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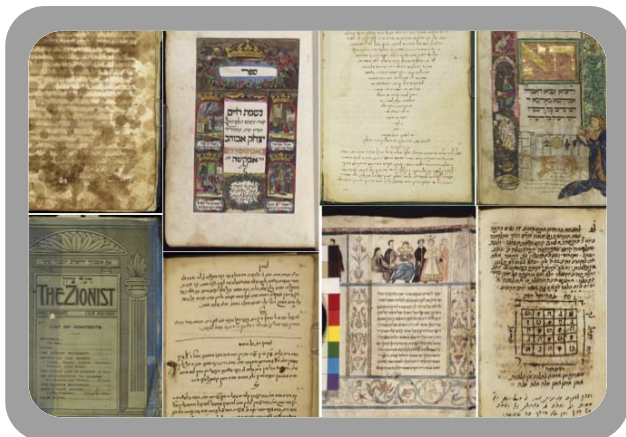
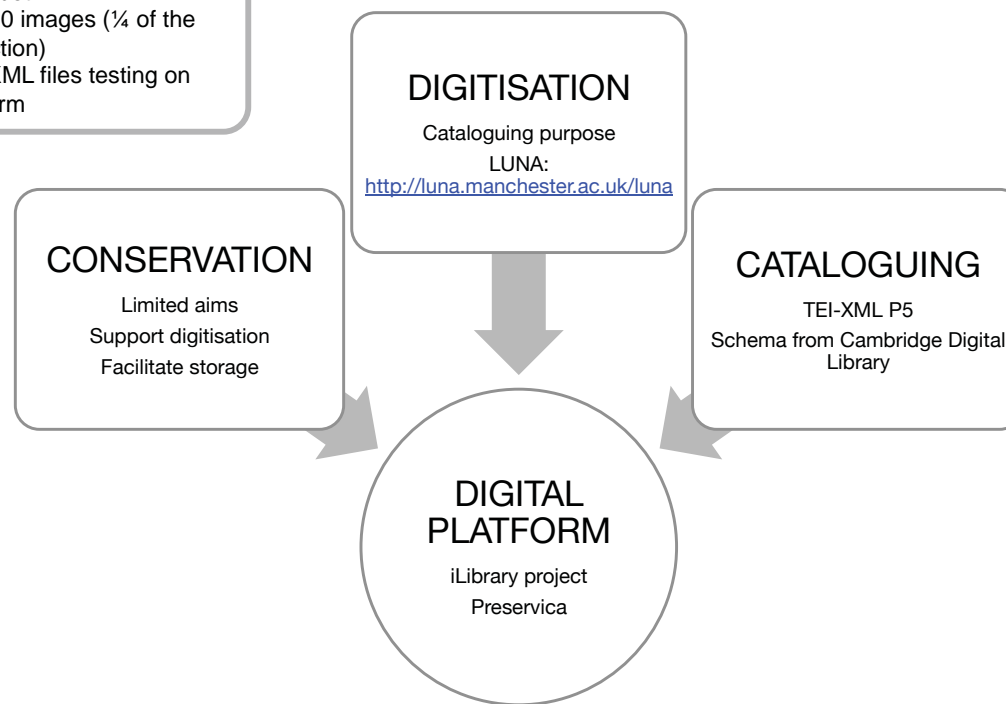
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- 20 photographic reproductions
- 40 albums with fragments
- 48 scrolls
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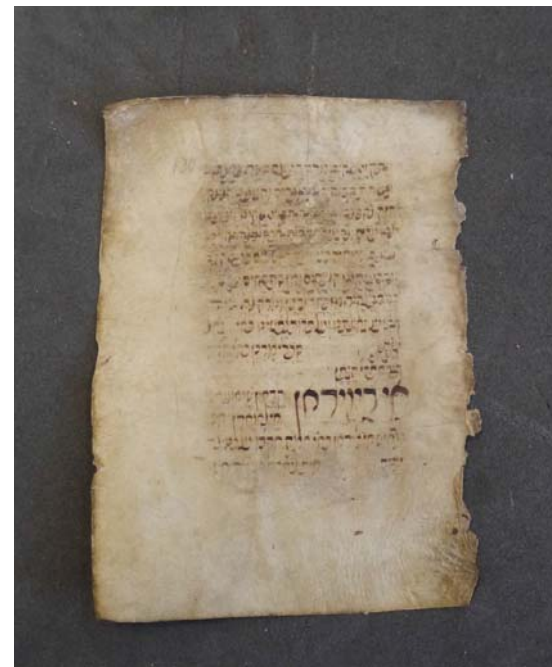
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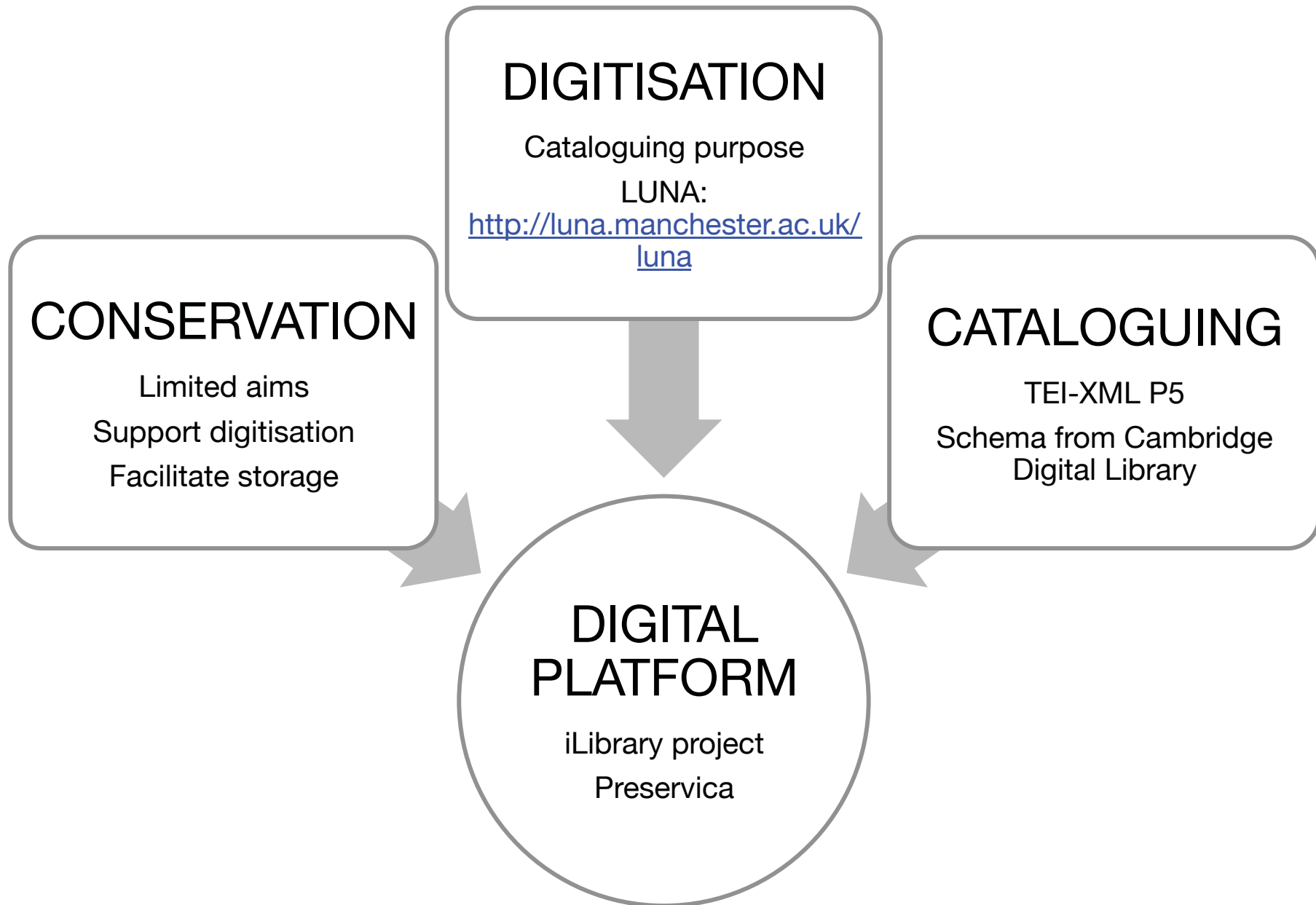
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