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Cape Spencer — Black River Area
New Brunswick
Aug. 1990

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PART 1 OF 2: COLOUR MAPS



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AIRBORNE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY

In 1990, a multiparameter geophysical survey was flown by the Geological Survey of Canada in the Cape Spencer - Black River area of New Brunswick. The area surveyed is shown on the index map. Gamma ray spectrometric, VLF electromagnetic and total field magnetic data were recorded.

All data were sampled at one second intervals. The airborne radiometric measurements were made using a 256 channel spectrometer, with twelve 102x102x400 mm NaI(Tl) detectors. A Geometrics proton precession airborne magnetometer model G-803 and a Hertz Totem 1A VLF unit were installed as ancillary equipment. The GSC Skyvan was flown at a mean terrain clearance of 125m with average ground speed of 190 km/h. The survey was flown with a northeast-southwest flight line direction and 250 metre line spacing.

Data are presented in two booklets. Part A includes 1: 50 000 colour contour maps (Exposure, ternary, K, eU, eTh, eU/eTh, eU/K, eTh/K, magnetic total field) and VLF profilemaps (total field, quadrature) all with simplified geology overlays. Also included are six combined data maps (each of K, eTh, eTh/K, magnetic total field, VLF total field and quadrature are overlain with interpreted quadrature cross-over trends and geology.) Separate geology and flight path maps are provided. Part B includes stacked profiles of all parameters.

Gamma Ray Spectrometric Data

Potassium is measured directly from the 1.46 MeV gamma ray photons emitted by ^{40}K , whereas uranium and thorium are measured indirectly from gamma ray photons emitted by daughter products in their decay chains. Uranium is monitored by means of gamma ray photons at approximately 1.76 MeV from ^{214}Bi , and thorium, from 2.62 MeV photons emitted by ^{208}Tl . The energy windows are as follows:

Potassium ^{40}K 1.36 - 1.56 MeV

Uranium ^{214}Bi 1.66 - 1.86 MeV

Thorium ^{208}Tl 2.41 - 2.81 MeV

Uranium, thorium and potassium counts have been corrected for dead time, ambient temperature changes, background radiation, spectral scattering and deviations of terrain clearance from planned survey altitude. The data, as presented, represent an average surface concentration which is influenced by varying amounts of outcrop, overburden, vegetation, soil moisture and surface waters. As a result the concentrations as shown are usually lower than the actual concentrations in the bedrock.

Factors for converting the airborne measurements to concentrations were determined by relating the airborne count rates to the known ground concentrations of a test strip in the Ottawa area. The factors used to convert the airborne measurements to ground concentrations are:

1 % K 91.0 cps

1 ppm eU 9.1 cps

1 ppm eTh 7.0 cps

The exposure rate, in micro Roentgens per hour ($\mu\text{R}/\text{h}$) has been computed from the measured concentrations of potassium, uranium and thorium (Grasty, R.L., Carson, J.M., Charbonneau, B.W., and Holman, P.B., 1984, Natural Background Radiation in Canada, Geol. Sur. Can., Bull. 360). To compare these data with earlier total count maps expressed in Units of Radioelement concentrations (Ur), the conversion factor is 1 $\mu\text{R}/\text{h} = 1.67 \text{ Ur}$.

VLF Data

The primary electromagnetic field is generated by VLF communication stations. For this survey, the receiving coils were tuned to station NAA in Cutler Maine, which transmits at a frequency of 24.0 kHz.

Anomalies reflect distortions in the primary field caused by a secondary electromagnetic field generated by eddy currents flowing in geological and man-made conductors. Anomalies produce positive peaks on the total field trace and are of the cross-over type (negative to positive) on the quadrature trace. Both parameters are plotted with positive deflections toward west. The profiles presented are the total field value (vector sum of the horizontal and vertical components) and the quadrature value (out-of-phase component). The mean value or the line average of the total field and quadrature component were removed along each flight line. The resultant values are plotted with a two second lag. The quadrature, which depends on the flight line direction was inverted for lines flown from north to south. A five point weighted average filter was applied to both total field and quadrature profile data for final presentation.

Magnetic Data

The total field aeromagnetic data were acquired using an instrument with one (1) nT sensitivity. Digital processing was supplemented with manual editing to remove obvious errors caused by spikes, heading effects or diurnal variations.

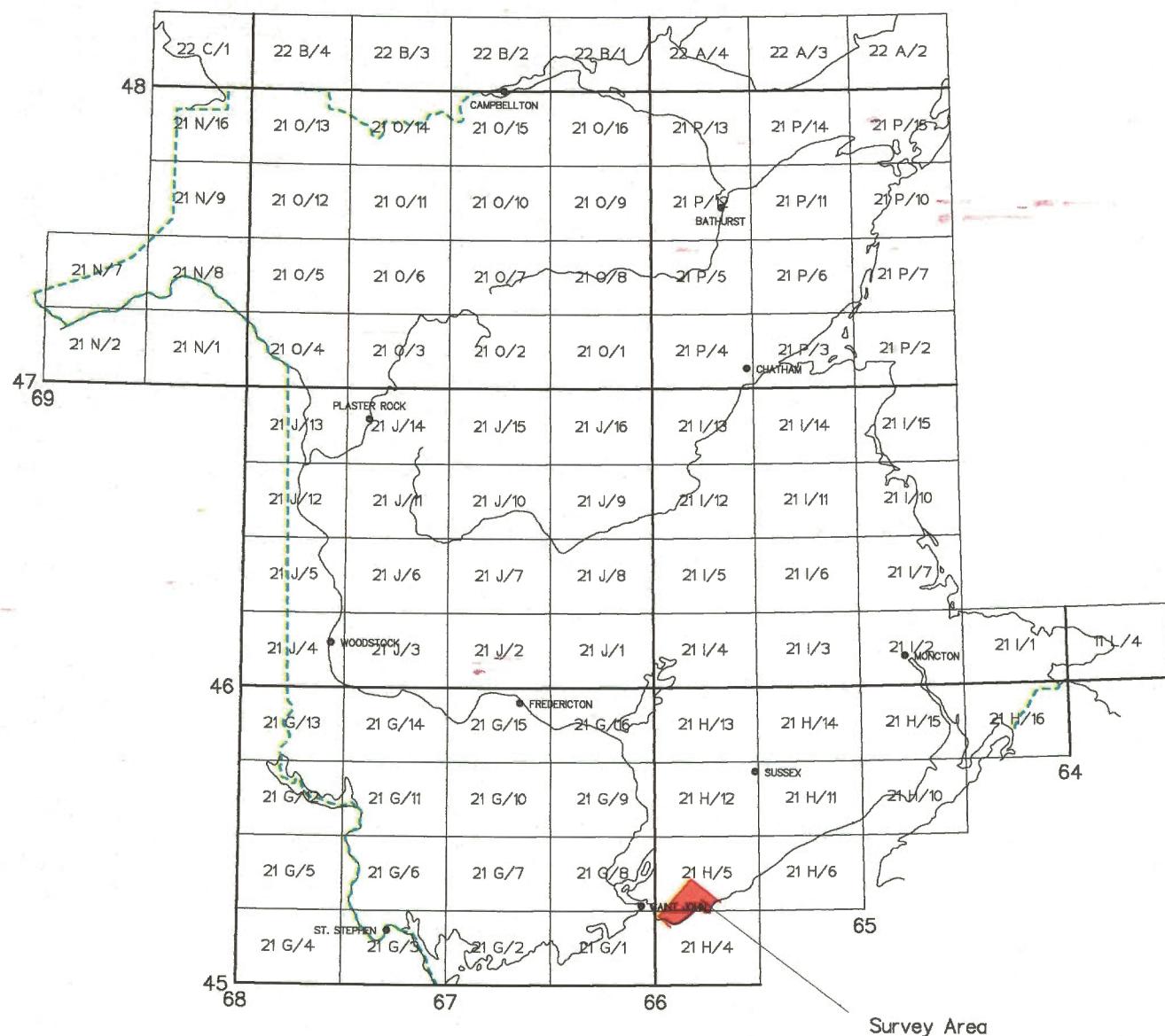
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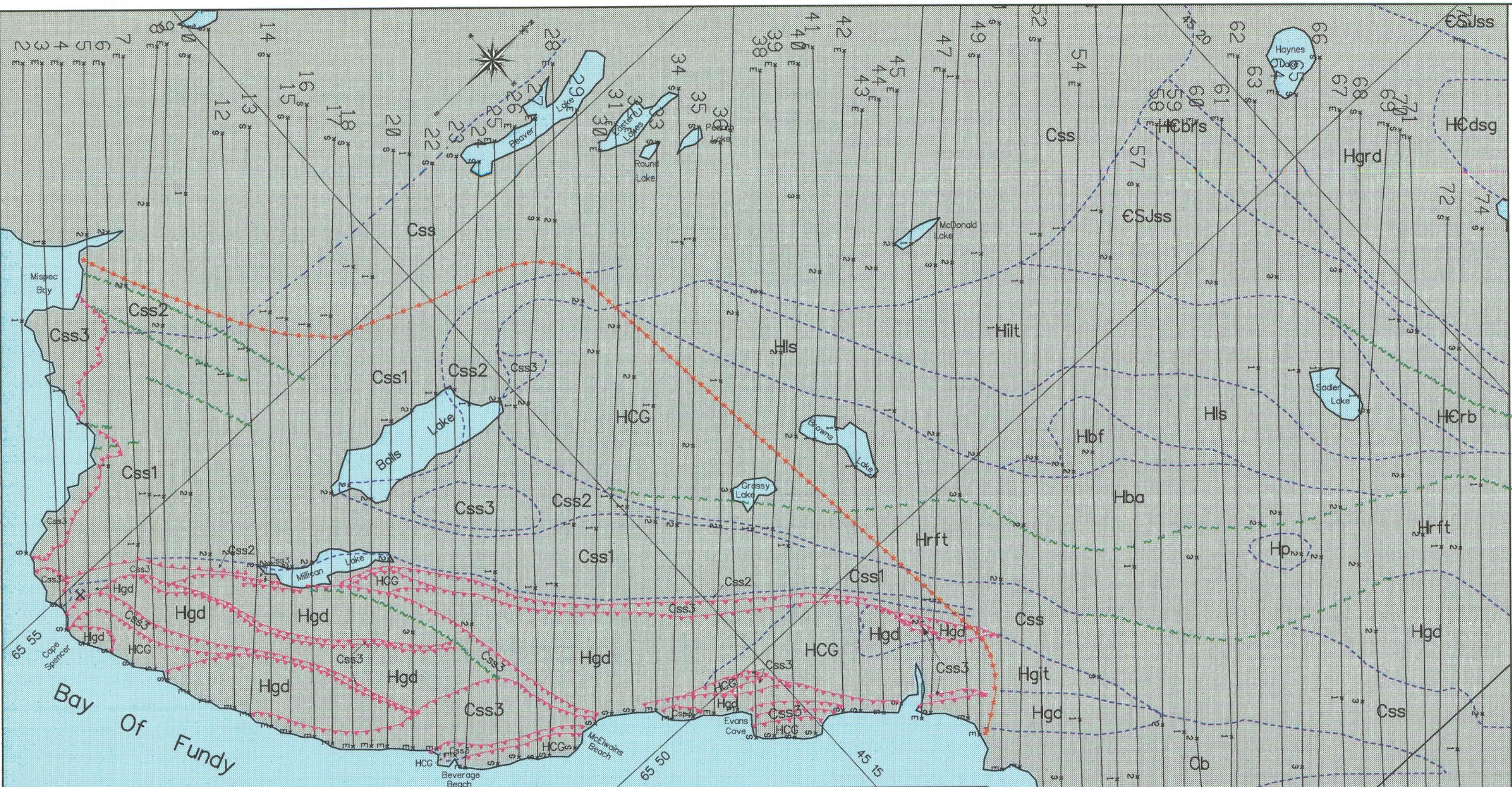
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Survey Area



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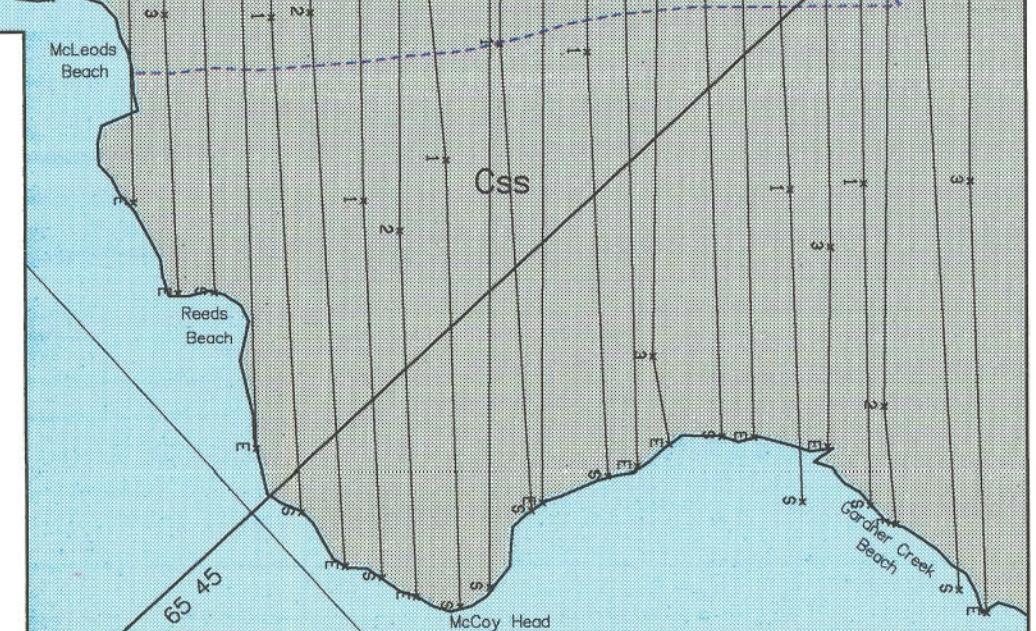
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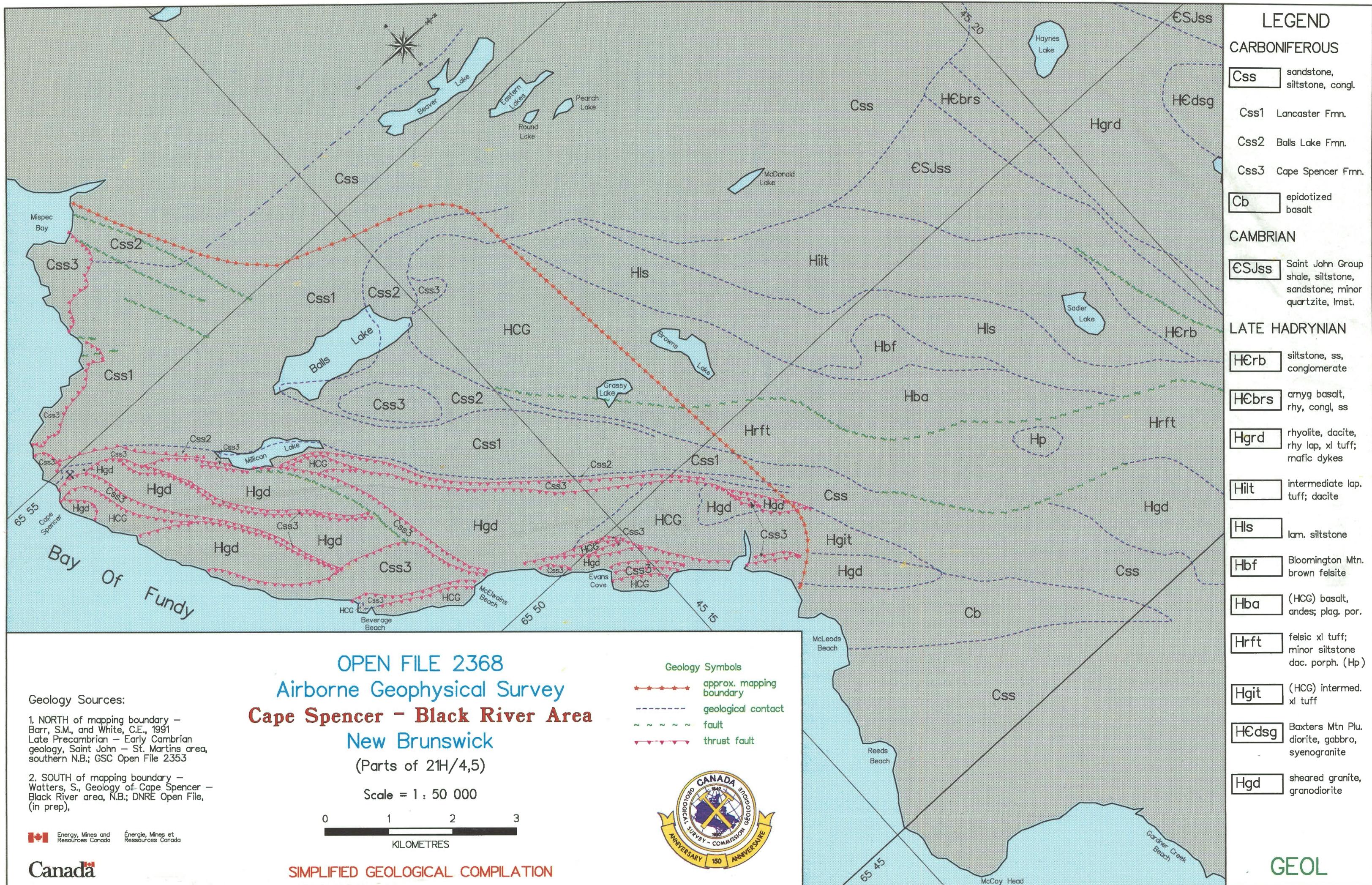
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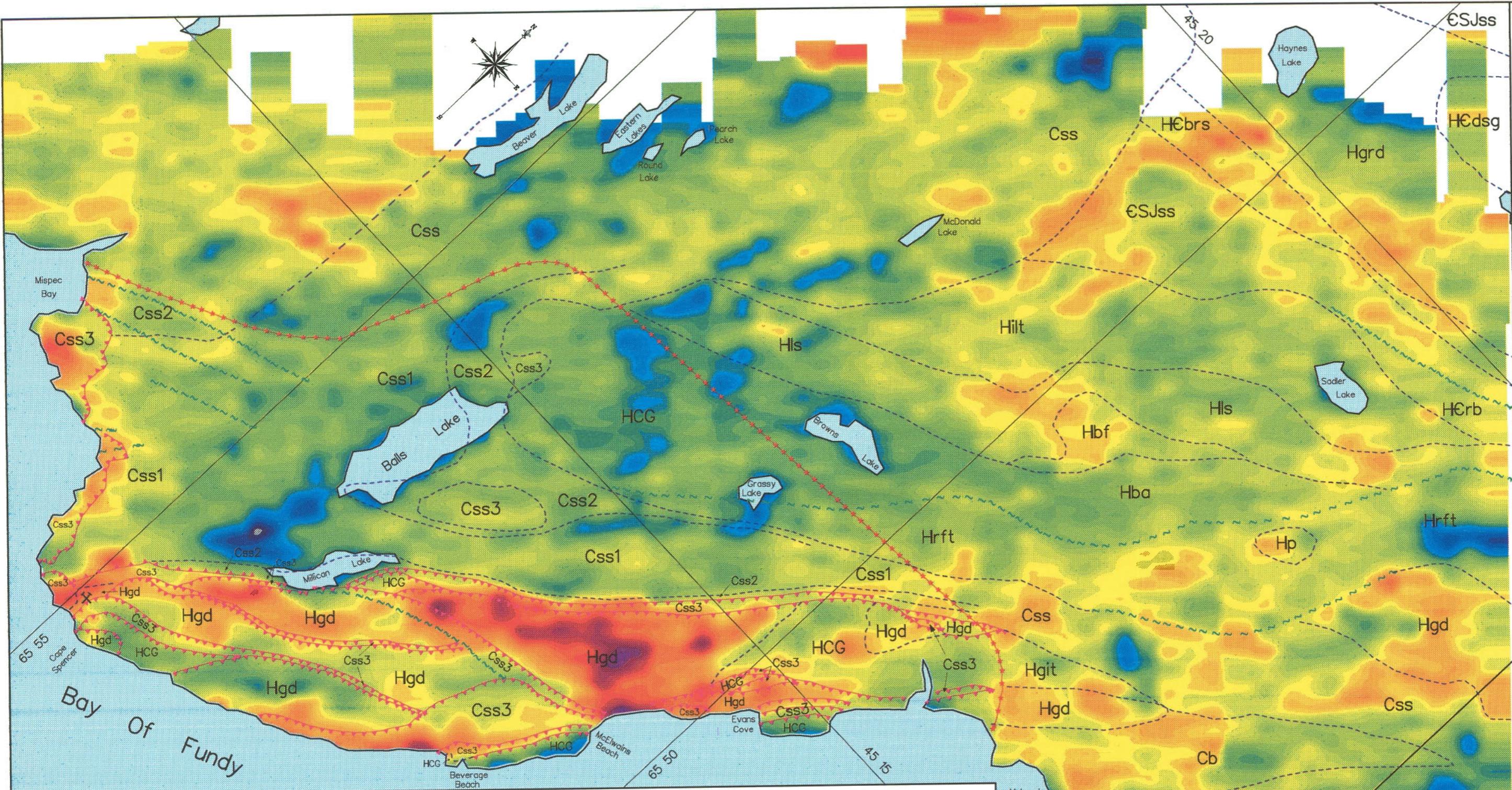
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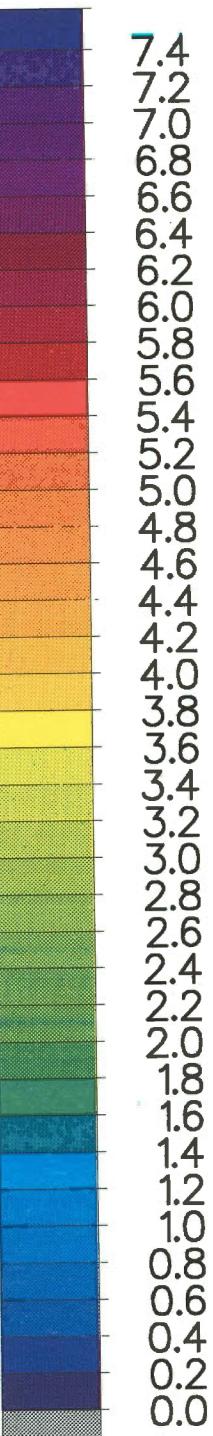
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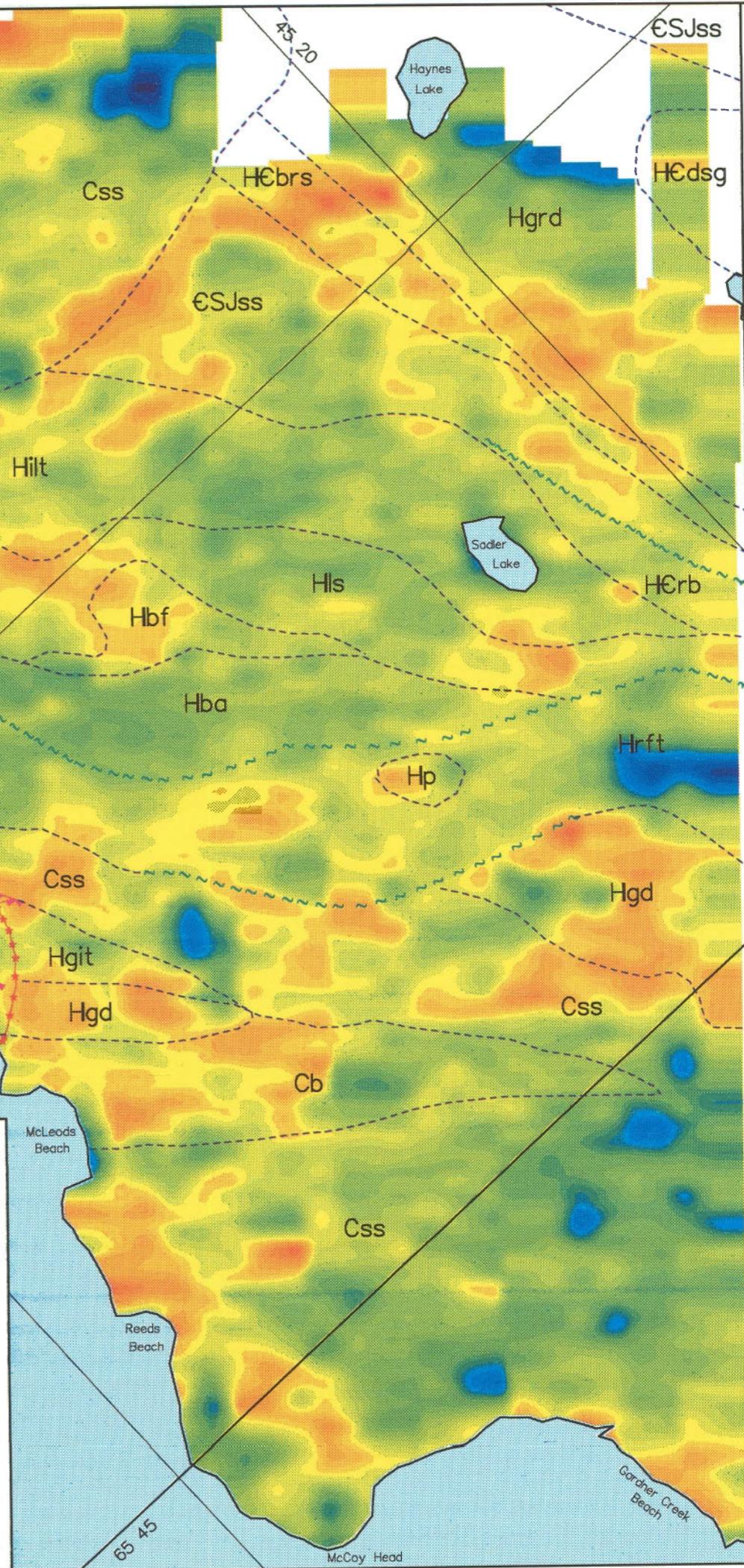
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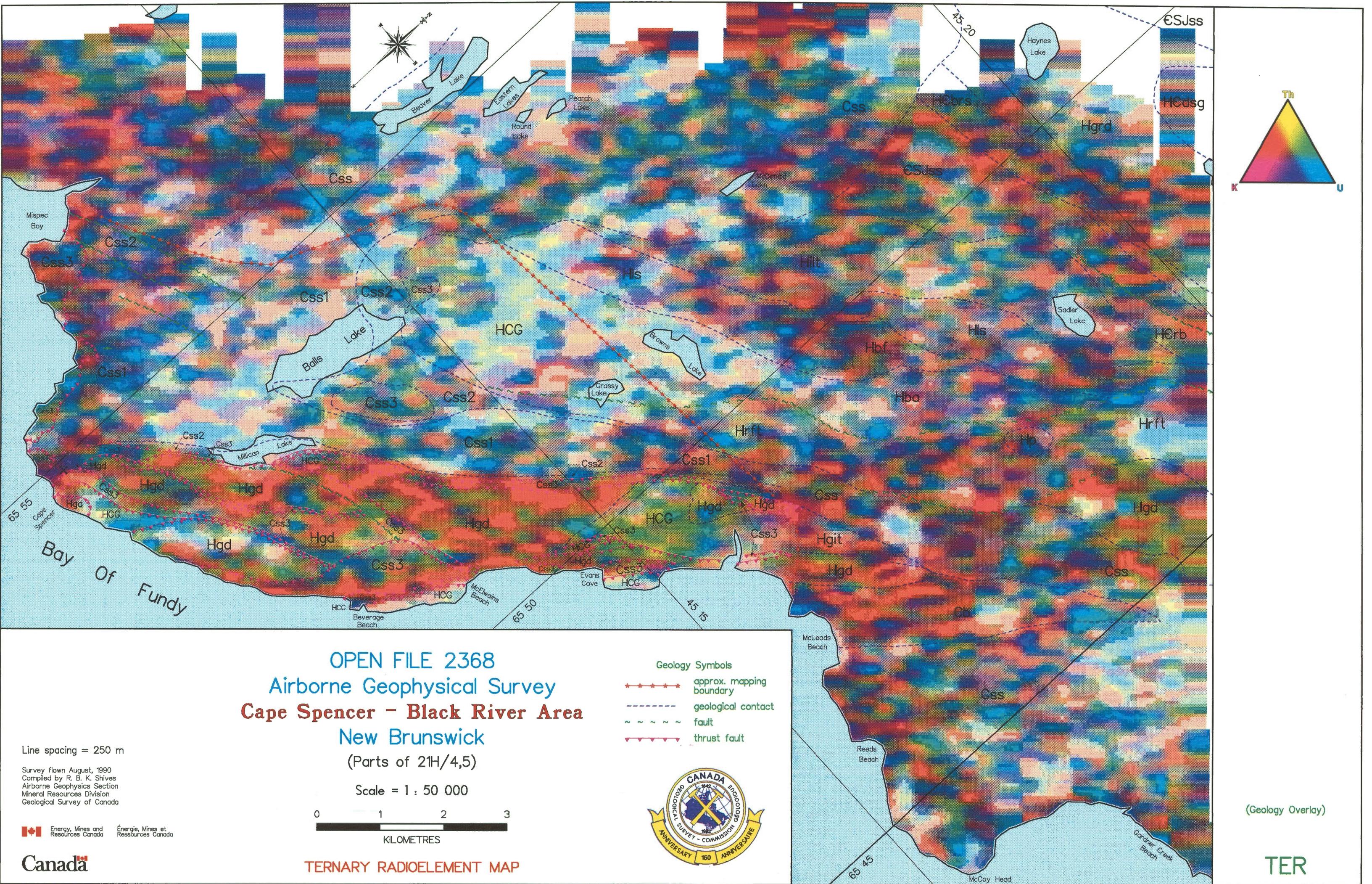
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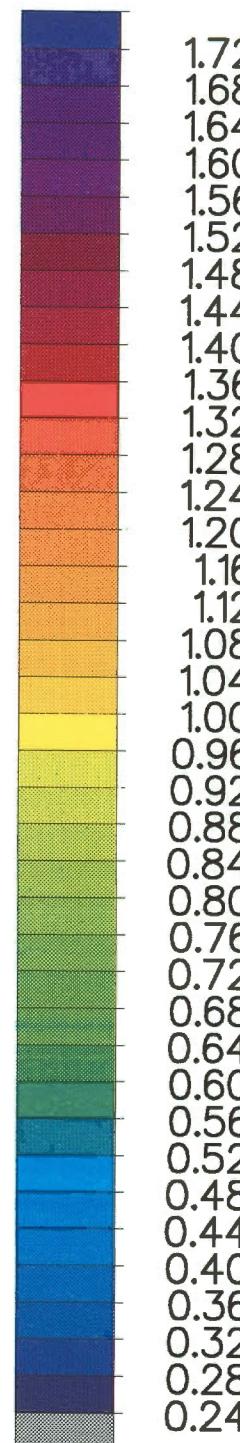
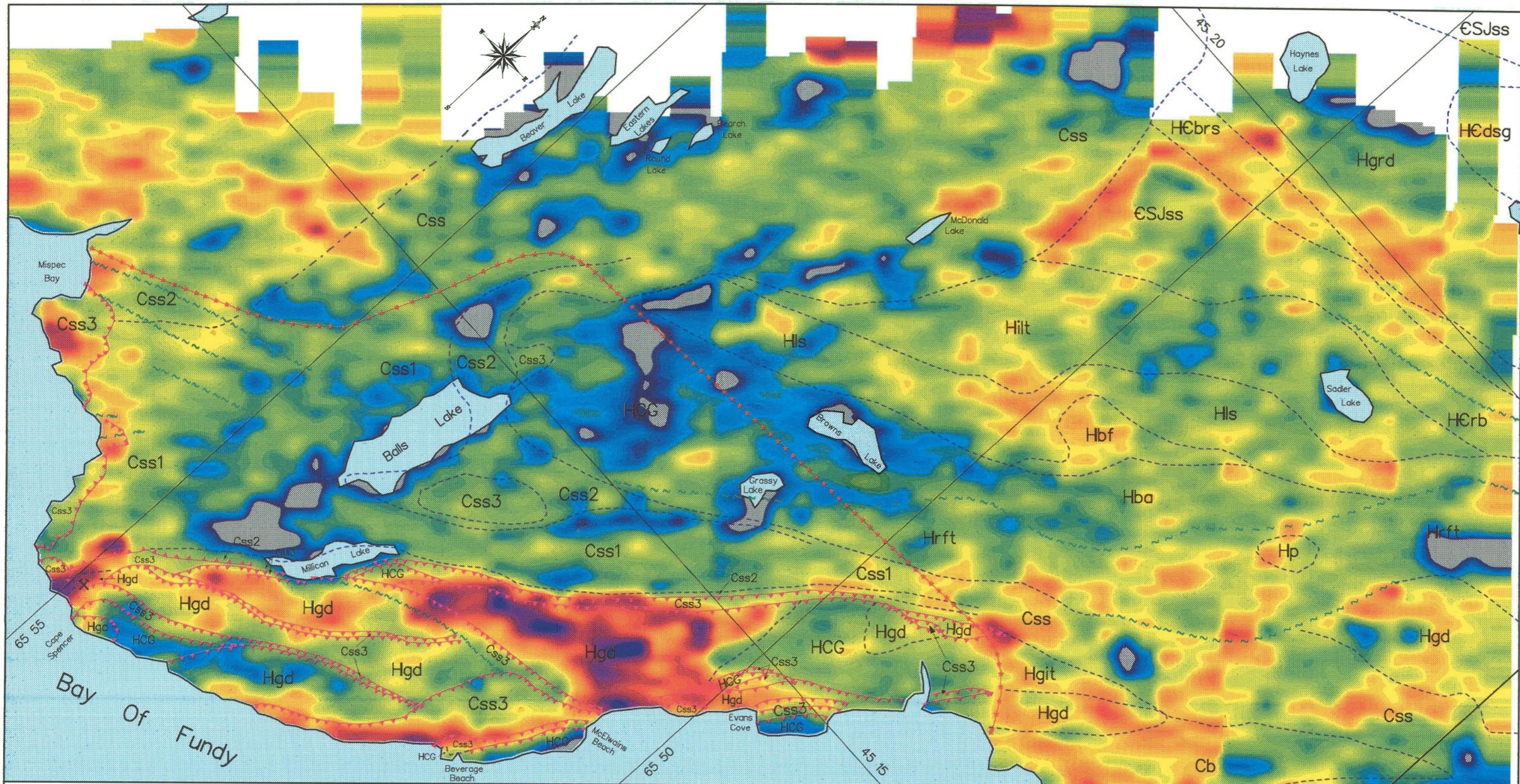


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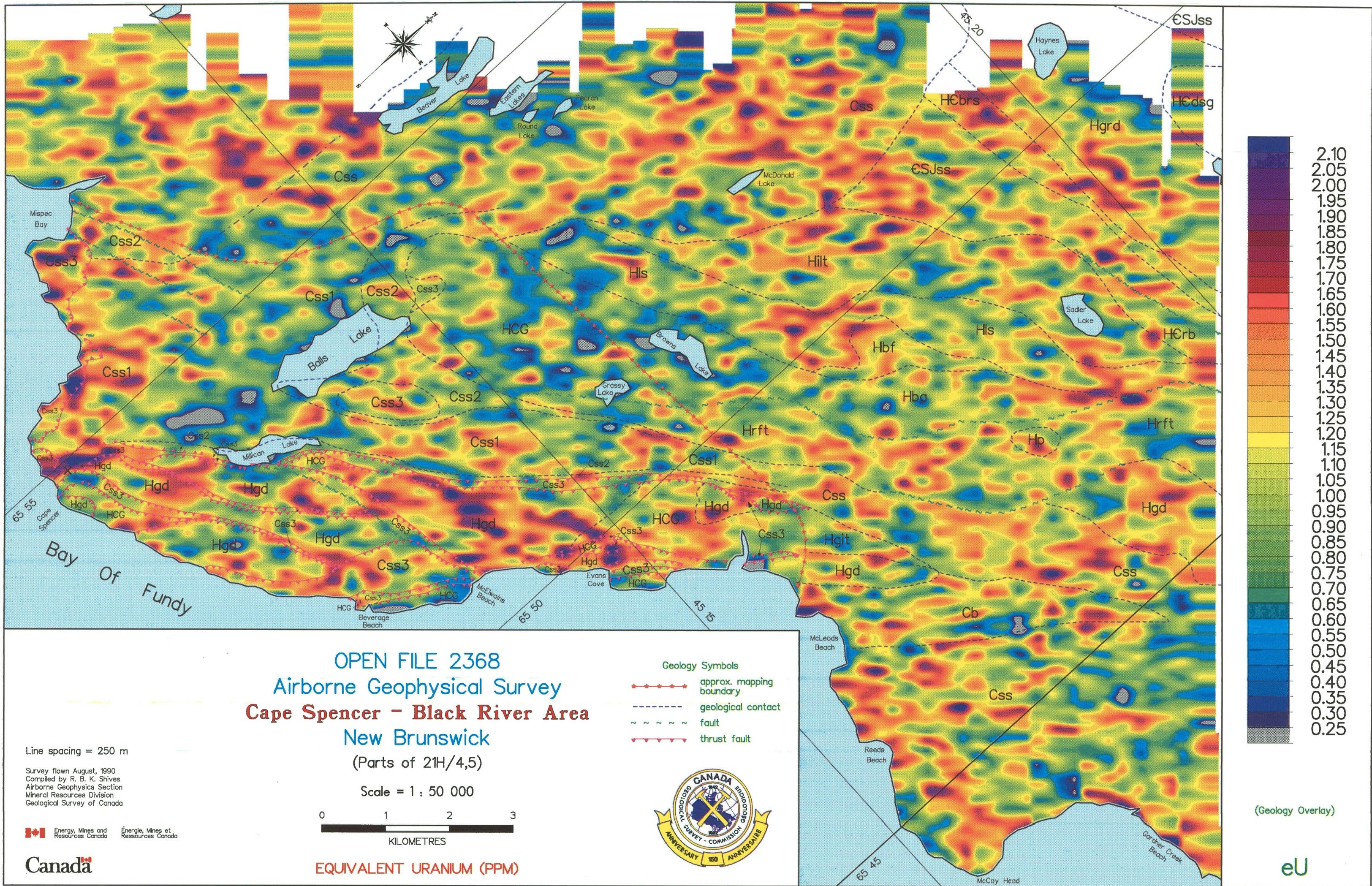


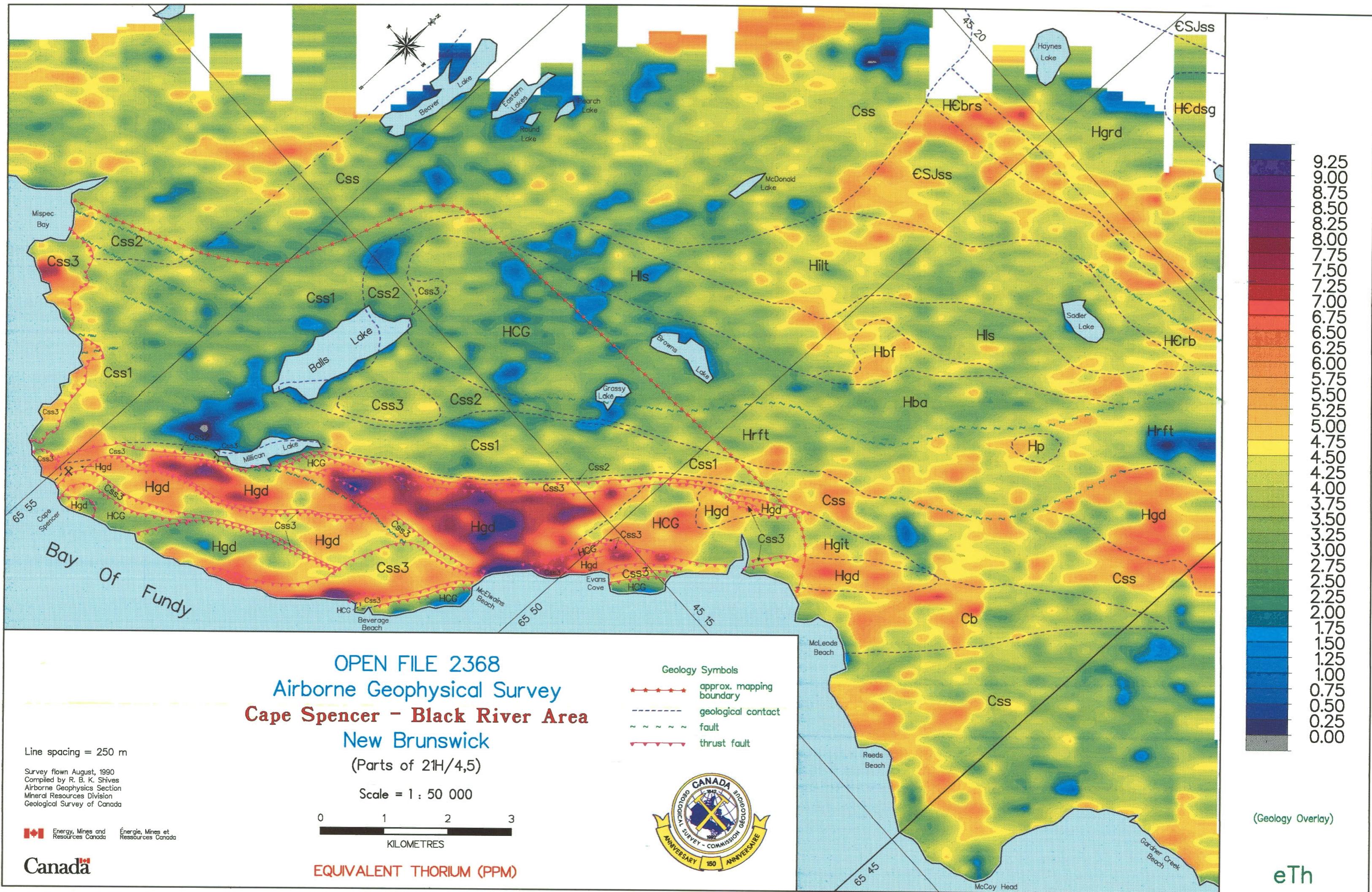
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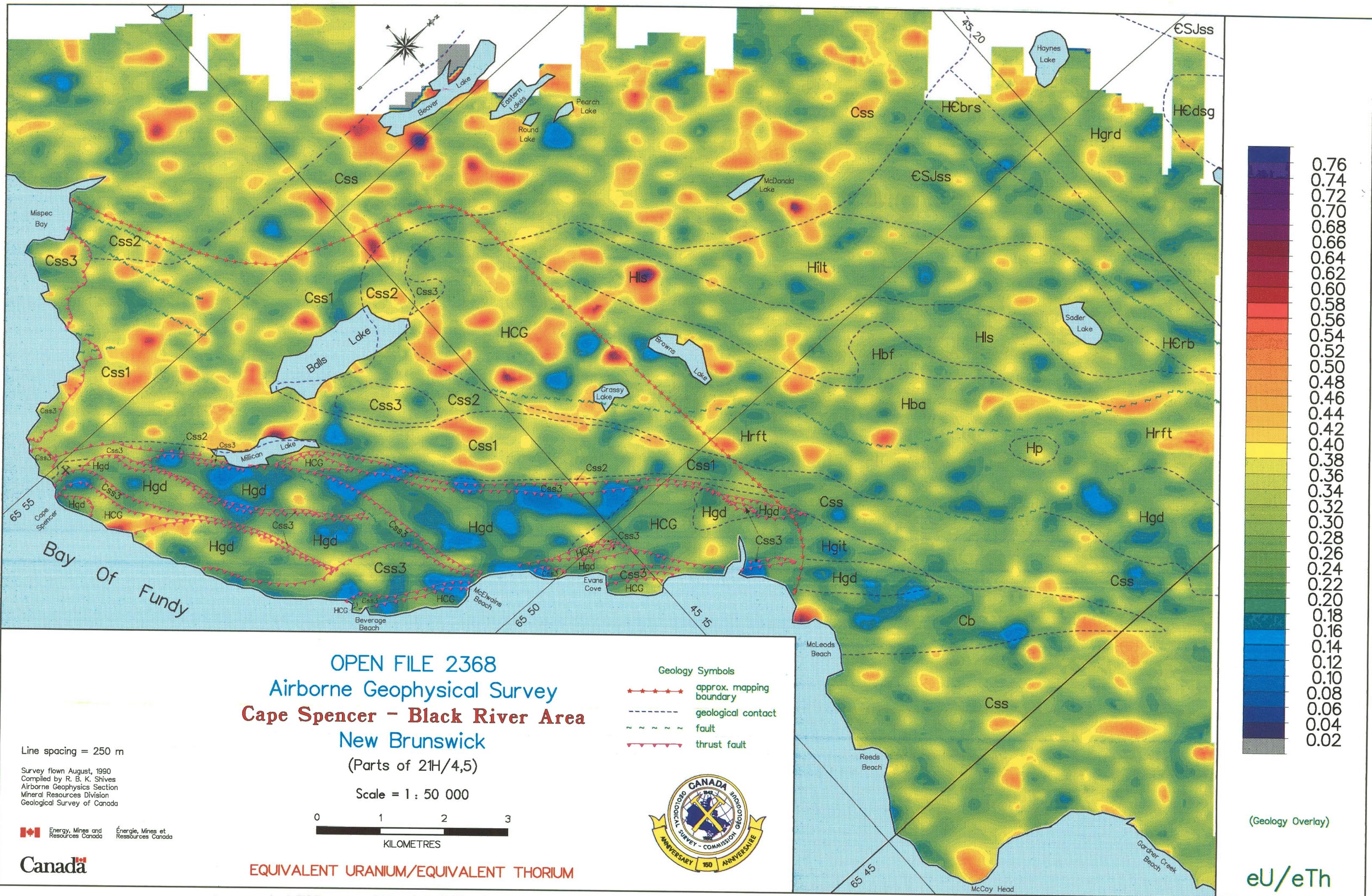
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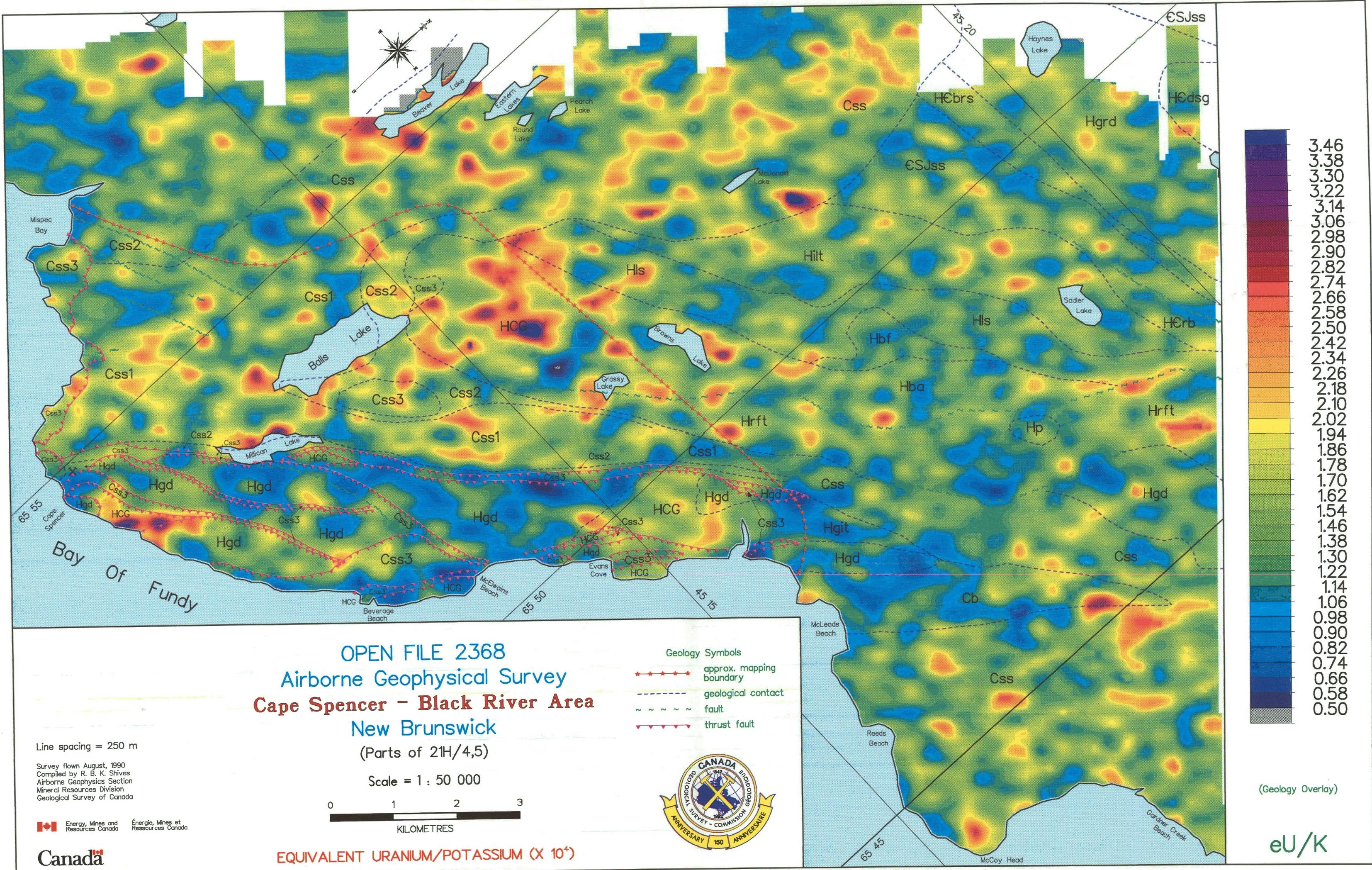
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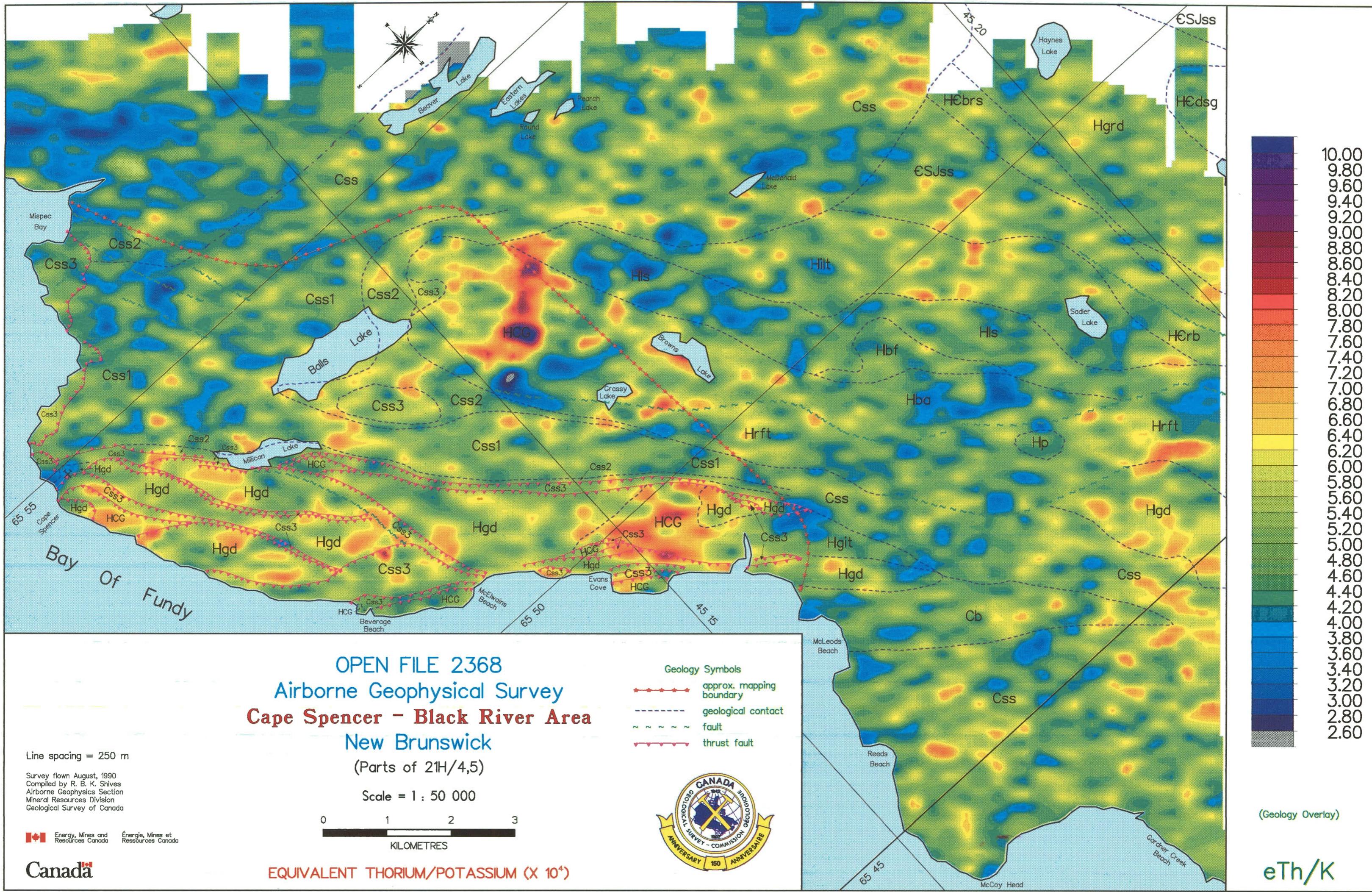
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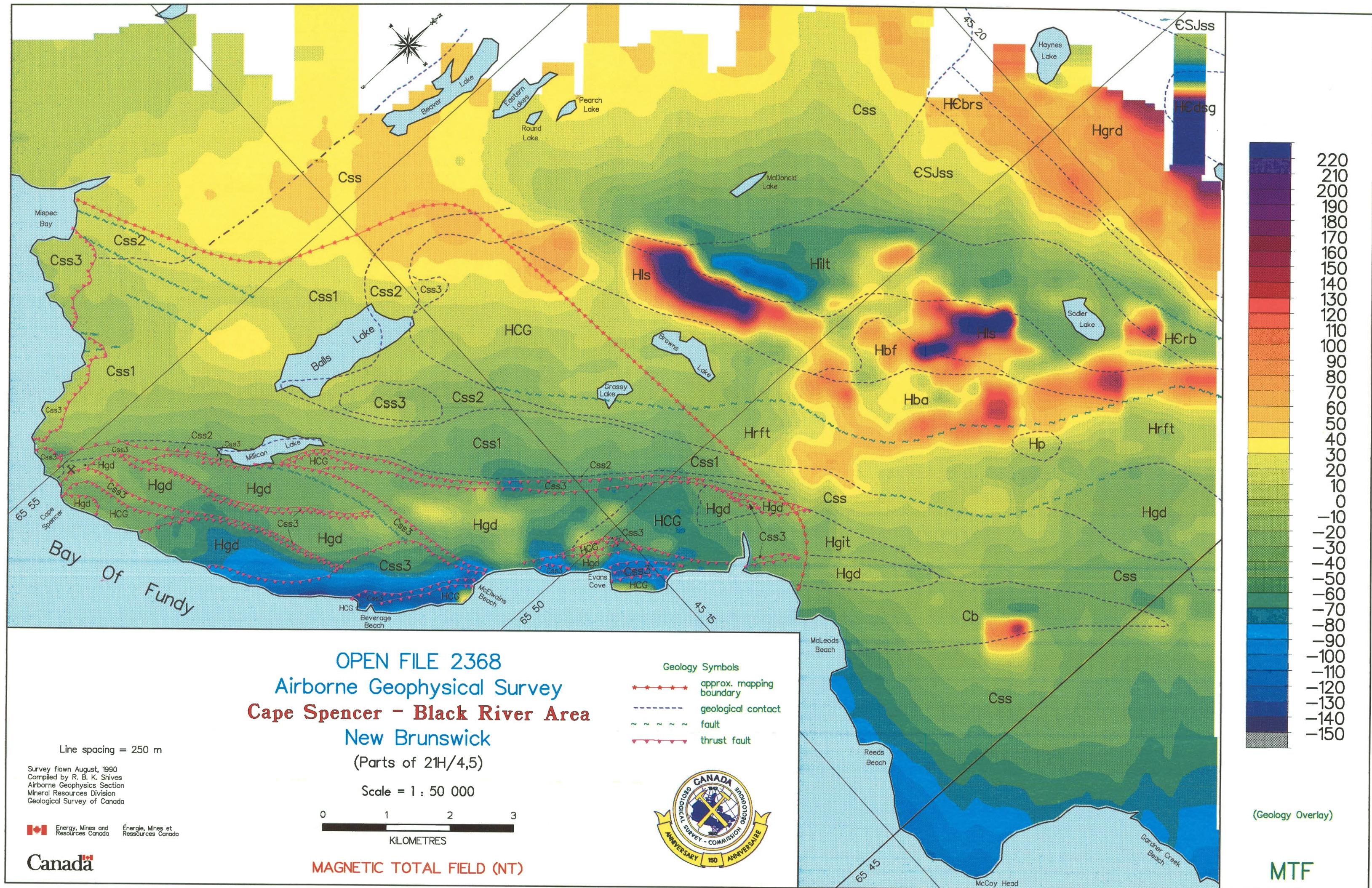


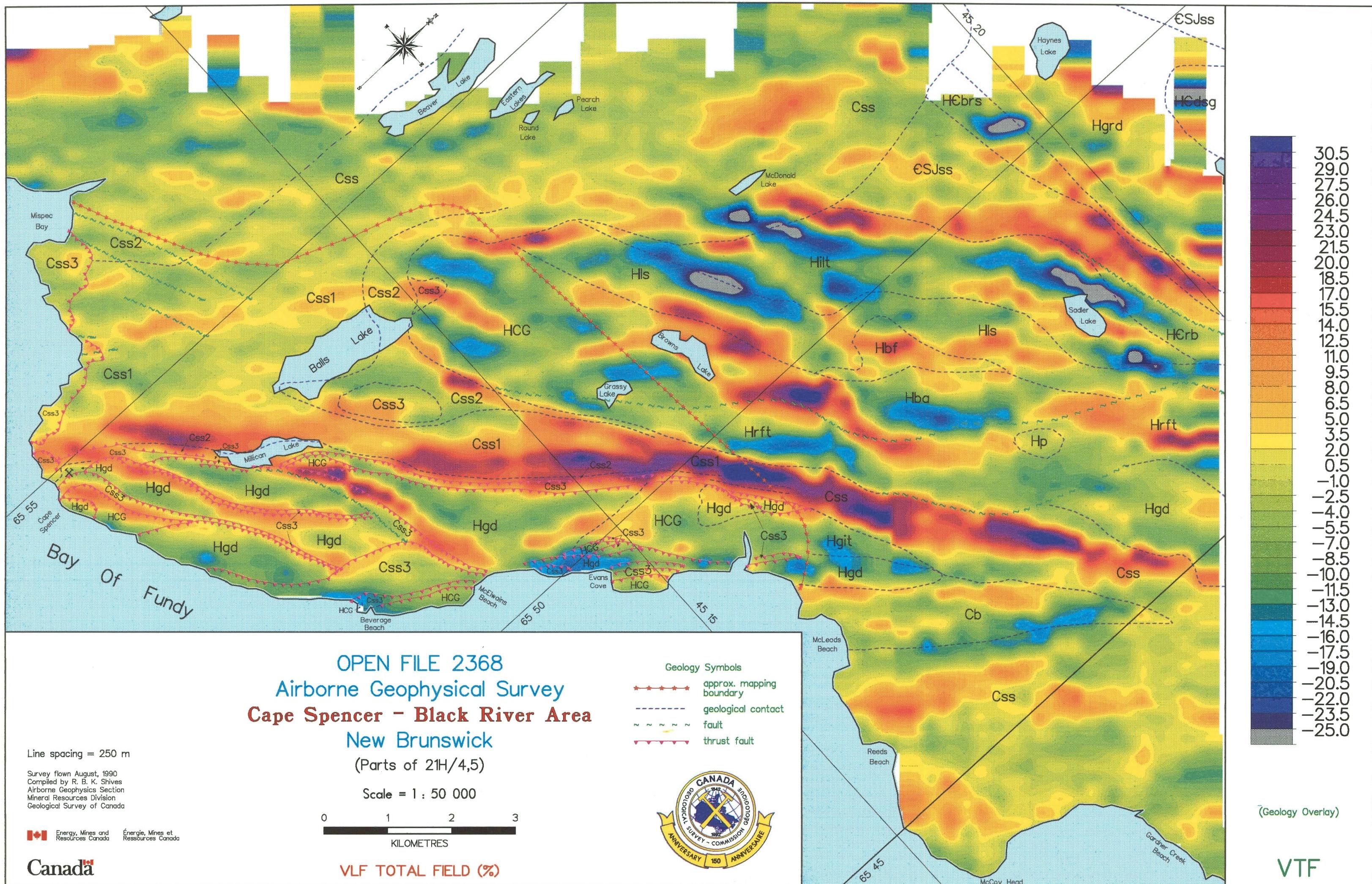


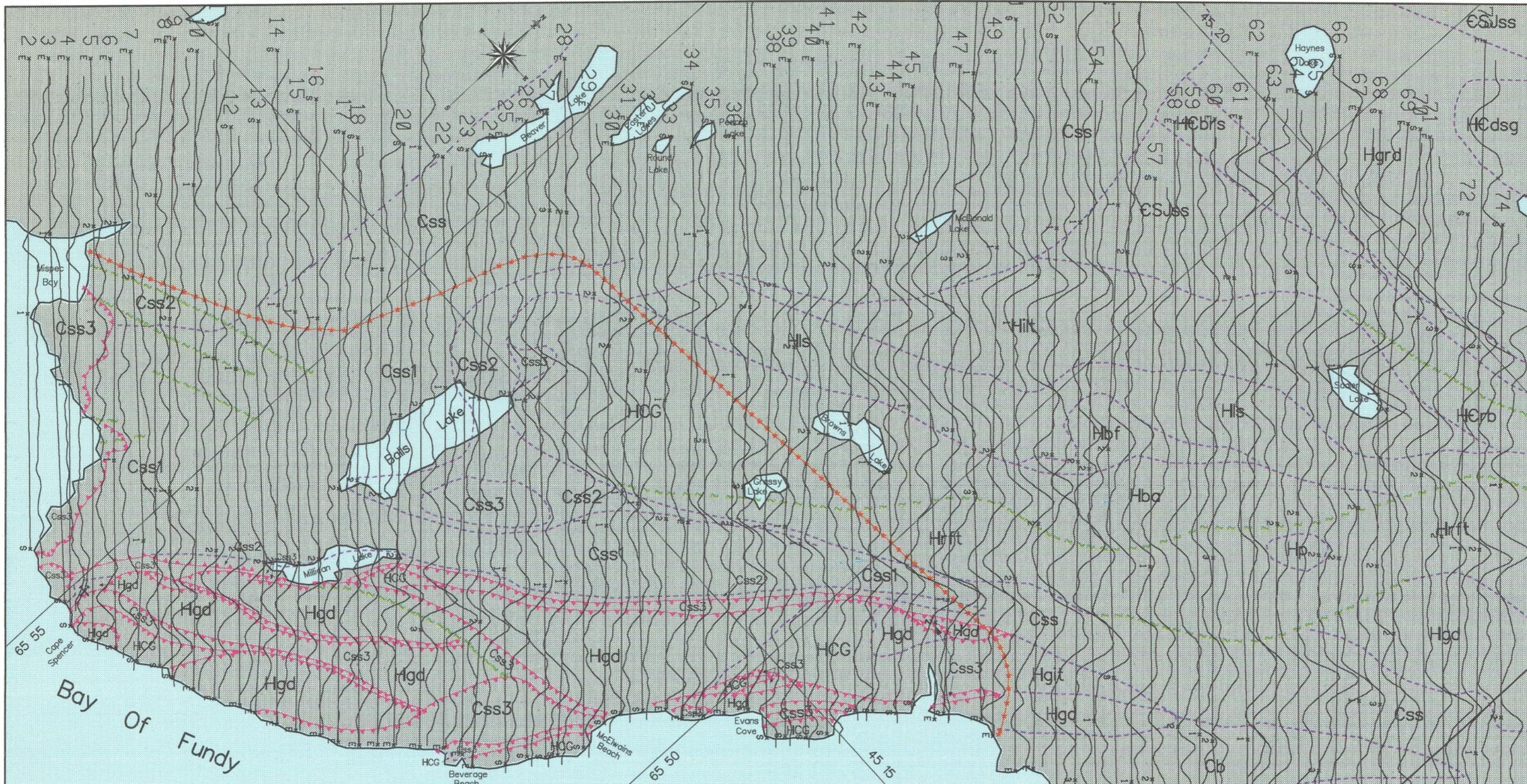












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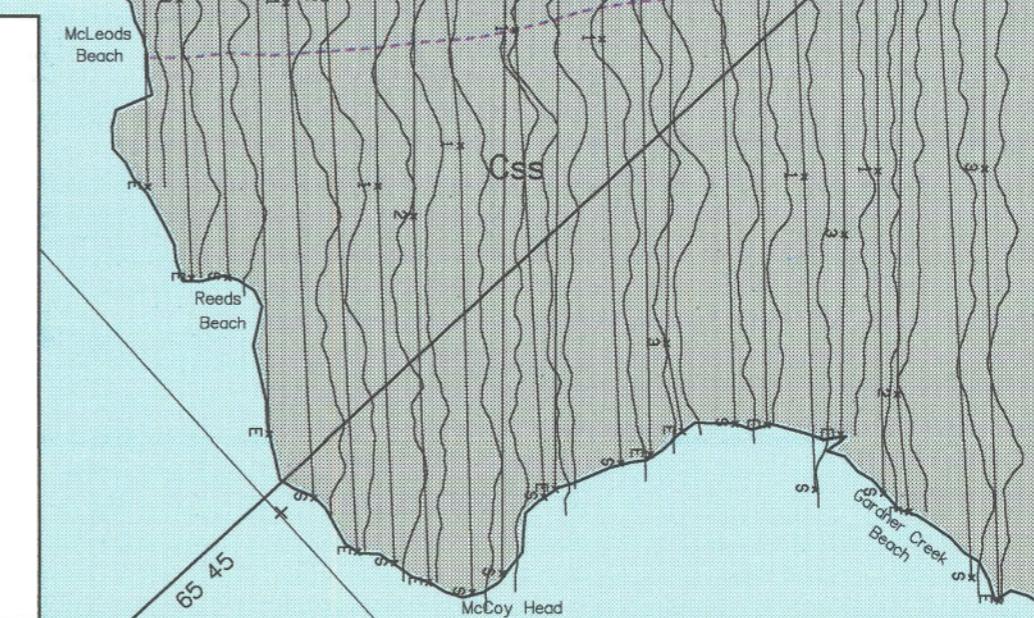
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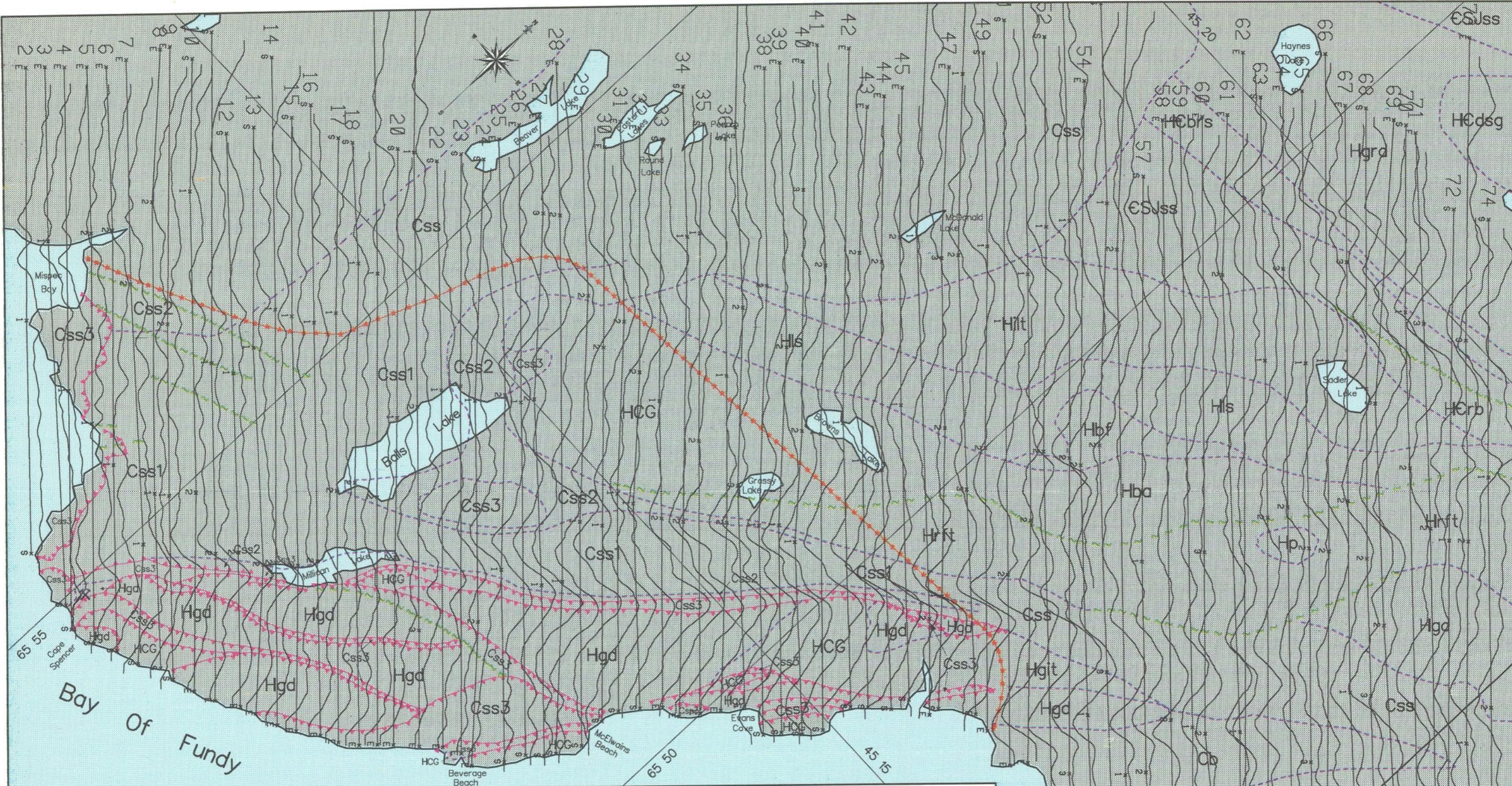


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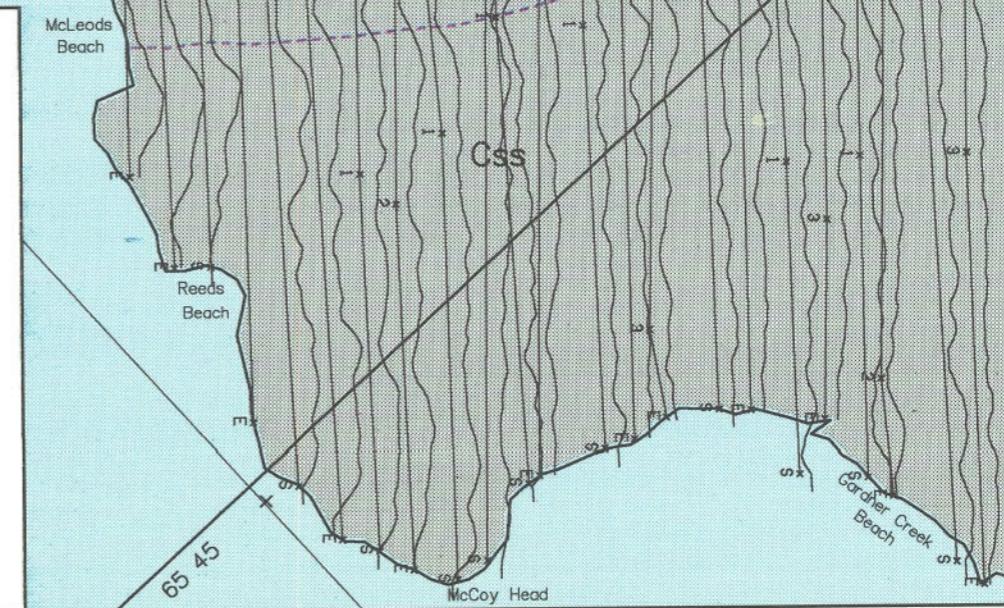
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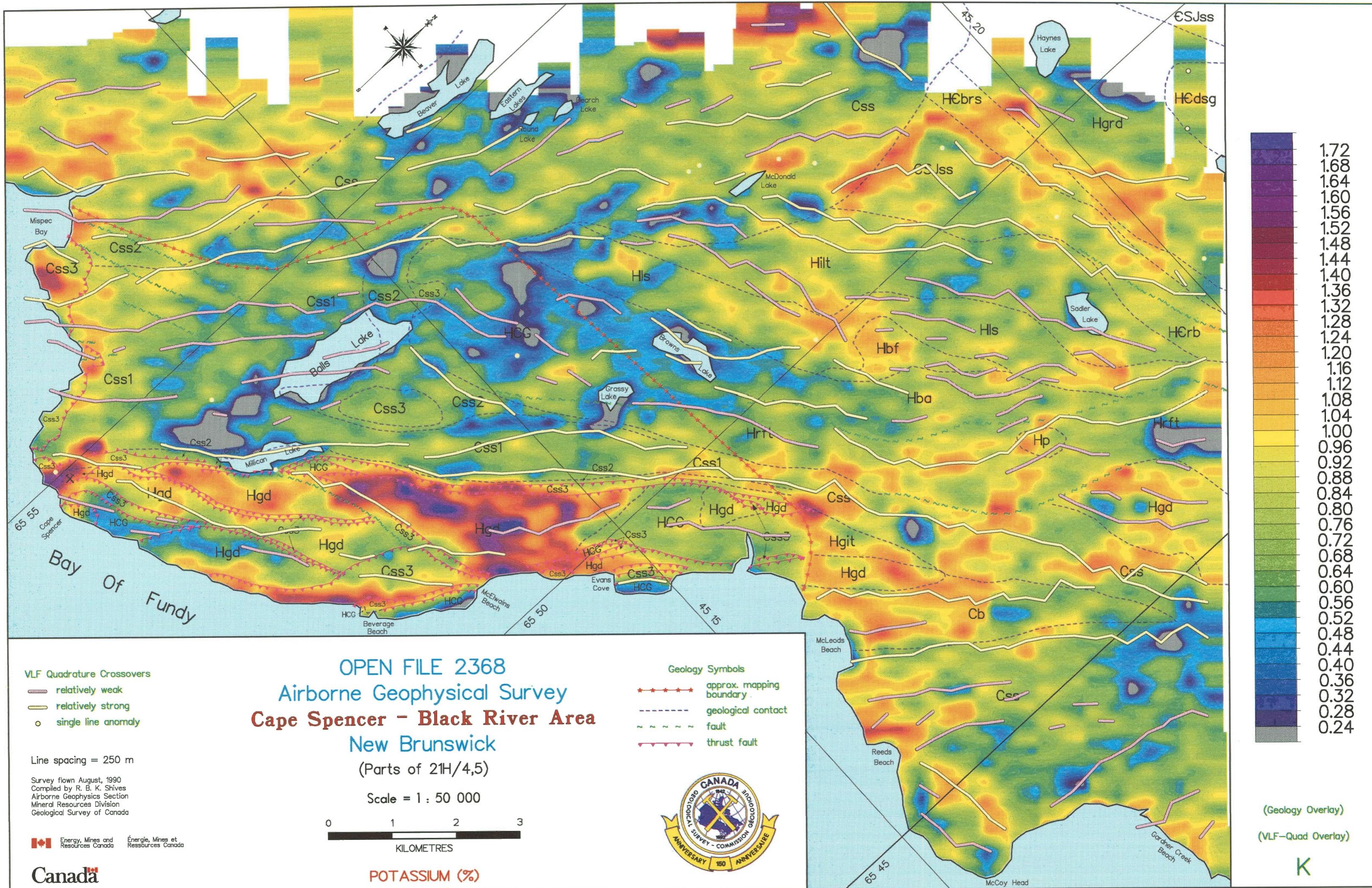
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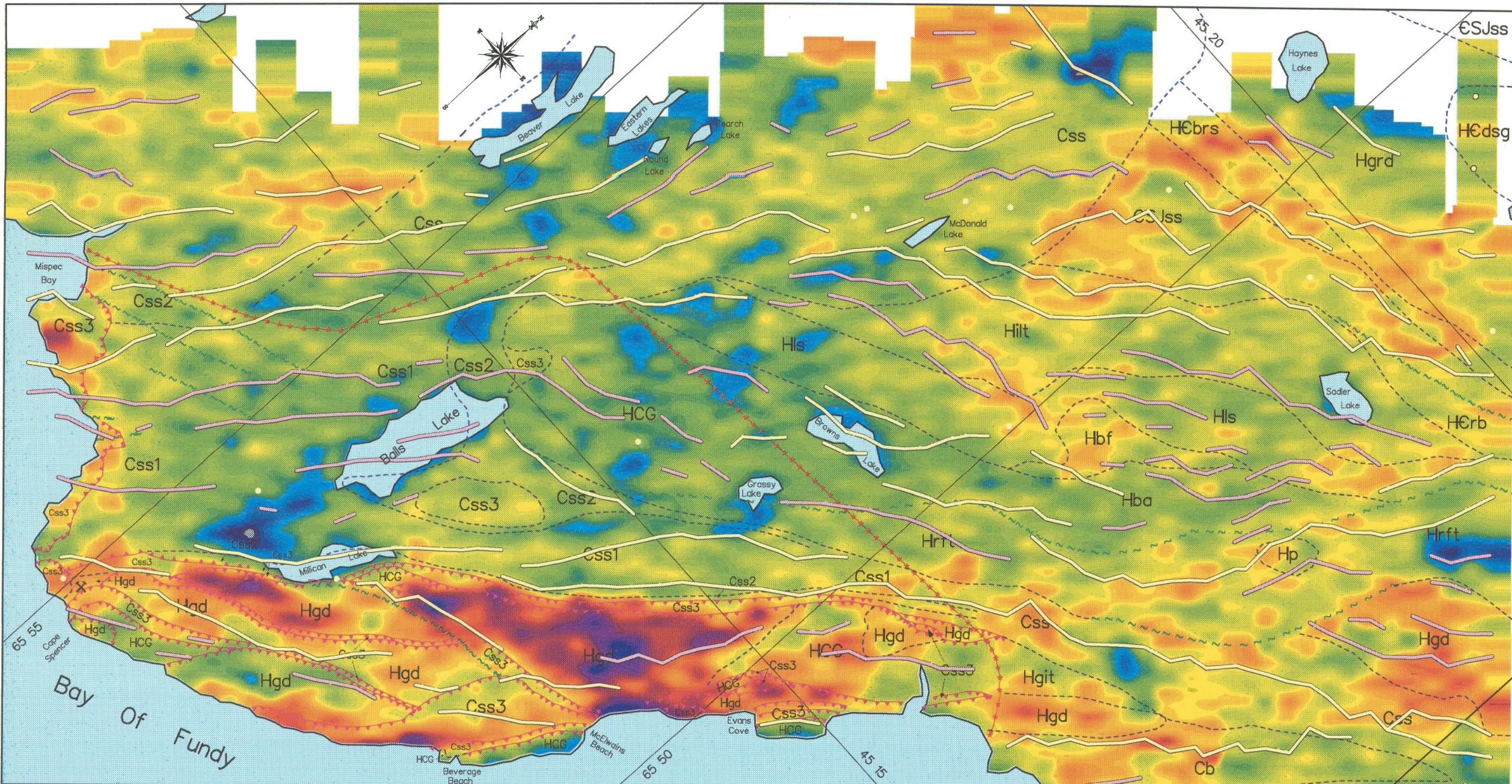


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VLF Quadrature Crossovers
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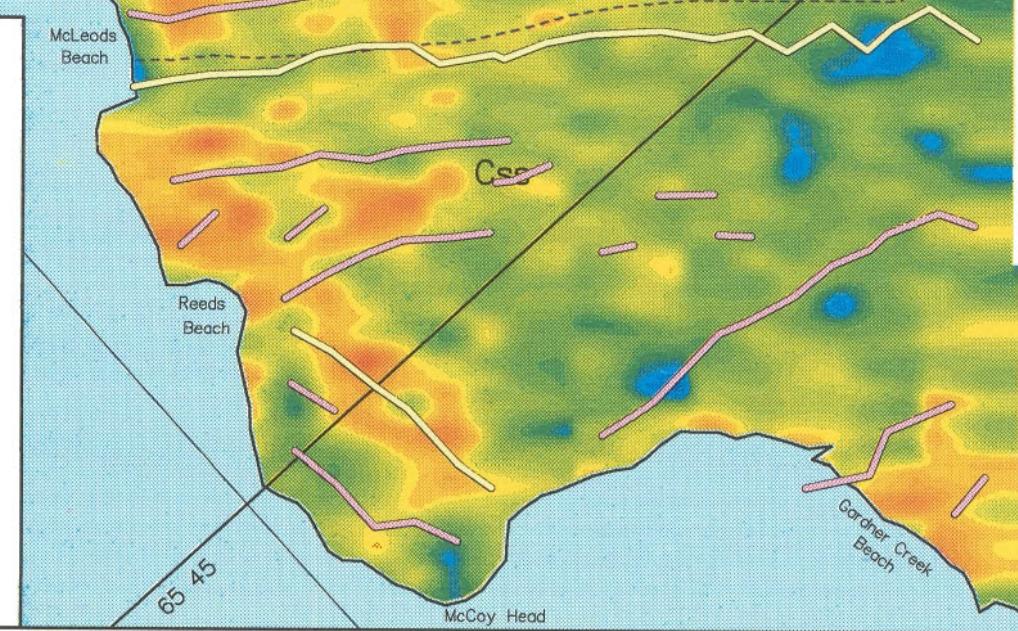
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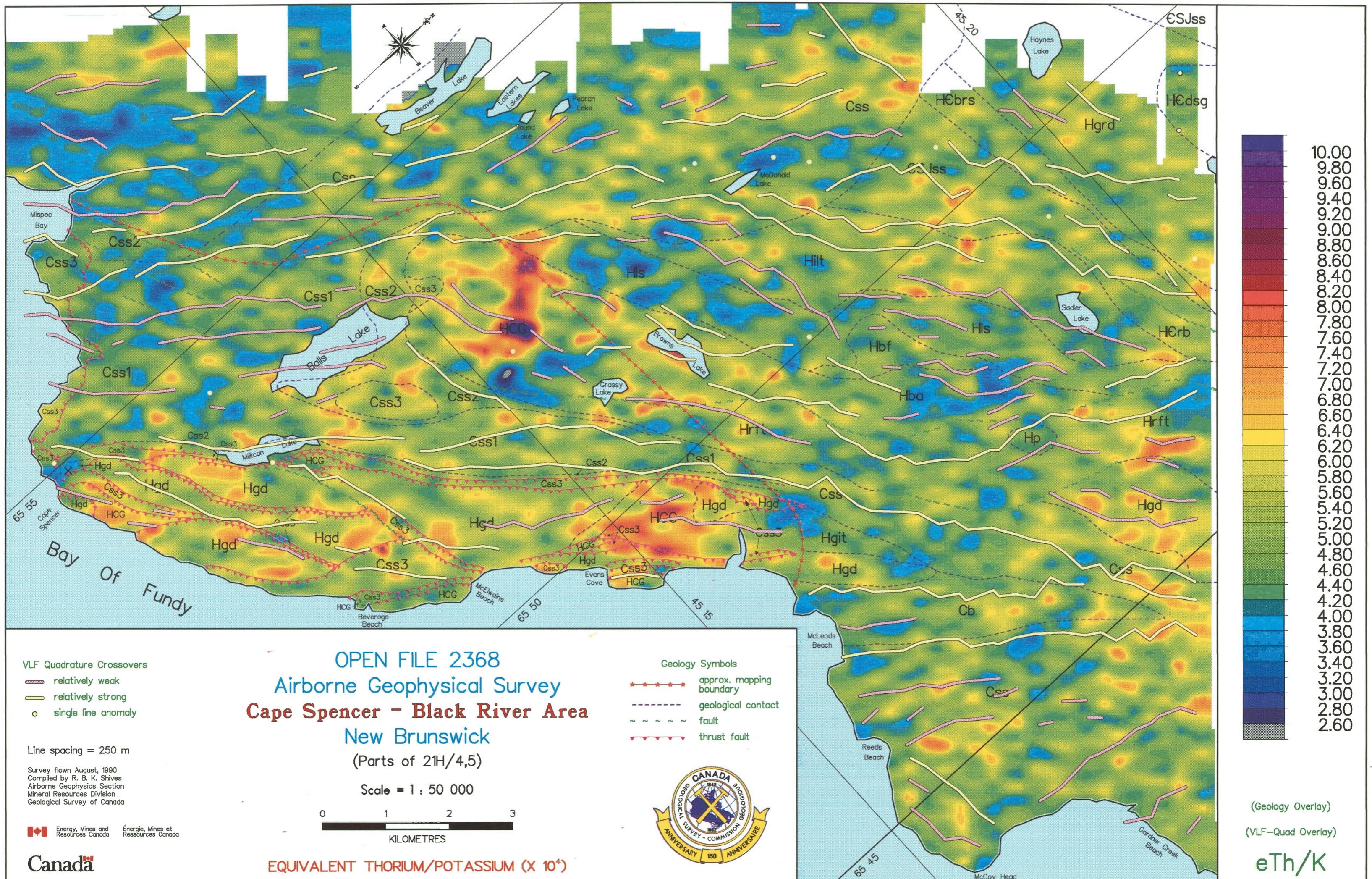
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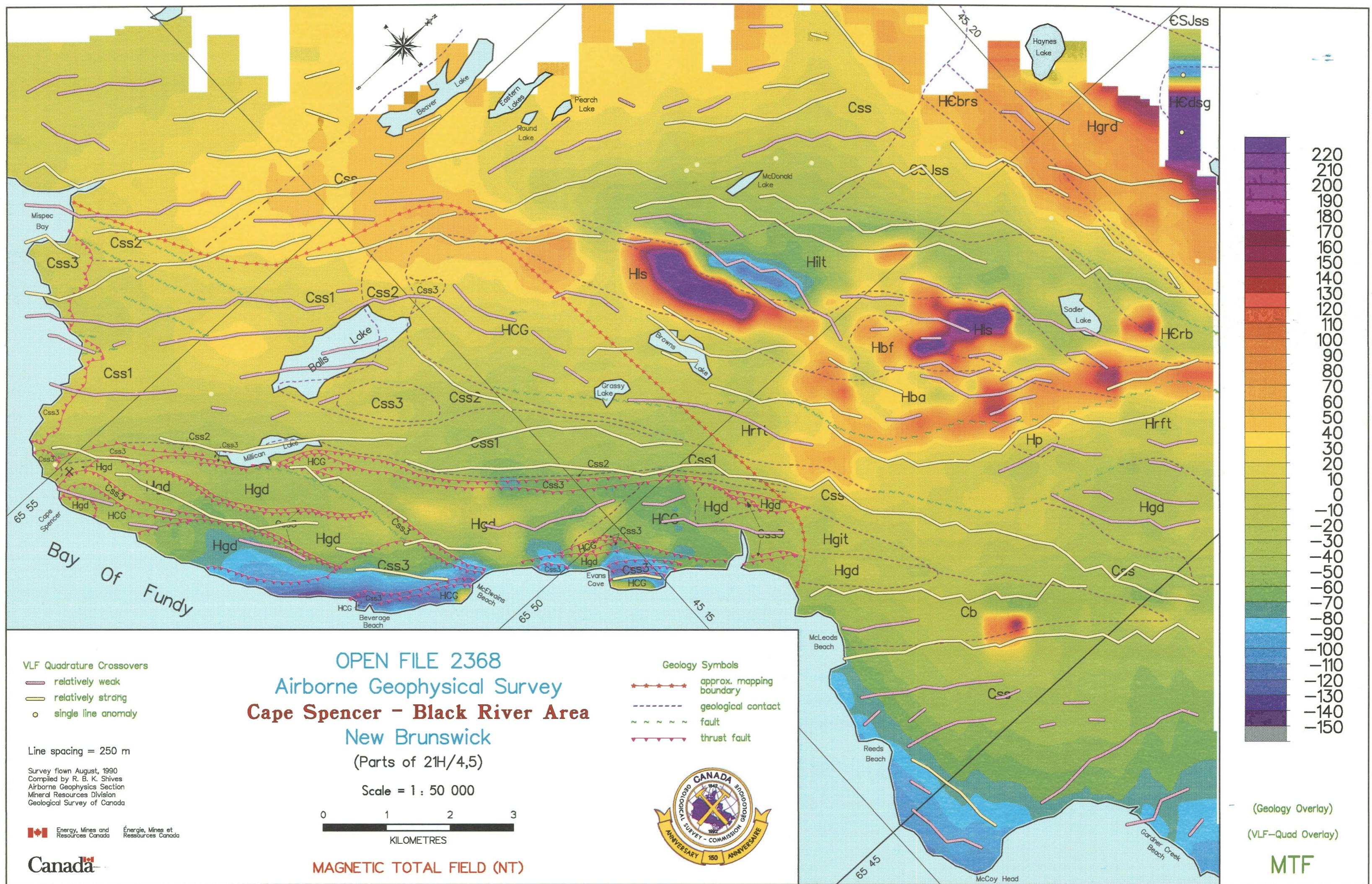
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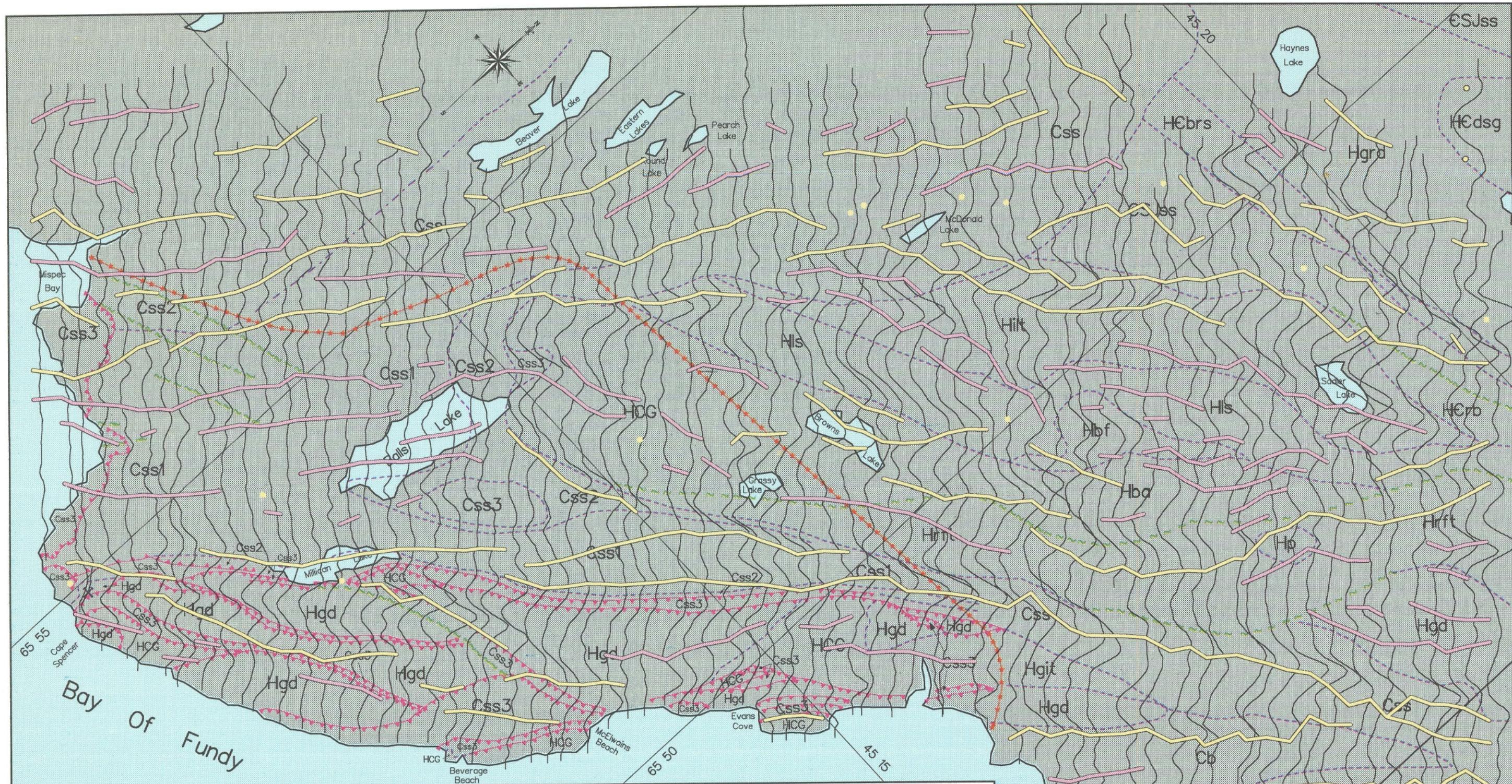


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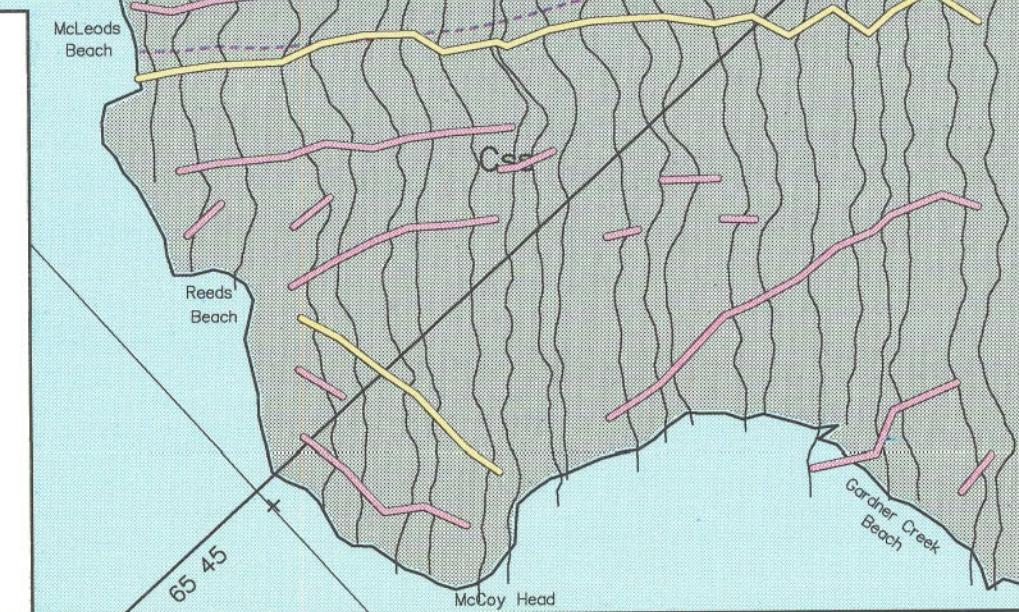


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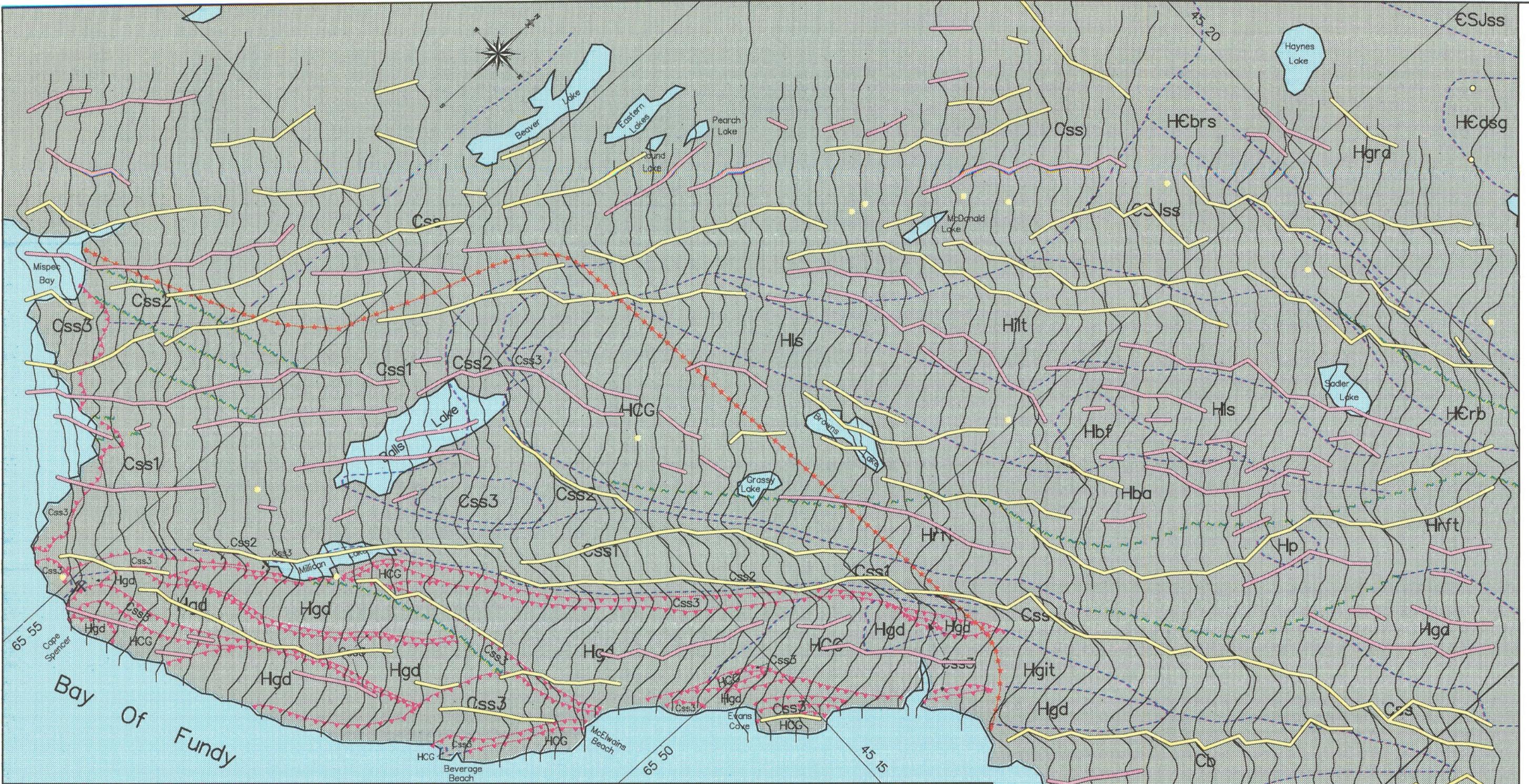
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VLF TOTAL FIELD PROFILES



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