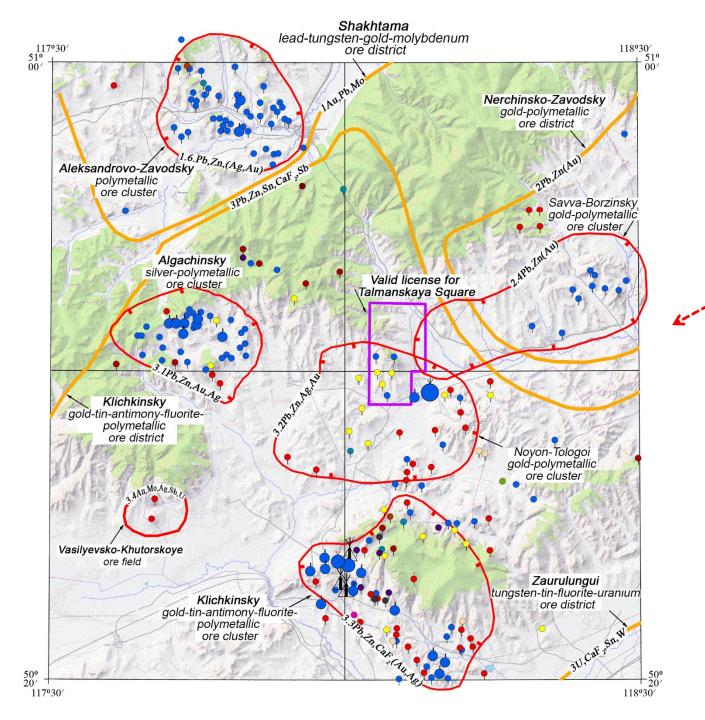
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Mapping of zones of hydrothermally altered rocks based on the processing and analysis of WorldView-2 data: on example of the Talman site (SoutheasternTransbaikalia)

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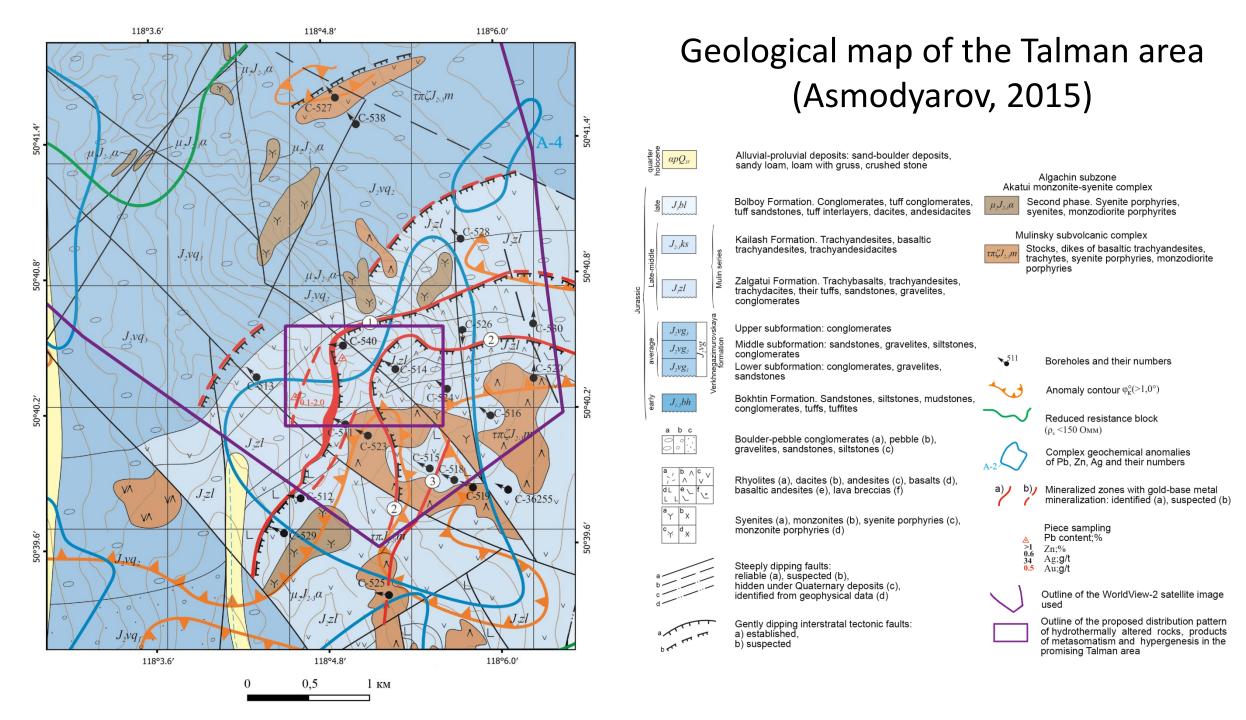
Mineragenic map (Kalashnikov, 2019)

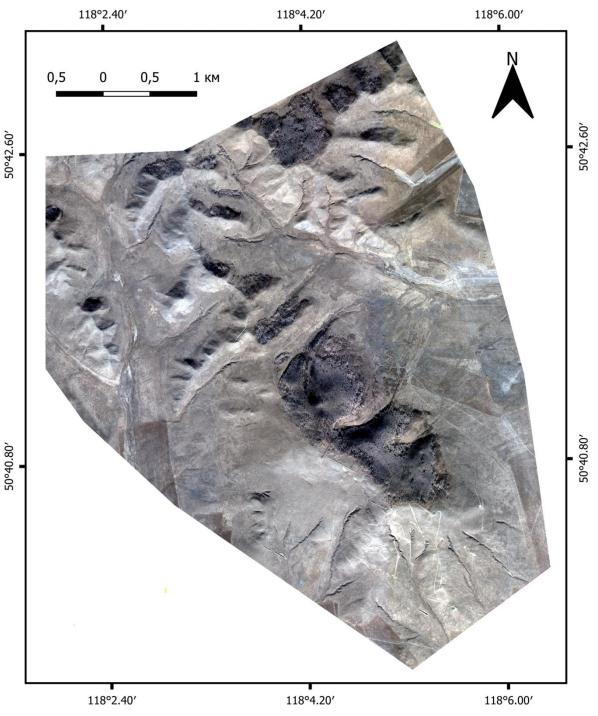


Manifestations: • Fe; • Pb,Zn; • Cu; • Sb; • W; • U; • As; • Au

Mineralization points: ϕ Fe; ϕ Pb,Zn; ϕ Zn; ϕ Mo; ϕ Sn; ϕ As; ϕ Ag; ϕ Au; ϕ Be

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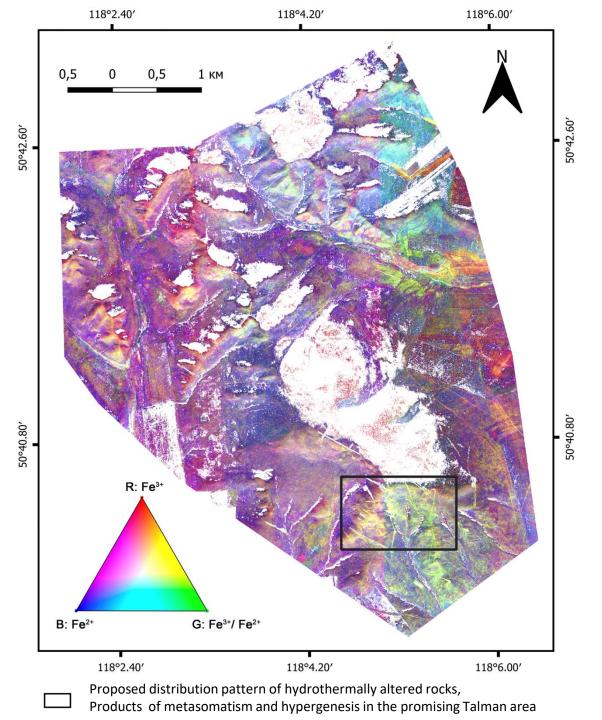


WorldView-2 composite in natural colors (RGB: R - band 4, G - band 3, B - band 2)

Iron oxides and hydroxides are an important group of minerals for remote sensing due to their similar, pronounced, wellidentified absorption bands in the visible and near-infrared regions of the spectrum. This group of minerals includes: hematite, magnetite, goethite, ilmenite, jarosite, and limonite. The high spectral resolution of WorldView-2 in the VNIR ranges allows you to display detailed spectral characteristics of surface objects: zones of concentration of oxide/hydroxide group minerals containing transition iron ions (Fe²⁺, Fe³⁺ and Fe3+/Fe2+). The absorption characteristics associated with Fe3+/Fe2+ contain a set from 0.40 to 1.2 µm, which correspond to WorldView-2 VNIR channels 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8. The absorption characteristics associated with Fe3+ are typically 0.49, 0.70 and 0.87 μ m, while Fe2+ exhibits absorption properties at 0.51, 0.55 and 1.20 μm.

Preprocessing of WorldView-2 data set

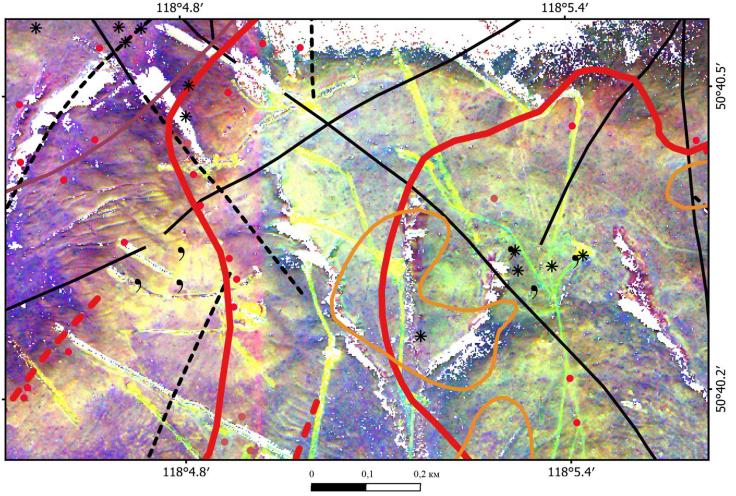
- 1) Radiometric calibration was carried out to convert the digital values (DN) of image pixels to the radiation intensity recorded by the sensor in the upper layers of the atmosphere.
- 2) The radiance data is then converted to reflectivity by applying the FLAASH atmospheric correction algorithm based on the MODTRAN aerosol atmospheric model.
- 3) To differentiate vegetation cover and soils, the improved WorldView Vegetation Index (WV-VI) and Normalized Difference Water Index (NDWI) were calculated.

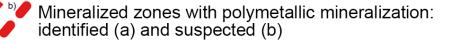


False-color composite based on bands ratio method R: (b4 + b2)/b3, G: (b3*b4)/(b2*1000), B: (b6 + b8)/b7

In accordance with the spectral features of the separation of groups of minerals (hematite, magnetite, goethite, ilmenite, jarosite, limonite), iron oxides and hydroxides, WorldView-2 technology is used for VNIR, linking spectral elements (mineralogical indices).

Estimated distribution pattern of hydrothermal alterations and hypergenesis products in the study area





- Tectonic disturbances steeply dipping: established (a) and assumed (b)
- Geochemical halos Zn, Pb, Ag>0.1
- Local secondary Ag halos (0.1 0.5) g/t
- Wells that discovered standard polymetallic mineralization
- Gold anomalies (g/t)
- ✤ Limonitization
- Argillization

Conclusions

The results obtained make it possible to identify wallrock alterations, which are the basis for conducting detailed prospecting studies within promising areas.

The proposed methodology makes it possible to correct promising areas at various stages of geological exploration.

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