

# Le Référentiel Géologique DE LA FRANCE and 3D modeling

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#### The RGF : A three-dimensional information system

**Objective**: To build a three-dimensional geological knowledge: continuous, consistent data base

and profile

**Purpose**: anticipate and answer the new societal demands implying the underground (energy, natural hazards, resources, urbanization, pollution...) and in particular to make easier the data preparation for 3D modeling



A three-dimensional alignment of data from various data bases available at BRGM





Interpolation of surfaces to controle the 3D consistency of integrated data



...**to improve** data accessibility and geological kowledge for creation of 3D models







# RGF pilot study in «Vosges Fossé-Rhénan» region



## **RGF pilot project**







Suggest, develop and test :

- data processing to insure 3D consistency between data set
- data base to link depth and surfasic information
- deliver geological product with 3D consistency useful for social and scientific requirements
- RGF's workflow
- experience feedback for the national program



#### Feedback experience



#### **Consistency rules**

make data description and codification coherent all together (maps, boreholes, seismic profiles)



#### prerequisite to apply consistensy

- list all geological units existing in the area study ( map, borehole, ...)
- organise in a hierarchical table of all geological units identified (spatio-temporal organisation)





Richard et Weisgerber, 1985



Link between boreholes, geological maps, interpreted seismic profil

> Result of the processing of all available geological data in the regional area

> Capacity of gathering for each type of data





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#### **3D modeling**

#### 3D modeling integrated in RGF consistency processing

- Test / approve data consistency and geological interpretations
- Test scientifics hypothesis by a 3D interpretation approch at regional scale and specific applications
- Iterative approch between 3D modeling and data interpretation



**3D modeling** 

#### Differente scales for different applications

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# Capacity to deliver multiscale data with 3D consistency is the first necessary





The RGF pilot project give the launching tools for the new national program

Research and developement effort must be maintain ....

# BRGM challenges and ongoing development for 3D modeling



### GEORG project model integration in RGF regional model

• A model created for a specific application, can it be recycle for others studies ?



# 3D MODELING .... Kriging - Simulation









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## 3D MODELING .... Geophysics- Uncertainties





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#### Granite probability









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#### 3D MODELING ..... Uncertainty issue

How to estimate errors?

- Classical krigging error estimate (Applicable in standard situations)

- Gaussian simulations

Many limitations due to the diversity of data and a priori knowledge and interpretations

- Try to explore the range of possible models The game is to find ways to reduce the space of possible solutions

- How to display uncertainty?
  - Standard-deviation
  - 2D 3D
  - **Probability maps** -
  - Entropy maps





3D probability map of being in a low permeability terrain. alluviums of a sector of Bordeaux city 7 km \* 6 km \* 15 m. ISATIS software



Impact of faults location and dips.



Base of carboniferous Standard-deviation



3D model entropy

# 3D MODELING ....

# Make models usefull for applications (flow, seismic simulations, property assessment, civil engeeniring ... ) This mainly concerns appropriate meshing methods

- As many different requirements for meshing as different applications (voxels, irregular grids, stratigraphic grids, structured (i,j,k), unstructured (tesselations), hexaedrons, voronoi cells, tetrahedrons... and more.

- Our current works are carried on building tetraedric meshes of models described by implicit functions Use of CGAL (Computational Geometry Algorithms Library)

- The issue is to build a multi-volume representation of the model, conformal with geological boundaries, and which preserves sharp angles.



Solid tetrahedric mesh within a fault network Application : flow simulation , mechanics, fault block detection - instabilities ...

Example of tetraedric mesh conformable with folds.



## Conclusions

- The RGF pilot project give the launching tools for the new national program RGF
  - data processing to insure 3D consistency between data set
  - data base with capacity to deliver multiscale data with 3D consistency
  - suggest a RGF's worflow : feedback experience
  - 3D modeling integrated in RGF consistency processing



# Conclusions

- ✓ Challenges in link with 3D modeling
  - Ink between 3D model and data base
  - interoperability between software
  - multiscale modeling
  - management of uncertainty for data and models
  - meshing
  - property modeling

