GeoSciML--A GML application schema for geologic information: Version 3.0 Release

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What?

XML markup for geologic units, structures, and material descriptions

Standards-based -- Open Geospatial Consortium and ISO (International Organization for Standardization).

Developed by international group as general domain solution

Designed in framework of other markup languages for geometry and geography (GML), geologic time, Earth resources, and observation/measurement.

Whats new for V.3

- Uses GML 3.2
- Intended for WFS 2.0 services
- Simplify term and quantity value scheme - Use SWE category and quantityRange
- Controlled concepts by reference (xlink:href,
- Collection of SKOS vocabularies for property value assignments
- Add resolutionScale on MappedFeature
- Revise model for GeologicHistory, Fossil
- Add Geomorphology, Laboratory analysis, Geochronology, Alteration description
- Refactor into 15 packages
- Consistent use of patterns

Observation model provides common framework for field data, geochemical and geochronologic data, borehole logs...

What is an Observation

- Procedure with specific time and place
- determine Result -- Observed property value
- property is bound to a Feature of interest

Procedure:

Involves instruments & sensors that respond to a stimulus from local physics or

Intention may concern local source or remote source (brunton compass vs. camera), or a re-located feature (a sample) Has relations to observers, algorithms, simulations, processing chains...

Observed Property:

Sensible phenomenon or property-type (Length, mass, temperature, shape, location, event-time, colour, chemical concentration, count/frequency, presence, species or kind...). Not necessarily physical.

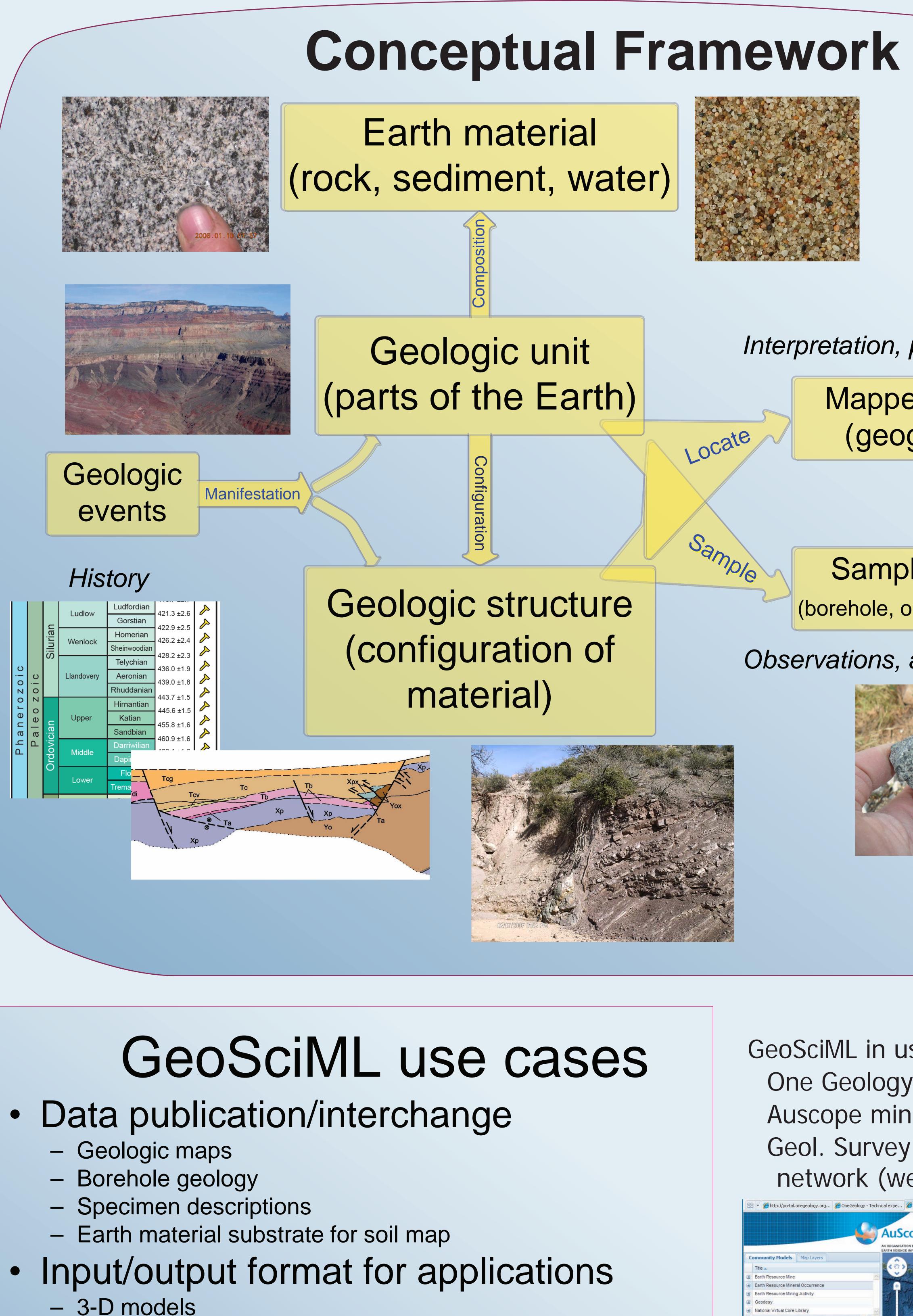
Expressed using a reference system or scale, may be ordinal or categorical, may have complex data structure

Feature of Interest:

The observed property is associated with something--the observation target

"Location" does not have properties, some thing at a location does

Observed property must be logically consistent with the domain feature-type (E.g. rock sample->density, pixel->colour, city-> population, ocean-surface-



Mineral resource assessment

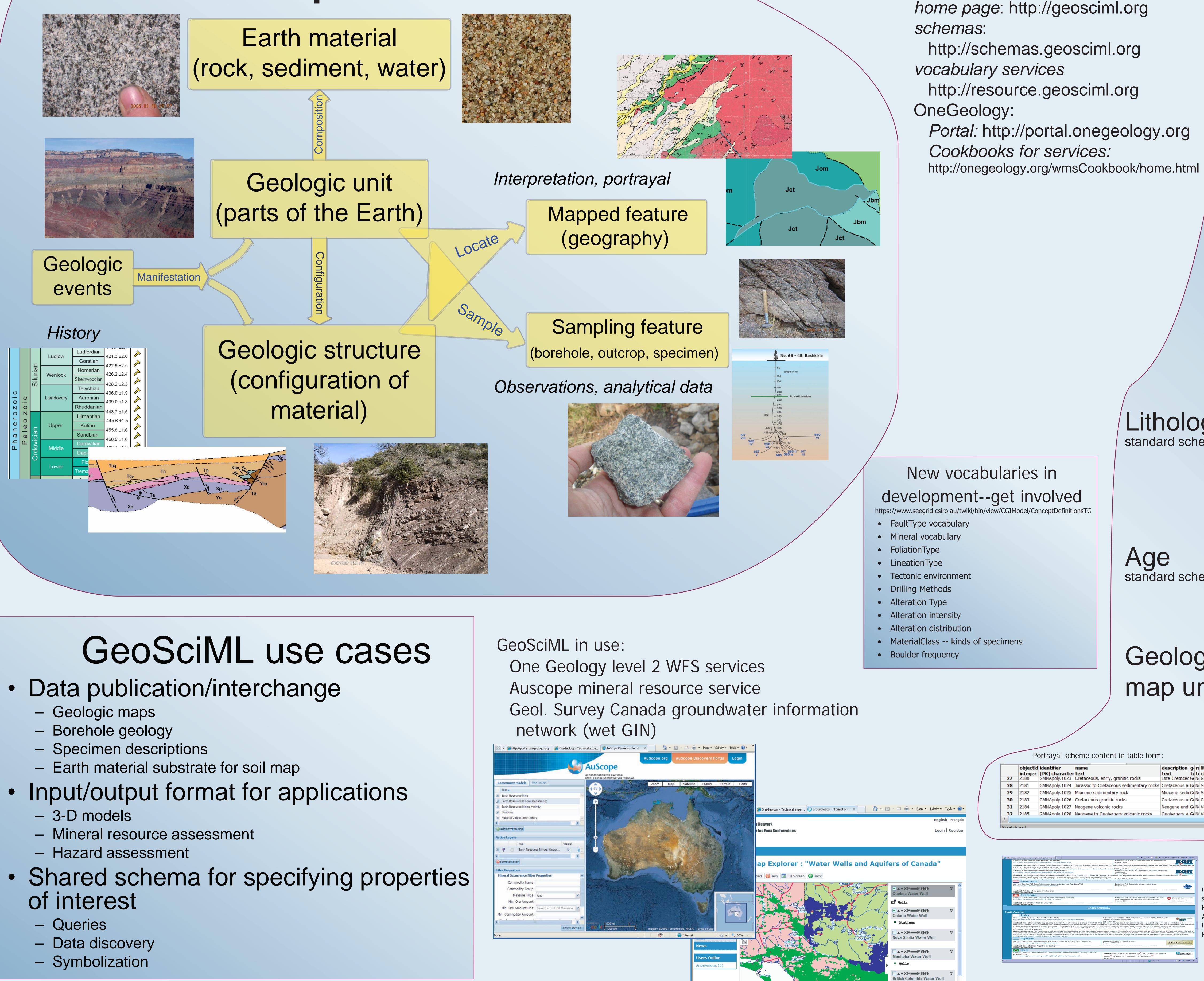
Hazard assessment

of interest

Data discovery

Symbolization

Queries

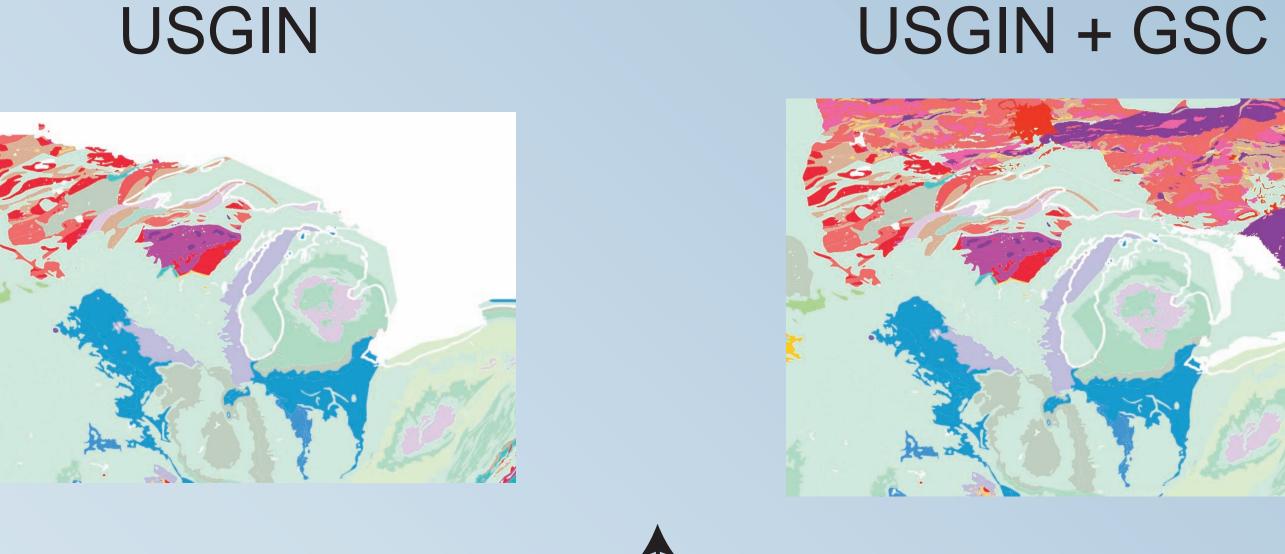


Where?

Portrayal scheme

<GeoSciML/>

- Simple flat-file view (GML simple feature)
 - Geologic Unit Faults, contacts
- Use controlled vocabularies for interoperability
- Includes free text attributes for people to read
- Link to full GeoSciML feature for information analysis



Age standard scheme

Geologic

map units

standard scheme

