





# Ballarat Gold Operations Model to Mill

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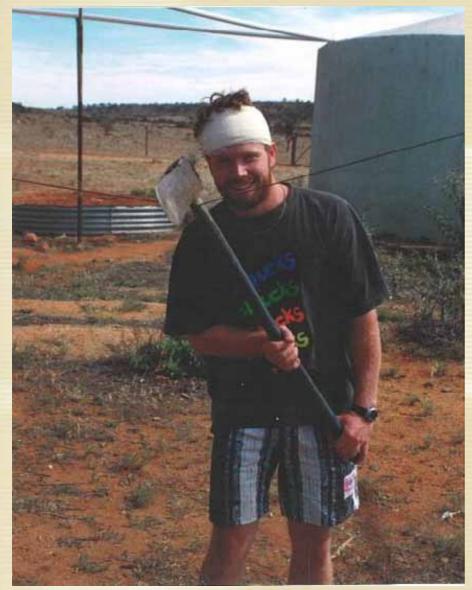
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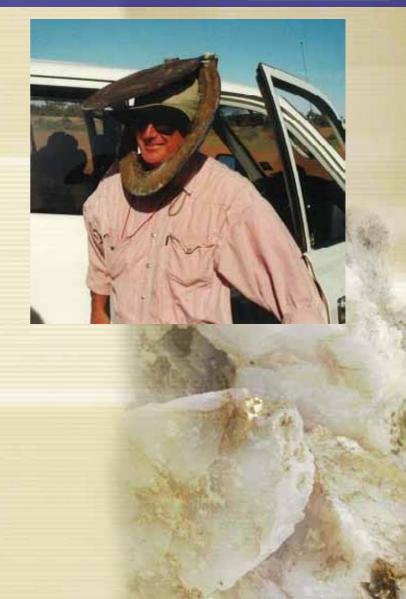
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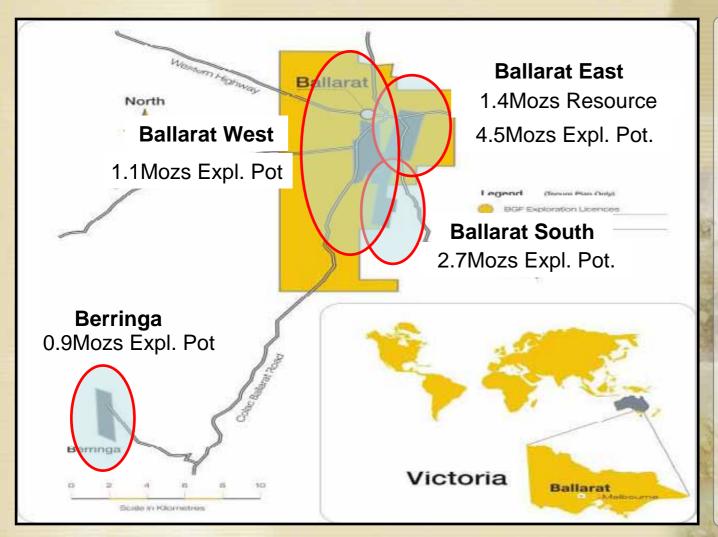






### Location, Victoria, ~ 80Mozs



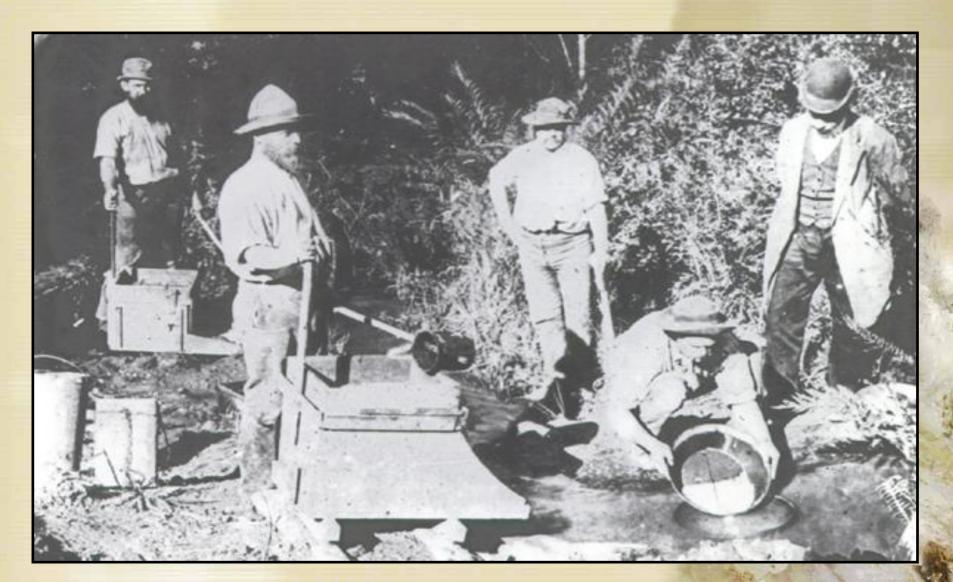


- Victoria mined ~80Moz
- Ballarat mined ~12Mozs
- •BGF listed in 1985
- •Tenements consolidated in 1985 – 2005
- Merged with Lihir2007



### 1850's Boom

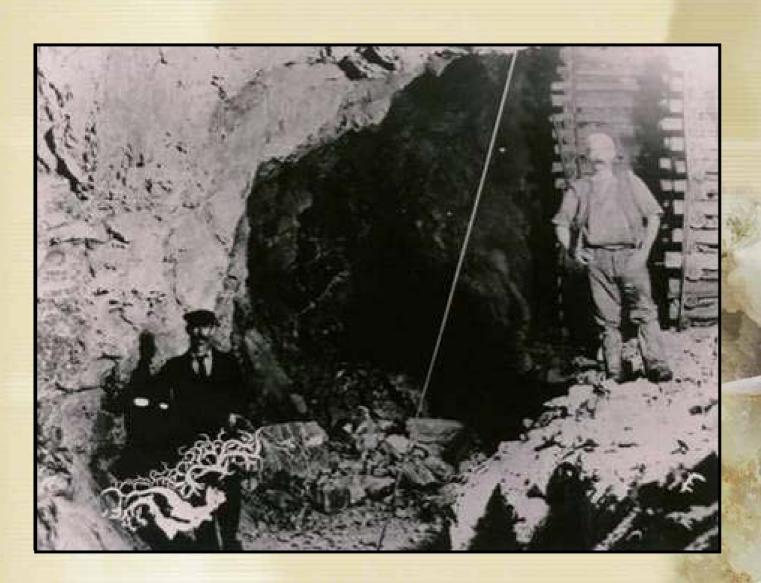






## Mining ~ 1870s

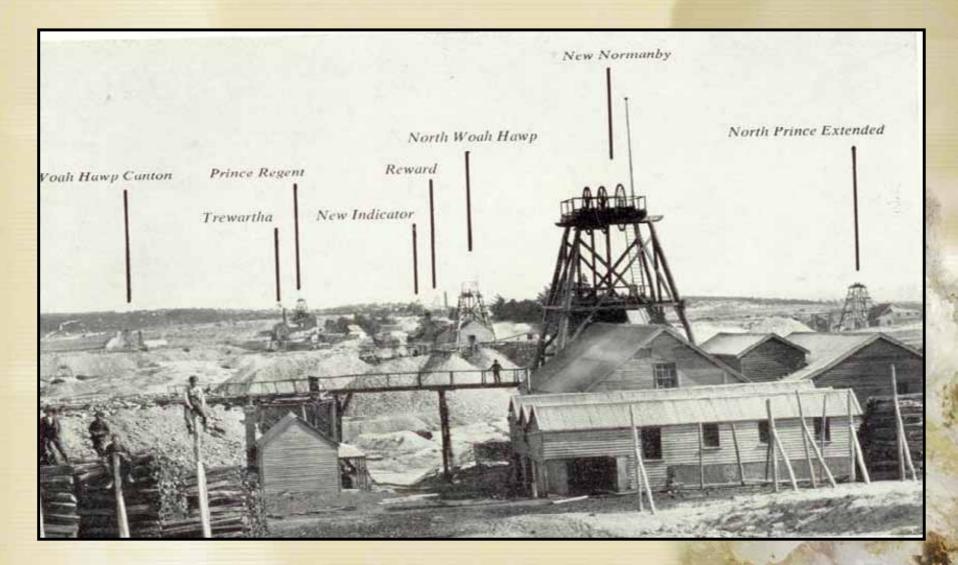






### Ballarat - Then









## Historical Reconstruction



### Starting out in 3D

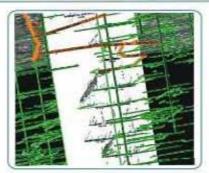


#### Ballarat Goldfields N.L.

#### Construction of the regional exploration potential at Ballarat



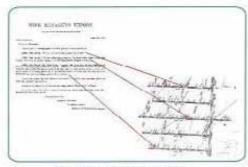
Geochemical overprint from alluvial workings



1890 to 1910 geological survey of Victoria mapping



Construction of regional geology and gold deposits

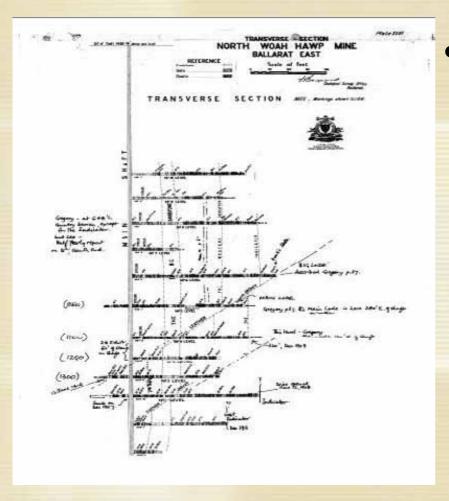


Mine managers reports



### Historical interpretation



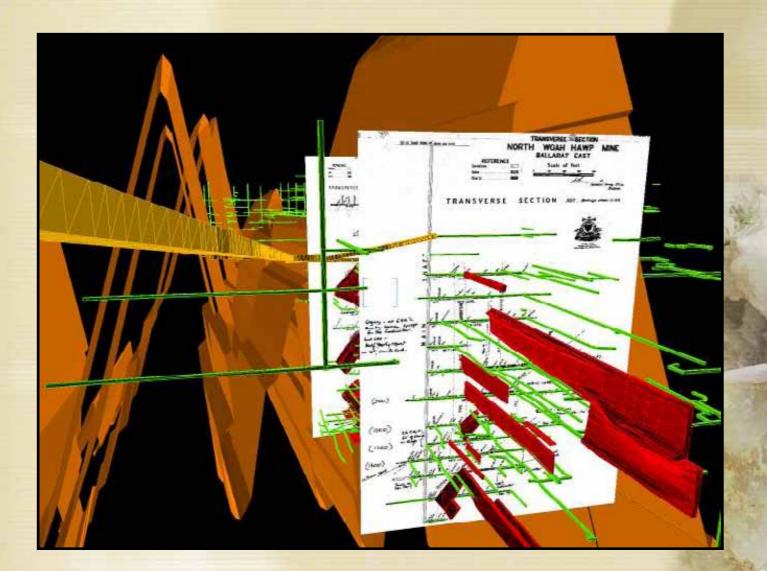


Historically interpreted and mapped units in old Geological Survey reports



### Geological Model - Construction







## Ballarat- a city built on mining

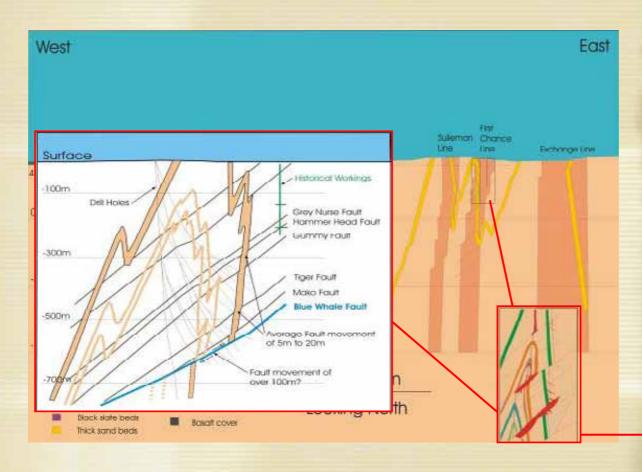






### Regional Geology





### **FOLDS**

- Upright
- Tight
- Inclined to the east
- Often with faulting or quartz veining around the hinge
- First Chance most important

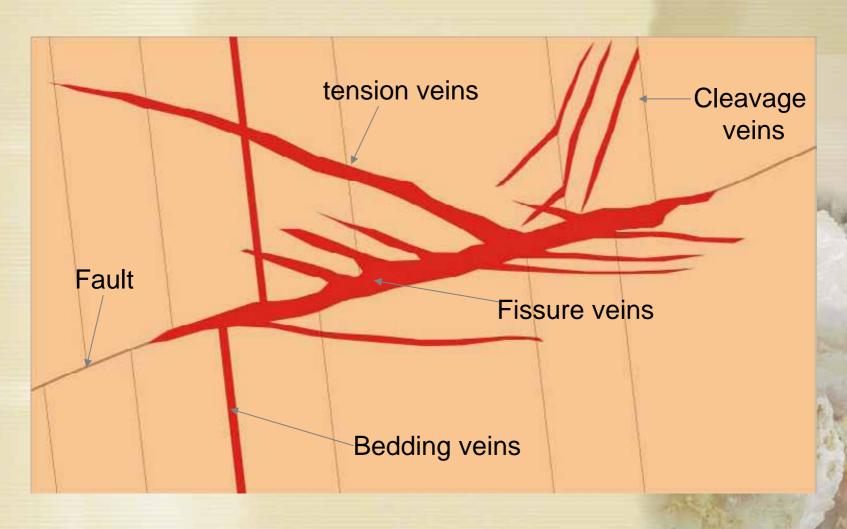
### FAULTS

- West-dipping thrusts (east limbs)
- Repeat every 20-60 metres
- Variable throw and thickness
- Blue Whale extr<mark>emely important</mark>



### Veining

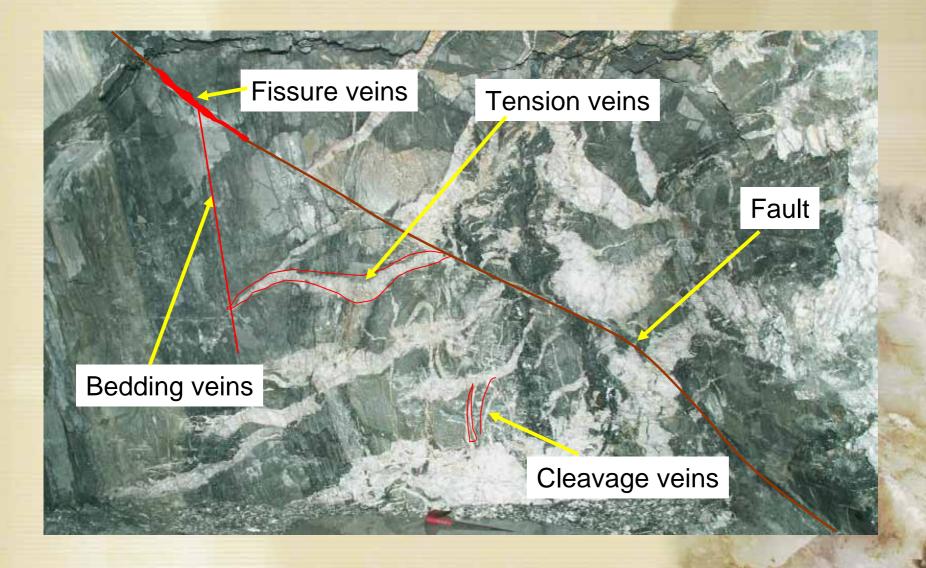






### Typical small shoot

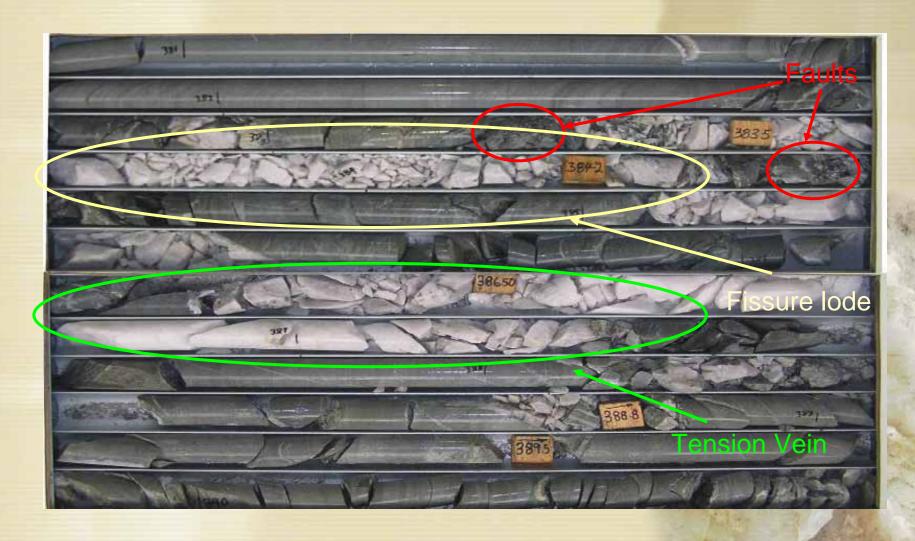






# Fault with fissure and tension veins

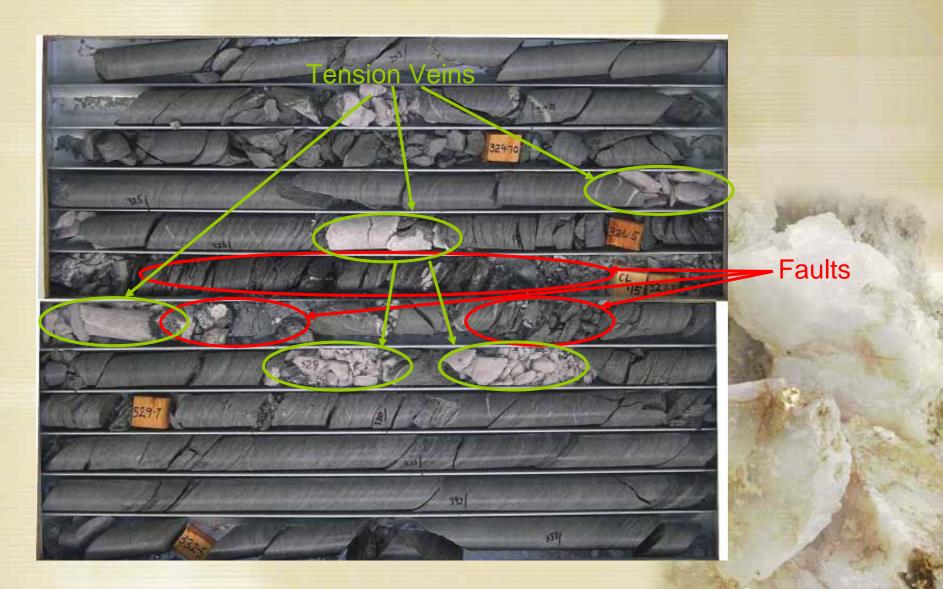






### Fault with tension veins

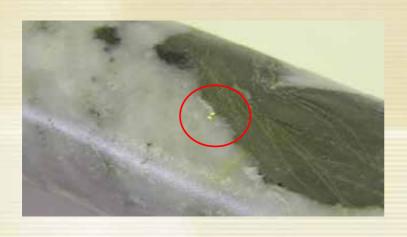






### **GOLD**





- Visible gold is common in the drill core
- <1mm up to 3mm in size</p>







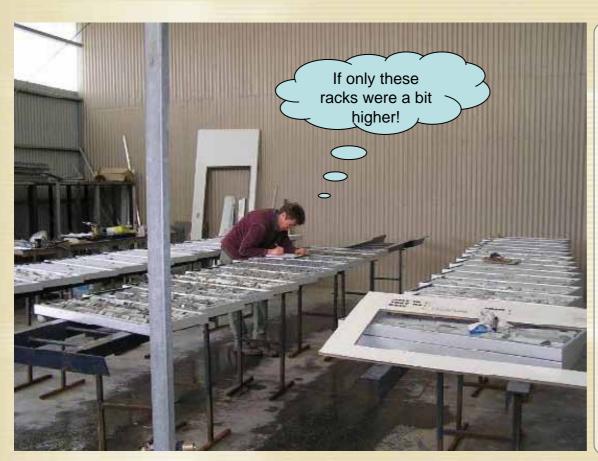
# Core Handling and Logging

Then and Now



### Old core shed





- Core racks were converted metal ladders
- A lot of manual handling
- Cramped space
- Slip and trip hazards
- Centre for large amount of vehicle movement



### Old method of logging



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- Every unit logged
- Data entered manually into an Access database
- Time consuming and inefficient
- Variation between descriptions
- Made interpretation difficult



### New core processing facility



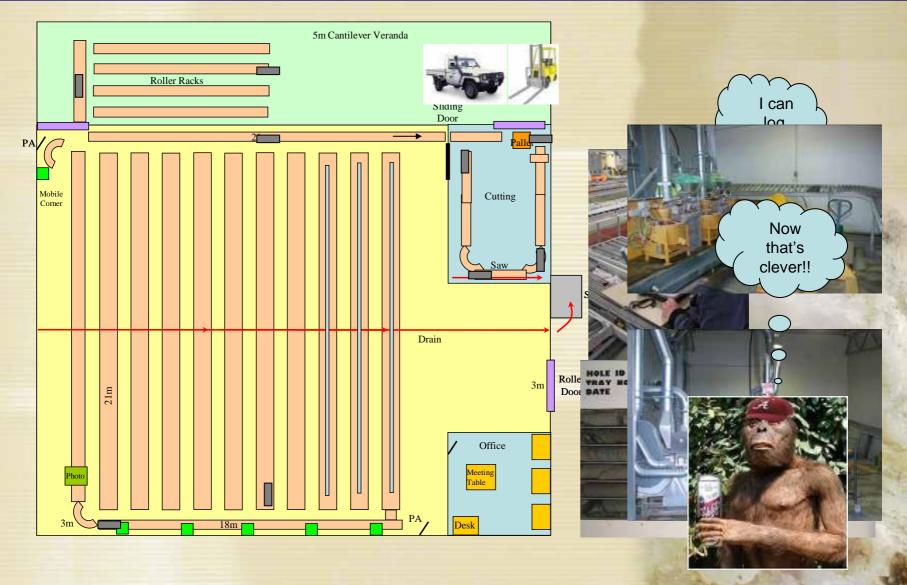


- Brand new state of the art core processing facility
- Designed for a safe and efficient work environment second to none in the mining industry



### Layout of core processing facility







### Initiatives at core facility







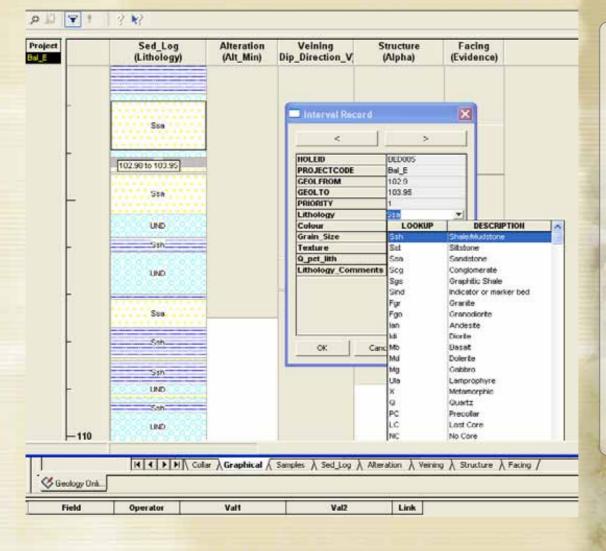






### New hardware and software





- Streamlined process
- AcQuire logging program and database
- Drop down boxes for faster use
- Toughbook PC's
- Wireless network



### New logging method

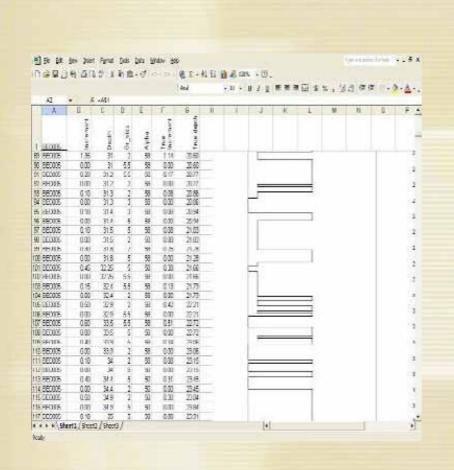


- Linex method
- Only log sand units (macro fills in shale)
- Record grain size
- Quick and efficient
- Data easily processed to a visual form



### Processing of data





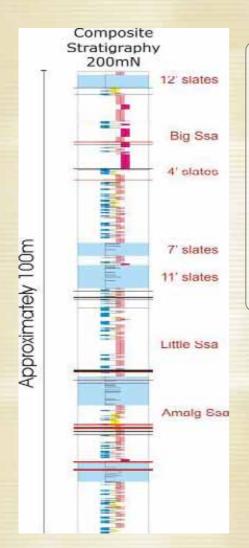


- True thickness graphs created in excel
- Coloured true thickness graph created in CorelDraw



### Generic stratigraphy



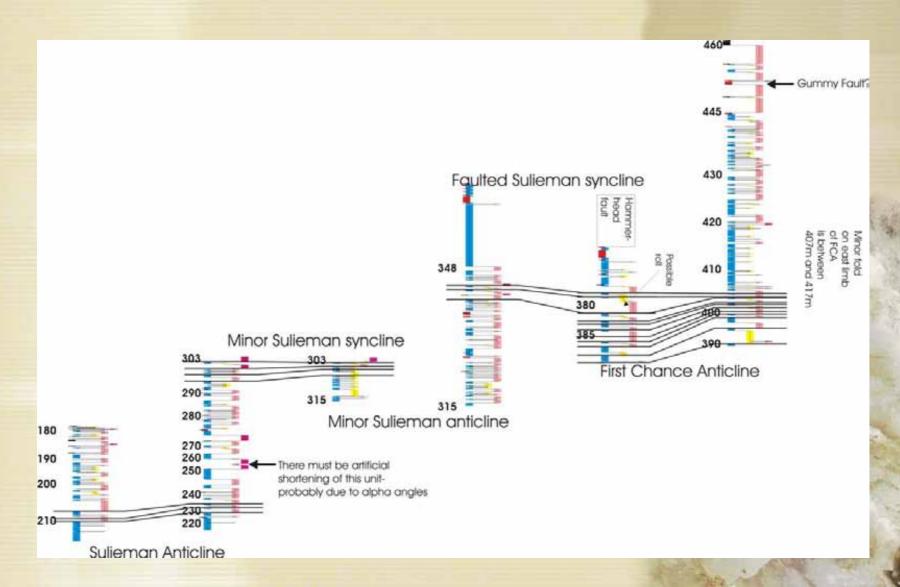


- Sandstones, siltstones, and shales
- Ordovician (Castlemaine Supergroup)
- Marine Turbidites- amalgamated sands / channel facies
- Lack of coarse sands



### Interpretation – single hole

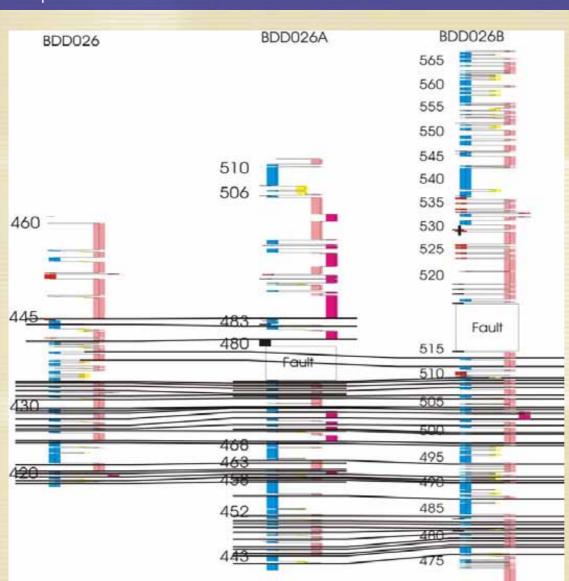






### Interpretation – between holes



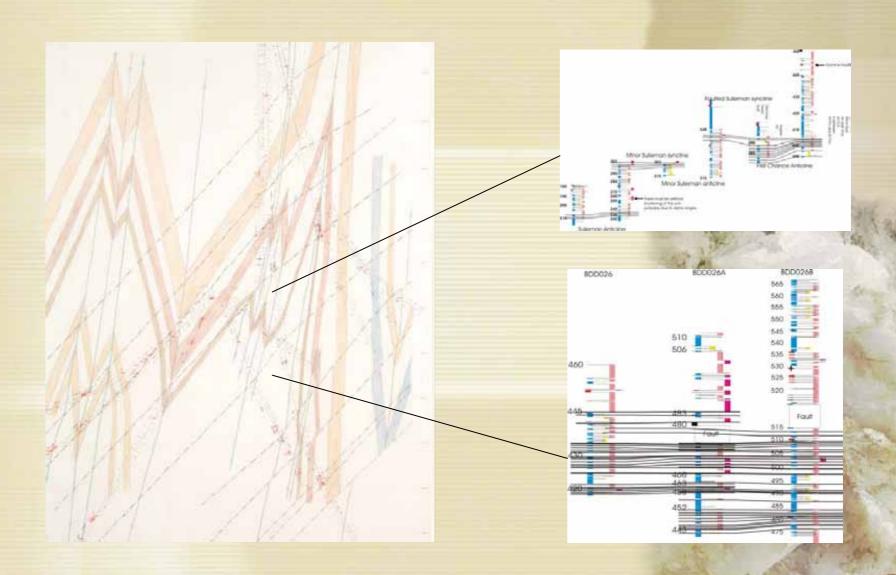






## Completion of paper "L2" section

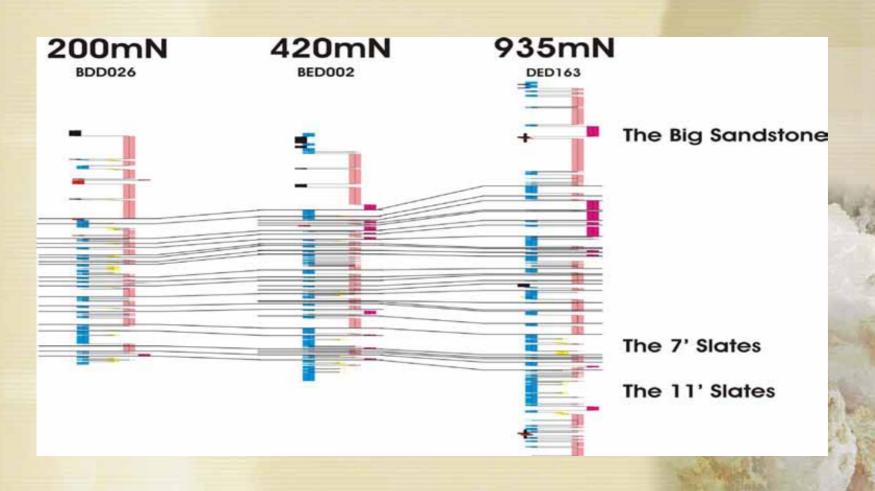






# Interpretation – between drill sections

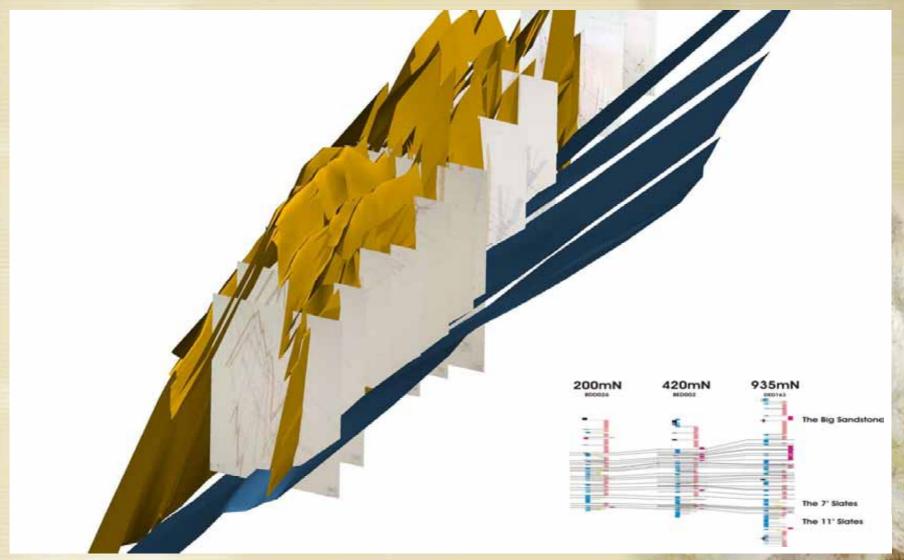






# Paper sections extrapolated to refine model



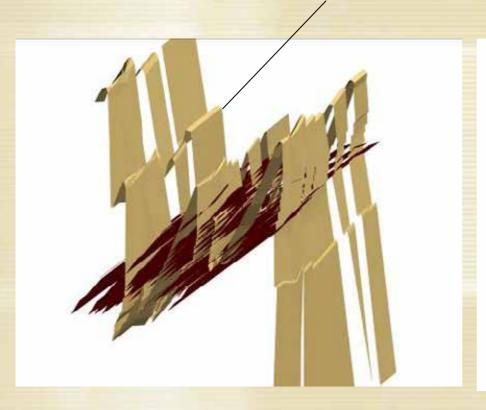


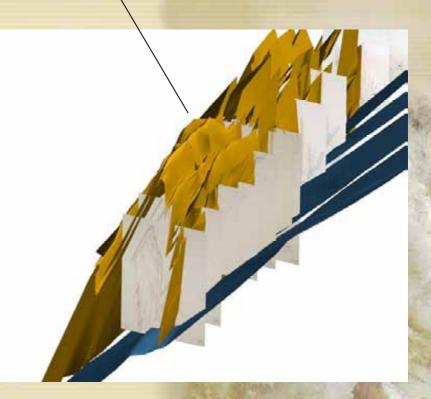


### Improvement to model



### Big Sandstone form surface





2003

2007



### Infrastructure and resources









### Resource Definition

A staged approach

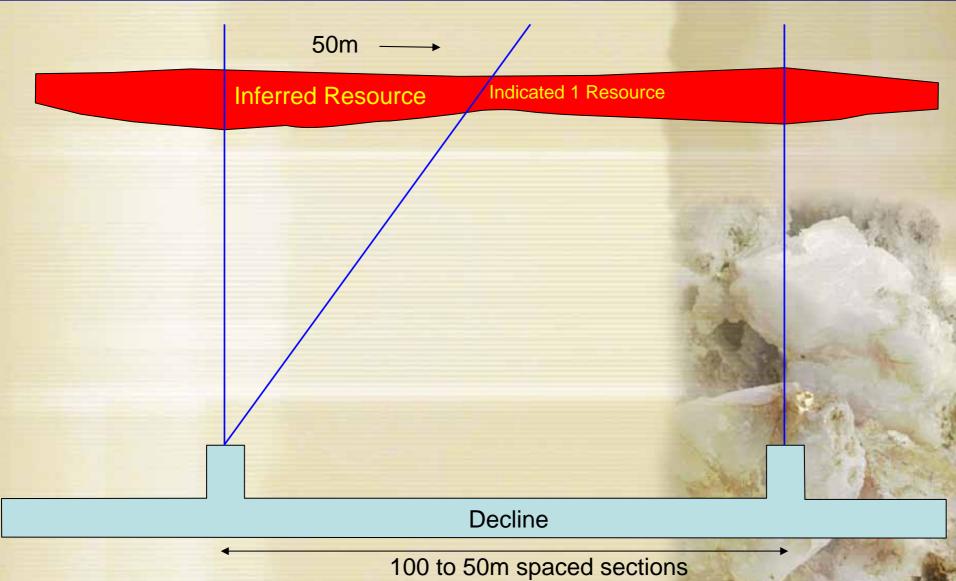




#### L2 drilling - plan view





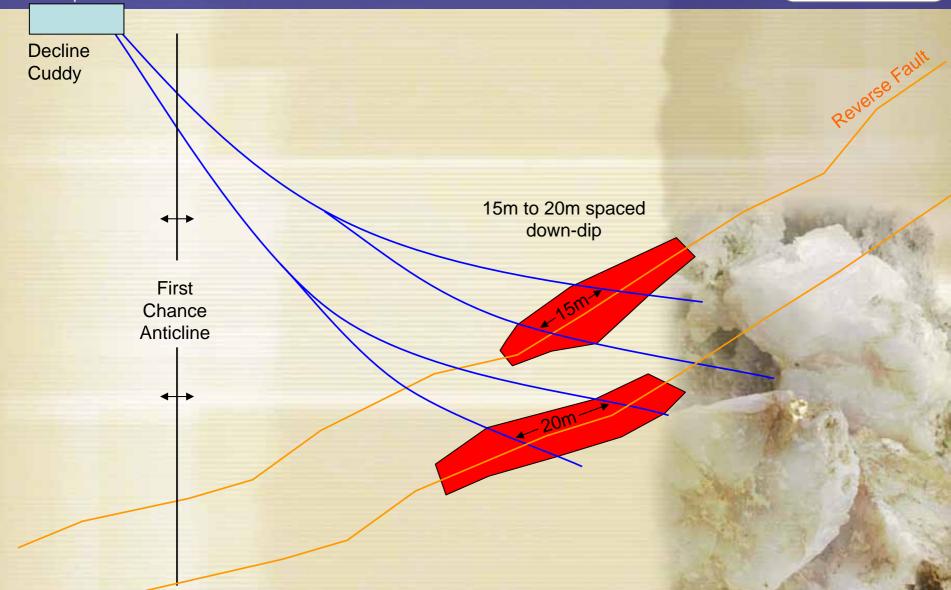




#### L2 drilling – section view

Inferred & Indicated 1 Resources



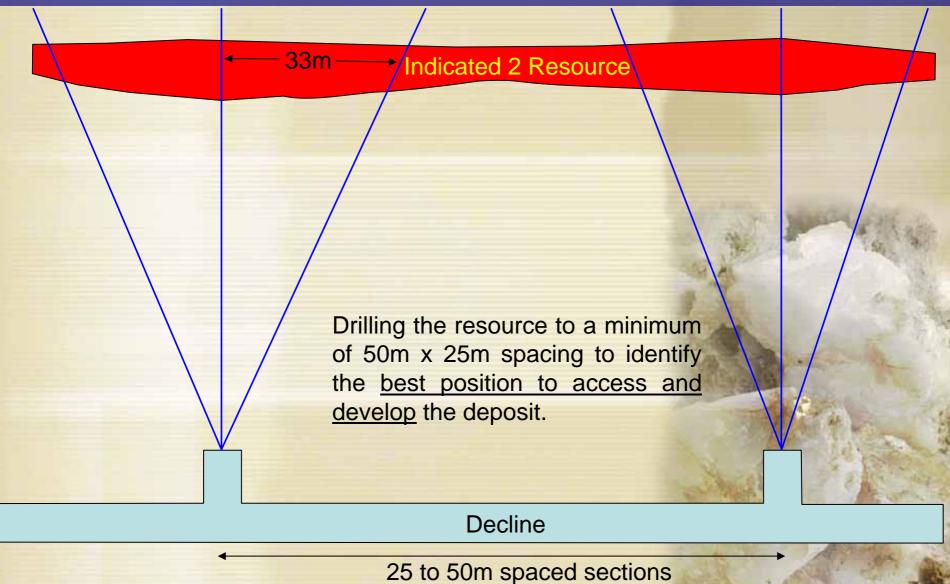




#### L3 drilling – plan view

Indicated 2 Resources



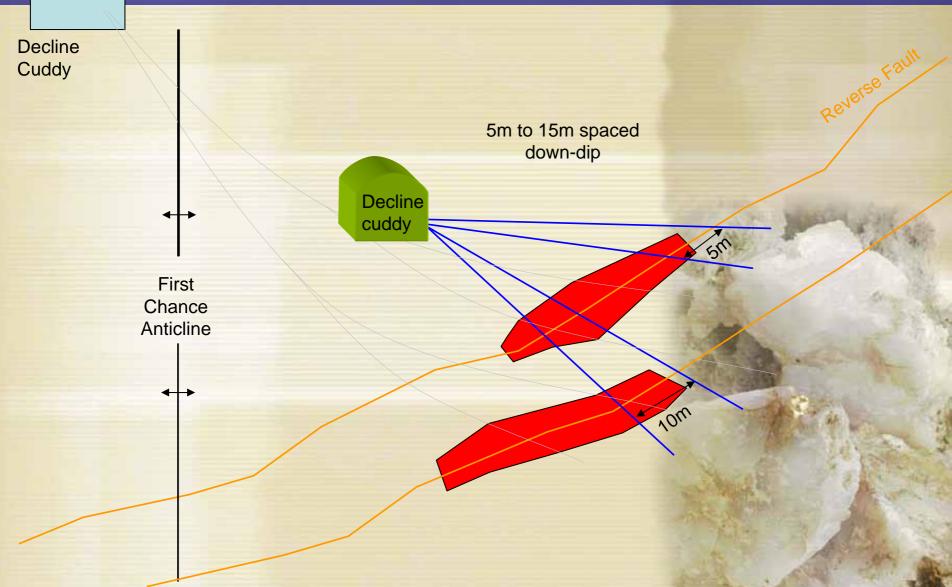




#### L3 drilling – section view

Indicated 2 Resources







#### L4 drilling – plan view



#### Indicated 3 Resource

**Cross-Cut** 

10m

Detailed orebody definition with drill spacing ranging from 10m to 25m.

Detailed stope design and scheduling can only be achieved <u>after</u> this level of resource definition is achieved.

#### **Decline**

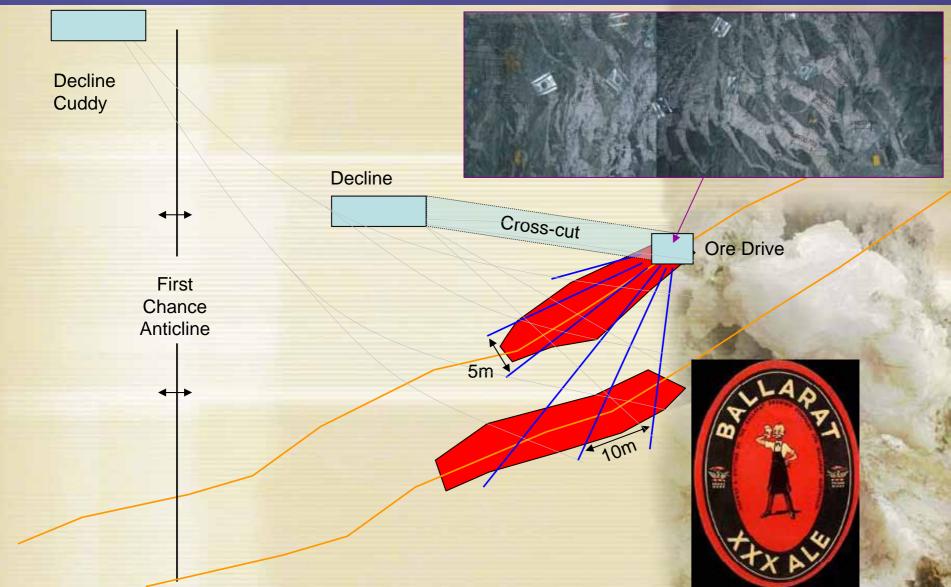
10 to 25m spaced sections



#### L4 drilling – section view

**Indicated 3 Resources** 







# Trial mining







#### Photographic Registration





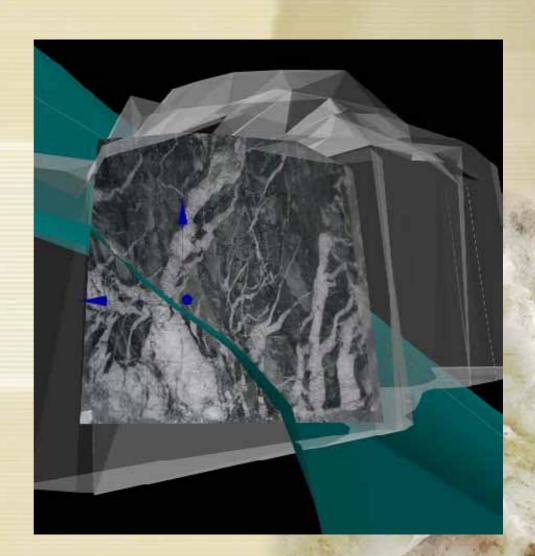


## Model updates from face mapping





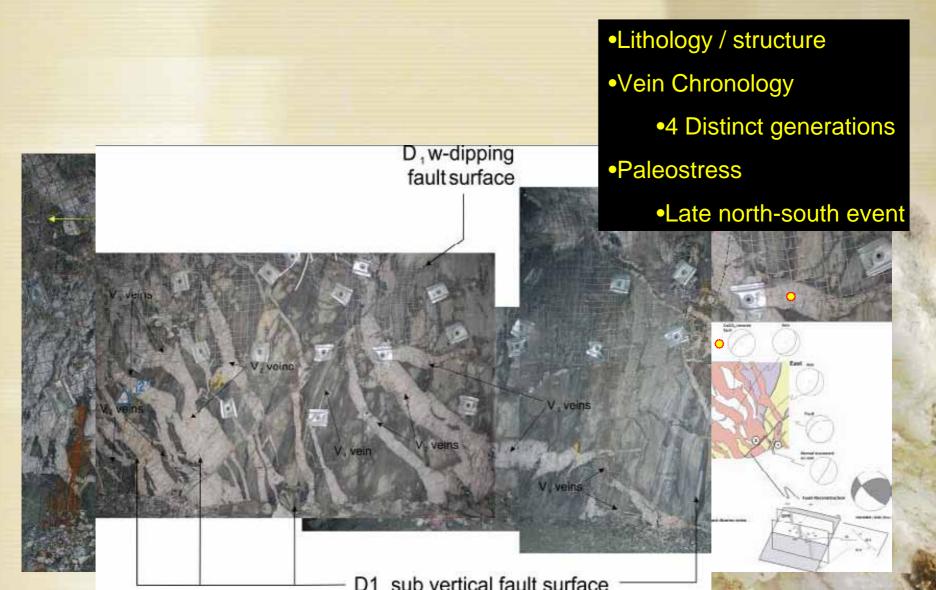






#### Detailed mapping







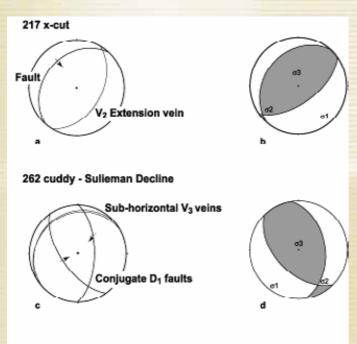
#### Comparative / conceptual models

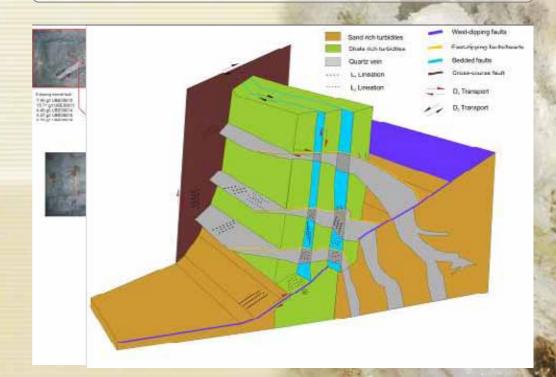


People.Results.Growth.



- Compare stress variations between different areas of the mine
- Correlate vein styles with grab assays
- Identify characteristics of mineralisation







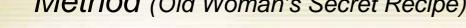
#### In Summary Baking a pudding analogy



#### Ingredients needed for a tasty Orebody......

- Eastern anticlinal limb
- West-dipping fault >throw the better
- Stratigraphic contrast generally also faulted
- Closer to the Blue Whale Fault
- Sub-horizontal east dipping tension veins

Method (Old Woman's Secret Recipe)



- Mix well (multiple phases of vein formation and faulting)
  - Which generation has the high grade?
  - A this stage all indicators are pointing to late vein generation & fault reactivation
- Bake at 250 300°

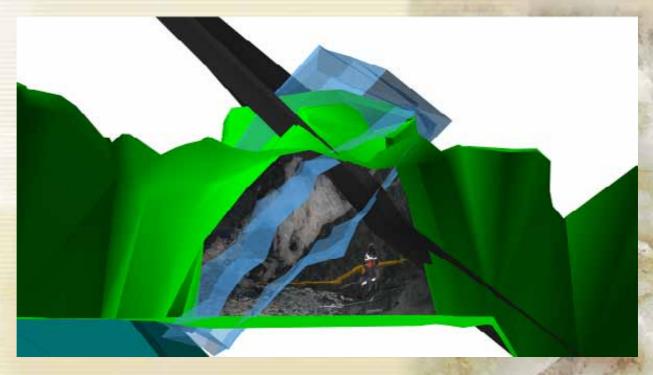




#### Looking forward



- Research and data collection ongoing
- 3D modelling of mineralised veins
- Strain reconstruction and fluid modelling
- Refine the predictive model





## Well on the road to the Holy Grail



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Thank You