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LOCATION MAP

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

TERNARY RADIOELEMENT IMAGE

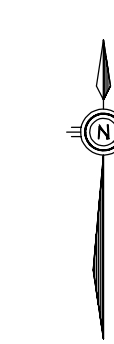
Scale 1:50 000 - Échelle 1/50 000

Kilometres 1 2 3 4 Kilomètres

NAD 83 UTM Zone 18N

Projection: Universal Transverse Mercator
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High Sensitivity Airborne Gamma-Ray Spectrometric and Aeromagnetic Surveys
Central British Columbia, 2004 - 2005

In 2004 and 2005, Fugro Airborne Surveys completed nine multi-sensor, airborne geophysical surveys in the central region of British Columbia for the Geological Survey of Canada, the British Columbia and Yukon Chamber of Mines, Vancouver Island Region, and five industry partners, including Geomagnetic Resources Inc., Tarmac Air, Metasys, Ltd., Metasys Venture Corp., 2488 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 16 to November 17, 2004 and June 15 to August 5, 2005, using Airbus AS640 and AS640B helicopters, C-052C, and C-052D.

Gamma-ray Spectrometric Data
The airborne gamma-ray measurements were made with an Epsilon-1000 (E1000) gamma-ray spectrometer using three 102 x 102 x 400 mm NaI(Tl) crystals. The main detector array consisted of eight crystals (total volume 320 P. liter). One crystal (total volume 4.2 liter), shielded by the main array, was used to detect radon in the background, radon caused by atmospheric radon. The system constantly 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 208Tl 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%. The energy window used to measure potassium, Uranium and Thorium are:

Potassium (K40) 1360 - 1560 keV
Uranium (U238) 1860 - 1960 keV
Thorium (Th232) 2410 - 2610 keV

Gamma-ray spectra were recorded at one-second intervals at a planned terrain clearance of 120m or 60m depending on the survey area and on an aspect of 120km/h. The total potassium, Uranium and Thorium window counts were derived from the recorded raw 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 1460-1860 keV window and radon of energies 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 scattering in the ground, air and detectors. Corrections for deviations of altitude from the planned terrain clearance and for variations of temperature and pressure were made prior to conversion to ground concentrations of potassium, Uranium and Thorium, using factors determined from flight over a calibration range of 0-1000.

Potassium 97.5 cps/km² (2004) 96.3 cps/km² (2005)
Uranium 8.7 cps/km² (2004) 8.4 cps/km² (2005)
Thorium 3.4 cps/km² (2004) 3.7 cps/km² (2005)

Corrected data were filtered and interpolated to a 100m grid for the 1:50 000 scale maps and to a 50m grid for the 1:25 000 and 1:50 000 scale maps. The results of the airborne gamma-ray spectrometric survey represent the average surface concentrations that are influenced by varying terrain characteristics. Interpolated data were used to generate maps of potassium, Uranium and Thorium concentrations. The measured concentrations are usually lower than the actual bedrock concentration. The total air deposited dose rate in microgray per hour 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 1981 high-resolution digital vector magnetometer system. The system recorded magnetic intensity (0.1 seconds) with a noise level of less than 0.01 nT. Magnetic interference caused by aircraft structures was compensated using an IIR-AS202 magnetic compensation. Diurnal variation and GPS fluctuations were recorded using a Fugro CP1 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 magnetic network. The International Geomagnetic Reference Field was calculated and removed using a field date of June 20, 2005, for western Canada and July 17, 2005, for eastern Canada and an altitude of 100m. The differentially corrected GPS height for each data point. The corrected magnetic data was interpolated to a 50m grid using a minimum curvature algorithm. The first vertical derivative grid 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 intersection of local geological features. Terrain clearance was monitored by radar altimeter. Positional data were recorded using a dual frequency Novatel Millennium system. GPS groundstation data were combined with airborne GPS data to produce differentially corrected positional data with an accuracy of 3 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.

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