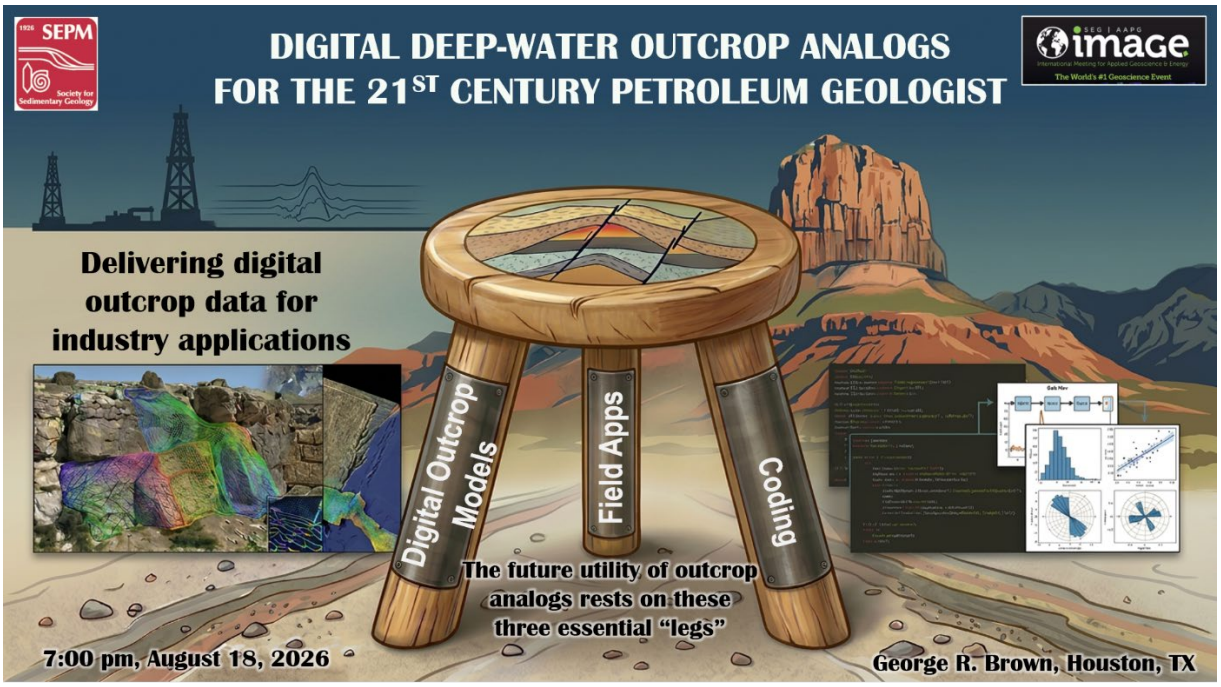


As part of the 2026, IMAGE conference, on August 18, 2026, Zane Jobe (CSM) and Rick Beaubouef (RTB Geoscience) hosted an in-person meeting of the SEPM Deep Water Research Group (DRG) entitled DIGITAL DEEP-WATER OUTCROP ANALOGS: Delivering digital outcrop data for industry applications. The program consisted of informal, technical presentations by five invited speakers representing companies and organizations involved in developing digital outcrop interpretation software.

First, Brian Burnham of VRGeoscience Limited presented a talk entitled *VRGS: The complete digital outcrop toolkit*. The talk focused on digital outcrop workflows in terms of 3D digital outcrop visualization, analysis, and quantitative characterization using the Virtual Reality Geological Studio. Claudia Ruiz-Graham (Imaged Reality/Strabox) presented *Connecting Outcrop and Core: Digital Deep-Water Analogues in Stratbox* focusing on the Stratbox Suite for digital core and outcrop interpretation. John Howell (University of Aberdeen) gave a talk entitled *Extracting Geometric Data from Deep Water Outcrops* using virtual outcrops in which it was demonstrated how the LIME/Fonix platform is used to create virtual outcrops as reservoir analogs, and the SAFARI reservoir analog database, which includes more than 1,600 virtual outcrops. The discussion about digital geology expanded in different directions when Jim Thom (Baseline Z) asked the provocative question *Why are we still analyzing complex 3D geological data on flat 2D screens?* Jim showed how complex seismic, geological model, core, and outcrop data can be integrated in Extended Reality (XR), so that energy, mining, geoscience, and engineering teams can reduce exploration risk, and lower operational overhead. Finally, Claire Martin (StraboSpot) closed the program with a talk entitled *StraboSpot: a Data System for Geological Research* highlighting an interconnected ecosystem of applications that enables geoscientists to collect, manage, integrate, and share field and laboratory data. Built around the concept of "spots" which are spatially defined observations, StraboSpot links data and images from regional to microscopic scales, allowing users to organize complex geological relationships within one cohesive platform.