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Click on a feature on the map to open its properties.

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# An interactive digital Svalbard geological-geophysical portal

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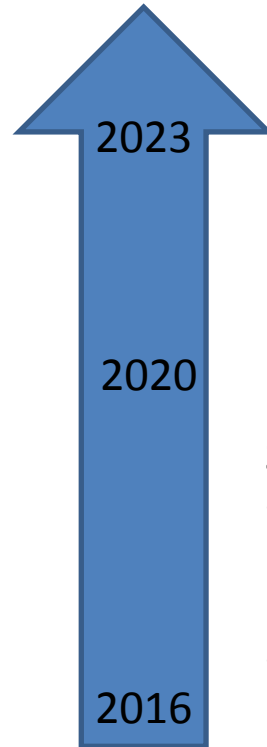


**FORCE Lunch & Learn, Wednesday 27th May 2020, online webinar**



# Webinar overview: what is Svalbox?

- 12:00-12:35:  
Presentation of  
Svalbox (**Kim Senger**)
- 12:35-12:45:  
Demonstration of  
Svalbox portal by  
video (**Peter Betlem**)
- 12:45-13:00:  
Questions & answers  
(please use chat)



Svalbox2020 wants to:  **FORCE**

- Be a more widely used tool in both mainland universities and industry
- Be an innovative hub for embracing new technologies and data types in geoscience training & research
- Be a full-time job for (at least) 1 person

Svalbox is:

- An interactive and integrated database used in teaching and research at UNIS in Longyearbyen
- Run by 2 people on the side of teaching and research, started in 2016
- Accessible at [www.svalbox.no](http://www.svalbox.no)



# Svalbox: key personnel

## Kim Senger

- Associate Professor in Structural Geology and Basin Analysis at UNIS
- Background from Bayerngas and EMGS
- Permanent and full-time at UNIS since 2015
- Svalbox project manager
- Geology WP co-leader in ARCEX centre ([arcex.no](http://arcex.no))



## Peter Betlem

- PhD student at UNIS, 2019-2023
- Funded by NCCS project, focusing on CO<sub>2</sub>-cap rock integrity monitoring
- 25% of position funded by UNIS, with outreach and data management tasks
- Svalbox in-house “coder”, developer and drone pilot



**Envisioned project collaborators:**



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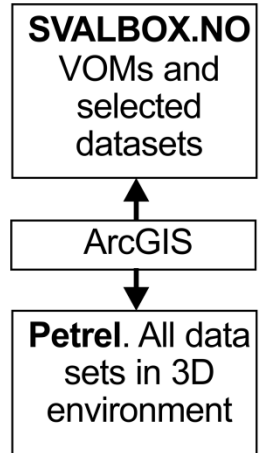


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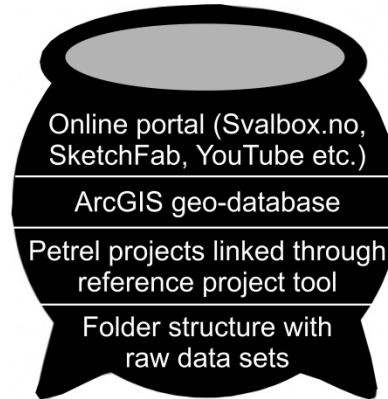


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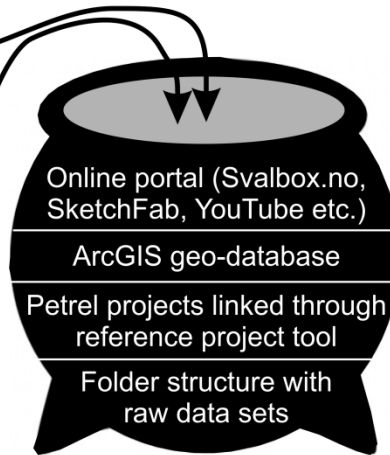
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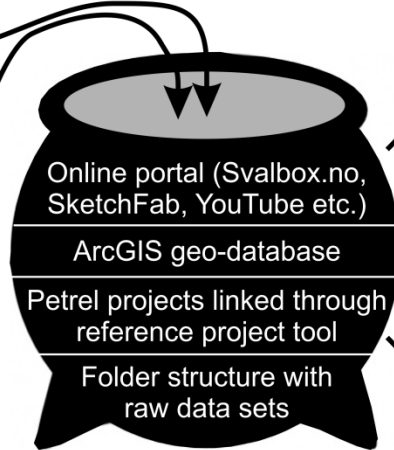
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*VOM location and 3D pdf  
Construct and share VFTs  
Share experiences and resources  
Update map data automatically from UNIS ArcGIS geo-database*

*Maintain updated geo-database  
Link to Petrel and Svalbox.no*

*Maintain data packages based on location, data type and access restrictions  
Update projects twice yearly  
Optimize workflows and teach*

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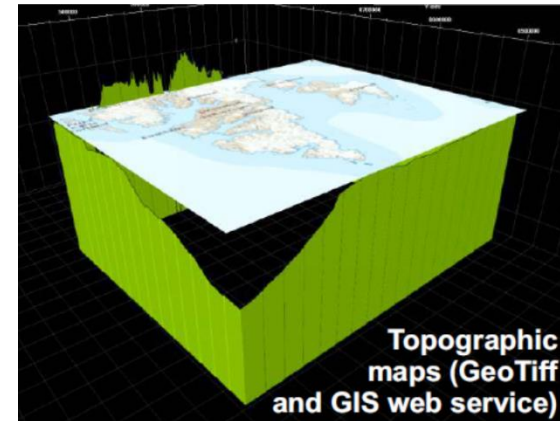
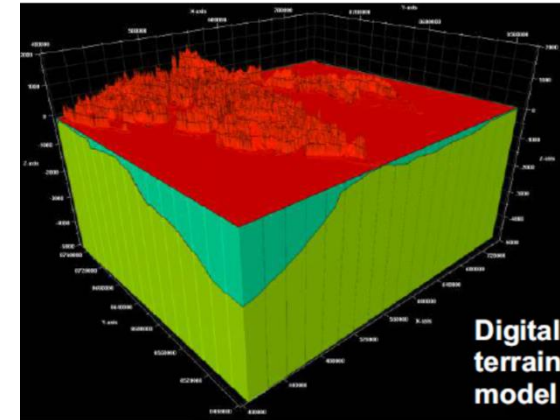
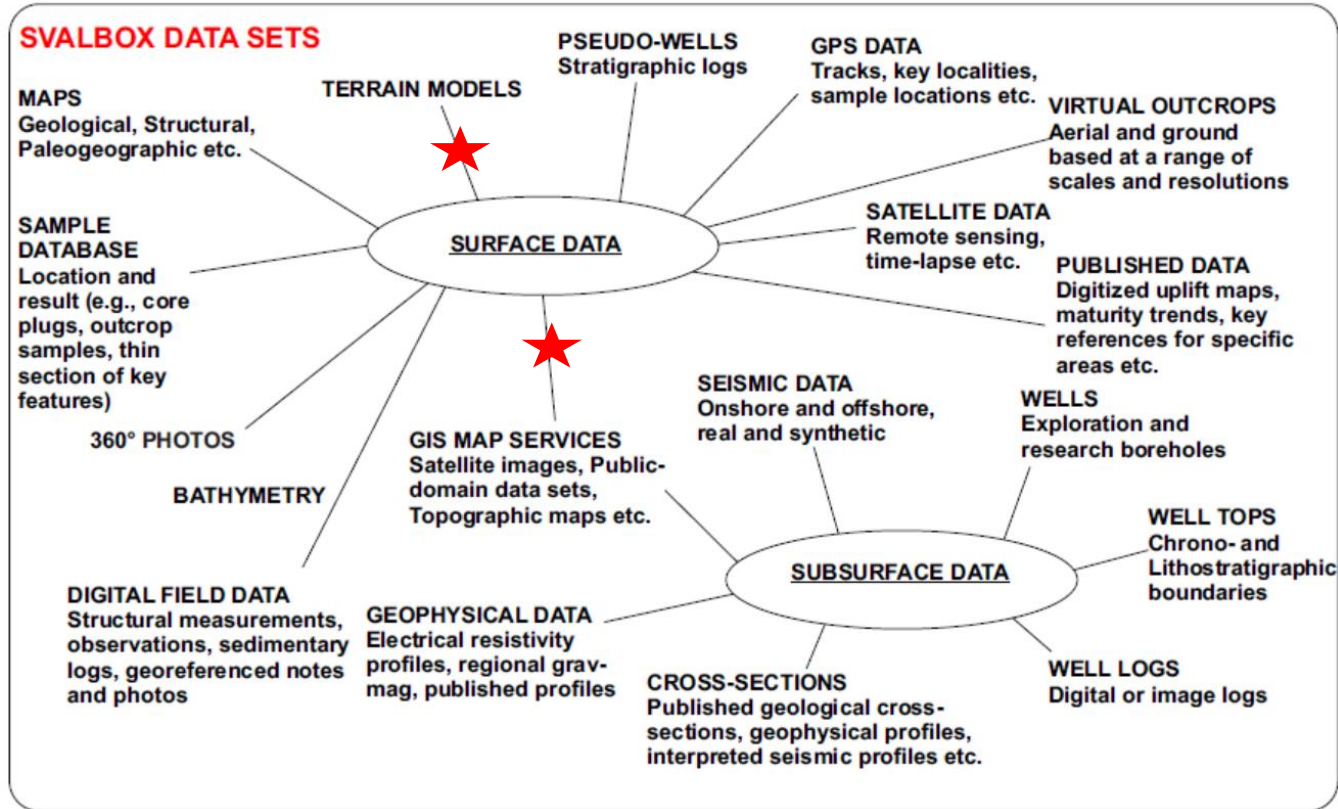
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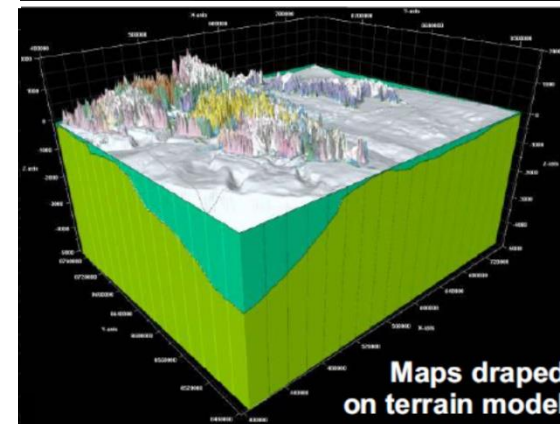
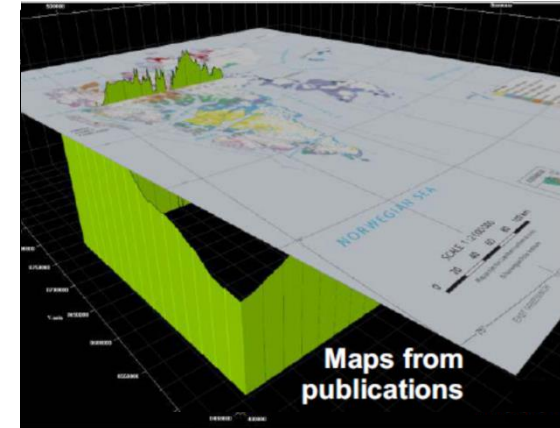
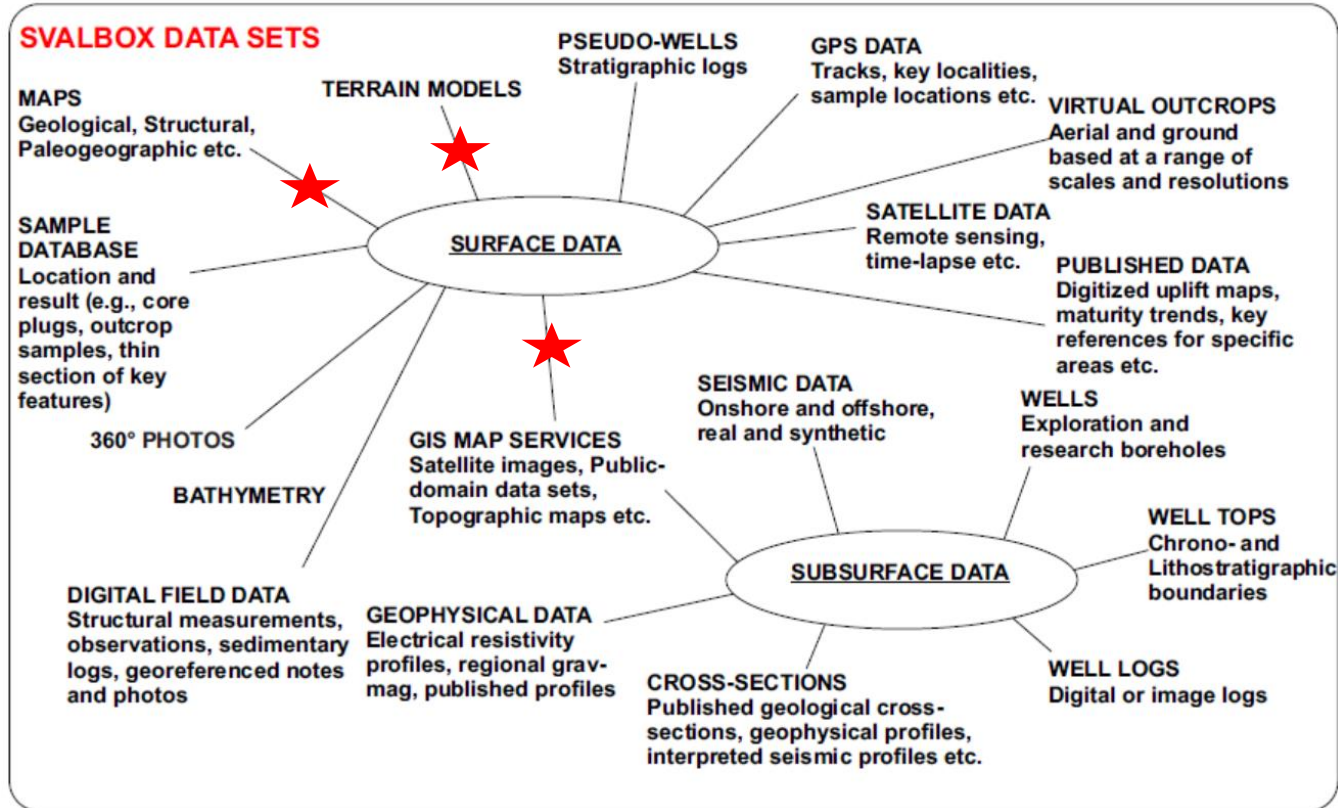
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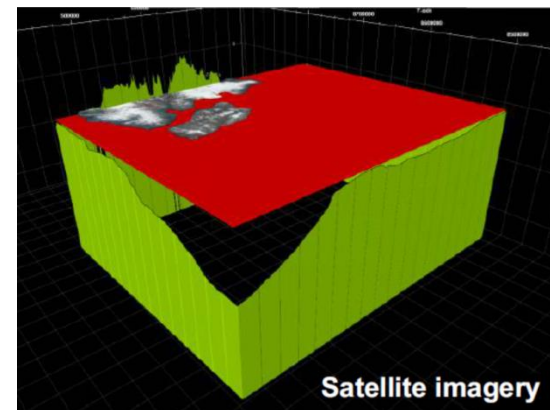
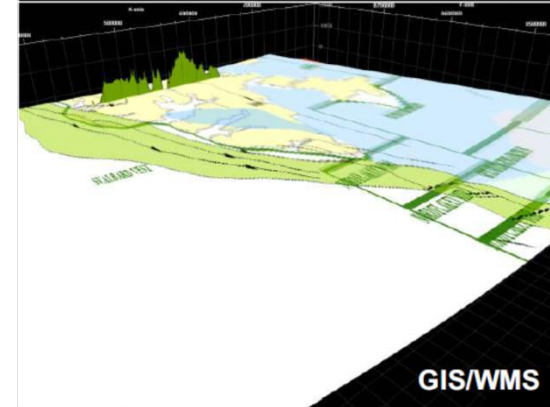
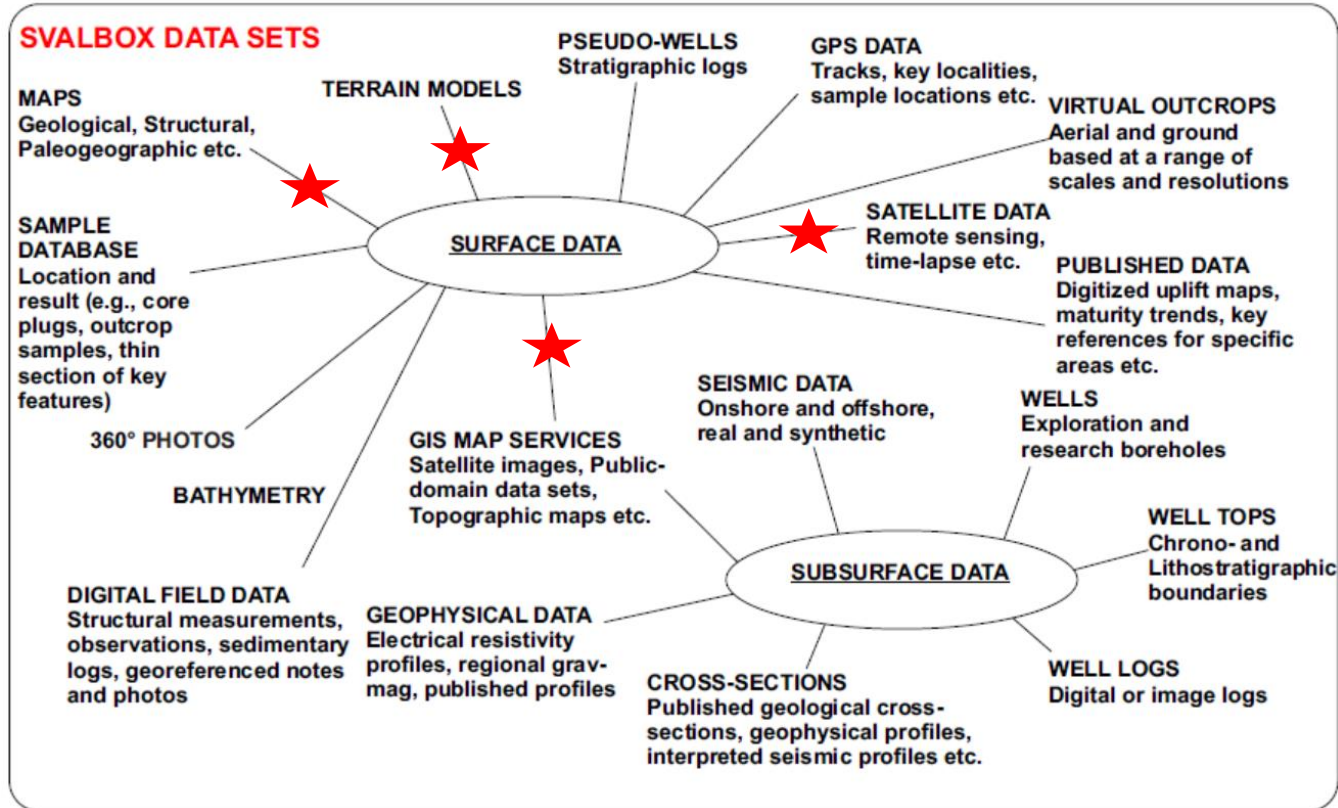


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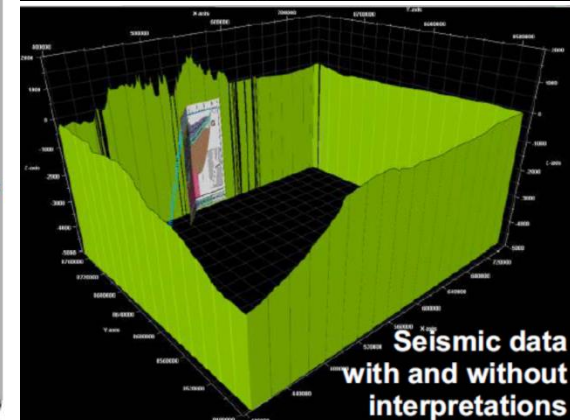
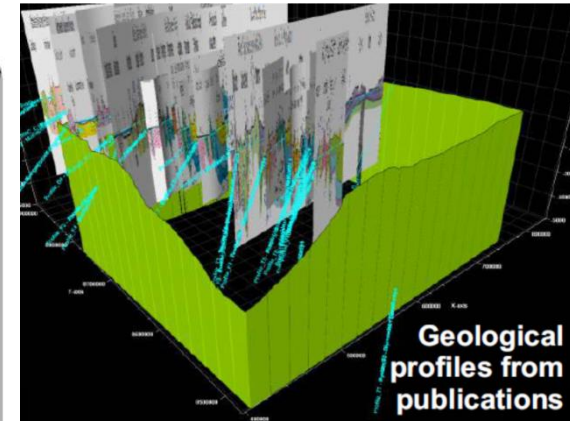
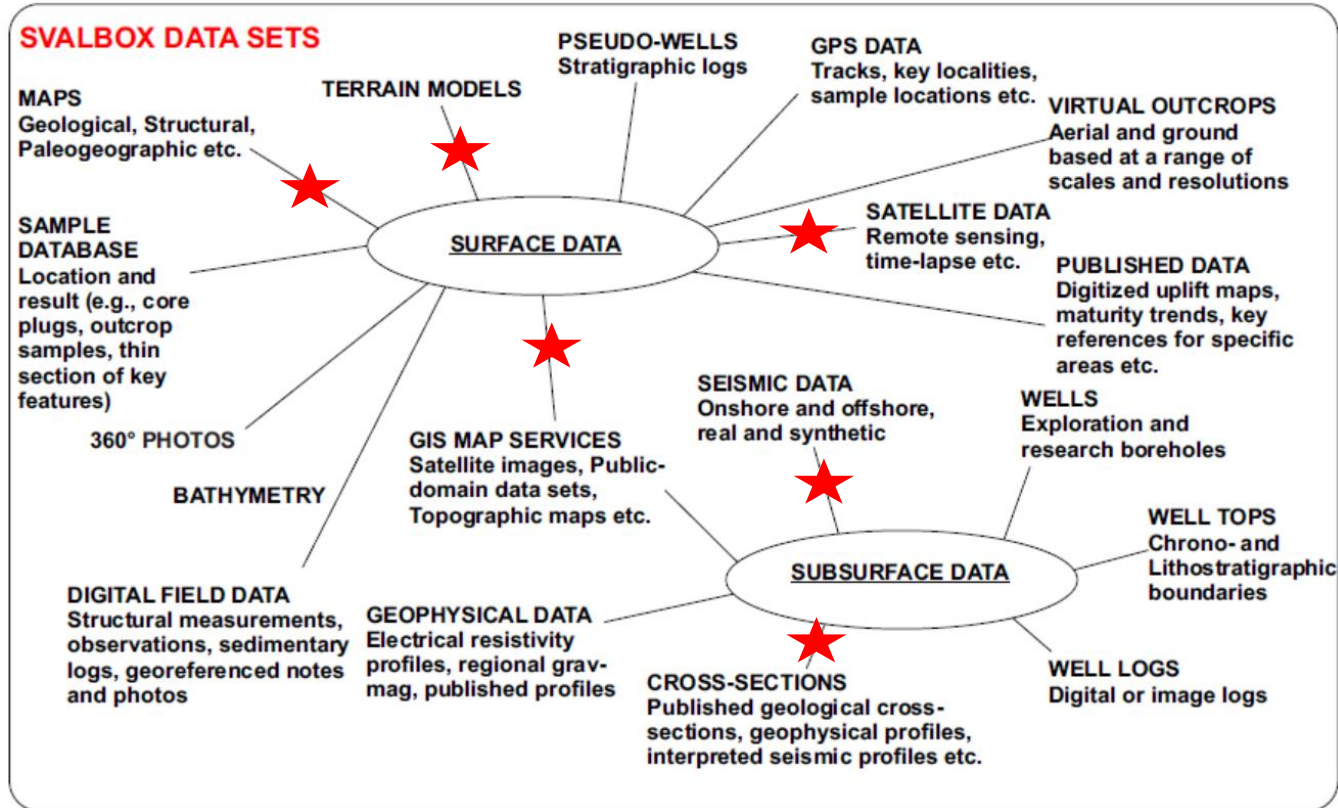


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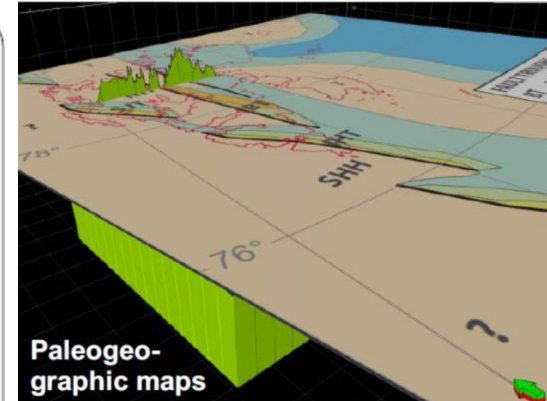
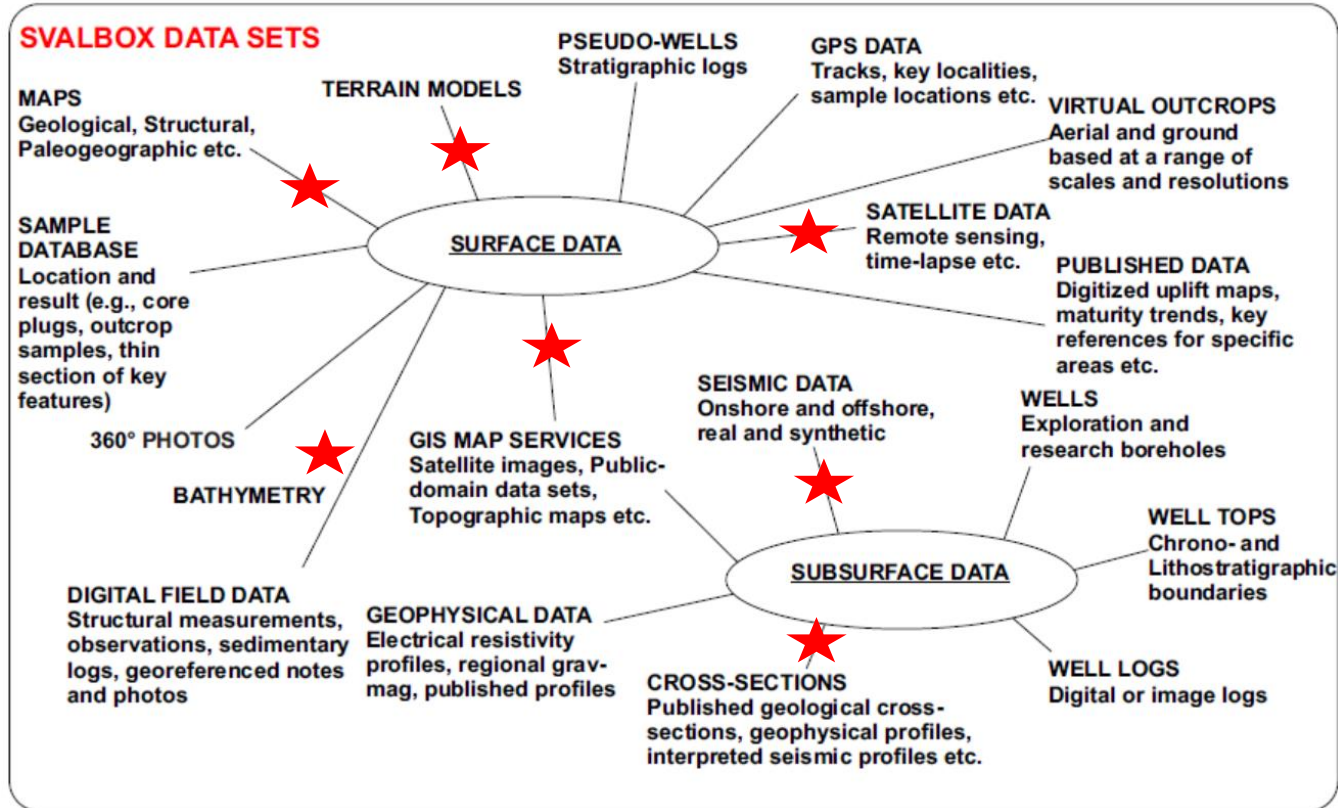
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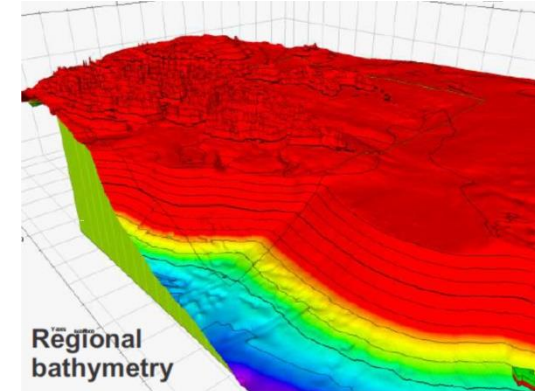




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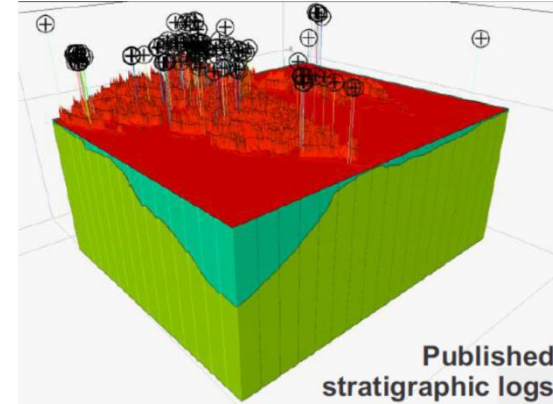
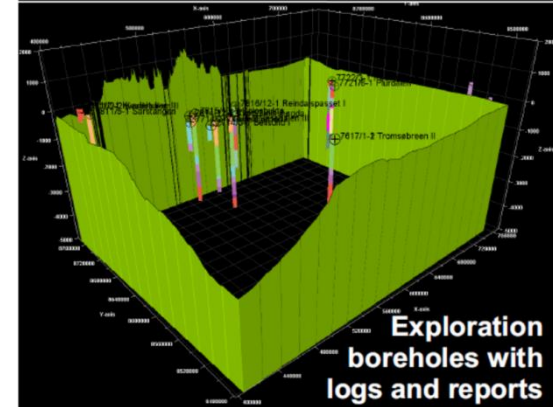
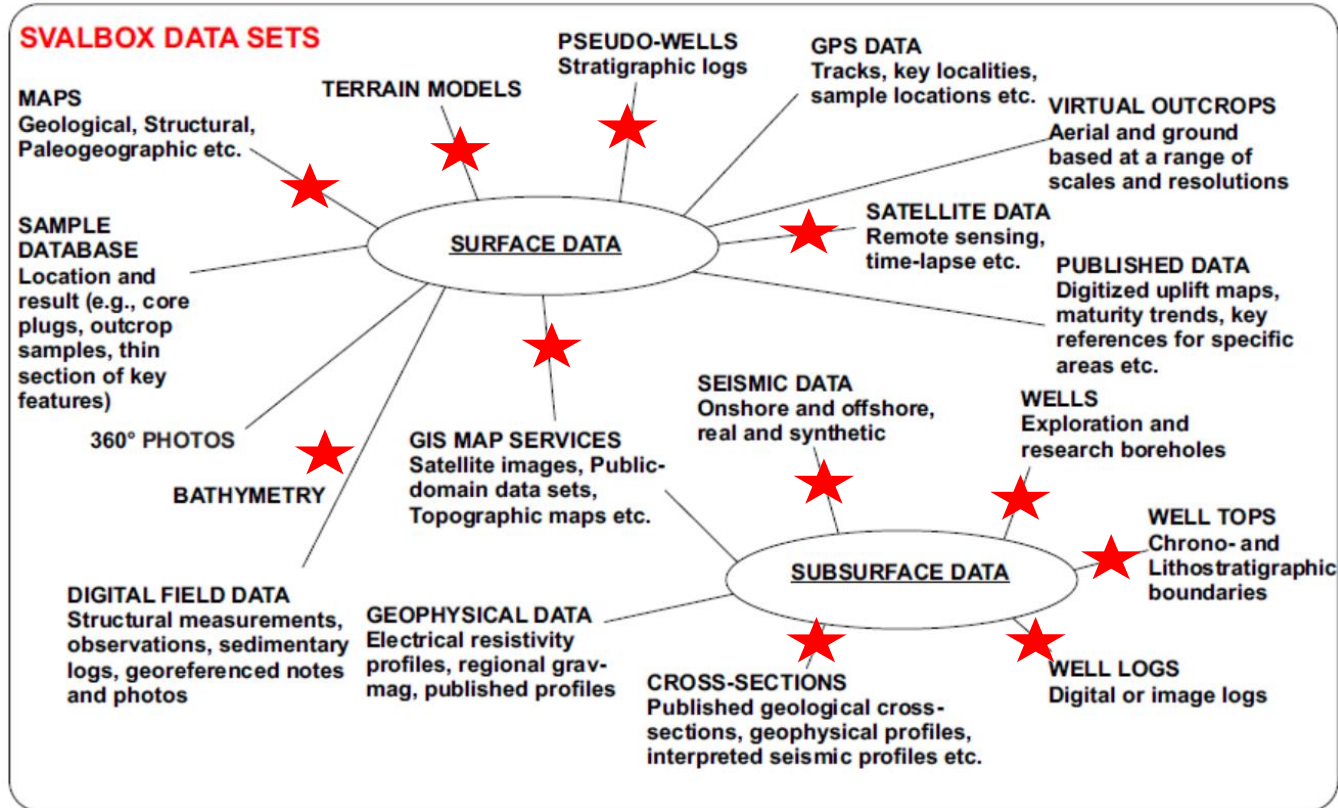


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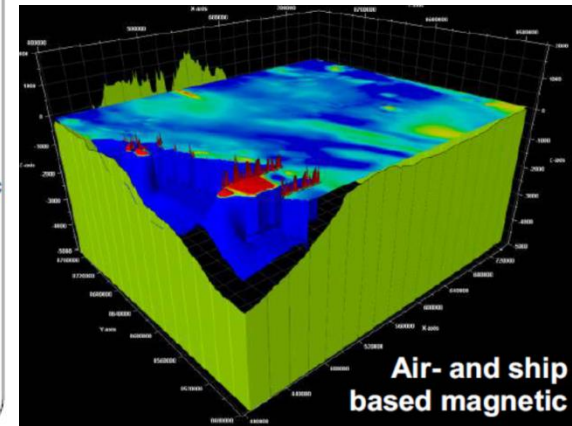
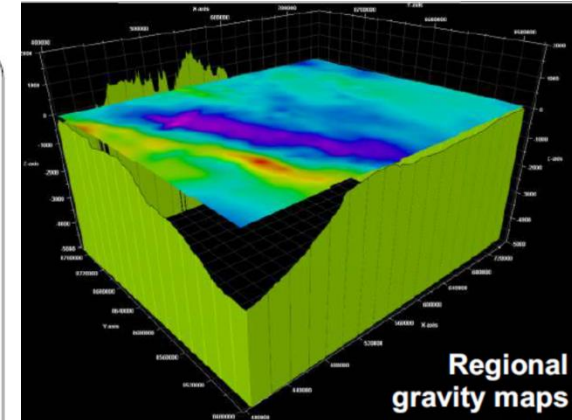
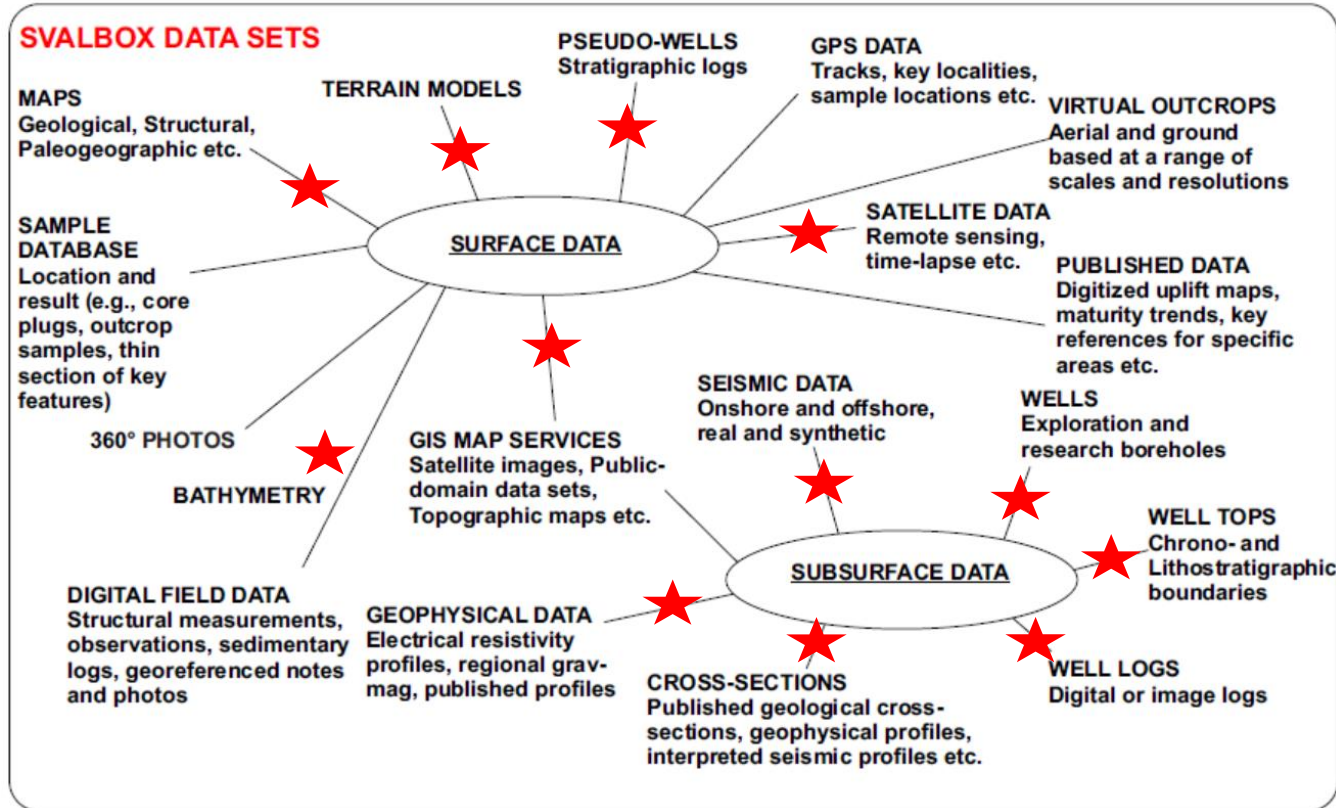


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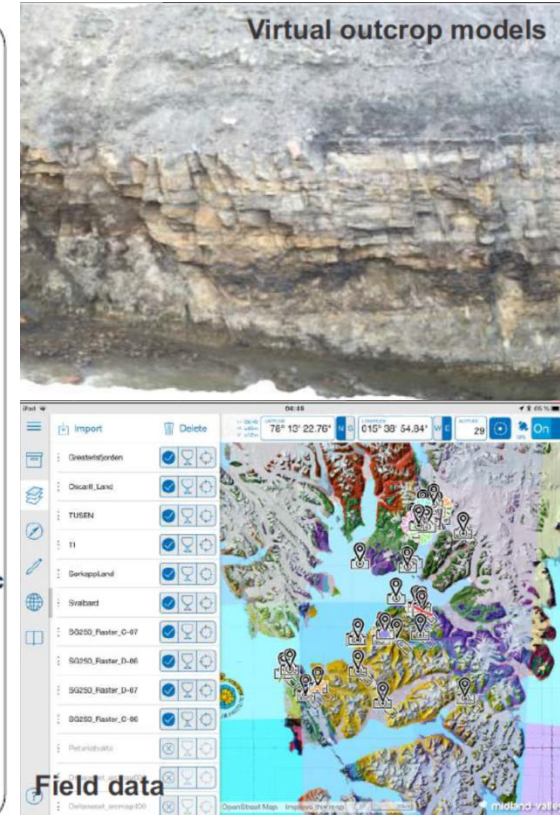
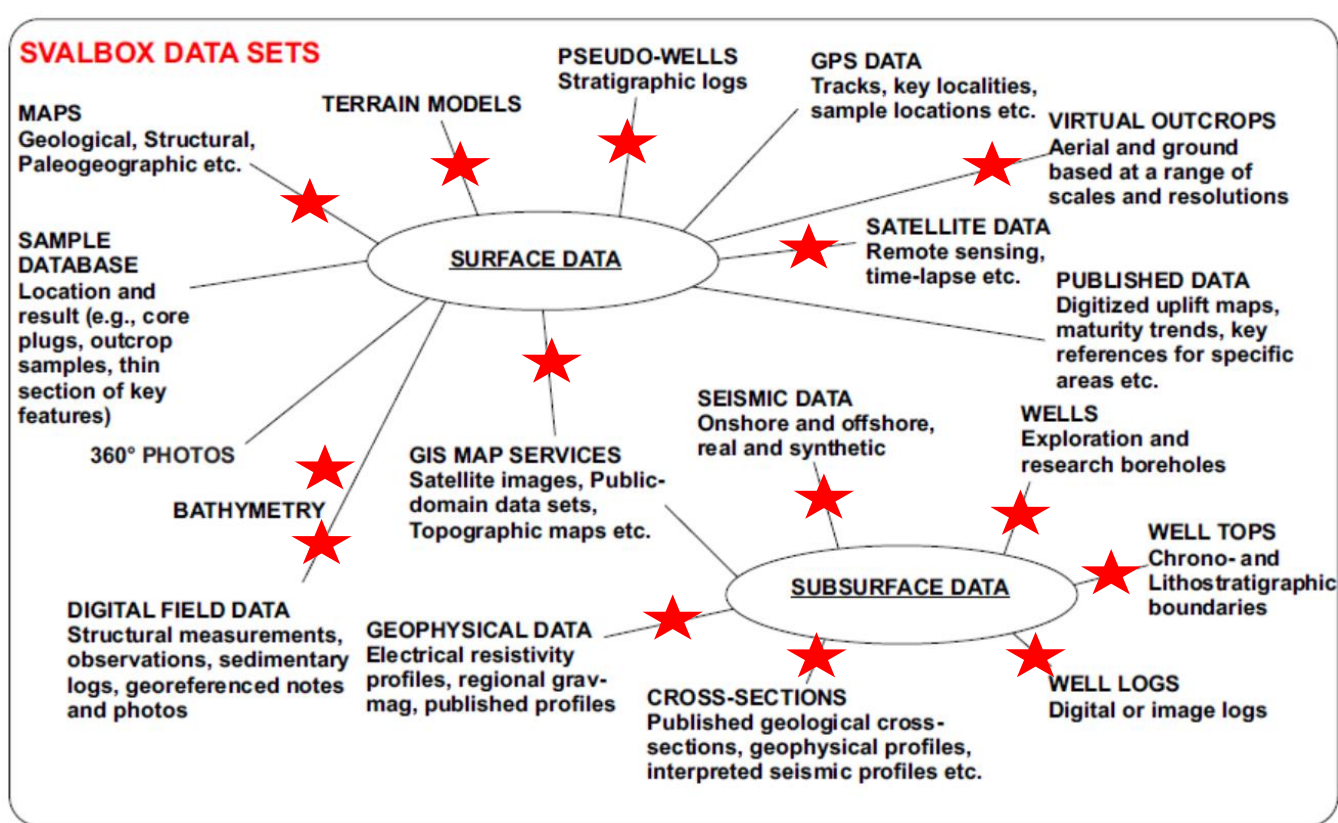
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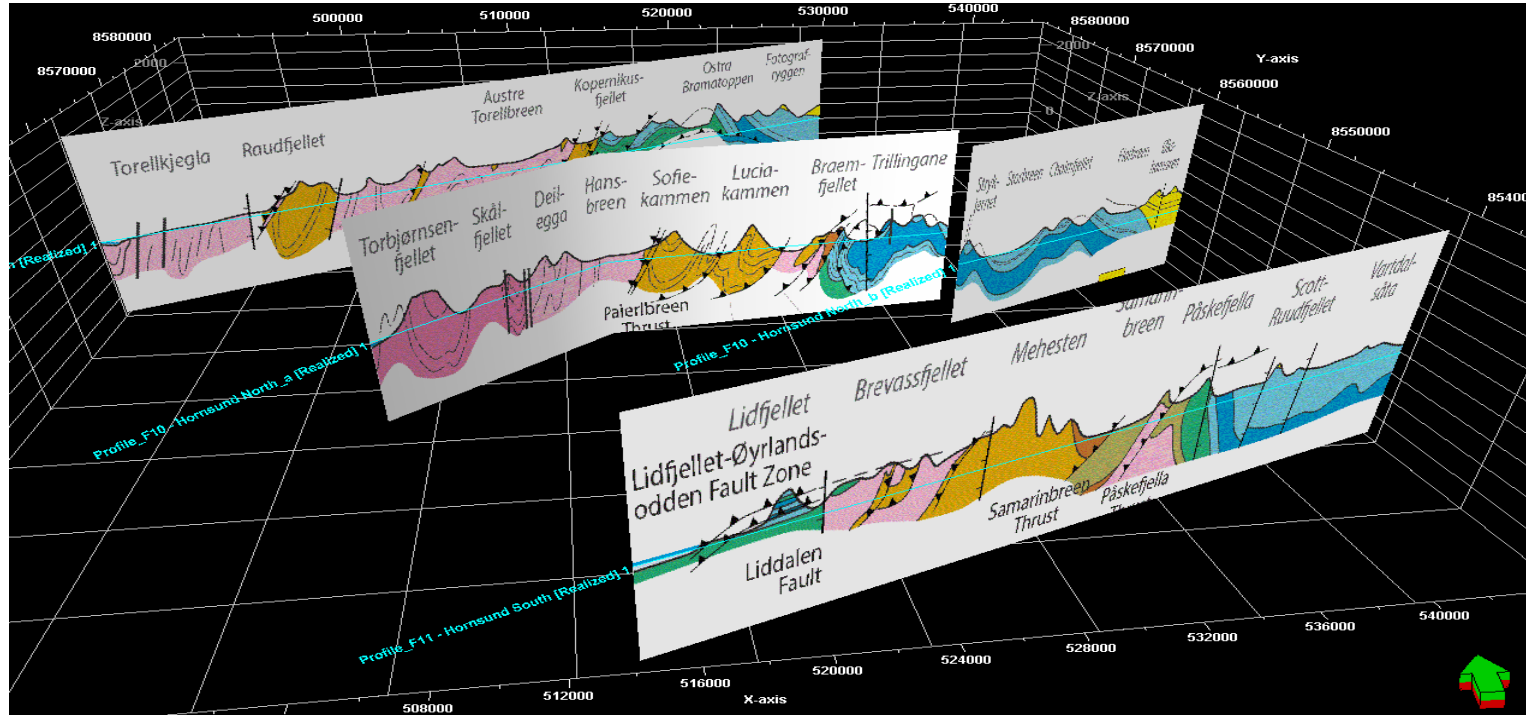


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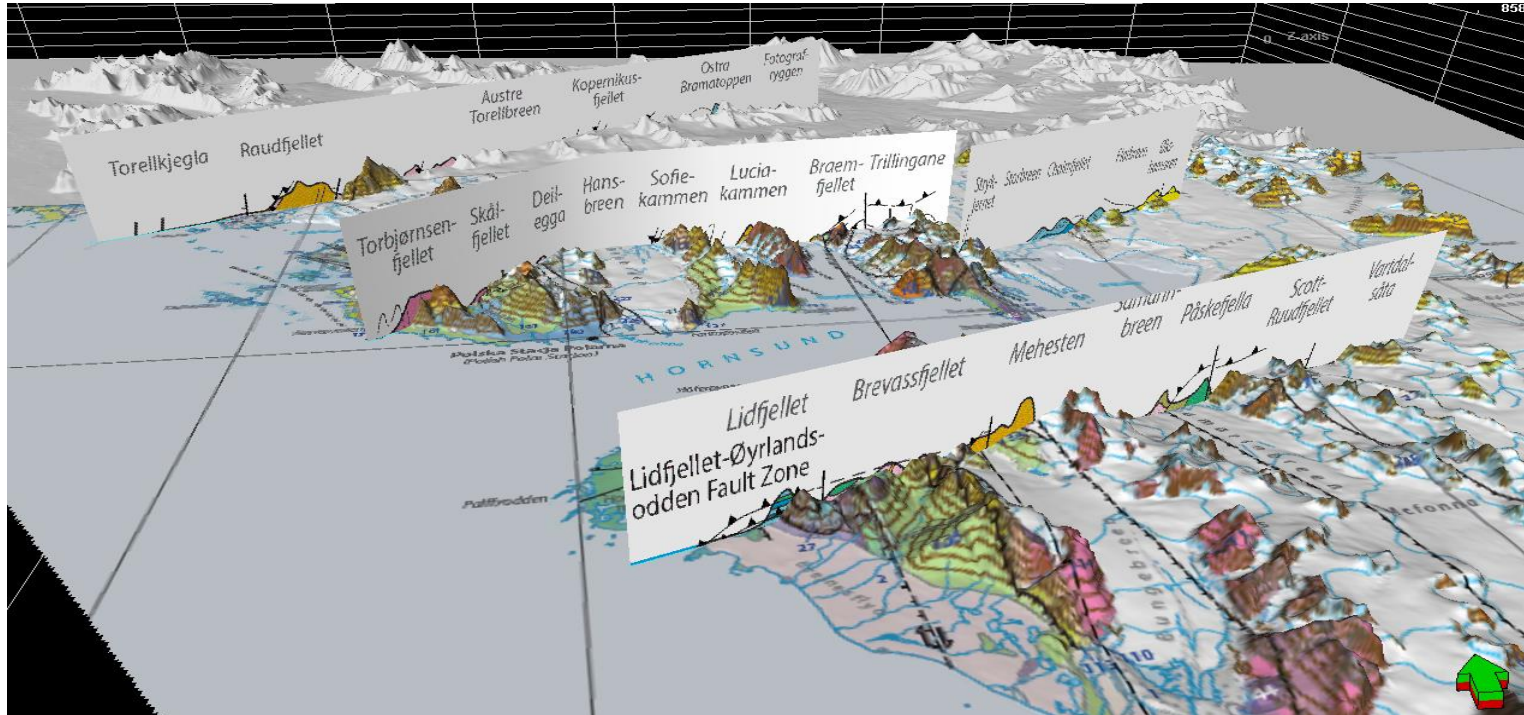
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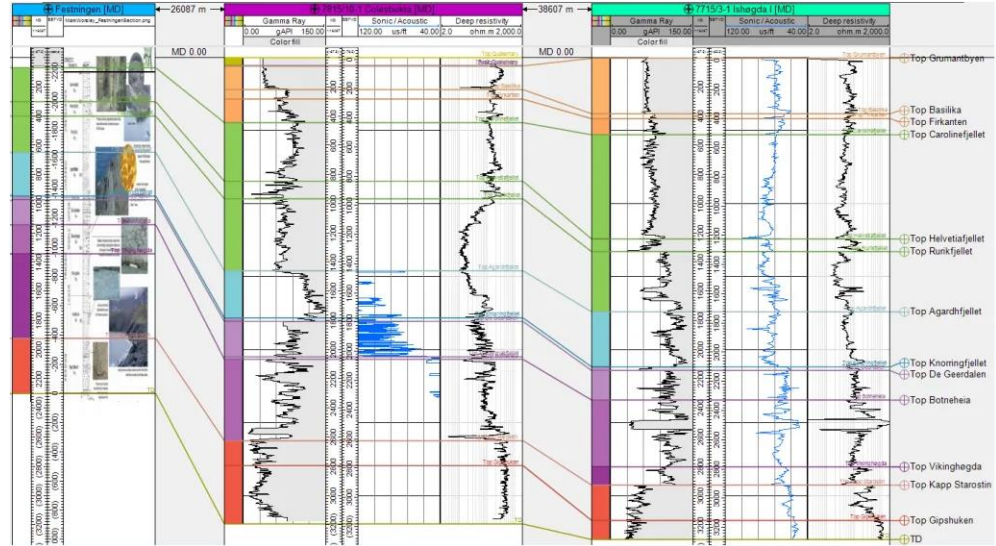




# Highlights: new data and integration



The Festningen profile in April 2019, looking westwards. The dominant wall comprises the sandstones of the Cretaceous Helvetiafjellet Formation. Note snowmobiles for scale.



Correlation panel from Festningen to the two deepest petroleum exploration boreholes drilled in Svalbard, at Colesbukta and Ishøgda.

- 18 petroleum exploration boreholes drilled 1961-1994
- Increasing data availability from petroleum exploration from a range of sources including Norsk Polarnavigasjon archive
- Need to synthesize material (Svalbard Rock Vault project)

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Petroleum, coal and research drilling onshore Svalbard: a historical perspective

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# Highlights: outreach



Longyearbyen skole Yrkesmesse, 20 Nov 2019



# Highlights: virtual reality and VIPs

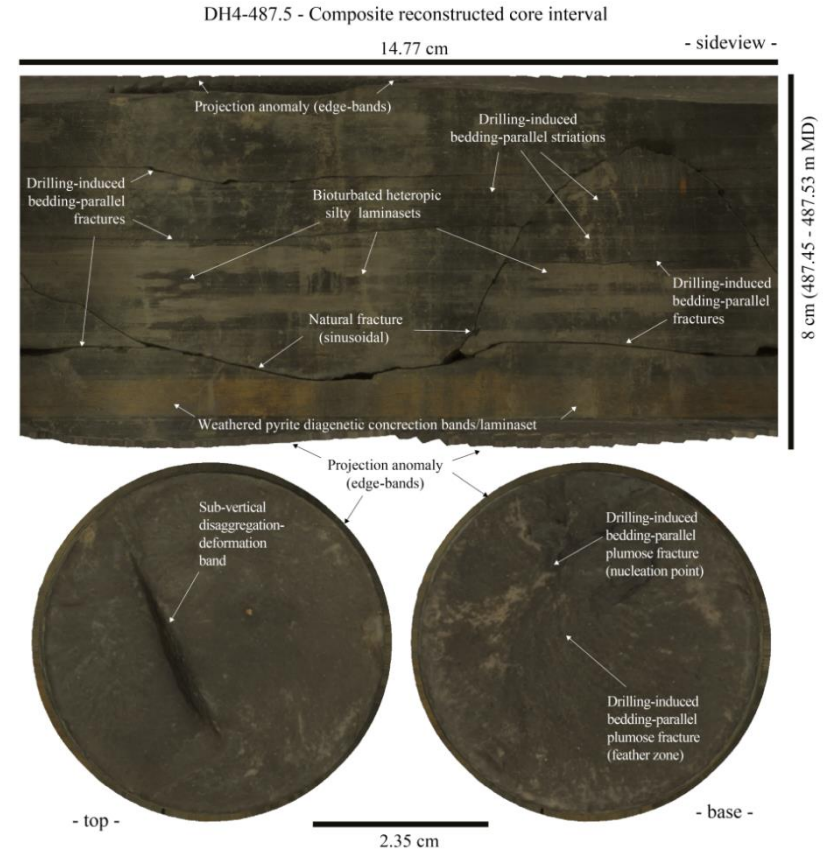
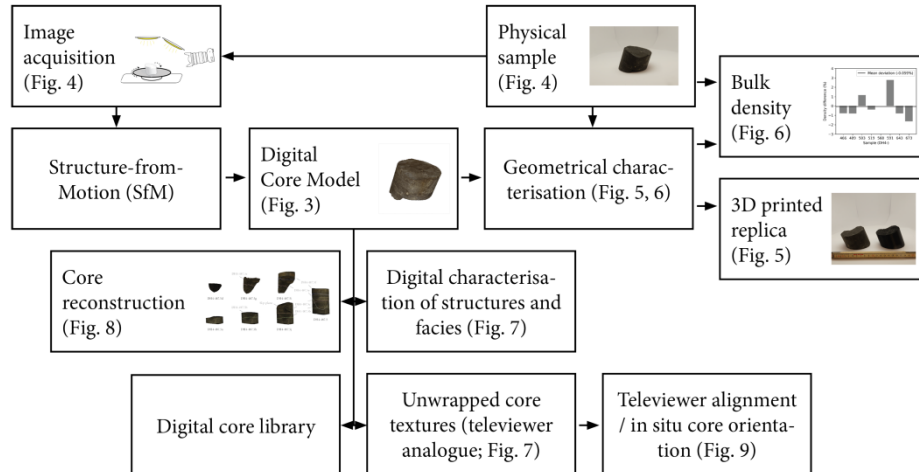
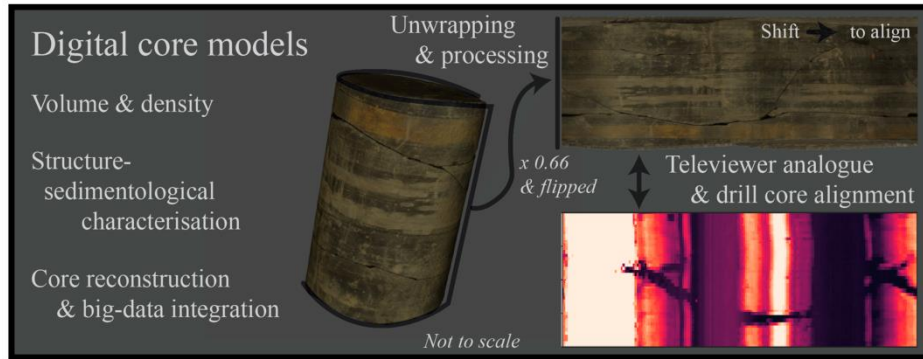


Visit of (then) Minister for Education & Research  
Iselin Nybø, including demonstration of VR, May 2019





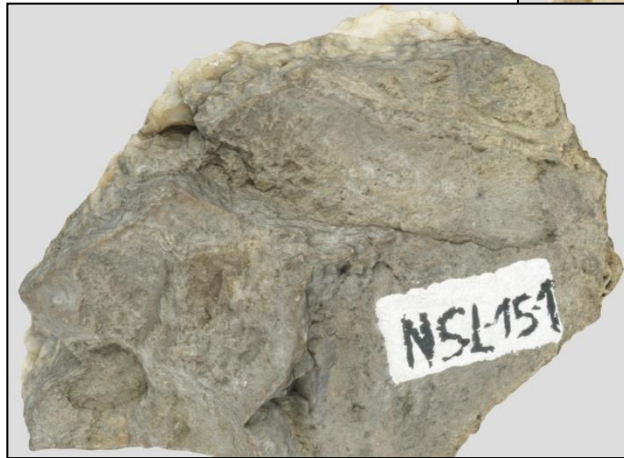
# Highlights: digital drill cores





# Highlights: digital hand samples

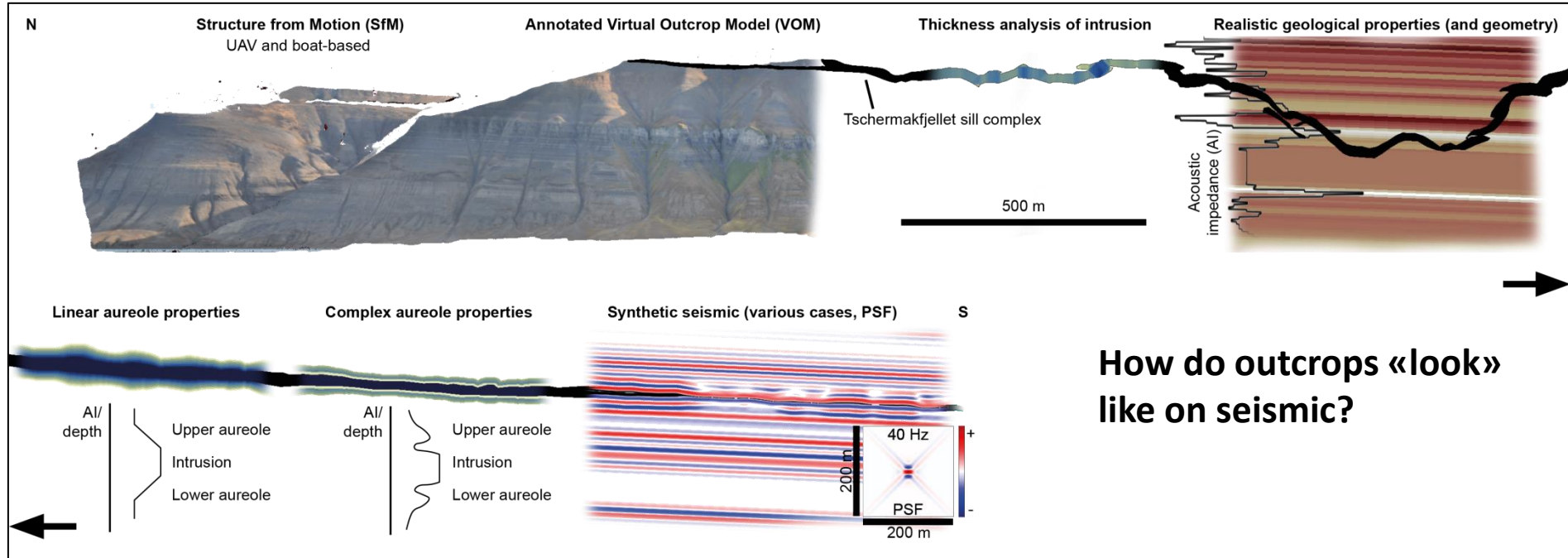
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acquisition  
(Fig. 4)



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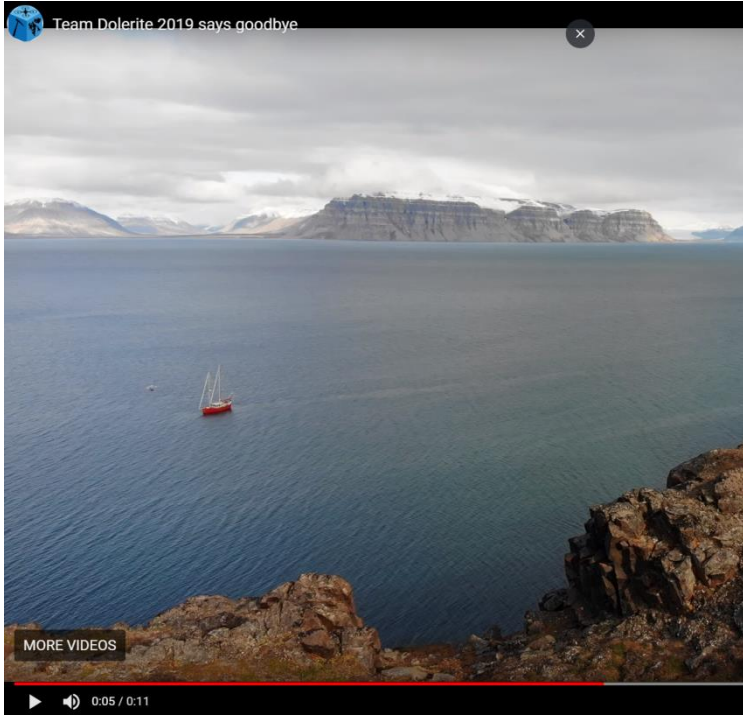






# Highlights: VOM data acquisition

First dedicated Svalbox summer data acquisition campaign aboard R/V Clione, August 2019



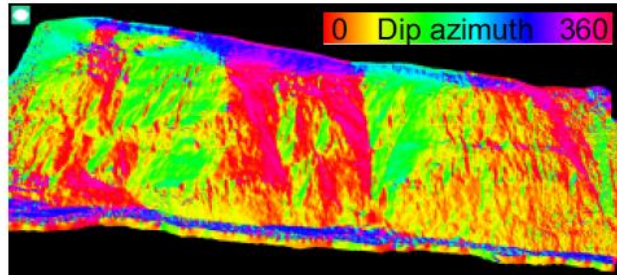
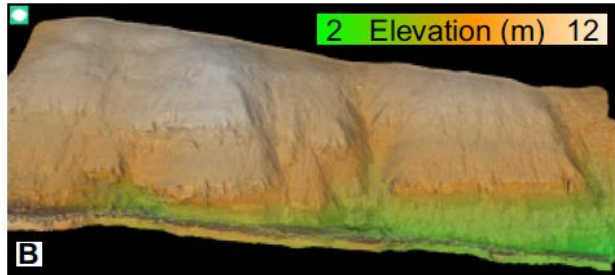
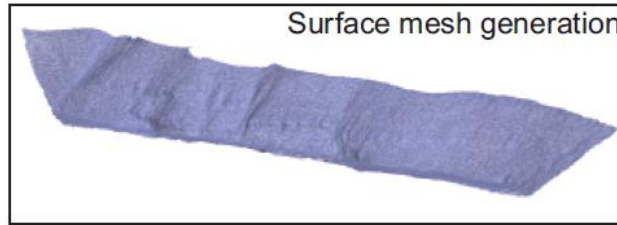
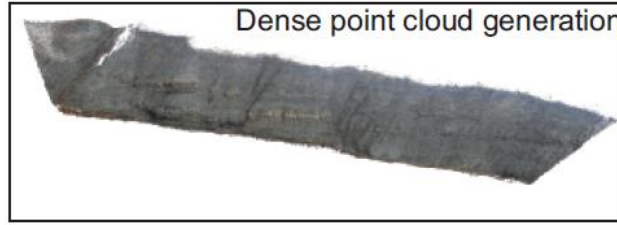
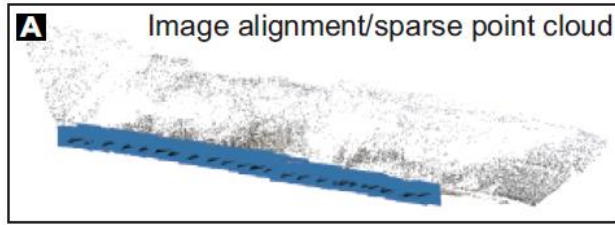
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Technical specs	
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Acquired by	Kim Senger
Acquisition method	UAV
Processed by	Kim Senger
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Reference	Kim Senger

<http://www.svalbox.no/portfolio/skansen/>





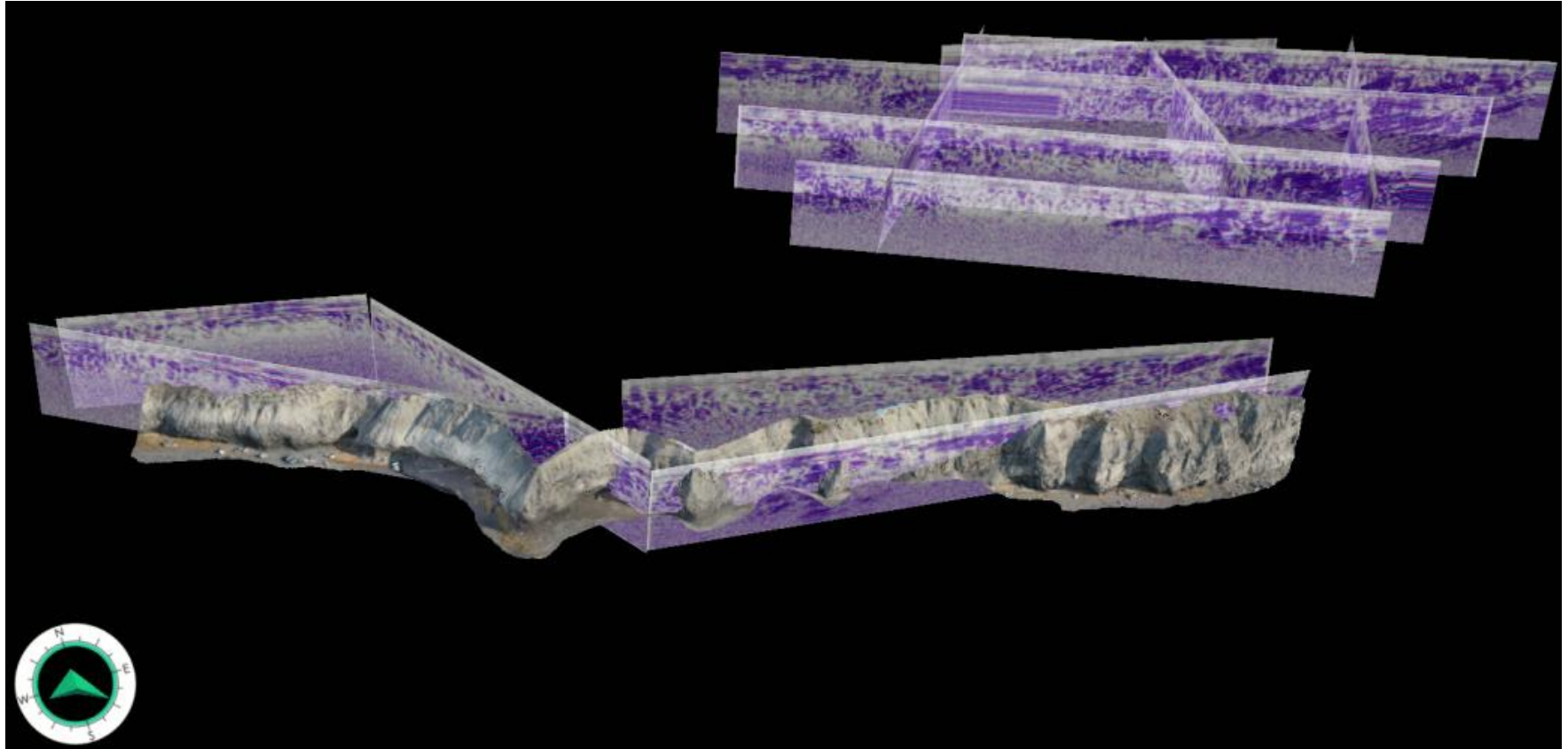
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- Batch processing and re-processing
- Playground for testing quantitative and qualitative tools for interpretation of digital outcrops
- Optimizing workflow from (digital) outcrop to geomodel



# Highlights: data integration

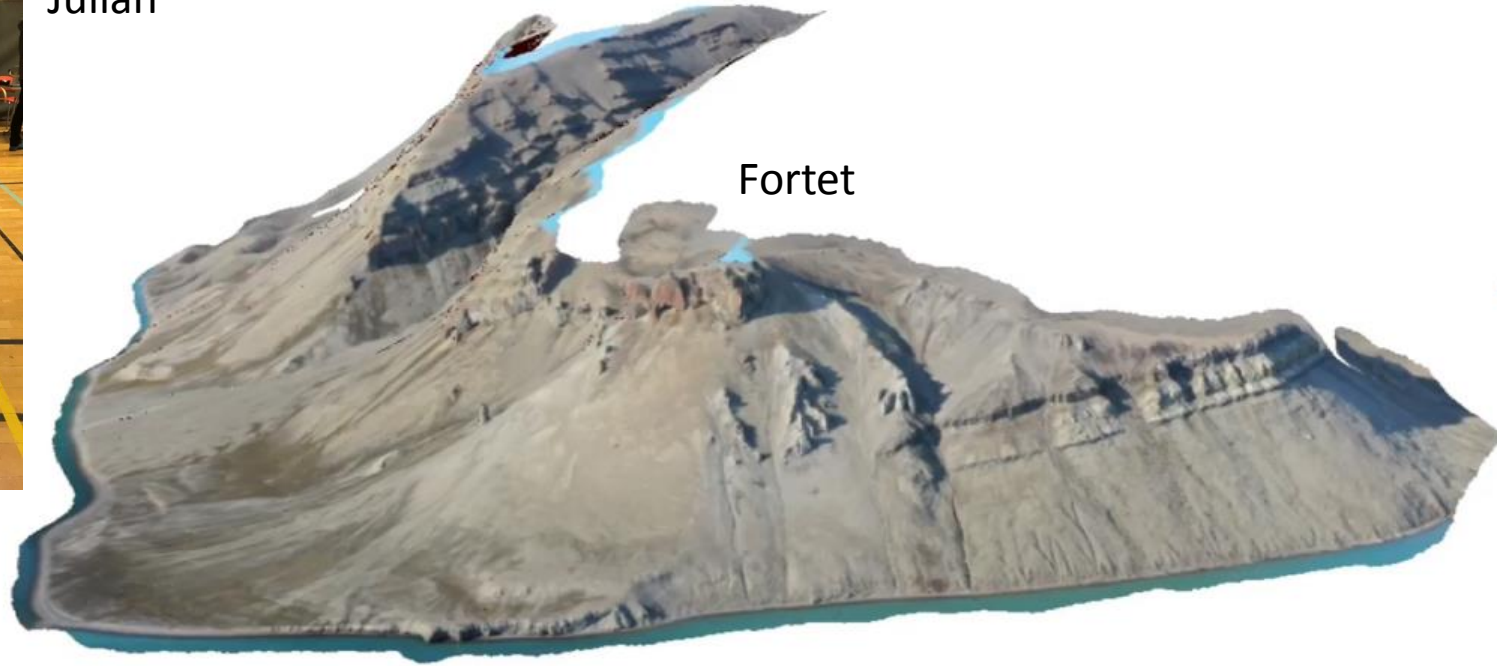




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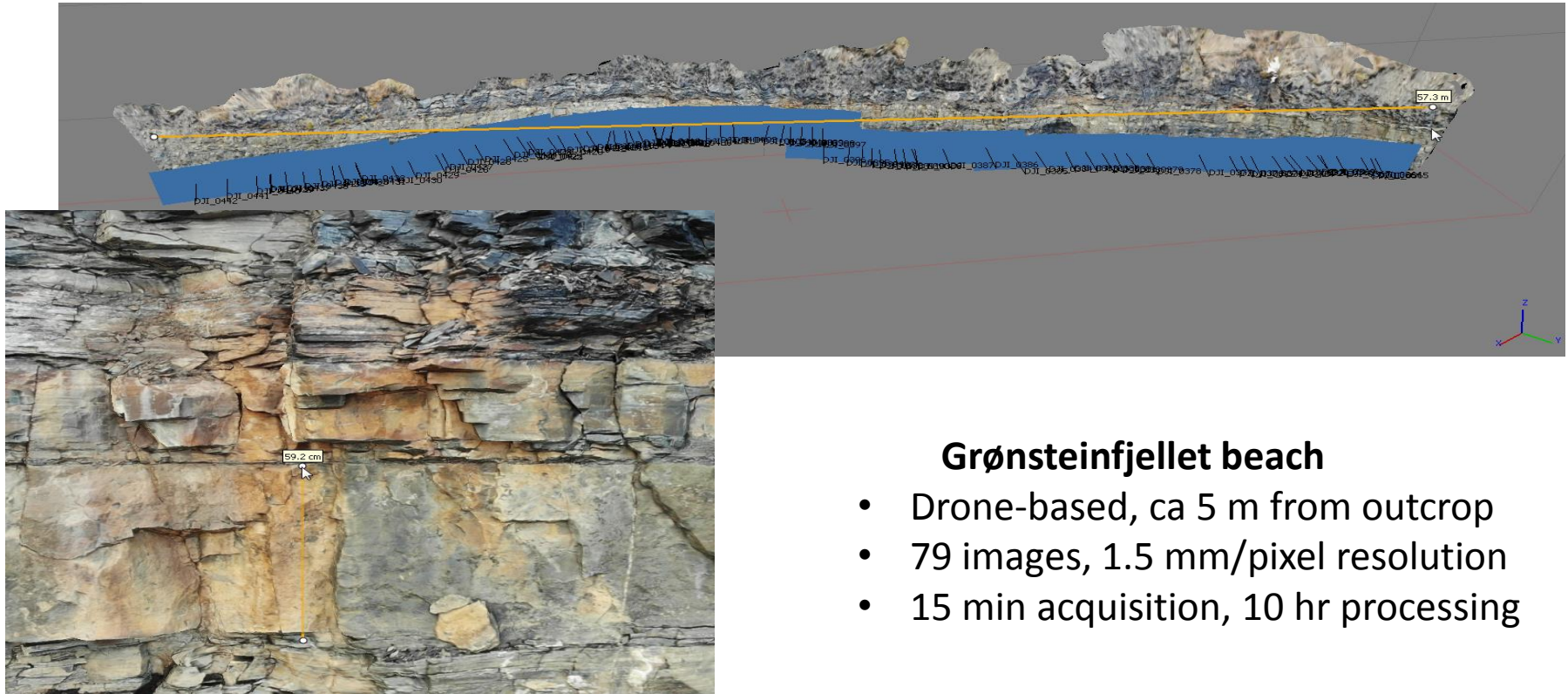


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dp2m8o16SoQ>





# VOM example: Grønsteinfjellet beach



## Grønsteinfjellet beach

- Drone-based, ca 5 m from outcrop
- 79 images, 1.5 mm/pixel resolution
- 15 min acquisition, 10 hr processing



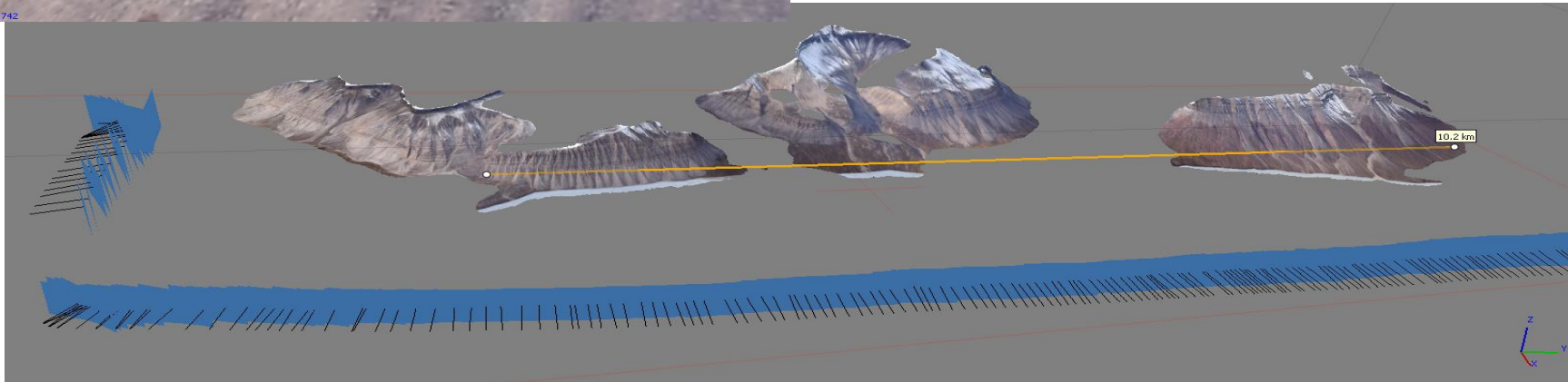
# VOM example: Dicksonfjorden



faces: 3,018,223 vertices: 1,517,742

## Dicksonfjorden outcrop

- boat-based, ca 3.4 km from outcrop
- 190 images, 25 cm/pixel ground resolution
- 2 hour acquisition, 10 hour processing





# VOM coverage overview



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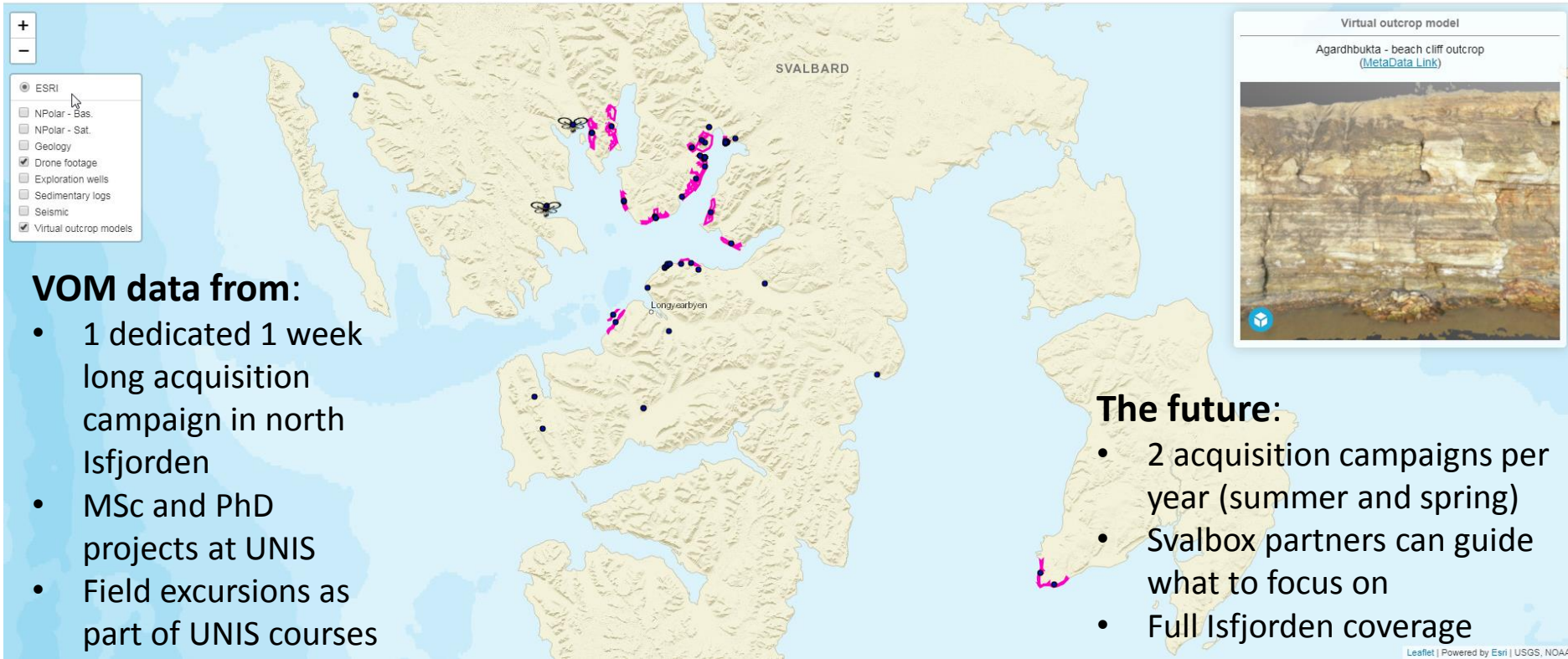
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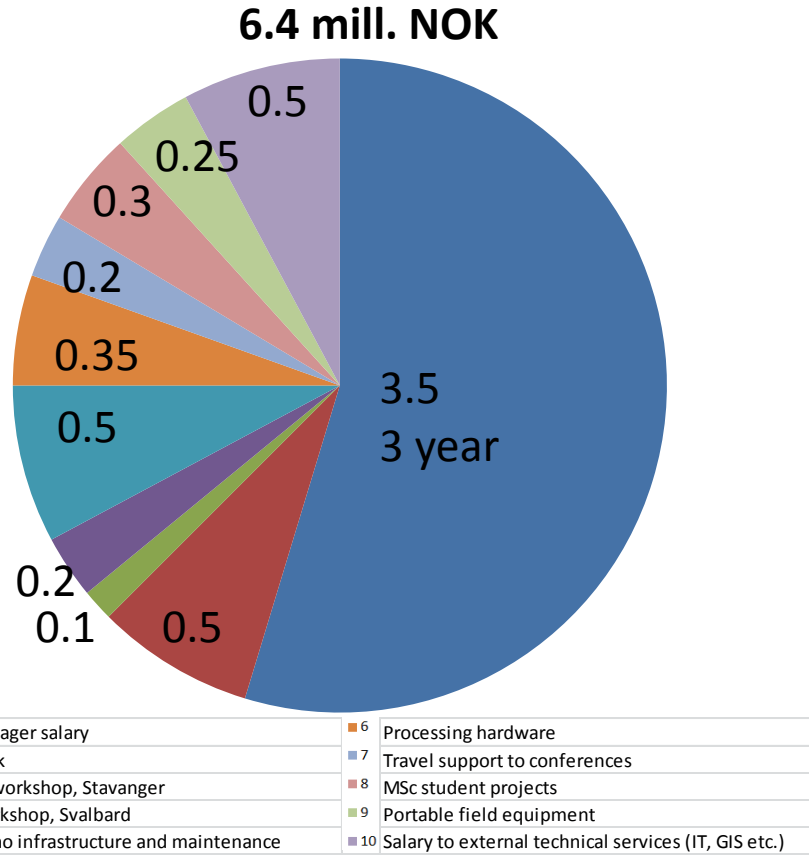
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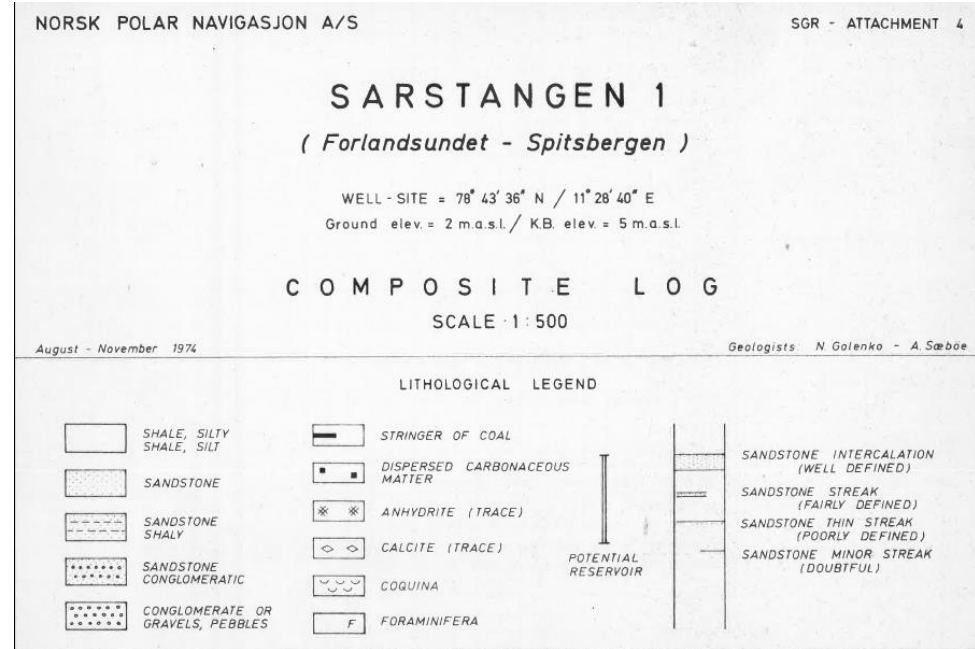
- Financing model through FORCE:  
**2.15 mNOK/year over 3 years**
  - 425 kNOK/per company per year (if 5 companies participate)
- In-kind contributions:
  - Salary to project manager Kim Senger through UNIS
  - Salary to PhD candidate Peter Betlem through UNIS
  - Access to data sets from participating institutions
  - Access to remote field sites for virtual outcrop acquisition through ongoing R&D projects and courses at UNIS
  - Academic software licenses from various companies (Petrel, Move, LIME etc.)
  - Building on 750k NOK funds from UArctic co-op project (2017-2019)
  - Building on ca 100 k NOK ARCEX support for data input



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## WP3: Data dissemination, outreach and training

- **Regular updates** of “free-for-all” Svalbox.no website with both new content, new data types (e.g. 360 degree videos, see Svalbox YouTube channel) and project results
- Annual **data package delivery to FORCE** partners in industry-standard Petrel format
- Regular project **newsletter** and popular science articles on geo365.no and other relevant channels
- Development of **virtual field trips** to key thematic localities in Svalbard
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- Systematize the seismic database onshore and near-shore Svalbard and compile into single Petrel project

## WP3: Data dissemination, outreach and training

- Regular updates of "free-for-all" Svalbox.no website with both new content, new data types (e.g. 360 degree videos, see Svalbox YouTube channel) and project results
- Annual data package delivery to FORCE partners in industry-standard Petrel format
- Regular project newsletter and popular science articles on geo365.no and other relevant channels
- Development of virtual field trips to key thematic localities in Svalbard
- Development of interactive training material to be used in the field, in Longyearbyen or in partners' premises

## WP2: Data acquisition, processing and interpretation

- Systematic and dedicated virtual outcrop acquisition in Svalbard from boat and drone. Partners will have the possibility to provide input to prioritization, see [www.svalbox.no/map](http://www.svalbox.no/map) for an overview of present VOM coverage
- Use of portable field instruments (magnetometer, portable XRF, XRD, NIR etc.) to characterize key outcrops and existing drill cores in Longyearbyen
- Geophysical data acquisition – onshore gravity-magnetics and MT along seismic profiles and seismic-outcrop correlations through seismic modelling
- Regional seismic interpretation including generation of structure-contour maps and thickness maps

## WP4: Project management

- Organisation of **project meetings**, including Svalbox kick-off meeting in Stavanger and Svalbox **field workshop** based in Pyramiden with an excursion to the Billefjorden Trough
- Establishment of a **steering committee** with representatives from industry and academia
- Judicial considerations on **data access** rights and organization of project deliveries accordingly



# Svalbox and Covid19 – challenges and opportunities

Geoforskning.no - Studenter

## Digital feltundervisning

Opprettet 08.05.2020

I disse dager nyter geologistudentene ved UNIS godt av tilbudet om virtuelle blottninger, feltvideoer og annet datamateriale til bruk hjemmefra.



Stilbilde fra video fra kurset AG222 (UNIS)

Kim Senger, førsteamanuensis i strukturgeologi og bassenganalyse, og kolleger gir oss en oppdatering på hvordan Department of Arctic Geology ved Universitetssenteret på Svalbard (UNIS) gjennomfører "feltundervisning" i en periode der både underviser og studenter sitter spredt rundt omkring i verden:

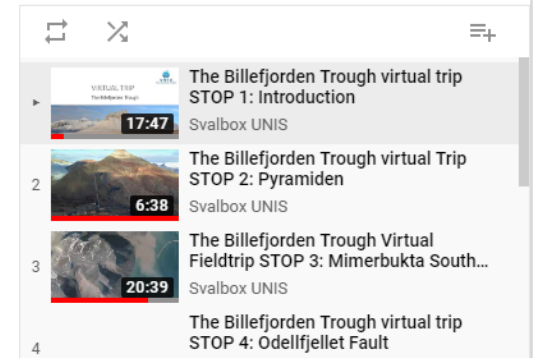
**Mid-March 2020.** The world crumbles under the Covid-19 pandemic and associated restrictions. All of us are affected - some more, some less. Universities in Norway turn to digital teaching almost overnight, and many exchange students worldwide are asked to return to their home countries.

<https://geoforskning.no/studenter/2270-digital-feltundervisning>

- Since mid-March, we run a BSc course at UNIS fully digitally
- A highlight was a virtual excursion to the Billefjorden Trough – possible also because of Svalbox
- We plan to use the experience from this to generate thematic virtual field trips to Festningen and more



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOLIGOxqQKg&t=949s>







# Summary and way forward

- Svalbox is a fully operational and vibrant data portal
- We see increased usage internally at UNIS and partners in education, outreach and research
- We require longer-term financing and a dedicated technician/data manager to take Svalbox to a higher level



**Svalbox:** bringing Svalbard geology to you – wherever you may be!



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## Introduction video to Svalbox online portal (7 min, by Peter Betlem)

**Svalbox Map Interface**

Click on a feature on the map to open its properties.

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- ☐ NPolar - Bas.
- ☐ NPolar - Sat.
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- ☒ Seismic
- ☒ Virtual outcrop models

**An interactive digital Svalbard geological-geophysical portal**

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