

**FIRST VERTICAL DERIVATIVE OF THE
RESIDUAL MAGNETIC FIELD
St. John Island - Castors River Map Area**

12/14 (east) and 12/15 (west)

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This map was derived from data acquired during an aeromagnetic survey carried out by NOVATEM Inc. The survey was flown during the period October 1st, 2008 to May 16th, 2009, using a Cessna-185 aircraft C-FARU. The aircraft was equipped with two Geometrics cesium vapour magnetometers with a sensitivity of 0.005 nT, installed in wingtip pods. Total field data were sampled at 10 Hz. The nominal traverse and control-line spacing were, respectively, 200 m and 2000 m, and the aircraft flew at a nominal terrain clearance of 90 m. Traverse lines were oriented N75°W with orthogonal control lines. The flight path was recovered following post-flight differential corrections to the raw Global Positioning System data and inspection of ground images recorded by a vertically mounted video camera. The survey was flown on a pre-determined flight surface to minimize differences in magnetic values at the intersections of control and traverse lines. These differences were computer-analyzed to obtain a mutually levelled set of flight-line magnetic data. The levelled values were then interpolated to a 50 m grid.

The first vertical derivative of the residual magnetic field is the rate of change of the magnetic field in the vertical direction. Computation of the first vertical derivative removes long-wavelength features of the magnetic field and significantly improves the resolution of closely spaced and superimposed anomalies. A property of the first vertical derivative map is the coincidence of the zero-value contour with vertical contacts at high magnetic latitudes (Hood, 1965).

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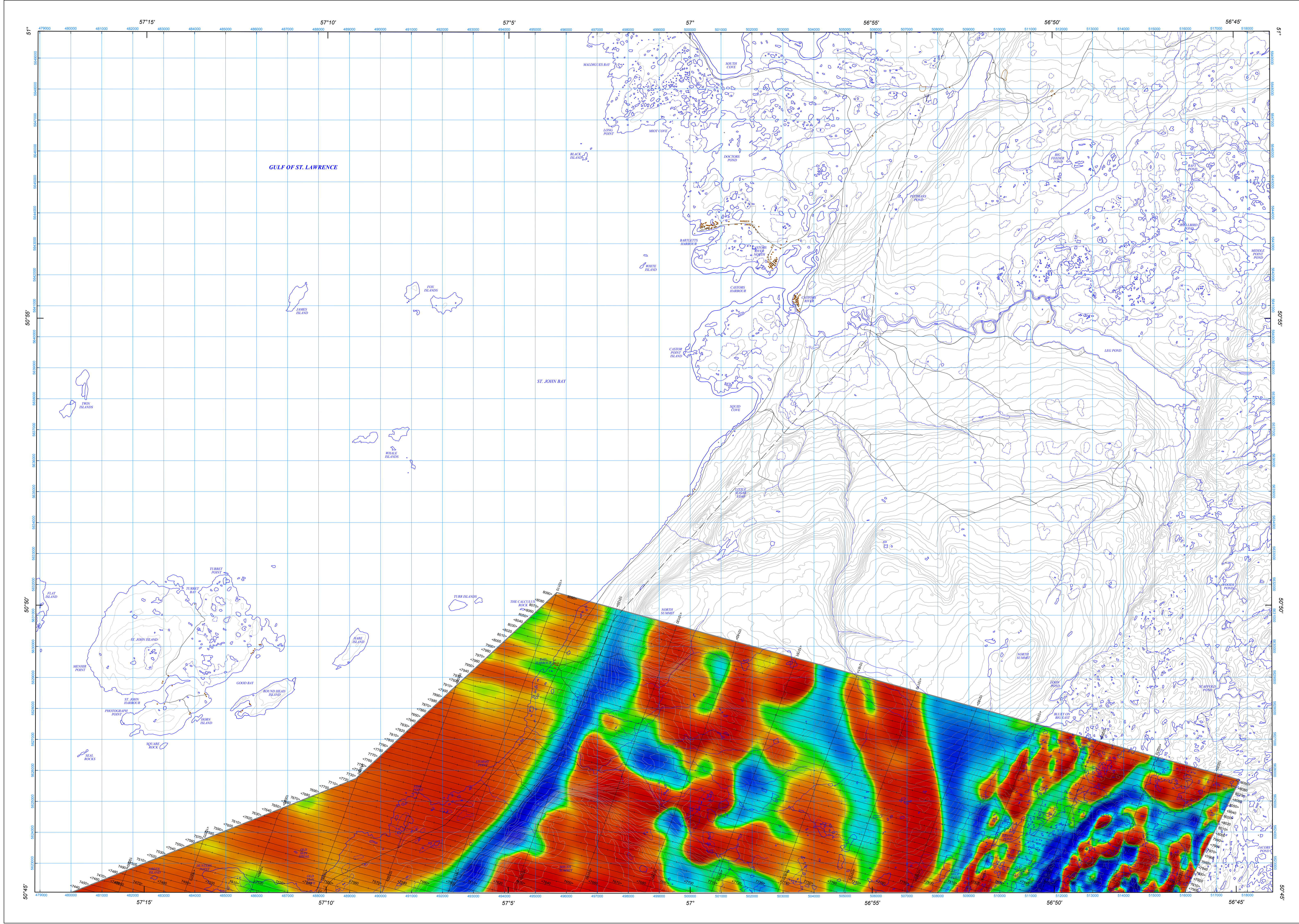
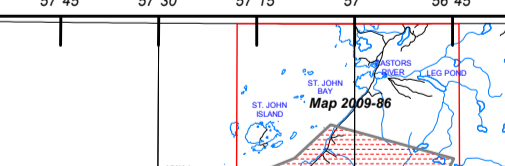
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- Topographic Contour
- Power Line
- Drainage
- Road
- Flight Line

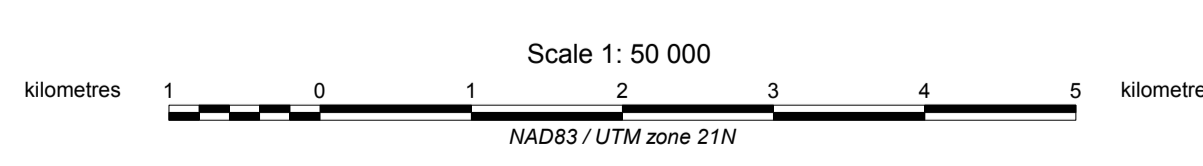
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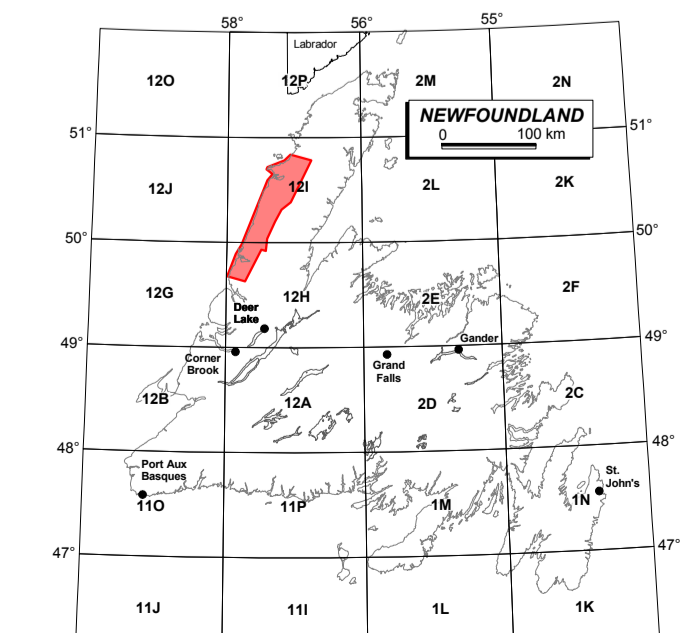
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