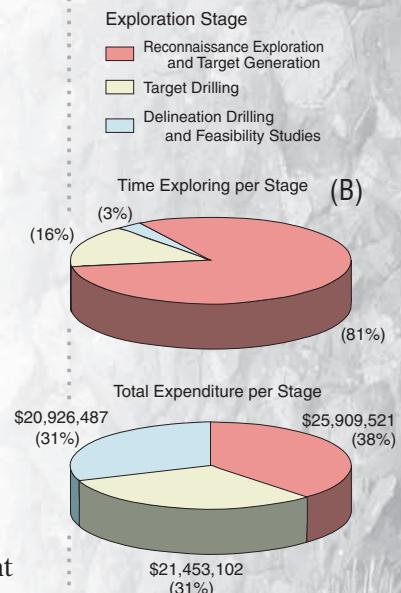


Figure 2. Lachlan Fold Belt case study: 20 years of Cu-Au exploration. (A) Evidence for repeat work (reconnaissance geochemistry in the map shown here), and (B) for spending too much time and money on pre-drill exploration stages.



uncertainty is an area in which cognitive psychologists have made significant recent gains, and we have been investigating how best to apply those gains to the specific issues around decision making in exploration. We have designed and provided an in-house workshop on Decision Making Under Uncertainty to each of our sponsors, and will undertake surveys and cognitive tests with our sponsor staff during 2005.

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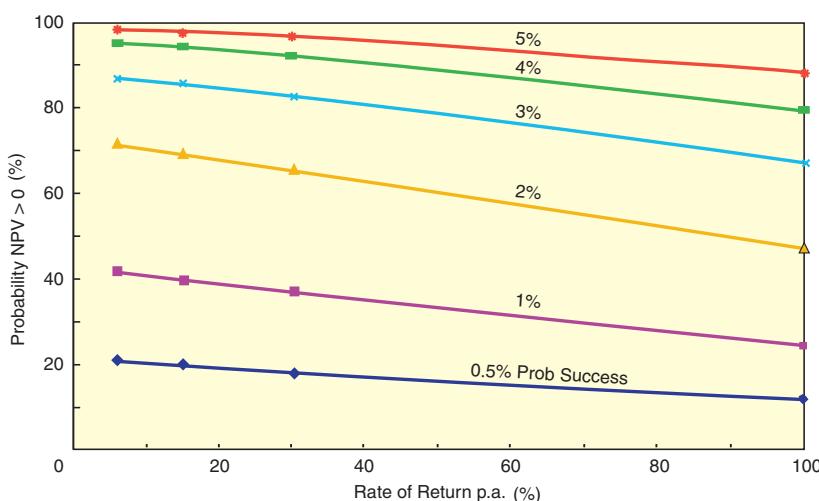


Figure 3. Example of an output from the exploration value simulation in @RISK. The graph shows the probability of achieving ( $NPV > 0$ ) rates of return on exploration funds invested of between 5% and 100%, at probabilities of discovery success ranging from 0.5% to 5%. This result illustrates the remarkably low sensitivity to rate of return (low slope on curves), and the high sensitivity to average probability of success (wide separation of curves).

# Teaching and training program

## undergraduate



### GEMOC's teaching program aims to:

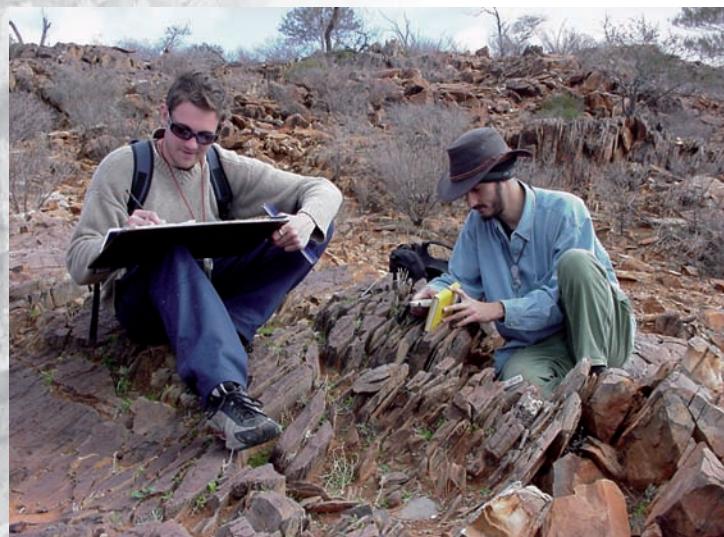
- provide undergraduate and postgraduate students with a broad, integrative understanding of Earth architecture and processes, bridging the discipline boundaries of geology and geophysics
- train undergraduate and postgraduate students in new conceptual approaches and the applications of advanced technology, including geochemical analysis techniques and the integrated field and laboratory use of geographic information systems (GIS)
- develop international links in teaching programs (especially postgraduate) relevant to GEMOC's goals
- develop formal tailored course work components at postgraduate level which also can be packaged for distance education delivery and as short courses available to the mining industry
- enhance the pool of high quality geoscience graduates by restructuring academic programs to attract a new clientele

### HIGHLIGHTS 2004

#### Curriculum Development

- Our tailored problem-based learning (TPBL) units GEOS116 Marine Geoscience and GEOS115 Earth Dynamics, Materials and the Environment continue to be revised and were, again, well received by students. The format includes lectures, problem-based workshops and traditional skill-based practicals. The workshops are completed as group work projects and are modelled on real-life scenarios with the students adopting a role as part of a geoscience team.
- GEOS377 "Environmental Geology" was redesigned with the help of a Macquarie University Teaching Development Grant. The project was titled: Bringing the workplace into the classroom – the redesign of GEOS377 using Tailored Problem-Based Learning and real workplace scenarios. This unit utilised the TPBL model but also aimed to introduce professional and generic skills that are seen as important by employers of graduates in the environmental geology area.

*Mapping an outcrop near Broken Hill, GEOS307 Field Geology and Mapping.*



The unit is based around 3 projects that develop scientific problems from an initial tender stage to the preparation of final reports. All work is completed as group work with students taking the role of small consulting teams. GEOS377 Environmental Geology is a core unit of the new Bachelor of Environmental Science in Environmental Geology.

- Nathan Daczko co-ordinated three units in 2004 - GEOS115, GEOS230, and GEOS307. GEOS230 Field and Laboratory Studies in Geoscience was run for the first time. This unit uses projects integrated with lectures and laboratory classes to develop the theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience needed to map, describe and interpret rocks (and other materials - eg soils, fossils, etc) in the field and the laboratory. Laboratory techniques covered include petrographic microscopy, x-ray diffraction, x-ray fluorescence, electron microprobe, geoscience computing and the construction and interpretation of geological and other maps. A new field trip to the historic gold mining town of Hill End provided an excellent opportunity to apply these laboratory practices in the field. This new unit attracted 19 students from the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences in 2004 and will be offered externally for the first time next year.
- GEOS307 Field Geology and Mapping was again run in the Broken Hill/Olary region in conjunction with the University of Sydney. Field studies in the Broken Hill/Olary region allow students to gain experience mapping in a geological province not encountered before in their course. The unit attracted 21 students from the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences in 2004.
- Another successfull field-based unit GEOS373 "Volcanic Geology Fieldwork", centred on a trip to New Zealand, was run again in 2004.



*Mapping an area at Hill End, GEOS230 Field and Laboratory Studies in Geosciences.*



*Scaling the heights of Mt Tarawera on the GEOS373 "Volcanic Geology Fieldwork" trip to New Zealand.*

## Teaching and training program: undergraduate

- The use of computer packages and web interfaces in Earth and Planetary Sciences continues as a routine feature of content and skills delivery. Both geology and geophysics units incorporate packages used by industry into classroom and field teaching. Our portable computer lab allows students access to up-to-date computer software for use in both the classroom and field.

### Geophysics teaching progress 2004

- The named degree, Bachelor of Geophysics, continued in 2004 after its inception in 1998 to increase the visibility of Geophysics. It has evolved into the advanced geophysics stream in the Bachelor of Science degree.
- The Bachelor of Technology in Exploration Geoscience has a Geophysics strand initiated in 1999, streamed from second year level (see flow sheet in *Appendix 6*).
- Use of an extensive pool of GPS units for undergraduate (and postgraduate) fieldwork continued.
- Extended implementation of new seismic, gravity GPS and resistivity equipment for student field projects in exploration, groundwater, environmental and engineering geophysics.
- Equipment upgrades funded by Macquarie University over the last five years have resulted in an excellent array of new instrumentation. Acquisitions include:
  - GEOMETRICS G856 Proton Precession Magnetometer
  - GEOSOFT, MODELVISION, EMVISION, ERMAPPER and Claritas software was either purchased or upgraded
  - Seismic trigger cable modifications
  - ABEM SAS4000 Resistivity System and an ABEM LUND system
  - ASHTECH Z-Xtreme Differential GPS system
  - DUALEM Frequency Domain EM System

### OUTCOMES AT MACQUARIE

The introduction of new units and restructuring of existing undergraduate units at Macquarie as described in each Annual Report has achieved the goals of attracting new clientele. However, this is within an environment of a contracting pool of science undergraduates. Despite this, GEMOC core units at 100 level have maintained average enrolments. Reorganisation of course structures and acquisition of teaching infrastructure (computers, high-technology instruments, GIS units) have increased the visibility of geoscience and have resulted in the presentation of geoscience with an interdisciplinary and innovative approach using state-of-the art technology and concepts.

**T**HE UNIVERSITY MEDAL was awarded to GEMOC honours student Kathleen McMahon in 2004 for her honours thesis "Seismic reflection studies of the Amery Ice Shelf, East Antarctica".

**The following honours projects in GEMOC were commenced mid 2004:**

**Stéphanie Carroll:** Plutonism and metamorphism at the root of a Cretaceous magmatic arc, Fiordland, New Zealand

**Kirsty Liddicoat:** Chemical and isotopic signatures of opal genesis at Lightning Ridge, NSW

**Alice Plioplis:** The geology of the Frampton Volcanics

**Penelope Littlewood:** Geochemistry of the Phoenix Tungsten mine, Frogmore NSW

**The following Honours projects are relevant to GEMOC in 2005:**

**Zoe Demidjuk:** A geological study of the Newer Volcanics Province of southeast Australia

**Martyn Allen:** The 3D shape of the Mole Granite and the thickness of the Torrington Pendant

**Natalie Staib:** The geophysical expression of Tertiary igneous activity in south-central Queensland

**Heather Skeen:** Finding graves: The best methods for grave detection using geophysics

**Glenn Gooch:** A geophysical investigation of the Hunter Fault, New South Wales, Australia, using gravity and magnetics

**Dania Perez:** An EMP and ICPMS study of some glassy rocks of the New England Fold Belt

## Teaching and training program

### GEMOC honours

GEMOC offers scholarships for students with excellent undergraduate records who are carrying out GEMOC-related projects.

# Teaching and training program

## GEMOC postgraduate



See advertisement for GEMOC postgraduate opportunities, Appendix 7.

**G**EMOC POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS once more provided a high profile for our postgraduate training through 2004 with presentations at international conferences including the 14<sup>th</sup> Goldschmidt Conference in Copenhagen (Denmark), 32 International Geological Conference in Florence, and the 17<sup>th</sup> Australian Geological Convention (Hobart).

GEMOC's active international exchange program continued including the program with the University of Jean Monnet, St Etienne. Guillaume Delpech's successful thesis defence was held in June and Stéphanie Touron continued her co-tutelle PhD project. A new co-tutelle PhD student commences in 2005.

### completed

**Olivier Alard (PhD):** Trace element geochemistry and mantle domains, emphasis on PGE and Re/Os; *IPRS with MUIPRA stipend* (graduated 2001)

**Sonja Aulbach (PhD):** Depletion and metasomatic processes in cratonic mantle; *IPRS with MUIPRA stipend* (graduated 2004)

**Kari Anderson (PhD):** Defining the APWP for early to mid Palaeozoic eastern Gondwanaland: paleomagnetic pole information from the northern Tasman Orogen; *IPRS with MUIPRA stipend* (graduated 2003)

**Elena Belousova (PhD):** Zircon and apatite geochemistry: applications to petrology and mineral exploration; *APA and sponsorship by Rio Tinto* (graduated 2000)

**Eloise Beyer (PhD):** Contrasting characteristics of Proterozoic and Phanerozoic mantle types; *Field assistance from Ashton Mining* (graduated 2003)

**Rondi Davies (PhD):** East Australian Diamonds: Characterisation and origin; *Sponsored by Rio Tinto, Kennecott Canada* (graduated 1999)

**Guillaume Delpech (PhD):** Isotopic characteristics of lithosphere processes beneath Kerguelen; *Co-tutelle with University of Jean Monnet, IPRS with GEMOC stipend and EURODOC scholarship* (graduated 2005)

**Oliver Gaul (PhD):** Composition of the lithospheric mantle beneath Australia; *APAI collaborative with Stockdale Prospecting, CSIRO EM* (graduated 2000)

**Bin Guo (PhD):** An integrated geophysical investigation of the Hunter-Mooki and Peel Fault; *IPRS with MUIPRA stipend* (graduated 2005)

**Joanne McCarron (MSc):** Mantle xenoliths from Queensland and South Australia (graduated 1997)

**Bertrand Moine (PhD):** The role of fluids in the genesis, segregation and crystallisation of intraplate oceanic mantle magmas: implications for crustal accretion; *Co-tutelle with University of Jean Monnet* (graduated 2000)

**Mark Pirlo (PhD):** Australian groundwater geochemistry; applications to heat flow and exploration; *APA and Queen's Trust for Young Australians Award* (graduated 2003)

**Esmé van Achterbergh (PhD):** Trace-element fingerprints of metasomatic processes in lithospheric mantle (graduated 2005)

**Shixin Yao (PhD):** Chromite as a petrogenetic indicator in ultramafic rocks; *Collaborative with Rio Tinto* (graduated 2000)

**Xu Xisheng (PhD):** The lithospheric mantle beneath eastern China; *Formal exchange PhD, Nanjing and Macquarie* (graduated 2000)

#### current

**Brad Bailey (PhD):** Law Dome: Ice and Crust Mass Balance Studies (commenced 2004)

**Steven Cooper (PhD):** Diamonds and mantle-derived minerals, NW Australia and South Australia (commenced part time 2003)

**Kathleen McMahon (PhD):** Fracturing and deformation along the Amery Ice Shelf: A seismic study (commenced 2004) (see *Research Highlights*)

**Luke Milan (PhD):** The emplacement, pressure-temperature-time path and structural evolution of lower crustal gneisses in Fiordland, New Zealand (commenced 2004)

**Valeria Murgulov (PhD):** Crust-mantle evolution and metallogeny, eastern Australia; *APA* (commenced 2003) (see *Research Highlights*)

**Nenad Nikolic (PhD):** Evolution of crust-mantle systems near a young rift: NW Spitsbergen, Norway (commenced 2004)

**Kathlene Oliver (MSc):** Depth and subsurface shape of the Dundee Ignimbrite (part-time, commenced 2001)

**Will Powell (PhD):** Nature of the lithospheric mantle in the New England Region, NSW; *APA* (part-time, commenced 1997)

## Teaching and training program: postgraduate

**Sonal Rege (PhD):** Trace-element geochemistry of diamonds; *IPRS with iMURS scholarship* (commenced 2002)

**Stéphanie Touron (PhD):** Geochemical fingerprints of the mantle beneath the Massif Central; *IPRS with MURAACE scholarship*

### commencing 2005

**Jacques Batumike (PhD):** The origin of kimberlites from the Kundelungu region (D.R. Congo) and the nature of the underlying lithospheric mantle

**June Chevet (PhD):** Gabbroic rocks from the Kerguelen Islands (Indian Ocean): a petrologic, geochemical and isotopic investigation of their origin

Some of GEMOC's 2004 postgraduate students: Will Powell, Valeria Murgulov, Luke Milan, Nenad Nikolic and Sonal Rege .





## Technology development program

### Background

GEMOC's research, training and Industry Interaction programs require a high level of geochemical analytical technology, which is provided by the state-of-the-art facilities available to the Key Centre. Continual development of both technology and innovative analytical and microanalytical approaches is required to meet our research aims and the needs of our industry collaborators. GEMOC develops new analytical strategies as required, to determine the chemical and isotopic composition of geological materials (both solid and fluid) in solution and *in situ*. Special emphasis is being placed on the development of advanced *in situ* microbeam methods. These developments are transmitted to industry via open and collaborative research, through technology exchange visits and workshops, and as an integral part of the training program.

**T**HE ANALYTICAL INSTRUMENTATION and support facilities of the Macquarie University Geochemical Analysis Unit (GAU) represent a state-of-the-art geochemical facility. In 2005 this will be enhanced by installation of the Triton (TIMS) and the relocation of the stable-isotope operations of the former Centre for Isotope Studies, previously housed at CSIRO, North Ryde, to GEMOC.

- The GAU contains:
  - a Cameca SX-50 electron microprobe
  - a Cameca SX-100 electron microprobe (installed January 2003)
  - three Agilent 7500 ICPMS (industry collaboration (two installed October 2004))
  - a custom-built UV laser microprobe, usable on the Agilent ICPMS
  - five New Wave/Merchantek laser microprobes (two 266 nm, three 213 nm) for the MC-ICPMS and ICPMS laboratories (industry collaboration)
  - a New Wave/Merchantek excimer (193 nm) laser microprobe, based on a Lambda Physik OPTex laser
  - a Nu Plasma multi-collector ICPMS
  - a Nu Plasma high resolution multi-collector ICPMS (installed November 2003)
  - a Spectro XLAB2000 energy-dispersive XRF with rocker-furnace sample preparation equipment
  - a LECO RC412 H<sub>2</sub>O-CO<sub>2</sub> analyser (delivered September 2003)
  - clean labs and sampling facilities provide infrastructure for ICPMS, XRF and isotopic analyses of small and/or low-level samples

“The analytical instrumentation and support facilities of the Macquarie University Geochemical Analysis Unit (GAU) represent a state-of-the-art geochemical facility.”

*One of the new clean-room laboratories.*



## Technology development program

- Experimental petrology laboratories in GEMOC include piston-cylinder presses (9, 15 and 40 kb), hydrothermal apparatus, and controlled atmosphere furnaces.
- The Centre for Isotope Studies has provided access to extraction lines and gas-source mass-spectrometers for stable-isotope analysis of fluids and minerals; these facilities will be moved to GEMOC during 2005.

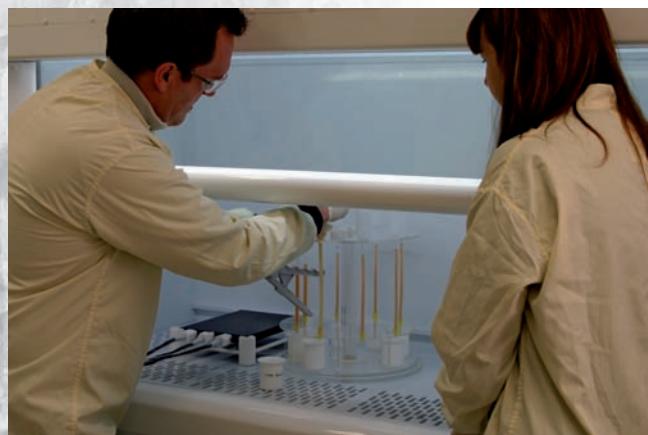
## THE GEMOC FACILITY FOR INTEGRATED MICROANALYSIS (FIM) AND MICRO GIS DEVELOPMENT

GEMOC is continuing to develop a unique, world-class geochemical facility, based on *in situ* imaging and microanalysis of trace elements and isotopic ratios in minerals, rocks and fluids. The Facility for Integrated Microanalysis now consists of four different types of analytical instrument, linked by a single sample positioning and referencing system to combine spot analysis with images of spatial variations in composition ("micro-GIS"). All instruments in the FIM have been operating since mid-1999. Major instruments are being replaced or upgraded in 2002-2004 through the \$5.125 million DEST Infrastructure grant awarded to Macquarie University with the Universities of Newcastle, Sydney, Western Sydney and Wollongong as partners.

### the facility provides:

- The capability to image both major- and trace-element distribution in a sample, as an interpretive tool and as the basis for higher precision spot analysis of trace-element concentrations and isotopic ratios
- Co-registration of images and spot data from different instruments, and use of digitised images to locate spots with a precision of better than 5  $\mu\text{m}$
- Analytical capability for most elements of the periodic table at ppm to sub-ppb levels
- *In situ* isotopic-ratio measurement for a range of elements, at the precision required for geologically useful results
- New approaches to data interpretation through application of micro-GIS principles

*Ion exchange in action in the new clean laboratories for isotope separation.*



**Electron Microprobe:** for imaging and point analysis of major and minor elements

**Scanning Nuclear Microprobe:** for imaging and point analysis of trace elements at ppm levels

**Laser-ablation ICPMS Microprobes:** for point analysis of a wide range of trace elements at low ppb levels

**Multi-collector Sector ICPMS with laser microprobe:** for high-precision *in situ* analysis of isotopic ratios

**Micro-GIS system:** A key aspect of the Facility is the co-registration of images and point analyses collected on all instruments. All data for a sample, from any of the instruments or from a bench microscope, are in the same coordinate system and can be overlaid in the computer to enhance interpretation.

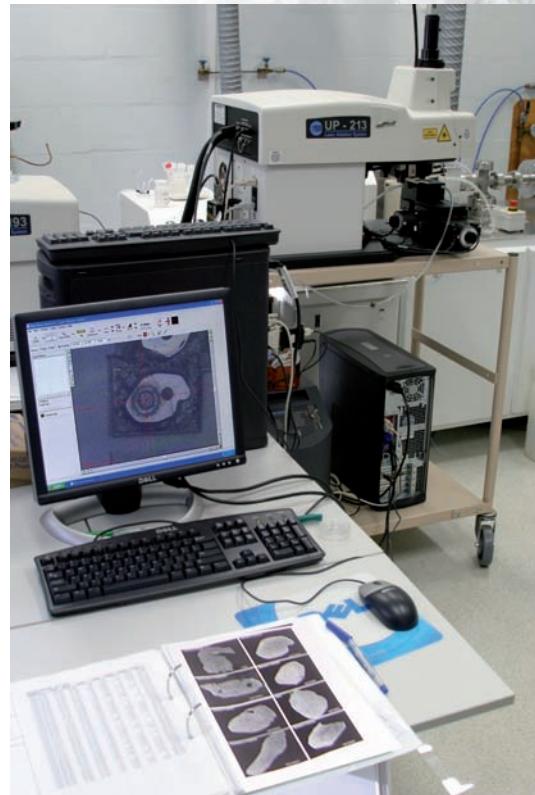
When fully developed, images from one instrument will be read into the computer of another instrument and used to guide the analysis. Major-element maps from EMP, or trace-element maps from the nuclear microprobe, can be linked directly to images from petrographic or cathodoluminescence microscopes, BSE or SEM, or to spot analyses.

## CURRENT STATUS

**Electron microprobe (EMP):** The original GEMOC EMP is a CAMECA SX50, installed in 1993; it routinely produces high-precision analyses of major and minor elements with a spatial resolution of one micron, as well as high-quality images of major-element ( $> 0.1$  wt%) distribution over areas up to 45 x 45 mm, by stage-scanning with five fixed wavelength-dispersive spectrometers. In early 1999 the EMP was upgraded with an energy-dispersive X-ray detector to allow rapid and simultaneous mapping of all major elements. In early 2003 a new CAMECA SX100, with a similar configuration of spectrometers, was installed and the SX50 is now used mainly for the imaging and analysis of zircons, in connection with *TerraneChron*<sup>TM</sup> applications and basic research.

**Scanning nuclear microprobe (SNMP):** This instrument was built by Dr C. G. Ryan (with GEMOC funding contribution) as a separate beam line on the HIAF particle accelerator at CSIRO, North Ryde. The design incorporates several complementary types of detector, a new high-resolution probe-forming system and an innovative optical system, and provides both images of trace-element distribution and spot analyses, with a lateral resolution of 1-3  $\mu$ m. Current capabilities cover micro-PIXE, micro-PIGE and quantitative element imaging. Due to the closure of CSIRO's North Ryde site during 2004, the SNMP beam line has been relocated to the accelerator facility at the University of Melbourne.

**Laser Ablation ICPMS microprobe (LAM-ICPMS):** The original GEMOC LAM was installed in December 1994 using a Perkin-Elmer ELAN 5100 ICPMS (later replaced by an ELAN 6000), attached to a UV laser ablation microprobe built for GEMOC by Memorial University, Newfoundland. In 1999 the ICPMS was replaced by a Hewlett Packard 4500, and in 2000 an Agilent 7500S ICPMS was added. In 2004 two new Agilent 7500CS instruments were purchased (one primarily for solution work), and the 7500S replaced the HP4500 for zircon analysis at the end of 2004. The 7500S and one 7500CS now routinely provide quantitative analyses of  $> 30$  elements at sub-ppm levels in minerals, glasses and metals, as well as precise U-Pb dating of zircons. The laboratory currently uses three Nd:YAG LAM systems: a Quantel Brilliant laser that can deliver beams of either 266nm or 213nm light, a Merchantek LUV 266nm system, and a Merchantek/New Wave LUV213 nm system. Spatial resolution varies with the application, but typically is on the order of 30-40  $\mu$ m. Each LAM is fitted with a computer-driven sample stage to provide co-registration of X-Y coordinates with the other instruments. On-line data reduction with the GEMOC-developed "GLITTER" software enhances laboratory productivity and data interpretation; the software is marketed internationally by New Wave Research.



Zircon analysis for *TerraneChron*<sup>TM</sup> using the LAM-ICPMS.

## Technology development program

**Multi-collector LAM-ICPMS microprobe (MC-LAM-ICPMS):** A fully-equipped Nu Plasma MC-ICPMS is an integral part of the Facility. This instrument combines a laser ablation microsampler, an Ar-plasma ionisation source, and a multi-collector magnetic-sector mass spectrometer, to provide high-precision *in situ* analysis of isotope ratios in geological materials. The instrument uses either a New Wave 193 nm system based on an Lambda Physik OPTex excimer laser, a New Wave 266 nm Nd:YAG laser, or a New Wave 213 nm Nd:LAG laser. The MC-ICPMS also can

be used in solution mode, with either a standard nebuliser or a desolvating nebuliser, to provide high-precision isotopic analysis of a wide range of elements, including many not accessible by standard thermal ionisation mass spectrometry. A second Nu Plasma instrument, with high-resolution capabilities and a retardation filter to enable U-series work, was installed late in 2003.

**A Triton thermal ionization mass spectrometer (TIMS):** was purchased in 2004 following a successful ARC LIEF application led by Professor Simon Turner and Dr Bruce Schaefer (Monash University), and was installed early in 2005.



*Above: Installation of the new TIMS, early 2005. Below: The assembled machine.*



### Applications in use and under development include:

#### Laser Analysis (*in situ* point analysis)

- U-Pb geochronology of zircons from igneous and metamorphic rocks
- Hf isotope analysis in zircon for studies of crustal generation, mantle evolution and crust-mantle interaction
- Re-Os dating of sulfides in mantle-derived xenoliths
- Nd isotope analysis in apatites, titanites and other REE-rich minerals
- Sr isotope analysis of carbonates, feldspars, apatites, pyroxenes
- Pb isotope analysis of sulfides and silicates
- Stable isotope ratios of Fe, Mg, Zn, Cu and other cations in appropriate minerals from ore systems and mantle rocks
- Multi-element trace element analysis of silicates, sulfides, oxides and diamonds

#### Solution Analysis

- Re-Os — determination of mantle depletion ages and isochron ages in whole rocks, ilmenites and chromites; dating of sulfide assemblages in ore bodies
- Lu-Hf — crustal genesis, mantle metasomatism; Lu-Hf dating of garnet peridotites, eclogites, granulites; basalt genesis
- Rb-Sr, Sm-Nd, U-Pb, Pb-Pb — faster than TIMS; simplified low-blank chemistry, no time-dependent mass fractionation, hence greater precision

- U, Th-series analysis – for dating of young processes, ranging from magma genesis to weathering and erosion
- Multi-element analysis of trace elements in whole-rock samples

## PROGRESS IN 2004

### 1. Facility for Integrated Microanalysis

**a. Electron Microprobe:** A fully optioned Cameca SX-100 electron microprobe with five crystal spectrometers and an energy-dispersive spectrometer, to replace GEMOC's aging but still highly functional SX-50 instrument, arrived in late December 2002, and was installed in January 2003.

**b. Laser-ablation ICPMS microprobe (LAM):** During 2004, the LAM laboratory produced large volumes of data for eight Macquarie PhD thesis projects, several projects carried out by international visitors and Honours students, in-house funded research projects and industry collaboration. These projects included the analysis of trace elements in the minerals of mantle-derived rocks, in sulfide minerals and in a range of unusual matrices. *Over 5000 U-Pb analyses of zircons were carried out*, related to projects (including *TerraneChron™* applications) in Scandinavia, China, Italy, southern Africa and Australia. The LAM laboratory also routinely provides data for projects related to mineral exploration (diamonds, base metals, Au) as a value-added service to the industry (see *Research Highlights*).

The HP 4500 instrument which has been dedicated primarily to U-Pb dating of zircons, was replaced late in 2004 with the existing Agilent 7500S, while two new Agilent 7500CS instruments were acquired to allow one instrument to be dedicated permanently to laser-probe applications, while the other is available for solution analysis.

**c. MC-ICPMS:** A multi-collector magnetic sector ICPMS for *in situ* (laser-ablation) and solution analysis of isotopic ratios was installed in November 1998. The instrument is the Nu Plasma (Nu05), designed and manufactured by Nu Instruments of Wrexham, UK. The instrument was producing good data only a few days after installation, and has continued to do so. Merchantek EO (now New Wave Research) provided a 266 nm UV laser microprobe (under a collaborative agreement; see below) for use with the MC-ICPMS and a 213 nm laser microprobe was purchased in 2000. During 2002 the MC-ICPMS was fitted with a New Wave/Merchantek excimer (193 nm) laser microprobe, based on a Lambda Physik OPTex laser. This has been used mainly for the analysis of Hf isotopes in zircon, where its different absorption characteristics have provided somewhat greater spatial resolution and beam intensity than were available using the 213 nm laser. In 2004, we purchased three new New Wave Nd:YAG lasers, two 213 nm and one 266 nm, and these also have been used on the MC-ICPMS for different applications.



Three of the *TerraneChron™* team:  
Ayesha Saeed, Elena  
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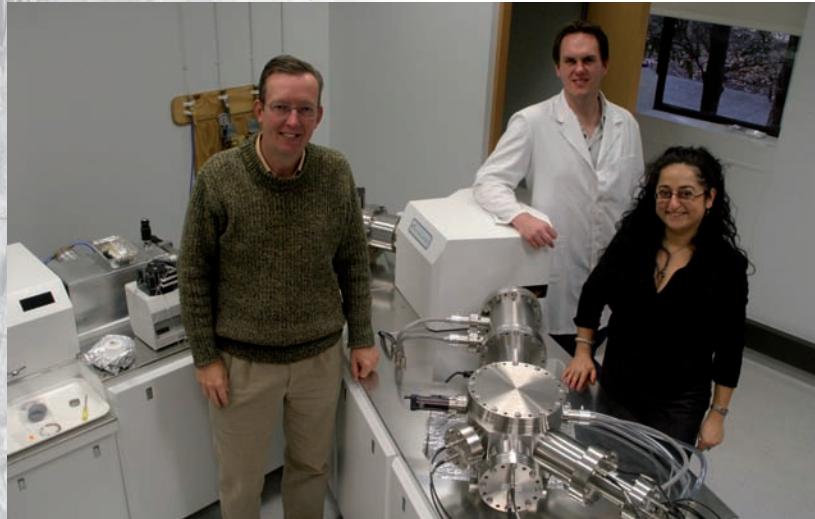
## Technology development program

The rapid growth in the use of the *TerraneChron*™ application (see *Research Highlights*), coupled with the demand for *in situ* Re-Os analysis and stable isotope analysis, led to severe competition for instrument time on the MC-ICPMS. An order was placed early in 2003 for a second instrument, funded by the DEST infrastructure grant, and this instrument (Nu34) was installed in November 2003; it has operated satisfactorily throughout 2004. Nu34 is equipped with a retardation filter and high-resolution capability, specifically for U-series analysis. Methods for the analysis of other isotopic systems (Re-Os, Sm-Nd, Lu-Hf, Pb) have been transferred to Nu34 as well, and considerable time was spent in 2004 doing comparisons of the performance of Nu05 and Nu34 with respect to these isotopic systems.

Major applications during 2004 (see *Research Highlights*) included the high-precision analysis of Hf in zircons to trace lithosphere evolution and magma-mixing histories in granitic rocks, the analysis of copper and iron isotope compositions in

minerals from ore bodies, the analysis of Sr isotopes in clinopyroxene phenocrysts from lavas, and Re-Os dating of single grains of Fe-Ni sulfides in mantle-derived rocks. We carried out Re-Os studies on xenoliths from the Kerguelen oceanic plateau, S. Africa, eastern China and Taiwan, north Africa and Sicily.

A major project was started on the isotopic composition of Fe, Cu and selected other elements in sulfides and whole rocks from major ore bodies, in a collaboration with Anglo American. Further developments were made in 2004 for the *in situ* analysis of Mg



Norm Pearson  
(manager, GAU),  
Peter Wieland and  
Suzy Elhlou with the  
Nu34 MC-ICPMS.

isotope compositions in mantle olivine and other phases in mantle peridotites. This involved the characterisation of potential standard materials and the investigation of the matrix effects on isotopic fractionation. Detailed studies were undertaken (both by laser and in solution) on olivine, pyroxene and amphibole in spinel peridotites from several localities, with the results providing further evidence of significant Mg isotopic fractionation during partial melting and metasomatism.

**d. Scanning Nuclear Microprobe:** The pending closure of the CSIRO North Ryde site forced the shutdown of the SNMP in late 2003. The beam line was dismantled, and re-installed on the University of Melbourne accelerator during 2004. It is in operation for 2-3 days/week.

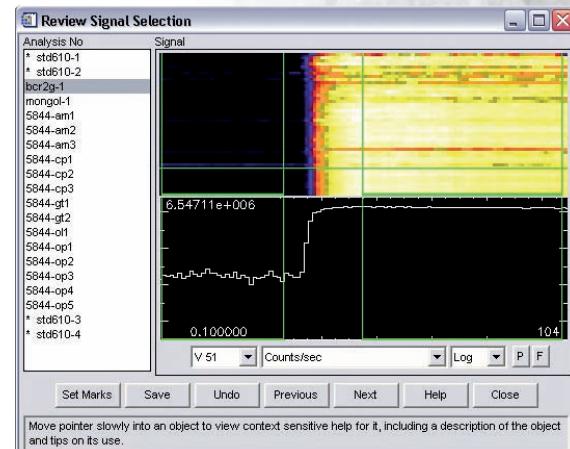
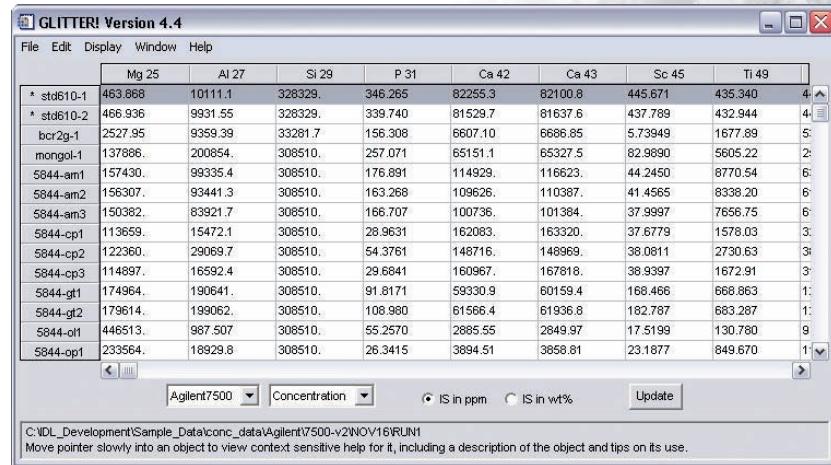
**e. Laboratory development:** Funding from the DEST infrastructure grant contributed toward the building of a new suite of clean-room laboratories on the second floor of building E5B, which include facilities for the work on U-series chemistry to be carried out by Dr Simon Turner and his group. Construction began in September 2003, and the facility was handed over in April 2004. The new facility, which is being used primarily for isotope separations, provides an ultra-clean environment within a 3-stage pressurized volume; it contains 6 Class 3500 work areas, three for radioactive isotopes and three for other activities.

**f. Software:** Chris Ryan further refined the GLITTER (GEMOC Laser ICPMS Total Trace Element Reduction) software, our on-line interactive program featuring linked graphics and analysis tables. This package provides the first real-time interactive data reduction for LAM-ICPMS analysis, allowing inspection and evaluation of each result before the next analysis spot is chosen. Its capabilities include the on-line reduction of U-Pb data. The use of GLITTER has greatly increased both the flexibility of analysis and the productivity of the laboratory. New Wave Research market the software together with their laser microprobe equipment; GEMOC provides customer service and backup through Macquarie Research Limited. Ten copies of GLITTER were sold worldwide in 2004, and the software appears to have achieved industry-standard status; more than 45 copies are in use worldwide, in forensics and materials science, as well as earth science applications. During 2005, Norm Pearson, Will Powell and Chris Ryan are further developing GLITTER, and Will Powell is the customer interface for the distribution of a new version (GLITTER 4.4).

## 2. Laser development

GEMOC continues to benefit from an industry partnership with New Wave Research (formerly Merchantek EO), a major US manufacturer of laser ablation systems, which has made Macquarie its Alpha Test Site. New Wave donated their 266 nm Nd:YAG UV laser ablation sampling system to GEMOC and their new 213 nm system was delivered early in 2000. Both lasers can be coupled to the Nu Plasma MC-ICPMS, allowing high precision isotope ratio determinations to be performed on minerals *in situ*. The mobility of the probes has allowed them to be used on the quadrupole ICPMS instruments as well, in a range of applications. A Merchantek/New Wave Research 193 nm excimer system based on a Lambda Physik OPTex laser was delivered in March 2002 and was finally commissioned late in the year. Three more New Wave laser systems were acquired during 2004, a 266 nm and two 213 nm, representing a major upgrading of the instrument park and giving redundancy to limit downtime.

The 213 nm lasers are now used for most of the U-Pb work, especially where small grains are being analysed, while the excimer system is used mainly for Hf-isotope analysis. The 266 nm systems have proven most useful for analysis of sulfides, and for other stable-isotope applications.



### 3. Energy Dispersive XRF

A Spectro XLAB2000 energy-dispersive X-ray spectrometer was installed in November 2000 in a joint venture with Tasman Resources. This instrument utilises the polarisation of scattered X-rays to substantially reduce backgrounds and enhance detection limits. The XLAB2000 uses a specially designed 300 W palladium X-ray tube that improves its performance for the lighter trace elements, and also for major elements, relative to the earlier instrument. In addition, this spectrometer is fitted with a silicon detector, of a type recently developed, that eliminates the low-energy "tail" from the lightest elements, and enables all major elements to be measured in a fused glass to levels below 0.01%. The capability of the instrument to provide major element analyses of a quality at least comparable to the more expensive conventional crystal spectrometers has been thoroughly evaluated and confirmed. This instrument provides highest-quality data for major elements and for most trace elements to sub-ppt levels. The operation of the equipment is enhanced by a 100 position sample loader, one of the first to be installed on a Spectro instrument, and the purchase of a rocker furnace for sample preparation. During 2003 over 5000 samples were analysed for major and trace elements, providing data to student theses, in-house research projects, and industry collaborators.

### 4. Solution analysis

An Agilent 7500 ICPMS is regularly used to provide trace-element analyses of dissolved rock samples for the projects of GEMOC researchers and students, and external users, supplementing the data from the XRF.

The *in situ* analysis of the Rb-Sr, Lu-Hf, Sm-Nd and Re-Os systems by laser ablation

microprobe has required the development of corrections for isobaric overlaps (eg  $^{87}\text{Rb}$  on  $^{87}\text{Sr}$ ), and has demonstrated that these corrections can be done with very high precision in the Nu Plasma MC-ICPMS. This has allowed us to simplify the ion-exchange chemistry traditionally used to obtain clean element separations for standard mass-spectrometry analysis. A new scheme for the dissolution of rocks, separation of Sr, Nd, Hf and Pb, and isotopic analysis using the MC-ICPMS in solution mode provides precise whole-rock isotopic analyses that are faster, simpler and



Stéphanie Touron preparing samples for isotopic analysis.

ultimately cheaper than those obtained by traditional methods.

During 2004 improvements were made to the separation procedures for Cu and Fe, in support of the laser-probe studies, and the procedures for separation of Sr, Nd and Hf were modified.

A new LECO RC412  $\text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{CO}_2$  analyser (delivered September 2003) replaced an outdated unit, and is providing high-quality analyses to complete whole-rock analyses by XRF and solution-ICPMS.

## 5. Centre for Isotope Studies (CIS)

The Centre for Isotope Studies (CIS) was a consortium operated by the geoscience departments of the New South Wales Universities, CSIRO Exploration and Mining, and Petroleum Resources using jointly-purchased mass-spectrometers housed at the CSIRO in North Ryde. The facility allowed staff and students to obtain both radiogenic and stable isotopic analyses and used technical staff jointly funded by the University members; Dr Richard Flood of GEMOC has been University Consortium Convenor.

GEMOC has developed its own clean laboratories to prepare solutions for radiogenic isotope analysis by MC-ICPMS, but has used the stable isotope separation facilities at North Ryde. CIS was one of the rare laboratories where staff and students could obtain C, O, N, S and D analyses including the routine determination of O in silicates. Dr Anita Andrew developed techniques for C-isotope analysis of diamonds using very small sample sizes (0.1 mg), which allows analysis of microdiamonds or multiple fragments of different zones of small stones. This is now an essential part of GEMOC capabilities.

CSIRO's North Ryde site was closed in 2004, but the laboratories are still in operation. During 2005 Dr Andrew will move the stable isotope facilities to GEMOC, where they will form a self-funded entity, and GEMOC will continue to benefit from this collaboration.

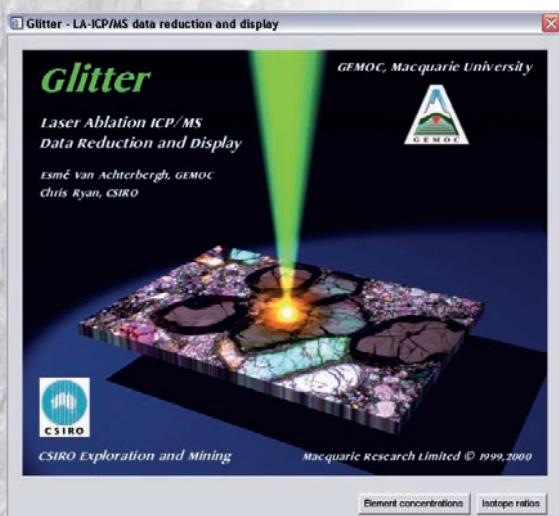
## Industry interaction



### INDUSTRY INTERACTION, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND COMMERCIALISATION PROGRAM

**G**EMOC RELIES on a vigorous interaction with the mineral exploration industry at both the research and the teaching/training levels. The research results of the Centre's work are transferred to the industry and to the scientific community by:

- collaborative industry-supported Honours, MSc and PhD projects
- short courses relevant to the industry and government sector users, designed to communicate and transfer new technologies, techniques and knowledge in the discipline areas covered by the Key Centre
- one-on-one research collaborations and shorter-term consultancies on industry problems involving national and international partners
- provision of high quality geochemical analyses with value-added interpretations to industry and government organisations, extending our industry interface
- use of Macquarie Research Limited consultancies, which employ and disseminate the technological developments carried out by the Centre
- GLITTER, an on-line data-reduction program for Laser Ablation ICPMS analysis developed by GEMOC and CSIRO GEMOC participants has been successfully commercialised and is available commercially through New Wave Research (<http://www.es.mq.edu.au/GEMOC/>)



*GLITTER - the industry standard for LAM-ICPMS online data reduction.*

- collaborative relationships with technology manufacturers (more detail in the section on *Technology Development*):
  - GEMOC (Macquarie) is the Agilent Technologies LAM-ICPMS Australian demonstration site
  - GEMOC (Macquarie) is the international Alpha test site for New Wave Research Lasers

### SUPPORT SOURCES

GEMOC industry support includes:

- direct funding of research programs
- "in kind" funding including field support (Australia and overseas), access to proprietary databases, sample collections, digital datasets
- collaborative research programs through ARC Linkage Projects and the Macquarie University External Collaborative Grants (MUECRG) and PhD program support

- assistance in the implementation of GIS technology in postgraduate programs
- participation of industry colleagues as guest lecturers in undergraduate units
- extended visits to Macquarie by industry personnel for interaction and research
- ongoing informal provision of advice and formal input as members of the Advisory Board

## ACTIVITIES IN 2004

Nine Industry Reports were completed for collaborative and consulting projects.

*TerraneChron™* studies (see *Research Highlights*) have been adopted by a significant segment of the global mineral exploration industry. This methodology, currently unique to GEMOC, requires the integration of data from three instruments (electron microprobe, LAM-ICPMS and LAM-MC-ICPMS) and delivers fast, cost-effective information on the tectonic history (with ages) of regional terranes.

The ARC Linkage Project with WMC titled “Global Lithosphere Architecture Mapping” continued. Planning and workshop sessions at Macquarie with participants from WMC and GEMOC, and a visit by Macquarie staff to WMC in Perth, were key activities in 2004. Dr Graham Begg spent significant research time at GEMOC through 2004 as part of the close collaborative working pattern for this project.

Professor J. Harris (on behalf of de Beers) provided further samples for the PhD project of Sonal Rege aimed at developing a methodology for the trace-element analysis of diamonds.

A new collaborative project with Anglo American is investigating the isotopic composition of Cu, Fe and several other elements in sulfides and whole rocks from a major ore deposit.

Rio Tinto supplied samples and funding for a Macquarie University Collaborative Grant (2004) project that uses garnets, chromites and pyroxenes from kimberlites to study the composition of the lithospheric mantle beneath the Dharwar Craton of India.

A pilot study on detrital zircons from Paleozoic sediments was carried out with the New South Wales Geological Survey; the results were used to support a successful proposal for a Macquarie University Collaborative Grant (2004). The project is investigating the provenance of the Paleozoic sedimentary rocks of the western Lachlan Fold Belt.

A very successful project on Continental Flood Basalts related to Ni and PGE deposits was carried out with WMC and resulted in a new project commencing 2005, exploring a novel framework for the origin of magmatic Ni-deposits.

A new alliance with PIRSA (Primary Industries and Resources, South Australia) commenced in 2004 with a funded *TerraneChron™* project.

GEMOC researchers presented invited and keynote addresses at the de Beers Diamond Conference in Warwick in July, 2004 and at the SEG in Perth in September. Both of these conferences had a large industry attendance.

## **Industry interaction**

Numerous industry visitors spent varying periods at GEMOC in 2003 to discuss our research and technology development (see visitor list, *Appendix 3*).

DIATREEM continued to provide LAM-ICPMS analyses of garnets and chromites to the diamond-exploration industry on a routine basis.

GEMOC publications, preprints and non-proprietary reports are available on request for industry libraries.

## CURRENT INDUSTRY-FUNDED COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS

THESE ARE BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS of current GEMOC projects that have direct cash support from industry and timeframes of at least one year. Projects are both national and global.

GEMOC's industry collaborative projects are designed to develop the strategic and applied aspects of the basic research programs based on understanding the architecture of the lithosphere and the nature of Earth's geodynamic processes that have controlled the evolution of the lithosphere and its important discontinuities. Most of the industry collaborative projects rely on geochemical information from the Geochemical Analysis Unit in GEMOC and especially on novel methodologies developed by (and some unique to) GEMOC.

Geochemical data on crustal and mantle rocks are being integrated with tectonic analyses and large-scale datasets (including geophysical data) to understand the relationship between lithosphere domains and large-scale mineralisation.

The new methodologies of using mantle sulfides to date mantle events, and of characterising crustal terrane development using U-Pb dating and Hf isotopic compositions of zircons provides more information for integration with the geophysical modelling. *TerraneChron™* (see *Research Highlights*) is proving an important new approach to characterising the tectonic history and crustal evolution of terranes on the scale of 10 – 100 km as well as delivering a cost-effective exploration tool to the mineral (and potentially petroleum) exploration industry.



Elena Belousova and Michael Schwarz from PIRSA collecting zircon *TerraneChron* samples during field work at the Gawler Craton for the collaborative GEMOC/PIRSA project.

### Global Lithosphere Architecture Mapping

*Supported by ARC Linkage (2004-2006)*

*Industry Collaborator: WMC Resources*

**Summary:** Compositional domains in the subcontinental lithospheric mantle reflect the processes of continental assembly and breakup through Earth's history. Their boundaries may focus the fluid movements that produce giant ore deposits. Mapping these boundaries will provide fundamental insights into Earth processes and a basis for the targeting of mineral exploration. We will integrate mantle petrology, tectonic synthesis and geophysical analysis to produce the first maps of the architecture of the continental lithosphere, to depths of ca 250 km. These maps will provide a unique perspective on global dynamics and continental evolution, and on the relationships between lithosphere domains and large-scale mineralisation.

## Links between plume-mantle interaction, mantle sulfides and Ni-PGE endowment in Large Igneous Provinces

*Supported by a matching Macquarie University Collaborative grant (2004-2005)*

*Industry Collaborator: WMC Resources*

**Summary:** Most large Ni-PGE (Platinum Group Elements) deposits are associated with some, but not all, Large Igneous Provinces (LIP=plume-related flood basalts). Isotopic and trace-element data suggests that the magmas of “fertile” LIPs have interacted with the deep mantle roots of ancient continents. We will test the hypothesis that the Ni-PGE enrichment in some LIP magmas reflects the mobilisation of pre-existing Ni,PGE-rich sulfide phases as the magmas pass through these old, highly modified mantle roots. This model, if confirmed, will be a major advance on traditional models for Ni-PGE concentration, and will have a significant impact on exploration models.



## Developing a geochronological framework for the Gawler Craton, South Australia

*Supported by a matching Macquarie University Collaborative grant (2004-2005)*

*Industry Collaborator: PIRSA (Primary Industries and Resources, South Australia)*

**Summary:** The aim of the project is to supply a geochronological framework for the evolution of the Gawler Craton of South Australia, by dating major Archean and Proterozoic magmatic and tectonic events across the Craton. At present, the geochronology of this large region is poorly known, and this is one main reason why the minerals industry

is choosing better-known regions to explore. The development of a better geochronological base will support the industry partner’s goal of establishing an integrated tectonic model as an aid to mineral exploration, and provide new insights into crustal evolution.

## Lithosphere mapping beneath the Dharwar Craton, India

*Supported by a matching Macquarie University Collaborative grant (2004)*

*Industry Collaborator: Rio Tinto*

**Summary:** The project uses major- and trace-element analysis of mantle-derived minerals in kimberlites to map vertical and lateral variations in the composition and thermal state of the lithospheric mantle across the Archean Dharwar Craton in central India. The kimberlites are 900-1200 million years old, and may provide information on a relatively unmodified lithospheric root. Comparison with geophysical data (today’s situation) will help to define the fate of this root during India’s northward movement after its separation from Gondwanaland. The results will be directly relevant to diamond exploration models for the Dharwar Craton, and for other areas in India.

## **Application of metal isotopes in exploration for magmatic nickel and volcanic-hosted copper deposits**

*Supported by a matching Macquarie University Collaborative grant (2004-2005)*

*Industry Collaborator: Anglo-American PLC*

**Summary:** The major aim is to study, for the first time, the isotope geochemistry of Ni and Pd in a magmatic nickel deposit. Cu and Fe isotopic studies will also be carried out on a volcanic-hosted copper deposit. The aims are to determine whether isotopic data for commodity metals can be used to discriminate between barren and fertile host rocks and whether these isotopic ratios can provide vectors to ore within a mineralised system. The expected outcomes are development of new analytical methodologies and new isotopic exploration tools for blind ore deposits, which could be adopted by the Australian mineral exploration industry.

## **Continental Flood Basalts: geochemical discrimination with relevance to exploration for nickel and platinum-group elements**

*Supported by a matching Macquarie University Collaborative grant (2004)*

*Industry Collaborator: WMC Resources*

**Summary:** A major proportion of magmatic Ni- platinum group element (PGE) deposits are hosted in mantle-plume-derived continental flood basalts (CFB). Therefore, geochemical discrimination of CFB from other mantle-derived rocks and identification of Ni-PGE-prospective CFB are significant for Ni-PGE exploration. This project is exploring existing geochemical databases for mantle-derived rocks to provide user-friendly practical discrimination parameters to identify CFB-related mafic rocks and to evaluate their Ni and PGE economic potential. The research will also further constrain the role of mantle plumes in formation and evolution of subcontinental lithosphere and the behaviour of sulfides during the process of mantle evolution.

## **Where was Baltica? Testing continental reconstructions with *TerraneChron*<sup>TM</sup>**

*Supported by a matching Macquarie University Collaborative grant (2003-2004)*

*Industry Collaborator: University of Oslo and Norwegian Geological Survey*

**Summary:** Norway represents the western margin of the ancient landmass of Baltica, which was partly destroyed in the Caledonian Orogeny ~550-400 million years (Ma) ago. Its position before 600 Ma is debated. This project is using U-Pb dating and Hf-isotope analysis of zircons in basement rocks in SW Norway and in far-transported thrust sheets (nappes) derived from the vanished western margin of Baltica, to reconstruct the geological history of this margin. The results will allow evaluation of models for continental assembly, and will be relevant to studies of the provenance of sediments in the oil/gas basins of the North Sea.

## Testing Ordovician-Devonian tectonic models for the Lachlan Orogen

*Supported by a matching Macquarie University Collaborative grant (2004)*

*Industry Collaborator: NSW Geological Survey*

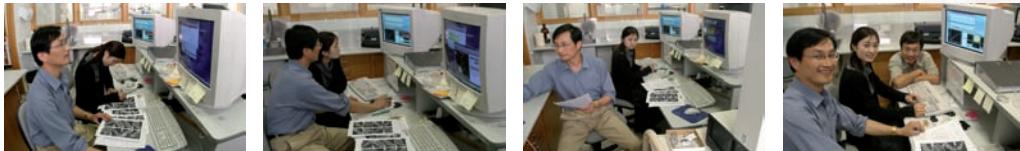
**Summary:** This project combines the *TerraneChron™* technology developed at GEMOC with tectonic and structural concepts developed at the Geological Survey of NSW, to understand the plate-tectonic evolution of SE Australia. U/Pb dating and Hf-isotope analysis of detrital and primary zircon grains will shed light on potential terrane accretion and on the timing of crustal growth and will be used to test published models of the Ordovician–Devonian tectonic development of Eastern Australia. This in turn will help to understand the nature of the interaction between the Australian plate and the proto-Pacific margin of the Gondwana supercontinent.

## Improving Mineral Exploration Performance by Superior Management of Risk, Uncertainty and Value

*Supported by Macquarie University Industry Collaborative Grant*

*Industry Sponsors: BHP Billiton, Codelco, Geoinformatics Exploration, Gold Fields, Jackaroo Drill Fund, Newmont, Placer Dome, Teck Cominco, WMC Resources.*

**Summary:** Mineral exploration performance has deteriorated significantly over the past 15-20 years, especially with respect to the rate and cost of the large, ‘greenfields’ discoveries that generate so much value for the industry and underpin its future resource base. This research project is analysing past industry performance to identify opportunities for improvement, building probabilistic models of the mineral exploration business to provide a better decision framework, investigating the role of the high natural uncertainty and complexity on decision making, and developing a range of tools to improve risk and value management. The project involves collaboration between geoscientists, statisticians, psychologists and business management across the university.



## GEMOC's international links

### BACKGROUND

**G**EMOC HAS STRONG INTERNATIONAL LINKS and these broadened through 2004. Active links include funded programs, but have since broadened to include substantial collaborative programs in France, Norway, Germany, United Kingdom, Canada, USA, Taiwan, Italy, South Africa, China, Brazil, Japan, Myanmar, Thailand and the former USSR.

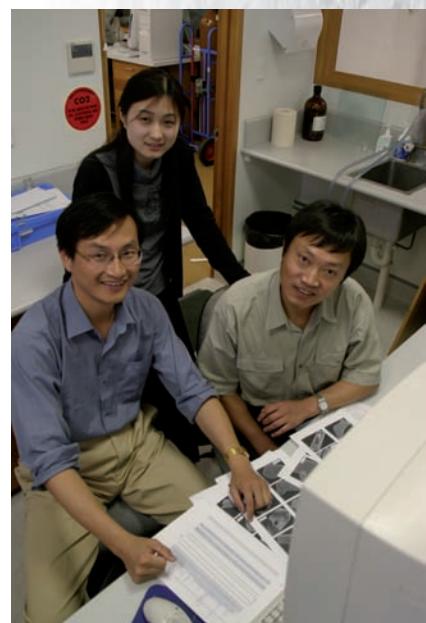
### EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS IN ASIA

- nature and geophysical signature of the lithosphere in southeastern China
- crust-mantle interaction in southeastern China: the origin of the Yanshanian Granites and evolution of southeastern China
- trace element and isotopic characteristics of zircon as indicators of granite magma evolution
- evolution of the lithosphere in northwestern China (Tianshan Mountains in Xinjian)
- metallogenesis of southeastern China
- crustal evolution, basaltic volcanism and basin development, north China
- mantle processes in the mantle wedge above the subduction zone in Japan
- thermal contrasts and paleogeotherms in Siberia, Mongolia, eastern China
- diamond exploration, tectonism, and geophysical nature of the lithosphere, Siberia and East Asia
- mantle terranes and tectonic analysis, Siberia
- lithosphere extension and geodynamic processes in east Asia (including the Taiwan region and Tibet)

### FUNDED COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS COMMENCED OR ONGOING IN 2004 INCLUDE:

- The time scales of magmatic and erosional cycles, with Professor C. Hawkesworth (Bristol University), Dr M. Reagan (University of Iowa) and Dr J. Kirchner (University of California).
- The nature of lithosphere extension in the Taiwan region and implications for geodynamics in eastern China, with Professor S-L Chung, National University of Taiwan, relevant to the research project of Dr Kuo-Lung Wang (Macquarie University Research Fellow)
- *TerraneChron*<sup>TM</sup> studies to unravel the timing and tectonic history of regions in Tibet was initiated as a collaborative program with the National University of Taiwan.

Professor Jinhai Yu and postgraduate student Ms Lei Zhao from Nanjing University with Ming Zhang and the LAM-ICPMS.



## GEMOC's international links



Postgraduate students  
Yn-Hsuang Liang and  
Mei-Fei Chu from  
Taiwan.

- Collaboration with colleagues at the University of Jean Monnet, St Etienne, including Professor Jean-Yves Cottin and Dr Bertrand Moine (with reciprocal funding from both sides). A formal agreement between the two universities includes PhD exchange, academic exchange and research collaboration relevant to the nature of the lithosphere in the Kerguelen Archipelago, Crozet Islands and Hoggar.
- Visit to GEMOC by Professor Michel Grégoire and Dr Rémi Freydier for a collaborative project on Malaita mantle samples.
- A project on the geochemistry of amphiboles and metasomatic styles was commenced with Professor Massimo Coltorti and Dr Costanza Bonadiman from the University of Ferrara and Professor Coltorti scheduled a visit to GEMOC in early 2005.
- Igneous rocks, mineral deposits, lithosphere structure and tectonic setting: southeastern China and eastern Australia. This collaboration with Nanjing University has expanded from an AusAID grant under the ACILP scheme. Visits to GEMOC by Professors Xisheng Xu and Jinhai Yu, with postgraduate student Ms Lei Zhao in 2004, continued the close collaboration with Nanjing University.
- Lithosphere Mapping and crustal evolution in the Dharwar Craton, India with Dr E. Babu (funded by a Boyescast fellowship from India) and Dr Bashkar Rao, both from the National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad. Rio Tinto also contributed funding and samples.
- Studies with Professor Jianping Zheng (China University of Geosciences, Wuhan) continued on the evolution of the lithosphere beneath several parts of China, and the UHP metamorphism of Dabie-Sulu peridotites.
- Analysis of off-craton lithospheric mantle in East Central Asia Orogenic Belt, with Dr V. Malkovets, Novosibirsk
- *TerraneChron*<sup>TM</sup> analysis of the edge of the Kalahari Craton in Botswana, with WMC Resources
- Canary Islands lithosphere and volcanism with Prof. E.-R. Neumann (Oslo)
- Tectonic domains in southern Norway using *TerraneChron*<sup>TM</sup> with Prof. T. Andersen (University of Oslo) and Dr B. Bingen (Norwegian Geological Survey)
- Seismic analysis of data collected on the 2003 *RV Sonne* cruises to investigate the nature of the Campbell Plateau, Southern Ocean with a 3-month visit by Dr Karsten Gohl (Alfred Wegener Institute, Bremerhaven)
- *In situ* Sr isotope analysis of marine fossils to constrain stratigraphic/tectonic reconstruction of terranes in New Zealand, with Dr C. Adams (Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences, New Zealand)
- Age and magma sources of Chilean Cu-porphyries, with Codelco (Chile) and the CSIRO Division of Exploration and Mining (Perth)

New MOUs were signed with the National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad (India), the University of Ferrara (Italy) and negotiations are underway for collaboration with the United Arab Emirates University.

Refer to the *Research Program* and *Postgraduate* sections of this Report for details of other projects.

## WAS THE FUNDING STRATEGY FOR GEMOC CONTINUATION (AFTER COMMONWEALTH CENTRE FUNDING CEASED) SUCCESSFUL?

GEMOC's business plan has proved to be a successful blueprint, resulting in viable funding to continue GEMOC's activities beyond the Commonwealth funding period that ended in 2001.

### Key elements of funding continuation include:

- Macquarie University Centre Administration support (\$120,000 in 2004)
- Macquarie University Postgraduate Scholarships for Australian and international students
- ARC Program Grant 2002-2006 for basic research component and other ARC Discovery Grants to GEMOC researchers (see *Appendix 5*)
- DEST Systemic Infrastructure Initiative Grant (\$5.125 million) for 2002-2004
- Award of two Federation Fellowships (Professors Simon Turner and Bernard Wood)
- Industry funding has increased through substantial collaborative ventures and value-added consulting
- Independent Research Fellowships to support Postdoctoral Fellows
- Continuation of existing funding sources for other ongoing activities such as postgraduate scholarships, undergraduate teaching development and pilot research projects.
- 2 new academic staff members (Drs Kelsie Dadd and Simon Jackson) appointed to GEMOC in 1995 and 1996 have continuing appointments; 1 subsequent new academic staff member appointed (Dr Nathan Daczko)
- Postgraduate funding strategy exceeded goals
- Strategy for equipment and analytical funding exceeded goals

Macquarie University support has been exceptional in all areas including cash, in-kind and space guarantees, and in policy support. Macquarie's Research Strategic Plan recognises GEMOC's research programs as Areas of Excellence (lithosphere and planetary evolution and metallogeny; isotopic and global geochemistry; and paleomagnetism, geodynamics and geophysical modelling) and GEMOC as a Centre of Excellence.

### Strategy for ongoing Geochemical Analysis Unit funding

GEMOC's outstanding analytical facilities are vital to our innovative research programs and to attracting research and industry income. This technology concentration also represents a high-budget item in terms of maintenance, running costs, replacement and especially for new purchases to maintain frontline developments. Funding strategies in place include:

- User-pays system for running, maintenance and development costs
- University annual contributions through competitive schemes and capital equipment allocations
- Annual contribution from the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences
- Macquarie University's guarantee of a strategic plan to ensure the integrity, maintenance and appropriate staffing of the Geochemical Analysis Unit
- Collaborative project building with industry partners

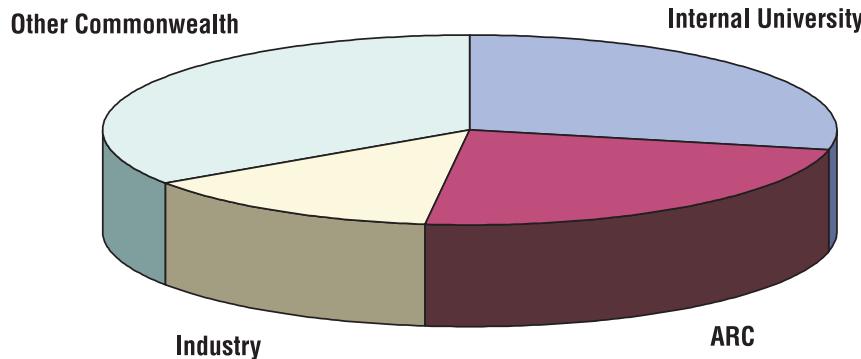
## **GEMOC funding**

- Delivery of new exploration tools to industry through novel analytical methodologies
- Research and Development ventures with manufacturers leading to equipment replacement
- Applications to funding schemes for matching funds for new purchases
- Provision of services to external clients including industry
- Industry capital investment in return for access equity, negotiated intellectual property and collaborative rates

## **GEMOC INCOME 2004**

This is a summary of 2004 Income. A full audited statement of detailed expenditure and income is prepared by Macquarie University. *No in-kind support is included.*

	<b>\$1000</b>
<b><i>ARC</i></b>	
<i>Discovery, (including Fellowships), Linkage (Project and International), Federation Fellowships</i>	
<b>Total ARC</b>	1,300.0
<b>OTHER COMMONWEALTH</b>	
<i>Postgraduate awards</i>	78.0
<i>DEST Systemic Infrastructure</i>	1,830.0
<b>INDUSTRY</b>	
Nu Instruments Fellowship	313.0
Collaborative Research grants (MUECRG, AMIRA)	234.0
Collaborative and commercial through MRL	215.0
<b>INTERNAL UNIVERSITY</b>	
<b>Annual Key Centre Contribution</b>	120.0
GAU maintenance (Department)	30.0
<i>Internal competitive schemes</i>	
Macquarie Fellowships	99.0
Matching to ARC schemes	190.0
Research grants	303.0
Development and Innovation Grants	373.0
Postgraduate awards	113.0
Postgraduate research grants	3.5
Infrastructure (RIBG)	78.0
Capital Equipment	132.0
Teaching Development	52.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5463.5</b>



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Spitsbergen.*

## BENEFITS TO AUSTRALIA

### ■ Scientific innovation relevant to National Priority Areas

*Research Priority 1: An Environmentally Sustainable Australia (Goal 1: Water – a Critical Resource and Goal 3: Developing Deep Earth Resources) and*

*Research Priority 3: Frontier Technologies for Building and Transforming Australian Industries (Goal 1: Breakthrough Sciences and Goal 2: Frontier Technologies)*

- Excellence in training of our future generation of geoscientists
- Enhanced industry links nationally and internationally
- Improved criteria for exploration by Australian mining companies both on- and off-shore
- Technological innovation (scientific advances, intellectual property, commercialisation, value-added consulting services)
- Enhanced international links

## Appendix 1: Participants

### GEMOC PARTICIPANTS 2004/2005

#### MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

##### Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences

##### **Academic Staff (Teaching and Research)**

Dr Kelsie Dadd (Physical vulcanology, geochemistry, tectonics)  
Dr Nathan Daczko (Structural and metamorphic geology, tectonics, geodynamics)  
Dr Richard Flood (Volcanic geology, application of magnetic fabrics to reconstruction of volcanic terrains)  
Professor W.L. Griffin, Program Leader (Technology development and industry liaison)  
Dr Simon Jackson (Trace element geochemistry, metallogeny)  
Dr Mark Lackie (Rock magnetism, paleomagnetic reconstructions)  
Professor Suzanne Y. O'Reilly, Director (Crust and mantle evolution, lithosphere modelling)  
Professor Simon Turner (Isotopic Geochemistry)

##### **Research Staff**

Dr John Adam  
Dr Elena Belousova  
Ms Tara Deen  
Dr Anthony Dosseto  
Dr Lev Natapov  
Dr Yvette Poudjom Djomani  
Dr Rhiannon George  
Emeritus Professor Trevor Green  
Dr Vladimir Malkovets  
Professor Simon Turner

Emeritus Professor John Veevers

Emeritus Professor Ron Vernon

Dr Kuo-Lung Wang

Dr Ming Zhang

##### **Adjunct Professors**

Professor Bruce Chappell (Granite petrogenesis, geochemistry)

Professor Nicholas Fisher

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Professor W.L. Griffin

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## Appendix 4: Abstract titles

### TITLES OF ABSTRACTS FOR CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS IN 2004

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### 17<sup>TH</sup> AUSTRALIAN GEOLOGICAL CONVENTION, HOBART, TASMANIA, 8 – 13 FEBRUARY 2004

**Zircon as a multi-faceted tool for petrogenetic modelling: applications to eastern Australian granitoids**  
E. A. Belousova<sup>1</sup>, W. L. Griffin<sup>1,2</sup> and S. Y. O'Reilly<sup>1</sup>  
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**Archean mantle fragments in Proterozoic crust, Western Gneiss Region, Norway: In-situ and whole-rock Re-Os evidence**  
E. Beyer, S. Y. O'Reilly and W. L. Griffin  
GEMOC, Macquarie

**Tectonic implications of fault-scarp-derived volcanioclastic deposits on Macquarie Island: Sedimentation at a fossil ridge-transform intersection?**  
N. Daczko<sup>1</sup>, S. Mosher<sup>2</sup>, M. Coffin<sup>3</sup>, T. Meckel<sup>4</sup> and A. Hunter<sup>4</sup>  
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**Extension along the Australian-Pacific transpressional transform plate boundary near Macquarie Island**  
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### The ODP Undergraduate Student Trainee program: taking part in experimental learning at sea

K. Dadd and R. Sandwell  
GEMOC, Macquarie

### Possible source directions for the Mesoproterozoic Eucarro Rhyolite, Gawler Ranges: evidence from phenocryst lineations

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### Overview of Tasmanian Tertiary basalts

J. L. Everard<sup>1</sup>, M. Zhang<sup>2</sup>, C-H. Lo<sup>3</sup>, S. Y. O'Reilly<sup>2</sup> and S. M. Forsyth<sup>1</sup>  
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### Constraints on the mechanism and timing of sediment recycling in the Tonga-Kermadec arc from beryllium isotopes

R. George<sup>1</sup>, S. Turner<sup>1</sup>, J. Morris<sup>2</sup>, T. Plank<sup>3</sup>, C. Hawkesworth<sup>4</sup>  
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### Terranechron<sup>TM</sup>: A new way to explore crustal evolution

W. L. Griffin, E. A. Belousova, S. Y. O'Reilly and S. G. Walters  
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### A 3D model of the gravity signature of the Moonbi and Bendemeer adamellites

M. Lackie and B. Bailey  
GEMOC, Macquarie

### Magnesium isotopic composition of olivine by laser ablation multiple collector ICPMS

N. J. Pearson, W. L. Griffin, S. Y. O'Reilly and G. Delpech  
GEMOC, Macquarie

### Defining age constraints for mantle events from Re-Os isotopes and tracking metasomatic processes in lithospheric mantle domains beneath New England

W. Powell, GEMOC, Macquarie

### Trace element analysis of diamond by LAM-ICPMS: Methodology and preliminary results

S. Rege<sup>1</sup>, R. Davies<sup>2</sup>, W. L. Griffin<sup>1,3</sup>, S. Jackson<sup>1</sup>, N. Pearson<sup>1</sup> and S. Y. O'Reilly<sup>1</sup>  
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### U-series isotope constraints on melting processes and degassing time scales at island arc volcanoes

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### Petrogenesis of Tasmanian Tertiary Basalts

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### INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON TECTONICS AND EVOLUTION OF THE PRECAMBRIAN SOUTHERN GRANULITE TERRAIN, INDIA AND GONDWANIAN CORRELATIONS, HYDERABAD, INDIA, 18-25 FEBRUARY 2004

### Early crustal history of the Slave craton, northwestern Canada

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**SEISMIC HETEROGENEITY IN  
THE EARTH'S MANTLE: THERMO-  
PETROLOGIC AND TECTONIC  
IMPLICATIONS SYMPOSIUM,  
COPENHAGEN, 26-28 FEBRUARY 2004**

**Imaging Petrological and Thermal  
Heterogeneity in the Lithospheric  
Mantle: Implications for  
interpretation of geophysical data**  
W. L. Griffin, S. Y. O'Reilly and  
Y. Poudjom Djomani  
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**GEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION  
OF CANADA-MINERALOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION OF CANADA,  
JOINT ANNUAL MEETING, BROCK  
UNIVERSITY, ST CATHERINES,  
ONTARIO, CANADA, 12-14 MAY 2004**

**Probing the secular evolution of  
the mid-to lower continental crust**  
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**Mid-crustal recrystallization of  
zircon in Grenvillian eclogites  
– evidence from a CL and SHRIMP  
study**

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**Combined U-Pb and Hf isotopic  
study of zircon provenance from till  
samples northerwestern Superior  
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**AGU JOINT ASSEMBLY 2004,  
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**Correlations between Os isotopic  
composition and trace element  
abundance in Chinese Cu-Ni  
deposit sulfides**

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**Cu and Fe isotope variation in  
Candelaria Sulfides: Tracing to  
origins of fluid components in a  
stratiform ore deposit**

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**Os isotopes systematic of magmatic  
sulfides in abyssal peridotites**  
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**Sveconorwegian underplating and  
granitic magmatism in the Baltic  
Shield: LAM-ICPMS Hf isotope  
evidence**

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**Trace element partition coefficients  
for mica and a variety of mantle  
derived melts and fluids**

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**Partitioning of H<sub>2</sub>O between mantle  
minerals and silicate melts**

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**Source compositional variability  
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Philippines**

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**Earliest stages of formation of  
oceanic lithosphere in the central  
Atlantic Ocean: The oceanic plate  
beneath the Canary Islands**

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**In-situ high pressure Hf isotope  
ratio measurement using laser  
ablation MC-ICPMS: Mass bias and  
isobaric interference corrections**

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##### **Geochemistry and origin of mantle sulfides in spinel peridotites xenoliths from Penghu Islands, Taiwan**

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##### **Heterogeneous and metasomatised mantle recorded by mineral trace elements in Donghai garnet peridotites of the Sulu UHP terrane eastern China**

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##### **DE BEERS DIAMOND CONFERENCE, WARWICK, 5<sup>TH</sup>-7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2004**

##### **Trace element analyses of diamond by LAM ICPMS: Standardisation, results and directions**

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##### **AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICISTS 17<sup>TH</sup> GEOPHYSICAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION, DARLING HARBOUR, SYDNEY, 15-19 AUGUST 2004**

##### **The integration of geophysics and geochemistry reveals the nature of the lithosphere beneath the Slave Craton (Canada)**

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##### **2004 WESTERN PACIFIC GEOPHYSICS MEETING, HONOLULU, HAWAII, 16-20 AUGUST 2004**

##### **Rare Earth Element Chemistry of apatites from the Cretaceous to Paleogene Granitoids, Southeastern Tibet**

M.F. Chu<sup>1</sup>, S.L. Chung<sup>1</sup>, X.R. Liang<sup>2</sup>, W.L. Griffin<sup>3</sup>, N.J. Pearson<sup>3</sup>, Y. Iizuka<sup>4</sup>, X.H. Li<sup>2</sup>, Y.Q. Zhang<sup>2</sup>

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##### **32<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS, FLORENCE, ITALY, 20-28 AUGUST 2004**

##### **Origin and evolution of the lithospheric mantle beneath the Slave Craton (Canada)**

S. Aulbach<sup>1</sup>, W. L. Griffin<sup>1</sup>, N. J. Pearson<sup>1</sup>, S. Y. O'Reilly<sup>1</sup> and K. Kivi<sup>2</sup>  
1. GEMOC, Macquarie, 2. Kennecott Canada Exploration Ltd, Vancouver, Canada

##### **Origin of garnet peridotites from the Western Gneiss Region, Norway: Refertilisation of depleted Archean lithosphere**

E. E. Beyer, W. L. Griffin and S. Y. O'Reilly  
GEMOC, Macquarie

##### **Composition of clinopyroxenes from mantle xenoliths as indicator of lithospheric evolution**

C. Bonadiman<sup>1</sup>, M. Coltorti<sup>1</sup>, W. L. Griffin<sup>2</sup> and S. Y. O'Reilly<sup>2</sup>  
1. Department of Earth Sciences, Ferrara University, Italy, 2. GEMOC, Macquarie

##### **Amphiboles in mantle xenoliths from anorogenic and orogenic settings. Evidence bearings of different style of metasomatism and implication for Nb and Ti anomalies in calk-alkaline magmas**

M. Coltorti<sup>1</sup>, C. Bonadiman<sup>1</sup>, B. Faccini<sup>1</sup>, M. Grégoire<sup>2</sup> and S. O'Reilly<sup>1</sup>  
1. Department of Earth Sciences, Ferrara University, Italy, 2. CNRS, Observatoire Midi-Pyrénées, Toulouse, France, 3. GEMOC, Macquarie

##### **Trace element and isotopic fingerprints in clinopyroxenes from the oceanic lithosphere beneath Kerguelen Islands (Indian Ocean)**

G. Delpech<sup>1</sup>, S. Y. O'Reilly<sup>1</sup>, M. Grégoire<sup>2</sup>, J.-Y. Cottin<sup>3</sup> and N. J. Pearson<sup>1</sup>  
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##### **Crust-mantle boundary beneath the Kerguelen Plume-Ridge System**

M. Grégoire<sup>1</sup>, J. Y. Cottin<sup>2</sup>, S. Y. O'Reilly<sup>3</sup>  
1. CNRS, Observatoire Midi-Pyrénées, Toulouse, France, 2. Department of Geology "Magmas et Volcans", University of JeanMonnet, Saint-Etienne, France, 3. GEMOC, Macquarie

##### **Imaging Petrological and thermal heterogeneity in the lithospheric mantle: Tectonic and geophysical implications**

W. L. Griffin, S. Y. O'Reilly and Y. Poudjom Djomani  
GEMOC, Macquarie

**Cenozoic thermal and compositional structure of the lithosphere in eastern China: xenolith derived profile of the uppermost mantle**

H.-W. Ma<sup>1</sup>, S. Y. O'Reilly<sup>2</sup>, F.-X. Lu<sup>3</sup> and W. L. Griffin<sup>2,4</sup>

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**The upper mantle beneath the Canary Islands: from passive margin to intra-plate magmatism**

E. R. Neumann<sup>1</sup>, W. L. Griffin<sup>2</sup> and N. J. Pearson<sup>2</sup>  
1. PGP, University of Oslo, Norway, 2. GEMOC, Macquarie

**Origin and evolution of continental lithospheric mantle: Buoyant blobs, intracratonic eddies and fertile upwellings?**

S. Y. O'Reilly and W. L. Griffin  
GEMOC, Macquarie

**The isotopic composition of magnesium in mantle olivine: Records of depletion and metasomatism**

N. J. Pearson<sup>1</sup>, W. L. Griffin<sup>1,2</sup>, S. Y. O'Reilly<sup>1</sup> and G. Delpech<sup>1</sup>  
1. GEMOC, Macquarie, 2. CSIRO Exploration and Mining, North Ryde

**Nature of the lithospheric mantle beneath the Slave Craton (Canada) from an integration of geophysics and mantle petrology**

Y. Poudjom Djomani<sup>1</sup>, S. Y. O'Reilly<sup>1</sup>, W. L. Griffin<sup>1,2</sup>, L. M. Natapov<sup>1</sup>, N. J. Pearson<sup>1</sup> and B. J. Doyle<sup>3</sup>  
1. GEMOC, Macquarie, 2. CSIRO Exploration and Mining, North Ryde, Australia, 3. Kennecott Canada Exploration Ltd, Vancouver, Canada

**Evidence for sulfide mobility in mantle fluids beneath eastern Australia: Implications for the interpretation of mantle Re-Os ages**

W. Powell and S. Y. O'Reilly  
GEMOC, Macquarie

**Mechanism of lithosphere extension beneath the eastern margin of the South China Block**

K.-L. Wang, S. Y. O'Reilly, W. L. Griffin, N. J. Pearson and M. Zhang  
GEMOC, Macquarie

**Hf isotopes, U-Pb ages and trace elements of zircons in intermediate granulite xenoliths from Cenozoic Hannuoba basalts: significance for petrogenesis and Neoarchean-Paleoproterozoic crust-mantle interaction beneath the North China Sea**

J. Zheng<sup>1</sup>, W. L. Griffin<sup>2</sup>, S. Y. O'Reilly<sup>2</sup> and M. Zhang<sup>2</sup>  
1. Faculty of Earth Sciences, China University of Geosciences, Wuhan, China, 2. GEMOC, Macquarie

**2<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL MAAR CONFERENCE, HUNGARY, SLOVAKIA, GERMANY 15 SEP -17 SEP 2004**

**Controls on maar volcanism: evidence from sills and dykes of the Silurian Eastport Formation, Maine, USA**

N. A. Van Wagoner<sup>1</sup>, R. D. W. Lodge<sup>1</sup>, K. A. Dadd<sup>2</sup>  
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**SEG 2004 PREDICTIVE MINERAL DISCOVERY UNDER COVER, PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 27 SEP - 1 OCT 2004**

**Research, Exploration and Predictive Mineral Discovery**

M. A. Etheridge<sup>1,2</sup>  
1. GEMOC, Macquarie, 2. Predictive Mineral Discovery CRC

**Thermal histories of Indonesian porphyry copper-gold deposits determined by U-Th-He, U-Pb, Re-Os, K-Ar and Ar-Ar methods**

B. I. A. McInnes<sup>1</sup>, N. J. Evans<sup>1</sup>, D. Sukarna<sup>2</sup>, S. Permanadewi<sup>2</sup>, S. Garwin<sup>3</sup>, E. Belousova<sup>4</sup>, W. L. Griffin<sup>4</sup> and F. Fu<sup>5</sup>

1. CSIRO Exploration and Mining, Bentley, WA, Australia, 2. Geological Research and Development Centre, Bundung, Indonesia, 3. Geoinformatics Exploration Australia, West Perth, Australia, 4. GEMOC, Macquarie, 5. Dept of Geosciences, University of Sydney, NSW, Australia

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S. Y. O'Reilly<sup>1</sup>, W. L. Griffin<sup>1,2</sup> and E. A. Belousova<sup>1</sup>

1. GEMOC, Macquarie, 2. CSIRO Exploration and Mining, North Ryde

**LITHOPROBE – THE CELEBRATORY CONFERENCE, TORONTO, CANADA, 12-15 OCT 2004**

**Evolution of the Slave Province and Abitibi Subprovince based on U-Pb dating and Hf isotopic composition of zircon**

J. W. F. Ketchum<sup>1</sup>, W. Bleeker<sup>2</sup>, W. L. Griffin<sup>1</sup>, S. Y. O'Reilly<sup>1</sup>, N. J. Pearson<sup>1</sup> and J. A. Ayer<sup>3</sup>

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**2004 IAVCEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PUCON, CHILE, 14-19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**Mafic volcanism in a tidal flat environment: facies and eruptive mechanisms with examples from the Silurian of Maine, USA and New Brunswick, Canada**

K. Dadd<sup>1</sup> and N. Van Wagoner<sup>2</sup>  
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#### **Appendix 4: Abstract titles**

**Interrogating the paradigm of the compositionally-zoned magma chamber: a stratigraphically-constrained  $^{238}\text{U}$ - $^{230}\text{Th}$ - $^{226}\text{Ra}$  study of Katmai-Novarupta 1912**

R. George<sup>1</sup>, S. Turner<sup>1</sup>, M. Reagan<sup>2</sup>, C. Hawkesworth<sup>3</sup>, W. Hildreth<sup>4</sup>.  
1. GEMOC, Macquarie, 2. Department of Geoscience, University of Iowa, Iowa City, USA, 3. Department of Earth Sciences, Bristol University, Bristol, UK, 4. US Geological Survey, Menlo Park, CA, USA

**$^{210}\text{Pb}$ - $^{226}\text{Ra}$ - $^{230}\text{Th}$  implications for the time scales of differentiation and degassing of island arc magmas**

S. Turner<sup>1</sup>, S. Black<sup>2</sup>, K. Berlo<sup>3</sup>  
1. GEMOC, Macquarie, 2. School of Human and Environmental Sciences, University of Reading, Reading, UK, 3. Department of Earth Sciences, University of Bristol, Bristol

**2004 AGU FALL MEETING, SAN FRANCISCO, USA 13-17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**Detrital zircon study along the Tsangpo River, SE Tibet**

Y.-H. Liang<sup>1</sup>, S.-L. Chung<sup>1</sup>, D.-Y. Liu<sup>2</sup>, S. Y. O'Reilly<sup>3</sup>, M.-F. Chu<sup>1</sup>, J.-Q. Ji<sup>4</sup>, B. Song<sup>2</sup>, N. J. Pearson<sup>3</sup>  
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## Appendix 5: Funded research projects

### GRANTS AND OTHER INCOME FOR 2004

Funding Source	Investigators	Project Title	Amount
Macquarie University Host Institution Support	O'Reilly	GEMOC Key Centre Contribution	\$120,000
ARC Discovery	Alard	Toward the use of metal stable isotopes in geosciences	\$140,000
ARC Discovery	Belousova	Crustal evolution in Australia: Ancient and young terrains	\$99,345
ARC Discovery	O'Reilly, Griffin, Gohl, Morgan, Cottin, Neumann, Xu	How has the continental lithosphere evolved? Processes of assembly, growth, transformation and destruction	\$285,000
ARC Discovery	Turner, Hawkesworth, Reagan, Kirchner	The time scales of magmatic and erosional cycles	\$100,000
ARC Linkage International	O'Reilly, Griffin, Cottin, Grégoire, Xu	How has the continental lithosphere evolved? Processes of assembly, growth, transformation and destruction	\$40,000
ARC Linkage Projects	O'Reilly, Griffin, WMC	Global lithosphere architecture mapping (including industry contribution)	\$190,000
ARC Federation Fellowship	Turner	The time scales of geochemical cycles and Earth processes	\$290,000
ARC Federation Fellowship (MU contribution)	Turner	The time scales of geochemical cycles and Earth processes	\$190,000
ARC Federation Fellowship	Wood	Origin and evolution of Earth's chemical reservoirs	\$155,527
Nu Instruments	Griffin, O'Reilly	GEMOC - Nu Instruments Research Fellowship	\$312,929
DEST SII	O'Reilly	Advanced technology for a clever geoscience future in Australia	\$1,830,000
MU RIBG	O'Reilly	SAMx automation package for Cameca SX50	\$55,000
MU RIBG	Turner	A PicoTrace clean air work station equipped with a 16 sample digestion system	\$23,000
MUECRG	Daczko	Melt escape and trace element partitioning during high-pressure partial melting in the lower crust, northern Fiordland, New Zealand	\$18,615

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Funding Source	Investigators	Project Title	Amount
MUECRG	Griffin, Pearson, O'Reilly, Daczko, NSWGS	Testing Ordovician-Devonian tectonic models for the Lachlan group (including industry contribution)	\$25,000
MUECRG	Griffin, Pearson, O'Reilly, Daczko, NSWGS	Testing Ordovician-Devonian tectonic models for the Lachlan group (including industry contribution)	\$25,000
MUECRG - Rio Tinto	Griffin, O'Reilly, Rio Tinto	Lithosphere Mapping beneath the Dharwar Craton, India	\$30,000
MUECRG - Rio Tinto	Griffin, O'Reilly, Rio Tinto	Lithosphere Mapping beneath the Dharwar Craton, India (industry contribution)	\$30,800
MUECRG - Anglo	Jackson, Griffin, Pearson	Application of metal isotopes in exploration for magmatic nickel and volcanic-hosted copper deposits	\$39,870
MUECRG - Anglo	Jackson, Griffin, Pearson	Application of metal isotopes in exploration for magmatic nickel and volcanic-hosted copper deposits (industry contribution)	\$39,870
MUECRG	O'Reilly, Zhang, WMC	Continental flood basalts: geochemical discrimination with relevance to exploration for nickel and platinum-group elements	\$30,000
MUECRG	O'Reilly, Zhang, WMC	Continental flood basalts: geochemical discrimination with relevance to exploration for nickel and platinum-group elements (industry contribution)	\$30,000
MURIF	Smith, O'Reilly, Parfitt, Esselle	Inversion scattering, remote sensing and data inversion	\$247,681
MURF	Malkovets	Evolution of the upper mantle beneath the Siberian Craton and the Siberian Platform	\$66,949
MURF	Wang	Geochemical characteristics of mantle xenoliths from Taiwan and Penghu Islands, SE China: Implications for mantle process and geodynamics	\$32,482
MURDG	Lackie, Flood	3D shape of the Mole Granite and thickness of the Torrington Pendant	\$12,000
MURDG	Jackson	Isotopic fractionation of the ore metals (Cu, Fe): A new window on ore-forming processes	\$16,700
MURDG	Wang	Lithosphere extension in East Asia: tectonic and geochemical consequences	\$19,555
Teaching Development grant	Dadd	Bringing the workplace into the classroom: the redesign of GEOS 377 using problem-based learning and real workplace scenarios	\$5,928
VC Development Fund	Etheridge	Improving mineral exploration performance by superior management of risk, uncertainty and value	\$100,000

Funding Source	Investigators	Project Title	Amount
Industry partner sponsorship BHP-Billiton, Codelco, Tech Cominco, Gold Fields, Newmont, Placer Dome, WMC Resources, Geoinformatics Exploration, Jackaroo Exploration	Etheridge	Improving mineral exploration performance by superior management of risk, uncertainty and value	\$108,000
Capital Equipment	Flood	Precision lapping and polishing machine	\$90,000
Capital Equipment	Lackie	Frequency FM Equipment	\$42,000
Maintenance Macquarie	O'Reilly, DEPS	GAU Maintenance contribution	\$30,000
CRC Discretionary Fund	O'Reilly	System Earth: the mantle engine	\$25,000
Postgraduate Research Fund	Brad Bailey	Law Dome: Ice and crust mass balance studies	\$3,500
IPRS and MUIPRA	Guo	An integrated geophysical investigation of the Hunter-Mooki and Peel Faults	\$39,284
IPRS and iMURS	Rege	Trace elements in diamonds: genetic and forensic implications	\$39,284
IPRS and MUIPRA	Touron	Geochemical fingerprinting of the Massif Central (France) mantle	\$39,284
iMurs	Nikolic	Evolution of crust-mantle systems near a young rift: NW Spitsbergen, Norway	\$39,284
RAACE	Milan	The emplacement, pressure-temperature-time path and structural evolution of lower crust gneisses in Fiordland, New Zealand	\$18,484

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ARC Discovery	Alard	Toward the use of metal stable isotopes in geosciences	\$110,000
ARC Discovery	Belousova	Crustal evolution in Australia: Ancient and young terrains	\$99,345
ARC Discovery	Daczko	A new approach to understanding the mechanisms and deep crustal controls of continental rifting	\$50,000

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Funding Source	Investigators	Project Title	Amount
ARC Discovery	Jackson	Isotopic fractionation of the ore minerals (Cu, Fe, Zn): A new window on ore-forming processes	\$100,000
ARC Discovery	O'Reilly, Griffin, Gohl, Morgan, Cottin, Neumann, Xu	How has the continental lithosphere evolved? Processes of assembly, growth, transformation and destruction	\$255,000
ARC Discovery	Turner, Hawkesworth, Reagan, Kirchner	The time scales of magmatic and erosional cycles	\$85,000
ARC Linkage International	O'Reilly, Griffin, Cottin, Grégoire, Xu	How has the continental lithosphere evolved? Processes of assembly, growth, transformation and destruction	\$40,000
ARC Linkage Projects	O'Reilly, Griffin, WMC	Global lithosphere architecture mapping (including industry contribution)	\$190,000
ARC LIEF Grant	Turner, Schaefer, Brierley, O'Reilly, Griffin, Haydon	A ThermoFinnigan Triton high-sensitivity thermal ionisation mass spectrometer for constraining geoscience rates and environmental processes via Ra and Os analysis	\$495,000
ARC LIEF Grant	Turner, Schaefer, Brierley, O'Reilly, Griffin, Haydon	A ThermoFinnigan Triton high-sensitivity thermal ionisation mass spectrometer for constraining geoscience rates and environmental processes via Ra and Os analysis (MU contribution)	\$175,000
ARC Federation Fellowship	Turner	The time scales of geochemical cycles and Earth processes	\$290,000
ARC Federation Fellowship (MU contribution)	Turner	The time scales of geochemical cycles and Earth processes	\$92,243
ARC Federation Fellowship	Wood	Origin and evolution of Earth's chemical reservoirs	\$290,000
ARC Federation Fellowship (MU contribution)	Wood	Origin and evolution of Earth's chemical reservoirs	\$180,000
Australian Antarctic Division	Daczko, Mosher	The environmental and tectonic implications of volcaniclastic deposits on Macquarie Island	\$79,000
Dept. Earth and Planetary Sciences	O'Reilly, DEPS	GAU Maintenance contribution	\$30,000
MUECRG Scheme	Belousova	Developing a geochronological framework for the Gawler Craton, South Australia	\$20,000

Funding Source	Investigators	Project Title	Amount
MUECRG Scheme	Belousova	Developing a geochronological framework for the Gawler Craton, South Australia (Industry contribution)	\$20,000
Industry partner sponsorship BHP-Billiton, Codelco, Tech Cominco, Gold Fields, Newmont, Placer Dome, Etheridge WMC Resources, Geoinformatics Exploration, Jackaroo Exploration		Improving mineral exploration performance by superior management of risk, uncertainty and value	\$179,9280
MUECRG	O'Reilly	Links between plume-mantle interaction, mantle sulfides and N-PGE endowment in large igneous provinces	\$40,000
MUECRG WMC	O'Reilly	Links between plume-mantle interaction, mantle sulfides and N-PGE endowment in large igneous provinces (industry contribution)	\$40,000
MURDG Safety Net Scheme	Veevers	Zircon analysis of Cretaceous and Eocene sediments of Lambert Graben-Prydz Bay, Antarctica	\$17,706
MU Safety Net Scheme	George	Timing and mechanisms of melt migration and interaction at mantle, lithospheric and crustal levels	\$20,000
MU New Staff Scheme	Malkovets	Structure and evolution of the upper mantle beneath the Siberian Craton	\$19,906
MU New Staff Scheme	Williams	The oxidation state of the early Earth mantle: new clues from iron isotopes	\$19,978
IPRS and iMURS	Rege	Trace elements in diamonds: genetic and forensic implications	\$30,627
iMurs	Hartman	Tofua Volcano in Northern Tonga: U-series Isotope and Melt Inclusion Studies Along the Tonga-Kermadec Island Arc	\$40,837
iMurs	Nikolic	Evolution of crust-mantle systems near a young rift: NW Spitsbergen, Norway	\$40,837
RAACE	Milan	The emplacement, pressure-temperature-time path and structural evolution of lower crust gneisses in Fiordland, New Zealand	\$18,847
APA	Murgulov	Crust-mantle evolution and metallogeny, E. Australia	\$18,847
Postgraduate Research Fund	McMahon	Fracturing deformation along the Amery Ice Shelf: a seismic study	\$4,000

**ARC Research Projects initiated prior to 2004 are available at our website: <http://www.es.mq.edu.au/GEMOC/>**  
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## Appendix 6: Flowsheets for courses in geology and geophysics

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE ENVIRONMENTAL GEOLOGY

Other variations available. Approximate load of 24 credit points per year.

#### Interested in:

- Earth's Environment •Contaminated Land Remediation
- Geochemistry •Groundwater Contamination

Environmental Geology explores the interaction of people and the geologic environment. The field covers the movement of toxins into the ground and through the groundwater system; the identification of these toxins and the remediation of the site. Environmental Geology combines the classic observation skills of geology with those of geochemistry, geophysics, land use planning and government policy implementation.

#### FIRST YEAR

GEOS112 Planet Earth,  
GEOS114 Global Environmental Crises  
GEOS115 Earth Dynamics, Materials and the Environment  
GEOS224 Introduction to Field Geology (Vacation Unit)  
CHEM103, BIOL114

#### SECOND YEAR

GEOS230 Field and Laboratory Studies in Geoscience,  
GEOS260 Marine Depositional Environments  
GEOS265 Intro to Resource and Environmental Management  
GEOS266 Earth Surface Processes, GEOS268 Introduction to Geophysics  
GEOS251 Minerals, Energy and the Environment

#### THIRD YEAR

GEOS315 Environmental and Groundwater Geophysics, GEOS399 Soils  
GEOS377 Environmental Geology  
GEOS437 Geochemical Applications  
GEOS398 Applied Geomorphology  
or  
GEOS307 Field Geology and Mapping  
or  
GEOS328 Land Management

#### FOURTH YEAR (HONOURS)

1. Honours: The honours year consists of an 8 or 16 credit point research thesis and 8 or 16 credit points of coursework, generally at 400 or 800 level.  
2. Masters Program: A research MSc is undertaken over a two year period; this may include up to 4 Units and a major research project. A coursework program is also possible.

These notes are only intended as a guide, and the Calendar should be referred to for further details. Academic advice should be sought for any program queries.

### EARTH AND PLANETARY SCIENCES

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE OR ARTS GEOLOGY MAJOR

Course Structure  
Other variations available. Approximate load of 24 credit points per year.

#### Interested in:

- Volcanoes •Earthquakes •Seismology
- Exploration •Earth History

Geologists aim to understand the way the Earth works and how it has evolved over the 4.6 billion years since its formation. Geology can be combined with geophysics, biology, archaeology, history, chemistry, maths, physics and law. Employment can be found in areas such as Mining and Exploration Companies, Teaching, Public Service, Law, Conservation and Environment, Stock Market, Engineering, and Research.

#### FIRST YEAR

**Core**  
GEOS115 Earth Dynamics, Materials and the Environment  
GEOS112 Planet Earth or GEOS116 Marine Geoscience and  
GEOS224 Introduction to Field Geology (Vacation Unit)  
Plus additional units from:  
BIOL, CHEM, MATH, PHYS140 or PHYS , COMP or other.

#### SECOND YEAR

**Core**  
GEOS235 Palaeontology  
GEOS230 Field and Laboratory Studies in Geosciences  
GEOS260 Marine Depositional Environments  
GEOS268 Introduction to Geophysics  
**Optional**  
GEOS251 Minerals, Energy and the Environment, GEOS272 Earth's Evolving Environment  
GEOS266 Earth Surface Processes, GEOS237 Natural Hazards  
GEOS264 Geographic Information Systems

#### THIRD YEAR

**Core**  
GEOS307 Field Geology and Mapping  
and at least 3 units from: GEOS308 Structural and Metamorphic Geology  
GEOS312 Invertebrate Palaeontology, GEOS314 Magmas, Fluids and Ore Deposits  
GEOS385 Global Tectonics  
GEOS397 Applied Palaeontology and Biogenic Sediments  
**Suggested additional units**  
GEOS373 Volcanic Geology Fieldwork, GEOS428 Coral Reef Environments

#### FOURTH YEAR (HONOURS)

1. Honours: The honours year consists of a 16 credit point research thesis and 8 credit points of coursework, generally at 400 or 800 level.  
2. Masters Program: A research MSc is undertaken over a two year period; this may include up to 4 courses and a major research project. A coursework MSc is also possible.



### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE GEOPHYSICS MAJOR

Other variations available. Approximate load of 24 credit points per year.

#### Interested in:

- Understanding How the Earth Works
- Earthquakes •Earth's Environment •Exploration

Geophysics is the study of the physics of the earth. The field of Geophysics can be split into two broad areas - "Global", which is the study of the earth's structure and evolution, and "Exploration", which is concerned with near surface study in the fields of mineral, petroleum, environmental, groundwater and engineering geophysics.

#### FIRST YEAR

**Core**  
GEOS115 Earth Dynamics, Materials and the Environment  
**Optional**  
GEOS112 Planet Earth  
GEOS116 Marine Geoscience  
GEOS224 Introduction to Field Geology (Vacation Unit)  
MATH135, MATH136, PHYS140, PHYS143  
COMP123 or COMP125, CHEM101

#### SECOND YEAR

**Core**  
GEOS268 Introduction to Geophysics  
**Optional**  
GEOS260 Marine Depositional Environments  
GEOS251 Minerals Energy and the Environment  
GEOS230 Field and Laboratory Studies in Geosciences  
GEOS272 Earth's Evolving Environment  
MATH235, MATH236, PHYS201, COMP238

#### THIRD YEAR

**Core**  
GEOS315 Environmental and Groundwater Geophysics or  
GEOS316 Exploration Geophysics  
GEOS420 Data Image and Processing in Geophysics and Exploration  
**Optional**  
Appropriate Geology, Atmospheric Science or Maths, Physics, and Computing Units, depending on individual interest

#### FOURTH YEAR (HONOURS)

1. Honours: The honours year consists of an 8 or 16 credit point research thesis and 8 or 16 credit points of coursework, generally at 400 or 800 level.  
2. Masters Program: A research MSc is undertaken over a two year period; this may include up to 4 Units and a major research project. A coursework program is also possible.



## Bachelor of Technology Exploration Geoscience Geochemistry Strand

72 Credit Points Required

Interested in:  
**•Exploration and Technology • Environment •Mining  
•Earth's Internal Processes**

Exploration geoscientists seek to apply modern techniques that interface between geology, geophysics and geochemistry to assist in targeting major prospective areas on or near the surface and ensuring environmental best practice in developing such areas. This is vital to Australia's future export earnings, underpinned as they are by the mineral industry. Employment may be found in mining, exploration and environment consultancy companies, geoanalytical laboratories, government advisory bodies, research and teaching.

### FIRST YEAR

GEOS115 Earth Dynamics, Materials and the Environment  
 GEOS116 Marine Geoscience  
 GEOS224 Introduction to Field Geology (vacation unit)  
 CHEM101  
 and one of: PHYS140, PHYS143,  
 MATH135, MATH136, COMP155

### SECOND YEAR

<b>Core</b> GEOS260 Lithospheric Environments GEOS268 Introduction to Geophysics GEOS230 Field and Laboratory Studies in Geoscience CHEM207	<b>Optional</b> GEOS266 Earth Surface Processes GEOS272 Earth's Evolving Environment GEOS315 Environment and Groundwater Geophysics GEOS316 Exploration Geophysics STAT170 or STAT171
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### THIRD YEAR

<b>Core</b> GEOS307 Field Geology and Mapping GEOS314 Ore Deposits Geology GEOS377 Environmental Geology GEOS437 Geochemical Applications and Techniques MPCE360	<b>Optional</b> GEOS315 Environmental and Groundwater Geophysics or GEOS316 Exploration Geophysics GEOS373 Volcanic Geology Fieldwork COMP238
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### FOURTH YEAR (HONOURS)

Honours year consists of a thesis of 16 credit points based on research using the latest equipment and 8 credit points of coursework, generally at 400 or 800 level.

## EARTH AND PLANETARY SCIENCES



## Bachelor of Technology Exploration Geoscience Geophysics Strand

72 Credit Points Required

Interested in:  
**•Exploration and Technology • Environment •Mining  
•Earth's Internal Processes**

Exploration geoscientists seek to apply modern techniques that interface between geology, geophysics and geochemistry to assist in targeting major prospective areas on or near the surface and ensuring environmental best practice in developing such areas. This is vital to Australia's future export earnings, underpinned as they are by the mineral industry. Employment may be found in mining, exploration and environment consultancy companies, geoanalytical laboratories, government advisory bodies, research and teaching.

### FIRST YEAR

GEOS115 Earth Dynamics, Materials and the Environment  
 GEOS116 Marine Geosciences and  
 GEOS224 Introduction to Field Geology (vacation unit)  
 PHYS140, PHYS143  
 MATH135, MATH136, COMP155  
 and one of: CHEM101 or CHEM103

### SECOND YEAR

<b>Core</b> GEOS260 Marine Depositional Environments GEOS268 Introduction to Geophysics MATH235, MATH236, ELEC176 GEOS315 Environment and Groundwater Geophysics or GEOS316 Exploration Geophysics	<b>Optional</b> GEOS230 Field and Laboratory Studies in Geoscience PHYS201 PHYS202
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### THIRD YEAR

<b>Core</b> GEOS385 Global Tectonics GEOS420 Data and Image Processing in Geophysics and Exploration GEOS315 Environmental and Groundwater Geophysics or GEOS316 Exploration Geophysics GEOS460 Solid Earth Geophysics MPCE360 Technology Management	<b>Optional</b> GEOS 314 Magmas, Fluids and Ore Deposits GEOS 307 Field Geology and Mapping GEOS 373 Volcanic Geology Fieldwork COMP238 ELEC260
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### FOURTH YEAR (HONOURS)

Honours year consists of a thesis of 16 credit points based on research using the latest equipment and 8 credit points of coursework, generally at 400 or 800 level.

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## Appendix 7: GEMOC postgraduate and honours opportunities

Honours Scholarships of up to \$2,500 are available for students with exceptional undergraduate track records who are undertaking an Honours Program within the framework of GEMOC's goals. For further information, see the Annual Reports on the GEMOC website for examples of past Honours projects.

### POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

GEMOC has a flourishing postgraduate research environment with postgraduate students from many countries (including France, Germany, China, Russia and Australia) Scholarships funding tuition fees and a living allowance are available for students with an excellent academic record or equivalent experience. These include:

- **Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA):** available for Commonwealth citizens to cover tuition fees and living allowance, with a closing date in late October annually
- **Research Areas and Centres of Excellence (RAACE) scholarships:** available for Australian citizens who wish to undertake a postgraduate program in a Centre of Excellence at Macquarie University (eg GEMOC)
- **International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (IPRS):** available to overseas students to cover tuition fees with a closing date in late September annually
- **International Macquarie University Research Scholarships (iMURS):** that can provide a living allowance and which can be applied for at any time if the applicant has been accepted for enrolment in a higher degree

Macquarie University also provides research funding through a competitive internal scheme and GEMOC's funded projects (see *Appendix 5*) provide further resources to support postgraduate research projects.

Postgraduate projects are tailored to your expertise and interests within the framework of GEMOC's research goals. GEMOC carries out interdisciplinary research across the boundaries of petrology, geochemistry, tectonics, metallogenesis, geodynamics and geophysics to explore the nature and evolution of the lithosphere and global geodynamics. Current funded projects are based in Australia, Antarctica, Canada, China, Taiwan, Italy, France, Siberia, Norway, North America, South America, Africa, Kerguelen Islands and other global locations (see the section on GEMOC's *Research Program*).

GEMOC postgraduate programs have opportunities through access to our outstanding analytical facility (see *Technology Development* section) with currently unique technologies and instrumentation configurations to tackle exciting large-scale problems in the Geosciences.

Examples of broad PhD project areas include:

- Lithosphere structure and geochemistry: mantle provinciality and tectonism
- Granitoid and mineralised provinces along western Pacific convergent margins
- Fluid-vapour transfer of elements in the crust and mantle
- Heat production and evolution of the crust: crust-mantle interaction
- Geophysical applications to lithosphere studies
- Isotopic and trace element geochemistry: mantle and crustal systems
- Metal isotopes: applications to ore formation
- Magma genesis and crustal evolution: includes trace elements of accessory minerals, isotopic fingerprints

Potential applicants should discuss possible projects with a potential supervisor and the Director of GEMOC before applying.

**Appendix 8:**  
**Goldschmidt**  
**Advertisement**



## 16th Annual V.M. Goldschmidt Conference



**27 August – 1 September 2006**  
**Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre, Australia**

**Conference themes:**

- Techniques
- Mineral Deposits/Ore Geochem
- Solar System Formation
- Convecting Mantle
- Lithosphere Evolution
- Subduction Processes

- Geochemical Constraints on Timescales and Mechanisms of Tectonic Processes
- Biogeochemistry and the Origin and Evolution of Life
- Aquatic Geochemistry and Fluids in the Crust
- Surface Processes, Low Temperature Systems and Landscape Evolution

- Ocean Chemistry and Circulation/Climate and Environment

All submissions of abstracts  
to be submitted online at:  
[www.goldschmidt2006.org](http://www.goldschmidt2006.org)

**Deadline for receipt of abstracts:**  
**13 April 2006**

For the first time, the Goldschmidt Conference comes to the southern hemisphere, in Melbourne, Australia in 2006. Australia's unique, plate-scale natural laboratory has driven a rich tradition of geochemical, experimental, cosmochemical and isotope research, from the extraordinary archives of past climate of the Great Barrier Reef to the oldest known terrestrial materials of Mount Narryer and Jack Hills. The conference is to be held in the state-of-the-art facilities of the Melbourne Convention Centre. We hope that you will be able to join us Down Under for the Goldschmidt 2006.

Expected delegates will comprise of: Geologists • Geochemists • Cosmochemists • Hydrogeologists • Geochronologists • Biogeochemists

**[www.goldschmidt2006.org](http://www.goldschmidt2006.org)**

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## Appendix 9: Goldschmidt Pre-Meeting Workshop 2006



### 16<sup>th</sup> Goldschmidt 2006 – Pre-Meeting Workshop at GEMOC,



Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Macquarie University, Sydney

#### Geochemical Fingerprinting of Lithosphere and Deep Earth Processes

- \* 1-day session (invited speakers, discussions, demonstrations) on advanced methodologies and techniques for trace-element and isotopic analysis

using:

- LAM ICPMS
- MC-ICPMS  
(Nu Instruments)
- LAM MC-ICPMS
- TIMS (Triton)

Including:

- ✓ In-situ Re-Os, Hf isotopes,  
*TerraneChron™*
- ✓ Stable metal isotopes
- ✓ U-series
- ✓ Laser ablation techniques
- ✓ Database mining
- ✓ GLITTER data reduction system  
for LAM-ICPMS

- \* 1-day of invited and volunteered presentations on applications of geochemical datasets to explore:

- Composition, structure and timing of processes of the Earth's lithosphere
- the nature, evolution and geodynamic consequences of the convecting and deep mantle as revealed through geochemical and geophysical datasets
- insights on geophysical datasets from geochemistry

- \* Harbour Cruise

Ideal base for exploring Sydney (the Harbour City) –  
and Blue Mountains (scenery) and Hunter Valley (wine) day-trips before Melbourne

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## GLOSSARY

ACILP	Australia China Institutional Links Program
AGSO	Australian Geological Survey Organisation (now GA)
AGU	American Geophysical Union
AMASE	Arctic Mars Analogue Svalbard Expedition
AMIRA	Australian Mineral Industry Research Association
ANU	Australian National University
APA (I)	Australian Postgraduate Award (Industry)
ARC	Australian Research Council
ARC LIEF	Australian Research Council Linkage Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities
ASAC	Antarctic Science Advisory Committee
CNRS	French National Research Foundation
CRC	Co-operative Research Centre
CSIRO (EM)	Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Organisation (Exploration and Mining)
DEST (SII)	Department of Education, Science and Training (from 2002) (Strategic Infrastructure Initiative)
DIATREEM	Consulting company within MRL
(D)VC	(Deputy) Vice Chancellor
EMP	Electron Microprobe
(D)EPS	(Department of) Earth and Planetary Sciences
EURODOC	The council for postgraduate students and junior researchers in Europe
GA	Geoscience Australia (formerly AGSO)
GAU	Geochemical Analysis Unit (DEPS, Macquarie University)
GIS	Geographic Information System
GLITTER	GEMOC Laser ICPMS Total Trace Element Reduction software
GPS	Global Positioning System
HIAF	Heavy Ion Analytical Facility
ICPMS	Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer
iMURS	International Macquarie University Research Scheme
IPRS	International Postgraduate Research Scholarship
JCU	James Cook University
LAM-ICPMS	Laser Ablation Microprobe - Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer
MC-ICPMS	Multi-Collector ICPMS
MOUs	Memoranda of Understanding
MRL	Macquarie Research Limited
MUECRG	Macquarie University External Collaborative Research Grants
MUIPRA	Macquarie University International Postgraduate Research Award
MURAACE	Macquarie University Research Award for Areas and Centres of Excellence
MURIF	Macquarie University Research Innovation Fund
MURDG	Macquarie University Research Development Grant
MURF	Macquarie University Research Fellowship
NERC	Natural Environment Research Council
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NSWGS	New South Wales Geological Survey
PIRSA	Primary Industries and Resources, South Australia
RAACE	Research Areas and Centres of Excellence Postgraduate Scholarships
RIBG	Research Infrastructure Block Grant
RSES	Research School of Earth Sciences at ANU
UN'cstle	University of Newcastle
UNE	University of New England
USYD	University of Sydney
UW'gong	University of Wollongong
UWS	University of Western Sydney
XRF	X-Ray Fluorescence



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