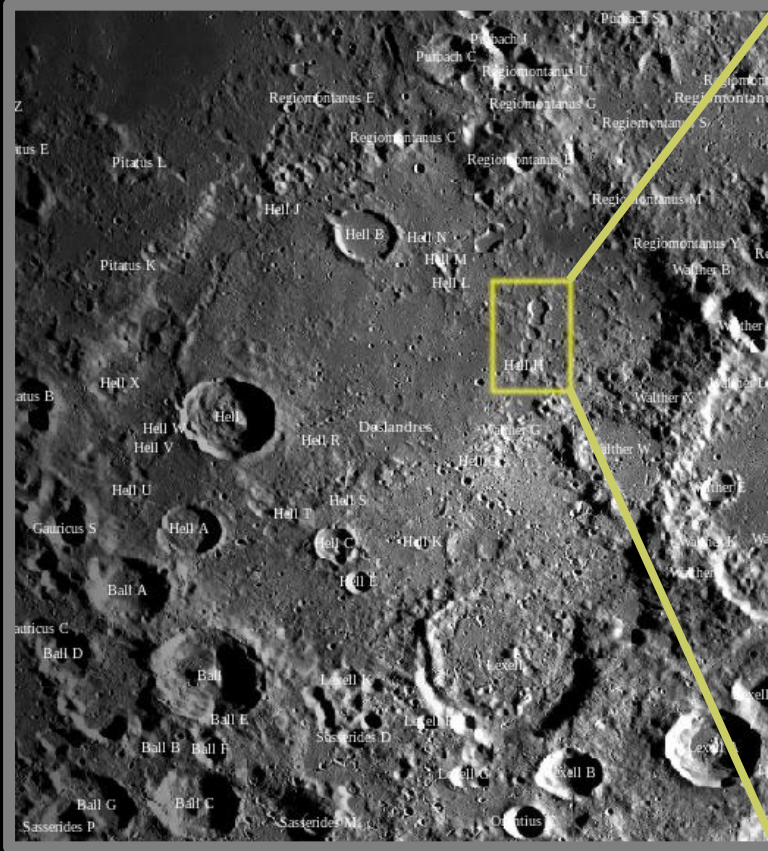
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Eye Altitude 7,015 km  
Latitude  
Longitude  
Terrain Elevation



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A set of navigation controls including a compass rose and four directional buttons (up, down, left, right).



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### Smart Search



### Find Similar



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### Related research

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- [Wichman, et al. "The Davy Crater Chain: Implications for tidal disruption in the Earth-Moon System and elsewhere."](#) Geophysical research letters 22.5 (2016): 583-586.
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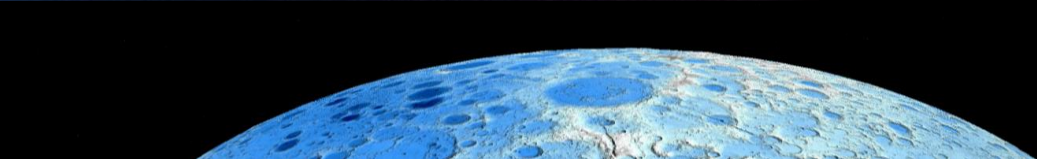
**PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE TOPOGRAPHY OF A SEGMENT OF DAVY CATENA;** V. R. Oberbeck and R. Greeley, NASA-Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif., 94035 and Univ. of Santa Clara, Calif., 95053.

Apollo 16 photographs of Davy Catena revealed ridges similar to lunar secondary herringbone pattern components projecting from the intersections of a few members of the crater chain. Therefore, Davy Catena may be a secondary crater chain. The purpose of this paper is to test this hypothesis from results of preliminary topographic analysis of a small segment of the crater chain contoured on NASA lunar topophotomap 77DISI (10).

Contours (Fig. 1) show a septum (common wall) between each crater. The top of the septa between craters Osman, Priscilla, Alan and Delia are lower than the highest parts of the remainder of the craters' rims. However, tops of the septa separating craters Susan-Osman and Delia-Harold are higher than other parts of the rims of these craters.

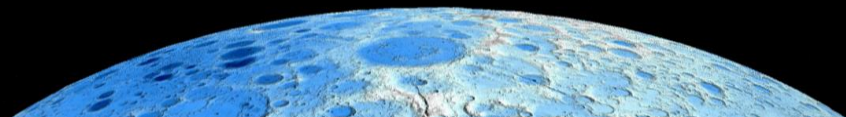
Ridges, whose bilateral axes of symmetry are perpendicular to the axis of symmetry of Davy Catena, project from the points of crater overlap or from points between widely separated craters. The highest elevations on these ridges are from





# Summary

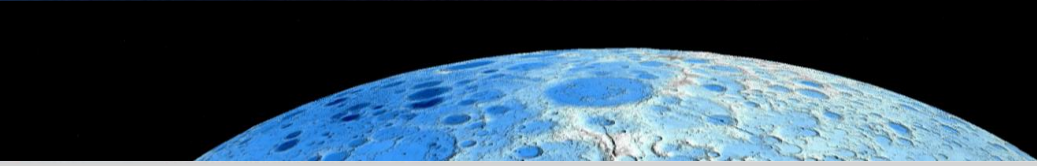
- CMS is a **user-interactive environment to visualize and analyze** data on celestial bodies, with a current focus on the Moon to support NASA's mission priorities.
- CMS has an **open architecture**, allowing 3<sup>rd</sup> party integration of maps, rendering engines and specialized analytics.
- CMS is also **"data open"** with advanced data import/export and robust **data layer management**.
- **AI capabilities** are being integrated into CMS to automate the data ingest process for a wide range of datatypes, including future subsurface constructs.
- Support for **subsurface data layers**, such as lava tubes and natural resource deposits, are in development.



# Questions ??



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# Supporting Material

# Step 3) Georectify: AI To find matching control points

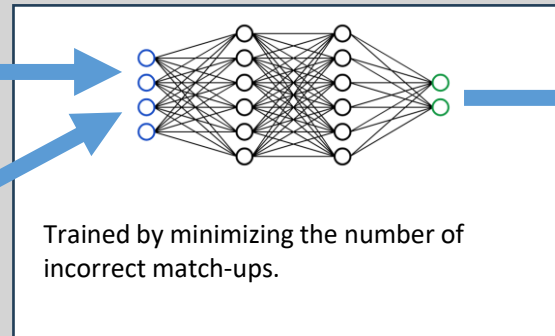
Don't use the image... train the neural net using control point coordinates.

Image #1

[(0, 35), (136, 49), (212, 50), (142, 54), (166, 69), (283, 74), (206, 78), (299, 81), (278, 87), (85, 108), (59, 190), (102, 198), (0, 210), (83, 226), (101, 292), (125, 316), (0, 344), (146, 365), (276, 375), (248, 391), (282, 392)]

Image #2

[(194, 0), (233, 0), (260, 4), (50, 23), (157, 38), (277, 39), (79, 44), (129, 75), (267, 79), (125, 84), (160, 88), (139, 97), (149, 102), (355, 105), (144, 111), (275, 114), (330, 121), (292, 124), (224, 125), (452, 126), (185, 130), (388, 133), (469, 178), (490, 182), (220, 188), (133, 189), (200, 195), (148, 198), (139, 200), (128, 221), (231, 232), (175, 298), (174, 311), (445, 352), (575, 403), (446, 432), (488, 466), (500, 491), (282, 498), (309, 521), (406, 530), (506, 550), (399, 552), (291, 564), (285, 570), (480, 571), (446, 572), (543, 572), (540, 582), (340, 584), (640, 590), (503, 598), (422, 619), (381, 630), (455, 639), (547, 667), (547, 685), (553, 712)]

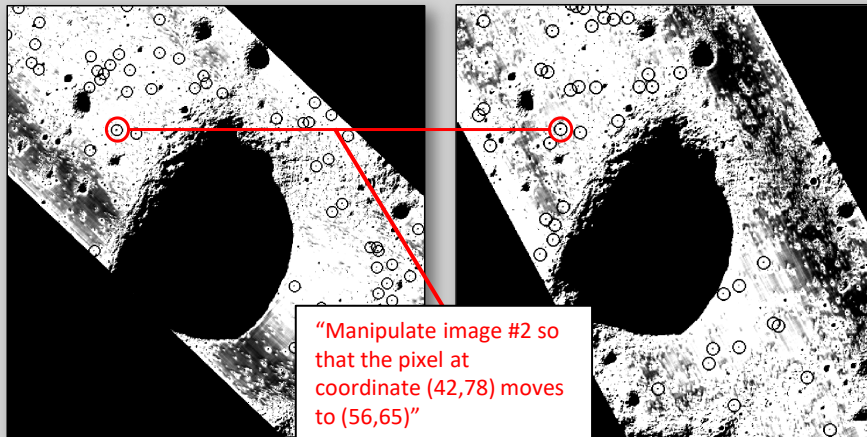


Output is a vector of matching control points. Zero = no match.

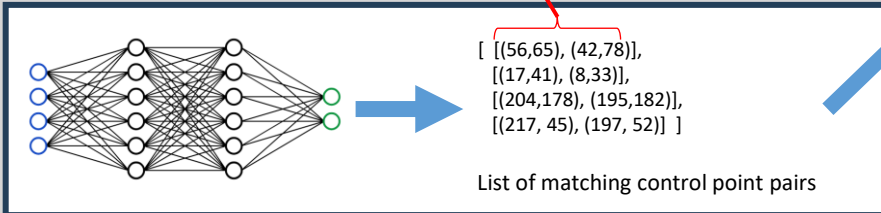
[0, 0, 9, 0, 0, 26, 0, 0, 0, 0, 39, 0, 0, 5, 46, 0, 0, 0, 0, 8, 14, 0, 0, 0, 0, 17, 0]

3<sup>rd</sup> control point in image #1 is the same as 9<sup>th</sup> control point in image #2

## Step 4) Image Transformations to Achieve Pixel-perfect Overlap of All Control Points



"Manipulate image #2 so that the pixel at coordinate (42,78) moves to (56,65)"



```
>>> import numpy as np
>>> import skimage as ski

>>> # estimate transformation parameters
>>> src = np.array([0, 0, 10, 10]).reshape((2, 2))
>>> dst = np.array([12, 14, 1, -20]).reshape((2, 2))

>>> tform = ski.transform.estimate_transform('similarity', src, dst)

>>> np.allclose(tform.inverse(tform(src)), src)
True

>>> # warp image using the estimated transformation
>>> image = ski.data.camera()

>>> ski.transform.warp(image, inverse_map=tform.inverse)

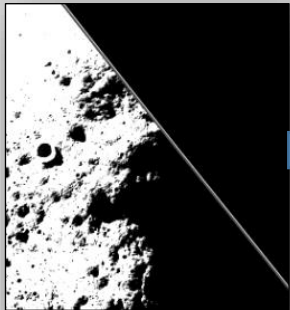
>>> # create transformation with explicit parameters
>>> tform2 = ski.transform.SimilarityTransform(scale=1.1, rotation=1,
...     translation=(10, 20))

>>> # unite transformations, applied in order from left to right
>>> tform3 = tform + tform2
>>> np.allclose(tform3(src), tform2(tform(src)))
True
```

Many potential open-source libraries (e.g. scikit)

# Step 5) Intelligent Merging of Overlaps for Optimal Information Gain

Mask areas of the image being merged in that are of a lower info density than the aggregate image built up below it



```
def save_image_data(img_data, mask, control_points, file_name):
    np.save(file_name+"_DATA.npy", img_data) # save numpy array
    np.save(file_name+"_MASKED_DATA.npy", img_data*mask)
    np.save(file_name+"_CP_COORDS.npy", np.asarray(control_points))
    img = Image.fromarray(img_data.astype(np.uint8))
    img.save(file_name+"_IMAGE.png")
    control_img = highlight_control_points(img, control_points)
    control_img.save(file_name+"_CP_IMAGE.png")
    img.putalpha(Image.fromarray((mask*255).astype(np.uint8))) # mask the image with alpha channel transparencies
    img.save(file_name+"_MASKED_IMAGE.png")
```

