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*On the cover:* Front: Photo and plan map from the Mulatos district, Mexico, showing alteration zonation. The linear fault-controlled alteration zones host gold mineralization in areas of resistant weathering with residual silica and silicification. Structural controls on epithermal gold-silver deposits are described in the paper by Rhys et al. in this volume. Back: Low-sulfidation epithermal quartz-adularia-calcite Au-Ag vein, Colorado Grande vein system, Midas Deposit, Nevada. The image illustrates the textural and mineralogical evolution of the fault-hosted vein system during seismically induced dilational events that contributed to the formation of the deposit. Photo by D. Rhys, August 2002.

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## DEDICATION

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This volume is dedicated to Richard H. Sibson, a teacher, storyteller, and intellect who has inspired many through his work at the nexus of structural geology and geophysics. Rick has illuminated our understanding of crustal-scale fluid redistribution, active tectonics, and hydrothermal mineralization.





## Preface

The concept for this Reviews volume was initiated in 2013 when Julie Rowland invited Dave Rhys to deliver a short course on gold deposits—their structure and setting—to students, academics, and industry representatives at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. Motivations were undeniably selfish—Julie wanting to learn as much as she could from Dave’s experience in applying structural geology to gold deposits, and Dave keen to apply Julie’s knowledge of the structure of the Taupo volcanic zone to a better understanding of epithermal environments. We began talking and realized that, although some excellent publications exist (e.g., the wonderful Reviews in Economic Geology Vol. 14, *Structural Controls on Ore Genesis*), there was a gap at the applied structural geology end of the spectrum. Where should an exploration geologist or young researcher look for guidance on applied structural geology?

We ambitiously decided to pull together a Reviews volume to provide guidance to working geologists and researchers tasked with applying concepts of structural geology to mineral exploration. Given our respective backgrounds and interests, we honed the scope down to ore-forming hydrothermal systems and set about inviting top practitioners and researchers from around the globe to contribute their wisdom.

The result is a volume that spans theory and practice across mineral deposit types at a variety of scales. The volume starts with two scene-setting chapters. First, Tom Blenkinsop, Nick Oliver, Paul Dirks, Michael Nugus, Gerard Tripp, and Ioan Sanislav demonstrate how principles of structural geology can be applied to understanding hydrothermal gold deposits using predominantly lode gold case studies. They describe a classic workflow with reference to examples and useful resources. Stephen Cox then delves into the processes that drive metal-carrying fluids through the accessible crust and optimize ore formation. This richly illustrated chapter considers feedback between fluid flow and deformation and sets the theoretical foundation for understanding from a structural perspective where and why ore formation occurs within hydrothermal systems. Cox’s chapter provides the heft to underpin predictive structural frameworks for targeting.

Chapters 3 through 5 then provide first-class examples of applied structural geology specific to different deposit types. These three chapters were selected to illustrate contrasting structural contexts with varying styles of behavior, influence of host-rock and deposit rheology, and proximity to a magmatic source. In Chapter 3, David Rhys, Peter Lewis, and Julie Rowland review structural controls on ore localization in epithermal gold-silver deposits. This chapter takes a minerals systems approach, working from province to deposit scale and complementing many of the concepts introduced by Cox in the previous chapter. The lead author’s breadth of experience is on show here, with superb illustrations and plentiful photographs drawn from unpublished industry studies that supplied unprecedented access to orebodies. Bruno Lafrance, Harold Gibson, and Margaret Stewart consider ancient volcanogenic massive sulfide (VMS) deposits. This chapter highlights the important influence of primary features of deposits on the subsequent development

of tectonic structures. The rheological influence of sulfides is well illustrated from thin-section to deposit scale. While this chapter focuses on a specific deposit type, the influence of weak materials on deformational and hydrothermal history is relevant elsewhere (e.g., timing of gold mineralization in lode gold deposits). In Chapter 5, Richard Tosdal and John Dilles apply a structural geologist’s lens to porphyry copper deposits, where the ore-forming environment is influenced by interplay between magmatism, tectonism, and hydrothermal flow. This chapter illustrates the features and fabrics of porphyry copper deposits using conceptual cartoons, selected photographs, and case studies acquired from the authors’ geographically expansive experience.

In Chapter 6, Tom Blenkinsop, Julie Rowland, and Tim Baker draw on the preceding chapters to consider the mechanics of hydrothermal gold mineralization. This short chapter consolidates earlier observations and theoretical considerations into a mechanical facies model for different deposit types—one that emphasizes considerable overlap in fields.

The volume concludes with three unapologetically practical chapters that illustrate good practice (and common pitfalls) in core shed or largely desktop aspects of exploration that require a high quality of applied structural geology. In Chapter 7, Julia Kramer Bernhard, Wayne Barnett, Ron Uken, and Russell Myers provide a thorough review of the structural analysis of drill core for mineral exploration. They propose standardized workflows for data collection, review technological advances and quality control processes, and provide an overview of structures that may be observed in drill core. This chapter illustrates a workflow toward domain-based 3-D interpretation.

Paul Stenhouse, James Haythornthwaite, and Oliver Jones follow with a chapter that applies structural geology in the context of 3-D geologic modeling. They present a three-step workflow that includes establishing a geologic framework through field work and 3-D visualization, modeling the project-scale geology, and finally, identifying, modeling, and understanding controls on ore shoots.

Lastly, James Siddorn, Peter Williams, David Isles, and Leigh Rankin take us back out to the district scale with Chapter 9, which reviews integrated geologic-geophysical interpretation of structural frameworks to target orogenic mineralizing systems.

As everyone who has contributed to a Reviews volume knows, it’s a long, hard process. We would like to thank all the authors and reviewers, especially our industry and consulting colleagues who took time away from the day job to make this volume happen. Thanks also to all the sponsors for their generous support, and the staff at SEG headquarters for their diligent conversion of raw manuscript to polished product. We hope that we have at least partially achieved our ambition. If this volume gets well-thumbed by a generation of exploration geologists, especially those for whom structural geology is not their forté, we will be delighted.

Julie Rowland and David Rhys





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