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The existence of a magnetic correlation with an EM anomaly is indicated directly on the EM map. An EM anomaly with magnetic correlation has a greater likelihood of being produced by sulfides than one that is non-magnetic. However, sulfide ore bodies may be non-magnetic (e.g., the Kidd Creek deposit near Timmins, Ontario, Canada) as well as magnetic (e.g., the Mattabi deposit near Sturgeon Lake, Ontario).

The magnetometer data are digitally recorded in the aircraft to an accuracy of one gamma. The digital tape is processed by computer to yield a standard total field magnetic map which is usually contoured at 25 gamma intervals. The magnetic data also are treated mathematically to enhance the magnetic response of the near-surface geology, and an enhanced magnetic map is produced with a 100 gamma contour interval. The response of the enhancement operator in the frequency domain is shown in Figure 2. The 100 gamma contour interval is equivalent to a 5 gamma interval for the passband components of the airborne data. This is because these components are amplified 20 times by the operator of Figure 2.