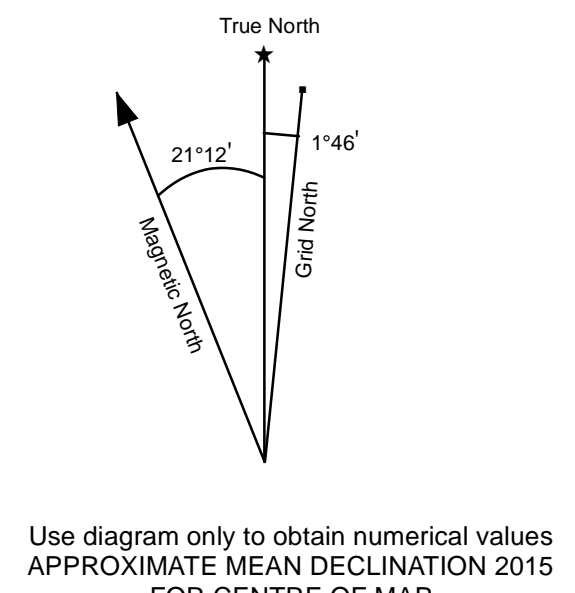
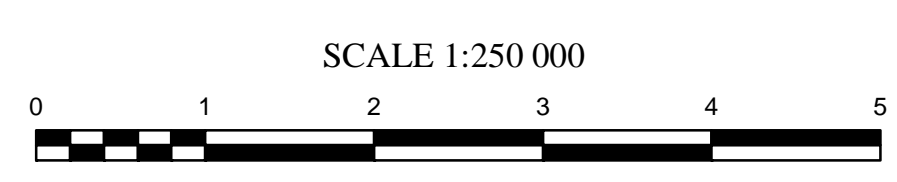


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Map grid coordinates table with columns for Easting (105M-105O) and Northing (105L-105S).

INTRODUCTION

New geochemical data from re-analysis of archived stream sediment samples have been assessed using weighted sums modeling and catchment basin analysis as described in the methodology report that accompanies this map (Mackie et al., 2015). Both commodity and pathfinder element abundances are evaluated to highlight areas that show geochemical responses consistent with a variety of base and precious-metal mineral deposit types.

SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PROGRAMS

Stream sediment and water samples from the Tay River map area (NTS 105K) were collected at a reconnaissance scale in 1988 and 1989 as part of the Canada-Yukon Mineral Development Agreement (Friske and Hornbrook, 1989; Friske et al., 1990). Field descriptions and initial geochemical data for 940 sites were released in Geological Survey of Canada ("GSC") open files 1961 (473 sites) and 2174 (467 sites). New geochemical data from the re-analysis of archived sample material were released in Geological Survey ("YGS") open files 2011-29 and 2012-7 (Jackman, 2011 & 2012). The reader is referred to these open files for detailed descriptions of sampling techniques, analytical procedures and quality control measures.

MINERAL OCCURRENCES

A variety of types of base and precious-metal mineralization are known to occur in the Tay River area as shown in Table 1 (Yukon MINFILE, 2015). These include sedimentary exhalative Zn-Pb-Ag (past-producing Faro, Vandorga and Grum mines); and Swim and Dy deposits and epithermal Au-Ag (Grew Creek) deposits. Polymetallic vein, Pb-Zn skarn, Cu skarn, intrusion-related Au and volcanogenic Zn-Pb-Ag-Cu-Au and Cu-Co massive sulphide mineralization are also documented within the map area.

WEIGHTED SUMS MODELING

As described in the methodology report (Mackie et al., 2015), two approaches have been used to subdue the influence of background lithological variation and secondary absorption on the composition of stream sediments. One uses data levelled by the dominant geology mapped within each catchment, while the other uses residuals calculated from

regression against selected principal components. Weighted sums models (WSM) have been generated using the processed data. The importance rankings used in WSMs are summarized in Table 2 for a variety of deposit types. Each model is optimized for a target deposit type however other deposit types may be represented in a given model due to similarities in elemental abundances and associated factors.

For certain pathfinder elements (e.g., As, Sb and Cd) levelled by dominant lithology did not fully subdue the interpreted stratigraphic control on the spatial distribution of these elements. In order to reduce this impact on the WSM these elements were given low importance rankings (or were omitted) for certain deposit types. Additionally, strong responses for Zn, Pb and Ag related to SEDEX and polymetallic vein mineralization prevented using these elements as pathfinders for other deposit types. For example, negative rankings for Pb and Zn are used in the WSM for epithermal Au-Ag in order to reduce the contribution of Ag related to SEDEX mineralization.

In the case of the WSM for porphyry copper, a negative ranking was assigned to Cd in order to map a terrane effect (high Ag) in the north part of the map area. The first principal component, accounting for ~34% of the total variation, shows high loadings for Se, S, Mo, Cd, Sb, Hg, Ag, Ba and Zn and forms a spatial trend that matches the distribution of the Road River and Earn Groups which contain shale horizons that are likely to be elevated in these metals.

Similarly the second principal component, accounting for ~12% of the total variation, shows high loadings for Sb, As, Pb, Ni, Mo and Ag and forms a spatial trend matching the distribution of Tay, Mount Christie and Jones Lake formations which also contain shale. Regression analysis of these metals against the relevant principal component effectively subduced these terrane-effects while preserving, and in some cases enhancing, responses related to known occurrences. As above, negative rankings were used to differentiate deposit types with similar metal associations. The effectiveness of historical sampling coverage has been assessed empirically using graphs of WSMs plotted against catchment surface area to determine the ideal maximum catchment size (10 km²). Catchments that cover larger areas (shown on the map with bold outlines) are interpreted to have been under-sampled and thus require further sampling to properly evaluate the area for geochemical anomalies.

Given the likelihood that a mineralization 'signal' would be progressively diluted with increase in catchment size, marginally high WSM scores in large catchments could also be of interest.

Table 2: Importance rankings for weighted sums models using data levelled by dominant mapped geology.

Table with 17 columns: Target Deposit Type, Other Deposit Types, and elements Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Mo, Zn, Pb, Ag, Au, As, Ba, Cd, Sn, Sb, Te, Hg, Tl, Bi, W. Rows include SEDEX Pb-Zn-Ag, Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn, VMS (Cu-Rich), Intrusion-related Au, Epithermal Au-Ag, Porphyry Cu-Mo, W Skarn, and Hydromorphic Anomaly.

*SEDEX = sedimentary exhalative; VMS = volcanic-hosted massive sulphide deposits; Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn includes both vein- and matrix-style. †Cobalt residuals are used following regression against Fe. ‡Gold data are not levelled by dominant geology, instead log10 transformed raw data are used.

LEGEND

- Town (yellow square)
Mineral Occurrence (black triangle)
Road (red line)
Contour (brown line)
River (blue line)
NTS map sheet (dashed line)
Water Body (blue area)
Wetland (green area)
Sample Location (black dot)
Catchment >10km² (bold outline)
Catchment (thin outline)

Weighted Sums Model (Geology Levelled)

- Epithermal Au-Ag Deposits
Incomplete element suite (grey square)
0-50th percentile (light blue square)
50-75th percentile (medium blue square)
75-90th percentile (dark blue square)
90-95th percentile (yellow square)
95-98th percentile (orange square)
98-100th percentile (red square)

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Table 1: List of Mineral Occurrences for NTS map sheet 105K (Yukon MINFILE, 2015)

Table with 5 columns: Number, Name, Type, Status, Commodities. Lists 115 mineral occurrences including SKEENA, WOP, RAGS, DARCY, DEELAY, SHONKAP, CITATION, MOURNE, GREW CREEK, FARGO, LHM, CASCA, THOMAS, TILLMAN, EYE, BRIDGE, FAN-TAN, TAKU, GLYN, NESBITT, SPIT, BOBCAT, GREEN VALLEY, HOLLY, ORCHARD, SOCK, SPUR, DOMO, LAD, WELD, TRUMP, LODGE, DARR, ADAMSON, TEL, BETA, BLIND, GENTIAN, CLUB, NASTY, ABRAHAM, BEA, BLACKWOOD, BEA, SWIM, WANN, ELBOW, ST. LUCE, OTCOONOR, BUBBLE, CIRQUE, ARSENO, SHRIMP, VANGORDA, GRUM, KILLAN, KIM, LO, TAY, FARO, FLAGSTONE, BRIDEN, JACOLA, CROWN, LEON, LORNA, RESERVE, PARADOX, MARY, COWARD, PAGE, KWIKWET, COLT, BLUE, HOOT, OWL, KEG, IVAN, SHANNON, COMPLICATION, TRY, REBEL, HAMMER, YETT, MARKS, TEDDY, SIROLA, ANDREW, MYSCHKA, EL PINO, GALWAY, PARLIAMENT, CESSNA, BUNBURY, JON, CHAPLIN, MOR, DY, SELLMER, TENAS, DEV, SIR JOHN A., KILN, WECKIND, LADY DI, PRINCE CHARLES, MT. MENZIE, UNION, STARLIGHT, PONTON, MULTI.

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