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# NSERC-CMIC Mineral Exploration Footprints Research Network: Data Integration for the Next Generation of Mineral Exploration Models

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# Problems

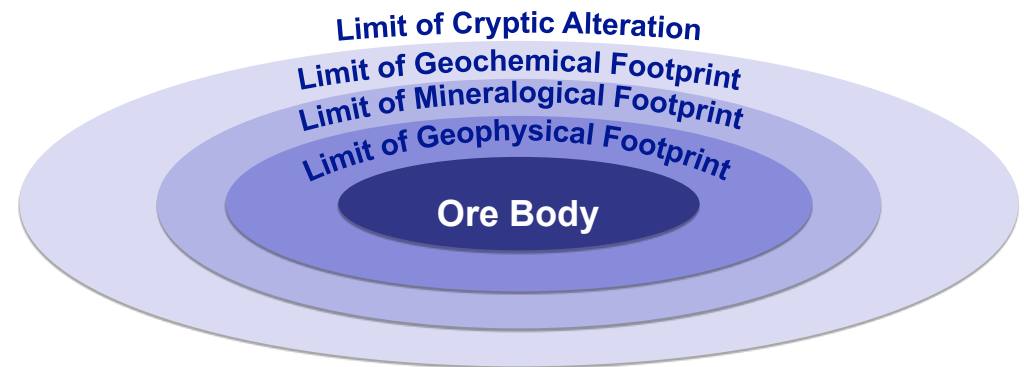
- **Volume of data:** Surveys are being conducted faster than ever before, frequently exceeding the capacity to assemble and interpret them, leaving vast amounts of quantitative information unused
- **Subjective data selection:** Conventional methods of handling the data are no longer sufficient to extract their full value and expensive data are regularly dismissed on the basis of subjective evaluations
- **Consistency:** Lack of consistency in the quality and resolution of different data sets creates problems in comparing and integrating data
- **Incomplete quantitative analysis:** Most exploration models have typically not been populated with quantitative data for more than a few parameters or at the range of scales necessary for effective exploration
- **Data interrogation/relationships:** Even where data are abundant, they are often interrogated individually or without qualification that may emphasize their relationship to an economic deposit

# Goals

- ⦿ **Enhance the ability of the Canadian mining industry to recognize the entire footprint of an ore deposit** from its high-grade (minable) core to most distant cryptic margin
- ⦿ **Develop methods that truly integrate (not just layer) the wide range of complex geological-structural-lithological-mineralogical-geochemical-petrophysical-geophysical data** that define the footprint of an ore deposit
- ⦿ **Formalized methodologies for how specialists in each of those areas need to interact** in order to accomplish these goals

# Specific Objectives

- **Develop comprehensive and robust models of the footprints of large-scale ore-forming systems** at three integrated study sites, combining geological, mineralogical, geochemical, geophysical, and physical rock properties from the local to the camp scale
- **Develop novel methods for integrating and interrogating multiple data sets** that will enhance the exploration process and, at the same time, answer fundamental questions about the origins of large-scale ore-forming systems
- **Identify the best combinations of geological, geophysical, petrophysical, mineralogical, and geochemical tools** to detect the footprints of major ore-forming systems





# Research Network



**30 Faculty Researchers at 24 Canadian Universities**

**80 HQP Trained**

**15 Research Scientists, 9 PhD Students, 16 MSc Students**

**6 BSc Hons Students, 17 BSc Lab Assistants, 17 BSc Field Assistants**

**33 Sponsors:**

**16 Mining and Mineral Exploration Companies:** Agnico-Eagle (2014-2018), AngloGold Ashanti, Areva/Orano, Barrick, Cameco, Denison Mines, Franklin Geosciences, Gedex (2013-2014), Goldfields, HudBay, Iamgold, Japan-Canada Uranium (2013-2016), Kinross, Osisko (2013-2014), Teck, Yamana Gold (2014-2018)

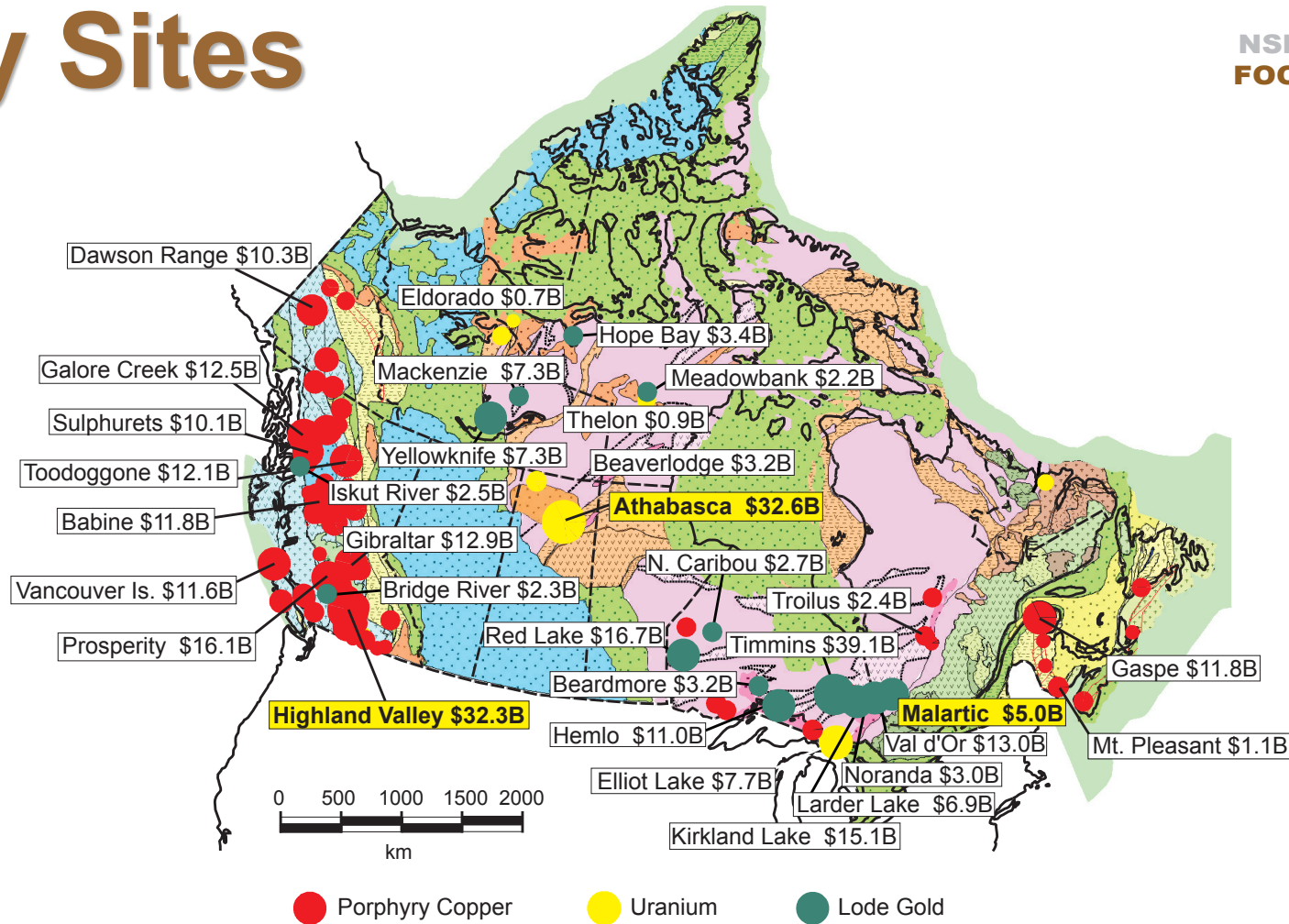
**4 Geochemical Service Companies:** Actlabs, ALS, SGS, SRC

**6 Geological and Geophysical Service Companies:** Abitibi Geophysics, Fugro/CGG, DGI, PGW, Rekasa Rocks (2017), SRK

**7 Software Service Companies:** BearingPoint, Dassault Systèmes, Geosoft, MIRA Geoscience, Paradigm, Pitney-Bowes, Reflex

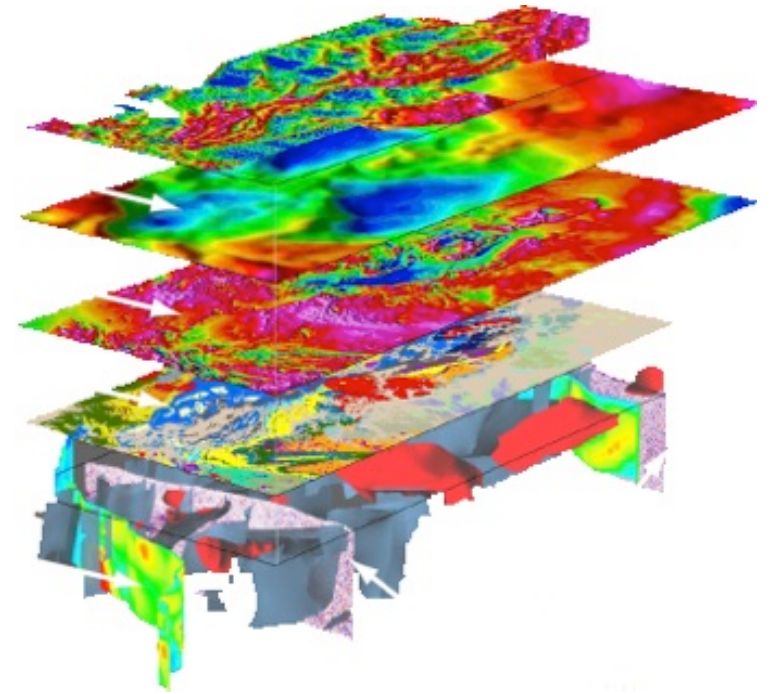
**4 Collaborators:** GSC TGI-4, MRNQ, SGS, GSBC

# Study Sites



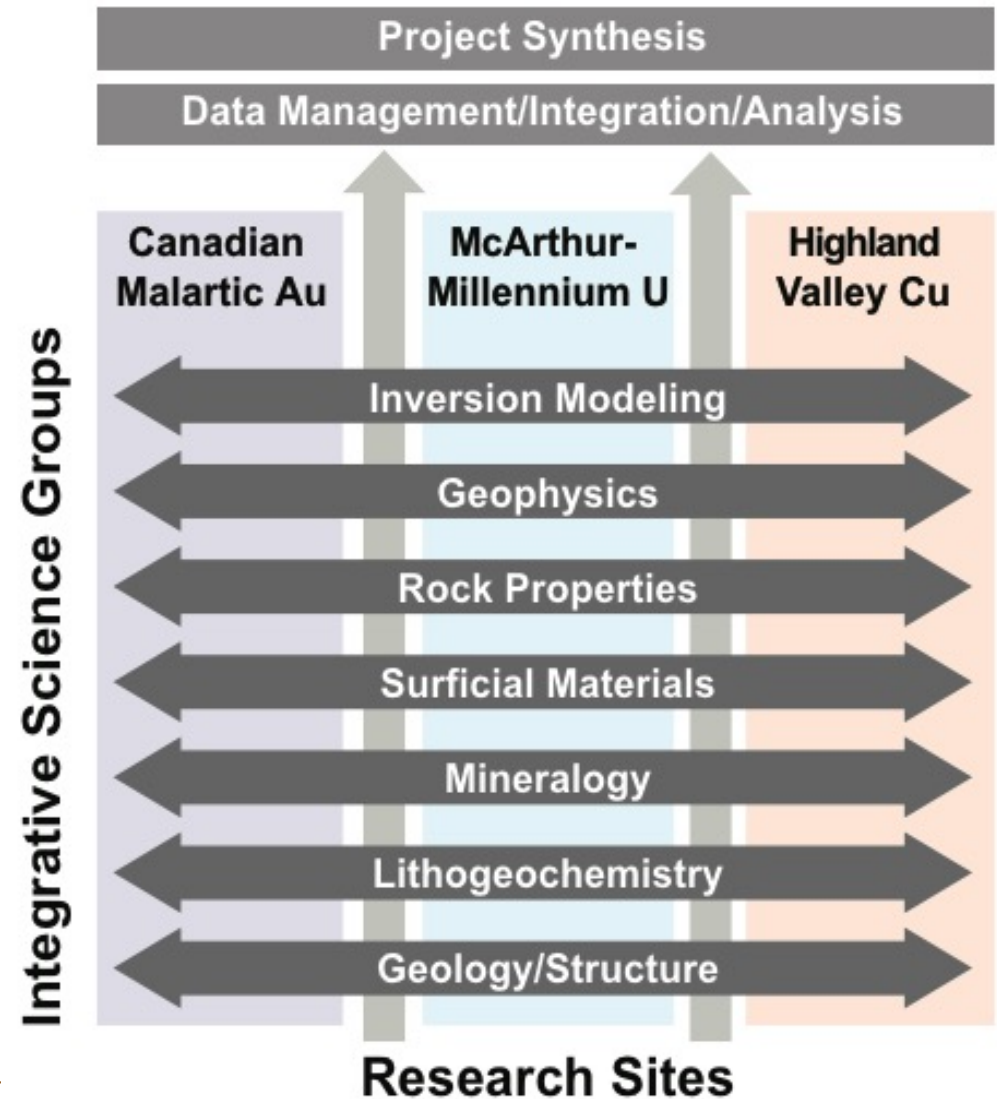
# Research Methodologies

- **Full ore systems from distal edges to ore zones**, both at surface and at depth, and including the highest density of data and sampling opportunities
- **New and legacy data**, with emphasis on high-quality multi-parameter measurements on the same samples at each site
- **3D data constrained using multi-parameter data from representative cross sections and surface/level plans** through each ore system



# Site/Technology Groups

- Same teams of researchers working on all three sites to ensure a uniform approach to defining the ore-system footprints





# Common Focus of Subprojects

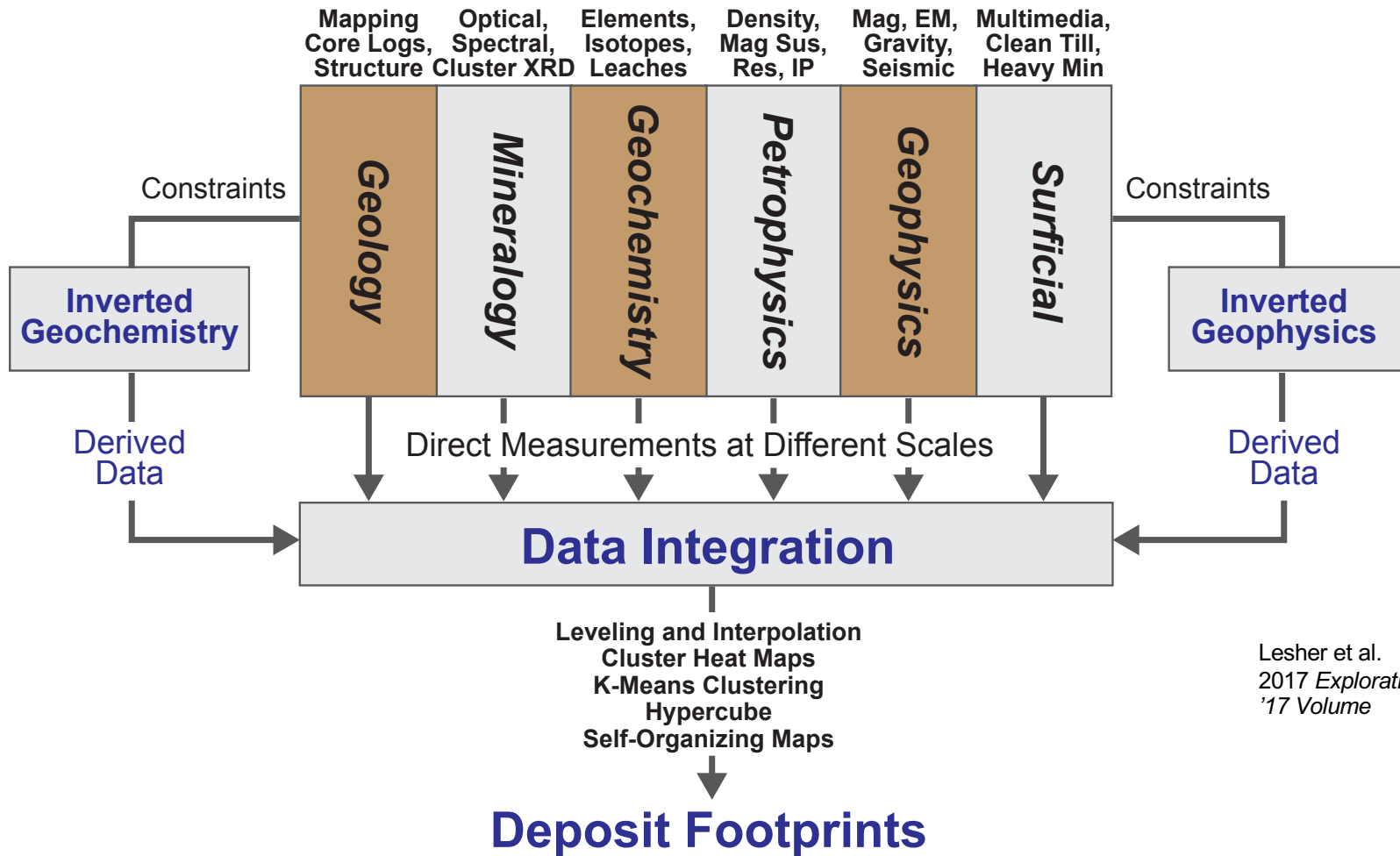
- Collate and integrate existing data sets
- Identify key sections to characterize the deposit footprint
- Select new analyses to fill critical gaps in multi-parameter data sets
- Identify unique combinations of parameters at the appropriate scales



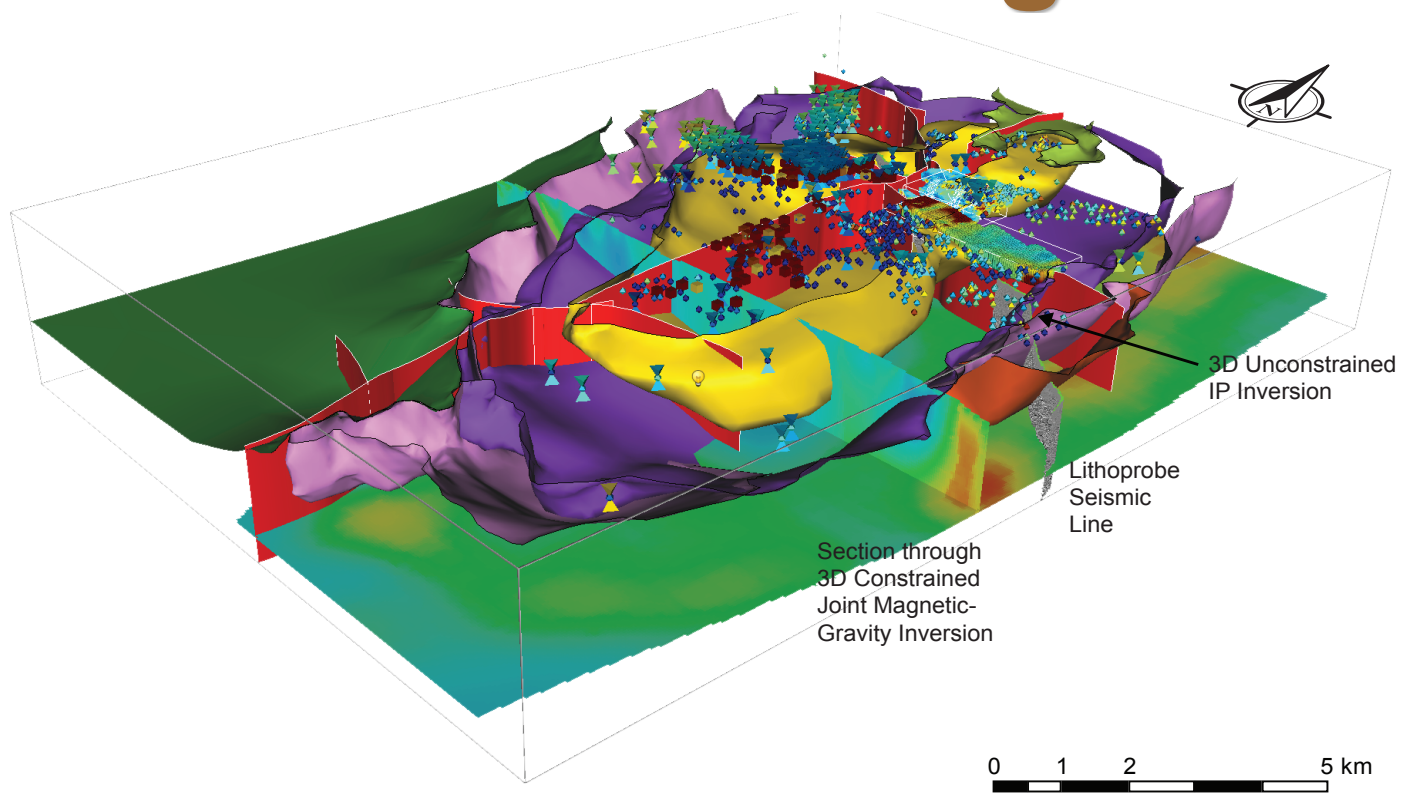
# Workflow

## Actual Geology

Imperfectly Sampled/Imaged at Large and Small Scales



# Common Data Integration Model



**GOCAD/SKUA and MIRA Mining Suite used to provide a common framework for 2D/3D geology, physical properties, borehole logs, assay data, structural/geophysical/geochemical models, and inversions**

# Major Deliverables

- ◉ **Fully integrated, multiparameter footprint models** of three major types of ore systems in Canada and the workflows needed to creating them
- ◉ **Maps and sections of the detectable features** of the ore systems, including full geological, mineralogical, geochemical, petrophysical, geophysical, and derived attributes
- ◉ **Database of physical rock properties** linked to the mineralogical and geochemical attributes of ore-hosting lithologies and alteration
- ◉ **Geophysical survey data reprocessed** with new software and constrained by new geological information and physical property measurements specific to the ore system
- ◉ **Modifications of existing tools or methods** to enhance the measurement and detection of footprints at a range of scales



# Footprints and Vectors Identified

## ○ Au Site

- **98 vectors** (35 in metasedimentary rocks, 63 in mafic dikes)
- **20 footprints** (9 in metasedimentary rocks, 11 in mafic dikes)
- **4 halos** in Quaternary sediments

## ○ U Site

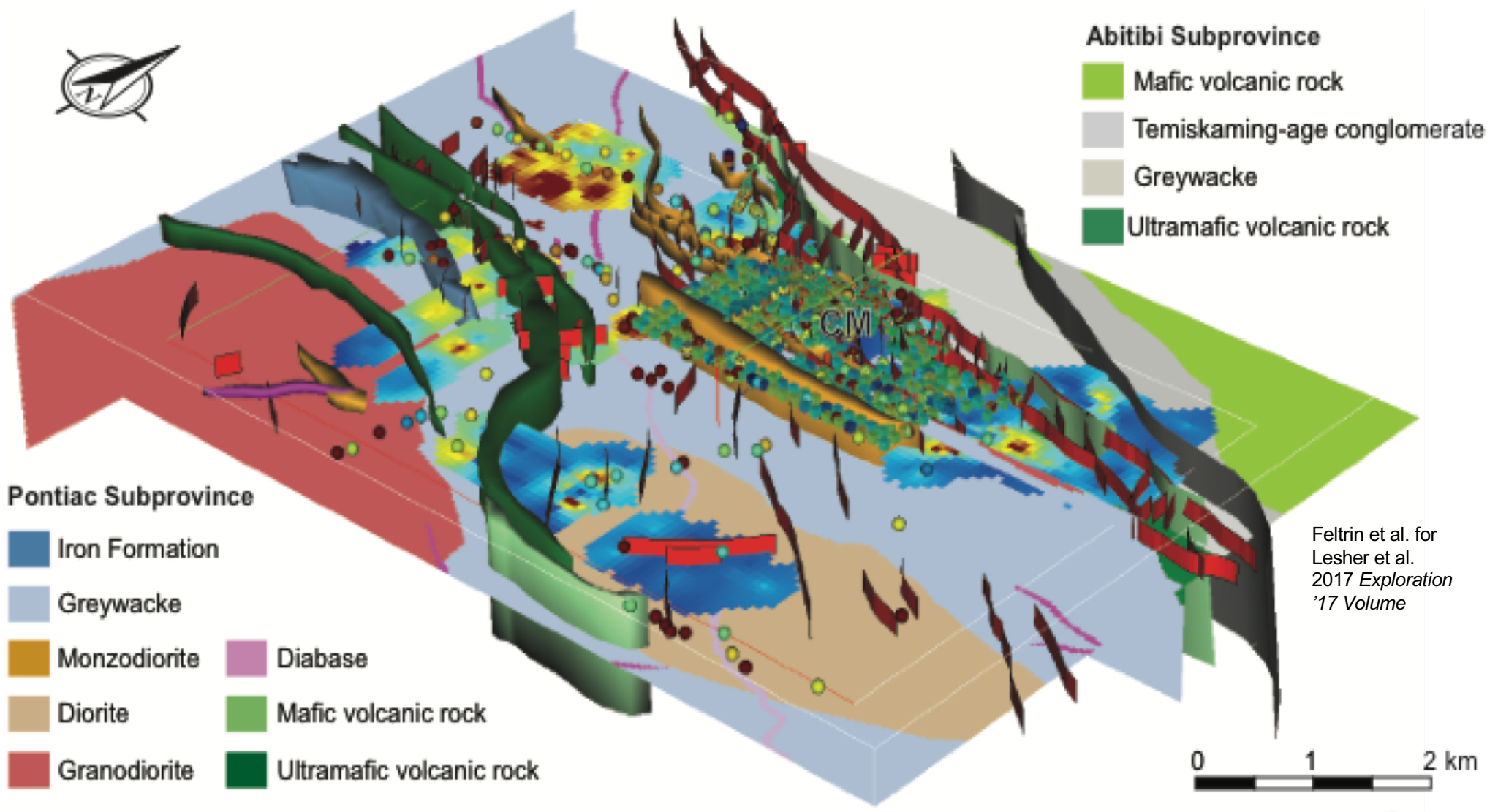
- **18 vectors and 7 footprints at Millennium**
- **14 vectors and footprints at McArthur River**
- **Vary with stratigraphy, strongly controlled by structure**

## ○ Cu Site

- **15 vectors and footprints**

# Au Site Database and CEM

- ◉ **5 local** (40 cm resolution) **and 1 regional** (90m resolution) **DEMs**
- ◉ **Overburden thickness model and regional till map**
- ◉ **161 historic mine sections, 6045 DDH logs, and 14 downhole petrophysical logs**
- ◉ **Regional geological model and 14 local outcrop geology maps**
- ◉ **2322 structural measurements and 2888 regional mineral occurrences**
- ◉ **2 airborne MAG and EM, 19 IP, and 3 satellite/ground gravity surveys**
- ◉ **863 petrophysical and 1011 gamma-ray spectrometric measurements**
- ◉ **4382 pXRF, 1103 WR lithochem, and 272 WR and mineral H-O-C-S isotope analyses**
- ◉ **347 XRD mineralogy determinations**
- ◉ **7539 WD-XRES (EPMA) mineral analyses**
- ◉ **Hyperspectral data for 1639 samples and over 1000m of drill core**
- ◉ **Derivative products:** stitched 1D inversions of AEM data for resistivity and susceptibility at different frequencies, forward magnetic models, inversions for IP resistivity and chargeability, and gridded geochemistry, mineralogy, petrophysics
- ◉ **Supporting data:** >2000 photographs, photomicrographs, backscattered electron SEM maps, hyperspectral mineral chemistry maps, WD-XRES EPMA and LA-ICP-MS elemental maps, and mineral liberation analytical maps



- Abitibi Subprovince**
- Mafic volcanic rock
  - Temiskaming-age conglomerate
  - Greywacke
  - Ultramafic volcanic rock

- Pontiac Subprovince**
- Iron Formation
  - Greywacke
  - Monzodiorite
  - Diorite
  - Granodiorite
  - Diabase
  - Mafic volcanic rock
  - Ultramafic volcanic rock

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# Au Site Footprints/ Vectors I.

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| Type/Lithology/Phase/Property |                       | Mineralized<br><0.1 km   | Proximal<br>0.1 - 0.5 km | Medial<br>0.5 - 1 km | Distal<br>1 - 5 km       | Least Altered<br>> 5 km | Method / Instrument   |  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| Mineralogy and Petrophysics   | Metabasic dikes       | Anorthite<br>Presence  |                          |                      |                          | OUT   IN                | Petrography   |  |
|                               |                       | Hornblende<br>Presence<br>Proportion                                 |                          | OUT   IN             |                          |                         | Petrography<br>XRD  |  |
|                               |                       | Biotite<br>Presence<br>Proportion                                    |                          |                      |                          | IN   OUT                | Petrography<br>XRD  |  |
|                               |                       | Epidote (Allanite)<br>Ca/(REE+Y)<br>Al/(Mg+Fe)<br>F/Cl               | OUT   IN                 |                      |                          | IN   OUT                | Petrography<br>EPMA (WD-XRES)<br>EPMA (WD-XRES)<br>EPMA (WD-XRES) |  |
|                               |                       | Calcite<br>Presence<br>Proportion                                    |                          |                      | IN   OUT                 |                         | Petrography<br>XRD / Petrography                                  |  |
|                               |                       | Density  |                          |                      |                          |                         |   | Balance                                  |
|                               | All Lithologies       | Iron carbonates<br>Presence  |                          | IN   OUT             |                          |                         |   | Staining                                 |
|                               |                       | Fluoro-carbonates<br>(Parisite)<br>Presence<br>Proportion            |                          |                      | IN   OUT                 |                         |   | SEM<br>SEM                               |
|                               |                       | Ilmenite<br>Presence   |                          |                      | OUT   IN                 |                         |   | SEM                                      |
|                               |                       | Rutile<br>W-Sb-Nb  |                          |                      |                          |                         |   | EPMA (WD-XRES)                           |
|                               |                       | Pyrite<br>Presence<br>Proportion                                     |                          |                      |                          | IN   OUT                |   | Petrography<br>SEM                       |
|                               |                       | Pyrrhotite<br>(metamorphic)<br>Presence<br>Proportion<br>Ratio Po/Py |                          | OUT   IN             |                          |                         | IN   OUT  | Petrography<br>SEM / Petrophysics<br>SEM |
|                               |                       | Magnetic Susceptibility  |                          |                      |                          |                         |   | Susceptibility meter                     |
|                               | Metasedimentary rocks | Albite<br>Presence   |                          | IN   OUT             |                          |                         |   | Petrography                              |
|                               |                       | Microcline<br>Presence   |                          | IN   OUT             |                          |                         |   | Petrography / Staining                   |
|                               |                       | Biotite<br>(hydrothermal)<br>Wavelength<br>Mg #                      |                          |                      | High   Low (metamorphic) |                         |   | SWIR Imagery<br>EPMA / SWIR Imagery      |
|                               |                       | Biotite<br>(metamorphic)<br>Si-K-Ti-F<br>Na-Al                       |                          |                      |                          |                         |   | EPMA<br>EPMA                             |
|                               |                       | White mica<br>(hydrothermal)<br>Wavelength<br>Al <sup>VI</sup>       |                          |                      |                          | Low   High              |   | SWIR Imagery<br>EPMA                     |
|                               |                       | White mica<br>(metamorphic)<br>Si-Fe-Mg-K-Ti<br>Na-Al<br>Wavelength  |                          |                      |                          |                         |   | EPMA<br>EPMA<br>SWIR Imagery             |
|                               |                       | Calcite<br>Presence<br>Proportion                                    |                          |                      | IN   OUT                 |                         |   | Petrography<br>XRD / Petrography         |
| Pyrite<br>Au-Te               |                       |  |                          |                      |                          |                         | ICP-MS  |  |



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|                                    |                        | Calcite                         | Presence<br>Proportion                       |                      |                    | IN   OUT                |                     | Petrography<br>XRD / Petrography                                  |  |
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|                                    |                        | Ilmenite                        | Presence                                     |                      |                    | OUT   IN                |                     | SEM   |  |
|                                    |                        | Rutile                          | W-Sb-Nb                                      |                      |                    |                         |                     | EPMA (WD-XRES)  |  |
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|                               | <b>Microcline</b><br>Presence  | IN   OUT                 |                          |                      |                    |                         | Petrography / Staining              |
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|                               | <b>White mica</b><br>(hydrothermal)<br>Wavelength<br>Al <sup>VI</sup>      | .....                    |                          | Low   High           |                    |                         | SWIR Imagery<br>EPMA                |
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|                               | <b>Calcite</b><br>Presence<br>Proportion                                   | .....                    |                          | IN   OUT             |                    |                         | Petrography<br>XRD / Petrography    |
|                               | <b>Pyrite</b><br>Au-Te   | .....                    |                          | .....                |                    |                         | ICP-MS                              |

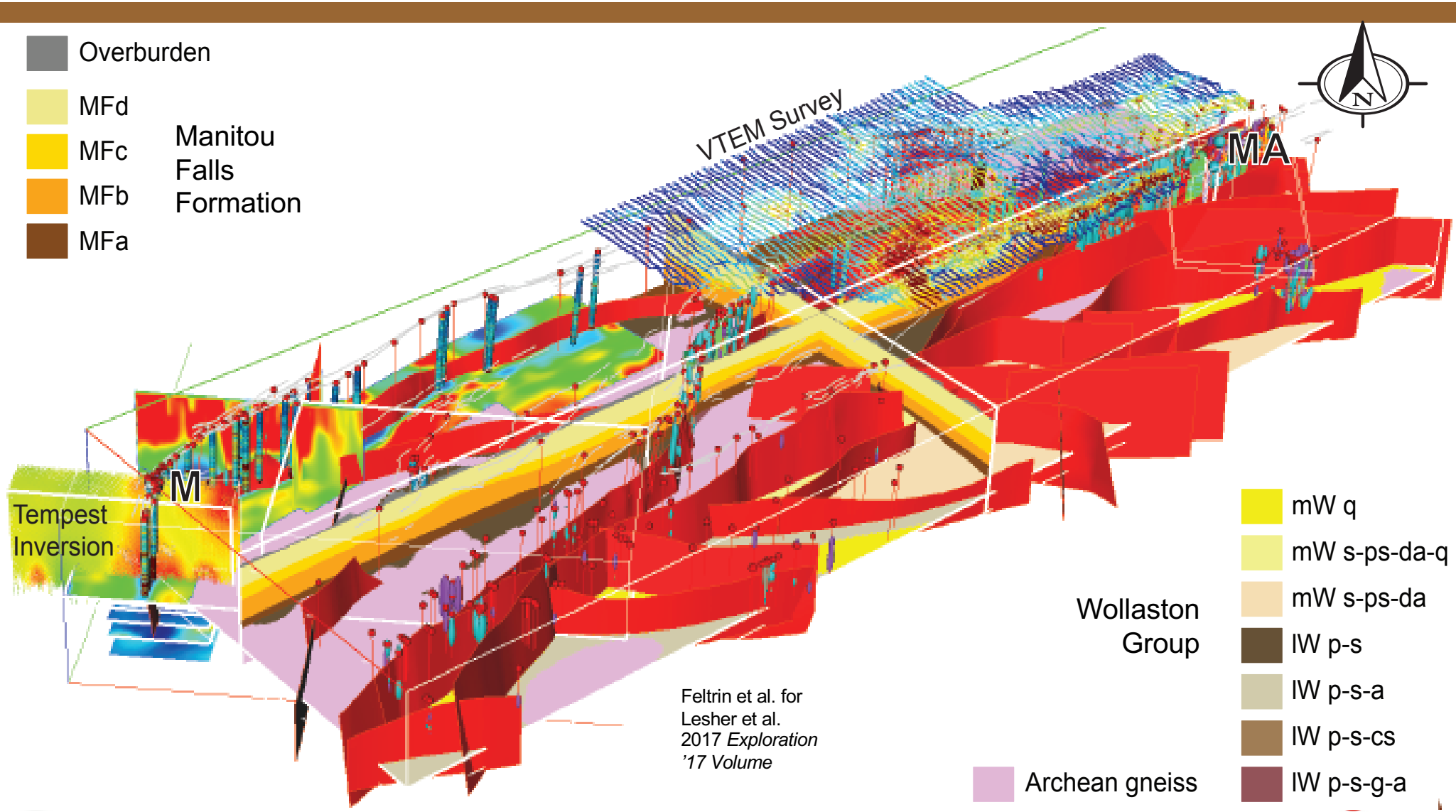
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# U Site Database and CEM

- ◉ **50m-spaced DEM and overburden thickness map**
- ◉ **Basin and basement geology with fault traces**
- ◉ **Regional radiometrics; seismic**
- ◉ **1 km-spaced ground gravity and gravity forward model**
- ◉ **100m (Millennium) and 300m (McArthur River) spaced airborne gravity gradiometry and inversions**
- ◉ **300m-spaced AEM survey and magnetic inversion, and AMT survey**
- ◉ **EM conductor traces; airborne electromagnetic surveys, 3D resistivity inversion, and 1D resistivity inversion of all survey lines**
- ◉ **~1440 drill cores with lithologies, geochemistry (>47,000 analyses), SWIR, and structural data (12 with new lithogeochemistry, mineralogy, and petrophysics)**
- ◉ **5 GPR lines and 74 till samples (geochemistry and pebble counts)**
- ◉ **Surficial geochemistry (~2140 soil horizons, ~580 tree cores, ~270 boulders)**
- ◉ **~250 petrophysical measurements (saturated bulk density, porosity, magnetic susceptibility, resistivity, chargeability)**





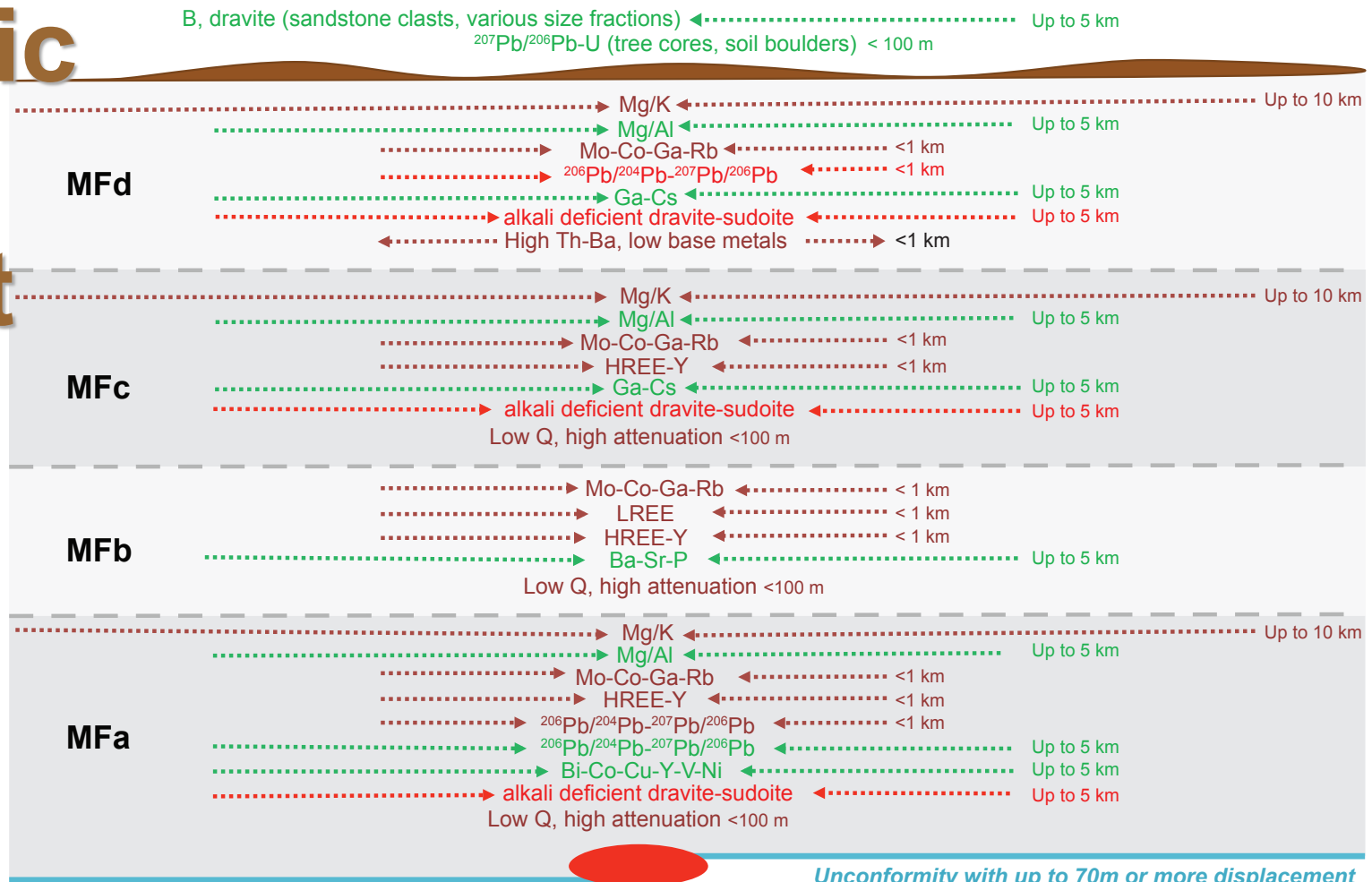
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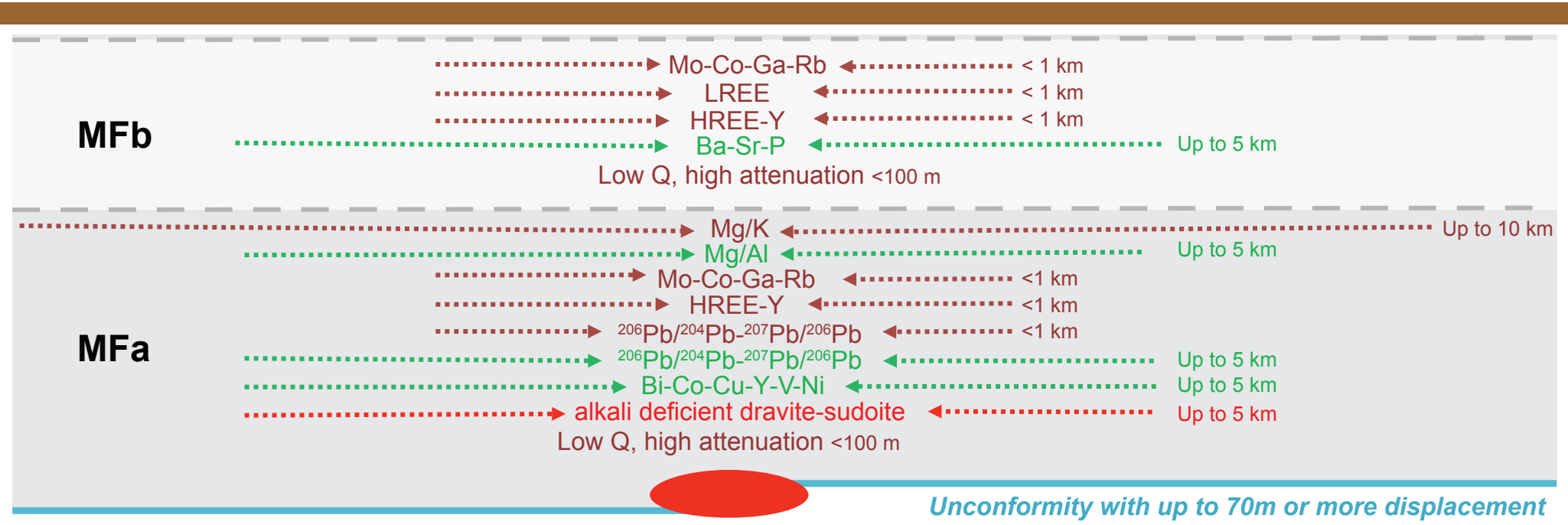
| Method           | Indicator/Vector  | Notes                         | Stratigraphic Unit | Distribution  | Extent      |
|------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|---|-------------|
| Lithogeochem     | molar Mg/K  | indicative of clay mineralogy | MFa, MFc, MFd      |   | up to 10 km |
| Lithogeochem     | Mo-Co-Ga-Rb   |                               | MFa, MFb, MFc, MFd |   | <1 km       |
| Lithogeochem     | HREE-Y  |                               | MFa, MFb, MFc      |   | 1-2 km      |
| Lithogeochem     | LREE  |                               | MFb                |   | <1 km       |
| Lithogeochem     | $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ ,<br>$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$          |                               | MFa                | possibly in fractures                                   | <1 km       |
| Machine Learning | High Th-Ba, low base metals   |                               | MFc                | background?   | >1 km       |
| Machine Learning | High Zn-Mn-Ca   |                               | MFd                |   | <1 km       |
| Machine Learning | High LREE   |                               | MFb, MFc, MFd      |   | <1 km       |
| Machine Learning | High Ni-Co-V-Mo-Bi-B  |                               | MFc                |   | <1 km       |
| Machine Learning | late Carb, epigenetic Chl   |                               | MFb                |   | <1 km       |
| Isotopes         | high $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ ,<br>low $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ |                               | MFa, MFb           |   | >1 km       |
| Geophysics       | Seismic Q   | anelastic attenuation factor  |                    | may detect alteration in sandstone in restricted survey | TBD         |



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Increasing concentration

**McArthur River and Millennium**  
**McArthur River only**  
**Millennium only**

Signals most pronounced along structures to surface and laterally

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B, dravite (sandstone clasts, various size fractions) ← ..... Up to 5 km  
<sup>207</sup>Pb/<sup>206</sup>Pb-U (tree cores, soil boulders) < 100 m

**MFd**

..... Mg/K ..... Up to 10 km  
 ..... Mg/Al ..... Up to 5 km  
 ..... Mo-Co-Ga-Rb ..... <1 km  
 ..... <sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb-<sup>207</sup>Pb/<sup>206</sup>Pb ..... <1 km  
 ..... Ga-Cs ..... Up to 5 km  
 ..... alkali deficient dravite-sudoite ..... Up to 5 km  
 ..... High Th-Ba, low base metals ..... <1 km

**MFc**

..... Mg/K ..... Up to 10 km  
 ..... Mg/Al ..... Up to 5 km  
 ..... Mo-Co-Ga-Rb ..... <1 km  
 ..... HREE-Y ..... <1 km  
 ..... Ga-Cs ..... Up to 5 km  
 ..... alkali deficient dravite-sudoite ..... Up to 5 km  
 Low Q, high attenuation <100 m

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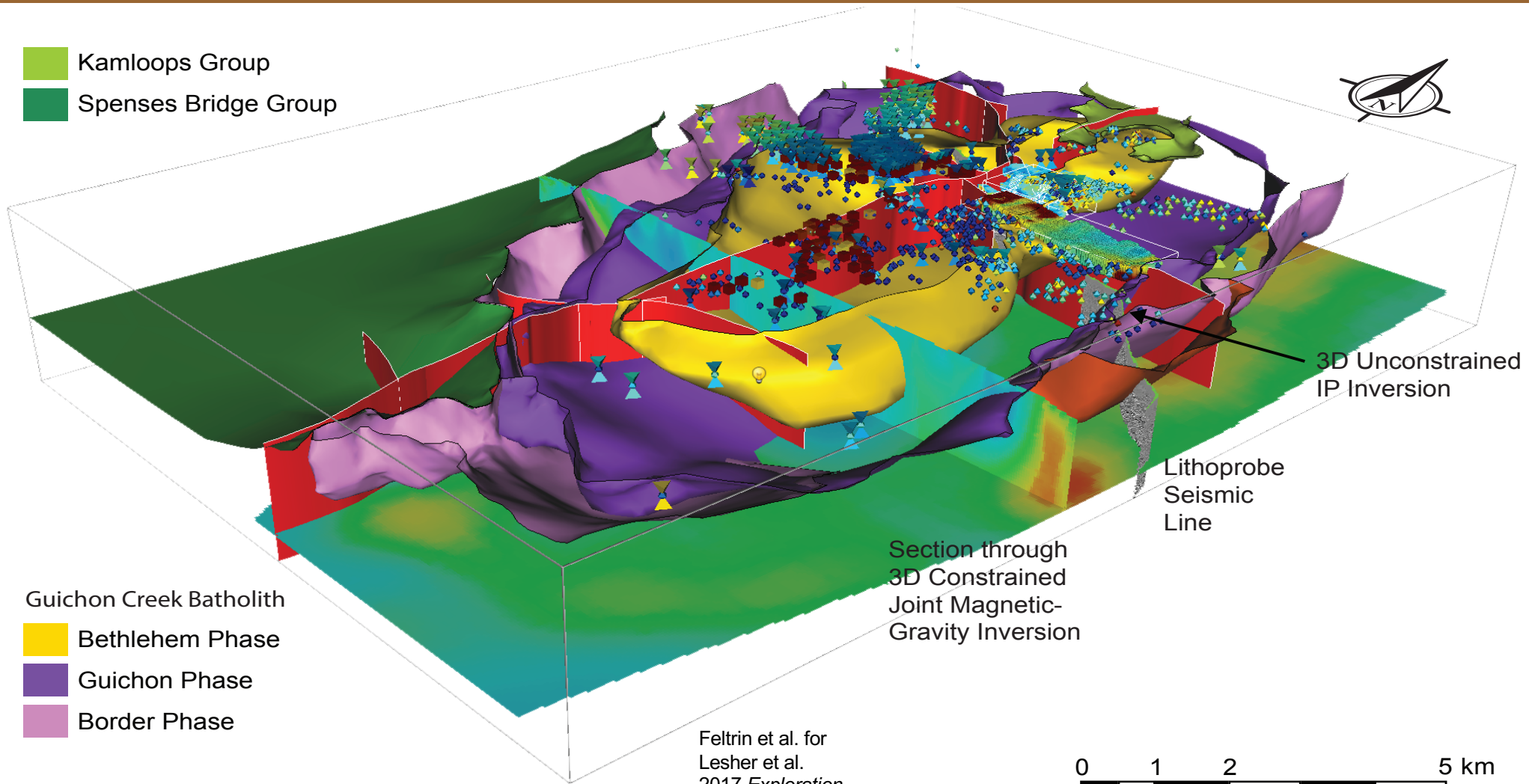


# Cu Site Database and CEM

- ◉ **90m-resolution DEM and compilation of DDH overburden thickness**
- ◉ **HR orthophotography and regional/local geological maps including ~1640 outcrop/DDH stations, ~2350 bedding and structural measurements, ~750 mag sus measurements**
- ◉ **Compilation of Cu-Au-Ag-Zn-Pb mineral occurrences**
- ◉ **250m-spacing airborne mag and radiometrics, and 2 km-spacing airborne gravity**
- ◉ **3D compilation of chargeability/resistivity (20 DCIP surveys ea. with 2D or 3D inversion)**
- ◉ **2 ft-resolution satellite grav survey and 200-station ground grav survey**
- ◉ **~1400 petrophysical (density/porosity/mag sus/remanence/electric) measurements**
- ◉ **~1200 legacy and ~1200 new lithogeochemical, ~235 soil geochemical, and 125 biogeochemical (tree) analyses; ~250 whole-rock and ~180 soil pXRF analyses; ~3200 field and ~700 laboratory hyperspectral analyses**
- ◉ **100 C-O, 70 S, 7 Cu, and 14 Rb-Sr, and Sm-Nd isotopic analyses; wide range of WD-XRES (EPMA) and LA-ICP-MS microanalyses of hornblende, plagioclase, epidote, biotite, chlorite, white mica, tourmaline, apatite, zircon, and oxides**
- ◉ **380 pebble-mineral counts and geochemical analyses of till samples (80 with petrophysical measurements)**

- Kamloops Group
- Spenses Bridge Group

- Guichon Creek Batholith
- Bethlehem Phase
- Guichon Phase
- Border Phase
- Gump Lake Phase



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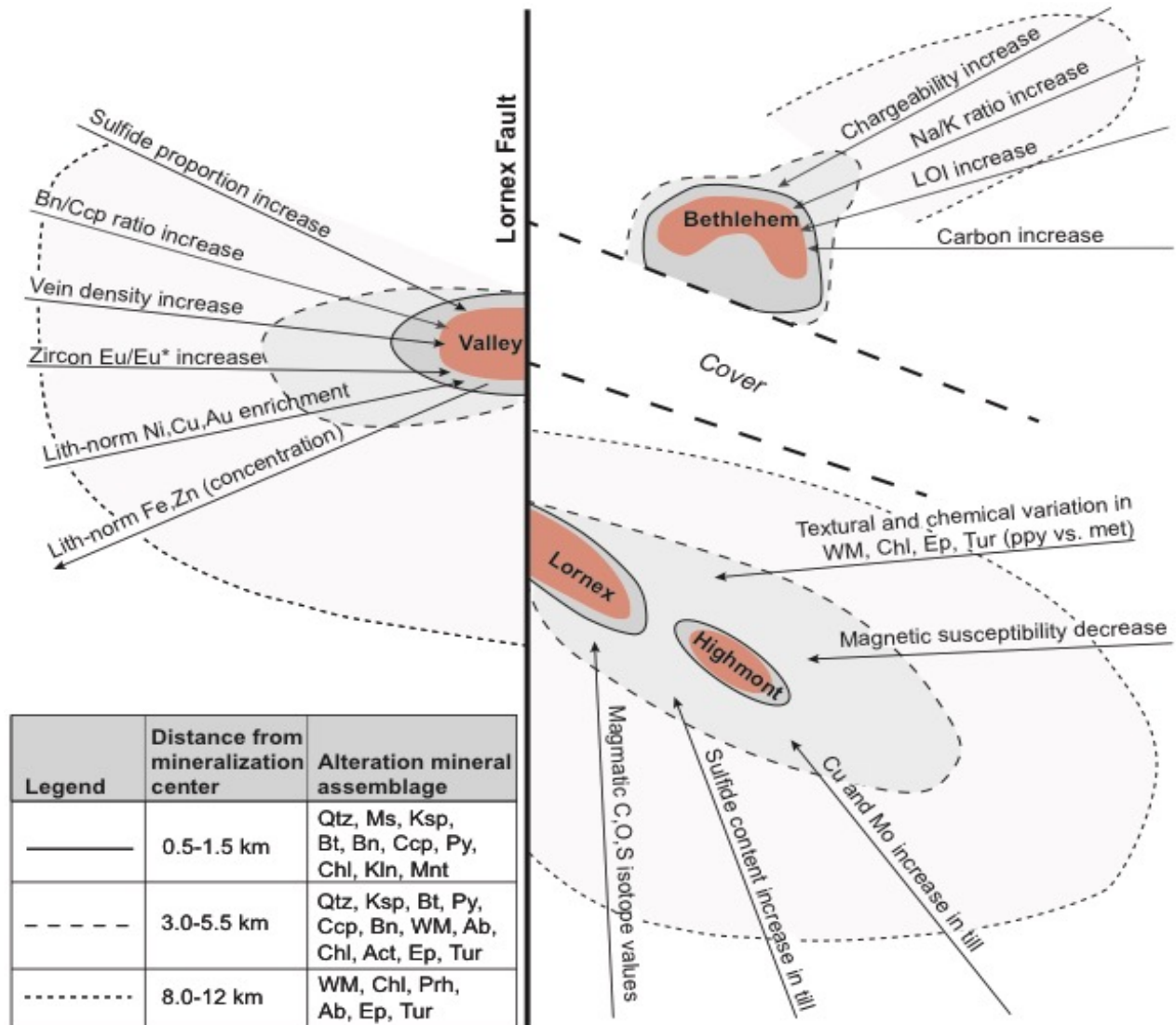


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|              |                       | 0-0.5 km<br>Mineralized | 0-0.5 km<br>Proximal | 1.5-6 km<br>Medial | 3-15 km<br>Distal | >15 km<br>Fresh | Method(s)            |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Whole Rock   | Cu-Ni-Au-Mo           | ←                       |                      |                    |                   |                 | ICP-OES/FA           |
|              | Fe-Mg-Zn-Pb           | ←                       |                      |                    |                   | →               | ICP-OES              |
|              | $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ | ←                       |                      |                    |                   |                 | CF-IRMS              |
| White Mica   | Abundance             | ←                       |                      |                    |                   |                 | Petrography          |
| K-feldspar   | Abundance             | ←                       |                      |                    |                   |                 | Petrography/Staining |
| Sulfide      | Abundance             | ←                       |                      |                    |                   |                 | Petrography          |
|              | Bn-Ccp                | ←                       |                      |                    |                   |                 | Petrography          |
|              | Py                    |                         | ←                    |                    |                   |                 | Petrography          |
|              | $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ |                         |                      |                    | →                 |                 | IRMS                 |
| Chlorite     | Abundance             |                         |                      |                    | →                 |                 | Petrography          |
| Albite       | Abundance             |                         |                      | →                  |                   |                 | Petrography/Staining |
| Prehnite     | Abundance             |                         |                      |                    | →                 |                 | Petrography/SWIR     |
| Carbonate    | Abundance             |                         |                      | →                  |                   |                 | Petrography          |
|              | $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ | ←                       |                      |                    |                   |                 | CF-IRMS              |
| Zircon       | Eu/Eu*                | ←                       |                      |                    |                   |                 | LA-ICP-MS            |
|              | Ti-temp               |                         |                      |                    |                   | →               | LA-ICP-MS            |
| Petrophysics | Mag Susc              |                         | →                    |                    |                   |                 | Susceptibility Meter |

# Schematic Cu Site Footprint



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# Common Footprints and Vectors I.

|  | Au | Cu | U |
|--|----|----|---|
| <b>Structure</b>   |    |    |   |
| Variance in bedding footprint                            | ○  |    | ○ |
| Vein/fracture density footprint                          |    | ○  | ○ |
| <b>Petrophysics</b>                                      |    |    |   |
| Mag Sus vector   | ○  | ○  |   |
| Resistivity and chargeability footprint                  | ○  | ○  | ○ |
| <b>Mineralogy</b>  |    |    |   |
| Hydrothermal zircon footprint                            | ○  | ○  |   |
| Silicification/desilicification vector                   | ○  | ○  | ○ |
| <b>Mineral Chemistry</b>                                 |    |    |   |
| Epidote footprint  | ○  | ○  |   |
| Feldspar composition vector                              | ○  | ○  |   |
| Ilmenite footprint                                       | ○  | ○  |   |
| Phyllosilicate (mica/chlorite/clay) compositional vector | ○  | ○  | ○ |
| Pyrite footprint   | ○  | ○  |   |
| Sulfide chemistry footprint                              | ○  | ○  |   |
| W in rutile footprint                                    | ○  | ○  |   |

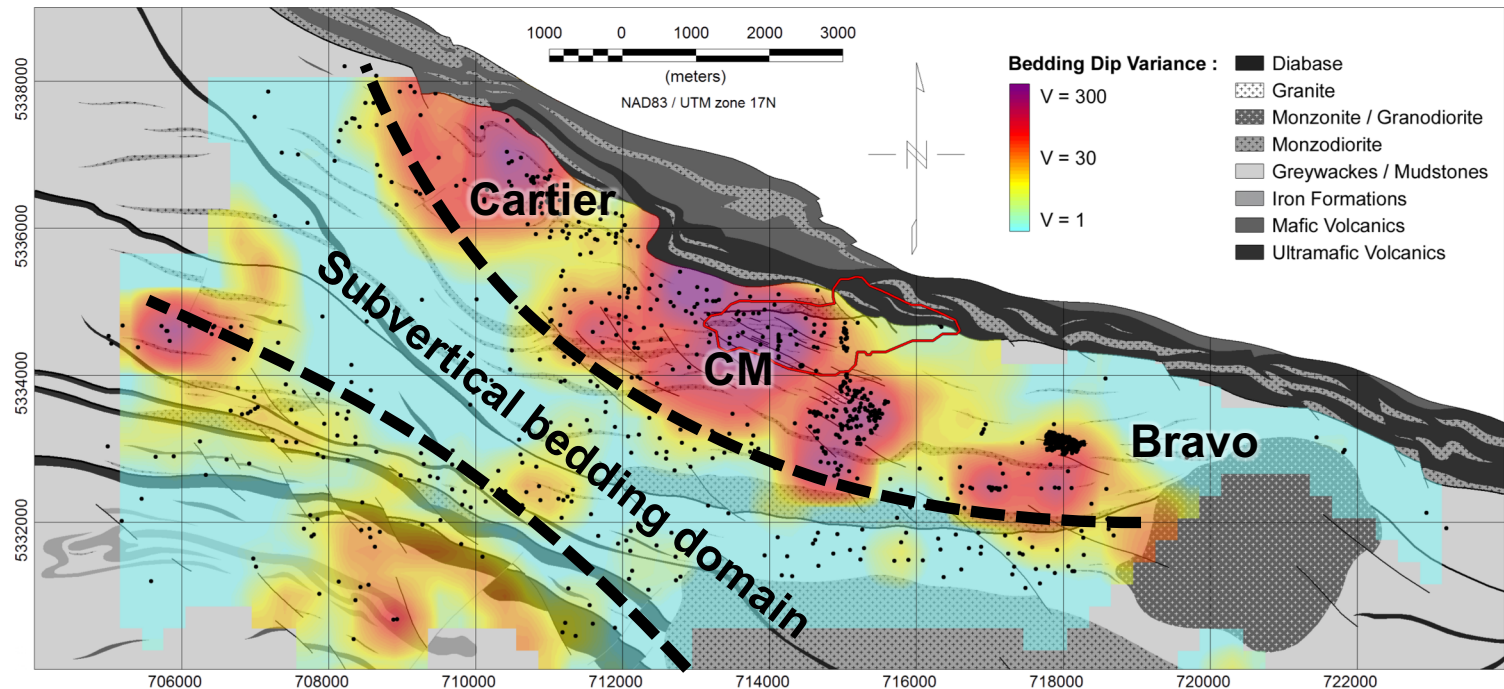


# Common Footprints and Vectors II.

|                              | Au   | Cu  | U        |
|------------------------------|------|-----|----------|
| <b>Lithochemistry</b>        |      |     |          |
| Au footprint                 | ⊙    | ⊙   | McA only |
| B vector                     | ⊙    | ⊙   | ⊙        |
| Ba-Sr vector                 | ⊙    | ⊙   |          |
| C (carbonate/graphite)       | ⊙    | ⊙   | ⊙        |
| Cs-Rb-K vector               | ⊙    | ⊙   | ⊙        |
| Cu-Ag footprint              | ⊙    | ⊙   | ⊙        |
| LOI footprint                | ⊙    | ⊙   | ⊙        |
| REE vector                   | LREE | REE | ⊙        |
| Mo ± Bi ± Pb footprint       | ⊙    | ⊙   | ⊙        |
| Ni-Zn vector                 |      | ⊙   | ⊙        |
| S footprint                  | ⊙    | ⊙   | ⊙        |
| Selective leaching footprint | ⊙    | ⊙   | ⊙        |
| U vector                     | ⊙    |     | ⊙        |
| <b>Isotopes</b>              |      |     |          |
| H-C-O isotope vector         | ⊙    | ⊙   | ⊙        |
| S isotope vector             | ⊙    | ⊙   | ⊙        |
| Pb isotope vector            | ⊙    | ⊙   | ⊙        |

# Key Theme: Variance

- The variance of most parameters (structure, physical properties, mineralogy, mineral chemistry, lithogeochemistry, and isotopes) increases toward mineralization
- Ore zones are characterized by small-scale variations



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# Highlights: Geophysics

- **Seismics**
  - **Image enhancement**
  - **Physical property derivatives**
  - **Q factor** (anelastic attenuation) to define alteration
- **Magnetics**
  - **High-frequency anomalies** (e.g., fault geometry, alteration)
  - **Derived signals from borehole navigation logs**
  - **3D inversions**
- **Electromagnetics**
  - **Surface mag sus from AEM**
  - **3D multi-electrode BH resistivity and IP**
  - **Merged res and spectral IP**
- **Inversions**
  - **Constrained and joint inversions** for overburden stripping
  - **Open source code** for multi-model inversions
  - **Instrumental/model limitations** (e.g., low Mag Sus contrasts)

# Highlights: Petrophysics

- ⦿ **Physical properties** aided geological correlation and alteration mapping
- ⦿ **IP responses** of altered, mineralized, and barren lithologies
- ⦿ **Multiparameter magnetics** to detect syn-mineralization pyrrhotite
- ⦿ **Inversion of WR geochemical data** to derive physical properties
- ⦿ **Derived physical properties** from 3D geophysical data

# Highlights: Structural Geology

- ⦿ **Quantitative analysis** of bedding attitudes to identify favourable structural domains
- ⦿ **Application of variograms** to establish spatial continuity in structural analysis, petrophysics, and geochemistry

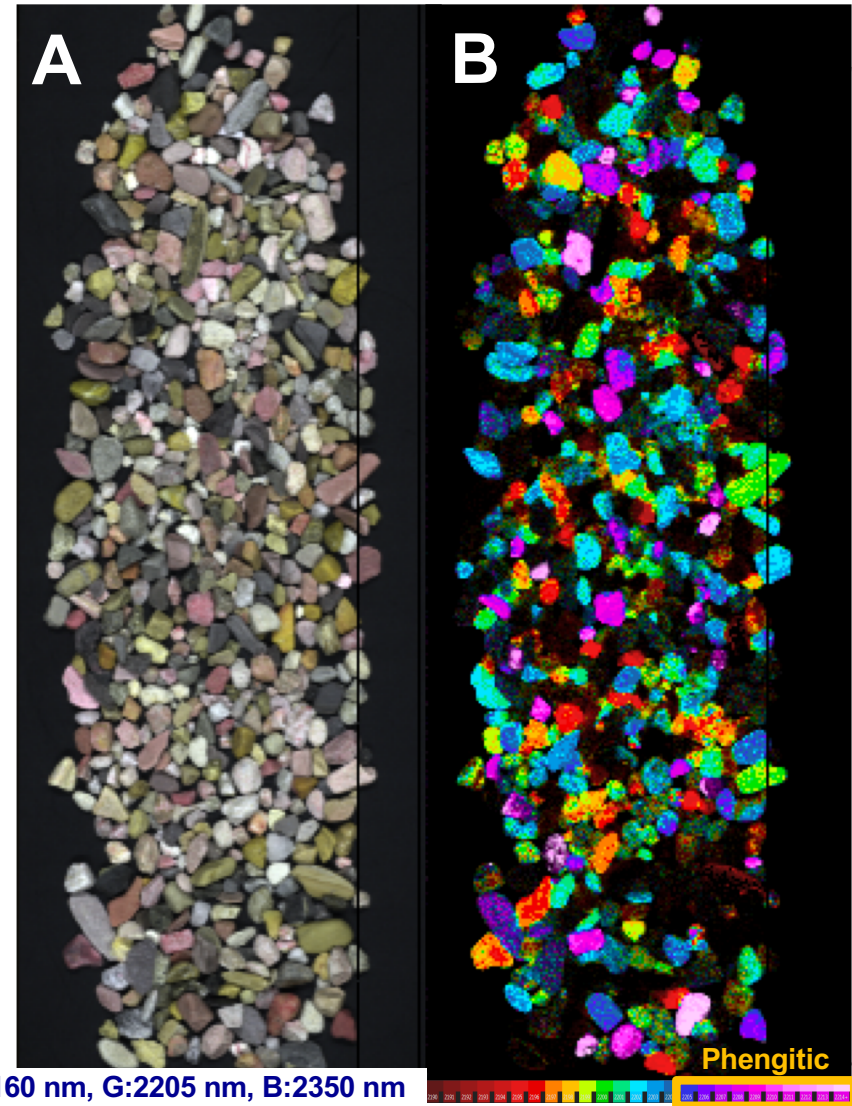
# Highlights: Geochemistry

- ⦿ **Whole-Rock Geochemistry**
  - ⦿ **pXRF analysis** of outcrop and assay pulps
  - ⦿ **Molar element ratios** eliminate closure issues
  - ⦿ **Variable leach techniques** for mineral-specific geochemistry
  - ⦿ **Fluid pathways from fracture mineralogy and geochemistry**
  - ⦿ **High-sensitivity, low-cost C, O, and Pb isotopic analysis**
- ⦿ **Mineral Chemistry**
  - ⦿ **Hyperspectral mapping** of mine faces/samples/cores/surficial materials
  - ⦿ **Pathfinder models** based on mineral-chemical data
  - ⦿ **Cluster analysis Rietveld XRD** for alteration mapping
  - ⦿ **Modernization of field techniques** (e.g., spectral analysis of stained core)



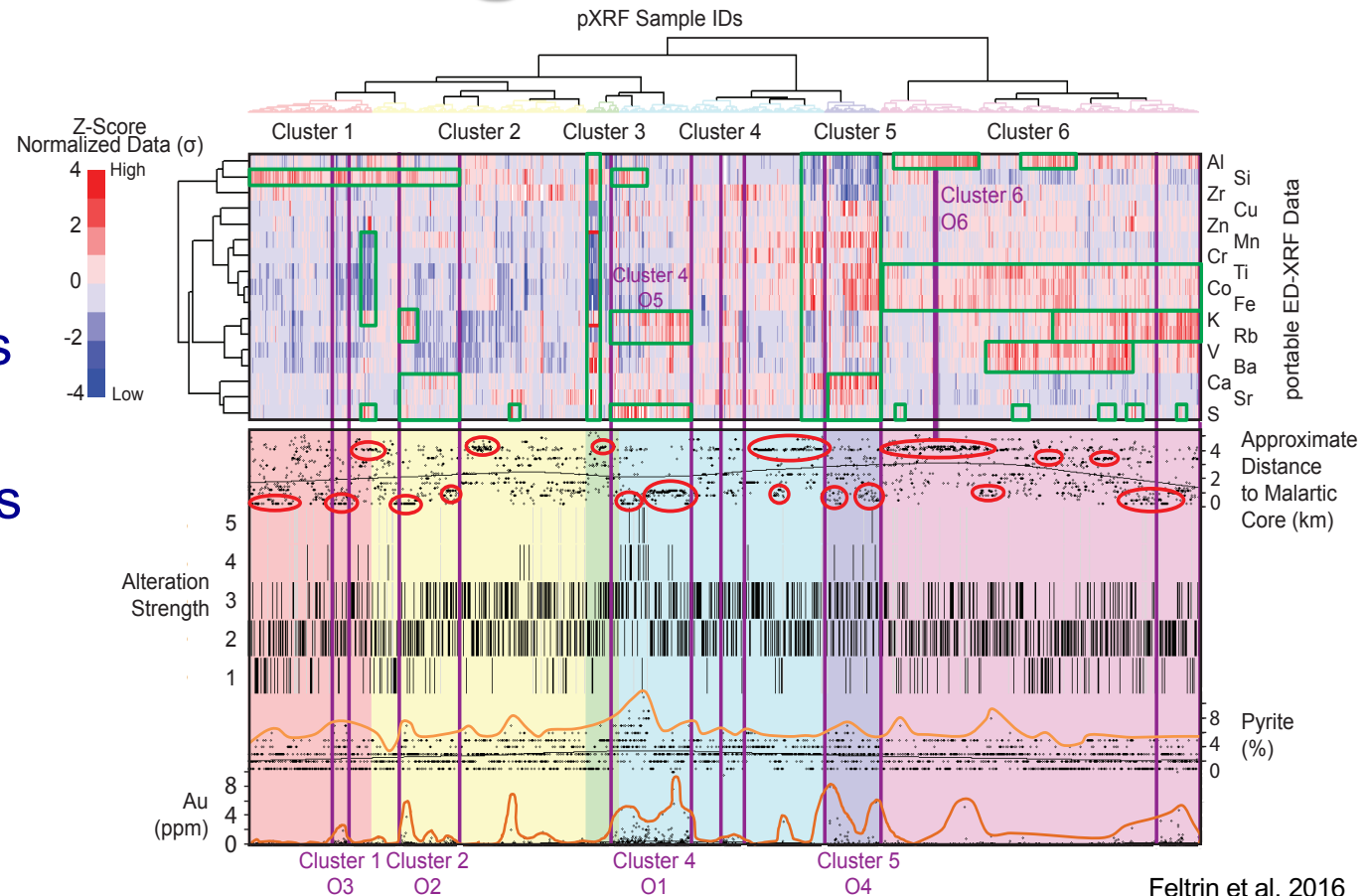
# Highlights: Surficial

- **Multi-media** (soil, fractured rock, vegetation, etc.)
- **Glacial stratigraphic controls** on detrital minerals
- **“Clean” silt and sand-sized till samples** used for geochemical analysis
- **Mineral-chemical signatures** of heavy minerals (e.g., W in rutile)
- **Hyperspectral analysis of glacial materials** (e.g., phengitic mica)
- **Supervised classification of radiometrics** in surficial materials



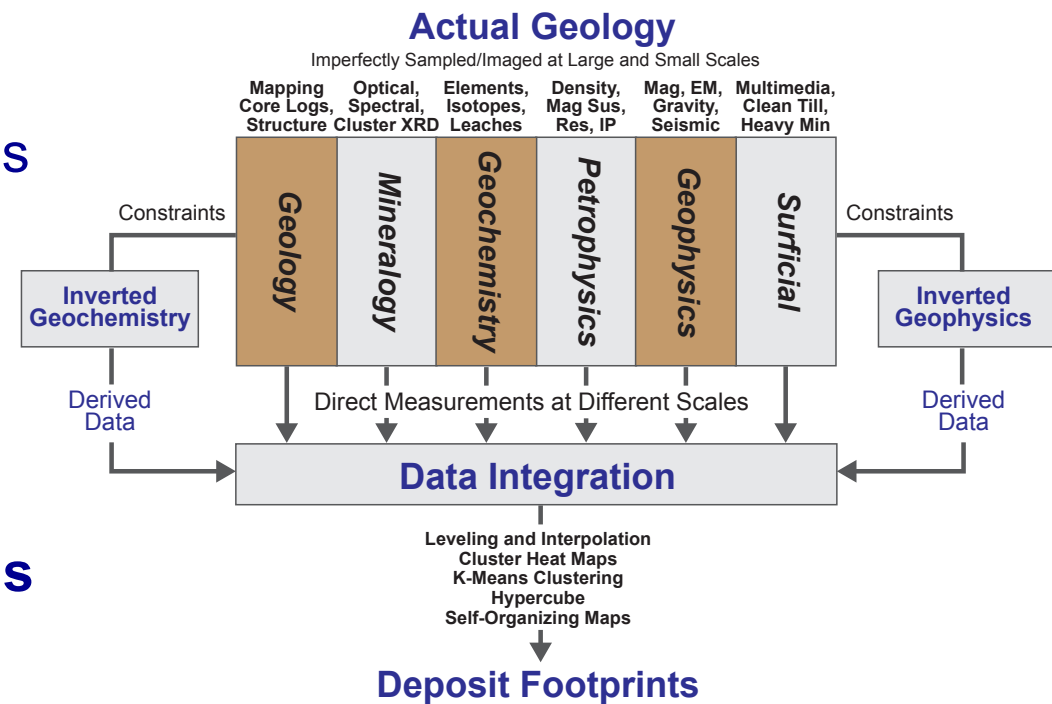
# Highlights: Data Integration

- ⦿ QA/QC protocols
- ⦿ Custom workflows for data integration
- ⦿ Machine learning
  - ⦿ Clustered heat maps
  - ⦿ K-means clustering
  - ⦿ Self-organizing maps
  - ⦿ Hypercube
- ⦿ Geoscience INTEGRATOR
- ⦿ Common Earth Models



# Highlights: Project Management

- **First project of its kind in the minerals industry in Canada** to involve so many researchers and industry partners
- **New policies and workflows** to facilitate collaboration across the various technological disciplines (more than Lithoprobe, Metal Earth, or most AMIRA projects) and across the different research sites
- **May well be among the longest-lasting of the innovations** resulting from the project



# Project Closure and Data Release

- **Preliminary Final Scientific Report** submitted to Sponsors in **Sept 2018**
- **“Glossy” Final Scientific Report** and **Final NSERC Report** will be submitted in **March 2019**
- **Project-generated data** will be stored at the **Mining Observatory Data Control Centre (MODCC)** at the **Sudbury Neutrino Observatory** and will be available to the public in **March 2019** – links will be provided on *<http://merc.laurentian.ca/footprints> (alias [cmic-footprints.ca](http://cmic-footprints.ca))*
- **All project-generated data, metadata, and products** will be provided in a **Geoscience INTEGRATOR** database, which can display data using the free **Geoscience ANALYST 3D** data visualizer and which can easily export data into other databases

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