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Conversion Factors

U.S. customary units to International System of Units

Multiply	By	To obtain
	Mass	
ton, short (2,000 lb)	0.9072	metric ton (t)
ton, long (2,240 lb)	1.016	metric ton (t)

Abbreviations

CMMI	Critical Minerals Mapping Initiative
E.O.	Executive Order
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey

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Abstract

A challenge for the global economy is to meet the growing demand for commodities used in today's advanced technologies. Critical minerals are commodities (for example, elements, compounds, minerals) deemed vital to the economic and national security of individual countries that are vulnerable to supply disruption. The national geological agencies of Australia, Canada, and the United States recently joined forces to advance understanding and foster development of critical mineral resources in their respective countries through the Critical Minerals Mapping Initiative (CMMI). An initial goal of the CMMI is to fill the knowledge gap on the abundance of critical minerals in ores. To do this, the CMMI compiled modern multielement geochemical data generated by each agency on ore samples collected from historical and active mines and prospects from around the world. To identify relationships between critical minerals, deposit types, deposit environments, and mineral systems, a unified deposit classification scheme was needed. This report describes the scheme developed by the CMMI to classify the initial release of geochemical data. In 2021, the resulting database—along with basic query, statistical analysis, and display tools—will be served to the public through a web-based portal managed by Geoscience Australia. The database will enable users to trace critical minerals through mineral systems and identify individual deposits or deposit types that are potential sources of critical minerals.

Background

The Critical Minerals Mapping Initiative (CMMI) involving Australia, Canada, and the United States was solidified by participants from all three countries in a workshop held in Ottawa, Canada, in December 2019 (Kelley, 2020). Before and

after establishment of the CMMI, Australia, Canada, and the United States took steps to identify, and ensure the supply of, critical minerals as described below. As a result, the CMMI is a high priority for the premier geoscience agencies of the three countries: Geoscience Australia, the Geological Survey of Canada, and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

Australia

In 2019, the Australian Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, jointly with the Australian Trade and Investment Commission, issued Australia's Critical Minerals Strategy (Commonwealth of Australia, 2019b). This document, together with the Australian Critical Minerals Prospectus (Commonwealth of Australia, 2019a), formed the basis of Australia's response to growing global requirements for a reliable supply of critical minerals. These key documents build on previous work by Geoscience Australia to catalogue Australia's critical mineral resources and potential (for example, Skirrow and others, 2013). In response to the global need for critical commodities, the Australian Government launched several initiatives, including the establishment of the Critical Minerals Facilitation Office (Commonwealth of Australia, 2020b) and the extension and expansion of Geoscience Australia's Exploring for the Future program (Commonwealth of Australia, 2020c). Australia is currently a supplier of many critical (and other) minerals and seeks to strengthen and extend its capability as a reliable supplier to global partners. As part of Australia's Critical Minerals Strategy, Australia has identified 24 critical minerals for which it has significant potential to be a major supplier (table 1). The 2020 edition of the Australian Critical Minerals Prospectus (Commonwealth of Australia, 2020a) showcases more than 200 investment opportunities for a wide range of these 24 critical minerals.

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Table 1. Critical minerals of Australia, Canada, and the United States.

[This list of identified critical minerals has been compiled from Commonwealth of Australia (2019b), Government of Canada (2021), and Fortier and others (2018). —, not applicable; X, identified as a critical mineral]

Critical mineral	Australia	Canada	United States
Aluminum (Al)	—	X	X
Antimony (Sb)	X	X	X
Arsenic (As)	—	—	X
Barite (BaSO ₄)	—	—	X
Beryllium (Be)	X	—	X
Bismuth (Bi)	X	X	X
Cesium (Cs)	—	X	X
Chromium (Cr)	X	X	X
Cobalt (Co)	X	X	X
Copper (Cu)	—	X	—
Fluorspar (CaF ₂)	—	X	X
Gallium (Ga)	X	X	X
Germanium (Ge)	X	X	X
Graphite (C)	X	X	X
Hafnium (Hf)	X	—	X
Helium (He)	X	X	X
Indium (In)	X	X	X
Lithium (Li)	X	X	X
Magnesium (Mg), Magnesite (MgCO ₃)	X	X	X
Manganese (Mn)	X	X	X
Molybdenum (Mo)	—	X	—
Nickel (Ni)	—	X	—
Niobium (Nb)	X	X	X
Platinum group elements (PGEs)	X	X	X
Potash (K ₂ CO ₃ , KCl, K ₂ SO ₄ , or KNO ₃)	—	X	X
Rare earth elements (REEs)	X	X	X
Rhenium (Re)	X	—	X
Rubidium (Rb)	—	—	X
Scandium (Sc)	X	X	X
Strontium (Sr)	—	—	X
Tantalum (Ta)	X	X	X
Tellurium (Te)	—	X	X
Tin (Sn)	—	X	X
Titanium (Ti)	X	X	X
Tungsten (W)	X	X	X
Uranium (U)	—	X	X
Vanadium (V)	X	X	X
Zinc (Zn)	—	X	—
Zirconium (Zr)	X	—	X

Canada

On December 18, 2019, Canada announced that it had joined the U.S.-led multilateral Energy Resource Governance Initiative. The goals of the initiative are to support secure and resilient supply chains for critical minerals by identifying options to diversify supply chains and facilitate trade and industry connections. On January 9, 2020, the Canada-U.S. Joint Action Plan on Critical Minerals Collaboration was finalized and aimed to facilitate development of secure supply chains for critical minerals (Amm and others, 2020). The Canada-U.S. Joint Action Plan was reaffirmed on June 17, 2020 (Natural Resources Canada, 2020). Later that year, focus on critical minerals was reiterated and emphasized in the Canadian Minerals and Metals Plan (Mines Canada, 2020). Canada's list of 31 critical minerals was released on March 11, 2021 (table 1; Government of Canada, 2021). These critical minerals are considered essential for the sustainable economic success of Canada and its allies and to maintain Canada's position as a leading mining nation. A key platform for delivering minerals geoscience knowledge at the Geological Survey of Canada is its Targeted Geoscience Initiative Program, now in Phase 6. The focus of the program is on developing next-generation ore deposit models and methods to support enhanced efficiency in mineral exploration for buried mineral deposits in emerging and existing mining areas. The focus of the current phase is on critical minerals and digital geoscience, as described in the Canadian Minerals and Metals Plan (Mines Canada, 2020).

United States

In 2017, the President issued Executive Order (E.O.) 13817—A Federal Strategy to Ensure Secure and Reliable Supplies of Critical Minerals. The E.O. directs the USGS to develop a plan to improve the Nation's understanding of domestic critical mineral resources. To implement E.O. 13817, the Secretary of the Interior issued Order No. 3359—Critical Mineral Independence and Security. In response, a list of 35 critical minerals (table 1) with a high risk for supply disruption were identified by the USGS National Minerals Information Center (Fortier and others, 2018). In 2018, Congress allocated funds to the USGS Mineral Resources Program for the Earth Mapping Resources Initiative. The purpose of this initiative is to generate topographic, geologic, geochemical, and geophysical maps and data that are needed to increase the inventory of domestic critical minerals (Day, 2019). Several other Mineral Resources Program projects are currently underway that are designed to advance knowledge of critical minerals, including their abundance in the Nation's ore deposits and mine waste, their sources, the processes that concentrate them in mineral systems, and how to assess their potential in known mining districts and frontier areas. In 2020, the President determined that the United States' undue reliance on critical mineral imports, in processed or unprocessed form, constitutes

an unusual and extraordinary threat. As a result, the President declared a National emergency, and issued E.O. 13953—Addressing the Threat to the Domestic Supply Chain From Reliance on Critical Minerals From Foreign Adversaries and Supporting the Domestic Mining and Processing Industries. The 2020 E.O. directed the Department of Interior (which includes the USGS) to investigate our Nation's undue reliance on critical minerals, submit a report that summarizes the conclusions from this investigation, and provide recommendations for executive action. On January 15, 2021, the U.S. Department of Energy announced the establishment of a Division of Minerals Sustainability to enable the ongoing transformation of the U.S. energy system and help secure a U.S. critical minerals supply chain (U.S. Department of Energy, 2021).

Problem

An initial goal of the CMMI (Kelley, 2020; Emsbo and others, 2021; Kelley and others, 2021) is to compile multielement geochemical data on ore samples collected from myriad deposit types and provide the data to the public with basic query, statistical analysis, and display tools that show the abundance and dollar value of critical minerals in ore. To effectively sort and use multielement geochemical data for this purpose, a unified deposit type classification scheme was needed. This report explains the approach used to standardize deposit type nomenclature and demonstrates the hierarchical relationships that exist between system types, deposit environments, deposit groups, and deposit types. The resulting classification scheme and its potential uses are then discussed.

Approach

To track critical minerals through mineral systems and identify ore deposits that concentrate them, a mineral systems approach based on current understanding of how ore deposits form and relate to broader geologic frameworks and the tectonic history of the Earth was used (for example, Wyborn and others, 1994; Goodfellow, 2007; Dulfer and others, 2016; Huston and others, 2016b). This approach was recently applied in the United States and Canada to aid delineation of system-based focus areas with critical mineral resource potential (Day, 2019; Hammarstrom and Dicken, 2019; Hammarstrom and others, 2020; Hofstra and Kreiner, 2020; Lawley and others, 2021). Herein, the systems approach provides a framework within which to consider the hierarchical relationships that are known, or inferred, to exist between system types, deposit environments, deposit groups, and deposit types that contain a variety of primary and secondary commodities, some of which are critical minerals. This exercise required the CMMI working group to agree on terminology for system types, deposit environments, deposit groups, and deposit types. The result

presented in this report is a compromise that was deemed useful for classification of geochemical data generated by the CMMI on ore samples from myriad mines and prospects around the world.

System Type (Genetically Related Features)

To capture the relationship that exists between system types and distinct deposit types that are generated by them, system-type nomenclature was needed. As of spring 2021, the CMMI working group is still working on system-type names. To facilitate their eventual placement in the classification scheme, a descriptive proxy was developed, called genetically related features, that lists key attributes of each system type. For example, the genetically related features entry for calc-alkalic porphyry-epithermal systems is “Arc, magnetite series, calc-alkaline volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, alkali and hydrolytic metasomatism, and myriad deposit types.” The attributes listed in genetically related features are self-explanatory to the intended audience of economic geologists.

Deposit Environment

The CMMI working group agreed on deposit-environment terms because they follow current usage. “Deposit environment” is more or less synonymous with ore-forming environment and is used to classify deposit types that form under distinct physiochemical conditions, from different fluids, or by different processes in the crust. Deposit environments differ from system types because they are more generic. For example, an intrusion-related rare metal system may generate magmatic lithium-cesium-tantalum-bearing pegmatites and magmatic-hydrothermal tin-bearing greisen and vein deposits. Although most of the deposit environment terms are self-explanatory, they are defined below to avoid confusion:

- In erosional environments, gravity-driven turbulent flow of surface water or tidal- and wind-driven wave action concentrate heavy, insoluble, or hard minerals by winnowing away light, soluble, or soft minerals.
- In supergene environments, elements released by chemical weathering of soluble minerals are concentrated by chemical gradients associated with the downward percolation of meteoric water in the unsaturated zone.
- In infiltrational environments, elements dissolved from soluble minerals by gravity-driven flow of oxidized meteoric groundwater are concentrated by chemical gradients encountered in aquifers.
- In basin evaporative environments, elements present in closed lacustrine or silled marine basins are concentrated by evaporation in arid to hyperarid climatic zones until they precipitate from brines.

- In basin chemical environments, elements dissolved in freshwater or seawater precipitate at redox fronts in sedimentary basins.
- In basin hydrothermal environments, elements are dissolved from minerals by gravity-driven and (or) heat-driven flow of brines produced by the evaporation of seawater or dissolution of minerals; elements are concentrated by chemical gradients encountered in basin aquifers or at the seawater-sediment interface.
- In metamorphic environments, ore minerals are produced by metamorphic transformation of precursor minerals that contain valuable commodities.
- In metamorphic hydrothermal environments, elements dissolved in metamorphic (\pm magmatic) fluids are concentrated by physical and chemical gradients encountered along flow paths.
- In regional metasomatic environments, elements dissolved in magmatic, metamorphic, or basinal brines are concentrated by chemical and thermal gradients encountered along heat-, tectonic-, and gravity-driven flow paths.
- In volcanic basin hydrothermal environments, elements dissolved from volcanic-floored basins by heat-driven convection of seawater (\pm magmatic fluid) are concentrated by steep chemical and thermal gradients near seafloor vents.
- In magmatic hydrothermal environments, elements dissolved in magmatic fluids, brines, and vapors, or in heated external fluids, are concentrated by the steep chemical and thermal gradients around volcano-plutonic centers.
- In magmatic environments, ore minerals crystallize directly from igneous melts, including immiscible silicate, carbonate, sulfide, or other melts.

Deposit Group and Deposit Type

The CMMI working group began by considering past and current nomenclature for deposit types in each of the three countries. During this process, it became apparent that the classification principles and names applied to deposit types were often inconsistent, creating communication problems that needed to be resolved. For example, how can we characterize the critical mineral endowment of different system types and individual deposit types on the basis of the compiled geochemical data if geologically similar deposit types, and ore samples collected from them, are inadvertently ascribed to different deposit and system types based purely on differences in terminology? Such characterizations would also fail if distinct deposit types are ascribed to the same type because

of inconsistent classification principles. The aim of this report is not to replace existing deposit classification schemes or resolve all the geological arguments about deposit genesis; rather, the aim is to minimize confusion caused by the use of inconsistent terminology by members of the CMMI, so that compiled geochemical data can be assigned and interpreted effectively. The classification scheme presented herein may stimulate conversations in the economic geology community about standardization of terminology to avoid confusion.

Although we strived for hierarchical uniformity, as described in the ensuing paragraphs, the deposit types adopted in the classification scheme are not all at the same level.

We found that some of the deposit type names in common use actually represent mineral systems, rather than distinct deposit types. For example, intrusion-related gold systems generate an assemblage of distinct deposit types (Hart, 2007) that are all commonly referred to as “intrusion-related gold deposits.” The same goes for the array of distinct deposit types that are commonly referred to as “iron oxide-copper-gold deposits” (Barton, 2014), though more detailed classifications exist for these and their affiliated deposit types (Porter, 2010; Williams, 2010; Corriveau and others, 2016). In such cases, we split out deposit types with distinct characteristics and assigned names.

Other deposit types were considered to be subtypes, but this level of detail was deemed too fine for the intended purposes of this classification scheme. For example, Naldrett (2004) distinguished several subtypes of magmatic nickel-copper-platinum group element deposits based on magma composition. Some of the more commonly used subtypes are listed in the “Synonyms” column in [table 2](#).

We also noted that some deposit types occur in more than one system type. For example, intermediate sulfidation epithermal silver-gold deposits occur in both subduction-related calc-alkaline porphyry-epithermal systems and rift-related high silica A-type porphyry-epithermal systems. We did not give such deposit types different names because their system type affiliations (that is, genetically related features) define their genetic relation to other deposit types.

We found that most of the deposit type names in common use consist of a term that describes a key attribute of the deposit type (for example, epithermal) that is preceded or followed by one or more commodities (for example, silver-gold) that are typically recovered from the ore. We refer to such terms as “deposit groups.” In several cases, the deposit group term is preceded by a modifier that describes another characteristic that enables further discrimination (for example, high sulfidation). Thus, most deposit type names consist of the deposit group term followed by the typical commodities (for example, porphyry copper), with or without a preceding modifier (for example, high sulfidation epithermal silver-gold). To standardize deposit type nomenclature, we adopted the following convention:

Optional modifier + deposit group + typical commodities.

However, we made a few exceptions for deposit type names in common use that do not follow this convention. For example, “Heavy mineral sands” is a deposit type in the placer deposit group that is typically mined for several commodities, such as titanium, zirconium-hafnium, rare earth elements, or abrasives.

Given that the deposit group terms used in this scheme mimic those in common use, the classification scheme reflects the hierarchical inconsistencies that currently exist among deposit types.

To make it clear what the deposit type names used in this classification scheme refer to, synonyms, examples, and references to reports that describe each deposit type are provided.

The resulting classification scheme ([table 2](#)) consists of seven columns with the following headers: Genetically related features, Deposit environment, Deposit group, Deposit type, Synonyms, Examples, and References. [Table 2](#) contains information on 189 deposit types.

Uses

The classification scheme ([table 2](#)) is designed to accompany the initial release of the global geochemical database on ore samples compiled by geologists from the CMMI, which will be augmented periodically as new data are compiled and classified. The scheme covers most of the significant deposit types mined historically, or currently, in Australia, Canada, and the United States. The intended use of [table 2](#) is to classify multielement geochemical data obtained on ore samples collected from historical and active mines by deposit type, deposit group, deposit environment, and eventually system type, and provide it to the public through a web portal (URL).

The resulting database of classified multielement geochemical analyses together with auxiliary information will enable the following:

- Recognition of the abundance of critical minerals in each deposit and their relation to the primary and secondary commodities that are known to be present in, or produced from, each deposit.
- Calculation of the dollar value of critical minerals present in ore in each deposit, which may foster recovery of critical minerals.
- Calculation of average critical mineral/average primary commodity ratios for each deposit, which can be multiplied by the tons of primary commodity produced, or in resources, to estimate the critical mineral endowment of processed mine waste and unmined resources.
- Recognition of the deposit types that have been geochemically well characterized, poorly characterized, or remain to be characterized.
- Recognition of the critical minerals that are typically present in each deposit type.

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- Identification of individual deposits that have been misclassified.
- Development of grade and tonnage models for critical minerals in each deposit type.
- Comparison of critical mineral abundances in deposit types that occur in more than one system type.
- Tracing of critical minerals through each system type and identification of the deposit types that concentrate them.
- Portrayal of such data on a map or in a deposit or system model.
- Identification of geochemical data that merit explanation and research, such as the geometallurgy of samples that are enriched in critical minerals or the origin of individual deposits or systems that are unusually enriched in critical minerals.
- Identification of geochemical signatures that can refine the deposit classification scheme.

Table 2. Deposit classification scheme.

[ACT, Australian Capital Territory; Ag, silver; Al, aluminum; Ala., Alabama; Ariz., Arizona; As, arsenic; Au, gold; AUS, Australia; AZE, Azerbaijan; B, boron; BC, British Columbia; Be, beryllium; BHT, Broken Hill type; Bi, bismuth; BOL, Bolivia; BRA, Brazil; Ca, calcium; Calif., California; CAN, Canada; CD, clastic-dominated; CHL, Chile; CHN, China; Co, cobalt; CO₂, carbon dioxide; COD, Democratic Republic of the Congo; Colo., Colorado; Cr, chromium; CRI, Costa Rica; Cu, copper; CUB, Cuba; DEU, Germany; EEZ, Exclusive Economic Zone; ESP, Spain; EU, European Union; Fe, iron; FIJ, Fiji; FIN, Finland; Fm., Formation; GBR, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; HFSE, high field strength elements; Hg, mercury; HS, high sulfidation; H₂S, hydrogen sulfide; Ill., Illinois; IND, India; IOA, iron oxide-apatite; IOCG, iron oxide-copper-gold; IRE, Ireland; IS, intermediate sulfidation; ISCG, iron sulfide-copper-gold; ITA, Italy; JPN, Japan; K, potassium; Ky., Kentucky; LCT, lithium-cesium-tantalum; Li, lithium; LIP, large igneous province; LS, low sulfidation; MB, Manitoba; MEX, Mexico; Mg, magnesium; Mich., Michigan; Minn., Minnesota; Mn, manganese; MNG, Mongolia; Mo, molybdenum; Mo., Missouri; Mont., Montana; MRT, Mauritania; MT, magnetotelluric; MVT, Mississippi Valley type; Na, sodium; NA, not applicable; Nb, niobium; NB, New Brunswick; N. Dak., North Dakota; Nev., Nevada; NGA, Nigeria; Ni, nickel; N.J., New Jersey; NL, Newfoundland and Labrador; N. Mex., New Mexico; NS, Nova Scotia; NSW, New South Wales; NT, Northern Territory in AUS and Northwest Territories in CAN; NU, Nunavut; N.Y., New York; NYF, niobium-yttrium-fluorine; Okla., Oklahoma; ON, Ontario; Oreg., Oregon; Pb, lead; PER, Peru; PGE, platinum group elements; PHL, Philippines; PNG, Papua New Guinea; QC, Quebec; QLD, Queensland; REE, rare earth elements; RUS, Russia; SA, South Australia; SAU, Saudi Arabia; SCLM, subcontinental lithospheric mantle; S. Dak., South Dakota; SEDEX, sedimentary exhalative; SK, Saskatchewan; SMS, seafloor massive sulfide; Sn, tin; So. Am., South America, SWE, Sweden; Ta, tantalum; TAS, Tasmania; Te, tellurium; Tenn., Tennessee; Tex., Texas; Th, thorium; Ti, titanium; TUR, Turkey; U, uranium; UKR, Ukraine; U-M, ultramafic and (or) mafic; U.S., United States; V, vanadium; VAMS, volcanic-associated massive sulfide; VEN, Venezuela; VMS, volcanogenic massive sulfide; VHMS, volcanic-hosted massive sulfide; VIC, Victoria; W, tungsten; WA, Western Australia; Wash., Washington; W. Va., West Virginia; Wis., Wisconsin; Wyo., Wyoming; YT, Yukon Territory; ZAF, South Africa; Zn, zinc; ZWE, Zimbabwe]

Genetically related features	Deposit environment	Deposit group	Deposit type	Synonym(s)	Example(s)	Reference(s)
Chemical weathering, erosion of soft material, and concentration of resistate minerals in situ, preexisting mineralization	Erosional	Placer	Residual placer tin	Lag tin	AUS: Renison Bell; BRA: Pitinga	Morland, 1990; Alves and others, 2018
Chemical weathering, erosion of soft material, and concentration of resistate minerals in situ, preexisting mineralization	Erosional	Placer	Residual placer lead	Lag lead	MEX: Santa Eulalia; U.S.: Upper Mississippi Valley Pb, Wis. and Ill.	Megaw, 2009
Exhumation, topographic relief, drainage network, preexisting mineralization	Erosional	Placer	Fluvial placer gold	Alluvial gold	AUS: Victorian goldfields, VIC; CAN: Atlin, BC; Carriboo, BC; Klondike, YT; U.S.: American River Au, Calif.	Yeend, 1986
Exhumation, topographic relief, drainage network, preexisting mineralization	Erosional	Placer	Fluvial placer PGE	Alluvial PGE	U.S.: Goodnews Bay PGE-Au, Alaska	Yeend and Page, 1986
Exhumation, topographic relief, drainage network, preexisting mineralization	Erosional	Placer	Fluvial placer tin	Alluvial tin	AUS: Pilbara, WA; North Queensland, QLD; U.S.: Seward Peninsula Sn, Alaska	Reed, 1986a
Exhumation, topographic relief, drainage network, preexisting mineralization	Erosional	Placer	Fluvial placer niobium-tantalum	Alluvial niobium-tantalum	NGR: Jos Plateau	Pastor and Turaki, 1985

Table 2. Deposit classification scheme.—Continued

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Exhumation, topographic relief, drainage network, specific rock types	Erosional	Placer	Fluvial placer REE	Alluvial REE	AUS: Charleys Creek, NT; U.S.: Idaho, Carolina Piedmont	Sengupta and Van Gosen, 2016
Exhumation, topographic relief, drainage network, kimberlite pipe	Erosional	Placer	Fluvial placer diamond	Alluvial diamond	AUS: Upper Smoke Creek (from Argyle diamond pipe), WA; Namibia: Orange River	Cox, 1986b
Exhumation, topographic relief, drainage network, specific rock type	Erosional	Placer	Fluvial placer gemstones	Alluvial gemstones	AUS: Anakie, QLD; Glen Innes, NSW; US: Yogo, Mont.	Clabaugh, 1952
Exhumation, topographic relief, drainage network, specific rock type	Erosional	Placer	Fluvial placer garnet	Alluvial garnet	AUS: Harts Range garnet, NT; U.S.: Emerald Creek, Idaho	Evans and Moyle, 2006
Exhumation, topographic relief, drainage network, delta, shoreline, barrier island, specific rock types	Erosional	Placer	Heavy mineral sands	Mineral sands	AUS: Keysbrook, WA; WIM150, VIC; Jacinth, SA; U.S.: Boise REE-Th-Ti-Nb- Ta, Idaho	Levson, 1995; Van Gosen and others, 2014
Exhumation, topographic relief, drainage network, delta, shoreline, barrier island, pre-existing mineralization	Erosional	Placer	Shoreline placer gold	Beach placer gold	CAN: Graham Island, BC; Queen Charlotte Islands, BC; County Harbour, NS; U.S.: Nome Au, Alaska	Bundtzen and others, 1994

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Exhumation, topographic relief, drainage network, delta, shoreline, barrier island, specific rock types	Erosional	Placer	Paleoplacer tin	NA	AUS: Kikoiria-Gibbearvale, NSW	Campbell and others, 2003; Burton and Downes, 2005
Exhumation, topographic relief, drainage network, delta, shoreline, barrier island, pre-existing mineralization	Erosional	Placer	Paleoplacer gold ± uranium	Quartz pebble conglomerate Au-U	CAN: Elliot Lake-Blind River, ON; Mulvehill, BC.; U.S.: Cambrian Deadwood Fm., S. Dak.; ZAF: Witwatersrand	Cox, 1986e; Roscoe, 1995; Taylor and Anderson, 2018
Stable area with low relief, tropical climate, Al-bearing rock types, unsaturated zone, water table	Supergene	Laterite	Bauxite	Lateritic bauxite	AUS: Weipa, QLD; BRA: Pocos de Caldas district; CAN: Florence, BC; U.S: Arkansas bauxite	Gordon and others, 1958; Bárdossy and Aleva, 1990
Stable area with low relief, tropical climate, Al-bearing rock types above carbonate rocks, unsaturated zone, water table	Supergene	Laterite	Karst bauxite	Carbonate bauxite	EU: Mediterranean bauxite belt; CHN: Yunnan deposits	Bárdossy, 1982; Hou and others, 2017
Stable area with low relief, tropical climate, ultramafic rocks, unsaturated zone, water table	Supergene	Laterite	Laterite nickel	Nickel-cobalt laterite: Lateritic nickel	AUS: Murrin Ni laterite, WA; U.S.: Puerto Rico Ni laterite	Berger and others, 2011; Marsh and others, 2013
Stable area with low relief, tropical climate, carbonatites, unsaturated zone, water table	Supergene	Laterite	Carbonatite laterite REE	NA	AUS: Mt. Weld, WA	Cocker, 2014; Verplanck and others, 2016

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Variable climate, unsaturated zone, Al-bearing rock types, water table	Supergene	Clay	Residual clay	Secondary clay	AUS: Pittong, VIC; Scottsdale, TAS; CAN: Lang Bay, BC; Sumas Mountain, BC; Buse Lake, BC; Saint Remi, QC; U.S.: Secondary clay Minn.	Hosterman, 1998
Variable climate, unsaturated zone, Al- or REE-bearing shales adjacent to coal seams, water table	Supergene	Clay	Underclay, overclay	Gob	CAN: Quinsam Mine, BC; CHN: Chongqing, Daqinshan, Lincang, Yishan; MNG: Jungar; U.S.: Coal underclay Ill.-Ky.-W. Va.	Seredin and Finkelman, 2008; Zhao and others, 2019; Yang and others, 2020
Variable climate, unsaturated zone, Al- or REE-bearing granitic, peralkaline, or carbonate rocks, water table	Supergene	Clay	Ion adsorption REE	NA	CAN: Grande-Vallée, QC; CHN: Jiangxi, Guangdong, Fujiang, Guangxi; U.S.: Piedmont ion adsorption REE	Foley and Ayuso, 2015; Sanematsu and Watanabe, 2016
Variable climate, unsaturated zone, preexisting Ag-rich mineralization, water table	Supergene	Supergene	Supergene silver	NA	AUS: Wonawinta, NSW; CAN: Murray Brook, NB; MEX: Sierra Mojada	Skirka, 2005; Sillitoe, 2009; Ahn, 2010
Variable climate, unsaturated zone, preexisting Pb-rich mineralization, water table	Supergene	Supergene	Supergene lead	NA	AUS: Magellan, WA	McQuitty and Pascoe, 1998; Pirajno and others, 2010

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Variable climate, unsaturated zone, preexisting U-rich mineralization, water table	Supergene	Supergene	Supergene uranium	NA	AUS: Angela, NT	Lally and Bajwah, 2006; Bolonin and Gradovsky, 2012; Edgoose, 2013
Variable climate, unsaturated zone, preexisting V-rich mineralization, water table	Supergene	Supergene	Supergene vanadium	NA	NAM: Otavi Mountainland	Schwellnus, 1945; Verwoerd, 1957; Boni and others, 2007
Variable climate, unsaturated zone, preexisting Au-rich mineralization, water table	Supergene	Supergene	Supergene gold	Regolith gold	CAN: Murray Brook, NB	Rennick and Burton, 1992
Variable climate, unsaturated zone, preexisting Zn-rich mineralization, water table	Supergene	Supergene	Supergene zinc	Non-sulfide Zn, oxidized Zn (Pb)	AUS: Magellan, WA; CAN: Redbird, Lomond, Reeves MacDonald, Caviar, HB, Oxide, Cariboo Zinc, Flipper Creek, Dolomite Flats, Main, Gunn and Que, BC; U.S.: Leadville, Colo.; Balmat, N.Y.	Boni and Mondillo 2015; Paradis and others, 2015
Variable climate, unsaturated zone, preexisting Cu-rich mineralization, water table	Supergene	Supergene	Supergene copper	NA	CAN: Afton, BC; Windy Craggy, BC; U.S.: Santa Rita (Chino) Cu, N. Mex.; Morenci, Ariz.	Titly and Marozas, 1995
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Infiltration of surface water, aquifers, preexisting Cu mineralization, redox interface	Infiltrational	Exotic	Exotic copper	Paleochannel copper	MEX: El Pilar	Münchmeyer, 1998
Infiltration of surface water, fluvial paleochannels, preexisting Fe, Mn mineralization, redox interface	Infiltrational	Paleochannel	Paleochannel iron	Ferricretes, mangano-cretes	AUS: Hamersley iron province, WA; U.S.: New World, Mont.	Ramanaidou and others, 2003
Infiltration of surface water, aquifers, preexisting volcanic ash-bearing sedimentary rocks, redox interface	Infiltrational	Uranium	Sandstone uranium	Roll front, and others	AUS: Angela, NT; U.S.: Colorado Plateau, Utah-Colo.	Lally and Bajwah, 2006; Edgoose, 2013; Breit, 2016; IAEA, 2020
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Infiltration of CO ₂ -bearing surface water into fractured ultramafic rocks	Infiltrational	Magnesite	Nodular magnesite	Cryptocrystalline magnesite	AUS: Kunwarara, QLD; CAN: Mount Brussilof, BC; U.S.: Red Mtn., Calif.	Page, 1998b; Simandl and Hancock, 1999
Silled marine basin, arid climate, pinnacle reefs, evaporites, sabkha dolomites	Basin evaporative	Evaporite	Marine evaporite gypsum	NA	CAN: Windsor, NS; Elkhorn, BC; U.S.: Oklahoma	Raup, 1991a; Warren, 2010
Silled marine basin, arid climate, pinnacle reefs, evaporites, sabkha dolomites	Basin evaporative	Evaporite	Marine evaporite salt	NA	CAN: Goderich, ON; Grosse-Île, QC; U.S.: Gulf Coast, Tex.	Raup, 1991b; Warren, 2010
Silled marine basin, arid climate, pinnacle reefs, evaporites, sabkha dolomites	Basin evaporative	Evaporite	Marine evaporite potash	NA	CAN: Elk Point Basin, SK; U.S.: Carlsbad, N. Mex.	Williams-Stroud, 1991; Warren, 2010
Silled marine basin, arid climate, pinnacle reefs, evaporites, sabkha dolomites	Basin evaporative	Evaporite	Marine evaporite magnesite	Sedimentary magnesite	AUS: Witchelina and Mount Hutton, SA	Horn and others, 2017
Closed lacustrine drainage basin, arid climate, salt flats	Basin evaporative	Evaporite	Lacustrine evaporite trona	NA	U.S.: Green River, Wyo.	Dyni, 1991; Warren, 2010
Closed lacustrine drainage basin, arid climate, salt flats	Basin evaporative	Evaporite	Lacustrine evaporite salt	NA	U.S.: Bonneville, Utah	Orris, 1992; Warren, 2010
Closed lacustrine drainage basin, arid climate, salt flats	Basin evaporative	Evaporite	Lacustrine evaporite potash	NA	EU: Rhine graben	Warren, 2010

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Closed lacustrine drainage basin, arid climate, salt flats	Basin evaporative	Evaporite	Lacustrine evaporite carnallite-bischofite	NA	CAN: Wynyard, SK; EU: Rhine graben	Warren, 2010
Closed lacustrine drainage basin, arid climate, salt flats	Basin evaporative	Evaporite	Lacustrine evaporite borate	NA	U.S.: Rio Tinto (U.S. Borax), Calif.	Orris, 1995; Warren, 2010
Closed lacustrine drainage basin, arid climate, salt flats	Basin evaporative	Evaporite	Lacustrine evaporite magnesite	Sedimentary magnesite	U.S.: Needles, Calif.	Vitaliano, 1950
Closed lacustrine drainage basin, arid climate, sea spray, salt flats	Basin evaporative	Evaporite	Lacustrine evaporite nitrate	NA	So. Am.: Central Andes	Williams-Stroud, 1991; Warren, 2010
Silled marine basin, arid climate, pinnacle reefs, evaporites, sabkha dolomites	Basin evaporative	Brine	Marine brine potash (±Mg, Li, and so on)	NA	U.S.: Kane Creek potash, Utah; Michigan Basin potash, Mich.	Warren, 2010
Closed lacustrine drainage basin, arid climate, salt flats	Basin evaporative	Brine	Lacustrine brine potash	NA	AUS: Lake Wells, WA; U.S.: Searles Lake, Calif.	Orris, 2011
Closed lacustrine drainage basin, arid climate, salt flats	Basin evaporative	Brine	Lacustrine brine lithium	NA	CAN: Swan Hill, AB; CHL: Atacama; U.S.: Clayton Valley, Nev.	Bradley and others, 2013; Munk and others, 2016
Closed lacustrine drainage basin, arid climate, salt flats, volcanic rocks	Basin evaporative	Zeolite	Lacustrine zeolite (± Li, B)	NA	U.S.: Rhyolite Ridge, Nev.	Sheppard, 1991; Ioneer, 2020
Closed lacustrine drainage basin, arid climate, salt flats, ash and clay layers	Basin evaporative	Clay	Lacustrine clay lithium	NA	U.S.: McDermitt, Nev.	Asher-Bolinder, 1991; Castor and Henry, 2020

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Marine chemoclines, anoxic or euxinic lows, bioproductivity, seawater	Basin chemical	Black shale	Black shale vanadium ± Mo ± Ni	Metalliferous black shale, stone coal, carbonaceous marl	AUS: Julia Creek, QLD; CAN: Tar Sands, AB; U.S.: Gibellini V, Nev.; Phosphoria Fm. V, Mont.-Idaho-Wyo.	Granitto and others, 2017
Marine chemoclines, anoxic or euxinic lows, bioproductivity, seawater	Basin chemical	Black shale	Black shale nickel ± Mo-PGE	Metalliferous black shale	CAN: Nick Ni-Mo-PGE, YT	Hulbert and others, 1992; Lefebure and Coveney, 1995; Gadd and others, 2020
Marine chemoclines, anoxic or euxinic lows, bioproductivity, seawater	Basin chemical	Black shale	Black shale gold	NA	U.S.: Upper Rodeo Au, Nev.	Emsbo, 2000
Marine chemoclines, anoxic or euxinic lows, bioproductivity, seawater	Basin chemical	Black shale	Black shale uranium	NA	U.S.: Chattanooga U, Tenn.	IAEA, 2020
Marine chemoclines, ocean currents bioproductivity, wave base, seawater	Basin chemical	Phosphorite	Phosphorite	Phosphate	AUS: Ammaroo, NT; D-Tree, QLD; Phosphate Hill/Duchess, QLD; CAN: Athabasca Basin, SK; U.S.: Phosphoria Fm., Mont.-Idaho-Wyo.	Emsbo and others, 2016a
Atmospheric oxidation, oceanic oxidation event, seawater	Basin chemical	Iron formation	Superior-type banded iron formation	Lake Superior	AUS: Hamersley iron province, WA; CAN: Labrador Trough, NL and QC; U.S.: Mesabi, Minn.	Cannon, 1986b

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Oceanic anoxic events, marine chemoclines, ocean currents, wave base, seawater	Basin chemical	Iron formation	Oolitic iron formation	Ironstone, Clinton-type, Minette-type	AUS: Train Range, QLD; CAN: Clear Hills, AB, Bell Island, NL; U.S.: Clinton, N.Y.	Maynard and Van Houten, 1992
Regional-scale and intense Fe-Na-(Ca+K) metasomatism and magnetic/gravity anomalies, caldera lakes	Basin chemical	Iron formation	Lacustrine iron formation	NA	U.S.: Upper Pilot Knob, Mo.	Nold and others, 2014
Atmospheric oxidation, oceanic oxidation event, seawater	Basin chemical	Manganese	Superior-type banded manganese	Mamatwan-type; gondite	CAN: Woodstock, NB; ZAF: Kalahari	Cairncross and Beukes, 2013
Oceanic anoxic events, marine chemoclines, ocean currents, wave base, seawater	Basin chemical	Manganese	Sedimentary manganese	Shelf sequence manganese, Nikopol-type manganese	AUS: Groote Eylandt and Bootu Creek, NT; UKR: Chiatura, Nikopol-Tokmak; U.S.: Cuyuna Range, Minn.; Aroostock County, Maine	Force and others, 1999; Cannon and others, 2017; Harvey and others, 2017
Marine chemoclines, ocean currents, atolls and plateaus, seawater	Basin chemical	Manganese	Crust manganese	Ferromanganese crusts	U.S. EEZ: Blake Plateau	Bau and others, 2014; Mizell and Hein, 2016
Marine chemoclines, ocean currents, abyssal plains, seawater	Basin chemical	Manganese	Nodule manganese	Ferromanganese nodules	U.S. EEZ: near Johnson Island, Hawaii	Hein and Koschinsky, 2014
Closed lacustrine drainage basin, redox interface	Basin chemical	Manganese	Lacustrine manganese	NA	U.S.: Artillery Mountains Mn, Ariz.	Long and others, 1992

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Unconformity, epicontinental basin fill, arid climate, evaporites, basin brine, extensional faults, alkali and magnesium metasomatism	Basin hydrothermal	Unconformity-related	Unconformity-related REE	NA	AUS: Browns Range, WA; CAN: Maw zone, SK	Nazari-Dehkordi and others, 2018
Collapse breccia, epicontinental basin fill, arid climate, evaporites, basin brine, extensional faults, alkali and magnesium metasomatism	Basin hydrothermal	Collapse breccia pipe	Collapse breccia pipe uranium	NA	U.S.: Grand Canyon, Ariz.	Alpine, 2010; Van Gosen and others, 2016; IAEA, 2020
Continental rift basin, initial phase, volcanics, conglomerates, and siliciclastics, arid climate, evaporites, basin brine, growth faults, salt tectonics, alkali and magnesium metasomatism	Basin hydrothermal	Volcanic-hosted	Volcanic-hosted copper	Volcanic-red bed copper; basaltic copper	CAN: Sustut, BC and Copper River, YT; U.S.: Calumet-Hecla and Kearsarge Mich.	Cox, 1986a; Lefebure and Church, 1996

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Continental rift basin, initial phase, conglomerates and siliciclastics, arid climate, evaporites, basin brine, growth faults, salt tectonics, alkali and magnesium metasomatism	Basin hydrothermal	Sediment-hosted	Kipushi-type sediment-hosted copper-zinc-lead	Kipushi, salt dome	U.S.: Ruby Creek, Alaska; Apex, Utah	Cox and Bernstein, 1986; De Magnee and Francois, 1988
Contractional orogeny, foreland basin, forebulge faults, arid climate, evaporites, basin brine, alkali and magnesium metasomatism	Basin hydrothermal	Mississippi Valley-type (MVT)	MVT zinc-lead	NA	AUS: Lennard Shelf, WA; Admiral Bay, WA; CAN: Polaris and Nanisivik, NU; Pine Point, NT; Robb Lake, BC; Gays River, NS; U.S.: Viburnum trend, Mo.	Leach and others, 2010

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Contractional orogeny, foreland basin, forebulge faults, arid climate, evaporites, basin brine, alkali and magnesium metasomatism	Basin hydrothermal	Mississippi Valley-type (MVT)	MVT fluorspar	NA	CAN: Liard, BC; U.S.: Illinois-Kentucky fluorspar	Plumlee and others, 1995; Denny and others, 2015, 2016; Hayes and others, 2017
Contractional orogeny, foreland basin, forebulge faults, arid climate, evaporites, basin brine, alkali and magnesium metasomatism	Basin hydrothermal	Mississippi Valley-type (MVT)	MVT strontium	NA	TUR: Sivas basin celestite	Ucurum and others, 2017
Contractional orogeny, foreland basin, forebulge faults, arid climate, evaporites, basin brine, alkali and magnesium metasomatism	Basin hydrothermal	Mississippi Valley-type (MVT)	Sandstone-hosted zinc-lead	NA	CAN: Wigwam, BC; George Lake, SK; SWE: Laisvall Zn-Pb	Briskey, 1986
More oxidized and (or) metamorphosed equivalents of features noted in the previous row	Basin hydrothermal	Non-sulfide	Non-sulfide zinc-lead ± Mn	Oxide zinc	AUS: Beltana, SA; BRA: Vazante; U.S.: Franklin-Sterling Hill, N.J.	Hitzman and others, 2003

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Crystalline basement, extensional faults, basin brine, natural gas, redox interface, hydrolytic ± CO ₂ metasomatism, arsenides, regional iron and alkali-calcic metasomatism	Basin hydrothermal	Five-element	Vein five-element	Ag-Bi-Co-Ni arsenide	CAN: Beaver and Timiskaming, ON; Cobalt, ON; Silver Islet, ON; Echo Bay and Eldorado, NT; U.S.: Wickenburg, Ariz.; Black Hawk, N Mex.	Kissin, 1992; Mumin and others, 2010; Markl and others, 2016; Burisch and others, 2017; Scharrer and others, 2019; Corriveau and others, in press
Contractional orogen, metamorphic belts, dilatant structures, metamorphic fluid, hydrolytic, CO ₂ , H ₂ S metasomatism	Metamorphic hydrothermal	Orogenic	Hypozonal orogenic gold	Mesothermal gold; low-sulfide gold-quartz-vein, shear zone gold	CAN: Borden Lake, ON	Groves and others, 1998; Goldfarb and others, 2005, 2016
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Contractional orogen, metamorphic belts, dilatant structures, metamorphic fluid, hydrolytic, CO ₂ , ± H ₂ S metasomatism	Metamorphic hydrothermal	Orogenic	Epizonal orogenic mercury	NA	CAN: Pinchi Lake, BC; U.S.: Southwest, Alaska	Gray and Bailey, 2003
Contractional orogen, metamorphic belts, dilatant structures, metamorphic fluid, hydrolytic, CO ₂ , ± H ₂ S, ± alkali metasomatism	Metamorphic hydrothermal	Orogenic	Orogenic silver-lead-zinc-copper-antimony	NA	AUS: Endeavor (Elura), NSW; Woodcutters, NT; U.S.: Coeur d'Alene district, Idaho-Mont.	Leach and others, 1988, 1998; Beaudoin and Sangster, 1992, 1995
Contractional orogen, metamorphic belts, dilatant structures, metamorphic fluid, hydrolytic, CO ₂ , ± H ₂ S, alkali metasomatism	Metamorphic hydrothermal	Orogenic	Orogenic copper ± gold	NA	AUS: Cobar, NSW; Mt. Isa Cu, QLD	Lawrie and Hinman, 1998
Contractional orogen, metamorphic belts, dilatant structures, metamorphic fluid, carbon metasomatism	Metamorphic hydrothermal	Orogenic	Orogenic graphite vein, lump graphite		CAN: Buckingham, QC; Lac-des-Îles, QC; Calumet, QC; Miller, QC; U.S.: Crystal Graphite, Mont.	Luque and others, 2014; Simandl and others, 2015

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Occurs in more than one system type	Magmatic hydrothermal	Epithermal	Low-sulfidation (LS) epithermal gold-silver	Adularia-sericite gold-silver; hot-spring gold-silver; epizonal intrusion-related gold	AUS: Pajingo, QLD; Cracow, QLD; CAN: Mallery Lake, NU; Bakers Mine, BC; Lawyers, BC; U.S.: Sleeper, Nev.	John, 2001; Simmons and others, 2005

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Occurs in more than one system type	Magmatic hydrothermal	Epithermal	Epithermal mercury	Hot spring Hg	U.S.: McDermitt, Nev.	Rytuba, 1986
Continental rift, hydrous bimodal magmatism, A-type volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, meteoric water	Magmatic hydrothermal	Epithermal	Epithermal beryllium	Volcanogenic Be	U.S.: Spor Mtn., Utah	Barton and Young, 2002; Foley and others, 2012
Continental rift, hydrous bimodal magmatism, A-type volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, meteoric water	Magmatic hydrothermal	Epithermal	Epithermal uranium	Volcanogenic U, volcanic-related U	AUS: Ben Lomond, QLD; CAN: Sagar, QC; U.S.: Marysvale, Utah; Anderson Mine, Ariz.	Nash, 2010; Andrews and Parker, 2017; IAEA, 2020
Occurs in more than one system type	Magmatic hydrothermal	Vein	Vein ± replacement nickel	Avebury-style Ni, ophiolite-hosted Ni, hydrothermal Ni	AUS: Avebury, TAS	Callaghan and others, 2017

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Occurs in more than one system type	Magmatic hydrothermal	Vein	Vein cobalt ± Ni	Hydrothermal Ni-Co-As	MRT: Bou Azer	Ahmed and others, 2009
Occurs in more than one system type	Magmatic hydrothermal	Vein	Vein copper	NA	AUS: Cayley, VIC; CAN: Temagami, ON; U.S.: Magma, Ariz.	Friehauf and Pareja, 1998
Continental back arc or hinterland, S-type volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, alkali and hydrolytic metasomatism	Magmatic hydrothermal	Vein	Vein tin	Cornwall-type	CAN: Kalzas, YT; Mount Pleasant, NB; GBR: Cornwall	Reed, 1986c
Continental back arc or hinterland, S-type volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, alkali and hydrolytic metasomatism	Magmatic hydrothermal	Vein	Vein tungsten	NA	CAN: Burnt Hill, NB; PER: Pasto Bueno	Cox and Bagby, 1986
Continental back arc or hinterland, S-type volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, alkali and hydrolytic metasomatism	Magmatic hydrothermal	Vein	Vein tin polymetallic	Bolivian-type	AUS: Baal Gammon, QLD; BOL: Oruro	Togashi, 1986
Occurs in more than one system type	Magmatic hydrothermal	Vein	Vein fluorite	Fluorspar	AUS: Meentheena and Speewah, WA; U.S.: Western Kentucky	Anderson, 2019
Occurs in more than one system type	Magmatic hydrothermal	Vein	Vein polymetallic	NA	CAN: Hector-Calumet and Elsa, Mayo district, YT; Slocan-New Denver-Ainsworth district, BC	Cox, 1986d

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Occurs in more than one system type	Magmatic hydrothermal	Breccia pipe	Breccia pipe copper	Igneous-hydrothermal breccia	CAN: Tribag, ON; Croxall, ON; CHL: El Teniente	Skewes and others, 2002; Stern and others, 2011
Continental back arc or hinterland, regional felsic magmatism of ilmenite to magnetite series, magmatic fluid, alkali and hydrolytic metasomatism	Magmatic hydrothermal	Breccia pipe	Breccia pipe gold	Intrusion-related gold	AUS: Kidston, QLD; Mt. Leyshon, QLD	Baker and Andrew, 1991; Allan and others, 2011
Continental rift, hydrous bimodal magmatism, A-type volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid	Magmatic hydrothermal	Breccia pipe	Breccia pipe molybdenum	NA	U.S.: Cave Peak Mo, Tex.	Sharp, 1979
Arc or rift, alkaline volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, alkali and hydrolytic metasomatism	Magmatic hydrothermal	Breccia pipe	Breccia pipe REE	NA	U.S.: Pea Ridge REE, Mo.	Nuelle and others, 1991
Slab rollback, arc migration, magmatic volatiles, extensional faults, reduced slope facies, meteoric water, CO ₂ , H ₂ S and hydrolytic metasomatism, jasperoids	Magmatic hydrothermal	Carlin-type	Carlin-type gold	Sediment-hosted disseminated gold, sediment-hosted micron gold	CAN: Rackla, YT; CHN: Golden triangle; U.S.: Carlin trend, Battle Mtn.-Eureka trend, Getchell trend, Nev.	Hofstra and Cline, 2000; Cline and others, 2005; Muntean, 2018
Occurs in more than one system type	Magmatic hydrothermal	Distal-disseminated	Distal-disseminated silver-gold	Carlin-like, Carlin-style	U.S.: Lone Tree Ag-Au, Nev.	Cox, 1992

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Occurs in more than one system type	Magmatic hydrothermal	Replacement	Replacement polymetallic	NA	CAN: Midway, BC; Bluebell, BC; Sa Dena Hes, YT; MEX: Santa Eulalia, Naica, Fresnillo, Velardena, Providencia; U.S.: Leadville district, Colo.; East Tintic district, Utah; Eureka district, Nev.	Morris, 1986; Titley, 1997
Occurs in more than one system type	Magmatic hydrothermal	Replacement	Replacement gold-silver	Sulfide manto Au	CAN: Ketz River, YT; Mosquito Creek, BC	Abercrombie, 1990
Continental back arc or hinterland, S-type volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, alkali and hydrolytic metasomatism	Magmatic hydrothermal	Replacement	Replacement tin	NA	AUS: Renison, TAS; CAN: Mount Pleasant, NB	Reed, 1986c; Hammarstrom and others, 1995a
Occurs in more than one system type	Magmatic hydrothermal	Replacement	Replacement copper	NA	U.S.: Bisbee, Ariz.	Stegen and others, 2005
Occurs in more than one system type	Magmatic hydrothermal	Replacement	Replacement zinc-lead	NA	U.S.: Bingham Canyon, Tintic, Park City, Deer Trail, Utah; Pima, Ariz.	Beaty and others, 1986; Titley, 1997
Occurs in more than one system type	Magmatic hydrothermal	Replacement	Replacement manganese	NA	U.S.: Butte, Mont.; Leadville, Colo.	Mosier, 1986
Arc, magnetite series, calc-alkaline volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, alkali and hydrolytic metasomatism	Magmatic hydrothermal	Replacement	Replacement magnesium	Crystalline magnesite	CAN: Mount Bussilof, BC; U.S.: Premier Magnesia (Gabbs), Nev.	Page, 1998a; Simandl and Hancock, 1999

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Occurs in more than one system type	Magmatic hydrothermal	Skarn	Skarn iron	NA	AUS: Paddys River, ACT; AZE: Dashkasan; CAN: Tasu, Jessie, Merry Widow, Iron Crown, Iron Hill, Yellow Kid, and Prescott, BC; CHN: Jinshandian, Middle Lower-Yangtze River Metallogenic Belt; CUB: Daiquiri; ITA: San Leone; JPN: Shinyama; RUS: Magnitogorsk, Perschansk, Sheregesh, and Teya; U.S.: Santa Rita, N. Mex.; Cornwall Iron Springs, Utah; Eagle Mountain, Calif.	Cox, 1986c; Hammarstrom and others, 1995c; Meinert and others, 2005; Zeng and others, 2020
Occurs in more than one system type	Magmatic hydrothermal	Skarn	Skarn copper	NA	CAN: Craigmont, BC; Phoenix, BC; Old Sport, BC; Queen Victoria, BC; Mines Gaspé, QC; U.S.: Copper Canyon, Nev.; Carr Fork Cu, Utah	Cox and Theodore, 1986; Meinert and others, 2005

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Continental back arc or hinterland, S-type volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, alkali and hydrolytic metasomatism	Magmatic hydrothermal	Skarn	Skarn tin ± copper ± Mo	NA	CAN: Silver Diamond, BC; Atlin Magnetite, BC; Daybreak, BC; JC, YT; U.S.: Lost River, Alaska; Majuba Hill, Nev.	Reed and Cox, 1986; Meinert and others, 2005
Occurs in more than one system type	Magmatic hydrothermal	Skarn	Skarn gold ± copper ± tungsten	Intrusion-related gold	AUS: Red Dome, QLD; CAN: Banks Island, BC; Hedley, BC; Ketz River, Marn and Horn, YT; Nickel Plate, BC; French, BC; Canty, BC; Good Hope, BC; Quesnel River, BC; U.S.: Fortitude and McCoy, Nev.	Ewers and Sun, 1989; Sillitoe, 1991; Theodore and others, 1991; Hart and others, 2002; Meinert and others, 2005; Hart, 2007
Occurs in more than one system type	Magmatic hydrothermal	Skarn	Skarn zinc-lead-silver	NA	CAN: Piedmont, BC; Midway, BC; Contact, BC; Quartz Lake, YT; U.S.: Groundhog, N. Mex.	Hammarstrom and others, 1995b; Meinert and others, 2005

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Continental rift, hydrous bimodal magmatism, A-type volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid	Magmatic hydrothermal	Skarn	Skarn beryllium-fluorite	NA	U.S.: Iron Mtn., N. Mex.	Barton and Young, 2002; Meinert and others, 2005
Peralkaline volcano-plutonic center	Magmatic hydrothermal	Skarn	Skarn uranium-REE	NA	AUS: Mary Kathleen REE-U, QLD	Oliver and others, 1999; Meinert and others, 2005
Arc or rift, alkaline volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, alkali and hydrolytic metasomatism	Magmatic hydrothermal	Porphyry	Porphyry copper ± gold	Alkaline porphyry copper	AUS: Cadia, NSW; Northparkes, NSW; CAN: Galore Creek, BC; Copper Mountain, BC; Afton-Ajax, BC	Seedorff and others, 2005; Sillitoe, 2010
Arc, magnetite series, calc-alkaline volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, alkali and hydrolytic metasomatism	Magmatic hydrothermal	Porphyry	Porphyry copper-molybdenum	Calc-alkaline porphyry copper	CAN: Highland Valley, BC; Gibraltar, BC; Brenda, BC; Highmont, BC; U.S.: Butte, Mont.; Bingham Canyon, Utah	Seedorff and others, 2005; Sillitoe, 2010
Continental back arc or hinterland, felsic magmatism of ilmenite to magnetite series, calc-alkaline volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, alkali and hydrolytic metasomatism	Magmatic hydrothermal	Porphyry	Porphyry gold ± copper	Intrusion-related gold	AUS: Mungana, QLD; CAN: Kerr, BC; U.S.: Palmetto, Nev.	Hollister, 1992; Nethery and Barr, 1998; Seedorff and others, 2005

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Arc, magnetite series, calc-alkaline volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, alkali and hydrolytic metasomatism	Magmatic hydrothermal	Porphyry	Low-fluorine porphyry molybdenum	Arc-related porphyry molybdenum; low-fluorine stockwork molybdenite	CAN: Endako, BC; MAX, BC; Boss Mountain, BC; U.S.: Pine Nut, Nev.; Thompson Creek, Idaho	Theodore, 1986; Sinclair, 1995a; Seedorff and others, 2005; Taylor and others, 2012
Continental arc, back arc, or hinterland, felsic magmatism of ilmenite series, calc-alkaline volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, alkali and hydrolytic metasomatism	Magmatic hydrothermal	Porphyry	Porphyry tungsten	NA	CAN: Mount Pleasant, NB	Sinclair, 1995b; Seedorff and others, 2005
Continental back arc, or hinterland, felsic S-type volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, alkali and hydrolytic metasomatism	Magmatic hydrothermal	Porphyry	Porphyry tin	NA	CAN: Mount Pleasant, NB; U.S.: Majuba Hill, Nev.	Reed, 1986b; Sinclair, 1995c; Seedorff and others, 2005
Continental back arc or hinterland, felsic S-type volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, alkali and hydrolytic metasomatism	Magmatic-hydrothermal	Greisen	Greisen tin ±W-Mo	NA	AUS: Anchor, TAS; CAN: Kemptville, NS; RUS: Spokoininskoye; SAU: Silsilah Sn	Reed, 1986d

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Continental rift, hydrous bimodal magmatism, A-type volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid	Magmatic hydrothermal	Greisen	Greisen beryllium ±Li	NA	U.S.: McCullochs Butte, Nev.	Barton and Young, 2002
Continental back arc or hinterland, regional felsic magmatism of ilmenite series, calc-alkaline volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, alkali and hydrolytic metasomatism	Magmatic hydrothermal	Intrusion-related	Reduced intrusion-related gold	Plutonic-related gold; intrusion-centered gold; sheeted vein gold; shear-related gold veins	CAN: Tombstone, YT; U.S.: Fort Knox, Alaska; Bald Mountain, Nev.	Sillitoe, 1991; McCoy and others, 1997; Thompson and others, 1999; Hart and others, 2002; Hart, 2007; Nutt and Hofstra, 2007
Continental back arc or hinterland, regional felsic magmatism of ilmenite to magnetite series, calc-alkaline volcano-plutonic center, magmatic fluid, alkali and hydrolytic metasomatism	Magmatic hydrothermal	Intrusion-related	Oxidized intrusion-related gold	Plutonic-related gold; disseminated gold; plutonic gold; intrusion-related gold veins	AUS: Ravenswood, QLD; Timbarra, NSW; Dargues Reef, NSW; CAN: Côte, ON, Malartic, QB	Sillitoe, 1991; Mustard, 2001; Blevin, 2004; Helt and others, 2014

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Anatexis or any felsic pluton	Magmatic	Pegmatite	Simple pegmatite	NA	CAN: Buckingham, QC	Černý and Ercit, 2005; Martin and De Vito, 2005; London, 2008, 2016
Continental back arc or hinterland, S-type plutonic center	Magmatic	Pegmatite	LCT pegmatite	NA	AUS: Greenbush, WA; Wodgina, WA; Pilgangoora, WA; CAN: Tanco, MB; US: King Lithia, So. Dak.	Černý and Ercit, 2005; Martin and De Vito, 2005; London, 2008, 2016
Continental rift, hydrous bimodal magmatism, A-type plutonic center	Magmatic	Pegmatite	NYF pegmatite	NA	CAN: Bancroft, ON; Little Nahanni, YT	Černý and Ercit, 2005; Martin and De Vito, 2005; London, 2008, 2016
Anatexis associated with high grade metamorphism	Magmatic	Pegmatite	Abyssal pegmatite REE	NA	CAN: Fraser Lakes, SK	London, 2008
SCLM partial melt, alkalic-peralkaline magmatic center, carbonatites	Magmatic	Carbonatite	Carbonatite REE	NA	AUS: Mt. Weld, WA; CAN: Wicheeda Lake, BC; Nisikkatch Lake, SK; Montviel, QC; Lac Shortt, QC; Saint Honoré, QC; China: Bayan'obo; U.S.: Mountain Pass, Calif.	Verplanck and others, 2014, 2016; Simandl and Paradis, 2018
SCLM partial melt, alkalic-peralkaline magmatic center, carbonatites	Magmatic	Carbonatite	Carbonatite niobium	NA	CAN: Eldor, QC; Niobec, QC; Aley, BC; Blue River, BC; St. Lawrence Columbium Mine, QC	Verplanck and others, 2014, 2016; Simandl and Paradis, 2018

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SCLM partial melt, alkalic-peralkaline magmatic center and related pegmatites	Magmatic	Peralkaline igneous	Peralkaline igneous HFSE-REE	NA	AUS: Dubbo, NSW; CAN: Strange Lake, QC; Misery Lake, QC; Kipawa, QC; Thor Lake, NT	Dostal, 2016
Zoned alkalic plutonic center	Magmatic	Apatite-nepheline-titanite intrusion	Apatite-nepheline-titanite intrusion	Alkaline massif, nepheline-syenite-foyaite complex	RUS: Apatyty	Kalashnikov and others, 2016
Alkalic dike complex	Magmatic	Apatite intrusion	Apatite intrusion REE	Apatite vein	AUS: Nolans Bore, NT	Hussey and Dean, 2013; Huston and others, 2016a
SCLM partial melt, diatreme, kimberlite	Magmatic	Kimberlite	Kimberlite diamond	NA	AUS: Argyll, WA; CAN: Ekati, Gahcho Kue, Snap Lake, and Diavik, NT; Renard, QC; Victor, ON	Michalski and Modreski, 1991; Pell, 1999
Archean to early Proterozoic continental rift or plume, high degree mantle melts, greenstone belts, ultramafic-mafic volcanic center	Magmatic	Komatiite	Komatiite nickel-copper-PGE	Kambalda-type, raglan-type	AUS: Kambalda; CAN: Langmuir, ON; Alexo-Dundonald, ON; Raglan, QC; Thompson, MB; ZWE: Damba	Page, 1986b; Naldrett, 2004; Zientek and others, 2017
Continental rift or plume, high degree mantle melts, LIP, ultramafic-mafic layered intrusion	Magmatic	Ultramafic and (or) mafic-layered intrusion	U-M layered intrusion chromium	NA	AUS: Coobina, WA; CAN: Bird River, MB; Ring of Fire, ON; ZAF: Bushveld Complex	Schulte and others, 2012

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Continental rift or plume, high degree mantle melts, LIP, ultramafic-mafic stock or pluton (maybe zoned)	Magmatic	Ultramafic and (or) mafic intrusion	U-M intrusion nickel-copper-PGE	NA	CAN: Lynn Lake, MB	Naldrett, 2004
Continental rift or plume, high degree mantle melts, LIP, ultramafic-mafic sills, dikes, chonoliths	Magmatic	Ultramafic and (or) mafic conduit	U-M conduit nickel-copper-PGE	Flood basalt Ni-Cu-PGE, ferropicrite Ni-Cu-PGE, picrite-tholeiite N-Cu-PGE	AUS: Nebo-Babel, Expo-Savannah; CHN: Kalatongke; RUS: Norilsk; US: Eagle, Mich.; Tamarack, Minn.	Naldrett, 2004; Barnes and others, 2016; Zientek and others, 2017
Obducted oceanic or back arc crust	Magmatic	Ophiolite	Ophiolite chromium	Podiform chromite	CAN: Thetford Mines QC, Castle Mountain Nickel, BC; Scottie Creek, BC; PHL: Acoje	Duke, 1995; Ash, 1996; Mosier and others, 2012

Table 2. Deposit classification scheme.—Continued

[ACT, Australian Capital Territory; Ag, silver; Al, aluminum; Ala., Alabama; Ariz., Arizona; As, arsenic; Au, gold; AUS, Australia; AZE, Azerbaijan; B, boron; BC, British Columbia; Be, beryllium; BHT, Broken Hill type; Bi, bismuth; BOL, Bolivia; BRA, Brazil; Ca, calcium; Calif., California; CAN, Canada; CD, clastic-dominated; CHL, Chile; CHN, China; Co, cobalt; CO₂, carbon dioxide; COD, Democratic Republic of the Congo; Colo., Colorado; Cr, chromium; CRI, Costa Rica; Cu, copper; CUB, Cuba; DEU, Germany; EEZ, Exclusive Economic Zone; ESP, Spain; EU, European Union; Fe, iron; FIJ, Fiji; FIN, Finland; Fm., Formation; GBR, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; HFSE, high field strength elements; Hg, mercury; HS, high sulfidation; H₂S, hydrogen sulfide; Ill., Illinois; IND, India; IOA, iron oxide-apatite; IOCG, iron oxide-copper-gold; IRE, Ireland; IS, intermediate sulfidation; ISCG, iron sulfide-copper-gold; ITA, Italy; JPN, Japan; K, potassium; Ky., Kentucky; LCT, lithium-cesium-tantalum; Li, lithium; LIP, large igneous province; LS, low sulfidation; MB, Manitoba; MEX, Mexico; Mg, magnesium; Mich., Michigan; Minn., Minnesota; Mn, manganese; MNG, Mongolia; Mo, molybdenum; Mo., Missouri; Mont., Montana; MRT, Mauritania; MT, magnetotelluric; MVT, Mississippi Valley type; Na, sodium; NA, not applicable; Nb, niobium; NB, New Brunswick; N. Dak., North Dakota; Nev., Nevada; NGA, Nigeria; Ni, nickel; N.J., New Jersey; NL, Newfoundland and Labrador; N. Mex., New Mexico; NS, Nova Scotia; NSW, New South Wales; NT, Northern Territory in AUS and Northwest Territories in CAN; NU, Nunavut; N.Y., New York; NYF, niobium-yttrium-fluorine; Okla., Oklahoma; ON, Ontario; Oreg., Oregon; Pb, lead; PER, Peru; PGE, platinum group elements; PHL, Philippines; PNG, Papua New Guinea; QC, Quebec; QLD, Queensland; REE, rare earth elements; RUS, Russia; SA, South Australia; SAU, Saudi Arabia; SCLM, subcontinental lithospheric mantle; S. Dak., South Dakota; SEDEX, sedimentary exhalative; SK, Saskatchewan; SMS, seafloor massive sulfide; Sn, tin; So. Am., South America; SWE, Sweden; Ta, tantalum; TAS, Tasmania; Te, tellurium; Tenn., Tennessee; Tex., Texas; Th, thorium; Ti, titanium; TUR, Turkey; U, uranium; UKR, Ukraine; U-M, ultramafic and (or) mafic; U.S., United States; V, vanadium; VAMS, volcanic-associated massive sulfide; VEN, Venezuela; VMS, volcanogenic massive sulfide; VHMS, volcanic-hosted massive sulfide; VIC, Victoria; W, tungsten; WA, Western Australia; Wash., Washington; W. Va., West Virginia; Wis., Wisconsin; Wyo., Wyoming; YT, Yukon Territory; ZAF, South Africa; Zn, zinc; ZWE, Zimbabwe]

Genetically related features	Deposit environment	Deposit group	Deposit type	Synonym(s)	Example(s)	Reference(s)
Obducted oceanic or back arc crus.	Magmatic	Ophiolite	Ophiolite nickel-copper-PGE	Picrite-tholeiite Ni-Cu-PGE	PHL: Acoje	Yumul, 2001; Naldrett, 2004; Zientek and others, 2017
Convergent margin, ultramafic-mafic magmatic center	Magmatic	Ultramafic and (or) mafic intrusion	Arc U-M intrusion titanium-vanadium	Alaskan-type, uralian-type	CAN: Lac Allard, QC	Page and Gray, 1986
Convergent margin, ultramafic-mafic magmatic center	Magmatic	Ultramafic and (or) mafic intrusion	Arc U-M intrusion nickel-copper-PGE	Alaskan-type, uralian-type, picrite-tholeiite Ni-Cu-PGE	CAN: Tulameen Complex, BC; Turnagain, BC	Page and Gray, 1986; Naldrett, 2004
Convergent margin, late extension, intermediate plutonic center	Magmatic	Anorthosite massif	Anorthosite massif titanium	Anorthosite pluton	CAN: Lac Doré, QC; Lac Tio, QC; Norway: Tellnes	Woodruff and others, 2013
Convergent margin, late extension, intermediate (\pm granitic) dikes, sills, chonoliths	Magmatic	Anorthosite conduit	Anorthosite conduit nickel-copper-PGE	Anorthosite-granite-troctolite Ni-Cu-PGE	CAN: Voiseys Bay, NL	Naldrett, 2004; Barnes and others, 2016
Meteorite impact, ultramafic-mafic magmatism	Magmatic	Ultramafic and (or) mafic intrusion	Impact U-M intrusion nickel-copper-PGE	Impact melt Ni-Cu-PGE	CAN: Sudbury, ON	Keays and Lightfoot, 2004; Naldrett, 2004

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