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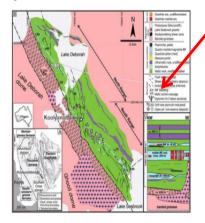
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Abstract

The banded iron formation (BIF)-hosted iron ore deposits in the lower greenstone succession of the Koolyanobbing greenstone belt, 50 km north of Southern Cross in Western Australia, are a ~200 Mt high-grade Fe (>58%) pre-mining resource and represents one of the most important iron ore districts in the Yilgarn craton. Four hypogene alteration (ore-forming) stages and one supergene upgrading event took place: (1) During ore stage 1, LREE-depleted, transition metal-enriched, Mg-Fe (±Ca) carbonates replaced quartz in BIFs. The deposit-scale alteration was most likely induced by devolatilization of sea-floor-altered, Ca-Si-depleted mafic rocks in the vicinity of the BIF during early regional (syn-D1), very low to low-grade metamorphism and was most strongly developed on reactivated BIF-basalt contacts. (2) Ore stage 2 involved the formation of patchy magnetite ore by a syn-D₂ to -D₄ dissolution of early carbonate. Enrichment of Fe₂O_{3total} in magnetite iron ore was by a factor of 2 to 2.4, and compatible trace elements in magnetite, such as Ga, V, and Al, were immobile. A subdeposit-scale ferroan talc-footprint proximal to magnetite iron ore in the largest deposit (K deposit) was associated with ore stage 2 and resulted from dissolution of magnesite due to reaction with silica in the BIF under greenschist facies conditions and potentially high fluid/rock ratio. (3) Magnetite growth, during ore stage 3, forming granular magnetite-martite ore is related to a subsequent hydrothermal event, occurring locally throughout the belt, especially in D_{2b} faults. (4) Ore stage 4 was associated with Fe-Ca-P-(L)REE-Y-enriched hydrothermal fluids, possibly from a magmatic source such as the postmetamorphic Lake Seabrook granite that crops out about 10 km west of the Koolyanobbing deposits and at the southern margin of the greenstone belt. These Ca-enriched fluids interacted with distal metamorphosed mafic rock and influenced the BIF-ore system in a small number of deposits. They were channelled through regional D4 faults and caused speculariteFig. 1

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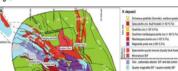


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Geologic map of the Koolyanobbing greenstone belt: (A) insert showing the Yilgarn craton (KSZ = Koolyanobbing shear zone), (B) simplified geologic map of the Koolyanobbing greenstone belt, and (C) lithostratigraphic column of the lower greenstone succession (Cassidy et al., 2006) in the Koolyanobbing greenstone belt.

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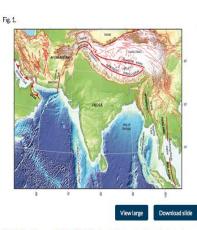
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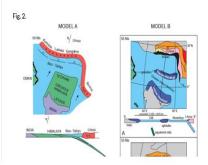
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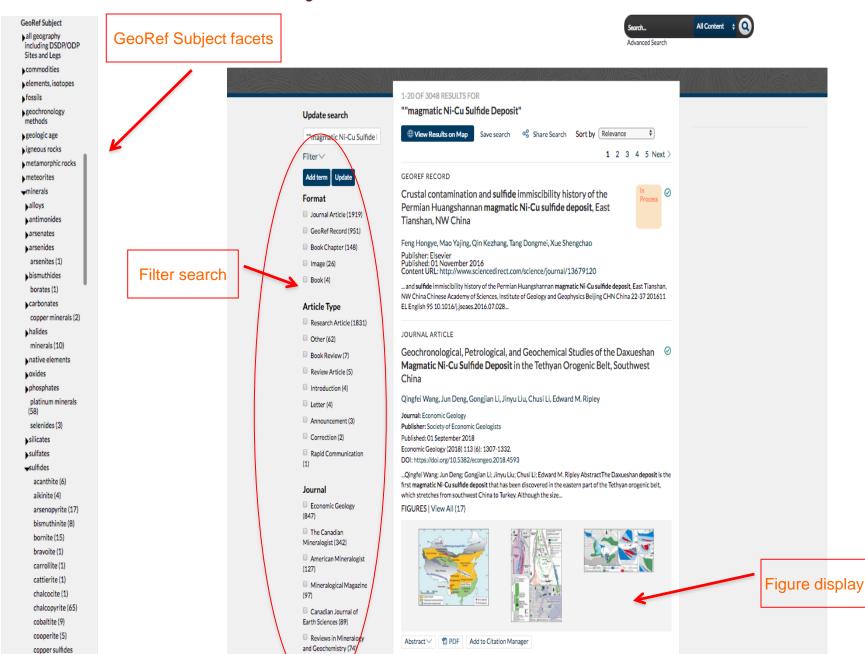
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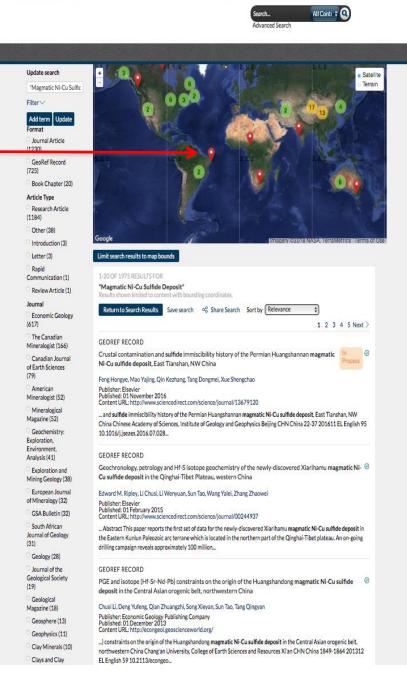


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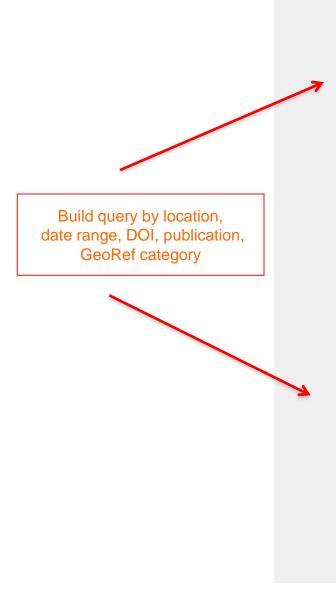
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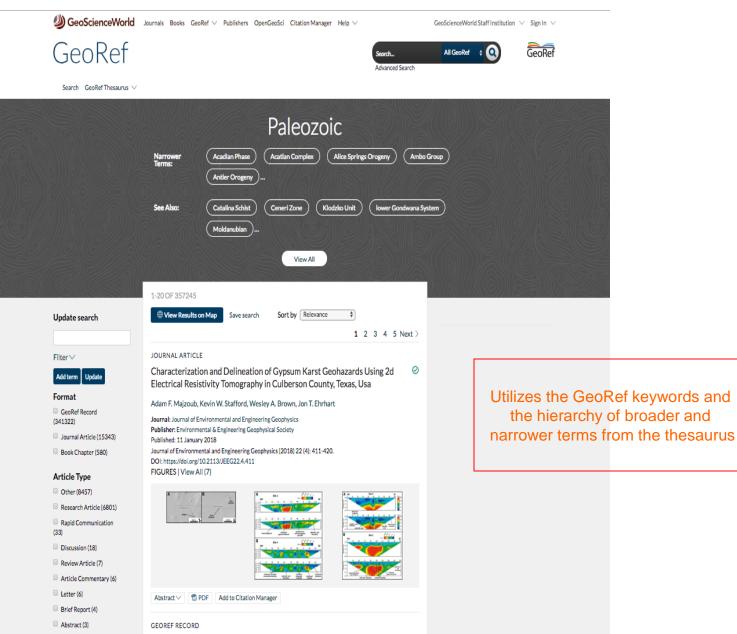
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Abstract

Chemical and structural changes occurring in kerogen upon thermal alteration are identified and analysed based on a set of naturally matured Carboniferous coals from the Ruhr Basin (Germany). For this purpose, handpicked vitrinite from eleven samples comprising a maturity range from 0.55 to 2.86% VR (sub r) was analysed using attenuated total reflectance infrared spectroscopy (ATR FT-IR) and Curie Point pyrolysis gas chromatography/mass spectroscopy (CP-Py-GC/MS) at two pyrolysis temperatures. Additionally, reflectance mu FT-IR was used to assess variations in the proportions of functional groups in megaspores from five oil mature coal samples. Infrared spectra of the vitrinites show a clear decrease in aliphatic CH (sub x) absorbance in favour of aromatic CH absorbance, pointing out an increase in aromaticity with increasing maturity. Spectra of megaspores are dominated by the absorbance of the aliphatic CH (sub x) bitreching region and reveal the loss of C=O groups with increasing maturity, while the degree of aromatic (y gamma CH/nu CH (sub x)) increases slowly compared to that of the vitrinite spectra. Vitrinites pyrolyseis temperature the yields in aliphatic hydroarbons than those pyrolysed at 764 degrees C, while at the higher pyrolysis temperature the yields in aromatic campounds, including phenols and sulphurcontaining aromatics are higher. The aromatic fraction of the pyrolysates, in particular the relative amount of polyaromatics increases upon maturation, while the henolic fraction decreases in favour of benzenes. Major processes leading to these structural and chemical changes in vitrinites and megaspores are defunctionalisation of oxygen-containing groups, the loss of aliphatic compounds and the formation of monoaromatic molecules. These prevail over the condensation of aromatic ring-structures, which is, however, evidenced by increasing proportions of polyaromatic fractions in the pyrolysed vitrinites.

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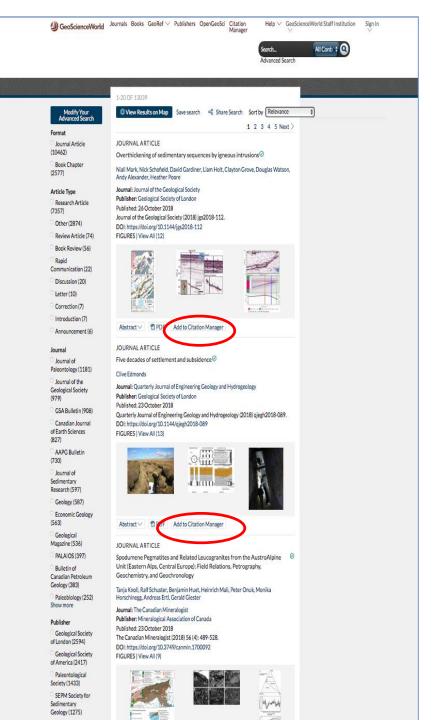
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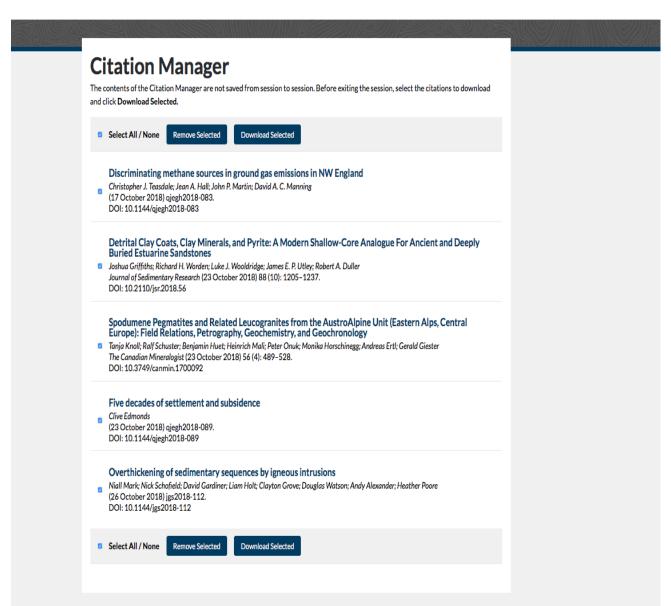


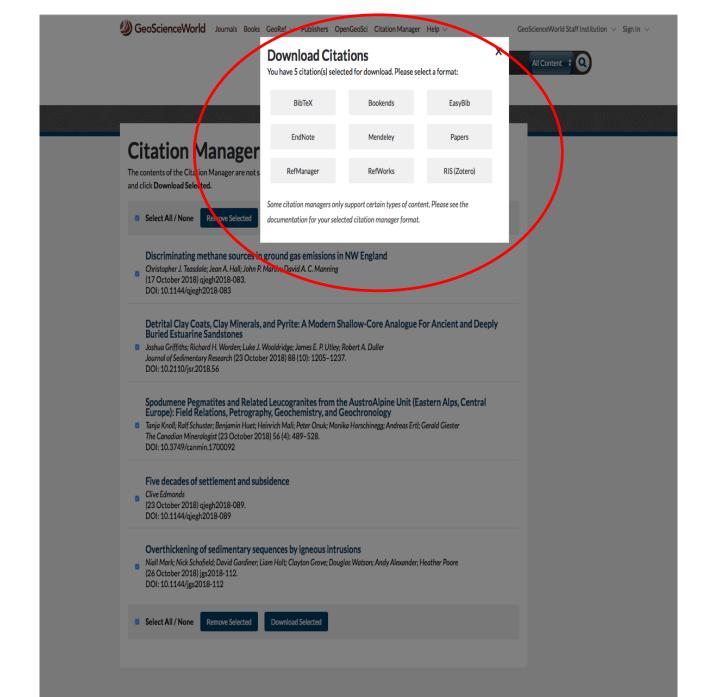
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