Research using the North Pole Fibre infrastructure

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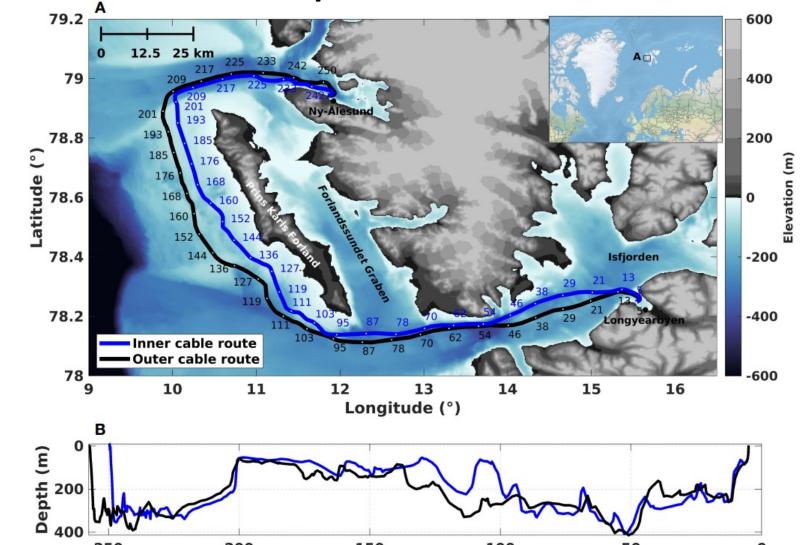








The two fibre optic cables offshore Svalbard



150

Distance (km)

100

50

250

200

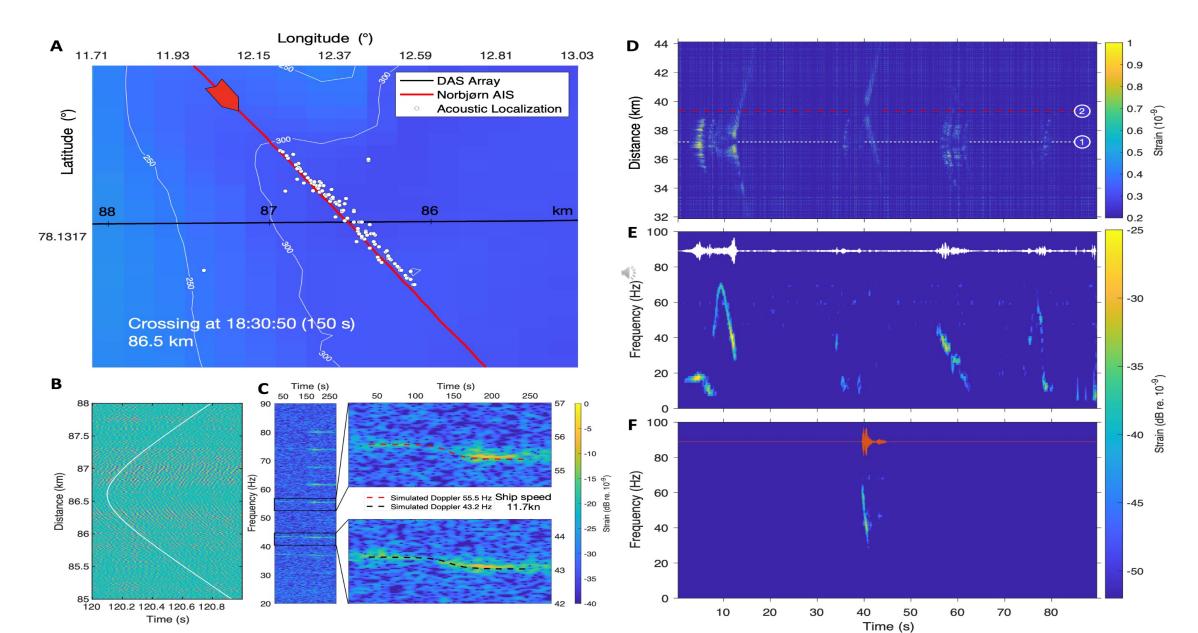


These fibres are being used by:

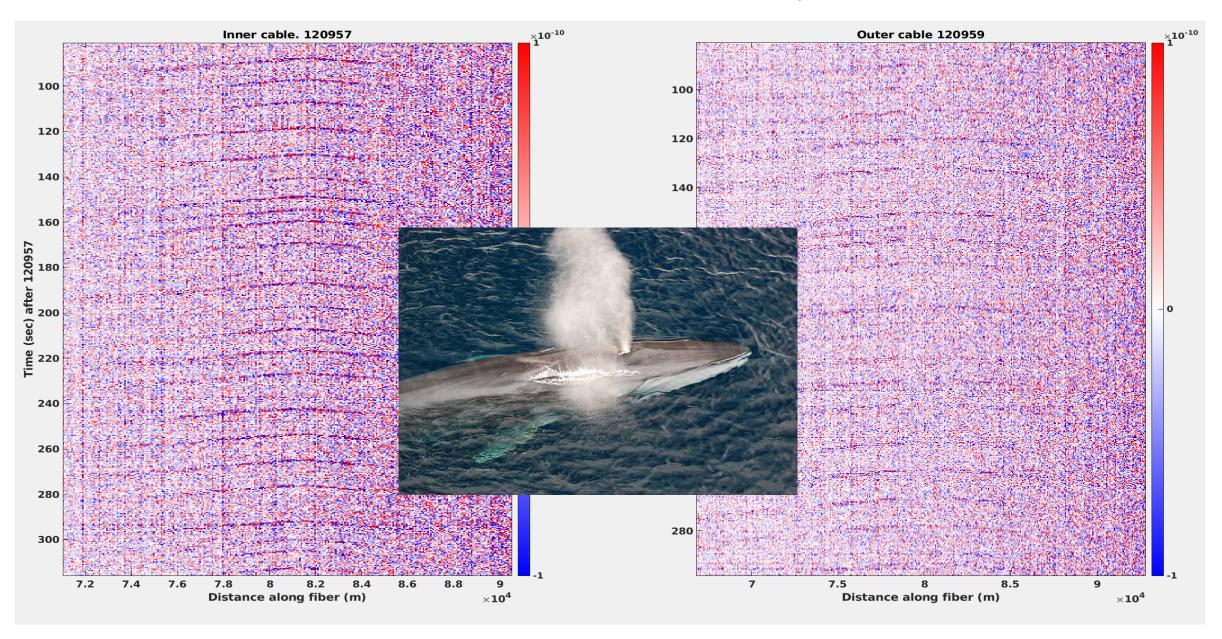
- CGF(Centre for Geophysical Foreasting, NTNU)
- SUBMERSE (EU Tech01 project)
- SeaSounds (EU ITN project)

JAMSTEC in Japan is a partner in CGF

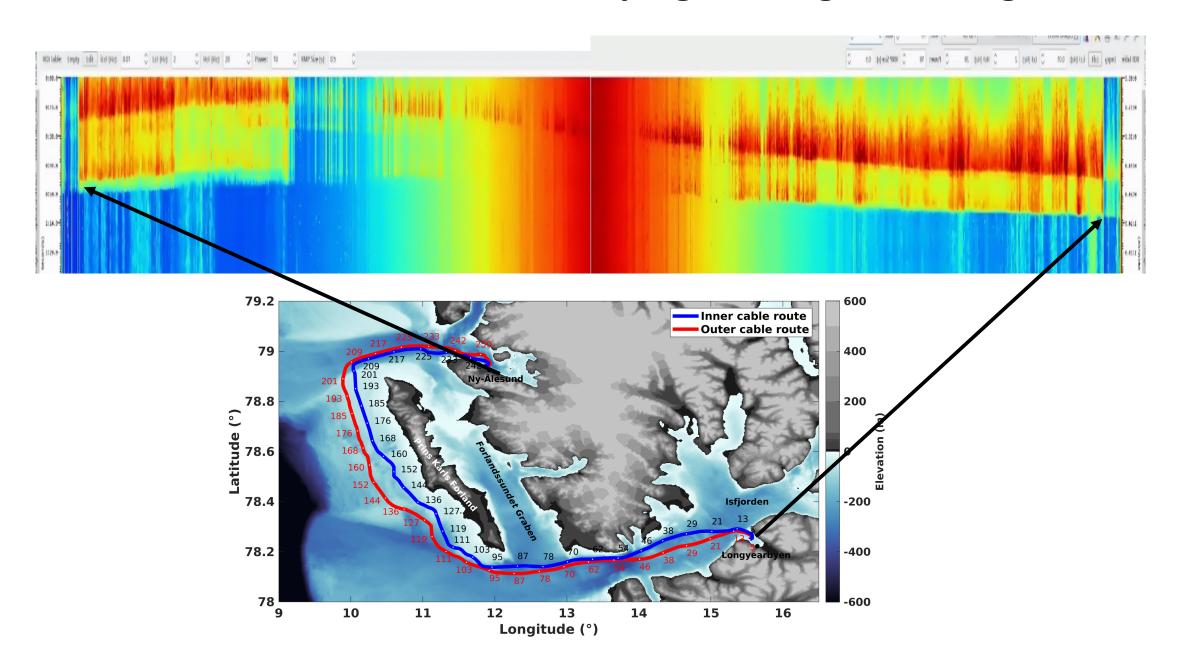
Sensing whales, storms, ships and earthquakes - Arctic fibre-optic cable



24 fin whale calls recorded simultaneously on both cables

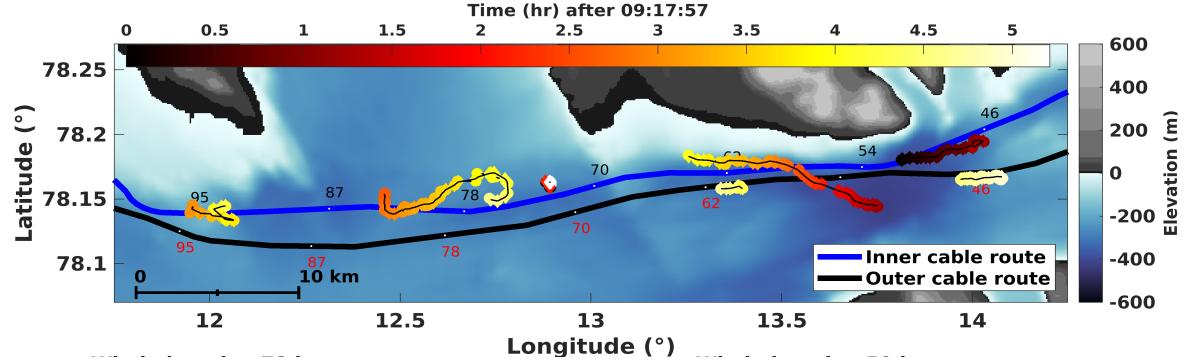


The 2022 CGF Svalbard field campaign: Using 4 interrogators

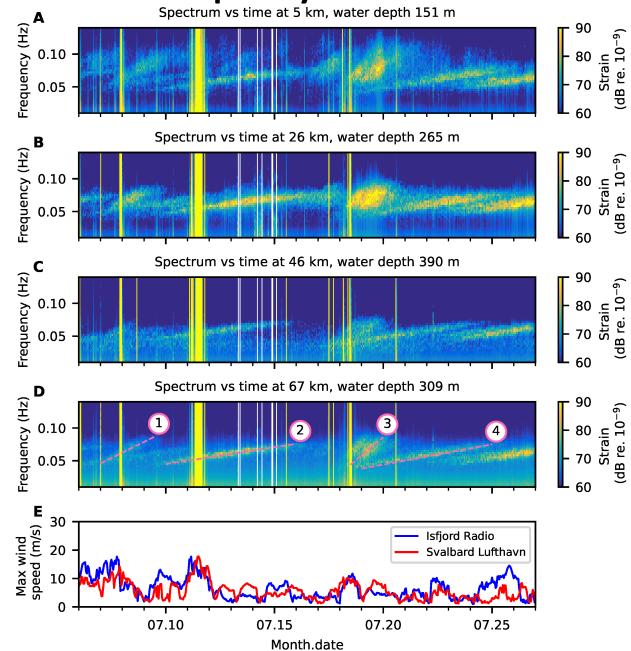


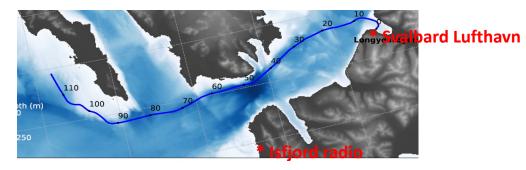
Tracking fin whales





Low frequency DAS – Distant storms





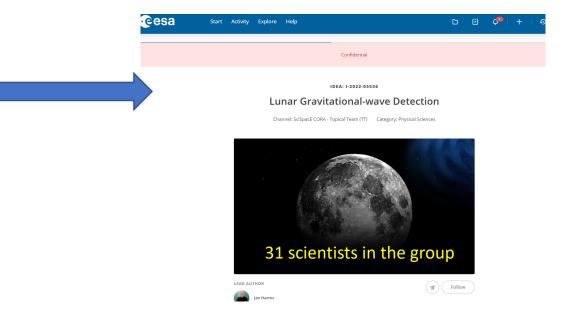
Munk, 1963: $x = \frac{g}{4\pi \left(\frac{df}{dt}\right)}$

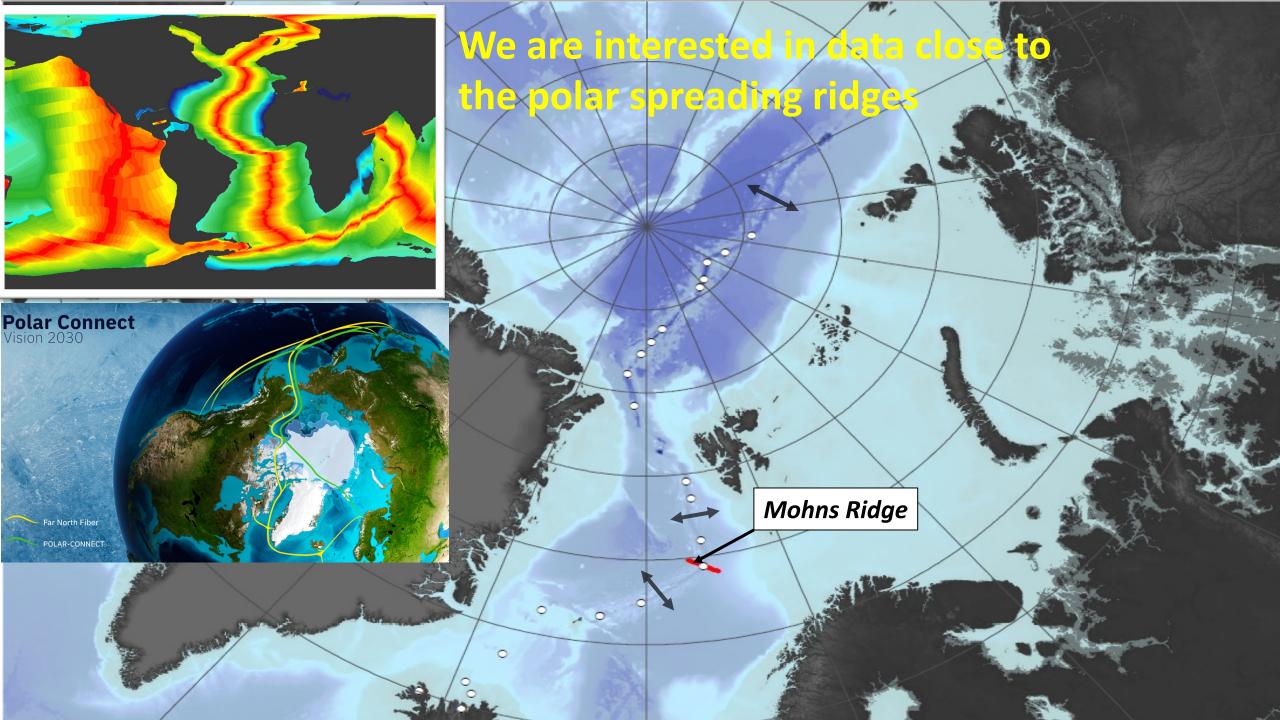
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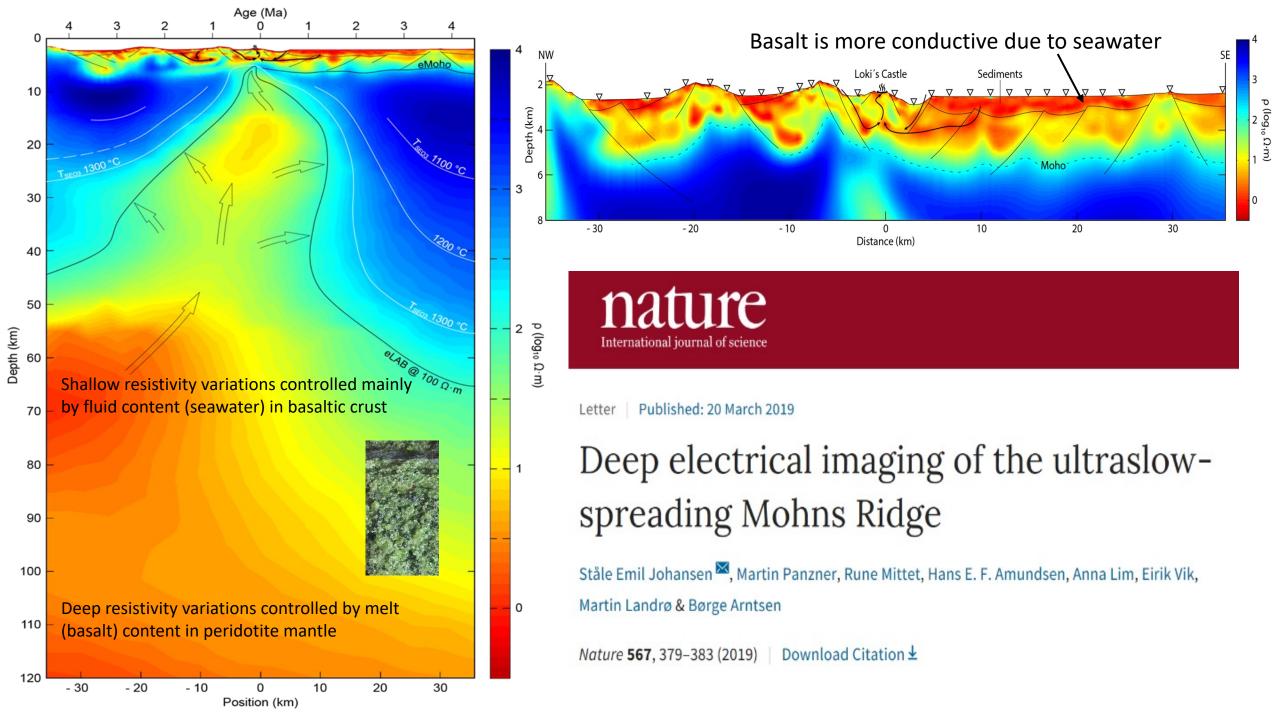
2: Offshore Brazil, 13000 km

3: Storm between Iceland and Greenland 2400 km

4: Offshore Brazil, 11 000 km







Summary





Ocean floor DAS:

- Efficient tool for tracking of whales:
- Oceanography (distant storms, ocean currents, tidal, temperature...)
- Seismological studies (earthquakes, gas flares, explosions,..)
- Present range of DAS is 100-150 km need amplifiers every 100 km => under development
- Possible to combine DAS and telecommunication in near future

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