

# Field Portable-XRF

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# Geochemical Contrast

Kimberlite Indicator Element	Average Abundance in Kimberlites (ppm)	Undifferentiated Archean Granitoids (ppm)
<b>Ni</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Cr</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Nb</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Mg</b>	<b>16.8 %</b>	<b>2.8 %</b>
<b>Ce</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>La</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>45</b>
Y	22	15
Sr	847	1287
Ba	885	1095
<b>Zn</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>13</b>

# Operation

- -180 micron, dried sample powders
- Plastic sample cups
- 4 micron prolene window
- 30 second reading for each filter
- Geochem and Soil mode
- 1 in 20 Field duplicates
- 1 in 20 analysis duplicates
- 1 in 20 CRMs
- Reflex Software
- 50 KV hood.
- **Instrument calibrated.**



# Calibration

- 15 soil samples from 3 Till projects
  - Fusion ICP-MS / 4Acid ICP-MS
- 4 CRMs –
  - OREAS25a, NR-Can Till-1, 2, 3
- Sufficient?
- Not wide enough range for some elements.

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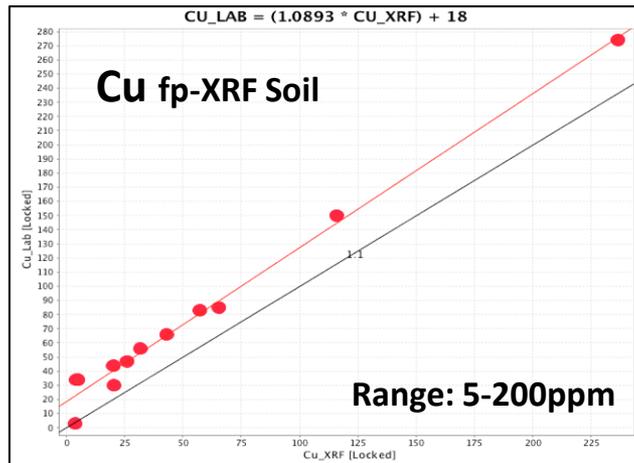
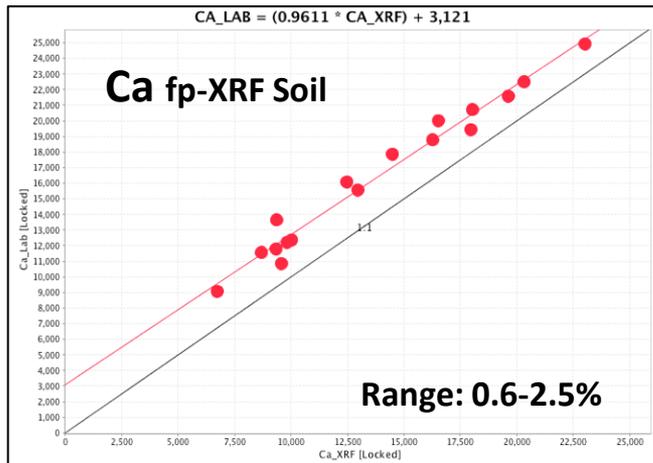
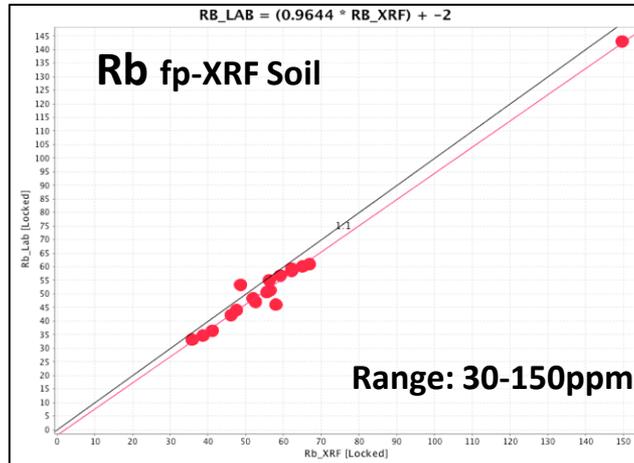
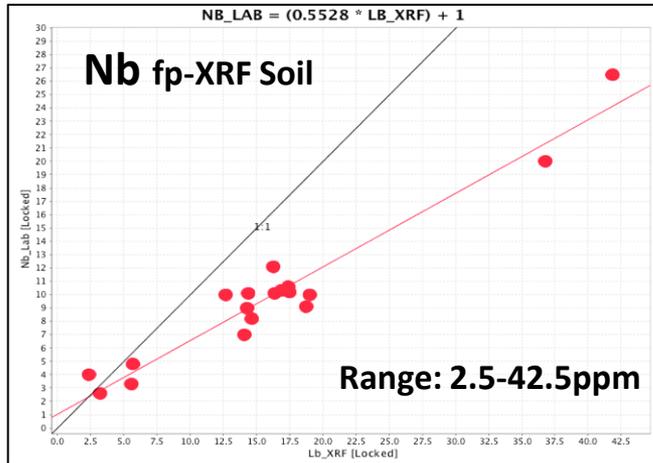
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**OREAS 25a**

Summary Statistics for Key Analytes (see Tables 1 to 5 for additional certified values).

Constituent	Certified Value	95% Confidence Limits		95% Tolerance Limits	
		Low	High	Low	High
<b>Pb Five Assay</b>					
Gold, Au (ppb)	33.9	160	IND	IND	IND
4-Acid Digestion	25.2	2.29	32.3	26.6	35.6
Copper, Cu (ppm)	2.95	1.87	23.8	2.40	26.8
Lead, Pb (ppm)	45.8	0.156	2.41	2.89	2.70
Nickel, Ni (ppm)	2.94	4.05	43.0	48.7	47.9
Molybdenum, Mo (ppm)	44.4	0.088	42.9	2.78	3.09
Uranium, U (ppm)		2.60	45.9	42.2	46.6
Zinc, Zn (ppm)					

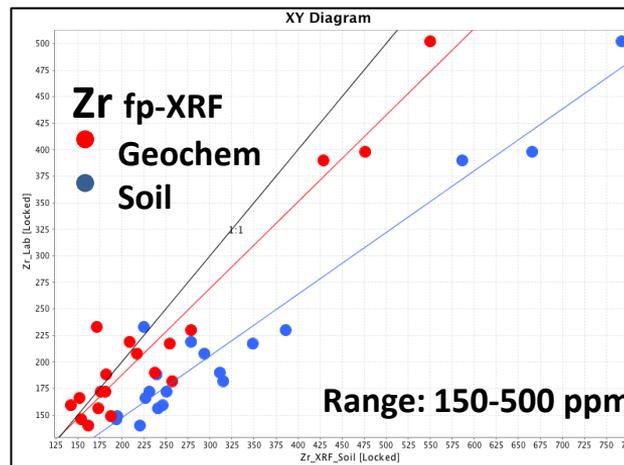
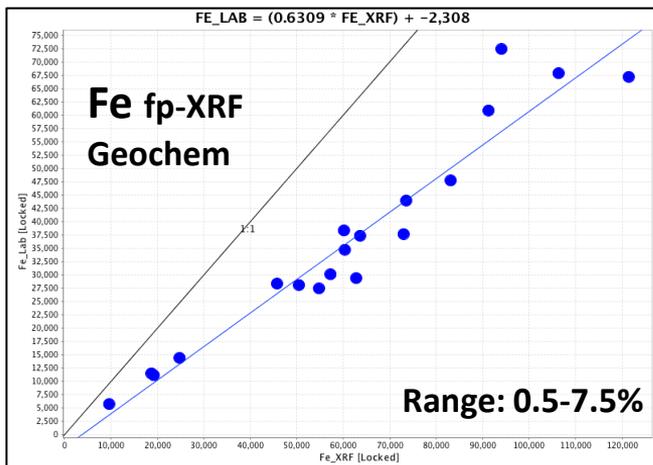
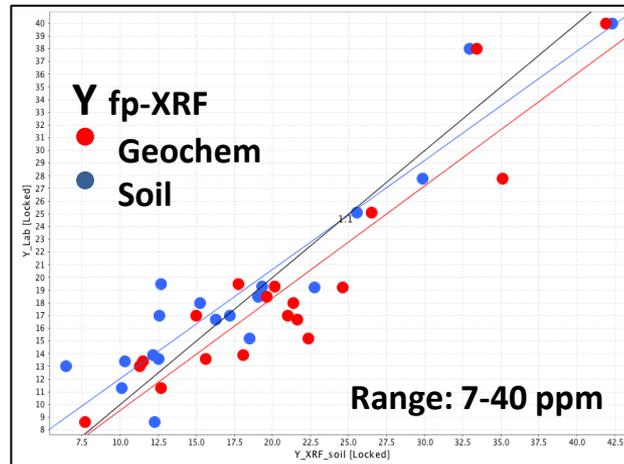
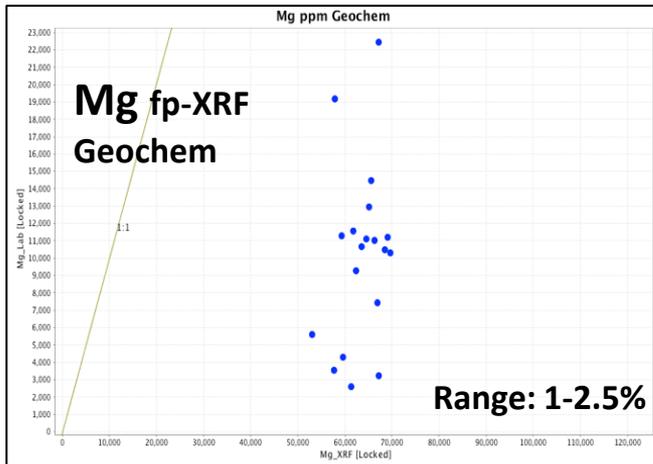
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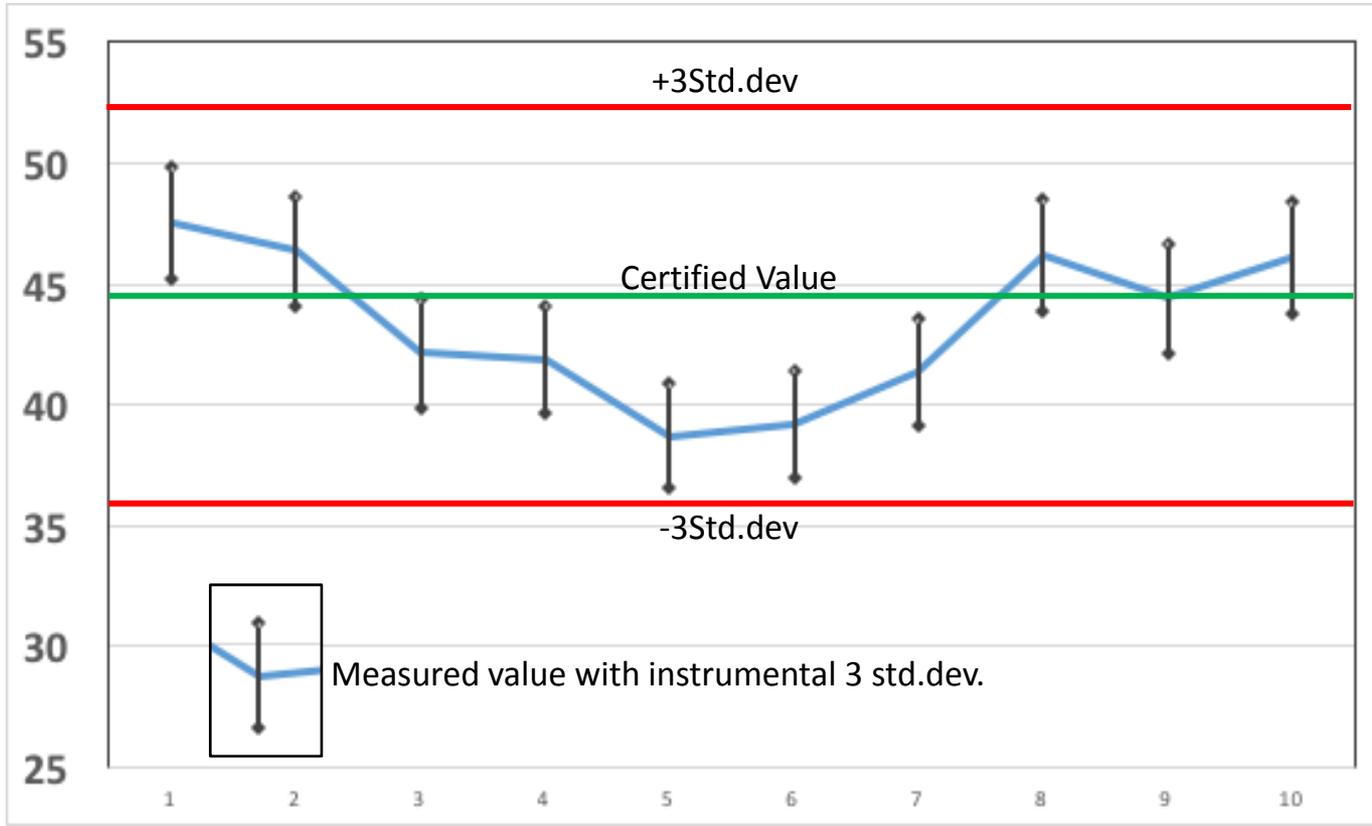
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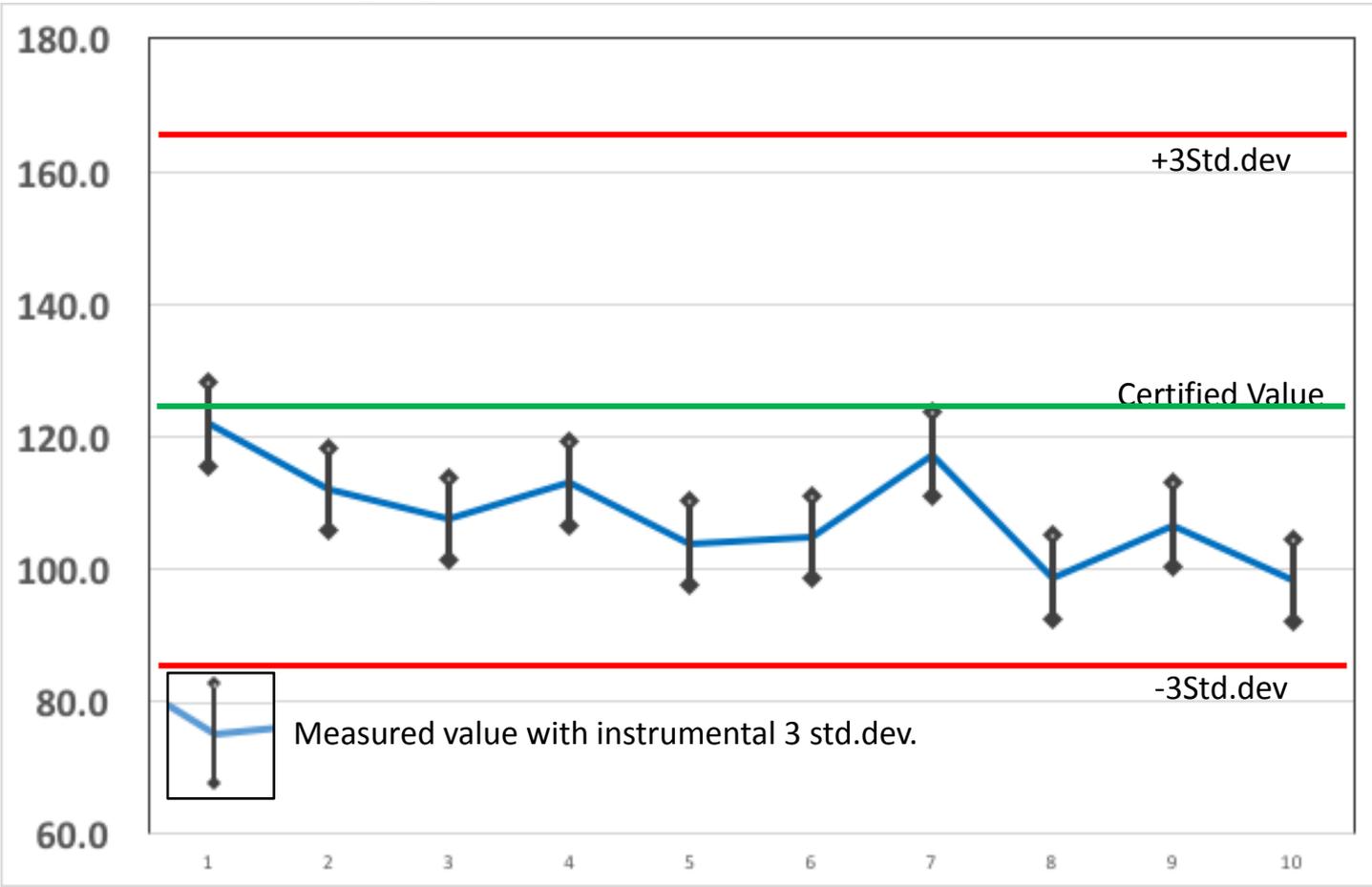


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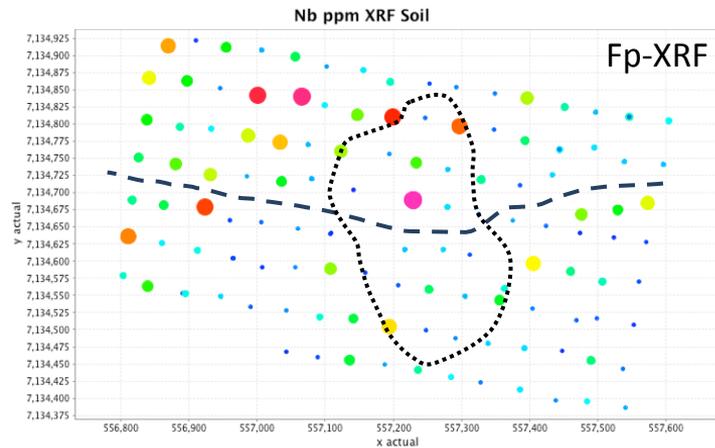
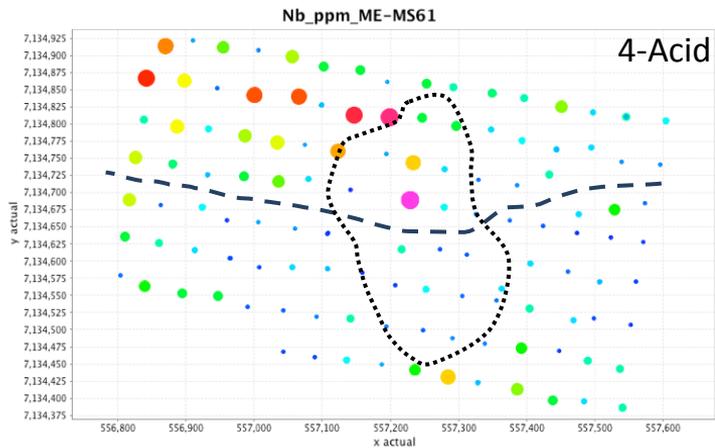
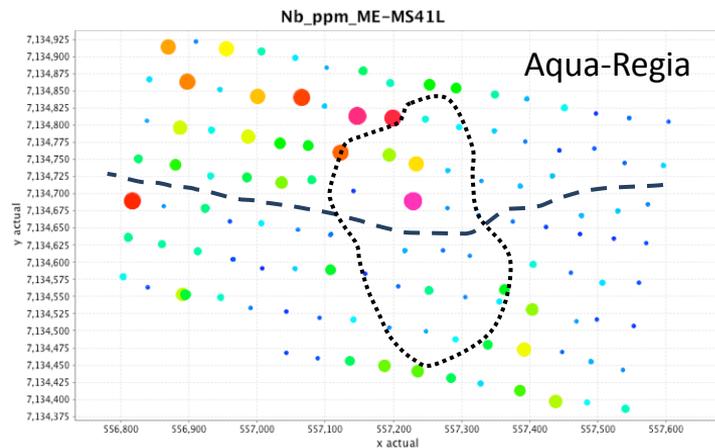
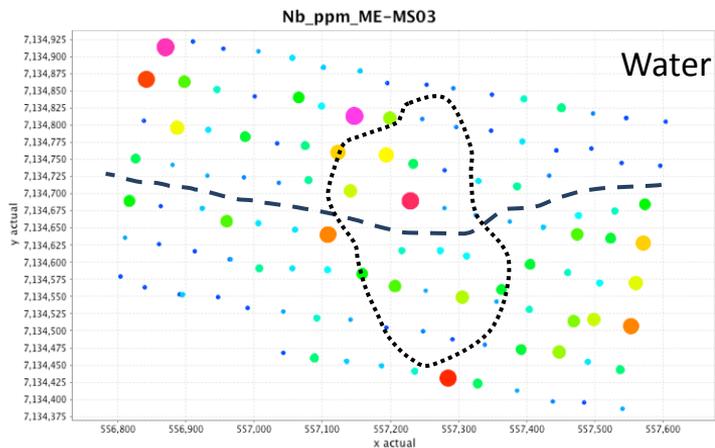
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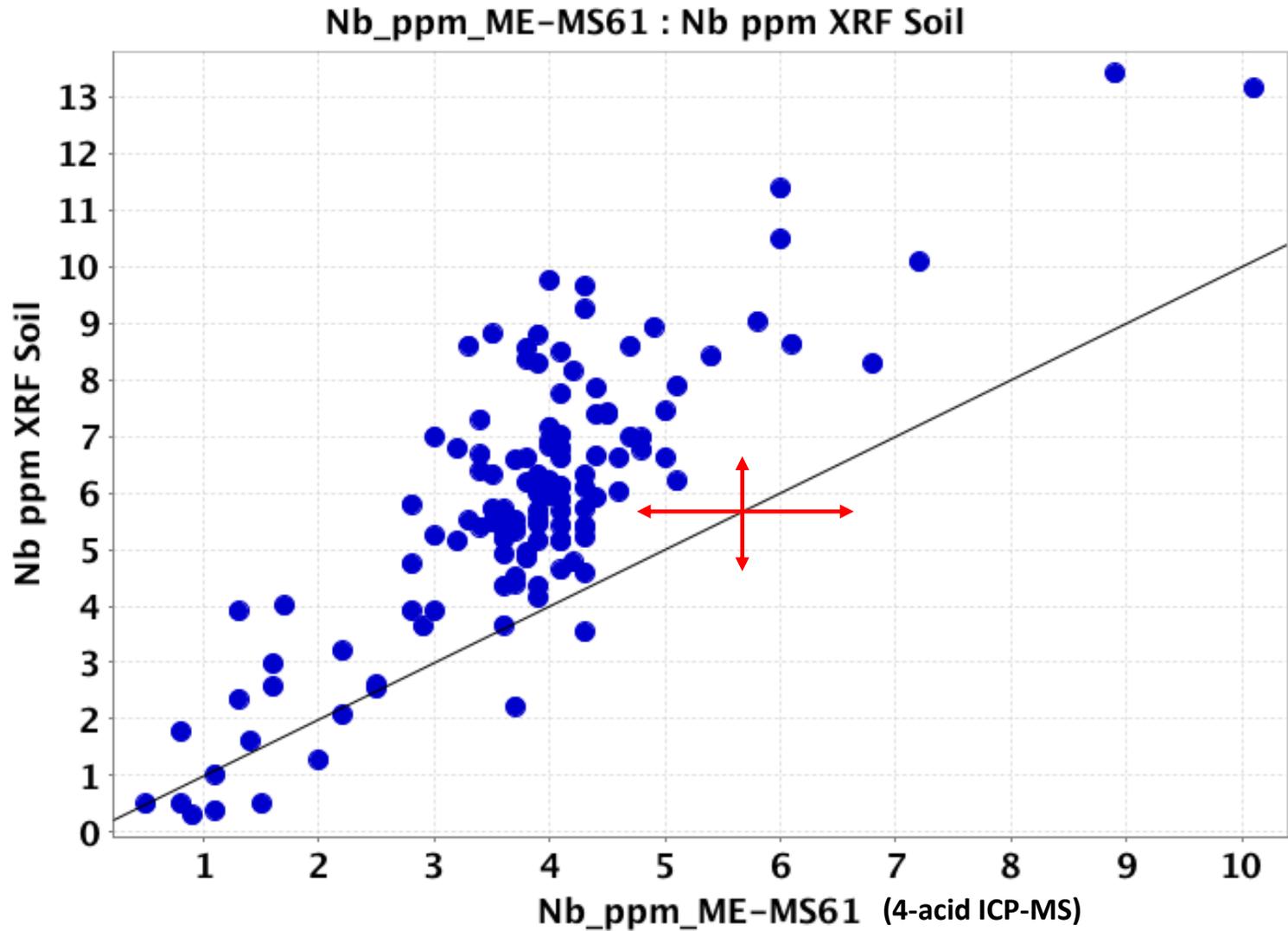


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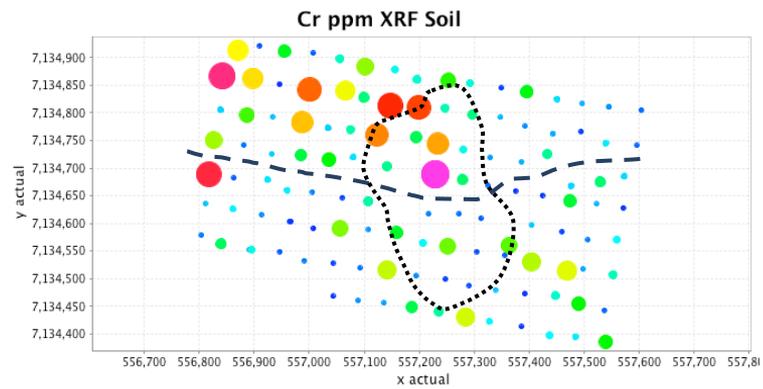
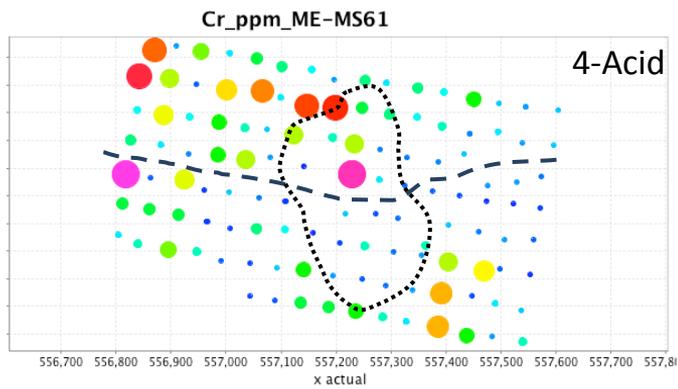
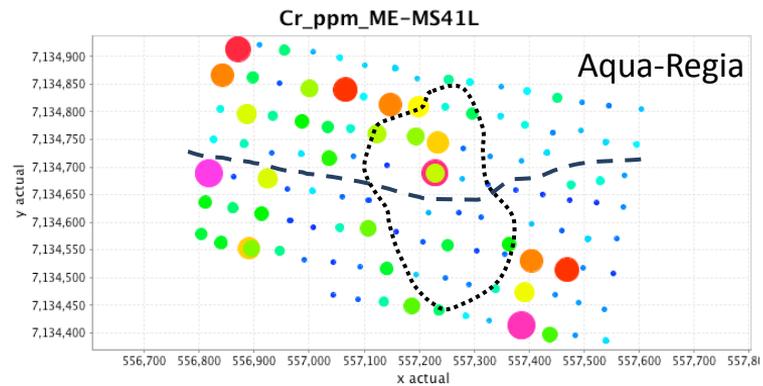
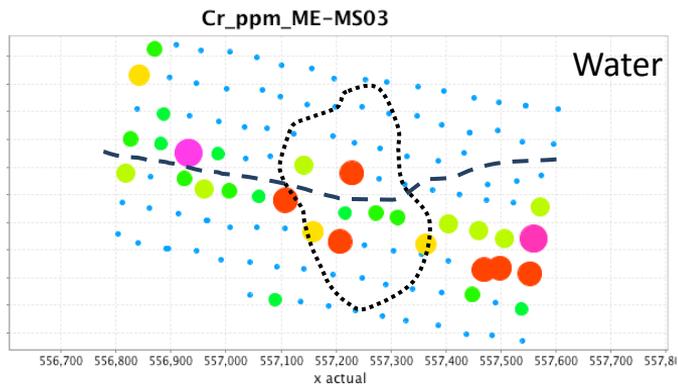


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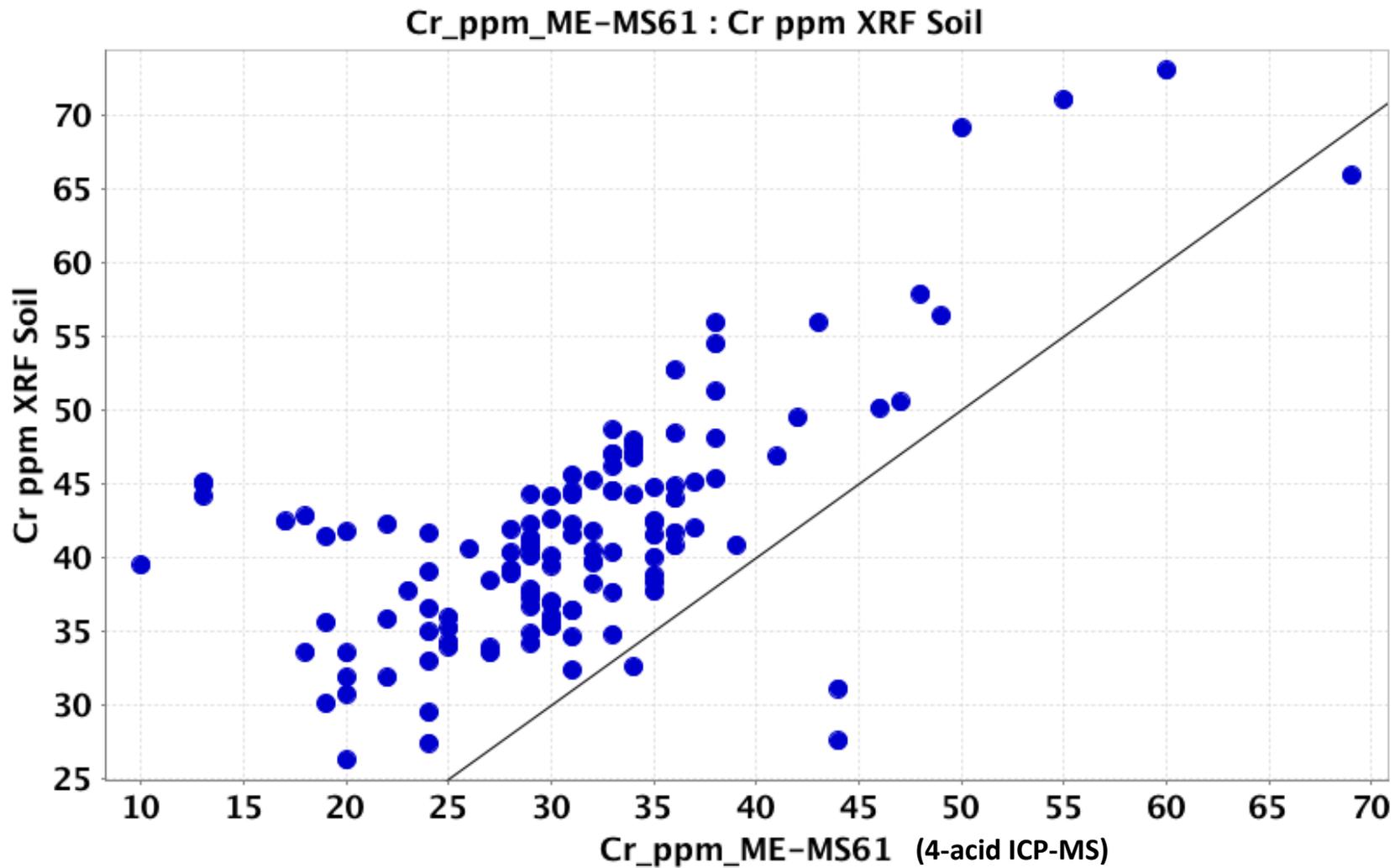


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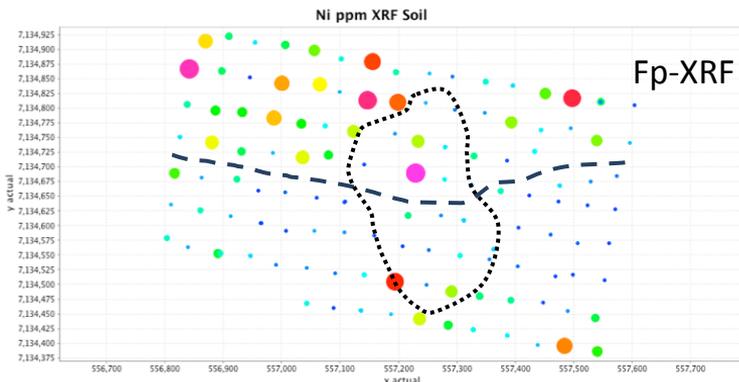
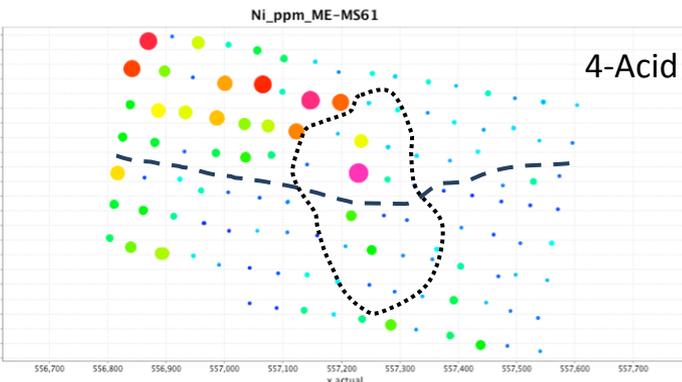
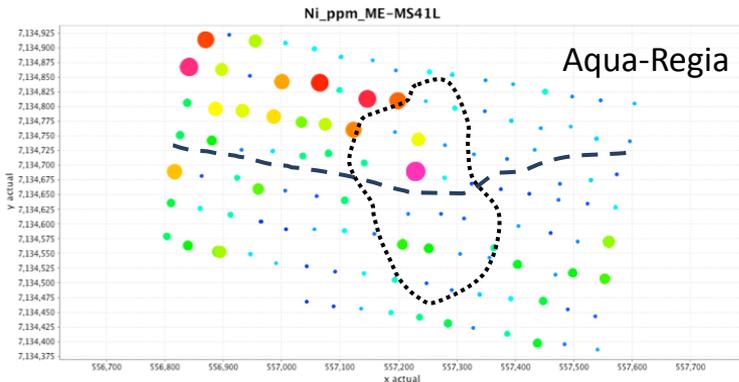
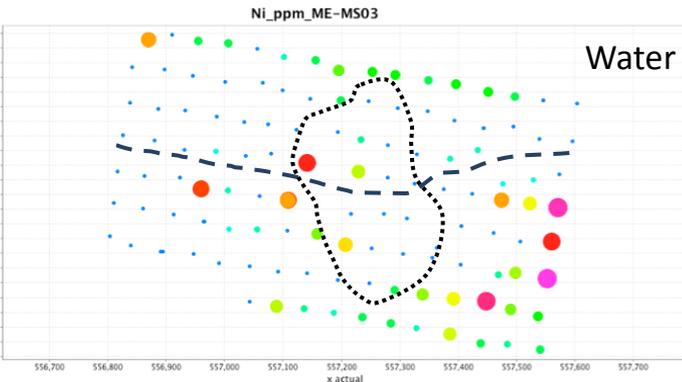


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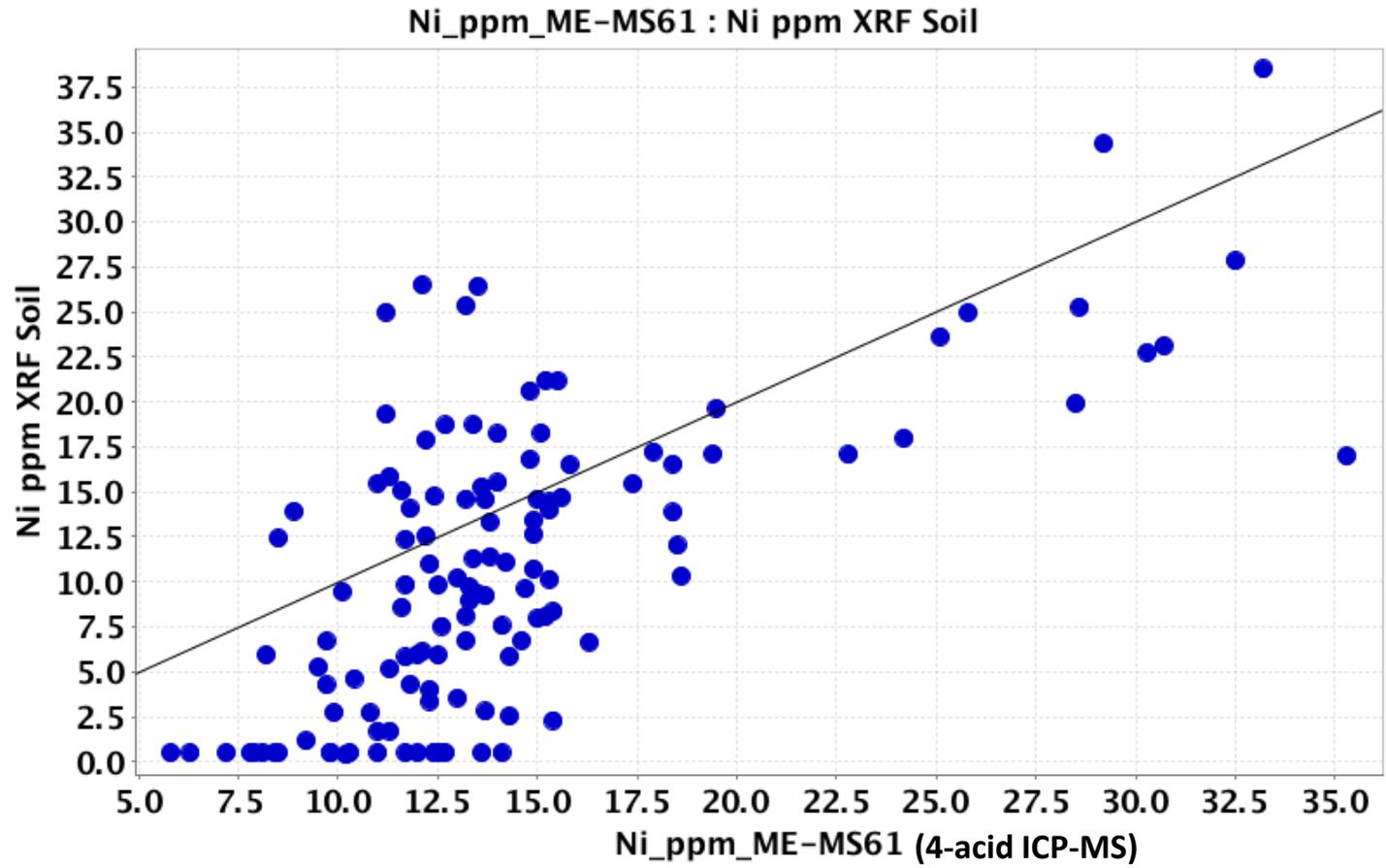


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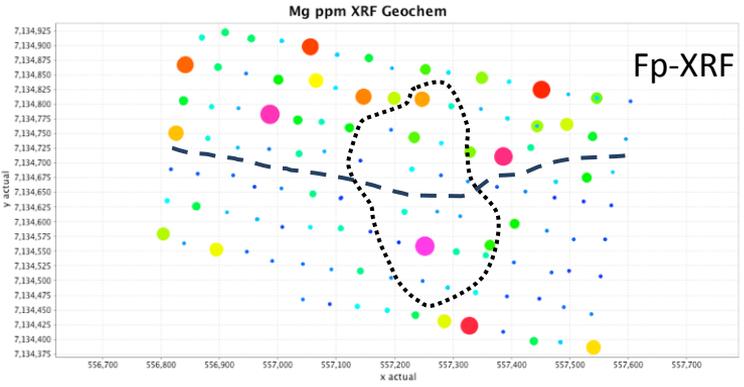
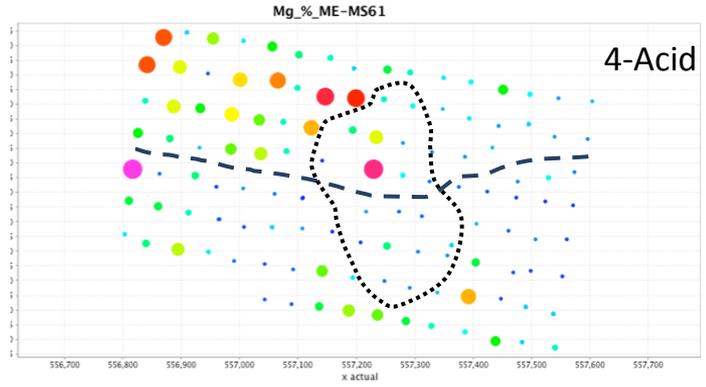
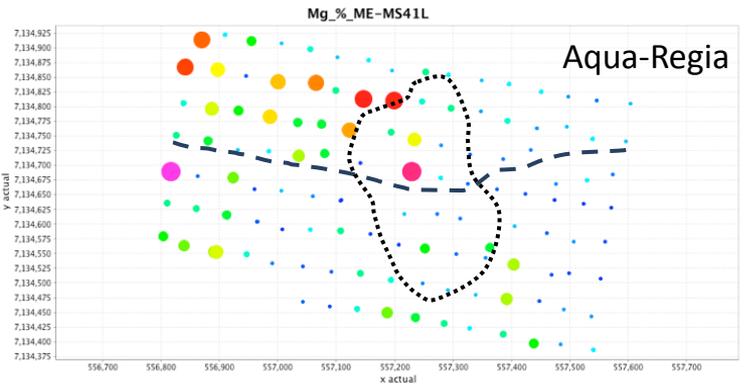
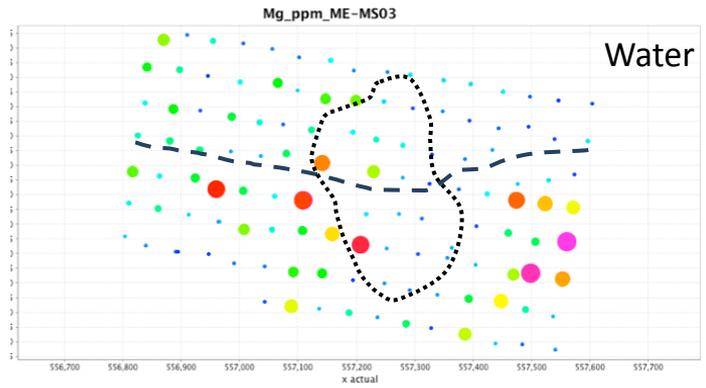


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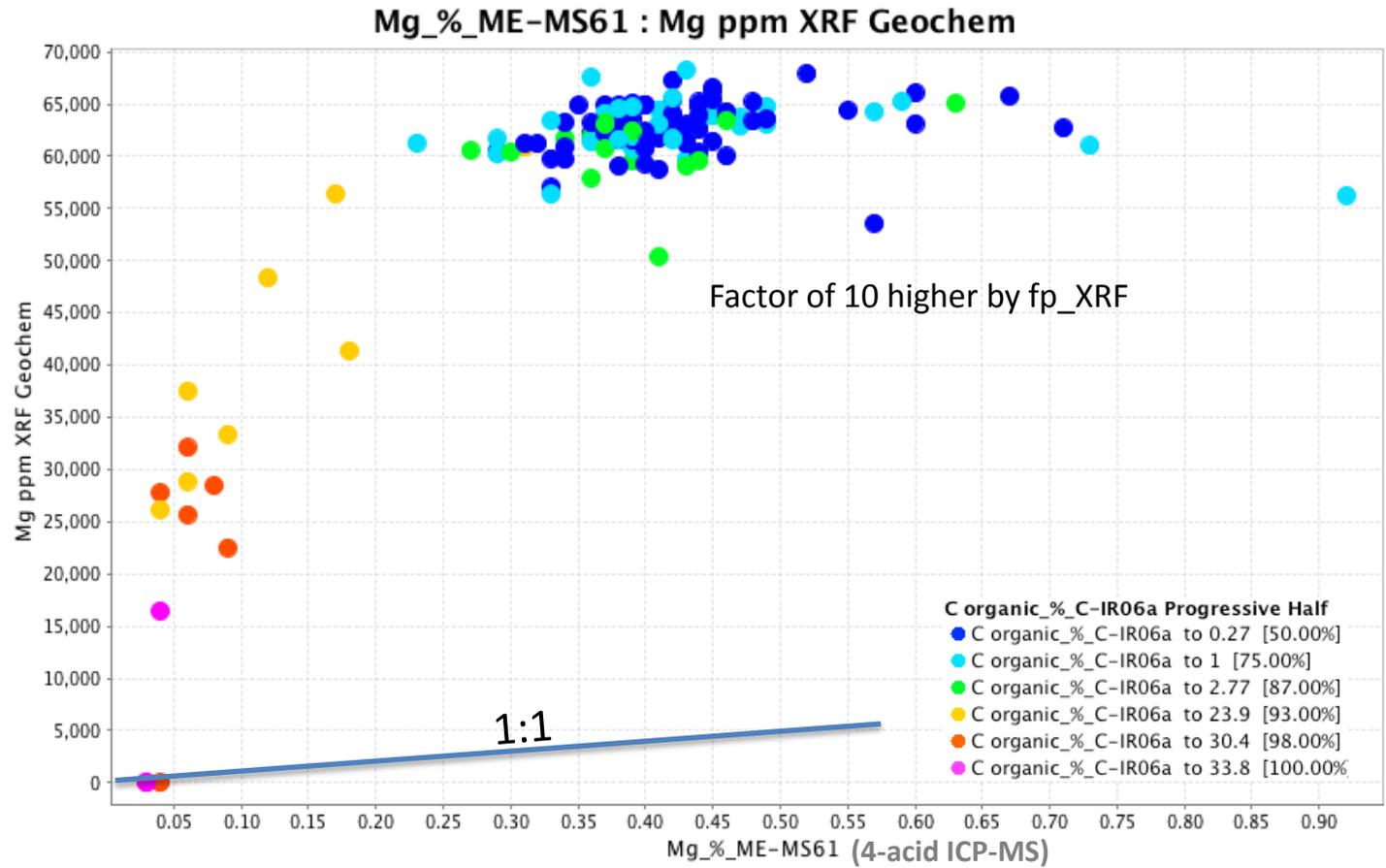


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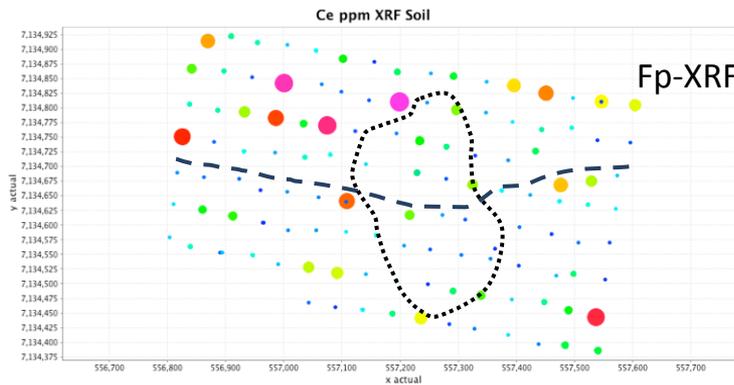
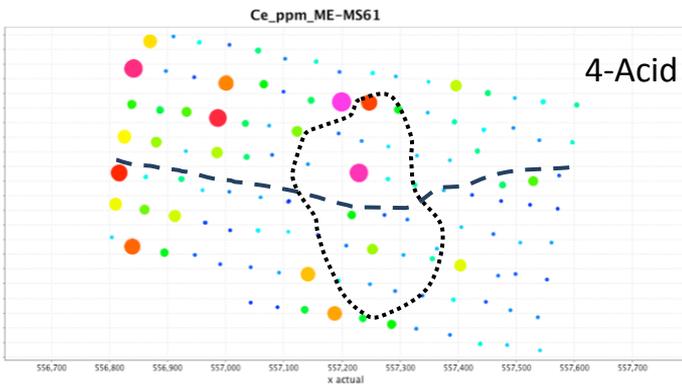
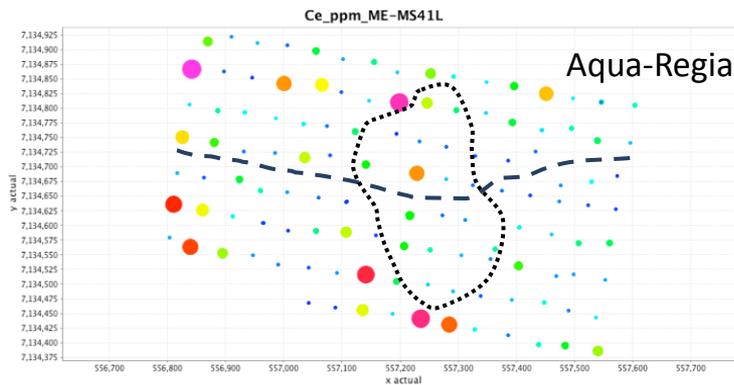
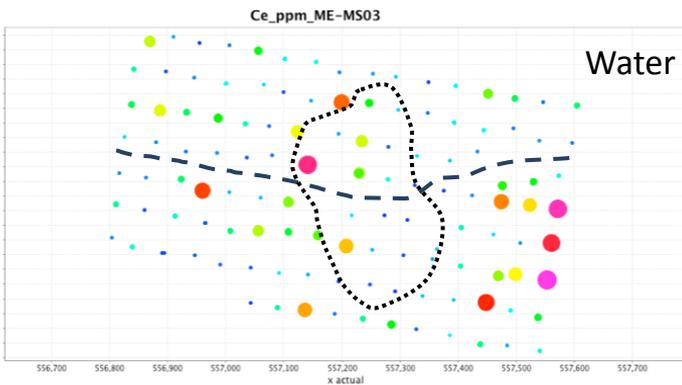


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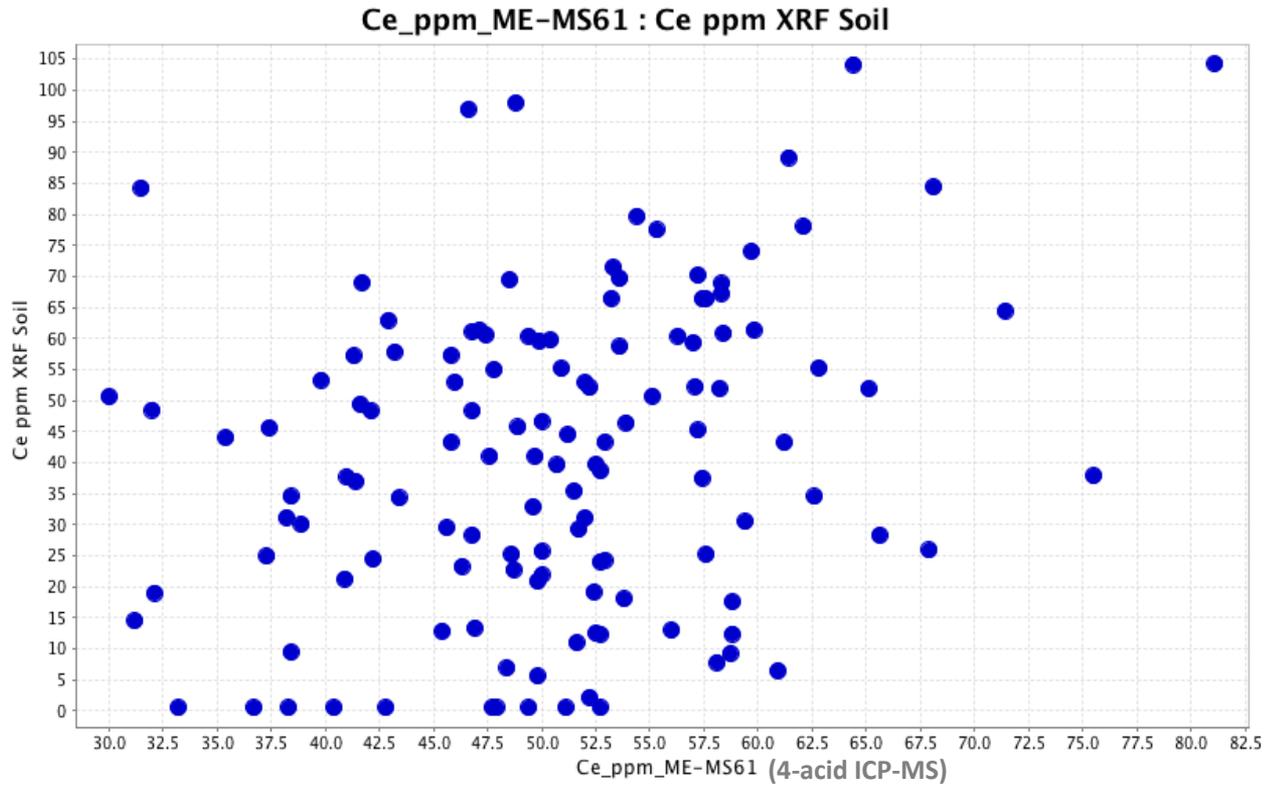


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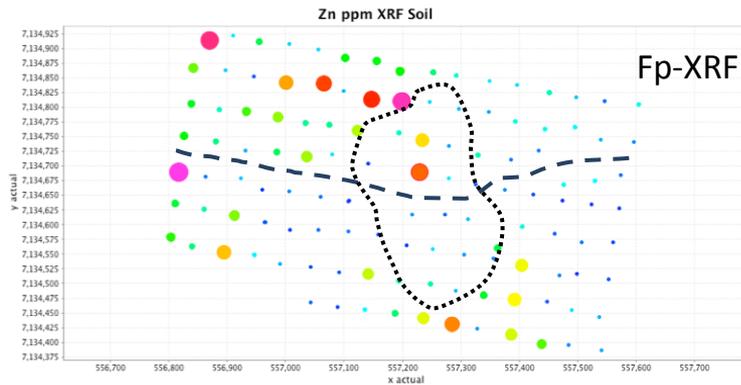
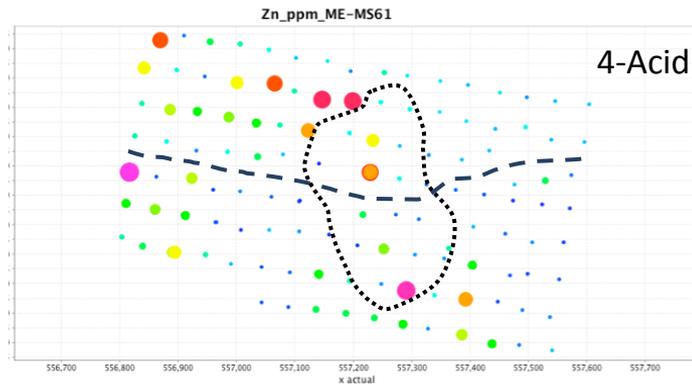
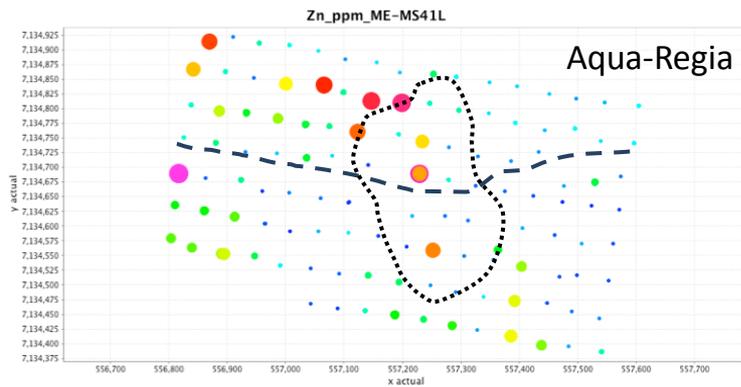
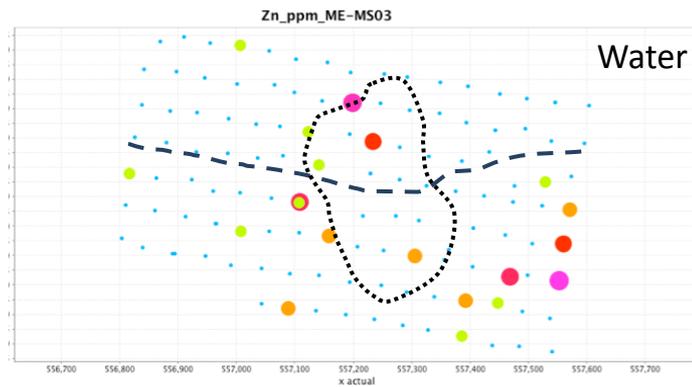


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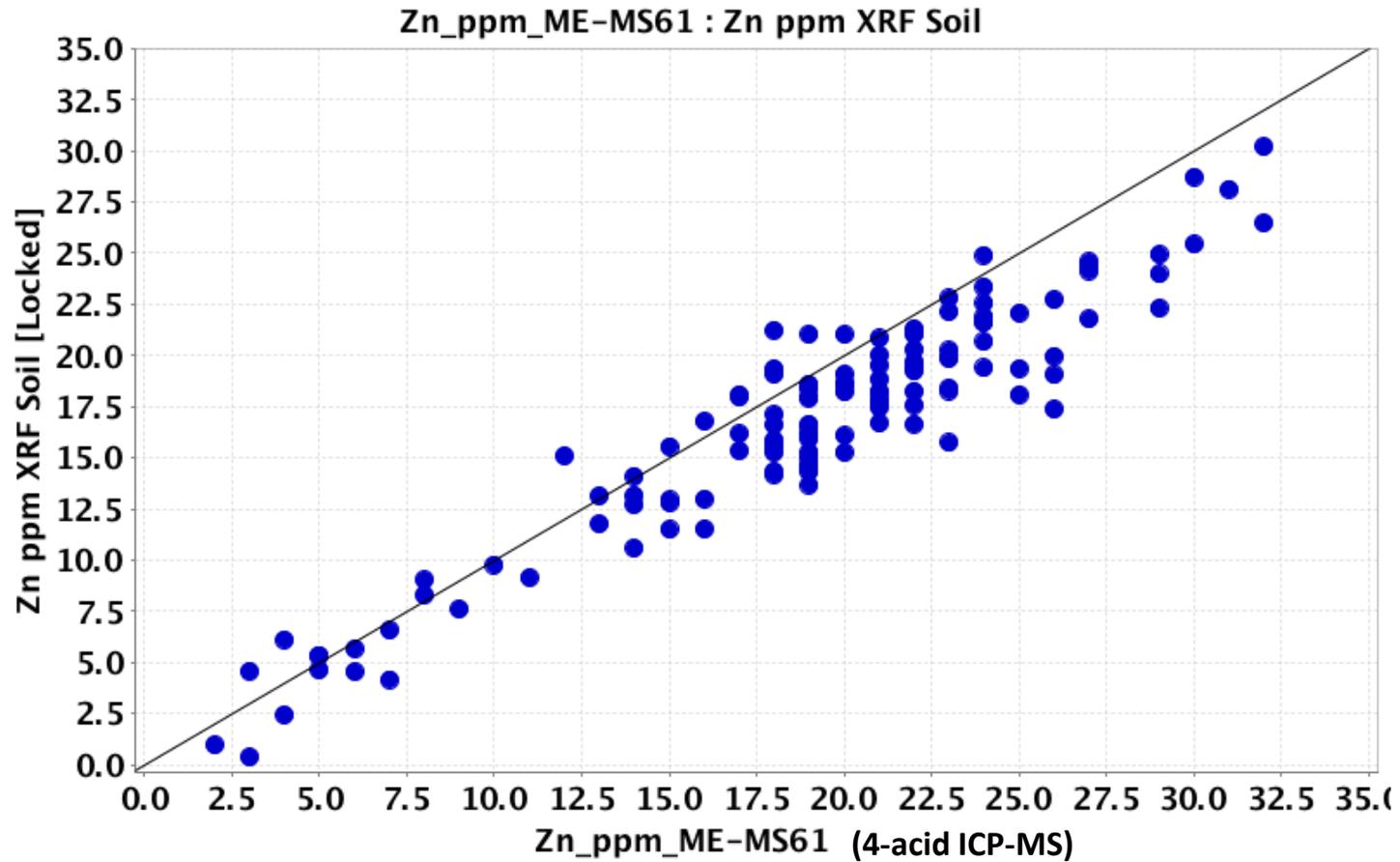


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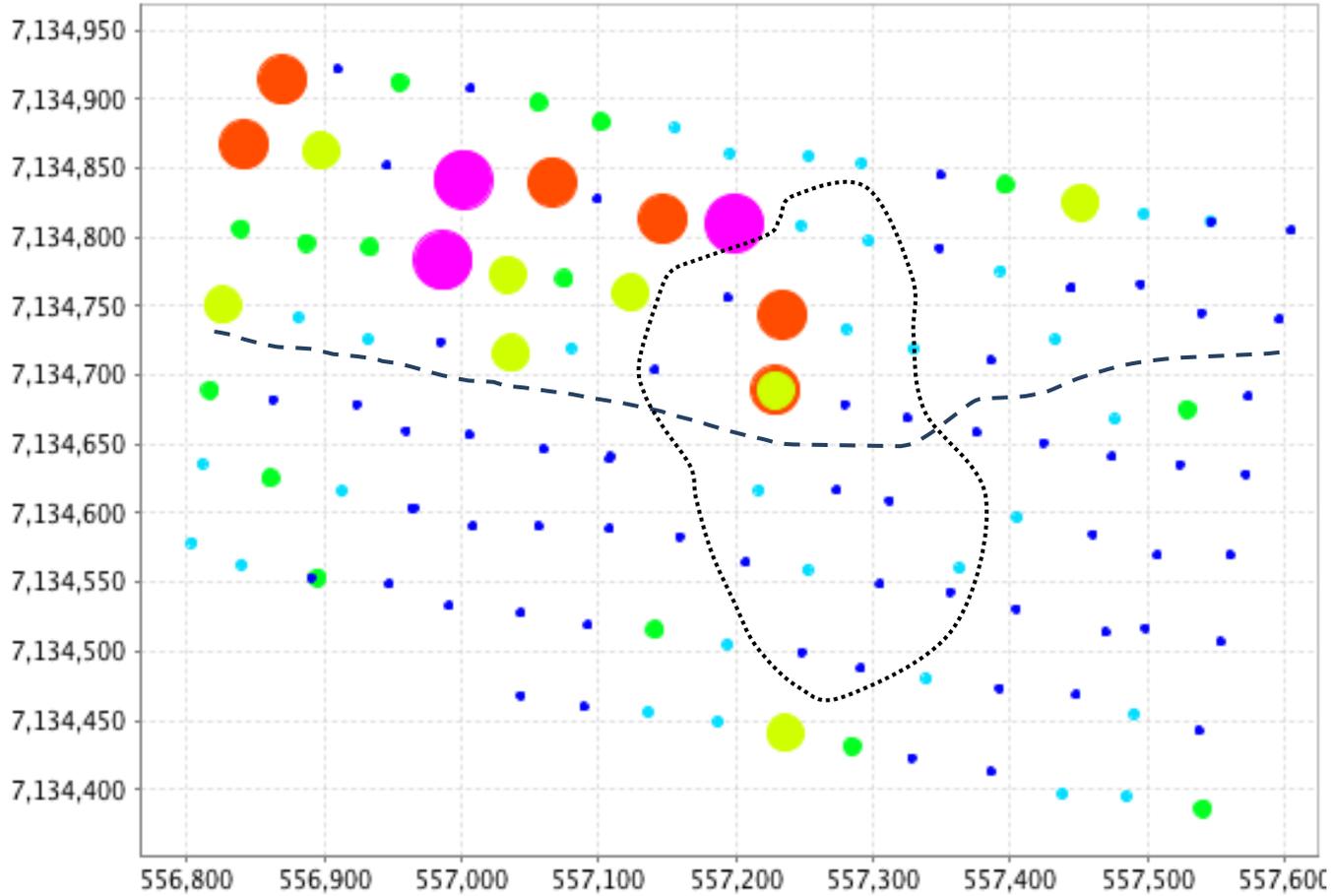
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# Sum of Ni, Cr, Nb, Mg, Ce, & Zn by fp\_XRF.

Normalised  
to standard scales



# Summary comments

- Key Kimberlite indicator elements (Cr, Nb, Rb, Ni, Ce) identified in till by:
  - Aqua-regia ICP-MS
  - 4-acid ICP-MS
  - **Field Portable XRF**
- Despite very low concentrations.
- Mg content of soil too low for reliable analysis.
- Require a greater compositional range of till RMs for calibration. Insufficient on market.



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