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Synergies among a variety of science disciplines

Geology Geophysics Physics & Mineral Physics Mathematics Chemistry Palaeoclimatology Palaeontology Tectonics Palaeomagnetism Geodynamics Seismology

Computational and Atmospheric science



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- From local to global
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Distance from basic to applied research can be short... Applications of fundamental knowledge (process understanding) in integrated basin studies/petroleum exploration:

- Plate reconstructions/paleogeography (source-to-sink/provenance)
- Linking deep and shallow processes
- Sedimentary basins formation and evolution
- Vertical motion and temperature histories
- Implications for petroleum systems
- Magmatism effects on basins and petroleum systems

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Sub-theme 1: Supercontinents, Palaeogeography and Biogeography
Sub-theme 2: Wilson Kickoff: Passive Margins and Break-up
Sub-theme 3: Continents adrift and oceanic basin formation, TPW & climate changes
Sub-theme 4: Terminal Wilson: Subduction and Collision



Mission: To explore the link between the lithosphere and the convecting mantle and quantify how palaeogeography and TPW have influenced the climate system.

Main Hypothesis: Motion of tectonic plates is closely related to mantle dynamics and the mantle-lithospheric dynamics drives major changes in Earth's life.

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CEED DEEP EARTH MATERIALS, STRUCTURE AND DYNAMICS



Sub-theme 1: Absolute Reference Frames and links to the Deep MantleSub-theme 2: Composition, Mineral Physics and Origin of the LLSVPsSub-theme 3: Plumes from the Margins of the LLSVPs: Toward a Geodynamic Model



Mission: To develop a model that links surface volcanism with processes in the deep mantle

Reidar Trønnes

Main Hypothesis: Mantle plumes from the edges of the stable LLSVPs explain the surface distribution of most hotspots, LIPs and kimberlites.

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) EARTH CRISES LIPS, MASS EXTINCTIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES

Henrik Svensen

Sub-theme 1: Large Igneous Provinces and Global WarmingSub-theme 2: Emplacement Environment and Killer MechanismsSub-theme 3: Geochemical Cycles and Paleoenviroment



CROSS-SECTION THROUGH A LIP VOLCANIC BASIN. Different types of solid Earth degassing are shown.

Mission: To understand the role of voluminous intrusive and extrusive volcanism on rapid global climate change and mass extinction in Earth history.

Main Hypothesis: LIPs have caused most of the mass extinctions and major climate changes of Phanerozoic times.



Eocene global warming

Hydrothermal vents prompt methane release

Malaria parasite Hosts orchestrate antigenic variation

> Photonic crystals Perfecting the defects

Galapagos giant tortoise Septuagenarian male seeks mate



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EED EARTH AND BEYOND



Stephanie C. Werner

Sub-theme 1: Planetary time-scales, Surface ages, Impact cratering and Cratering Statistics Sub-theme 2: Crustal Processes and Planetary Evolution

Mission: To understand similarities and differences between the Earth and the other terrestrial planets

Main hypothesis: The dynamics of Earth and planets can be understood within the same framework, but with different parameters.





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CEED EARTH MODELING NUMERICAL MODELS OF EARTH DYNAMICS



Sub-theme 1: Integrating Plate Reconstructions with Numerical Models (GPlates) Sub-theme 2: Novel Numerical Techniques for problems in Geodynamics Sub-theme 3: Massively Parallel Simulations







VISION: Establish a national laboratory to serve the geomagnetic community by providing free-of-charge access to state-of-the-art facilities and scientific and technical expertise

- Encourage Norwegian and foreign researchers to visit and use the laboratory infrastructure
- Explore fundamental questions at the frontiers of modern geomagnetism
- Provide the necessary tools to maintain and strengthen the University of Oslo as an internationally leading center for plate dynamics and palaeogeography
- Develop links to other science and engineering research disciplines
- Institute geomagnetism as a scientific discipline for frontier research and education at the University of Oslo and strengthen this discipline at our partner institutions.

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Sverre Planke

In addition to the Centre of Excellence funding from NRC we receive additional funding from the European Research Council (ERC), NRC and the petroleum industry.

The most petroleum relevant projects focus on:

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Plate reconstructions/paleogeography

- Regional tectonic evolution
- Source-to-sink (provenance)

Book @ Cambridge University Press: Earth History and Paleogeography (Torsvik & Cocks 2016)



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Plate tectonic reconstructions



Rift phases:

Late Cretaceous - Paleocene

Late Jurassic - Early Cretaceous



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Clark et al. (2013a)

Crustal-scale model of PETROBAR-07



Stretching/thinning Factors







Average beta of 1.7±0.1, with 227± 16 km total extension







DEFMOD:

*Def*ormation *mod*elling of the North Atlantic and Arctic (May 2016-2018)



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GPlates

Collaborations with NGU (Trondheim) GFZ (Potsdam) BGR (Hamburg)



VISTA postdoc: Grace Shephard

- 4 work main packages:
 - Basin-scale reviews
 - North Atlantic (+ Labrador/Baffin)
 - Ellesmere
 - Laptev (and beyong)
 - Time and spatial constraints
 - Cenozoic
 - Mesozoic and Paleozoic
 - Crustal thickness, stretching etc
 - Tectonic models and iterations
 - Plate reconstruction in GPlates
 - Geodynamic models
 - 2D and 3D lithospheric models (SLIM3D, SULEC, CitcomS)
 - Paleogeographic maps

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Hypothesis

Arctic LIP volcanism had a major impact on the NCS petroleum systems

North Atlantic Igneous Province (Paleogene)

High-Arctic LIP (Early + Late Cretaceous)

Siberian Traps (End-Permian)

Barents Sea LIP Sill Complexes



Mapped by seismic and magnetic data

- E Barents Sea > 150,000 km²
- Total: 700,000 km²
- Intruding Permo-Triassic organicrich successions
- Underly giant gas fields (e.g. Stockman)



HALIP Geochronology



Svalbard | Early Cretaceous

Carolinefjellet Fm. Albian-Aptian (open marine)

Helvetiafjellet Fm. Barremian (fluvial to paralic)

Rurikfjellet Fm. Berrisian-Hauterivian (open to shallow marine)

Thompsonbreen, E Spitsbergen | Glørstad-Clark, Midtkandal et al. (2010)



> Volcanic Basins

sedimentary basins
 with a significant
 amount of primary
 deposited volcanic
 rocks



Petroleum Implications

Emplacement

Maturation: Increased hydrocarbon maturation in maturation aureole

Migration: Enhanced hydrothermal circulation and generation of migration pathways

Traps: Lifting and deformation of the overburden possibly forming traps

Post-Emplacement

Migration: Re-use of fracture systems. Barriers and compartmentalization (sills, dikes, hydrothermal vent complexes and aureoles)

Traps: Differential compaction

Seals: Tuff

Volcanism in Sedimentary Basins

1995	
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2000	
2001	
2002	LASI I
2003	
2004	
2005	
2006	LASI II
2007	
2008	LASI III
2009	
2010	LASI IV
2011	
2012	LASI V
2013	
2014	
2015	
2016	Book

Passive Margin Research Group, U. Oslo

- Seismic imaging and interpretation
- E Greenland field work

Petroleum Implications of Sill Intrusions (VBPR, UiO, TGS)

- Seismic imaging and interpretation
- Karoo field work (vents, aureoles, sills)
- Numerical modeling

NFR projects (PGP & collaborators)

- PGP (2003-2013)
- Sill emplacement (2004-2007)
- Hydrothermal venting (2004-2007)
- Aureole processes (2007-2010)
- Climate implications (2007-2011)

Karoo, Siberia, Greenland, Azerbaijan, Java, Argentina (Brazil)

NFR and industry projects (CEED & collaborators)

- CEED (2013-2023)
- Siberia projects EPIC/PeTrArc (2012-2016)
- VMAPP (2013-2016)
- DIPS/MIMES (2015-2018)
Vertical motion of basement: sources of differential motion



Onshore erosion (glacial carving) unloading



Accumulated sediments loading



Ice sheet loading/unloading

Vertical motion of basement: zoom-in to particular discoveries



Displacement - erosion (20km) + ice (20km) - sed (10km, 34Ma)

Total displacement



Displacement - erosion (20km) + ice (20km) - sed (10km, 34Ma)

When? The 4th dimension – TIME

New Technology – Geochemistry

Radiometric ages for earth processes important to hydrocarbon generation

- Dating source rocks for oil and gas
- Dating oil and gas migration

Conventional





Chronology and Correlations in Absolute Time

Holly Stein & Judith Hannah, Project Leaders



Unconventional

Stein, 2014



Tiny Tutorial

- Radiometric dating method is Re-Os (rhenium-osmium)
- Re and Os reside in organic material and sulfides
- Dating kerogen, bitumen, migrated oil using Re-Os in a geologic context



WORKING MEDIA for Re-Os

tar mat

Eocene



Arctic tectonics and basin evolution

- Local, Regional and Global Perspective
- Geological Time
 - → 4D model for Arctic's evolution
- Understand Passive Margin Formation Norwegian-Greenland Sea, Barents Sea and the formation and evolution of Geo-resources
- Understand Climate Evolution Oceanic gateways – Fram Strait Volcanism – High Arctic Large Igneous Province (including Svalbard and Northern Barents Sea)



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Arctic tectonics and basin evolution

The Arctic (and Circum-Arctic) region is an important puzzle piece (1/6th) in Earth's Evolution that may hold the answers to KEY questions regarding

mantle-crust interactions
volcanism and climate change

Existent CEED projects relevant to Polar Research (RCN, Industry, ERC):

4D Arctic, BarMod, BarPz, BarN-S2S, CHRONOS, OMNIS, Beyond Plate Tectonics

Department of Geosciences, UiO also part of: CALE (Circum-Arctic Lithosphere Evolution) ARCEx (Research Centre for Arctic Petroleum Exploration), TeMAR (Tectonic Map of the Arctic) +++



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UiO: Department of Geosciences – involved in many petroleum relevant research projects



ARCEx BarMod BarPz BarN-S2S TriasNorth LoCrA +++ **OMNIS**

MultiRift



TRIAS NORTH PROJECT

Objectives: Integrate onshore and offshore datasets to improve the understanding of basin development and tectonic activity of the Triassic Barents Shelf

- Depositional systems of the migrating shelf,
- Clinoform migration across sags and upwarps/highs,
- Growth faulting in the distribution of reservoir sandstones,
- Sandstone quality; provenance, routing and diagenesis
- Stress configurations as driver

How did this foreland basin fill in? What controlled infill patterns? Can we establish sediment rout.ng? What do we see in seismics?







Collaboration between academia – industry - authorities

- Sharing of roles
- Complementarity
- Synergies
- Expectations



- We are not exploring for oil/gas directly, but we provide knowledge that the companies can use in their exploration
- Short distance from basic to applied research

Petroleum systems – play models – risking

- Source rock(s)
- Reservoir rock(s)
- Traps (structural stratigraphic)
- Caprock seal
- Burial history temperature history
- Maturation hydrocarbon generation migration charge of traps
- Reservoir quality
- Timing of trap formation (e.g. contraction)
- Reactivation of faults fracture of seal leakage
- Regional geology
- Paleogeography plate reconstructions
- Depositional systems from source to sink
- Uplift/erosion



Main geological events affecting the westerncentral Barents Sea:

- Basement
- Multiple rift phases
 - Regional subsidence
- ••• Contraction/inversion
 - Regional uplift/erosion



CO₂ storage group – Geosciences UiO

FME – SUCCESS

Reservoir modelling Geomechanical response to CO₂ injection Mineral-CO₂ interaction kinetics Fluid phase equilibria / fluid properties in CO₂-rich systems

CO2Seal

Regional seals Southern North Sea: seismic mapping, sedimentology, geomechanics/structural geology

CO₂ storage potential in Skagerrak

Seismic mapping CO2 storage plays, reservoir models Injectivity proposal

Inject

Operations Injectivity, case histories

SSC-Ramore

Seal reactivity & geomechanics, coupled reactive transport

BarRock

Geomechanics and rock physics, seals capabilities in up-lifted basins

Min-Gro (EU) DeltaMin (EU/PGP)

PGP cooperation

NORDICCS

Nordic CCS centre

LYB CO2 Pilot

CO₂ Field Laboratory - Hurum

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Department of Geosciences (Industrial Liaison + CEED) will invite the industry to a meeting in the spring 2016

- Review of ongoing petroleum relevant research
- Propose topics for potential new projects

Thank you!