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Alligator Rivers Uranium Province – Learnings, Theories & Discovery

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Alligator Energy In the Alligator Rivers 2011 - 2019

Work completed since 2011 include:

- Over 30,000 metres of Drilling
- Over 10,500 whole rock geochemical samples
- Over 100 R&D test geochemical samples including vegetation and water
- Over 6000 line km of Airborne Geophysics
- Over 6000 Gravity geophysics stations
- Over 15,000 Ground radiometric station points
- Ongoing successful engagement and employment with traditional owners





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ARUP LOCATION



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Many U occurrences in 3 distinct terrains:

- <u>Alligator Rivers Uranium</u>
 <u>Province (ARUP)</u>
- South Alligator Valley (SAV)
- Rum Jungle Mineral Field (RJMF)







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Historical Exploration & Discovery ARUP vs Athabasca



- 20-30 year hiatus in exploration (none in Kakadu area since 1977)
- Purely political
- Sporadic exploration in western
 Arnhem Land
- Knowledge base is limited
- Model-based exploration largely unsuccessful



Regional Geology & Uranium

Existing Geology & Data

- NTGS Alligator Rivers 250k
 - Extensive sandstone and Cenozoic cover
- Majority of drilling is RAB
 - Typically not extending into basement
- Many diamond drill holes did not extend far into basement (<10m)</p>



Existing Regional Geological Interpretation

Stratigraphy below Cretaceous-Tertiary-Quaternary cover:

- MidProterozoic
 - Oenpelli Dolerite
 - Mamadewere Sandstone
- Lower Proterozoic
 - Nourlangie Schist
 - Cahill Formation
 - Kudjumarndi Quartzite
- Archaean
 - Kukulak, Arrara and Njibinjibinj Gneisses

Images: Existing Geology interpretation within the ARUP NTGS govt 100k Howship and Oenpelli.







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Key Geological Learnings

1. STRUCTURE

- Initial basement-soled listric
- Steepened normal & reverse faults (later reactivations essential)

2. STRATIGRAPHY

- Competency contrast
 - Carbonate vs schist
 - Fine-grained biotitic vs coarsegrained muscovitic schists
- Permissive lithochemistry
 - Carbonate dissolution locally

- 3. SOURCE FLUID CHEMISTRY
 - Acidic mildly oxidised
 - Fluid movement UP from basement source
 - Deposition by
 - chemical reduction (Fe⁺⁺ from chlorites)
 - pressure differential
- 4. UNCONFORMITY (with overlying MidProt)
 - Zero effect on distribution of U

Example – Ranger 1 No 3



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- Inter-related Structures
 - Sub-Parallel listric faults
- Permissive Stratigraphy
 - Carbonates attacked by fluids to form chert (brecciated during reactivation)
 - Brittle/Ductile deformation

Listric faults plunge ~60-65° tg SE in western end of pit

Intersecting listric fault systems (steep & shallow) View to N & NW part of pit



R1 No 3, N wall 15 Nov 07

Example – Ranger 1 No 3 Deeps

- Ranger 3 Deeps Down plunge of Ranger 1 No 3.
- Discontinuous from original No 3 orebody
- Basement tapping structures
- > No unconformity.
 - >250m below unconformity level

Understanding the stratigraphy structural relationships is key to knowing where large deposits are likely to occur





Ranger 3 Deeps cross section showing mineralisation and structural setting. (Pevely, S. Hinman, M & McLellan, A. *Ranger 3 Deeps uranium deposit*. AusIMM Monograph-32 Australian Ore Deposits. P464. 2017)

Example – Caramal



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- Caramal comparable with Ranger3 and 3 deeps.
- Partially exposed which allowed easy discovery by QML in 1960s
- Sandstone 40-60m thick
- Mineralised zone typically 20-50m below unconformity
- Mineralisation occurs above carbonate sequence comparable to LMS at Ranger.



Example – Caramal



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- Core from Caramal mineralised zone showing typical lithology and structure anticipated with large ARUP U deposits.
- Similar to that of Ranger mineralisation.
- CAD11-020: 14m at 7,072ppm
 U₃O₈ from 104m



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Structures – Basement vs MidProt Sandstone

Kombolgie & Lower Proterozoic lineaments - from detailed air photo study & mapping



Mapped in Lower Proterozoic basement





Interpretation of Structural Deformations

Early setting structures are Key

- Barramundi/Shoebridge/Seigal Pre Kombolgie
 - Initial basement deformation
 - Structural orientations have affinity with mineral occurences.
- Later Tawallah/ OP1 reactivate pre existing basement deformation
- Pre existing Seigal structures controlled Kombolgie deposition





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Reinterpreted Regional Geology of the ARUP

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Reinterpreted Geology

Clean slate – working up stratigraphy incorporating known geology



Crusader 2



Reinterpreted Geology

1. Basement Archean domes





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- 4. Nourlangie Schist





Structure & Geological Targets

Investigate coincident structural zones with interpreted Archean contacts.





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Conclusions for Discovery

- Identify location of the Archean/Lower Cahill contacts across tenure (Refer targets image)
- How to identify these under cover?
- Combination of techniques must be used as targeting vectors. Varying Geophysics, Geochemistry including isotope analysis and geological targeting (conjugation of structure and stratigraphy..
- Most importantly further understanding how to identify old basement structures – pre-setting of mineral systems



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Research & New Exploration Techniques

- GEOPHYSICAL
 - Sub-Audio Magnetics (SAM)
 - Modern reprocessing
 - Magnetics, Gravity & EM
 - Condor (Success in Athabasca)
 - Airborne gravity
- **GEOCHEMICAL**
 - Best vector remains U
 - HyLogger
 - Regional litho geochemistry
 - Boron????
- ISOTOPIC
 - Proprietary R&D Pb isotope sampling to continue for vectoring
 - Radium in waters sampling ٠





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Isotope R&D

- Analysis, interpretations and application developed in conjunction with CSIRO
- Primary use as a targeting vector
- Caramal a good example of a decay isotope response.

Yellow = Remobilised, recent or younger activity. Purple/Red = Primary mineralisation event timings & Excess radiogenic Pb. Blue = Older, perhaps monazites or thorium rich basement sequences.





URANIUM 2 0 1 9 Isotope R&D



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Continued R&D development

- Sandstone depth effects
- Structural controls on diffusion pathways for radiogenic products
- Sandstone permeability



Next Steps

- Ground truth interpreted geology
 - Contacts & Structure
 - Ranger/Jabiluka stratigraphy = Where??
 - Stratigraphic drilling
- Methods for identifying Lower Cahill
- Most effective geophysics for identifying structures below Kombolgie
- Kudjumarndi Quartzite
 - Age dating
 - Way up criteria
- We will use observed ARUP uranium deposit characteristics to discover future ARUP uranium deposits!



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