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A magnetite mapping technique was developed for the coplanar coil-pair of DIGHEM^{II}. The technique yields channel 50 which displays apparent weight percent magnetite according to a homogeneous half space model. The method can be complementary to magnetometer mapping in certain cases. Compared to magnetometry, it is far less sensitive but is more able to resolve closely spaced magnetite zones, as well as providing an estimate of the amount of magnetite in the rock. The method is sensitive to 1/4% magnetite by weight when the EM sensor is at a height of 30 m above a magnetitic half space. It can individually resolve steeply dipping narrow magnetite-rich bands which are separated by 60 m.

The EM magnetite mapping technique provides estimates of magnetite content which are usually correct within a factor of 2 when the magnetite is fairly uniformly distributed. EM magnetite maps can be generated when magnetic permeability is evident as indicated by anomalies in channel 50.

The EM magnetite algorithm is basically quite simple because a linear relationship exists between volume percent magnetite and the negative inphase response in ppm. This linear relationship is true for a fixed survey altitude when