

# Innovation to support the UNCOVER Business

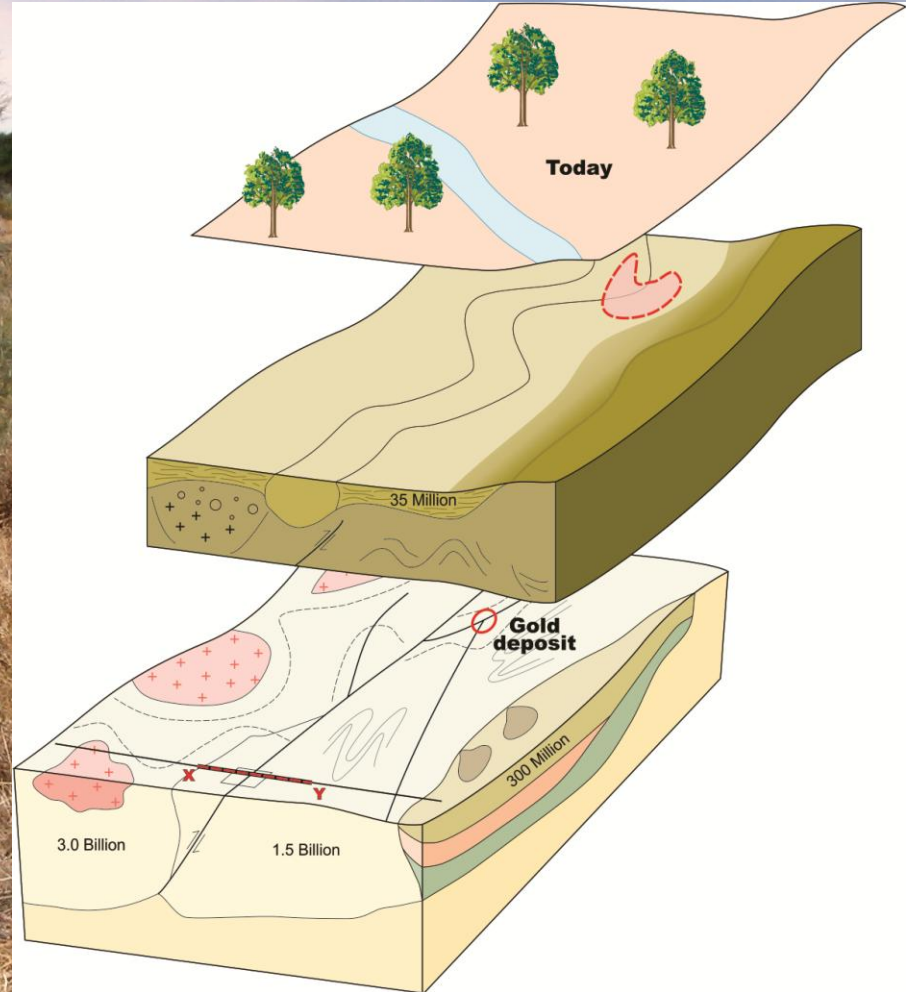
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Rob Hough, Tim Munday, Dave Gray, Michelle Carey, Richard Hillis  
and DET CRC team, and plenty of others .....

# Can we challenge perception?



# Mineral Systems and R&D

## The Why Question

**Why is the ore body there?**

### 6 Questions

1. Geodynamics
2. Architecture
3. Fluid reservoirs
4. Flow drivers & pathways
5. Deposition
6. Preservation

### Inputs from:

Data Integration

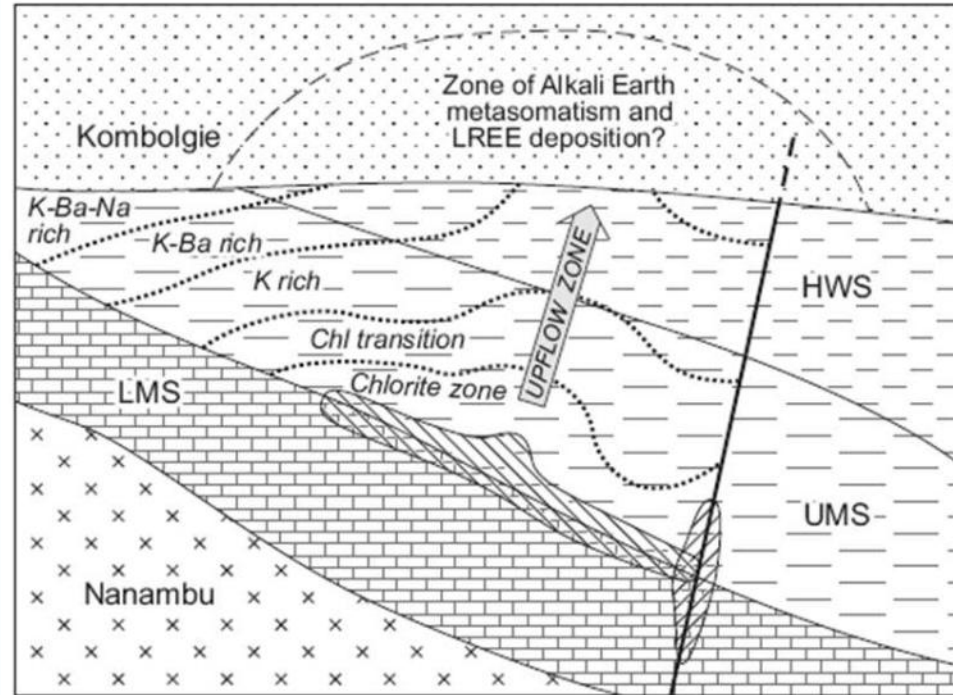
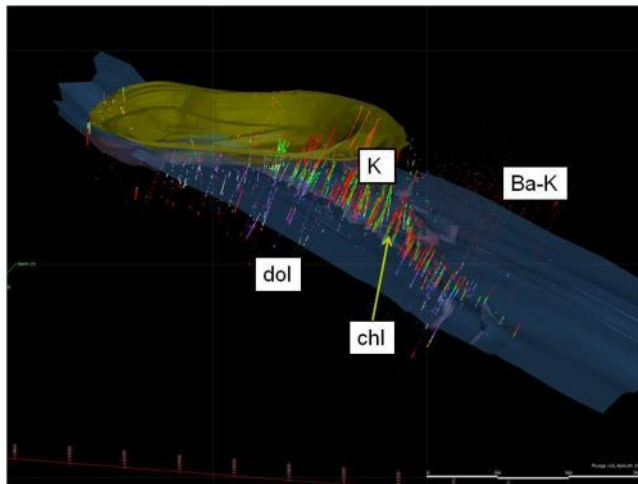
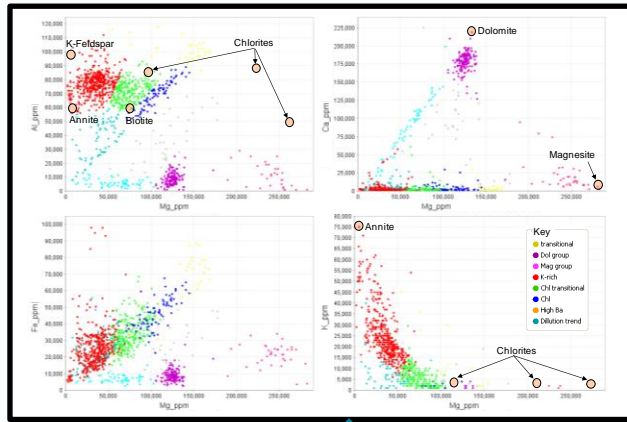
New technology

3D Analytics

## The Where Question

**Where is the next ore body?**

# Targeting Distal Footprints



Fisher et al; 2013

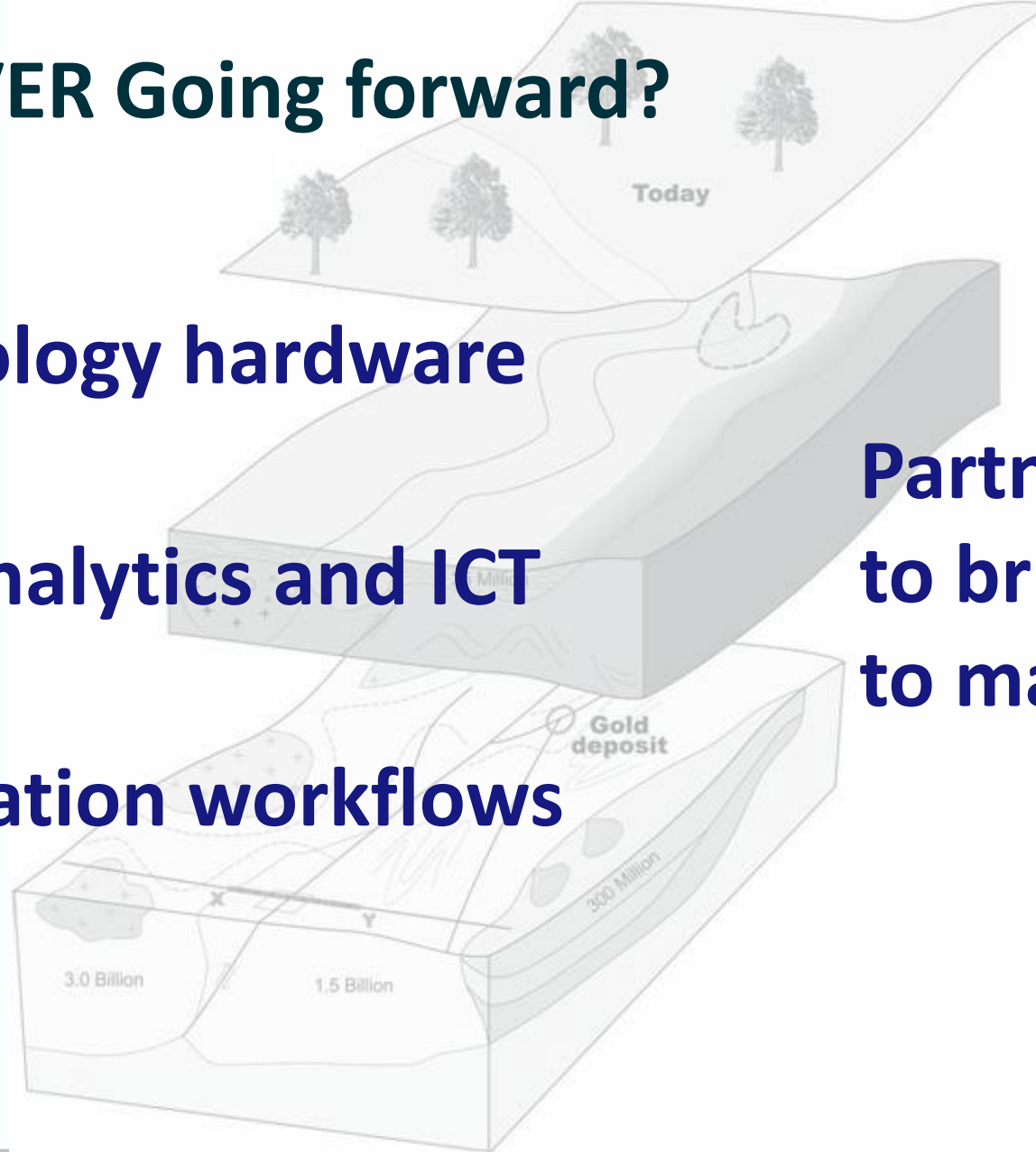
# UNCOVER Going forward?

Technology hardware

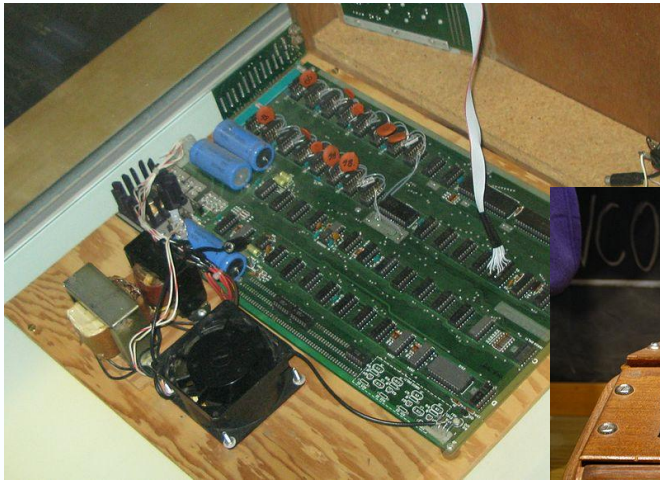
Data analytics and ICT

Exploration workflows

Partner  
to bring  
to market



**“Innovation is the process of bringing better solutions to solve new requirements, unarticulated needs or existing market needs.”**



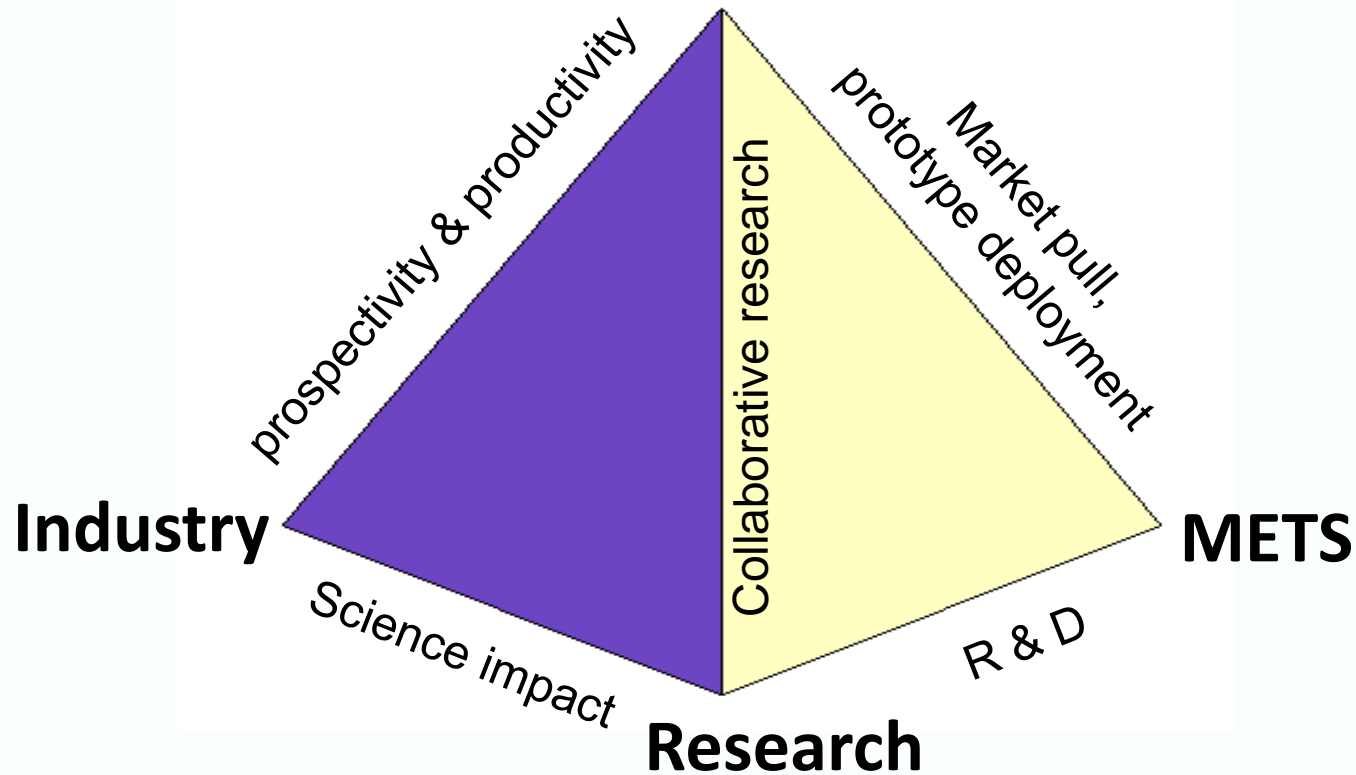
**The birth of Apple**



# How will UNCOVER make a material difference to the business of exploring under cover?

# The Australian Innovation Partnership

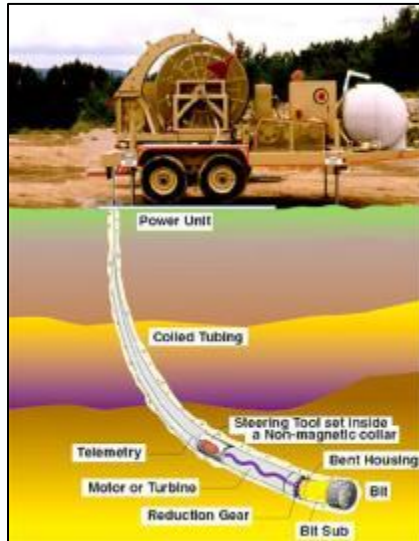
## State and Federal Geo



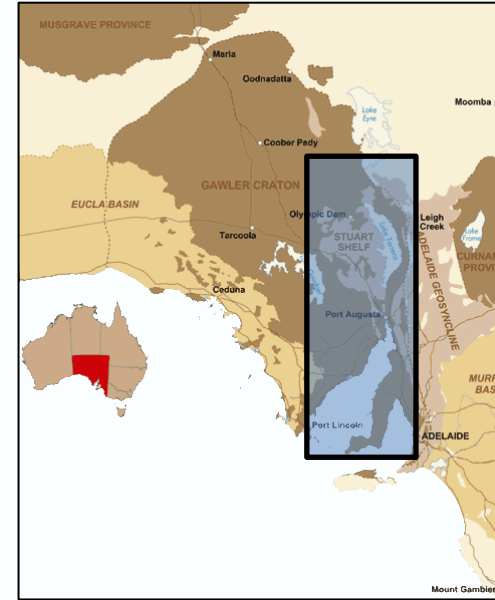
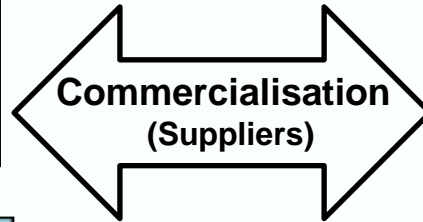
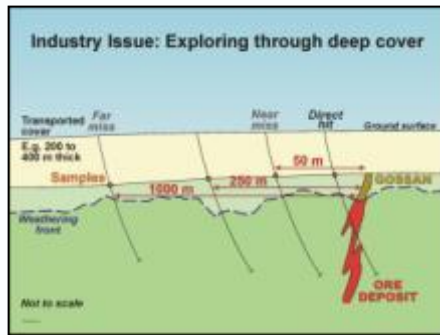


# Market push-pull strategies

CT Rig drilling  
at \$50/m  
sampling  
cover and  
basement



Lab-on-rig  
detects  
geochemical  
vectors within  
3.5 km of  
mineralised  
system



Government  
co-sponsored  
regional  
5km x 5km  
grid drilling  
program

**Market Pull**  
(Government &  
Mining Companies)

**Technology Push**  
(R&D Providers)

# The DET CRC Strategy 2013-2017

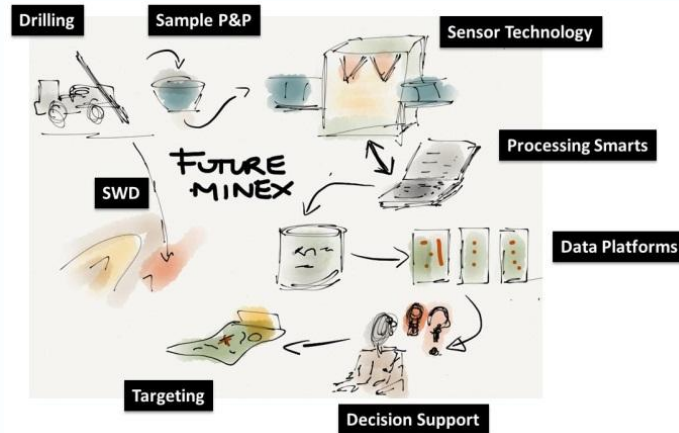
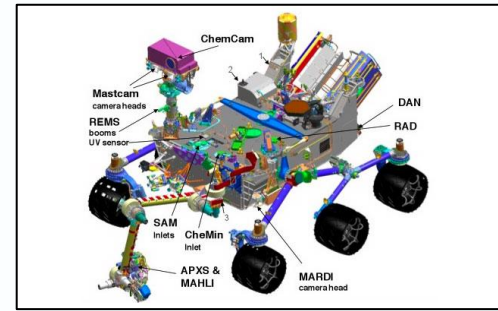
## Drilling



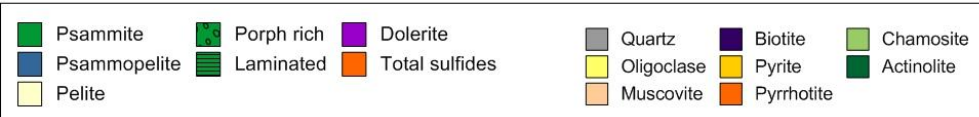
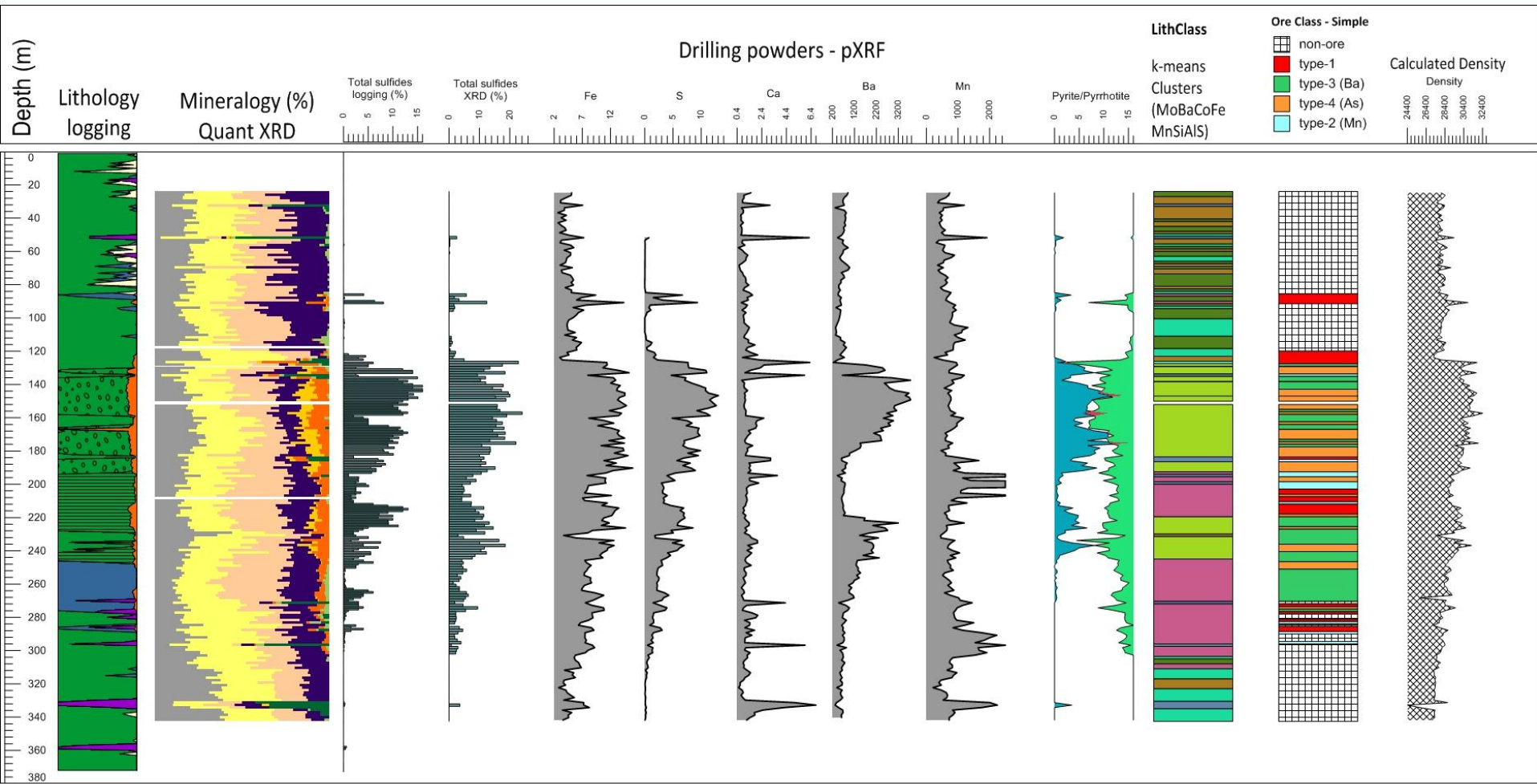
## Down hole sensors



## Top of hole sensors



# Initial Brukunga Drilling Powders Work



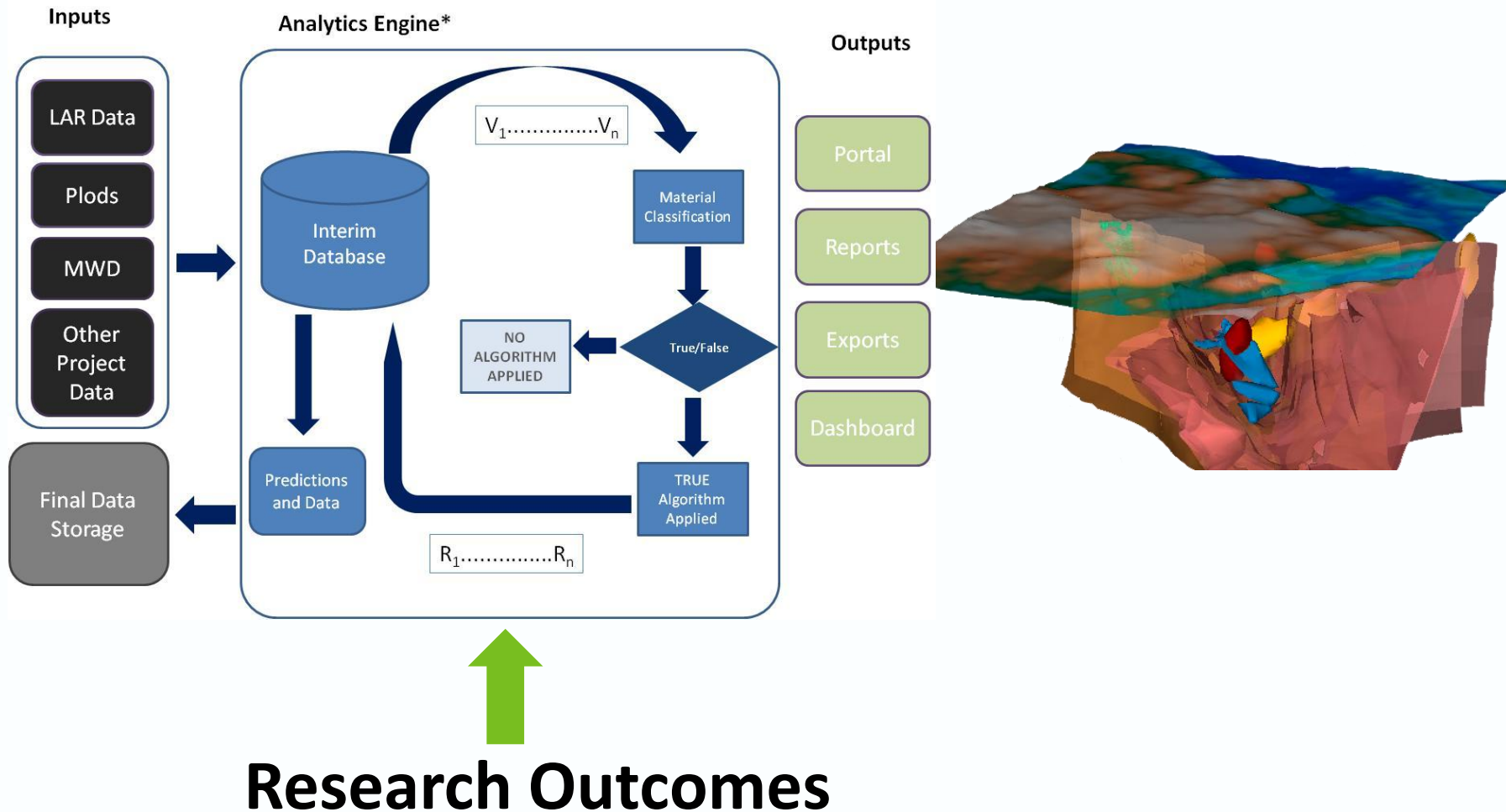
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# Decision Support?

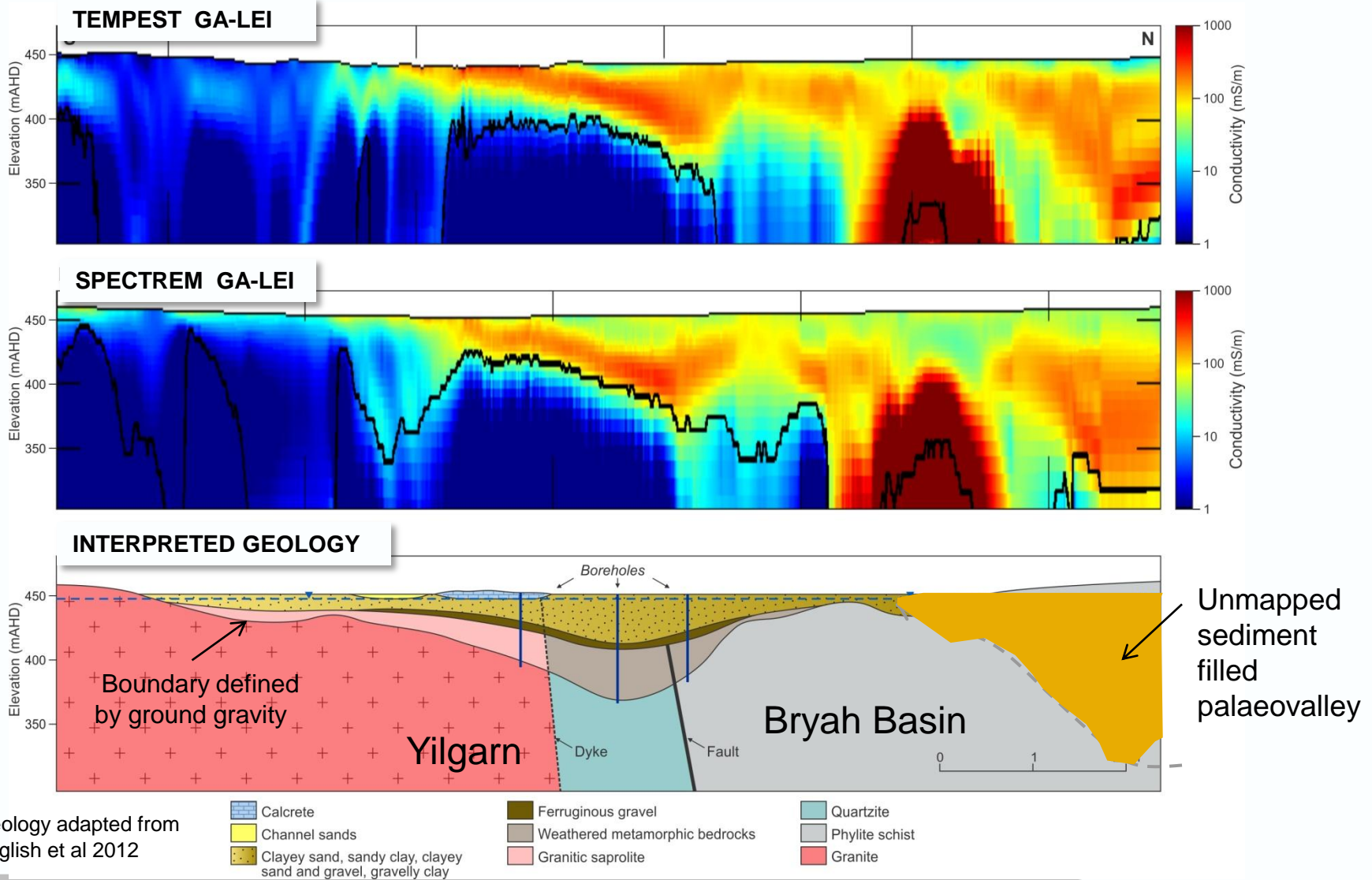


# New technology will need data analytics

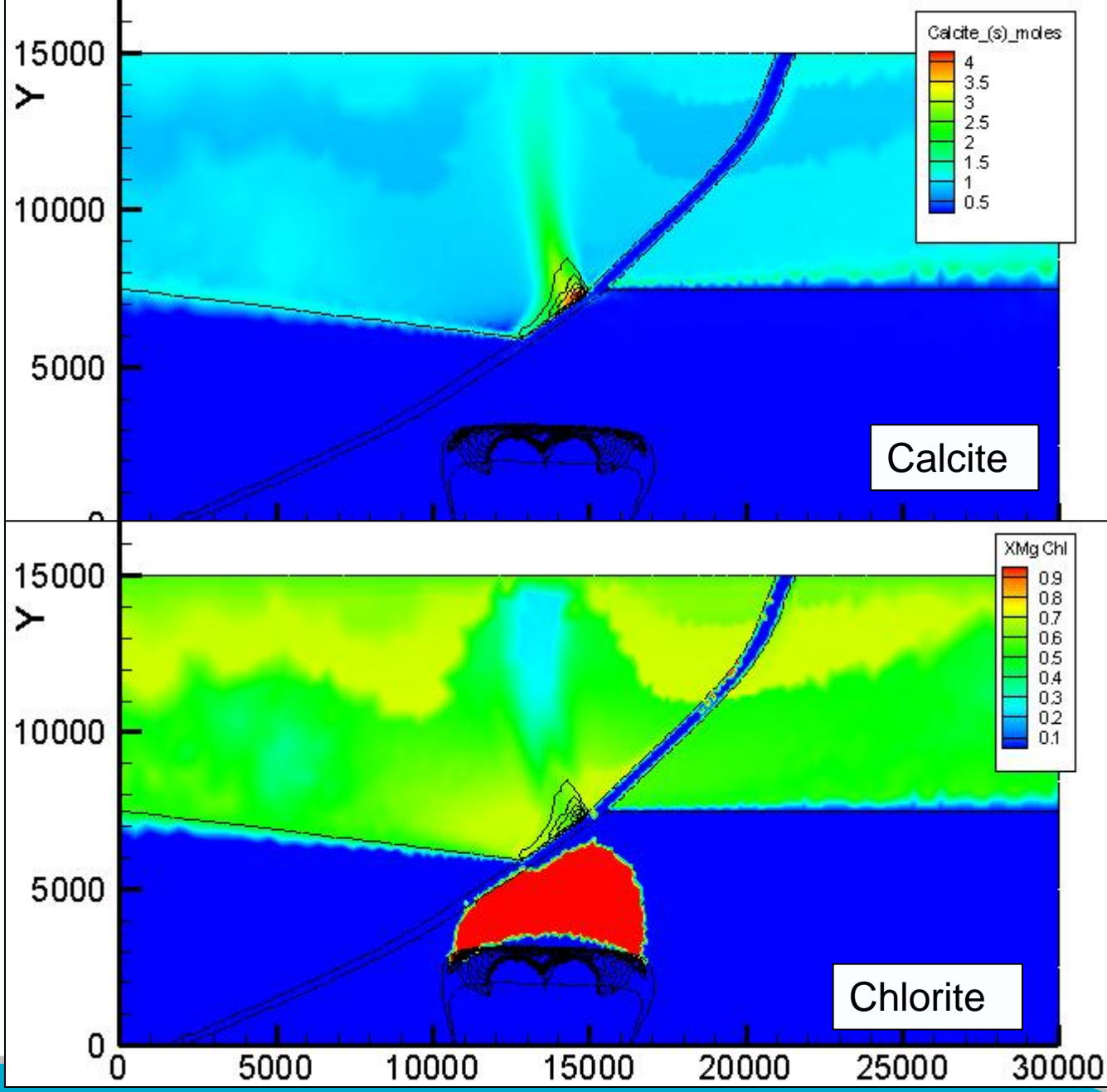


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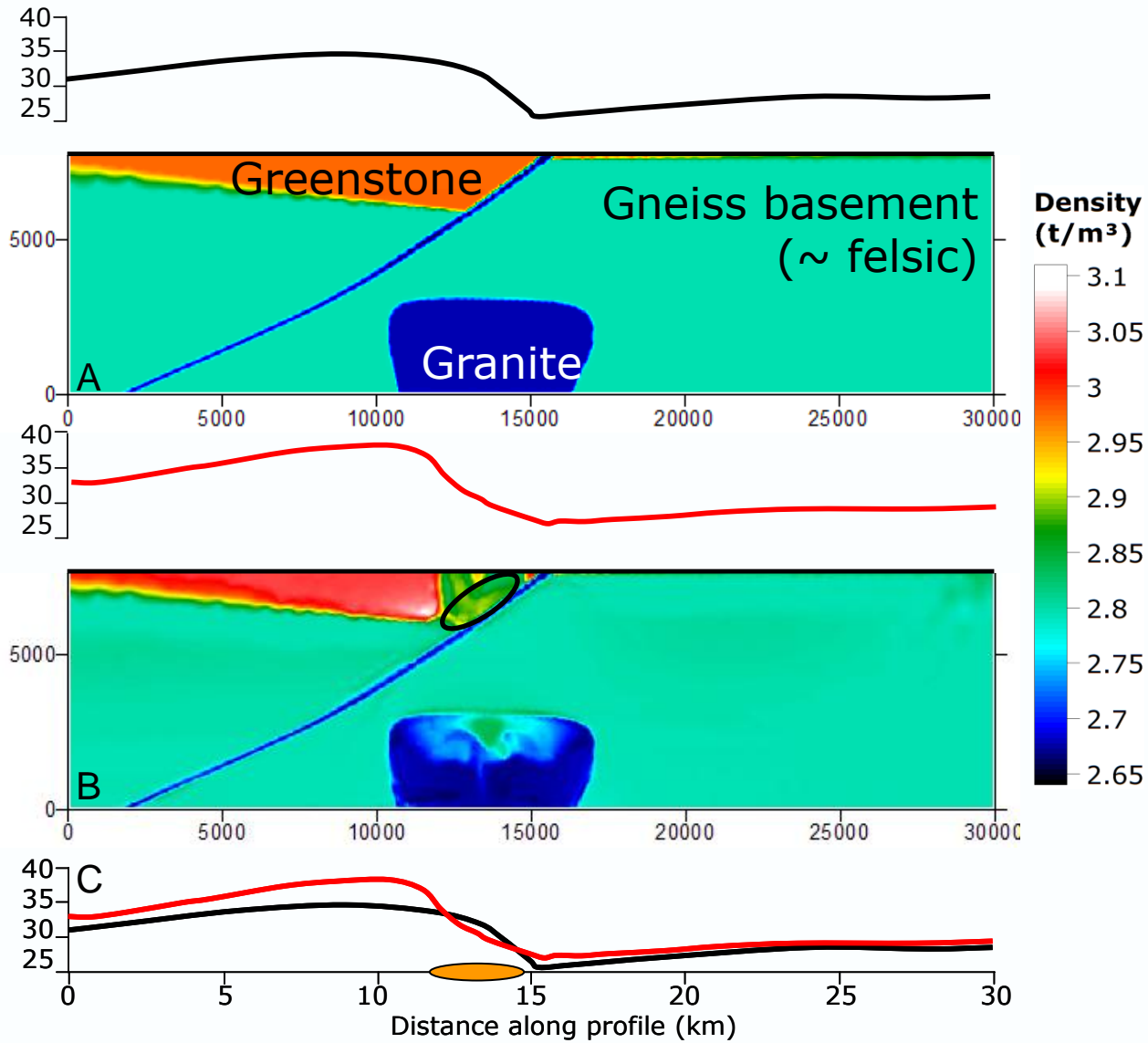
# Characterisation of Cover



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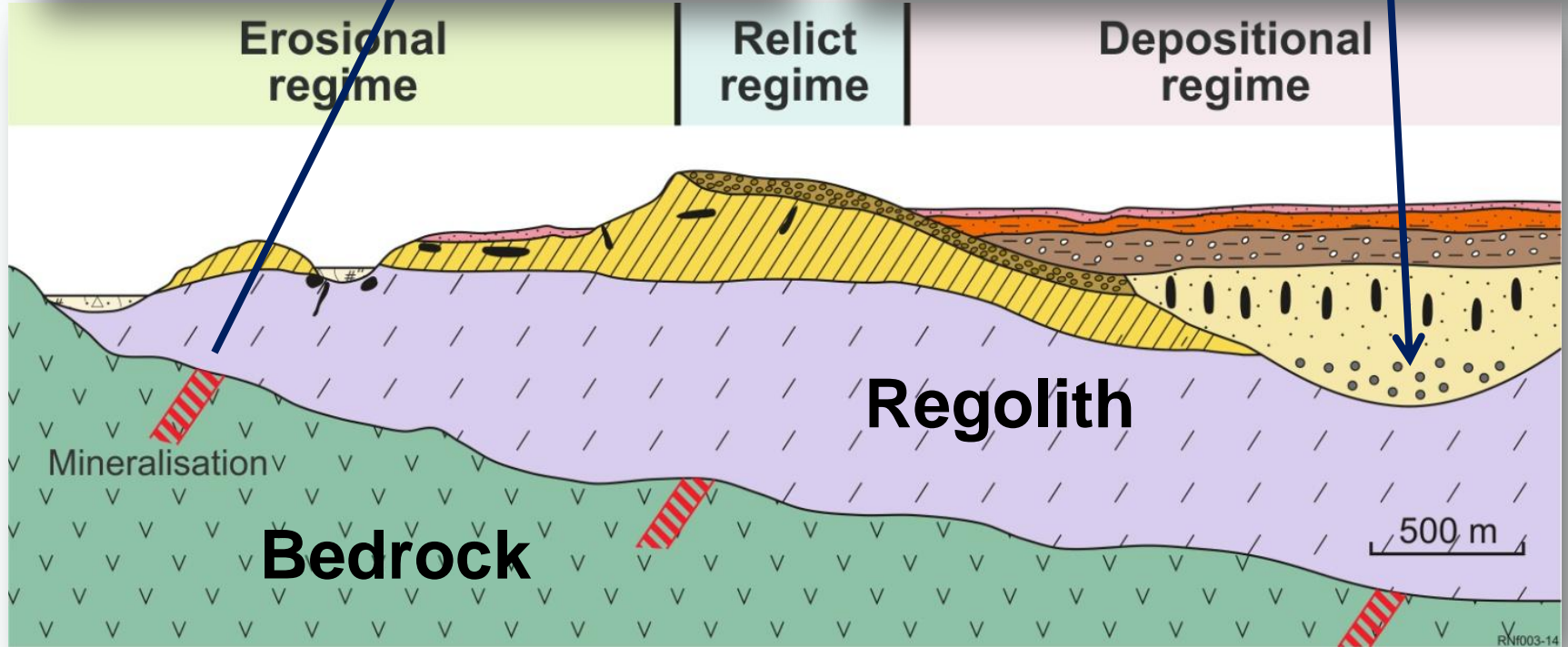
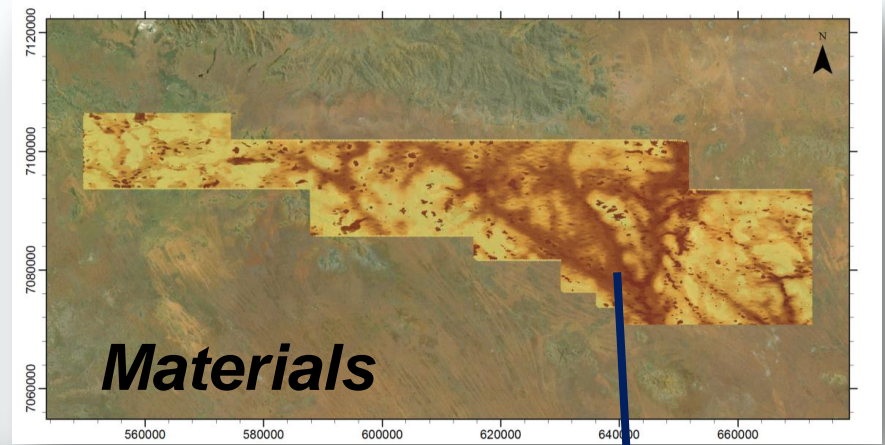
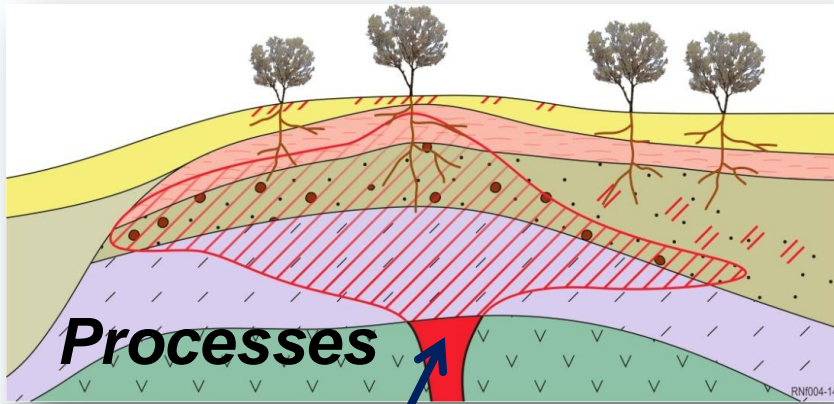


# Gravity response from this model

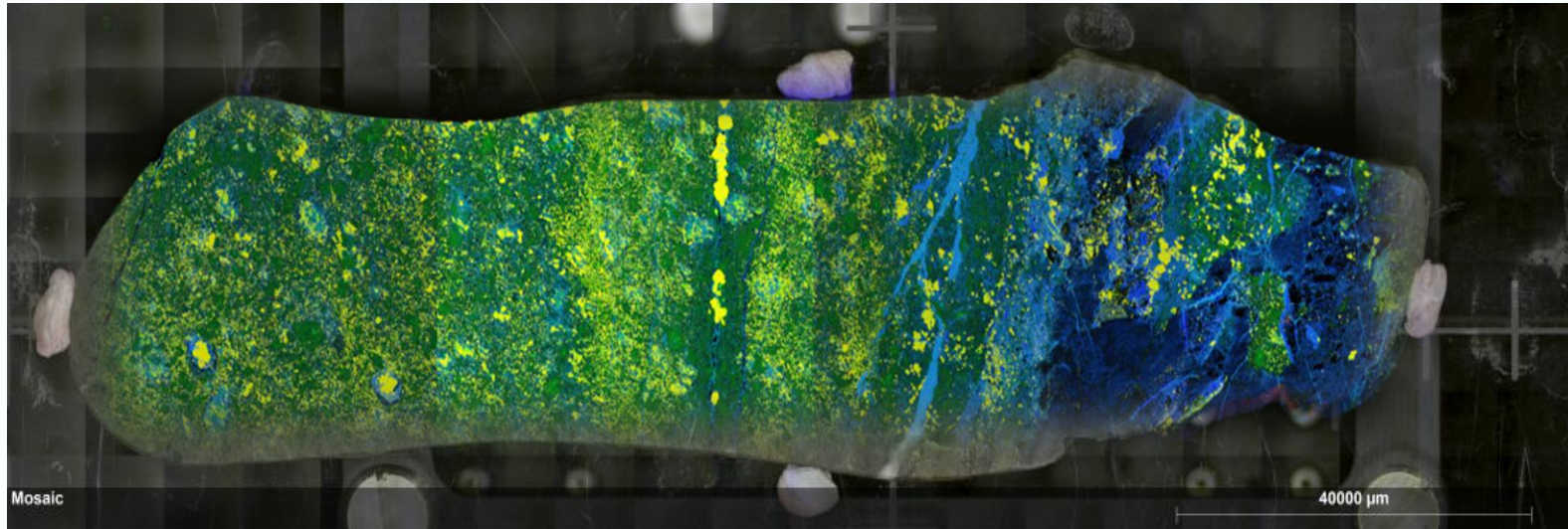




# Materials and Process



# Advanced Characterisation

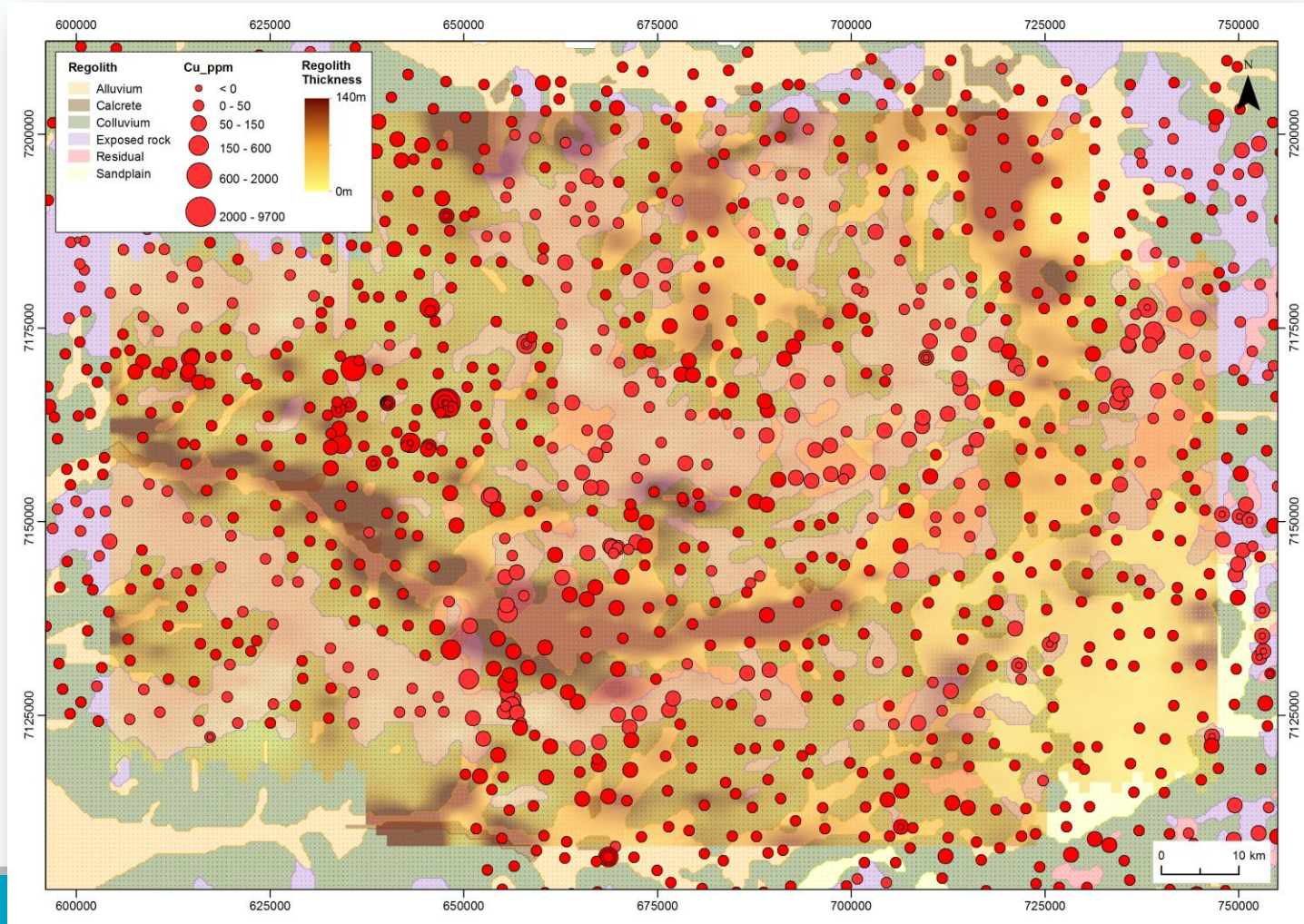


**Characterise  
the rocks with  
next gen core  
facilities**



# Capricorn Orogen – Merging disciplines

Future science linking core strengths in regolith and geochemistry with geophysics to better define exploration workflows



**Technology will drive new thinking but how do we capture the opportunity – work programs?**

**How will UNCOVER make a material difference to the business of exploration under cover?**

**UNCOVER needs to cross the discipline barriers. How will we grow the network and share the data and thinking?**