

Galore Creek: A Modern Synthesis of 60 Years of Knowledge

MDRU Golden Triangle Short Course – AME Roundup 2024

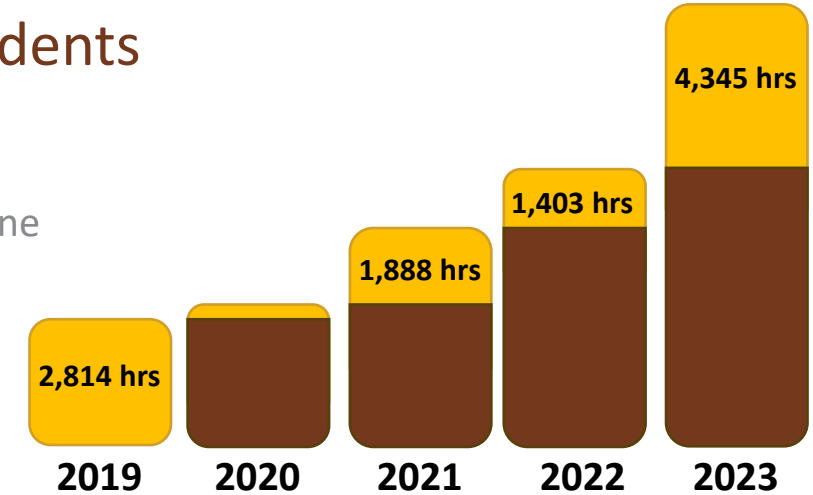
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Value Share: Aviation Safety is a Team Effort

10,695 hours flown over five years with zero reportable incidents

- Project area contains challenging mountainous terrain and weather
- Up to eight aircraft operating simultaneously during 2023: helicopter, fixed wing, drone
- 4,171 passenger flights and 2,162 external load flights
- Rigorous system of controls and procedures, continual improvement
- Positive, proactive safety culture emphasizing ownership and accountability
- Recognized with 2023 AME David Barr Award



Project Overview



Galore Creek Project

Summary and Overview

- **Joint-Venture Partnership**
 - 50:50 ownership, Teck Resources Limited and Newmont Corporation
- **World-Class Resource**
 - Amongst the highest-grade undeveloped Cu-Au porphyry deposits
- **Exceptional Discovery Potential**
 - 180,000+ hectare tenure encompasses a highly prospective district
- **Established Relationships**
 - Meaningful participation, engagement, and collaboration with Tahltan

2018

New Team,
Joint Venture

2019-2020

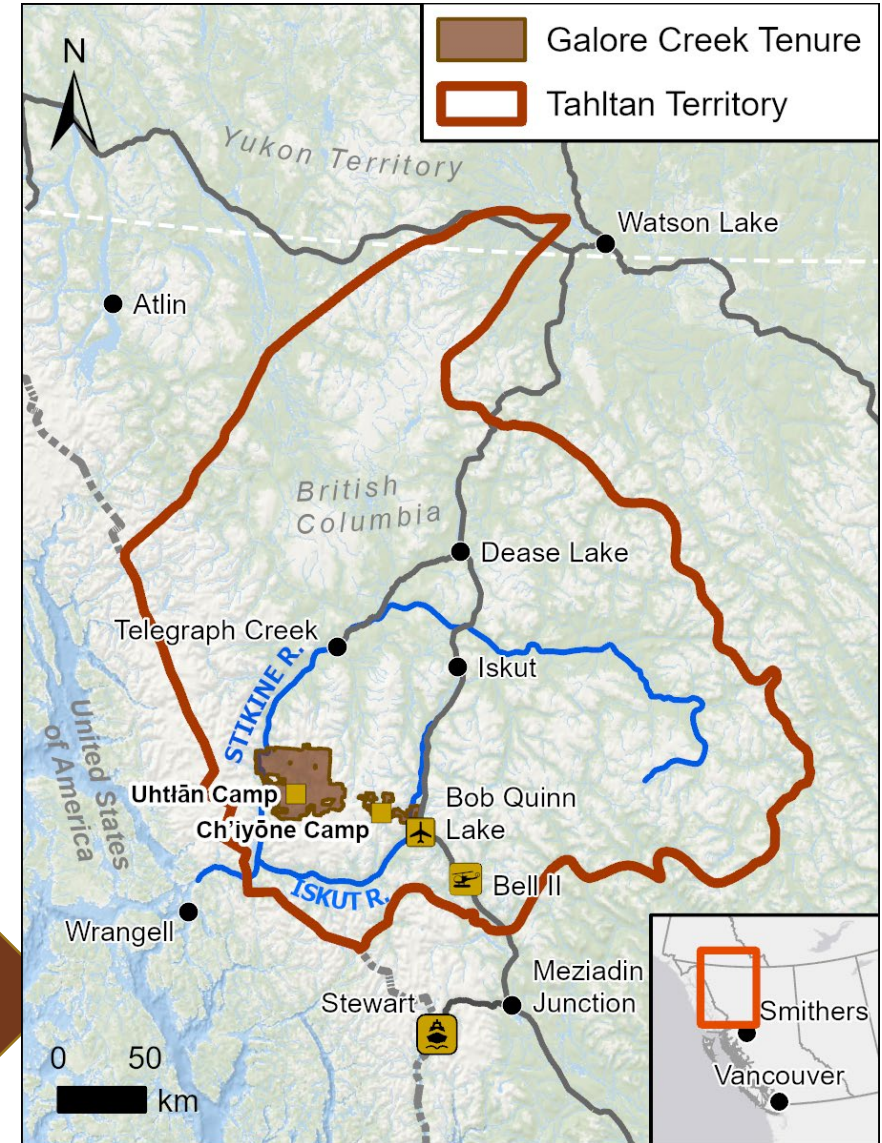
Updated
Scoping Study

2021-2024

Updated
Pre-Feasibility

2025+

Feasibility
(planned)



Tahltan Partnership

Meaningful Participation and Engagement

- The Galore Creek Project has a proud history of collaboration with the Tahltan Nation.
- 2006 Participation Agreement was groundbreaking and continues to provide a framework for a strong working relationship.
- Tahltan involved in the project as direct-hire, full-time, and seasonal employees. In 2023, we worked with 21 Tahltan-owned or partnered businesses.
- In November 2023, the Tahltan Nation and British Columbia committed to develop an agreement to position Tahltan in a consent-based role for regulatory approval of the Galore Creek Project. GCMC is among the first projects in BC to adopt this new standard.



Three Generations On-Site:
Grandfather, Father, Son



Archaeological Surveys and Training



Camp Naming
Ceremony, 2007



Culture and Language Programs for Youth

2022-2023 Field Seasons

Major Activities

- 20,000m drilled in 2023, including sonic drilling; new exploration discoveries
- Improvements to camps, roads, bridges
- Geophysical and remote sensing surveys (mag/radiometric; IP; hyperspectral)
- Site investigations (geological, geotechnical, engineering) and baseline surveys
- Average 145 people on-site throughout 2023; **over 1,000,000 hrs LTI-free since 2018.**



Alkalic Porphyry Deposits

Alkalic Porphyry Deposits – Global Context

- Alkalic deposits are of considerable economic interest: Ladolam, Cripple Creek, Porgera, and KSM are each >20 Moz gold
- Best-known districts are British Columbia and New South Wales; perhaps underrepresented or underexplored elsewhere?
- Exploration challenge: alkalic porphyry intrusion and alteration volumes are generally smaller, and alkalic rocks make up only ~15% of arc terranes



Alkalic Porphyry Systems

Typical Characteristics versus Galore Creek Characteristics

- Classification first applied at the Northparkes deposit in New South Wales, Australia in the 1970s.

✓ Cu-Au primary (\pm Ag, Mo, PGE).

✓ Quartz-poor host rocks: monzodiorite, monzonite, syenite.

✓ Highly oxidized magmas (magnetite, hematite, anhydrite).

✓ Strong structural control; leads to clustering, overlapping centres.

✓ Proximal alteration assemblages: potassic, calc-potassic, sodic (\pm skarn assemblages).

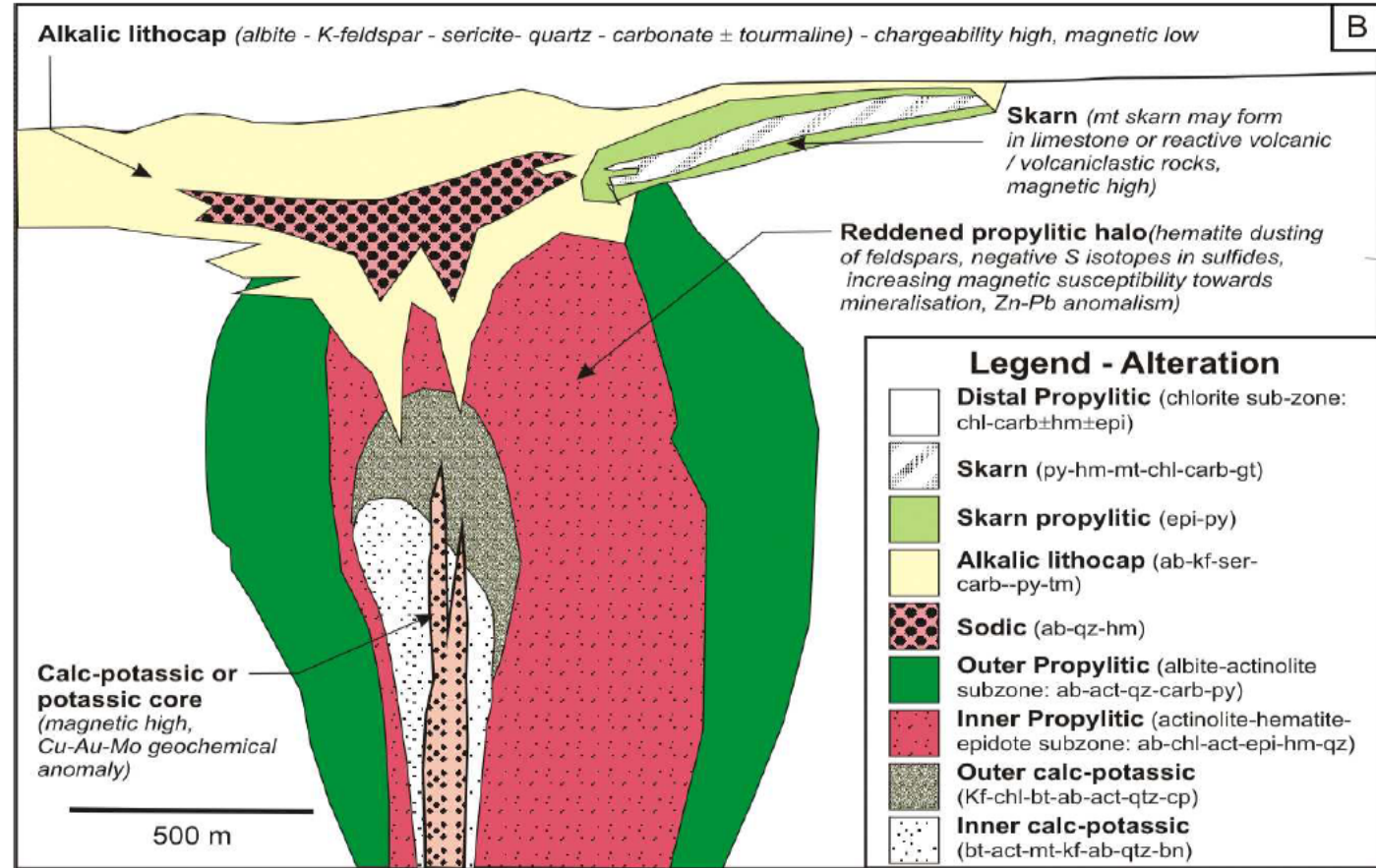
- Distal alteration: propylitic, sericitic; may have lithocap.

✓ Sulphide minerals: bornite, chalcopyrite, pyrite; lesser covellite, sphalerite, molybdenite.

- Reddening (oxidation of trace Fe in feldspars). **not a consistent feature in BC deposits.**

✓ Alteration envelopes smaller than calc-alkaline, phyllic and advanced argillic alteration absent or poorly developed.

✓ Breccias are common, important.



Holiday and Cooke, 2007. *Ore Deposits and Exploration Technology*. Paper 53. p. 791-809.

Geological Summary: What is Galore Creek?

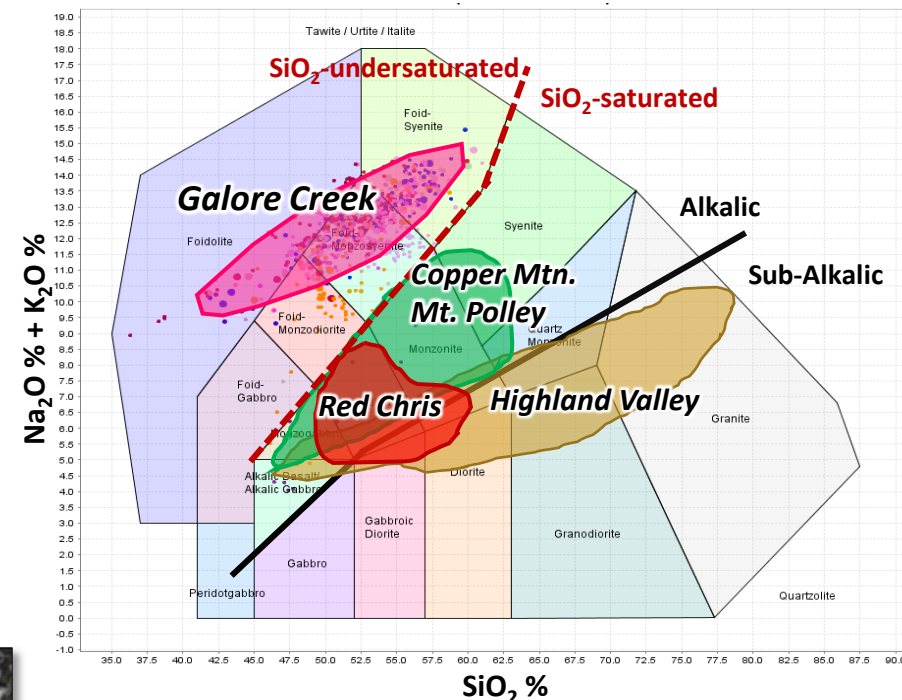


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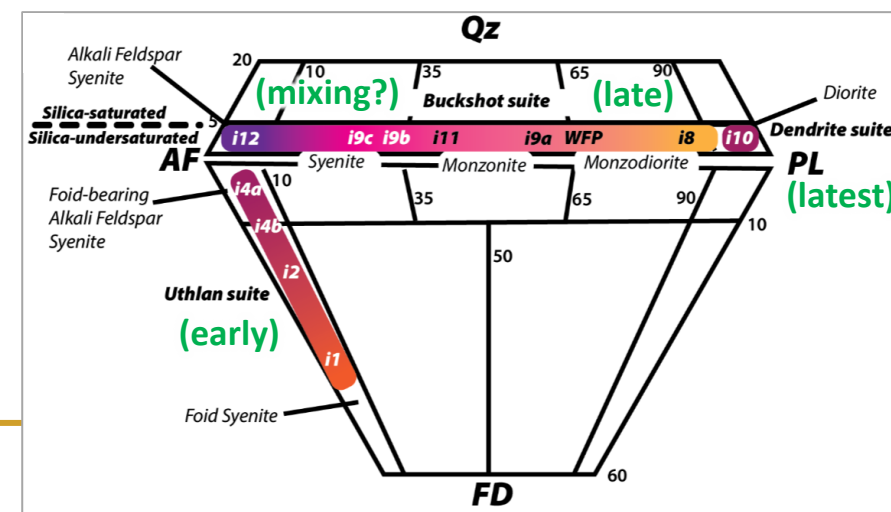
A Unique Alkalic Porphyry

- Silica-undersaturated alkalic Cu-Au-Ag deposit (with Pd enrichment).
- Feldspathoid-normative chemistry; leucite (altered to pseudoleucite) as a primary igneous mineral.
- No modal quartz, no feldspar reddening.
- Difficult to find analogues.

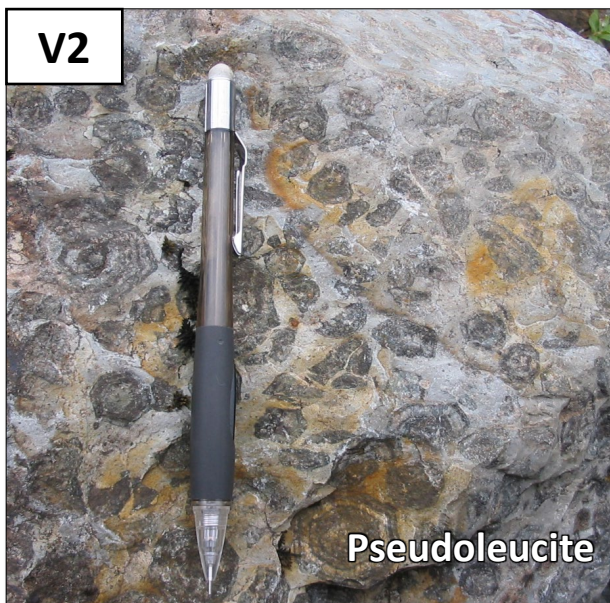
TAS Diagram (geochemical characterization)



QAPF Diagram (petrographic characterization)



Pre-Mineral Volcanics



Syn-Mineral Intrusion

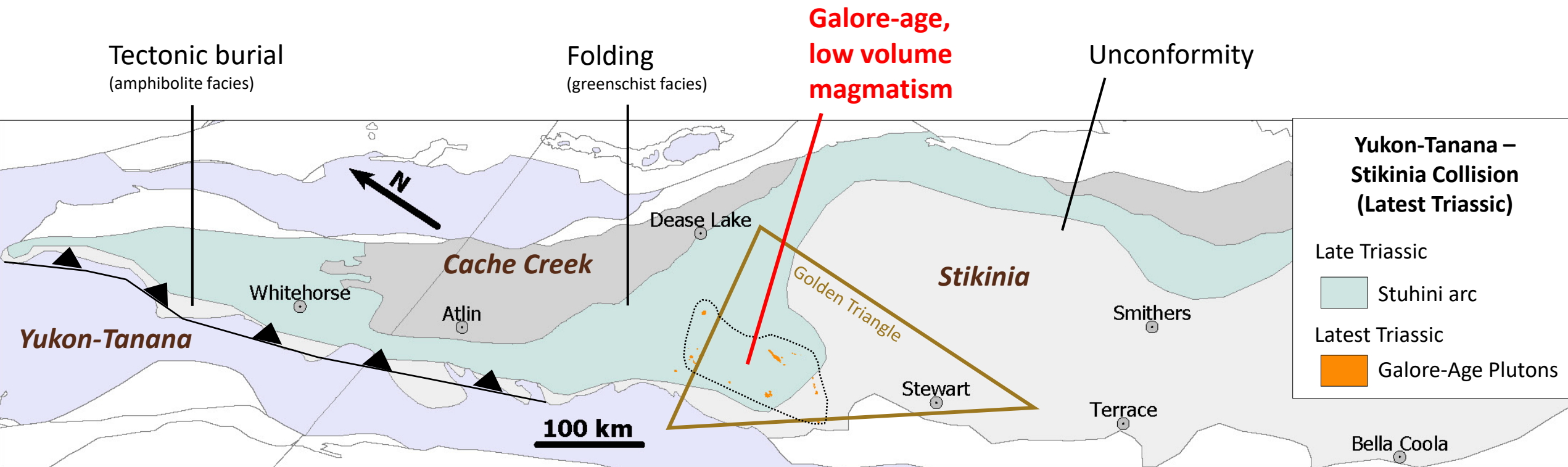


Late-Mineral Intrusion

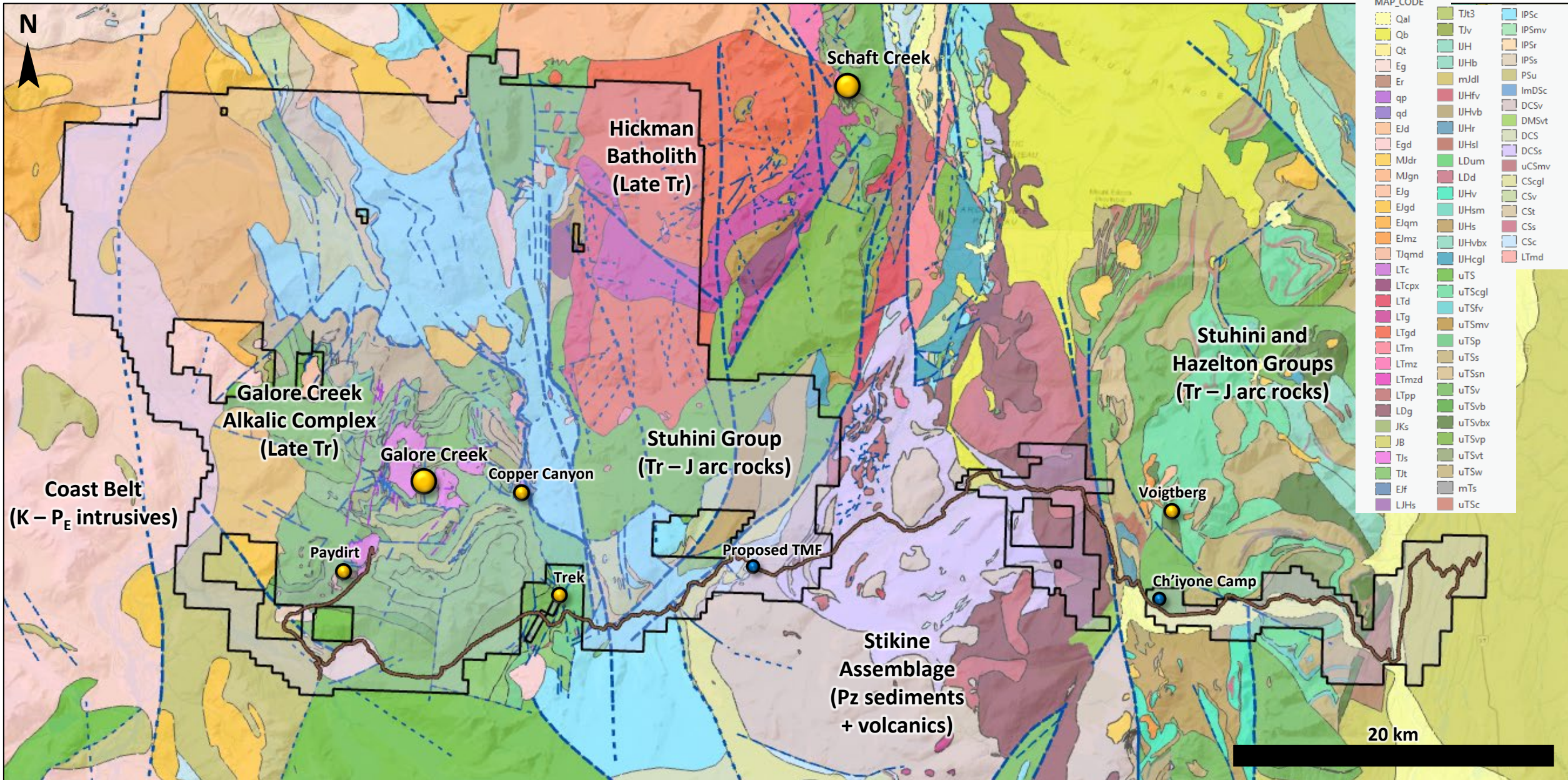


Tectonic Setting

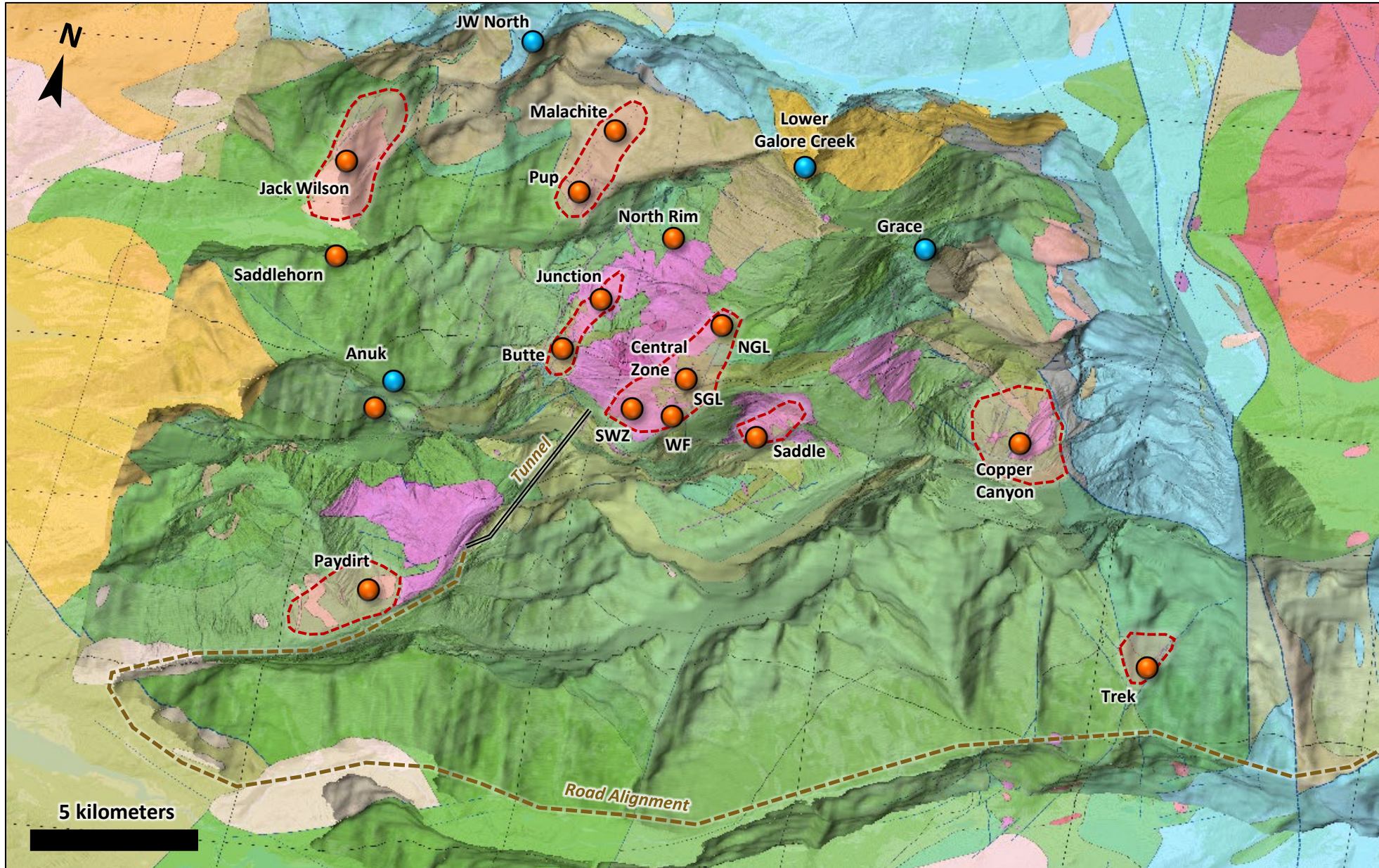
- Galore Creek formed in the latest Triassic; older than many other porphyry systems in Golden Triangle.
- Low volume, regionally rare alkalic magmatism occurred during collision of Yukon-Tanana with Stikinia (210-208 Ma).
- Small (>155km) belt perpendicular to Stuhini arc; low-degree remelting of enriched mantle after subduction disrupted.



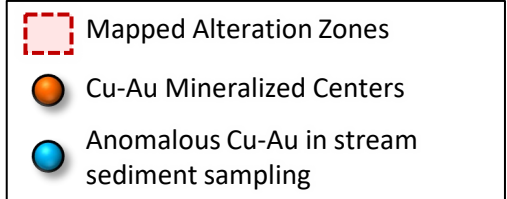
Property Geology Map



Known Mineralized Localities



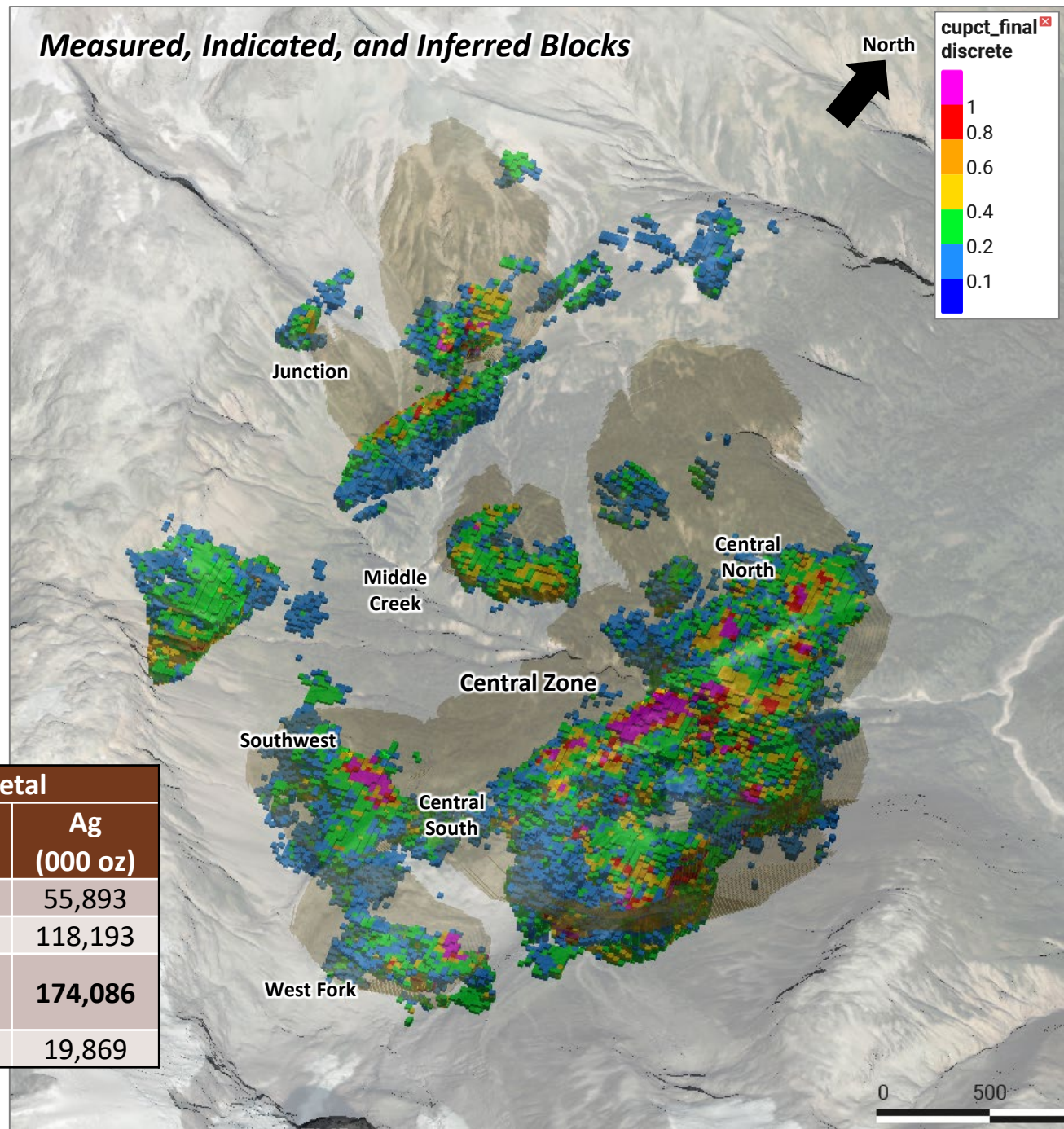
- Multiple mineralized zones within 20 x 20 km district.
- Many mineral occurrences are early-stage targets with very little previous work.
- Terrain and access is challenging.



Resource Estimate

Cu, Au, Ag; Completed in 2022

- Includes approximately 346,000m of drilling.
- Geological model built from ground up; collars, downhole surveys, assays corrected and recompiled from original sources.
- By value, approximately 75% Cu, 20% Au, 5% Ag.
- Central deposit comprises ~85% of contained metal; amalgamation of multiple hydrothermal centers.
- Anomalous enrichment of Pd. Never previously assayed; being investigated as value-add opportunity.



Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Grades			Contained Metal		
		Cu (%)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Cu (M lbs)	Au (000 oz)	Ag (000 oz)
Measured	425.7	0.44	0.29	4.1	4,119	4,028	55,893
Indicated	771.2	0.47	0.22	4.8	8,040	5,410	118,193
Measured + Indicated	1,196.8	0.46	0.25	4.5	12,159	9,438	174,086
Inferred	237.8	0.26	0.19	2.6	1,386	1,430	19,869

See www.gcmc.ca/galore-creek-project/#resource for full resource statement and notes

Significant New Discoveries in 2023

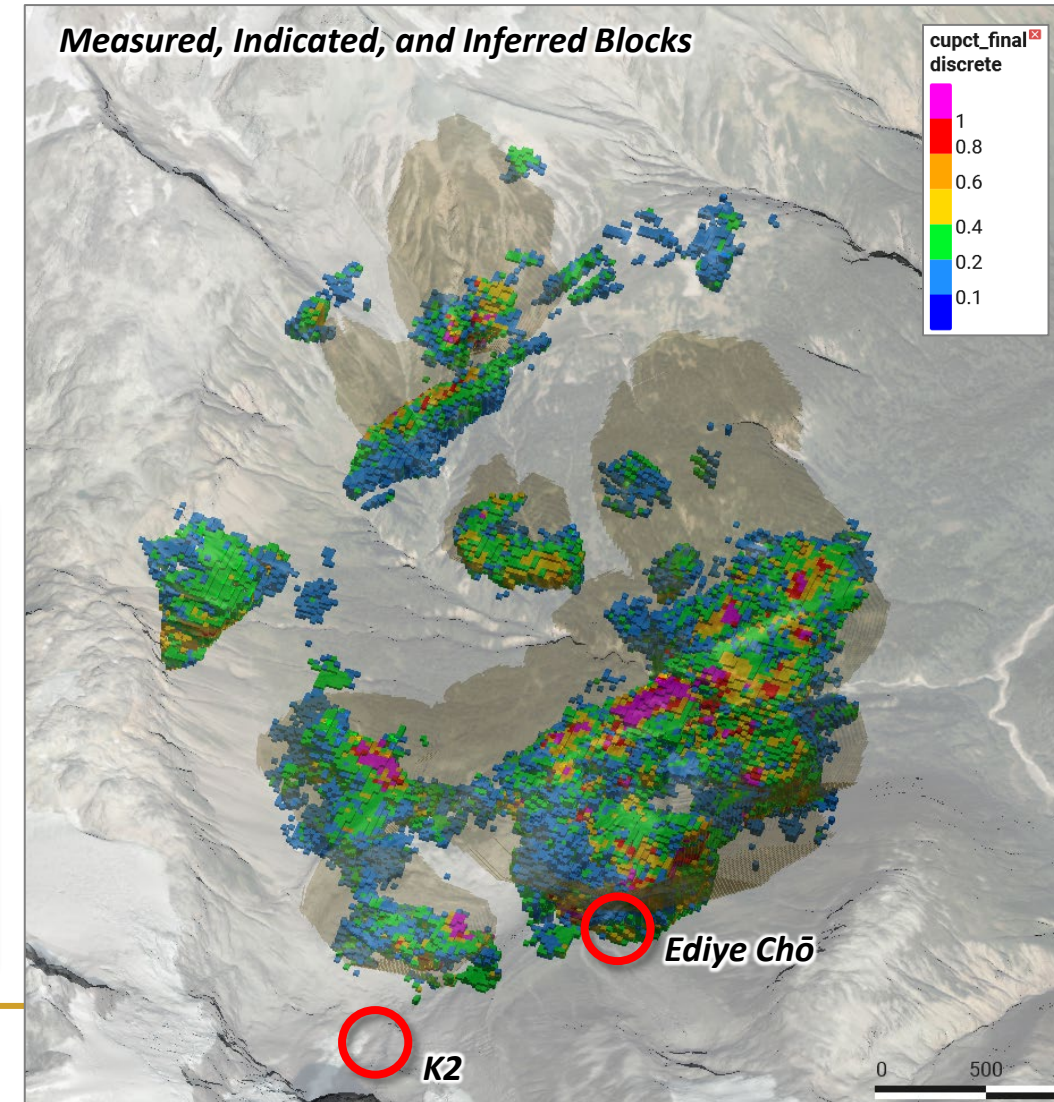
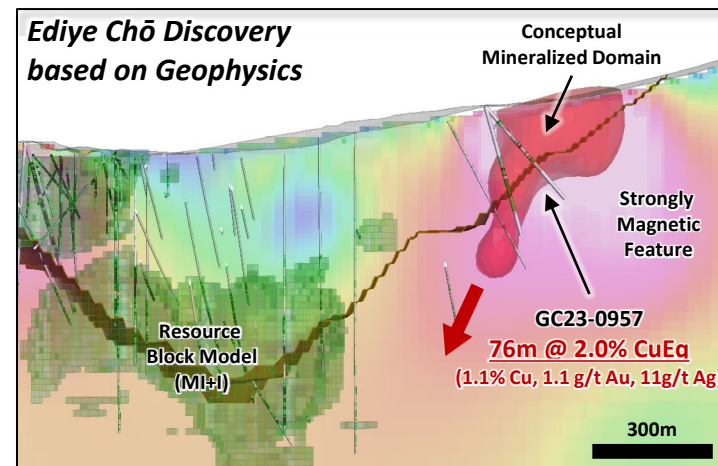
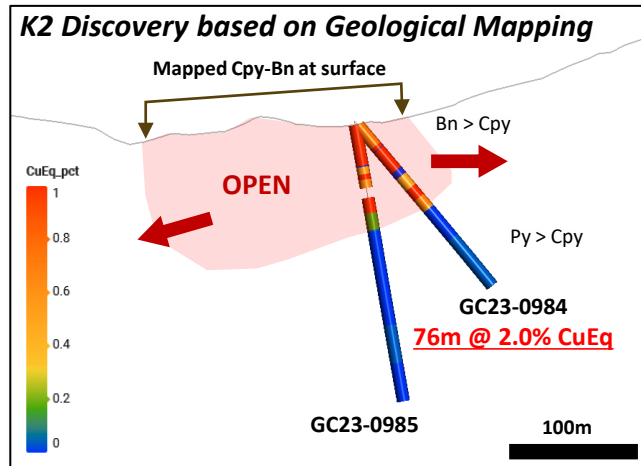
Continuing to delineate high-grade, near-surface mineralization after 60 years of exploration

- **Ediye Chō:**

- Airborne magnetic survey in 2022 identified extremely magnetic anomaly under 30m of glacial till, in the margin of the Central pit.
- First drill hole: **76m @ 2.0% CuEq (1.10% Cu, 1.11g/t Au, 11.2g/t Ag)**

- **K2:**

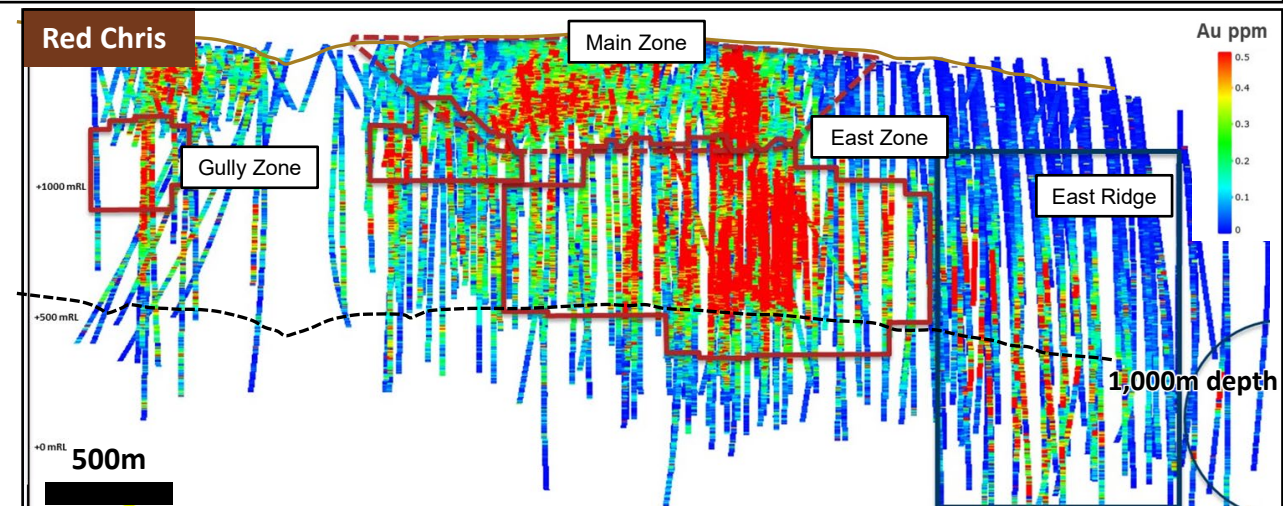
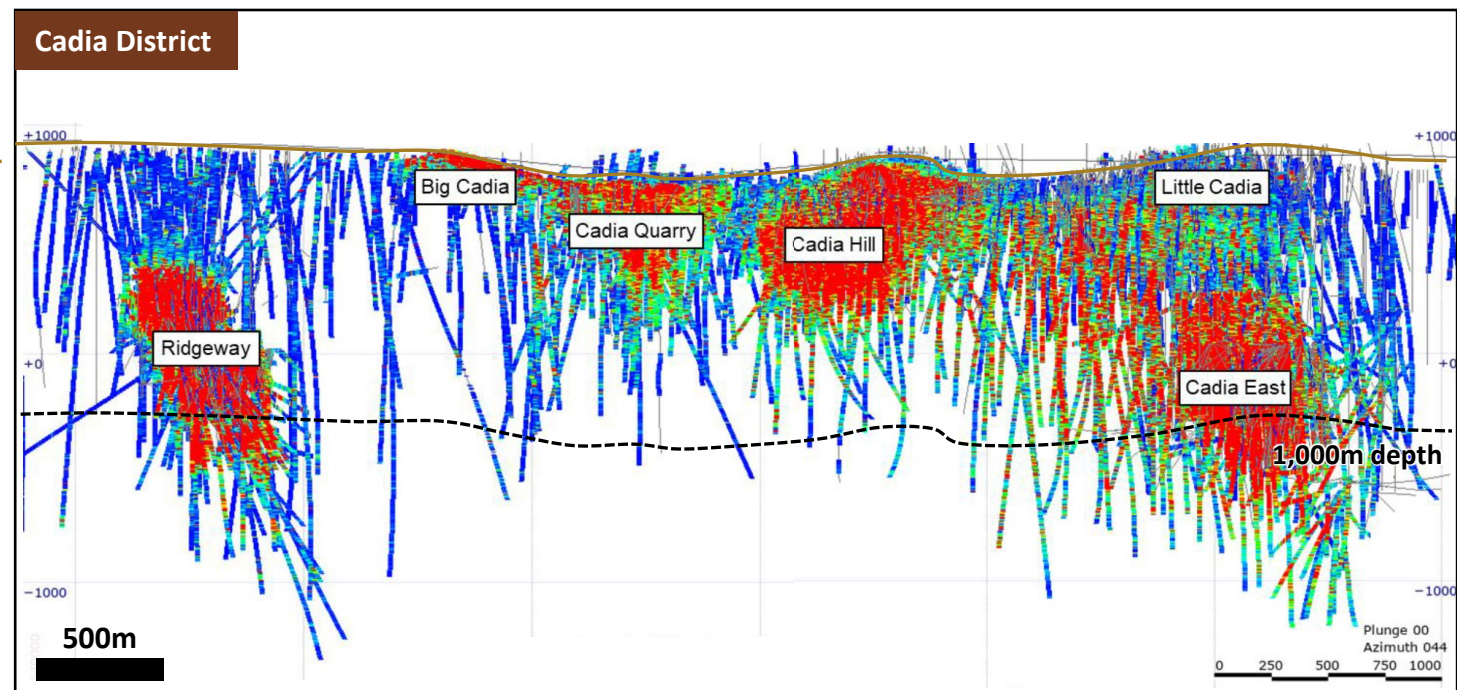
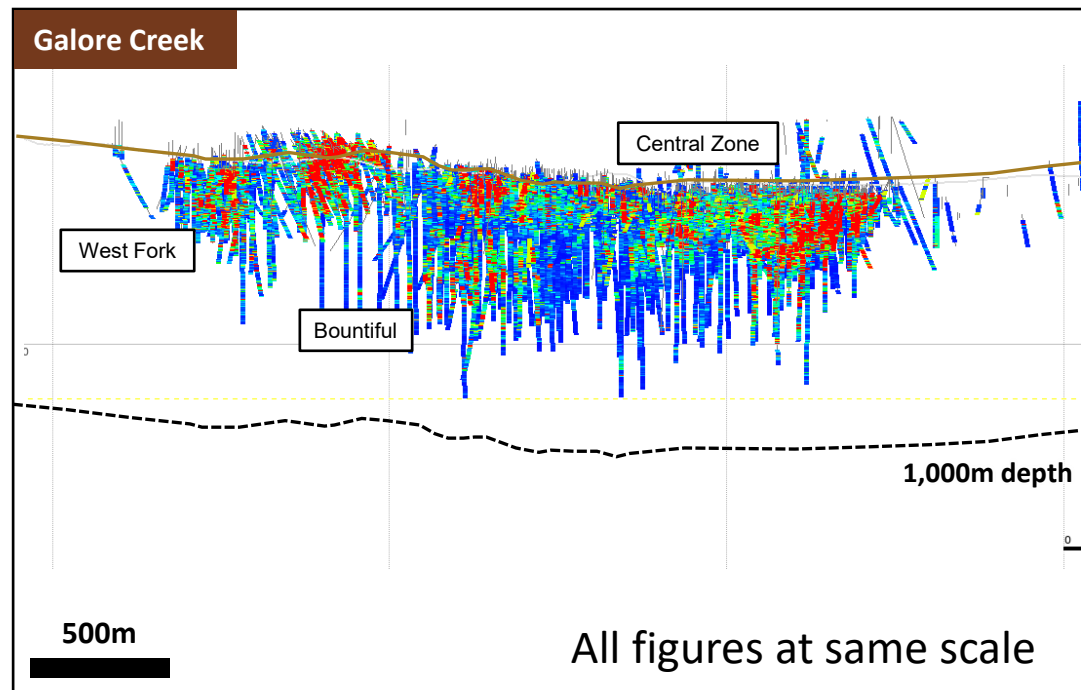
- Geological mapping in 2023 followed mineralized trend into creek exposure under till: found high-grade outcrop 500m from planned pit.
- First drill hole: **73m @ 2.4% CuEq (1.24% Cu, 1.71g/t Au, 6.9g/t Ag)**



Geological Features

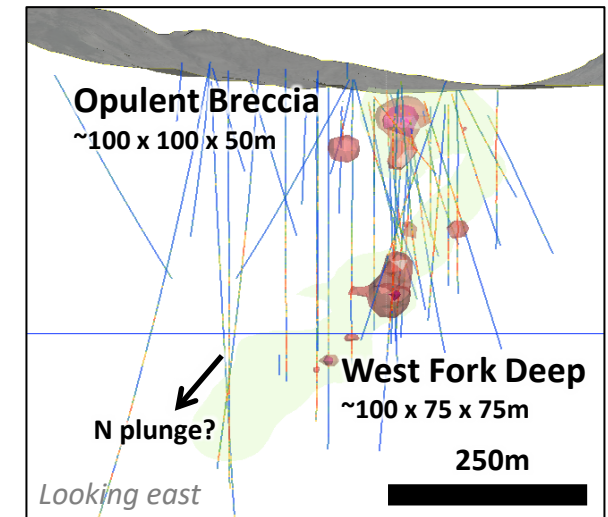
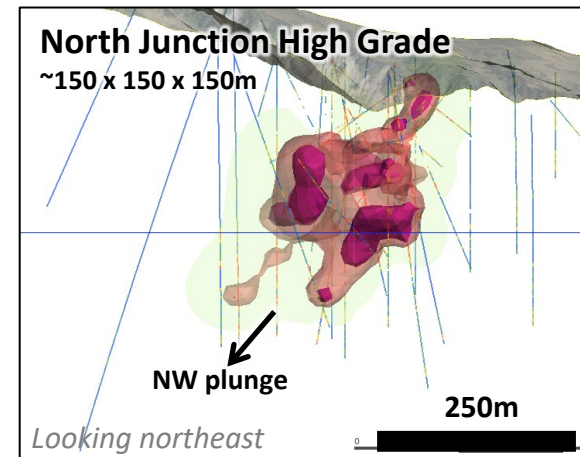
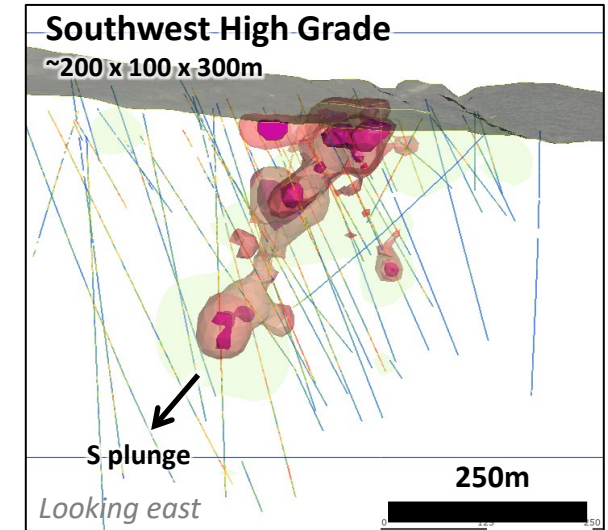
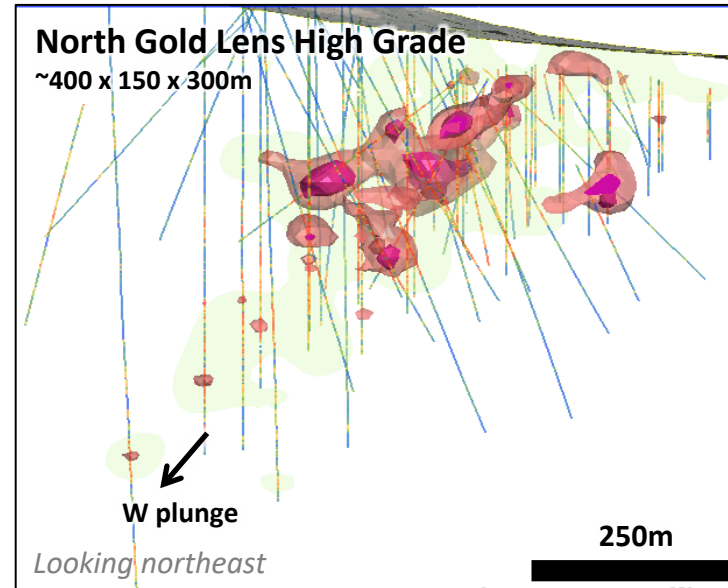
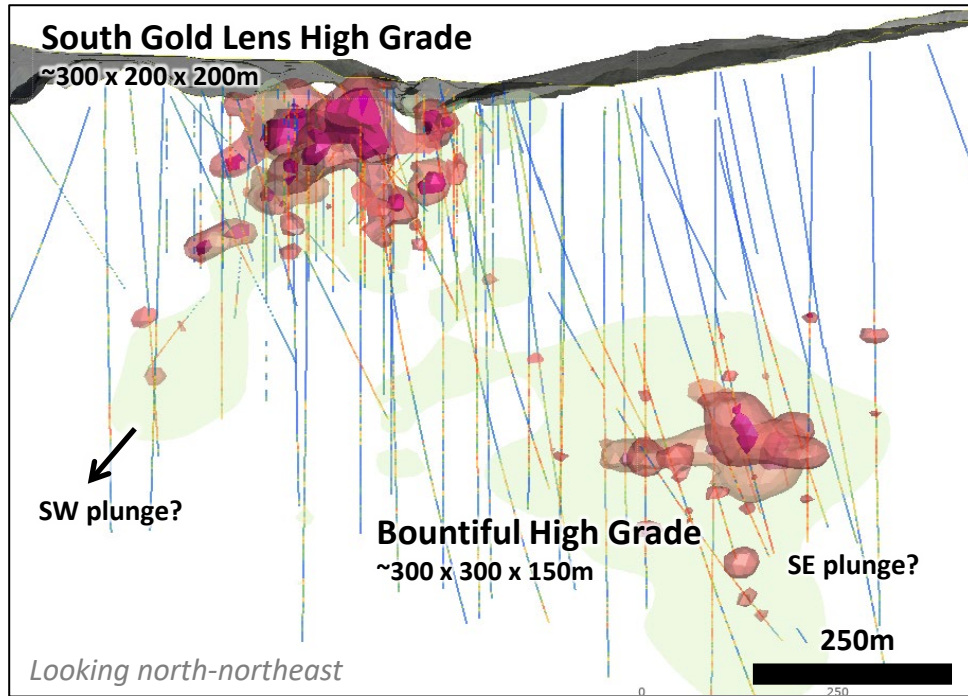
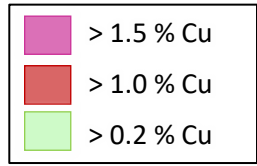


Commonalities amongst Alkalic Porphyry Deposits



- Similarities in geometry between Galore Creek and other ~alkalic deposits such as Cadia and Red Chris
- Multiple mineralized centres, clustered, some blind, strong structural control, geochemical and mineralogical vectoring
- Overlapping in terms of timing, alteration, metal content
- Exploration space at Galore Creek: lateral, vertical, no immediate limits to prospective host rocks

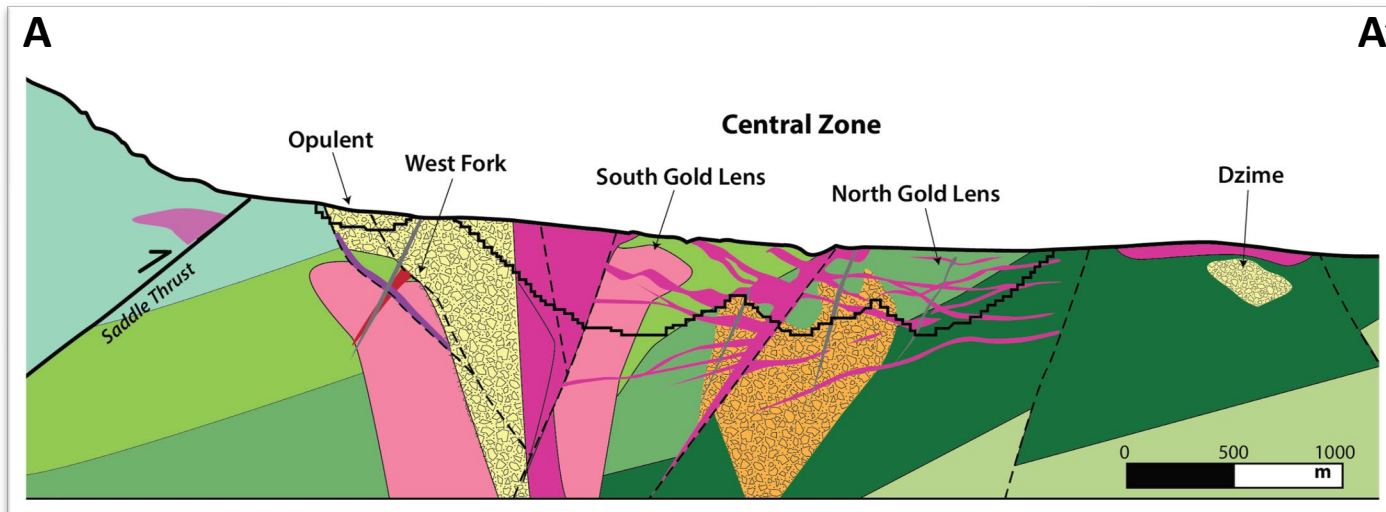
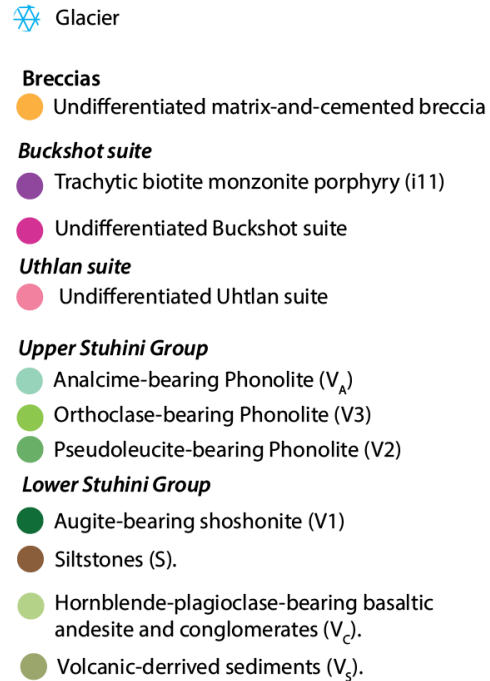
Geometry of Mineralized Zones at Galore



- Multiple high-grade centers (>1.5% Cu) with similar volume; typically, elongate shape, variable trend and plunge.
- Geometry is a combination of structural control and favorable lithology or lithological contact

Simplified Deposit Geology

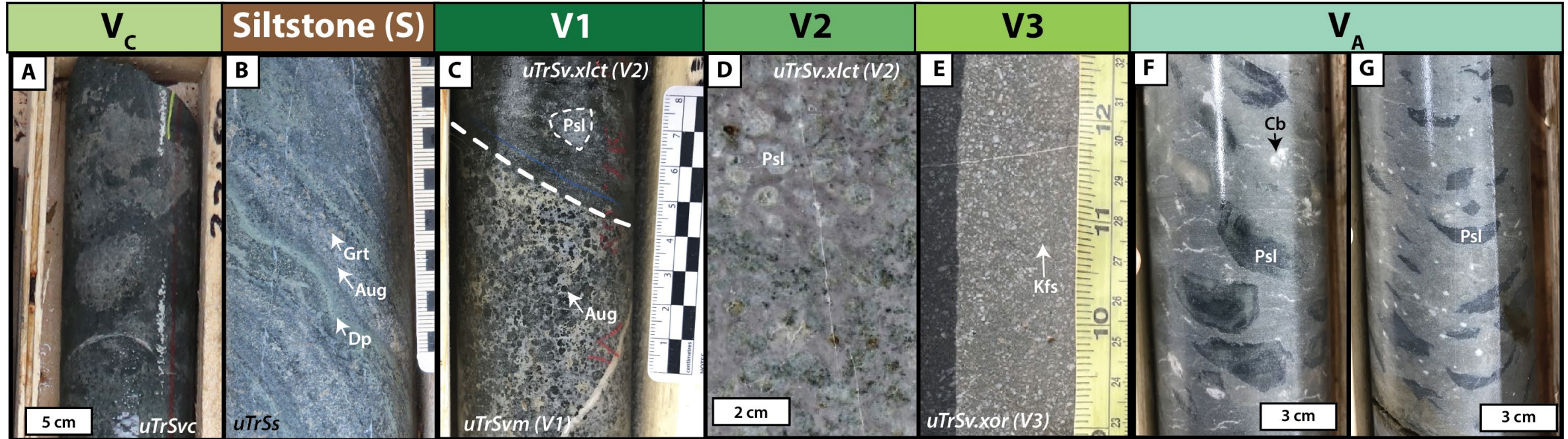
- Volcanosedimentary strata of Lower Stuhini Group overlain by alkalic volcanogenic rocks.
- Alkalic intrusions and breccias emplaced along intersection of several key structures.
- Significant N-S and NW-SE structural controls on emplacement of mineralization, breccias, and intrusions.



Galore Valley Volcanosedimentary Rocks

Lower Succession

Upper Succession



- **Lower Succession:**

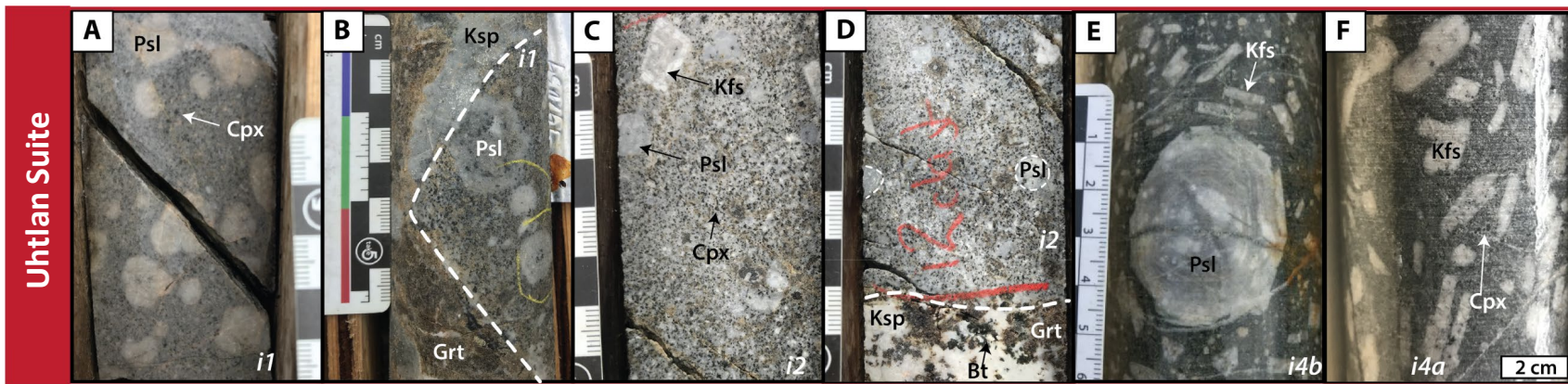
- V_1 : augite-bearing alkalic basalts
- Siltstones
- V_C : intermediate volcanics and volcaniclastics

- **Upper Succession:**

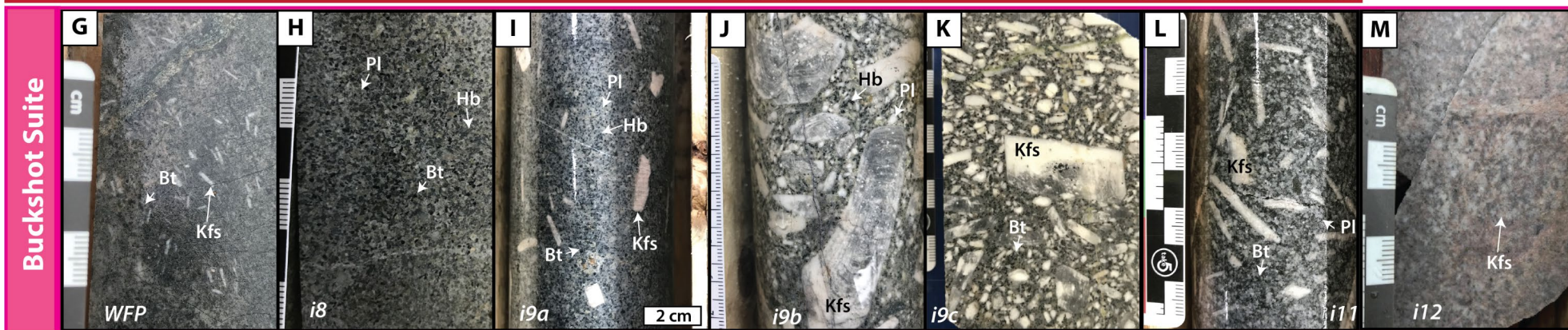
- V_A : analcime-bearing phonolite
- V_3 : orthoclase-bearing phonolite
- V_2 : pseudoleucite-bearing phonolite

Galore Valley Intrusive Rocks

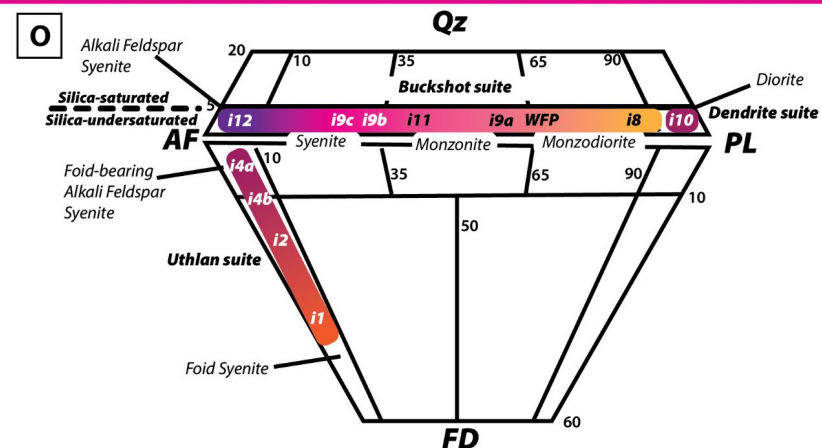
Pseudoleucite +
Clinopyroxene



Hornblende+
Biotite

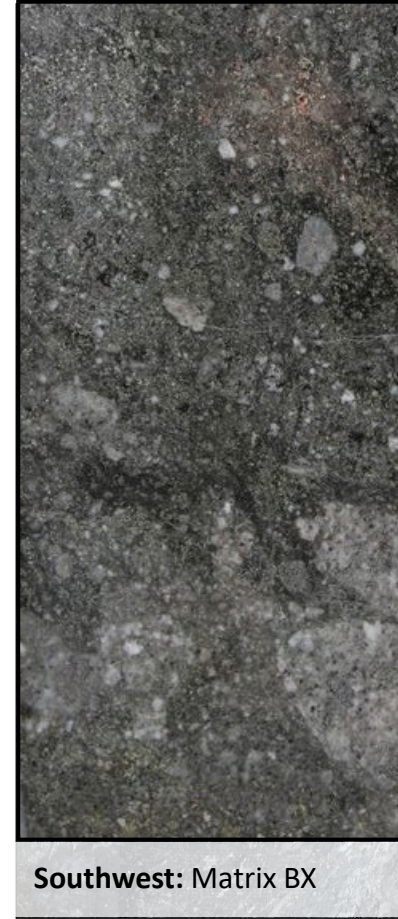
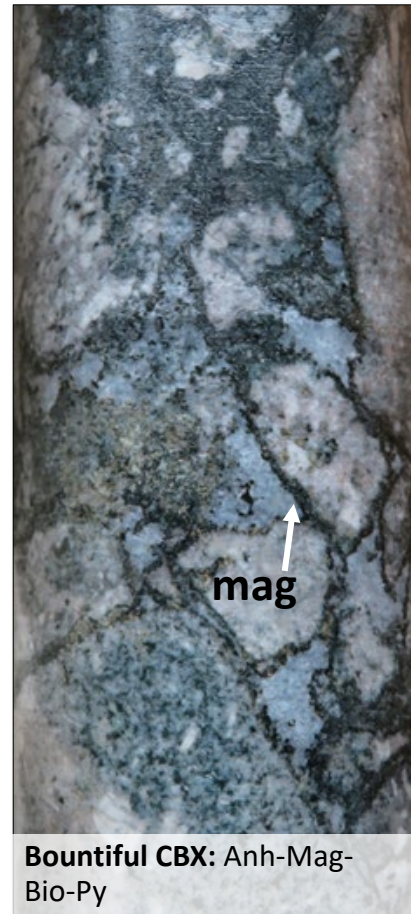
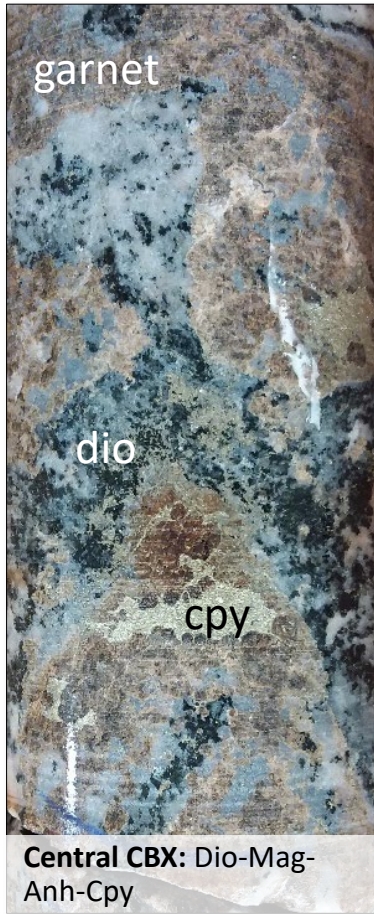


Plagioclase
dominant



Breccias Galore

Multiple breccia varieties, throughout deposit history



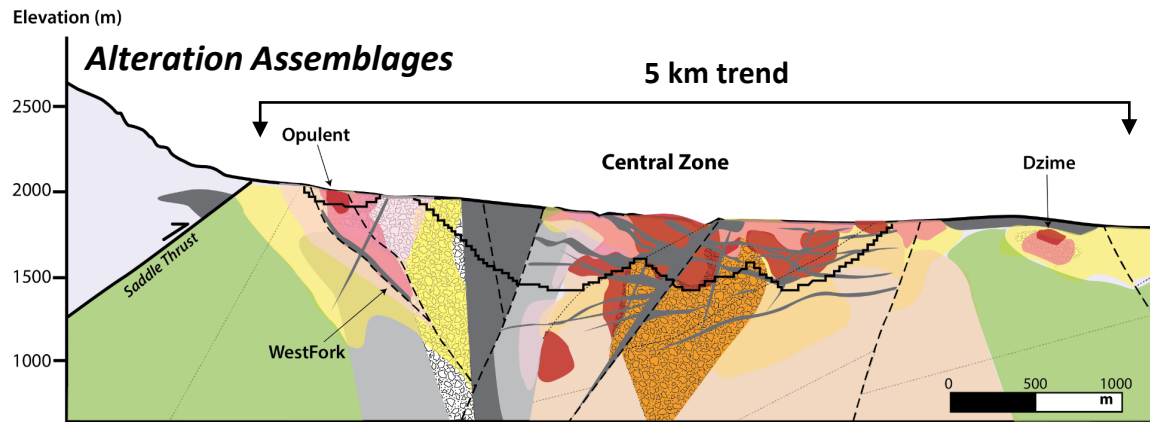
Pre-Mineral

← Syn-Mineral

→ Late Mineral

→

Alteration Domains



Intrusive Rocks

- Post-mineral Intrusions
- Syn-to-post mineral Intrusions

Breccias

- Undifferentiated matrix-and-cemented breccia

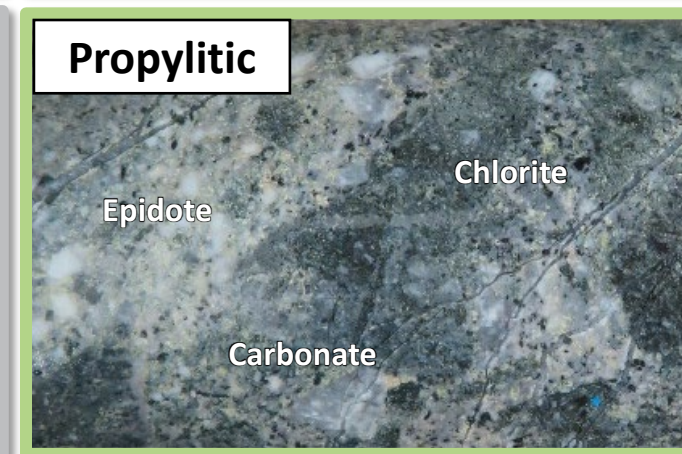
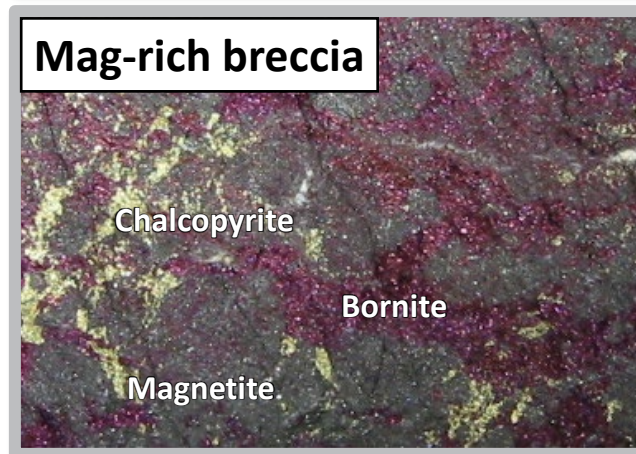
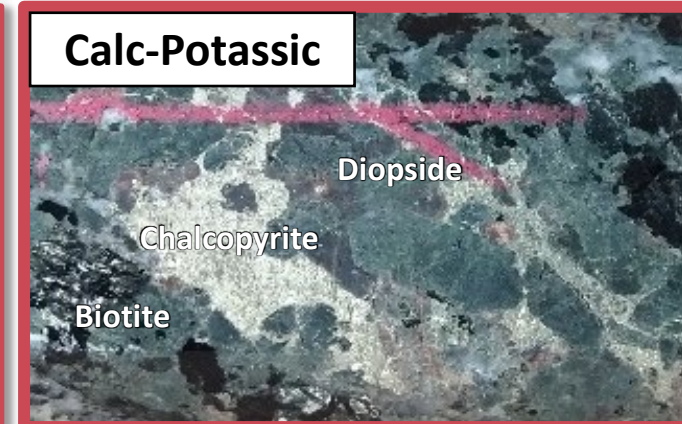
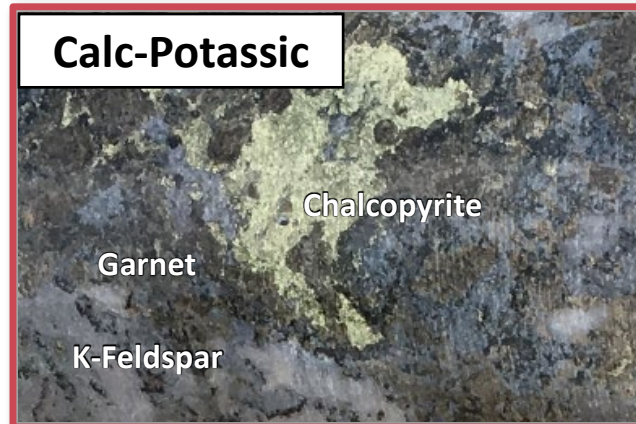
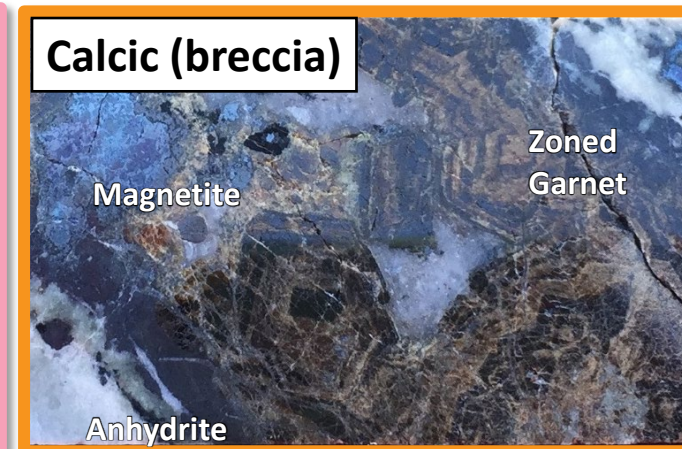
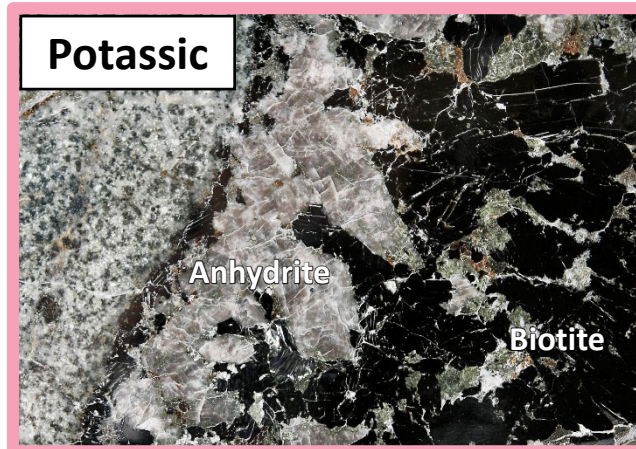
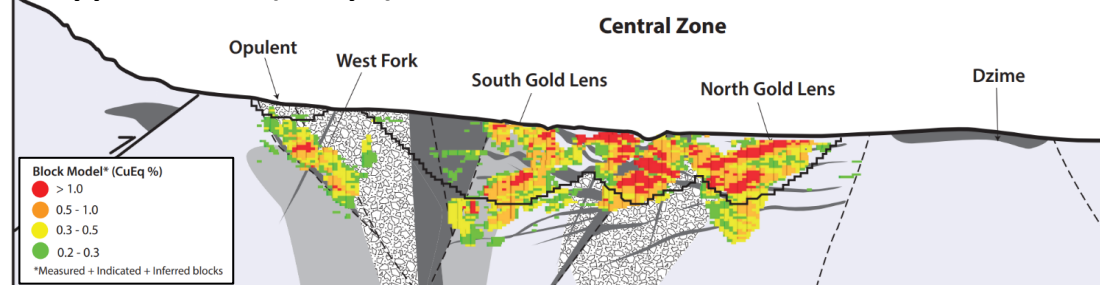
Stratified Rocks

- Volcanic lithologies

Alteration Assemblages

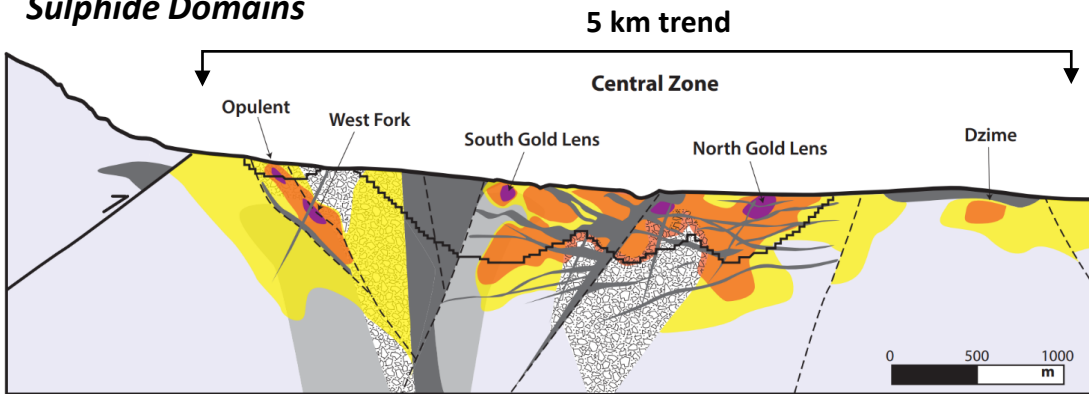
- Calc-Potassic (Gt-Dp-Bt-Mt-Kfs)
- High Temp Potassic (Bt-Mt-Kfs)
- Low Temp Potassic (Kfs)
- SAC (sericite-anh-carb)
- Propylitic
- Calcic Bx (Gt-Dp-Ap)
- Calcic (Gt-Dp-Ap)

Copper Grades (CuEq%)



Mineralization Domains

Sulphide Domains



Intrusive Rocks

- Post-mineral Intrusions
- Syn-to-post mineral Intrusions
- Breccias**
- Undifferentiated breccias

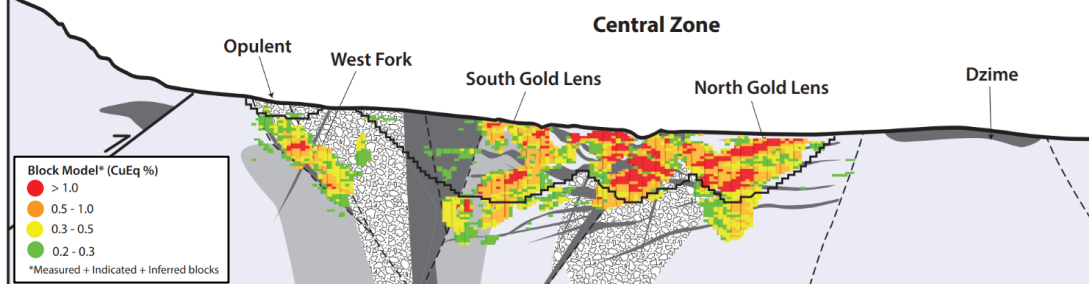
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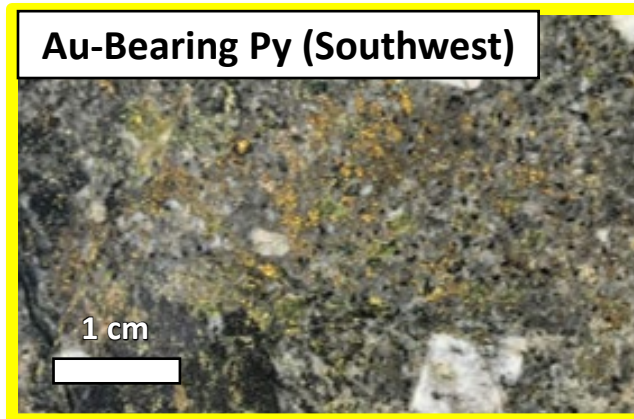
Sulfide Domains

- Bornite dominant
- Chalcopyrite dominant
- Pyrite dominant

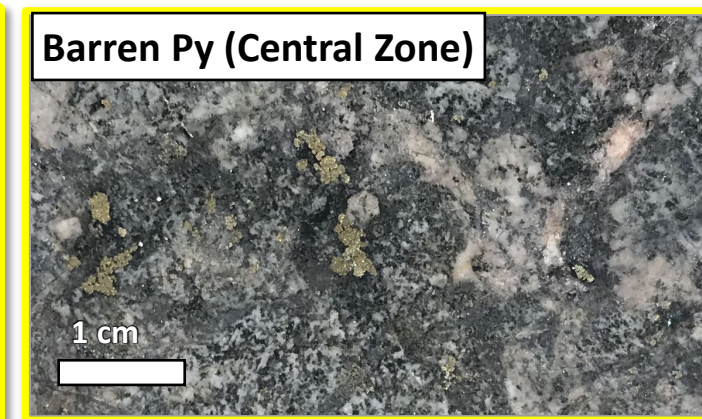
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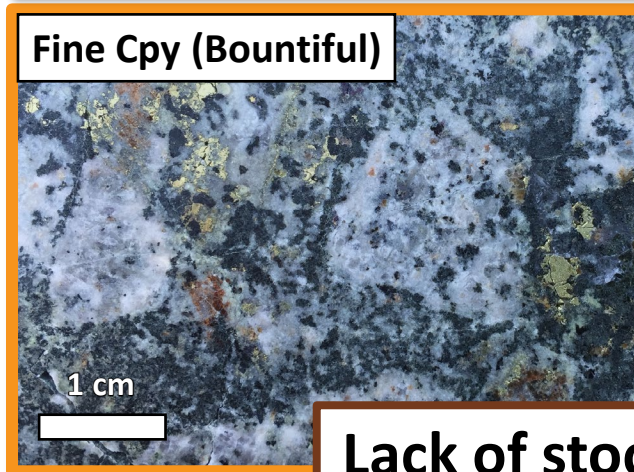
Au-Bearing Py (Southwest)



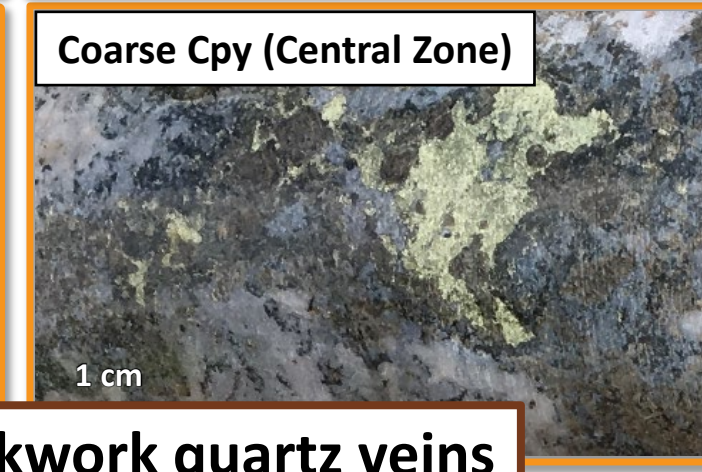
Barren Py (Central Zone)



Fine Cpy (Bountiful)

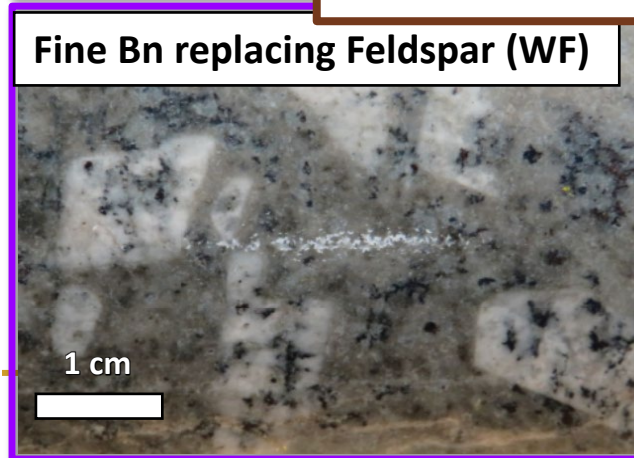


Coarse Cpy (Central Zone)



Lack of stockwork quartz veins

Fine Bn replacing Feldspar (WF)



Coarse Bn-Cpy (Junction)

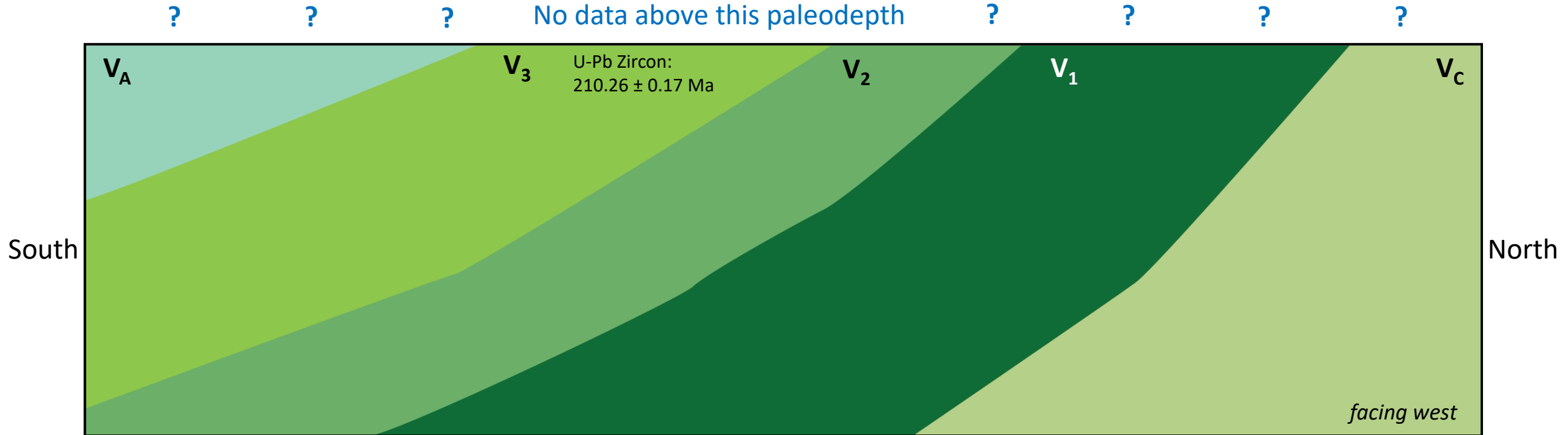


Deposit Paragenesis



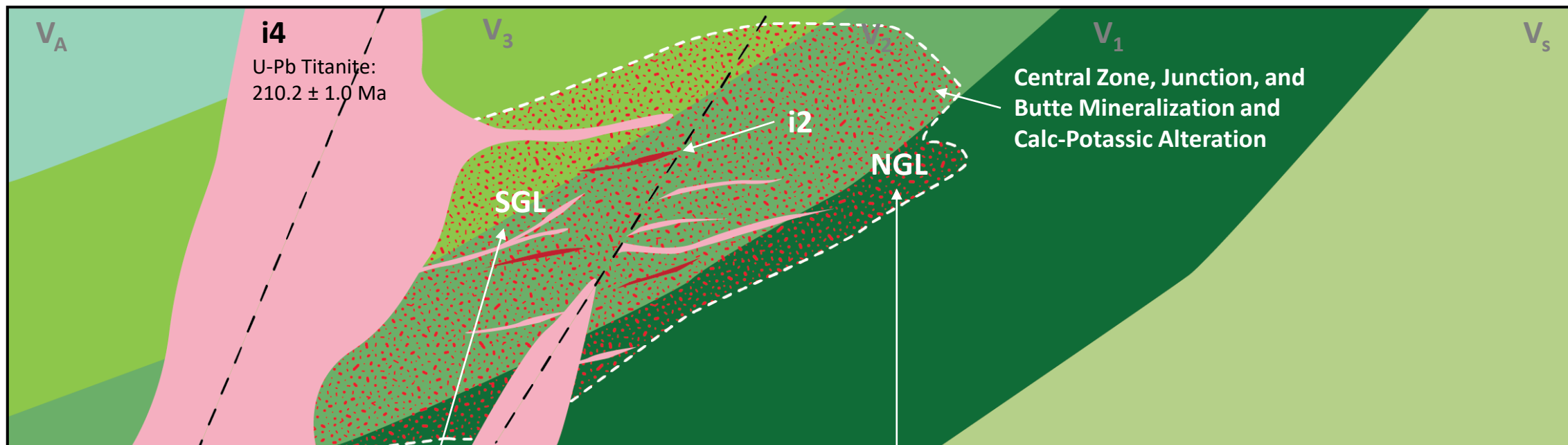
Host Rock Deposition

- The volcanosedimentary arc rocks in the Galore valley were deposited in the Late Triassic (ca. 210 Ma) as a late, low volume silica-undersaturated sequence overlying “conventional” Stuhini Group rocks.
- This alkalic upper succession (V_2 , V_3 , and V_A) are units localized to the Galore valley.



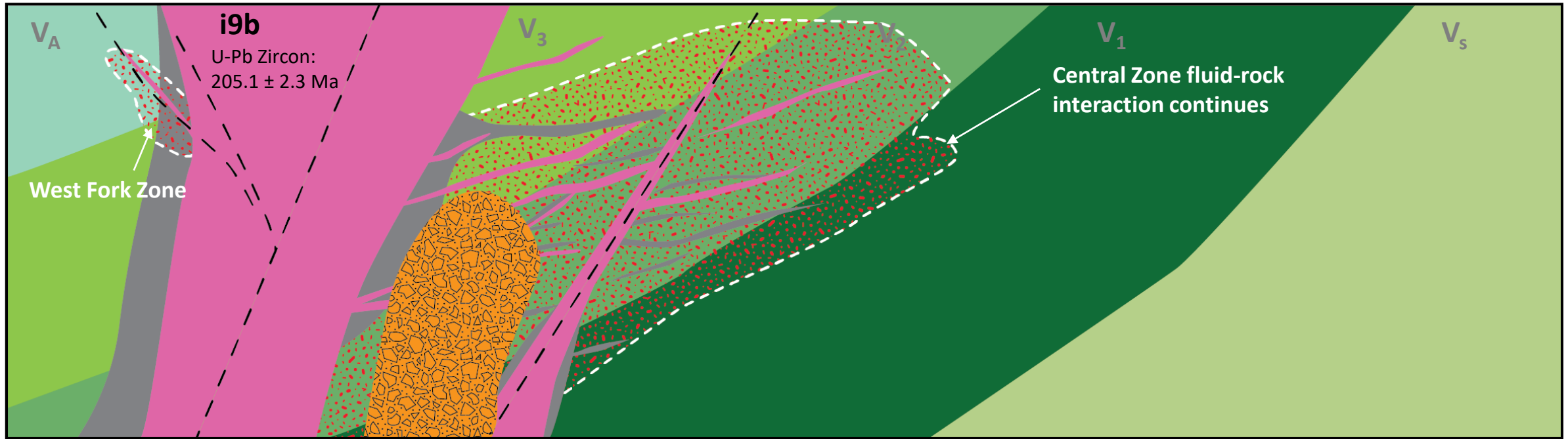
Uhtlan Suite Emplacement and Central Zone Mineralization

- Intrusive rocks of the Uhtlan suite (pseudoleucite-bearing) were emplaced along subvertical feeder structures.
- The trans-tensional(?) environment resulted in sill bodies extending from the primary plutons and feeder zones.
- The Central zone Cu-Au-Ag mineralization was deposited in volcanic stratigraphy adjacent to the Uhtlan intrusions; however, the voluminous intrusions (i4) remain relatively barren.
- Early small volume units (e.g., i2) have been proposed as causative intrusions (yet to be confirmed).



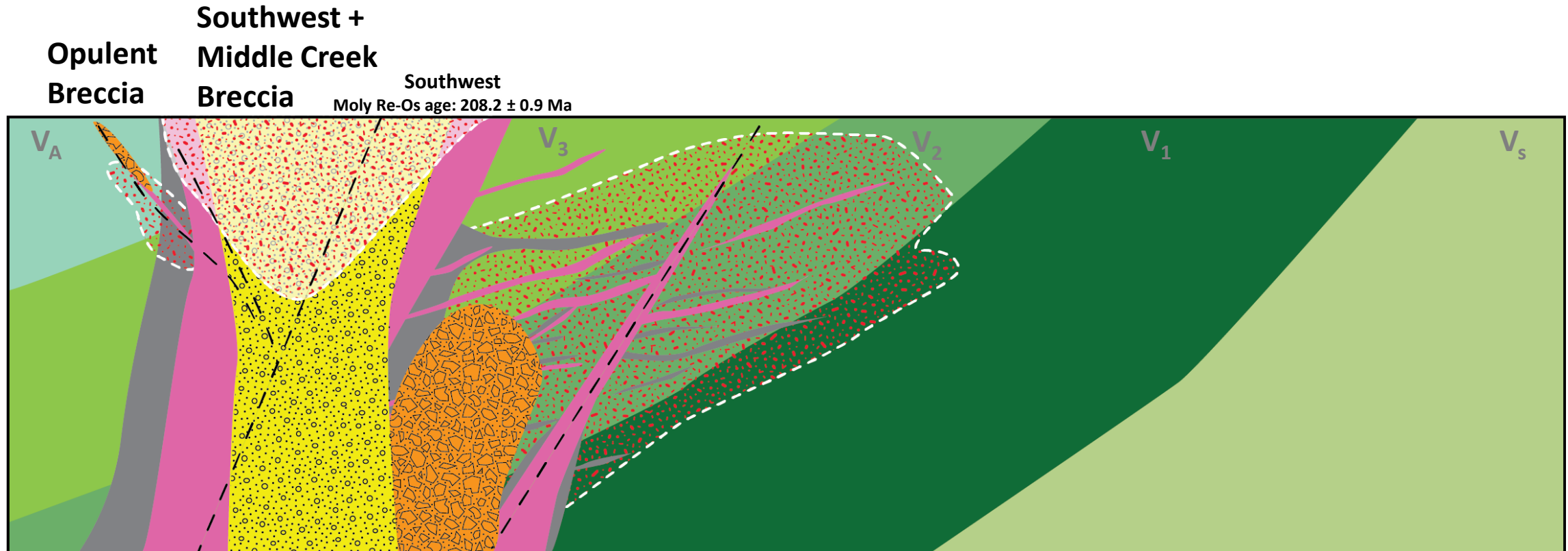
Buckshot Emplacement and Mineralization

- Voluminous intrusions of the Buckshot Suite are emplaced along with hydrothermal jigsaw breccias in the Central Zone.
- Fluid flow in the Central zone continues with thermal cells centered in the SGL breccia.
- Disseminated Cu-Au-Ag mineralization is deposited in the West Fork zone.



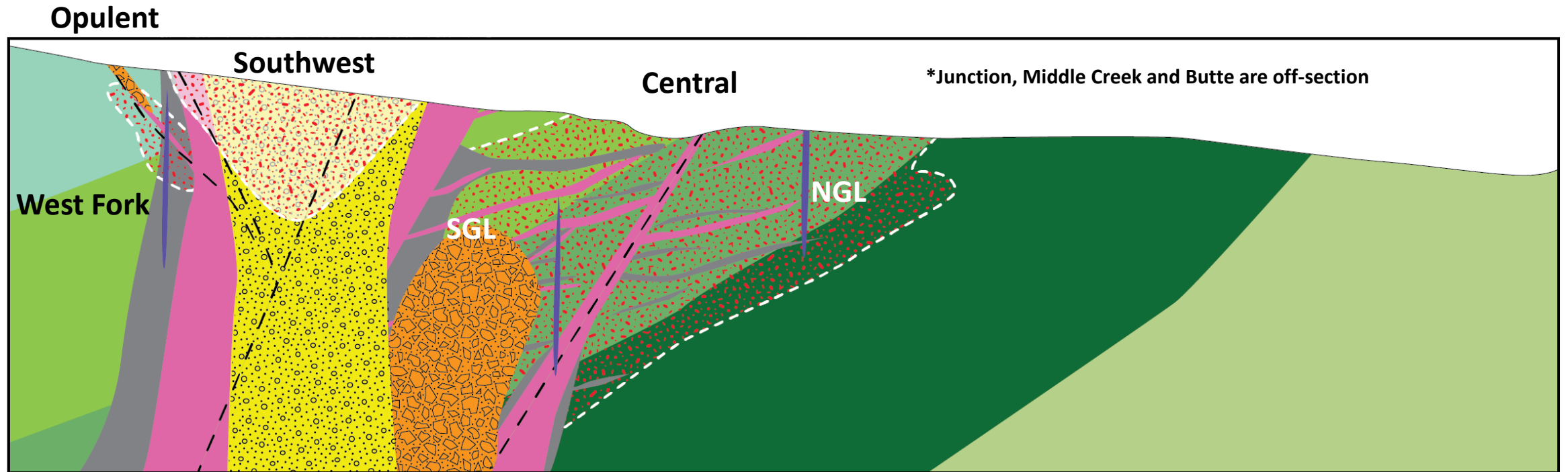
Late-Stage Breccia Emplacement and Mineralization

- Explosive brecciation occurred with the emplacement of the youngest phases of Buckshot suite.
- The youngest deposits in the Galore system are dominantly milled-breccia-hosted.
- Younger mineralization at Southwest Zone is more Au-rich than other parts of the deposit.



Late Dikes and Erosion

- Erosional effects have removed any high-level expressions (epithermal, lithocap, etc.) of the Galore system and exposed the high temperature, high-grade core of the system at the present-day surface.



Galore Creek: Summary

- While challenging for access and infrastructure, the Golden Triangle is an excellent jurisdiction with fascinating geology and abundant metal endowment.
- Alkalic porphyries are an attractive target: large volume, high grade, copper plus gold, conventional processing, relatively low pyrite in waste rock.
- Galore Creek is a silica-undersaturated end member of alkalic porphyry systems, unique for its size and composition; nonetheless, many of its features are shared with other alkalic porphyry deposits.
- The Galore deposit cluster sits within a 400 km² district that is highly prospective for the discovery of additional porphyry deposits.
- Without close geological analogues, the GCMC geoscience team is constantly evolving understanding of this ore system, enriched by the knowledge of interdisciplinary contributors over many years in the project's history.

