

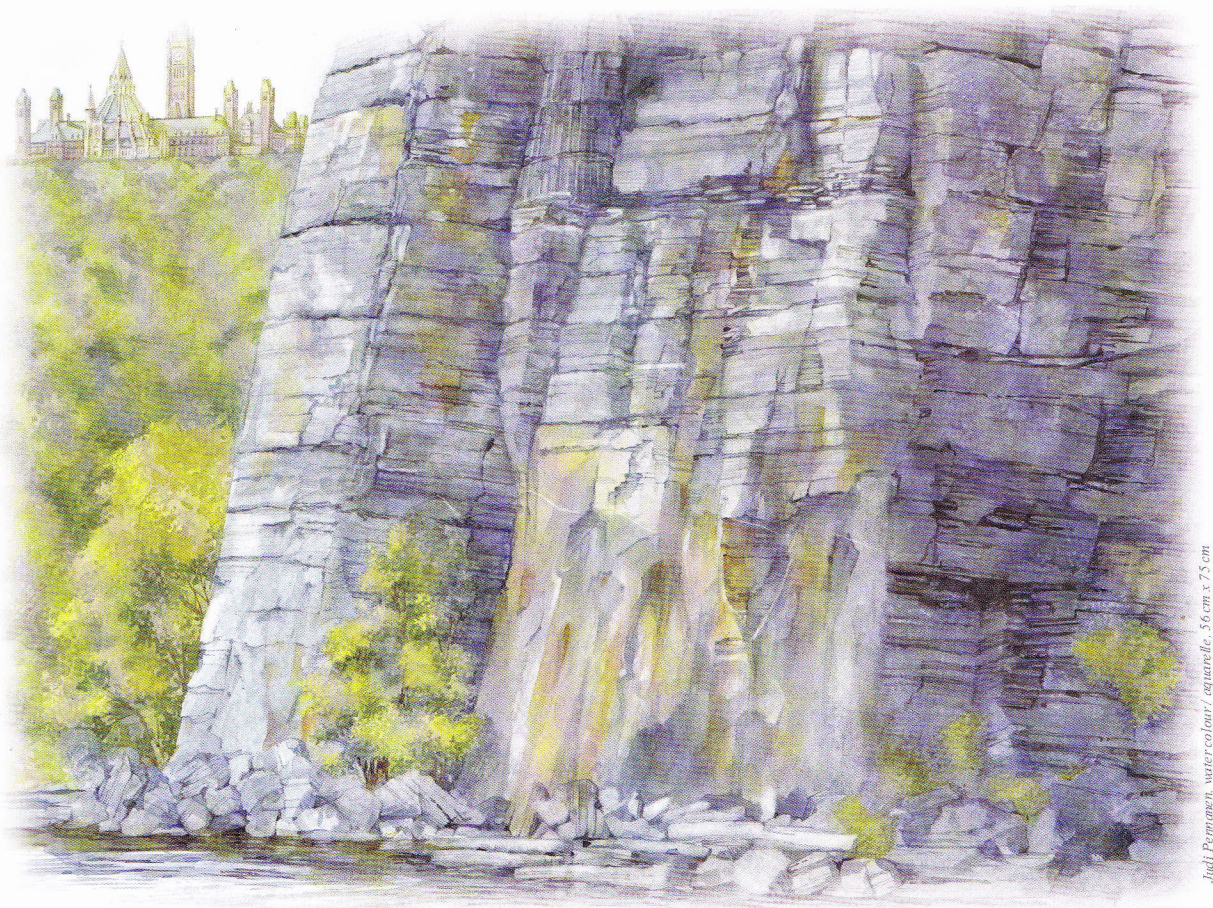


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succession comprises greenschist- to amphibolite-facies quartzites, marbles and amphibolites, which were originally pebbly sandstones, sandstones, limestones and volcanic rocks. The volcanics comprise basalts to basaltic andesites and rhyolites. The basalts to basaltic andesites divide into a high-Mg group and a low-Mg group, and are chemically similar to and likely extrusive counterparts of the two groups of the gabbro-norites, respectively. The dacites to rhyolites divide into two chemically different groups and are possibly upper- and lower equivalents of the Liangcheng charnockites and S-type granites, respectively. We suggest that the above gabbro-norites-S-type granites-volcanic succession and the regional high temperature metamorphism were most likely generated during subduction just prior to the final amalgamation of the China Craton.

THE ROLE OF MINERALOGY IN GEO-ENVIRONMENTAL ORE DEPOSIT MODELS

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To exploit an ore deposit with the least possible environmental impacts and risks, it is important to understand how its mineralogy affects the local environs, both physically and chemically. Characterization of the quantity, texture, grain size, composition, mineralogy and alteration history of minerals gives insights as to how the minerals will react in processing and potentially impact the environment as waste products. The host rock, ore and gangue minerals can behave differently and thus may have detrimental or beneficial effects on the environment. For example, it is well known that carbonate gangue minerals associated with sulphide ore bodies can help to minimize impacts from acid rock drainage upon oxidation of the sulphides. Secondary minerals formed in the surficial environment can act as a sink, or a source of contaminants such as metal(loids), sulphate, and acidity. At the Manitowishong, Ontario mining camp, alteration of primary niccolite and arsenopyrite produces annabergite and erythrite, respectively, on the ore surfaces. These secondary arsenate minerals form by efflorescence enhanced by wetting and drying cycles. These soluble minerals can be flushed during rain events, thereby providing an ongoing source of Ni, Co and As to the local watershed. In comparison, the formation of relatively insoluble minerals such as pyrite in lode-gold mine tailings, provides a longer-term sink for contaminants in the mine environment. However, if environmental conditions change over time through depletion of sulphides and remediation efforts, these secondary minerals can become unstable and act as new sources of contaminants. With current technologies, minerals can be studied at the macro- to the nano-scale, in the field or in the laboratory, to determine how their surfaces react to natural (hydrothermal alteration, diagenesis, pedogenesis, weathering) and man-made processes (mineral extraction) over time. This paper will examine the role of minerals as indicators of environmental change through case examples from several mining camps with different commodities (e.g. U, Ag, Au and Cu). We will focus on how mineralogy can be used in geo-environmental ore deposit models to anticipate potential environmental challenges during mining and reclamation activities.

4D RADIO-WAVE GEOELECTRICAL MAPPING OF INTERWELL SPACE: SEARCHING AND MONITORING OF DEEP-SEATED MINERAL DEPOSITS

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Production technology development makes deep seated mineral deposits cost-effective. In order to provide necessary resolution of exploration of the deep seated areas, surface geophysical methods must be supported with borehole and crosshole geophysical studies. Crosshole radio-wave technique offers ample scope for exploration of such geological objects if they possess the resistivity contrast to bedrocks. The radio-wave technique is based on harmonic signal dependence from electrical resistivity of formations situated on a radio wave spreading route from a transmitter to a receiver. The crosshole measurements are carried out according to the "fan-shaped" pattern

Based on this method we have developed a new technology of 3D and 4D geoelectrical mapping. The new technology allows:

- the control and further account of the borehole transmitter characters;
- the adaptation of acquisition to various environments, by means of adjustment of radiation frequency and antennas (e.g. acquisition between distant wells, or in the low resistivity medium);
- the combined processing of several borehole-to-borehole sections, which permits to plot 3D resistivity maps, and to analyze diachronous observations.

The technology advantages are demonstrated by four examples of industrial application in various environments:

1. Search of the buried kimberlite pipes in the Yakutia region by means 400×400 m well grid. The area of 26 km² was examined. The 72% of the area was proved to be barren, that narrowed further investigation to the remaining 28% of the area. Main geological features were delineated.
2. Assessment of morphology and tectonics of the sulphide ore deposit in the Karelia region within 100×100 m well grid. The area of 1.1 km² was explored. Three ore zones were delineated by applying the radio-wave technology. The previous conception of the ore field morphology was changed.
3. Monitoring of the leaching process in the uranium field in the Ural region within 35×35 m well pattern. Block of 120×120 m was examined. The radio-wave observation, carried out before and after the leaching process start, permitted to determine the temporal and spatial distribution of the leaching solutions along the pay bed of the extremely low resistivity (<20 Ohmm). Morphology model of the ore block was corrected.
4. Monitoring of the artificial air body in the bearing formation of the uranium fields in the Uzbekistan region within 20×40m drilling grid. The area of 140×100 m was examined. Spatial distribution of air pumped into the pay bed was studied. The technology is therefore may be used for monitoring of the subsurface gas storage.

CRANSWICKITE MgSO₄·4H₂O, A NEW MINERAL FROM CALINGASTA, ARGENTINA

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Cranswickite is a newly recognised mineral of composition MgSO₄·4H₂O from Calingasta, San Juan Province, Argentina (IMA2010-016). Cranswickite is monoclinic, space group C2/c, *a* = 11.9236(3) Å, *b* = 5.1736(1) Å, *c* = 12.1958(3) Å, β = 117.548(2)°, *V* = 667.0(1) Å³, *Z* = 4, *d*_{obs} = 1.917 g/cm³, *d*_{calc}