

DIGITAL MAPPING TECHNIQUES 2023

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Geological mapping combining traditional with digital techniques

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Tasked to create 1:100,000 geological map of South-Central Indiana



Mapping Techniques

- I. Data collection & sourcing legacy data
- II. Amalgamating all data into one database
- III. Map construction



I. Data collection & sourcing legacy data

- A. Core sampling/core description
- B. Field surveys of rock exposures
- C. HVSR data collection
- D. Sourcing archived data
 - 1. Legacy work maps
 - 2. Field guides
 - 3. Previous bore holes
 - a) DOT
 - b) Gas & oil wells
 - c) Water wells



Core sampling



SDH 521 180-190' Core diameter 2''





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Core description



Describing new & legacy core

- Entered in an in-house program, "Column"
- Data to be added to main data base used for surface creation



Field surveys of exposures





Field Notes





ArcGIS Field Collector Application Field notebook

- Collector app combined with traditional field notes allows for quick data collection
- X, Y, and Z coordinates are contained within the collector application
- Detailed descriptions of rock units are written in the field notebook to be entered later back at the office

HVSR data collection

HVSR data is combined with well logs (water wells, oil & gas wells, gamma logs)

• Used for bedrock topography



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Additional data sources



Legacy field maps from previous research



Quarry industrial mineral reports Driller and geophysical logs from previous boreholes:

- DOT Geotech
- oil & gas exploration
- water wells
- gamma logs, etc.

II. Amalgamating all data into one database

A. Two primary methods

- 1. Synchronizing ArcGIS Field Collector App with database
 - a) Data collected in the field
- 2. Data entry one point at a time taken from
 - a) Field guides
 - b) Geotech reports/DOT boreholes
 - c) Gas, oil, water driller logs
 - d) Gamma, induction logs



Method 1: Synchronize iPad/Android field collector application with main database



New data points will automatically populate in ArcGIS Pro



Details from field notes can be added after synchronization





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Applicable location information entered in the various fields

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Relationship for each rock formation located at this data point is created

Purpose is so that a definition query can be run on each individual formation top when creating formation surfaces



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Method 2: Manual data entry

- Data types
 - Legacy borehole
 - Field guides
 - Industrial Mineral Reports
 - Water, oil and gas well records
 - Department of Transportation geotechnical reports



2. Use the "create" tool in the edit tool bar



Used primarily for adding legacy data from:

- Field notes/work maps
- Recent and old subsurface data



III. Map construction

- A. Create bedrock topography map
 - Using data sets containing depth to bedrock
- B. Run geologic surface modelling tool using
 - 1. Database containing all data entries
 - 2. Inferred data points

A. Create bedrock topography map



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Bedrock surface topography map



Bedrock Surface topography raster

 Clipped to area of interest

B. Create geological surface





Created geologic surface is intersected with bedrock topographic surface (BRS)

• Geologic surface – BRS = 0 (where intersect occurs)



Example of contacts created from where bedrock & geological surfaces intersect



Depending on the results, inferred data points and hand contouring is sometimes necessary





Polygons are created from finished surfaces



Topology tool used to QC

Questions

