

Powerpoint Presentation Handout

Geological, Tectonic and Metallogenic Relations of South China (P603)

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● Aims of the Project

- To establish a GIS (ARC/INFO, ArcView and MapInfo) integrated, comprehensive digital geoscience data set and mineral deposit database for south China focussing on the distribution of ore deposits building on the successful AMIRA project P390A for mainland SE Asia
- To undertake a tectonic and metallogenic analysis of the selected mineralised belts in the region, with particular emphasis on geological features, structural relationships, and regional metal distribution based on the GIS database
- To develop a geotectonic and metallogenic model for the evolution and origin of mineralised belts in these regions.

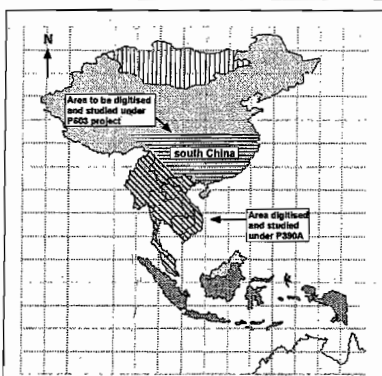
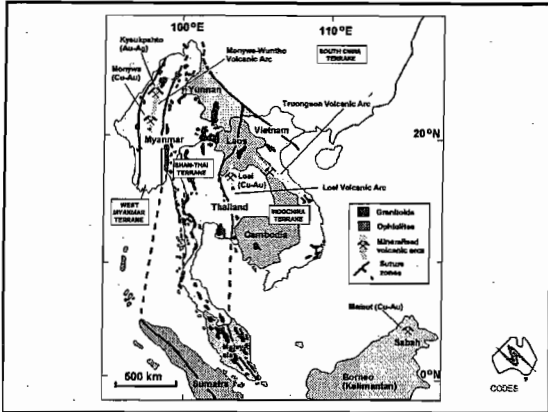
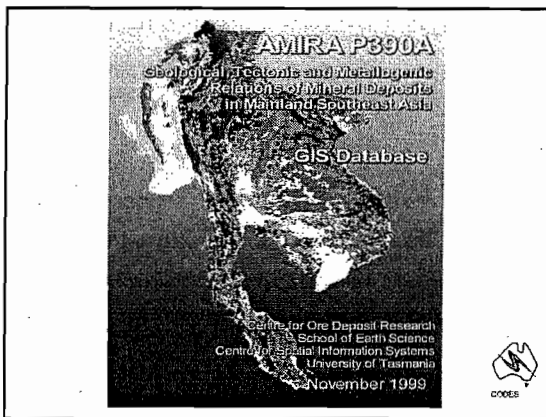
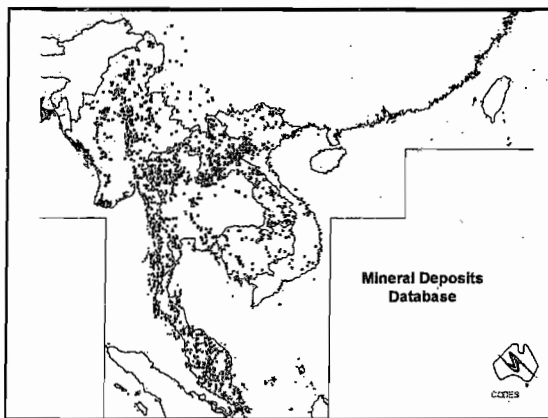
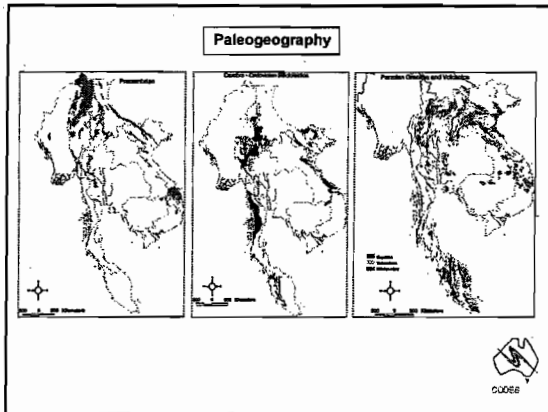


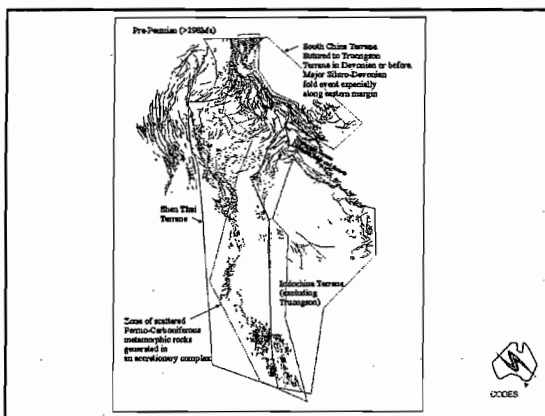
Fig. 1 Map showing the area to be digitised and studied under the proposed AMIRA project

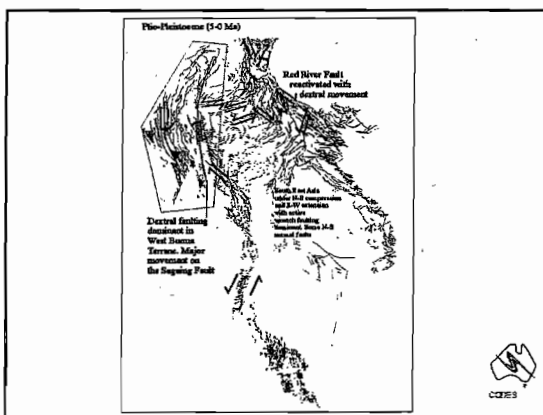


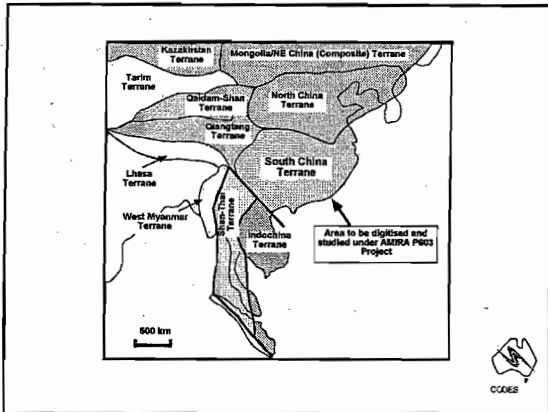


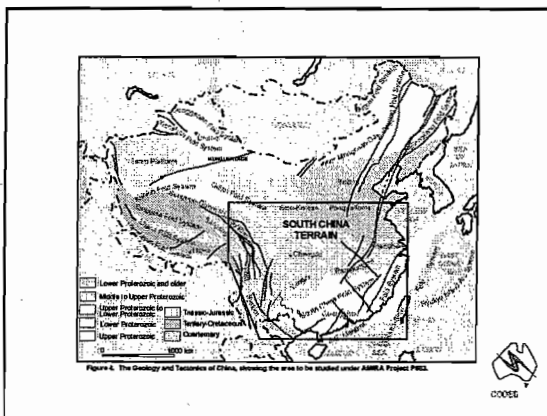


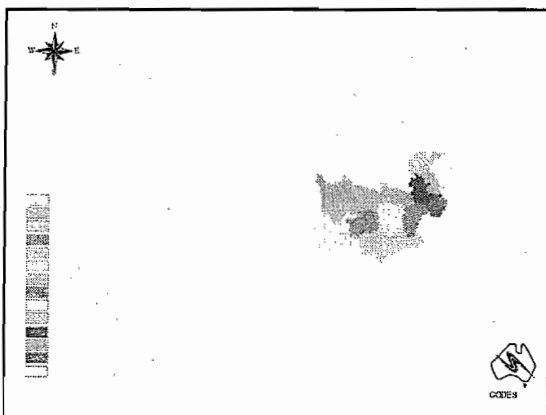


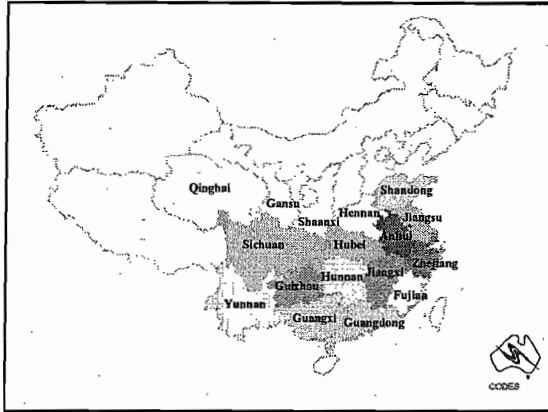


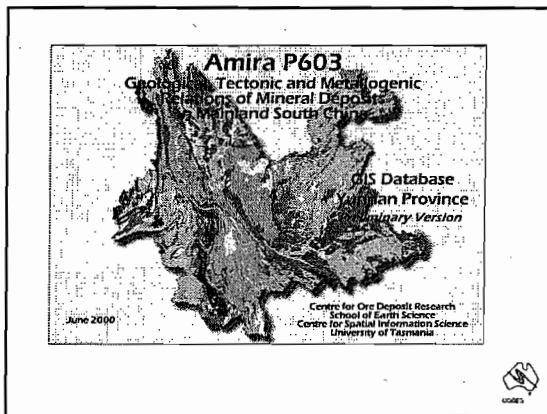


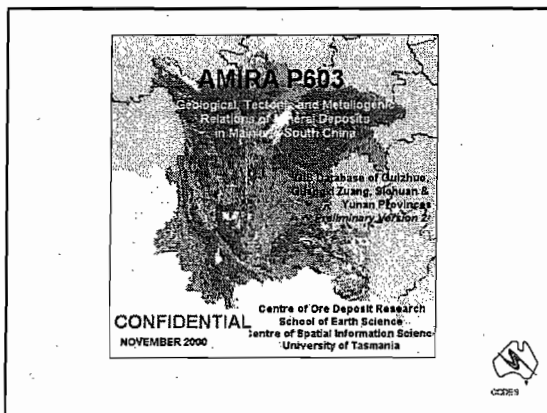


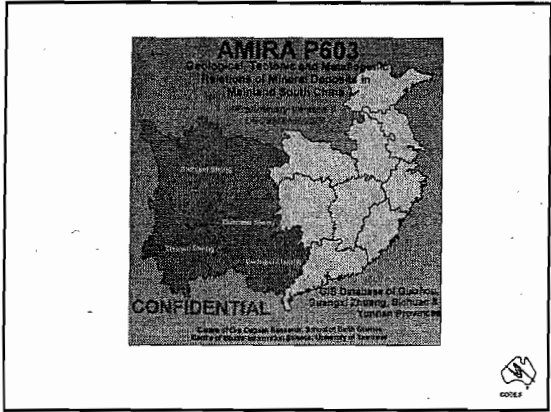












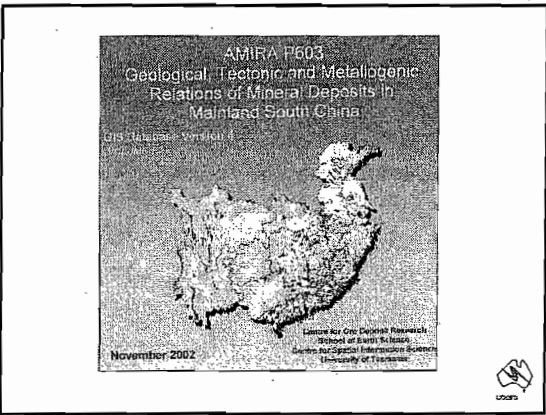
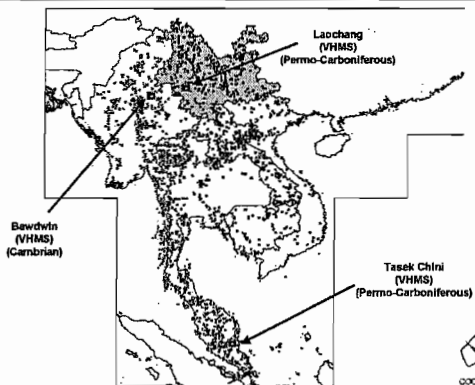
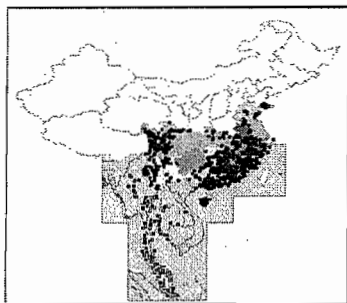


Table 2. Status for GIS compilation for each province in southern China covering the South China geological terrane.

Province	Geological Data	Tectonic Data	Metallogenic Data
Guangdong	Complete	Complete	Complete
Guangxi	Complete	Complete	Complete
Yunnan	Complete	Complete	Complete
Sichuan	Complete	Complete	Complete
Chongqing	Complete	Complete	Complete
Shaanxi	Complete	Complete	Complete
Shandong	Complete	Complete	Complete
Henan	Complete	Complete	Complete
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Mineral Deposits

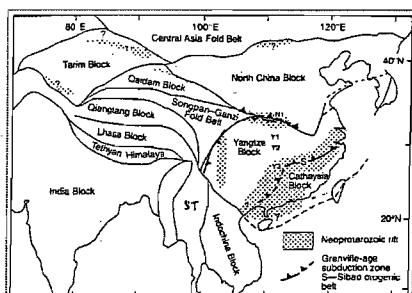
3,300 mineral deposits

**Geochronology**

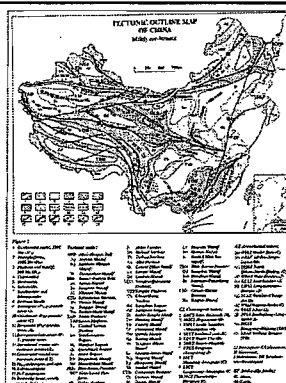
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Paleogeographic and Tectonic Development of South China

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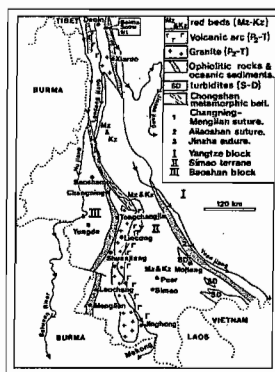


Major terranes/blocks (Li et al., 1996)

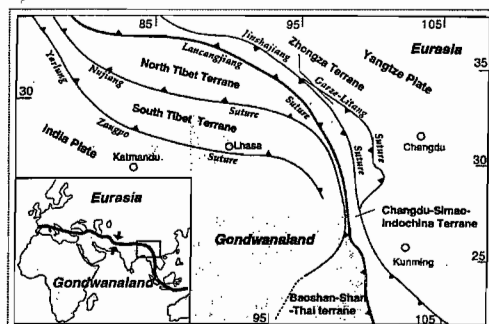


Tectonic outline map- tectonics stops at China borders (Wang & Mo, 1995)

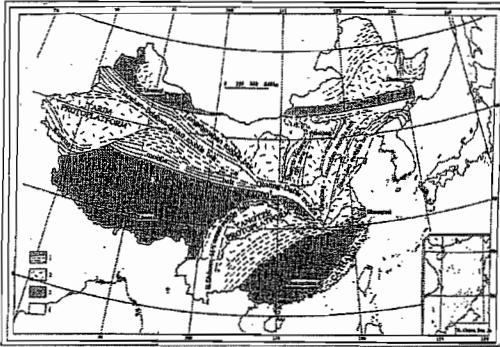
Names of cycles		Age of main orogeny (Ma)		Major tectonic events
Megacycle	Cycle	Age (Ma)	Age (Ma)	
Phanerozoic	Himalayan		45-2	Collision between India and Eurasia, closing Himalayas, Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, Kunlun, Qilian and Tianshan represented the gradual formation of modern geomorphology of China
	Alpine	88	160-120	Collision of Asia with N America and W Pacific, leading to intense tectono-magmatic activities in E. China
	Yanbanian	200	230-220	Opening of Tethys, responsible for break-up of Pangaea into Laurasia and Gondwana, with main body of China becoming a component of Laurasia
	Indosinian	260	330-280	Closing of paleo-Asian ocean resulting in formation of Pangaea
	Variscan	400	440-400	Assembly of Paleo-Chinese blocks, joining Gondwana, with main body of China forming a part of Gondwana
	Caledonian	500-350	530-500	Dissolution of Chinese paleoplatforms into Paleo-Chinese blocks, including Sino-Korea, Yangtze, Tarim, etc.
Neo-Proterozoic	Yangtzean (Shunzhuang)	1000-800	1000-800	Formation of Chinese Protoplatform
Paleo-Proterozoic	Zhonggonguo	1900-1700	1900-1700	Formation of Sino-Korean platform
Neo-Archean	Wutai and Fupingian	2400-2400	2600-2400	Formation of crystalline basement of Sino-Korean platform
Paleo-Archean	Qinshui and older	3000	3000	Emergence of ancient continental nuclei, with oldest crust of 3800 Ma discovered in N China
		3800		



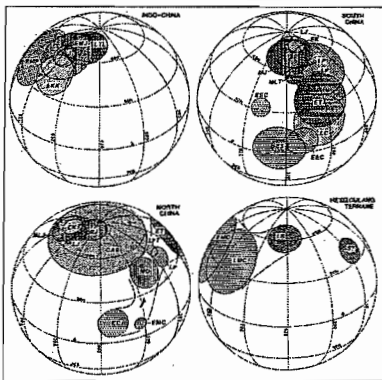
Simao terrane Yunnan (Wu et al., 1995)



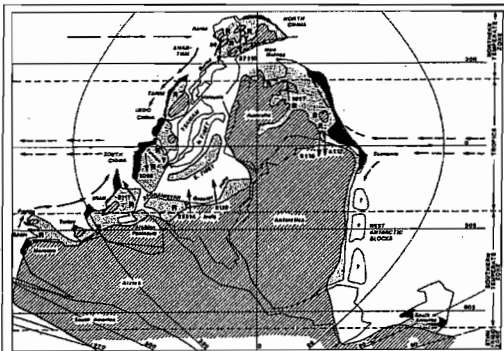
Suture in Xizang and Yunnan (Yang, 1998)



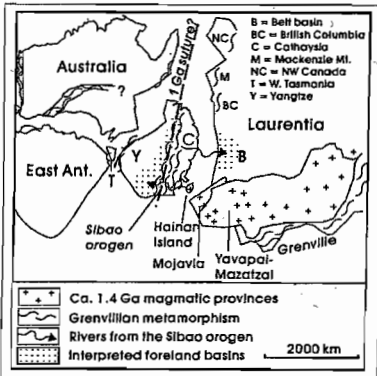
Early Precambrian framework of China (Ma & Bai, 1994)



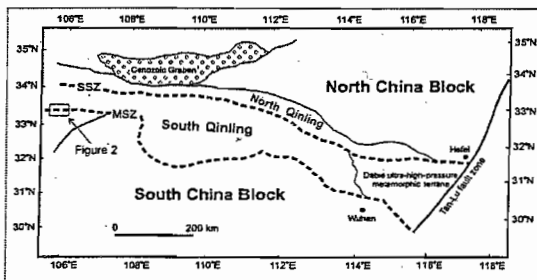
APW paths compiled by Burrett (1987, unpub. data)



Greater Gondwanaland (Burrett et al., 1986)



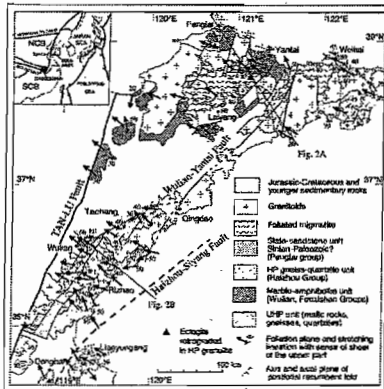
South China between Australia and Laurentia $\approx$ 800 Ma (Li et al., 2002)



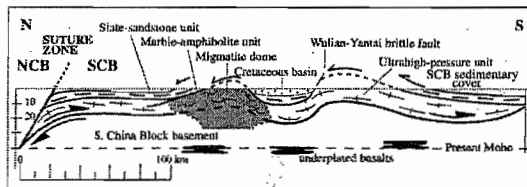
Qinling collision belt (Meng & Sheng, 1999)



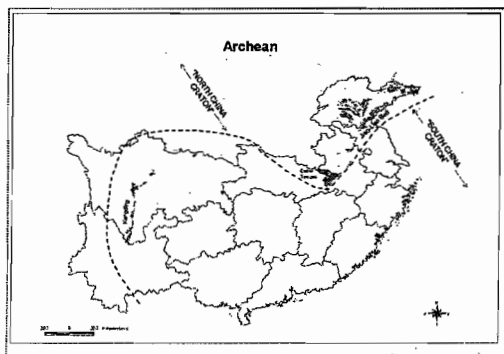
Geology of Shandong Province

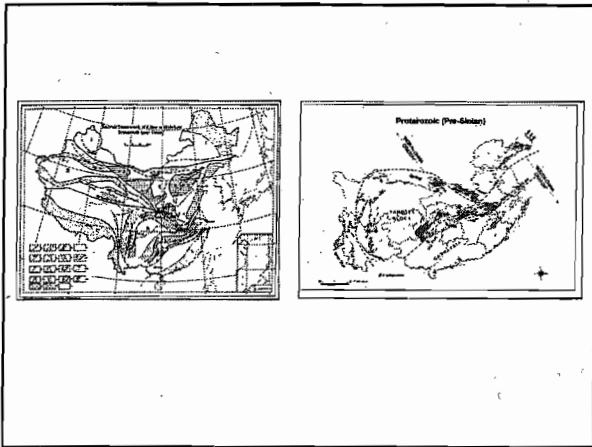


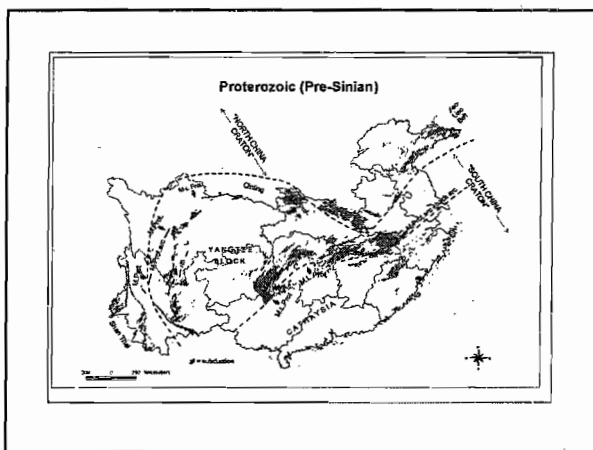
Structural and kinematic map of Sulu area (Faure et al., 2001)

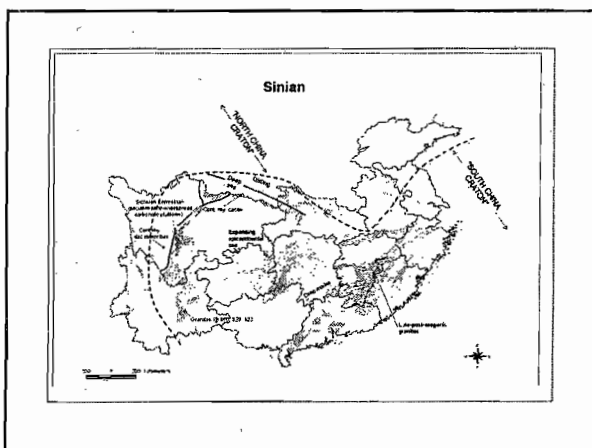


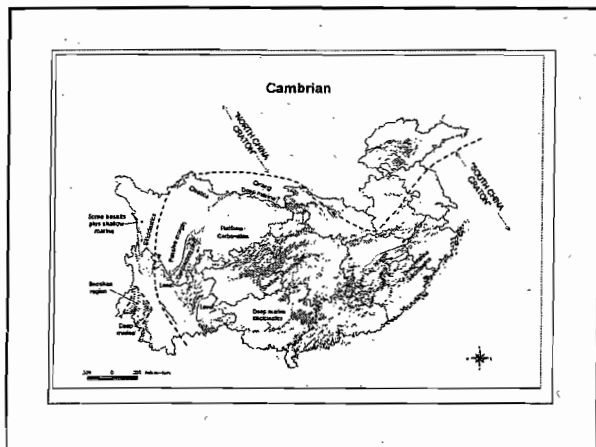
Crustal-scale cross section of Jiaodong peninsula (Faure et al., 2001)

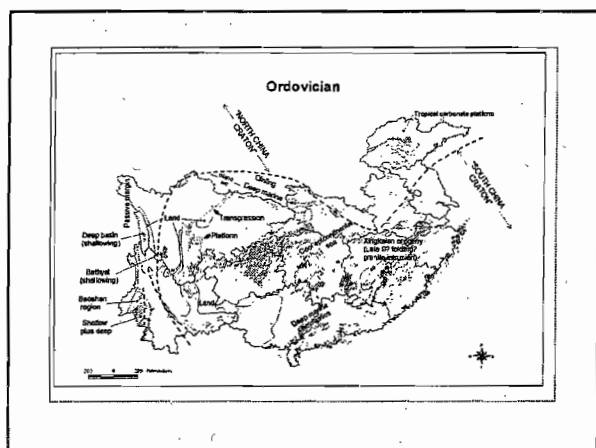


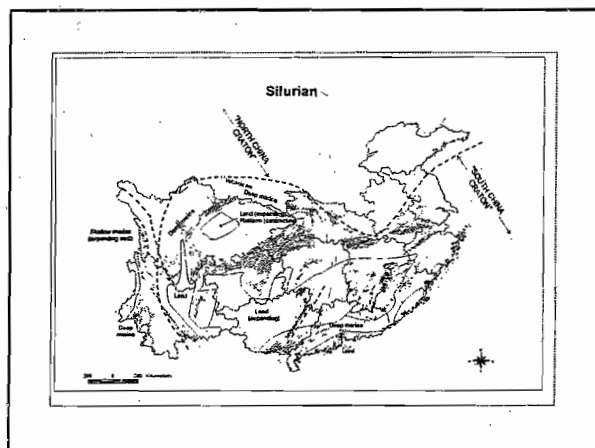


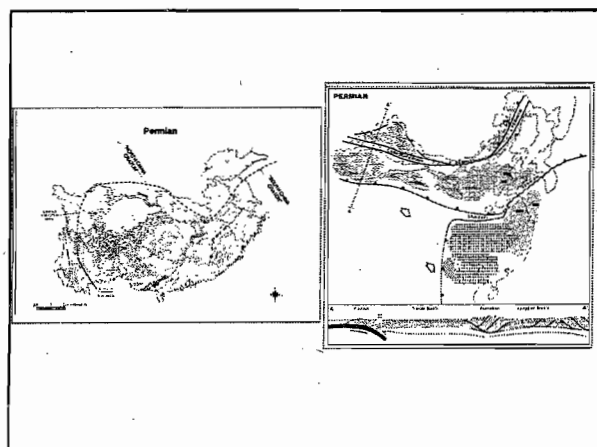
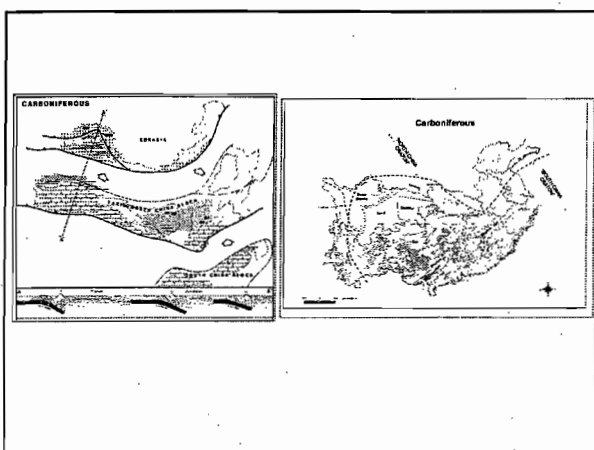
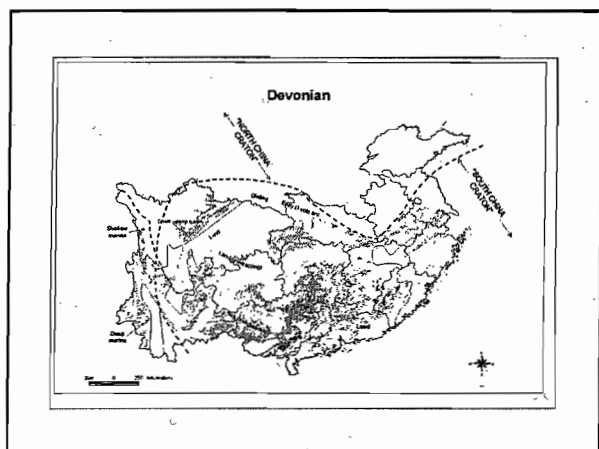


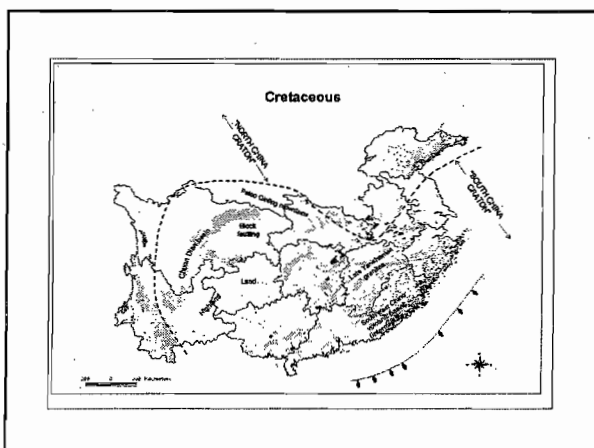
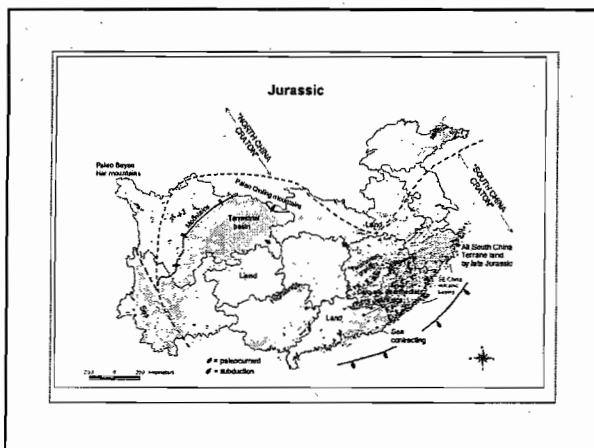
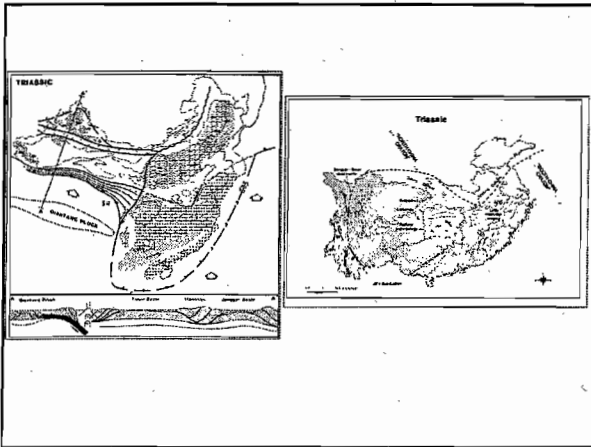


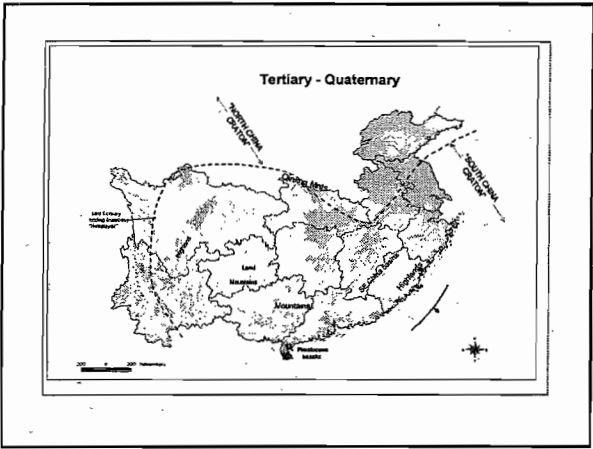


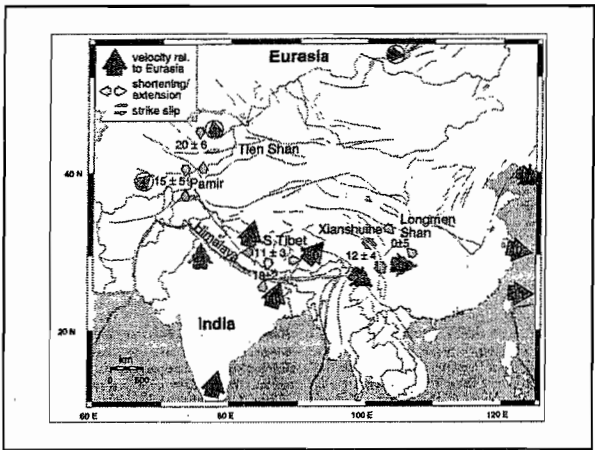


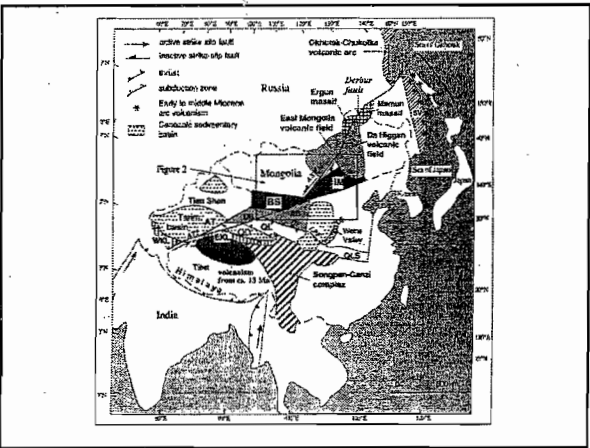


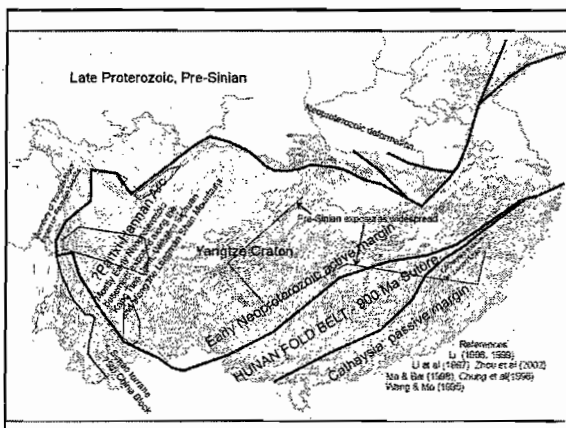
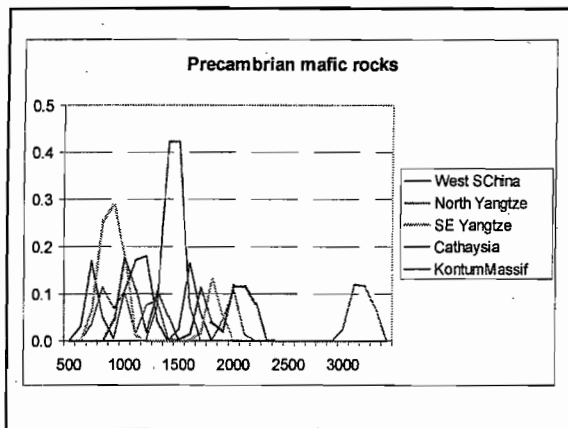
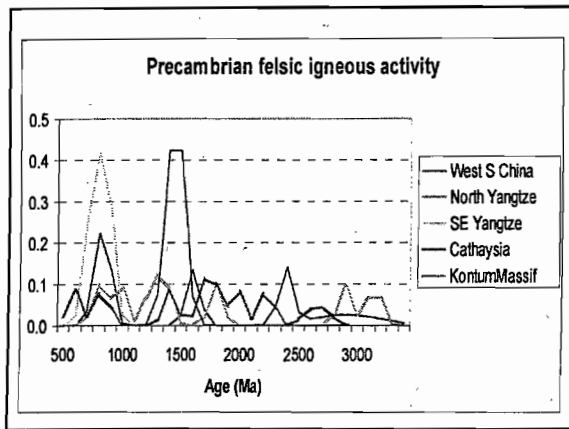


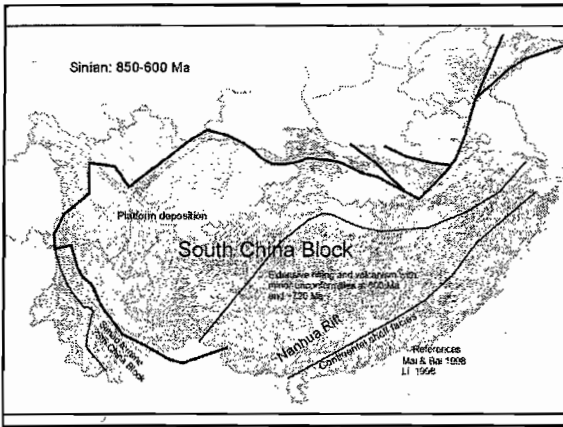


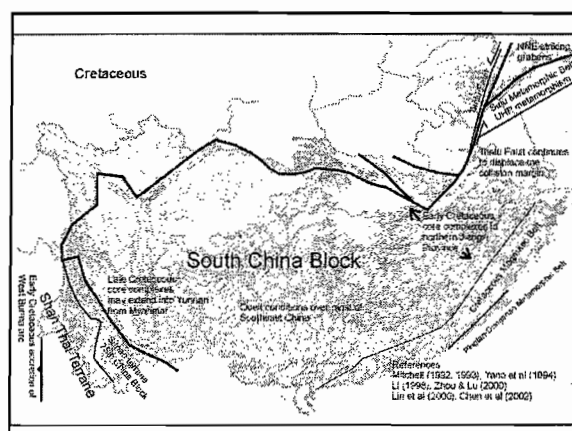
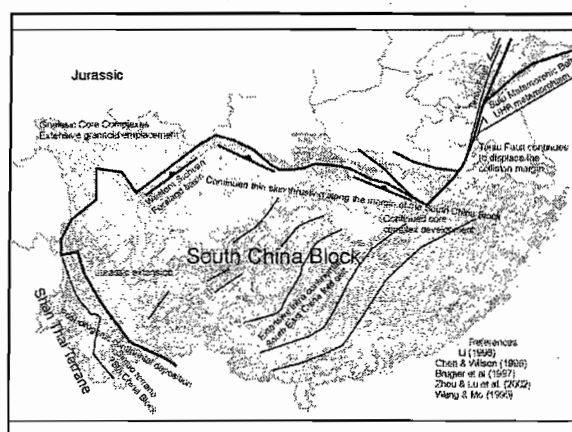
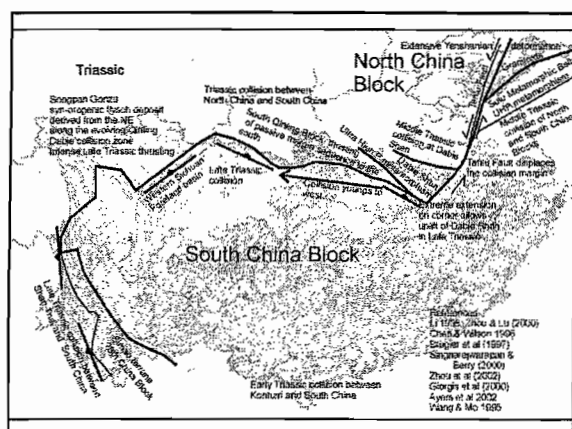


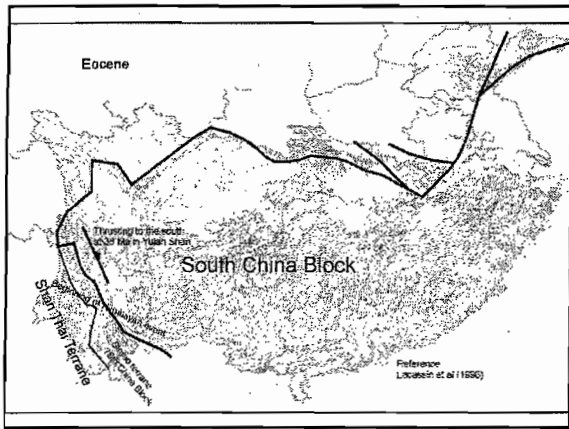


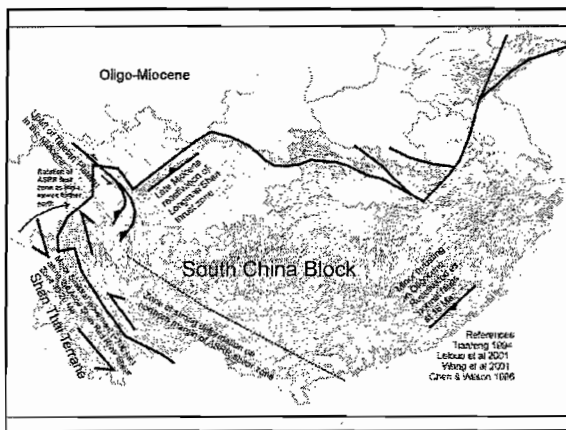


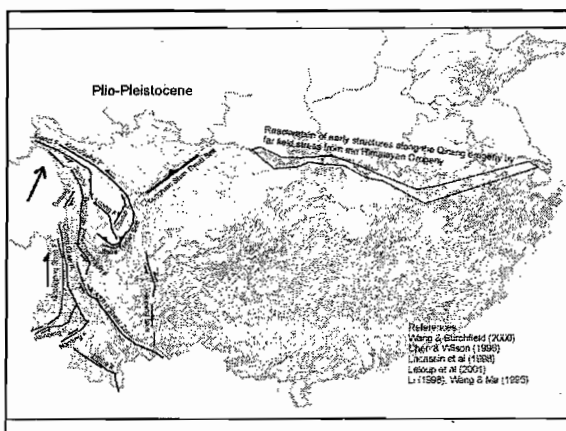












Mineral Deposits in South China I (P603)

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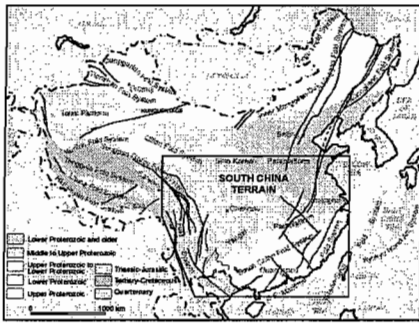


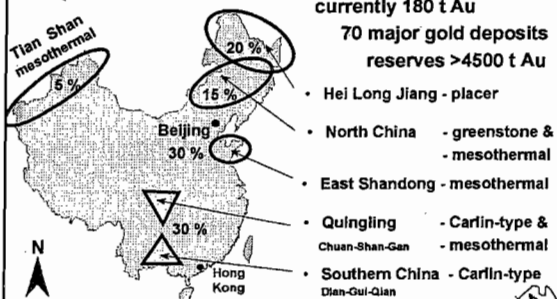
Figure 4. The Geology and Tectonics of China, showing the area to be studied under AMRA Project P603.



China's Gold Production

Production: 25 t in 1980 to
currently 180 t Au

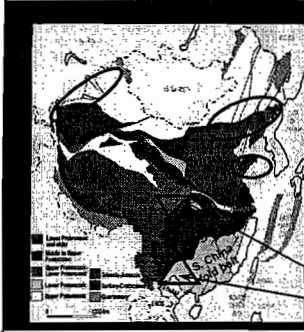
70 major gold deposits
reserves >4500 t Au



Compiled from Yang (1995), Zhou (1999), Zhou et al. (2002) & Christie (2002)

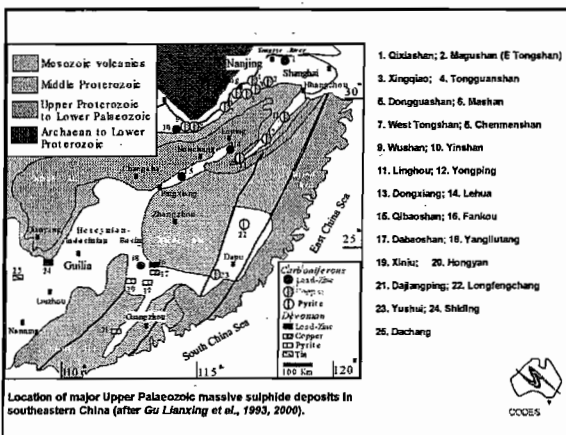
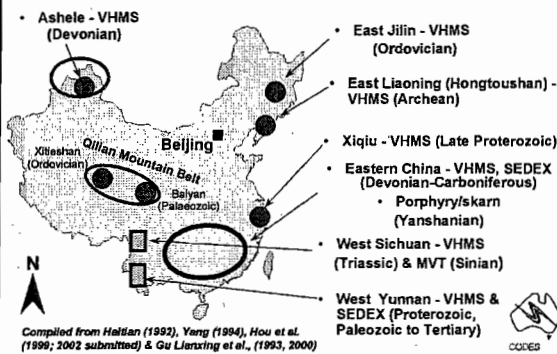


Regional Geological Setting of China's Gold Districts

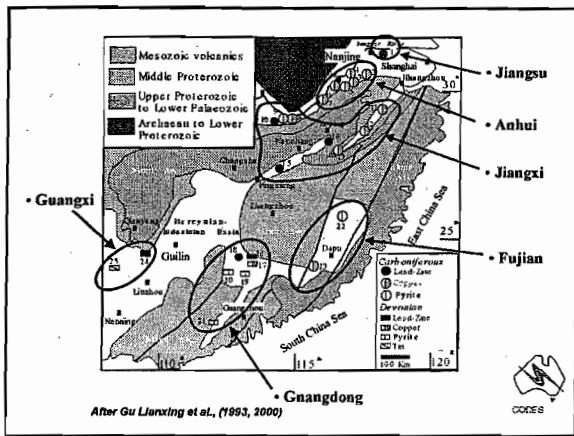


- China's gold deposits occur mostly within fold belts along the margins of 3 major cratons:
 - Sino-Korean (L - M Prot.)
 - Tarim (M - U Prot.)
 - Yangtze (M - U Prot.)
- Chinese Carlin-type gold deposits occur in two Palaeozoic - Mesozoic sedimentary basins along the margins of the Yangtze Craton:
 - (N Gold Triangle)
 - (S. Gold Triangle)

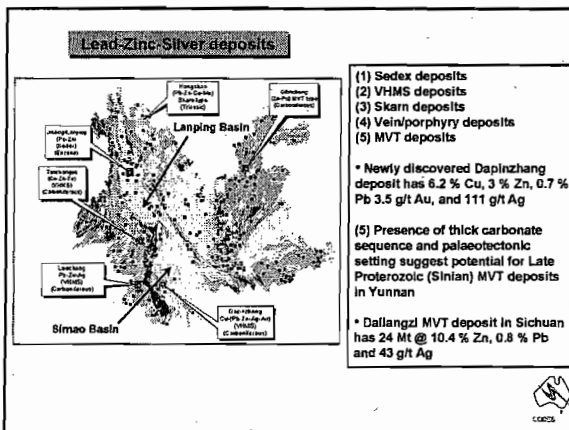
China's Base Metal Deposits



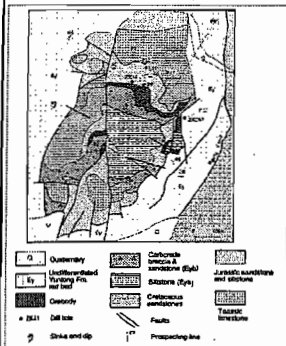
1. Qixiaoshan; 2. Mapushan (E Tongshan)
3. Xingqiao; 4. Tongguanshan
5. Dongguashan; 6. Maishan
7. West Tongshan; 8. Chenmenshan
9. Wushan; 10. Yinshan
11. Linghou; 12. Yongping
13. Dongxiang; 14. Lehua
15. Qibaoshan; 16. Fankou
17. Dabaozhan; 18. Yangliutang
19. Xinku; 20. Hongyan
21. Dajiangping; 22. Longfengchang
23. Yushui; 24. Shiding
25. Dachang



Yunnan Mineral Deposits



Geological setting of the Jinding deposit, Yunnan

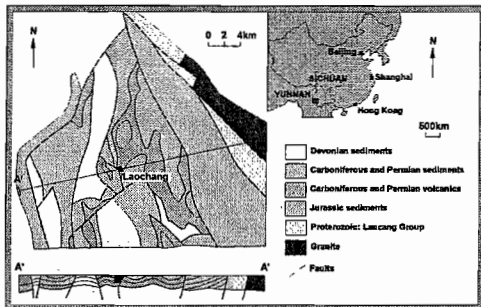


After Ning Li and Kyle (1997) and Kyle and Ning Li (2002)

- (1) The largest Sedex deposit in China
- (2) Geological reserves of 220 Mt @ 7% Zn+Pb, 5.8 g/t Ag & 0.08% Cd
- (3) Hosted in Eocene Yunlong Fm
- (4) The ore were deposited in smaller sub-basin (rift basin)
- (5) Thrusting of Triassic limestone and Jurassic sandstone over younger rocks
- (6) Enriched in Sr in the form of celestite (SrCO_3)
- (7) Celestite at the base and followed by barite, then sphalerite and galena



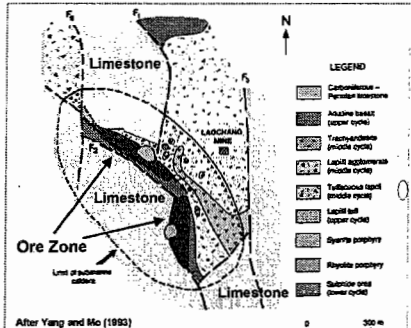
Regional geological setting of the Laochang deposit, Yunnan



After Yang and Mo (1993)



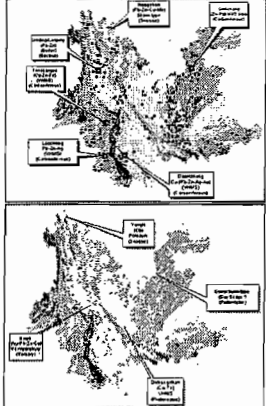
Geological setting of the Laochang deposit, Yunnan



After Yang and Mo (1993)

After Yang and Mo (1993) 15-20 Mt @ 3.5 % Zn, 3.8 % Pb, 1.9 % Cu, 113 g/t Ag
(per. Com. Yang, 2000)



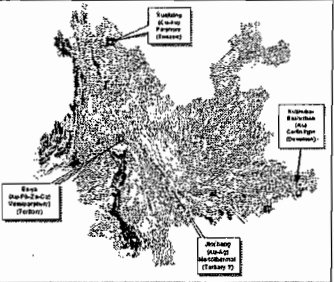


Copper deposits

(1) VMS deposits
(2) Vein/skarn deposits
(3) Ni-Cu deposits
(4) Porphyry deposits
(5) Potential for sedimentary copper deposits: Proterozoic Dongchuan (Sedex) deposits

Sedex Cu is attractive due to (1) lateral extent (2) copper grades sometimes surpass porphyry Cu with desirable metal such as cobalt and silver

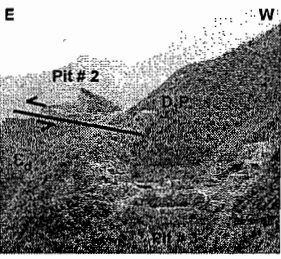




Gold deposits

(1) Au-bearing Porphyry (e.g. Xuejiping)
(2) Vein/breccia deposits (e.g., Beiya)
(3) Mesothermal gold deposits (e.g., Jinchang)
(4) Pt-Pd-Ni-Cu-Au deposits
(5) Carlin type deposits



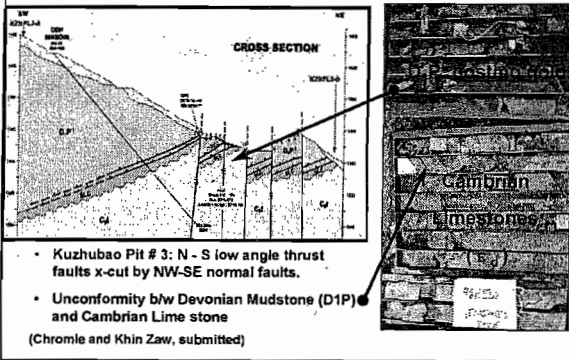


Kuzhubao Gold Prospect (KZB)

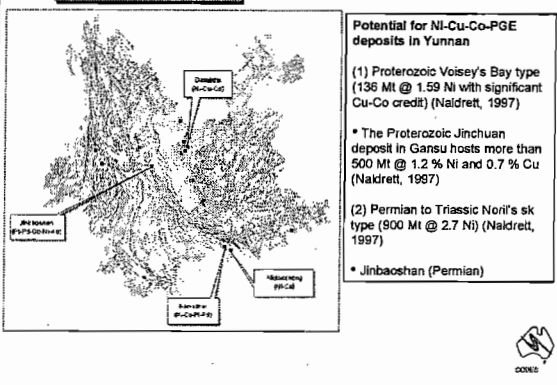
- Discovered late 1980's by Chinese Geological Team from 20 ppb Au-SS anomaly
- Devonian black carbonaceous pyritic mudstone host (D,P)
- Cambrian dolomite base(E_d)
- Micro- disseminated gold + py + asp within (D,P) where early thrust faults are x-cut by high angle normal faults
- Sulphide ores within D,P mudstone: 1 - 18 g/t Au
- oxide: <5 m thick @ < 7 g/t Au

KZB Oxide Au Pits (1400 m ASL).
Chromite and Khin Zaw, 2001 and submitted

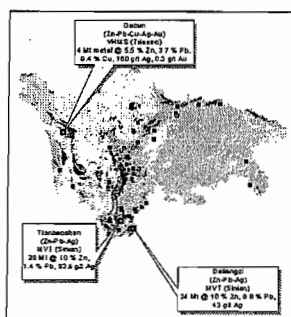
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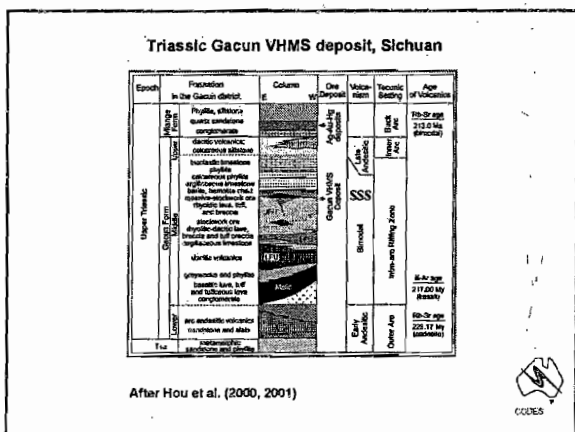
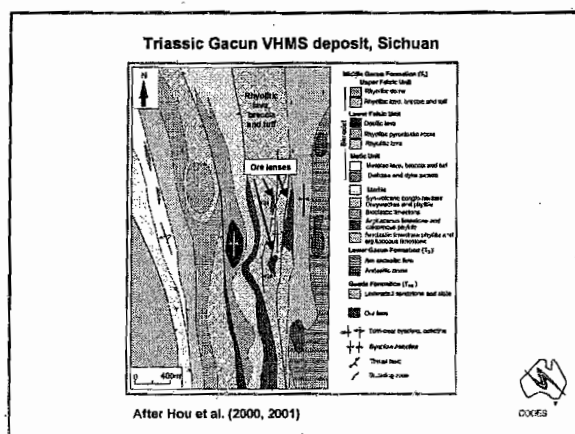
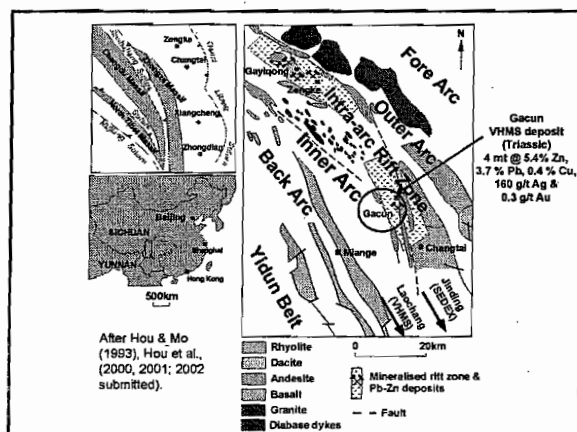


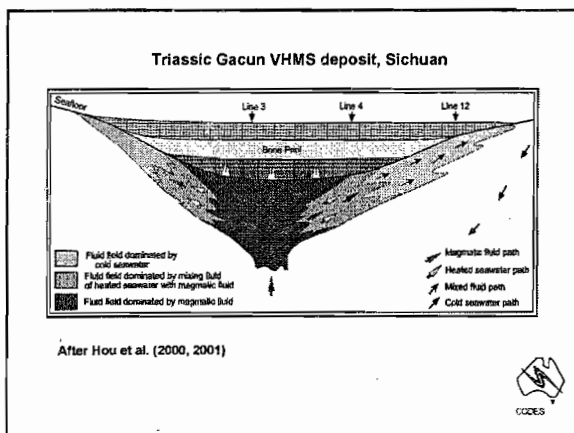
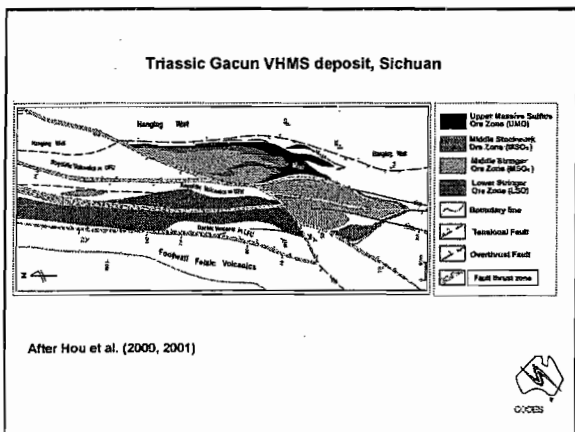
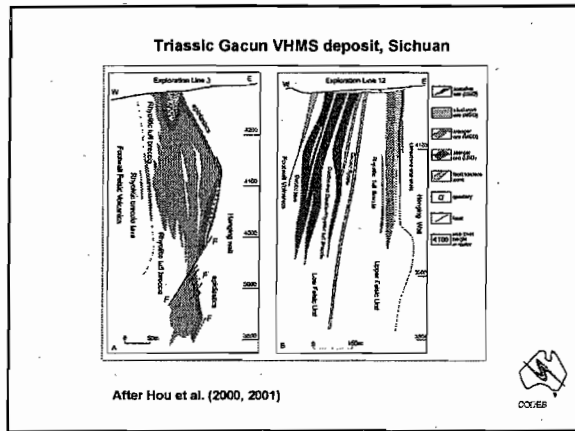
Nickel-copper deposits

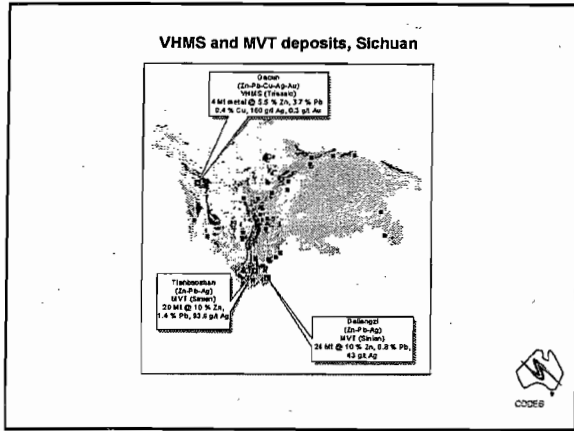


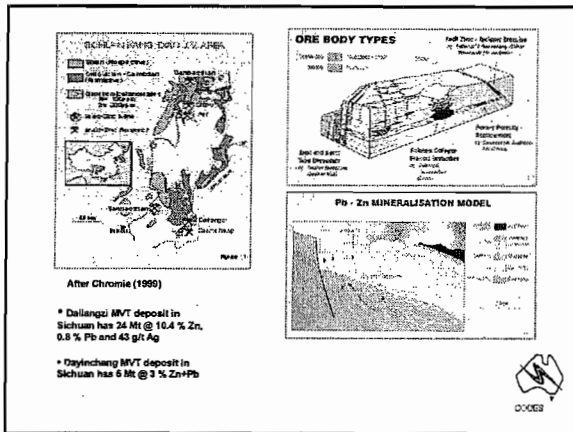
VHMS and MVT deposits, Sichuan

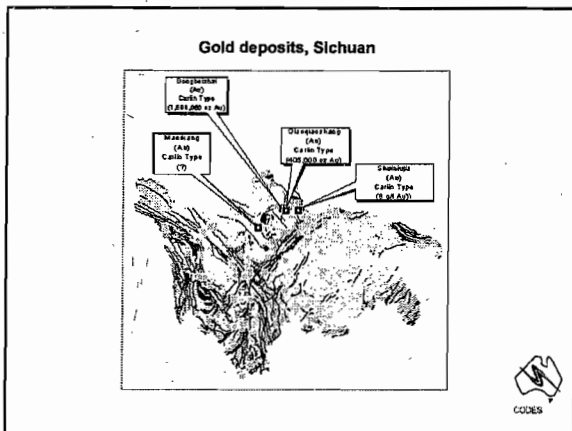












Characteristics of Sediment-Hosted Gold Deposits in Sichuan Province, P. R. C.

Gold Mineralisation (similarities to "Carlin-types")

- Micro-disseminated sediment-hosted gold (*refractory ore*)
- Epigenetic; occurring within graphitic shear zones with quartz &/or carbonate stock work veining and also along altered contacts with quartz-porphyritic dykes (*Mesozoic aged?*)
- Associated with pyrite, arsenopyrite, realgar and orpiment

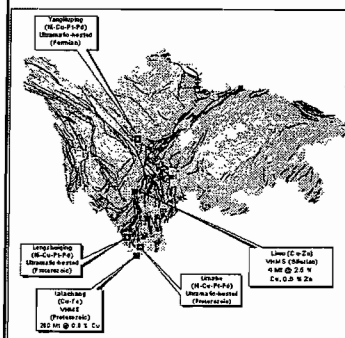
Host Rocks:

- Devonian to Triassic aged carbonaceous turbidites
- Occur as sequences within the Songpan-Garza accretionary wedge terrain, along the NW margins of the Yangtze Craton

Structural Setting:

- Dominant N-S & E-W trending regional faults (*Palaeozoic*) cross-cut by later NW & NE trending faults (*Mesozoic*)

Cu-Ni deposits, Sichuan



Proterozoic Cu-Fe VHMS (Lalachang) & Silurian Cu-Zn VHMS deposit (Liwu)

Potential for Ni-Cu-Co-PGE deposits in Sichuan

(1) Permian to Triassic Noril'sk type (900 Mt @ 2.7 Ni) (Naldrett, 1997)

(2) Proterozoic Voisey's Bay type (136 Mt @ 1.59 Ni with significant Cu-Co credit) (Naldrett, 1997)

(3) Yangliuping (Permian) and Lingshuiling and Limahé (Proterozoic)

Cu-Ni deposits, Sichuan (Continued)

- Permian flood basalt's cover about 250,000 km²
- Major N-S regional structures along Kang Dian up-lift
- Palaeozoic ultramafic intrusions occur near basalt margins
- Small Ni-Cu mines occur with 1-4 % Ni, 0.5-2 % Cu & 0.05-3 g/t PGE
- Previous BHP sampling from 1994-1996 shows ultramafic intrusions with Ni depletion of olivines suggesting presence of Ni-sulphides elsewhere in the intrusions sampled (Paul Chromle, per. Com., 2000)

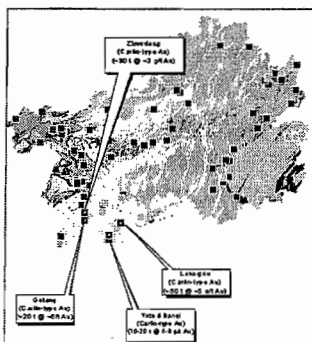
Mineral Deposits in South China II (P603)

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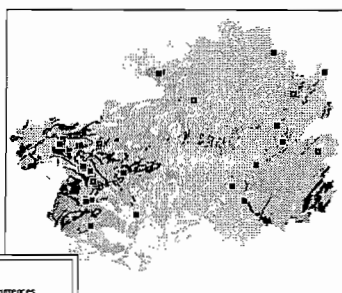
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Gold deposits, Guizhou



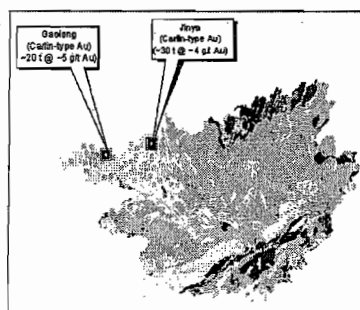
Ni-Cu and Pb-Zn-Cu-Sn-W deposits, Guizhou



- Ni-Cu-Mo occurrences
- Cu-W-Sb-Pb-Zn occurrences
- Pb-Zn-Cu occurrences
- Sediments-CENOZOIC
- Metasediments-MESOZOIC
- Sediments-MESOZOIC
- Metasediments-PALEOZOIC
- Sediments-PALEOZOIC
- Metasediments-PROTEROZOIC
- Granite and migmatite-PROTEROZOIC

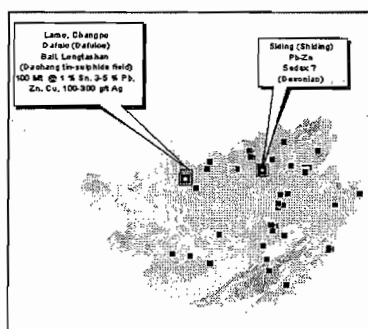


Gold deposits, Guangxi



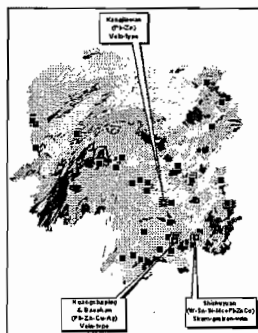
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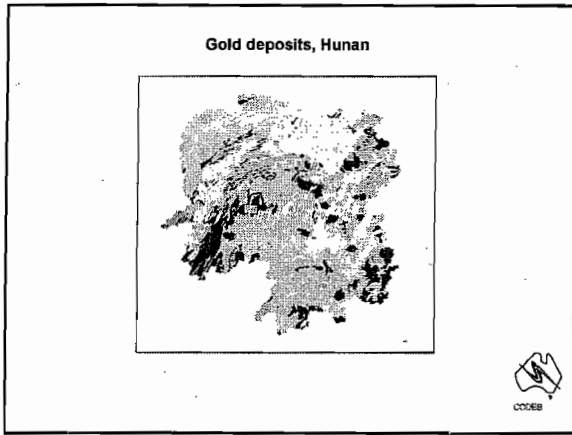


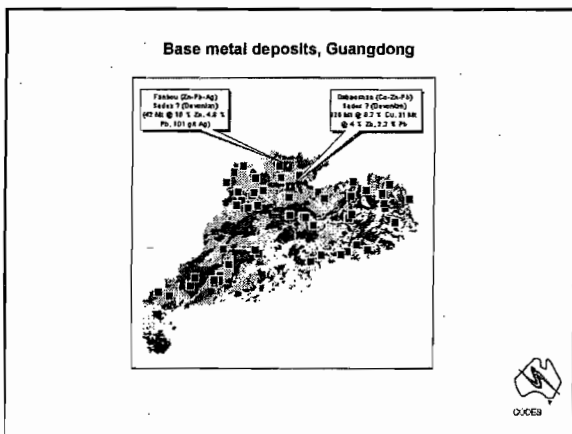
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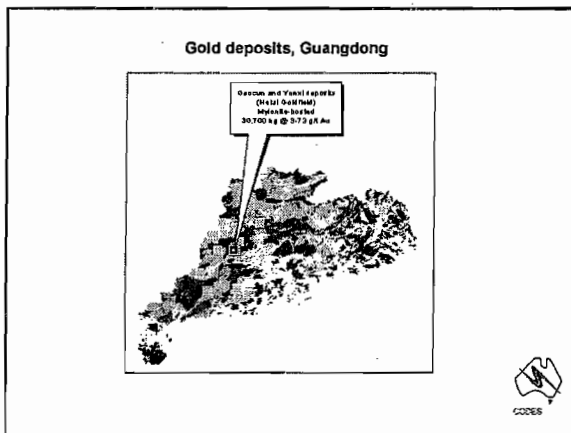
Base metal deposits, Hunan



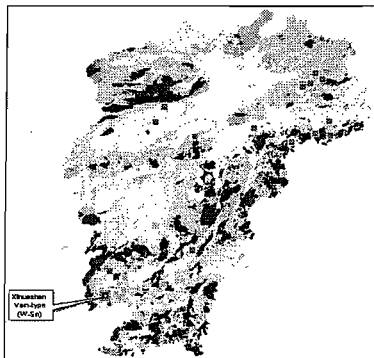
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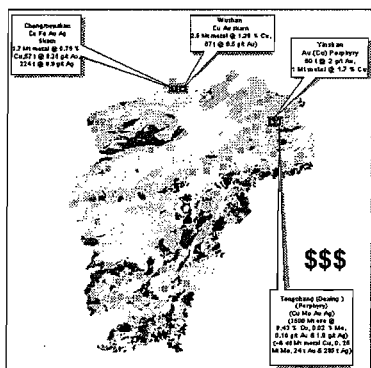


Tungsten, tin, lead and zinc deposits, Jiangxi



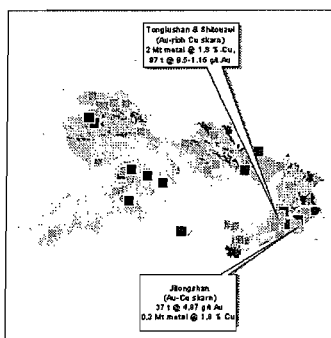
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Copper-Gold deposits, Jiangxi



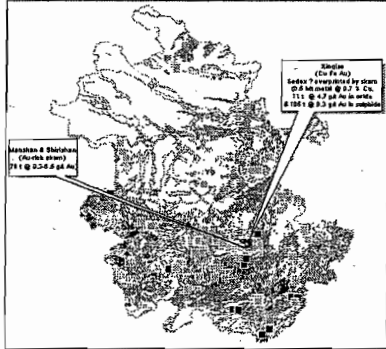
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Lead, zinc, copper and gold deposits, Hubei

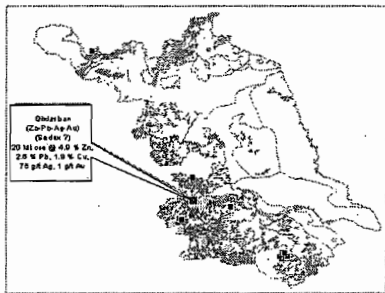


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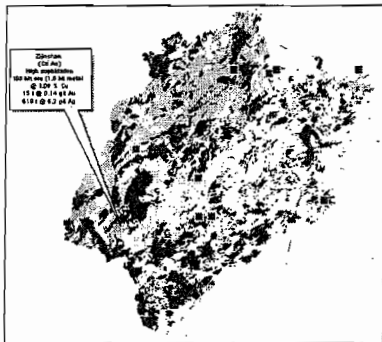
Lead, zinc, copper and gold deposits, Anhui

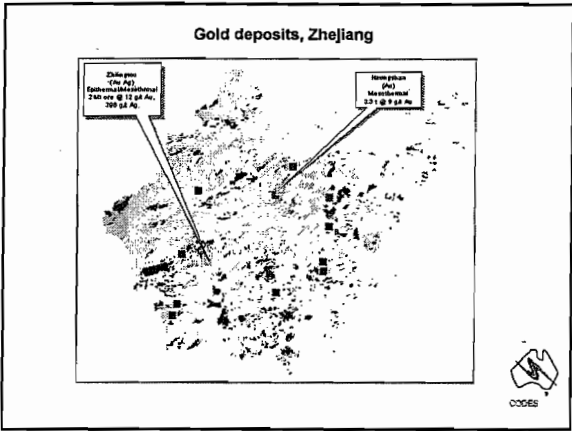


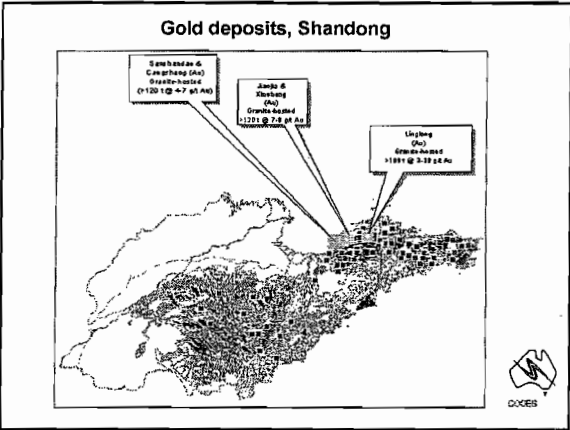
Lead, zinc, copper and gold deposits, Jiangsu



Gold deposits, Fujian Province







Summary

- Compilation of geology database for Yunnan, Sichuan, Guizhou, Guangxi, Hunan, Guangdong, Jiangxi, Hubei, Anhui, Jiangsu, Fujian, Zhejiang and Shandong provinces have been completed.
- CD-ROMs are delivered to the sponsors.
- Mineral deposit database for the above provinces have been compiled.
- Yunnan has at least five different styles of lead-zinc mineralisation (e.g., Sedex, VHMS, skarn, vein/breccia).
- Yunnan also has potential for Carlin type gold, porphyry, sedex Cu and mafic-ultramafic hosted Ni-Cu deposits



Summary

- Sichuan has potential for VHMS, Carlin type gold, porphyry, and mafic-ultramafic hosted Ni-Cu deposits
- Guizhou and Guangxi (part of Southern Golden Triangle) have Carlin type gold, Sn-W-sulphides (e.g., Dachang) and possibly of Sedex (e.g., Shiding)
- Yanshanian granite-related Sn-W-Bi-Au-base metal sulphide deposits are widespread in Hunan and Guangdong.
- Guangdong has Sedex deposits (e.g. Dabaoshan, Fankou) and mylonite-hosted, mesothermal Au deposits



Summary

- Jiangxi province has vein-type W-Sn-Bi-Be-sulphide deposits and the largest porphyry Cu deposit in China (Dexing: 6.5 Mt metal @ 0.43 % Cu, 0.02 % Mo, 0.16 g/t Au and 1.9 g/t Ag)
- Jiangxi also has world class Sedex/skam deposits such as Chengmenshan and Wushan (4 Mt metal @ 0.76-1.4 % Cu, 124 t @ 0.25-0.5 g/ Au)
- Similar skarn Cu-Au deposits (e.g., Tonglushan, Shitouzui, Jiguanzui, Xinqiao, Manshan, Shizishan) are also found in Hubei, Anhui and Jalngsu along the Lower to Middle Yangtze River metallogenic belt



Summary

- Fujian and Zhejiang provinces cover South China foldbelt along the margin of the Yangtze Craton and characterised by well-developed Yanshanian intrusive to subvolcanic rocks.
- The most important examples are porphyry/high-sulphidation Zijinshan deposit in Fujian (1.6 Mt metal @ 1.09 % Cu, 15 t @ 0.14 g/t Au, 619 t @ 6.2 g/t Ag) and Epithermal-mesothermal transition deposits in Zhejiang (e.g., Zhilongtou)
- Shandong province is a major producer of Au in China with reserves of >900 t Au and has unique world class granitoid-hosted Au deposits (e.g., Linglong, Sanshandao, Jiaojia, >100 Au @ 3-30 g/t Au av. > 5 g/t Au).



Summary

• We successfully integrated the geology, tectonic and metallogenic relations of South China in this project.

• South China is rich in mineral resources and has the potential for world class ore discovery; in addition to existing ore types such as VHMS, Sedex, skarn, potential for new mineralisation style such as IOCG (Iron Oxide Copper Gold)

• Similarly North China is rich in minerals. Many giant base metal deposits such as Balyinchang VHMS and Dongshenmio Sedex) and porphyry (Yulong), Ni-Cu-Pt-Pd (Jinchuan), Carlin type and orogenic Au deposits are located in North China Craton and in the suture zone along the South and North China Cratons



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Summary

• It is imperative to undertake similar studies for North China Craton to understand palaeogeographic, tectonic and metallogenic relation of formation of the giant ore deposits of China during the collision and amalgamation of South China and North China Cratons



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