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### *Lithogeochemistry of Pegmatites at Broken Hill : Vectors to Mineralisation*

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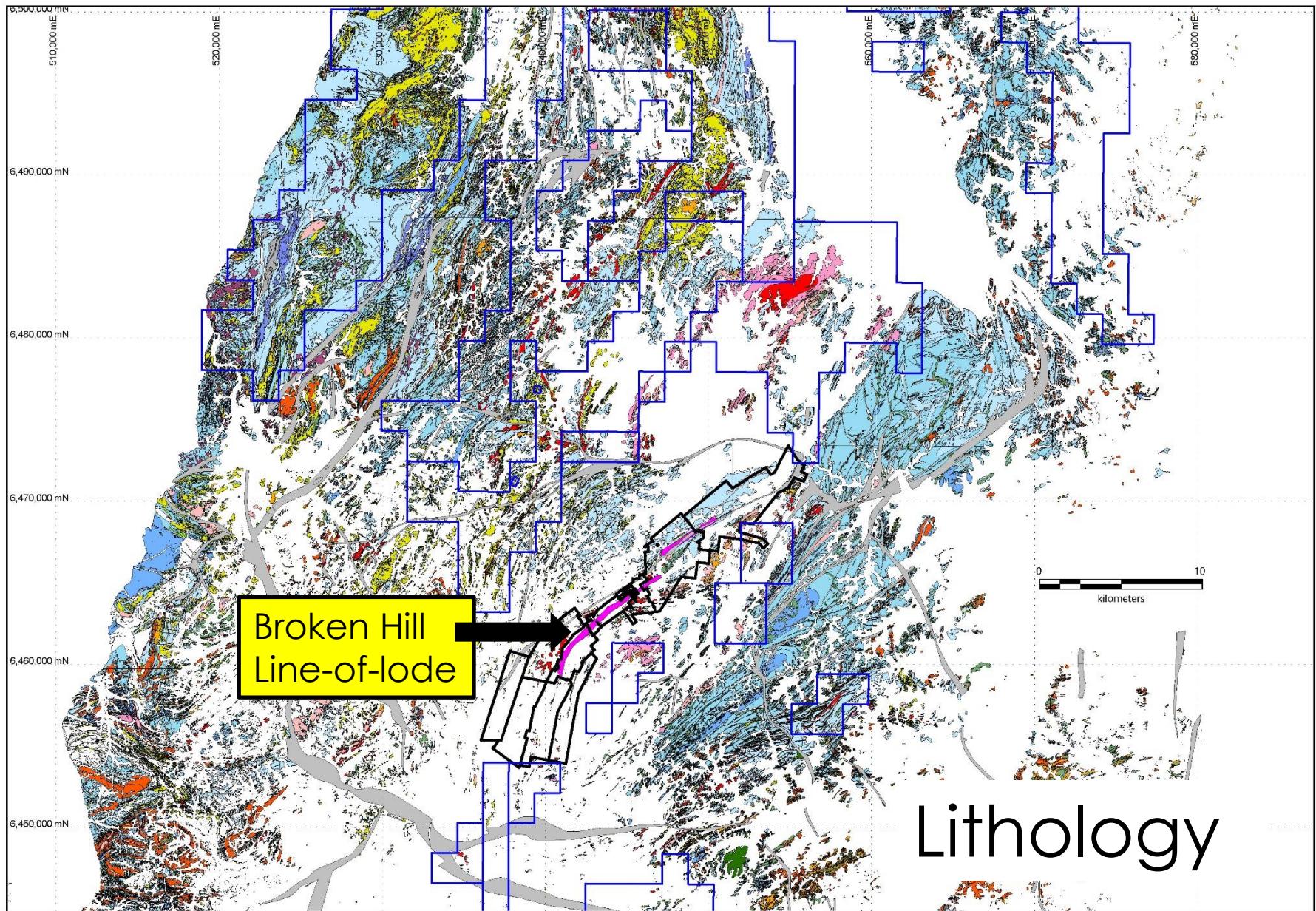
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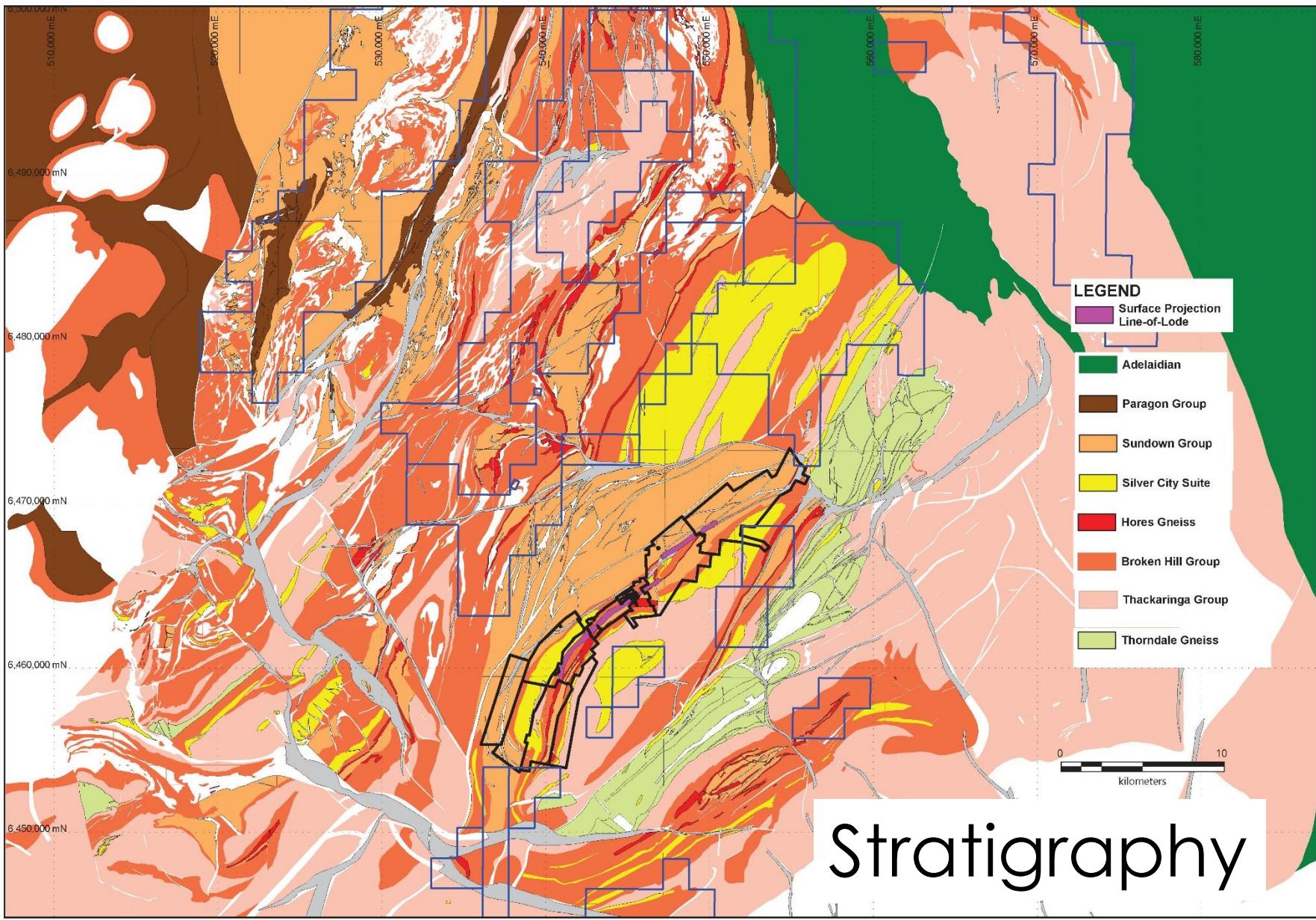


# OUTLINE

- Geological Framework
- Olarian Metamorphism
- Sampling Rationale
- Pegmatite Styles
- Geochemistry
- What we think







# GEOCHRONOLOGY

Silts, black shales:  
deep marine ,  
turbiditic: cap  
rocks, deep burial

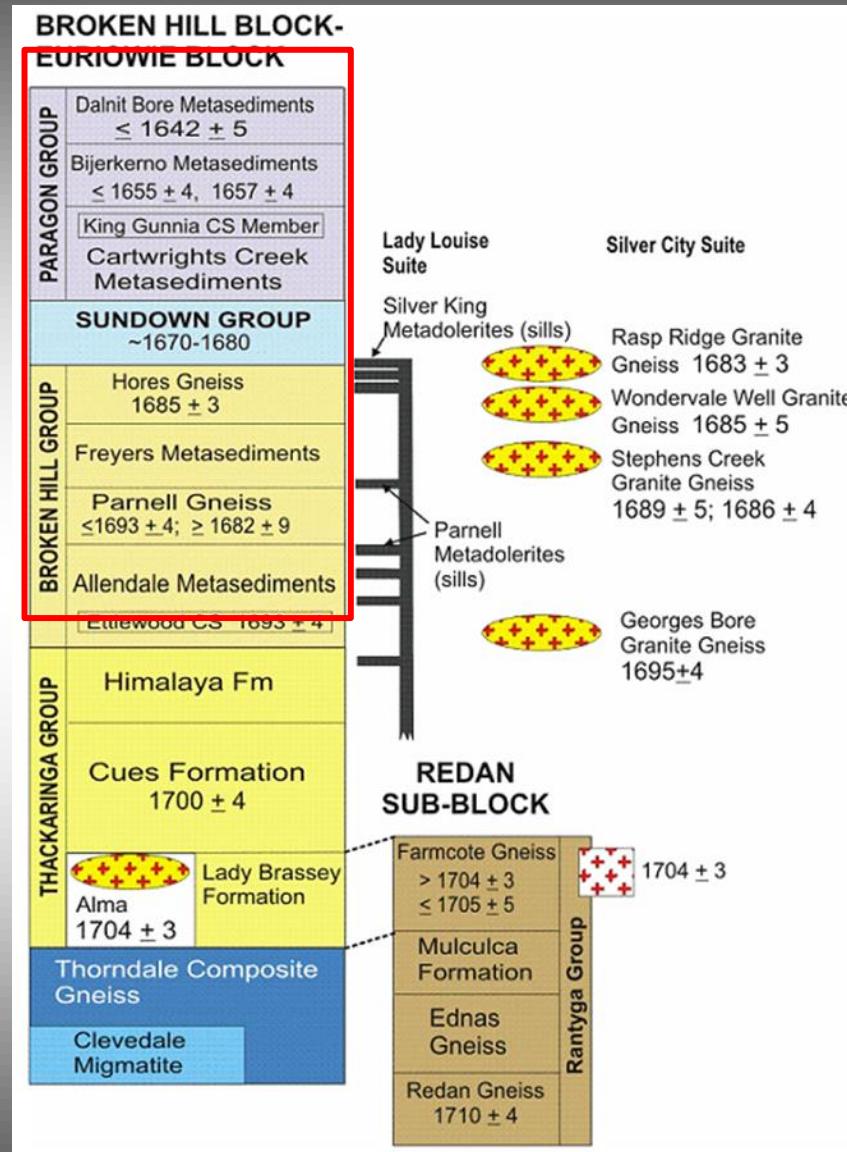


RAPID SUBSIDENCE

quartzo-  
feldspathic: shallow  
marine-shelf  
(maybe lacustrine)



Albitic,quartzo-  
feldspathic: fluvial  
to estuarine



Stevens (2006)

# GEOLOGY

- Rift sedimentation and volcanism (1850 to 1670Ma).
- Narrow Rift.
- Mineralisation 1685-1670Ma
- At least four deformations, two thermal events

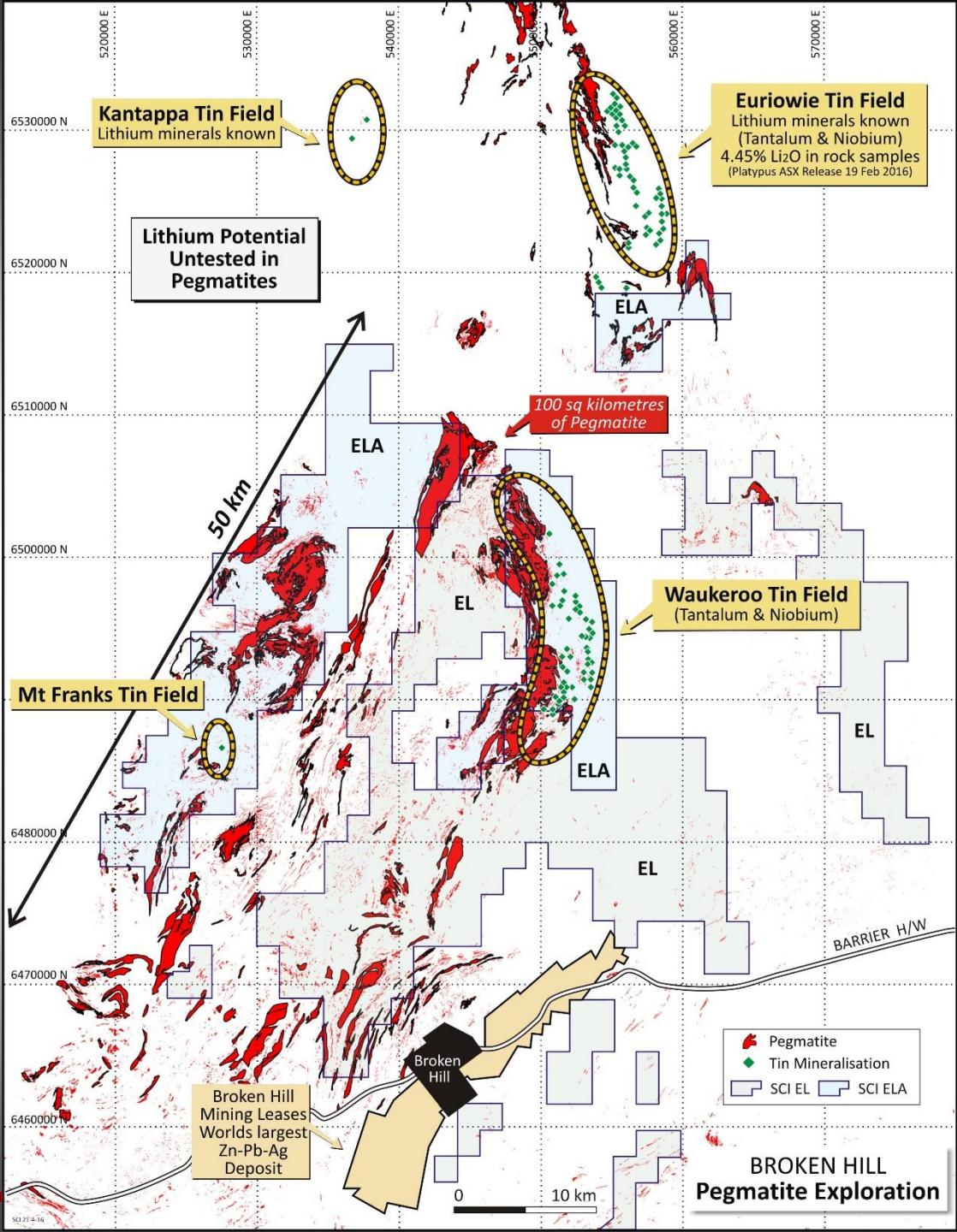
## Key units

1. Thackaringa Group: Source of metals and saline fluids.
2. Broken Hill Group: Ore host especially in upper parts.
3. Silver City Suite: Granitic intrusions, metadolerites, mafic volcanics penecontemporaneous with ore. Sulphur source.
4. Sundown Group: Cap rock. Evidence of waning hydrothermal activity.
5. Paragon Group: Carbonaceous shales, deeper marine, turbidites.

# PEGMATITES

Where did it start?

- Lithium
- Documented occurrences of Li minerals (amblygonite)
- GIS data indicates almost 10% of tenure area occupied by outcropping pegmatite
- 50% tenure under cover.
- Suggests pegmatite rock volume in district might be as much as 20%



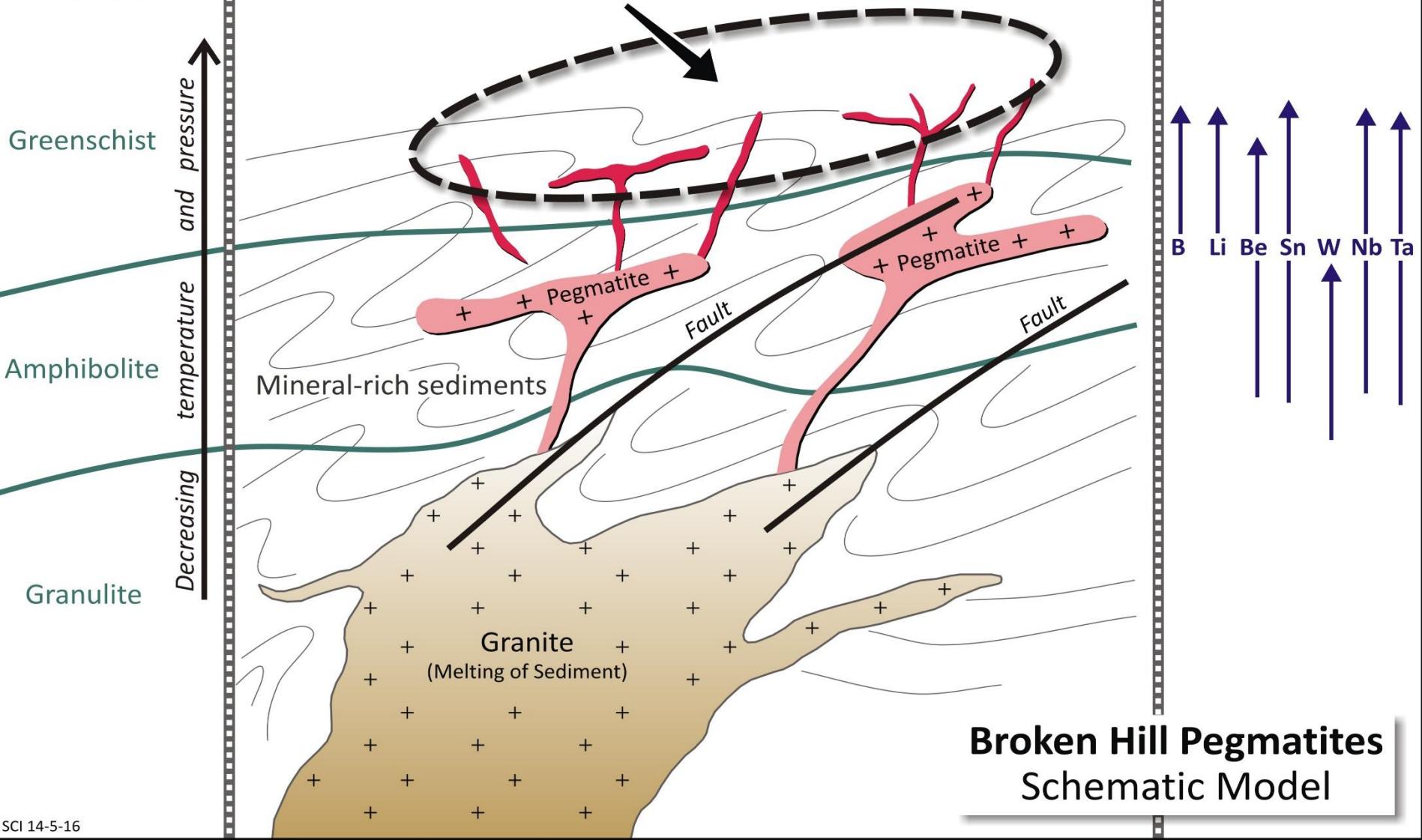
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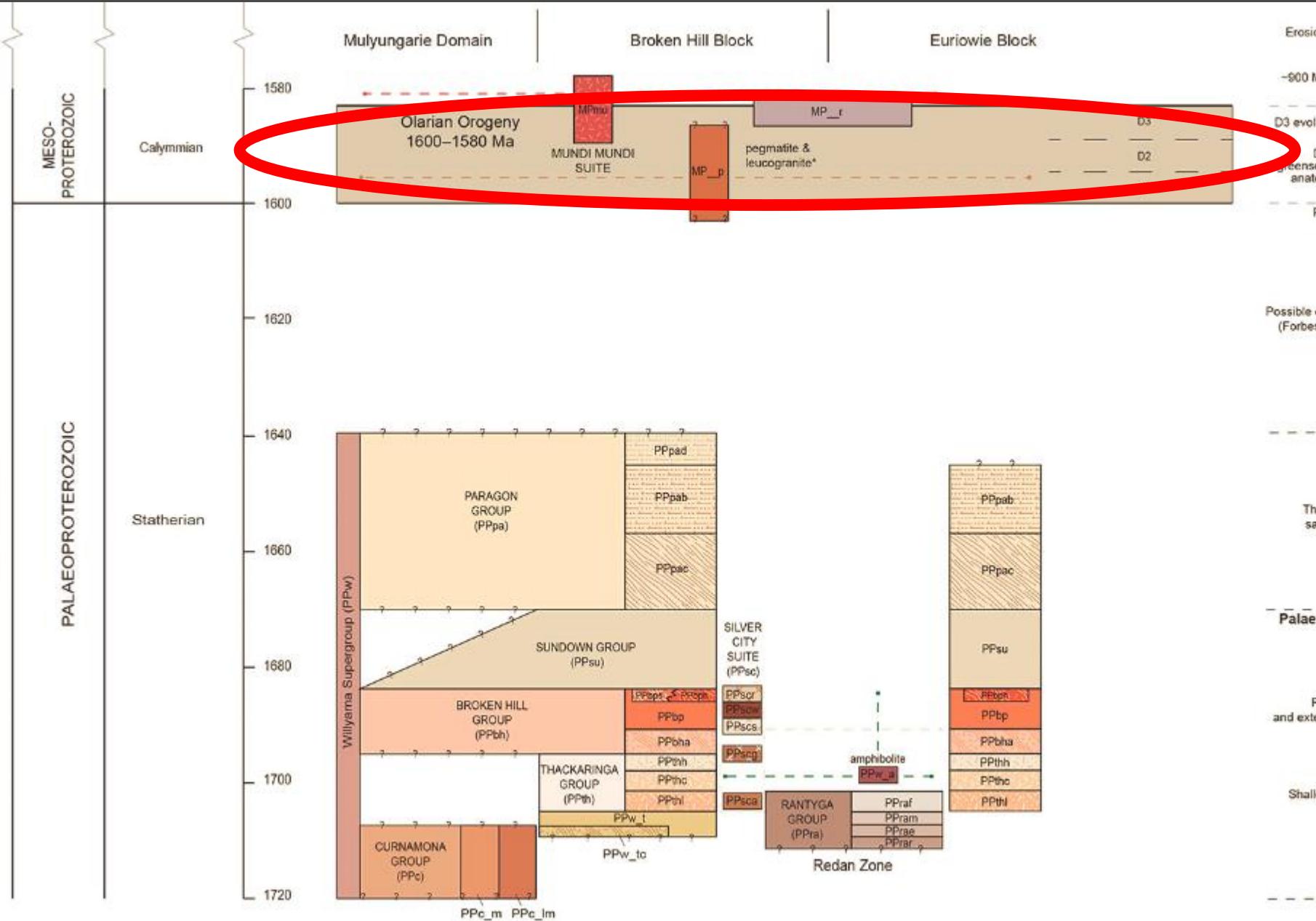
- Provide a sample medium ubiquitous to the district
- Often the only outcropping rock in areas of sub-crop or cover
- Many more occurrences of pegmatite than mapped
- Are they products of anatexis and largely *in situ*?
- Are they allochthonous and intrusive?

## METAMORPHIC ZONE

### *Zone of Lithium-rich pegmatites Broken Hill*

## METALS





# METAMORPHISM

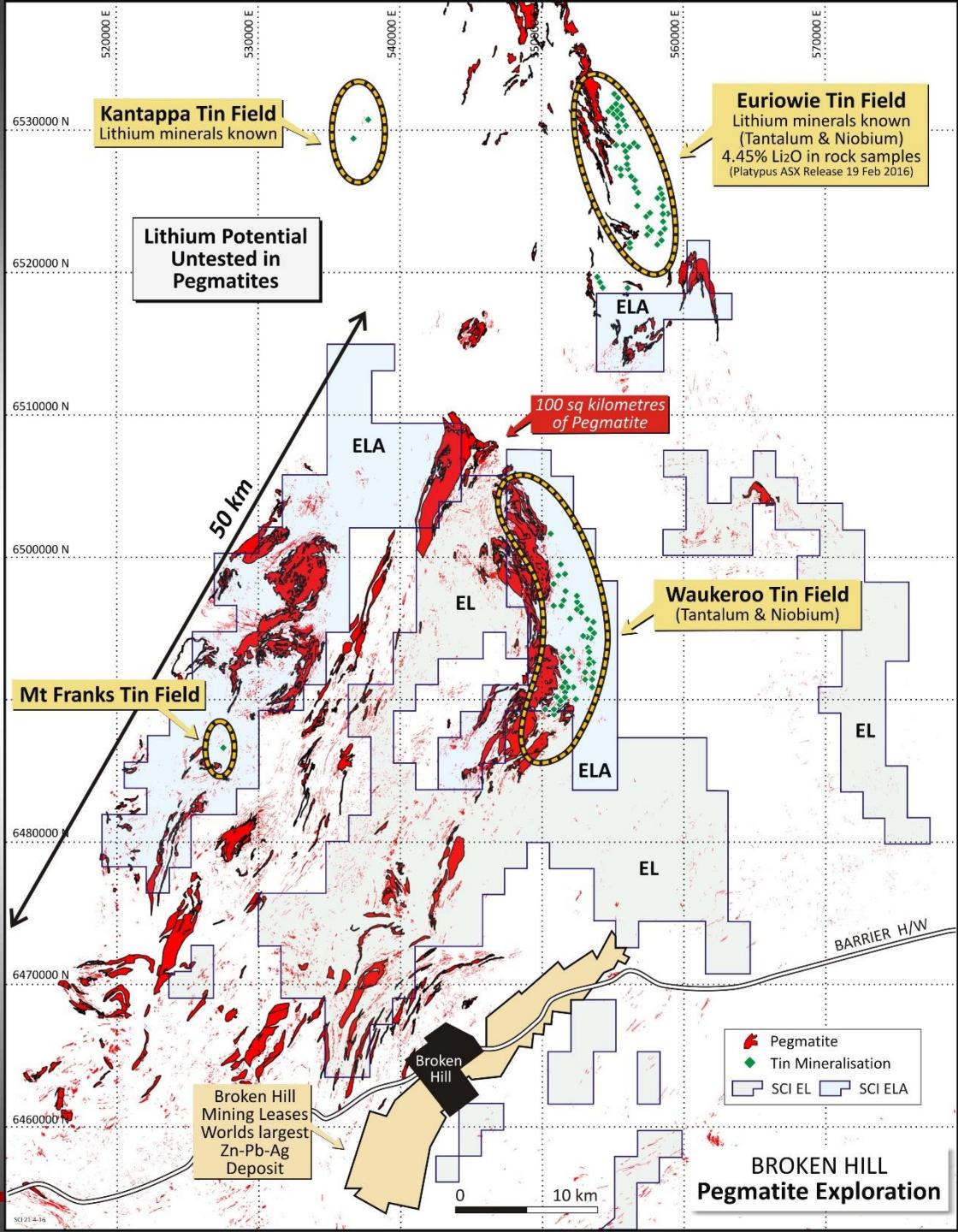
Olarian Orogeny: 1600 -1580Ma

Pegmatites: 1600-1590Ma

Mundi Granite: 1590-1580Ma

“In a regional sense some pegmatites appear to be large sill-like bodies which are stratabound”

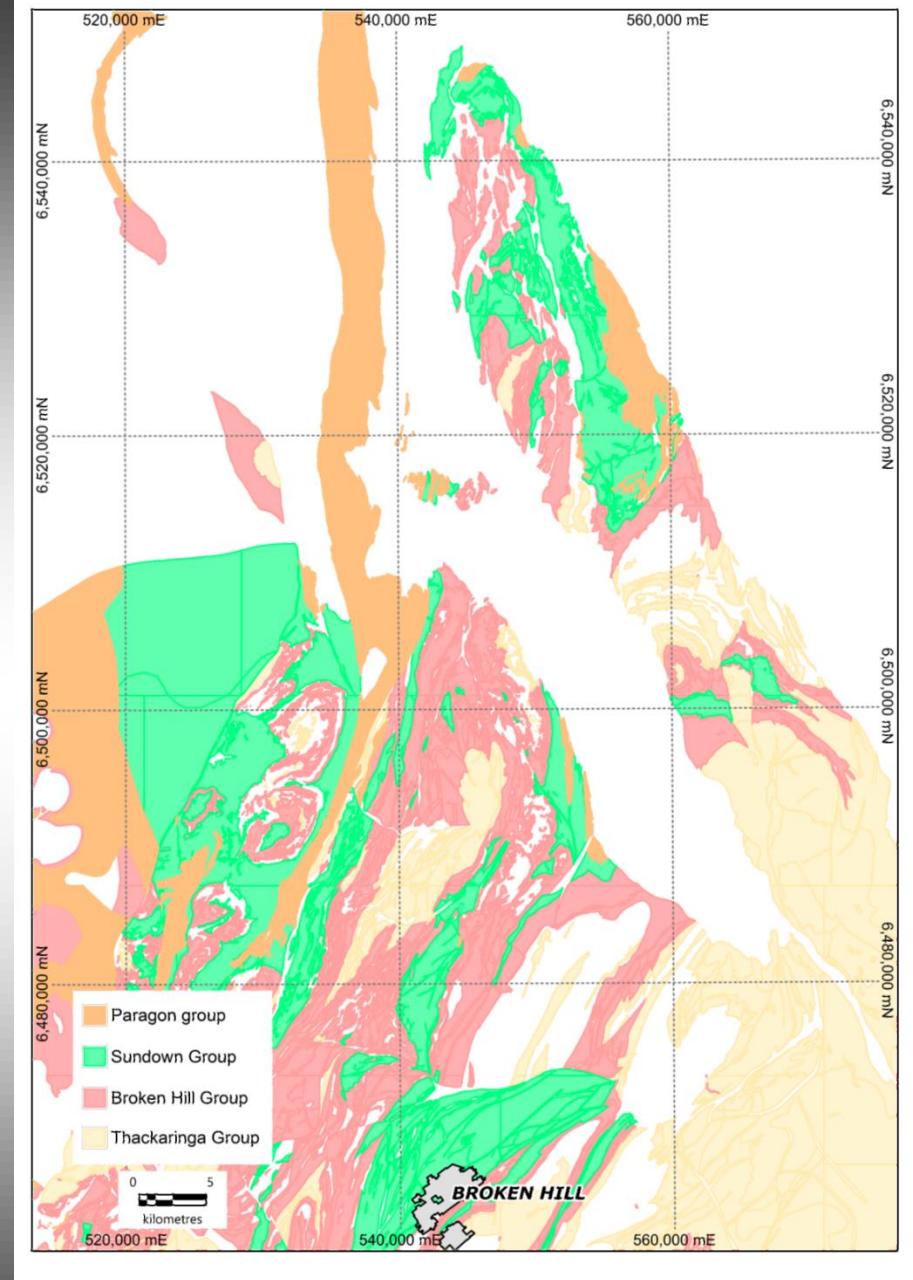
# Pegmatites stratabound?



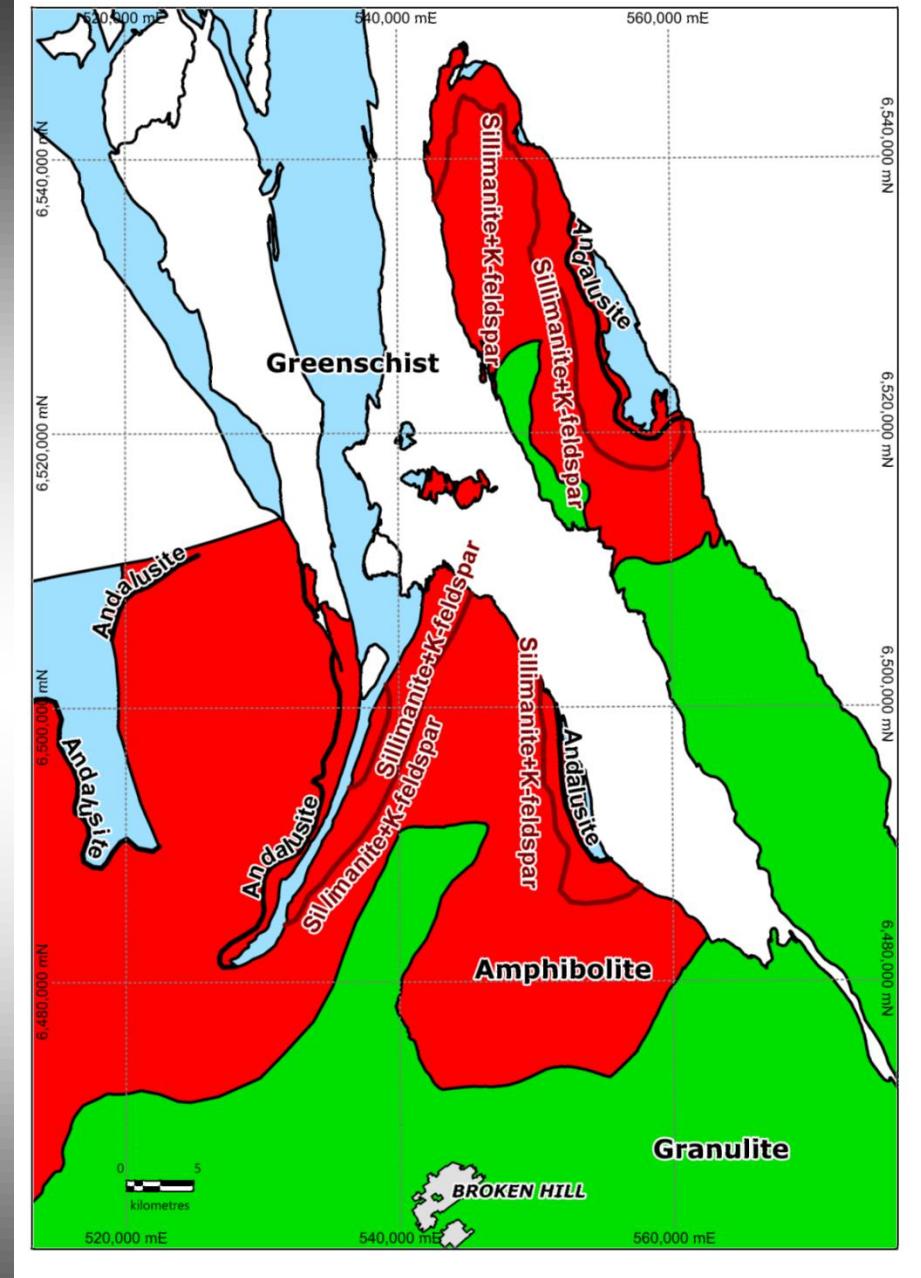


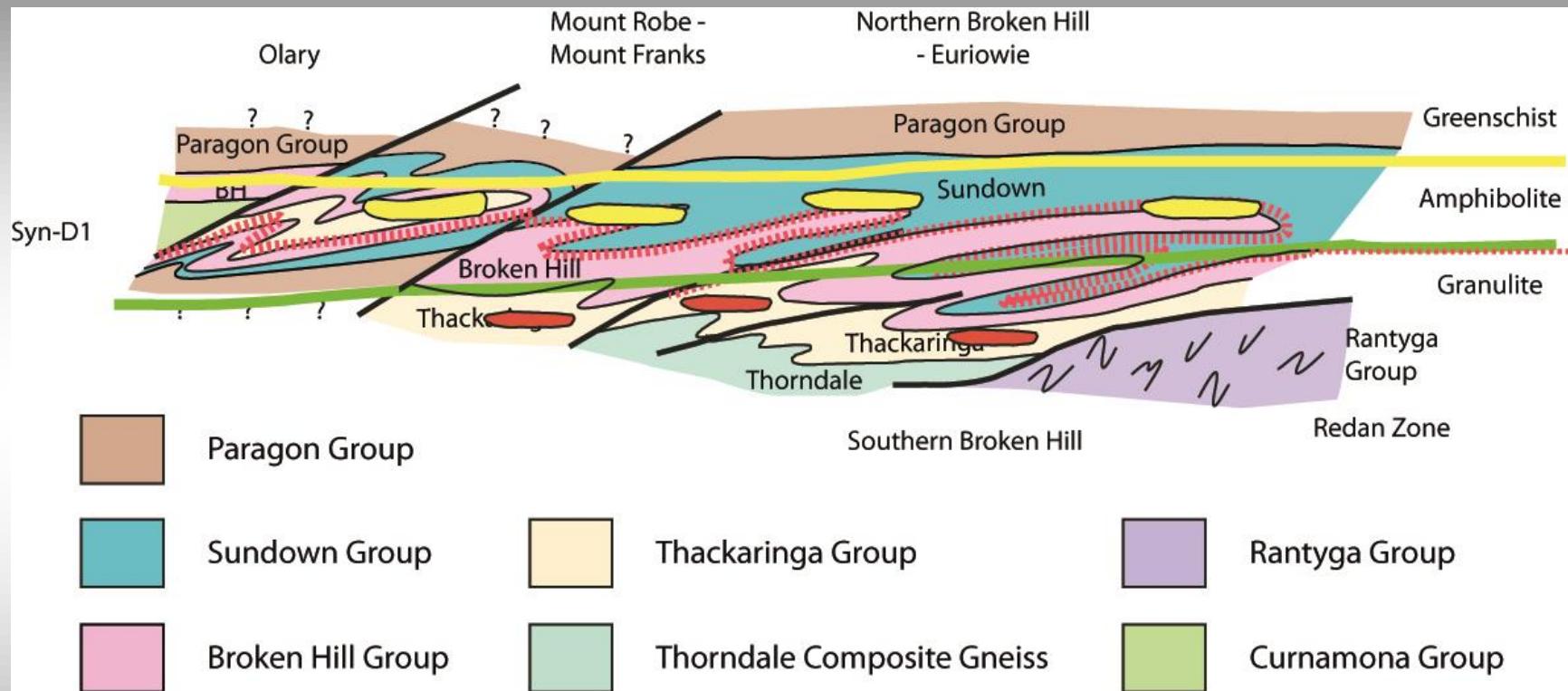
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“Due to the stratabound nature of the metamorphic field gradient there is also an association with metamorphic facies zones and isograds”.....  
(Fitzherbert 2015)



Metamorphic isograds  
generally conform  
with the stratigraphy





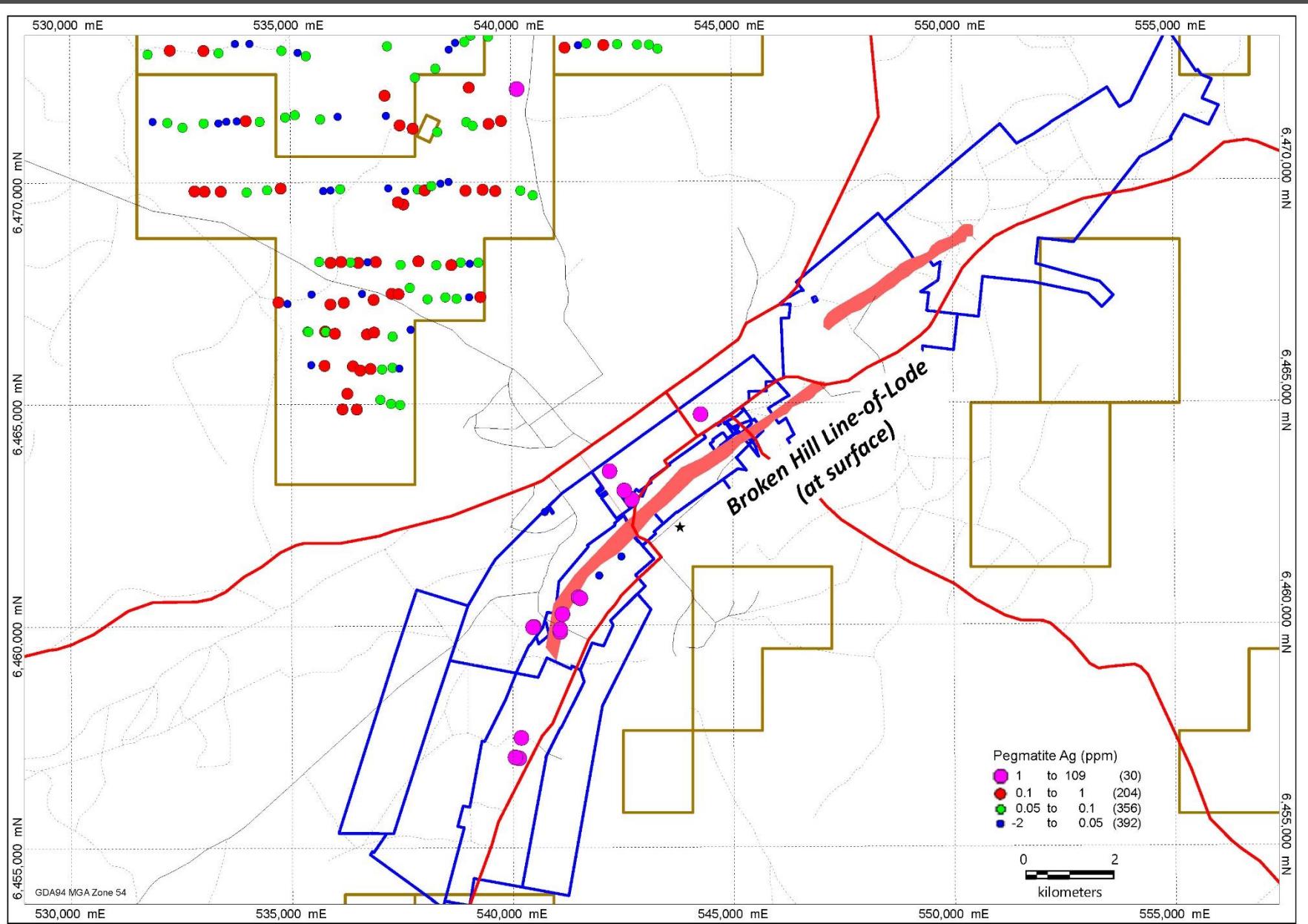
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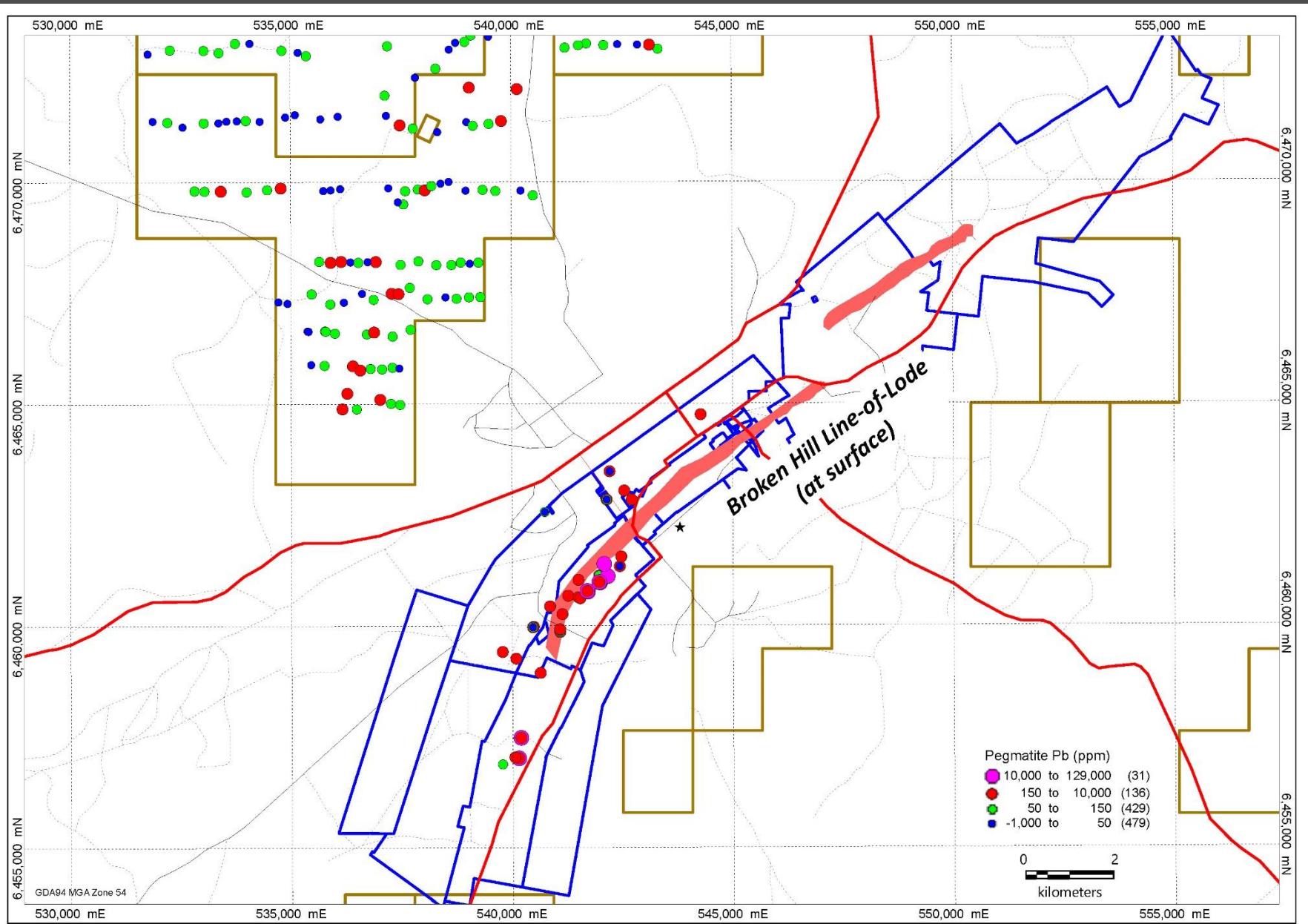
# BROKEN HILL “LINE-OF-LODE” PEGMATITES

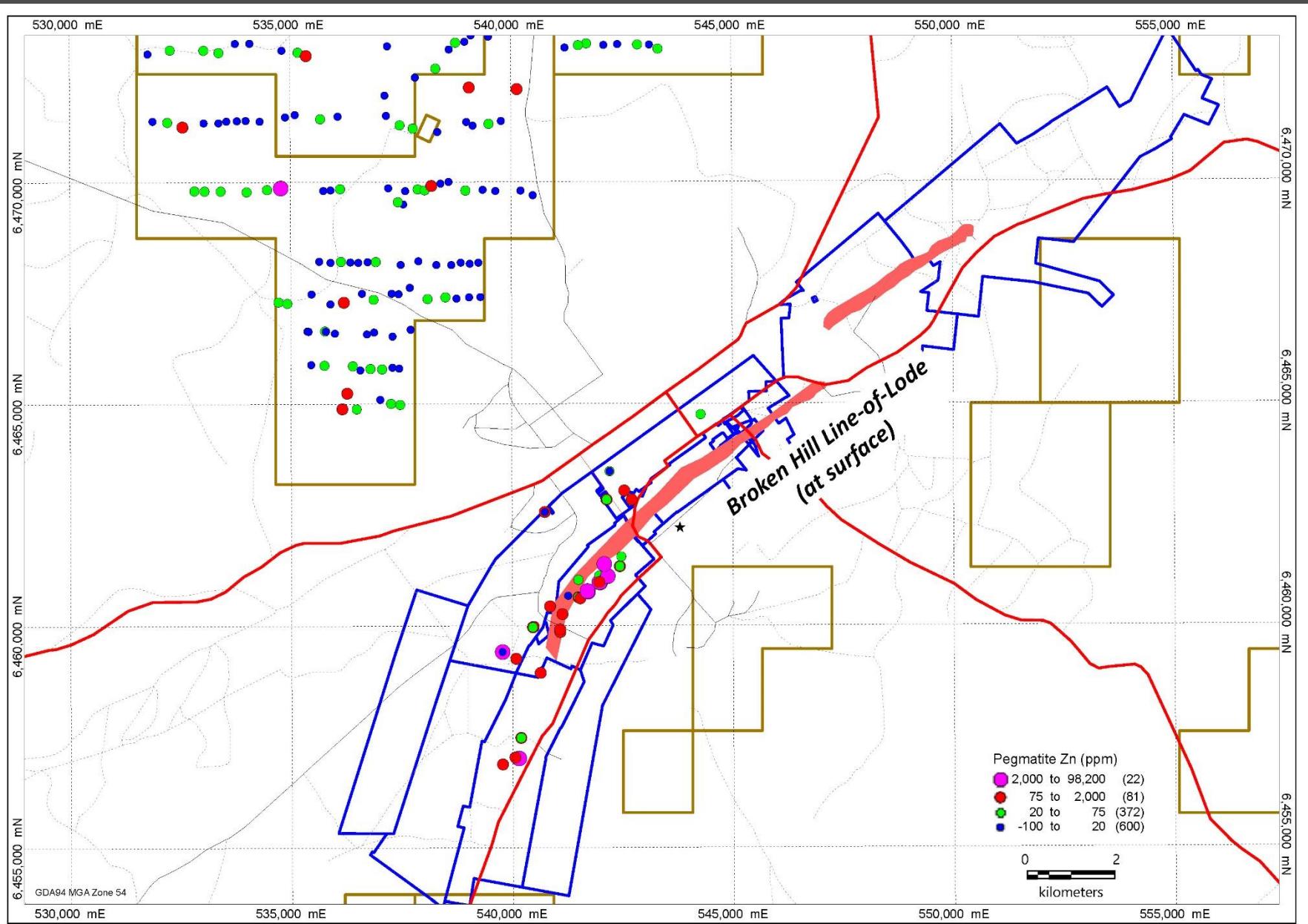
Mineralogy documented to occur within pegmatites includes:

- amazonite (green lead-rich feldspar)
- zinc-rich micas
- sulphides.









# SAMPLING

- Sample weight 2.5-3kg
- 2 objectives
  - Minerals
  - Representative
- Area sampled dependent on meeting objectives
- Range 5x5m to 50x50m



# ANALYSIS

## Lab

- ALS Orange
- 4 acid digest
- 48 element ICP-MS
- Representative sample

## Scanner

- Minerals only
- XRF + 10mm window
- LIBZ < 5mm window
- Need flat surfaces
- No comparison with Lab
- Similar trends
- We had a go but data was largely inconclusive & not suitable



## Pegmatite Type 1

- “Leucogranites”
- Fs-qtz in f.g. fs groundmass
- Fs + Qtz <2mm - <10mm
- Coarser sized accumulations
- Perthitic
- Musc +/- biotite, tourmaline, garnet
- Outcrop >50m
- Variable contacts
- Granite-like + coarse pegmatite segregations
- + Pb and Zn, - Cu
- +/- immobile + average or slightly depleted LCT.



## Pegmatite Type 2

- Fs-Qtz-Musc
- Fs+ Qtz < 20cm – 30cm
- Musc <2cm – 5cm
- +/- Tour (<10cm)  
Garnet ≤ 5cm
- Garnet to sediment contacts.
- Concordant and discordant
- <1-5m wide to 5-10+m long
- All units and facies
- + Pb, Zn, U and in many LCT elements



## Pegmatite Type 3

- Qtz-Musc only
- Mapped Qtz veins
- Musc often green (Rb and Li-rich?)
- Waukeroo tin field
- < 2m wide +10m long
- Concordant, often sheared
- Tour locally abundant margins of pegmatites
- Host rocks intensely replaced by tourmaline, preserving fine sedimentary detail
- Freyers Metasediments, Hores Gneiss (Broken Hill Group), Sundown Group and Paragon Group
- + LCT elements + Cu & Zn, - Pb.



## Pegmatite Type 4

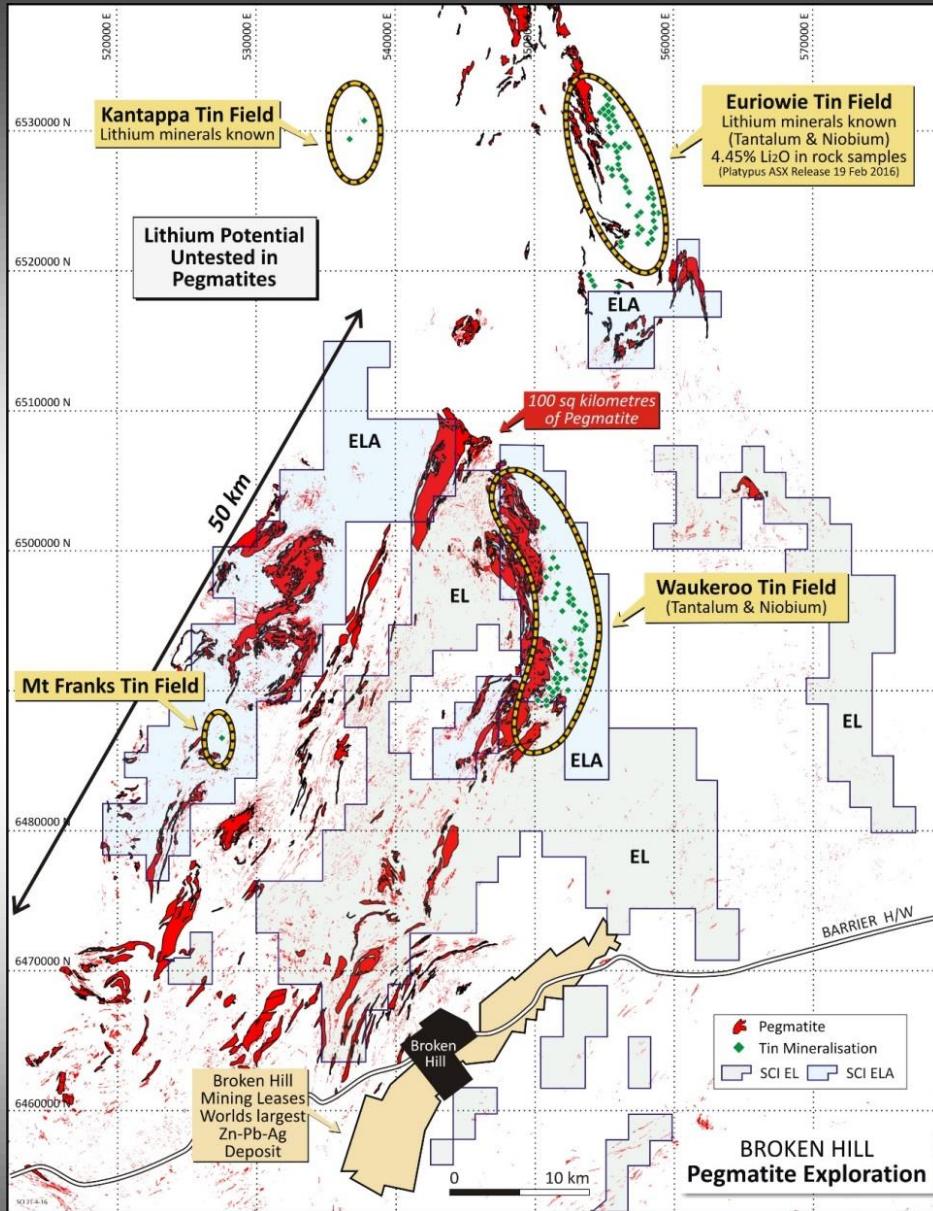
- Zoned across + along strike
- Across - white, translucent Qtz core with Qtz + Fs + Musc on margins
- Along – Qtz vein to Qtz+FS+Musc pegmatite
- Qtz & Fs phenocrysts to 15cm
- <2m x 5m - 10m x15m
- All units, concordant and cross-cutting
- Visually Type 2 but zoned and coarser
- - Pb, Ag, Zn, +/-Sn and Cs



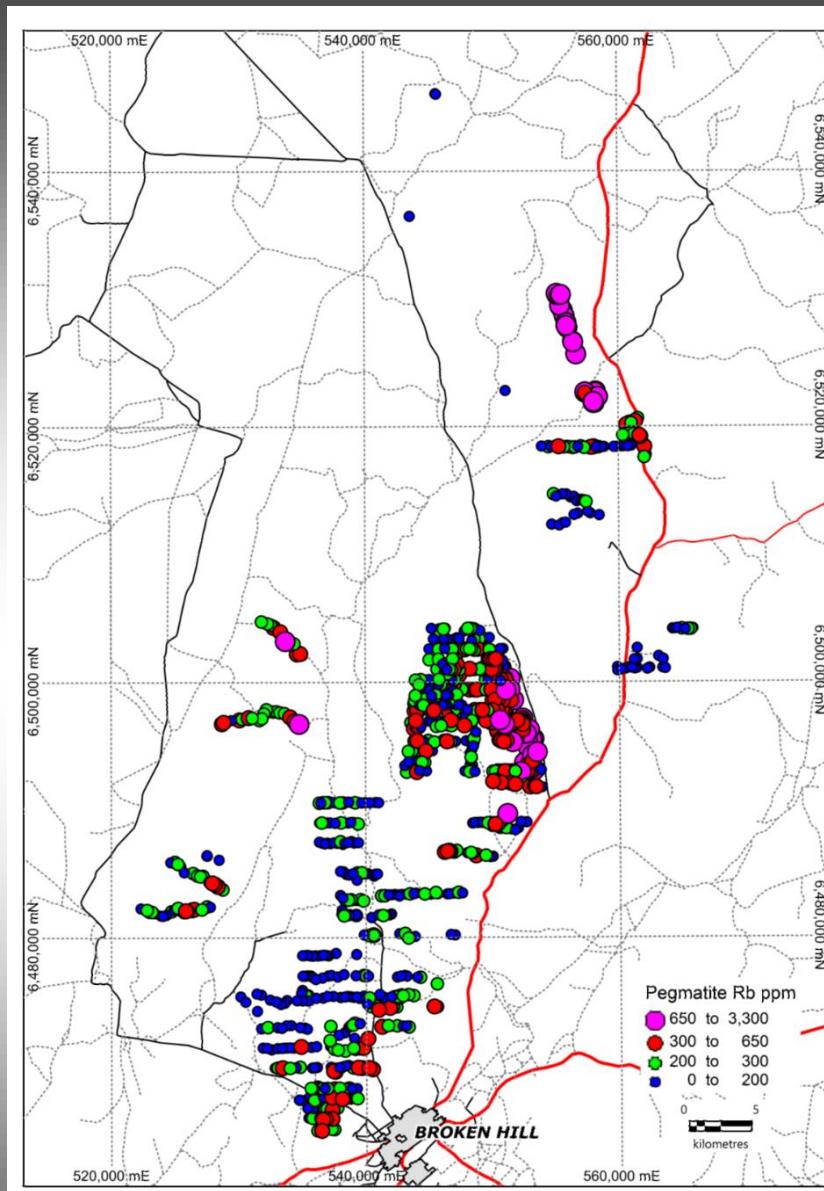
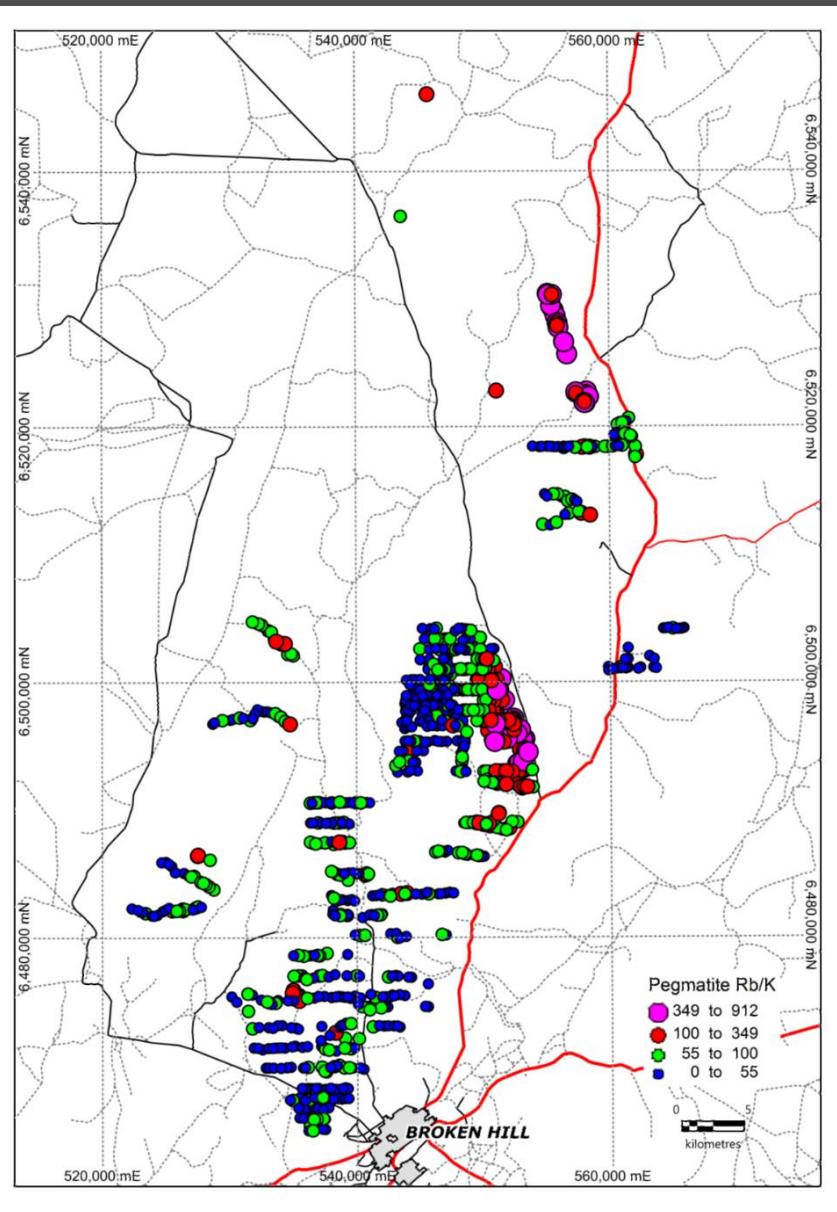
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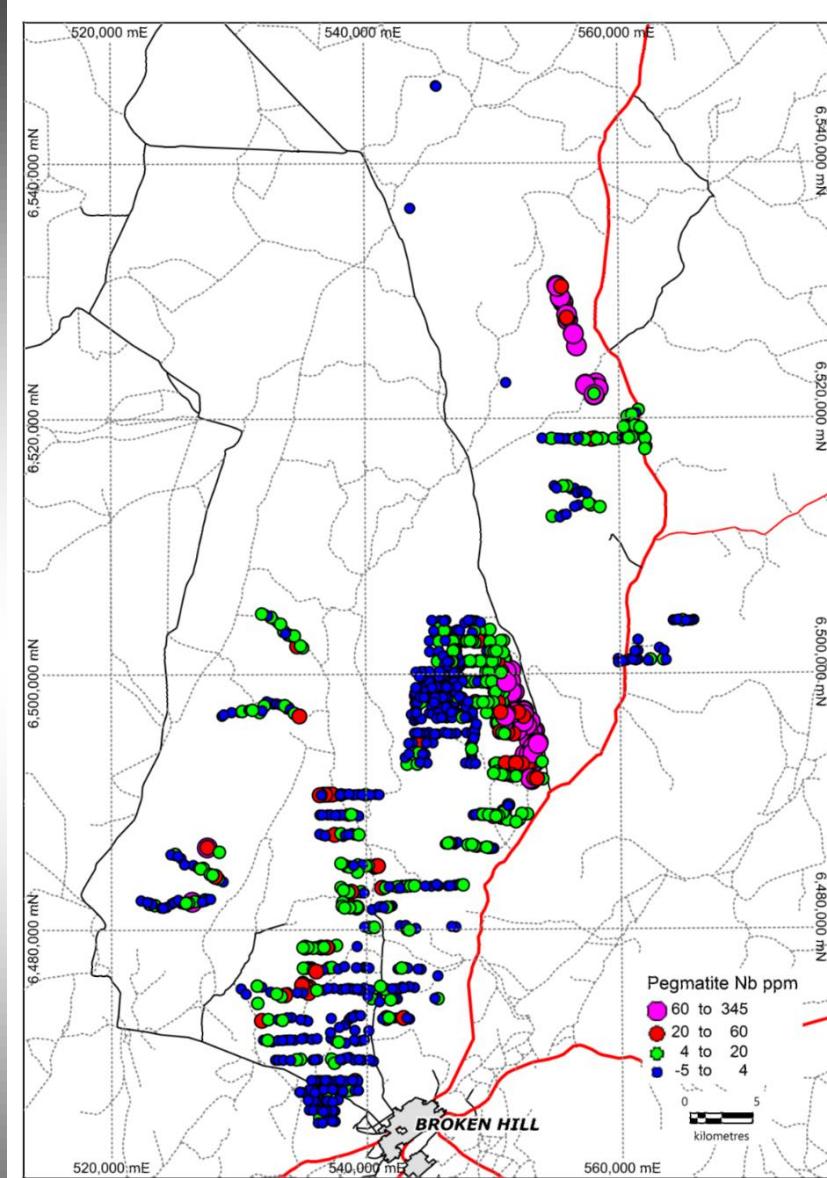
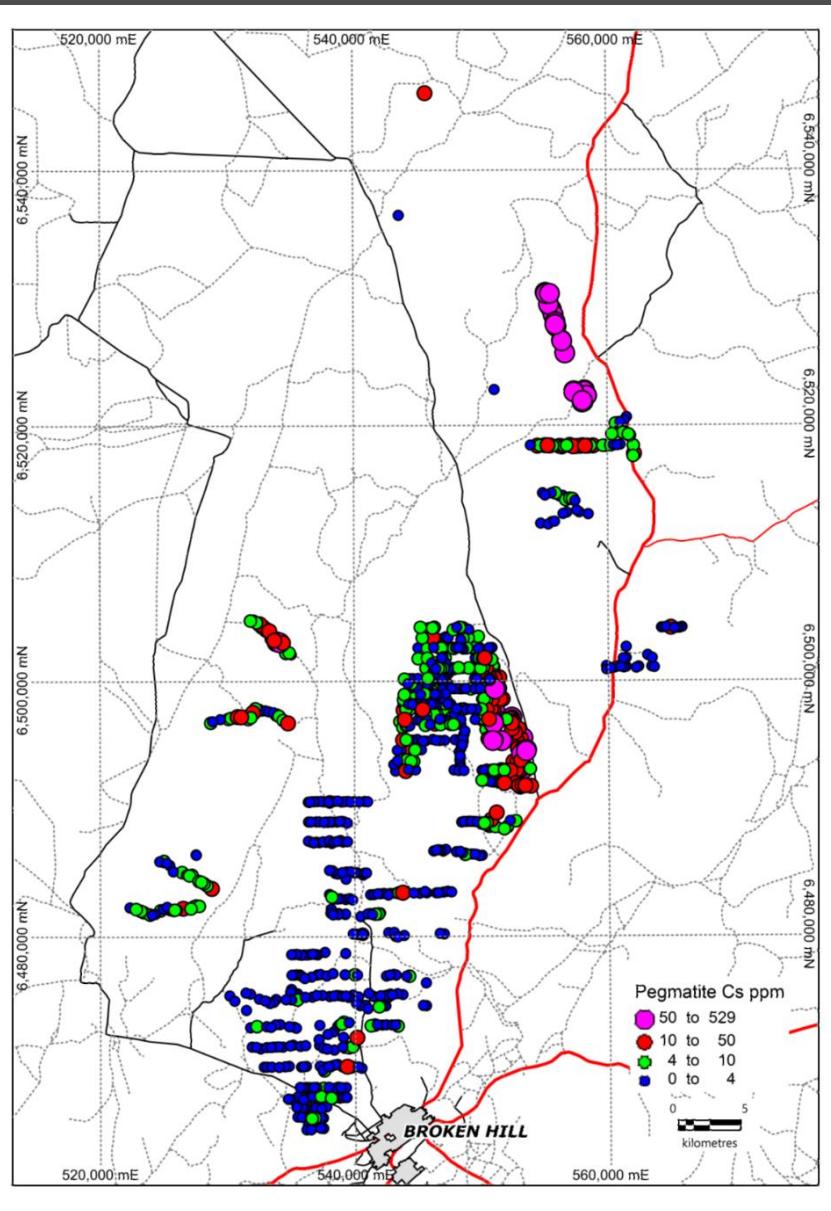
- White Fs dominant
- Fs crystals to 1.5m
- Qtz < 15%
- Musc + Gnt uncommon, Tour rare
- Recorded as beryl-bearing
- Discordant
- Locally offset suggesting earlier phase
- -- most elements except Ag, Co, Cr, Pb, Th, V and W.

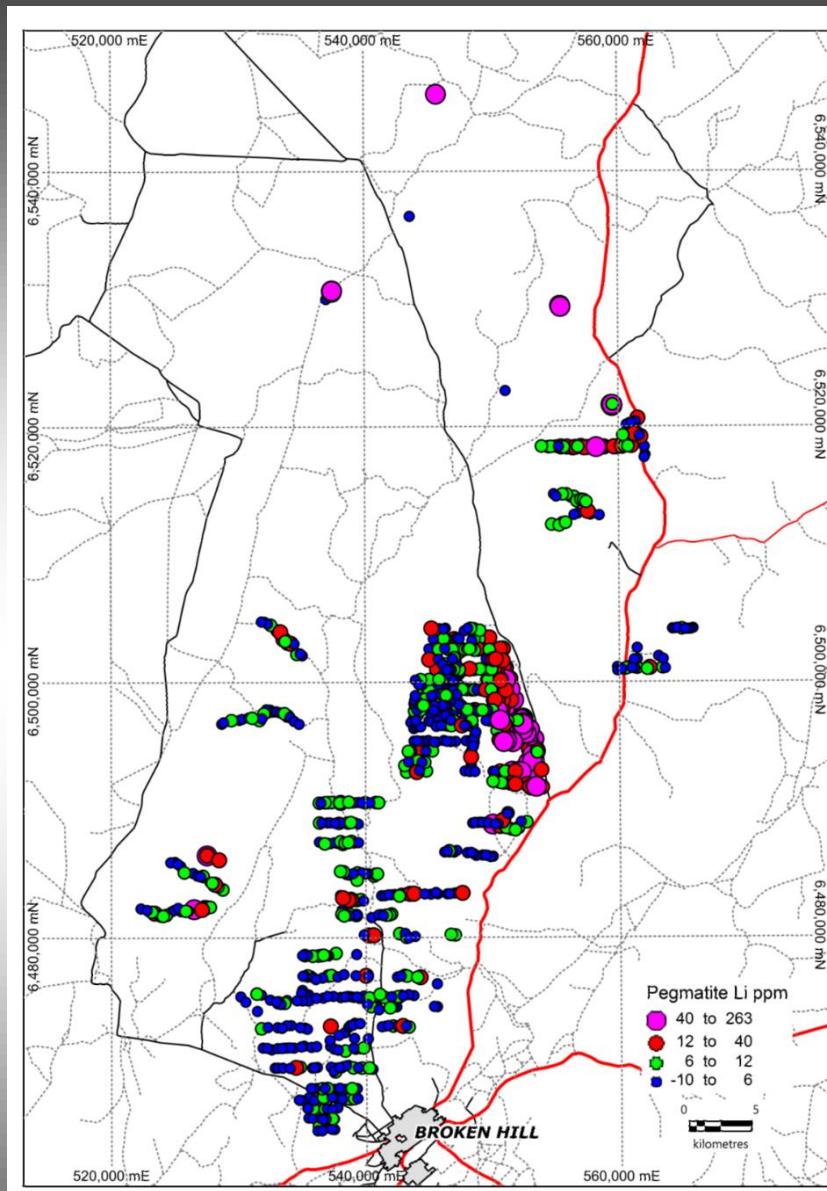
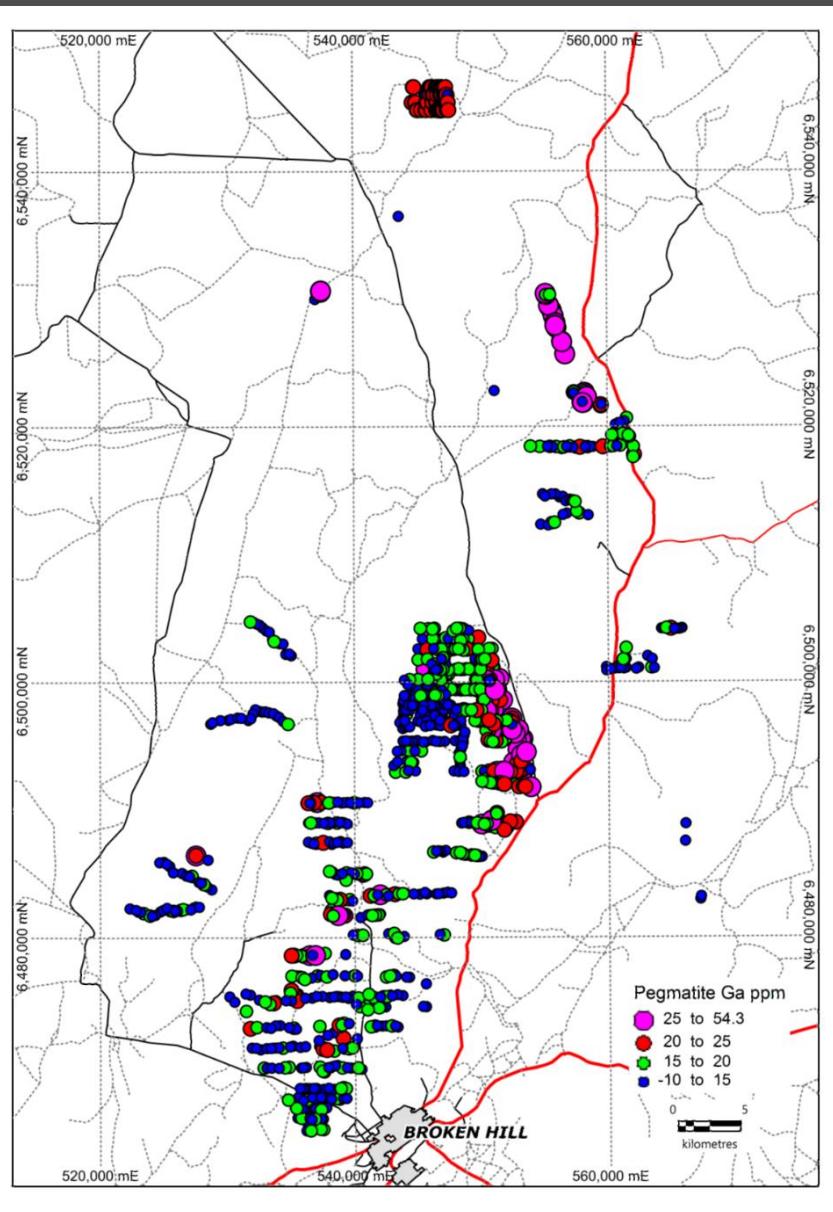


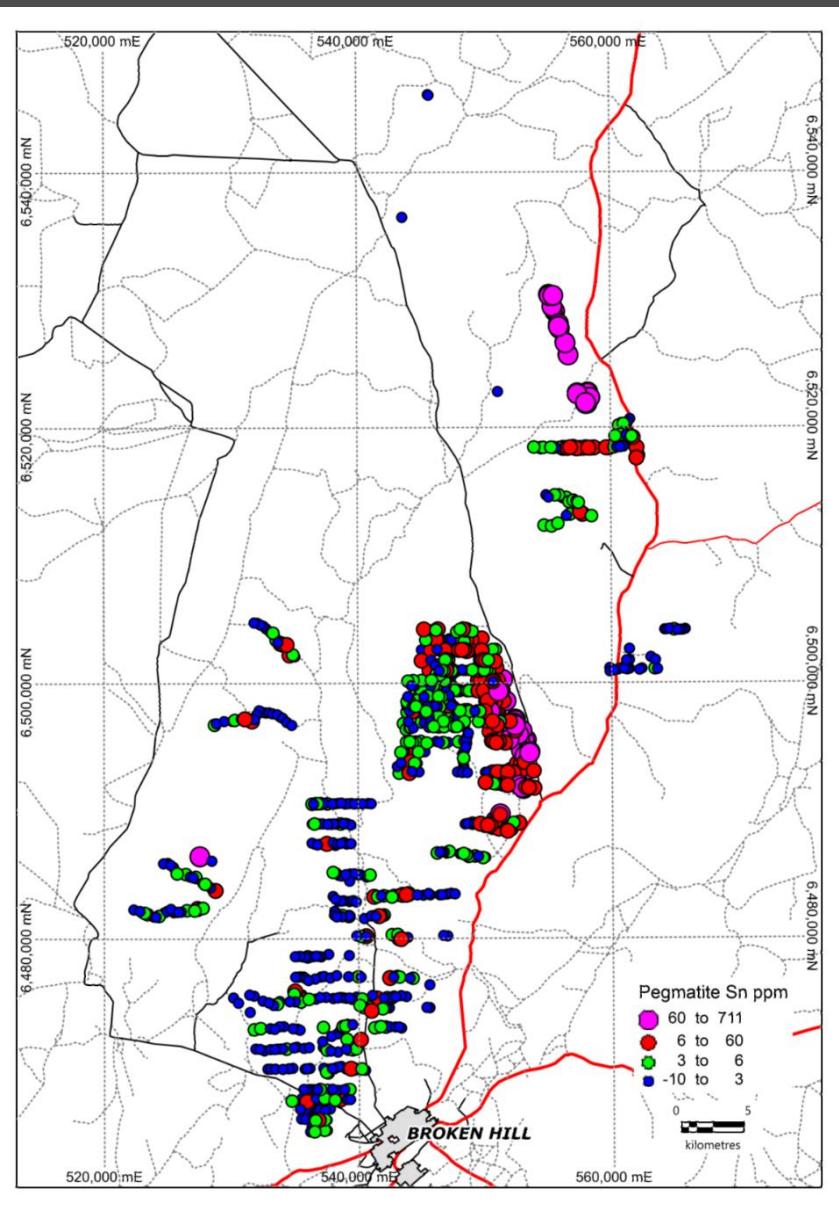


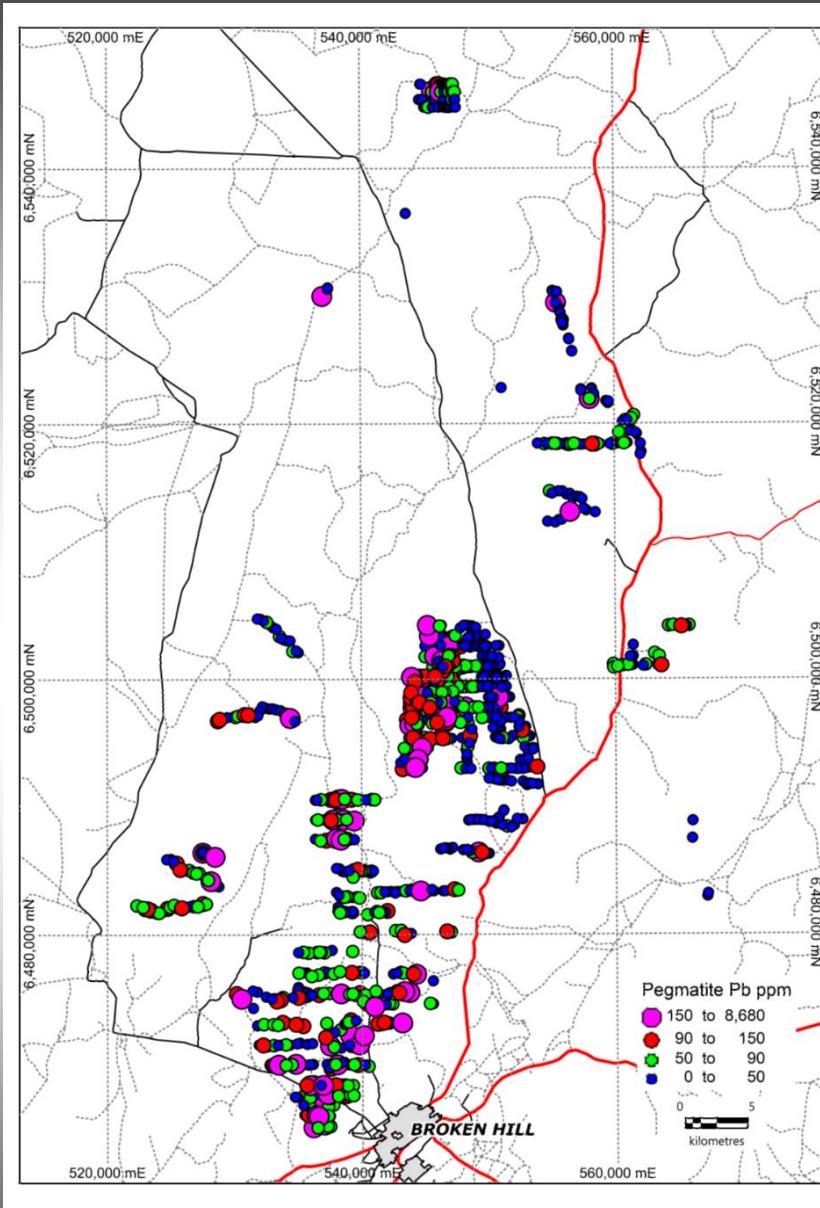
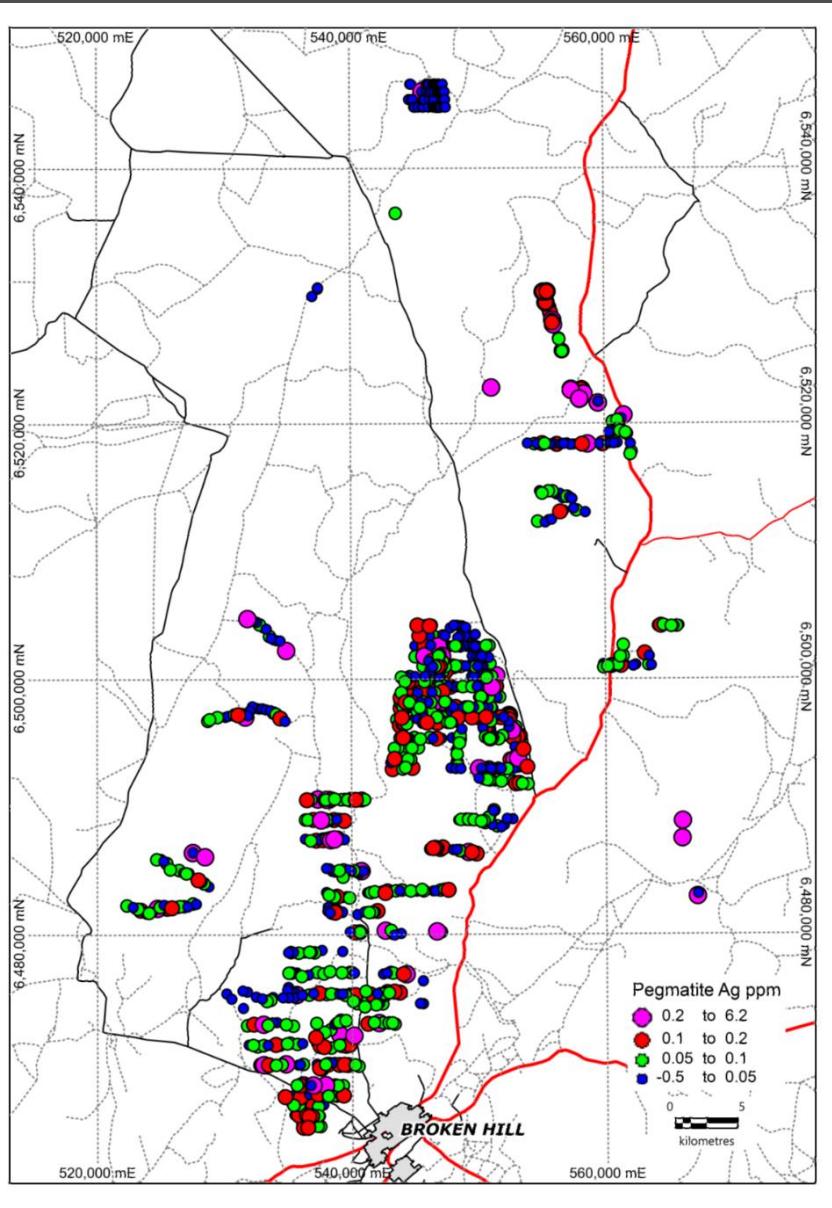
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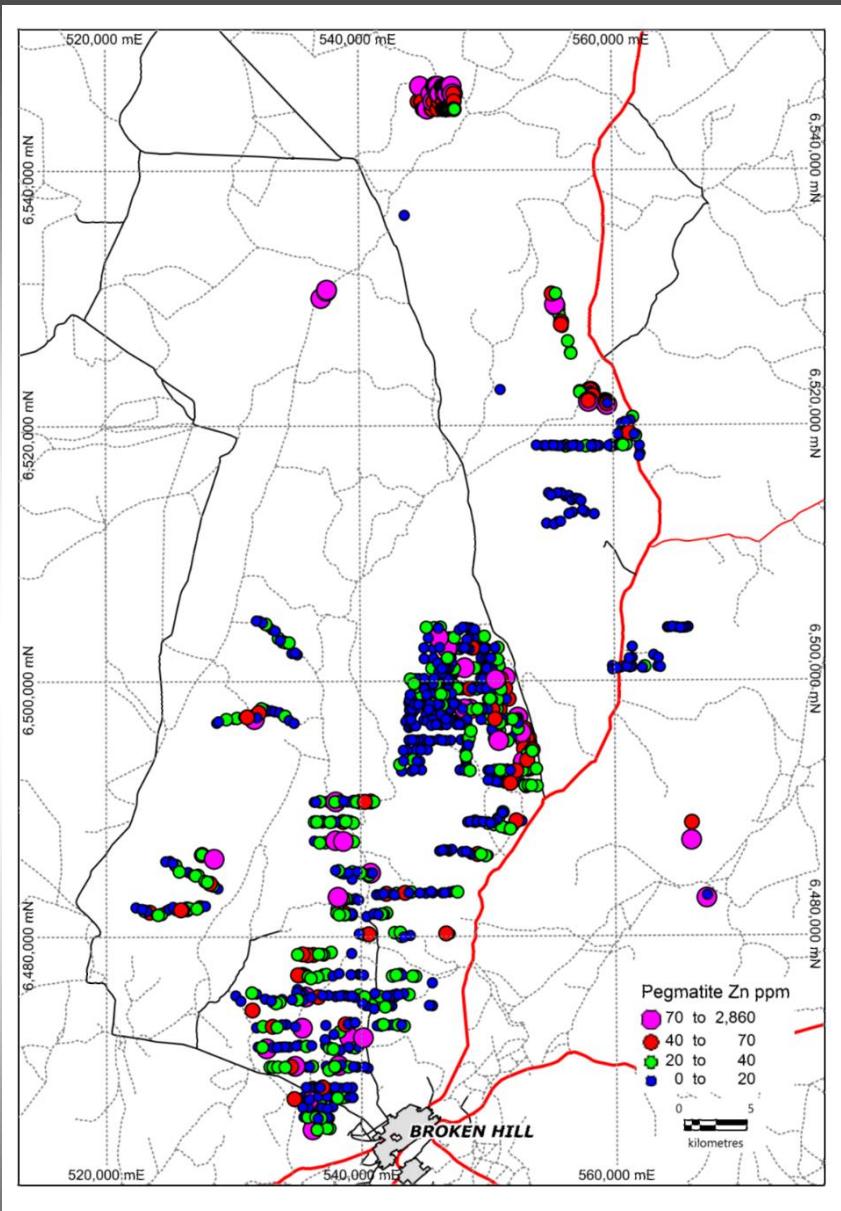








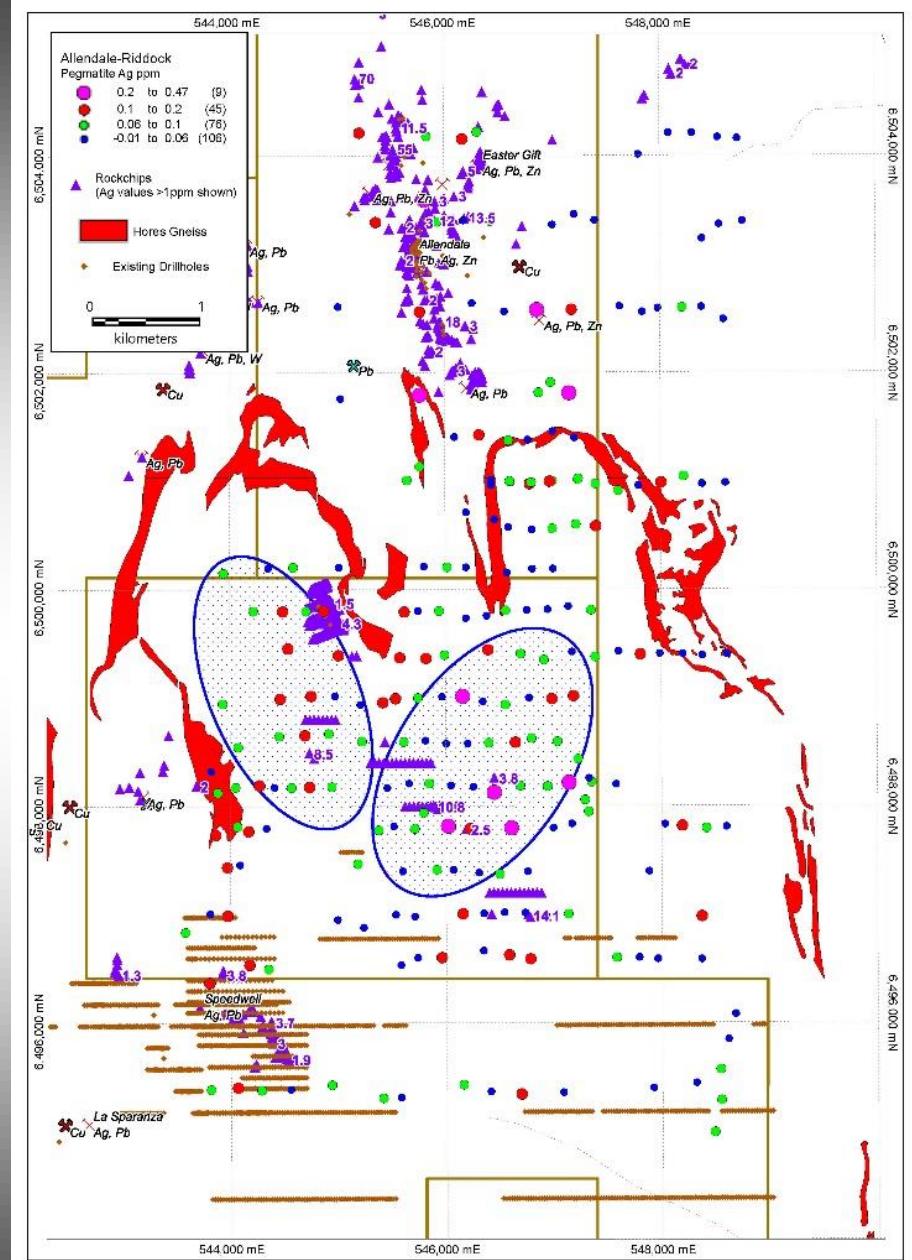




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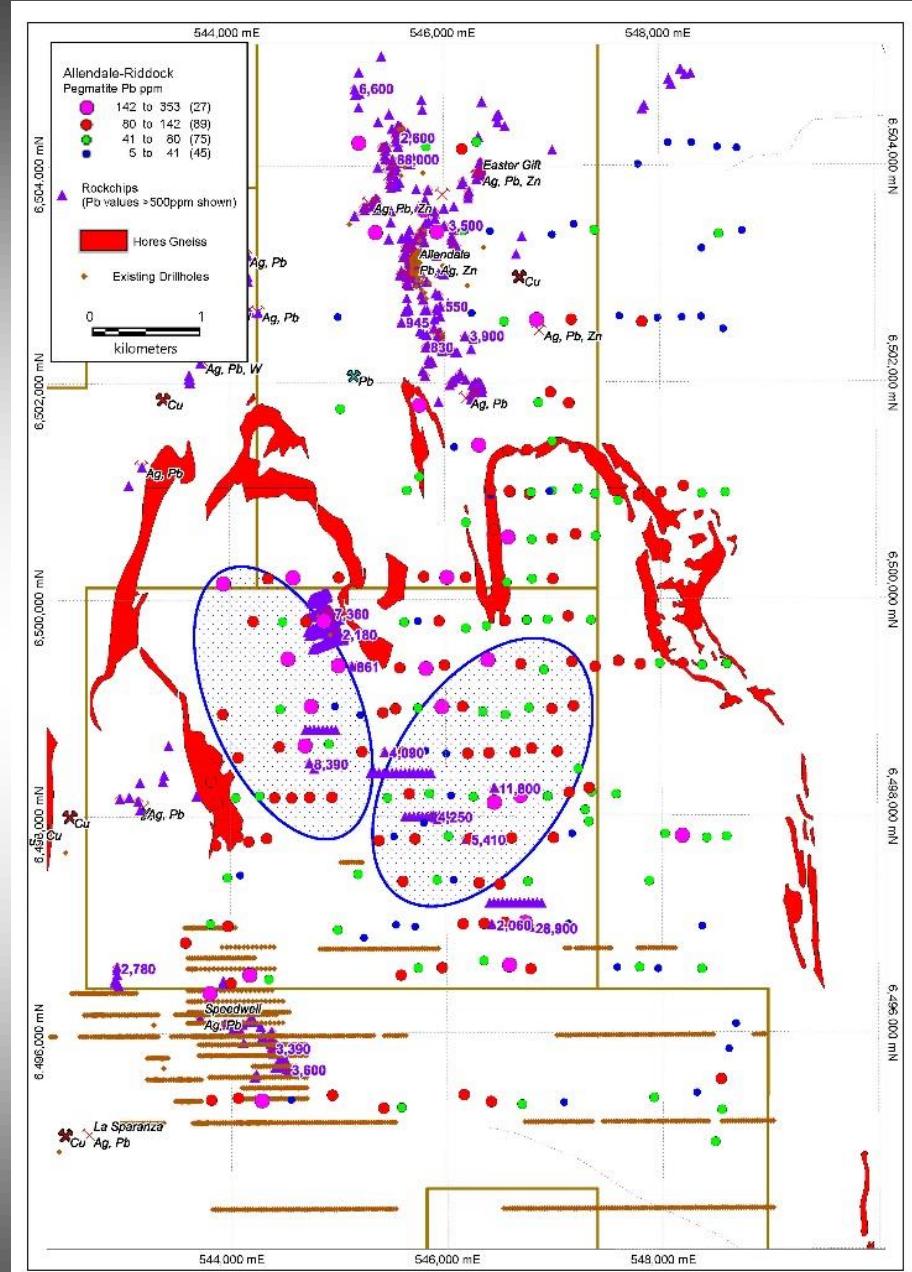
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- Anomalous rock
- Little surface exploration
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- Poor outcrop
- Complex geology

Silver distribution



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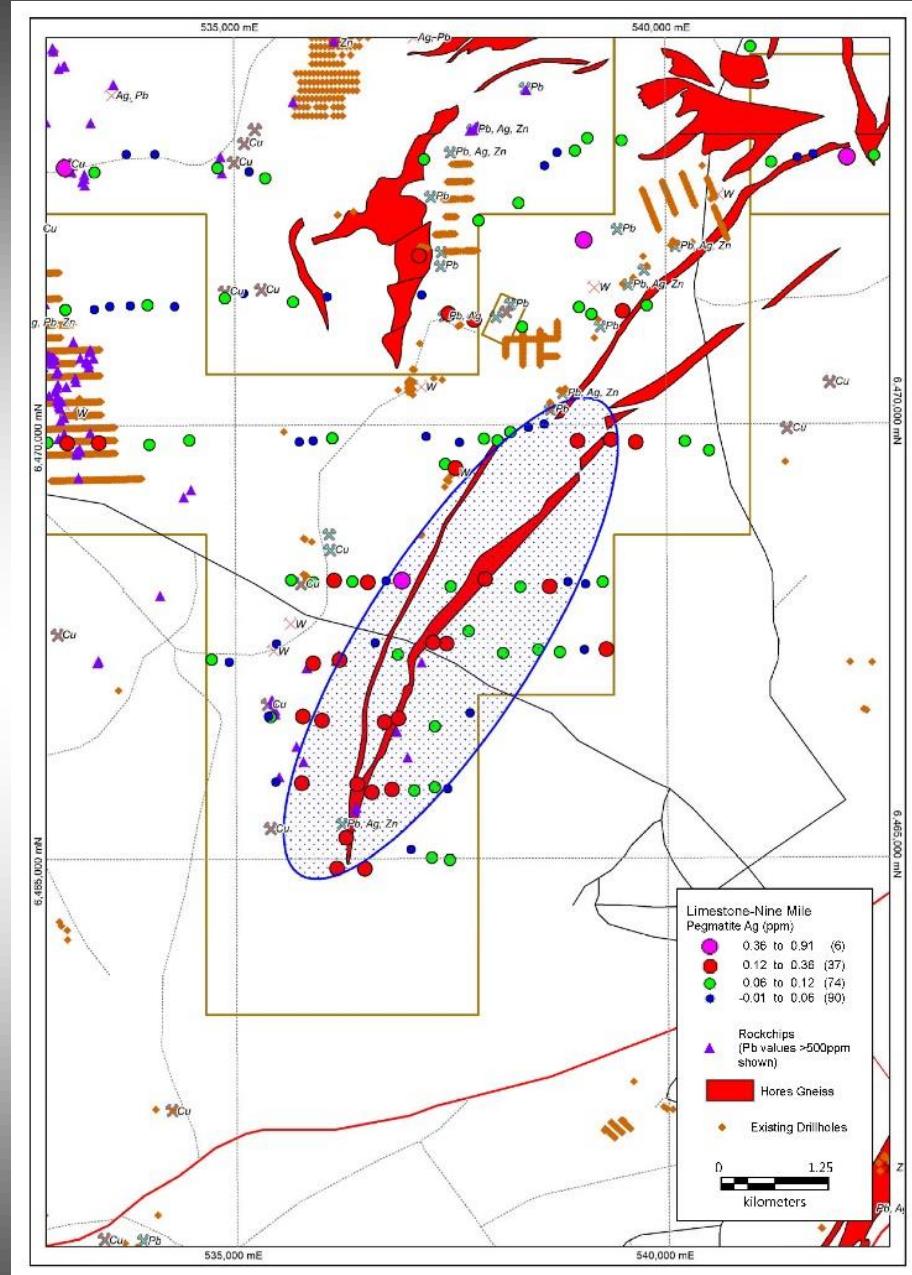
## Lead distribution



# Limestone

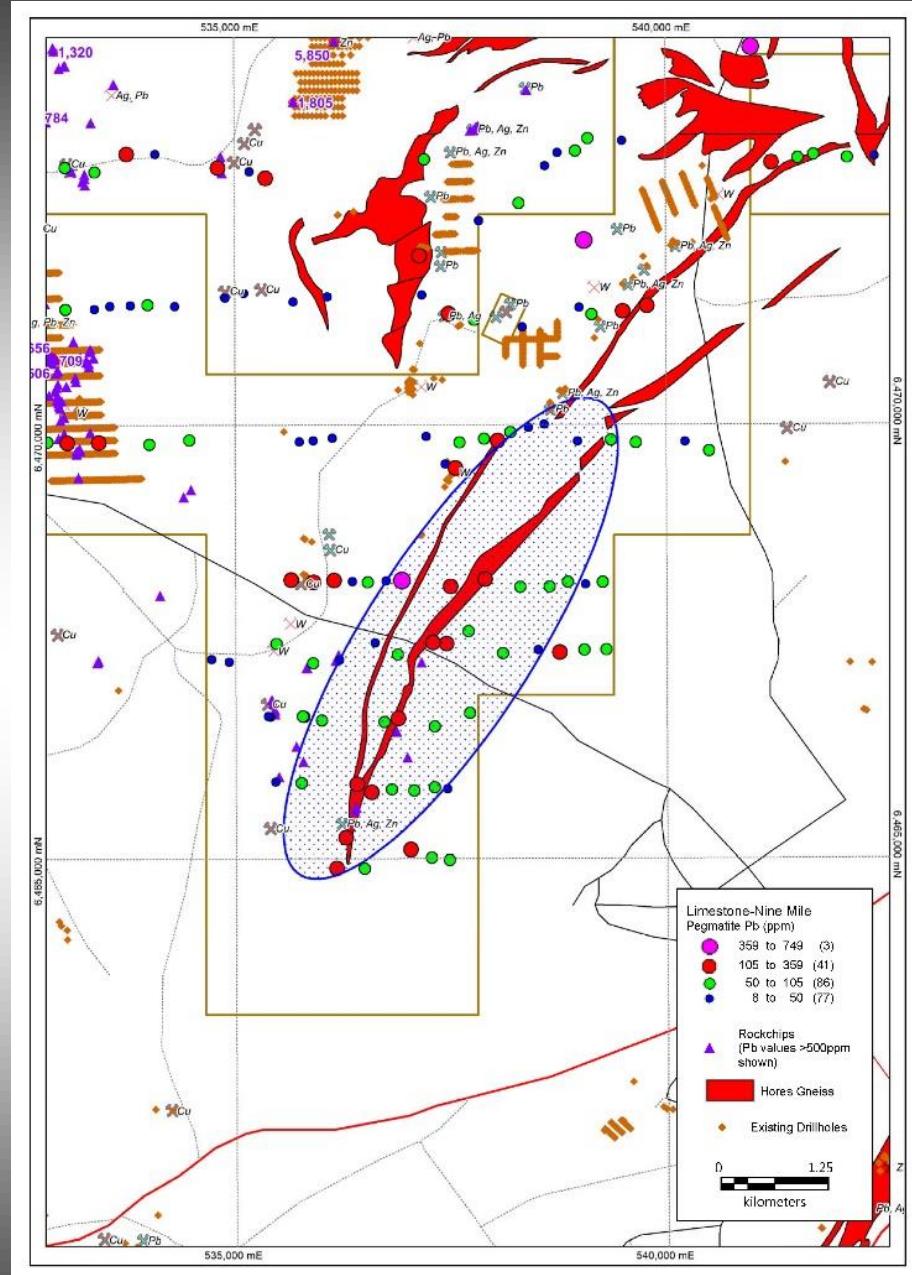
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- Good correlation with geology

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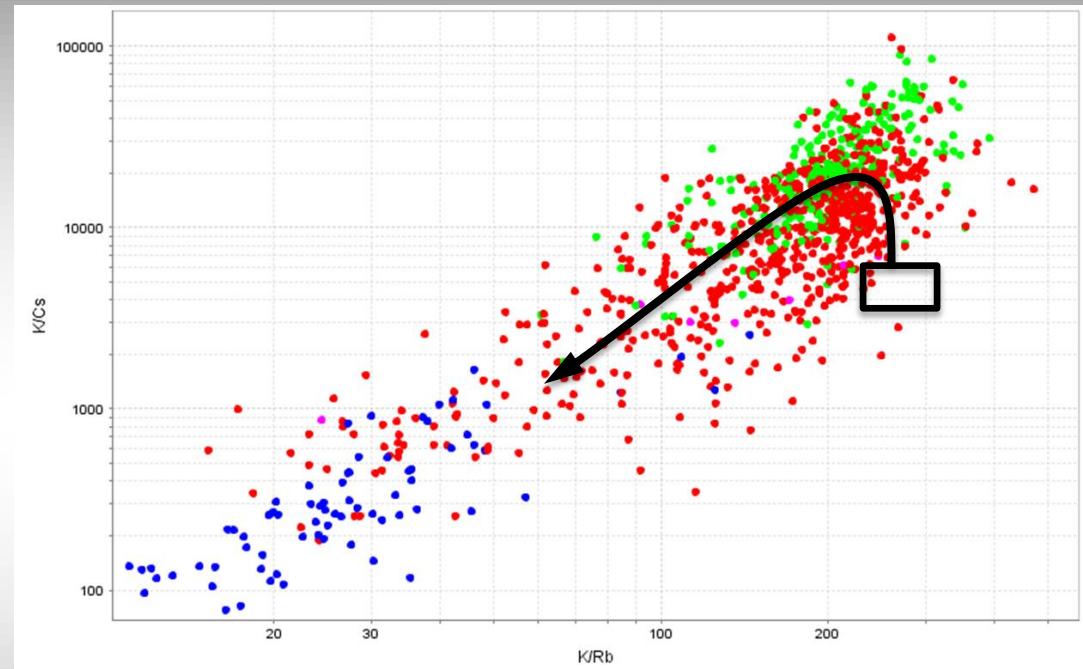
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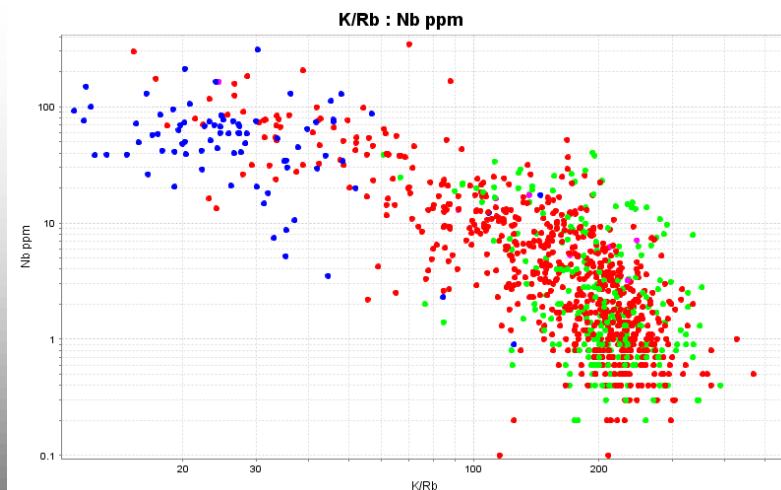
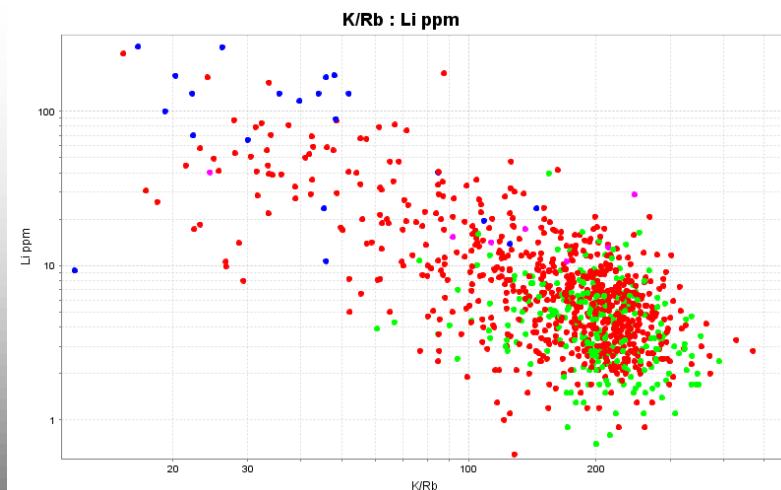
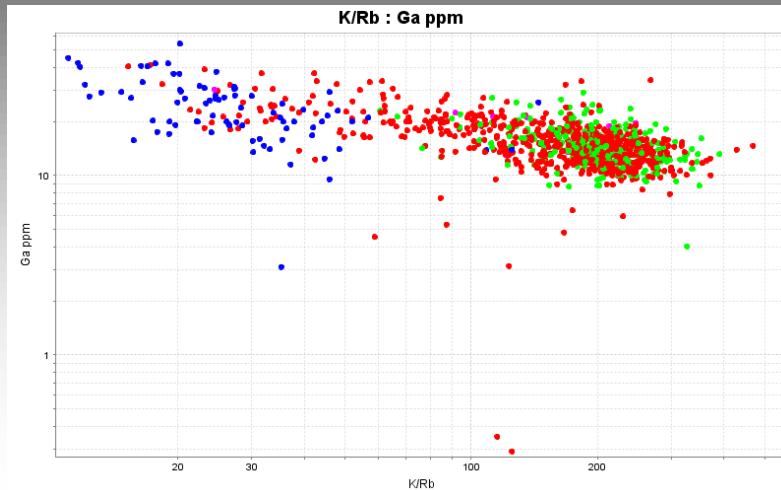
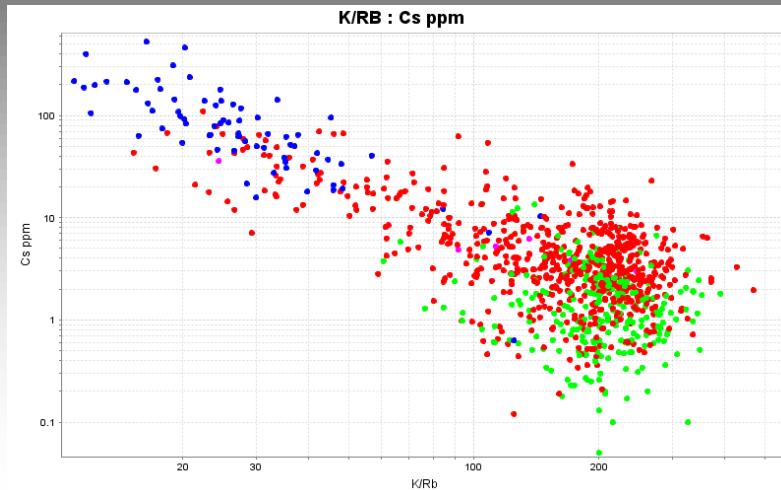


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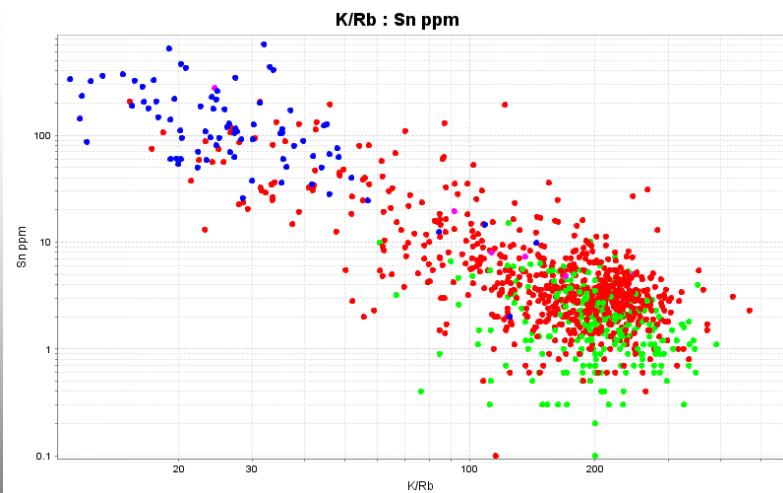
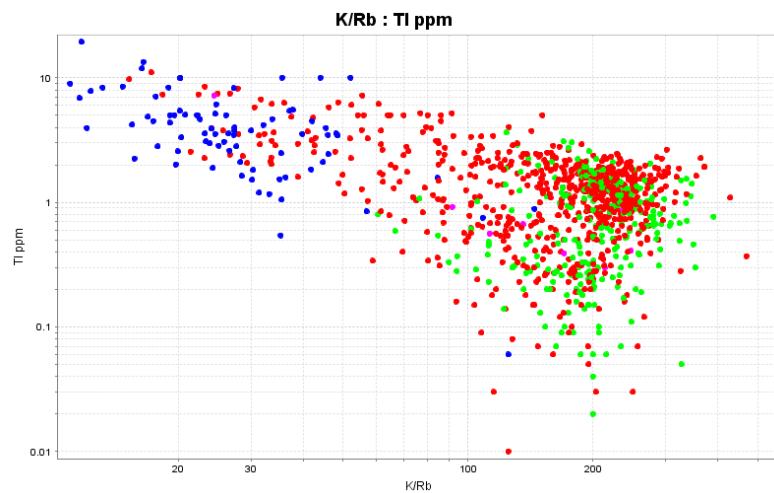
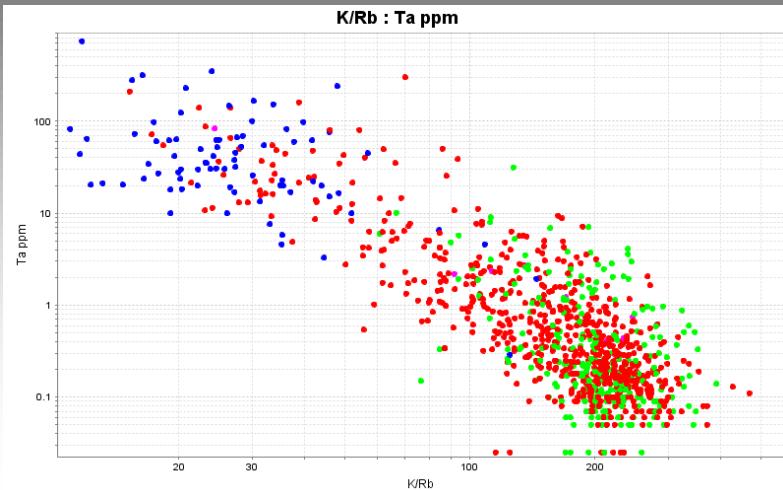
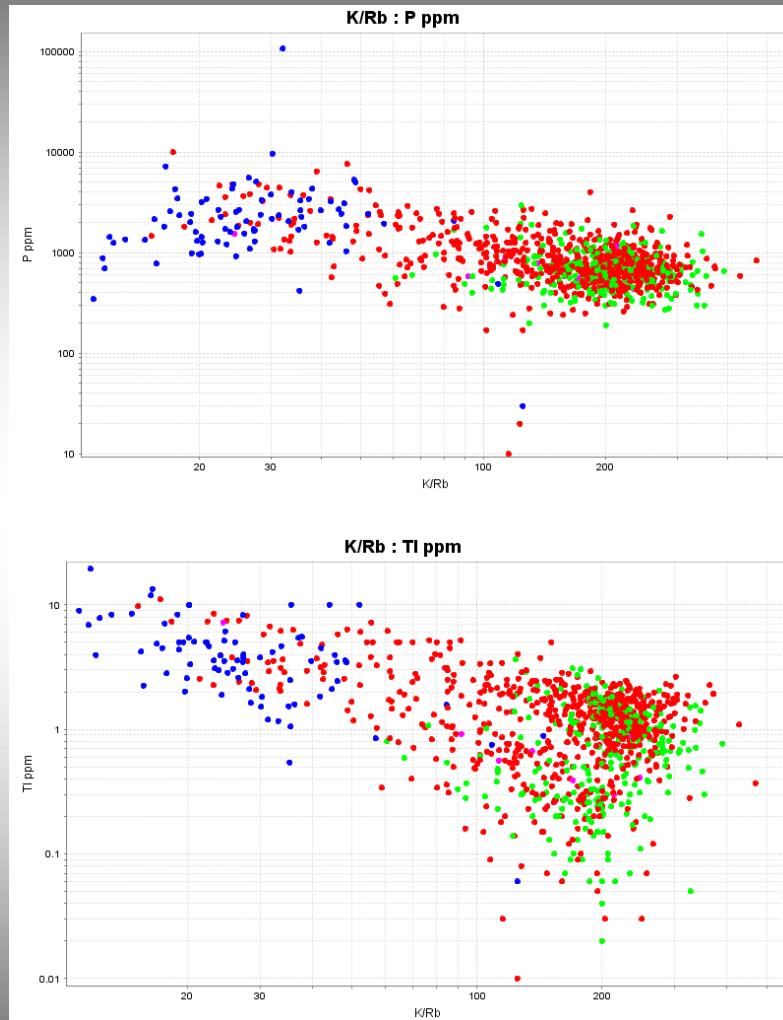
- Defined by K/Rb and K/Cs ratios
- Square = avg upper crust and North American Shale Composite
- Green - granulite, red – amphibolite, blue – greenschist
- Initial loss of Cs at granulite grade
- Single fractionation series



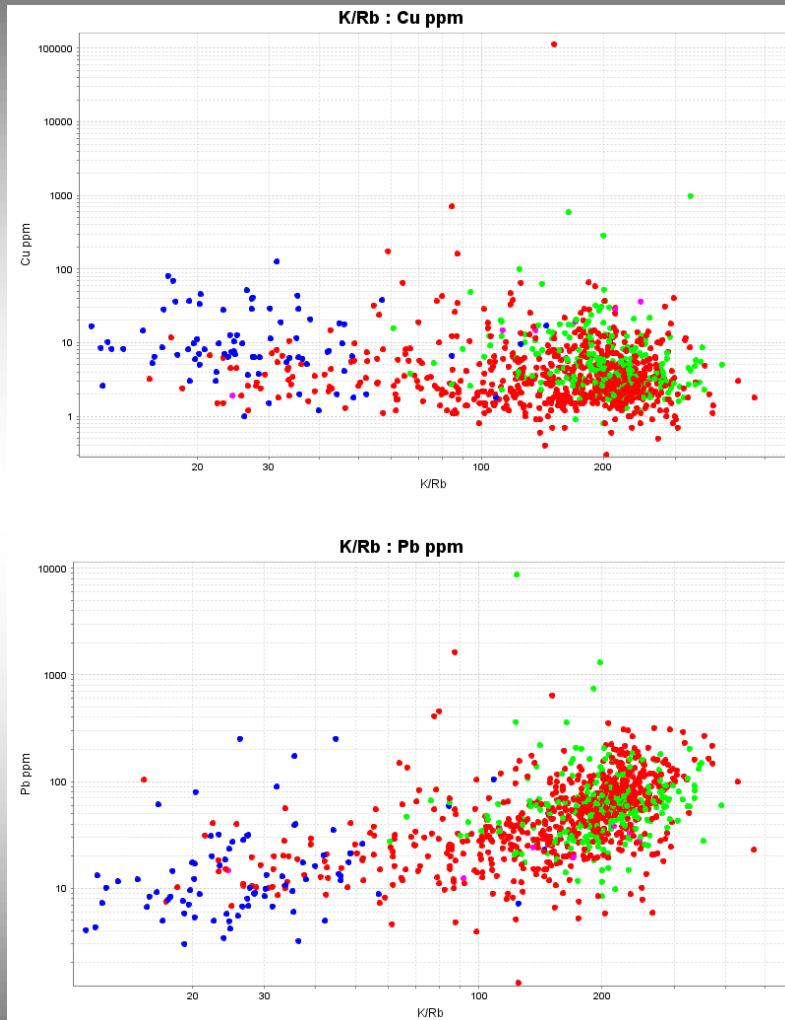
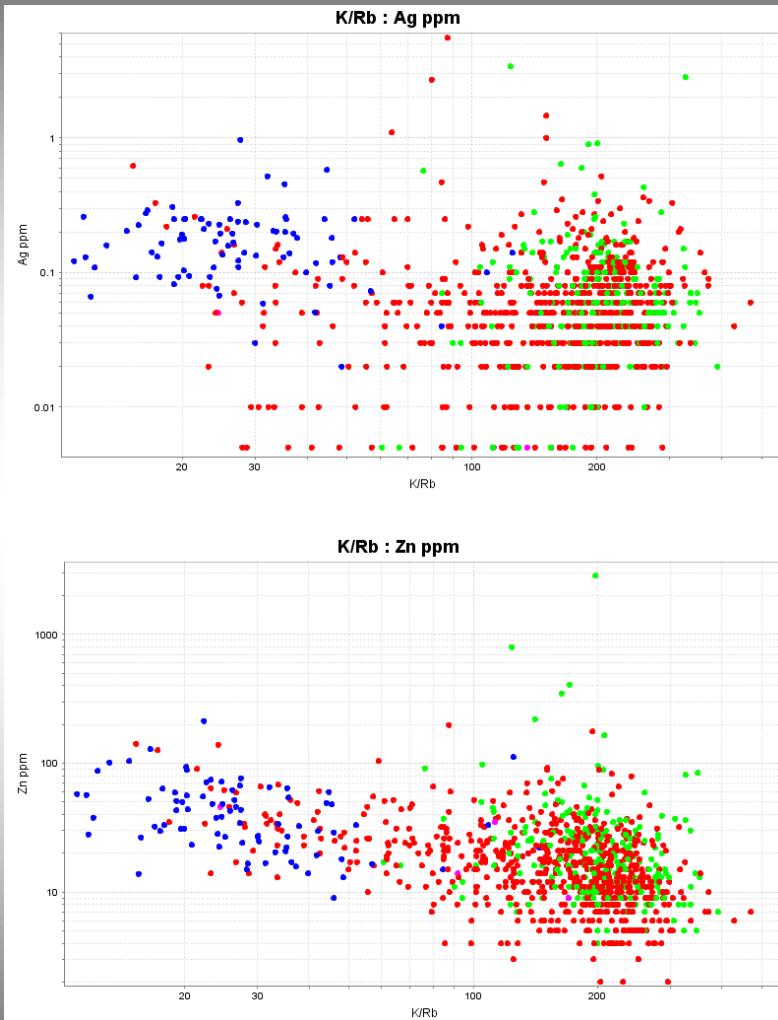
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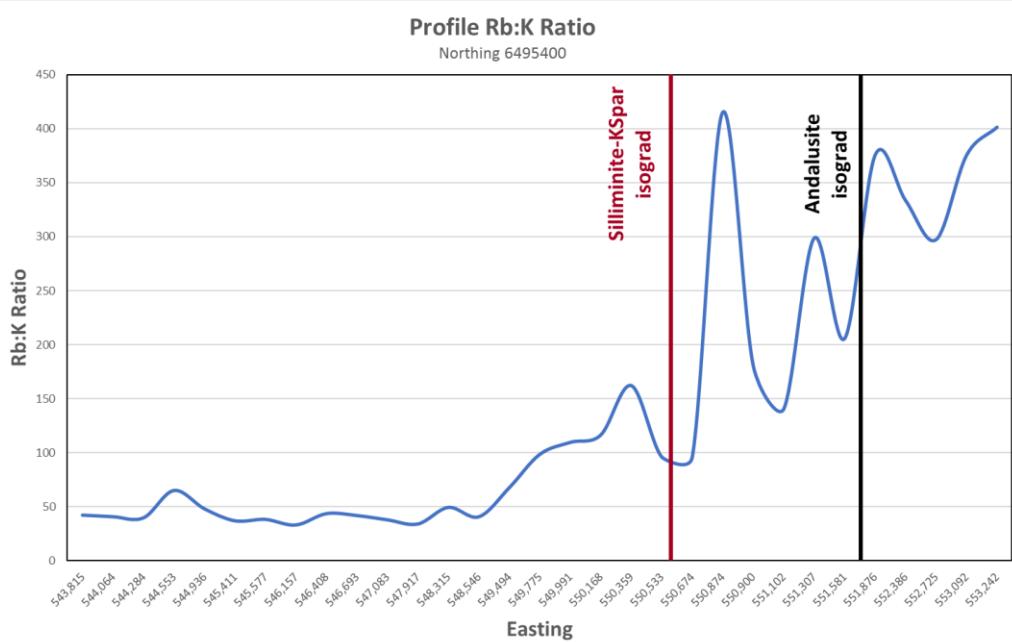
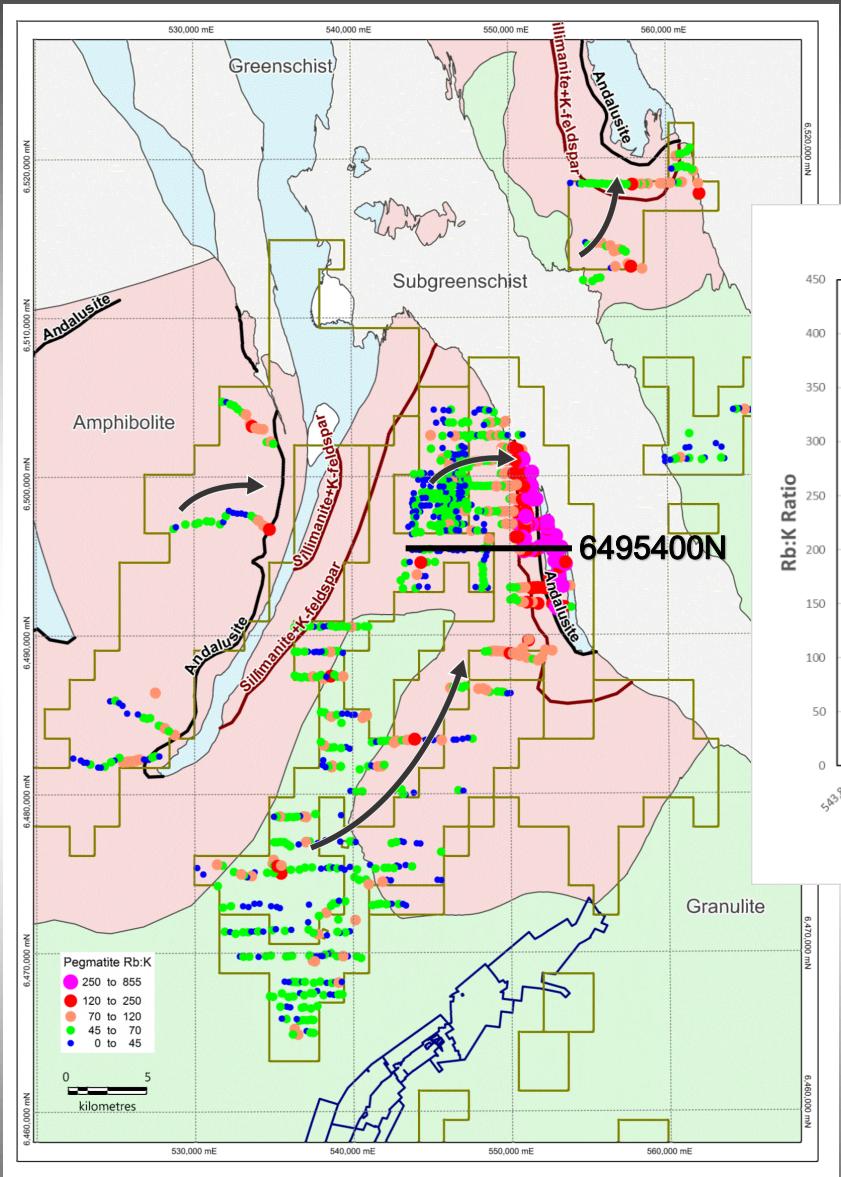


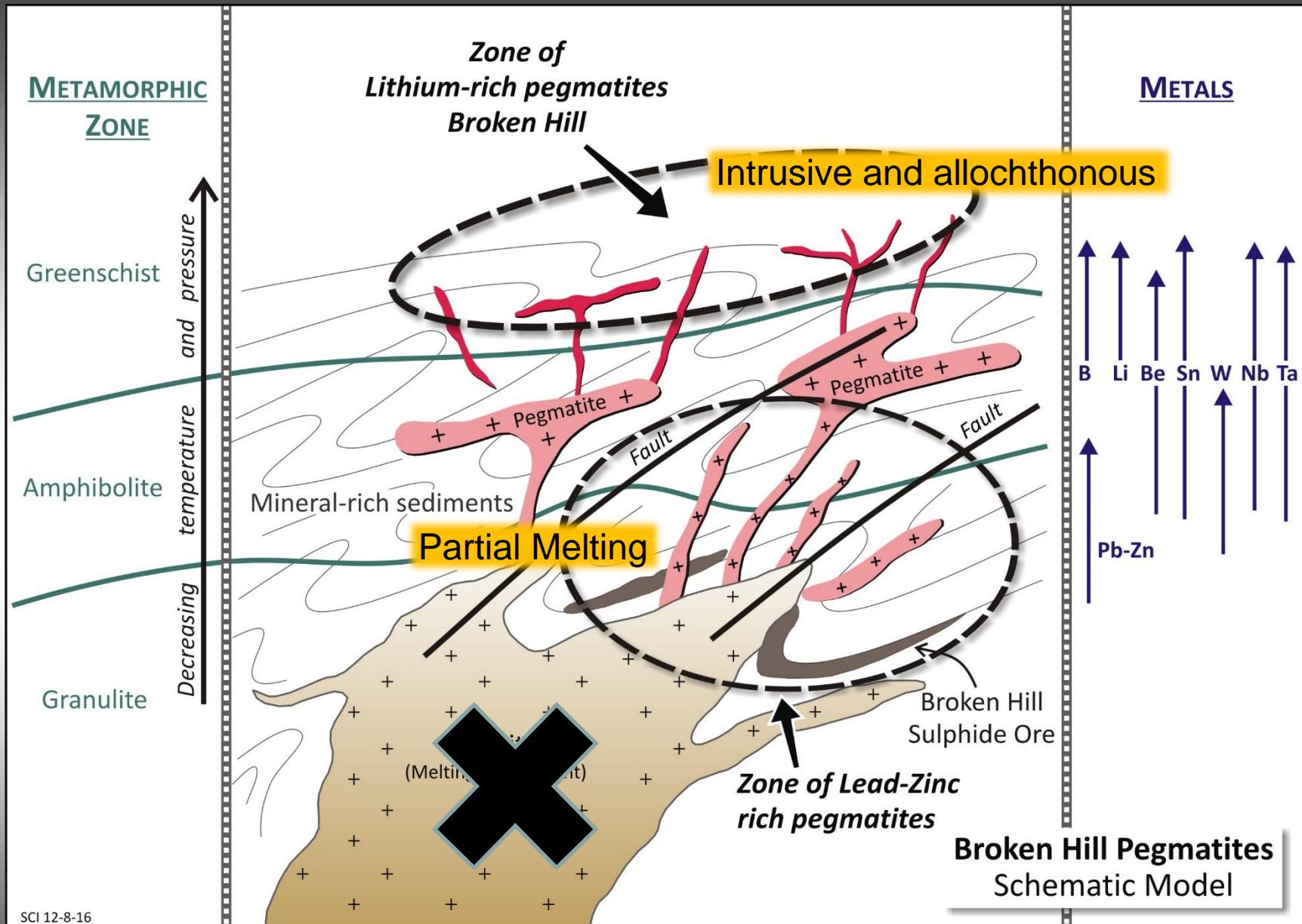
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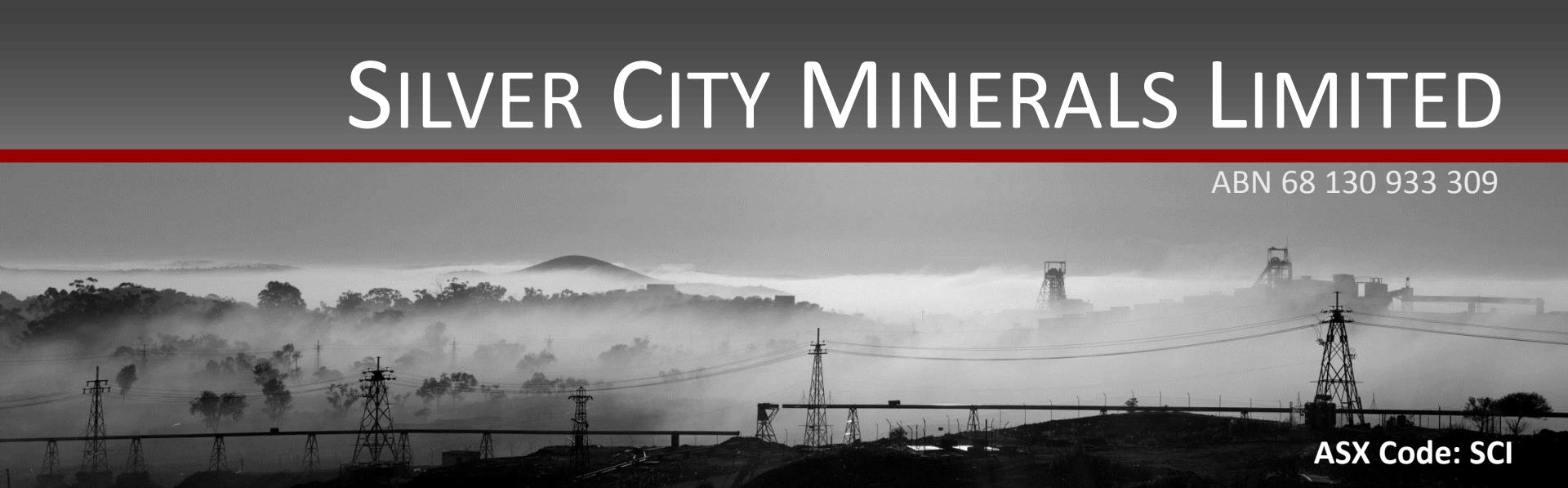
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