



**Deep-time  
Digital Earth**  
IUGS Big Science Program

# **Deep-time Digital Earth:**

## **Introduction and progress in 2019**

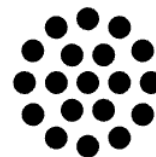
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**Junxuan Fan**

**Director, DDE secretariat**

# What is IUGS?

- Founded in 1961 non-political & non-governmental UNION
- 123 National Committees (NC) and 56 affiliated organizations and serves millions of geoscientists
- Largest member of the International Science Council (ISC)
- Supports and facilitates international and interdisciplinary cooperation in the earth sciences for tackle global geological problems



**International  
Science Council**



# What is an IUGS Big Science Program?

Global and major issues



International collaboration

Transdisciplinary



Global – Free – Open –  
Sharing - Service

Collaboration with ISC,  
UNESCO etc.

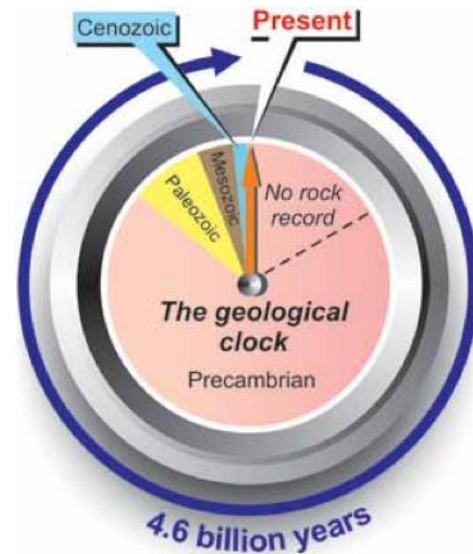


Promotion in underrepresented  
nations

# Background

## “Deep-time Digital Earth” (DDE) is built on

- the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP)
- the Global Sedimentary Geology Program (GSGP)
- International Geoscience and Geopark Program (IGGP)
- Global Geochemical Baseline (GGB)
- International Lithosphere Program (ILP)
- OneGeology
- ...



# Kick-off meeting at Beijing, Feb. 26-28, 2019



- Representatives of 40 geoscience organizations attended the meeting
- 12 founding organizations signed the accord to initiate the DDE program



# DDE Steering Committee

- ◆ Regular virtual meetings **every two weeks**
- ◆ First face-to-face meeting:
  - ◆ Oct. 16-17, Beijing
  - ◆ Review annual progress
  - ◆ Finish the draft of Statutes and Bylaws
  - ◆ Discuss the construction of DDE Board, Governing Council, Science Committee, and Executive Committee



# Statutes and Bylaws

- ◆ Draft: November 2019
- ◆ Statutes: 63 items
- ◆ Bylaws: 51 items

## STATUTES

### PREAMBLE

With its mission of integrating Earth evolution data and sharing global geoscience knowledge, and vision for promoting the transformation of the GEO-scientific research paradigm, the Deep-time Digital Earth (DDE) programme aims to harmonize deep time geological data facilitating data-driven and knowledge-driven data discovery for earth science innovation. Through DDE, a data and knowledge engine will be available in easily used 'hubs' providing insights into the distribution and value of earth resources and materials, as well as earth hazards. Data brought together in new ways may provide novel glimpses into the Earth's geological past and its future.

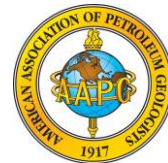
The Deep-time Digital Earth programme is an international consortium aiming to develop open digital platforms with full Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Re-usable (FAIR) data linking the various spheres of Earth's geological history

The Deep-time Digital Earth programme will provide a digital earth with multidisciplinary and multidimensional earth science data as well as facilities for Deep-time Digital Data Discovery for investigating the complete evolution of earth from past to present, and towards the future.

The DDE program will build on several decades of programs promoted by IUGS in collaboration with UNESCO and other organisations including the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP), the Global Sedimentary Geology Program (GSGP), the International Geoscience and Geopark Program (IGGP), the Commission of the Geologic Map of the World (CGMW), the Global Geochemical Baseline (GGB), the International Lithosphere Program (ILP), and OneGeology.

# Founding members

1. International Commission on Stratigraphy (**ICS**)
2. International Palaeontological Association (**IPA**)
3. International Association for Mathematical Geosciences (**IAMG**)
4. International Association of Sedimentologists (**IAS**)
5. Commission for Geological Map of the World (**CGMW**)
6. Commission on the Management & Application of Geoscience Information (**CGI**)
7. International Association of Geomorphologists (**IAG**)
8. International Association on the Genesis of Ore Deposits (**IAGOD**)
9. American Association of Petroleum Geologists (**AAPG**)
10. British Geological Survey (**BGS**)
11. China Geological Survey (**CGS**)
12. Russian Geological Research Institute (**VSEGEI**)
13. Russian Federal Geological Foundation (**FBGU**)

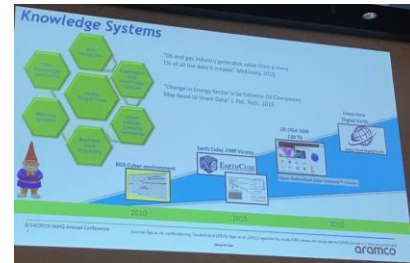


# Potential founding members

- **Geological Society of Canada (GSC)**
  - GC member: Linda Richard
- **India Ministry of Earth Sciences**, Geological Survey of India, Indian Institute of Science
- **International Heat Flow Commission (IHFC)**
- Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP)
  - Observer in GC
- Northern European Geological surveys (NAG)
- Korean Geological Society
- Committee on Data (CODATA)

# Collaboration with international organizations

- Northern European Geological surveys (NAG)
  - Mike Stephenson: keynote, France
- Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP)
  - Junxuan Fan: invited talk, Japan
- International Association of Sedimentologists (IAS)
  - Junxuan Fan: keynote, Italy
- International Association for Mathematical Geosciences
  - Qiuming Cheng: keynote, USA



# Committee on Data (CODATA)



CODATA exists to **promote global collaboration to advance Open Science** and to improve the availability and usability of data for all areas of research. CODATA works also to advance the interoperability and the usability of such data: research data should **be FAIR**

- ◆ **CODATA-DDE joint project on FAIR data**
- ◆ **MOU for future collaboration**



Barend MONS (President), Jianhui LI (Vice-president), John BROOME (Treasurer), Simon HODSON (Executive Director)

# Visiting IODP

IODP is an international marine research collaboration that explores Earth's history and dynamics **using ocean-going research platforms to recover data recorded in** seafloor sediments and rocks and to monitor subseafloor environments.

Would start a **SOD Data Science Working Group within DDE**

- Opportunity to organize data projects
- Corral the ongoing projects such as e-IODP
- Interface/ laisse with IODP platforms
- Might even function as a SEP- style review panel



# Visiting IODP: viewpoint of IODP people



## Another look at Deep- Time Digital Earth

Beth Christensen  
September 13, 2019

## Science Advisory Structure includes SOD scientists

Danile Nurgaliev	Russia
David Cohen	Australia
Guy M. Narbonne	Canada
Hans Thybo	Denmark
Harsh Gupta	India
Kathy Whaler*	UK
Kiyoshi Suyehiro	Japan
Robert Hazen	US
Robin Bell*	US
Shanan E. Peters	US
Sierd Cloetingh	Netherlands
Taras Gerya	Switzerland
William Cavazza	Italy
Zengqian Hou	China

Geophysics
Geochemistry
Paleontology
Geophysics
Geophysics
Geomagnetism
Marine science, Tectonics
Mineralogy
Glaciology
Sedimentary stratigraphy
Geophysics, Geodynamic
Geodynamic
Tectonics
Economic geology

## DDE is Global in structure

- IUGS is hosting this effort <http://iugs.org>
  - Non- political organization with 121 nations  
(121 - 26 = 95 possible expansions for SOD membership, maybe join E-SOD?/ e-IODP?)
  - The INTERNATIONAL UNION OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES is a 501 c (3) non-profit organization registered in the USA.
    - Secretary General in the US, Secretary in Beijing
- IGCP is a joint effort between IUGS and UNESCO
  - “International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) is a 45-year long joint-venture between UNESCO and the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS)”
  - UNESCO and <https://en.unesco.org/news/unesco-and-iugs-are-looking-new-members-join-council-international-geoscience-programme>
- *This would be parallel to IGCP (likely too big to fit into IGCP)*
  - *Early admission means a position on a governing board*

• Website releasing in October

# Talk to publisher: database; data mining collaboration

- Elsevier
- Wiley
- Science Press



## Subject Area Coverage

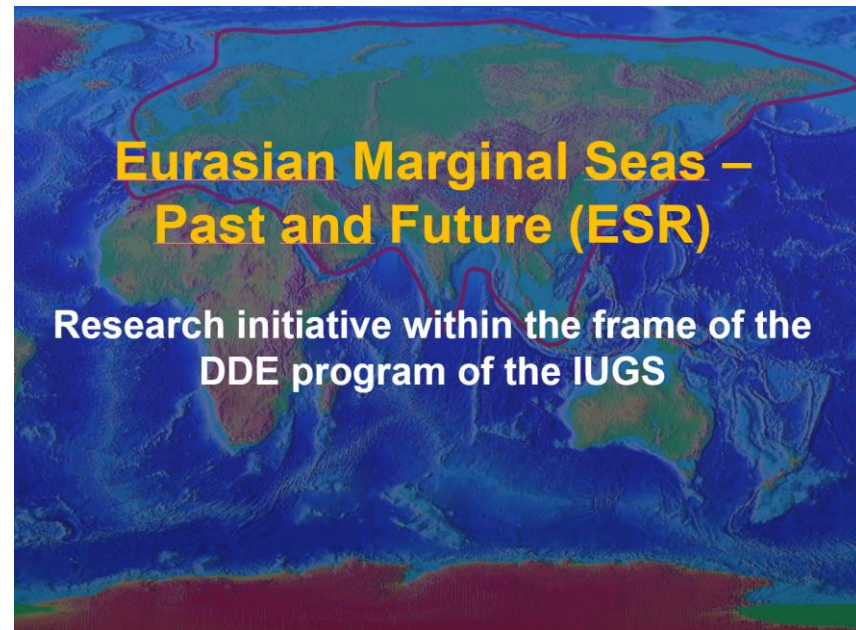


# How could founding members get involved?

## International Association for Mathematical Geosciences

IAMG can **facilitate construction and automation of discovery flow** from representation, analysis, modeling and visualization of large and growing data resources, **become core member** of a dynamic, diverse, and engaged international community of earth sciences and data science

- **Organize Task group of Eurasian Marginal Seas**
- **IAMG EC agrees to put \$20,000/yr as IAMG-DDE seed funding**



# How could founding members get involved?

## Proposal for Eurasian Marginal Seas

### Rational – a short description

The landmass of "supercontinent" EURASIA hosting 70 % of the human population is surrounded by a chain of marginal seas forming a belt of transition between land and ocean. This chain, crossing all types climate zones, formed under most different tectonic and geological conditions plays a crucial role providing people with habitat, food, trade ways, and facilitated socio-economic networking. However, marginal seas are increasingly threatened by rising sea-level, floods, storms, tsunamis, coastal erosion and environmental hazards that endanger livelihoods. These threats have become even more visible in recent times in the face of climate change and anthropogenic impact on the natural environment. To diminish the threats cross-bordering sustainable management is becoming a unifying task for the Eurasian community and beyond. Management strategies need to consider the "geo-environmental" change in the past and future to separate natural and anthropogenic driving forces. Advanced numerical models of complex geo-systems parameterized by multidisciplinary data will help to generate time-space environmental scenarios on the global, regional and local level. An international and interdisciplinary project jointly supported by the Deep-time Digital Earth (DDE) program of the IUGS and the International Association for Mathematical Geosciences (IAMG) is proposed to answer - based on model sharing and Big Data analysis - three general questions.

### Questions to be answered by the EMS project

- How did Eurasian marginal seas of different climatic zones and tectonic settings change their paleo-geography, -oceanography and environment during the natural climate and environmental variation of the Last Glacial Cycle?
- What are the future expectations for the development of Eurasian marginal seas and their coastal zones facing the challenge of climate change and increasing human activities?
- What strategies for sustainable development of the marine and coastal realm can help to keep a balance between the protection of the environment and the economic use of marginal seas' resources?

### Multi-scale model approach

The EMS project is planned to be structured into five research steps:

- (1) Model design: Mirroring complex systems of meteorological, fluid, solid earth and environmental dynamics by multi-scale systems of partial differential equation systems to describe mixed conduction convection problems,
- (2) Big Data Analysis: Advanced statistical methods for process identification and prediction using machine learning methods from existing data sources to determine parameters (transport coefficients) of the partial differential equations systems,
- (3) Model validation: Comparison of model test results with geoscientific measured data,

- *Regional models* will be designed and applied to treat key areas representing different types of marginal seas. To study key areas, global processes have to be downscaled to regional levels describing, for instance, regional oceanographic systems, sediment-dynamics, coastline migration, and eco-dynamics.

Despite the fact that the initiative is focused on Eurasia, marginal seas of other areas will be included in the future.

### Potential key study areas

The following key areas have the potential to serve as key areas in a first project approach (Fig. 1):

- Marginal seas in low latitudes (not GIA affected): East China Sea, South China Sea
- GIA-affected marginal seas in high latitudes: Baltic Sea
- Polar marginal seas: Laptev Sea
- Basin-to-basin transit: Gulf of Cadiz, Strait of Malacca
- Gulf-like marginal seas: Adriatic Sea
- Delta-ruled systems: Andaman Sea
- Marginal seas of active continental margins: Sea of Ochotsk

### Implementation:

At a meeting held at State College, Pennsylvania, USA on August 12, 2019, during the annual conference of the IAMG 2019, attended by representatives of the IAMG, the IUGS and the signee it was proposed to **implement the EMS Initiative as a joint Task Force jointly participated and supported by DDE and IAMG**. The aim of the Task Force shall be to prepare the EMS project in order to develop and to apply mathematical models and information techniques to processing big data and to solve Eurasian Marginal Seas issues.

Financial sources for the EMS research should be provided jointly by DDE and IAMG to cover the costs for coordination, networking, scientific meetings, educational programs and publications. National funds should be added for national operational capabilities to manage the program and to support individual EMS projects. The involvement of Early Stage Researchers (ESR) and PhD students in the project will have high priority.

### Road Map:

- (i) *Establishment of a scientific network*  
started in May 2019, status of August 2019:

**China:** Jinpeng Zhang (CGS/GMGS Guangzhou)  
Ping Yin (CGS/QIMG Qingdao)  
Di Zhou (SCSIO, Guangzhou)  
Xinong Xie, Tao Jiang (CUG Wuhan)  
Jiaxue Wu, Junjie Deng (Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou)  
Chao Li (University of Xiamen)

- (4) Model application for the reconstruction of the geological past: Generation of paleogeographic, oceanographic and environmental scenarios for the time span of the Last Glacial Cycle with special focus on the Holocene and Anthropocene,
- (5) Model application for future projection based on IPCC climate scenarios for a time span up to 2100 AD:

- Generation of sea-level -, coastline migration -, and environmental change scenarios
- Risk assessment of flooding, coastal erosion, ecological hazards
- Numerical cause-effect simulation in order to derive strategies for sustainable environmental and economic management.

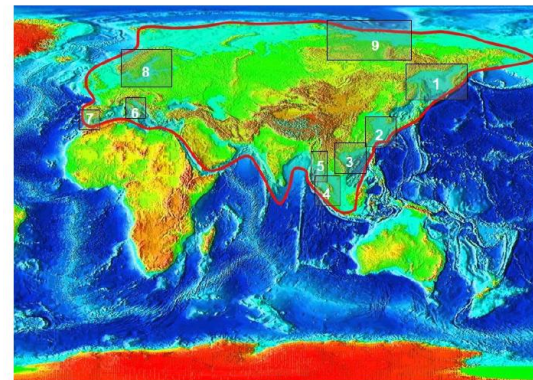


Fig. 1, Eurasia and its marginal seas, potential key areas of the EMS Research Initiative

1 Sea of Ochotsk, 2 East China Sea, 3 South China Sea, 4 Strait of Malacca  
5 Andaman Sea, 6 Adriatic Sea, 7 Gulf of Cadiz, 8 Baltic Sea, 9 Laptev Sea

### Spatial 2-level modeling

Spatially a two-level approach is foreseen:

- *Global models* are needed to describe processes that affect Eurasia as a whole, such as isostasy and the effects of climate dynamics.

# How could founding members get involved?

## Commission on Geoscience Information

- Beijing meeting 19-20 Sep. for the group setting up ...



Task Group founding meeting  
attend DDE, CGI-IUGS and CODATA

# How could founding members get involved?

## First face-to-face meeting of DDE Standards Task Group

◆ January 12-13, 2020

Draft Terms of Reference for IUGS DDE Big Science Programme Standards Task Group  
(Draft as 13 Jan, 2020)

### 1. → Mission →

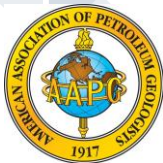
Jointly set-up with the **CGI, CODATA, OneGeology and DDE**, the DDE Standards Task Group (DDE-STG) is responsible for standards to the IUGS-recognized International Big Science Programme of 2019-2028 titled Deep-time Digital Earth (DDE). Supporting the DDE programme by providing access to efficient digital interoperable cross-disciplinary geoscience standards, knowledge systems, tools and methodologies in convenient forms for DDE geoscience data for science, public and industry, for better insights into the distribution and value of earth's resources and materials.

### 2. → Task →

To actively organize and participate in the evaluation of DDE-related standards issues for the DDE Science Programme.



# How could founding members get involved?



## AAPG – DDE collaborations

- ◆ Susan Nash from AAPG becomes the DDE International Ambassador
- ◆ Activities arranged based on the collaborations

Date	Event	Activity
Jan 2020	AAPG Learn! Blog	Interview
Jan - Feb 2020	Planning Machine Learning Certificate	Planning when / how to hold courses (F2F)
Mar 2020	Planning infrastructure / econ development	Identifying and planning a revenue generating project (for example, using data to help stimulate bid rounds / planning data rooms)
Jun 7-10, 2020	AAPG Annual Convention (ACE)	Booth
Jun 10, 2020	AAPG Annual Convention (ACE)	Special session on DDE
Jul 20-22, 2020	URTeC - Austin	Participation in U-Pitch New Technology Showcase
Aug 1-2, 2020	Beijing, China	Participation in AAPG Hedberg Research Conference
Sept 20, 2020	China	Offer first course for Machine Learning certificate
Sept 15 - 17, 2020	Aberdeen, UK	Participation in ENGenious / on digitization of geology
Sept 28 - Oct 1, 2020	AAPG International Conference	Participate in special session
Jan 2021	IPTC - Thailand	Present papers / participate

# Mission and vision

Previous version:

- **Mission:** Integrate Earth evolution data and share global geoscience knowledge
- **Vision:** Promote the innovation of geoscience research paradigm

New version: 2019.10.16

- **Mission:** harmonise global Deep-time Digital Earth data, and share global geoscience knowledge
- **Vision:** transform Earth science

SHARE

IN DEPTH | DATA SHARING



## Earth scientists plan a 'geological Google'

Dennis Normile

+ See all authors and affiliations

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Article

Figures & Data

Info & Metrics

eLetters

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The British Geological Survey (BGS) has amassed one of the world's premier collections of geologic samples. Housed in three enormous warehouses in Nottingham, U.K., it contains about 3 million fossils gathered over more than 150 years at thousands of sites across the country. But this data trove "was not really very useful to anybody," says Michael Stephenson, a BGS paleontologist. Notes about the samples and their associated rocks "were sitting in boxes on bits of paper." Now, that could change, thanks to a nascent international effort to meld earth science databases into what Stephenson and other backers are describing as a "geological Google."

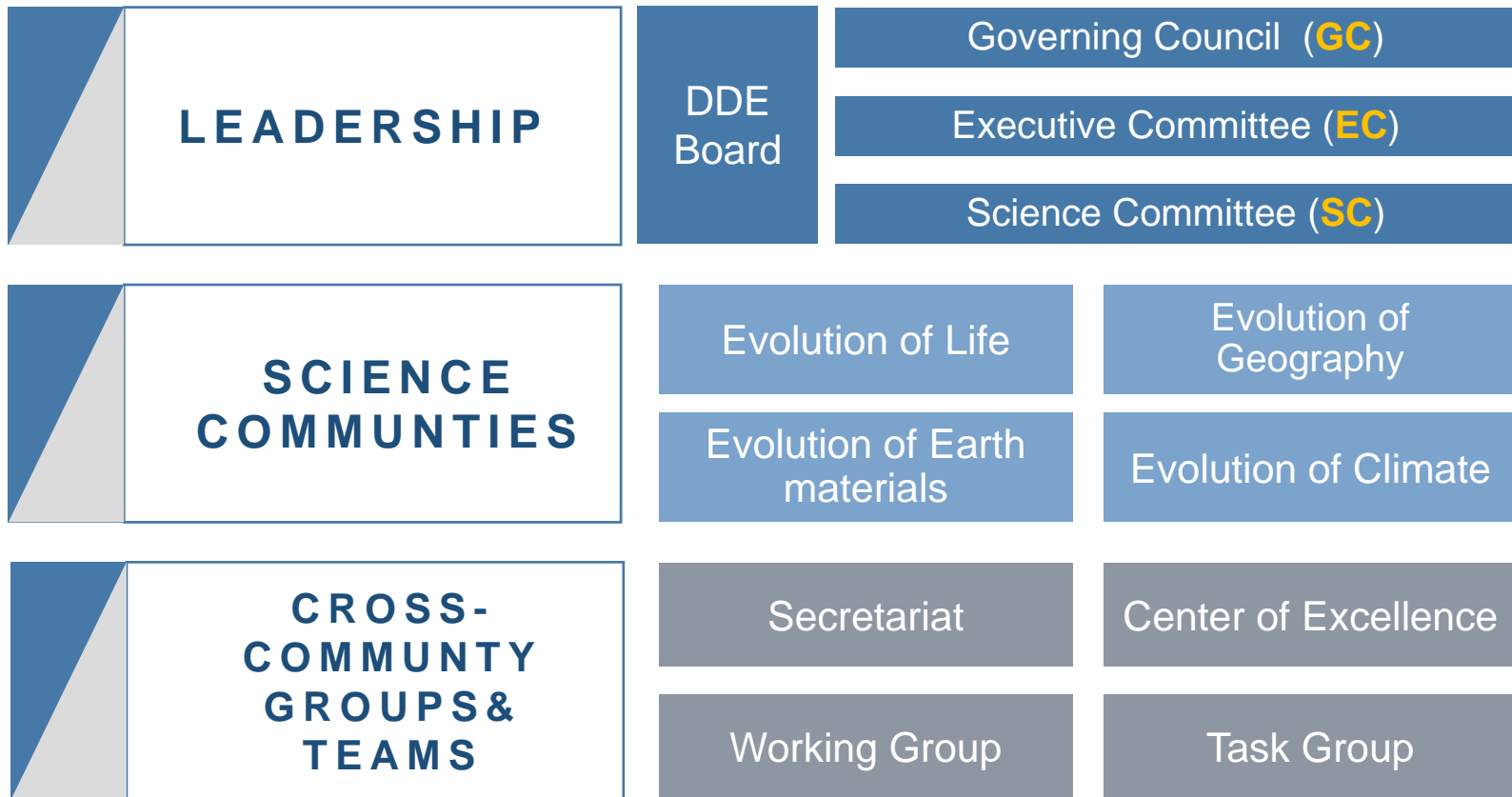


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Deep-time Digital Earth aims to liberate data from collections such as the British Geological Survey's.

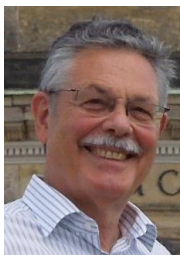
PHOTO: BRITISH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

# Program Structure



# DDE Science Committee

NAME	NATION
Roland Oberhänsli	Germany
Robert M. Hazen	US
Shanan E. Peters	US
Guy M. Narbonne	Canada
Zengqian Hou	China
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Sierd Cloetingh	Netherlands
Danis Nurgaliev	Russia
Kiyoshi Suyehiro	Japan
Hans Thybo	Denmark
William Cavazza	Italy
Dietmar Muller	Australia
Nicholas Arndt	France
Kathryn A Whaler	UK
Muhammad Asif Khan	Pakistan



# Program Structure

Working groups (WG) and task groups (TG): provide the operational capabilities to manage the program and to support individual DDE projects

Working group

Paleontology

Stratigraphy

Tectonics

Sedimentology

Paleomagnetism

Geophysics

Mineralogy

Geochemistry

Hydrogeology

Geothermics

Geomorphology

Geochronology

Metamorphic petrology

Igneous petrology

Petroleum geology

Paleogeography

Geo-education

Geological mapping

Data science

Mathematic Geology

Big data

Platform

Task group

Dinosaur

Paleoclimate modelling

Marginal sea

Southeast Asia

Central Asia

Standards

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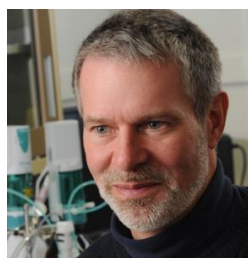
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GC chair



**Roland Oberhänsli**  
SC chair



**Chengshan Wang**  
EC chair



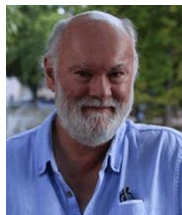
**Robert Hazen**  
GC member



**Kerstin Lehnert**  
Big data WG



**Peter Fox**  
Data science WG



**Dave Harper**  
Stratigraphy WG



**Shuzhong Shen**  
Paleontology WG



**Isabel Montañez**  
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**Michael Gurnis**  
Tectonics WG



**Sabin Zahirovic**  
Paleogeography WG



**James Ogg**  
Paleogeography WG



**Kris King**  
GeoEducation TG



**Bruce Eglington**  
Petrology WG



**Oleg Petrov**  
Petrology WG



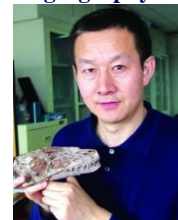
**Shaunna Morrison**  
Petrology WG



**Matthew Harrison**  
Big data WG



**Tim Lenton**  
Modelling TG



**Xing Xu**  
Dinosaur TG



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Secretary general

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## **Harvard University**

- Ph.D., 1988, Geology
- A.M., 1987, Geology

## **Oxford University**

- Honors B.A., 1982, Philosophy, Politics and Economics

## **Yale University**

- M.S., 1980, Geology and Geophysics
- B.S., 1980, with distinction in Geology and Geophysics and in Economics and Political Science

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Carnegie Institution for Science**

- Director, Deep Carbon Observatory (DCO), 2011-2019

### **Geological Society of America**

- Director for Geoscience Policy, 2007-2011

### **National Council for Science and the Environment**

- Director of Science Policy, 2002-2007

### **Yale University**

- Alan M. Bateman Distinguished Lecturer, 1999-2000

### **National Academy of Sciences / National Research Council**

- Commission on Geosciences, Environment, and Resources  
Associate Executive Director for Special Projects, 1998-1999
- Director, Board on Earth Sciences and Resources, 1995-1998

### **American Geological Institute**

- Director of Government Affairs, 1994-1995
- Coordinator of Government Affairs, 1992-1993

### **United States Senate**

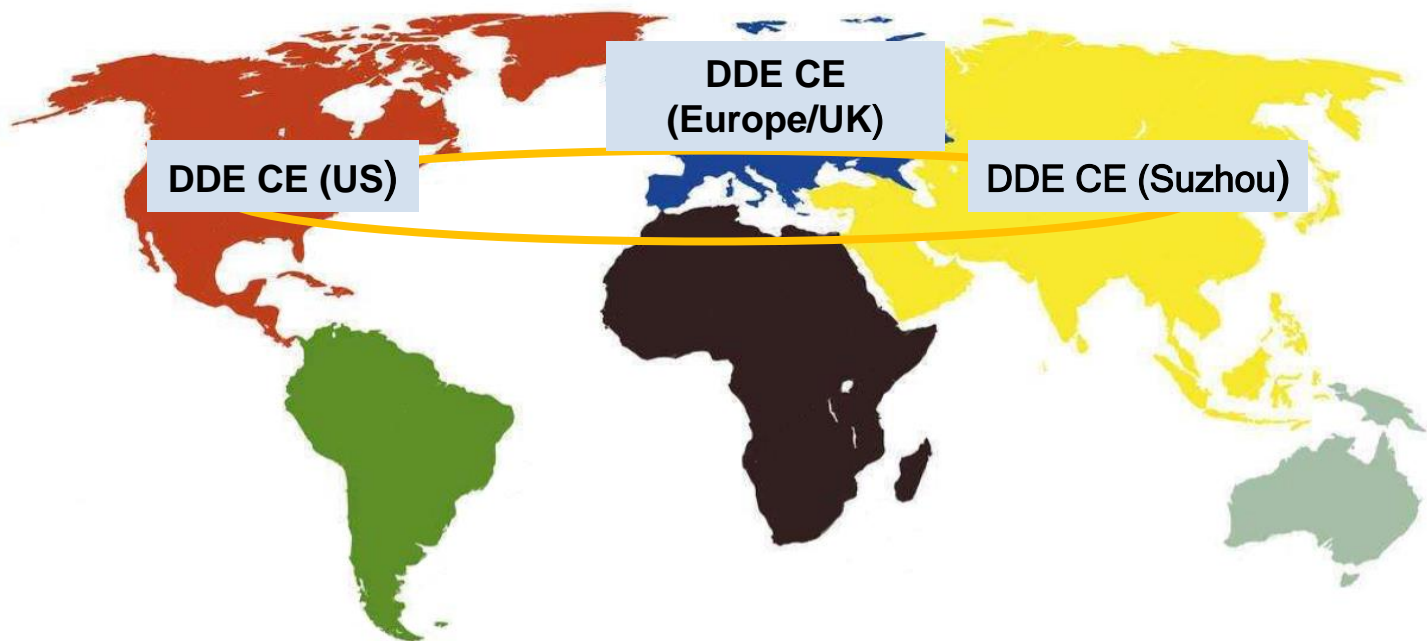
- Subcommittee on Technology and the Law, Senate Judiciary  
Committee Professional Staff Member, 1991
- Congressional Science Fellow, 1990-91

### **Carnegie Institution of Washington**

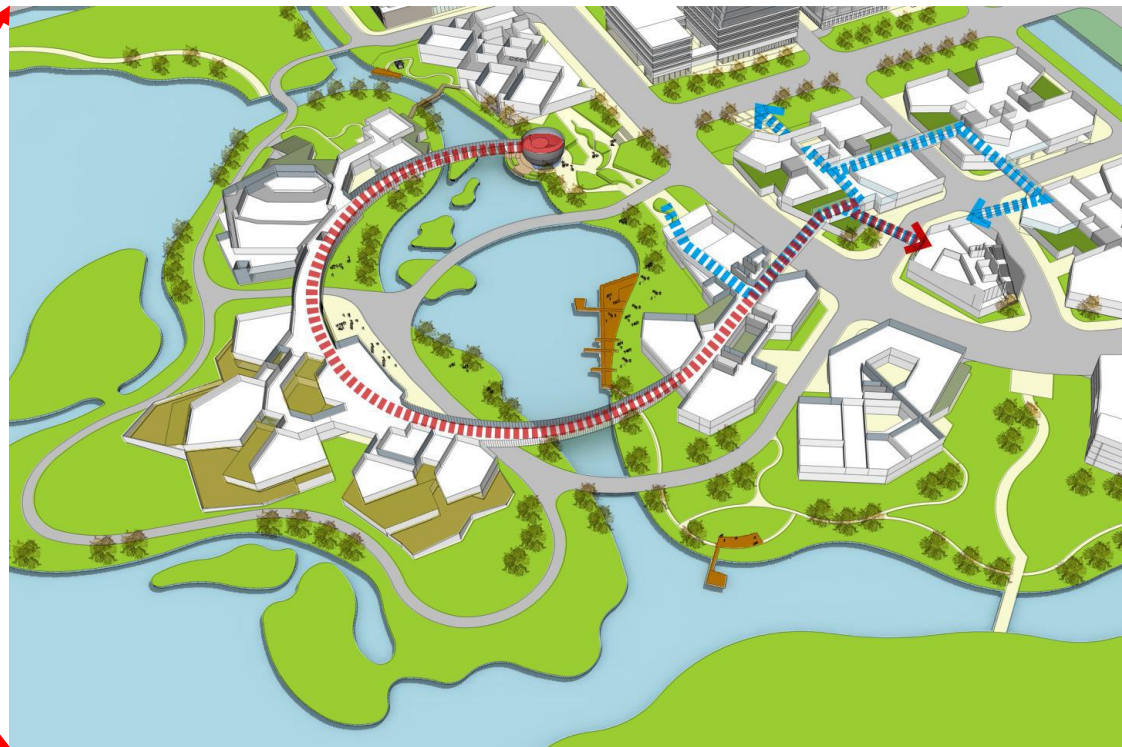
- Carnegie Fellow, Geophysical Laboratory, 1988-1990

# Program Structure

- At least three DDE Centres of Excellence (CE): China, Europe/UK and US
- Linking all the existed, independent databases in the world, and providing long-term, sustainable online service



# DDE Centres of Excellence



# DDE Centres of Excellence: Suzhou

- 300,000 m<sup>2</sup>: Research, Conference, Technology Application, Popular Science...



# DDE Centres of Excellence: Suzhou



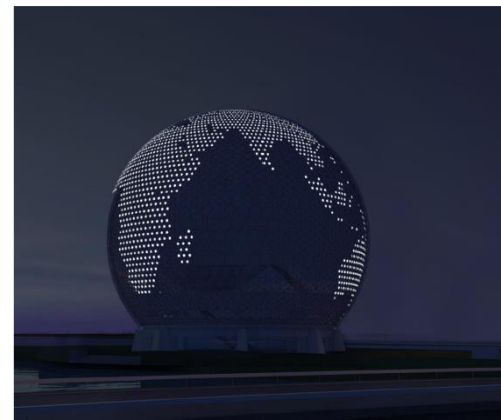
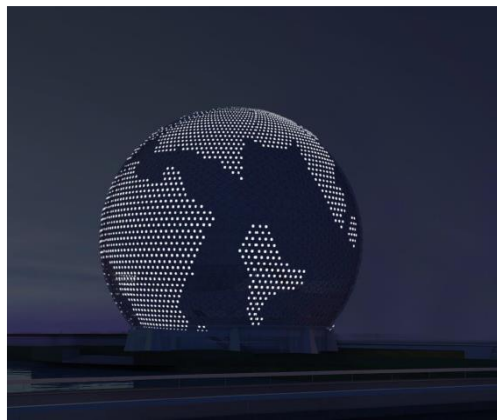
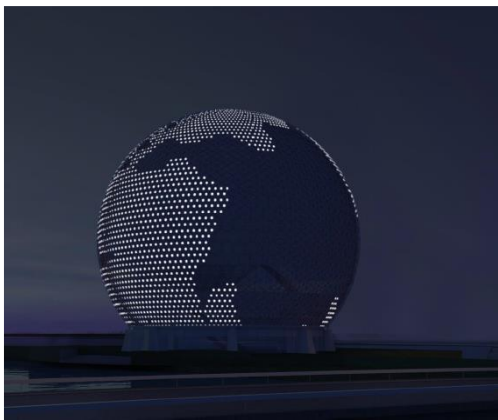
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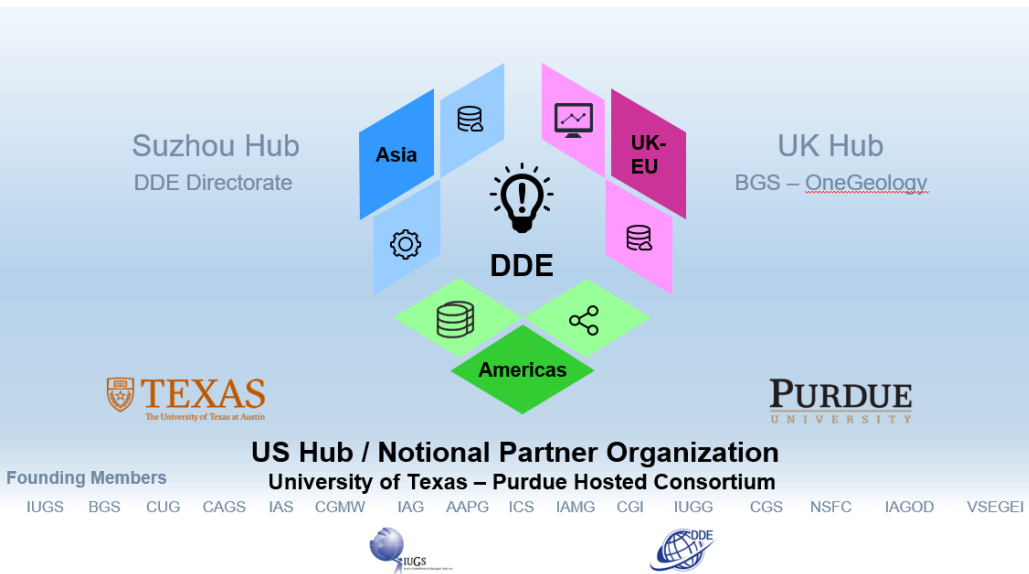


# DDE Centres of Excellence: Suzhou



# DDE Centres of Excellence: USA

- 4D project (Carnegie Institute)
- Consortium by University of Texas and Purdue University



# Progress: Geoscience Knowledge System

## Why DDE Needs Geoscience Knowledge System?

### CHALLENGES in integrating earth science big data :

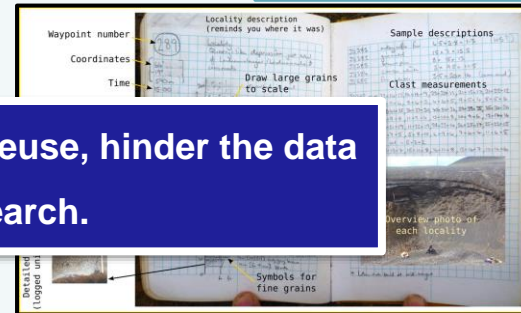
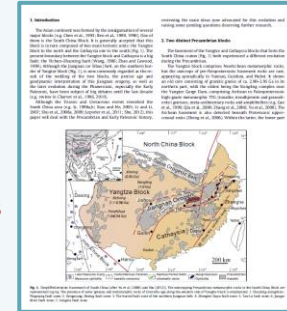
- ❑ Highly complicated terminology in earth science

various research methods make the data 'fragmented' and hard to be integrated

making great barriers for data integration and reuse, hinder the data mining and deep learning in Earth Science research.

Articles

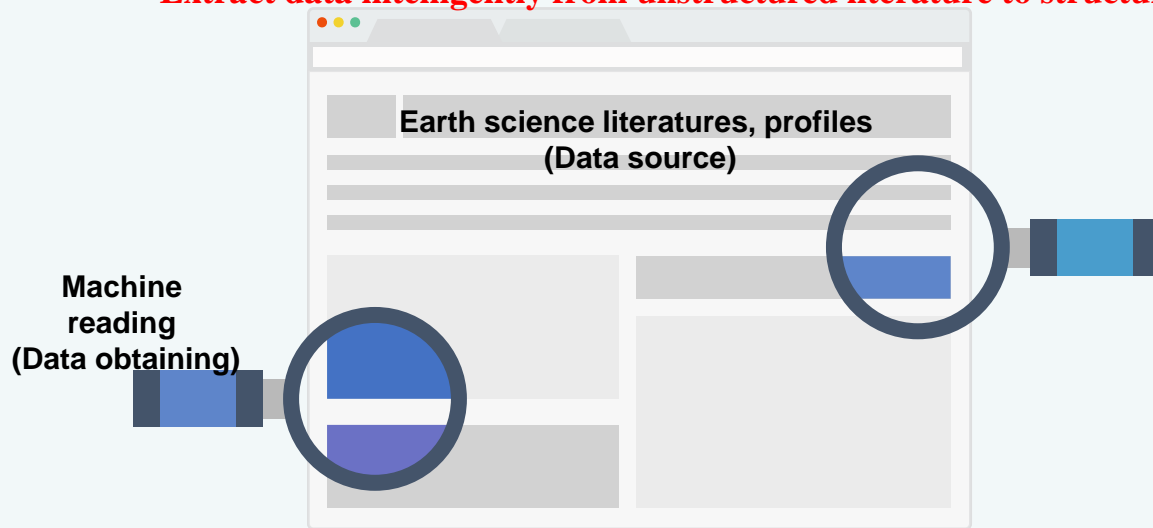
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**The first and fundamental step: to build a machine understandable knowledge system.**

**Train the computer to read and digest the geoscience literature**

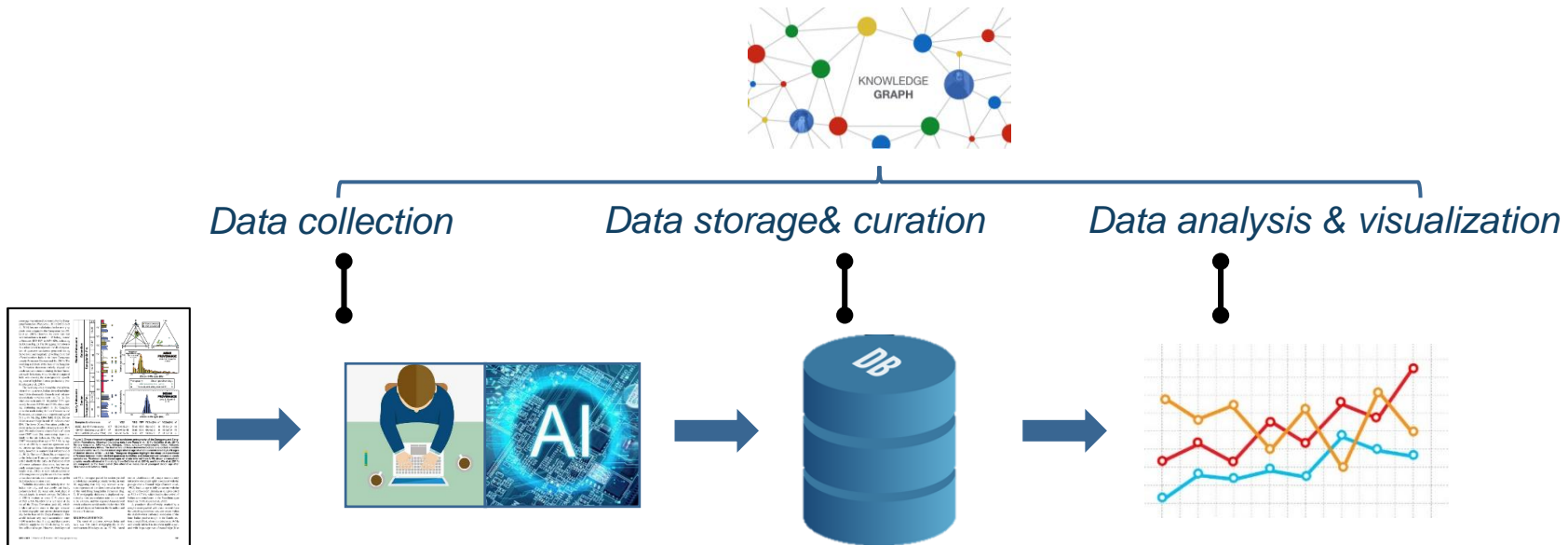
**Extract data intelligently from unstructured literature to structured data.**



**One of the fundamental part of DDE initiatives is to establish a comprehensive Geoscience Knowledge System to facilitate data finding, accessing, integration and reuse.**

# A hierarchical nested structure of knowledge for smart data processing

*Artificial Intelligence powered by  
Geological knowledge system*



# Data mining and visualization

— Text to annotate —

consistent with its palaeo-connection into the thicker and more extensive Carboniferous succession to the north-west, in the Midland Valley.

— Annotations —

named entities ☒ openie ☒

— Language —

English

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## Named Entity Recognition:

1 Apart from several named and extensively worked coal seams , the succession consists mainly of sandstone , siltstone , mudstone and seatearth , with ironstone ribs in places .

(LEXICON)

2 As with the underlying Scottish Lower Coal Measures , there is a general thinning of the succession towards the

(LOCATION)

eastern part of the Sanquhar Basin , consistent with its palaeo-connection into the thicker and more extensive

(CHRONOSTRAT)

(LOCATION)

Carboniferous succession to the north-west , in the Midland Valley .

text1 = ("The fauna consists of seven genera/subgenera, **Agastograptus**, **Gothograptus**, **Holoretiolites**, **Paraplectograptus**, **Plectograptus** (**Plectograptus**), **Plectograptus** (**Sokolovograptus**) and **Spinograptus** .")

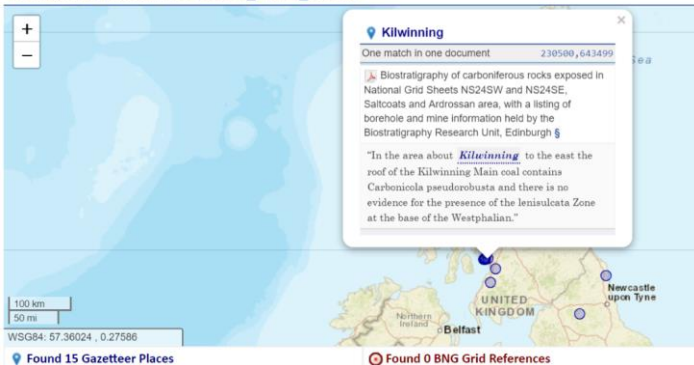
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## 3 Geochronological Divisions found in WH88282R\_29453\_000177

Divisions matched sort by Match Count (9-1)

Code	Name	Min Age (MYBP)	Max Age (MYBP)	Matches	Division frequency
C	Carboniferous Period	298.9 ±0.2	358.9 ±0.4	3	C 3
CW	Westphalian Stage	308 approx. ± 0	319 approx. ± 0	2	CW 2
CN	Namurian Stage	319 approx. ± 0	329 approx. ± 0	2	CN 2

## 15 Locations found in WH88282R\_29453\_000177



# Data mining and visualization

## GeoDeepDive

Temporal and spatial distribution of stromatolites in North America

### Algorithm:

- Search sentences with “stromatolite” and related names, record all t
- Supercomputer: Analysis more than 8000 articles and feedback stru

Analysis  
process

terpreted as debris-flow deposits associated with incised-valley fill (Summa, 1993). Several clasts within the incised-valley fill are identifiable from underlying lithofacies (Beck Spring Dolomite giant ooids, Johnnie oolite, and lower Johnnie Formation stromatolites) and carry the isotopic fingerprint of their source. Above the debris flows, a monotonous

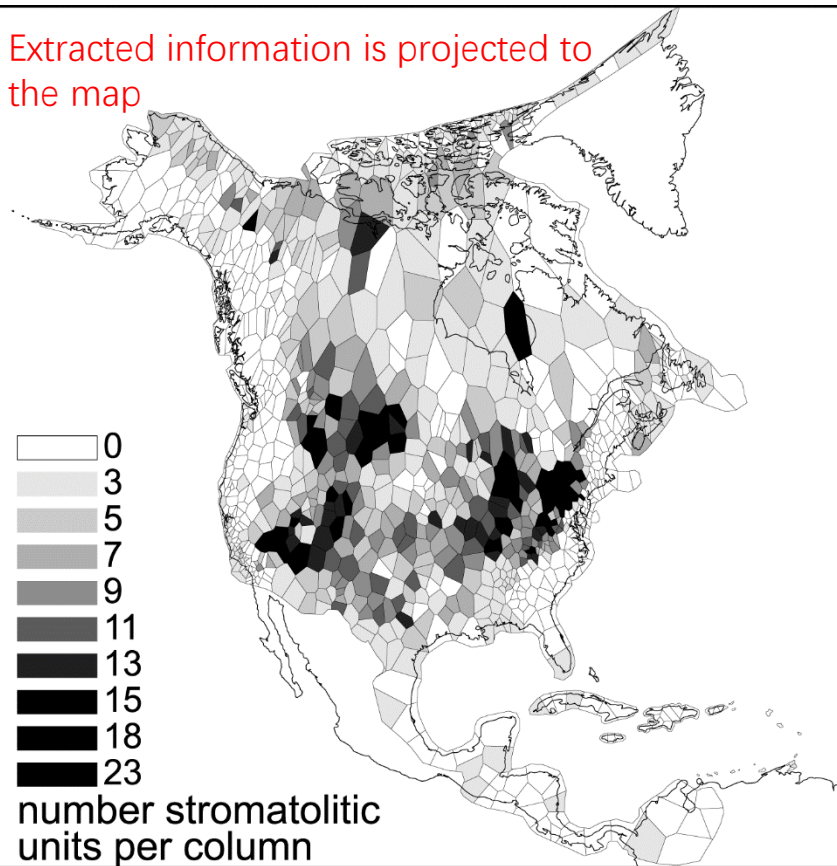
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*stratigraphic name* *stratigraphic name (informal u*

extraction

result_id	docid	sentid	target_word	str
10038	5799c73fcf58f194e7019d64	230	stromatolites	

(Wilcots et al., 2015, GSA abstract program;

Extracted information is projected to the map

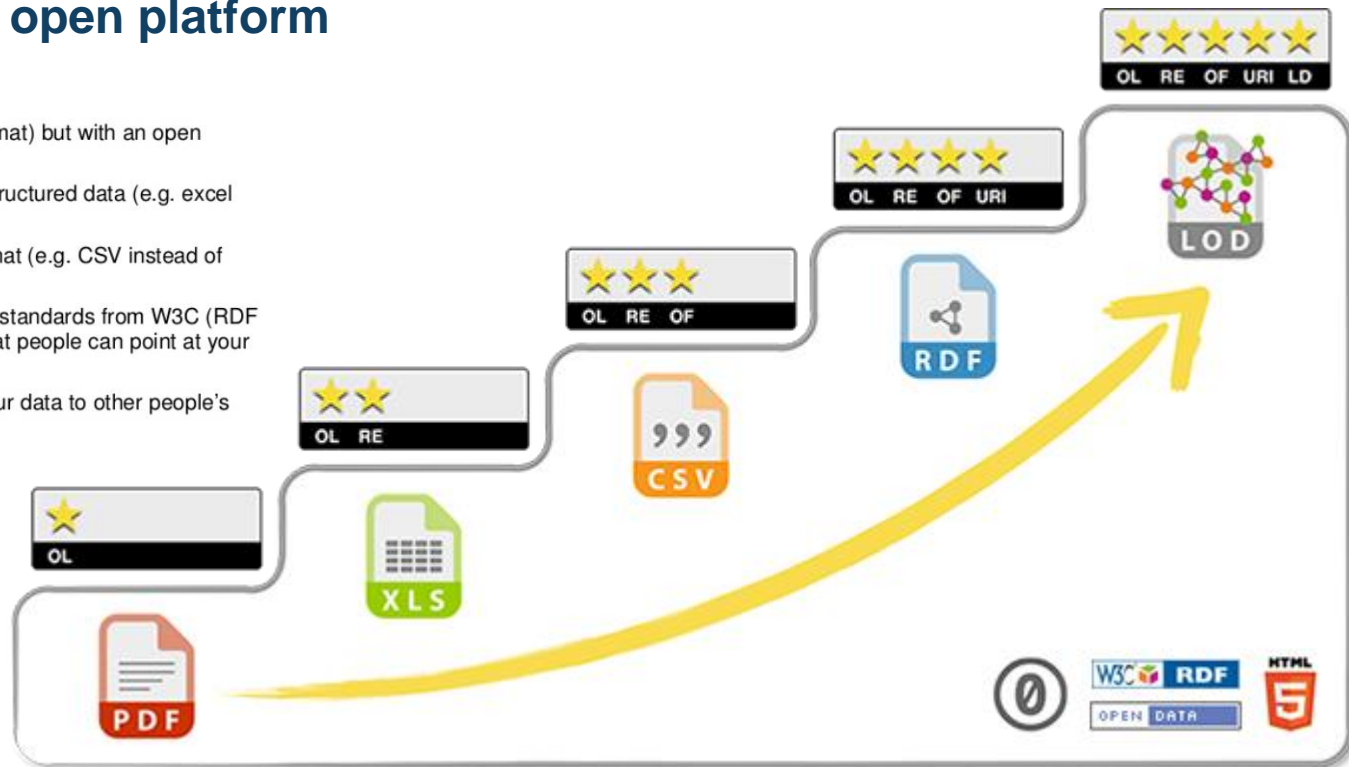


# An open platform with FAIR data

## Linked Open Data

### • Create a 5-star open platform

- ★ Available on the web (whatever format) but with an open license, to be Open Data
- ★★ Available as machine-readable structured data (e.g. excel instead of image scan of a table)
- ★★★ as (2) plus non-proprietary format (e.g. CSV instead of excel)
- ★★★★ All the above plus, Use open standards from W3C (RDF and SPARQL) to identify things, so that people can point at your stuff
- ★★★★★ All the above, plus: Link your data to other people's data to provide context





## What is DDE-Knowledge System

- A series of explicit and formal definitions for the concepts that fall with the DDE project's domain, along with specification of internal conceptual relations;
- Acting as a mediator to reconcile heterogeneous geoscience data collected from different disciplines globally to meet the requirements of the FAIR data principles and play an important role in earth science research enhanced by Artificial Intelligent technologies.

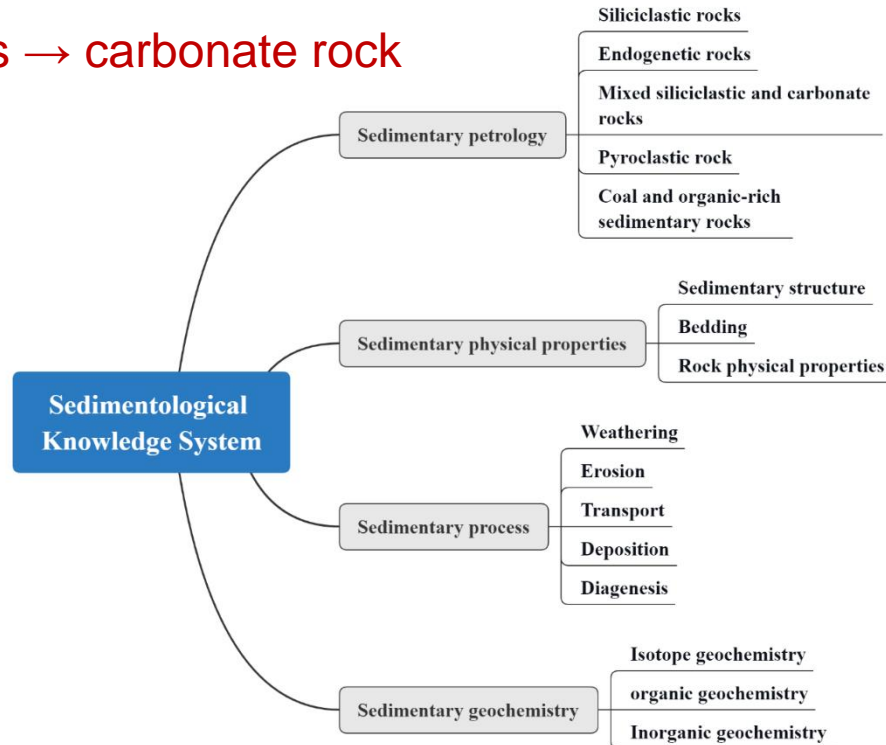


**Conceptual map of Knowledge System**

- The whole DDE-Knowledge system has a wide coverage of Earth Science disciplines.
- All concepts within a discipline will be treated as a knowledge node and would be organized into a hierarchical structure.
- Each node in the hierarchical structure would be described explicitly and formally.
- Semantic relationships among nodes (e.g. “is-a”, “part-of”, “consisting of”, “including”, etc.) would be described as well.

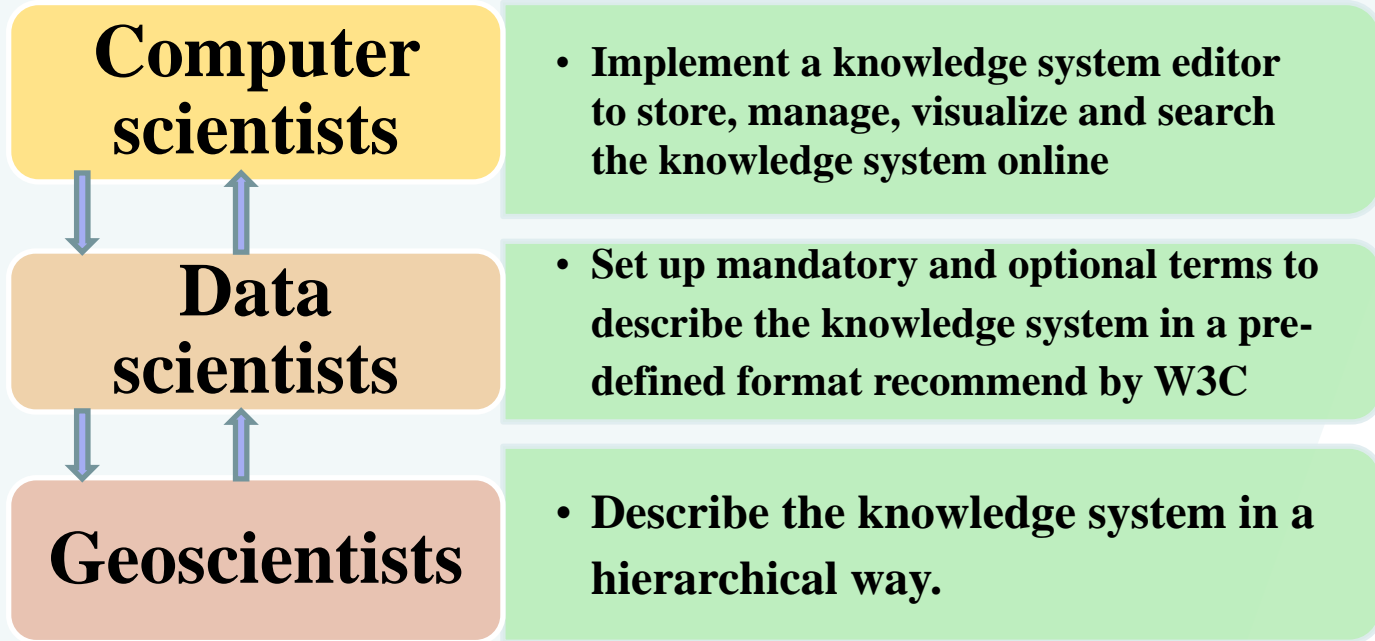
## Example of the Sedimentology Knowledge System

Sedimentology → Sedimentary petrology →  
endogenetic rocks → carbonate rock

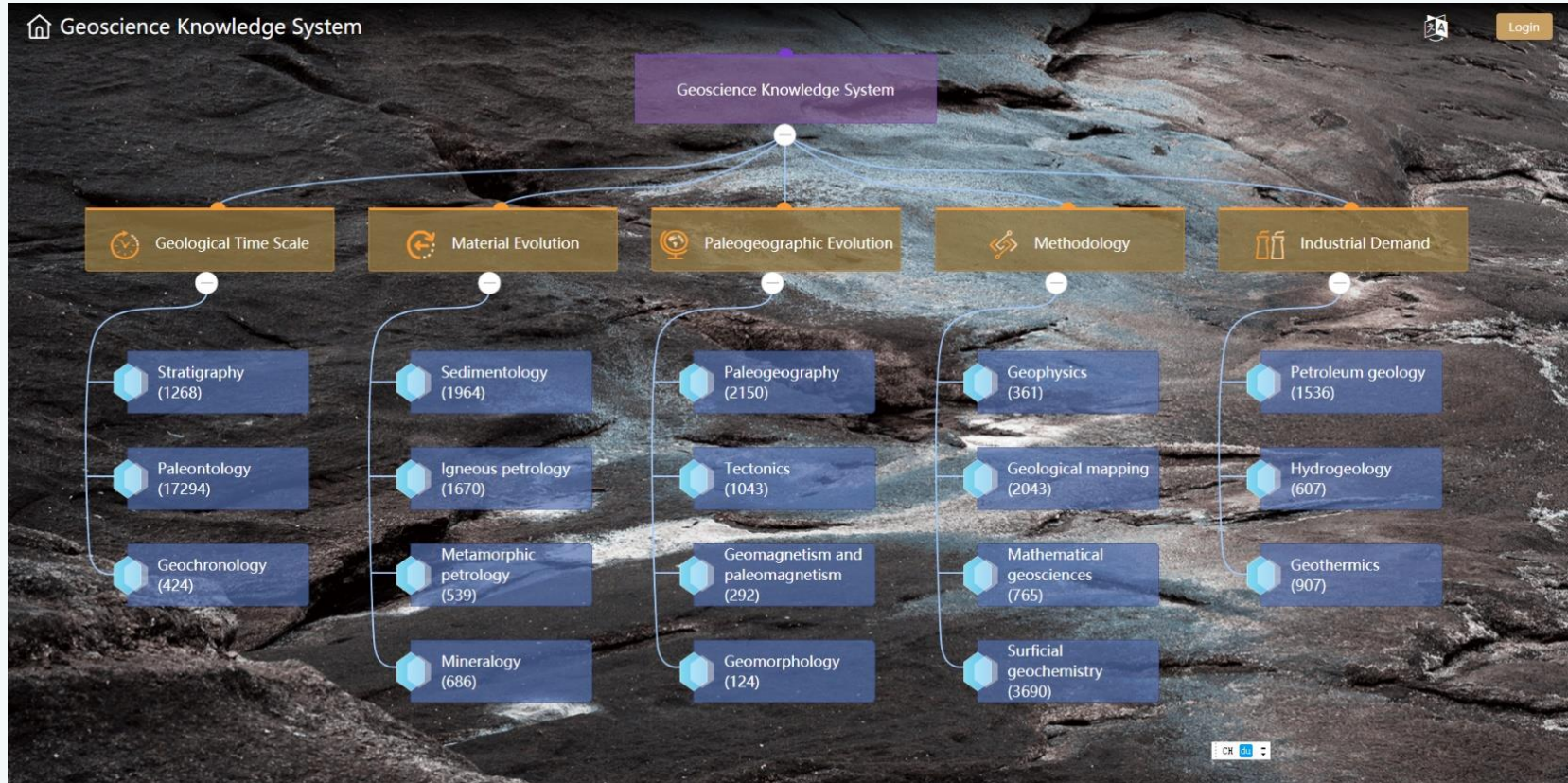




## Efficient cooperation among geoscientists, data scientists and computer scientists



# Construction platform: A cloud-based cooperation platform developed by DDE

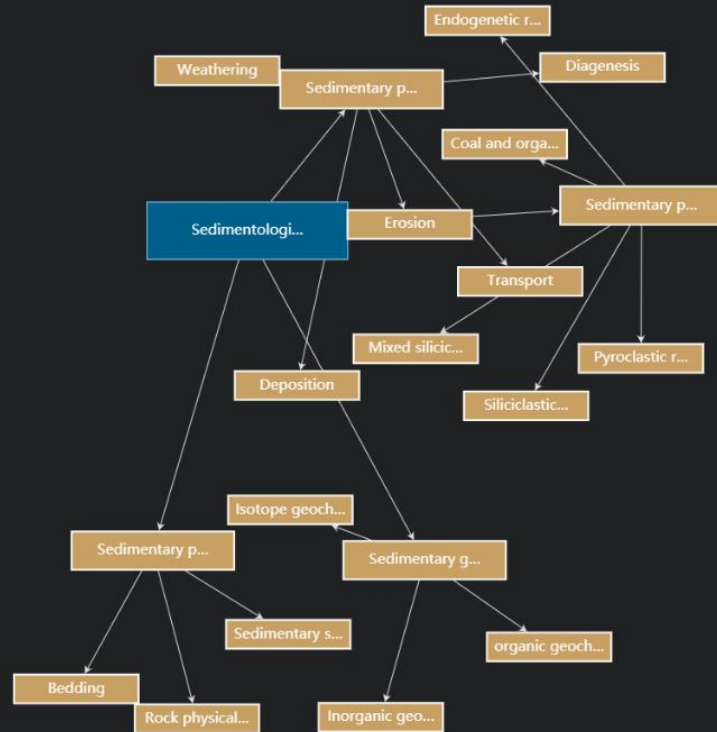


# The graph mode

< Geoscience Knowledge System



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## Nodes that has already constructed

Each working group had conduct more than two-round of “construction-review-modification”

Total knowledge nodes :  
**37467**

Till Jan.8, 2020

- **1212** CGI nodes are downloaded from GeoSciML Vocabularies and EarthResourceML Vocabularies
- Most of the them are adopted by DDE-KS, only 129 nodes are not.

Discipline	Number of nodes
Stratigraphy	1268
Palaeontology	17383
Geochronology	424
Igneous petrology	1670
Metamorphic petrology	539
Sedimentology	1964
Mineralogy	686
Geomorphology	124
Palaeogeography	2150
Tectonics	1043
Palaeomagnetism	292
Mathematical geology	765
Geologic mapping	2058
Surfacial geochemistry	3690
Geophysics	361
Petroleum geology	1536
Hydrogeology	607
Geothermics	907

# Why some CGI definitions are not adopted?

## Examples in sedimentology: Packstone

## More precise definition are found

**DDE:** Packstone is a carbonate-dominated lithology containing **carbonate mud (<63  $\mu\text{m}$ )** in a fabric supported by a sand grade (63  $\mu\text{m}$  to 2 mm) grain-size fraction and where **less than 10% of the volume is comprised of grains >2 mm**. (Lokier S W, Al Junaibi M. The petrographic description of carbonate facies: are we all speaking the same language?. Sedimentology, 2016, 63(7): 1843-1885)

**CGI:** Carbonate sedimentary rock with discernible grain supported depositional texture, containing greater than 10 percent grains, and constituent particles are of intrabasinal origin; intergranular spaces are filled by matrix.

### Embry & Klovan Classification system

Allochthonous Limestones - No evidence that the original components were bound together at the time of deposition					
Less than 10% of the components are >2 mm					
Contains lime mud (<30 $\mu\text{m}$ )			No lime mud	Greater than 10% of the components are >2 mm	
Mud-supported		Grain-supported		Matrix-supported	Grain-supported by the >2 mm size fraction
Less than 10% grains (>30 $\mu\text{m}$ - 2 mm)	Greater than 10% grains (>30 $\mu\text{m}$ - 2 mm)				
Mudstone	Wackestone	Packstone	Grainstone	Floatstone	Rudstone

The definition of CGI doesn't include:

- 1) The size of carbonate grains, which is important to distinguish packstone to rudstone
- 2) The size of matrix (carbonate mud)

Lokier and Junaini, 2016  
Sedimentology

## The next step

- To Continue the construction of DDE-KS
- To carry out International review organized by CGI
  - CGI + CODATA + international associations or committees of each discipline
  - CGI + CODATA + DDE working group
  - The review process, including the evaluation and the election of reviewers must be approved by CGI
  - Our platform provides online review service and can be accessed all over the world
- To conduct research based on knowledge system

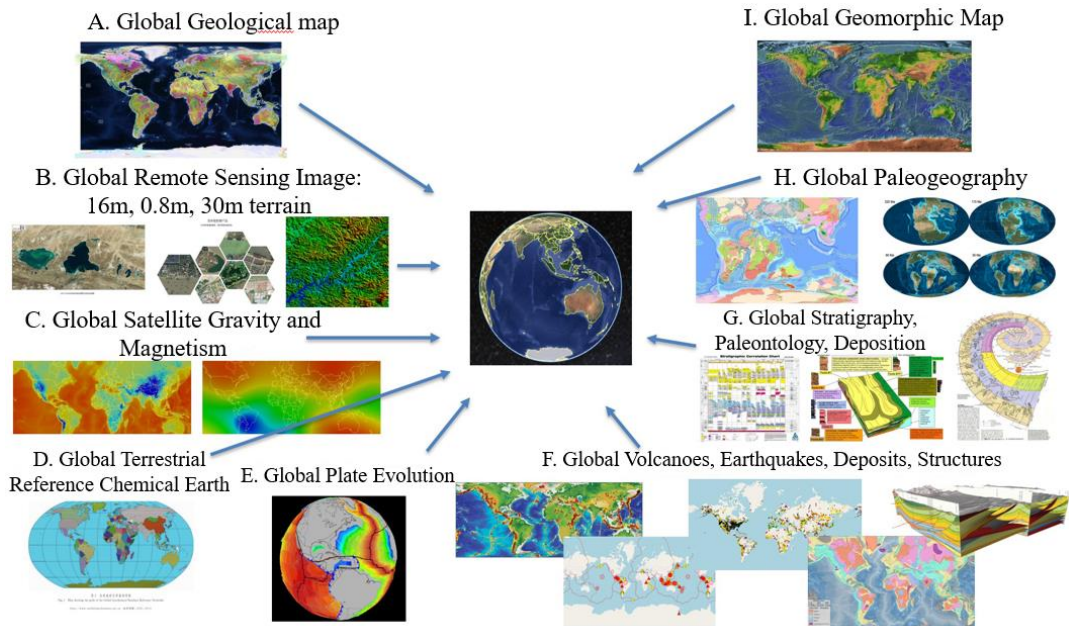


# Databases in Geoscience



# DDE platform: *Geological google*

***Distributed, not a centralized system***



Data sharing  
&  
collaboration



The Paleobiology Database



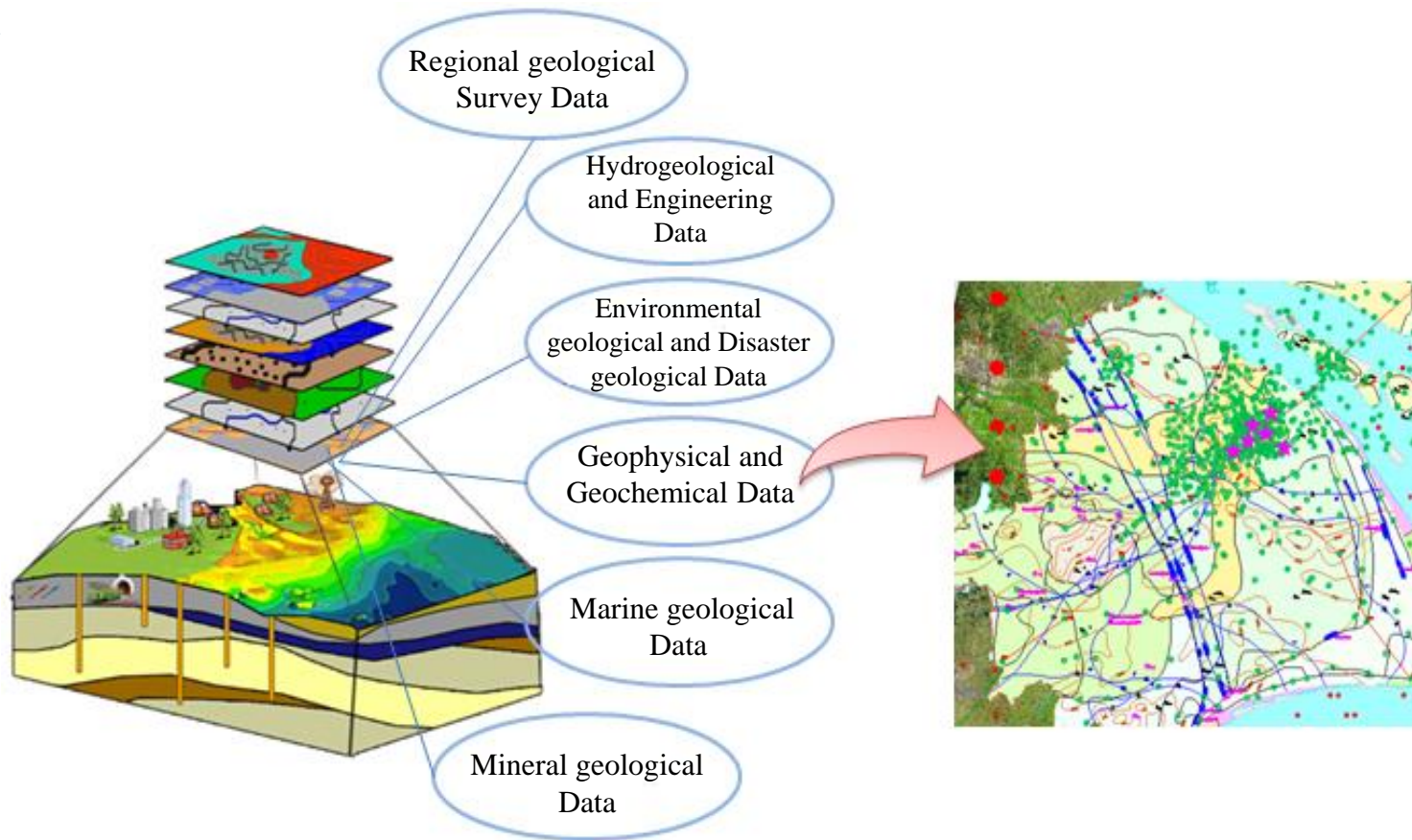
Geobiodiversity  
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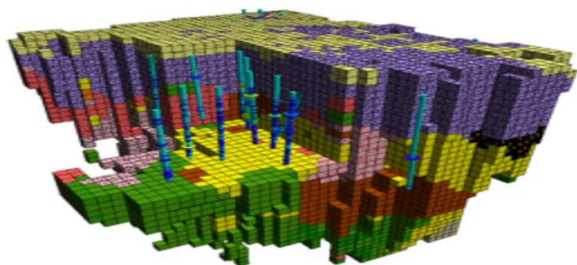
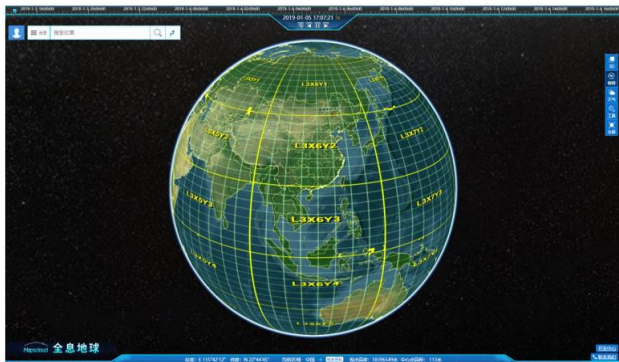
**EARTHTIME**  
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# DDE platform: *Geological google*

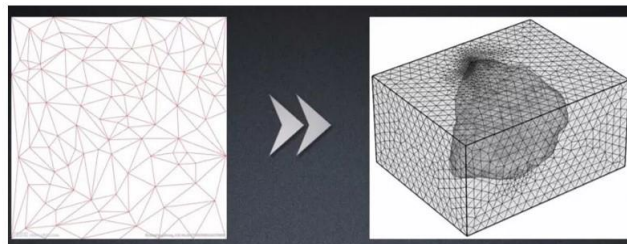


# 3D Modeling and Visualization of Solid Earth under Unified Space-time Reference

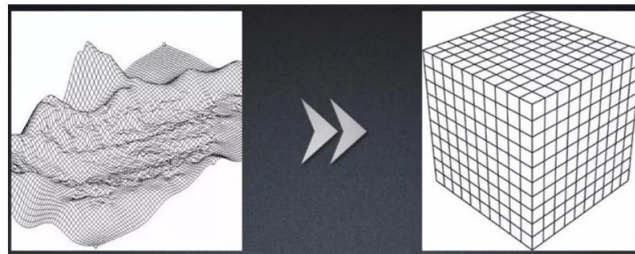
## Uniform Depth Reference Design



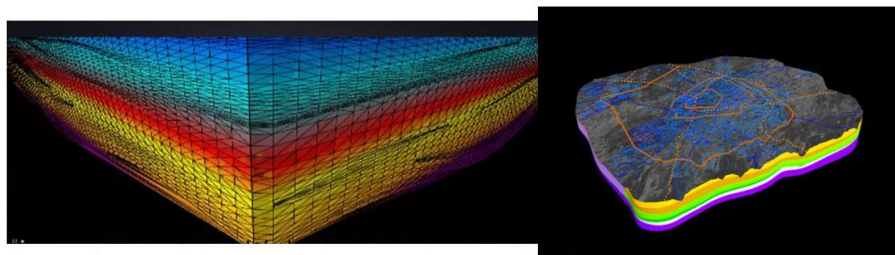
Modeling and Visualization of  
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3D Modeling of  
Geological Bodies:  
Irregular Tetrahedral  
Grids Express  
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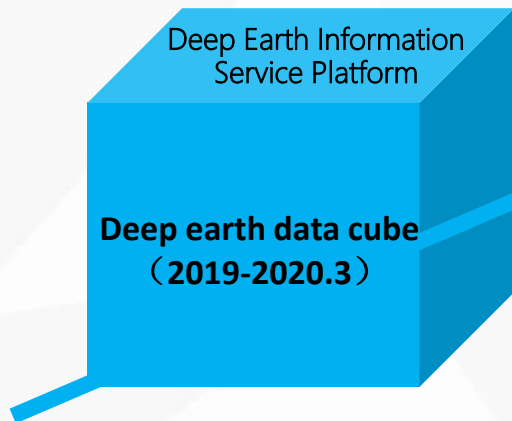


Modeling and Visualization of Geological Bodies Data

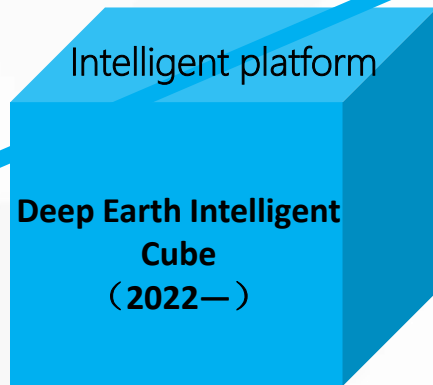
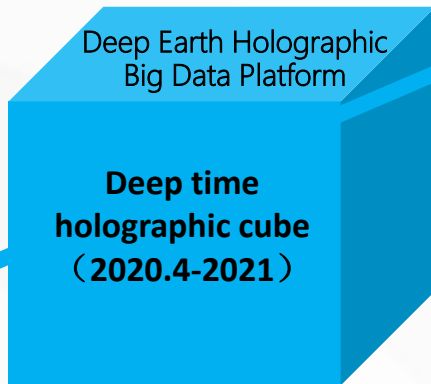
# DEEP platform development plan (App, middle platform, intelligent platform three-step strategy)



The first stage: research and development of DEEP Earth, Map, GeoTools, APPStore, extensive integration of existing tools and systems, integration of existing data based on the cloud database provided by the platform, construction of deep Earth data cubes, development of DEEP Portal to provide unified deep time Space-based global geological information service.



The second stage: research and development of spatio-temporal data warehouse, deep knowledge database, DEEP Engine. Form the ability to analysis big data. Extensively correlate data results to build deep-time holographic cubes. Provides scientists with convenient data-intensive scientific research and knowledge discovery services supported by online and super-computing capabilities.



The third stage: combined with artificial intelligence technology to build a smart data cube for the earth, providing intelligent services.

# Primary Goals

- An international consortium
- Linking isolated databases into an open system
- Make scientific data and information **FAIR**  
(Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Re-usable)
- Linking various Earth's spheres (hydrosphere, geosphere, atmosphere, biosphere)
- Promoting innovative research on 4E (Evolutions of life, Earth materials, geography and climate)

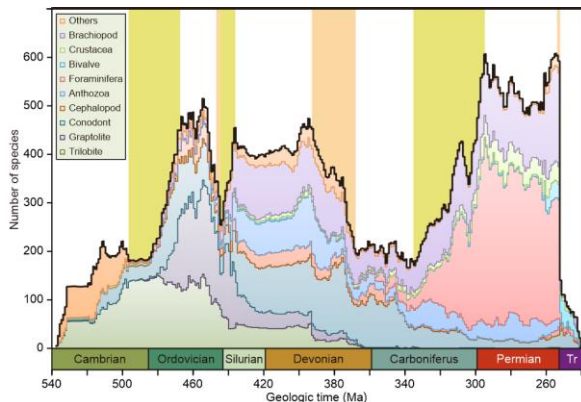


# Data-driven knowledge discovery

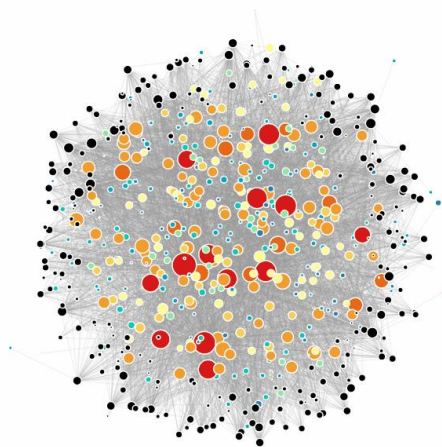
*“transform geoscientific research”*

## Four major questions:

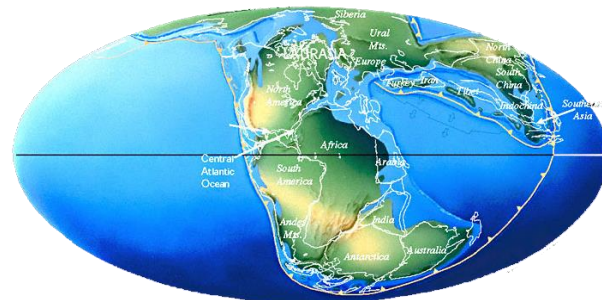
- Evolution of Life
- Evolution of Earth materials
- Evolution of Geography
- Evolution of Climate



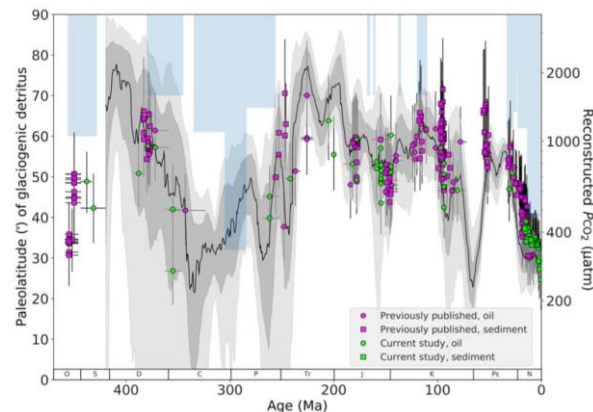
Paleozoic marine diversity



Mineral network analysis



Paleogeographic reconstruction



Reconstructed  $P_{CO_2}$

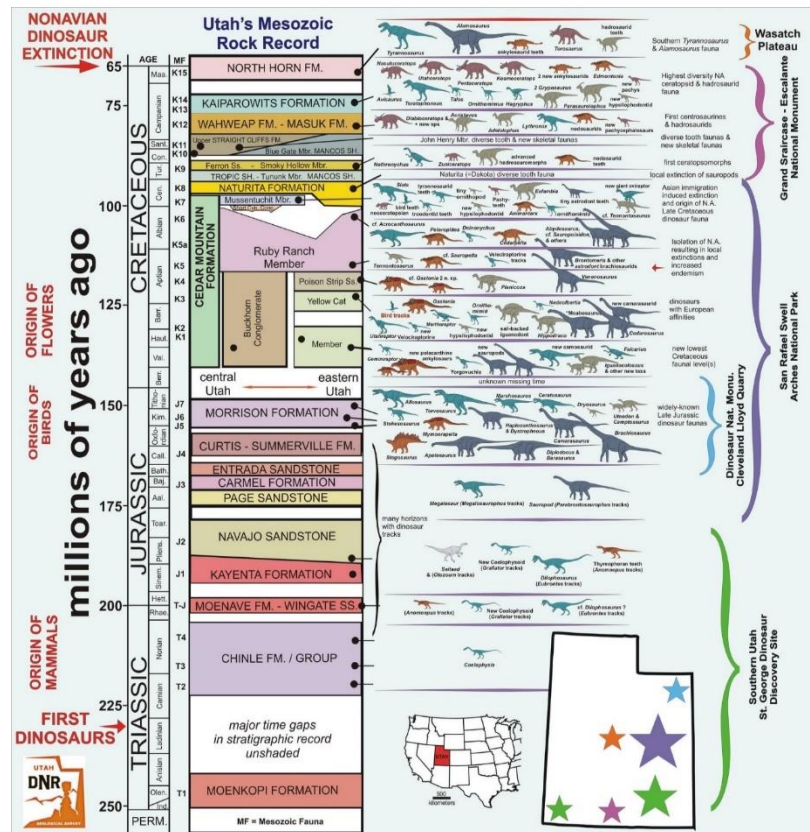
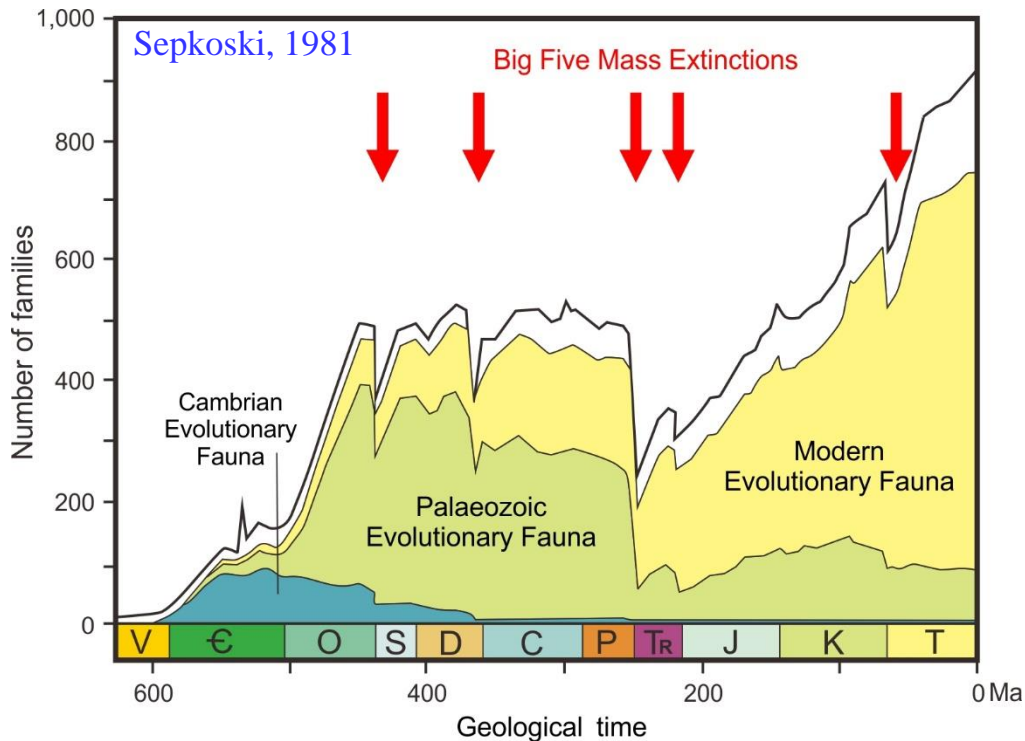


**Deep-time  
Digital Earth**  
IUGS Big Science Program



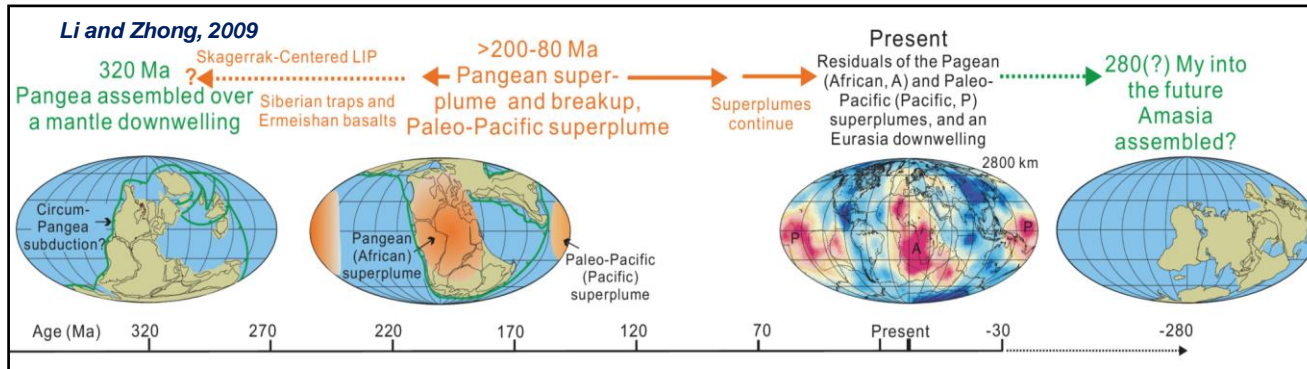
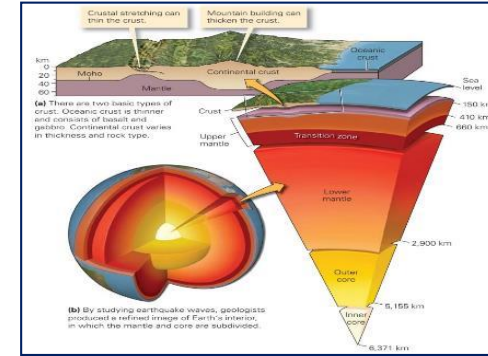
1. Integrating a uniform high-resolution earth time system
2. Origin and evolution of life and biodiversity
3. How did the sedimentary matter evolve and cycle?
4. Reconstructing earth climate and atmosphere history from big data of multiple geochemical indices
5. Global sea-level change through deep time
6. Quantifying plate tectonics and deformation in four dimensions
7. 4D architecture and evolution of deep-earth materials and dynamics
8. Mineral evolution beyond 4D
9. Establishing a globally shared big-data energy resource system for sustainable development
10. Big data system of geophysical fields for prediction of seismic hazard

# Origin and evolution of life and biodiversity



# 4D architecture and evolution of deep-earth materials and dynamics

1. 3D architecture and evolution of deep-earth materials
2. Deep dynamics of assemblage-breakup and cycle of super-continent
3. Recycle of crustal-mantle material and development of metallogenic system



# Mineral evolution on Earth and other planets

The changing diversity and distribution of minerals in near-surface environments of Earth and other terrestrial planets and moons through deep time

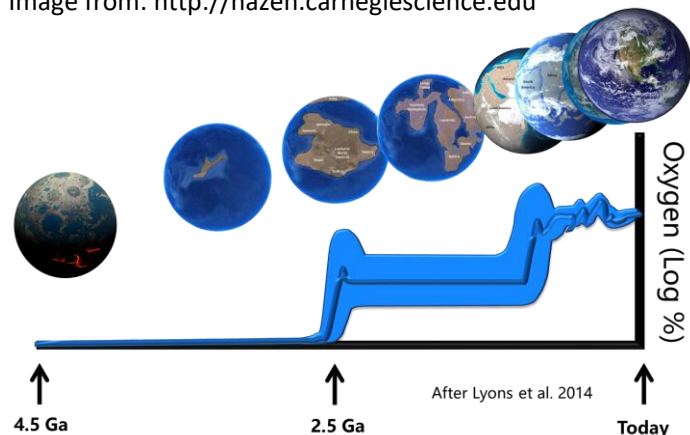
## Three Eras and Ten Stages of Earth's Mineral Evolution

Era/Stage	Age (Ga)	Cumulative no. of species
<b>Prenebular "Ur-Minerals"</b>	>4.6	12
<b>Era of Planetary Accretion (&gt;4.55 Ga)</b>		
1. Primary chondrite minerals	>4.56 Ga	60
2. Achondrite and planetesimal alteration	>4.56 to 4.55 Ga	250
<b>Era of Crust and Mantle Reworking (4.55 to 2.5 Ga)</b>		
3. Igneous rock evolution	4.55 to 4.0 Ga	350 to 500*
4. Granite and pegmatite formation	4.0 to 3.5 Ga	1000
5. Plate tectonics	>3.0 Ga	1500
<b>Era of Biologically Mediated Mineralogy (&gt;2.5 Ga to Present)</b>		
6. Anoxic biological world	3.9 to 2.5 Ga	1500
7. Great Oxidation Event	2.5 to 1.9 Ga	>4000
8. Intermediate ocean	1.9 to 1.0 Ga	>4000
9. Snowball Earth events	1.0 to 0.542 Ga	>4000
10. Phanerozoic era of biomineralization	0.542 Ga to present	4400+

\* Depending on the volatile content of the planet or moon



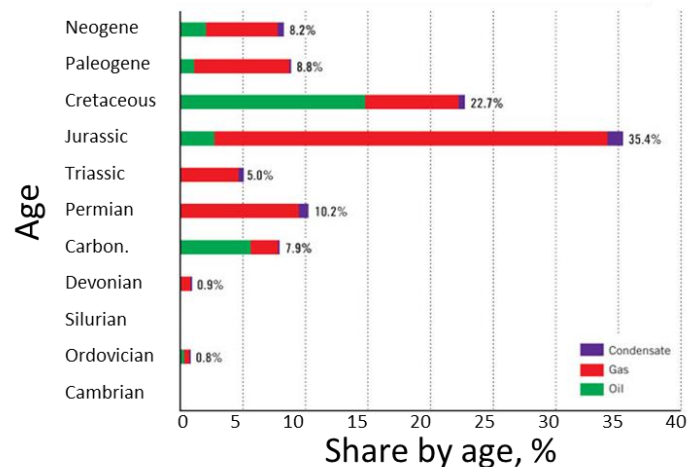
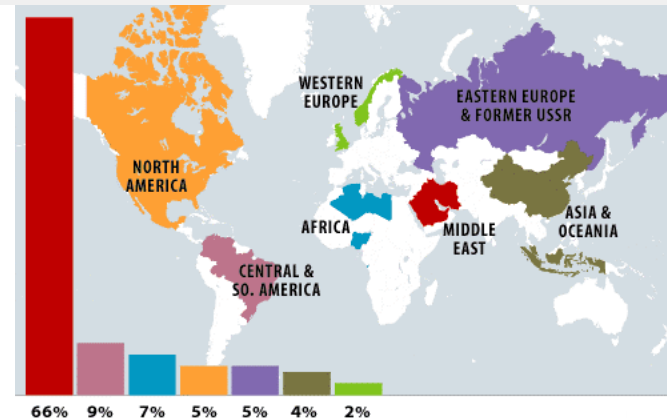
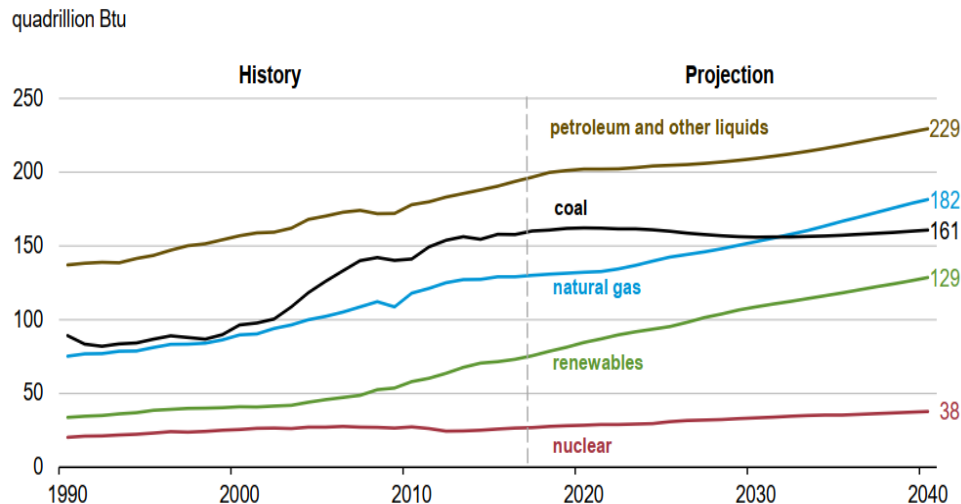
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(Hazen and Ferry, 2010)

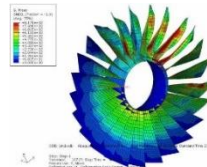
# Energy resources for sustainable development

- Present consumption of fossil energy is around 85%;
- Global energy demand is still increasing fast;
- Can the fossil fuels meet the global energy demand in the future?



# 10 innovative techniques of DDE

1. Machine reader of literature legacy and information retrieval
2. Digitization and comparison of map and image materials
3. Characterization and intelligent detection of geological entities
4. Cleansing and spatio-temporal annotation of massive data
5. Interoperability and spatio-temporal coordination of cross-platform databases
6. Deep-time knowledge base management and automatic configuration of knowledge graphs
7. Intelligent engine for information search and crawling
8. Holographic visualization and mapping of deep-time digital earth
9. High performance computation and deep-time digital earth analysis engine
10. Data synthesis and deep-time digital earth reconstruction engine





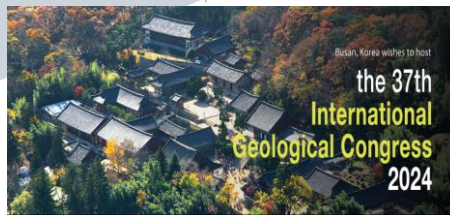
## Roadmap and deliverables (2019-2028)



- Accord signed at the 73th IUGS EC in Beijing, February 25-27, 2019.

- Formal launch meeting at the 36<sup>th</sup> IGC 2020.

- A midterm progress with significant deliverables at the 37<sup>th</sup> IGC 2024.



- A final report at 38<sup>th</sup> IGC 2028



# 36<sup>th</sup> International Geological Congress

## March 2-8 , 2020, Delhi, India



### **Theme 45.7 The IUGS Big Science Program: Deep-time Digital Earth (DDE)**

- 45.7.1 Evolution of life and biodiversity changes through deep time
- 45.7.2 Evolution of sedimentary and paleoclimate system
- 45.7.3 Quantifying plate tectonics and deformation in four dimensions
- 45.7.4 Exploring the evolution of materials and environments through deep time
- 45.7.5 Open and Big Data, Artificial Intelligence, and Geoinformatics: New Paradigms that Advance Discovery and Knowledge of Earth in Deep-time
- 45.7.6 DDE in Geological Survey Organizations and industry
- 45.7.7 Dinosaur macroevolution and building an integrated database for both academia and the public
- 45.7.8 Orogenic architecture and crustal growth from accretion to collision (IGCP-662)

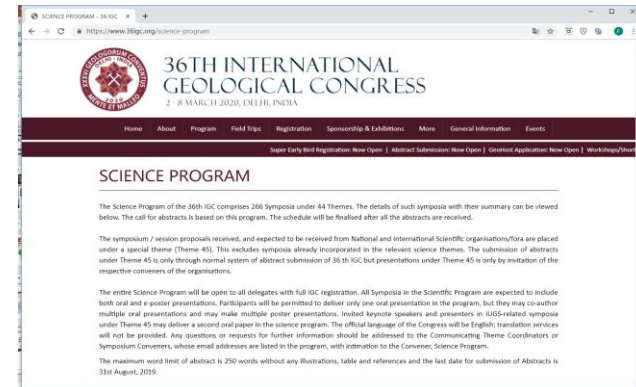
### **First Governing Council meeting**

*March 3, 2020, Radisson Blu Hotel*

### **Town hall meeting**

*March 4, 2020, Radisson Blu Hotel*

### **DDE Booth**



# 36<sup>th</sup> International Geological Congress

## March 2-8, 2020, Delhi, India

### Booth

- 6m X 12m
- Design plan: October



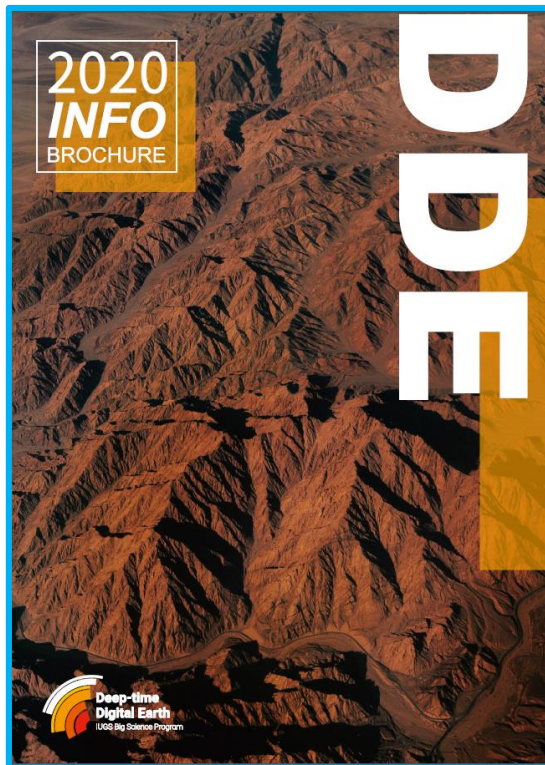
# 36<sup>th</sup> International Geological Congress

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### DDE Booth

◆ 75 m<sup>2</sup>





## MISSION AND VISION

### ■ MISSION

Harmonise global Deep-time Digital Earth data, and share global geoscience knowledge.

### ■ VISION

Transform Earth science.

## WHAT IS DDE ?

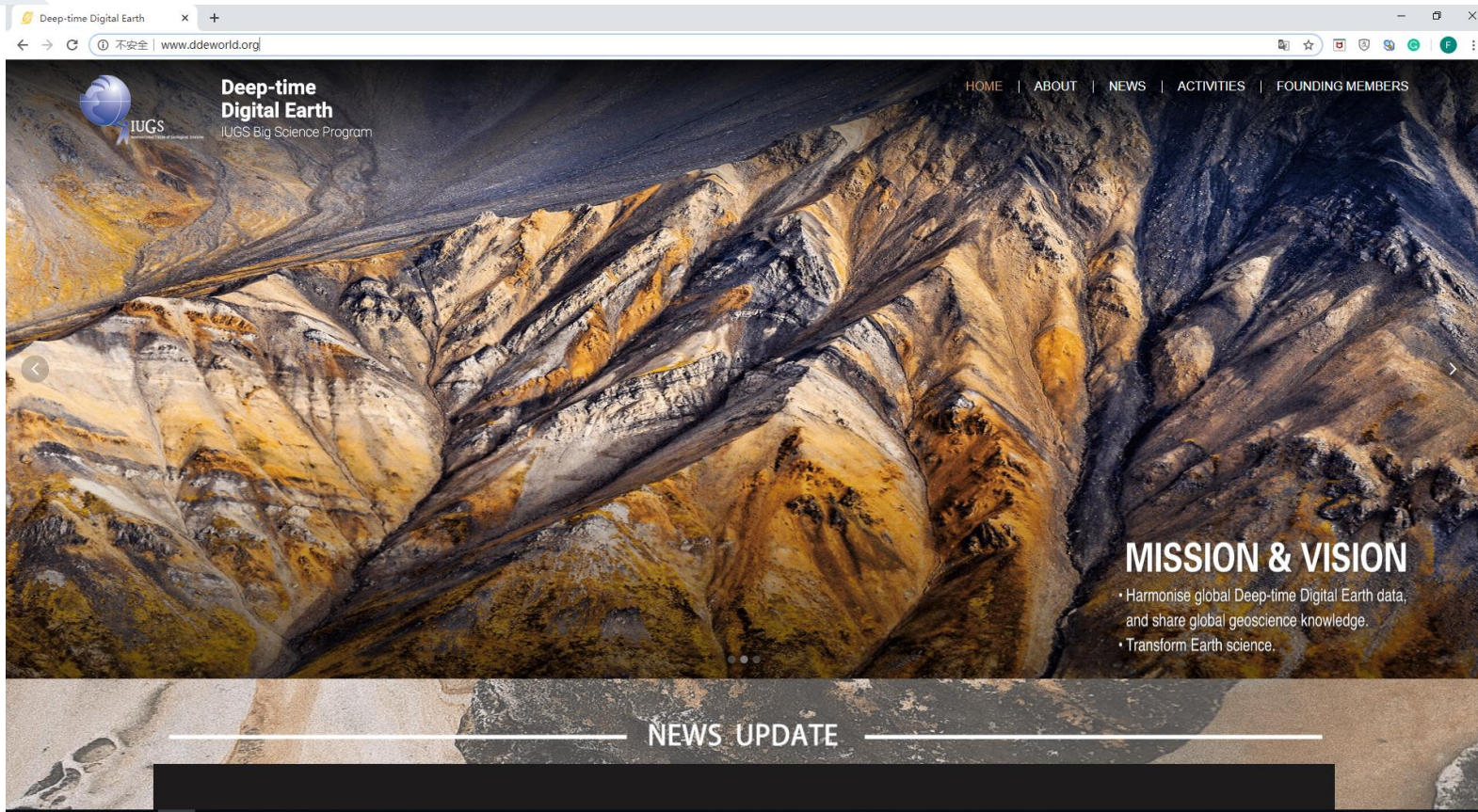
Modern Earth systems science requires harmonised global Deep-time Earth data. This harmonisation is now possible through the digital revolution, but new protocols, platforms and programs are needed to secure compatible and interoperable databases, so that the vast amounts of existing (and new) geoscience data can be linked for the benefit of global society. Big Data analytics, internet cloud computing, data mining, machine learning and artificial intelligence, will lead to innovation in understanding the Earth's evolution and applications including the Sustainable Development Goals.

## WHY DDE ?

A grand challenge for geoscience is to secure interoperability of databases, as well as improve accessibility. Better organised data will transform Earth science.

A huge amount of digital and machine-readable data is held by geological surveys and in other large big thematic databases. Collective efforts are needed to develop internationally accepted protocols for standardization, harmonisation and association of diverse data so that hubs within a network can be interconnected. While geological survey data generally has wide geographic coverage it has limited diversity of types of data. In contrast, data held by academic institutions and supplementary government data is often wider ranging including a huge resource of information such as pictures and scanned images, tables, notes, sketches, cross sections, videos, samples, measurements scattered in documents and even geoscientists' notebooks. Much is not currently machine-readable and searchable. Freeing this 'volunteer' generated information is fundamental to creating big Earth data. Appropriate mechanisms and artificial intelligence techniques need to be sought to motivate, facilitate and assist organizations and geoscientists to make their data FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Re-usable).

# DDE website: <http://www.ddeworld.org/>



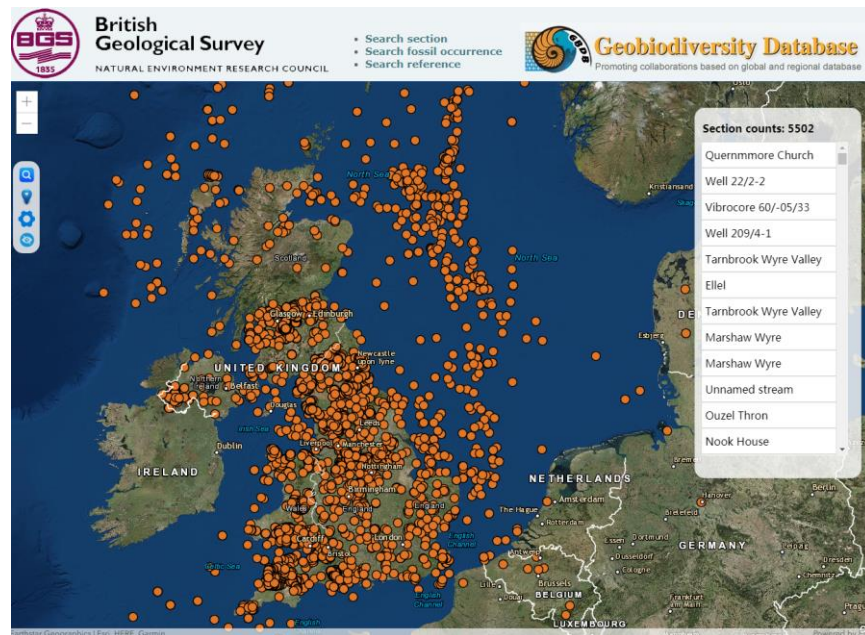
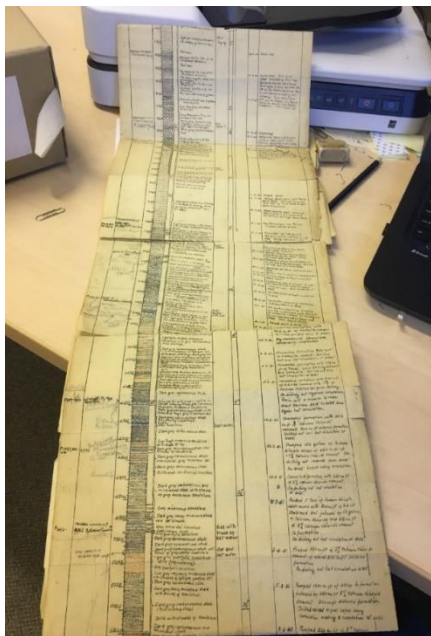
# What can we do? Opportunities for the community

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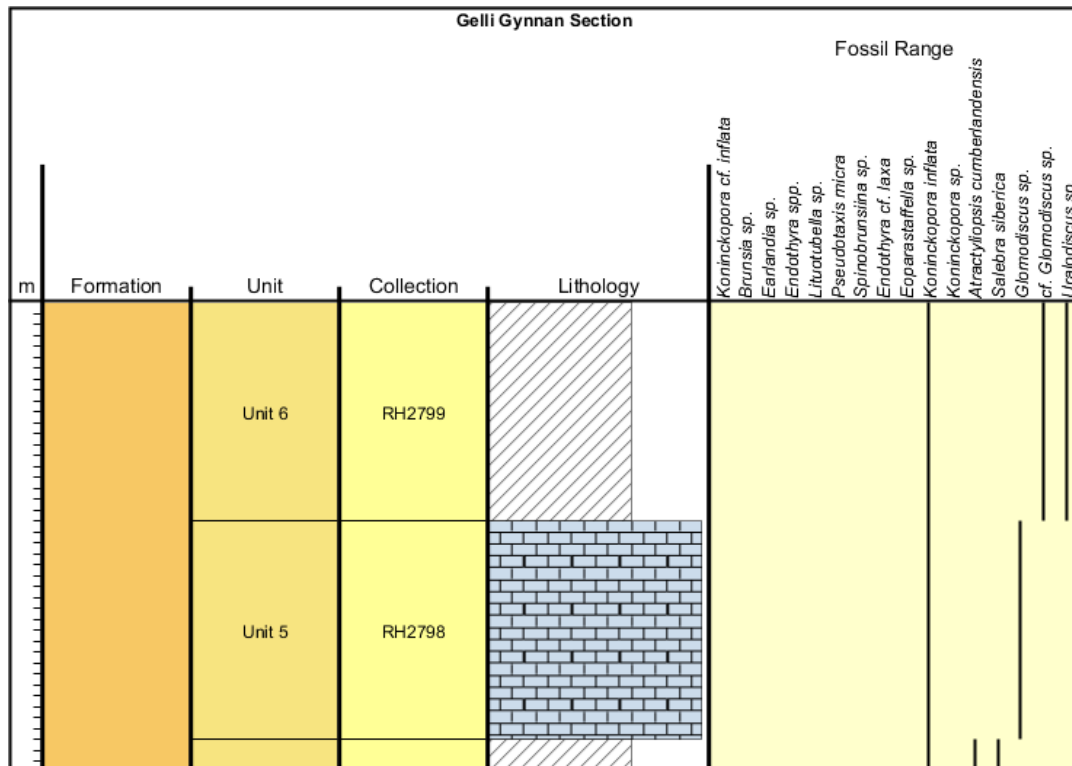
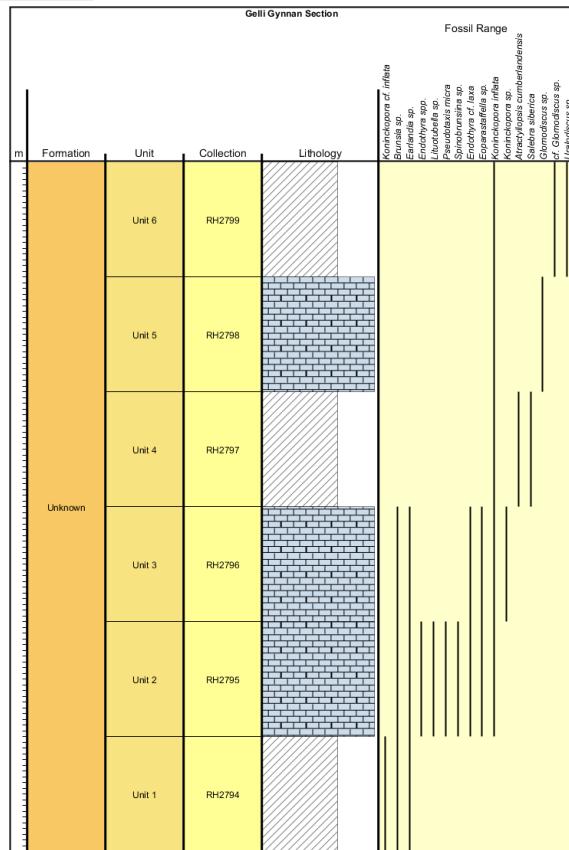
- ◆ 5-10 year's long-term project
- ◆ digitization of huge data sources in BGS
- ◆ Dark data

## Digitization in ~ 6 months

- ◆ 5502 outcrops/drillcores; 13588 references
- ◆ FAIR data: online, open access



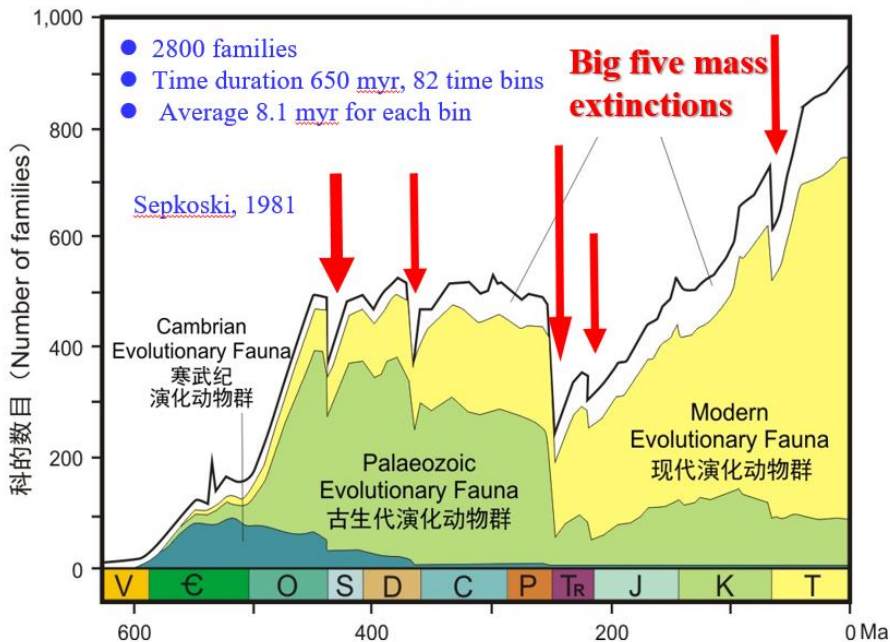
# Potential collaborations



# Opportunities for the community

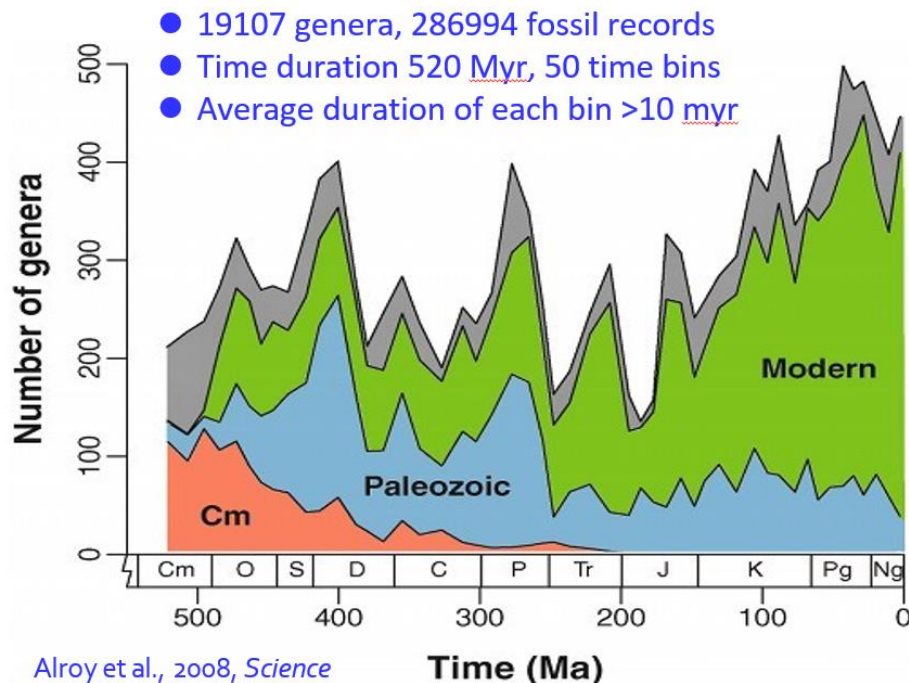
## ◆ Data analysis: Big data analysis and visualization, HPC

### Phanerozoic diversity pattern at family level



Are the Big Five and the exponential post-Paleozoic rise real?

### Phanerozoic history of marine genera



Alroy et al., 2008, *Science*

Time (Ma)

# Opportunities for the community

- ◆ High temporal resolution: Traditional 8-10Ma --> CONOP 30Ka
- ◆ Big computing power: 10,000 species → 17 years!

WELCOME TO

## THE FOSSIL PROJECT

THE BIGGEST STRATIGRAPHY DATABASE. THE SECOND BIGGEST PALEONTOLOGY DATABASE. AN APPLICATION TO "PIECE TOGETHER ALL THE TIME-LINES OF EVENT IN EARTH HISTORY TO GET AN OPTIMIZED PERMUTATION OF ALL THE BIOLOGICAL EVENTS."  
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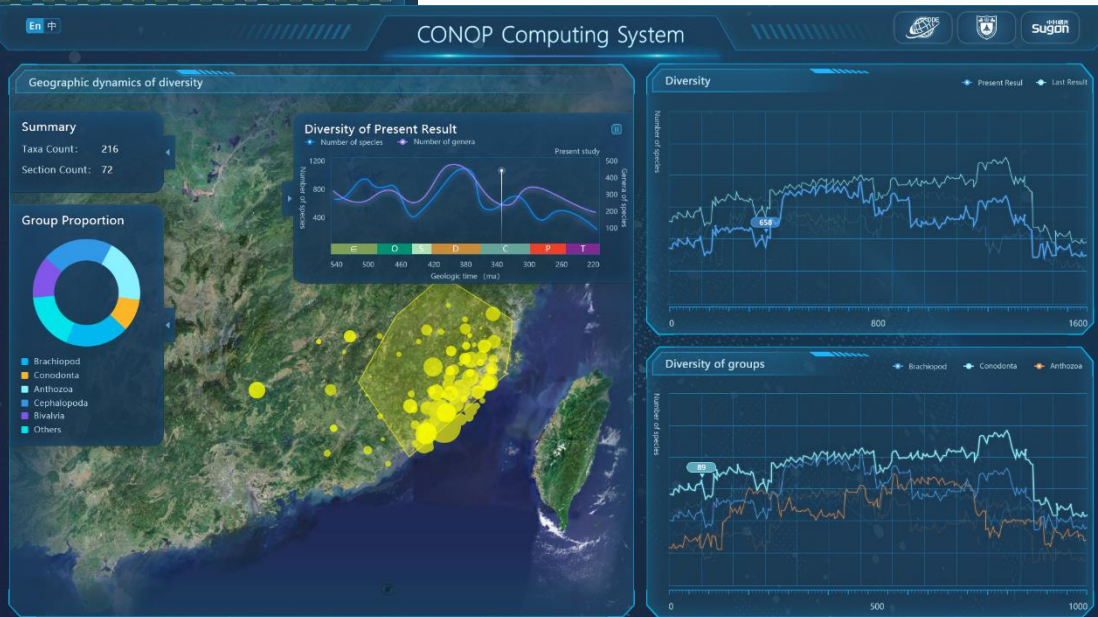
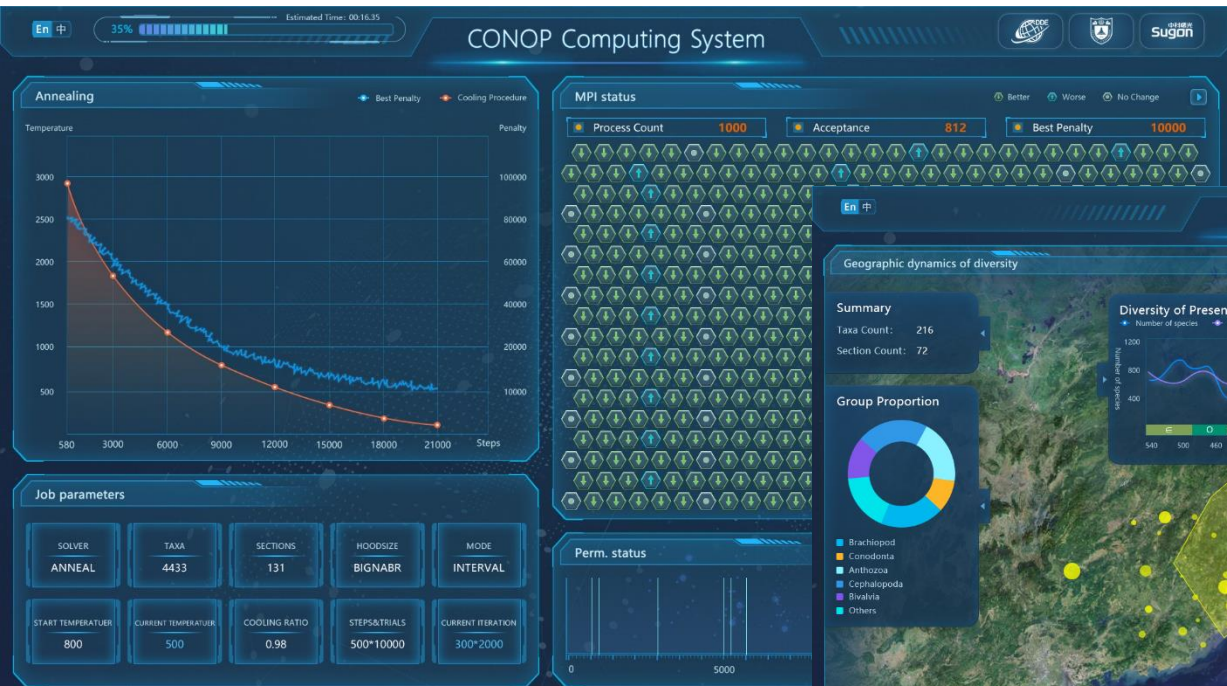


- First supercomputer program for quantitative stratigraphy
- Successfully tested on “Tianhe II”
- Accelerate rate=5/10 cores

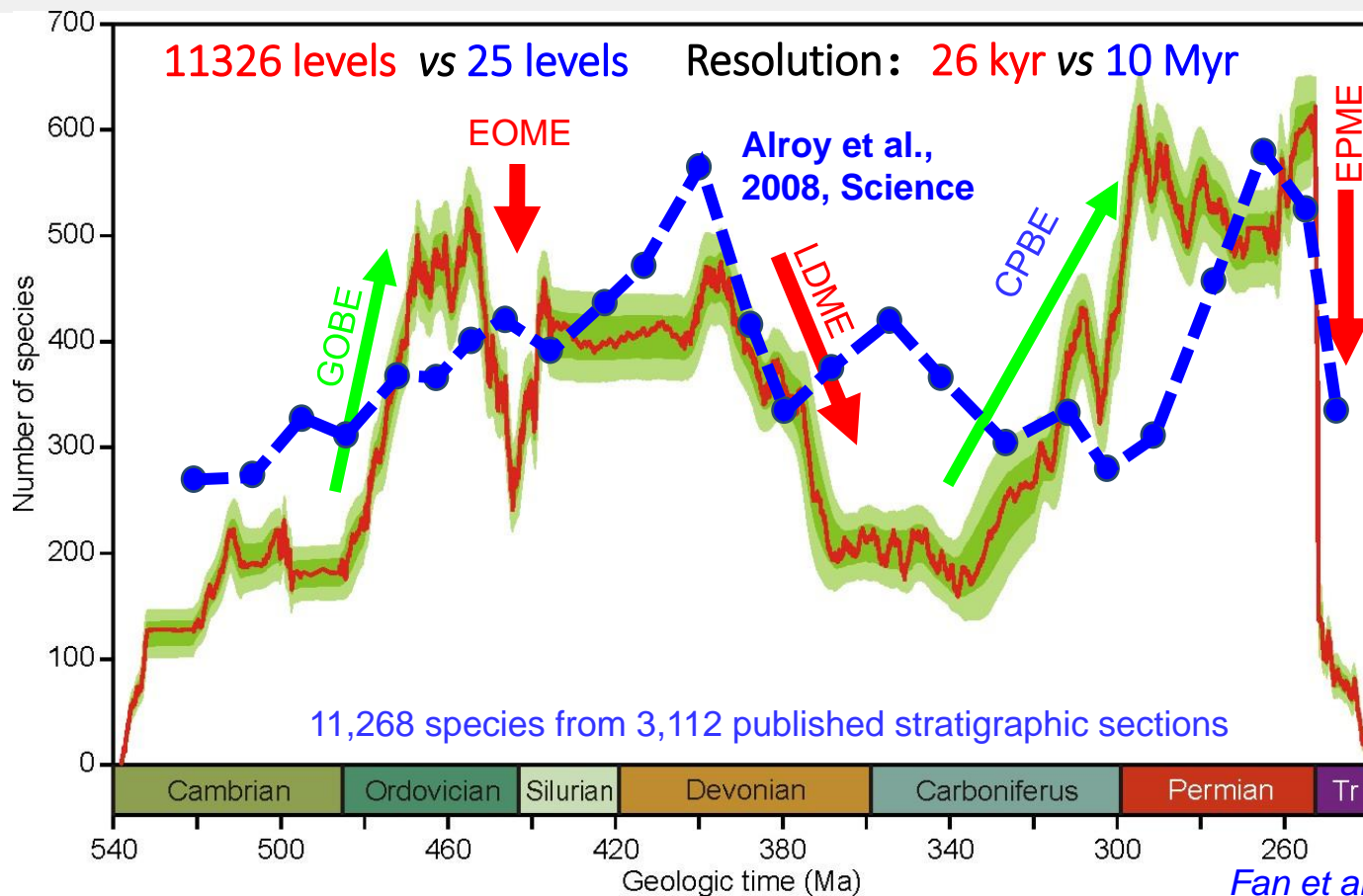
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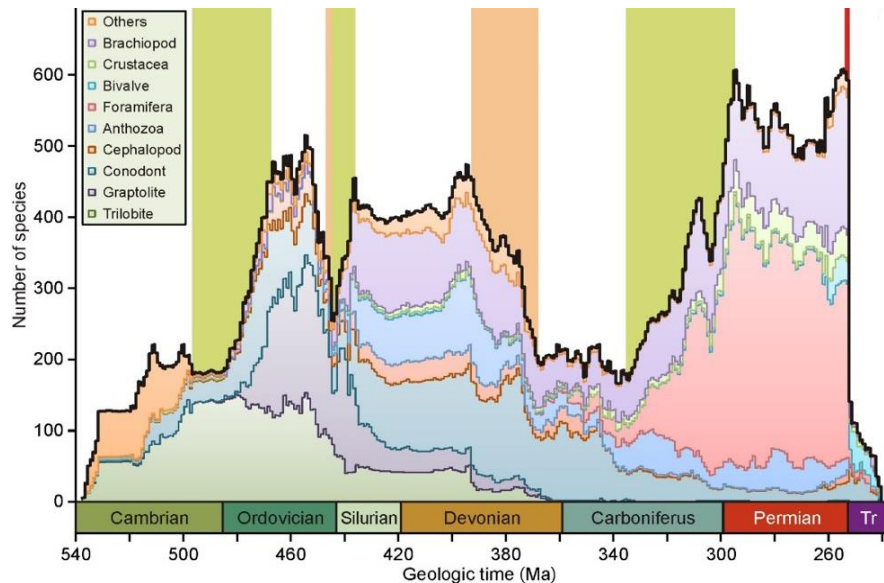
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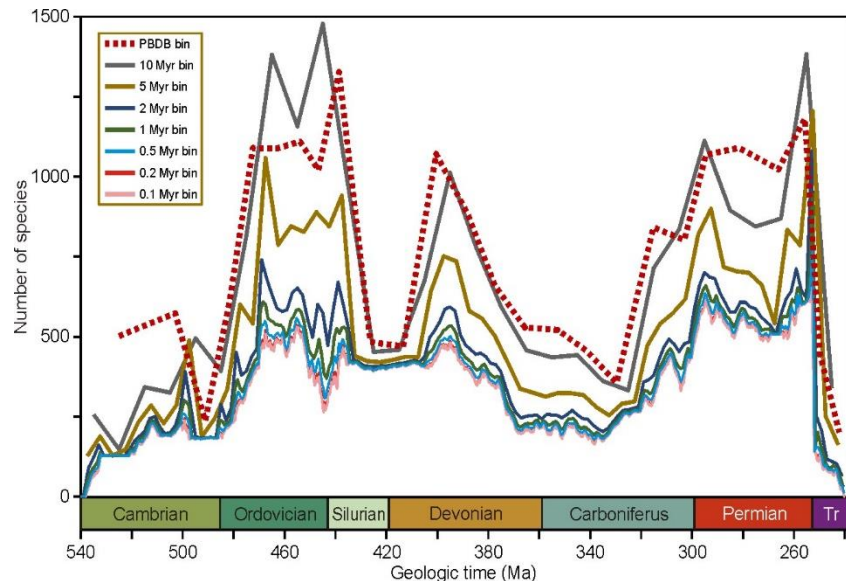
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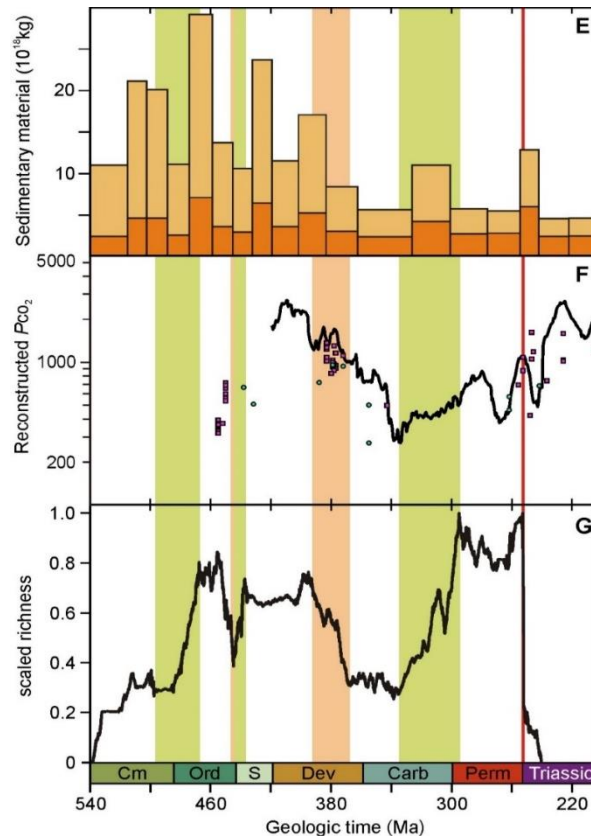
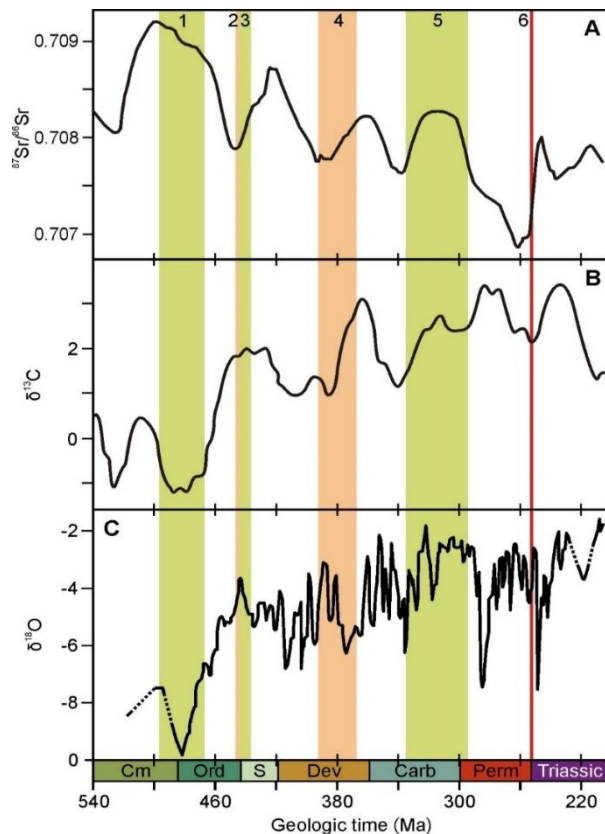
Diversity of different fossil groups



Composite diversity patterns produced in different evenly-divided time bins (from 0.1 to 10 Myr; solid lines)

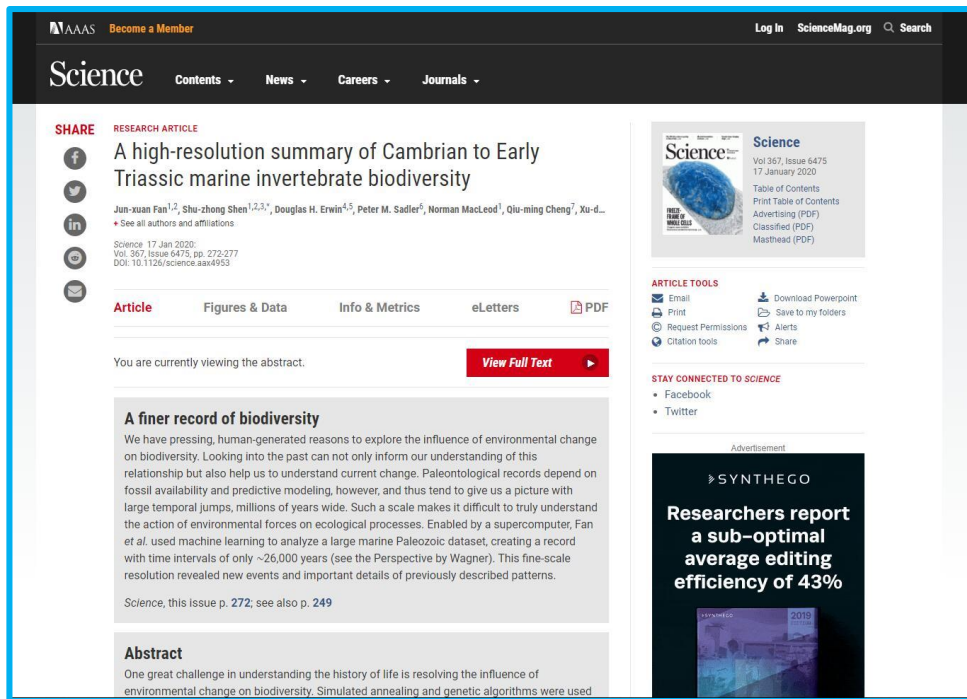
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Exploring the coupling or decoupling between life and environment



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Linking geoscience, data science and computer science



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### A finer record of biodiversity

We have pressing, human-generated reasons to explore the influence of environmental change on biodiversity. Looking into the past can not only inform our understanding of this relationship but also help us to understand current change. Paleontological records depend on fossil availability and predictive modeling, however, and thus tend to give us a picture with large temporal jumps, millions of years wide. Such a scale makes it difficult to truly understand the action of environmental forces on ecological processes. Enabled by a supercomputer, Fan et al. used machine learning to analyze a large marine Paleozoic dataset, creating a record with time intervals of only ~26,000 years (see the Perspective by Wagner). This fine-scale resolution revealed new events and important details of previously described patterns.

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### Abstract

One great challenge in understanding the history of life is resolving the influence of environmental change on biodiversity. Simulated annealing and genetic algorithms were used

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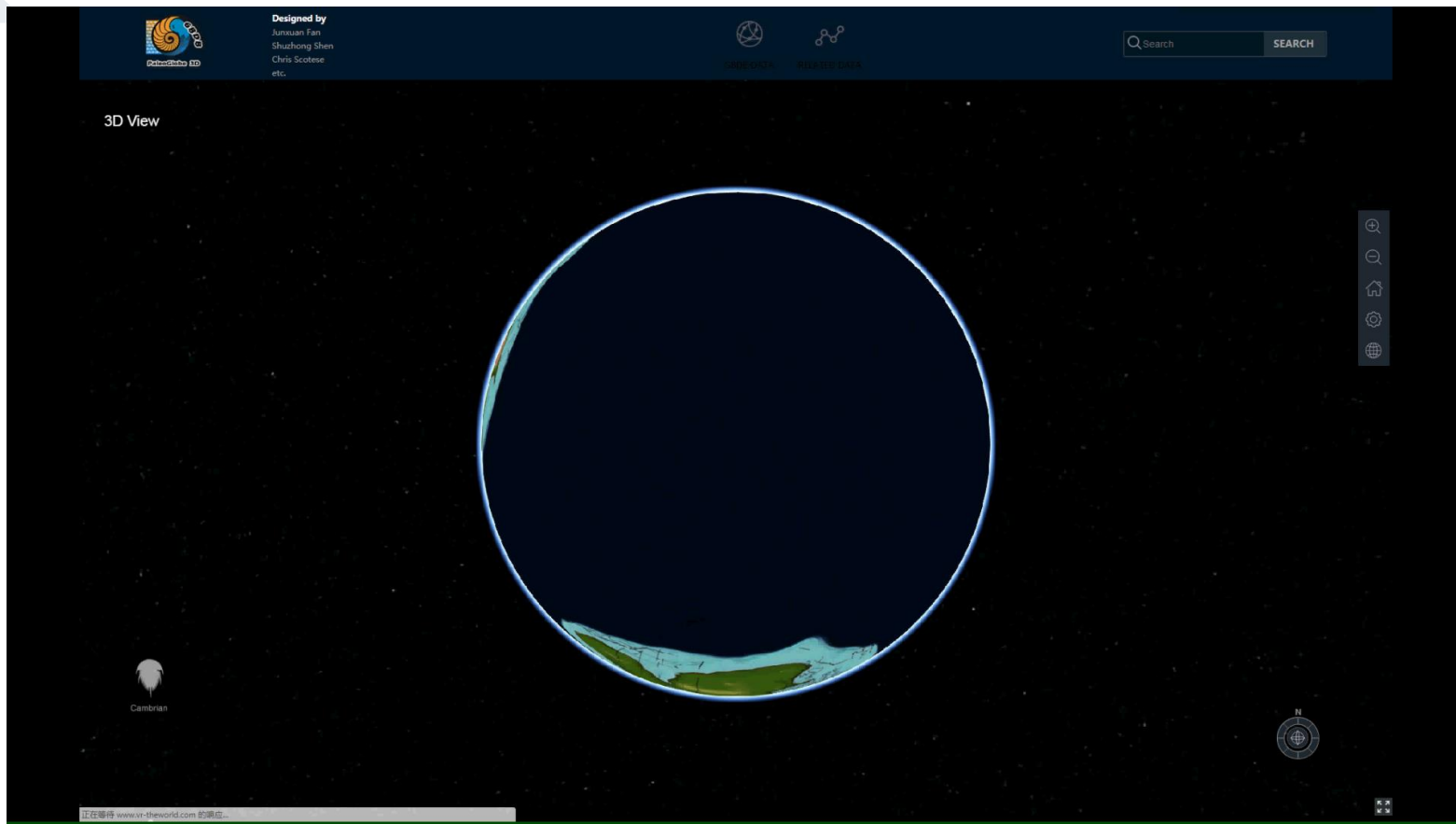
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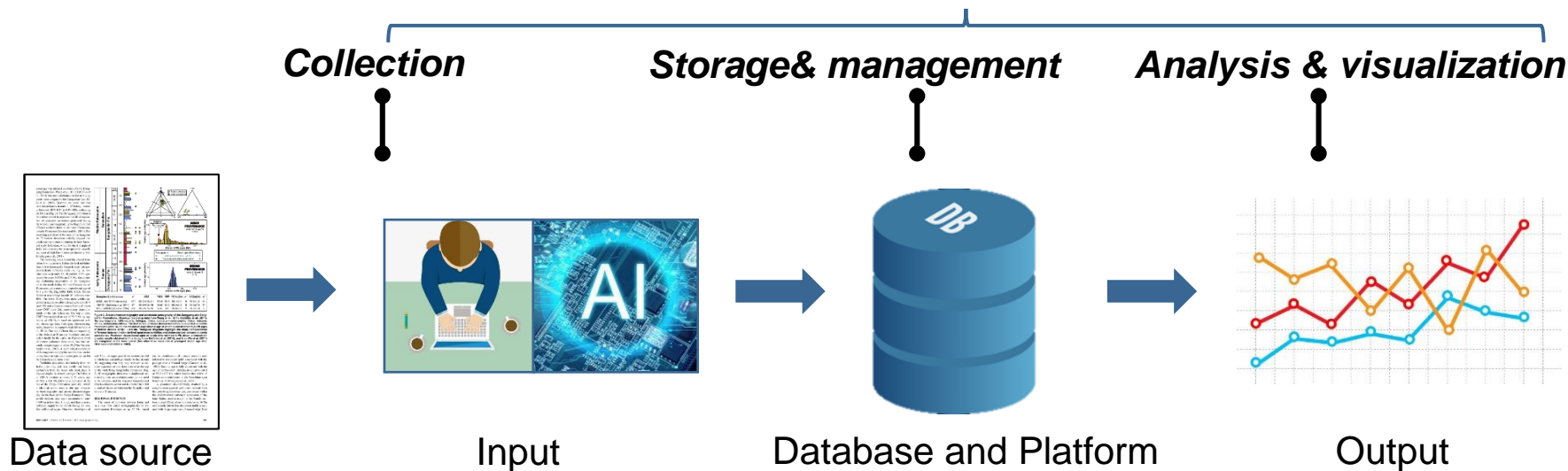
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## ◆ Artificial intelligence and machine learning

### *Knowledge System*



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— Text to annotate —

consistent with its palaeo-connection into the thicker and more extensive Carboniferous succession to the north-west, in the Midland Valley.

— Annotations —

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— Language —

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## Named Entity Recognition:

- 1 Apart from several named and extensively worked coal seams , the succession consists mainly of sandstone , siltstone , mudstone and seatearth , with ironstone ribs in places .
- 2 As with the underlying Scottish Lower Coal Measures , there is a general thinning of the succession towards the eastern part of the Sanquhar Basin , consistent with its palaeo-connection into the thicker and more extensive Carboniferous succession to the north-west , in the Midland Valley .

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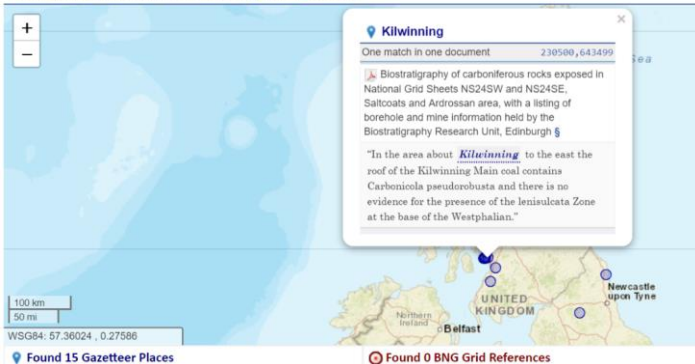
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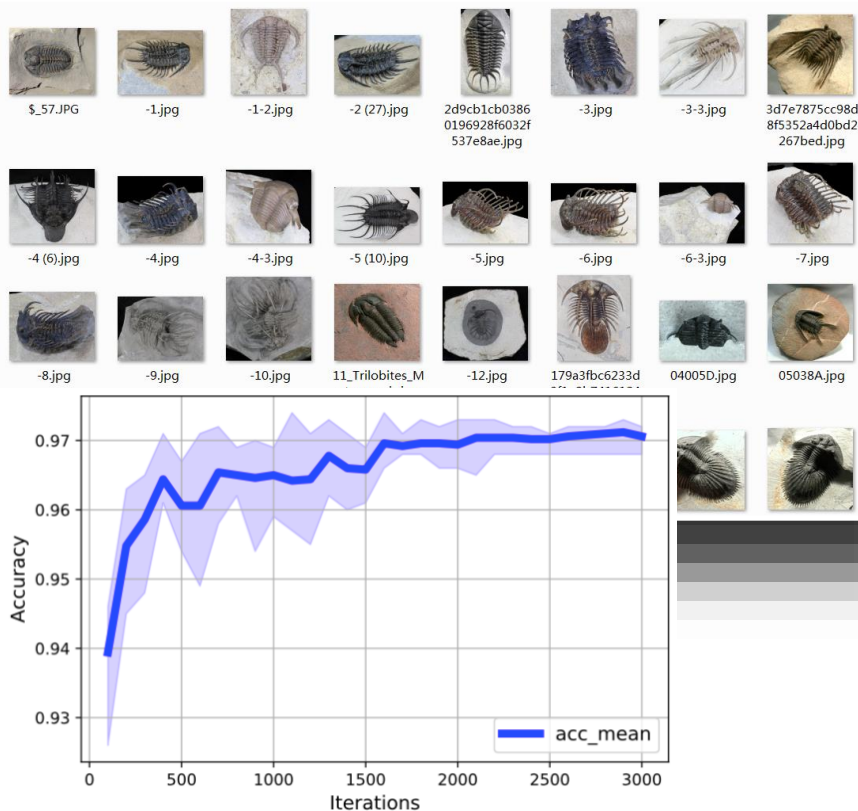
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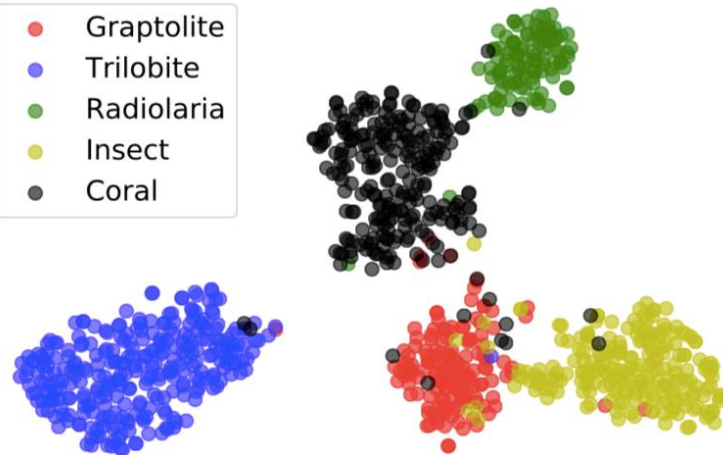


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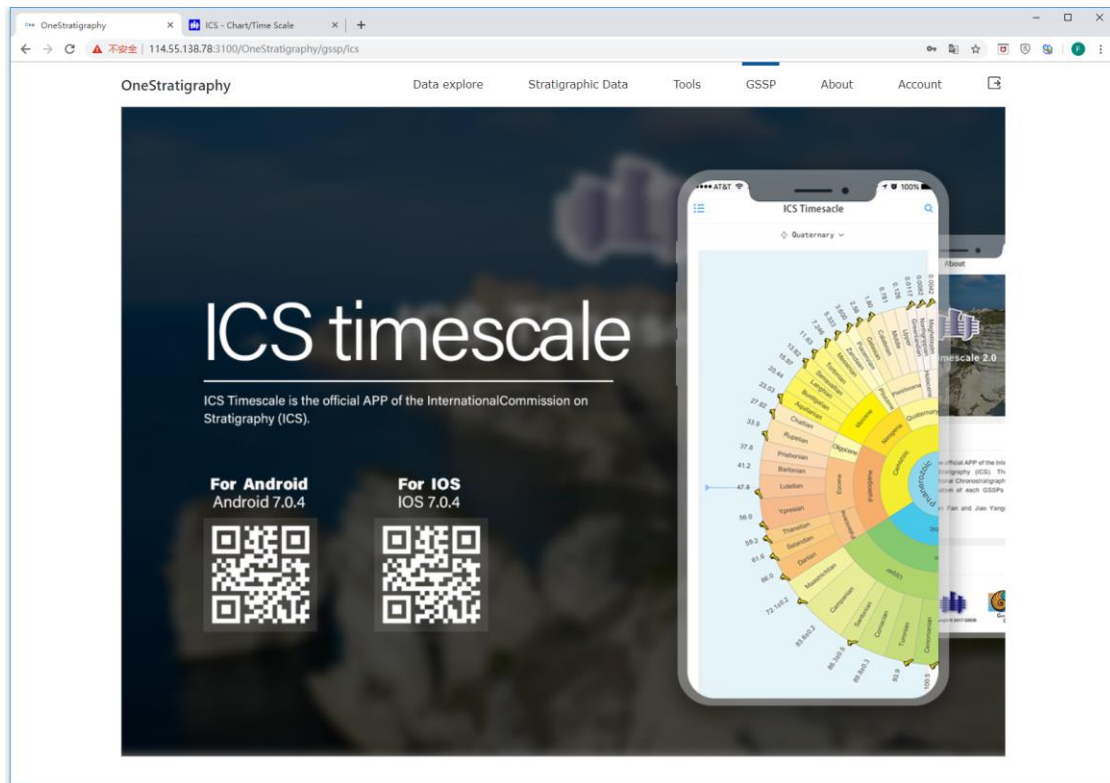


- ◆ 5 high-rank taxonomy, 4000 images
- ◆ VGG16 model
- ◆ 97% accuracy: top 1 catalogue
- ◆ Next:
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  - ✓ Species level

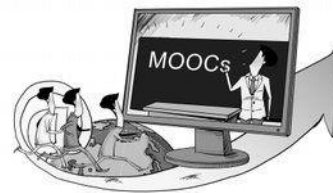


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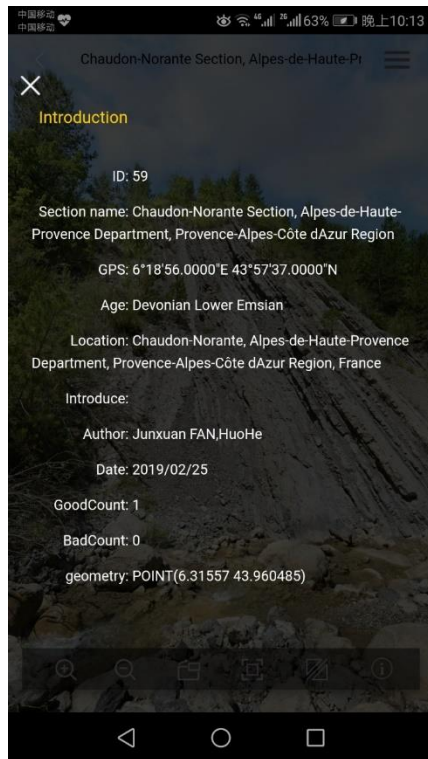
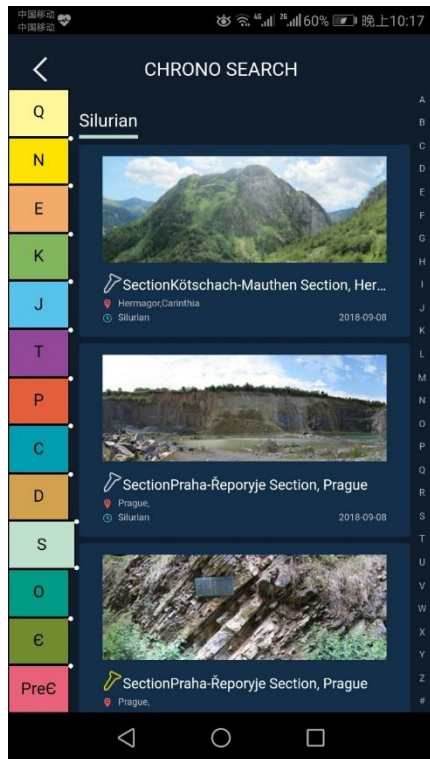
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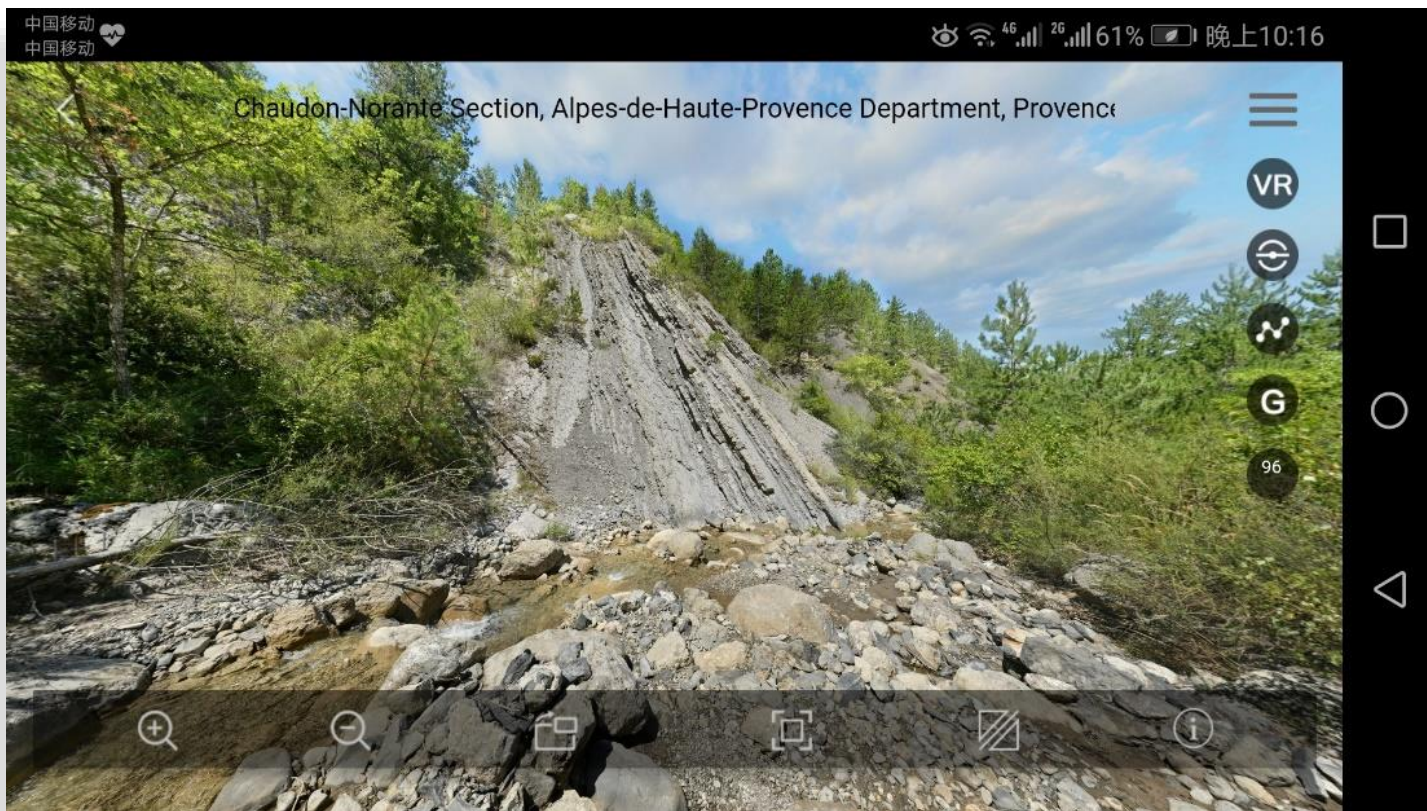
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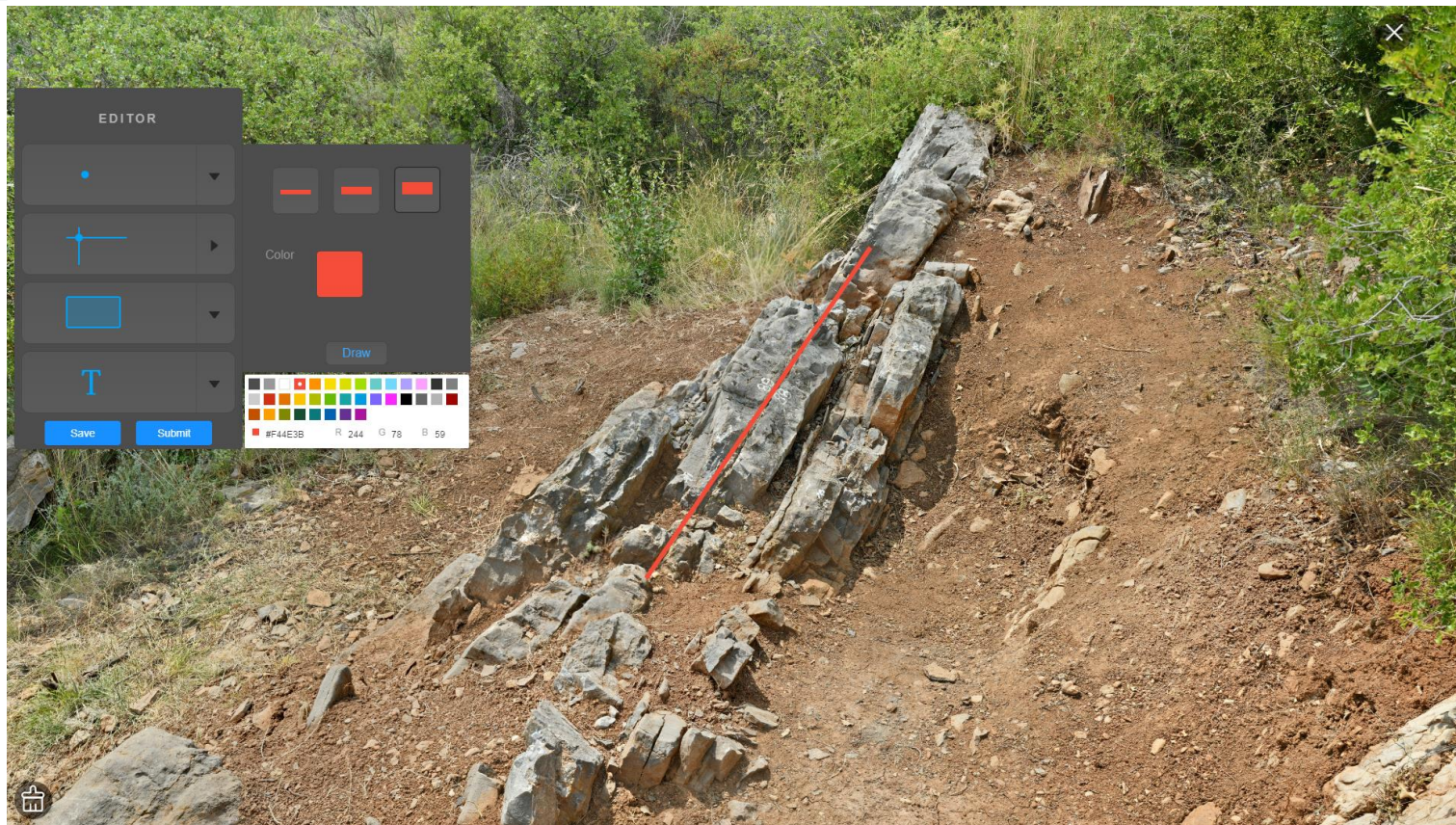
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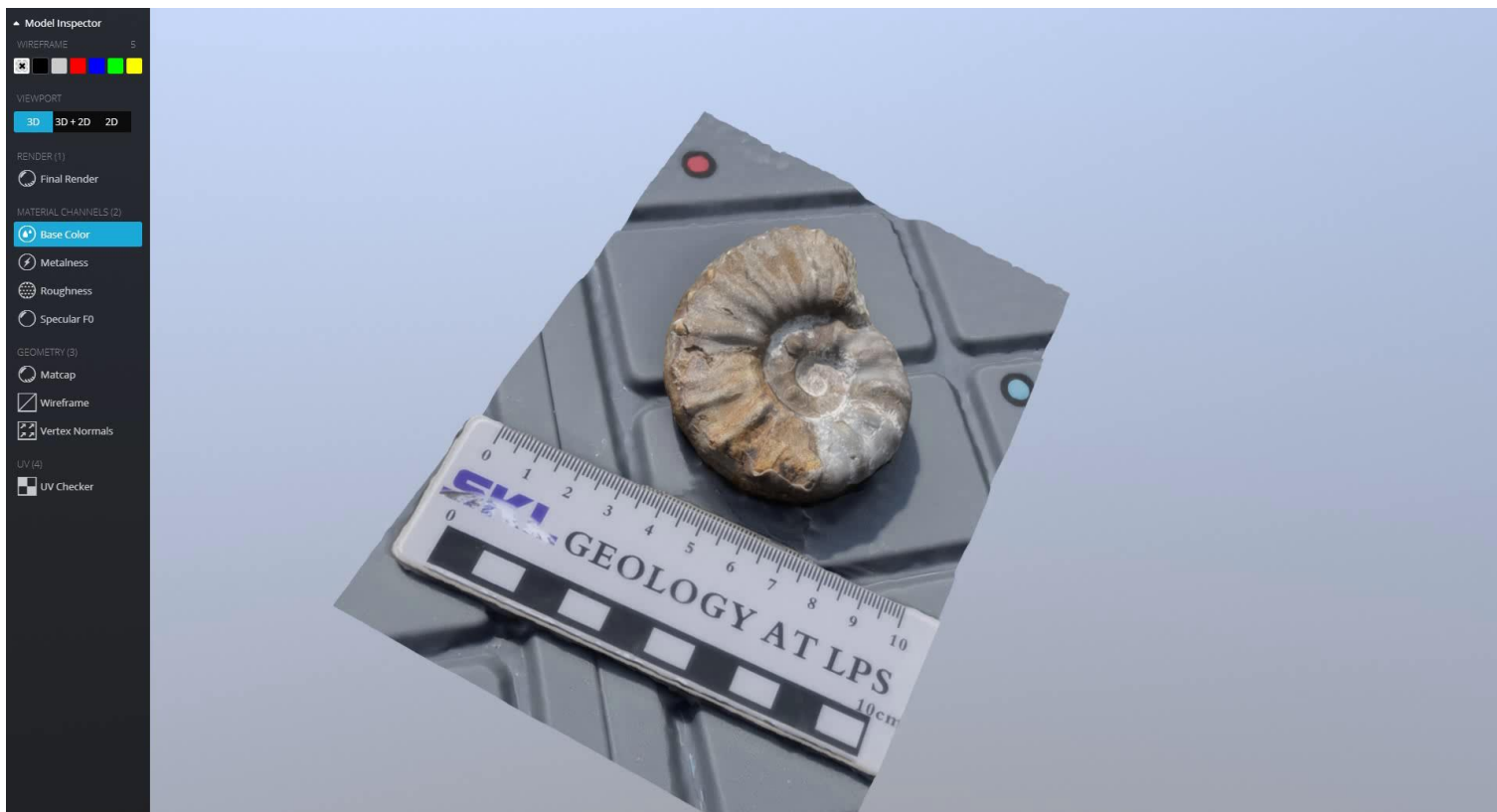


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# The future: *Geo-cyberspace*





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