

Economic Geology Minnesota & Iowa

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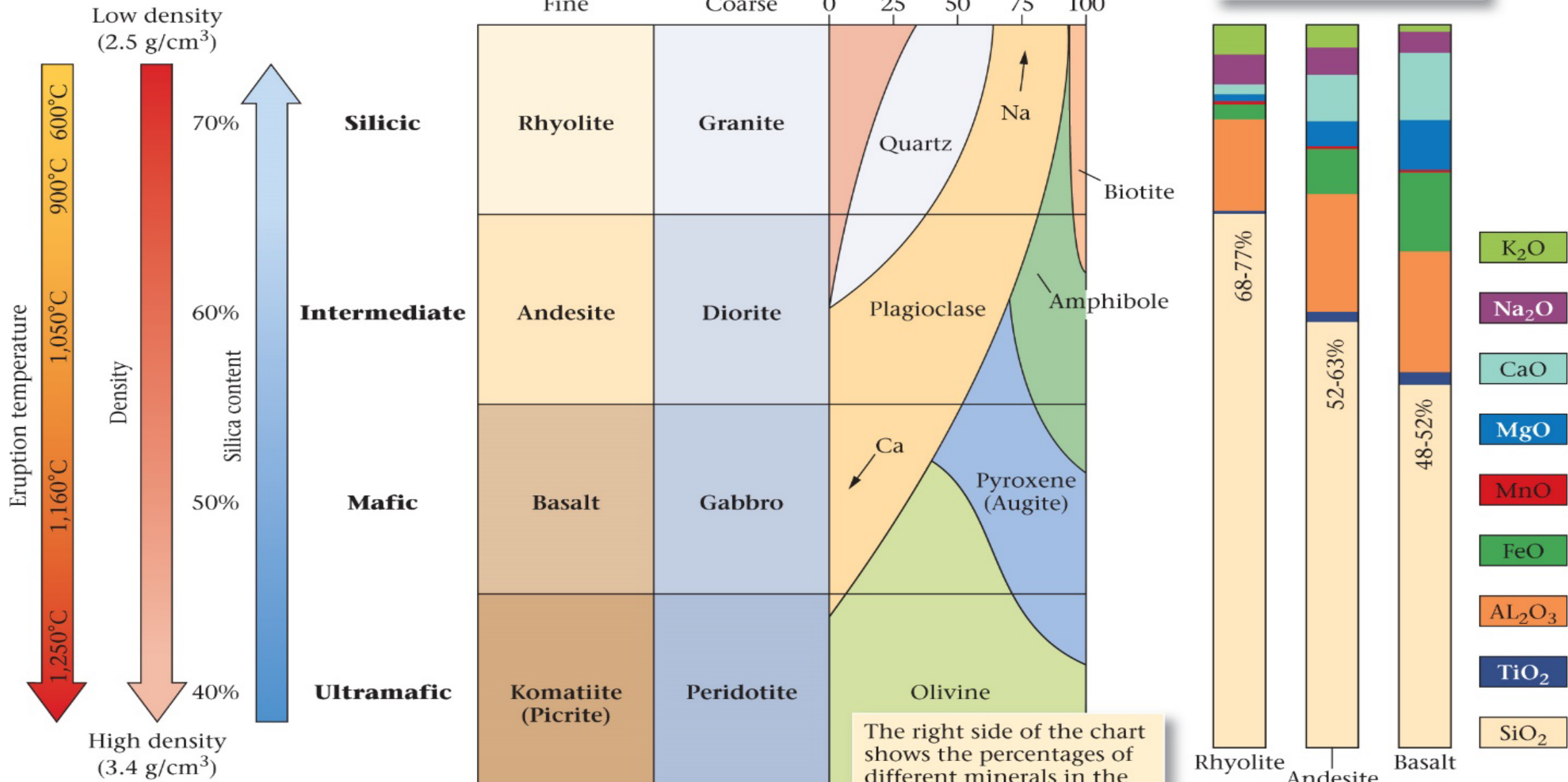
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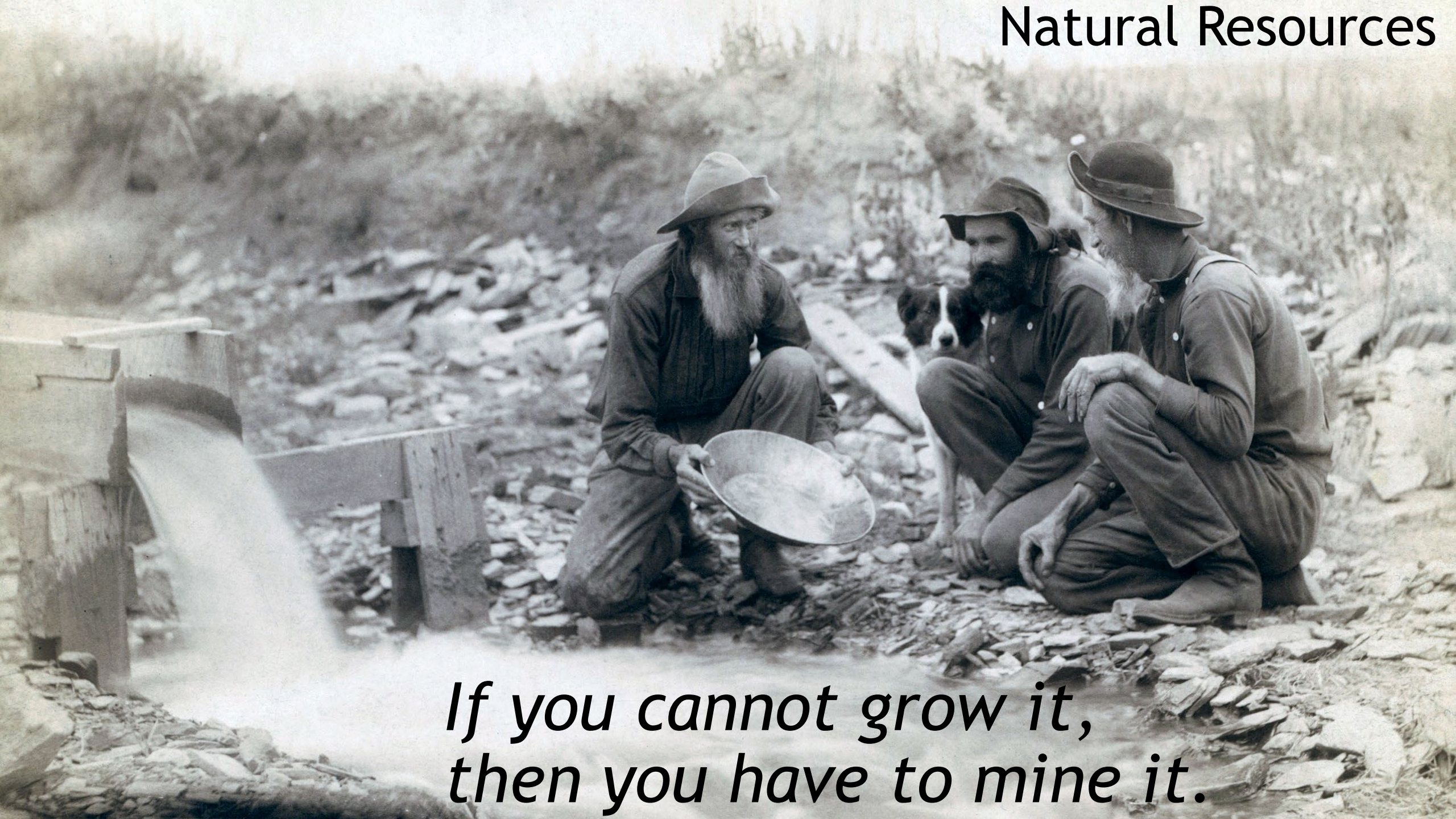
Ray Anderson and others

Is it possible to have quartz in a mafic rock?

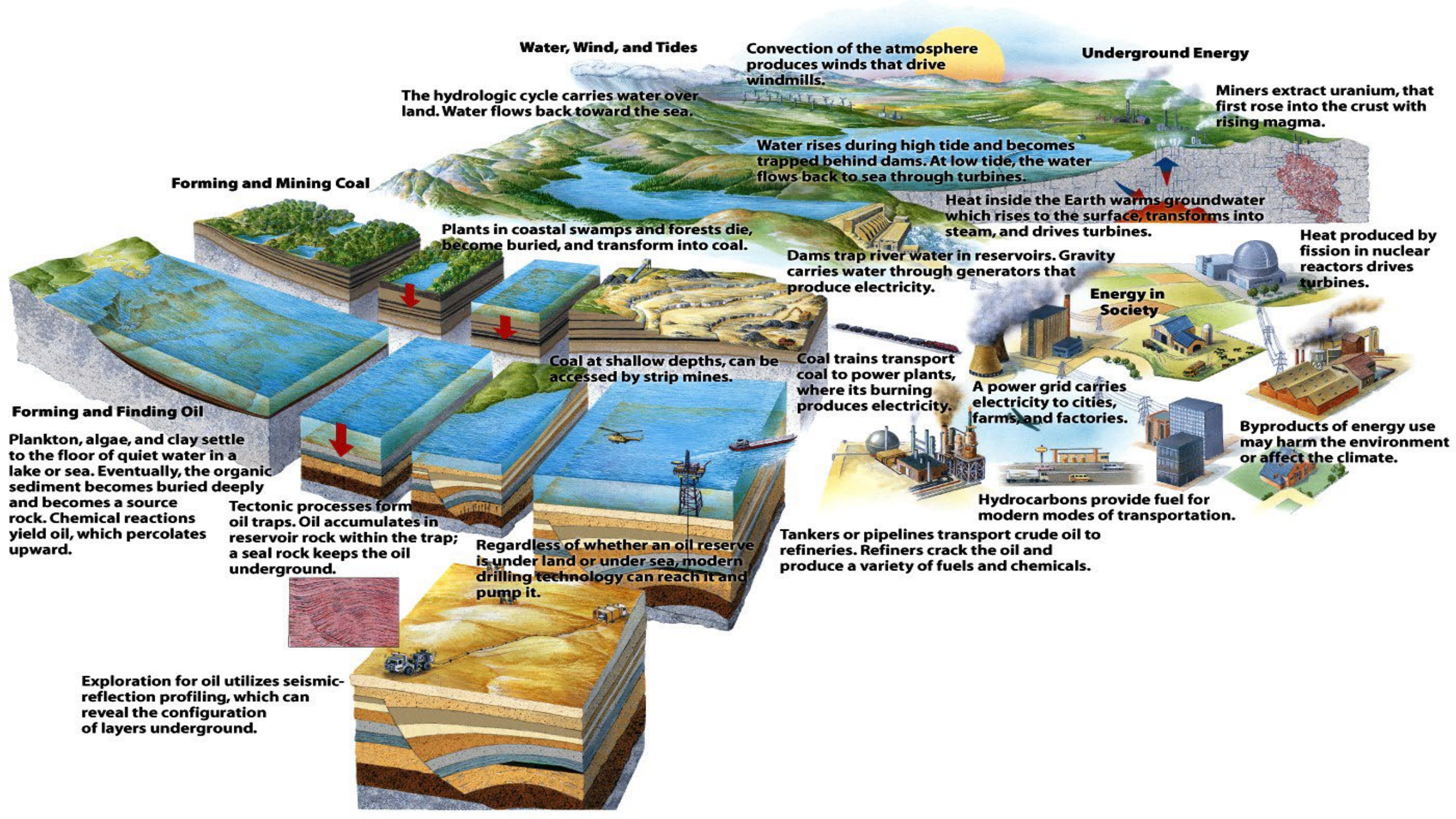


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Natural Resources



*If you cannot grow it,
then you have to mine it.*



Water, Wind, and Tides

The hydrologic cycle carries water over land. Water flows back toward the sea.

Convection of the atmosphere produces winds that drive windmills.

Underground Energy

Miners extract uranium, that first rose into the crust with rising magma.

Water rises during high tide and becomes trapped behind dams. At low tide, the water flows back to sea through turbines.

Heat inside the Earth warms groundwater which rises to the surface, transforms into steam, and drives turbines.

Forming and Mining Coal

Plants in coastal swamps and forests die, become buried, and transform into coal.

Dams trap river water in reservoirs. Gravity carries water through generators that produce electricity.

Heat produced by fission in nuclear reactors drives turbines.

Energy in Society

Coal at shallow depths, can be accessed by strip mines.

Coal trains transport coal to power plants, where its burning produces electricity.

A power grid carries electricity to cities, farms, and factories.

Byproducts of energy use may harm the environment or affect the climate.

Forming and Finding Oil

Plankton, algae, and clay settle to the floor of quiet water in a lake or sea. Eventually, the organic sediment becomes buried deeply and becomes a source rock. Chemical reactions yield oil, which percolates upward.

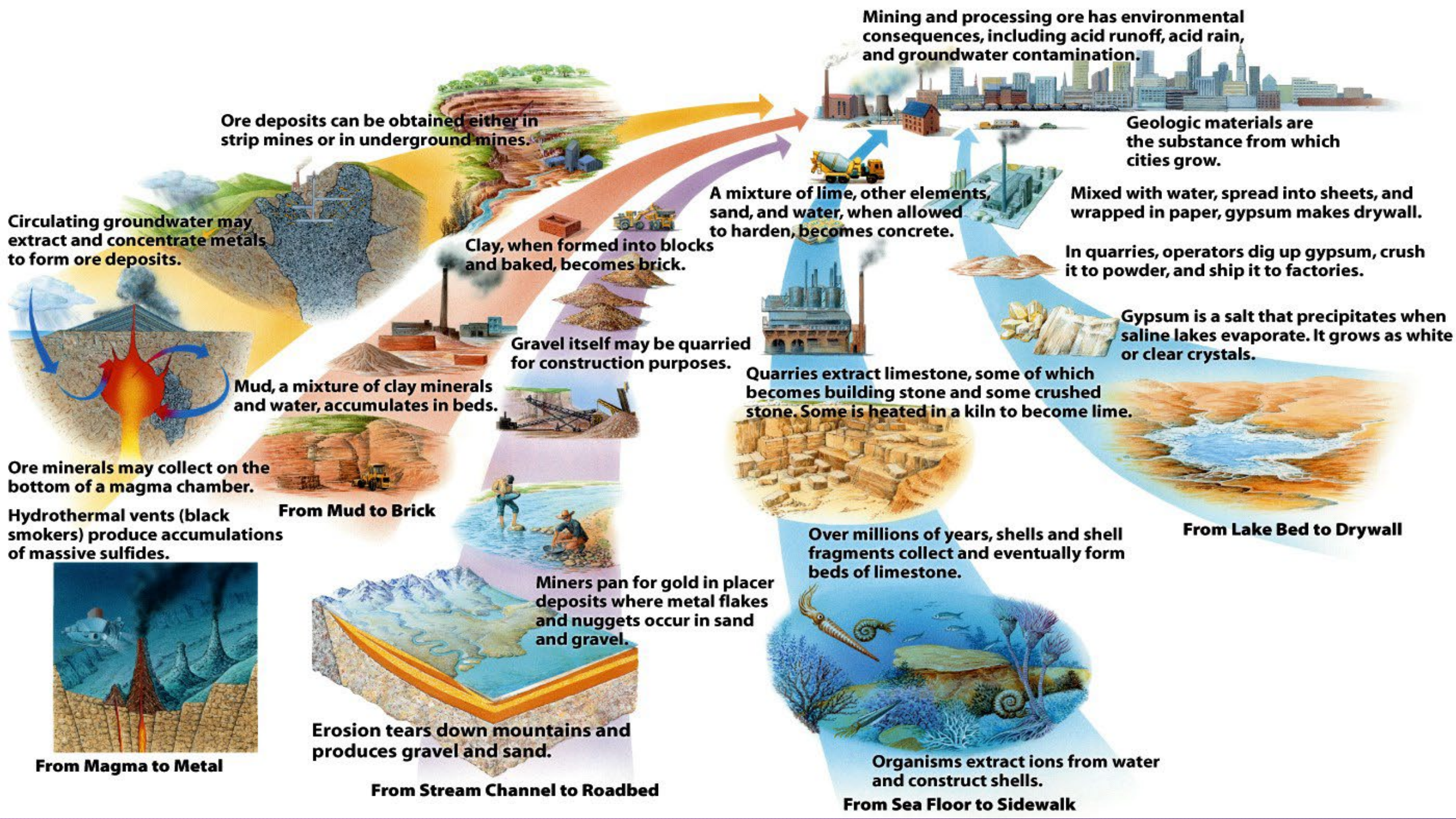
Tectonic processes form oil traps. Oil accumulates in reservoir rock within the trap; a seal rock keeps the oil underground.

Regardless of whether an oil reserve is under land or under sea, modern drilling technology can reach it and pump it.

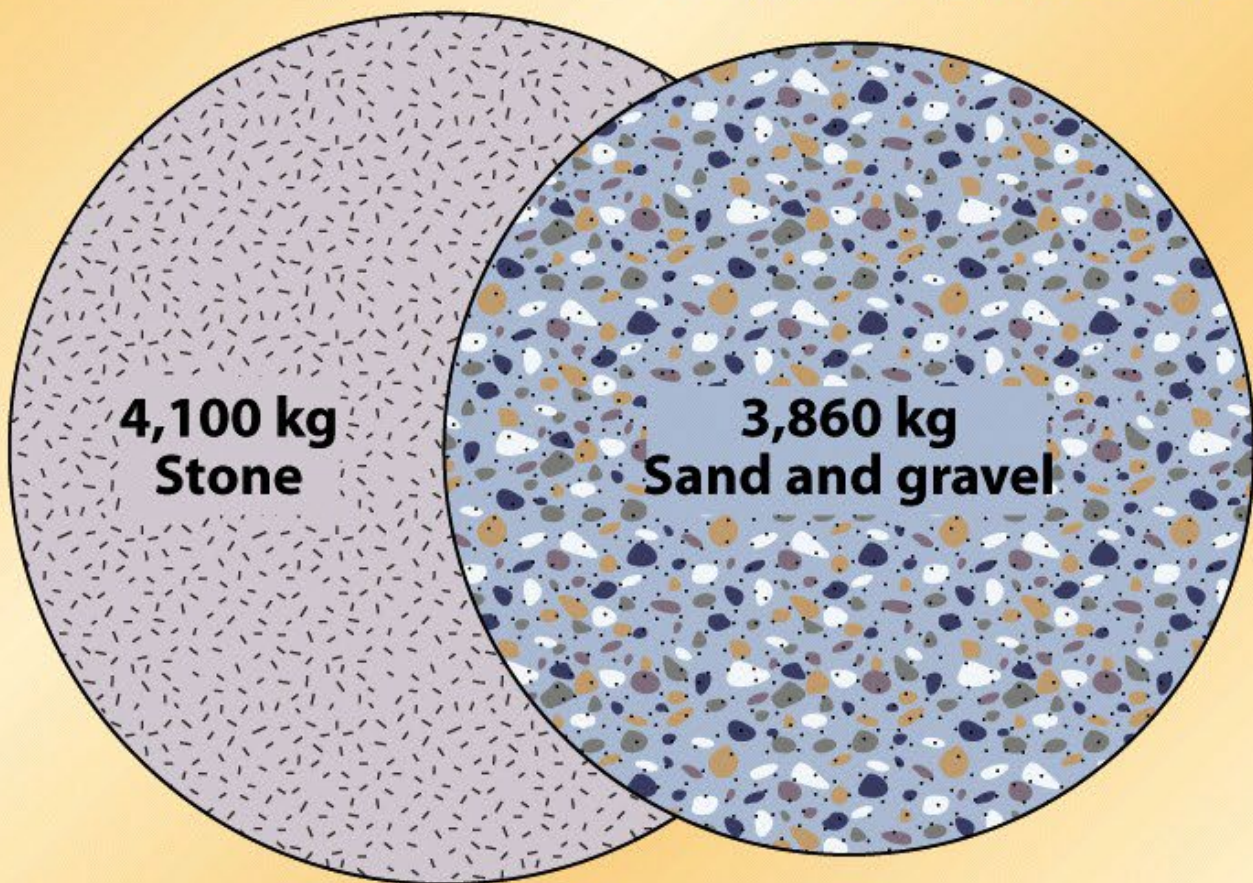
Tankers or pipelines transport crude oil to refineries. Refiners crack the oil and produce a variety of fuels and chemicals.

Hydrocarbons provide fuel for modern modes of transportation.

Exploration for oil utilizes seismic-reflection profiling, which can reveal the configuration of layers underground.



Nonmetallic resources



- 360 kg Cement
- 220 kg Clay
- 200 kg Salt
- 140 kg Phosphate rock
- 480 kg Other nonmetals

Metallic resources

- 550 kg Iron and steel
- 25 kg Aluminum
- 10 kg Copper
- 6 kg Lead
- 5 kg Zinc
- 6 kg Manganese
- 9 kg Other metals

Metal	Mineral Name	Chemical Formula
Copper	Chalcocite	Cu_2S
	Chalcopyrite	CuFeS_2
	Bornite	Cu_5FeS_4
	Azurite	$\text{Cu}_3(\text{CO}_3)_2(\text{OH})_2$
	Malachite	$\text{Cu}_2(\text{CO}_3)(\text{OH})_2$
Iron	Hematite	Fe_2O_3
	Magnetite	Fe_3O_4
Tin	Cassiterite	SnO_2
Lead	Galena	PbS
Mercury	Cinnabar	HgS
Zinc	Sphalerite	ZnS
	Kaolinite	$\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4$
Aluminum	Corundum	Al_2O_3
	Chromite	$(\text{Fe,Mg})(\text{Cr,Al,Fe})_2\text{O}_4$
Nickel	Pentlandite	$(\text{Ni,Fe})_9\text{S}_8$
Titanium	Rutile	TiO_2
	Ilmenite	FeTiO_3
Tungsten	Sheelite	CaWO_4
Molybdenum	Molybdenite	MoS_2
Magnesium	Magnesite	MgCO_3
	Dolomite	$\text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$
Manganese	Pyrolusite	MnO_2
	Rhodochrosite	MnCO_3



Metal	World Resources	U.S. Resources
Iron	120	40
Aluminum	330	2
Copper	65	40
Lead	20	40
Zinc	30	25
Gold	30	20
Platinum	45	1
Nickel	75	less than 1
Cobalt	50	less than 1
Manganese	70	0
Chromium	75	0



National Security

"RELIABLE ACCESS TO CRITICAL MINERALS IS A MATTER OF BOTH ECONOMIC AND GEOSTRATEGIC IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES. ALTHOUGH CONCERN ABOUT ACCESS TO MINERALS WAXES AND WANES, IT IS RISING NOW DUE TO INCREASING DEMAND, NEW COMPETITORS CAPTURING LARGE MARKET SHARES AND OTHER TRENDS THAT DEFY EASY PREDICTION. THESE SAME TRENDS CAN INTERFERE WITH FOREIGN AND DEFENSE POLICY GOALS AND GIVE MINERAL SUPPLIERS EASY LEVERAGE OVER THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES RELIANT ON GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS."

CHRISTINE PARTHMORE
FORMER FELLOW
CENTER FOR A NEW AMERICAN SECURITY

Top 10 Standard Materials Used by Department of Defense

		Regular DoD Demand in STONS/YR
1	ALUMINUM METAL	275,219.8
2	COPPER	105,625.8
3	LEAD	88,464.8
4	FLUORSPAR ACID GRADE	56,544.5
5	ZINC	51,085.5
6	RUBBER (NATURAL)	29,490.3
7	MANGANESE ORE CHEM/METAL GRADE	25,041.8
8	NICKEL	17,311.8
9	CHROMIUM FERRO (FERROCHROMIUM)	9,667.8
10	CHROMITE ORE (ALL GRADES)	9,630.5

Source: "Reconfiguration of the National Defense Stockpile Report to Congress," U.S. Department of Defense, April 2009.



Rhenium
Nickel



Lanthanum
Gadolinium
Yttrium



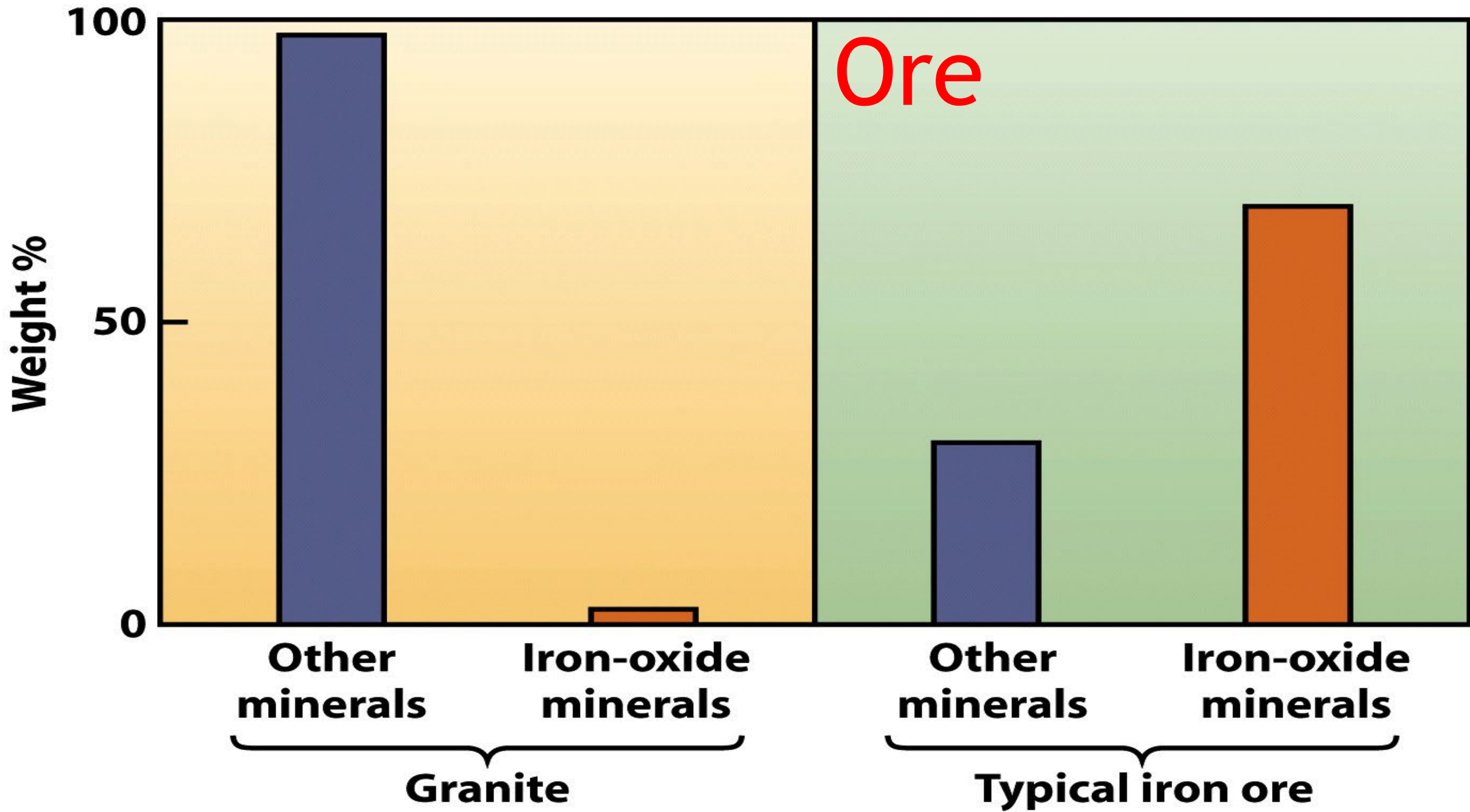
Aluminum
Copper

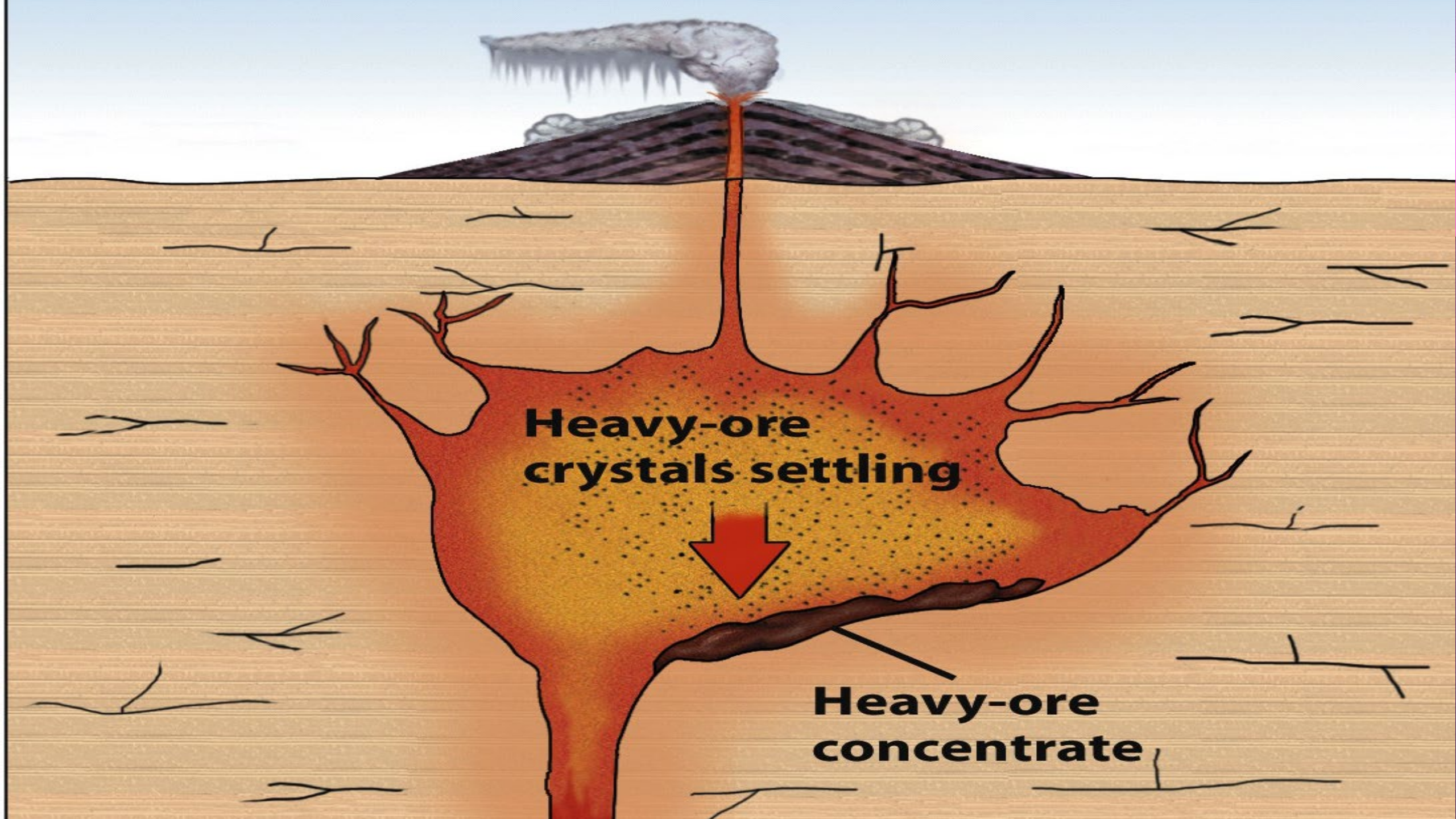


Manganese
Molybdenum



Nearly 750,000
Tons
of Minerals Annually





**Heavy-ore
crystals settling**



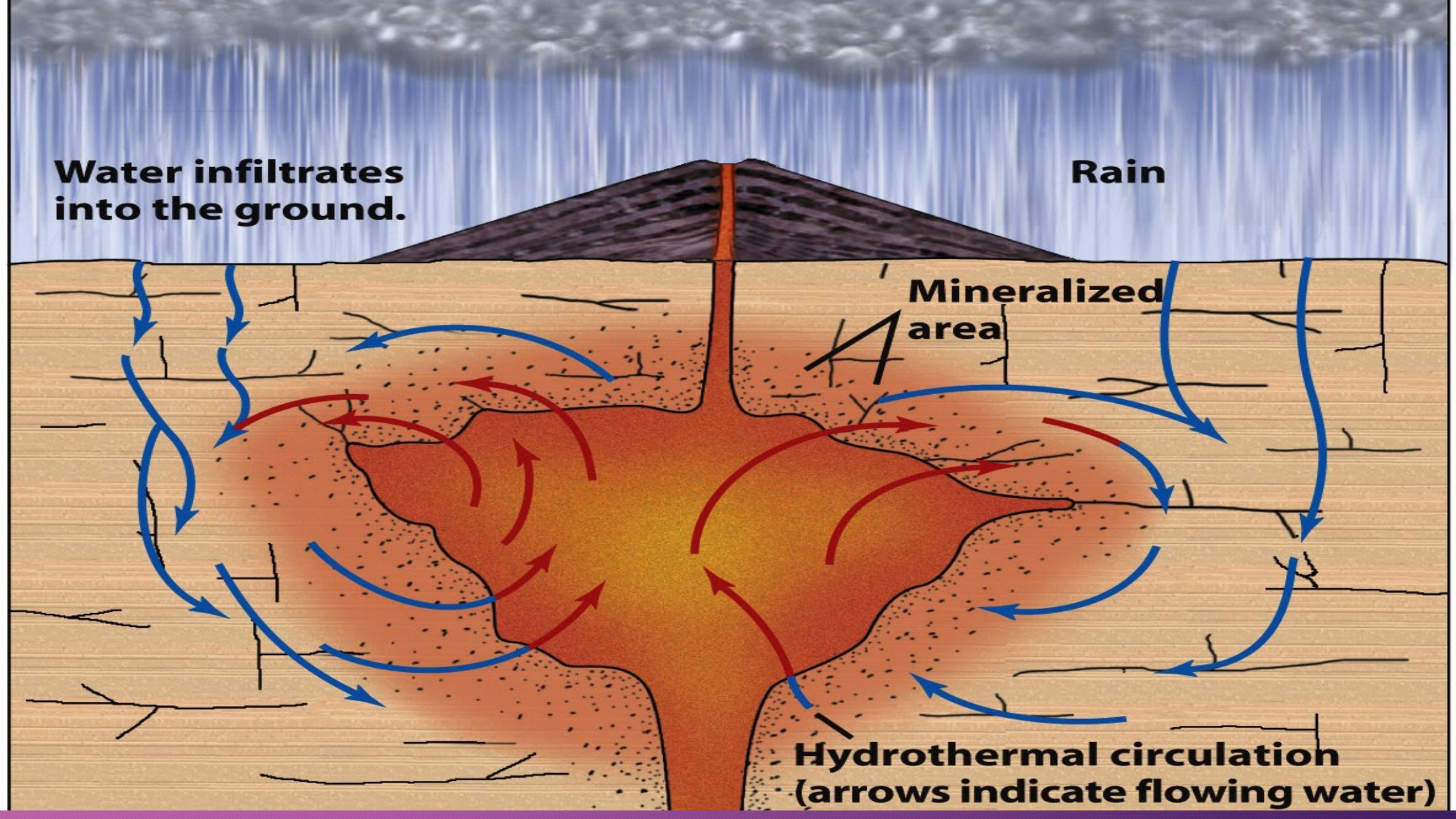
**Heavy-ore
concentrate**

**Water infiltrates
into the ground.**

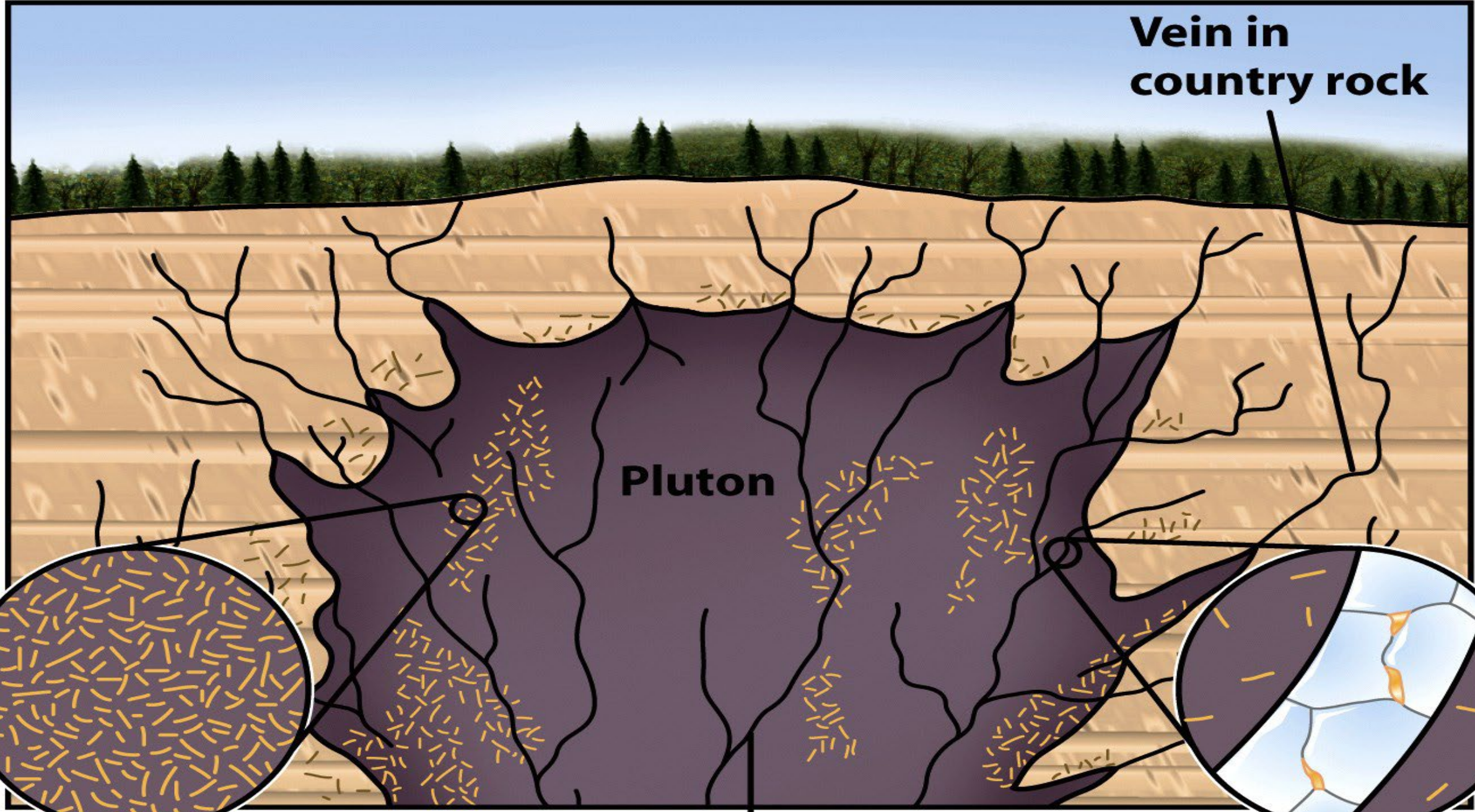
Rain

**Mineralized
area**

**Hydrothermal circulation
(arrows indicate flowing water)**



**Vein in
country rock**

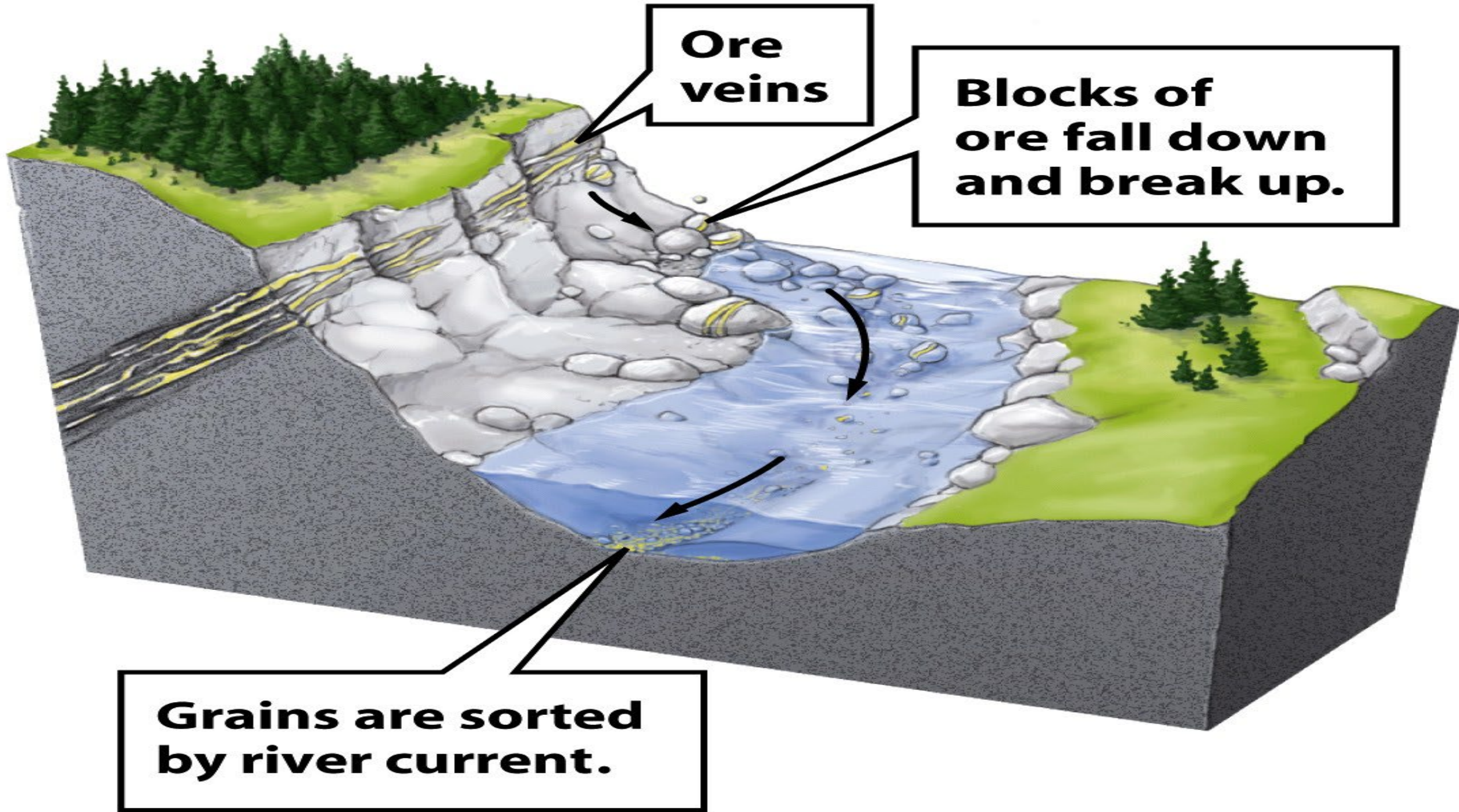


Pluton

Disseminated ore

Vein in intrusion

Vein ore



Ore veins

Blocks of ore fall down and break up.

Grains are sorted by river current.

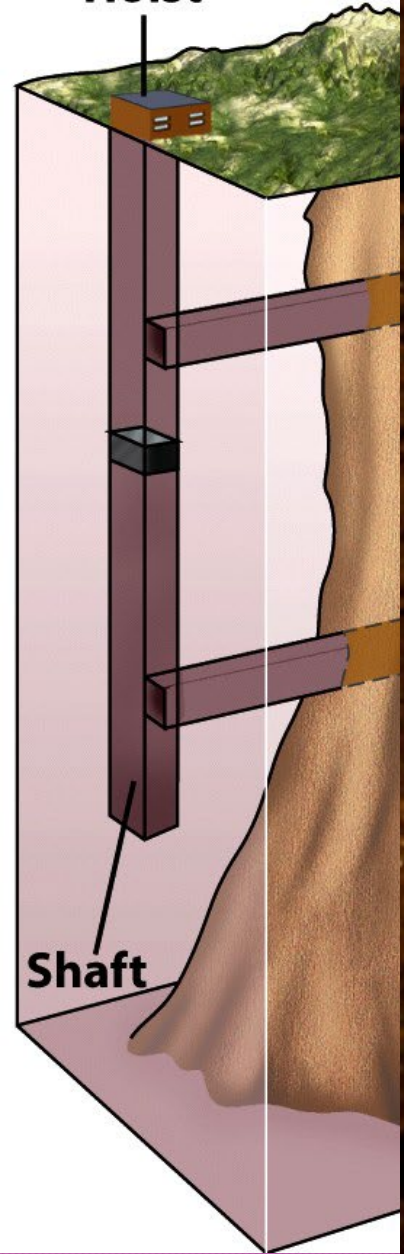


Homestake
Gold Mine
Lead
S. Dakota



Out
crop

Hoist

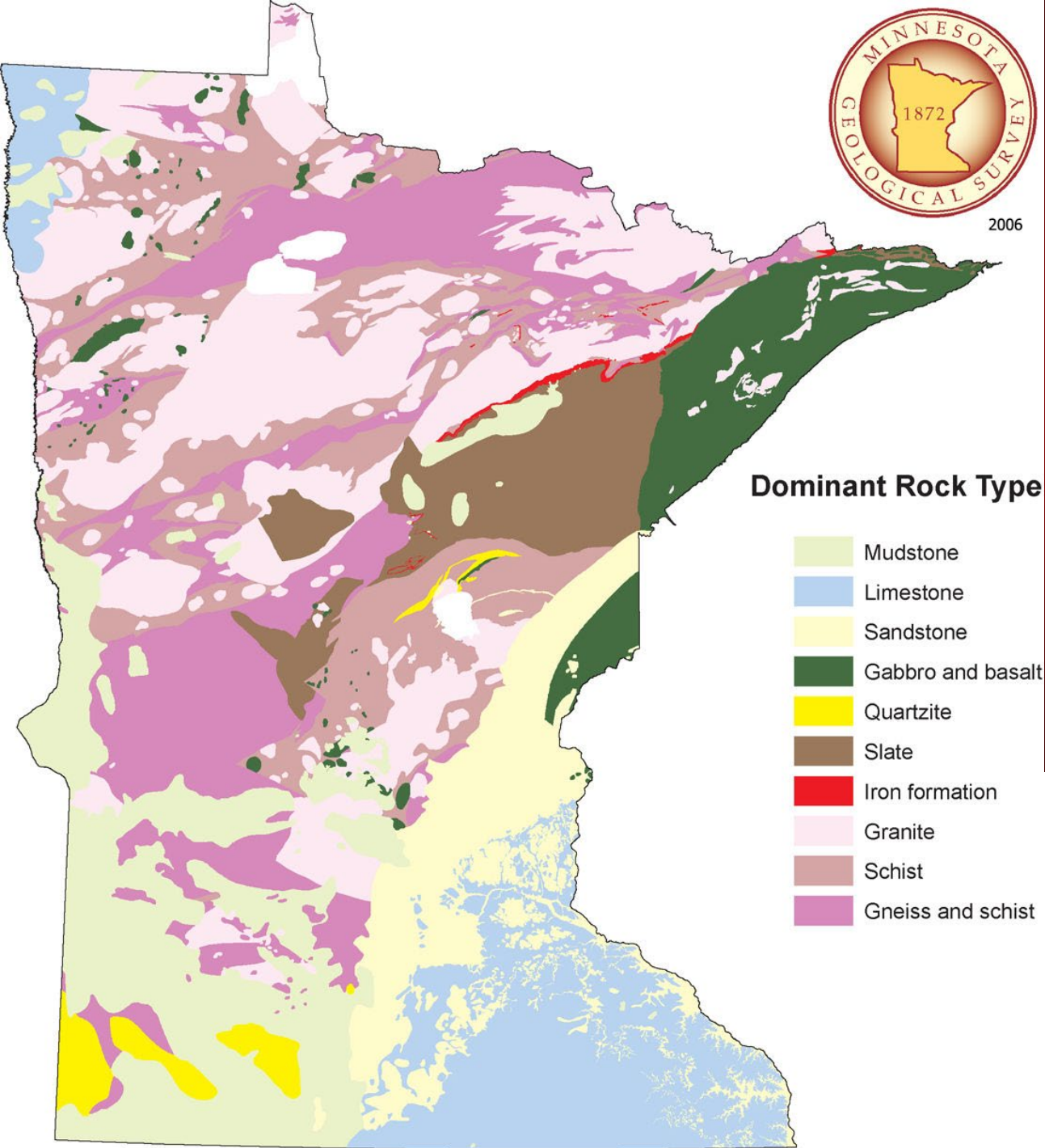


Shaft

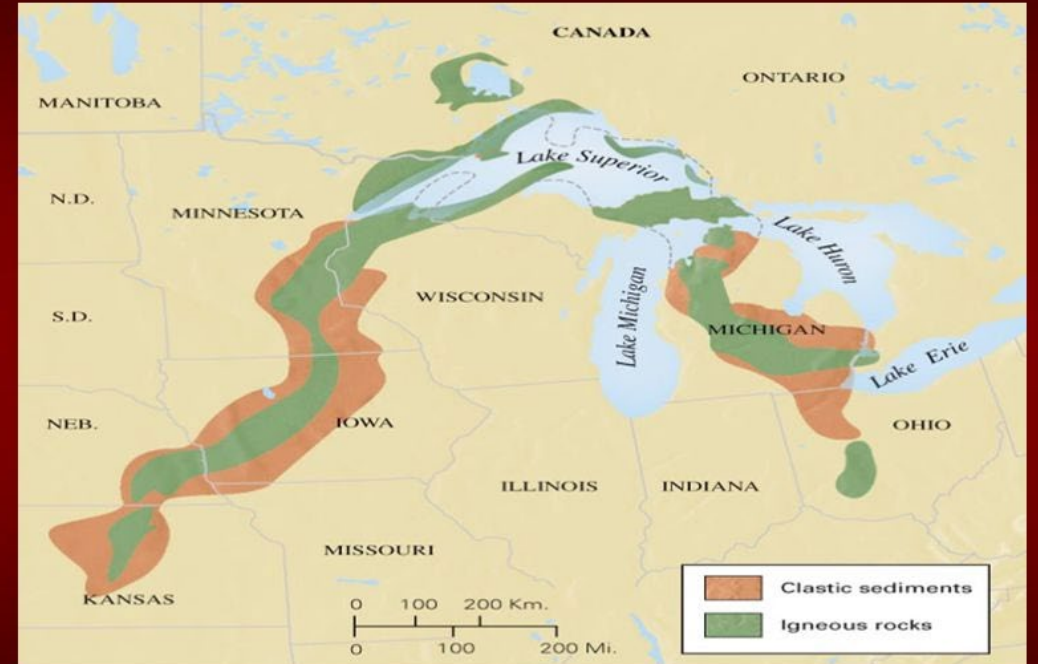


Minerals & Rocks of Northern Minnesota



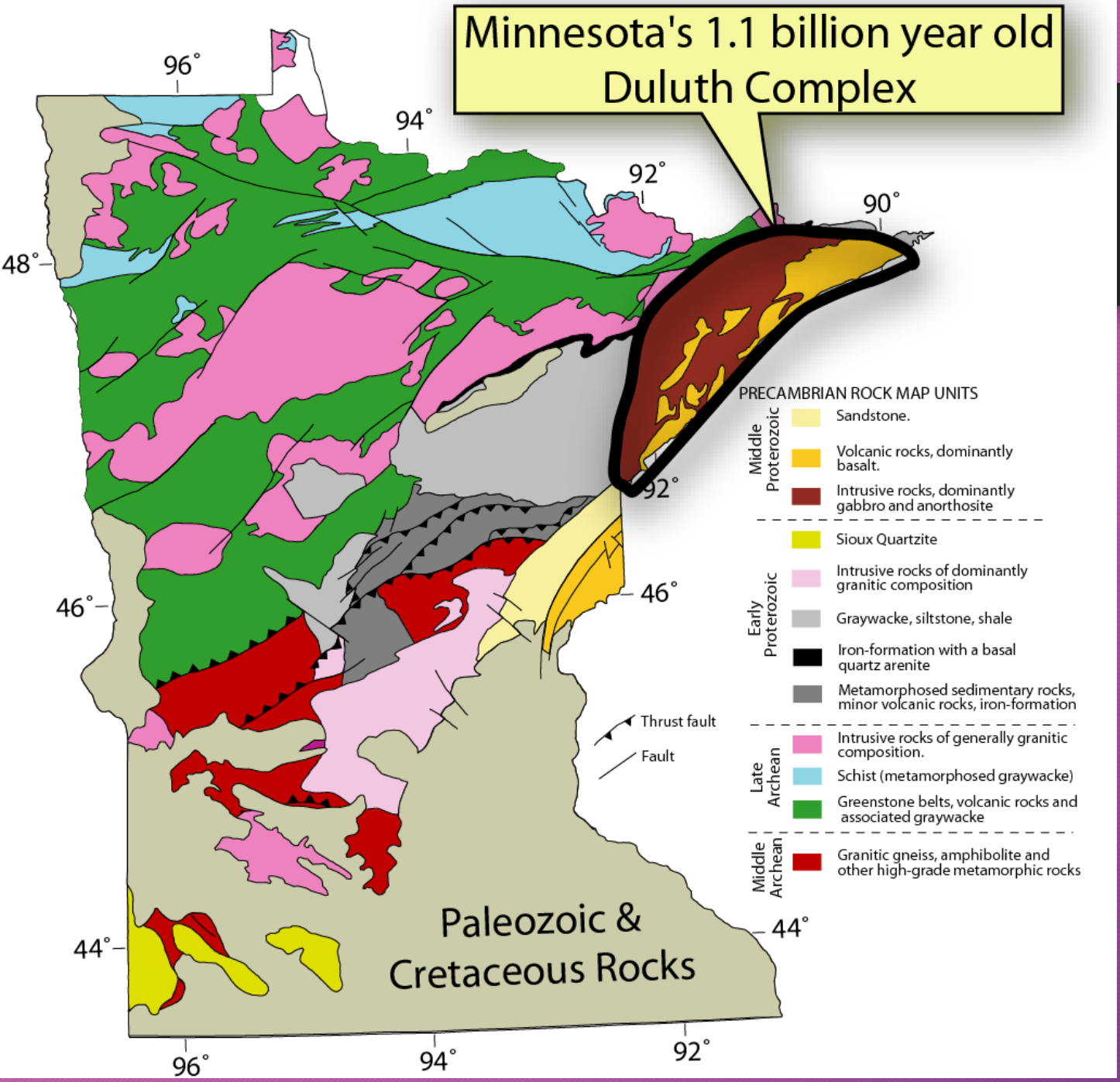


Map of Mid-continent Rift



- ~2500 km long and 150-200 km wide

Minnesota's 1.1 billion year old
Duluth Complex



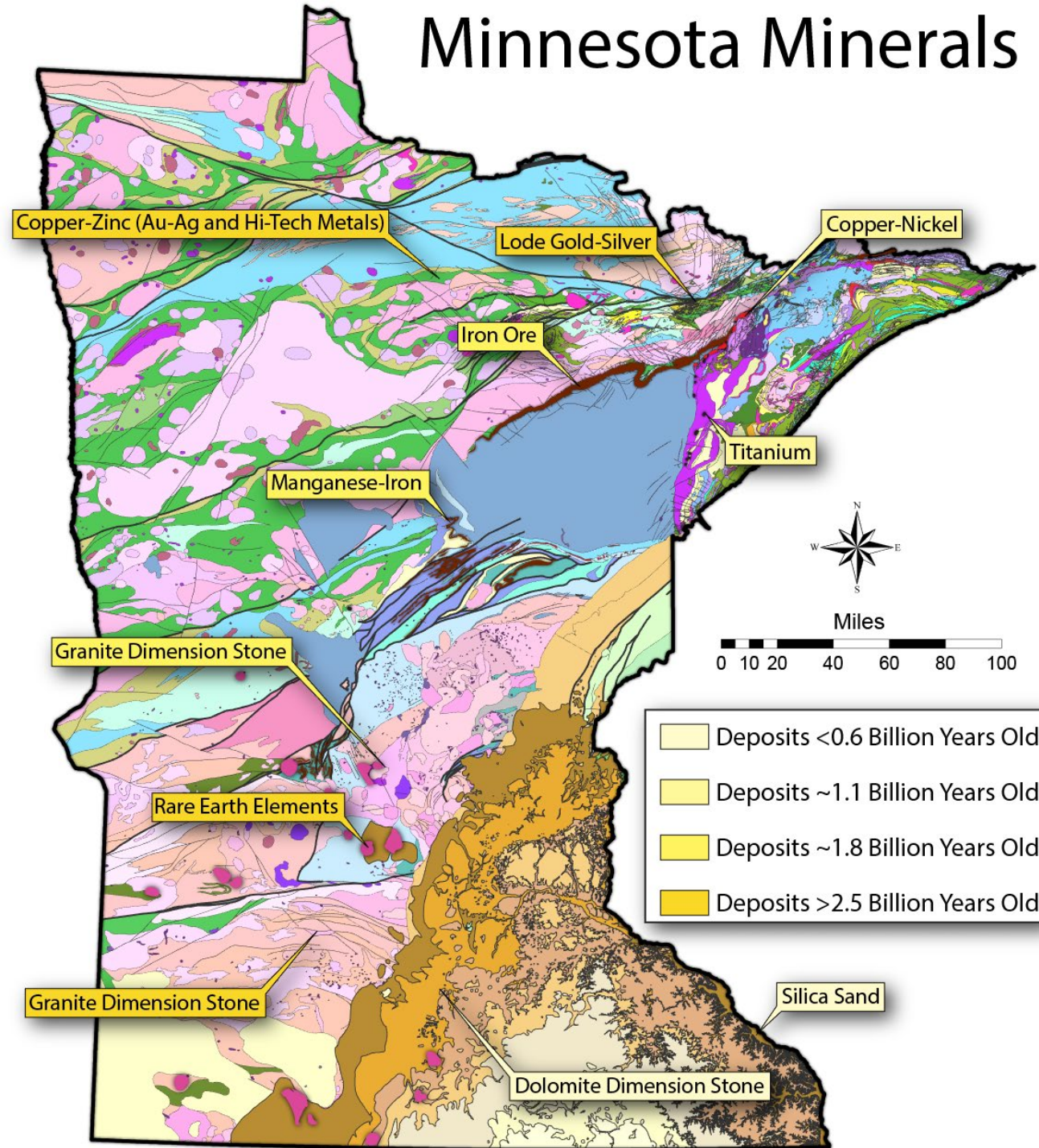
1.1 Billion year old Duluth Complex

Deposition of great quantities
of metal in igneous intrusions
derived from melting the
Earth's Mantle.

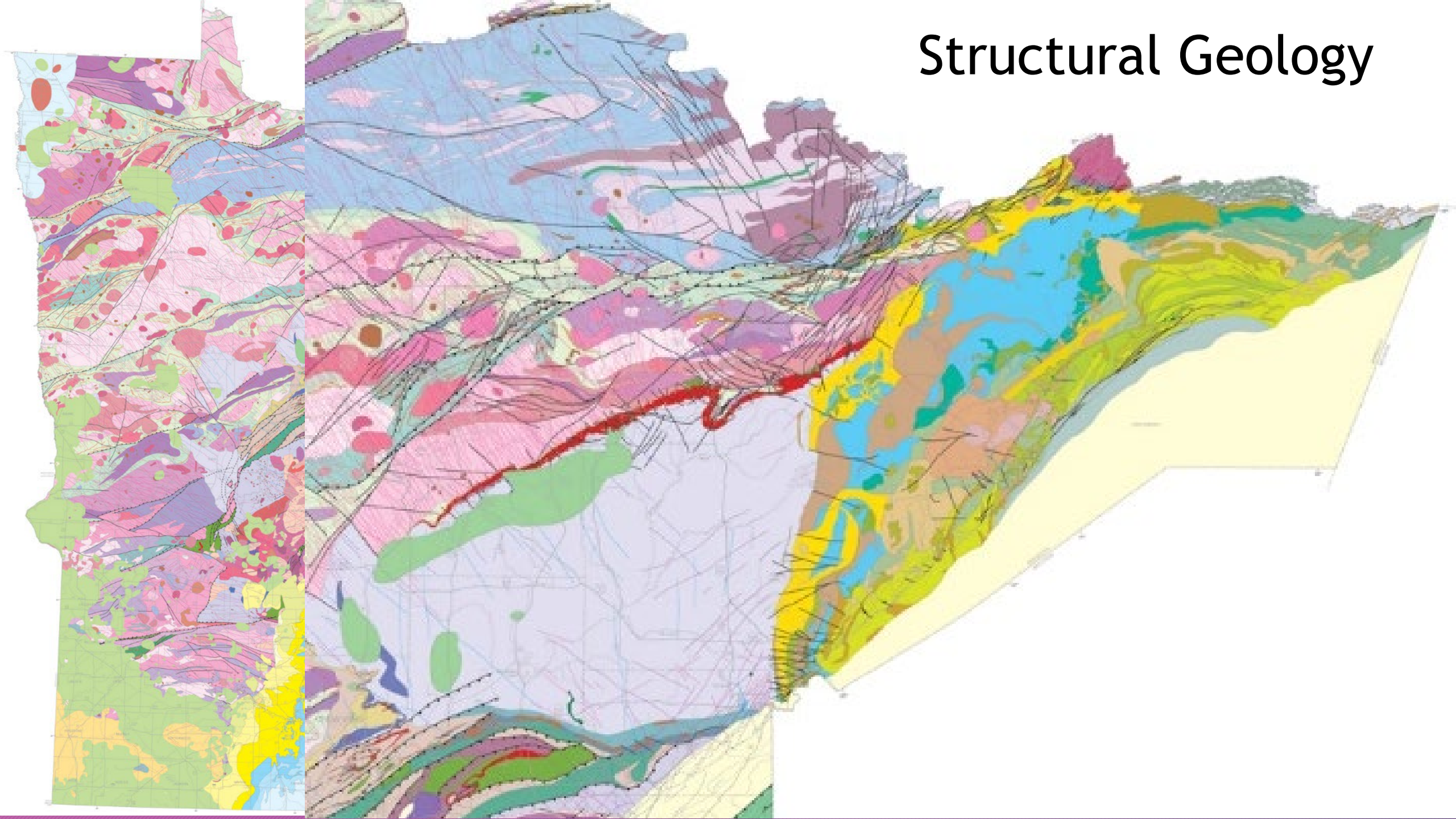
Cu-Ni-PGE

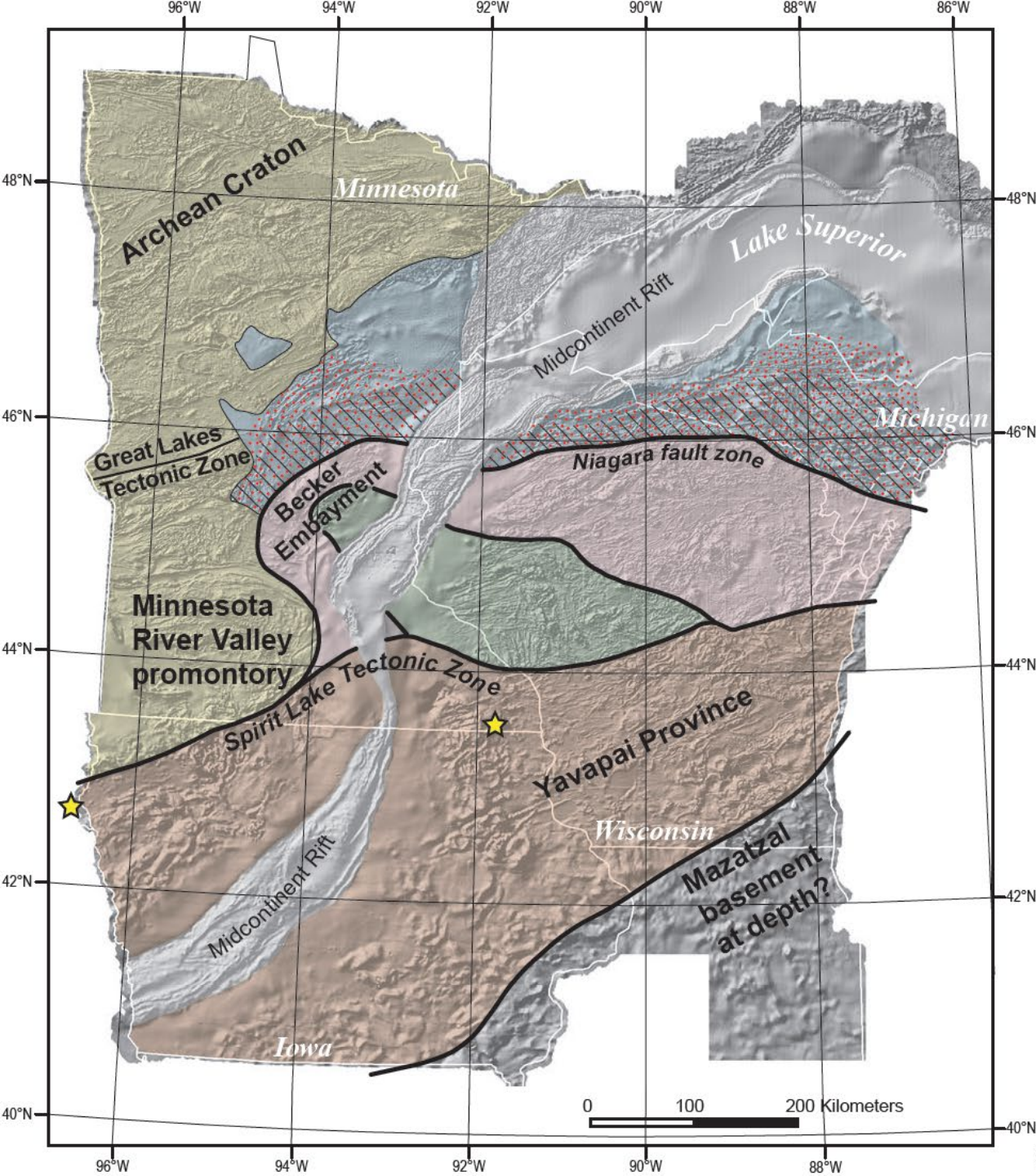


Minnesota Minerals




Structural Geology





Description of map units


Midcontinent Rift


 ~1.1 Ga volcanic, intrusive, and sedimentary rocks

Yavapai Province

 1.8 - 1.72 Ga rhyolite, granite, gneiss


Craton Margin Domain


 Yavapai and Penokean basins - 2.3 - 1.77 Ga Paleoproterozoic sedimentary and volcanic rocks

 Gneiss dome corridor, affected by Yavapai deformation

 Area of Penokean deformation


Wisconsin Magmatic Terranes

 Pembine-Wausau Terrane - Penokean volcanic rocks and coeval granitoid

 Marshfield Terrane - Archean gneiss with infolded Penokean volcanic rocks and coeval granitoid intrusions

Archean Craton

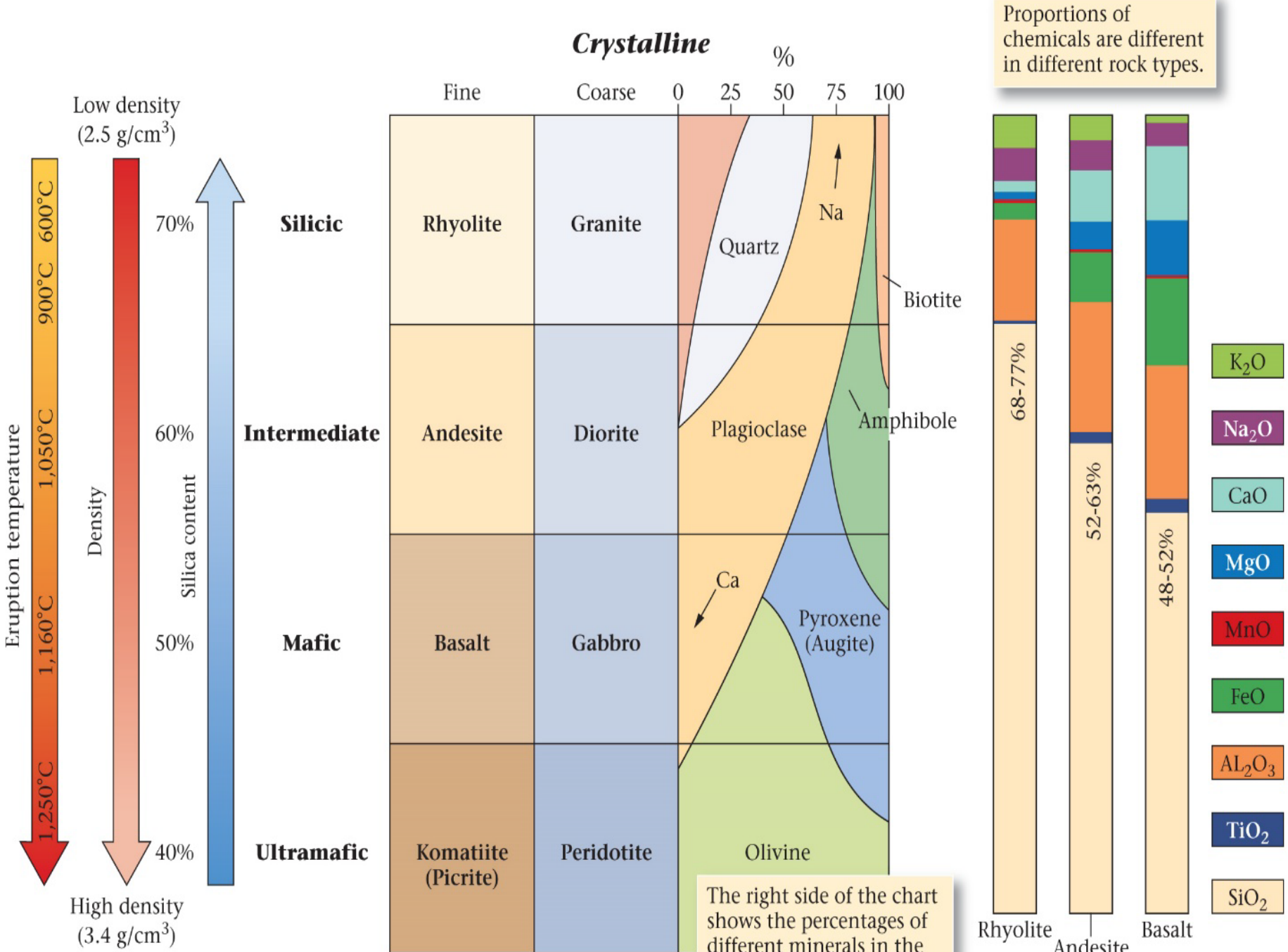
 ~3.5 - 2.6 Ga greenstone, granitoid rocks, gneiss

 Locations of Yavapai igneous crystallization ages

One of Chad's Favorite MN Rocks
Q1 - Name it, then discuss how does it formed?







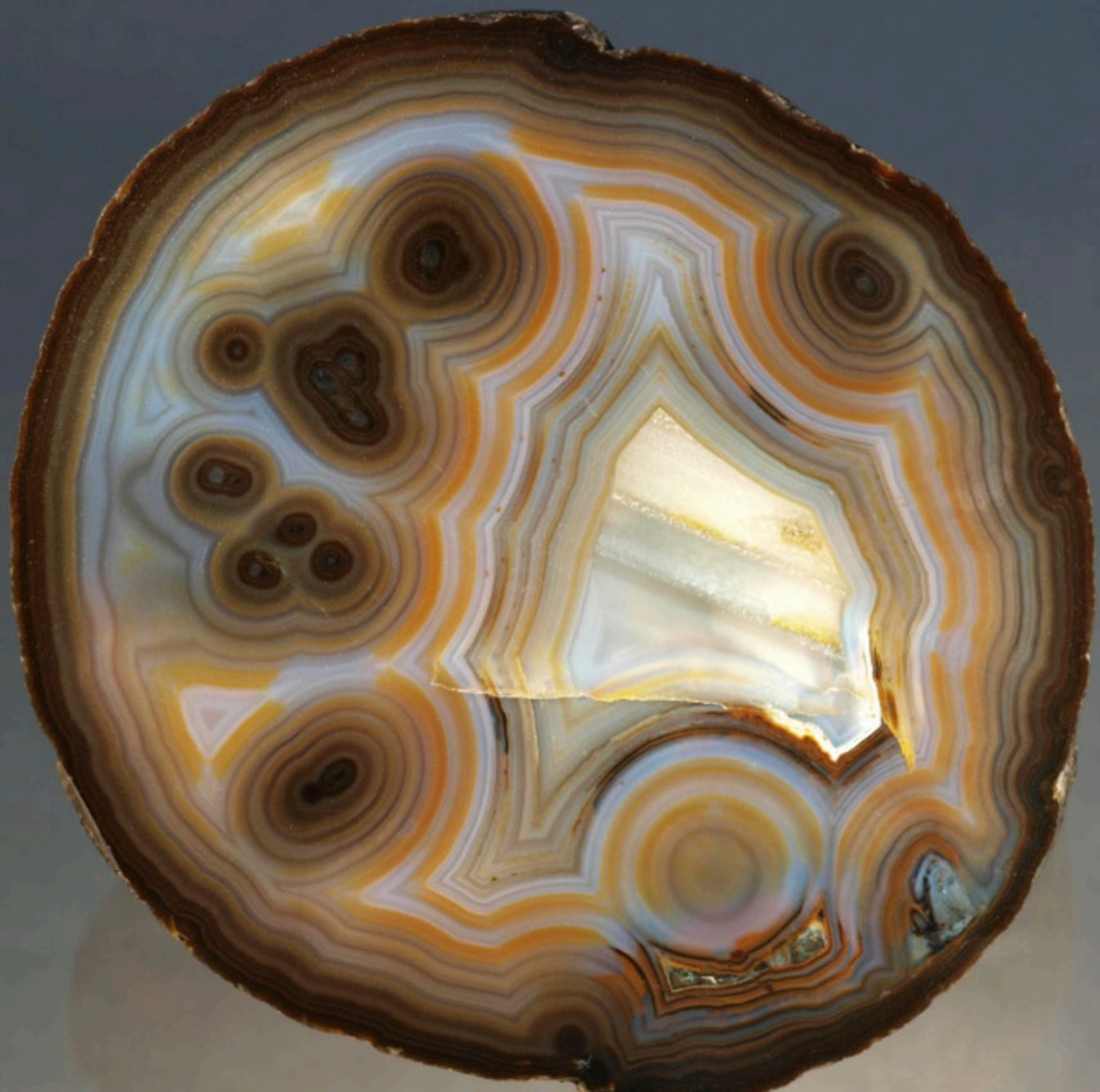
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Agates

- Formation
- Types
- Differential weathering

Can you find
Lake Superior Agates
in Iowa?

SiO₂ silicon dioxide



Lake Superior Agates



<https://www.mindat.org/gm/51>



Zeolite - Aluminosilicate minerals

- Volcanic environments - ash
- Alkaline groundwater
- Trace - Ti, Zn,
- Zeolite agates not as easy to find

Why not?

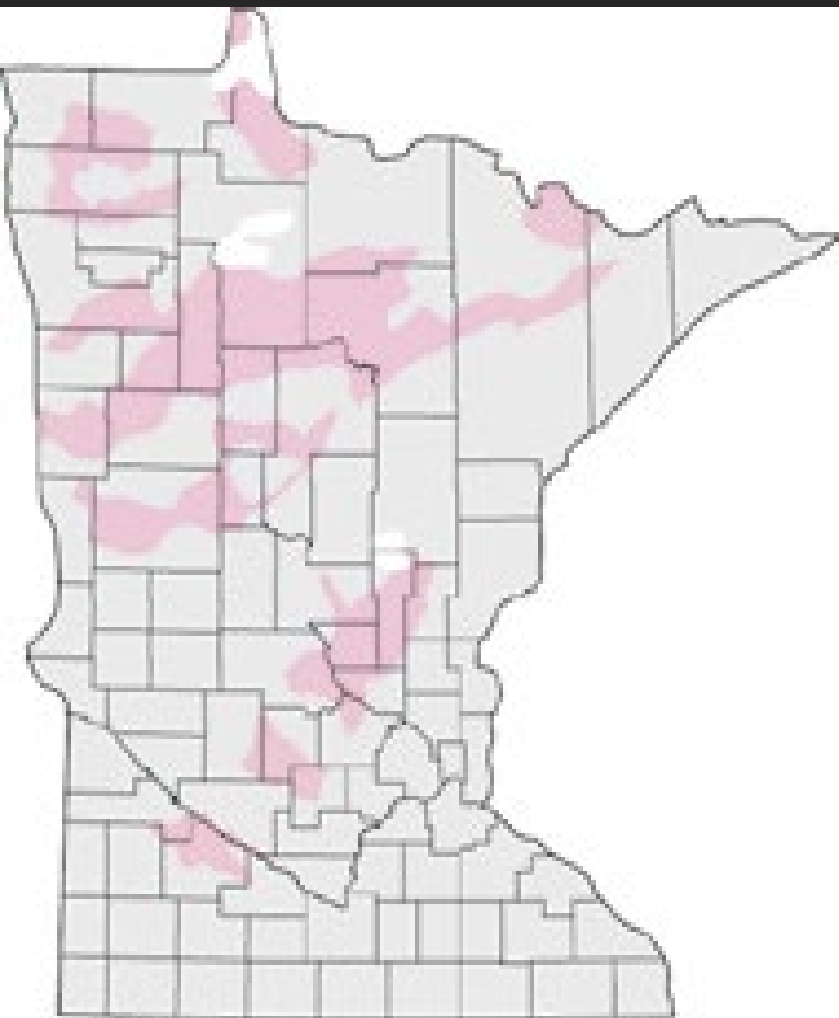
Why is it a bad idea to put them near a campfire?



Rhyolite



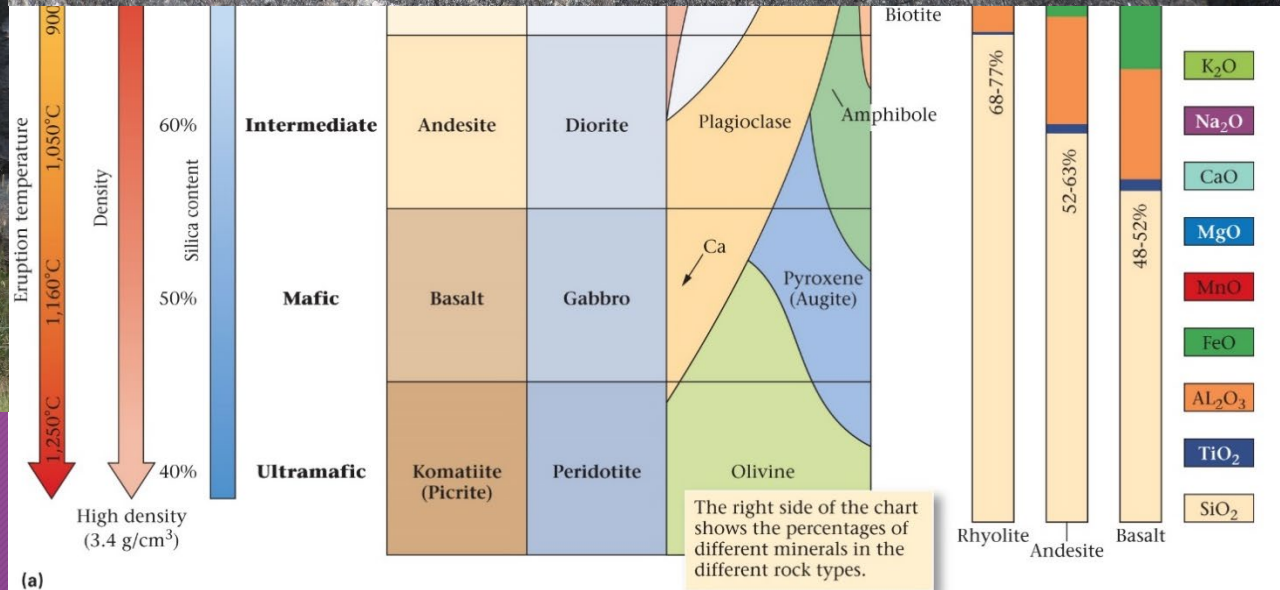
Granite



Anorthosite



plagioclase feldspar (90–100%)



Banded Iron Formation (BIF)

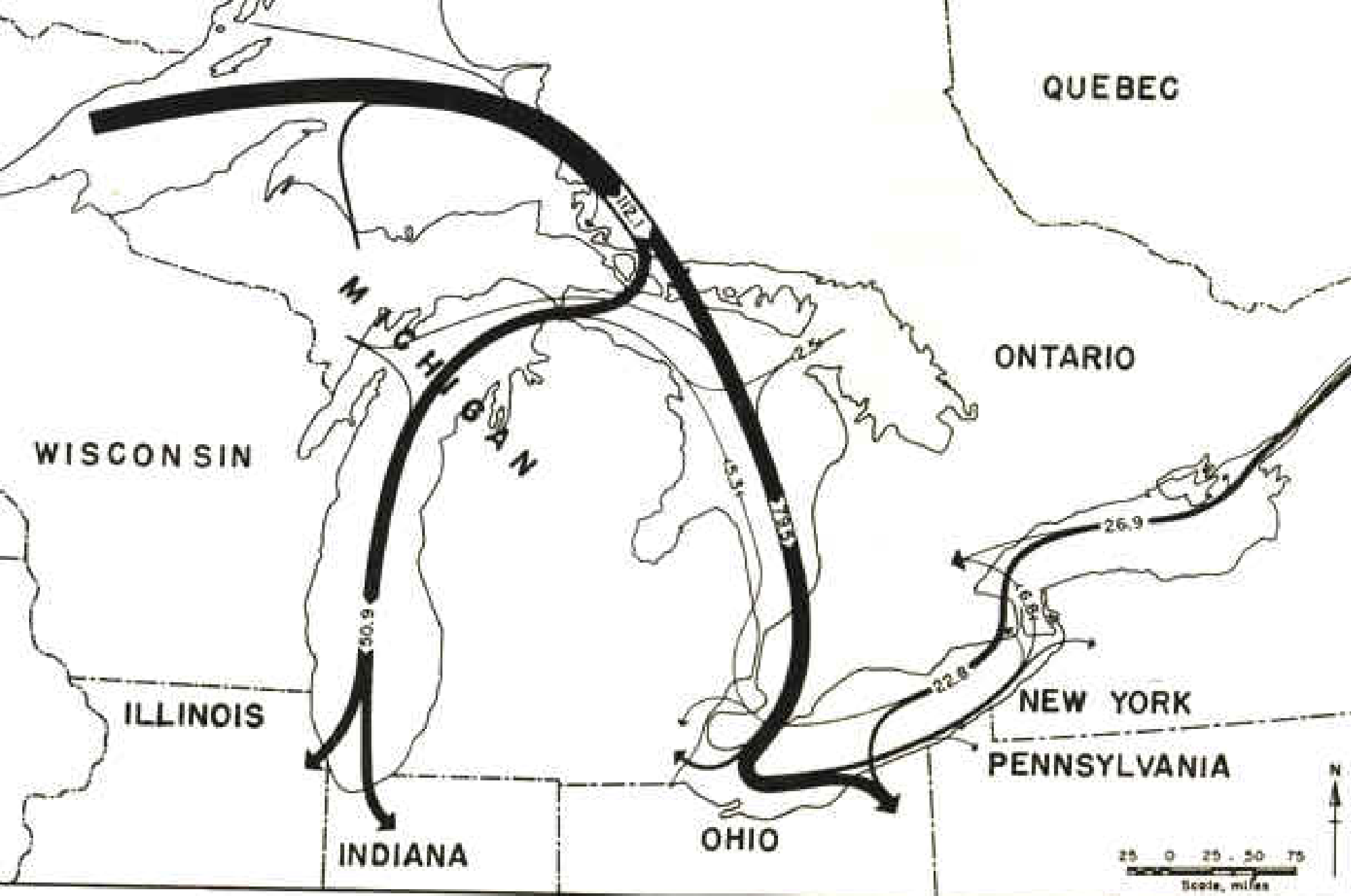




LEVEL NO. 27
2341 FEET BELOW THE SURFACE.
689 FEET BELOW SEA LEVEL.

Taconite





https://project.geo.msu.edu/geogmich/iron_ore_taconite.html

FIGURE 2. - Projected Iron Ore Traffic Flow, 1995. Million net tons.

Platinum Group Element Mineralization

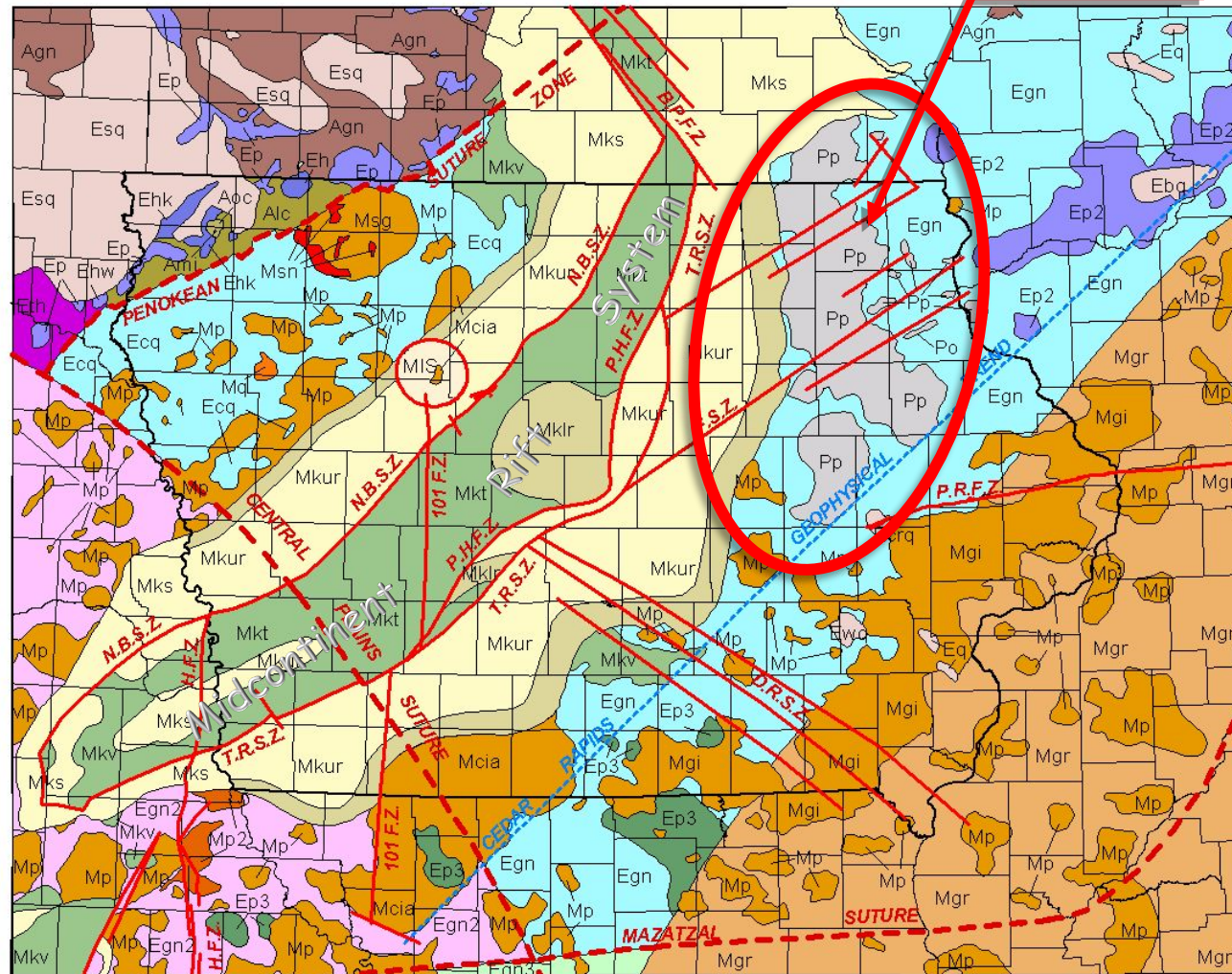
in Northeast Iowa

Ray Anderson & Ryan Clark
Iowa Geological Survey

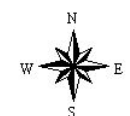
Geology of the Precambrian Surface of Iowa and surrounding area

Raymond R. Anderson - 1999

Northeast Iowa Plutonic Complex



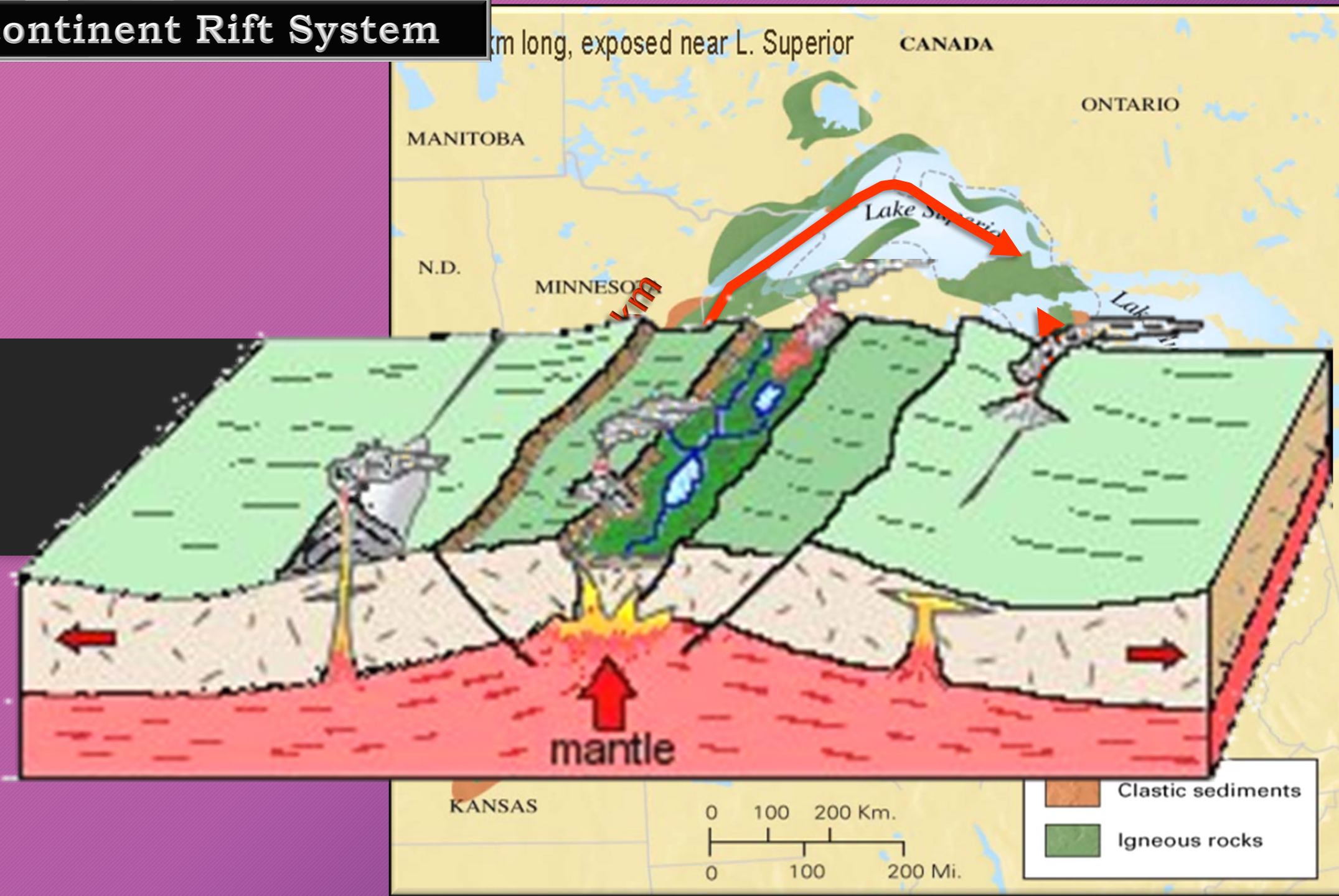
- ### LEGEND
- (ages given in millions of years - Ma)
- #### PROTEROZOIC (2500 - 530 Ma)
- GRENVILLE INTERVAL (1350-1000 Ma)**
- (Mks) Keewenawan Clastic Sedimentary Rocks
 - (Mkur) Keewenawan Upper Red Clastic Group
 - (Mklr) Keewenawan Lower Red Clastic Group
 - (Mkv) Keewenawan Volcanic / Plutonic Rocks
 - (Mkt) Keewenawan Thor Volcanic Group
- SOUTHERN GRANITE / RHYO. INTERVAL (1380 - 1310 Ma)**
- (Mp2) Granitic plutons
- EASTERN GRANITE / RHYOL. INTERVAL (1500 - 1430 Ma)**
- (Mgr) Rhyolite and granitic plutons
 - (Mp) Granitic plutons
 - (Mq) Quimby granite (1433 ± 6 Ma)
 - (Mgi) Green Island Plutonic Group (1485 ± 10 Ma)
 - (Msn) Spencer Norite
 - (Msg) Spencer Granite (1373 ± 7 Ma)
- BARABOO INTERVAL (1620 - 1500 Ma)**
- (Eq) quartzite dominated
 - (Eqq) Baraboo Quartzite
 - (Esq) Sioux Quartzite
 - (Ecq) Cedar Rapids Quartzite
 - (Ewq) Washington County Quartzite
- MAZATZAL INTERVAL (1650-1620 Ma)**
- (Ep3) Granitic plutons dominant
 - (Egn3) Gneiss dominant
- CENTRAL PLAINS INTERVAL (1800-1700 Ma)**
- (Egn2) Gneiss and granite dominant
- PENOKEAN INTERVAL (2100-1800 Ma)**
- Penokean Orogenic Belt
- (Ep) Post-orogenic granitic plutons
 - (Ehk) Hull Keratophyre (1782 ± 4 Ma)
 - (Eh) Harris Granite (1804 ± 17 Ma)
 - (Ehw) Hawarden Granite
 - (Ep2) Late-stage granitic plutons
 - (Egn) Orogenic gneiss and granite
 - (Eqq) Camp Quest Gneiss (2065 ± 10 Ma)
- Trans-Hudson Orogenic Belt
- (Eth) Granite and gneiss dominant
- #### ARCHEAN (>2500 Ma)
- (Aic) Lyon County Gneiss (2523 ± 5 Ma)
 - (Ami) Matlock Banded Iron Formation
 - (Aoc) Otter Creek Mafic Complex (2890 ± 90 Ma)
 - (Agn) Early to Middle Archean gneiss and migmatite terrane
- #### ROCKS OF UNCERTAIN AFFINITIES
- (Mcia) Central Iowa Arch Granites
 - (Pp) Osborne Mafic Complex
 - (Pp) Northeast Iowa Plutonic Complex
- (MIS) Late Cretaceous (73.8 ± 3 Ma) Manson Impact Structure



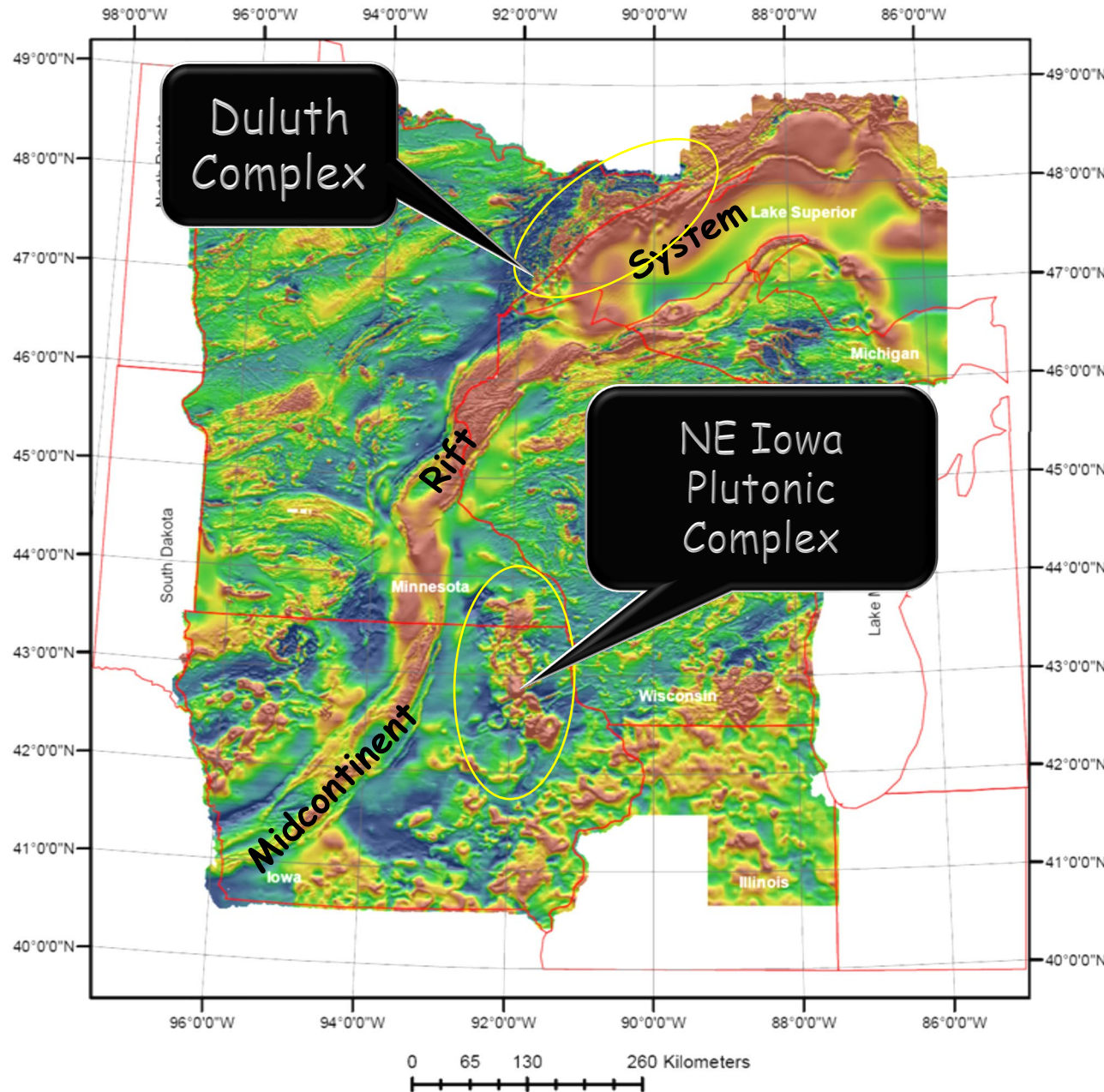
- ### key to mapped faults
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|---|---|
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| T.R.S.Z. Thurman-Redfield Fault Zone | D.R.F.Z. Des Moines River Fault Zone |
| P.H.F.Z. Perry-Hampton Fault Zone | 101 F.Z. 101 Fault Zone |
| B.P.F.Z. Belle Plaine Fault Zone | F.S.Z. Fayette Structural Zone |
| H.F.Z. Humboldt Fault Zone | |



The Midcontinent Rift System



Shaded-Relief Total Magnetic Intensity Anomaly



NanoTesla



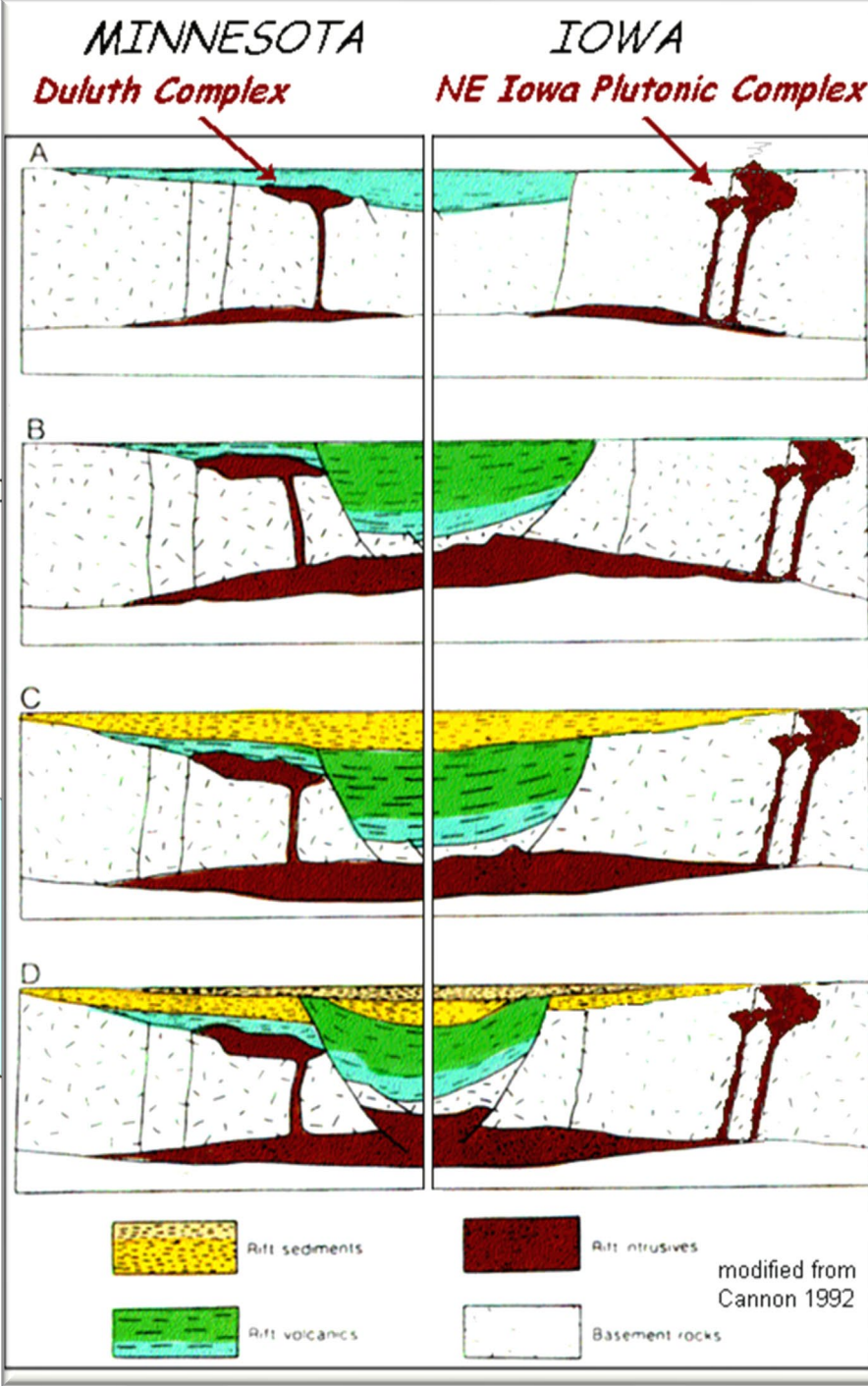
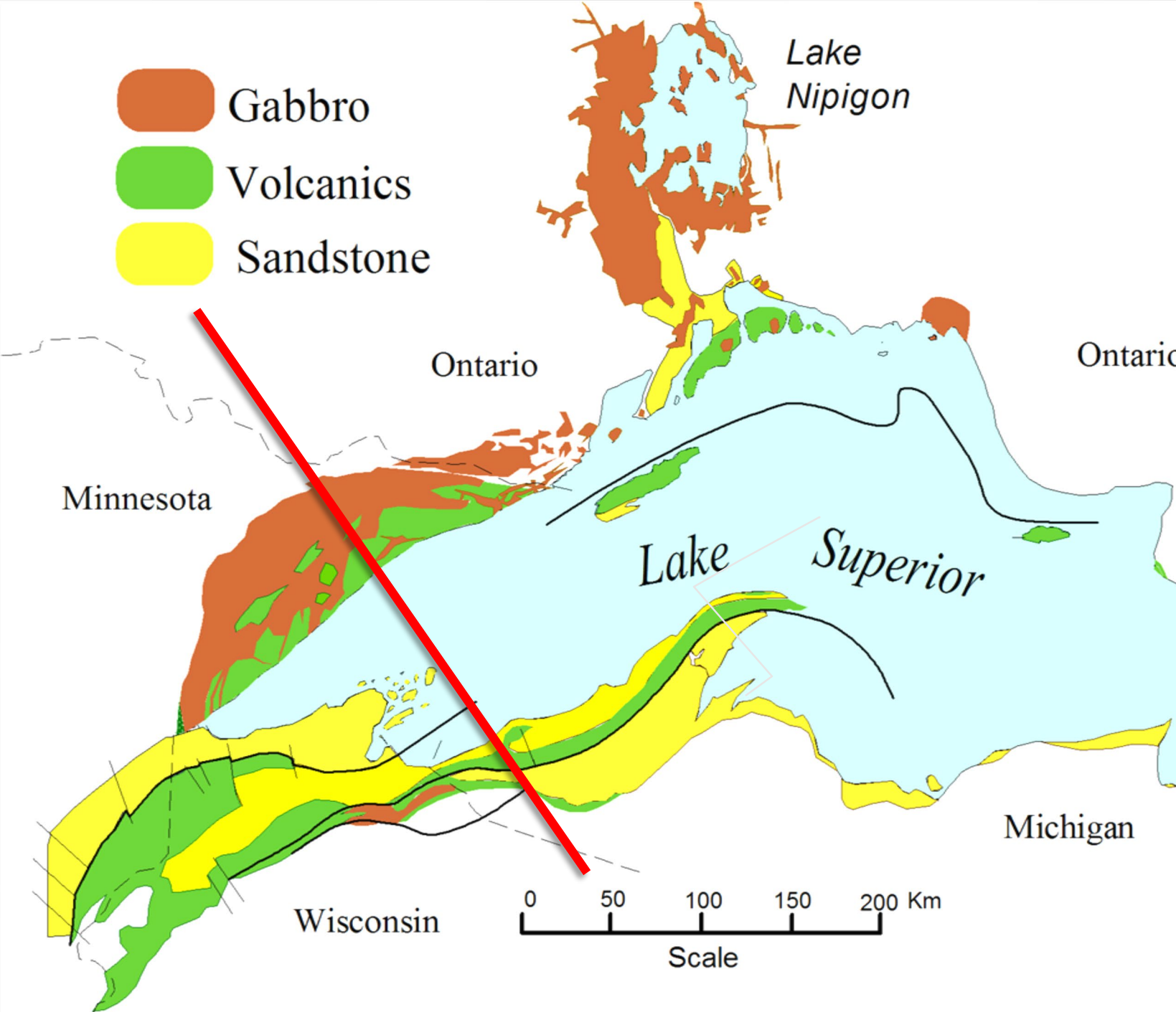
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Low : -9982.036133

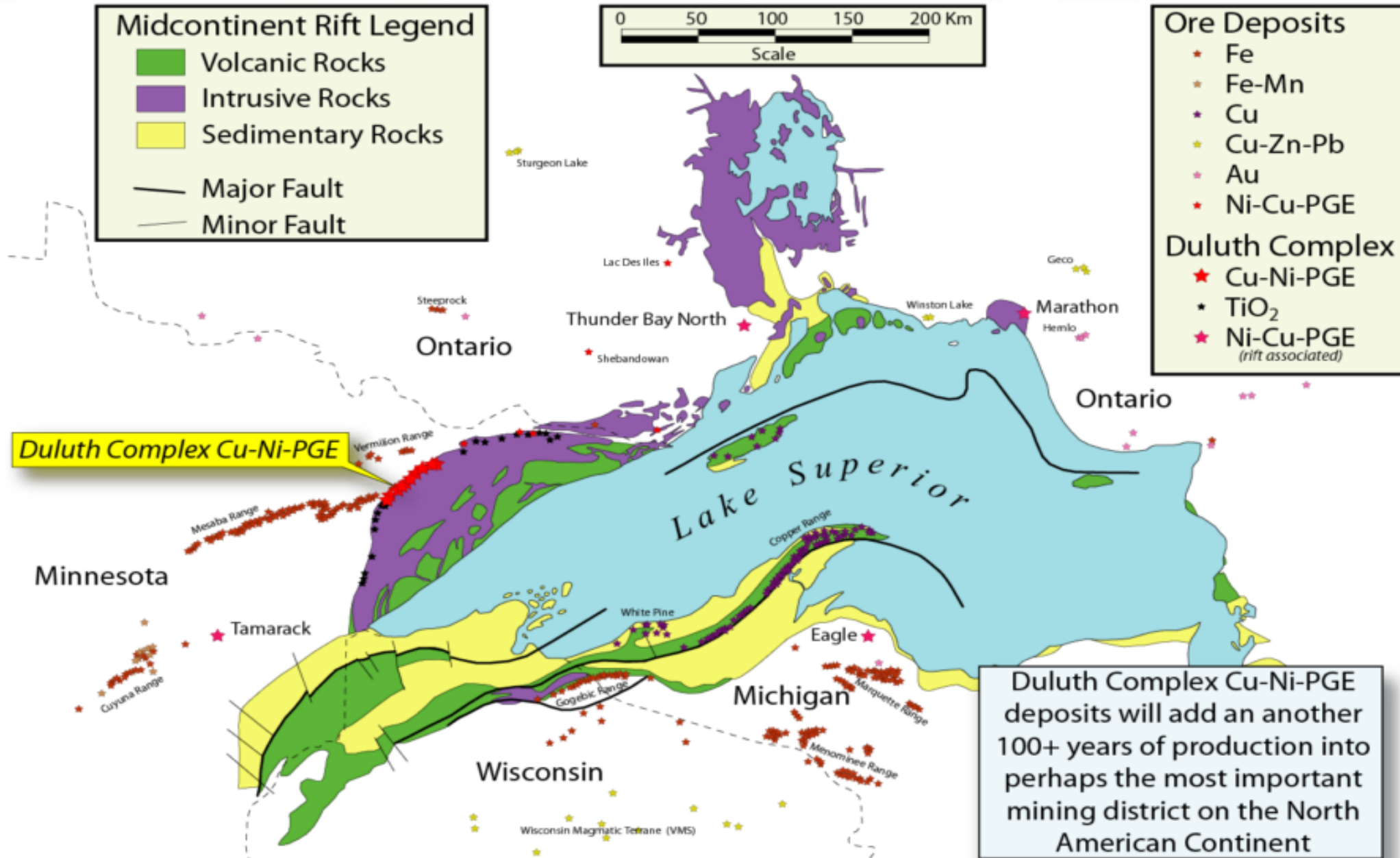
Shaded-relief map of the total magnetic intensity anomaly for the north-central United States. Data compiled by David L. Daniels and Stephen L. Snyder of the U.S. Geological Survey from various sources. Most of Minnesota was flown with a line spacing of 400 meters and an elevation (above land surface) of 150 meters, whereas much of Wisconsin was flown at line spacings of 400-800 meters and elevations between 150 to 305 meters. The remaining areas were generally flown at flight line spacings of 1600 meters or wider and at elevations of 305 meters or greater. Following gridding, all data were continued to a common elevation of 305 meters and merged. For more detailed descriptions of the original data sets the reader is referred to:

[U.S. Geological Survey Crustal Imaging and Characterization Team Web Site.](#)

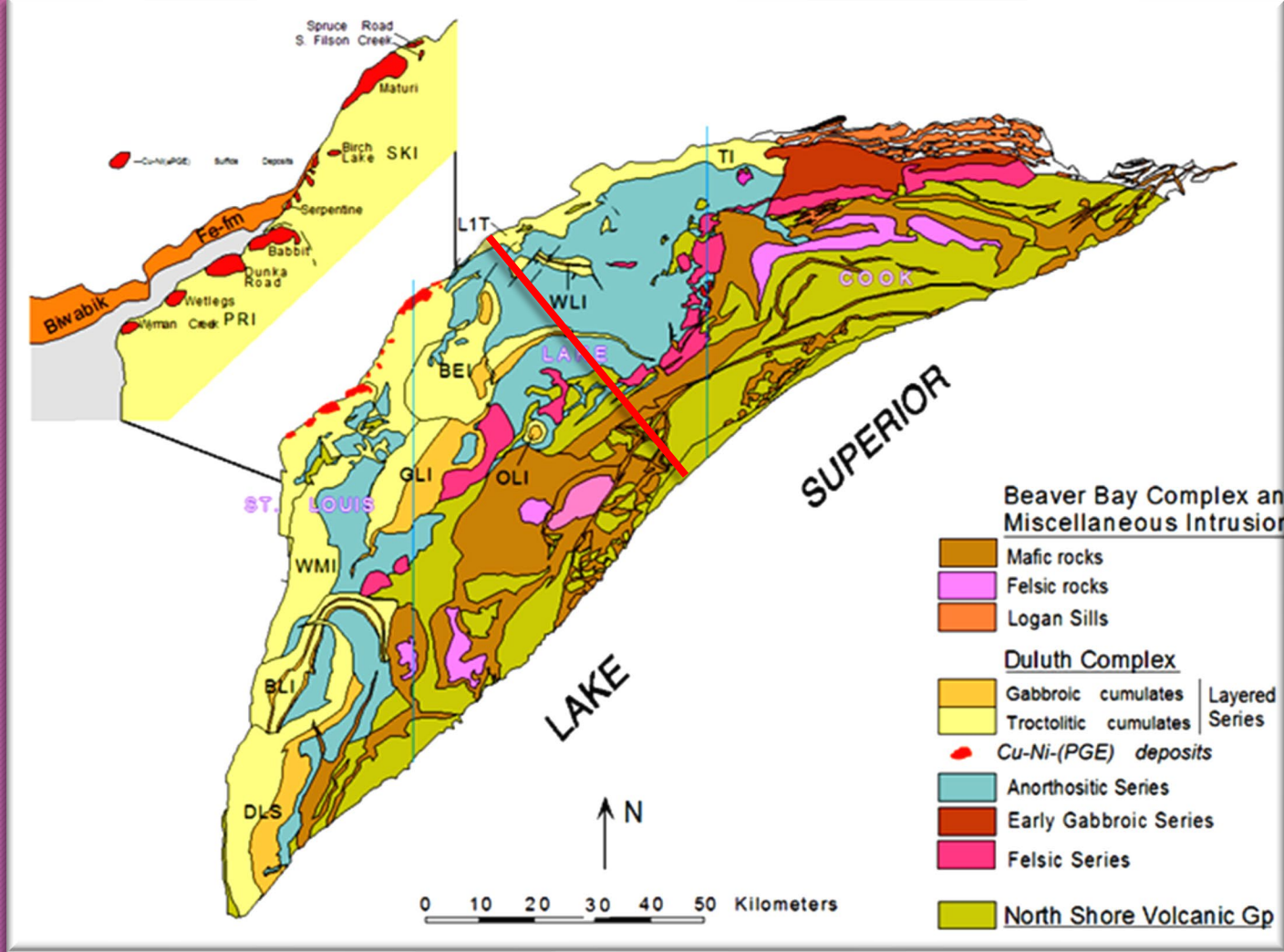
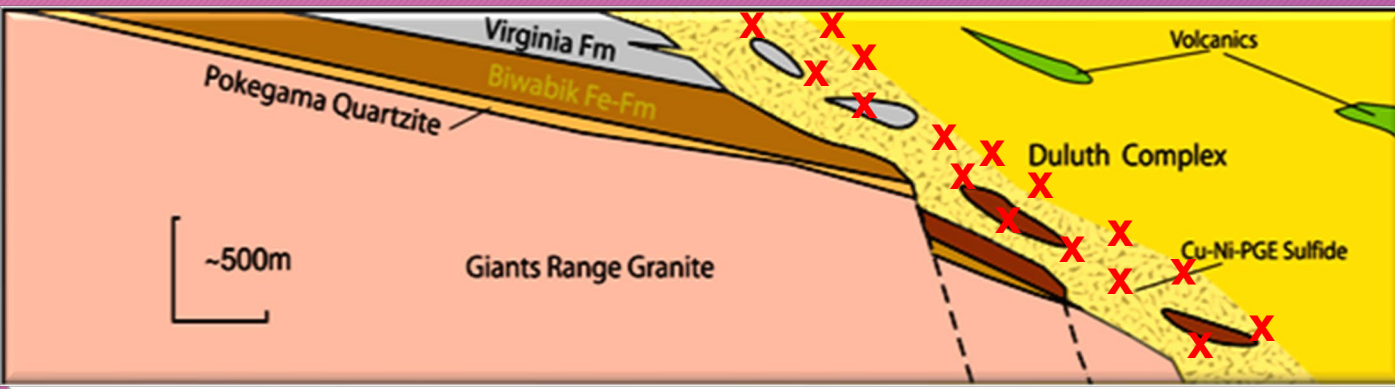
Aeromagnetic data in Minnesota were acquired by the Minnesota Geological Survey (MGS), with support from the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources. Aeromagnetic data in Wisconsin were acquired with support from the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey and the U. S. Geological Survey. Hillshade illumination is from the North with an inclination of 30 degrees.



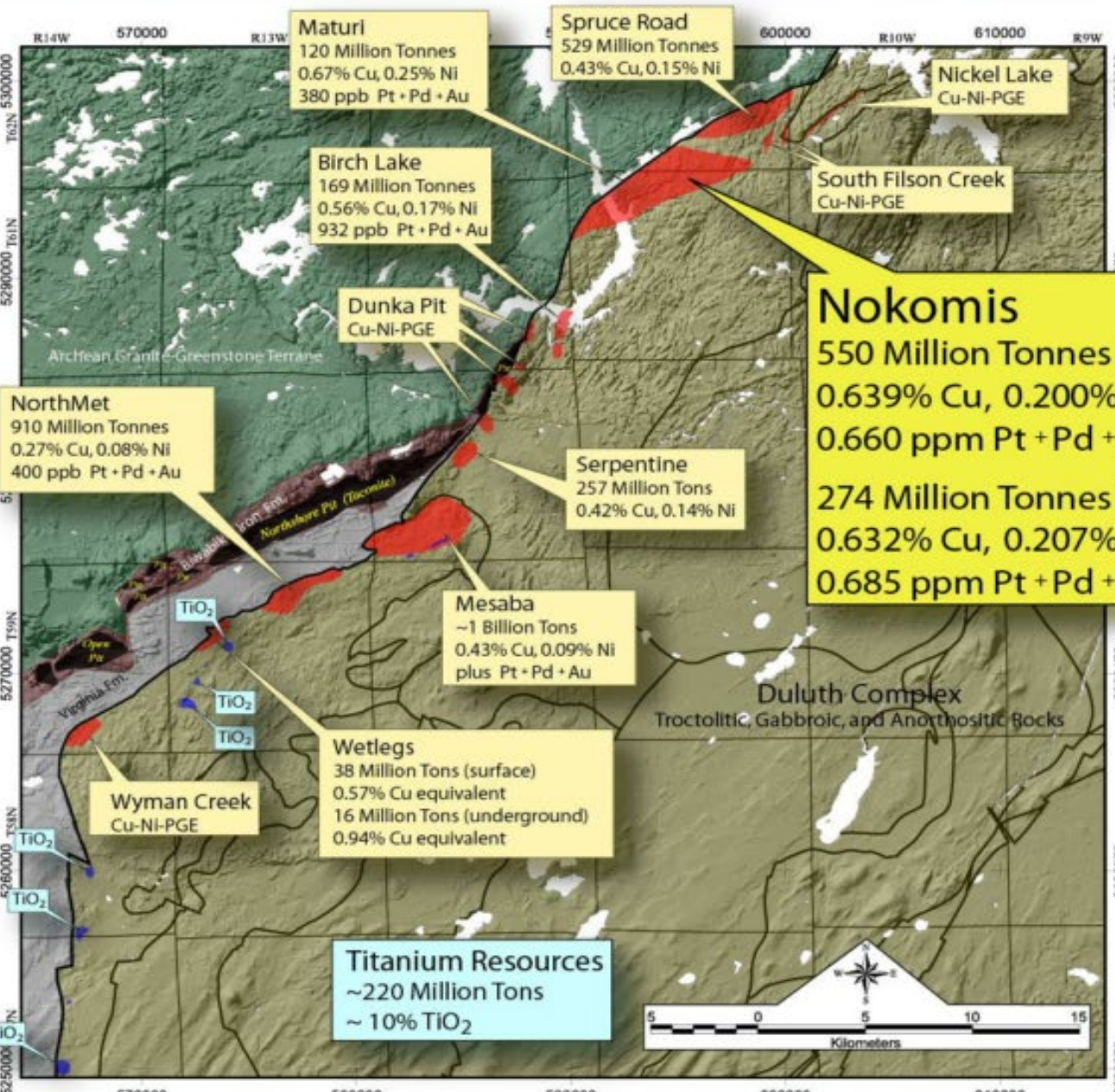
The Lake Superior Mining District



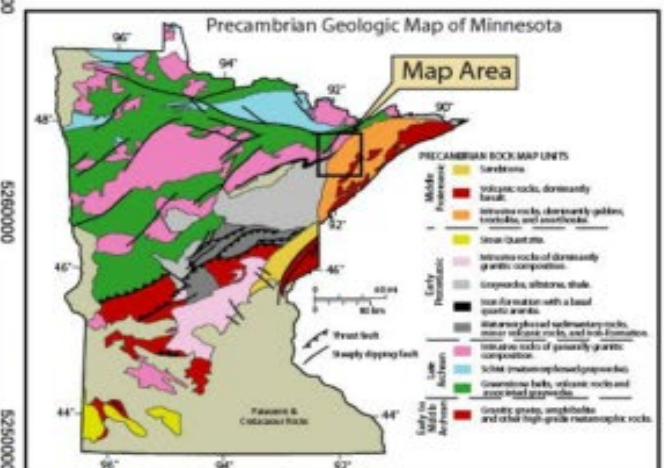
The Cu-Ni-PGE Deposits of the Duluth Complex



On the cusp of developing one of the world's most important new mining districts.



Nokomis
550 Million Tonnes Indicated
0.639% Cu, 0.200% Ni
0.660 ppm Pt + Pd + Au
274 Million Tonnes Inferred
0.632% Cu, 0.207% Ni
0.685 ppm Pt + Pd + Au



Updated TMM December 2012 Resource Estimate

GROWING WITH STRATEGIC METALS



Contained Metals in TMM NI 43-101 Resource*

	Metal	Indicated	Inferred
Base	Copper	13.7 Billion lbs.	11.8 Billion lbs.
	Nickel	4.4 Billion lbs.	4.0 Billion lbs.
Precious	Platinum	5.6 Million ozs.	3.5 Million ozs.
	Palladium	12.6 Million ozs.	7.6 Million ozs.
	Gold	3.0 Million ozs.	1.7 Million ozs.
	TPM (Pt+Pd+Au)	21.2 Million ozs.	12.8 Million ozs.

\$41 billion

\$33 billion

\$8.6 billion

\$8.8 billion

\$5.0 billion

\$96.4 billion

*Reference: December 4, 2012 Company press release entitled "Duluth Metals Announces an Updated Mineral Resource Estimate Confirming Large Increases to Twin Metals Contained Metal, Grade and Indicated Tonnage"

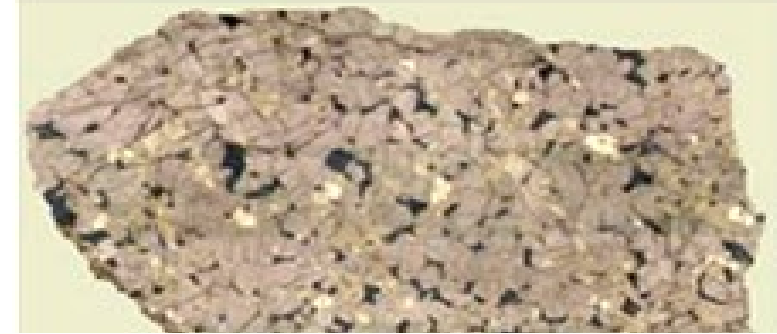
* Note – These resource estimates include 100% of the identified material in each deposit, and include mineral resources acquired as a part of TMM's acquisition of Franconia Minerals Corporation in 2011. Franconia's principal assets are a 70% interest in the Birch Lake, 'old' Maturi and Spruce Road deposits in northeastern Minnesota through the Birch Lake Joint Venture. Franconia announced in November, 2010 its intention to increase its ownership at the Birch Lake Joint Venture to 82%; see Franconia's company profile at www.SEDAR.com for Technical Reports. TMM's ownership of the resource will be factored by these percentages where applicable.

Duluth Complex Exploration

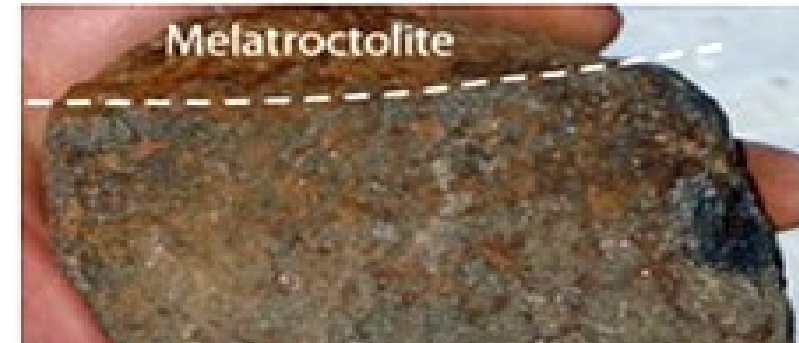
- > Duluth Metals Ltd.
- > PolyMet Mining
- > Teck Cominco Ltd.
- > Franconia Minerals Corp.
- > Encampment Minerals Inc.

Target Types

Ni-rich Massive Sulfide



Pt-Pd Reefs w/ Cr



Disseminated Cu-Ni-PGE

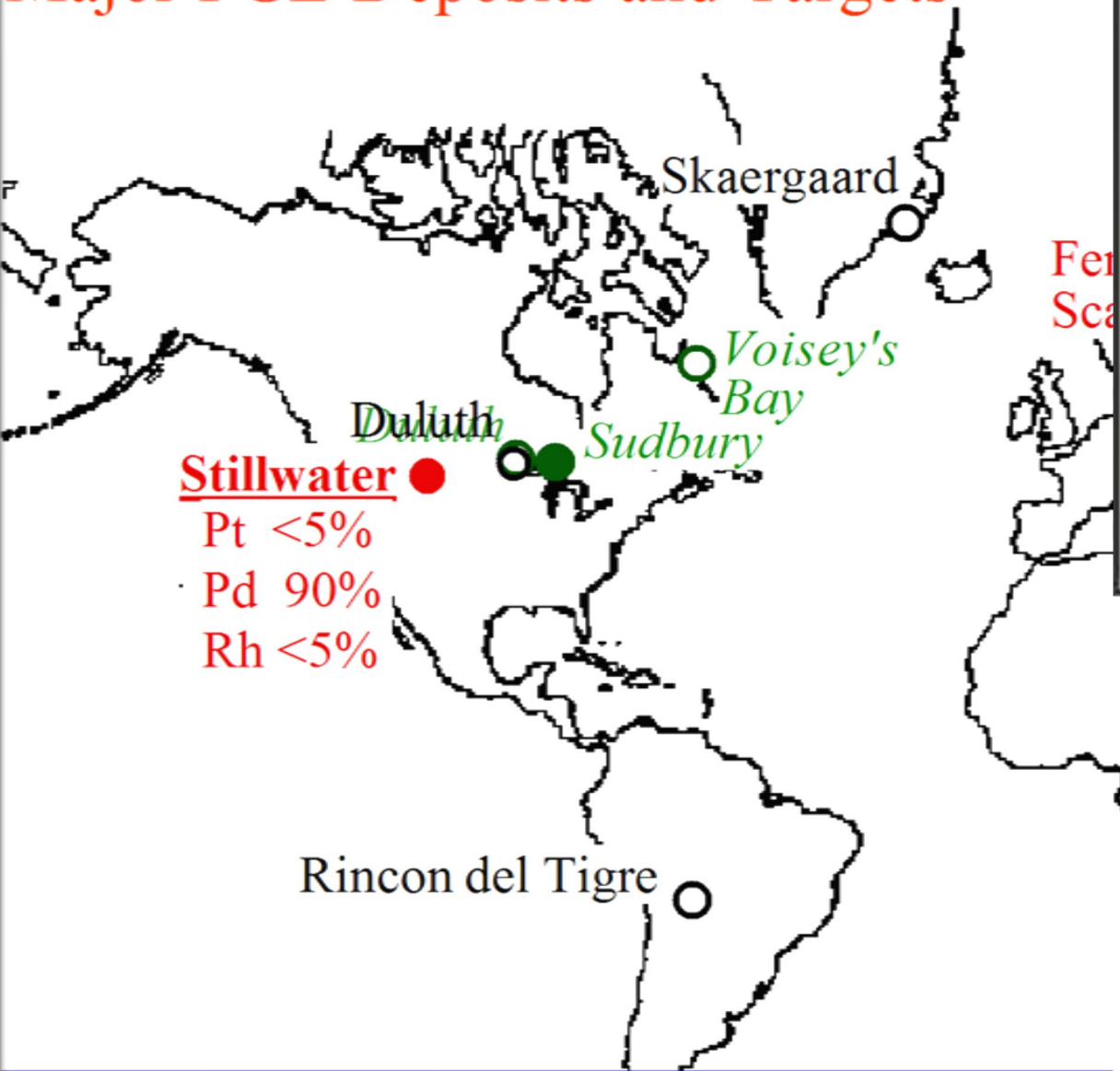


"The Duluth Complex is perhaps the world's largest untapped resource of (copper, nickel and platinum group metals) with **multibillion tons** of geologic resources estimated to be worth more than **\$1 trillion**," stated a 2007 report by geologists at the Natural Resources Research Institute of the University of Minnesota Duluth.

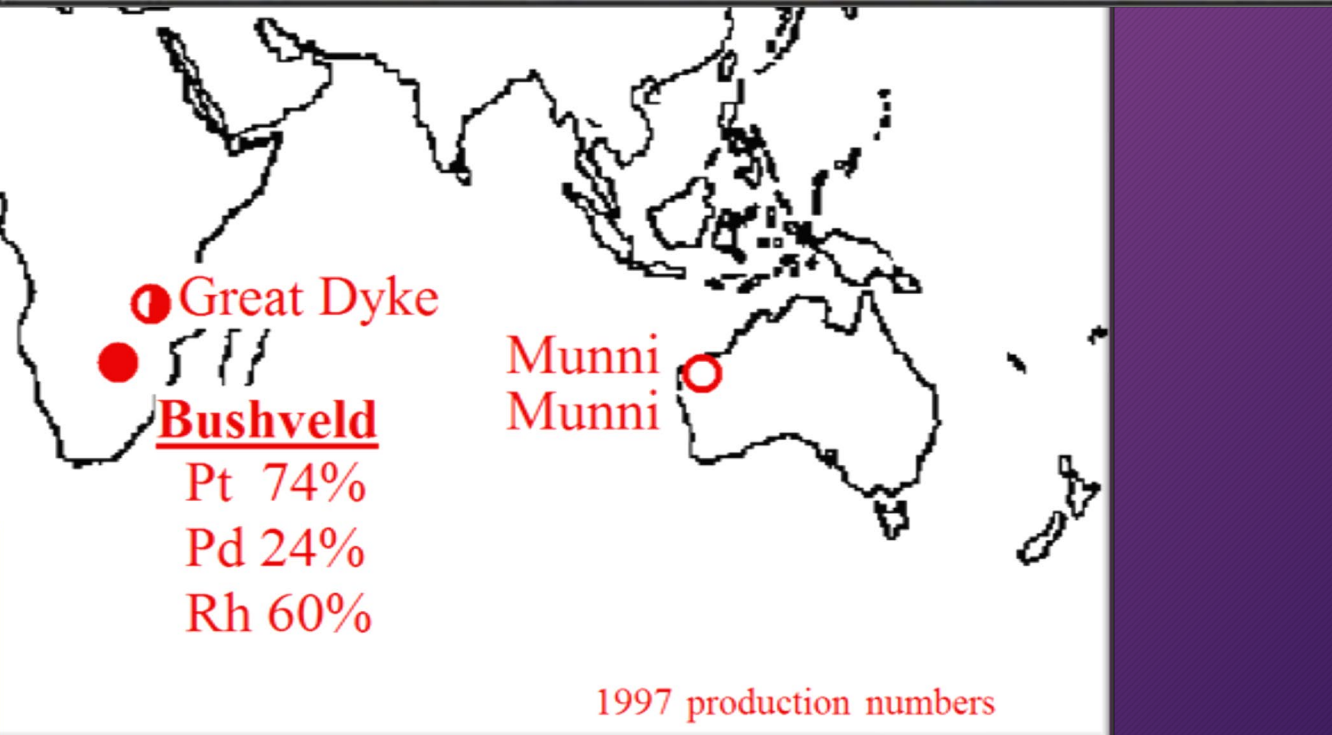
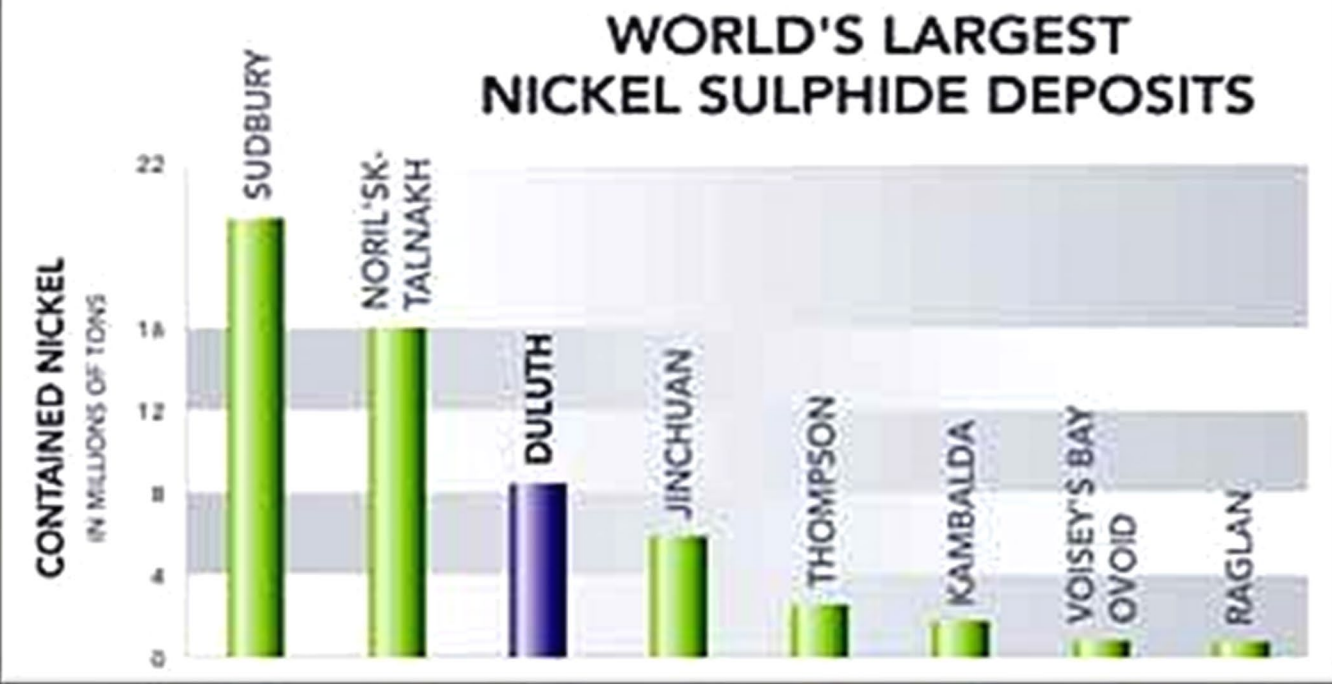
Findings reported in recent months by Duluth Metals . . . indicate even the **\$1 trillion number may be too small.**

--Duluth News Tribune, June 20, 2010

Major PGE Deposits and Targets



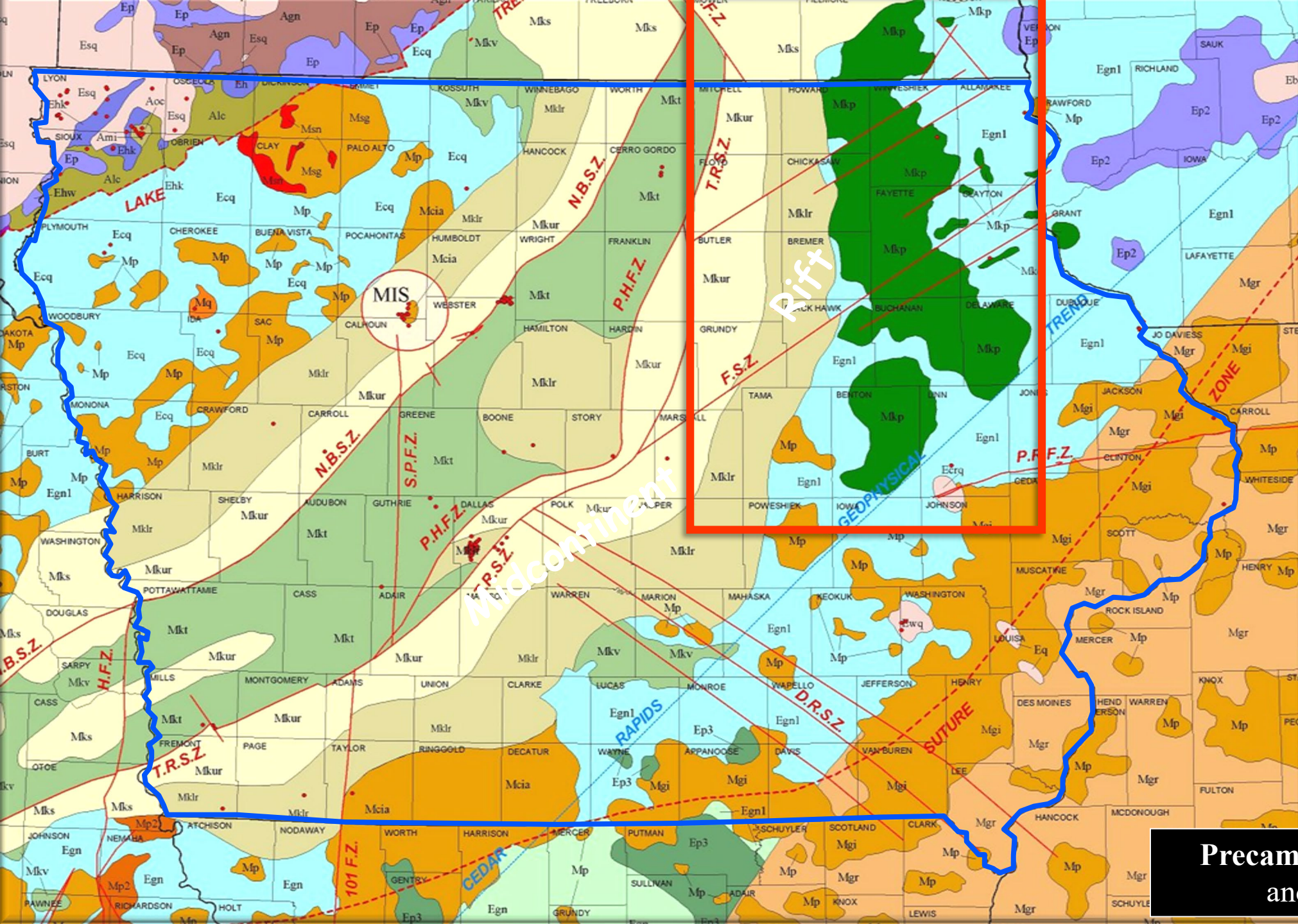
WORLD'S LARGEST NICKEL SULPHIDE DEPOSITS



- PGE-reefs in Ultramafic/Mafic Complexes
- PGE-reefs in Tholeiitic Intrusions
- PGE as by-product in Cu-Ni Sulfide Deposit

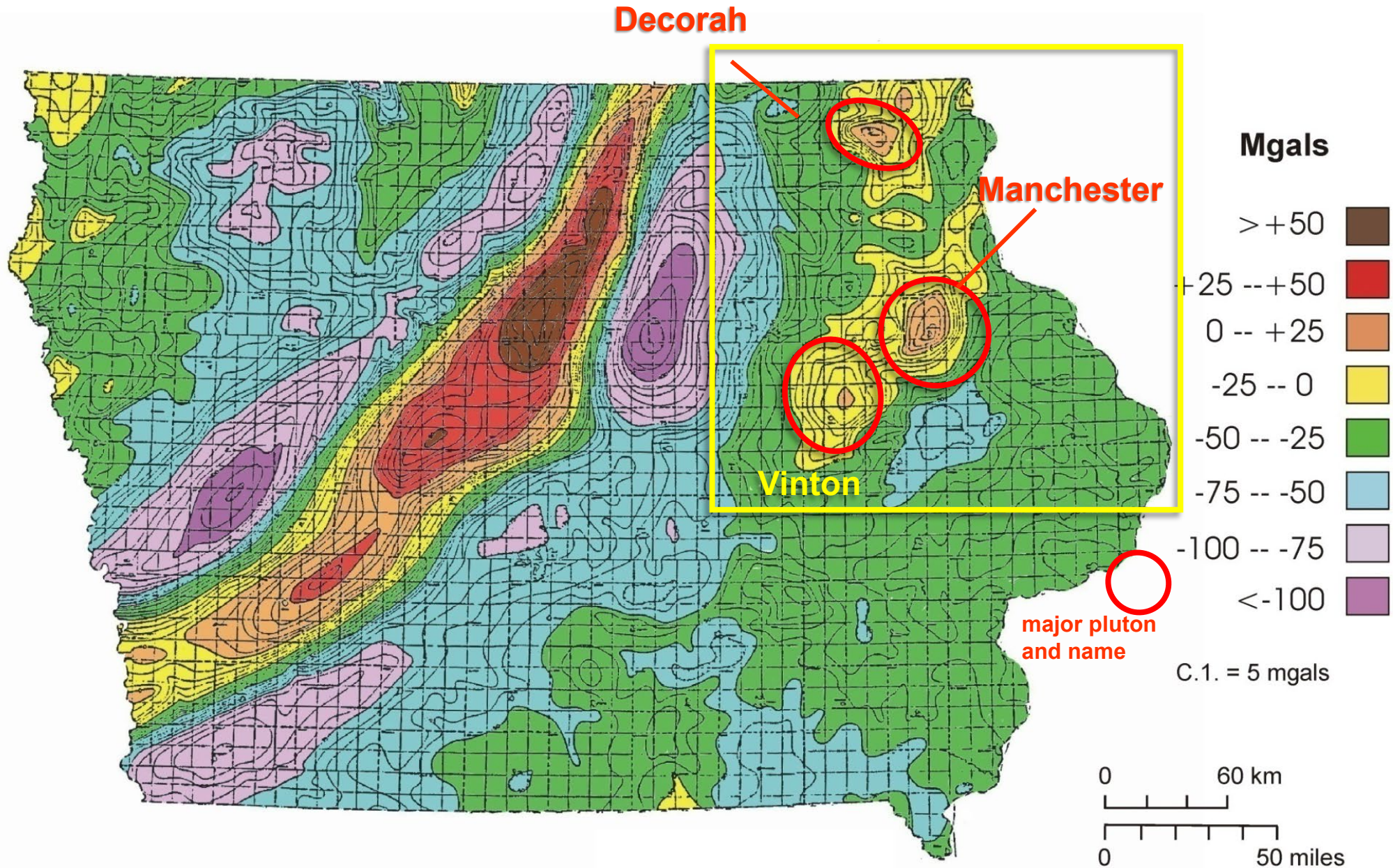
1997 production numbers

Northeast Iowa Plutonic Complex

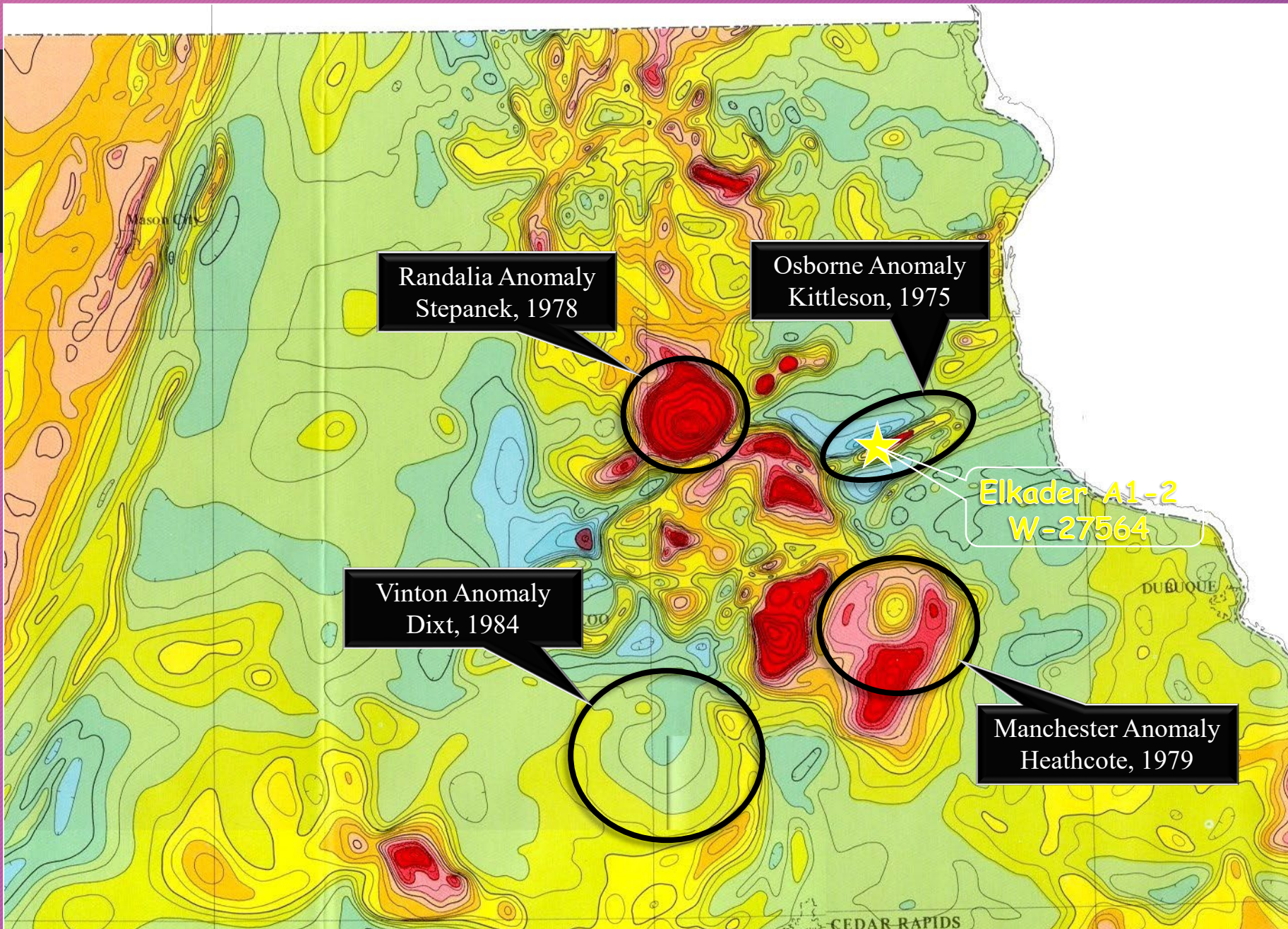


Precambrian Geology of Iowa
and surrounding area

BOUGUER GRAVITY ANOMALY MAP OF IOWA



modified from Anderson (1981)



A GRAVITY STUDY OF THE OSBORNE MAGNETIC ANOMALY,
CLAYTON COUNTY, IOWA

by
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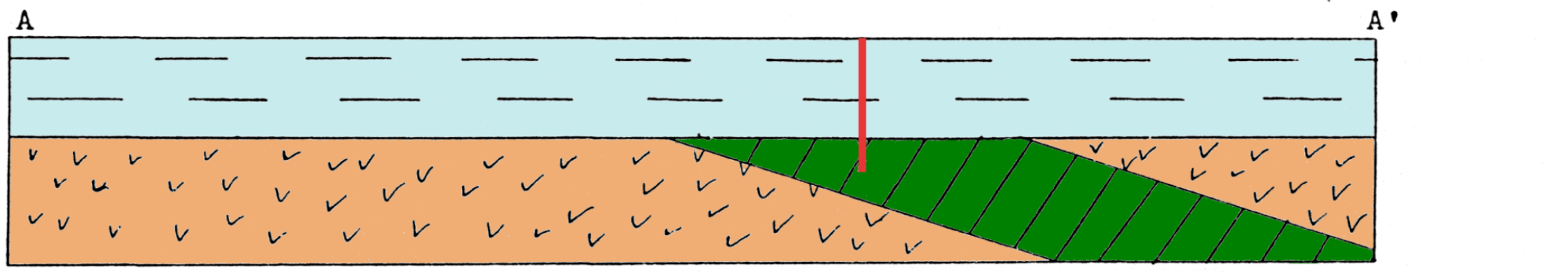
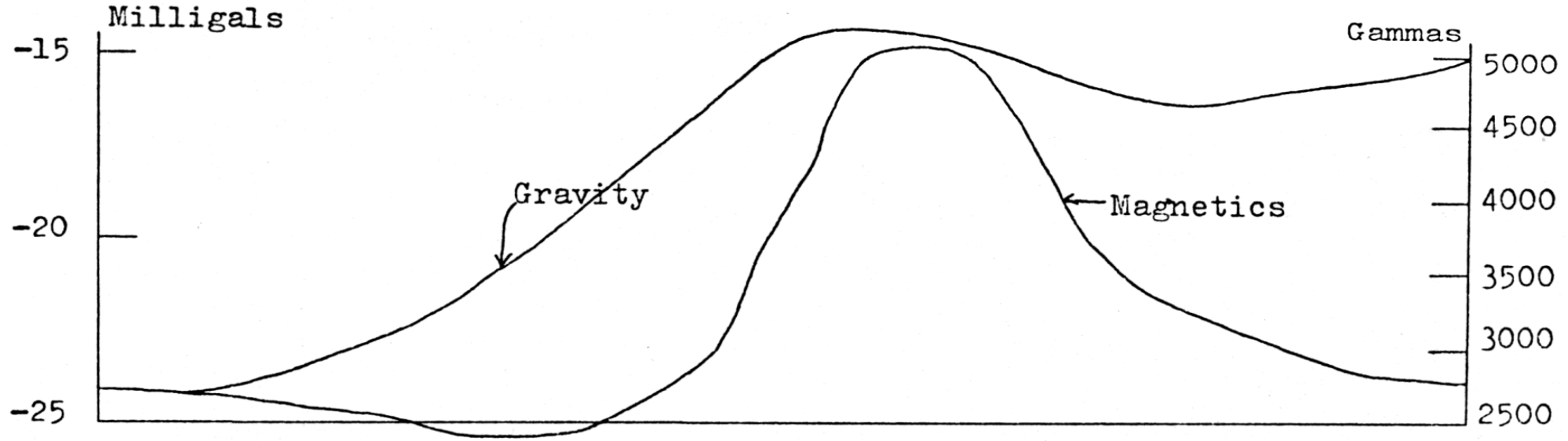


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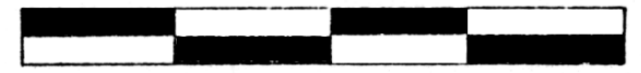


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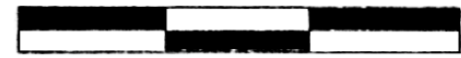
Key: 0 5000 10000 feet

-  Paleozoic Sedimentary Rocks
-  Acidic Igneous and Metamorphic Rocks
-  Basic Intrusive Igneous Rocks
-  Location of New Jersey Zinc Co. well



Horizontal Scale

0 2000 4000 6000 feet

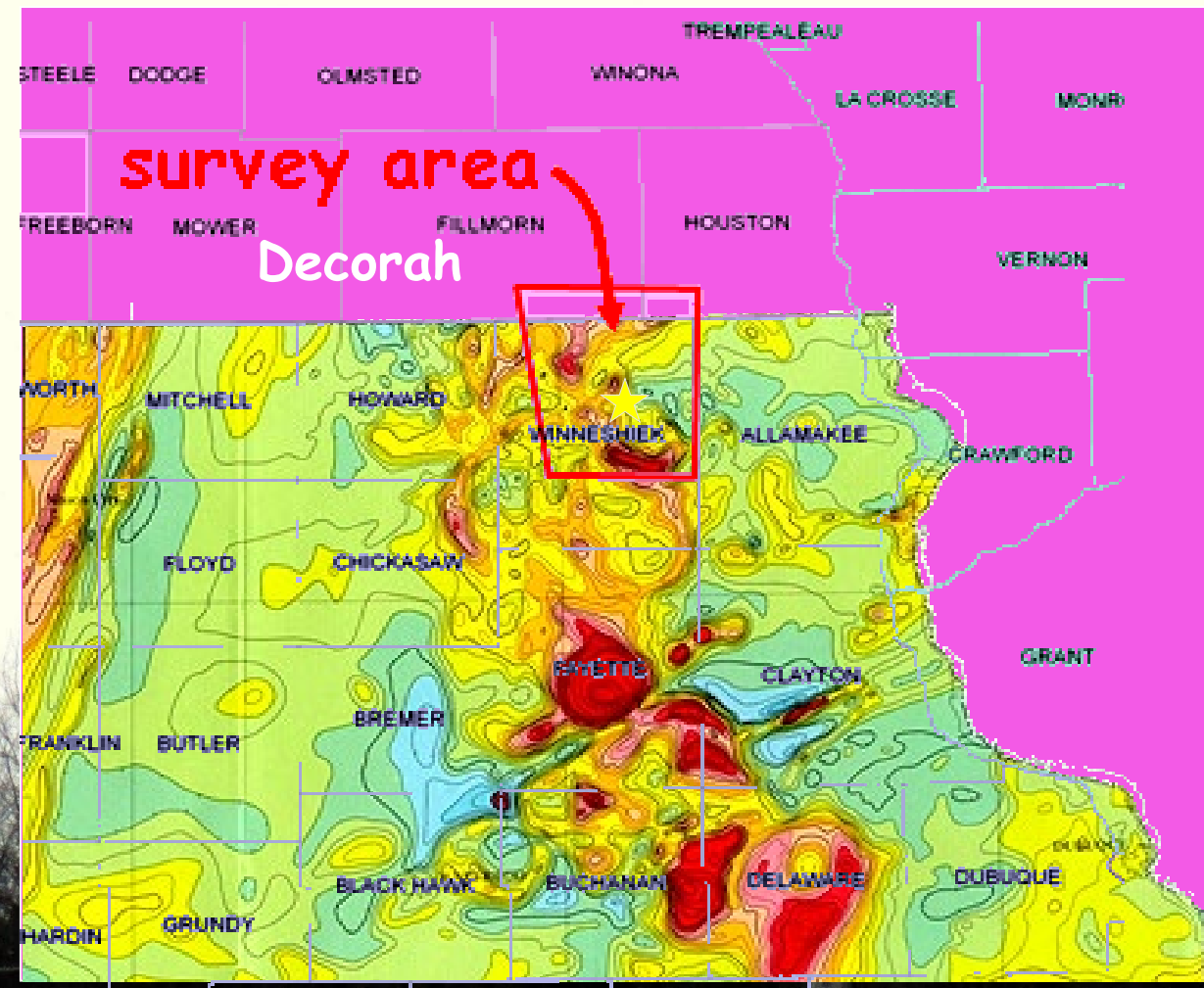


Vertical Scale

Figure 18. Profile A-A' (Osborne Magnetic Anomaly) Kittleson, 1975

Mineral Resource Potential of the Midcontinent Rift

photo by John Hjelle Dec 2012





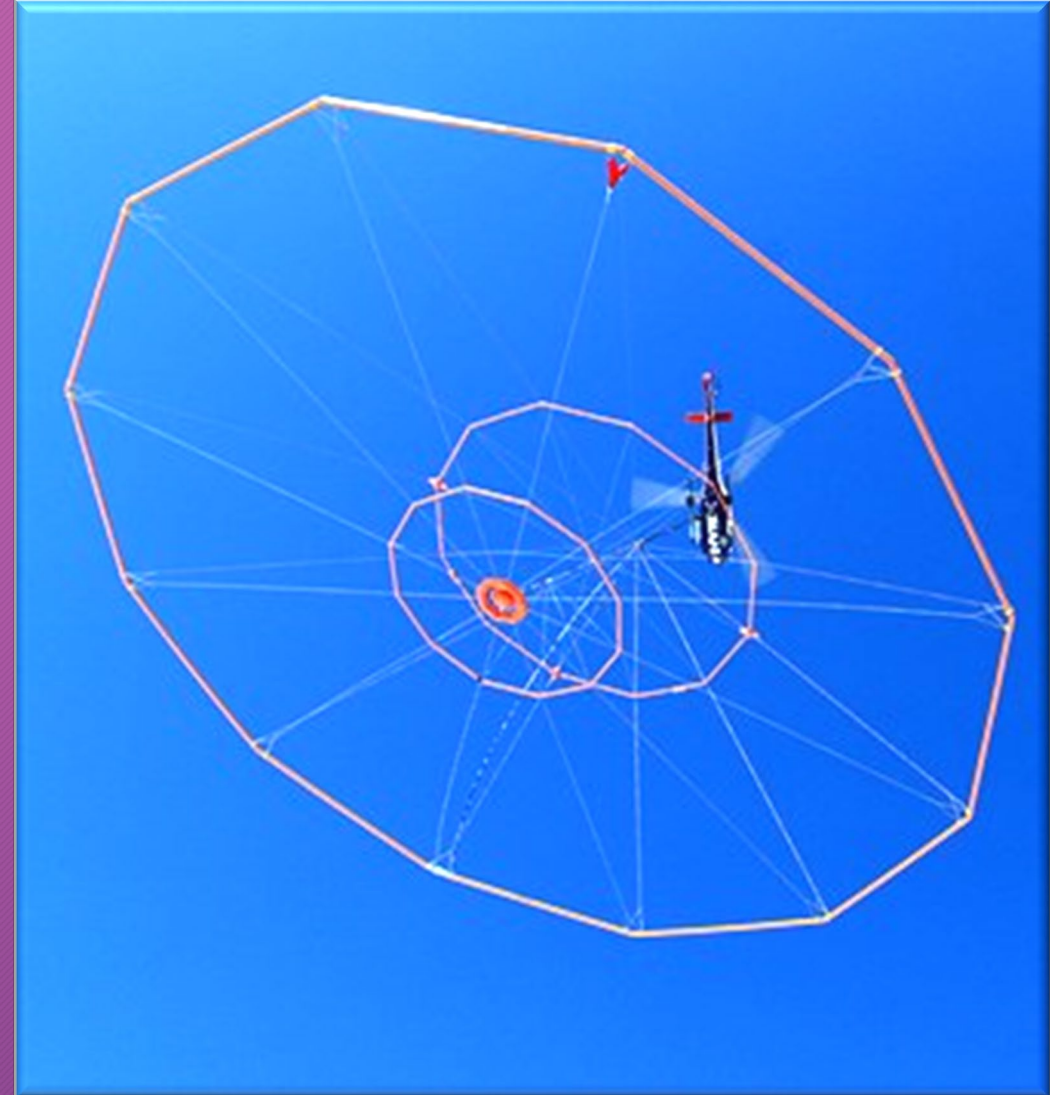
BT-67 fixed wing turboprop aircraft that carried the gravity survey instrument

3,333 km = 2,071 mi of flight lines

400 m = $\frac{1}{4}$ mile flight line EW spacing

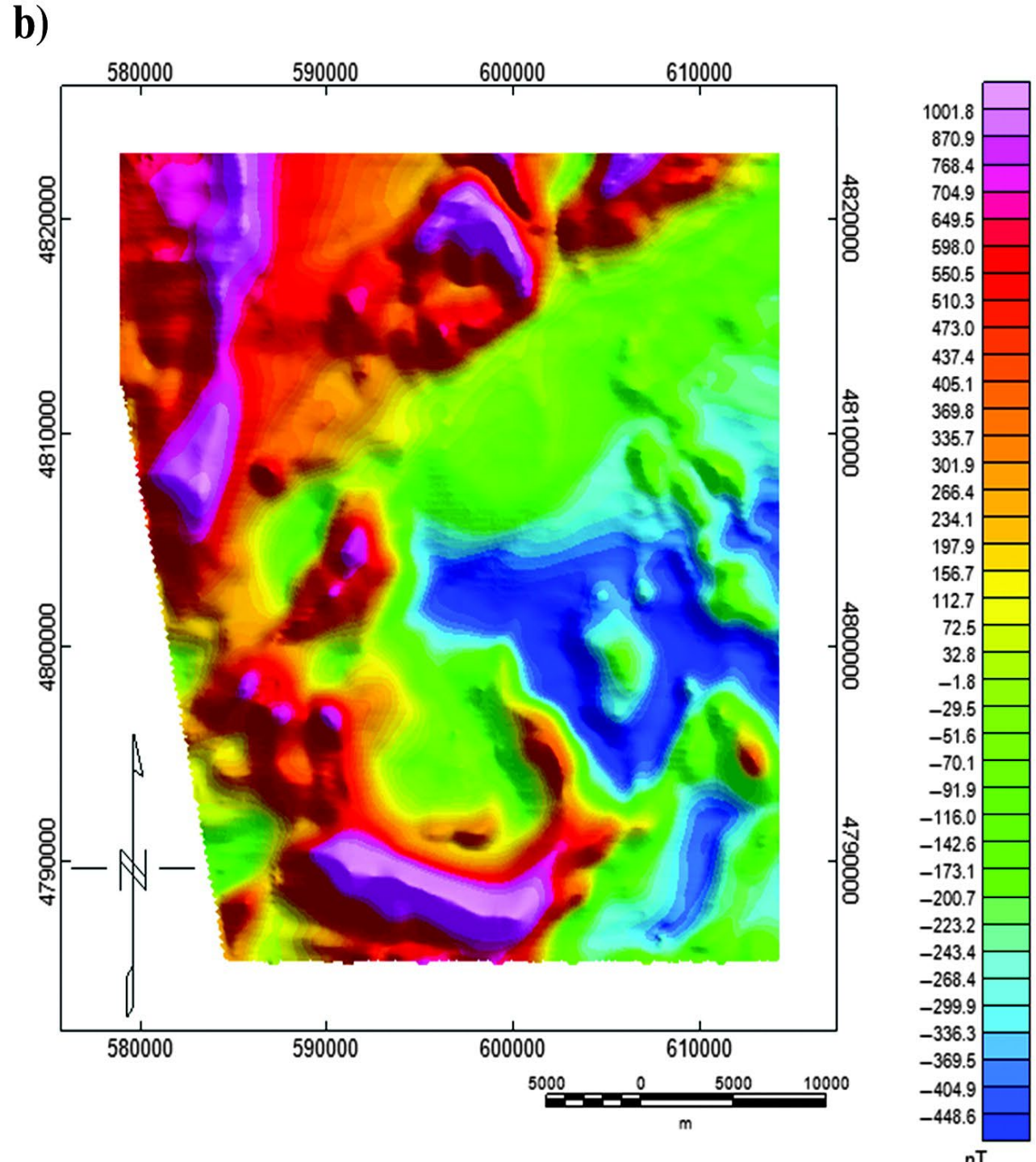
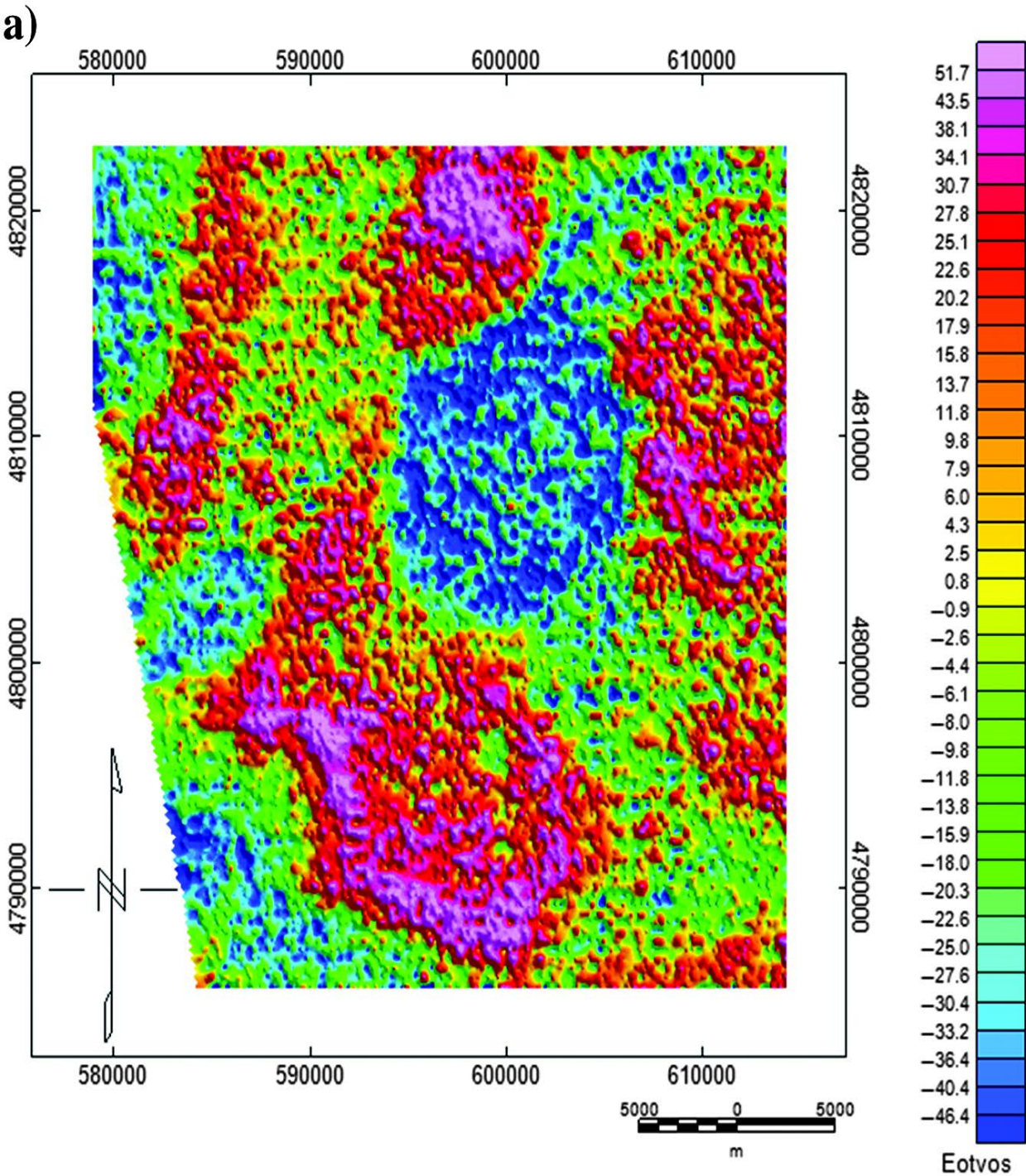
3.5 km = $2 \frac{1}{4}$ mile flight line NS spacing

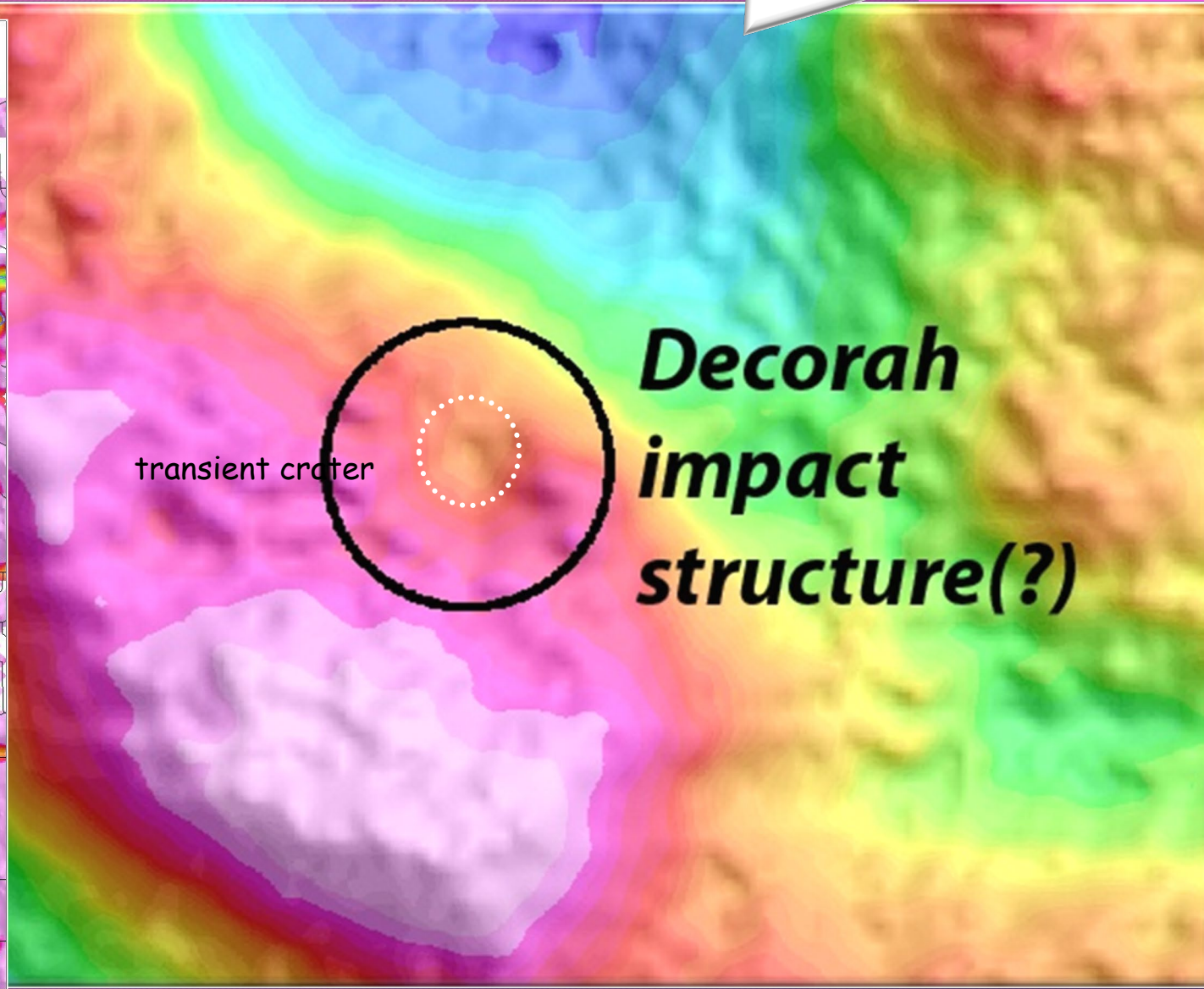
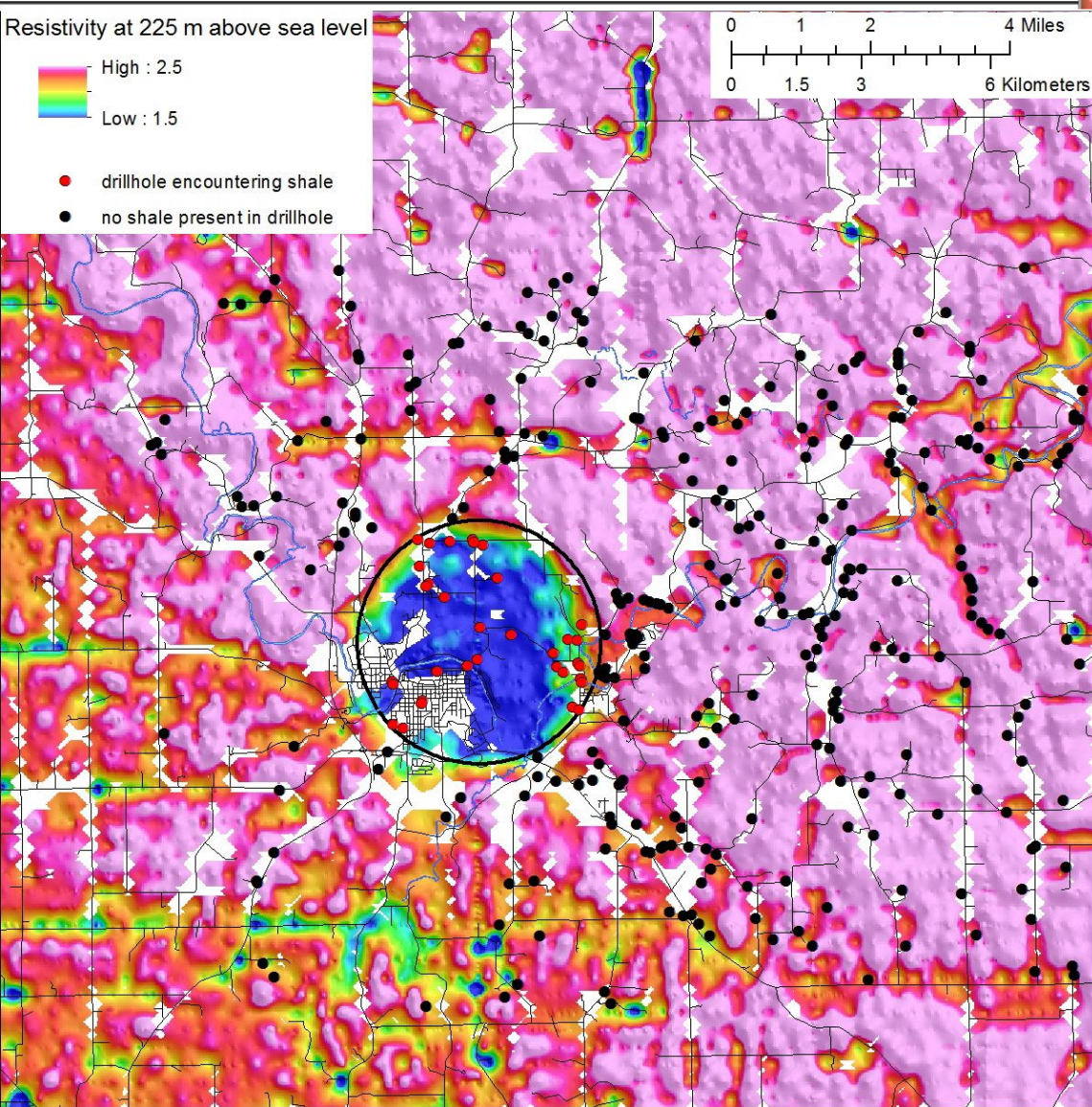
100 - 500 feet above the landscape



Agusta Westland AW119 Koala helicopter that carried the magnetometer and electromagnetic surveys
(see VTEM detector suspended below helicopter)

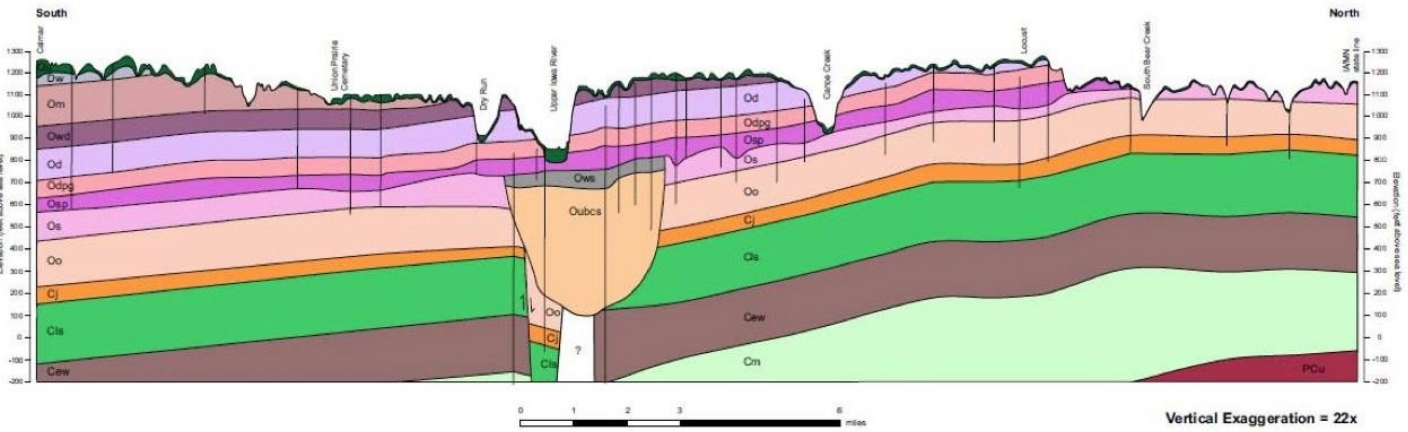
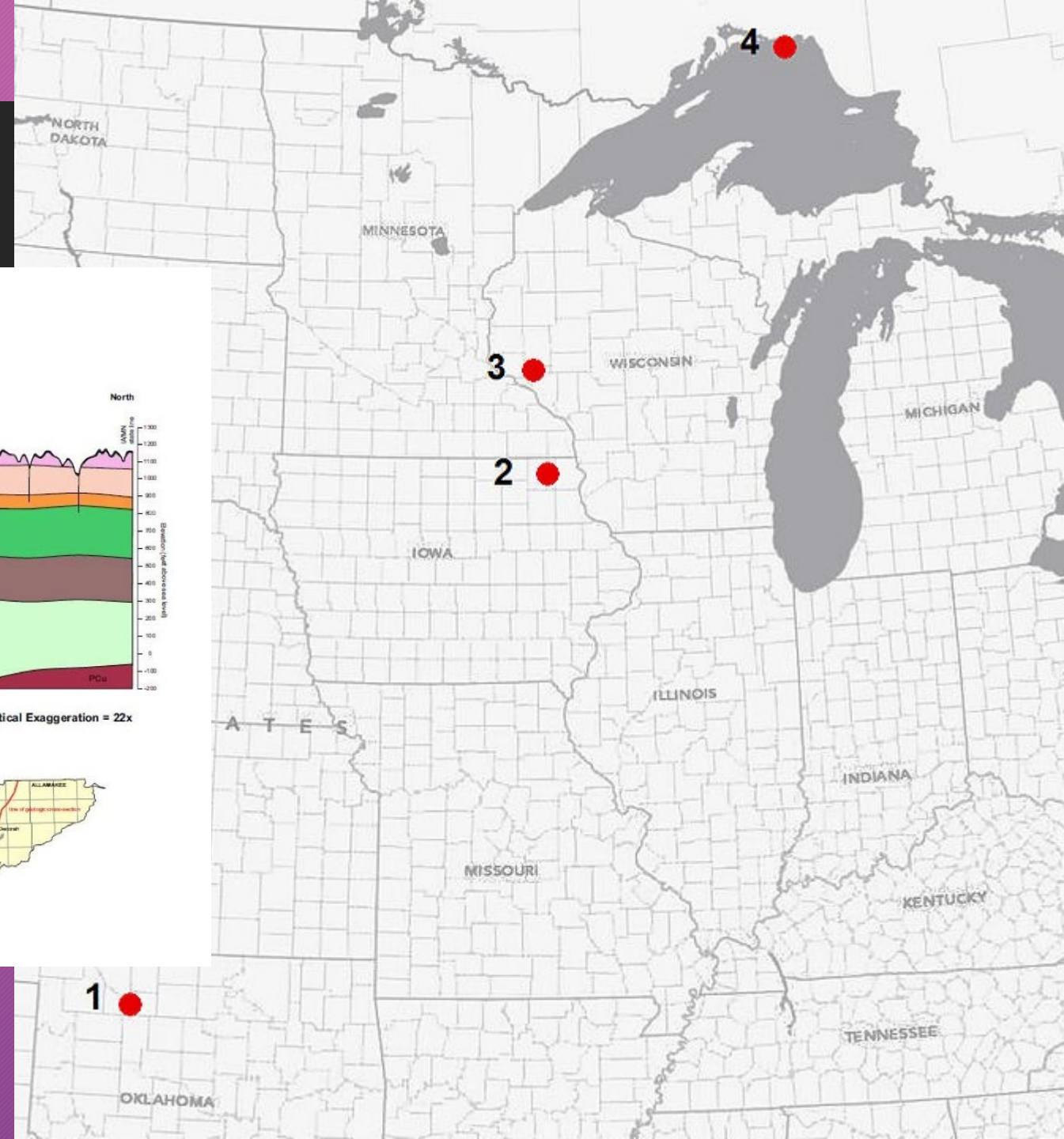
Versatile Time Domain Electromagnetic Surveying







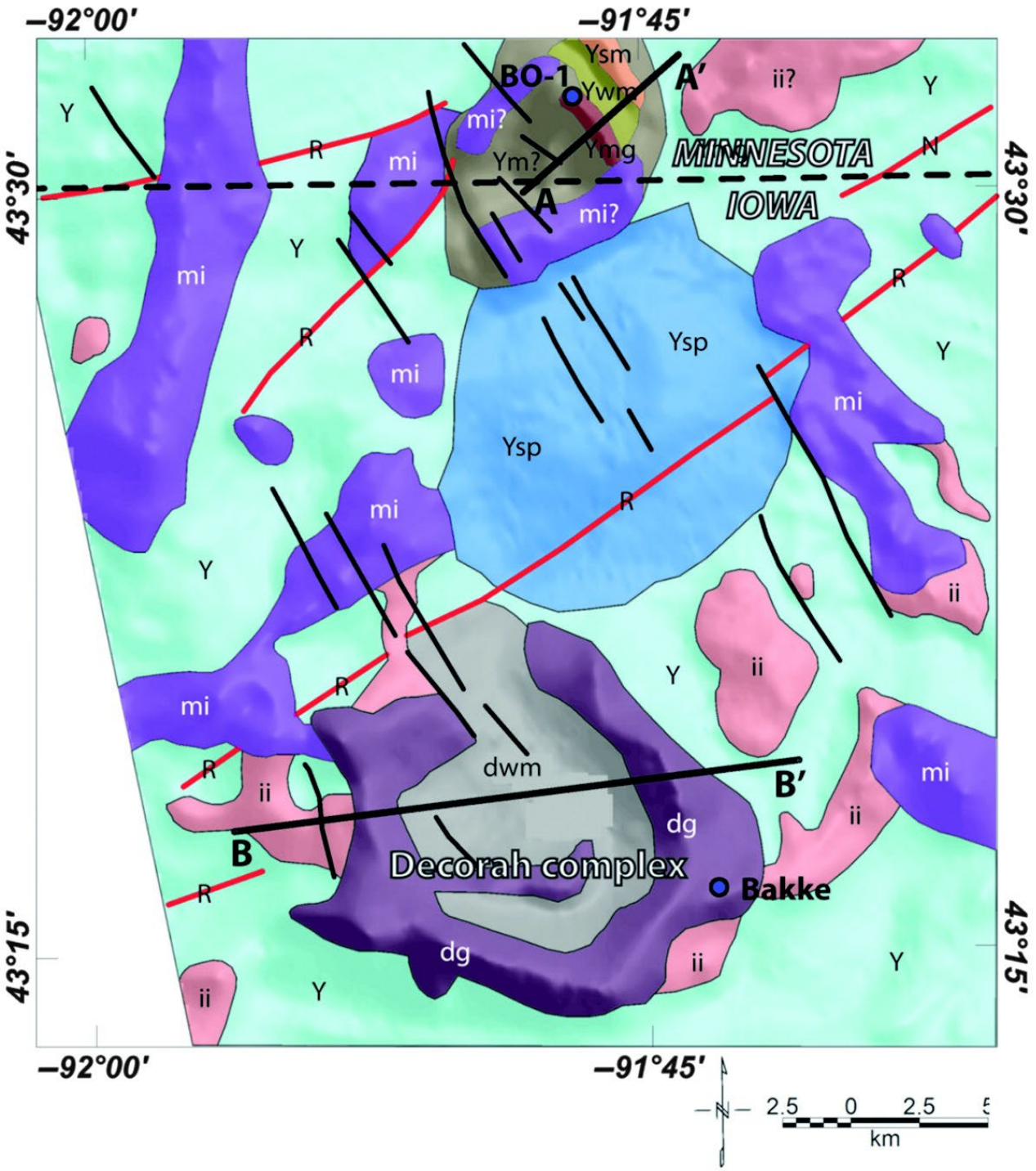
Decorah Impact Structure



Vertical Exaggeration = 22x

QUATERNARY	DEVONIAN	ORDOVICIAN	CAMBRIAN	PRECAMBRIAN
 undifferentiated glacial till, loess, colluvium & alluvium	 Waspisipon Group	 Maquoketa Formation	 Jordan Formation	 undifferentiated igneous & metamorphic rocks
		 Wise Lake & Dubuque formations	 Lone Rock & St. Lawrence formations	 ? uncertain
		 Dunkleth Formation	 Eau Claire & Wonewoc formations	
		 Decorah, Platteville & Glenwood formations	 M. Simon Formation	
		 St. Peter Formation		
		 Winneshiek Shale		
		 unnamed breccia, conglomerate, sandstone & shale		
		 Shakopee Formation		
		 Oneota Formation		





Possible Keweenaw (~1.1 Ga) rocks, largely undeformed

- ii intermediate or silicic intrusive rocks (strongly magnetized but not dense)
- mi mafic intrusive rocks (strongly magnetized and dense)
- N N-polarized diabase dike
- R R-polarized diabase dike
- dwm weakly magnetized rocks of Decorah complex (possibly 1500-1430 Ma)
- dg gabbro of Decorah complex (possibly Mesoproterozoic)

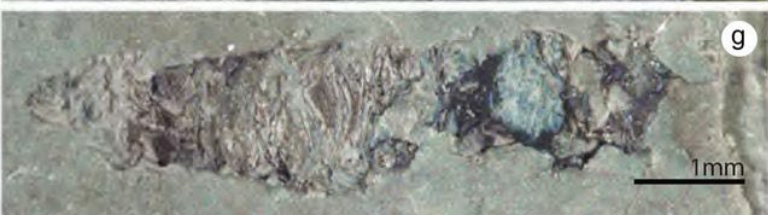
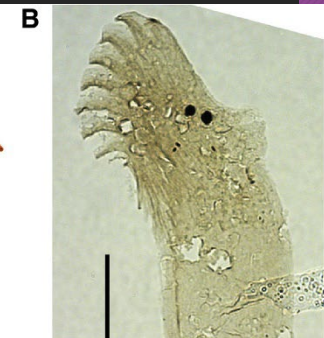
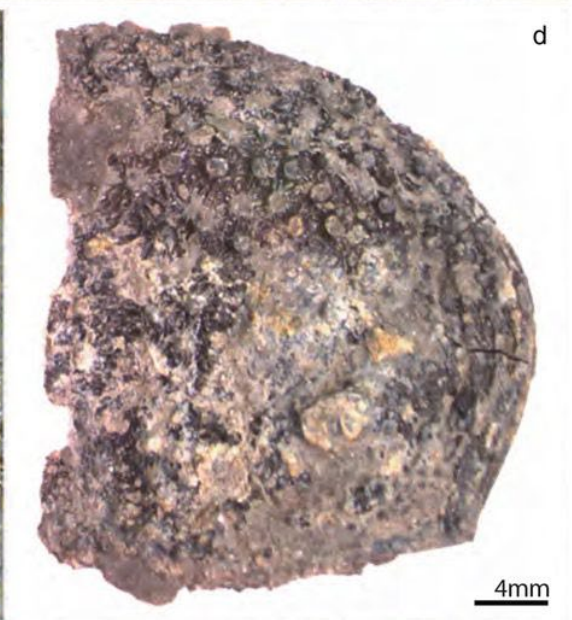
Yavapai province (1.8-1.72 Ga) rocks, some presumed

- Ysm strongly magnetized part of subvertically-dipping layered intrusion
- Ywm weakly magnetized part of subvertically-dipping layered intrusion
- Ymg 1760 Ma metagabbro; part of subvertically-dipping layered intrusion
- Ym? undifferentiated mafic rocks, spatially related to layered intrusion
- Ysp silicic pluton: S-type granite?
- Y undifferentiated Yavapai province rocks: metavolcanics, plutons, & metasediments

A — A' line of cross section model

- borehole penetrating Proterozoic rocks
- possible fault

Decorah Lagerstätten



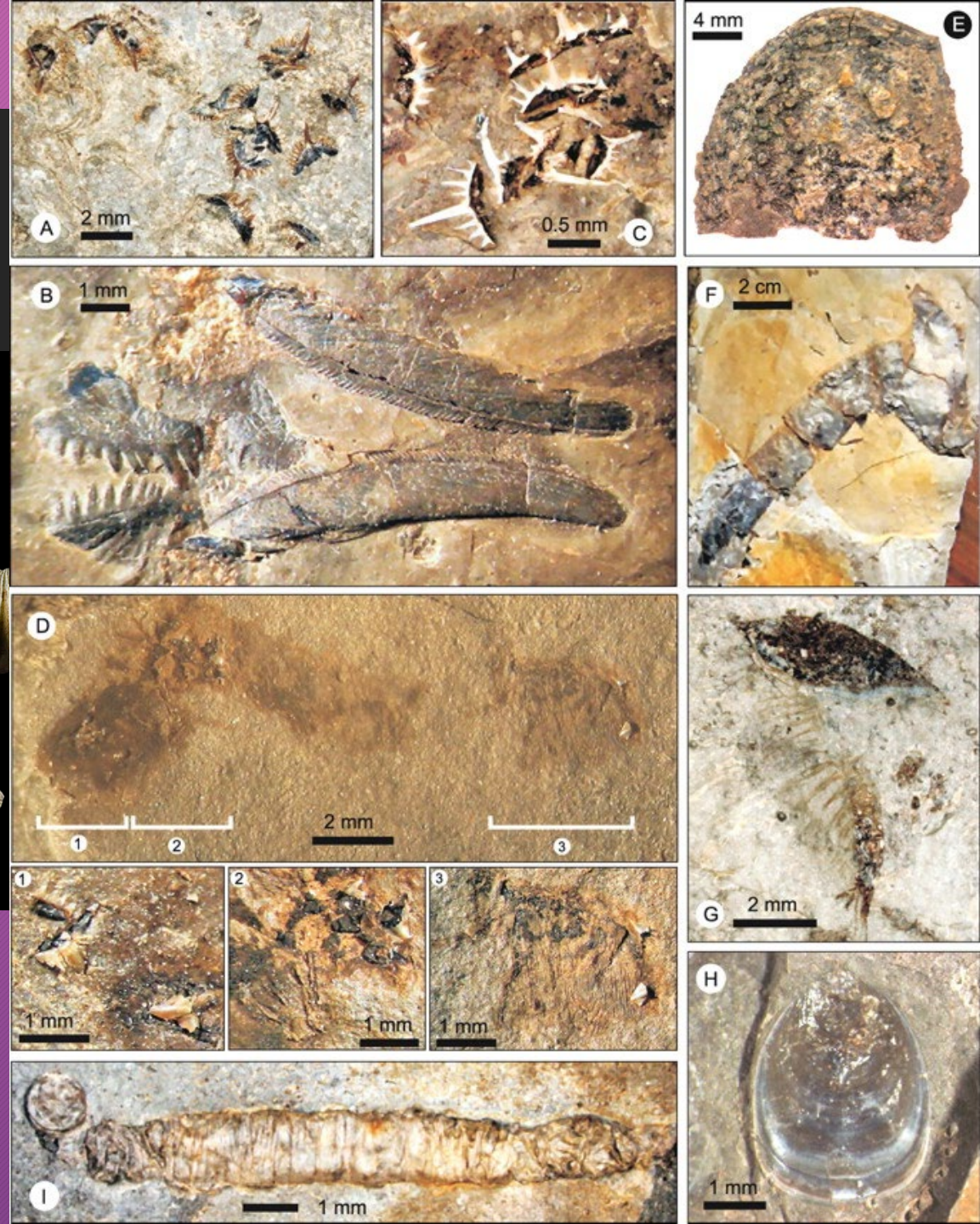
Eurypterids - Sea Scorpions

Extinct arthropods



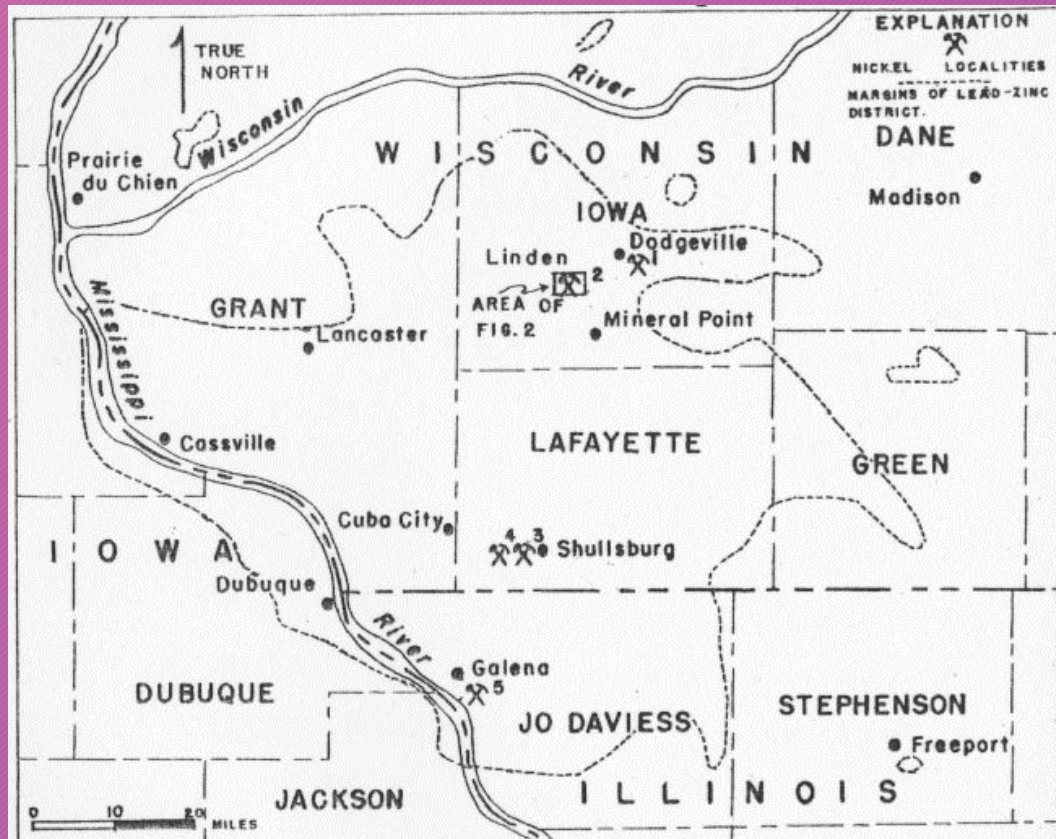
Ordovician Life: Warm shallow seas = ☺ Life

- Brachiopods
- Bryozoans
- Corals
- Receptaculitides
- Mollusks
- Worms
- Arthropods
- Echinoderms
- Graptolites
- Conodonts

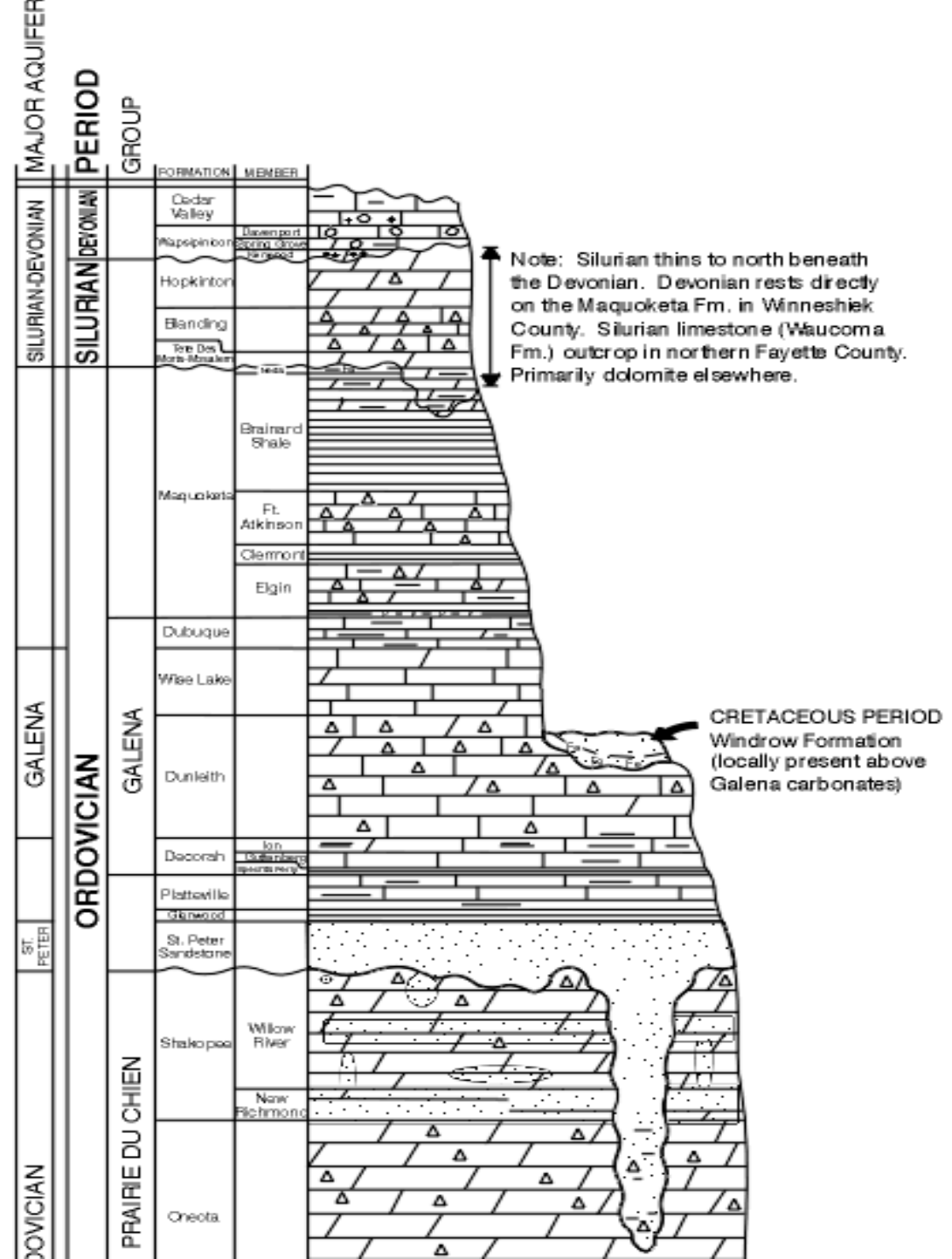


Galena Group

- Dunleith, Wise Lake, and Dubuque Formations

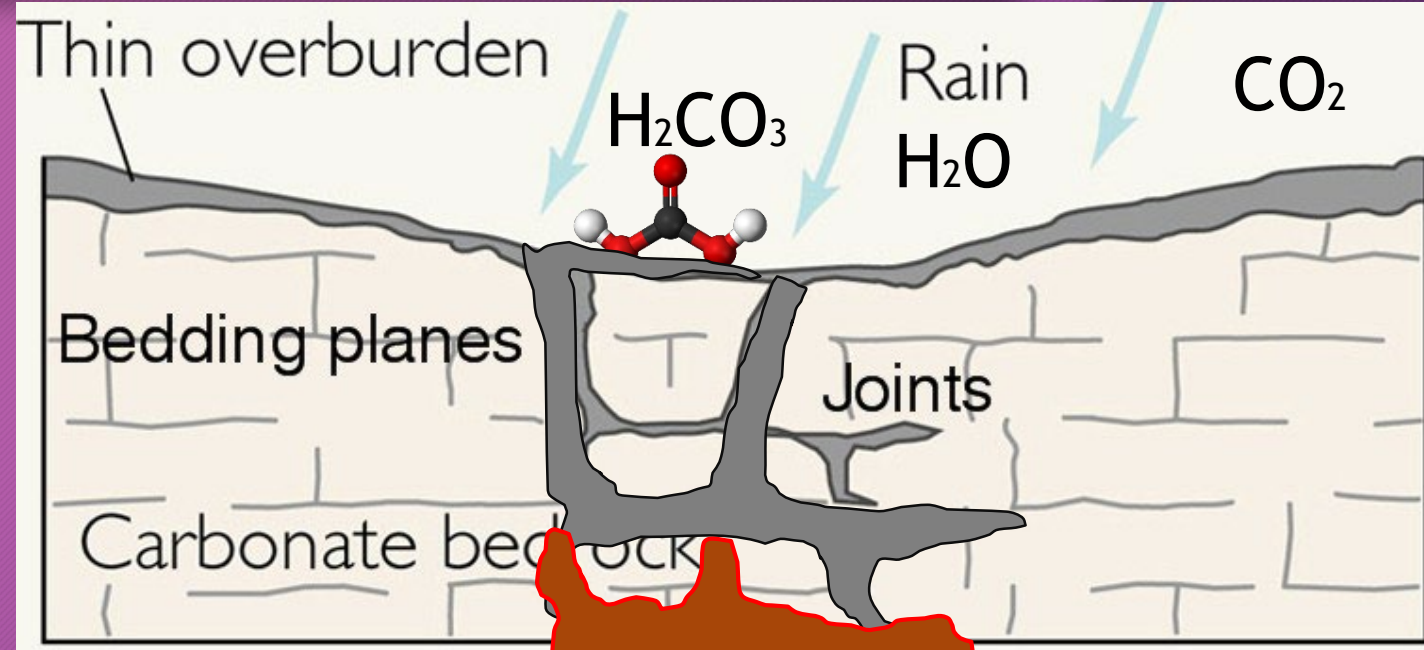


Upper Mississippi Valley Zinc and Lead District



How does Galena & Zinc form in Limestone?

- Space is created, through karst processes
- Warm sulfide-rich solutions migrate upwards and infiltrate the new space
- Sulfide minerals precipitate out of solution and along the edges of these new spaces
- The Mississippi cuts its channel into the landscape and lowers the water table
- Exposing the sulfide minerals, creating Iron sulfide, Lead sulfide, and Zinc sulfides



Warm Sulfide
rich minerals

Lead and Zinc Mining 1788-1810

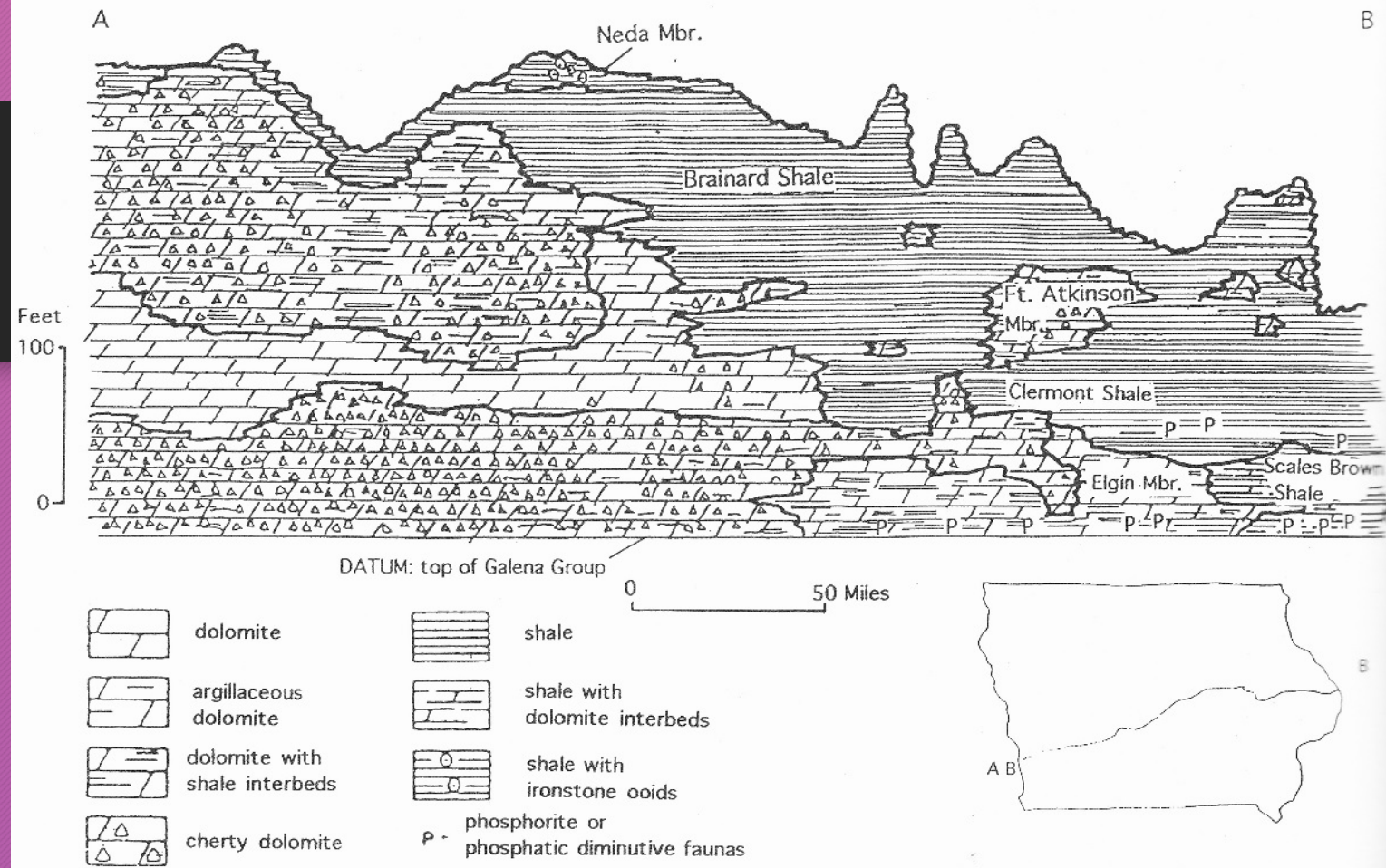
- Spain ruled Iowa via the Treaty of Paris (1763) as a product of the French and Indian War (1756-1763)
- Julien Dubuque became friends with the local Meskwaki, eventually marrying Potosa and entering their culture as *Little Night*.
- Julien, identified the mineral resources and with the Meskwaki's permission began mining
- Julien, requested ownership/confirmation of his land from the Spain, and it was granted in 1796. 'The Mines of Spain'



**Died at 45 (1810)
deeply in debt**

Maquoketa Formation

- Thick impermeable shale
- Large caverns were excavated under Johnson and Polk counties to seasonally store liquefied petroleum gas
- Enables the pipeline industry to store their product so that they can meet demand during the winter



Manufacturing Depends on Minerals

- Manufacturers use minerals to create the high-tech devices that connect us to the world. TVs require 35 different minerals and computer chips can require up to 60 minerals and elements.
- From the mirrors and paint to the body frame and engine, minerals are integral to every vehicle on the road. Gold, platinum and aluminum are just a few of the minerals used by auto manufacturers.
- Advanced energy technologies such as wind turbines, electric vehicles and solar panels depend on minerals including rare earths, copper and zinc.

Minerals Make Economic Growth Possible

Jobs and Wages

- A job in U.S. metals mining carries an average salary of approximately \$85,500 a year—74 percent higher than the combined average of all private sector jobs.
- More than 1.3 million U.S. jobs are supported through minerals mining – 433,000 Americans are directly employed and more than 872,000 are indirectly employed.
- For every job in metals mining, an estimated 2.9 additional jobs are generated, and for every nonmetals mining job, an additional 1.8 jobs are created.