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New techniques in regional 3D geological mapping, simulation and visualisation and their application in predictive mineral exploration.







3D Modelling in Victoria

> The program Rediscover Victoria 3D \succ The models New outputs Model delivery 3D data provision > Adding value how the models can be used

Rediscover Victoria 3D

- Accelerated development of a 3D geological map of Victoria
 - The project will develop a sophisticated, fully attributed 1:250000 scale three-dimensional model linking the onshore and offshore geology of the state.
- Regional 3D geological models
 - 1:1M and 1:250K scale models
 - Full crust Moho to the sky
- > Define large scale geometry
 - Architecture
 - Plumbing
- > Fluid pathways
 - Most stakeholders
 - Gold, base metals, oil and gas, groundwater, geothermal, carbon sequestration
 - Explorers, resource managers and researchers

New Outputs

Complete and available

- Bendigo Zone
 1:250000
- Otway Basin
 framework study
- Isostatic gravity dataset



Work in progress

Work to be completed in 2009 Western Victoria 1:250000

- Western Victoria
 basement / basin
 integration
- Murray Basin depth to basement surface
 Gippsland basin potential field study



3D modelling and the mineral system





Source rock distribution analysis



Allows explorers to refine their search area based on distribution of potential source rocks and fluid pathways Block model based on 3D geology

3D gravity inversion modifies geometry



Area selection overlays



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Combined with depth to basin surfaces potential exploration areas with thick cover or inappropriate buried stratigraphy can be eliminated.



Regional and camp scale fluid flow modelling



The pore-space as a resource



Applications for geothermal exploration

Exploded view of the Latrobe Valley coal seams

Modelling done by Chris Osborne, CCV

Value-add to this dataset by using it to model heatflow



Applications for geothermal exploration



Hydrocarbon and GCS targeting and prediction

Just after injection



So where and how can we inject 200MT of CO2 into a basin?

Maximum extension





General research applications

Recent earthquake mapping

Stress field analysis

Model calibration

Earth system monitoring



3D Data delivery

- > 3D Model Manager System
 - Storage
 - Data management
 - Data delivery
 - Coordinate, datum and format conversion
 - Visualisation capability





Conclusions

- > We are providing next-generation fully attributed, high resolution 3D geological models
 - of the whole state
 - of the whole crust
 - for all commodities
 - to which Government, industry and research groups can add-value
- > And its FREE!