

• Data collection and Interpretation GSR's perspective



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Global Sea Mineral Resources



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Complexity of data



► **Combine as much as possible**

- Plan | Prepare campaign
 - › What are the objective ?
 - › What equipment do we need?
 - › What is the campaign schedule?
- Plan | Prepare sampling scheme (every sample is required !)
 - › For which objective ?
 - › What precaution needs to be taken?
 - › What post processing needs to be ready on deck ?
- Ship time = expensive
 - › Optimize
 - › Combine samples

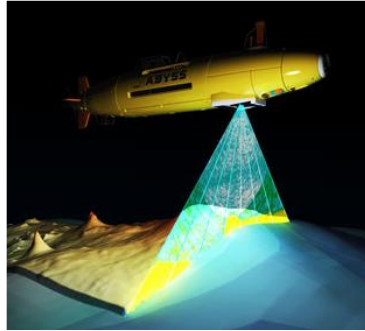
Plan for the worst,
Hope for the best !



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Boxcore



AUV



ROV



SyPRID



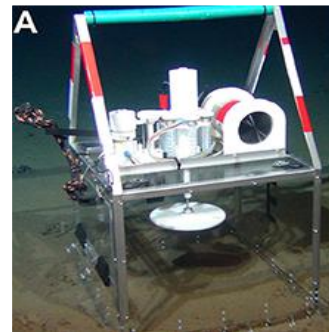
Pushcores



Multicore



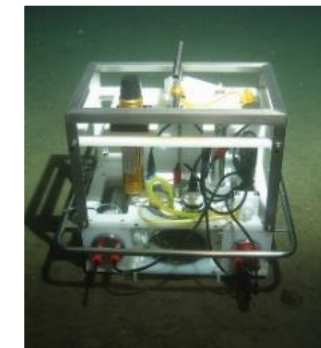
Water samplers



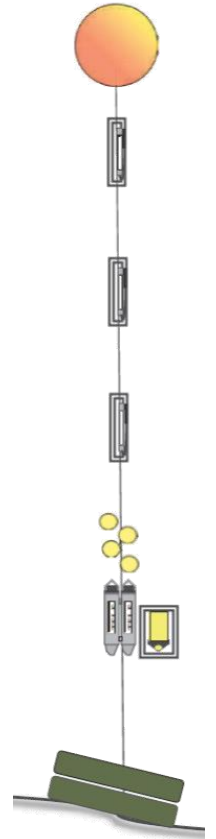
CUBE



Landers



Benthic chambers



Deep sea Moorings



Environmental sample data

Environmental sensor data

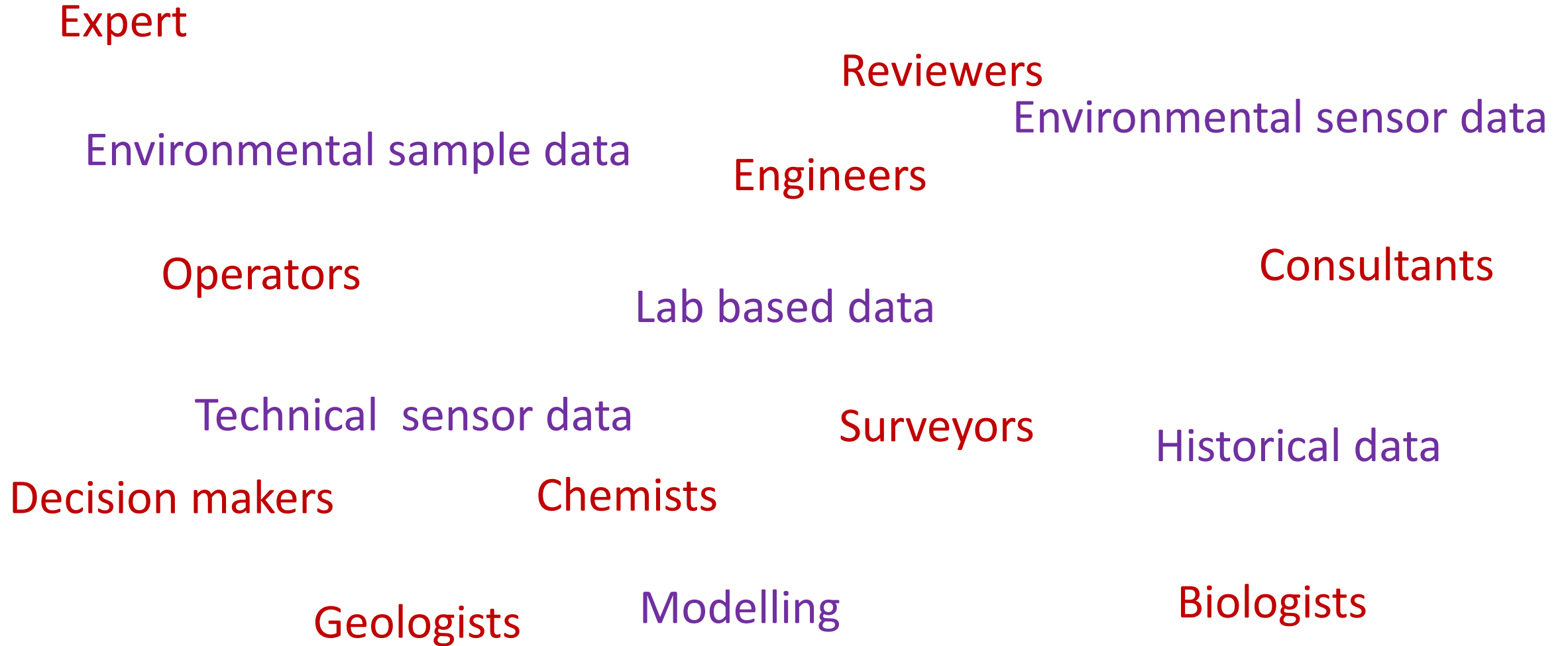
Lab based data

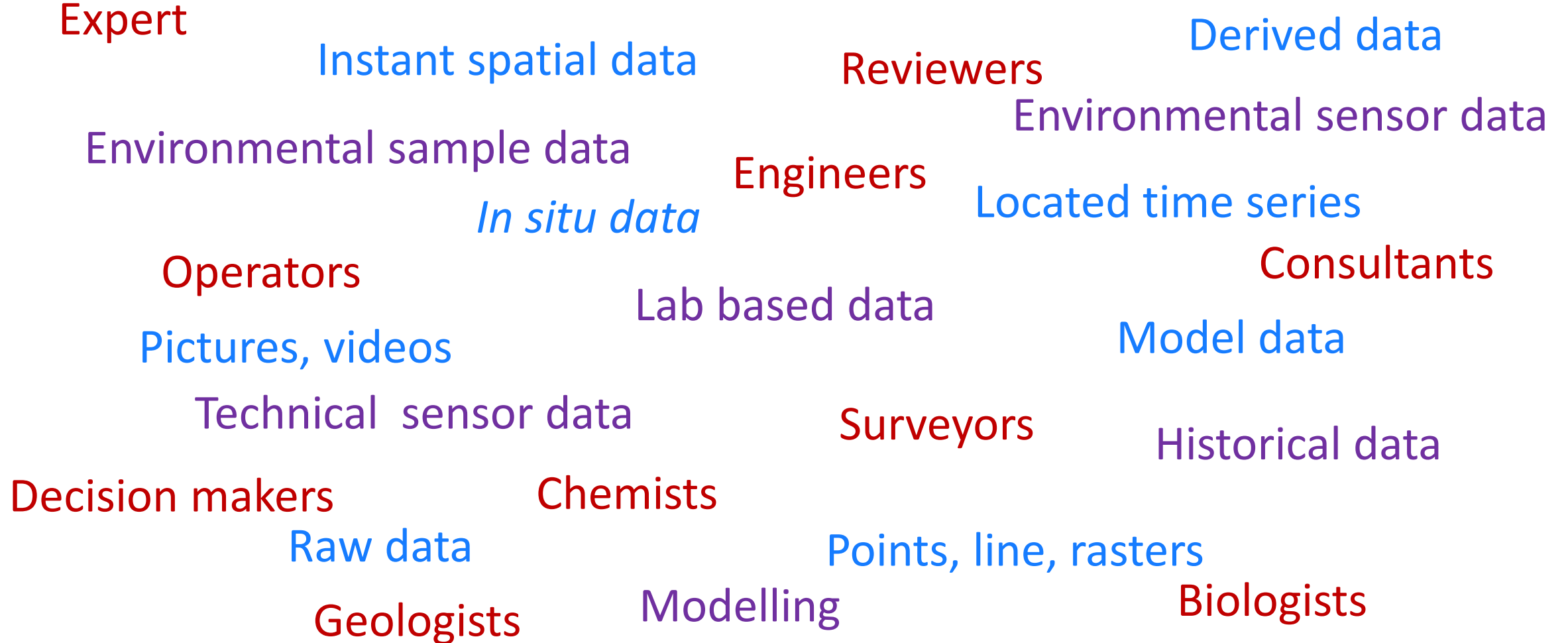
Technical sensor data

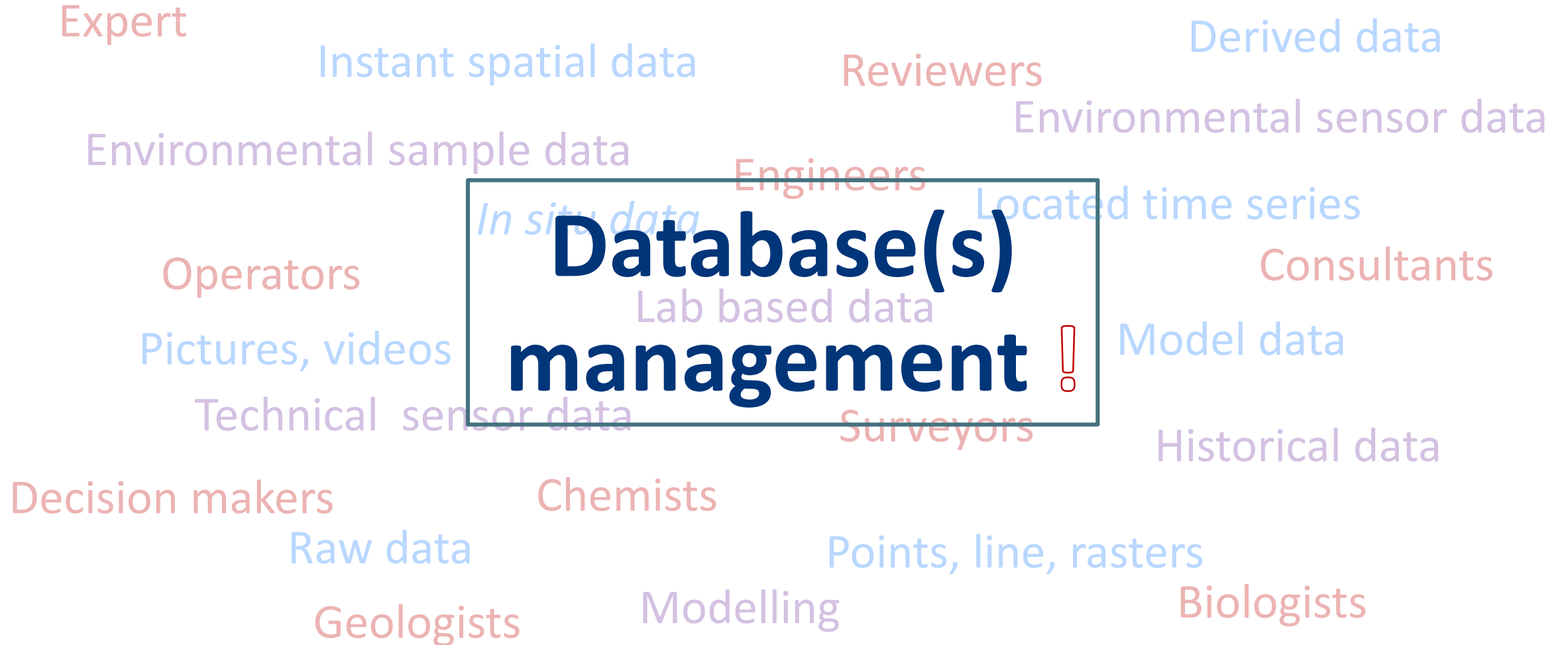
Historical data

Modelling











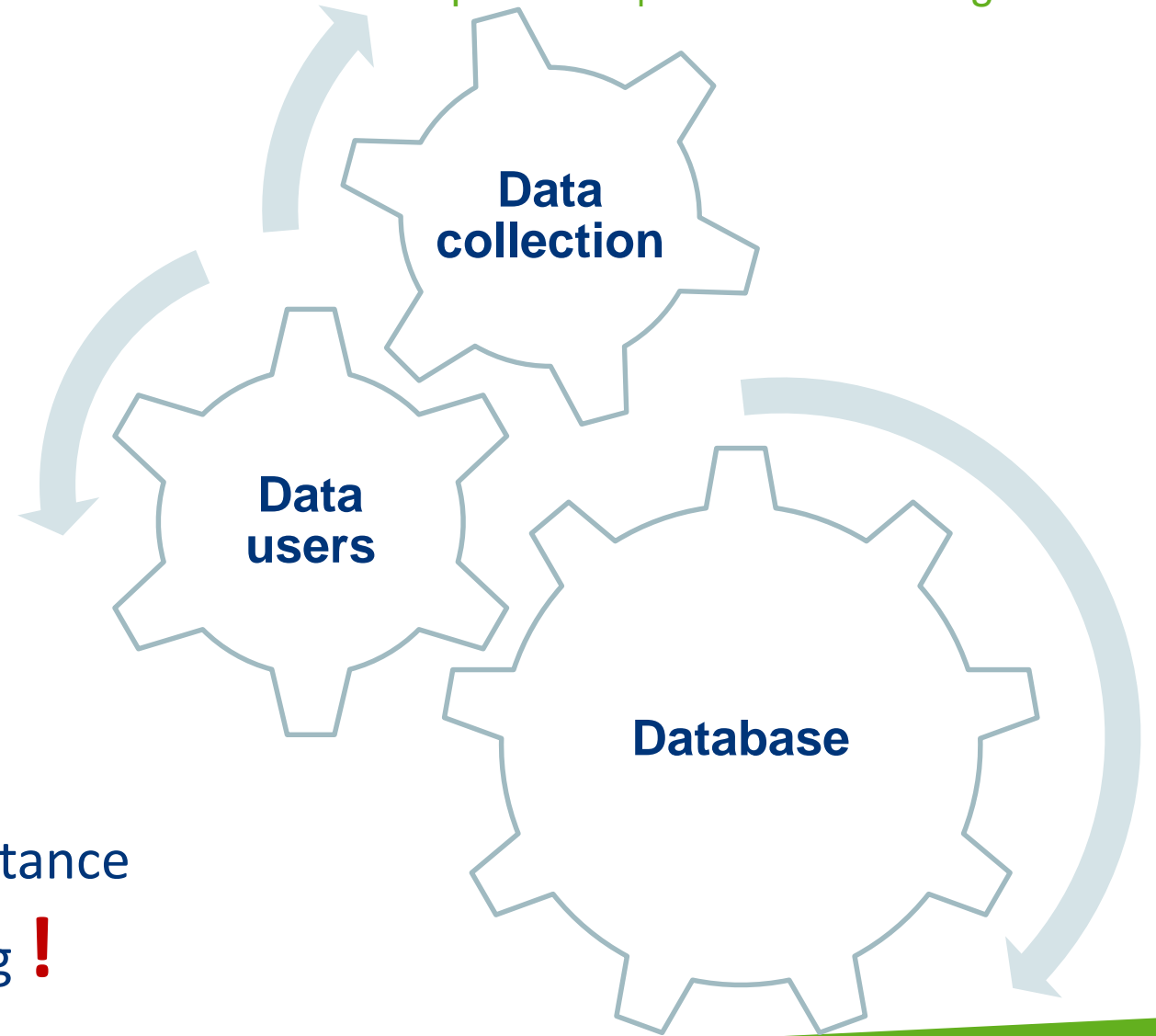
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Database(s) management



► **Database**

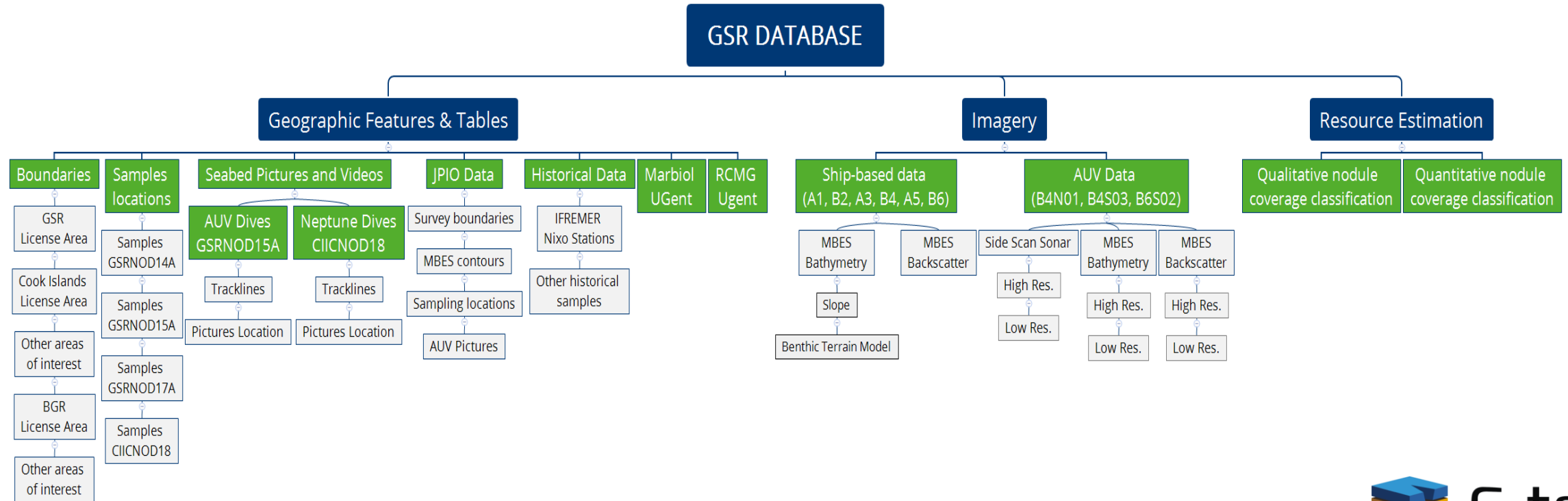
- Needs to be user – friendly
- Compact (redundancy)
- Complete (accuracy & integrity)
- Accommodating
- Evolving in time
- Easy to access



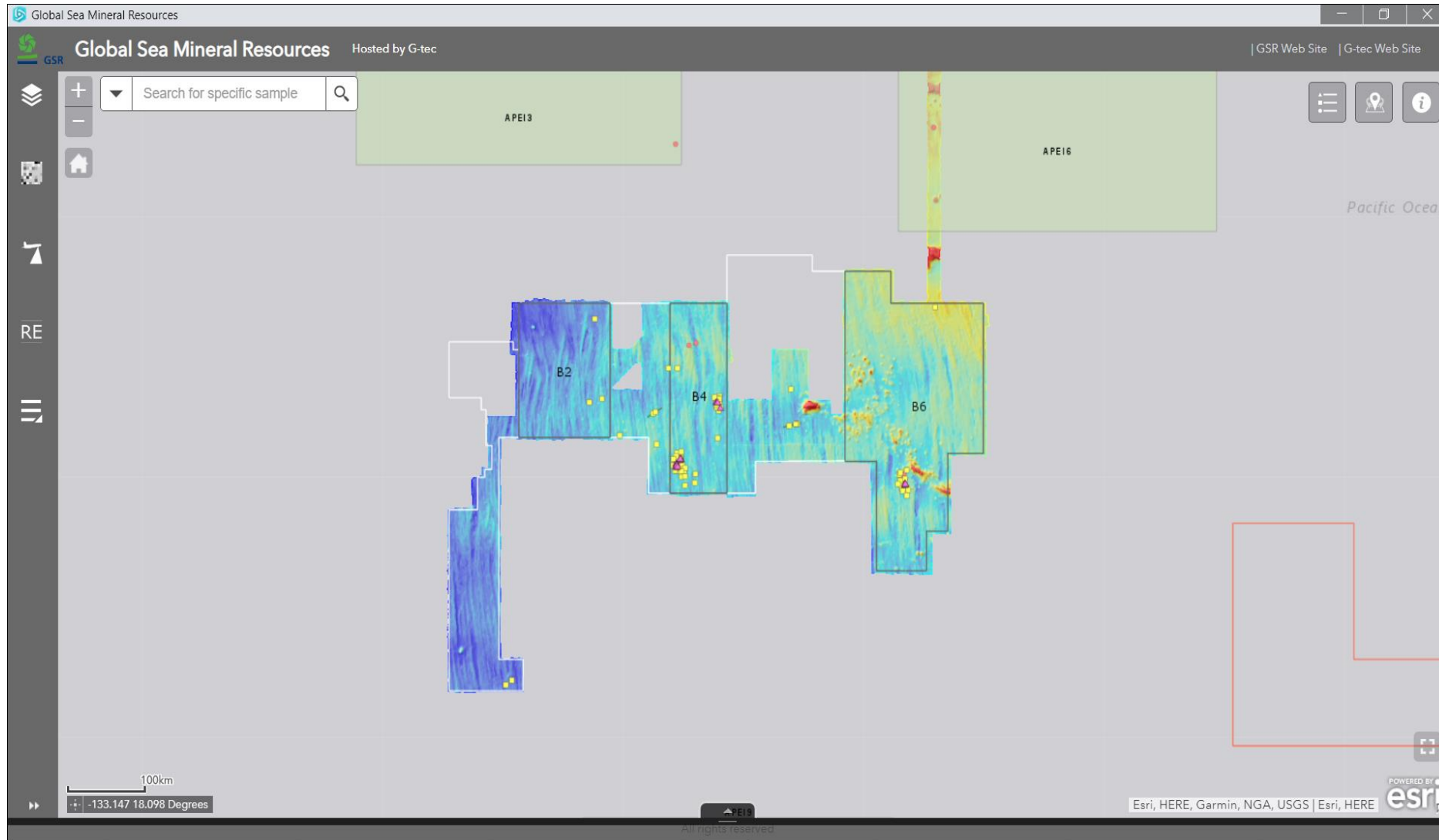
Crucial importance
of referencing !



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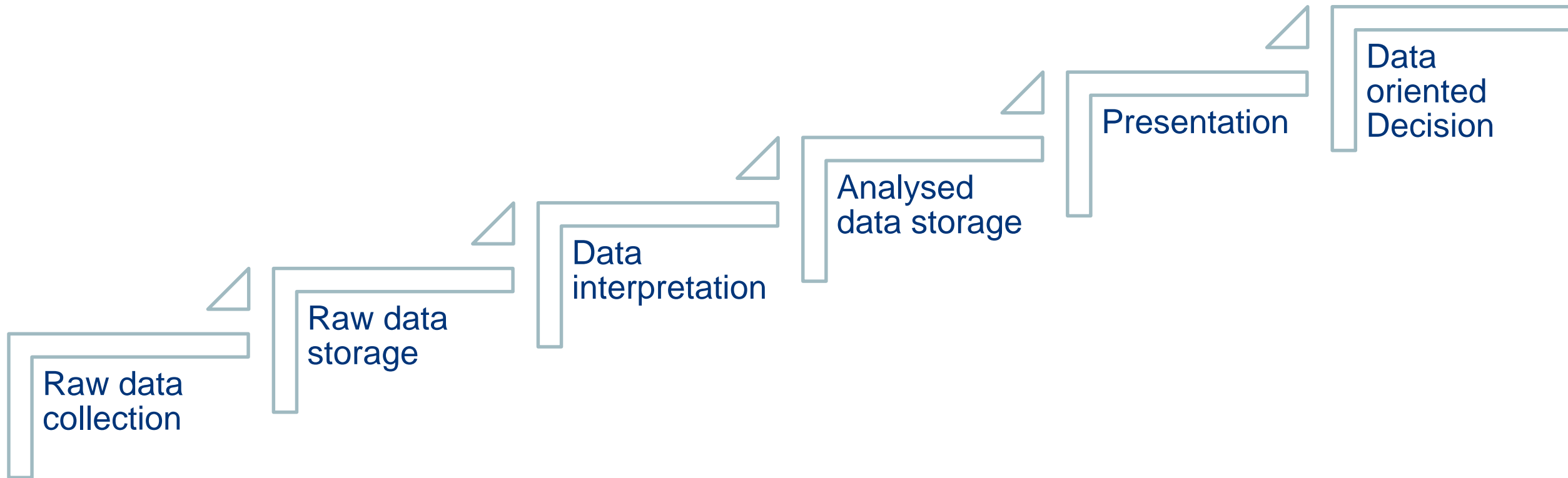


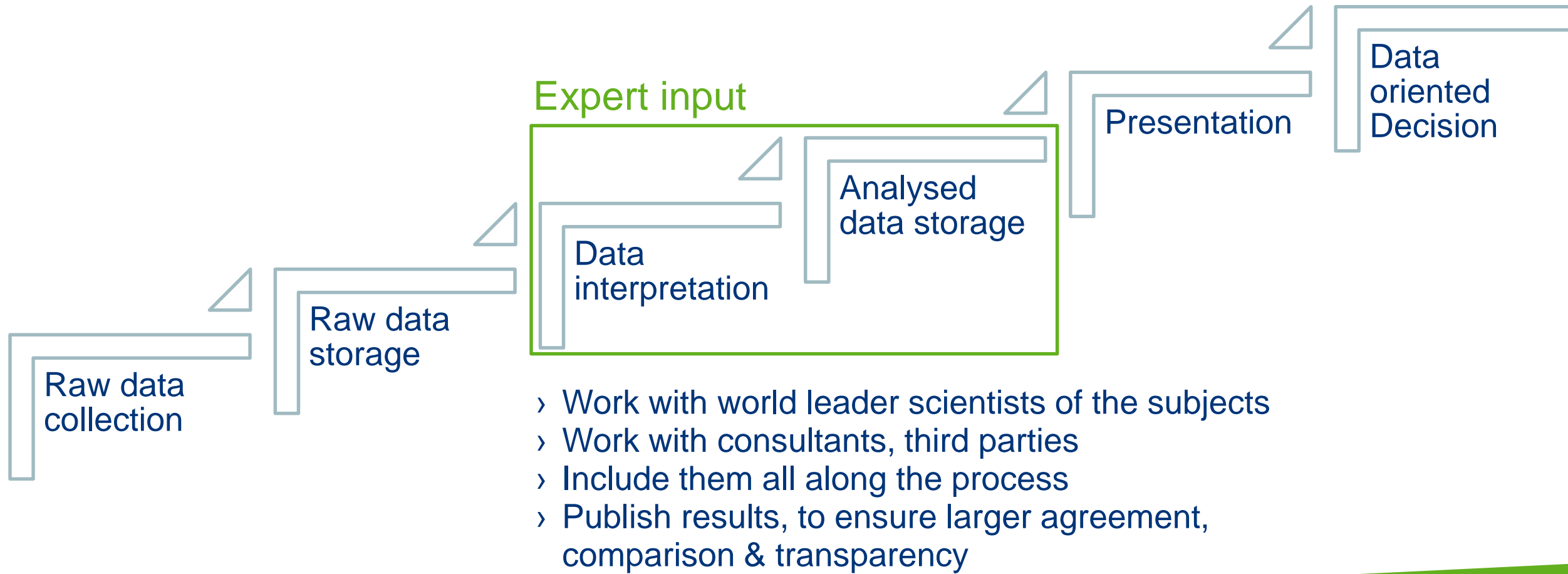
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Data interpretation



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► **Data Interpretation - working in a transparent manner**

■ Belgium level :

- › Universities : University of Ghent, University of Liège, University of Leuven
- › Institutes : RBINS, Flanders Hydraulic Research center, Flemish Institute for the Sea, ..

■ International level :

- › Universities : Massachusetts Institute for Technologies (MIT), Cambridge University, Bremen University, Scripps (USD), ...

■ International collaboration in Publicly funded project :

- › Blue Mining, MIDAS, Blue Nodule, MiningImpact, MiningImpact 2, COMPASS, PLUMEX, ...
- › Upcoming : ASSURE, DeepEST





Limited Spatial and Temporal Variability in Meiofauna and Nematode Communities at Distant but Environmentally Similar Sites in an Area of Interest for Deep-Sea Mining

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The Community Structure of Deep-Sea Macrofauna Associated with Polymetallic Nodules in the Eastern Part of the Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone

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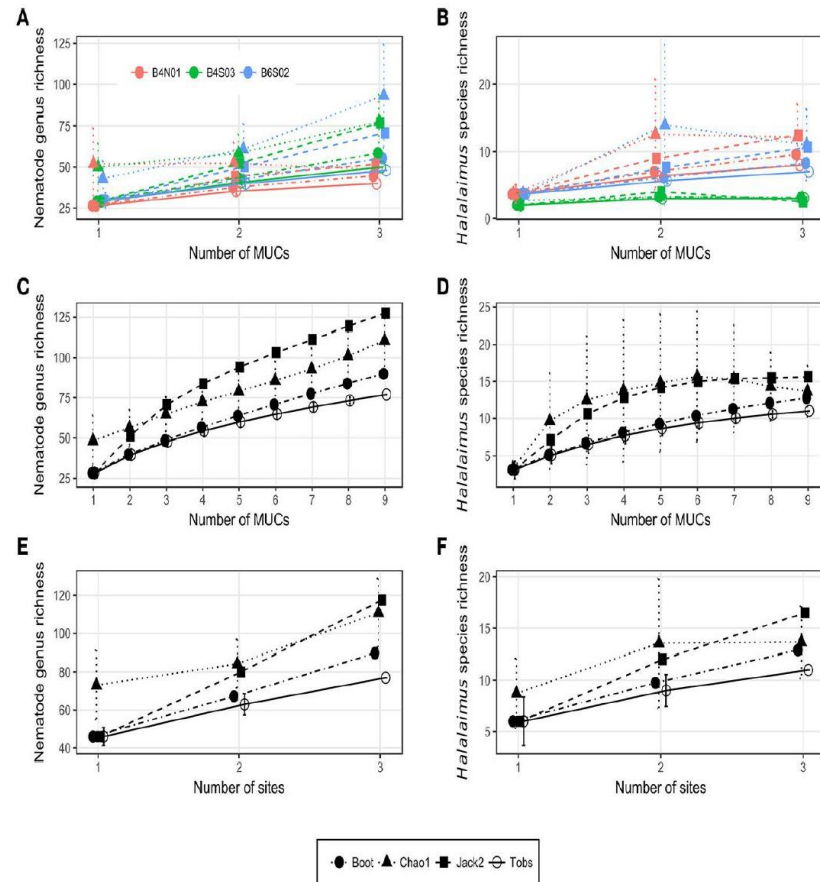
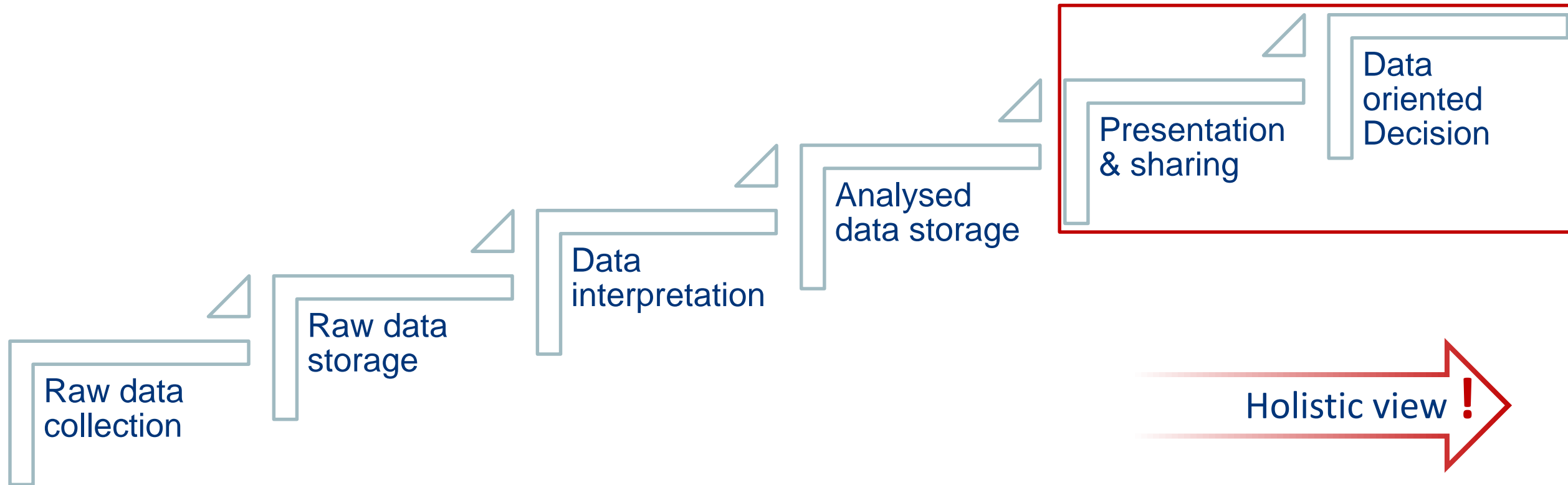



FIGURE 5 | Nematode genus (A,C,E) and *Halalaimus* species (B,D,F) accumulation curves for (A,B) all MUCs taken per site, (C,D) all MUCs taken, and (E,F) all sites sampled during GSRNOD15A. Error bars denote standard deviations and are only provided for T_{obs} and Chao1 in the PRIMER v6 software. Boot, Bootstrap; Jack2, Jackknife 2; T_{obs}, observed taxon richness.



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Thank you
Any Questions ?

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