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## Abstract

Australia's and China's resources (e.g. Olympic Dam Cu-U-Au-Ag and Bayan Obo REE deposits) highlight how discovery and mining of iron oxide copper-gold (IOCG), iron oxide±apatite (IOA) and affiliated primary critical metal deposits in metasomatic iron and alkali-calcic (MIAC) mineral systems can secure a long-term supply of critical metals for Canada and its partners. In Canada, MIAC systems comprise a wide range of undeveloped primary critical metal deposits (e.g. NWT NICO Au-Co-Bi-Cu and Québec HREE-rich Josette deposits). Underexplored settings are parts of metallogenic belts that extend into Australia and the USA. Some settings, such as the Camsell River district explored by the Dene First Nations in the NWT, have infrastructures and 100s of km of historic drill cores. Yet vocabularies for mapping MIAC systems are scanty. Ability to identify metasomatic vectors to ore is fledgling. Deposit models based on host rock types, structural controls or metal associations underpin the identification of MIAC-affinities, assessment of systems' full mineral potential and development of robust mineral exploration strategies.

This workshop presentation reviews public geoscience research and tools developed by the Targeted Geoscience Initiative to establish the MIAC frameworks of prospective Canadian settings and global mining districts and help de-risk exploration for IOCG, IOA and affiliated primary critical metal deposits. The knowledge also supports fundamental research, environmental baseline assessment and societal decisions. It fulfills objectives of the Canadian Mineral and Metal Plan and the Critical Mineral Mapping Initiative among others.

The GSC-led MIAC research team comprises members of the academic, private and public sectors from Canada, Australia, Europe, USA, China and Dene First Nations. The team's novel alteration mapping protocols, geological, mineralogical, geochemical and geophysical framework tools, and holistic mineral systems and petrophysics models mitigate and solve some of the exploration and geosciences challenges posed by the intricacies of MIAC systems. The group pioneers the use of discriminant alteration diagrams and barcodes, the assembly of a vocab for mapping and core logging, and the provision of field short courses, atlas, photo collections and system-scale field, geochemical, rock physical properties and geophysical datasets are in progress to synthesize shared signatures of Canadian settings and global MIAC mining districts. Research on a metamorphosed MIAC system and metamorphic phase equilibria modelling of alteration facies will provide a foundation for framework mapping and exploration of high-grade metamorphic terranes where surface and near surface resources are still to be discovered and mined as are those of non-metamorphosed MIAC systems.



## Résumé

Les ressources minérales australiennes et chinoises (p. ex. mine à Cu-U-Au-Ag d'Olympic Dam et à ETR de Bayan Obo) illustrent que la découverte et l'exploitation de gisements à oxyde de fer-cuivre-or (IOCG), oxyde de fer±apatite (IOA) et à métaux critiques affiliés au sein de systèmes métasomatiques alcali-calciques et à fer (MIAC) pourraient assurer un approvisionnement à long terme en métaux critiques au Canada et à ses partenaires. Les systèmes MIAC canadiens comprennent un large éventail de gisements de métaux critiques primaires non développés tels que NICO (Au-Co-Bi-Cu) aux T.N.O. et Josette (ETR) au Québec. Les régions d'intérêt font partie de vastes ceintures métallogéniques dont certaines s'étendent jusqu'en Australie et aux États-Unis. Certains secteurs, comme le district de la rivière Camsell exploré par les Premières Nations dénées aux T.N.O., disposent d'infrastructures et de centaines de kilomètres de carottes de forage. Pourtant, le vocabulaire nécessaire pour cartographier les systèmes MIAC est absent des lexiques des commissions géologiques. La capacité des divers intervenants d'identifier les vecteurs d'exploration métasomatiques est souvent embryonnaire. Les modèles de gisement basés sur les types de roches hôtes, les contrôles structuraux ou les associations de métaux limitent l'identification des affinités MIAC des gîtes et systèmes hôtes, et affaiblissent les évaluations de potentiel minéral et les stratégies d'exploration minière.

Cette présentation d'atelier résume les recherches menées, et les outils développés, par le programme de l'Initiative géoscientifique ciblée pour établir des cadres MIAC pour des systèmes métallifères canadiens et districts miniers mondiaux et ainsi aider à réduire les risques à l'exploration des gisements IOCG, IOA et à métaux critiques primaires affiliés. Ces connaissances appuient également la recherche fondamentale, les évaluations environnementales et des prises de décisions sociétales. Elles répondent, entre autres, aux objectifs du Plan des Minéraux et des Métaux du Canada et de l'Initiative de cartographie des minéraux critiques.

L'équipe de recherche MIAC, dirigée par la CGC, comprend des membres des secteurs universitaire, privé et public canadiens, australiens, européens, américains, chinois et des Premières Nations des Dénés. Ses protocoles de cartographie d'altération, et nouveaux outils et bases de données géologiques, minéralogiques, géochimiques et géophysiques, et modèles gîtologique et pétrophysique atténuent et résolvent certains des défis d'exploration et de compréhension posés par la complexité des systèmes MIAC. Le groupe pilote l'utilisation de diagrammes d'altération discriminants et de codes-barres, monte un vocabulaire de cartographie de terrain et de carottes de forage, et prépare la publication de cours intensif, d'atlas, de collections de photos et d'ensembles de données à l'échelle de systèmes, afin de synthétiser les signatures communes des environnements canadiens et des districts miniers MIAC. La recherche sur un système MIAC métamorphisé et la modélisation de l'équilibre des phases métamorphiques des faciès d'altération fourniront une base plus robuste pour la cartographie et l'exploration des terranes métamorphiques à haute grade (faciès amphibolite supérieur et granulite) où les ressources de surface et proches de la surface sont encore à découvrir et à exploiter, tout comme celles des systèmes MIAC non métamorphisés.



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## Public geoscience task force to de-risk exploration for IOCG, IOA and affiliated primary critical metal deposits in Canadian metasomatic iron and alkali-calcic (MIAC) mineral systems

**Discovering and mining primary critical deposits of MIAC systems is critical for Canada's long term supply in critical metals!**

These systems lead to supergiant deposits with critical metals as primary commodities and global mining districts (e.g. Olympic Cu-Au province, AU). Such deposits exist but remain undeveloped in Canada.

**Research Question:** How can we help de-risk MIAC-related exploration and secure critical metal resources considering that Canada's MIAC systems are underexplored and MIAC affinity of prospects commonly unrecognized?

**Goal:** This provincial, territorial, federal and international survey, First Nations, private sector and academic collaboration will provide MIAC frameworks for selected Canadian systems anchored on some global mining districts.

TGI – GEM data +  
new research on  
available data

- Publication of datasets + footprints as support for a future synthesis
- Establish MIAC framework for selected Canadian settings
- Synthesize results

Canadian and  
international  
data, knowledge,  
collaborations



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**Foundation of wealth:** well funded public geoscience research on IOCG and critical metal deposits has helped secure extensive metal resources and reserves in Australia (see Huston et al. 2012)

### Olympic Copper-Gold Province MIAC resources (examples)

#### Olympic Dam (discovered in 1975)

**9,730 Mt** at 0.62% Cu, 0.20 kg/t  $U_3O_8$ , 0.27 g/t Au, 1.0 g/t Ag open pit ore

**997 Mt** at 1.68% Cu, 0.49 kg/t  $U_3O_8$ , 0.64 g/t Au, 4 g/t Ag underground ore (+ ~0.3% LREE, 0.01% HREE)

#### Prominent Hill (discovered in 2001)

**210 Mt** at 1.2% Cu, 0.5 g/t Au, 2.8 g/t Ag + 31 Mt at 0.1% Cu, 1.5 g/t Au, 1.1 g/t Ag (+U, + REE)

#### Carrapateena (discovered in 2005)

970 Mt at 0.5% Cu, 0.2 g/t Au, 3 g/t Ag (+U)

#### Hillside (discovered in 2009)

**337 Mt** at 0.6% Cu, 0.14 g/t Au, 15.7% Fe (+Ag, U)

#### Khamsin (discovered in 2012)

**202 Mt** at 0.6% Cu, 0.1 g/t Au, 1.7g/t Ag, 86 ppm U

#### Oak Dam East (discovered in 1976; Oak Dam West IOCG discovered in 2019)

~**560 Mt** at 41–56% Fe, 0.2% Cu, 690 ppm U; Oak Dam West resources estimate in ~2021, e.g. 425.7 m at 3% Cu, 0.59 g/t Au, 346 ppm  $U_3O_8$

#### Fremantle Doctor:

**104 Mt** at 0.7% Cu, 0.5 g/t Au, 3 g/t Ag

#### First global IOA to IOCG model: Hitzman et al. 1992

#### MIAC-related deposits discovery largely post 1975;

most other deposit types have been mined for centuries

### Mt Isa Province MIAC resources (examples)

#### Ernest Henry (discovered in 1990)

**167 Mt** at 1.1% Cu, 0.5 g/t Au (+ Co)

#### Mt Dore (Cloncurry)

**111 Mt** at 0.53% Cu, 0.09g/t Au, 0.06% Pb 0.31% Zn

#### Mt Elliot-Swan (1880–2013, Cloncurry)

**353.7 Mt** at 0.6% Cu, 0.35 g/t Au

#### Merlin (2008, Cloncurry)

**6.4 Mt** at 1.5% Mo, 26 g/t Re (reserves)

#### Rocklands (2006, Cloncurry)

**55.4 Mt** at 0.64% Cu, 290 ppm Co, 0.15ppm Au, 5.1% Mag **227 Mt** at 16% Mag

#### Osborne (Cloncurry)

**12 Mt** at 1.4% Cu, 0.88g/t Au

#### Monakoff (Cloncurry)

**2.4 Mt** at 0.95% Cu, 0.3 g/t Au (112 ppm  $U_3O_8$ )

#### Valhalla (Mt Isa)

**34.7 Mt** at 830 ppm  $U_3O_8$

#### Mary Kathleen, Elaine 1, Elaine-Dorothy

**9.5 Mt** at 1300 ppm  $U_3O_8$

**0.83 Mt** at 280 ppm  $U_3O_8$ , 3200 ppm TREE

**26.1Mt** at 0.56% Cu, 0.09 g/t Au

Citation of references in Annex 2; see also Skirrow and Davidson 2007; Ehrig et al. 2017; Huston et al. 2012; Reid 2019; Skirrow et al. 2019; King 2020; Porter Geoconsultancy, 2021





## Foundation of wealth: Brazil, Chile, Peru, China, India, Vietnam, Iran and Turkey resources

### Carajás district, Brazil

#### Salobo

**789 Mt** at 0.96% Cu, 0.52 g/t Au, 55g/t Ag (+ 16-26ppm U)

#### Cristalino

**500 Mt** at 1.0% Cu, 0.3 g/t Au

#### Igarapé Bahia/Alemão

**219 Mt** at 1.4% Cu, 0.86 g/t Au + U, REE

#### Sossego

**245 Mt** at 1.1% Cu and 0.28 g/t Au

#### Alemao

**161 Mt** at 1.3% Cu, 0.86 g/t Au + U, REE

#### Gameleira

**100 Mt** at 0.7% Cu

#### Pedra Branca

**2.4 Mt** at 0.94% Cu, 0.27 g/t Au

#### Alvo 118

**170 Mt** at 1.0% Cu, 0.3 g/t Au

### Central and High Andes, Chile and Peru

#### Candelaria and Ojos des Salado

**501Mt** at 0.54% Cu, 0.13 g/t Au, 2.06 g/t Ag

#### Cerro Negro Norte

**377 Mt** at 32.8% Fe

#### El Laco

**734 Mt** at 49.2% Fe

#### Los Colorados

**943 Mt** at 34.7% Fe

#### Mantoverde

**400 Mt** at 0.52% Cu, 0.11 g/t Au

#### Marcona

**~1940 Mt** at 55.4% Fe, 0.12% Cu

#### Mina Justa

**347 Mt** at 0.71% Cu, 0.03 g/t Au, 3.83 g/t Ag

#### Romeral

**454 Mt** at 28.3% Fe

#### Santo Domingo and Iris

**514 Mt** at 0.31% Cu, 0.04 g/t Au, 25.8% Fe

#### El Espino

**123 Mt** at 0.66% Cu, 0.24 g/t Au

### Asia

#### Bayan Obo, China (reserves)

**57.4 Mt** at 6% REE<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ; **2.2 Mt** at 0.13% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

**1500 Mt** at 35% Fe

#### Dahongshan, China

**458.3 Mt** at 41% Fe; **1.35 Mt** at 0.78% Cu + (16t Au, 141t Ag, 18,156 t Co, 2.1t Pd+Pt)

#### Lala, China

**163 Mt** at 14% Fe, 1.02% Cu, 0.02% Mo, 0.17 g/t Au

#### Luodang, China

**73.5 Mt** at 15% Fe, 0.8% Cu, 0.16 g/t Au, 1.87 g/t Ag, 0.02% Co, 0.02% Mo, 0.14% REE

#### Yinachang, China

**20 Mt** at 41.9-44.5% Fe

**15 Mt** at 0.85-0.97% Cu + REE (~1127 ppm)

**Washan, MLYRMB, China, ~214 Mt** at 50% Fe

**Khetri belt, India, 140 Mt** at 1.1-1.7% Cu, 0.5 g/t Au

**Sin Quyen, Vietnam, ~ 50 Mt** at 0.9% Cu, 0.4 g/t Au

**Chador-Malu, Bafq district, Iran, 400 Mt** at 55% Fe

**Divriği, Turkey, 133.8 Mt** at 56% Fe, 0.5% Cu

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# Foundation of wealth: MIAC resources in Africa, Scandinavia, USA, Mexico and Canada

## Africa

**Phalaborwa, South Africa**  
~ 1200 Mt at 0.59% Cu

### Kitumba, Zambia

**38.8 Mt** at 2.2% Cu, 222 ppm Co, 0.03 g/t Au, 0.9 g/t Ag, 27 ppm U

### Guelb Moghrein, Mauritania

**31.3 Mt** at 0.92% Cu, 0.69g/t Au (reserves)

### Vergenoed, South Africa

**122 Mt** fluorine, 42% Fe (+REE)

## USA

### Blackbird (Idaho Co belt)

**16.8 Mt** at 1.04 g/t Au, 0.73% Co, 0.14% Cu

### Boss (SE Missouri)

**40 Mt** at 0.83% Cu, 0.035% Co (historic)

### Pea Ridge (SE Missouri)

**160.6 Mt** at ~ 53-55% Fe

**0.2Mt** at 12% TREE (historic)

### Coles Hill (Virginia; indicated resources)

**119 Mt** at 0.056% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>

## Scandinavia

**Kiirunavaara (Kiruna district, Norrbotten)**  
**682 Mt** at 47.5% Fe

**Malmberget (Kiruna district, Norrbotten)**  
**271 Mt** at 41.8% Fe

**Kaunisvaara (Norrbotten)**  
**164.9 Mt** at 32.7% Fe

**Grangesberg (Bergslagen district)**  
**115.2 Mt** at 40.2% Fe, 0.78% P (indicated)

**Hangaslampi (Kuusamo deposit)**  
**0.4 Mt** at 0.06% Co, 5.1 g/t Au, ≤260 ppm U

**Juomasuo (Kuusamo deposit)**  
**2.3 Mt** at 0.13% Co, 4.6g/t Au, ≤260 ppm U

**Hannukainen (Pajala district)**  
**187 Mt** at 30.0% Fe, 0.18% Cu, 0.11 g/t Au

**Kaunisvaara (reserves) (Pajala district)**  
**164.9 Mt** at 32.7% Fe

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## Mexico

**Peña Colorada**  
**300 Mt** at 50-60% Fe

## Canada (undeveloped advanced projects)

### NICO (NWT, reserves)

**33 Mt** at 1.02 g/t Au, 0.12% Co, 0.14% Bi, 0.04% Cu

### Sue Dianne (NWT)

**8.4 Mt** at 0.80% Cu, 0.07 g/t Au, 3.2 g/t Ag

### Josette (QC)

**6.9 Mt** at 2.7% REE<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
(= 1.83% LREE, 0.89% HREE)

### Fostung (ON)

**12.4 Mt** at 0.2% WO<sub>3</sub>

### Michelin (NFL)

**42.7 Mt** at 0.098% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>

### Upper C, Moran Lake (NFL)

**6.92 Mt** at 0.034% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, 0.078% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

### Historic mine: Marmoraton (ON)

**28 Mt** at 42% Fe



# MIAC mineral systems as sources of primary critical metal deposits: summary and context

In summary, MIAC systems:

1. Generate a wide range of economic deposit types with base, precious and critical metals as primary commodities
2. Include economic resources in Ag, Au, Bi, Co, Cu, F, Fe, Mo, Nb, Ni, Pb, Pd, Pt, Re, REE (both LREE and HREE), U, V, W and Zn
3. Are enriched in Al, As, Ba, Cd, Rb, Sb, Sc, Se, Sn, Sr, Ta, Te, Th, Y and Zr
4. Encompass resources and potential resources for a total of 24 of the 31 critical metals on the Canadian list and 30 of the 51 critical metals of the combined American, European, Japanese, Australian and Canadian lists (lists in Emsbo et al. 2021; Natural Resources Canada, 2021; criticality concepts and Canadian list discrepancy discussed in Simandl et al. 2021)

Context for the team's research

1. Atypical associations of base, precious and critical metals in ores enhance the resilience of MIAC primary critical metal deposits to market changes
2. Identifying, mapping, and exploring MIAC systems are fundamental to securing critical metal resources in Canada and globally
3. Exploration and mining are taking place, in Canada, across federal, provincial, territorial and municipal jurisdictions, built across traditional indigenous lands
4. The Geological Survey of Canada led MIAC team includes members from the Canadian and international academic, private and public sectors and the Denendeh Exploration and Mining Company (DEMCo; DEMCo Ltd, 2015; Canadian Mining Journal, 2016) to optimize current and future MIAC-related resources development in Canada with and among First Nations (cf. Beaulieu, 2018, 2019)

See Porter 2000, 2002, 2010a, b; Lentz 2007; Skirrow and Davidson 2007; Corriveau and Mumin 2010; Slack 2013; Slack et al. 2016; Schutesky et al. 2021; Corriveau et al. in press e



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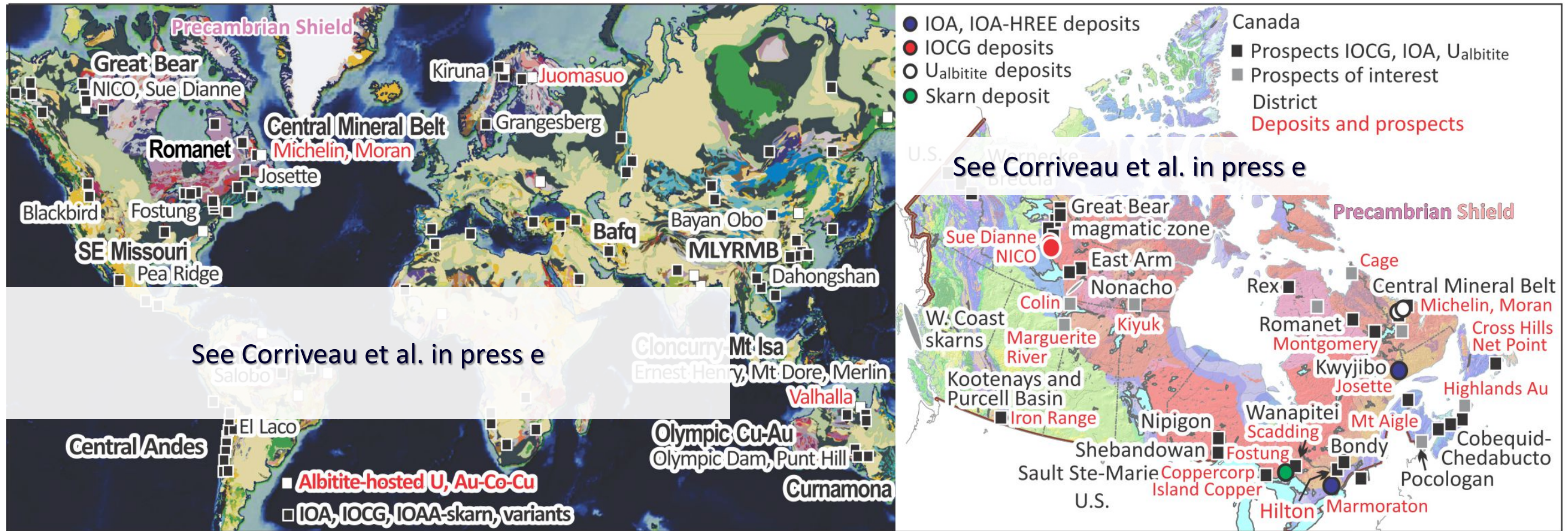
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# Research goal: refine MIAC framework of prospective settings in Canada aided by a refined framework of selected mining districts (e.g. Australia)

Including in terranes metamorphosed to high grades (Grenville, Curnamona, western Australia)



Canadian settings are parts of metallogenic belts that extend into Australia and the USA (e.g. Verbaas et al. 2018; Corriveau et al. in press e)

Of the 15 framework tools presented, which one will YOU apply to your local areas of interest?

# Framework tool #1: the team itself

Connecting globally to optimize the public geoscience of MIAC systems

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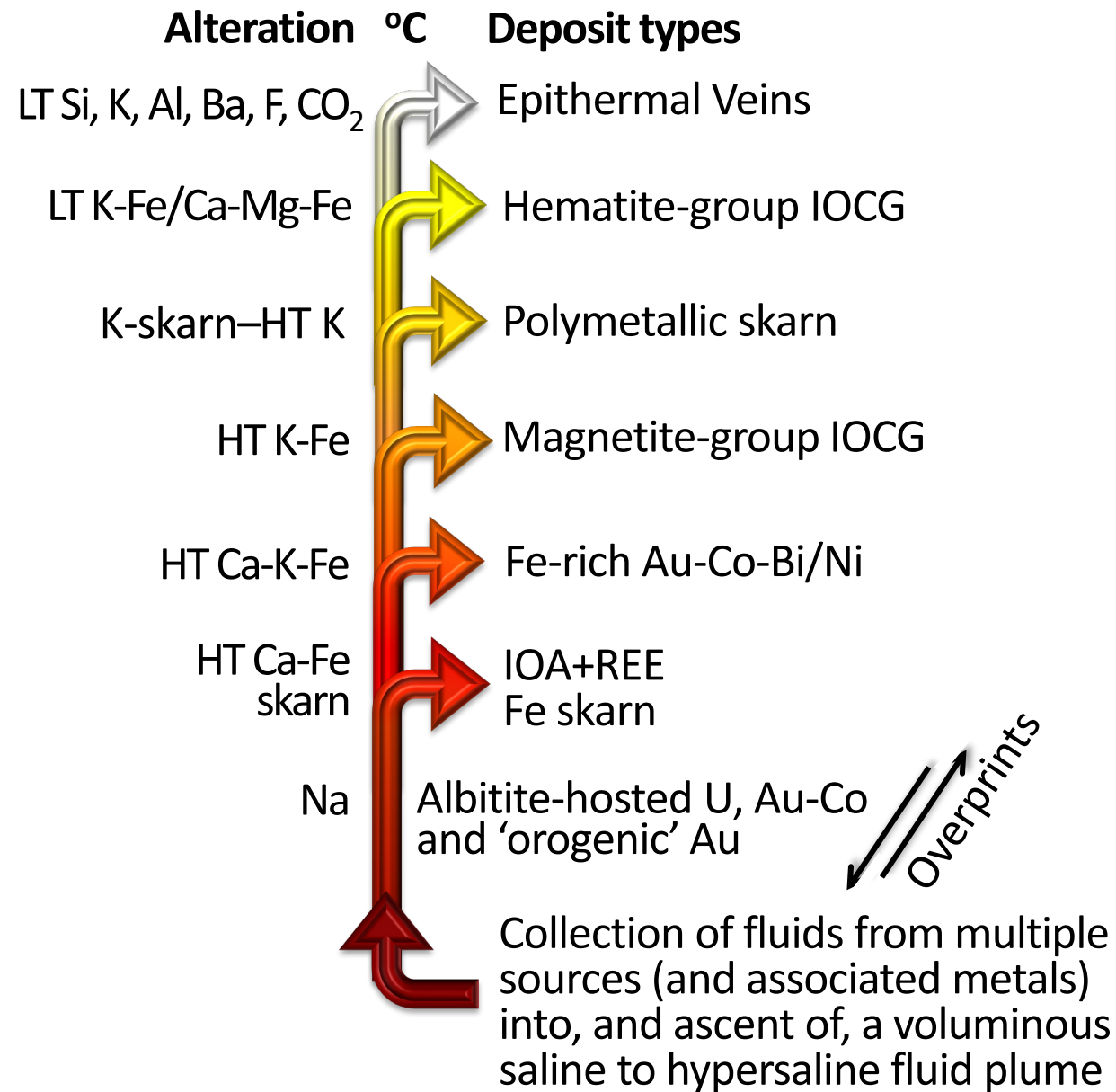
+ Contributions to the Critical Mineral Mapping Initiative (GA-USGS-GSC)



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## Framework tool #2: MIAC system ore deposit model as a mineral potential framework tool



Acknowledging that disruption of systems, and repetition and telescoping of facies are common due to repeated heat and fluid ingress within the main fluid plume, this simple system-scale ore deposit model helps:

1. Frame critical metals resources and metal associations in MIAC systems
2. Unravel distribution of critical metal mineralization in space and time, including due to disruptions and remobilization associated with tectonic and magmatic events
3. Assess potential new sources of critical metals within known systems
4. Provide tools to identify potential fault zones in the field
5. Advance geological criteria for regional to deposit-scale mineral exploration
6. Illustrate the intrinsic metasomatic controls on critical metal precipitation
7. Model systems transformations through high-grade metamorphism, identify them in the field and then map and explore them
8. Develop mineral prospectivity mapping criteria
9. Conduct national scale mineral resource assessment

See Corriveau et al. 2011, 2016, in press a–e; Wilde 2013; Montreuil et al. 2015, 2016a–c; Potter et al. 2019, 2020; Wade 2019; Tornos et al. 2021; Chen and Zhao in press; Zhao et al. in press



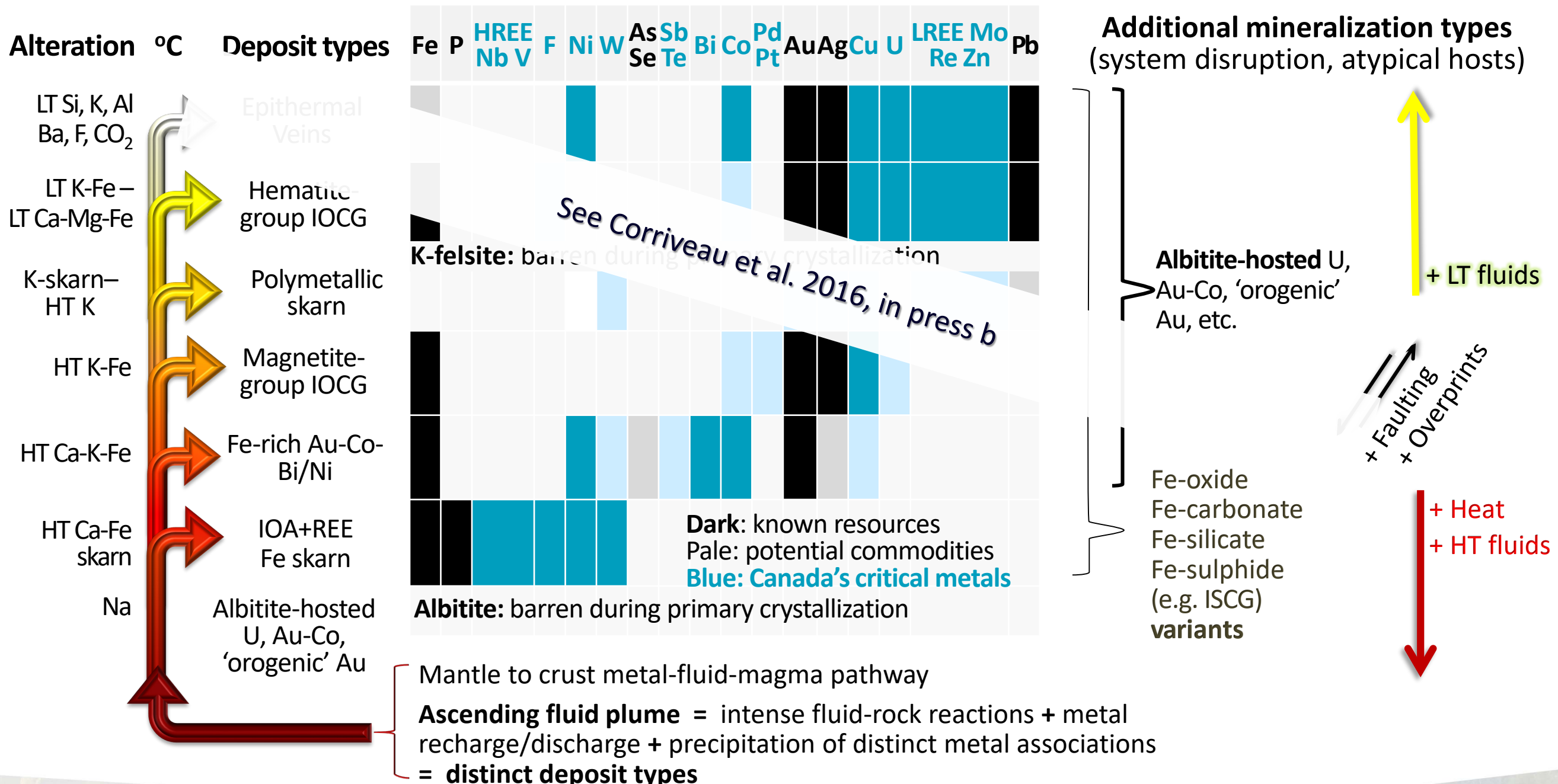
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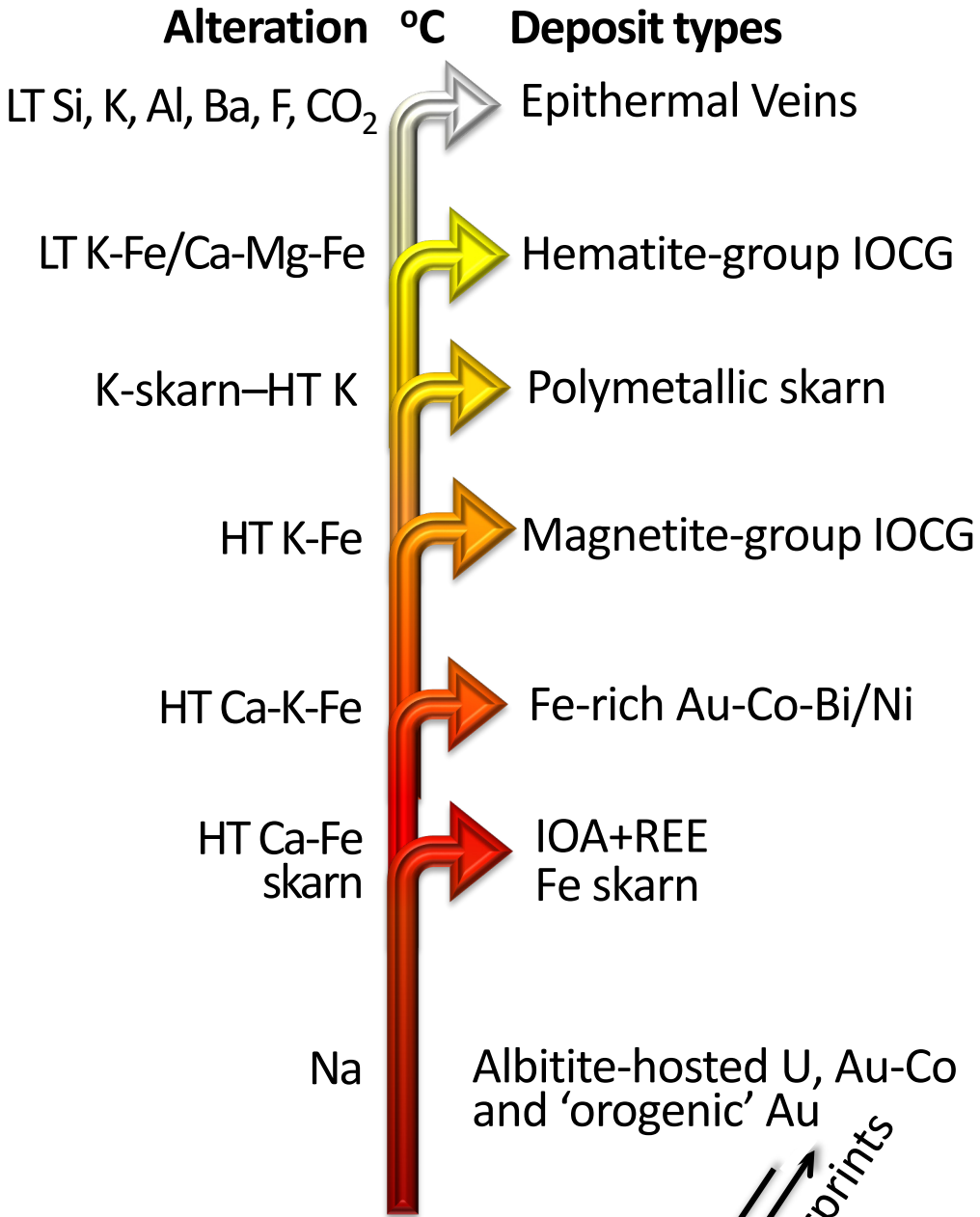
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# Framework tool #2a: MIAC system evolution and genesis of iron oxide-rich to iron-poor deposit types



# Framework tool #2b: MIAC system evolution and critical metal resources and associations



Merlin: 6.4 Mt @ 26 g/t Re, 1.5% Mo  
**Past-producing Norex, Terra, Eldorado, Echo Bay mines<sup>1</sup>**  
**Olympic Dam: 10 000 Mt @ 0.6% Cu, 0.2 kg/t U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, 0.3 g/t Au, 1 g/t Ag (+ ~0.3% LREE, 0.01% HREE)**  
 (605 Mt @ 0.02% Co, not publically updated since Williams and Pollard, 2001)  
 Mt Dore: 111 Mt @ 0.5% Cu, 0.09 g/t Au, 0.06% Pb, 0.3% Zn

Punt Hill (Cu, Au ± Ag, Zn, Pb)  
**Miles (Cu, Zn, Pb, Ag, Mo, W ± Mn)<sup>1</sup>**

Ernest Henry: 166 Mt @ 1.1% Cu, 0.5 g/t Au; Dahongshan: 2.1 t Pd+Pt  
 Salobo: **789 Mt @ 0.96% Cu, 0.52 g/t Au, 55 g/t Ag**  
**Sue Dianne: 8.4 Mt @ 0.8% Cu, 0.07 g/t Au, 3.2 g/t Ag<sup>1</sup>**

**NICO: 33 Mt @ 1g/t Au, 0.1% Co, 0.14% Bi, 0.04% Cu (+W, Sb, Se, Te)<sup>1</sup>**  
 Blackbird: 17 Mt @ 1g/t Au, 0.7% Co, 0.14% Cu

**Josette: 6.9 Mt @ 2.7% REE<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (i.e. 1.83% LREE, 0.89% HREE)<sup>1</sup>**  
 Pea Ridge: 0.2 Mt @ 12% REE<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (historic, not 43-101 compliant resource)  
 Jaguar: 59 Mt @ 0.95% Ni; Grangesberg: 115 Mt @ 40% Fe, 0.78% P  
 Bayan Obo: **800 Mt @ 6% REE<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (+Nb)**  
**Fostung: 12.4 Mt @ 0.2% WO<sub>3</sub><sup>1</sup>**

Valhalla: 34.7 Mt @ 830 g/t U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>; Juomasuo: 2.3 Mt @ 0.13% Co, 4.6 g/t Au  
**Michelin: 42.7 Mt @ 0.098% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>; Moran: 6.92 Mt @ 0.034% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, 0.078% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>: Canadian deposits  
 References in Annex 2

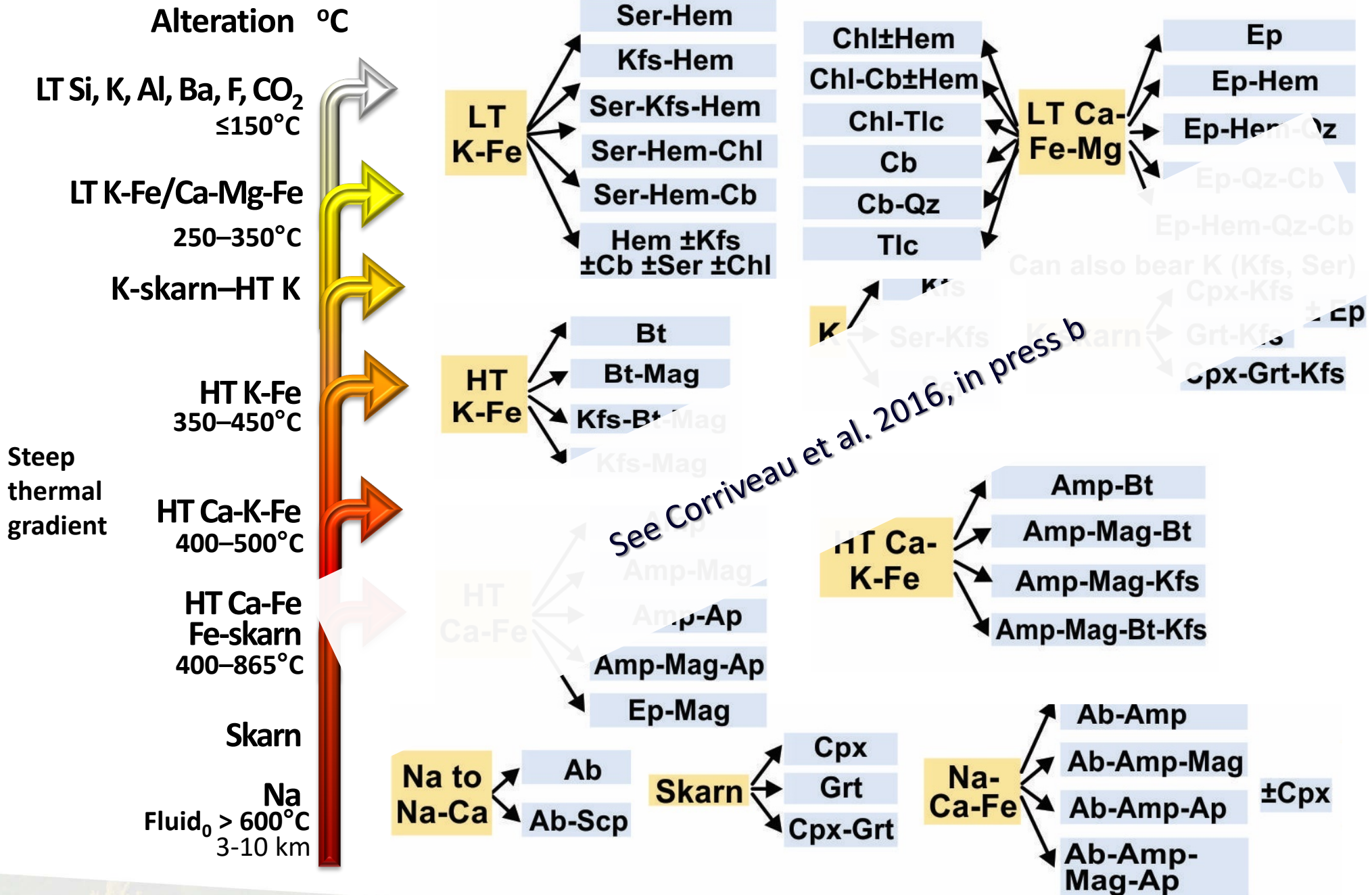
**Additional potential critical metals resources** (in ppm) based on upper 10% contents in available Olympic Dam (AU) and Great Bear (CA) datasets (BHP-Olympic Dam, unpublished data; Corriveau et al. 2015; Corriveau et al. in press a)

Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	17-35 wt %	Sc	14-325	Ta	3-30	V	500-2k
Sb	100-910	Sn	68-256	Te	5-26	Y	137-710





# Framework tool #2c: MIAC system evolution and mineral assemblages in metasomatites



+ Mineral assemblages of phyllic, argillic, advanced argillic, sericitic alteration and silicification  
 + Veins systems and associated breccias

+ dissolution (leaching) of host-rock cations, metals, volatiles, etc. in minerals unstable at each facies and their transfer to the main fluid plume for subsequent precipitation

+ isovolumetric\* mineral assemblage precipitation, pseudomorphism of host textures, texture destruction or volume change  
 \* Isovolumetric as in Punis (2021, p. 14)

See Corriveau et al. 2010, 2016, in press a-e; Ehrig et al. 2012; Putnis 2021

## Framework tool #2: Summary

The array of MIAC deposit types stems from extreme redistribution, recycling and addition of metals in the upper crust induced by the ascent of voluminous, highly reactive, high-temperature, saline to hypersaline fluid plumes and associated fluid-rock reactions and metasomatic physicochemical transformation of host rocks. During ascent, consecutive alteration facies form, each defined by a specific suite of mineral assemblages and precipitating distinctive metal associations that form distinct deposit types.

Early albitite corridors can later host albitite-hosted U, Au-Co-U deposits. Early skarn can precipitate W. High-temperature Ca-Fe alteration (amphibole to magnetite dominant) can precipitate iron skarn, iron oxide-apatite (IOA), IOA-REE (high HREE to LREE contents) and metasomatic Fe-rich Ni deposits. Iron-rich Au-Co-Bi deposits or Ni mineralization in some Ni deposits are cogenetic with the high-temperature Ca-K-Fe alteration facies (amphibole to magnetite to biotite-dominant assemblages with arsenides, sulpharsenides and iron sulphides). Magnetite- to hematite-group IOCG (or locally iron-sulphide copper-gold) deposits form at the K-Fe alteration facies with mineral assemblages precipitating Cu-sulphides.

A wide variety of other deposit types form at the later stages of the systems through 1) overprints, 2) previously repressed metal and host mineral precipitation due to the physicochemical conditions of the earlier facies, and 3) metal remobilization and reconcentration.

Systems metamorphosed at upper amphibolite and granulite facies preserve metamorphosed IOA and IOCG mineralization among garnet-rich rocks and other metamorphosed MIAC metasomatites commonly mapped as metasedimentary or meta-igneous rocks.

Physicochemical conditions of the evolving fluid plume govern mineral precipitation (hence geological, geochemical and geophysical signatures) and, with the additional control of co-precipitating minerals, govern the mineral chemistry. The main fluid plume can stem from multiple fluid sources. Additionally, elements and isotopes dissolved and captured by the fluid plume through metasomatic coupled dissolution and precipitation processes from sub-surface (<10 km deep) to surface across 1000s km<sup>3</sup> continuously changes fluid plume chemistry. Ingress of external fluids (magmatic, basinal, evaporite-derived, etc.) further modifies the main fluid plume as it ascends through the crust. Mantle-to-crust processes are also involved in forming the main fluid plume and disrupting it through tectonic and magmatic activities and ingress of external fluids.

See Special Paper 52 of the Geological Association of Canada in press



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## Framework tool #3: field-based evidence

Tapping on field-based and core-logging observation and data from the Great Bear and global mining districts

'IOCG in the spot light' Fabris 2019

**Canada's remarkable exposure allows for** detailed observation and description of (MIAC) mineral systems and results in an alteration model for IOCG deposits that explains many of the variants seen worldwide

Understanding of the breadth of deposits that can be expected in IOCG systems provides **expectation of considerable untapped potential** and underlines a need for a more diverse exploration model and approach

### Global systems:

Contributions from BRGM, GSSA, GSQ, GSWA, NGU, USGS, BHP-Olympic Dam, Karlsruhe, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China U. of Geosciences

### Canadian systems examples:

Contributions from GSC, OGS, BCGS, MERN-Q, GSNL, NB-GS, NS-GS, NTGS; DEMCo, Red Pine, Fortune Minerals, SOQUEM, NextSource, R. Maxima; St. Mary's, UBC, Brandon, Polytechnique, Laval, UQAC

### Available photos:

Field geology, Drill cores, Xenoliths

Slabs, Stained slabs, Thin sections, Microphotographs, SEM, etc.

### Field and geochemical datasets:

Update and publish GSC and donated industry datasets

### Vocabs:

Create an extensive vocabulary for metasomatic rocks and optimizing it so that terms also applicable to metamorphosed metasomatites have been optimized to ensure coherent vocabularies and field data capture protocols and categories

### Field-based caveats to geochemical datasets:

Samples of metasomatites will only be available in corporate datasets if the metasomatites have been identified, mapped, sampled and analyzed. AI on corporate datasets need to take into account the systemic paucity of non mineralized metasomatic rocks analyzed

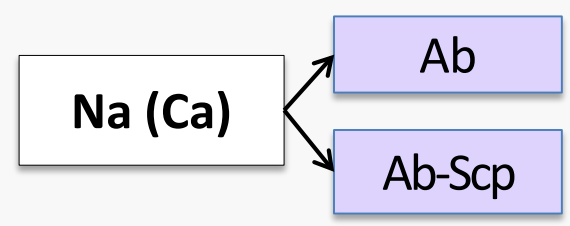


# Framework tool #3a: atlases, short courses, photo collections

Metasomatites are vectors to mineralization! Yet they **remain to be mapped regionally** during most public geoscience mapping program.

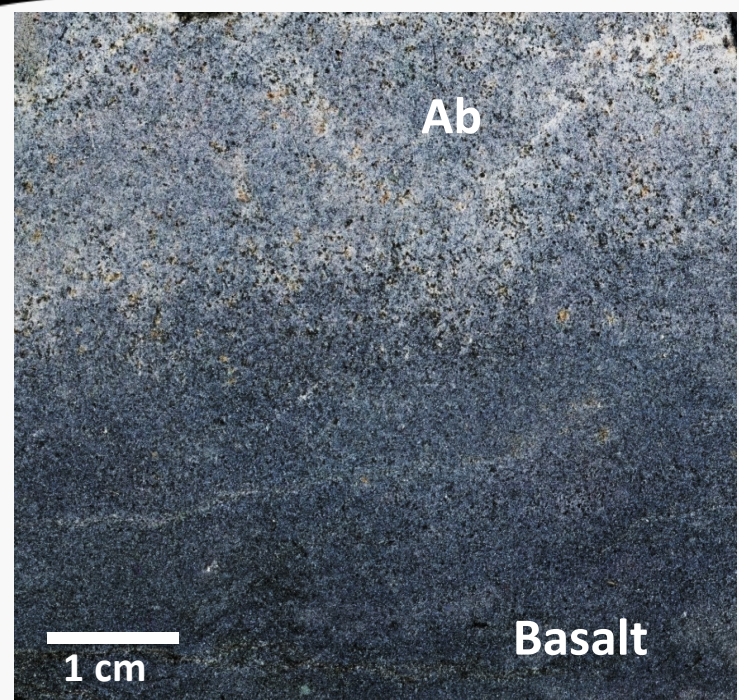
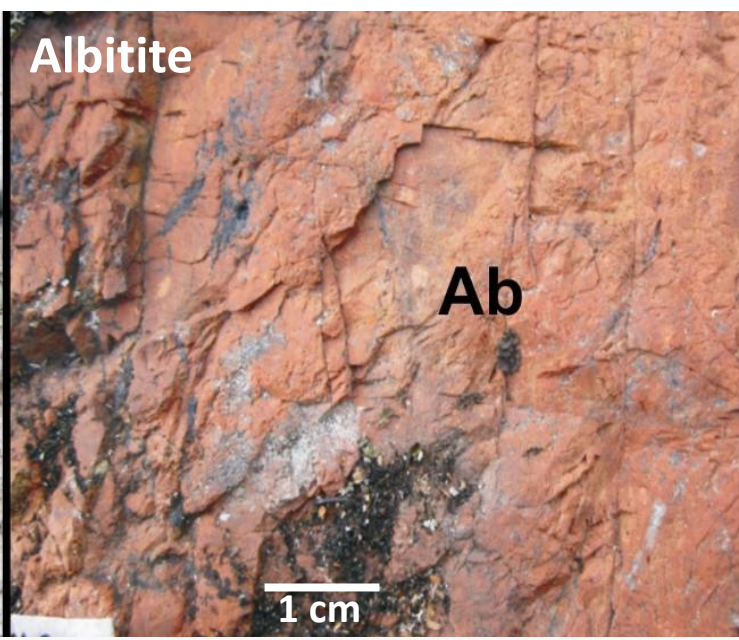
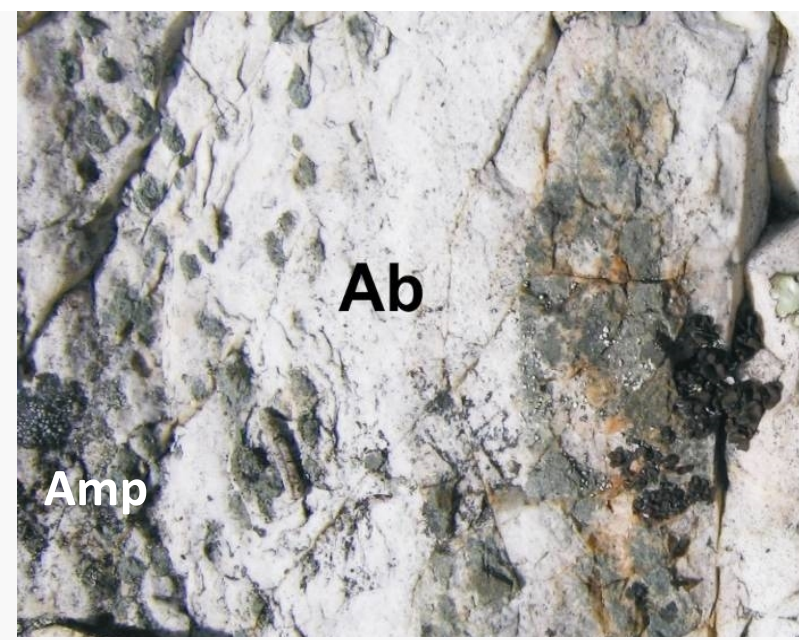
We can only map what we recognize and know about (brain filtering of overwhelming ranges of information on outcrops). Thus **metasomatites need to be...**

1. Recognized! Atlas in progress.
2. Named! Vocabulary in progress.
3. Visited! Fieldtrip guide book published for an easily accessible system (at granulite facies; Corriveau et al. 2018a).
4. Thought at universities and at short courses and workshops! Short course presentations in progress (Corriveau et al. 2018b).



- Replaces any host rocks
- 8–12 wt% Na<sub>2</sub>O
- Km-scale albitite corridor
- Extensive leaching
- Host to later U, Au, Co, etc.

Mineral abbreviations in Annex 1



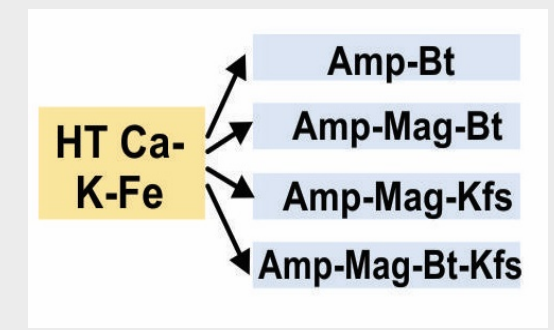
# Framework tool #3b: field-data vocabulary, dictionary, metasomatic rock names

Field data for MIAC systems can only be efficiently recorded if adequate vocabularies (vocabs) for metasomatic / hydrothermal /magmatic-hydrothermal systems are available. Vocabularies are also a key ingredient of machine learning and AI (Ivanic et al. 2021)

- 1. Reviews of vocabularies** highlight a need for extensive refinements to existing vocabularies (vocabs) and dictionary to map alteration facies at regional to deposit scale.
  - GeoSciML – CGI Categories (e.g. Alteration type, Composition, Contact, Simple Lithology)
  - BRGM, GSSA, Geoscience Australia, GSQ, GSWA
- 2. Inclusion of metasomatism in metamorphism vocabs** inhibits:
  - distinction between metasomatic rocks and orogenic and contact metamorphic rocks
  - descriptions of metasomatic rocks particularities and relationships to other rock types

3. Metasomatic rocks are commonly **described as alteration of a protolith** and not as the new rock types they really are. The need their **own set of entries in databases** as those for sedimentary, igneous and contact/orogenic metamorphic rocks

## Paragenetic sets of alteration facies



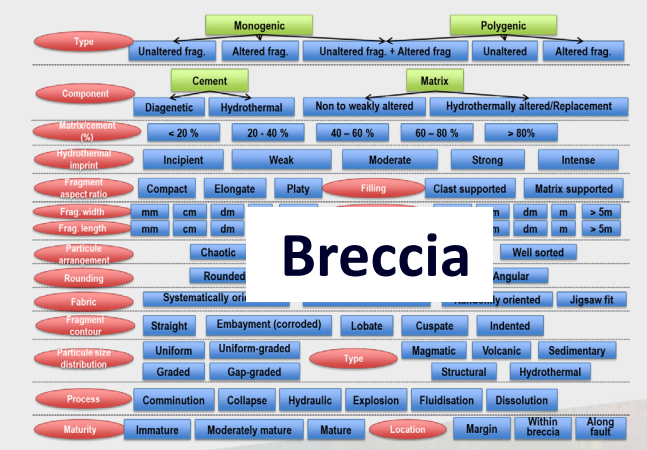
### Metasomatites

1. Rock names based on alteration facies (e.g. HT Ca-K-Fe metasomatite)
2. Mapped separately from protoliths
3. **Protolith becomes a qualifier**

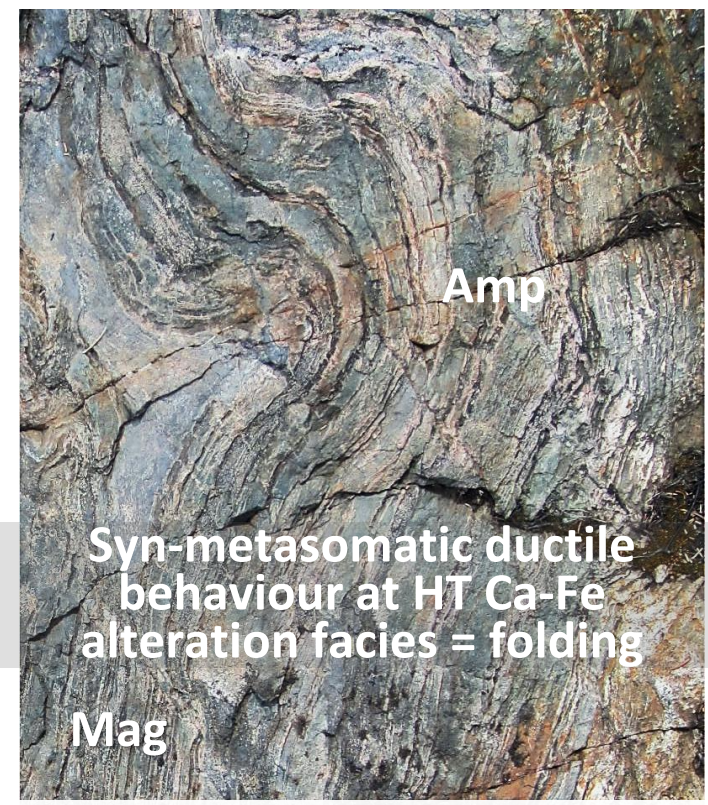
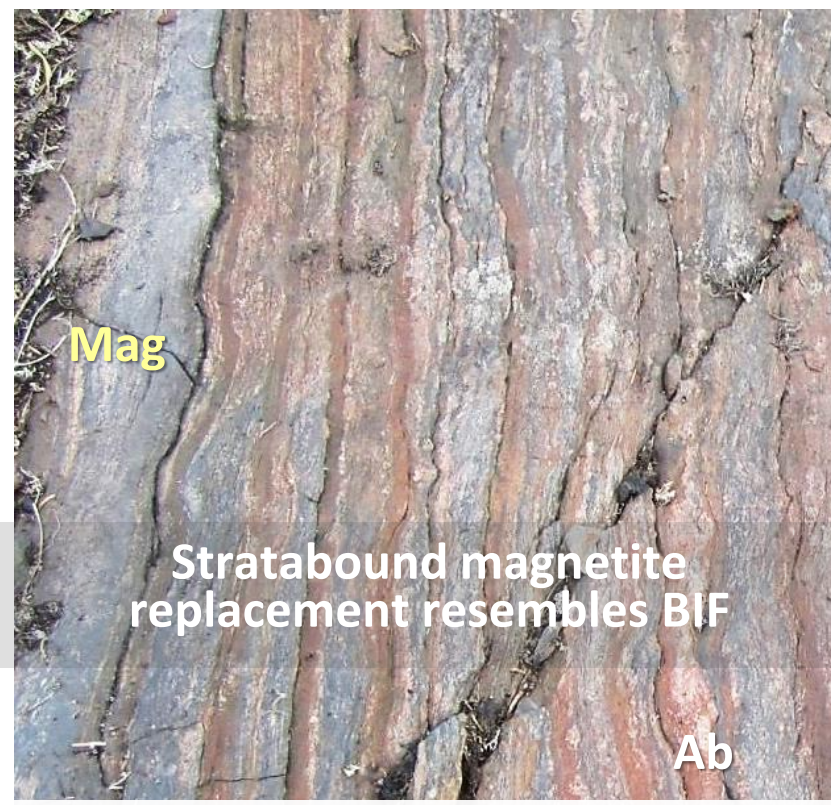
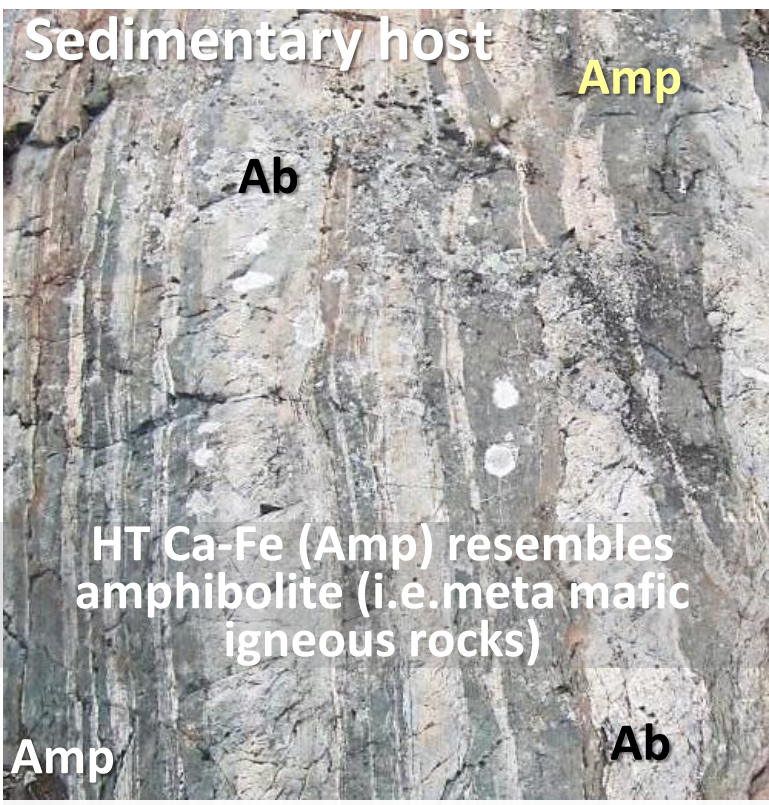
Type	Vein	Replacement veining (link to replacement)	Selvage (link to replacement)
Contact	Sharp	Gradational	Diffuse
Texture	Acicular	Botroidal	Brecciated
	Radial/Fan-like	Felted	Fractured
Grain size	Aphanitic	Fine grained	Coarse grained
	Mosaic	Nested	Pseudomorphous
Fabric	Massive	Foliated	Foliated-vein parallel
	Single vein	Stockwork	Anastomosed
Width	Millimetric	Centimetric	Decimetric
Spacing	Centimetric	Decimetric	Metric
Selvage	Link to mineral assemblage		Link to replacement

See De Toni 2016; Corriveau et al. in press c

Type	Stratabound	Impregnation	Alteration Front	Lens	Pods
Distribution	Sporadic	Pervasive	Selective	Penetrative	Disseminated
Contact/Transition	Fracture halo	Vein selvage	Fragment	Groundmass	Matrix
Aspect	Homogeneous	Regulatory	Irregular	Irregular	Irregular
Precursor texture	Preserved	Relict	Pseudomorphous	Destroyed	Recrystallized
Intensity	Subtle/Weak	Incipient/Mild	Moderate	Strong	Intense
Grain size	Aphanitic	Fine grained	Medium grained	Coarse grained	Pseudo-Pegmatic
Grain size distribution	Equidimensional	Heterogranular	Width	mm	cm

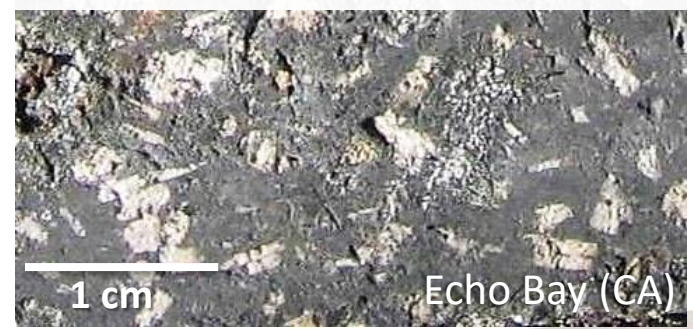
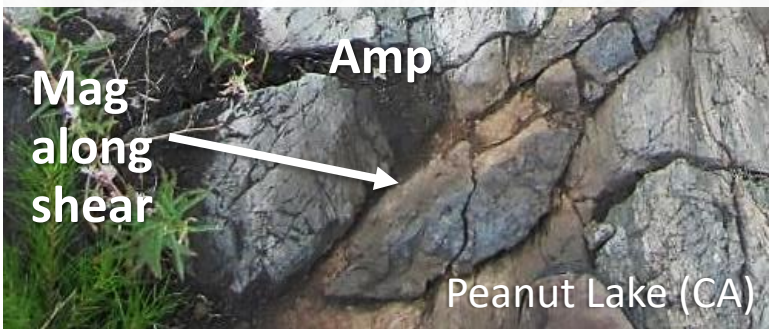


# Framework tool #3c: re-examination of geology descriptions in assessment and government reports/datasets with local expert knowledge for appraisal of MIAC affinities of known systems



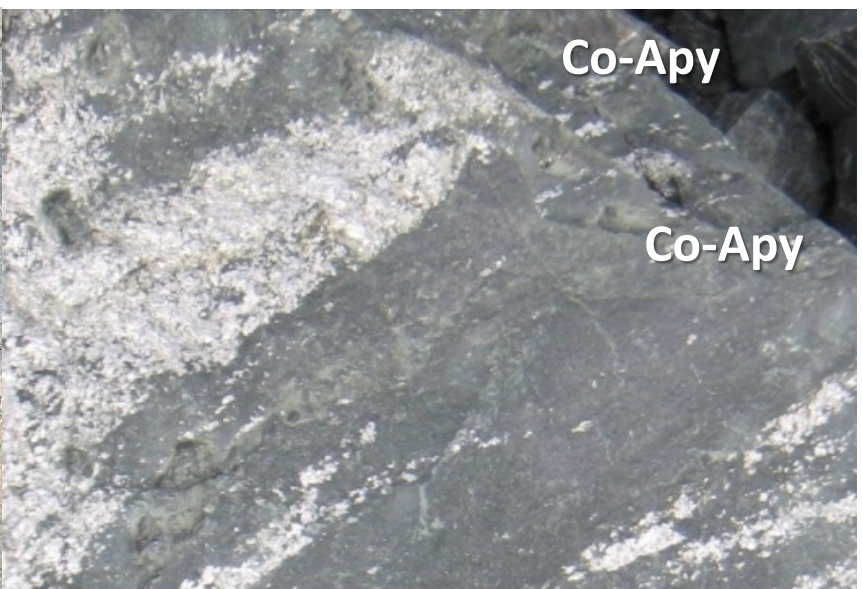
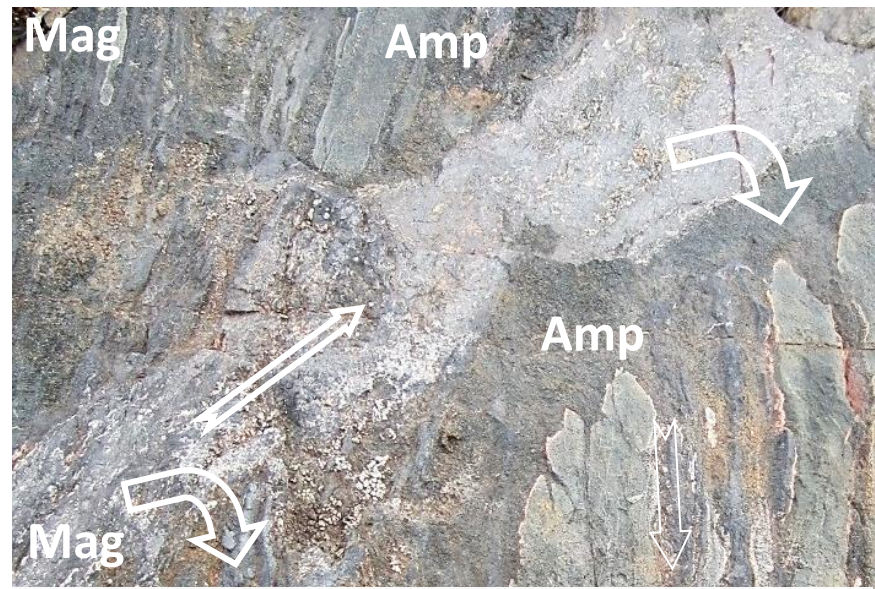
See Corriveau et al. in press d

See Corriveau et al. 2010b, in press c

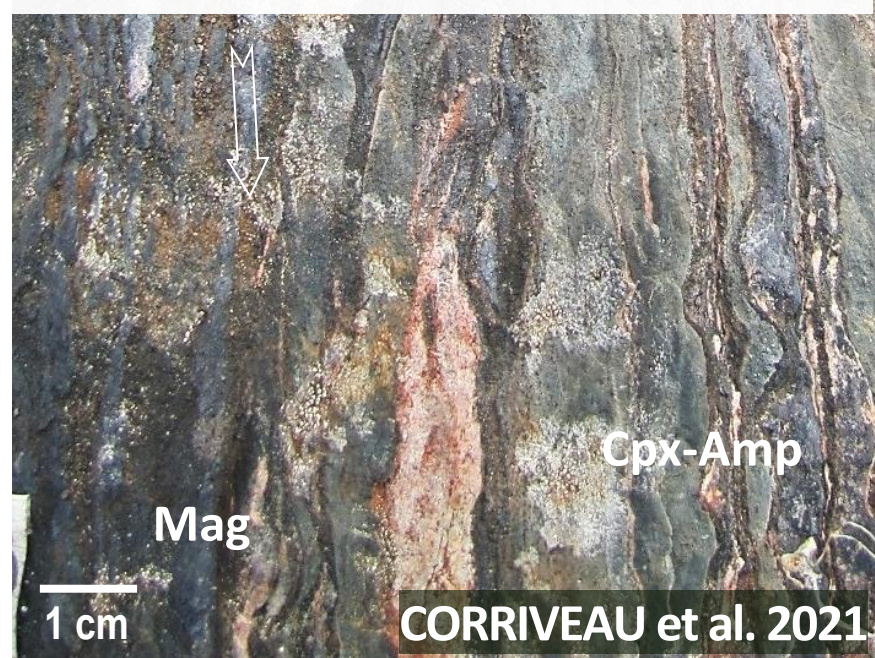
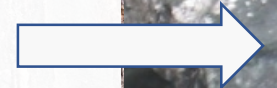


# Framework tool #3d: alteration facies as regional vectors to deposits

## NICO Au-Co-Bi-Cu at HT Ca-K-Fe



See Potter et al. 2019



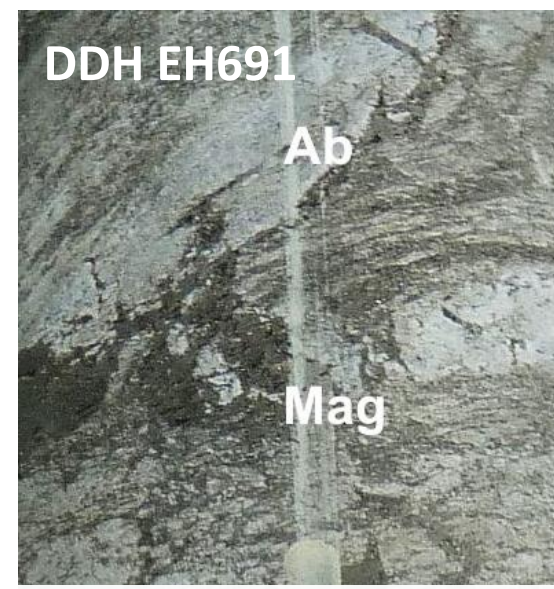
- Magnetite
- Amphibole
- Biotite
- K-feldspar
- Co-arsenopyrite
- Bismuthinite
- Cobaltite
- Gold, electrum, etc.

Goad et al. 2000  
Hennessey and Puritch 2008

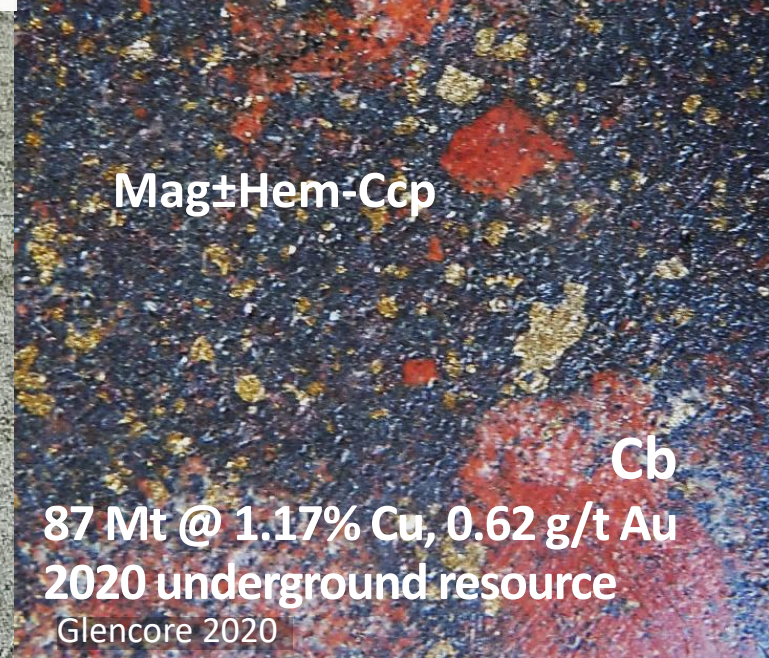
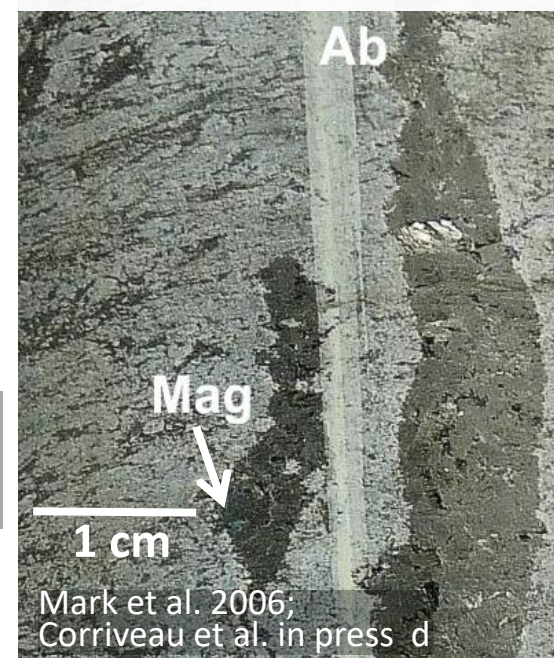
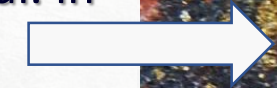
Reserve: 33 Mt @ 1.02 g/t Au,  
0.12% Co, 0.14% Bi, 0.04% Cu

CORRIVEAU et al. 2021

## Ernest Henry Cu-Au at HT K-Fe adjacent to albitite



See Corriveau et al. in press d



87 Mt @ 1.17% Cu, 0.62 g/t Au  
2020 underground resource  
Glencore 2020

Mark et al. 2006;  
Corriveau et al. in press d

## Framework tool #3e: an alteration facies approach to field mapping

MIAC systems develop their deposits through prograde, retrograde, telescoped and cyclical metasomatic paths across diverse host rocks types, leading to alteration zones with highly variable mineral assemblages, contents, textures, and spatial distribution.

Deciphering the evolution of these mineral systems through mapping alteration minerals per se (in addition to veins and breccia) is hampered by the high variability in type of minerals, mineral contents, distribution of minerals and mineral assemblages, textures, structures and other field and microscopic complexities of the systems including the intricate overprints and systematic localized to extensive retrogression of earlier high-temperature assemblages at the microscopic scale.

The great complexity of the metasomatic rocks observed is resolved by applying a metamorphic petrology 'facies' approach to alteration mapping and assessing system evolution at megascopic scale (with additional cobaltinitrite staining of rock slabs or HyLogger mapping). A given alteration facies is defined by the spectrum of mineral assemblages that crystallized under similar physicochemical conditions. Each facies then is characterized by diagnostic bulk compositions. Rather than simply reflecting element enrichment or depletion, each alteration facies is a product of systematic elemental partitioning between fluid and rock, and the stability of the resultant mineral assemblages as the magmatic-hydrothermal systems evolve.

In the Great Bear magmatic zone in northern Canada, well exposed and preserved mineralized systems were mapped from their sub-volcanic roots to their shallowest levels as well as along fault zones. Resemblance of some metasomatites to common sedimentary, volcanic, plutonic or metamorphic rocks were illustrated and metasomatic origin demonstrated by following least to most altered examples. A photographic library of more than 20 000 photos support field interpretations.

A vocabulary, developed to map and log these systems at regional to deposit scale is being refined and will serve to optimize field datasets and databases for their publication. Once completed, the field data-capture vocabulary will be included in the GSC on-site data collection application for geologists of Huot-Vézina and Girard (2021) and shared globally. Such datasets are needed to apply AI and machine learning tools (e.g. Rieuwers and Caté 2019).

See Corriveau et al. 2010, 2016, in press c; Potter et al. 2013; South Australia Geodata Database 2020; Chen and Zhao in press; Daliran et al. in press; Zhao et al. in press



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## Framework tool #3f: field record of a main fluid plume that evolves through time and space

The study of ore deposit commonly record overprinting relationships within a localized volume of IOAA systems. Identification of distinct mineralization stages within ore deposits is the norm and encompasses the observations of fluids with distinct temperatures and compositions. Examples are numerous where high temperature fluids is observed for early IOA mineralization and overprinting IOCG mineralization is associated with a later fluid that precipitates copper and associated mineralization at diverse lower temperatures ranges. This is observed among other at the Olympic Dam deposit in Australia and at the Candelaria deposit in the Central Andes of Chile (Ehrig et al. 2012, 2017, 2021; del Real et al. 2020).

A common interpretation is that distinct mineralization types in ore deposits form through distinct episodic pulses of fluids from distinct sources rather than fluids having distinct physicochemical conditions (e.g. distinct compositions and temperatures) due to the evolution of a main fluid plume that

1. largely decline in temperatures as time passes and the fluid plume globally ascends toward surface and
2. changes in acidity and other physicochemical conditions including through disruptions of the fluid plume associated fluid ingress during tectonic activities and magma emplacement as well as spatial tectonic disruption of the primary spatial relationships of early facies within system as it forms.

Deposit-scale studies are not at the scales that allow resolving the matter.

Mapping space-time relationships among alteration facies across entire systems ( $\leq 15$  km wide,  $\leq 35$  km long,  $\leq 10$  km deep) and their depth-to-surface and lateral and longitudinal evolution as well as their tectonic and magmatic disruptions allows to determine the consecutive nature of the main alteration facies, their repetition or their telescoping as well as the timing of their varied primary mineralization and the varied remobilization of the primary metal endowments into additional vein or breccia systems.

See Corriveau et al. 2016, in press c; Potter et al. 2013; Montreuil et al. 2016a-c; Chen and Zhao in press



## Framework tool #4: geochemistry

Regional MIAC systems generate a regular pattern of consecutive alteration facies through time

**Each alteration facies is defined by a specific suite of stable mineral assemblages whose precipitation controls the whole-rock composition of metasomatites**

The spatial and temporal relationships amongst the consecutive alteration facies (and their deposit types) reflect the evolution of physicochemical conditions of fluid-rock reactions across the system (e.g. changes in temperature, composition, eH and pH of the fluid plume). Conditions can be influenced by ingress of additional fluids to the main fluid plume and magma emplacement

**Each alteration facies has its own chemical signature, the range in composition observed for each facies is induced by the variations in mineral contents and type of minerals within the suite of mineral assemblages stable at each facies**

**Whole-rock cations are proxies for the distinctive minerals of the main alteration facies (because of the regular relationship between mineral composition and bulk chemical composition).**

**Highly visual geochemical tools have been developed based on the key cations to:**

- 1. document the geochemical footprints of the systems,**
- 2. better understand metasomatic and mineralizing processes,**
- 3. provide mappable criteria for mineral potential assessments and**
- 4. facilitate vectoring to IOCG and affiliated critical metal mineralization**

**Mg**  
**K**  
**Fe**  
**Ca**  
**Na**

**Si+Al**  
**10**  
**K**  
**Fe**  
**Ca**  
**Na**



# Framework tool #4a: geochemical barcodes and system evolution applied to deposit studies

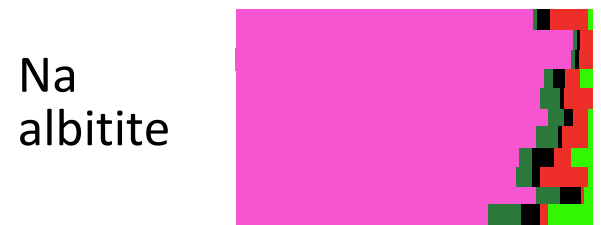
## Consecutive alteration facies of MIAC systems

Molar proportions from bulk rock geochemical analyses



### Metasomatites

1 to 3 dominant cations

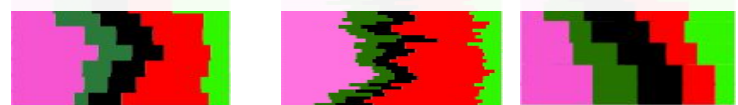


### Igneous + sedimentary rocks

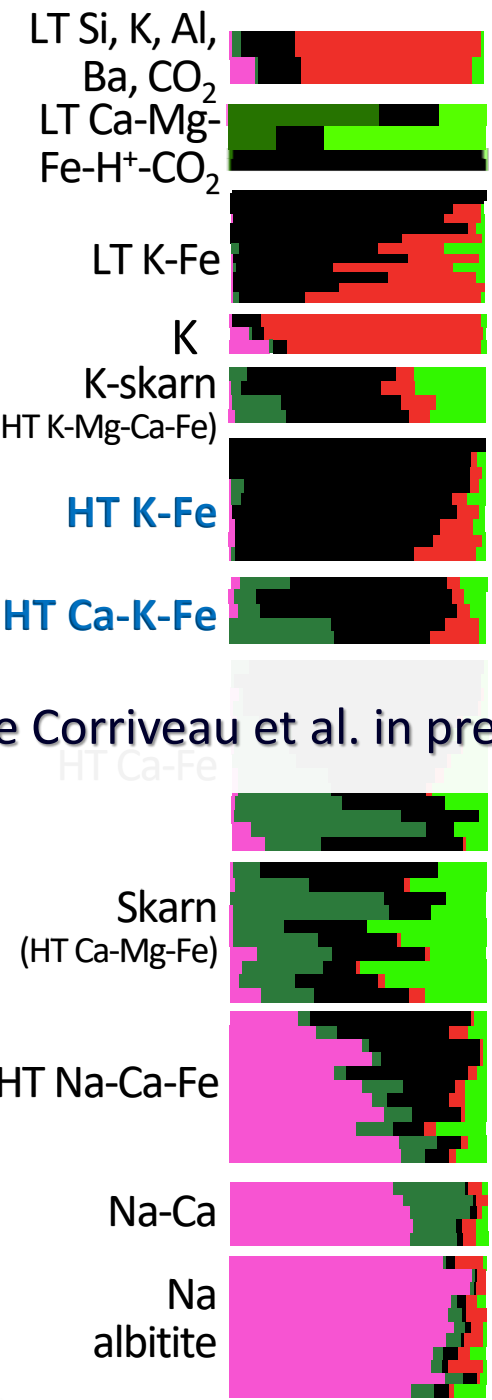
3 to 4 dominant cations



See Blein et al. in press



Shoshonitic    Calc-alkaline    Shale



See Corriveau et al. in press a

## Alteration facies: a record of metal pathways to ore...

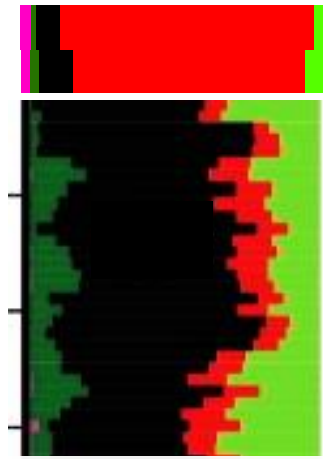
Southern Breccia  
Albitite-hosted U



Grab sample

NICO deposit

Drill core



Surface

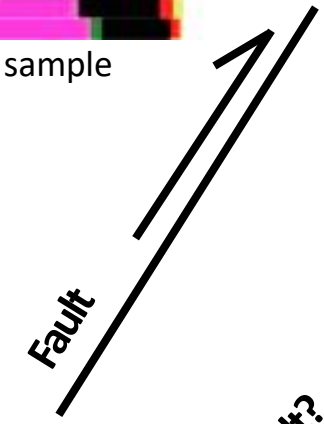
HT K (minor K-Fe)  
Unconformity

HT Ca-K-Fe  
Au-Co-Bi-Cu ore

Modified from Montreuil et al. 2016b

HT K-Fe  
(Cu-sulphides)

Least altered?



Fault?

Fault?

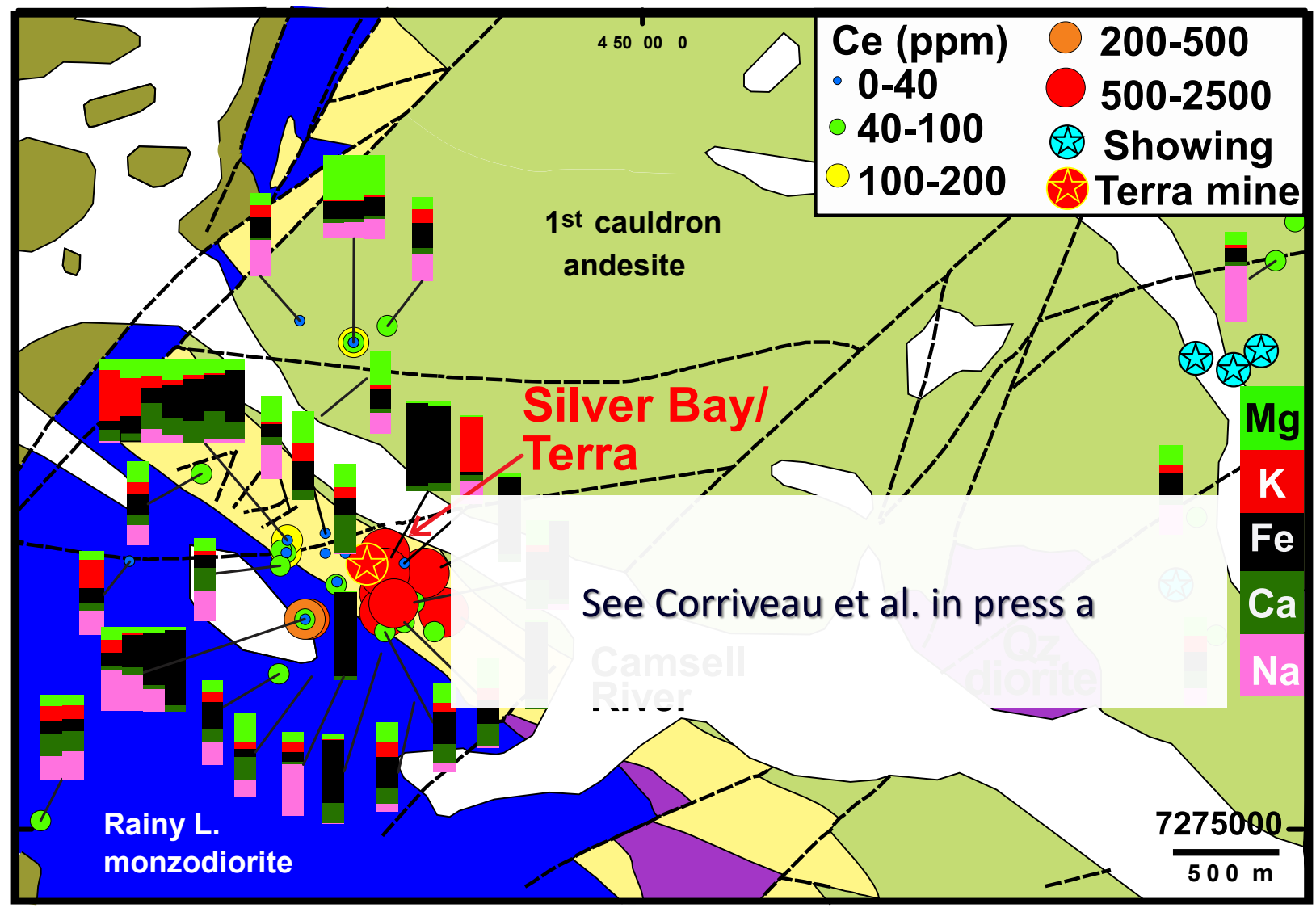
Fault?

Below: large, dense, magnetic, conductive anomaly!

Working hypothesis: faulting has disrupted the system (e.g. HT K-Fe below HT Ca-K-Fe instead of above); this extends mineral potential at depth and laterally

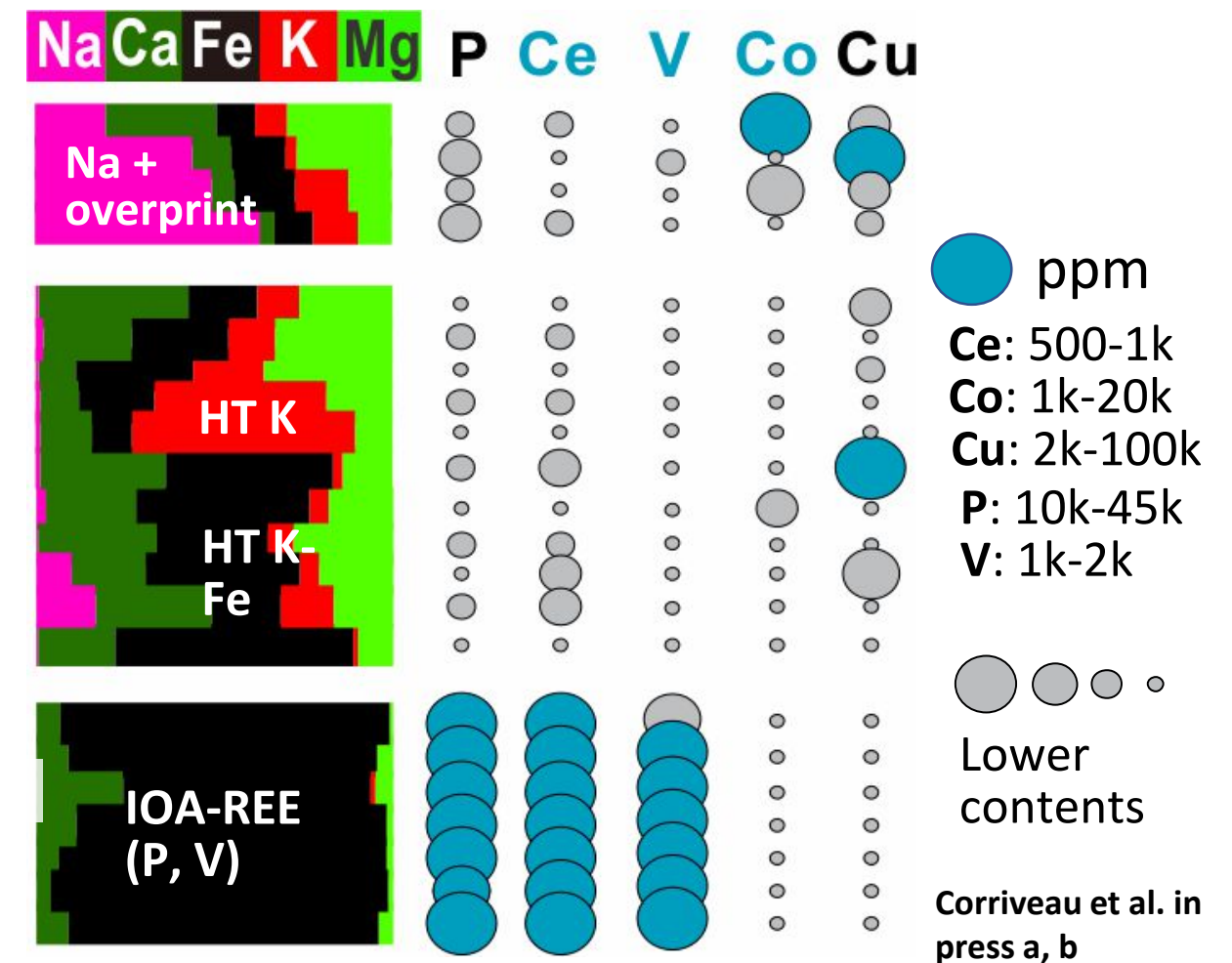
# Framework tool #4b: molar barcodes for chemical footprint maps and metal prospectivity at regional scale

## Camsell River district (Terra, Norex), GBMZ



Facies → Time

Metals	Na	HT Ca-Fe	HT K-Fe	K-felsite	LT K-Fe	LT Ca-Mg	Cb-Qz
	1	2	3	4	5a	5b	6
Ag	See Corriveau et al. in press a						
Cu	See Corriveau et al. in press a						
Co	barren						
Fe	barren						
Ni	barren						
Pb	barren						
REE+Y	barren						
V	barren						
Zn	barren						

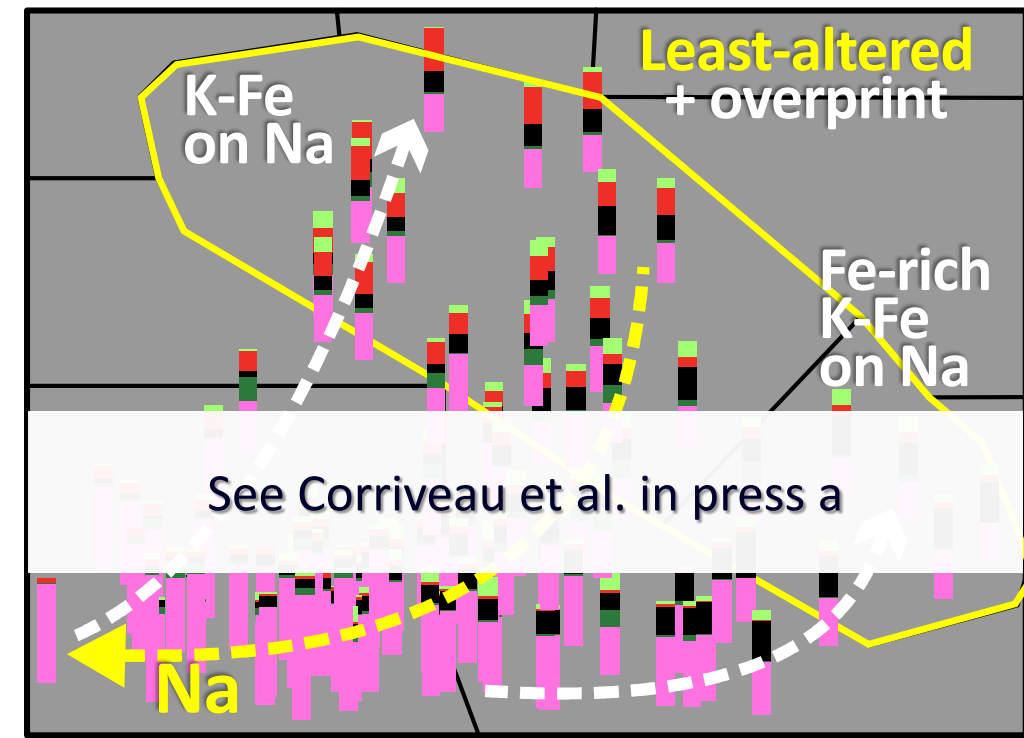
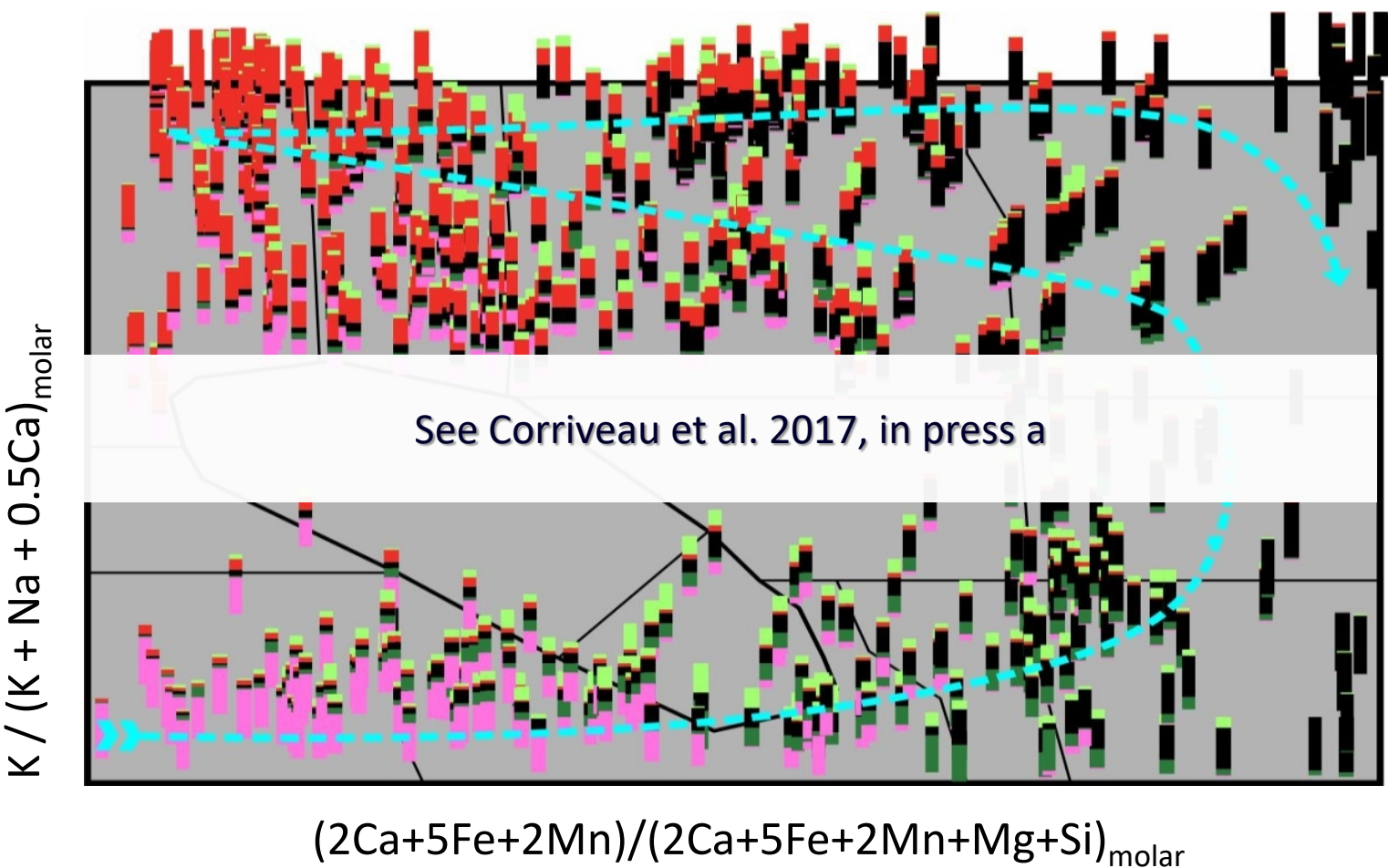


See also Bowdidge et al. 2014; Bowdidge and Dunford 2015; Canadian Mining Journal 2016; Beaulieu 2018, 2019

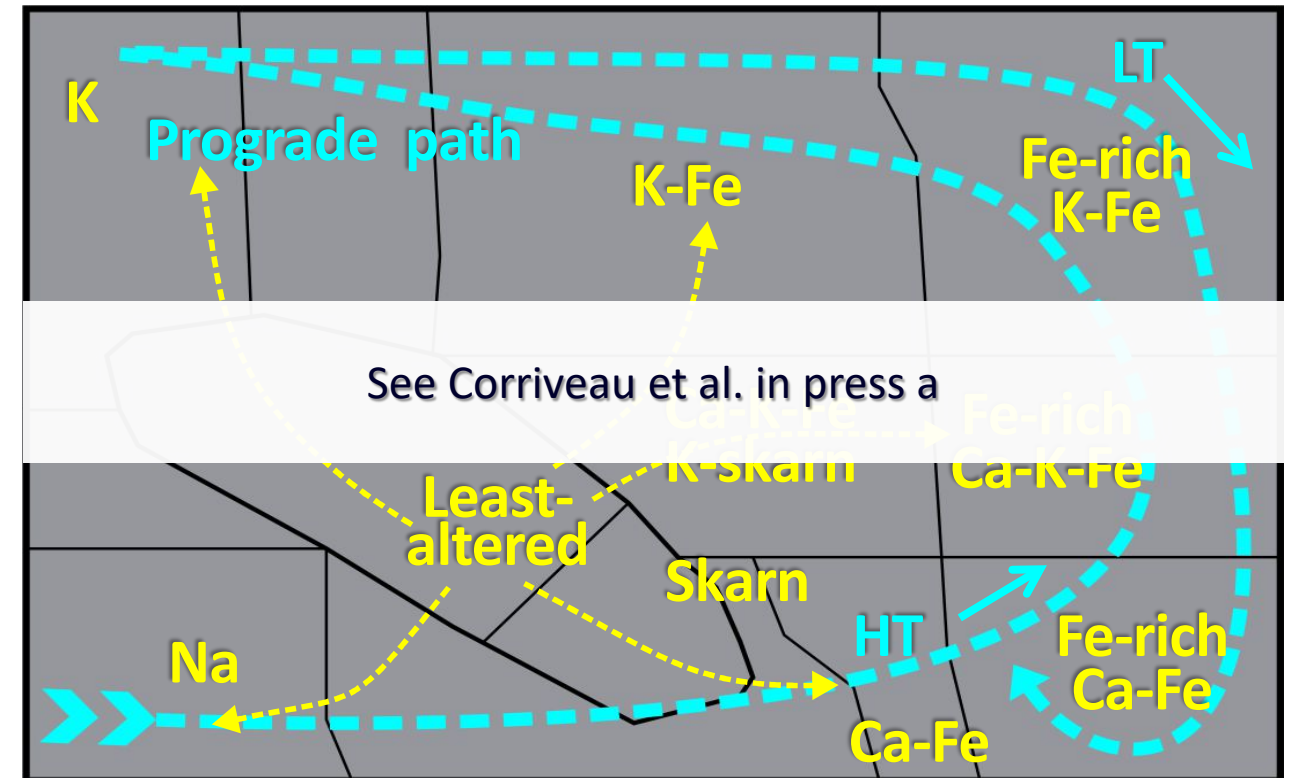
**Framework tool #4c:** alteration indices and AIOCG diagram applied to regional and deposit datasets to document geochemical footprint of alteration facies and mineral systems

**Great Bear MIAC systems footprint**

Most intense alteration



Footprint of albitite-hosted U occurrences, Southern Breccia (GBMZ)

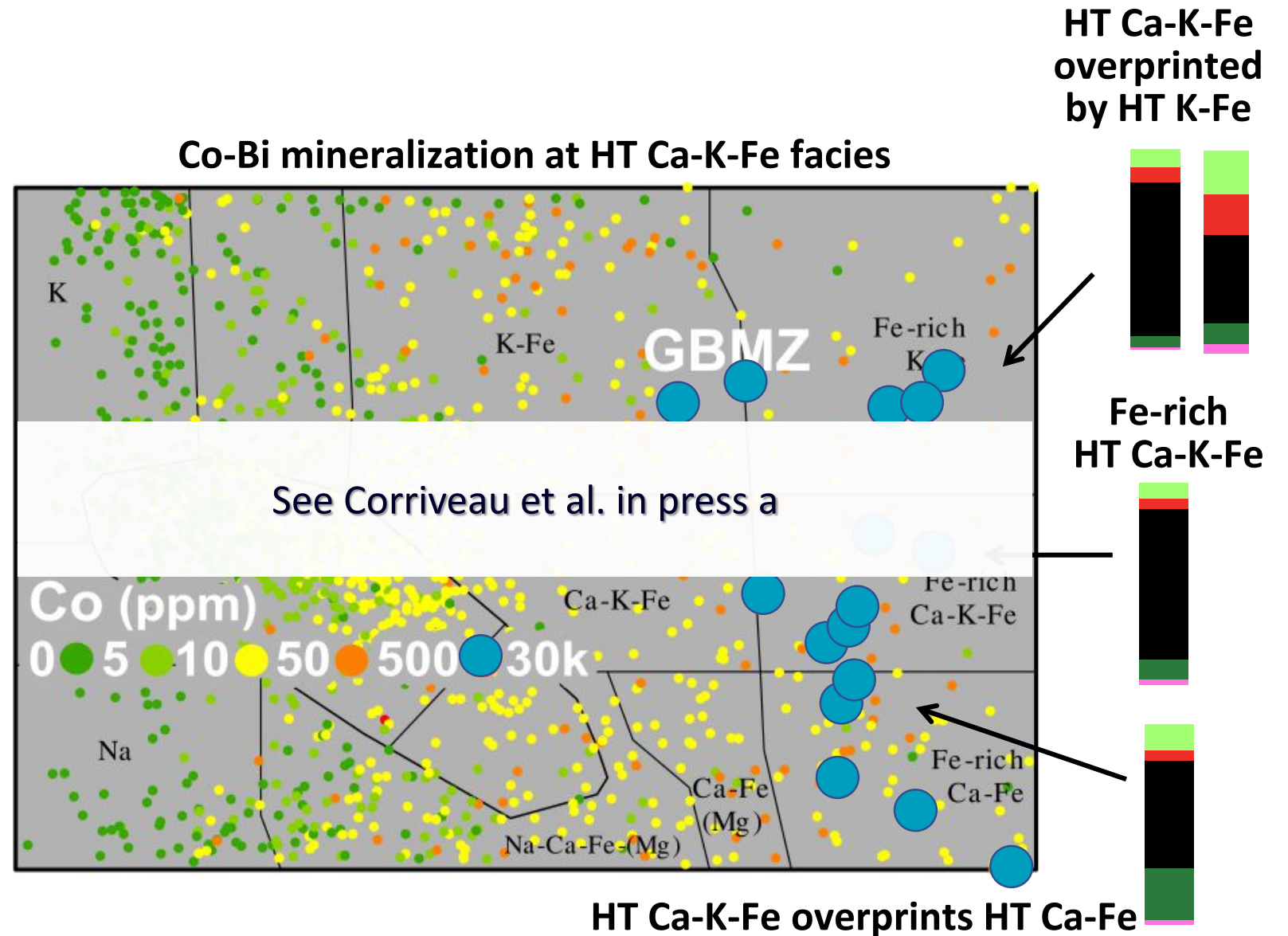
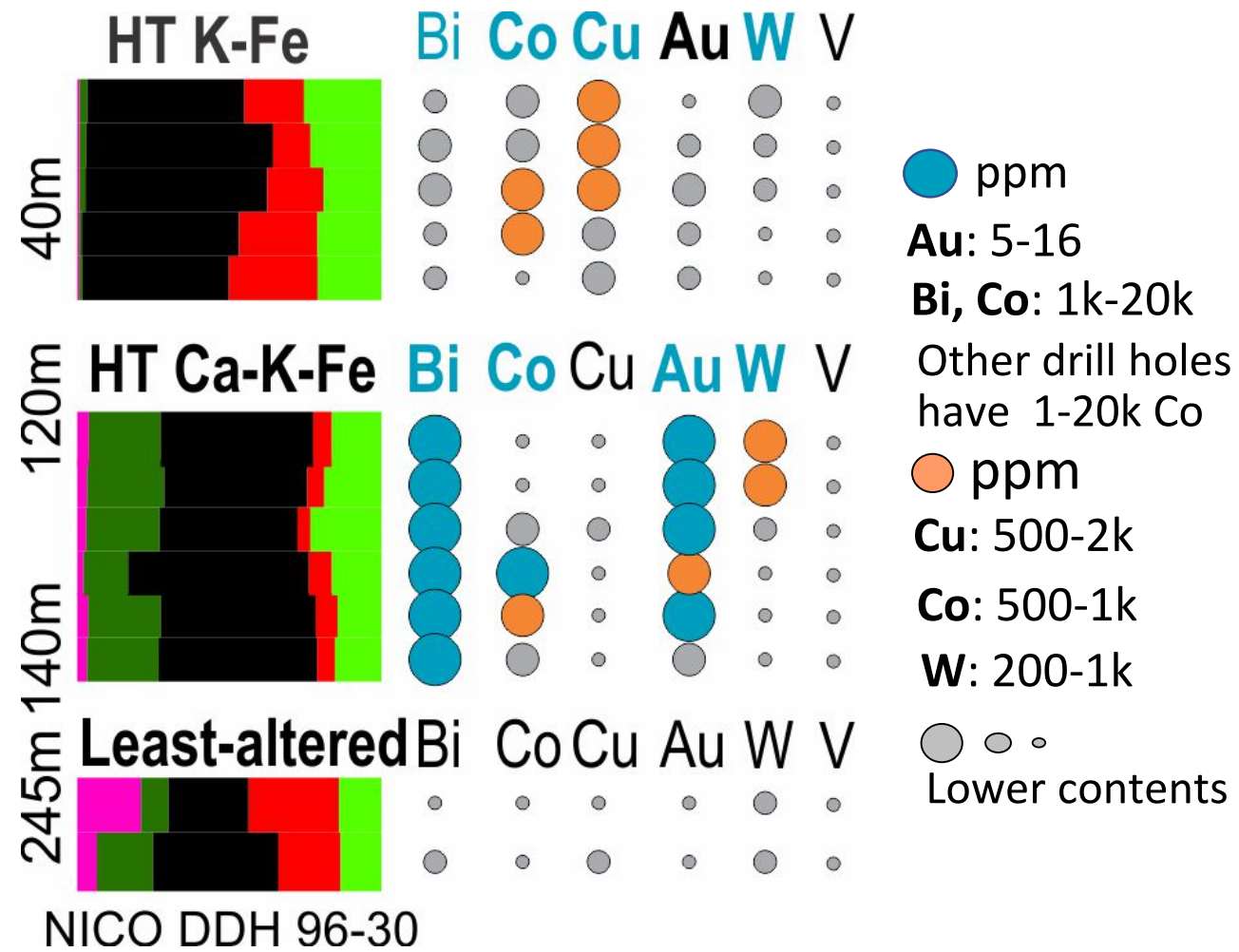


Paths from least altered to most altered samples

Path of most altered samples

# Framework tool #4d: metal associations in facies and combination of facies to help prospectivity assessment of systems

## NICO Au-Co-Bi-Cu, GBMZ



See also Goad et al. 2000; Montreuil et al. 2015, 2016a, b; Blein et al. In press; Corriveau et al. in press a-d; also Fabris, in press for Olympic Cu-Au Province examples



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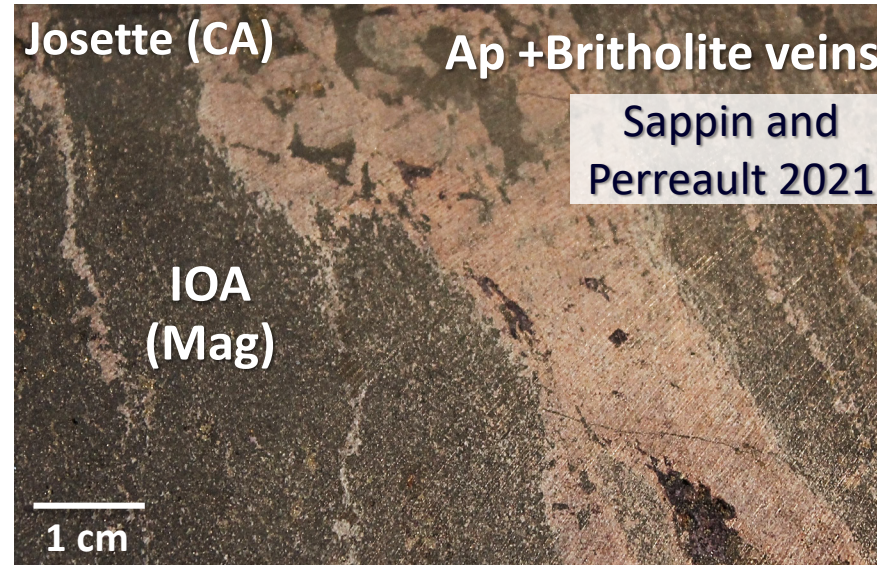
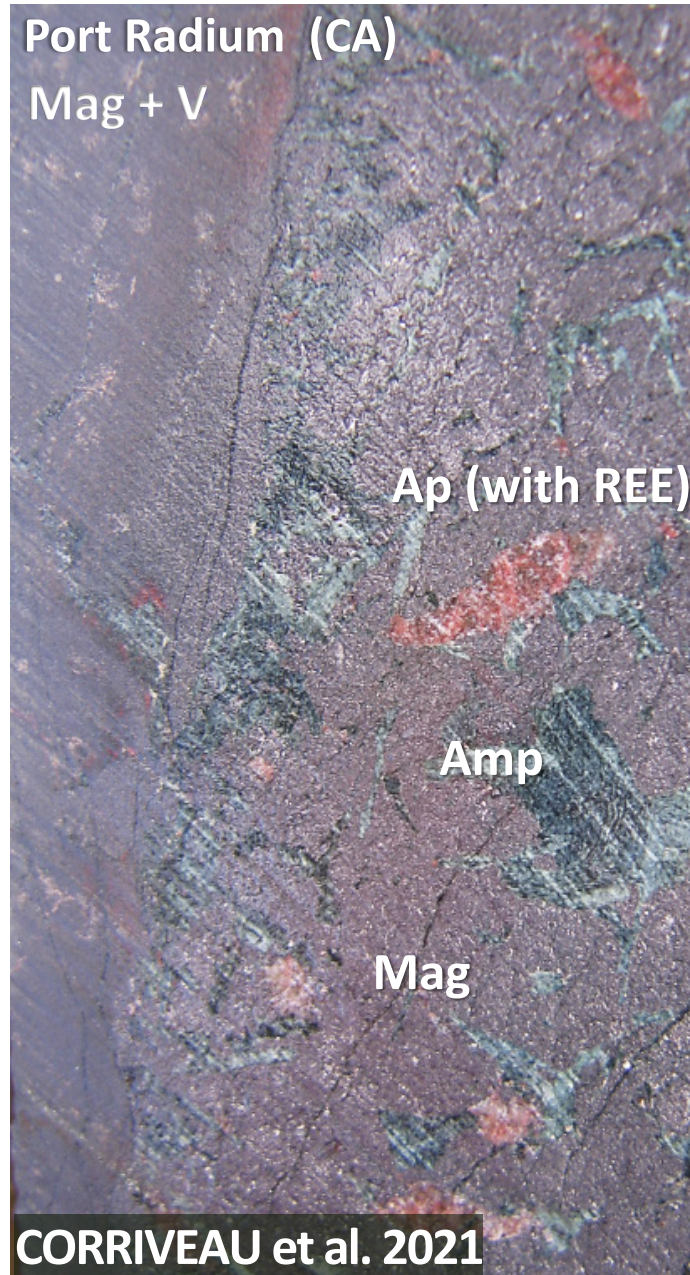
## Framework tool #4: summary

1. Na-Ca-Fe-K-Mg molar proportions provide an essential geochemical discriminant for each alteration facies whereas the proportions of  $(\text{Si} + \text{Al})/10$  in lieu of Mg best discriminates IOAA systems from those hosting epithermal, porphyry, volcanogenic massive sulphide and sedimentary-exhalative deposits.
2. Reporting molar barcodes of characteristic cations on the AIOCG discriminant diagram of Montreuil et al. (2013) yields a first-order identification of the evolution of systems. They help discriminate least-altered rocks from metasomatites, follow the incremental alteration of a host at a specific alteration facies and assess alteration intensity and probable protoliths, characterize the sequential depth-to-surface development of intense alteration, and identify tectonically telescoped metasomatic paths, potential fault zones, and overprints. Coupled with the distribution of metal contents according to alteration facies in the AIOCG diagram help decipher metal mobility from sources to deposits.
3. Reporting barcodes on maps and along drill cores allows to identify system components and use the MIAC system evolution model to develop exploration strategies at regional to deposit scale.
4. Geochemical footprints of the Great Bear magmatic zone, Romanet Horst, Kwyjibo and Missouri districts, and Central Mineral Belt systems share attributes of systems hosting the Olympic Dam, Acropolis, Punt Hill and varied prospects of the Olympic Copper-Gold Province and Singhbhum Shear Zone.
5. These tools provide novel exploration vectors for IOCG and affiliated deposits, a mean to assess the mineral potential of prospective settings and identify the presence of such mineral systems through the processing of large corporate databases inasmuch as the metasomatites have been identified, sampled and analyzed in the first place.

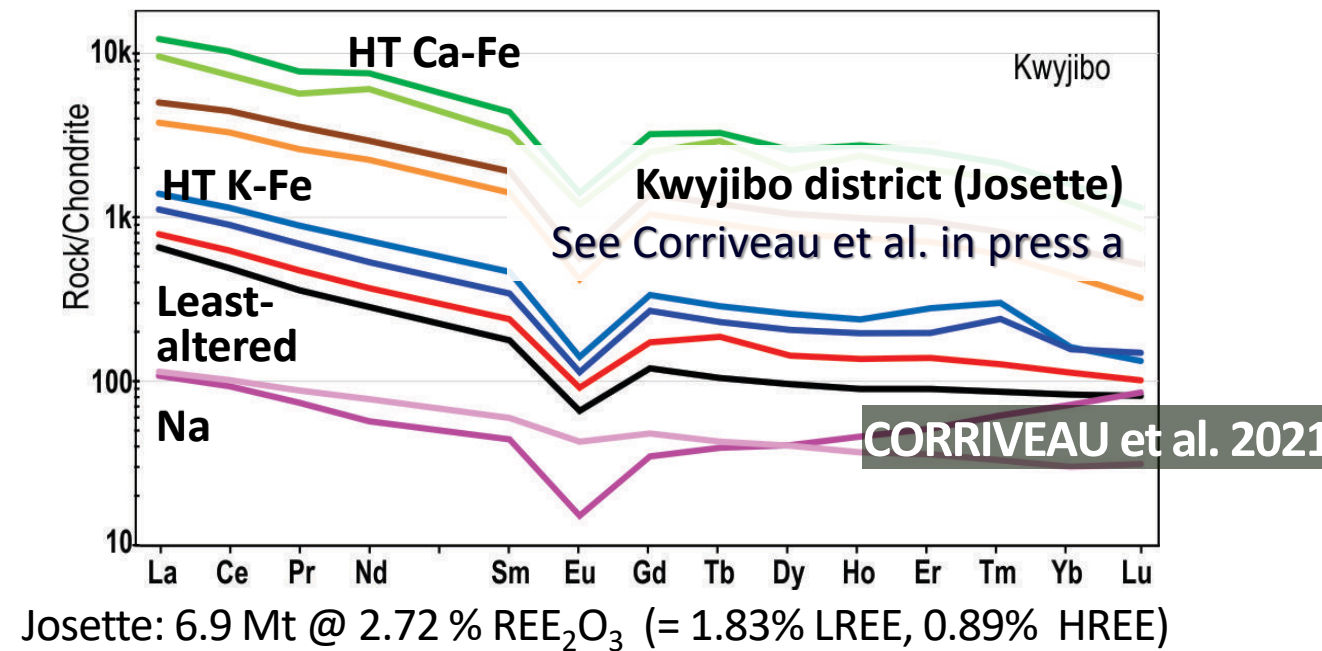
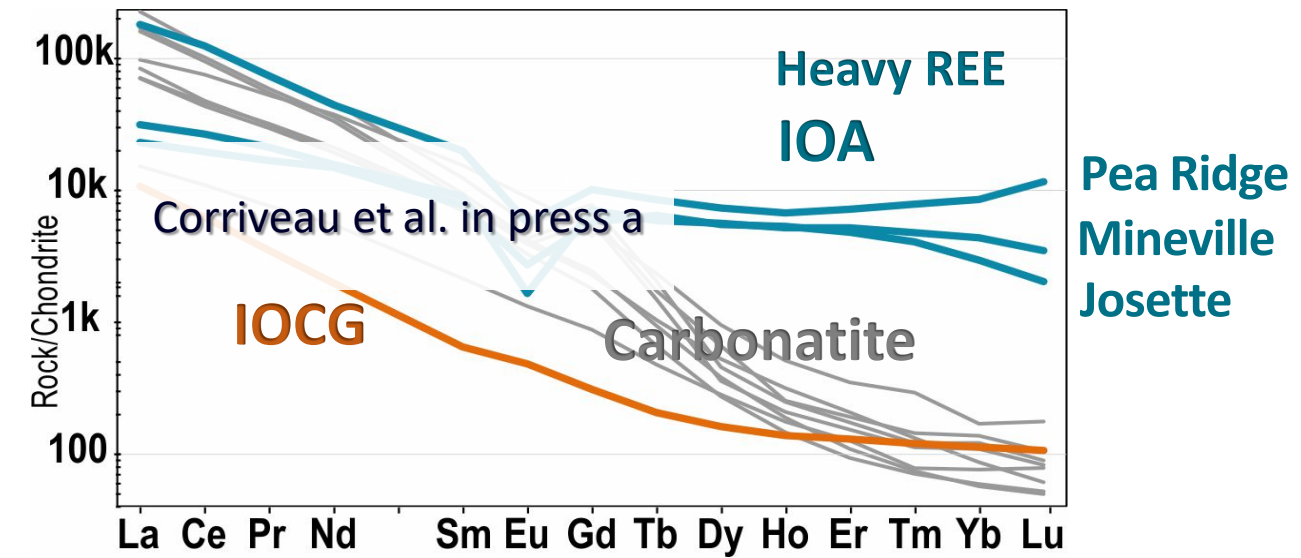
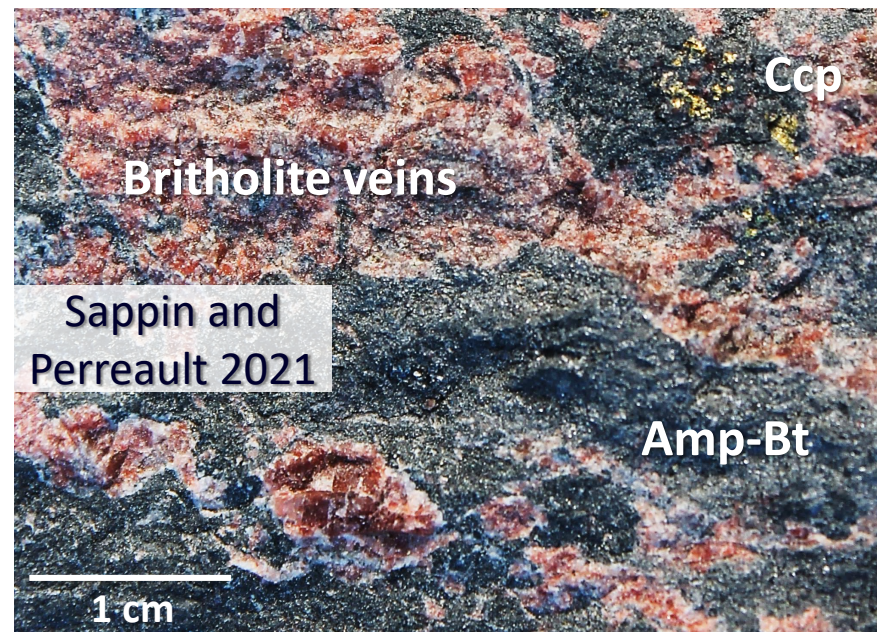
See Montreuil et al. 2013, 2015, 2016a–c; Potter et al. 2019, 2020; Corriveau et al. 2016, in press; Blein et al. in press; Fabris in press



# Framework tool #5a: deposit-based evidence supported by regional evolution and field and geochemical footprints (e.g., Josette IOA-REE deposit and GBMZ IOA)



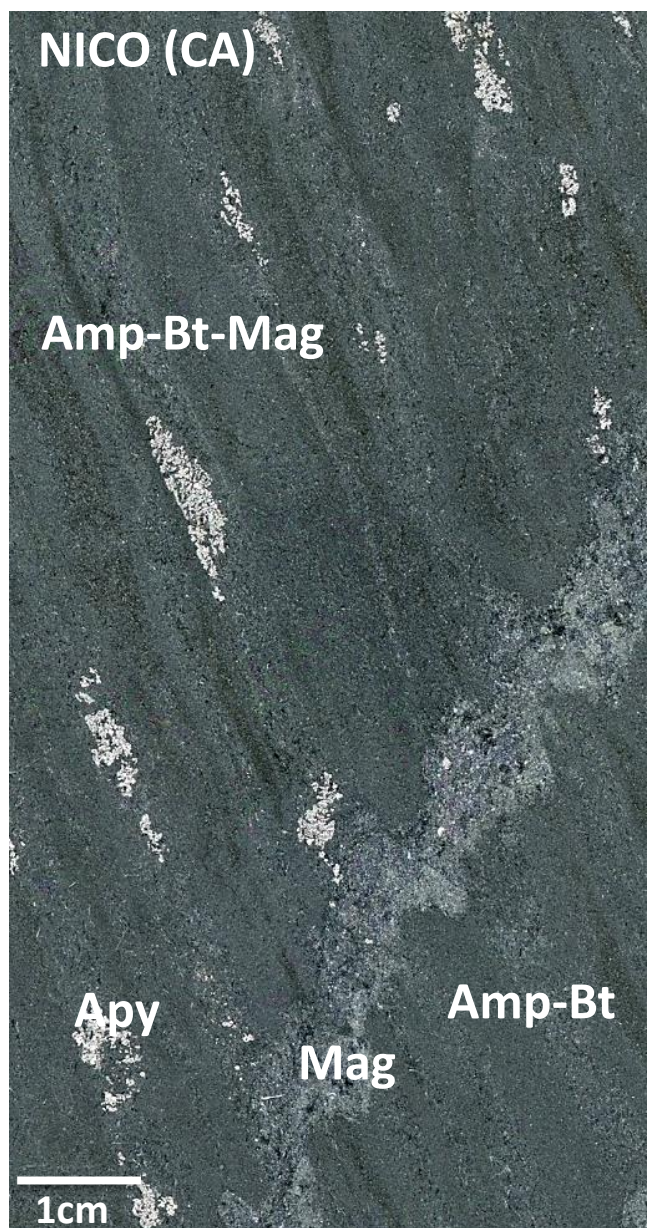
In source REE remobilization = ore



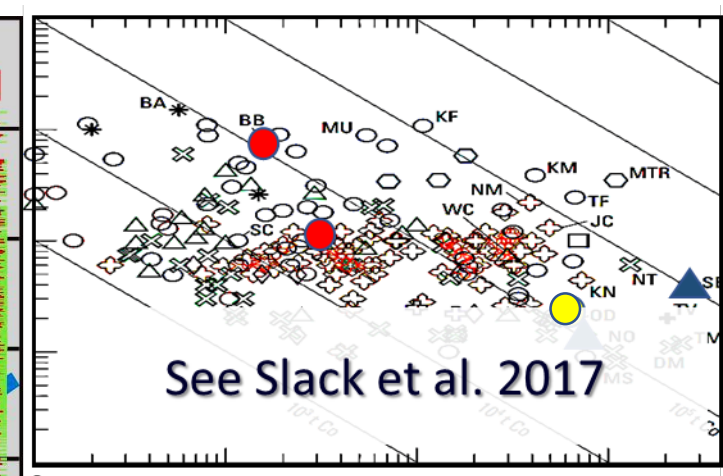
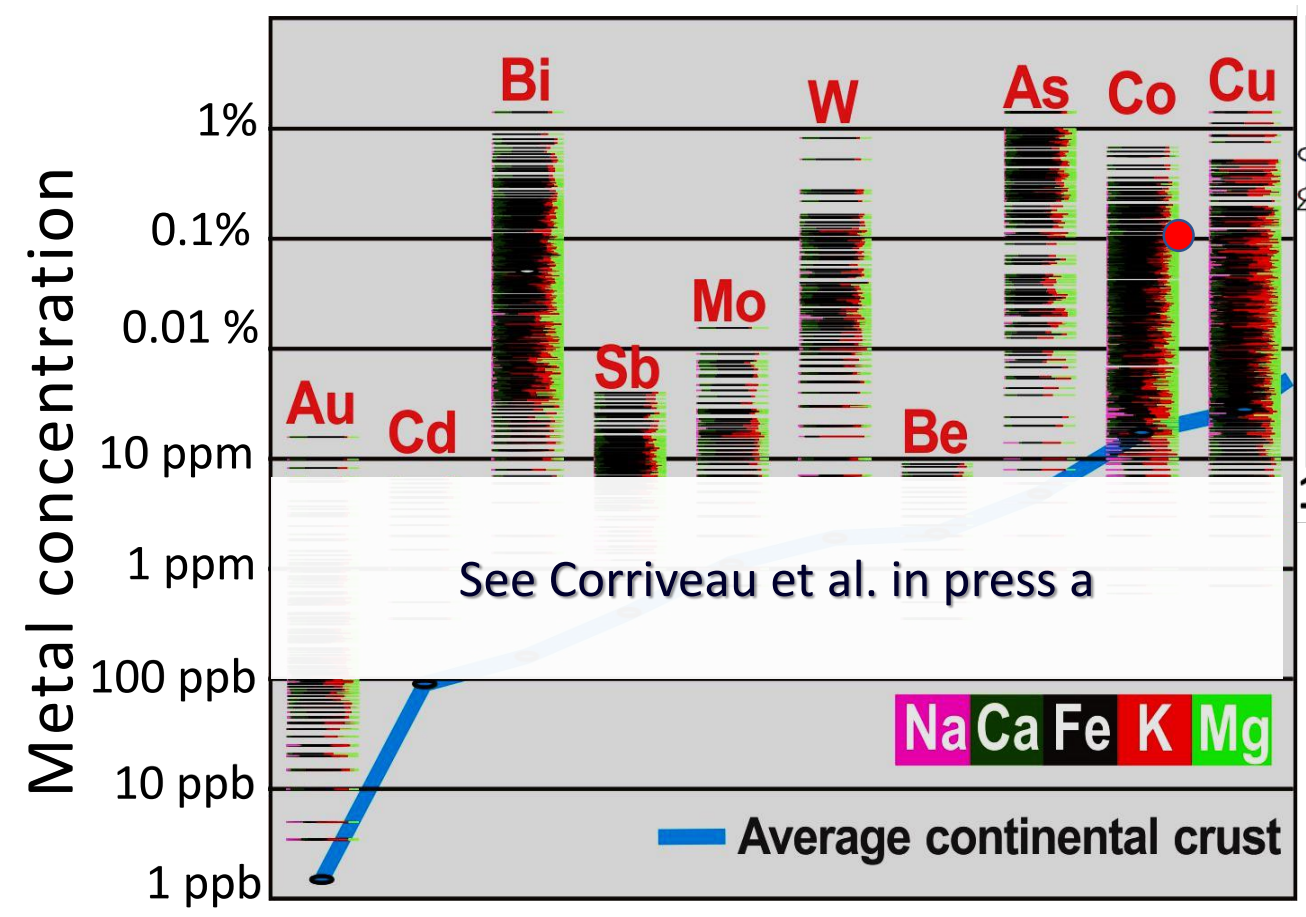
**IOA-REE deposits (Josette, Pea Ridge and Mineville) are from the Grenville Province and its extension into the Granite-rhyolite Province. Time to revisit the 'pinkstone belts'!**



# Framework tool #5b: deposit-based evidence supported by regional system evolution (e.g. the NICO Au-Co-Bi-Cu deposit and its W enriched zone)



### Au-Co-Bi-Cu ore of the NICO deposit and host MIAC system metal contents (GBMZ)



- Blackbird
- NICO
- Sudbury
- Olympic Dam\*
- Norilsk
- \*Not updated)

- Iron-rich cobalt deposit
- IOCG deposit resource
- ▲ Magmatic Ni-Cu deposit resource

Goad et al. 2000; Acosta-Góngora et al. 2015a, b, 2018b; Corriveau et al. 2016, in press a-e; Montreuil et al. 2016a, b

# Framework tool #6: a classification of known deposit types within MIAC systems

Mineralization at the LT Ca-Mg-Fe alteration facies  
Low iron-oxide to low iron deposits (e.g. iron silicate, iron sulphide, iron carbonate variants)

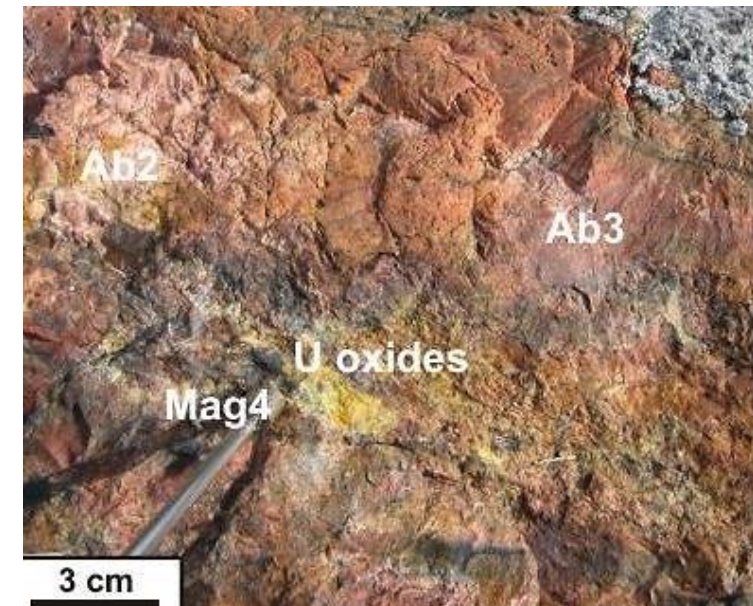
**Tectonically active settings**  
Albitite-hosted U/Au-Co/Cu-Au-Ag-(Co-Zn)

**Final stages of system evolution**  
Epithermal cap, silica flooding  
Syn-MIAC vein systems  
Remobilized vein/breccia  
Deposits with **'leftover', recycled or added metals** (e.g. Merlin Mo-Re, five-element veins)



NICO (CA)

**Vein-type Mo mineralization**



**Prospects:** Southern Breccia U-Cu-Mo



Delhi Pacific albitite + LT Ca-Mg-Fe + Cu-Au-Ag-(Co-Zn); Taché Co+ pyrrhotite

**Epithermal cap, phyllic gossan**



Mumin et al. 2007, 2010; Corriveau et al. 2014, 2016, in press a-e; Montreuil et al. 2014, 2015; Potter et al. 2019, 2020, in press; Hofstra et al. 2021

## Framework tool #7:

geophysics, from mantle to deposit footprints, rock physical properties, data optimization

See Jober 2009; Jober and Kienlen 2009; Spratt et al. 2009; Hayward and Oneschuck 2011; Lee et al. 2012, 2013; Hayward 2013; Lee and Morris 2013; Hayward and Corriveau 2014; Hayward et al. 2016; Kerswill et al. 2016a, b; Katona and Fabris in press



**Ezqdziti Heritage resource**

## Framework tool #8:

Respecting sacred and heritage land when conducting geoscience programs (e.g. Ezqdziti)

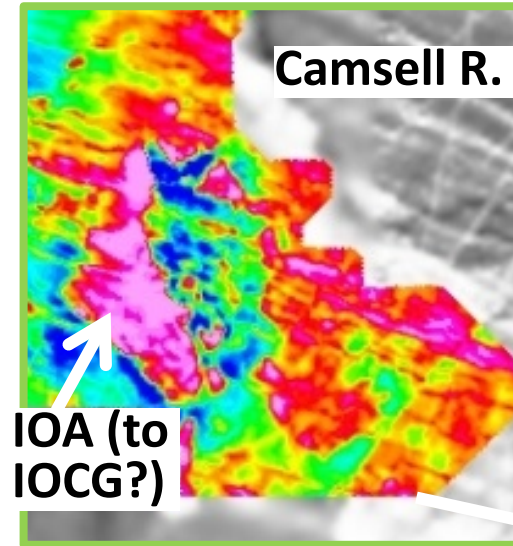
**Tłichq owned land**

Wek'èezhii resources management area

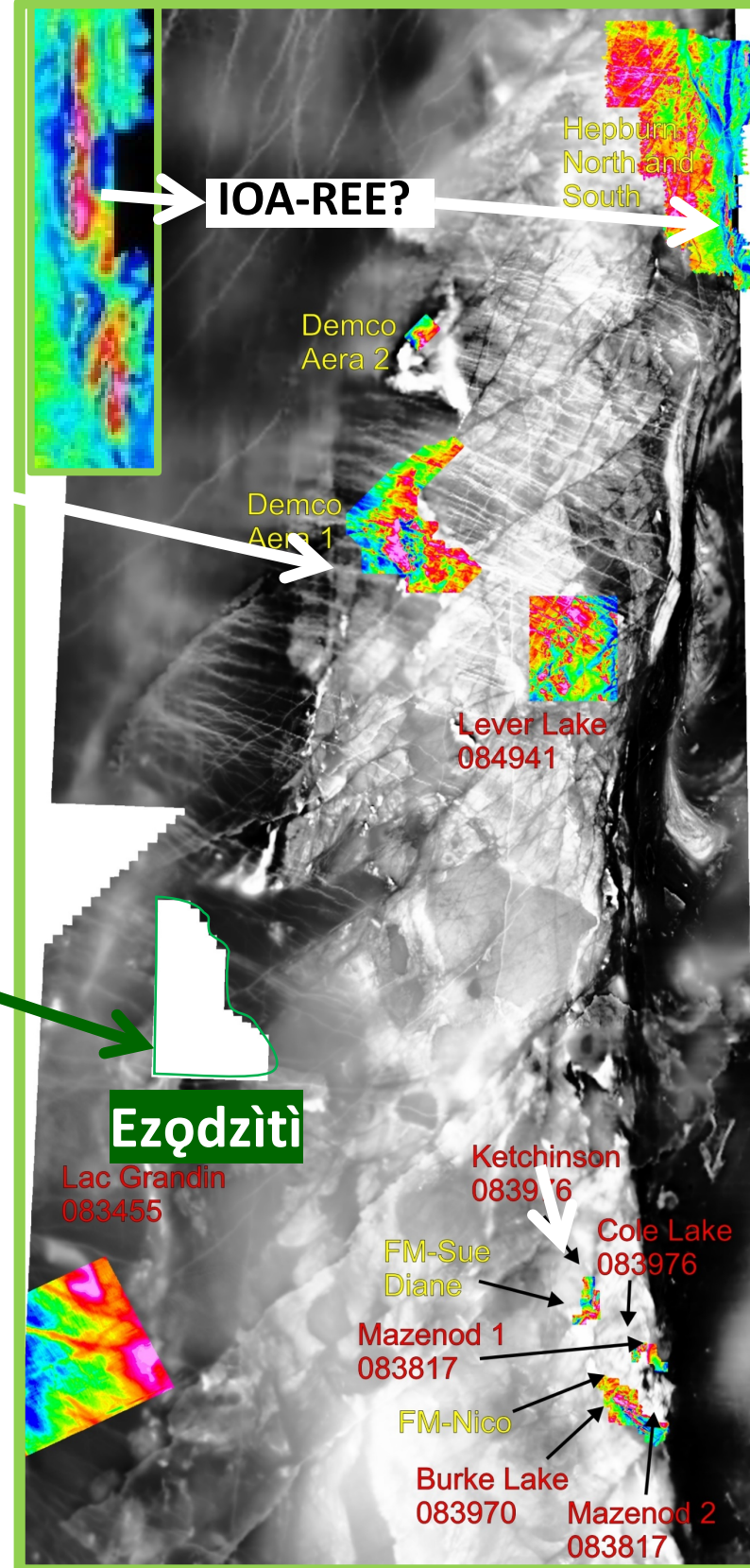
**Mqwhí Gogha Dè Nııłèè (Treaty 11)**

Tłichq Government 2013

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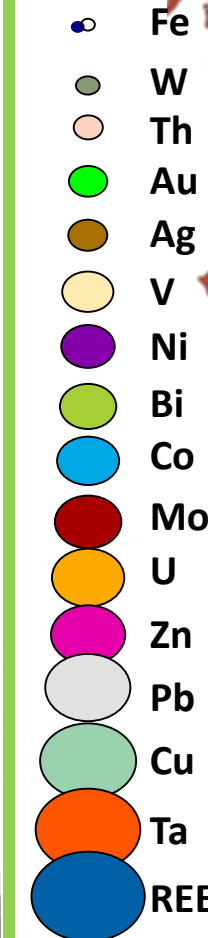
Data donated by DEMCO; Fortune Minerals proprietary data made accessible for modeling by GSC; Diamond North assessment reports



Great Bear magmatic zone

Port Radium-Echo Bay

Camsell



REE

REE

DeVries

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Mar

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NICO

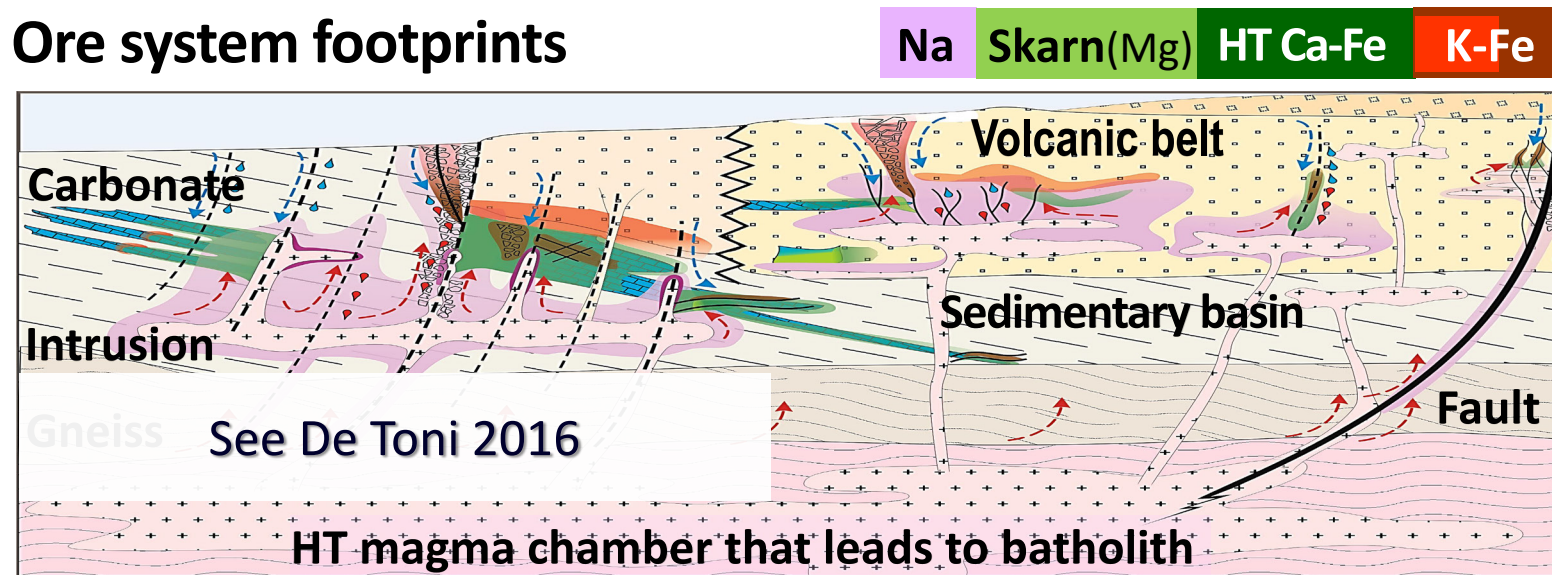
50 km

Bretzlaff and Kerswill 2016; Corriveau et al. 2016; NTGS 2021

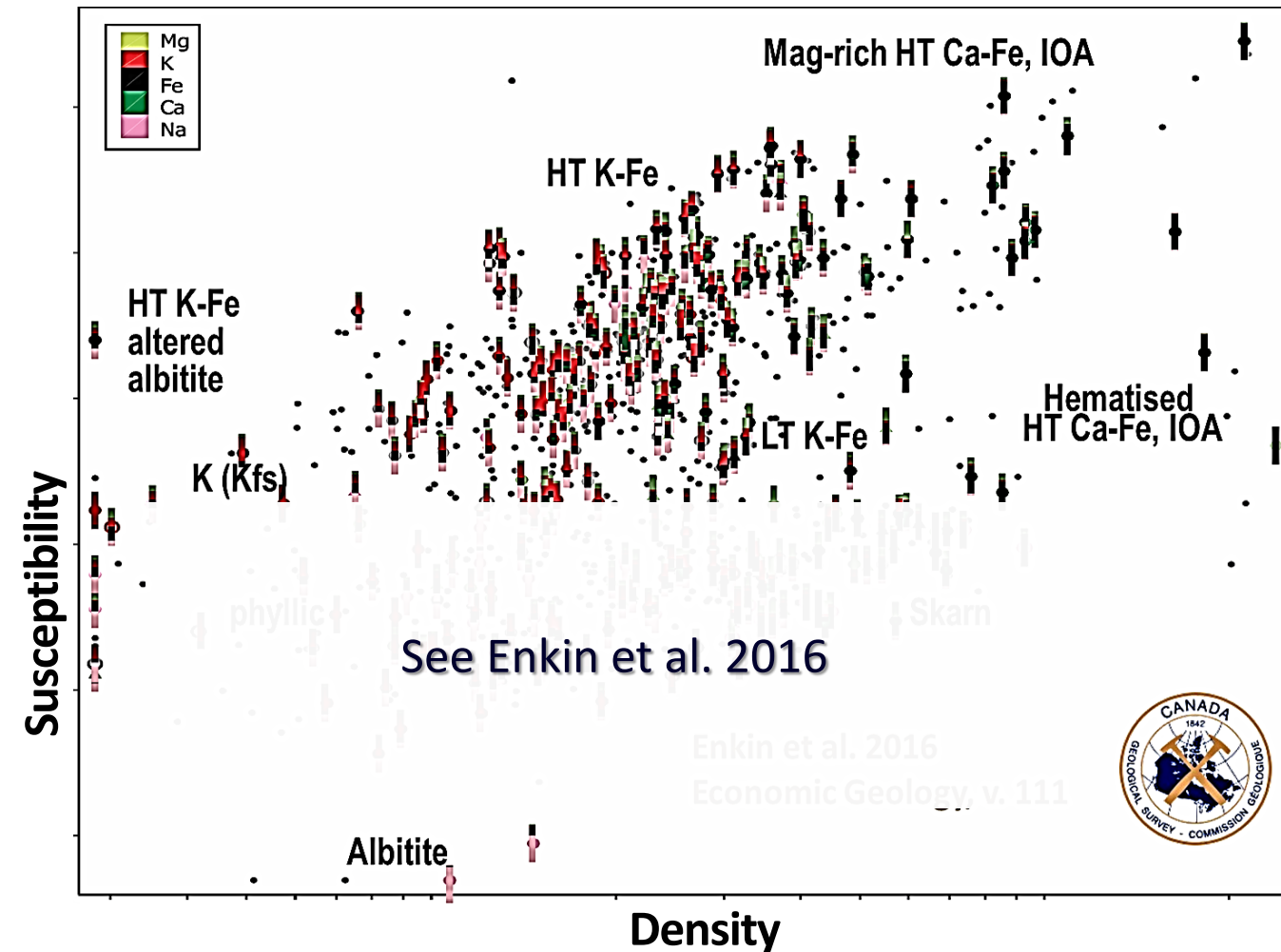
# Framework tool #9

Footprints, mineralogy, mineral chemistry, rock physical properties, radiometric data, etc.

## Ore system footprints



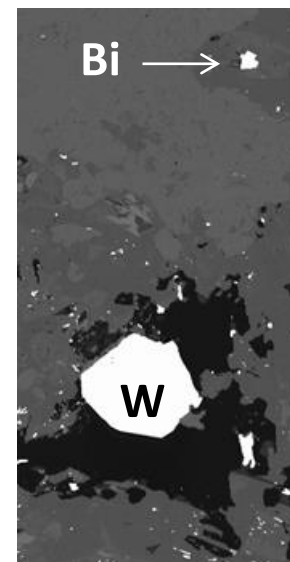
## Rock physical properties



## Mineralogy, mineral chemistry, mineral indicators

See McMartin et al. 2011; Lypaczewski et al. 2013; Acosta-Góngora et al. 2014; Sappin et al. 2014; Dare et al. 2014, 2015; De Toni 2016; Percival et al. 2016; Huang et al. 2018, in press; Normandeau et al. 2018; Duffett et al. 2020; Kelly et al. 2020; Potter et al. 2021, in press

See slide 85 and publications to be derived from the December 2021 International Online Workshop on Mineral Chemistry in Systems with IOCG, IOA and affiliated Critical Metal Deposits



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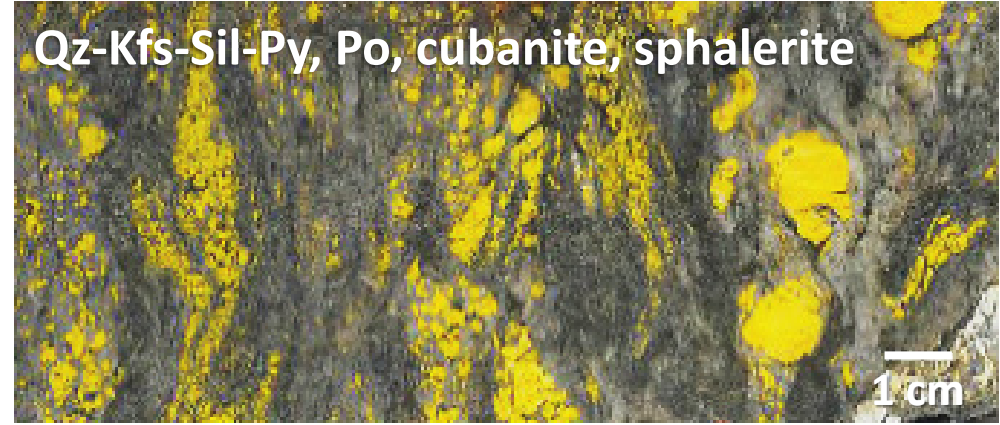
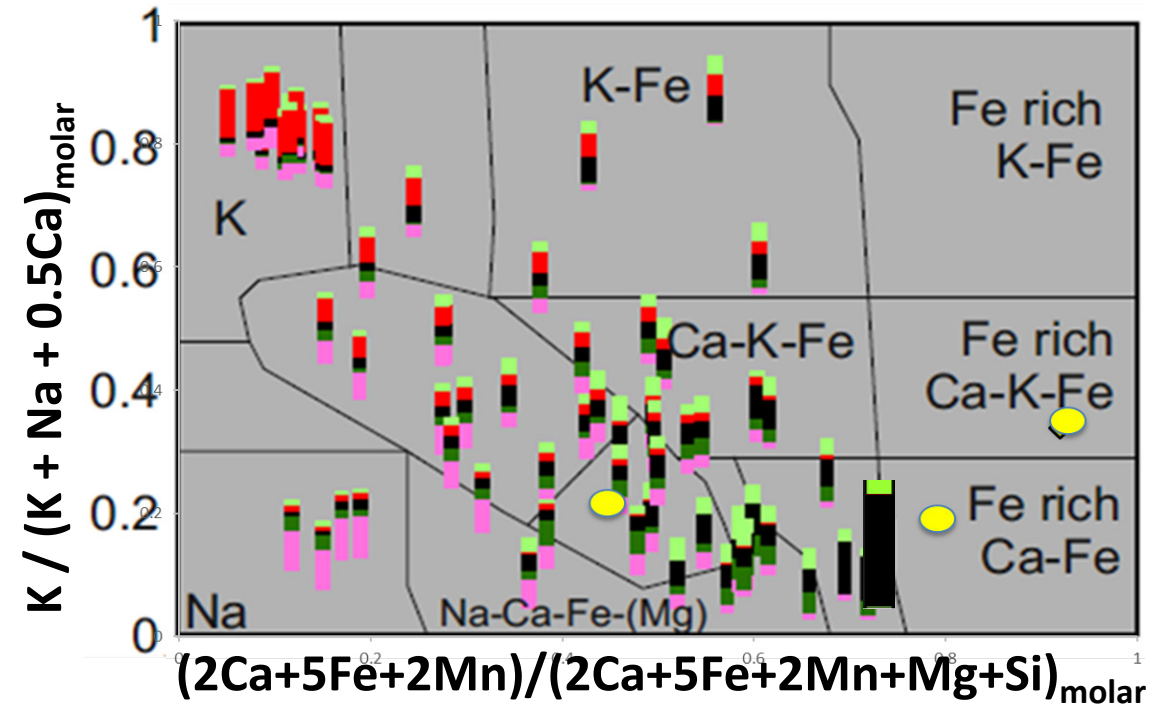
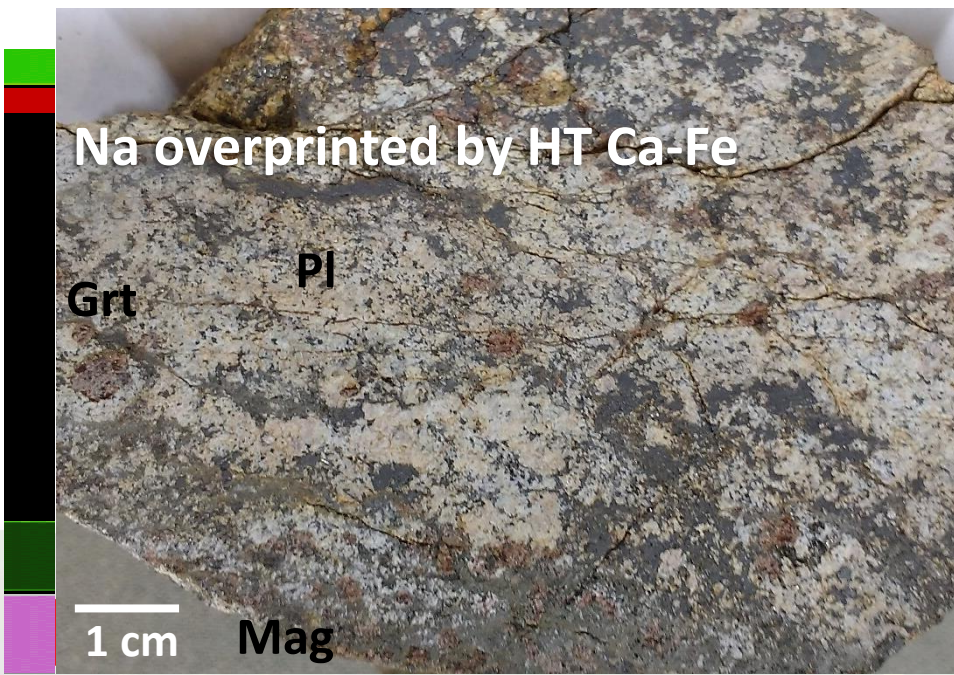
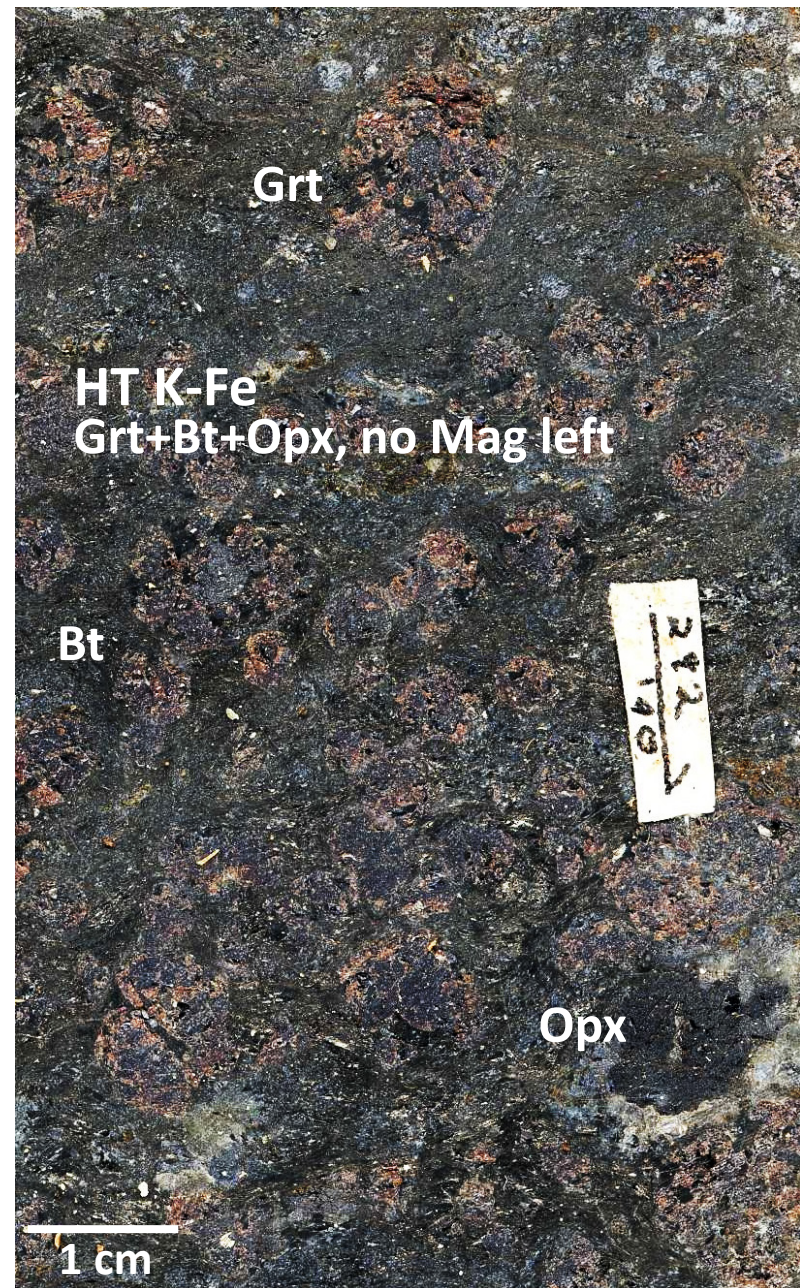
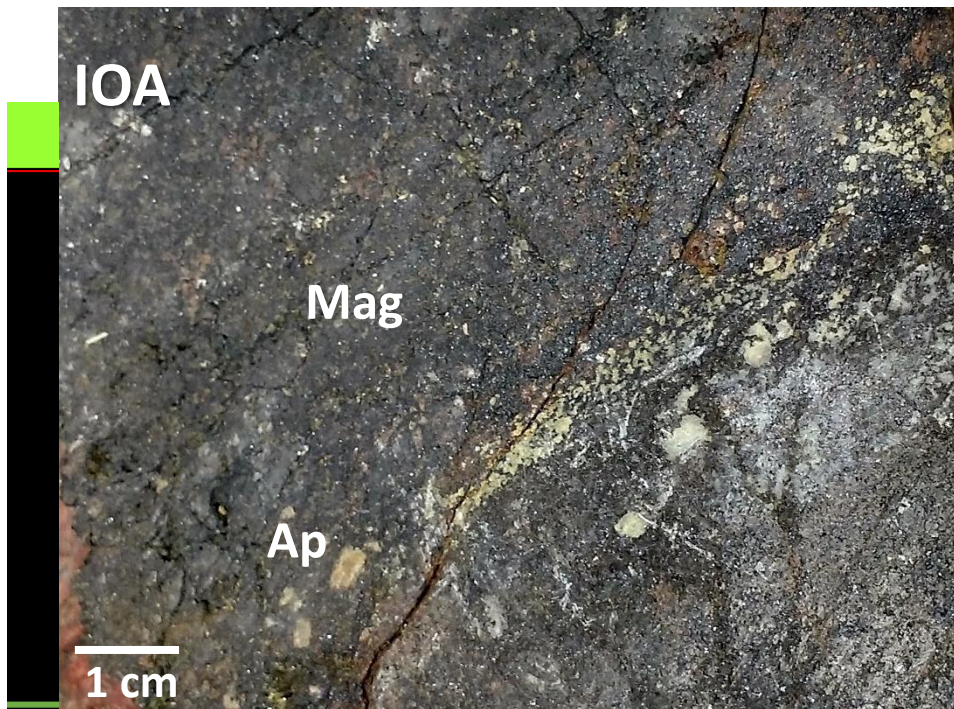
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# Framework tool #10: case examples of MIAC systems metamorphosed to granulite facies

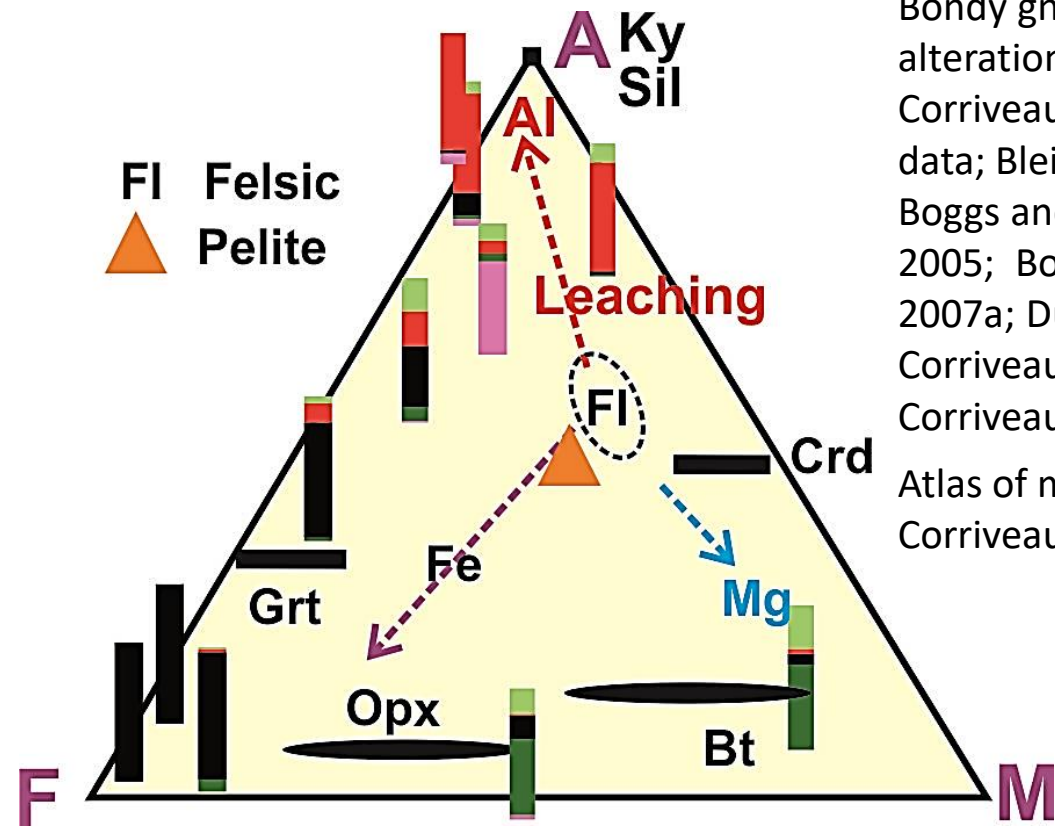
Bondy gneiss complex, SW Grenville Province, CA (see also Johnnies Reward, AU; Collier 2018)



Corriveau et al. 1996b, 1997, 2018a; Blein et al. 2004; Boggs and Corriveau 2004; Dufrechou et al. 2015; Corriveau 2013; Corriveau and Spry 2014; Blein and Corriveau 2017

## Framework tool #11: metamorphic phase modeling and chemographic diagrams

Chemographic diagrams optimize field interpretations by providing easily visualize contextual frameworks of mineral assemblages and overall contents of alteration facies. They also illustrate how mineral assemblages can be identical to common metasedimentary and meta-igneous rocks in addition to having very diagnostic atypical mineral contents and mineral assemblages (e.g. plagioclase-magnesian orthopyroxene-cordierite-phlogopite-tourmaline-kornerupine; garnet-biotite-chalcopyrite; amphibole-magnetite+chalcopyrite veins; clinopyroxene-garnet-scapolite-bornite-covellite-chalcopyrite; magnetite-apatite; quartz-K-feldspar-sillimanite-pyrite-pyrrhotite-cubanite-sphalerite, etc.)



Bondy gneiss complex and other metamorphosed alteration systems in the Grenville Province:  
 Corriveau et al. 1996b, 1997, 2018a, unpublished data; Blein et al. 2003, 2004, unpublished data; Boggs and Corriveau 2004; Corriveau and Bonnet 2005; Bonnet et al. 2005; Bonnet and Corriveau 2007a; Dufréchu et al. 2011, 2015; Corriveau 2013; Corriveau and Spry 2014; Trapy et al. 2015; Blein and Corriveau 2017; Trapy 2018  
 Atlas of metamorphosed alteration: Bonnet and Corriveau 2007b



Metamorphic phase modeling provides more robust information of mineral assemblages and mineral contents of alteration facies

See F. Gervais and D. Regis slides; Corriveau et al. 2018a



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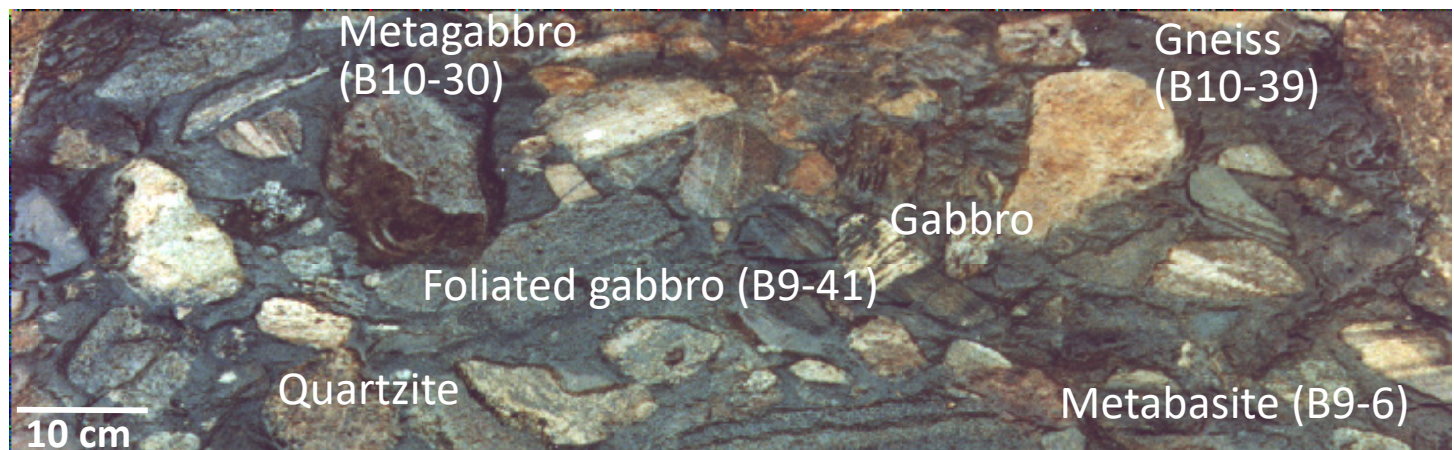
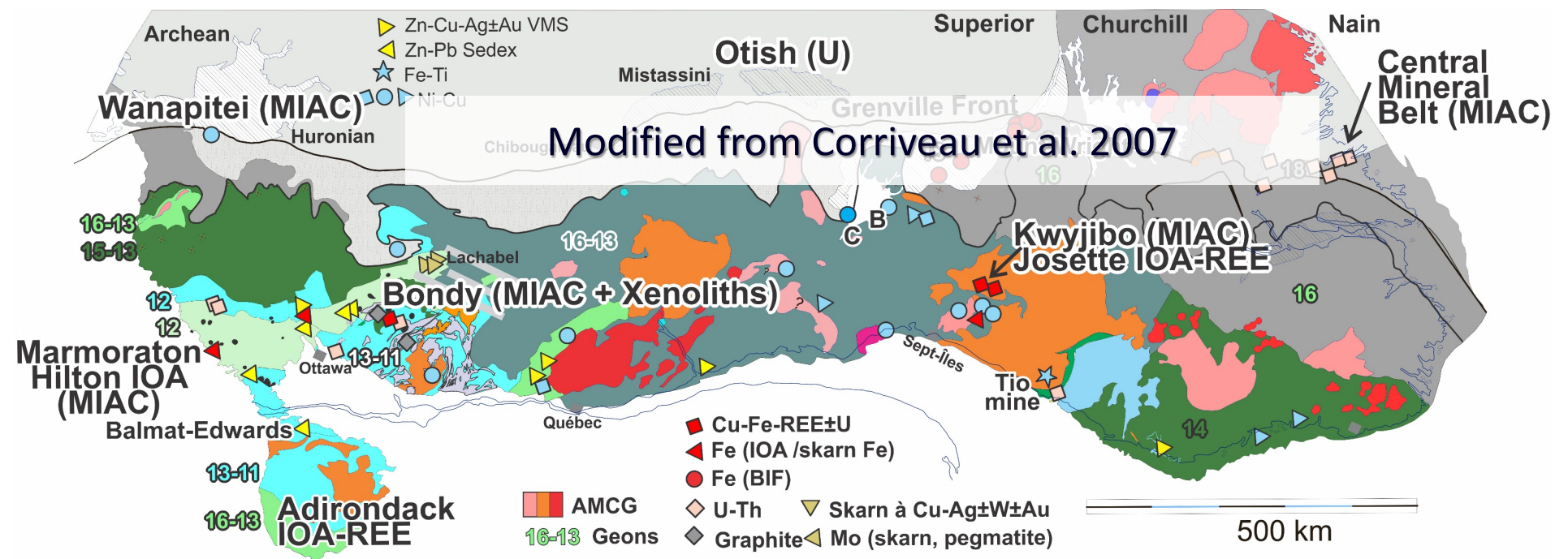
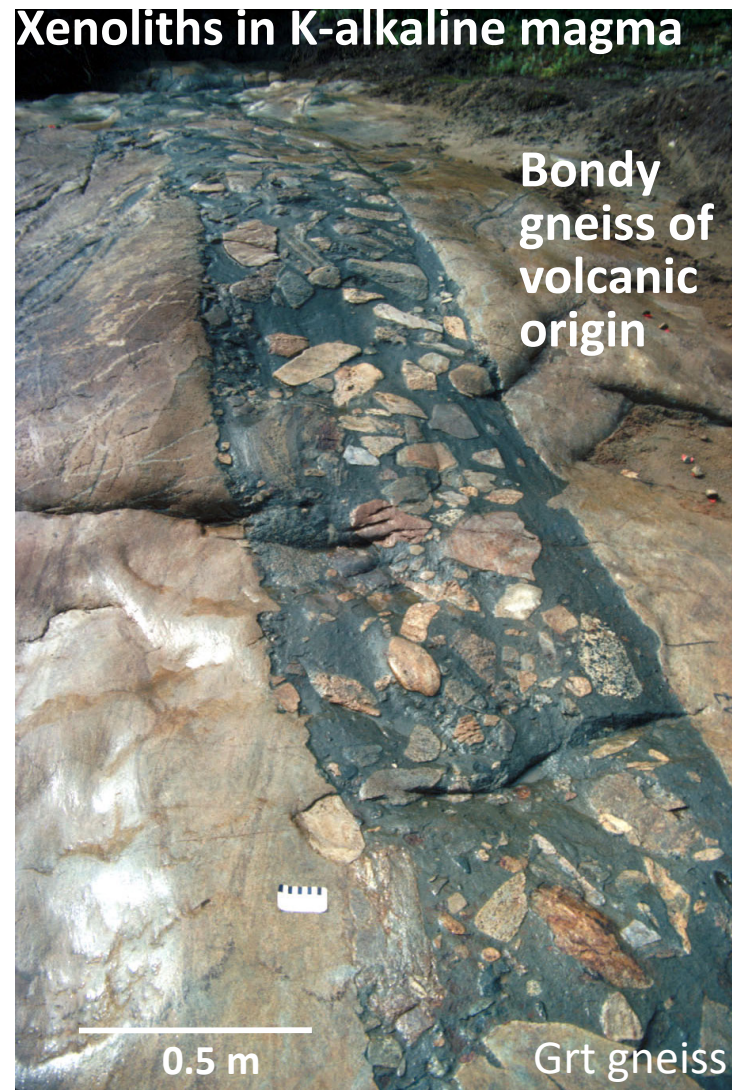
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# Framework tool #12: xenoliths as a record of MIAC-related lithospheric conditions

Unique sampling of rocks across a 'Finger of god'-type magnetotelluric and seismic lithosphere footprint in the SW Grenville Province  
From >70 km depth, across the lithospheric MIAC fluid and magma pathway into the Bondy MIAC system after its metamorphism



See Corriveau and Gorton 1993; Corriveau et al. 1996a, b; Morin and Corriveau 1996; Corriveau and Morin 2000; Morin et al. 2005; Corriveau 2013



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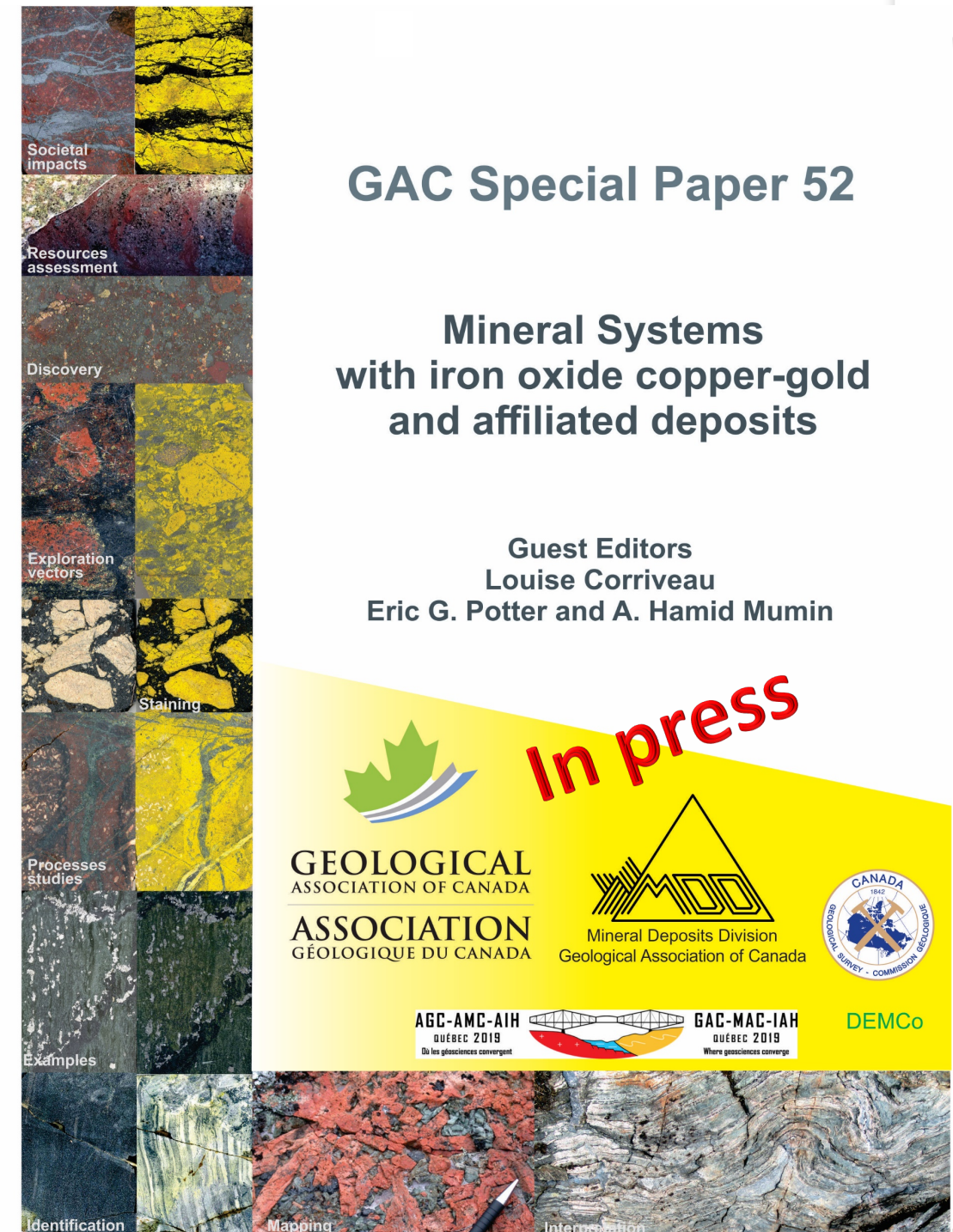
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## Framework tool #13: synthesis papers in GAC Special Paper 52

1. Corriveau, Mumin, Potter, Introduction and overview
2. Skirrow, Hematite-group IOCG ± U deposits: an update
3. Williams, Magnetite-group IOCGs
4. Corriveau, Montreuil, De Toni, Potter, Percival, Mapping: a facies approach
5. Corriveau, Montreuil, Potter, Ehrig, Clark, Mumin, Williams, Metasomatic footprints of alteration facies
6. Corriveau, Montreuil, Blein, Ehrig, Potter, Fabris, Clark, Geochemical footprints
7. Corriveau, Montreuil, Potter, Blein, De Toni, Metal pathways and ore deposit model
8. Fabris, Geochemical characteristics, Olympic Copper-Gold Province, South Australia
9. Blein, Corriveau, Montreuil, Ehrig, Fabris, Reid, Pal, Geochemical tools for process studies and mineral exploration
10. Katona, Fabris, Targeting for IOCG deposits using gravity and magnetic potential field data in the Gawler craton, Australia
11. Jébrak, Use of breccias in IOCG(U) exploration
12. Potter, Acosta-Góngora, Corriveau, Montreuil, Yang, Uranium enrichment processes.
13. Huang, Beaudoin, De Toni, Corriveau, Mankanvi, Boutroy, Fe-oxide fingerprints
14. Chen, Zhao, Andean IOCG deposits
15. Zhao, Chen, Zhao, Zhou, IOA, skarn, and IOCG deposits in China
16. Daliran, Stosch, Williams, Jamali, Dorri, Bafq district, Iran



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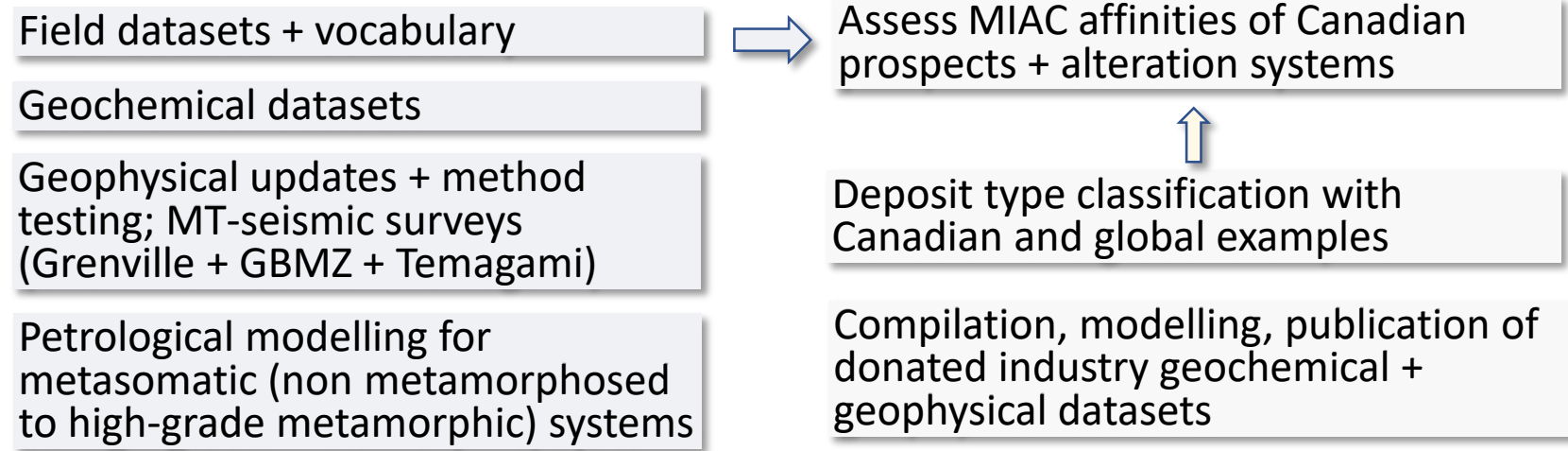
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# Framework tool #14: gathering, compiling, reprocessing and reinterpreting available data

Data from GSC TGI – GEM – SW Grenville xenoliths + provincial and territorial surveys = strategic assets to secure critical metal resources

## To do list



Exploration framework for critical metals, Mineral potential re-assessment, Decision-making, etc.

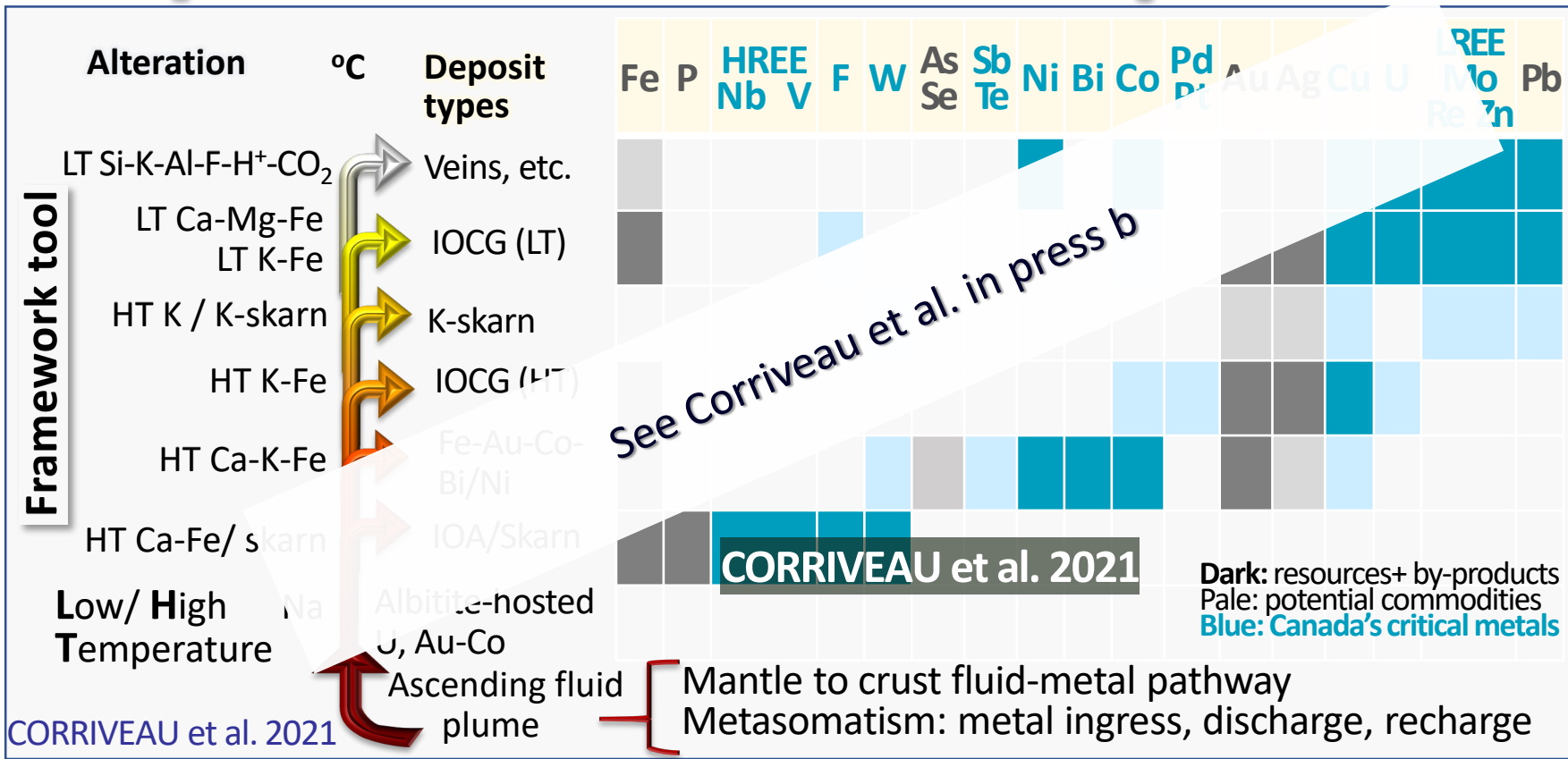
Synthesis of Canadian mineral systems with IOCG and affiliated critical metal deposits anchored on global systems (Australia, US, China, Iran)

**Metamorphosed systems with**  
GSC, BRGM, GSSA, GSQ, GSWA, Polytechnique

**Global comparisons and MIAC system research with**  
GSC, BRGM, GSSA, GSQ, GSWA, NGU, USGS, BHP-Olympic Dam, Karlsruhe U., China Academy of Sciences, China U. of Geosciences and many additional collaborators

**Canadian systems framework with**  
GSC, OGS, BCGS, MERN-Q, GSNL, NB-GS, NS-GS, NTGS DEMCo, Red Pine, Fortune Minerals, SOQUEM, NextSource, Ressources Maxima, Zonte and other companies St. Mary's, UBC, Brandon, Polytechnique, Laval, UQAC, etc.

**Available data** (public + donated by private sector):  
Field geology, Drill cores, Mineralogy, Geochemistry, Petrophysics, Geophysics (magnetic, gravity, MT, seismic), Petrological modeling, Xenoliths



# Framework tool #15: a table to fill out for prospective settings of interest to collaborators

Canada's MIAC framework is only possible through **provincial and territorial collaborations and consolidation and transfer of knowledge**

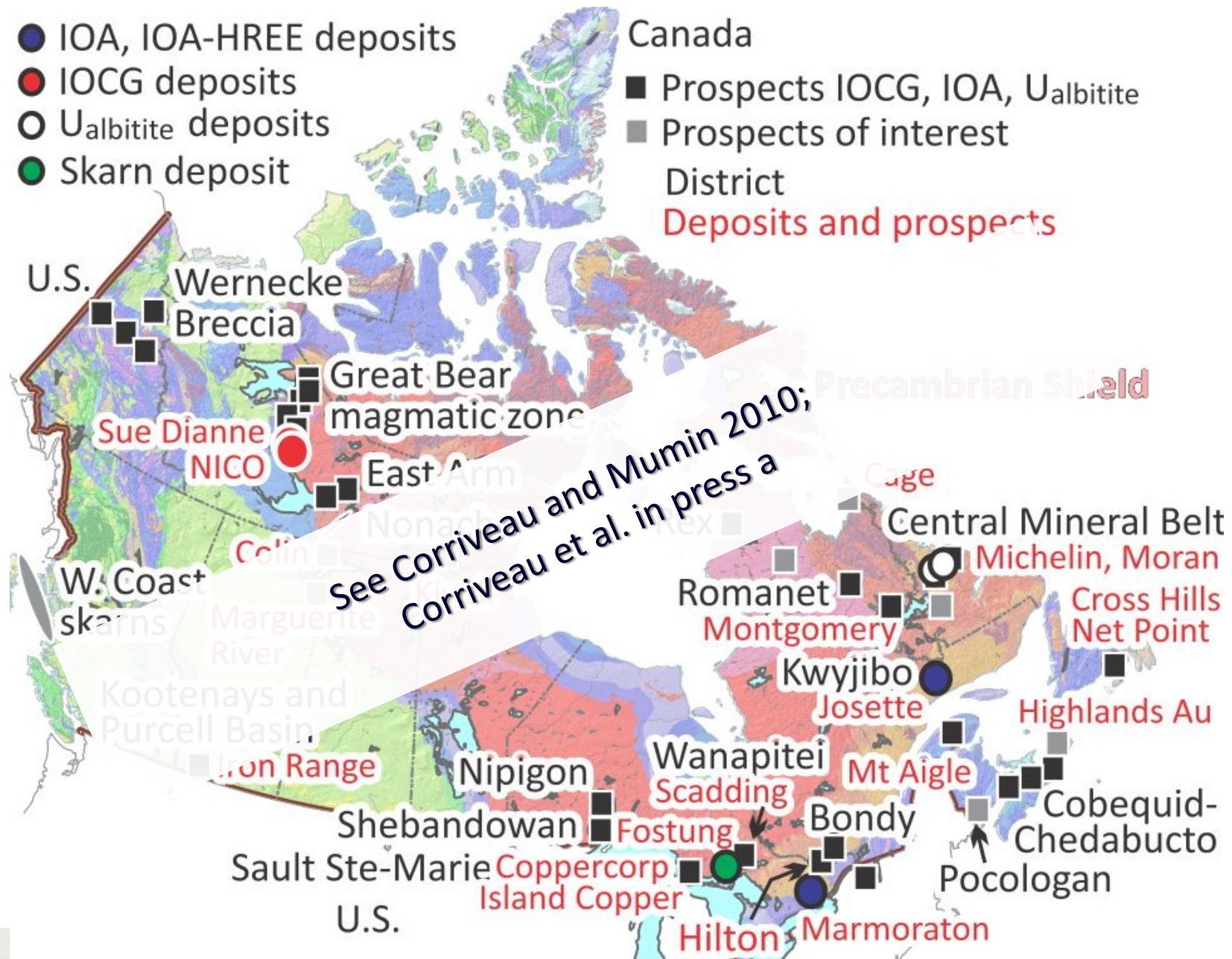
Facies		Minerals			Element enrichment			Examples
		Major	Accessory to major	Mineralization	Major commodity	Economic potential	Others	Lou system (GBMZ)
Facies 5	LT Ca/Mg/Na /K Si/H <sup>+</sup> /CO <sub>2</sub>	Qz, Cb (Dol, Cal), Chl, Ab, Kfs, Ms		Ccp, Brn, Cct, Co-Py, Co-Ars, Gn, Mol, Native Au, Sp, Urn	Au, Co, Cu, Mo, Re, U, Zn			
	LT Ca-Mg-Fe <sup>2+</sup>	Chl, Mag	Ab, Amp (Mns, Stp), Ank, Dol	Ccp, Native Au, Po, Py, Apy	Au, Cu	Bi, Co, U	Fe, LREE, Na, Ni	
	LT Ca-Mg-Fe <sup>3+</sup> - (±F)	Act, Adr, Aln, Chl, Ep, Hem, Hst	Ank, Brt, Cal, Fl, Kfs, Ms	Brn, Ccp, Cct, Gn, Py, Sp, LREE minerals, Urn	Ag, Au, Cu, Pb, U, Zn	LREE	Ba, F, Fe, S, K <sup>+</sup> , Sb, Sn, Sr	Chl patch in SBx
	LT Si-Fe-(±Ba)	Hem, Qz	Aln, Ank, Brt, Cal, Fl, Sid	Ccp, Native Au, LREE minerals, Py, Urn	Au, Cu, Fe	LREE, U		Only as veins under Facies 6
	LT K-Fe	Chl, Hem, Ms, Sd	Aln, Ank, Brt, Cal, Dol, Ep, Fl, Kfs, Qz	Brn, Ccp, Cct, Hem, Au, LREE min., Py, Urn	Ag, Au, Cu, Fe, U	Co, LREE, Mo, Pb, Re, W, Zn		In volcanics above NICO; overprints on HT K-Fe + mineralized veins at NICO
Facies 4	K-skarn	Aln, Cpx (Adr-Grs), Ep, Kfs	Ank, Cal, Dol, Mag	Ccp, Gn, Mol, Py, Sp	None	Cu, Mo, Pb, Zn		Exobreccia along felsic dykes
	K felsite	Kfs			None	None	Ba, K, Rb, Th	In volcanics above NICO; overprints SBx albitite; breccia along felsic dykes
Facies 3	HT K-Fe (Kfs)	Kfs, Mag	Bt, Cal, Chl	Ccp, Mol, Native Au, Urn	Ag, Au, Cu, Fe, U	Mo	Ba, C, F, K, Rb, Mn, P, REE, Sb, Te, Th, V, Zr	Iron oxide breccia with Kfs-altered clasts in volcanics above NICO and in albitite at SBx
	HT K-Fe (Bt)	Bt, Mag	Amp (Gru, Hbl), Grt, Kfs	Brn	Ag, Au, Co, Cu, Fe, U	Mo, Pd, Pt	Ba, C, F, K, Rb, Mn, P, REE, Sb, Te, Th, V, Zr	Stratabound Bt-dominant overprint on HT Ca-K-Fe at NICO; Mag-Bt patches in SBx
Facies 2-3	HT Ca-K-Fe	Amp (Act, Hbl), Bt, Kfs, Mag	Ap, Cpx (Aug), Grt (Adr-Grs)	Mag, Po, Ph, REE minerals (e.g. Ap, Mnz, Adr, Fl), Sch	Au, Bi, Co, Cu, Ni	Ag, As, Mo, Sb, Se, Te, W	Ba, Ca, K, P, Rb, REE, S, Th, U, Y	Stratabound Bt-Amp-Mag overprints of HT Ca-Fe with Apy stringers and veins at NICO; patches in SBx
Facies 2	HT Ca-Fe	Amp (Act, Cum, Hbl), Mag			Fe, REE	Co, Ni, V, W	Ca, Mg, P, Th, U	Stratabound Amp to Mag in sed.; Amp to Mag veins in HT Ca-K-Fe at NICO recording repetition of facies; patches and veins in SBx
Facies 1-2	Fe-skarn	Cpx (Dp-Hd), Grt (Adr-Grs), Mag	Amp (Hbl, Tr), Qz	Mag, Sch	Fe, W	REE, Co, Ni, V	P, Th, U	
	Skarn	Cpx (Aug, Dp-Hd), Grt (Adr-Grs)	Aln, Amp, Cal, Chl, Dol, Mag, Phl	Sch		W	Fe	Relics in Amp HT Ca-Fe of carbonate unit at NICO
Facies 1	HT Na-Ca-Fe	Ab, Amp (Act, Hbl), Mag	Ap, Cpx (Aug)		None	Fe, REE, V	Na, Ca, P, Th	Rare
Facies 1	Na, Na-Ca	Ab, Scp (residual Qz)	Amp (Act, Hbl), Cpx (Aug) Mag	None	None	Al	Ga, Na, Nb, Ta, Ti, Zr	Southern Breccia albitite corridor; relics at NICO

See Corriveau et al. in press a, b

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# TGI-6 global task force on MIAC systems with IOCG and critical metal deposits:

Tools, data, models and case examples are nothing without YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!



Prospective Settings

Critical metal resources untapped

Alteration to map and use as vectors to mineralization

Prospects to explore

Deposits to discover!

Deposit types to classify!

Geoenvironmental models to establish

**MIAC framework to establish together and with comparisons to global mining districts using a shared vocabulary and knowledge base**



Targeted Geoscience Initiative



Geomapping for Energy and Minerals (Geo-North)

Provincial and territorial survey data, assessment reports, shared or donated industry datasets



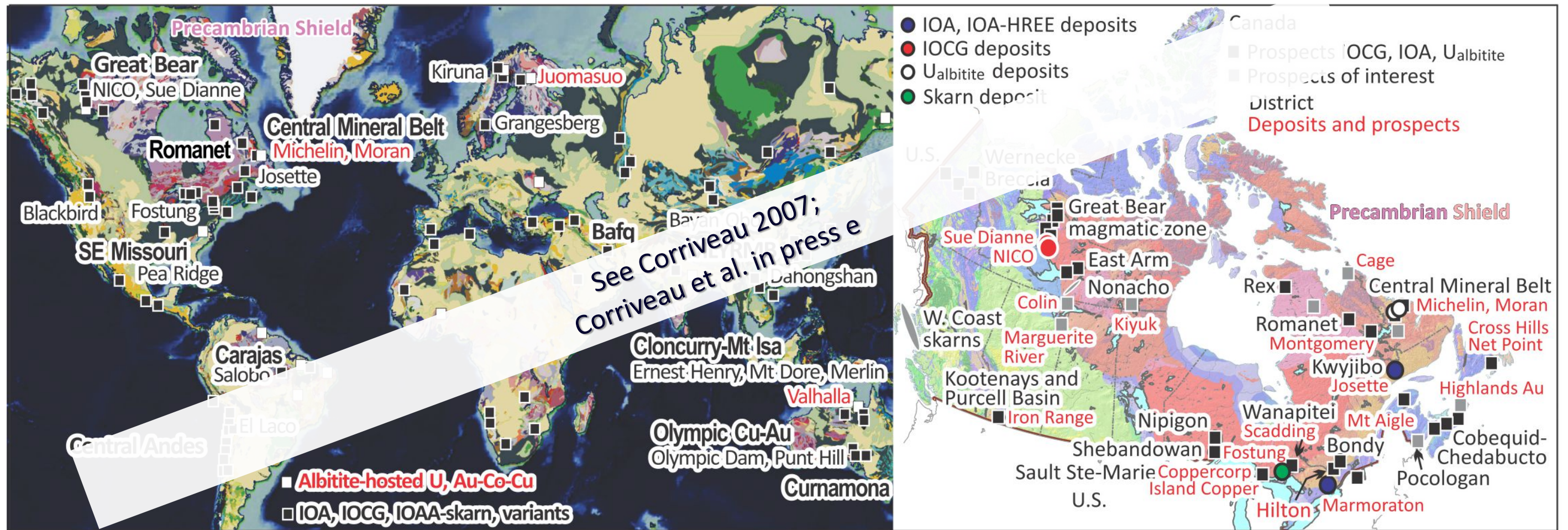
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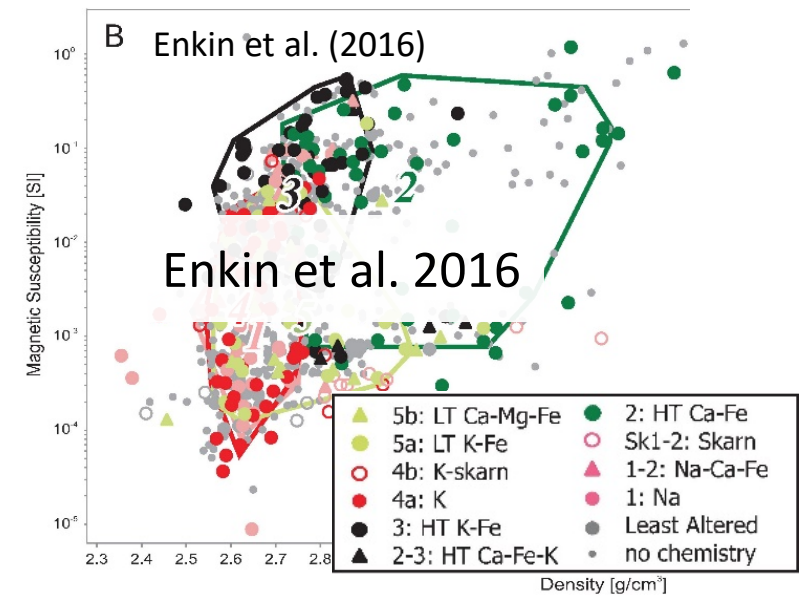
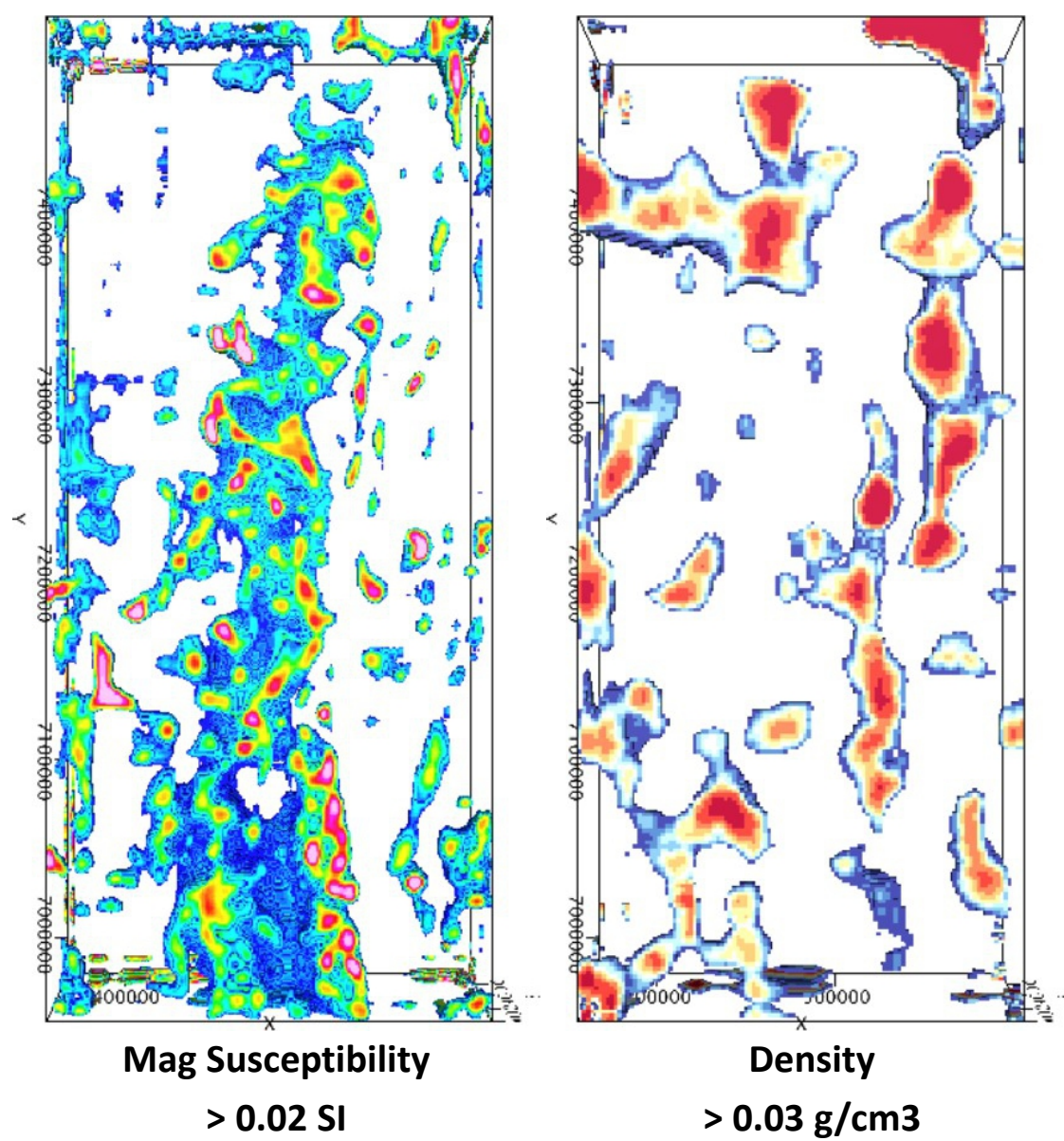
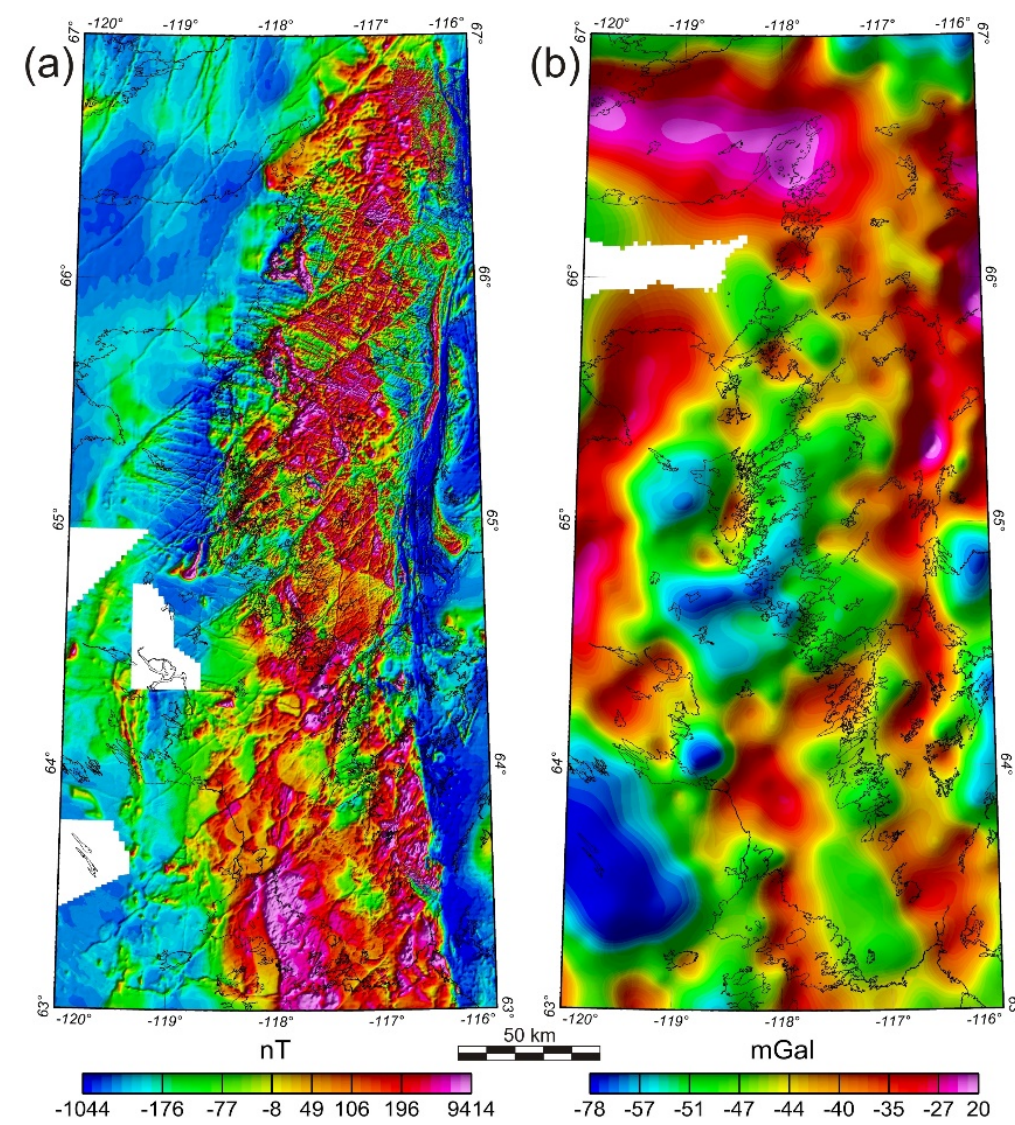
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# Teammates and their contributions



# Nathan Hayward, Vicki Tschirhart, and Randy Enkin, Jim Craven, Louise Corriveau Geological Survey of Canada – GBMZ - Potential Field Modeling



(1) Two new compilations of shared industry/public aeromagnetic data.

(2) Update to 2011 Open File map 6835

(3) 3-D Gravity and Magnetic Inversions to define zones with greatest physical property variation.

(4) Comparison on Inversion strategies: UBC-GIF vs VOXI.

(5) Calculation of areas with composite density and magnetic susceptibility variations.

See also Craven et al. 2013; Hayward and Oneschuck 2011; Hayward 2013; Hayward et al. 2013, 2016 ; Enkin et al. 2016, 2020



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# Randy Enkin, Louise Corriveau

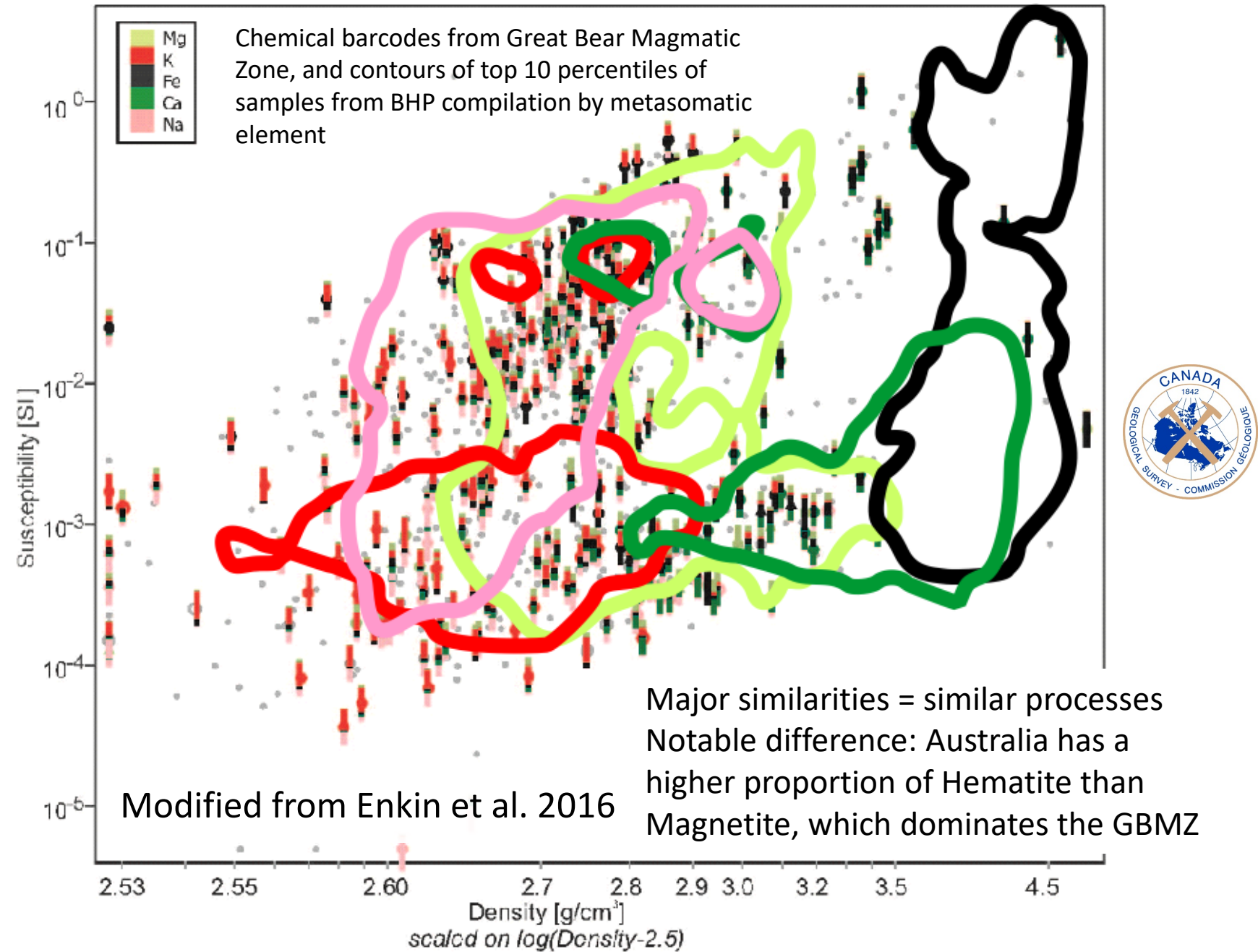
## Geological Survey of Canada

in collaboration with Kathy Ehrig

BHP-Olympic Dam, AU

### Linking MIAC physical properties to chemistry, mineralogy, metasomatism and mineralization

- Compare and contrast the physical properties and chemistry of Australian and Canadian MIAC systems
- Optimize data presentation methods (Chemical Barcodes)
- Determine the role of trace elements in modifying rock physical properties
- Develop geophysical signatures of metasomatism and mineralization
- Apply AI techniques to geophysical/geochemical analysis in MIAC settings



See also Enkin et al. 2016, 2020; Dmitrijeva et al. 2019



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# Jim Craven

## GSC Ottawa – Magnetotellurics

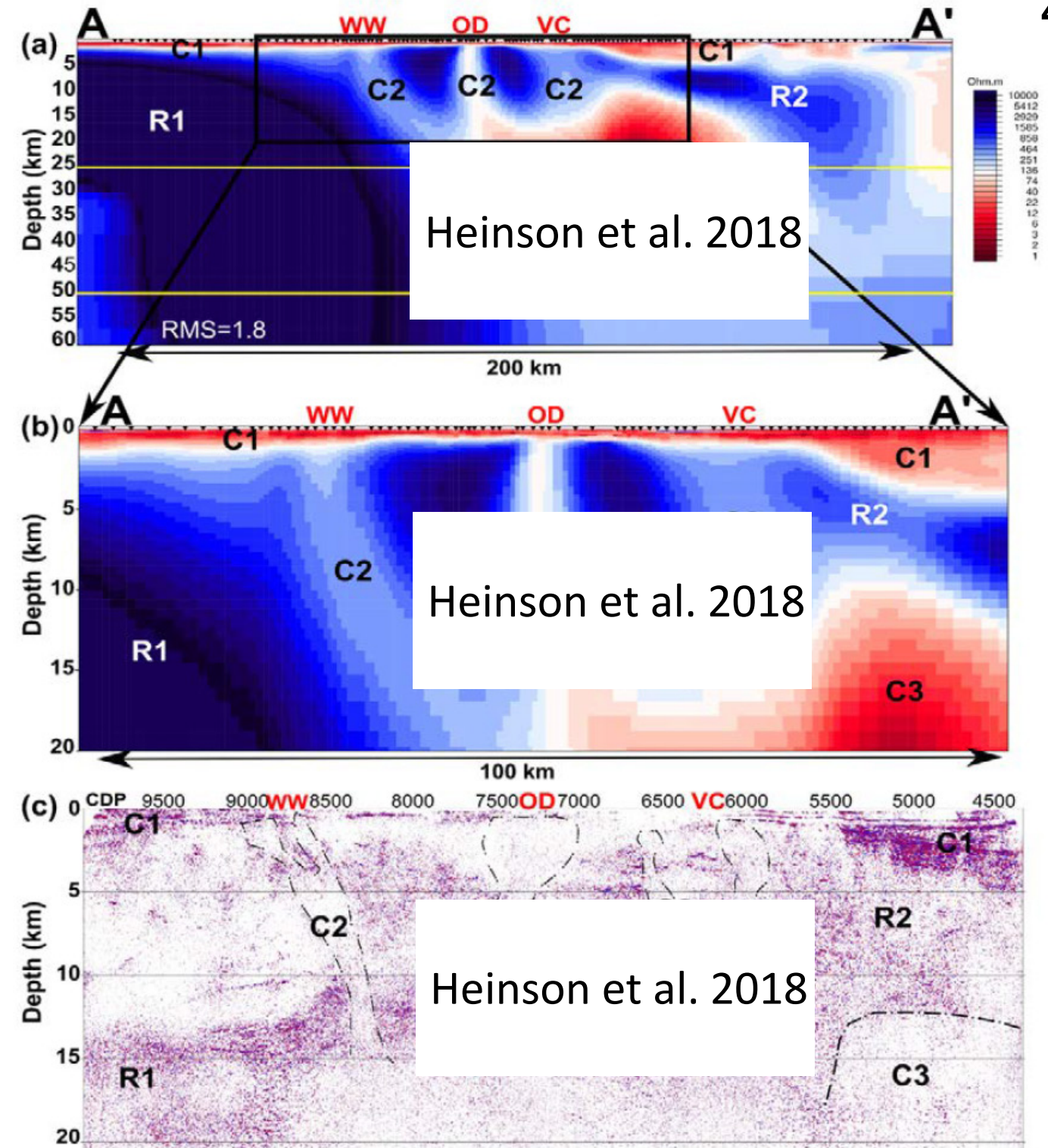
On going: work with Martyn Unsworth and Masoud Ansari to reprocess NICO 2009 MT dataset

Year 1: Compile EM Data in Great Bear (Nathan)  
(Re-)Analyze MT profile near Temagami

Year 3: Low cost MT survey outside Ottawa to leverage legacy data and test the **'Fingers of God'** hypothesis and investigate the role of deep pathways and reservoirs. Xenoliths (Corriveau and Morin, 2000) have sampled this deep pathway and are available to study lithospheric conditions for the generation of MIAC provinces.

Year 4: work with Gilles and Masoud to model MT and reprocess legacy seismic to evaluate the role with a disciplinary deep approach

The **'Fingers of God'** magnetotelluric and seismic footprint of the lithosphere below the supergiant Olympic Dam Cu-Au-U-Ag deposit, South Australia  
**OD = Olympic Dam deposit**



See also Craven et al. 2013;  
Adetunji et al. 2014, 2021;  
Hayward et al. 2016;  
Wise and Thiel 2020



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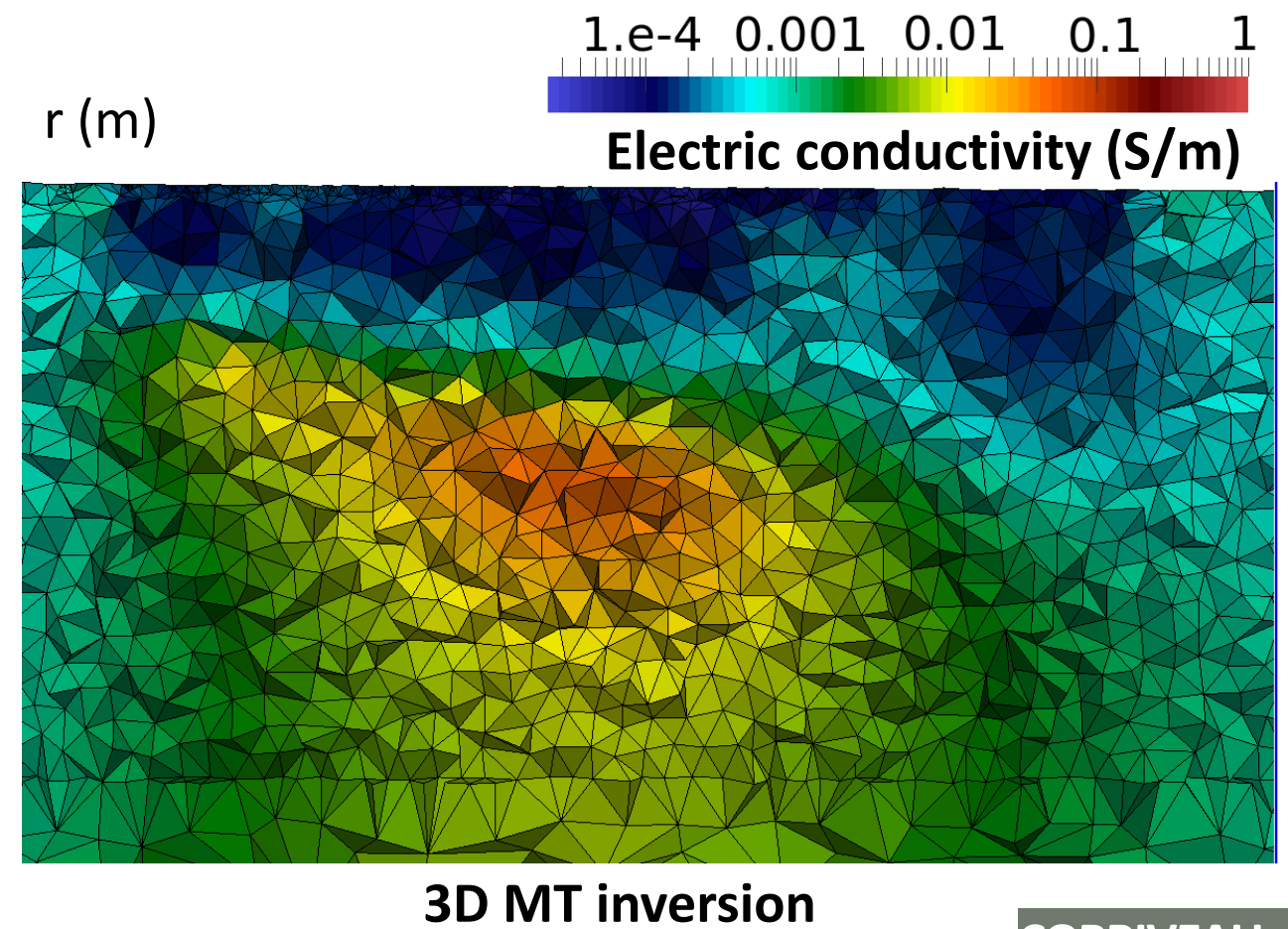
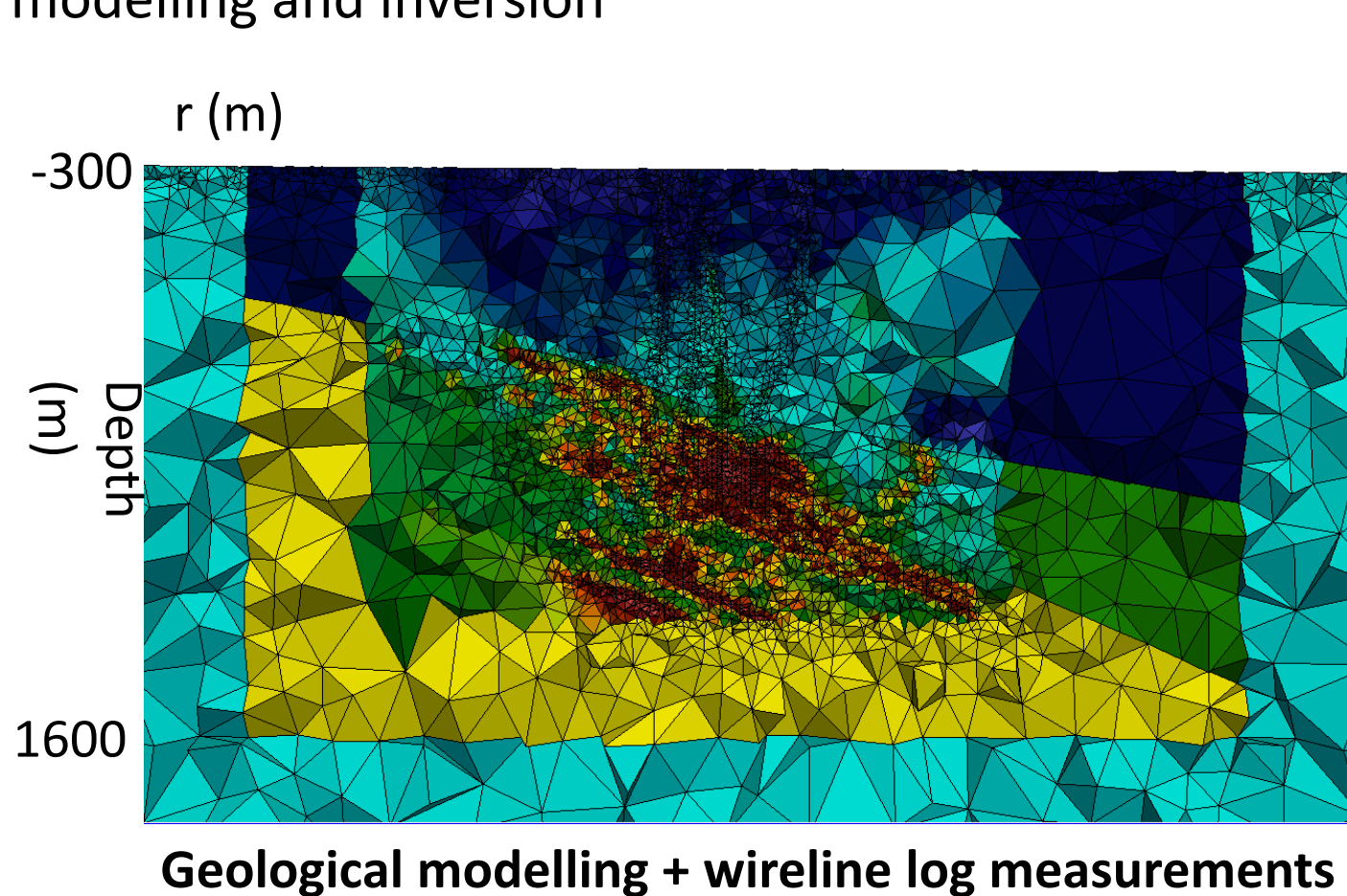
# Masoud Ansari

GSC Ottawa

**Expertise:** Development of numerical modelling and inversion (optimization) algorithms for geophysical electromagnetic (EM) data

**Current:** working on an inversion methodology and code development for the 3D magnetotelluric (MT) data – The methodology is refined towards imaging complex geology. This is done using finite-element (FE) approximations on unstructured (irregular) meshes.

**Goals:** Mapping alteration with MT or EM data using these computational tools, and petrophysics; deep crustal modelling and inversion





**Richard Fortin  
Brad Harvey  
Mathieu Ouellet**

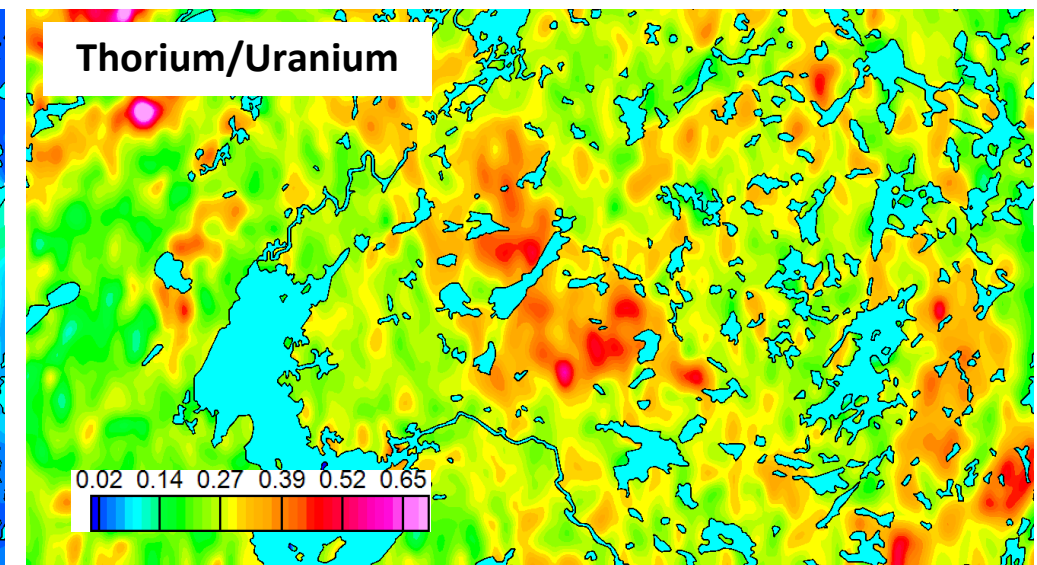
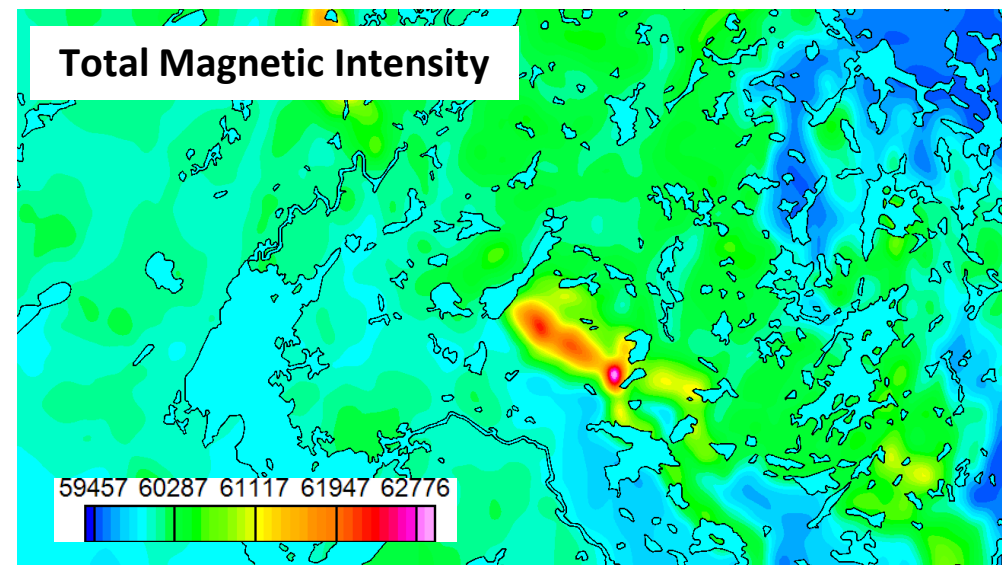
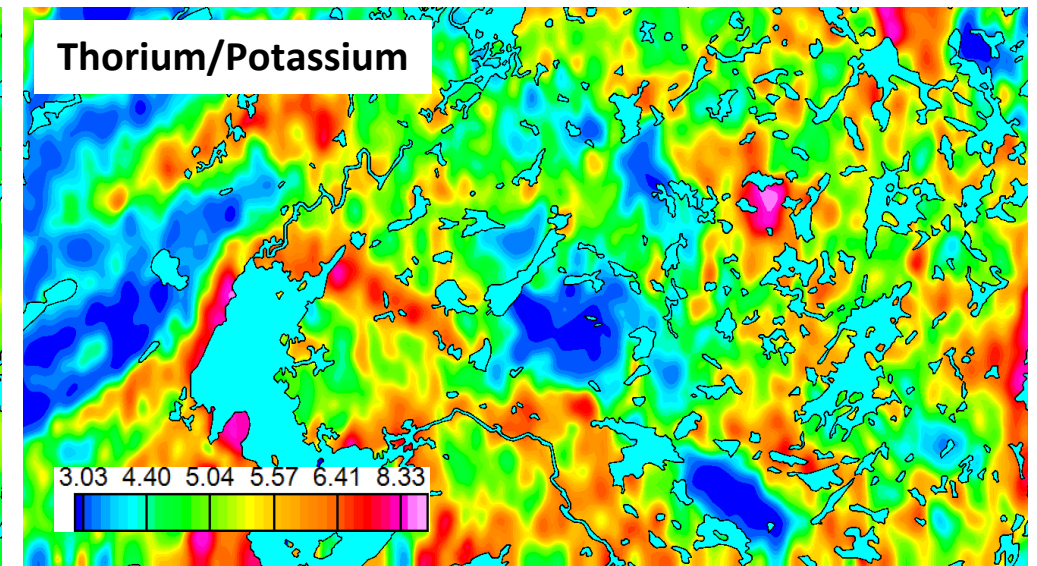
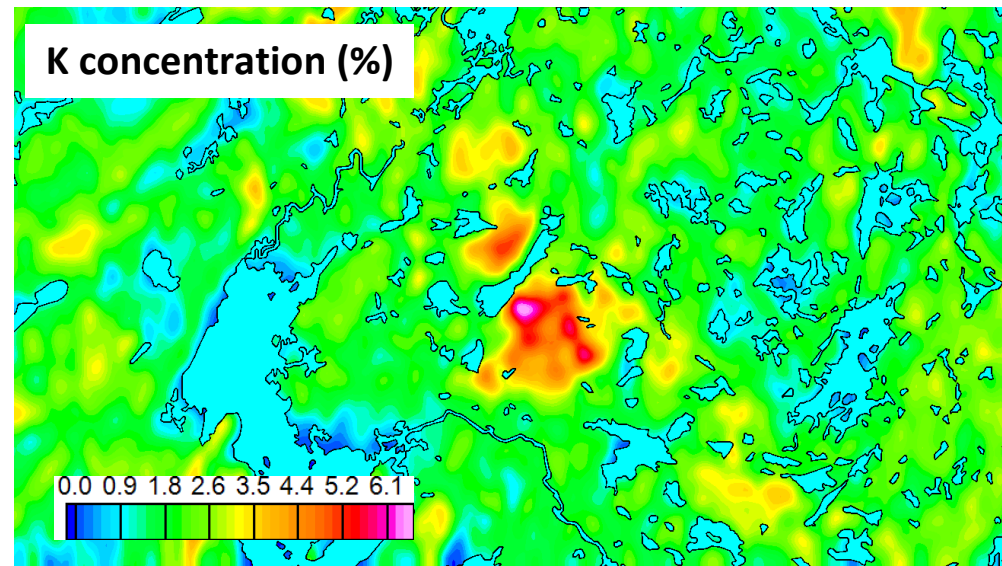
**Airborne Geophysics Section  
Geological Survey of Canada**

**Gamma-ray spectrometry for the  
characterization of MIAC systems in  
Canadian prospective settings**

❑ Compilation of legacy GEM-TGI in-situ gamma-ray spectrometry and susceptibility measurements for distribution in the GSC's Geophysical Data Repository.

❑ Develop a data analysis approach for gamma-ray spectrometry in the context of MIAC systems

See also Shives et al. 2000



Gamma ray spectrometric coverage - Lou Lake IOCG system, NT  
(Mazenod Lake Airborne geophysical survey, GSC, 1993)



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**Robin Goad**  
**President & C.E.O.**  
**Fortune Minerals Limited**



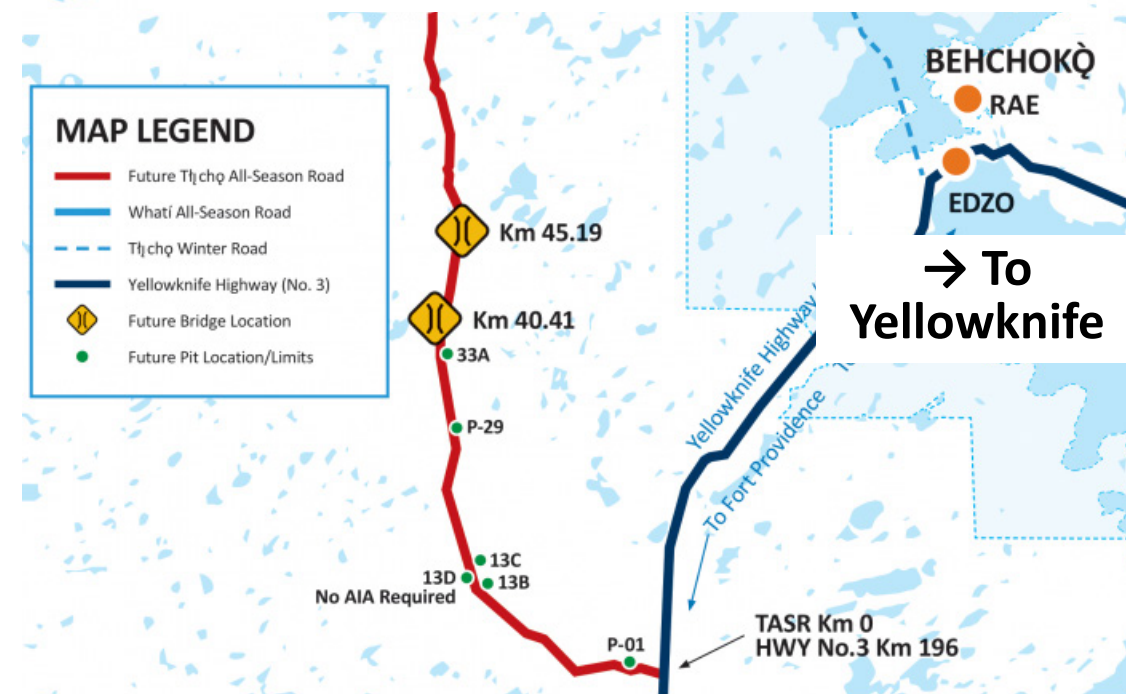
Collaboration with NRCan since Gandhi's days in the Great Bear  
 NICO Co-Au-Bi-Cu deposit in HT Ca-K-Fe alteration facies of MIAC system  
 Primary Co, Au co-product, 12% of global Bi reserves, by-product Cu  
 Received environmental assessment approval and mine permits  
 Completed a Socio-Economic Agreement with the NWT Government  
 Mine+concentrator (NWT) + Co sulphate, Au, Bi ingots and oxide, and Cu cement  
 hydrometallurgical refinery (AB or SK)

Preferred refinery site permitted + existing facilities

Access Agreement with the Tłıchǰ for road construction to NICO

Follow-up drilling planned on five targets from 2020 geophysical survey

- Coincident magnetic, chargeability and resistivity anomalies E of NICO
- Ralph Zone chargeability high, E of NICO
- Peanut Lake chargeability high anomaly ( $\pm$  coincident with 500m strong magnetic + gravity high with 3 m 1.76 g/t Au+ 0.1 Co; 3 m 1.8 g/t Au; 3 m 1.1 g/t Au + 0.35% Co; 3 m 1.16 g/t Au + 0.06% Co
- Moderate chargeability high 800 m SW of Peanut Lake (i.e. in Southern Breccia albitite corridor; see also Montreuil et al. 2015, 2016a,b; Hayward et al. 2016 )
- Magnetic + chargeability anomalies 800 m NE of NICO (cordierite alteration)



# NICO Au-Co-Bi-Cu deposit An update



## Open pit optimization & underground workings 51

Green = Upper Ore Zone, Blue = Middle Ore Zone  
Red = Lower Ore Zone, Brown = Open Pit  
Cyan = Underground Development & Stopes

### NICO Mineral Reserves based on 327 drill holes, surface trenches & underground test mining

- 3 ore lenses up to 1.3 km long, 550 m wide, & 70 m thick with combined mining widths typically > 100 m for low-cost open pit mining
- Ore in ironstone breccia (Fe oxide & silicates) with ~5 sulphides containing economic metals

**Fortune Minerals can provide the 3D block model and associated data for GSC research on critical metals (millions of \$ in kind value) if GSC funding becomes available for research**

### Underground test mining in 2006 & 2007

- Verified mining conditions & deposit geometry & grade
- Large samples of ores collected for pilot plant testing

### Pilot plants at SGS Lakefield Research between 2007 & 2010

### Validated process flow sheets, metallurgical recoveries & produced samples for product testing

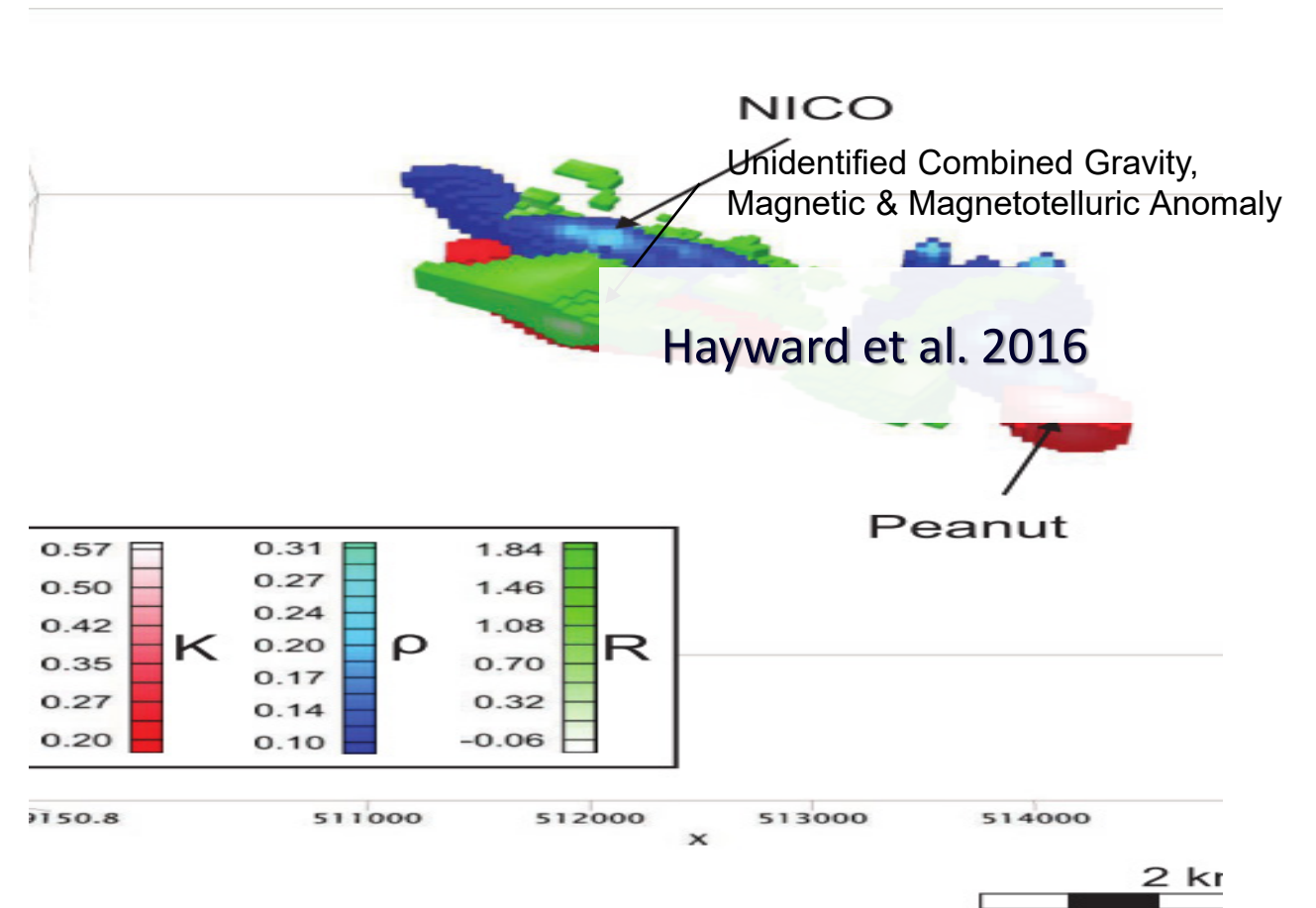
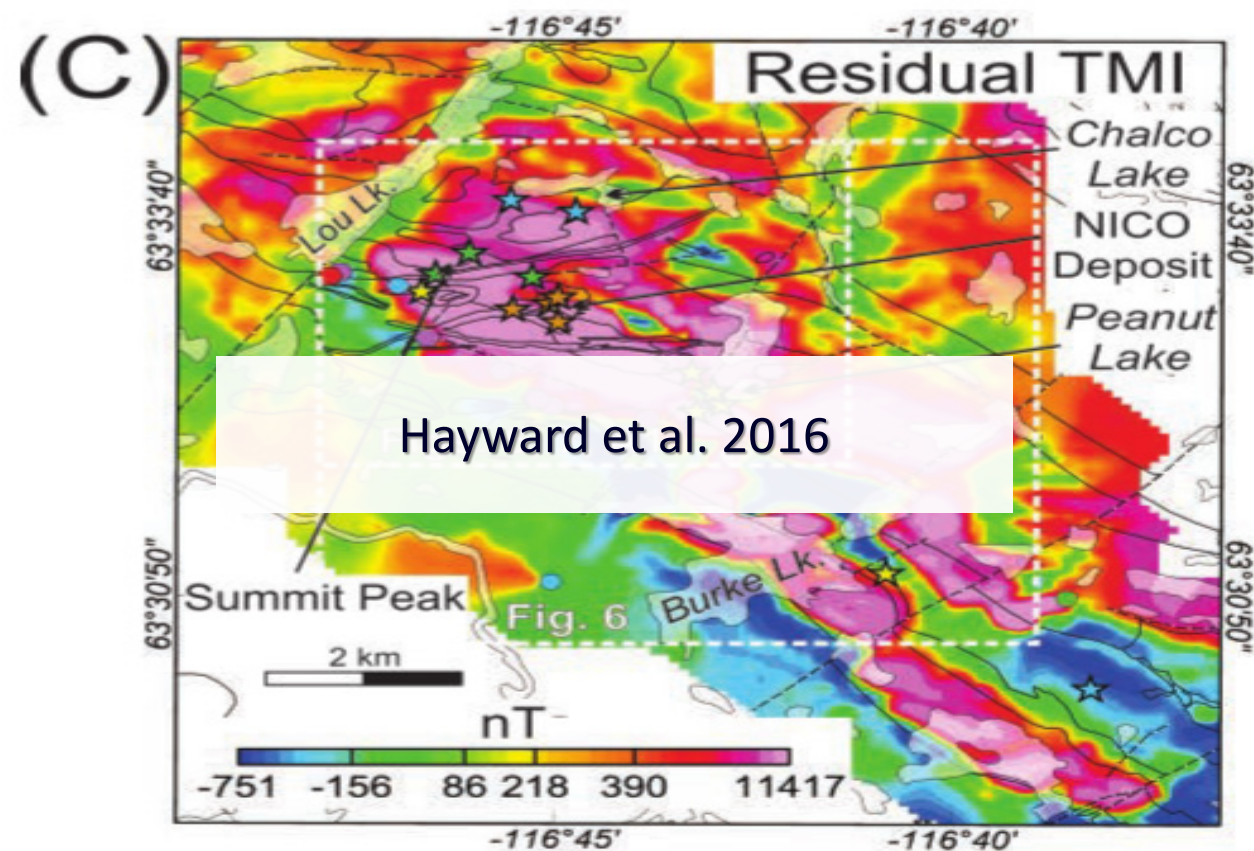
- Crushing, grinding, bulk & secondary flotation
- High pressure acid leach (HPAL) of cobalt concentrate & bismuth leach residue + gold recovery
- Cobalt carbonate precipitation, solvent extraction & ion exchange, electro-winning & cobalt sulphate crystallization
- Ferric chloride leach of bismuth concentrate followed by electro-winning to cathode & smelting
- Environmental characterization of all waste products



See also Goad et al. 2000; Burgess et al 2014

## Additional resource potential

- Significant potential to identify new resources drill testing surface mineralization & geophysical targets
- Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) identified large coincident magnetotelluric, gravity & magnetic anomalies an order of magnitude larger & stronger than NICO deposit anomaly beneath the known deposit & mantled by copper mineralization that may represent down-faulted extension of deposit
- Copper mineralization identified near Peanut Lake where coincident magnetic, magnetotelluric & gravity anomalies were identified along faulted east strike extension of NICO deposit & remain untested



Source: GSC & its reprocessing of Fortune magnetic & gravity data

# Critical minerals project challenges

- **Governments have identified Critical Minerals needed for the transformation to new technologies**
  - Essential uses in manufacturing & defense industries, not easily substituted by other minerals & supply chains threatened by geographic concentration of production & geopolitical risks
  - Cobalt, Bismuth & copper all identified as Critical Minerals
- **Advancements in technologies evolve faster than the resource industry can identify & develop new deposits for supply / demand alignment**
  - Exploration is in decline & only 1 in 1,000 prospects is commercially viable
  - Mineral deposits typically take 15-20 years to develop after a mineral deposit is first identified
  - Critical Minerals market opportunities are not well understood by the investment community & are difficult to attract risk capital
- **Critical Minerals projects cannot be processed in most existing downstream smelters & refineries**
  - Refineries not situated in North America
  - Existing plants not configured to process feed sources from other projects or complex materials
  - Poor metallurgical recoveries using conventional smelting techniques
  - Existing plants cannot recover by-products & / or charge excessive penalties
  - Refineries owned by large companies not focussed on specialty metals that aren't part of their primary business
- **Critical Minerals projects must typically fund their own vertically integrated process facilities**
  - Adds significant capital costs to development projects making them difficult to finance
  - Increases the technical & financial risks
  - Deposits typically do not have the required size or grade to justify the additional investment in a refinery

**Shirley Peloquin** (PhD, PGeo)

Sudbury District Geologist, Resident Geologist Program, Ontario Geological Survey  
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- Experience:
- 35 years experience: industry, academia and government
  - worked in Ontario, Manitoba, Québec and Newfoundland
  - worked on VMS, gold, and nickel deposits
- Current Interests:
- Mineral deposits in the Sudbury RGP District (Grenville, Southern & Superior provinces)
  - Particularly « uncommon » commodities or mineralization types

**IOCG**

Area of Interest (Sudbury RGP District):

Historically the « Huronian Gold Belt » (includes Lake Wanapitei area)

- Scadding deposit first proposed as modified IOCG by Schandl & Gorton 2007

Work plans:

Compile Data from OGS (Mineral Deposit Inventory, etc.) and from Assessment Files

- indications of IOCG relationship

Collaborate and consult within the OGS

Request to collaborate with private sector

- property visits (when COVID restrictions lifted)
- possible information access (photographs, samples or analyses)

Discussion and informal collaboration with GSC and other entities to advance knowledge to everyone's mutual benefit, providing non-confidential data for integration into large-scale robust model

## **Barun Maity**

Sault Ste Marie District Geologist, Resident Geologist Program, Ontario Geological Survey

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### **Experience:**

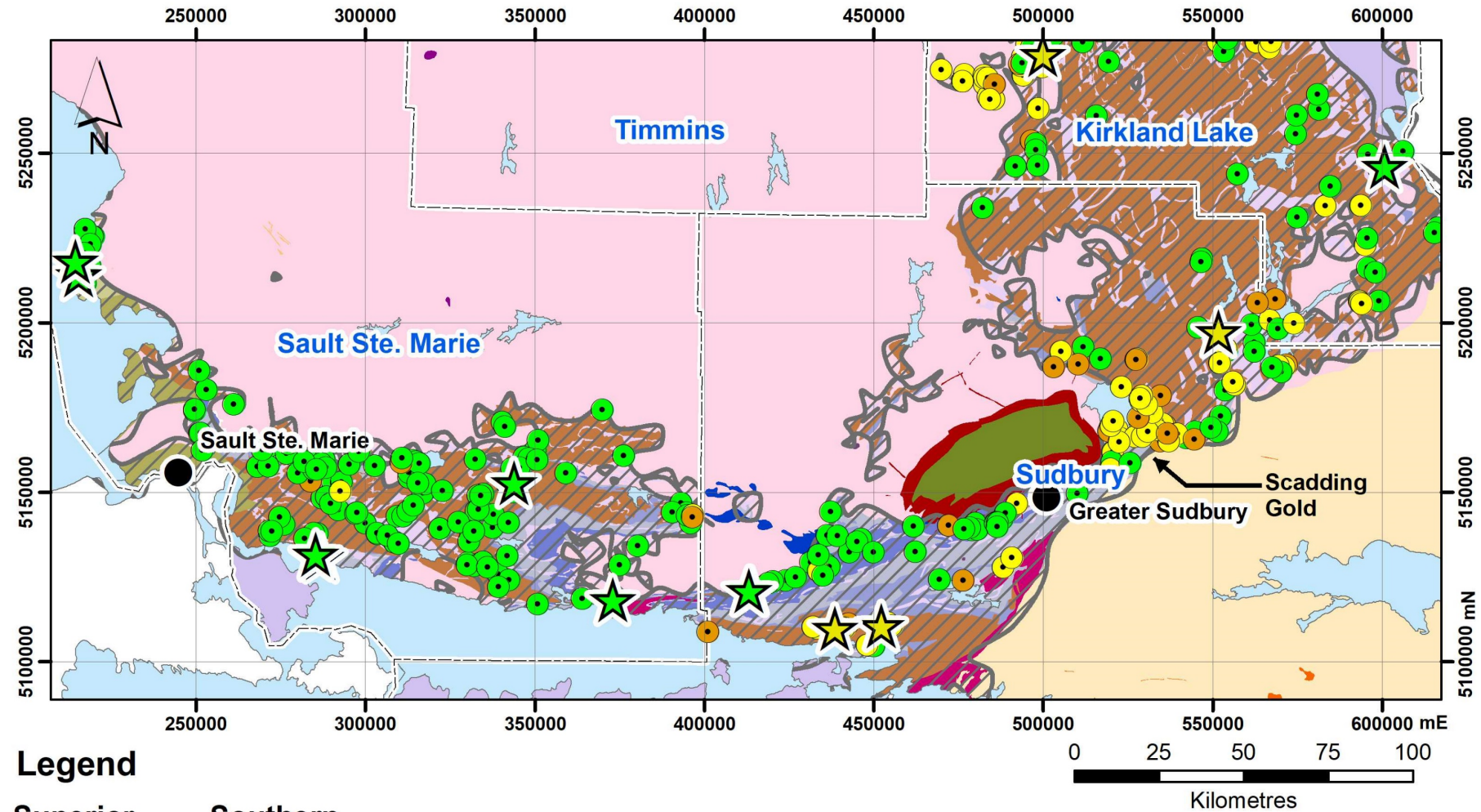
- Ten years of graduate research and analytical experience in Precambrian geology, petrology, lithogeochemistry, isotope geology, mineral chemistry, structure and field mapping.
- Four years of industry experience in iron ore (Zimbabwe) and coal bed methane (India) exploration.

### **Current Projects:**

- Delineate mineral deposits systems in SSM.
- Identify occurrences of deposit-scale Critical Minerals in SSM.
- Assist in the discovery of IOCG systems in SSM.
- Collaborate with the geoscientists from the OGS, GSC, industry and academia.

## Area of Potential Interest

- Proterozoic in age
  - Huronian Supergroup
- Common alterations recognized include sodium, potassium, iron, calcium and silica (highly variable)
- Copper and copper-iron sulphides, iron oxide, gold
- Uranium in area commonly placer
- Silver-Cobalt (veins)
- Brecciated country rocks



### Legend



Schandl, E.S. and Gorton, M.P. 2007. The Scadding gold mine, east of the Sudbury Igneous Complex, Ontario: An IOCG-type deposit?; *The Canadian Minerologist*, v.45, p.1415-1441.

Farrow, D. 2016. Soda metasomatism as a possible iron oxide-copper-gold (IOCG) deposit indicator in the Sudbury District; *in Ontario Geological Survey, Resident Geologist Program, Recommendations for Exploration 2016–2017*, p.65-67.



## **R. Michael Easton, PhD, PGeo**

Geoscience Leader, Proterozoic and Northwest Planning Groups  
Earth Resources and Geoscience Mapping Section, Ontario Geological Survey  
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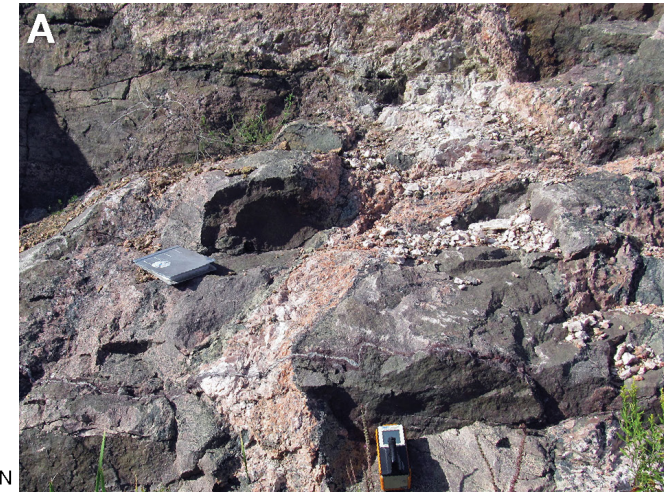
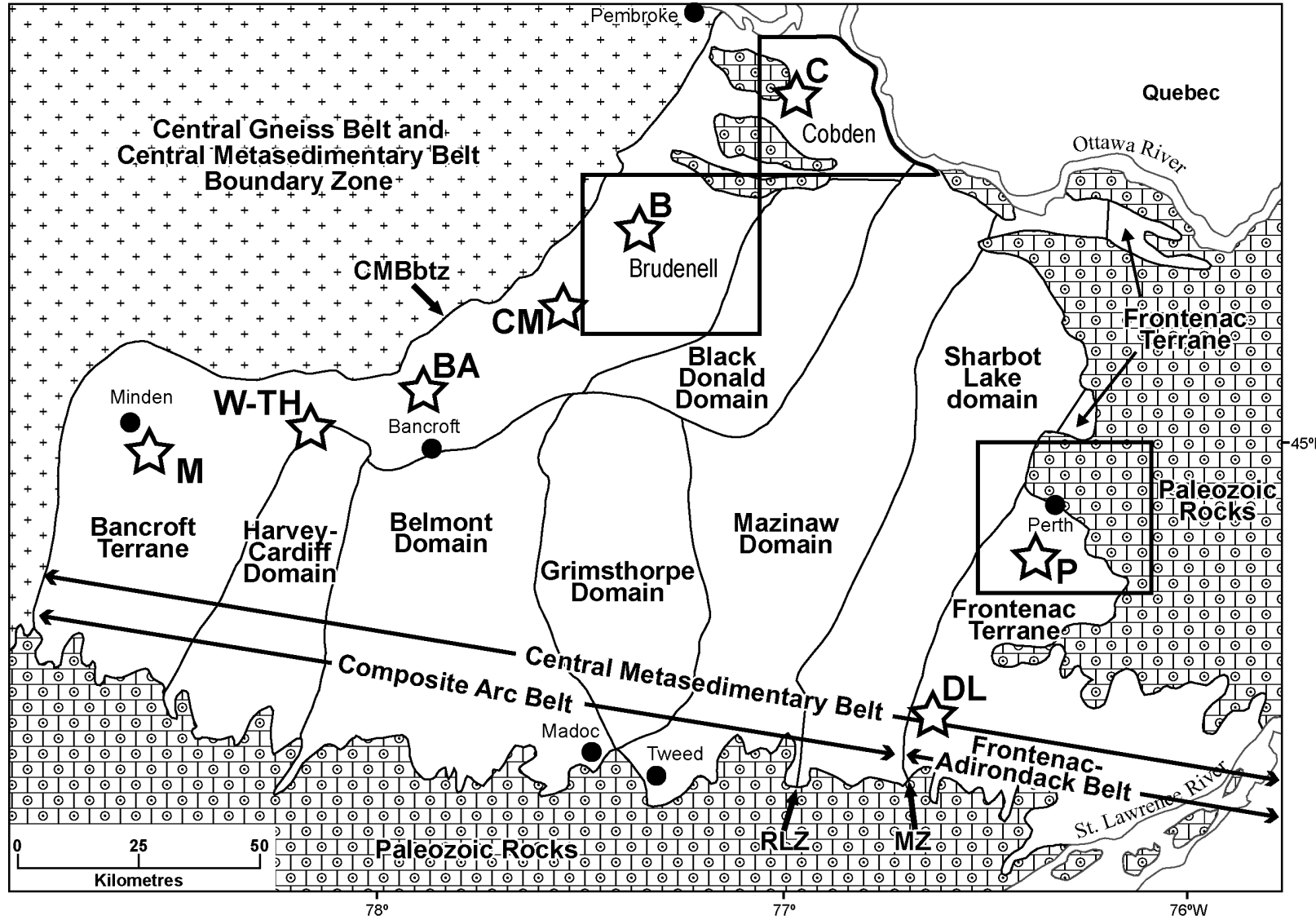
Experience: - 45 years experience: government and industry  
- worked in Ontario, Northwest Territories  
- adjunct professor, Carleton University, Ottawa

Interests: - mapping, geochronology, geochemistry, metamorphic petrology, volcanology

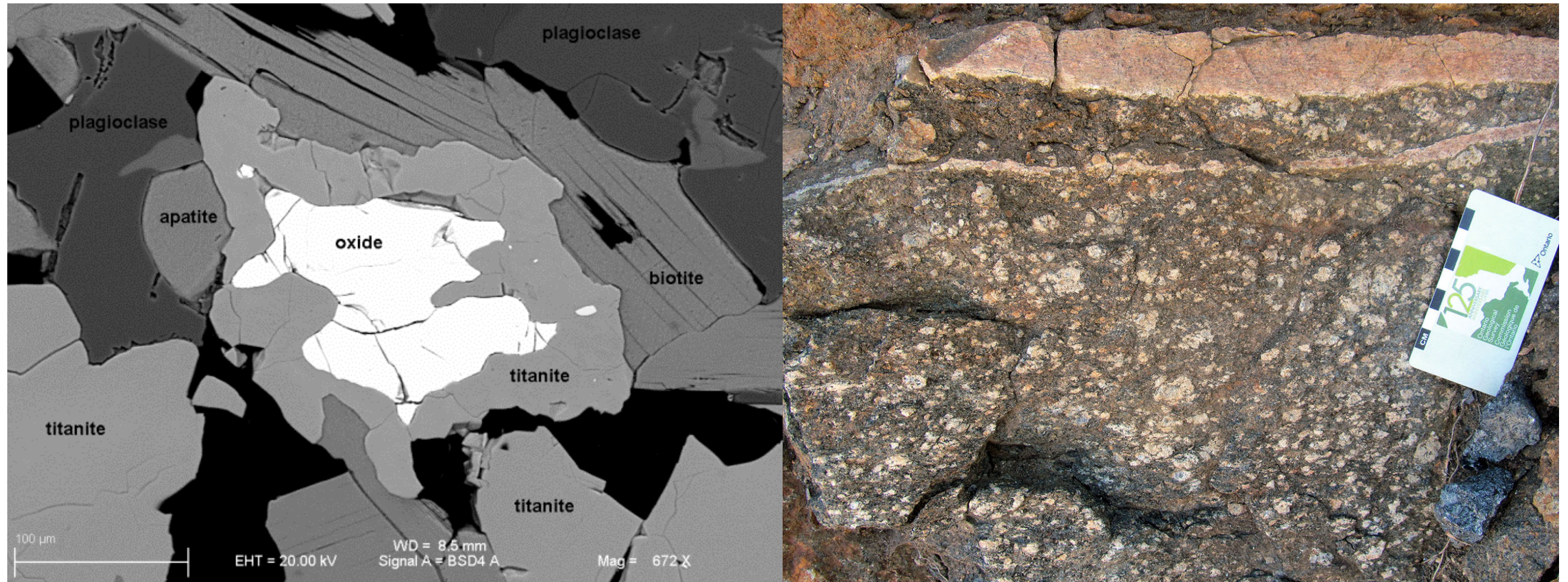
Responsibilities: - project planning and technical reviews of all ERMGS projects in the Proterozoic in Ontario (Grenville & Southern provinces, Midcontinent Rift, carbonatites)

**MIAC:** - calcite-apatite-diopside-mica veins in the Ontario Grenville Province, felsic IOA systems?  
- iron oxide-phosphate mineralization in mafic phases of the Frontenac intrusive suite

# Calcite-apatite vein distribution



## Frontenac suite



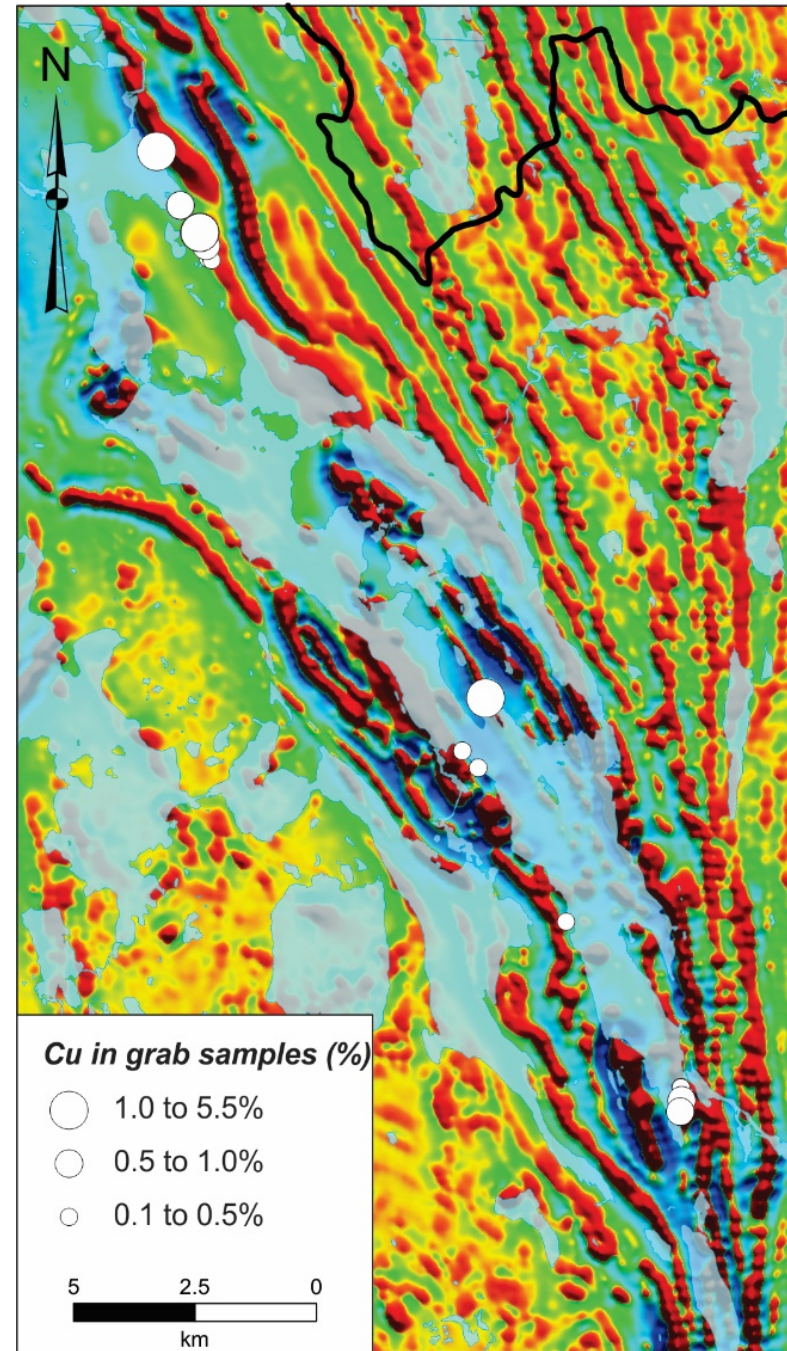
# James Conliffe

Project Geologist

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

## MIAC systems in the Labrador Trough

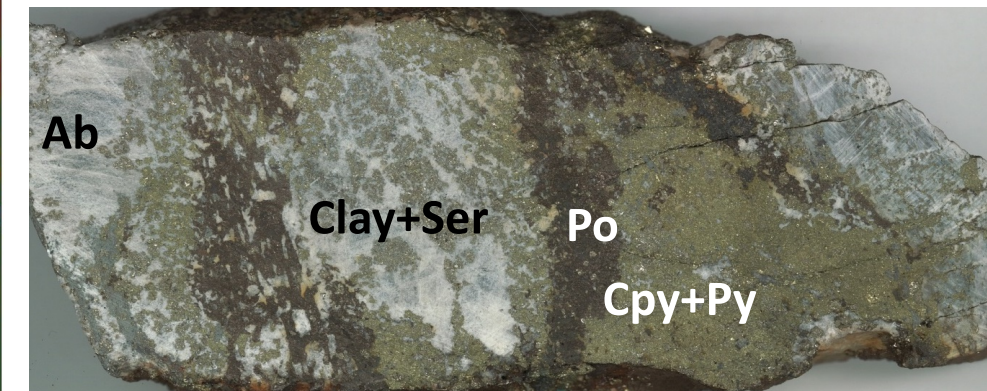
- MIAC systems and associated polymetallic mineralization have been recognized in the Romanet Horst and Andre Lake areas, Labrador Trough, Canada (Corriveau et al., 2014; Conliffe, 2020)
- Historical data includes drilling from the Labrador section in the 1960s with descriptions of strong biotite-magnetite alteration (HT K-Fe) with up to 0.3% Cu
- 2021-22 Project Objectives
  - Review of historical data from exploration to identify MIAC alteration
  - Regional geochemical sampling and plotting new lithogeochemical data on alteration facies diagrams



2VD magnetic map of Andre Lake area, showing anomalous Cu values in grab samples



Brecciated, albite-altered shale from Montgomery Lake Prospect, Andre Lake area



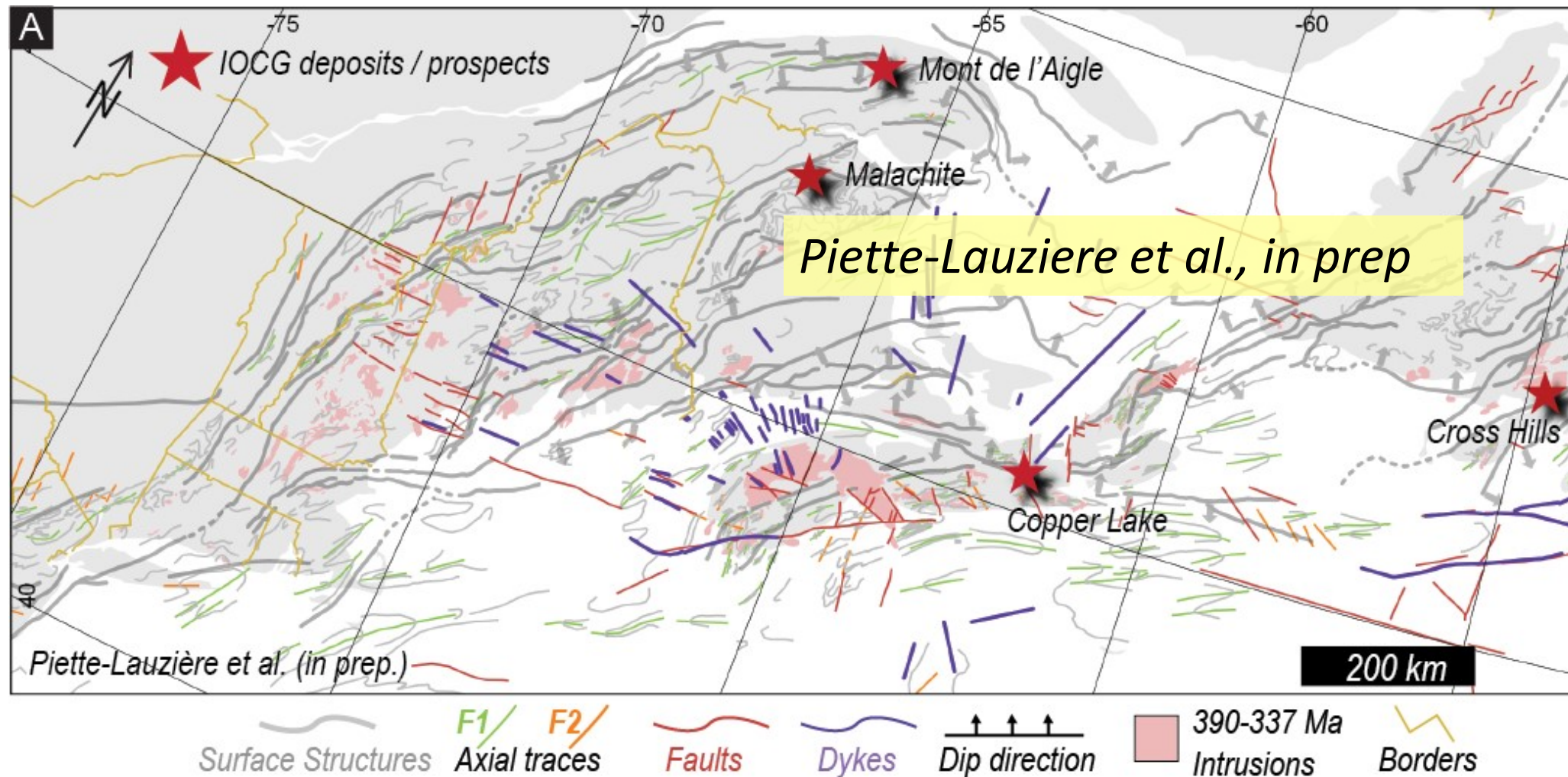
Polymetallic Cu-Ag-Au-(Co-Zn) mineralization from Delhi Pacific – Chibtown Prospects, Romanet Horst

# Dawn Kellett and Neil Rogers

Research scientists, Geological Survey of Canada

Appalachian Deep Time TGI-6 sub-activity

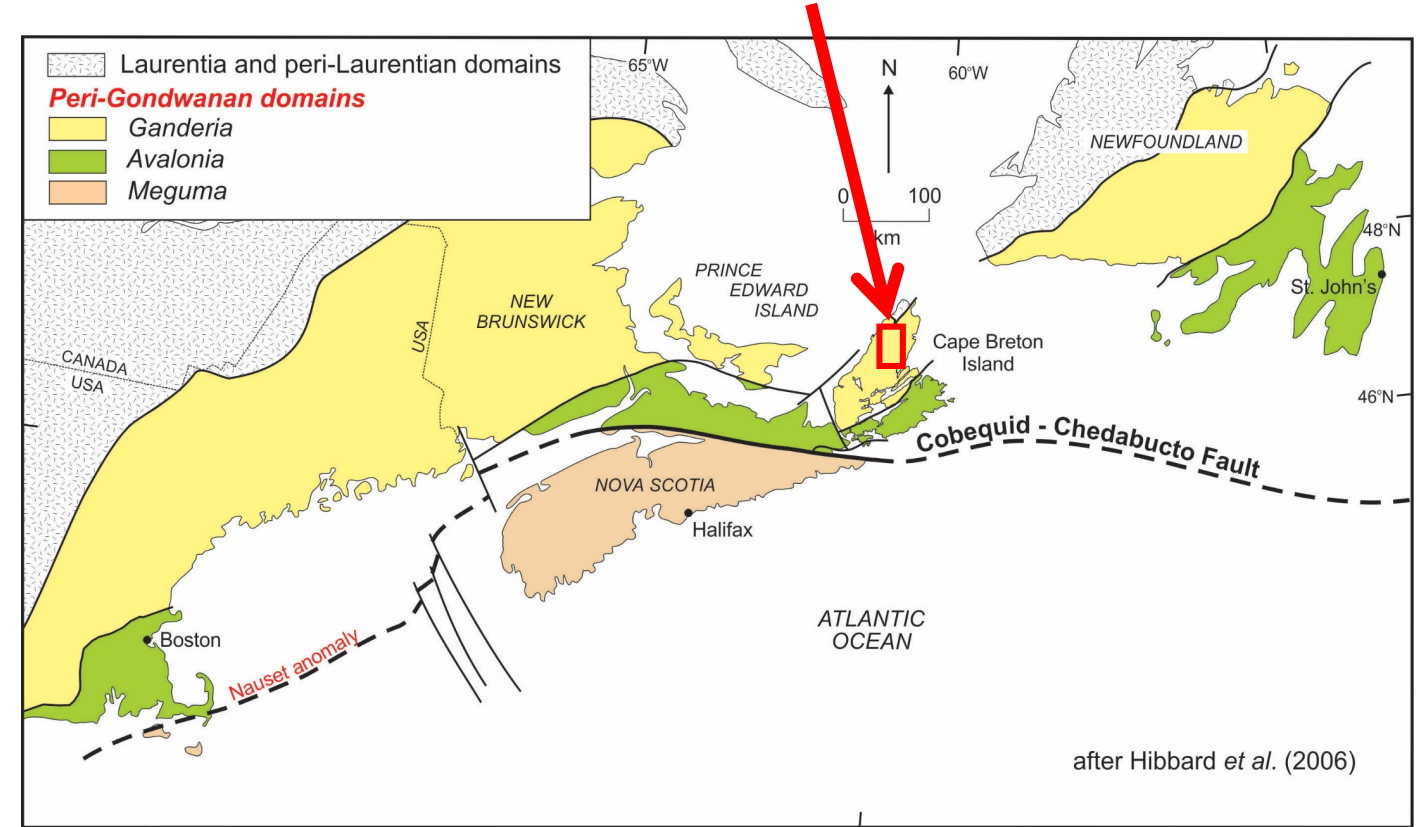
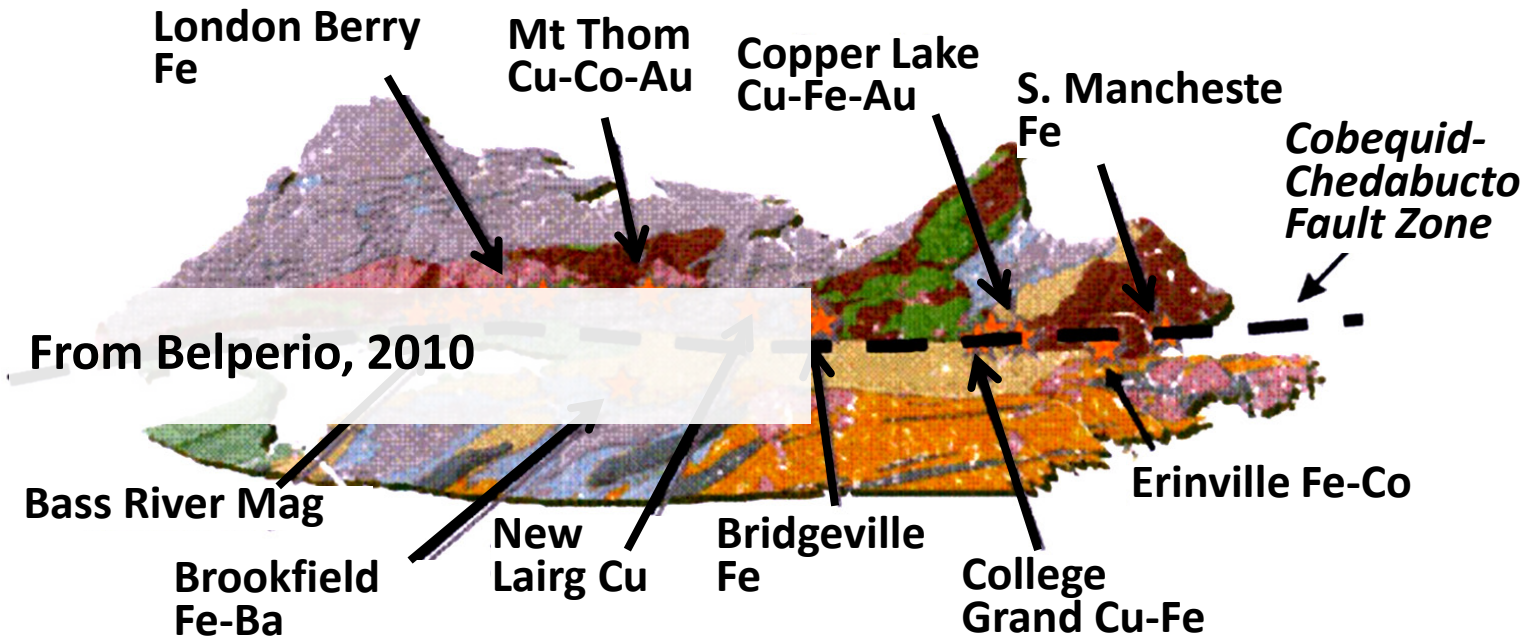
An orogen-scale framework to place IOCG and affiliated mineralization into context for MIAC-related TGI-6 research



- Multiple generations of overlapping mineralizing events generated during progressive accretionary orogenesis
- Formed spatially and temporally heterogeneous ore systems
- Siluro-Devonian, post-orogenic granitoid-related mineralization in particular contain a wide array of critical minerals, distribution of which is genetically linked with the interactions of earlier orogenic events.
- Critical processes that localize metal enrichment will be targeted by linking multiple (including new) data sources within a tectonostratigraphic plate reconstruction framework.

**Geoff Baldwin**  
Nova Scotia Geological Survey

**GAC-MAC 2019: Baldwin, G., The Highlands Gold occurrences, eastern Cape Breton Highlands, Nova Scotia: An unrecognized IOCG district?**



**Kevin Neyedley**  
Nova Scotia Geological Survey

No current project plans related to IOCG/IOA deposits  
Available to assist in sample collection or access to samples in our core library

# Nicolas Piette-Lauzière

Ph.D. candidate - University of British Columbia

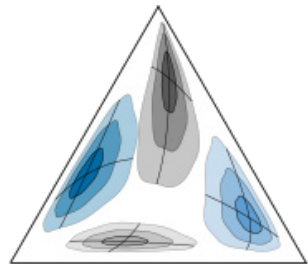
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## Activities:

-Implementing a routine to plot AIOCG and barcodes in the open source python package Pyrolite

-The AIOCG plot can be used as a classifier (assign alteration type to each analysis) using complementary information from barcodes to discriminate overprints or less intense alteration from samples that have the alteration types of the discriminant diagram field they plot in

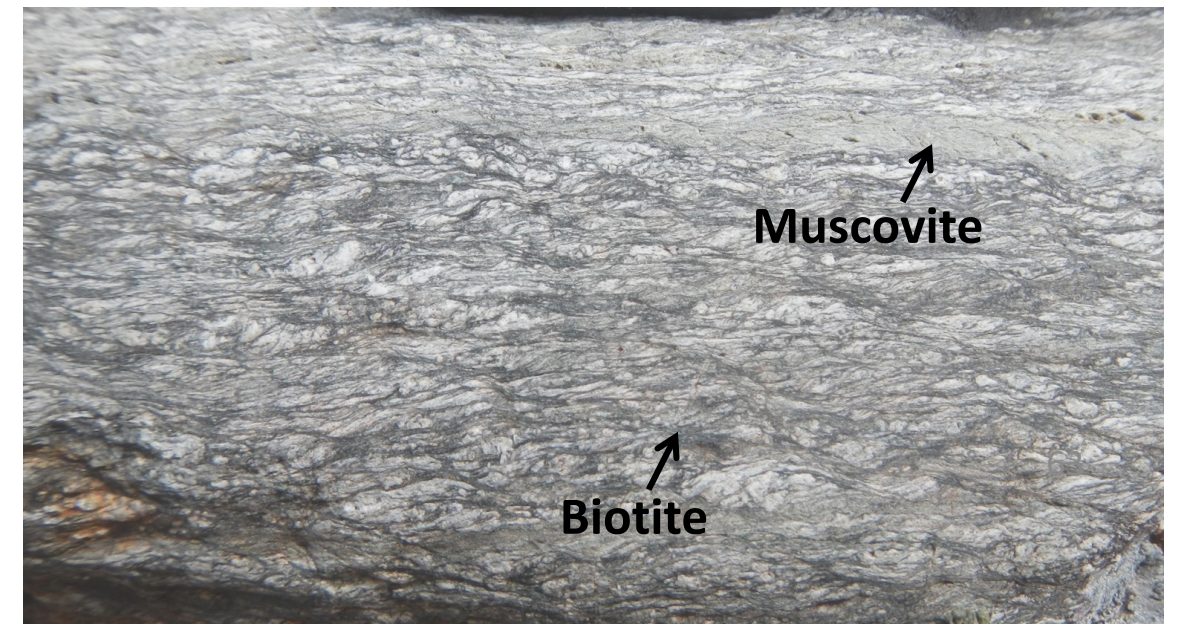
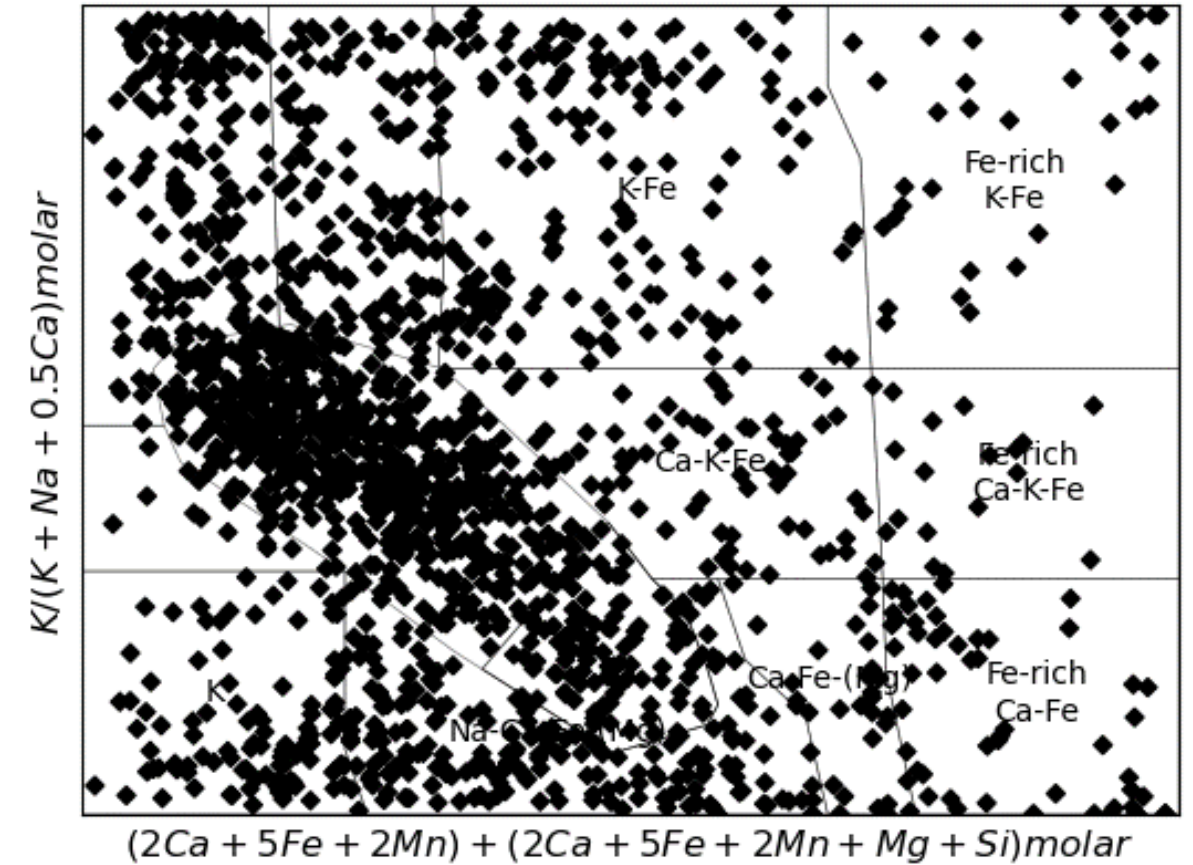


[pyrolite.readthedocs.io](http://pyrolite.readthedocs.io)

## Research interests:

-Interaction between shear zones and magmatic-hydrothermal systems

-Machine learning applied to mineral prospectivity mapping



Muscovite

Biotite

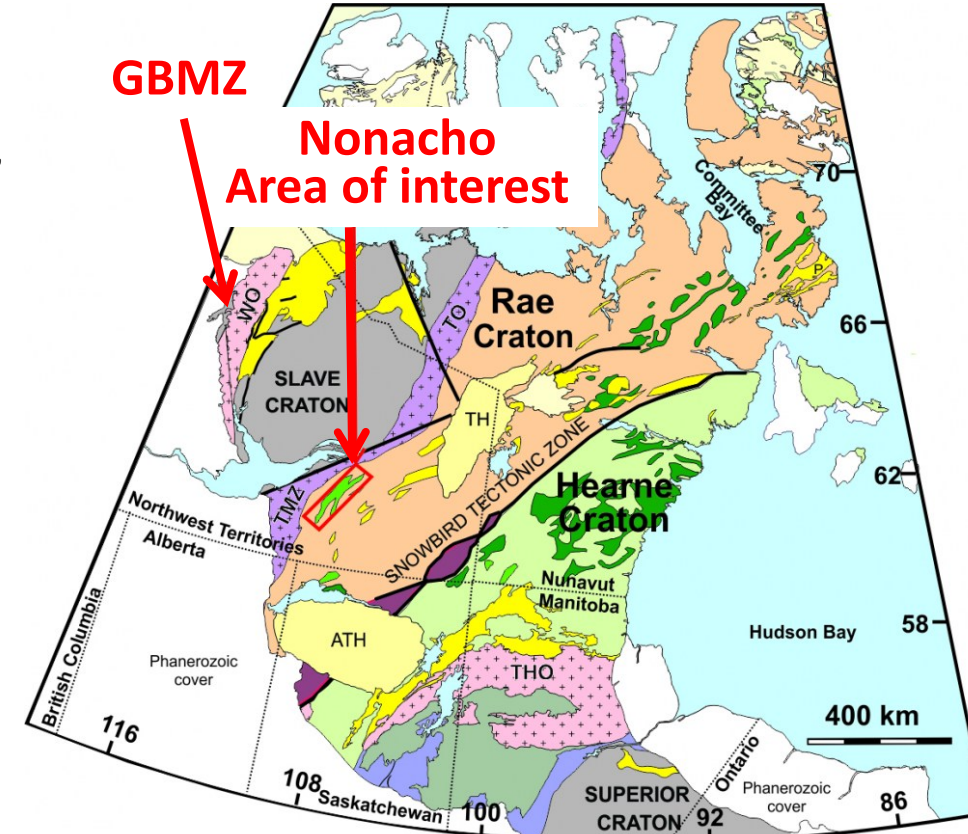
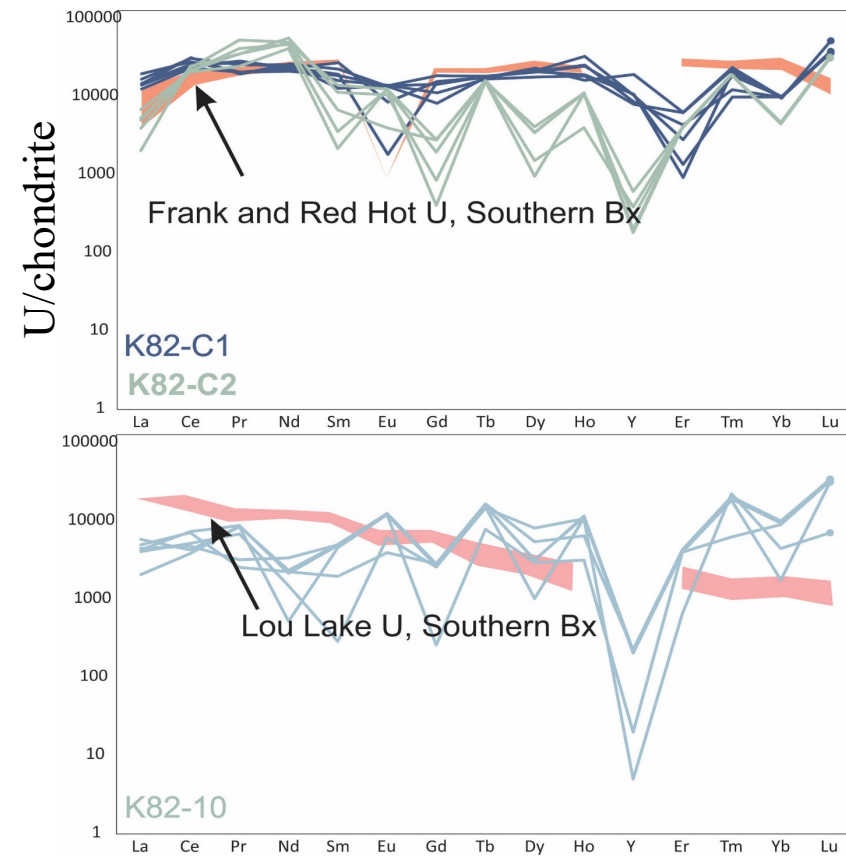
**Erin Adlakha**  
**Assistant Professor**  
**Saint Mary's University, Halifax**

**Field of Expertise:**

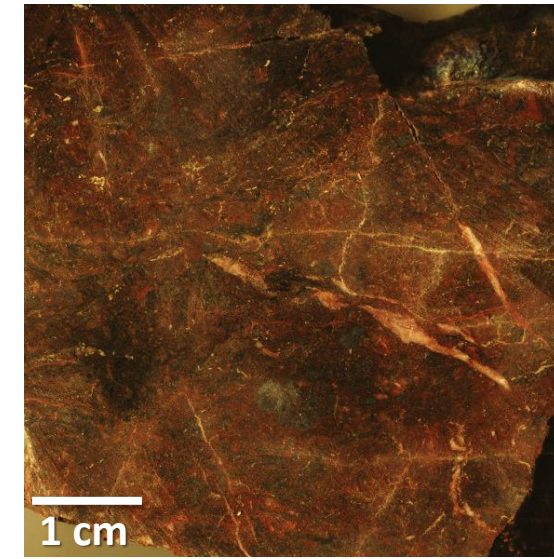
- mineralogy and paragenesis of hydrothermal ore systems (UTUD, W skarn, MIAC)
- crystal chemistry of alteration minerals
- physico-chemical conditions and evolution of mineralizing systems
- mineralogical tools for mineral exploration

**MIAC Research Activities:**

- Paragenesis and mineral chemistry of alkali-alteration zones and polymetallic (Fe-Cu-U-Au-Ag) mineralization of the Nonacho Basin, NWT
- GAC-MAC 2022 Halifax MIAC Workshop
- IOCG deposits of the Cobequid-Chedabucto Fault Zone, Nova Scotia



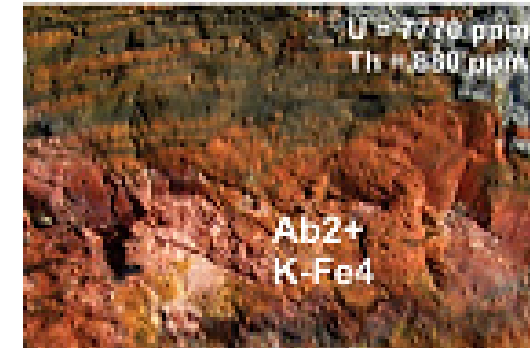
**Nonacho**



5.6 wt% Fe, >1 wt% U,  
 400 ppm Cu  
 7 wt% Fe, 834 ppm U  
 773 ppm Cu



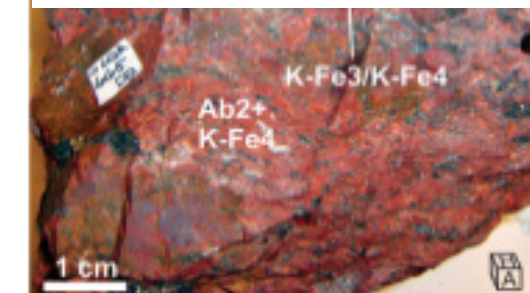
**Southern Breccia (GBMZ)**  
 Montreuil et al. 2015



Potter et al. 2019



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See also Adlakha et al. 2019; Potter et al. 2019, 2020, in press



# Anne-Aurélié Sappin

Research scientist, Geological Survey of Canada

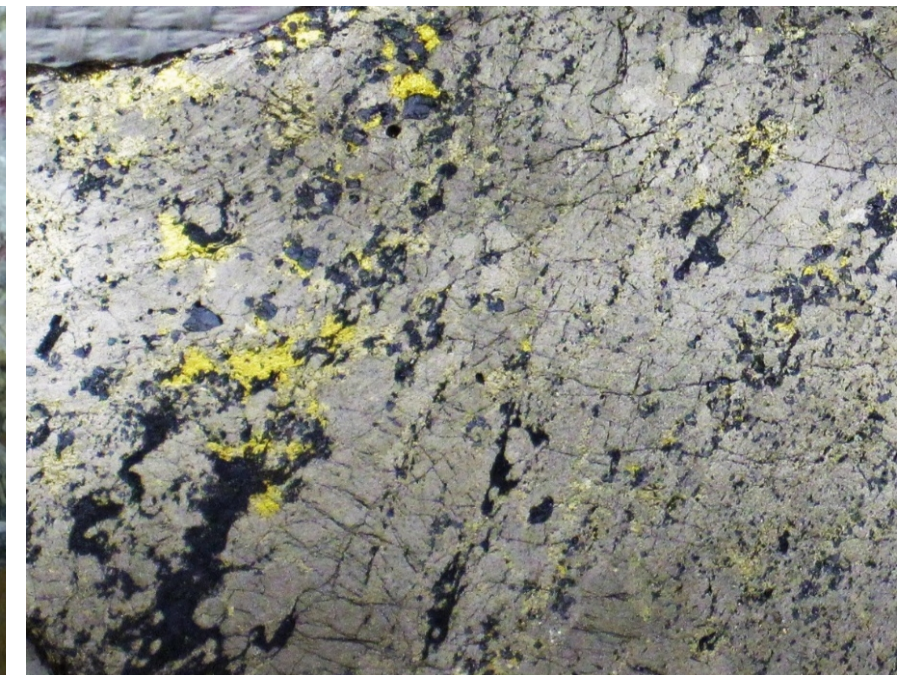
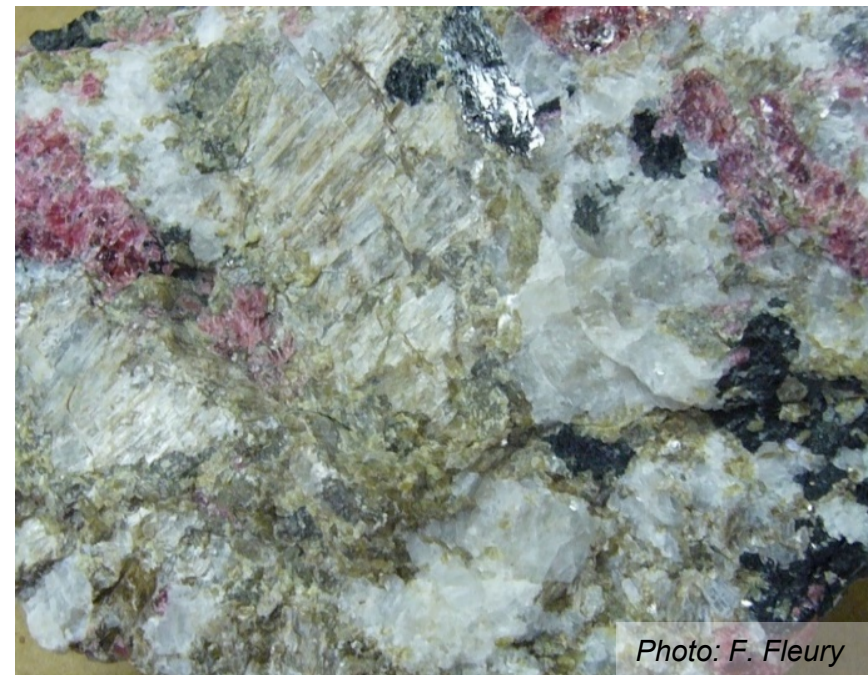
## Expertise

- Research related to Ni-Cu-PGE, Cr, and Fe-Ti-V-(P) orthomagmatic deposits, rare metal deposits
  - *Petrology, geochemistry, mineralogy, geochronology*
  - *Metallogenic and petrogenetic study*

## Role in sub-activity

- Link to the magmatic felsic to alkaline mineral systems and their critical mineral resources TGI sub-activity
- Study of the Josette REE deposit (an IOA deposit in the Grenville Province)

See Sappin and Perreault 2021



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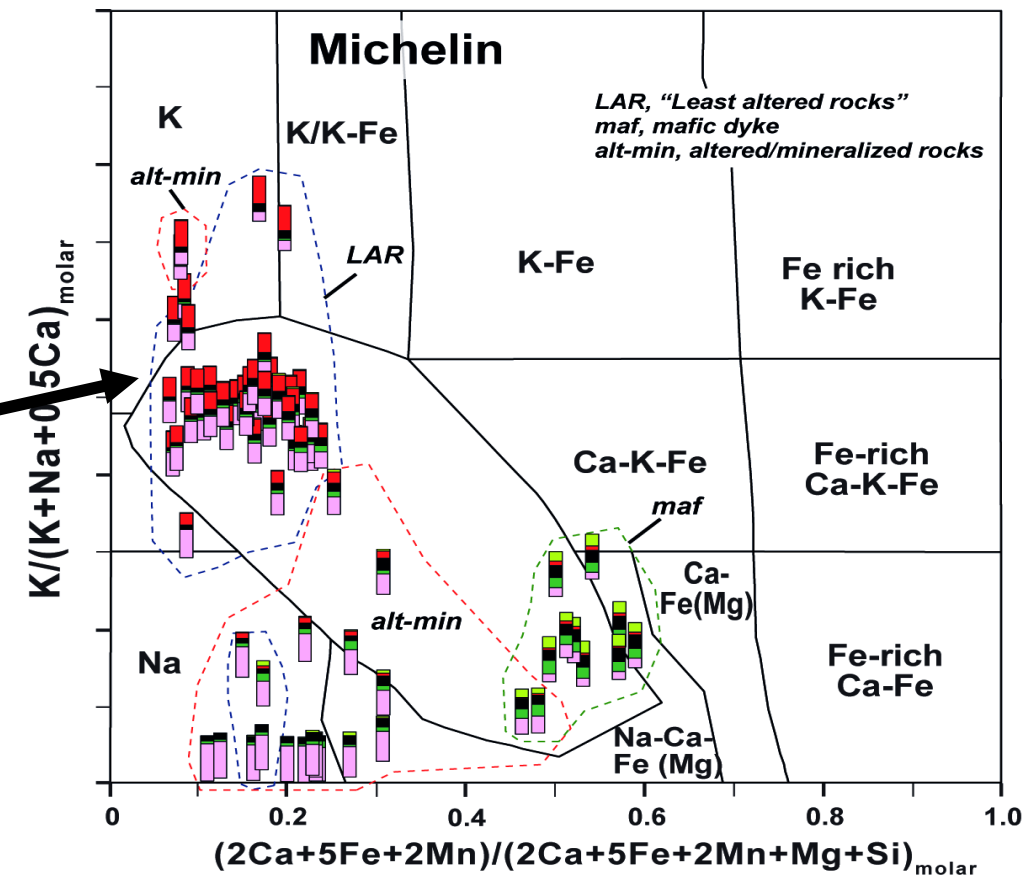
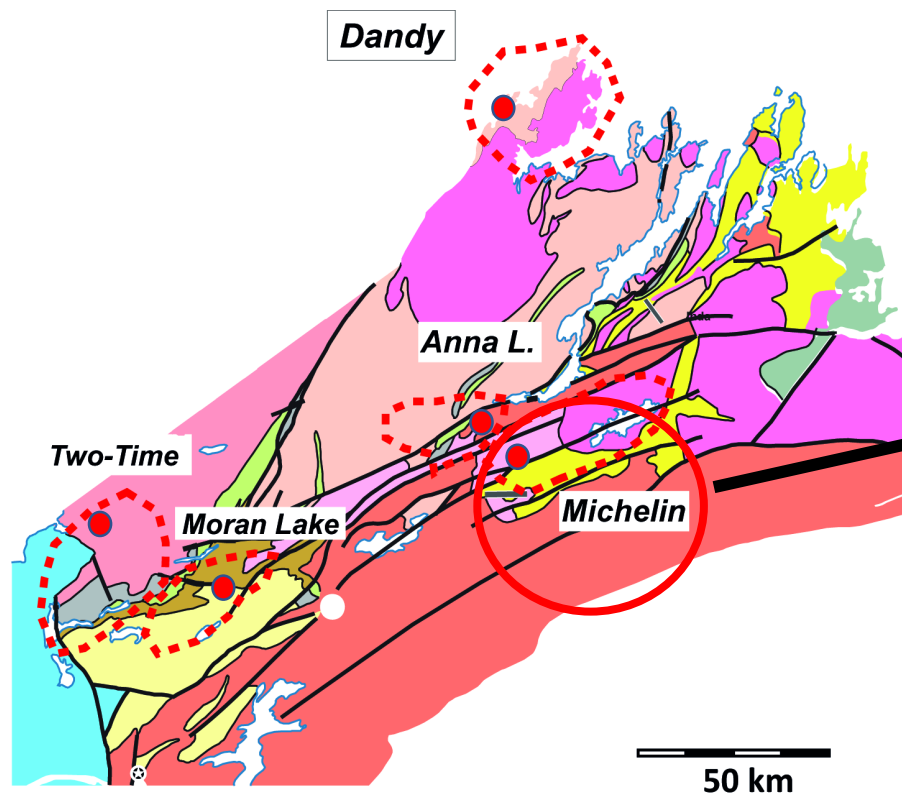
# Pedro Acosta-Góngora

## Geological Survey of Norway

### Central Mineral Belt of Labrador, Canada: alteration type and application of unsupervised learning

#### Contributions to TGI:

- Characterization and evaluation of IOAA-related alteration from rocks of the U±base±precious metal-rich Central Mineral Belt in Labrador, Canada (*manuscript submitted*)
- Provide guidance on the classification of samples in the IOCG diagram and elaboration of barcodes for other areas of interest.



# Suzanne Paradis

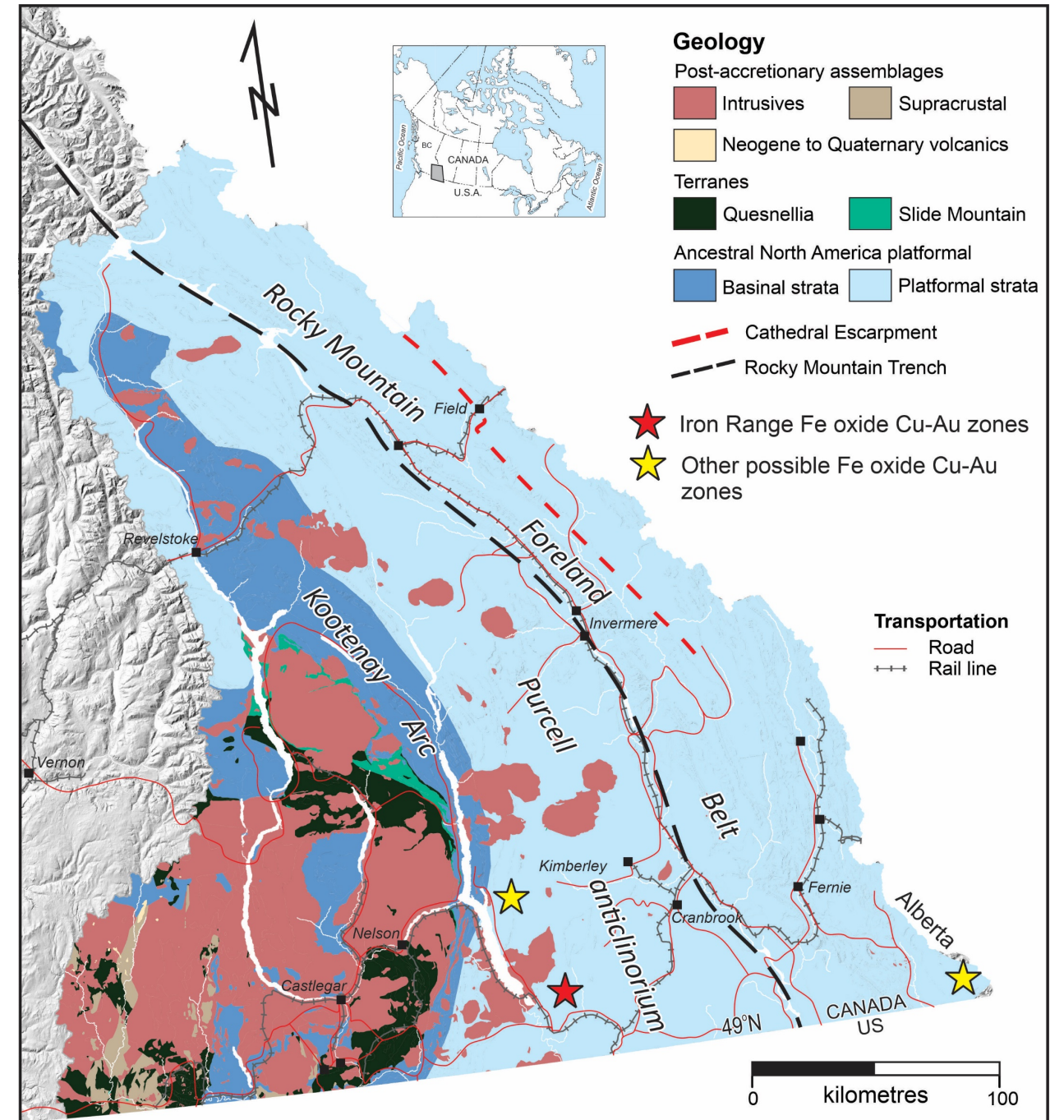
Geological Survey of Canada, Pacific Division  
Mineral Deposits, Research Scientist

## IOCG, IOA and related primary critical metal deposits in BC

Involvement in Corriveau's et al. research: Provide geological information on metasomatic iron and alkali-calcic systems with iron oxide-copper-gold (IOCG) deposits in southern BC (example, Iron Range mineralized zones, red star on Fig. 1) and critical metal deposits of BC.

The Iron Range zones is located along the Iron Range fault, a steeply dipping N-striking structure characterized by strong alteration (e.g. albitite, chloritic) and concentrations of iron oxide mineralization (iron oxide  $\pm$ Cu  $\pm$ Au). It is the best known IOCG locality in BC; however, others (yellow stars on Fig. 1) with IOCG-like features (i.e. alterations, breccias) exist.

Figure 1. Regional geologic map of southern BC with location of Iron Range mineralized zones in the Purcell Basin. Modified from Katay (2017). Terranes after Cui et al. (2015).



**Olivier Blein**  
Senior geologist, BRGM

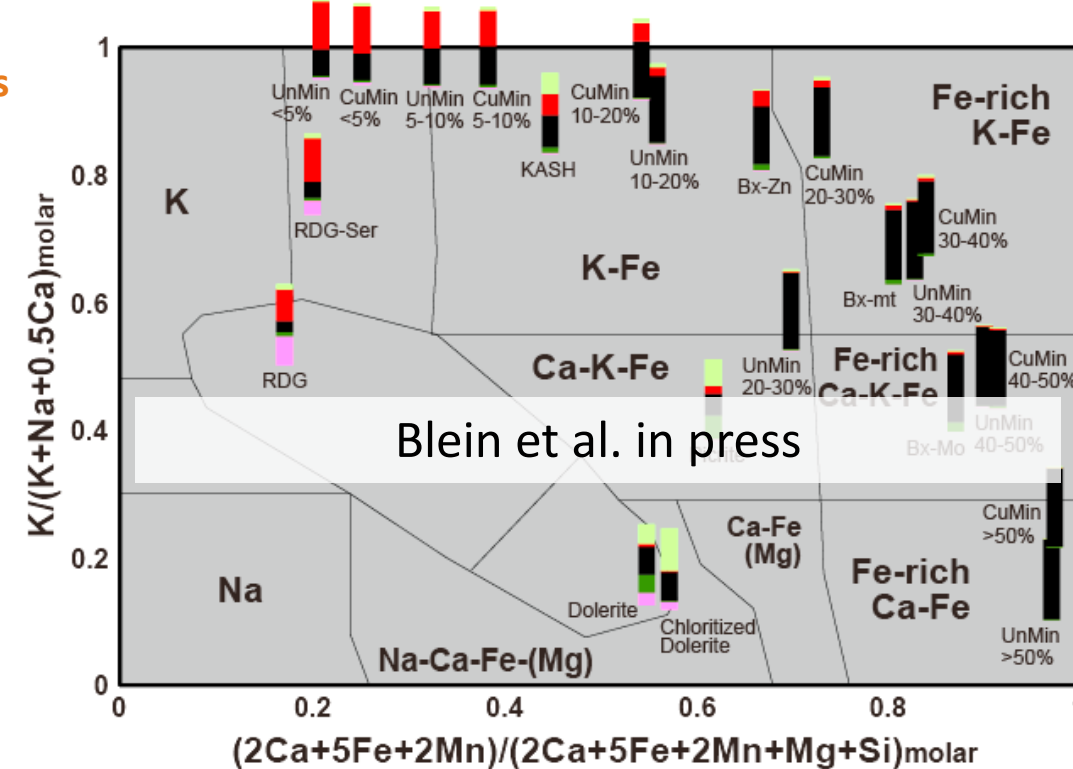


**Research interest**

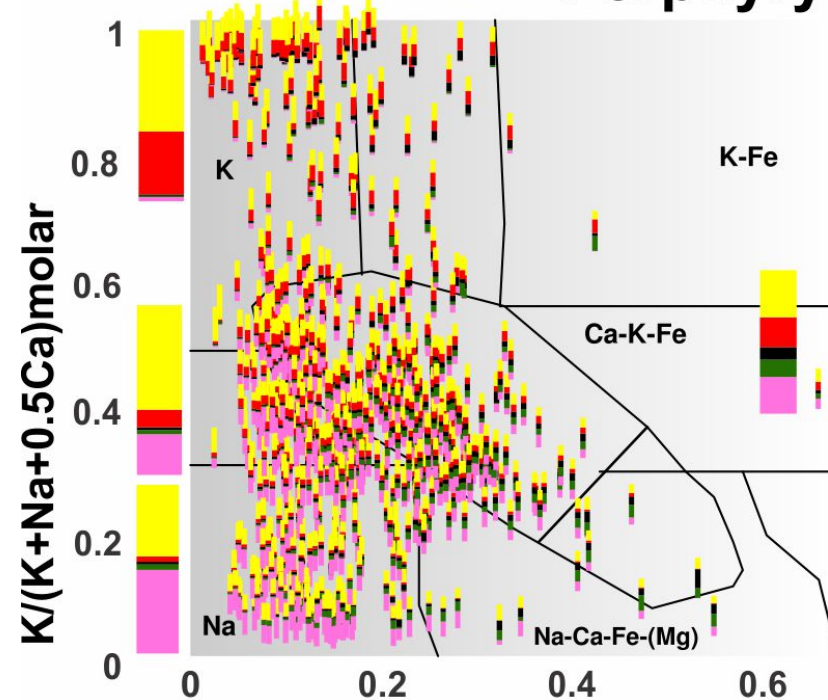
- Geochemical signatures of metasomatic rocks
  - MIAC systems
  - Molar barcodes, e.g. (Si+Al)/10, AIOCG diagram
- Panafrican belts
  - Geological mapping
    - Morocco, Cameroun, Mozambique
  - Cu-Co mineral prospectivity of Panafrican belts
- Mineralization, Craton boundary & Geodynamic setting

**Olympic Dam units**  
(Ehrig et al. 2012)

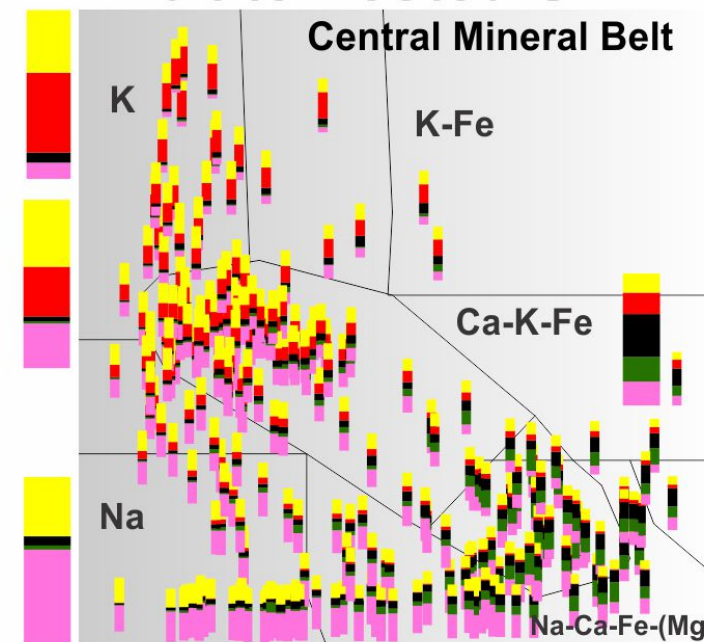
Si+Al	Mg
10	
K	K
Fe	Fe
Ca	Ca
Na	Na



**Porphyry**



**Albitite-hosted U**



$(2Ca+5Fe+2Mn)/(2Ca+5Fe+2Mn+Mg+Si)$  molar

See Blein et al. in press; Corriveau et al. in press a

Porphyry datasets: Dilles et al. 2000; Du Bray et al. 2007. CMB datasets : Acosta-Góngora et al. 2018a

**Vladimir Lisitsin**

Manager, Mineral Systems

Geological Survey of Queensland

**Courteney Dhnaram**

Senior geoscientist

Geological Survey of Queensland

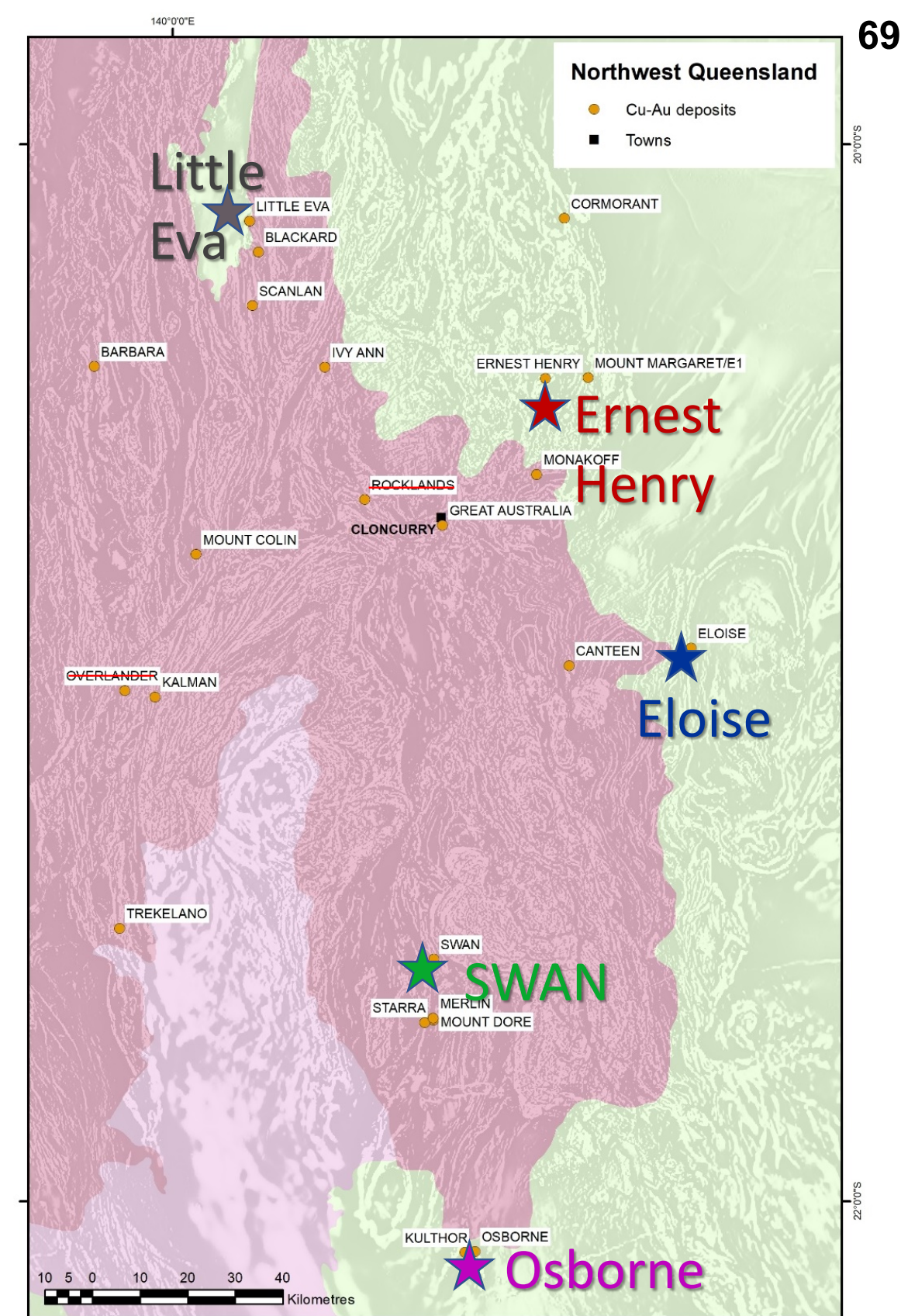
## GSQ – Characterising signatures and footprints of IOCG deposits in the Cloncurry district

### Geochemistry:

- 22 deposits - 117 drill holes - ~1000 samples (~300 samples with >0.2% Cu)
- 48-67 elements (4-acid digestion ± lithium borate fusion, aqua regia (Te-Se-Hg), Au-Pt-Pd, C-S, F)

**Mineralogy and petrophysics** (Spectral - HyLogger; SEM / TIMA; mag. sus., density...)

**Data integration and interpretation – work in progress**



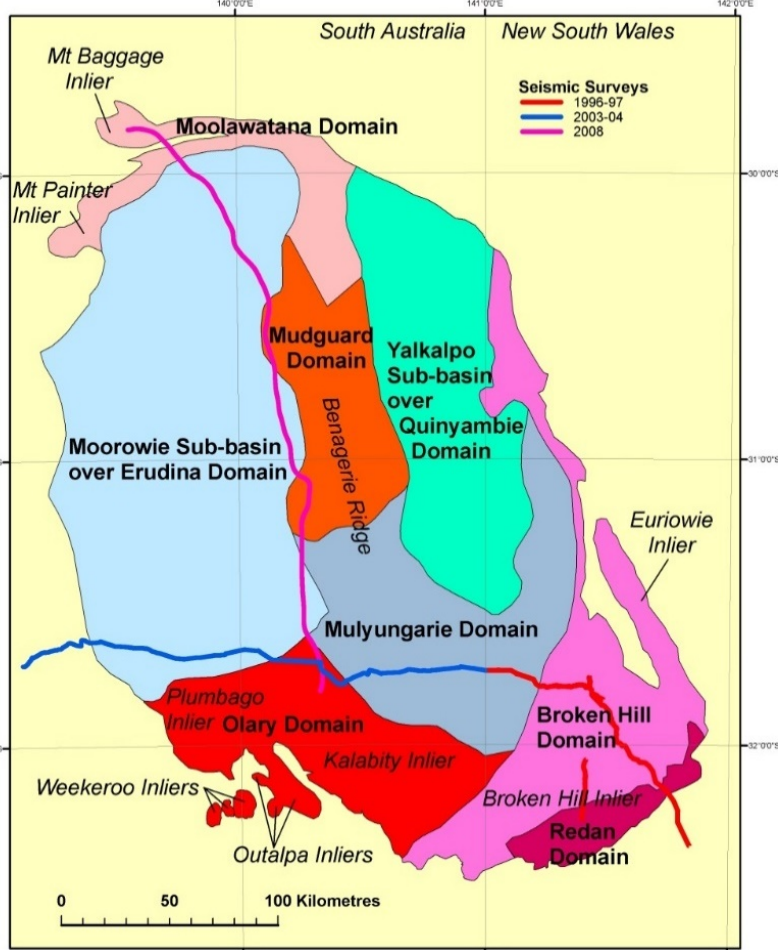
# Curnamona Province: IOCG frontier between Olympic Cu-Au Province-Mt Isa

**Objective:** Improve understanding and assess economic potential for mineralisation associated with metasomatic iron oxide alkali-calcic alteration systems of the Curnamona Province, South Australia

**Work planned:** Re-log drillholes of the central and northern Curnamona Province, map & catalogue alteration facies, geochemical characterisation, determine timing of alteration & mineralisation. Assess deep earth imaging of Curnamona Province through Curnamona Cube (200 MT+200 seismic sites in a 20 km grid across 300x300 km)

<https://sciences.adelaide.edu.au/study/honours/honours-projects/the-curnamona-cube>

**GSSA Researchers:** Claire Wade (geochemistry), Anthony Reid (geochronology), Adrian Fabris (economic geology), Stephen Hore (field mapper), Kate Robertson (magnetotellurics)



Layered Ab-rich rock



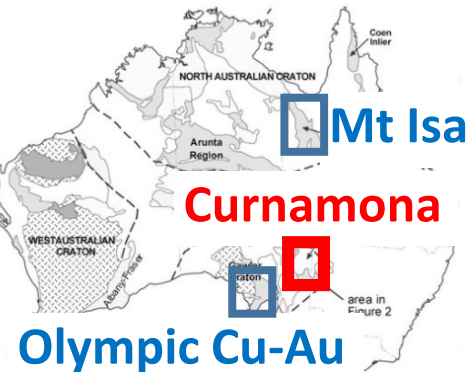
Po-Py in Mag-Bt altered metasedimentary rocks



Sulphide-Kfs-Qz

Mag-Ab breccia

CAL2



Map: Barovich and Hand 2008)

**Sarah Dare**  
sdare@uqac.ca

**Assistant Professor at UQAC, Quebec**  
Canada Research Chair in  
Geochemistry Applied to Ore Deposits  
Directrice of LabMaTer (UQAC)

Contribute expertise on magnetite (apatite) chemistry applied to IOA deposits (collaboration/workshops/shortcourses):

### Mineral Chemistry

- Chromite, sulfides
- **Fe-oxides, Apatite**

### Techniques

- **Laser Ablation-ICP-MS**
- EPMA

### Ore deposits

- **Ni-Cu-PGE-Cr; (Fe)-Ti-V-P**
- **IOA: ex El Laco**



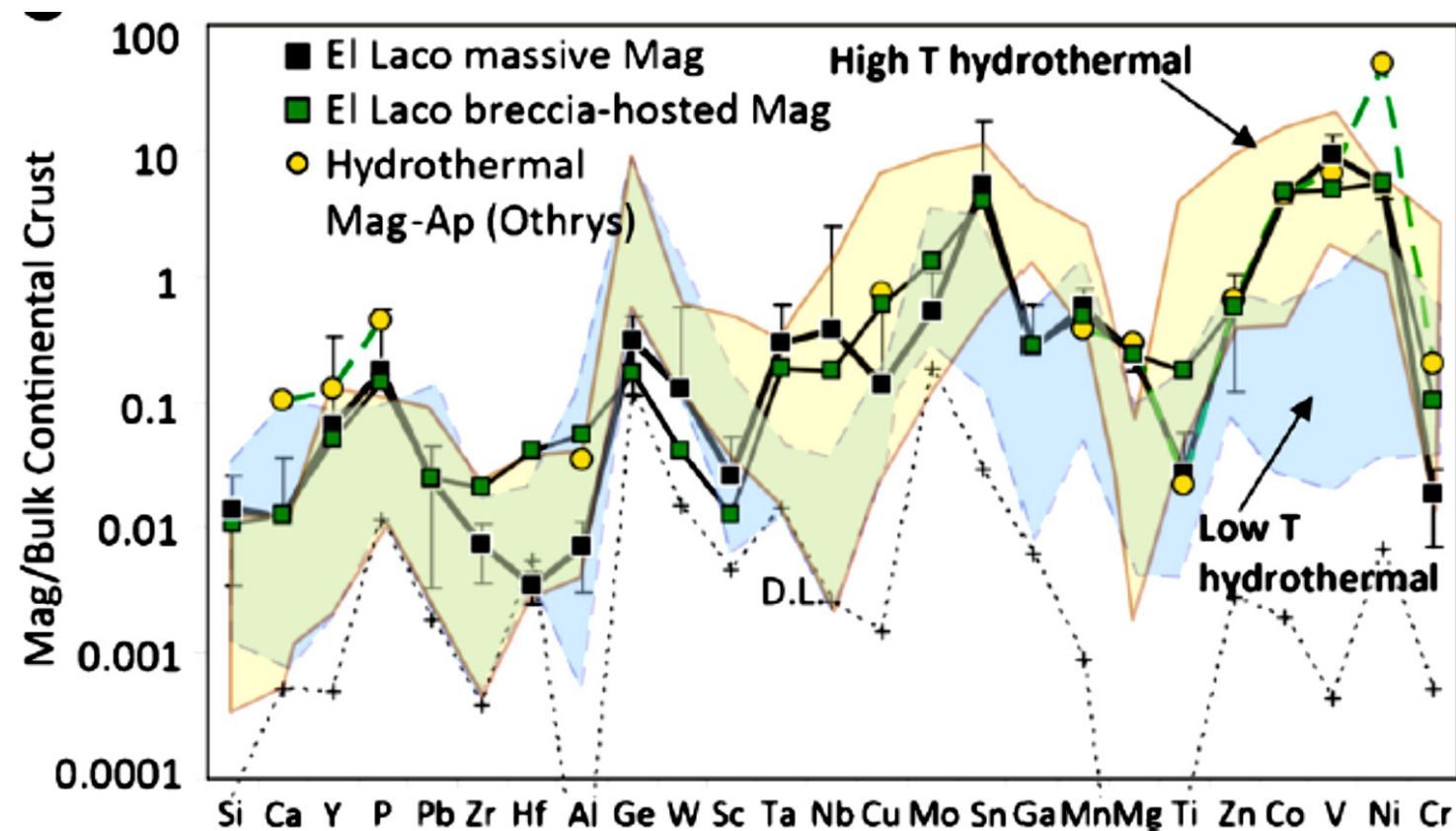
**Aim to develop mineral chemistry (mgt + ap) as:**

#### *Petrogenetic indicators*

Trace conditions of formation of magnetite (hydrothermal vs magmatic)

#### *Indicator minerals for exploration*

*Developed multi-element diagram for magnetite (Dare et al. 2014)*



Ex. Magnetite chemistry from **El Laco magnetite deposit** best fits a **hydrothermal origin** (Dare et al. 2015 Mineralium Deposita).

## LabMaTer

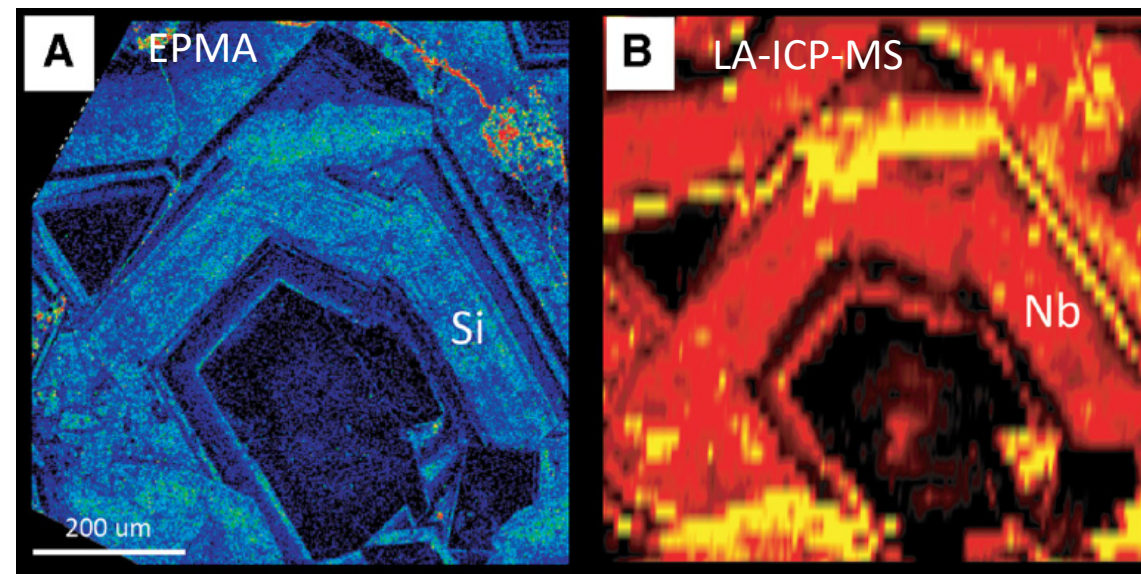
Laser ablation facility specialized in analysis of oxides, sulfides and apatite

Developed own matrix-matched reference materials (BC28, UQAC-FeS1.....)

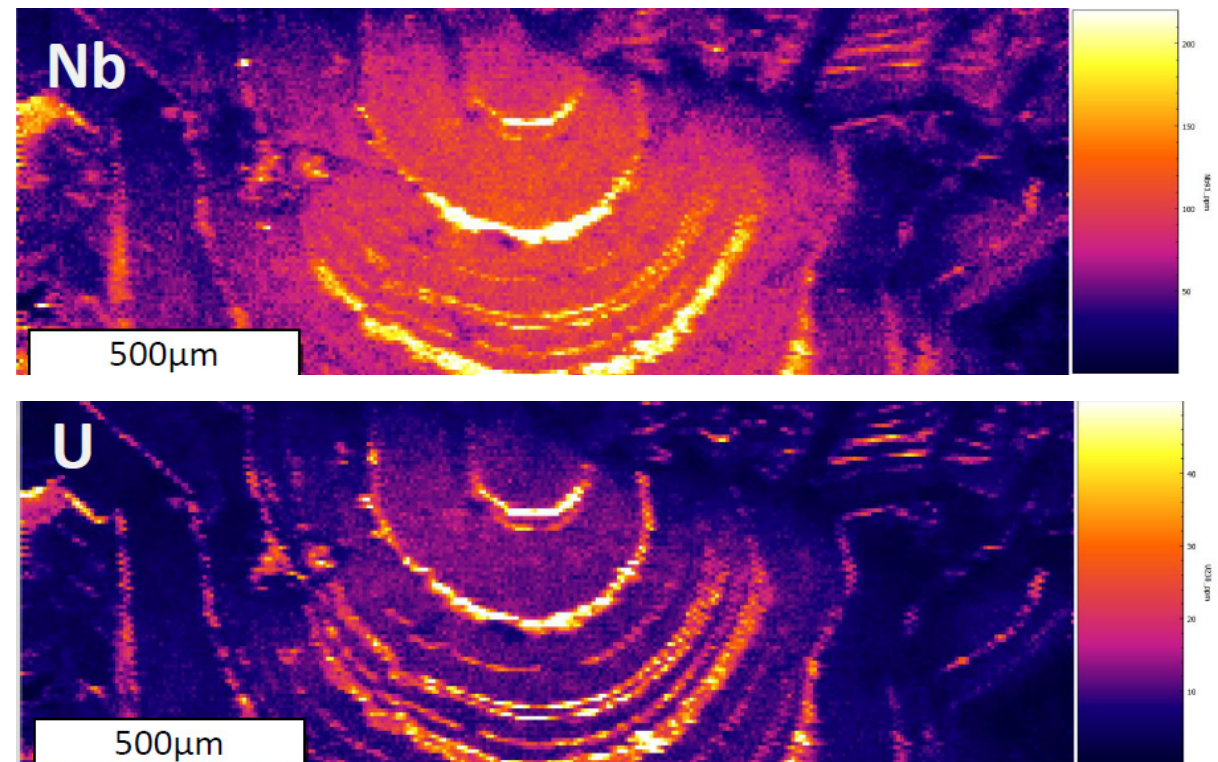
**Open to collaboration**

<http://www.uqac.ca/labmater/index.htm>

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Chemical map of zoned magnetite by LA-Quadrupole ICP-MS  
19um beam (3 hours)  
Ex El Lago (Dare et al. 2015)



## Dany Savard

PhD candidate at UQAC  
Developing **new Time of Flight ICP-MS technique** for fast, high resolution mapping (7um beam).

All trace elements acquired simultaneously.....discover new elements such as U in magnetite from El Lago!

(Savard et al. 2021: Goldschmidt abstract)



**Marie Kieffer**  
 PhD student (2020 -)  
 UQAC



**Aim to distinguish apatite**

- of mineralization from host intrusion
- of mafic from felsic magmas
- of magmatic from hydrothermal origin

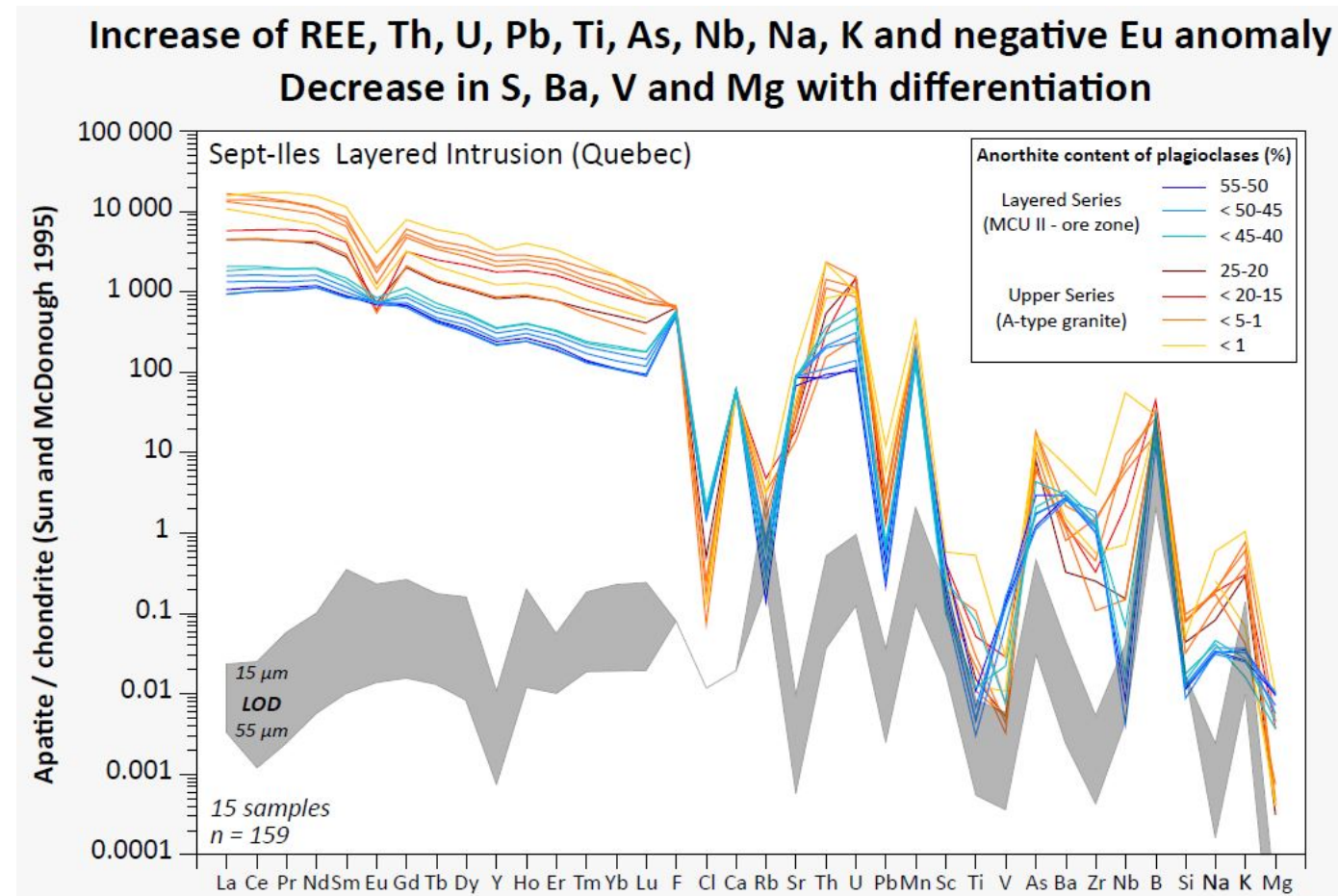
Implications for IOA deposits

## Developing apatite chemistry as indicator for petrogenesis and mineral exploration



**Trace elements in apatite in layered intrusions: insights into magmatic processes and application to mineral exploration**

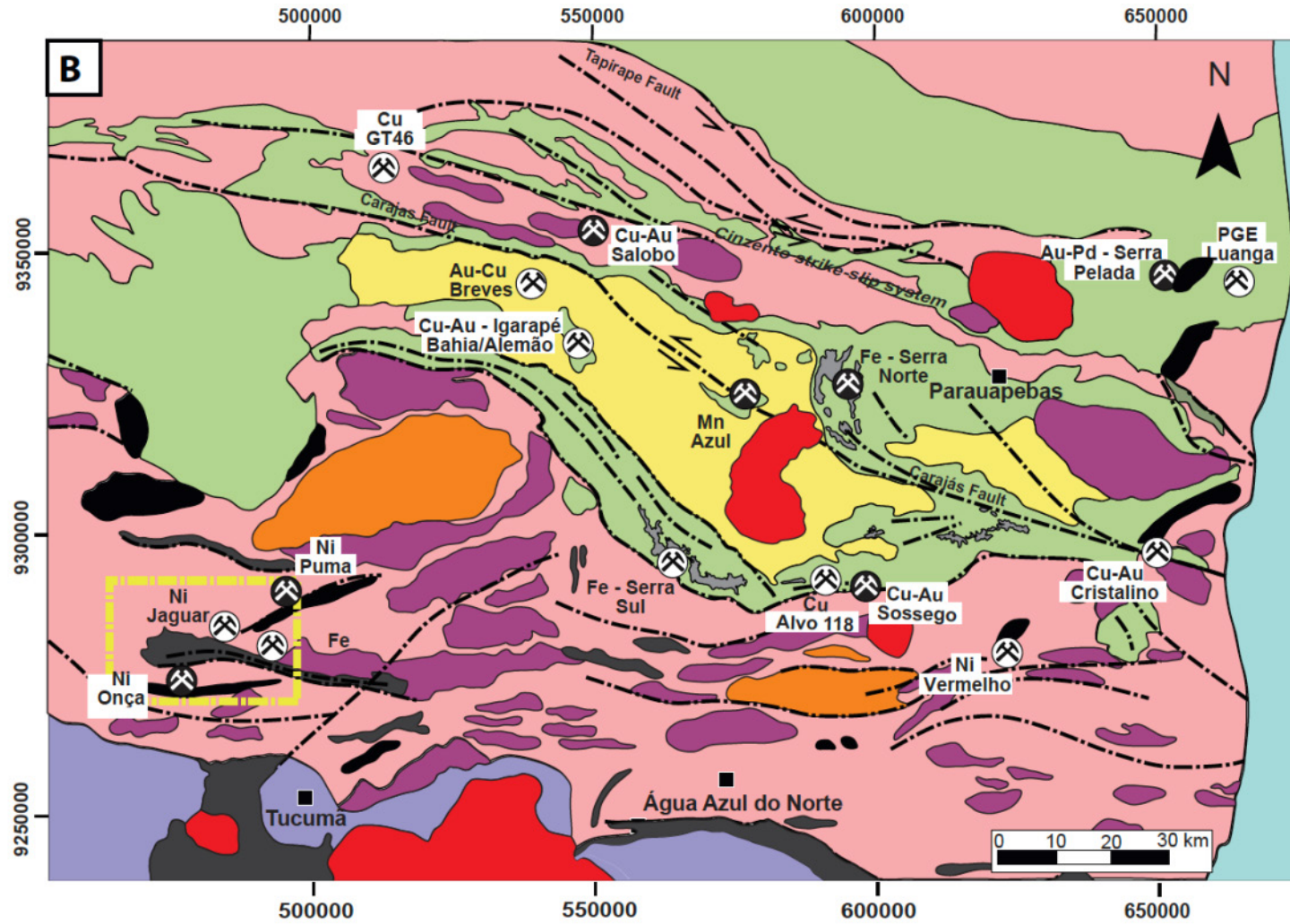
Marie Kieffer and Sarah Dare



Kieffer and Dare (2021) Goldschmidt abstract

# The Jaguar nickel deposit

A potential link between IOA and IOCG deposits within the Carajás Mineral Province?



(Fluidized) brecciated texture

**Eduardo Mansur<sup>1,3</sup>**  
**Sarah Dare<sup>1</sup>**  
**Cesar Ferreira Filho<sup>2</sup>**  
<sup>1</sup>UQAC

**58.6 Mt at 0.95 wt.% Ni**  
 (Centaurus Metals Ltd, [www.centaurus.com.au](http://www.centaurus.com.au);  
 February 2021)

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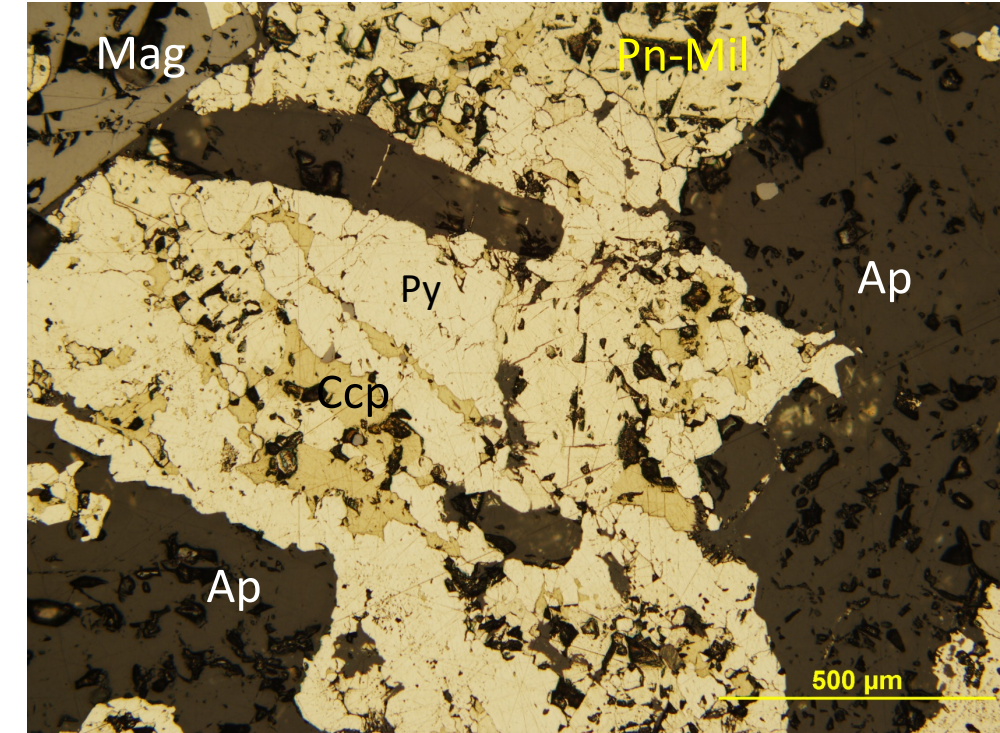
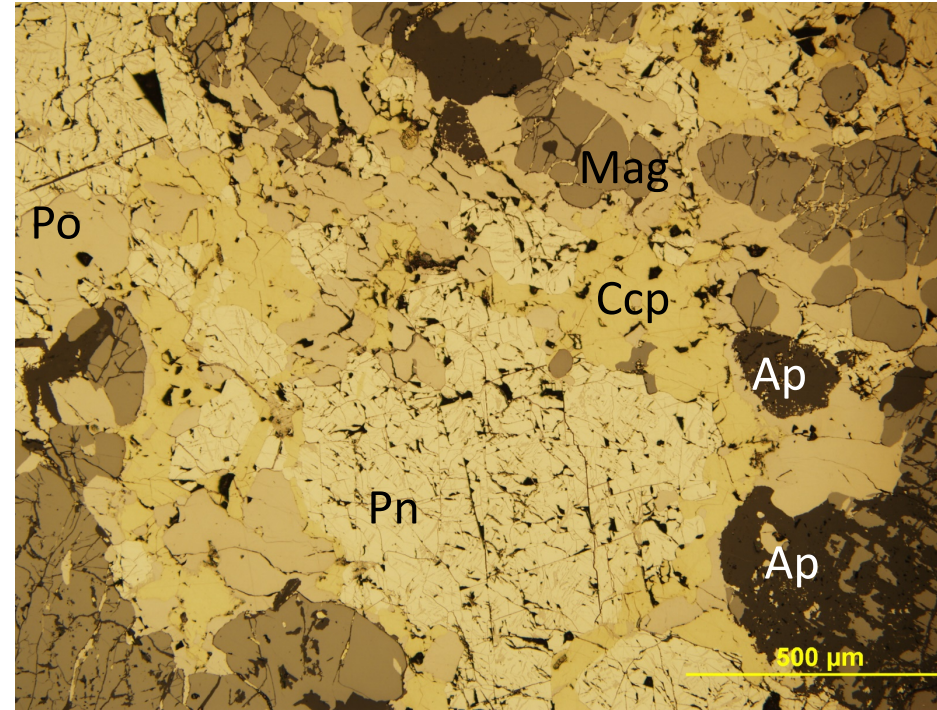
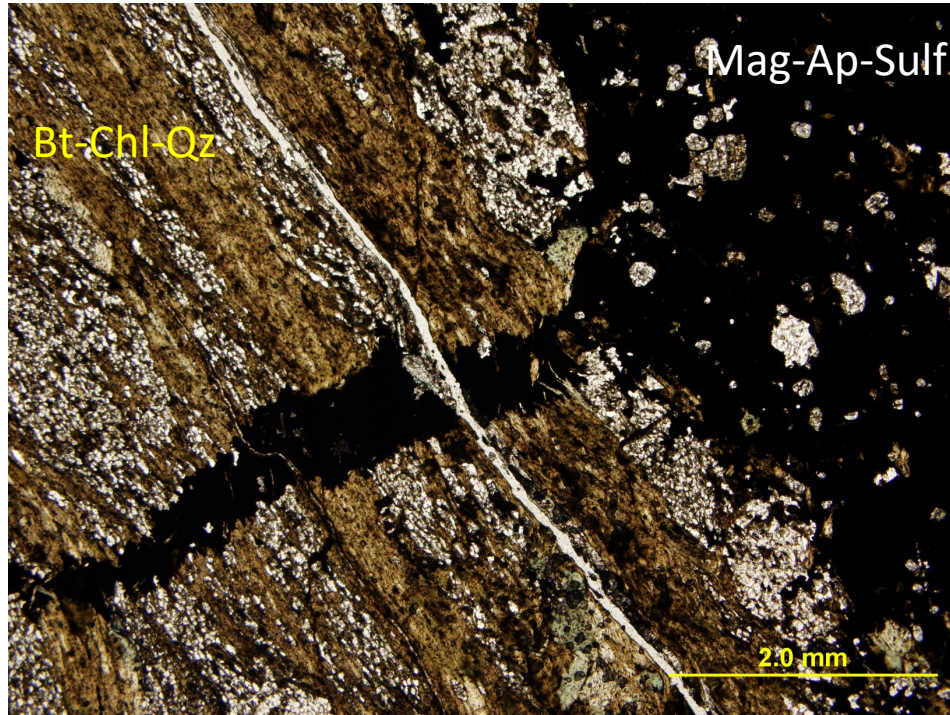
**Ni-rich massive sulfides with magnetite and apatite**  
 Unusual magmatic sulphide assemblage?  
 Or unusual Ni-S-rich IOA?

*Apply LA-ICP-MS of sulfides, magnetite and apatite to determine the type of Ni deposit*

# The Jaguar nickel deposit

## A potential link between IOA and IOCG deposits within the Carajás Mineral Province?

Abundant magnetite and apatite together with sulfides



*Mag-Ap-Sulf breccias crosscut the Bt-Chl schists*

*Less altered sulfide assemblage (Po-Pn-Ccp)*

*More altered (Pyrite and millerite)*

**Wide alteration halo  
(Bt-Chl±Amp schist)**

In surrounding host rocks (felsic  
subvolcanic rocks/granites)

Alteration continuum in the sulfide assemblage

Po-Pn-Ccp ± Py



Py-Mil-Pn-Ccp

Mineral chemistry indicates hydrothermal origin: **unusually Ni-S-rich IOA**

Mansur et al. 2021: Goldschmidt abstract; Ferreira Filho et al. 2021

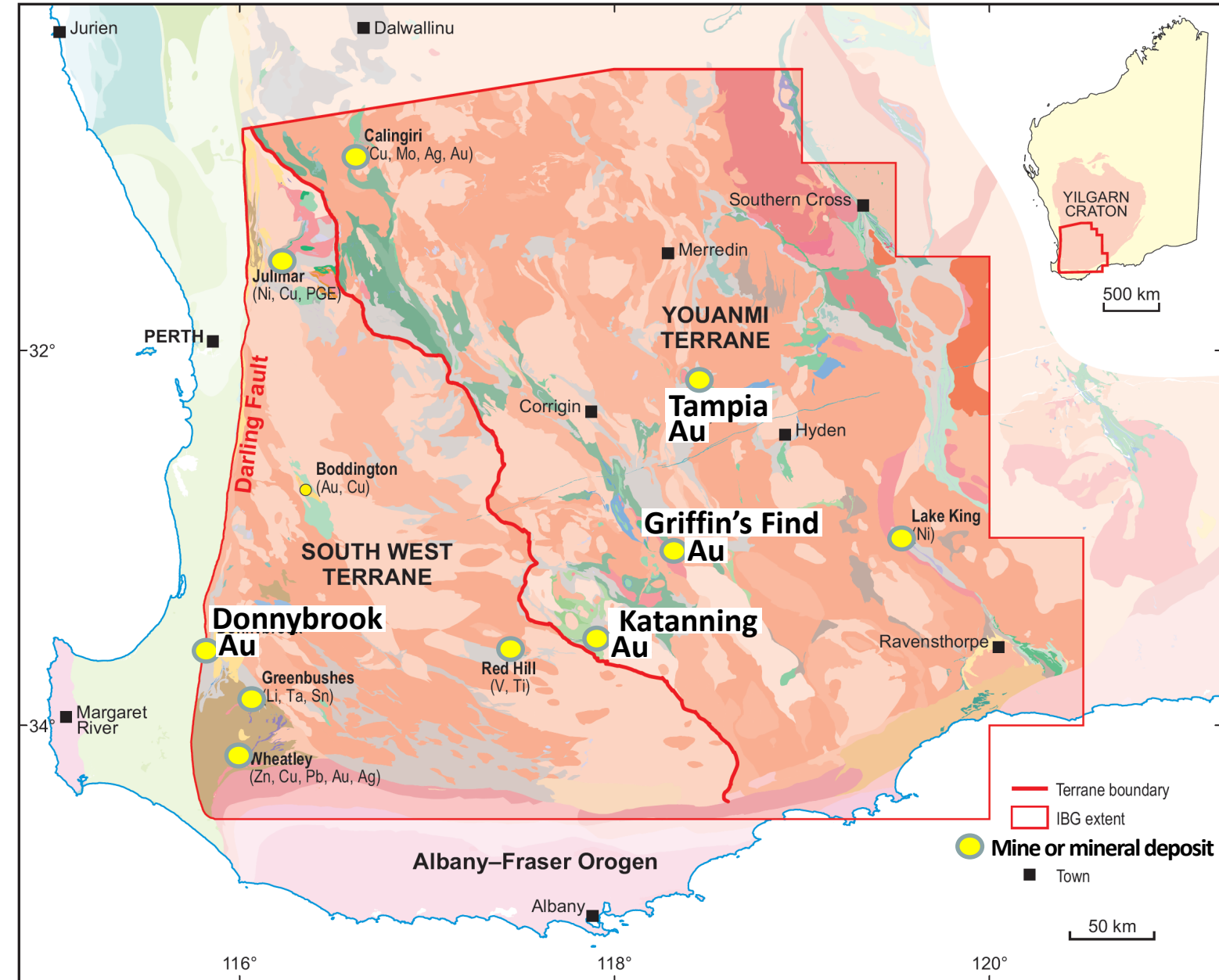


## GSWA team

- **Raphael QUENTIN de GROMARD** (structural geologist)
- **Paul DUURING** (mineral systems)
- **Tim IVANIC** (mafic geochemist)
- **David KELSEY and Fawna KORHONEN** (metamorphic petrologists)

## Southwest Yilgarn project

- Extends over the redefined terrane boundary between the Meso- to Neoproterozoic Youanmi Terrane and the Neoproterozoic South West Terrane
- Neoproterozoic amphibolite- to granulite-facies tectonomagmatic history with Proterozoic tectonometamorphic overprint
- 2020–21: Completion of the one-year [Accelerated Geoscience Program \(AGP\)](#). Major outcomes include the completion of a new interpreted bedrock geology map, metamorphic history records, alteration maps, isotope maps...
- 2021–24: onset of a 3-year project: “distal footprints of gold mineralization” that examines links between basement rocks, gold mineralization, and cover, using examples of known gold sites: Tampia, Griffin’s Find, Katanning and Donnybrook



Quentin de Gromard et al., 2021, Pre-Mesozoic interpreted bedrock geology of the southwest Yilgarn: Geological Survey of Western Australia, digital data layers

# Daniele Regis (GSC, Ottawa)

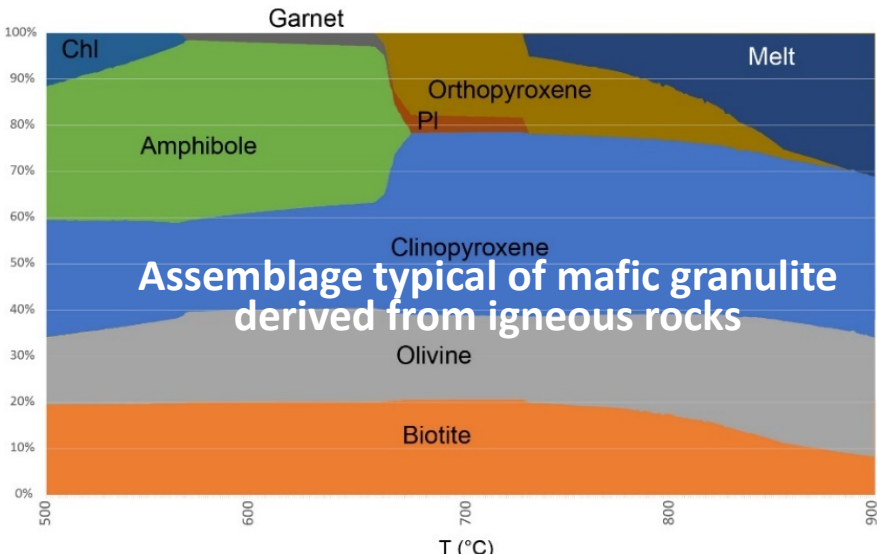
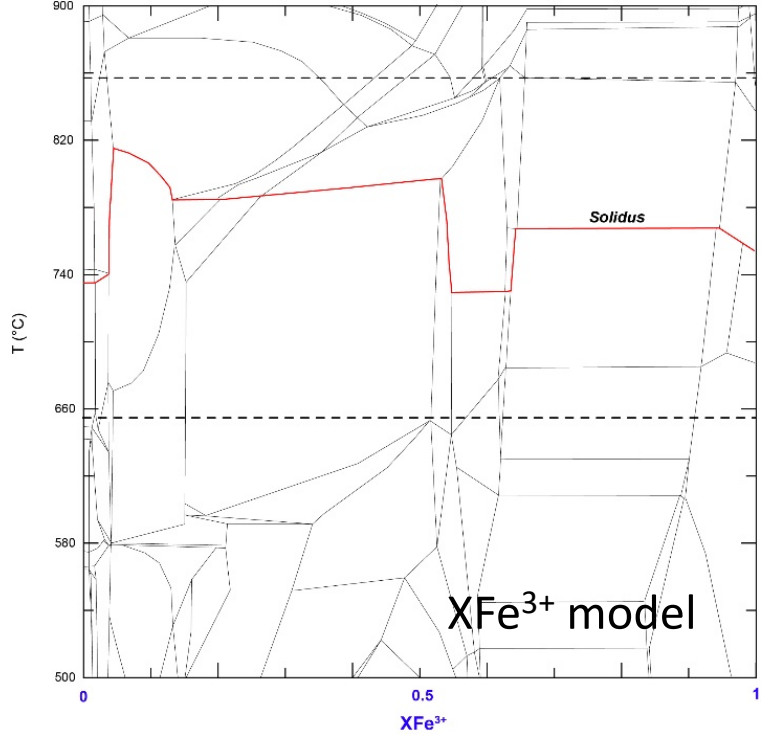
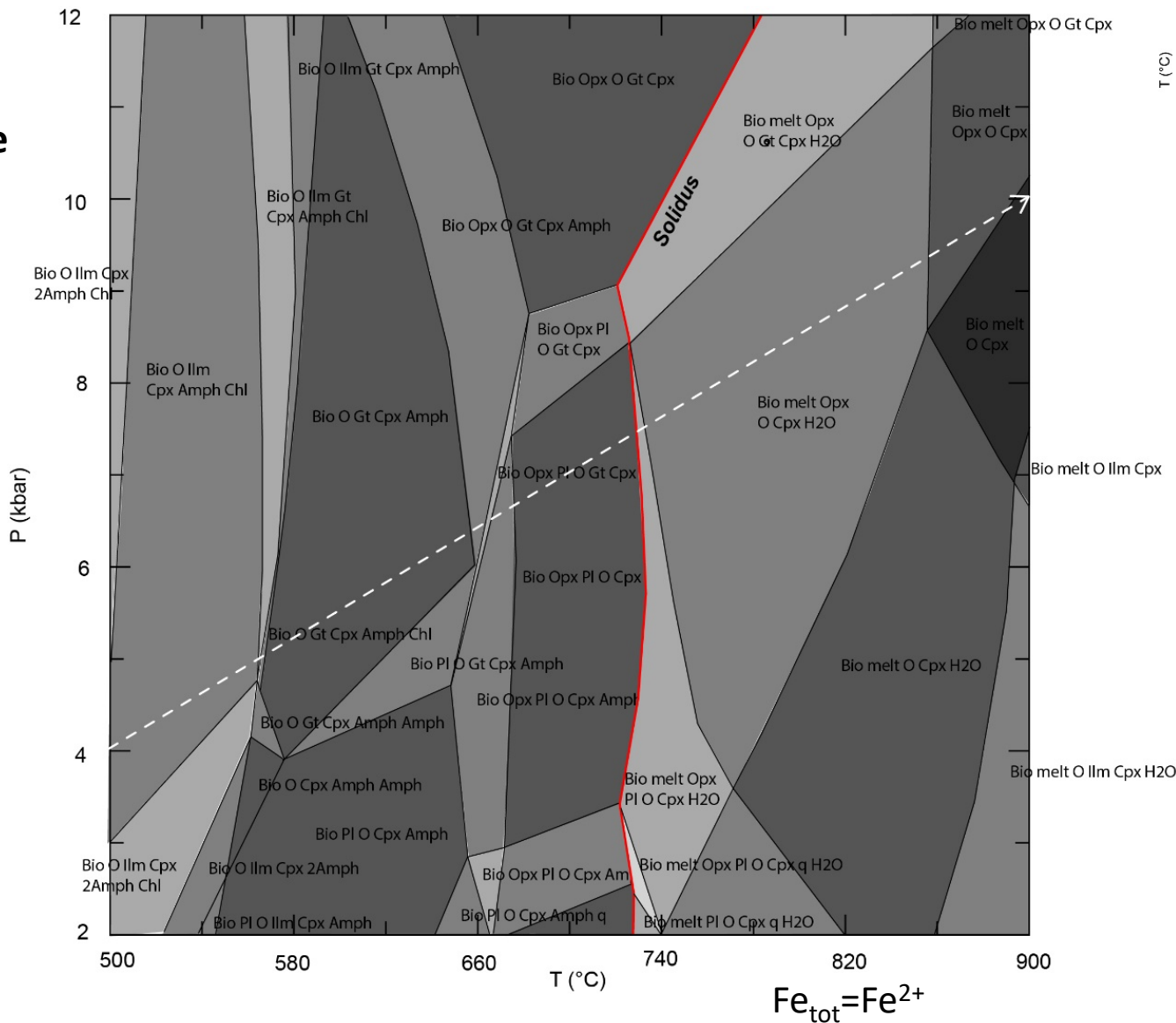
## Predictive thermodynamic modelling of IOCG alteration facies at high-grade metamorphic conditions

**Main aim:** modelling what mineral systems with IOCG and affiliated deposits would look like at amphibolite (melt-absent) and granulite (melt-present) facies conditions to advance exploration, mineral potential assessment and mapping of high-grade metamorphic terranes.

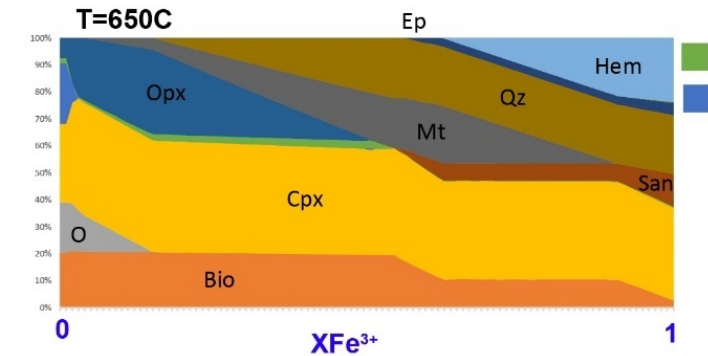
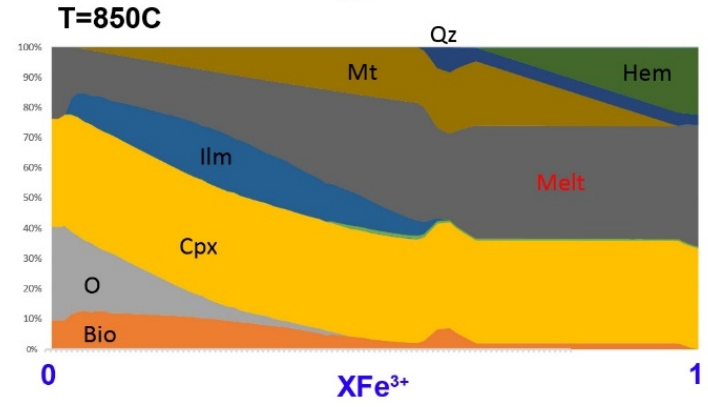
Example: Sample CQA-07-0466A2



Mag-Amp dominant HT Ca-Fe metasomatite replacing metasedimentary rock



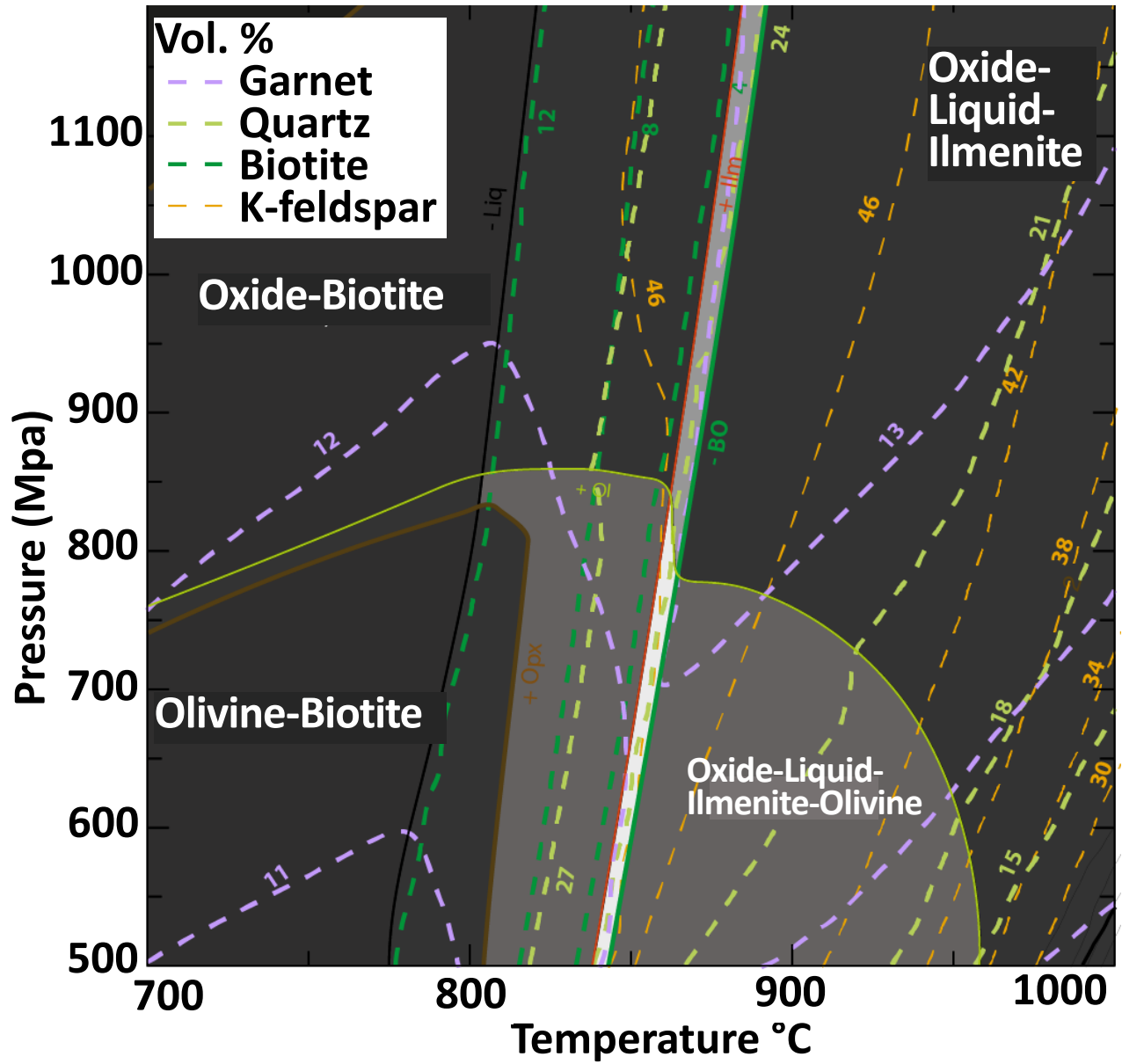
Modal evolution from 500C/4kbar to 900C/10kbar



**Félix Gervais**  
 Professeur agrégé  
 (associate professor)

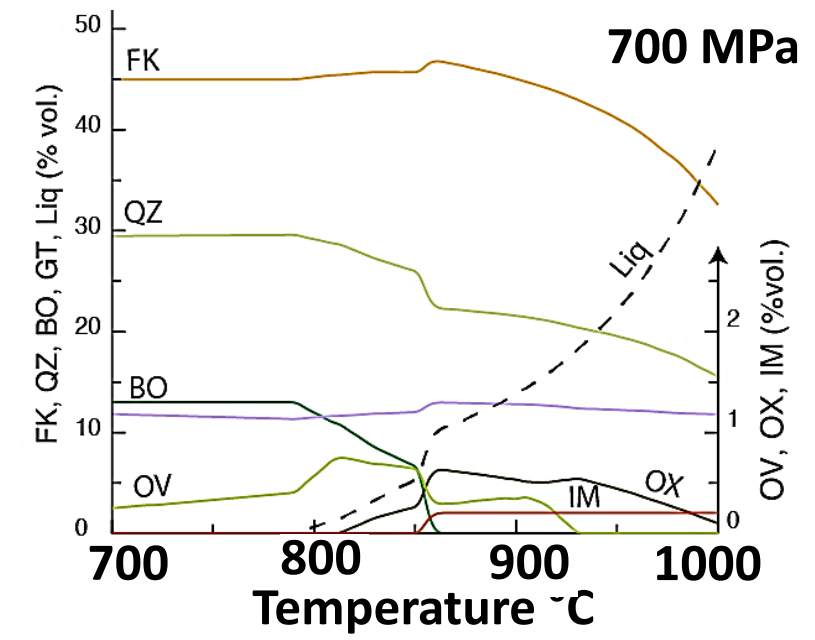


- Expertise**
- Tectonometamorphic evolution of hot orogens
  - Petrochronology
  - Structural geology

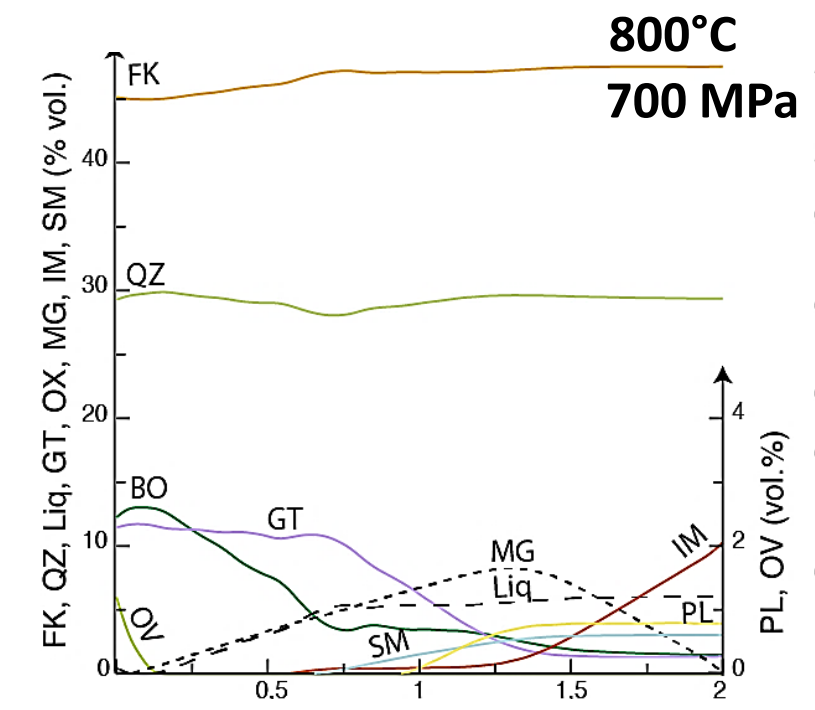


Below 800 Mpa, such a rock metamorphosed at the amphibolite to granulite facies would look like a olivine (OV)-bearing granite ± garnet (GT) or magnetite (MG) depending of oxygen fugacity

Trapy et al. 2015; Trapy 2018; Gervais and Trapy 2021



Mineral volume isopleths



Increasing oxygen fugacity

# Farahnaz Daliran

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)  
University of Karlsruhe (TH)

Study the Bafq district since 1975

Field geology, tectonomagmatic setting, geochemistry, mineral chemistry, fluid chemistry

IOA-REE, apatite, U, U-Ni-Co-Bi-Ag-As-Mo-Cu

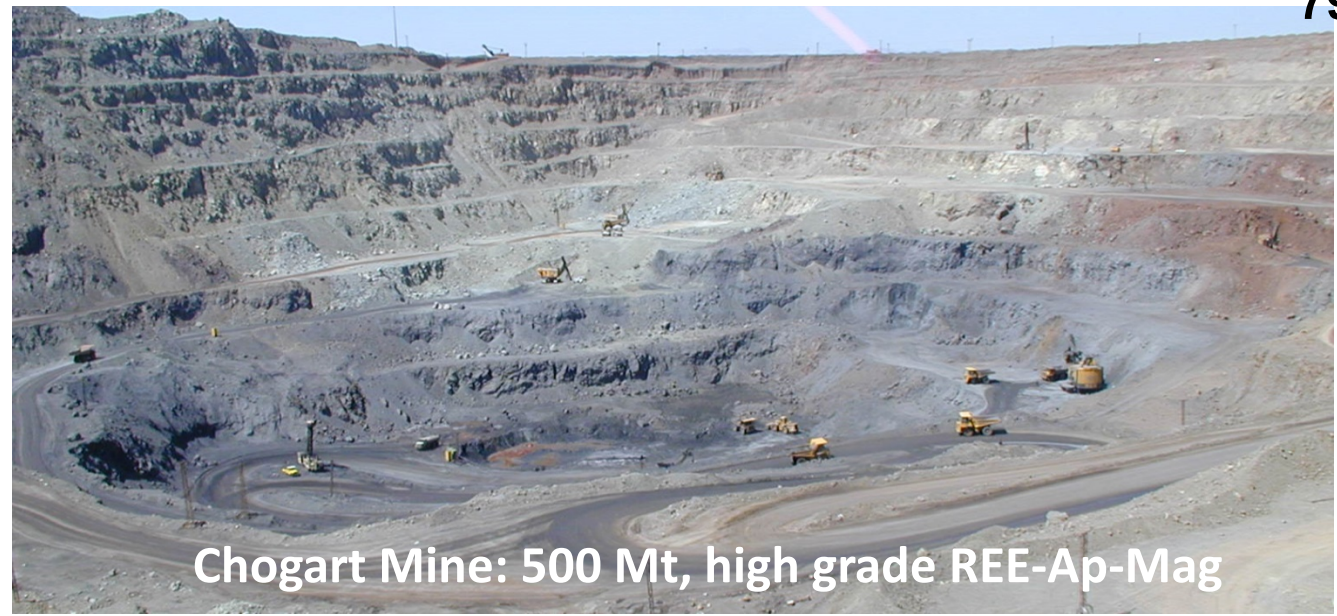
500 Mt to < 20 Mt deposits

High-grade Fe oxide ore (up to 65% Fe)

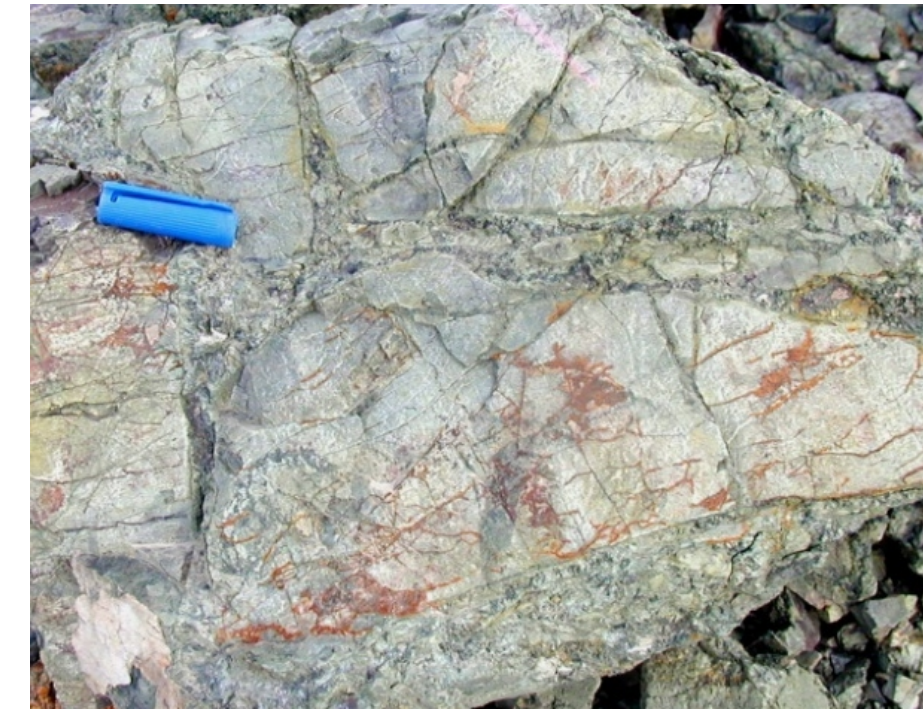
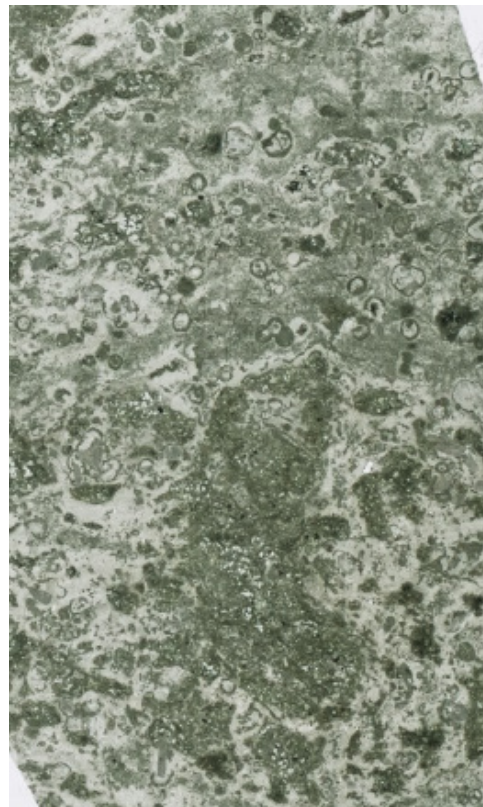
Ti-V-poor (< 1 wt %) magnetite, subordinate hematite

Apatite: REE-apatite-rich-Cpx-Amp-FeOX-Cb-rocks e.g. Esfordi mine: 20 Mt P, @0.7-2 wt % REE<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

See Daliran et al. 2010, in press



Chogart Mine: 500 Mt, high grade REE-Ap-Mag



Glass shard replacement!

Apatite-magnetite ore (gas-escape texture?) Gasestan deposit

Actinolite-filled albitite breccia



# Xin-Fu Zhao

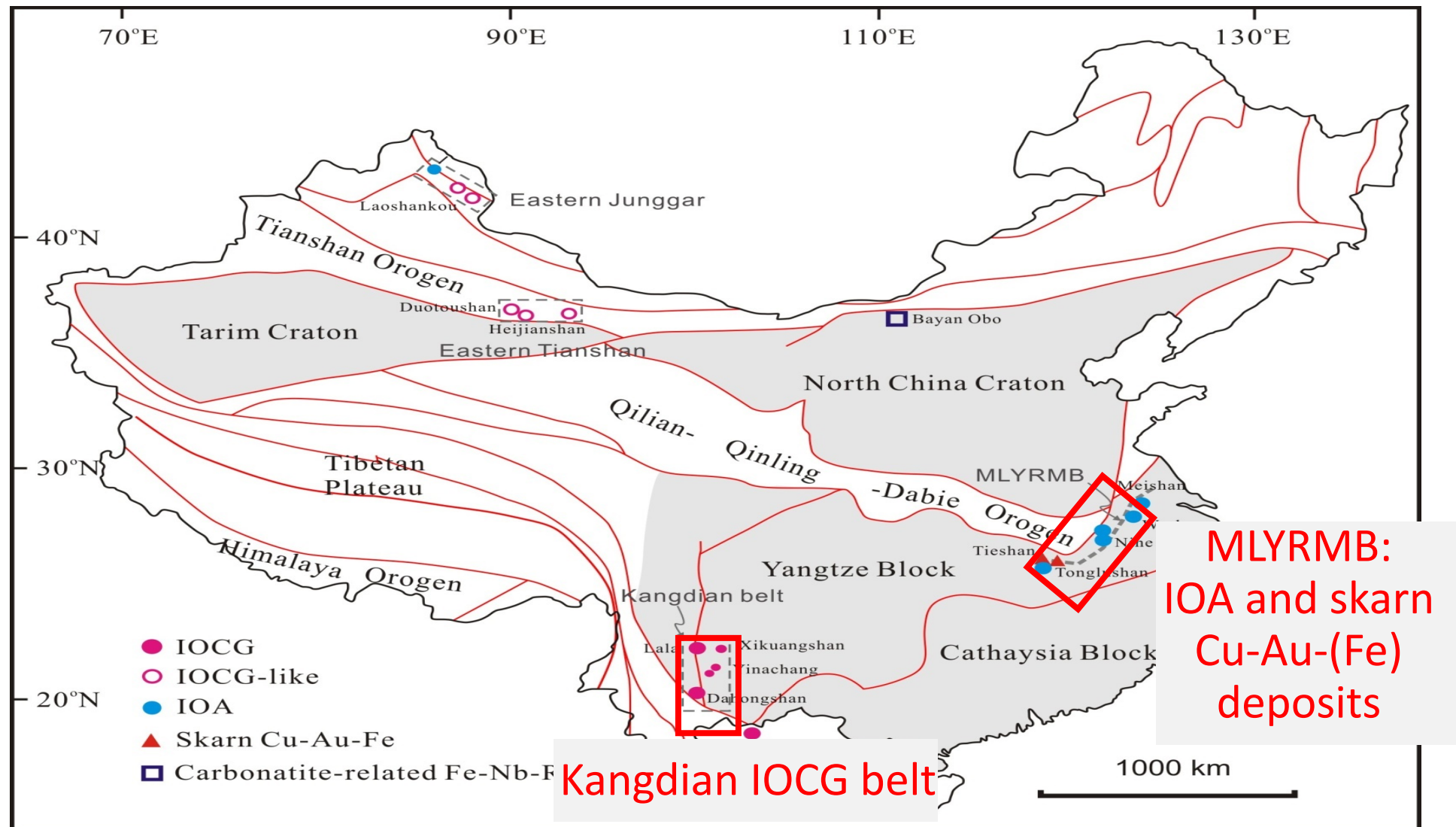
Economic Geologist

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Major interests:

- 1) IOCG deposits
- 2) IOA deposits
- 3) Skarn Cu-Au deposit
- 4) Carbonatite related REE-Nb deposits
- 5) Lode gold deposits

See Zhao et al. 2017, in press



# Xiaowen Huang

State Key Laboratory of Ore Deposit

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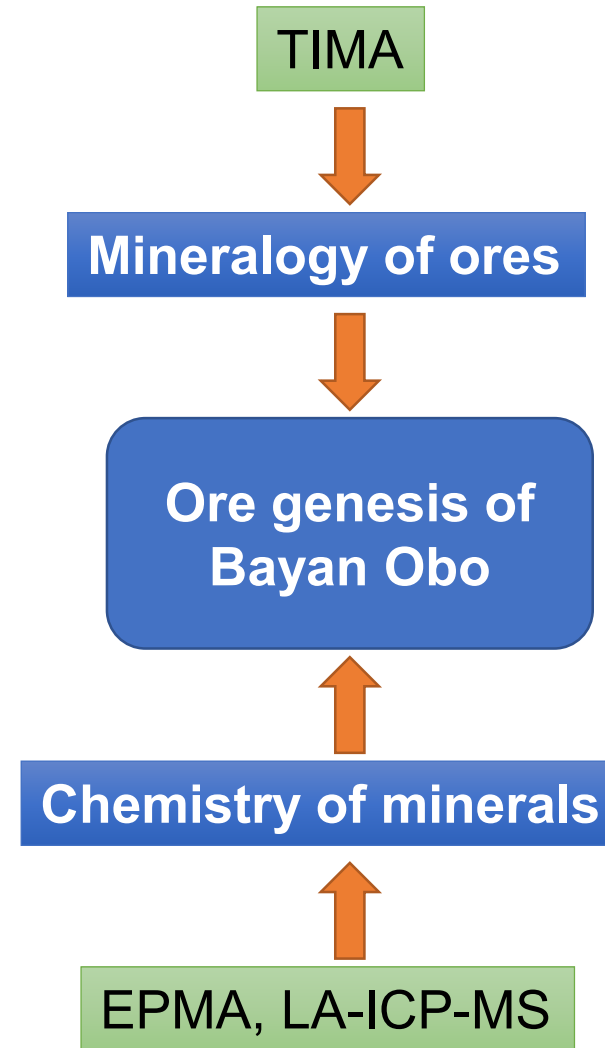
## Field of expertise

- Indicator minerals
- Trace element geochemistry of iron oxides from a variety of deposits

## Plan on the project for FY21-22

- Understanding the mineralogy of different types of ores from Bayan Obo using automated mineral identification technique such as TIMA
- Constraining the genesis of Bayan Obo ores using chemical composition of minerals such as magnetite, hematite, apatite, fluorite

See Huang et al. 2019, in press



# Abdelali Moukhsil

Ph.D. géo

Géologue régional, MERN-Q



## Travaux en cours

- Cartographie dans la partie centrale de la Province de Grenville (1:50 000 et 1:125 000)
- Collaborations avec universitaires sur les métaux critiques et stratégiques
  - MSc U-Laval (ETR dans pegmatites granitiques)
  - MSc UQAC (ETR, Nb dans carbonatite)
  - MSc U-Laval (Zn dans des roches métasédimentaires)
  - MSc INRS Québec (Structure d'une faille majeure dans le Grenville central)
- En 2022
  - PhD Polytechnique Montréal (ETR associé au leucogranite dans la région de Manic 5)
  - PhD UQAC (oxydes de Fe-Ti-P±V associées à la Suite anorthositique de Lac-Saint-Jean)

## Contributions potentielles pour le projet en 21-22 :

- Répondre aux questions pour la province de Grenville
- Faciliter le lien avec géophysicien du Ministère, etc.

Voir Trapy et al. 2015; Turlin et al. 2019

# Jean-Francois Montreuil

Chief geologist

Red Pine and MacDonald Mines exploration

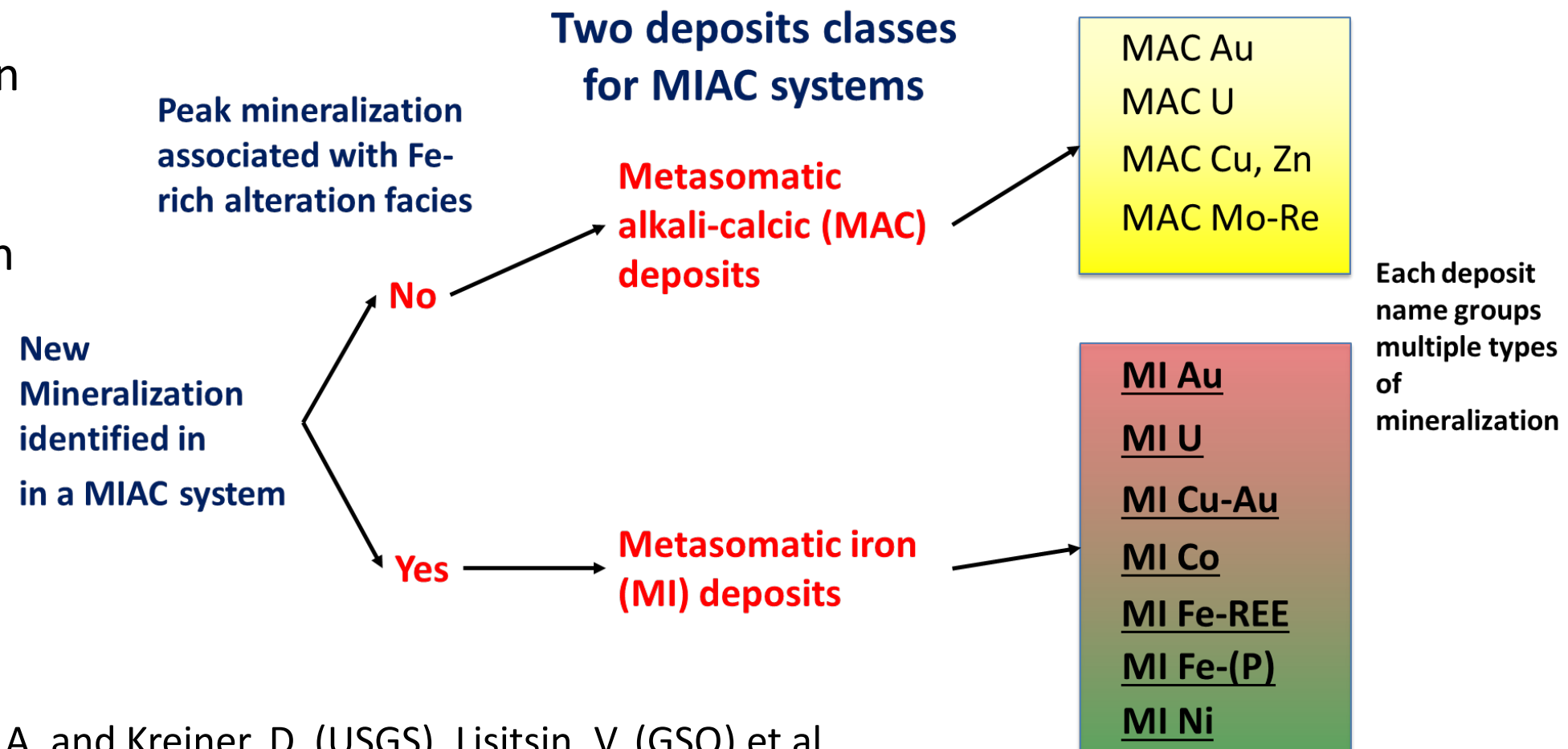
**Expertise** - Structural geology + alteration and geochemical mapping applied to mineral deposits in 2D and 3D

- **Mineral deposit team leader**

- Classification of deposit types in MIAC systems
- Relation between alteration facies and metal enrichments in MIAC systems

- **Long-term**

- Relation between tectonic setting, magma composition, geological sequence and metal enrichments in MIAC systems



**Collaborators** – Corriveau, L. (GSC), Hofstra, A. and Kreiner, D. (USGS), Lisitsin, V. (GSQ) et al.

See Montreuil et al. 2015, 2016b, c; MacDonald Mines Exploration Ltd. 2019; Hofstra et al. 2021; Corriveau et al. in press a

# Consolidating knowledge on Canadian MIAC systems: a synthesis of themes and contributors

**Deposit classification:** Montreuil, J.-F. (lead), Corriveau, L., Hofstra, A., Kreiner, D., Lisitsin, V.

**Field data capture vocabulary:** Corriveau, L. (lead), De Toni, A.-F., Hofstra, A., Lisitsin, V., Montreuil, J.-F., Quentin de Gromard, R., Reid, A.

**Short course series + atlas:** Corriveau, L. (lead), De Toni, A.-F., Montreuil, J.-F., Percival, J., Potter, E. and the rest of the group

**Great Bear framework, geophysics, datasets, etc.:** Ansari, M., Aucoin, F., Beaulieu, D., Bowdidge, C., Corriveau, L., Craven, J., De Toni, A., Enkin, R., Fortin, R., Goad, R., Harvey, B., Hayward, N., Jacob, N., Lauzière, K., Létourneau, F., Montreuil, J.-F., Morin, A., Mumin, H., Percival, J., Potter, E. (finalization of products), Regis, D., Tschirhart, V., DEMCo (Dene First Nations company), Fortune Minerals

**Central Mineral Belt framework:** Acosta-Góngora, P. (lead), Blein, O., Corriveau, L., Potter, E. (finalization of products), Sparkes, G.

**Wanapitei-Sault St. Marie framework:** Peloquin, S. (lead), Easton, M., Maity, B., Montreuil, J.-F., Corriveau, L.

**Appalachian framework :** Adlakha, E., Baldwin, G., Kellett, D., Neyedley, K., Park, A., Piette-Lauzière, N.; Corriveau, L., Pilote, J.-L.

**SE Cordillera framework:** Katay, F., Paradis, S., Simandl, G.; Corriveau, L.

**Labrador Trough framework:** Conliffe, J. (lead), Corriveau, L., Jacob, N., Montreuil, J.-F., Scherba, C. (data provision)

**Grenville Province framework:** Belisle, M., Blein, O., De Toni, A., Moukhsil, A., Pelletier, J., Regis, D., Sappin, A.-A.,

**Australian district framework and case examples:** Dhnaram, C., Ehrig, K., Fabris, A., Lisitsin, V., Reid, A., Robertson, K., Wade, C.

**US + Andean, Brazilian settings:** Chen, H., Dare, S., Hofstra, A., Kreiner, D., Mansur, E.

**Chinese + Iraq settings:** Chen, H., Daliran, F., Huang, X.-W., Zhao, X.-F.

**Systems metamorphosed to high-grade (modelling, Canadian and Australian case studies):** Regis, D. + Quentin de Gromard, R., Blein, O., Corriveau, L., Duuring, P., Fabris, A., Gervais, F., Ivanic, T., Kesley, D., Korhoken, F., Lisitsin, V., Reid, A.,

**Rock collections:** Jacob, N. (lead), Corriveau, L., Laflamme, C.

**Mineral chemistry:** Dare, S. (lead), Beaudoin, G., Acosta-Góngora, P., Keiffer, M., Locmelis, M., Mansur, E., Potter, E., Santos, E., Sappin, A.-A., Savard, D.

**GACMAC 2022 short course and symposium:** Adlakha, E. (lead), Conliffe, J. (lead), Corriveau, L., Piette-Lauzière, N., Park, A.



# Consolidating knowledge on Canadian MIAC systems: an international workshop on mineral chemistry



## International Online Workshop on Mineral Chemistry in Systems with IOCG, IOA and affiliated Critical Metal Deposits



2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 (8h-11h UTC-5/Toronto)

6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (18h – 20h UTC-5/Toronto)

Regional metasomatic iron and alkali-calcic (MIAC) mineral systems generate a wide range of iron-oxide rich to iron poor economic deposit types (IOCG, IOA and affiliated critical metal deposits) with economic resources in many strategic and critical metals. As part of the Geological Survey of Canada-led global research network on critical metals in MIAC systems, this online workshop given by world-leading researchers will outline the textural and compositional variations of minerals (Fe-oxides, apatite, sulfides and fluorite) from a variety of IOCG, IOA and affiliated critical metal deposits. The aim is to better understand and discuss the key processes responsible for the chemical and textural signatures of minerals and their regional- to the mineral-scale variations across the breath of deposit types in these systems. Topics will include coupled dissolution-reprecipitation mechanisms, element partitioning between fluids and minerals, the role of fluid composition and the influence of co-crystallizing minerals.

See <https://cerm.uqac.ca/minchem/> for more details of the talks, our speakers and MIAC mineral systems in general.

*Organising Committee: Sarah Dare (UQAC), Anne-Aurélien Sappin (GSC), Louise Corriveau (GSC)*



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# Consolidating knowledge on Canadian MIAC systems: an international workshop on mineral chemistry

## SESSION 1

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

**Dr. Louise Corriveau, GSC** - Metasomatic iron and alkali-calcic (MIAC) mineral systems framework

**Prof. Sarah Dare, UQAC** - Introduction to LA-ICP-MS and mineral chemistry for petrogenesis and mineral exploration

**Prof. Andrew Putnis, U. Münster (Keynote)** - Fluid-rock interaction mechanisms and the inevitable consequences for textural evolution, mass transport and mineral precipitation

**Prof. Marek Locmelis, Missouri S&T (Invited)** - The origin of the Pilot Knob IOA cluster in southeast Missouri, USA – Insight from iron oxide mineral chemistry

**Dr. Celestine Mercer, USGS (Invited)** - Trace element geochemistry and cathodoluminescent textures of apatite from the Missouri iron metallogenic province, USA, reveal distinct igneous and magmatic-hydrothermal origins

## SESSION 2

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**Prof. Adam Simon, U. of Michigan (Keynote)** - Compositional variability of apatite, actinolite and magnetite in IOCG and IOA systems

**Prof. Xiaowen Huang, Chinese Academy of Sciences (Invited)** - The links between IOA and IOCG deposits: Constraints from iron oxide textures and composition

**Dr. Tobias Schlegel, CSIRO (Invited)** - Compositional variability of fluorite in IOCG deposits and prospects of the Olympic IOCG province, South Australia – what does it tell us about Cu mineralizing fluids and IOCG deposit formation?

**Dr. Eduardo Mansur, NGU (Invited)** - Jaguar hydrothermal Ni deposit – using mineral chemistry to link IOA and IOCG deposits within the Carajás Mineral Province, Brazil

## SESSION 3

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**Prof. Cristiana Ciobanu, U. of Adelaide (Keynote)** - Iron oxides at the nanoscale: Silician magnetite and U-rich hematite from the Olympic Dam IOCG district, South Australia

**Dr. Kathy Ehrig, BHP-Olympic Dam (Keynote)** - Compositional and textural variations of hematite and magnetite variation across the IOCG-IOA spectrum of deposits, Stuart Shelf, South Australia: Discovery to Recovery

**Dr. Daniele Regis, GSC (Invited)** - Predictive thermodynamic modelling of IOCG and affiliated alteration facies at high-grade metamorphic conditions

See Ehrig et al. 2012, 2021; Dare et al. 2014, 2015; Sappin et al. 2014; Corriveau et al. 2016, in press a–e; Ciobanu et al. 2017; Huang et al. 2019, in press; Regis et al. 2019; Mercer et al. 2020; Ferreira Filho et al. 2021; Putnis 2021; Sappin and Pereaault 2021; Tunnell et al. 2021



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## Annex 1: Acronyms and abbreviations

**IOCG**: iron oxide copper-gold deposits; **IOA**: iron oxide±apatite deposits; **Grp**: group; **U<sub>albitite</sub>**: albitite-hosted uranium deposits  
**IOAA**: iron oxide alkali-calcic alteration systems; **MIAC**: metasomatic iron alkali-calcic mineral systems  
**HT**: high temperature; **LT**: low(er) temperature; **REE**: rare-earth elements and Y; **H/LREE**: heavy/light REE; **PGE**: platinum-group elements  
**GBMZ**: Great Bear magmatic zone; **MLYRMB**: Middle-Lower Yangtze River metallogenic belt

**SEM**: Scanning electron microscope; **Mt**: million tons; **DDH**: Diamond drill hole; **k**: 1000

**BCGS**: British Columbia Geological Survey; **BRGM**: Bureau de la Recherche géologique et minière; **DEMCo**: Denendeh Exploration and Mining Company; **GEM**: Geomapping for Energy and Minerals program; **GSC**: Geological Survey of Canada; **GSNL**: Geological Survey of Newfoundland and Labrador; **GSQ**: Geological Survey of Queensland; **GSSA**: Geological Survey of South Australia; **GSWA**: Geological Survey of Western Australia; **MERN-Q**: Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources, Québec; **NBGS**: New-Brunswick Geological Survey, **NGU**: Norway Geological Survey; **NSGS**: Nova-Scotia Geological Survey; **OGS**: Ontario Geological Survey; **TGI**: Targeted Geoscience Initiative program; **U.**: University; **UQAC**: Université du Québec à Chicoutimi; **USGS**: United State Geological Survey

**Minerals** — **Ab**: albite, **Act**: actinote, **Adr**: andradite, **Aln**: alanite, **Amp**: amphibole, **Ank**: ankerite, **Ap**: apatite, **Apy**: arsenopyrite, **Ars**: arsenide, **Aug**: augite, **Bism**: bismuthinite, **Bn**: bornite, **Brt**: barite, **Bt**: biotite, **Cal**: calcite, **Cb**: carbonate, **Ccp**: chalcopyrite, **Cct**: chalcocite, **Chl**: chlorite, **Cob**: cobaltite, **Cpx**: clinopyroxene, **Cum**: cummingtonite, **Dol**: dolomite, **Dp**: iopside, **Ep**: epidote, **Fl**: fluorite, **Gers**: gersdorffite; **Gn**: galena, **Grs**: grossular, **Grt**: garnet, **Gru**: grunerite, **Hbl**: hornblende, **Hd**: heddenbergite, **Hem**: hematite, **Hst**: hastingsite, **Kfs**: K-feldspar, **Lin**: linnaeite, **Loe**: loellingite, **Mag**: magnetite, **Mil**: millerite, **Mns**: minnesotaite, **Mnz**: monazite, **Mol**: molybdenite, **Ms**: muscovite, **Phl**: phlogopite, **Pl**: plagioclase, **Pn**: pentlandite, **Po**: pyrrhotite, **Py**: pyrite, **Qz**: quartz, **Saf**: safflorite, **Sch**: scheelite; **Scp**: scapolite, **Sd**: siderite, **Ser**: white mica (sericite), **Sieg**: siegenite; **Sil**: sillimanite, **Sku**: skutterudite; **Sp**: sphalerite, **Stp**: stilpnomelane, **Sul**: sulphides, **Syn**: synchysite, **Tr**: tremolite, **Ttn**: titanite, **Urn**: uraninite (Whitney and Evans 2010)



## Annex 2: References for location, deposit types and resources of deposits

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