

# The New Achievements of Fundamental Geological Survey in China

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## **China Geological Survey**

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# **Compendium**

# Major work and achievements Supporting for geological prospecting New cognitions for geology and tectonics

Work in future



#### **<u>1.</u>** Major tasks and developments

- The fundamental geological survey: Regional mapping、 Regional magnetic airborne survey、 Regional gravity survey、 Regional geochemical survey。
- Mainly deployed on: important mineral zones, important economic developed areas, national important engineering constructions and important geological issue area.
- For the important mineral zones, The fundamental geological survey were mainly deployed on: important metallogenic belts western China which have low level of mineral resources exploration and great potential for exploration, such as Gangdise 、 Kunlun-Altyn Tagh 、 Three River (or Sanjiang) Region and Da-Hinggan Mountains



Finished the 1:50000 mapping area 170,000 Km<sup>2</sup> in 2011; All of the finished area is 2,370,000 Km<sup>2</sup>, it is 24.6% of the national land area

#### 1: 250000 mapping degree(after 2011)



Finished the 1:250000 mapping area 425,000 Km<sup>2</sup> in 2011; All the maps covered area is 5,365,000 Km<sup>2</sup>, it is 56% of the national land area



#### 1:50000 regional magnetic airborne survey degree





Finished the 1:50,000 regional magnetic airborne survey area 600,000 km<sup>2</sup> in 2011,

Accumulative area is 4,30,000 km<sup>2</sup>, and covered 43% of the land area.



Finished the 1:200,000 regional gravity survey area 240,000 km<sup>2</sup> in 2011, Accumulative area is 4,940,000 km<sup>2</sup>, covered 51% of the land area.







Finished the 1:200000 Regional geochemical survey area 160,000 km<sup>2</sup> in 2011, Accumulative area is 6,000,000 km<sup>2</sup>, covered 63% of the land area.

# 2. Supporting for the geological ore prospecting



2.1 Discovered some important prospecting clues

According to incompletely statistics, the Regional Geological Survey discovered 187 mineral occurrences in 2010-2011; the number for copper is 84, and the iron is 36.

Defined 3,600 magnetic airborne anomalies, and 530 important mineralizing anomalies. Depended on few verifying, the positive anomalies is 40 places.

Newly discovered 450 regional geochemical exploration anomalies.



In Da-Hinggan Mountains the 1:50000 high-precision geophysical airborne explore have defined 1025 magnetic airborne anomalies and 36 aeroradiometric anomalies, in Heilongjiang province;

168 places have been checked, the positive anomalies is 10 places.



the reduction

Depended on the 1:50000 gravity survey in east Hebei province, newly distinguish and indicate the Qingtuoyin fault, Changning fault, Hugezhuang depression, Yaowangzhuang fault, Xinzhai fault, Leting fault, Daxianggezhuang uplift, Zhongpuwangzhuang uplift, etc.



residual gravity anomaly

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By preliminary validating:

Discovered 20-115m iron ore body;

and in the ZK7 drill, the high-grade magnetite is 86.08m.

Regional geochemical survey in the Kunlun-Altyn metallogenic belts, discovered 392 integrated anomalies, verified 55 anomalies, defined 21 anomalies related to mineral deposit.

Discovered 22 Cu poly polymetallic mineral occurrences and mineralization places

Newly discovered the Kazile Cu-Ag deposit, Weibao Pb-Zn deposit, Huangyangling Sb deposit, Fulougou Cu deposit, Changshangou Hg deposit, and strongly promote the geological prospecting in Qimantag and western Kunlun area in Xinjiang province.

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#### 2.2 Reserching for Geological setting of metallization zone

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Built the regional tectonic framework, Definited the metallogenic specialization for the tectonic units

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Late Paleozoic–Triassic: northern Kunlun magma arc and Qimantag pericontinental sea are effective areas for Fe, Cu, Pb and Zn.

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Nanhua Period–Late Paleozoic: Rift-limited ocean, back–arc basin and northern Qimantag magma arc are effective areas for Fe, Cu, Au, Pb, Zn and Co.

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Tectonic evolution and the mineralization

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Built the space-time structure for the intrusion: the altyn area is dominant Caledonian, West of Eastern Kunlun is dominant Caledonian and Indosinian; Divided by the Qimantag ophiolitic melange belt, the north is Caledonian- Variscan mass, the south is Indosinian-Yanshanian mass; Divided by the Baiganhu fault, the west is early Paleozoic intrusion, the east is late Paleozoic – Mesozoic (Triassic dominant) intrusion.

#### 2.2.2 Erlian-Dongwuqi metallogenic belt

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Built the regional strata, tectonic and magma frame, and summarized the geological background of each unit for the mineralization

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Favourable area for the W-Mo, Cu polymetallic deposit related to Late Paleozoic and Mesozoic tectonic magma activity.

# Tuquan-Linxi Yanshanian Sn-Zn-Ag-Cu polymetallic metallogenic belt

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Late Paleozoic continental margin accretion belt and superposed by the Yanshanian magmatic belt. The Permian marine facies intermediate-mafic volcanic rock is developed, and it is favourable area for the marine facies volcanic Cu polymetallic deposit and Mesozoic porphyry W-Cu-Sn-Mo deposit. the northern margin of the North China platform Proterozoic, Paleozoic, Yanshanian

Au-Ag-Fe-Nb-Cu-Pb-Zn polymetallic metallogenic belt

The south part is late Archean greenstone formation, and product the iron bearing formation and greenstone type gold ore, and also the largesized gold deposit.

The north part is Paleo-Proterozoic rift, and sediment the clastic rock and carbonate, develop the Proterozoic-Paleozoic-Yanshanian granite, and product the super-large Fe-Nb-rare earth ore and copper deposit, Pb-Zn-Au deposit in the Bayan Obo Group

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#### **3. New recognitions for the geological tectonics**

#### 3.1 New recognitions for the Tibetan Plateau

#### New strata system

★discovered over 40,000 Paleontology Fossils

★newly built 152 lithostratigraphic units
★defined 1200 lithostratigraphic units

#### New tectonic magma frame

★discovered 4 different tectonic-magma assemblages

★3 lithosphere types and 2 crust types
 ★some evidences for the Slab break-off
 and mantle flow

#### Key records of the oceanic crustal slices

★confirmed 21 ophiolitic melange belt ★defined 16 high-ultrahigh pressure belt

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Tectonic framework: one ocean, two continental margins, and three arc-basin systems

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# Three stages of the Tethys tectonic evolution

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1. Unidirectional subduction of the Proto-Tethys ocean (540-400Ma)

■Indian passive continental margin

- ■Qinling-Qilian-Kunlun poly-arcbasin system
- accretion of the southern margin of the North China plate
- 2. Bidirectional subduction of the Paleo-Tethys ocean (400-230Ma)
  - Gangdese continental margin arc
     Three rivers poly arc-basin system
  - Infectional accretion of crust

#### 3.Back-arc subduction of Neo-Tethys ocean (230-65 Ma)

Gangdese poly arc-basin system
 ■reduce of back-arc oceanic basin
 ■ Arc-Arc collision

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## Continental collision for Tibetan Plateau uplifting

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 Main collision stage (65- 40Ma) Collision between the Indian continent and Eurasia continent
 ■crustal shortening and thickening

- Syn-collision magma
- peak metamorphism
- 2. Late-collision stage (40-25Ma)

#### **Tectonic transformation**

- nappe/slip/shear
- ■potassic crust / mantle-magma

basin-fluid flow

3. Post-collision stage (25Ma-)

#### **Crust extension**

normal fault/STD
 potassic and Ultrapotassic magma

Ieucogranite

## **3.2 Tectonic frame of the Tianshan-Xingmeng orogen**

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Based on the kinematic characteristics of the regional fault, proposal that the Altay Eastern Junggar and Eastern Tianshan belong to the margin of the Siberia paleocontinent, western Junggar and western Tianshan belong to the Kazakhstan paleo-plate.

Based on the time (320Ma-300Ma) of the post-collisional magma emplaced in the collisional complex, defined the time of closing and collisional orogeny of the Paleo-Asia Ocean is Late Carboniferous in Central-Asia area.

### The confirming of the Xar Moron River tectonic ophiolite belt

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The Mid-Triassic crustal derived granite at the north of Xar Moron River indicate the collision is beginning at Permian and last to Mid-Triassic

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#### <sup>45™</sup> Four sutures:

Suolun – Xar Moron – Yanji suture Baicheng – Heihe-Xieliemuzha suture Okhotsk suture Kuye island (Sahalin island) suture

The continental margin and collisional belt (Late Neoprotorozoic-Early Permian)of the Paleo-Asia Ocean
 Between the Siberia and North China Plate, the collisional time is Mid-Permian.

<sup>25</sup>N The continental margin facing to the Paleo-Pacific of Siberia Paleo-continent (Late Protorozoic-Jurassic), the collisional time is Late Jurassic

# 3.2 New recognitions of the Protorozoic strata in South China Depend on the regional m

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Depend on the regional mapping: Ascertained that the age of the Mid-Protorozoic strata is Neoprotorozoic. Generally ascertained there is a Caledonian collisional orogen between the Yangtze and Cathay block, which underwent the combination at Jinningian and break-up at Protorozoic, and it is a large-type metallogenic belt.

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### 4. future work

#### 4 aspects:

>Regional mapping, Regional magnetic airborne survey, Regional gravity survey, Regional geochemical survey in the important mineral zones, important economic developed areas, national important engineering constructions and important geological issue area, and focus on the important metallogenic belt

-----on the 1 : 50000 1 : 250000 scales

Comprehensive study and the fundamental map compilation

Key fundamental geological items and prototype study

>3D geological mapping pilot

- ——Finish the 1:250000 regional magnetic airborne, gravity, geochemistry and mapping at important mineral zones
- —basically complete 1 : 50000 mapping, magnetic airborne and remote sensing survey in the major mining prospective area and whole-exploration area
- —finish the comprehensive research and series map compiling of the fundamental geological survey in 19 important metallogenetic belts
- —finish the geological memoirs revision and map compiling of 34 provinces. Carrying out the compiling of major orogen and national geological memoirs, updating the fundamental geological maps
- —achieve some developments on the Tibetan Plateau, Tianshan-Xingmeng orogen, Central orogen, Qinhang suture, Pre-Cambrian, Mesozoic magma, and etc

全国1:5万区域地质调查工作程度图(止2011年)

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中国地质调查局

# 300 400km

# **3D geological mapping pilot**

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**Problem posing**:

- -1:1,000,000 regional magnetic airborne and gravity survey, and 1:250,000 regional geological survey have covered all of the land area
- ——Center scales regional magnetic airborne, gravity and geochemical survey have covered 1/2 of the land area
- -----1:50,000 magnetic airborne and geological survey have mostly finished at east area
- —Deep prospecting
- —Deep mechanism of the geological hazard
- —Deep geological process
- -Using of the underground space

## **General idea**

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Using the synthesis investigation method which combining the modern exploration techniques and 3D visible technique

- Aim to the Deep prospecting, Deep geological hazard mechanism, Deep geological effect
- Divide to 3 levels with different scale for 3D geological mapping:

①small scale: deep structure of Chinese continent;

② small- medium scale: important mineral zones, important economic developed areas, important basins, environment damaged area and important sea area;

③ medium-large scale: ore concentration area, whole-exploration area, national important engineering constructions, city group, disaster susceptibility area, regional water containing unit.

Provide abundant fundmental geological data and information for the national economic construction, resources exploration and development, environment production and earth scientific development

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General frame for the 3D geological mapping

#### Geophysical deep exploration technique

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The 1<sup>st</sup> stage Broad-band natural seismic recorder deployment

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Deep seismic reflection profile deployment

#### **Approaches :**

Area: Deploy natural seismic array and magnetotelluric sounding based on a definite grid;

Line: Deploy deep geophysical comprehensive profiles across the main structural belts and important basins;

Point: deploy deep drilling calibrations in the key ponts.

#### Achievements :

Build the crustal 3D geological structural model in the intersection of central orogen and N-S tectonic belt, and reveal the compositions and structures of the main blocks and deep substance of orogen.

Find out the geological backgrounds of the important metallogenic belts and the main disaster areas. Solve the key scientific issues of deep metallogenesis and disasters. Innovate and develop the modern earth science theories.

# Project 2. The pilot of 3D geological mapping for important petroliferous basins

#### Main Objectives:

- Base on 3D geological mapping: find out the distribution characteristics of stratum above 6000 meters; systematic analysis the space variations of tectonism, sedimentary paleogeography, and geologic condition of oil and gas since the Mesozoic era.
- Build the 3D geological structural model based on structural features, sequence stratigraphy, depositional systems, reservoir characteristics, magmatism and oil and gas distributions.

#### **Techniques:**

- 1:250,000 regional gravity and magnetic force and 1:250,000-1:500,000 magnetotelluric area measurements
- Deploy comprehensive geophysical precision measurement profiles mainly on seisms in the key areas, combined with moderate surface geological mapping and sedimentology studies.
- > Drilling and comprehensive geophysical logging in crucial parts.

# Project 3. The pilot of 3D geological mapping for important metallogenic belts and ore-concentrated areas

#### Main Tasks:

- Metallogenic belts: Find out the regional metallogenic geological backgrounds, deep substance compositions of metallogenic belts, geology metallogenic processes. Make sure the distribution characteristics of the main metallogenic structures, ore-bearing stratum and rocks. Build the 3D geological model of metallogenic belts. Outline the prospects from 3D space scale with the main scale of 1:250000-1:500000.
- Ore-concentrated areas: aim at the main ore-controlling structures and orebearing geological bodies, find out the space distributions and structure relations and build 0-2000m deep 3D geological model to provide evidences for ore exploration at depth with the scale of 1:250000-1:50000.

The deployment of metallogenic belts and ore-concentrated areas in the middle and lower reaches of the Yangtze River

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Broadband, Reflecti on, Refraction, Magnetotelluric.

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"1 net, 2 zones, 3 areas, much points"

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#### 3D geological mapping of the ore-concentrated areas

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# Thanks for your attention !