

LOOP

Geoscience Knowledge Manager

WP1

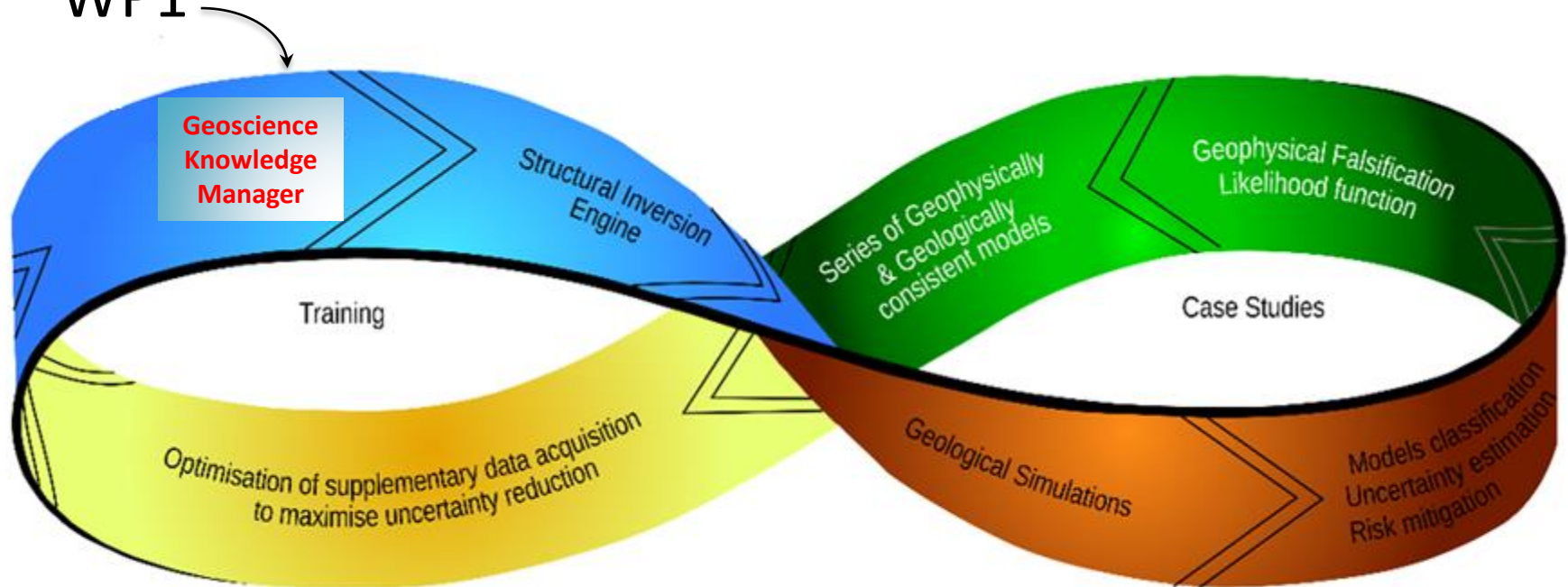
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WP1



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

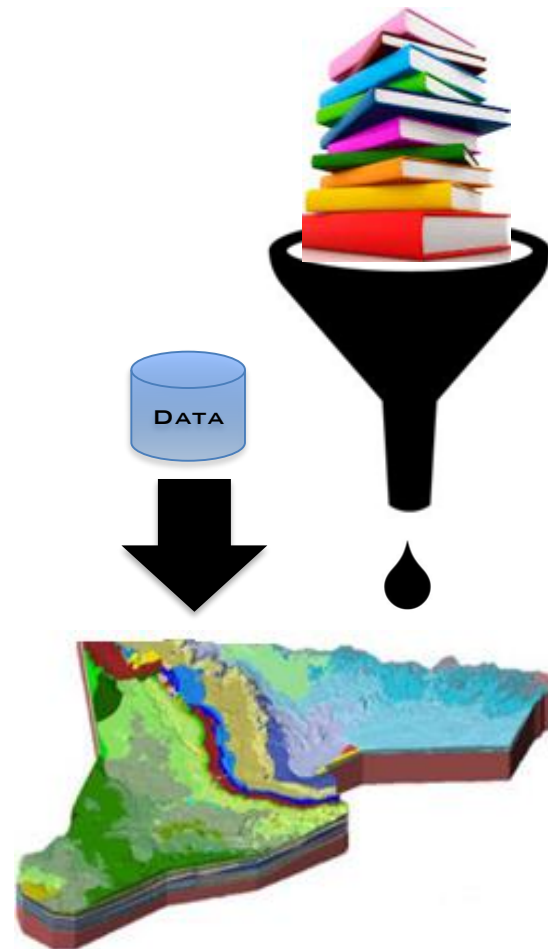
Few subsurface observations relative to area

- **highly** integrated into modelling

CHALLENGE

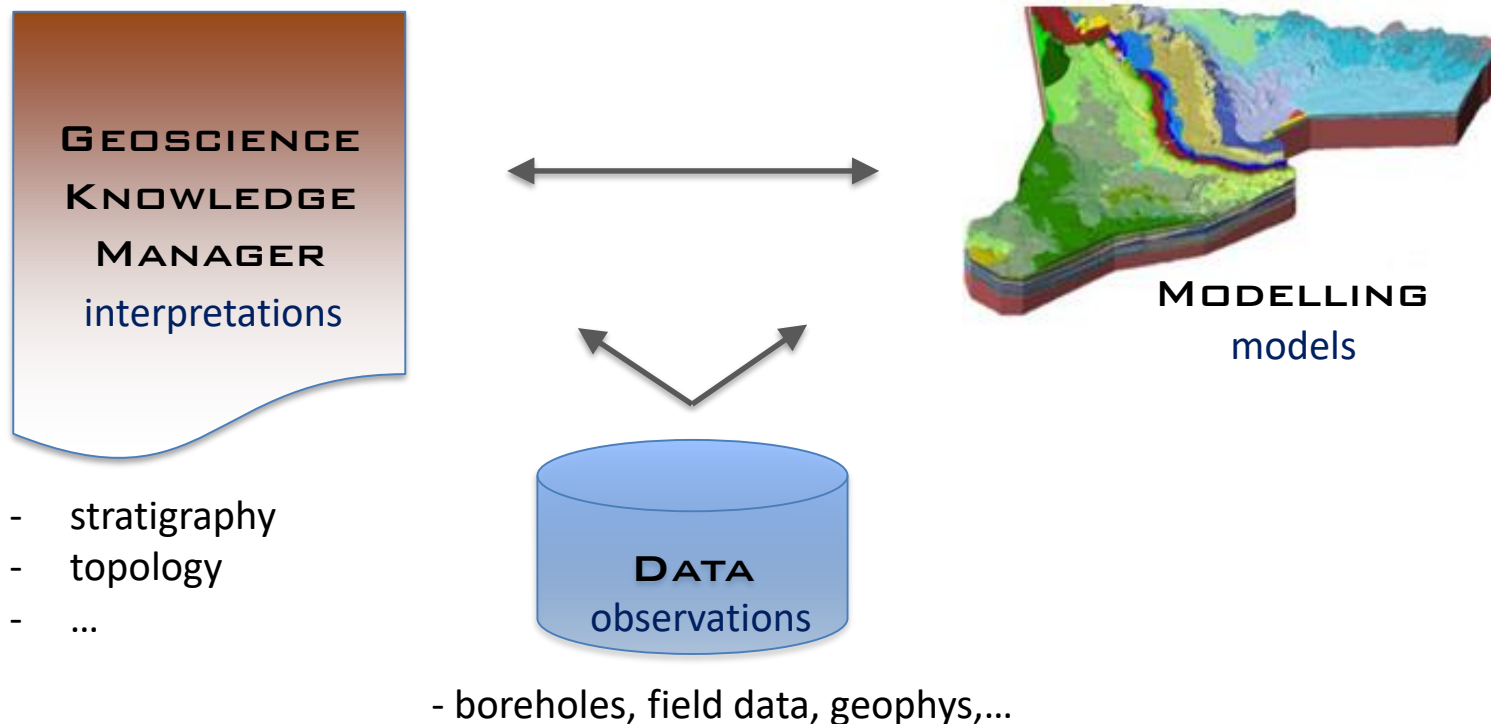
Better leverage knowledge

- 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

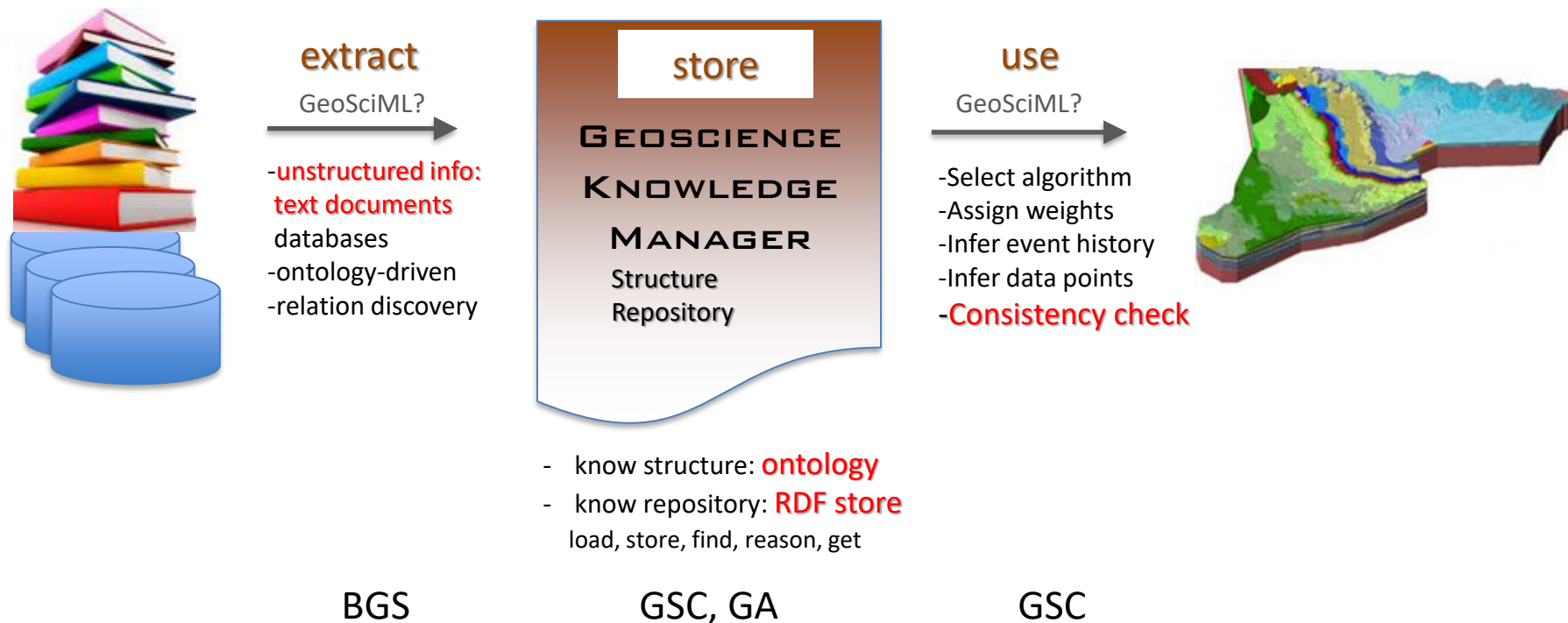
WP3-5 – Modelling

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)

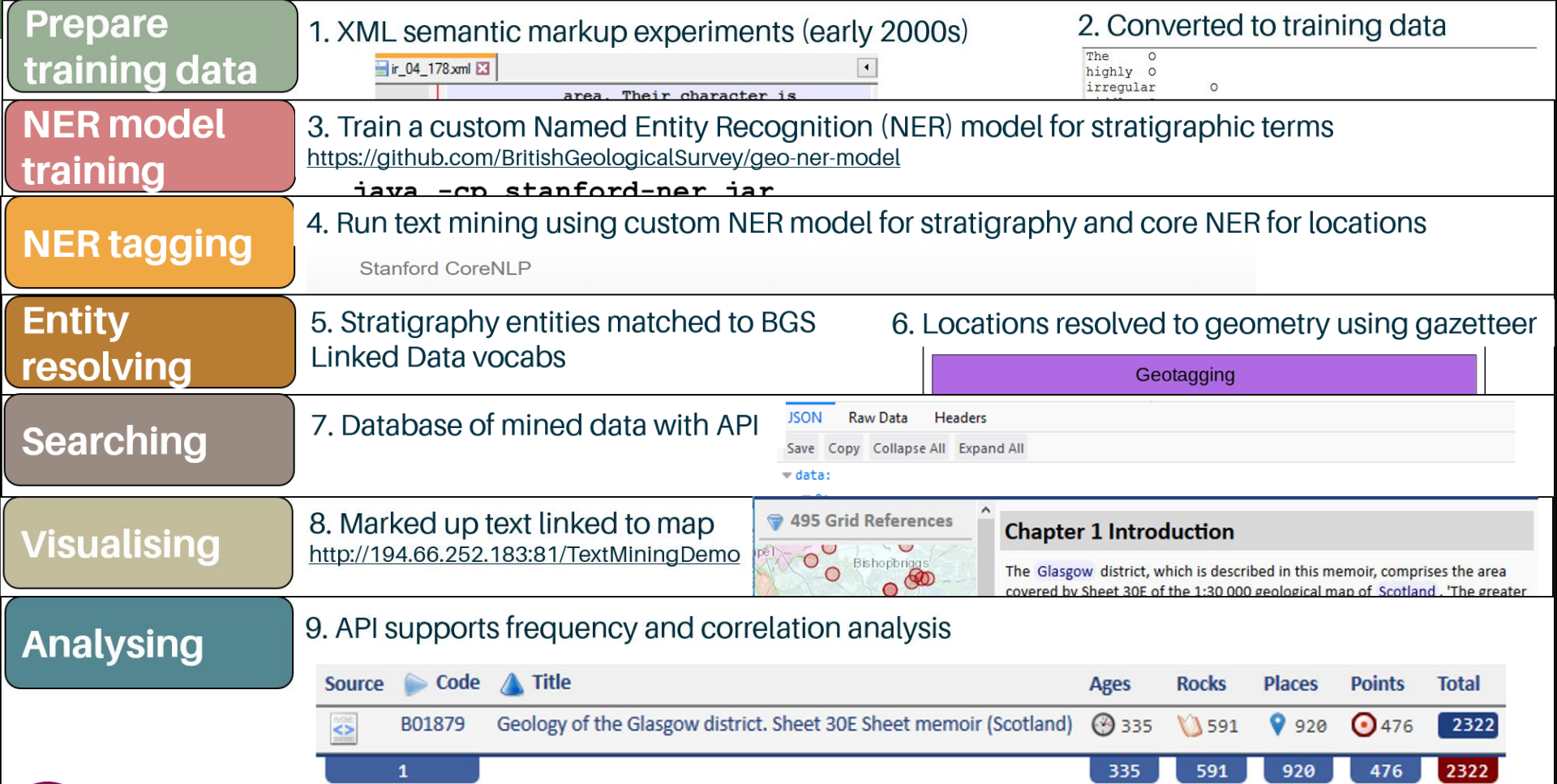
Mon 9:40 draft ontology I (B. Brodaric – GSC, R.E. Heaven – BGS)

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)

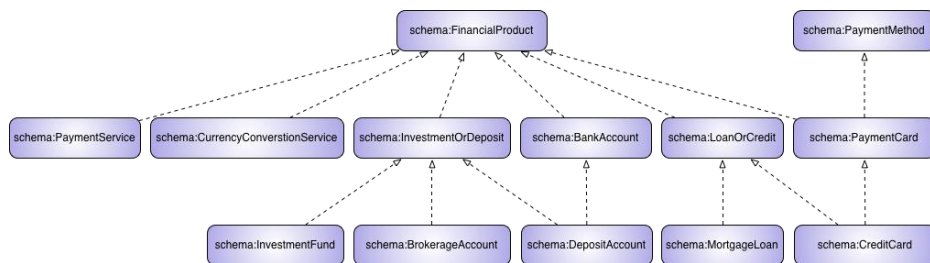
570 million objects

70 billion facts

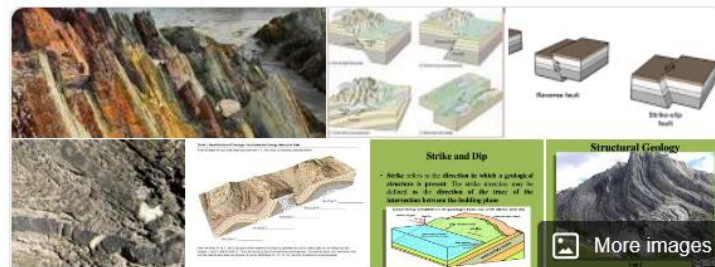
schema.org ontology

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)

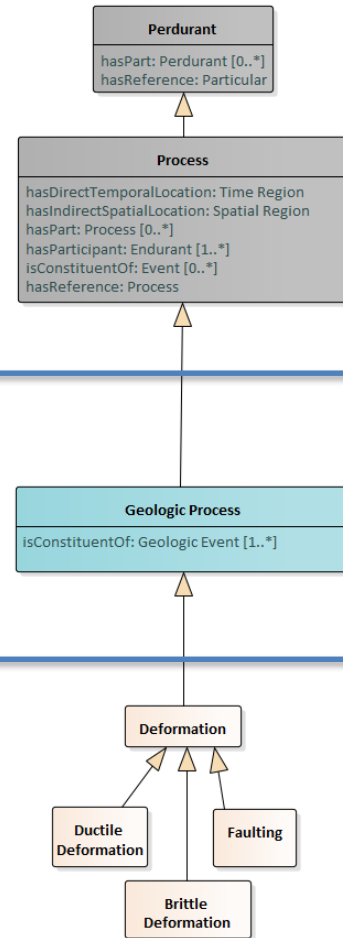
general framework: e.g. objects, processes, qualities,...

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](#)

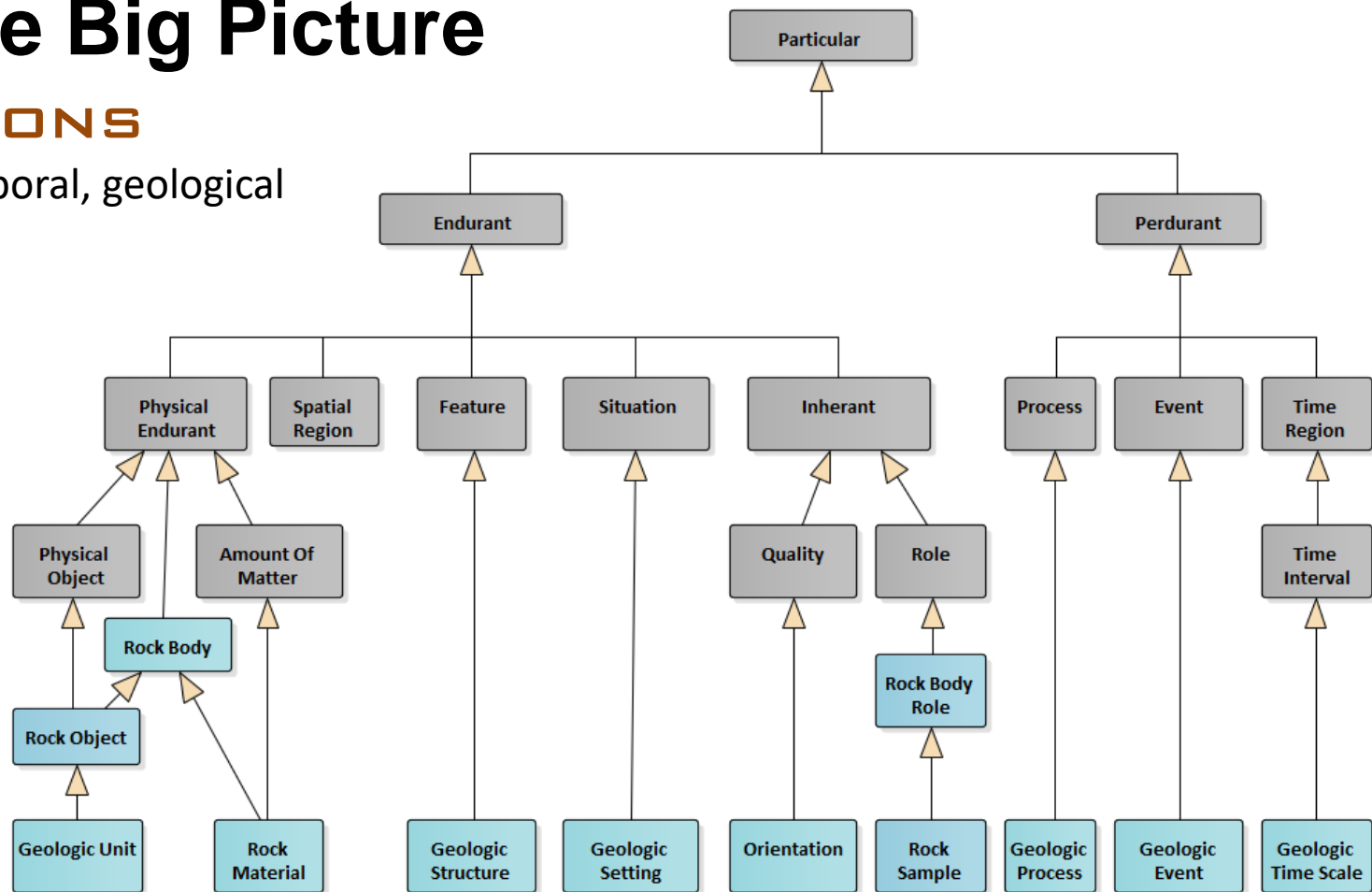
 [GSO-Structure-Foliation.ttl](#)

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

GSO The Big Picture

+ RELATIONS

spatial, temporal, geological



GSO Qualities

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

qualities are **characteristics**: e.g. *orientation, colour, density,...*

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

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

qualities are **singly-dependent**: they depend on the one thing they *inhere-in*
inheres-in is a special kind of dependence relation

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** occupied by things

space is occupied by **object-like** things (Endurants)

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

physical endurants are directly located in space

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

physical endurants are indirectly located in time

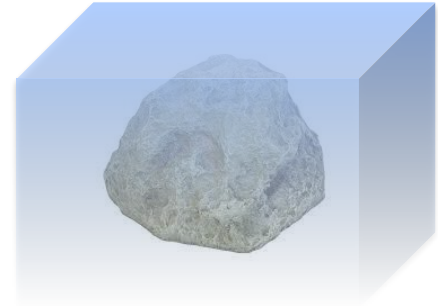
by virtue of the processes and events they participate in

processes and events are directly located in time

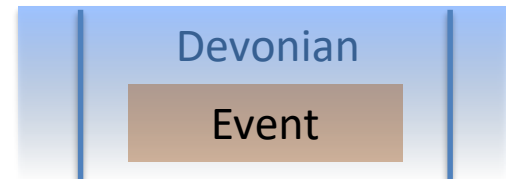
processes and events are indirectly located in space

by virtue of the objects participating in them

space



time



GSO Time Scale

= collection of geologic time regions

e.g. ICS 2014

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, GSSP

time interval: chronostratigraphic 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

Phanerozoic	Eon	Era	Period	Series or Stage	Stage	Age (Ma)		
			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		
							419.2 ±3.2	
				Silurian	Pridoli			423.0 ±2.3
					Ludlow	Ludfordian	425.6 ±0.9	
			Gorstian			427.4 ±0.5		
			Wenlock		Homerian	430.5 ±0.7		
					Sheinwoodian	433.4 ±0.8		
			Llandovery		Telychian	438.5 ±1.1		
					Aeronian	440.8 ±1.2		
					Rhuddanian	443.8 ±1.5		
			Ordovician	Late Ordovician	Ashgillian	Hirnantian		445.2 ±1.4
						Katian	Richmondian	
					Caradocian		Sandbian	Edenian
						Shermanian		453.0 ±0.7
				Ordovician			Kirkfeldian	
							Rocklandian	
Blackriverian								
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 Object

Rock Object has constituent Rock Material

Rock Material has constituent other AoM

AoM can have **parts** and **constituents** that are AoM

top part of sandstone layer

sandstone layer constituted by sand particles

Kinds of AoM (GSO)

Amount of Matter

Rock Material

Granular Material

Glass

Mineral

Element

GSO Rock Objects

are **physical endurants** made of rock material

directly located in space (occupy a chunk of space)

indirectly located in time (occupy time via processes and events)

are wholes unified by internal characteristics **or** external topology

internal characteristics = composition, geometry, structures

are **not spatial regions or situations**

they directly occupy chunks of space (so are not chunks of space)

situations indirectly occupy space (by virtue of their parts)

are more general than geologic units

rock objects are defined by internal traits **or** topology

e.g. facies (compositional) or stratigraphic section (topological)

geologic units are defined by internal traits **and** topology

units have uniform composition and specific relations to other rock bodies

Kinds of Rock Objects (GSO)

Rock Object

Crystal

Fossil

Facies

Lithosome

Stratigraphic Section

Stratotype

GSO Geologic Units

units are physical objects

participate in processes and events

have direct spatial location

defined by internal characteristics + external topology

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 things, **hosts** and **focals**

relational: derived from a **relation** between the things

multi-dependent: cannot exist without the things

spatial: directly located in space

singular: a single entity

Inherent Feature

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

Integral Feature

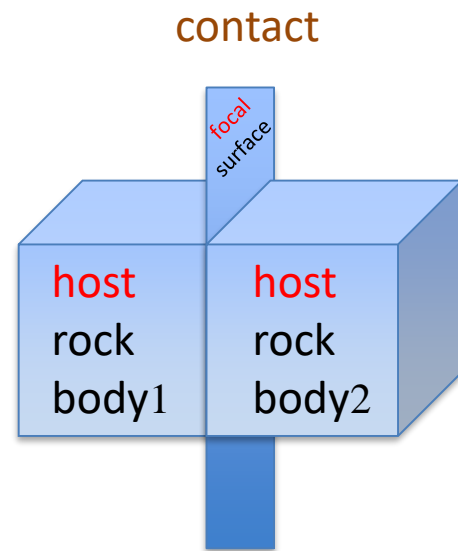
derived from an organization of **parts**: Foliation, Lamination

Material Spatial Feature

derived from a spatial relation: the rock **between** faults = Fault Zone

Low Dimension Feature

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



GSO Relations

Relations connect 2 or more things

dependent, emergent, plural

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

Features are **singular**

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 aspects

$\text{intrudes (A,B)} = \text{meets (A,B)} \wedge \text{younger (A,B)} \wedge \text{partic (A,P)} \wedge \text{intrusion (P)}$

Kinds of Relations

spatial

(Egenhofer/RCC)

contains

meets

...

temporal

(Allen's interval)

during

before (older)

after (younger)

...

geological*

intrudes

cross-cuts

...

*requires work

GSO Roles

after **BFO** + **UFO**

a role is **played** by something:

sample is played by some *rock object*

pendant is played by some overlying *rock object*

clast is played by some *amount of matter*

playing is a special kind of **inheres-in** relation

a role **inheres-in** so **depends-on** the playing thing

like qualities: e.g. a sample inheres-in and depends-on a rock object

a role has a related **host**:

sample is sample of some *rock body*

pendant is hosted by some underlying *rock body*

clast is hosted by surrounding *amount of matter*

Kinds of Roles

Rock Body Role

Rock Object Role

Pendant

Rock Sample

...

Amount of Matter Role

Clast

Inclusion

Xenolith

Xenocryst

...

GSO Processes and Events

after Galton & Mizoguchi 2009

processes and events unfold in time

only a part is present at any one time

have endurants 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

analogous to matter constituting objects

e.g. Boston Marathon constituted by the running in it

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 are endurants: wholly present at a time

situations have endurants as parts

situations have at least one endurant part

situations are indirectly located in space & time

located in space by virtue of their endurant parts

located in time by virtue of the processes/events they engage

settings are geologic fragments

under-developed 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 |