Mantle derivation of Archean amphibole-bearing granitoid and associated mafic rocks: evidence from the southern Superior Province, Canada

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Abstract. Amphibole-bearing, Late Archean (2.73- 2.68 Ga) granitoids of the southern Superior Province are examined to constrain processes of crustal development. The investigated plutons, which range from tonalite and diorite to monzodiorite, monzonite, and syenite, share textural, mineralogical and geochemical attributes suggesting a common origin as juvenile magmas. Despite variation in modal mineralogy, the plutons are geochemically characterized by normative quartz, high Al_2O_3 (> 15 wt%), Na-rich fractionation trends (mol $\text{Na}_2\text{O/K}_2\text{O}$ > 2), low to moderate Rb (generally < 100 ppm), moderate to high Sr (200-1500 ppm), enriched light rare earth elements (LREE) (Ce_N generally 10-150), fractionated REE (Ce_N/Yb_N 8-30), Eu anomaly (Eu/Eu^{*}) ~1, and decreasing REE with increasing $SiO₂$. The plutons all contain amphibole-rich, mafic-ultramafic rocks which occur as enclaves and igneous layers and as intrusive units which exhibit textures indicative of contemporaneous mafic and felsic magmatism. Mafic mineral assemblages include: hornblende + biotite in tonalites; augite + biotite \pm orthopyroxene \pm pargasitic hornblende or hornblende + biotite in dioritic to monzodioritic rocks; and aegirine-augite + silicic edenite \pm biotite in syenite to alkali granite. Discrete plagioclase and microcline grains are present in most of the suites, however, some of the syenitic rocks are hypersolvus granitoids and contain only perthite. Mafic-ultramafic rocks have REE and Y contents indicative of their formation as amphibole-rich cumulates from the associated granitoids. Some cumulate rocks have skeletal amphibole with $X_{Mg}(Mg/(Mg +$ $Fe²⁺$)) indicative of crystallization from more primitive liquids than the host granitoids. Geochemical variation in the granitoid suites is compatible with fractionation of amphibole together with subordinate plagioclase and, in some cases, mixing of fractionated and primitive magmas. Mafic to ultramafic units with magnesium-rich cumulus phases and primitive granitoids (mol MgO/ $(MgO+0.9 \text{FeO}^{TOTAL})$ from 0.60 to 0.70 and Cr > 150 ppm) are comagmatic with the evolved granitoids and indicate that the suites are mantle-derived. Isotopic studies of Archean monzodioritic rocks have shown LREE enrichment and initial $143Nd/144Nd$ ratios indicating derivation from mantle sources enriched in large ion lithophile elements (LILE) shortly before melting. Mineral assemblages record lower $P_{H,O}$ with increased alkali contents of the suites. This evidence, in conjunction with experimental studies, suggests that increased alkali contents may reflect decreased $P_{H,o}$ during mantle melting. These features indicate that ~ 2.73 Ga tonalitic rocks are derived from more hydrous mantle sources than \sim 2.68 Ga syenitic rocks, and that the spectrum of late Archean juvenile granitoid rocks is broader than previously recognized. Comparison with Phanerozoic and recent plutonic suites suggests that these Archean suites are subduction related.

Introduction

The origin of Late Archean plutonism is fundamental to understanding the evolution of the early continental crust. Geochemical investigations of Archean tonalitic and monzodioritic to syenitic rocks have emphasized the characteristic highly-fractionated rare earth element (REE) patterns and depletion in heavy REE (HREE) (Arth and Hanson 1972, 1975; Martin 1986). Most models propose that these rocks are derived from melting of mafic rocks, usually with garnet as a residual phase (e.g., Arth and Hanson 1975; Barker and Arth 1976; Martin 1986). Alternatively, some tonalitic and monzodioritic rocks may be produced by partial melting of the mantle. Arth et al. (1978) suggested that a Proterozoic tonalite suite in Finland was derived by fractionation of basaltic magma. Shirey and Hanson (1984) and Stern et al. (1989) proposed that some Late Archean monzodioritic rocks are derived by direct melting of LILEenriched mantle.

This contribution examines the field relationships, petrography, and geochemistry of examples of 2.7 Ga

amphibole-bearing tonalitic, monzodioritic and syenitic plutonic rocks in the Wabigoon and Abitibi Subprovinces of the southern Superior Province. The geological compilation map of Ontario (Ontario Geological Survey 1990) indicates that these types of rocks comprise up to 25% of greenstone-granitoid terranes of the Superior Province of Ontario and therefore should be considered as a significant component of models that describe custal evolution. The plutons were studied during several Ontario Geological Survey mapping projects designed to investigate the nature and origin of Late Archean magmatism. During the mapping it was realized that, whereas the plutonic suites have a diverse range of modal mineralogy, they share many common field, mineralogical, and compositional attributes. Based on these characteristics we suggest that a broad compositional range of late Archean granitoids are juvenile and formed by similar processes. In detail, however, it is apparent that these plutons are the products of a range of parentalmagma compositions and source compositions.

In this paper mantle-derived magmas, which may subsequently be fractionated, are referred to as juvenile. Comagmatic is used to describe rocks directly related by fractionation processes, whereas cogenetic is used in a more general sense to relate rocks formed during a common tectono-thermal event. The plutonic rocks are classified according to the IUGS system (Streckeisen 1976) and granitoid is used as a general term for mesocratic to leucocratic plutonic rocks. All ages are U/Pb zircon dates unless otherwise noted.

Geology

The tonalitic rocks in the Lac des lles (LDI) area and the monzodioritic Jackfish Lake Pluton (JLP) are from the Wabigoon Subprovince. A tonalitic suite from the Abitibi Batholith (AB) and a syenitic suite from the Otto Stock (OS) are from the Abitibi Subprovince (Fig. 1).

The AB (Fig. 2a) is an elliptical pluton (1200 km^2) intrusive into metavolcanic rocks of the Abitibi Greenstone Belt. The composite intrusion consists of: early hornblende diorite to quartz diorite, gabbro and hornblendite; foliated to massive biotite-hornblende tonalite to granodiorite; and late microcline-porphyritic granodiorite (Smith and Sutcliffc 1988). A porphyritic granodiorite from the AB has been dated at $2689 + 2.7/-2.3$ Ma (Mortensen 1987). The biotite-hornblende tonalite to granodiorite, which is predominant in the western part of the AB, is examined in this study.

The OS (Fig. 2b) is one of several alkalic intrusions exposed near the Kirkland Lake-Larder Lake Deformation Zone. The OS is an approximately circular stock (95 km^2) intrusive into metavolcanic rocks. Syenite and alkali granite units are predominant in the intrusion and are associated with hornblendite, pyroxenehornblendite and mela-syenite units (Smith and Sutcliffe 1988). Nepheline syenite comprises $\langle 5\% \rangle$ and forms a narrow marginal phase (Lovell 1972). An age of 2680 ± 1 Ma was obtained from the OS using zircon and titanite (Corfu et al. 1989).

The hornblende tonalite at LDI (Sutcliffe 1989, Fig. 1) is an elliptical pluton (150 km²) intrusive into older gneissic biotite tonalite. A U/Pb zircon age of 2729 ± 2 Ma has been obtained for the tonalite (unpublished data, D.W. Davis, Royal Ontario Museum, personal communication).

The JLP (Fig. 2c) is a crescentic pluton (500 km^2) intrusive into tonalitic gneiss and mafic metavolcanic rocks (Blackburn

Fig. 1. Location map for the study areas showing subprovinces of the Superior Province. Plutons investigated in this study are: Jackfish Lake Pluton *(JLP);* Lac des Iles *(LD1);* Otto Stock (OS); and Abitibi Batholith *(AB)*

1976; Edwards 1983a, 1983b). The pluton ranges from diorite to monzodiorite, quartz monzodiorite, monzonitc and granodiorite (Sutcliffe and Fawcett 1980; Longstaffe et al. 1980, 1982). Shirey and Hanson (1984) included a dioritic phase of the JLP in examples of magmatism related to melting of LILE-enriched mantle. An age of $2698+1$ Ma has been obtained from monzodioritic rocks of the pluton (unpublished data, D.W. Davis, personal communication).

All of the granitoids are spatially associated with mafic to ultramafic plutons, dikes, layers and enclaves (Fig. 3). At LDI mafic dikes show gradational relationships and net-vein textures indicative of contemporaneous mafic and felsic magmatism (Sutcliffe 1989). Gravity studies at LDI indicate that the mafic-ultramafic intrusions, such as the LDI Complex, are shallow (3-4.5 km thick) lopoliths which locally anderplate the tonalite (Gupta and Sutcliffe 1990).

Mafic units, lithologically similar to mafic-ultramafic intrusions in thc LDI area, are also present within the AB, where a gabbronorite to hornblende gabbro and hornblendite intrusion (45 km^2) is present within the hornblende tonalite. In addition, hornblende diorite with abundant enclaves of hornblendite occurs on the western side of the AB.

Mafic to ultramafic amphibole- and pyroxene-rich units comprise approximately 9% of the OS and form an oval body approximately 2 km in diameter in the core of the intrusion and also form smaller lenses and pods within the intrusion. Syenitic and dioritic enclaves within the mafic core are evidence of the late intrusive nature of the mafic core. In the southern part of the stock, however, a layered sequence of pyroxene-hornblendite, mela-diorite, and syenite indicates that some amphibole-rich rocks are in situ cumulates (Fig. 3).

In the JLP, mafic units consist of mela-quartz monzonite which is a volumetrically minor intrusive phase into monzodioritic rocks of the pluton and into gneissic tonalite country rocks south of the pluton. Ultramafic hornblendite and pyroxene-hornblendite enclaves, ranging from a few centimentres to 1 kilometre, are abundant throughout the JLP and comprise approximately $10-15%$ of the intrusion.

Kersantite (biotite- plagioclase lamprophyre) dikes are spatially associated with the JLP (Edwards 1983a) and the OS (Lovell 1972). Spessartite (amphibole-plagioclase lamprophyre) and kersantite dikes are also abundant at the LDI (Sutcliffe 1989). These dikes are generally less than 1 m wide, dip steeply, commonly have 1 to 2 cm wide foliated margins, and locally, such as at the LDI, show textural evidence of being emplaced prior to consolidation of the tonalite host (Fig. 3). A titanite from a lamprophyre dike

Fig. 2a-c. Geological maps of the study areas. Geology of: a AB from Smith and Sutcliffe (1988); b OS from Smith and Sutcliffe (1988) and Lovell (1972) ; c JLP from Sutcliffe and Fawcett (1980) . See Sutcliffe (1989) for LDI

Fig. 3a-e. Photographs of relationships between mafic and felsic rocks, a Hornblendite clots and small irregular enclaves in monzodiorite, *JLP*. **b** Rounded and irregular hornblendite to diorite clots and enclaves in syenite, *OS.* c Cross-bedded and trough-bedded hornblende-rich layers in syenite, *OS.* d Irregular and gradational

contact relations between tonalite and quartz diorite, west side of *AB. e* Disaggregated mafic dike in hornblende tonalite, *LDL* Note loss of foliation in remobilized felsic material adjacent to dike

south of Kirkland Lake which is intrusive into syenite has an age of $2674 + 2$ Ma, similar to late tectonic intrusions in the area (Wyman and Kerrich 1989).

Petrography

Modal analyses of representative rocks analyzed for this study are given in Table 1 and Fig. 4. Table 2 summarizes details of mineral assemblages and textures.

The granitoid rocks are generally characterized by mediumto coarse-grained, hypidiomorphic, massive to weakly foliated textures. Tabular plagioclase is subhedral, and displays moderate to strong oscillatory zoning locally (AB, LDI, JLP). The most common mafic mineral assemblage is biotite+hornblende (LDI, AB , JLP) with hornblende locally rimming augite (JLP). The less common assemblages are biotite+augite+ $/$ -orthopyroxene (JLP)

(Fig. 5c) and aegirine-augite+biotite+/-amphibole (OS). Coarse hornblende grains up to 2 cm in length are common in both the LDI and the AB tonalites (Fig. 5a). Microcline and quartz are usually present as anhedral, interstitial grains. As the proportion of microcline increases, however, microcline occurs as poikilitic megacrysts up to 2 cm in length enclosing plagioclase, quartz and mafic minerals (JLP, OS). Most of the OS is characterized by tabular 2–4 mm strongly perthitic microcline with albite exsolution (Fig. 5d). Some OS syenites, however, contain discrete grains of plagioclase and microcline. In all of the plutons accessory aparite, titanite, and zircon most commonly occur as inclusions in mafic minerals. Magnetite is the predominant oxide phase.

Marie to ultramafic units and enclaves consist of medium- to coarse-grained amphibolite to pyroxenite with massive allotriomorphic textures (Fig. 5b, f) and interstitial biotite, plagioclase, carbonate and quartz with minor apatite, titanite and opaques. Mela-granitoid units are gradational between the tonalites, monzodiorites, syenites, and the mafic-ultramafic rocks. They are charac-

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rocks commonly exhibit a distinctive skeletal texture (Fig. 5e). At LDI these skeletal textures are attributed to supercooling during

Geochemistry

Analytical methods

mixing of magmas (Sutcliffe 1989).

Whole rock major and trace element analyses were done at the Geoscience Laboratories, Ontario Geological Survey, Toronto (AB, OS, LDI) and at the University of Toronto (JLP). Granitoid samples weighing 1 to 2 kg were stripped of weathered surfaces before crushing. Major elements were determined by XRF using fusion beads. Trace elements Zr, Rb, Sr were determined by XRF on pressed pellets. Cr and Ni were determined by the atomic absorbtion flame method. Precision and detection limits for major and trace elements are as reported by Sutcliffe et al. (1989). Rare earth elements (REE) and Y were determined at the Ontario Geological Survey using ICP-mass spectrometry. Details of the analytical precision, which is approximately 4% at chondritic abundances, and accuracy of this procedure are reported by Doherty (1989).

terized by cuhedral, prismatic pyroxenes and amphibole with interstitial feldspar and quartz. Clinopyroxene and amphibole in these

Mineral phases from the AB, OS and LDI were analyzed at the University of Western Ontario using a MAC 400 electron microprobe fitted with a Krisel control automation system using Magic IV correction procedures. Operating conditions, detection limits and precision are as reported by Sutcliffe et al. (1989). Amphibole separates, estimated to be at least 99% pure, were obtained by magnetic separation and hand picking of individual grains of the 100-140 mesh size fraction. Approximately 0.01-0.04 g of separate was analyzed for trace elements by ICP-mass spectrometry.

Rock Chemistry

cumulate, JLP

Mela-monzonite, cumulate, JLP
Clinopyroxene—hornblendite enclave, cumulate, $Opx - cpx - hornblendite$ enclave, cumulate, JLP
Mela – diorite, cumulate, OS

quartz-feldspar phyric, AB
Biotite – hornblende tonalite, AB
Biotite granodiorite, AB
Biotite – augite diorite, JLP

88-56
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78-56

Biotite-I

Representative whole rock analyses from the AB, JLP and OS are given in Table 3. Analyses of the LDI tonalitic rocks are given in Sutcliffe (1989). Group averages and ranges for the suites are given in Table 4 to facilitate comparison. It should be noted that many of the rocks, particularly the melagranitoids and mafic enclaves, do not represent liquid compositions. These and other rocks which are the product of crystal accumulation are identified in Table 3. Although deviations from liquid compositions in the granitoid rocks may also be present as a result of crystal accumulation and late migration of fluids, Fig. 6 shows that all of the granitoids have trends within the calc-alkaline field, with the LDI and AB being FeO-rich relative to the JLP and OS. The CaO $-Na_2O K₂O$ diagram (Fig. 6) illustrates that the LDI and AB suites have Na-rich trondhjemitic trends whereas the JLP and OS are more K-rich. The OS is alkali-calcic whereas the other plutons are calc-alkalic (classification of Peacock 1931).

Both AB and LDI tonalitic suites are characterized by Al_2O_3 generally greater than 15 wt%, comparable to the high- Al_2O_3 type tonalite of Barker and Arth (1976). The tonalites have mol $Al_2O_3/(Na_2O+K_2O+$ CaO) close to unity with mol $\text{Na}_2\text{O/K}_2\text{O}$ generally $>4.0.$

Rocks of monzodioritic and syenitic composition are also characterized by high Al_2O_3 but all are metaluminous. With increasing SiO_2 , $Al_2O_3/(Na_2O+K_2O+$ CaO) increases. Molecular $\text{Na}_2\text{O}/\text{K}_2\text{O}$ is lower than in

Abbreviations: pl-plagioclase; mc-microclinie; hb-hornblende; bio-biotite; aug-augite, opx-orthopyroxene; tit-titanite; ap-apatite; mgt - magnetite; ox - oxides; zir-ziron; ep-epidote; ser-sericite; chl-chlorite; carb-carbonate; amph-amphibole; per-perthite. Where present quartz is anhedral and interstitial.

the tonalitic rocks but is >1 in all cases. Syenitic rocks from OS contain from 0.2-14% normative quartz. Most rocks from JLP are also quartz normative, however, some dioritic rocks from the pluton contain normative olivine.

The tonalitic rocks have moderate Sr (213-706 ppm) and low Rb (12--49 ppm). Monzodioritic and syenitic rocks have moderate to high Sr (253-1539 ppm) and low to moderate Rb $(28-195$ ppm). Zr and Y contents and Rb/Sr and K/Rb ratios are broadly comparable in all suites.

Harker variation diagrams (Fig. 7) illustrate similar patterns for many of the suites. All suites exhibit negative correlation of major oxides and trace elements $(TiO₂, FeO^{total(t)}, MnO, MgO, CaO, P₂O₅, Cr, Ni and$ Y) with $SiO₂$. Mafic to ultramafic enclaves and melanocratic rocks generally have SiO₂ less than $55-60$ wt%. These rocks show steep negative correlation of MgO, Ni and Cr vs $SiO₂$. Rb, Zr, and K₂O in the granitoids generally correlate positively with $SiO₂$, however, LDI tonalites are an exception to this (Sutcliffe 1989). $Al₂O₃$ is approximately constant or has negative correlation

Fig. 4a, b. Modal analyses of plutonic rocks plotted on diagrams showing a quartz-plagioclase-alkali feldspar and b quartz-feldspar- mafics. Fields correspond to classification system of Streckeisen (1976). *Triangles* - **AB**; *circles* - **LDI**; *squares* - **JLP**; *diamonds -* OS. *Open symbols* granitoids; *half-filled symbols -* melagranitoids *;,filled symbols -* mafic to ultramafic units

with $SiO₂$ in the granitoid rocks, but shows a weak positive correlation in the mafic rocks. Sr is also constant or shows slight depletion with increasing $SiO₂$ in the granitoids of most suites. (Na₂O+K₂O) shows regular positive correlation with $SiO₂$ and is lower in melanocratic phases relative to the granitoids.

The granitoids of all suites display similar REE patterns (Fig. 8) characterized by moderate fractionation of Ce_N/Yb_N (8-30) (N = chondrite normalized) and generally no significant Eu anomaly. Within suites, total REE decrease with increasing $SiO₂$. The LDI and Ab tonalitic suites have comparable REE abundances and lower total REE than the JLP and OS. Analyses of syenite and alkali granite from OS have similar REE abundances to monzonitic rocks of JLP.

Mela-granitoid phases and mafic enclaves from LDI, JLP and OS generally have similar patterns characterized by high total REE and, in particular, high HREE in comparison to the associated granitoids. A distinctive feature of most of the melanocratic phases and mafic enclaves is $La_N < Pr_N$. Melanocratic rocks of OS, however, have considerable variation in LREE abundances.

The lowest LREE concentrations are in sample 88–114, a hornblendite layer in syenite, which has $La_N < Pr_N$ comparable to LDI and JLP melanocratic phases. Enriched patterns of LREE are obtained from the central pyroxene-hornblendite core of the intrusion. Extreme LREE-enrichment characterizes sample 88-120, an aegirine-augite rich phase with microcline megacrysts.

Lamprophyre dikes from OS, JLP and the more mafic dikes at LDI have contents of $40-50$ wt% $SiO₂$, 0.5-0.7 wt% TiO₂, 0.4–0.5 wt% P₂O₅, Mg' (Mg'=mol $MgO/(MgO + 0.9 \text{ FeO}^t)$ of 0.68–0.71, and have elevated Cr, Ni, Sr and LREE comparable to other Archean cabalkaline lamprophyres (Wyman and Kerrich 1989). The samples analyzed in this study have mol $\text{Na}_2\text{O/K}_2\text{O} > 1$ and therefore are not clearly shoshonitic. High $CO₂$ and $H₂O$ contents reflect the high modal abundances of mica and carbonate and may be primary.

Mineral chemistry

Representative amphibole and pyroxene analyses for tonalitic, monzodioritic, and syenitic rocks are given in Table 5. Using the classification of Leake (1978) all amphiboles are calcic. Amphiboles in tonalitic and monzodioritic rocks vary from actinolite to magnesio-hornblende and ferro-hornblende with $(Na + K)_{A}$ (A = A site of standard amphibole formula) less than 0.50. Actinolite and actinolitic-hornblende have higher X_{Mg} (Mg/ $(Mg + Fe²⁺)$) than associated hornblende. This variation apparently reflects the reaction of clinopyroxene and liquid to form hornblende with actinolite being an intermediate stage. Amphiboles in dioritic and hornblende-rich rocks from both the LDI area and AB are generally edenitic- to pargasitic-hornblende and marginally hastingsitic-hornblende with $(Na+K)$ _A greater than 0.50. Amphiboles from OS have considerable variation in alkali elements and are more $Fe³⁺$ -rich than the other suites. Amphiboles from OS mafic to ultramafic enclaves vary from hastingsitic-hornblende $[Fe^{3+} > Al^{iv}$ and $(Na+K)_A$ > 0.50] with less aluminous hornblende and edenite rims (eg. samples 88-104, 88-114). One analyzed grain from sample 88-104 has a kaersutite core. Amphibole coexisting with aegirine-augite in alkali granite has the highest alkali content of the analyzed amphiboles and is sodium-rich silicic edenite with Na_B ranging from $0.62 - 0.64$.

Hornblende separates from granitoid rocks (Table 6 and Fig. 8) have low Rb $(1-4$ ppm), high Y $(24-68$ ppm), high total REE and HREE, $La_N < Pr_N$ and moderate Ce_N/Yb_N comparable to the melanocratic granitoid and mafic enclave phases. Eu/Eu* $(0.51-0.35)$ is somewhat lower than the melanocratic and mafic phases, however, all are characterized by $Eu/Eu^* < 1$.

Based on analysis of five rocks, pyroxenes from the OS range in composition from augite to aegirine-augite with up to 40% aegirine component. The most aegirinerich pyroxenes are from the granitoids, while the most Mg-rich and aegirine-poor are from the central hornblende- pyroxenite core.

Clinopyroxene from JLP is augite, with the most Mg-

Fig. 5a-f. Photomicrographs and photographs of textures in the plutonic rocks, a Blocky hornblende in foliated, biotite-hornblende tonalitc, AB. b Coarse poikilitic hornblende with interstitial felsic phases, pyroxene hornblendite. OS. c Hypidiomorphic biotite-augite diorite, JLP. Biotite (b) , augite (a) , and plagioclase (p) are labelled, d Perthite in alkali granite, OS, sample 88-99.

rich pyroxenes occurring as diopside with skeletal texture in mela-quartz monzonite (sample $75-44$) and from the pyroxene hornblendite enclave (sample 76- 516). Based on three samples, orthopyroxenes from the JLP are in the range En_{62-72} . Compositions of pyroxenes in granitoids and enclaves are comparable (Fig. 9).

e Euhedral skeletal hornblende surrounded by variably sericitized plagioclase, LDI, sample 85-235. f Allotriomorphic pyroxenehornblendite enclave, OS, hornblende includes augite, sample 88-114. Figures 5c-f is with crossed polars and have a field of view of 4.2 mm

Discussion

Mineral assemblages and P_{H₂O}

Wones and Dodge (1977) and Wones (1981) concluded that, in the presence of quartz, magmas with moderate

Table 3. Representative analysis ofrocks from the Abitibi Batholith, Jackfish Lake Pluton and the Otto Stock Table 3. Representative analysis of rocks from the Abitibi Batholith, Jackfish Lake Pluton and the Otto Stock

| Wt $\%$ | Lac des Iles | Abitibi Tonalite | Jackfish Lake | Jackfish Lake |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| | Tonalite $n=8$ | $n = 15$ | Diorite $n = 5$ | Monzodiorite $n = 11$ |
| SiO ₂ | 68.90 (63.36–72.39) | 68.64 (61.68–74.81) | 55.47 (54.42–57.08) | 61.99 (58.99-65.55) |
| TiO ₂ | $0.42(0.33 - 0.55)$ | $0.34(0.08 - 0.57)$ | $0.67(0.59 - 0.80)$ | $0.55(0.39-0.65)$ |
| Al_2O_3 | $16.24(15.36-18.07)$ | 16.35 (14.72–17.79) | $15.36(12.67-16.96)$ | 15.99 (15.14-17.95) |
| Fe ₂ O ₃ | $1.15(0.64 - 2.05)$ | $1.13(0.30-2.06)$ | $2.29(1.76-2.61)$ | $1.98(1.44 - 2.59)$ |
| FeO | $2.27(1.63-2.93)$ | $1.98(0.41 - 3.33)$ | $4.75(4.17-5.74)$ | $2.92(1.92 - 3.78)$ |
| MnO | $0.05(0.03 - 0.08)$ | $0.04(0.01-0.09)$ | $0.13(0.11-0.16)$ | $0.07(0.02 - 0.10)$ |
| MgO | $1.39(0.82 - 2.08)$ | $1.49(0.32 - 3.62)$ | $6.65(5.81 - 8.27)$ | $3.66(2.20-4.61)$ |
| CaO | $4.41(3.63 - 5.49)$ | $3.92(1.87 - 5.34)$ | $8.01(6.97 - 8.76)$ | $4.94(3.34 - 6.30)$ |
| Na ₂ O | $3.92(3.65 - 4.28)$ | $4.91(3.75 - 6.58)$ | $4.52(3.84 - 4.94)$ | $4.71(4.14 - 6.71)$ |
| K_2O | $1.13(0.82 - 1.71)$ | $1.08(0.27-1.86)$ | $1.71(0.90 - 2.74)$ | $2.92(2.29-3.63)$ |
| P_2O_5 | $0.09(0.07-0.13)$ | $0.09(0.02-0.19)$ | $0.42(0.32 - 0.55)$ | $0.26(0.14-0.37)$ |
| \mathbf{N} | $12(5-19)$ | $16 \, (\text{ND} - 55)$ | $76(55-99)^2$ | 34 (30-38) ² |
| C_{Γ} | $28(12-52)$ | $27(6-110)$ | 209 $(143 - 275)^2$ | 91 $(84 - 98)^2$ |
| Rb | $28(12-49)$ | $28(13-48)$ | $30(11-51)$ | 69 $(28-112)^7$ |
| $S_{\rm r}$ | 273 (241-340) ⁷ | $395(213 - 706)$ | 1375 (1206-1509) | 1095 (717–1539) ⁷ |
| Zr | $150(136-170)^6$ | $131(78-244)$ | 79 (38–139) | 174 (125–218) ⁷ |
| Y | $9(5-15)$ | $10(5-13)$ | $13(10-16)$ | 10 $(6-13)^7$ |
| Ce | $32(19-38)^4$ | $20(6-33)^5$ | 112 $(110-115)^2$ | $84(77-91)^2$ |
| Yb | $0.60~(0.25-0.86)^4$ | $0.41 (0.11 - 0.81)^5$ | $1.15(1.00-1.30)^2$ | $0.71(0.69 - 0.73)^2$ |
| Mg' | $0.45(0.40-0.48)$ | $0.46(0.23 - 0.64)$ | $0.66(0.62-0.73)$ | $0.60(0.58-0.63)$ |
| Aľ | $1.04(0.96 - 1.12)$ | $1.01(0.80-1.18)$ | $0.65(0.50-0.72)$ | $0.81(0.74 - 0.89)$ |
| Mol·Na ₂ O/K ₂ O | $5.52(3.80 - 7.96)$ | $8.70(3.36-29.38)$ | $4.83(2.13 - 8.03)$ | $2.49(1.88-3.78)$ |
| Ce/Yb_n | $13(8-17)$ | $3(8-21)$ | $23(20-25)$ | $27(24-30)$ |
| Eu/Eu_n | $1.2(0.9-1.9)$ | $1.0(0.9-1.2)$ | $0.9(0.8-1.0)$ | $1.0(1.0-1.0)$ |
| Rb/Sr | $0.101(0.048 - 0.144)$ | $0.075(0.035 - 0.115)$ | $0.023(0.007-0.042)$ | $0.068(0.018 - 0.156)$ |
| K/Rb | 352 (282–556) | 302 (174-407) | 516 (356–666) | 428 (248-796) |

Table 4. Average analyses of granitoid Rocks from Lac des Iles, Abitibi Batholith, Jackfish Lake Pluton and the Otto Syenite

Superscripted numbers for trace elements indicate number of analyses; numbers in brackets indicate ranges

 K_2O crystallize clinopyroxene+biotite at low P_{H_2O} , while at higher $P_{H,0}$, amphibole crystallizes before biotite. This suggests that the occurrence of biotite-augite diorite in the JLP reflects lower P_{H_2O} during crystallization than the biotite-hornblende diorite in the JLP. The pyroxene – dominated assemblages of OS also indicate relatively low P_{H_2O} during crystallization of this intrusion. These assemblages contrast with the biotitehornblende assemblages in the AB and LDI tonalites.

Microcline is the predominant alkali feldspar in the AB, LDI, and JLP. The microcline is late and partially replaces plagioclase locally. Longstaffe et al. (1980) have provided petrographic and geochemical evidence for autometasomatic growth of microcline megacrysts in granodioritic rocks of the JLP. Similar textures are observed in monzonitic rocks of the JLP and microcline megacrystic phases of the OS. In contrast to the other hornblende- bearing suites, alkali granite of the OS contains perthite with typical hypersolvus texture indicative of crystallization at low P_{H_2O} (Tuttle and Bowen 1958; Morse 1970). In summary, mafic mineral assemblages and feldspar textures indicate that, with increasing alkalis and decreasing silica-saturation, the examined plutons record crystallization at lower P_{H_2O} . This correlation suggests that the mineral assemblages reveal information on the original water content of the magma.

Evidence for amphibole fractionation

Mela-granitoids and mafic-ultramafic units associated with the LDI tonalites, JLP monzodioritic suite and OS

syenite have similar textural and geochemical characteristics. The texture of these rocks with abundant, coarse, euhedral, and often skeletal amphibole or pyroxene with interstitial felsic minerals suggests that the mafic minerals are cumulus phases. Analyzed hornblende separates from AB, LDI, and JLP have similar REE abundances to the majority of mela-granitoids and mafic-ultramafic units (Fig. 8). Even if the hornblende separates contained included a small amount of accessory minerals such as apatite, the analyzed separate may still be representative of the cumulus fraction. Higher total REE in hornblende separates than in some associated melanocratic phases (eg. LDI sample 85-234) reflects the presence of significant quartz and feldspar in these melanocratic units. Comparable X_{Mg} in pyroxenes and amphiboles from ultramafic enclaves and dioritic rocks of the JLP and amphibole-rich igneous layers in syenite of the OS are consistent with the cumulate model. A similar origin for hornblendite has been proposed by Arth et al. (1978) in a suite of Proterozoic tonalites in Finland and by Bender et al. (1984) in amphibole-bearing mafic and ultramafic alkaline rocks of the Cortlandt Complex.

Skeletal hornblende in LDI mela-tonalite (85~34) has higher X_{Mg} than the adjacent host granitoids (Fig. 9). The REE abundances of this rock are similar to other ultramafic enclaves and suggest that, despite the skeletal textures, this phase is an ortho-cumulate derived from a liquid with higher Mg' than the granitoid host.

In the granitoid rocks, fractionation of amphibole explains the negative correlation of elements such as CaO, MgO, FeO, TiO₂, Ni and Cr with $SiO₂$, the rapid

initial depletion of MgO, Ni and Cr, and the positive correlation of elements such as Rb, K and Zr with $SiO₂$. Note that Rb, K_2O , and Zr decrease with increasing $SiO₂$ at LDI and this exception is consistent with the role of magma mixing (Sutcliffe 1989). Variation of Al_2O_3 with SiO₂ indicates that a phase more aluminous than the observed amphiboles must be involved in the fractionation.

Amphibole is present in some enclaves and mafic rocks with higher A1 than in the granitoids, e.g., kaersutite in sample 88–104, hornblende in sample 76–516. This suggests that fractionation of aluminous amphiboles at higher pressure than that at which the granitoids crystallized is a posible explanation of the required aluminous phase. Hammarstrom and Zen (1986) indicate that amphiboles crystallizing from calc-alkaline magmas at 6 10 kbar will contain approximately 2.2 A1 ions per amphibole formula unit. This composition is exceeded by several amphiboles of the mafic core of the OS and approached by amphiboles in enclaves of the JLP. Plagioclase fractionation is also a probable factor as indicated, for example, by the slight decrease in Sr with increasing $SiO₂$ in the JLP. The role of plagioclase fractionation, however, is considered to be subordinate to amphibole for several reasons. Firstly, negative Eu anomalies and significantly lower Sr are not observed in the more fractionated rocks. Secondly, in rocks with petrographic and geochemical characteristics of a cumulus origin, plagioclase is not observed as a significant phase. Finally, experimental studies of hydrous andesitic compositions indicate that at 8-12 kbar amphibole is the dominant crystallizing phase and that plagioclase is not a liquidus phase above 5 kbar (Wyllie 1977; Green 1982).

High concentrations of apatite in some melanocratic phases and the generally high but irregular abundance of P_2O_5 in these rocks indicates that apatite is also a probable cumulus mineral.

Major, trace and rare earth element characteristics of the fractionated rocks in each suite are generally consistent with an origin as differentiates in a system dominated by amphibole fractionation. Least-squares massbalance calculations using XLFRAC (Stormer and Nicholls 1978) indicate that an acceptable model (based on all major oxides except MnO and using FeO^t) for deriving the average JLP monzonite from the average JLP diorite (Table 4) may be obtained by subtracting hornblende (analysis 10, table 5), plagioclase (An_{23}) , and apatite and the proportions 62.2: 36.2:1.5. This model requires that the subtracted phases are equivalent to 66% of the initial magma and produces a solution in which the square of the sum of the residuals is 1.35.

In the JLP and the other suites, decreasing HREE and Y with increasing $SiO₂$ support the role of amphibole fractionation (Frey et al. 1978). Longstaffe et al. (1980, 1982) demonstrated that model REE patterns for 10 to 20% hornblende fractionation of a melt of dioritic composition arc similar to observed REE patterns of fractionated rocks of the JLP. HREE variation in LDI tonalites, AB tonalites, OS syenites and LDI dikes can be attributed to $10-30\%$ fractionation of amphibole assuming that granitoids with the lowest $SiO₂$ and highest Mg', Cr, and Ni in each suite are representative of initial liquid compositions (Fig. 10 and Sutcliffe 1989, Fig. 9). Furthermore, REE in the JLP, LDI and some OS (e.g. 88-114) mela-granitoids and mafic-ultramafic units can be modelled as cumulates from initial liquids with fractionated REE abundances comparable to the most primitive granitoid rocks in the respective suites (Figs. 9 and 10).

The effect of addition of plagioclase to the amphibole fractionation model is to suppress the formation of a positive Eu anomaly in the granitoids and to allow for greater degrees of fractionation. The addition of 1.5% apatite increases the bulk distribution coefficient of the fractionated assemblage but does not significantly change the profile of the amphibole-dominated bulk distribution coefficient. An amphibole-plagioclaseapatite fractionation model for the JLP is given in Fig. 10c.

The REE and Y data for the suites are also compatible with fractional melting models involving amphibole, however, the fractional crystallization model is preferred due to the recognition of in-situ amphibole-rich cumulate layers and other amphibole-rich cumulate units which occur in proportions that account for much of the cumulus material required by this model. Hornblende and clinopyroxene are silica undersaturated relative to the parental magmas, and fractionation of these minerals results in silica-oversaturated residual liquids, as noted by Shirey and Hanson (1984). Similarly, amphibole fractionation results in residual liquids having higher Al₂O₃/(Na₂O + K₂O + CaO) than initial liquids (Zen 1986).

GaO

Fig. 6. Whole rock major elements in weight $\%$ plotted on AFM diagram showing tholeitic vs calc alkaline
discriminant, and on Na₂O – K₂O – CaO diagram with
trondjemitic trend of Barker and Arth (1976). *Open symbols* **-** granitoid rocks; *half-filled symbols -* mela-granitoid units; trondjemitic trend of Barker and Arth (1976). *Open symbols* Fig. 6. Whole rock major elements in weight % plotted on liscriminant, and on $Na₂O - KaO$ diagram with AFM diagram showing tholeiitic vs calc alkaline *filled symbols* – mafic to ultramafic units

la₂O CaO

Fig. 7. Harker variation diagrams for Al_2O_3 , MgO, CaO, Na₂O + K20 (weight % **recalculated on an anhydrous basis), Cr, and** Y (ppm). **Symbols as in** Fig. 6: *open -* **granitoid rocks;** *half-filled*

 $-$ mela-granitoid units; *filled* - mafic to ultramafic units. Fields **for Abitibi Batholith data are given with Lac des Iles**

With the exception of aegirine- augite in pyroxenites of OS, amphibole is the dominant constituent of all of the marie to ultramafic units in the intrusions studied, even where the granitoids contain pyroxene+biotite. The presence of amphibole in these rocks may be due to the crystallization and accumulation of amphibole at higher pressures and in the absence of feldspar and quartz. A discrepancy between the model REE patterns **in Fig. 10 and the observed patterns is that decreasing LREE** are also observed with increasing $SiO₂$. A possi**ble explanation of this may be the effect of dilution by accumulation of microcline in the more fractionated granitoids.**

Lamprophyre dikes have REE compositions intermediate between granitoid and cumulate phases at LDI (Fig. 8). Based on REE abundances, the LDI tonalites

Fig. 8. Chondrite normalized REE profiles for granitoids, associated mafic rocks, and hornblende separates. Chondrite normalizing values from Haskin et al. (1968). *Numbers at* Fig. 8. Chondrite normalized REE profiles for granitoids, associated mafic rocks, and hornblende separates. Chondrite normalizing values from Haskin et al. (1968). Numbers at right of REE profiles for granitoids are wt% Si *right* **of REE profiles for granitoids are wt% SiO2. Analyses from the LDI area from Sutcliffe (1989)**

⁹ = Horinbetate, rms actunoute, 1Lr ($\langle v_2/2, v_2 \rangle$.)
10 = Hastingstic hornblende, opx – epx – hornblendite, 1LP (16-516/3)
11 = Kacrsuitie, core, pyroxene-amphibolite, OS (88-104/1A)
12 = Edentie, rim, pyroxene-amphib 10=Hastingsitic hornblende, opx-cpx-hornblendite, JLP (16-516/3) $=$ Hornblende, rims actinolite, JLP (76-25/3-3)

> 3 = Augite, skeletal, mela-monzonitc, JLP (74-44/1 B) 4 = Augite, pyroxene-- hornblendite enclave, JLP (76-516/l A) 5 = Hypersthene, pyroxene- hornblendite enclave, JLP *(76-516/1-1)*

 $6 =$ Augite, hornblende monzodiorite, JLP (76-8/4-2)

4 = Augite, pyroxene – hornblendite enclave, JLP (76-516/1A)
5 = Hypersthene, pyroxene – hornblendite enclave, JLP (76-516/1A)
6 = Augite, hornblende monzodiorite, JLP (76-8/4-2)
7 = Hornblende, tonalite, AB (88-40/1A)

 $7 =$ Hornblende, tonalite, AB $(88-40/1A)$

11 =Kacrsutite, core, pyroxene-amphibolite, OS (88-104/J A)

12 = Edenite, rim, pyroxene--amphibolite, OS (88-104/3B) 13 = Hastingsitic hornblende, core, hornblende cumulate layer, OS (88-116/2A)

14= Silicic edenite, alkali granite, OS (88-99/1A)

Fig. 9. Amphiboles and pyroxenes plotted in atomic proportions. Analyses represent rock averages except for some amphiboles where substantial core to rim variation is indicated by lines with arrow. Coexisting augite and hypersthene compositions are indicated by tie-lines. Outlined are fields of pyroxenes from the mafic to ultramafic Lac des Iles Complex (Sutcliffe et al. 1989). Symbols as in Fig. 6

could be modelled as derived from the dikes by amphibole fractionation (Sutcliffe 1989). We suggest, however, that because the lamprophyre dikes are commonly observed to intrude the granitoids, the dikes are best considered as cogenetic (but not necessarily comagmatic) mafic components of the plutons.

Evidence for magma mixing

At Lac des Iles, textures such as net-veined dike rocks, mafic dike swarms, mafic schlieren, skeletal hornblende

Table 6. Trace element analyses of hornblende separates

| ppm | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---------|------|------|------|
| Rb | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Y | 68 | 31 | 24 |
| La | 20.3 | 14.9 | 31.8 |
| Ce | 86.0 | 56.3 | 107 |
| Pr | 14.6 | 9.04 | 16.7 |
| Nd | 75.3 | 40.8 | 76.0 |
| Sm | 20.1 | 9.63 | 14.6 |
| Eu | 2.62 | 1.02 | 2.16 |
| Gd | 18.8 | 7.97 | 10.2 |
| Tb | 2.46 | 1.09 | 1.12 |
| Dy | 14.2 | 6.14 | 5.46 |
| Ho | 2.62 | 1.07 | 0.90 |
| Er | 6.98 | 3.03 | 2.31 |
| Tm | 0.90 | 0.38 | 0.30 |
| Yb | 5.80 | 2.57 | 1.84 |
| Lu | 0.77 | 0.35 | 0.28 |
| CeN/YbN | 3.37 | 4.98 | 13.2 |
| Eu/Eu* | 0.41 | 0.35 | 0.51 |

1 = Hornblende from tonalite, LDI (85-122, see Sutcliffe 1989 for analysis

 $2 =$ Hornblende from tonalite, AB (88-39)

3 = Hornblende from monzodiorite, JLP (78-20)

in mela-tonalite, and resorbed hornblende in tonalite suggest that mixing between mafic and tonalitic magmas took place (Sutcliffe 1989). These textures are similar to those reported in Phanerozoic granitic rocks where magma mixing has been documented (e.g. Reid et al. 1983; Furman and Spera 1985; Hyndman and Foster 1988).

Features suggestive of contemporaneous mafic and felsic magmatism, such as hornblendite to microdiorite enclaves with rounded or cuspate surfaces, are present in all of the plutons in this study. Another feature observed in LDI, MLP, and OS is skeletal hornblende or augite in the melanocratic granitoid phases. The origin of the mela-quartz monzonite (JLP) and mela-syenite

Fig. 10. REE fractionation models for granitoid suites. Models a and **b** based on hornblende partition coefficients for intermediate liquids (Arth 1976). Model c based on hornblende and plagioclase partition coefficients in intermediate liquids and apatite in felsic liquid from Arth (1976). Fractionated assemblage of 62.5% amphi-

bole, 36.0% plagioclase and 1.5% apatite in model c is based on the major element mass balance calculation. All models assume perfect fractional crystallization. Initial liquid compositions, based on the most primitive granitoid in the suites are from table 3 and Sutcliffe (1989, Fig. 6)

(OS) may be similar to that of mela-tonalite in LDI tonalite where skeletal amphiboles are associated with injection of mafic magma into tonalitic magma (Sutcliffe 1989). The skeletal textures are attributed to supercooling of the mafic phase during mixing with a felsic phase. This process is also described in some volcanic suites (Gerlach and Grove 1982; McMillan and Dungan 1986). The skeletal pyroxene and amphibole show that the mafic minerals are unlikely to be restite.

Sutcliffe (1989) reported that approximately 20% of the outcrops of LDI hornblende tonalite have evidence of magma mixing and that geochemical variation in the tonalite was consistent with mixing of tonalitic and mafic magmas. Other plutons considered in this study, however, do not show such extensive field evidence of mixing. We suggest that mixing of felsic and mafic magmas may control geochemical variation locally, but is subordinate to fractionation of amphibole. One significant aspect of mixing textures is that they provide evidence for contemporaneous mantle-derived mafic magmas.

Evidence jor mantle origin

Longstaffe et al. (1980, 1982) proposed that dioritic to monzodioritic rocks of JLP are derived from melting of eclogite. This is similar to models of Arth and Hanson (1975) to produce the geochemically similar Vermilion District syenodiorites. Shirey and Hanson (1984) suggested that Archean monzodioritic rocks are derived from direct melting of LILE (such as Ba, Sr, LREE) enriched mantle sources at depths of < 50 km under hydrous or anhydrous conditions. They include the JLP diorites as an example of rocks produced by this process.

Shirey and Hanson (1984) showed that primitive members of the monzodiorite suite have high Ni (180- 200 ppm) and Cr contents compared with their Mg' (0.60-0.64) which indicate that they could not have undergone extensive fractional crystallization. The most primitive members of the suite have compositions comparable to experimentally-derived liquids from mantle compositions and to mantle-derived high-Mg andesites (sanukites) (Shirey and Hanson 1984). Monzodioritic rocks of Rainy Lake area have ε_{Nd} values at 2.7 Ga of $+1.0$ to $+1.5$ (Shirey and Hanson 1986). The elevated light REE abundances in conjunction with depleted $143\text{Nd}/144\text{Nd}$ ratios suggest that the mantle source was enriched in LILE shortly before melting (Shirey and Hanson 1984). It is not possible to explain elevated abundances of Sr and LREE by crustal contamination because must Superior Province supracrustals and granitoids have lower abundances of these elements than the monzodiorites (Shirey and Hanson 1984). ε_{Nd} of $+1.0$ to $+2.2$ are also reported for late alkaline volcanic and intrusive rocks in the Abitibi Subprovince (Barrie and Shirey 1989; Basu et al. 1984), a suite to which the OS is considered to belong (Wyman and Kerrich 1988).

The OS syenitic rocks and the AB and LDI tonalitic rocks and associated melanocratic phases show similar geochemical characteristics to the JLP, particularly in abundances of REE, Cr, and Ni. The X_{Mg} of pyroxenes in mafic cumulates at the JLP and OS are comparable to pyroxenes in Late Archean mafic-ultramafic intrusions such as the Lac des Iles Complex (Sutcliffe et al. 1989) (Fig. 9). Similar conclusions apply to high X_{M_g} in amphiboles from the LDI, AB, JLP, and OS (Fig. 9). High abundances of Ni (generally >100 ppm) and Cr $(> 150$ ppm) in primitive granitoid phases indicate that the liquids were not extensively fractionated. The Cr and Ni abundances are not compatible with models that require small degrees of melting of basaltic or eclogite sources to produce the fractionated REE.

The plutons examined in this study indicate that a range of late Archean granitoids from tonalite to syenite may be derived from the mantle by similar processes to those proposed by Shirey and Hanson (1984). In particular, most tonalitic rocks have previously been considered as part of the tonalite- trondhjemite- granodiorite suite and are generally considered to be derived by partial melting of amphibolite or eclogite (Martin 1986). Although a mantle-derivation is proposed, contamination of magmas by a crustal component, as suggested by some isotopic studies in the Abitibi Subprovince (e.g. Gariepy and Allegre 1985), it not precluded by the results reported here.

Further field evidence for the mantle origin of the suites is the presence of cogenetic lamprophyre dikes and mafic intrusions. Melagranitoids, particularly those with skeletal mafic minerals, provide evidence for a possible comagmatic link between lamprophyres and the granitoids. The consensus that calc-alkaline lamprophyre magmas are derived from LILE-enriched mantle soures (Rock and Groves 1988; Wyman and Kerrich 1989) is similar to the process proposed by Shirey and Hanson (1984) for monzodioritic rocks.

Comparison with modern volcanic arcs suggest that subduction of crustal material may account for the mantle-enrichment process (e.g. Ellam and Hawkesworth 1988) although alternatives are possible (e.g. Edgar 1983). A similar approach has been used by Wyman and Kerrich (1988, 1989) and Rock and Groves (1988) to suggest that sources of Archean lamprophyres may be a LILE-enriched mantle wedge and that these rocks may be related to the late stages of a subduction regime.

The association and distribution of gabbro, diorite, lamprophyres, and mela-granitoids with more voluminous felsic granitoids in these Archean suites is similar to some Phanerozoic subduction-related granitoid suites (e.g., western part of the Cordilleran Peninsula Ranges Batholith-Silver and Chappell 1988; Scottish Caledonian granites - Fowler 1988). The more mafic phases of the Archean suites are also similar to M-type granitoids formed in modern oceanic arc terrains (e.g. Uasilau Yau-Yau Complex of New Britain - Whalen 1985). These similarities suggest a similar origin for Archean suites in the Superior Province greenstone-granitoid terrains.

Role of volatiles

Experimental studies by Kushiro (1972) demonstrated that partial melting of garnet lherzolite in the presence

of water produces quartz-normative melts to pressures of at least 25 kbar. At 20 kbar SiO_2 - and Al_2O_3 -rich liquids with compositions comparable to andesite-dacite are produced. With increased melting, liquid composition passes to the vapour absent region and melts become less silicic. Subsequently, Mysen and Boettcher (1975) determined that the silica saturation of liquids formed by anatexis of mantle peridotite varies with vapour composition. In the system peridotite- $CO₂ - H₂O$, quartz normative andesitic liquids are produced by anatexis under $X_{v}^{\text{H20}} > 0.6$ to at least 25 kbar total P and to $>$ 200 \degree C above the peridotite solidus. Melts formed at X_v^{H20} < 0.4 are silica undersaturated and alkalinity of the melt increases with decreasing X_{v}^{H20} . Other experimental studies are consistent with a mantle-origin from silica-oversaturated melts at pressures < 5 kbar at temperatures of $\sim 1,150-1,250$ °C in anhydrous conditions (Jaques and Green 1980; Mysen and Kushiro 1977; Presnail et al. 1979).

Shirey and Hanson (1984) noted that production of silica-oversaturated mantle-derived melts may have been common in the Archean given that a hotter mantle (Bickle 1978) may have allowed melting at shallow depths in a variety of tectonic settings. The presence of water during melting would promote silica oversaturation, conversely, if melting were dry or in the presence of $CO₂$, melts would have been silica undersaturated. Deeper melting would also produce less silica saturation.

Mineralogical evidence in the granitoid suites examined in this study indicates progressively lower $P_{H,0}$ with increasing alkalinity, Sr- and LREE-enrichment, and decreasing silica oversaturation. Corfu et al. (1989) have shown that the ages of plutonic rocks in the Abitibi Subprovince support a secular evolution from early (\sim 2.70 Ga) tonalitic plutons to later (\sim 2.67 Ga) syenitic plutons. Late Archean alkali-rich intrusive rocks such as OS have been implicated in magmatic genetic models for gold mineralization based on their close spatial and temporal association with gold mineralization (e.g., Wyman and Kerrich 1988) and oxidized nature (Cameron and Hattori 1987). Fyon et al. (1989) suggest that gold mineralization and alkaline magmatism may be a manifestation of the cratonization process resulting from the involvement of mantle melts and $CO₂$. Results of this study which suggest late syenitic rocks record lower $P_{H,0}$ during crystallization and the presence of intercumulus carbonate in OS and JLP cumulates supports this model. Further refinement of fluid conditions during melting will be an important constraint on the tectonic processes controlling magmatism in the late Archean.

Conclusions

The late Archean amphibole-bearing plutonic suites examined in this study range in composition from tonalite to syenite but share common field, mineralogical, and compositional attributes. These rocks and associated mafic units crystallized from juvenile magma introduced into the crust in substantial volume during the Late Archean. These plutons are the products of a range of parental magma compositions which subsequently fractionated amhibole and subordinate plagioclase. In the southern Superior Province the plutonic rocks record a secular change from \sim 2.70 Ga tonalitic intrusions to \sim 2.68 Ga syenitic rocks, which may be a result of progressively less hydrous mantle sources.

Elemental geochemical characteristics of the plutons examined in this study are consistent with Shirey and Hanson's (1984) isotopic and elemental constraints suggesting that monzodioritic late-Archean magmas are derived from time-averaged depleted mantle sources that were enriched in LILE shortly before melting. Refinement of potential sources of mantle enrichment are necessary before the processes of magma genesis can be fully constrained. An analogy with modern subduction regimes is tempting, however, in view of petrological comparisons with plutonic rocks of modern terrains and structural studies of Archean rocks that suggest subprovinces are accreted terrains (Percival and Williams 1989).

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