



GEOLOGY OF THE INMONT (ROBB-MONTBRAY) ZONE 3 STRIPPED OUTCROP

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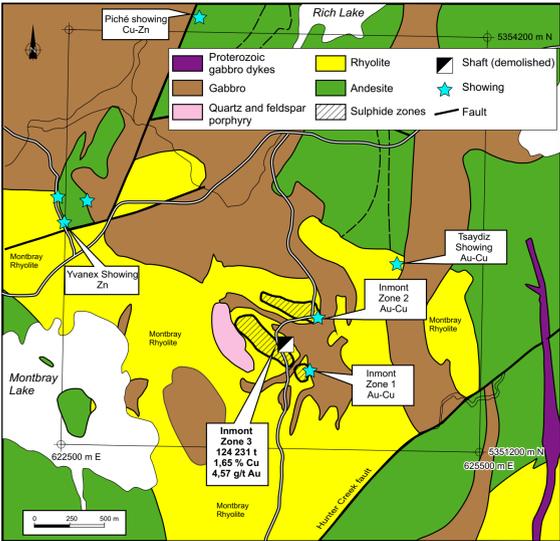


Figure 2. Geology in the vicinity of the Inmont Zone 3 stripped outcrop showing the distribution of the Montbray rhyolite and the location of the other mineralized occurrences of the area. From Goutier et al. (2009).

MAP LEGEND

- Rhyolitic flow-lobe and flow-breccia complex. Mild to moderate pervasive sericite and chlorite alteration with local disseminated sulphides
- Massive chlorite alteration with local sulphide veinlets and disseminations
- Semi-massive to massive sulphides. Chalcopyrite and pyrite
- Invasive chlorite-sericite alteration (veins) and sulphide impregnations
- Sulphide stringers and veinlets
- Main foliation
- INPL-2006-0xx Sample location and number
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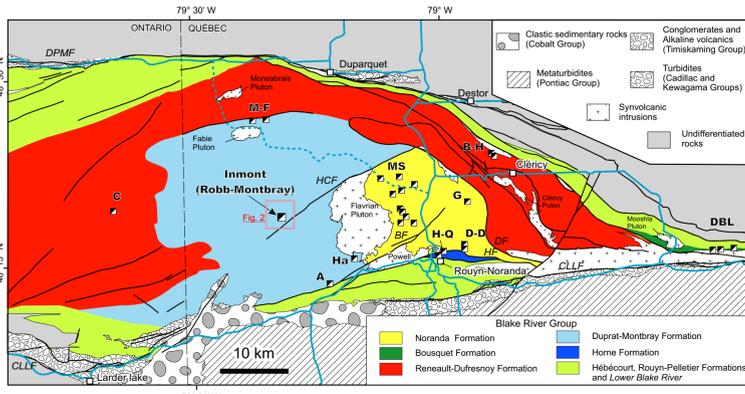


Figure 1. Map of the Blake River Group showing the geological formations, the main faults and intrusions, and the mines. The Inmont (Robb-Montbray) mine is located in the Duprat-Montbray Formation, west of the Flaviar synvolcanic intrusion ("West Blake River").

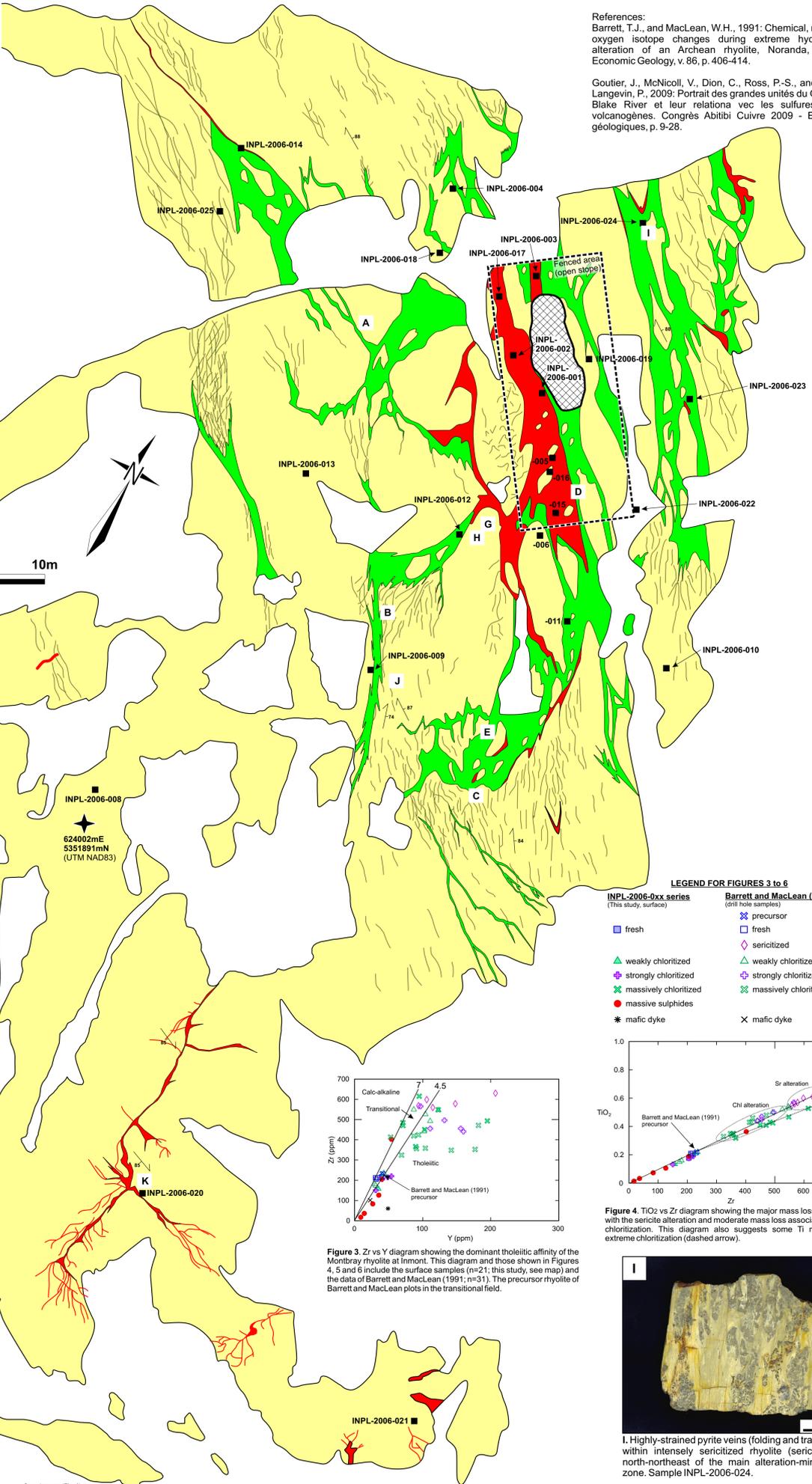
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This map illustrates the main alteration assemblages and facies observed on the stripped outcrop of the Zone 3 at the Inmont (Robb-Montbray) mine. The mineralization and its alteration system are emplaced within flow-banded, lobate and volcanoclastic rhyolites. The distribution of the alteration is strongly controlled by the volcanic facies and structures with fracture-controlled chlorite veins and diffuse quartz, sericite and chlorite gradually replacing or invading the lobe contacts, the flow-banded rhyolite, and the volcanoclastic rhyolite. This architecture is typical of the "Noranda-type" model of volcanogenic massive sulphide systems with mostly discordant, well defined chlorite alteration pipes surrounded by diffuse sericite-chlorite and quartz alteration within flow-dominated sequences.

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LEGEND FOR FIGURES 3 to 6

- INPL-2006-0xx series (This study, surface)
 - fresh
 - sericitized
 - weakly chloritized
 - strongly chloritized
 - massively chloritized
 - massive sulphides
 - mafic dyke
- Barrett and MacLean (1991) series (drill hole samples)
 - fresh
 - sericitized
 - weakly chloritized
 - strongly chloritized
 - massively chloritized
 - mafic dyke

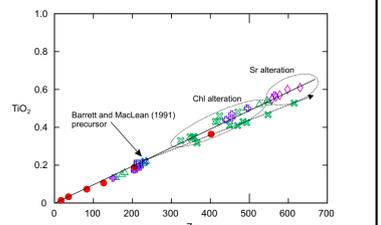


Figure 4. TiO₂ vs Zr diagram showing the major mass loss associated with the sericite alteration and moderate mass loss associated with the chloritization. This diagram also suggests some Ti mobility with extreme chloritization (dashed arrow).

Figure 3. Zr vs Y diagram showing the dominant tholeiitic affinity of the Montbray rhyolite at Inmont. This diagram and those shown in Figures 4, 5 and 6 include the surface samples (n=21; this study, see map) and the data of Barrett and MacLean (1991; n=31). The precursor rhyolite of Barrett and MacLean plots in the transitional field.

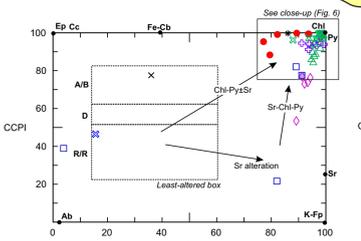


Figure 5. Box Plot diagram for the altered rhyolites at Inmont showing the vectors toward intense chlorite alteration associated with the mineralization.

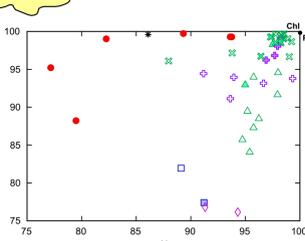


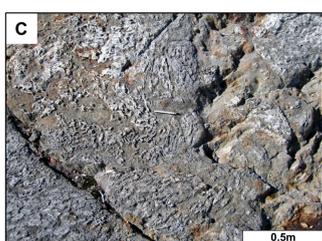
Figure 6. Close-up view of the upper right corner of Figure 5.



A. Pervasively chlorite-sericite-quartz altered flow-banded, coherent to volcanoclastic rhyolite cut by narrow discordant, fracture-controlled chlorite veins.



B. Flow-banded, fragmental rhyolite (hyaloclastite) invaded and partially replaced by chlorite-only and chlorite-sericite-quartz alteration assemblages.



C. Pervasive chlorite-sericite-quartz-pyrite alteration invading and gradually replacing the flow-banded rhyolite, illustrating the influence of the volcanic textures on the alteration intensity and distribution.



D. Relict flow-banded rhyolite fragment within the intensively chlorite-altered and mineralized alteration zone or conduit ('alteration pipe').



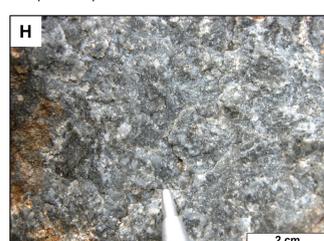
E. Strongly leached rhyolite clasts (relicts) within the main chlorite alteration pipe of high-temperature upflow zone. The leaching is more intense near the margins whereas the core is not as altered.



F. Close-up view of one of the strongly leached rhyolite clasts from photo E, showing the highly siliceous rims, and well-preserved quartz phenocrysts that characterize the less altered rhyolite.



G. Close-up view of the pervasive silicification developed within the rhyolite. The silicification seems to be superimposed on a previously chloritized rhyolite. Compare with photo H.



H. Close-up view of the pervasive chlorite alteration developed within the rhyolite. The chloritization seems to be superimposed on a previously silicified rhyolite. Compare with photo G.



I. Highly-strained pyrite veins (folding and transposition) within intensively sericitized rhyolite (sericite schist), north-northeast of the main alteration-mineralization zone. Sample INPL-2006-024.



J. Despite an apparent overall low-intensity deformation at the outcrop scale, high-strain (shear) zones are locally developed within the pervasively altered (sericite-chlorite) rhyolites.



K. Polished sample showing a discordant pyrite-chalcopyrite vein and the pervasive alteration percolating from the vein along the flow bands in a coherent rhyolite. Sample INPL-2006-020.