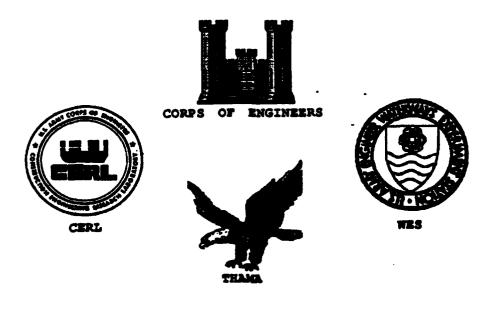


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### Managing Hazardous and Toxic Waste Information:

### **GIS** Application



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United States Army Toxic and Hazardous Materials Agency (USA-THAMA), United States Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (USACERL), and United States Army Waterways Experiment Station (USAWES) sponsored a symposium entitled "Managing Hazardous and Toxic Waste Information: Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Applications" on August 9, 10, and 11 in Denver, Colorado. The purpose of that meeting was for sharing ideas, systems and progress on the various GIS programs within the Corps of Engineers and the Army, with applications to the study and management of hazardous and toxic waste issues. The symposium provided a unique opportunity to develop synergy between the Corps of Engineers Laboratories, specifically in the area of GIS Research and Development and GIS implementation efforts. Discussions about these efforts proved very beneficial to all parties concerned.

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### MANAGING HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC WASTE INFORMATION: GIS APPLICATIONS Deriver, Colorado August 8-11, 1989 MEETING AGENDA

### Tuesday, August 8

6:00 p.m9:00 p.m.	Registration July Zindars
7:00 p.m10:00 p.m.	Icebreaker THAMA

### Wednesday, August 9

8:30-8:45	Opening Remarks Mark Bovelsky, William Goran, Sundy Stephens
8: <b>45-9:15</b>	Keynote Address
	"GIS in the Corps: Process and Directions" Bill Klesch
9:15-10:00	THAMA
	"THAMA Overview: Installation Restoration Data Management Information System (IRDMIS)" Mark Bouelsky
	"Geotechnical Applications Using Interactive Surface Modeling" Ira May
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:00	CERL
	"GIS Capabilities and Activities at CERL" William Goran
	"GRASS: Development and Support" Jim Westervelt
11:00-12:00	WES
	"Geotechnical Applications of GIS" Albert Williamson
	"GIS/Image Processing Synopsis" Jack Stoll
	"CADD and GIS" Sandy Stephens
12:00-1:00	Lanch
1:00-1:45	CRREL
	"Demonstration of PRISM and STELLA Software for use in the Corps of Engineers" Inc McKim
1:45-2:30	ETL
1.10 2.00	"GIS Work at ETL" Bruce Opitz
2:30-2:45	Break
2:45-3:30	DMA
	"DMA: CD-ROM Products" Mark Shellberg
3:30-3:45	Wrap-up Mark Bovelsky
3:45-6:00	Corps Demonstrations

### Thursday, August 10

8:30-8:45	Opening Remarks Sundy Stephens
8:45-10:15	Vendors' and Agencies' Presentations
	DBA Dave Johnson
	Dynamic Graphics Bill Haaker
	Autometrics "MOSS and Autometrics" Bruce Morse
	Purdue University "Evaluating Ground Water Pollution Potential using GIS' Kurt Buehler and Douglas Hickey
10:15-10:30	Break

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10:80-12:00	Vendors' and Agencies' Presentations
	Intergraph Gary Lambert
	ESRI Jack McCarthy
	Concurrent Computer Corporation Daryl McDaniel
12:00-1:30	Lunch
1:30-3:00	Working Groups
3:00-3:15	Wrap-up Sundy Stephens
8:15-8:30	Break
8:30-5:00	Vendors' and Agencies' Demonstrations

### Friday, August 11

8:15-8:30	Opening Remarks William Goran
8:30-9:00	Bringing it all Together: Data Interface Sandy Stephens
9:00-10:30	Round Table Discussion
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:00	Round Table (cont.)
12:00	Adjourn

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### MANAGING HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC WASTE INFORMATION: GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) APPLICATIONS August 8 -11, 1989 Meeting Notes prepared by Mike Yoemans

I. Introduction: Meeting was co-sponsored by USATHAMA and WES. Approximately 65 personnel attended the meeting. Primary focus was on coordinating/sharing GIS Lab activities with emphasis on finding ways to better serve the field. The meeting covered a variety of topics to include presentations by each laboratory (THAMA, CERL, WES, CREEL, and ETL). It also included a number of vendor presentations and break-out sessions, dealing with four (4) key GIS problem areas.

II. Key Note Speaker: Dr. Bill Klesch opened the conference by discussing the HQUSACE reorganization, which puts environmental functions into a single organization as a part of the Chief's initiative to create a greatly expanded environmental mission. He also discussed the results of a Corps-wide GIS study he led. The study was completed in Oct 88 by 32 personnel from throughout the Corps. Personnel were divided into eight (8) sub-groups. Focus was on GIS applications. The Chief has approved the study findings, briefly described below:

A. Report recommended the creation of a technology transfer program and emphasized need for software sharing.

B. Headquarters needs to promote GIS. There will be a GIS coordinator at headquarters, located in the Civil Works Policy and Planning Division. A GIS steering committee will be established with counterparts at districts. District representatives will be given increased visibility.

C. Sub-group recommendations:

1. User Needs. GIS should promote professionalism -technology must work and provide a high level of credibility. GIS must be practical and flexible. GIS costs must be accurately tracked and users must be trained on proper procedures for conducting cost/benefit analysis. Users and developers of GIS are cautioned to remember that data collection is the most expensive aspect of system operations, and its a long road to system benefits. A formal GIS education program should be created. GIS must be easily accessible to all who need them.

2. Scoping. There are many issues related to scoping: How much data is enough? Can we afford GIS for this project? How much time do we have? To deal with these and other scoping concerns, the sub-group recommended:

(a) Project managers should gather as much detailed information as early on in the project as possible. Data should be structured in a manner that takes into account future uses.

(b) Standard ways of collecting data should be developed.

(c) Share existing data to maximum extent.

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3. Hardware capability. Sub-group recognized the need for standard hardware, but not in the immediate future. Organizations need to get their feet wet first. As of the study completion date, there were 48 existing systems with approximately half in the FOA and the half at the Labs. Requirements need to be defined. We need to define those applications that are routinely used. The lead district concept should be applied to facilitate GIS development. A GIS training program needs to be established.

4. Data quality. Data must be accurate! Need to develop multi-purpose data bases. To do this data will have to be structured independent of the applications that use it. Procedures need to be developed for tracking errors (Error Budgets). Data accuracy requirements need to be defined. Policies need to be established making data quality essential to all aspects of GIS to include the R & D community.

5. Technology transfer. We must create opportunities for sharing technology. Top management needs to be educated. We need to find ways to promote GIS.

6. Cost. This is a tough issue. \$59 million spent to date. 9 districts are operational as of Oct 88. 26 districts were not operational. The study estimated that is would require \$210 k per district to get started. There are currently 35 - 50 packages to be evaluated. The most important point about cost is to remember that data collection is the most expensive aspect of GIS.

7. Software Sharing. Mehtods and procedures need to be developed for sharing software and for encouraging open architecture vendor solutions.

8. Inter-agency coordination. GIS data and application requirements and capabilities must be coordinated with Federal, state, and local colleges. Everyone is doing their own thing. Benchmarks have to be developed for evaluating data base structures and hardware configurations. We need to manage between GIS, CADD, and remote sensing.

D. Bill Klesch closed his remarks by talking about how the Corps is going to deal with the toxic waste program. He indicated that the Chief thinks environmental engineering is our future. There will be a coalition between the engineering and environmental community. We are beginning to see how hazardous waste relates to civil works projects. Final word: Focus on GIS applications!! Use this information to influence vendor GIS products!!

III. Lab presentations. Mark Bovelsky opened this portion of the conference by talking about the fragmentation of the GIS program and the need to pull it all together. This was followed by a presentation from each of the Labs.

A. CERL. William Goran gave a good presentation on the Geographic

Resource Analysis Support System (GRASS), which has extensive land management capabilities. The software is public domain, and it is available at a cost of \$1K per package. This presentation had lots of information showing hardware configurations and existing software programs (estimated at 180 programs). This looks like a very good system -- one that should interest all FOA. Other material distributed at the conference included a GRASS Newsletter and a GIS fact sheet. Personnel interested in obtaining copies of this material or more information on GRASS should contact CERL directly.

Sandy Stephens lead off with the standard CADD B. WES. briefing. He was followed by Al Williamson who gave a presentation on geotechnical applications. He indicated that there are 36 different applications with about 40 users. He briefly described the Computerized Environmental Resource Data System (CERDS). It was used to analyze data for 1,000 river miles. Data came primarily from existing maps. Al's talk focused on developing GIS applications to solve specific problems. He stressed that GIS applications should not become software or hardware dependent. Jack Stoll was the final WES speaker. He talked about Image Processing. He indicated that WES was actively supporting NASA's GIS upgrade. He also mentioned a specialized GIS hardware, which makes extensive use of the TCP/IP communications protocol. He emphasized the need to ensure image processing capabilities be included as a critical feature for future GIS.

C. ETL. Bruce Opitz gave an enlightening talk on ETL's efforts to develop systems to support the soldier. He pointed out that it is quite a different problem to develop systems that must operate under battlefield conditions by soldiers who may not have graduated from high school. Bruce indicated that ETL will be purchasing large numbers of systems. They are looking to acquire off-the-self systems. Human engineering factors will play a heavy role in system selection.

D. DMA. Mark Shellberg presented Defense Mapping Agency's initiatives to apply CD-ROM products to convert existing paper maps. They have an extensive information modernization program estimated at \$2.6 billion. There is much the Corps can learn about CD-ROM technology from DMA. Moreover, there is an extensive amount of data sharing that can and should occur between the Corps and DMA. Mark said if you want information from DMA on data holdings, lessons learned, etc., you must go through ETL (Mark Bovelsky).

E. CRREL. Ike McKim talked about two systems: PRISM and STELLA. They feature image conversion and image processing. They seek to overcome the vector versus raster problem by allowing all data to be viewed as vector. STELLA is an object oriented program. It the first good example of object oriented programming I've seen! The system is capable of building extremely complicated models.

IV. Vendor Presentations. Six (6) vendors made presentations as follows:

A. DBA. Specialize in GRASS customization, data base generation, digital data input services, image processing, and image manipulation. They are establishing a Digital Cartographic Research Laboratory to look high technology for GEO-TECH.

B. Dynamic Graphics. A software development firm featuring large software library, interactive systems for surface modeling, and 3D modeling. Graphics were exceptionally good!

C. Autometrics. Provides on-call support for the Map Overlay Standard System (MOSS). This system was originally built in 1976. It is public domain software used extensively by the Omaha District. It is an analytical tool. It was largely redesigned in spring of 1989.

D. Intergraph. Gave standard CADD presentation with focus on data and software integration capabilities and third party porting products.

E. ESRI. Featured their integration tools. Good slides showing GIS integration requirements for both data and application.

F. Current Computer Corporation. They feature real-time systems. They sell hardware, but they provide a "GIS Bundled GRASS Based system, which is operational at Little Rock District.

V. Working Group presentations. Based on area of interest, attendees were divided into four working groups as follows:

A. Raster versus Vector. Group suggests:

1. Desire for concurrent processing of raster and vector data without having to convert back and forth.

2. More sharing of data. Open system architecture and standard interchange data model.

3. Procedures for acquiring existing data. Central Corps site for distributing data. Data acquisition policy.

4. Library of Corps GIS applications. Suggestion was made to use NTIS (?) and catalog of GIS software produced by USGS.

B. Single discipline task group. Recommend broad needs for GIS development:

1. Development of a GIS infrastructure.

2. Need to create GIS center similar to CADD center.

3. Technology transfer forums.

4. GIS standards -- Attribute schema and symbology and

weighting criteria.

- 5. Software development requirements need to be defined.
- 6. GIS R&D support for modeling/analysis.
- 7. GIS Training program and steering committee.
- C. Planning and Marketing.
  - 1. Establish GIS Center a. News Letter b. E-Mail
  - 2. GIS Planning Guidelines
  - 3. Educate Management/Need copy of cost/benefit analysis
  - 4. Corps-wide GIS inventory of applications and platforms
  - 5. Army Steering Committee to develop guidelines
  - 6. Standards for sharing data
  - 7. User Groups
  - 8. Incorporate GIS planning into IMP sequence
  - 9. IM architecture should include GIS
  - 10. Include IRM Committee in GIS to extent possible
  - 11. Definition:Terms
  - 12. Policy on GIS: Should exist at planning and be funded through technical and indirect

D. Remote Sensing: How to get data that already exists. Lower costs. Lots of land, but no information on it, and no handbook on how to collect data. Responsibility should be placed in Real Estate section. Get ACE here in future! Newly created Environmental Division.

- 1. Need participation in R&D to insure money is spent in right way
  - 2. Water quality factor.

### **SPEAKERS PRESENTATION**

### MATERIALS

- A. NOTES FROM KEYNOTE ADDRESS
- **B. THAMA**
- C. CERL
- D. WES
- E. CRREL
- F. ETL
- G. DMA

### NOTES OF KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The GIS Ad Hoc Committee: Corps of Engineers/Environmental Advisory Board, at it's 1987 March Meeting on ENVIRONMENTAL DATA recommended that the Chief of Engineers select a specialist to focus on environmental data and GIS, addressing eight areas --

- 1. Scoping
- 2. Sensitivity to user needs
- 3. Inter-model hardware consistency
- 4. Software capability
- 5. Data quality
- 6. Technology transfer
- 7. Cost
- 8. Inter-agency coordination.

September 1987 - Klesch appointed Chairman November 1987 - Group of 32 selected and convened Range of experience and familiarity with GIS among this 32 person Focus on Application of GIS to Corps. 32 assigned to 8 subgroups. Ad Hoc report completed 10/88 and forwarded to Chief of Engineers.

1. Chief has accepted and report will be printed.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. GIS Coordination at HQ OCE to reside in Policy and Planning Division.
- 2. Establish Steering Committee of Division Chiefs

3. GIS Coordinators at Districts/Divisions - but needs visibility to cut across Division activities.

### SENSITIVITY TO USER NEEDS --

- Professional Credibility tools actively support mission
- Practicality
- Flexible lots of different professionals
- Accurate cost information
- Education & Accessibility need training opportunities.

### SCOPING - How much data is enough.

- Detail required tied to investigation
- Gather most detailed information needed
- as soon as possible.
- Development of standardized materials for data collection.

### HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE CONSISTENCY

• Lots of discussion - compelling argument for standarization - but recommended that standardization be postponed - why - diversity of current use.

• Recommend - offices should develop multi-year plan for GIS implementation and use.

• Recommend - use expertise in place at certain districts, especially on regional basis, to respond to specialized or regional Corps needs.

• Recommend - training program.

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### DATA QUALITY -

Data is greatest cost - data quality is critical

- Anticipate future needs in developing data rather than short term.
- Procedure to tract error propagation.
- More involvement with Federal inter-agency committee

### **TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER** --

• Need for effective communication

• Technology awareness within the Corps Senior Leadership - Match aware of this technology area.

- Timely and accurate information and systems acquisition
- Need program of GIS training to reach at least one at each site

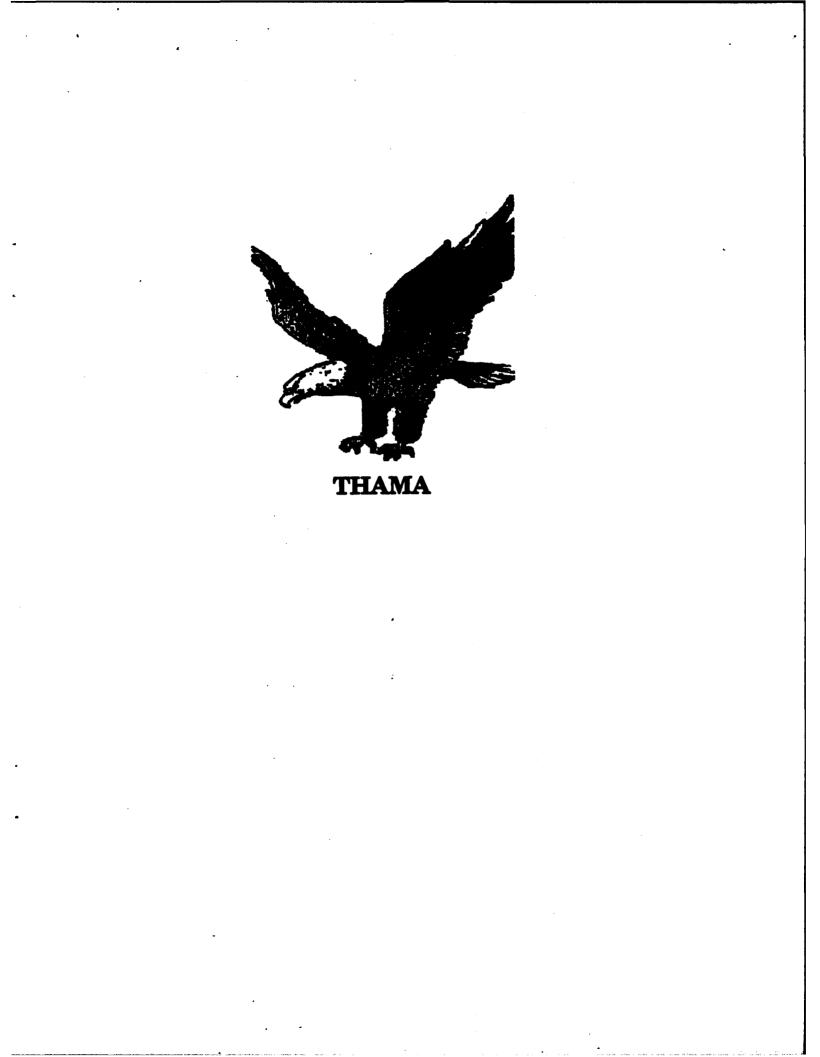
### COST ---

- In 1988 -- 48 systems in place -- Cost = 5.6M
- Required to add other districts -- Cost = 5.7M (26 districts without capabilities)

### **INTERAGENCY - COORDINATION --**

- Use of GIS grown dramatically in last four years
- Data exchange and system capabilities problems abound
- Need -- benchmarks for scale, quality.
- Draw together Remote Sensing and GIS

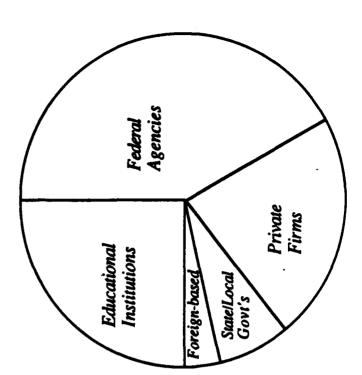
Regarding Hazardous and toxic waste data management, the COE's Chief's emphasis is on water resource issues and environment. Corps as an environmental agency to seek solutions for the engineering and environmental community. GIS offers great applications for hazardous and toxic waste management as a tool for COE.





# THE GRASS USER COMMUNITY

Federal Agencies State & Local Governments Educational Institutions Private Firms Foreign-based Organizations



## FEDERAL ORGANIZATIONS **USING GRASS**

Corps of Engineers Districts, Divisions & Labs National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Admin. National Aeronautic & Space Administration Agricultural Research Service Soil Conservation Service Defense Mapping Agency U.S. Army Installations U.S. Geological Survey National Park Service Department of Energy U.S. Forest Service U.S. Air Force U.S. Navy

## **ARMY INSTALLATIONS** USING GRASS

### • Current:

Fort Hood, TX Fort Lewis, WA Fort Carson, CO Yakima Firing Center, WA Hohenfels Trn'g Area, FRG Camp Ripley, MN

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Headquarters NGB, MD

<u>Planned:</u>

\* Fort Belvoir, VA Fort Polk, LA Fort Bliss, TX Fort Bliss, TX Fort McClellan, AL Fort Chaffee, AR Fort Chaffee, AR Fort Knox, KY Fort Sill, OK Fort Sill, OK Fort Leonard Wood, MO Orchard Trn'g Range, ID

# **CORPS SITES USING GRASS**

Current:

Fort Worth Little Rock Rock Island St. Paul CERL ETL WES

Planned:

\* Chicago

Mobile
New Orleans
Omaha
Omaha
Portland
Portland
St. Louis
St. Louis
St. Louis
St. Louis
Portland
New England Division
Southwest Division
CRREL

# **GRASS DEVELOPMENT**

- Government-developed, Public Domain
- Multi-Agency Participation
- Portable, Multi-Host
- Open Design Philosophy

## HARDWARE PLATFORMS RUNNING GRASS

APOLLO AT&T 3B2 AT&T 6386 COMPAQ 386 COMPAQ 386 COMPAQ 386 DELL 386 DELL 386 HP 9000 IBM-RT VAX

INTERGRAPH INTERPRO MASSCOMP OPUS PC-TEKTRONIX PC CLIPPER TEKTRONIX WORKSTATIONS SILICON GRAPHICS IRIS SUN (3's, 4's & 386i) SUN (3's, 4's & 386i) APPLE MACINTOSH II

# INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES GUIDING GROWTH

- **GRASS Inter-Agency Steering Committee**
- Annual GRASS User Group Meeting
- **GRASS Distribution & Support Centers**

ITD/SRSC DBA Systems Central Washington University USACERL Soil Conservation Service National Park Service

- GRASS Training Courses
- **GRASS** Software Documentation
  - Quarterly GRASS Newsletter

## DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING **GRASS/GIS IMPLEMENTATION**

GRASS USER'S REFERENCE MANUAL GRASS PROGRAMMER'S MANUAL GRASSCLIPPINGS NEWSLETTER

**GRASS USER'S GUIDE - APPLICATION EXAMPLES ON INVESTMENT STUDY FOR GRASS** METHODOLOGY FOR PERFORMING A RETURN **GRASS PROBLEM-SOVING MANUAL GRASS IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE GRASS APPLICATIONS GUIDE** 

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# STAFF AND ORGANIZATION

### **Cartography and Data Development Analysis and Applications Technology Transfer** Software Design Subaroups

## **Technical Disciplines**

Archaeology Computer Science Forestry Geography Landscape Architecture Mathematics Soil Science Urban Planning

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### HARDWARE

# **Communications & Documentation** Pyramid 90x

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GIS Equipment:	Sun	4/280	Masscomp 5450
	Sun	Sun 4/110	Masscomp 5500
	Sun	3/60 (6)	Masscomp 500
	Sun	<b>386i (2)</b>	Interpro 240
	Sun	150 (2)	Compaq 386/25
			Compaq 386/16
			Apple Mac IIx

Altek, Calcomp (2), Geographics (2), Kurta **Digitizers:** 

Calcomp 1043 (plotter) Imagen (laser printer) **Devices:** Output

Tektronix (ink jet)

Shinko (thermal)

All machines linked via NFS over ethernet. THE LAND ANALYSIS GROUP

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### SOFTWARE

	GRASS	<b>GIS and Image Processing</b>	VICAR,	Image Processing
		· · · · ·	ERDAS	
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11	Intergraph	Digital Terrain Model and CADD	CRIS	Cultural Resource Mgmt
	ETIS	Soils Information System Economic Impact Forecast System Environmental Legislative System Bulletin Boards (GISTALK, CRIBB)	Dbase, Empress, RIM, Oracie	SMBO
	TAE	Transportable Application Executive	AutoCAD	CADO
	*	Window/Graphics Interface		

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### ANAL VSIS GROUP **GRASS/GIS RELATED SERVICES** n'hie land

- Introductory Information on GRASS and GRASS Applications
- Distribution of Software and Documentation
- Hardware Configuration and/or Acquisition Information
- On-site Installation of Software and Hardware
- Telephone Support for Software
- Data Acquisitions Assistance
- Data Conversions between various Formats and Media
- Data Digitizing
- Applications and Data Analysis Assistance and Services
- New Drivers for Hardcopy Devices, Digitizers, and Display Devices
- Hardware System Management Support
- Networking Consultation and Guidance

### GRASS ANALYTICAL FUNCTIONS

<u>Analytical Tools:</u>

Boolean Overlays Weighted Overlays Inference "Rule-Based" Grid Cell Math Calculations Image Classification Distance Zones Neighborhood Filters Mask Creation Coincidence Tabulation Raster/Vector Conversions Area Calculations Reclassification

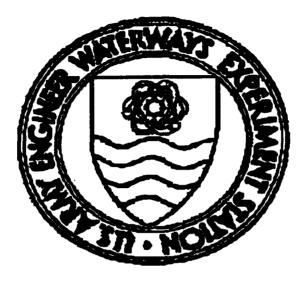
Analytical Models:

Trajectory Analysis Watershed Dynamics Noise Contours Erosion Prediction Site Evaluation Damage Assessment Corridor Selection Site Allocation Site Prediction

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### GRASS MAPPING FUNCTIONS

- Vector Digitizing, Edit & Display
- Raster 2-D and 3-D Display
- Site Display & Analysis
- Labeling & Legends
- Raster Hardcopy Devices:
  - Ink Jet
  - Thermal
  - Impact
  - Electrostatic
- Input of Data from: DMA DTED USGS DEM USGS DLG SPOT Landsat MSS & TM Commercial Formats Hardcopy Maps



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August 4, 1989 12:22pm

Subject: Managing Hazardous and Toxic Wastes - GIS Applications

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### IMPLEMENTION

IDENTIFY H/W & S/W FOR APPLICATIONS H/W & S/W ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES PROMOTE ENHANCEMENTS/MODIFICATIONS IDENTIFY STD H/W FOR DATA EXCHANGE/SUPPORT

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### INTEGRATION

AUTOMATE THE DESIGN PROCESS ESTABLISH STD FORMATE FOR GRAPHICS/DB/OBJECTS STANDARDIZE DATA CONVERSION (SURVEYS, MAPPING, & ANALYSIS) DEVELOP INTERFACES TO OTHER PROGRAMS

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### TRAINING

ENHANCE EXISTING TRAINING DEVELOP ADVANCED/SPECIALIZED APPLICATIONS

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CADD CTR DIAGRAM

### **RELATIONSHIP OF CADD/GIS**

DIFFERENCES OBJECT-ORIENTED SPATIAL ANALYSIS SIMILARITIES GRAPHIC DISPLAY DATA BASE ATTRIBUTES DATA ANALYSIS

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### CADD/GIS USES

REAL ESTATE (LEASES/OWNERSHIPS) TERRAIN MODELS COORDINATE DATA/ANALYSIS HYDROGRAPHIC BASIN ANALYSIS LAND USE MODELING/ANALYSIS EROSION & INFILTRATION ANALYSIS URBAN PLANNING & ASSESSMENT UTILITY LAYOUTS & PLANNING

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TINKER 3D MODEL

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### CADD CTR SUPPORT (Conclusions)

APPLY ADVANTAGES OF CADD TO GIS DIGITAL MAPPING CAPABILITIES INTEGRATE EXISTING DATA BASES ENHANCE OUTPUT DISPLAY OF DATA

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### COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN and DRAFTING (CADD) CENTER



### MISSION

To enable the Corps of Engineers to achieve the best use of CADD within the shortest time frame.

### PURPOSE

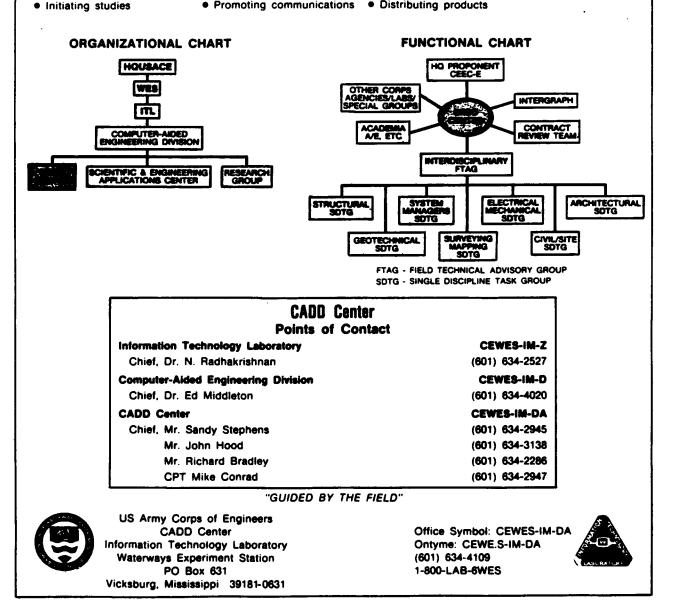
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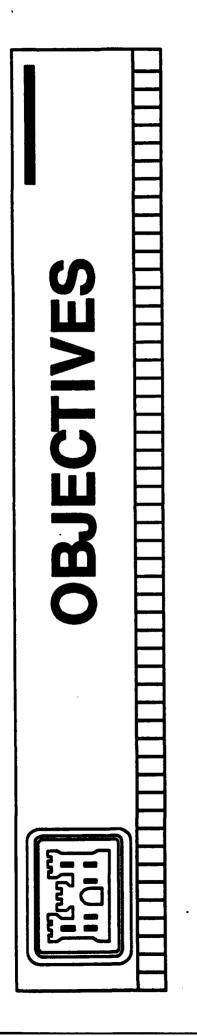
### MODE OF OPERATION

The Center is an end-user driven, technology transfer oriented organization. Single-Discipline Task Groups (SDTG) are formed under headquarters guidance to get field office grass roots input into CADD activities. A Field Technical Advisory Group (FTAG) provides the guidance to the Center.

### OBJECTIVE

- To integrate and implement CADD by:
- Furnishing technical advice
   Conducting training
- Evaluating products Providing advisory teams
- Promoting communications Distributing products





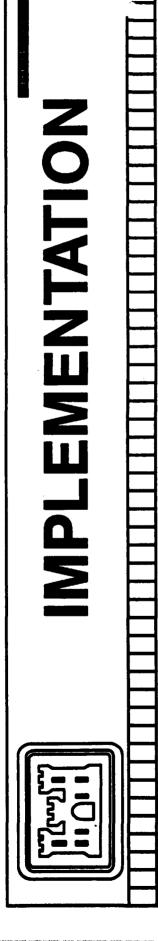
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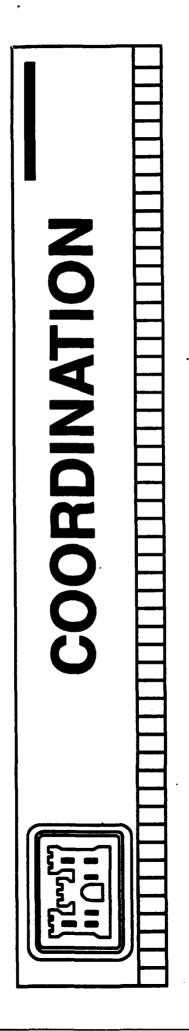


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- **O H/W & S/W ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES**
- O PROMOTE ENHANCEMENTS/MODIFICATIONS

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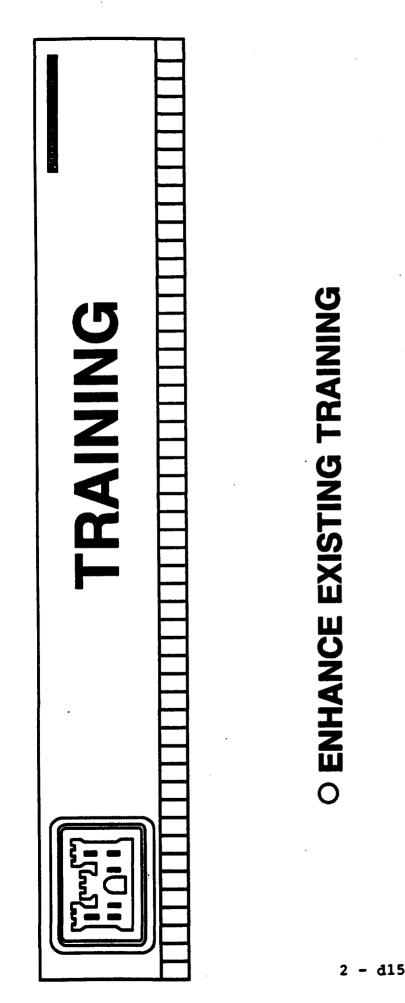
## **O IDENTIFY AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

- **O PROMOTE SHARING OF LESSONS LEARNED**
- **O SOLICIT SUPPORT FROM MANAGEMENT**

## **O ENHANCE EXCHANGE OF DATA**

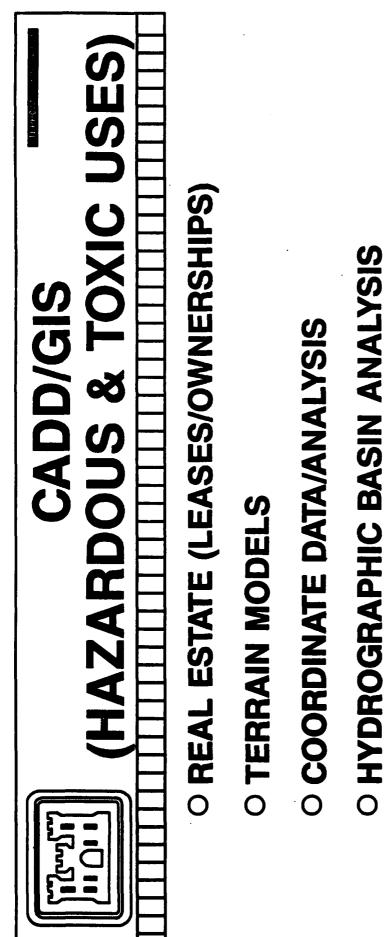
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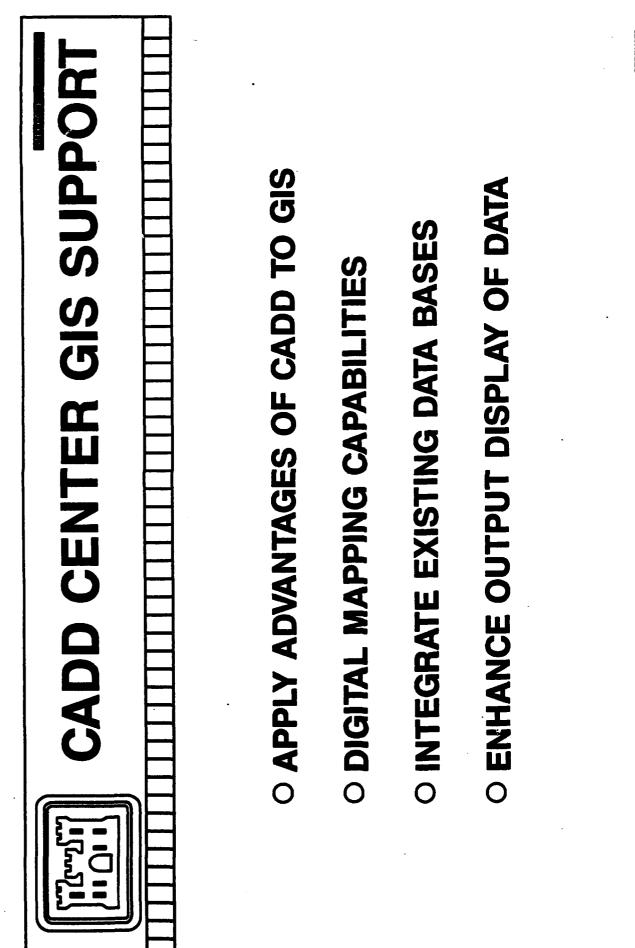


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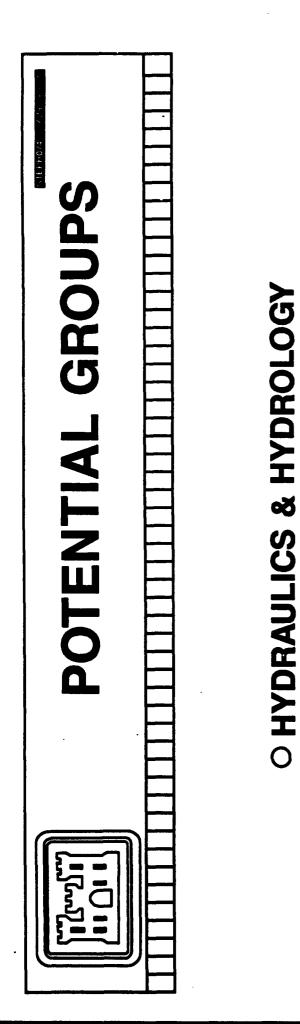
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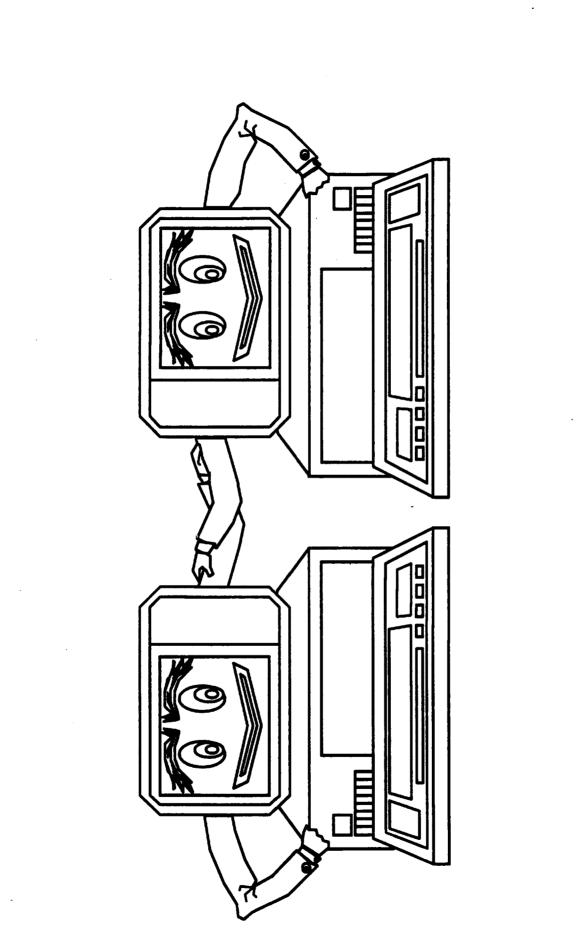
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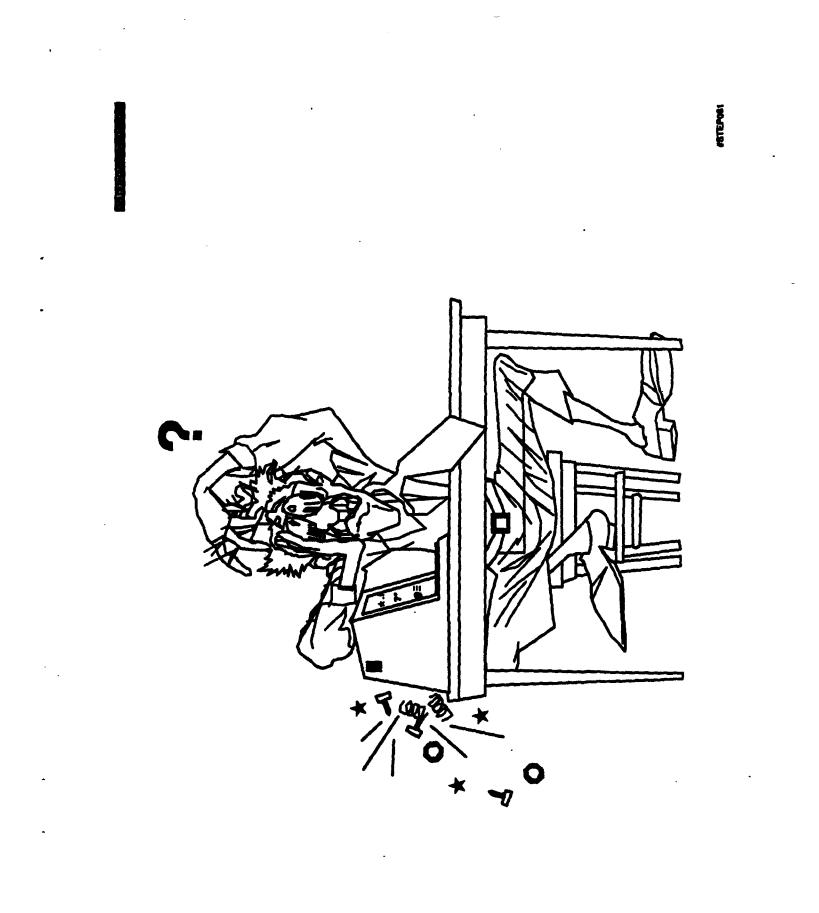
### TYPES OF R&D PROJECTS

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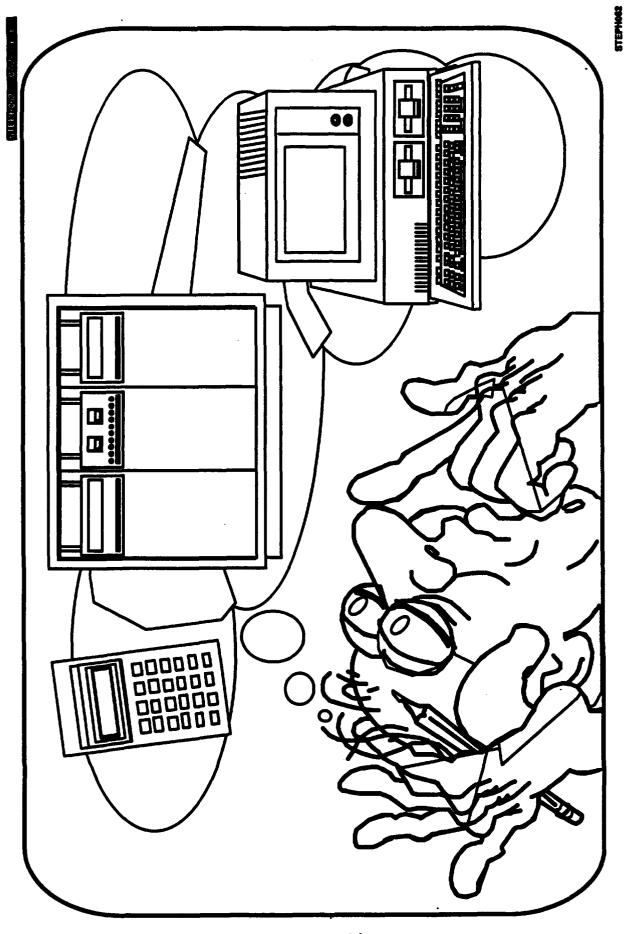
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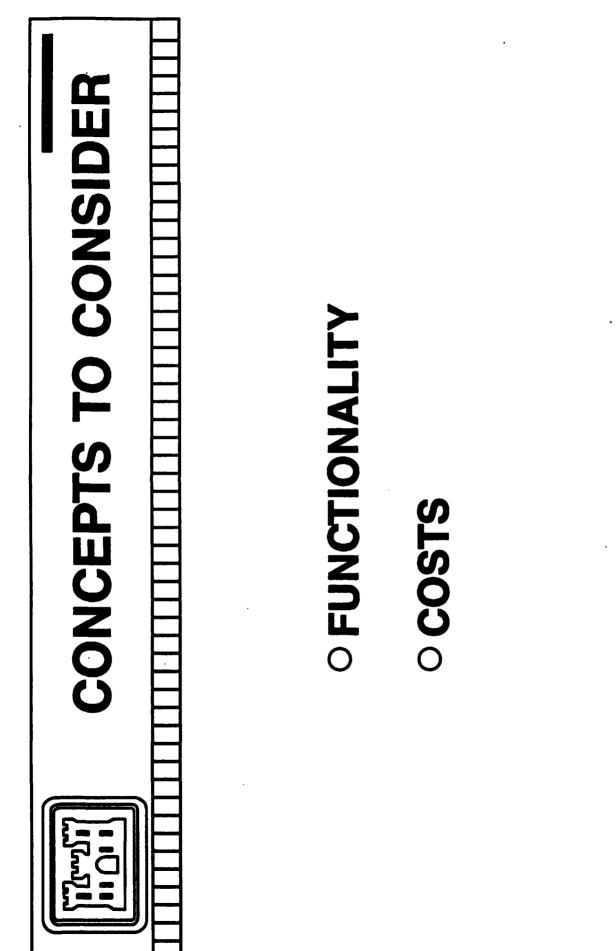


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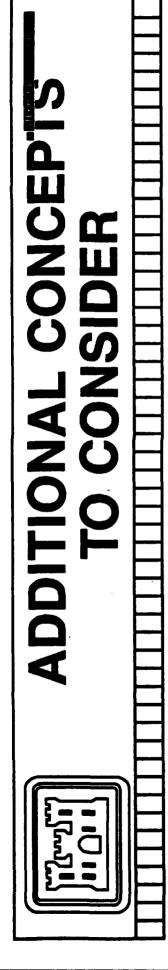


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- O MAINTENANCE
- **O TRAINING PERSONNEL**

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### **O SINGLE APPLICATION**

- **O MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS**
- **O HOW TO APPLY ANALYSIS**
- **O FOA'S TECHNICAL ABILITIES**
- **O PERSONNEL AVAILABLE**
- **O EXISTING EQUIPMENT**
- **O DATA INPUT REQUIREMENTS**

PERSPECTIVE/OBJECTIVES	<b>BASIC RESEARCH</b>	<b>O APPLIED RESEARCH</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>O PRESENT REQUIREMENTS</b>
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**O 3-5 YEAR OBJECTIVES** 

Demonstration of Prism and Stella Software for the Corps of Engineers Toxic and Hazardous Waste Management Program

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Brief Description of presentation

given at

Meeting on

Managing Hazardous and Toxic Waste Information: GIS Applications Denver, CO

August 8-11, 1989

The movement of toxic and hazardous materials through soil systems is a function of the pattern of water movement through the soil matrix and the physical/chemical interactions between the soil particles and the hazardous material itself. Given the spatially variable nature of soil systems, the dynamic transport characteristics of the waste material also vary spatially. The formulation and use of models to predict the spatially variable behavior of waste movement in such complex systems has been difficult and largely unavailable to operating agencies.

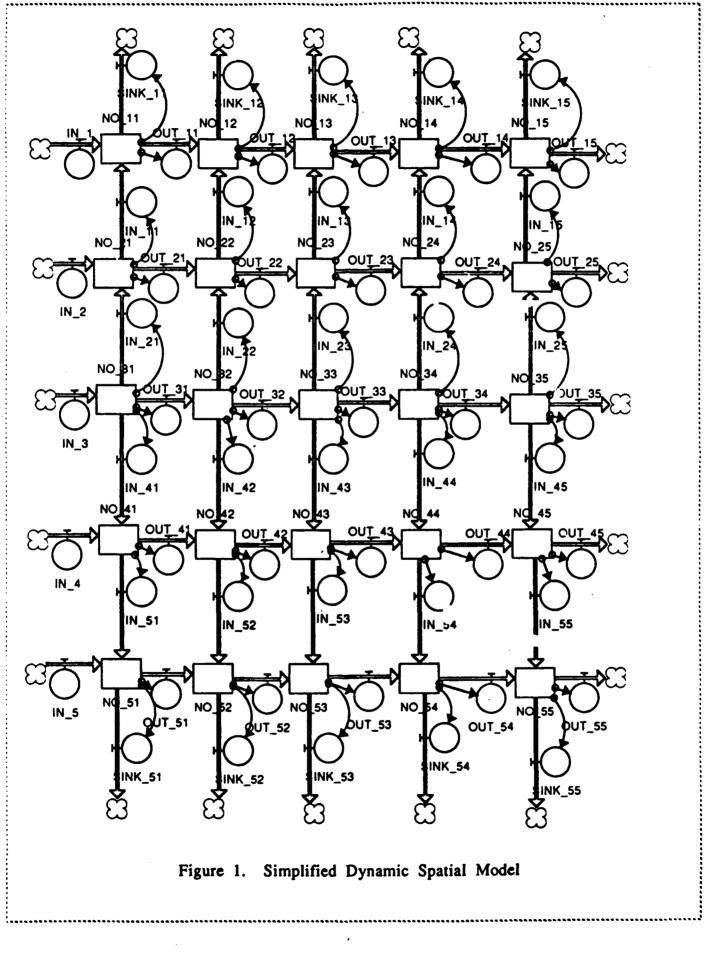
STELLA is an object oriented programming environment that operates on the Macintosh computer. STELLA is specifically designed to simulate dynamic systems and is well adapted to model intractive networks. STELLA is a commercially available software package in which the user creates structural diagrams on the screen that describes the dynamic system of interest. Thus models based on interacting differential equations with constant and variable coefficients are rapidly and easily created and tested. This demonstration shows a STELLA model that simulates the movement of a toxic and hazardous material through a spatially variable two dimensional soil system. The output from the STELLA model serves as input to additional software that provides high quality animation of the simulated movement of waste over time through the network. The total effort required to produce this complex model and sophisticated output was less than two days.

Figure 1 shows the structural diagram of the simplified spatial model. The rectangular structures accumulate the waste over time that flows into and out of each rectangle through the pipelines. The circular structures attached to each pipeline (controllers) contain the logic that regulates the flow-rate in each pipeline. In the model, each rectangle can be thought of as representing a pixel (or some unit of land area). Since each rectangle is attached (through the connecting pipelines) to adjacent rectangles, the condition in any one rectangle at any time is interactively reflected in adjacent rectangles (or areas). Thus a truly interactive two-dimensional system has been created.

The simulation is started by initiating water flow through the pipelines into the network from the left side of the network. High concentrations of waste was assumed to exist in rectangle 32 at time zero (i.e. a simulated waste site). Additionally, at times of 40 and

110 units into the simulation run, a slug input of waste was assumed to enter the system through controller IN 3.

Figures 2 and 3 show the dynamic simulations relationship of the relative waste concentrations in each rectangle (or for each area) versus elapsed time. Figure 2 shows the propagation of the waste through the system along the longitudinal axis, whereas Figure 3 depicts movement along the transverse axis. The model clearly shows the dynamic nature of both longitudinal and transverse dispersion as the waste moves through the system. While this unverified model is based on simple washout dynamics in two dimension, with additional research it will be possible to develop and verify such models that can operate in 3 dimensions while at the same time incorporating appropriate algorithms that describe unsaturated and saturated flow conditions and soil/contaminant interaction reactions.



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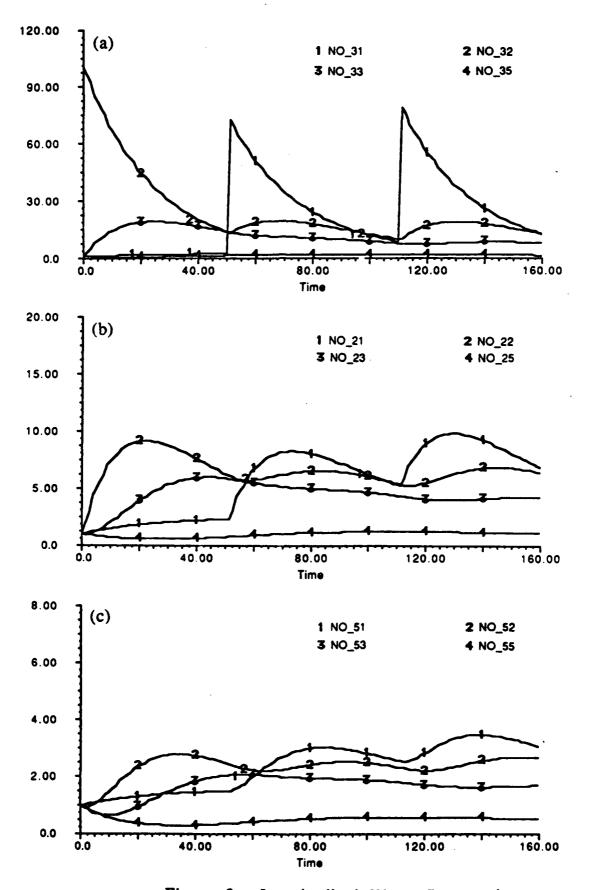
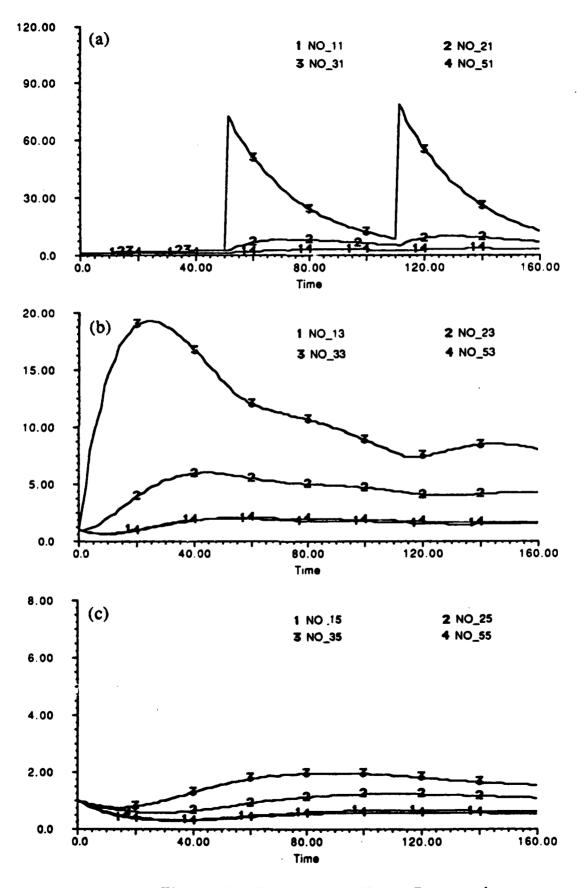
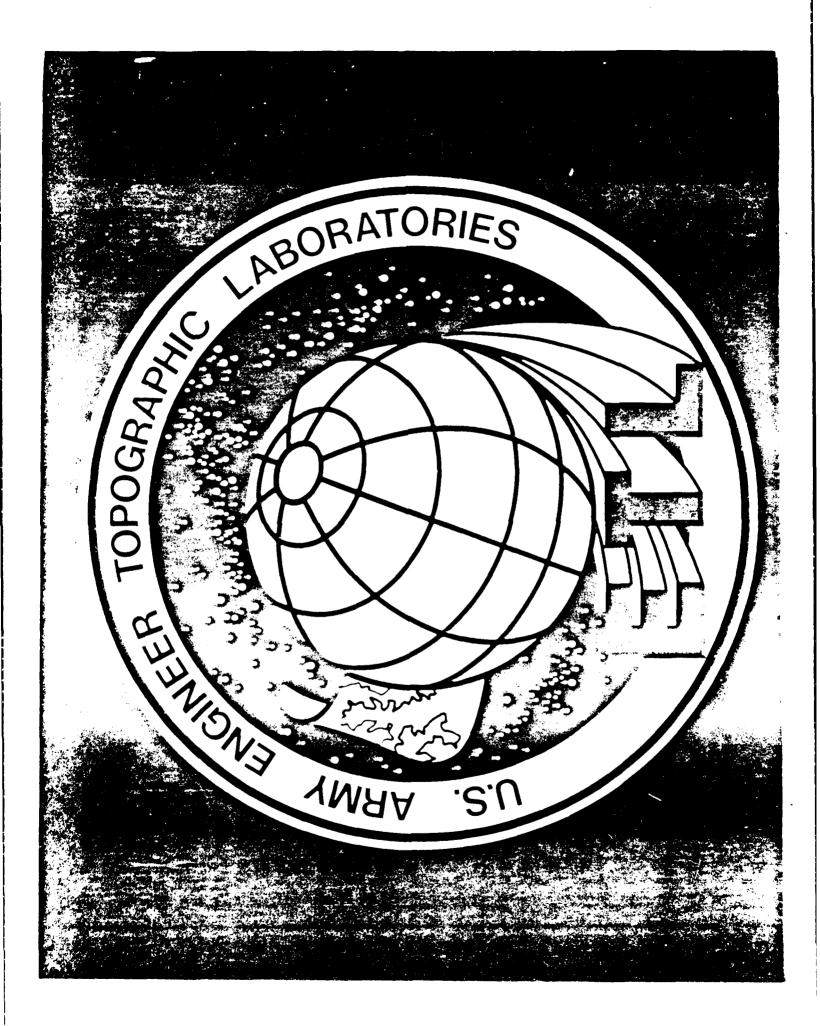


Figure 2. Longitudinal Waste Propagation



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Figure 3. Transverse Waste Propagation



## ETL ACTIVITIES IN GIS

## GIS EVALUATION

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# **ARMY GIS EVALUATION**

STUDY PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS OF **OFF-THE-SHELF GIS'S**  SYSTEMS LOANED TO ETL FOR R&D EVALUATION **ON COST-REIMBURSABLE BASIS** 

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# **ADVANTAGES TO GOVERNMENT**

- **PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR NUMEROUS PROJECTS & APPLICATIONS**
- ENHANCES GOVERNMENT KNOWLEDGE BASE **ENABLES GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN** "SMART BUYER" STATURE

INCURS MINIMAL COSTS

# **PROJECTS WITH GIS REOUIREMENTS AT ETL**

6.1 Commander's Aid for Reasoning About Terrain (CARAT)

**Expert System for Minefield Site Detection 6.1** 

Advanced Digital Radar Image Exploitation System (ADRIES) 6.1-6.2

\*Army 61S Evaluation 6.2

6.2 **\*Soldier-to-61S Interface Research** 

6.2 **Brigade Integration of Digital Data**  6.2 **Computer Image Generation Facility** 

6.2 6.2 Terrain Information Extraction System (TIES) **DTSS Softcopy Image Exploitation Research** 

6.2 - 0MA TAC Modernized Production Facility

**9 ALBE Terrain Demonstration System** 

6.4 Digital Topographic Support System (DTSS)

**BMB** DMA Digital Data Demonstration System

## **ARMY GIS EVALUATION** PREREQUISITES

DEVELOPMENT OF PRELIMINARY (BASELINE) REQUIREMENTS

FORMULATION OF PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR REQ'S

**DEVELOPMENT OF EVALUATION CRITERIA - BENCHMARKS** 

ACQUISITION OR SYNTHESIS OF GIS DATA BASES FOR TESTS

# **GIS PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

### ACCURACY

MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS DATA QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

FUNCTIONAL COMPLETENESS CONSISTENCY OF RESULTS

#### TIME

SKILL DEVELOPMENT TIME

**USER SPEED OF PERFORMANCE** 

MACHINE PROCESSING TIME

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#### UTILITY

**EFFICIENCY OF SYSTEM OPERATION USEFULNESS OF PRODUCT GENERATED USER SATISFACTION** 

# **GIS BENCHMARKS**

### **USER INTERFACE**

SKILL ACQUISITION TIME REVERSABILITY OF OPERATIONS

#### DISPLAY & PRODUCT GENERATION

ACCURACY OF PLOT / SCALING TIME TO ASSIGN & PLOT CORRELATION BETWEEN DISPLAY & PLOT

## DATA BASE CREATION

TIME / STEPS TO SET UP TIME TO DIGITIZE ERROR DETECTION

#### SYSTEM/ DATA BASE MANAGEMENT

DATA BASE UPDATE PROCEDURES QUERY CAPABILITY EASE & LIMITS ATTRIBUTE LOADING & EDITING

# ANALYSIS & MANIPULATION

TERRAIN MODELING SIMULATIONS BOOLEAN OVERLAY ACCURACIES & TIME EASE OF WRITING/ IMPLEMENTING MACROS ACCURACY OF MEASUREMENTS GENERATION OF BUFFER ZONES ABILITY TO CONVEY RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN FEATURES & ENTITIES PROJECTION TRANSFORMATION ACCURACIES

UNIT CONVERSION ACCURACIES

# **GIS PROBLEM AREAS**

### **USER INTERFACE**

SKILL ACQUISITION TOO LENGTHY OVER RELIANCE ON USER'S MEMORY LIMITED SENSE OF LOCUS OF CONTROL LACK OF FORGIVENESS IN OPERATIONS

### DISPLAY & PRODUCT GENERATION

CARTOGRAPHIC CAPABILITIES CRUDE LIMITED SUITE OF OUTPUT DEVICES

### SYSTEM/ DATA BASE MANAGEMENT

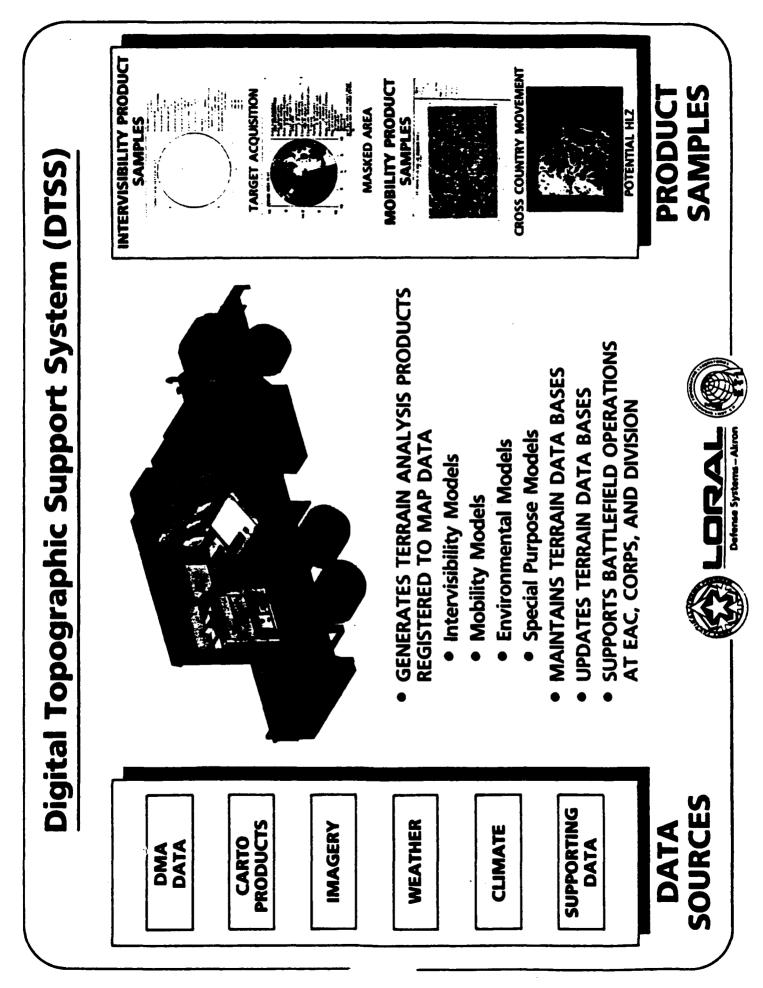
INTEGRITY OF DATA BASE NOT GUARDED QUERY CAPABILITY LIMITED ATTRIBUTE HANDLING INADEQUATE LINKS BETWEEN GRAPHIC & ATTRIBUTES CUMBERSOME

### DATA BASE CREATION DATA ENTRY

DATA BASE CREATION TOO TIME CONSUMING EDITING PROCESS CUMBERSOME DATA QUALITY CHECKS LIMITED

# ANALYSIS & MANIPULATION

INCONSISTENT RESULTS IN SPATIAL ANALYSIS FUNCTIONS COMPLEX MODELS DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT **EXECUTION TIMES TOO LONG** 



# DIGITAL TOPOGRAPHIC SUPPORT SYSTEM

### SOFTWARE

## MAN-MACHINE INTERFACE

- · Windows to software functions
  - Tailored for Terrain Analyst
- Human Factored
- GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM
- ARC/INFO/TIN ESRI
- Data Manipulation
- · Data Base Creation, Revision, Update
- **BYSTEM SUPERVISOR**
- Taek Centrel
- -- Reservee Management
- **APPLICATIONS SOFTWARE**
- Intervisibility
  - Mobility
- ENVIRONMENTAL MODELS
- **BPECIAL PURPOSE PRODUCT BUILDER**

# DIGITAL TOPOGRAPHIC SUPPORT SYSTEM

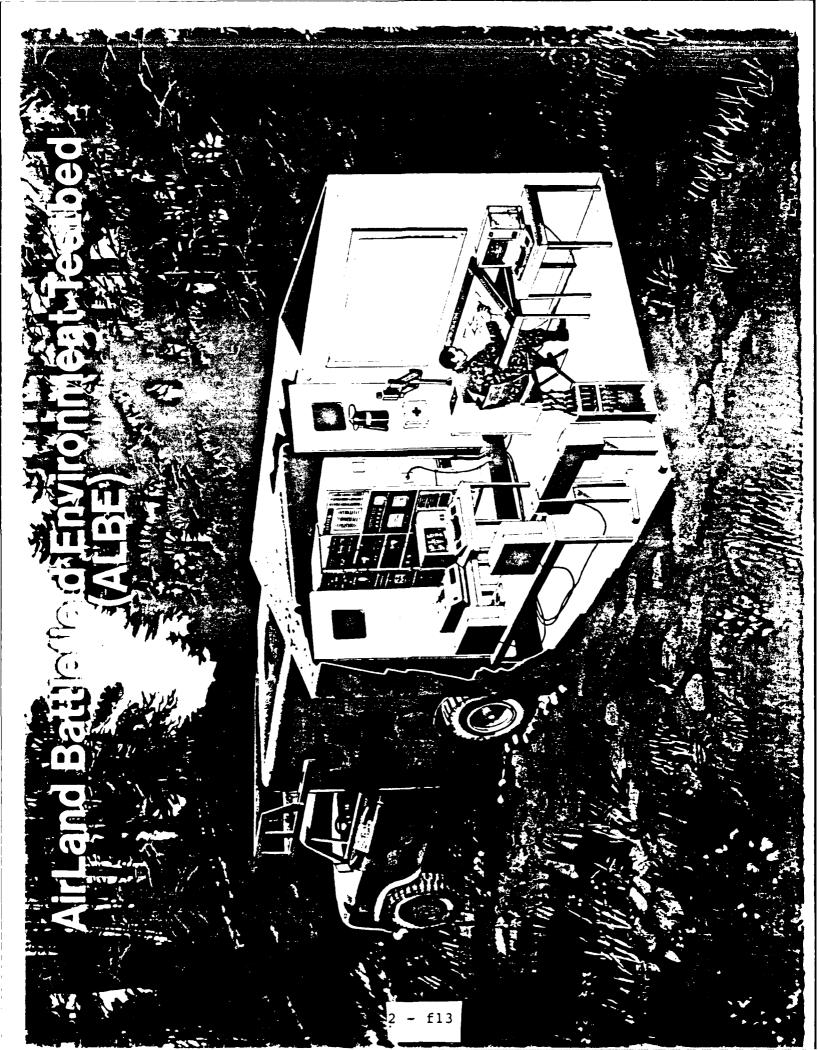
# SPECIAL PURPOSE PRODUCT BUILDER (SPPB)

- 1. AD HOC (SPECIAL) PRODUCT GENERATION Airetrip Site Selection Potential Bivouac Sites Bridge Bypass Potential Lines of Communication River Crossing Air Avenues of Approach Others
- 2. SYMBOLIZATION/ATTRIBUTE MODELING/PROXIMITY ANALYSIS
- **3. COMBINATION PRODUCTS (STACKING)**

BACKGROUND	<b>Cross Country Movement</b>	Concealment	Drep Zone	Helicopter Landing Zene	SPPB
FOREGROUND	<b>Masked</b> Area Plot	<b>farget Acquisition</b>	Flight Line Masking	Path Loss/Line of Sight	

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#### **ALBE GIS**

#### GOALS

Provide required functions to TDA Programmers

### **DESIGN DECISIONS**

Library of GIS subroutines callable from Fortran, C

> Consistent user Interaction and graphics standards across all ALBE components

Use of ALBE User Interface and Graphic (GKS) libraries throughout the GIS

> Avoid tying up workstation during lengthy computations

Optional batch utilities for time-consuming GIS functions Ł

#### GOALS

Ability to query and retrieve data related to GIS objects from a DBMS

### **DESIGN DECISIONS**

GIS "loosely coupled" to DBMS databases via a relation to associate GIS object IDs to DBMS record keys

> Ability to create and operate user-defined GIS databases in self-contained mode (without a DBMS)

- Optional storage of up to 63 GIS attributes per vector object in GIS data structures
- Attribute dictionary to define and describe attributes

#### GOALS

### **DESIGN DECISION**

Rapid response to most map query, manipulation, and display requests

Capacity to load and maintain large map data sets in internal data arrays

> Ability to manipulate and display vector and cell data (incl. raster images) concurrently

Concurrent internal vector and cell data storage structures and logical overlay software

Ability to change level of display detail based on scale of display

Automatic map decluttering capability with user-selectable parameters

# **ALBE GIS INTERNAL DATA**

### **CELL/RASTER**

**ONE ATTRIBUTE PER FILE** 

CELL OR RASTER (GRID) REPRESENTATION DATA TYPES: DICHOTOMOUS DISCRETE CATEGORICAL DISCRETE ORDERED CONTINUOUS

STORED IN COORDINATES OF SPECIFIED MAP PROJECTION

VECTOR

OBJECT TYPES: LABEL POINT NODE ARC ARC POLYGON COMPLEX OBJECT INFORMATION CONTENT: SPATIAL TOPOLOGICAL GRAPHICAL DESCRIPTIVE TACTAV.DAW JAPABS



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## STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY ×

### MIND OF AMS, MOSS, MAPS, AND BATTELLE DECART FUNCTIONALITY ¥

# CONCUMENT VECTOR AND CELL PROCESSING ¥

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# **DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY**

#### MARK SHELBERG Defense Mapping Agency systems center St. Louis, Missouri

#### OPTICAL DISC INITIATIVE PROJECT LEADER

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# WHO IS THE DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY

- Enhance national security and support our strategy of deterrence by producing and distributing to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Unified and Specified Commands, Military Departments and other DoD users, timely and uniquely-tailored mapping, charting, and geodetic products, services, and training
- Insure our war-fighting forces have available to them effective mapping, charting, and geodetic support should our strategy of deterrence fail
- Provide nautical charts and marine navigational data to worldwide merchant marine and private vessel operators
- Employs nearly 9,000 people in more than 50 locations around the world

### **OPTICAL DISC GOALS**

Assistant Secretary of Defense Latham's Guidance

- "... develop a standard data specification in response to [Aircraft] Moving Map Display information requirements ..."
- "... take the lead in establishing a DoD optical disc standard ..." for Mapping, Charting and Geodetic (MC&G) data
- "... explore which additional MC&G information sets are appropriate for exchange via optical disc ..."

# DIGITAL RASTER MAP DATA SPECIFICATION

**ARC Digitized Raster Graphics (ADRG)** 

- 250 lines per inch (100 microns)
- 24 bits color (8 bits Red, Green, Blue)
- Data on Equal Arc-Second Raster Chart/Map (ARC) Projection System
- Status of Specification Final Version: April 1989

### **OPTICAL DISC STANDARD**

DMA'S Decision In Selecting CD-ROM Was Based On:

- Available standards
   Physical ECMA and Yellow Book
   Logical ISO 9660 (High Sierra)
- Non-proprietary technology
- Cost and availability of media and hardware
- Excellent mass distribution media

## **PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT**

ADRG Production Prototype

- Contains:

Disc#1 - JOG-As # NI 11-2,3,5,6 over China Lake Disc#2 - TLMs # 6446 I,II,III,IV over the Fort Hood area Disc#3 - TPC G-18B over China Lake

- Distribution Schedule

Disc#1 - 31 October 1988 Disc#2 - 15 November 1988 Disc#3 - 14 April 1989

### **ADRG PRODUCTION PLANS**

- FY 89 Production about 1800 map sheets (460 CD-ROMs)
- Post FY 89 Production about 1200 to 2000 sheets per year
- FY 89 Production areas: ONCs, TPCs and JOGs over the U.S. JOG-Gs and TLMs over Germany
- Planned FY 90 Production areas: Complete the ONCs and TPCs worldwide Limited JOGs and TLMs Maybe GNCs and JNCs

### DIGITAL TERRAIN ELEVATION DATA (DTED) ON CD-ROM

- DTED consists of a uniform matrix of terrain elevation values spaced every 3 ARC seconds
- CD-ROM will contain DTED, Digital Mean Elevation Data (a more coarsely spaced elevation matrix) and a gazetter
- Two prototypes issued and evaluated
- · Production implementation in process
- All DMA data on CD-ROM by middle of 1990

## WORLD VECTOR SHORELINE

- Vector data base format
- Shoreline at 1:250,000
- Political boundaries from 1:1,000,000 chart source
- Prototype produced in May 1989

# **ADDITIONAL DIGITAL DATA ACTIVITIES**

- Digital Feature Analysis Data (DFAD)
- Digital Chart of the World (1:1 million fully attributed vector data base
- Electronic Chart Update Manual
- Tactical Terrain Data

#### THE FUTURE

- DMA is committed to CD-ROMs for distribution of most if its digital product data
- CD-ROM is a good potential for other products eg. DMA catalogs and DMA product specifications
- DMA continues to track other media for use when appropriate such as WORM and erasable optical disks

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# **CD-ROM IMPLEMENTATION STEPS**

- Feasibility study
- System design
- Data requirements
- Product specification
- Data creation and preparation
- System simulation
- Premastering
- Mastering and replication
- Packaging, documentation, marketing and distribution

### **LESSONS LEARNED**

- Use available standards
- If you are not an expert, get someone who is
- Know your users and their systems
- Develop a good data structure
- Use/Copy examples
- Generate prototypes, release data early on magnetic tape if possible
- The mastering/replication phase is the easiest except if your artwork is not on time or it is wrong

#### **VENDORS & UNIVERSITY**

#### PRESENTATION

#### MATERIALS

A. DBA

- **B. AUTOMETRICS**
- C. PURDUE UNIVERSITY
- D. ESRI



# DBA SYSTEMS, INC.



### **DBA GIS EXPERIENCE**

#### **GRASS GIS**

# **AIRLAND BATTLE ENVIRONMENT/GIS**

**GEO-INTEL** 

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# **GRASS GIS SUPPORT SERVICES**

## DBA GRASS WORKSTATION SUPPORT

- SUN 3, SUN 4, SUN386i
- **TEKTRONIX 43xx**
- **TURNKEY SYSTEMS**

SOFTWARE DISTRIBUTION

- INSTALLATION
- TRAINING

### **TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

- **GRASSNET CONNECTION**
- TELEPHONE CONSULTATION
- **CUSTOM ENHANCEMENTS**

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# DATA BASE GENERATION

## DATA INPUT - HARDCOPY TO RASTER

### **IMAGE SCANNING**

DBA DESIGNS AND MANUFACTURES HIGH RESOLUTION IMAGE SCANNERS

- 20K CCD LINEAR ARRAY SENSORS
- **RESOLUTION 11 MICRONS AT 12 BITS/PIXEL**
- ABILITY TO SCAN 20K X 20K IMAGE IN LESS THAN TWO MINUTES
- ACCOMODATES ROLL AND FLAT FILM BARCODE SCANNER
- 9" X 9" FORMAT

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DBA MANUFACTURES MEDIUM RESOLUTION IMAGE SCANNERS

- **5K SINGLE CCD CHIP LINEAR ARRAY**
- **35 AND 70 MICRON RESOLUTION**
- 7" X 17" AND 14" X 17" FORMATS

#### **MAP SCANNING**

DBA SCANS HARDCOPY MAPS AND IMAGERY AT VARIOUS SCALES AMD RESOLUTIONS

- **25 250 MICRONS**
- COLOR COMPRESSION
- DATA WARPING



## DATA BASE GENERATION

## **DATA INPUT - DIGITAL DATA PRODUCTS**

## DATA TRANSFORMATIONS

- DATA ENHANCEMENTS
- DATA INTEGRATION
- DATA COMPRESSION
- DATA FORMATTING

DATA CONVERSIONS

- RASTER TO VECTOR
- VECTOR TO RASTER

COORDINATE CONVERSIONS

HARDCOPY TO VECTOR COMPILATION



# DATA BASE EXPLOITATION

### IMAGE PROCESSING

- SENSOR MODELLING AND TRIANGULATION
- **RECTIFICATION/ORTHORECTIFICATION**
- AUTOMATED MOSAICKING
- **RADIOMETRIC BALANCING**

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## DATA BASE EXPLOITATION

## IMAGE MANIPULATION

- DATA INCLUSION
- DATA EXCLUSION
- DATA EXTRACTION
- **TERRAIN DATA/MICRO RELIEF**
- HIGH RESOLUTION FEATURE DATA

DATA EDIT/ENHANCEMENT

**APPLICATION SOFTWARE** 

DATA BASE MANAGEMENT

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# DIGITAL CARTOGRAPHIC RESEARCH LABORATORY

# **CAPABILITIES DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW**

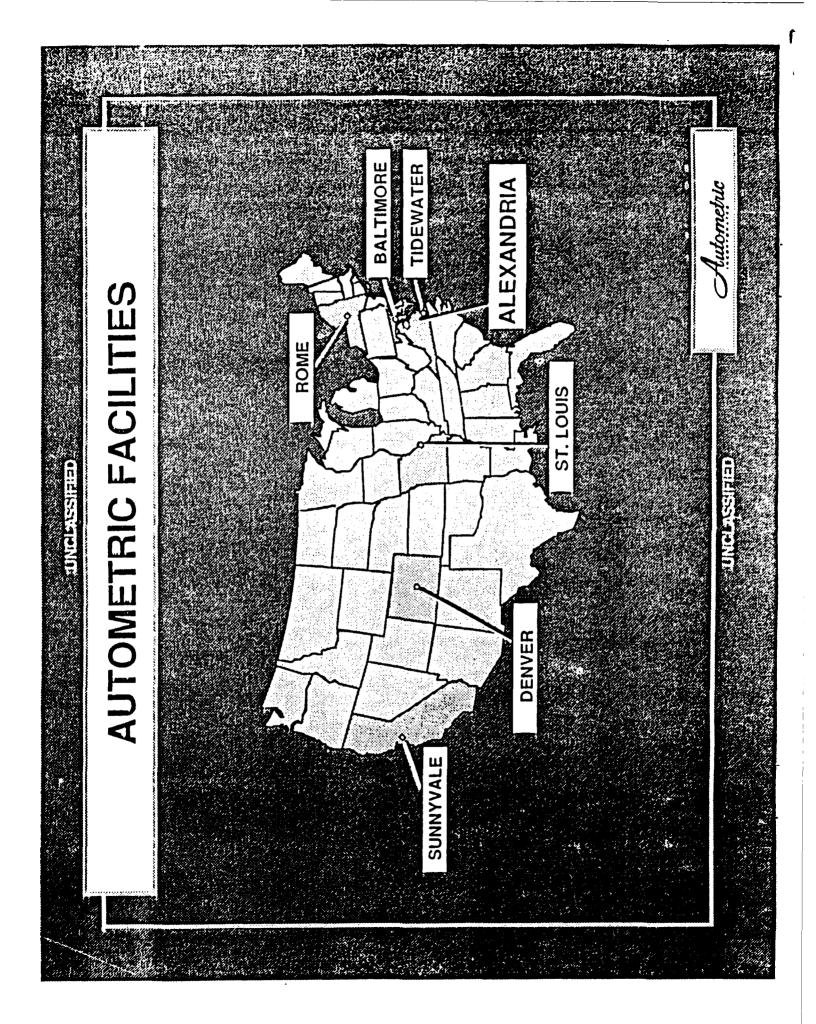
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Map Scanning	Tiling	High Res Features	Temporal Mgmt	Perspective Scene	<b>Workstations</b>
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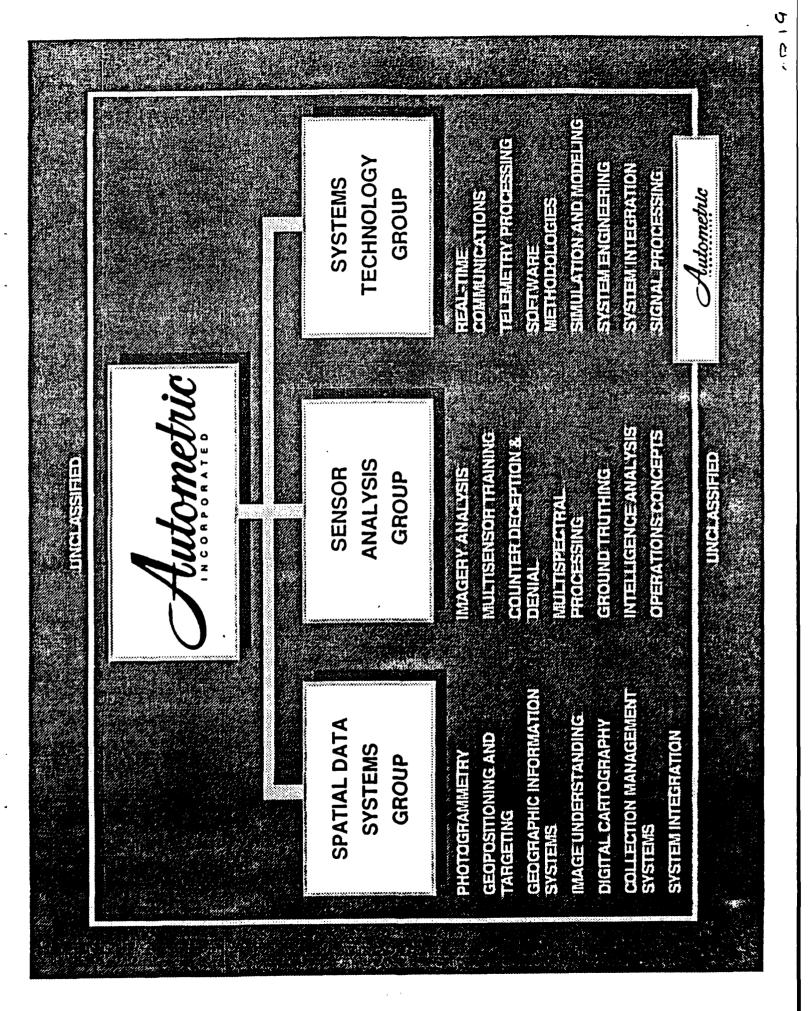
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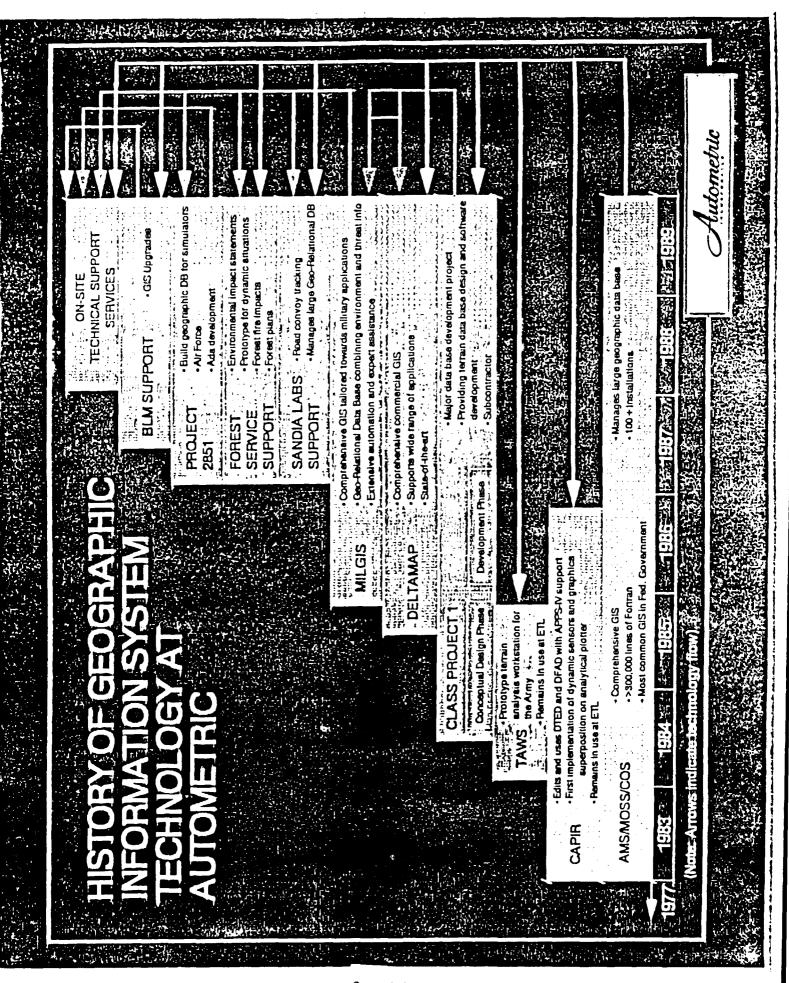
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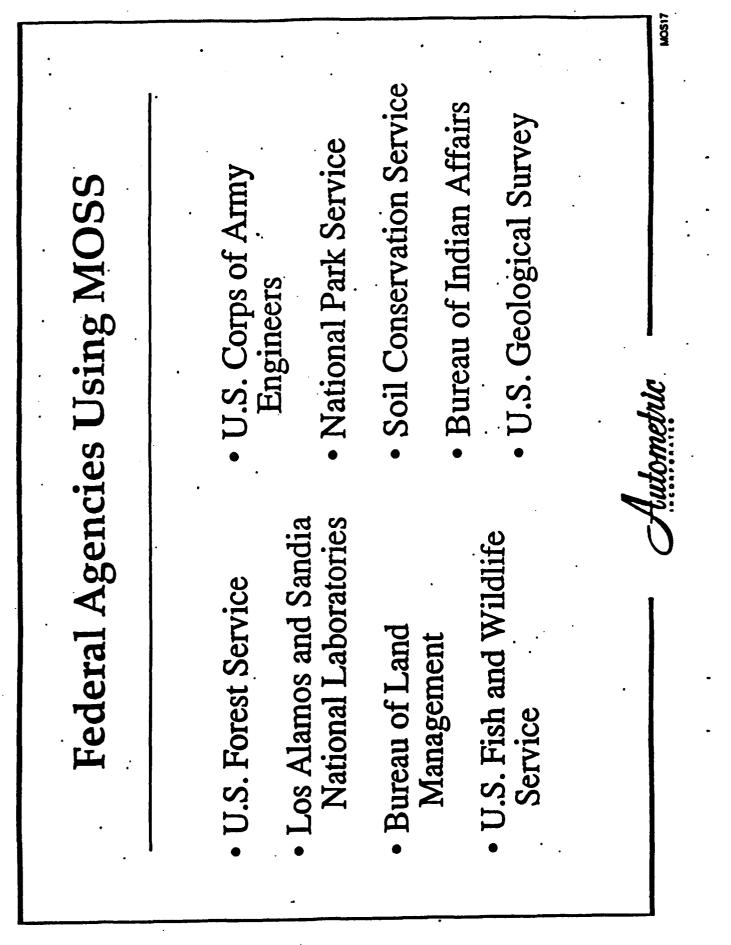
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## **MOSS Family**

- MOSS (Map overlay Statistical System)-point, line, polygon analysis
  - **MAPS** (Map Analysis and Processing System)-cell/raster analysis
- AMS (Analytical Mapping System)-data entry and edit
- COS (Cartographic Output System)-automated hardcopy output
- UTILITY-Misc. Utility Programs
- REFORM-Data Reformatting Programs

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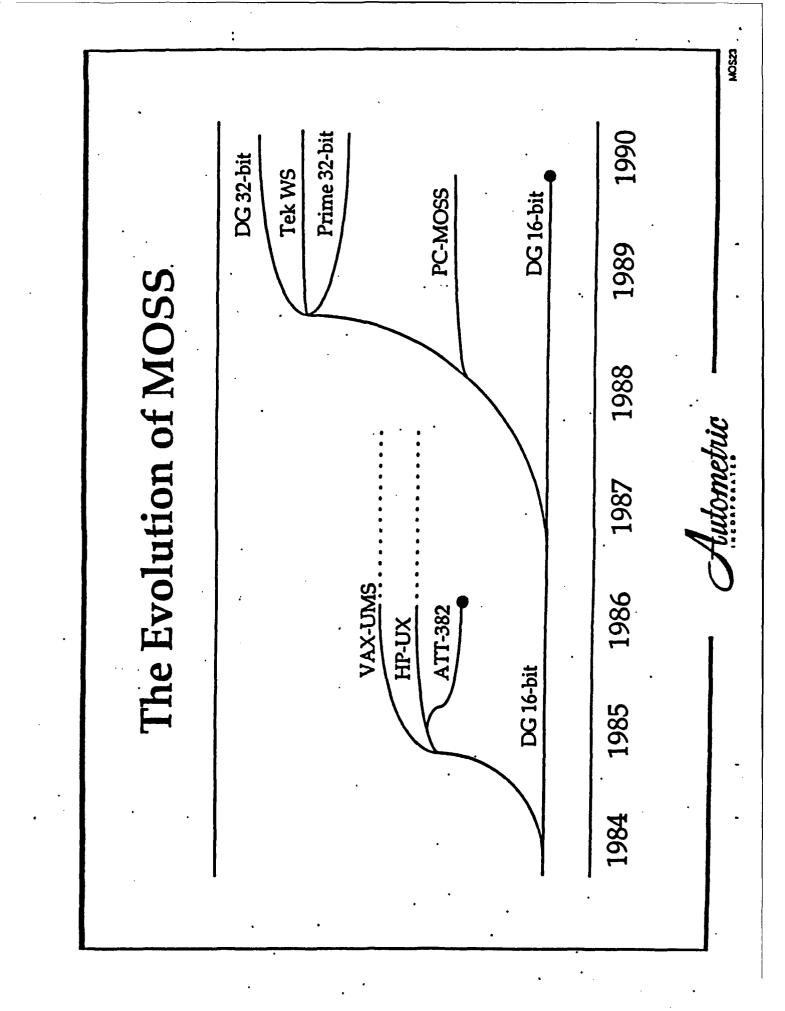
**Milestones in the Evolution of MOSS** 

- 1976 AMS developed as first arc/node data entry system
- 1977-8 Initial development of MOSS
- 1979 AMS and MOSS used in production environment
- 1980 Integration of AMS and MOSS
- 1982 Integration of MOSS and MAPS
- 1983 First MOSS User's Conference
- 1986 DOI hardware procurement for MOSS
- 1988 Fortran 77 version of MOSS
- 1989 32-bit version of MOSS

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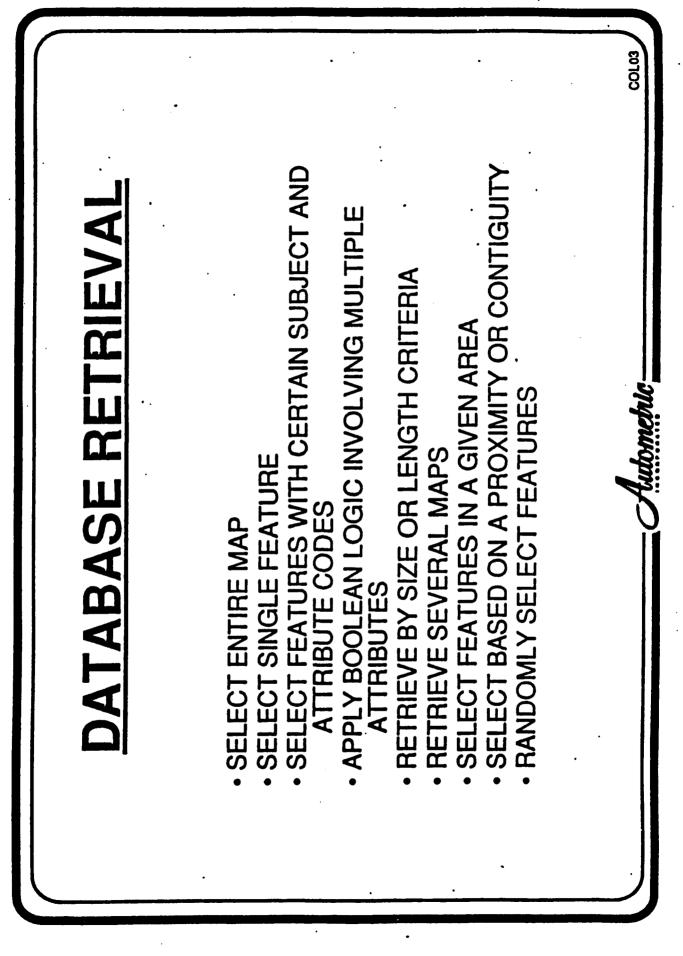
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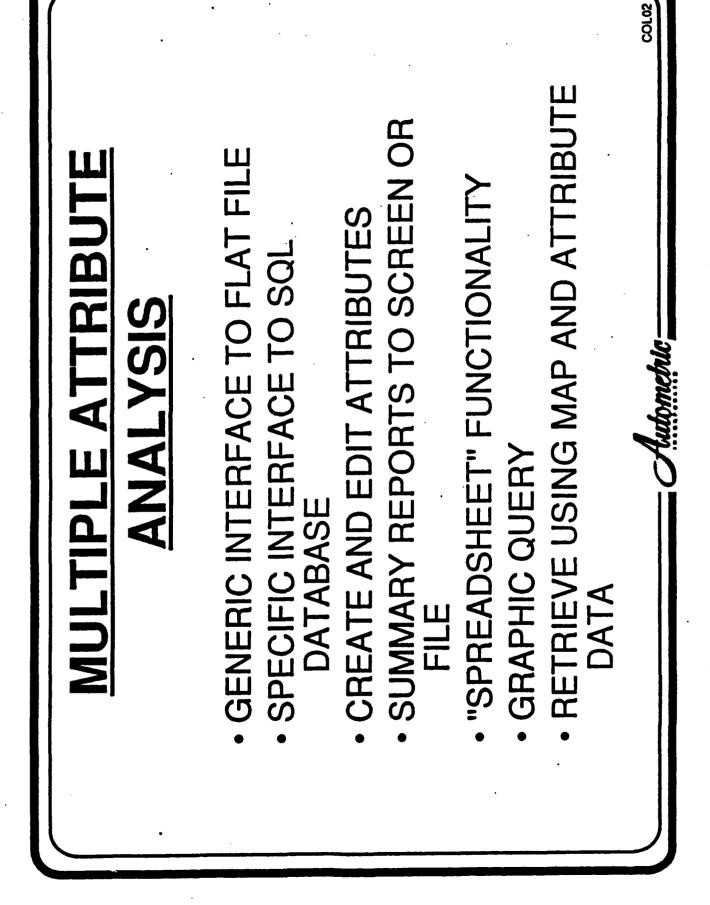
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<ul> <li>Reliability</li> </ul>	• Projection
<ul> <li>Primatives</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Active maps</li> </ul>
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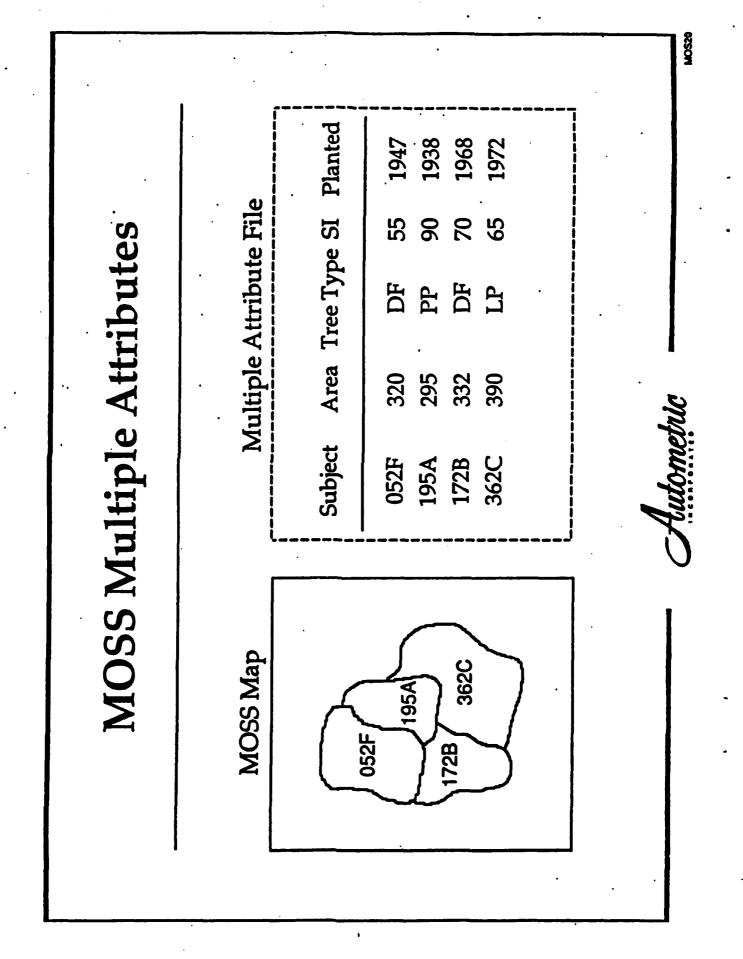
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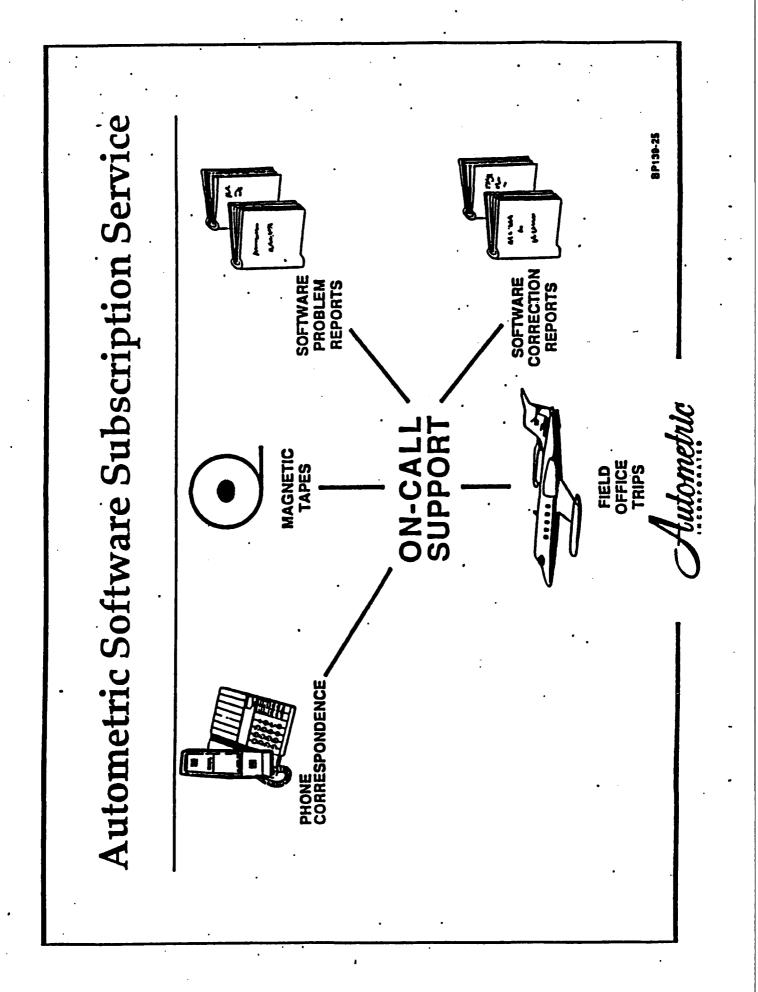
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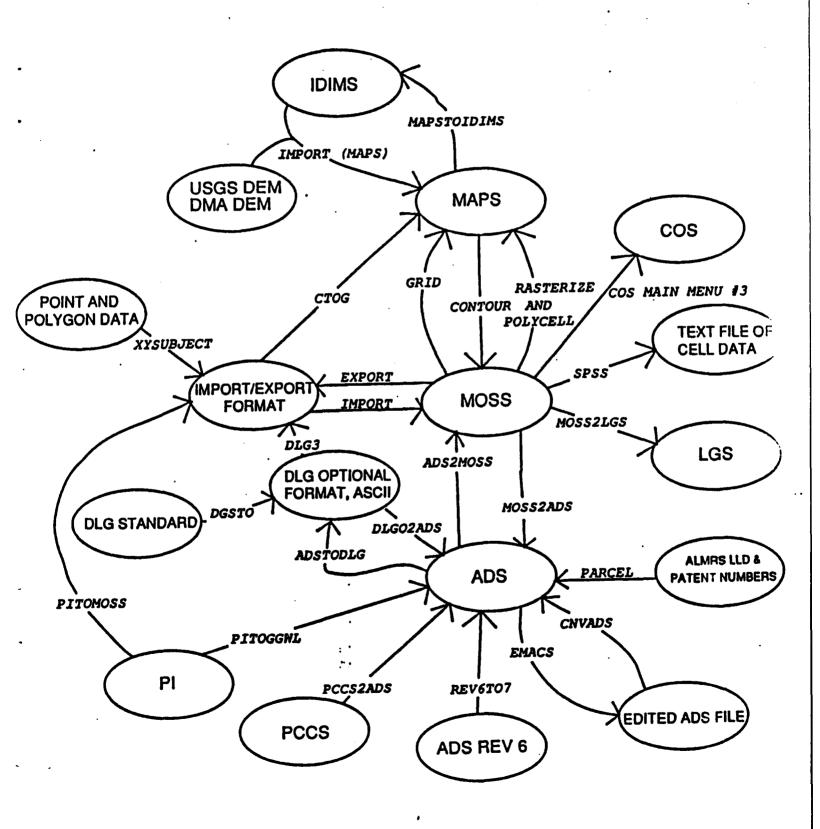


COLOR CALCULATE SLOPE, SLOPE LENGTH, ASPECT ELEVATION (X, Y, Z) CONVERT VECTOR MAPS TO CELL MAPS **DISPLAY CROSS-SECTION OR PROFILE CONVERT CONTOUR LINES TO DEM** POINT-TO-GRID INTERPOLATION **ANALYSIS AUTOMATICALLY LABEL LINES** DISPLAY A 3-D PERSPECTIVE repule-**CREATE CONTOUR LINES** DETERMINE VISIBILITY IMPORT DEM DATA



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### MOSS and MAPS System Interfaces



### Evaluating Groundwater Pollution Potential Using Geographical Information Systems

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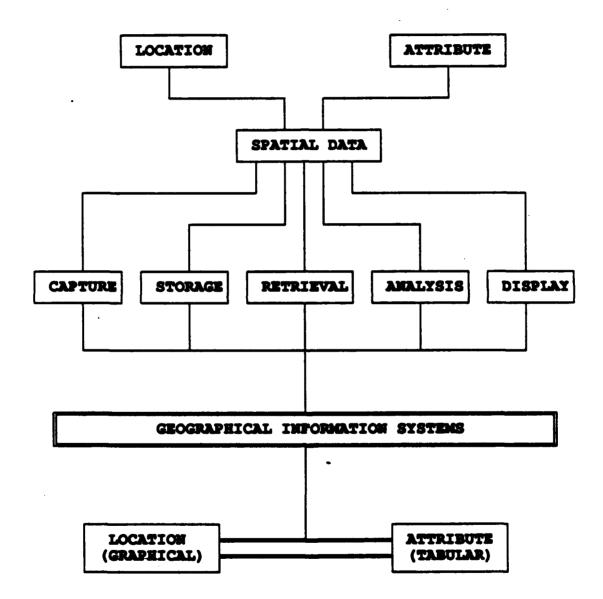
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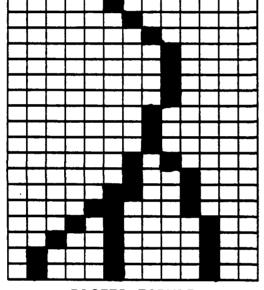
- □ Overview of GIS (GRASS)
- □ Groundwater Applications of GIS
- □ Pollution Potential Mapping (DRASTIC)
- □ Model Integration and Results

**Definition of GIS** 

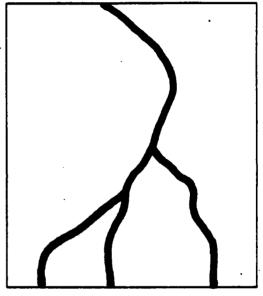


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Data Representation (Raster vs. Vector)



RASTER FORMAT



VECTOR FORMAT

### Map Overlays in a Grid-cell GIS: Each layer contains data for one attribute of interest

### **Common Spatial Analysis Capabilities of GIS**

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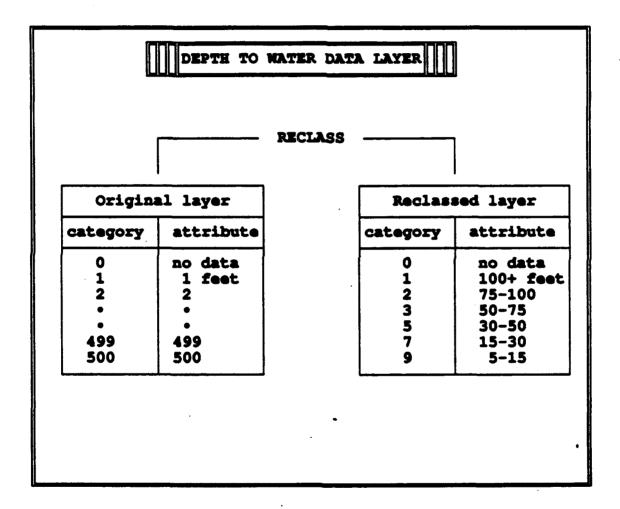
OPERATION	DESCRIPTION	
Arithmetic	Add, subtract, multiply, and divide existing map layers	
Boolean combinations	Combine groups of attributes from different map layers to form a new map	
Weighting	Assign weights to attributes of several map layers, thereby signifying relative importance	
Coincident tabulation	Chart the mutual occurrences of attributes between two map layers	
Neighborhood	Enhance or subdue an attribute value by considering surrounding values	
Distance proximity	Produce a map layer based on distance from an attribute of an existing map	
Clumping	Group physically discrete areas into a unique attribute value	
Surfacing	Fit a smooth surface by interpolating between known values	
Morphologic operations	Determine characteristics of a given area's shape or form	
Slope	Generate a slope layer from elevation data	
Aspect	Generate an aspect layer from elevation data	

### The Geographical Resources Analysis Support System GRASS

- 1. Grid-Cell Data Analysis
  - a. Coincident tabulations
  - b. Map overlay tool
  - c. Weighted map overlay tool
  - d. Neighborhood operations tool
  - e. Distances analysis tool
- 2. Graphical Analysis
  - a. Monitor display routines
  - b. Hard-copy production routines
  - c. Three dimensional display routines
  - d. Image enhancement routines (his)
- 3. Map Generation
  - a. Area masking features
  - b. Regrouping features
  - c. Reclassification features
- 4. Sites Analysis
  - a. Site location tools
  - b. Site DBMS tools
- 5. Map information management
  - a. Report preparation utilities
  - b. Mapset query utilities

### **Data Layer Reclassification**

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### Goals of GIS in Groundwater Engineering

- To provide a comprehensive database of necessary environmental information
- To provide a means for easily updating time-dependent information
- To provide decision support that would otherwise be infeasible or unavailable
- To obtain a conceptual understanding of the groundwater system and the spatial relationships associated with it
- To improve interagency and/or interdepartmental cooperation in the capture, storage, and use of digital geographic data
- To provide a means for producing publication quality illustrations for reports and presentations that can be understood by decision makers

### Applications of GIS in Groundwater Engineering

### **Protection Planning**

- Water Quality Classification
- Water Quality Monitoring
- Pollution Potential Mapping
- Relationships Between Quality and Public Health
- Identification of Well Capture Zones
- Identification of Recharge Zones
- Land Use Control

### **Groundwater Management**

- Resource Identification
- Public Well Site Selection
- Water Use Monitoring
- Input and Output for Flow Models
- Remedial Investigations and Feasibility Studies
- Evaluate Impacts of Contamination Incidents
- Quantity Assessment
- Aid in Landfill Site Selection

### **Empirical Assessment Methodologies.**

Method	Primary Use	Reference #
EPA	monitoring priorization	12,32
Decision tree	waste site selection aid	32
Criteria list	waste site selection aid	32
Water balance	landfill assessment	32
LeGrand <sup>,</sup>	waste site assessment	32
Hagerty	hazardous waste assessment	32
Phillips	waste-soil-site combination	32
DRASTIC	regional protection aid	1
Canter	oil and gas field activities	12
G.O.D.	rapid regional assessment	18
LeGrand	waste site evaluation	28
Stack maps	regional or site assessment	26

### DRASTIC

### A Standardized System for Evaluating Groundwater Pollution Potential

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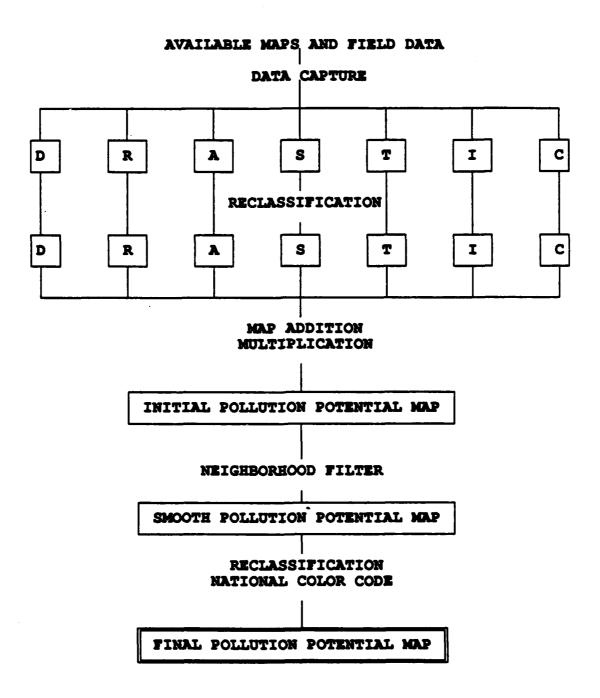
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Where:

r = Rating
w = Weight
D = Depth to Water
R = Net Recharge
A = Aquifer Media
S = Soil Media
T = Topography (Slope)
I = Impact of the Vadose Zone
C = Hydraulic Conductivity

INDEX = Pollution Potential Index

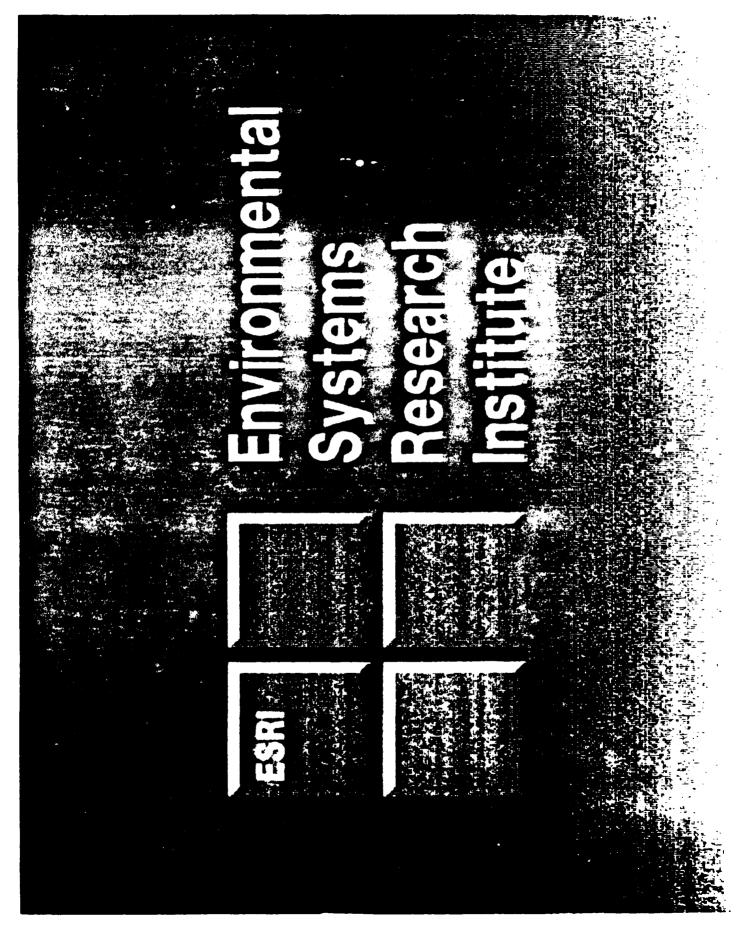
### Developing DRASTIC Maps in a GIS Format



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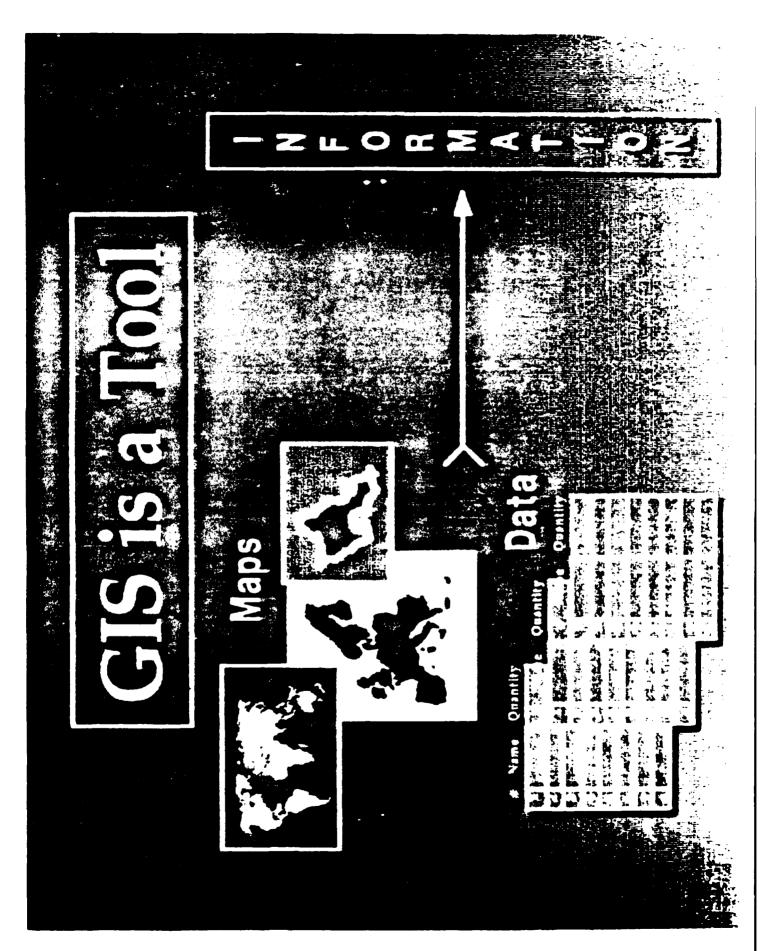
### Geographic Information Technology: Software and Hardware Strategies Jack McCarthy, ESRI

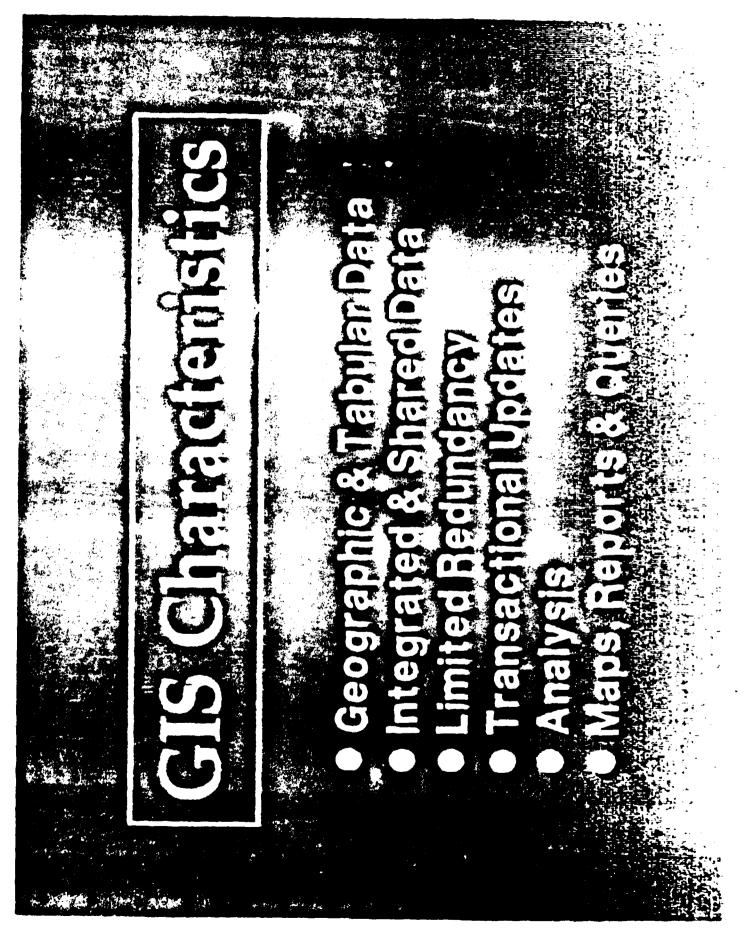
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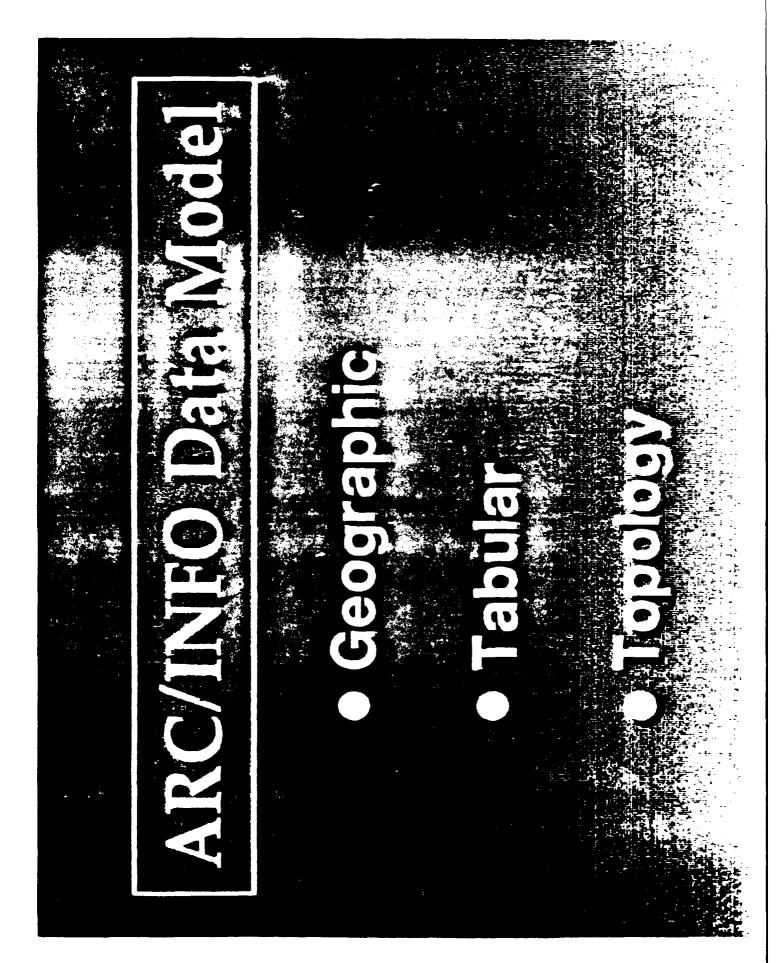


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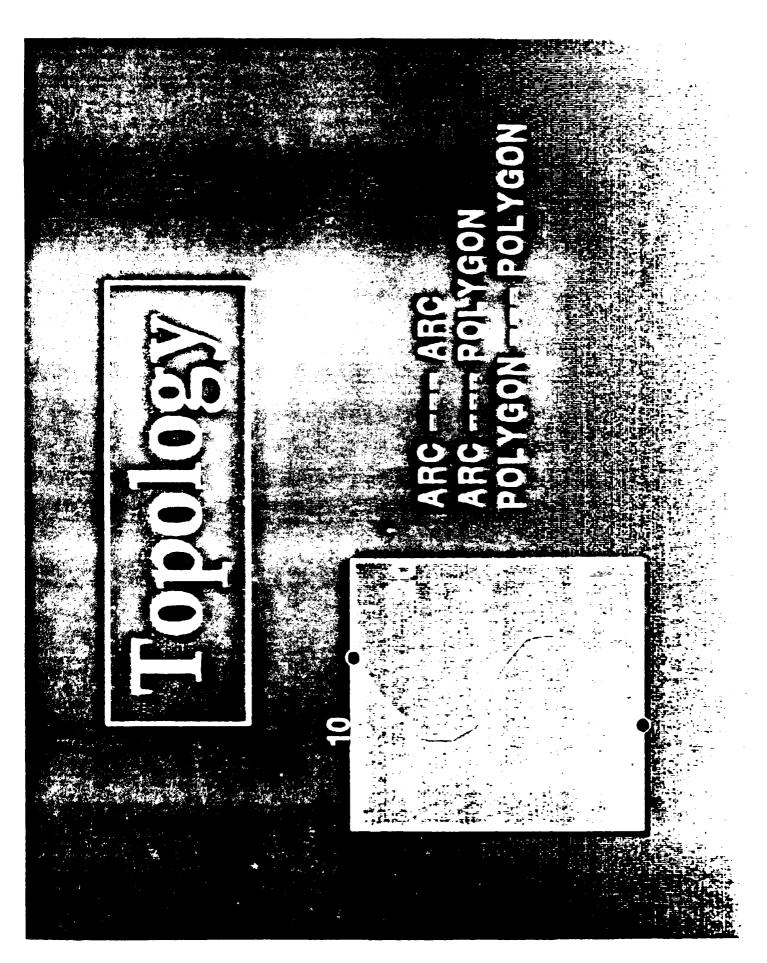


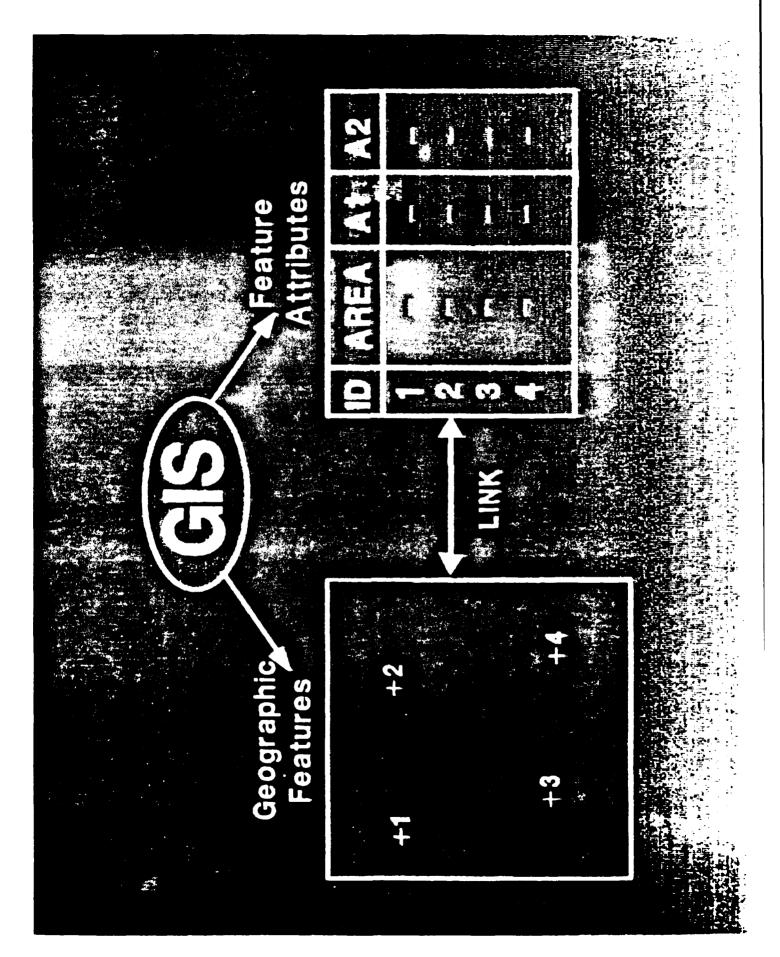


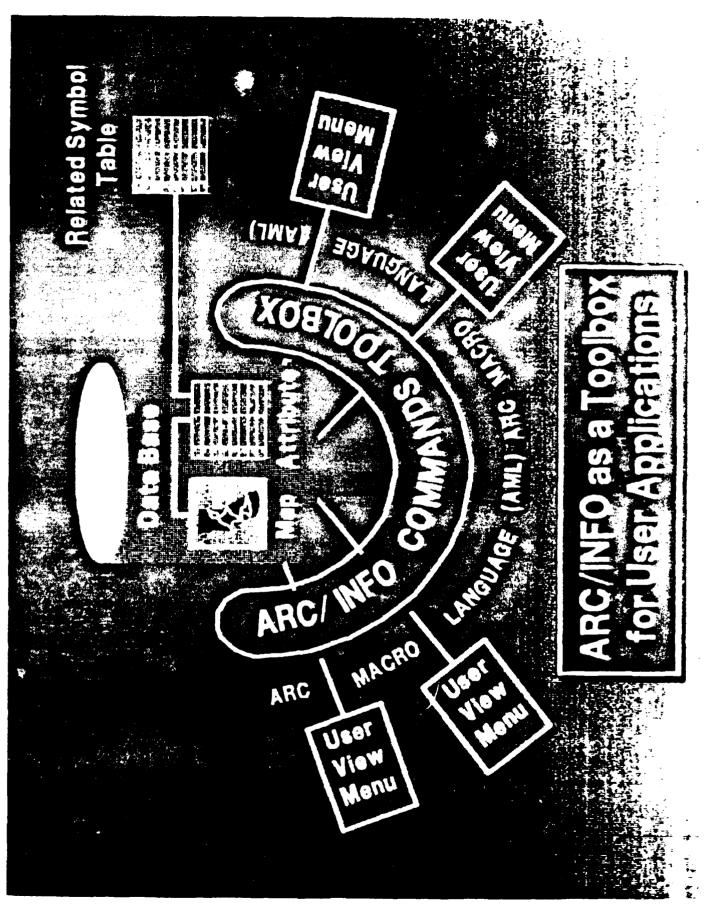


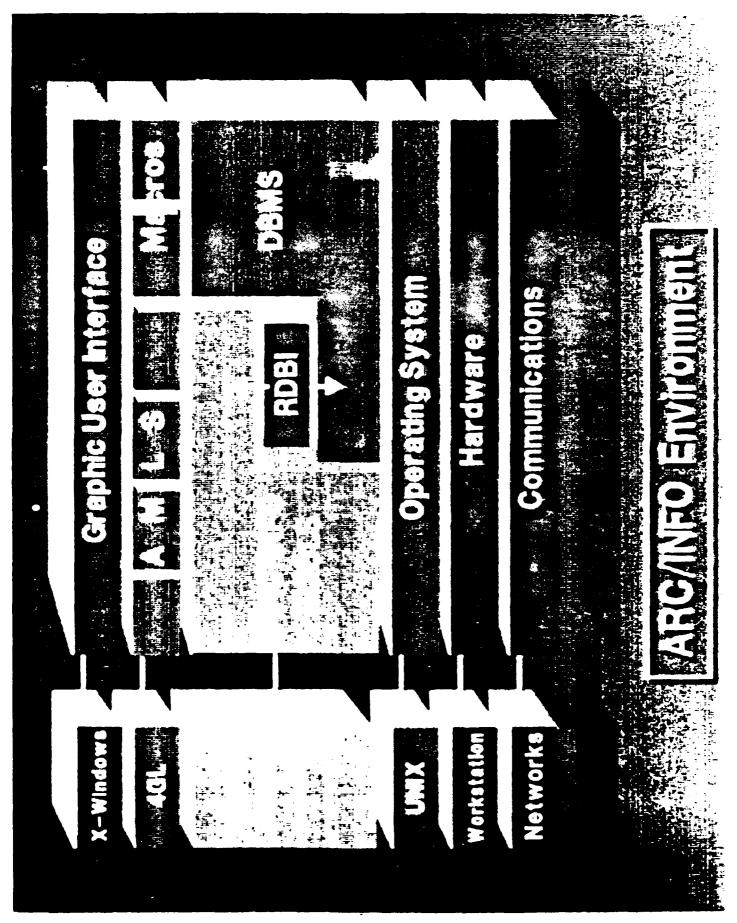
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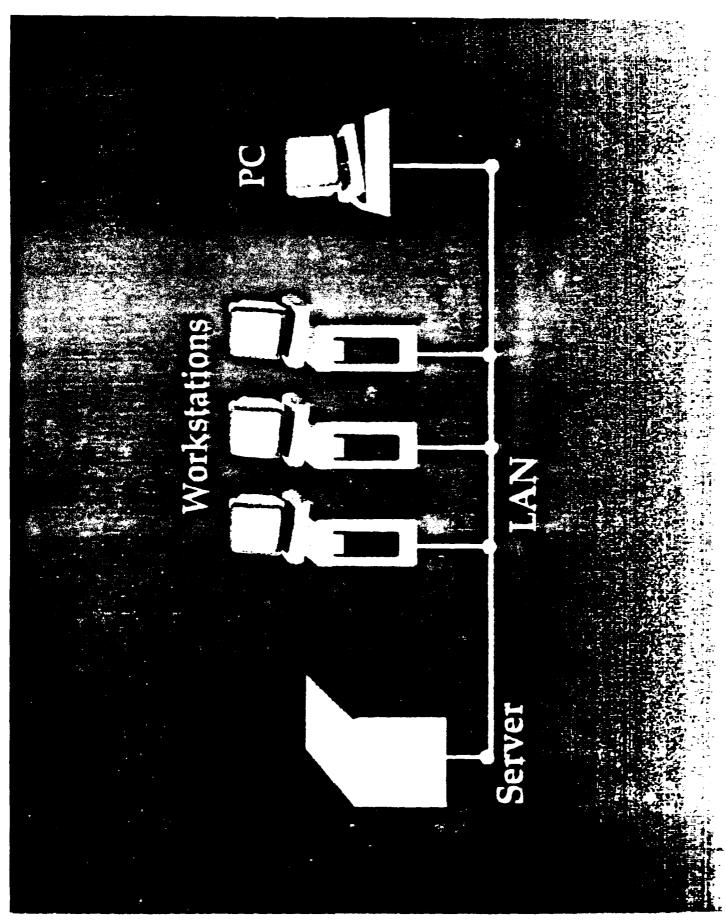


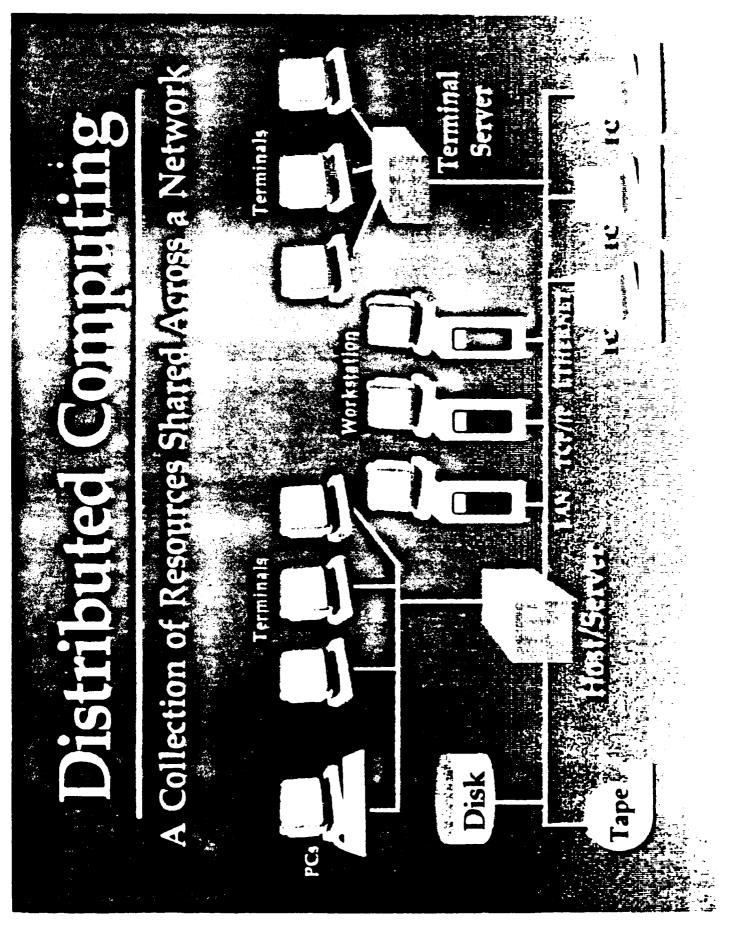


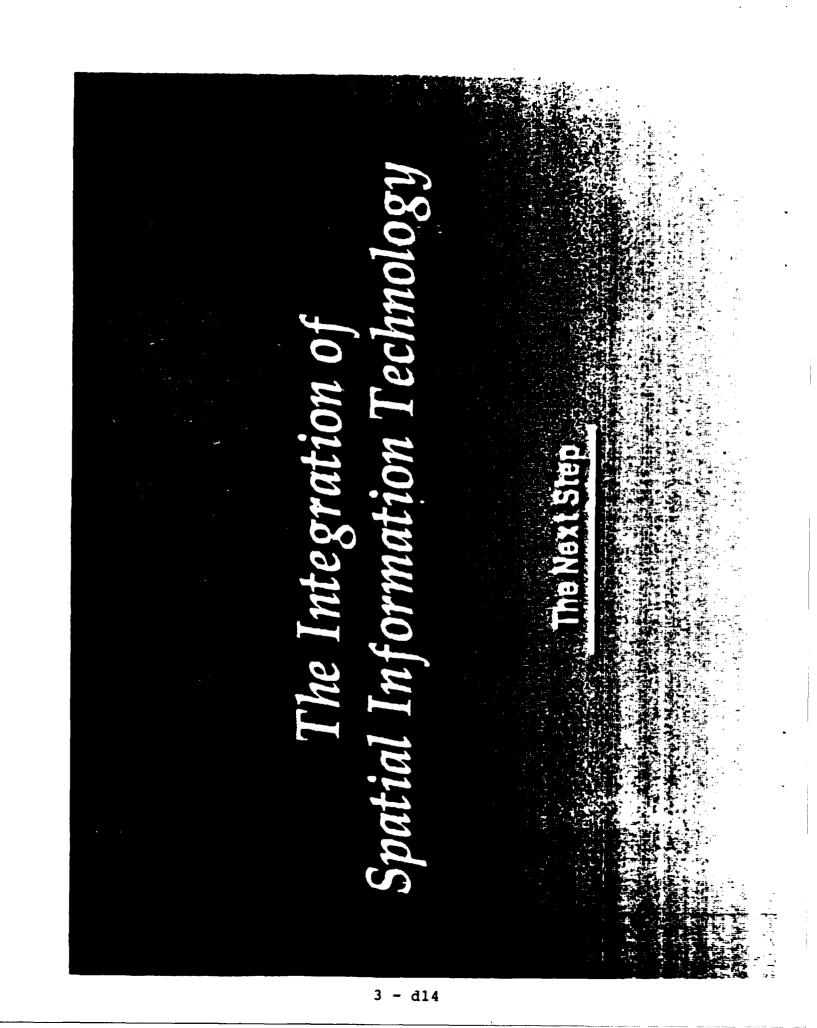






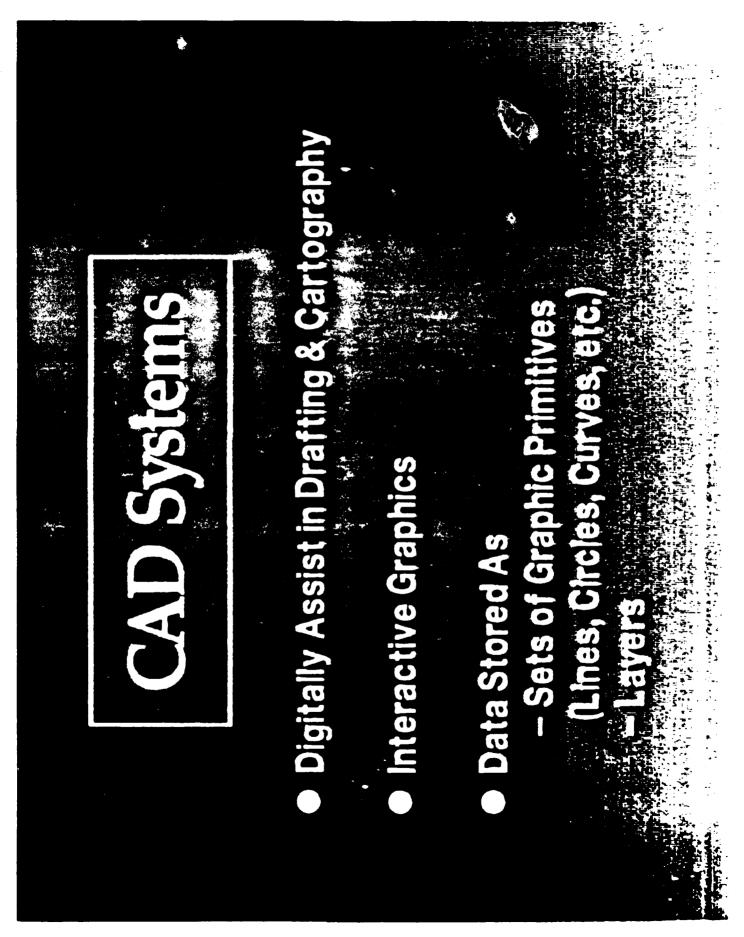




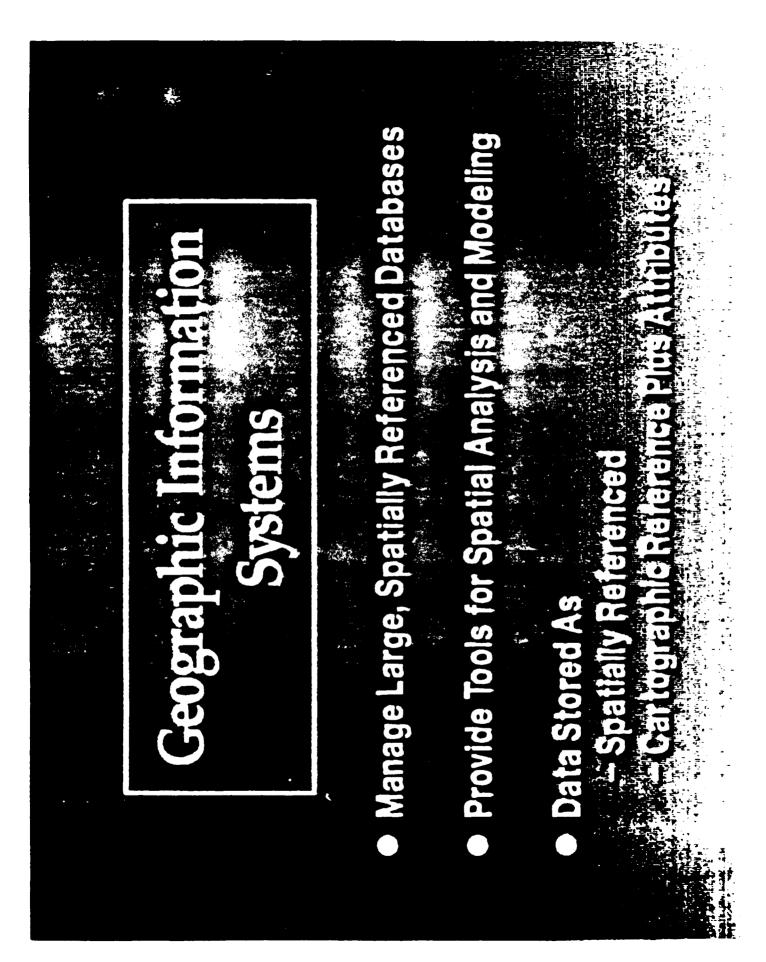


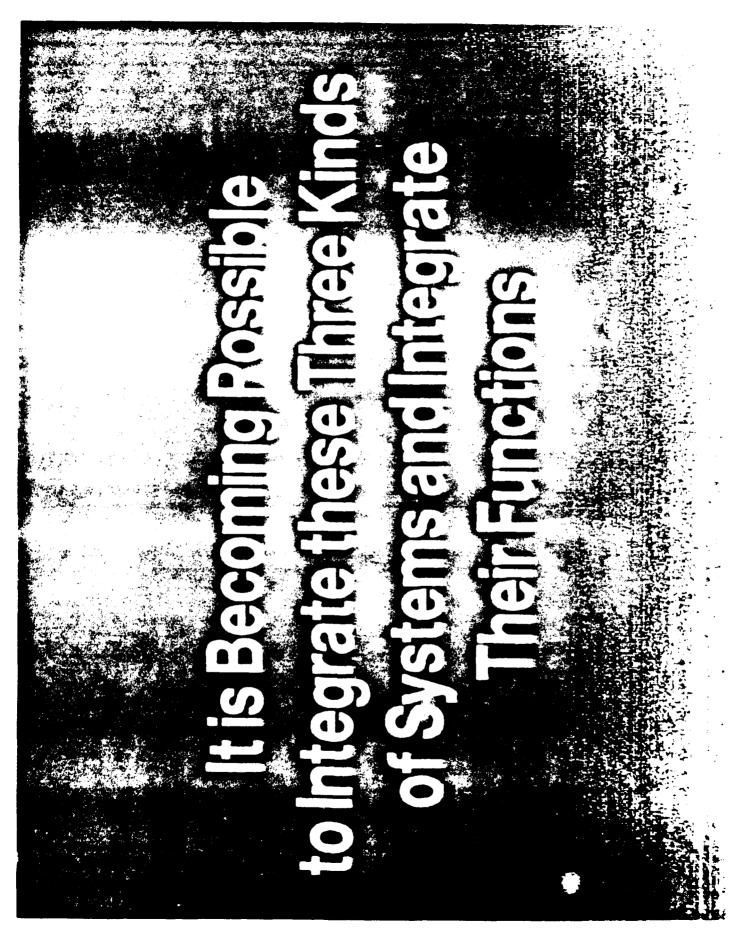
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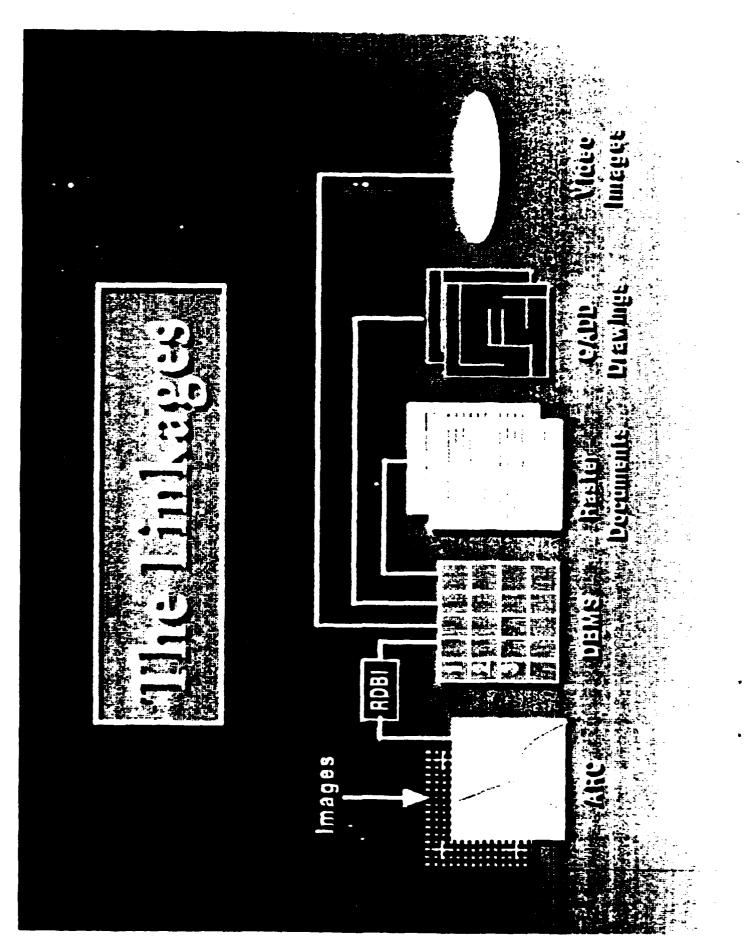


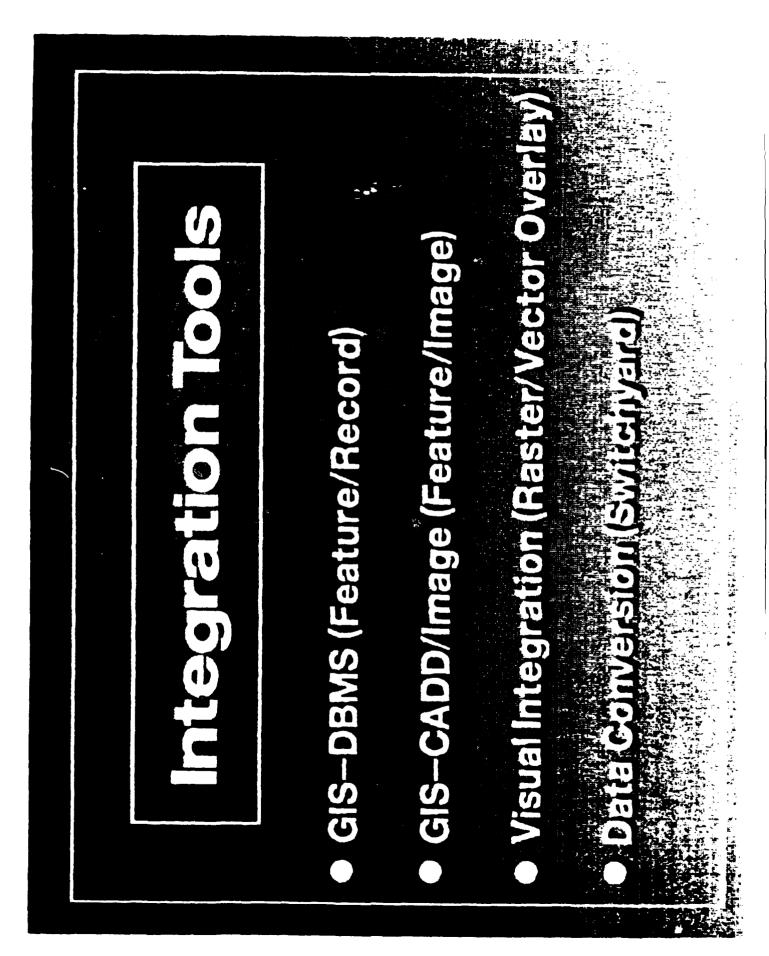
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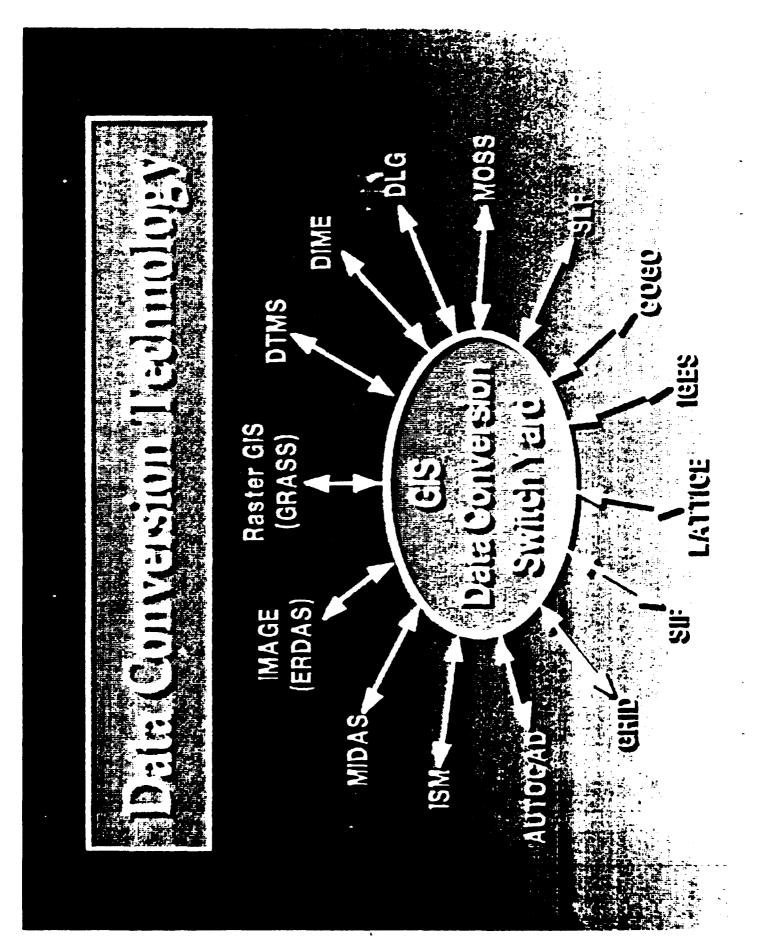




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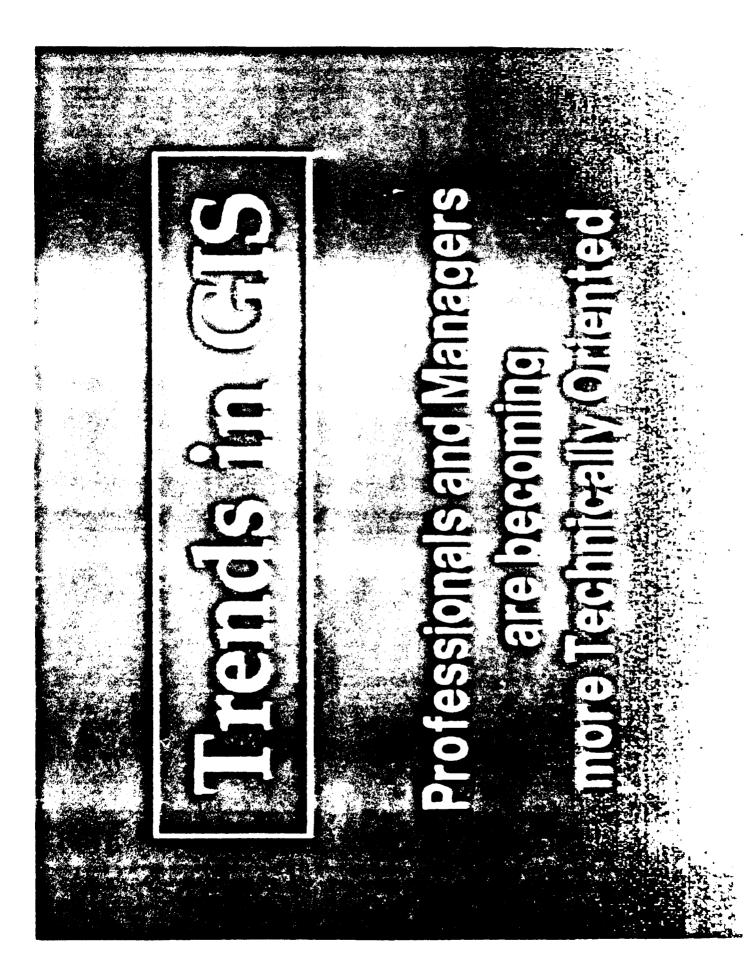
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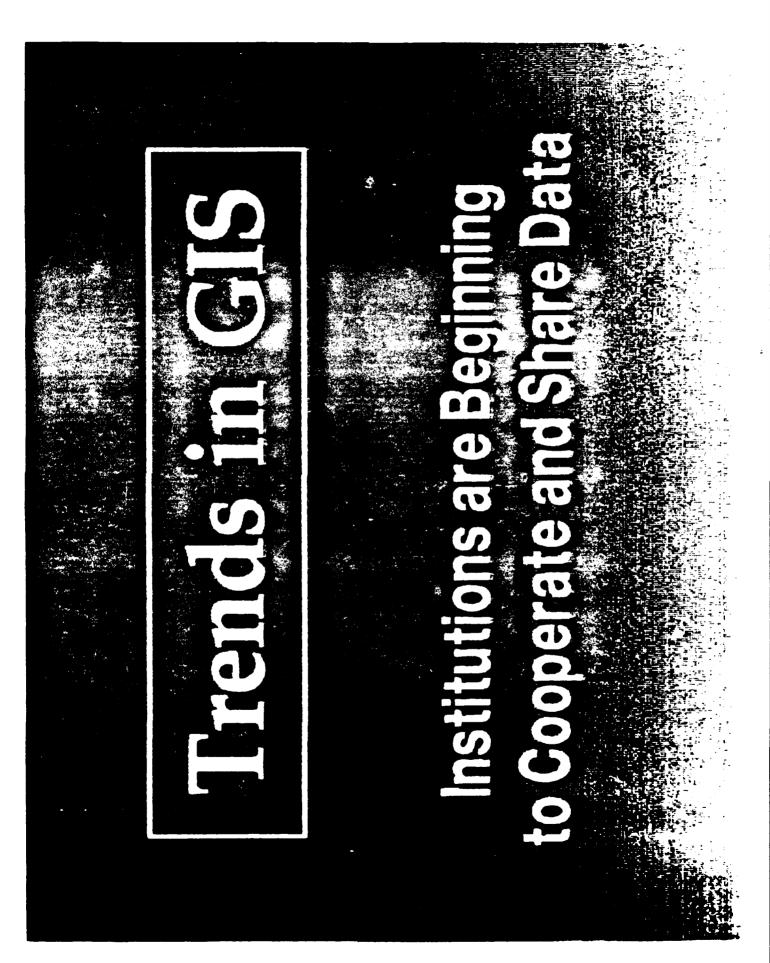
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# **WORKING GROUP**

## REPORT

A. REMOTE SENSING IN HAZARDOUS

& TOXIC WASTE

**B. PLANNING AND MARKETING GROUP** 

C. RASTER/VECTOR INTEGRATION

D. SINGLE DISCIPLINE TASK GROUP

### WORKING GROUP REPORT

### a. Remote Sensing in Hazardous and Toxic Waste

### DISCUSSION:

1. Problems with acquiring data from 20-40 years ago - Warehouse of uncataloged aerial photos are located countrywide - Our mission has changed to Environmental work. Data from NIKE/Ammunition plants, landfills is not readily available.

2. When aerial photos are obtained they are done by various entities. The problem results in different scales. There exists a need to make aerial photos more usable.

3. A need exists to digitize aerial photos and form a data base so that present and future acquisition time is lessened.

4. Need exists for thermo-emmisivity remote sensing data to determine problem areas. Would probably be useful on large areas (ammunition/ordnance plants - 25,000+ acres).

5. Place responsibility to acquire aerial photos in real estate section since responsibility rests with them to dispose of data.

6. Need for S.O.P. handbook for acquiring data.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Thermo-emissivity pilot project on a large area to see what can be learned.

2. Cost-sharing Corps-wide for data collection, etc.

3. Use of indirect engineering overhead for data acquisition.

### b. Planning and Marketing Group

**Recommendations:** 

1. OCE should establish a GIS Center of Expertise.

2. The Center should be responsible for a bulletin board and newsletter.

3. The Center should (probably) develop a set of GIS planning guidelines.

4. The Center should (on request) review GIS plans, establish long-range plans and recommend future direction.

5. Management should be educated, as was done with CADD, on the utility of GIS's especially about return-on-investment or cost/benefit issues.

6. A Corps-wide GIS inventory should be done and made available.

7. Establish a central point to acquire data to eliminate duplicate buys.

8. Establish GIS user's groups at a sub-national geographic level (SE, SW, NE, etc.) to meet, exchange information/expertise, etc.

9. Incorporate GIS guidance and plans into District- and FOA- level Information Management Plans (IMPs); this could reinforce GIS approval and give it visibility.

10. Make sure GIS is included in the organizations' IM architecture.

11. Include the organization's Information Steering or Coordinating Committee in GIS decision-making.

### c. Raster/Vector

### Recommendations:

1. Desire expressed to have software available to perform concurrent processing of vector and raster data. Information was presented to the group that ETL/ALBE and software from Delta Data Co now perform concurrent processing.

2. There needs to be more sharing of data and interchangeability of data between various commercial or Federal systems. Recommend an open data structure which would allow interchange between CADD and GIS.

3. Recommend a corps voice be present at ANSI to assist in development of interchange standards for GIS data.

4. Need exists for a central Corps site for obtaining and distributing digital mapping and imagery data. A library would be an appropriate central point for existing data.

### d. Single Discipline Task Group

### Discussions on Formulation of a CADD Center (USAWES)

One topic of the break-out sessions, at the USATHAMA/USACERL GIS Information Exchange Meeting held in Denver, CO, was to discuss interest in formulation of a GIS-SDTG under the USAWES CADD Center.

Mr. Sandy Stephens, Chief, CADD Center, discussed the role of the SDTG's in meeting the CADD Center's charter, that being to enable the Corps to optimize use of CADD technology quickly. The SDTG's are the vehicle for grass roots input from the field offices to Corpswide CADD Activities, particularly those which involve technical considerations related to the consolidated procurement contract with the Integraph Corporation.

SDTG's have either already been formulated or are in the process of being formulated for ten application areas, including: civil/site design, structural design, electrical, mechanical, architectural, geotechnical, surveying and mapping, hydraulics and hydrology, systems management, and DEH support. SDTG's are normally formed with up to 12 active members, with a general functional and geographic sampling of users of Intergraph-based systems, including lab and field representatives, along with an OCE proponent and CADD Center representative.

Mr. Stephens stated that Army Installations to date have not been explicitly represented on the SDTG's. HQ discussions will likely lead to the Directorate of Engineering and Housing (DEH) representation on a number of the SDTG's or creation of a SDTG specifically dealing with CADD utilization at the Installations.

The role of SDTG's are primarily to identify advancements needed in software development through the Intergraph consolidated contract and to promote information exchange among users. The SDTG's also address needs for software certification within the agency for standarization of analysis and-modeling.

Discussions during the break-out session focused primarily on the need for formulation of a SDTG to address the needs of GIS applications on Intergraph hardware/software systems. A second major focus of the proposed GIS-SDTG was to act as a technical forum for CADD/GIS transportability issues between Intergraph systems and other hardware or software systems. Issues related to porting of the Corps' GRASS software system on Intergraph platforms would also be included. Specific needs and activities of the proposed SDTG are outlined below.

The specific needs for formulating a GIS-SDTG were presented to the conference body. Considerable concerns was voiced that this proposed group not be represented as the only body discussing Corps-wide GIS developments, particularly covering those offices not involved in the Intergraph procurement. The findings contained in the Ad-Hoc GIS Committee report were reiterated that it was not recommended that the Corps standardize GIS developments around a

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single vendor's system, but rather promote broader implementation across the agency. Until much broader issues outlined in the Ad Hoc GIS committee report are resolved, considerable debate will naturally continue. A listing of broader Corps-wide GIS development needs and concerns were drawn up and are presented below.

Specific Needs for Single Discipline Task Group (SDTG) for GIS Under the USAWES CADD Center

• Data Exchange / Transportatebility / Porting Support between CADD and GIS

• Evaluate standards for Intergraph GIS Mapping / Analysis / Modeling for: Attribute Schema, Symbology, Weights, Fonts, QA/QC, Genealogy, Error Budgeting, etc.

- Promote Information Exchange (i.e., Newsletters, EMAIL, etc.)
- Identify GIS / Technical Contacts
- Software Evaluations / Needs for new or Improved Intergraph Modules
- Software and Translator Certification of Intergraph Modules
- Recommend CADD Contract Modifications / Pricing Strategies
- Training Needs Assessments / Information Exchange
- Interface to Other SDTG's

Broad Needs for Corps-Wide GIS Development

- Develop a functional GIS infrastructure within the Corps
- Develop field-level working groups for input to OCE GIS Steering Committee
- Promote field level GIS database / analysis / modeling coordination
- Evaluate needs for the formulation of a Corps GIS center(s)
- Evaluate needs for GIS regional support centers / data repositories
- Develop Corps-wide GIS mapping /analysis / modeling standards for: attribute schema, symbology, weighting, QA/QC, genealogy, error budgeting, etc.
- Assess Corps-specific GIS software development needs
- Create a R&D program for GIS modeling / analysis
- Assess GIS training needs / offerings
- Promote technology transfer forums