
Three-Dimensional Characterization of Cave Networks Using Photogrammetry: Example from Longhorn Cavern, Central Texas

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ABSTRACT

Digital outcrop models are invaluable tools for quantitative analysis of geologic data that allow us to digitally inspect outcrops in three dimensions. This investigation focuses on reconstructing a modern cave system based on Longhorn Cavern in Burnet County, Texas, using photogrammetric methods to construct a digital outcrop model by capturing 6000 overlapping images of the cavern interior. Global positioning and survey data are integrated into the model to locate the subsurface cave geometry in geographical space. Using this data, we are able to inspect and analyze the cave system in a virtual environment.

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