## The Henkel Petrophysical Plot: Mineralogy and Lithology from Physical Properties

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#### Abstract

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11	Key Points:
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16 17	• Major geological processes leading to petrophysical properties on different regions of the Henkel plot are easily explained.

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### 35 Plain Language Summary

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for linking geophysical data and geological interpretation. Our study merges thousands of rock

physical properties measurements with their corresponding rock types and minerals. Given this

39 globally applicable database, we calibrated a model reducing these many parameters to 3 basic

groups of minerals and their physical properties. This model permits users of remote sensing data

41 to come up with equivalent rock and mineral types and a spatial view of geological processes. It

42 also allows geochemical data on igneous rocks to predict their physical behaviour and control on

43 regional geophysical mapping.

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### 45 **1 Introduction**

Effective geophysical mineral exploration, after decades of simply "drilling targets", now requires an integrated approach to understanding the geochemistry, mineralogy, lithology, and geological processes that form the deposit system (McCuaig and Hronsky, 2014). In this paper, we move beyond simple categorization of rock types according to their physical properties, to developing mineral models and interpreting geological processes in terms of physical properties that can be measured in the laboratory and determined from geophysical surveys.

52 Dentith et al. (2017, 2019) provide a conceptual framework for petrophysical data by placing the various rock physical properties on a ternary diagram (Fig. 1) with end members of 53 "Bulk (overall composition), "Grain (amount, size, shape of minority mineral phases)", and 54 55 "Texture (geometric relationships between grains)". Density is dominated by the Bulk composition, whereas magnetic susceptibility is dominated by the concentration of the minor 56 mineral magnetite, a Grain parameter. In Dentith's (op cit.) framework, Texture includes 57 58 porosity and permeability which dominate electrical conductivity. Different physical properties are controlled by complementary aspects of rocks, and individual rock types are better 59 characterized when more than one physical property is recorded. 60

Rock physical properties provide the link between geophysics and geology. Physical 61 properties are rapid to measure, reproducible, and afford numerical values that can be spatially 62 referenced and analysed. They are the key to providing physical ground truth and 63 64 characterization of diverse rock types. Mahmoodi and Smith (2015) for example, apply fuzzy kmeans clustering on borehole susceptibility, density and gamma logs to characterise lithological 65 zones in the Sudbury Intrusive Complex. These data, especially density and magnetic 66 susceptibility when correlated to lithologies and mineralogies are essential inputs to constrain the 67 geophysical inversion and geological interpretation of magnetic and gravity surveys (Vallée et 68 al., 2019a and b). In this paper we dissect systematic changes in density and magnetic 69 susceptibility, and how these relate to geological processes including igneous rock formation, 70 71 weathering and sedimentary transport, metamorphism, alteration, and ore formation. We show that it is possible to explain most changes in density and magnetic susceptibility by considering 72 the volume concentrations of three principal groups of minerals, QFC (quartz-feldspar-calcite), 73 FM (ferromagnesian silicates), and M (magnetite). We offer an example of a porphyry copper 74 deposit which demonstrates the geophysical responses due to the lithological sequence in a 75

76 differentiating intrusion and to its subsequent metamorphism and mineralization.

#### 77 2 Background

Gravity surveys reveal variations caused by contrasts in rock density. Geologically 78 79 abundant rock types such as granodiorite, gabbro, sandstone and greenschist (Wyllie, 1971) are composed of relatively few minerals with common minerals having a limited range of densities 80 81 (Fig.2). Most rock densities, particularly in continental shield areas and eroded orogenic belts, range from 2.6 to 2.8 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. Hinze (2003) recommended that a density value of 2.67 g/cm<sup>3</sup> 82 should be used for Bouguer anomaly correction. More recently, Tschirhart et al., (2019) 83 demonstrated that optimal Bouguer correction (minimization of terrain-related signal) is best 84 achieved with a spatially varying density value. Even so the densities they used only varied from 85 2.72 to 2.83 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. While ore minerals can be appreciably denser (4 to 19 g/cm<sup>3</sup>), they rarely 86 comprise more than a few percent of regionally extensive rock (Fig.2). When present as a 87 significant concentration, as in a mineral deposit, the sulfides can lead to an enhanced gravity 88 89 signature (Thomas, 2003).

Magnetic surveys provide high-resolution aerial coverage that often contain diagnostic 90 spatial patterns capable of distinguishing lithologies, faults, intrusions and blocks of crust with 91 distinctive tectonic or thermal histories (Gunn and Dentith, 1997, Airo, 2015). This survey tool is 92 particularly powerful when coupled with well-understood physics and well-developed 93 94 mathematical techniques (filtering, upwards or downwards continuation, Euler deconvolution, etc.) that permit estimates of depth to basement or Curie isotherms, location and geometry of 95 plutons, dykes, fracture systems and ore bodies (Grant 1984a, 1984b). For regions where the 96 97 Koenigsberger ratio is low (that is, induction is greater than remanence for magnetic sources), the interpretation depends on contrasts in magnetic susceptibility (Morris et al., 2007). While 98 there are a variety of magnetic minerals, the strongest, most abundant, and most widespread is 99 magnetite. Locally relevant interpretation requires physical measurements of magnetic 100 susceptibility of the significant lithologies and their variation. Clark (1997) provides a 101 comprehensive outline of magneto-petrophysics describing the various types of magnetism (dia-, 102 103 para- and ferro-magnetism), how they relate to magnetic mineralogy, and how magnetic properties of rocks vary as a function of primary (magmatic) and secondary (sedimentary, 104 metamorphic) processes. Different episodes of ferromagnetic minerals (Balsley and Buddington, 105

106 1958) or other geological and mineralogical processes leading to the formation of ore deposits
 107 (e.g., porphyry copper, ultramafics, and skarns) can generate diagnostic patterns of rocks with

enhanced or diminished magnetite content apparent as different geometries on magnetic maps

109 Clark et al., 1992).

Oxygen is by far the most common element in earth materials and, given its large atomic 110 radius as oxides or other oxyanions (silicate, carbonate, sulfate), it provides the volume 111 framework for most minerals. It comprises about 46.6% of the Earth's crust by weight and more 112 than 90% of the crust by volume (Barth, 1948). Oxygen ions form hexagonal and cubic packing 113 structures which readily accommodate smaller mineral-forming cations: Si<sup>4+</sup>, Al<sup>3+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, 114 Mg  $^{2+}$ , Ca $^{2+}$  etc., in either the smaller tetrahedral sites (surrounded by 4 oxygens) or the larger 115 octahedral sites (surrounded by 6 oxygens). Oxide and silicate minerals often crystallize in 116 epitaxis, wherein two adjacent minerals share a single planar face with a plane of oxide anions as 117 their common boundary. It is thus common for many minerals to crystallize with inclusions of 118 different minerals. This is particularly important for magnetite since sub-microscopic inclusions 119 of magnetite can impart measurable ferromagnetic properties to otherwise paramagnetic or 120 diamagnetic enclosing host-mineral phases (Haggerty, 1979; Fleet et al., 1980; Feinberg et al., 121 2005). 122

Iron is both the most common heavy element and the most common magnetic element in the Earth's crust. Thus, much of the discussion of density and magnetic susceptibility reduces to an analysis of the disposition of iron and its oxidation states. Ferromagnesian silicates (including olivine, pyroxene, amphibole, biotite) have up to about 40% Fe by weight, but usually have more Mg than Fe. Most of the crust sits at or slightly above (i.e., more oxidized than) the Fayalite-Magnetite-Quartz (FMQ) oxygen buffer (Eugster, 1957; Robie et al., 1982). This buffer controls the fugacity (chemical activity) of O<sub>2</sub> via the following mineral assemblage:

[eq.1]

130 3 Fayalite  $(Fe^{2+}_{2}SiO_{4}) + O_{2} = 3$  Quartz  $(SiO_{2}) + 2$  Magnetite  $(Fe^{2+}Fe^{3+}_{2}O_{4})$ .

Here, favalite represents the class of ferrous ( $Fe^{2+}$ ) FM silicate minerals. At higher 131 oxygen fugacity, all the ferric iron ( $Fe^{3+}$ ) and a fraction of the ferrous  $Fe^{2+}$  combine to form 132 magnetite (Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>). Oxygen as 21% of the atmosphere and ~10 ppm dissolved in shallow 133 oxygenated surface waters is the most common oxidant. As a result, uplift and exposure of 134 magnetite-bearing rocks often oxidizes magnetite to maghemite, hematite or less-magnetic ferric 135 oxy-hydroxides. Rocks formed in reducing and sulfidizing environments lose magnetite and tend 136 to form iron sulfides such as non-magnetic pyrite, and locally strongly magnetic pyrrhotite, and 137 other iron bearing ore minerals (Worm et al., 1993, Clark and Tonkin, 1994). 138

#### 139 **3 The Henkel Plot**

The cross-plot of the logarithm of magnetic susceptibility against density for rock 140 samples, reveals contributions from the constituent minerals, and the imprint imposed by a 141 variety of geological settings and processes through the measurements of two common and 142 143 easily measured petrophysical properties. Henkel (1976) published the first known such plot. Enkin (2018) compiled 59 of these plots published in 26 publications using data from five 144 continents, and presents a further 20 based on various aspects of the Canadian Rock Physical 145 Property Database (CRPPD). The remarkable property all these plots have in common is that 146 most of the measurements fall on two relatively well-constrained bands (Fig. 3), which Henkel 147 (1991) recognized and named the "paramagnetic trend" and the "magnetite trend". Because of 148

Herbert Henkel's leadership in the use and analysis of this plot, Dentith et al., (2017) named itthe "Henkel plot".

The current CRPPD is not a comprehensive nor a homogeneous compilation of Canadian 151 geology. The data set is biased by the research goals of the geologists, mostly involved with 152 mineral exploration, who have collected and submitted samples and measurements. 153 Furthermore, since the compilation started as a database for the province of British Columbia 154 (Enkin, 2014), it has a geographic bias in a region containing rocks of relatively low 155 metamorphic grade. Nevertheless, the features present in the CRPPD Henkel plot are apparent in 156 the global compilation of Henkel plots (appendix of Enkin, 2018), and correspond to common 157 rock and mineral forming processes, so we contend that the detailed analysis and interpretations 158 of the CRPPD Henkel plot are valid for most geological settings. 159

Grain density refers to the density of the minerals in a rock, while saturated bulk density 160 includes the effect of rock porosity filled with water (with the limitation that laboratory 161 measurements fail to fill blind porosity with water). The Henkel plot of the CRPPD presents 162 3770 points of magnetic susceptibility against grain density (Fig. 3a) and 11146 measurements 163 using saturated bulk density (Fig. 3b). With the high concentration of points plotting on top of 164 one another, it is best to analyse these features using iso-concentration contours, such as included 165 on Figure 3. The Henkel plot displays two modes sitting along two curved trends. Using the 166 grain density version, the modes are at  $(2.67 \text{ g/cm}^3, 1.9 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ SI})$ , and  $(2.74 \text{ g/cm}^3, 2.6 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ SI})$ . 167 The corresponding modes on the saturated bulk density version are similar:  $(2.66 \text{ g/cm}^3, 1.9 \cdot 10^{-2})$ 168 SI), and  $(2.73 \text{ g/cm}^3, 2.7 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ SI})$ . The "magnetite trend" denotes the curved band that passes 169 through the higher susceptibility mode, while the band passing through the lower susceptibility 170 mode is the "paramagnetic trend" (Henkel, 1991). 171

Enkin (2018) displayed Henkel plots for many different rock types and suites of related 172 rocks to demonstrate features of their distribution. In summary, most igneous rocks plot near the 173 upper mode and along the magnetite trend. Plutonic rocks follow the magnetite trend quite 174 closely, while a significant proportion of volcanic rocks plot off the trend due to lower densities 175 because of vesicles or other pore space. Felsic rocks have lower iron content and thus tend to 176 177 have lower density and magnetic susceptibility than mafic rocks. Most sedimentary and metamorphic rocks plot along the paramagnetic trend, but both classes feature a subpopulation 178 plotting along the magnetite trend due to immature lithic clasts and placers. For example, Parker 179 Gay and Hawley (1991) report aeromagnetic anomaly patterns associated with sediments from 180 three areas: in each of these examples the sediments are magnetite rich as a result of nearby 181 volcanic activity. Sediments often plot at lower densities than metamorphic rocks because of 182 their porosity and low iron content, while the metamorphic rocks have a tighter distribution 183 184 along the paramagnetic trend. Intensely mineralized and altered rocks have much more scattered

185 distributions with respect to the two main trends.

#### 186 4 Mineral Modelling

187 4.1 Forward Modelling

In geochemical analyses, it is often useful to plot "mineral mixing lines" on bivariate plots or ternary diagrams to indicate the proportions of end-member minerals. This modelling approach is particularly useful wherein the variation in rock types is due to mixing or fractionation, as in the tholeiitic or calc-alkaline trends on either the AFM (Alkali, Iron, 192 Magnesium) diagram or the Total Alkalis versus Silica (TAS) plot (Irvine and Baragar, 1971; Le

193 Maitre et al., 2005). Streckeisen (1976) constructed a classification scheme for igneous rocks

based on the presence of five mineral groups: quartz (Q), alkali feldspar (A), plagioclase (P),

195 feldspathoids (F), and mafic minerals (M). We use a similar end-member mineral modelling

approach to calibrate the natural span of rock density and susceptibility variations and their
 mineral properties on the Henkel plot. We remark that there is a restricted natural span of

densities for common rock forming minerals between non-ferromagnesian silicates and

199 ferromagnesian silicates comprising the range of most rocks (Fig. 2). Additionally, the magnetite

200 content, ranging between several percent down to trace amounts, dominates their magnetic

susceptibility. Note, throughout this paper, mineral proportions are given in volume percent,

which is better linked to density and magnetic susceptibility of bulk rocks than is weight percent.

Trends on the Henkel plot can be quantitatively analysed in terms of mixing models for 203 the groups of minerals which control their physical properties (Henkel, 1991; Williams and 204 Dipple, 2007; Williams, 2009). The interpretive value of a mineralogically calibrated Henkel 205 plot is that magnetic and gravity potential field data can yield lithologies and geological 206 processes based on the mineralogical calibrations. Looking at density and susceptibility data with 207 a mineralogically calibrated Henkel plot permits discrimination between mafic and felsic 208 volcanics, localized zones of metamorphism, zones of increased fracture density. For the purpose 209 210 of this analysis, we propose that most common non-porous and non-mineralized rocks are described as combinations of three end-member groups of minerals (OFC-Quartz-Feldspar-211 Calcite, FM-Ferromagnesian silicates, M-Magnetite). While it may not be obvious that such 212 mineral groups can, or should, be modelled as single points on the Henkel plot, we demonstrate 213 that this approach is useful for geological-geophysical interpretation, thus justifying the analysis. 214 The remainder of the dispersion in densities on the Henkel plot require two additional 215 qualifications: rocks with significant porosity contain voids or fluids will reduce the bulk density, 216 and rocks containing atypically high concentrations of metals such as sulfides or other ore 217 minerals will exhibit greater densities. 218

Our approach is similar to Principal Component Analysis, where co-varying variables are 219 gathered together to reduce the number of parameters to describe a system. The three end-220 member mineral groups we propose have distinct physical and geological properties. In the 221 222 forward sense, if one knows the proportions of these mineral groups comprising a rock, then the physical properties of that rock can be predicted. In the inverse sense, if one knows the two 223 224 physical properties of density and magnetic susceptibility, then the range of compatible lithologies can be inferred. As in all earth sciences, there are different advantages to splitting and 225 lumping sets of observations. The goal in our analysis here is to provide an optimal set of usable 226 227 parameters for linking geophysical and geological analyses for the two dominant trends and the majority of rock types. Forcing the calibration to accommodate all possible outliers needlessly 228 complicates the analysis without providing better insight. 229

Most crustal rocks have low densities around 2.6-2.8 g/cm<sup>3</sup> due to containing at least half and often more than 90% quartz (2.62 g/cm<sup>3</sup>), plagioclase feldspar to alkali-feldspar (2.56-2.76 g/cm<sup>3</sup>), and calcite (2.71 g/cm<sup>3</sup>) (Fig. 2). These minerals are collectively abbreviated as the "QFC" component. We use the low susceptibility tail of sedimentary rocks in the grain density Henkel plot of the CRPPD (Fig. 3a) as the QFC density endpoint at 2.64 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. In addition to being low density, these minerals are characteristically diamagnetic (negative magnetic susceptibility, around -10<sup>-5</sup> SI). For the pragmatic reason of needing the points to plot on a logarithmic magnetic susceptibility scale on the Henkel plot, and thus positive, we model the QFC end member with a positive but negligible value of  $1.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$  SI.

Igneous rocks are classified mainly by their total proportion of Ferromagnesian silicates 239 (FM). The modal and normative classification of igneous rocks assigns rock names according to 240 normative colour index (CI=proportion of dark coloured FM silicate minerals: mostly olivine, 241 pyroxene, amphibole, biotite) (Bowen, 1922, Irvine and Baragar, 1971, Streckeisen, 1976). This 242 method is readily applied using either visual or chemical estimates. FM minerals display a wide 243 range of densities and susceptibilities (Fig. 2, 4), but most of the rock property distribution on the 244 Henkel plot are well-characterized when we use the point  $(3.33 \text{ g/cm}^3, 1.0 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ SI})$  as the FM 245 endpoint, around the density of olivine (92.5% forsterite + 7.5% fayalite). This density also 246 corresponds to peridotite xenoliths from continental cratons (Kelly, et al., 2003) and for our 247 xenolith collection from the Canadian cordillera. We have examined the mineralogy of a variety 248 of rocks in our collection, which plot near the high-density end of the paramagnetic trend, with 249 density around 3.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup> and we see that they typically contain around 20% of QFC minerals, 250 requiring the density of the FM endpoint to be around  $3.33 \text{ g/cm}^3$ . 251

It is common for mafic plutonic rocks with high iron content (up to several percent) and 252 253 abundant ferromagnesian minerals such as pyroxenes to contain sub-microscopic (<100 nm) inclusions of magnetite (Haggerty, 1979; Fleet 1980; Puga et al., 1999; Harrison et al 2002; 254 Feinberg et al 2004, 2005). This inherent characteristic contributes to the low but measurable 255 magnetic susceptibility along the paramagnetic trend. The magnetic susceptibility of individual 256 257 minerals (e.g., Bleil and Petersen, 1982; Carmichael, 1989; Biedermann, 2018) displays more variability than does their density, but the susceptibility axis of the Henkel plot spans more than 258 6 orders of magnitude, so the FM endpoint susceptibility value could be higher or lower by a 259 factor of 2 without significantly modifying the analysis or conclusions. 260

The third end-member is magnetite (M), the most common magnetic mineral and the 261 source of most magnetic susceptibility and remanence in Earth's crust. It has a density of 5.2 262 g/cm<sup>3</sup> and a remarkably grain size-independent magnetic susceptibility of 3.0 SI (Heider et al., 263 1996; Peters and Dekkers, 2003). Note that while the intrinsic susceptibility of magnetite is 264 much higher, each grain's individual demagnetizing field diminishes the externally measured 265 susceptibility (Dunlop and Ozdemir, 1997, p. 237). In this context, the shape of the magnetite 266 grains is important. The demagnetizing field along the long axis of acicular grains is lower than 267 that for equant grains, so in rare cases it is possible to measure magnetite susceptibility up to 268 about 6 SI. 269

The three end-points and mixing curves for the three end members are indicated on 270 Figure 4. The mineral mixing line between the QFC and FM end-points would be a straight line 271 on a linear plot of density vs. magnetic susceptibility, but it takes a curved shape on the density 272 273 versus log(magnetic susceptibility) Henkel plot. Our QFC-FM mineral-mixing curve traces through the middle of the band labelled "Biotite Amphibole Paramagnetic Trend" in Henkel's 274 (1991) figure 1. In dashed lines, Henkel plotted curves of increasing magnetite starting from no 275 magnetite at the paramagnetic trend, going up as the high susceptibility and density of magnetite 276 substitutes for the paramagnetic component. At the zero-magnetite limit, he marked the "Silicate 277 Density", that is, the density that a rock would have if all the magnetite were removed. Note, 278 there is a simple typographical error on page 4 of Henkel (1991) in the denominator of the 279 equation for silicate density. It should read: 280

$$d_{S} = (d - d_{M}s/s_{M})/(1 - s/s_{M}),$$
 [eq.2]

where  $d_s$  is the silicate density, d is the observed or total density, s is the observed susceptibility,  $d_M$  is the density of magnetite and  $s_M$  is the susceptibility of magnetite. The equation reasonably assumes that the magnetic susceptibilities of the QFC and FM components are negligible.

There are two useful sets of mineral mixing lines illustrating our 3-component 285 mineralogical model on the Henkel plot (Fig. 5a and b). They both display the lines with the 286 range of QFC proportions from 0 to 100% in 10% steps, with the remainder of the rock being the 287 sum of FM and M. In Figure 5a, logarithmic steps of magnetite content, M, are drawn. Above 288 289 M=0.03%, these curves are nearly horizontal, with the implication that the magnetic susceptibility is hardly sensitive to any mineralogical components other than the magnetite. That 290 is, rocks containing greater than 0.03% magnetite will have a magnetic susceptibility above  $10^{-3}$ 291 292 SI, with their density being controlled by the content (percentage) of QFC minerals. Below 293 M=0.03%, the concentration of paramagnetic FM minerals dominate the magnetic susceptibility, with the understanding that FM silicates include submicroscopic magnetite inclusions. Aydin et 294 295 al., (2007) defined a parameter Maximum Paramagnetic Susceptibility, calculated on basis of density, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, and Mn<sup>2+</sup> content, which estimates paramagnetic susceptibility assuming 296 ferromagnesian minerals (biotite and amphibole). In a study of Turkish granitoid rocks the 297 maximum paramagnetic susceptibility identified by Aydin et al., (2007) is 2.4 · 10<sup>-4</sup> SI which is 298 compatible with our model analysis. 299

Curves of constant FM:M ratio are plotted in Figure 5b. These lines slide from the QFC+M curve (i.e., FM:M=0:1) to the QFC+FM curve (i.e., FM:M =  $\infty$ :1). We see that the Magnetite Trend approximates the FM:M = 10:1 mixing model, with the more felsic rocks (that is, high QFC) being more magnetite rich with respect to the FM minerals. The paramagnetic trend is similar to the FM:M = 10000:1 mixing model. There are notably few rocks in the FM:M = 100:1 to 1000:1 range, which is an important feature we will explain.

Figure 6 presents the common projections away from the (QFC, FM, M) mineral model. 306 The curves for the paramagnetic trend (QFC+FM) and the magnetite trend (QFC + a 10:1 ratio 307 of FM:M) are displaced by the given proportion of water (blue curves), pyrite (brown curves) or 308 sphalerite (orange curves). Water-filled porosity accounts for points on the low-density side of 309 the Henkel plot. Most sedimentary rocks in the CRPPD have <10% porosity, while vesicular 310 volcanic rocks can have >30% porosity. Were the CRPPD rock collection more focussed on 311 312 hydrocarbon reservoir rocks, we would display many more high porosity sedimentary rocks. The mineral-mixing curve for QFC and pure magnetite should limit where rocks plot on the Henkel 313 plot. Rocks that plot at lower density than this mixing line may contain a large proportion of 314 low-density minerals such as K-feldspar (density 2.56 g/cm<sup>3</sup> as in syenites, porphyries, arkoses 315 or K-metasomatized rocks) or graphite, but more likely contain clay minerals, zeolites, or are 316 porous due to fractures and voids and filled with air or water. If magnetite is in an acicular form, 317 318 then its magnetic susceptibility can be higher by up to a factor of 2, accounting for the few points which lie above the main magnetite trend. The collection of rocks in the CRPPD which contains 319 rocks which notably plot above the QFC-magnetite mixing curve come from the Great Bear 320 Magmatic Zone setting from the Northwest Territories (Enkin et al., 2016). These "Iron Oxide 321 Copper Gold" (IOCG) mineralized rocks include high concentrations of magnetite formed under 322 metasomatic conditions with steep thermal gradients which lead to highly acicular crystal 323 324 growth.

Rocks that plot with density greater than the mineral mixing curves or susceptibility 325 326 below them cannot be modelled using the (QFC, FM, M) end-members. These substantially mineralized rocks are rare in the CRPPD (Enkin, 2018, figure 16e). They contain a significant 327 concentration of high-density minerals ( $>3.7 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ) with a wide range of magnetic susceptibility 328 (pyrite and sphalerite illustrated in Fig. 6). In a regional context mineralized rocks are rare, 329 however, in some mineral exploration settings it is possible to have significant concentrations of 330 pyrrhotite which influences the observed magnetic anomaly pattern reflecting the enhanced 331 susceptibility of this mineral (Schwarz, 1974 and 1991; Clark, 1984). While mineralized samples 332 are over-represented in the CRPPD, they are still rare enough not to affect the iso-concentration 333 contours on which the mineral-mixing models are based. The mineral explorationist needs to 334 335 know typical values for ordinary rocks in order to recognize when geophysical inversions produce exotic or unreasonable values. 336

#### 4.2 Inverse Modelling

Our discussion shows that most rock properties on the Henkel plot is modelled in terms of the three end members. We can invert this model to provide petrophysically estimated mineral concentrations, for rocks that plot within the QFC-FM-M mixing curves as per Figure 4. For simplicity of notation: Q represents the QFC concentration, F represents FM, and M is simply the M magnetite concentration. The three relationships in three unknowns:

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$$Q + F + M = 1$$
 , [eq. 3]

$$d_0 Q + d_F F + d_M M = d, \qquad [eq. 4]$$

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$$s_Q Q + s_F F + s_M M = s,$$
 [eq. 5]

346 where d stands for density and s stands for magnetic susceptibility, are combined as:

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ d_Q & d_F & d_M \\ s_Q & s_F & s_M \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Q \\ F \\ M \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix}.$$
 [eq.6]

348 Thus

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$$\begin{pmatrix} Q \\ F \\ M \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ d_Q & d_F & d_M \\ s_Q & s_F & s_M \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2.64 & 3.33 & 5.2 \\ 10^{-7} & 10^{-3} & 3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix}, \qquad [eq. 7]$$

#### 350 which is easily solved with standard software packages, such as numpy.linalg.solve for Python:

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$$\begin{pmatrix} Q \\ F \\ M \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4.8295 & -1.4506 & 0.90450 \\ -3.8308 & 1.4511 & -1.2382 \\ 1.2768 \cdot 10^{-3} & -4.8364 \cdot 10^{-4} & 0.33375 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix}.$$
 [eq. 8]

For example, a granodiorite with density d=2.71 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, and magnetic susceptibility s=3.2·10<sup>-2</sup> SI, is composed of (4.8295\*1)+(-1.4506\*2.71)+( 0.90450\*3.2·10<sup>-2</sup>)=92.7% QFC, 6.2% FM, and 1.1% Magnetite. An amphibole schist with density d=3.05 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, and magnetic susceptibility  $s=8.1\cdot10^{-4}$  SI is composed of 40.6% QFC, 59.4% FM, and just 72ppm Magnetite.

When *d* and *s* are outside the mixing model, then the derived Q, F, and M values are outside the 0 to 1 range. The situation happens when: 1) porosity makes the density too low; 2) the rock contains high density, low susceptibility minerals; and/or 3) the model end-members are not appropriate for the rock's mineralogy. In particular, rhyolites and granites often have high

proportions of K-feldspar (density 2.56 g/cm<sup>3</sup>) in their QFC composition. When the density of

such rocks is below 2.64 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, the inverse model equation 8 renders negative concentrations of 1000% OFC.

FM silicates and over 100% QFC. When there are geological reasons to consider the QFC component to be dominated by minerals with density  $2.56 \text{ g/cm}^3$ , the modified matrix of

component to be dominated by minerals with density 2.56 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, the modified matrix c composition as a function of density and susceptibility becomes:

365  $\begin{pmatrix} Q \\ F \\ \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4.3274 & -1.2998 \\ -3.3285 & 1.3002 \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4.3274 & -1.2998 & 0.81045 \\ -3.3285 & 1.3002 & -1.1442 \\ 1.1093 \cdot 10^{-3} & -4.3335 \cdot 10^{-4} & 0.33371 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix}.$$
 [eq. 9]

Note, however, that for most of the crust, a QFC density of 2.64 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. Using this quartzdominated value, the QFC-FM mixing curve follows the lower point concentration contour of the paramagnetic trend, and the FM/M=10 mixing curves follows the dominant ridge of the magnetite trend.

The end-member density and magnetic susceptibility values rely on mineral measurements, but particularly for the FM end-member, it is reasonable to question the use of a single point to represent the vast range of rock types and processes. Here we appeal to the "ground truth" of comparison of the petrophysical estimate of the mineralogy to that visually observed in rocks in our collection or derived using normative mineralogy algorithms from the geochemistry. We find that the petrophysically-derived mineralogy is remarkably accurate for the purpose of the geophysical interpretations that we wish to produce.

#### 377 **5 Geological Interpretation**

The most abundant crustal elements, in order, are O, Si, Al, Fe, and Ca, with lesser Mg, Na, K and P. All other constituents are minor or trace elements. Iron, with an average crustal value of 5.63% and common range of 1 to 15% by volume (Taylor, 1964), is the most common heavy element and only common magnetic element. As such, the distribution and oxidation state of iron in the mineralogy of rocks plays a dominant role both for a rock's density and its magnetic susceptibility.

The Ouartz-Feldspar-Calcite (OFC) family of minerals can hold at most trace amounts of 384 iron in their crystal structures. Nearly all the total iron in rocks is distributed between the Ferro-385 Magnesian Silicate (FM) family, Magnetite (M), and other oxides and sulfides. Since Fe is the 386 predominant chemical component in rocks with more than one possible valence state, the 387 proportions of ferrous and ferric iron in the bulk chemical analysis of minerals and rocks define 388 oxygen fugacity. Over widespread geological conditions where FM silicate minerals form, the 389 silicates require octahedrally coordinated ferrous iron ( $Fe^{2+}$ ) for their structures (Deer et al, 1997; 390 Siever and Woodford, 1979). The smaller ferric iron (Fe<sup>3+</sup>) component goes into magnetite and 391 ensures that magnetite is a primary mineral comprising 0.1 to 3% of most igneous rocks. Natural 392 393 mineral buffering assemblages, particularly FMQ have been extensively studied and applied to diverse igneous rocks (Carmichael and Nicholls, 1967, Frost and Lindsley, 1991, Frost et al, 394 395 1988). Other than oxidizing conditions of surface weathering environments, most iron-bearing minerals are predominantly ferrous (Deer et al., 2011). The ferric iron ions mostly form 396 magnetite and hematite, or other surface weathering oxy-hydroxides like goethite or limonite, in 397 proportions determined by the oxidation state. 398

Thus for most rocks, there is a high ratio of  $Fe^{2+}/Fe^{3+}$ , as verified by abundant empirical 399 data (Marakushev, 1975, Middlemost, 1986) and consistent with the FMQ oxygen fugacity 400 buffer (Eugster, 1957; Fudali, 1965). While total Fe can be readily analysed spectroscopically by 401 techniques including atomic absorption, X-ray fluorescence, and ICPMS [Potts, 1987; Jenner and 402 Arevalo, 2016], determining the proportion of  $Fe^{2+}$  requires wet chemical oxidative volumetric 403 or complexiometric titrations (Wilson, 1955; Saikkonen and Rautiainen, 1993; Potts, 1987). 404 Most igneous rocks and many other crustal rocks (Zen 1985) sit near FMQ or at slightly more 405 oxidized conditions, which are towards the Hematite-Magnetite oxygen buffer (Fudali, 1965; 406 Carmichael and Nicholls, 1967, Clark, 1997) while mantle rocks, particularly in the garnet 407 peridotite stability field, tend to be marginally lower than FMQ (McCammon and Kopylova, 408 409 2004).

Most of the crust is igneous and the primary minerals derive from cooling and 410 crystallization. Embedded in the other various processes that comprise the rock cycle are redox 411 changes which either make rocks more reduced or more oxidized depending on which minerals 412 fractionate and what fluids are present (Sossi et al., 2012). Most subsequent geological processes 413 following igneous crystallization, including: deuteric alteration, oxidation, hydration, 414 weathering, sedimentary transport, sedimentary deposition, metamorphism, hydrothermal 415 alteration, sulfidation, and ore formation, increase or reduce oxygen fugacity and destroy 416 primary magnetite; thereby leading to a reduction in magnetic susceptibility. On the Henkel plot, 417 the magnetite trend marks where magnetite occurs in maximum proportions to other minerals 418 due to the FMQ buffer. The more reduced magnetite-wustite buffer has more ferrous iron than 419 can be accommodated by magnetite, so more of the iron forms FM silicates with lower 420 susceptibility. The more oxidized magnetite-hematite buffer has more ferric iron than can form 421 magnetite, so it forms some hematite instead and thus has lower susceptibility. If oxygen 422 fugacity were to be plotted perpendicular to the usual susceptibility-density plane for the Henkel 423 plot, the magnetite trend would actually form a high saddle that falls off both directions away 424 from this plane (Fig.7). 425

Because of its abundance and two common valences, it has long been recognized that 426 iron as an element has two rather different modes of chemical behaviour (Goldschmidt, 1937). 427 Ferrous iron is the most abundant form and it tends to be soluble in natural waters and igneous 428 429 melts. Ferric iron tends to form insoluble residues chiefly as oxy-hydroxides. Thus at higher fO<sub>2</sub>, hematite or other less susceptible ferric oxy-hydroxides form at the expense of magnetite (e.g., 430 subaerial weathering, gossans, soil formation). Lower fO<sub>2</sub> destroys magnetite and forms ferrous 431 silicates during metamorphism, or solvates and removes iron from the system altogether. In 432 subaqueous deposition of sediments, water is an oxygen barrier. This barrier and the tendency for 433 bacteria to consume any buried organic matter, progressively reduces sediments as a function of 434 burial depth. This reduction consumes any Fe<sup>3+</sup> in magnetite or oxidized silicate minerals (to 435 form ferrous silicates), while reducing any dissolved sulfate in pore waters to sulfide 436 (Malinverno and Pohlman, 2011, Pohlman et al., 2013). In hydrothermal and other ore forming 437 environments within the crust, lower fO<sub>2</sub> and high fS (sulfur fugacity as S<sup>-2</sup>, HS<sup>-</sup>, etc.) mainly 438 produces Fe<sup>2+</sup> sulfide minerals (pyrite, pyrrhotite, chalcopyrite, sphalerite, etc.) at the expense of 439 magnetite. With the exception of pyrrhotite, formation of these sulfide minerals also serves to 440 lower the bulk magnetic susceptibility during sulfide ore formation. 441

#### 442 5.1 Igneous Rocks

Most of the crust and the entire mantle is composed of igneous rocks. Bowen's Reaction 443 Series (Bowen, 1922) describes the ordinary sequence of crystallization of primary igneous 444 minerals as a function of falling temperature. The predominant processes governing these 445 igneous minerals and the rocks they form include: crystallization as a function of falling 446 temperature, fractional crystallization, reaction with residual melts as magmas cool in place, and 447 contamination during intrusion or emplacement through the crust.  $Mg^{2+}$  and  $Fe^{2+}$  ions have 448 similar size, so they substitute in the same minerals.  $Mg^{2+}$  is slightly smaller, so it forms stronger 449 bonds and tends to crystallize first at higher temperature into ferromagnesian silicates. The 450 discontinuous reaction series – olivine, pyroxene, amphibole, biotite – involves the early high 451 temperature crystallization of FM minerals, rich in Mg<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>2+</sup>, which react with the silicate 452 melt as the melt cools and further polymerizes. Magmas, and igneous rocks derived from them, 453 become progressively depleted in  $Mg^{2+}$  and enriched in  $Fe^{2+}$  as these earlier ferromagnesian 454 minerals crystallize and are fractionally removed during further magma ascent. Therefore, most 455 FM minerals are more Mg-rich than ferrous and the partitioning of Mg and Fe between 456 coexisting pairs of minerals acts as a kind of geothermometer (Brown and Vincent, 1963; 457 Carmichael, 1967; Bhattacharya et al., 1992; Loucks, 1996; Ravna, 2000). 458

Magmas fractionate as they crystallize, thus ferromagnesian-enriched minerals tend to be denser than the magmas they came from and therefore they settle as crystal aggregates. Removal of FM enriched phases leads to progressively enhanced concentration of silica, water, alkalis and minor elements in the residual magma (Irvine and Baragar, 1971). Clark (1999) figure 7 using data reported by Puranen (1989), and Enkin (2018) figure 18 show a systematic decrease in density and susceptibility with ordinary igneous fractionation through the series: gabbro – diorite – quartz diorite – granodiorite – granite.

To a first approximation, the abundant minerals which control rock density do so by 466 having a few percent minerals with some heavier Fe content in their composition. Oceanic crust 467 is predominantly basalt or gabbro with total iron oxide content <15% by weight and about half of 468 their volume as the ferromagnesian silicates olivine and pyroxene. These minerals crystallized at 469 470 high temperature and selectively took up smaller Mg ions rather than larger ferrous iron, giving them densities at the low end of the range for those minerals (olivine-3.32 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, augite-3.40, 471 hypersthene-3.55). Continental crust is predominantly granite and granodiorite having less than 472 15% by volume of hydrated ferromagnesian silicates with somewhat lower densities 473 (hornblende-3.23, biotite-2.94) owing to less net iron, more silica and more of lighter elements 474 like Na or K with higher coordination volumes. 475

As most igneous magmas, and the rocks they generate, evolve in the crust via cooling and 476 crystallization, they tend to remain in the FMQ oxygen fugacity buffer (Carmichael, 1967; Kress 477 and Carmichael, 1991). Ferric iron does not fit in most common rock-forming QFC or FM 478 minerals, so it crystallizes as iron oxides. Once magnetite starts to crystallize on cooling, it 479 removes the Fe<sup>3+</sup> preferentially. Thereafter, FM mineral fractionation follows the FMQ buffer as 480 magnetite and ferrous ferromagnesian silicate minerals continue to crystallize (Fudali, 1965; 481 Carmichael and Nicholls, 1967). Furthermore, at magmatic conditions of  $-8 < \log_{10}(fO_2 atm) < -6$ 482 and 1200°C to 1000°C typical basalts have an atomic ratio of ferrous to total iron 483  $Fe^{2+}/(Fe^{2+}+Fe^{3+}) \sim 0.65$  while granodiorites are a bit lower at ~0.58. The fractional crystallization 484 process produces a predominance of ferrous ferromagnesian silicate (FM) minerals along with 485 subordinate magnetite in both volcanic and plutonic igneous rocks (Middlemost, 1989). 486

487 Essentially all the  $Fe^{3+}$  is incorporated into magnetite as long as  $Fe_2O_3$  is less abundant than FeO 488 in a molecular sense (or ferrous iron is greater than one third of total iron). At higher oxygen

fugacity, a combination of magnetite and hematite forms. The maximum amount of magnetite is

formed when  $Fe^{2+}/(Fe^{2+}+Fe^{3+}) \sim 0.35$ . The precise ratio depends on the other elements present in the melt. At this maximum, every percent iron by weight produces about 0.5% magnetite by

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 volume. It is very rare that a mafic magma will contain more than 15% iron, so even at optimal

493 oxidation, magnetite content in igneous rocks can rarely be above 8%. In the CRPPD (Enkin,

494 2018), only 2% of plutonic rocks have magnetic susceptibility above  $7.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$  SI (that is, 2.5%

495 magnetite by volume) and 2% of volcanic rocks have magnetic susceptibility above  $5.9 \cdot 10^{-2}$  SI 496 (that is, 2.0% magnetite).

Most of the natural variation in magnetite concentration is not due to variation away from 497 the FMQ buffer itself but due to the influence of other elements (Mg, Ti, Na, K, etc.) on the size 498 and position of the magnetite stability field in temperature- $fO_2$  space (Frost and Lindsley, 1991; 499 Clark et al., 2003). Essentially the addition of Mg (as in more mafic magmas) raises fO<sub>2</sub> of the 500 Olivine-Magnetite-Quartz buffer compared to pure FMQ because Mg preferentially enters 501 olivine compared to magnetite and enters magnetite compared to hematite. This is sensible 502 because ordinary differentiation drops the Mg number and magnetite crystallization is limited to 503 higher oxygen fugacities (Clark et al., 2003). Conversely, Ti is preferentially taken up by 504 ulvospinel ( $Fe^{2+}TiO_4$ ) instead of  $Fe^{3+}$  as magnetite in the cubic phase, or ilmenite ( $Fe^{2+}TiO_3$ ) 505 instead of hematite in the hexagonal phase. Hence, the addition of Ti (as in more alkaline or 506 evolved Fe and Ti enriched magmas) tends to drop both the FMQ and HM buffers to lower fO<sub>2</sub>. 507 In strongly alkaline melts, the excess alkalis are taken up by ferrous alkali ferromagnesian 508 minerals such as acmite, aegerine or riebeckite, which in turn reduces the stability fields and 509 crystallization for both magnetite and hematite (Platt and Woolley, 1986). 510

The related set of points on the Henkel plot follows the magnetite trend from the high 511 density and high susceptibility mafic rocks (derived from hotter magmas with higher CI) 512 513 progressing to lower density and lower susceptibility felsic rocks (derived from cooler residual magmas). The mode, or most populated point, of the magnetite trend (2.66 g/cm<sup>3</sup>,  $1.9 \cdot 10^{-2}$  SI) is 514 representative of granite, the most common continental crustal rock. Granite composition is so 515 common because it forms at the granite eutectic minimum (quartz, alkali feldspar, plagioclase) 516 517 on the composition-temperature graph (Bowen, 1922), that is, the low temperature residue composition for either the end of magma cooling and crystallization, or the common starting 518 519 composition for beginning of partial melting (anatexis) on rock heating and ultra-metamorphism (Sawyer et al., 2011). 520

521 The existence of unaltered volcanic rocks which carry atypically low magnetic susceptibility (~10<sup>-3</sup> SI), such as the Miocene Chilcotin basalts of central British Columbia 522 (Enkin, 2014), helps test our model justifying the predominance of volcanic rocks with 523 susceptibilities above 10<sup>-2</sup> SI lying on the Henkel plot Magnetite Trend. The Chilcotin Basalts 524 are within-plate, dry, glassy, mafic, olivine bearing volcanic rocks (Dostal et al., 1996, Bevier, 525 1983). They have low magnetic susceptibility because, with low water initial content, the 526 primary ferrous minerals and glassy groundmass was preserved and iron was trapped in volcanic 527 glass, rather than forming the equilibrium concentration of magnetite that would be expected 528 from the equivalent plutonic gabbros. The reduced oxidation state typical of the lower crust was 529 preserved through the passage to the surface because the dry magma did not allow equilibration 530 with the surrounding crustal rocks or fluids. 531

# 532 5.1.1. Density – Magnetic Susceptibility Model Verification from Geochemistry and 533 CIPW Norms

Igneous rocks are classified by their modal mineral proportions or their chemical 534 composition. Visual estimate of the modal colour index (CI = proportion of dark FM silicates) of 535 coarse-grained plutonic rocks and even microcrystalline volcanic rocks is possible for hand 536 specimens and thin sections. A problem arises in attempting to classify very fine grained or 537 glassy volcanic rocks when there are few phenocrysts. This problem was addressed by Cross et 538 al. (1902) to calculate a norm (that is, mineral proportions derived from chemical composition) 539 to analyse and classify volcanic rocks based on their bulk chemical composition. The CIPW 540 Norm, named after its original developers: Cross, Iddings, Pirsson, and Washington (Johannsen, 541 1931), still serves with little modification (Johannsen, 1931). The CIPW norm calculation 542 assigns the elemental analytes to minerals, as if the rock were fully crystallized as per intrusive 543 plutons. This type of calculation permits a chemical analysis to be recast as mineral proportions. 544 It is particularly useful where chemical analyses have been performed but the rock has not been 545 analysed for its constituent minerals by visual or microscopic techniques. In common non-546 peralkaline igneous rocks (Middlemost, 1989), every 2 ions of  $Fe^{3+}$  take one ion of  $Fe^{2+}$  to form 547 magnetite. If rocks are oxidized, not fresh, or have not been analysed for the ferric iron 548 component, some correction must be made, or inappropriate values will be estimated for 549 hematite, quartz, and orthopyroxene. Given these types of corrections to primary  $Fe^{2+}/Fe^{3+}$  ratios, 550 the chemistry may be used quickly and accurately to provide normative estimates of CI to 551 correctly assign rock names. These calculations are so robust, that within broad assignments of 552 iron oxidation states, reasonable normative estimates of QFC-FM-M mineral proportions, and 553 thus CI, density and magnetic susceptibility are obtained. 554

CIPW norms for igneous rocks were calculated individually using a spreadsheet program 555 (Hollocher, 2004) and for groups of related rocks using other programs such as those in IOGAS, 556 to provide a check on our three-component model classification for the density and magnetic 557 susceptibility values on the calibrated Henkel petrophysical plot. If our petrophysical model is 558 valid then it should be possible to estimate density and susceptibility values from chemical 559 analyses. To test this suggestion, we chose fresh unaltered volcanic rocks that span the majority 560 of common igneous rock types, specifically a rhyolite Newberry volcano (Kuehn and Foit, 2006) 561 and a Galapagos ferrobasalt differentiate (Clague and Bunch, 1976). The M proportion is simply 562 the CIPW estimate volume percent of magnetite. The QFC proportion is the sum of quartz, 563 orthoclase, and plagioclase proportions in saturated igneous rocks or nepheline in undersaturated 564 ones. The FM proportion is the sum of ferromagnesian silicates: olivine, orthopyroxene, 565 diopside, plus a few dense, less-magnetic minerals (ilmenite, hematite, apatite, corundum) 566 indicated with square brackets on Figure 2. While these non-silicate minerals are rare, they are 567 included because they have density and susceptibility values similar to the FM silicates in our 568 calibrated model for the Henkel plot. The theoretical density of the whole rock was calculated 569 from the volume percentages of the end member norm minerals and their density values. The 570 571 CIPW estimate of magnetic susceptibility is 3.0SI/100% times the volume percent of magnetite. As discussed above paramagnetic mineral contribution to total susceptibility is limited to less 572 than 3 x10<sup>-4</sup> SI, or less than 0.03% Magnetite content. We used  $Fe^{2+}/(Fe^{2+}+Fe^{3+}) = 0.65$  as the 573 oxidation state but varied the ratio to verify how robust the results are to oxidation state. 574

575 The derived density and magnetic susceptibility values for the rhyolite plotted near the 576 mode for the magnetite trend in the CRPPDB ( $2.66 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ,  $1.5 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ SI}$ ). The ferrobasalt was

- chosen as an extreme case, having a total FeO\* value of 16.97%. As such its density and
- susceptibility values plotted far along the upper magnetite trend at  $(3.12 \text{ g/cm}^3, 1.73 \cdot 10^{-1} \text{ SI})$ .
- Varying the oxidation state only changes the density by up to  $\pm 0.5\%$ , while the susceptibility is
- robust to a factor 2 up of down.
- 581 5.2 Sedimentary Rocks and Processes

Most sedimentary rocks are characteristically of low magnetic susceptibility and low 582 583 density. Sedimentary rocks contain only trace amounts of magnetite, and the low density reflects the common sedimentary minerals (quartz, feldspar, clays, and carbonates) and their inherently 584 high porosity. Potential field methods tend to see through sedimentary cover sequences and 585 instead respond to the more deeply buried underlying igneous and metamorphic basement rocks. 586 Where thick accumulations of sediments and sedimentary rocks occur they make lows on both 587 gravity and magnetic maps. The small amount of magnetite and iron places sedimentary rocks on 588 the paramagnetic trend on the Henkel plot (Fig.3, yellow points). 589

Liquid water present at the surface of the earth, and as subsurface ground water, is active 590 591 in removing magnetite from rocks during weathering, transport and diagenesis, as indicated by the black arrow in Figure 7. Water acts as a chemical weathering agent by hydrating the surface 592 of minerals, hydrolyzing minerals and replacing some of their exposed surface cations with 593 hydrogen ions, and dissolving minerals to remove mineral matter as solutes. Ferrous iron in 594 minerals, including ferromagnesian silicates, carbonates, magnetite, pyrite and other ferrous 595 sulfides, is preferentially soluble. Depending on the chemical environment, iron may be partially 596 597 retained as clay minerals and oxy-hydroxides, but usually it suffers some net loss via dissolution and leaching, to the point that most sediments are iron poor. Sedimentary residues tend to 598 comprise quartz, clay minerals, aluminous oxy-hydroxides, or reprecipitated soluble phases such 599 as calcite, gypsum and other salts. 600

Sedimentation on land occurs in the presence of atmospheric oxygen, acidic rain or fresh 601 oxidized surface waters. These conditions leach iron from the rocks and oxidize ferrous ions to 602 ferric ions, thus transforming magnetite to hematite or to ferric iron oxy-hydroxides (goethite or 603 limonite), thus decreasing the magnetic susceptibility (Lapointe et al., 1986) as indicated by the 604 red arrow in Figure 7. As iron oxides are often the dominant pigments in rocks, red and yellow 605 rocks usually indicate that their iron has been leached, oxidized, and deposited as fine-grained 606 pigments and films coating mineral surfaces. Rapid oxidation of pyrite, pyrrhotite or other 607 ferrous iron bearing sulfide minerals causes sedimentary materials which contain them to 608 generate ferrihydrite, goethite, or hematite by-products as a characteristic feature of acid rock 609 drainage generated from exposed sulfide minerals or mine tailings (Shang et al., 2009). As a by-610 product of the oxidizing sulfuric acid generated from acid rock drainage, weathering and removal 611 612 of ferrous iron from primary magnetite and ferromagnesian silicate minerals is enhanced so magnetite content is diminished by these acid leaching and oxidation processes as well. 613

614 In anoxic conditions, primary magnetite rich sediment can be preserved. Pozza et al. 615 (2004) mapped the distribution of magnetite-rich contaminated sediments in the Randle Reef 616 area of Hamilton Harbour. The presence of bacteria in the water column and shallow pore 617 waters plus any organic content serves to scavenge oxygen and reduce ferric iron (Fe<sup>3+</sup>), so 618 magnetite is destroyed diagenetically (Grant, 1985a), as indicated by the green arrow in Figure 7. 619 In swamps, and deep basins with abundant organic content, the bacterial oxidation of organic 620 matter not only consumes free dissolved oxygen, but also steals oxygen from oxy-anion solutes (nitrate, sulfate etc.) (Malinverno and Pohlman, 2011; Pohlman et al., 2013). Under such anoxic
 organic-rich conditions, the presence of any oxidized iron in detrital magnetite is also bacterially
 reduced producing fully reduced pyrite if sulfur is not limiting or temporary environmental iron
 sulfides where it is limited (Hamilton et al, 2010; Esteban et al., 2010).

Volcaniclastic rocks, immature lithic sediments containing plutonic, volcanic or 625 metamorphic lithic fragments and placers from continental sediments and sedimentary rocks, 626 contain sufficient primary magnetite (Parker et al., 1991) that they tend to plot along the 627 magnetite trend on the Henkel Plot (Fig.3). The other rare but notable sedimentary rock 628 exceptions which plot at high density and susceptibility are placer deposits and banded iron 629 formations (Klein, 2005). Note that the two or more orders of magnitude between the magnetite 630 and paramagnetic trends on the Henkel plot suggests that it takes the magnetite leached from at 631 least 1000 volumes of rock to concentrate into one volume of sedimentary magnetite placer or 632 chemical ironstone. 633

#### 5.3 Metamorphic Processes

There are relatively few common bulk compositions or rock types (Wyllie, 1971) for regional metamorphism, since there are few dominant protoliths: pelites (mud rocks, ~80% of sediments), psammites (sandstones), volcanics (dominantly mafic basaltic seafloor or intermediate andesites from primitive volcanic arcs) or plutonics (dominantly granites to granodiorites). In continental shields and uplifted orogenic belts, these protoliths tend to produce regionally extensive dynamo-thermal metamorphic rocks such as schists, greenstones, amphibolites or gneisses.

Prograde metamorphism tends to be buffered by the mineral assemblage (Eugster, 1957) and thus tends to preserve the predominant fO<sub>2</sub> series along the FMQ oxygen fugacity buffer like their protoliths, especially for igneous assemblages (Grant, 1984a). In the rare case of abundant hematite in the sedimentary protolith, prograde metamorphism can produce some magnetite but more generally it is destructive of magnetite by favouring the preferential production of ferrous silicates. Thus, metamorphic processes usually place rocks on the paramagnetic trend on the Henkel plot (Fig.3), after having followed the magnetite-loss black arrow in Figure 7.

Prograde metamorphism involves heating via burial down the geothermal gradient during 649 plate collision and mountain building (Barrovian style metamorphism) or via increases in the 650 geothermal gradient such as occurs above or next to crustal intrusions in volcanic arcs, along rifts 651 or near within-plate plutons (such as Buchan style metamorphism or contact metamorphism). 652 Most prograde metamorphism involves fluid loss, desilication and densification and rates of 653 these reactions are geologically rapid (Walther and Wood, 1984). The typical prograde 654 metamorphism releases fluids during dehydration and decarbonation reactions along with some 655 soluble silica and cations being driven off metasomatically to shallower and cooler levels of the 656 crust. There is a tendency, due to  $Mg^{2+}$  being slightly smaller than  $Fe^{2+}$ , for iron to dissolve and 657 leave with the fluids. The maximum temperature is recorded within the highest-grade mineral 658 assemblage via increases in Mg/Fe ratios for the FM silicate minerals. This is tantamount to 659 moving the rock back up Bowen's discontinuous reaction series, for example: 660

661 Biotite 
$$\rightarrow$$
 Hornblende + H<sub>2</sub>O + SiO<sub>2 aq</sub> + Fe<sup>2+</sup><sub>aq</sub> , [eq. 10]

and so on for the formation of pyroxene or olivine instead of amphibole. Depending on buffering by ferromagnesian minerals, fO<sub>2</sub>, and other elements, magnetite may be created (Grant,

1984a) or more often consumed, especially if ferrous iron is lost to the system along with 664 expelled fluids. This process leaves more Mg-rich greenstone or amphibolite residues, or rocks 665 with iron forming ferrous silicates: garnet, staurolite, epidote, chlorite, chloritoid etc., which are 666 notably lower in magnetic susceptibility than when part of the iron was ferric and contained 667 within magnetite in their protoliths. Along with increasing Mg/Fe ratios in prograde 668 metamorphism, alkalis (Na, K) are selectively driven off during prograde dehydration reactions. 669 Thus, igneous or immature clastic sedimentary protoliths having primary feldspars, leave more 670 aluminous and calcic, denser metamorphic mineral residues as the larger and higher coordination 671 number cation sites in framework or sheet silicates are lost. The metamorphic fluids are less 672 dense than the rocks undergoing heating and burial, so they escape to shallower levels of the 673 crust and carry some silica, salts, and iron to mineralizing or ore-forming settings higher up in 674 the crust. Collectively these processes tend to produce denser, less magnetic, prograde residual 675 metamorphic rocks than their protoliths. 676

There is a tendency for an increase in susceptibility for higher grade metamorphic rocks in the upper amphibolite and granulite facies (Grant, 1984a). This is due to making progressively more magnesian-rich ferromagnesian silicates and putting Ti and Fe back into titanomagnetite as grade and temperature increase.

Rock becomes denser during burial and compression down the geothermal gradient 681 because they are squeezed faster than they are heated (most minerals are insulators for heat 682 conduction). As minerals are compressed, they recrystallize to denser forms and denser 683 684 configurations with less void space by sharing some edges (2 shared oxygens between adjacent polyhedra, not just one). While the Fe content principally governs their density and magnetic 685 susceptibility, in higher pressure metamorphic environments Al can also exert an influence on 686 rock density.  $Al^{3+}$  is a small cation which sits in either tetrahedral or octahedral sites surrounded 687 by oxygen. With increasing pressure, the size of the oxide ion decreases producing two 688 consequences. Higher pressure also favours the smaller tetrahedral-Al sites so in some mineral 689 690 assemblages this partitioning can serve as a geobarometer as noted for hornblende calc-alkaline and metaluminous igneous rocks (Hammarstrom and Zen, 1986; Hollister et al., 1987; Johnson 691 and Rutherford, 1989; Rutter et al., 1989; Mutch et al. 2016). Both tetrahedral-Al and octahedral-692 Al achieve slightly denser packing configurations as a function of pressure. There is also a 693 694 tendency to reduce void space between polyhedral and for some edge sharing to occur which also decreases void space. Examples of denser Al-bearing minerals which form during higher 695 pressure metamorphism include: garnet and staurolite, corundum, kyanite, and garnet with 696 typical densities in the range of 3.6-4.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, as per the minerals in red on Figure 2. All of these 697 rock forming minerals in meta-pelites are denser than our selected FM end member so they can 698 699 increase rock density in proportion to their presence and produce a shift in the Henkel plot envelope (Fig.6). For example, the increasing density with prograde regional metamorphism of a 700 kaolinite-rich shale proceeds as: Kaolinite  $(2.60 \text{ g/cm}^3) \rightarrow \text{Pyrophyllite} (2.84 \text{ g/cm}^3) \rightarrow$ 701 702 Andalusite  $(3.15 \text{ g/cm}^3) \rightarrow \text{Kyanite} (3.61 \text{ g/cm}^3)$ .

Retrograde metamorphism of mafic and ultramafic rocks, through the process of serpentinization, involves hydration and oxidation and results in products that are generally at odds with the outcome expected from more silica rich rocks (Adams and Dentith, 2016). This process is regionally significant because of the amount of serpentinized ultramafic rocks in accreted oceanic crust (Bonatti, 1976) and greenstone belts (Williams, 2009). First, increased serpentinization is associated with the mobility of several elements including iron (Peters et al.,

- 2017) and thus it is generally accompanied by a gradual reduction in the observed density
- (Dentith and Mudge, 2014) and an increase in susceptibility (Williams, 2009), in marked contrast
- with the generally low magnetic signature of greenstone belts compared to granitoids (Grant
- 1984b) due to loss of magnetite and iron during more typical prograde metamorphism. Toft et al.
- (1990) attribute this reduction in density to the hydration and formation of hydrous sheet
- minerals like brucite and talc at the expense of denser FM silicates, along with an increase in porosity. Magnetization increases with the degree of serpentinization because hydration and
- oxidation destroy primary olivine and produce secondary magnetite as ferrous iron is released
- and oxidized (Peters et al., 2017). Malvoisin et al., (2012) report a linear relationship between
- magnetite production and the serpentinization process. For this specific class of rocks,
- metamorphism can move samples further towards the magnetite trend but with reduced density
- (Williams, 2009). Representative reactions would be the consumption of olivine to produce
   brucite, quartz (or soluble silica lost to the system) and magnetite:
- 722 3 MgFe<sup>+2</sup>SiO<sub>4</sub> + 3 H<sub>2</sub>O +  $\frac{1}{2}$ O<sub>2</sub>  $\rightarrow$  3 Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> + 3 SiO<sub>2</sub> + Fe<sup>+2</sup> Fe<sup>+3</sup><sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> , [eq. 11]
- 723 or the production of talc and magnetite from olivine and fluids with aqueous silica:
- 724 3 MgFe<sup>+2</sup>SiO<sub>4</sub> + SiO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O +  $\frac{1}{2}$ O<sub>2</sub>  $\rightarrow$  3 Mg<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub> + Fe<sup>+2</sup> Fe<sup>+3</sup><sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>. [eq. 12]
- Ultramafic rocks typically have much higher Mg/(Mg+Fe) ratios, generally between 0.8 and 0.93, rather than 0.5 as indicated by these reactions for an intermediate olivine. In all cases there is a very high water/rock ratio, greater than 1000/1, accompanying the recrystallization, so these systems are open and involve bulk changes to the chemical composition (Peters et al., 2017). Structurally these serpentinites tend to be associated with faults which provided the fluid conduits and petrographically the primary olivine and pyroxene are replaced by serpentine or talc pseudomorphs with inclusions of pure, low-temperature, magnetite or chromite.
- 7325.4 Mineralization Processes

Mineralization processes associated with deposition or removal of magnetite have been 733 reviewed by Grant (1984b) and Clark (2014). Grant (1984b) presents the case for stratigraphic 734 and structural ore associations. In terms of stratigraphic associations, magmatic style 735 mineralization is associated with "a) thick sequences of calc-alkaline volcanics, b) the presence 736 of ultramafic flows, c) acidic pyroclastic sequences and d) overlying chemical sediments." Under 737 738 structural concepts, the quantity of magnetite is dependent upon the nature of the fault generation process and the chemistry of the fluids that migrate through the fractures. Grant presents three 739 options: a) carbonate rich solutions where any magnetite present will be converted to less 740 741 magnetic siderite, b) saline solutions carrying iron chlorides that lead to deposition of magnetite 742 around brine vents, 3) silica rich solutions which are oxidising and lead to destruction of magnetite and generation of magnetic anomaly lows associated with fracture systems as 743 744 described by Henkel and Guzman (1977). It must be noted though that not all faults are associated with broad alteration zones. In some instances, it is possible to find lateral 745 746 displacement of a distinctive magnetic anomaly across a fault boundary that is not associated with a localized alteration zone. 747

Sulfur (row 3 of the periodic table) only occurs in about 0.2% of most crustal rocks and
makes sulfide or disulfide or sulf-arsenide ions, which are significantly larger than oxide ions
(row 2). As a result while there are slightly magnetic Fe-bearing sulfide minerals: bornite,
sphalerite, ferroan chalcopyrite etc., the iron in those minerals sits farther apart and the net

magnetization is less than with the tighter spacing as oxides. Deposition of magnetite, or
 magnetic sulfide mineral such as pyrrhotite, is controlled by oxygen fugacity – temperature

- relationships in the Fe-S-O system. As shown by Grant (1984b, Figure 3) when metal rich brines
- 755 (black smokers) associated with volcanic vents mix with sea water the resulting mineralization
- rs6 sequence is controlled by change in temperature and pH. The first mineral to be deposited will
- 757 be pyrrhotite and then magnetite, however, in the presence of increased sulfur or lowered pH,
  - only limited amounts of magnetite will be deposited.
  - Clark et al., (2003) developed the concept of predictive magnetic exploration 759 models for porphyry copper and IOCG deposits. The basis of this concept is that these types of 760 deposits have similar magnetic signatures as a result of having common tectonic setting, and 761 magma association. However, details of the magnetic signature might vary with depth of burial, 762 or post-emplacement faulting of the mineral deposit. Clark (2014) Table 2 presents a list of the 763 characteristic alteration systems and mineral assemblages that can form along with porphyry 764 copper deposits. Early crystallization from a parental magma is commonly accompanied with 765 enhanced presence of magnetite. Subsequent and progressive alteration, including the formation 766 of potassic, sericitic, and argillic phases, produce increased levels of magnetite destruction such 767 that the presence of mineralization is commonly associated with the most-weakly magnetised 768 part of the intrusive system. When intermediate magmas intrude limestones for various chemical 769 770 reasons, strongly magnetic skarns form along the contact.
  - IOCG deposits are commonly characterized by positive magnetic and gravity 771 772 anomalies. Typically, IOCG deposits are associated zones which formed from high concentrations of iron-rich fluids. Sodic and sodic-calcic alteration zones in these settings may 773 extend over tens to hundreds of square kilometers. These metasomatic fluids also tend to be 774 carbonate rich. All of these factors lead to an increased association of magnetite with these types 775 of deposits. Enkin et al. (2016) studied the NICO IOCG deposit associated with the Great Bear 776 Magmatic Zone. There, the mineralization is generated through the migration of a sequence of 777 778 fluids starting with 1) albitization from hot deeply derived sodic fluids, followed by 2) calcium metasomatism with the creation of amphibole, and iron-rich metasomatism creating magnetite 779 which produced the highest densities and magnetic susceptibilities, and finally a 3) potassic 780 alteration with the creation of K-feldspar and the destruction of magnetite producing lower 781 782 densities and susceptibilities. Note that much of the IOCG mineralization is associated with this third metasomatic facies, thus explaining the common association of mineral deposits adjacent to 783 784 magnetic and gravity highs (Clark, 2014).

## 785 **6 Example**

Many of the concepts we have just described are clearly at play in the Henkel plot of 786 samples collected from the Highland Valley Copper deposit of south-central British Columbia, 787 Canada (Fig. 8), as part of the Canadian Mining Innovation Council and Canadian National 788 Science and Engineering Council Footprints Project. This porphyry deposit sits within the Early 789 Jurassic Guichon Batholith, which presents as a series of concentric shells, where the outer early 790 shells are mafic and became progressively more felsic towards the centre as the plutonic system 791 evolved (Byrne et al., 2019, Lesage et al., 2019, Vallée et al., 2019a). The densities and magnetic 792 793 susceptibilities of the unaltered, least altered and weakly altered samples (diorite to granite) clearly plot along the magnetite trend. As reported in Vallée et al (2019a, Figure 3 and Table 1), 794 the average susceptibility of batholith's phases decreases systematically from the more mafic 795

outer Border Phase, through the Guichon, Chataway, Bethlehem, Skeena, to the more felsic inner 796 797 Bethsaida Phase. The strong magnetic contrast between the arithmetic mean susceptibility of the outer Border and Guichon phases and the less magnetic country rock and the inner more felsic 798 799 phases (one order of magnitude) leads to the generation of a significant magnetic anomaly which has been modeled to define the 3D geometry of the outer shell of the intrusion (Vallée et al., 800 2019a). Density values also exhibit a similar trend with higher values  $(2.80 \text{ g/cm}^3)$  being 801 associated with the more mafic Border Phase to values around 2.66 g/ cm<sup>3</sup> being associated with 802 the most felsic Bethsaida Phase (Vallée et al., 2019b, Figure 12). Unfortunately, this minimal 803 variation in density contrast together with limited gravity observations means that the gravity 804 anomaly associated with the pluton defines a broad negative anomaly. Nonetheless, constraining 805 a 2.5D model with Lithoprobe seismic bounds, Roy and Clowes (2000) were able to demonstrate 806 that Guichon pluton has the broad form of a funnel shaped intrusion with the main mineralised 807 zone being located above the "stem" (deep feeder zone) of the batholith. Using density values 808 reported by Ager et al., (1973) the best-fit gravity profile model calculated by Roy and Clowes 809 (2000) included a contrast of -0.15 g/cc between the outer more mafic units and the inner more 810 felsic phases. Using the same geologically and seismically constrained approach on a more 811 recent airborne gravity dataset gave more consistent coverage but with less detail (Vallée et al., 812 2019b). Using this low resolution airborne gravity data, they were able to define a sharp western 813 margin of the batholith, but their inversion was unable to detect any internal structure of the 814 815 pluton.

Hydrothermal alteration is prevalent throughout the Guichon Batholith leading to a 816 decrease in magnetic susceptibility as shown in Figure 8. As the level of alteration increases the 817 susceptibility values more closely approximate the "Paramagnetic" Trend. Using a cumulative 818 probability plot Vallée et al. (2019a, Figure 3) show that the more felsic rocks have a higher 819 degree of alteration than the outer more mafic phases. Henkel and Guzman (1977), using 820 petrophysical measurements, linked linear negative magnetic anomalies to alteration associated 821 with fracture zones. Increased flow of shallow crustal, oxygen rich fluids along the fault zones 822 823 lead to progressive oxidation of magnetite to less magnetic phases. By extracting profiles across the negative magnetic anomalies, and modeling the feature as a dipping prism, Lesage et al., 824 (2019) were able to construct a 3-dimensional structure of the brittle deformation within the 825 Guichon Batholith. Each fracture system produced its own zone of alteration. Using this 826 observation allowed Byrne et al. (2019) to use magnetic susceptibility, especially its dispersion 827 at the outcrop scale, to map the progressive increase in alteration associated with an increased 828 fracture density and increased fluid flow with proximity to each mineralised zone. 829

#### 830 7 Conclusions

The Henkel petrophysical plot has utility for distinguishing lithologies and characterizing 831 geological processes that is complementary to several popular geochemical plots (AFM, TAS, 832 etc.). The typical locations, in density versus magnetic susceptibility space, for the dominant 833 crustally significant rock types has been indicated by Henkel and others on the Henkel plot 834 (Henkel, 1976, 1991, 1994, Williams, 2009). We corroborate this, and provide a version based 835 on lithologies compiled in the Canadian Rock Physical Property Database in Figure 9. Igneous 836 rocks fall on the magnetite trend, from mafic types with higher density and magnetic 837 susceptibility to felsic types at lower density and susceptibility. Most regional metamorphic 838 rocks plot along the paramagnetic trend due to iron reduction and fluid losses during prograde 839 metamorphism. Sedimentary rocks, except for immature volcaniclastic rocks, fall on the 840

paramagnetic trend, with the clean carbonates and siliciclastics plotting down at the lowest 841 magnetic susceptibilities. Rocks with significant porosity such as vesicular volcanics, porous 842 sedimentary rocks, k-feldspar rich arkoses and clay-altered rocks can have densities below the 843 QFC density of  $\sim 2.6 \text{ g/cm}^3$ . Oxides and sulfides in mineralized rocks raise the density of rocks 844 above the FM density of  $\sim 3.2 \text{ g/cm}^3$  as per Figures 2 and 6. By calibrating the Henkel 845 petrophysical plot in terms of the 3 common rock forming mineral groups: QFC, FM and M, one 846 can readily estimate the colour index (FM versus QFC) and magnetite content. Furthermore, the 847 additional calibration examples of introducing denser sulfide (pyrite, sphalerite and pyrrhotite) 848 and silicate (garnet) mineral phases helps to interpret atypically dense rocks which fall off the 849 main magnetite and paramagnetic trends (Fig. 6). These mineral calibration models prove useful 850 851 to geophysical data inversion for the interpretation potential field maps in a variety of geological settings and areas with economic ore deposits. Additionally, the disposition of related suites of 852 rocks on this petrophysical plot can also be used to infer geological processes such as oxidation, 853 sulfidation and alteration as an aid to the interpretation and integration of more detailed 854 geophysical mapping and geological sampling. 855

Rocks comprise mineral assemblages with various textural relationships due to one or
more geological processes that created them. Not all rocks result from equilibrium assemblages
of well-crystallized minerals. Specifically, the disposition of the iron between ferrous and ferric
ions, and silicates versus oxides introduces considerable variation. Because of this, rocks which
classify the same have some spread on the Henkel petrophysical plot. Also, rocks with
fundamentally different minerals and origins can have very similar physical properties. This is
neither a failure of classification schemes nor a result of errors in physical properties

measurements but an intrinsic variability of these complex rock systems. Despite this non-

uniqueness, calibrating the Henkel petrophysical plot in terms of three common rock-forming

mineral groups serves to simplify the inversion and geological interpretation of geophysical data.

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#### 867 **Data**

All data presented in this paper are available in the Geological Survey of Canada, Open File
869 8460 (Enkin, 2018).

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Figure 1. Triangular diagram after Dentith et al. (2017, 2019) showing how rock physical 1182 properties depend on three broad parameters expressed as bulk composition, grain properties and 1183 rock texture. Bulk composition as seen through mineralogy controls rock density by having 1184 greater or lesser proportions of dense minerals. Grain effects, particularly the concentration of 1185 ferromagnetic minerals, govern the bulk magnetic susceptibility of rocks. Rock textures such as 1186 porosity and permeability controls fluid, ion and electron pathways, which in turn controls 1187 electrical and electromagnetic phenomena such as conductivity/resistivity and chargeability. 1188 Other geophysical phenomena depend on combined effects of the three end members. 1189 1190



1191 Figure 2. Plot of the ranked densities from the Canadian Rock Physical Property Database (CRPPD, Enkin, 2018) along with the mineral densities for four series of minerals: Green 1192 denotes sulfide and sulfarsenide minerals, Grey denotes oxide minerals with magnetite colored 1193 Black, Red denotes ferromagnesian silicates and other dense, non-magnetic accessory minerals, 1194 and Blue denotes the abundant rock forming silicates, carbonates, and water. Muscovite is 1195 significant in regional metamorphic rocks and has a density of about 2.82 g/cm<sup>3</sup> so it would fall 1196 1197 between anorthite (calcic plagioclase) and dolomite on the figure. Most rocks contain feldspars, quartz or calcite with a few percent of one or two ferromagnesian silicates and a percent or less 1198 of oxides and sulfides and less than a few percent water content, thus have densities between 2.6 1199 and 2.7 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. 1200



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Figure 3. Henkel plots (log magnetic susceptibility against density) of rock measurements 1238 compiled in the CRPPD. Lithologies: Red-volcanic, Dark Red-plutonic, Blue-metamorphic, 1239 Yellow-sedimentary and Green-mineralized or altered rocks. Many points in the database have 1240 1241 similar values so they overlap on this plot. Point densities (after Gaussian smoothing), contoured (light blue curves) at levels of 1, 2 and 6 points per unit area, outline significant populations 1242 lying along 2 dominant trends: the magnetite trend with magnetic susceptibilities mostly above 1243  $10^{-2}$  SI, and the paramagnetic trend with magnetic susceptibilities below about  $10^{-4}$  SI. a) The 1244 3770 sample points with grain density (number in upper left of figure) in the CRPPD. The blue 1245 numbers on the sides mark the number of points beyond the axis on that side. **b**) The 11146 1246 rocks with saturated bulk density measurements, which is more typically measured than grain 1247 1248 density.



Figure 4. Calibration of the Henkel plot with volume percentages of mineral end-members 1250 chosen to span most common rock types. The blue iso-concentration contour lines from samples 1251 1252 in the CRPPD are the same as in Figure 3b. The three mineral end members are chosen to represent how the bulk composition and the mineralogy of rocks relates to their density and 1253 1254 magnetic susceptibility. The low density and non-magnetic components of rocks (Fig.2) typically include quartz, alkali feldspar, plagioclase, and calcite, so we choose the OFC end member (2.64 1255  $g/cm^3$ , 10<sup>-7</sup> SI). The magnetic susceptibility of most rocks is mainly due to their magnetite 1256 content, component M (5.20 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 3.0 SI). Ferromagnesian silicates including biotite, 1257 1258 hornblende, pyroxene and olivine have a wider range of density and susceptibility, and these are dependent on their iron content. The representative point (3.33 g/cm<sup>3</sup>,  $10^{-3}$  SI) chosen for the 1259 FM endpoint is based on the dominant density of olivine, the density of deep crust, and the shape 1260 of the CRPPD iso-concentration contours. The grey boundary lines are mixing lines due to 1261 closure. The values posted at the grey triangles are ordered triples (Blue=QFC, Red=FM, 1262 Black=Magnetite). The base of the mixing model is for "white and black" (QFC – FM) rock with 1263 zero magnetite. The left side of the plot is the mixing line between pure QFC and M. The right 1264 side marks mixing line between FM and M. Adding dense minerals moves the density to the 1265 1266 right. 1267



- 1301 **Figure 5**. Three-component mineral mixing curves superimposed on the Henkel plots with grain
- 1302 density data from the CRPPD and their iso-concentration contours (as per Fig. 3a). In both **a**) and
- **b**), subvertical lines show the range of QFC volume proportions from 0 to 100% in 10% steps,
- 1304 with the remainder of the rock being the sum of FM and M. In **a**) logarithmic steps of magnetite 1305 content, M (volume proportions), are drawn as percentages for the subhorizontal lines. For
- content, M (volume proportions), are drawn as percentages for the subhorizontal lines. For
   magnetite content M>0.03% these lines are essentially horizontal, meaning that magnetic
- 1307 susceptibility is directly proportional to magnetite content. Most igneous rocks have
- susceptibility is directly proportional to magnetice content. Most igneous rocks have  $0.200 + M_{\odot}/200$  and  $OEO_{\odot}/200$  assentially around ionized and falsic valuesing
- 1308 0.2% < M < 2% and QFC>70%, essentially granodiorites, granites and felsic volcanics. For rocks 1309 containing substantial amounts of lower-density K-feldspar (2.56 g/cm<sup>3</sup>), the dashed lines show
- the shift to the QFC-MF-M mixing curves. In **b**), logarithmic steps of the volume ratio of the FM
- 1311 mineral component to Magnetite magnetite content are drawn. The magnetite trend is centered
- along the FM/M value of 10. Rocks along the paramagnetic trend have lost most of their ferric
- 1313 iron so that they commonly have FM/M volume ratios > 1000.



Figure 6. The Henkel plot showing projections out of the QFC-FM-M plane due to the effects of 1315 water and sulfide mineral components. The CRPPD iso-concentration contours and bounding 1316 grey mineral mixing curves of Figures 4 display where most rock measurements plot. The curves 1317 for the paramagnetic trend ( $\sim$ M=0) and the magnetite trend (FM/M = 10) are replotted with 1318 1319 varying proportions of water (density  $1.0 \text{ g/cm}^3$ , blue) revealing the reduction in saturated bulk density with increasing porosity, and a non-magnetic sulfide (the pure Zn end member of 1320 sphalerite, 4.08 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, in orange) which makes the density increase. The QFC+MF mixing 1321 curves with varying proportions of the most common sulfide mineral, pyrite  $(5.01 \text{ g/cm}^3, 2.5 \cdot 10^{-4})$ 1322 1323 SI) are plotted in brown. The green curves display mineral mixing models of QFC and pyrrhotite (3.95 g/cm<sup>3</sup>,  $1.4 \cdot 10^{-1}$  SI) with varying proportions of pyrite. 1324



Figure 7. Expanded 3-D Henkel plot to include: oxidation, reduction and other geological 1326 1327 processes. Figures 3 through 6 all treat the Henkel plot as a plane. That plane, including the maximum magnetite proportion set by the FMQ oxygen buffer, is shown in black in the middle 1328 of this diagram with the grey boundaries and QFC, FM and M end members as per figures 4. The 1329 dominant magnetite content for igneous rocks, as indicated by the upper bulls eye in black for 1330 the distribution of rocks in the CRPPD. The back plane in red denotes complete oxidation to 1331 ferric hematite or oxyhydroxides, and the oxidizing trend, following the red arrow, shown in 1332 1333 projection, points to diminished magnetic susceptibility by one or more orders of magnitude. The front plane in green denotes complete reduction to 100% ferrous iron and the loss of magnetite or 1334 1335 any other ferric minerals. The green arrow indicating reduction typically occurs by sulfidation and ore genesis in igneous and metamorphic rocks. In anoxic sedimentary rocks, the reduction is 1336 1337 a biogeochemical process due to organic carbon content and burial diagenesis, or sulfidation by the reduction of sulfate anions, in the absence of free oxygen. With sulfidation and reduction of 1338 ferric to ferrous iron, as shown by the green arrow, density will be moved down and to higher 1339 density (orange arrow). The black arrow in the ordinary plane denotes iron loss in sedimentary 1340 processes such as mechanical weathering and dissolution in during transport and exposure to 1341 water, or prograde metamorphism via dissolution and fluid losses. The blue arrow denotes the 1342 1343 addition of porosity and low density water. 1344



Figure 8. Example revealing the effects of primary mineralogy, alteration and mineralization as 1345 seen on the Henkel plot. The samples are from the Guichon Batholith (Byrne et al., 2019, 1346 1347 Lessage, et al., 2019), including the Highland Valley Cu-Au porphyry deposit, plotted on the Henkel plot, with blue iso-concentration contours from the CRPPD and the mineral mixing 1348 1349 model as per Figure 5b. In the legend block, "Phase" denotes different intrusions within this nested calc-alkaline batholith. The outer, oldest and most mafic is on the bottom (Border) and 1350 1351 central, youngest and most felsic is on the top (Bethsaida). The smallest dots are the least altered rocks retaining primary igneous mineralogy, while progressively larger dots denote more 1352 alteration and secondary mineralization. The least altered rocks follow the magnetite trend with 1353 FM/M about 10. The alteration and economic mineralization is magnetite destructive and falls at 1354 or below FM/M ~1000. In this porphyry copper deposit, alteration (and sulfide mineralization) is 1355 destructive of magnetite. The K-feldspar rich granites from the Bethseida and Skeena phases plot 1356 1357 to the left of the grey QFC-M boundary because of they contain large proportions of K-feldspar, modelled with the dashed lines. 1358



**Figure 9**. General locations of rock types on the Henkel plot, with blue iso-concentration contours from the CRPPD and the mineral mixing model as per Figure 5b. The source diagrams for each rock type are given in Enkin (2018) figures 16-19. Igneous rocks tend to fall along the FM/M=10 line, while metamorphic and sedimentary rocks fall on FM/N>1000. Porous rocks have lower densities while mineralized rocks have higher densities. See text for details of the locations of the different rock types. Geophysical models, which require substantial volumes of rocks with lithologies or physical properties outside the model bounds are not reasonable.