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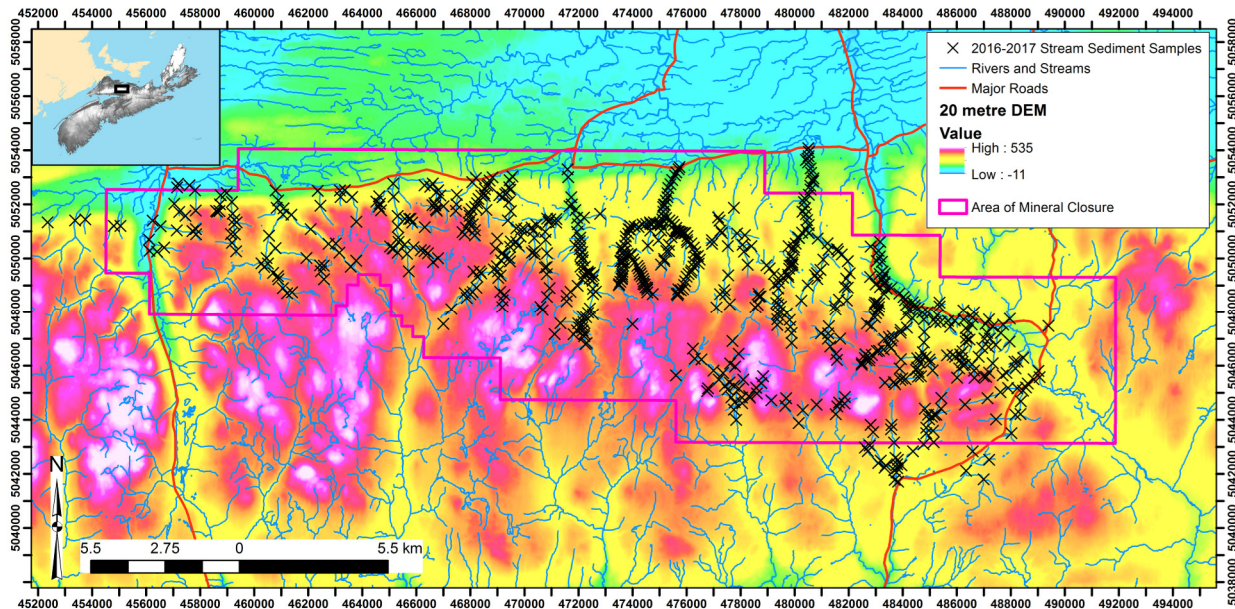
## **Introduction**

A large-scale high-resolution stream sediment (silt) sampling survey across the northeastern Cobequid Highlands was conducted in 2016-2017 as a part of the larger Warwick Mountain Gold project, consisting of grassroots bedrock mapping, till sampling, and stream sediment sampling. This was driven by the recognition of widespread arsenic (As), antimony (Sb), and other base metal anomalies in bedrock samples associated with known gold occurrences in the Warwick Mountain area (MacHattie, 2013, 2017; Baldwin, 2016) and widespread gold-in-stream anomalies identified from recent and historical assessment reports (e.g. Hogg, 1990). During the 2016 field program, an unexplained disconnect between these geochemical anomalies in bedrock samples and the location of the historical gold-in-stream anomalies was observed (Baldwin, 2017; MacHattie 2017). This presented a geoscientific and mineral exploration problem that could not be solved strictly through further bedrock mapping and sampling. This, together with the recognition that the potential for low-sulphidation-type epithermal gold was across the entire Carboniferous volcanic belt, rather than just at Warwick and Nuttby mountains, necessitated an expansion of sampling programs (MacHattie 2013; Baldwin 2016). As a result, large-scale sampling programs in the area were initiated (Baldwin, 2017; Brushett, 2017; MacHattie 2017) to better locate and characterize the areas with the best potential. The pilot sampling program of autumn 2016 (Baldwin, 2017) had already demonstrated the utility of pXRF for detecting arsenic and base metals (e.g. Zn, Pb), allowing this inexpensive, fast in-house analytical method to be used on a much larger survey scale, and to better screen samples for the best candidates to send for full lab analyses. Between the 2016 and 2017 field campaigns, a total of 774 stream sediment samples were collected, of which 623 were collected from June to September 2017 (Fig. 1).

This paper contains the field methods and survey design notes for this stream sediment survey, the data (Appendices A and B), as well as the QA/QC on the lab and pXRF data collected as part of the survey (Appendix C). A GIS-compatible digital data release (Baldwin and MacMullen, 2018) accompanies this report; it contains sample location data, all field notes on the site, and all data acquired by pXRF and aqua regia ICP-MS as a GIS dataset (file geodatabase and shape files), complete with coded layer files with recommended symbology.

## **Survey Design**

Initially designed as an experiment to test the utility of pXRF for reconnaissance geochemistry on stream sediment sampling (Baldwin, 2017), the early returns on the 2016 sampling program were sufficiently promising to expand this program to a high-density regional survey. Sampling in 2016 was done at extremely high resolution, with station spacing ranging from 50 to 150 m, depending the scale of gold-in-streams anomalies reported by Seabright in the late 1980s (Hogg, 1990). During this initial pilot campaign, the principal focus was placed on the Miller Brook–Munroe Brook–Sutherland Brook area near East New Annan and Central New Annan (Baldwin, 2017). This area was the original focus because of the large number of historical gold anomalies but an apparent absence of anomalous pathfinder elements (e.g. As, Sb) in bedrock samples (MacHattie, 2017). Additional focus was placed on the Baileys Brook–Cavanagh



**Figure 1.** Sample locations of stream sediment (silt) samples collect in 2016 and 2017 in the Warwick Mountain mineral closure area (N=774). Background is 20 m DEM.

Brook system and McLeod Brook, areas of new mineral discoveries in 2016 (Baldwin, 2017; MacHattie, 2017). Total sampling in the fall 2016 pilot program resulted in 151 silt samples. Promising preliminary results resulted in the design of the full study presented herein. Using the 1 m lidar together with existing topographical maps, a total of 670 stream sample target sites were chosen, emphasizing sampling below, above, and up each visible drainage and tributary throughout the study area. Emphasis was placed on waterways draining from the Byers Brook and Diamond Brook formations. Riverways without visible tributaries had targets placed at intervals ranging from 200 to 500 m, as appropriate based on known bedrock lithology changes and the perceived prospectivity of the area. Not all targets proved sampleable, as some drainages visible on the lidar showed no or little evidence of even ephemeral water flow. However, if any evidence of seasonal or ephemeral flow was observed, the site was sampled. Many target areas also proved inaccessible, most commonly due to being in large swamps with severely overgrown alders. Due to time constraints on the program and the questionable value of stream sediments collected in swamps, large target areas (e.g. south of Clear Lake and Whippley Lake) lack sample coverage. The presence of swamps did not necessarily preclude sampling, however, as the upper headwaters of many streams in the area are swamps or bogs on top of the highlands (plateau). Consequently, many samples from the headwaters of streams were disproportionately high in organic matter.

## Methods

### Field and Sampling Methods

Stream sediment sampling protocol followed that of the National Geochemical Reconnaissance (NGR) (*see* Day et al., 2009), consisting of filling a kraft paper sample bag with the finest grained material available at the sample site. This resulted in samples ranging in overall composition from fine-grained sand, to pebbly silts and sands, to organic-rich mud, depending on the physiography and sedimentation patterns of the streams present. Field samples were then placed in individual Ziploc bags to prevent cross-contamination between samples. Collection of field duplicate samples commenced at 17GB0114/115 (first duplicate pair), and a duplicate pair was collected within every 20-sample interval for the

remainder of the program, resulting in a total of 26 duplicate pairs. Kraft bags for sample duplicates were filled simultaneously, each receiving half of each handful of sampled material. Duplicates were primarily collected at sites with more abundant and thus often sandier sediment than the average site.

Upon return from the field, samples were laid out on plastic shelving to air dry for a minimum of 24 hours to remove excess moisture prior to being placed in a Thermo Scientific drying oven at 60°C for 24 to 40 hours, depending on the level of dryness after 24 hours and the number of samples in the queue. Samples typically underwent an additional two weeks or longer air drying following the oven, partly to eliminate any remaining moisture and partly due to sample backlog and the amount of time dedicated to sample processing over the course of the field season. All samples were processed within a maximum of three weeks following collection. Once completely dry, samples were hand sieved for the <250 µm fraction (all coarser material was discarded). All samples passed through 500 µm and 250 µm screens; however, later samples were also passed through 2 mm and 1 mm screens to expedite the sieving process and increase sample yield. Samples collected during the 2016 field campaign were processed in old brass sieves, but upon the expansion of the sampling program, new stainless steel sieves were purchased and used for all 2017 samples. Sieve fraction yields for samples ranged from 5% to some rare samples with near total recovery. Sieved material was stored in 40 dram (147.9 mL) snap-top vials. For analysis, the lids were removed from the vials and the vials were covered with Prolene 4 µm Thin-Film, which was then secured with elastic. Following homogenization (shaking of vials), sample vials were inverted on a Innovex x5000 portable X-ray Fluorescence (pXRF) and analyzed for a suite of 38 elements; however, several (P, Cl, Co, Ag, La, Nd, Sm, Hg, and Bi) were not reported due either to very low numbers of detections, or due to very poor reproducibility of the data.

## Field Notes

Sample site data were recorded using the standard NGR stream sediment sample forms. Collected information included stream width, depth, physiography, and surface expression; the stream's drainage, source, class, type, and flow; water colour and clarity; the vegetation type present; the bank material(s); possible contamination sources (detailed below); and sediment colour and grain size. Not all data were recorded at all sites, specifically stream width, depth, sampling time, and grain size percentages. This was generally due to sampler error or the sampler not wearing a watch. These have been recorded as zero in the digital product (Baldwin and MacMullen, 2018) as well as in the data tables in Appendix A, and are indicated so in the comments column. Such cases make up a small proportion of the 774 samples collected.

Most samples collected have as either definite or probable sources of contamination. This is in large part due to the long history of habitation, development, and land use in the study area. Although most of the area is currently heavily forested with generally low degrees of development, a variety of potential contamination sources were observed and identified:

- 1) Forestry: Most of the study area consists of forested lots used for timber harvesting, both at the small and industrial scale. Recently harvested areas are potentially subject to several types of contamination. The largest observed causes appeared to be increased erosion due to clear cutting and fuel and lubricant seepage into the streams, which occurs where heavy equipment was operated proximal to the stream and where barrels and bottles of grease, oil, and other fluids were discarded into the streams. Locally, further contamination results from slash and large volumes of sawdust being dumped in the streams. In some rare cases, areas marked as having potential for contamination by forestry are not at significant risk from harvesting, but rather from silvicultural operations. Given the broad nature of forestry operations in this region of the Cobequid Highlands, all samples should be

considered at risk of contamination. This includes samples not marked as potentially contaminated in Appendix A and Baldwin and MacMullen (2018).

- 2) Domestic: Portions of the study area are inhabited, but generally sparsely. Many of the sources of potential domestic contamination are cottages and other seasonal homes, but year-round residences are also a source of contamination. In many areas, domestic contamination may be unrelated to the presence of any houses, as domestic garbage, ranging from modern household waste to old appliances and automobiles, are often found in even the most remote stream beds. Where houses and cottages are present, contamination from septic systems and outhouses is also a possibility.
- 3) Road runoff: An extensive network of roads, ranging from paved, numbered highways to overgrown woods roads and trails, is present in the study area, making the possibility of contamination from road runoff common. Potential contamination from petrochemicals, road salt, and other debris are present along paved and primary gravel roads in the area, but some contamination risk remains from even the smallest, least-used trail or track.
- 4) Agriculture: In parts of the study area, particularly those close to the Cumberland Basin, agriculture with diverse products is present. Most farms in the study area are dominated by hay, cultivated wild blueberries, or livestock (cattle, horses). These crops carry less risk of runoff from fertilizers and pesticides than other farmed products; however, many of the livestock farms in the area have open pasture access to the streams, creating some contamination risk from animal waste.
- 5) Mining: No active mining operations are present in the study area; however, numerous aggregate pits, both small and large, extracting both bedrock and overburden are present. Most are not active; however, areas with such risk have been recorded.
- 6) Industry: This designation is used to identify areas with contamination risk from one of two sources: either runoff from the trails at Ski Wentworth at the western end of the study area or drainage from the Nuttby Mountain Wind Farm in the east. The actual contamination risk from each of these is uncertain.
- 7) Iron seep: There are local cases of rusty iron seeps at or near a sample site. Some examples may be naturally occurring; however, all have been noted due to their likely influence on sediment composition.
- 8) Sugarbush: Numerous maple syrup operations are present along the north slope of the Cobequid Highlands in this area. Although this contamination designation is very specific, it was chosen because these operations have similarities to the forestry, agriculture, and industry categories. These operations, however, are fairly low impact and most carry minimal risk of contaminating the stream sediments.

## **Aqua Regia ICP-MS Sample Selection**

Out of the total of 774 samples analyzed by pXRF, a subset of 292 samples was selected for analysis by aqua regia ICP-MS at Bureau Veritas in Vancouver for a suite of 35 elements, including Au and most pathfinder elements and base metals. To avoid any preconceived sample bias, geographic location was not used in selecting samples for lab analyses. Instead, samples were screened based primarily on their chemistry. By pXRF, As had proved to be the most promising pathfinder element, so samples were initially screened to include the 200 highest As values from the dataset. Additionally, all samples with greater than 300 ppm Zn were selected. Lastly, all samples with detectable Se, Hg, and Sb were selected (Hg data by pXRF has not been reported, due to unrealistic concentrations and a total lack of reproducibility by lab methods). The dataset was completed with the addition of all remaining field duplicate pairs for QA/QC purposes. Fifteen aliquots of the CANMET standard reference material Till-3

were also included as blind checks on data quality (all CANMET stream sediment standards had been discontinued at the time of survey design). Aliquots of Till-3 were inserted randomly within each 20-sample sequence, and assigned the sample designation of the number of the preceding sample with the suffix “C” added to the end (e.g., 17GB0030C). Certified values used in QA/QC are from Lynch (1996). Aliquots weighing between 4 and 45 g were measured from the sieved samples (contingent on the amount of sample recovery during sieving and the density of the sample material), placed in clean, screw-top plastic vials and sent to Bureau Veritas (formerly ACME Labs) for analysis by procedure AQ250. All diagrams related to QA/QC are included in Appendix C (C1-pXRF duplicates; C2-Till-3; C3-Field Duplicates by ICP-MSW; C4- Lab duplicates by ICP-MS; C4- pXRF vs ICP-MS data).

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## **Appendix A. Geochemical Results**

Geochemical results are in the accompanying Microsoft Excel file “AppendixA\_Geochem\_V1.xlsx”.

## **Appendix B. Laboratory Certificates**

In addition to the following text, the laboratory results are presented in the accompanying text file “VAN17002654.CSV”.

Editor’s note: Three samples have been redacted. These samples are outside the study area.



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### CLIENT JOB INFORMATION

Project: None Given  
Shipment ID:  
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Number of Samples: 308

### SAMPLE DISPOSAL

RTRN-PLP Return After 90 days

### SAMPLE PREPARATION AND ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES

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AQ250	307	1:1:1 Aqua Regia digestion Ultratrace ICP-MS analysis	0.5	Completed	VAN
DRPLP	307	Warehouse handling / disposition of pulps			VAN

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Bureau Veritas does not accept responsibility for samples left at the laboratory after 90 days without prior written instructions for sample storage or return.

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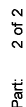
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Unit	MDL																
16GB0218	31.4	18.4	0.77	109.1	0.144	<20	2.14	0.014	0.05	<0.1	3.3	0.72	0.14	190	1.9	<0.02	6.3
16GB0235	18.3	15.5	0.43	57.1	0.077	<20	0.82	0.008	0.06	0.2	2.5	0.15	0.02	35	0.2	<0.02	3.3
16GB0236	15.6	14.4	0.42	46.8	0.072	<20	0.79	0.009	0.06	0.2	2.4	0.14	0.03	31	0.2	<0.02	3.3
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16GB0240	20.4	15.7	0.30	41.0	0.054	<20	0.81	0.007	0.06	0.1	2.1	0.20	<0.02	34	0.3	<0.02	3.1
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17KG0001	19.3	21.3	0.56	52.5	0.110	<20	1.38	0.010	0.06	0.1	3.3	0.19	0.03	45	0.4	<0.02	4.6
17KG0002	27.2	21.5	0.46	83.2	0.076	<20	1.86	0.008	0.05	<0.1	2.5	0.43	0.10	131	1.5	<0.02	5.1
17KG0003	21.0	25.2	0.72	53.9	0.168	<20	1.87	0.009	0.05	0.1	4.1	0.30	0.04	52	0.5	<0.02	6.2
17KG0004	38.1	19.2	0.46	45.2	0.123	<20	1.43	0.008	0.04	0.2	3.6	0.33	0.06	85	1.1	<0.02	5.7
17KG0004C	15.1	61.3	0.55	38.2	0.061	<20	1.03	0.019	0.08	0.2	3.4	0.08	<0.02	104	0.1	<0.02	3.7
17KG0009	62.5	17.4	0.19	167.0	0.075	<20	1.27	0.010	0.04	<0.1	2.7	1.45	0.17	198	2.6	<0.02	6.7
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17GB0008	64.3	19.9	0.40	54.4	0.046	<20	1.40	0.005	0.06	0.1	3.1	0.66	0.07	100	1.9	<0.02	4.9
17GB0009	52.5	18.9	0.42	54.2	0.068	<20	1.44	0.007	0.04	0.1	2.5	0.53	0.14	199	1.0	<0.02	4.5
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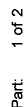
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			MDL	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.001	20	0.01	0.001	0.01	0.1	0.1	0.02	5	0.02	0.1	0.02	0.1
17GB00013	Sediment Pulp			316	24.4	0.56	49.6	0.107	<20	1.64	0.008	0.04	0.2	3.4	0.60	0.06	80	1.0	<0.02	5.6
17GB00014	Sediment Pulp			26.0	18.8	0.47	39.4	0.085	<20	1.14	0.006	0.05	0.2	2.6	0.42	0.04	44	0.5	<0.02	4.1
17GB00017	Sediment Pulp			40.6	16.4	0.34	37.9	0.057	<20	1.67	0.009	0.07	0.2	1.7	0.64	0.09	130	1.4	<0.02	5.6
17GB00018	Sediment Pulp			27.9	18.7	0.43	51.3	0.083	<20	1.40	0.007	0.06	0.2	2.6	0.54	0.05	78	0.7	<0.02	5.0
17GB00019	Sediment Pulp			44.8	26.7	0.57	80.0	0.093	<20	1.95	0.011	0.09	0.3	3.8	0.85	0.07	99	1.1	<0.02	6.8
17GB00020	Sediment Pulp			25.2	22.7	0.50	106.7	0.090	<20	1.53	0.008	0.09	0.1	3.8	0.35	0.03	55	0.3	<0.02	5.2
17GB00021	Sediment Pulp			22.1	22.7	0.46	109.7	0.081	<20	1.41	0.008	0.08	0.2	3.5	0.32	0.03	40	0.3	<0.02	5.0
17GB00022	Sediment Pulp			34.3	22.4	0.49	96.2	0.059	<20	2.14	0.007	0.10	0.1	3.0	1.28	0.09	139	1.0	<0.02	6.7
17GB00024	Sediment Pulp			15.9	33.7	0.84	66.1	0.254	<20	2.28	0.014	0.06	<0.1	5.4	0.09	0.03	43	0.4	<0.02	7.3
17GB00025	Sediment Pulp			19.8	27.0	0.73	64.4	0.171	<20	1.78	0.016	0.06	0.3	4.2	0.22	0.03	43	0.4	<0.02	5.6
17GB00027	Sediment Pulp			14.8	20.9	0.62	84.0	0.150	<20	1.59	0.013	0.05	0.1	3.5	0.15	0.04	64	0.4	<0.02	5.0
17GB00028	Sediment Pulp			17.4	24.4	0.69	84.6	0.167	<20	1.64	0.017	0.06	0.1	3.8	0.17	0.05	69	0.4	<0.02	5.5
17GB00029	Sediment Pulp			15.3	20.4	0.63	86.6	0.149	<20	1.41	0.014	0.05	0.1	3.4	0.13	0.03	37	0.2	<0.02	4.6
17GB00030	Sediment Pulp			15.9	29.2	0.69	88.2	0.187	<20	2.13	0.012	0.06	0.1	4.3	0.13	0.05	91	0.5	<0.02	6.7
17GB00030C	Sediment Pulp			14.6	57.7	0.55	37.8	0.059	<20	0.98	0.018	0.08	<0.1	3.2	0.06	<0.02	90	0.1	<0.02	3.4
17GB00031	Sediment Pulp			19.5	20.3	0.43	55.4	0.073	<20	1.19	0.008	0.05	0.2	2.7	0.27	0.04	51	0.5	<0.02	4.1
17GB00032	Sediment Pulp			23.9	19.0	0.41	59.7	0.061	<20	1.27	0.008	0.05	0.1	2.4	0.38	0.04	67	0.5	<0.02	4.2
17GB00033	Sediment Pulp			47.5	19.2	0.56	76.8	0.066	<20	2.15	0.009	0.07	<0.1	3.5	1.12	0.08	100	1.0	<0.02	5.2
17GB00034	Sediment Pulp			15.0	22.6	0.65	56.8	0.194	<20	1.33	0.013	0.05	0.2	4.1	0.14	<0.02	31	<0.1	<0.02	5.0
17GB00035	Sediment Pulp			25.0	21.6	0.50	188.2	0.037	<20	2.48	0.008	0.08	0.1	3.4	0.56	0.10	142	0.9	<0.02	6.2
17GB00036	Sediment Pulp			44.0	19.3	0.63	40.6	0.127	<20	1.39	0.011	0.05	0.2	3.4	0.31	0.03	47	0.6	<0.02	5.2
17GB00037	Sediment Pulp			121.8	18.6	0.43	45.1	0.055	<20	1.84	0.006	0.04	0.1	2.8	0.64	0.10	142	2.2	0.02	5.8
17GB00038	Sediment Pulp			45.3	13.6	0.27	54.7	0.026	<20	1.23	0.007	0.04	0.1	1.0	0.38	0.15	241	1.6	<0.02	5.6
17GB00039	Sediment Pulp			48.1	20.5	0.84	54.5	0.098	<20	1.83	0.007	0.06	0.1	4.3	0.32	0.04	50	0.8	<0.02	7.1
17GB00040	Sediment Pulp			86.1	16.1	0.24	76.9	0.085	<20	2.12	0.008	0.05	0.2	2.4	1.13	0.12	164	2.5	<0.02	7.9
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17GB00042	Sediment Pulp			52.6	20.0	0.30	64.5	0.088	<20	2.55	0.006	0.05	0.2	2.6	0.44	0.09	124	2.3	<0.02	8.2
17GB00049	Sediment Pulp			16.4	18.3	0.42	72.5	0.076	<20	1.13	0.004	0.07	<0.1	3.1	0.13	0.04	65	0.2	<0.02	4.2
17GB00050	Sediment Pulp			27.2	19.1	0.39	45.3	0.075	<20	1.06	0.006	0.05	0.2	2.7	0.19	<0.02	50	0.5	<0.02	4.3
17GB00052	Sediment Pulp			38.9	19.7	0.48	52.8	0.126	<20	1.21	0.006	0.05	0.2	2.3	0.26	0.03	49	0.7	<0.02	5.3

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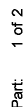
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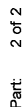
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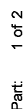
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17GB0103	Sediment Pulp			0.62	12.08	29.93	151.8	36	17.0	11.1	675	2.70	8.3	0.7	0.9	2.0	13.6	0.44	0.36	0.10	69	0.39	0.048					
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17GB0106	Sediment Pulp			8.83	55.45	120.33	368.5	328	9.0	12.0	3462	1.43	2.6	3.3	15.5	<0.1	35.8	5.04	0.72	0.24	34	0.74	0.123					
17GB0107	Sediment Pulp			3.01	42.52	76.19	316.7	299	12.6	11.8	4496	1.85	2.5	2.7	1.5	0.1	28.1	5.26	0.40	0.41	40	0.75	0.121					
17GB0108	Sediment Pulp			3.32	33.23	61.16	307.6	501	9.5	10.3	2603	1.46	2.4	3.7	0.8	0.1	28.9	3.80	0.32	0.27	32	0.61	0.130					
17GB0109	Sediment Pulp			6.11	28.48	64.98	227.7	305	9.6	10.6	1517	1.64	3.3	12.8	1.8	0.3	20.8	2.71	0.36	0.27	32	0.50	0.074					
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17GB0111	Sediment Pulp			12.85	20.07	110.09	820.0	233	12.4	67.0	>10000	6.06	29.8	1.0	0.6	0.3	35.6	12.74	0.49	0.41	78	0.84	0.150					
17GB0111C	Sediment Pulp			0.58	20.40	18.72	41.0	1628	32.2	10.8	321	1.95	92.8	1.3	2.0	2.8	19.8	0.11	0.57	0.35	33	0.48	0.043					
17GB0112	Sediment Pulp			0.31	201.51	706.26	456.0	298	24.6	16.6	3073	3.26	4.8	3.2	0.6	0.6	54.5	1.44	0.13	0.16	76	0.62	0.128					
17GB0113	Sediment Pulp			0.68	18.02	69.56	153.5	64	15.4	9.4	926	2.38	23.6	1.9	0.9	1.1	18.0	1.41	0.40	0.18	45	0.24	0.047					
17GB0114	Sediment Pulp			0.56	18.92	65.94	171.7	42	18.8	10.9	861	2.78	24.2	2.1	3.0	2.4	14.6	1.45	0.66	0.16	50	0.28	0.042					
17GB0115	Sediment Pulp			0.49	17.76	61.82	156.9	31	17.3	10.6	806	2.73	22.8	1.9	0.7	2.5	13.5	1.42	0.64	0.16	49	0.27	0.040					
17GB0116	Sediment Pulp			0.77	17.31	129.63	153.3	114	18.6	10.1	1386	2.33	12.5	2.3	<0.2	0.8	20.2	2.71	0.26	0.21	49	0.33	0.061					
17GB0117	Sediment Pulp			0.79	14.80	37.74	195.5	68	14.7	9.9	1284	2.39	44.9	4.1	0.3	0.7	19.5	1.30	0.58	0.27	48	0.40	0.061					
17GB0118	Sediment Pulp			0.74	20.41	84.93	181.3	58	15.0	10.2	1172	2.35	34.5	3.9	0.5	1.2	20.3	2.55	0.62	0.15	43	0.41	0.051					
17GB0119	Sediment Pulp			1.01	21.11	38.88	271.7	104	17.4	12.8	2247	2.38	55.9	5.7	0.3	0.7	27.4	3.08	0.66	0.17	48	0.57	0.082					
17GB0120	Sediment Pulp			1.39	17.58	40.62	203.8	110	13.7	10.2	2150	1.90	57.5	5.3	<0.2	0.4	20.0	2.31	0.44	0.16	40	0.41	0.075					
17GB0121	Sediment Pulp			1.11	15.64	35.28	196.6	112	10.8	8.0	1902	1.85	32.4	7.1	<0.2	0.4	24.8	3.11	0.59	0.16	36	0.50	0.081					
17GB0122	Sediment Pulp			1.40	15.23	55.81	252.4	59	19.1	13.4	1614	2.74	9.4	1.1	0.6	1.2	11.8	2.05	0.28	0.16	52	0.44	0.050					
17GB0123	Sediment Pulp			0.91	19.07	45.47	207.5	85	19.0	12.8	1160	2.58	4.5	0.8	0.3	0.9	15.3	1.52	0.27	0.17	51	0.47	0.055					
17GB0124	Sediment Pulp			1.84	15.46	41.58	177.9	129	16.0	11.7	1621	2.34	6.8	1.0	0.4	0.6	14.7	1.41	0.29	0.16	42	0.51	0.064					
17GB0125	Sediment Pulp			1.03	21.16	42.06	220.6	109	25.9	17.6	1633	3.50	10.2	1.2	2.4	1.3	15.0	1.14	0.34	0.20	65	0.59	0.071					
17GB0126	Sediment Pulp			2.10	18.01	57.29	208.7	135	13.8	10.7	2184	2.25	9.1	1.1	0.9	0.7	12.3	1.61	0.36	0.22	33	0.42	0.077					
17GB0127A	Sediment Pulp			15.52	14.69	182.08	239.0	239	9.5	74.3	9833	3.47	8.8	1.0	0.8	1.3	10.0	2.03	0.41	0.23	62	0.20	0.053					
17GB0128A	Sediment Pulp			0.43	15.80	31.10	163.0	45	15.3	10.3	891	2.25	3.1	0.6	0.4	1.5	14.7	0.81	0.18	0.13	42	0.33	0.049					
17GB0129	Sediment Pulp			0.79	19.15	145.74	285.1	52	18.7	15.9	1422	3.58	6.7	0.9	<0.2	0.1	25.0	6.33	0.19	0.10	85	0.63	0.067					
17GB0131	Sediment Pulp			0.90	29.65	82.31	180.8	172	15.7	12.3	2045	3.84	6.3	1.3	<0.2	0.3	3.1	2.02	0.15	0.15	48	0.63	0.089					

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17GB0135	Sediment Pulp	1.65	16.88	45.70	225.5	85	14.7	11.0	1336	2.30	6.0	1.1	<0.2	1.0	21.4	1.85	0.34	0.15	46	0.44	0.359										
17GB0136	Sediment Pulp	1.77	15.07	43.36	200.4	71	13.0	10.5	1043	2.15	4.9	1.0	<0.2	0.9	18.0	1.48	0.35	0.11	43	0.37	0.448										
17GB0137	Sediment Pulp	1.78	19.39	76.65	317.9	70	21.5	19.0	2513	3.28	14.2	0.8	<0.2	1.2	20.7	2.16	0.30	0.14	69	0.53	0.363										
17GB0138	Sediment Pulp	2.19	16.97	48.60	209.2	76	14.6	11.1	1126	2.37	5.4	1.1	<0.2	1.1	20.2	1.83	0.31	0.13	49	0.42	0.448										
17GB0139	Sediment Pulp	2.48	15.54	52.09	264.3	63	18.3	11.2	1116	2.39	8.3	1.4	0.3	1.4	13.5	1.53	0.34	0.12	48	0.30	0.448										
17GB0140	Sediment Pulp	2.40	18.75	121.31	315.8	76	15.9	13.4	2172	2.89	15.8	0.6	0.7	2.1	13.9	2.71	0.41	0.16	54	0.86	0.362										
17GB0141	Sediment Pulp	2.29	13.28	46.80	194.8	79	12.3	10.0	1282	1.90	3.5	1.4	<0.2	0.7	22.4	2.37	0.28	0.13	40	0.47	0.359										
17GB0142	Sediment Pulp	5.32	14.07	100.92	434.6	154	16.1	14.4	2653	2.89	7.7	0.8	<0.2	0.7	18.1	2.93	0.37	0.18	56	0.43	0.370										
17GB0144	Sediment Pulp	2.01	14.75	41.56	217.5	99	11.4	11.7	2011	1.63	3.2	1.4	<0.2	0.3	30.6	4.90	0.35	0.14	35	0.65	0.374										
17GB0147	Sediment Pulp	3.70	14.79	50.35	257.0	180	10.5	11.0	2636	1.40	1.8	1.1	<0.2	<0.1	46.4	5.34	0.34	0.19	32	0.70	0.102										
17GB0148	Sediment Pulp	3.29	9.18	35.10	149.9	105	9.5	9.6	1809	1.42	1.8	0.8	<0.2	0.3	23.1	2.81	0.25	0.13	30	0.34	0.357										
17GB0149	Sediment Pulp	0.52	19.70	17.49	38.3	1558	30.0	10.2	296	1.87	86.0	1.2	1.7	2.9	18.3	0.08	0.54	0.32	32	0.47	0.345										
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17GB0154	Sediment Pulp	1.68	16.31	53.97	234.2	173	17.2	12.8	2470	2.54	16.4	3.7	0.2	0.5	19.2	1.93	0.49	0.25	49	0.45	0.397										
17GB0156	Sediment Pulp	1.57	9.75	25.68	124.8	39	9.5	6.4	733	1.55	3.0	0.8	<0.2	1.4	10.0	1.10	0.23	0.12	33	0.21	0.335										
17GB0157	Sediment Pulp	1.52	7.78	25.08	119.4	43	9.4	5.9	507	1.54	2.7	0.8	1.6	1.2	9.7	0.98	0.24	0.12	27	0.21	0.333										
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17GB0166	Sediment Pulp	1.08	15.59	32.73	117.5	59	14.0	11.6	1818	2.57	4.0	0.9	<0.2	1.3	8.6	0.45	0.30	0.17	54	0.16	0.363										
17GB0168	Sediment Pulp	0.33	12.58	43.41	103.0	58	19.3	12.1	720	2.86	24.4	0.8	<0.2	1.5	55.0	0.78	0.68	0.11	54	0.48	0.357										
17GB0173	Sediment Pulp	0.52	11.61	23.19	108.9	16	16.0	10.1	597	2.26	6.1	0.7	<0.2	2.5	16.2	0.50	0.35	0.09	43	0.33	0.444										
17GB0174	Sediment Pulp	0.48	11.44	21.94	103.7	14	16.3	10.2	559	2.24	5.1	0.6	<0.2	2.3	14.9	0.44	0.34	0.09	42	0.33	0.442										
17GB0177	Sediment Pulp	3.07	11.28	44.04	197.5	83	8.9	7.7	1354	1.46	3.5	1.4	<0.2	0.5	14.7	2.64	0.29	0.14	31	0.29	0.448										
17GB0179	Sediment Pulp	3.06	14.83	83.13	425.6	155	9.1	17.8	5845	2.27	12.2	0.7	<0.2	0.1	45.3	7.03	0.38	0.23	38	0.88	0.111										
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17GB0183	Sediment Pulp	10.33	40.26	641.01	542.2	502	12.5	25.9	5575	2.65	7.1	3.2	0.3	0.1	26.5	5.51	0.39	0.45	60	0.47	0.120										
17GB0184	Sediment Pulp	3.29	16.77	182.78	202.0	401	6.6	7.4	361	1.37	0.7	2.1	<0.2	<0.1	19.3	3.12	0.26	0.18	30	0.41	0.383										
17GB0185	Sediment Pulp	5.95	14.30	264.04	382.8	244	12.4	12.4	6366	2.66	3.7	1.7	<0.2	0.6	26.5	5.32	0.27	0.19	52	0.45	0.074										
17GB0185C	Sediment Pulp	5.05	19.81	17.53	45.4	1497	29.9	10.1	295	1.83	84.4	1.1	4.0	2.6	19.1	0.55	0.32	0.31	34	0.46	0.343										

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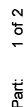
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MDL	0.5	0.5	0.01		0.5	0.001	20	0.01	0.001	0.01	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.02	5	0.1	0.02	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.02	0.1	0.02	0.1	0.02	0.1	0.02	0.1
17GB0342	Sediment	Pulp	60.4	18.6	0.33	114.0	0.064	<20	1.96	0.012	0.06	0.5	2.7	0.42	0.13	158	2.1	0.02	6.6										
17GB0345	Sediment	Pulp	13.1	20.8	0.54	44.5	0.148	<20	1.02	0.009	0.06	<0.1	2.5	0.06	<0.02	12	0.2	<0.02	4.3										
17GB0346	Sediment	Pulp	12.4	19.7	0.54	43.4	0.150	<20	1.02	0.008	0.06	<0.1	2.5	0.06	<0.02	16	0.2	<0.02	4.0										
17GB0363	Sediment	Pulp	12.0	13.6	0.35	57.5	0.070	<20	0.82	0.006	0.05	<0.1	2.2	0.06	<0.02	24	0.3	<0.02	3.0										
17GB0364	Sediment	Pulp	11.5	14.2	0.35	61.5	0.068	<20	0.86	0.007	0.05	<0.1	2.2	0.07	<0.02	20	0.3	<0.02	3.1										
17GB0381	Sediment	Pulp	18.6	25.0	0.27	114.4	0.018	<20	2.71	0.006	0.07	<0.1	1.7	0.28	0.12	146	2.6	<0.02	4.2										
17GB0382	Sediment	Pulp	19.1	26.4	0.41	516.0	0.036	<20	2.25	0.009	0.09	<0.1	2.4	0.27	0.13	148	2.9	<0.02	5.8										
17GB0384	Sediment	Pulp	14.2	17.7	0.33	247.3	0.039	<20	1.41	0.009	0.08	<0.1	2.0	0.12	0.07	78	1.0	<0.02	4.3										
17GB0385	Sediment	Pulp	15.3	18.2	0.35	209.0	0.037	<20	1.42	0.007	0.07	<0.1	2.0	0.12	0.08	89	1.0	<0.02	4.7										
17GB0404	Sediment	Pulp	13.3	14.3	0.30	63.4	0.042	<20	0.89	0.008	0.06	<0.1	2.3	0.08	<0.02	27	0.2	<0.02	2.8										
17GB0422	Sediment	Pulp	11.2	17.2	0.48	71.5	0.132	<20	0.96	0.009	0.05	<0.1	2.4	0.08	<0.02	23	0.2	<0.02	2.7										
17GB0423	Sediment	Pulp	11.5	16.9	0.48	83.9	0.124	<20	0.95	0.008	0.06	<0.1	2.5	0.07	<0.02	19	<0.1	<0.02	3.7										
17GB0434	Sediment	Pulp	22.1	21.5	0.43	153.7	0.103	<20	1.87	0.010	0.06	<0.1	2.9	0.67	0.11	118	1.8	<0.02	6.6										
17GB0436	Sediment	Pulp	16.5	63.8	0.64	44.0	0.071	<20	1.19	0.023	0.09	0.1	4.0	0.08	<0.02	124	0.2	<0.02	4.1										
17GB0439	Sediment	Pulp	16.0	14.9	0.30	32.5	0.108	<20	0.70	0.005	0.04	0.2	2.1	0.19	<0.02	25	0.2	<0.02	3.7										
17GB0441	Sediment	Pulp	27.6	27.3	0.23	141.8	0.030	<20	2.65	0.012	0.06	0.1	1.6	0.61	0.24	288	5.0	0.03	4.7										
17GB0442	Sediment	Pulp	135.2	18.9	0.19	189.1	0.025	<20	1.77	0.010	0.08	0.3	1.5	6.72	0.20	215	8.9	0.03	6.6										
17GB0443	Sediment	Pulp	17.1	13.4	0.29	66.0	0.103	<20	0.84	0.007	0.04	0.1	2.4	0.84	0.06	56	0.9	<0.02	4.8										
17GB0444	Sediment	Pulp	18.1	14.5	0.30	70.2	0.111	<20	0.86	0.005	0.04	0.2	2.5	0.95	0.06	65	1.1	<0.02	5.1										
17GB0446	Sediment	Pulp	185.9	22.4	0.14	116.5	0.007	<20	2.49	0.016	0.05	0.1	1.5	2.62	0.17	156	7.9	<0.02	1.6										
17GB0447	Sediment	Pulp	90.1	19.4	0.24	114.9	0.028	<20	1.14	0.013	0.06	0.3	1.8	5.26	0.18	188	6.7	<0.02	3.6										
17GB0448	Sediment	Pulp	157.4	13.2	0.24	111.0	0.056	<20	0.90	0.009	0.04	0.2	1.8	1.04	0.09	67	3.1	<0.02	3.5										
17GB0450	Sediment	Pulp	65.9	17.0	0.32	223.2	0.022	<20	1.00	0.011	0.11	0.2	1.7	0.58	0.12	119	1.9	<0.02	3.3										
17GB0454	Sediment	Pulp	13.7	26.6	0.62	52.1	0.183	<20	2.27	0.008	0.06	<0.1	3.5	0.12	0.08	90	0.9	<0.02	7.5										
17GB0455	Sediment	Pulp	55.2	17.9	0.33	141.9	0.081	<20	1.84	0.008	0.04	<0.1	3.5	0.67	0.15	462	2.7	<0.02	5.8										
17GB0458	Sediment	Pulp	15.0	17.8	0.54	78.8	0.018	<20	1.21	0.006	0.07	<0.1	3.3	0.14	0.04	57	0.4	<0.02	4.4										
17GB0462	Sediment	Pulp	43.3	18.6	0.24	463.2	0.011	<20	1.91	0.010	0.07	0.4	1.4	0.37	0.18	202	2.7	0.02	5.5										
17GB0463	Sediment	Pulp	50.2	19.0	0.23	437.1	0.015	<20	1.86	0.011	0.07	0.5	1.7	0.41	0.20	199	3.3	<0.02	5.6										
17GB0464	Sediment	Pulp	33.3	22.9	0.42	217.1	0.020	<20	1.91	0.008	0.07	0.2	2.5	0.21	0.08	91	1.6	<0.02	6.1										

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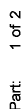


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MDL			0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.001	0.001	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.02	5	0.1	0.02
17GB0465	Sediment Pulp		46.8	19.9	0.25	178.2	0.021	<20	1.71	0.014	0.06	0.3	1.4	0.20	0.22	171	3.6	<0.02	5.5
17GB0466	Sediment Pulp		70.9	28.9	0.40	148.2	0.031	<20	2.72	0.009	0.10	0.6	3.6	0.42	0.18	113	3.7	<0.02	10.8
17GB0467	Sediment Pulp		65.3	30.1	0.41	147.4	0.034	<20	2.84	0.006	0.10	0.5	4.0	0.46	0.15	122	3.4	<0.02	11.9
17GB0468	Sediment Pulp		37.1	19.2	0.29	194.1	0.039	<20	1.59	0.008	0.07	0.2	2.1	0.19	0.12	128	2.6	<0.02	5.5
17GB0469	Sediment Pulp		39.9	24.0	0.41	233.0	0.021	<20	2.29	0.007	0.07	<0.1	2.9	0.40	0.09	119	2.8	0.03	5.3
17GB0469C	Sediment Pulp		63.3	63.5	0.62	41.9	0.068	<20	1.18	0.023	0.10	0.1	3.9	0.08	<0.02	116	0.2	<0.02	4.3
17GB0470	Sediment Pulp		40.1	27.9	0.22	240.0	0.016	<20	2.34	0.015	0.07	0.4	1.3	0.56	0.19	281	6.9	0.05	5.3
17GB0472	Sediment Pulp		21.6	13.0	0.11	96.7	0.030	<20	1.46	0.005	0.07	<0.1	1.2	0.59	0.19	319	3.7	0.02	5.8
17GB0473	Sediment Pulp		68.7	23.0	0.22	162.6	0.013	<20	2.46	0.008	0.07	0.4	1.1	0.30	0.27	160	4.9	<0.02	11.5
17GB0474	Sediment Pulp		31.7	23.0	0.36	85.6	0.101	<20	2.26	0.007	0.07	<0.1	2.9	0.25	0.08	135	1.5	<0.02	9.8
17GB0481	Sediment Pulp		14.2	23.7	0.55	97.4	0.041	<20	1.64	0.005	0.09	<0.1	2.9	0.29	0.05	97	0.8	0.03	6.9
17GB0482	Sediment Pulp		17.0	20.7	0.49	110.9	0.014	<20	1.63	0.005	0.10	<0.1	3.2	0.36	0.05	78	0.7	<0.02	5.4
17GB0483	Sediment Pulp		18.9	23.5	0.50	134.0	0.014	<20	1.83	0.008	0.10	<0.1	3.6	0.39	0.05	81	0.9	0.03	5.9
17GB0484	Sediment Pulp		53.8	16.1	0.18	109.8	0.006	<20	2.36	0.010	0.06	<0.1	1.0	1.20	0.23	201	6.0	<0.02	3.1
17GB0486	Sediment Pulp		76.2	16.6	0.20	314.8	0.011	<20	1.81	0.007	0.06	0.1	1.3	0.67	0.17	203	4.7	0.05	3.8
17GB0503	Sediment Pulp		36.9	14.9	0.35	50.9	0.112	<20	1.05	0.006	0.04	0.1	3.1	0.86	0.04	42	0.8	0.09	5.1
17GB0504	Sediment Pulp		47.1	17.3	0.35	65.0	0.103	<20	1.15	0.007	0.05	0.1	3.4	1.09	0.07	66	1.2	0.09	5.8
17GB0505	Sediment Pulp		58.1	15.9	0.42	55.0	0.146	<20	1.63	0.007	0.04	0.3	4.7	2.36	0.06	62	2.4	0.08	6.4
17GB0511	Sediment Pulp		34.6	26.6	0.37	92.3	0.070	<20	1.18	0.007	0.09	0.4	2.9	0.76	0.04	60	0.6	0.03	5.5
17GB0511C	Sediment Pulp		15.7	57.8	0.57	38.8	0.061	<20	1.05	0.021	0.08	0.1	3.6	0.08	<0.02	110	0.1	<0.02	3.8
17GB0519	Sediment Pulp		18.3	26.3	0.31	124.3	0.027	<20	1.77	0.005	0.07	<0.1	2.2	0.22	0.06	89	0.8	<0.02	5.4
17GB0523	Sediment Pulp		16.1	13.4	0.33	68.2	0.059	<20	0.72	0.005	0.04	<0.1	1.8	0.07	<0.02	12	<0.1	<0.02	2.6
17GB0524	Sediment Pulp		15.0	14.0	0.32	69.6	0.080	<20	0.72	0.004	0.04	<0.1	1.9	0.07	<0.02	10	<0.1	<0.02	2.6
17GB0535	Sediment Pulp		137.9	20.2	0.20	60.4	0.018	<20	2.81	0.007	0.06	<0.1	1.4	0.61	0.18	208	7.5	<0.02	5.5
17GB0536	Sediment Pulp		17.9	20.2	0.16	48.6	0.032	<20	2.46	0.010	0.06	<0.1	1.3	0.52	0.20	361	5.0	0.04	7.9
17GB0537	Sediment Pulp		165.8	19.8	0.18	83.3	0.024	<20	2.80	0.008	0.06	<0.1	1.4	1.05	0.16	275	8.2	0.03	7.0
17GB0538	Sediment Pulp		409.1	27.6	0.07	32.0	0.009	<20	5.09	0.003	0.04	0.1	3.8	1.75	0.23	340	12.7	0.03	6.6
17GB0541	Sediment Pulp		35.1	18.0	0.17	139.5	0.028	<20	2.26	0.008	0.05	0.1	1.2	0.41	0.33	242	3.4	<0.02	7.7
17GB0542	Sediment Pulp		53.7	16.5	0.15	149.0	0.014	<20	1.72	0.016	0.05	0.1	0.8	0.40	0.17	195	5.3	<0.02	2.8
17GB0543	Sediment Pulp		67.4	18.9	0.35	45.1	0.093	<20	3.01	0.008	0.06	0.1	2.7	0.22	0.13	281	3.2	<0.02	9.7

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MDL	0.5	0.5	0.01	0.5	0.001	20	0.01	0.001	0.01	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.02	5	0.1	0.02	0.1	0.02	0.1
17GB0621	Sediment Pulp	22.7	13.5	0.13	174.1	0.013	<20	0.79	0.008	0.05	<0.1	0.4	0.06	0.39	141	3.1	<0.02	1.7	1.7
17GB0622	Sediment Pulp	24.1	25.4	0.42	184.1	0.057	<20	2.61	0.008	0.06	<0.1	2.2	0.40	0.21	259	2.5	0.02	6.9	6.9
17GB0623	Sediment Pulp	22.9	25.4	0.43	172.1	0.056	<20	2.53	0.008	0.06	<0.1	2.2	0.35	0.19	219	2.4	0.02	6.6	6.6
17GB0631	Sediment Pulp	39.1	21.7	0.29	157.2	0.039	<20	1.48	0.065	0.07	0.6	2.4	0.35	0.17	100	1.3	0.03	3.6	3.6
17GB0632	Sediment Pulp	63.4	16.3	0.28	207.1	0.027	<20	1.79	0.011	0.12	0.2	2.3	1.08	0.13	122	2.0	0.05	3.4	3.4
17GB0635	Sediment Pulp	20.3	19.9	0.33	64.2	0.056	<20	1.62	0.009	0.07	<0.1	3.3	1.32	0.05	90	1.2	0.02	5.1	5.1
17GB0635C	Sediment Pulp	N.L.R.	N.L.R.	N.L.R.	N.L.R.	N.L.R.	N.L.R.	N.L.R.	N.L.R.	N.L.R.	N.L.R.	N.L.R.	N.L.R.	N.L.R.	N.L.R.	N.L.R.	N.L.R.	N.L.R.	N.L.R.
17GB0235C	Sediment Pulp	15.6	61.6	0.59	42.8	0.066	<20	1.08	0.020	0.09	0.1	3.5	0.07	<0.02	119	0.3	0.02	3.9	3.9

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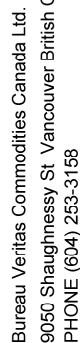
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Pulp Duplicates																	
16GB0120	12.4	28.4	0.76	67.8	0.183	<20	2.21	0.012	0.06	<0.1	3.9	0.12	0.02	179	0.7	<0.02	6.9
REP 16GB0120	12.2	28.7	0.74	62.9	0.185	<20	2.15	0.011	0.06	<0.1	4.1	0.11	0.04	185	0.5	<0.02	6.8
16DB204	27.0	23.3	0.50	109.9	0.067	<20	1.53	0.011	0.12	0.2	3.9	0.34	0.03	94	0.6	<0.02	4.9
REP 16DB204	27.7	24.1	0.49	109.7	0.068	<20	1.55	0.010	0.11	0.2	3.9	0.35	0.03	90	0.6	<0.02	4.7
17GB0031	19.5	20.3	0.43	55.4	0.073	<20	1.19	0.008	0.05	0.2	2.7	0.27	0.04	51	0.5	<0.02	4.1
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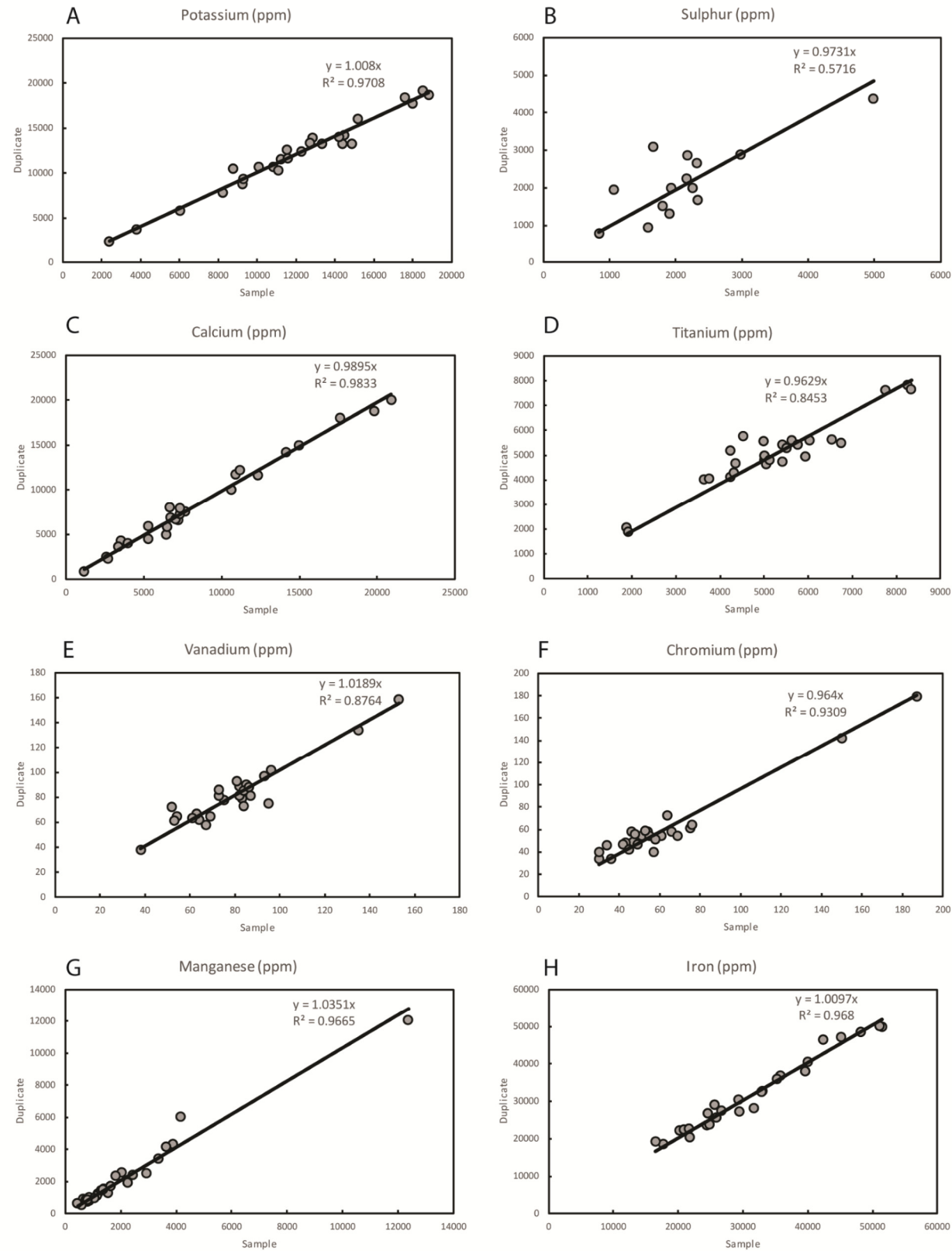
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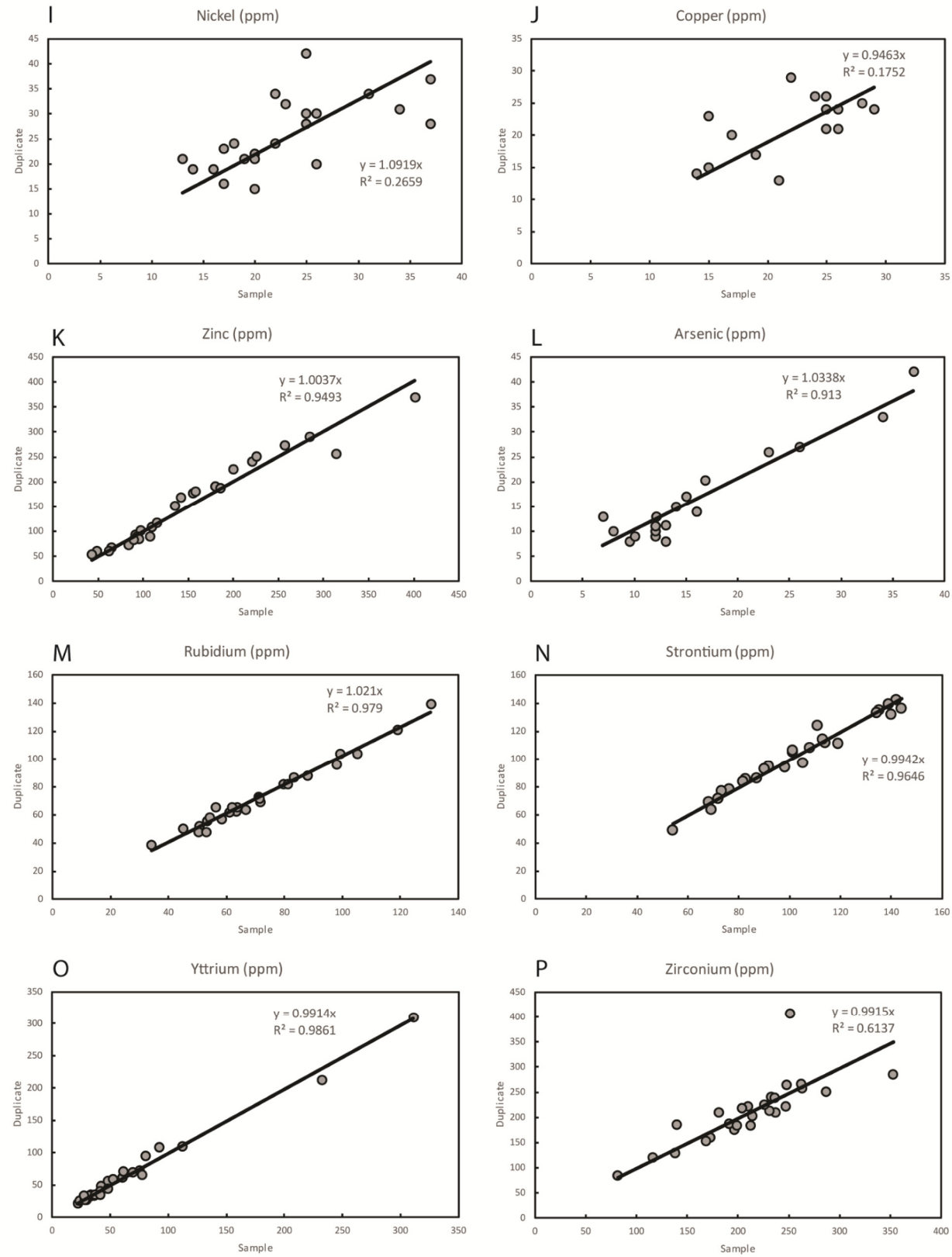
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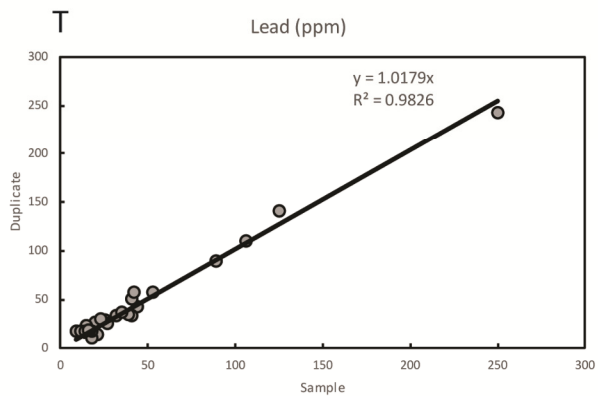
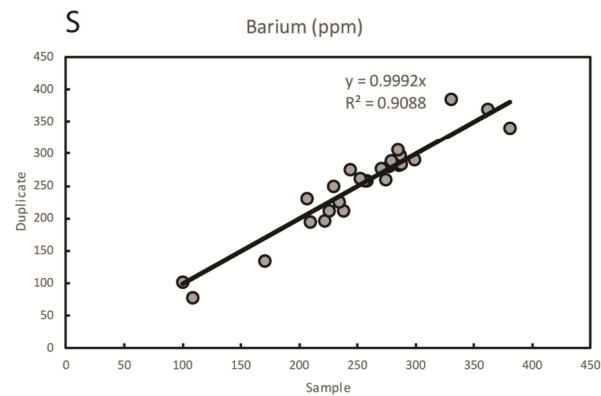
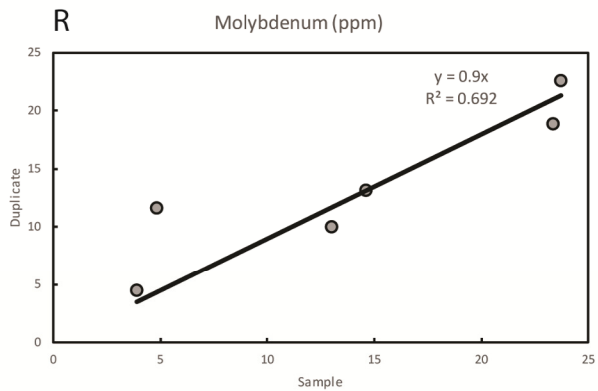
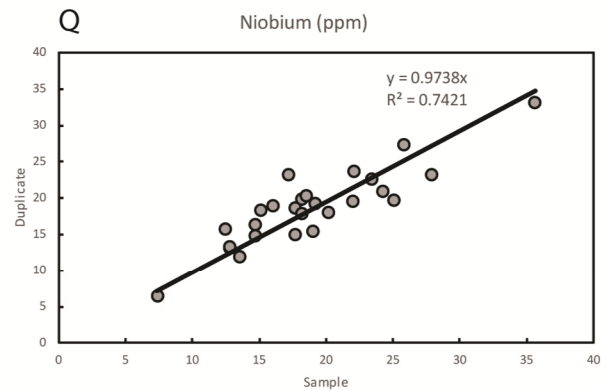
## **Appendix C. QA/QC Charts**

**Figure C1.** Duplicate sample cross-plots of XRF analyses demonstrating the reproducibility by pXRF for (A) potassium, (B) sulphur, (C) calcium, (D) titanium, (E) vanadium, (F) chromium, (G) manganese, (H) iron, (I) nickel, (J) copper, (K) zinc, (L) arsenic, (M) rubidium, (N) strontium, (O) yttrium, (P) zirconium, (Q) niobium, (R) molybdenum, (S) barium, and (T) lead. In all diagrams, the original sample is on the x-axis and the duplicate on the y-axis.

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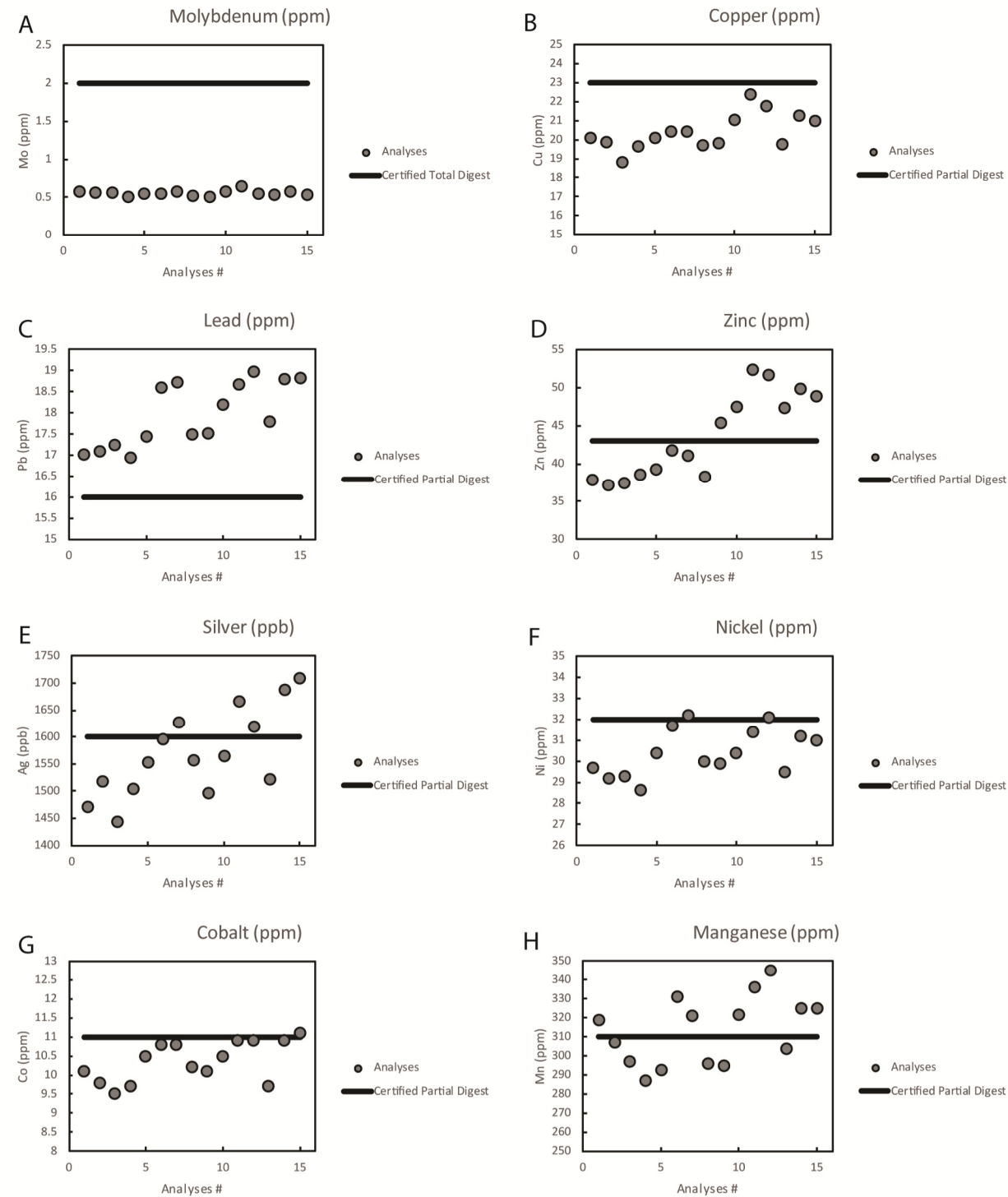


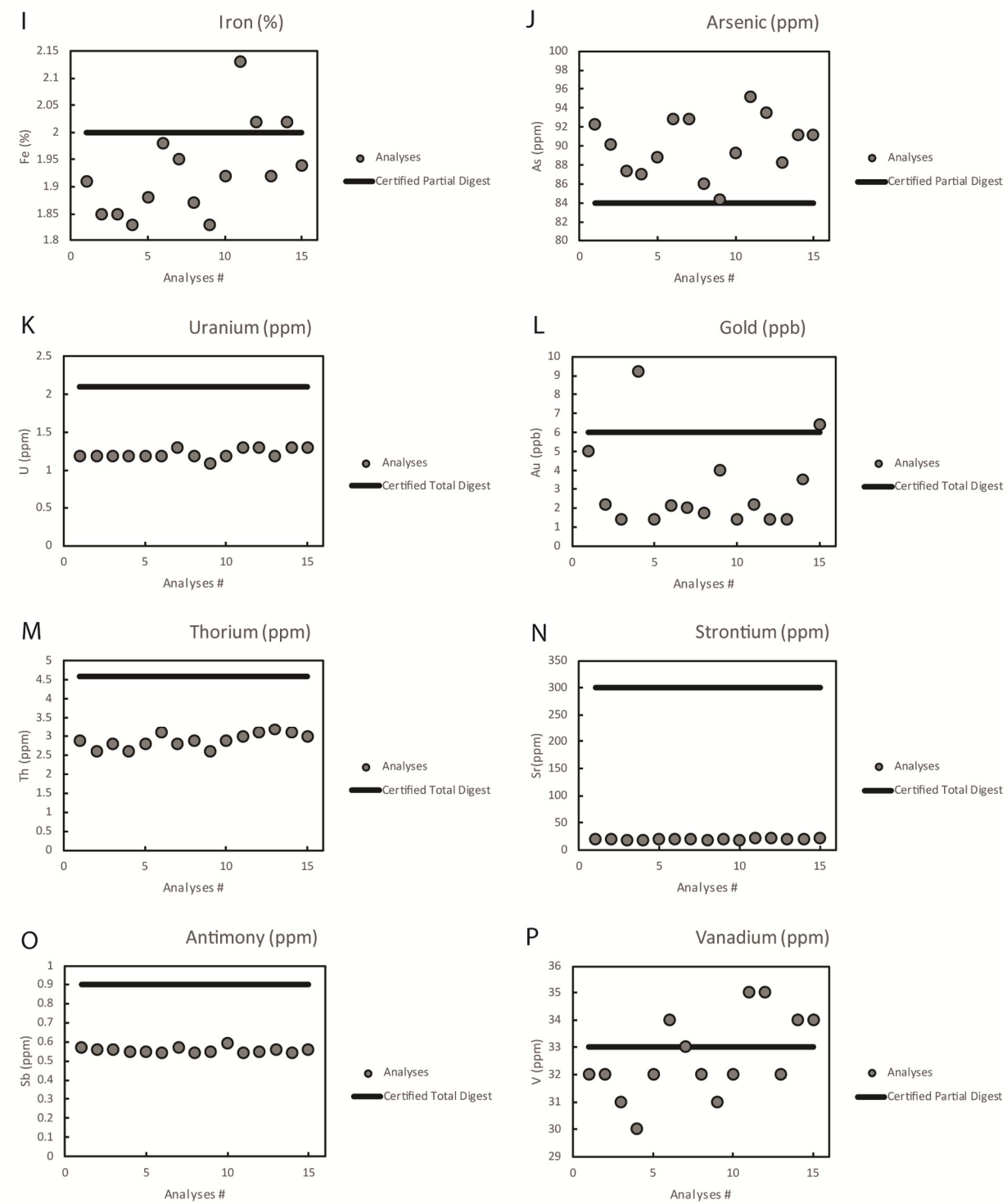


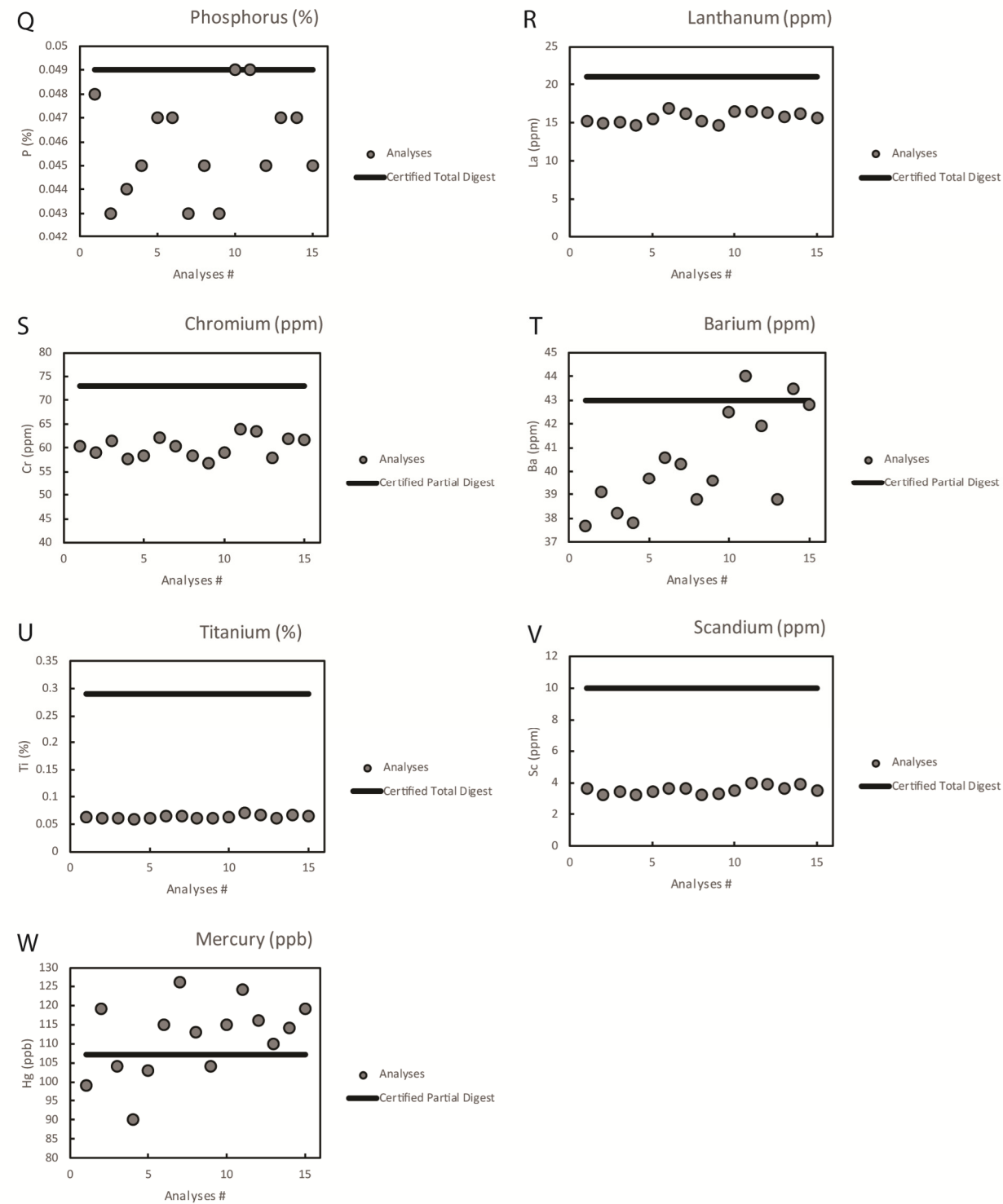


**Figure C2.** Reproducibility charts for 15 repeat analyses of CANMET standard reference material Till-3 analyzed by aqua regia ICP-MS. Plots show the aliquots analyzed as unknowns in each plot as circles, whereas the solid line is the certified value (values from Lynch, 1996). Whenever possible, the certified values for partial digestion were used to maximize the match to the data from aqua regia digestion; however, for some elements the total digestion certified values were used. Elements that have not been plotted either lack certified values for Till-3 or had too many aliquots that were non-detectable. (A) Molybdenum, (B) copper, (C) lead, (D) zinc, (E) silver, (F) nickel, (G) cobalt, (H) manganese, (I) iron, (J) arsenic, (K) uranium, (L) gold, (M) thorium, (N) strontium, (O) antimony, (P) vanadium, (Q) phosphorus, (R) lanthanum, (S) chromium, (T) barium, (U) titanium, (V) scandium, (W) mercury.

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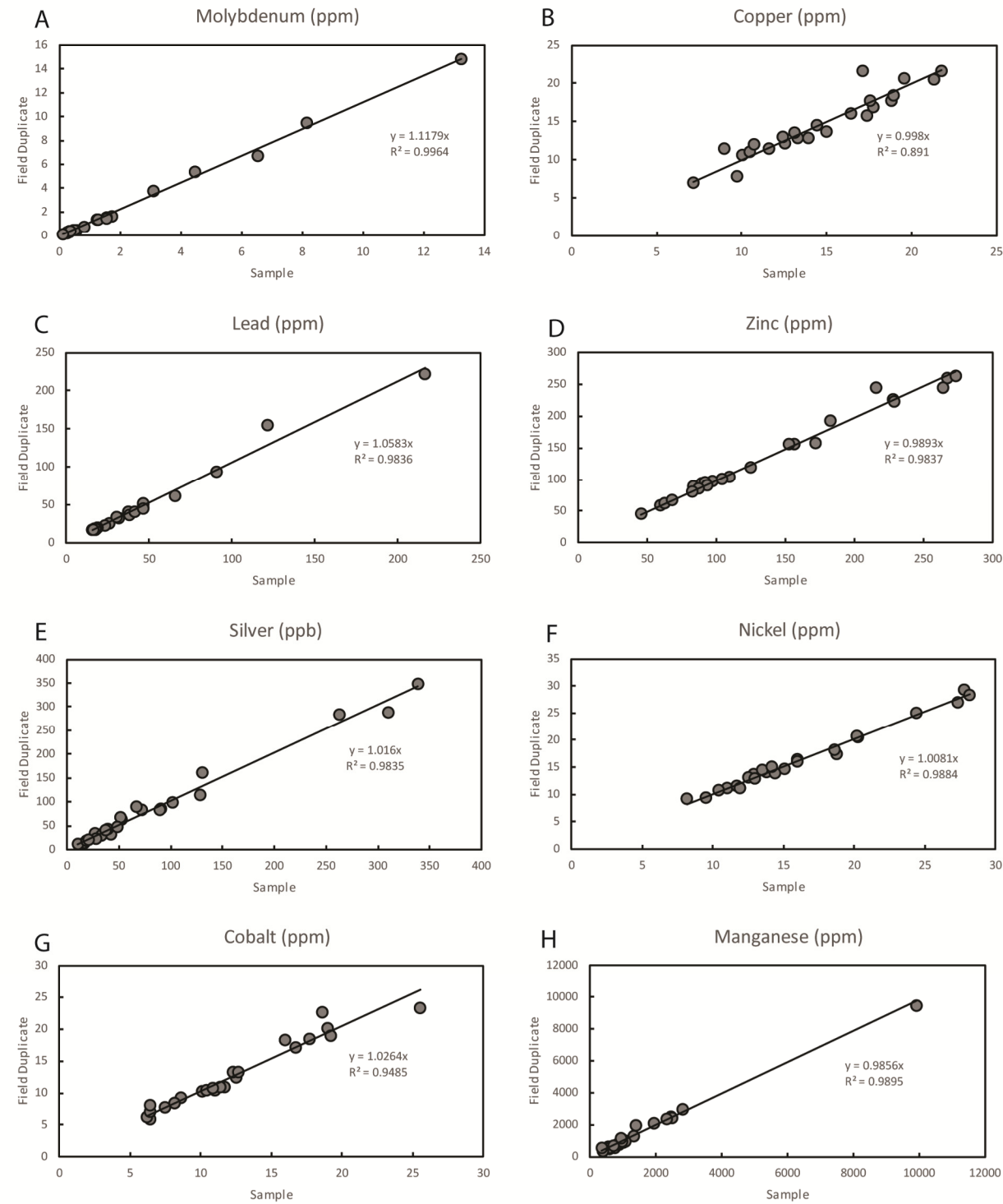


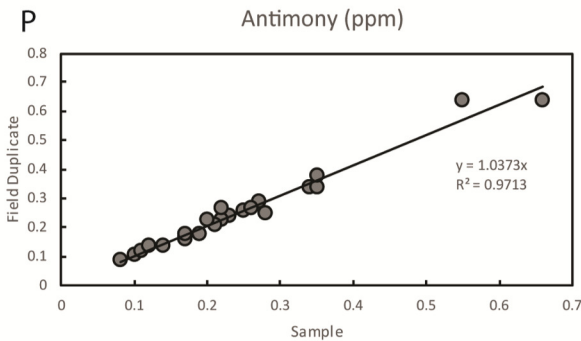
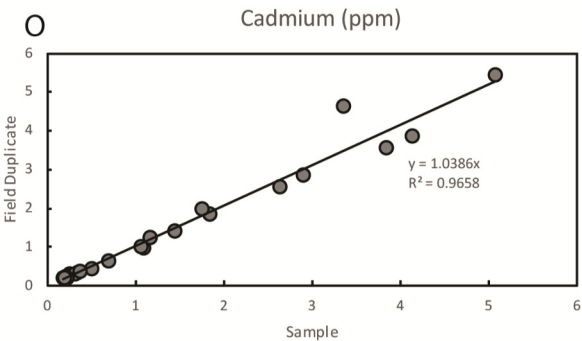
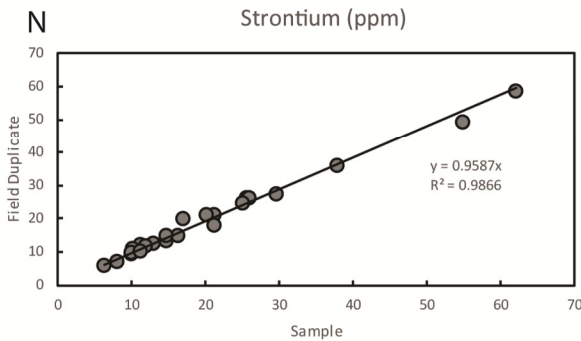
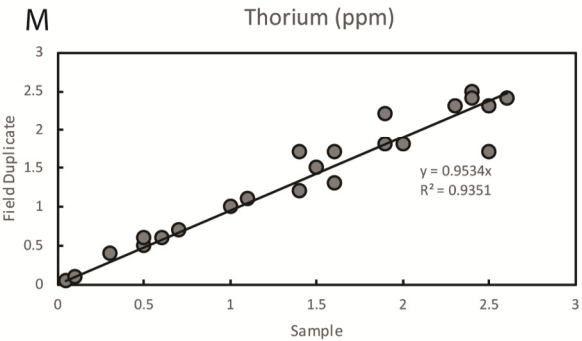
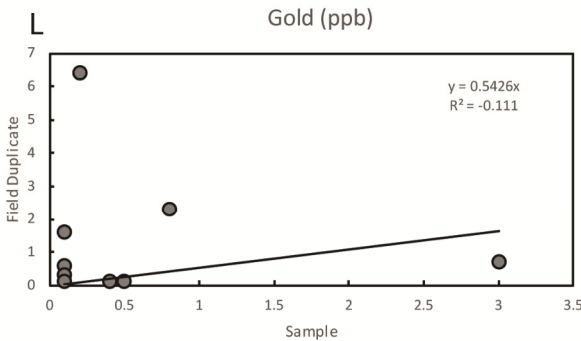
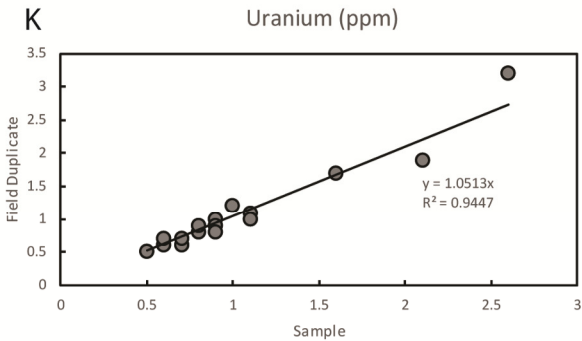
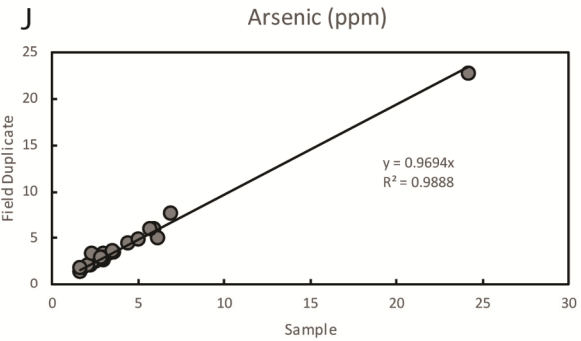
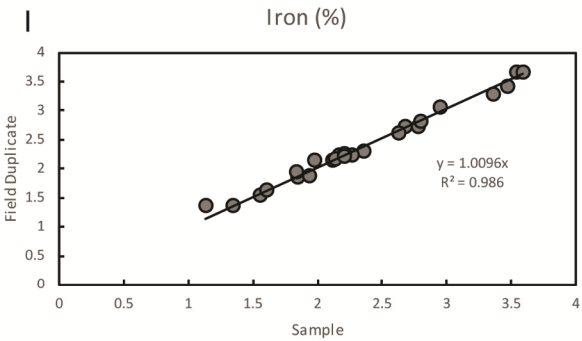


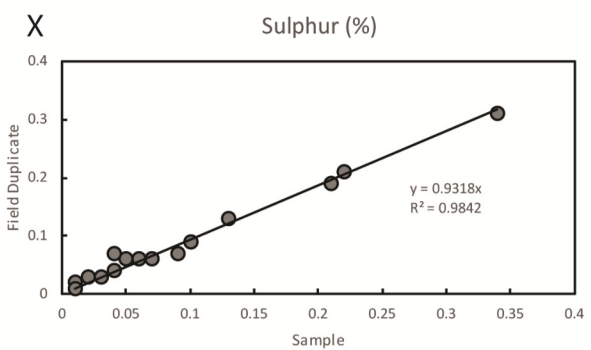
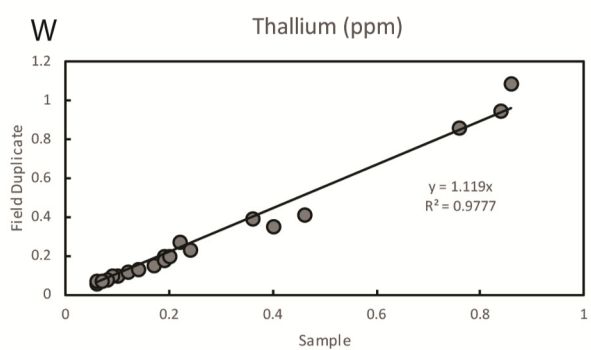
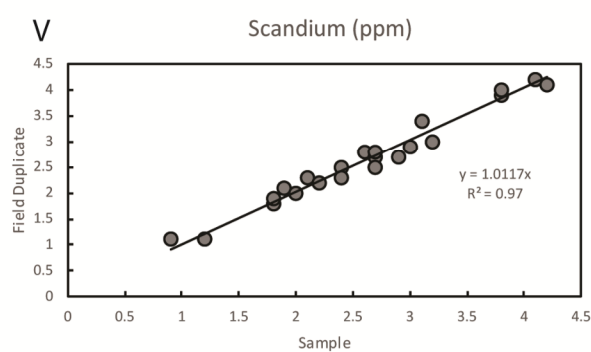
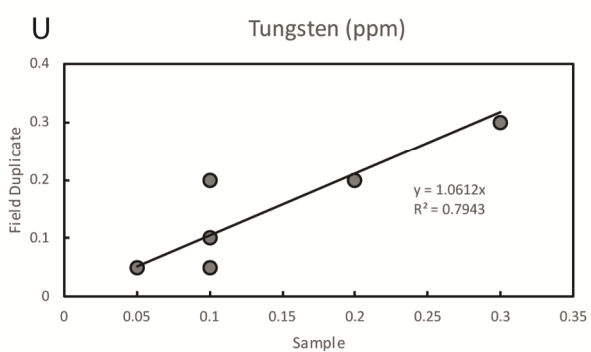
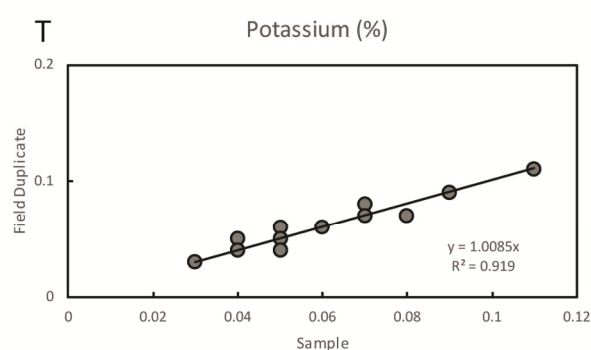
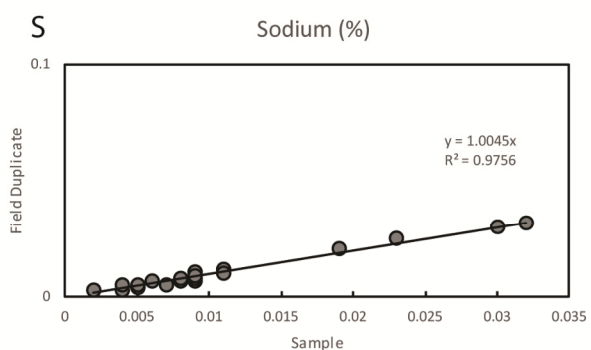
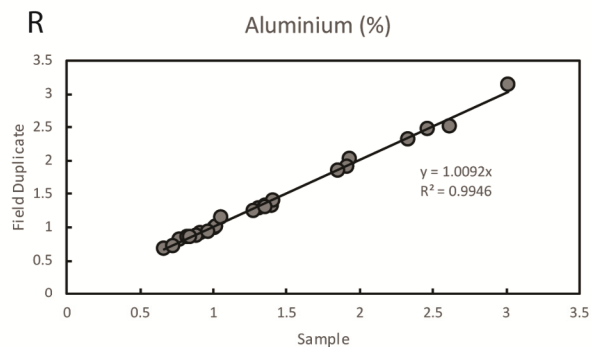
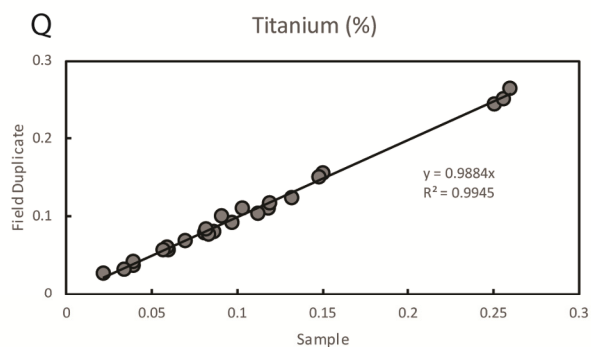


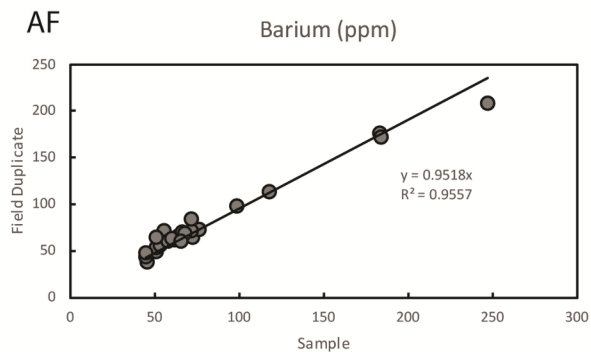
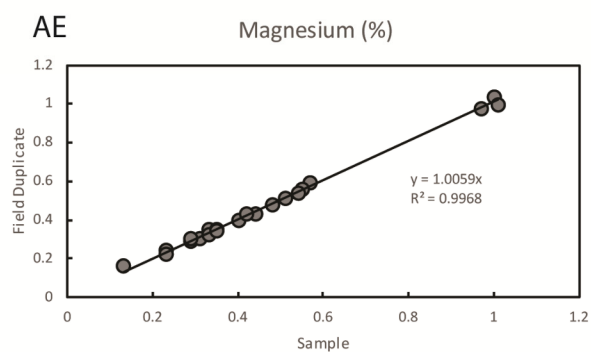
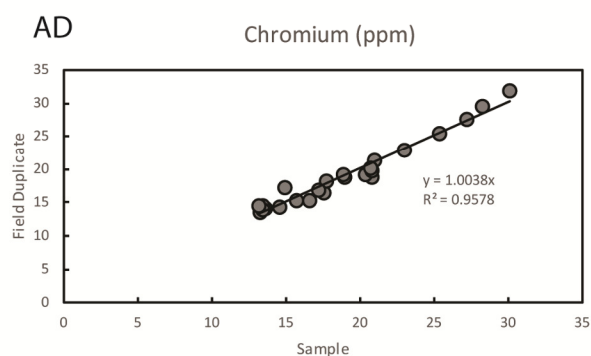
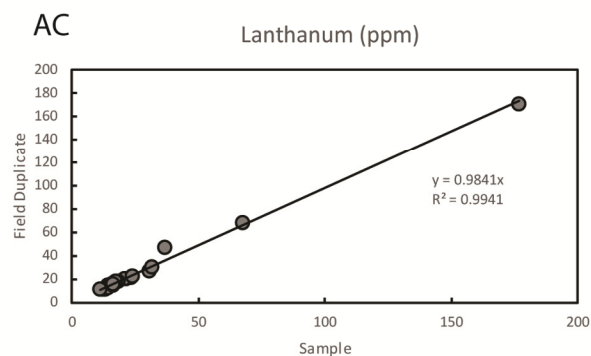
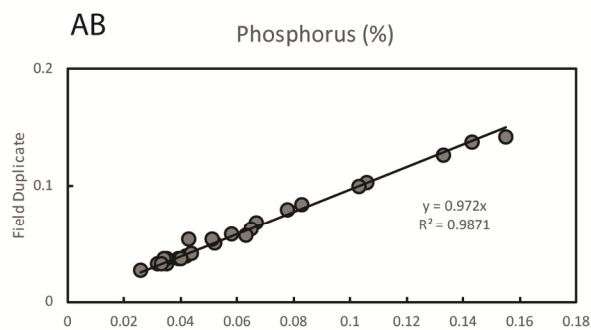
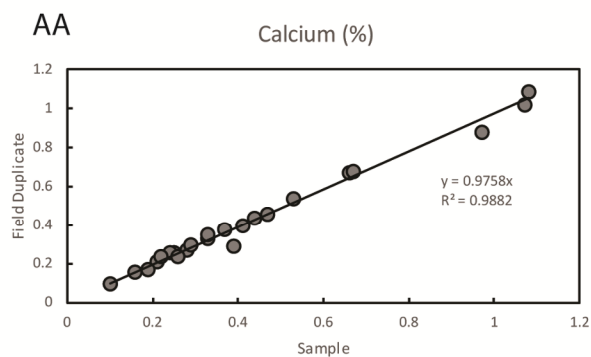
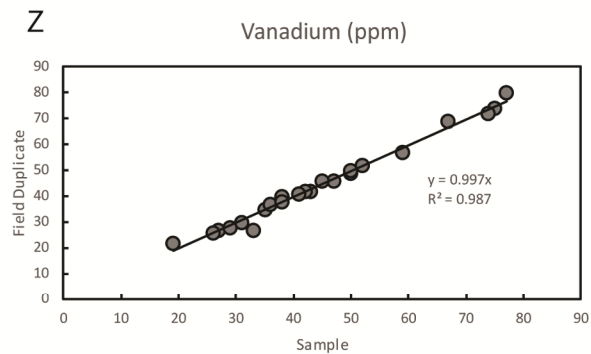
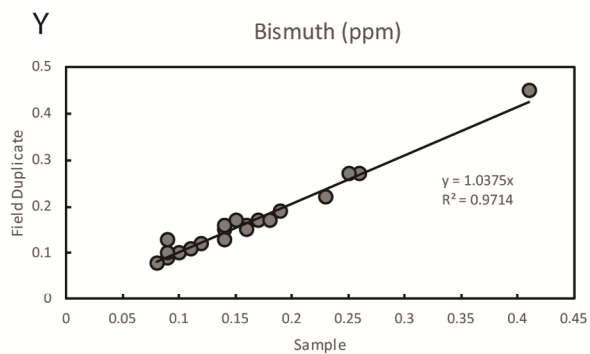
**Figure C3.** Field Duplicate cross-plots for samples analyzed by aqua regia ICP-MS. Most elements show excellent reproducibility except those subject to a strong nugget effect (e.g. gold) or those with a low number of detections (e.g. tungsten). On all plots, the original sample is plotted on the x-axis, and the duplicate on the y-axis. (A) Molybdenum, (B) copper, (C) lead, (D) zinc, (E) silver, (F) nickel, (G) cobalt, (H) manganese, (I) iron, (J) arsenic, (K) uranium, (L) gold, (M) thorium, (N) strontium, (O) cadmium, (P) antimony, (Q) titanium, (R) aluminium, (S) sodium, (T) potassium, (U) tungsten, (V) scandium, (W) thallium, (X) sulphur, (Y) bismuth, (Z) vanadium, (AA) calcium, (AB) phosphorus, (AC) lanthanum, (AD) chromium, (AE) magnesium, (AF) barium, (AG) mercury, (AH) selenium, (AI) tellurium, (AJ) gallium.

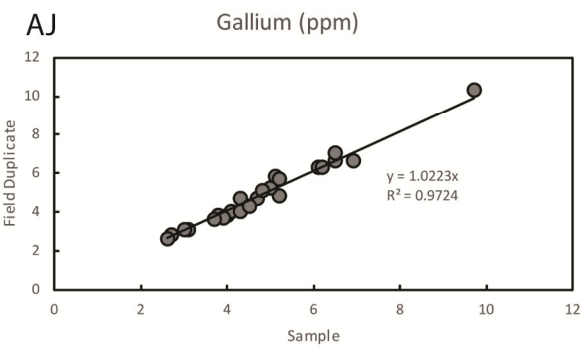
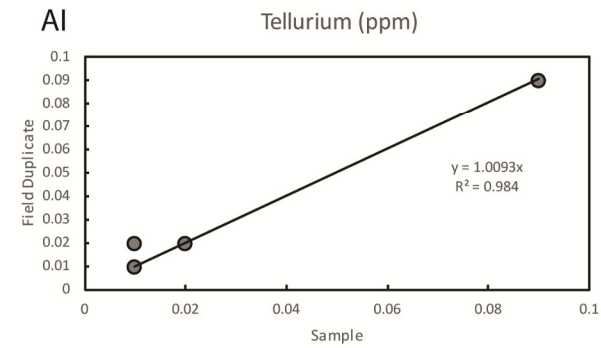
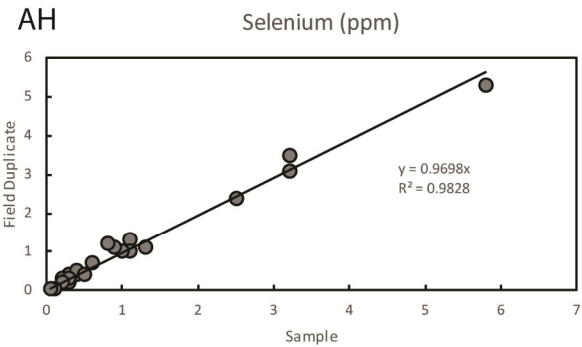
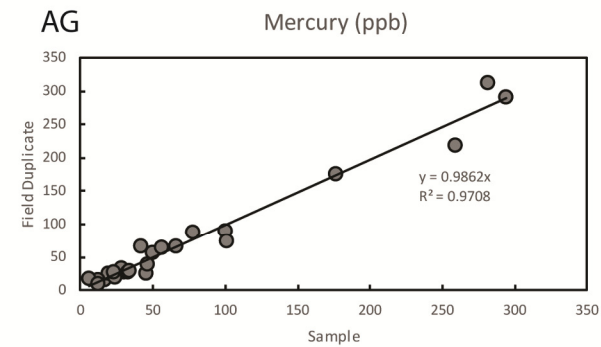
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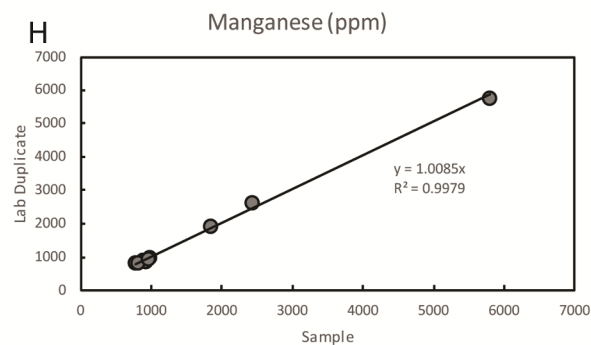
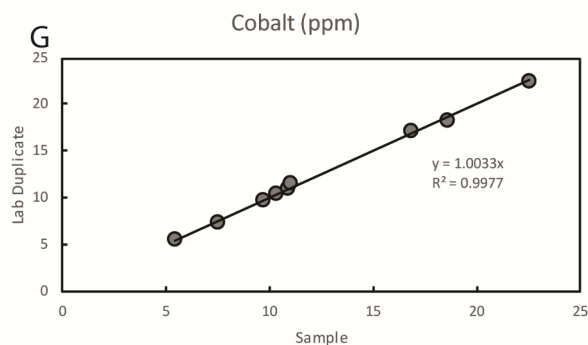
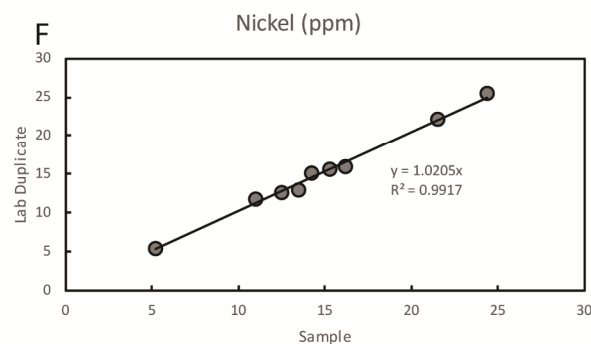
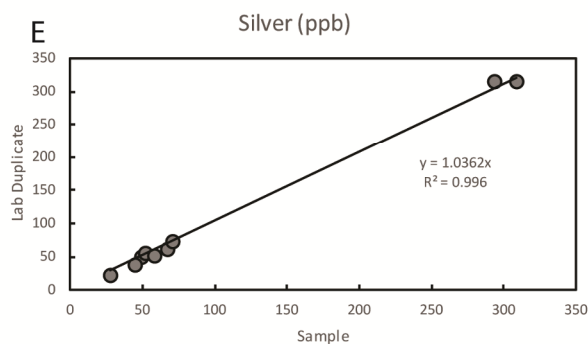
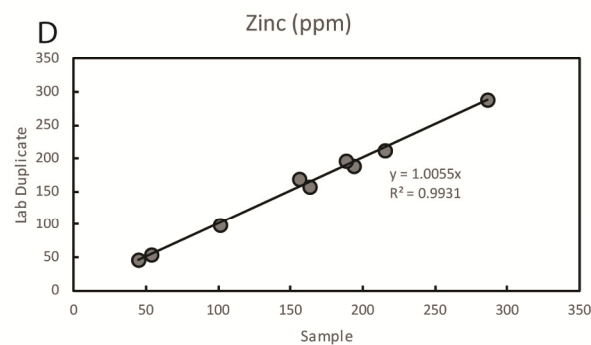
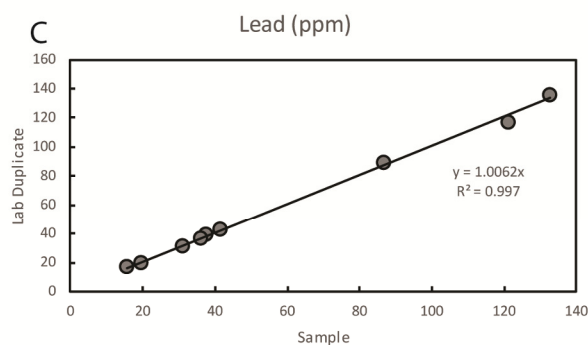
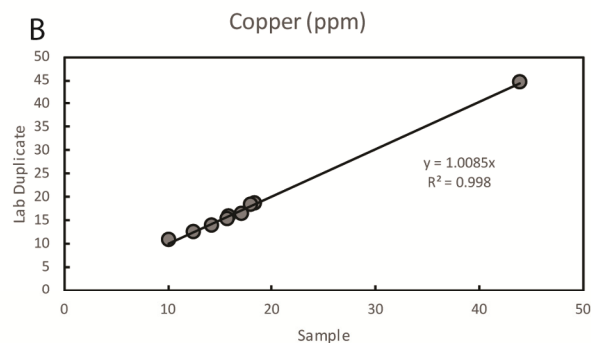
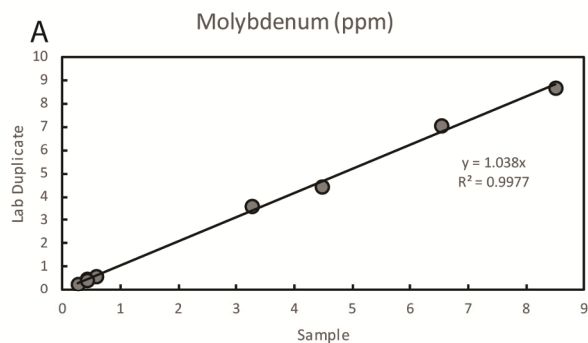


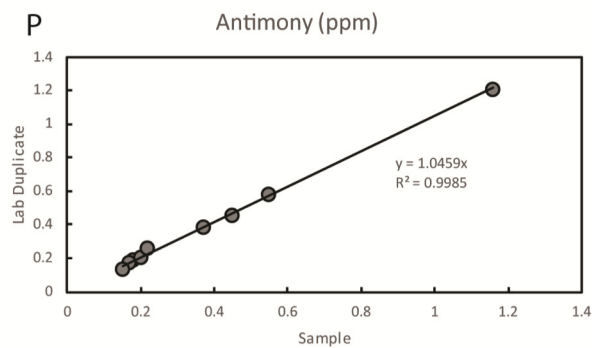
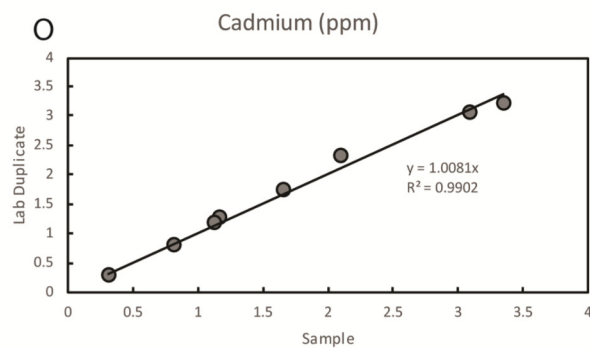
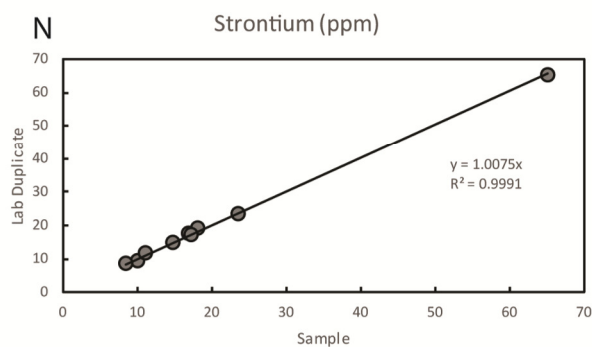
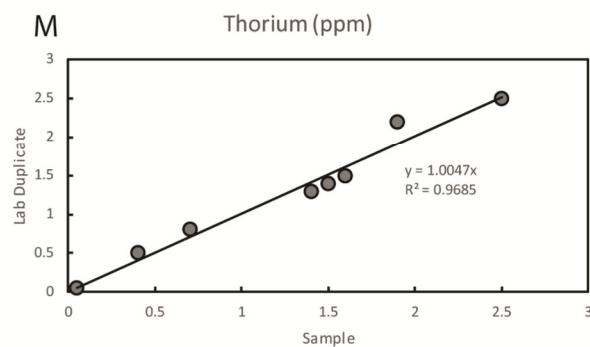
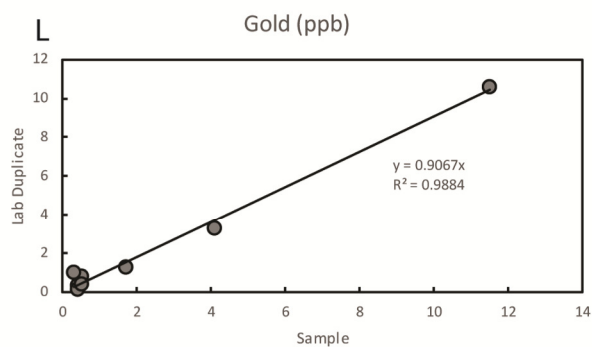
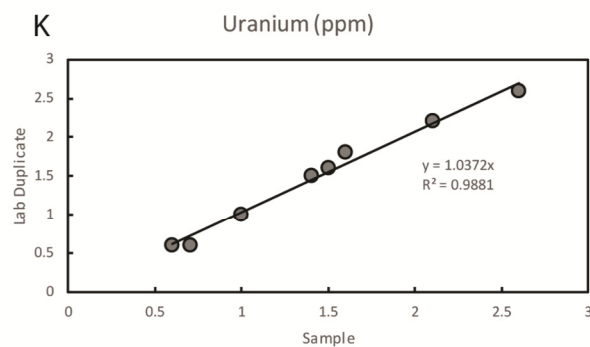
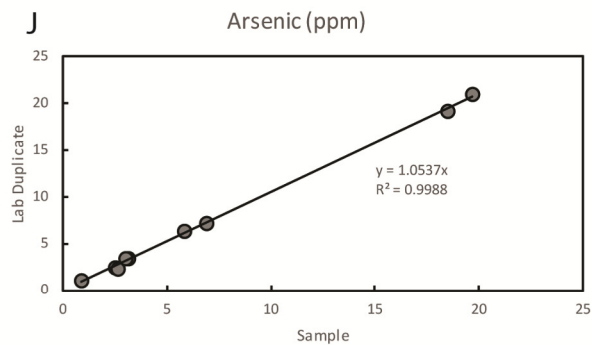
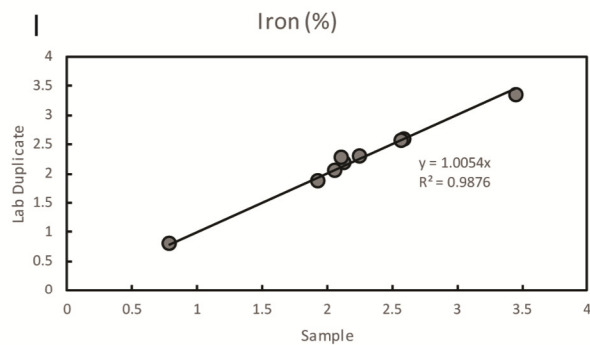


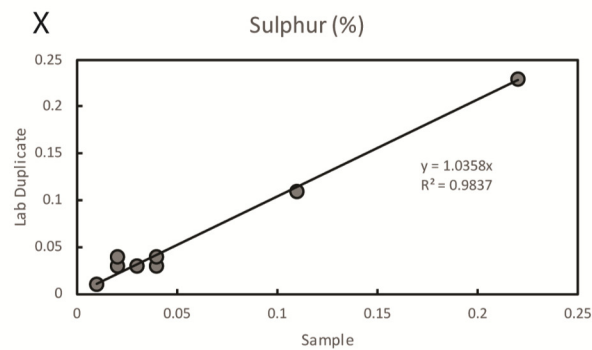
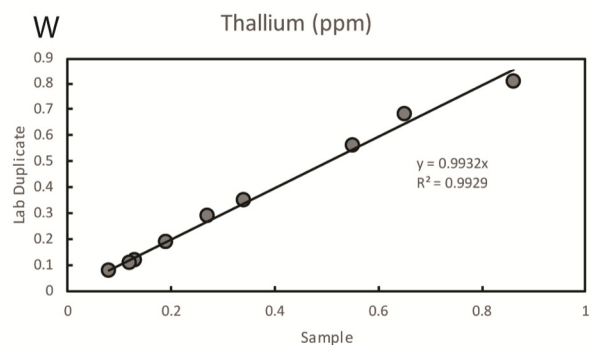
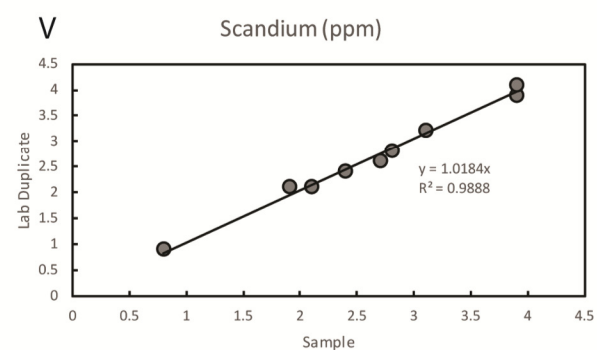
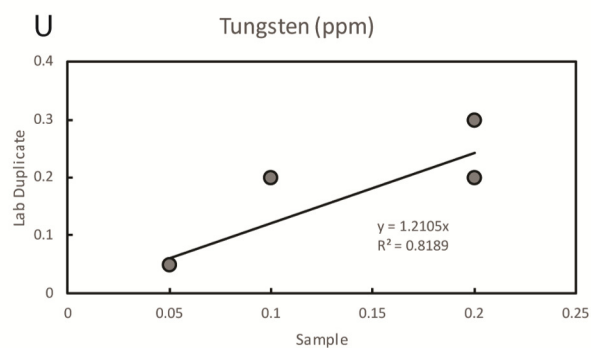
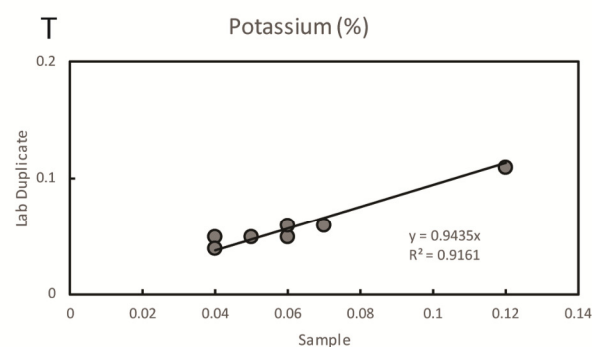
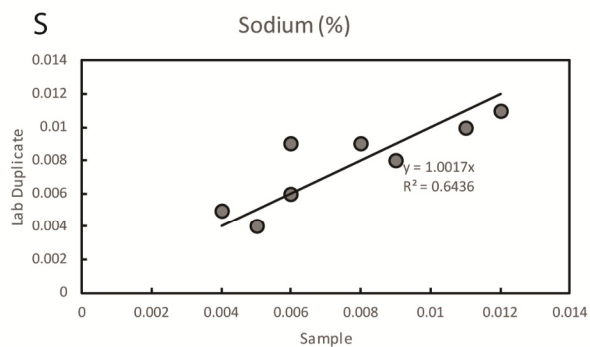
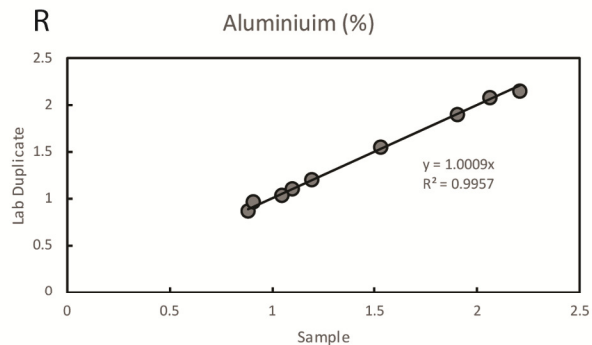
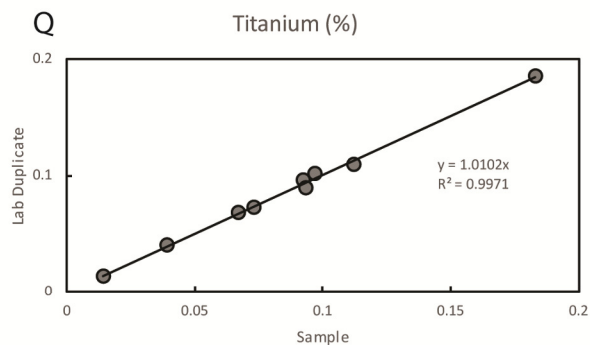
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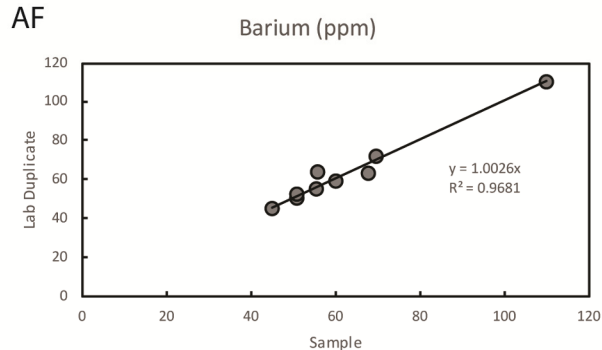
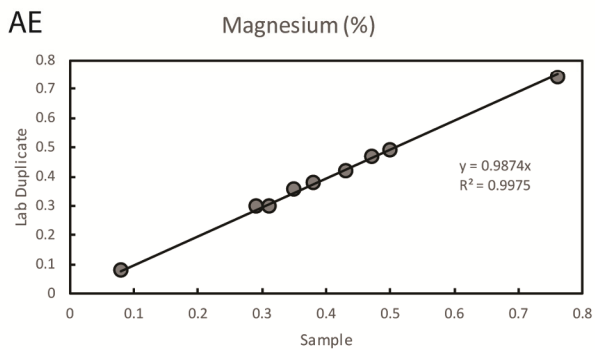
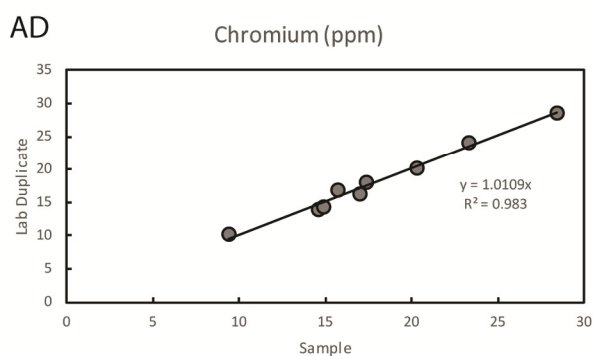
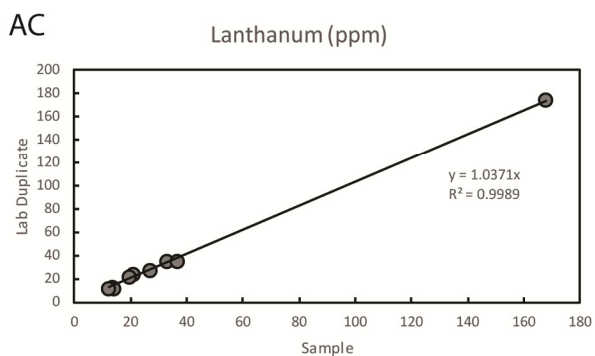
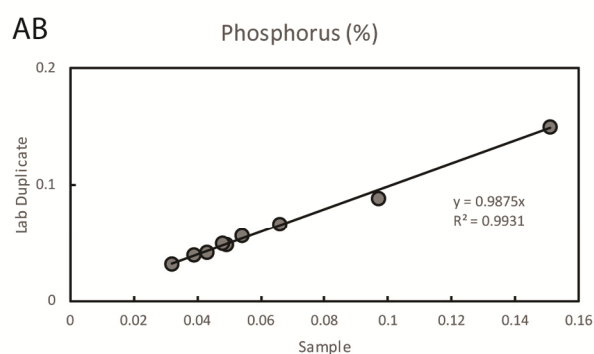
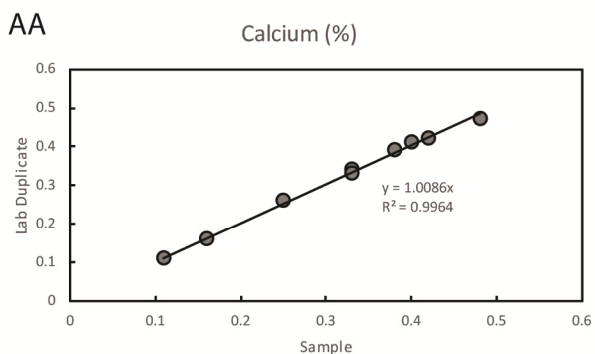
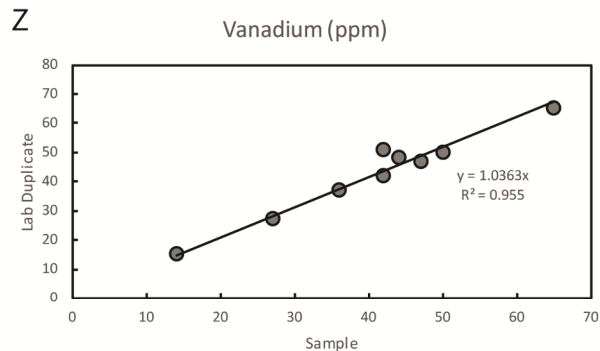
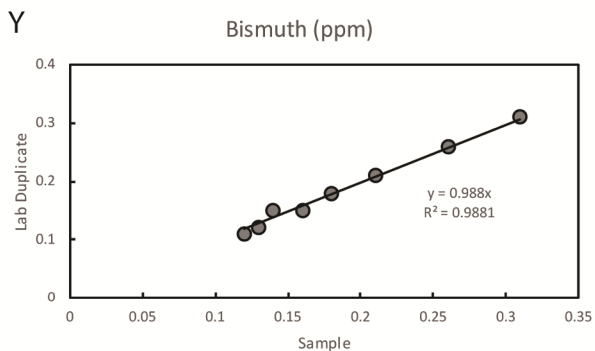
(A) Molybdenum, (B) copper, (C) lead, (D) zinc, (E) silver, (F) nickel, (G) cobalt, (H) manganese, (I) iron, (J) arsenic, (K) uranium, (L) gold, (M) thorium, (N) strontium, (O) cadmium, (P) antimony, (Q) titanium, (R) aluminium, (S) sodium, (T) potassium, (U) tungsten, (V) scandium, (W) thallium, (X) sulphur, (Y) bismuth, (Z) vanadium, (AA) calcium, (AB) phosphorus, (AC) lanthanum, (AD) chromium, (AE) magnesium, (AF) barium, (AG) mercury, (AH) selenium, (AI) tellurium, (AJ) Gallium.

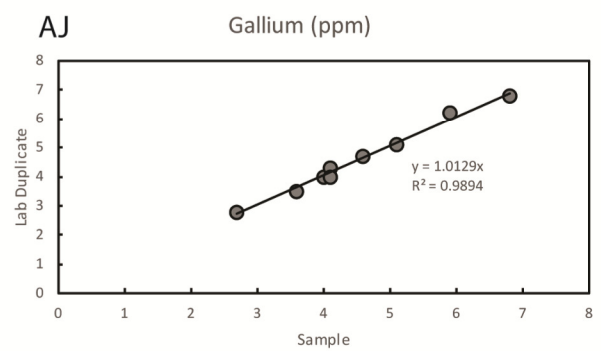
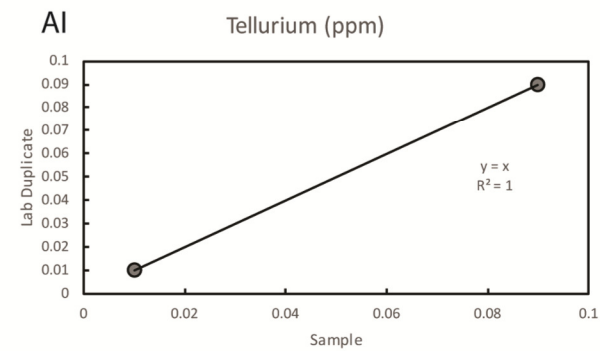
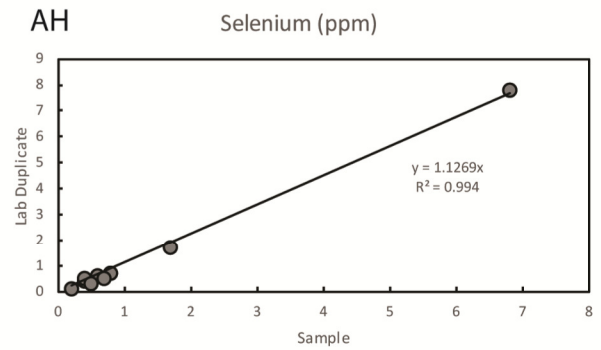
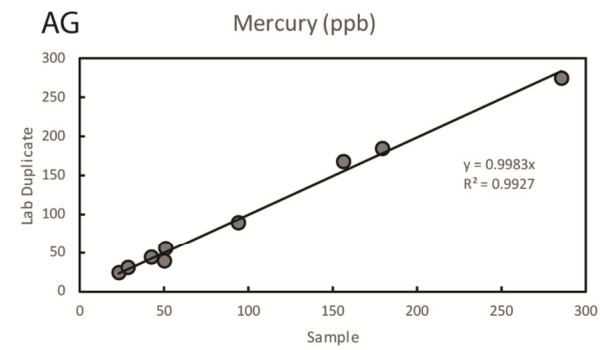
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**Figure C5.** Cross-plots comparing the pXRF results with aqua regia ICP-MS analyses, when possible. Reproducibility of pXRF results by ICP-MS depends heavily on how readily the element in question digests in aqua regia, as many elements that occur in silicate or refractory mineral phases do not easily digest. However, most chalcophile elements (e.g. arsenic, the base metals, etc.) compare very favourably between the two methods, although not necessarily at a 1:1 relationship. On all plots the pXRF data are on the x-axis and the aqua regia ICP-MS data are on the y-axis. (A) Sulphur, (B) calcium, (C) potassium, (D) titanium, (E) vanadium, (F) chromium, (G) manganese, (H) iron, (I) nickel, (J) copper, (K) zinc, (L) arsenic, (M) selenium, (N) strontium, (O) molybdenum, (P) cadmium, (Q) antimony, (R) barium, (S) lead, (T) thorium, (U) uranium.

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