

ic metavolcanites (Remdalen Group of Zachrisson 1969) and stratigraphically overlain by the underlying calcareous phyllites (Blåsjö Phyllite of Nilsson 1964, Lasterfjället Phyllite of Zachrisson 1964a). U/Pb zircon dating (Claesson et al. 1988) gives a minimum age of 492 ± 1 Ma for the felsic metavolcanites and troctolitic intrusions in the type area. Thus, the age of rocks in the Stikke Nappe is probably Ordovician, and the dark quartz phyllites and the K-rich quartz porphyry in the core of the synform are amongst the lowermost units of the sequence. Attempts to date the porphyry by the Rb/Sr whole-rock method (Du Rietz 1941) and Ordovician or younger in age.

The Gelvenäkko Nappe (Zachrisson 1969) is a completely detached unit containing a rock sequence nearly identical to that of the Stikke Nappe. It is preserved in the core of the Western Synform from the culmination at Stekenjokk to the southern edge of the map sheets. The tectonic contact is well established at its eastern boundary and, in the northern part of the area, the Gelvenäkko Nappe is associated with the Stikke Nappe. The synformal limestone contains pelmatozoan fragments (Du Rietz 1941) and Ordovician or younger in age.

In sheet 23E, NE, the structure is complicated by the Remdalen Repetition which duplicates part of the stratigraphy and causes a cut out of the Stekenjokk Quartz-Keratophyre in the area between Fasvardo and Rainesfjället. The quartz-keratophyre-bearing unit from Betslejönsviken via Rauveredo to V. Vardofjället, surrounding the Remdalen Synform, is correlated with the Stekenjokk metavolcanites. This implies that the dark quartz phyllites and the K-rich quartz porphyry in the core of the synform are amongst the lowermost units of the sequence. Attempts to date the porphyry by the Rb/Sr whole-rock method (Du Rietz 1941) and Ordovician or younger in age.

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The uppermost tectonic unit of the area, impinging map sheet 23E, SW, is represented by the Middle Koli nappe (Zachrisson 1969). The main units based on both geologically and geographically distinct around lake Västsjön are chaotic rock types in the Leipkivatten area are polymict conglomerates, coarse fragment-bearing metagreywackes and the Bjurås limestone. An actinolite microfossil (*Dactylofusa spinata*) has been extracted from the limestone (Kjellström and Zachrisson 1969), while pelmatozoan fragments were reported earlier by Du Rietz (1936).

Stratabound sulphide deposits

Since 1917, the Stekenjokk area has been the centre of exploration and ore investigation activities by the Geological Survey of Sweden in the Caledonides (Högblom 1925, Zachrisson 1971, 1982a, 1984a, 1986). Approximately 25 different mineralizations and more important deposits (see Table) have been investigated during the last 80 years. These mineralizations, which are mainly polymictic massive sulphides, generally with a disseminated stringer zone component, have been interpreted as volcanic-exhalative in origin and related to a late rifting-stage situation in an island-arc setting (Stephens 1980b, 1982, 1986). The ore bodies are stratabound, laterally very extensive and demonstrate both a vertical and a lateral metal zonation. Although principally Cu-Zn deposits they generally exhibit an increased content of Zn, Pb, As, Sb and Ag both towards the stratigraphic top of the ore column (Zachrisson 1982a) and outwards from the exhalative centres (Zachrisson 1984a). Deposits related to mafic metavolcanites of ocean-floor affinity (e.g. Remdalen) and those in the metagreywackes of post-arc (basinal) setting (e.g. Arkarvatnet) show certain chemical differences in relation to the main group of volcanogenic deposits. These variations, however, are even better characterized by their Pb isotope patterns (Sundblad and Stephens 1985). The volcano-hosted deposits provide an isotope model age very close to the actual age, whereas sulphides in a more sedimentary environment demonstrate a marked increase in radiogenic lead, a pattern that is further enhanced in late veins and segregations.

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