

LOOP

Geoscience Knowledge Manager

WP1

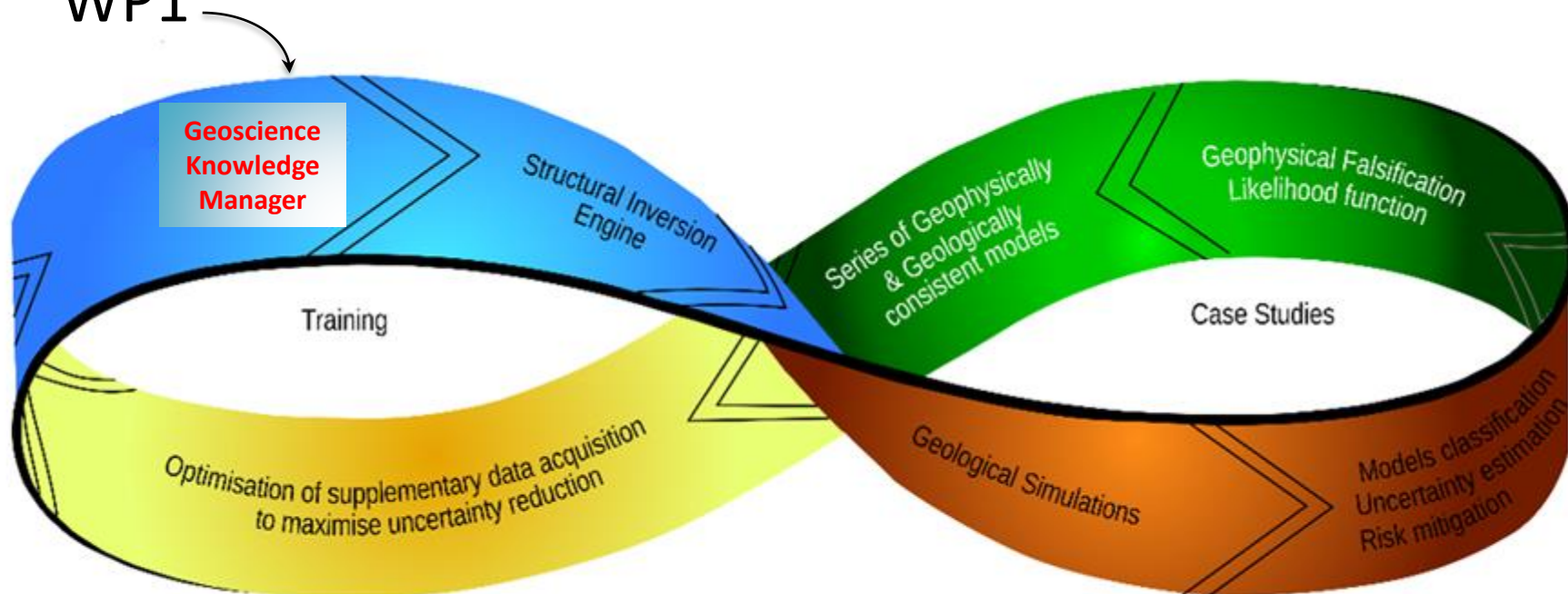
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Ressources naturelles
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WP1



WP1: OneGeology team (GSC, GA, BGS, BRGM)
Steve Richard

Knowledge Challenge

KNOWLEDGE-RICH

Maps, x-sections, articles, diagrams, rules, ...

- **partially** integrated into modelling

DATA-POOR

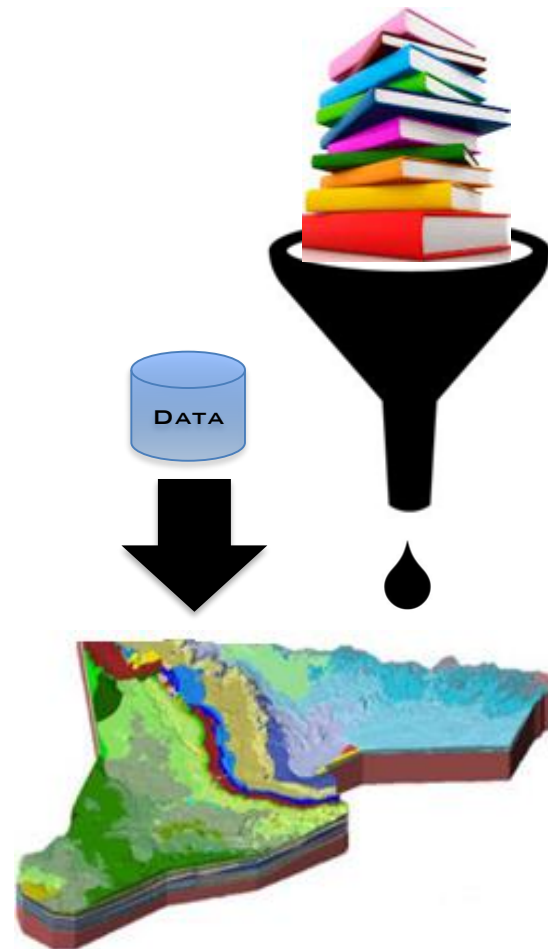
Few subsurface observations relative to area

- **highly** integrated into modelling

CHALLENGE

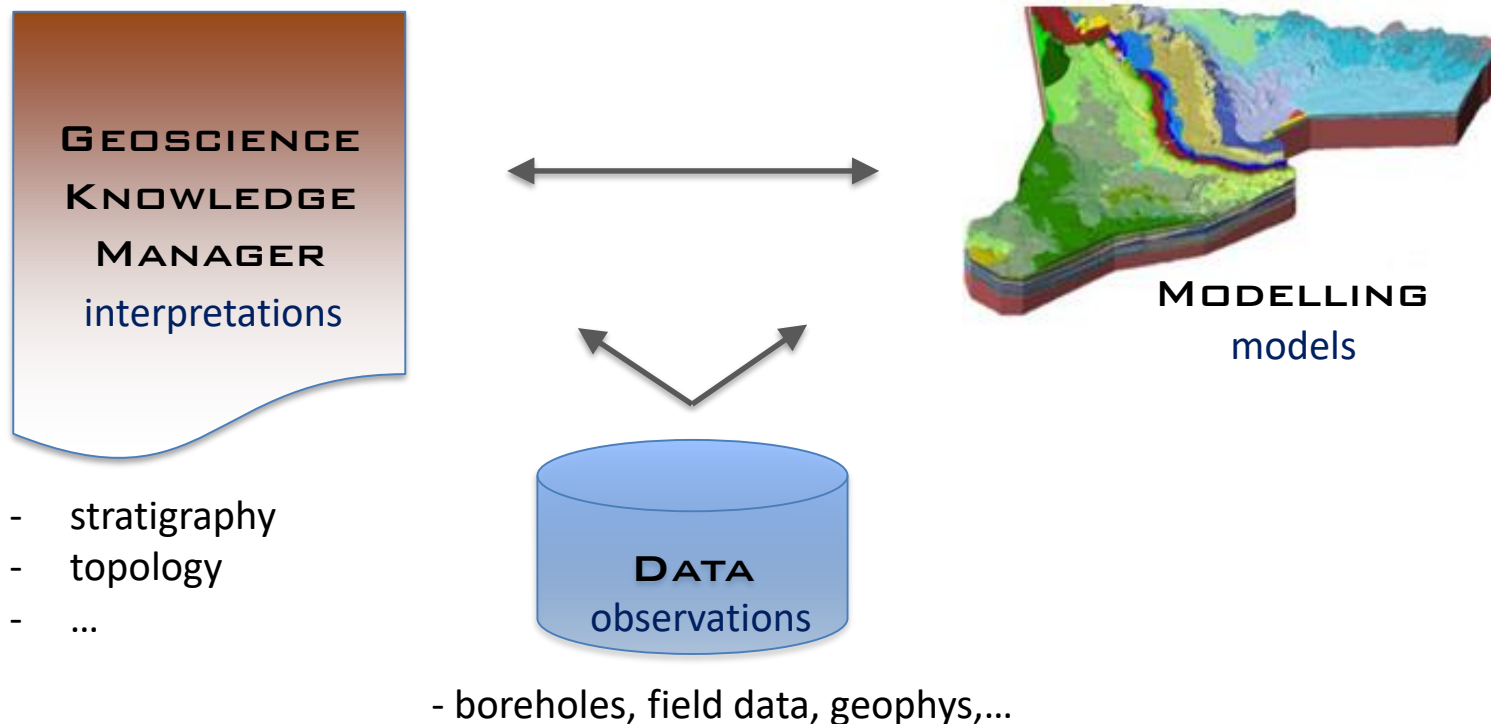
Better leverage knowledge

- use **more** knowledge
- use knowledge **more**



Geoscience Knowledge Manager (GKM)

CONCEPT



KNOWLEDGE

Atemporal (Theoretical)

- laws
- theories
- rules
- universal types
- classification schemes
- atemporal relations

Temporal (Situational)

- processes and events
- temporal relations
- histories
- particular types

Spatial (Situational)

- map legends, conceptual models
- qualitative spatial relations
- interpretations: units, structures,...
- feature descriptions without
quantitative geometry & location

WP1 – Knowledge Manager

DATA

Observational

- field data
- boreholes
- geophysics
- remote sensing
- laboratory analyses

1D, 2D Models (locational)

- 1D: borehole interpretations
- 2D: maps, cross-sections
(geometries)

WP2 – Data Manager

MODELS

3D Models

- input data
- input knowledge
- configurations
- functions, scalar fields
- output geometries
- output uncertainties
- method provenance

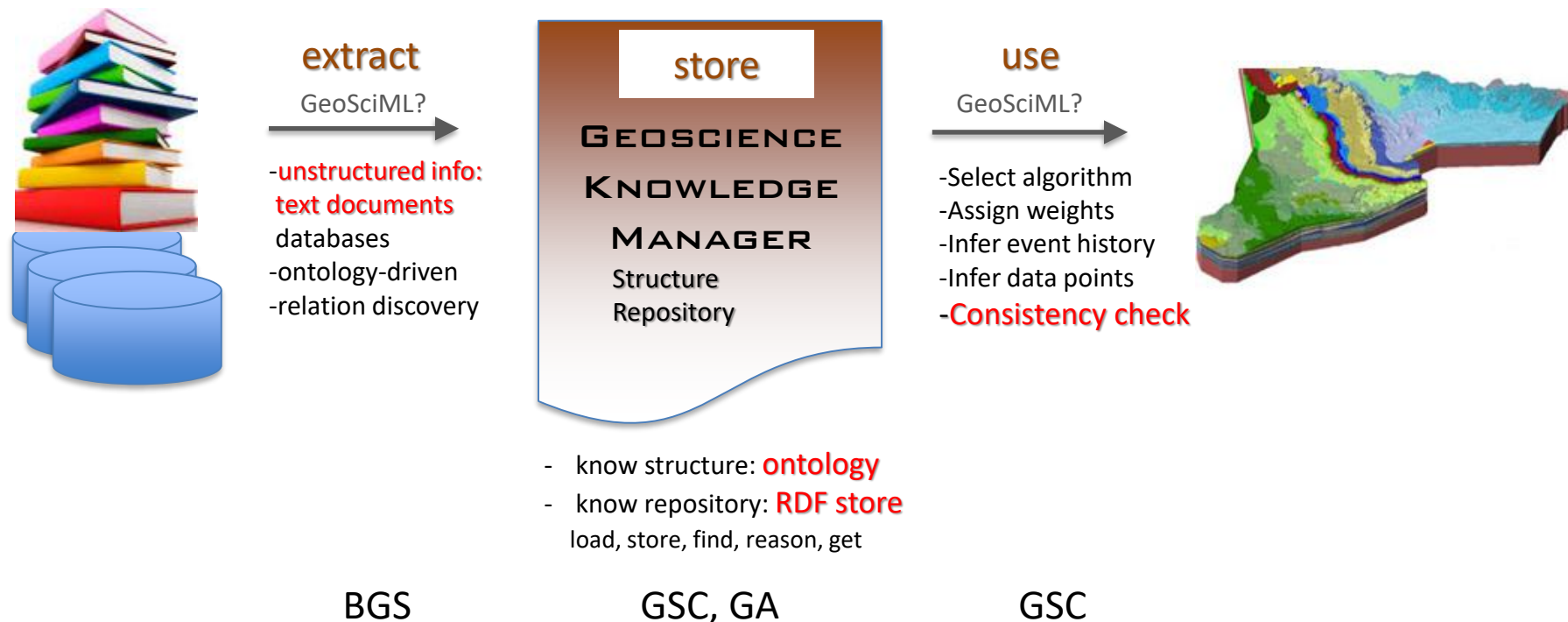
WP3-5 – Modelling

Knowledge constraints on topology

Includes stratigraphic relations / correlations

Geoscience Knowledge Manager

COMPONENTS



GKM Mid-term Results

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. KNOWLEDGE EXTRACTION

Mon 9:40 AI (ML)-driven strat info from text documents (R.E. Heaven)

2. KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Mon 9:20 requirements (E. de Kemp – GSC)

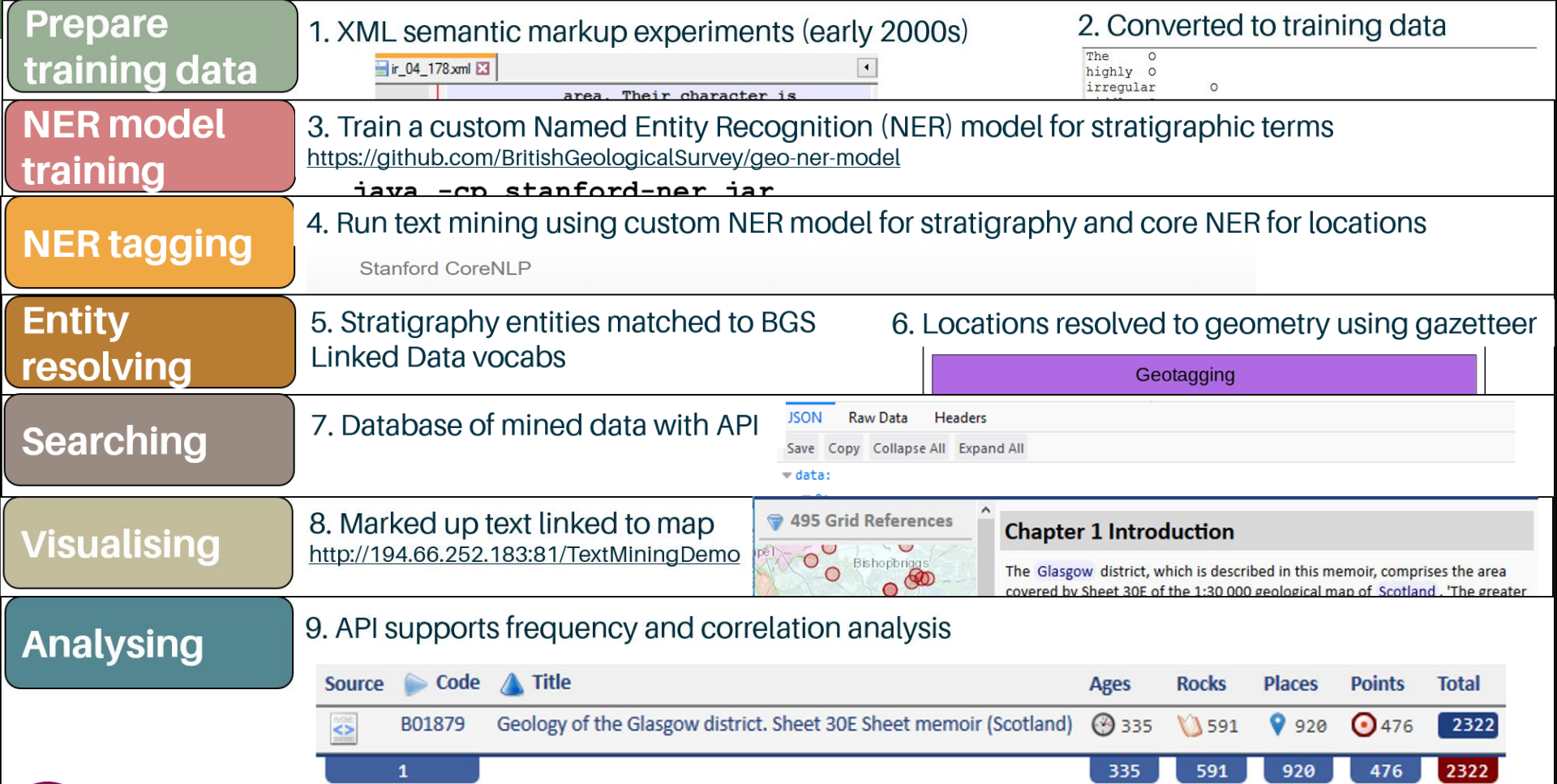
Mon 9:40 draft ontology I (B. Brodaric – GSC, R.E. Heaven – BGS)

Mon 10:00 draft ontology II (S. Richard – GSC/USGIN)

Mon 10:50 draft repository (D. Lecinsky/W. Francis – GA)

3. MODEL VALIDATION

Tues 11:00 consistency checker (M. Parquer - GSC)



Knowledge Management

is HOT!... GOOGLE, AMAZON, MICROSOFT...

Google Knowledge Graph (2016)

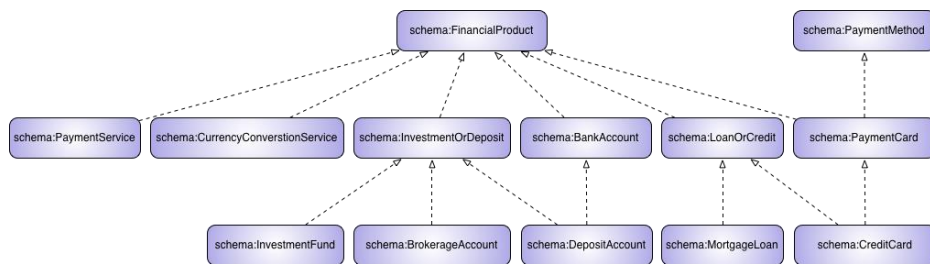
570 million objects

70 billion facts

schema.org ontology

query API (e.g. SPARQL)

powers Google's **infobox**



schema.org financial product



Structural geology **infobox**

Field of study

Structural geology is the study of the three-dimensional distribution of rock units with respect to their deformational histories. [Wikipedia](#)

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GeoScience Ontology (GSO)

WORK IN PROGRESS

PREDECESSORS

NADM	(NADM 2004)	conceptual only
GeoSciML	(GeoSciML 2017)	data language
DOLCE Rocks	(Brodaric & Probst 2009)	DOLCE, broad not deep

RECENT WORK (selected for breadth)

GeoSciML ontology	(OGC SWG, in progress)	no upper ontology
OntoGeonous ontology	(Lombardo et al. 2018)	no upper ontology
GeoCore ontology	(Garcia, Abel, Perrin 2020)	BFO, broad not deep

G S O

GeoScience Ontology	(in progress)	DOLCE + BFO + GeoSciML
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GSO Development

REQUIREMENTS

Broad and Deep:	basic geologic entities (min GeoSciML)
Modular:	core ontology + plug-and-play modules
Stand-alone:	no imports – for compactness and consistency

METHODS

✓ GKM GitHub	https://github.com/Loop3D/GKM
✓ Ontological analysis	(First-Order Logic, Dolce, BFO)
✓ UML diagrams	(Enterprise Architect)
✓ OWL encoding	(ttl: TopBraid, Protégé)
✓ Examples	(ttl: Units, Faults, Folds, Time Scale)
Testing	(more synthetic examples)
Implementation	(triplestore, real data)
3D Integration	(with modelling code)

GSO Modular Organization

LAYERCAKE ONTOLOGY

COMMON (static)

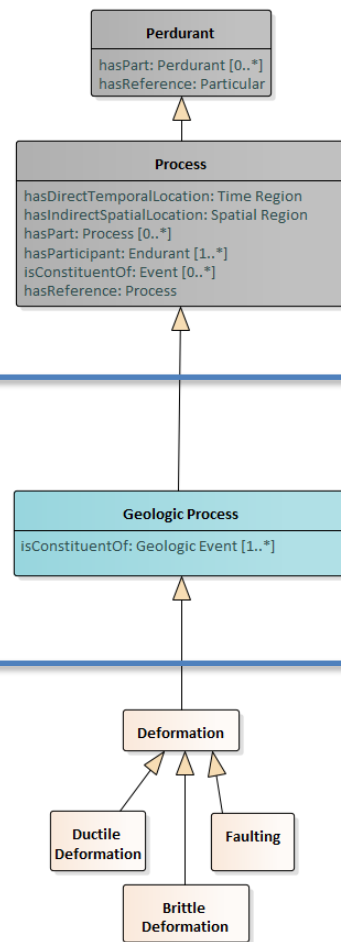
general framework: e.g. objects, processes, qualities,...

GEOLOGY (static)

geology framework: e.g. geologic units, structures, events, time,...

MODULES (extensible, exchangeable)

geology modules: e.g. properties, settings, structures, lithologies, minerals, elements,...



GSO GitHub (<https://github.com/Loop3D/GKM>)

LAYERCAKE ONTOLOGY

COMMON

general framework

BFO: space and time

Dolce: physical objects, situations

BFO + Dolce: qualities

GSO: features


Other: processes, events

 [GSO-Common.ttl](#)

GEOLOGY

geology framework

GSO

 [GSO-Geology.ttl](#)


MODULES

geology modules

GeoSciML

 [GSO-Elements.ttl](#)

 [GSO-Geologic_Process.ttl](#)

 [GSO-Geologic_Time_Interval.ttl](#)

 [GSO-Geologic_Unit.ttl](#)

 [GSO-Hydrology.ttl](#)


 [GSO-Minerals.ttl](#)


 [GSO-Physical_Property.ttl](#)

 [GSO-Physical_Setting.ttl](#)

 [GSO-Rock_Material.ttl](#)

 [GSO-Structure-Contact.ttl](#)

 [GSO-Structure-Fault.ttl](#)

 [GSO-Structure-Fold.ttl](#)

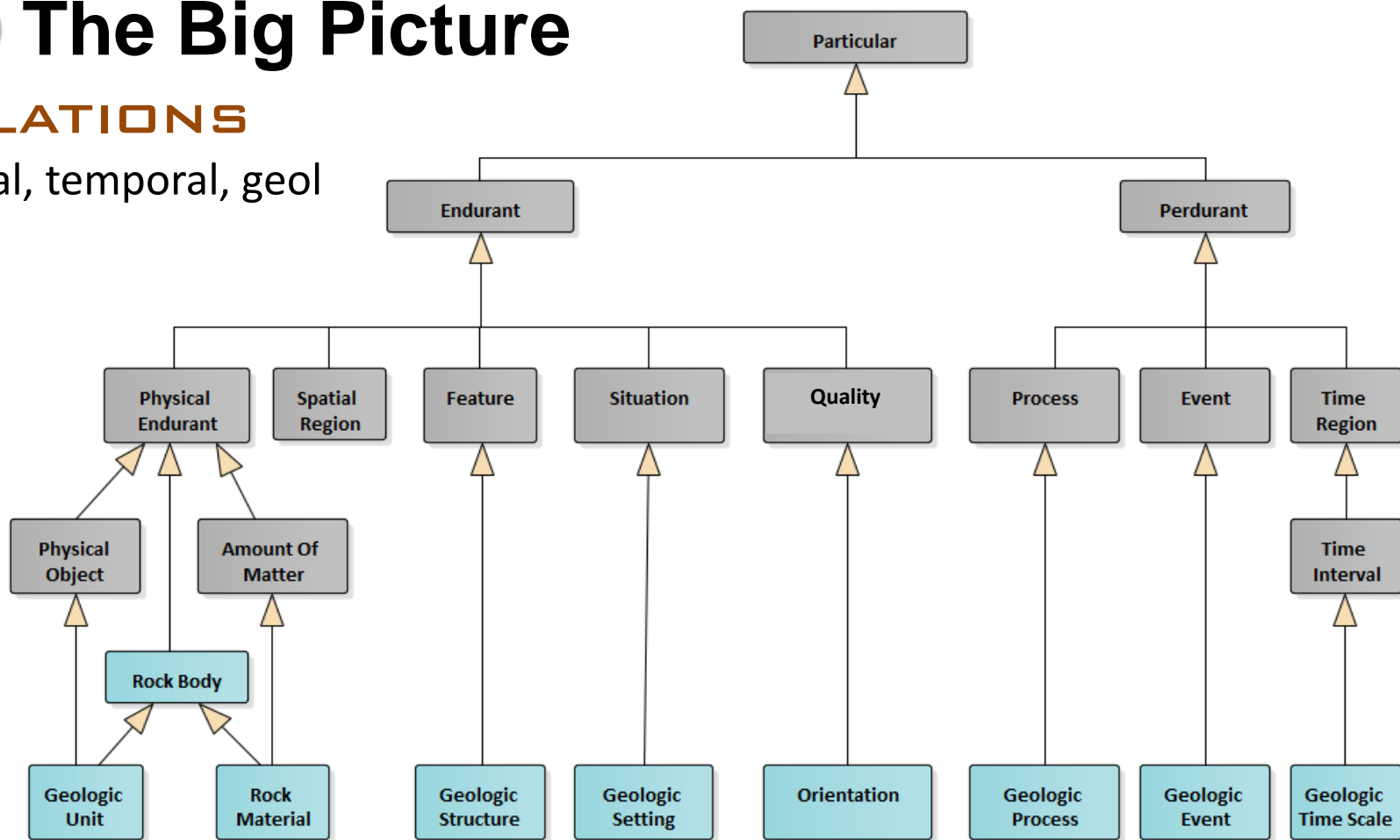
 [GSO-Structure-Foliation.ttl](#)

 [GSO-Structure-Lineation.ttl](#)

GSO The Big Picture

+ RELATIONS

spatial, temporal, geol



GSO Qualities

after **BFO** + **DOLCE**

qualities are **not relations**: **not** over, below, older,...

qualities are inherent things: orientation, colour, density,...

qualities **inhere-in** things: in units, materials, processes, events,...

qualities can have **values**

strike = 45

values are **datatypes** or **qualities**

strike = 45 strike = northeast

qualities can have **qualities**

planar orientation = {strike = 45, dip = 75}

unit of measure is a quality

planar orientation = {strike = 45°, dip = 75°}

qualities are a module, so easily extended

GSO Space and Time

after **BFO**

space and time are **not qualities**

space and time are **containers**

space is occupied by **objects** (Endurants)

time is occupied by **processes** and **events** (Perdurants)

objects are directly located in space

spatial location (WKT) is a property of a chunk of space

objects are indirectly located in time

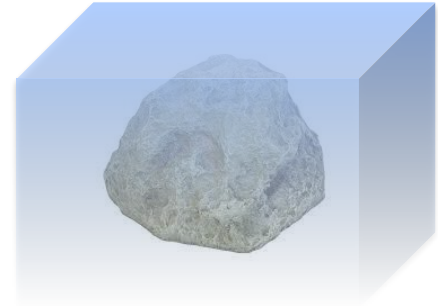
by virtue of the processes and events they participate in

processes and events are directly located in time

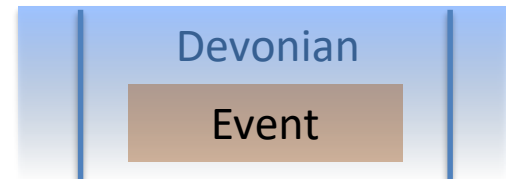
processes and events are indirectly located in space

by virtue of the objects that participate in them

space



time



GSO Time Scale

= collection of geologic time regions

geologic time region

time instant: time of a geochron boundary, GSSA

time interval: has a geologic referent

geologic referents for time regions

time instant: stratigraphic point (contact) referent

time interval: chronostrat unit referent

types of geologic time intervals

Eon, Era, Period,...

instances of geologic time intervals

Precambrian, Archean, Devonian

type of time region

instance of time region

Eon	Era	Period	Series or Stage	Stage	Age (Ma)
Phanerozoic	Paleozoic	Devonian	Late Devonian	Fammenian	358.9 ±0.4
				Frasnian	372.2 ±1.6
			Middle Devonian	Givetian	382.7 ±1.6
				Eifelian	387.7 ±0.8
			Early Devonian	Emsian	393.3 ±1.2
				Pragian	407.6 ±2.6
				Lochkovian	410.8 ±2.8
		Silurian	Pridoli		419.2 ±3.2
			Ludlow	Ludfordian	423.0 ±2.3
				Gorstian	425.6 ±0.9
			Wenlock	Homerian	427.4 ±0.5
				Sheinwoodian	430.5 ±0.7
			Llandovery	Telychian	433.4 ±0.8
				Aeronian	438.5 ±1.1
				Rhuddanian	440.8 ±1.2
		Ordovician	Hirnantian		443.8 ±1.5
			Ashgillian	Richmondian	445.2 ±1.4
				Edenian	
			Katian	Shermanian	453.0 ±0.7
				Kirkfieldian	
			Sandbian	Rocklandian	
				Blackriverian	
		Cambrian	Llandeilian		458.4 ±0.9

GSO Rock Materials

after **DOLCE** and Hahmann & Brodaric 2014

amounts of matter (AoM) are **not abstract**

contra GeoSciML: can be touched, moved, have mass,...

AOM can be **unified** or not

contra Dolce, Abel *et al.* 2015

sandstone layer (unified, bounded)

sandstone in formation X (not unified, unbounded)

AoM are constituents, **not parts** of physical objects

Rock Material **constitutes** Rock Body

Rock Body **has constituent** Rock Material

Rock Material **has constituent** other AoM

Kinds of AoM (GSO)

Amount of Matter

Rock Material

Granular Material

Glass

Mineral

Element

GSO Geologic Units

units are physical objects

participate in processes and events

have direct spatial location

units are wholes with fragment parts

contra types (as per theory)... for practicality

distinguish unit types vs instances

Lithostratigraphic Unit (LU) is a type

Dakota Formation is an instance of LU

unit ranks are types of units

Formation is a subtype of Lithostratigraphic Unit

Dakota Formation is an instance of Formation

Eonothem is a subtype of Chronostratigraphic Unit

Archean chronstratunit is an instance of Eonothem

Kinds of Units (GSO)

Lithostratigraphic Unit

Supergroup

Group

Formation

Member

Bed

...

Chronostratigraphic Unit

Eonothem

Erathem

System

Series

...

GSO Structures

after Brodaric 2019

geological structures are **Features**

emergent: derived from at least 2 hosts

relational: derived from a **relation** between hosts

dependent: cannot exist without the hosts

spatial: directly located in space

Inherent Feature

derived from a property such as **shape**: Fold, Esker

Integral Feature

derived from an organization of **parts**: Foliation, Lineation

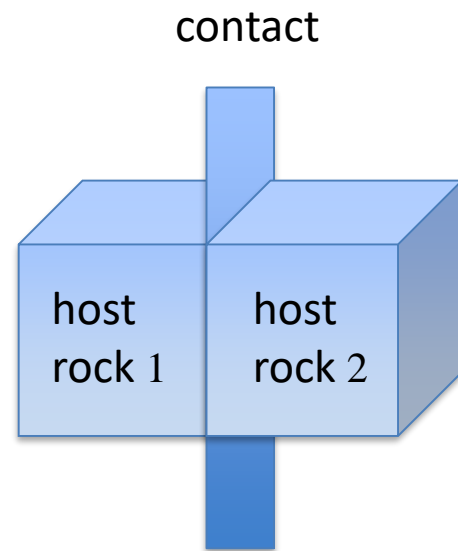
Material Spatial Feature

derived a spatial relation, such as the rock **between** faults: Fault Zone

Low Dimension Feature

point or **surface** between rock bodies: Contact, Fault, Fracture*

*requires more work (are they holes?)



GSO Relations

Relations connect 2 or more things

dependent, emergent, but not a single thing

meets (A, B)

younger (A, B)

intrudes (A, B)

Relations are aspatial and temporal

Relations do not occupy space directly

Relations occupy time directly

Relations are not Features!

Features occupy space directly

Features derive from relations

meets (A, B) – touching of rock bodies A and B

hosts (A, B, C) – C is a contact hosted by A and B

Geological relations

hypothesis: spatial + temporal + process relation

intrudes (A,B) = meets (A,B) \wedge younger (A,B) \wedge partic (A,P) \wedge intrusion (P)

Kinds of Relations

spatial

(Egenhofer/RCC)

contains

meets

...

temporal

(Allen's interval)

during

before (older)

after (younger)

...

geological*

intrudes

cross-cuts

...

*requires work

GSO Processes and Events

after Galton & Mizoguchi 2009

processes and events unfold in time

only a part is present at any one time

have objects as participants

have parts to form event/process histories

processes are **ways** of happening

events are the **happenings**

Process

running in Boston Marathon

shaking in San Fran earthquake 1989

rifting in Late Triassic

deposition process of Formation X

Event

Boston Marathon

San Fran earthquake 1989

Pangea break-up

deposition of Formation X

processes constitute events

analog to matter constituting objects

Kinds of Process

after Perrin *et al.* 2005

Geologic Process

Additive

Deposition...

Subtractive

Erosion...

Transformational

Metamorphism...

Deformational

Faulting...

GSO Settings

after **DOLCE**

situations are fragments of the real world

situations have objects as parts

so related to processes and events indirectly

situations are indirectly located

located by virtue of their object parts

settings are geologic fragments

un-populated in GSO

Kinds of Setting (GSO)

Situation

Geologic Setting

Marine

Alluvial Fan Setting

...

GSO What's Missing?

rules

relations (many)

modules (many)

testing ontology (real examples)

testing repository (load, query, reason)

3D code integration

GSO What's Next?

work group engagement (open GitHub)

testing (ontology + repository)

refinement (all the above)

THANKS!

WP1 Breakouts

OUTCOMES

- | | | |
|----|--|---|
| 1. | Complete GSO draft v1 | May 2020 |
| 2. | Open GitHub to LOOP participants | May 2020 |
| 3. | Start regular monthly meetings (open) | Apr 2020 |
| 4. | Start wider testing GSO v1 | Apr 2020 (GSC), June 2020 (GA), tbd (BGS) |
| 5. | Start testing GKM repository | June 2020 |
| | - populate with GSO examples | GA, GSC, WP2 |
| | - develop retrieval protocols | GA |
| 6. | Start integration with WP2, WP3 | ongoing |
| | - possible workshop in Ottawa | Aug, Sept, or Oct 2020 |
| | - WP2: add M2L vocabularies | |
| | - WP2: explore consistency check integration | |
| | - WP3: refine ontology for WP3 needs | Apr 2020 – Aug 2020 |
| | - WP3: integrate GKM with WP3 code | Ottawa workshop |