DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

reconnaissance work by Blake (1980), Tella and Eade (1985, 1986) and Eade (1986). The present map of NTS 65 J/5

summarized in Aspler et al. (1999). In the general Angikuni Lake region, Archean map units define seven fault-bounded lithostructural domains (Fig. 2). Inter-domain stratigraphic relationships between supracrustal units are unknown, as are the relative ages of granitic intrusions. Only domains I-IV are exposed in northern Angikuni Lake. Domain I is characterized by extensive areas of greenschist- to amphibolite-grade supracrustal rocks. A northeast-trending dextral mylonitic shear zone forms the western boundary of Domain I. Domain II is an upper amphibolite grade orthogneiss and paragneiss complex which is cut by granitic and gabbroic rocks. The boundary between Domain II and Domain III is marked by short fault segments with north, northwest and northeast trends. Some of these faults define near-vertical zones of greenschist facies cataclasite. Domain III contains two sequences of greenschist grade supracrustal rocks. Domains III and IV are separated by a northeast-trending faulted/intrusive contact that is offset by northwest-trending cross-faults. Domain IV consists of gran outcrop south and west of the present map area (see Aspler et al., 1998b, 1999).

Paleoproterozoic continental siliciclastic and volcanogenic rocks, of the Baker Lake Group (Dubawnt Superarea. In addition, lamprophyre dykes, likely related to Baker Lake Group ultrapotassic volcanism, are scattered across

LITHOSTRUCTURAL DOMAINS Domain I: Amvı; Asstı; Agh; Agb

In the southeast corner of 65 J/5, greenschist- to amphibolite-grade volcanic rocks (Amvı) are exposed in two near-vertical, northeast-trending strips that are separated by a coarse-grained, foliated, hornblende leucogranite body volcanic and carbonate rocks in Domain III. They have abundant matrix pyrite (presumably paleoplacer) and display (Agh). Sparse but consistent top indicators suggest that the strips originally formed a single northwest-younging sequence. The volcanic rocks are cut by numerous thin (< 10 m), likely synvolcanic, gabbro dykes and sills. Subaqueous sheet flows, pillow lavas and tuffs are predominant; local mm-scale amygdules imply relatively shallow water.

9 and 10, with high Cu (12,267 and 54,301 ppm), are from chalcopyrite-bearing quartz veins that are part of late Within the volcanic rocks is a thin lens (Assti) consisting of three shallow-water components: cross-stratified, carbonate-brittle stockworks. Gossan 9 has elevated gold (45 ppb), whereas gossan 10 has elevated silver (18.3 ppm). cemented arkose; polymictic, framework-intact conglomerate (with mafic volcanic, felsic volcanic and sparse granitic clasts); and microbial laminated dolostone. Variably oriented gabbro dykes (Agb), of possibly more than one age, cut

Amphibolite grade gneisses (Agn) are well exposed in the central part of Angikuni Lake. Psammitic and amphibolitic supracrustal gneisses are the oldest components, and form metre-scale layers and partially assimilated xenoliths within plutonic rocks and gneisses. Multiple generations of tonalitic to granitic neosome occur in the paragneiss and range from foliation-parallel lenses to cross-cutting injections. Granitic orthogneiss with a gneissosity defined by mafic restite and aligned phenocrysts, outcrops throughout the domain. Felsic plutonic rocks (Ag) range in composition from granite to tonalite, and form map-scale lozenges that are enveloped by anastomosing zones of gneiss. The granites Aspler, L.B., Chiarenzelli, J.R., Powis, K. and Cousens, B.L. cross-cut granitic, psammitic and amphibolitic gneiss, but also contain mylonitic and protomylonitic fabrics and hence are syntectonic. A coarse-grained syntectonic granite, sampled close to the shear zone between Domains I and II has yielded a preliminary U-Pb zircon age of ca. 2.61 Ga (W.J. Davis, unpublished data).

Most outcrops of Domain II are cut by variably deformed and metamorphosed gabbro bodies (Agb) that range from dykes a few cm to ca. 200 m wide, to km-scale plutons. The plutons commonly contain zones in which slightly rotated blocks of host gneiss and granite are engulfed by gabbro. Although the gabbros cut layering in host gneiss and granite, they commonly contain an internal fabric, and are locally transposed into the gneissic layering. Furthermore, they are cut by leucosomal pods and thin granitic sheets injected from the host gneiss. Moreover, mylonitized gabbros are found within the shear zones separating Domains I and II and at the northern margin of Domain V. Thus, the gabbros are considered syntectonic.

Domain III: Afdp; Aca; Amf; Asstııı; Asstıııtif

Two sequences, likely separated by an unconformity, are exposed in Domain III. The lower and upper sequences are folded together. Folds are open, with steeply-dipping, northeast-trending axial surfaces and shallow plunges to the northeast and southwest. The lower sequence consists of three subunits: 1) mafic to felsic volcanic rocks with pyroclastic breccia, plagioclase crystal tuff, graded ash beds, dolomite-cemented sandstone and pelite (Afdp); 2) interbedded microbial laminates (locally stromatolitic), pelites and carbonate-altered intermediate to felsic tuffs (Aca); and 3) mafic volcanic rocks (Amf). Interfingering of component rock types indicates that these subunits are conformable, but their stratigraphic order remains uncertain. Top indicators in the middle carbonate/pelite unit (Aca) suggest hat it overlies unit Afdp and underlies the mafic volcanic unit (Amf). Loveridge et al. (1988) reported U-Pb zircon ages, from unit Afdp of 2680 + 29/-25 Ma (containing ca. 3.04 Ga xenocrystic zircon; Eade, 1986).

The upper sequence is exposed in the southwest corner of 65 J/5 and in the western and central parts of northern Angikuni Lake. It consists mainly of interlayered subarkose and framework-intact quartz pebble conglomerate (Asstul) Metre-scale mudstone interbeds are common. In view of the paucity of mudrocks in pre-vegetative continental deposits,

Donaldson, J.A., and de Kemp, E.A. mixing of mature arenites and conglomerates with mudstones suggests shallow-subaqueous, rather than subaerial, deposition. On a large island in the west-central part of northern Angikuni Lake, is a unique interval of iron formation which magnetite is concentrated at the top of cm- to dcm-scale sandstone to pelite fining-upward sequences (Asstnitif Occurring within a sequence of relatively mature sandstones and conglomerates, this iron formation was probably deposited in a shallow shelf (but below wave base) setting. A second unique interval, exposed on the southeast corner of northern Angikuni Lake, contains fine-grained sandstone, siltstone and mudstone. Small-scale wave ripples (wavelength = 5 cm; height = 0.7 cm) and mudcracks signify shoaling to shallow-water and emergent conditions.

Conglomerates in unit Asstii contain clasts reworked from older quartz-rich sandstones. Basal beds are pyritic Gall, Q., Peterson, T.D., and Donaldson, J.A. combination suggests derivation from quartz arenite-ultramafic sequences in the Rae Domain such as the Prince Albert Group (e.g. Schau, 1997) or the Woodburn Group (e.g. Donaldson and de Kemp, 1998). In addition, Sm-Nd isotopic 2680 Ma), suggesting that it includes detritus derived from significantly older crust (Cousens, 1998). Tentatively, we interpret the lower contact of this subunit to be an unconformity because: 1) the abrupt appearance of quartz pebble conglomerate above mafic and felsic volcanic rocks requires a period of intense weathering; 2) the unit appears to cut

out lower sequence stratigraphy; and 3) the unit appears to be distributed as outliers (paleolow-infills?).

Domain IV: Agıv; Amv

topher Island Formation volcanism.

Domain IV consists of granite, granodiorite and granitic gneisses (Agiv) and rare enclaves of mafic volcanic rock cataclasite that separate domains II and III. This contact is offset by northwest-trending cross-faults which also contain Loveridge, W.D., Eade, K.E., and Sullivan, R.W. zones of cataclasite. In the northwest corner of 65 J/5, both lithologies and NW-trending fabrics in Domain IV continue across the geophysical trace of the Snowbird tectonic zone (Geological Survey of Canada, 1981).

Dextral ductile shear zone

Separating domains I and II along the eastern shore of Angikuni Lake is a near-vertical, upper amphibolite grade mylonitic shear zone, up to 0.5 km wide (Amy). Along most of its length, mineral and stretching lineations plung shallowly (5 - 15°). Shear sense indicators are consistently dextral. Intrusions, each up to several metres wide, and with a full range of composition from gabbro to granite, occur within the shear zone. These bodies contain the mylonitic Rainbird, R.H., Hadlari, T., and Donaldson, J.A. fabric and are locally transposed along the shear zone, but are also locally discordant and are thus syntectonic. The shear zone displays evidence of a post-ductile brittle history in the form of local breccia zones and quartz stockwork

Greenschist-grade cataclasites (Acg) outcrop along the flanks of Domain III where they define steeply-dipping, north-, northwest- and northeast- trending zones, up to 300 metres wide. In addition, along the southwest margin of 65 J/5, rocks of both Domain III and Domain IV are cut by a north-trending zone of cataclasite. This zone forms the eas boundary to down-dip lineated gneisses that constitute Domain VI in western Angikuni Lake (Fig. 2). The cataclasite is commonly non-foliated and consists of host rock fragments that are cut and separated by variably oriented, narrow (mm -scale and less), chloritic veinlets and irregular zones of pseudotachylite. Greenschist-grade cataclasites consistently in strain rate and/or temperature during a single Archean event, or if they reflect significantly younger (Paleoproterozoic)

Dubawnt Supergroup; Christopher Island Formation: Ppal; Ppau; Ppcif; Ppcifcg; Ppcifsst (Baker Lake

Two NE-trending Baker Lake Group sub-basins are exposed in northern Angikuni Lake. In the central part of the Tella, S., and Eade, K.E. northern sub-basin, a wedge of Angikuni Formation (Blake, 1980) outcrops unconformably between Archean basement and the Christopher Island Formation (Pocif). The lower part of the Angikuni Formation (Poal) consists of tan-coloured, carbonate-cemented, parallel and cross-stratified arkose with metre-scale interbeds of conglomerate and pebbly sandstone. Decimeter-scale trough cross beds in arkose indicate northwest paleocurrents. The conglomerate is class supported and contains angular to sub-rounded gneissic and granitic clasts in a coarse sand to granule matrix. The Tella, S., Heywood, W.W., and Loveridge, W.D. upper part of the Angikuni Formation (Ppau) consists of red siltstone, mudstone and parallel-stratified, fine-grained sandstone, and contains abundant mudcracks, mudchip breccia layers and wave ripple marks. These rocks were probably deposited in fluvial (lower part) and sand flat/playa (upper part) environments. An angular discordance between the Angikuni and Christopher Island formations is well-exposed near the eastern shores of northern Angiku Lake. Shallowly (ca. 10°) east-dipping Christopher Island mafic and felsic minette flows lie above moderately (ca. 45°) east-dipping Angikuni strata, forming a tongue that cuts the lower/upper Angikuni Formation contact. The Angikuni Formation wedge at northern Angikuni Lake probably represents an isolated fault-bounded trough tilted before Chris-

Blake (1980) considered the Angikuni Formation to lie unconformably beneath the South Channel Formation, a thick locally-developed basal fanglomerate unit defined from the eastern Baker Lake region (Donaldson, 1965; Rainbird et al., 1999). Immediately north of, and in fault-contact with, the Angikuni Formation is a strip of non-carbonate ce-NIRODUCTION

New mapping in the Angikuni Lake area (Fig. 1), a component of the Western Churchill NATMAP project, updates

mented, framework-intact, polymictic conglomerate, granulestone, pebbly sandstone and arkose that is conformably overlain by Christopher Island Formation flows and breccias (Pocifcg). Blake (1980) assigned this strip, as well as compliments work in NTS 65 J/4 (Aspler and Chiarenzelli, 1997; Aspler et al., 1998a, b) and parts of NTS 65 K/1 and 65

Channel Formation. However, because the latter are interlayered with volcanic flows on scales of 5-10 m, they are more K/8 (Aspler et al., 1999). Details of ancillary geochemical and isotopic studies are reported in Cousens (1998) and are appropriately interpreted as part of the Christopher Island Formation, and we now consider that the strip of conglomerate is a basal Christopher Island lens (cf. Aspler et al., 1998a).

> Elsewhere in the northern sub-basin, and in the southern sub-basin, the Christopher Island Formation (Ppcif) directly overlies basement. It consists of massive to layered phlogopite-bearing mafic and felsic minette flows, and volcanic breccias containing intraformational volcanic clasts (with irregular margins and alteration rinds), local vesicular mbs and foliated basement pebbles, and rare accretionary lapilli interbeds. Minette dykes, likely feeders to the flows, occur throughout the region and display strong northeast trends. Local vent facies comprise beds containing up to 70% angular basement clasts (up to 50 cm) interlayered with volcanic flows. Interbeds of cross-stratified red arkose (Ppcifsst)

Beyond the limits of the two sub-basins, the Christopher Island Formation is exposed as small scattered outliers, ite, granodiorite and granitic gneiss, and contains rare enclaves of mafic volcanic rock. Domains V, VI and VII (Fig. 2) most of which are represented schematically. Volcanic flows coat the basement surface and define an exhumed paleotopography with a minimum relief of 25 m (see also Donaldson, 1965). With the exception of local sedimentary nfilling of paleojoints, a paleoregolith is absent. The outliers are significant because they demonstrate that changes in structural level of Archean basement took place before Christopher Island Formation volcanism, and that volcanic rocks group) are exposed in two northeast-trending sub-basins and in numerous small outliers in the northern Angikuni Lake once blanketed the entire region. Current age estimates for Christopher Island Formation magmatism are imprecise: 1850 \pm 30/-10 (U-Pb zircon, Tella et al. 1985); 1825 \pm 2 Ma (40 Ar/ 39 Ar hornblende, Roddick and Miller 1994) and 1832 ± 28 Ma (Pb/Pb isochron, apatite, MacRae et al. 1996).

> Analytical results from eleven gossans are presented in Table 1. Sulphide veins cutting Christopher Island Foration conglomerates (Gossans1, 2, and 3) failed to yield significant values. Gossans 4, 5 and 6 are in quartz pebble conglomerates at the base of the sandstone-conglomerate sequence (Asstiii) that appears to unconformably overlie slightly elevated Au values (14, 8, 5 ppb respectively), detectable Pt and Pd, and high Ni, Cr and V values. A mafic flow from Domain III (Gossan 7), extensively replaced by carbonate, has high Ni (1781 ppm) and Cr (1166 ppm). Gossans

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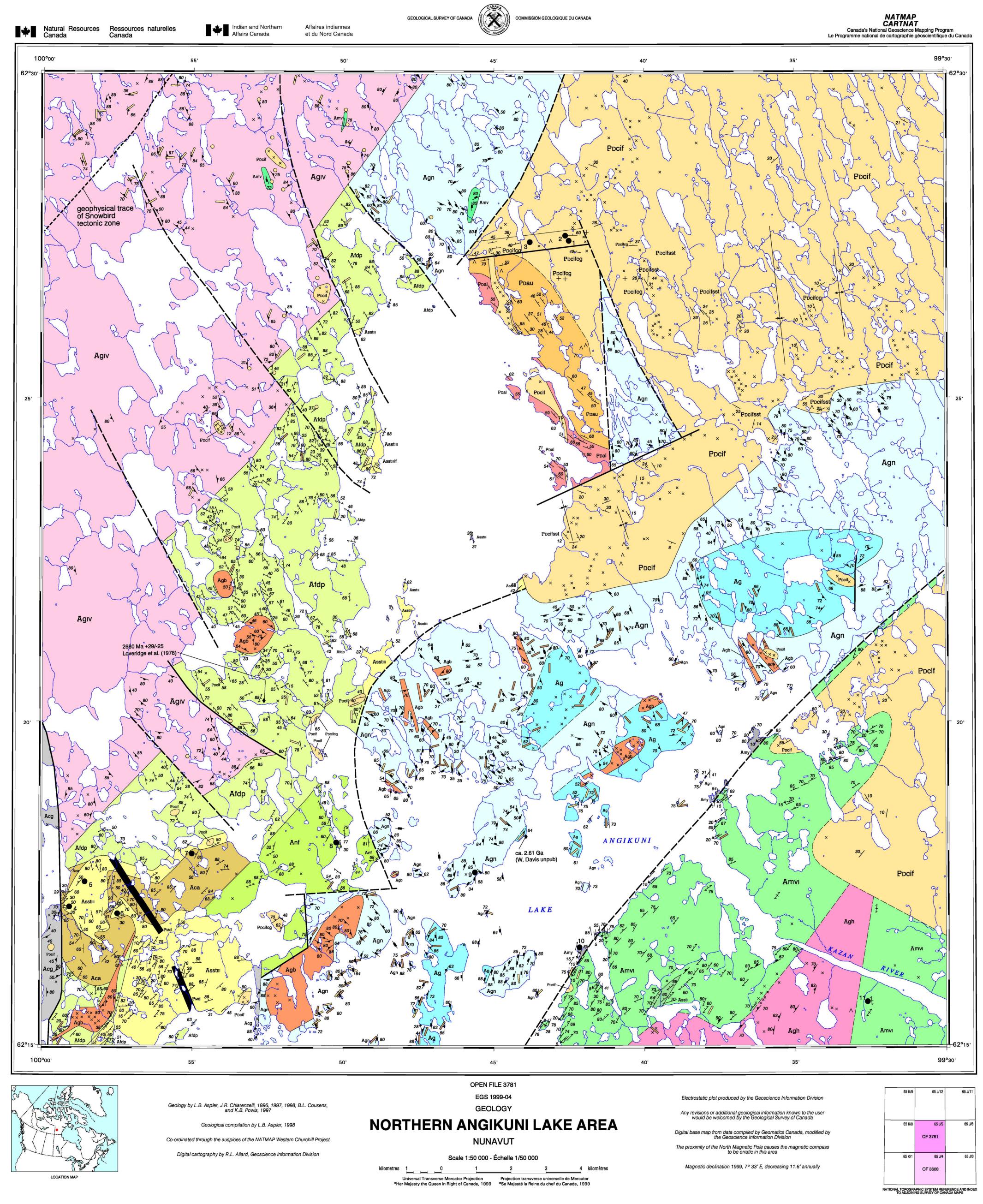
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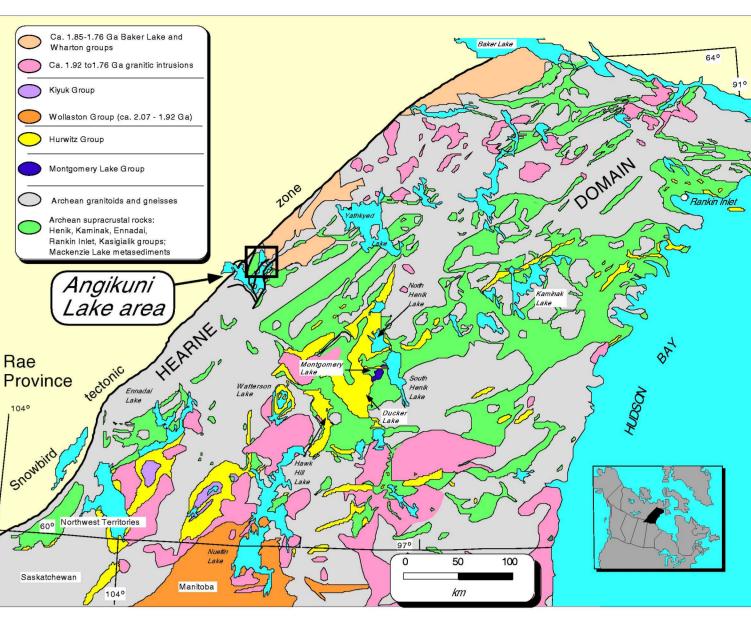


Figure 1. Simplified geology of Hearne Domain and location of study area

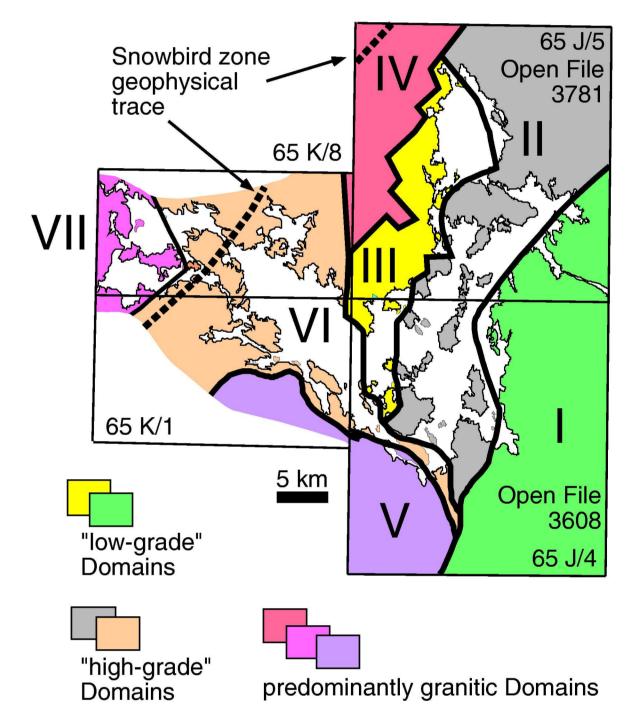


Figure 2. Archean lithostructural domains, Angikuni Lake

Table 1. Geochemistry of grab samples from gossans. ICP-MS by Acme Analytical Laboratories Ltd., Vancouver

LEGEND

PMd Northwest-trending diabase dykes: non-foliated, unmetamorphosed. 1267 +/- 2 Ma

PDCif Christopher Island Formation (PDcif): lamprophyre dykes; minette flows and volcanic breccia; conglomerate and arkose (PDcifcg); arkose (PDcifsst)

Angikuni Formation, upper: redbed siltstone, mudstone, fine-grained arkose

- - UNCONFORMITY -

-- TECTONIC CONTACT --

Amphibolite-grade mylonitic gabbro, tonalite, granodiorite, granite and amphibolite

baddeleyite (LeCheminant and Heaman, 1989)

DUBAWNT SUPERGROUP; BAKER LAKE GROUP

Angikuni Formation, lower: conglomerate, arkose

Greenschist-grade cataclasite; predominantly granitic

INTRUSIVE ROCKS AND ALLIED GNEISSES

Granite, granodiorite, gneiss (Domain IV)

Gabbro dykes, sills and stocks

Granite to tonalite (Domain II)

Mafic to felsic volcanic rocks

sandstone; pelite

Geological boundary (defined, approximate)

Frost heave; probable subjacent outcrop

strike and dip (inclined, vertical) . .

Stretching lineation (azimuth and plunge)

Gossan (with sample site number) .

Gneissosity, strike and dip (inclined, vertical) .

Mylonitic foliation, strike and dip (inclined, vertical)

(upright, overturned, horizontal, tops unknown)

Bedding from pillow lavas strike and dip (upright)

Foliation in plutonic rocks, unspecified generation,

Foliation in supracrustal rocks, unspecified generation,

Fault (defined, approximate)

Axial trace (anticline, syncline)

strike and dip (inclined) .

Shear sense indicator .

Note: relative ages of granitic plutons are unknown

Gneiss; granitic, tonalitic, amphibolitic, psammitic, pelitic

Granite; coarse-grained, hornblende-bearing (Domain I)

Note: Inter-domain relationships of supracrustal units are unknown

Microbial laminated and stromatolitic dolostone; pelite; felsic tuff

Sandstone, conglomerate, microbial laminated dolostone

pillow breccia, tuffs, dacitic interbeds (Domain I)

Intermediate to felsic volcanic rocks: pyroclastic breccia; crystal tuff; agglomerate;

Mafic volcanic-gabbro dykes and sills: subaqueous sheet flows, local pillow lavas,

ca. 2.61 Ga

Mafic volcanic enclaves in plutonic and gneissic rocks outside of Domain I

Subarkose, quartz pebble conglomerate, pelite; iron formation (Asstutif)

--- INTRUSIVE CONTACT -----

MESOPROTEROZOIC

_			Detection	Au 2 ppb	Ag 0.3 ppm	Pt 1 ppb	Pd 1 ppb	Cu 1 ppm	Pb 3 ppm	Zn 1 ppm	Ni 1 ppm	Cr 1 ppm	V 1 ppm	Mo 1 ppm	Fe 0.01 %	Mn 2 ppm	Co 1 ppm	As 2 ppm	Hg 1 ppm	W 2 ppm	Mg 0.01 %	Sb 2 ppm	U 5 ppm
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