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Water Driving Force – Alida Aquifer

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The water driving force vector map quantifies the apparent hydraulic gradient and horizontal directions of formation water flow. Direction and magnitude of flow are identified by the density-dependent water driving force vectors (black arrows). Contour lines of freshwater hydraulic head are overlain on the water driving force map to show the direction of flow interpreted from the potentiometric surface alone. The azimuthal difference between the density-dependent water driving force (black arrows) and the hydraulic gradient driving force (gray arrows) vectors are highlighted by the coloured contours ranging from light to dark orange as the angle between the two components increases respectively. To model the density-dependent water driving force, grids of *insitu* brine density, salinity, hydraulic head, formation temperature and aquifer structure were required and calculations were performed using a Visual Basic Code. The equation of state was used to calculate brine density across the aquifer. Grids were generated in Golden Software Inc.'s Surfer Version 8.0 using a kriging interpolation algorithm and the results were contoured and projected using Generic Mapping Tools (GMT) with manual modifications when necessary. Areas in which anomalies may be present may not be accurately portrayed and are likely the result of data control, interpolation, and mapping algorithms.

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Legend

Azimuthal difference between WDF and -▽h Degrees

0 30 60 90 120 150 180

Density-dependent water driving force (vector magnitude shown = 3m/km)

Hydraulic gradient driving force

Equipotential line (contour interval = 40 m)

Edge of Phanerozoic cover

Alida zero edge

Kisbey zero edge

Aquifer eroded

Control point

Lake

Transverse Mercator Projection
Central Meridian 101° W

Hydrostratigraphy

RAVENSCRAG
Bearpaw
JUDITH RIVER
Colorado-Lea Park
NEWCASTLE
Joli Fou
MANNVILLE
Masefield-Waskada
JURASSIC
Watrous
POPLAR
RATCLIFFE
MIDALE
FROBISHER
ALIDA
TILSTON
SOURIS VALLEY
BAKKEN
Three Forks
BIRDBEAR
Seward
DUPEROW
Souris River
MANITOBA
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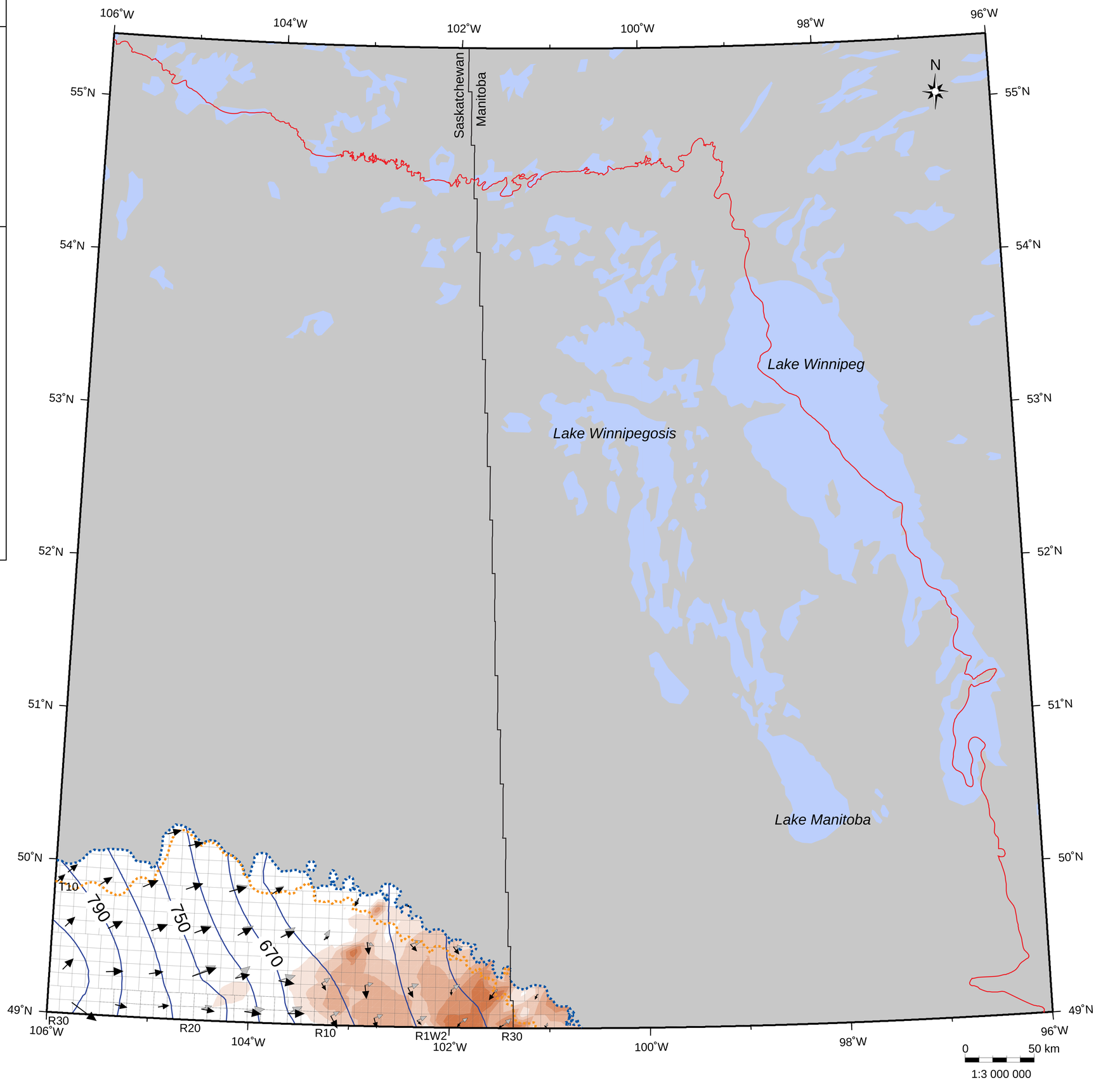
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