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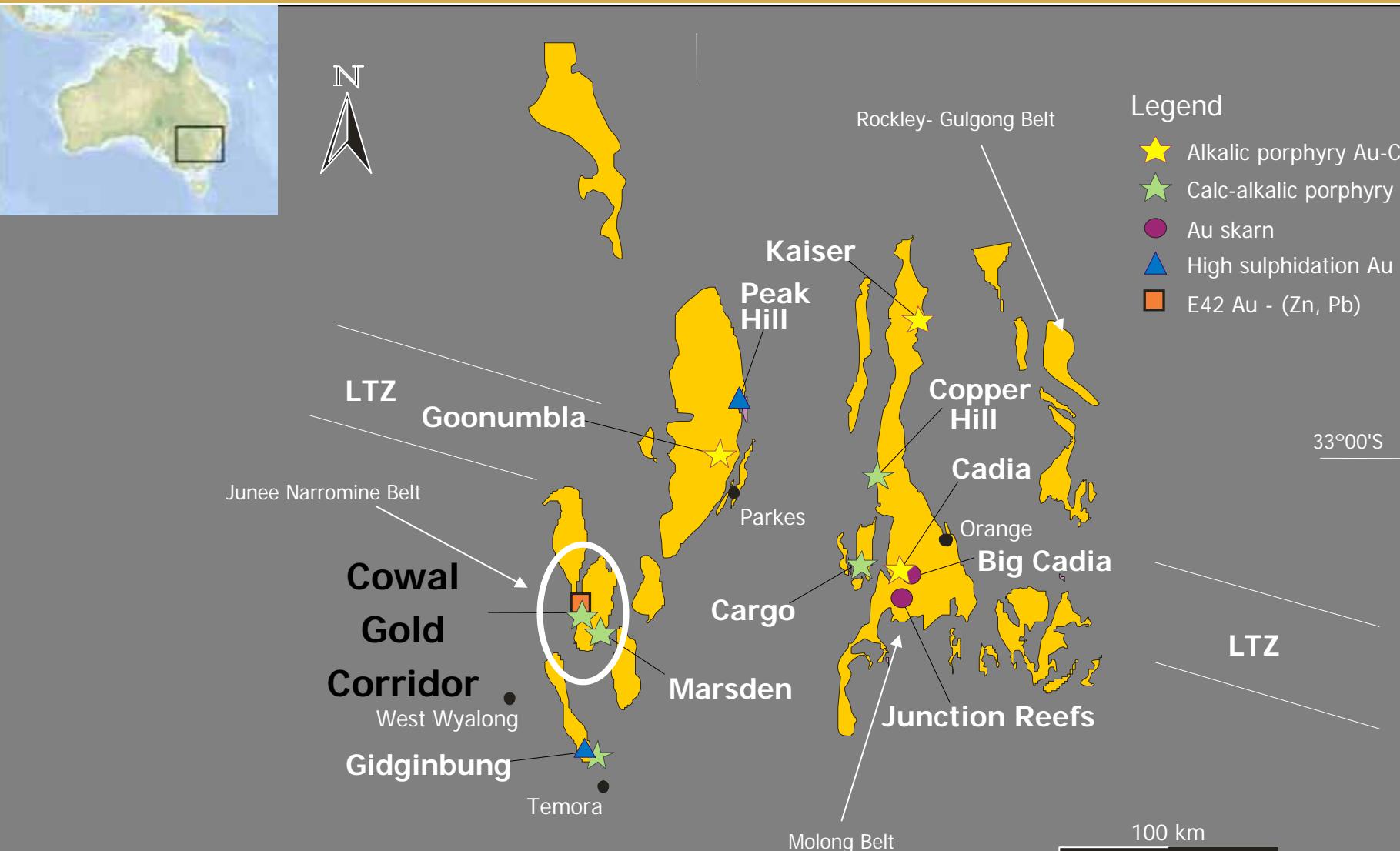
Cowal Gold Corridor
“Opening Other Doors”

- “The Doors” of the Corridor – local geology of Cowal Gold Corridor
- Styles and controls on mineralisation within the Corridor
- Vein paragenesis
- Summary of characteristics of Cowal Gold Corridor and its deposits

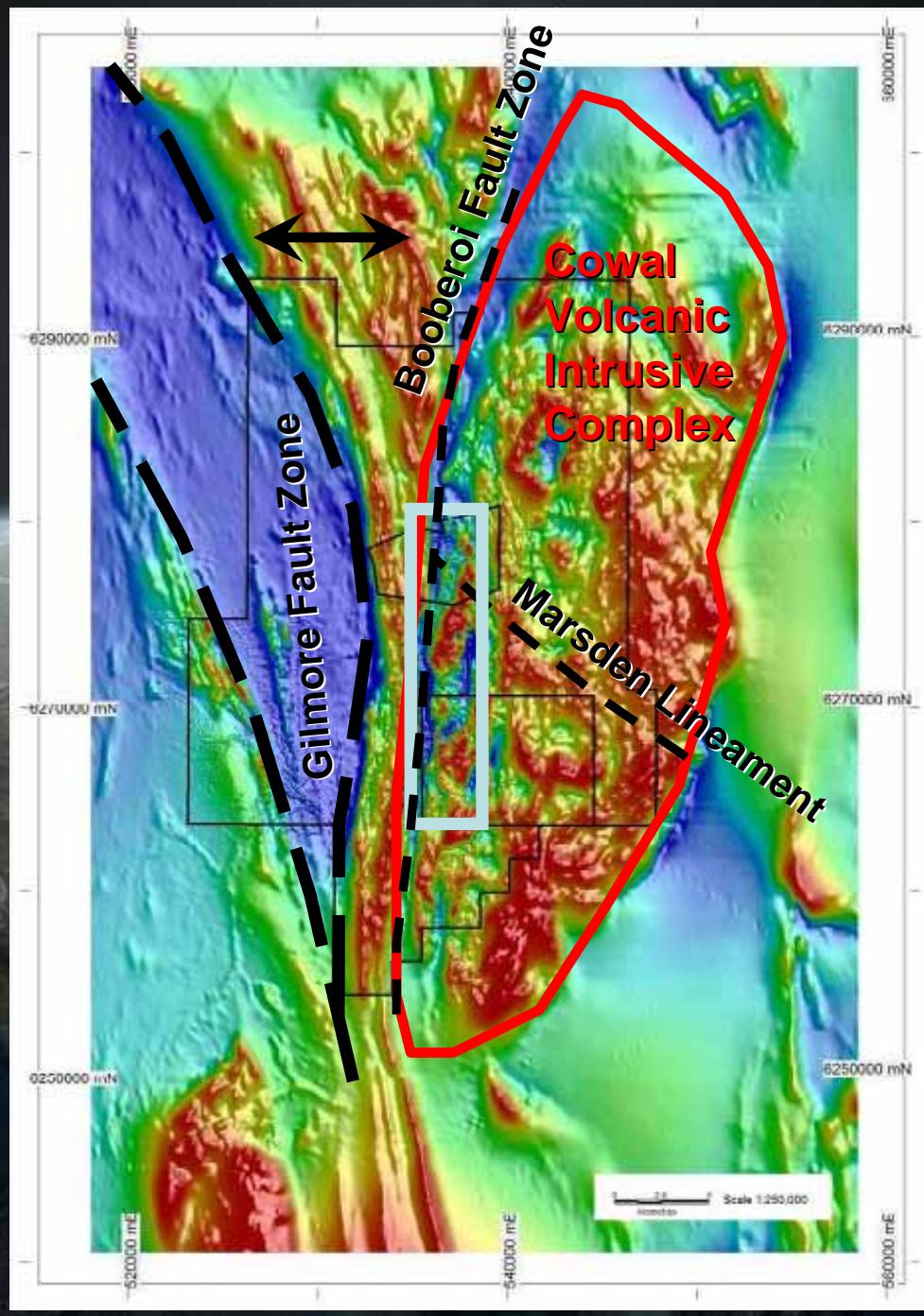
Regional Geology



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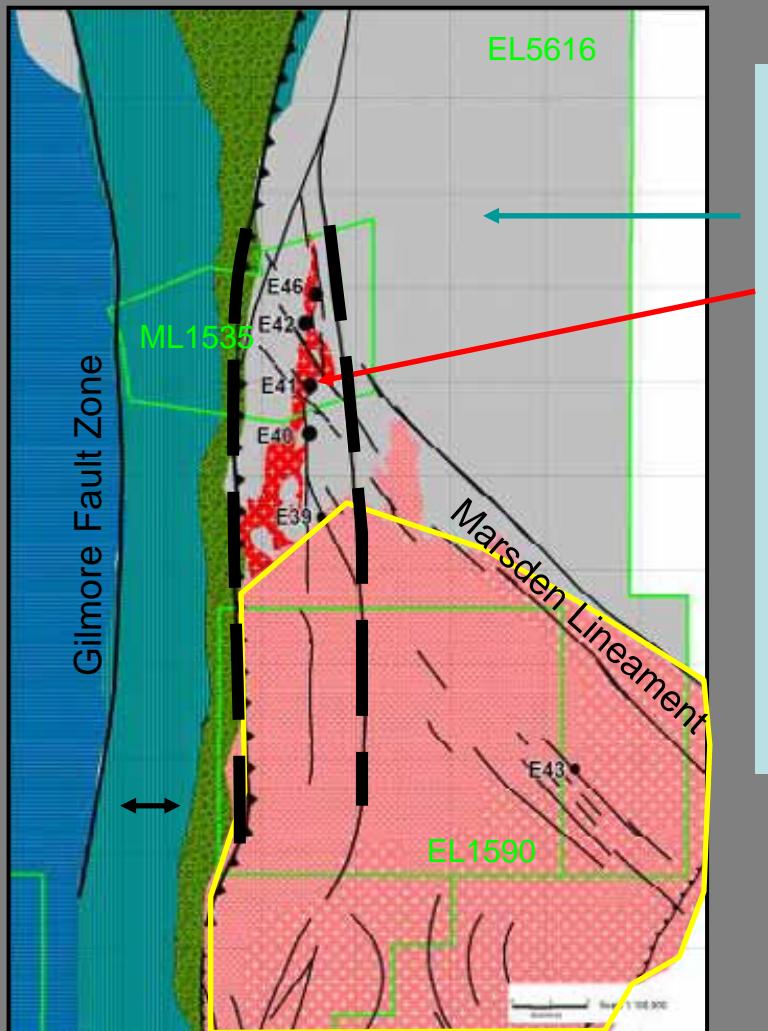
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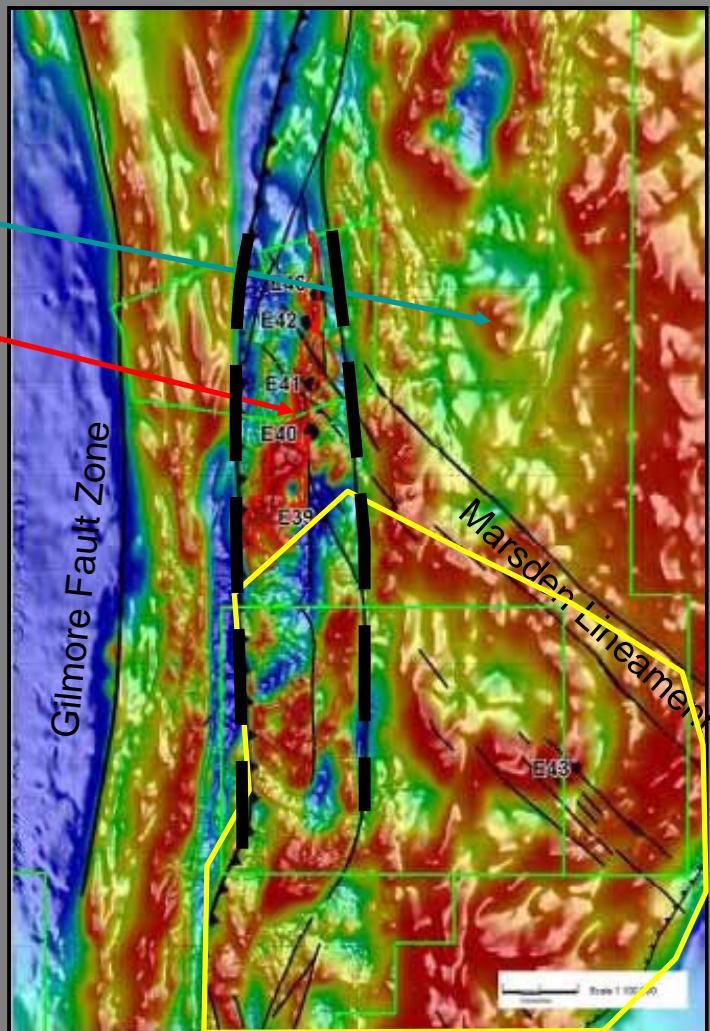
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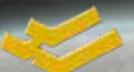
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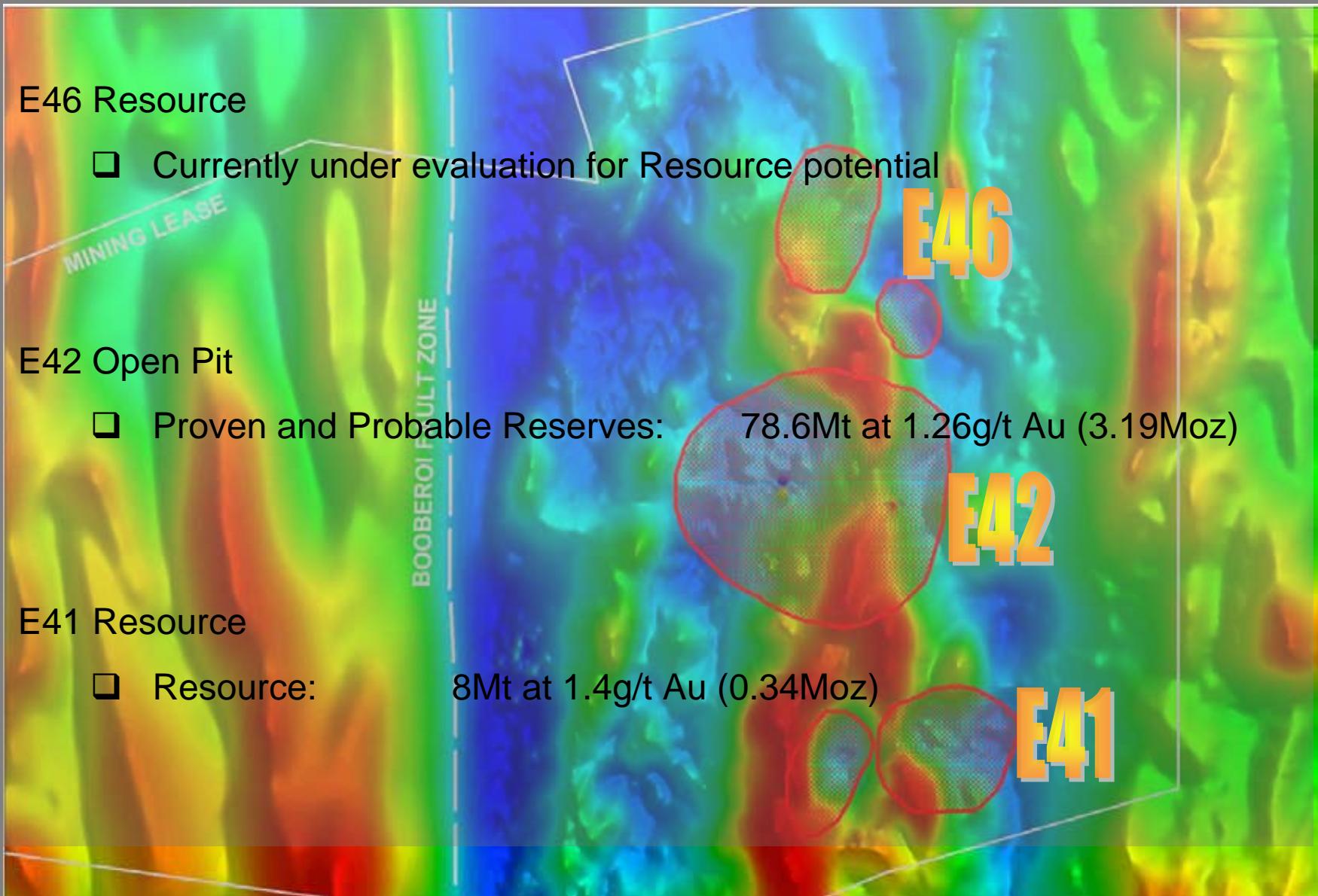
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Volcaniclastics
Muddy Lake Diorite
Phase 2 Intrusion (455 – 467 Ma)
Granodiorite
Phase 3 Intrusion (445-452 Ma)

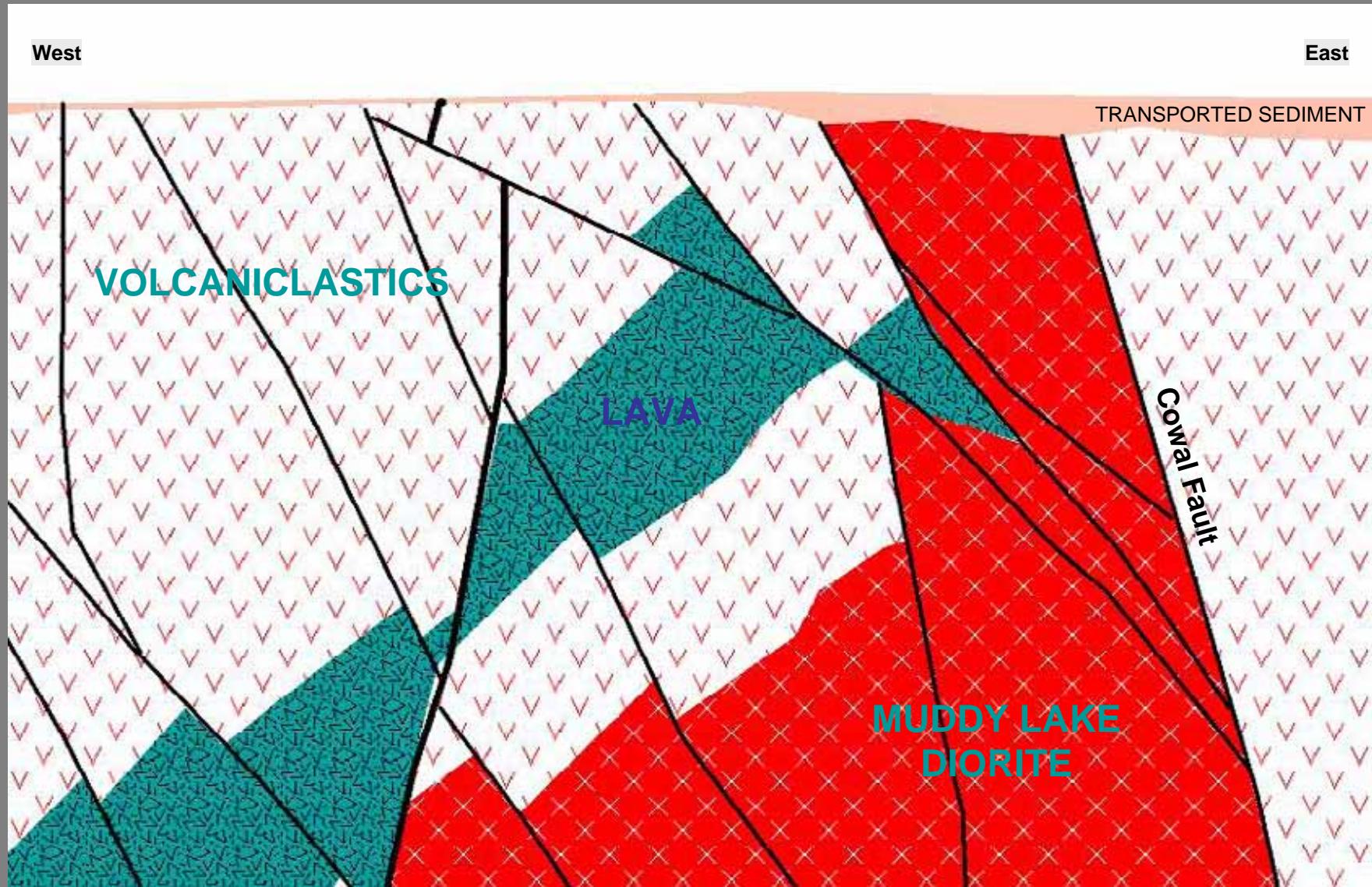


"The Doors" of the Corridor



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Cowal Gold Corridor

Styles of Mineralisation

Supergene Oxide Blanket

Sheeted Vein System

Shear Zone Lode Style

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East Pod

E46
West Pod

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East Pod

E41
J Walker Zone

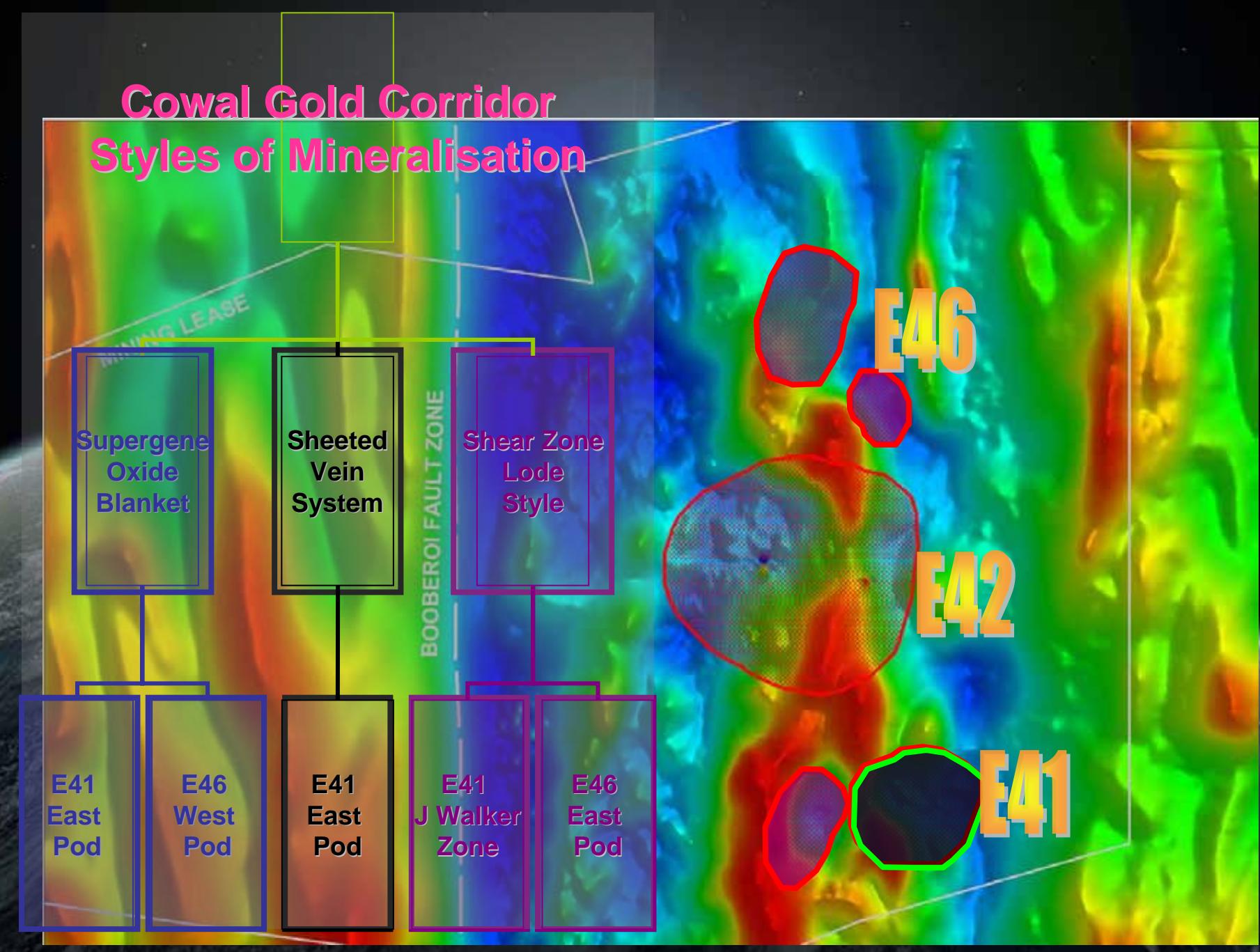
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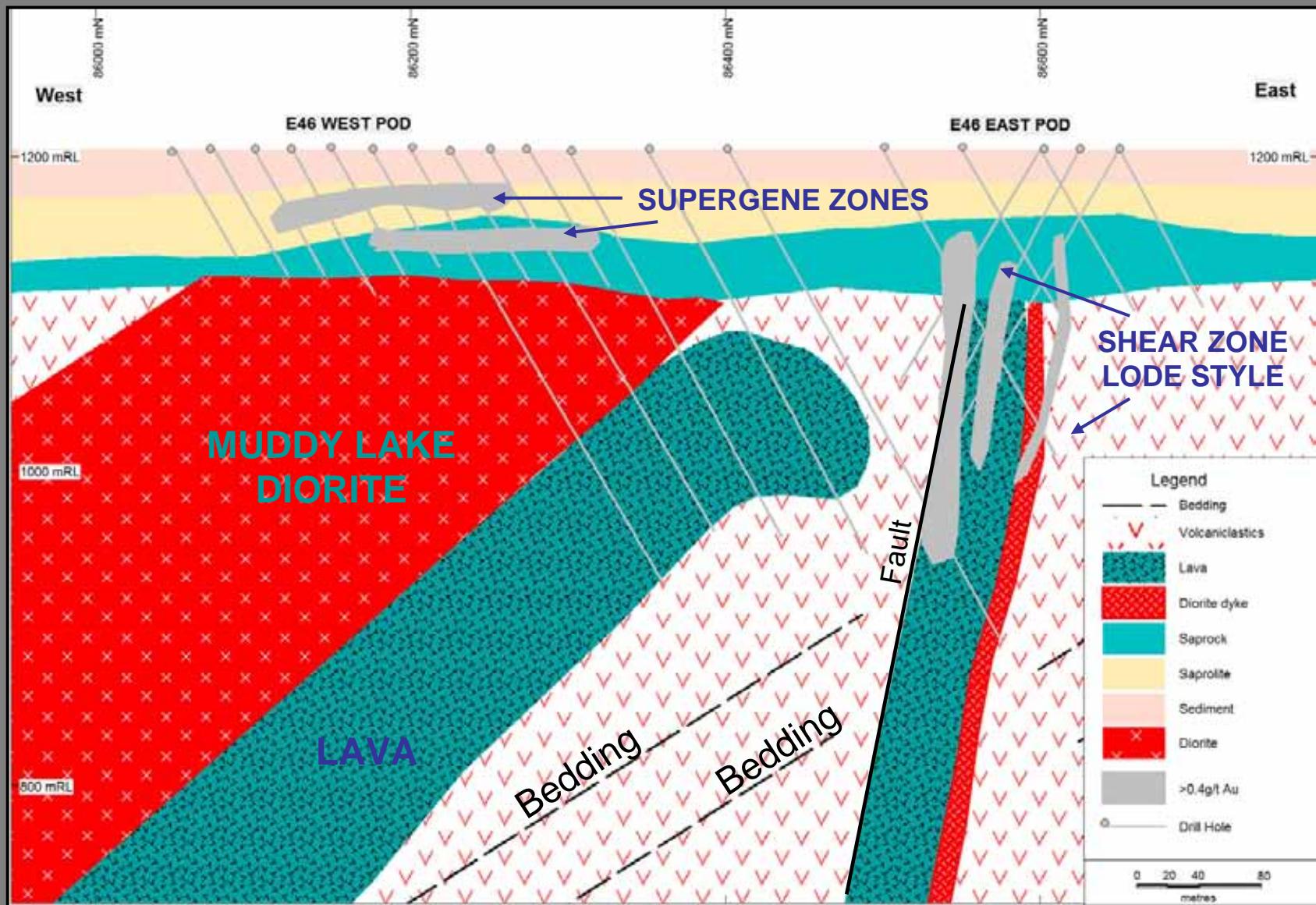
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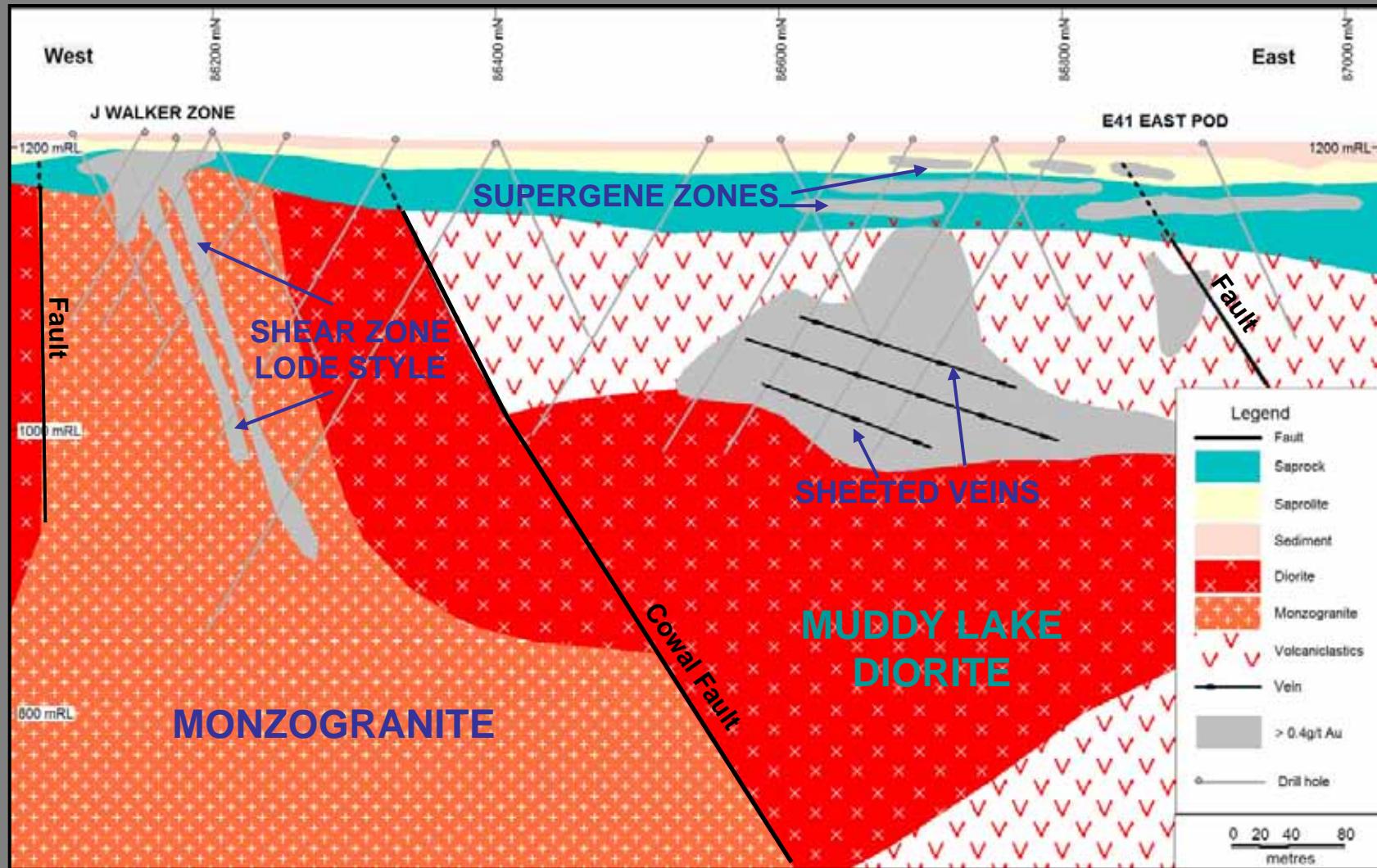
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E41 Geology



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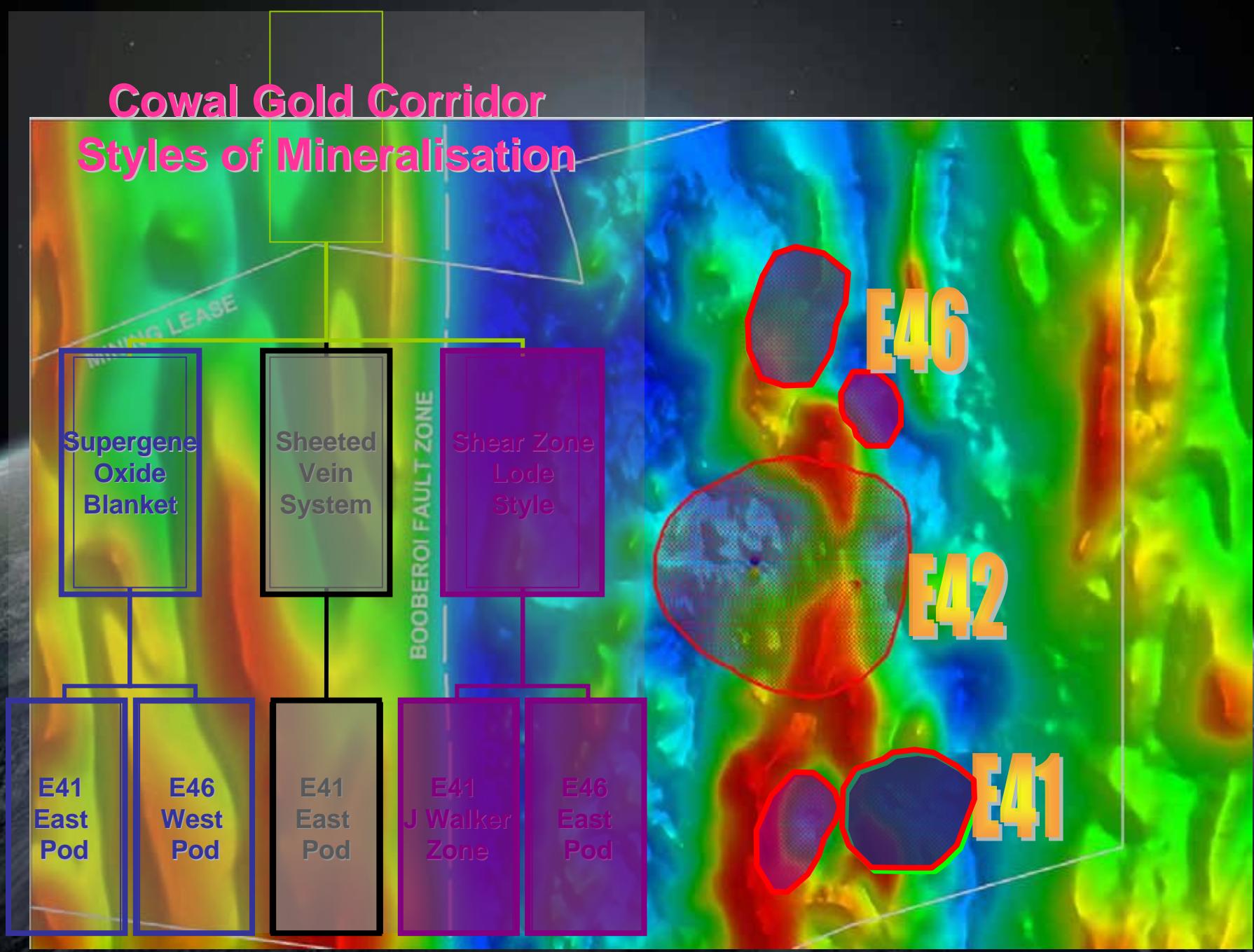
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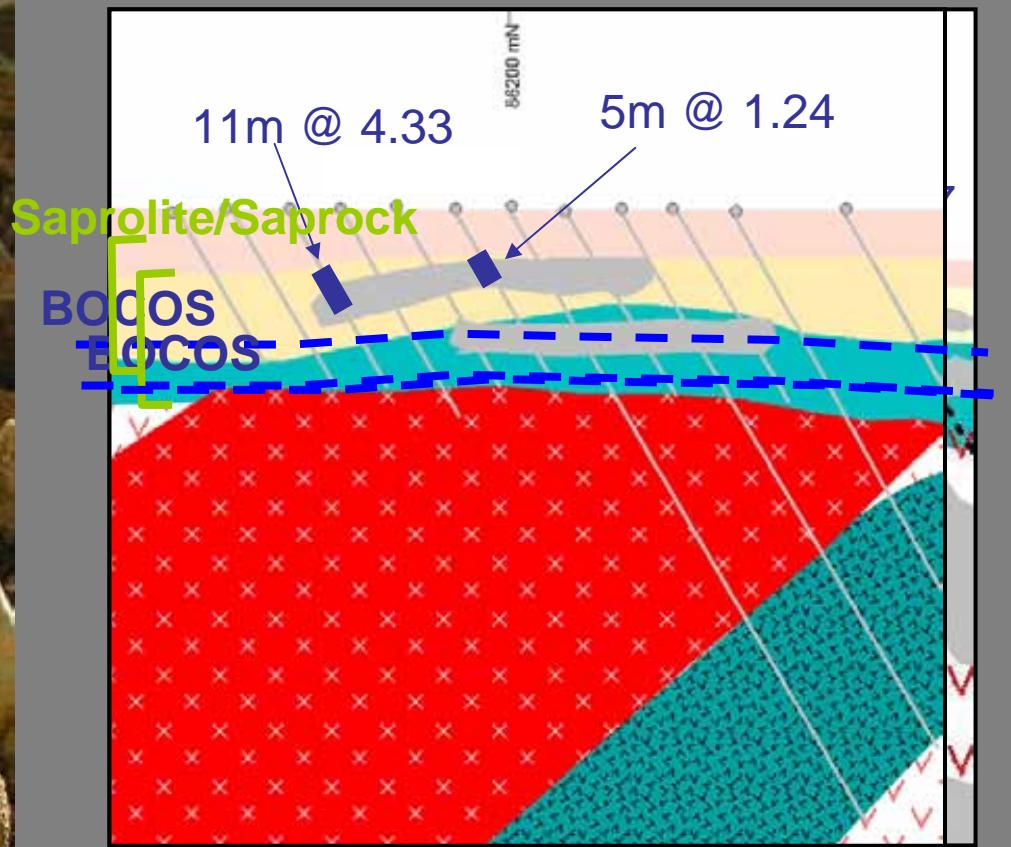


Supergene oxide zones



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- Several hundred metres wide; 1-15m thick
- Associated with dark brown- black goethite stringer veining and goethite rich quartz veins



Cowal Gold Corridor

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Vein
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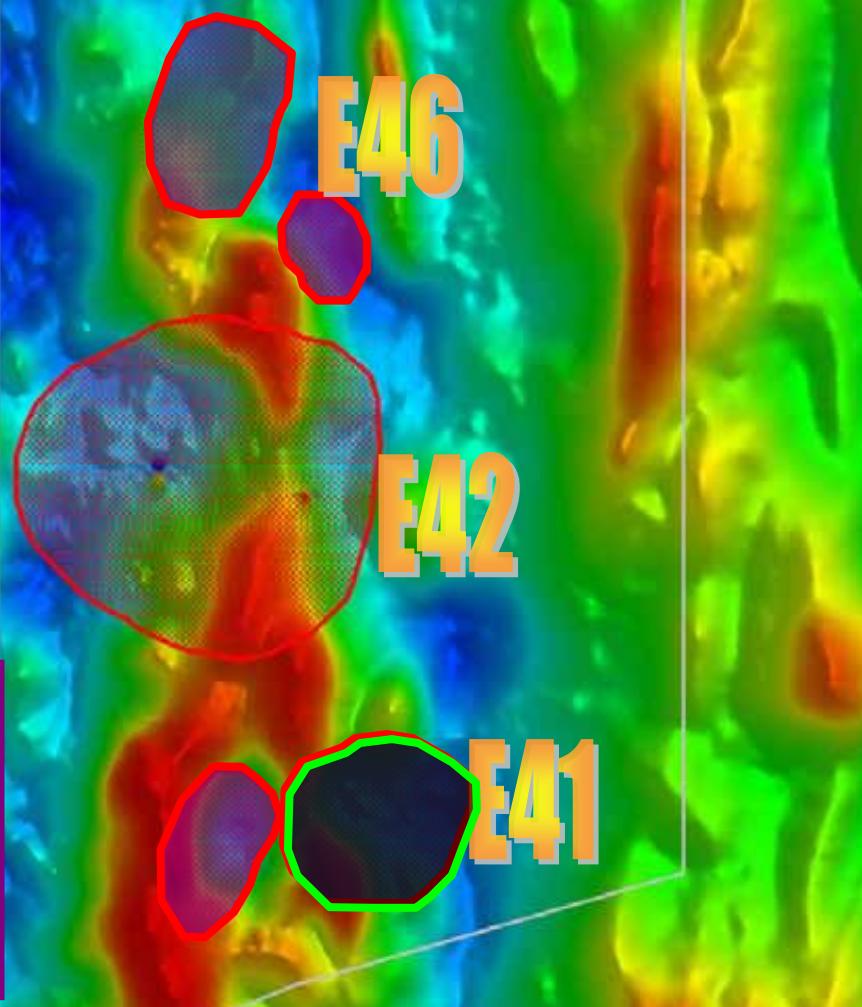
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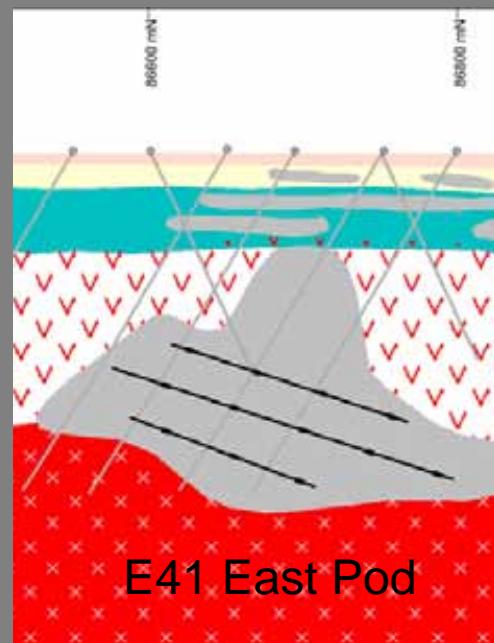
Sheeted Vein Systems



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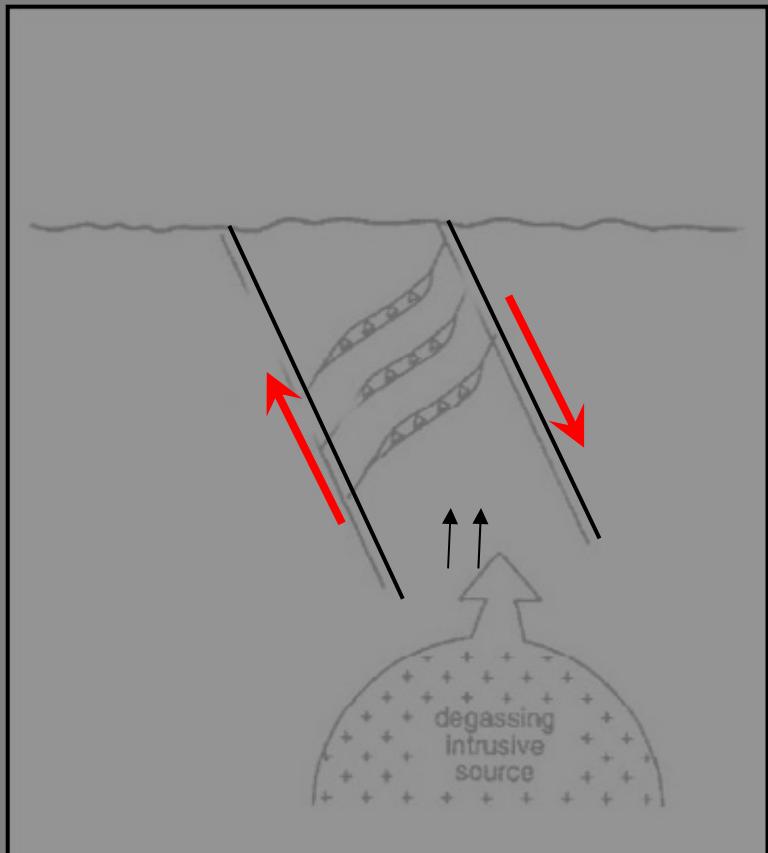
- Moderately dipping dilational veins with disseminated sulphides
- Calc-potassic alteration
- Overprinted by carbonate-base metals
 - e.g. rare sphalerite and galena, mainly chalcopyrite



Sheeted Vein Systems



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- Pre- Au mineralising event
- Rock competency – dilational veins in diorite and volcaniclastics
- Structures
- Degassing deep intrusive source

Adapted from Corbett and Leach, 1998

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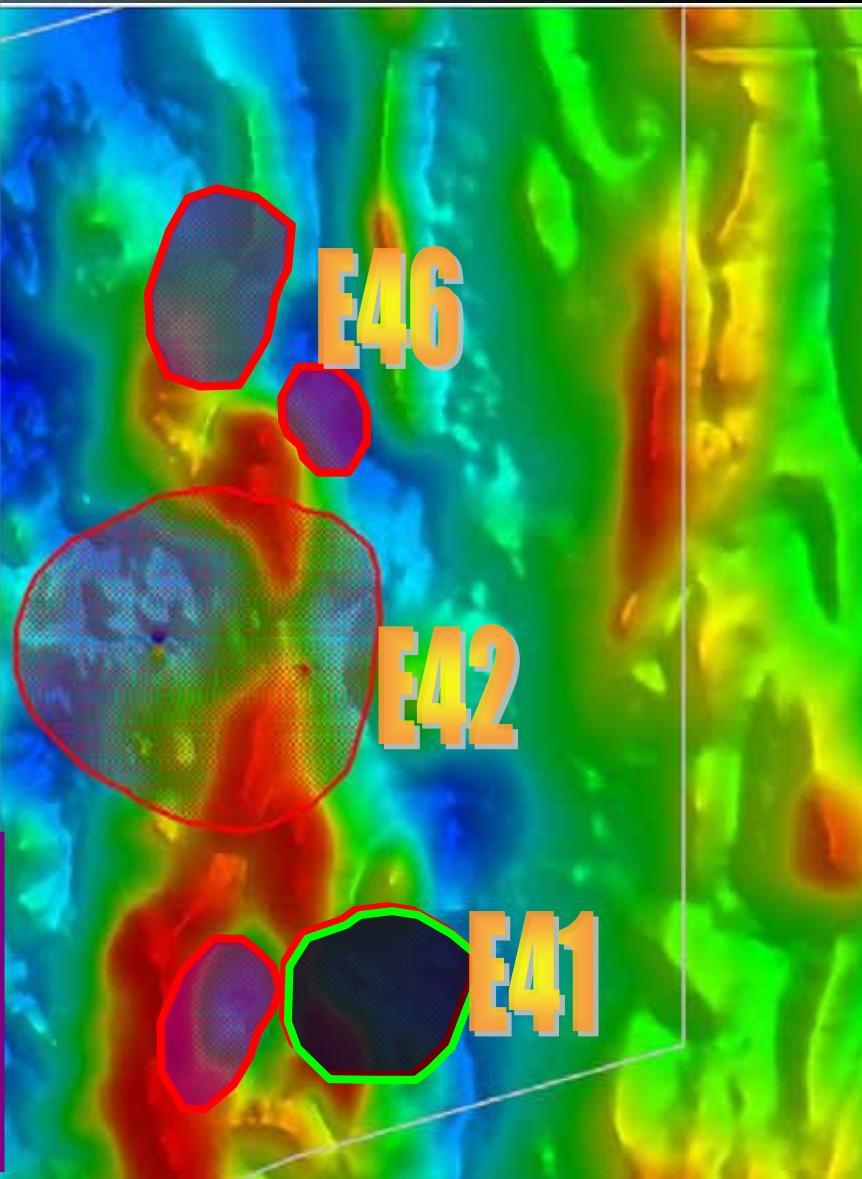
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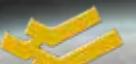
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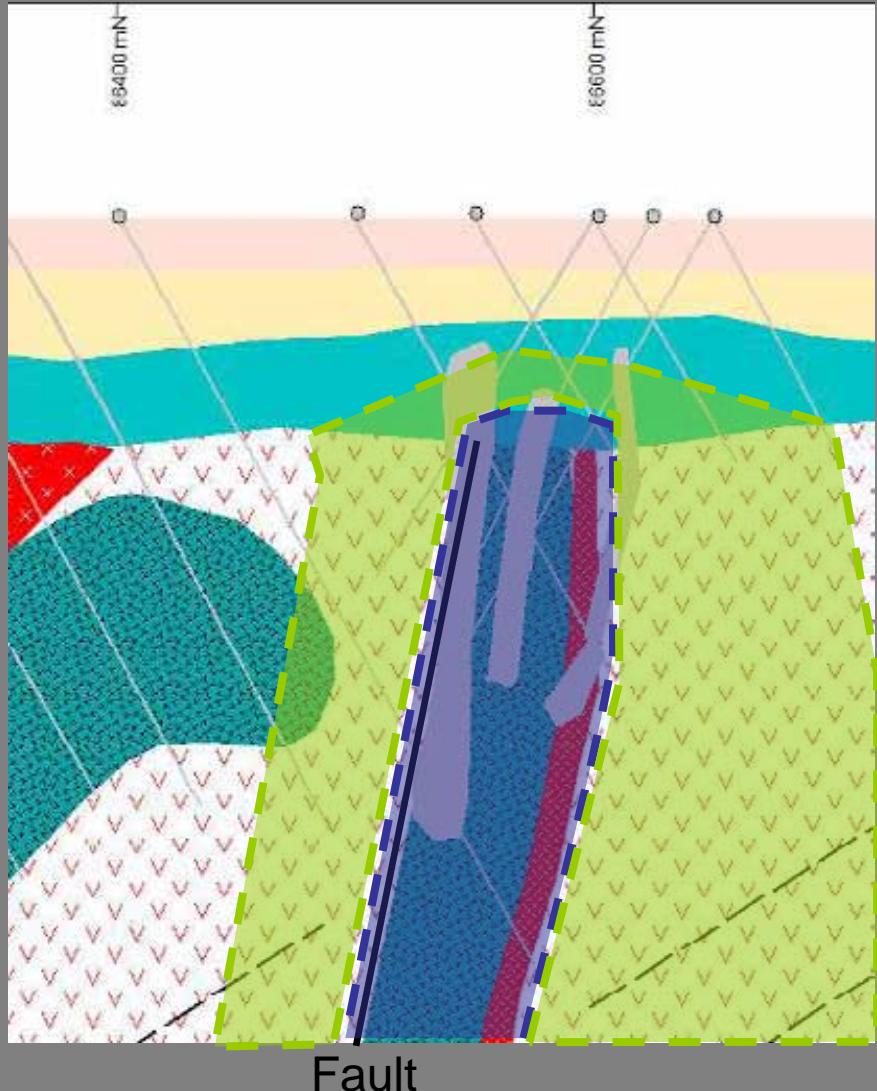
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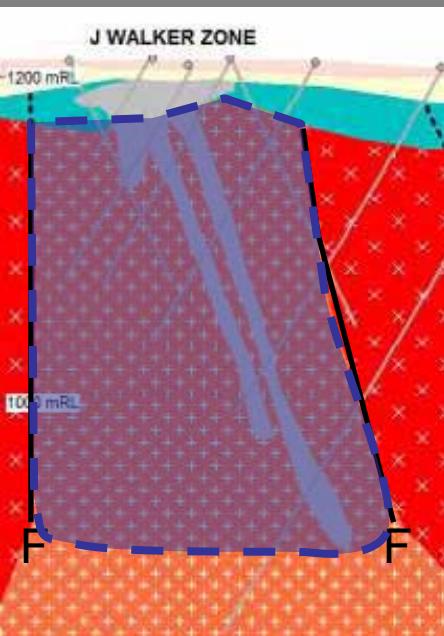


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Shear zone lode style



- Structurally controlled mineralisation
- Phyllitic alteration: ser ± si ± py ± cb (ankerite)

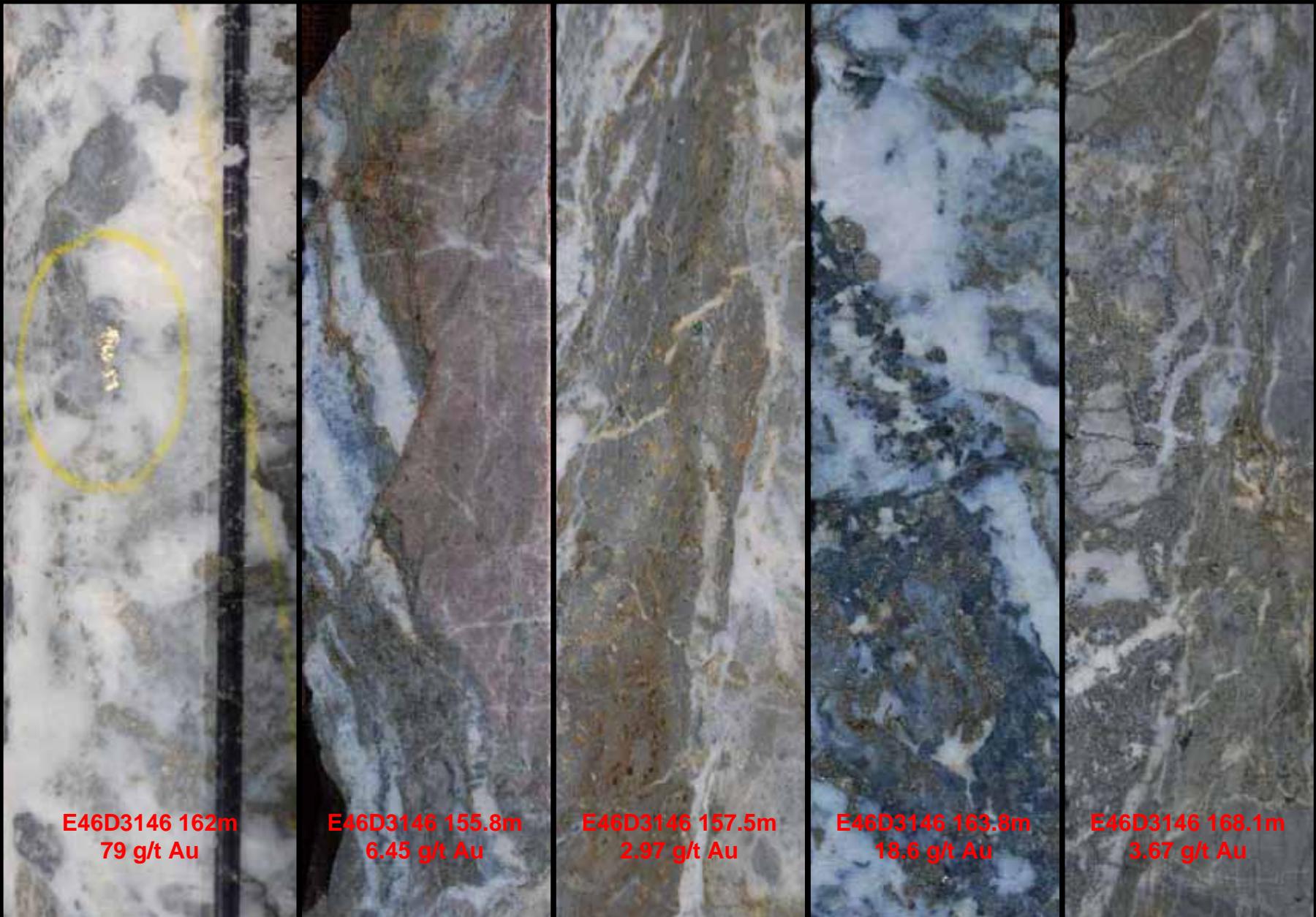


Qz-ank-py veins
E41 J Walker Zone



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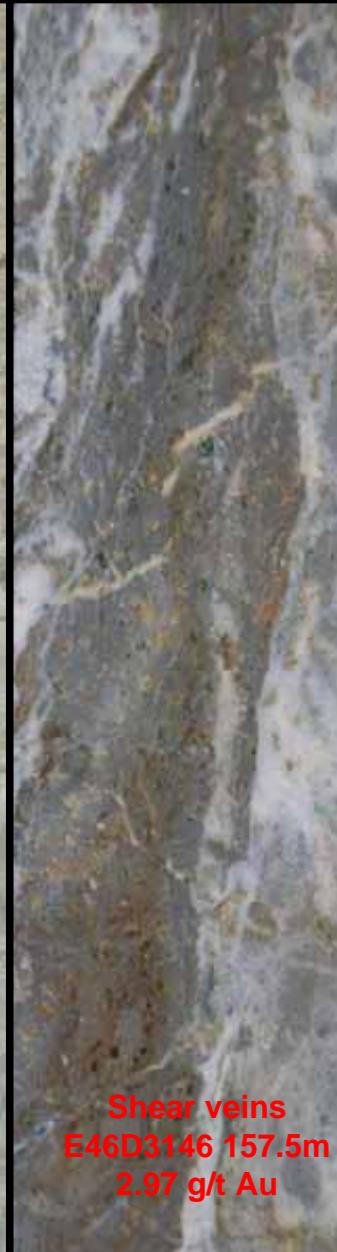
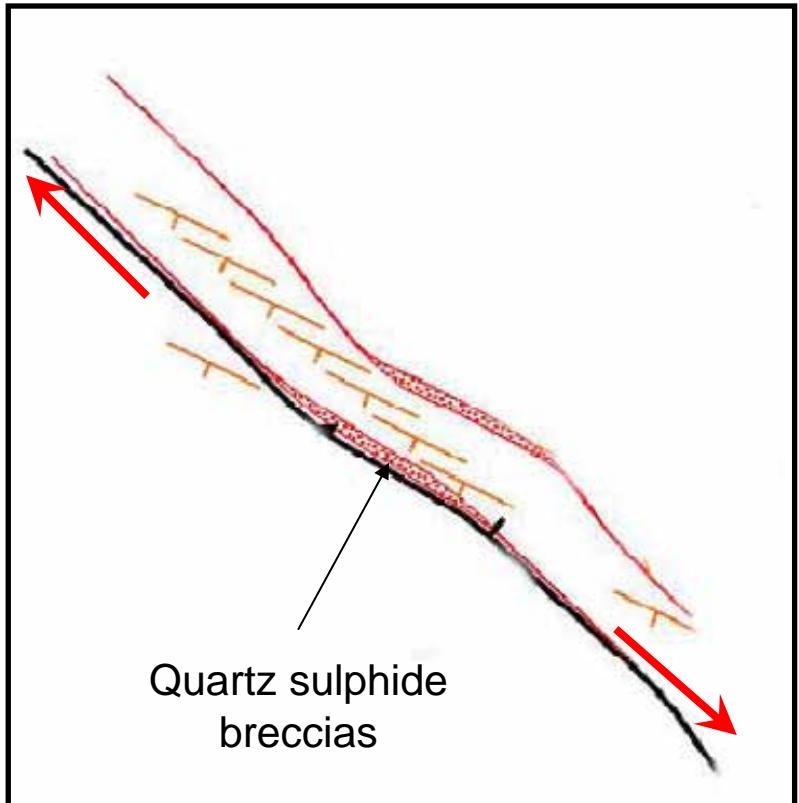
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Vein Paragenesis



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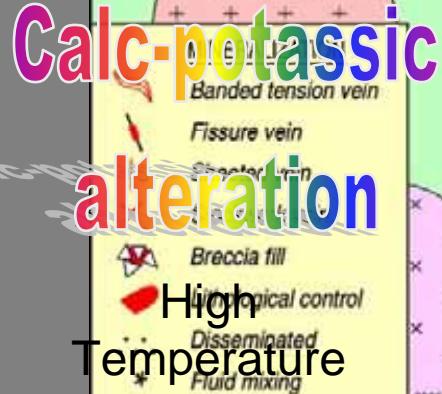


Act-ab-mgt-chl alteration cross cut by qz-ksp-cb

Qz-py±cb vein hosted in act-ab-mgt-chl altered diorite

Qz-cb-py shear vein with minor cpy-gn-sph hosted in volcaniclastics

Late cb-ep vein cut by ep-cb-prehnite veins hosted in diorite



Quartz-sulphide event

Sheeted veins

carbonate base metal sulphide event

Epithermal association

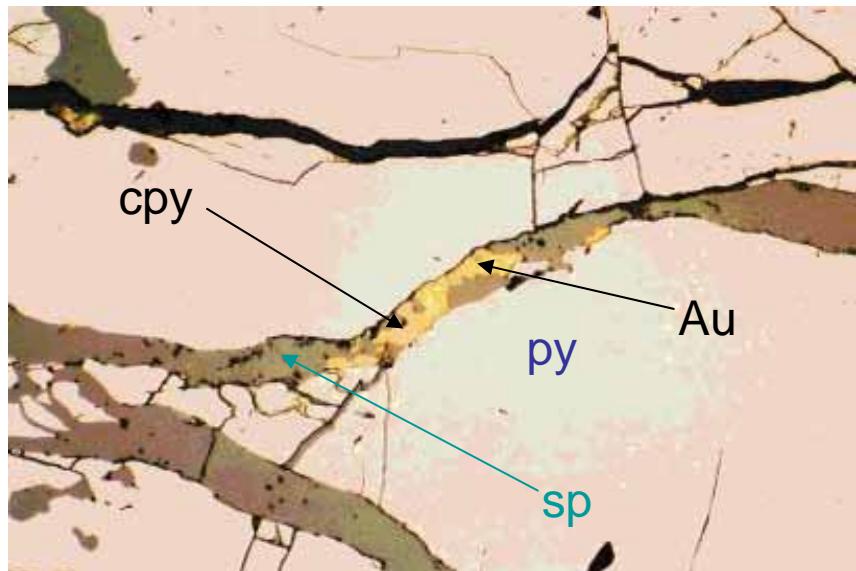
- Rising mineralised magmatic fluid
- Circulating meteoric dominant water
- B - bicarbonate
- O - oxygenated
- Rising volatiles

Taken from "Controls to Low Sulphidation Epithermal Au-Ag" Greg Corbett, 2006

Vein Paragenesis – CBMS Event

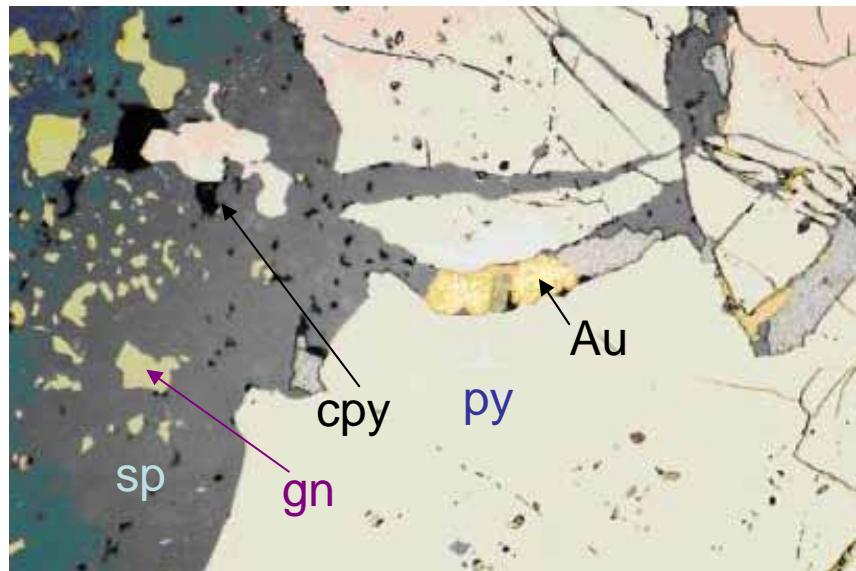


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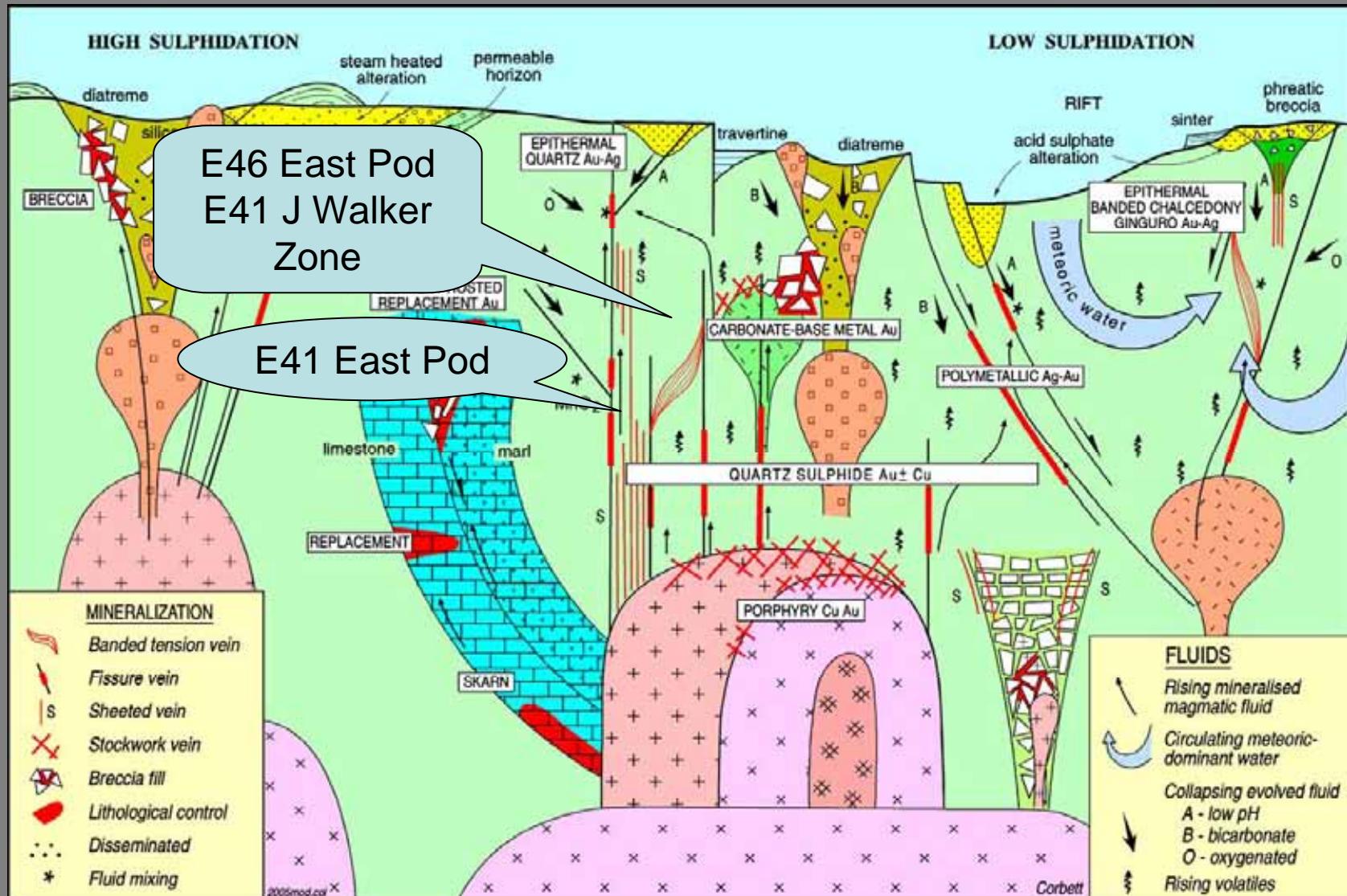
Dilatational vein

Fractured pyrite (creamy) containing vein fillings of sphalerite (mid-grey), gold (bright golden yellow) and a little chalcopyrite (yellow, less bright than gold). Plane polarised reflected light, field of view 0.25 mm across.



Quartz sulphide breccia

Fractured pyrite (creamy) invaded by sphalerite (mid-grey) with chalcopyrite inclusions, galena (pale grey) and gold (golden yellow). Largest gold grain is 25 µm across. Plane polarised reflected light, field of view 0.25 mm across.





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Questions?