

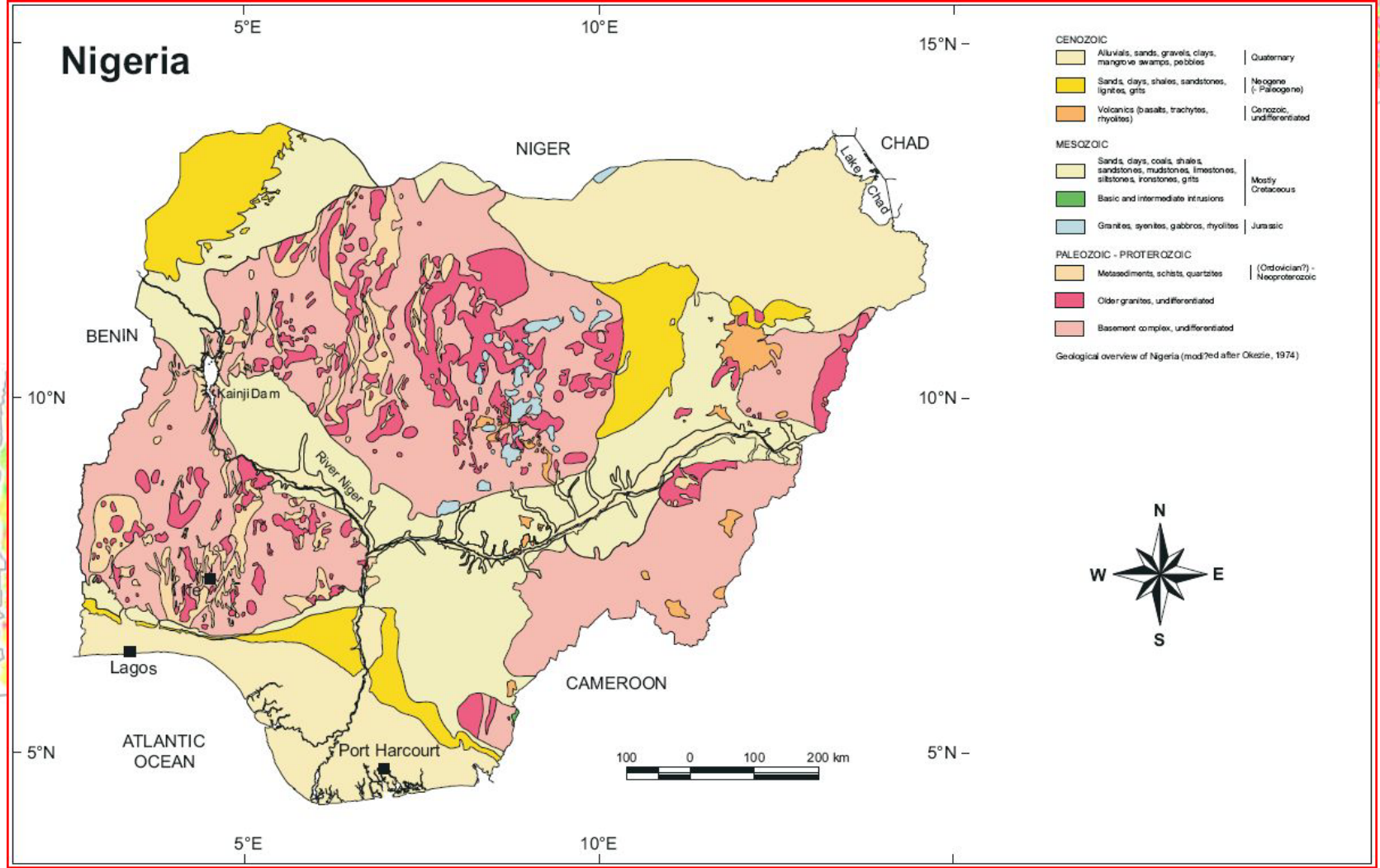


# **Nigeria's Nationwide High Resolution Airborne Geophysical Surveys**

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# Nigerian Geology







# Survey Index

All flown by Fugro Airborne Surveys

>2 million line-km

Mag/Spec

2003 – Ogun State

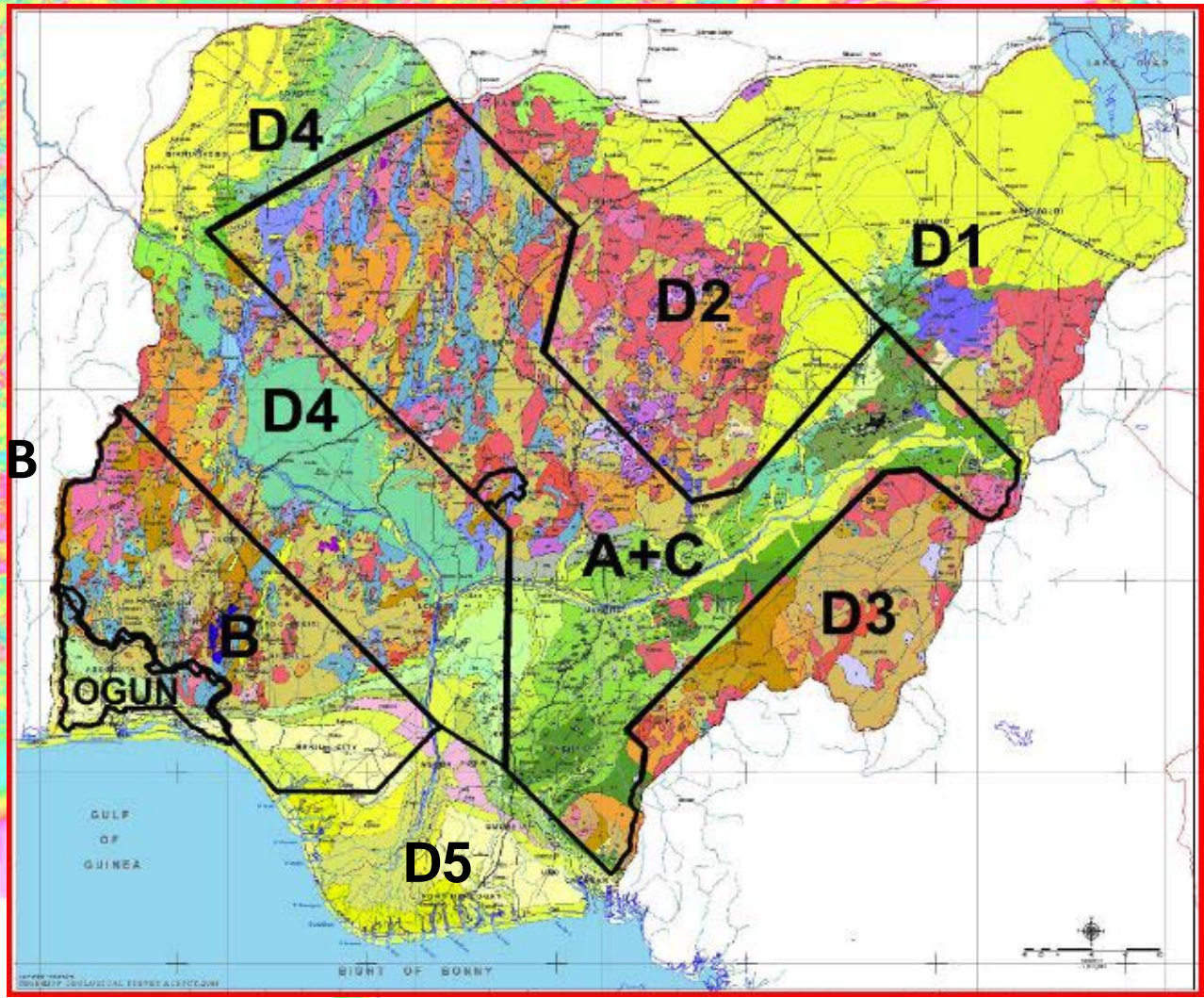
2005-07 – A+C and B

2007-09 – D1, D2, D3 and D4

Mag/Grav

2010 – D5

EM blocks in selected areas







# Survey Specifications

- Triaxial magnetic gradiometer – two wingtip and single tail sensors – 10 Hz sampling (~7.5 m)
- Gamma-ray spectrometer – 1 Hz sampling (~75 m)
- 500 m line spacing – NW-SE orientation
- 5 km control line spacing – NE-SW orientation
- Nominal 80 m terrain clearance on pre-planned drape surface
- Measured horizontal gradients and gradient-enhanced gridding
- Radiometric NASVD noise reduction





# Survey Specifications

## Niger Delta (D5)

- Triaxial magnetic gradiometer – two wingtip and single tail sensors – 10 Hz sampling (~7.5 m)
- [Gamma-ray spectrometer – 1 Hz sampling (~75 m)]
- 1000 m line spacing – N-S orientation
- Airborne gravity – separate survey at 4 km line spacing





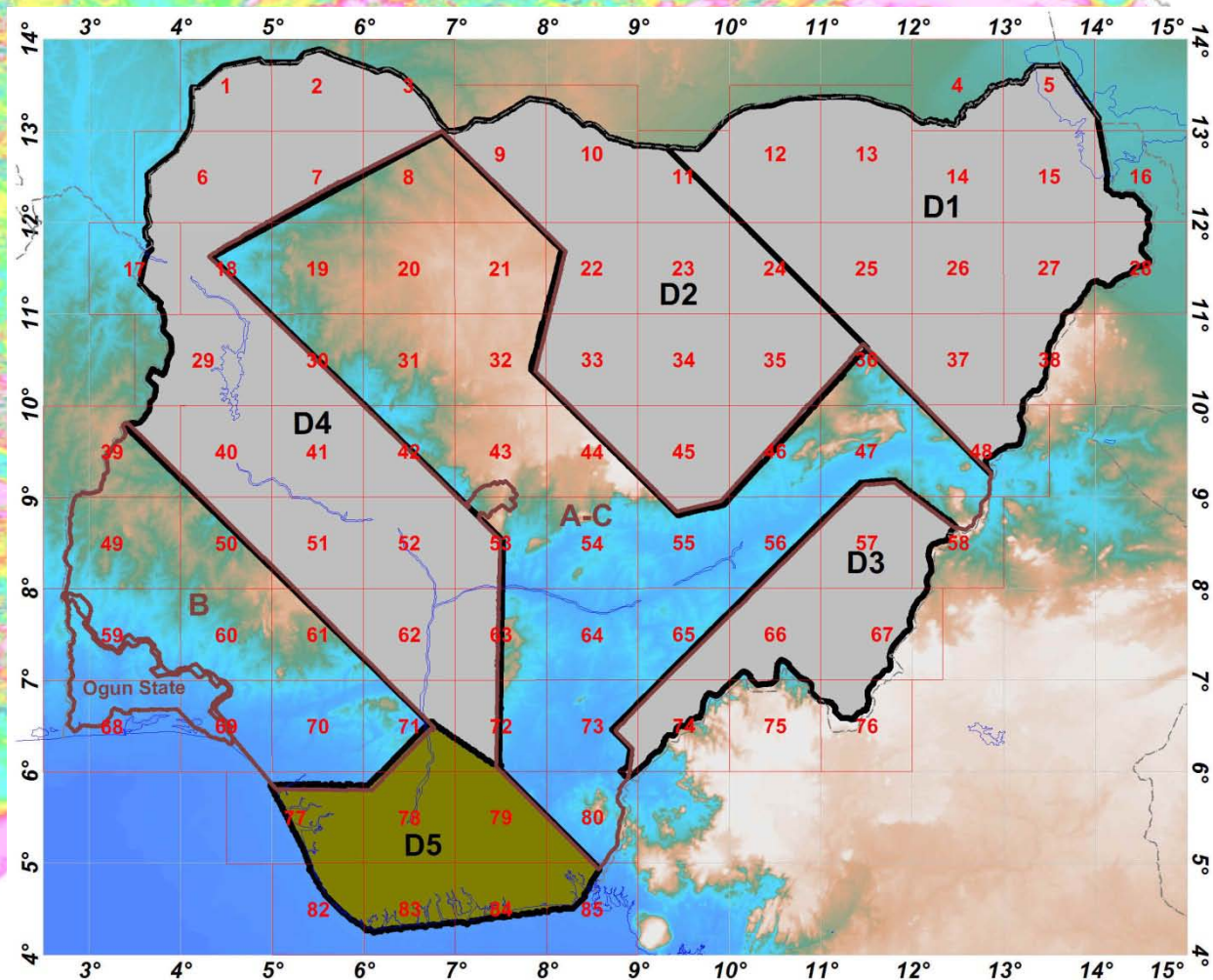
# Interpretation Index

**Phase I – Fugro  
A+C and B**

**Phase II – PGW  
D1, D2, D3 and D4**

**D5 – PGW**

**Integration – PGW  
Phase 1, Phase 2  
and Ogun State**



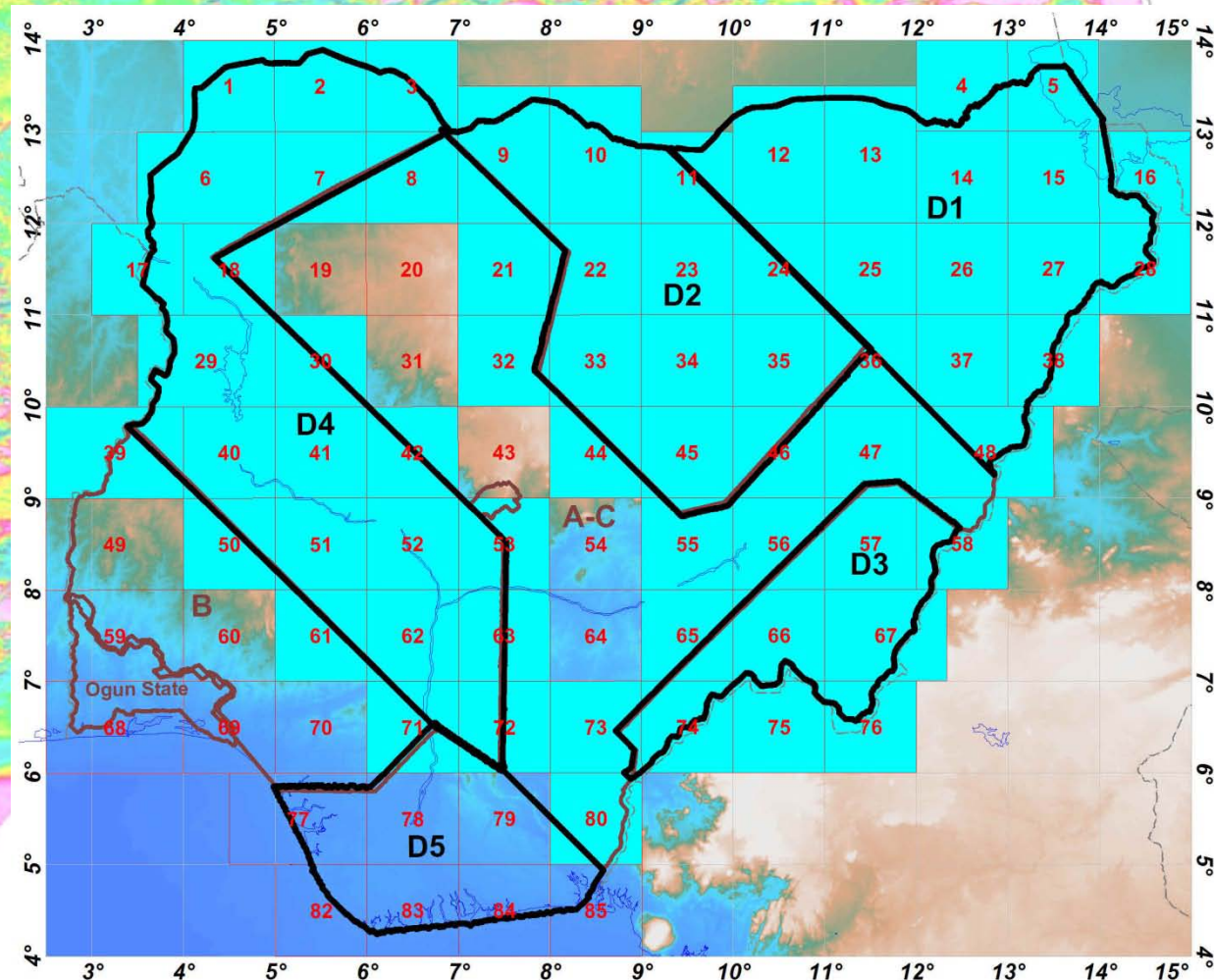




# Geophysical Map Index

1:250,000

- 5 magnetic products
- Ternary radiometric image
- Litho-structural interpretation
- Regolith interpretation
- Report for each sheet
- Niger Delta treated separately







# PGW Interpretation Project

- Process magnetic data to assist interpretation
- Prepare derived products from magnetic, radiometric, terrain and Landsat data
- Grid-based magnetic modeling
- Phase II blocks interpreted at 1:250,000 scale
- Nationwide merging of geophysical grids
- Synoptic nationwide interpretation at 1:1 million scale





# PGW Training

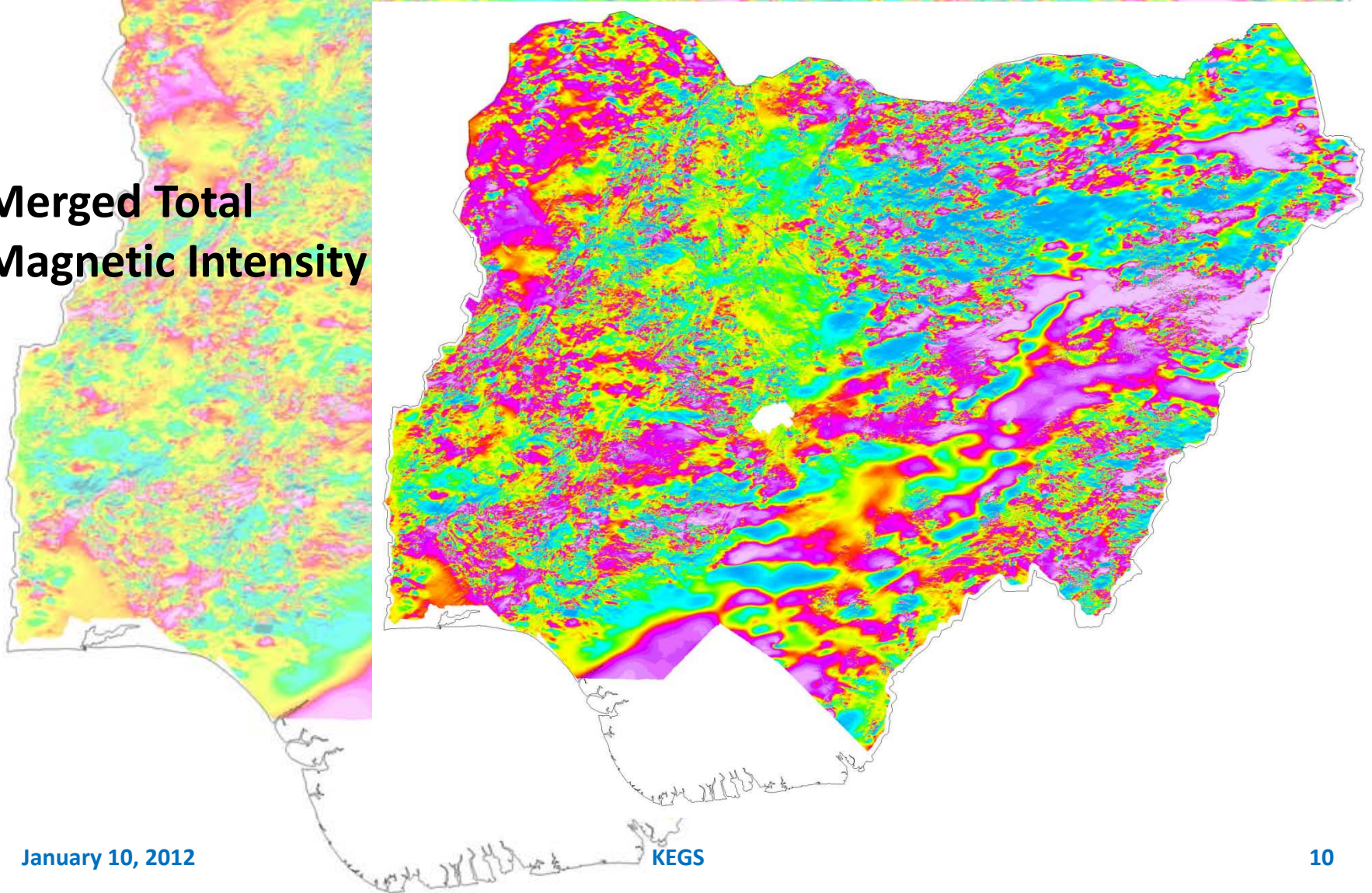
- Processing and modeling of geophysical data
- Interpretation of geophysical data
- Hand's-on (Abuja, Kaduna, Toronto)
- GIS and cartography related to geophysical interpretation
- Ground truth of selected geophysical anomalies and geological features





# Magnetic Data Processing

Merged Total  
Magnetic Intensity



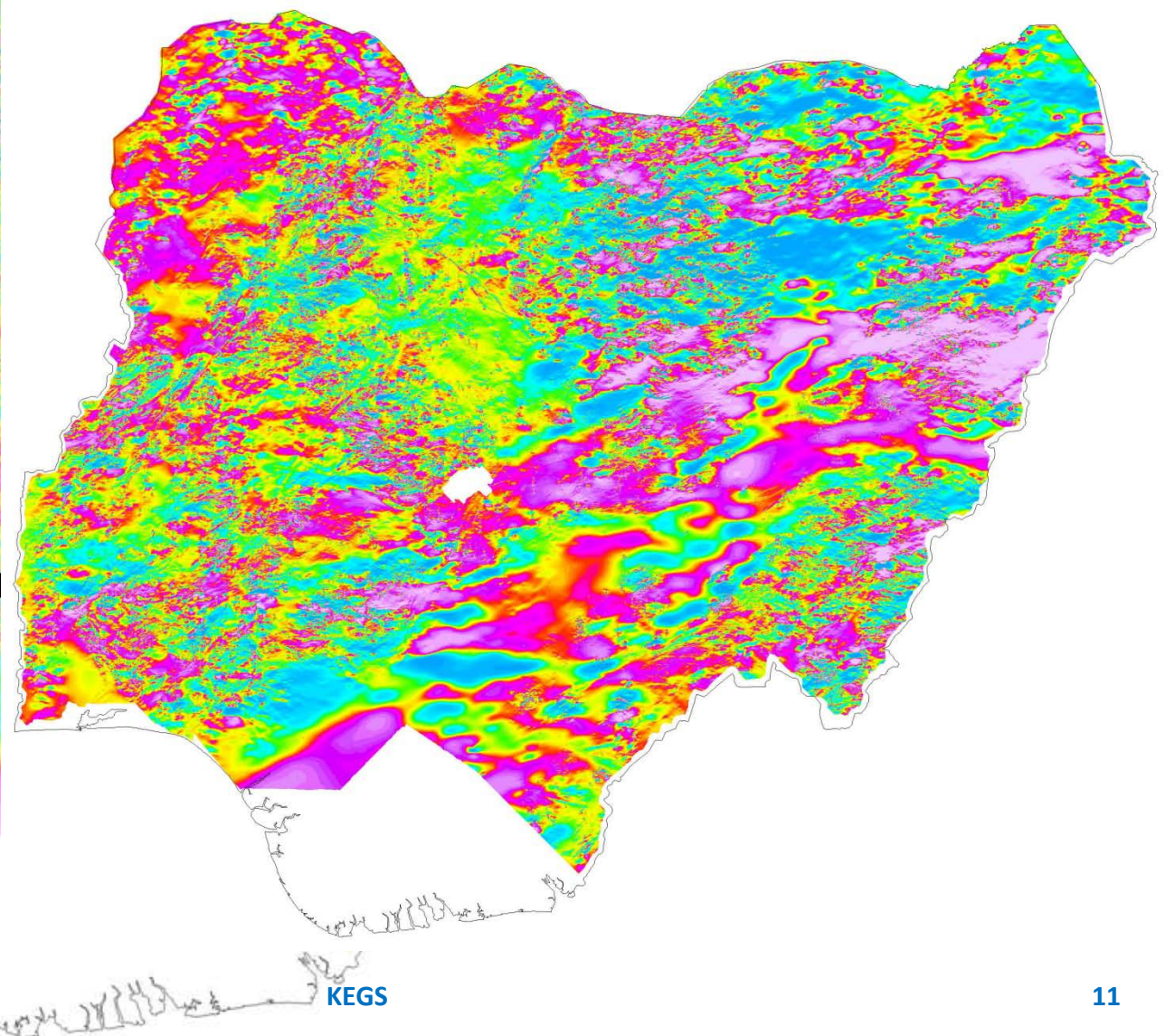




# Magnetic Data Processing

**Magnetic Intensity  
Reduced-to-  
Equator**

**Accounts for  
variable inclination  
and declination**

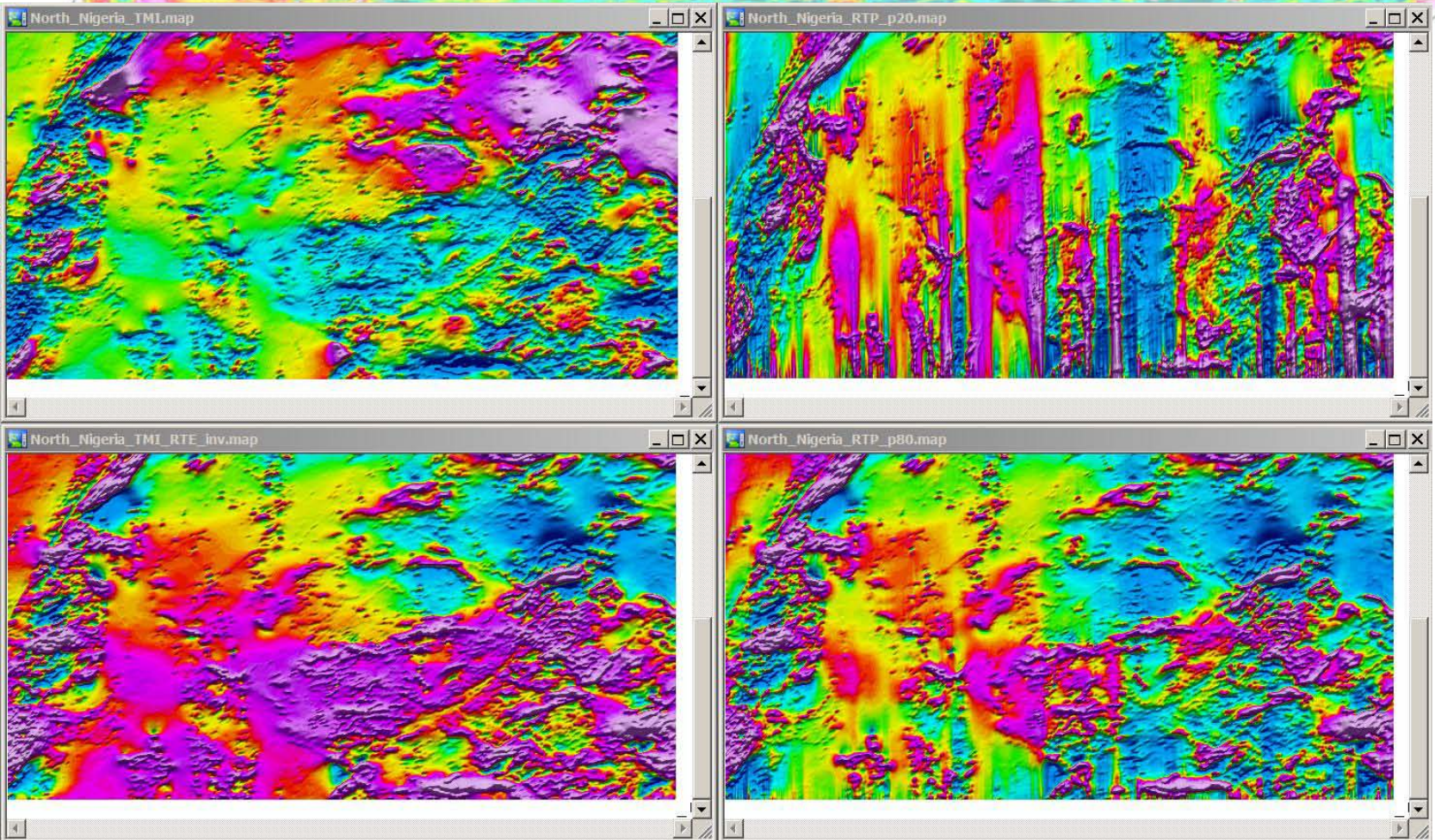






# Magnetic Data Processing

## RTP vs RTE

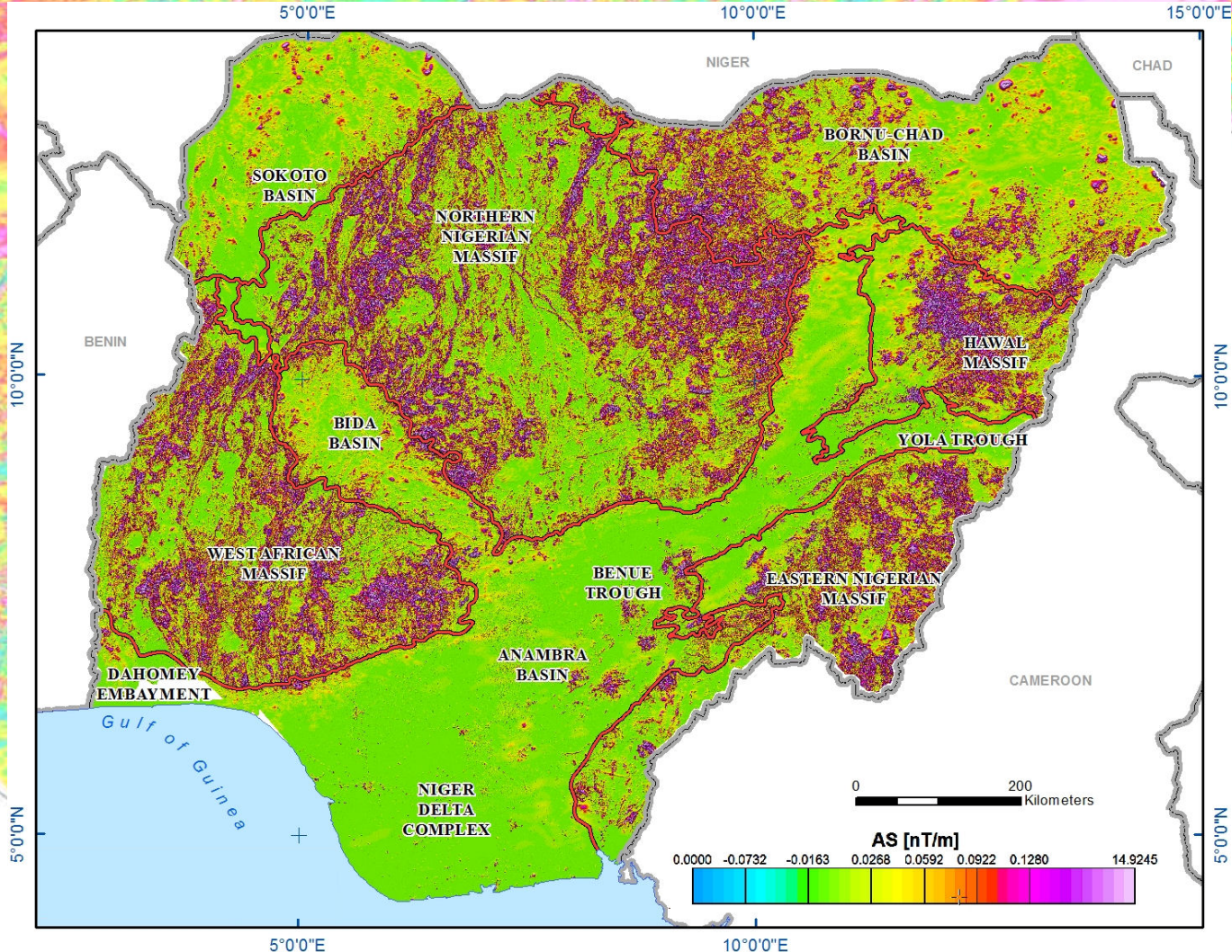






# Magnetic Data Processing

Major Geological Terrains Over Analytic Signal

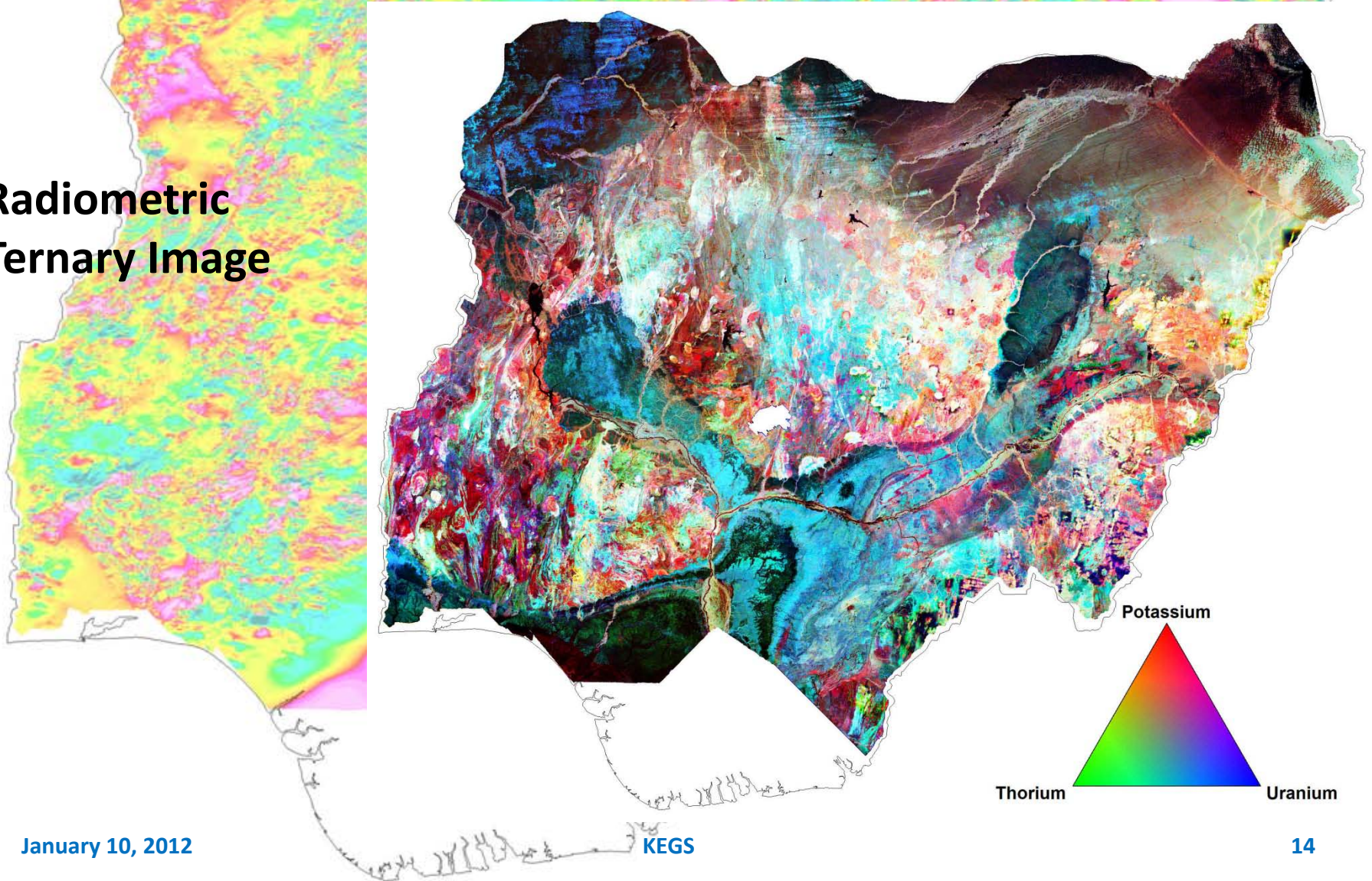






# Radiometric Data Processing

Radiometric  
Ternary Image

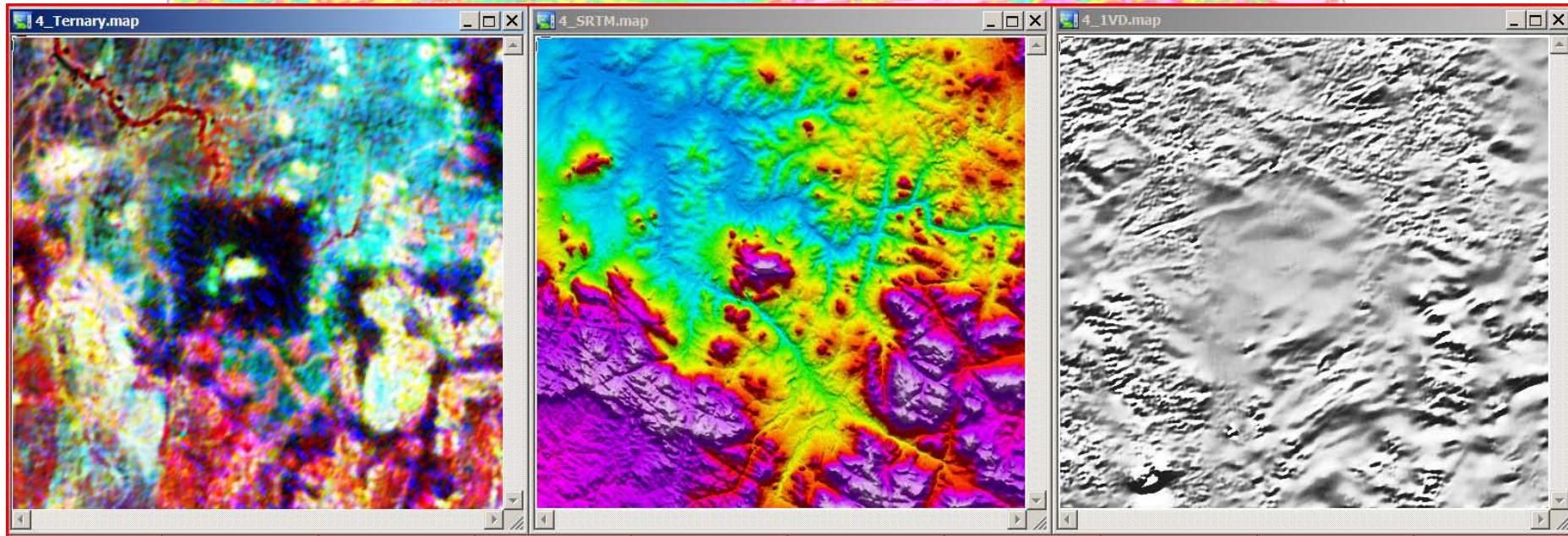






# Radiometric Data Processing

Effect of drape surface in rough terrain:  
Halo of null response over steep slopes







# Radiometric Data Processing

**Radiometric  
Ternary Image**

**Useful within  
the  
sedimentary  
basins in  
addition to  
hard rock**

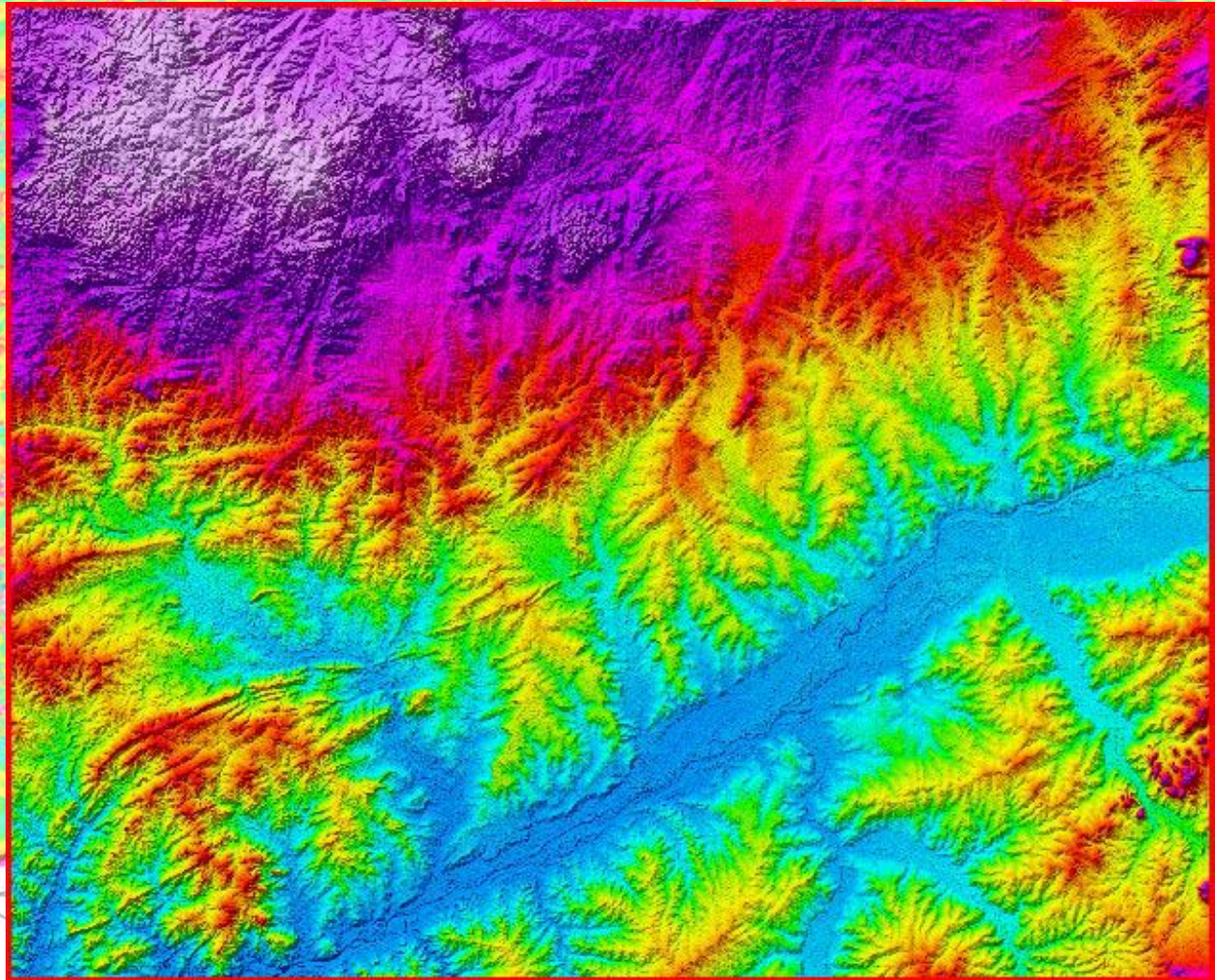






# Radiometric Data Processing

SRTM  
Digital  
Topography

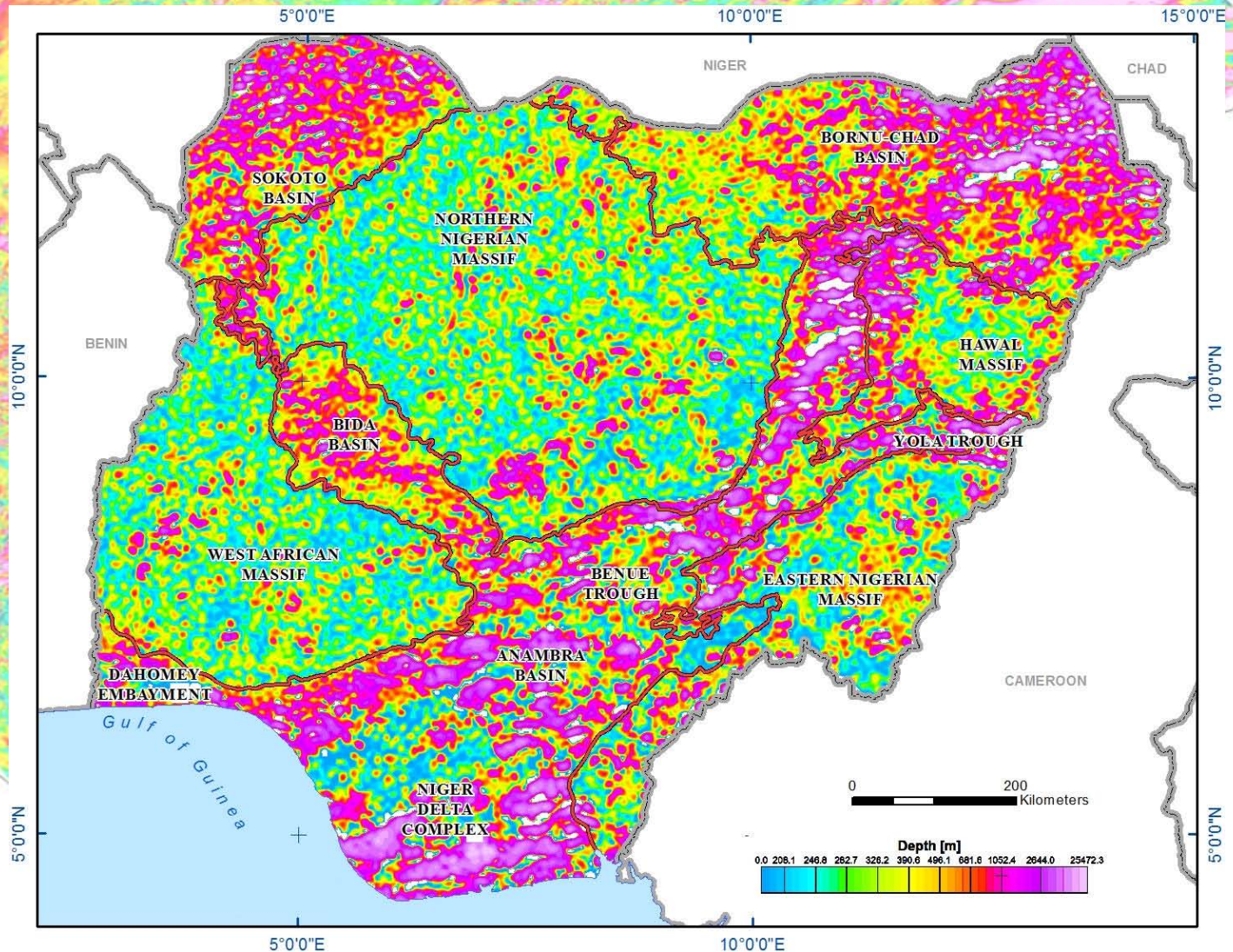






# Depth to Magnetic Sources

Deeper sources in red - basins

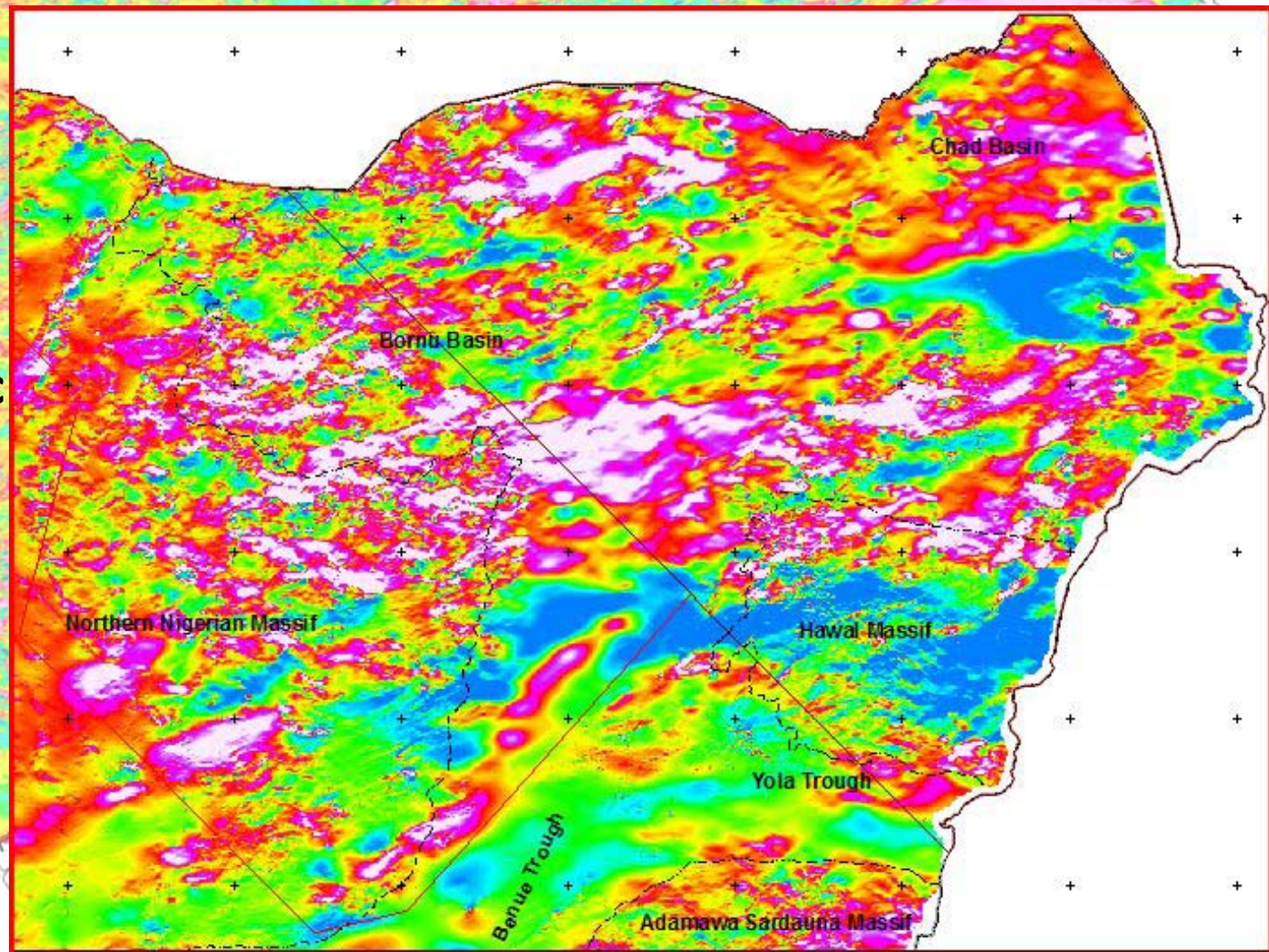






# Depth to Magnetic Sources

Northeast Nigeria – Total Magnetic Intensity

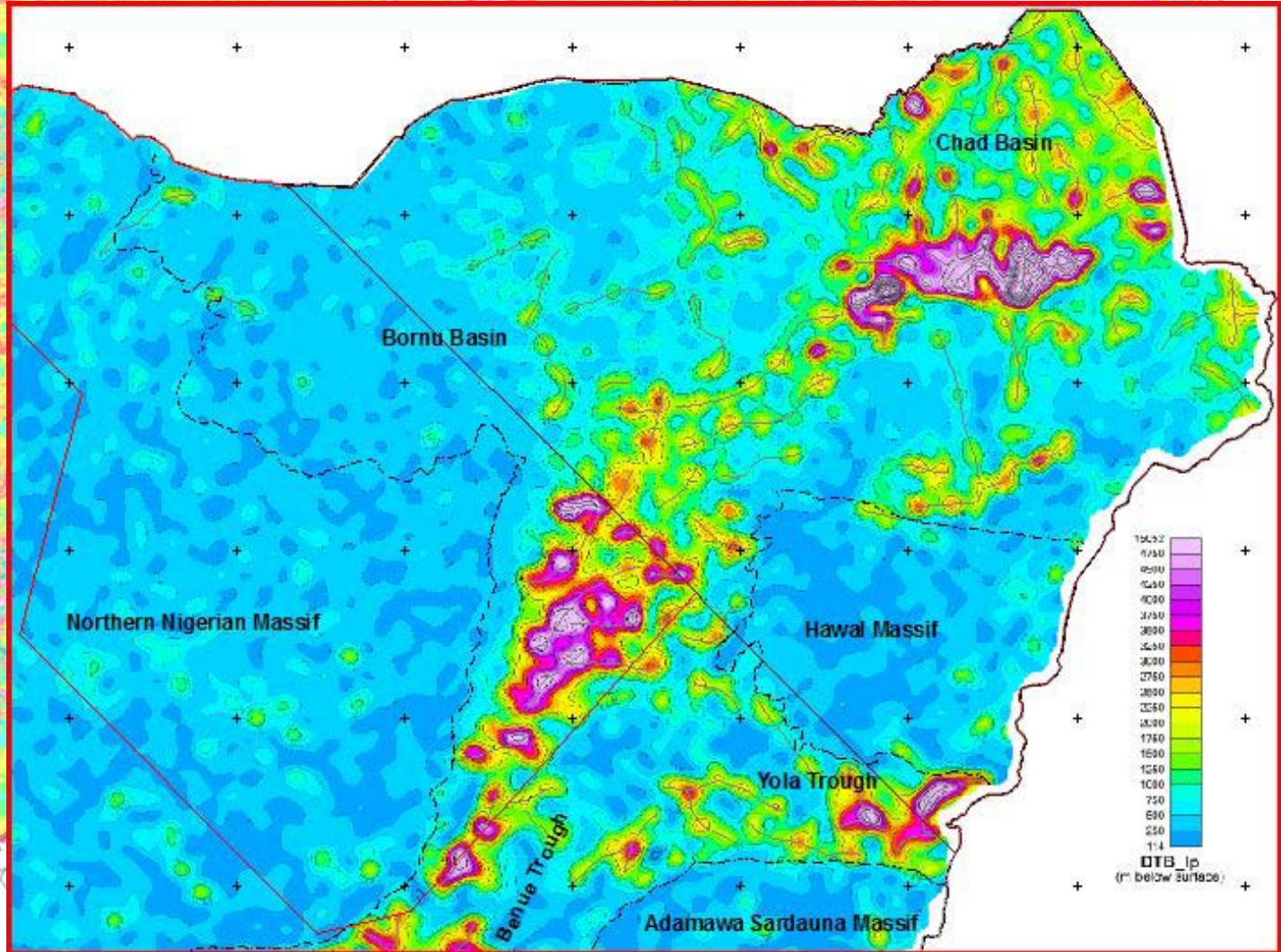






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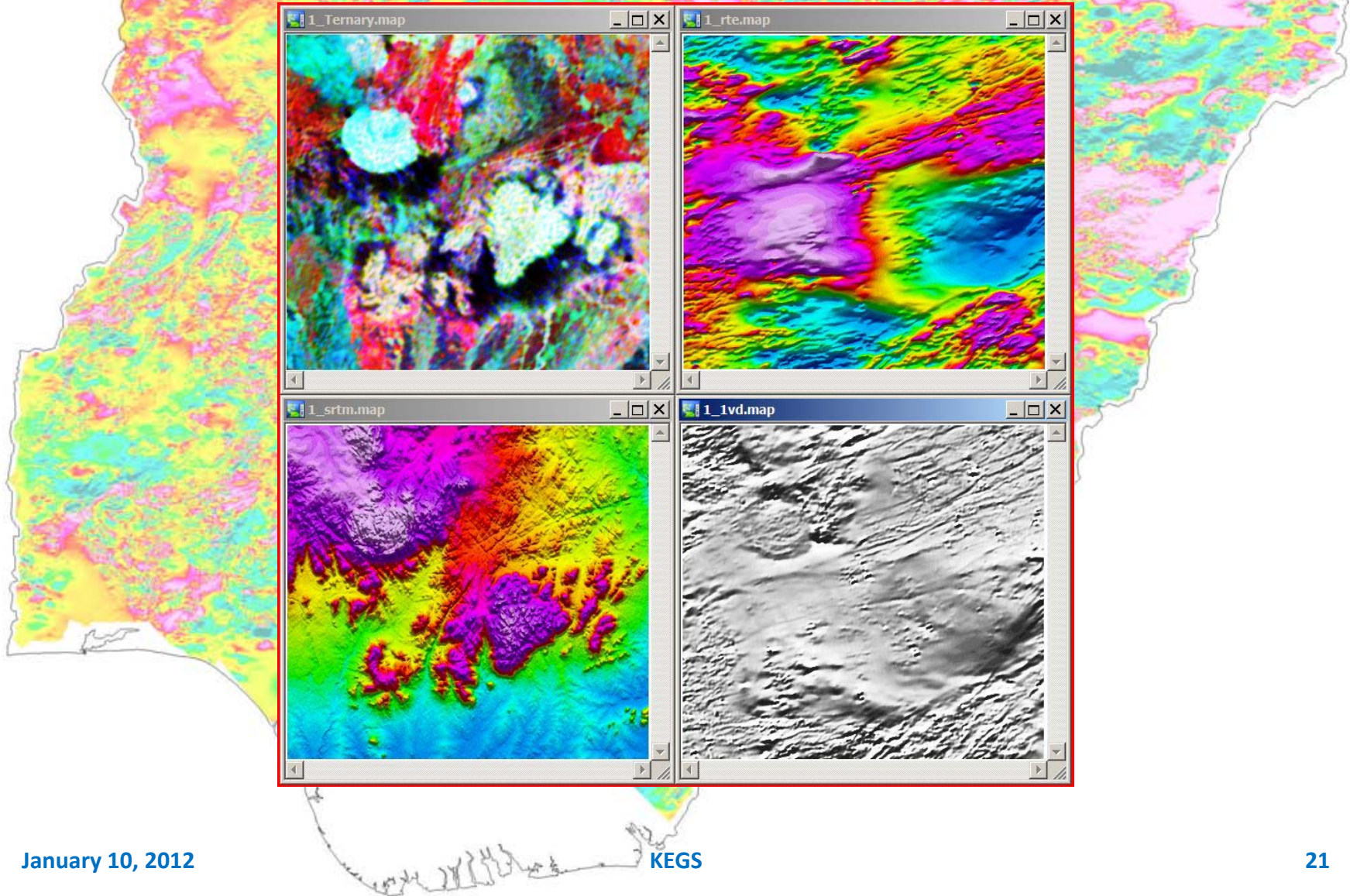
Northeast Nigeria –  
Depth to  
Magnetic  
Sources







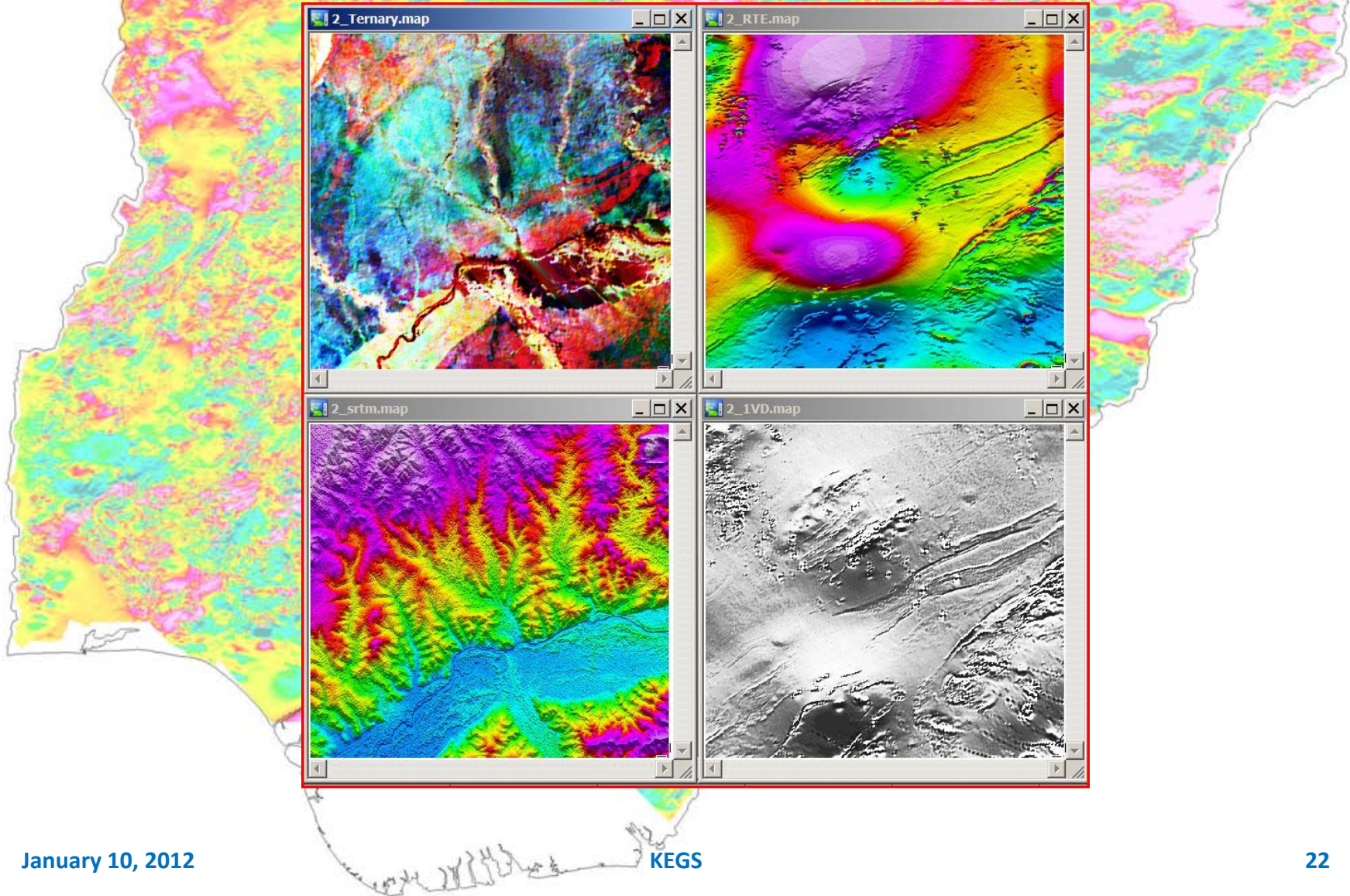
# Basement Responses







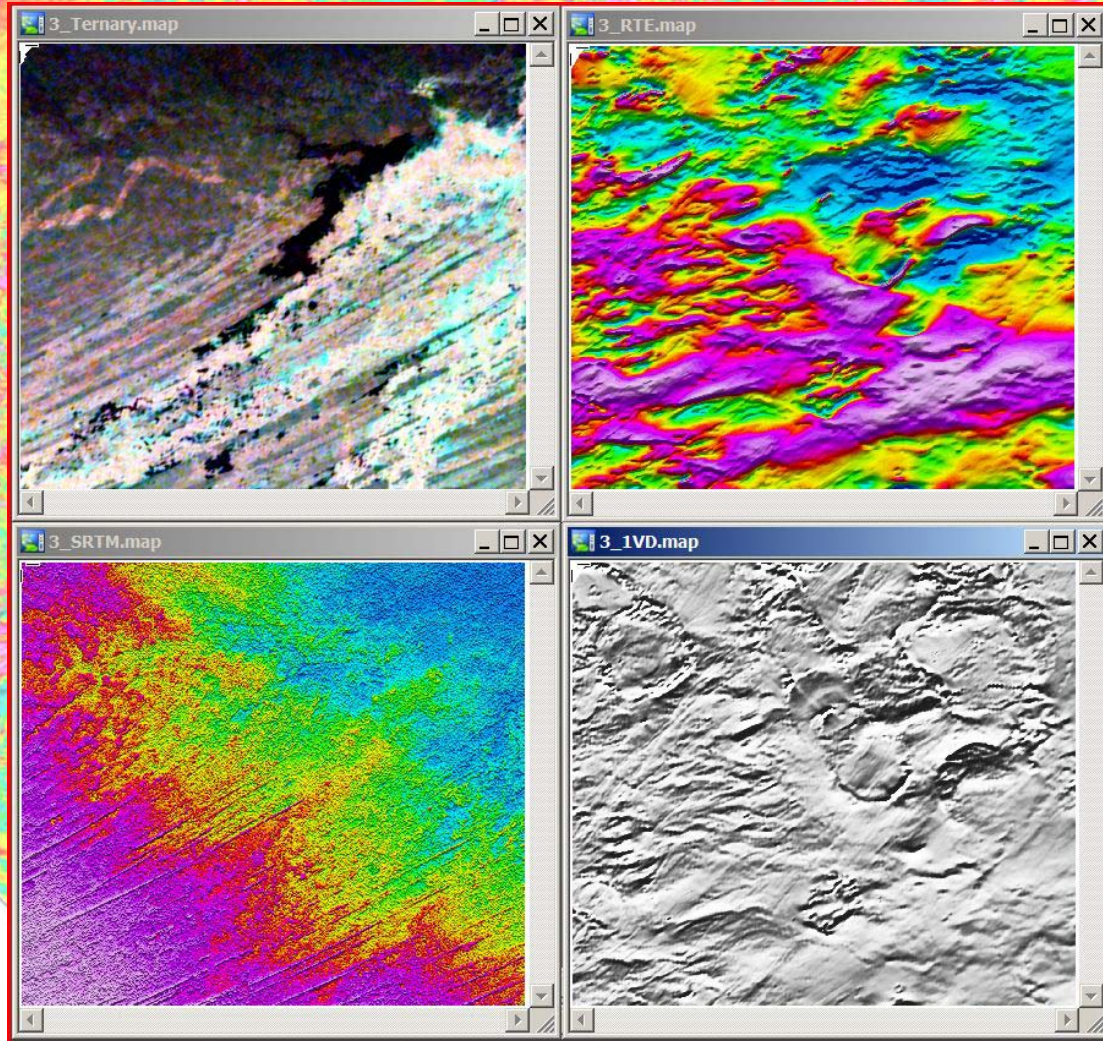
# Basin Responses







# Shallow Basin Responses







# Segilola Gold Project

- **CGA Mining Limited announced JORC and 43-101 compliant resource of 620,000 ozs (December 3, 2009)**
- **Gold is hosted in quartz-feldspar veins and altered gneissic host rock within the Ilesha Schist Belt**
- **Schist belts in western Nigeria are domains of Upper Proterozoic metasedimentary, metavolcanic and intrusive sequences that are oriented parallel to the boundary between the West African Craton and the Pan African province (similar to Ghana)**





# Segilola Gold Project

Located in Osun State, SW Nigeria  
Northeast of Lagos

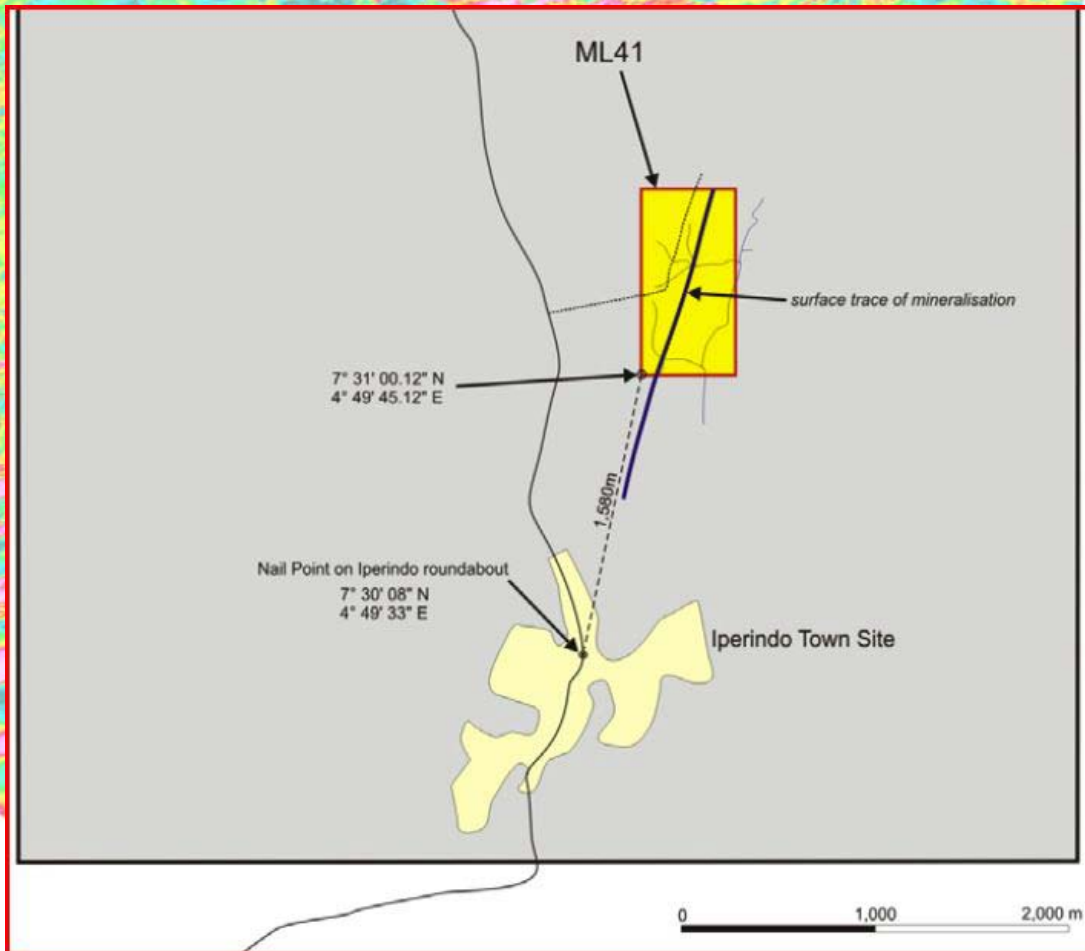






# Segilola Gold Project

**NNE trace of mineralized zone oriented along the strike of the Ilesha Schist Belt**

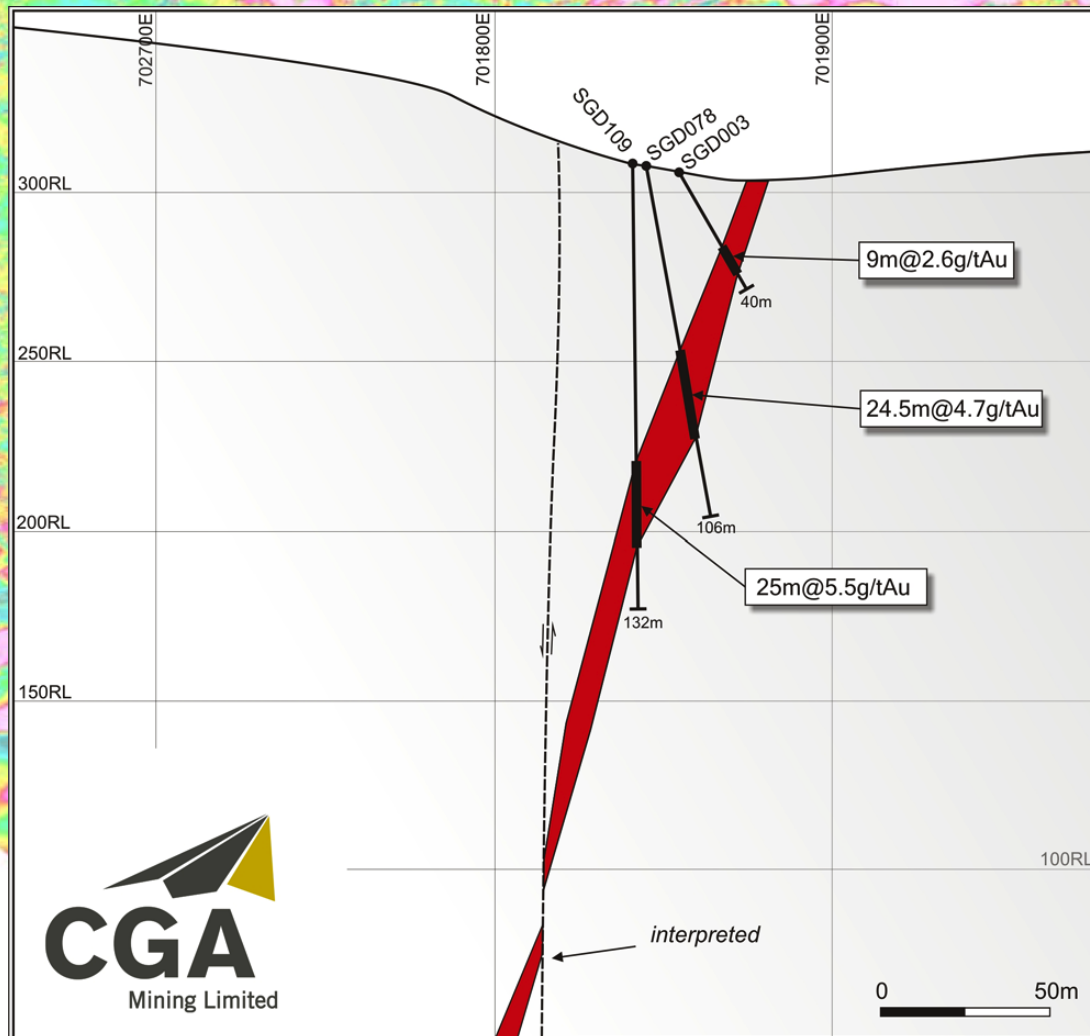






# Segilola Gold Project

Mineralization in steeply dipping shear zone showing good continuity along strike and down-dip



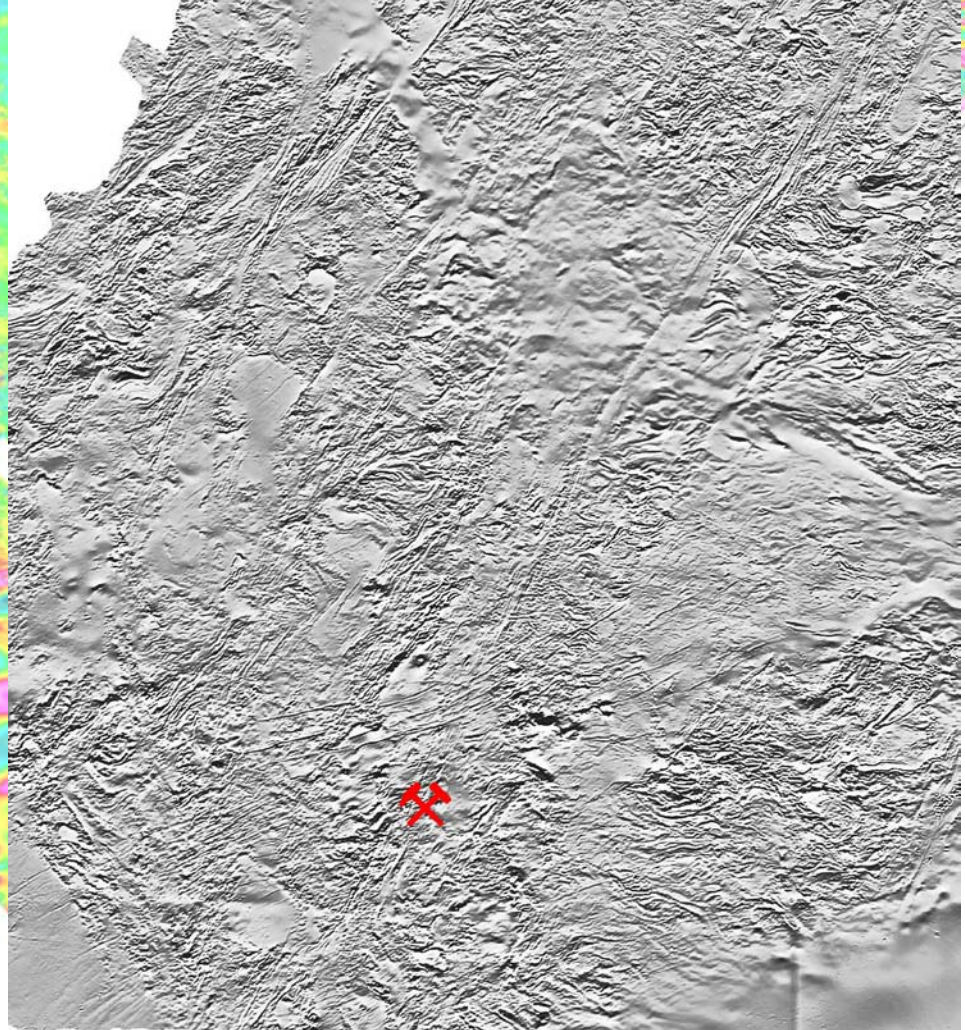




# Segilola Gold Project

**Reduced-to-equator  
magnetic field**

**Deposit located on  
NNE-striking  
magnetic lineament**





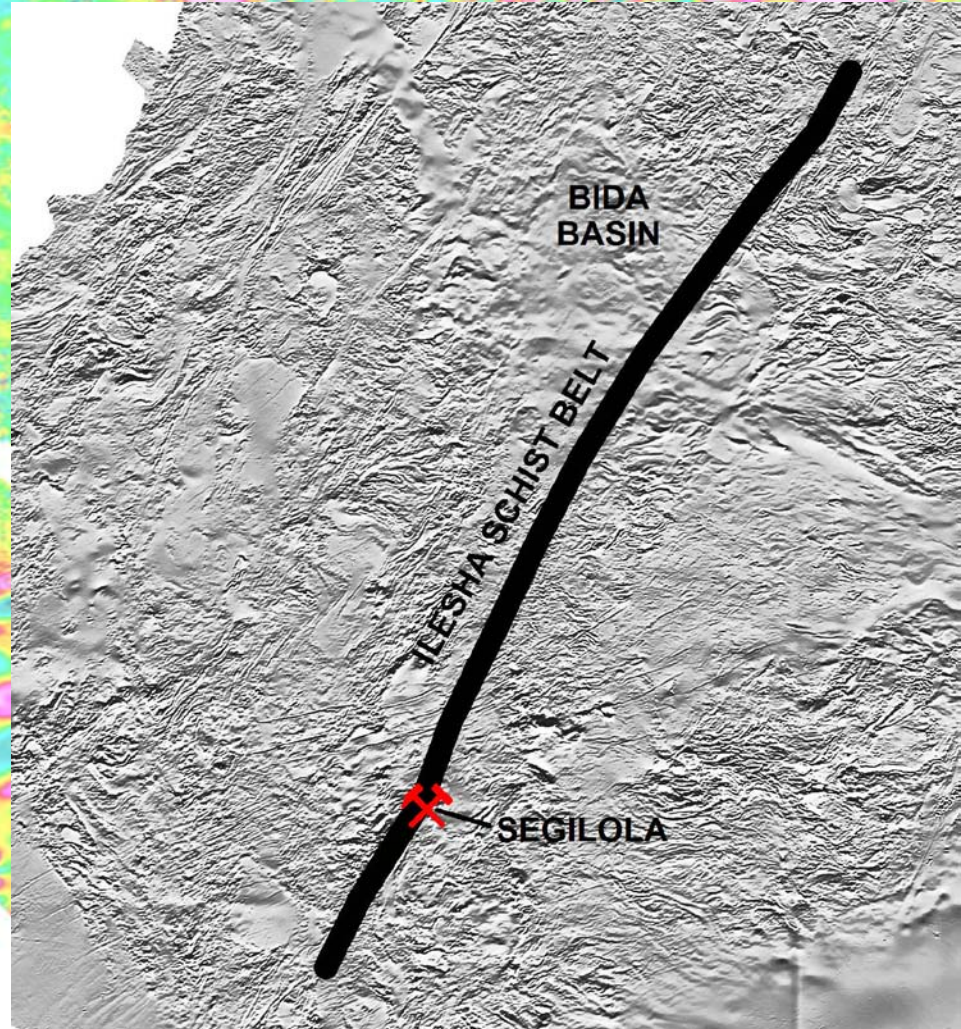


# Segilola Gold Project

**Ilesha Schist Belt  
continues for more  
than 400 km**

**Runs beneath Bida Basin**

**Several parallel schist  
belts and shear zones**





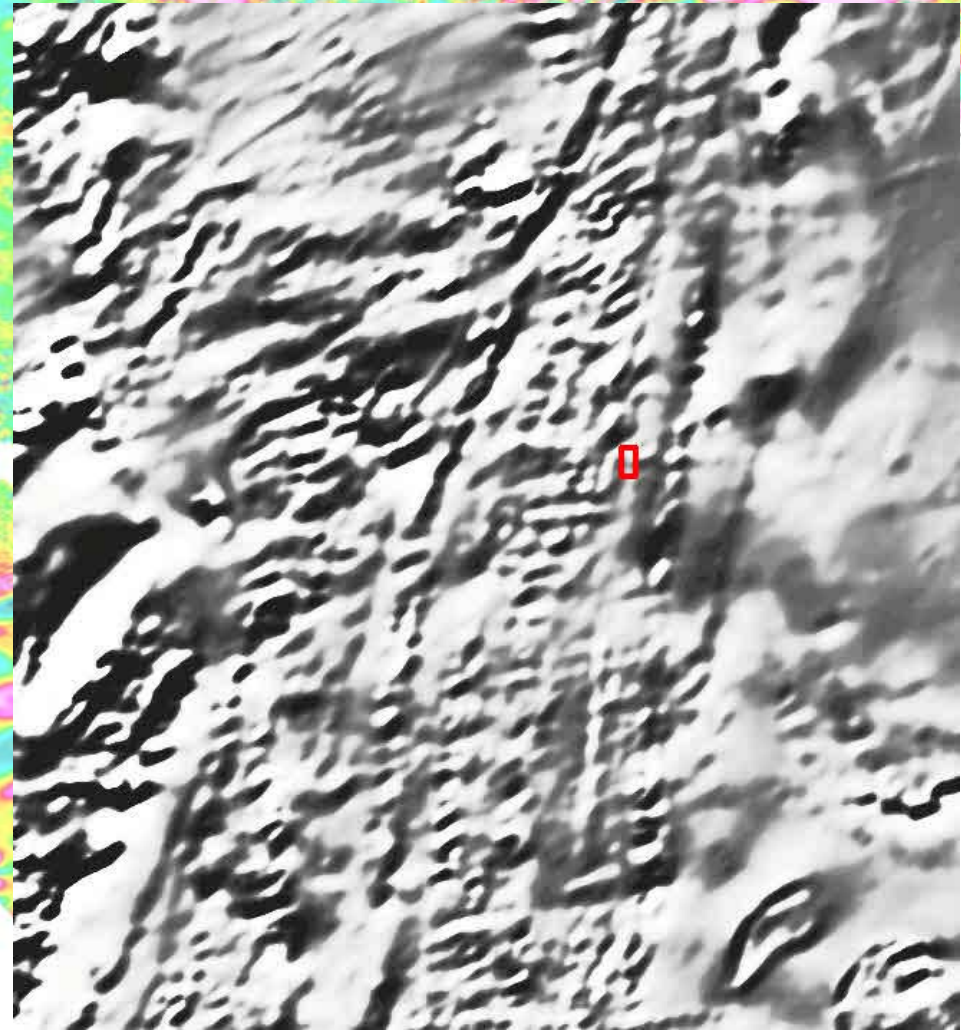


# Segilola Gold Project

**Magnetic first vertical derivative**

**NNE-striking shear**

**NE- and E-striking crosscut structures**





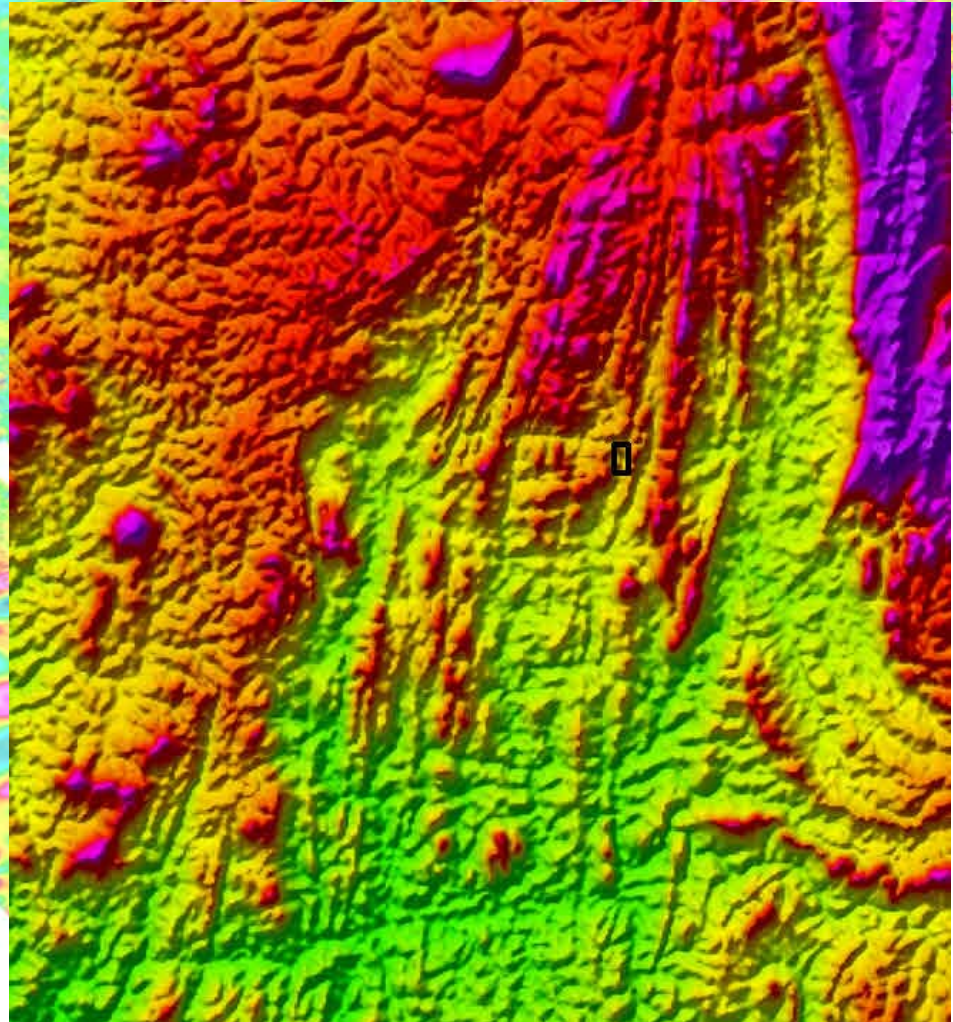


# Segilola Gold Project

**SRTM topography**

**Horizons and structures quite evident on surface**

**Good for surface exploration – geochemistry, trenching, etc.**





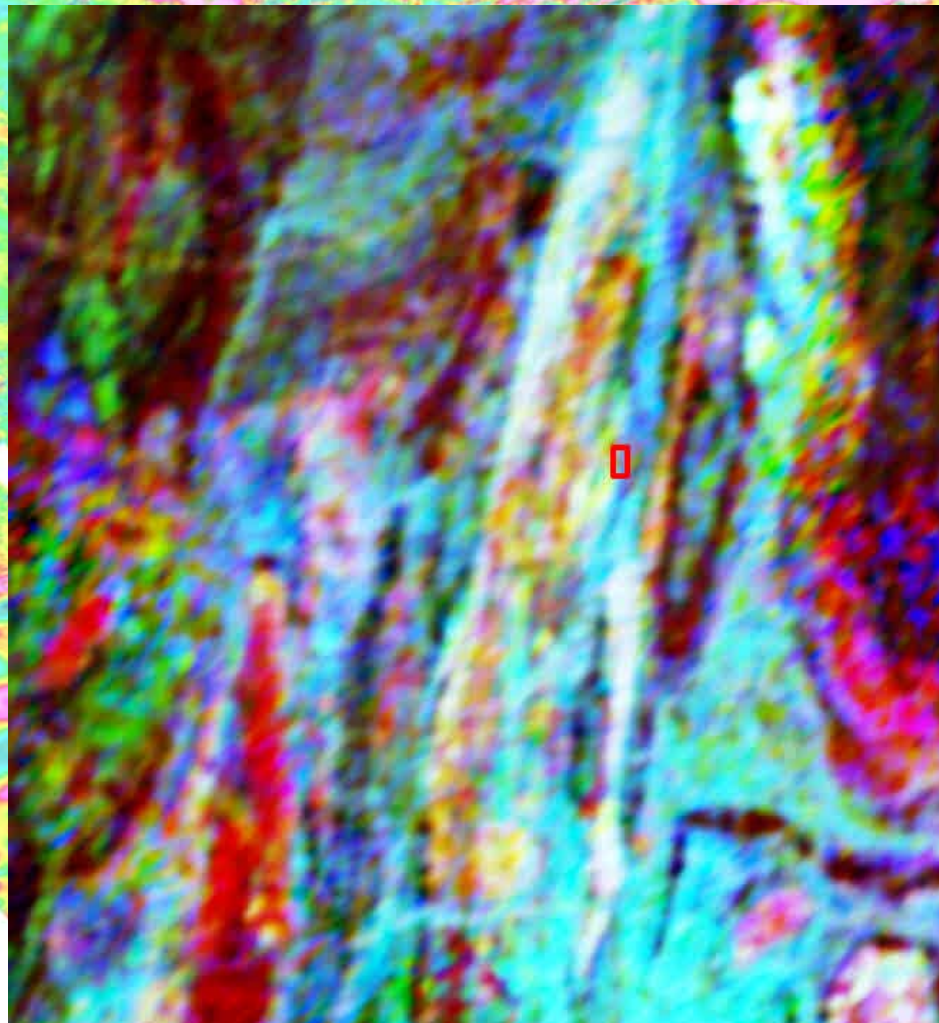


# Segilola Gold Project

Radiometric ternary  
image

Mapping of individual  
horizons

Possible alteration



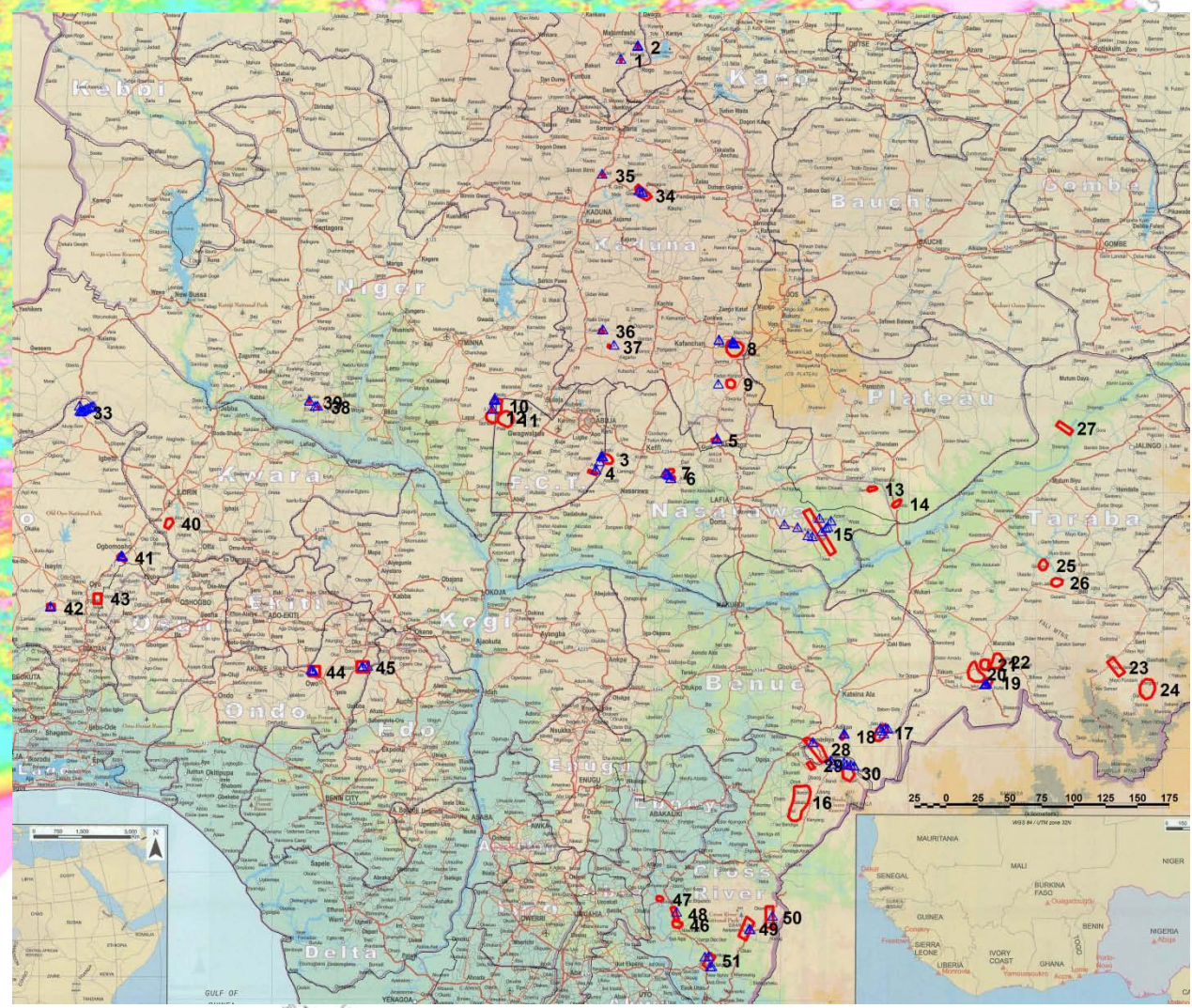




# Ground Truth

Red – sites selected on basis of geology, DEM, radiometrics and magnetics

Blue – sites completed in one month

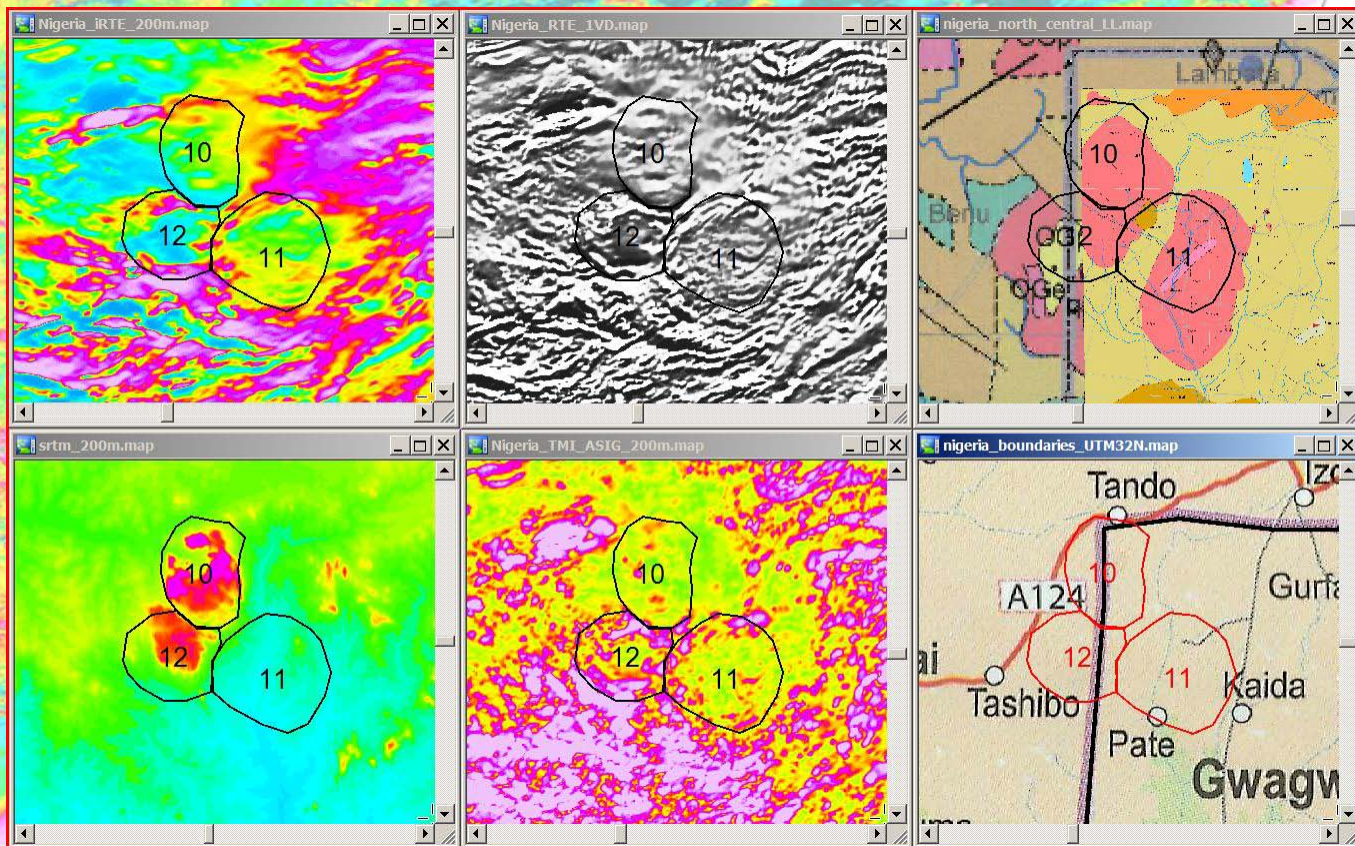






# Ground Truth

Geology, DEM  
and magnetics

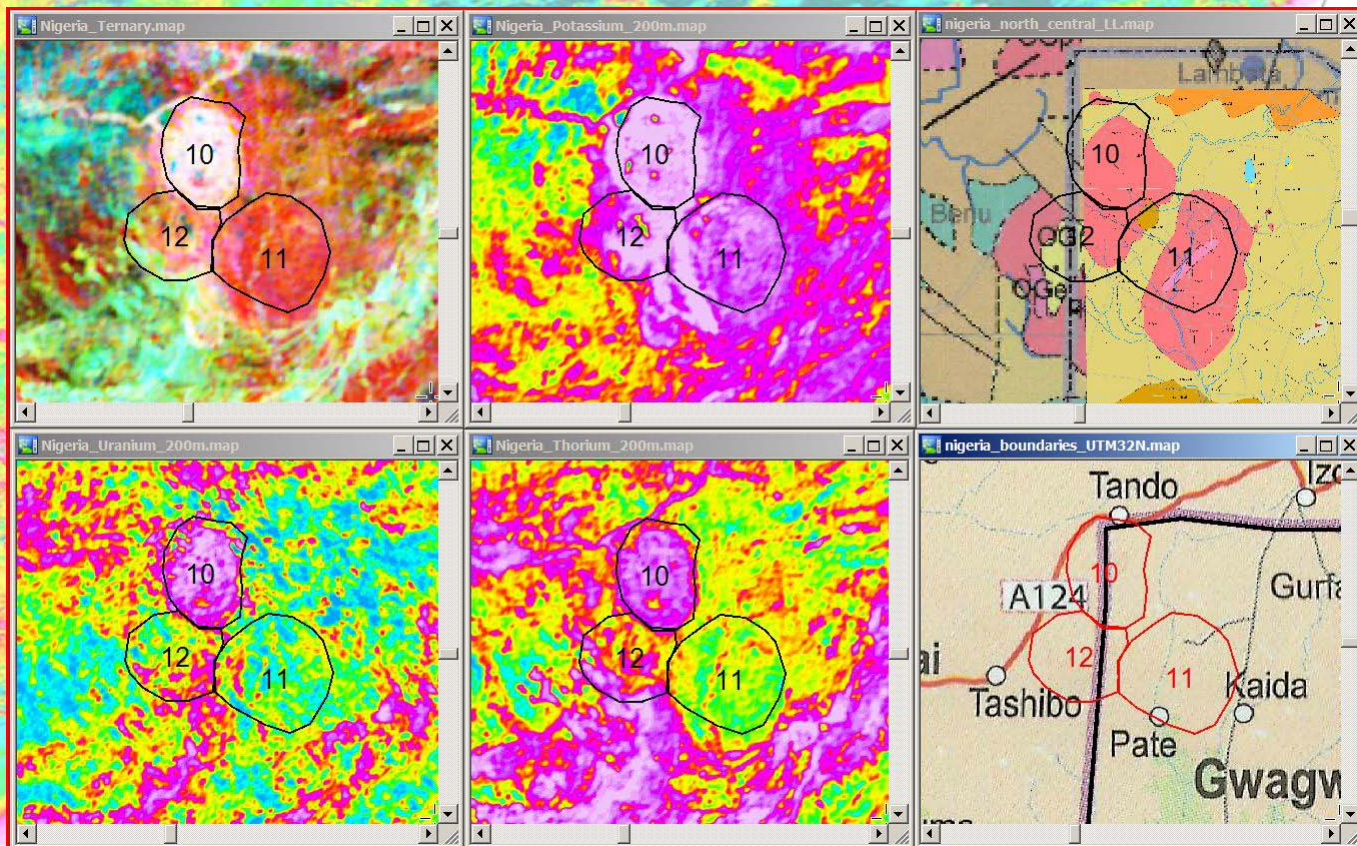






# Ground Truth

Geology, DEM and radiometrics







# Ground Truth

Unmapped  
basalt and  
sulphides



Figure: a) Coarse-grained granite with a weak foliation. b) Strongly foliation biotite-gneiss. c) Pyroxene rich, gabbroic-textured rock (at back). d) Fine-grained basalt with sulphide minerals.

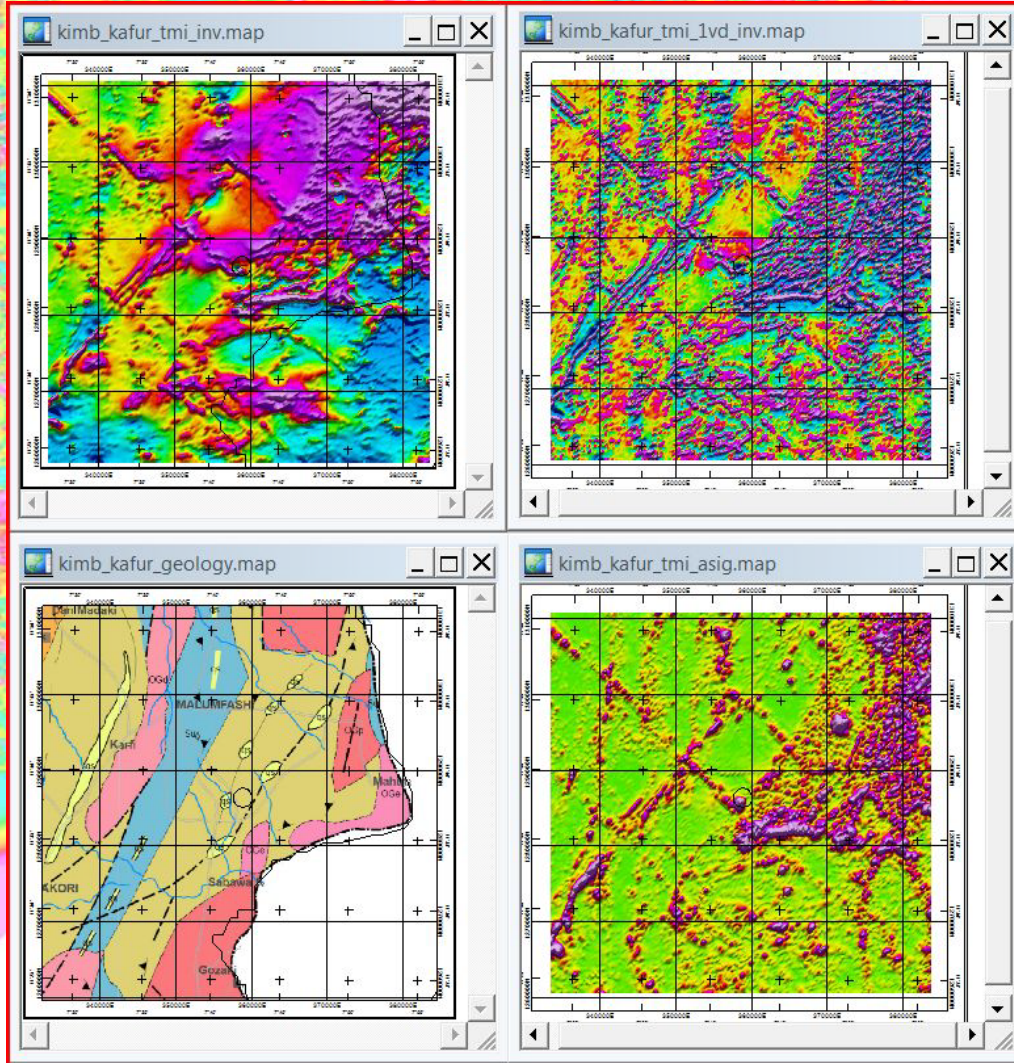




# Kafur Kimberlite Pipe

Regional Magnetics  
and Geology

Cross-cutting  
dykes and fractures



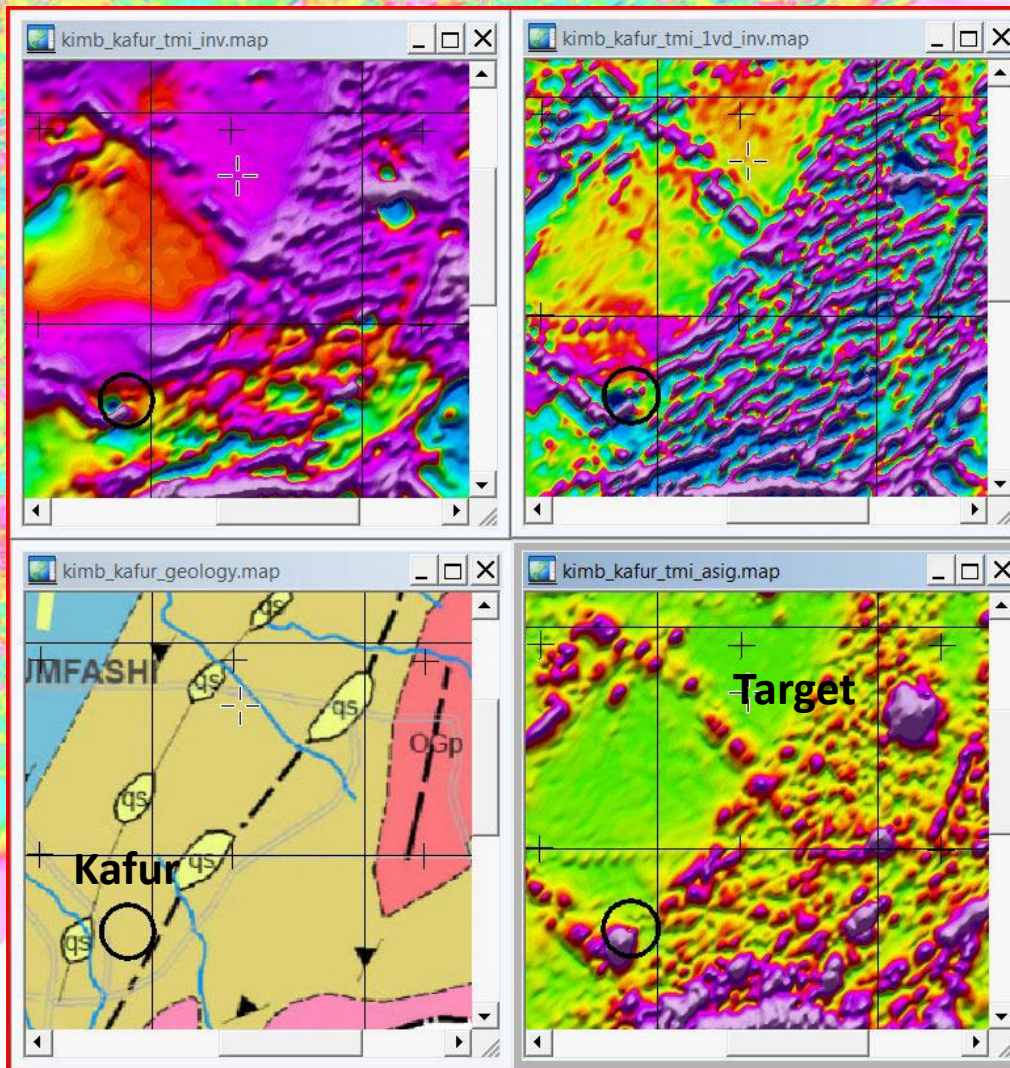




# Kafur Kimberlite Pipe

Local Magnetics and Geology

Well-defined magnetic response, especially analytic signal







# Kafur Kimberlite Pipe

## Ground truth

- Previously bulldozed
- No kimberlite on surface
- Magnetic granodiorite nearby







# PGW Interpretation Project

- **Regolith Interpretation – reflects surface geology, soils and landforms**
- **Bedrock Interpretation – delineates lithology and structure of hard rock (basement), intrasedimentary igneous sources and some sedimentary sources**
- **Processed grids and images, magnetic models – illustrate and quantify the interpretation**
- **Structural and basement interpretation of the Niger Delta and offshore to assist petroleum exploration**





# PGW Interpretation Project

- Mineral potential – geological terrains and geophysical signatures assessed for different types of mineral deposits and settings
- 290 target areas delineated from airborne geophysics for base metals, precious metals and industrial minerals
- Depth and structural mapping of inland basins to guide oil & gas exploration