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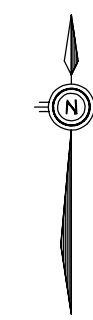


GEOPHYSICAL SERIES - NTS 93N/6, 93N/7, 93N/10, 93N/11 - INDATA LAKE
BRITISH COLUMBIA

FIRST VERTICAL DERIVATIVE OF THE MAGNETIC FIELD

Scale 1:50 000 - Échelle 1/50 000

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High Sensitivity Airborne Gamma-Ray Spectrometric and Aeromagnetic Surveys

Geological Survey of Canada, 2006

In 2004 and 2005, Fugro Airborne Surveys completed nine multi-sensor, airborne geophysical surveys in the entire region of British Columbia for the Geological Survey of Canada, the British Columbia and Yukon Chapter of Mineral Resources, and the industry partners, including Geomagnetic Resources Inc., Yarrow Hill Mining, Ltd., Northern Venture Corp., Gold Resources Inc., and Arctic Resources Ltd. The Geological Survey of Canada provided survey supervision and quality control. The purpose of the surveys was to obtain quantitative gamma-ray spectrometric and aeromagnetic data. The surveys were flown over two seasons, from September 18 to November 17, 2004 and June 15 to August 8, 2005, using either 300-400 or 300-800 helicopters, C-550s, and C-750s.

Gamma-ray Spectrometric Data

The airborne gamma-ray measurements were made with an Epsilon-2000 gamma-ray spectrometer using four 102 x 400 mm NaI (Tl) crystals. The main detector array consisted of eight crystals (total volume 32.8 litres). One crystal (total volume 4.2 litres), shielded by the main array, was used to detect radon gas background radiation caused by atmospheric radon. The system continuously monitored the natural potassium peak for each crystal, and using a Gaussian least squares algorithm, adjusted the gain for each crystal.

Potassium is measured directly from the 1460 keV gamma-ray photons emitted by ⁴⁰K, whereas uranium and thorium are measured indirectly from gamma-ray photons emitted by daughter products (²¹⁴Pb for uranium and ²¹⁴Pb for thorium). Although these daughters are far down their respective decay chains, they are assumed to be in equilibrium with their parents. The gamma-ray spectrometric measurements of uranium and thorium are referred to as equivalent uranium and equivalent thorium, i.e. 40 and 27% of the energy available to measure potassium, uranium and thorium are.

Potassium (K) 1360 - 1560 keV
Uranium (U) 180 - 1800 keV
Thorium (Th) 2410 - 2810 keV

Gamma-ray spectra were recorded at one-second intervals at a planned terrain clearance of 150m or 80m depending on the survey area and on the speed of collection. The total potassium, uranium and thorium counts were derived from the recorded 2048 channel spectra. During processing, the spectra were energy calibrated and counts were accumulated into the windows described above. Counts from the radon detector were recorded in a 1800 - 1800 keV window and radiation of energy greater than 2000 keV was recorded in the cosmic window. The window counts were corrected for dead time, and for background activity from cosmic radiation, the radioactivity of the aircraft and atmospheric radon decay products. The window data were then corrected for spectral tailing in the ground, air and detector. Corrected counts for deviations of aircraft from the planned flight clearance and for variation of atmospheric and pressure were made prior to conversion to ground concentrations of potassium, uranium and thorium, using factors determined from flight over a calibration range over Canada.

Potassium 97.3 cps/kV (2004) 96.3 cps/kV (2005)
Uranium 8.7 cps/kV (2004) 8.4 cps/kV (2005)
Thorium 3.4 cps/kV (2004) 3.7 cps/kV (2005)

Corrected data were filtered and interpolated to a 100m grid for the 1:250 000 scale maps and to a 50m grid for the 1:50 000 and 1:25 000 scale maps. The results of an airborne gamma-ray spectrometric survey represent the average surface concentrations that are influenced by varying amounts of decay. The results of the survey are presented as equivalent uranium and thorium. The measured concentrations are usually lower than the actual bedrock concentration. The total air dose rate was 1.5 mR/hr (15 µSv/hr) and was produced from measured counts between 410 and 2810 keV.

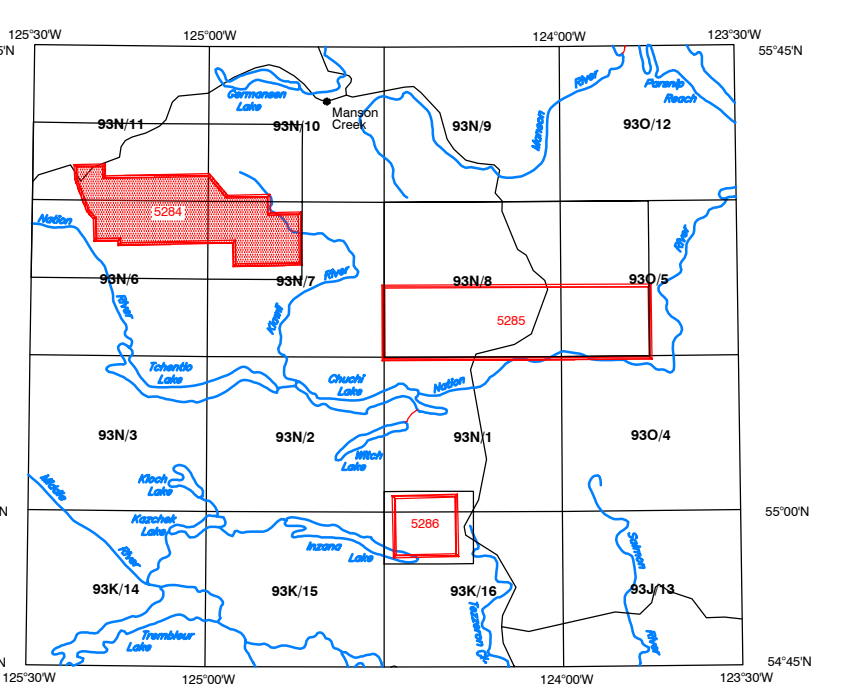
Magnetic Data
The helicopter was equipped with a Scintrex CS-2 cesium vapour magnetic sensor mounted in a 100m configuration. The sensor recorded magnetic data at a rate of 0.1 seconds with a noise level of less than 0.01 nT. Magnetic interference caused by aircraft structures were compensated using an HEM-3000 magnetic compensation system. Diurnal variations and GPS fluctuations were recorded using a Fugro GPS base station.

After adding the survey data, the intersections of traverse and control lines were determined and the differences in the magnetic values were compared, analyzed and manually verified to obtain the leveling network. The International Geomagnetic Reference Field was calculated and removed using a base date of August 6, 2005 and an altitude of 100m. The resulting corrected GPS height for each data point was then used to calculate the magnetic intensity. The first vertical derivative of the magnetic field was calculated from the corrected total magnetic intensity grid using a FFT based frequency domain filtering algorithm.

Positional Data
Line spacing and direction for survey and control lines were selected for each block to ensure the best representation of local geological features. Terrain clearance was monitored by radio altimeter. Positional data were recorded using a dual frequency Novatel Millennium system. GPS groundstation data were combined with airborne GPS data to produce orthorectified positional data with an accuracy of 2 to 5 m.

Data Presentation
Colour levels and contours were calculated for each grid and combined with map surround information to create postscript plot files, which were plotted using HP DesignJet colour plotters.

Planimetric Symbols
Topographic Contour
Drainage
Roads
Canals
Railways
Figure 1: Symbols



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