

Data Search and Exploration using EarthCube Data Discovery Studio

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Abstract

The EarthCube Data Discovery Studio (DDStudio) integrates several technical components into an end-to-end data discovery and exploration system. Beyond supporting dataset search across multiple data sources, it lets geoscientists explore the data using Jupyter notebooks; organize the discovered datasets into thematic collections which can be shared with other users; edit metadata records and contribute metadata describing additional datasets; and examine provenance and validate automated metadata enhancements. DDStudio provides access to 1.67 million metadata records from 40+ geoscience repositories, which are automatically enhanced and exposed via standard interfaces in both ISO-19115 and in schema.org markup; the latter can be used by commercial search engines (Google, Bing) to index DDStudio content. For geoscience end users, DDStudio provides a custom Geportal-based user interface which enables spatio-temporal, faceted, and full-text search, and provides access to additional functions listed above. Key project accomplishments over the last year include: - User interface improvements, based on design advice from a Science Gateways Community Institute (SGCI) usability team, who conducted user interviews, performed usability testing, and analyzed a dozen of other search portals to identify the most useful features. This work resulted in a streamlined user interface, particularly in presentation of search results and in management of thematic collections. - The earlier effort to publish DDStudio content using schema.org markup resulted in significant usage increase. With over 900K records indexed by Google, nearly half of the roughly 1000 unique users per month are now accessing DDStudio via referrals from Google. - The added ability to harvest and process JSON-LD metadata makes it possible to integrate EarthCube GeoCodes content into DDStudio, and work with this content using DDStudio's user interface. - New application domains include joint work with the library community, and interoperation with DataMed, a similar system that indexes 2.3 million biomedical datasets.

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DDStudio: Beyond Search

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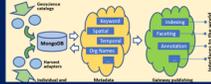
DDStudio supports various modes of data discovery.



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Metadata Enhancement

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Jupyter Integration



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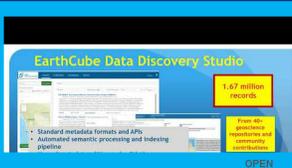
Collection Management

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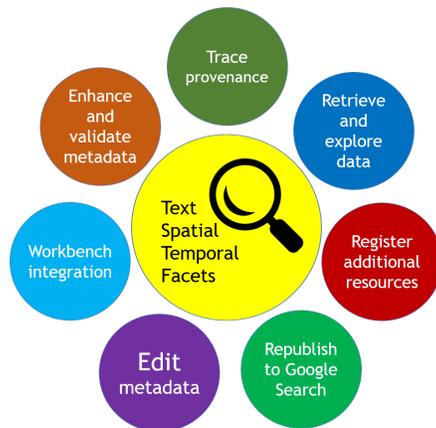
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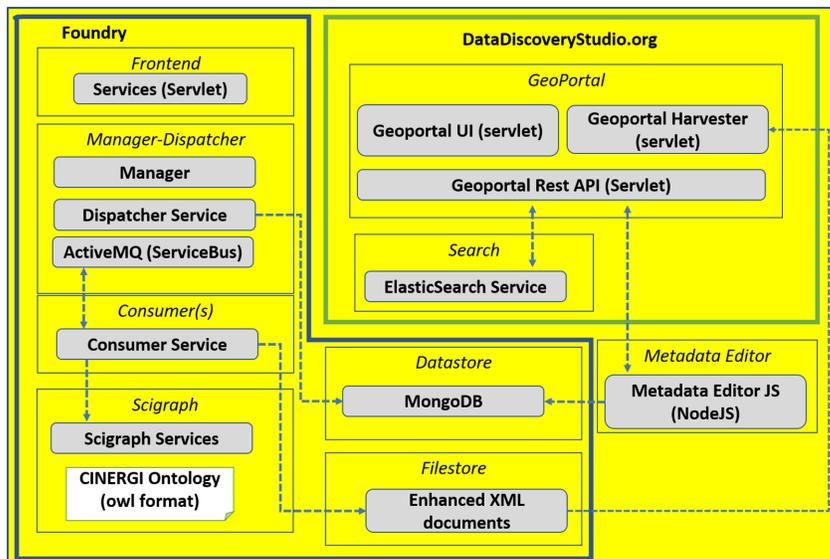
DDSTUDIO: BEYOND SEARCH

EarthCube Data Discovery Studio is a platform for finding and exploring geoscience data.



DDStudio supports various modes of data discovery, including spatio-temporal, faceted, and full-text search. Beyond search, it includes capabilities for metadata enhancement, editing, and data contribution. It lets users organize the discovered data into collections, and launch Jupyter notebooks for the datasets or dataset collections. All metadata records are exported as schema.org documents for indexing by commercial search engines.

Key DDStudio components

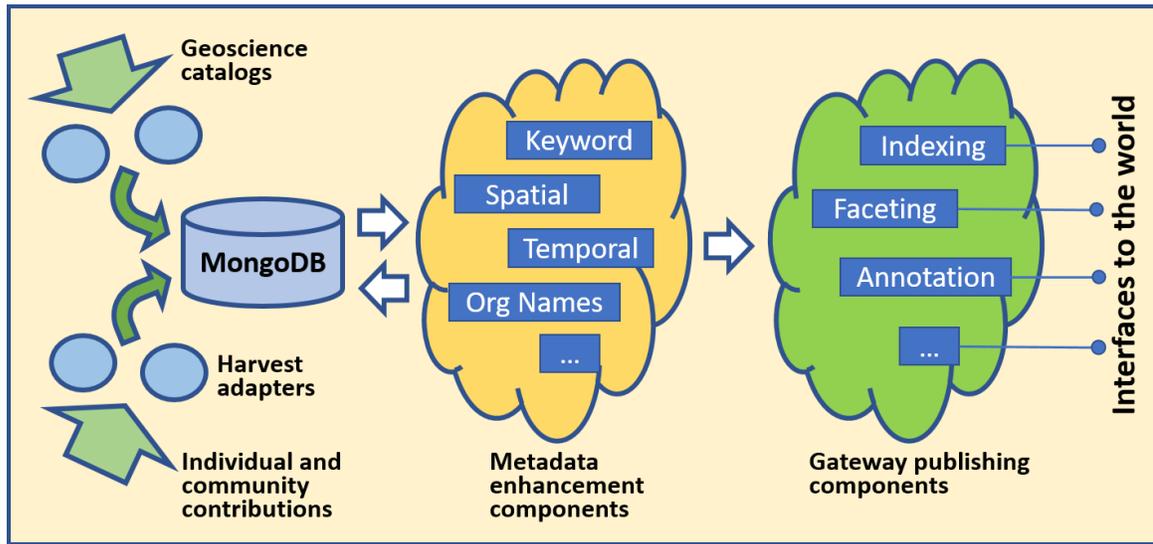


DDStudio is deployed on a set of virtual machines in OpenStack cloud platform. The key component is the DDStudio Foundry, which implements the metadata enhancement pipeline using service messaging bus, a producer/consumer architecture, and a MongoDB data store. Additional virtual machines are used for the user portal, Elasticsearch, and the Metadata editor.

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METADATA ENHANCEMENT

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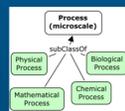
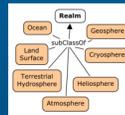


The keyword enhancer relies on GeoSciGraph services operating over 20+ geoscience ontologies, reconciled and organized into a faceted search hierarchy.

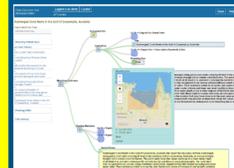
GeoSciGraph ontology management system provides semantic infrastructure. It relies on a cross-domain ontology of geoscience terms, integrating several independently developed ontologies or taxonomies

Some included ontologies:

- SWEET
- ENVO
- CHEBI
- YAGO (geo features)
- NASA GCMD (equipment, providers)
- GeoSciML
- Geochronology
- EDAM Bioinformatics (software terms and operations)
- Also: VIAF



Added annotation properties for combining ontology fragments
(*cinergiFacet*, *cinergiParent*)



Metadata editor
Approve or discard semantic annotations



DDStudio experience suggests a scalable metadata curation model, which does not sacrifice domain semantics when improving metadata for discovery. In this model, the first curation step is performed by the automated metadata augmentation pipeline. Then a repository curator can examine the results, invalidating incorrect assignments. This review triggers ontology updates and re-processing, at the same time creating a labeled training set for supervised learning.

Community Curation

Catalogs → CINERGI Pipeline → Enhanced Metadata → Metadata Editor → Tuning → Ontologies → CINERGI Pipeline

Resource submission form → CINERGI Pipeline

Data Discovery Studio

Contribute A Resource

Resource Type: Dataset

Resource Title:

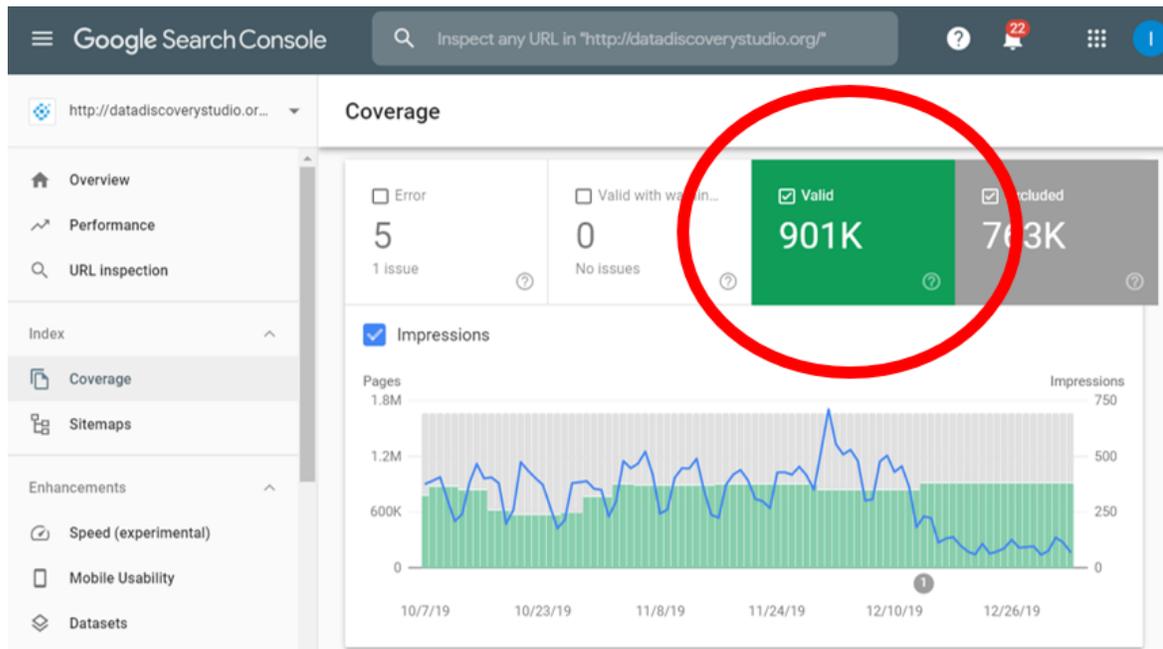
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Berthic Surveys in Vella, American Samoa: comprehensive assessment of coral demography (adult and juvenile corals) from belt transect surveys between 1998 and 2008

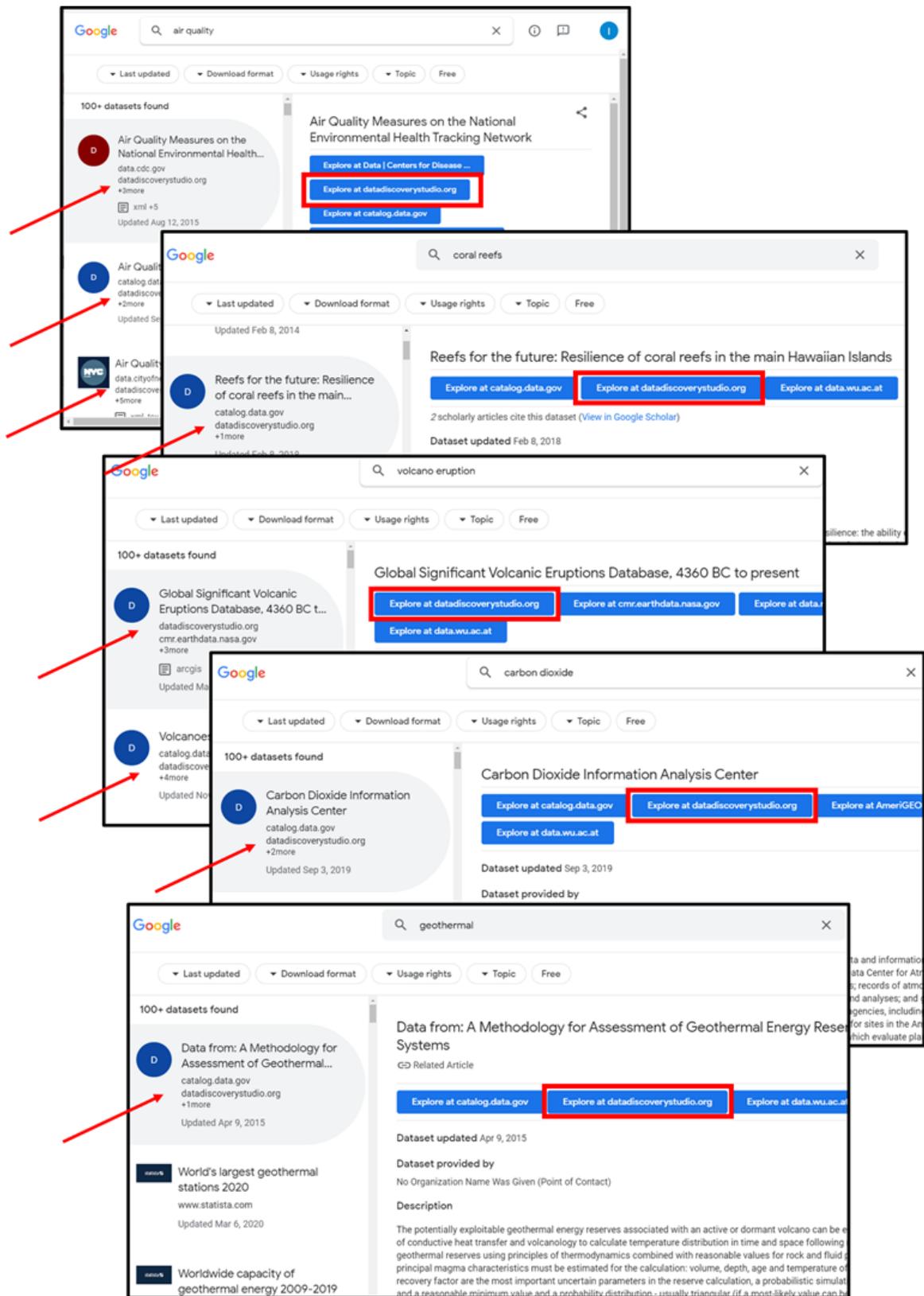
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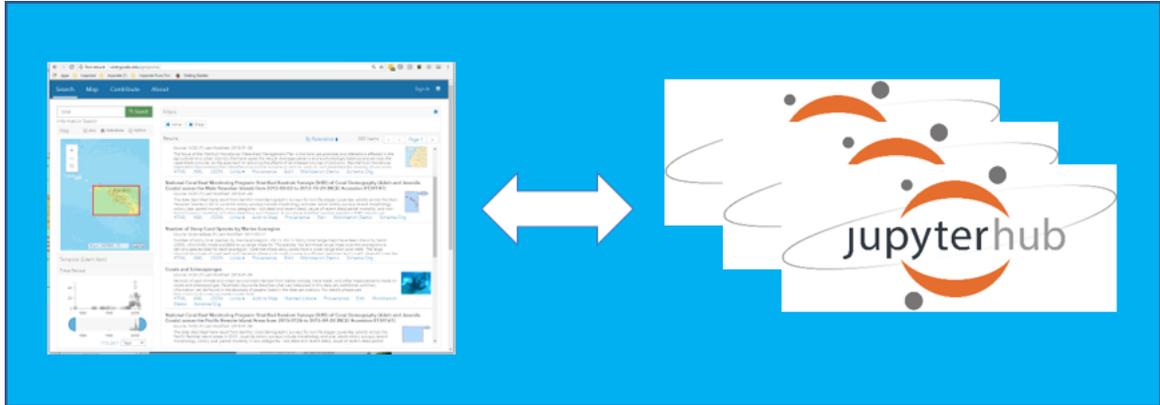


As a result, it is likely that you will be referred to DDStudio when you enter geoscience terms in Google Dataset Search. Please try it yourself!

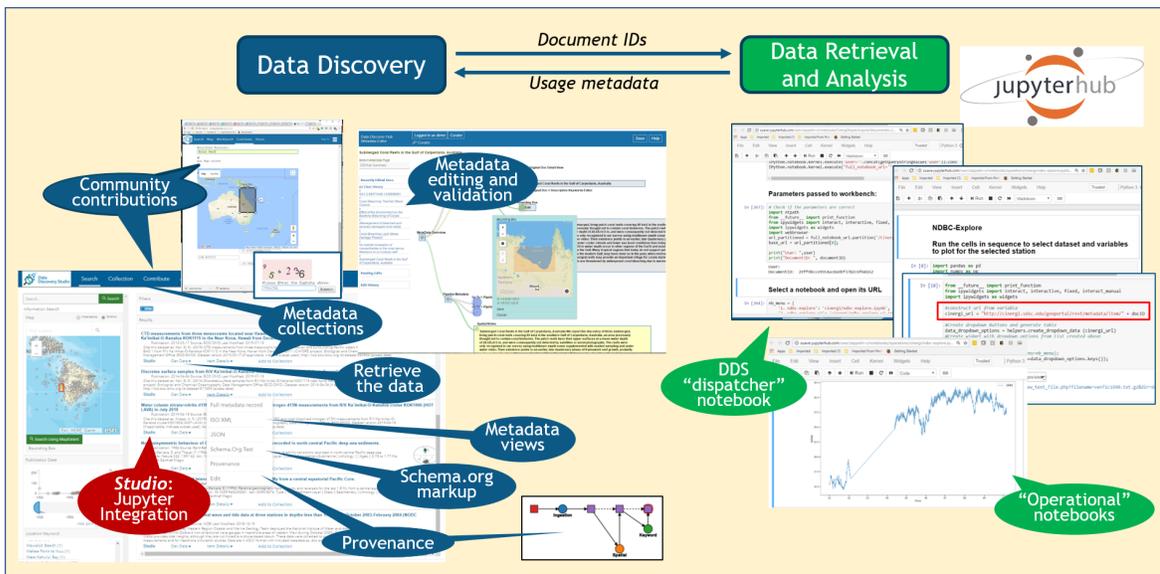


About 40% of DDStudio users have visited the platform via Google referrals.

JUPYTER INTEGRATION



DDStudio prototyped workflows for a seamless transition from geoscience data discovery to research. Using the "Studio" link from search results in the discovery interface, users can launch Jupyter notebooks residing on several JupyterHub servers. The initial link points to a "dispatcher" notebook, which calls other notebooks that implement visualizations, analytical techniques, or models.



The DDStudio system and the collection of Jupyter notebooks are loosely coupled and communicate via standard protocols, which can be used to integrate arbitrary discovery systems and research workbenches using a lightweight interface.

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The screenshot displays the DDStudio interface for collection management. The top navigation bar includes 'Data Discovery Studio', 'Search', 'Collection', 'Contribute', 'About', 'Tour', and 'Help'. The left sidebar contains 'Saved Collections' (with 'Unassigned Results' and 'Show All' buttons), 'New Collection', 'Export Collection', 'Collection Import', and 'Collection Info (Merge or Overwrite)' with a 'Merge' button. Below this are 'Select a CSV File' and 'Import File' buttons. The main content area, titled 'Collection Items', shows 3 items. The first item is 'A review of the Grenville orogen in its North American type area', the second is 'Generalized Geology of Europe including Turkey (geo4_21)', and the third is 'Grenville-age belts and associated older terranes in Australia and Antarctica'. Each item has a detailed description and buttons for 'Add to Collection', 'Remove from Collection', and 'Remove Saved record'. At the bottom right, there are links for 'Send Page to a Studio' and 'Send Collection to a Studio'.

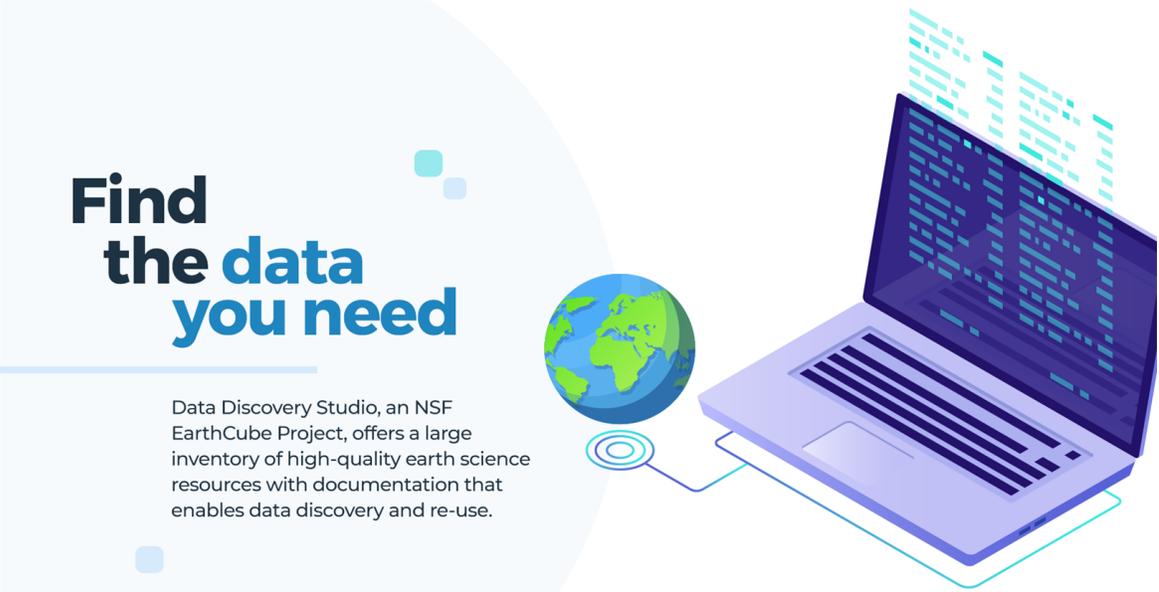
Users can also launch Jupyter notebooks for collections. For example, a notebook implementing a landscape model and requiring multiple inputs that exist as separate datasets in DDStudio, can be launched from a collection that organizes such model inputs.

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[VIDEO] <https://www.youtube.com/embed/3opK1o8LgkI?feature=oembed&fs=1&modestbranding=1&rel=0&showinfo=0>

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Key results of our collaboration with SGCI:

- Development of marketing and branding strategies, materials for distribution at professional meetings, and improved social media strategies
- User interface improvements, based on design advice from the SGCI usability team, who conducted user interviews, performed usability testing, and analyzed a dozen of other search portals to identify the most useful features.
- Cybersecurity assessment and single sign-on improvements.