



**VIRGINIA HORN  
ALTERATION CHEMISTRY,  
MICROPROBE, and  
PORTABLE XRF DATA**

**Barry Frey and Joe Hudak  
Minnesota DNR  
Division of Lands and Minerals  
218-231-8484**

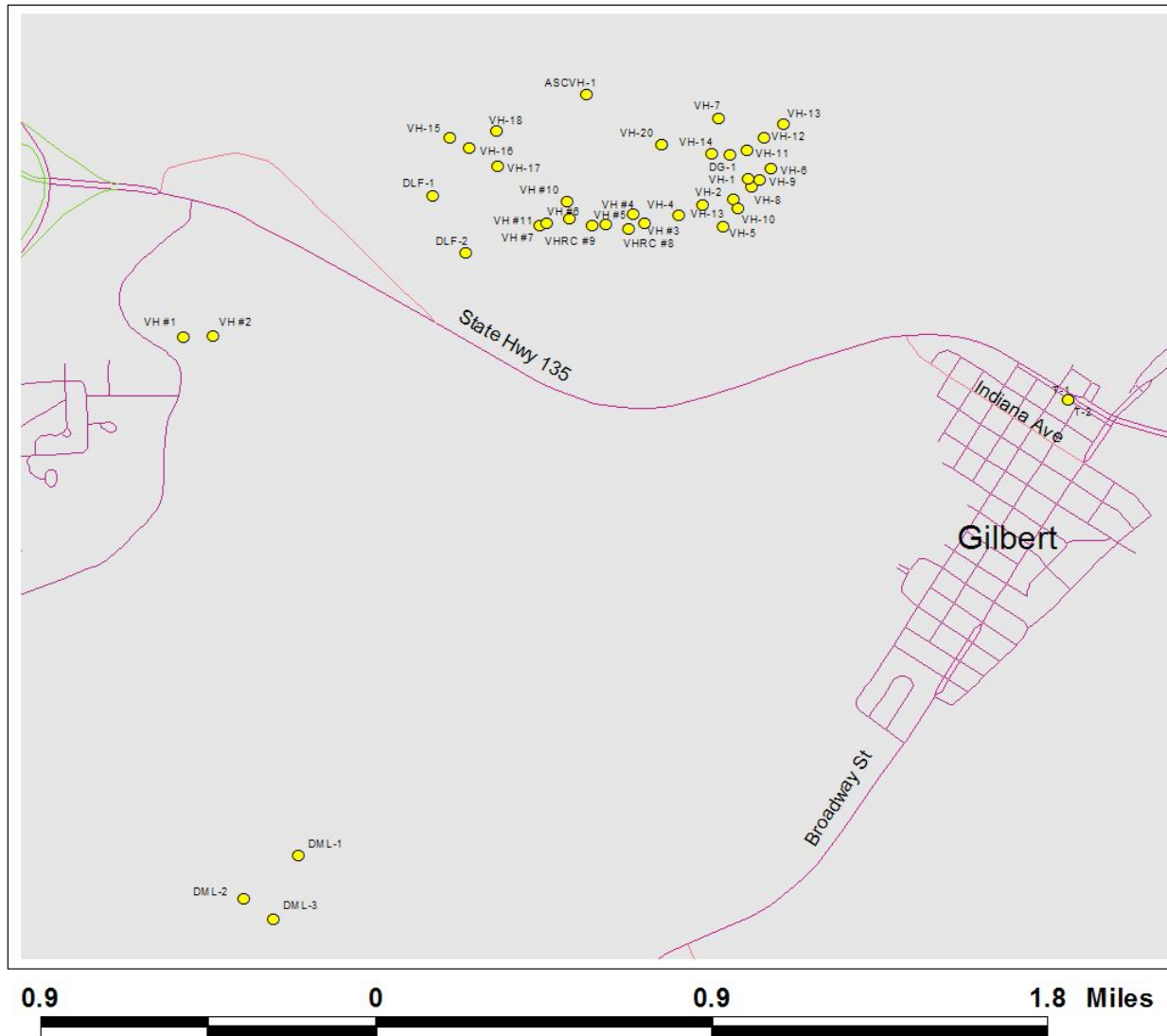


# Preliminary Work with Existing Data

- Assessment file company drill logs, chemistry, and other data
- Compilations of assessment file data
- Published mapping and reports
- Examine data and develop overall strategy
- Combine, clean-up existing chemistry including UTM conversions
- Create shape files for GIS
- Plot Au and As values on down-hole graphs
  - Lithologies represented by colored bar is from company logs
    - **BLUE colored bar** represents quartz-feldspar (dacite) porphyry
    - **RED colored bar** represents other igneous rocks
    - **GREEN colored bar** represents metasedimentary rocks



# Partial Virginia Horn Drill Hole Locations

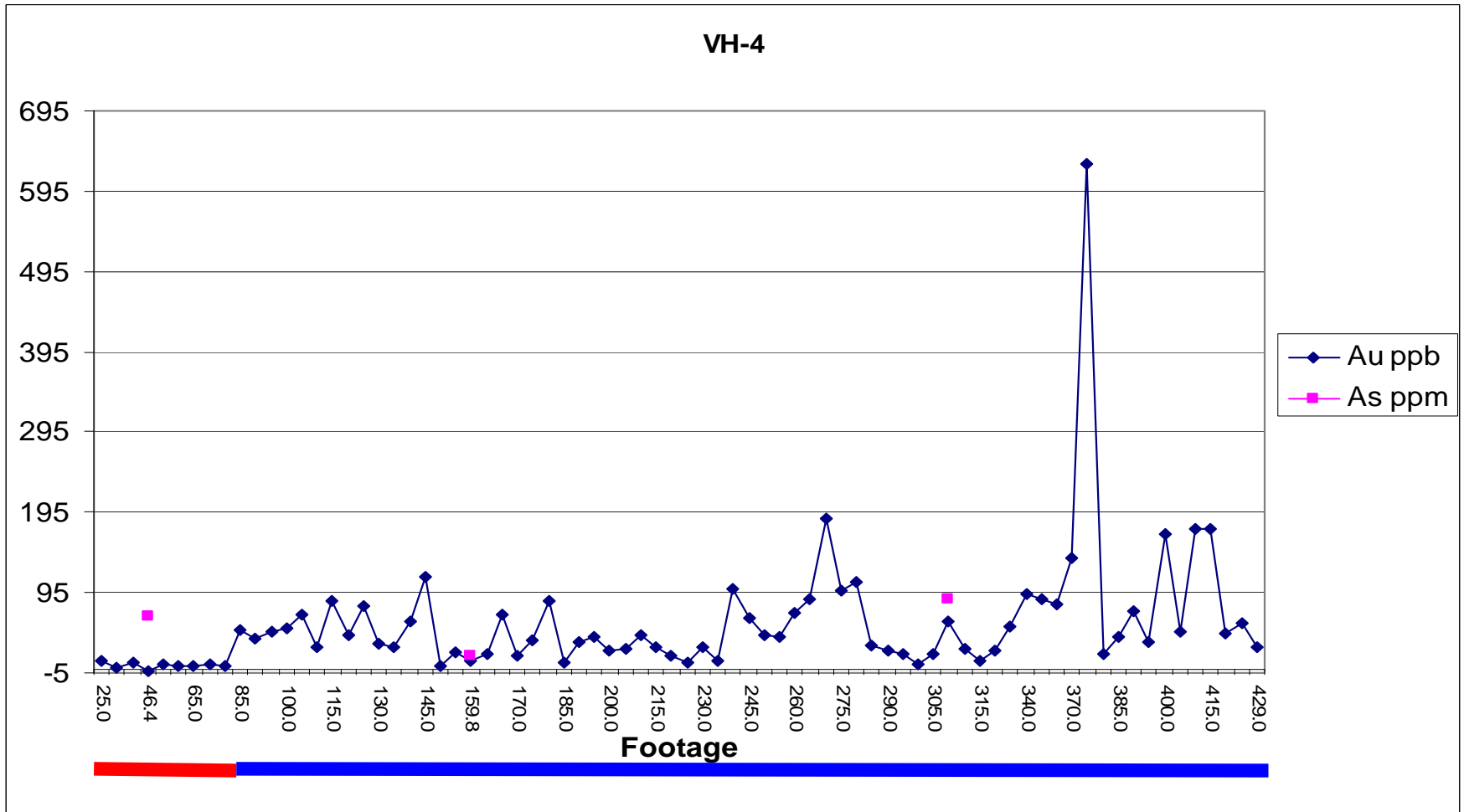




# Existing Assessment File Chemistry Data -Not Portable XRF-

**DDH VH-4**

**Au and As vs Footage**



**RED BAR** represents other igneous rocks

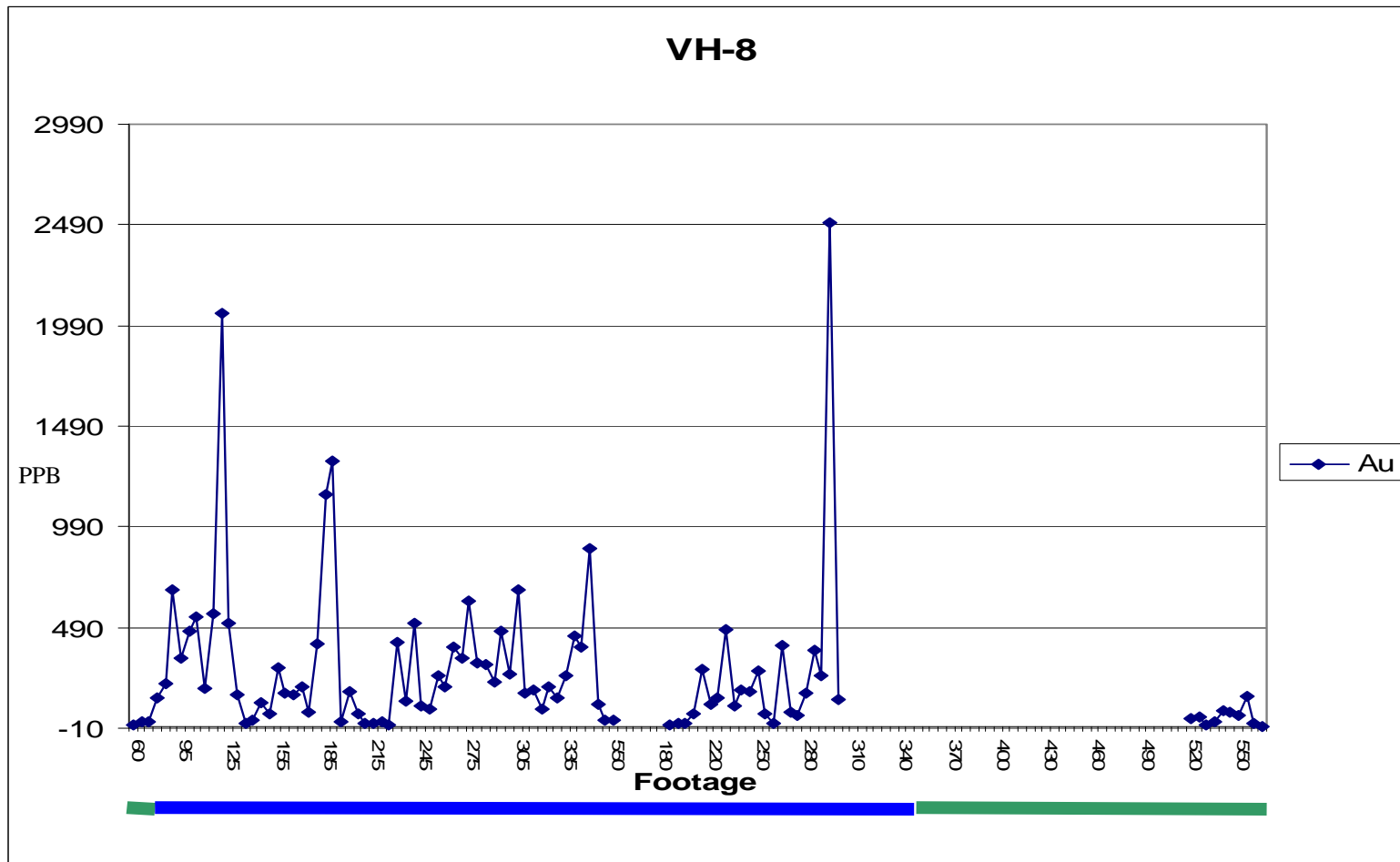
**BLUE BAR** represents Dacite Porphyry

# Existing Assessment File Chemistry Data

## -Not Portable XRF-

**DDH VH-8**

**Au vs Footage**



**GREEN BAR** represents metasediment rocks

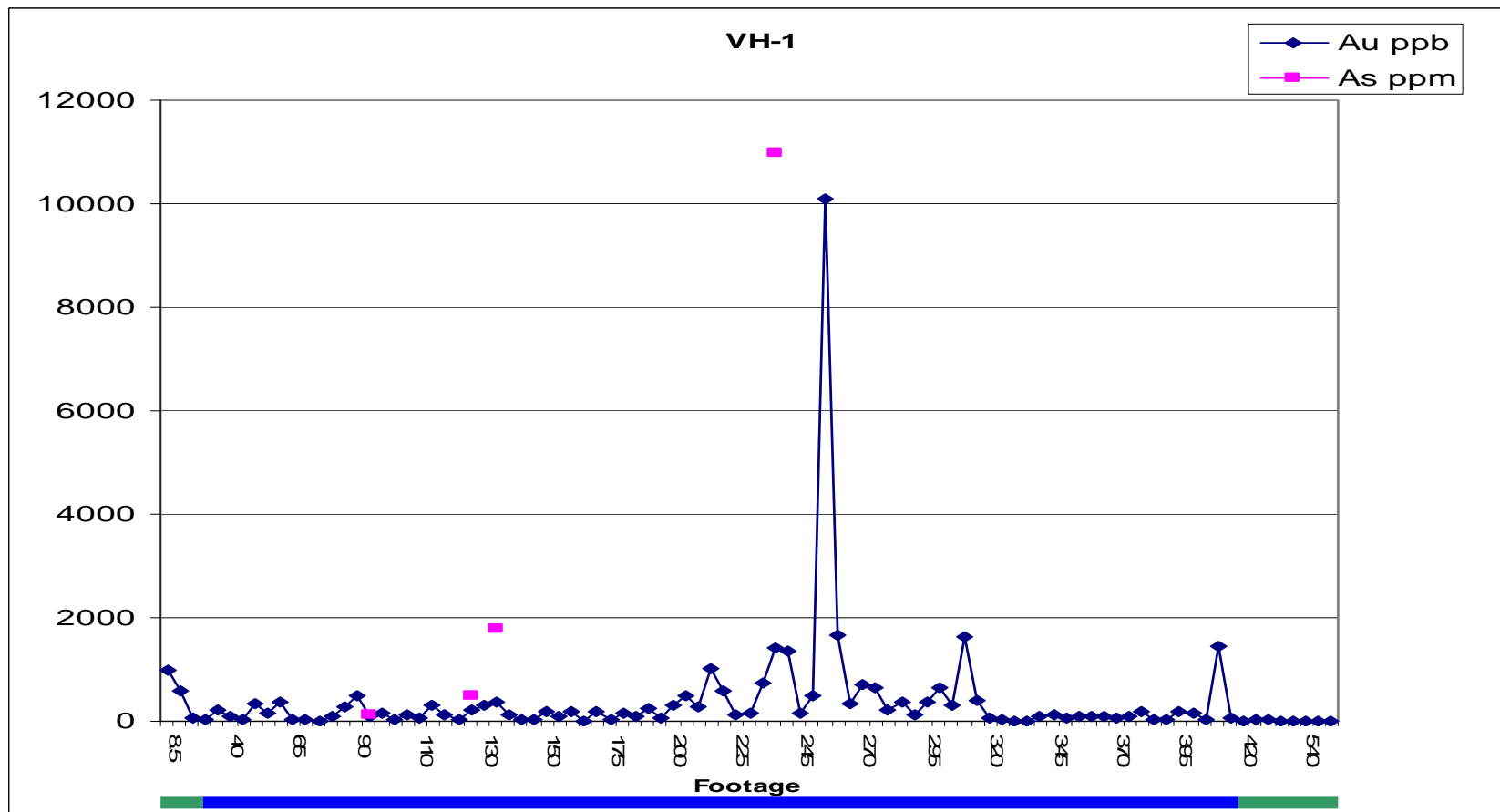
**BLUE BAR** represents Dacite Porphyry



# Existing Assessment File Chemistry Data -Not Portable XRF-

**DDH VH-1**

**Au and As vs Footage**



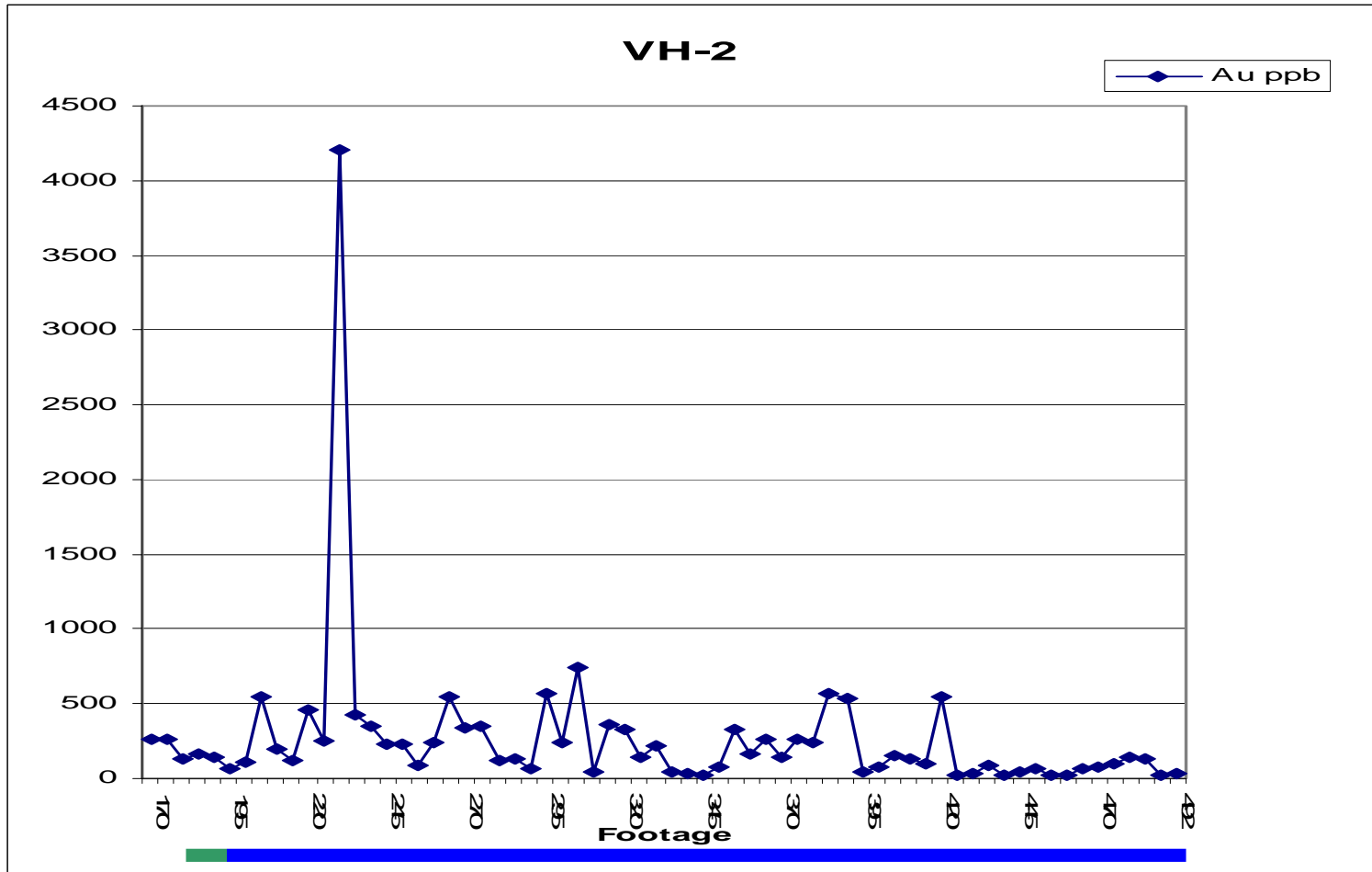
**GREEN BAR** represents metasediment rocks

**BLUE BAR** represents Dacite Porphyry

Existing Assessment File Chemistry Data  
-Not Portable XRF-

DDH VH-2

Au vs Footage



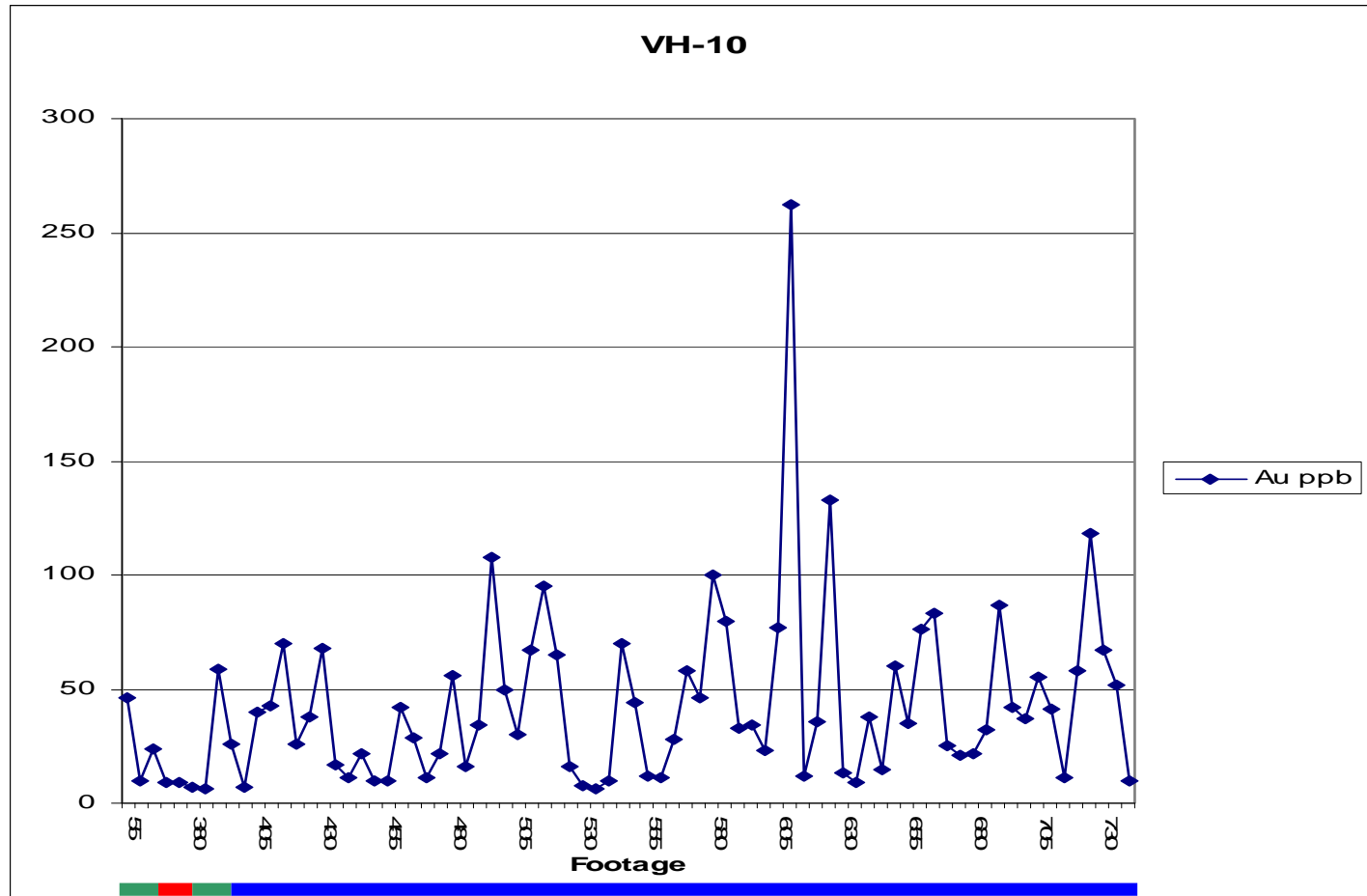
**GREEN BAR** represents metasediment rocks

**BLUE BAR** represents Dacite Porphyry

# Existing Assessment File Chemistry Data -Not Portable XRF-

DDH VH-10

Au vs Footage



**GREEN BAR** represents metasediment rocks

**RED BAR** represents other igneous rocks

**BLUE BAR** represents Dacite Porphyry

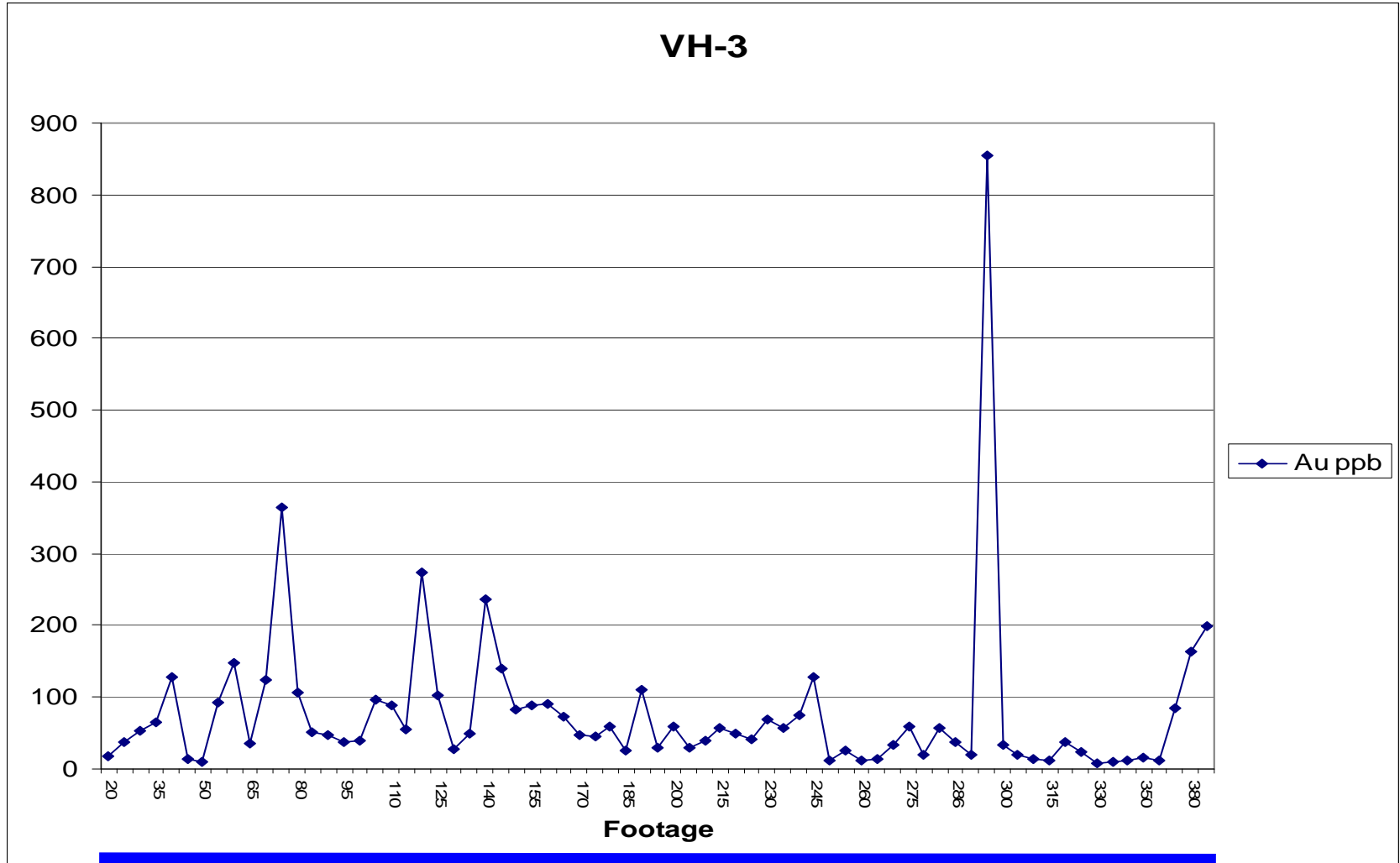




# Existing Assessment File Chemistry Data -Not Portable XRF-

**DDH VH-3**

**Au vs Footage**



**BLUE BAR** represents Dacite Porphyry



# Virginia Horn Alteration

## - New Data -

Bulk Chemistry, ALS Chemex

- **40 Samples from 6 drill holes**
- **Wide spectrum of analyses performed**
- **All had more detailed lithologic descriptions**
- **Mineralized and non-mineralized dacite porphyry samples**
- **0.2 to 0.7 feet of drill core per sample**
- **Sample weights of 64 to 261 grams submitted to the lab**
- **11 samples had microprobe work**

# Virginia Horn Alteration Data

-New Data-

## Bulk Chemistry, ALS Chemex

- Spreadsheet contains sample descriptions and chemistry results
- Spreadsheet contains some calculated chemistry ratios
- Spreadsheet contains summary statistics
- Spreadsheet contains correlation coefficient matrix  
(Pearson, linear relationships)
- Spreadsheet contains grouped correlation coefficients sorted for some elements
- Spreadsheet contains graphs and histograms of some analyses



# Correlation Coefficients (Pearson) of 40 Virginia Horn Alteration Samples for Au-ppb and

-New Data-

<b>Au_ppb</b>	<b>1.000</b>	Pb_ppm	0.182	La_ppm	0.009	LOI_%	-0.079
<b>As_ppm</b>	<b>0.931</b>	Co_ppm	0.169	Ho_ppm	0.006	Pr_ppm	-0.091
<b>Pt_ppb</b>	<b>0.831</b>	Ni_ppm	0.160	Ag_ppm	0.000	Hg_ppb	-0.100
<b>S_%</b>	<b>0.797</b>	TiO2_%	0.155	Tl_ppm	0.000	Ce_ppm	-0.112
<b>Fe2O3_%</b>	<b>0.736</b>	P2O5_%	0.136	Nb_ppm	-0.002	Ta_ppm	-0.122
<b>Pd_ppb</b>	<b>0.612</b>	Th_ppm	0.134	Er_ppm	-0.009	Zn_ppm	-0.130
<b>Sb_ppm</b>	<b>0.527</b>	Zr_ppm	0.130	Bi_ppm	-0.019	RecWt_kg	-0.131
<b>K2O_%</b>	<b>0.512</b>	Ga_ppm	0.076	Yb_ppm	-0.027	MgO_%	-0.150
Rb_ppm	0.492	F_ppm	0.054	C_org_%	-0.031	W_ppm	-0.154
V_ppm	0.397	Tb_ppm	0.052	U_ppm	-0.032	Total_%	-0.202
Cs_ppm	0.392	Dy_ppm	0.045	Sm_ppm	-0.041	MnO_%	-0.237
Fe2O3_tot%	0.354	Y_ppm	0.045	Cu_ppm	-0.052	C_inorg_%	-0.245
BaO_%	0.344	Eu_ppm	0.039	Mo_ppm	-0.055	CaO_%	-0.247
Ba_ppm	0.333	Cr_ppm	0.035	Cr2O3_%	-0.061	C_%	-0.249
H2O+_%	0.309	SiO2_%	0.029	Nd_ppm	-0.063	Cl_%	-0.304
Sn_ppm	0.255	Tm_ppm	0.023	Lu_ppm	-0.064	FeO/Fe2O3	-0.344
Hf_ppm	0.206	Se_ppm	0.018	Te_ppm	-0.067	SrO_%	-0.401
Al2O3_%	0.191	Gd_ppm	0.009	FeO_%	-0.074	<b>Sr_ppm</b>	<b>-0.515</b>
						<b>Na2O_%</b>	<b>-0.562</b>



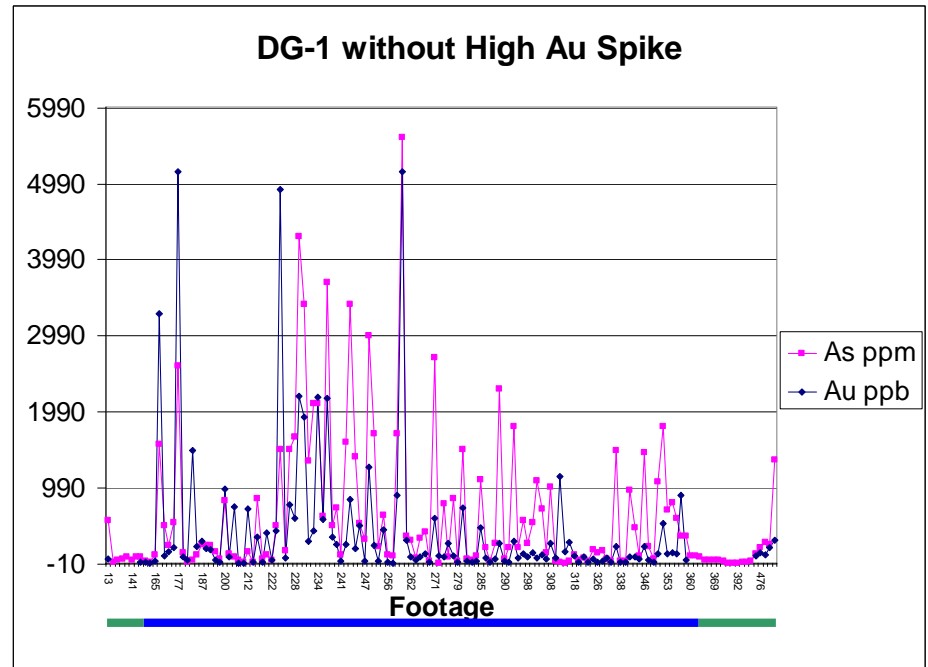
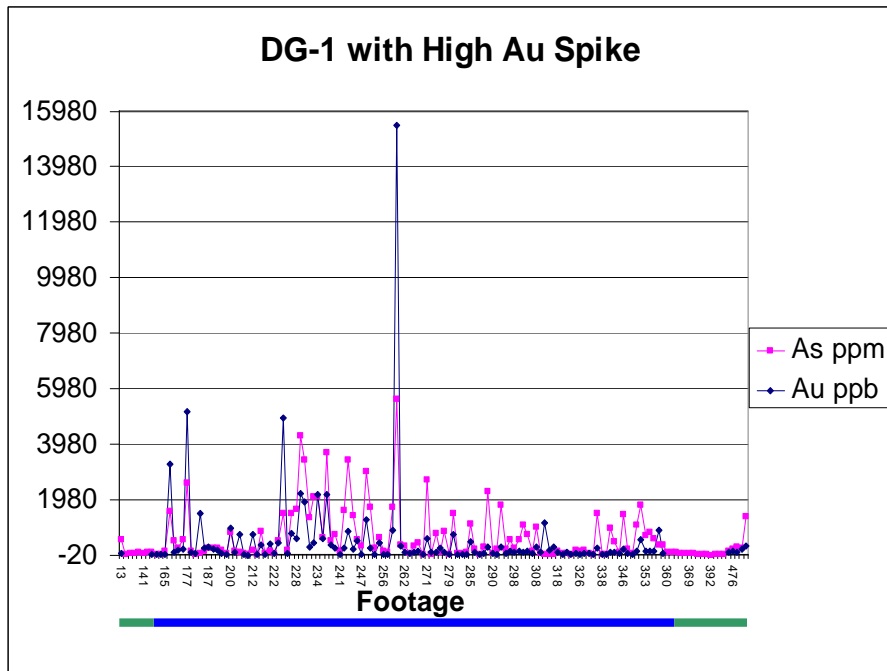
# Drill Hole Chemistry Plots with High Gold Spikes Make Lower Value Trends Difficult to See

Existing Assessment File Chemistry Data  
-Not Portable XRF-

**DDH DG-1**

**Au and As vs Footage**

Comparison of DDH DG-1 Plots with and without Highest Gold Spike



**GREEN BAR** represents metasediment rocks

**BLUE BAR** represents Dacite Porphyry

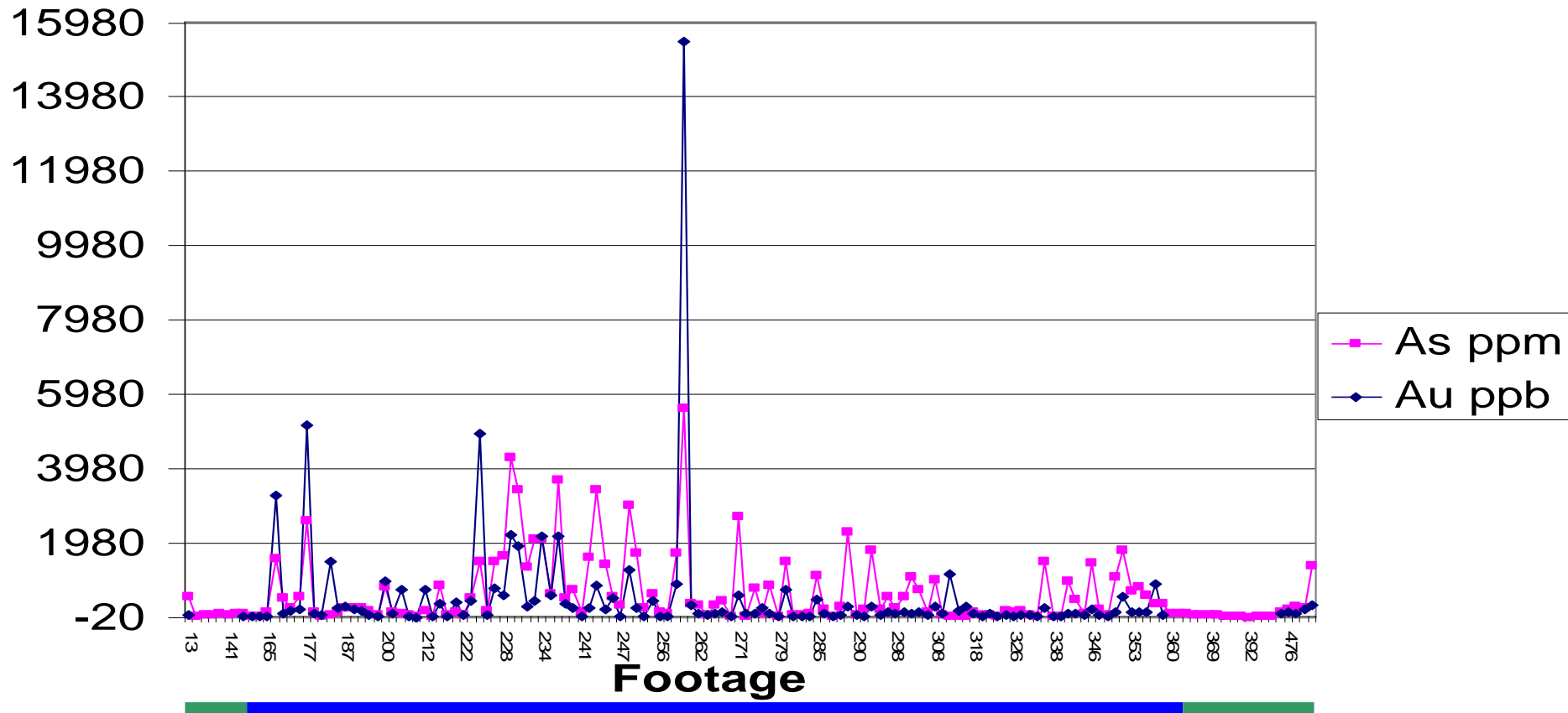
# Existing Assessment File Chemistry Data

-Not Portable XRF-

DDH DG-1

Au and As vs Footage

## DG-1 with High Au Spike



**GREEN BAR** represents metasediment rocks

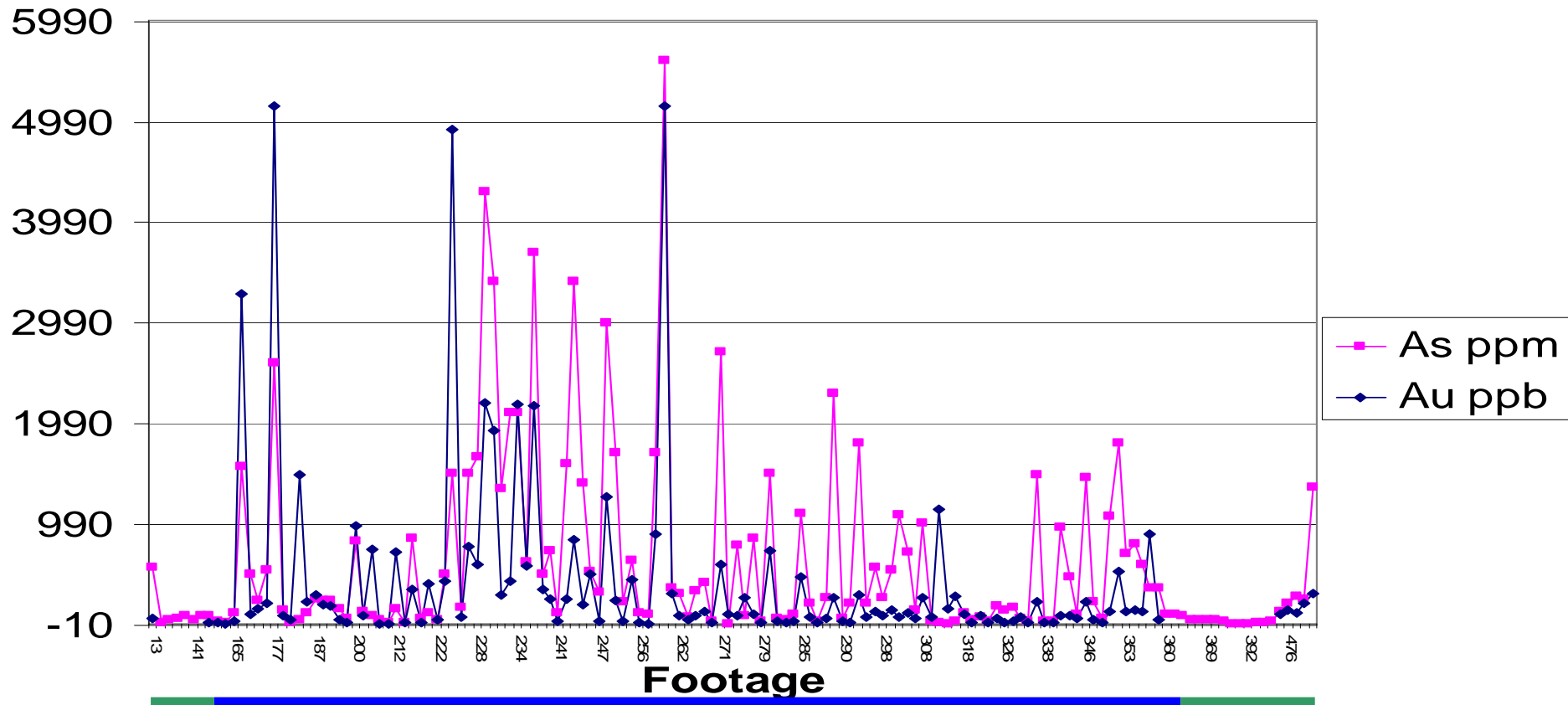
**BLUE BAR** represents Dacite Porphyry

Existing Assessment File Chemistry Data  
-Not Portable XRF-

DDH DG-1

Au and As vs Footage

DG-1 without High Au Spike



GREEN BAR represents metasediment rocks

BLUE BAR represents Dacite Porphyry

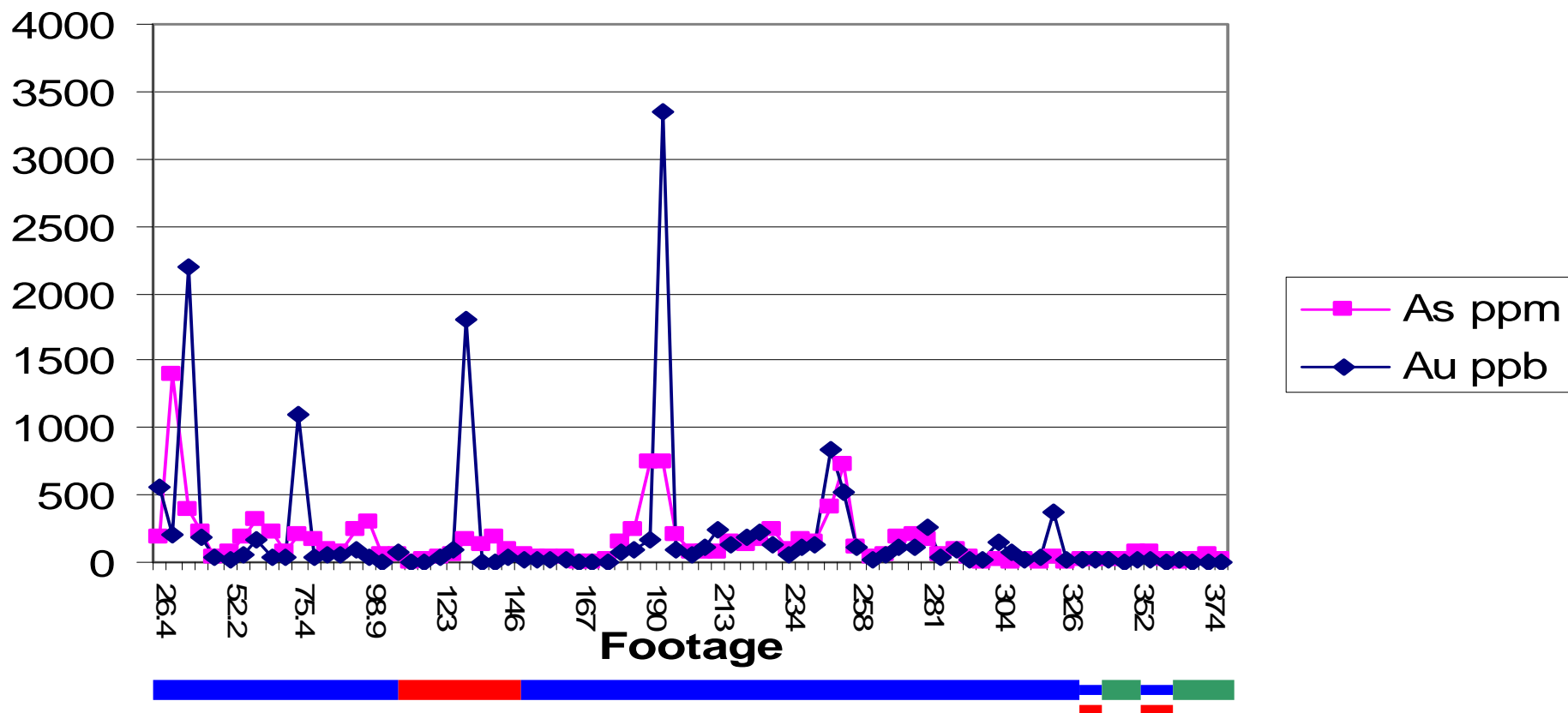


# Existing Assessment File Chemistry Data -Not Portable XRF-

**DDH VH#4**

**Au and As vs Footage**

**VH#4**



**GREEN BAR** represents metasediment rocks

**BLUE BAR** represents Dacite Porphyry

**RED BAR** represents other igneous rocks

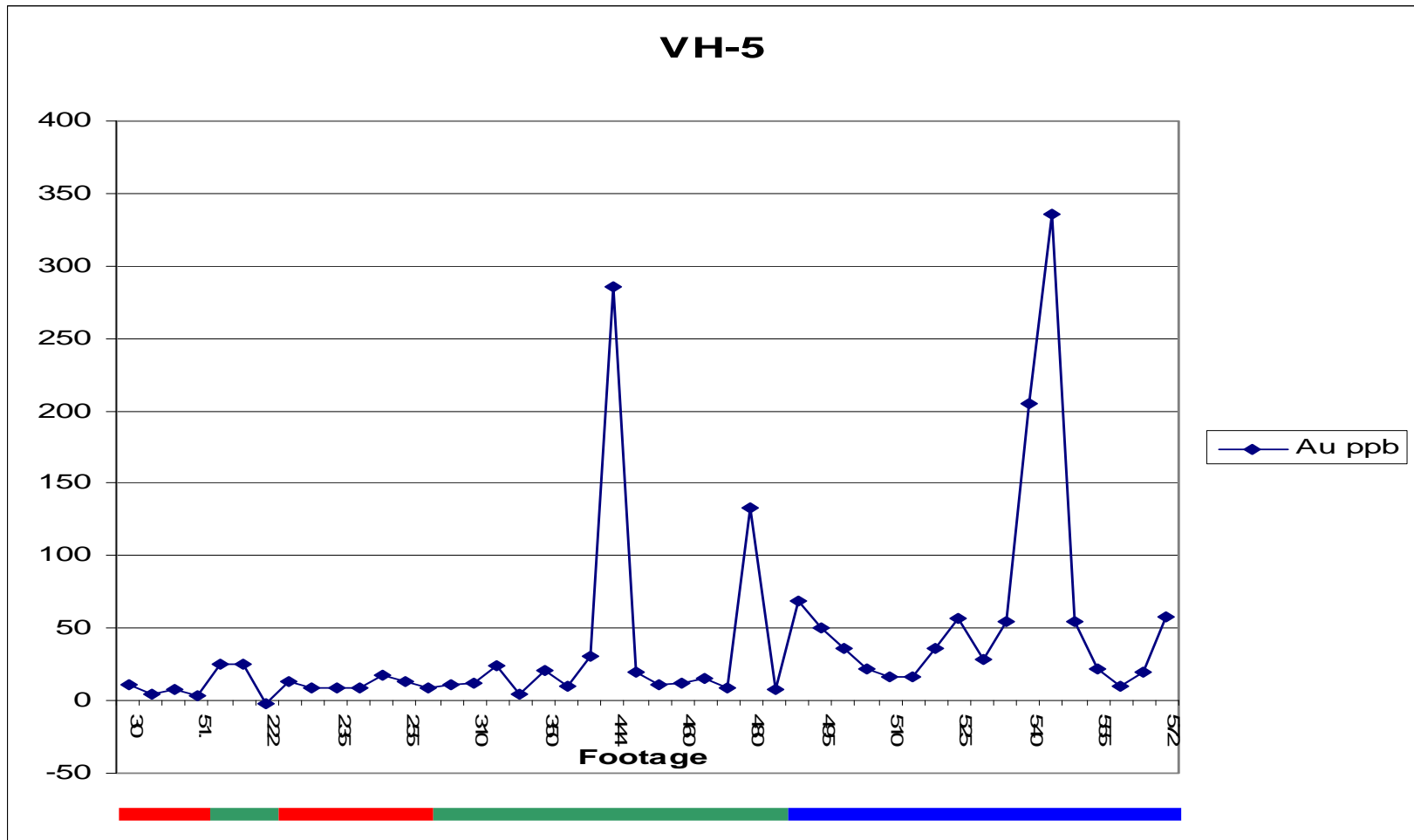
- Note mixed intervals -



Existing Assessment File Chemistry Data  
-Not Portable XRF-

DDH VH-5

Au and As vs Footage



**GREEN BAR** represents metasediment rocks

**RED BAR** represents other igneous rocks

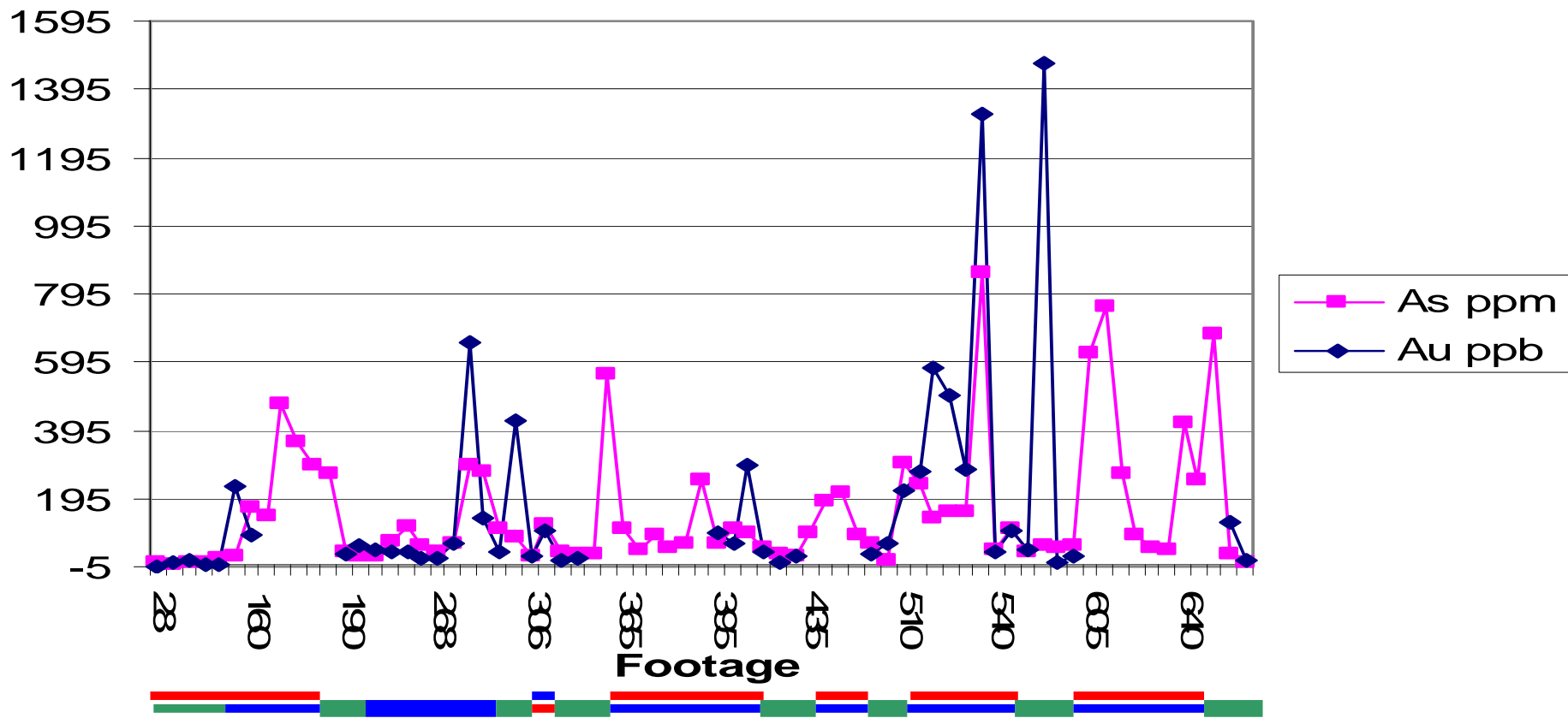
**BLUE BAR** represents Dacite Porphyry

Existing Assessment File Chemistry Data  
-Not Portable XRF-

DDH VH-16

Au and As vs Footage

VH-16



**GREEN BAR** represents metasediment rocks  
**BLUE BAR** represents Dacite Porphyry

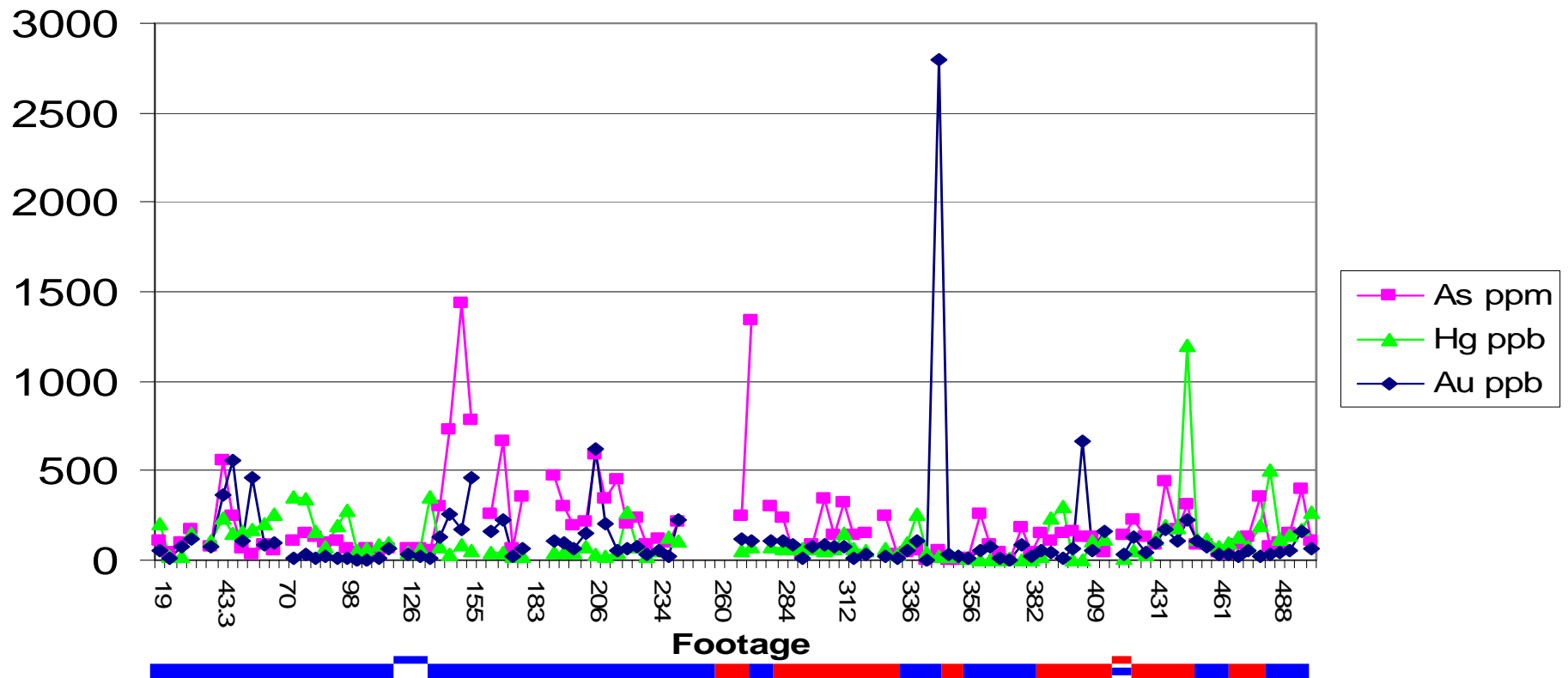
**RED BAR** represents other igneous rocks  
- Note mixed intervals -

# Existing Assessment File Chemistry Data -Not Portable XRF-

**DDH VH#5**

**Au, As, and Hg vs Footage**

**VH#5**



**RED BAR** represents other igneous rocks

**BLUE BAR** represents Dacite Porphyry

- Note mixed intervals -



<b>As_ppm</b>	<b>1.000</b>	Al2O3_%	0.171	Ho_ppm	0.004	RecWt_kg	-0.091
<b>Au_ppb</b>	<b>0.931</b>	Sn_ppm	0.170	Bi_ppm	0.002	Ce_ppm	-0.102
<b>Pt_ppb</b>	<b>0.850</b>	Co_ppm	0.166	Ag_ppm	0.000	LOI_%	-0.108
<b>S_%</b>	<b>0.789</b>	Te_ppm	0.142	Tl_ppm	0.000	Zn_ppm	-0.111
<b>Fe2O3_%</b>	<b>0.709</b>	Th_ppm	0.142	Gd_ppm	-0.011	Hg_ppb	-0.128
<b>Sb_ppm</b>	<b>0.537</b>	TiO2_%	0.139	W_ppm	-0.013	Ta_ppm	-0.153
<b>Pd_ppb</b>	<b>0.537</b>	Ga_ppm	0.114	Tm_ppm	-0.022	FeO_%	-0.164
<b>K2O_%</b>	<b>0.516</b>	Zr_ppm	0.112	C_org_%	-0.032	MgO_%	-0.170
<b>Rb_ppm</b>	<b>0.508</b>	P2O5_%	0.106	Nb_ppm	-0.033	CaO_%	-0.244
V_ppm	0.425	F_ppm	0.089	Sm_ppm	-0.036	C_inorg_%	-0.253
Cs_ppm	0.416	Se_ppm	0.062	Nd_ppm	-0.039	MnO_%	-0.255
BaO_%	0.388	Eu_ppm	0.052	Yb_ppm	-0.044	C_%	-0.257
Ba_ppm	0.380	SiO2_%	0.041	La_ppm	-0.051	Cl_%	-0.323
Fe2O3_tot%	0.281	Cr_ppm	0.038	Cu_ppm	-0.056	Tot Al_%	-0.339
Pb_ppm	0.249	Tb_ppm	0.036	Lu_ppm	-0.056	SrO_%	-0.392
H2O+_%	0.244	Dy_ppm	0.024	Er_ppm	-0.062	FeO/Fe2O3	-0.416
Hf_ppm	0.198	Y_ppm	0.015	Mo_ppm	-0.064	<b>Sr_ppm</b>	<b>-0.509</b>
Ni_ppm	0.177	U_ppm	0.007	Cr2O3_%	-0.067	<b>Na2O_%</b>	<b>-0.550</b>



-New Data-

## Correlation Coefficients (Pearson) of 40 Virginia Horn Alteration Samples for K<sub>2</sub>O and

K <sub>2</sub> O_%	1.000	Sb_ppm	0.438	RecWt_kg	0.139	Se_ppm	0.032
Rb_ppm	<b>0.983</b>	Th_ppm	0.432	Bi_ppm	0.138	Tot Al_%	0.007
Cs_ppm	<b>0.911</b>	La_ppm	0.428	Tb_ppm	0.137	Ag_ppm	0.000
Ba_ppm	<b>0.833</b>	Pd_ppb	0.382	Gd_ppm	0.128	Tl_ppm	0.000
BaO_%	<b>0.813</b>	Pt_ppb	0.342	Yb_ppm	0.119	Cr_ppm	-0.060
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> _%	<b>0.684</b>	Ce_ppm	0.318	Pb_ppm	0.106	FeO_%	-0.090
Ga_ppm	<b>0.660</b>	Nb_ppm	0.294	Dy_ppm	0.102	Mo_ppm	-0.097
S_%	<b>0.621</b>	Pr_ppm	0.269	Ho_ppm	0.100	MgO_%	-0.098
V_ppm	<b>0.607</b>	Hg_ppb	0.268	Sn_ppm	0.100	Cl_%	-0.115
TiO <sub>2</sub> _%	<b>0.602</b>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> _tot%	0.258	Lu_ppm	0.099	SiO <sub>2</sub> _%	-0.116
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> _%	<b>0.579</b>	Eu_ppm	0.246	Tm_ppm	0.080	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> _%	-0.116
Hf_ppm	<b>0.579</b>	Nd_ppm	0.231	Ta_ppm	0.078	CaO_%	-0.178
H <sub>2</sub> O+_%	<b>0.571</b>	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> _%	0.213	Er_ppm	0.071	MnO_%	-0.191
F_ppm	<b>0.570</b>	Ni_ppm	0.210	C_org_%	0.070	C_%	-0.225
As_ppm	<b>0.516</b>	W_ppm	0.198	Y_ppm	0.066	C_inorg_%	-0.229
Au_ppb	<b>0.512</b>	Co_ppm	0.177	Cu_ppm	0.055	SrO_%	-0.484
U_ppm	<b>0.497</b>	Sm_ppm	0.167	Zn_ppm	0.050	FeO/Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	<b>-0.569</b>
Zr_ppm	0.467	Te_ppm	0.150	LOI_%	0.037	Sr_ppm	<b>-0.630</b>
						Na <sub>2</sub> O_%	<b>-0.827</b>



# Correlation Coefficients (Pearson) of 40 Virginia Horn Alteration Samples for SiO<sub>2</sub>% and

-New Data-

<b>SiO<sub>2</sub>%</b>	<b>1.000</b>
Na <sub>2</sub> O%	0.383
SrO%	0.342
Sr_ppm	0.321
RecWt_kg	0.161
FeO/Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.148
Cl%	0.138
BaO%	0.113
Ta_ppm	0.111
C <sub>org</sub> %	0.109
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> %	0.108
Ba_ppm	0.106
Pt_ppb	0.094
Sn_ppm	0.085
Cr_ppm	0.077
Pd_ppb	0.071
Hg_ppb	0.048
As_ppm	0.041

Au_ppb	0.029
Zn_ppm	0.025
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> %	0.022
Cu_ppm	0.004
Ag_ppm	0.000
Tl_ppm	0.000
Th_ppm	-0.009
Cs_ppm	-0.032
Pb_ppm	-0.046
Nb_ppm	-0.078
TiO <sub>2</sub> %	-0.103
Se_ppm	-0.110
Sb_ppm	-0.111
Tot Al%	-0.115
K <sub>2</sub> O%	-0.116
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> %	-0.122
V_ppm	-0.124
Rb_ppm	-0.127

Ga_ppm	-0.143
Hf_ppm	-0.179
Zr_ppm	-0.223
W_ppm	-0.232
U_ppm	-0.237
S%	-0.312
Te_ppm	-0.318
F_ppm	-0.337
La_ppm	-0.353
Ce_ppm	-0.379
Co_ppm	-0.470
Pr_ppm	-0.484
<b>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>%</b>	<b>-0.508</b>
<b>Ni_ppm</b>	<b>-0.541</b>
<b>Nd_ppm</b>	<b>-0.554</b>
<b>H<sub>2</sub>O+%</b>	<b>-0.562</b>
<b>Bi_ppm</b>	<b>-0.605</b>
<b>Eu_ppm</b>	<b>-0.608</b>

<b>Lu_ppm</b>	<b>-0.716</b>
<b>Sm_ppm</b>	<b>-0.733</b>
<b>FeO%</b>	<b>-0.747</b>
<b>Yb_ppm</b>	<b>-0.752</b>
<b>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>_tot%</b>	<b>-0.753</b>
<b>Gd_ppm</b>	<b>-0.774</b>
<b>C%</b>	<b>-0.786</b>
<b>C<sub>inorg</sub>%</b>	<b>-0.790</b>
<b>Tm_ppm</b>	<b>-0.803</b>
<b>Er_ppm</b>	<b>-0.818</b>
<b>Mo_ppm</b>	<b>-0.827</b>
<b>MnO%</b>	<b>-0.829</b>
<b>CaO%</b>	<b>-0.831</b>
<b>Tb_ppm</b>	<b>-0.846</b>
<b>Dy_ppm</b>	<b>-0.878</b>
<b>Y_ppm</b>	<b>-0.881</b>
<b>Ho_ppm</b>	<b>-0.883</b>
<b>MgO%</b>	<b>-0.888</b>
<b>LOI%</b>	<b>-0.918</b>



## Correlation Coefficients (Pearson) of 40 Virginia Horn Alteration Samples for C\_inorganic and

-New Data-

				Sn_ppm		-0.142	
C_inorg_%	1.000	Bi_ppm	0.553	Sr_ppm	0.072	Pt_ppb	-0.179
C_%	0.997	Eu_ppm	0.486	Fe2O3_%	0.070	Nb_ppm	-0.187
MnO_%	0.944	Fe2O3_tot%	0.428	La_ppm	0.044	K2O_%	-0.229
CaO_%	0.921	Nd_ppm	0.344	Co_ppm	0.030	BaO_%	-0.236
LOI_%	0.882	FeO/Fe2O3	0.303	Cr_ppm	0.011	Rb_ppm	-0.242
Ho_ppm	0.809	Total_%	0.262	Zn_ppm	0.009	Au_ppb	-0.245
Y_ppm	0.800	Pr_ppm	0.256	SrO_%	0.003	Ba_ppm	-0.245
Dy_ppm	0.785	W_ppm	0.236	Ag_ppm	0.000	As_ppm	-0.253
Er_ppm	0.785	Cu_ppm	0.224	Tl_ppm	0.000	Zr_ppm	-0.259
MgO_%	0.763	Te_ppm	0.224	S_%	-0.012	Hf_ppm	-0.267
Tb_ppm	0.748	Cr2O3_%	0.211	F_ppm	-0.029	RecWt_kg	-0.282
Yb_ppm	0.725	Ce_ppm	0.168	Na2O_%	-0.058	TiO2_%	-0.300
Mo_ppm	0.705	H2O+_%	0.107	Ta_ppm	-0.070	Cs_ppm	-0.313
Tm_ppm	0.677	Pb_ppm	0.102	Hg_ppb	-0.087	Ga_ppm	-0.332
Gd_ppm	0.673	Se_ppm	0.097	U_ppm	-0.090	V_ppm	-0.357
Sm_ppm	0.626	Sb_ppm	0.095	C_org_%	-0.107	Th_ppm	-0.369
Lu_ppm	0.617	Ni_ppm	0.081	Pd_ppb	-0.136	Al2O3_%	-0.456
FeO_%	0.611	Cl_%	0.075	P2O5_%	-0.139	SiO2_%	-0.790

# **MICROPROBE MINERAL WORK**

- **Establish information sought**
- **Develop sample criteria**
- **Sample Selection**
- **Prepare polished thin sections**
- **Examine under polarizing microscope to select targets of interest**
- **Actual interactive microprobe work**
  - **Note taking to complement chemistry**
- **Review results**
- **Work was done at 2 different times with different goals**







P368MW030

P368MW031

P368MW465  
237.2'

P368MW466  
242'

P368MW469  
192.8'

P368MW463  
182.3'

P368MW462  
145.5'

P368MW461  
143.2'

P368MW460  
126.6'

P368MW459  
126.4'

P368MW458  
96.5'

P368MW457  
71'

P368MW456  
69'

P368MW455  
60.1'

P368MW454  
44'

P368MW453  
43'

P368MW452  
40.7'

P368MW451  
27.8'

P368MW450  
25.8'

P368MW449  
16.5'

P368MW034

P368MW033

P368MW  
032

P368MW  
031

P368MW030

P368MW029

P368MW028

P368MW  
027







# Information Sought

## – First Probe Work-

Characterize sulfides, especially arsenopyrite

Characterize matrix mineralogy/chemistry

## Sample criteria/methodology

Run 2 sets of analyses on samples

S, As, Fe, Cu on sulfides

Major elements, As on “silicates” /matrix

Record X-Y coordinates of all readings

Do both sets of analyses before moving samples

Identify unknowns as they are observed

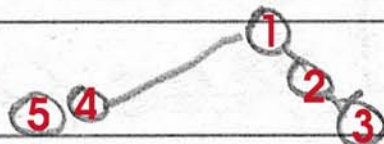
Record notes as work progresses

# Thin section Set #1

P368MW470

x  
470

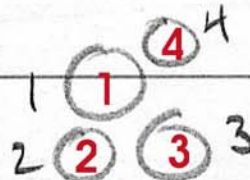
LABEL 2



LABEL

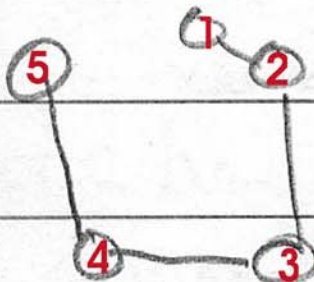
P368MW472B

472 x



P368MW454

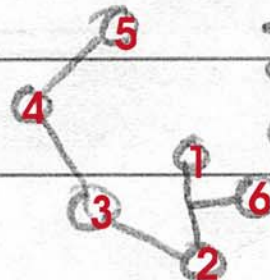
x  
454



LABEL

P368MW453

453 x



LABEL

P368MW464

x  
464

LABEL 5



LABEL

P368MW463

463 ✓





SET 1



54 1 2 3

P368MW470



5 1 2  
4 3

P368MW454



1  
2  
3  
4

P368MW464



1 4  
2 3

P368MW472B



4 5  
3 1 6  
2

P368MW453



4  
3  
2  
1

P368MW463





Thin section Set#2

P368MW452

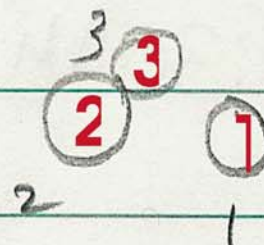
P 452



LABEL

P368MW467

P 467



LABEL



P368MW469

469

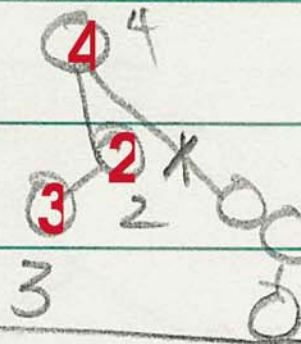
LABEL

P368MW468

468



LABEL



LABEL

P368MW472A

472





## Mineral Work Set 2



2<sup>1</sup>

P368MW 452



2<sup>3</sup> 1

P368MW 467



1

P368MW 469



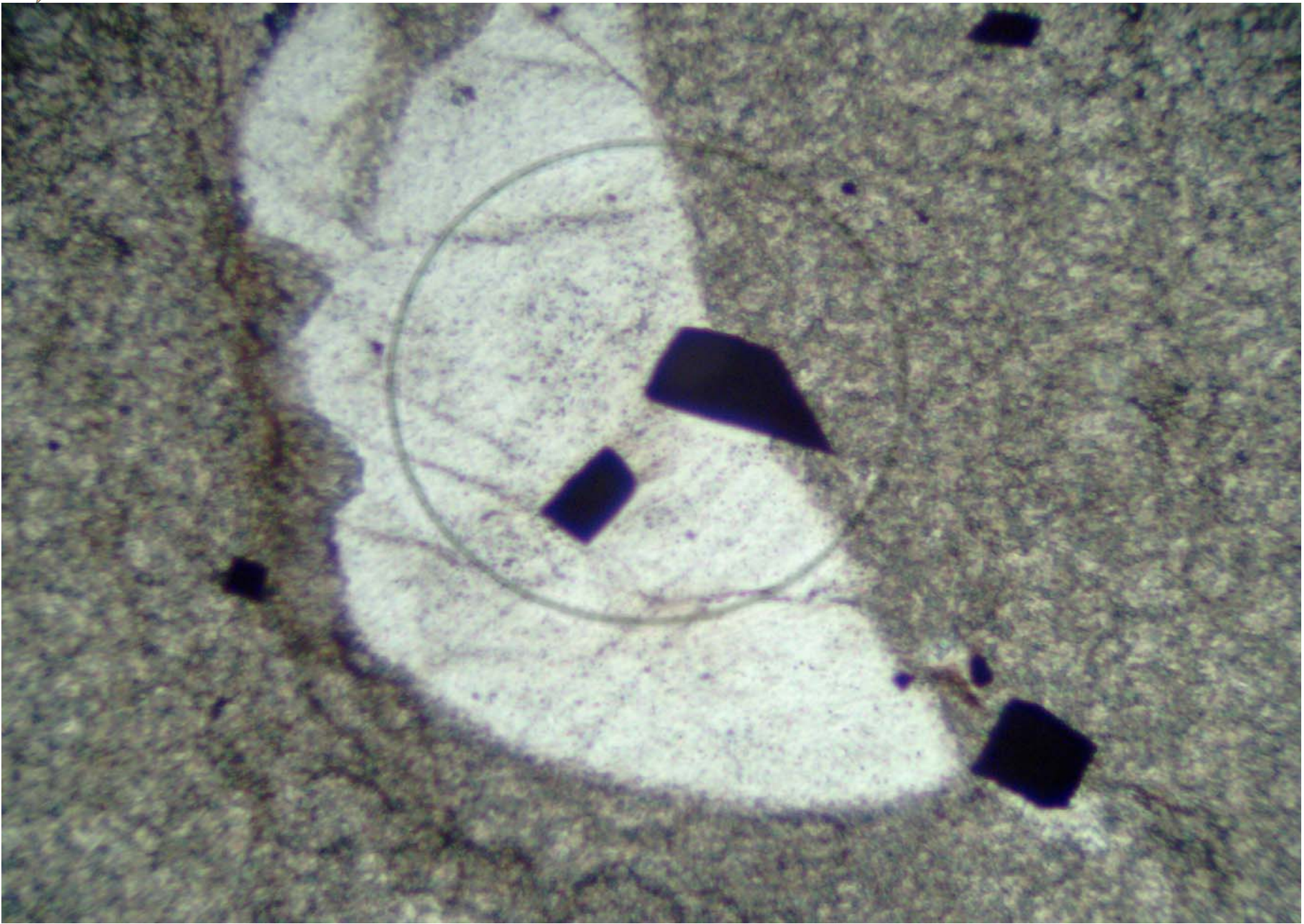
1

P368MW 468

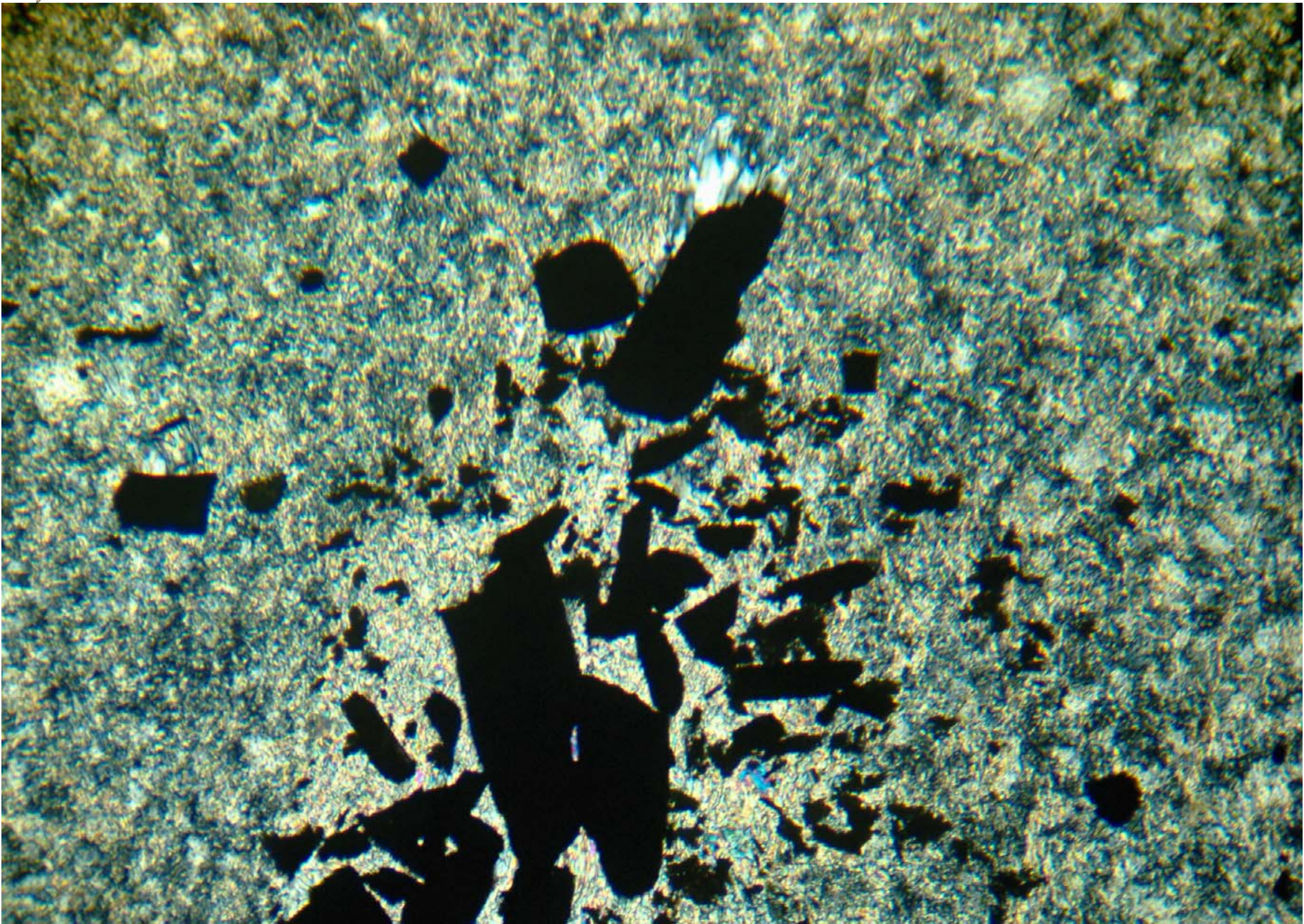


4<sup>2</sup>  
3

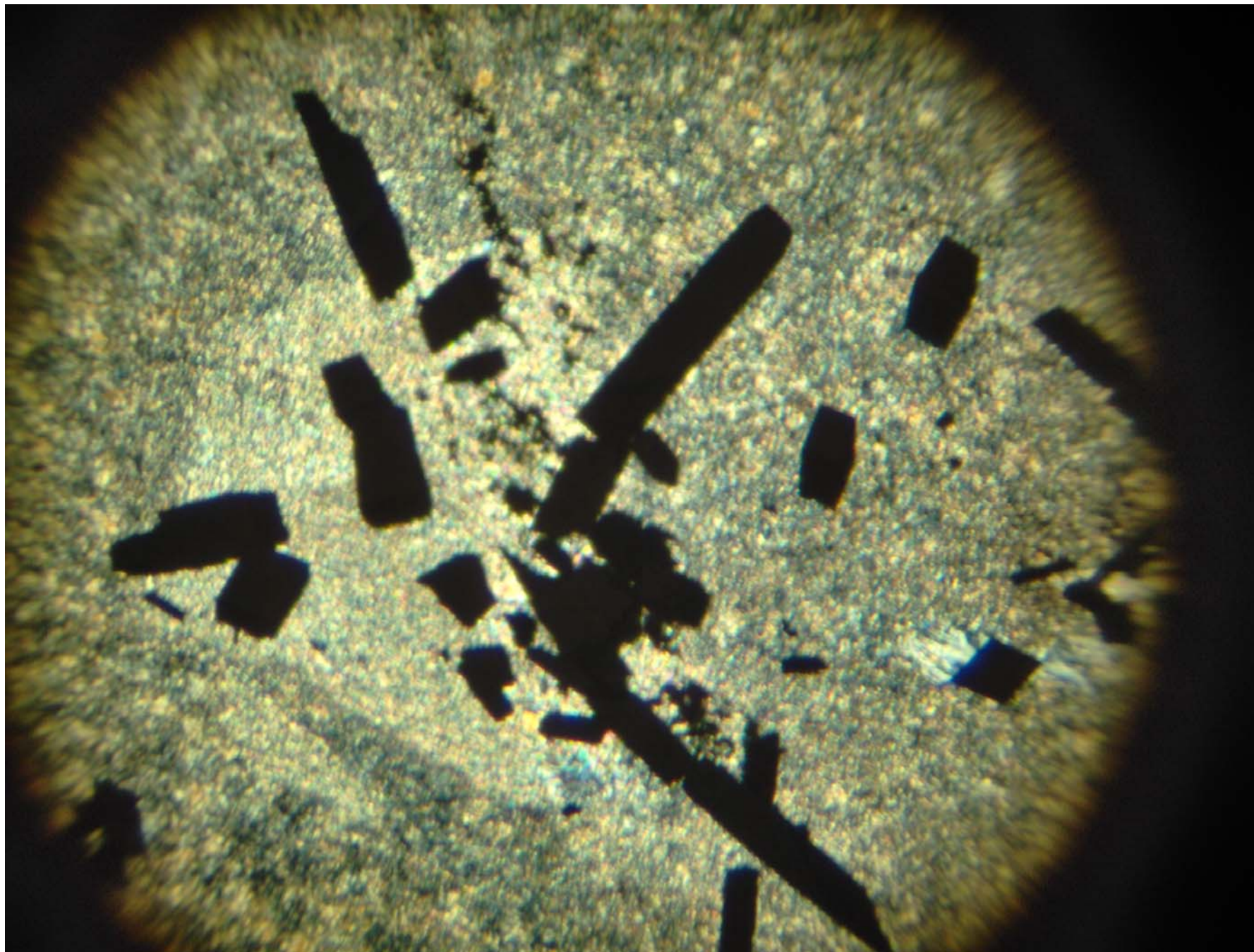
P368MW 472A



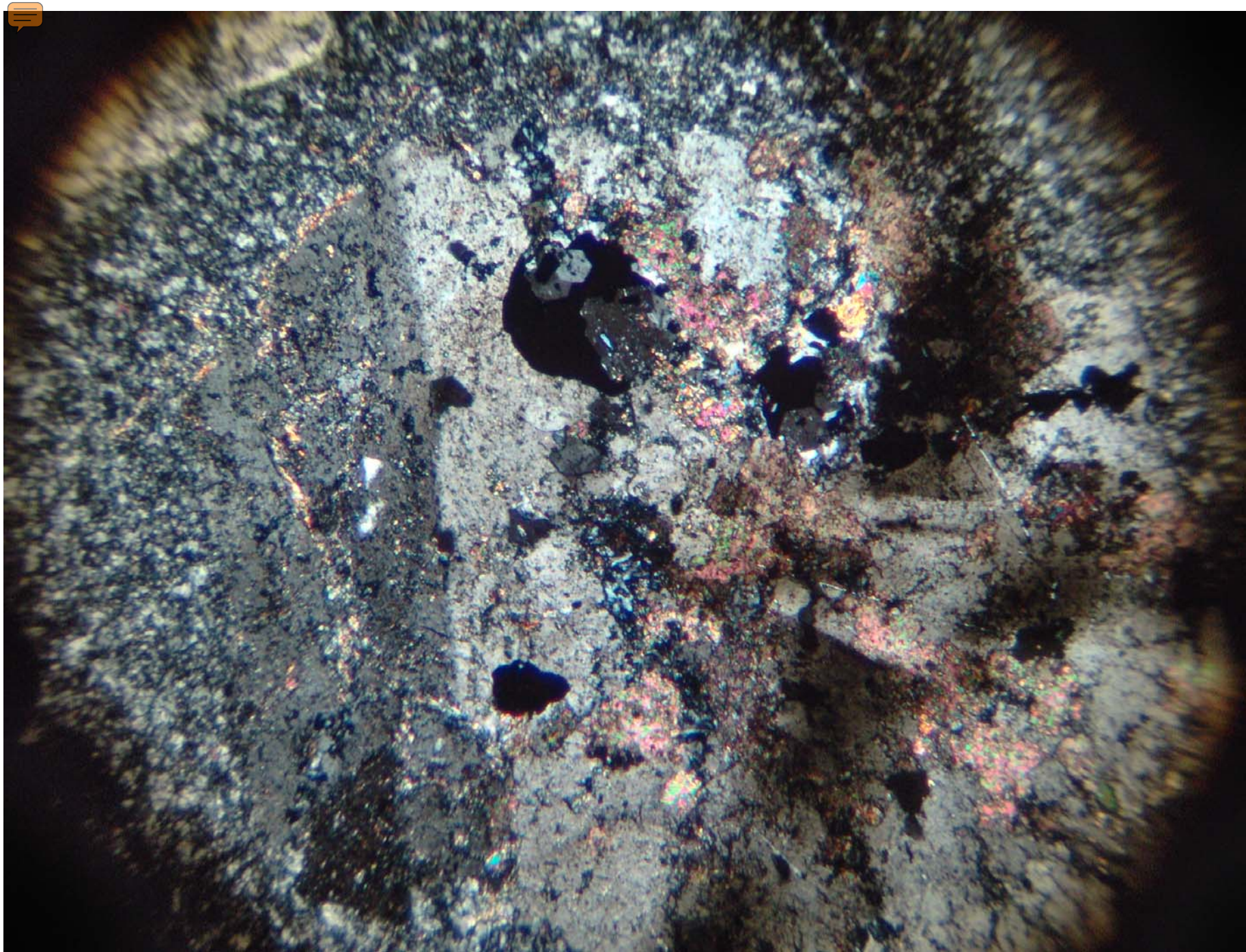




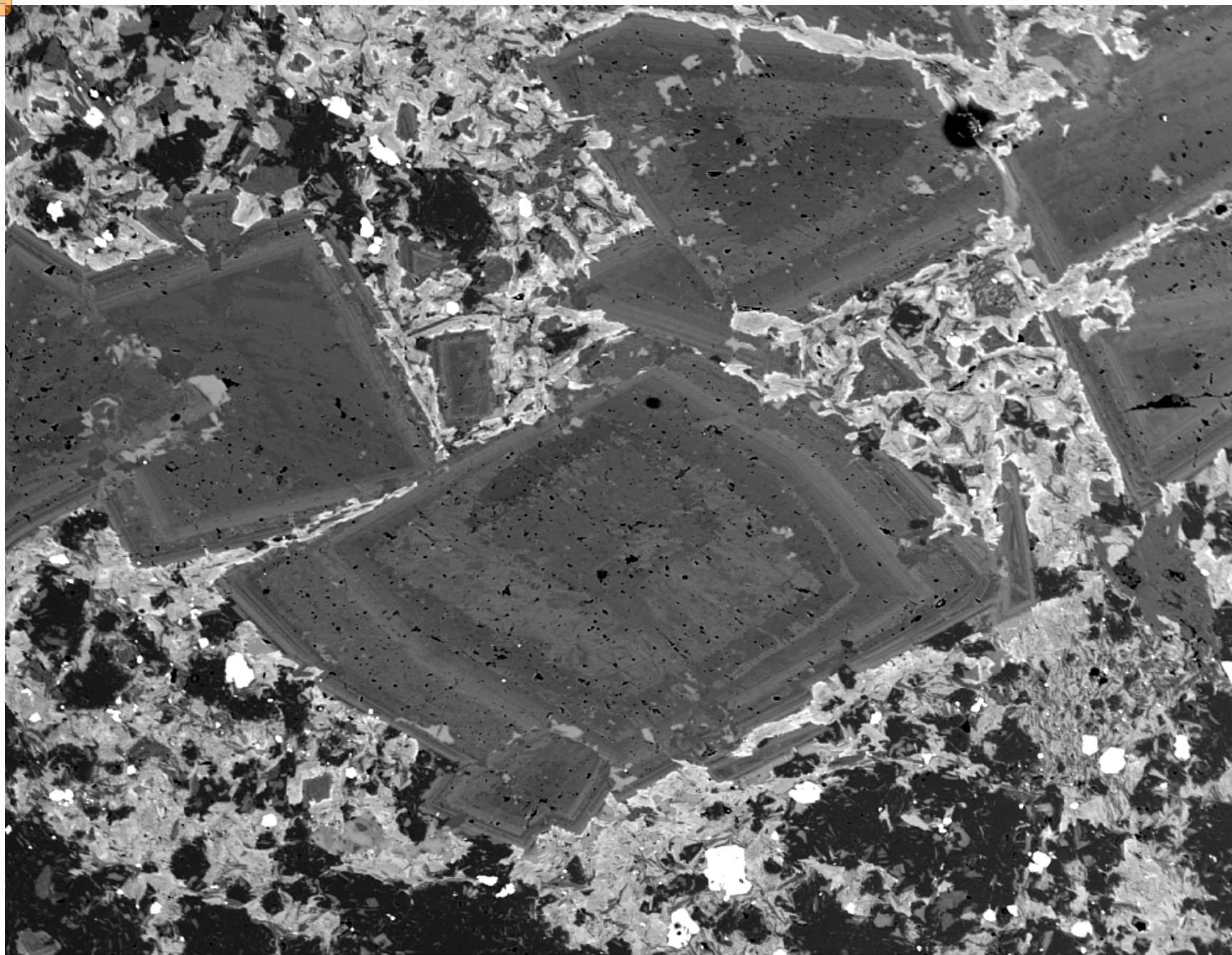






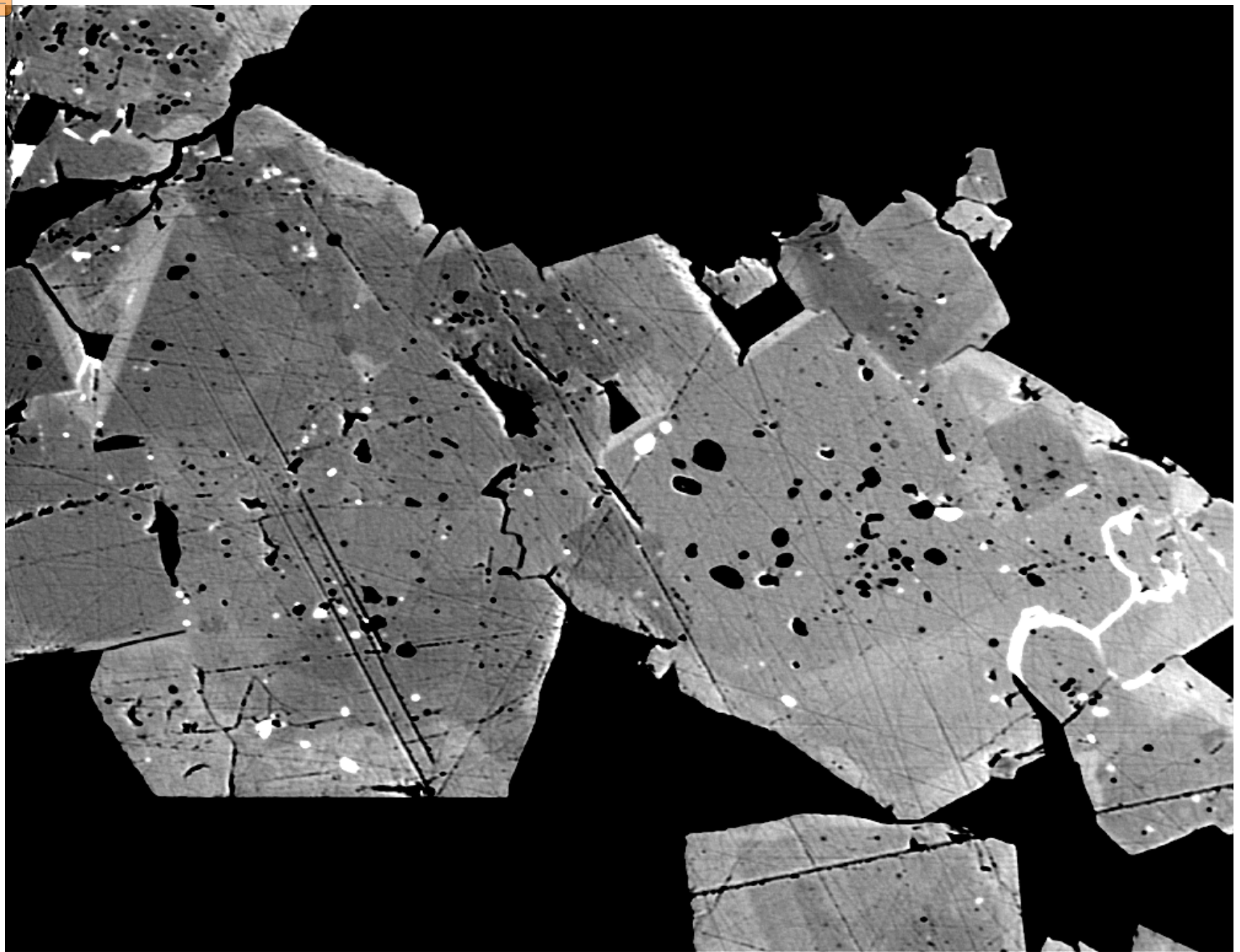






200µm

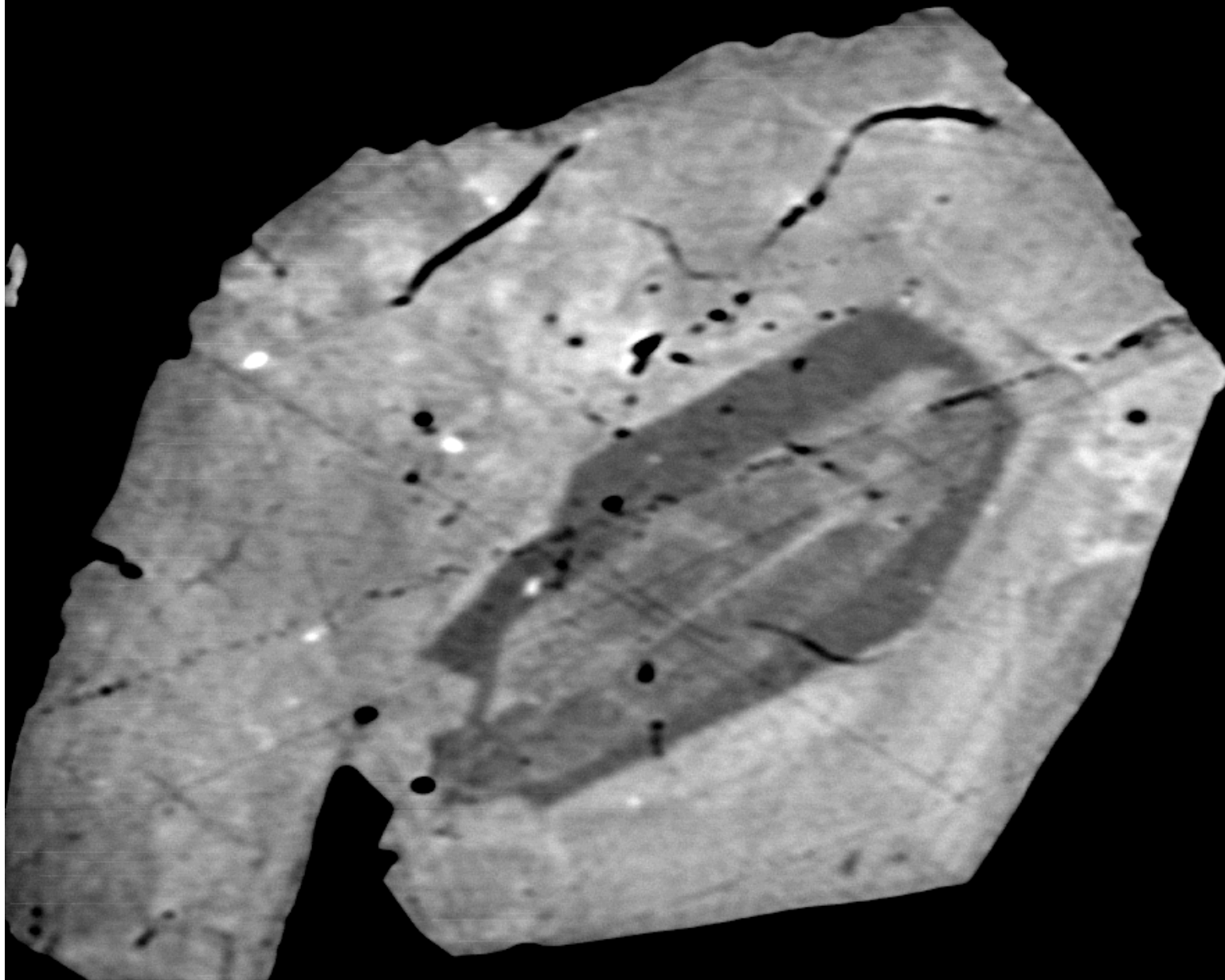
BSI Thin section 464, circle 4, carbonates



100µm

BSI Thin section 470, circle 5, pyrite

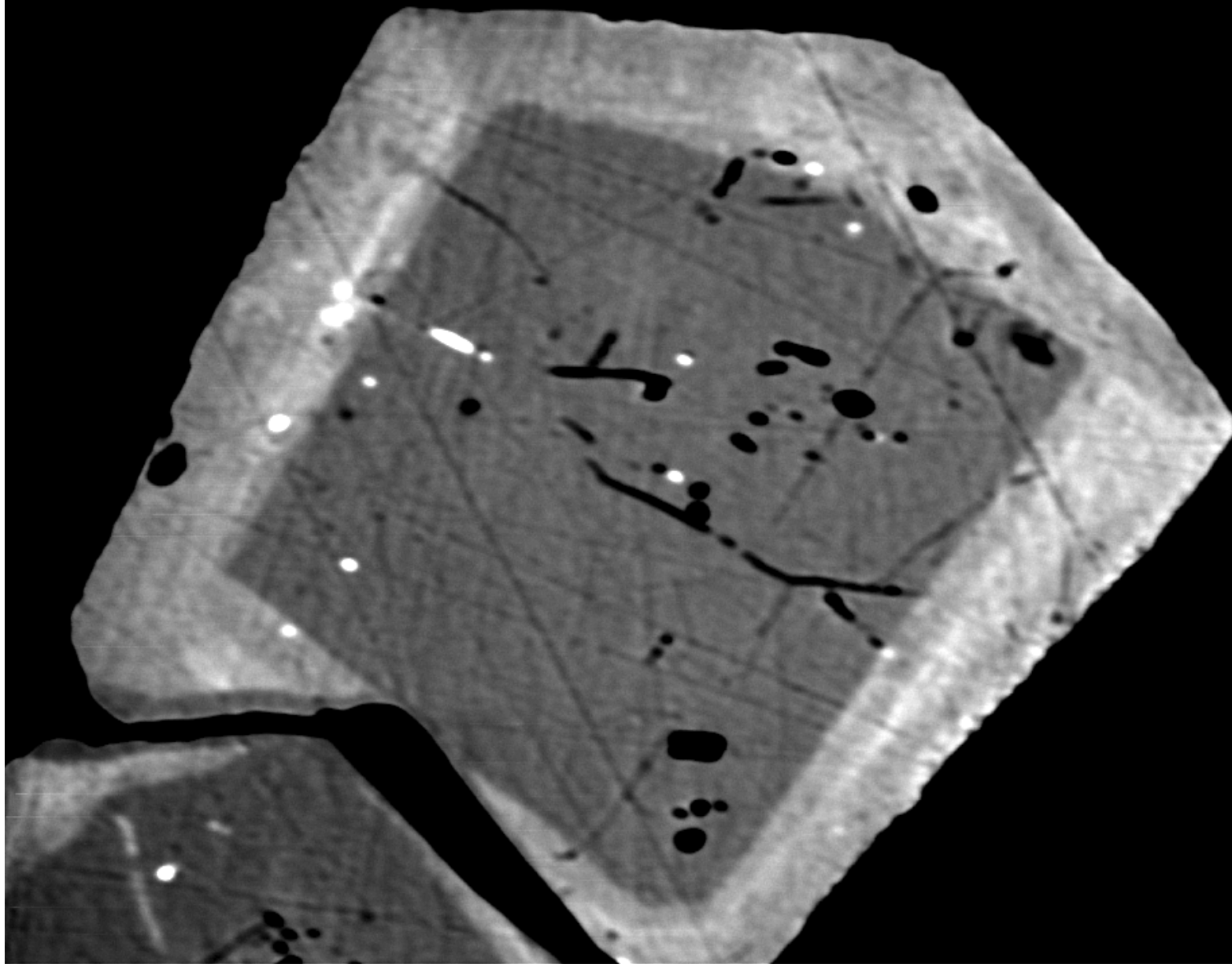




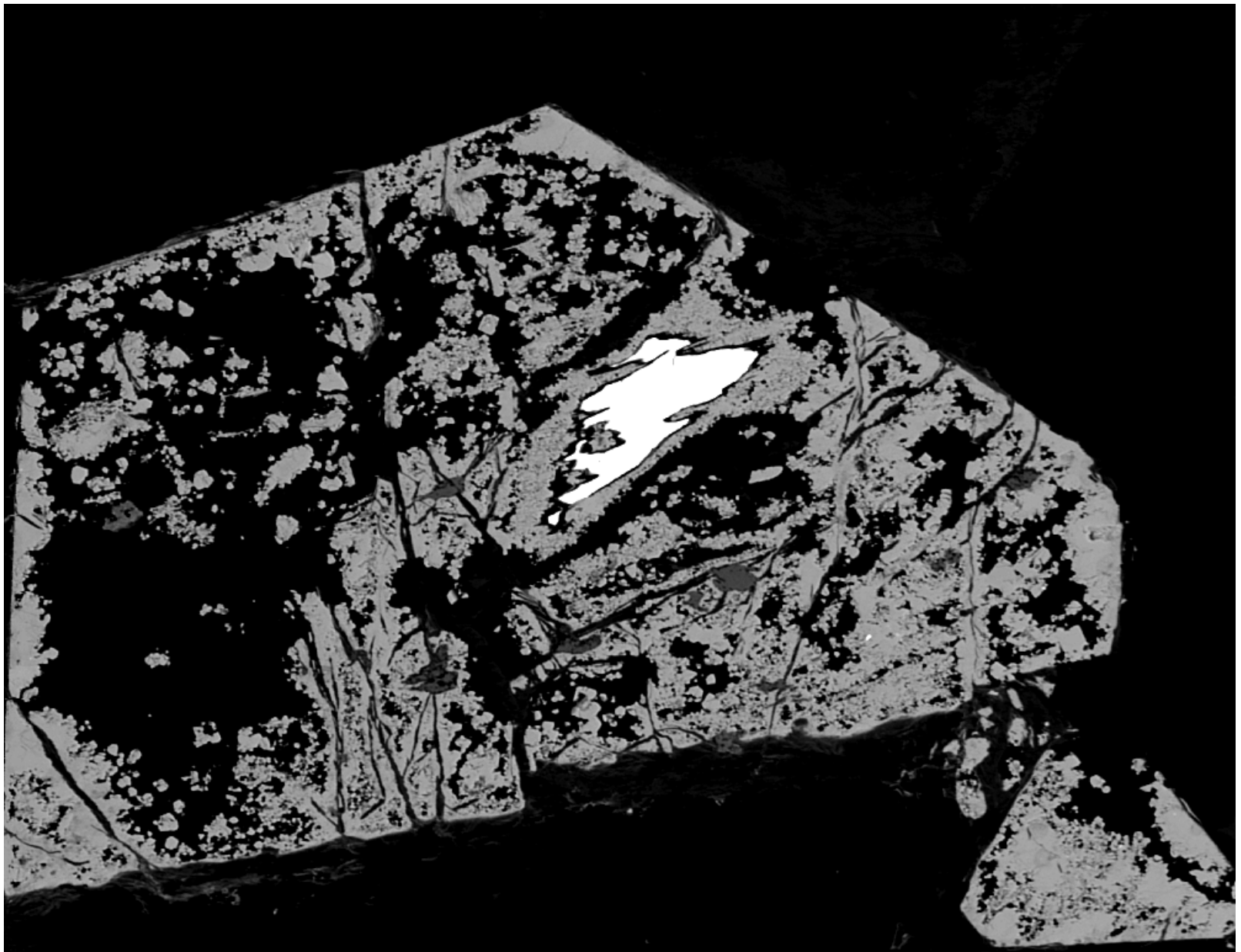
50µm

BSI Thin section 472; circle 4; pyrite





BSI Thin section 472, circle 3, pyrite



100µm

BSI Thin section 453; circle 2; As-pyrite rem in Fe-oxide



# **Test of a Portable Hand-held X-RAY Fluorescence Spectrometer**

**DDH DG-1**

# **Portable XRF Analyses on DDH DG-1**

## **-New Data-**

- Offers the possibility of real-time correlating of chemistry and observed geologic features
- The high Au detection limit is not very useful in many exploration scenarios, but DDH DG-1 was known to have anomalous high gold values
- Target area is about  $\frac{1}{2} \text{ cm}^2$
- Footages/brief notes were recorded

# **Portable XRF Analyses on DDH DG-1**

## **-New Data-**

- Readings were generally taken every 2 to 10 feet, however multiple readings were taken at footages with visible variation, and extremely variable Au and As values resulted
- 2 people took 30 second readings (about 20 second Live Time)
- One sample done about every 2½ minutes
- Data shown in plots took about 6 hours to collect and transfer

# **Portable XRF Data on DDH DG-1**

**- New Data -**

- **Sampling tested different rock types and observed lithologic, alteration, and mineralization differences**
- **Sampling tested variable visible arsenopyrite amounts**
- **136 analyses were performed on DG-1**

# Portable XRF Data on DDH DG-1

- New Data -

- **Spreadsheet data file includes other data**
  - **Two different metallic calibration standards, supplied by the XRF manufacturer, were used eleven times**
  - **One of these internal metallic calibration standards included Au values, and was used six times**
    - **Four “passed” the standardization procedure**
    - **Two were analyzed and produced values of 84 and 82 ppm Au respectively**
  - **No certified rock references materials were analyzed**
  - **Three other analyses including Lake of the Woods fuchsite**

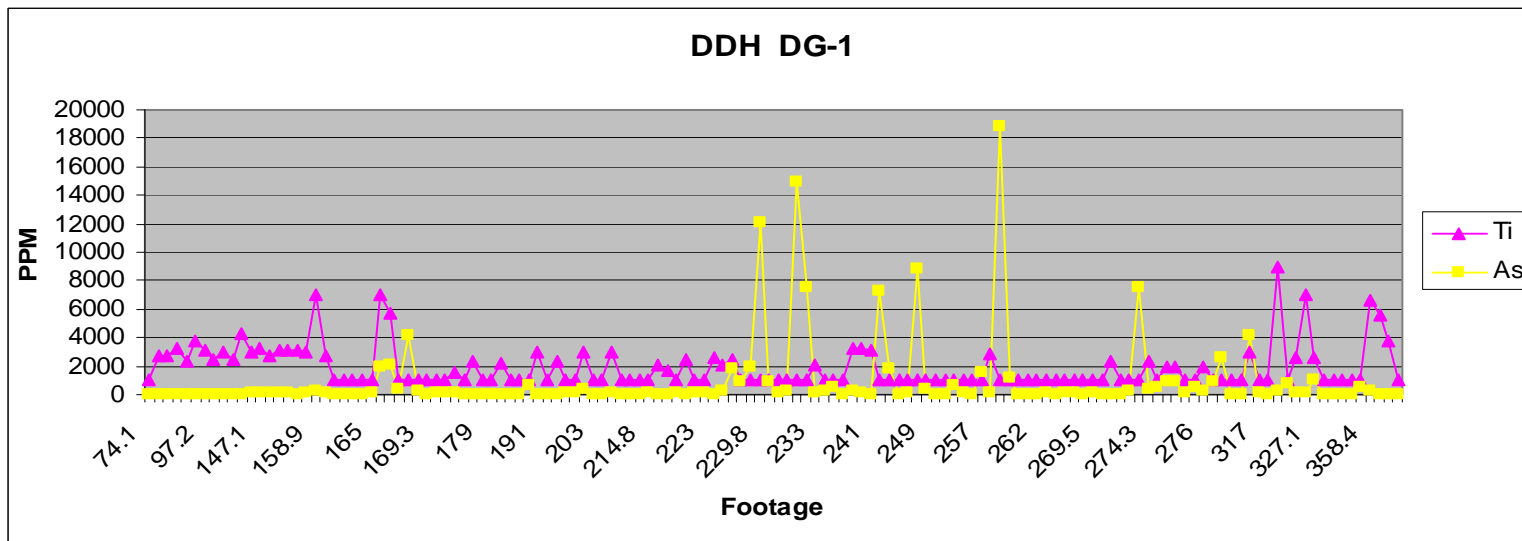
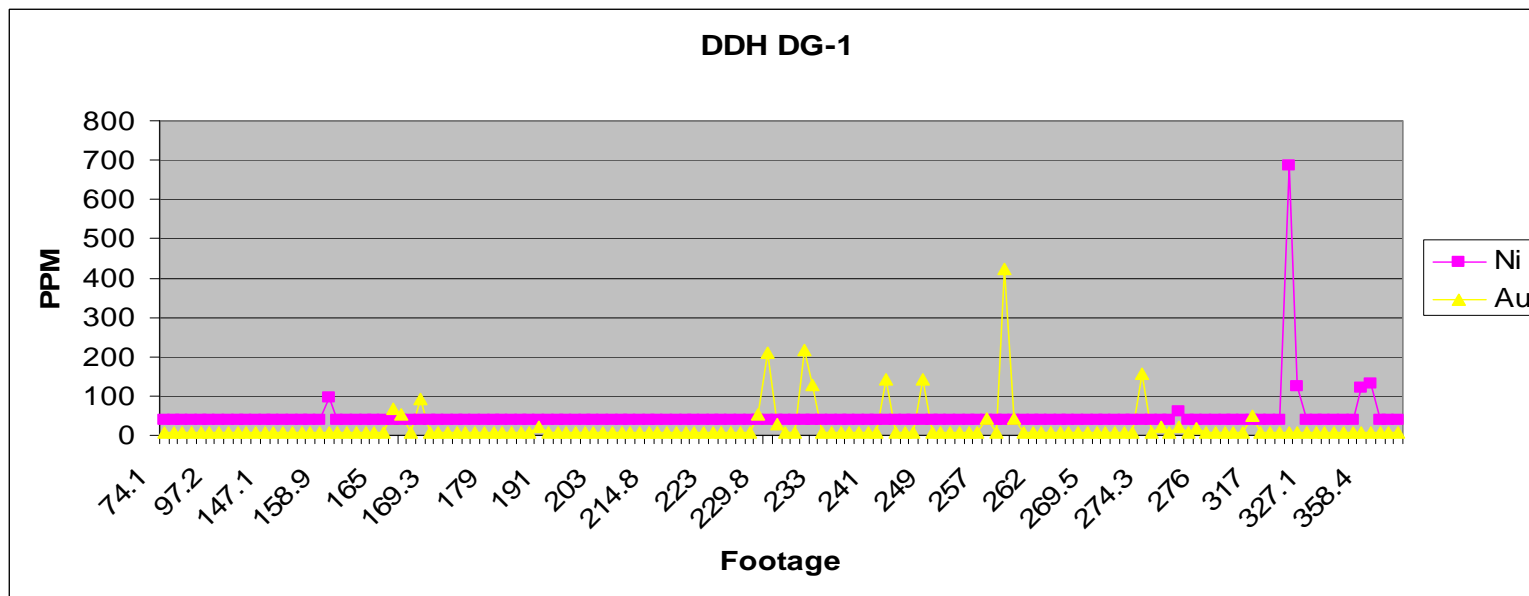
# **Portable XRF Data on DDH DG-1**

## **- New Data -**

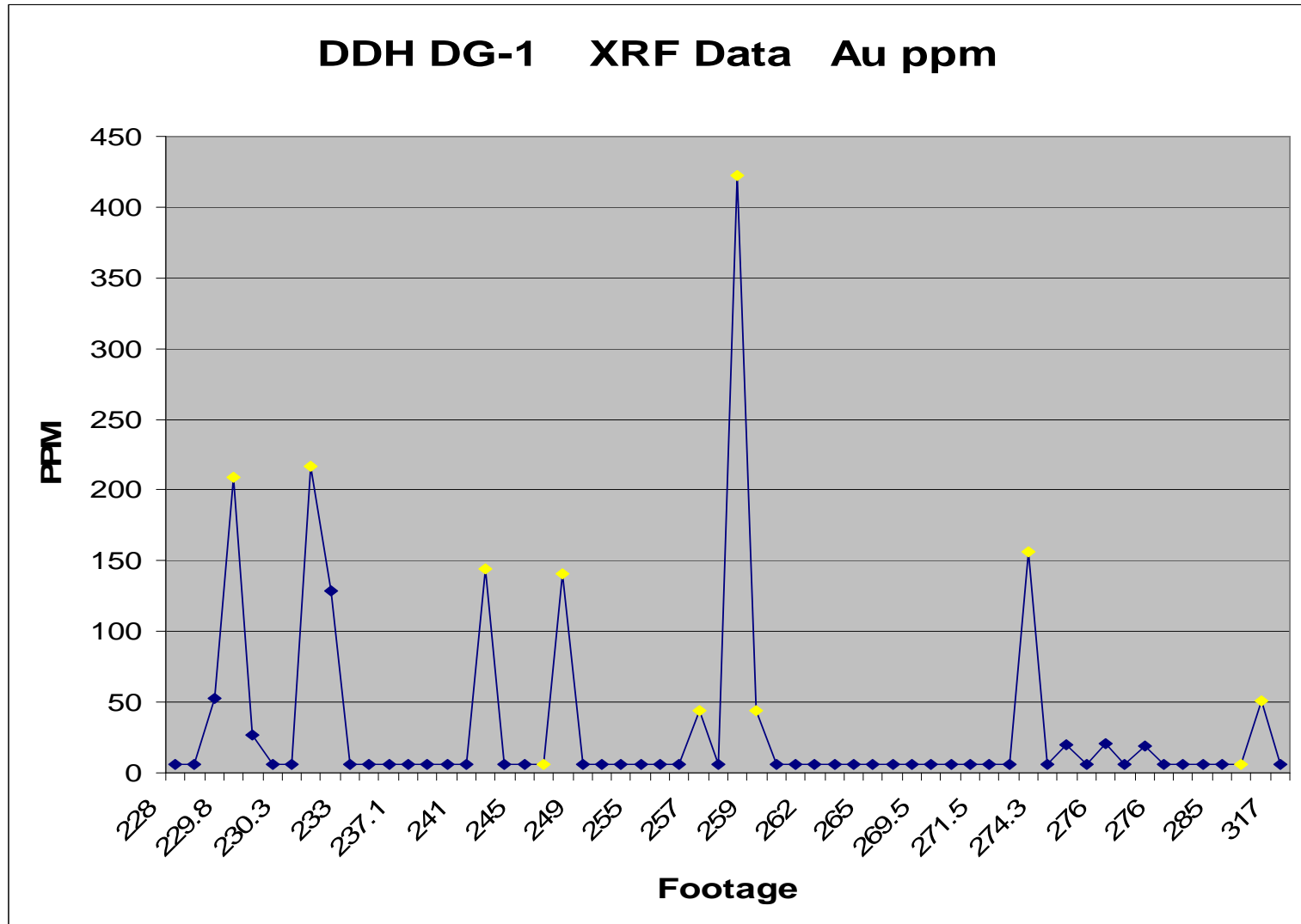
- **For DG-1 XRF plots, data was first arranged in order in the spreadsheet, and plotted in the graphs**
- **X axis footage values are not plotted linearly, only by data order**
- **For Au plots, 19 values were above the detection limit, and 117 values below; and an arbitrary value was chosen to represent these (done for all elements below detection values)**
- **11 of the 19 high values had visible elongate arsenopyrite**



# Portable XRF Analyses - New Data -



## Portable XRF Analyses - New Data -



Yellow data points have associated elongate arsenopyrite



# Correlation Coefficient (Pearson) for DG-1 XRF Analyses – All Samples

## - New Data -

	<i>Ti</i>	<i>Cr</i>	<i>Mn</i>	<i>Fe</i>	<i>Co</i>	<i>Ni</i>	<i>Cu</i>	<i>Zn</i>	<i>As</i>	<i>Rb</i>	<i>Sr</i>	<i>Zr</i>	<i>Mo</i>	<i>Ag</i>	<i>Ba</i>	<i>Au</i>	<i>Pb</i>
Ti	1.00																
Cr	0.42	1.00															
Mn	0.32	0.46	1.00														
Fe	<b>0.54</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>0.63</b>	1.00													
Co	0.42	0.37	<b>0.53</b>	<b>0.92</b>	1.00												
Ni	0.02	0.30	0.19	0.14	0.12	1.00											
Cu	0.26	0.28	0.15	0.28	0.25	<b>0.50</b>	1.00										
Zn	0.12	0.07	0.38	0.24	0.24	0.07	0.01	1.00									
As	-0.11	-0.04	0.05	0.08	0.22	-0.01	-0.02	0.04	1.00								
Rb	0.24	0.06	-0.08	0.04	-0.01	-0.13	-0.02	-0.05	0.02	1.00							
Sr	0.31	0.41	0.37	0.30	0.23	0.28	0.14	0.10	-0.15	-0.14	1.00						
Zr	0.25	-0.20	-0.31	-0.11	-0.10	-0.22	-0.10	-0.09	-0.14	<b>0.54</b>	-0.14	1.00					
Mo	0.02	0.15	0.07	0.07	0.04	0.01	-0.01	0.11	-0.04	0.01	0.03	-0.03	1.00				
Ag	-0.09	-0.03	-0.07	0.01	0.01	-0.02	-0.04	-0.04	0.35	-0.05	-0.08	-0.04	-0.03	1.00			
Ba	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01	-0.05	-0.03	-0.02	-0.05	0.07	-0.05	0.24	0.17	0.13	-0.03	-0.03	1.00		
Au	-0.09	-0.05	0.05	0.06	0.21	-0.03	-0.07	0.03	<b>0.97</b>	0.02	-0.15	-0.15	-0.03	0.27	-0.05	1.00	
Pb	-0.08	-0.05	-0.01	0.01	0.04	-0.03	0.04	0.02	0.15	-0.12	0.20	-0.16	0.14	-0.04	0.08	0.15	1.00



# Correlation Coefficient (Pearson) for DG-1 Dacite XRF Analyses

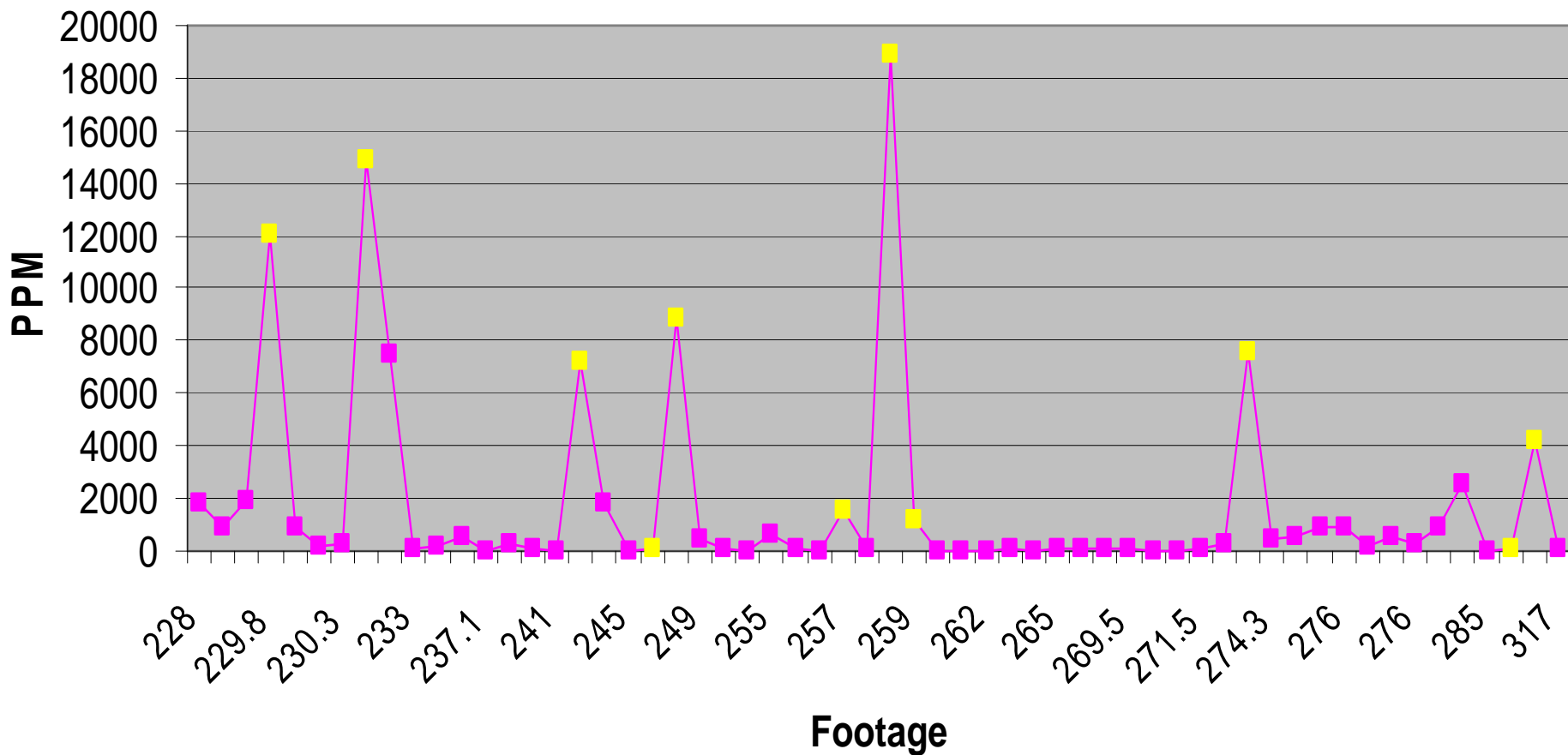
## - New Data -

Dacite																
	<i>Ti</i>	<i>Mn</i>	<i>Fe</i>	<i>Co</i>	<i>Ni</i>	<i>Cu</i>	<i>Zn</i>	<i>As</i>	<i>Rb</i>	<i>Sr</i>	<i>Zr</i>	<i>Mo</i>	<i>Ag</i>	<i>Ba</i>	<i>Au</i>	<i>Pb</i>
Ti	1.00															
Mn	-0.07	1.00														
Fe	0.02	0.34	1.00													
Co	-0.07	0.25	<b>0.93</b>	1.00												
Ni	0.05	-0.02	-0.05	-0.06	1.00											
Cu	-0.07	-0.02	0.22	0.18	-0.02	1.00										
Zn	-0.01	0.09	0.08	0.10	-0.03	-0.03	1.00									
As	-0.04	0.15	0.26	0.40	-0.01	0.02	0.27	1.00								
Rb	0.18	-0.20	-0.09	-0.08	0.03	-0.10	-0.01	0.04	1.00							
Sr	0.19	0.12	-0.14	-0.16	-0.04	0.01	-0.06	-0.14	-0.23	1.00						
Zr	0.20	-0.32	-0.14	-0.14	-0.06	-0.10	-0.12	-0.13	<b>0.64</b>	-0.11	1.00					
Mo	-0.05	-0.02	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	0.02	-0.04	0.01	0.00	0.03	1.00				
Ag	-0.08	-0.04	0.08	0.07	-0.02	-0.03	-0.06	0.35	-0.05	-0.06	-0.03	-0.03	1.00			
Ba	-0.08	0.02	-0.04	0.01	-0.02	-0.03	-0.03	-0.05	0.24	0.19	0.07	-0.02	-0.03	1.00		
Au	-0.02	0.16	0.23	0.38	0.00	-0.05	0.23	<b>0.97</b>	0.04	-0.12	-0.16	-0.03	0.26	-0.05	1.00	
Pb	-0.09	-0.02	0.05	0.10	-0.02	0.14	0.05	0.15	-0.21	0.09	-0.18	0.17	-0.04	-0.04	0.17	1.00



# Portable XRF Analyses - New Data -

## DDH DG-1 XRF Data As ppm

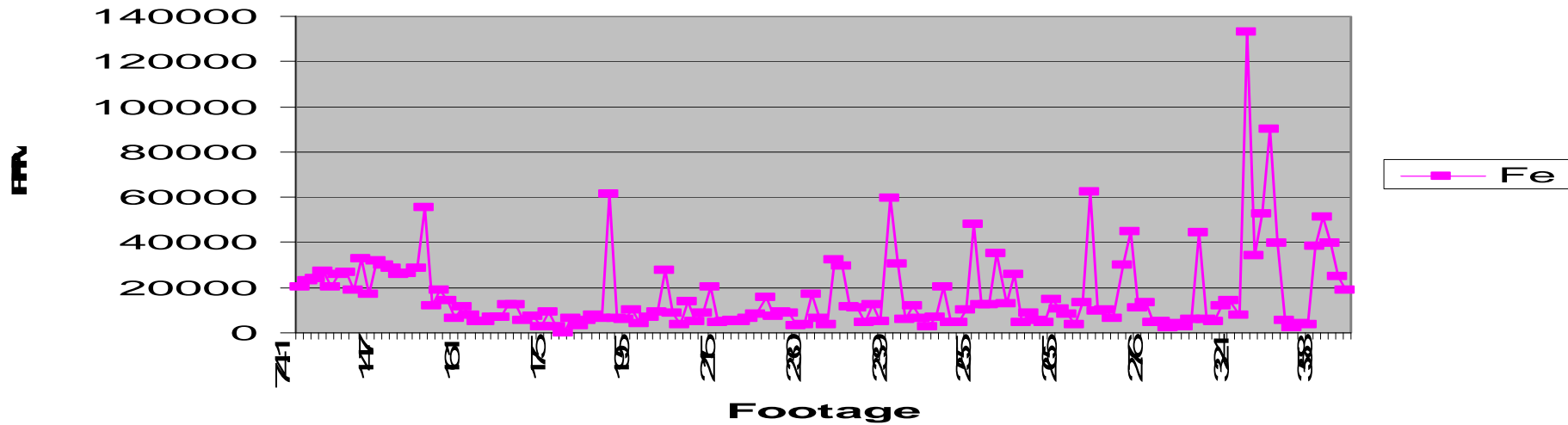


Yellow data points have associated elongate arsenopyrite

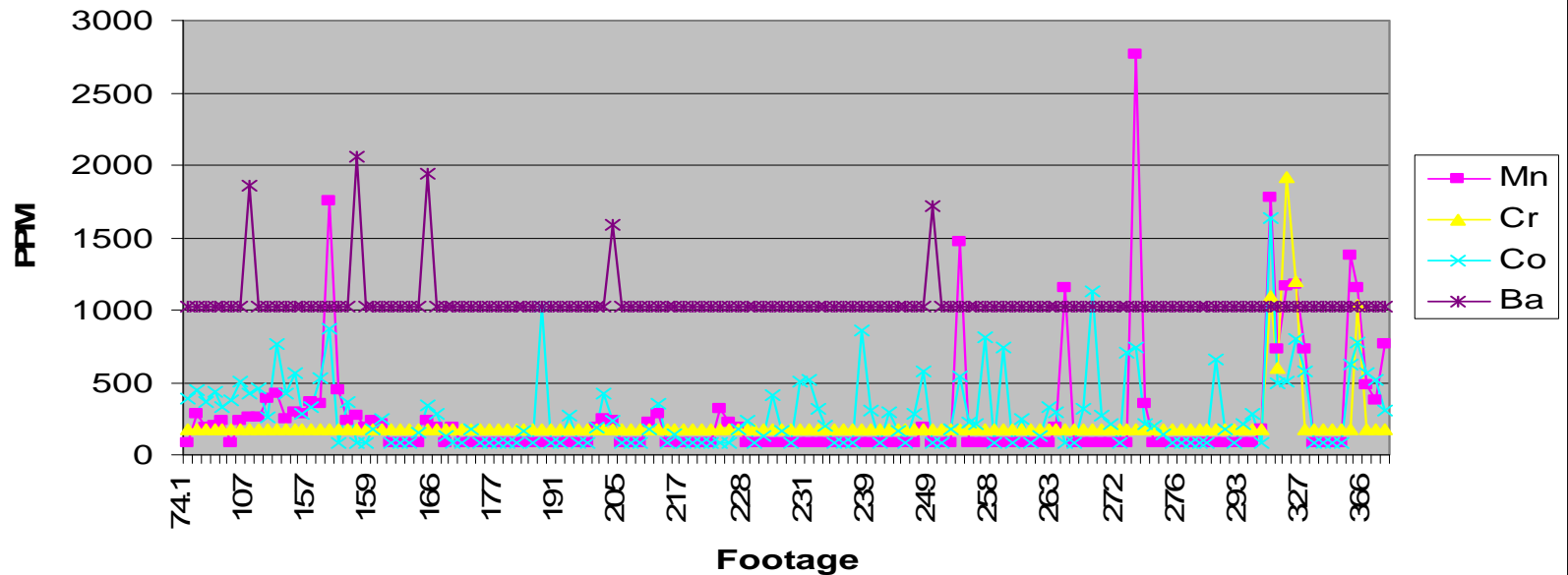


# Portable XRF Analyses - New Data -

## DDH DG-1

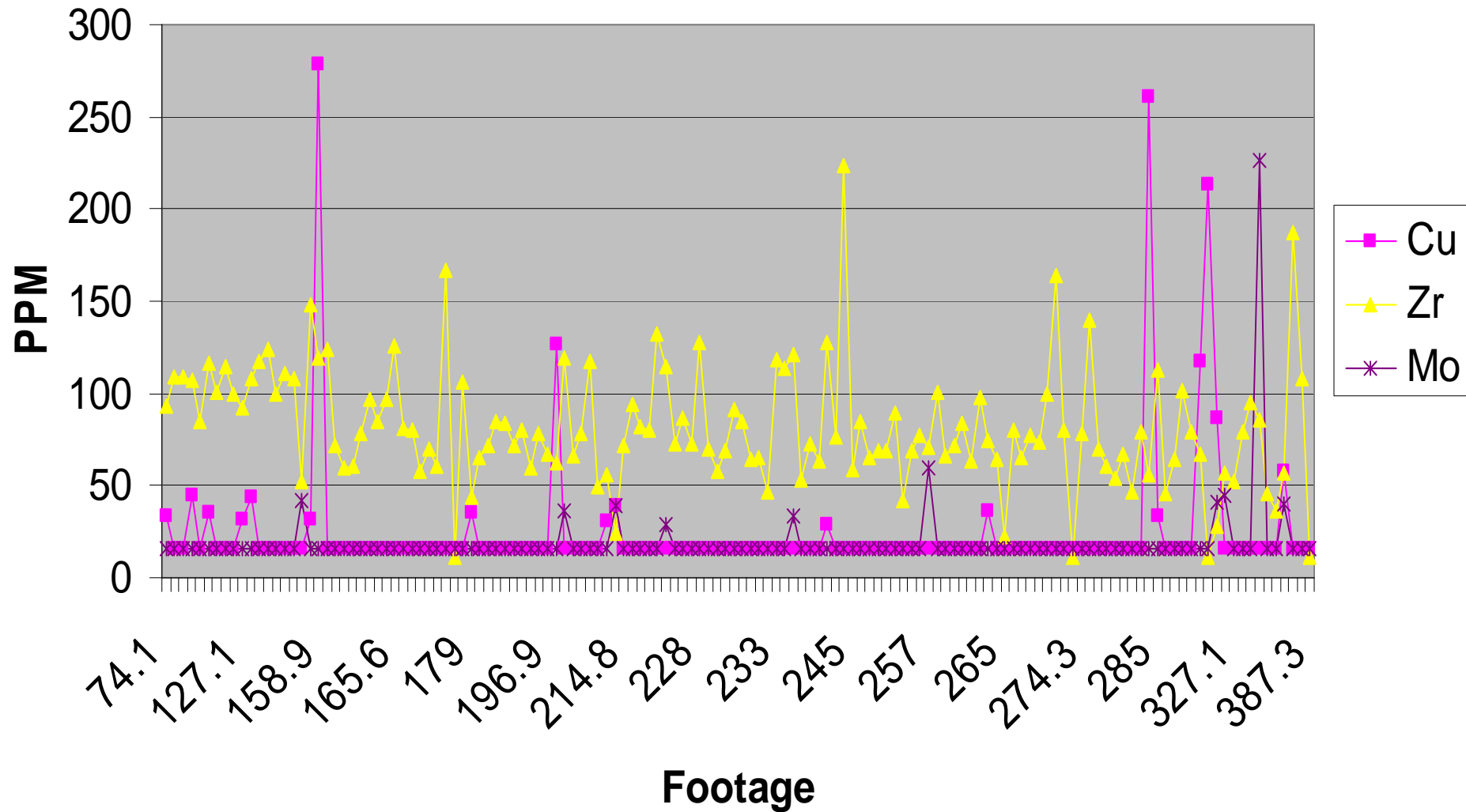


## DDH DG-1



# Portable XRF Analyses - New Data -

## DDH DG-1





# **SECOND SET OF MICROROBE DATA**

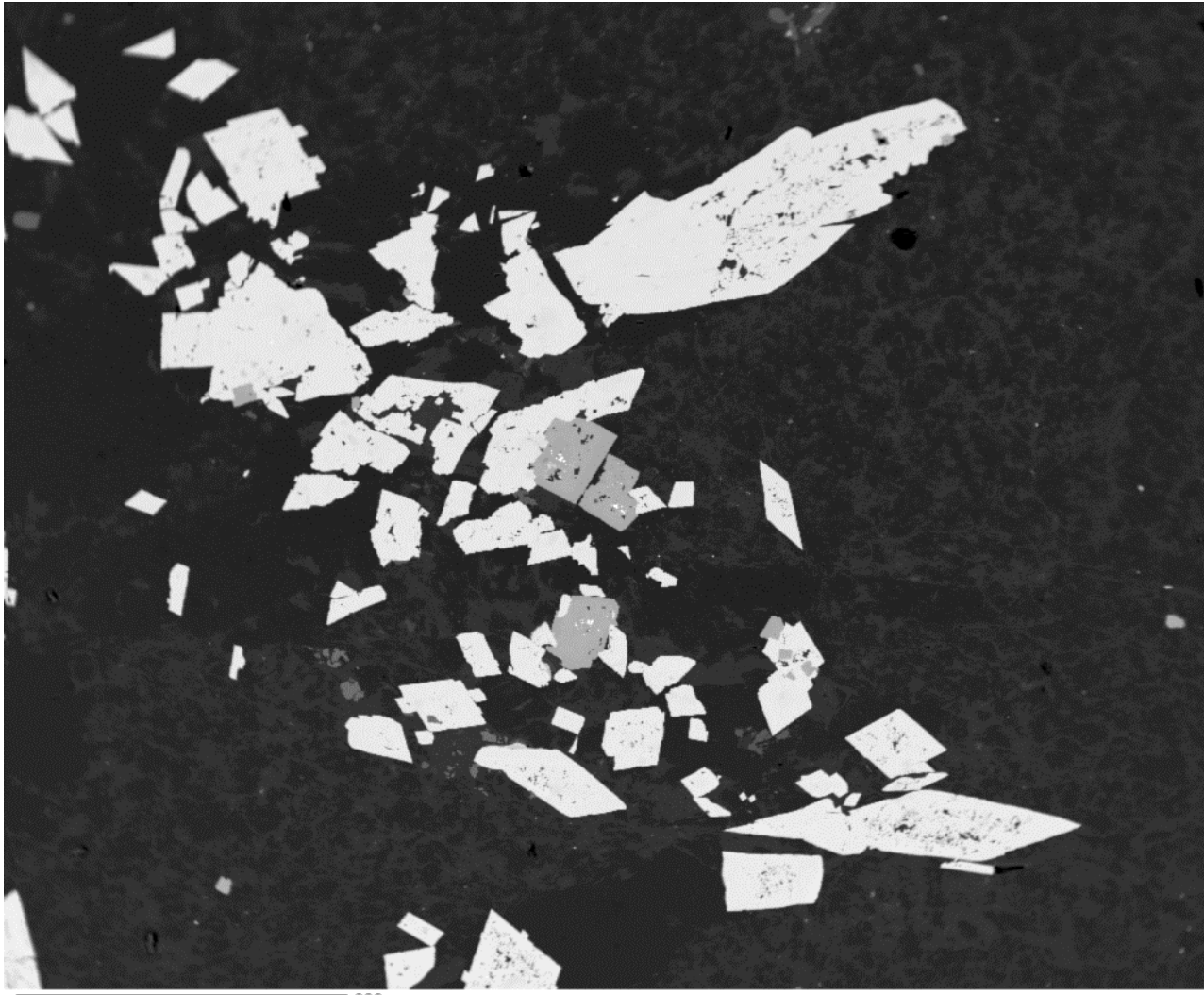
- **Microprobe detection limit for Au is about 200 ppm**
- **XRF data indicates microprobe could elucidate Au distribution in DDH DG-1**
- **Samples P368MW472a and P368MW472b were chosen because of high Au**
- **Done interactively to allow results as they come in to drive direction**

# Procedures

1. Find highest atomic numbered phases by adjusting brightness and contrast of backscattered electron images
2. Use Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy (EDS) to separate Au phases from other high atomic number phases
3. Quantitative analyses of arsenopyrite and gold related phases, to get measurable gold concentrations
4. Do element mapping for Au for phases with measurable concentration



## Sample: 472a - Area 1



BSI

Arsenopyrite and As-rich pyrite



# Sample: 472a - Area 1

As



Fe

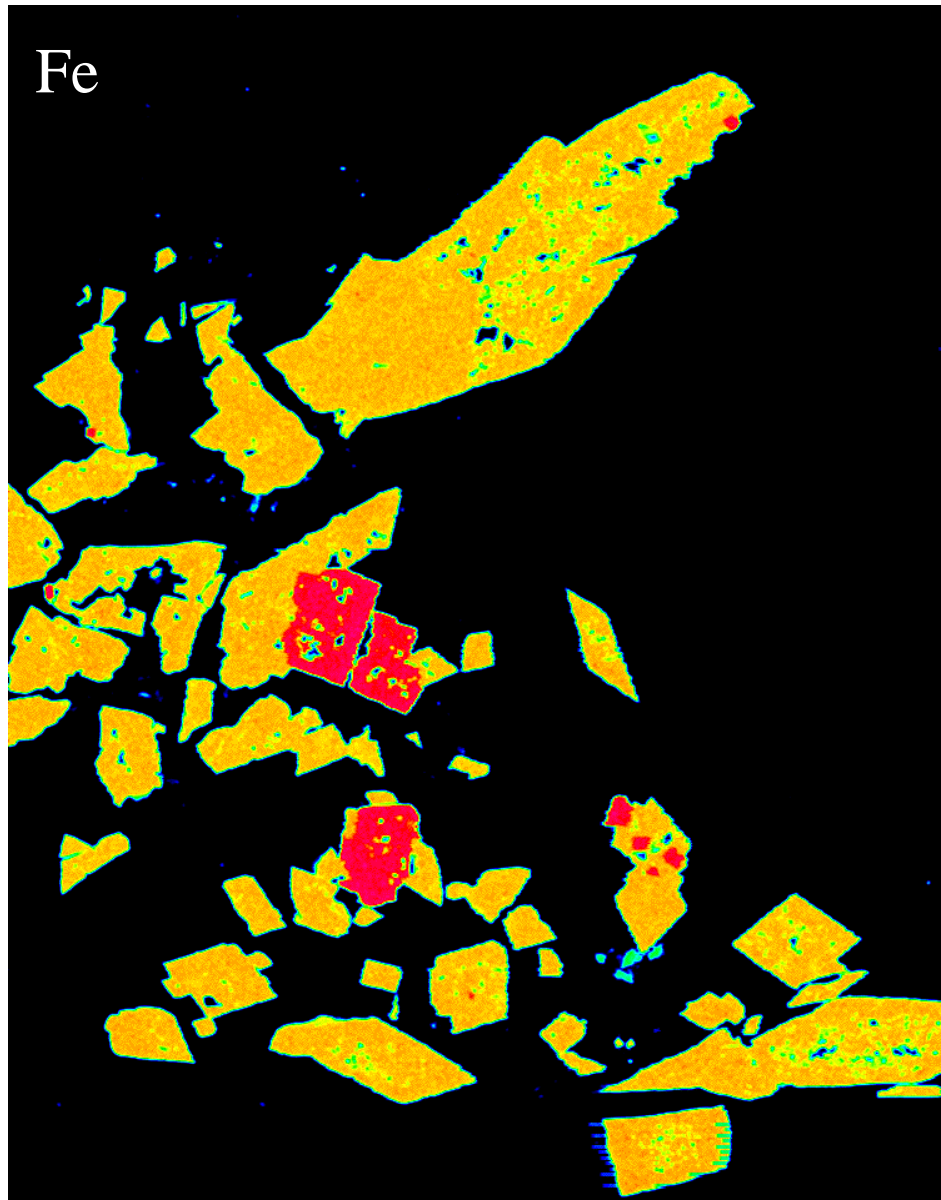


Image width: 1335 microns





# Sample: 472a - Area 1

Au

Pb

Image width: 1335 microns



# Pyrite Microprobe Analysis Data

Average		Weight Percent						
	Cu	Fe	As	S	Ag	Sb	Pb	Au
	Total							
	0.04	47.52	0.16	51.46	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.009
	99.19							
	0.00	45.70	3.97	49.52	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.044
	99.23							
	0.00	46.06	2.13	51.10	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.031
	99.33							
	0.01	45.72	3.88	49.50	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.016
	99.13							
	<b>0.01</b>	<b>46.25</b>	<b>2.54</b>	<b>50.40</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.025</b>
	<b>99.22</b>							



# First Set of Arsenopyrite Microprobe Analysis Data

			Weight Percent					
Cu	Fe	As	S	Ag	Sb	Pb	Au (rpt)	Total
0.000	35.62	41.81	22.61	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.050	100.10
0.027	35.56	43.83	21.33	0.000	0.034	0.014	0.019	100.82
0.000	35.25	42.41	21.72	0.000	0.052	0.023	0.054	99.52
0.025	35.23	43.56	21.24	0.009	0.006	0.000	0.000	100.07
0.013	35.45	43.20	21.56	0.000	0.011	0.000	0.043	100.28
0.000	35.30	44.19	21.00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.051	100.54
0.000	35.64	42.24	21.86	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.051	99.79
0.000	35.60	43.17	21.57	0.011	0.000	0.000	0.066	100.42
0.000	35.44	43.79	21.28	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.024	100.53
0.039	35.44	43.58	21.61	0.015	0.023	0.000	0.033	100.74
0.000	35.30	43.40	21.39	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.009	100.10
0.023	36.15	43.01	21.70	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.046	100.93
0.005	36.23	42.79	22.22	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	101.24
0.033	36.24	42.06	22.54	0.000	0.032	0.000	0.072	100.96
0.002	36.13	41.18	22.82	0.000	0.043	0.000	0.044	100.22
0.000	36.13	42.81	21.85	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.029	100.81
0.000	36.26	42.14	22.24	0.004	0.020	0.018	0.030	100.71
0.029	36.11	42.69	22.11	0.000	0.042	0.000	0.058	101.04
0.021	36.35	42.14	22.01	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.022	100.54
0.000	36.65	40.65	23.32	0.031	0.022	0.000	0.017	100.68
0.000	36.11	42.86	22.10	0.000	0.009	0.000	0.001	101.08
0.000	35.98	42.31	22.23	0.006	0.000	0.051	0.000	100.58
0.013	36.36	42.37	22.28	0.004	0.000	0.003	0.060	101.08





# High-Au Arsenopyrite Grain



BSI 100µm

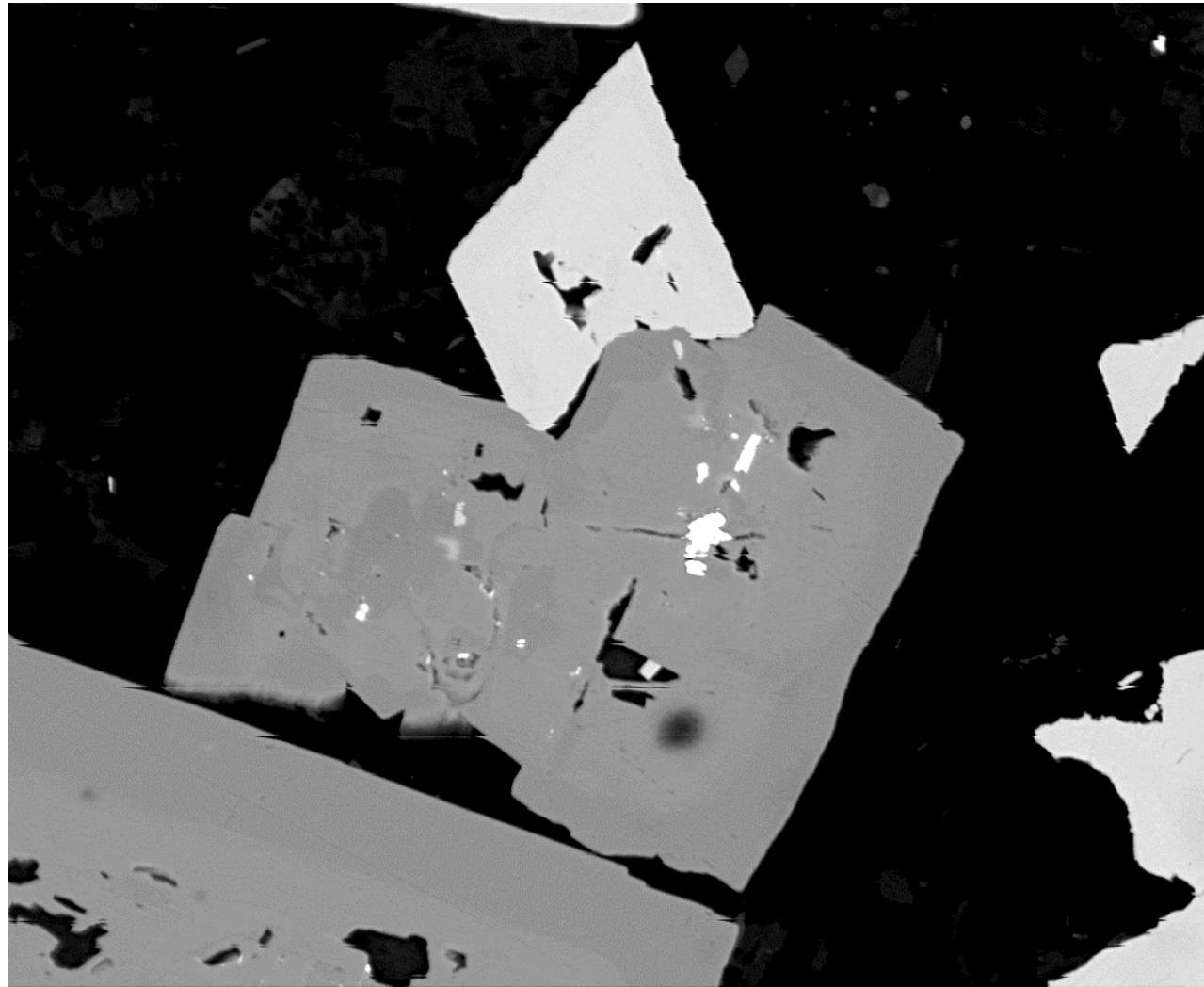


# Second Set of Arsenopyrite Microprobe Analysis Data

			Weight Percent					
Cu	Fe	As	S	Ag	Sb	Pb	Au (rpt)	Total
0.004	36.13	41.48	22.56	0.000	0.021	0.000	0.014	100.20
0.000	36.34	42.51	21.88	0.020	0.031	0.000	0.000	100.77
0.017	36.43	41.78	22.58	0.000	0.032	0.015	0.010	100.86
0.043	36.19	43.17	21.90	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.045	101.35
0.000	36.24	43.10	21.48	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.030	100.84
0.007	35.66	43.74	20.70	0.012	0.181	0.000	0.040	100.34
0.000	36.14	43.35	21.45	0.000	0.014	0.000	0.015	100.97
0.003	35.75	43.50	20.98	0.005	0.072	0.000	0.000	100.32
0.000	36.12	43.25	21.47	0.027	0.000	0.000	0.000	100.86
0.000	35.35	44.77	20.18	0.000	0.032	0.000	0.000	100.33
0.007	35.82	44.04	20.81	0.010	0.010	0.000	0.009	100.70
0.006	35.62	44.60	20.38	0.000	0.014	0.000	0.009	100.64
0.022	33.34	38.46	19.66	0.000	0.060	0.000	0.000	91.54
0.007	35.72	43.64	20.89	0.012	0.008	0.000	0.000	100.28
0.015	35.29	43.77	20.87	0.000	0.022	0.029	0.332	100.32
0.000	35.32	43.65	20.61	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.101	99.69
0.011	35.29	43.92	20.32	0.000	0.033	0.022	0.118	99.71
0.011	34.53	44.35	19.46	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.197	98.54
0.007	34.94	43.94	20.59	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.134	99.60
0.000	34.78	43.51	20.68	0.000	0.032	0.034	0.182	99.22
0.000	35.49	43.86	20.58	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.277	100.21
0.000	36.28	41.77	22.06	0.034	0.021	0.053	0.017	100.24
0.009	35.72	42.94	21.48	0.005	0.020	0.006	0.051	100.23



# Sample: 472a - Area 2

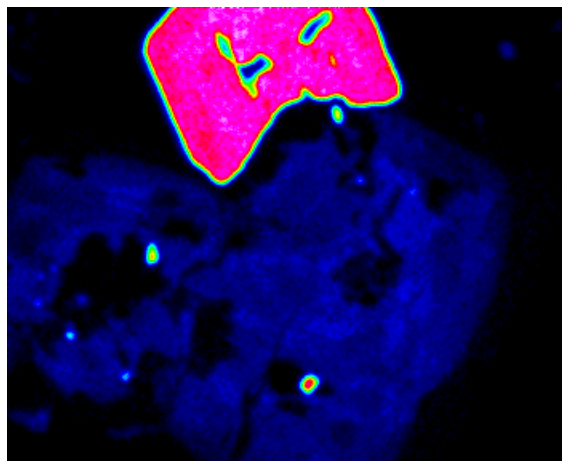


BSI

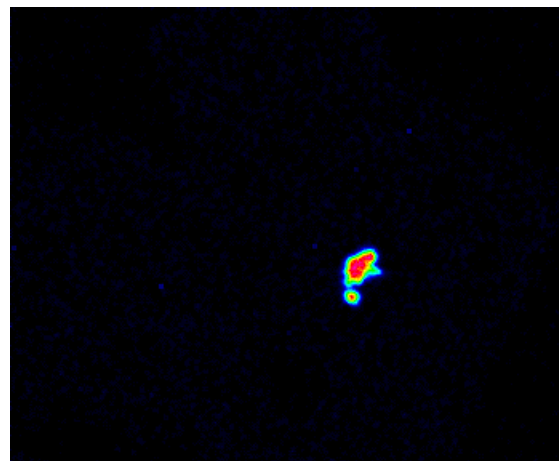


## Sample: 472a - Area 2

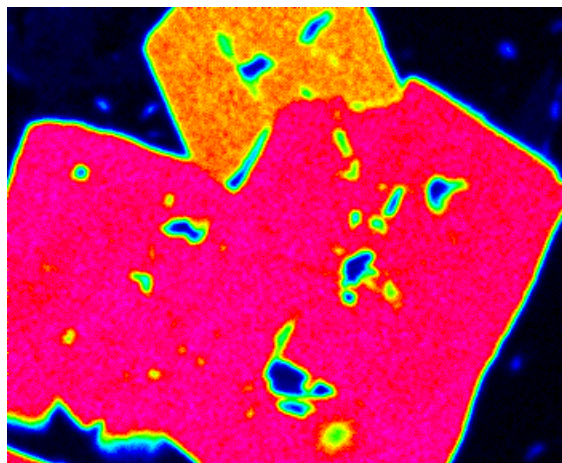
As



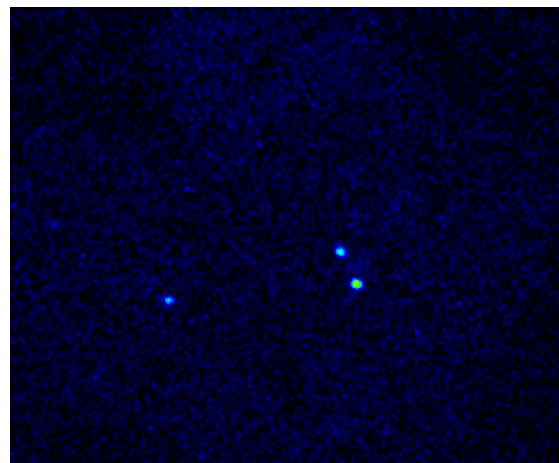
Au



Fe



Cu



Width of image: 120 microns



# Gold Grain Microprobe Analysis Data

Sample: 472a - Area 2

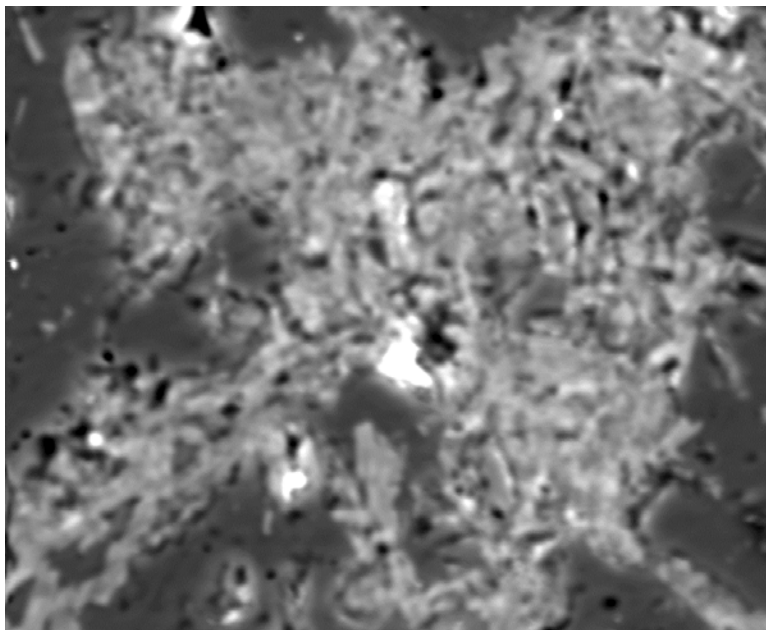
2 Grains within Pyrite

	Weight Percent							
	Cu	Fe	As	S	Ag	Sb	Pb	Au
Average	0.04	4.30	0.31	1.02	22.20	0.00	0.00	68.97
	0.05	3.53	0.37	1.47	23.62	0.00	0.00	66.79
	<b>0.04</b>	<b>3.92</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>22.91</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>67.88</b>



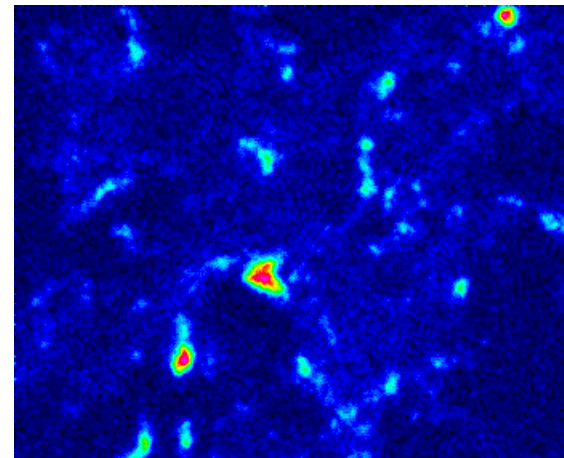


# Sample 472a - Area 3

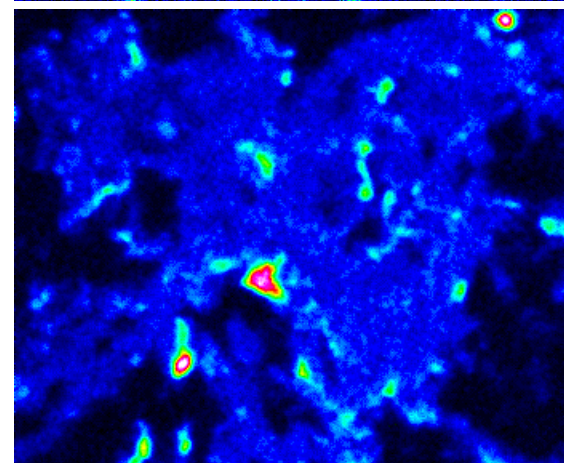


BSE 30µm

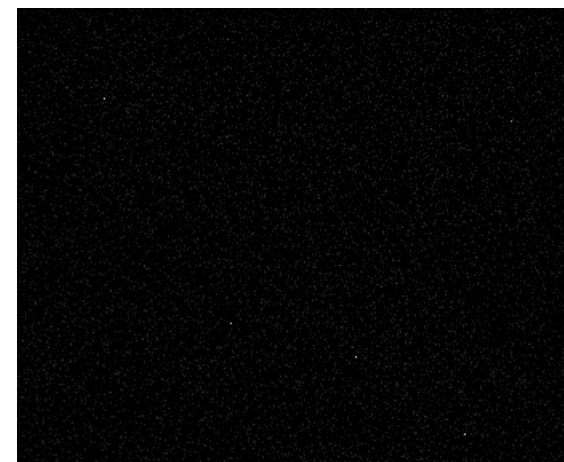
As



Fe



Au



Width of images: 100 microns

Average

anomalous values



# **Chemical and Mineral Work Observations**

- **Microprobe gold was observed in arsenopyrite, pyrite, and sericite**
- **Gold grains in pyrite was coarser (to 10 microns) than Au grains in arsenopyrite**
- **Gold grains in pyrite was finer than Au grains reported in quartz-carbonate veins in outcrops and core**
- **Gold positively correlates with potassium and negatively with sodium**
- **Dacite is the preferred host rock for gold mineralization**
- **Observed pyrite is zoned with higher arsenic rims.**



# **Chemical and Mineral Work Observations**

- **Pyrite is locally enclosed within later arsenopyrite**
- **Largest gold values are related to elongate, arsenopyrite needles (low sulfidation conditions)**
- **“Invisible” gold is greatest in arsenopyrite**
- **Plots of previous Au analyses often have a single high Au bump, with smaller secondary bumps. As a general rule, the farther apart the secondary bumps are, the higher in magnitude they tend to be**
- **Arsenopyrite needles are often broken with fragments variably displaced.**



# **Chemical and Mineral Work Observations**

- **Pyrite and arsenopyrite with gold often have silicate, galena, and other inclusions**
- **Carbonate and organic carbon have negative correlation with gold**
- **Elongate arsenopyrite appear to be preferentially associated with fine-grained sericitic “fragments”, with less arsenopyrite in slightly coarser matrix.**
- **Silica chemistry is antipathetic to most other analyzed elements.**
- **Larger plagioclase phenocrysts have calcic cores, typically altered to chlorite, not epidote; with more sodic rims.**



# **Chemical and Mineral Work Observations**

- **Strain shadows locally developed.**
- **Textures in dacite porphyry locally appear volcanic and fragmental, but fragments could also be alteration remnants.**
- **Fracturing and alteration within porphyry may be tectonic, but it often has an irregular appearance or orientation, and may represent cooling fractures (tectonically reactivated?).**



# Chemical and Mineral Work Conclusions

- **Plots of previous DDH analyses may indicate that closer fracture spacing (and greater number of fractures for the same footage) tend to have lower Au values; as if secondary remobilization processes simply redistribute Au (and related alteration?) according to the number of secondary fractures. This says nothing of total amount of Au at a given place or within a given drill hole. Differences in the rheologic properties of the dacite bodies (thickness?, country rock?, silicification?) during deformation may explain this.**
- **More equigranular arsenopyrite (super-saturation with respect to sulfur) in other locations may be associated later remobilization.**

# **Chemical and Mineral Work Conclusions**

- **Visible gold associated in quartz-carbonate veins may also be later remobilization.**
- **Primary sodium phase, plagioclase, appears to be altered/replaced by the major potassium phase, sericite.**
- **This altering of Na plagioclase to sericite appears to be related to Au and As mineralization.**
- **More uniform Na plagioclase phenocrysts kept starting to form beside overcoating the earlier phenocrysts with calcic cores.**

# **Chemical and Mineral Work Conclusions**

- **Antipathetic nature of silica chemistry to many other analyzed elements, may indicate quartz-flooding or replacement (adding silica, diluting these other elements).**
- **Broken nature of arsenopyrite needles indicate early formation age relative to deformation.**
- **Serictic “fragments” origin is probably altered (non-zoned?) sodic plagioclase phenocrysts, with a lesser probability of them being filled amygdales, altered glass or pumice.**
- **Are galena, rutile, zircon, monazite inclusions (zoned distribution in pyrite and arsenopyrite) indicative of immiscible components?**
- **Dacite may be a mixture of volcanic and intrusive, and evolved**

# **Chemical and Mineral Work Conclusions**

- **Dacite may be a mixture of volcanic and intrusive, and evolved volatile components (and primary gold?) may be volcanic related.**
- **Pyrite, arsenopyrite, carbonate, and plagioclase can all be zoned. Are there implications for them undergoing the same set of varying physical/chemical conditions? Or does timing preclude this.**
- **If mineralization has an important volcanic component, do original volcanic forms and stratigraphy influence metal distribution beyond fault and vein related alteration/mineralization?**



With this, it's time to contemplate the past. . . .

