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Registration includes course notes, lunch, and morning and afternoon tea.

Participation in this course may be a valid activity towards continuing professional development with up to 26 contact hours. Participants receive a Certificate of Completion.

Notification of Cancellation received in writing up to September 10, 2025 (minimum of 10 working days before the course) will incur a 20% cancellation fee. No refund will be made after this time. An alternative participant may be nominated. If cancellation done by the organizer, travel expenses including penalties for booking cancellations will not be reimbursed to registered participants. Please ensure that all travel arrangements done can be cancelled as we will not be responsible.

INSTRUCTORS

Roussos Dimitrakopoulos is a Professor and Canada Research Chair (Tier I) in Sustainable Mineral Resource Development and Optimization under Uncertainty, and Director of the COSMO - Stochastic Mine Planning Laboratory. He holds a PhD from École Polytechnique de Montréal and an MSc from the University of Alberta. He works on risk-based simulation and stochastic optimization, as well as on artificial intelligence applications in mine planning and production scheduling, along with the simultaneous optimization of mining complexes and mineral value chains under uncertainty. He has taught short courses and worked in Australia, North America, South America, Europe, the Middle East, South Africa and Japan. He received the Synergy Award of Innovation in 2012 by the Governor General of Canada for research contributions to mining science and engineering and his long-standing partnership with AngloGold Ashanti, Anglo American, Agnico Eagle, BHP, De Beers, IAMGOLD, Kinross Gold, Newmont and Vale. In 2013, he received AIME's Mineral Economics Award, was a CIM Distinguished Lecturer in 2015-2016, became a CIM Fellow in 2018 and a RSC Fellow in 2022.

Luis Montiel Petro is currently the manager of Geoscience Data Management at Vale Base Metals in Toronto, Canada. At Vale, his team is responsible for all the aspects of geological information and related workflows for exploration and mineral project development including the adoption of new systems, databases and technologies for integrated data-driven decision making. Previously, Luis held positions of technical services manager at Promine Inc. and research fellow for COSMO – Stochastic Mine Planning Laboratory at McGill University, where he received a PhD in Mining and Materials Engineering. His research focuses on developing advanced models and concepts for the integrated optimization of mining complexes with uncertainty and developing computationally efficient solution methods. His expertise includes major industrial applications in Gold, Copper and Nickel deposits in different jurisdictions. Luis is passionate about technology and innovation, and the implementation of new ideas and technologies in project and production environments.

VENUE DETAILS

McGill University – Department of Mining and Materials Engineering 3450 University Street, Frank Dawson Adams Building, Room 105 Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 0E8 admcrc.mining@mcgill.ca

LOGISTICS

Lectures are given from 9 AM (refreshments at 8:30 AM) to 5 PM with two 15 minute coffee breaks and a one hour lunch break.

COSMO

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COSMO - Stochastic Mine Planning Laboratory, a global center for leading-edge research and graduate education in "orebody modelling and strategic mine planning with uncertainty", is supported by AngloGold Ashanti, Anglo American, Agnico Eagle, BHP, De Beers, IAMGOLD, Kinross Gold, Newmont, Vale, the Canada Research Chairs Program, NSERC, and CFI.

Professional Development Series 2025

STRATEGIC RISK QUANTIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT FOR ORE RESERVES AND MINE PLANNING

Strategic Mine Planning with New Digital Technologies, Risk Management and Mineral Value Chains

Roussos Dimitrakopoulos
McGill University, Canada

Luis Montiel Petro
Vale, Canada

September 24-26, 2025
Montreal, Canada

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2018 Springer publication entitled:
"Advances in Applied Strategic
Mine Planning"
(Editor Roussos Dimitrakopoulos)
**is included with the course materials.**

CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES

At the time of a continuing rebound of metal markets, learn how the application of new digital technologies can add substantial value to strategic mine planning and asset valuation. These new technologies and related tools integrate technical risk management while capitalizing on the synergies amongst the elements of mineral value chains through their simultaneous optimization – from mines to products to markets.

Learn how you can improve performance by:
- Learning the state-of-the-art strategic mine planning concepts and new approaches that unlock and add value to mining assets
- Finding out how to minimize technical risks and produce optimal pit designs with strategic mine planning processes and the next generation optimization methods
- Discovering methods and tools for the simultaneous risk-managing (stochastic) optimization of mining complexes and mineral value chains from mines to products to markets
- Discovering how the new developments will help you capture the "upside potential" in mine plans and minimize "downside risks", as well as increase cash flows
- Exploring and learning from real-world examples, practices and comparisons in diverse applications, from gold and copper mines to iron ore and nickel laterites
- Understanding how to deal with blending and non-linear geo-metallurgical interactions in the processing streams, as materials are transformed from bulk material to refined products
- Learning about new artificial intelligence technologies and the self-learning mining complex perspective
- Participating in hands-on computer sessions that show how to increase project value by employing new risk-managing simultaneous optimization models

Please note: It is strongly recommended that participants bring a laptop. No previous exposure to statistics and geostatistics is required.
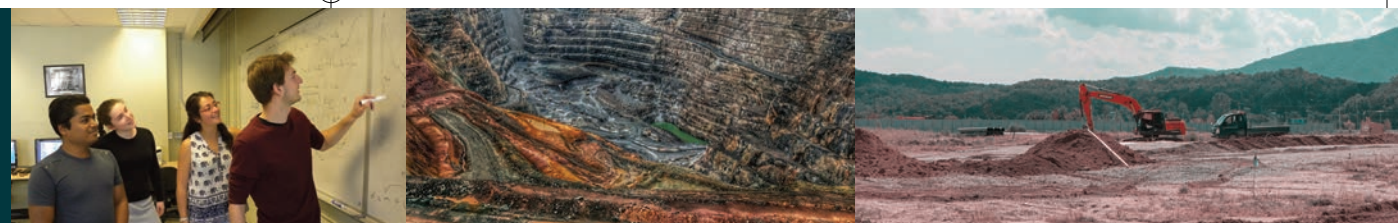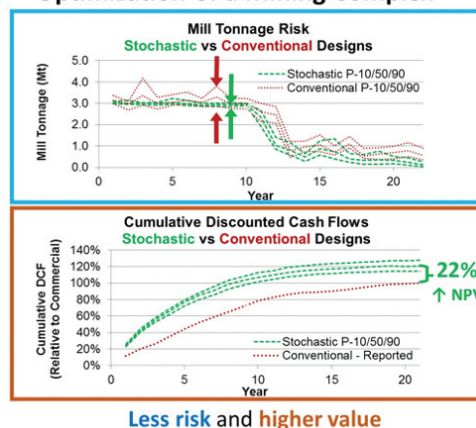
COURSE OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION - FOUNDATIONAL CONCEPTS, TECHNIQUES AND LIMITS
- Strategic mine planning and optimal strategy
- Integrated optimization – the bigger picture
- Technical risk management adds value and shelters investment
- Ultimate pit limits, phase design and life-of-mine production schedule optimization
- Cut-off grade optimization and the role of stockpiles
- Limits of conventional approaches: need for risk management and integrated models

RISK QUANTIFICATION AND INTRODUCING A NEW MINE PLANNING PARADIGM
- Breaking down silos: models of mineral deposits and mine planning optimization
- Understanding how to quantify and utilize grade/tonnage/metal uncertainty and variability
- Intuitive introduction to Monte Carlo simulations and risk assessment
- Stochastic optimization methods and mine planning: concepts and uncovering additional value

Simultaneous Stochastic Optimization of a Mining Complex

Less risk and higher value

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RISK MANAGEMENT IN MINE PLANNING: LESS RISK AND HIGHER NPV
- Pit design and production scheduling with simulated orebodies
- Stochastic pit limits are larger and pushback design with grade uncertainty
- Risk based optimal design for sublevel open stoping, and lessons learned
- Product quality management and production scheduling with simulated deposits
- Stochastic production scheduling application and comparison to conventional scheduling

THE NEXT LEVEL: MINING COMPLEXES AND MINERAL VALUE CHAINS
- Mining complexes - mineral value chains and new smarter digital technologies
- Simultaneous optimization of mining complexes from pit to port with geological (supply) uncertainty, stockpile and blending optimization, processing and CAPEX options
- Industry examples and comparisons: diverse applications from gold and copper mines to iron ore and nickel laterite
- Blending and non-linear geo-metallurgical interactions in processing streams as materials are transformed from bulk material to refined products
- Dealing with exceptionally large mining complex optimization models
- Optimization of mining complexes with joint supply (raw materials) and demand (markets)
- Linking long- and short-term planning in mining complexes
- Introducing the self-learning mining complex

COMPUTER WORKSHOPS
- Uncertainty modelling and risk quantification in existing designs - choosing a robust design
- Step-by-step simultaneous stochastic optimization of a copper-gold mining complex
- Assessment of the strategic plan for the copper-gold mining complex

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This course is designed for mining engineers, mine planners, mine geologists, project managers, resource analysts, involved in feasibility studies, development and operations, interested in new technologies for risk management and optimal decision support.