Using Technology to Measure the Unreachable: Digital 3-D Outcrop Characterization using Close-Range Photogrammetry, Terrestrial Laser Scanning and Remote Sensing.

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Obstacles to 3D modeling

- Connect dots or construct geology?
- Estimate occurrence or probability?
- Guess dimensions or measure?

How to obtain numerical data?





Outcrop observations and measurements

- 2-D outcrops = high detail and unit context <u>where accessible</u>.
- Better than 1-D borings because
 geometry + spatial dimensions
 changes in properties/character of units (needed for groundwater and natural resource models)

But! 2-D outcrop data not usually compiled into 3-D models.

Three technologies for georeferenced outcrop measurements and 3D data



close range photogrammetry

- No technique is 'perfect'
- None works everywhere
- None provides all data
- None simple to use
- All based upon satellite & transit surveying



GPS + transit instruments courtesy Jim Best



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close range photogrammetry





Outcrop close-range photogrammetry field setup

Unrectified photograph

- Rectangular
- Square corners



Orthorectified photograph

- Trapezoidal shape
- Corners are not square
- Geometrically correct



🕗 Siro 3D V 3. 3

Program/File 3D Imaging 3D Support Image Support 3D Applications Help







WS6_c.tif Easting: 350658.061 Northing: 4586559.107 Height: 182.652 Bearing: 177.43 deg Elevation: 0.85deg Tilt: -3.45deg WS2_c.tif Easting: 350657.174 Northing: 4586558.697 Height: 182.682 Bearing: 170.45 deg Elevation: -0.01 deg Tilt: -3.84deg



Surveyed Control Point Position: 350658.131 4586554.929 182.097 Calculated Control Point Position: 350658.131 4586554.928 182.097 Control Point Range: 4.215 Average Selected Point Position RMS Error: 0.005 0.121%

Note the offset of upper and lower sections of outcrop face offset by a 4-foot deep excavation.

> Orthorectified image has <u>no</u> <u>radial displacement</u>or optical errors.

4586561.5

4586562

4586561

350473

350478

350479

350480

East

350481

350482

350483

Thorn Creek stormwater storage



Surveying control and check points in field. Record on photomosiac.

CS 6

CS 7

CS 8

CS 9

CS 10

CS 11 CS 12

570

760

Feet

520 - 710 feet

190

95

380



DEM extracted from the stereomodel by Sirovision Multiple point clouds displayed in ArcScene



Good relative orientation

Measurements of Thornton Quarry N-S wall by Sirovision

Excellent geometry and results under difficult measurement conditions.
 Joint orientation compares with previous results





Thornton Quarry (Silurian reef) aggregate & hydrocarbon reservoir

•jointing

- nearly all are closed
- nearly all vertical
- length = 20-40 feet
- spacing 10-50; 100-200 feet

• 16 conduits

- 2-foot avg opening, a 6 ft diameter
- change in bedding angle (apparent)
 - 2 to 41 degrees

•continuity of bedding pairs

- not as continuous as you think*
- avg 56 feet, 20 to 115 feet in length
- 0.4-1.2 feet thick pairs

image resolution = 37 millimeters



N = 44Maximum density = 8.97 Minimum density = 0.00Mean density = 2.10Density calculation: Cosine sums Cosine exponent = 20Contour intervals = 10 From minimum to maximum

Comparison of reduced data shows that **D/DDN** nearly same as conventional field methods.

Average strike of permal joints

Stereo32, Unregistered Version

Equal area projection, lower hemisphere



	Average sinke of normal joints					
			Angle			
			between			
Study	Set I	Set II	joints			
Foote 1982, east site	N49° E	N36° W	75-87			
Djavid and Fitzpatrick 2008	N48° E	N46° W	92			
Shuri and Kelsay 1984	N45° E	N45° W	90			
Harza Engineering	N42° E	N34° W				
Company 1986			76			
STS Consultants, Ltd.	N41.1° E	S44.5° E	85.6			
	Eigenvector	Eigenvector				
		1.5.5				
This study, joint sets	N52.1° E	N50.4°W	102.5			
This study, fracture	N0.30° E					



Middle Fork Vermilion River

- 3D modeling for Mahomet
 Aquifer project
- New instrument
 - Compare techniques
- No nearby survey control
- Site inaccessible in high water (spring)
- Lots of riparian vegetation
 - Mostly poison ivy



Vegetation obscured outcrop. Not suited to stereophotography for photogrammetry or lidar without extensive preparation.



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Porter Cemetry

Forkot



Survey Control Point

0 80 160 320 480	640
	Meter

Boulder pavement in Tiskilwa, Blue Hole site



Distance Between Boulders w/in Cluster





• 4 of 59 boulders > 3m apart

- X = 1.2m; s = 0.1m
- each boulder cluster deposited same time.

Clusters are not close. 6 of 15 clusters < 9m apart clusters are separated, perhaps as events. Stream channels cut into Glasford Fm at three (3) outcrops Middle Fork Vermilion River

58.4 feet (17.8 m)

feet (16.1

2.8

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Yorkville Member, Lemont Formation

Batestown Member, Lemont Formation

Unnamed unit 1, Glasford Formation (sand)

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Tiskilwa Formation

Tiskilwa Formation

Unnamed unit 1, Glasford Formation

(diamicton)

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Vandalia Member, Glasford Formation

Unnamed unit 1? Glasford Formation (silty sand with organic matter)

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Unnamed unit 1, Glasford Formation (silt and clay)

Unnamed unit 1, Glasford Formation (sand)

Unnamed unit 1, Glasford Formation (diamicton)

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Porter Cemetery	35.6	43	49	6.6
BH Combined	44.3	63		
Mean	26.2	40.25	30.825	4.45
Standard Error	3.22	5.65	6.68	0.74
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Maximum channel thicknesses ranges between ~3.3 – 6.6 meters.

Channel lengths range 43-62% of outcrop length so, likelihood of encountering sand in Glasford Fm. is ~50%.

So, lateral borings could improve well capacity or yield.

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- Probability of channel occurrence in an outcrop is ~50%
- Lithologic, conductivity variability in several tills.
- Variability of hydraulic conductivity, k does not appear large
- Well capacity or yield likely depends upon length of buried channels & interconnectivity. So, are shapes or areas of channel cuts important?

Challenges the notion that "sand lenses" in glacial sediments are hit or miss.

- Challenges the "unpredictable" character of glacial sediments.
- Converts observations (what we 'knew') to measurable phenomena.

New challenge is that this places a burden on earth scientists to reliably predict occurrence, areas, and dimensions of sediments.

Image Processing and Remote Sensing of Visible and Infrared Imagery



- Enhancement e.g., histogram stretch
- Band ratios enhance Fe oxidation and mineralogy
- Statistical Analysis e.g., unsupervised classification
- Direct Detection or Indication hyperspectral, thermal





no enhancement



Curve Display Options





Image processing: ratio **red** and **green** bands to distinguish oxidized and unoxidized sediments.

Red/Green = <u>R - G</u> R + G



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	3			1	0.65	0	Class 3	1	289135	1
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	6		0	.39	0.24	0.11	Class 6	1	145127	
	7		0	.31	0.35	0.39	Class 7	1	352967	1
	8			1	0.65	0	Class 8	1	336554	1
	9			1	0.65	0	Class 9	1	258197	1
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	11		0	.93	0.51	0.93	Class 11	1	267775	1
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	21		0	.83	0.83	0.83	Class 21	1	331281	
	22			1	0	0	Class 22	1	524383	
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	24			1	0	0	Class 24	1	378390	1
	25			1	0	0	Class 25	1	151399	

oxidized diamicton silty clay

unoxidized diamicton silt clay loam

oxidized fluvial sand and gravel





unoxidized lake sediments

unoxidized diamicton loam

Imaging Spectroscopy (hyperspectral)



Dealing with imperfect conditions – band ratio **Band1/Band2**













Remotely! Expediently! Virtually, and Cheaply!

- <u>Georeference & measure</u> [modeling] subtle changes in lithology and texture;
- •*Differentiate* zones & facies [sedimentology] within 'homogenous' units based on mineralogy;
- *Identify* moisture-density/texture [engineering] using nonvisible imagery;
- *Better utilize* expensive laboratory analyses [cost] extrapolate and target sampling and lab test data;
- *Virtual preservation* [conservation, travel costs] of ephemeral outcrops and type sections.

Spring Lake Sand Pit in McHenry Co.

