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**A Comparison of Analytical Methods Testing
Soils for Gold Exploration in West Wales,
Pembrokeshire**



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Abstract

Pembrokeshire has experienced a resurgence in gold exploration, with Sarn Helen Gold (SHG) seeking to find new gold resources across the region. Plumstone Mountain has been an area of focus from prior exploration efforts by the British Geological Survey (BGS), revealing several prospective features through regional-scale geochemical and geophysical surveys. From July to October 2021, Sarn Helen Gold completed a soil sampling, rock chip sampling and gold panning programme to follow-up on these initial findings by the BGS. This report will synthesis the data analysis conducted to address a series of aims: (1) assess the prospective nature of the Plumstone Mountain study area; (2) evaluate the effectiveness of pXRF, fire assay, multi-element and ionic leach analytical techniques; (3) determine if initial mapping completed by the BGS can be improved upon with new geochemical data.

An approach that integrates geochemistry, geophysics and conceptual thinking is required to explore the mineral potential of Plumstone Mountain due to the lack of surface exposure. Through digital mapping and wider literature, the geological boundaries determined by the BGS can be adjusted to align with new geochemical data. The pXRF has the ability to provide quick and more cost-effective data over the alternative commercial lab techniques. These advantages are critical during an early-stage exploration programme despite the higher limits of detection provided (LOD), with continued pXRF use recommended for future exploration work undertaken by SHG.

Plumstone Mountain contains intensely altered portions of the Roch Rhyolite Group, a rock package which has previously been revealed to contain enriched concentrations of base metals and trace gold mineralisation. A geochemical soil anomaly is present in the north of the study area, corresponding with high concentrations of pathfinder elements (As, Ba, Cu, Fe, Pb, Zn), alongside an Au anomaly identified using ionic leach data. When assessed and compared to other known deposits, the analysis indicates bimodal-felsic volcanogenic massive sulphide mineralisation. However, insignificant gold assay results have limited the potential in supporting further exploration within the study area.

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List of Abbreviations

Ag – Silver

Al – Aluminium

Au – Gold

As – Arsenic

Ba – Barium

BGS – British Geological Survey

BH – Borehole

Ca – Calcium

Cu – Copper

FA – Fire Assay

Fe – Iron

FGDC – Federal Geographic Data
Committee

ICP-AES – Inductively Coupled Plasma
Atomic Emission Spectrometry

IDW – Inverse Distance Weighted
Interpolation

IL – Ionic Leach

K – Potassium

LOD – Limit of Detection

ME – Multi-Element

Mn – Manganese

MRP – Mineral Reconnaissance
Programme

Na – Sodium

OS – Ordnance Survey

Pb – Lead

ppb – Parts per billion

ppm – Parts per million

pXRF – X-Ray Fluorescence
Spectrometry

QAQC – Quality Assurance and Quality
Control

Rb – Rubidium

REE – Rare Earth Elements

SHG – Sarn Helen Gold

S – Sulphur

Sr – Strontium

SSSI – Site of Special Scientific interest

Te – Tellurium

VMS – Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide

Zn – Lead

1. Introduction

1.1 Project Outline

This placement project is in collaboration with Sarn Helen Gold (SHG), a Welsh-based gold exploration company, founded by Dr. Mike Armitage (SHG managing director) and three major stakeholders with extensive experience in the mining industry. In 2021, Sarn Helen Gold secured funding and acquired four Crown Option Agreements as potential targets for economic gold deposits (see Figure 1), determined by the analysis of historical mining data and previous exploration activity. The 2021 field season was led by two graduate geologists and involved six Cardiff University students to help with the collection, analysis and interpretation of geochemical data, with guidance from SRK Exploration Services.

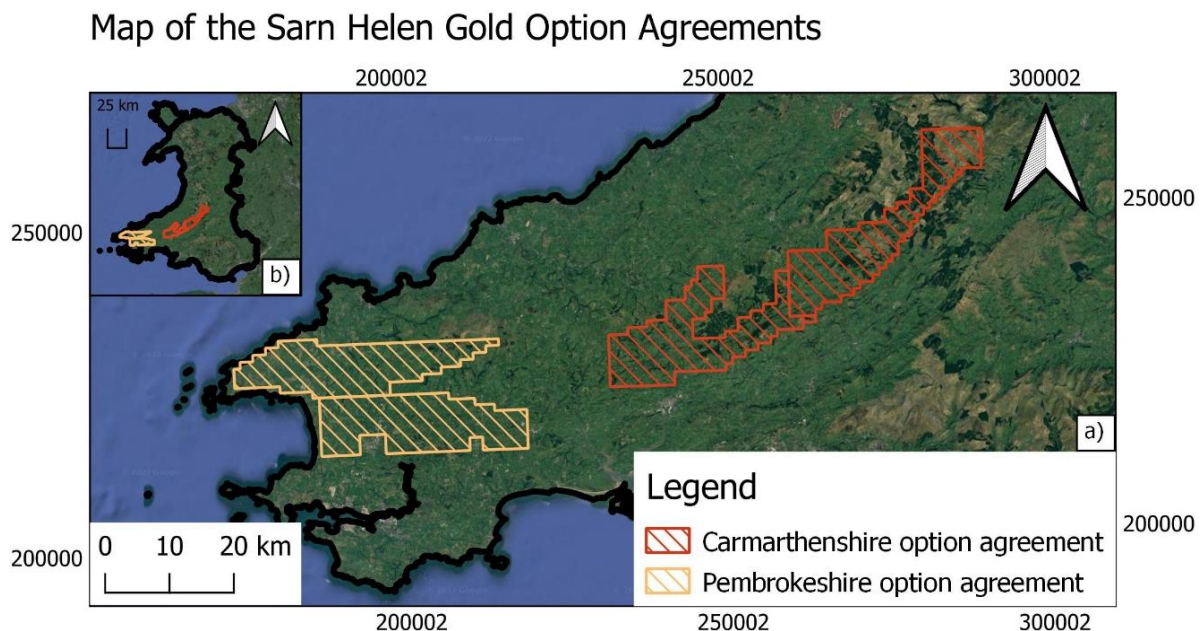


Figure 1: a) Map highlighting the option agreements owned by SHG in 2022, totalling over 1,000km² of land **b)** Location of the option agreements relative to the Welsh border (data provided by SHG and Edina Digimap, 2021)

1.2 Property Description

A total of 5 areas were targeted during the fieldwork season: Plumstone Mountain, Clarbston, Treffgarne, Roch and the Preseli Hills. This project will focus on results collected during an orientation survey at Plumstone Mountain in 2021 (see Figure 2). The land encompassing this area is owned by various farmers and contains a protected SSSI site known as 'Plumstone Head', containing a 25m² outcrop of Flinty Rhyolite. The terrain varies in topography, including farmers' fields, gorse and public footpaths.

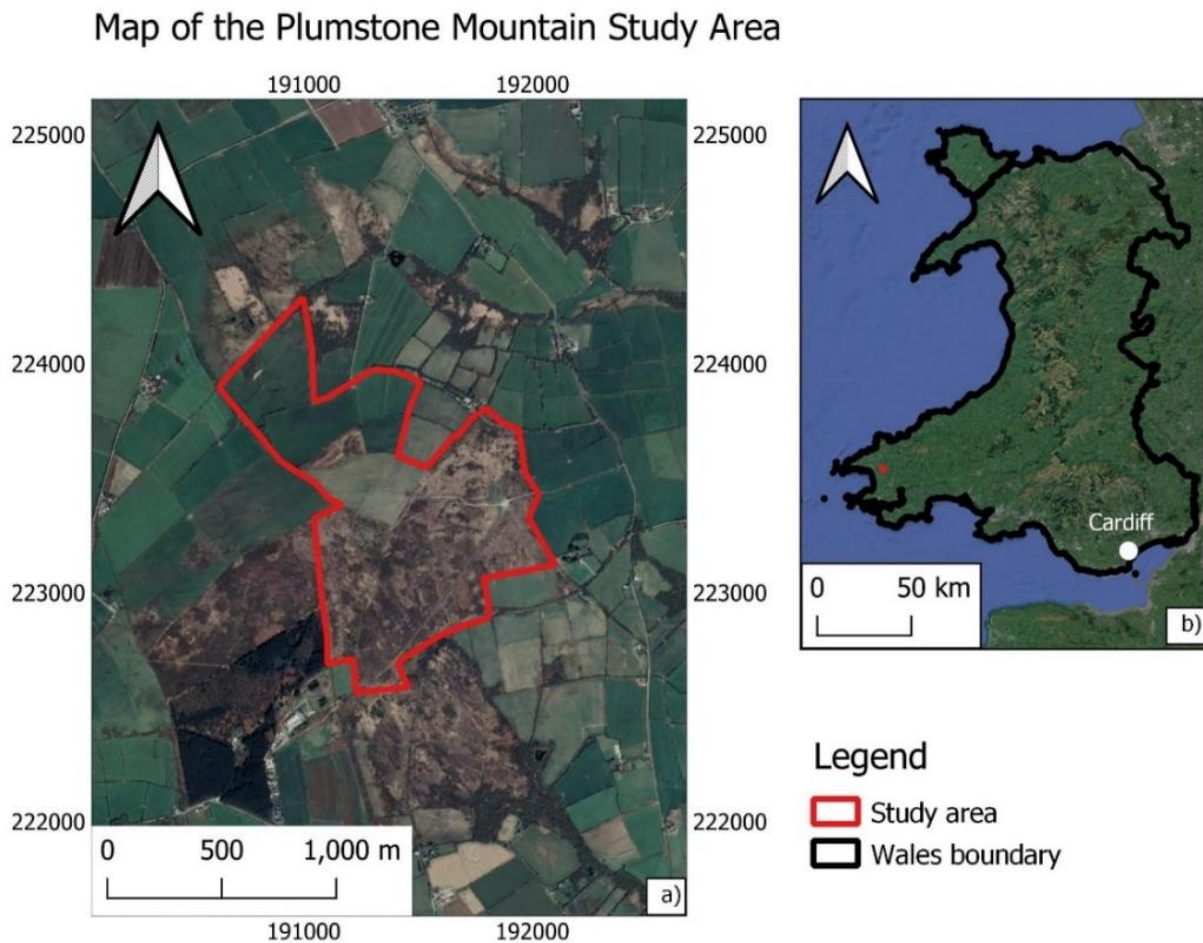


Figure 2: **a)** Map showing the selected study area known as 'Plumstone Mountain', an area forming one of the largest blocks of heathland in Pembrokeshire **b)** Location of the study area relative to the Welsh border (data provided by SHG and Edina Digimap, 2021)

1.3 Company Background

Sarn Helen Gold (SHG) is a Wales-based and Welsh-run gold exploration company focusing on the Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire regions in West Wales. The first field season took place between July and October 2021, focusing on gold exploration in Pembrokeshire using soil geochemistry and gold panning. During 2021, over 4,000 soil samples and 150 rock chip samples were collected by students and geologists (see Figure 3). A second field season has taken place between July and October 2022 with additional students, following up on sites of significant interest and expanding the scope of the project to include the Dolaucothi mining region.

Map of soil sample points collected during the 2021 field season

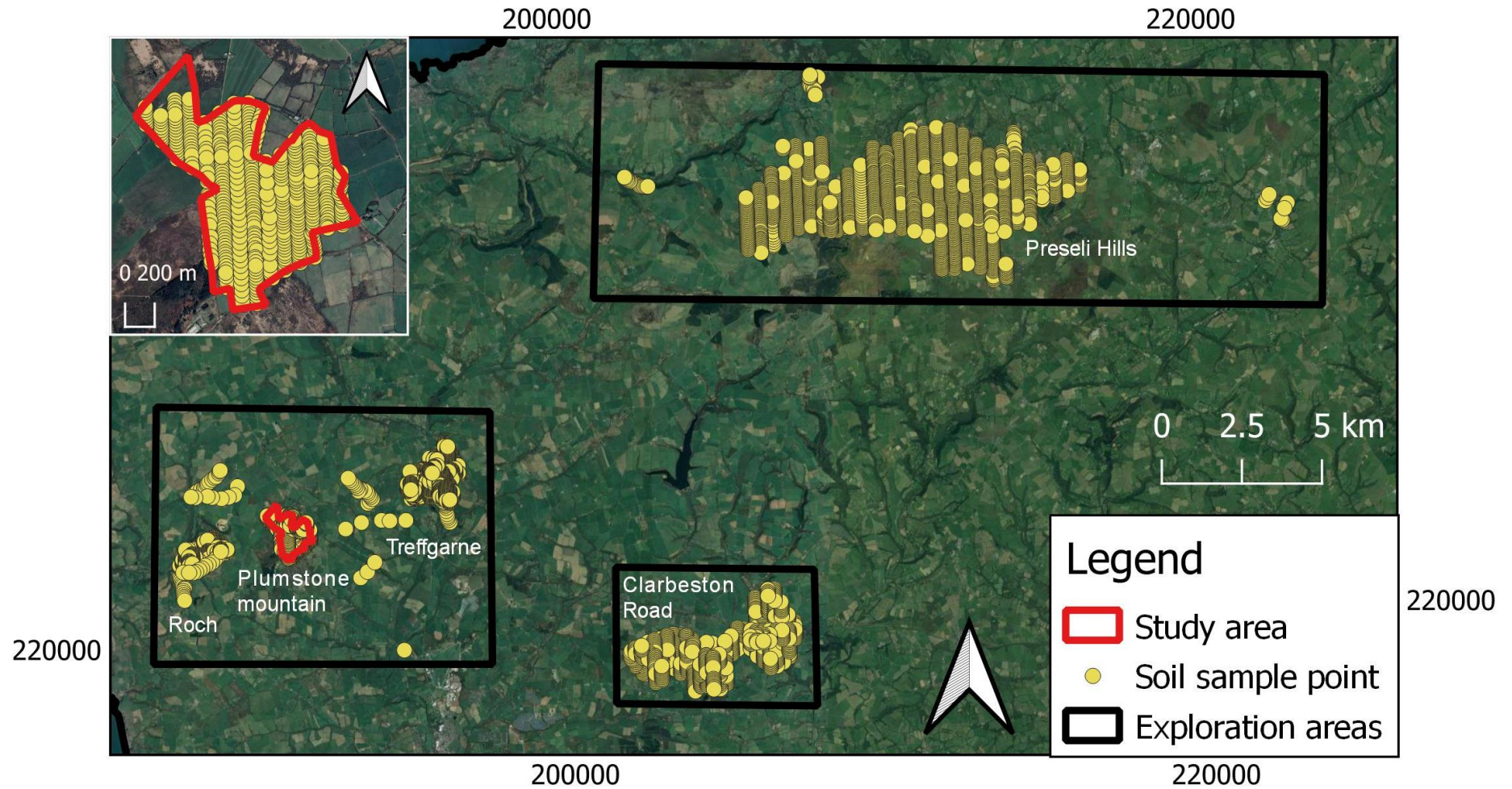


Figure 3: Map of all soil samples collected during the 2021 field season, with over 4000 samples collected in total (data provided by SHG and Edina Digimap, 2021)

1.4 Exploration History

Mineral deposits have been prospective in the Welsh Basin since pre-Roman times. Significantly producing gold deposits include the Parys Mountain VMS deposit located at Anglesey, and the Dolgellau Gold Belt, yielding 90% of Great Britain's gold production (Brown, 1993). There was a more recent resurgence in exploration activity in Wales through the Mineral Reconnaissance Programme (MRP), which was carried out by the British Geological Survey (BGS) between 1974 and 1997, completing more than 20 projects involving a combination of geochemical and airborne geophysical surveys (Norton et al., 2000). These surveys revealed multiple pyrite-bearing and sparse chalcopyrite bearing localities within the Treffgarne area in West Wales.

The Treffgarne area has been previously considered prospective for VMS mineralisation during BGS exploration from 1979 to 1982, due to the presence of extreme silicification and abundant pyrite mineralisation in Ordovician volcanoclastic rocks. A combination of weak geochemical anomalies in overburden and strong IP chargeability anomalies were used to site 3 boreholes along the Roch Rhyolite Group (see Figure 4). The drilling results for borehole 1 (BH1) revealed abundant disseminated pyrite, and up to 3.9% Ba over 4.5m was found in the rhyolitic tuffs (Brown et al., 1987). Furthermore, borehole 2 (BH2) revealed extensive hydrothermal alteration and trace gold mineralisation (2.4 g/t over 3m).

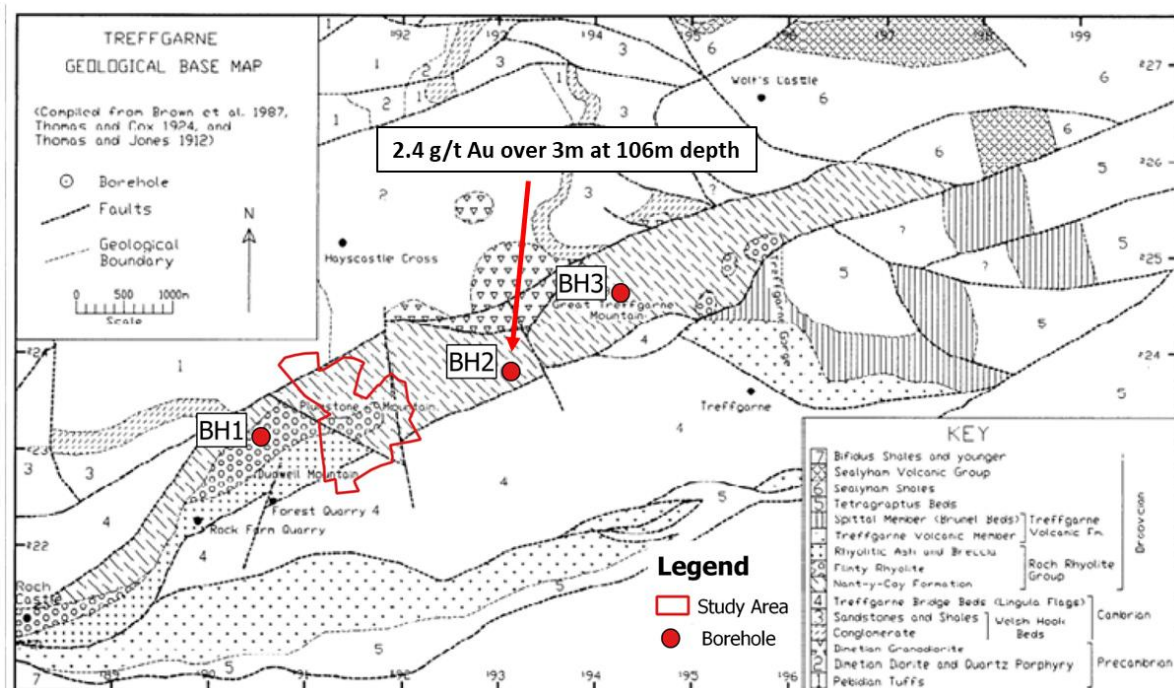


Figure 4: Annotated geological map of Treffgarne with locations of drillholes sited by the BGS, relative to the Plumstone Mountain study area. These boreholes helped identify the Roch Rhyolite Group as one of the most prospective mineral horizons for future exploration (modified from Brown et al., 1987)

1.5 Student Responsibilities

During the field season from July to August 2021, the student collaborated with geologists and fellow students to complete soil sampling, float sampling, gold panning and QAQC tasks. Sampling was conducted in pairs and involved navigation to a planned series of points using a portable GPS, followed by the collection of the sample immediately beneath the organic horizon, as shown in Figure 5. Upon completion of the field season, the role of the student shifted to focus on data analysis and interpretation to provide insight into the gold prospectivity of the Plumstone Mountain.



Figure 5: **a)** Photograph showing the required equipment needed for soil sampling, including an auger, shovel and sample bag **b)** Soil sample extracted via the auger **c)** Geologist extracting gold grains from panned concentrate (photos taken by author from 12/08/21 to 13/08/21)

1.6 Aims and Objectives

This dissertation project will focus on the analysis of primary geochemical data, with the aim of comparing pXRF, multi-element analysis, fire assay and ionic leach datasets to assess the gold prospectivity of Plumstone Mountain and provide exploration recommendations to SHG. Another aim will be to determine whether the geochemistry can be used to map lithological boundaries to improve on current BGS geological maps (see Table 1 for a synthesis of aims, objectives and goals).

Aim	Objectives	Goal
1. Assess the gold prospectivity at Plumstone Mountain	• Use GIS to map the distribution of element concentrations for all analytical techniques • Plot correlation matrices to determine the relationship between different elementals • Plot histograms to graphically represent element concentrations • Interpret the potential deposit type at Plumstone Mountain	To provide exploration recommendations to Sarn Helen Gold for future investigation at Plumstone Mountain
2. Evaluate different geochemical analytical techniques used for exploration	• Establish the limitations of pXRF, fire assay, ionic leach and multi-element analysis within the scope of the project • Identify effective elemental pathfinders for each geochemical technique	To suggest which techniques would be most appropriate for future exploration in the study area
3. Improve the current BGS geological map for the study area	• Analyse the pXRF datasets of soil and float samples and relate this to their geospatial locations • Make detailed observations and analyses of hand specimens collected in the field	To constrain geochemical anomalies within specific lithological boundaries for future exploration

Table 1: The aims, objectives and goals decided for the placement project

2. Geological Setting

2.1 Regional Geology

Pembrokeshire is located in south-west Wales and lies within the Palaeozoic Welsh Basin, containing rocks that range from Neoproterozoic to Carboniferous in age. The Welsh Basin experienced subsidence from the Cambrian to late Silurian. A back-arc setting was developed by the basin, resulting in extensive volcanism and developed the potential for mineralisation associated with this setting (Brown et al., 1987). The tensional stage of the Welsh Basin has created a series of horst and graben structures on the basin margins, and faults relating to these structures may have acted as pathways for the mobilisation of hydrothermal fluids. In northern Pembrokeshire there is a structural grain that runs approximately ENE-WSW (see Figure 6), originating from the Caledonian Orogeny (Cameron et al., 1984).

A significant proportion of rocks within Pembrokeshire are igneous in origin, with resistant intrusive and extrusive rocks outcropping to form craggy hills such as the Preseli Hills. Precambrian rocks that were formed by volcanic arcs, along with Cambrian sedimentary rocks, occur in the core of two anticlines: one being aligned along St David's Peninsula, and the other trending towards the east from Brawdy (John, 2019). Pembrokeshire contains an Ordovician succession which is dominated by argillaceous sedimentary rocks and interspersed with dominantly submarine volcanic rocks, cut with intrusions associated to volcanic events (Allen et al., 1985). These volcanic rocks are associated with voluminous epiclastic sedimentary rocks which includes black shales and turbidite mudstones, which are occasionally pyritic and may preserve stratiform mineralisation (Cooper et al., 2000).

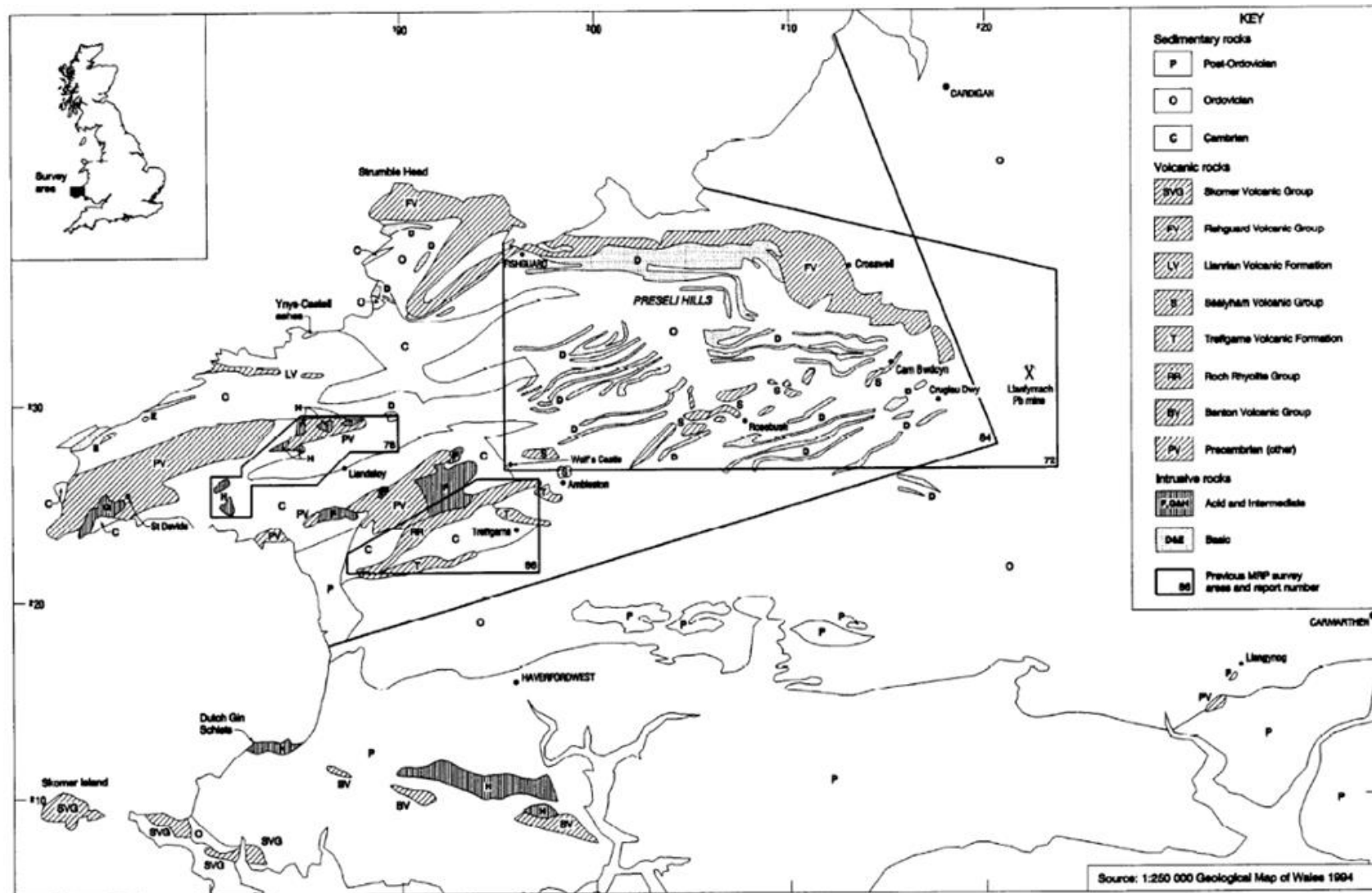


Figure 6: Simplified geological map of Pembrokeshire, with black outlines highlighting previous MRP survey areas. Volcanic rocks highlight ENE-WSW structural grain (Colman et al., 1995)

2.2 Local Geology

Plumstone mountain is located towards the western part of the Treffgarne region, containing rocks that range from Ordovician to Precambrian in age (see Figures 4 and 8). The oldest of these is the Precambrian Ramsey Sound Group, an andesitic tuff that is situated towards the north-west of the study area. This unit is intruded by an unnamed igneous unit, which has a quartz-feldspar porphyritic composition (Cameron et al., 1984). Next in the stratigraphy (see Figure 7) is the Cambrian Lingula Flags Formation (often referred to as the Treffgarne Bridge Beds). This a succession of grey micaceous shales with sandy mudstones and occupies the majority of South Treffgarne (Colman et al., 1995).

Next in sequence is the Ordovician Roch Rhyolite Group, a large grouping of volcanic and sedimentary rocks. This group lacks significant exposure in the study area, likely due to extensive drift cover and has made the discovery of mineralisation from surface outcrop unlikely (Cooper et al., 2000). Within this group is a succession of siliceous siltstones with thinly muddy bands and volcanoclastic material known as the Nant-y-Coy Formation. This unit is frequently altered and contains abundant disseminated pyrite, being identified as a potential mineralisation horizon (Brown et al., 1987). The Roch Rhyolite Formation is also part of the Roch Rhyolite group and contains an intensely silicified 'Flinty Rhyolite', in addition to laharic breccias with abundant rhyolite blocks (Rhyolitic Ash and Breccia).

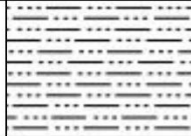
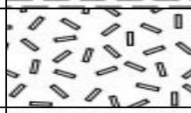
Age	Group/Formation			Lithology	
Ordovician	Roch Rhyolite Group	Roch Rhyolite Formation	Rhyolitic Ash and Breccia	Laharic, silicified breccia composed of angular to subangular blocks of up to 1m long of rhyolitic rocks and mudstone in a muddy matrix and ash	
			Flinty Rhyolite	Yellowish Grey, silicified rhyolite with blocky pseudo brecciated texture	
		Nant-y-Coy Formation		Thinly laminated siliceous siltstones with muddy bands and volcanoclastic material. Frequently altered and contains abundant disseminated pyrite	
Cambrian	Lingula Flags Formation			Green-grey micaceous shales with black, sandy mudstones	
Precambrian	Unnamed Igneous Intrusion			Quartz-Feldspar porphyry	
	Ramsey Sound Group			Andesitic tuff	

Figure 7: Simplified lithological column of the geology at Plumstone Mountain (created using data from Brown et al., 1987, Colman et al., 1995 and FGDC, 2006)

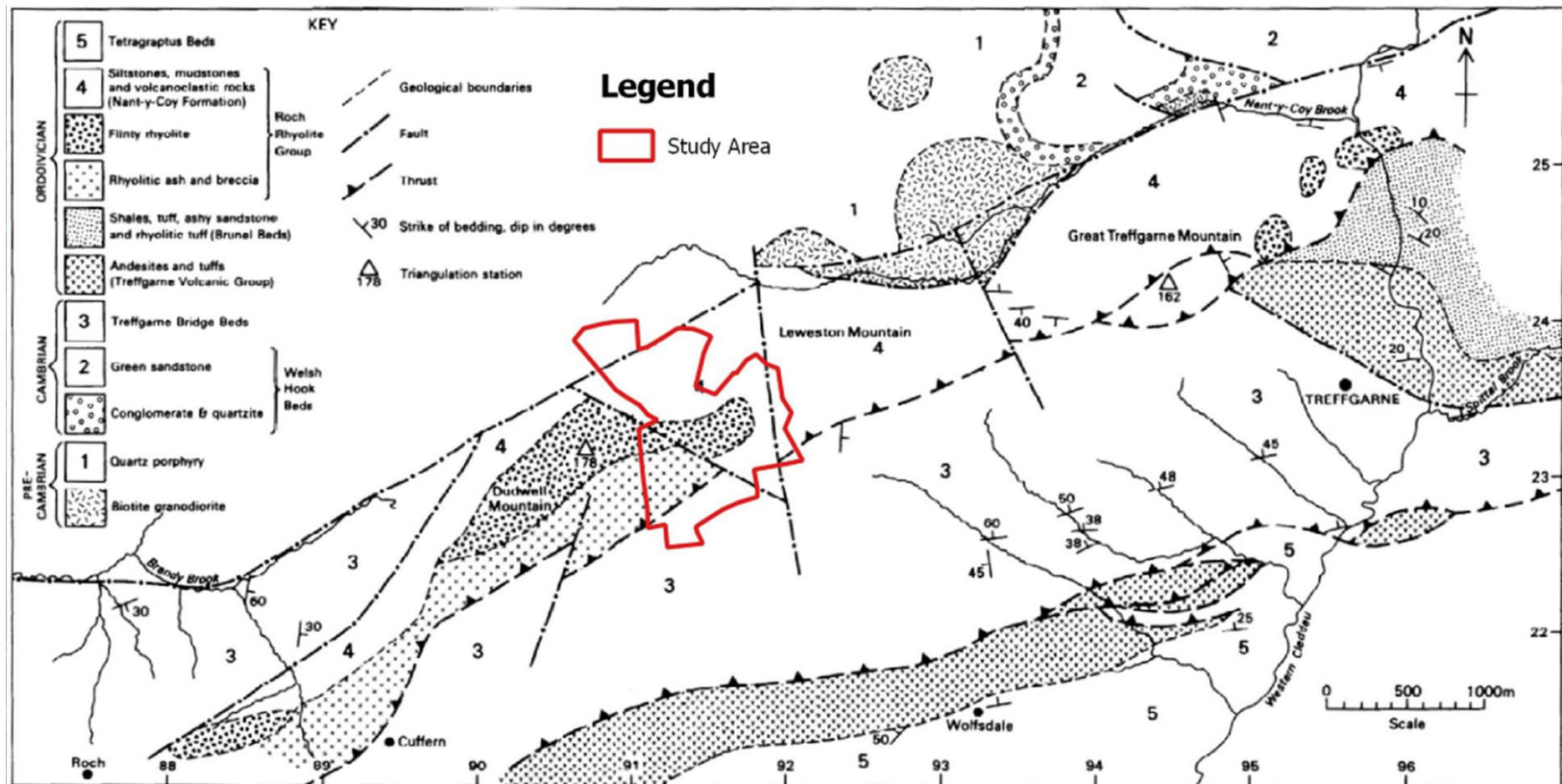


Figure 8: Geological map of the Treffgarne area, including the geology of the Plumstone Mountain study area (modified from Brown et al., 1987)

3. Methodology and Data Collection

3.1 Land Access

Land ownership was initially identified using the HM Land Registry. Sarn Helen Gold communicated with private landowners at Plumstone Mountain to gain permission for sample collection. Once permission was granted from an owner, details for neighbouring owners were often provided to help acquire all of the needed approvals. The study area also contained common land where it was not required to gain permission.

3.2 Sample Collection

3.2.1 Soil Sampling

Soil sampling was the primary method used to collect data as a cost-effective, non-invasive method of covering large target areas, with a total of 294 samples being collected in the study area. Sample points were planned along north-south orientated lines on a grid, with these lines having spacings of 200m east-west. Each sample point had spacings of 20m north-south along a planned line. These orientations allowed the sampling lines to cut across the major east-west structural trend.

The location of sample points were stored on a Garmin GPS and the sample number was recorded on the sampling datasheet (see Figure 9). Samples were collected using a combination of an auger, shovel and trowel and it was critical to pre-contaminate the equipment with material from the corresponding sample location. A 150-200g sample was collected at approximately 1m depth at the target B-horizon to prevent contamination from roots in the organic horizon (see Figures 11 and 12).

Sampling controls for ionic leach were more specific, which required the majority of air in a sample bag to be removed, then sealed and kept airtight. Additionally, only plastic instruments could be used to extract the soil because the technique is sensitive to metal ion contamination. In order to be cost-effective, a selection of ionic leach samples was collected with 40m spacing instead of 20m for standard soil samples.

Sarn Helen Gold
Soil Sample Collection Sheet

Location: Tref
Date: 11/07/21

Sample ID	UTM X	UTM Y	Moisture D, M, W	Colour	Texture	Auger Y/N	Depth (cm)	Notes	Samplers
5621800	90700	23540	D	F4	L	N	10		
002	90699	23580	D	G4	L	N	12		
003	90700	23591	D	G4	L	N	10		
004	90700	23601	D	G4	L	N	10		
005	90700	23621	D	F4	L	N	12		
006	90699	23640	D	G3	L	N	10		
007	90700	23760	M	G3	L	N	10		
008	90801	23698	M	F4	L	N	10		
009	91098	23709	M	G4	G	N	10		
010	91099	23638	M	G4	L	N	10		
011	91099	23561	M	G4	L	N	20	bit organic	
012	91099	23536	M	F4	L	N	10		
013	91000	23500	M	F4	L	N	10		
014	91100	23560	M	F4	L	N	10	16 inches	
015	91099	23530	M	F4	L	N	10		
016	91100	23540	M	F4	L	N	10	16 inches	
017	91193	23621	M	F4	L	N	15		
018	91203	23662	M	G4	G	N	20		
019	91203	23645	M	G4	L	N	20	bit organic	
020	91206	23622	M	F4	L	N	10		
021	91202	23603	M	F4	L	N	10		
022	71100	23500	M	F4	L	N	10		
023	91100	23600	M	F4	L	N	10		
024	91101	23334	M	F4	C	N	15		
25	91100	23244	M	G3	O	N	15	dry	
26	91196	23265	M	G5	O	N	15		
27	9000	23299	M	F4	C	N	20		

Figure 9: Completed sampling sheet used in the field. The recorded features of the soil include texture (sand, clay, loam, gravel or organic), moisture (wet, moist or dry), colour through comparison with a Munsell colour chart and depth (photo taken by Jake Bhakta on 13/08/21)



Figure 10: Soil samples laid out for appropriate QAQC procedure involving photography, weighing of samples, digitizing paper data sheets onto Microsoft Excel and uploading GPS tracks (photo taken by author on 13/07/21)

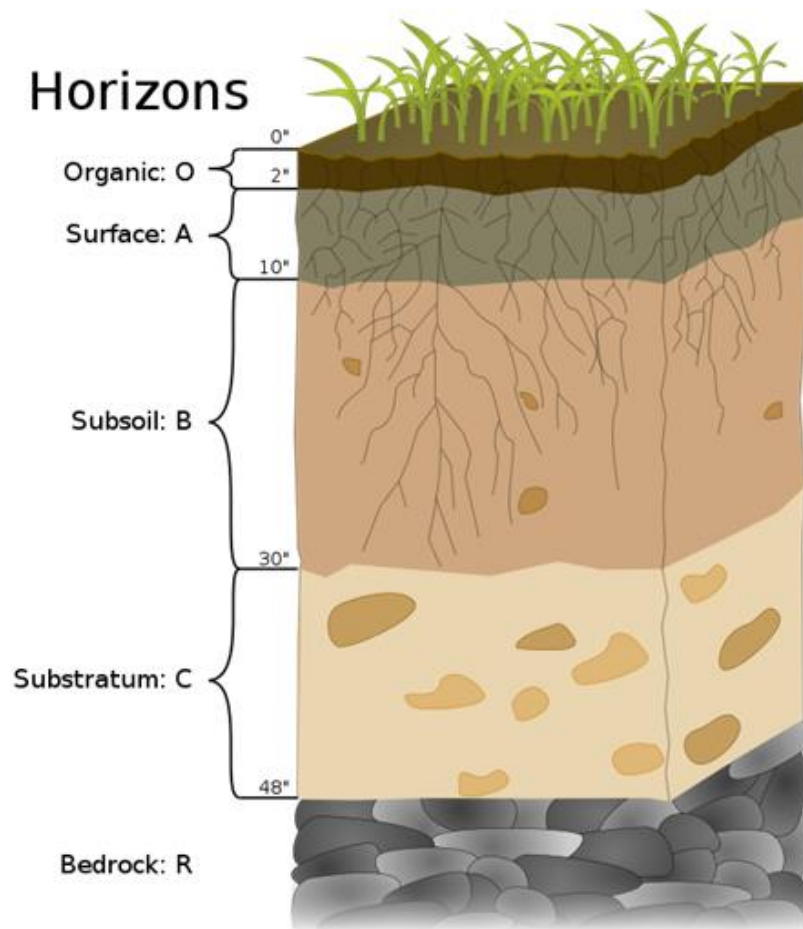


Figure 11 (left): Schematic diagram of soil horizons and the typical distances at which different horizons are found. In cases where there were larger rocks or particularly thick organic layers, it was required to adjust the sample point to a few metres away so that a sufficient quantity of soil from the B-horizon could be taken. (Natural Resources Conservation Service, 2021)



Figure 12: Auger being used in the field, with an annotated soil sample to highlight different soil horizons seen in the field (photos taken by author on 13/08/21)

3.2.2 Float and Rock Chip Sampling

During soil sampling, there were particular localities that warranted follow-up investigation and collection of rock samples. This involved the use of a geological pick where outcrop was visible, or fist-sized samples of float could be collected. In total, 4 float and rock chip samples displaying significant alteration and pyrite mineralisation (see Figure 13) were collected and analysed by pXRF and fire assay.



Figure 13: Photo of a rock chip sample collected at an outcrop of the Nant-y-Coy Formation. The sample is a laminated, siliceous siltstone with abundant disseminated pyrite. Thumbnail is 1cm for scale. (photo taken by author on 27/07/21)

3.3 Geochemical Analysis Methods

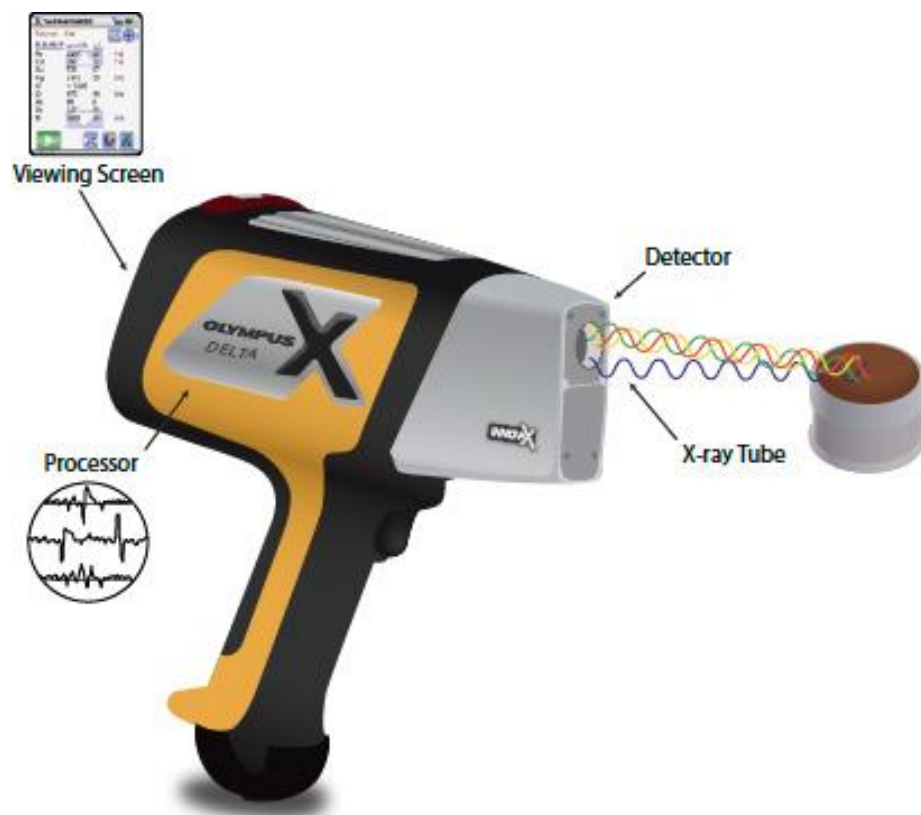
3.3.1 Portable X-Ray Fluorescence (pXRF)

Portable X-Ray fluorescence spectrometry (pXRF) was selected as the main geochemical analytical technique for the programme (see Figure 14), due to the advantage of pXRF being able to rapidly screen samples whilst being cost-effective and versatile. The pXRF was used to measure major and trace element concentrations within a sample, with limits of detection (LOD) being as low as a few parts per million (ppm). An X-Ray beam is generated from the device which excites secondary X-Rays in a selected sample (see Figure 15), causing the fluorescence of atoms to produce an X-Ray spectrum (Rollinson, 1993).



Figure 14 (left): The SHG Olympus Delta Premium Alloy Plus Analyser (DP2000) being calibrated by Geologist Jamie Price. Prior to sample analysis, the pXRF device was calibrated by scanning 3 samples of known composition that were created by SHG. The pXRF was set to soil mode which ran two 30kv beams each lasting 15 seconds. (photo taken by author on 09/07/21)

Figure 15 (right): Schematic configuration of an Olympus DELTA handheld XRF. The X-Ray spectrum produced contains characteristic wavelengths that correspond to specific elements present in the sample (Olympus IMS, 2022)



3.3.2 Fire Assay (FA)

Fire assay was selected as a reliable and robust analytical technique to provide Au concentrations, providing consistent detection levels with a lower limit of 0.001ppm (ALS Global, 2014). This a two-stage process involving fusion with a reagent and cupellation to yield a precious metal bead (see figure 16). This bead is then digested using nitric acid and hydrochloric acid and analysed by ICP-AES to provide results for Au recovery.



Au-ICP21/Au-ICP22 – Fire Assay Fusion – ICP-AES Finish

Sample Decomposition:

Fire Assay Fusion (FA-FUSPG1 & FA-FUSPG2)

Analytical Method:

Inductively Couple Plasma – Atomic Emission Spectrometry

A prepared sample is fused with a mixture of lead oxide, sodium carbonate, borax, silica and other reagents as required, inquarted with 6 mg of gold-free silver and then cupelled to yield a precious metal bead.

The bead is digested in 0.5 mL dilute nitric acid in the microwave oven. 0.5 mL concentrated hydrochloric acid is then added and the bead is further digested in the microwave at a lower power setting. The digested solution is cooled, diluted to a total volume of 4 mL with de-mineralized water, and analyzed by inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectrometry against matrix-matched standards.

Method Code	Element	Symbol	Units	Sample Weight (g)	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Default Overlimit Method
Au-ICP21	Gold	Au	ppm	30	0.001	10	Au-GRA21
Au-ICP22	Gold	Au	ppm	50	0.001	10	Au-GRA22

Figure 16: ALS geochemical procedure for fire assay fusion with an ICP-AES finish. Multi-element analysis and ionic leach geochemical procedures included in Appendix 2. (ALS Global, 2014)

3.3.3 Multi-Element Analysis (ME)

Multi-element analysis was assessed as a potential exploration technique because it can provide concentrations for large suites of pathfinder elements with significantly low detection limits (ALS Global, 2019). This technique uses a four acid digest on a prepared 0.25g sample, which is combined with dilute hydrochloric acid and then analysed by ICP-AES.

Four acid digestions are able to dissolve most minerals and has provided an increased suite of 35 elements compared to the 25 elements provided by pXRF.

3.3.4 Ionic Leach (IL)

Ionic leach has been selected because it enhances signal to noise ratios and is designed to detect subtle yet diagnostic responses at the surface level, which can be used to characterise mineral systems at both the subsurface and at greater depth (SGS, 2021). Ionic element species are particularly mobile but element mobility is strongly controlled by soil pH conditions, and a concern is that the technique is particularly sensitive to contamination. The methodology for ionic leach uses a static sodium cyanide leach (see Figure 17), with an ultra-sensitive ICP-MS being used to provide sub-ppb detection limits for critical pathfinder elements (ALS Global, 2013).

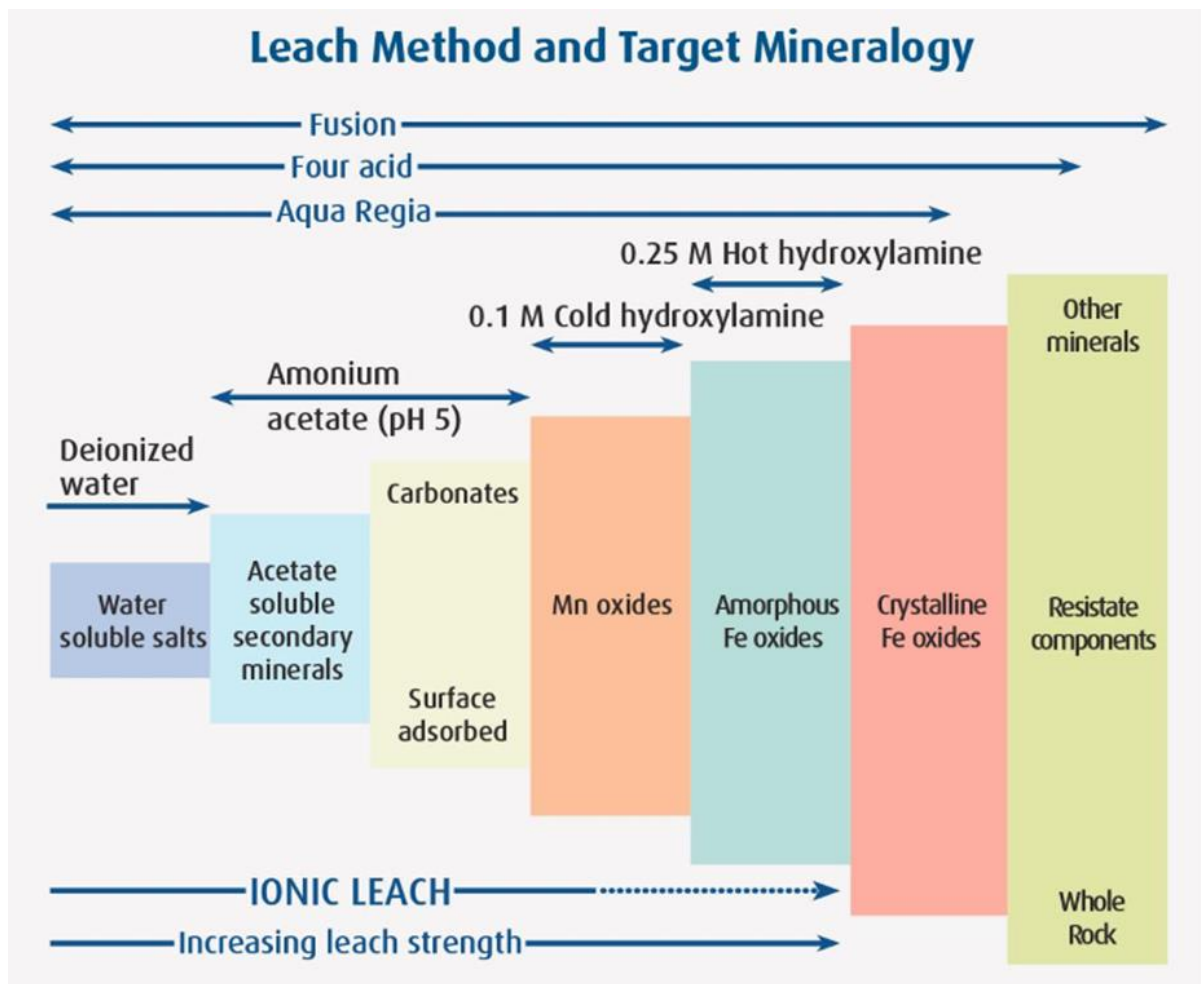


Figure 17: Schematic diagram of ionic leach method and target mineralogy. Ionic leach has the advantage of measuring elements that have been released at depth and then mobilised to the surface (ALS Global, 2013)

3.4 Software Utilised

Name	Version	Use
Garmin Basecamp	4.7.4	Installation of pre-determined sample points onto handheld GPS device
Avenza Maps	4.1.1	Navigation to sample points using downloaded maps
Google Earth Pro	7.3	Check terrain and navigation routes at study area
Microsoft Excel	2016	Statistical analysis (Summary statistics, Pearson's correlation matrices, log-probability plots, histograms)
PAST	4.11	Statistical analysis (Box and whisker plots)
Microsoft Word	2016	Report writing
QGIS	3.16.12	Spatial analysis

Table 2: Table of software with corresponding versions utilised during the project

4. Results

In total, 294 soil samples were analysed using a pXRF device and a selection of 93 soil samples were sent for further analysis to ALS Life Sciences, Ireland (full list of elements analysed listed in Table 3 below). These further analysis methods included fire assay with an ICP-AES finish (Au-ICP21), trace level methods using conventional ICP-AES analysis (ME-ICP61) and pH controlled ionic leach with ICP-MS finish (ME-MS23). Full copies of the raw data are listed in Appendix 3-5.

Technique	Samples Analysed	Elements Analysed
pXRF	294	Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Se, Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, Mo, Ag, Cd, Sn, Sb, W, Hg, Pb, Bi, Th and U.
Fire Assay	93	Au
Multi-Element Analysis	93	Ag, Al, As, Au, Ba, Be, Bi, Ca, Cd, Co, Cr, Cu, Fe, Ga, K, La, Mg, Mn, Mo, Na, Ni, P, Pb, S, Sb, Sc, Sr, Th, Ti, Tl, U, V, W and Zn.
Ionic Leach	93	Ag, As, Au, Ba, Be, Bi, Br, Ca, Cd, Ce, Co, Cr, Cs, Dy, Er, Eu, Fe, Ga, Gd, Ge, Hf, Hg, Ho, I, In, La, Li, Lu, Mg, Mn, Mo, Nb, Nd, Ni, Pb, Pd, Pr, Pt, Rb, Re, Sb, Sc, Se, Sm, Sn, Sr, Ta, Tb, Te, Th, Ti, Tl, Tm, U, V, W, Y, Yb, Zn, and Zr.

Table 3: Table summarising the number of soil samples and elements analysed for each analytical technique
(Data from SHG and ALS Global)

5. Data Analysis

5.1 Rationale of Data Analysis

Data analysis was focused on identifying and mapping the concentration of typical Au pathfinders, which have a higher mobility than Au and may provide haloes around Au mineralisation. Although the initial focus was directed to As as a pathfinder element (due to associations with arsenopyrite at Dolaucothi), the focus was expanded to other elements that correlate with Au to assist in defining vectors towards potential Au mineralisation. Statistical analysis has been used to determine which elements correlate strongly with Au, and the spatial analysis component has focused on establishing geochemical anomalies within the data to guide mapping and exploration recommendations.

5.2 Statistical Analysis

5.2.1 Pearson's Correlation Matrices

Pearson's correlation matrices were used to determine significant correlations between elements for all analytical techniques, including Au by both FA and IL (see Tables 4-7). Table 7 highlights that Au (IL) correlates strongly with Cu (IL) at 0.74, Ni (IL) at 0.68 and Mn (IL) at 0.59. However, all Au (FA) and remaining Au (IL) correlation values are below the significance threshold of 0.55. The highest values for Au (FA) are with Cu (FA) at 0.16, Cu (pXRF) at 0.22, Zn (IL) at 0.21. The highest values for Au (IL) are with As (pXRF) at 0.21, Mn (ME) at 0.42 and Zn (ME) at 0.47. As has significant correlations with Al, Ca, Fe, K, Mn, Na, Ni, Rb and Zn. Both Cu and Pb have a lack of significant correlations across the majority of the data, but correlate significantly with each other at 0.56 for pXRF. Both Mn and Zn correlate significantly with each other, in addition to both As and Fe.

Pearson's Correlation Matrix for pXRF Soil Data

	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	As	Se	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Mo	Cd	Sb	Pb	Bi	Th	U
V	0.30	0.30	0.40	0.51	0.09	0.30	0.29	0.39	0.52	0.11	0.63	-0.15	0.54	0.03	0.06	-0.01	0.06	0.13	-0.09	0.42	0.01
Cr			0.42	0.35	-0.03	0.34	0.20	0.35	0.45	0.02	0.45	-0.16	0.45	0.04	-0.03	0.01	0.05	0.07	-0.08	0.31	-0.05
Mn	0.40	0.42		0.61	-0.02	0.64	0.25	0.81	0.80	-0.07	0.65	-0.33	0.57	0.29	-0.04	-0.06	-0.04	0.17	-0.33	0.47	-0.07
Fe	0.51	0.35	0.61		0.00	0.55	0.20	0.63	0.74	0.24	0.81	-0.38	0.38	-0.15	0.00	-0.04	0.03	-0.01	-0.27	0.43	-0.13
Co	0.09	-0.03	-0.02	0.00		0.06	0.26	0.04	-0.03	0.23	0.01	-0.02	0.04	-0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.26	-0.03	0.05	-0.01
Ni	0.30	0.34	0.64	0.55	0.06		0.18	0.64	0.57	-0.02	0.50	-0.22	0.42	0.21	-0.03	-0.05	-0.03	0.12	-0.23	0.38	-0.05
Cu	0.29	0.20	0.25	0.20	0.26	0.18		0.27	0.23	0.12	0.27	-0.19	0.37	0.12	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.56	-0.07	0.25	-0.06
Zn	0.39	0.35	0.81	0.63	0.04	0.64	0.27		0.70	-0.05	0.67	-0.34	0.58	0.23	-0.04	-0.07	-0.02	0.17	-0.34	0.43	-0.09
As	0.52	0.45	0.80	0.74	-0.03	0.57	0.23	0.70		-0.03	0.81	-0.36	0.59	0.08	-0.01	-0.05	0.00	0.06	-0.29	0.50	-0.10
Se	0.11	0.02	-0.07	0.24	0.23	-0.02	0.12	-0.05	-0.03		-0.02	0.04	0.00	-0.04	0.20	-0.03	-0.02	0.15	0.02	-0.02	-0.03
Rb	0.63	0.45	0.65	0.81	0.01	0.50	0.27	0.67	0.81	-0.02		-0.46	0.66	-0.15	-0.05	-0.04	0.07	0.01	-0.25	0.55	-0.13
Sr	-0.15	-0.16	-0.33	-0.38	-0.02	-0.22	-0.19	-0.34	-0.36	0.04	-0.46		-0.17	0.04	0.14	-0.01	-0.01	0.05	0.00	-0.12	0.52
Y	0.54	0.45	0.57	0.38	0.04	0.42	0.37	0.58	0.59	0.00	0.66	-0.17		0.33	-0.02	-0.03	0.06	0.21	-0.20	0.53	-0.07
Zr	0.03	0.04	0.29	-0.15	-0.03	0.21	0.12	0.23	0.08	-0.04	-0.15	0.04	0.33		0.01	0.03	-0.07	0.16	-0.10	0.09	0.01
Mo	0.06	-0.03	-0.04	0.00	0.00	-0.03	0.00	-0.04	-0.01	0.20	-0.05	0.14	-0.02	0.01		0.00	0.00	0.01	0.10	-0.06	-0.01
Cd	-0.01	0.01	-0.06	-0.04	0.00	-0.05	0.01	-0.07	-0.05	-0.03	-0.04	-0.01	-0.03	0.03	0.00		0.00	-0.07	0.11	-0.08	-0.01
Sb	0.06	0.05	-0.04	0.03	0.00	-0.03	0.00	-0.02	0.00	-0.02	0.07	-0.01	0.06	-0.07	0.00	0.00		-0.04	-0.03	0.06	-0.01
Pb	0.13	0.07	0.17	-0.01	0.26	0.12	0.56	0.17	0.06	0.15	0.01	0.05	0.21	0.16	0.01	-0.07	-0.04		0.01	0.07	0.08
Bi	-0.09	-0.08	-0.33	-0.27	-0.03	-0.23	-0.07	-0.34	-0.29	0.02	-0.25	0.00	-0.20	-0.10	0.10	0.11	-0.03	0.01		-0.23	-0.06
Th	0.42	0.31	0.47	0.43	0.05	0.38	0.25	0.43	0.50	-0.02	0.55	-0.12	0.53	0.09	-0.06	-0.08	0.06	0.07	-0.23		-0.03
U	0.01	-0.05	-0.07	-0.13	-0.01	-0.05	-0.06	-0.09	-0.10	-0.03	-0.13	0.52	-0.07	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.08	-0.06	-0.03	

Table 4: Pearson's correlation matrix for pXRF data. Values greater than 0.55 have been classed as significant. Green = 0.55-0.60, Yellow = 0.61-0.70, Orange = 0.71-0.80, Red = 0.80+. The pXRF has significantly higher detection limits relative to the lab-based techniques used and required the removal of some elemental data that was below the LOD (Ag, Sn, W and Hg) (Data from SHG and ALS Global)

Pearson's Correlation Matrix for pXRF Soil Data with Au

	Au (FA)	Au (IL)	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Ni	Cu	Zn	As	Se	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Pb	Bi	Th	U
Au (FA)		-0.10	-0.08	-0.03	0.07	-0.21	0.10	0.16	-0.09	-0.04	-0.02	-0.15	-0.04	-0.05	0.11	0.19	0.00	-0.11	0.05
Au (IL)	-0.10		0.00	0.27	0.11	0.05	0.14	-0.05	0.13	0.21	-0.05	0.19	0.00	0.26	-0.08	0.02	0.06	0.02	-0.07
V	-0.08	0.00		0.43	0.57	0.59	0.40	0.30	0.50	0.63	0.05	0.71	-0.27	0.59	0.16	0.06	-0.24	0.54	0.07
Cr	-0.03	0.27	0.43		0.57	0.38	0.44	0.24	0.49	0.46	0.04	0.47	-0.27	0.47	0.21	0.10	-0.11	0.31	-0.06
Mn	0.07	0.11	0.57	0.57		0.66	0.59	0.29	0.82	0.80	-0.04	0.73	-0.42	0.61	0.31	0.22	-0.34	0.55	-0.08
Fe	-0.21	0.05	0.59	0.38	0.66		0.57	0.20	0.66	0.79	0.22	0.88	-0.46	0.36	-0.11	-0.16	-0.39	0.57	-0.11
Ni	0.10	0.14	0.40	0.44	0.59	0.57		0.11	0.51	0.56	0.04	0.54	-0.28	0.39	0.17	-0.07	-0.17	0.45	-0.05
Cu	0.16	-0.05	0.30	0.24	0.29	0.20	0.11		0.32	0.31	0.00	0.34	-0.26	0.40	0.26	0.39	-0.16	0.20	0.06
Zn	-0.09	0.13	0.50	0.49	0.82	0.66	0.51	0.32		0.71	-0.03	0.74	-0.42	0.58	0.18	0.19	-0.40	0.52	-0.07
As	-0.04	0.21	0.63	0.46	0.80	0.79	0.56	0.31	0.71		0.01	0.86	-0.43	0.58	0.13	0.06	-0.40	0.63	-0.08
Se	-0.02	-0.05	0.05	0.04	-0.04	0.22	0.04	0.00	-0.03	0.01		0.05	0.02	-0.09	0.00	-0.20	-0.07	0.09	-0.03
Rb	-0.15	0.19	0.71	0.47	0.73	0.88	0.54	0.34	0.74	0.86	0.05		-0.54	0.66	0.01	-0.01	-0.40	0.59	-0.07
Sr	-0.04	0.00	-0.27	-0.27	-0.42	-0.46	-0.28	-0.26	-0.42	-0.43	0.02	-0.54		-0.26	-0.07	0.03	0.06	-0.18	0.10
Y	-0.05	0.26	0.59	0.47	0.61	0.36	0.39	0.40	0.58	0.58	-0.09	0.66	-0.26		0.50	0.12	-0.25	0.46	-0.11
Zr	0.11	-0.08	0.16	0.21	0.31	-0.11	0.17	0.26	0.18	0.13	0.00	0.01	-0.07	0.50		0.15	-0.10	0.18	0.05
Pb	0.19	0.02	0.06	0.10	0.22	-0.16	-0.07	0.39	0.19	0.06	-0.20	-0.01	0.03	0.12	0.15		-0.04	-0.17	0.19
Bi	0.00	0.06	-0.24	-0.11	-0.34	-0.39	-0.17	-0.16	-0.40	-0.40	-0.07	-0.40	0.06	-0.25	-0.10	-0.04		-0.31	-0.06
Th	-0.11	0.02	0.54	0.31	0.55	0.57	0.45	0.20	0.52	0.63	0.09	0.59	-0.18	0.46	0.18	-0.17	-0.31		-0.10
U	0.05	-0.07	0.07	-0.06	-0.08	-0.11	-0.05	0.06	-0.07	-0.08	-0.03	-0.07	0.10	-0.11	0.05	0.19	-0.06	-0.10	

Table 5: Pearson's correlation matrix for pXRF data, including Au for fire assay (Au FA) and ionic leach (Au IL). Values greater than 0.55 have been classed as significant. Green = 0.55-0.60, Yellow = 0.61-0.70, Orange = 0.71-0.80, Red = 0.80+. Numbers in bolded red text highlight the highest correlations with Au that are below 0.55. (Data from SHG and ALS Global)

Pearson's Correlation Matrix for Multi-Element Analysis Soil Data

	Au (FA)	Au (IL)	Ag	Al	As	Ba	Be	Bi	Ca	Cd	Co	Cr	Cu	Fe	Ga	K	La	Mg	Mn	Mo	Na	Ni	P	Pb	S	Sb	Sc	Sr	Th	Ti	Tl	V	Zn
Au (FA)		-0.08	-0.04	-0.01	-0.06	0.10	-0.02	0.02	0.07	-0.10	0.12	0.02	0.22	0.00	0.05	0.01	0.05	0.09	0.00	0.18	0.09	0.10	-0.05	0.05	-0.14	0.03	0.00	-0.16	0.05	0.05	-0.06	-0.03	0.04
Au (IL)	-0.08		-0.07	0.18	0.35	0.09	0.25	-0.02	0.26	0.07	0.27	0.32	0.04	0.22	0.21	0.27	0.17	0.27	0.42	-0.15	0.28	0.31	0.47	-0.14	-0.06	-0.02	0.21	-0.25	-0.01	-0.12	-0.01	0.22	0.47
Ag	-0.04	-0.07		-0.02	-0.13	-0.12	-0.06	0.05	-0.10	-0.02	-0.11	0.01	0.00	-0.12	-0.12	-0.11	-0.19	-0.10	-0.08	0.00	-0.11	-0.12	-0.02	0.20	0.03	-0.05	-0.03	0.08	-0.01	0.00	-0.02	-0.07	-0.11
Al	-0.01	0.18	-0.02		0.75	0.73	0.92	0.01	0.66	0.18	0.34	0.81	0.29	0.82	0.80	0.90	0.61	0.61	0.45	0.38	0.80	0.38	0.34	-0.04	-0.32	0.28	0.97	-0.40	0.31	-0.39	-0.02	0.87	0.45
As	-0.06	0.35	-0.13	0.75		0.52	0.85	-0.07	0.68	0.34	0.41	0.83	0.09	0.80	0.72	0.86	0.57	0.64	0.70	0.18	0.74	0.48	0.52	-0.06	-0.23	0.24	0.73	-0.50	0.26	-0.59	0.04	0.80	0.61
Ba	0.10	0.09	-0.12	0.73	0.52		0.72	-0.10	0.47	0.09	0.18	0.55	0.32	0.59	0.64	0.77	0.65	0.44	0.25	0.37	0.64	0.22	0.13	-0.21	-0.51	0.18	0.77	-0.51	0.22	-0.10	0.01	0.65	0.23
Be	-0.02	0.25	-0.06	0.92	0.85	0.72		-0.01	0.74	0.20	0.47	0.91	0.24	0.87	0.82	0.98	0.65	0.73	0.61	0.31	0.91	0.54	0.48	-0.06	-0.33	0.23	0.92	-0.56	0.25	-0.49	0.02	0.86	0.63
Bi	0.02	-0.02	0.05	0.01	-0.07	-0.10	-0.01		0.11	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.08	-0.06	0.01	-0.05	-0.13	0.05	0.11	-0.10	-0.03	0.08	0.04	0.27	0.01	0.09	-0.01	0.13	0.05	0.05	-0.03	0.06	0.05
Ca	0.07	0.26	-0.10	0.66	0.68	0.47	0.74	0.11		0.23	0.45	0.76	0.07	0.64	0.61	0.73	0.50	0.68	0.71	0.05	0.70	0.60	0.51	-0.02	-0.20	0.21	0.64	-0.41	0.24	-0.37	0.13	0.67	0.64
Cd	-0.10	0.07	-0.02	0.18	0.34	0.09	0.20	0.04	0.23		0.05	0.29	-0.01	0.16	0.16	0.20	0.15	0.19	0.42	-0.06	0.11	0.14	0.23	0.03	-0.07	0.13	0.13	-0.16	-0.02	-0.20	-0.04	0.24	0.21
Co	0.12	0.27	-0.11	0.34	0.41	0.18	0.47	0.00	0.45	0.05		0.55	0.22	0.56	0.39	0.48	0.19	0.84	0.61	-0.03	0.68	0.86	0.34	0.14	-0.27	0.12	0.28	-0.50	-0.03	-0.47	0.08	0.32	0.74
Cr	0.02	0.32	0.01	0.81	0.83	0.55	0.91	0.04	0.76	0.29	0.55		0.20	0.83	0.76	0.88	0.58	0.79	0.78	0.20	0.86	0.66	0.58	0.01	-0.25	0.22	0.78	-0.56	0.15	-0.55	0.06	0.83	0.72
Cu	0.22	0.04	0.00	0.29	0.09	0.32	0.24	0.08	0.07	-0.01	0.22	0.20		0.12	0.20	0.24	0.06	0.25	0.08	0.31	0.28	0.21	0.13	0.42	-0.19	-0.13	0.31	-0.26	-0.03	-0.17	-0.05	0.16	0.19
Fe	0.00	0.22	-0.12	0.82	0.80	0.59	0.87	-0.06	0.64	0.16	0.56	0.83	0.12		0.77	0.86	0.49	0.75	0.60	0.28	0.85	0.58	0.38	-0.11	-0.29	0.31	0.78	-0.52	0.19	-0.59	0.05	0.80	0.60
Ga	0.05	0.21	-0.12	0.80	0.72	0.64	0.82	0.01	0.61	0.16	0.39	0.76	0.20	0.77		0.83	0.58	0.58	0.48	0.34	0.75	0.39	0.40	-0.01	-0.28	0.24	0.78	-0.48	0.26	-0.40	0.10	0.79	0.49
K	0.01	0.27	-0.11	0.90	0.86	0.77	0.98	-0.05	0.73	0.20	0.48	0.88	0.24	0.86	0.83		0.68	0.74	0.61	0.28	0.91	0.54	0.47	-0.08	-0.37	0.25	0.90	-0.60	0.27	-0.47	0.03	0.86	0.63
La	0.05	0.17	-0.19	0.61	0.57	0.65	0.65	-0.13	0.50	0.15	0.19	0.58	0.06	0.49	0.58	0.68		0.38	0.35	0.19	0.56	0.20	0.29	-0.23	-0.42	0.13	0.66	-0.41	0.17	0.00	0.11	0.66	0.30
Mg	0.09	0.27	-0.10	0.61	0.64	0.44	0.73	0.05	0.68	0.19	0.84	0.79	0.25	0.75	0.58	0.74	0.38		0.75	0.13	0.88	0.90	0.41	0.14	-0.35	0.24	0.54	-0.60	0.07	-0.57	0.08	0.61	0.79
Mn	0.00	0.42	-0.08	0.45	0.70	0.25	0.61	0.11	0.71	0.42	0.61	0.78	0.08	0.60	0.48	0.61	0.35	0.75		-0.11	0.64	0.72	0.70	0.06	-0.21	0.14	0.41	-0.52	0.01	-0.51	0.08	0.62	0.81
Mo	0.18	-0.15	0.00	0.38	0.18	0.37	0.31	-0.10	0.05	-0.06	-0.03	0.20	0.31	0.28	0.34	0.28	0.19	0.13	-0.11		0.22	-0.05	-0.08	0.19	-0.14	0.17	0.36	-0.16	0.10	-0.16	-0.01	0.36	-0.07
Na	0.09	0.28	-0.11	0.80	0.74	0.64	0.91	-0.03	0.70	0.11	0.68	0.86	0.28	0.85	0.75	0.91	0.56	0.88	0.64	0.22		0.71	0.40	-0.04	-0.39	0.26	0.78	-0.62	0.25	-0.48	0.03	0.73	0.68
Ni	0.10	0.31	-0.12	0.38	0.48	0.22	0.54	0.08	0.60	0.14	0.86	0.66	0.21	0.58	0.39	0.54	0.20	0.90	0.72	-0.05	0.71		0.42	0.14	-0.24	0.14	0.32	-0.53	-0.07	-0.51	0.09	0.39	0.78
P	-0.05	0.47	-0.02	0.34	0.52	0.13	0.48	0.04	0.51	0.23	0.34	0.58	0.13	0.38	0.40	0.47	0.29	0.41	0.70	-0.08	0.40	0.42		0.15	0.09	-0.06	0.36	-0.27	-0.05	-0.45	0.08	0.51	0.79
Pb	0.05	-0.14	0.20	-0.04	-0.06	-0.21	-0.06	0.27	-0.02	0.03	0.14	0.01	0.42	-0.11	-0.01	-0.08	-0.23	0.14	0.06	0.19	-0.04	0.14	0.15		0.16	-0.09	-0.09	0.01	-0.12	-0.31	-0.03	-0.04	0.16
S	-0.14	-0.06	0.03	-0.32	-0.23	-0.51	-0.33	0.01	-0.20	-0.07	-0.27	-0.25	-0.19	-0.29	-0.28	-0.37	-0.42	-0.35	-0.21	-0.14	-0.39	-0.24	0.09	0.16		-0.07	-0.30	0.70	-0.07	-0.01	-0.04	-0.33	-0.12
Sb	0.03	-0.02	-0.05	0.28	0.24	0.18	0.23	0.09	0.21	0.13	0.12	0.22	-0.13	0.31	0.24	0.25	0.13	0.24	0.14	0.17	0.26	0.14	-0.06	-0.09	-0.07		0.21	-0.07	0.25	-0.05	0.14	0.26	0.05
Sc	0.00	0.21	-0.03	0.97	0.73	0.77	0.92	-0.01	0.64	0.13	0.28	0.78	0.31	0.78	0.78	0.90	0.66	0.54	0.41	0.36	0.78	0.32	0.36	-0.09	-0.30	0.21		-0.40	0.28	-0.28	-0.02	0.86	0.43
Sr	-0.16	-0.25	0.08	-0.40	-0.50	-0.51	-0.56	0.13	-0.41	-0.16	-0.50	-0.56	-0.26	-0.52	-0.48	-0.60	-0.41	-0.60	-0.52	-0.16	-0.62	-0.53	-0.27	0.01	0.70	-0.07	-0.40		-0.01	0.41	-0.08	-0.44	-0.52
Th	0.05	-0.01	-0.01	0.31	0.26	0.22	0.25	0.05	0.24	-0.02	-0.03	0.15	-0.03	0.19	0.26	0.27	0.17	0.07	0.01	0.10	0.25	-0.07	-0.05	-0.12	-0.07	0.25	0.28	-0.01		-0.04	-0.02	0.19	-0.05
Ti	0.05	-0.12	0.00	-0.39	-0.59	-0.10	-0.49	0.05	-0.37	-0.20	-0.47	-0.55	-0.17	-0.59	-0.40	-0.47	0.00	-0.57	-0.51	-0.16	-0.48	-0.51	-0.45	-0.31	-0.01	-0.05	-0.28	0.41	-0.04		-0.07	-0.41	-0.59
Tl	-0.06	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	0.04	0.01	0.02	-0.03	0.13	-0.04	0.08	0.06	-0.05	0.05	0.10	0.03	0.11	0.08	0.08	-0.01	0.03	0.09	0.08	-0.03	-0.04	0.14	-0.02	-0.08	-0.02	-0.07		0.07	0.07
V	-0.03	0.22	-0.07	0.87	0.80	0.65	0.86	0.06	0.67	0.24	0.32	0.83	0.16	0.80	0.79	0.86	0.66	0.61	0.62	0.36	0.73	0.39	0.51	-0.04	-0.33	0.26	0.86	-0.44	0.19	-0.41	0.07		0.52
Zn	0.04	0.47	-0.11	0.45	0.61	0.23	0.63	0.05	0.64	0.21	0.74	0.72	0.19	0.60	0.49	0.63	0.30	0.79	0.81	-0.07	0.68	0.78	0.79	0.16	-0.12	0.05	0.43	-0.52	-0.05	-0.59	0.07	0.52	

Table 6: Pearson's correlation matrix for multi-element data, including Au for fire assay (Au FA) and ionic leach (Au IL). Values greater than 0.55 have been classed as significant. Blue = 0.55-0.60, Green = 0.61-0.70, Yellow = 0.71-0.80, Orange = 0.80-0.90, Red = 0.90+. U and W have been removed as all data points were below the LOD.

Numbers in bolded red text highlight the highest correlations with Au that are below 0.55. (Data from SHG and ALS Global)

Pearson's Correlation Matrix for Ionic Leach Soil Data

	Au (FA)	Au (IL)	As	Ba	Ca	Cu	Fe	Hg	Mn	Ni	Pb	Rb	Sm	Sr	Te	Ti	Zn
Au (FA)		-0.08	0.02	0.00	-0.03	0.17	0.13	0.00	-0.02	-0.09	-0.03	0.15	-0.09	-0.05	0.20	-0.02	0.21
Au (IL)	-0.08		0.21	-0.07	0.53	0.74	0.09	0.47	0.59	0.68	0.23	0.38	0.54	0.37	0.25	-0.03	0.22
As	0.02	0.21		0.29	-0.26	0.23	0.52	0.69	0.11	0.15	0.24	0.06	0.38	-0.09	0.59	0.60	0.25
Ba	0.00	-0.07	0.29		0.01	-0.08	0.05	0.30	0.03	0.17	-0.06	0.31	0.47	0.21	0.21	0.58	-0.09
Ca	-0.03	0.53	-0.26	0.01		0.45	-0.38	-0.07	0.43	0.63	0.13	0.34	0.39	0.80	-0.15	-0.40	0.13
Cu	0.17	0.74	0.23	-0.08	0.45		0.02	0.33	0.41	0.56	0.41	0.33	0.48	0.26	0.31	-0.04	0.35
Fe	0.13	0.09	0.52	0.05	-0.38	0.02		0.54	0.02	-0.17	-0.21	0.25	-0.12	-0.28	0.70	0.29	0.11
Hg	0.00	0.47	0.69	0.30	-0.07	0.33	0.54		0.21	0.26	0.12	0.27	0.37	-0.06	0.62	0.46	0.09
Mn	-0.02	0.59	0.11	0.03	0.43	0.41	0.02	0.21		0.81	0.15	0.58	0.56	0.49	0.18	-0.22	0.47
Ni	-0.09	0.68	0.15	0.17	0.63	0.56	-0.17	0.26	0.81		0.34	0.49	0.78	0.64	0.11	-0.09	0.38
Pb	-0.03	0.23	0.24	-0.06	0.13	0.41	-0.21	0.12	0.15	0.34		0.02	0.35	0.18	0.01	-0.08	0.41
Rb	0.15	0.38	0.06	0.31	0.34	0.33	0.25	0.27	0.58	0.49	0.02		0.32	0.39	0.38	-0.10	0.49
Sm	-0.09	0.54	0.38	0.47	0.39	0.48	-0.12	0.37	0.56	0.78	0.35	0.32		0.44	0.21	0.37	0.13
Sr	-0.05	0.37	-0.09	0.21	0.80	0.26	-0.28	-0.06	0.49	0.64	0.18	0.39	0.44		-0.12	-0.30	0.23
Te	0.20	0.25	0.59	0.21	-0.15	0.31	0.70	0.62	0.18	0.11	0.01	0.38	0.21	-0.12		0.43	0.29
Ti	-0.02	-0.03	0.60	0.58	-0.40	-0.04	0.29	0.46	-0.22	-0.09	-0.08	-0.10	0.37	-0.30	0.43		-0.16
Zn	0.21	0.22	0.25	-0.09	0.13	0.35	0.11	0.09	0.47	0.38	0.41	0.49	0.13	0.23	0.29	-0.16	

Table 7: Pearson's correlation matrix for selected ionic leach data (As-Ba-Ca-Cu-Fe-Hg-Mn-Ni-Pb-Rb-Sm-Sr-Te-Ti-Zn), including Au for fire assay (Au FA) and ionic leach (Au IL). Values greater than 0.55 have been classed as significant. Green = 0.55-0.60, Yellow = 0.61-0.70, Orange = 0.71-0.80, Red = 0.80+. Numbers in bolded red text highlight the highest correlations with Au that are below 0.55. (Data from SHG and ALS Global)

5.2.2 Summary Statistics

Summary statistics were calculated to assist in determining the distribution of the data (see Figure 18). The highest Au concentrations include 0.007ppm for fire assay and 0.14ppb for ionic leach. As (pXRF), As (IL), Cu (pXRF), Cu (IL), Mn (pXRF), Mn (ME), Mn (IL), Pb (IL) and Zn (IL) all had significantly different arithmetic means, geometric means and medians. In addition, all ionic leach data and the majority of other datasets had skewness factors above one. This analysis suggests that the majority of the data is not normally distributed and has required log-probability plots to determine different data populations.

5.2.3 Histograms

Histograms were created to visualise the distribution of the data and highlight anomalous values. In particular, Figures 19 and 20 show that histograms for Au (FA) and Au (IL) have negatively skewed distributions. Additionally, Figures 21 and 22 show that As and Cu have negatively skewed distributions across all analytical techniques. For Cu, Fe, Mn and Zn pXRF histograms, the first class typically had an anomalously high frequency due to higher LODs. See Appendix 6 for a complete set of histograms.

5.2.4 Box and Whisker Plots

Box and whisker plots were constructed to determine potential outliers within the data and assist in determining different classes for the mapped elements. Figures 23 and 24 highlight the spread of anomalies for both Au (FA) and Au (IL). Figure 25 shows that more anomalies are present for As and Cu analysed by Ionic leach compared to multi-element analysis and pXRF. See Appendix 7 for a complete set of Box and Whisker plots.

5.2.5 Log Probability Plots

Log probability plots have been constructed to determine different data populations within each elemental dataset. The majority of the log probability graphs show populations that move into distinct background, anomalous and highly anomalous populations, delineated by inflection points in the curve (see Figures 28-33). This information is critical to implement spatially by using different class ranges, assisting with the visual interpretation of the data. See Appendix 8 for a complete set of log-probability plots.

XRF Summary Statistics

	As (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Fe (%)	Mn (ppm)	Pb (ppm)	Zn (ppm)
Geometric Mean	6.760	6.138	1.076	10.593	15.000	12.019
Mean	10.405	9.537	1.806	66.561	16.251	15.863
Standard Error	0.471	0.493	0.077	5.182	0.424	0.688
Median	9	10	1.856	24.5	15.15	11.3
Mode	1	1	0.065	1	16	1
Standard Deviation	8.078	8.450	1.323	88.854	7.266	11.792
Sample Variance	65.261	71.404	1.750	7895.100	52.800	139.057
Kurtosis	0.364	43.457	-0.881	0.791	16.808	2.139
Skewness	0.862	4.706	0.275	1.322	2.916	1.371
Range	42.5	97	5.601	374	74	74
Minimum	1	1	0.043	1	1	1
Maximum	43.5	98	5.644	375	75	75
Sum	3059.1	2804	530.912	19569	4777.8	4663.6
Count	294	294	294	294	294	294

Fire Assay and Multi-Element Summary Statistics

	Au (ppm)	Al (%)	As (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Fe (%)	Mn (ppm)	Pb (ppm)	Zn (ppm)
Geometric Mean	0.002	5.666	14.408	16.172	1.532	77.218	25.470	19.703
Mean	0.001	5.839	13.882	17.301	2.515	118.183	26.602	24.409
Standard Error	0.000	0.149	1.131	0.932	0.195	10.862	0.880	1.629
Median	0.001	5.79	11	16	2.72	72	26	19
Mode	0.001	4.52	0	18	0.35	19	26	10
Standard Deviation	0.001	1.439	10.904	8.984	1.879	104.747	8.488	15.712
Sample Variance	0.000	2.071	118.888	80.713	3.531	10971.847	72.047	246.875
Kurtosis	4.713	0.154	-0.261	49.807	-0.830	-0.072	3.707	-0.323
Skewness	1.515	0.491	0.620	6.173	0.307	1.010	1.595	0.787
Range	0.007	7.08	42	84	7.51	375	47	62
Minimum	0	3.02	0	7	0.13	13	13	5
Maximum	0.007	10.1	42	91	7.64	388	60	67
Sum	0.138	543.03	1291	1609	233.85	10991	2474	2270
Count	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	93

Ionic Leach Summary Statistics

	Au (ppb)	As (ppb)	Cu (ppb)	Fe (ppm)	Mn (ppm)	Pb (ppb)	Zn (ppb)
Geometric mean	0.043	31.816	54.361	168.070	0.259	734.368	345.153
Mean	0.022	42.325	100.011	188.003	1.475	1240.891	661.075
Standard Error	0.004	3.703	11.849	9.445	0.243	122.650	74.637
Median	0	30.4	52	182	0.15	988	410
Mode	0	12.4	7	218	0.02	291	10
Standard Deviation	0.035	35.707	114.271	91.084	2.339	1182.792	719.771
Sample Variance	0.001	1274.962	13057.750	8296.249	5.472	1398998	518070.6
Kurtosis	2.542	3.545	3.206	5.577	2.278	2.240	4.998
Skewness	1.775	1.857	1.836	1.683	1.770	1.535	2.051
Range	0.14	174.4	575	546.3	9.61	5462.9	3880
Minimum	0	7.1	1	32.7	0	57.1	10
Maximum	0.14	181.5	576	579	9.61	5520	3890
Sum	2.05	3936.2	9301	17484.3	137.2	115402.9	61480
Count	93	93	93	93	93	93	93

Figure 18: Summary statistics for Au, Al, As, Cu, Fe, Mn, Pb and Zn analysed by pXRF, fire assay, multi-element analysis and ionic leach (Data from SHG and ALS Global)

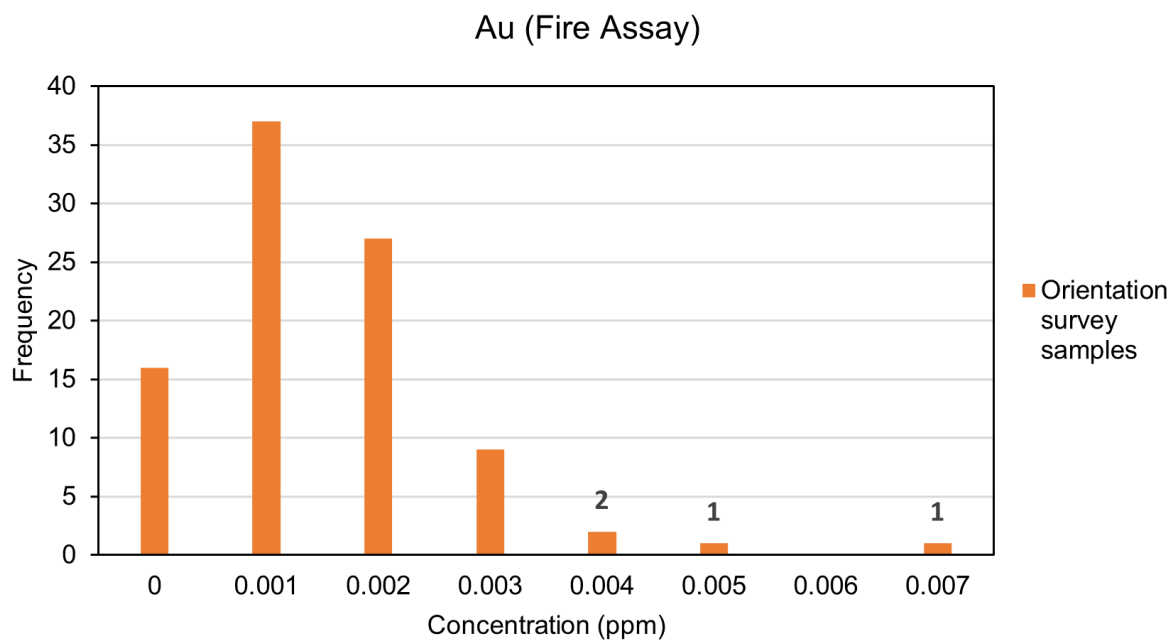


Figure 19: Histogram for Au analysed by fire assay. The highest value analysed was 0.007ppm, with only 4 samples being 0.004ppm and above

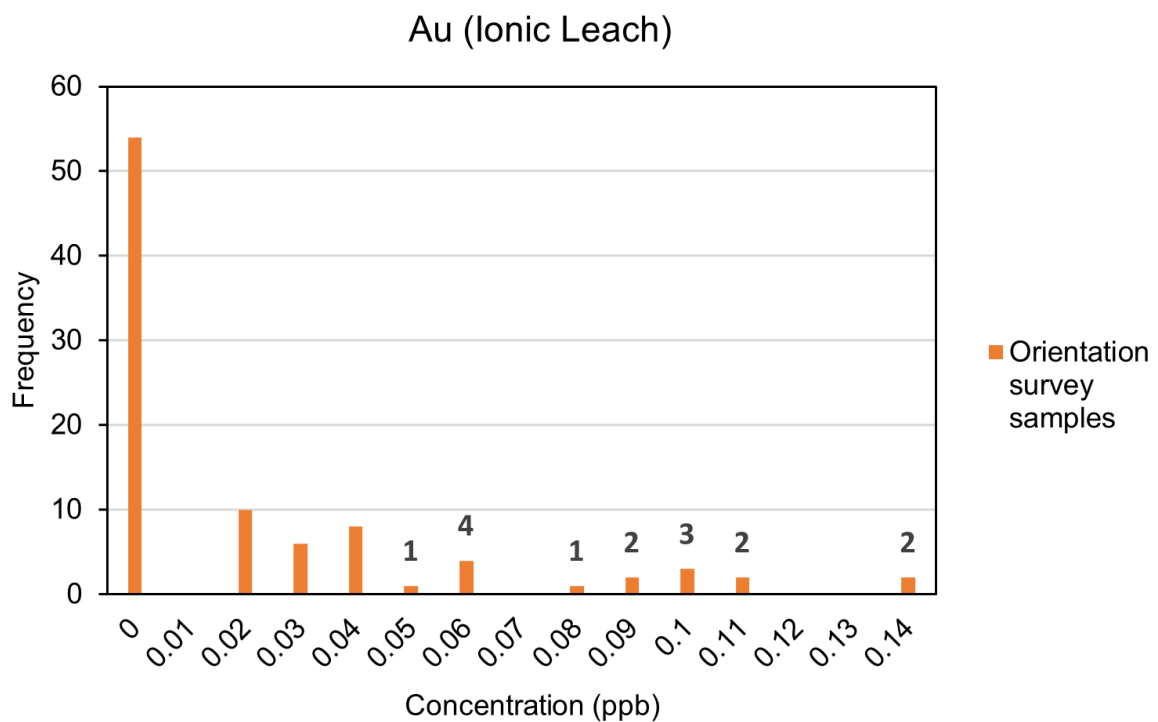


Figure 20: Histogram for Au analysed by ionic leach. The first class of concentration 0ppb has a high population due to many samples analysed having concentrations below the LOD

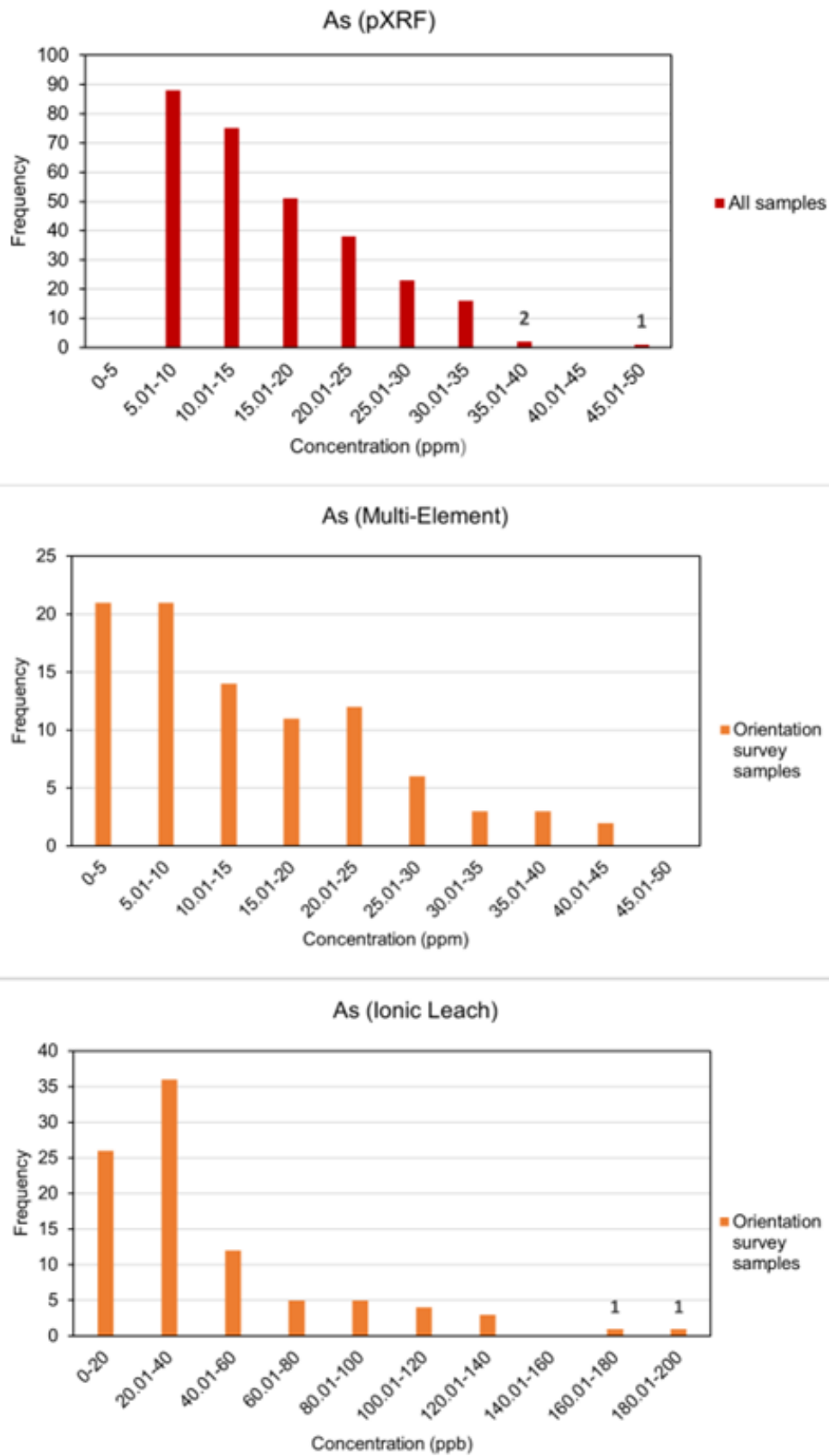


Figure 21: Histograms for As analysed by pXRF, multi-element analysis and ionic leach

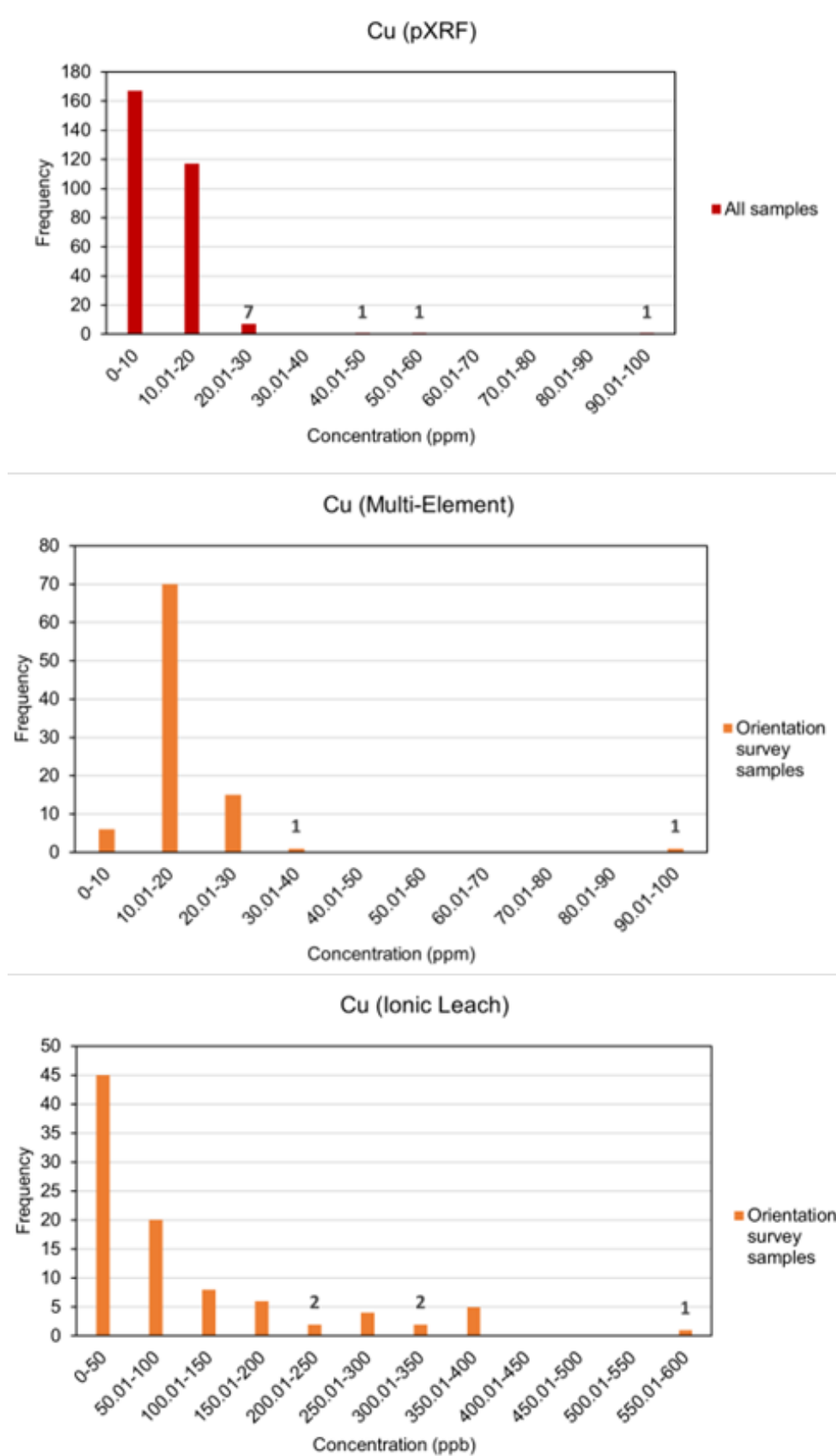


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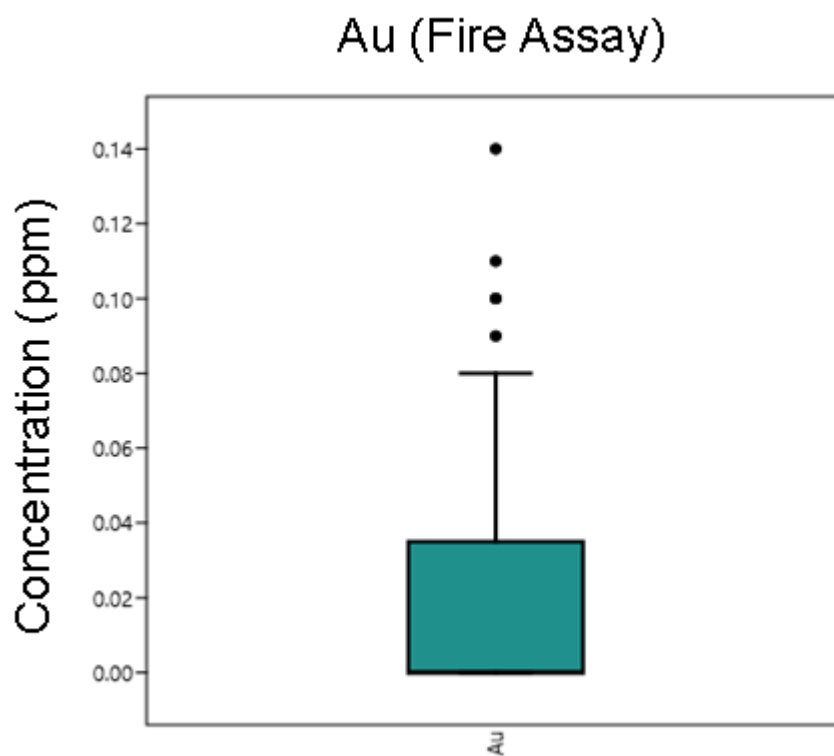


Figure 23: Box and Whisker plot for Au analysed by fire assay

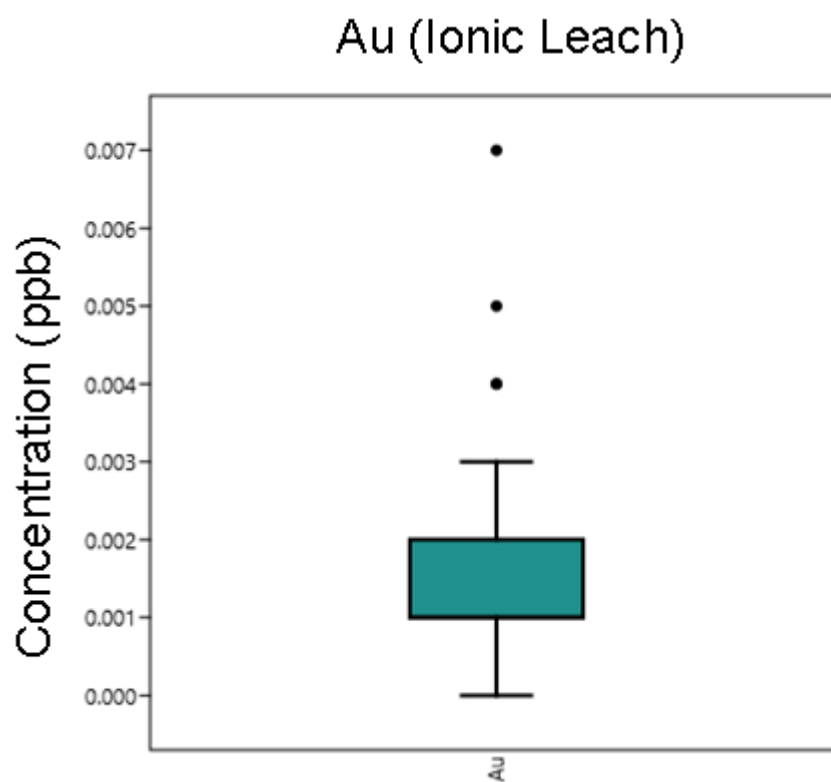


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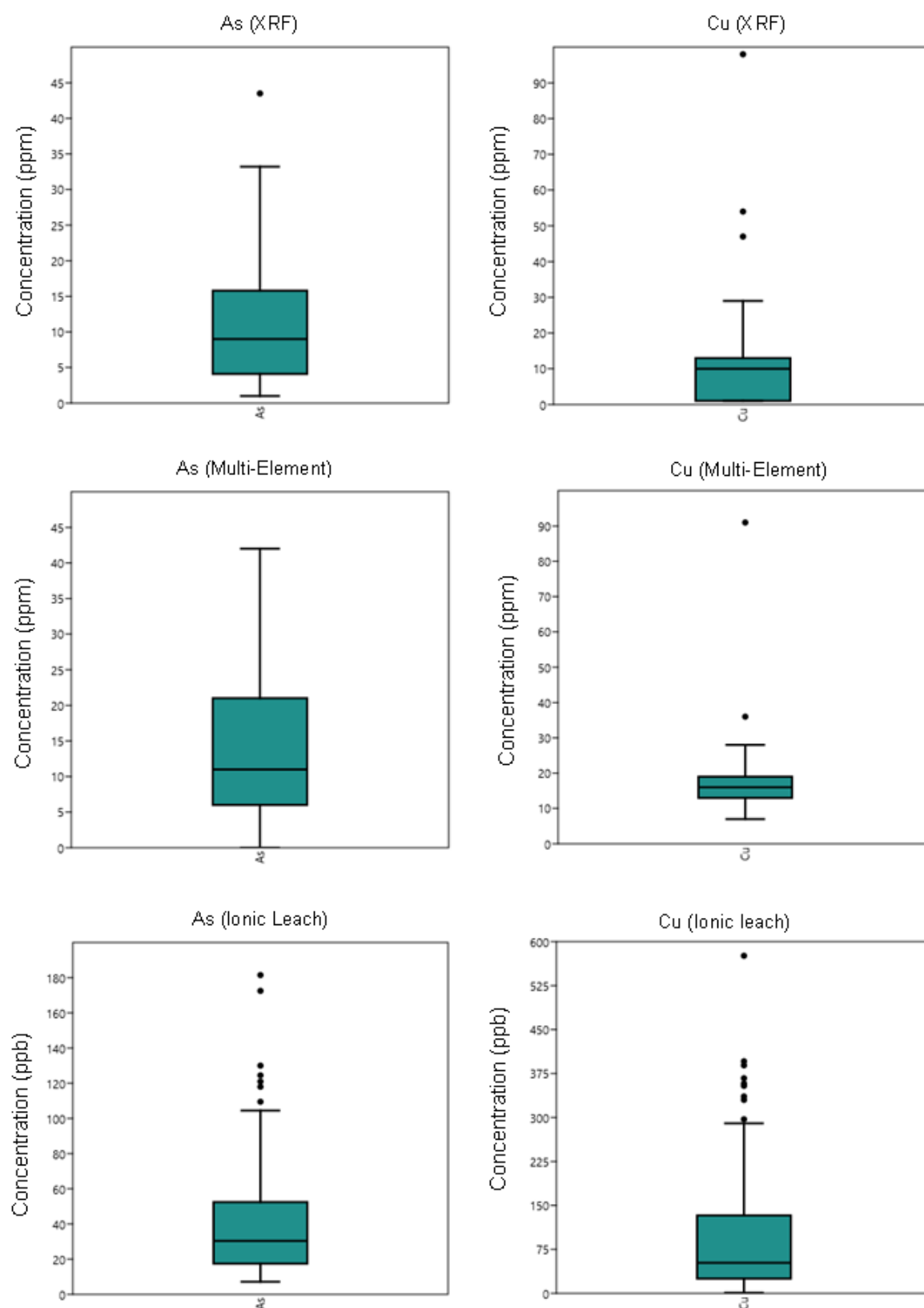


Figure 25: Box and Whisker plots for As and Cu analysed by pXRF, multi-element analysis and ionic leach

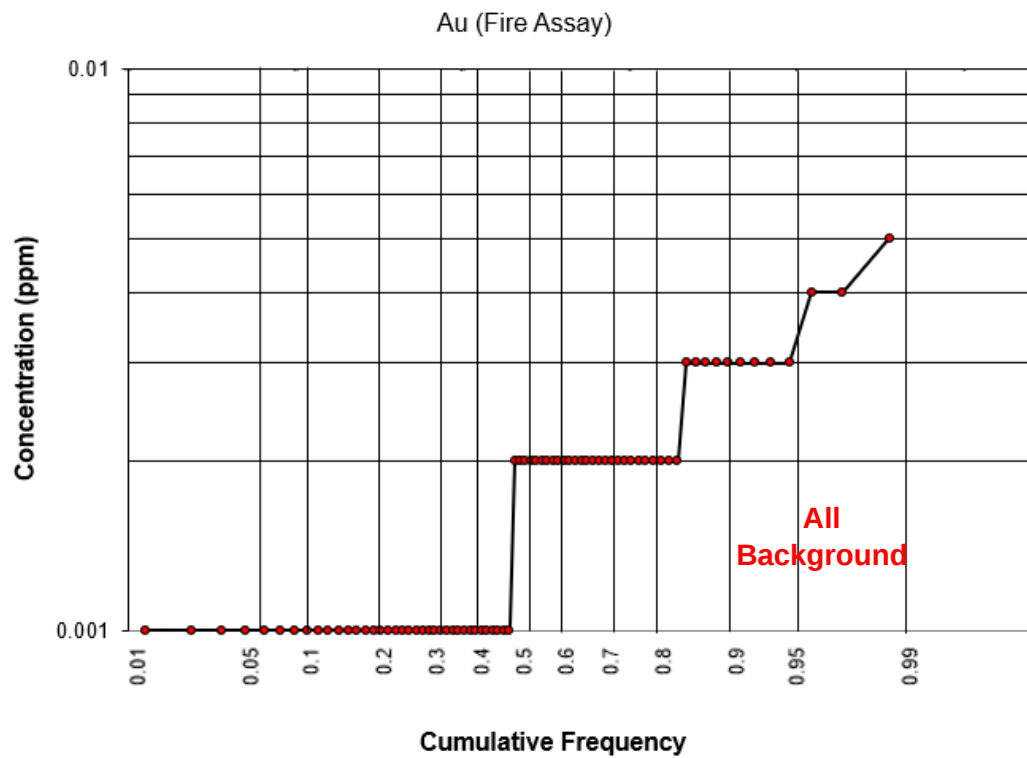


Figure 26: Log-probability plot for Au analysed by fire assay, with all data points at a background concentration

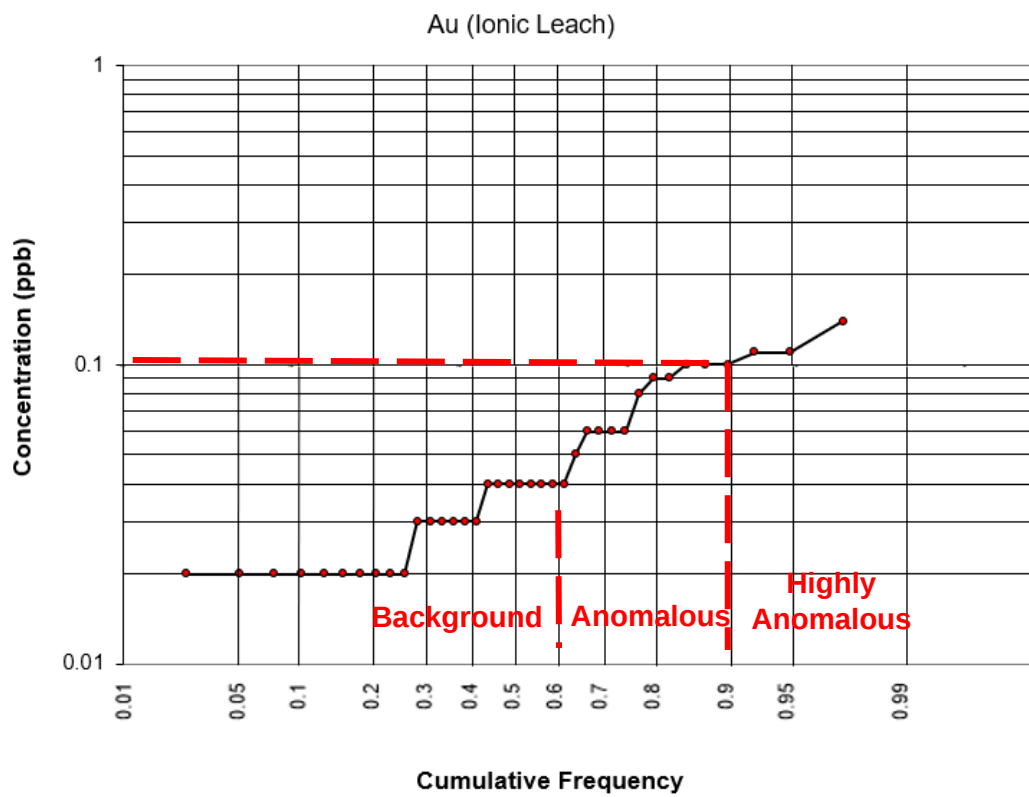


Figure 27: Log-probability plot for Au analysed by ionic leach. Note only 38 points out of 93 were plotted due to the majority of data points being recorded at 0ppb

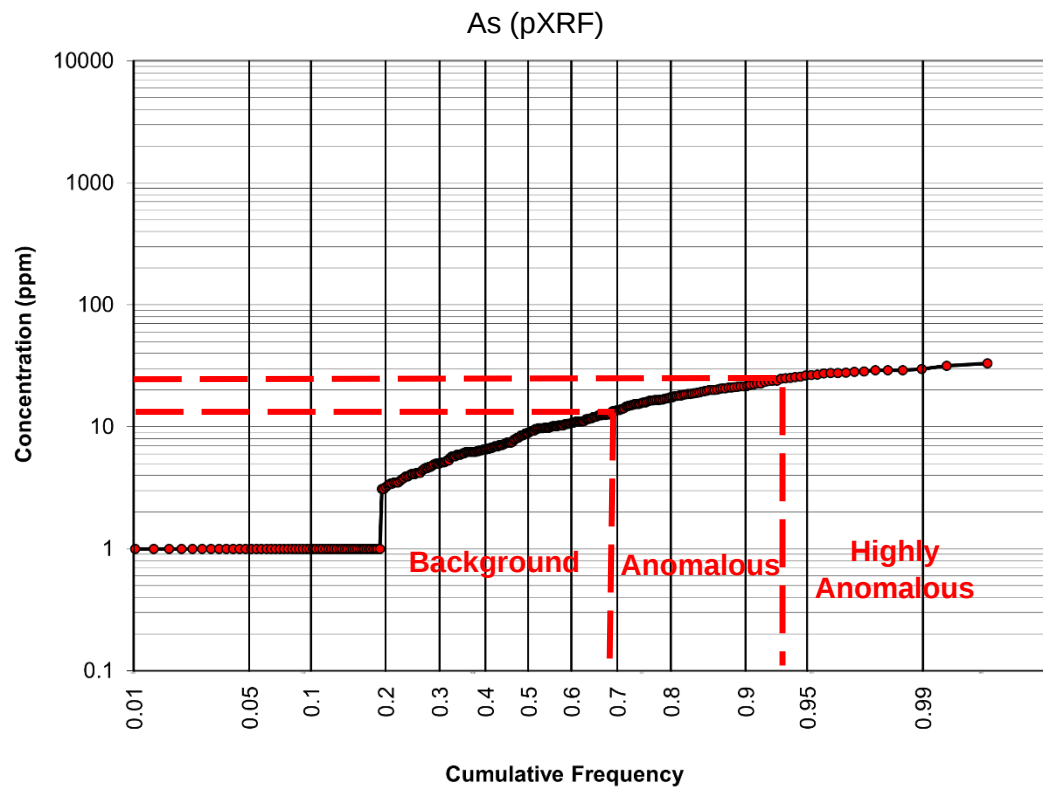


Figure 28: Log-probability plot for As analysed by pXRF

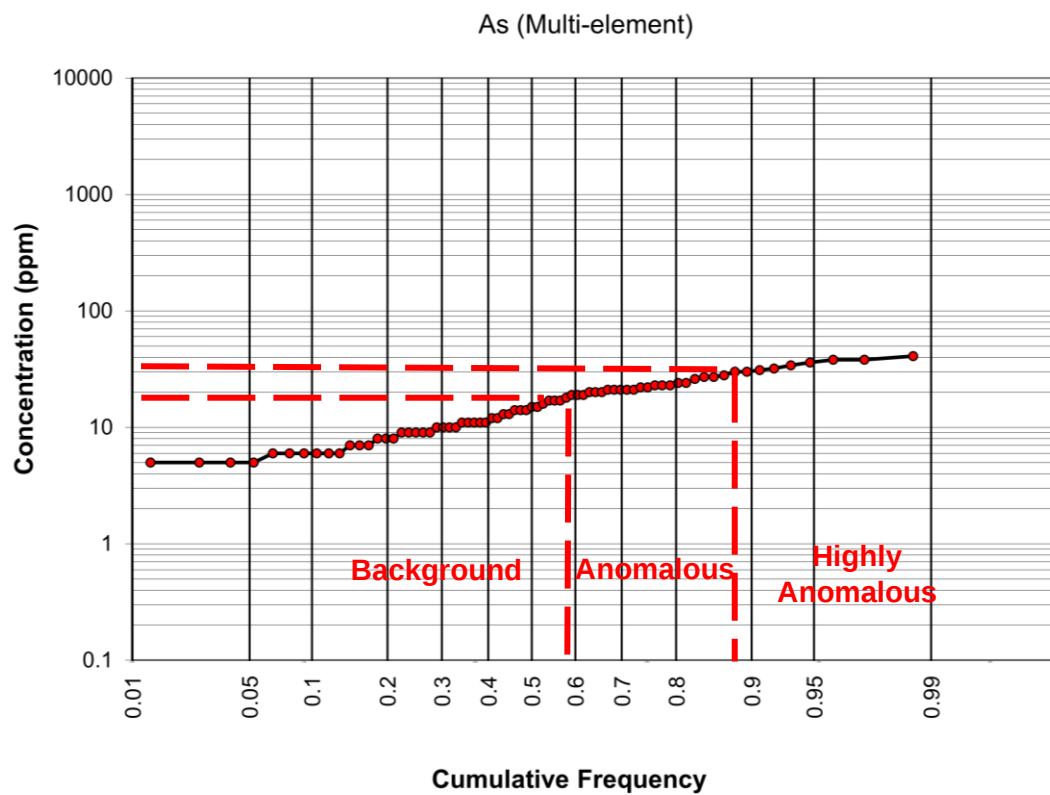


Figure 29: Log-probability plot for As analysed by multi-element analysis

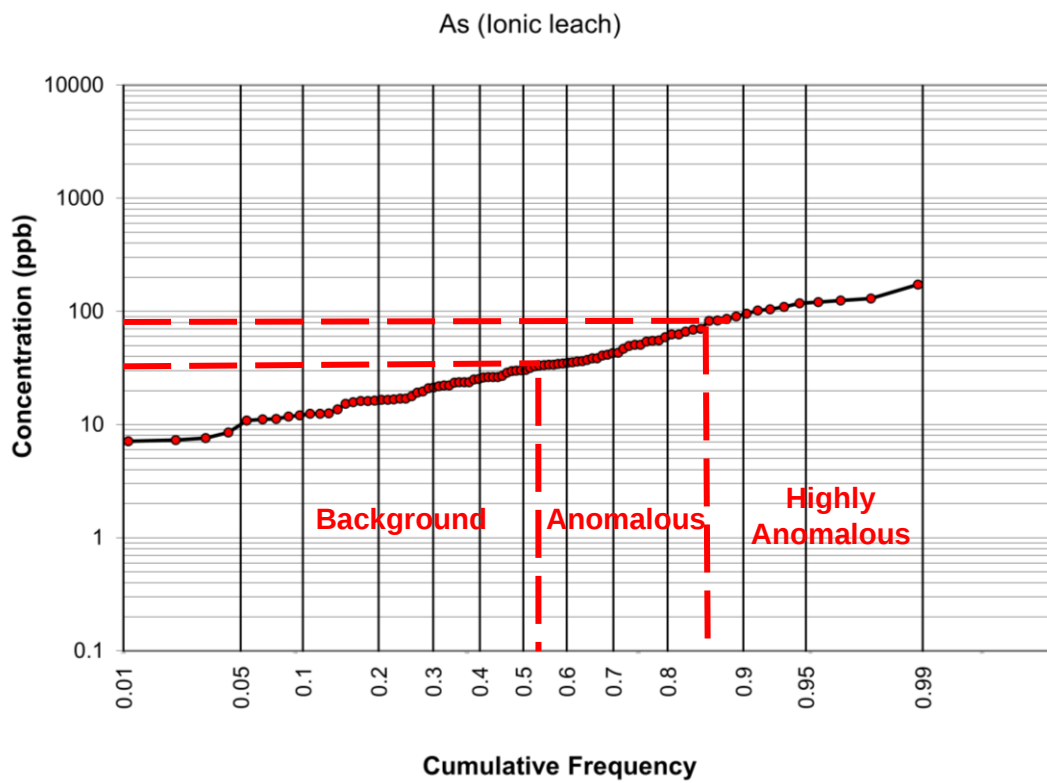


Figure 30: Log-probability plot for As analysed by ionic leach

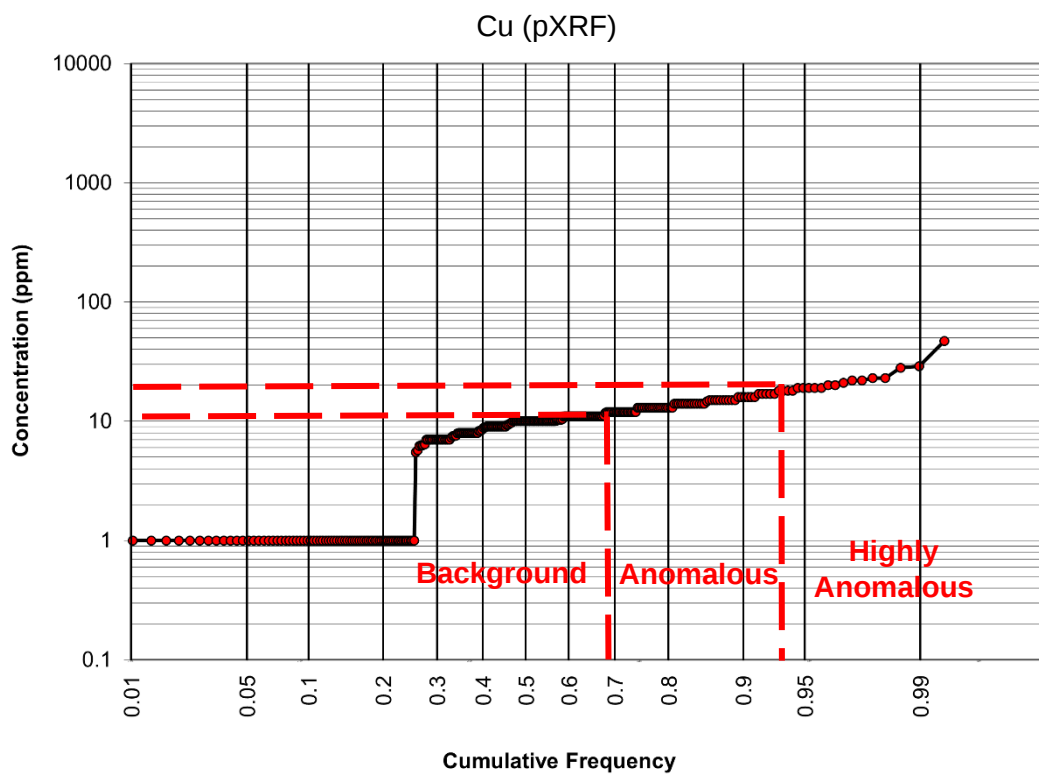


Figure 31: Log-probability plot for Cu analysed by pXRF

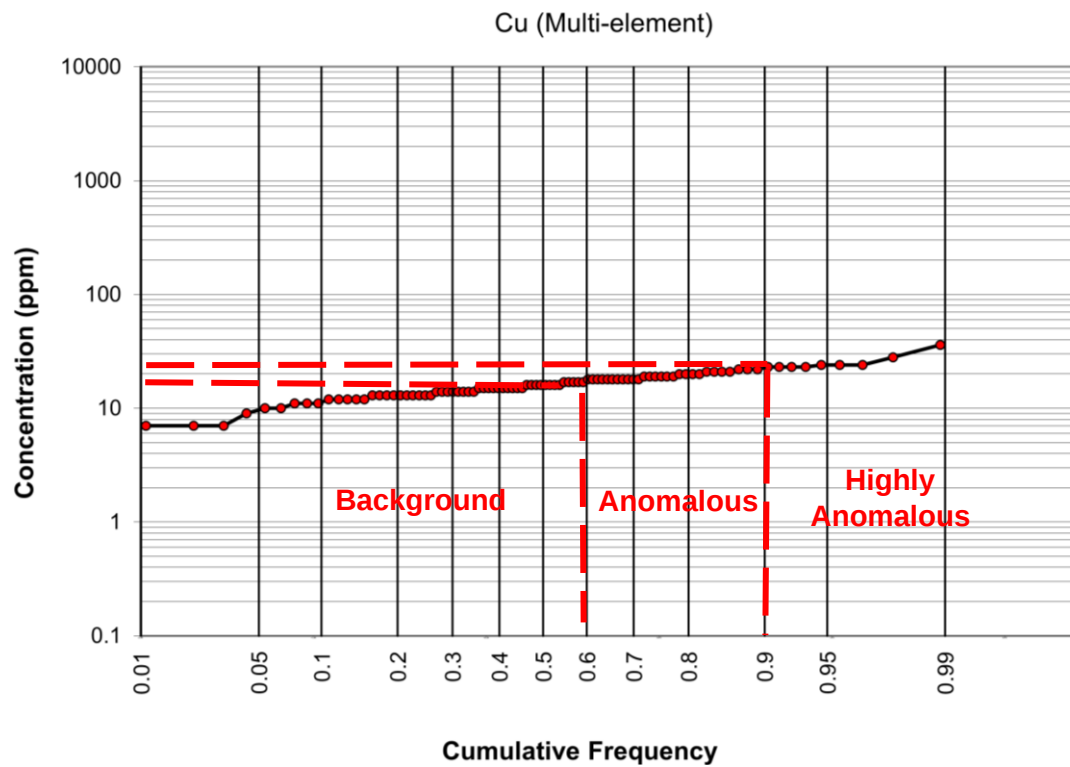


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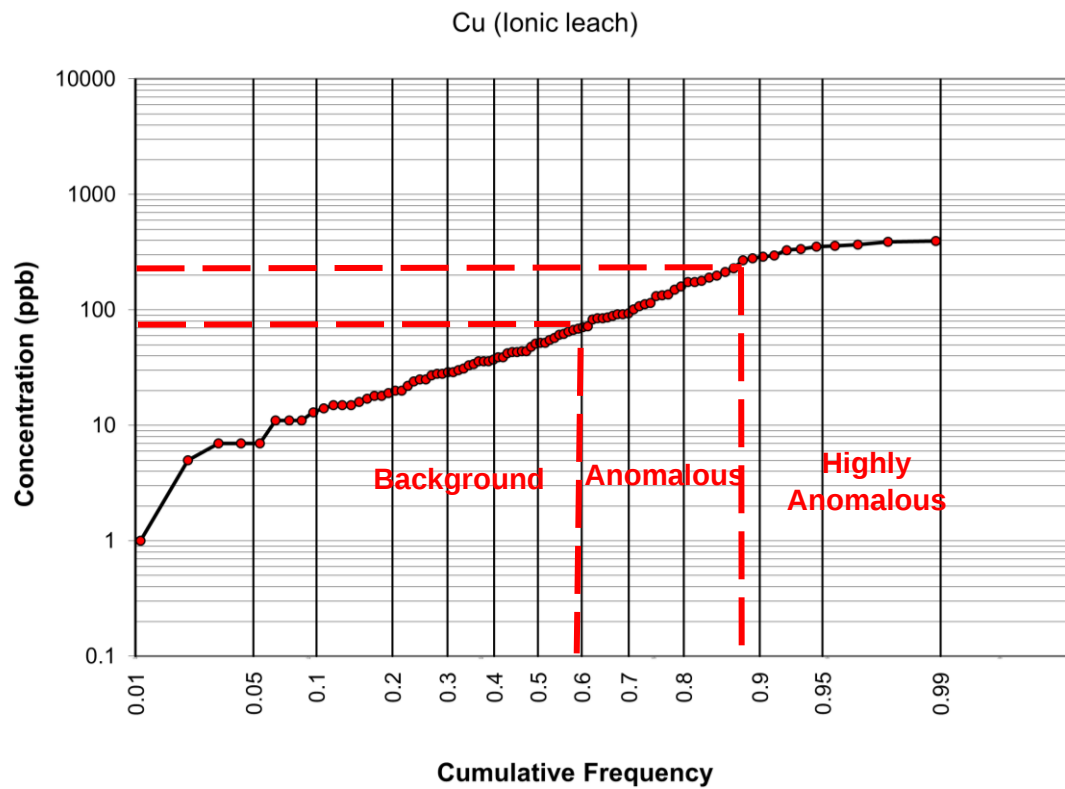


Figure 33: Log-probability plot for Cu analysed by ionic leach

5.3 Spatial Analysis: Geochemical Mapping

Each lithology type present within the study area has distinct geochemical signatures, which have been used to refine lithological boundaries and produce an updated geological map (see Figure 34). Elemental ratios have been used to create geochemical heat maps to help establish geochemical anomalies (see Figures 35-38), in addition to Rb, Sr, Fe and S heat maps (Figures 39-42). There is a distinct geochemical boundary between the Nant-y-Coy Formation and the Flinty Rhyolite of the Roch Rhyolite Group. This is characterised by high Ca/Al, Fe/Al, K/Al, Na/Al ratios, along with high Rb and Fe signatures, for the Nant-y-Coy formation. A similar geochemical signature is also present for the Lingula Flags Formation, albeit being slightly less pronounced than the Roch Rhyolite Group. The Flinty Rhyolite is characterised by exceptionally low Na, Ca, K concentrations and high Al, Fe, S and Sr concentrations. This is reflected by the field observations of highly altered sedimentary rocks of the Nant-y-Coy Formation, characterised by intense sericitization and the presence of numerous veins of quartz with pyrite.

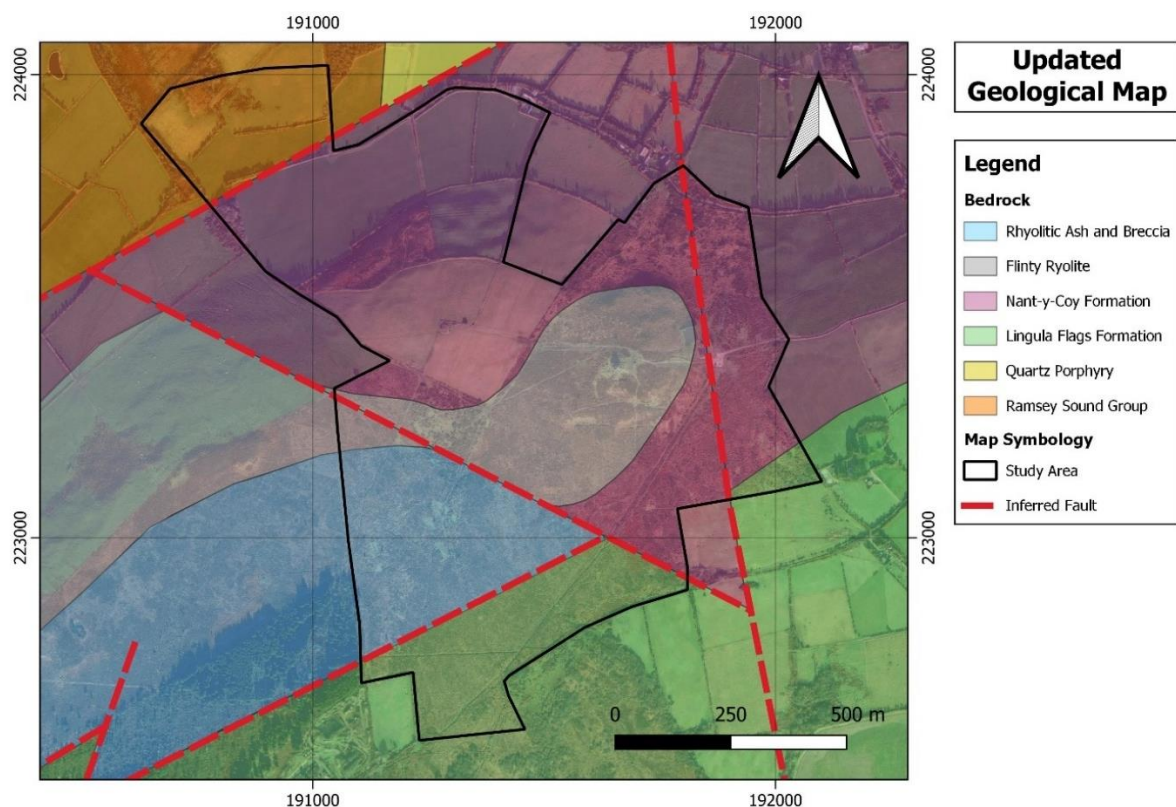


Figure 34: Updated geological map of the study area, constructed using geochemical data collected from the 2021 field season in combination with wider literature (data from SHG and ALS Global, basemap from Edina Digimap)

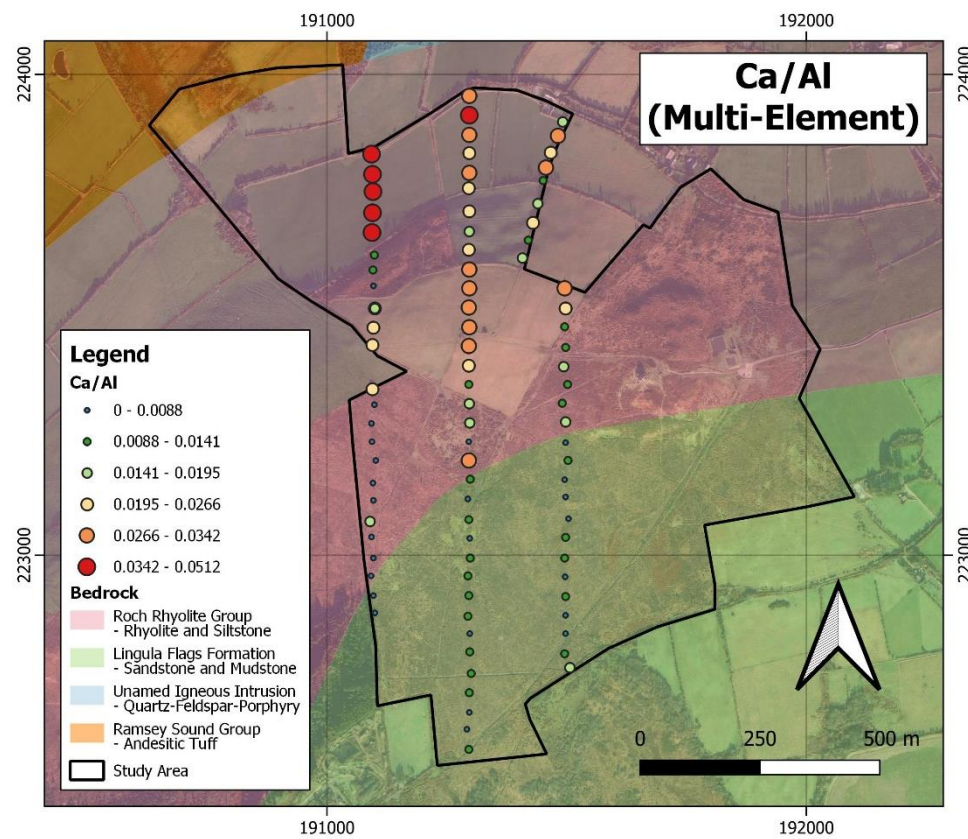


Figure 35: Ca/Al ratios for soil samples analysed by multi-element analysis within the study area (soil data from SHG and ALS Global, 1:50 000 geology layer and basemap from Edina Digimap)

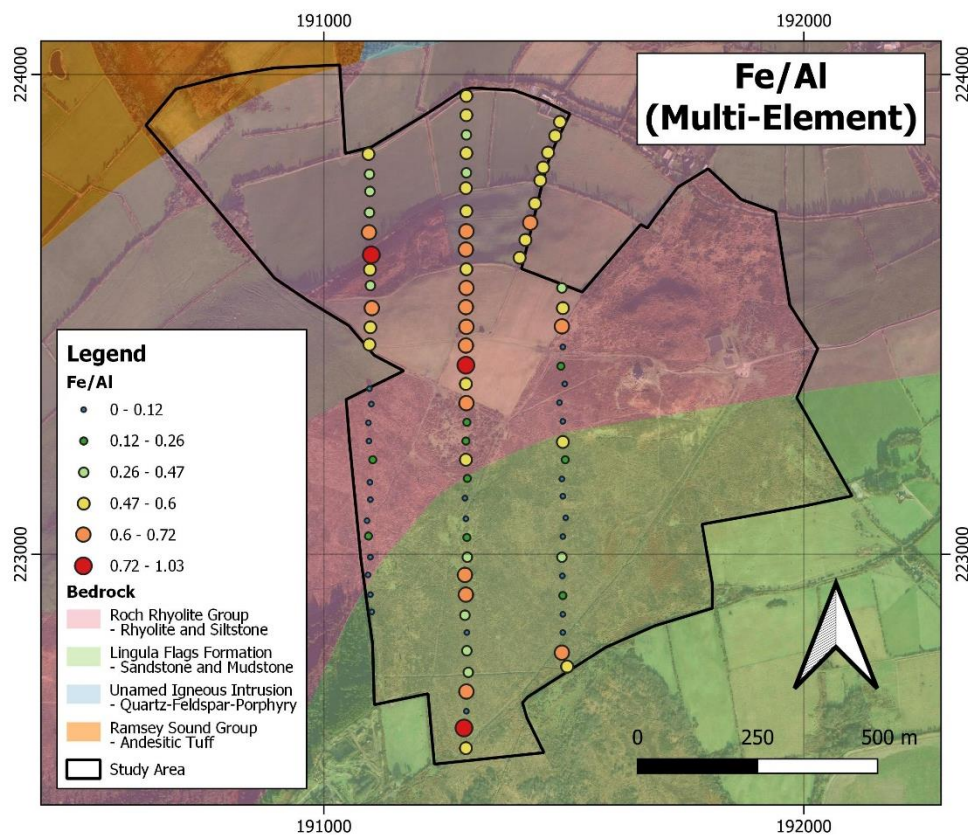


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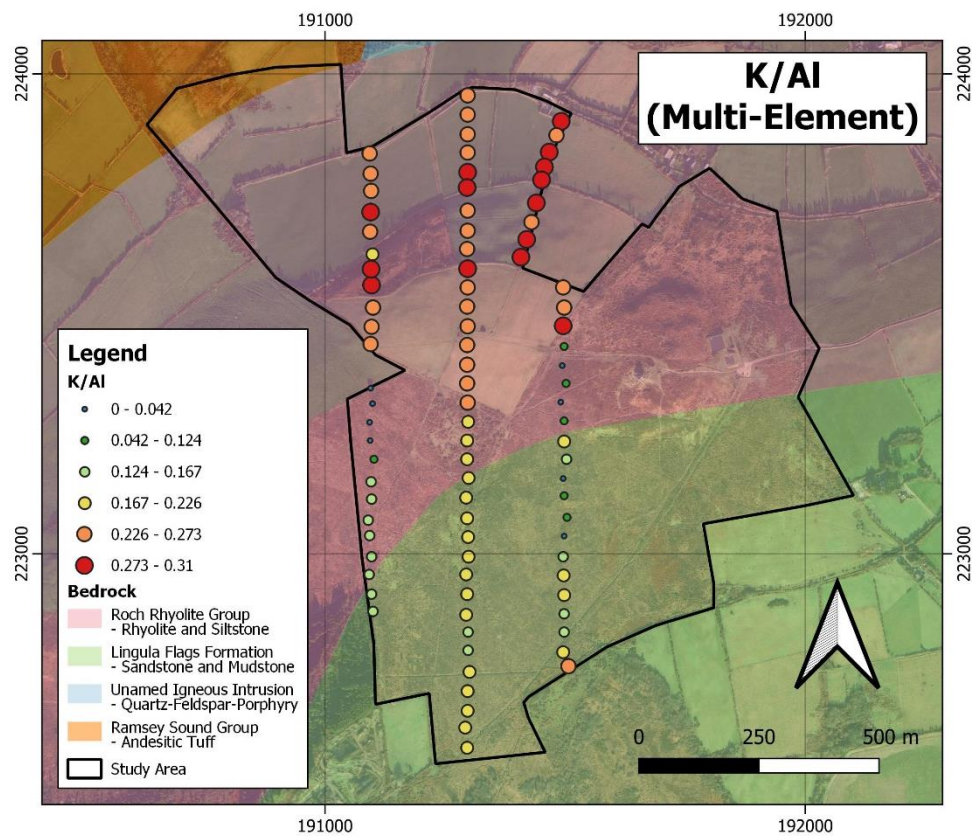


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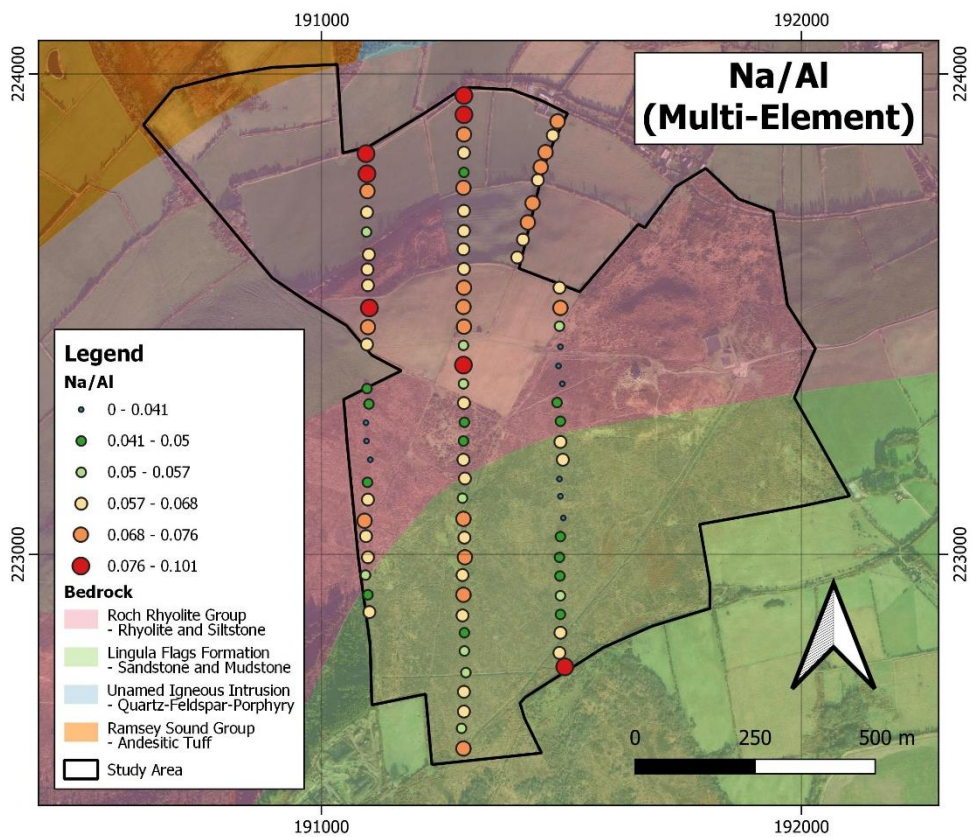


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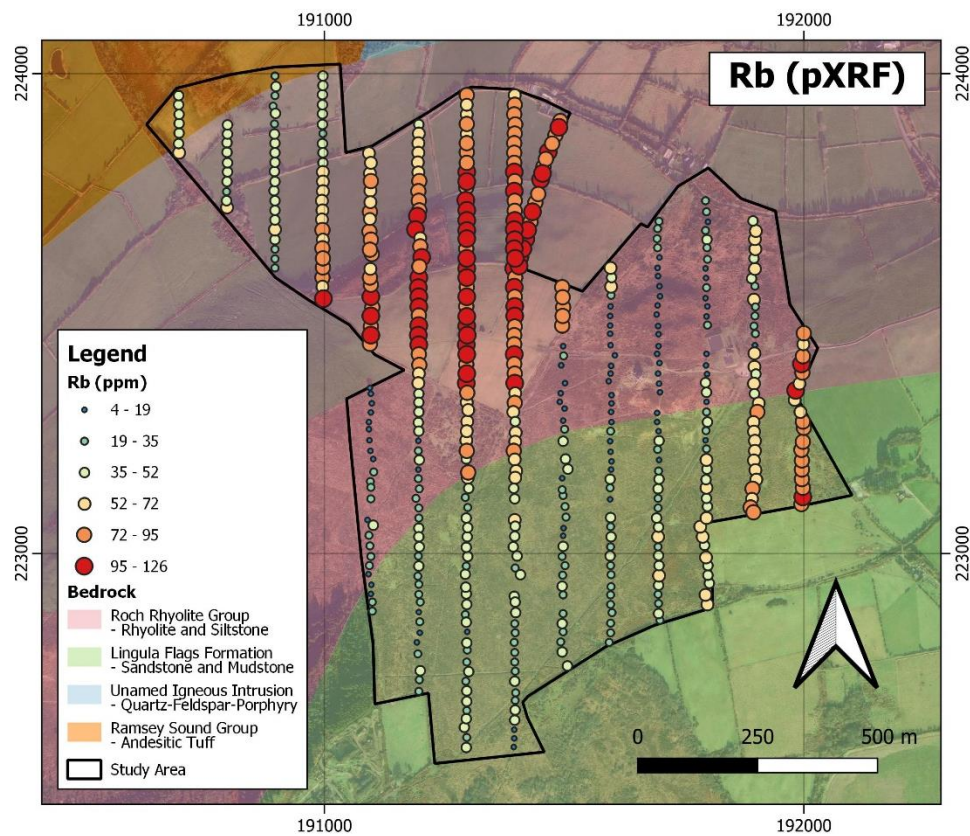


Figure 39: Rb concentrations for soil samples analysed by pXRF within the study area (soil data from SHG and ALS Global, 1:50 000 geology layer and basemap from Edina Digimap)

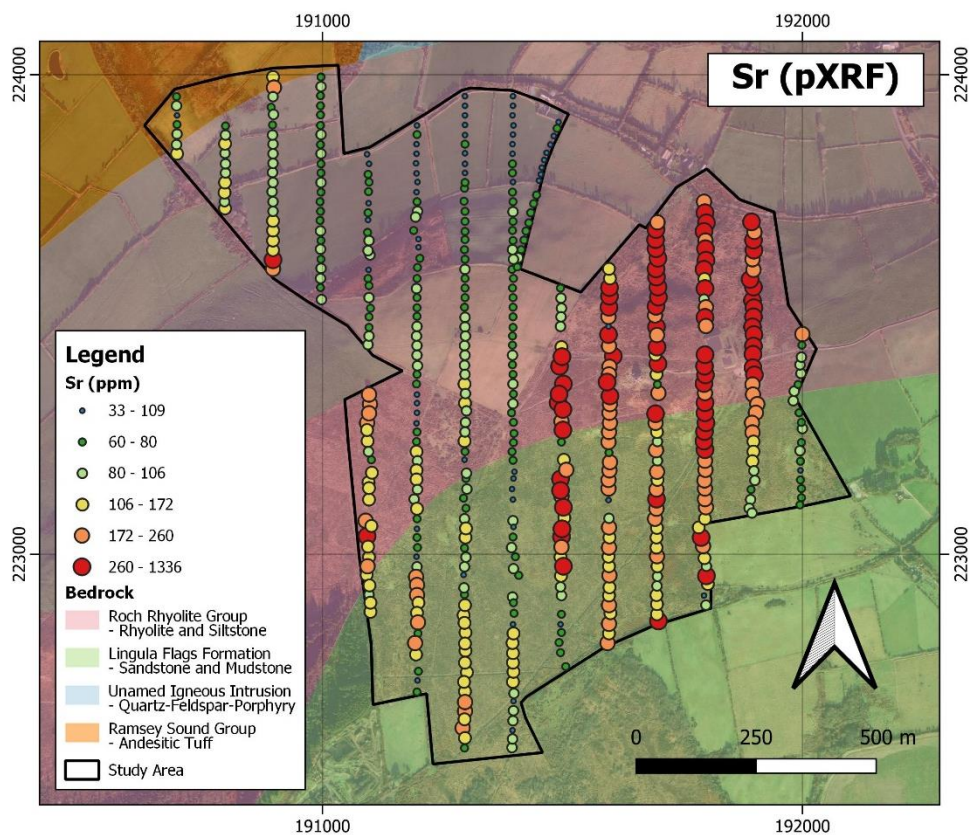


Figure 40: Sr concentrations for soil samples analysed by pXRF within the study area (soil data from SHG and ALS Global, 1:50 000 geology layer and basemap from Edina Digimap)

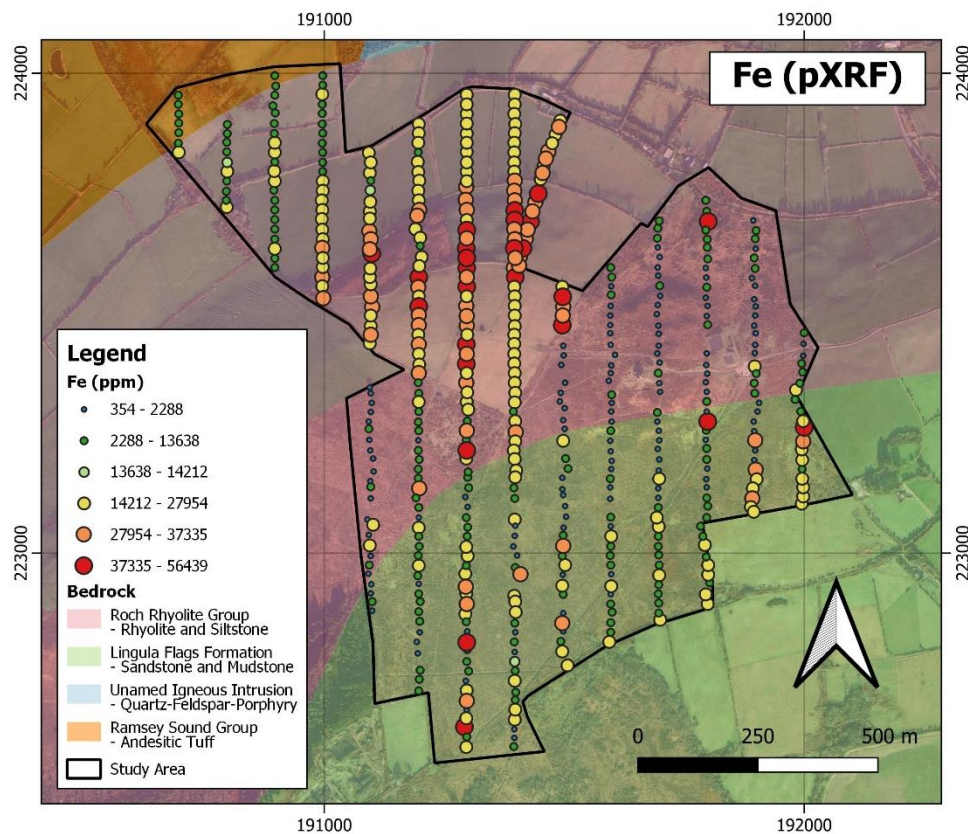


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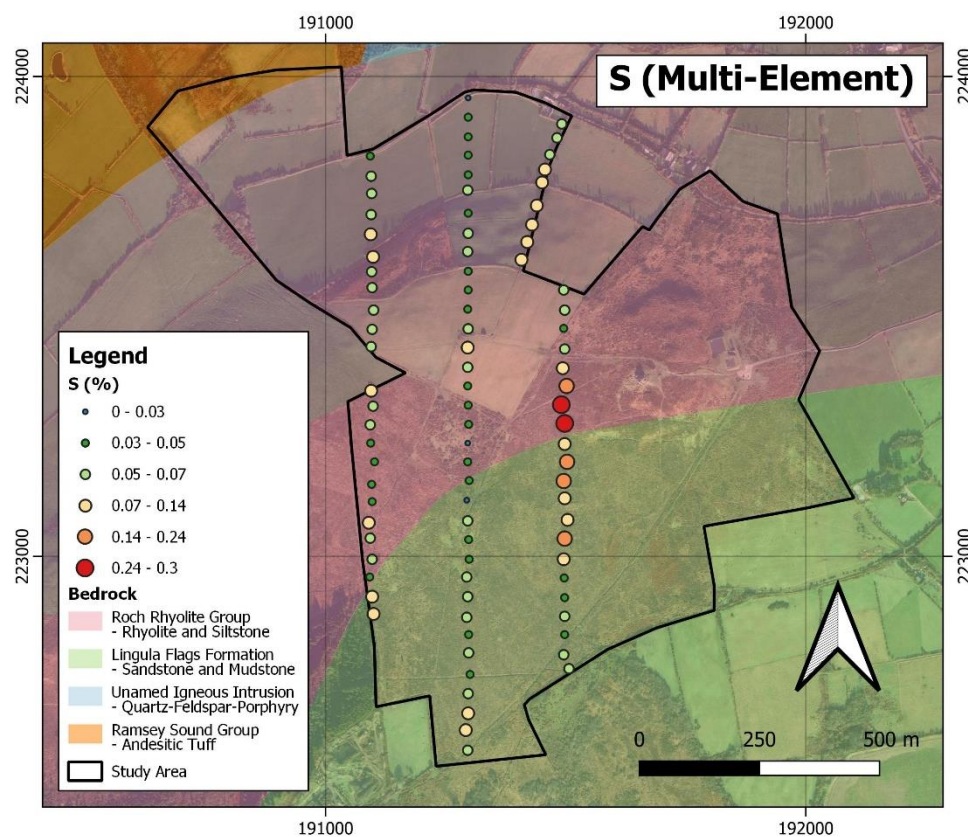


Figure 42: S concentrations for soil samples analysed by multi-element analysis within the study area (soil data from SHG and ALS Global, 1:50 000 geology layer and basemap from Edina Digimap)

5.4 Spatial Analysis: Mineral Prospectivity

5.4.1 Spatial Analysis Preamble

The pathfinder elements that have been prioritized include As, Cu, Fe, Mn, Pb and Zn, based upon significant correlations with Au and data from literature. Fire assay and ionic leach data both provided Au results that can be directly compared. Ba has been included to follow-up on potential barite mineralisation identified by the BGS MRP (Brown et al., 1987).

5.4.2 Au Spatial Analysis

Within the study area, Au analysed by fire assay shows a relatively random distribution of concentrations. The highest class of 0.003-0.007ppm has four data points and these do not show a clear spatial pattern (see Figure 43). Also, one duplicate sample located on the western sample line had a concentration of 0.001ppm, when the original had 0.007ppm to further highlight inconsistency. The Au concentrations for ionic leach shows a significant contrast, with 2 peaks above 0.11ppb to the northwest and a more significant cluster of anomalous values to the north, all located within the Nant-y-coy formation (see Figure 44). All other lithologies have anomalously low Au in comparison, with all values below 0.03ppb except for an isolated point of 0.09ppb along the eastern sampling line within the Flinty Rhyolite.

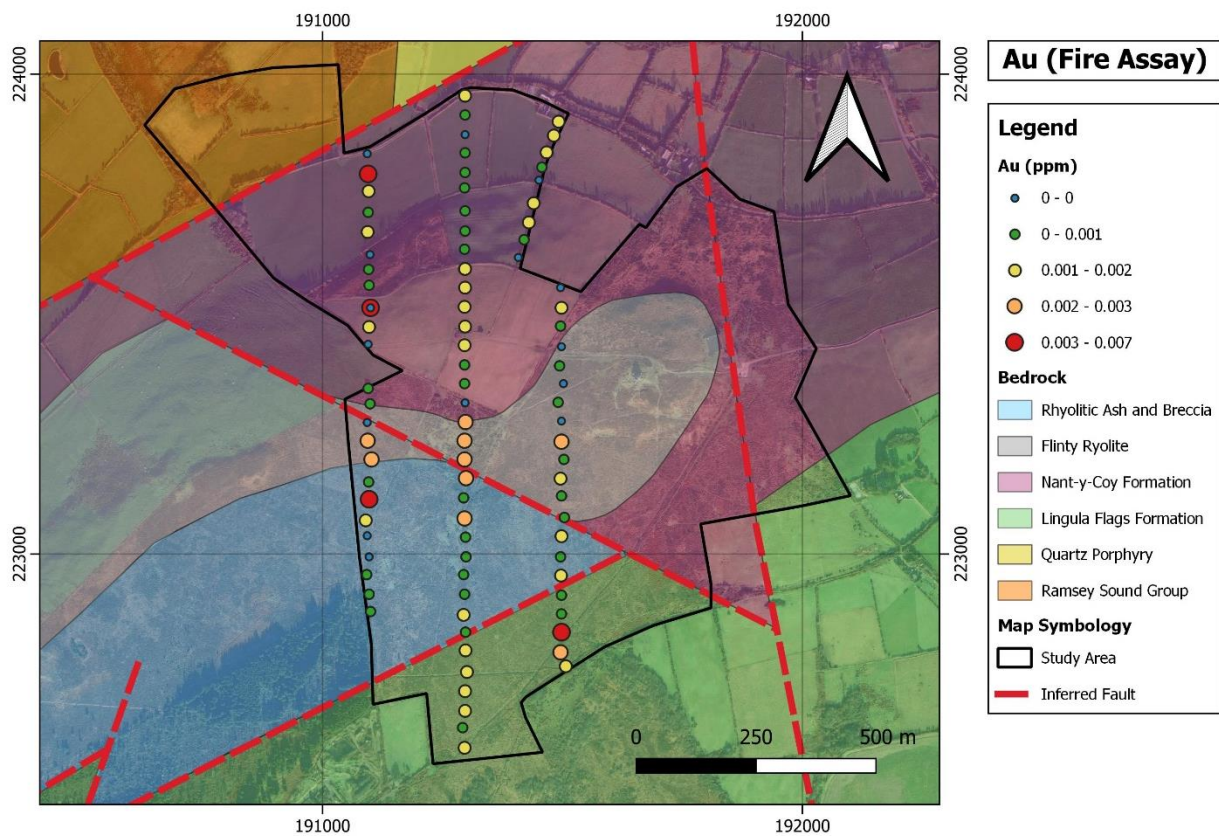


Figure 43: Au concentrations for soil samples analysed by fire assay, showing a relatively random distribution (data from SHG and ALS Global, basemap from Edina Digimap)

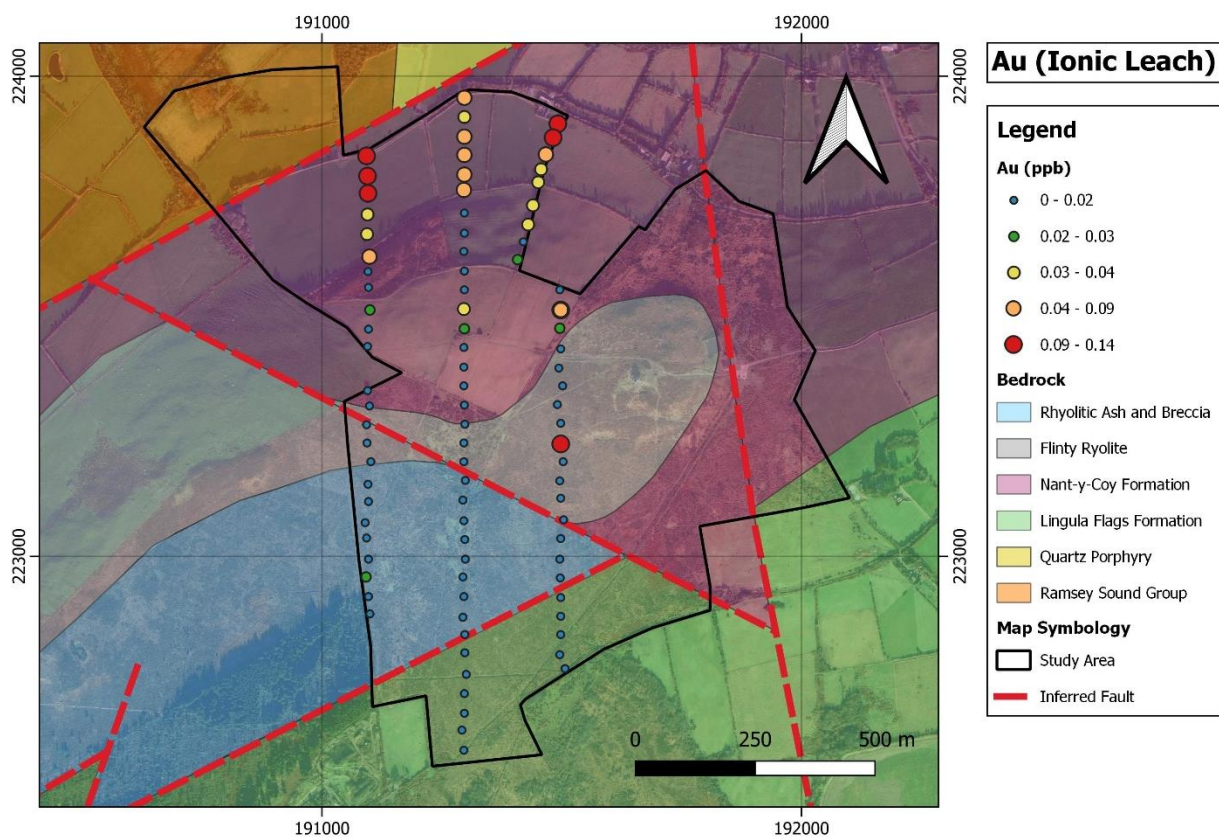


Figure 44: Au concentrations for soil samples analysed by ionic leach, with an elevated Au anomaly located towards the north of the study area (data from SHG and ALS Global, basemap from Edina Digimap)

5.4.3 Geochemical Pathfinder Anomalies

There is an As-Cu-Fe-Mn-Zn anomaly to the north of the study area, located in the Nant-y-Coy Formation of the Roch Rhyolite Group, as seen in Figures 45-60. This anomalous zone is approximately 500m wide but is poorly constrained towards the northeast, proximal to the boundary of the study area. The data provided by the pXRF highlights significant enrichments in As, Mn, Zn (see Figures 45, 52 and 58) and less pronounced enrichments of Cu (See Figure 49). In comparison, As-Cu-Fe-Mn-Zn concentrations are anomalously low within the Flinty Rhyolite component, with a significant contrast apparent at the contact with the Nant-y-Coy Formation. When compared with the multi-element data, the trends are largely similar albeit with lower limits of detection provided (see Figures 46, 50, 53, 56 and 58 for multi-element heat maps). Ba data was provided solely by multi-element analysis and shows a moderate enrichment within the Nant-y-Coy Formation (see Figure 48).

There are 4 inferred faults which cross-cut and bound a major proportion of the study area. It is apparent that proximal to these faults are significant anomalies of Cu-Pb across all pXRF, multi-element and ionic leach data (see Figures 49-51 and 55-57). However, the ionic leach data reveals geochemical anomalies that have not been picked up by either pXRF, fire assay or multi-element analysis. As seen in figure 44, Au analysed by ionic leach corresponds with the As-Cu-Fe-Mn-Zn anomaly. Additionally, there are more subtle anomalies of As-Zn that are enriched along the faulted areas that have been primarily identified by ionic leach (see Figures 47 and 60). This is most apparent for the northwest-southeast trending fault that coincides with the boundary between the Nant-y-Coy formation and the Rhyolitic Breccia. There is also minor enrichment in As, Cu and Pb analysed by ionic leach approximately 100m south of the northeast-southwest trending fault that marks the boundary between the Rhyolitic Breccia and the Lingula Flags Formation (see Figures 47, 51 and 57).

There is another significant anomaly for Pb that extends towards the east (see Figure 55). This appears to solely align with Sr enrichment (see Figure 40), although the sample lines for multi-element and ionic leach largely miss this anomaly. Sulphur content also begins to become enriched towards the east but lacks data points to determine significant relationships. It is worth noting that Pb enrichment appears to be inversely proportional to Zn enrichment (see Figure 58-60).

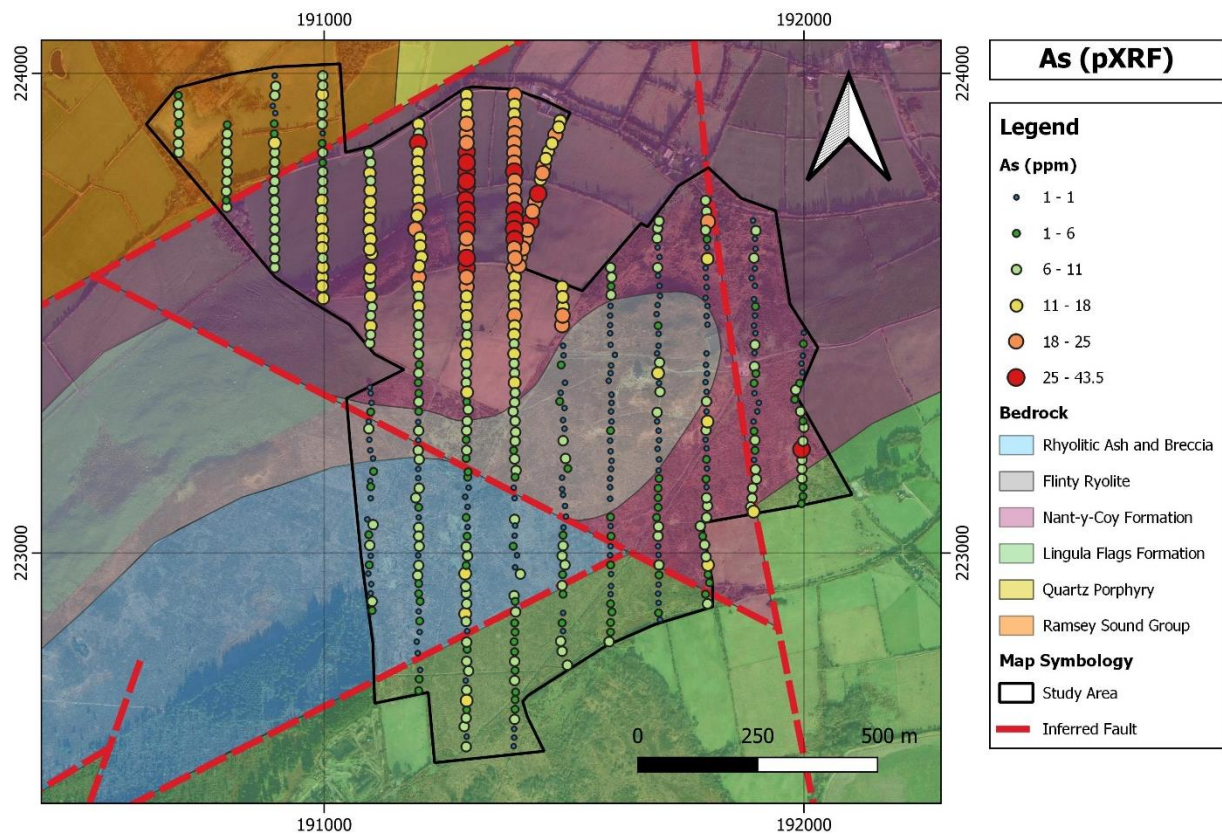


Figure 45: As concentrations for soil samples analysed by pXRF within the study area (data from SHG and ALS Global, basemap from Edina Digimap)

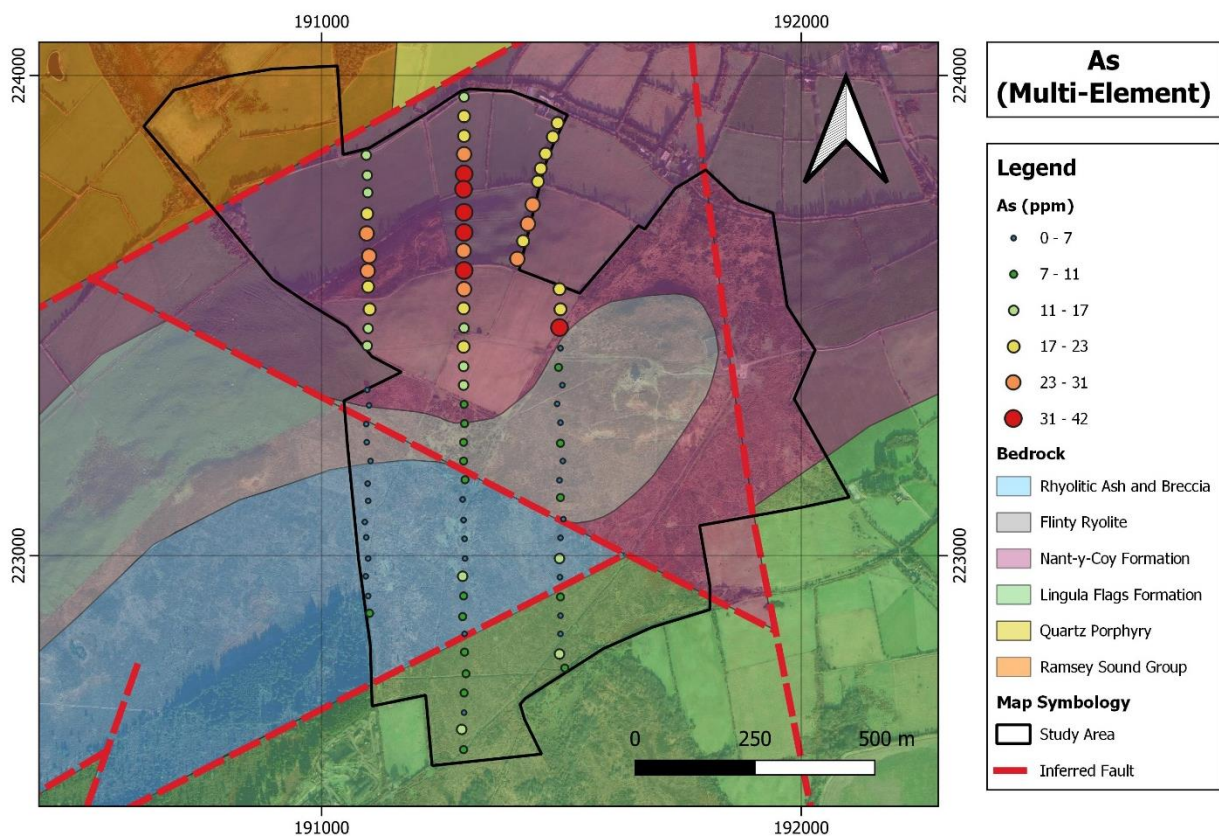


Figure 46: As concentrations for soil samples analysed by multi-element analysis within the study area (data from SHG and ALS Global, basemap from Edina Digimap)

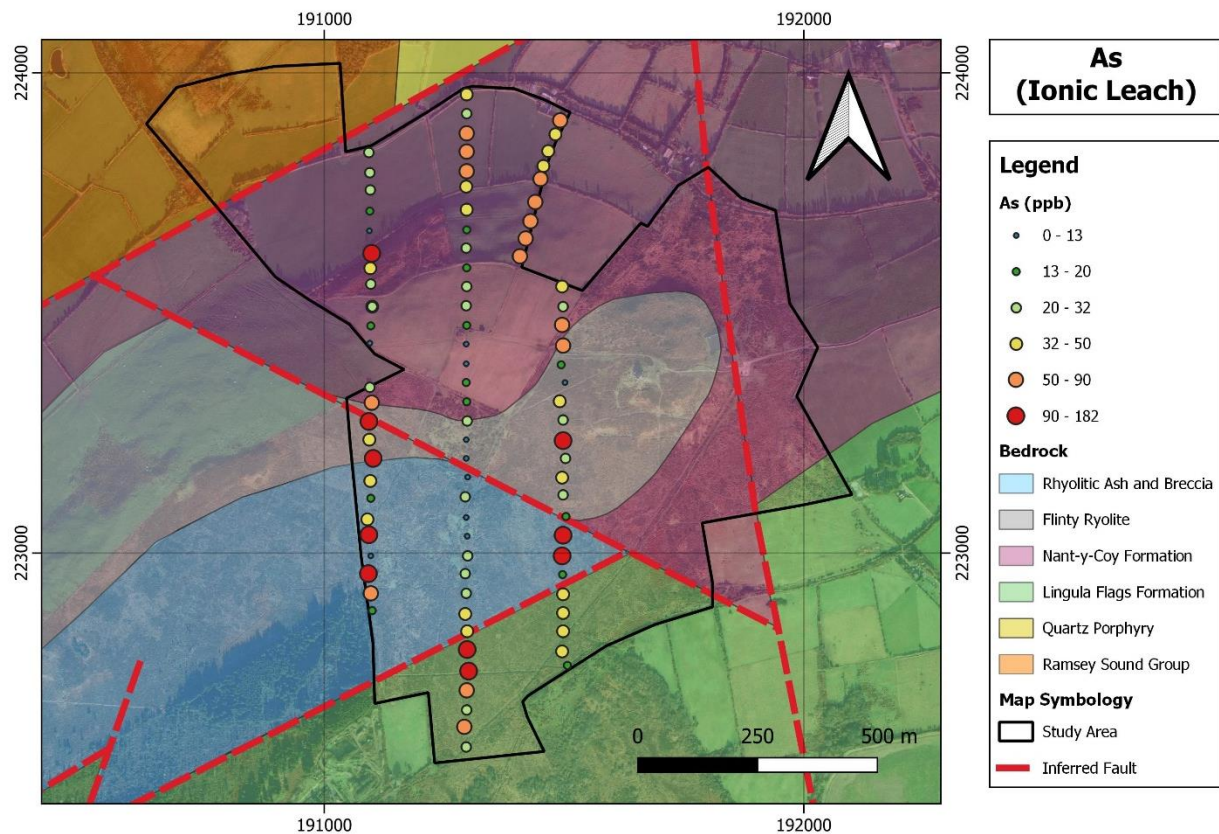


Figure 47: As concentrations for soil samples analysed by ionic leach within the study area (data from SHG and ALS Global, basemap from Edina Digimap)

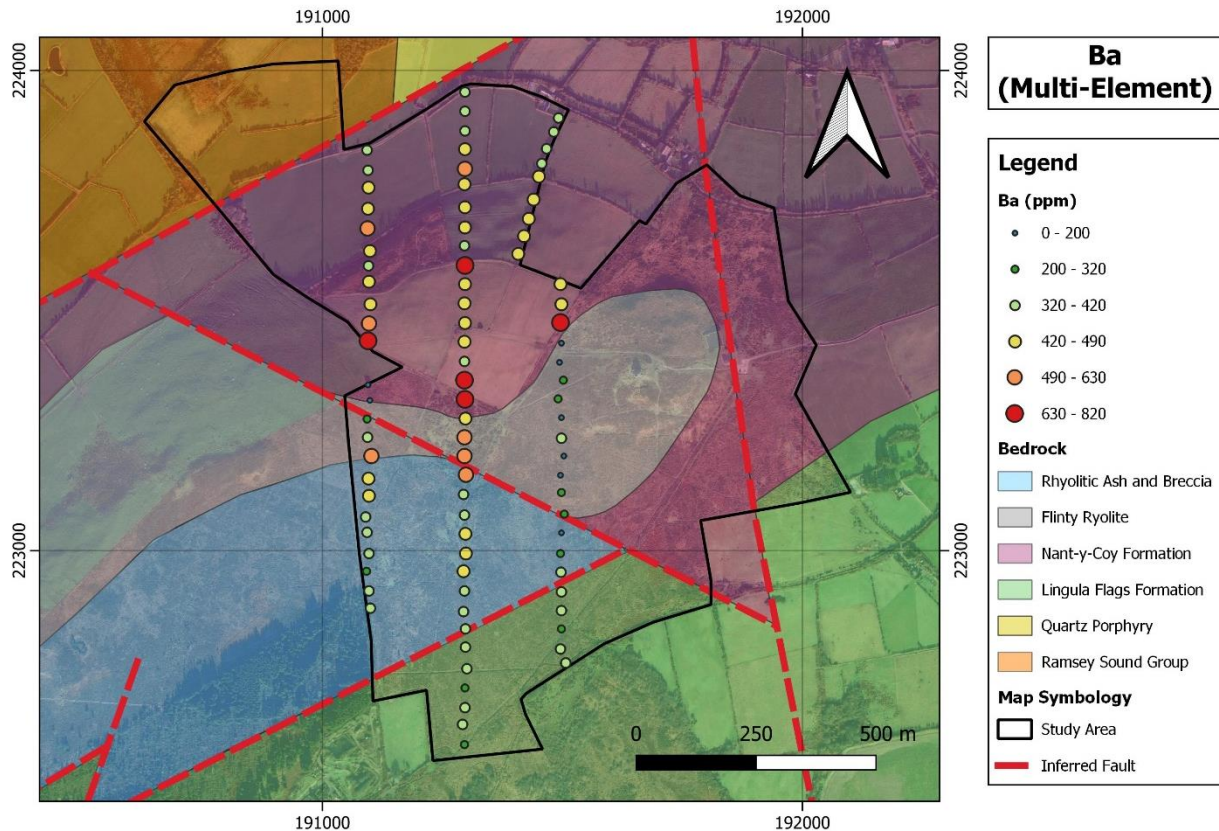


Figure 48: Ba concentrations for soil samples analysed by multi-element within the study area (data from SHG and ALS Global, basemap from Edina Digimap)

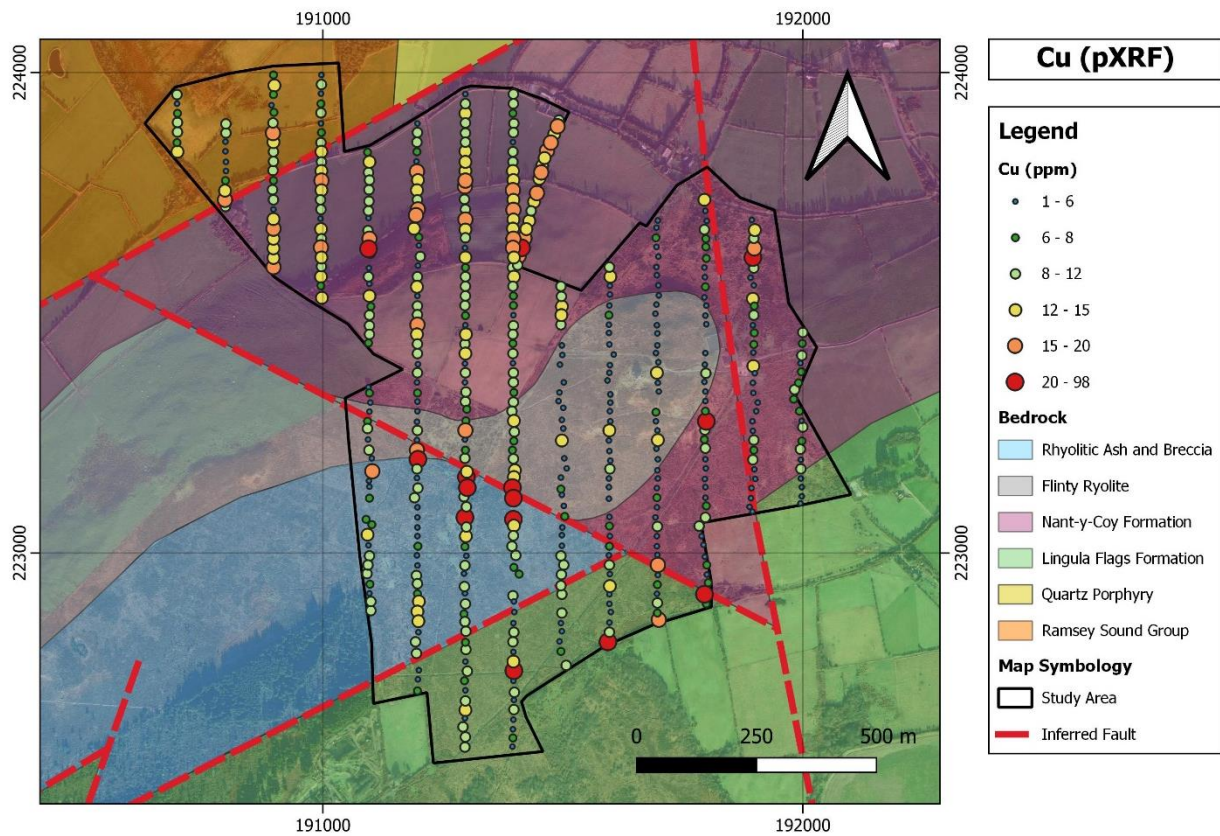


Figure 49: Cu concentrations for soil samples analysed by pXRF within the study area (data from SHG and ALS Global, basemap from Edina Digimap)

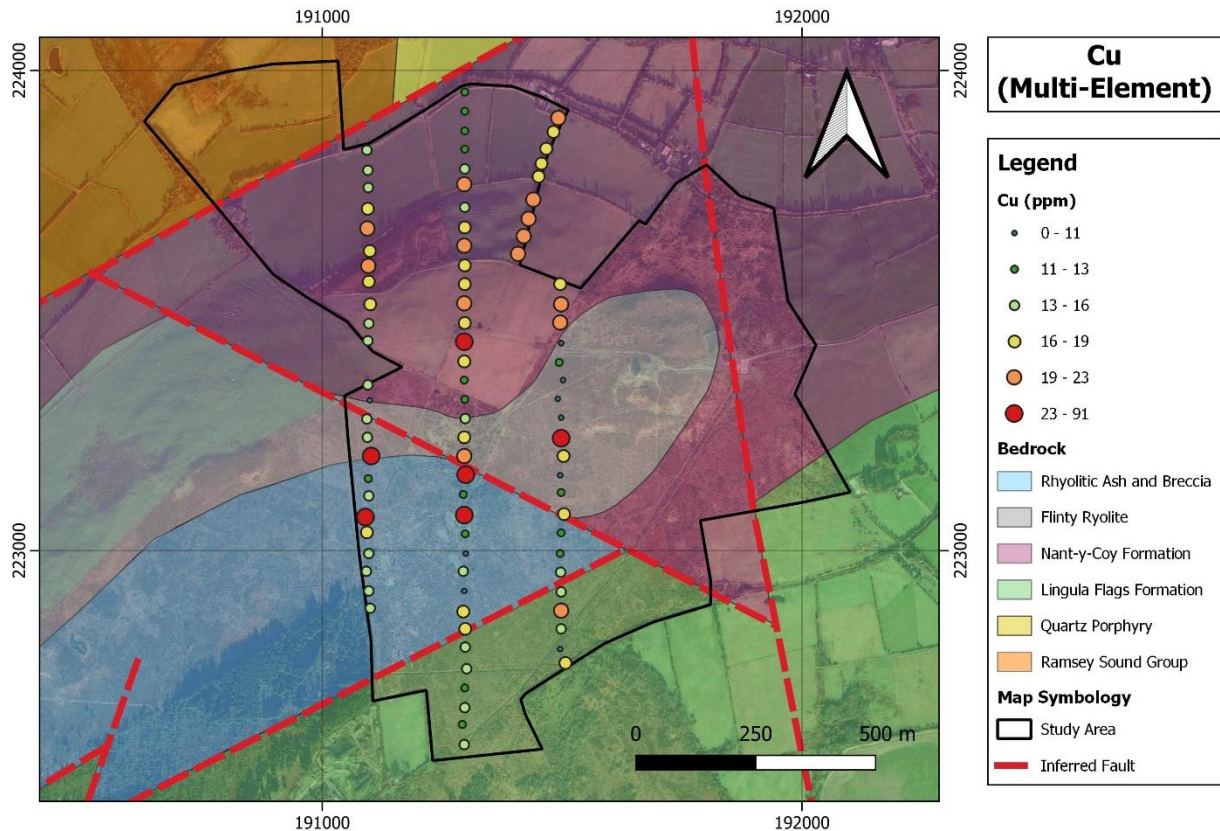


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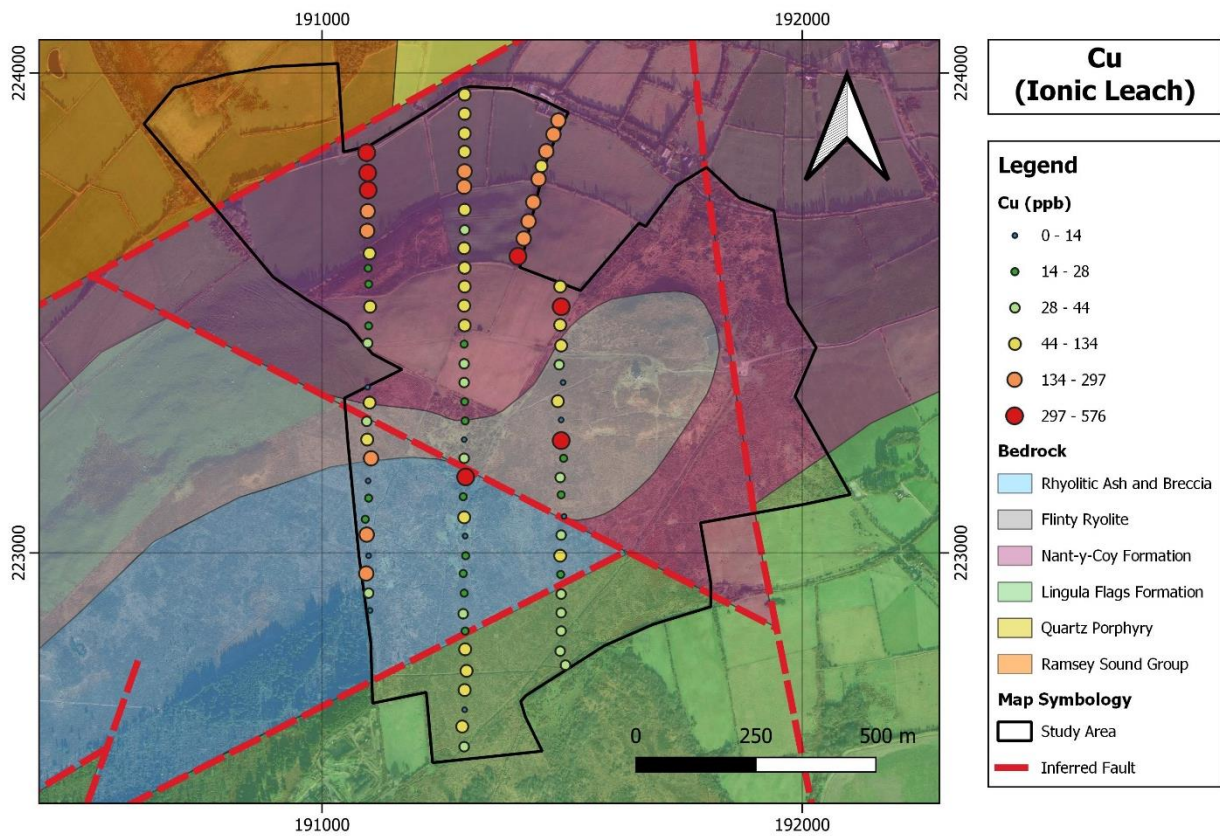


Figure 51: Cu concentrations for soil samples analysed by ionic leach within the study area (data from SHG and ALS Global, basemap from Edina Digimap)

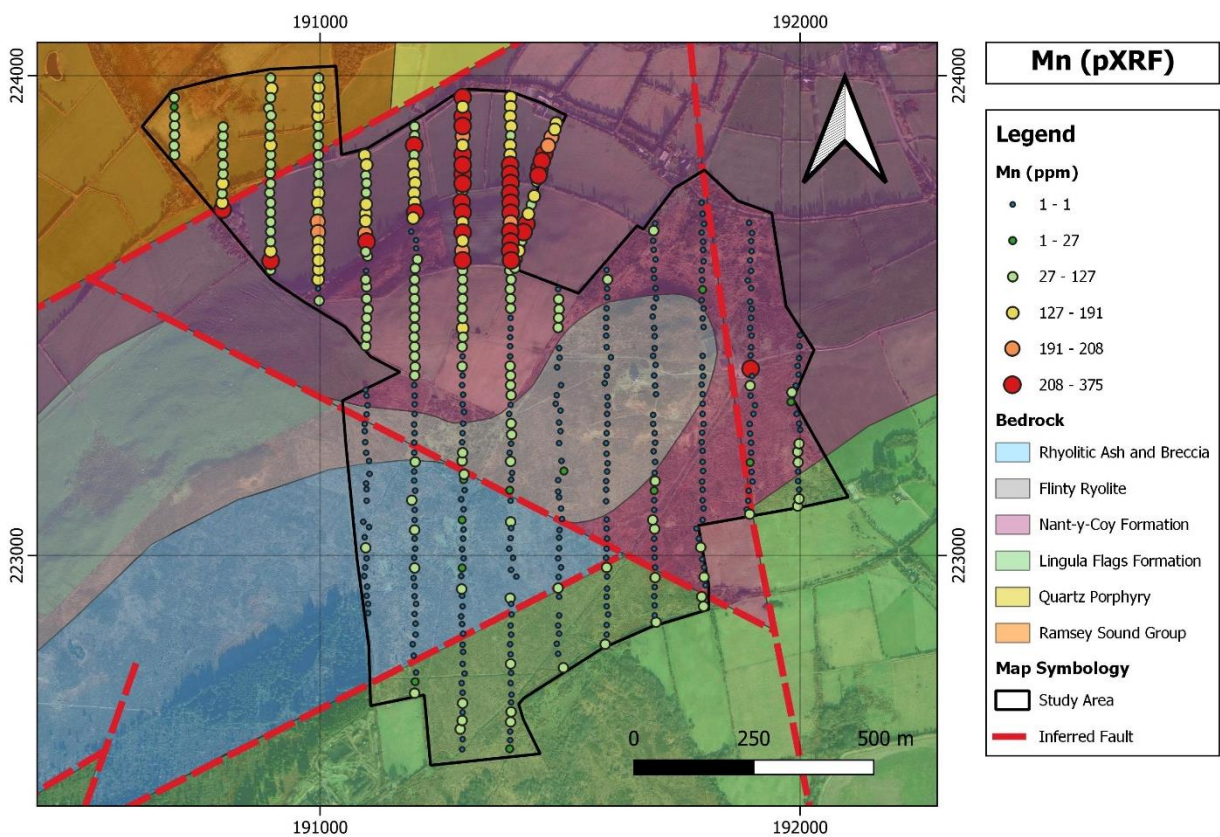


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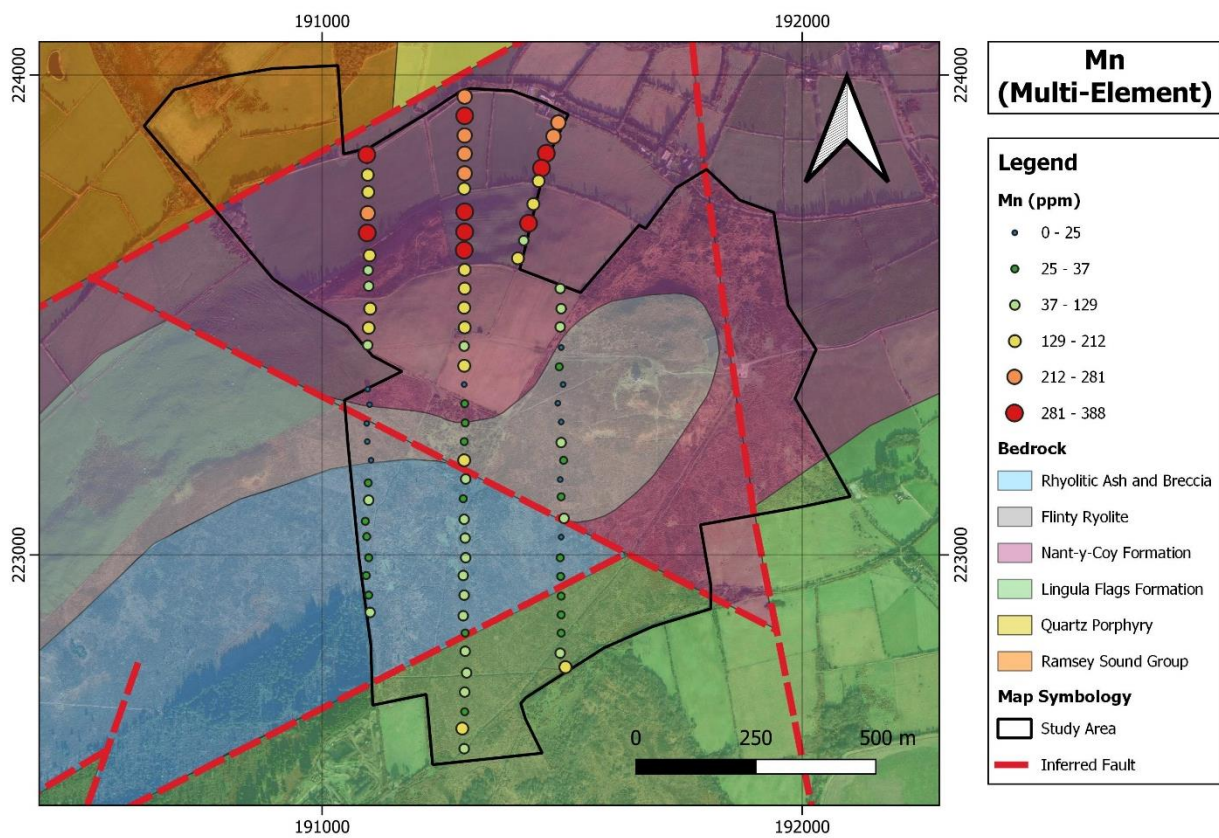


Figure 53: Mn concentrations for soil samples analysed by multi-element analysis within the study area (data from SHG and ALS Global, basemap from Edina Digimap)

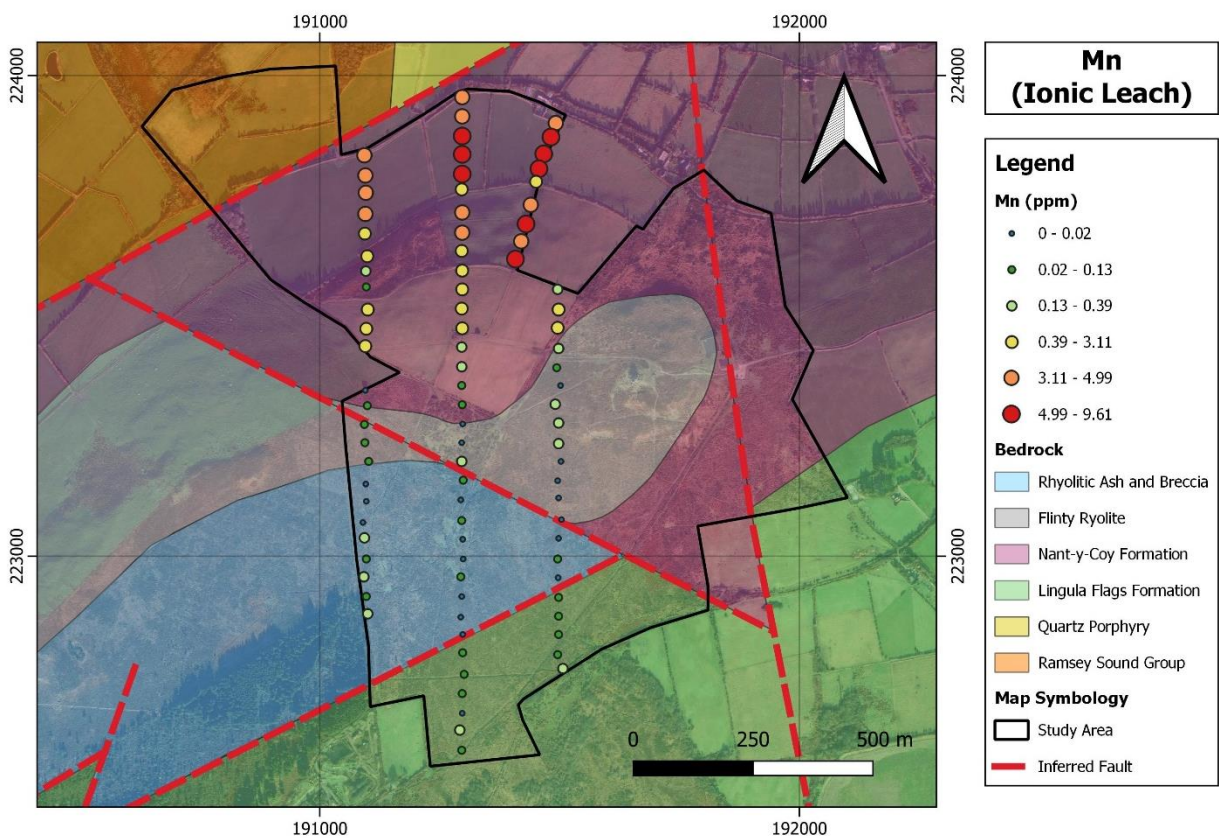


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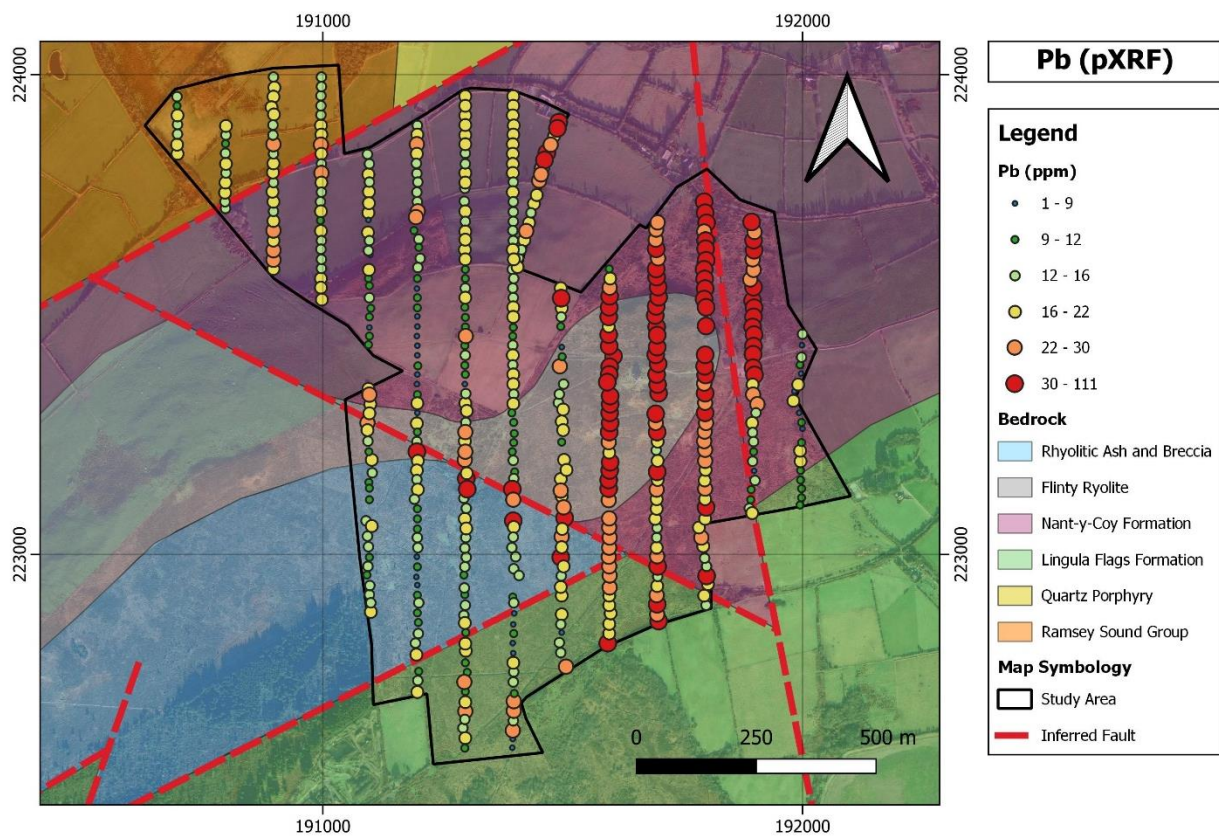


Figure 55: Pb concentrations for soil samples analysed by pXRF within the study area (data from SHG and ALS Global, basemap from Edina Digimap)

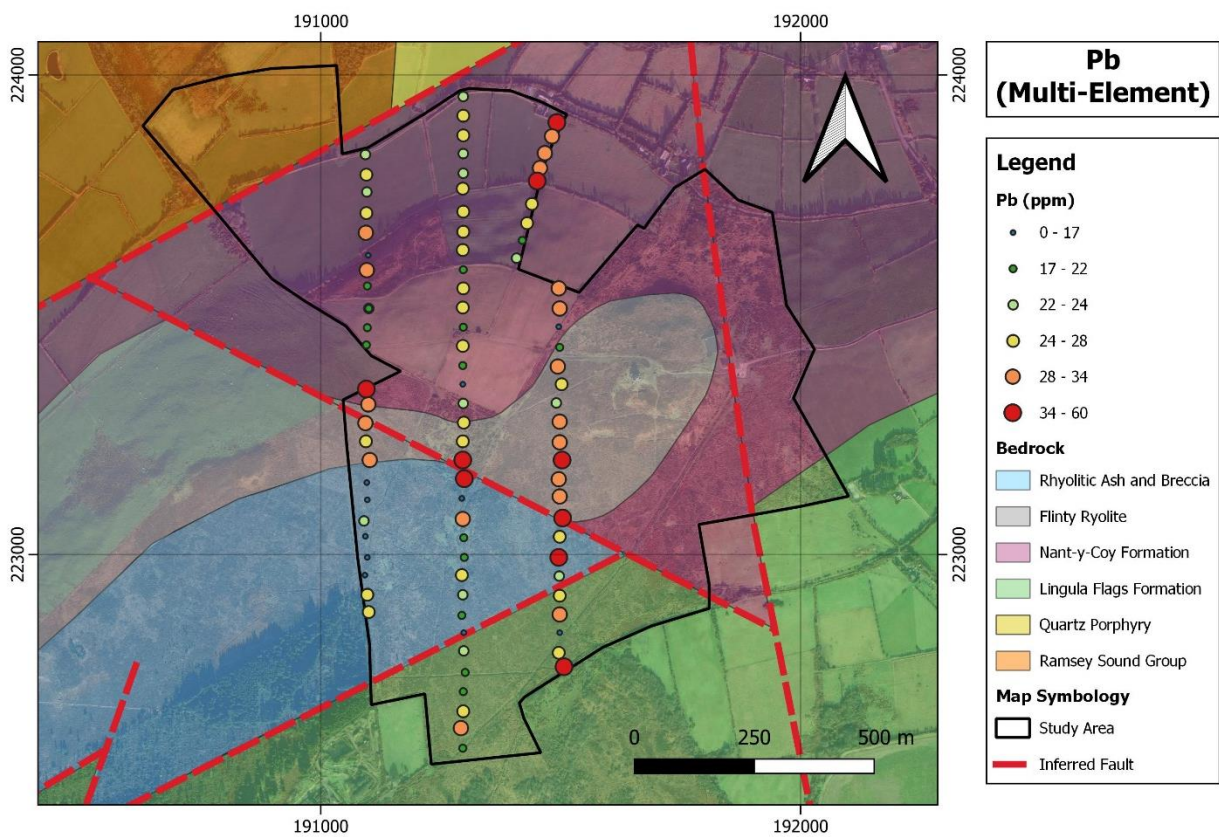


Figure 56: Pb concentrations for soil samples analysed by multi-element analysis within the study area (data from SHG and ALS Global, basemap from Edina Digimap)

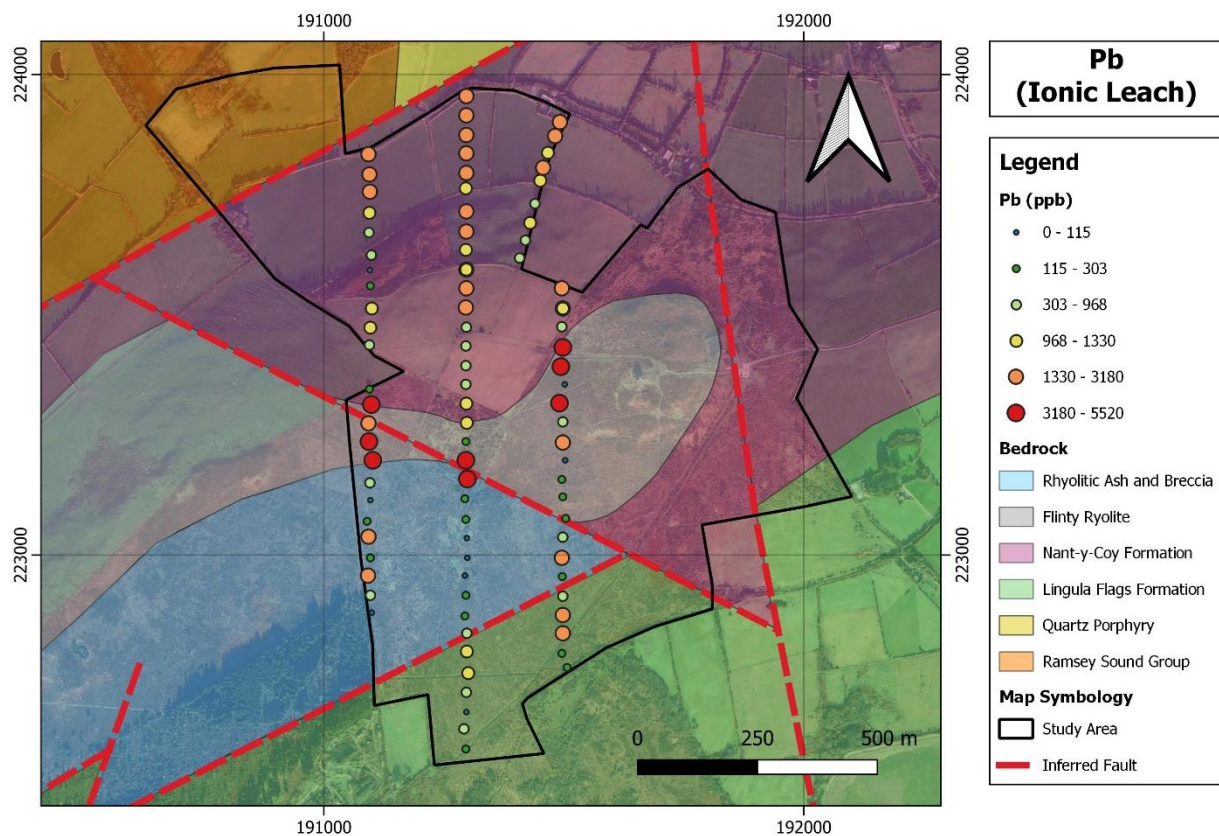


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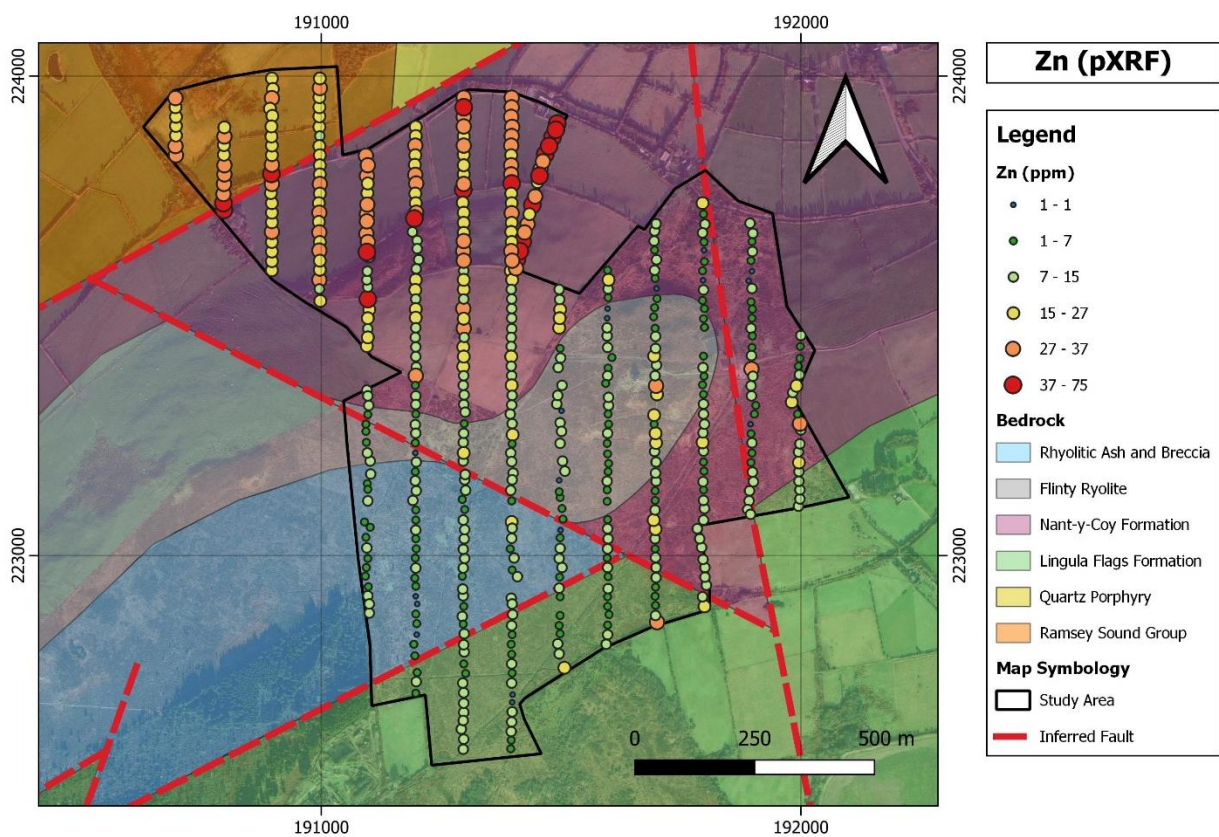


Figure 58: Zn concentrations for soil samples analysed by pXRF within the study area (data from SHG and ALS Global, basemap from Edina Digimap)

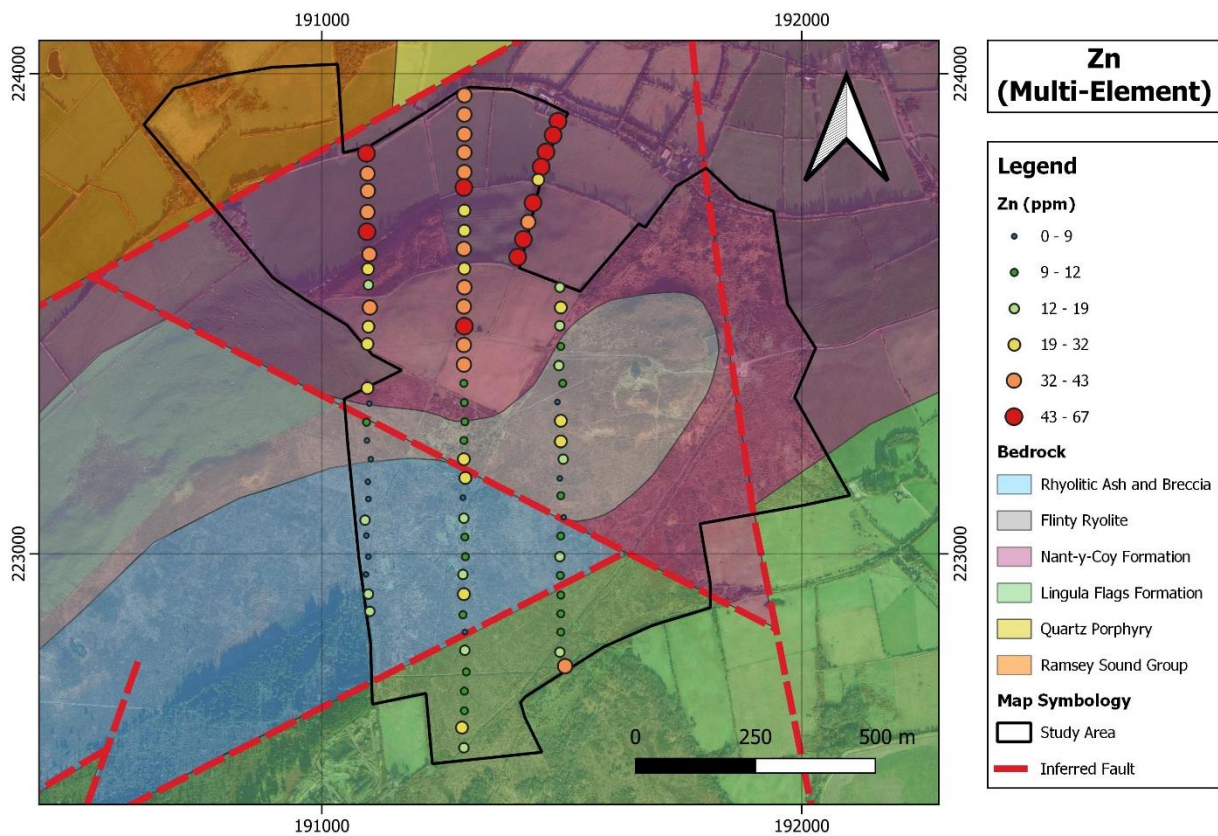


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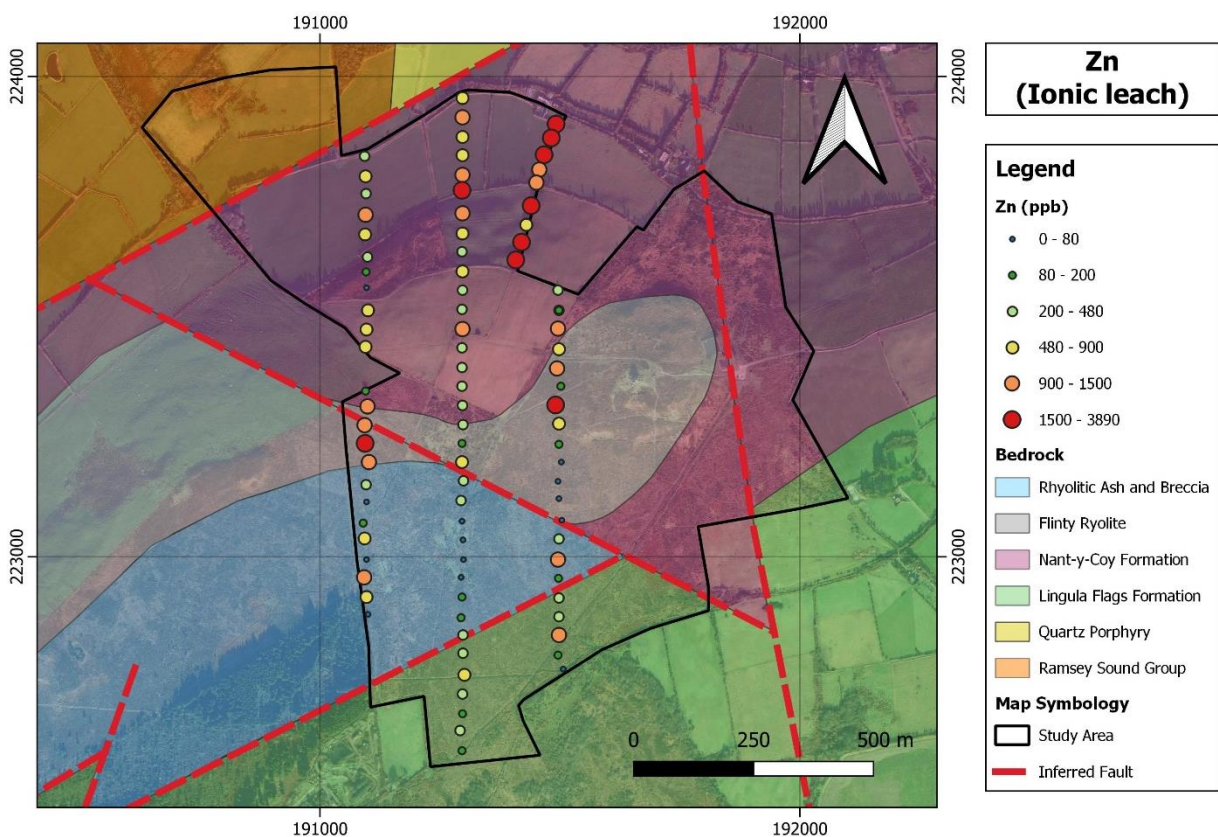


Figure 60: Zn concentrations for soil samples analysed by ionic leach within the study area (data from SHG and ALS Global, basemap from Edina Digimap)

6. Discussion

6.1 Interpretation of Geochemical Anomalies

The main Au-As-Ba-Cu-Fe-Mn-Zn geochemical anomaly lies to the north of the study area (see Figure 63) and is lithologically constrained within the Nant-y-Coy Formation. This anomaly is approximately 500m wide and likely reflects the presence of abundant pyrite and may be an indicator of mineralisation, with the high levels of Cu, Pb and Zn possibly relating to secondary enrichment processes (Brown et al., 1987). An anomalous zone of Ba enrichment is proximal to the contact between the Flinty Rhyolite and the Nant-y-Coy Formation and may possibly represent the surface expression of Ba mineralisation seen at 85-90m depth in BGS borehole 1 approximately 750m west of the study area (see Figure 4).

An inverse distance weighted interpolation (IDW) has been created (see Figure 60) to highlight the extent of the geochemical anomaly, with the boundary outside of the mapping area being poorly constrained. Correlation with other datasets is critical to understand the nature of the anomalies, such as past BGS geophysical surveys. The enriched zone to the north corresponds with a high radiometric anomaly (see Figure 61) and a high chargeability anomaly (see Figure 62). The radiometric high corresponds with high K and Rb values within the soil of the Nant-y-Coy Formation. The Ba, K and Rb values are very low within the Flinty Rhyolite, reflecting extreme alteration and silicification of the rhyolites. The chargeability high within the Nant-y-Coy formation likely corresponds to abundant disseminated pyrite seen in float samples and could reflect a moderately-sized pyrite-bearing body at depth.

Analysis by pXRF has identified an approximately 250m wide zone of Pb enrichment towards the eastern part of the study area (see Figure 64). This Pb anomaly also aligns with a chargeability high but a radiometric low in contrast to the Au-As-Ba-Cu-Fe-Mn-Zn geochemical anomaly. This enriched Pb zone may represent sulphide zoning within a deposit and may correlate with other pathfinder elements which have not been analysed through multi-element analysis and ionic leach. There are local highs of Cu-Pb along faults which cross-cut the study area, which may have been caused by hydrothermal fluids using the faults as fluid conduits, resulting in metal enrichment of the surrounding soil.

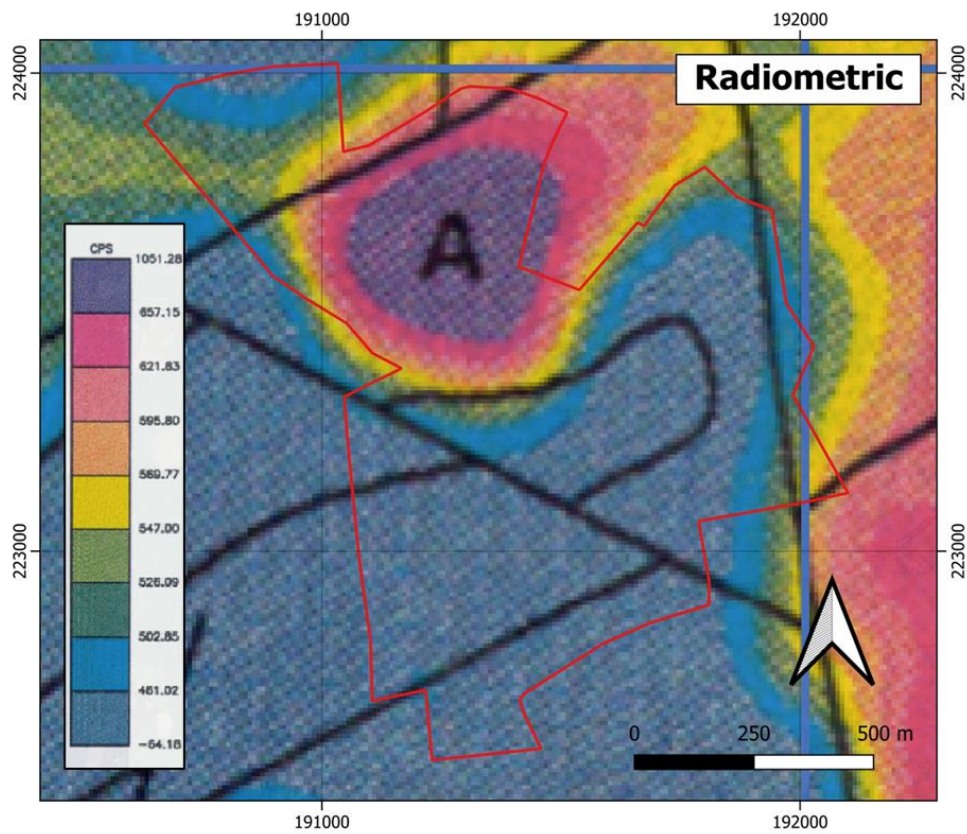


Figure 61: Equal-area total count radiometric map of Plumstone Mountain (modified from Colman et al., 1995)

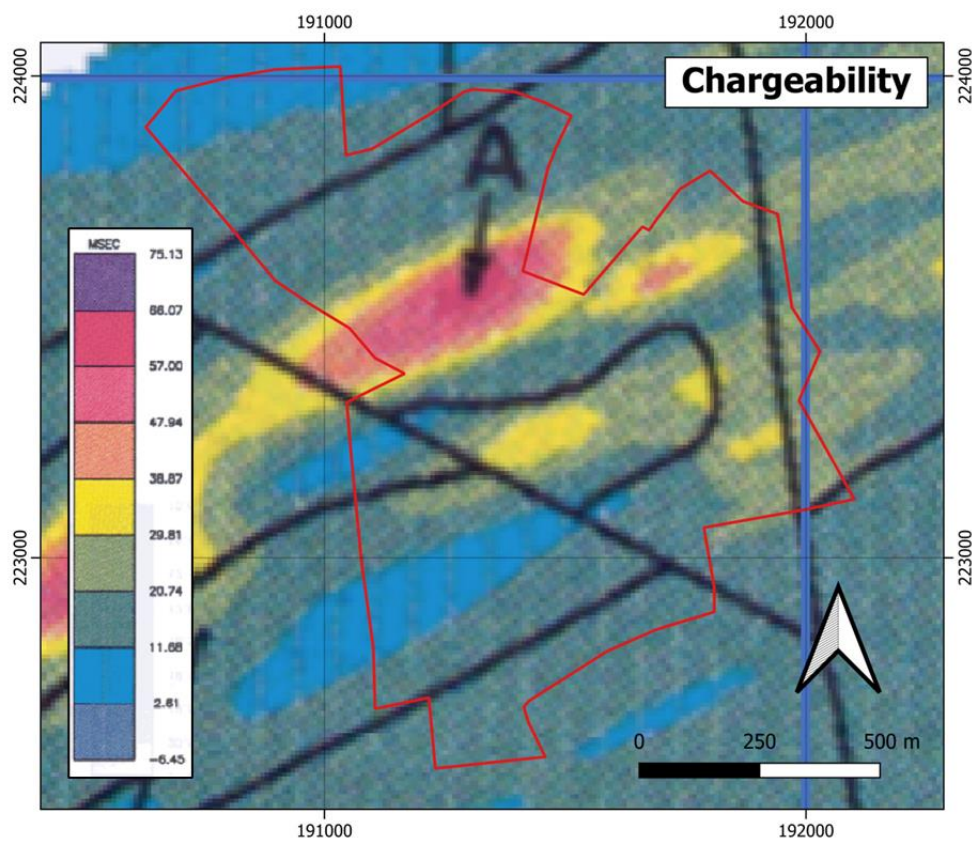


Figure 62: Equal-area chargeability map of Plumstone Mountain (modified from Colman et al., 1995)

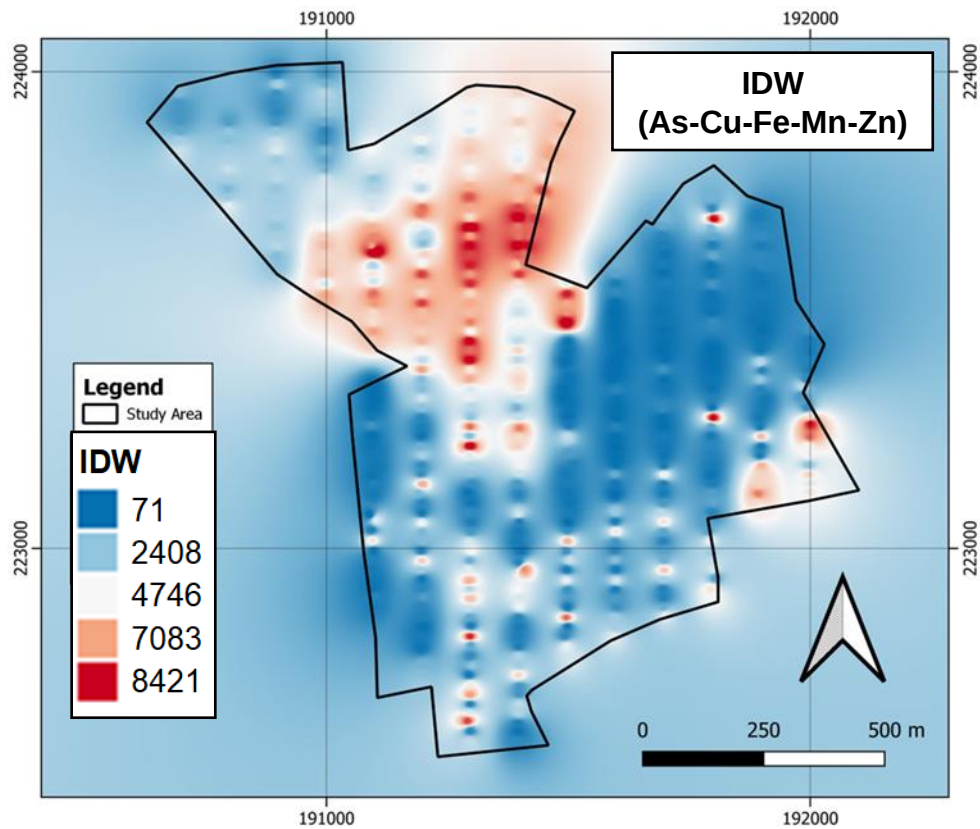


Figure 63: Inverse distance weighted interpolation of selected pathfinder elements (As-Cu-Fe-Mn-Zn), highlighting the extent of the northern geochemical anomaly

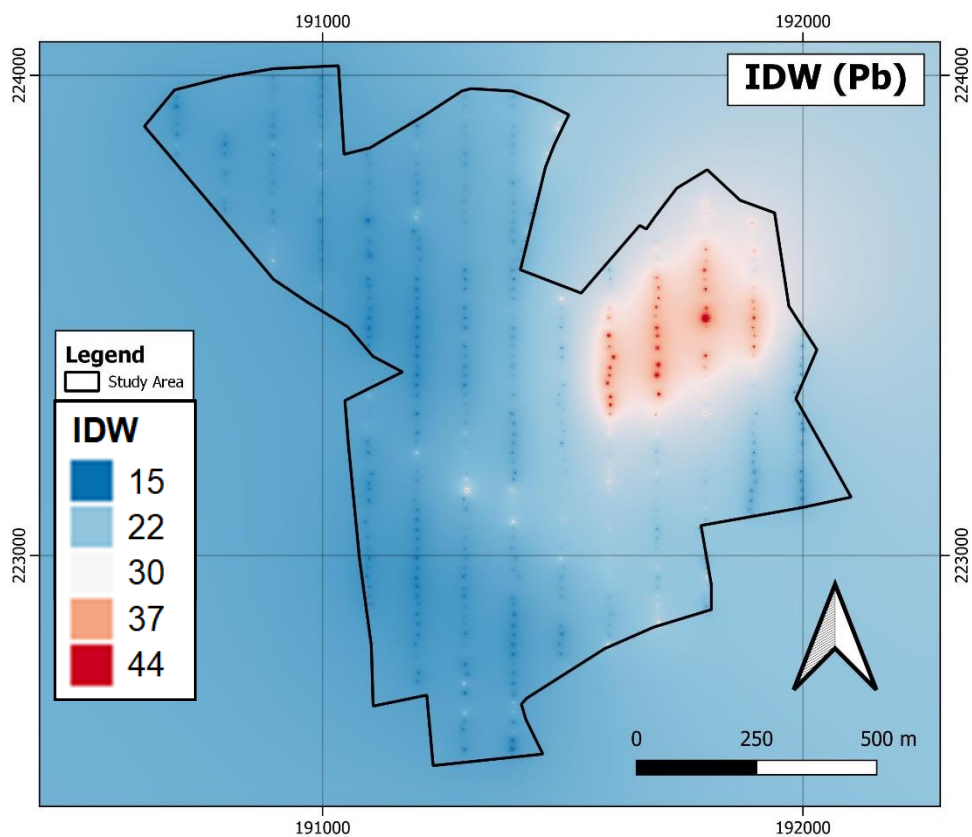


Figure 64: Inverse distance weighted interpolation map of Pb, highlighting the offset of the Pb anomaly from the larger As-Cu-Fe-Mn-Zn geochemical anomaly to the north

6.2 Deposit Interpretation

The geochemical signatures analysed at Plumstone Mountain correspond with VMS mineralisation, and in particular the bimodal-felsic VMS model as these deposits are major sources of Zn, Cu, Pb, Ag and Au, and can contain significant amounts of Mn, Te, and Hg (Lydon 1984). They typically occurs as lenses of polymetallic massive sulphide that form proximal to the seafloor in submarine volcanic environments. All VMS deposits are formed in extensional tectonic settings which includes both seafloor spreading and arc environments (Galley et al., 2007). The Nant-y-coy Formation may represent a sedimentary package that has been deposited within a back-arc basin and the dark, fine-grained and pyrite-rich mudstones suggest a deep water environment (see Figure 65).

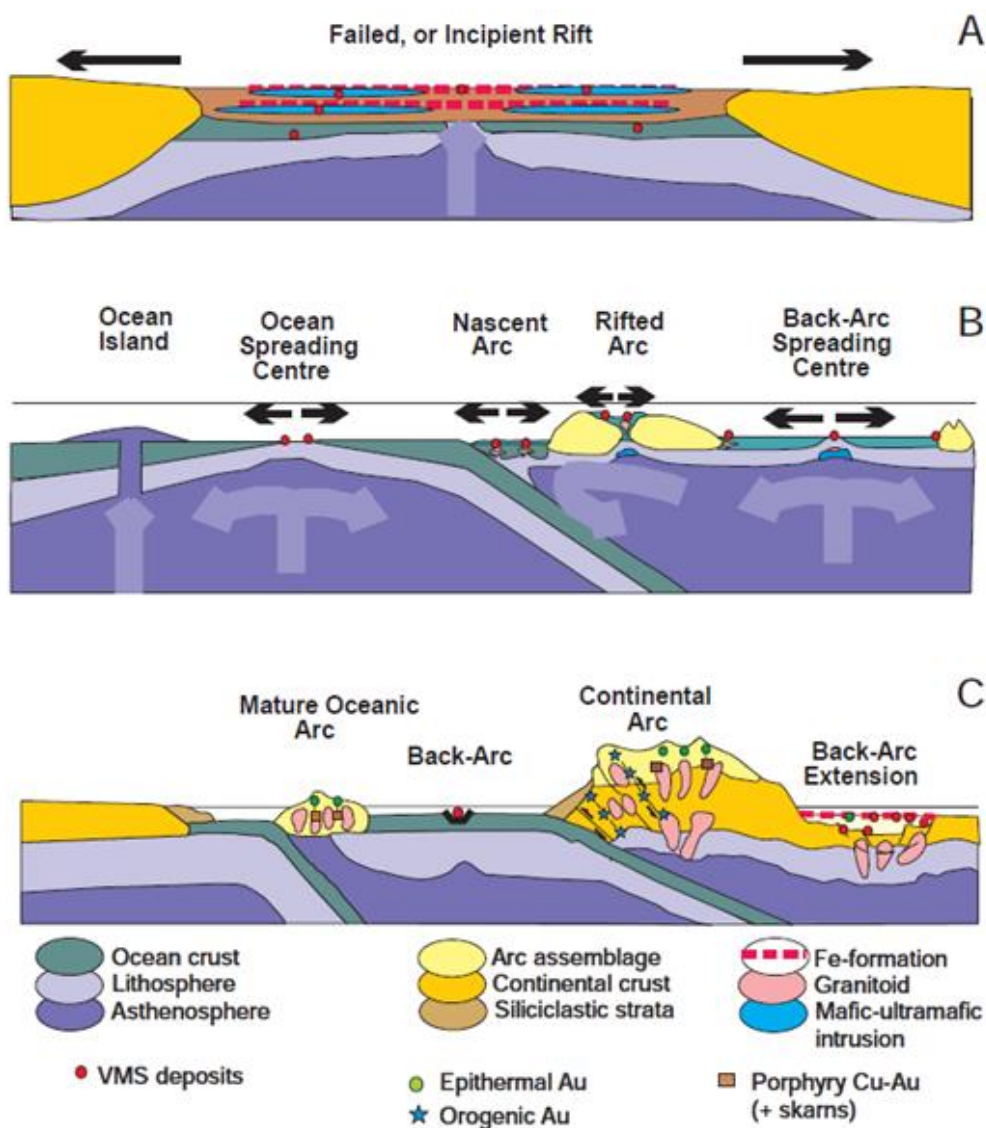


Figure 65: Diagrams A-C show the principal tectonic environments in which VMS deposits form. Diagram B shows a sea floor spreading extensional regime which corresponds to the study area, further supporting the bimodal-felsic VMS type. Modified from Groves et al., 1998 (Galley et al., 2007)

VMS deposits are classified according to base metal content, Au content and host-rock lithologies (Franklin et al., 2005). The signatures of the anomaly at Plumstone Mountain indicate that it would fall into the Zn-Pb-Cu group, with characteristically felsic and volcanoclastic host rocks, in addition to intense silicification and hydrothermal alteration characterised by loss of alkalis, with high Al and very low Na, K, Ca and Rb (Colman et al., 1995). The Bimodal-Felsic VMS type (see Figure 66) can be defined as having above 50% felsic volcanic rocks and above 15% siliciclastic rocks in the host stratigraphic succession (Barrie and Hannington, 1999). These deposits are abundant during the Phanerozoic and are found in more compositionally mature volcanic arcs (Lydon, 1984). The felsic host rocks are typically high-silica rhyolite, which are consistent with the study area.

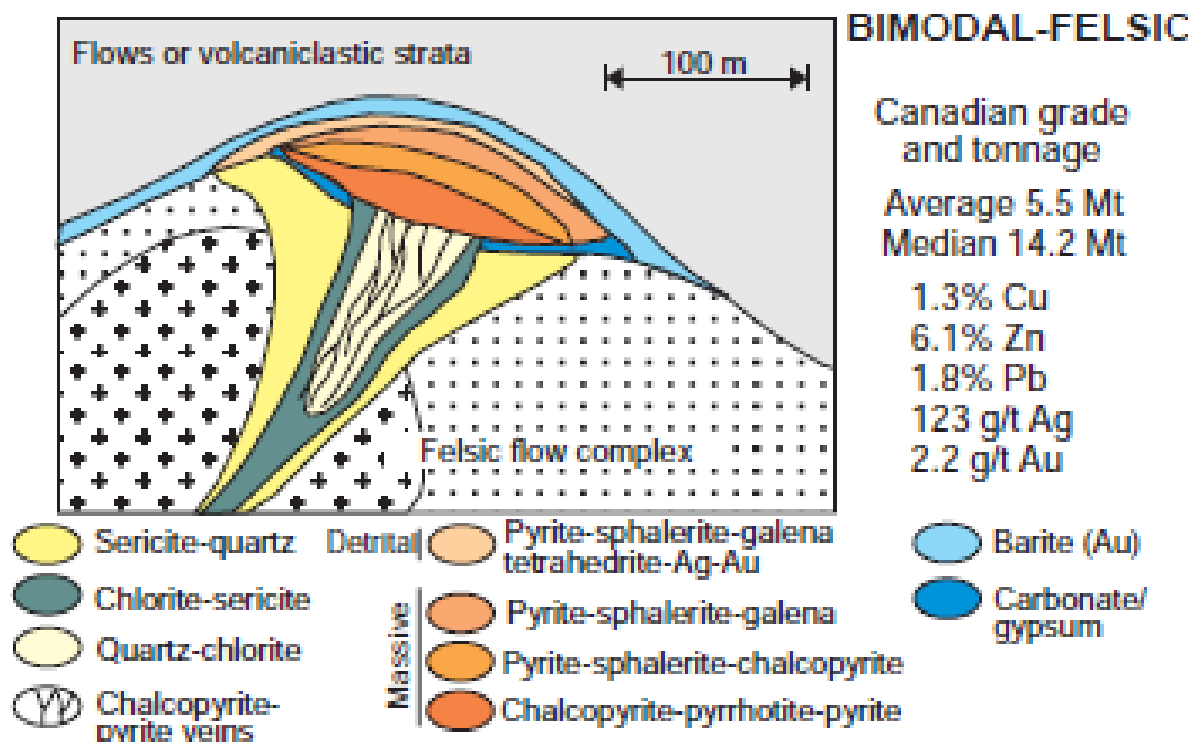


Figure 66: Proposed mineral deposit model based on the VMS lithological classifications from Barrie and Hannington (1999) and further modified by Franklin et al. (2005) (Galley et al., 2007)

Within VMS deposits, Au-rich massive sulphides are commonly associated with barite-rich assemblages (Eckstrand et al., 1995). There is enriched Ba at the study area, up to 820ppm analysed in soil samples, which continues across strike of the Roch Rhyolite Group. This could indicate the presence of a distal barite cap, which may then be followed by Pb/Zn and then Cu/Pb/Zn and Cu/Au zone towards the centre of hydrothermal activity (see Figure 67). The hydrothermal alteration, quartz veining and pyrite mineralisation located at Plumstone mountain could further support that it may located on the edge of VMS system (Cooper et al., 2000).

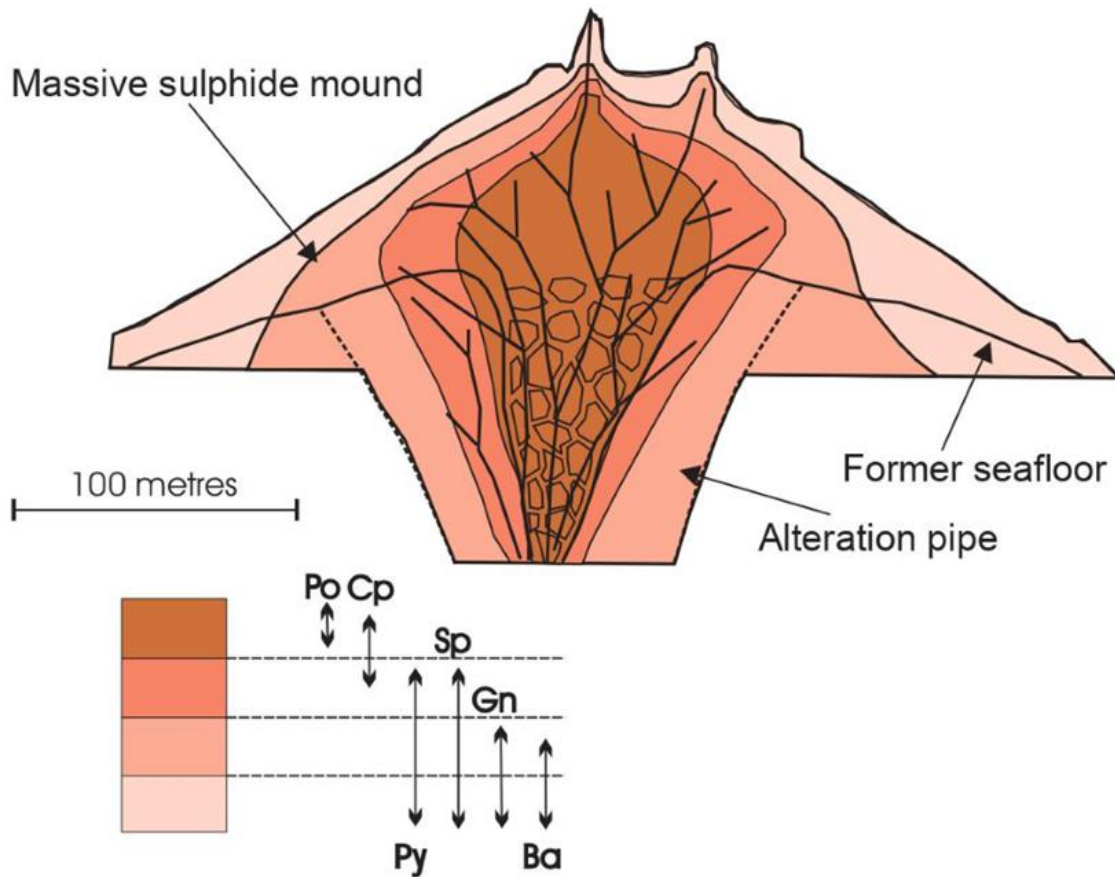


Figure 67: Typical mineral zonation within VMS deposits, controlled by hydrothermal fluid temperature gradients (Lydon, 1984)

6.3 Comparisons to Other Deposits

The majority of VMS mining districts have clusters of deposits which have formed within a rift or caldera, attributing to a common heat source. Two classic examples of Bimodal-Felsic VMS systems are the Miocene deposits of the Hokuroku district, Japan (Kitazono and Ueno, 2008) and the Rosebery deposits of the Cambrian Mt. Read district, Tasmania (Naschwitz, 1985). Across the 5 deposit models proposed by Barrie and Hannington (1999), the Bimodal-Felsic type is the second-most numerous and on average contains the most Zn content (Galley et al., 2007).

The geology of Plumstone Mountain shares similar attributes to established VMS areas such as Parys Mountain (Anglesey), Avoca (Ireland) and the Bucans VMS district (Labrador). All of these deposits have Ordovician aged host rocks, felsic-dominated submarine volcanic rocks and pyritic black shales present (Colman et al., 1995). Additionally, despite no chloritisation being observed, a strong loss of alkalis and intense silicification is a common factor across all discussed deposits and the study area (See Table 8).

Comparison of Plumstone Mountain to established VMS Areas				
<i>Established VMS areas</i>	Plumstone Mountain, Pembrokeshire	Parys Mountain, Anglesey	Avoca, Ireland	Buchans, Labrador
Geology				
<i>Archean to Tertiary</i>	Ordovician	Ordovician	Ordovician	Ordovician
<i>Island arc / Greenstone</i>	Back Arc	Back Arc	Continental Margin Arc	Island Arc
<i>Bimodal basalt – Rhyolite submarine volcanics</i>	Felsic – dominated submarine volcanic rocks	Felsic – dominated submarine volcanic rocks	Felsic – dominated submarine volcanic rocks	Mafic – Felsic dominated submarine volcanic rocks
<i>Pyritic black shales present</i>	Present (Nant-y-Coy Formation)	Present	Present	Present
<i>Clusters of deposits</i>	No known deposits	Several deposits	Several deposits	Several deposits
Ore Minerals				
<i>Pyrite (common)</i>	Abundantly disseminated (Roch Rhyolite Group)	Massive and disseminated	Massive and disseminated	Common
<i>Chalcopyrite (common)</i>	Not observed (sparse in Treffgarne)	Common	Common	Common
<i>Galena (common)</i>	Not observed	Common	Common	Common
<i>Sphalerite (common)</i>	Not observed	Common	Common	Common
<i>Baryte (common)</i>	Sporadic	Little reported	Little reported	Common
Hydrothermal Alteration				
<i>Strong – loss of alkalis</i>	Strong – loss of alkalis	Strong – loss of alkalis	Strong – loss of alkalis	Strong – loss of alkalis
<i>Chloritisation (common)</i>	Not observed	Intense Chloritisation	Intense Chloritisation	Intense Chloritisation
<i>Silicification (common)</i>	Intense silicification	Intense silicification	Intense silicification	Intense silicification

Table 8: Comparison between Plumstone Mountain and established VMS areas (modified from Colman et al., 1995)

6.4 Limitations of the Proposed Deposit Model

The extreme alteration and silicification of the Roch Rhyolite Group was caused through a high fluid to surround rock ratio which is potentially favourable to epithermal gold mineralisation rather than VMS mineralisation. Additionally, despite abundant pyrite and sparse chalcopyrite, galena and sphalerite has not been observed within the study area compared to established VMS deposits (Colman et al., 1995). Also, the Pb trends are inversely proportional to the Zn trends seen in the study area, which does not support typical VMS mineralisation.

6.5 Evaluation of Geochemical Analysis Techniques

The pXRF and multi-element analytical methods are both versatile and have the benefits of being able to analyse a wide range of elements with good precision. However, one of the key benefits of pXRF is that it has a rapid response rate, allowing for multiple analyses to be made in a short space of time relative to other analytical methods. In comparison, the sample size of the commercial lab techniques were limited due to budgetary constraints, limiting the ability to make full comparisons with the pXRF dataset. Therefore, unlike the commercial lab techniques, results from pXRF can be used to guide ongoing exploration during the projects duration without significant waiting time.

The results obtained via multi-element analysis had a good correlation to the pXRF dataset, and when also considering the increased cost per sample analysis, limits the effectiveness of the multi-element analysis technique. When considering Au concentrations received from the lab, the fire assay revealed a lack of significant anomalies within the study area. However in comparison, the ionic leach dataset revealed a small Au anomaly that corresponds to other base-metals anomalies to the north of the study area. Therefore, it can be concluded that the ionic leach datasets provides different geochemical signatures to the other geochemical analyses and may reveal additional information if used for future exploration.

7. Conclusions

This project was aimed to determine the gold prospectivity at Plumstone Mountain, evaluate the different geochemical techniques used (pXRF, fire assay, multi-element analysis and ionic leach) and determine if it was possible to further refine the previously mapped geology using geochemical data.

Regarding prospectivity, it can be concluded that there are geochemical anomalies suggesting potential indications for base-metal and precious-metal enrichment. The northern Au-As-Ba-Cu-Fe-Mn-Zn anomaly has been identified to align with a Bimodal-Felsic VMS signature. This spatial anomaly also corresponds with the continuation of the Nant-y-Coy Roch Rhyolite Group, where Au has previously been found associated with pyrite in quartz veins. However, fire assay results have revealed insignificant Au concentrations at typical background levels, and therefore indicates that gold mineralisation may be insubstantial if present.

A detailed elemental suite of data was produced using a combination of pXRF, fire assay, multi-element analysis and ionic leach techniques. Despite lower detection limits, multi-element analysis provided a dataset significantly similar to the pXRF dataset for the purpose of this study. Therefore, pXRF analysis is deemed to be the most effective method to use for this early stage exploration programme due to the cost-effectiveness per sample and rapid response time.

The geochemical data gathered has been used to increase the resolution of the current BGS geological map. Most notably, the geological boundary of the most prospective unit for exploration, the Nant-y-Coy Formation, was able to be adjusted through using a combination of mapped element ratios along with Rb and Sr heat maps. Further exploration can benefit from using this updated map, especially when continuing to assess the prospectivity of the Roch Rhyolite Group in Pembrokeshire.

8. Exploration Recommendations

The author's recommendation is to not pursue further exploration work within the Plumstone Mountain area. The fire assay results were all within a background range, with the highest recorded being 0.007ppm. When making social considerations, Plumstone Mountain contains a site of special scientific interest (SSSI) and this will result in planning restrictions if deciding to advance the project to further stages, such as drilling. There is also a concern for contamination in the study area due to the land being in consistent use by farmers and visitors, which may have directly influenced data collected via enrichments in As and Pb.

However, the ionic leach data has identified an anomalous high for Au corresponding with base-metal enrichment. If further work was to take place, the soil geochemical anomaly to the north should be followed up towards the north-east to further understand its lateral extent via a combination of pXRF and ionic leach sampling. Furthermore, the pXRF is a cost-effective method of analysing a high proportion of samples and can be used during future SHG exploration programmes expanding from this study to guide sampling on-site.

There would also be a benefit to greater understand the nature of the faults in the area, in addition to surveying for ore minerals such as galena and sphalerite. Further work is recommended along strike of the Roch Rhyolite Group to the West of Plumstone Mountain to evaluate the extent of baryte and pyrite mineralisation. Also, it was clear that 3 beam analysis for the pXRF would have been extremely beneficial so that other key elements such as Si and S could have been identified. For example, Si would have been useful to plot elemental ratios for geochemical mapping. If further exploration did take place, it would be critical to consider this in order to provide a more complete suite of elements.

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11. Appendices

Appendix 1: Project Notebook (69 pages total)


**ALL-WEATHER
GEOLOGICAL
FIELD BOOK**
Numbered Pages

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Project Undergraduate (BSc) Dissertation


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2 Location Hayfordwest: Offices Date 07/07/21
 Project / Client Arrival

Day 1

- Arrived at the Sam Helen Gold office in Hayfordwest, Pembrokeshire
- Living on same floor as Alice Cardoso
- Team members: Maxwell Porter, Alice Cardoso (Student), Jake Bhaktar (Student), Tristan English (geologist), Jamie Price (geologist), Mike Armitage (managing director)
- Day mainly involved settling in and becoming familiar with the office
- Sam Helen Gold is a Wales-based gold exploration company focusing on the Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire regions



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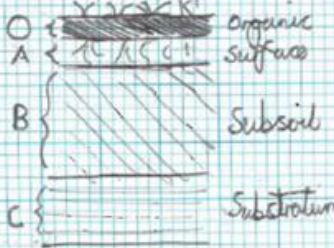
Location Preseli Hills Date 08/07/21
 Project / Client Training

SCORE

Day 2

- Today the students were taught basic field safety and soil sampling techniques by Steve Bateman and Chris Lambert from SRK Exploration Services
- Took both standard soil samples for gold assay and multi-element analysis, as well as soil samples for toxic leach
- Augers were used to sample boggy and marshy areas, as soil needs to be below organic horizon when collected

SOIL HORIZONS:



4 Location Plumstone Mountain Date 09/07/21
Project / Client Soil sampling

Day 3
First day of soil sampling at Plumstone Mountain

Weather: Sunny with clouds
Team members: Alice Cardoso, Jamie Price
Mood: Excited
Hours: 9

- Plumstone Mountain has high density of bushes
- Jamie taught us effective sampling, such as removing loose pebbles / rock fragments with trowel
- Start of orientation survey



22 Soil Samples Taken

5 Location Plumstone Mountain Date 10/07/21
Project / Client Soil Sampling

Scale

Day 4
Weather: Sunny
Team members: Alice Cardoso
Mood: Happy
Hours: 9

- Rock Type sampled is a massive shale
 - Need to check official name of rock unit mapped by BGS
- We are using charts to record soil / rock information, and switching shovelling / note taking duties daily

Photos

- Colour chart
- Plumstone mountain outcrop

11 Soil Samples Taken

6 Location Plumstone Mountain Date 11/07/21
Project / Client Soil Sampling

Day 5
Weather: Sunny
Team members: Alice Cardoso, Jamie Price
Mood: Happy
Hours: 9

- Note-taking today, recording information such as texture, colour, moisture, depth
- Organic content seems to vary

48 Soil Samples Taken

Soil Horizons:



O
A
B
C
R

7 Location Haverfordwest Date 12/07/21
Project / Client Day off

Scale

Day 6
Day off

Q Which papers by the BGS provided the exploration information for the project?

- Cooper, 2000
- Norton, 2000

8 Location Plumstone Mountain Date 13/07/21
Project / Client Soil Sampling

Day 7
Weather: Cloudy
Team members: Alice Cardoso
Mood: Happy, energised
Hours: 8

- Some sample points were difficult to gather sufficient amounts of soil due to higher quantities of rock/rubble fragments
- Organic horizon is relatively small compared to previous days

AUGER + SAMPLE

4
Soil Samples Taken

~1m

Location Plumstone Mountain Date 14/07/21 9
Project / Client Soil Sampling

Scale

Day 8
Weather: Cloudy
Team members: Alice Cardoso
Mood: Happy
Hours: 8

- Plumstone mountain outcrop is a grey, weathered Mylonite with occasional qtz - veins

PLUMSTONE MOUNTAIN OUTCROP

qtz veins

~5m

N

Rock Rhyolite Group

2 Soil Samples - Fluffy Rhyolite Taken

10 Location Plumstone Mountain Date 15/07/21
Project / Client Soil Sampling

Day 9
Weather: Cloudy, some rain
Team members: Alice Cardoso, Tristan English
Mood: Happy
Hours: 8

- Last day for now at Plumstone Mountain
- 2 lithologies seen at Plumstone mountain: Shale and Rhyolite
 - ↳ Check BGS Geological maps
 - ↳ hand specimens have been collected

Photos:

- Equipment
- Soil samples → need to annotate

33 Soil Samples Taken

Location Maiden Castle Date 16/07/21 11
Project / Client Soil Sampling

Scale

Day 10
Weather: Sunny
Team members: Alice Cardoso, Jamie Price
Mood: Excited
Hours: 9

- Exploring new area today
- Augers are very effective due to deeper organic horizons
- Higher densities of bushes and trees

N

100m

Maiden Head Outcrop

MP, AC

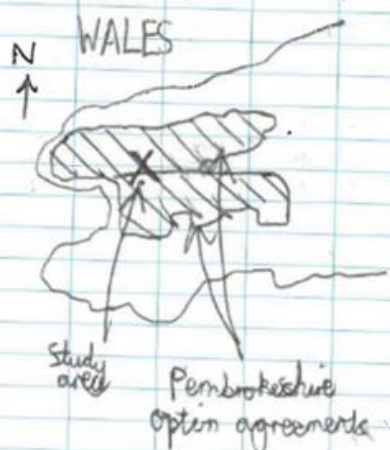
JB, TE, JP

12 Location Narefordnest Date 17/07/21
 Project / Client Day off

Day 11
 • Day off

Q ASK for QGIS lesson from Jamie

Q Crown option agreements figure?



Location Preseli Hills (West) Date 18/07/21 13
 Project / Client Soil Sampling

Scale

Day 12
 Weather: Sunny
 Team members: Alice Cardoso, Jamie Price
 Mood: Puffy
 Hours: 8

- Start of soil sampling lines in Preseli Hills
- Occasional wildlife such as sheep, need to be considered
- Tracks in area on some walking paths
- Auger is very useful in some areas where soil conditions are more marshy

14 Location Preseli Hills (West) Date 19/07/21
 Project / Client Soil Sampling

Day 13
 Weather: Sunny, cloudy
 Team members: Alice Cardoso
 Mood: Happy
 Hours: 8

- Continuation of soil sampling lines from yesterday
- Deep organic content present in majority of project area

Location Preseli Hills (West) Date 20/07/21 15
 Project / Client Soil Sampling

Scale

Day 14
 Weather: Sunny, cloudy
 Team members: Alice Cardoso
 Mood: Happy, more tired than usual
 Hours: 8

- Continuation of soil sampling lines from the 18th/19th July
- Also deep organic content present - need auger

16 Location Maiden Castle Date 21/07/21
 Project / Client Soil sampling / Float sampling

Day 15

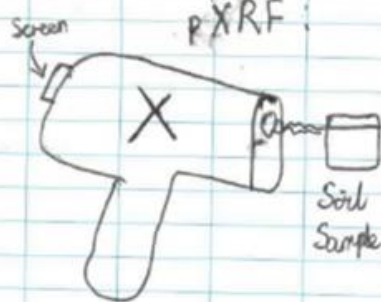
Weather: Sunny

Team members: Alice Cardoso, Jamie Price, Tristan English, Jake Blackita

Mood: Happy, excited

Hours: 9

- Following up promising As anomalies for float samples taken previously
- Doing more float sampling
- Using geological hammer
- Float samples approximately a 'fist' in size



17 Location Clabber Clabberston Road Date 22/07/21
 Project / Client Training - gold panning

Scale

Day 16

Weather: Sunny

Team members: Alice Cardoso, Jamie Price, Tristan English, Jake Blackita, Steve Bateman, Nicholas O'Reilly, Roger Murphy

Mood: Very excited!

Hours: 9

- Taught by Steve and Nick from SRK Exploration Services on the fundamentals of gold panning
- Visited by Roger Murphy
- Took samples from active streams
- Looked for trap sites

18 Location Clabberston Road Date 23/07/21
 Project / Client Gold panning

Day 17

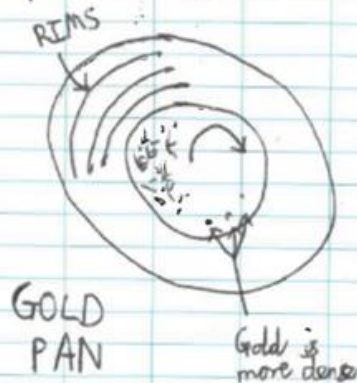
Weather: Cloudy, colder

Team members: AC, TE, JP, JB

Mood: Happy

Hours: 7

- Continuation of gold panning
- Still learning
- Few gold grains found
- More Silvery grains are pyrite
- Sampled 3 locations



19 Location Harfordnest Date 24/07/21
 Project / Client Day off

Scale

Day 18

Day off

20 Location Hareford west Date 25/07/21
 Project / Client Day off

Day 19
 Day off

Location Clarbeston Road Date 26/07/21 21
 Project / Client Gold panning

Scale

Day 20
 Weather: Sunny
 Team members: AC, JB, JP, TE, AM, MA
 Mood: Happy, recharged
 Hours: 7

- Visited today by Alex Michadler and Mike Armitage
- Alex explained that denser gold grains will sink up to a few metres, so more shovelling is required
- Also checked land ownership for Plumstone Mountain with Mike

22 Location Plumstone Mountain Date 27/07/21
 Project / Client Soil and float sampling

Day 21
 Weather: Cloudy
 Team members: JB, AC, TE, JP
 Mood: Happy
 Hours: 8

- Rock chip samples taken with geologic pick
- Continuation of orientation survey
- Looking for sulphidation in rock chips
- Pyrite present
- Some layering seen in sediments
- Shale at site 20
- Ironic leach = 40m spacing
- Standard soils = 20m spacing

Hand sample 1
 - Nant-y-Cwyl formation

28 Soil Samples Taken

Location Preceili Hills (West) Date 28/07/21 23
 Project / Client Soil Sampling

Scale

Day 22
 Weather: Sunny
 Team members: AC, JB, JP, TE
 Mood: Happy
 Hours: 8

- Final day sampling soil sample lines in Preceili Hills West
- Majority of outcrop is concealed under regolith

24 Location Preseli Hills (West) (East) Date 29/07/21
 Project / Client Soil Sampling

Day 23
 Weather: Sunny
 Team members: JB, TE, JP
 Mood: Happy, tired - day off tomorrow
 Hours: 8

- Investigating Au potential in Preseli Hills East
- Particularly steep elevation in some locations
- Large Hills and bogs form the terrain

25 Location Haverfordwest Date 30/07/21
 Project / Client Data processing

Scale

Day 24

- Stayed at base today to process data and revise potential dissertation topics
- As discussed with Mike, I would like to pursue soil sample results at Plumstone Mountain
- Will have pXRF, fire assay, multi-element and ionic leach data

26 Location Haverfordwest Date 31/07/21
 Project / Client Day off

Day 25

- Day off

27 Location Claberton Road Date 01/08/21
 Project / Client Gold panning

Scale

Day 26

Weather: Rain, clouds
 Team members: TE, JP, AC, JB
 Mood: Happy
 Hours: 8

- Back to gold panning at Claberton Road
- Lots of trap sites created by meandering parts of stream

28 Location <u>Clarboston Road</u> Date <u>02/08/21</u> Project / Client <u>Gold panning</u> Day 27 Weather: <u>Some rain, clouds</u> Team members: <u>TE, JP, AC, JB</u> Mood: <u>Happy</u> Hours: <u>8</u> - Continuation of gold panning - Once sufficient panning is done, sediment is transferred to panned concentrate bag for further analysis	29 Location <u>Preseli Hills (East)</u> Date <u>03/08/21</u> Project / Client <u>Soil sampling</u> Scale Day 28 Weather: <u>Cloudy</u> Team members: <u>JB, AC, JP, TE</u> Mood: <u>Happy</u> Hours: <u>8</u> - Since weather improved, continuing soil sampling at Preseli Hills East - SHG may pursue geophysical surveys in the area
30 Location <u>Preseli Hills (East)</u> Date <u>04/08/21</u> Project / Client <u>Soil sampling</u> Day 29 Weather: <u>Sunny</u> Team members: <u>JB</u> Mood: <u>Happy</u> Hours: <u>8</u> - Soil sampling today with Jake - Preseli Hills is much steeper than Plumstone Mountain - Lack of outcrop exposure	31 Location <u>Clarboston Road</u> Date <u>05/08/21</u> Project / Client <u>Gold panning</u> Scale Day 30 Weather: <u>Rain</u> Team members: <u>JB, AC, TE, JP</u> Mood: <u>Happy</u> Hours: <u>6</u> - Resuming gold panning at Clarboston Road - Received a QGIS tutorial from Jamie Price in the evening ↳ Shapefile basics - Symbols: • Use size to distinguish symbology for soil concentrations ○ ○ ○ ○

32 Location <u>Charleston Road</u> Date <u>06/08/21</u> Project / Client <u>Gold panning</u> Day 31 Weather: <u>Sunny</u> Team members: <u>TE, JP, JB, AG</u> Mood: <u>Happy</u> Hours: <u>6</u> - Last day in the field with Jamie Price → great mentor, has taught me GIS and soil sampling fundamentals	33 Location <u>Haverfordwest</u> Date <u>07/08/21</u> Project / Client <u>Day off</u> Day 32 Weather Team members Mood Hours Day off
34 Location <u>Preseli Hills (East)</u> Date <u>08/08/21</u> Project / Client <u>Soil Sampling</u> Day 33 Weather: <u>Sunny</u> Team members: <u>AC, TE, JB</u> Mood: <u>Happy</u> Hours: <u>8</u> - Resuming soil sampling at Preseli Hills East - Think I'll need to revisit Plumstone Mountain for some final photos	35 Location <u>Preseli Hills (East)</u> Date <u>09/08/21</u> Project / Client <u>Soil Sampling</u> Day 34 Weather: <u>Sunny</u> Team members: <u>AC, TE, JB</u> Mood: <u>Happy</u> Hours: <u>8</u> - Particularly more bog in this soil sample line today - Approximately 20-30 Samples collected per day in the Preseli Hills

36 Location <u>Preseli Hills East</u> Date <u>10/08/21</u> Project / Client <u>Soil Sampling</u> Day 35 Weather: <u>Sunny / cloudy</u> Team members: <u>TE, AC, JB</u> Mood: <u>Happy</u> Hours: <u>8</u> Last day of soil sampling at Preseli Hills East, will resume with 2nd group of students	37 Location <u>Charleston Road</u> Date <u>11/08/21</u> Project / Client <u>Gold panning</u> Scale Day 36 Weather: <u>Some rain, cloudy</u> Team members: <u>TE, AC, JB</u> Mood: <u>Happy</u> Hours: <u>8</u> - Exploring one of the last stream sites of the field program for group 2 - Abundant trap sites 4 gold grains found today
38 Location <u>Charleston Road</u> Date <u>12/08/21</u> Project / Client <u>Gold panning</u> Day 37 Weather: <u>Some rain, cloudy</u> Team members: <u>TE, JB, AC</u> Mood: <u>Happy</u> Hours: <u>8</u> - Last day of gold panning - Need to learn how to distinguish pyrite from Au ↳ Pyrite can appear more silvery and cubic, less dense	39 Location <u>Plumstone Mountain</u> Date <u>13/08/21</u> Project / Client <u>Data collection</u> Scale Day 38 Weather: <u>Sunny, windy</u> Team members: <u>JB</u> Mood: <u>Happy</u> Hours: <u>6</u> - Final day in the field - Collecting float samples at Plumstone Mountain, along with photos of soil sampling process - Investigated main outcrop, took photos + notes - Decided that Plumstone Mountain will be study area, now waiting on data from ALS - Will work on geology, introduction and methodology

40 Location Vancouver, Canada Date 12/10/21
 Project / Client Data analysis

- Received a media link from Tristan English to data for project on Plumstone Mountain
- Entered data onto QGIS to see and make initial observations on trends

Whole area for pXRF

3 central lines analysed via ALS commercial lab techniques

Location Vancouver, Canada Date 06/04/22 41
 Project / Client ALS tour

Scale

- Visiting ALS lab as part of geochemistry module
- Made detailed notes on gold fire assay process, useful for project
- Batch fire assay using crucibles
 - lead oxide beads mixed in
 - beads used and digested in nitric acid

fusion bed

Crucible cups x 30 for fire assay

42 Location Hanfordwest / Clatsop Road Date 14/09/22
 Project / Client Data analysis / project refresher

Revisiting study area

- Have spent the 2021/22 academic year in Canada
- Resuming work on project and have travelled to the Sam Helen Gold offices as a refresher on collected / new data
- Also completed a few hours of gold panning with new students
- Revisited study area with Tristan English

Statistics

→ correlation coefficient

	Au	As	Cu
Au	X	~	~
As	~	X	~
Cu	~	~	X

useful to determine relationship between Au and other elements

Location Plumstone Mountain Date 15/09/22 43
 Project / Client Data collection / analysis

Scale

Weather: Sunny, windy
 Team members: TE, AF
 Mood: Happy
 Hours: 4

- Revisited Plumstone Mountain to take pictures and analyse float samples

Photo: Outcrop, Purty Rhynolite

Fe attraction / oxidation?

radish brown

Quartz veins

2m

44 Location Haverfordwest Date 16/09/22
Project / Client Data analysis

- Reviewing results for Plumstone mountain and discussing anomalies with team
- Organised format for dissertation

1. Intro
2. Geological Setting
3. Methodology
4. Results
5. Data analysis
6. Discussion
7. Conclusions

Q Look into VMS literature

45 Location Haverfordwest Date 17/09/22
Project / Client Data analysis

Scale

- Working on transferring datasets to QGIS
- Analysing key areas and working on map showing As concentrations

Statistics

↳ Watch Iain histogram video

Fe

Frequency

concentration (ppm)

Normal

As

Frequency

concentration (ppm)

Non-normal

46 Location Cardiff University Date 22/09/22
Project / Client Literature review - ALS reports

- Completing a review of ALS methodology reports for analytical techniques

Fire assay, multi element and ion chromat.

sample lines, only a selection of samples could be sent off for review

- pXRF had no waiting time for results + cost-effective + can be used to guide ongoing exploration

47 Location Cardiff University Date 02/10/22
Project / Client Initial report

Scale

- Main focus is initial report which is due on October 14th
- Finalising methodology
 - ↳ Soil sampling can leave out gold panning to keep short explanation

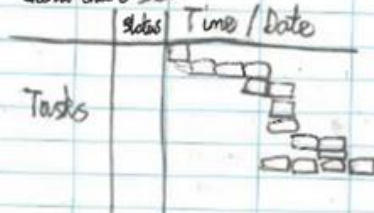
Auger into soil

Make methodology figure?

48 Location Cardiff University Date 09/10/22
 Project / Client Initial Report / Data Analysis

- Annotating project photos and compiling overview maps of study location
- Reviewing mineral report 137
 - Plumstone Mountain has had prior exploration: soil sampling and geophysical surveys
- Need to include detailed Gantt chart

Gantt chart sketch:



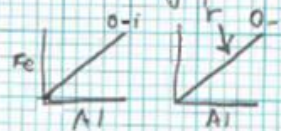
49 Location Cardiff University Date 11/10/22
 Project / Client Meeting with Iain

Scale

- Meeting with Iain to discuss initial report progress and data analysis

Notes

- Consistency and symbology is critical: 5-8 categories
- No white/red colour for maps
- Can use Al to gauge clay content
 - create ratios
 - Sandy soil has a low ratio
 - can use to determine systematic differences
- K content is higher for the dykelets, can use info to map unit
- Make correlation matrices
- Make X-Y graphs



- $r > 0.55$ for significant correlation
- Clear plan is critical

50 Location Cardiff University Date 13/10/22
 Project / Client Meeting with Tristan / Data analysis / Initial report hand-in

- Meeting with Tristan to discuss initial report → Add Timeline!
- Should look at Mineral Report 137 and 86 conclusions for VMS links
- What is the correlation between fire assay gold and Ionic lead gold

- 12/10/22 Placement dissertation meeting with James feedback:
- Review and determine importance of geophysics with results

51 Location Cardiff University Date 20/10/22
 Project / Client Geochemical maps / statistics

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Weekly Review

- Expanded list of pathfinder elements to As, Cu, Pb, Zn, Mn, Fe
 - determined through correlation matrix relationships
- Could the gold be due to an epithermal / porphyry source?

52 Location Cardiff University Date 27/10/22
Project / Client Statistics

Weekly Review

- Made a series of log-probability graphs and histograms to establish further relationships between elements suitable grouping and classes used in QGIS to display elements
- Need to look into limit of detection control on results
- Make correlation coefficients for multi-element and ionic leach

53 Location Cardiff University Date 01/11/22
Project / Client Initial Report Review

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Initial Report Review

- Overall quite positive
- AIMS / OBJECTIVES / GOALS table good
- Main Critique: We are being employed to THINK, not only
- Modify student responsibility to include this!

54 Location Cardiff University Date 06/11/22
Project / Client Mapping with geochemistry - gold prospectivity

Weekly Review

- MRP 36 - very useful for mapping
- Elements to focus on, include Al, Na, Ca, K, Ba, Sr, Fe, S
- Northern geochemical anomaly seems to be present in the maps

PLUMSTONE

500m

- Look into anomaly concentrations

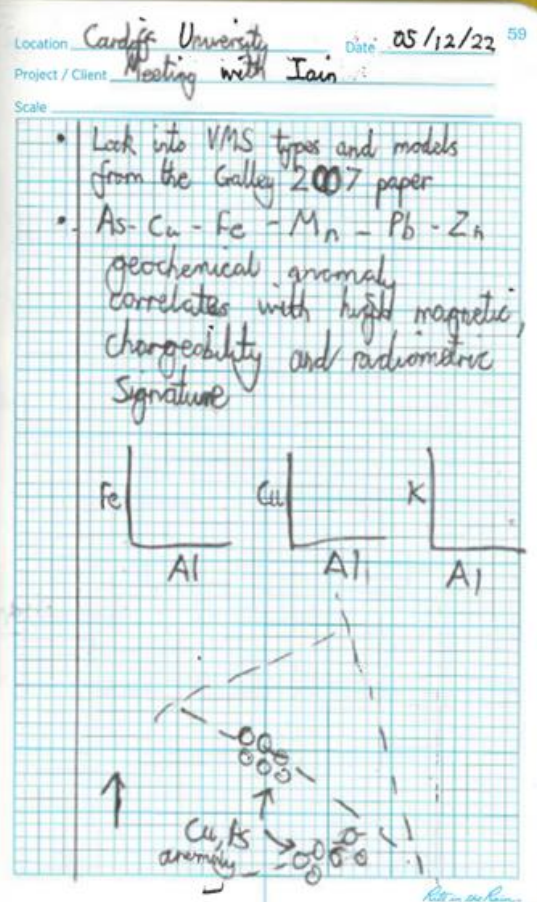
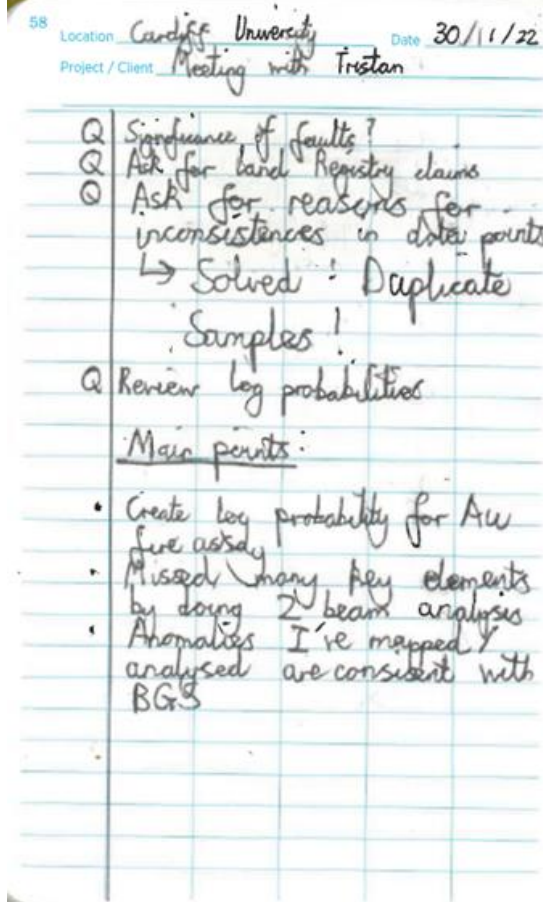
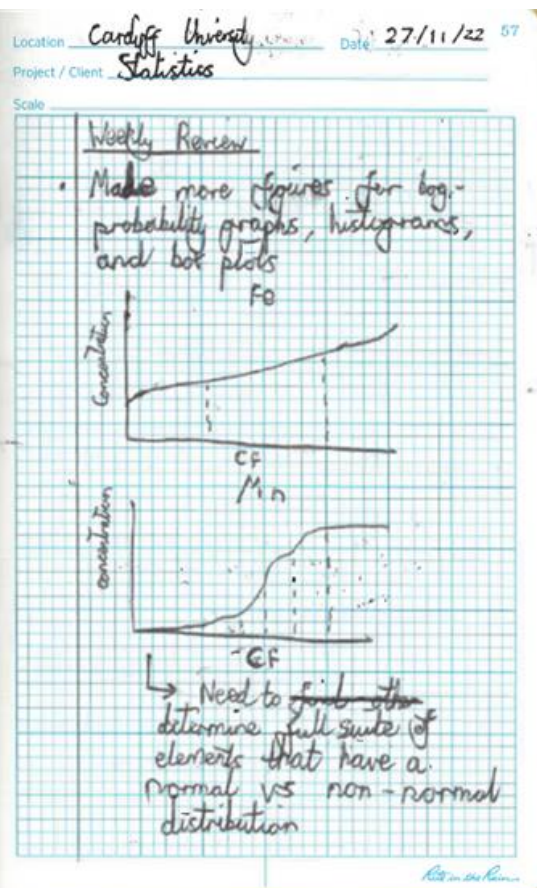
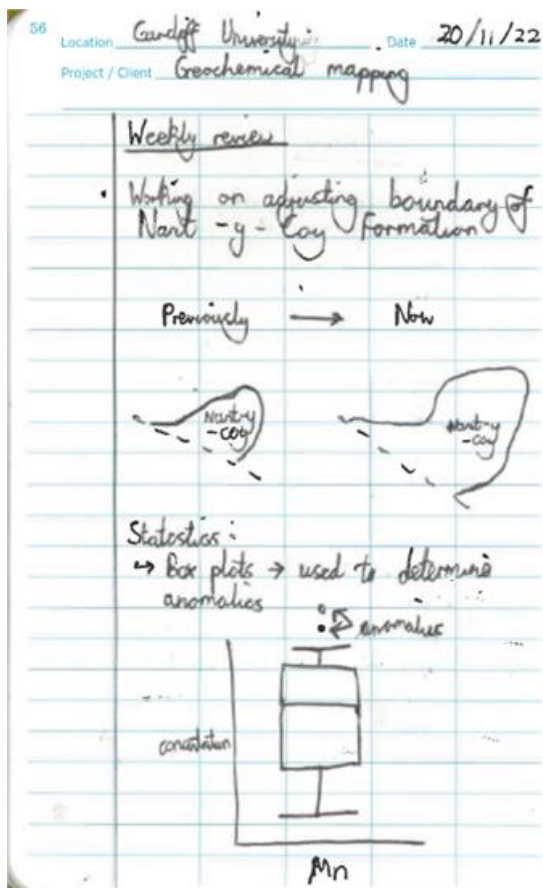
55 Location Cardiff University Date 13/11/22
Project / Client Mapping with geochemistry - ratios

Weekly Review

- Use elemental ratios
- Ca / Al, K / Al, Fe / Al, Na / Al
- Also use Rb, Sr, Fe, S
- Different signatures for different lithologies

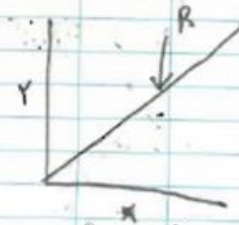
Fe / Al, K / Al, Ca / Al

higher concentration of Fe, K, Ca



60 Location Cardiff University Date 12/12/22
 Project / Client Meeting with Tom / Wolf

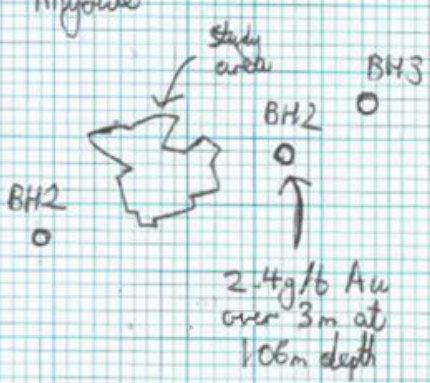
- Wolfgang Maier
 - ↳ Statistical analysis
 - ↳ Standard deviation
 - ↳ X-Y plots
 - ↳ To Gas



- Tom Blenkinsop
 - ↳ Geochemistry is consistent with geophysics
 - ↳ Check Epithermal link
 - ↳ Te and Hg

61 Location Cardiff University Date 14/12/22
 Project / Client Finalising Seminar presentation + Meeting with Tristan

- check prior exploration by the BGS
 - ↳ notably drillholes 1, 2 and 3 in Mant-y-Coy Formation and Flinty Rhyolite



2.4g/6 Au over 3m at 106m depth

62 Location Cardiff University Date 15/12/22
 Project / Client Project Seminar feedback

Deposit interpretation:

- ↳ Geochemical signatures at Plunstone Mountain correspond with VMS mineralisation

1. Jain
 - ↳ Check if Pb anomaly correlates with other element enrichment
 - ↳ Why no Galena or Sphalerite?
2. Wolf
 - ↳ Other VMS mineralisation in / near Wales?
3. Tom
 - ↳ Why Ionic leach?
 - ↳ Need to justify

63 Location Home Date 23/12/22
 Project / Client Detailed Seminar feedback

Seminar feedback - Main Points:

1. Need to include big picture
2. Need to address overinterpretation
3. Further thought on fault associations
4. Significance of ionic leach data? Why continue?

64 Location Home Date 31/12/22
Project / Client Final draft editing

Weekly Review

- Data points to bimodal felsic VMS model ^{not present}
- Cu, Zn, Pb, Ag, Au, Ba

Ba Cap BIMODAL FELSIC VMS

- Cross-check with Barnes and Hannington 1999

65 Location Home Date 07/12/23
Project / Client Final draft editing

Weekly Review

- Check sulphide zoning in Galley et al., 2007 and Lyden, 1984.

III = Sp, Py, Bc
 oo = Sp, Grn
 // = Cp, Sp, Grn
 /// = Po, Cp, Sp

66 Location Cardiff University Date 10/01/23
Project / Client Meeting with Iain

Q Journal in dis in appendix
Q Critique of geological map
Q Is a bit more section required
Q Should I put new geological layer over map over maps
Q Renew data analysis section

Bimodal is significant
Irish-VMS
Why is Pb zoned
Silver Mines - look in to for deposit link
Critique for not analysing Ca, Al, Mg, S
 ↳ Talk about Kuroko
 ↳ Why is Ag lost
 ↳ Check Bushmans
 ↳ Au within pyrite, Asp
 ↳ Separation between
 ↳ Look into Kuroko + Auca + Silver Mines
 ↳ Fire assay is rarely wrong
 ↳ don't have many sample lines
 ↳ Gold replacement localised
 ↳ nugget effect
 ↳ Walk Away.

67 Location Home Date 16/01/23
Project / Client Final draft edits

Final checklist

1. Check feedback from initial report and interim seminar
2. Talk with Tristan to check discussion and conclusion
3. Format statistics figures
4. Scan journal
5. Add mineral zonation and tectonic setting figures to discussion
6. Check Silver mines and Auca
7. Tweak exploration recommendations

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68	Location	Home	Date	16/01/23
	Project / Client	List of photographs		
	Photographs :			
1.	Photo of soil sampling equipment			
2.	Photo of soil extracted from Auger			
3.	Tristan English extracting gold grains from panned concentrate			
4.	Auger being used in the field			
5.	Collected soil sample with labelled horizons			
6.	Rock chip sample of Nant-y-Coy Formation			
7.	XRF in use by Jamie Price			

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4-10, 22, 39	Plumestone Mountain Sampling days				
49, 59, 66	Meeting notes with Iain				
80, 58, 61	Meeting notes with Tristan				
61, 64, 65	VMS model diagrams and exploration figures				

Appendix 2: Laboratory method descriptions (Fire Assay, Multi-Element Analysis and Ionic Leach)



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Geochemical Procedure

Au-ICP21/Au-ICP22 – Fire Assay Fusion – ICP-AES Finish

Sample Decomposition:

Fire Assay Fusion (FA-FUSPG1 & FA-FUSPG2)

Analytical Method:

Inductively Couple Plasma – Atomic Emission Spectrometry

A prepared sample is fused with a mixture of lead oxide, sodium carbonate, borax, silica and other reagents as required, inquarted with 6 mg of gold-free silver and then cupelled to yield a precious metal bead.

The bead is digested in 0.5 mL dilute nitric acid in the microwave oven. 0.5 mL concentrated hydrochloric acid is then added and the bead is further digested in the microwave at a lower power setting. The digested solution is cooled, diluted to a total volume of 4 mL with de-mineralized water, and analyzed by inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectrometry against matrix-matched standards.

Method Code	Element	Symbol	Units	Sample Weight (g)	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Default Overlimit Method
Au-ICP21	Gold	Au	ppm	30	0.001	10	Au-GRA21
Au-ICP22	Gold	Au	ppm	50	0.001	10	Au-GRA22



Geochemical Procedure

ME-MS22, ME-MS23 pH Controlled Ionic Leach With ICP-MS Finish

Sample Decomposition:

Ionic leach (SEL-ION)

Analytical Method:

Inductively Coupled Plasma - Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS)

Ionic Leach is a static sodium cyanide leach using chelating agents ammonium chloride, citric acid and EDTA with the leachant buffered at pH 8.5.

Note: Method code ME-MS23 reports all analytes in the table. To pick select analytes use method code ME-MS22.

Element	Symbol	Units	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
Silver	Ag	ppb	0.1	1000000
Arsenic	As	ppb	2	1000000
Gold	Au	ppb	0.02	1000000
Barium	Ba	ppb	10	1000000
Beryllium	Be	ppb	0.2	1000000
Bismuth	Bi	ppb	3	1000000
Bromine	Br	ppm	0.05	20000
Calcium	Ca	ppm	0.2	1000
Cadmium	Cd	ppb	1	1000000
Cerium	Ce	ppb	0.1	1000000
Cobalt	Co	ppb	0.3	1000000
Chromium	Cr	ppb	1	1000000
Cesium	Cs	ppb	0.1	1000000

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Element	Symbol	Units	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
Copper	Cu	ppb	1	1000000
Dysprosium	Dy	ppb	0.1	1000000
Erbium	Er	ppb	0.1	1000000
Europium	Eu	ppb	0.1	1000000
Iron	Fe	ppm	0.1	1000000
Gallium	Ga	ppb	0.5	1000000
Gadolinium	Gd	ppb	0.1	1000000
Germanium	Ge	ppb	0.1	1000000
Hafnium	Hf	ppb	0.5	1000000
Mercury	Hg	ppb	0.1	1000000
Holmium	Ho	ppb	0.1	1000000
Iodine	I	ppm	0.01	50000
Indium	In	ppb	0.1	1000000
Lanthanum	La	ppb	0.1	1000000
Lithium	Li	ppb	0.2	1000000
Lutetium	Lu	ppb	0.1	1000000
Magnesium	Mg	ppm	0.01	1000
Manganese	Mn	ppm	0.01	1000
Molybdenum	Mo	ppb	0.5	1000000
Niobium	Nb	ppb	0.1	1000000
Neodymium	Nd	ppb	0.1	1000000
Nickel	Ni	ppb	1	1000000
Lead	Pb	ppb	1	1000000
Lead 206 [†]	Pb 206	ppb	1	1000000
Lead 207 [†]	Pb 207	ppb	1	1000000
Lead 208 [‡]	Pb 208	ppb	1	1000000
Palladium	Pd	ppb	0.1	1000000

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Element	Symbol	Units	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
Praseodymium	Pr	ppb	0.1	1000000
Rubidium	Rb	ppb	0.1	1000000
Rhenium	Re	ppb	0.1	1000000
Antimony	Sb	ppb	0.5	1000000
Scandium	Sc	Ppb	1	1000000
Selenium	Se	ppb	2	1000000
Samarium	Sm	ppb	0.1	1000000
Tin	Sn	ppb	0.2	1000000
Strontium	Sr	ppb	1	1000000
Tantalum	Ta	ppb	1	1000000
Terbium	Tb	ppb	0.1	1000000
Tellurium	Te	ppb	1	1000000
Thorium	Th	ppb	0.02	1000000
Titanium	Ti	ppb	5	1000000
Thallium	Tl	ppb	0.5	1000000
Thulium	Tm	ppb	0.1	1000000
Uranium	U	ppb	0.1	1000000
Tungsten	W	ppb	1	1000000
Yttrium	Y	ppb	0.1	1000000
Ytterbium	Yb	ppb	0.1	1000000
Zinc	Zn	ppb	10	1000000
Zirconium	Zr	ppb	0.1	1000000
pH*	Unity	pH	0.1	14

*pH is reported off method code pH-MS22 or pH-MS23.

†Available in ME-MS22 upon request

‡Not available in ME-MS22

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Fire Assay Procedure

ME-ICP61 – Trace Level Methods Using Conventional ICP-AES Analysis

Sample Decomposition:

HNO₃-HClO₄-HF-HCl digestion, HCl Leach (GEO 4ACID)

Analytical Method:

Inductively Coupled Plasma - Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (ICP - AES)

A prepared sample (0.25 g) is digested with perchloric, nitric, hydrofluoric and hydrochloric acids. The residue is topped up with dilute hydrochloric acid and the resulting solution is analyzed by inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectrometry. Results are corrected for spectral interelement interferences.

NOTE: Four acid digestions are able to dissolve most minerals; however, although the term “near-total” is used, depending on the sample matrix, not all elements are quantitatively extracted.

List of Reportable Analytes:

Analyte	Symbol	Units	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Default Overlimit Method
Silver	Ag	ppm	0.5	100	Ag-OG62
Aluminum	Al	%	0.01	50	
Arsenic	As	ppm	5	10000	
Barium	Ba	ppm	10	10000	
Beryllium	Be	ppm	0.5	1000	
Bismuth	Bi	ppm	2	10000	
Calcium	Ca	%	0.01	50	
Cadmium	Cd	ppm	0.5	1000	
Cobalt	Co	ppm	1	10000	Co-OG62
Chromium	Cr	ppm	1	10000	
Copper	Cu	ppm	1	10000	Cu-OG62
Iron	Fe	%	0.01	50	
Gallium	Ga	ppm	10	10000	
Potassium	K	%	0.01	10	
Lanthanum	La	ppm	10	10000	
Magnesium	Mg	%	0.01	50	
Manganese	Mn	ppm	5	100000	
Molybdenum	Mo	ppm	1	10000	Mo-OG62
Sodium	Na	%	0.01	10	
Nickel	Ni	ppm	1	10000	Ni-OG62
Phosphorus	P	ppm	10	10000	
Lead	Pb	ppm	2	10000	Pb-OG62
Sulphur	S	%	0.01	10	
Antimony	Sb	ppm	5	10000	
Scandium	Sc	ppm	1	10000	
Strontium	Sr	ppm	1	10000	
Thorium	Th	ppm	20	10000	
Titanium	Ti	%	0.01	10	
Thallium	Tl	ppm	10	10000	
Uranium	U	ppm	10	10000	
Vanadium	V	ppm	1	10000	

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Analyte	Symbol	Units	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Default Overlimit Method
Tungsten	W	ppm	10	10000	
Zinc	Zn	ppm	2	10000	Zn-OG62

Elements Listed below are available upon request:

Analyte	Symbol	Units	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Default Overlimit Method
Lithium	Li	ppm	10	10000	
Niobium	Nb	ppm	5	2000	
Rubidium	Rb	ppm	10	10000	
Selenium	Se	ppm	10	1000	
Tin	Sn	ppm	10	10000	
Tantalum	Ta	ppm	10	10000	
Tellurium	Te	ppm	10	10000	
Yttrium	Y	ppm	10	10000	
Zirconium	Zr	ppm	5	500	

Appendix 3: Raw pXRF Data

SAMPLE_ID	X_BNG	Y_BNG	Z	Sampler	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	As	Se	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Mo	Ag	Cd	Sn	Sb	W	Hg	Pb	Bi	Th	U
S10709A001	191296	222596	123.4119	MP AC	1	1	1	16133	1	1	9	9.8	7.8	1	35.7	71	12.3	335	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11.9	1	32	1
S10709A002	191292	222638	122.7746	MP AC	1	1	75	38968	1	1	10	12.4	10.3	2.3	45.5	191	7.8	259	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12.8	1	35	1
S10709A003	191297	222673	122.5846	MP AC	205	1	1	2255	1	1	13	9.2	4.1	1	32.6	198	11.3	349	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27.5	1	1	7.4
S10709A004	191297	222714	124.6135	MP AC	151	1	1	23828	1	1	1	8	8.3	1.8	39.3	129	11.4	354	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10.8	1	1	1
S10709A005	191301	222754	122.3633	MP AC	160	1	1	11019	1	1	9	7	8.9	2	39.4	145	16.7	442	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11.5	1	33	1
S10709A006	191298	222799	129.889	MP AC	1	1	1	7060	1	1	8.5	9.3	3.5	1	21.1	109	10	275	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	20	1	1
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S10709A011	191299	222994	137.8274	MP AC	1	1	1	22115	1	1	10.8	6.3	1	40.2	105	13.8	392	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14.9	1	33	1
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S10709A016	191296	223197	150.2641	MP AC	131	1	70	18840	1	1	12	13.7	4.6	1	50.4	55.1	10	219	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22.2	20	1	1
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S10709B002	191097	222916	148.0687	JB TE	1	1	1	916	1	1	1	8.1	1	1	15.8	103.6	8.7	210	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14.6	34	1	1
S10709B003	191092	222957	148.3373	JB TE	1	1	1	1791	1	1	8.3	4.7	1	1	17.3	172	17.1	454	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	35	1	1
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S10709B005	191093	223038	151.4471	JB TE	140	1	1	2152	1	1	15	7	4.8	1	22.6	399	16.3	393	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14.2	1	32	1
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S10709B010	191094	223236	157.2936	JB TE	1	1	1	716	1	1	1	7	1	1	6.9	147	8.8	253	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	1	1
S10709B011	191093	223274	160.3079	JB TE	142	1	1	1617	1	1	6.3	3.9	1	1	4.9	199	12.2	234	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22.5	28	1	1
S10709B012	191099	223313	161.612	JB TE	1	1	1	431	1	1	1	8.5	1	1	4.3	194	6.8	204	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18.4	1	1	1
S10709B013	191095	223345	160.2079	JB TE	1	1	1	620	1	1	1	7.8	1	1	6.7	57.7	7.5	155	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17.5	28	1	1
S10709B014	191095	223437	162.0586	JB TE	293	51	64	27443	1	1	8	18	9.8	1	90.8	85	16.8	219	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	38	1
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S10709B016	191100	223513	159.0374	JB TE	191	68	107	33103	1	1	7	23.5	11	1	80.3	69	16.7	253	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11.7	1	1	1
S10709B017	191099	223624	136.8428	JB TE	257	66	101	56439	1	42	12	24	15.8	2.5	91.3	83	17.3	300	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7.5	23	36	1
S10709B018	191094	223671	130.7078	JB TE	286	60	208	31110	1	1	11	33	17.5	1	82.7	78	21.7	399	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18.8	1	1	1
S10709B019	191095	223712	125.7835	JB TE	181	53	150	18221	1	21	10	28	12.6	1	78	67.7	25.8	465	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	1	34	1
S10709B020	191096	223756	123.6335	JB TE	205	43	98	14003	1	17	12	24.9	12.5	1	65.2	72.7	25.6	512	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17.4	1	29	1
S10709B021	191095	223792	122.6193	JB TE	263	92	123	17468	1	26	10	27.6	12.4	1	66.2	79.5	23.6	456	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18.4	1	1	1
S10709B022	191093	223834	117.808	JB TE	164	56	178	21303	1	23	7	32.2	9.2	1	62.1	56.9	17.9	382	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14.8	1	26	1
S10709B023	191491	223316	160.8071	JB TE	127	1	1	468	1	1	1	8.4	3.9	1	11.9	537	15.4	325	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13.8	1	36	1
S10710A001	191297	223474	165.3955	MP AC	272	57	143	34790	1	1	1	33	10.8	2.4	104.6	93	18.9	216	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9.8	1	30	1
S10710A002	191296	223515	165.7944	MP AC	1	1	1	123	31422	1	40	10	29	1	79.6	64	15.5	277	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10.3	1	45	1
S10710A003	191297	223555	163.7292	MP AC	152	1	112	40492	1	19	12	21.7	20.5	1	94.3	70	18	273	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14.3	1	38	1
S10710A004	191297	223594	161.9001	MP AC	316	61	90	41367	1	24	8	12.8	27.3	1	126.1	102	21.2	183	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10.8	22	37	1
S10710A005	191507	222766	118.6726	MP AC	118	50	96	17734	1	1	9	22.5	7.5	1	45.2	79.9	15.5	426	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22.7	1	1	1
S10710A006	191496	222795	123.6772	MP AC	1	1	1	20287	1	1	8	8.5	8.1	1	44.2	62.5	12.2	338	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12.4	1	1	1
S10710A007	191498	222837	123.367	MP AC	1	31	1	1340	1	1	5.7	5.5	1	1	22.6	71</													

S10711A026	191196	223273	155.9517	MP AC	1	1	1	3187	1	1	1	10.8	1	1	37.2	58	11.2	233	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	1	1	1		
S10711A027	191197	223255	155.8558	MP AC	130	1	1	2323	1	1	9	8	6.1	1	36.7	67	11	271	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10.6	1	1	1	
S10711A028	191196	223235	155.2258	MP AC	1	1	1	1141	1	1	1	7	1	1	16	66	11.5	244	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	1	53	1		
S10711A029	191196	223214	152.4709	MP AC	1	1	1	8614	1	1	16	1	10	1	25.9	146	9.5	263	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	1	1	1	
S10711A030	191198	223195	152.229	MP AC	1	1	56	13367	1	1	22	15	6.1	1	37	102	13.1	315	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	1	1	1	1	
S10711A031	191196	223175	152.883	MP AC	1	1	1	4038	1	1	10	6.3	1	1	16	117	9.8	221	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16.1	1	31	1	
S10711A032	191196	223156	150.5191	MP AC	1	1	1	4218	1	1	1	7.2	1	1	26	116	18.9	387	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14.4	1	1	1	
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S10711A034	191191	223115	148.8012	MP AC	220	1	35	9464	1	1	11	10.5	6.5	2.3	22.1	83	12.5	263	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15.1	1	1	1	1	
S10711A035	191197	223095	147.1433	MP AC	1	1	1	3322	1	1	1	7	5.9	1	30.7	121	11.4	272	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11.7	1	1	1	
S10711A036	191197	223074	145.2635	MP AC	1	1	1	1499	1	1	1	4.7	1	1	22	65.1	11.4	302	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9.9	1	1	1	
S10711A037	191197	223053	146.7257	MP AC	1	1	41	21460	1	1	1	9.6	7.9	1	43.1	47.9	12.1	313	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10.5	21	1	1	
S10711A038	191197	223035	144.7756	MP AC	202	1	1	9380	1	1	1	6.2	6.8	1	47.8	79	12.4	338	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12.1	1	1	1	
S10711A039	191198	223014	144.1978	MP AC	153	1	1	10238	1	1	7	4.9	6.2	1	42.1	77	12.6	362	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12.4	1	1	1	
S10711A040	191196	222995	143.8346	MP AC	117	1	1	2373	1	1	1	5.5	1	1	34	57.1	13.3	358	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	
S10711A041	191197	222974	144.4439	MP AC	143	1	42	27021	1	1	1	11.2	6.2	1	39.6	96	10.7	314	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11.9	1	30	1	
S10711A042	191195	222953	142.2229	MP AC	258	1	1	12108	1	27	12	7	6.2	1	28.7	191	14.1	320	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	
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S10711A044	191197	222915	140.9181	MP AC	1	1	1	3221	1	1	7	1	3.8	1	20.8	188	11.5	278	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10.8	1	1	1	
S10711A045	191200	222899	139.5702	MP AC	180	1	1	6239	1	1	15	1	4.9	1	28.6	135	12.3	355	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12.8	1	1	1	
S10711A046	191197	222878	137.9102	MP AC	1	1	1	3171	1	1	14	7	1	1	18.1	145	12.6	273	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	
S10711A047	191199	222858	136.9083	MP AC	198	1	1	2623	1	1	15	5.3	5	1	32.1	194	15.1	341	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11.7	1	1	1	
S10711A048	191199	222835	137.4204	MP AC	1	1	1	858	1	1	1	1	1	1	13.3	78	8.9	234	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12.2	1	1	1	
S10711B009	191194	223703	131.8311	JB TE	294	70	142	35049	1	39	19	52	17.5	2.1	102.1	86	28	476	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	1	47	1
S10711B010	191095	223633	131.2298	JB TE	200	1	115	31686	1	39	21	43	12.5	1	89.7	100	24.7	437	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14.4	1	62	1	
S10711B013	191097	223535	152.4966	JB TE	305	74	106	35685	1	20	13	75	16.1	1	100.1	99	20	254	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	1	1	
S10711B014	191097	223560	146.6891	JB TE	127	1	37	17460	1	1	1	10.4	10.1	1	78.9	60.5	17.3	212	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11.2	40	22	1	
S10711B015	191095	223575	144.323	JB TE	160	1	41	23960	1	1	9	11.6	12	1	86.4	74.2	17.4	213	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10.2	1	1	1	
S10711B016	191096	223593	140.088	JB TE	1	1	1	14292	1	1	1	14.8	12.5	1	59.5	41.4	13.5	177	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18.7	1	1	1	
S10711B017	191190	223675	137.2039	JB TE	251	69	1	20059	1	15	13	12.4	22.1	1	112.1	75.6	24.5	250	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9.1	22	44	1	
S10711B018	191200	223657	141.3673	JB TE	1	1	1	14621	1	1	8	12.2	16.6	1	67.7	47.9	12	182	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13.8	1	1	1	
S10711B019	191200	223640	143.2354	JB TE	130	1	1	10031	1	1	1	7.8	13.6	1	84.6	48.7	17.2	204	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11.3	1	37	1	
S10711B020	191203	223617	149.8625	JB TE	262	47	48	26523	1	17	9	14.2	14.2	1	106.1	66.9	19.1	231	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13.1	1	35	1	
S10711B021	191198	223598	153.5305	JB TE	189	1	59	21115	1	1	1	14.4	14	1	91	67.9	15.9	189	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15.6	20	32	1	
S10711B022	191097	223495	156.6112	JB TE	255	62	52	25365	1	1	10	17.1	10.3	1	97.7	77	20.2	252	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9.1	1	30	1	
S10711B023	191097	223455	159.5355	JB TE	198	70	116	32863	1	26	9	21.1	10.1	1	104.6	86	21.6	246	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10.8	1	38	1	
S10711B024	191097	223333	161.546	JB TE	197	34	1	524	1	1	7.9	9.7	1	1	7.1	174	16.9	321	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	28	1	1	
S10711B025	191097	223294	160.4771	JB TE	1	1	1	677	1	1	1	5	3.4	1	5.8	200	10.7	266	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18.2	1	1	1	
S10711B026	191093	223259	159.8182	JB TE	1	1	1	5077	1	1	10.3	5.6	9.8	1	11.3	166	8.6	248	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	19	1	1	
S10711B027	191096	223214	160.0734	JB TE	199	1	1	1210	1	1	11	7.1	1	1	15.5	91	14	344	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10.8	1	1	1	
S10711B028	191103	223170	157.6686	JB TE	232	1	1	1417	1	1	17	8.6	4.2	1	22.7	125	13.8	367	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12.6	1	28	1	
S10711B029	191097	223138	156.2117	JB TE	193	1	1	2745	1	1	1	6.3	4.1	1	22.8	128	13.5	295	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11.8	1	22	1	
S10711B030	191102	223059	153.0221	JB TE	142	1	1	19138	1	1	6.3	5.8	10.1	1.6	38.3	116	8.8	258	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18.2	24	1	1	
S10711B031	191095	223016	149.5051	JB TE	129	1	52	24328	1	1	1	13.7	6.3	3.8	34.1	151	11.6	311	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15.4	1	1	1	
S10711B032	191094	222975	JB TE	115	1	1	2724	1	1	11.2	6.4	5.6	1	22.2	173	16.5	357	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13.6	25	36	1	
S10711B033	191098	222935	JB TE	168	1	1	1521	1	1	1	6.4	6.5	1	1	16.3	135	19.8	359	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13.5	26	30	1	
S10711B034	191100	222899	145.6187	JB TE	1	1	1	3113	1	1	10.9	7.1	9.8	1	29.1	163	13.8	333	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14.6	18	29	1	
S10711B035	191197	222713	131.2339	JB TE	133	1	28	12094	1	22	7	6.7	5.3	1	22	75.9	7.4	302	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19.5	24	37	1	
S10711B036	191198	222737	133.2239	JB TE	1	1	21	10244	1	1	5.5	10.9	3.1	1	30.5	49	10.5	292	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13.6	27	1	1	
S10711B037	191200	222756	133.2157	JB TE	1	1	1	8825	1	1	1	4	1	1	35.8	70.5	13.6	368	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11.3	20	1	1	
S10711B038	191195	222791	135.4415	JB TE	1																											

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Appendix 4: Raw Fire Assay and Multi-Element Data

SAMPLE ID	GPS SAMPLE ID	X_BNG	Y_BNG	Z	Sampler	Au	Ag	Al	As	Ba	Be	Bi	Ca	Cd	Co	Cr	Cu	Fe
DESCRIPTION	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	ppm	ppm	%	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	%	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	%
S10709A001	S10709A001	191296	222596	123.4119	MP AC	0.002	0	4.58	8	300	0.6	4	0.06	0	1	52	14	2.44
S10709A002	S10709A002	191292	222638	122.7746	MP AC	0.001	0	5.83	14	340	0.8	0	0.05	0	2	64	12	6.02
S10709A003	S10709A003	191297	222673	122.5846	MP AC	0.002	0	5.1	6	400	0.6	0	0.04	0	1	47	15	0.4
S10709A004	S10709A004	191297	222714	124.6135	MP AC	0.002	0	4.52	10	310	0.6	0	0.05	0	0	51	13	2.93
S10709A005	S10709A005	191301	222754	122.3633	MP AC	0.002	0	4.99	11	350	0.6	0	0.05	0	1	49	14	2.06
S10709A006	S10709A006	191298	222799	129.889	MP AC	0.002	0	5.35	9	370	0.5	0	0.05	0	1	48	16	1.9
S10709A007	S10709A007	191298	222837	128.756	MP AC	0.001	0	4.52	0	360	0	2	0.03	0	0	41	18	0.37
S10709A008	S10709A008	191294	222873	132.1528	MP AC	0.002	0	4.77	9	420	0.5	0	0.05	0	1	49	18	1.77
S10709A009	S10709A009	191296	222916	131.8886	MP AC	0.001	0	5.22	11	400	0.8	0	0.07	0	2	62	11	3.39
S10709A010	S10709A010	191294	222957	135.8955	MP AC	0.001	0	5.2	14	440	0.7	3	0.05	0	2	57	14	3.46
S10709A011	S10709A011	191299	222994	137.8274	MP AC	0.001	0	4.84	6	440	0.8	0	0.05	0	1	54	11	2.04
S10709A012	S10709A012	191298	223035	140.7992	MP AC	0.001	0	4.62	6	460	0.6	2	0.04	0	0	50	13	0.66
S10709A013	S10709A013	191296	223074	141.62	MP AC	0.003	0	5.78	0	420	0.9	0	0.07	0	2	60	36	0.61
S10709A014	S10709A014	191294	223117	144.8649	MP AC	0.001	0	4.45	5	390	0.6	0	0.03	0	0	43	13	0.2
S10709A015	S10709A015	191299	223158	147.5938	MP AC	0.003	0	7.64	8	600	1.4	4	0.07	0	2	73	91	1.98
S10709A016	S10709A016	191296	223197	150.2641	MP AC	0.003	0	6.53	9	550	1.1	2	0.2	0	2	65	21	3.55
S10709A017	S10709A017	191296	223236	155.2015	MP AC	0.003	0	6.95	9	600	1	0	0.06	0	1	57	19	1.78
S10709A018	S10709A018	191298	223275	157.7513	MP AC	0.003	0	6.41	11	490	1	0	0.1	0	1	56	16	1.69
S10709A019	S10709A019	191297	223315	160.9162	MP AC	0	0	6.97	11	640	1.6	0	0.11	0	0	68	12	4.2
S10709A020	S10709A020	191296	223355	163.023	MP AC	0.001	0	8.87	14	820	2.3	2	0.12	0	0	78	13	5.01
S10709A021	S10709A021	191296	223394	164.903	MP AC	0.001	0	6.39	16	390	1.5	2	0.15	0	4	80	17	5.29
S10709A022	S10709A022	191296	223435	168.5219	MP AC	0.002	0	7.9	18	480	2.2	0	0.27	0	2	81	24	5.29
S10710A001	S10710A001	191297	223474	165.3955	MP AC	0.002	0	7.57	13	460	2	3	0.24	0	3	81	19	4.76
S10710A002	S10710A002	191296	223515	165.7944	MP AC	0.002	0	7.46	23	440	1.8	2	0.21	0	3	87	21	4.71
S10710A003	S10710A003	191297	223555	163.7292	MP AC	0.002	0	7.51	26	440	1.8	4	0.22	0	4	88	18	5.41
S10710A004	S10710A004	191297	223594	161.9001	MP AC	0.002	0	10.1	41	670	2.9	2	0.29	0	1	92	15	5.92
S10710A005	S10710A005	191507	222766	118.6726	MP AC	0.001	0	5.26	6	380	1.1	0	0.1	0	5	65	16	2.78
S10710A004D	S10710A004	191297	223594	161.9001	MP AC	0.002	0	9.96	42	660	2.8	0	0.31	0	1	92	17	5.95
S10710A005D	S10710A005	191507	222766	118.6726	MP AC	0.002	0	5.12	10	370	0.8	2	0.1	0	5	61	18	2.72
S10710A006	S10710A006	191496	222795	123.6772	MP AC	0.003	0	4.91	13	390	0.7	0	0.06	0	1	57	10	3.36
S10710A007	S10710A007	191498	222837	123.367	MP AC	0.004	0	3.39	0	290	0	0	0.03	0	0	40	15	0.24
S10710A008	S10710A008	191498	222875	125.087	MP AC	0.001	0	5.39	0	400	0.7	0	0.03	0	0	52	22	0.31
S10710A009	S10710A009	191498	222914	127.4228	MP AC	0.001	0	5.27	11	330	0.7	3	0.05	0	1	52	16	0.96
S10710A010	S10710A010	191497	222955	128.1036	MP AC	0.002	0	5.65	0	380	0.8	4	0.04	0	0	58	15	0.4
S10710A011	S10710A011	191496	222994	129.8925	MP AC	0.001	0	5.02	17	280	0.7	4	0.05	0	0	56	13	1.62
S10727A001	S10727A001	191296	223635	153.164	MP AC	0.001	0	7.49	31	420	1.9	2	0.18	0.5	2	98	20	4.94
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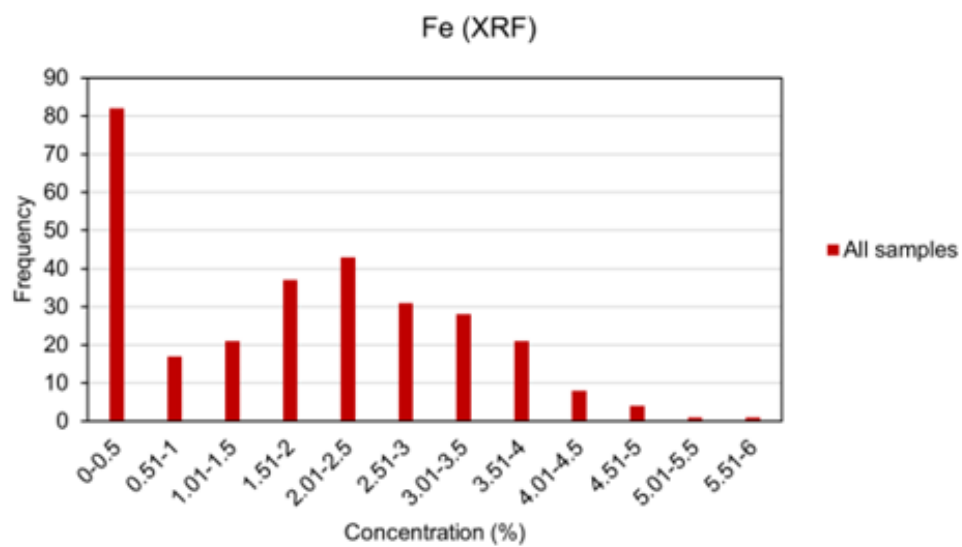
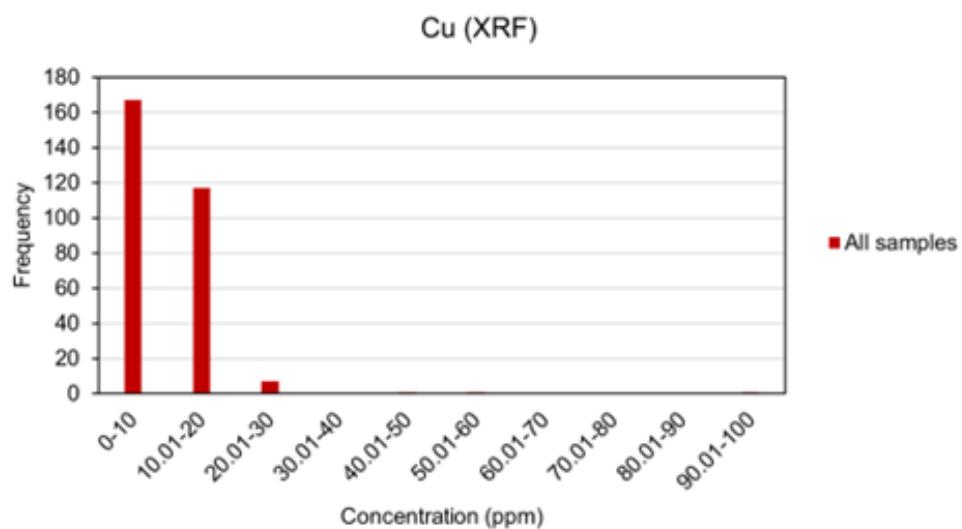
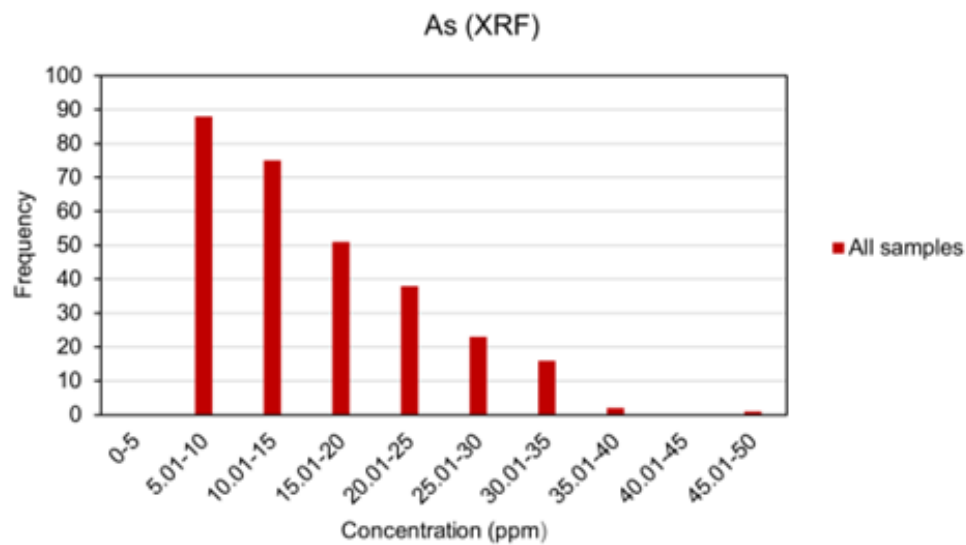
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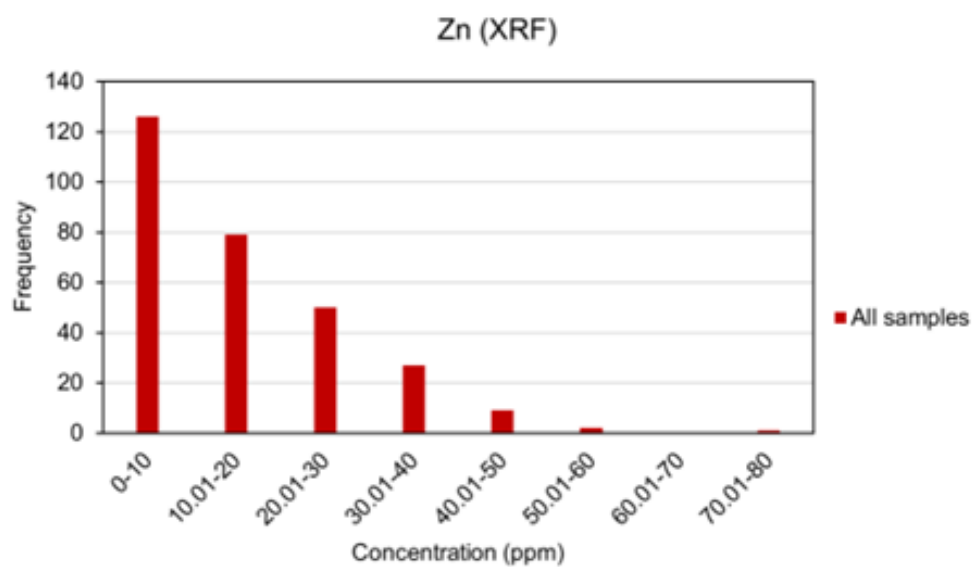
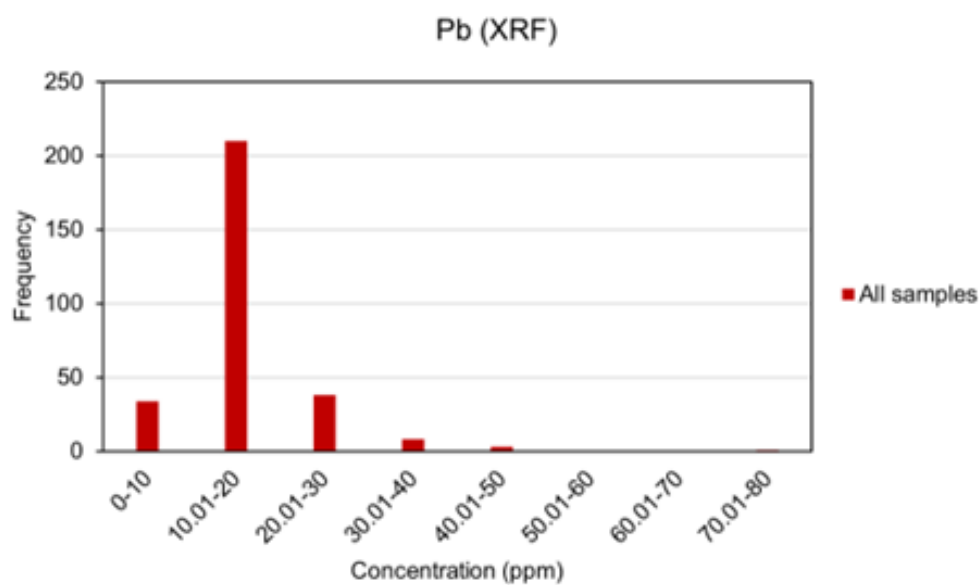
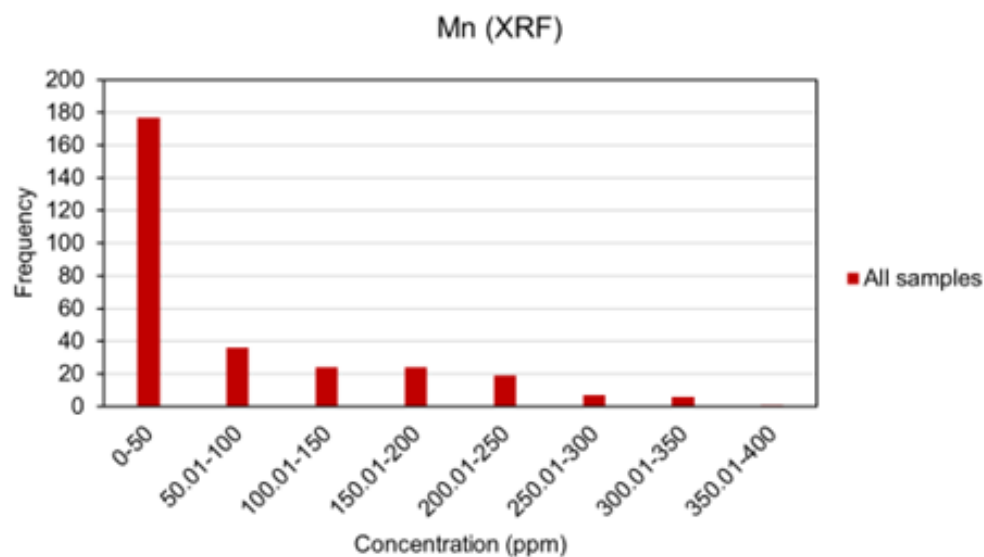
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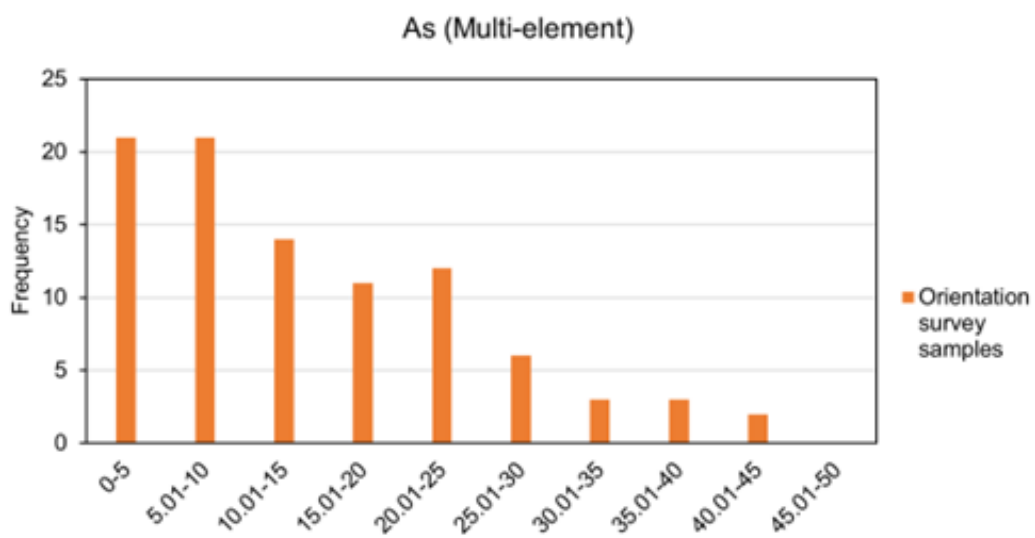
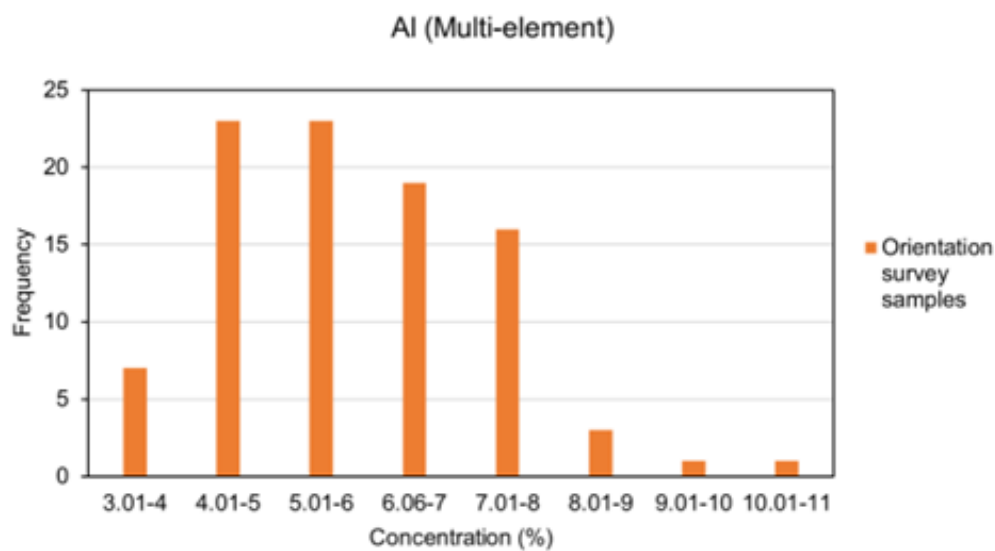
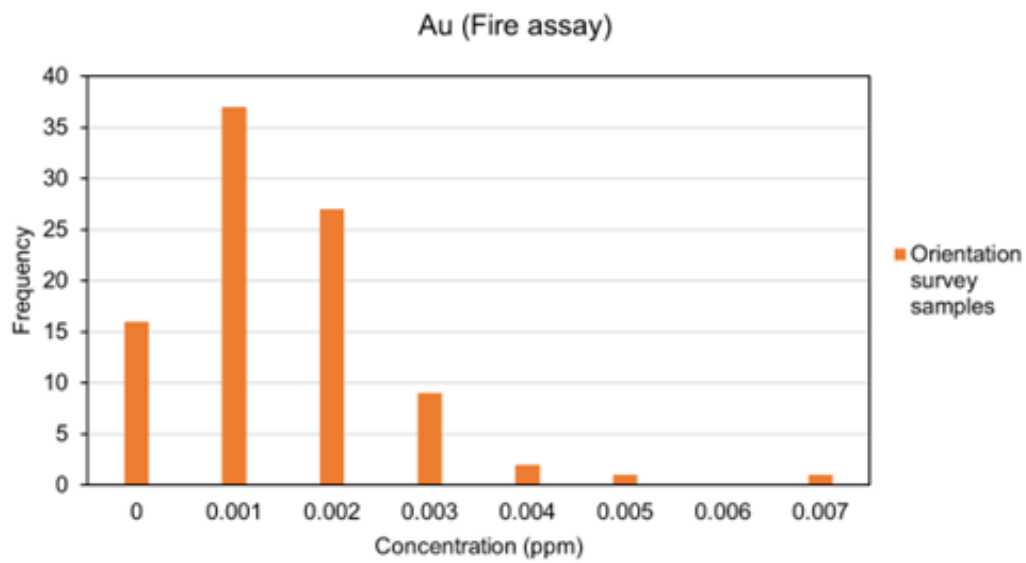
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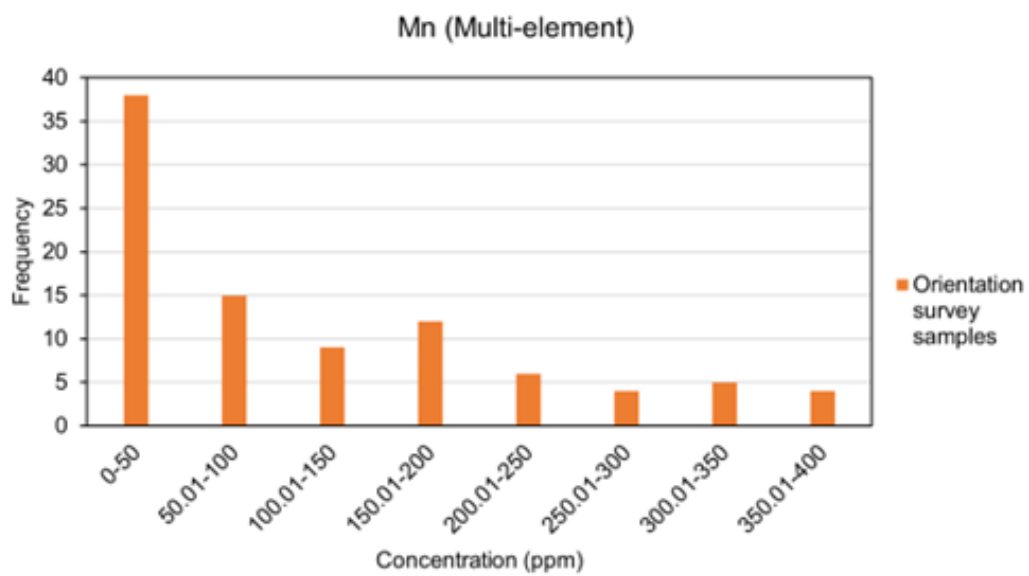
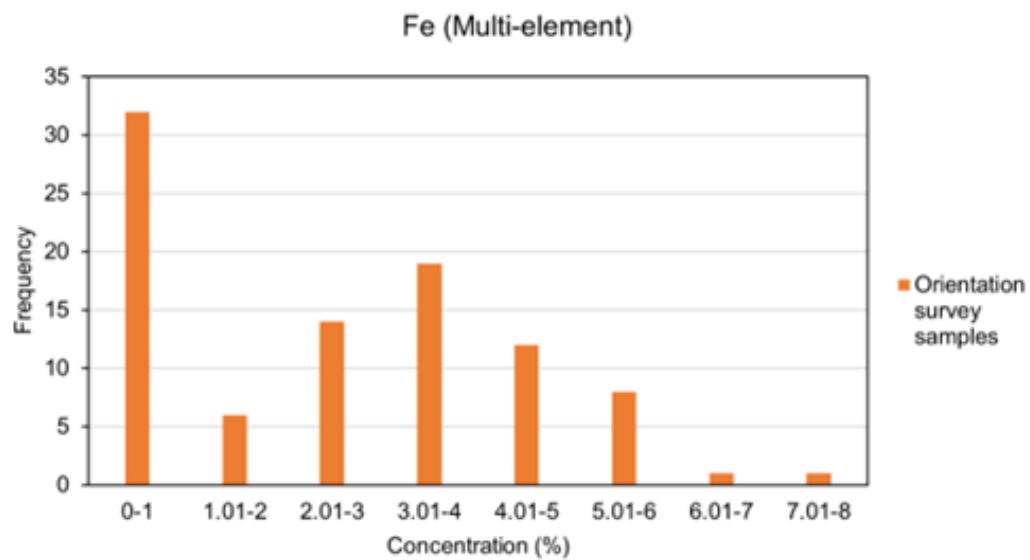
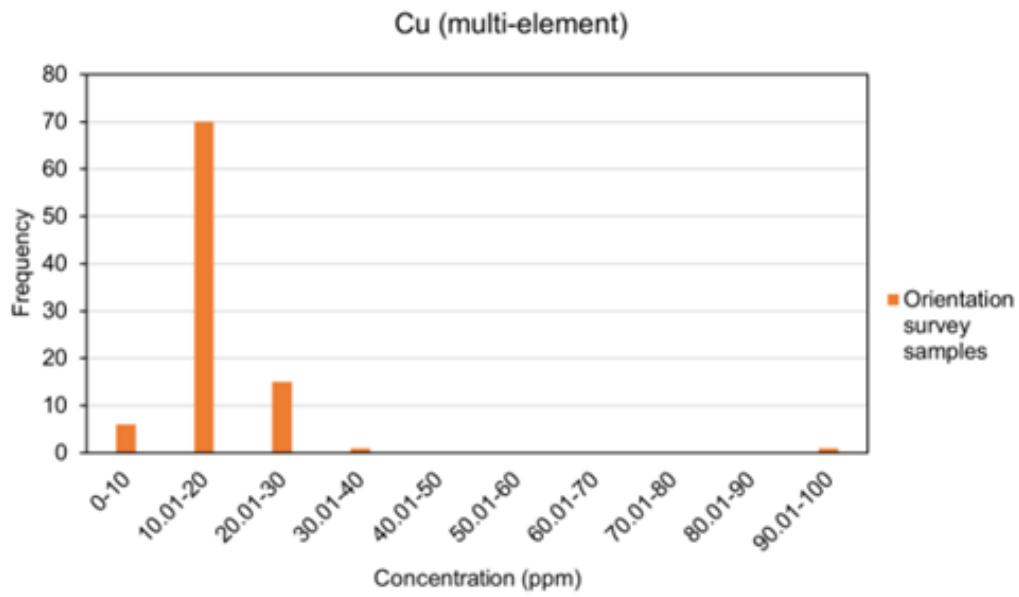
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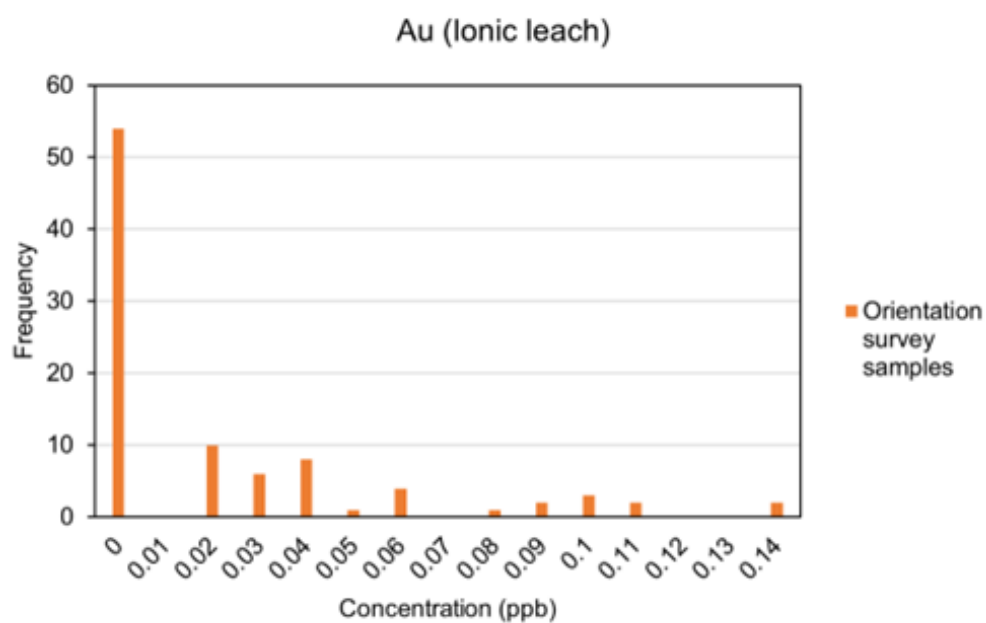
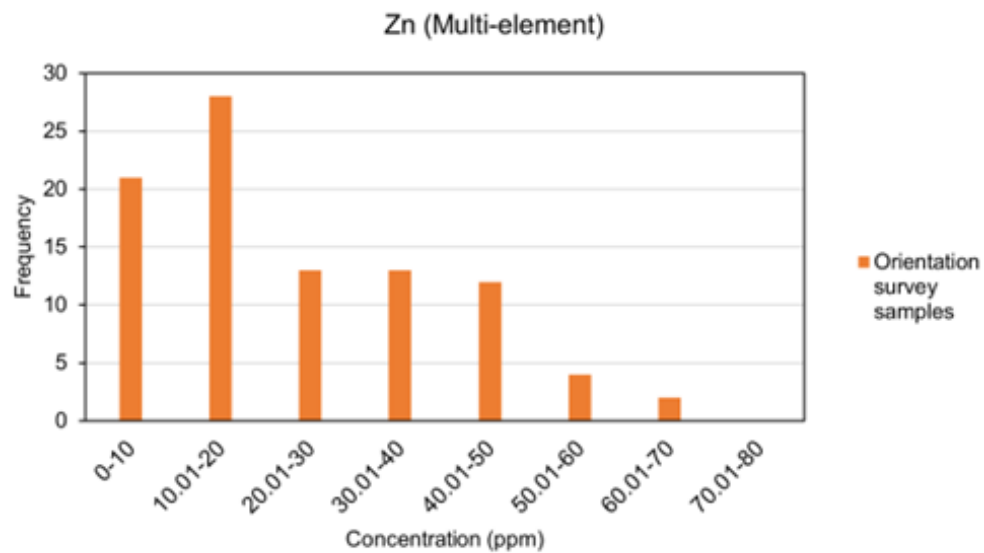
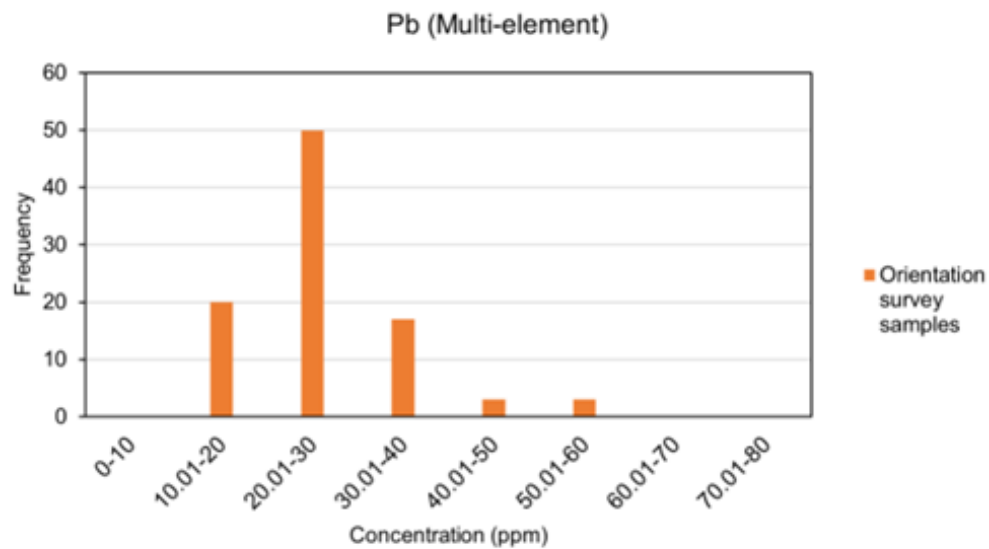
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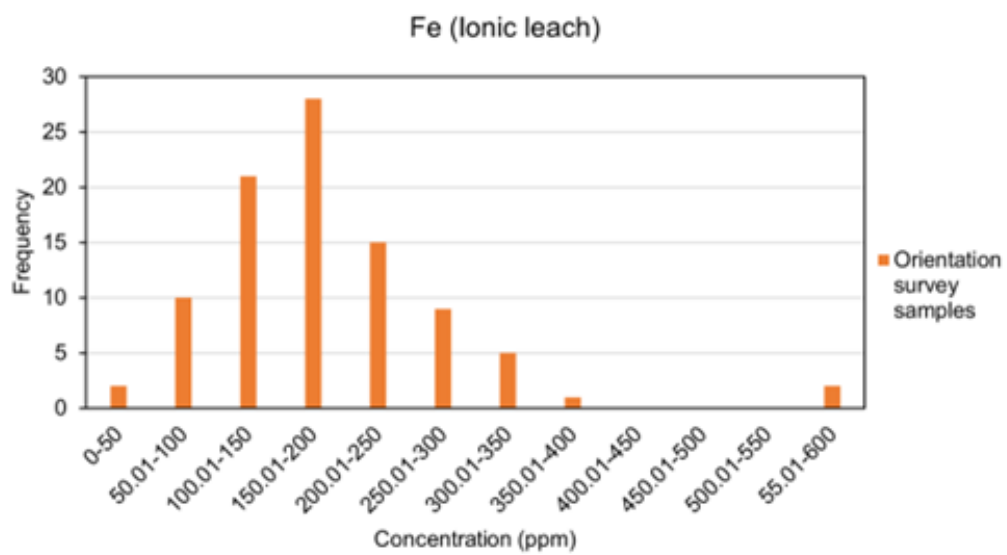
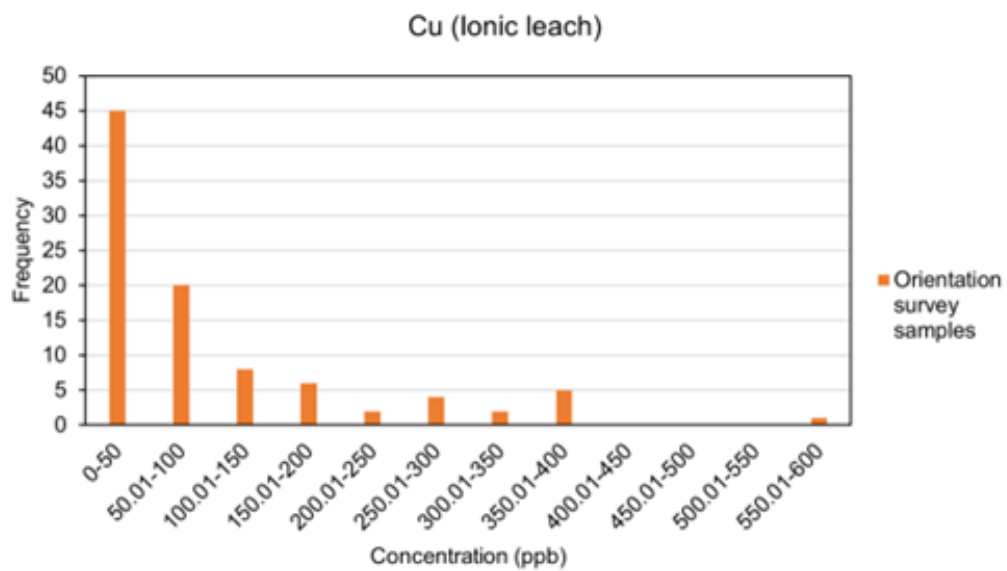
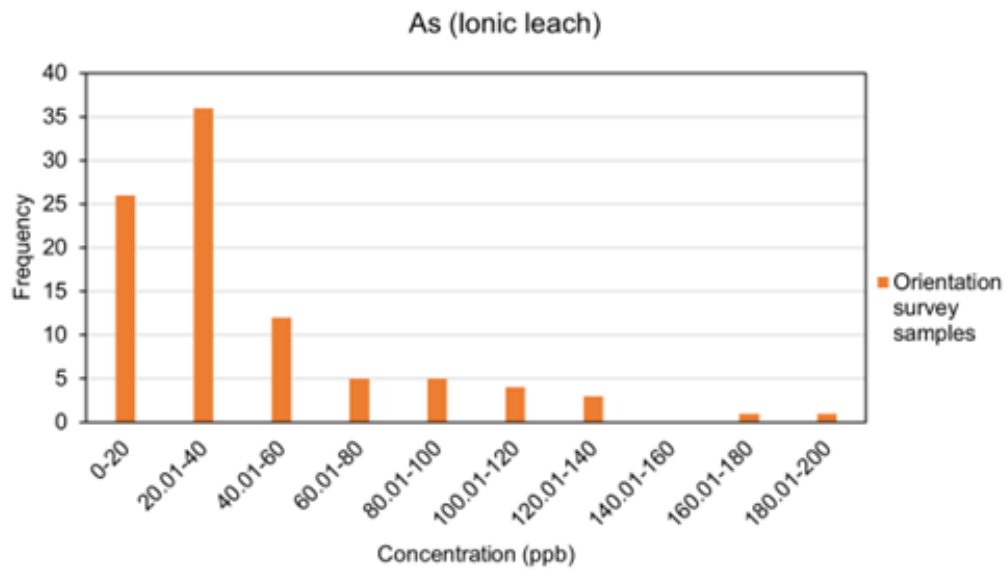


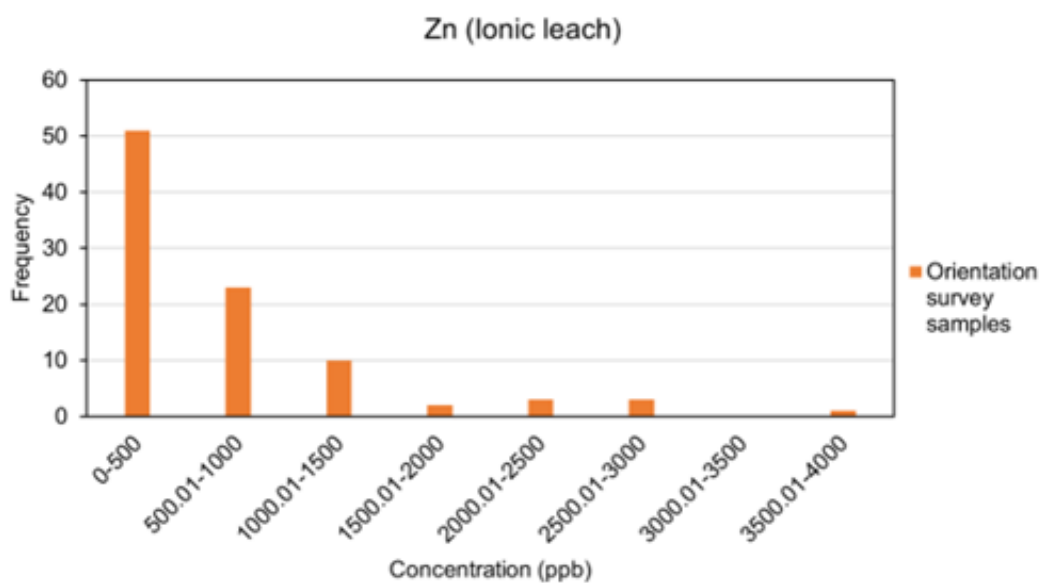
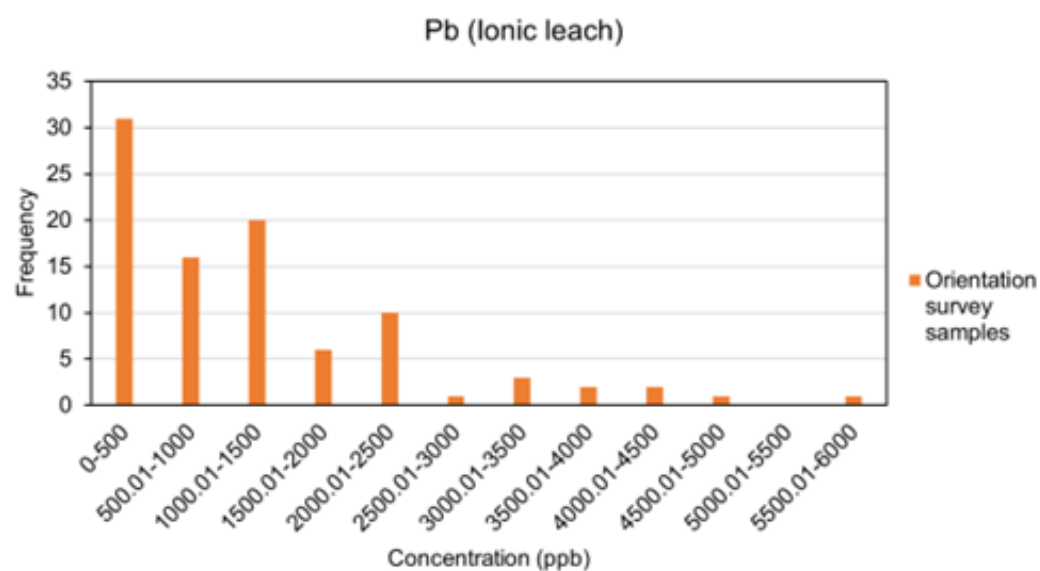
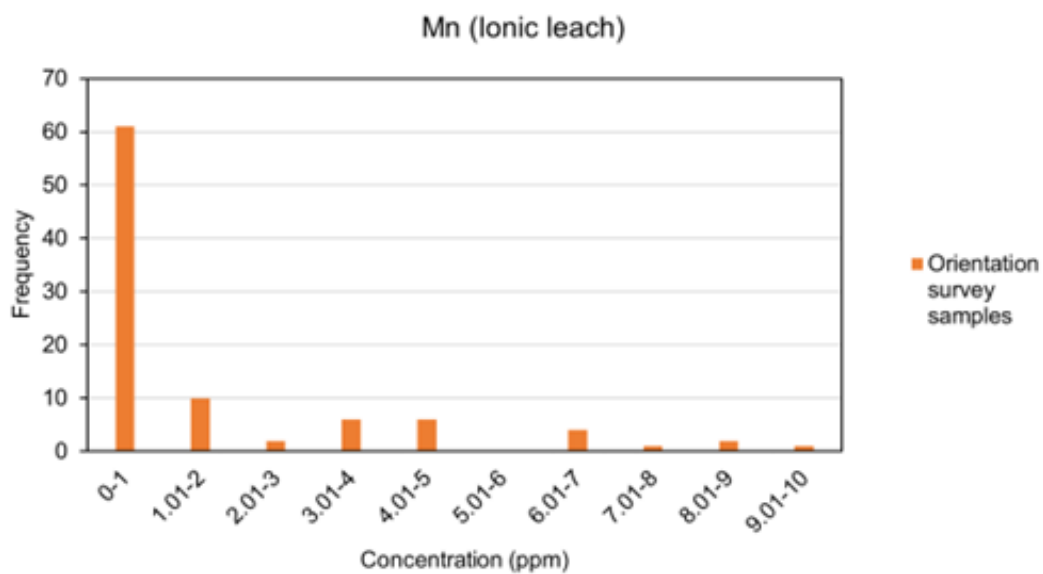




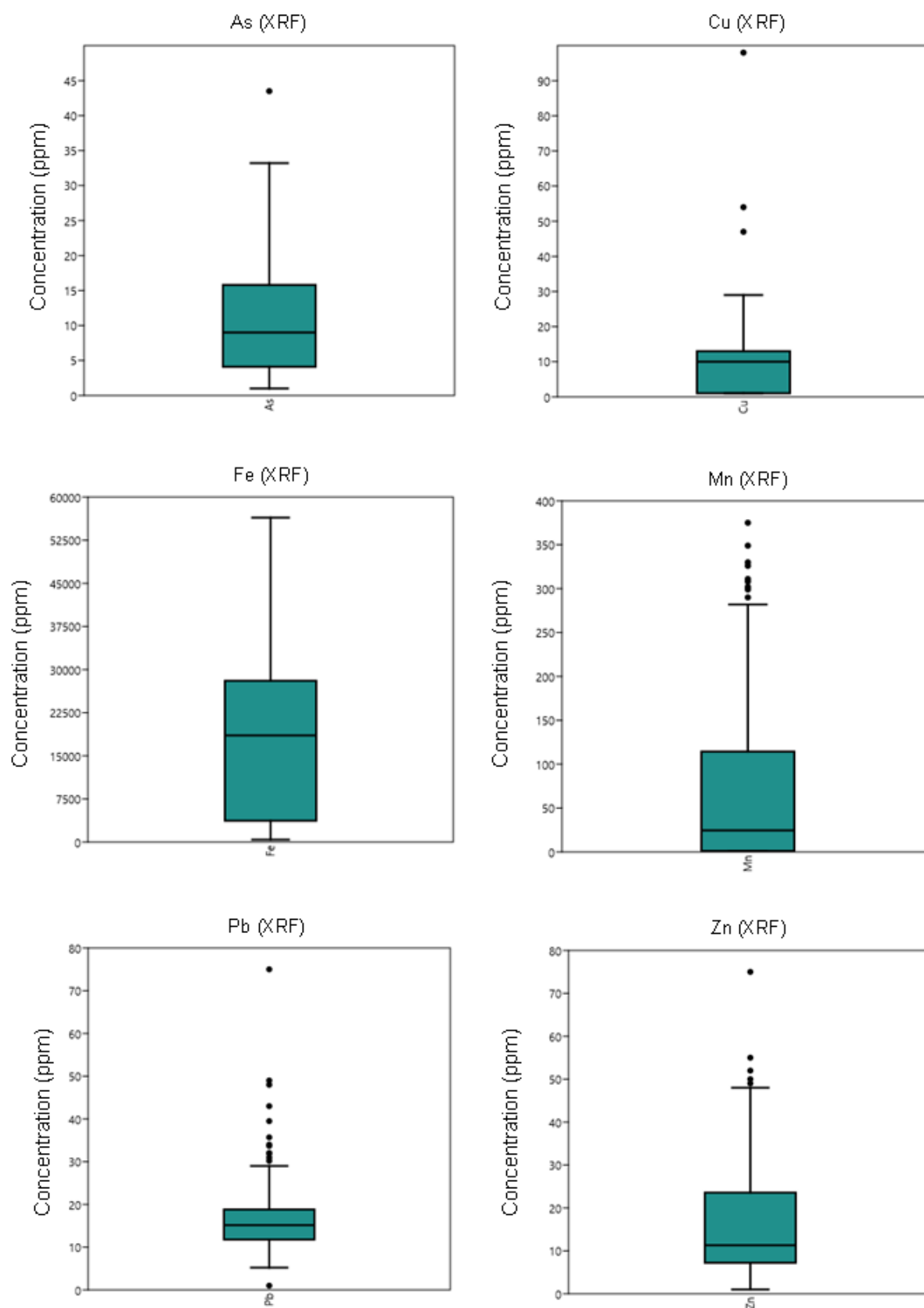


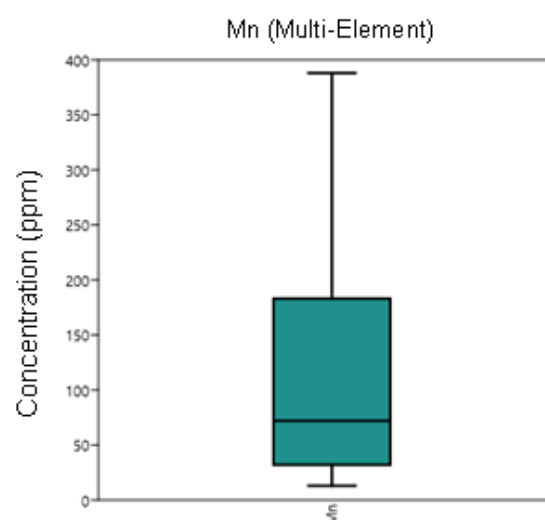
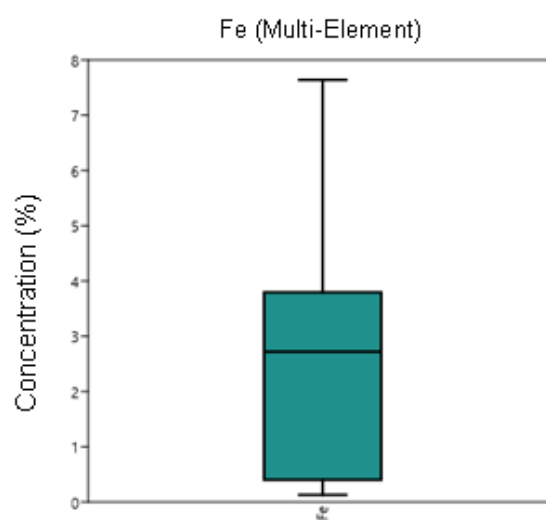
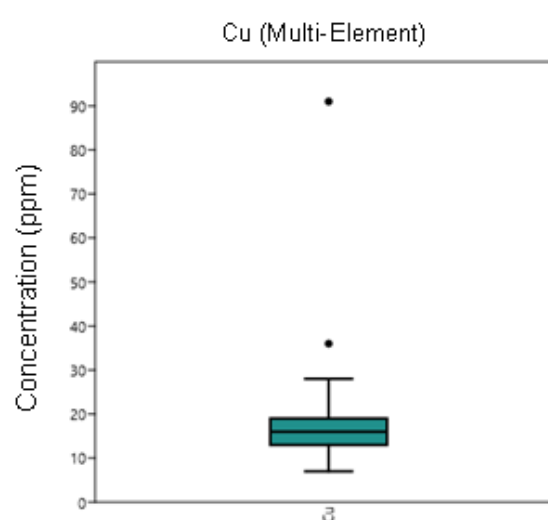
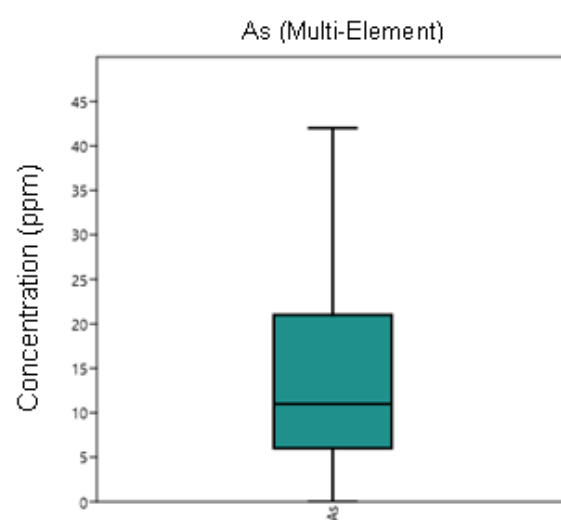
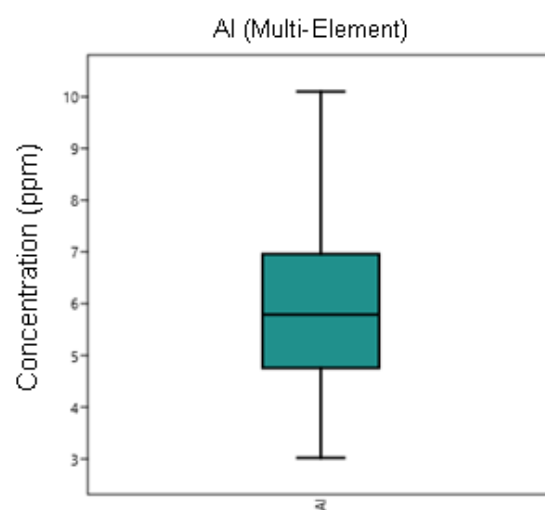
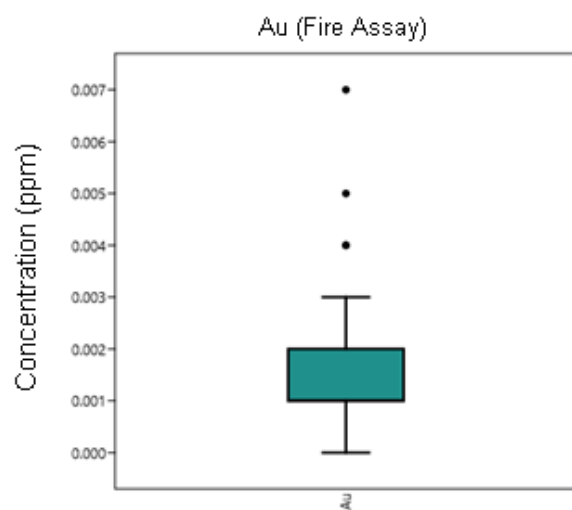


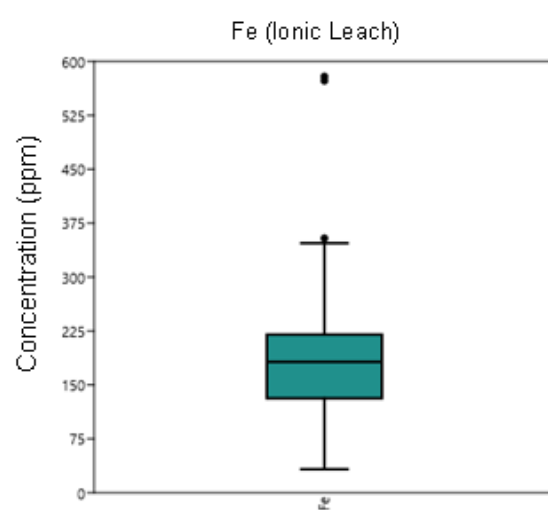
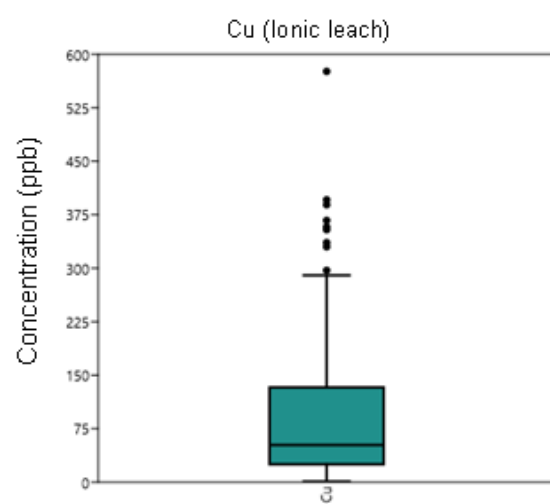
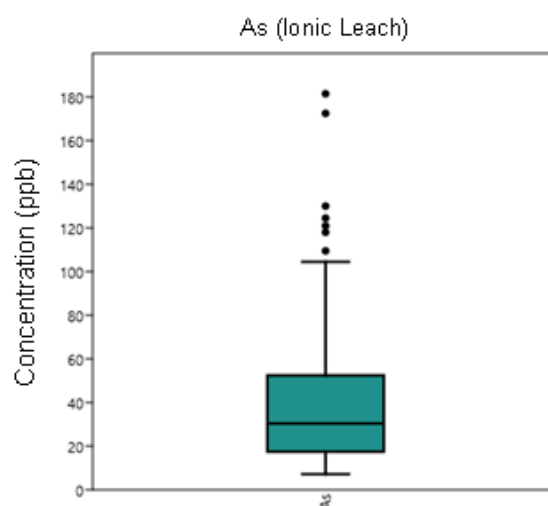
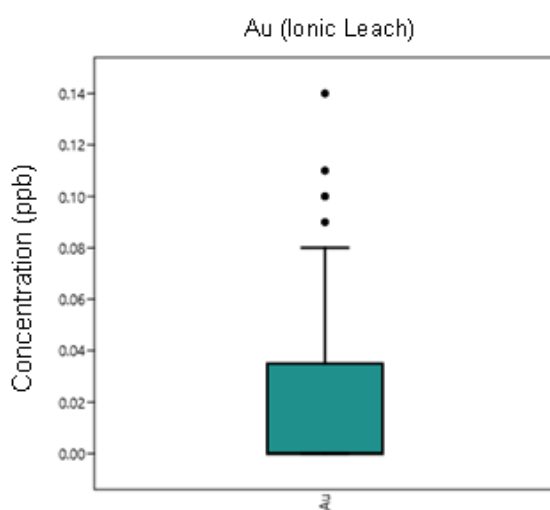
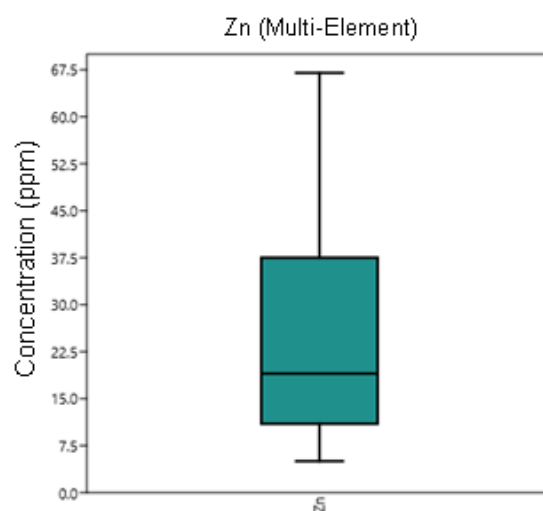
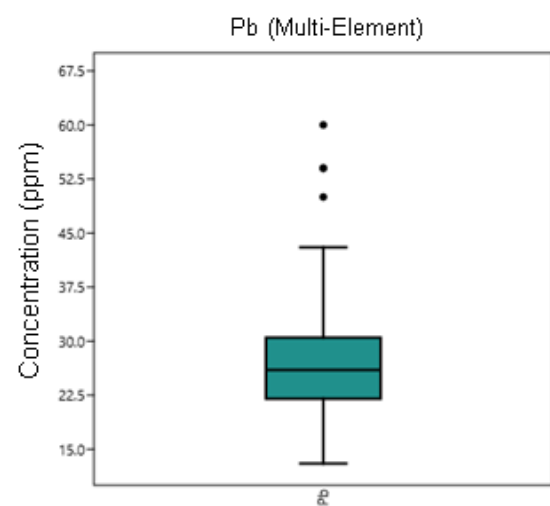


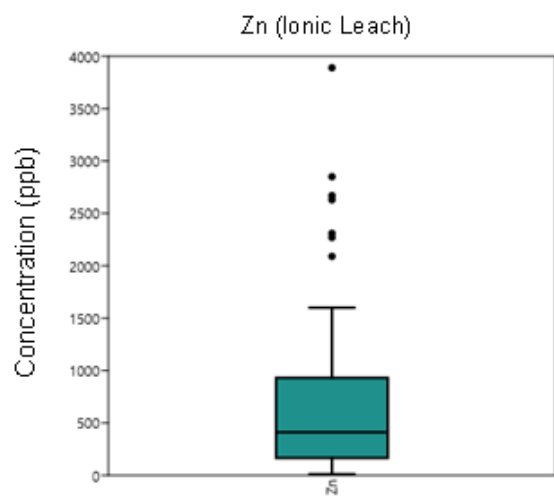
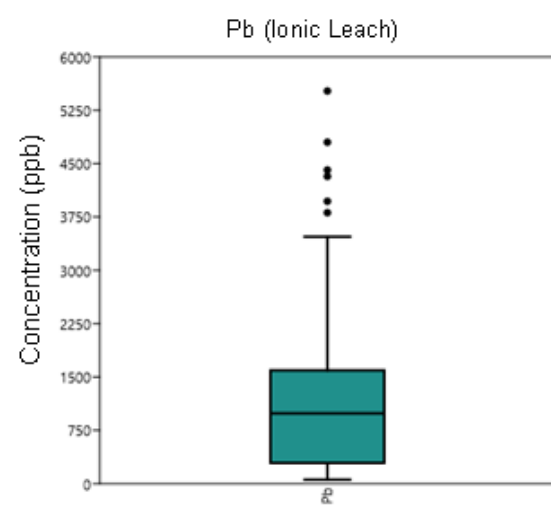
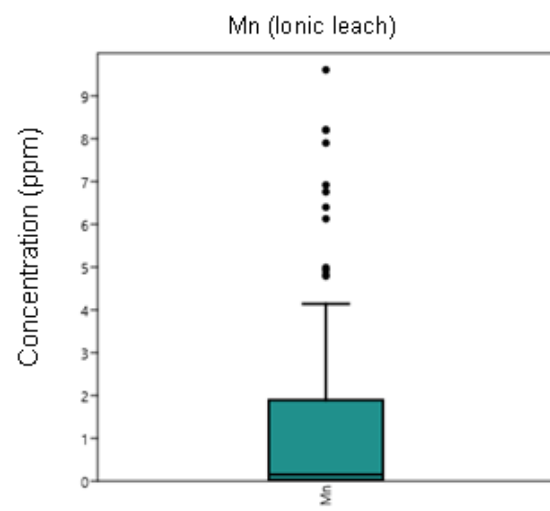


Appendix 7: Box and Whisker Plots (Au-Al-As-Cu-Fe-Mn-Pb-Zn)









Appendix 8: Log Probability Graphs (Au-Al-As-Cu-Fe-Mn-Pb-Zn)