



## Stratiform copper deposit in Québec

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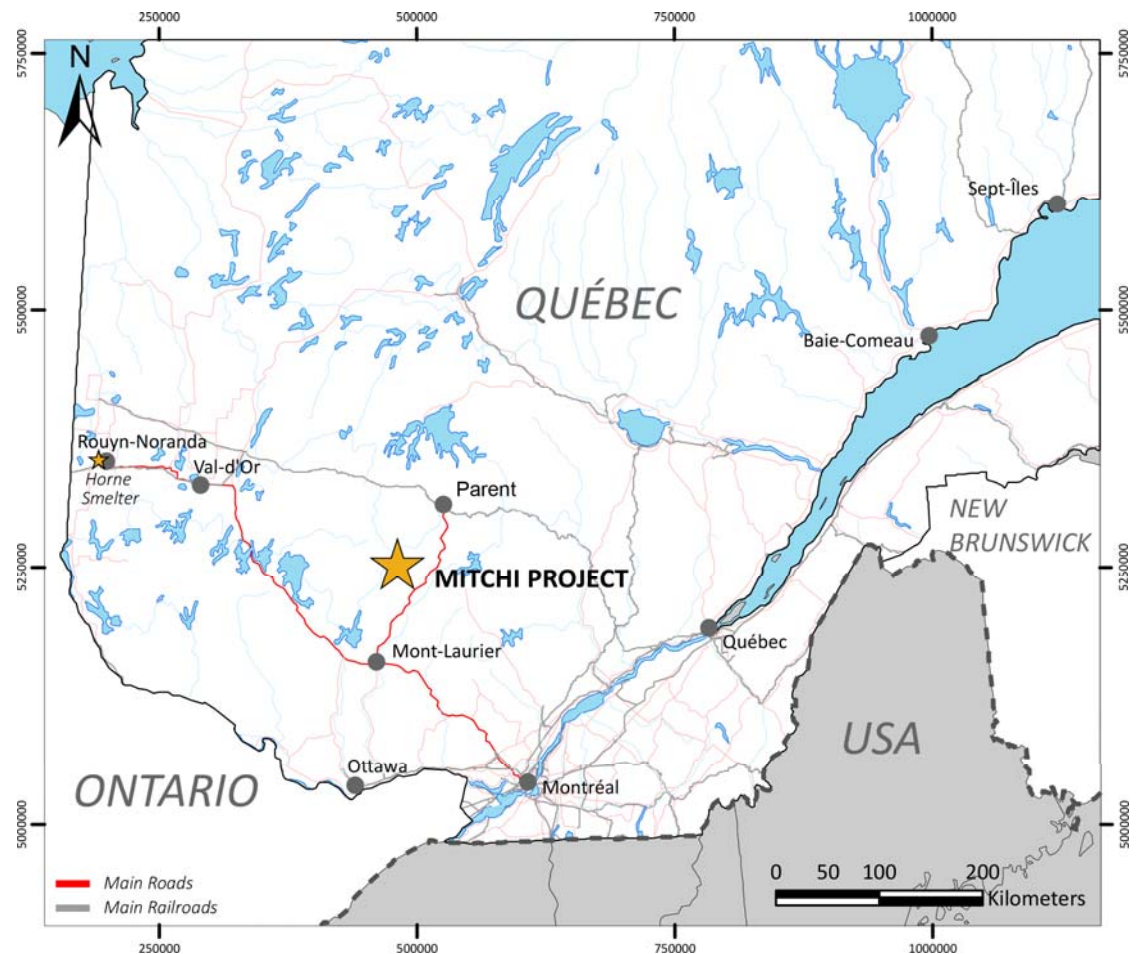
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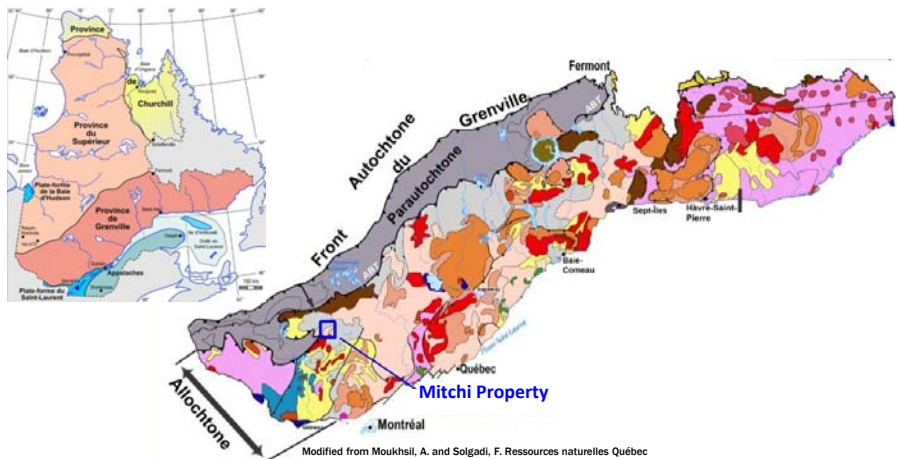
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# Location

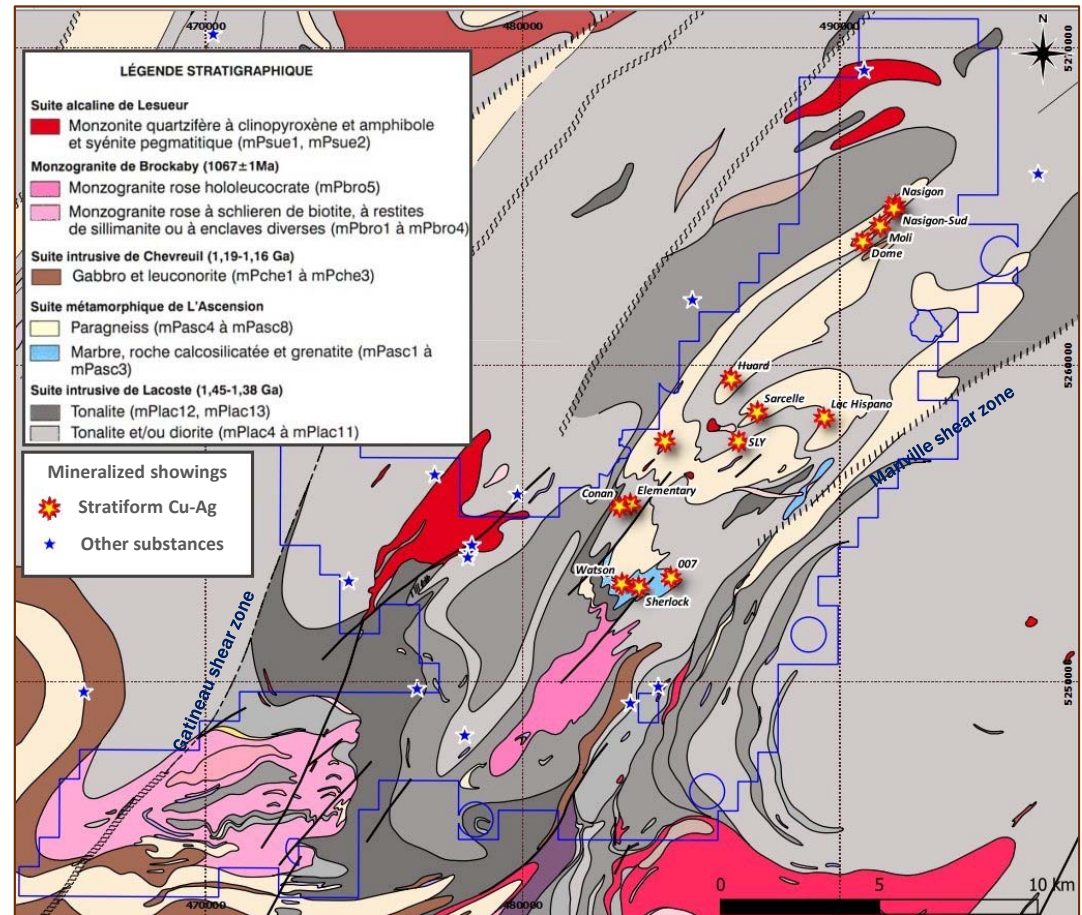
- Québec – reliable and stable jurisdiction
- Local communities support
- Easy access by forestry road and ATV trails
- Less than 15km from a power substation and a commercial powerline on the property
- Road and railway access to a smelter, a seaport and to the U.S.A.
- A 150 person camp on site
- **538 claims – 30 609 hectares**
- The sedimentary basin is secured and royalty free



# Geology – Grenville province



- Northern portion of the Central Metasedimentary Belt or Mont-Laurier Terrane.
- Ascension metamorphic sequence composed of paragneiss, calcosilicate rocks and marbles, including copper mineralization, overlying the Lacoste intrusive suite
- Crosscut by Brockaby monzogranite and Lesueur alkaline Suite (not-folded) and locally containing copper mineralization

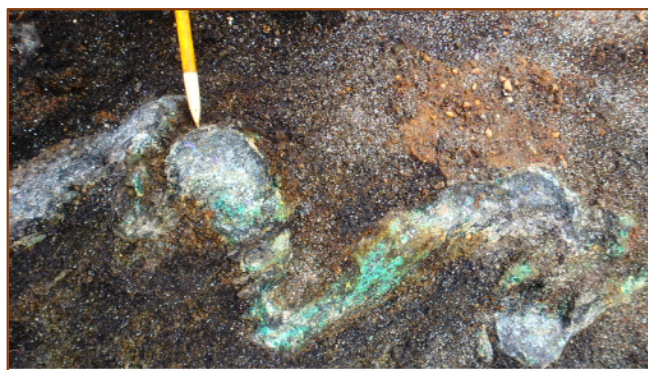


From SIGEOM, modified from Nantel 2004 and Moukhsil 2016



# Lithologic sequence

- Ascension metamorphic sequence (  $\pm 1,2$  Ga, *Davis & al. 2016*)
  - Copper rich metadolomite : calcitic marble with olivine  $\pm$  diopside  $\pm$  phlogopite, **chalcocite** / **bornite** / **chalcopyrite**
  - Silicified cupriferous metadolomite : diopsidites and/or calcosilicate rocks with diopside, titanite, phlogopite  $\pm$  tremolite  $\pm$  scapolite, **bornite** / **chalcopyrite**
  - Episyenite with nepheline-cancrinite
  - Paragneiss with biotite  $\pm$  garnets  $\pm$  sillimanite  $\pm$  muscovite
  - Quartzite with biotite  $\pm$  feldspaths  $\pm$  garnets  $\pm$  magnetite ; garnetites



Marble with olivine and calcosilicate rocks

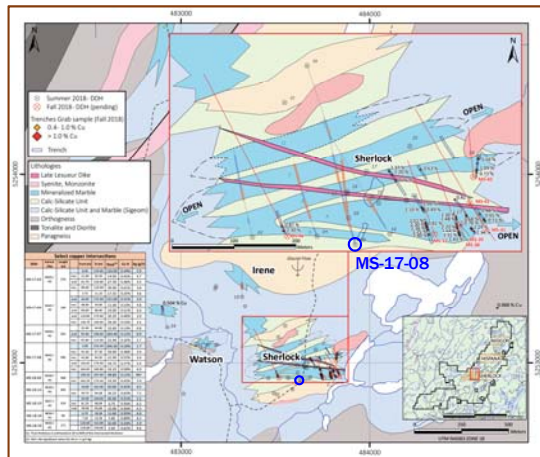


Marble, diopsidites and calcosilicate rocks

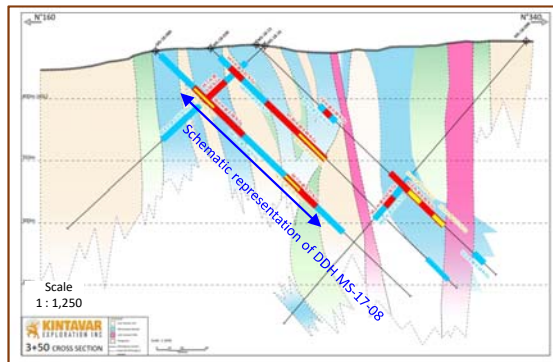


Episyenite with nepheline

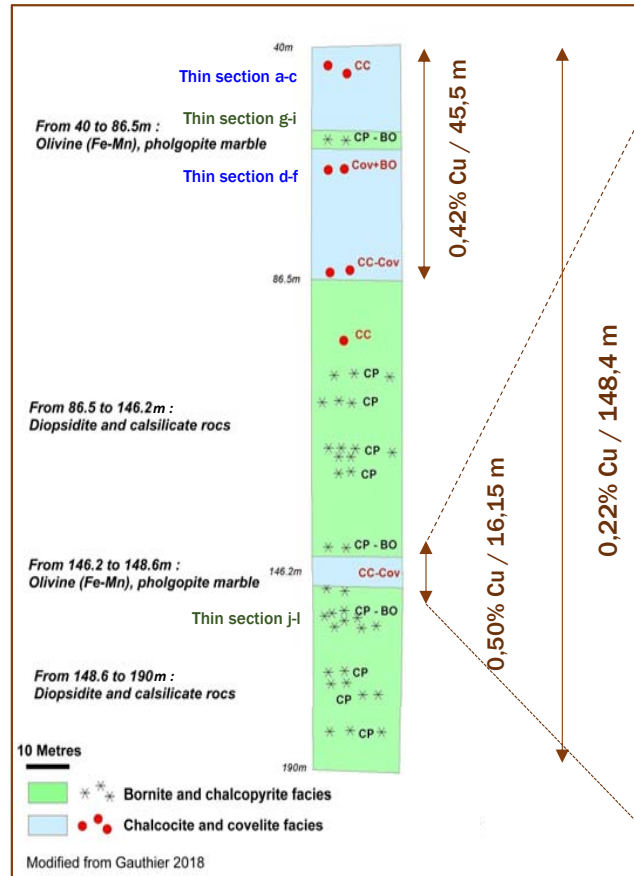
# Drill hole MS-17-08



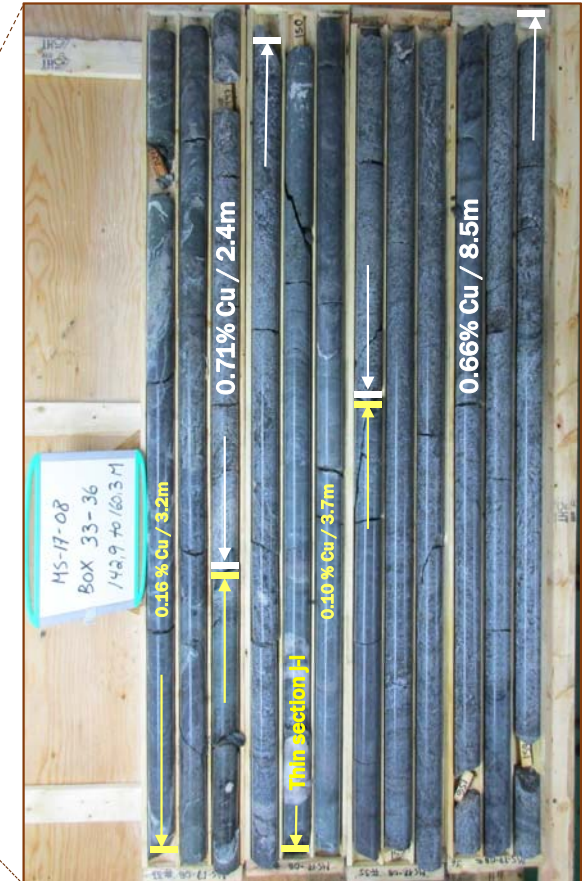
Plan view – Sherlock area



Cross section - 3+50 Sherlock area. Drill hole MS-17-03, 08 and 09



Schematic representation – Drill hole MS-17-08

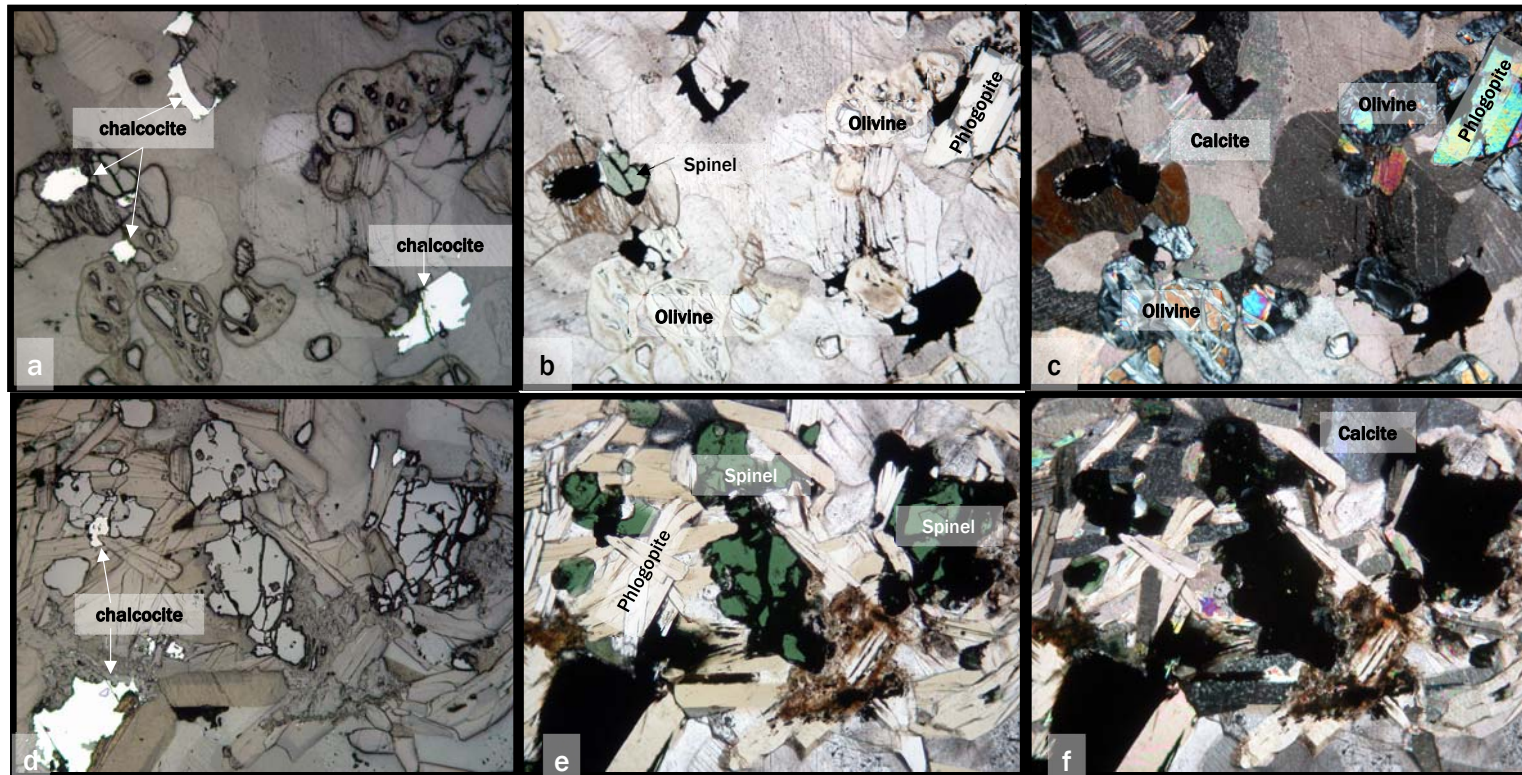


White = Marble with olivine and chalcocite-covellite.  
Yellow = Diopside and calcsilicate rocks with bornite-chalcopryrite



# Chalcocite facies

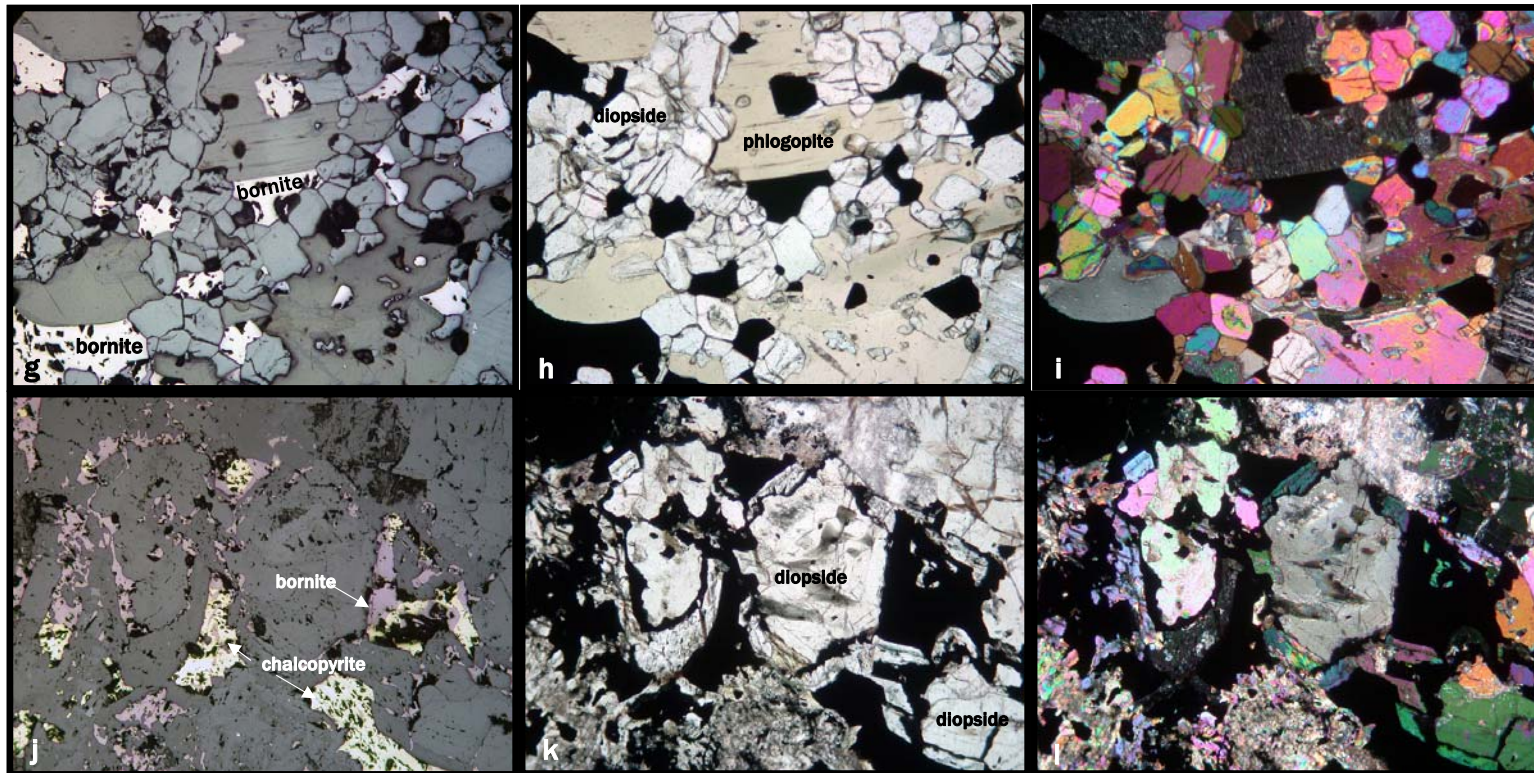
- Calcitic marble with olivine, phlogopite, spinel, **chalcocite**



Granoblastic texture of the calcitic marble with chalcocite, serpentinized olivine, phlogopite and spinel. Microscope reflected light view (a et d) ; transmitted light (b et e) and transmitted polarized light (c et f). Polished thin sections from 43,1m (a-c) and 78,6m (d-f) of the drill hole MS-17-08 located on the Sherlock zone. (Gauthier 2018)

# Bornite and chalcopyrite facies

- Diopsidites and/or calc-silicate rocks with diopside, phlogopite, **bornite** / **chalcopyrite**



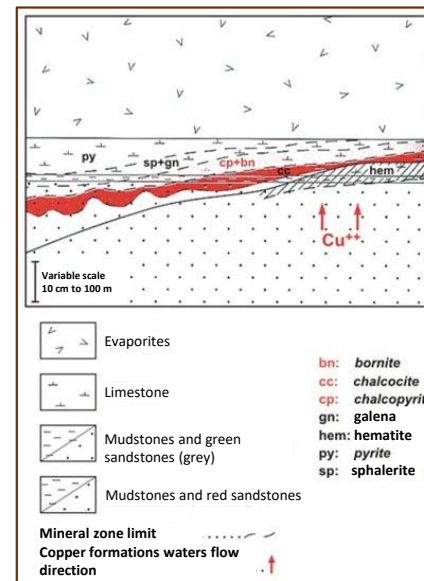
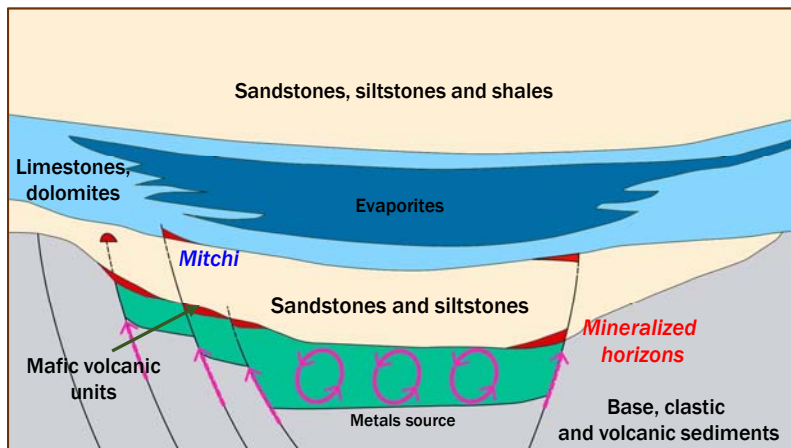
Granoblastic diopsidite presenting xenomorph bornite and chalcopyrite. Microscope view under reflected light (g et j) ; transmitted light (h et k) and transmitted polarized light (i et l). Polished thin sections from DDH MS-17-08 at 64.0m (g-i) and 148.6m (j-l) on the Sherlock zone. (Gauthier 2018)



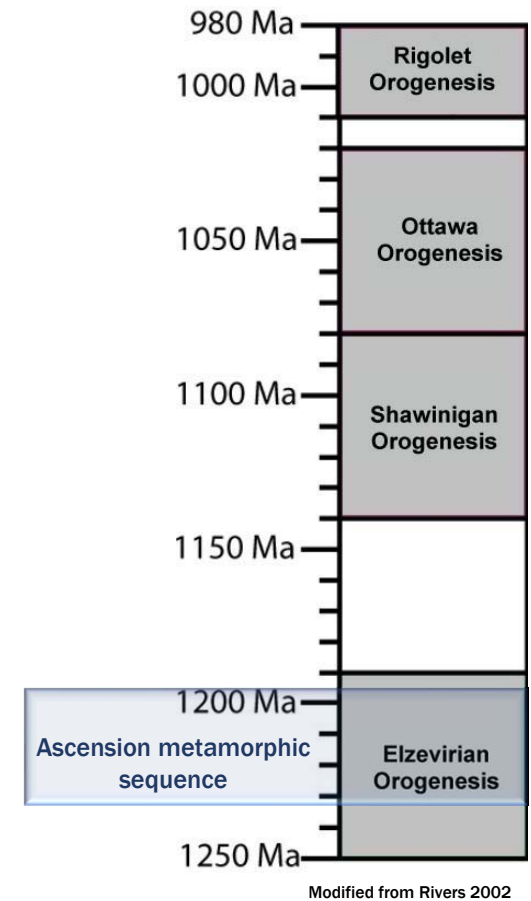
# Stratiform copper

- Mineralogy vs Metamorphism

- Deposition of the sedimentary sequence ( $\pm 1.2$  Ga)
  - Dolomitic limestones, siliceous dolomite, dolomitic sandstones, evaporitic horizons (anhydrite, sylvite, etc) and quartzofeldspathic sediments
  - Diagenesis of the sequence – Stratiform copper deposit genesis – fluids rich in KCl, NaCl and CaSO<sub>4</sub> ultra saline context



Lithological units and common mineral zonation in Kupferschiefer type deposits. Distribution of the mineral zones (Copper sulfides zones in red). Source : Kirkham, 1996.



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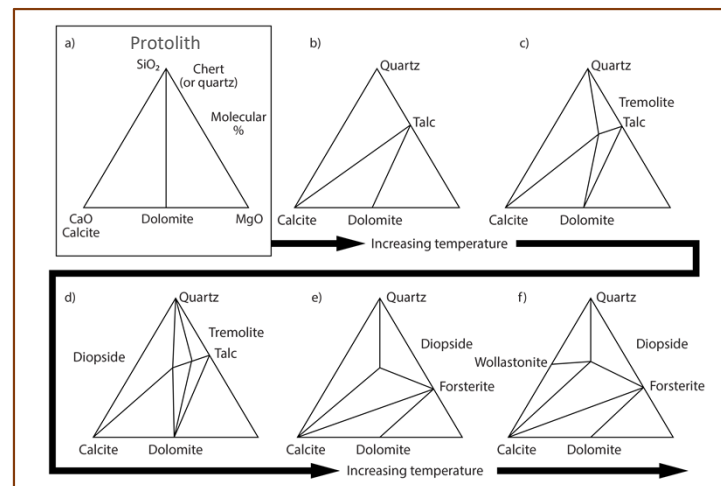
# Prograde metamorphism

- PROGRADE metamorphism of the carbonate sequences (manganesiferous siliceous dolomites) at the superior amphibolites facies

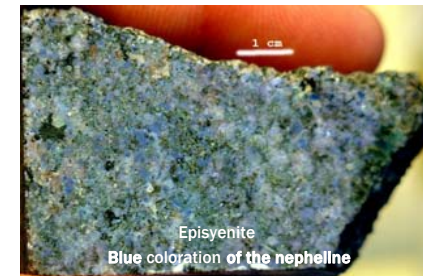
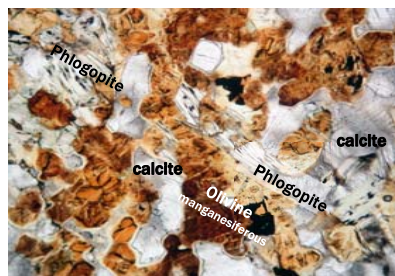
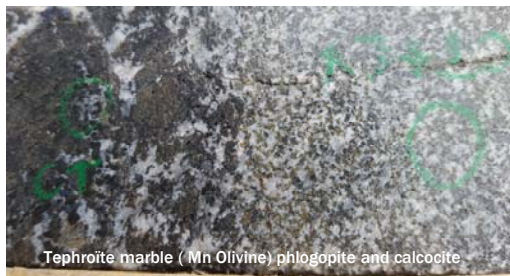
- Tephroite marble (manganesiferous olivine) – phlogopite - chalcocite
- Diopside marble - phlogopite – bornite - chalcopyrite
  - Sulfur intake : anhydrite reduction =  $\text{CaSO}_4 \rightarrow \text{CaCO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{S}$
- Bornite calc-silicate metasediments - chalcopyrite ± phlogopite

- Nepheline-cancrinite episyenite (fenetization)

- Interaction between evaporitic cupro-manganesiferous dolomites, K,  $\text{SO}_4$ , Cl, Na rich, and the quartzofeldspathic sediments.
- Prograde metamorphic rebalances with the silica (consumed) and the potassic feldspars (transformed) and nepheline-cancrinite episyenite formation.



Ternary diagrams illustrating the paragenesis changes in the  $\text{CaO-Mg-SiO}_2\text{-CO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$  system submit to a prograde metamorphic regime. The first triangle gives the considered protolith, a cherty dolomite or a dolomitic sandstone (adapted from Hulbert and Klein, 1977)

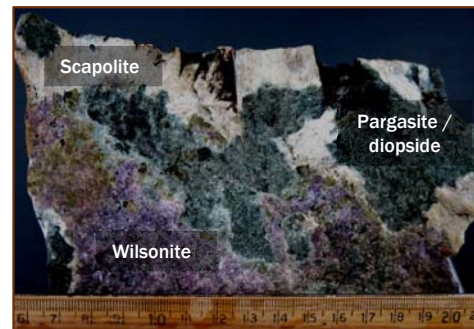
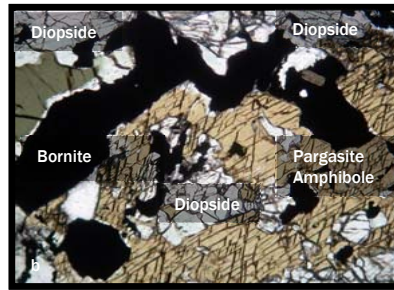
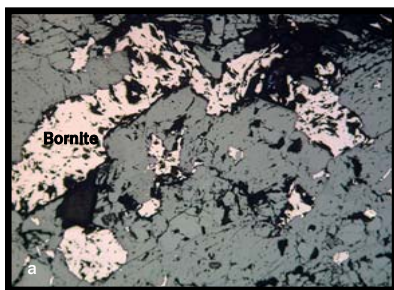
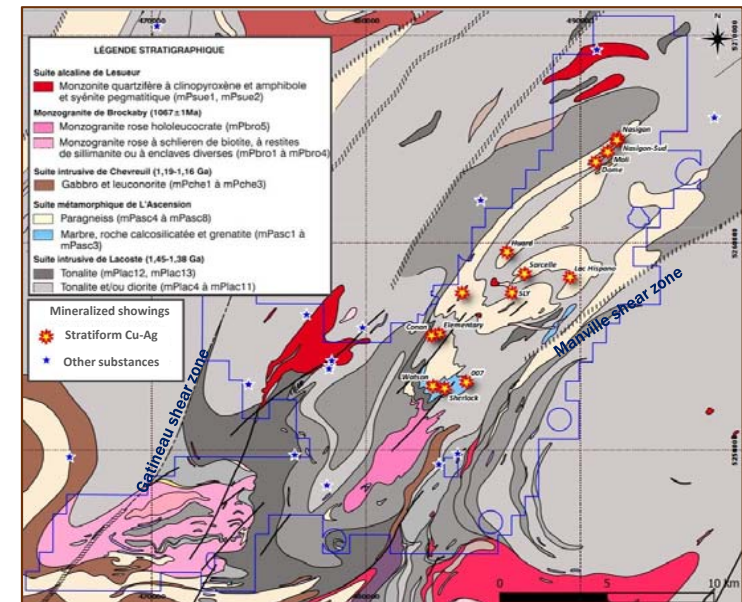


# Retrograde metamorphism

- RETROGRADE metamorphism of the carbonate sequences
  - Olivine MgFeMn retrometamorphism and  
Serpentine/Magnetite/Pyrolusite-psilomelane formation

## Late metasomatism

- End of Rigolet Orogenesis ( $\pm 0,98$  Ga) = Lesueur alcalin intrusion and late extension faults with sodi-calcic hydrothermalism and fenetization accompaigned by copper sulfides remobilization.





# Grenvillian deformation

- Folding

- Three phases of folding superimposed the thin mineralized horizons to thick mineralized zones.
  - F1** : few folds are present on Sherlock trench
  - F2** : Prevalent on Sherlock, tight to moderate folds with  $45^{\circ}$ - $90^{\circ}$  sub-vertical dipping toward WSW
  - F3** : Prevalent on Watson, open to tight folds with  $30^{\circ}$ - $55^{\circ}$  toward ENE dipping, moderate fold axes



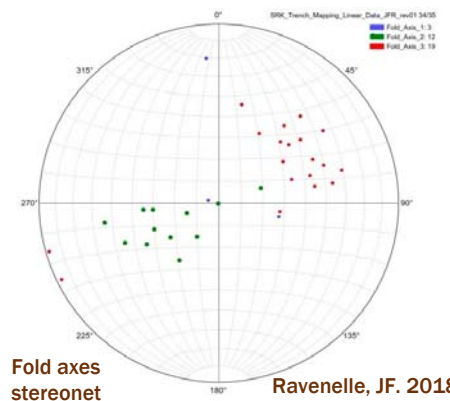
"F1" sedimentary sequences folding on Sherlock showing



"F2" sedimentary sequences folding on Sherlock showing



"F3" sedimentary sequences folding on Watson showing

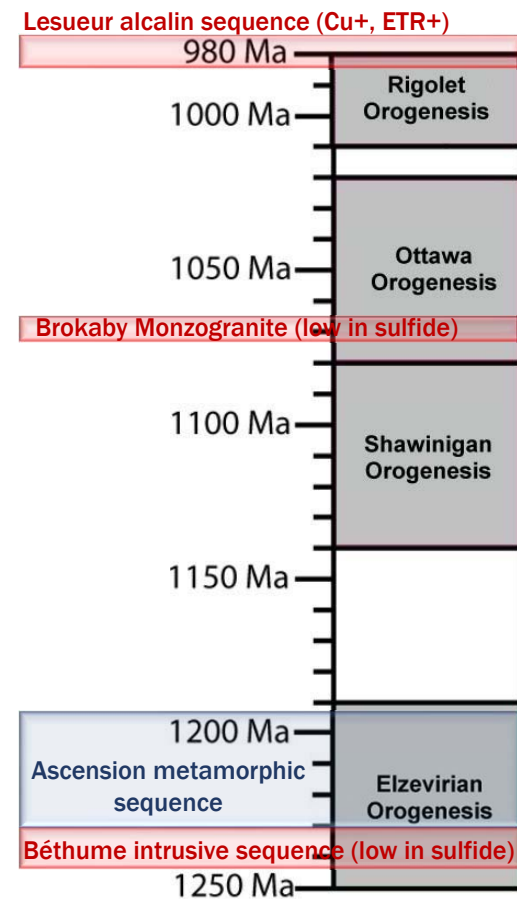


Ravenelle, JF. 2018. SRK

# Ore Model

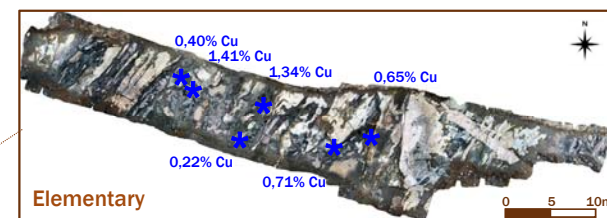
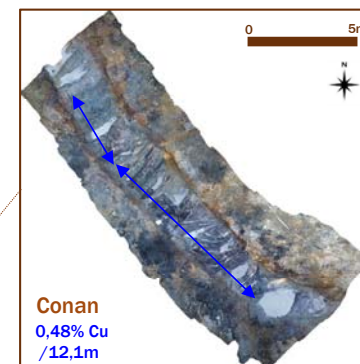
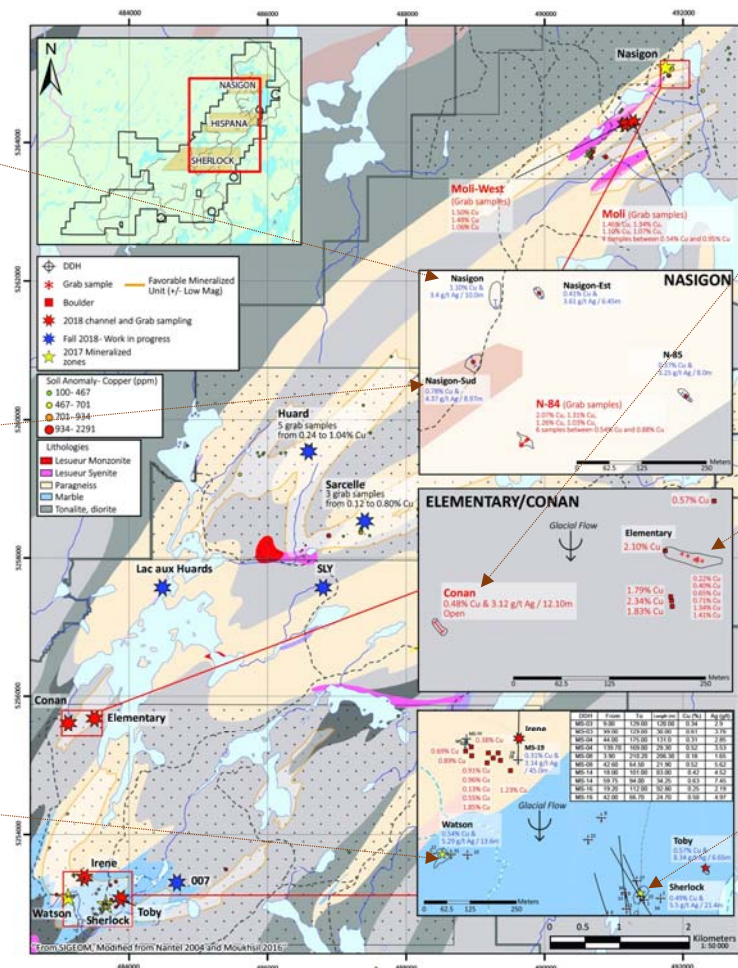
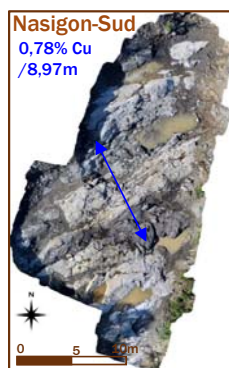
## Stratiform Copper vs Skarn

- Quasi-cryptic chalcocite mineralization, with close to 1% Cu content, is associated with a serpentized phlogopite-olivine marble, while the coarse bornite-chalcopyrite mineralization is associated with diopside marble and feldspar-quartz, diopside +/- scapolite rocks.
- In a pyrometasomatic system, the copper abundance is following the silica enrichment, like at « Mont de l'Aiguille » copper deposits in Murdochville, Gaspésie, Quebec. Therefore the silica content of those fluids would have developed exactly the opposite of what we are observing, the olivine is incompatible with the free silica.
- Geochronologically, the prograde mineralogic transformations of the carbonate units, to superior amphibolites facies, were completed before the Lesueur late magmatic episode (0,98 Ga). The chemical exchanges between pyrometasomatic fluids and sedimentary units couldn't have been important.



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## Mitchi : Sedimentary basin of 75 km<sup>2</sup>, extensive mineralized units







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