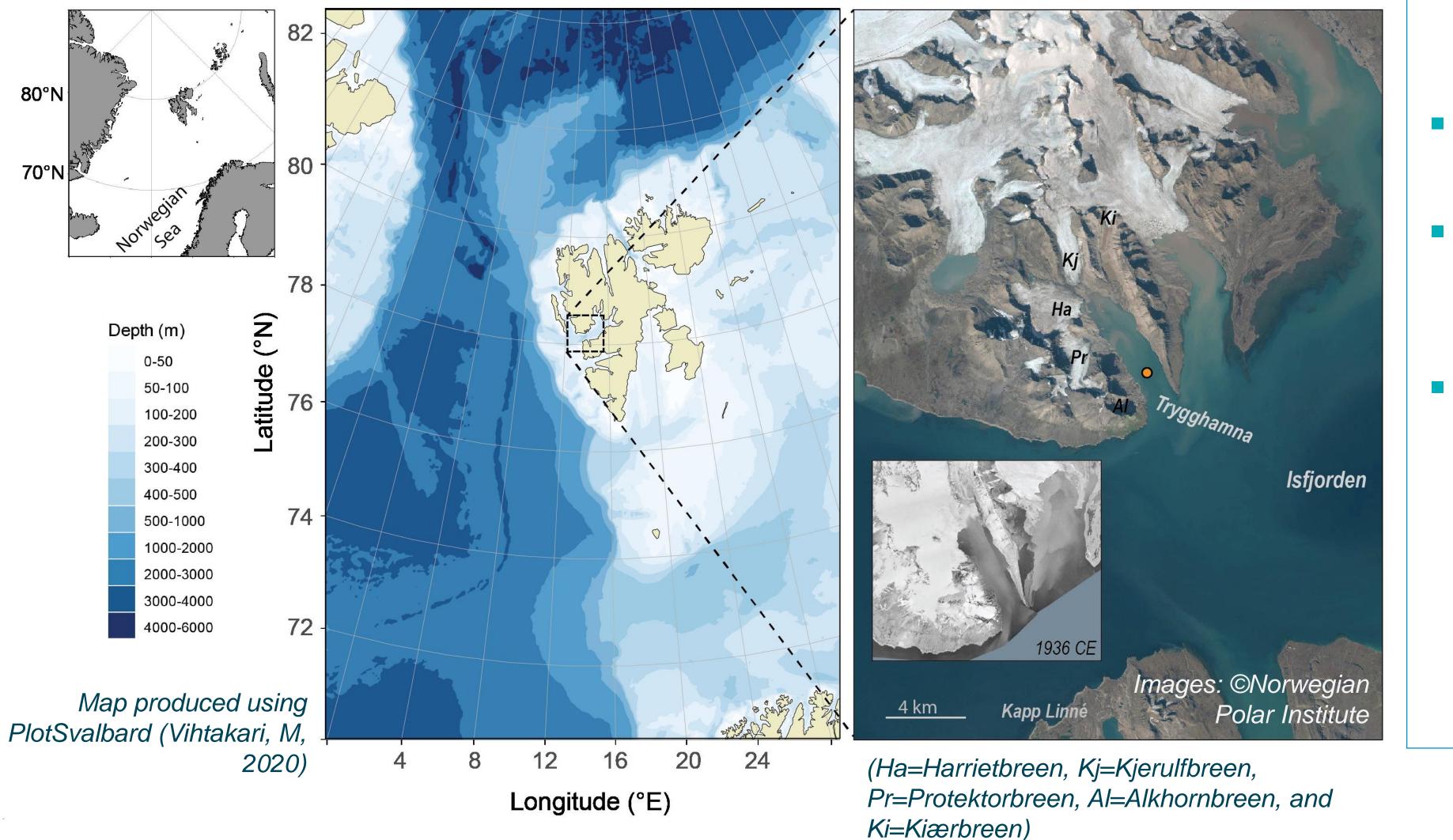
Glacimarine sedimentation in Trygghamna, Svalbard

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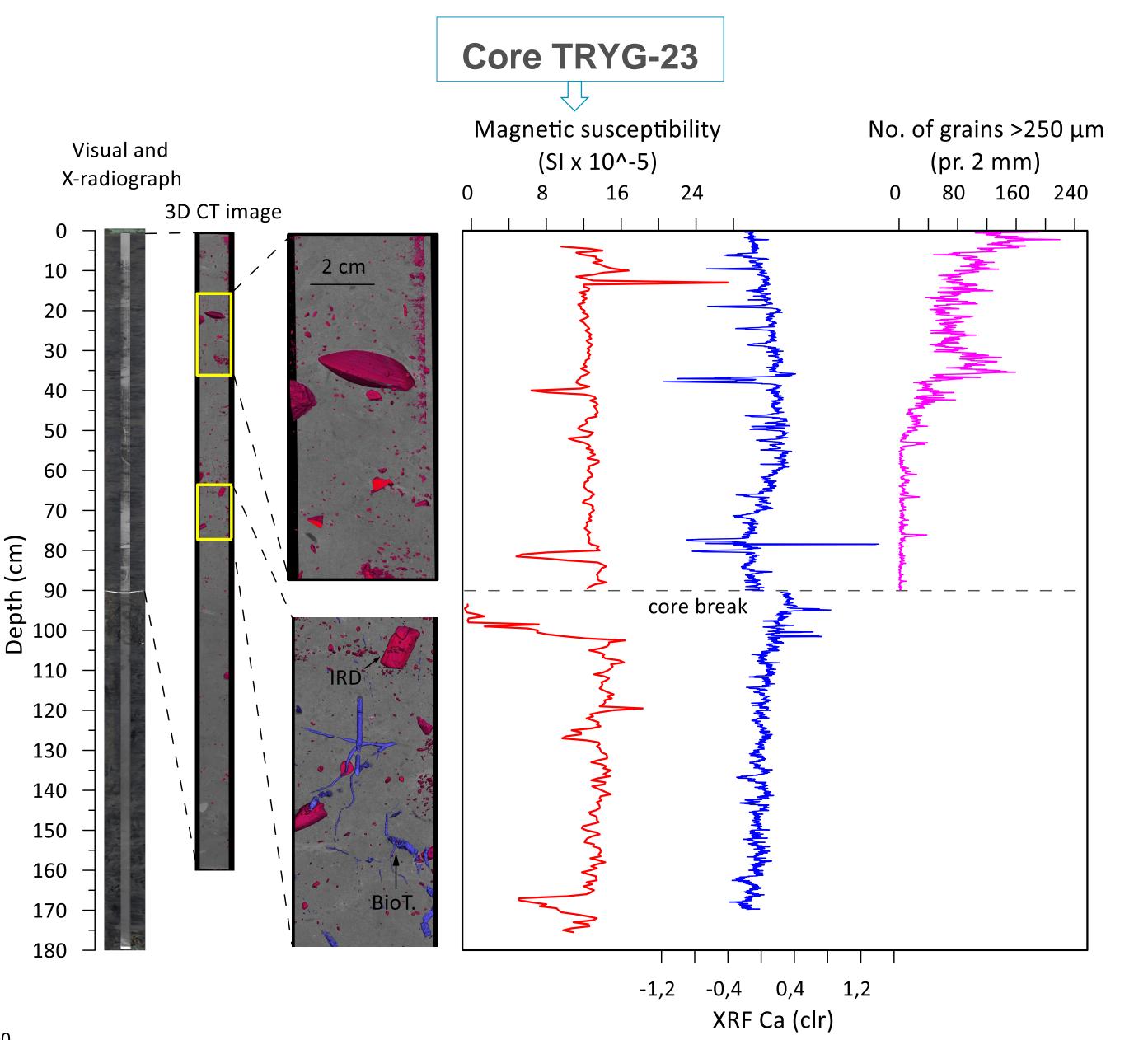
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Background

Two marine sediment sequences from Trygghamna (78°14.5'N,13°51.0'E) are investigated

- Presently, 5 glaciers supply meltwater and sediments to the fjord basin: 1 grounded tidewater glacier, and 4 glaciers terminating on land
- The motivation for this study is
 - 1) to reconstruct temporal variations in (glacigenic) sediment accumulation
 - to identify, if possible, a sedimentary 2) signature reflecting the transition(s) from marine-terminating to land-terminating glaciers as recorded in the sediments

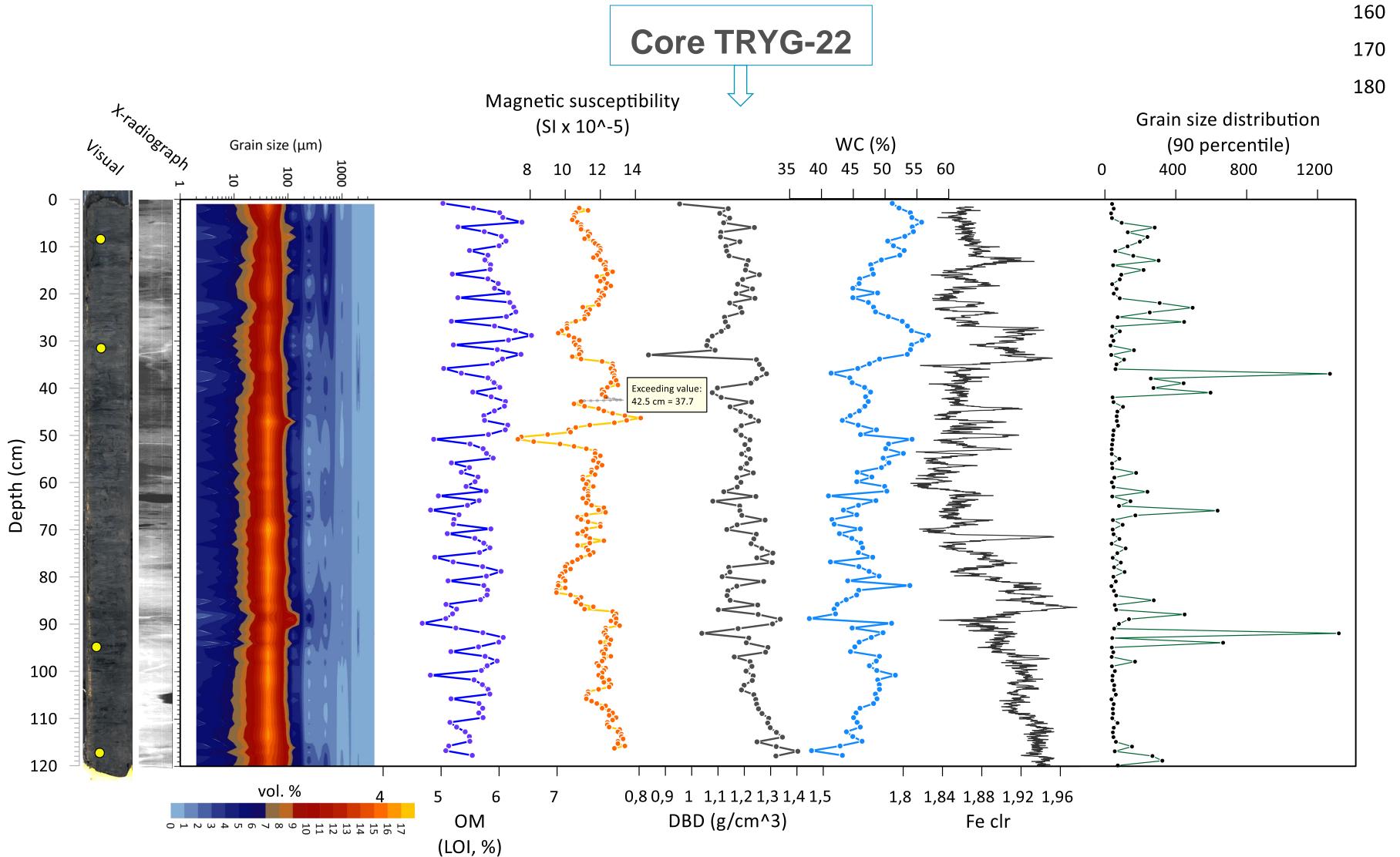


Methods and preliminary results

We combine non-destructive methods including 3D-computed tomography (CT) and µ-X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy (XRF)

with physical sediment properties, magnetic properties, and total organic carbon to infer temporal and spatial variations in sediment transfer

- Chronology will be based on ¹⁴C and ²¹⁰Pb ages
- 3D CT-imaging allow for e.g., sediment facies identification, IRD quantification, bioturbation structures visualization, as well as identification of sediment deformation and structures



Outlook

- Statistical analysis will be performed to elucidate and identify the relative contribution from different sedimentary sources and processes
- A robust chronology will be established for climatic context and comparison with relevant records

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