

Geochemical Symbol and Data Presentation

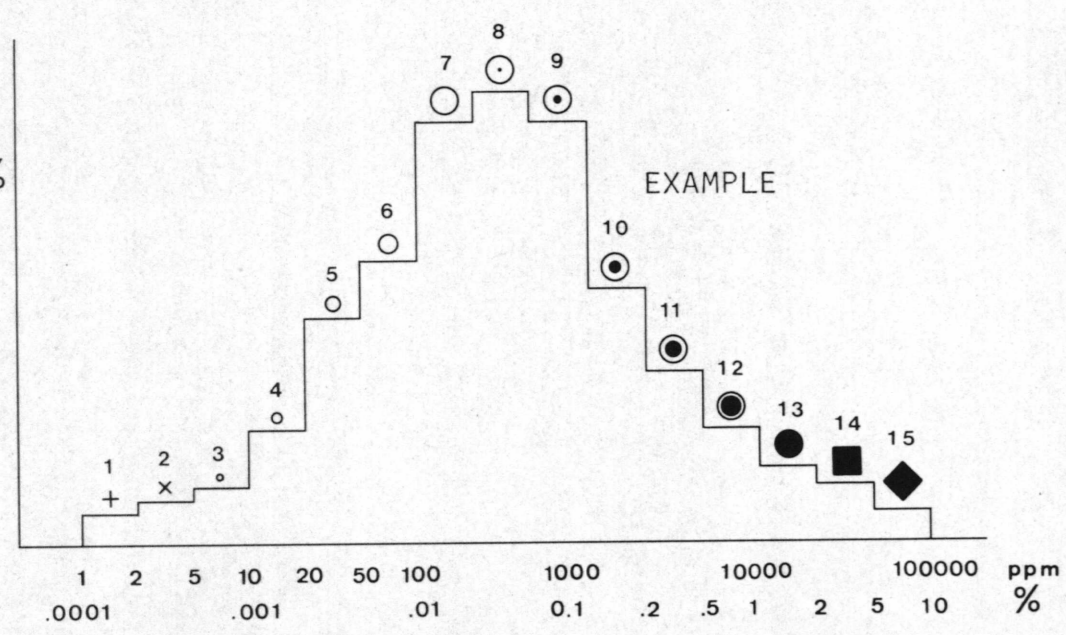
The concentration of an element at a sample site is graphically represented as one of 15 symbols. If a sample was collected but there is no data available a dot is plotted. The symbols are symmetrically arranged so that they first increase in size to the eighth symbol and then increase in blackness to the fifteenth. The two small crosses at the low end of the scale are used to respectively denote concentrations below the analytical detection limit, or, in the data group containing the detection limit. The data are grouped on a semi-logarithmic scale, i.e. 1,2,5,10,20,50,100 etc. Five decades can be spanned and this arbitrary division has been chosen for the continuing Canada wide series of maps constituting the National Geochemical Reconnaissance.

The choice of symbols and the data groups they represent for any specific element is based on the histogram and cumulative frequency plot for the total survey data from one, or more contiguous, open file sheets covered in one field season (above). The eighth symbol is used for the model group as defined by the histogram. This group usually includes the median of the data as defined by the 0.5 (50%) point on the cumulative frequency plot. Some, or all, of the remaining 14 symbols are chosen so as to achieve an appropriate graphical impact. An example of all 15 symbols is given below.

The symbol maps, being based on the total survey data distributions, are unaffected by the availability of ever increasing levels of knowledge in bedrock and surficial geology, and other environmental factors. Therefore, the raw data symbol maps are only intended to assist the rapid inspection of the data for gross regional features. To fulfill the needs of a more specific and thorough interpretation, the raw symbol maps should be modified using the field and analytical data provided in the data listings and any other knowledge available.

The data listings contain notes on survey and analytical methods, raw data listing with legend and statistics for total data as well as for data grouped on the basis of rock type.

To comprehensively study an area, all available geological, environmental and recorded data should be utilized. The data separation by bedrock type can often be improved by constructing new data subsets and deriving local threshold levels based on the most detailed and up-to-date knowledge available.

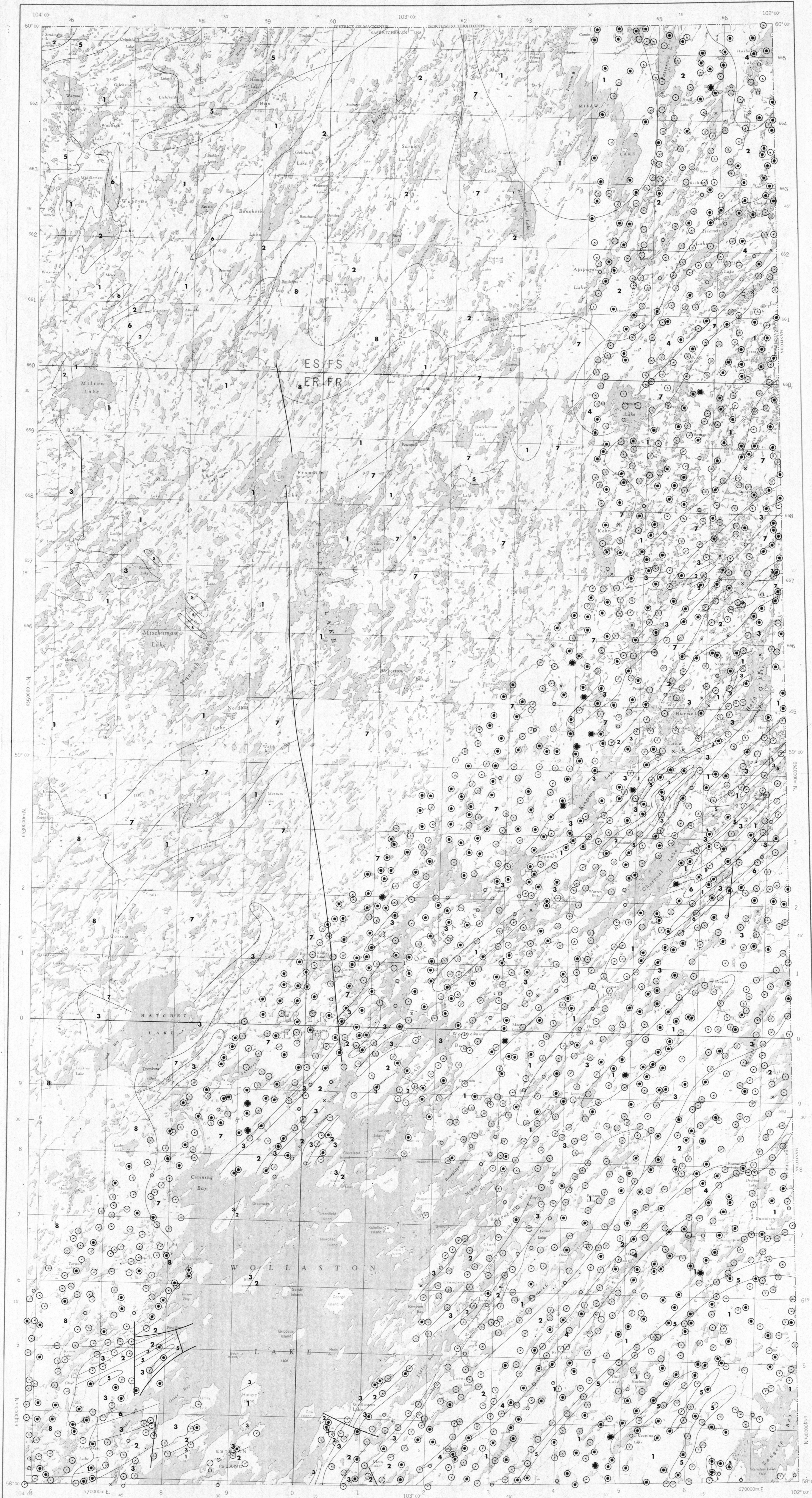


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LEGEND

Note: This legend is for the National Reconnaissance Map 19-1977, Open File 508.

PRECAMBRIAN
SEDIMENTARY COVER
8 Athabasca Formation; predominantly fluviate sandstone [SNDS]* with minor shale and conglomerate

Pronounced Unconformity
Beneath the unconformity no stratigraphic order is implied by the sequence of the legend

BASEMENT COMPLEX

7 Migmatite [MGMT] and mylonite zones; complexes of mixed metasediments and granite

6 Marble [MRBL] and calc-silicate gneisses

5 Amphibolite [AMPB] and hornblende-bearing gneisses; in part may be volcanic, intrusive or sedimentary in origin

4 Mixed metasediments [MSDM]; undifferentiated schists and gneisses of pelitic, semi-pelitic and psammitic composition

3 Pelitic schists [PSCS] and gneisses; essentially aluminous metasediments including cordierite-, sillimanite-, staurolite-, and granite-bearing biotite gneisses

2 Psammites; essentially meta-arkose [MARK], quartzite and micaceous psammites

1 Granite [GRNT], granodiorite, quartz monzonites; may be massive or gneissic, includes areas in which metasediments may be intimately mixed

* A four letter mnemonic name recorded as rock type as part of field observations

Geological boundary.....

Fault.....

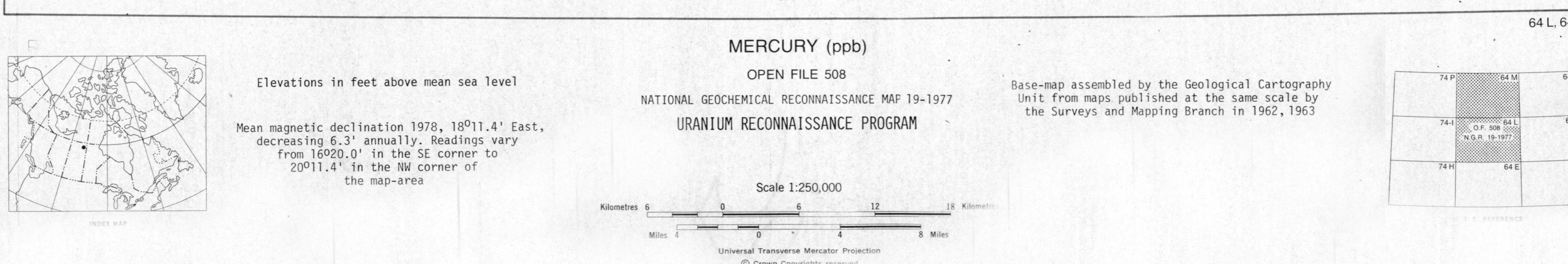
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