

Thematic Working Group Geology & Mineral Resources



Short overview description

Main achievements

Open issues

2 themes: Geology & Mineral Resources

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Definition:

Geology characterised according to composition and structure. Includes bedrock, aquifers and geomorphology.





Use cases – mainly to provide geological data:

- to detect geo-hazards
- to ensure safe disposal of waste
- to detect ground instability in a flat area
- to look for deep fractured zones (geothermal exploration)
- to check background radiation level changes
- to undertake water balance to ensure compliance with the WFD
- for Groundwater reporting for WFD
- to define significant pressure on groundwater
- to assess corrosivity to underground assets
- to plan tunneling operations safely and effectively





Legislation:

For the Hydrogeological part of the model: the WFD/GWD (Water Framework Directive / Groundwater Directive)

Existing standards:

- GeoScienceML (IUGS International Union of Geological Sciences)
- O&M (ISO/OGC)





Data model – 3 parts:

- Geology: geologic features (units, faults, landforms)
- Geophysics: surveys, measurements, models
- Hydrogeology: aquifers, groundwater bodies

• The model does not address 3D Geological models

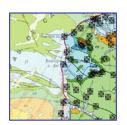


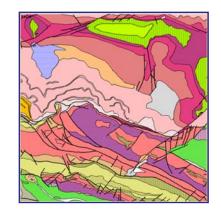


Geology (core model):

- Geologic units
 Groups of rocks (lithology, ...)
- Geologic structures

 Faults
- Geomorphologic features
 Landforms
- Boreholes

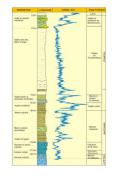


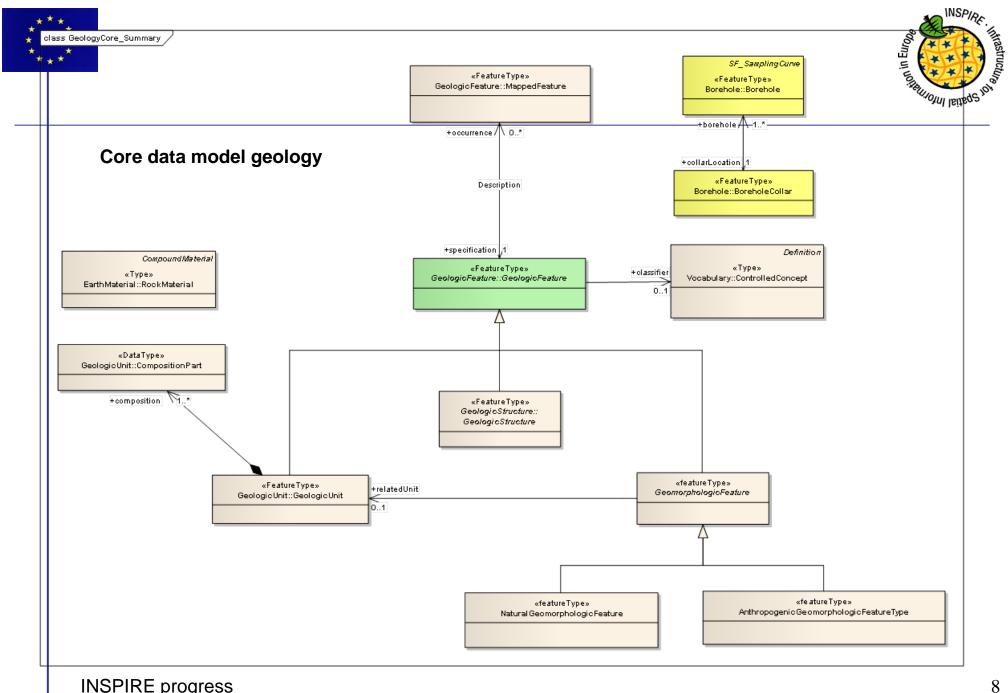




Extension:

More feture-types and properties to describe rocks





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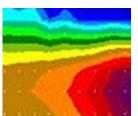


Geophysics (core model):

- Geoph. Surveys
 Location, type, ...
- Geoph. Measurements
 Types: station, profile, 3D meas.
- Geoph. Models
 Spatial distribution of physical properties







Extension:

More feature-types and properties





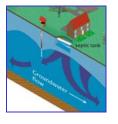
Hydrogeology:

Water system:

- Groundwater Bodies
- Groundwater Flow System

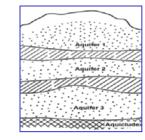
Rock system:

- Hydrogeological units
- Aquifer System (aquifers, aquitards)



Hydrogeological System:

- contains Groundwater Flow Systems
- is formed by Aquifer System





Hydrogeological Objects:

- Natural (vanishing point, spring / seep)
- Man made (water well)





Issues / to check during comment and testing period:

- Large scope to address underground knowledge
 - => to check the balance between core and extension
- Hydrogeology model:
 - not yet distinction between core / extension
 - not yet compliant with the GCM coverage model
- Data quality description
- Portrayal rules: some standards exist but ...





Mineral resources





Definition:

Mineral resources including metal ores, industrial minerals, etc., where relevant including depth/height information on the extent of the resource.





Use cases:

- Dealing with environmental uncertainties related to mining wastes
- What is the gold potential of Central and Southeastern Europe?
- Where to find Germanium in Europe?
- A manufacturer is looking for the closest producers of Ground Calcium Carbonate (GCC)





Legislation:

- Mining Waste Directive
- Raw materials initiative

Existing standards:

- EarthResourceML (IUGS)
- GeoScienceML (IUGS International Union of Geological Sciences)
- Mineral: International Mineralogical Association



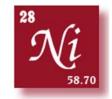


Mineral Resources (core model):

- Earth Resource: natural material of potential economic value
- Mining Feature: working on the Earth Resource

Earth Resource:

- Mineral occurrence
- Commodity and Commodity measure
- Mineral deposit model





Mining Feature:

- Mine
- Mining activity





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extension:

- Earth Resource Material
- Mineral system
- Supergene processes (ex: alteration)

Mining Feature:

- Mine
- Mining activity

- Mined material
- Products
- Mining waste





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- Balance between core and extension
- Data quality description
- Layers organisation, portrayal rules



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