

# DIGITAL MAPPING TECHNIQUES 2025

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# COLOR OPTIMIZATION METRICS FOR GEOLOGIC MAPS

## **BEYOND THE BASICS OF GEOLOGIC MAP DATABASE QA/QC**

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### AK GeMS QA/QC focused workflow phases

#### QA (don't make mistakes)

- Phase 2: Production
- Phases 5: Data Prep

#### QC (find mistakes)

- Phase 3: Approvals
- Phases 6-7: GeMS QC

#### QA/QC Accomplished with:

- Data Reviewer
- Python Scripts
- Implementing Attribute
   Rules

### AK GeMS Production Workflow



*Currently leveraging Esri advantage Program credits to leverage Tasks and upgrade data reviewer processes to ArcPro 3.x* 

# **AK DGGS Color Review**

### Phase 2

Colors chosen by geologist

### Phase 3

Colors checked manually by reviewers

#### Description Of Map Units Table

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# FGDC Geologic Color Standards

#### **USGS Techniques and Methods 11-B1**

- Purpose and use of the map
- Legibility of the map
- Showing contrast and clarity of map units and symbols
- Showing ages or age relationships of map units
- Showing structural relationships of map units
- Matching or approximating colors and patterns used on nearby or adjacent maps to maintain consistency and continuity of colors and patterns among maps in a region





#### **Suggested Colors for Geologic Maps**

Table 1. Suggested colors for geologic maps. CMYK values: A = 8%, 1 = 13%, 2 = 20%, 3 = 30%, 4 = 40%, 5 = 50%, 6 = 60%, 7 = 70%, X = 100%.

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Cretaceous K	Yellow green or olive green	Combinations of yellow and cyan, with proportionally more yellow than cyan; the addition of a small proportion of magenta produces olive greens.	A030 3070	4260	63X0
Jurassic J	Green	Combinations of yellow and cyan in equal or nearly equal proportions. Note: in theory, this is the correct color for Jurassic; however, in practice it is well to lean toward the conventional "blue greens" when possible.	3030 6060	6160	x0x0
Triassic <b>F</b>	Blue green	Combinations of yellow and cyan, with proportionally more cyan than yellow.	30A0 5030	6A30	6240
Permian P	Blue	Tints of cyan; a small proportion of magenta is often needed to increase contrast.	2000 5000	6200	62A0
Pennsylvanian P	Blue with red	Combinations of cyan and magenta, with a much higher proportion of cyan than magenta.	3A00 3200	53A0	6400
Mississippian M	Bluish purple	Combinations of cyan and magenta, with the proportion of cyan only slightly higher than magenta.	1100 4300	5400	6500
Devonian D	Grayish purple	Combinations of equal or nearly equal proportions of magenta and cyan plus a low proportion of yellow.	32A0 3310	54A0	6410
Silurian S	Reddish purple	Combinations of magenta and cyan, with proportionally more magenta than cyan.	1200 1500	3400	3620
Ordovician O	Subdued red	Light tints of magenta or combinations of a high proportion of magenta with low proportions of yellow and cyan.	03A0 1310	2410	2630
Cambrian €	Reddish brown	Combinations of magenta and yellow in equal or nearly equal proportions plus a low proportion of cyan.	0120 1430	1660	3640
Precambrian* p€	Olive brown, olive, gray, olive blue, reddish olive	Combinations of equal or nearly equal proportions of yellow, magenta, and cyan.	11A0 4430	1240	3560

\*Includes Proterozoic and Archean.

# **Color Challenges**

### Large maps with many map units

Particularly large number of map units of any one geologic age

### Guidance :

- select colors that maintain the relative order of colors on the geologic age column but move up and (or) down on the column.
- use the color immediately above the geologic age color for the youngest units, the correct color for the middle units, and the color immediately below the geologic age for the older units.

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# Patterns

Help maintain basic color scheme on complex maps

Not factored into tools at this time

Sedim	nentary	Pattern	S						
Sedimen	tary units in	general	206	207	214	215	216		212
		204	100	207		115	10		210
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Sandstor	118	119	124	132	134	421			
Evaporite	es (gypsum,	salt)							
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Breccia,	angular cor	nglomerate							
Surfic Sand	cial Patt	erns 119	120	42					
Gravel,	sand and g	jravel		_					
101	102	116	120	410	41 5	27	128	429	
Conglo	merate								
101	103	104	116	12	) 41	16	127	428	429
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	402	403							
Glacial	moraine								
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Table 3. Selected examples of *background colors* (CMYK codes shown below color boxes) and various point patterns (pattern numbers shown above color boxes) for geologic maps. CMYK values: A = 8%, 1 = 13%, 2 = 20%, 3 = 30%, 4 = 40%, 5 = 50%, 6 = 60%, 7 = 70%, X = 100%.

Geologic age			Pattern Color		
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Tertiary T	101 A130 0270	301 A130 0270	318 1 4 5 7 7 4 5 A130 0270	<b>327</b> <b>+ + + +</b> <i>A130</i> (2270	101 A130 0270
Cretaceous K	101 A(230 3070	427 A030 3070	301 A030 3070	327 + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	101 
Jurassic J	101 3030 6060	118 3030 6060	302 3030 6060	317 <u> <u> </u> </u>	301 1020 3030
Triassic R	101 30A0 6030	416 30A0 6030	327 + + + + + + + + 30A0 6030	314 30A0 6030	317
Permian P	101 2000 6030	429 2000 6030	328 +++ 2000 6030	317 <u> <u> </u> </u>	327 + + + + + + + + 1000 3000
Pennsylvanian P	101 3A00 3200	102 3400 3200	317 317 3400 3200 317 317 3200 3200	328 + + + 3400 3200	328 + + + 3A00 3200
Mississippian M	101 1100 4300	103	318 2 2 4 1 7 4 2 1 7 4 2	327 + + + + 1100 4300	319 
Devonian D	117 32A0 3320	103 2210 32A0		318 7 4 4 7 4 4 3240 3320 3320	314 2210 3240
Silurian S	117 117 1200 1500	401 1200 A300	303 1200 1500	319 7 A 7 L 1200 1500	101 1200 A300
Ordovician O	117 03A0 06A0	116 03A0 A3A0	305 (3A0 06A0	327 + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	101 0340 A340
Cambrian €	117 0120 2440	118 0120 02A0	315 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	318	101 
rian*	117 2140 1230	302 2140 1230	306 2140 1230	327 + + + + + + 2140 1230	416 2140 1230

# **FGDC Key Recommendations**

1. CMYK colors that differ by at least 30% for computer driven plotters

2. Colors maintain the relative order of colors on the geologic age column



# **Developing Metrics**

### 1. Human Readability

Color Distance Matrix Tool

### 2. Adherence to Color Age Standards

Check DMU Color Ages Tool



Exist in AK\_GeMS\_production\_toolbox.pyt



# **Color Code Logic**

#### **EXPLANATION**

CMY value shown below box. Abbreviations: A, 8%; 1, 13%; 2, 20%; 3, 30%; 4, 40%; 5, 50%; 6, 60%; 7, 70%; X, 100%.



# **Color Distance Matrix Tool**

Calculate the Euclidean distance between map units on 3D color cube







# FGDC CMYK Color Chart







# **Color Distance Matrix Tool**

- Distance matrix of the Euclidean distance between colors in DMU
- Average Euclidean distance between colors for a map

Map Unit	0010 Qal	0040 Qg	2030 Ksbls	3A40 Ksblb	2040 Ksblr	3150 Ktu	1050 Ks	4160 Kn	4240 Kt	Nearest Map Unit Color
Qal										
Qg	27									Qal
Ksbls	26.2	22.4								Qg
Ksblb	41.1	31	16.2							Ksbls
Ksblr	33.6	20	10	12.8						Ksbls
Ktu	49.4	34.2	25.9	11.2	19.2					Ksblb
Ks	39.2	16.4	21.2	21.3	12.2	21.4				Ksblr
Kn	63.1	46.6	38.3	22.9	31.1	14.1	31.6			Ktu
Kt	52.2	44.7	30	15.6	28.3	15.8	35.1	21.2		Ksblb
Average Dist	41.475	30.75714	23.6	16.76	22.7	17.1	33.35	21.2		25.86777



COLOR DISTANCE MATRIX TOOL 

# **Check DMU Color Ages Tool**

Α	В	С	D	E	F	G
Map Unit	Age Oldest	Age Youngest	Style Age	Match Status	Distance	Symbol
Qb	Quaternary	Quaternary	Igneous; Volcanic	MATCH	0	0XX0
Ds	Devonian	Devonian	Mississippian	MISMATCH	1	6500
Dm	Devonian	Devonian	Mississippian	MISMATCH	1	2200
EKs	Cretaceous	Cretaceous	Quaternary	MISMATCH	3	0000
LKg	Cretaceous	Cretaceous	Igneous; Volcanic	MATCH	0	0X30
DOg	Devonian	Ordovician	Silurian	MATCH	0	4600
Omg	Ordovician	Ordovician	Cretaceous	MISMATCH	9	63X0
DOx	Devonian	Ordovician	Ordovician	MATCH	0	0420
DOi	Devonian	Ordovician	Permian	MISMATCH	4	6200
DOms	Devonian	Ordovician	Igneous; Volcanic	MISMATCH		0XA0
DOm	Devonian	Ordovician	Permian	MISMATCH	4	2000
DOq	Devonian	Ordovician	Ordovician	MATCH	0	07A0
DOqs	Devonian	Ordovician	Igneous; Volcanic	MISMATCH		0X70
DOsq	Devonian	Ordovician	Cambrian	MISMATCH	1	0750
DOs	Devonian	Ordovician	Cambrian	MISMATCH	1	0AA0
Osg	Ordovician	Ordovician	Jurassic	MISMATCH	8	A020
Oi	Ordovician	Ordovician	Jurassic	MISMATCH	8	6040
DOu	Devonian	Precambrian	Precambrian; Proterozoic; Archean	MATCH	0	2A20
PzPh	Paleozoic	Proterozoic	Precambrian; Proterozoic; Archean	MISMATCH		4770
PzPa	Paleozoic	Proterozoic	Precambrian; Proterozoic; Archean	MISMATCH		3450
OVERALL ACCURACY	REPORT					
Total Units	20					
Matches	6					
Mismatches	14					

### **Results**

- 1. Percent of map unit record whose age matches
- 2. How far off mismatched records DMU ages are from FDGC age standard



# **Standardize DMU Ages**

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			2140 5370	3220	6430

_	map_unit *	symbol	age_label	age_oldest	age_youngest
6	Jdap	0X00	Jurassic	Jurassic	Jurassic
7	pMm	6540	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian
8	Jdfi	0X00	Jurassic	Jurassic	Jurassic
9	Jcp	0X00	Jurassic	Jurassic	Jurassic
10	Tg	04X0	Tertiary	Tertiary	Tertiary
11	pMg	4450	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian
12	pMq	4660	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian
13	pMoq	4760	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian
14	MJdf	0X00	Jurassic or pre-Mississippian	Jurassic or pre-Mississi	Jurassic or pre-Mississi
15	JKdI	0X00	Jurassic or younger	Jurassic or younger	Jurassic or younger
16	uPzst	3330	upper Paleozoic	upper Paleozoic	upper Paleozoic
17	uPzv	5550	upper Paleozoic	upper Paleozoic	upper Paleozoic
18	Jdhg	0X00	Jurassic	Jurassic	Jurassic
19	uPzl	6550	upper Paleozoic	upper Paleozoic	upper Paleozoic
20	MDag	3760	Mississippian to Devonian	Devonian	Mississippian
21	Jc	0320	Jurassic	Jurassic	Jurassic
22	MDog	3750	Mississippian to Devonian	Devonian	Mississippian
23	Jt	2X40	Jurassic	Jurassic	Jurassic
24	pMqgs	2240	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian
25	pMaf	2320	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian
26	pMam	4540	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian
27	рМа	3320	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian
28	pMsg	3460	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian
29	uPzmg	6550	upper Paleozoic	upper Paleozoic	upper Paleozoic
30	Jg	0X00	Jurassic?	Jurassic?	Jurassic?
31	TJcp	7XX0	Jurassic to Tertiary?	Jurassic	Tertiary?

- Clean up DMU ages: lower cases, ?s, adjectives
- Map all potential ages to FGDC Ages

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 Table 1.
 Suggested colors for geologic maps.
 CMYK values: A = 8%, 1 = 13%, 2 = 20%, 3 = 30%, 4 = 40%, 5 = 50%, 6 = 60%, 7 = 70%, X = 100%.

### Symbol: A640

#### **Description of Map Units Symbol Age:**

Tertiary

map_unit *	symbol	age_label	age_oldest	age_youngest
Tg	A640	Tertiary	Tertiary	Tertiary

#### FGDC Standard Symbol Age:

Cambrian

Name	Туре	Category
A640	Polygon symbol	Cambrian

### = Age Mismatch of 10

# CHECK DMU COLOR AGES

TOOL



### Lower Legibility, High Age Accuracy

### **Color Distance Assessment**

- Average Distance 25.9
- Map Unit Distances
  - 4 Great (>30)
  - 5 Good (>20)
  - **2** Bad (<20)
- Color Age Assessment
  - 10/10 Match



## High Legibility, Low Age Accuracy

### **Color Distance Assessment**

- Average Distance= **59.9**
- 24/24 Map Units= Great (>30)

### **Color Age Assessment**

- Map Units with correct age: 5/25
- Map Units with incorrect age: 20
  9 map units within 3 age categories
  - 11 map units more than 10 categories away



# **Color Metrics**

Phase 2

Aid geologists in database and map production

*Phase 6* More robust QC



# QUESTIONS

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