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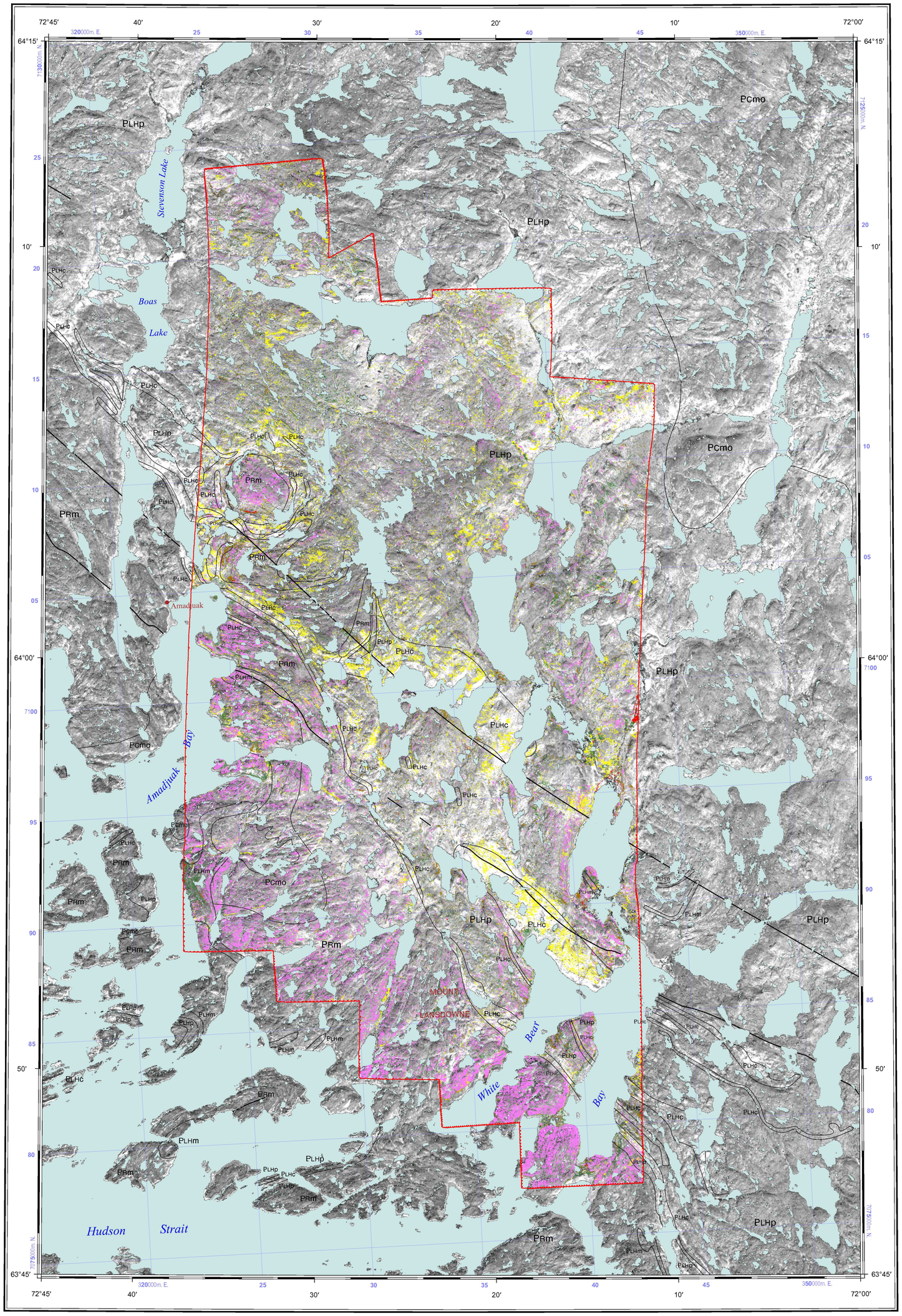

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HYPERSPECTRAL UNITS

WHITE BEAR BAY

BAFFIN ISLAND

NUNAVUT

Scale 1:100 000/Échelle 1/100 000

kilometres 2 0 2 4 6 8 kilometres

Universal Transverse Mercator Projection
North American Datum 1983
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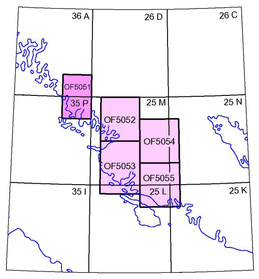

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LEGEND

HYPERSPECTRAL UNITS

The legend below was derived directly from analysis of the airborne PROBE hyperspectral data. Training areas for 12 of the mapped units (see below) were identified by consulting the GSC 1:100 000 scale geology maps, Landsat imagery and available mineral assessment reports. Spectra were generated for each training site and input to A.U.G. Signals' HE/LP (Hyperspectral Exploration/Lithological Processing) algorithm, which produced abundance images for each lithological class. The resulting colours on the map represent areas with a high confidence in the match with the training spectra for each lithological unit. Many areas appear unmapped for two reasons, (1) only areas of exposed rock where analysed, thus areas of snow, ice, water, vegetation, and thick till were excluded and, (2) only areas with the highest spectral match to the training areas (as described above) are shown. The abundance maps have been overlaid on a LANDSAT band 8 TM image (panchromatic band) for geographic reference. Further details on the hyperspectral imaging process can be found in the hyperspectral notes on sheet 2.

- *Unclassified - includes areas excluded from hyperspectral analysis (water, vegetation, thick glacial cover, ice, and snow) as well as areas with lower matches to training spectra*
- *Areas of strong iron oxidation*
- *Granitoid - Type 1* (PNm)
- *Psammite, semipelite* (PLHp and psammitic sub-unit of PBBp)
- *Quartzite (silicic sub-unit of* PBBp*) and carbonate rocks* (PLHc)
- *Mafic rocks* (PLHm)

BEDROCK UNITS

STRUCTURAL LEVEL 3

PALEOPROTEROZOIC

Cumberland Batholith

PCmo Othropyroxene-biotite monzogranite to syenogranite; locally with K-feldspar megacrysts

– intrusive contact –

Lake Harbour Group

PLHm Metagabbro, amphibolite, metaperidotite, layered metaperidotite-metagabbro, metapyroxenite

PLHc Marble, calc-silicate; minor silicilcastic layers; white biotite-garnet leucogranite pods and seams

PLHp Dominantly psammite, feldspathic quartzite; semipelite, orthoquartzite, pelite; minor marble and calc-silicate; white biotite-garnet leucogranite pods and seams

– unconformity? –

ARCHEAN AND PROTEROZOIC

Ramsay River Orthogneiss

PRm Orthopyroxene-biotite±hornblende monzogranite-tonalite orthogneiss; hornblende-biotite-clinopyroxene±orthopyroxene quartz diorite; orthopyroxene-biotite±hornblende monzogranite to syenogranite veins

– major tectonic break (suture) –

Geological contact

Fault

Limit of hyperspectral mapping

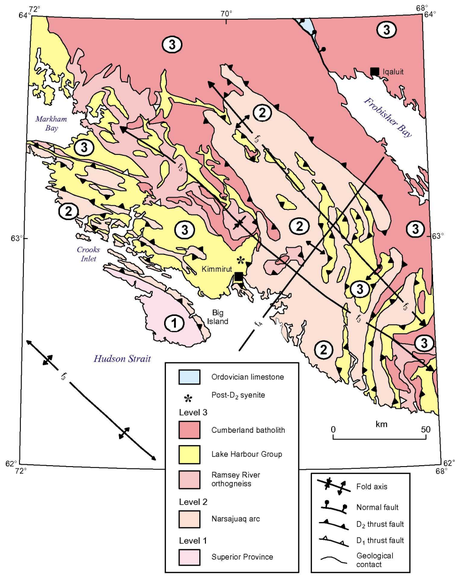

Figure 1. Generalized geology of southern Baffin Island between 68°W and 72°W. Meta Incognita Peninsula, Nunavut (after St-Onge et al., 2001), and identification of the principal structural levels (1–3) and crustal scale folds (f_1–f_3) described in the text.

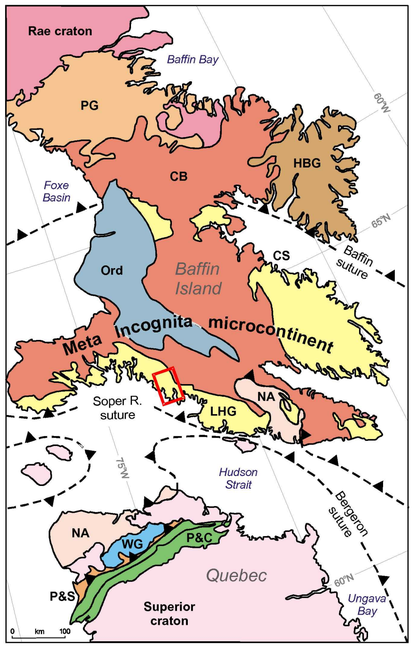

Figure 2. Simplified geological summary map for northern Quebec and Baffin Island. CB Cumberland batholith, CS Cumberland Sound, HBG Hoare Bay Group, LHG Lake Harbour Group and crystalline basement, NA Narsajuaq arc, Ord Ordovician cover, P&S Parent and Spartan groups, P&C Povungnituk and Chukotat groups, PG Piling Group, WG Watts Group. Red outline corresponds to the area covered by this Open File map.

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

TECTONOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNITS (LEVEL 3)

Ramsay River orthogneiss (unit PRm)

Buff- to pink-weathering, layered orthopyroxene-biotite±hornblende dominantly monzogranite-tonalite orthogneiss (unit PRm) occurs in the White Bear Bay area. Descriptions of the orthogneiss unit by Blackadar (1967a) are similar to those for metaplutonic gneisses mapped to the east by St-Onge et al. (2001) and dated by Scott and Wodicka (1998) at ca. 1.95 Ga. In most outcrops the monzogranite-tonalite gneiss is interlayered with subordinate, boudined and discontinuous layers of quartz diorite. All components of the gneiss are crosscut by white to pink biotite monzogranite and syenogranite veins that range from well foliated to relatively massive and from a few centimetres to more than ten metres thick. Similarities in rock type, mineral assemblage, and strain state suggest that the monzogranite and syenogranite veins are related and possibly co-magmatic with the plutons of the Cumberland batholith (*see* below), which intrude units of structural level 3 thoughout southern Baffin Island (Fig. 2). The orthogneiss may represent the stratigraphic basement to Lake Harbour Group units described below. However, this is difficult to evaluate in the field as all observed contacts between orthogneiss and supracrustal units are tectonic. Nevertheless, the age of the orthogneiss and its spatial association with the younger Lake Harbour Group, both restricted to structural level 3, suggest that a primary stratigraphic link is possible.

Lake Harbour Group (units PLHp–PLHm)

The marble, psammite, and semipelite units in the White Bear Bay area are along strike from, or are lithologically similar to rocks of the Lake Harbour Group examined in the type Kimmirut area (Fig. 1). Within these supracrustal rocks, two lithologically and geographically distinct successions are recognized. Along the southern coastal inlets and river valleys between Crooks Inlet and 68°W (Fig. 1), the Lake Harbour Group comprises interlayered garnetiferous psammite, orthoquartzite, semipelite, and pelite (unit PLHp) overlain by prominent, laterally continuous to boudinaged bands of pale grey to white marble and calc-silicate rocks (unit PLHc) ("Kimmirut sequence" of Scott et al. (1997)). Inland and in the Markham Bay area (Fig. 1), exposures of the Lake Harbour Group are dominated by garnetiferous psammite interlayered with semipelite and pelite (unit PLHp) and are essentially devoid of marble and calc-silicate rocks ("Markham Bay sequence" of Scott et al. (1997)). Both successions are intruded by generally concordant sheets of mafic (unit PLHm) to ultramafic rocks.

Within the PLHp unit, semipelite is generally rusty, thinly layered at the centimetre scale, and characterized by abundant graphite. Garnet±cordierite±sillimanite pelite typically occurs as thin layers within the garnet-biotite semipelite. Compositional layers in psammite range from centimetres to tens of centimetres in thickness, and can be traced for as much as hundreds of metres along strike. The layers are defined by variations in the modal abundance of quartz, biotite, lilac garnet, cordierite, sillimanite, and granitic melt pods. Semipelite and pelite are generally subordinate within the psammite and both are generally rusty weathering and characterized by trace amounts of disseminated graphite, pyrite, chalcopyrite, and pyrrhotite. Orthoquartzite occurs as discrete layers with total thicknesses of several metres. It is often graphite bearing, locally contains minor plagioclase, and is strongly recrystallized. Primary sedimentary features such as crossbedding are only rarely preserved within the siliciclastic rocks. White monzogranite, rich in lilac garnet, is a ubiquitous constituent within the siliciclastic package, occurring as concordant layers or pods less than 0.5 m thick. Locally, the white garnetiferous monzogranite outcrops as discrete tabular bodies several hundred metres thick.

Most of the calcareous rocks (unit PLHc) are medium to coarse grained and are locally characterized by compositional layering defined by varying modal proportions of calcite, forsterite, humite, diopside, tremolite, phlogopite, spinel, wollastonite, and at least in the Kimmirut area (Fig. 1) corundum (sapphire). Individual layers range from centimetres to metres in thickness and can be traced for tens of metres along strike. Calc-silicate rocks are commonly interlayered with siliciclastic rocks and are generally associated with marble. Thicknesses of individual calcareous rock sequences range typically between about 2000 m north of Kimmirut and in the Crooks Inlet area (Fig. 1) to about 200m at 68°W. Individual marble units can be traced from 5 to 40 km along strike. Primary structures were not observed in the calcareous rocks.

Generally concordant sheets of medium- to coarse-grained, mafic to ultramafic rocks occur within both sequences of the Lake Harbour Group. Individual bodies are typically 10–20 m thick, but range up to a few hundred metres thick, and continue up to several kilometres along strike. Metagabbroic textures and compositional layering defined by variations in modal abundance of clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, hornblende, and plagioclase are commonly preserved in the mafic bodies (unit PLHm). The concordant nature, tabular shape, and sharp contacts suggest that these bodies are sills.

Cumberland batholith (unit PCmo)

Coarse- to medium-grained, massive to foliated metaplutonic rocks northeast of White Bear Bay, north of Markham Bay, around Frobisher Bay, and at 68°W (Fig. 1) occur along strike from and are continuous with extensive regions underlain by the 1.86–1.85 Ga (Jackson et al., 1990; Wodicka and Scott, 1997; Scott, 1999) Cumberland batholith on southern Baffin Island (Fig. 1; Blackadar, 1967b; Jackson and Taylor, 1972). The principal rock type mapped within the Cumberland batholith in the southern Baffin Island area is a tan- to pink-weathering orthopyroxene-biotite monzogranite (unit PCmo) that is massive to weakly foliated. Along a number of well exposed contacts, septa of monzogranite truncate Ramsay River orthogneiss and Lake Harbour Group host rocks, indicating intrusion following initial juxtaposition of the orthogneiss and the supracrustal units. Isolated, kilometre-scale plutons of pink orthopyroxene-biotite monzogranite northeast of Crooks Inlet and north and east of Kimmirut (Fig. 1), one of which has been dated at 1.85 Ga (Wodicka and Scott, 1997), are interpreted as part of the Cumberland magmatic system.

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