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## ABSTRACT

The Port Mouton Pluton (PMP) is a complex, peraluminous, post-tectonic body located in southern Nova Scotia, that is distinct from the northern plutons and batholiths of the northeastern Meguma Terrane. The pluton consists of ten units, which collectively range in composition from tonalite, to trondhjemite, granodiorite, monzogranite, leucomonzogranite, aplite, pegmatite and lamprophyre.

The PMP evolved in three mafic-to-felsic cycles defined by the initial mafic end-members for each cycle (Units 1, 4 and 7). These three units are the most volumetrically abundant of the ten units and Unit 1 is the oldest of the ten units. Shoshonitic lamprophyres intruded mid-way through Cycle II and were subsequently intruded by phases in Cycle III.

The PMP is at least 352 million years old ( $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ ) but is demonstrably younger than the regional metamorphic age of 395 million years. The lamprophyre dykes are at least 328 million years old. Two distinct foliations observed within the pluton occur only in Units 1 and 4. The foliation in Unit 1 is perpendicular to the foliation of the country rock and is probably of igneous origin. The local foliation observed in Unit 4 is perpendicular to Unit 1 and parallel to the foliation in the country rock. Its origin is unknown.

Minor migmatization is present along some margins of the PMP but the contacts with the metasediments are predominantly sharp. The pluton was emplaced at a pressure of approximately 3.5 kilobars and temperatures of at least 650°C.

Both mineral-chemistry and whole-rock chemical analyses suggest that Unit 1 is distinct from Unit 4. Simple, fractional crystallization cannot adequately explain the major and trace element variations observed between Unit 1 and Unit 4 but there is some evidence to support a crystal fractionation model evolving Unit 7 tonalites and granodiorites from Unit 1 tonalites.

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## Chapter 1 INTRODUCTION AND GEOLOGICAL SETTING

### 1-1 Introduction

The purpose of this study is to investigate the geology of the Port Mouton Pluton, a peraluminous granitoid body situated in southern Nova Scotia (Fig. 1-1). Previous studies, and attempts to relate other satellite plutons of southern Nova Scotia to the well-studied South Mountain Batholith, have not included the Port Mouton Pluton (O'Reilly, 1976; MacDonald, 1981; Rogers, 1985, to name only a few).

### 1-2 Meguma Zone Granites (Northern versus Southern)

In the late Devonian to early Carboniferous, the Meguma Group was intruded by a number of peraluminous granitoid plutons (Elias, 1986; Dallmeyer and Keppie, 1986; Reynolds et al., 1981; Clarke and Halliday, 1980), the largest of which, at 10,000 km<sup>2</sup>, is the South Mountain Batholith. The SMB and other peraluminous Meguma Zone plutons have been the object of intensive geological, geochemical and geophysical investigations over the past decade. Some of this work provided the necessary background for the discovery and development of the largest tin deposit of North America at East Kemptville, as well as the delineation of numerous prospects with appreciable tin, tungsten, and uranium mineralization (Clarke and Muecke, 1985) associated with the SMB.

The plutons intruding the Meguma Group were divided into two groups by Reynolds et al., (1981) on the basis of <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar ages, and later by Kubiilius (1983) on the basis of whole-rock sulphur isotope

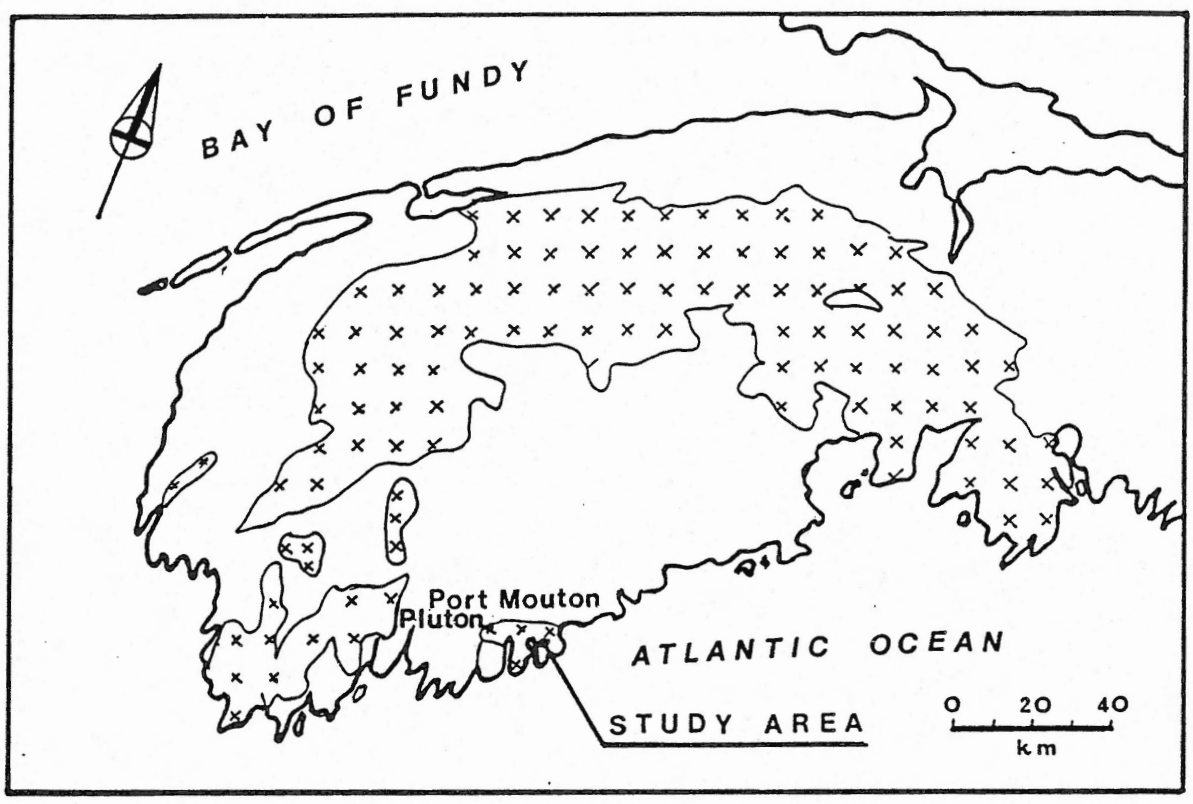


Figure 1-1: Map of southern Nova Scotia showing the location of the Port Mouton Pluton.

composition. The SMB was defined as a northern batholith, and the Barrington Passage, Shelburne and Port Mouton plutons were defined as southern plutons. In order to encompass as many of the documented peraluminous granites in the Meguma Zone as possible, these two groups are redefined and expanded in this study (Fig. 1-2).

Modern studies of peraluminous granites of the Meguma Zone suggest that the northern and southern plutons may be distinguished on the basis of  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  ages (Reynolds *et al.*, 1981; Elias, 1986), whole-rock chemistry (including isotopes) (Longstaffe *et al.*, 1979; Kubiilius, 1983; Richard, 1988), and petrology. Elaboration of the differences and similarities of the northern and southern plutons is documented in Chapter 6, and the position of the PMP is reconsidered in the light of new data presented in this thesis.

### 1-3 The Geological History of the Meguma Zone

The Meguma Zone is the easternmost lithotectonic terrane recognized in the Appalachian Orogen. It is situated south of the Avalon Zone of northern Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and consists largely of Paleozoic rocks (Williams, 1979). It differs from the adjacent Avalon Zone in its sedimentology (Schenk, 1970), plutonism (Clarke *et al.*, 1980), tectonism (Webb, 1969; Eisbacher, 1969; Donohoe and Wallace, 1969) and metallogenesis (Zentilli, 1977).

Stratigraphic, geochronological, structural, sedimentological, and paleomagnetic data exist for this terrane, but its origin is not yet established. Schenk (1983) suggested that possible source areas may be northwestern Africa, western Europe, western South America or even

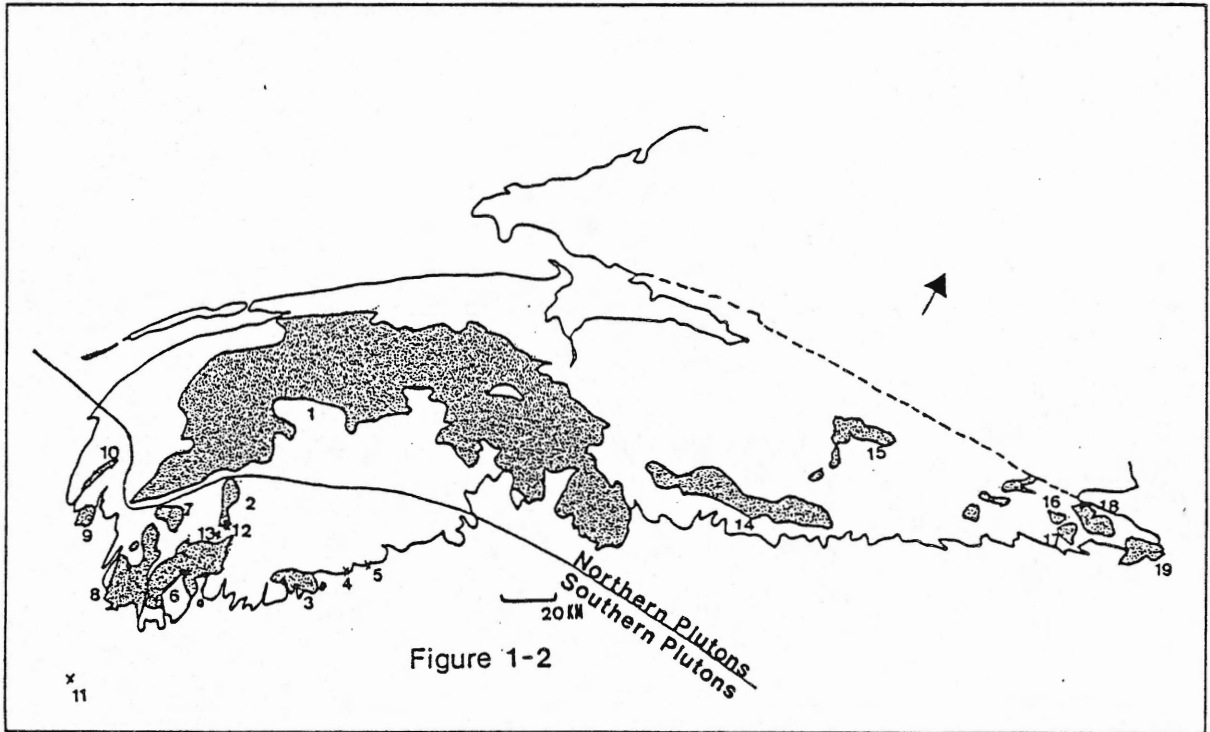


Figure 1-2: Peraluminous granitoid batholiths and plutons of Southwestern Nova Scotia Meguma Zone. Northern versus Southern Plutons as defined in this study. See page 5 for the map legend.

## Figure 1-2

## LEGEND:

## -Southern Plutons-

2. Bald Mountain Pluton (Rogers, 1985)
3. Port Mouton Pluton (Faribault, 1913)
4. Moose Point Pluton (Weagle, 1983)
5. Strawberry Point Pluton (Weagle, 1983)
6. Shelburne Pluton (Rogers, 1985)
7. Quinan Pluton (Rogers, 1985)
8. Barrington Passage Pluton (Rogers, 1985)
9. Wedgeport Pluton (Rogers, 1985)
10. Brenton Pluton (O'Reilly, 1976)
11. Seal Island Pluton (Rogers, 1985)
12. Beach Hill Pluton (Rogers, 1985)
13. Deception Lake Pluton (Rogers, 1985)

## -Northern Plutons-

1. South Mountain Batholith (McKenzie, 1974)
14. Musquodoboit Batholith (MacDonald, 1981)
15. Liscomb Pluton (Giles and Chatterjee, 1987)
16. Sangster Lake Pluton (O'Reilly, 1988)
17. Larry's River Pluton (O'Reilly, 1988)
18. Chedabucto Pluton (Halfway Cove and Queensport) (Ham, 1988)
19. Canso Pluton (Hill, 1986)
20. Bull Ridge Pluton (Richard, 1987)
21. Sherbrooke Pluton (Richard, 1987)
22. Ellison Lake Pluton (Richard, 1987)



the Canadian Shield.

The geological events affecting the Meguma Zone may be summarized as follows:

- 1) the deposition of the Meguma Group sediments (Goldenville and Halifax Formations) during the Cambrian and early Ordovician (Poole, 1971; Schenk, 1983);
- 2) the deformation of Meguma Group sediments into upright, isoclinal, east-west trending folds that were developed by regional deformation during the Acadian Orogeny at 415-385 Ma. (Reynolds and Muecke, 1978; Dallmeyer and Keppie, 1986 and Elias, 1986);
- 3) the intrusion of peraluminous granitoid bodies between 400-258 Ma. (Reynolds et al., 1984 and Dallmeyer and Keppie, 1986);
- 4) late Carboniferous deformation manifested by strike-slip faulting and/or thrusting of Carboniferous cover rocks and movement along the Minas Geofracture (Keppie, 1982; Giles, 1985; Dallmeyer and Keppie, 1986);
- 5) the deposition of mafic extrusive and intrusive rocks at 202 Ma (Poole et al., 1970) associated with the early phase of opening of the North Atlantic (Clarke, 1976; Wark and Clarke, 1980);

#### 1-4 Port Mouton Pluton

##### 1-4-1 Purpose of Study

Mapping of the PMP and the surrounding Meguma Group metasedimentary rocks was completed during the summer of 1985 (Hope and Woodend, 1986; Hope, 1987).

The purpose of this study is:

- 1) to produce a geological map of the pluton;
- 2) to describe the petrology of the various units observed in the pluton;
- 3) to standardize the nomenclature of the PMP with other granitoid bodies in the Meguma Zone;
- 4) to determine the cooling age of the PMP using  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  ages;
- 5) using structural data, to determine if the PMP has been affected by any regional tectonic event and, if so, when;
- 6) to determine the mode of emplacement, depth of emplacement, and petrogenesis of the PMP;
- 7) to determine the variation in, and to search for possible genetic relationships between, the mapped units within the pluton using geochemistry (major, trace, rare earth elements);
- 8) to use trace elements and REEs to determine if Meguma Group sedimentary rocks could have been the source of melt for the pluton and also to determine if there is any evidence of a mantle component in the melt;
- 9) to classify the Port Mouton Pluton as either similar to Northern or Southern plutons in the Meguma Terrane.

#### 1-4-2 Location and Access

The Port Mouton Pluton is a 160 km<sup>2</sup> body centred 12 km southwest of Liverpool, Nova Scotia. The town of Port Mouton is situated in the eastern quadrant of the pluton. The pluton underlies regions covered by the Port Mouton 1:50,000 NTS Map (20P/15, 20P/10) and the Shelburne 1:50,000 NTS Map (20P/14). Henceforth the Port Mouton Pluton will be

referred to as the PMP.

The pluton crops out south of Highway 103, at Port Mouton Island, White Point, Hunts Point, Mouton Head, Black Point, St. Catherines River Beach, Port Joli Harbour, Haley Lake and at the head of Port LeHebert Harbour (Map 1). It is best exposed along shorelines, with sparse, small outcrops in the interior of the pluton and along the northern and western contacts.

Paved, gravel, and logging roads give good access to LeHebert Harbour, Port Joli Harbour, and the Western Channel. Footpaths extending from Southwest Port Mouton to Black Point allow access to the interior of the pluton and to the excellent shoreline outcrop at Black Point and St. Catherines River Beach area. Many brooks also allow access (by foot only) to the northern contacts of the pluton. A federal park has recently been established in the southern part of the PMP and encompasses the St. Catherines River Beach and Little Port Joli Harbour area.

#### 1-4-3 Physiography

The southern sections of the pluton front on the Atlantic coastline. Drainage is by the Broad, Five, and Tidney Rivers and their tributaries and by smaller brooks flowing south to the Atlantic Ocean. The topography consists of a plateau with a generally southerly slope toward the Atlantic Ocean. Its elevation rarely exceeds 60-90 m above sea level.

The interior contains numerous peat bogs and swamps. The flow of water in the brooks and streams is reduced in summer making them

impossible to traverse by canoe.

Faribault (1913) reported that "much of the lowland is made up of coarse sandy material and loose pieces of rock with clay alluvium deposits along the depressions while the hills are largely composed of thick deposits of boulder clay and rock debris". Glacial striae recorded by Taylor (1967) show glacial motion towards the south.

Deeply incised ocean inlets cut into the mainland (Port Joli, Port LeHebert). The heads of these inlets contain abundant silt.

#### 1-4-4 Previous Work

The Port Mouton Pluton was named by Faribault in 1913 in his study of the geology of Queens county. More recently Taylor (1967) completed a reconnaissance geological map of the Shelburne area in which he noted that the Port Mouton Pluton (referred to as the Port Joli Pluton in his report) intruded the Goldenville Formation of the Meguma Group. Contacts of the pluton with the sedimentary rocks were summarized as 'chiefly sharp but in part consisting of a mixed zone of biotite quartzite and granodiorite'. Taylor (1967) noted that migmatites crop out along the shore at White Point and west of White Point. The composition of the Port Mouton Pluton was mapped as granodiorite, with two small plugs to the west-northwest of the main pluton mapped as granites and granodiorites. Taylor (1967) mapped the pluton as primarily massive but found, in places, such as along the east side of Port Joli Bay, that biotite imparts a distinct foliation and sedimentary inclusions show a preferred orientation.

Detailed descriptions of beryl-bearing pegmatites of the Port

Mouton Pluton (including sketches) were made by Oldale (1959). Taylor (1967) also noted the occurrence of beryl in the pegmatites. Recent detailed work of a pegmatite within the PMP was completed by MacDonald (1988).

Two reconnaissance geochemical studies of the southern satellite plutons (including Port Mouton Pluton) were completed by Longstaffe et al., (1979) and Kubiilius (1983). These studies used 'grab samples' from the pluton to compare  $^{18}\text{O}$  and sulfur isotopes (respectively) of the Port Mouton Pluton (and other southern satellite plutons) with the SMB.

De Albuquerque (1977) in his brief geochemical and petrographic study of the PMP, described the pluton as a composite body composed of muscovite-biotite granodiorite and muscovite-biotite granite. Based on Qu-Or-Ab normative plots of samples taken from Port Mouton, de Albuquerque (1977) estimated pressure-temperature conditions of emplacement of the pluton at 4.5-5.5 kbars and 675-690 C. On the basis of similarities in major, trace, rare earth elements and mineralogy, he suggested that the PMP, the Shelburne Pluton and the Barrington Passage Pluton formed from partial melts of a metasedimentary source material.

Smith (1979) suggested that because of the similarity in major and trace elements between the PMP and the Halifax, New Ross and West Dalhousie plutons, that they were derived from the same source material. He also concluded that the same processes of differentiation of granite from granodiorite, suggested for the Halifax, New Ross and West Dalhousie plutons, are applicable to the

Port Mouton Pluton, specifically that the differentiation of granite from granodiorite resulted from the fractionation of plagioclase and biotite from the melt (Smith, 1974; McKenzie and Clarke, 1975).

There is uncertainty in the validity of the interpretations of Longstaffe et al., 1979; Kubilius, (1983), Cormier and Smith (1979), and de Albuquerque (1977) because no geological map detailing the magmatic units in the pluton was used as a basis for sampling, therefore the samples may not be representative of all units in the pluton.

Various radiometric ages have been recorded for the Port Mouton Pluton. Fairbairn et al., (1960) used a Rb/Sr model age of biotite from a granodiorite to date the pluton at  $326 \pm 5$  Ma. Cormier and Smith (1973) obtained a three-point whole rock Rb/Sr isochron indicating an age of  $349 \pm 15$  Ma, for a PMP granodiorite. Reynolds et al., (1981) used the  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  total fusion method for a biotite from a 'monzonite' sample to obtain an age of  $297 \pm 8$  Ma. Using the  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  plateau-value method, Reynolds et al., (1981) obtained an age of  $300 \pm 8$  Ma for biotite from a 'monzonite' sample. Elias (1986) obtained four  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  apparent ages from three mineral separate samples from the Port Mouton Pluton ranging from 255-321 Ma (see Chapter 6).

A structural study of the granites by MaksaeV (1986) involved a detailed study of unusual fine and coarse banding observed in the granites on Port Mouton Island. He was able to show that multiple deformational events (of unknown magnitude or origin) had affected at least this section of the pluton during its cooling and consolidation.

Hope (1987) has studied the contact metamorphic aureole associated with the PMP for a comparison with the aureole associated with the Shelburne pluton. Detailed work on a migmatite in the northeast quadrant of the PMP has been completed by Merrett (1988).

#### 1-4-5 Economic Potential

The Port Mouton Pluton has been assessed for its beryllium, tin, tungsten and uranium potential. Beryllium exploration by the Department of Mines (Oldale, 1959) indicates that the beryl is associated with pegmatites. In the Sandy Cove area some trenching and limited diamond drilling on pegmatite-hosted beryl have been done. In the southwestern section of Mouton Island a pit was sunk on the pegmatite dyke with the highest beryllium values. Unfortunately no drill-hole locations or drill-hole depths were given in the Department of Mines Report (1959).

Can-Lake Explorations Ltd. (Palmer, 1979) completed airborne radiometric, ground radiometric and geochemical (silt) surveys in an attempt to find uranium anomalies. The claim was dropped. Esso Minerals Canada (MacLeod, 1981) completed geochemical sampling and a reconnaissance geological study of the PMP areas in an attempt to locate tin and tungsten deposits. Tin anomalies in the Granite Brook and Wagner Brook area were described as "promising".

## CHAPTER 2 FIELD RELATIONS, PETROLOGY AND STRUCTURE

### 2-1 Introduction

The Port Mouton Pluton is elliptical in plan view with axes approximately 20 km long (northeast-southwest) and 9 km across. The pluton has an area of approximately 160 km<sup>2</sup>. Poor exposure along the northwestern contact and in the interior of the pluton has restricted mapping in these areas. The pluton contains at least ten distinct units showing cross-cutting relationships. Coded pie diagrams on Map 1 represent the relative abundances of the units within the vicinity of each symbol. Good coastal exposure in the southern sections of the pluton permitted identification of most of the field relationships of the ten units identified.

The pluton is locally very heterogeneous and, within a 100 square metre area, up to seven units have been mapped. Because of this heterogeneity, only two distinct units can be displayed at a scale of 1:50,000, as shown on Map 1. Around the perimeter of the pluton lies a zone which consists predominantly of coarse-grained foliated biotite tonalite (Unit 1). This unit makes up approximately 15% of the pluton and is the oldest intrusive phase exposed. In the central part of the pluton the predominant lithology is granodiorite to monzogranite (Unit 4), comprising about 50% of the intrusive material in the pluton.

With the exception of the pegmatitic Unit 9, all units in the Port Mouton Pluton have been examined petrologically. Stained slabs from 109 samples were point counted. All granitoid units have been



classified according to their modal abundances of quartz, plagioclase and K-feldspar after Streckeisen (1976). Table 2-1 is a summary of the field descriptions of the ten units, and Table 2-2 is a petrographic summary of selected samples from each of the units. Some units with a wide variation in composition (e.g. ranging from tonalite to granodiorite to monzogranite) are combined into a single unit because of their similar field relations. Lamprophyres have been classified after Rock (1977).

## 2-2 Description of Units

### Unit 1, biotite tonalite

Unit 1 is a moderately well-foliated, biotite-rich tonalite and granodiorite (Fig. 2-1) comprising about 15% of the Port Mouton Pluton. It crops out mainly along the southern margin of the pluton and is the most common the intrusive material in direct contact with the Meguma Group metasedimentary rocks. The contacts between Unit 1 and the country rocks are typically sharp, although at Isaacs Harbour, at a locality 0.5 km north of Forbes Point, and at Scotch Point, abundant injection gneisses formed (Photo 2-1). Migmatites are prominent 1 km east of Summerville Beach, and at White Point, where the tonalite (Photo 2-2) has developed a subporphyritic texture (Photo 2-3) with plagioclase phenocrysts up to 8 mm long. Biotite tonalite dykes intruded along the bedding planes of the country rocks are prominent at the migmatitic contacts. Many xenoliths of the country rocks that have been incorporated in the tonalite have undergone

Table 2-1  
Summary of Units in the Port Mouton Pluton

| UNIT #<br>(VOLUME% OF INTRUSION)                    | DESCRIPTION OF UNIT  |
|---|--|
| 9<br>(20-25%)                                       | fine-grained aplite ( $\pm$ garnet, biotite, muscovite) and pegmatite ( $\pm$ biotite, tourmaline, beryl, garnet, fluorapatite)                  |
| 8<br>(10%)  | fine to medium-grained equigranular biotite-muscovite leucomonzogranite, intimately associated with Unit 9                                       |
| 7<br>(5-10%)  | fine-grained equigranular, rarely porphyritic, mesocratic to melanocratic biotite-muscovite tonalite, granodiorite, rarely (5-10%) monzogranite. |
| FORM and PERCENTAGE Of Unit 7 (not in order of age) |  |
| 1 (40%)   | pods, irregular meandering dykes   |
| 2 (30%)   | dyke swarms with rounded biotite-rich xenoliths  |
| 3 (<10%)  | dykes associated with pegmatites   |
| 4 (1%)  | dykes with rounded biotite clots   |
| 5 (20%)   | planar dykes with sharp contacts   |
| 6<br>(1%)   | pegmatite, aplite and medium-grained equigranular leucomonzogranites ( $\pm$ biotite, muscovite, garnet)   |
| 5B<br>(<1%)   | fine-grained melanocratic biotite-muscovite tonalite breccia, with 50% clasts.   |
| 5A<br>(<1%)   | phlogopite and amphibole-rich lamprophyre dykes (younger than 4, older than 7)   |
| 4<br>(50%)  | medium-grained, equigranular, biotite-muscovite granodiorite to monzogranite   |
| 3<br>(1%)   | medium to fine-grained, equigranular, biotite-muscovite leucomonzogranite  |
| 2<br>(<1%)  | coarse-grained, leucocratic trondhjemite with biotite schlieren  |
| 1<br>(15%)  | coarse to medium-grained, foliated biotite tonalite and minor granodiorite   |

Note:

Grain size: fine < 1 mm, medium = 1 to 4 mm, coarse > 4 mm

Colour: leucocratic = mafic mineral content < 5%, mesocratic = mafic mineral content 5 - 20%, melanocratic = mafic mineral content > 20% .

Table 2-2

## List of Abbreviations Used and Summary of Petrology of Collected Samples

(1) rock abbreviations: classification according to Streckeisen, 1976 and Rock, 1977

AL L=alkali lamprophyre  
 GRN=granodiorite  
 MNZ=monzogranite  
 MNZD+MNZG=monzodiorite+monzogabbro  
 SH L=shoshonitic lamprophyre  
 TON=tonalite  
 TRJ=trondhjemite  
 TON/L=tonalite/lamprophyre contact

(2) colour index:

= total biotite + phlogopite + amphibole content  
 (garnet is not included as a mafic mineral but as an accessory mineral)

(3) texture and grain size:

DUC DEF=ductile deformation  
 H G=hypidiomorphic granular  
 PANID=panidiomorphic  
 RECRYST=recrystallized  
 SUBPORP=subporphyritic  
 PORPHY=PORPHYRITIC  
 AVE=average

(4) mineral abbreviations:

ACT=actinolite  
 ACT HB=actinolitic hornblende  
 AP=apatite  
 BI=biotite  
 CHL=chlorite  
 EP=epidote  
 GT=garnet  
 KSP=potassic feldspar  
 MG HB=magnesio hornblende  
 MU=muscovite  
 PHL=phlogopite  
 PL=plagioclase  
 OP=opaque  
 QU=quartz  
 RUT=rutile  
 SPH=sphene  
 ST=staurolite  
 ZR=zircon

Table 2-2

| SAMPLE | GRAIN SIZE | TEXTURE             | MINERAL ASSEMBLAGE              | NAME | AN COLOUR INDEX |      |
|--------|------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| UNIT 1 |            |                     |                                 |      |                 |      |
| NPM11  | 1-5mm      | SUBPORP-<br>H G     | PL-BI-QU-MU-KSP-<br>AP-EP-OP-ZR | TON  | C=36<br>R=36    | 23   |
| NPM2   | 1-5mm      | SUBPORP-<br>H G FOL | PL-QU-BI-MU-AP-<br>ZR           | TON  | C=25<br>R=22    | 10   |
| NPM487 | 1-6mm      | H G                 | PL-QU-BI-MU-ZR                  | TON  |                 | 12   |
| NPM484 | 2-3mm      | DUC DEF-<br>H G     | PL-QU-KSP-BI-MU-<br>GT          | GRN  |                 | 11   |
| NPM582 | 0.2-1mm    | DUC DEF-<br>H G     | PL-QU-BI-MU-EP-<br>OP           | TON  | C=37<br>R=29    | 21   |
| NPM533 | 2-5mm      | FOL-<br>H G         | PL-BI-QU-MU-EP-<br>OP           | TON  | C=39<br>R=39    | 23   |
| NPM544 | 0.5-6mm    | H G                 | PL-QU-BI-MU-KSP-<br>OP-EP-AP-ZR | TON  |                 | 16   |
| NPM593 | 1-6.5mm    | H G                 | PL-QU-BI-KSP-MU-<br>AP-ZR       | GRN  |                 | 12   |
| NPM584 | 0.5-6.5mm  | H G-<br>FOL         | PL-QU-BI-MU-EP-<br>KSP-ZR       | TON  |                 | 16   |
| UNIT 2 |            |                     |                                 |      |                 |      |
| NPM546 | 0.5-6mm    | SUBPORP-<br>H G     | PL-QU-BI-MU-AP                  | TRJ  | C=27<br>R=28    | 5-10 |
| UNIT 3 |            |                     |                                 |      |                 |      |
| NPM468 | 0.5-1mm    | DUC DEF-<br>H G     | PL-KSP-QU-MU-<br>BI             | MNZ  | C=10<br>R=12    | 4    |
| NPM542 | 0.5-3mm    | DUC DEF-<br>H G     | PL-QU-KSP-MU-<br>BI             | MNZ  | C=14<br>R=12    | 1    |
| UNIT 4 |            |                     |                                 |      |                 |      |
| NPM549 | 1.5-6-5mm  | H G                 | PL-QU-BI-KSP-<br>MU-ZR-AP       | GRN  |                 | 15   |
| NPM458 | 0.5-1.5mm  | H G                 | PL-QU-BI-KSP-<br>MU-AP-ZR       | GRN  | C=22<br>R=19    | 10   |
| NPM558 | 0.5-3.5mm  | SUBPORP-<br>H G     | PL-QU-BI-KSP-<br>MU-AP-ZR       | GRN  | C=29<br>R=26    | 16   |

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| SAMPLE            | GRAIN SIZE        | TEXTURE                                    | MINERAL ASSEMBLAGE                   | NAME  | AN             | COLOUR INDEX |
|-------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------|--------------|
| UNIT 4            |                   |  |                                      |       |                |              |
| NPM477            | 1-3.5mm           | SUBPORP-<br>H G                            | QU-KSP-PL-BI-MU-<br>EP-AP-ZR         | MNZ   | C=12<br>R=10   | 6            |
| NPM441            | 1-3.5mm           | DUC DEF-<br>H G                            | PL-QU-KSP-BI-MU-<br>AP-ZR            | MNZ   | C=7.5<br>R=7.5 | 7            |
| NPM580            | 1-4.5mm           | SUBPORP-<br>H G                            | KSP-QU-PL-BI-<br>MU-ZR               | MNZ   | C=18<br>R=14   | 4            |
| NPM32             | 1-5.5mm           | DUC DEF-<br>SUBPORP<br>H G                 | PL-QU-KSP-BI-MU-<br>AP-ZR            | MNZ   |                | 5            |
| NPM536            | 0.5-6mm           | H G  | PL-QU-KSP-BI-MU-<br>AP-ZR            | GRN   |                | 8            |
| NPM543            | 0.5-3mm           | H G  | PL-BI-QU-KSP-MU-<br>RUT-AP-ZR        | GRN   |                | 26           |
| NPM551            | 1-11mm<br>AVE=4mm | SUBPORP<br>H G                             | PL-QU-KSP-BI-MU-<br>OP-ZR-AP         | MNZ   |                | 13           |
| NPM549            | 1.5-4mm           | H G  | PL-QU-BI-KSP-MU-<br>ZR-AP            | GRN   |                | 15           |
| UNIT 5A           |                   |  |                                      |       |                |              |
| FORBES POINT      |                   |  |                                      |       |                |              |
| NPM405-<br>NPM612 | 0.1-4.5mm         | PANID                                      | PHL-ACT-PLAG-OP-AP                   | SH L  | C=54<br>R=29   | 82           |
| NPM406-<br>NPM615 | 0.5-2.5mm         | PORPHY-<br>H G                             | ACT HB PL-QU-PHL-<br>AP-SPH-OP       | AL L  | C=47<br>R=43   | 65           |
| CONTACT           |                   |  |                                      |       |                |              |
| NPM407            | 0.5-6mm           | PORPHY-<br>H G                             | PL-PHL-MG HB-QU-<br>KSP-AP-SPH-EP-OP | TON/L | C=46<br>R=44   | 50           |
| MACLEOD COVE      |                   |  |                                      |       |                |              |
| NPM485            | 0.03-0.4mm        | RECRYST-<br>GRANULAR<br>CLUSTERS<br>OF PHL | PL-PHL-ACT-SPH-AP<br>QU              | SH L  | C=24<br>R=25   | 55           |

Table 2-2...

| SAMPLE                     | GRAIN SIZE                   | TEXTURE                    | MINERAL ASSEMBLAGE              | NAME              | AN           | COLOUR INDEX |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| UNIT 5                     |                              |                            |                                 |                   |              |              |
| MATRIX<br>NPM486           | 0.2-1.5mm                    | RECRYST-<br>GRANULAR       | QU-PL-BI-CHL-MU-<br>GT-AP-ZR-OP | TON               |              | 15           |
| AVERAGE<br>CLAST<br>NPM486 | 0.2-0.5mm                    | SCHIST                     | QU-PL-BI-CHL-KSP-<br>MU-GT-ST   | BIOTITE<br>SCHIST |              | 25           |
| UNIT 6                     |                              |                            |                                 |                   |              |              |
| NPM538                     | 0.5-1mm                      | BANDED-<br>DUC DEF<br>H G  | PL-KSP-QU-BI-<br>MU-ZR          | MNZ               | C=15<br>R=15 | 4            |
| UNIT 7                     |                              |                            |                                 |                   |              |              |
| NPM560                     | 1mm                          | RECRYST-<br>GRANULAR       | PL-QU-BI-KSP-MU-<br>OP-AP-ZR    | TON               | C=36<br>R=24 | 13           |
| NPM539                     | 0.5-2.5mm                    | SUBPORP-<br>RECRYST<br>H G | PL-QU-BI-KSP-MU<br>AP           | GRN               | C=18<br>R=18 | 16           |
| NPM583                     | 0.5-1mm<br>PLAG UP<br>TO 3mm | SUBPORP-<br>H G            | PL-QU-BI-MU-KSP                 | TON               | C=35<br>R=26 | 5            |
| NPM566                     | 0.1-1mm<br>PLAG UP<br>TO 3mm | SUBPORP-<br>H G            | KSP-PL-QU-BI-MU-<br>ZR          | MNZ               | C=21<br>R=20 | 8            |
| NPM464                     | 0.2-1mm<br>PLAG UP<br>TO 5mm | SUBPORP-<br>RECRYST<br>H G | PL-BI-QU-KSP-MU-<br>AP          | MNZD-<br>MNZG     |              | 16           |
| UNIT 8                     |                              |                            |                                 |                   |              |              |
| NPM537                     | 0.5-2.5mm                    | DUC DEF<br>H G             | PL-KSP-QU-BI-<br>MU-ZR          | MNZ               | C=18<br>R=17 | 3            |
| NPM361                     | 0.5-3.5mm                    | H G                        | PL-QU-KSP-BI-MU-<br>ZR          | MNZ               | C=13<br>R=13 | 1            |
| NPM8A                      | 2-4.5mm                      | H G                        | QU-KSP-PL-MU-BI-<br>GT-CHL      | MNZ               |              | 2            |
| UNIT 9                     |                              |                            |                                 |                   |              |              |
| NPM491                     | 0.1-1mm                      | BANDED<br>APLITIC          | PL-QU-MUS-KSP-<br>GT-BI-AP      | LEUCO<br>TON      | C=8<br>R=10  | 1            |

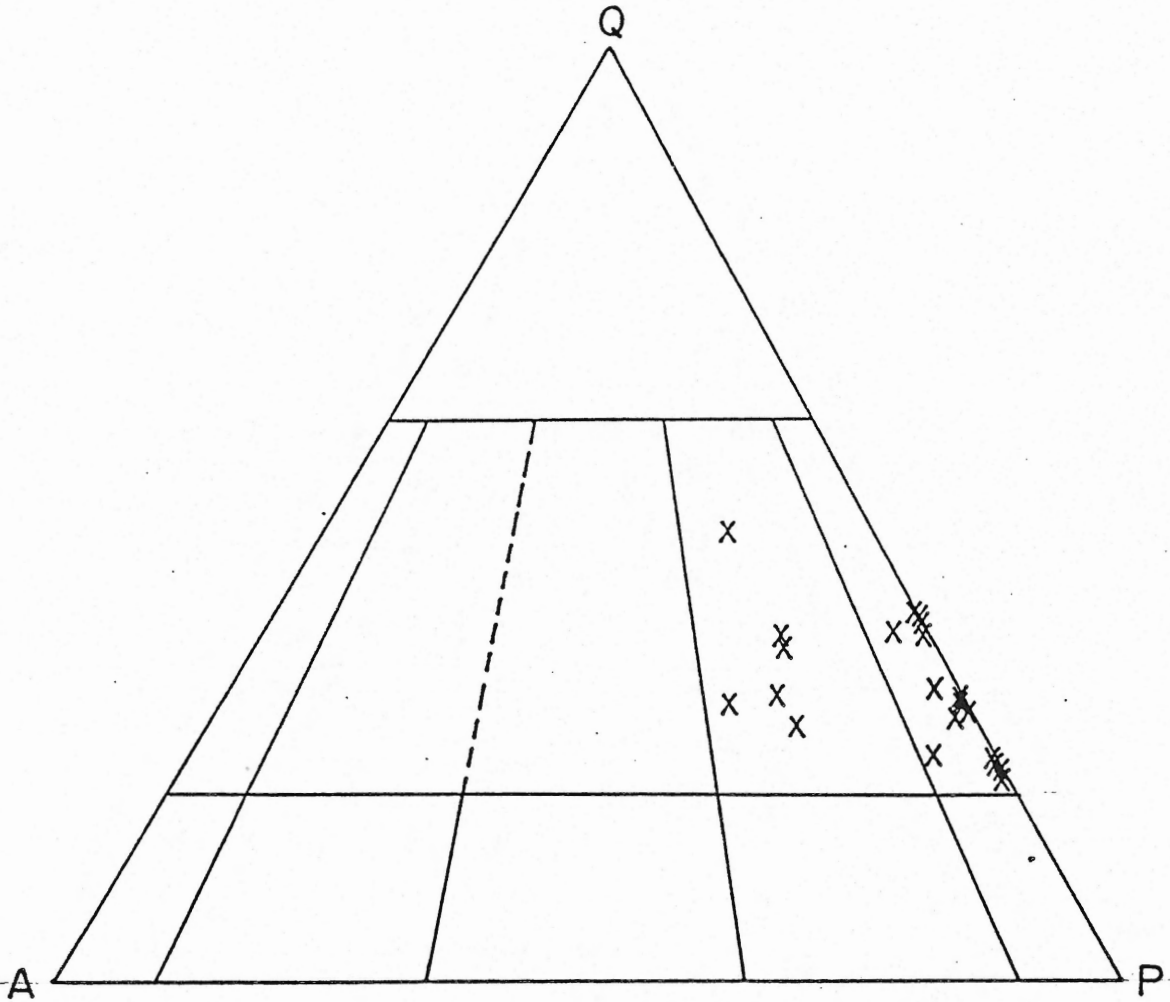


Figure 2-1: Ternary quartz-alkali feldspar-plagioclase plot of modal analyses of 22 samples of Unit 1.

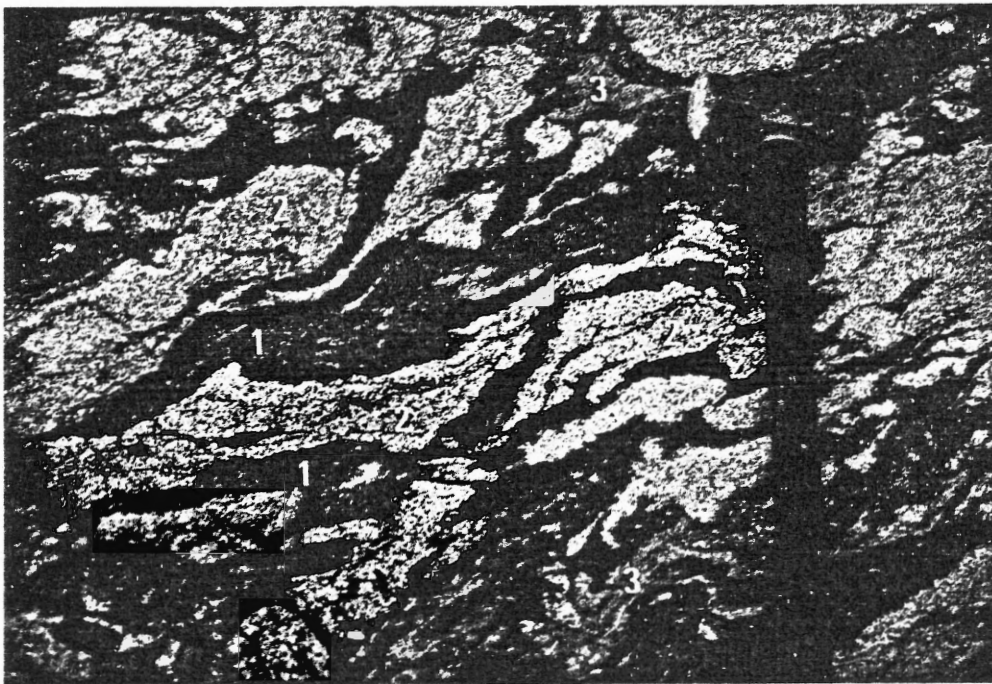


Photo 2-1: The Meguma/Unit 1 injection gneiss contact along St. Catherines River Beach. Note the ductile nature of the Meguma Group pelitic inclusions and host rock. The matrix consists of tonalite from Unit 1.

- 1 = pelite (Goldenville Formation)
- 2 = medium-grained to coarse-grained foliated biotite tonalite (Unit 1)
- 3 = psammite (Goldenville Formation)



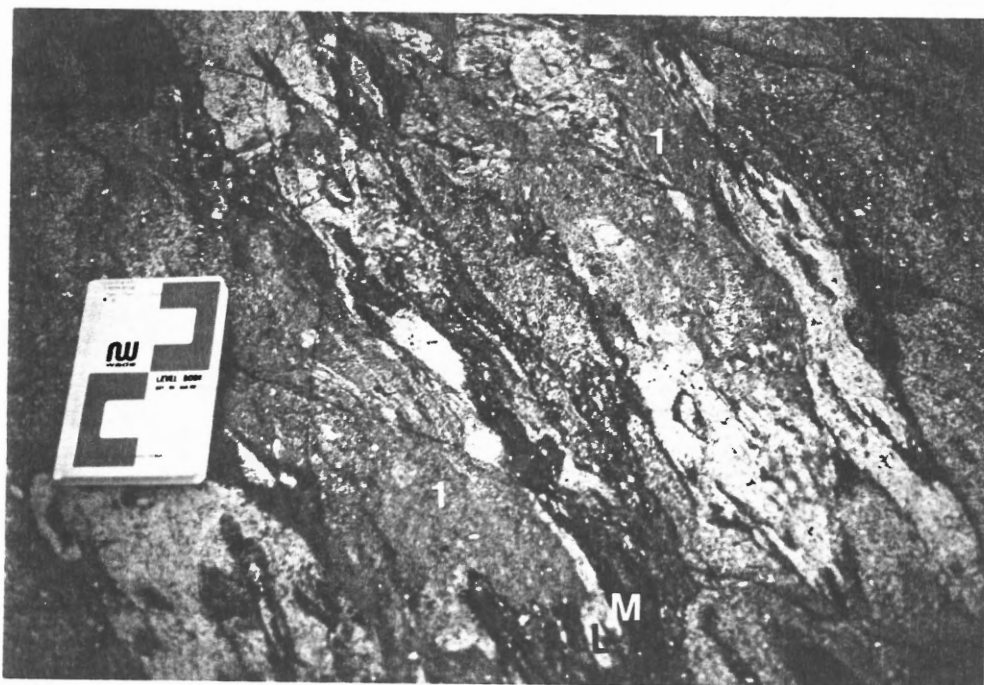


Photo 2-2: Migmatitic contact between Unit 1 (1) and Meguma (M) at White Point. The Meguma inclusions have undergone ductile deformation and there is a complex 'intermixing' of granitoid material and metasediment. Thin and wispy bands and pods of quartzo-feldspathic material may represent leucosomes (L).

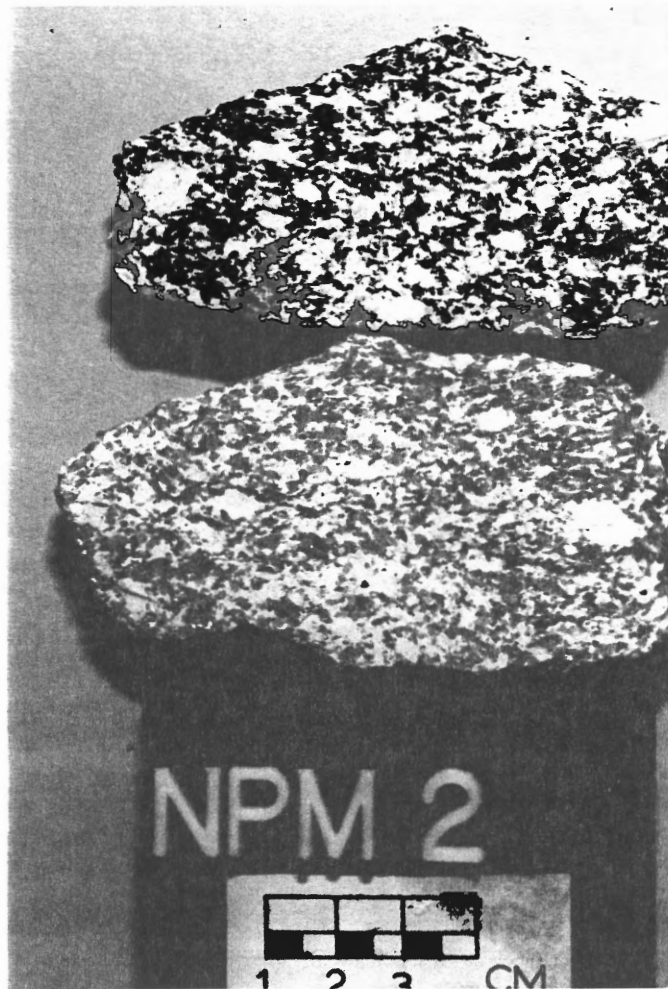


Photo 2-3: Stained hand specimen of medium-grained to coarse-grained subporphyritic, foliated, biotite tonalite of Unit 1 from a migmatite contact at east Summerville Beach. Note the elongation of some of the plagioclase phenocrysts.

ductile deformation and show evidence of anatexis in the formation of ptygmatically folded granitic bands (Merrett, 1987) (Photo 2-4). The injection gneiss contacts are similar to the migmatite contacts but lack leucosome and ptygmatically folded granitic bands.

The biotite tonalite is predominantly coarse-grained (Photo 2-5) with an average biotite content of 15%, rising to 23% near contacts with the country rock. Modal analyses of 22 slabbed and stained hand specimens show that the composition changes from a tonalite (dominant in the area shown as Unit 1 on Map 1) to a granodiorite toward the interior of the pluton. The major minerals are plagioclase (33-58%), quartz (20-40%), K-feldspar (0-20%), biotite (7-23%) and muscovite (1-11%) (Photos 2-6, 2-7). Apatite and zircon are common accessory minerals. Garnet observed in one sample of Unit 1 is probably xenocrystic from garnet-rich pelitic horizons in the nearby country rock.

In the interior of the pluton, Unit 1 resembles Unit 4, with a K-feldspar content as high as 15% , and muscovite up to 6% . Clear field relations identify Unit 1 and Unit 4 whereby inclusions of Unit 1 granodiorite in Unit 4, and dykes of Unit 4 cross-cutting Unit 1 granodiorite indicate that this granodiorite is part of Unit 1.

The types and percentages of inclusions in Unit 1 vary as a function of their distance from the edge of the pluton. At the contact, these xenoliths become less abundant and Unit 1 contain abundant xenoliths of psammite and pelite. At distances greater than 500 m from the contact, Unit 1 contains approximately 2% fine-grained, biotite-rich mafic inclusions. These inclusions are

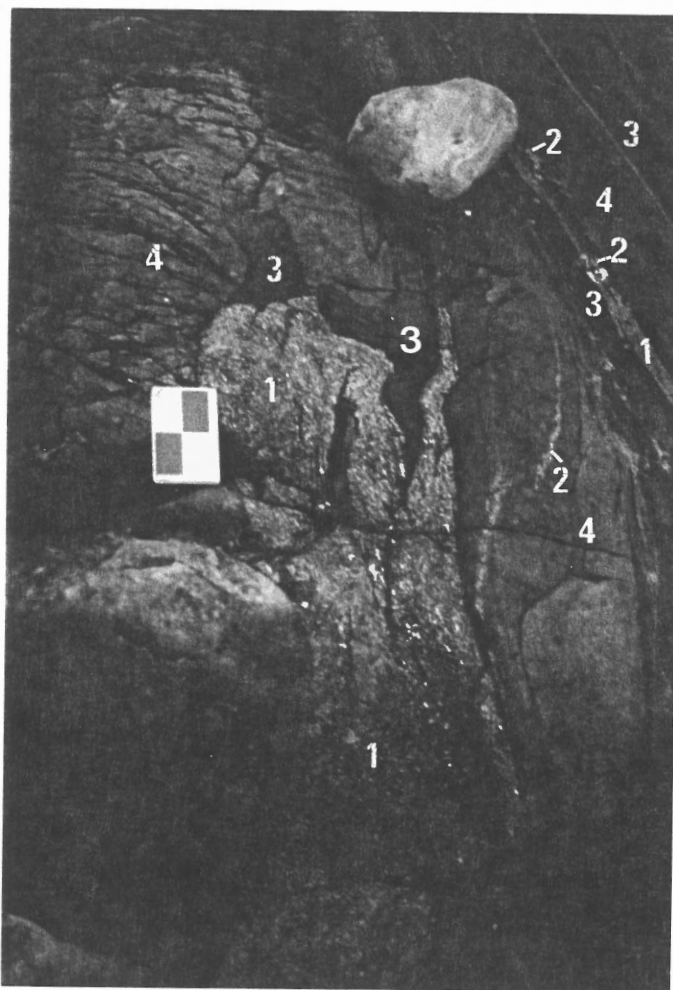


Photo 2-4: Migmatitic contact. Subporphyritic tonalite dykes intruding along the pelitic and psammitic Meguma bedding planes at White Point.

- 1 = Unit 1 medium-grained biotite porphyritic tonalite
- 2 = ptygmatic leucosomes, 'sweats'-predominantly quartz + feldspar
- 3 = pelite, Goldenville Formation
- 4 = psammite, Goldenville Formation



Photo 2-5: Stained hand specimen of coarse-grained, foliated, biotite tonalite of Unit 1 south of Forbes Point. The foliation lies horizontally across the photo.

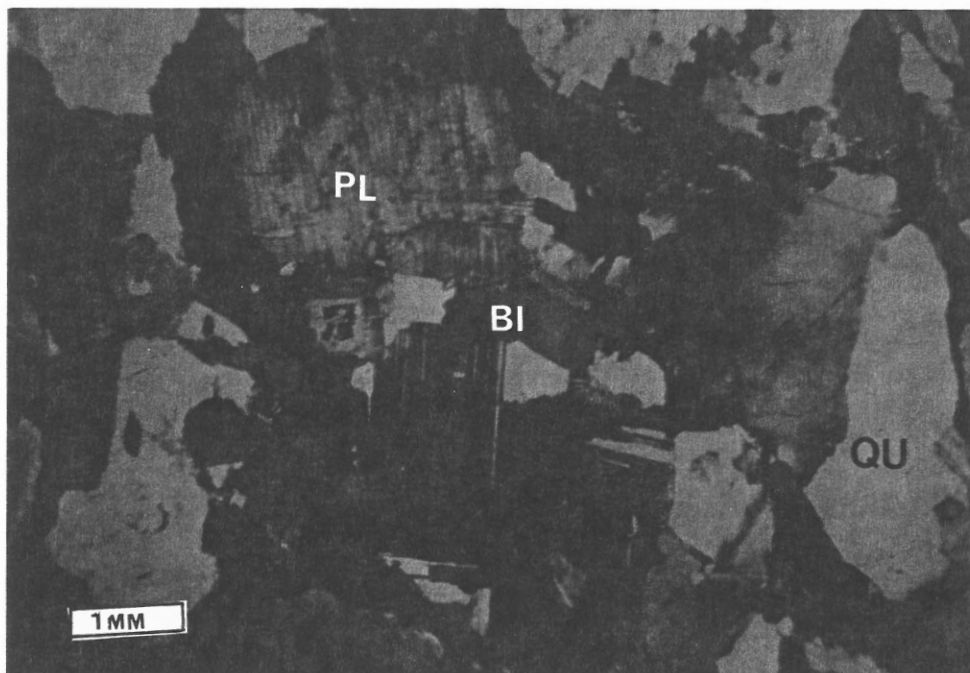


Photo 2-6: XNL. Thin-section of a tonalite of Unit 1 (NPM533). Mineralogy includes plagioclase, biotite, quartz, and minor muscovite (not visible in this field of view). Note the relatively large crystals and well-developed zonation in the plagioclase and the subhedral biotite grains. X 14

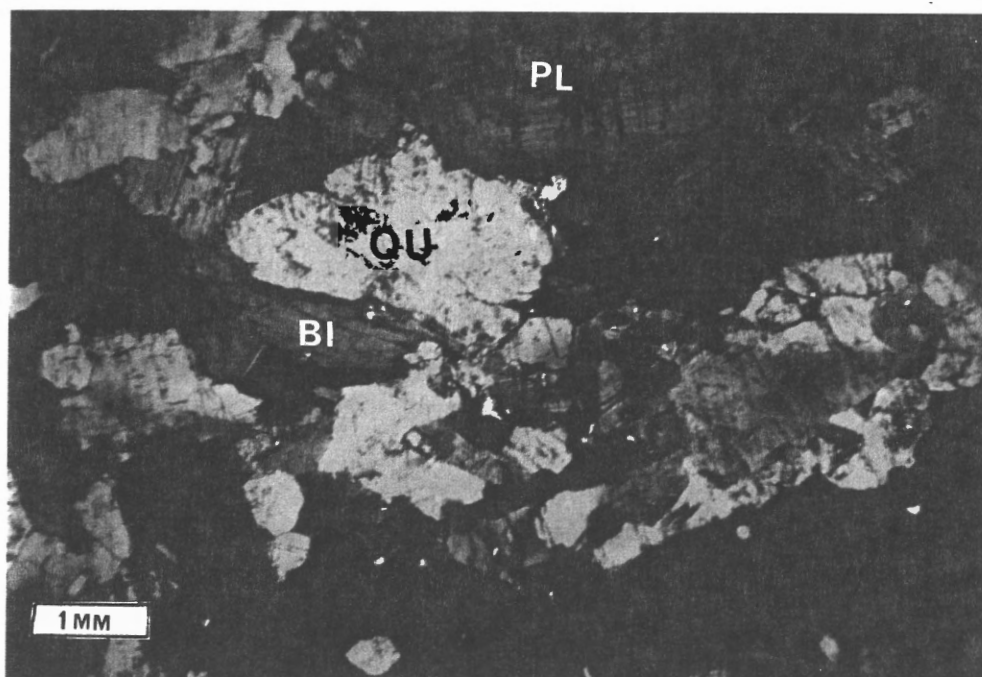


Photo 2-7: XNL. Thin section of Unit 1 (NPM11) from near the wharf south of Forbes Point. This is a medium-grained to coarse-grained subporphyritic biotite-tonalite. The mineralogy includes well zoned plagioclase, quartz, biotite and muscovite, with accessory zircon and apatite. Note the large well zoned plagioclase in the upper field of view.

typically rounded and elliptical to circular in shape. They range in composition from hornfels of Meguma Group country rock origin, to biotite schlieren, and ghost enclaves of unknown origin. Typically, the inclusions are finer grained than the host tonalite or granodiorite, and have a higher modal percentage of biotite. Locally, feldspar porphyroblasts occur in the inclusions. No microgranitoid enclaves (as described by Vernon, 1984) were identified in this unit, although xenoliths of Unit 1 commonly occur in the later units. In particular, large 10-15 m x 10 m blocks of Unit 1 occur in the younger, medium-grained, biotite-muscovite granodiorite and monzogranite of Unit 4. Outcrops at Forbes Point clearly illustrate the block-like inclusions of Unit 1 in Unit 4. The biotite foliation seen in Unit 1 is retained in the xenoliths, but occurs at high angles to the regional foliation, indicating that the blocks have been rotated.

The orientations of xenoliths of metasedimentary origin and biotite schlieren, collectively from Units 1 and 4, are shown on Figure 2-2. The irregular, wavy, biotite-rich schlieren in both Units 1 and 4 (Photo 2-8) are considered to be passive schlieren (Trent, 1981) and appear to have been passengers in the moving magma or crystal mush of enclosed rock. The maximum concentration of planes on the plot is about  $140^{\circ}$ , dipping moderately to the southwest.

Foliation in Unit 1 is displayed as a mild parallel alignment of biotite commonly detected only in fresh outcrop surfaces. It is moderately well developed in the vicinity of the contact with the country rocks, but poorly developed (or absent) in the interior of the



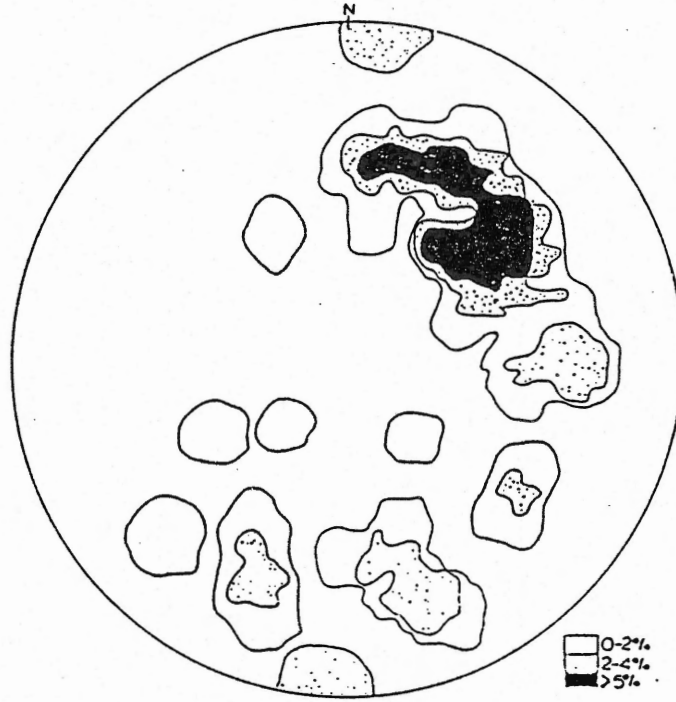


Figure 2-2: Orientation of xenoliths and schlieren in Units 1 and 4. Schmidt stereographic projections- plot of poles to planes percentages of 48 points in a 1% area of hemisphere.

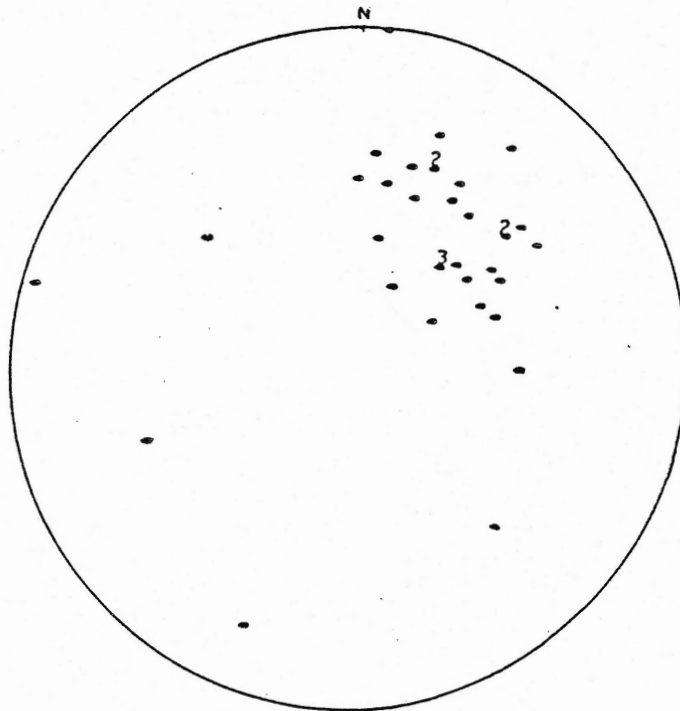


Figure 2-3: Foliation in Unit. Schmidt stereographic projections. A plot of 39 poles to planes.





Photo 2-8: Biotite schlieren in Unit 4 located on the shoreline at Hunts Point wharf.

pluton. An equal area stereographic projection of foliations from Unit 1, predominantly from outcrops near St. Catherines River Bay, and within 1 km of the contact with the Meguma Group, show a concentration near  $108^{\circ}/60^{\circ}$  SW (Fig. 2-3). This orientation is almost perpendicular to the  $030^{\circ}$ - $040^{\circ}$  regional foliation in the country rock (Fig. 2-4) and may reflect block movement of the country rock as a result of the intrusion of the pluton (i.e. a block of country rock is suspended by the granitoid intrusion).

#### Unit 2, trondhjemite

Unit 2 is represented by a single, 2 m wide, coarse-grained (5-8 mm), leucocratic trondhjemite dyke cutting Unit 1 near Black Point (Fig. 2-5). Its contacts with the tonalite are sharp and it contains a large tonalite xenolith. Although Unit 2 is only one dyke, its clear crosscutting relationship with Unit 1 indicates that it is a distinct unit from Unit 1. Its age relative to other units is not known. The trondhjemite contains euhedral and subhedral plagioclase phenocrysts (69%), quartz (20%), biotite (8%), and muscovite (3%) (Photos 2-9, 2-10). In places, the margins are rich in biotite, and thin biotite schlieren, up to 1 m long, lie parallel to the contacts.

#### Unit 3, monzogranite

Unit 3 makes up about 1% of the pluton. It is a medium-to fine-grained, leucocratic, biotite-muscovite monzogranite (Fig. 2-5) and contains 25-30% quartz, 25% K-feldspar, 35-45% plagioclase, and

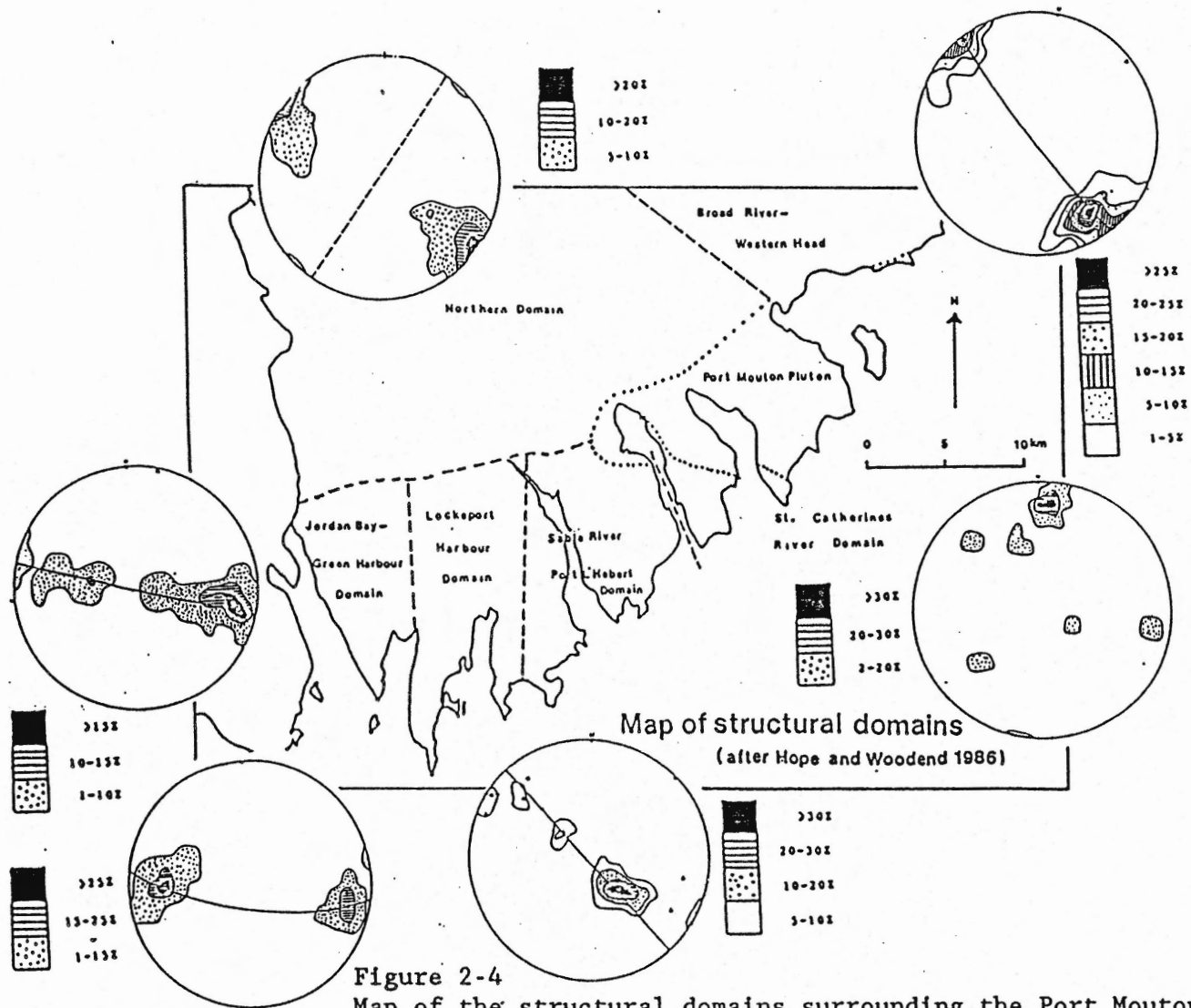


Figure 2-4

Map of the structural domains surrounding the Port Mouton Pluton with stereographic plots of bedding measurements recorded from within the domains (as mapped by Hope and Woodend, 1986).

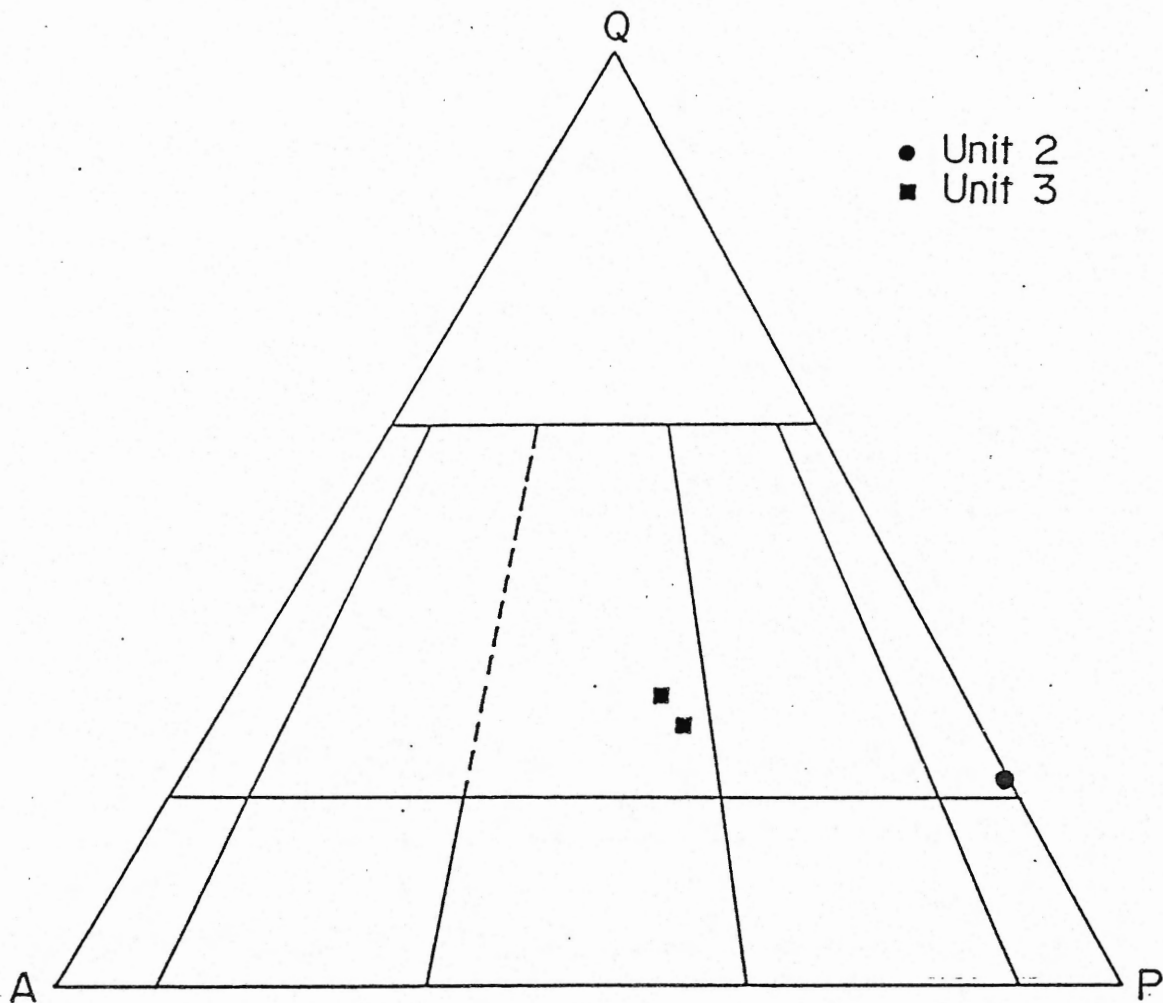


Figure 2-5: Ternary quartz-alkali feldspar-plagioclase plots of modal analyses of 2 samples of Unit 3 and one sample of Unit 2.

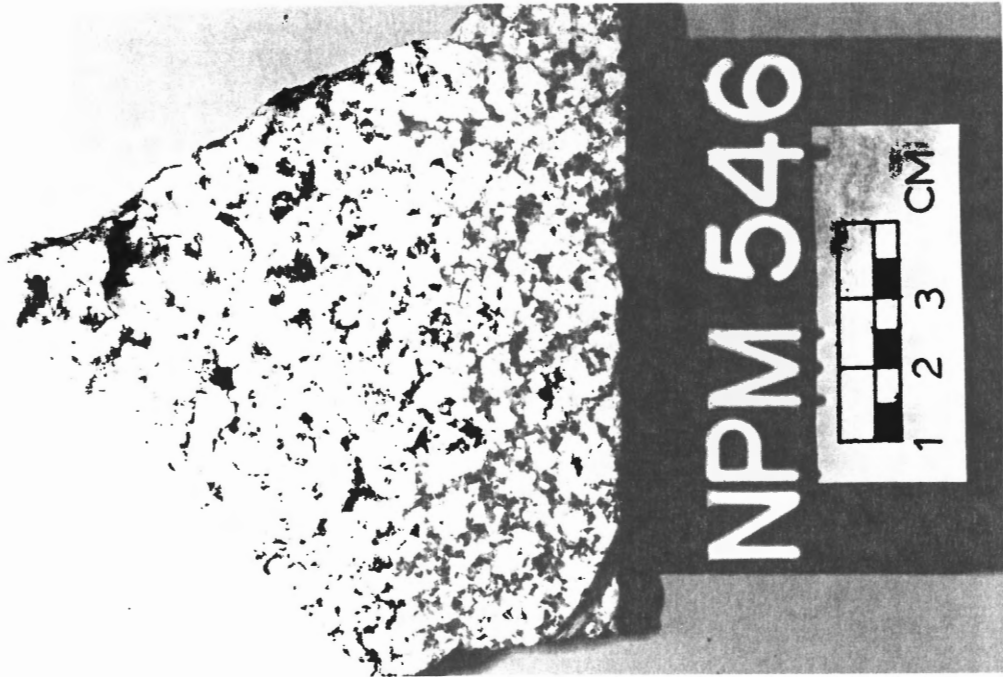


Photo 2-9: Coarse-grained subporphyritic trondhjemite of Unit 2 from Black Point.

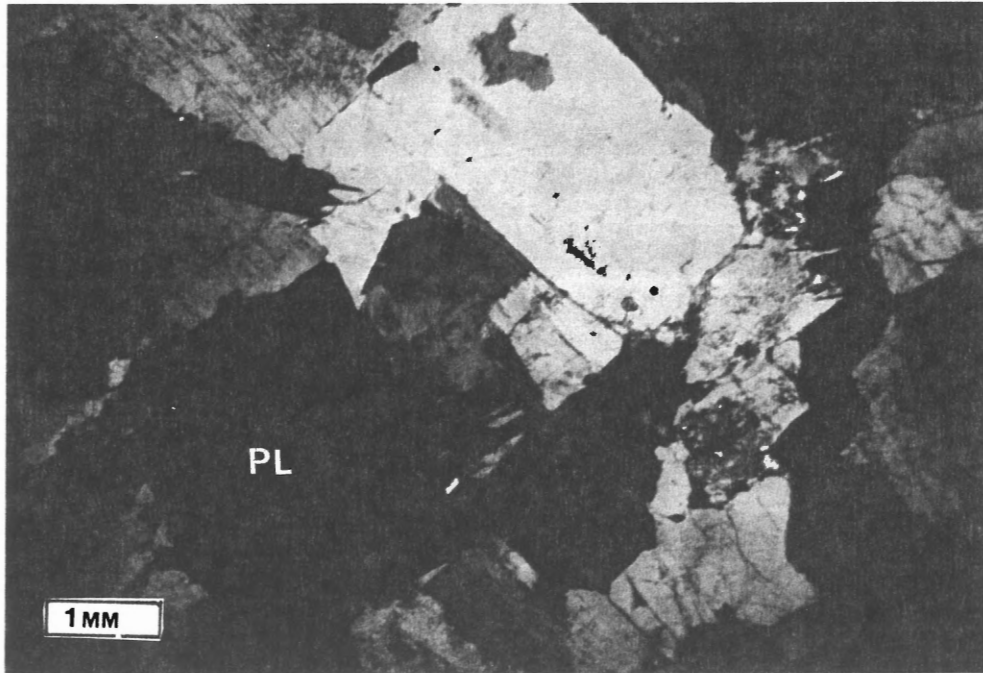


Photo 2-10: XNL. Thin-section of trondhjemite of Unit 2 (NPM546). Predominant mineralogy is zoned plagioclase and quartz. X 14

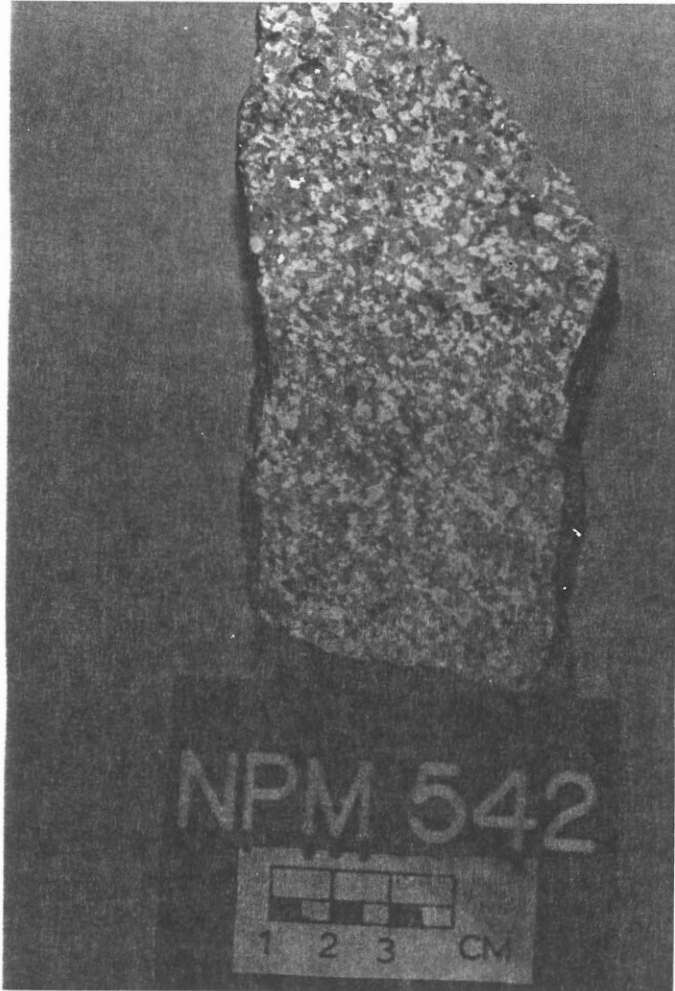


Photo 2-11: Fine-grained to medium-grained leucomonzogranite of Unit 3 located on Hwy 103 near the junction to Port Joli road.

less than 10% biotite and muscovite (Photos 2-11, 2-12). It occurs as inclusions (Photo 2-13) and as thin wispy bands in Unit 4 (Photo 2-14). Unit 4, granodiorite to monzogranite

Unit 4 is the dominant phase of the pluton, comprising about half of the body. It is a mainly equigranular, medium-grained, mesocratic, biotite-muscovite granodiorite to monzogranite (Fig. 2-6) that, in places, displays a mild foliation. Its grain size increases towards the interior of the pluton where it is the dominant phase. Contacts with the country rocks are sharp, but contacts with Unit 1 are sharp only near the periphery of the pluton and become indistinct toward the interior. In the northeastern section of the pluton (east of Summer-ville Beach), Unit 4 crosscuts migmatite banding.

Unit 4 appears to be spatially associated with Unit 3, where Unit 3 occurs as alternating flow bands within Unit 3 (Photo 2-14) and, in places Unit 4 contains inclusions of Unit 3 (Photo 2-13).

Unit 4 is composed of quartz (16-40%), K-feldspar (microcline and subordinate perthitic feldspar, 5-33%), zoned plagioclase (24-59%), muscovite (1-14%) and biotite (3-26%) (Photos 2-15, 2-16, 2-17 and 2-18). Apatite and zircon are common accessory minerals and small, subhedral grains of rutile were found in one sample. The dominant texture is hypidiomorphic granular, commonly subporphyritic, with phenocrysts of inclusion-rich microcline and rarely plagioclase. The average muscovite content of Unit 4 is 4-5%, and the biotite content is 10%; however the total mica content of this unit can be up to 20-30%. There appears to be no systematic variation between the modal composition and the distance from the country rock contact.

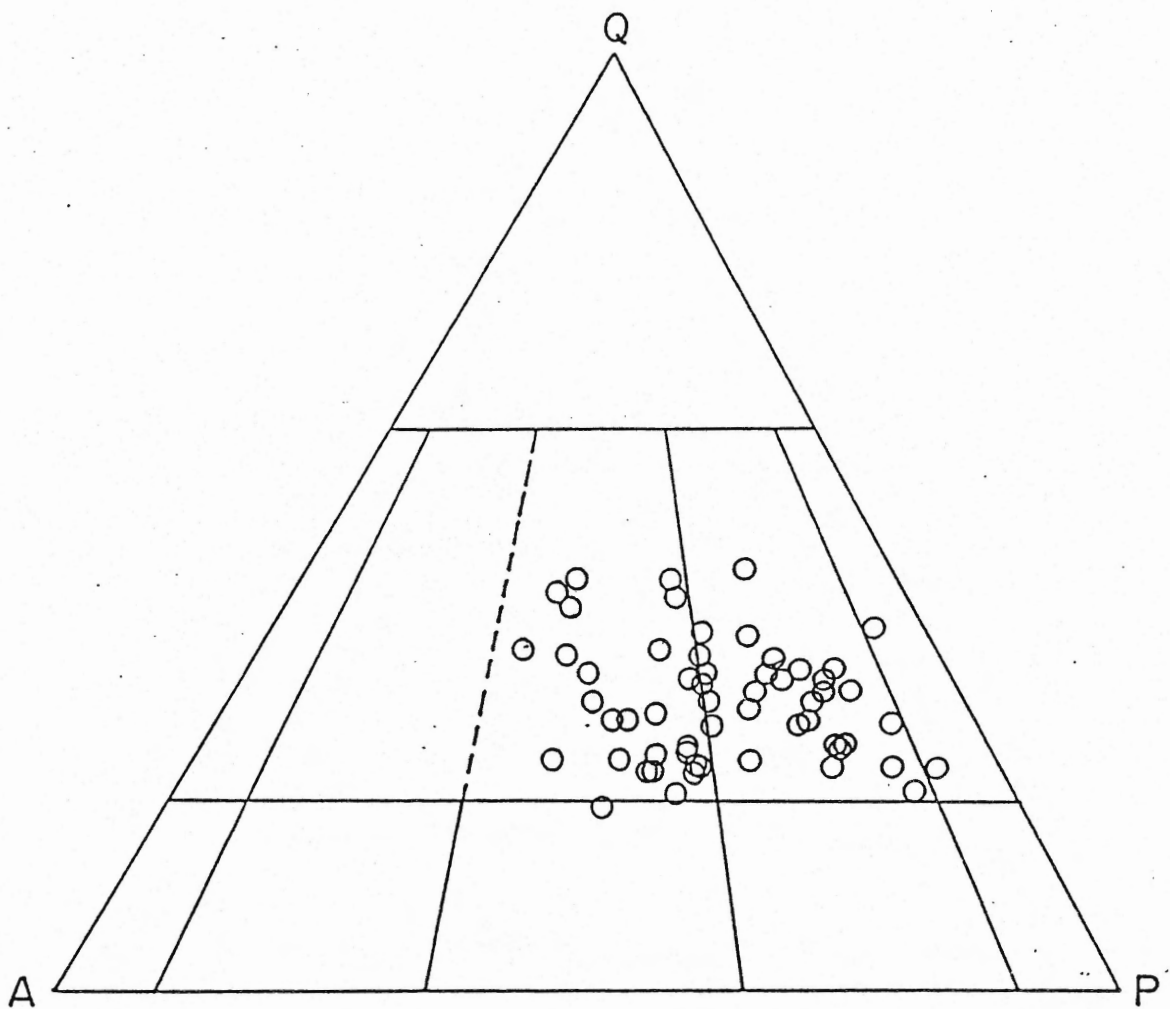


Figure 2-6: Ternary quartz-alkali feldspar-plagioclase diagram of modal analyses of 50 samples of Unit 4.



Where they are observed within the same outcrop, the main features used to distinguish this unit from the biotite tonalite of Unit 1 are:

- 1) the grain size of Unit 4 is less than that of Unit 1;
- 2) Unit 4 tends to display a less well-defined foliation than Unit 1,
- 3) in any one outcrop muscovite is more abundant in Unit 4 than in Unit 1;
- 4) Unit 1 is commonly found as inclusions in Unit 4;
- 5) dykes of Unit 4 cut dykes of Unit 1;
- 6) there are no tonalites in Unit 4 and no monzogranites in Unit 1.

In many cases positive identification of Unit 4 is difficult because of its variable appearance (modal mineral abundances of Units 1 and 4 overlap), and because in many areas, crosscutting relationships between the multiple dykes are so complex that correlation with any one unit is impossible without extensive geochemical work. In some outcrops only one unit is exposed, making identification on the basis of crosscutting relationships impossible, and in the interior of the pluton (e.g. at Black Point, Mouton Head, and Port Mouton Island) the differences in texture, grain size and modal mineralogy between Units 1 and 4 are less distinct. In the interior of the pluton Unit 1 is mainly a coarse-grained, mesocratic, biotite-muscovite granodiorite, whereas Unit 4 is a medium-grained, mesocratic, biotite muscovite granodiorite to monzogranite. The most reliable criteria for distinguishing Units 1 and 4, in the interior of

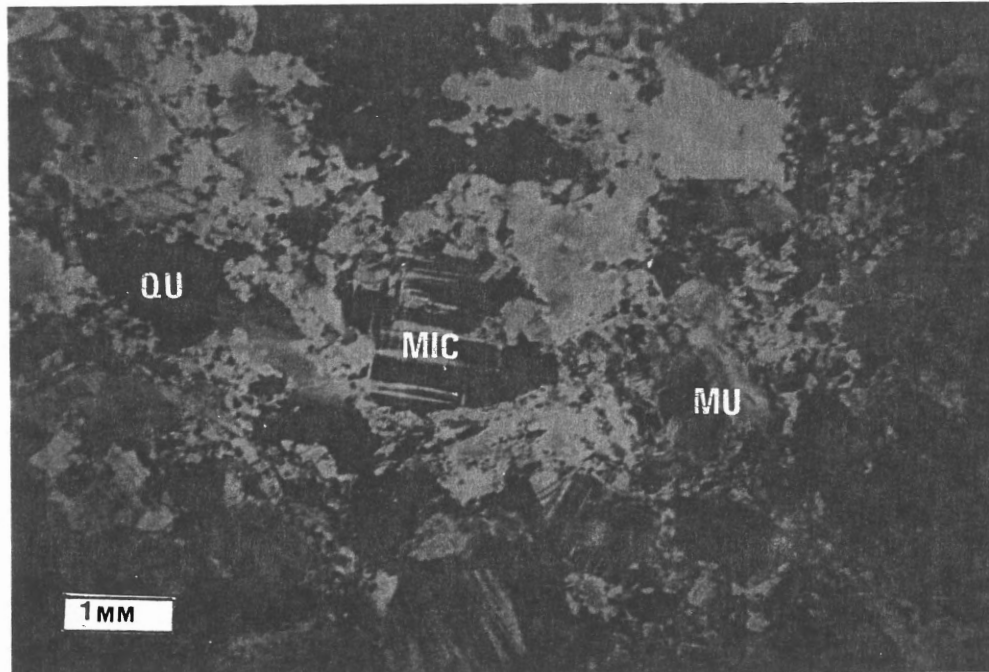


Photo 2-12: XNL Thin-section of Unit 3 leucomonzogranite (NPM542). Note the mortar texture of quartz and elongation of grains. Predominant mineralogy includes plagioclase, quartz, microcline, and muscovite.

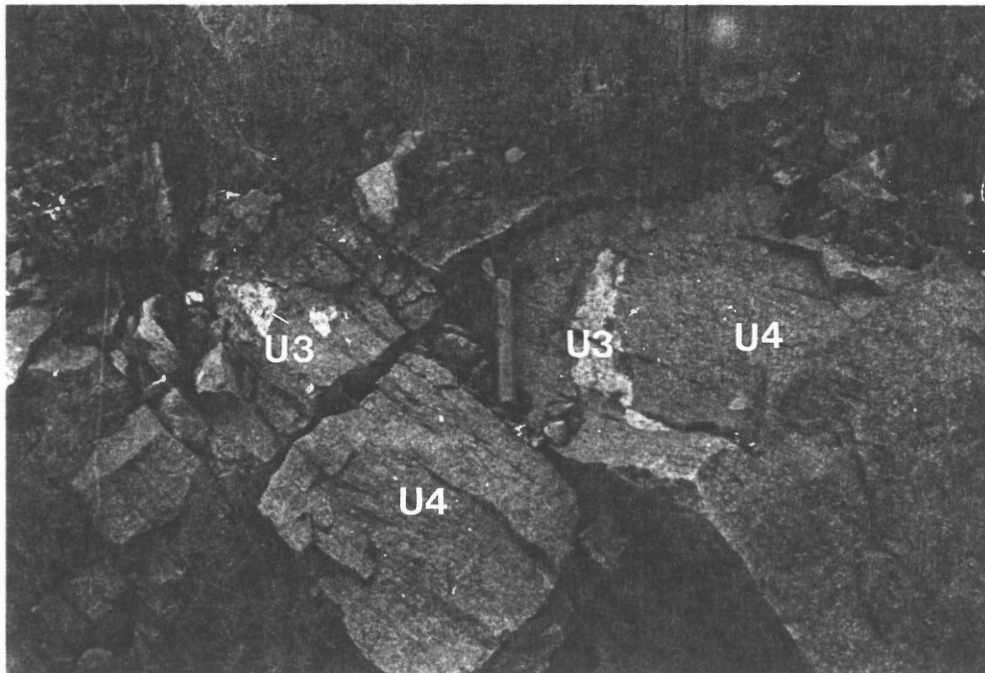


Photo 2-13: Irregular shaped inclusions of leucocratic granite (U3) in mesocratic granite (U4) in Unit 4, north of Robertson Lake near the junction of Hwy 103 and Port Joli Road.

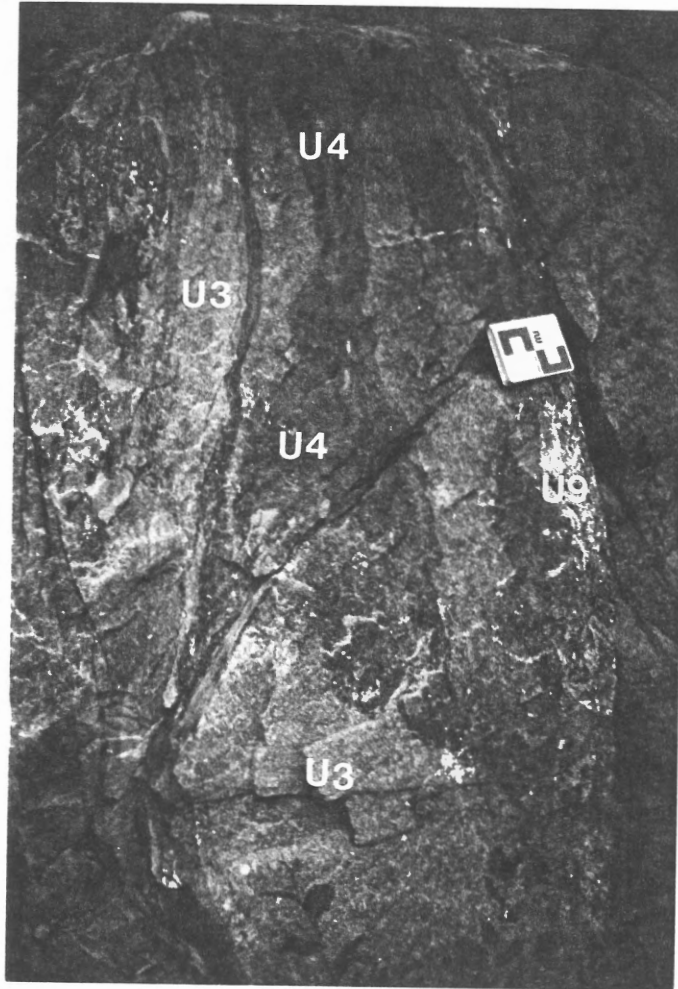


Photo 2-14: Stringers of Unit 3 in Unit 4. The relationship between these two units at this location north of Path Lake near Port Hebert/Hwy 103 junction is unclear. In this section sample Unit 3 exhibits evidence of ductile shearing parallel to Unit 4 contacts. A late phase (Unit 9) pegmatite dyke crosscuts this outcrop (right hand side of photograph).



Photo 2-15: Stained hand specimen of medium-grained biotite granodiorite of Unit 4 from Port Mouton Head (interior of the pluton)



Photo 2-16: Stained hand specimen of coarse-grained, subporphyritic, biotite-muscovite monzogranite of Unit 4 from north of Black Point (interior of the pluton).

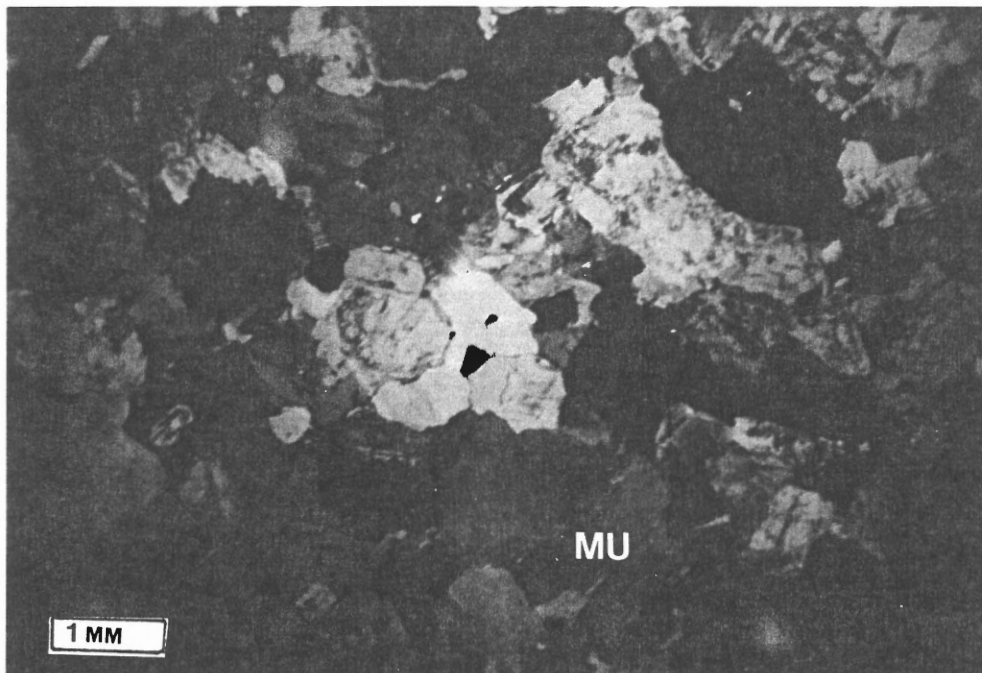


Photo 2-17: XNL. Thin-section of a medium-grained subporphyritic leucomonzogranite of Unit 4 (NPM580). Dominant mineralogy includes microcline, quartz, zoned plagioclase, biotite and muscovite.

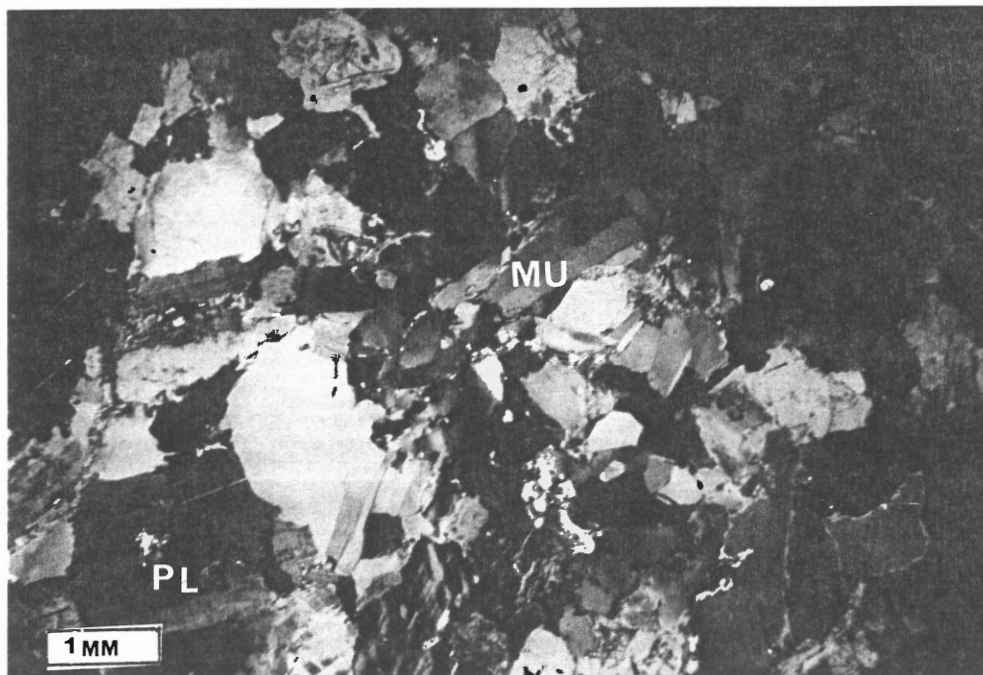


Photo 2-18: XNL. Thin-section Unit 4 (NPM32). This is a medium-grained monzogranite from Hunts Point. Evidence of ductile deformation in the form of quartz subgrain development and kinked muscovite.

the pluton, are cross-cutting relationships and the presence of inclusions of Unit 1 in Unit 4.

Enclaves of granitic, metasedimentary, and unknown affinity (possibly digested metasedimentary material) are common throughout Unit 4. The granitoid inclusions are inclusions of tonalite from Unit 1, and are most abundant near the contact with Unit 1 where they occur as blocks up to 10 m x 10 m. Approaching the interior of the pluton, inclusions of Unit 1 become smaller, less abundant, and more rounded. Unit 1 appears to have been solid before the emplacement of Unit 4, as indicated by the angularity of the xenoliths in Unit 4 near the contact, and by the preservation of well-developed foliation in the tonalite inclusions at oblique angles to the poorly-developed foliation in Unit 4.

Locally, Unit 4 contains rounded to convoluted inclusions of leucomonzogranite (Unit 3) and xenoliths of metasedimentary rocks. Inclusions of unknown origin are ubiquitous throughout the unit. These inclusions are rounded, fine-grained and biotite-rich, and range in size from 2 to 70 cm. In a typical section of Unit 4 (e.g. Black Point, Mouton Head, eastern Port Joli shore), these fine-grained xenoliths make up less than 5% of the outcrops. Locally, xenoliths cluster together in sections that are 1.5 to 2 m in diameter (Photo 2-19). The origin of such concentrations of rounded xenoliths is unknown. Photo 2-19 also illustrates the compositional variety of the xenoliths in Unit 4, including fine-grained, biotite-rich, quartzofeldspathic inclusions, potassic feldspar porphyry inclusions, 'granitized' biotite-rich quartzofeldspathic inclusions and



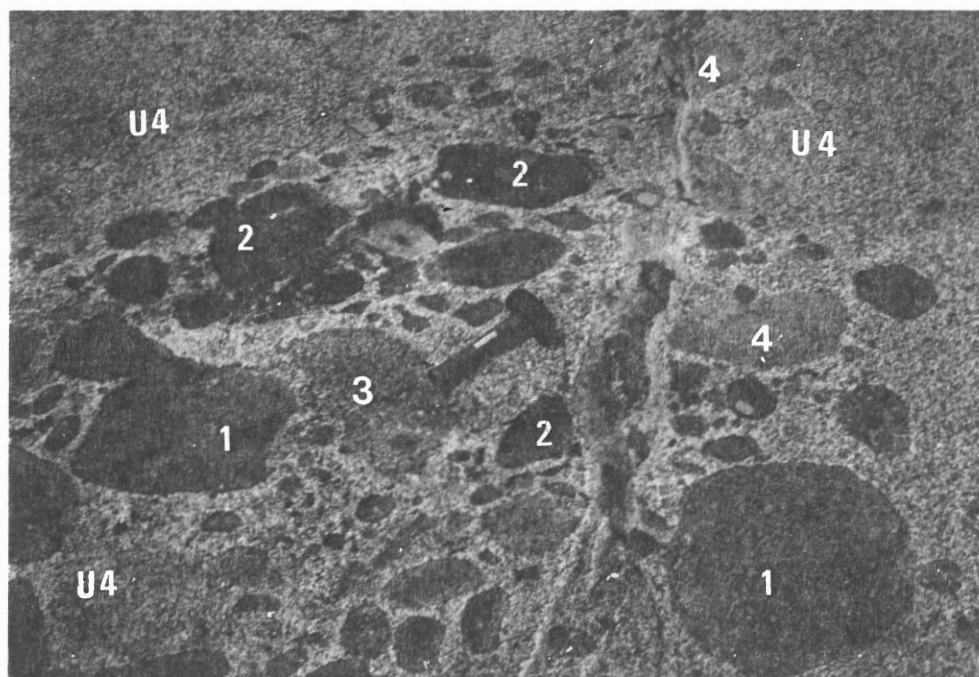


Photo 2-19: Inclusions in Unit 4 (U4) at Deadman's Rock, Little Port Joli Harbour.

- 1 = biotite quartzo-feldspathic inclusions with feldspar porphyries
  - 2 = fine-grained biotite-rich quartz, feldspar-rich inclusions
  - 3 = potassic-feldspar porphyry-rich fine-grained biotite-rich quartzo-feldspathic inclusions
  - 4 = psammite (quartzo-feldspathic)
- matrix : Unit 4= medium to coarse-grained biotite muscovite monzogranite

biotite-rich inclusions.

In the interior of the pluton, large blocks of easily recognizable country rocks are found in Unit 4. These blocks are up to 35 m long, 0.5 to 3 m wide, and have retained their pelitic and psammite interstratification. Prominent outcrops of these xenoliths occur at the southern tip of Black Point in Little Port Joli Bay, and at Darling Rock, north of Forbes Cove. Biotite-rich schlieren 1 to 3 m long and less than 25 cm wide are ubiquitous in the pluton, although they rarely make up less than 1% of Unit 4.

Rarely, Unit 4 displays bands of interlayered, medium-grained, melanocratic, biotite-muscovite granodiorite, and mesocratic, biotite-muscovite monzogranite. Both coarse and fine banding is displayed (bands from 30 to 150 cm and less than 10 mm thick, respectively). The coarsely banded granodiorite to monzogranite occurs at Bulls Point, Jackies Island, along Port Joli road, and along sections of the eastern and western shores of Port Mouton Island (Photos 2-20, 2-21). At Bulls Point the more melanocratic bands are enriched in biotite (12% versus 4%) and depleted in K-feldspar (13% versus 36%), relative to the mesocratic bands. In places, Unit 4 contains isolated pods of melanocratic material which are similar in appearance to the melanocratic bands and are probably of similar origin. The bands in all of these areas trend approximately  $020^{\circ}$ - $040^{\circ}$  (Fig. 2-7), parallel to the regional foliation in the country rock.

On the western shorelines of Port Mouton and Jackies Islands, there are small sections, less than 2 m wide, of fine-banded, granodiorite-monzogranite (Photo 2-22). This banding is parallel to the



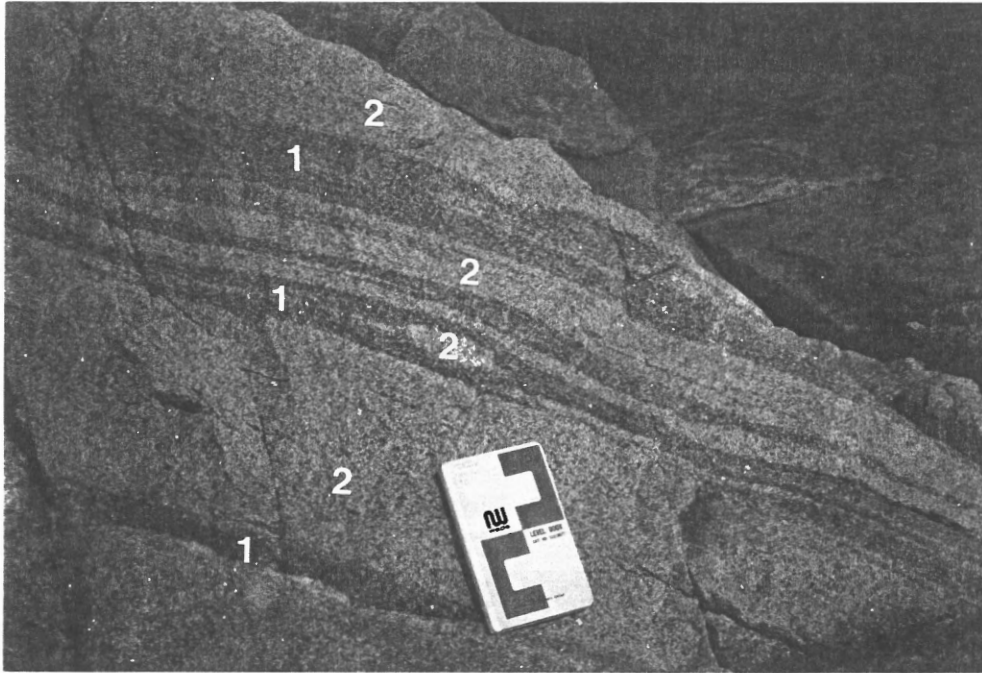


Photo 2-20: Type exposure of the Coarse Banding in Unit 4 at northeastern Mouton Island. 1= medium-grained biotite-muscovite melanocratic-granodiorite (Unit 4). 2= medium-grained biotite-muscovite mesocratic-monzogranite (Unit 4).

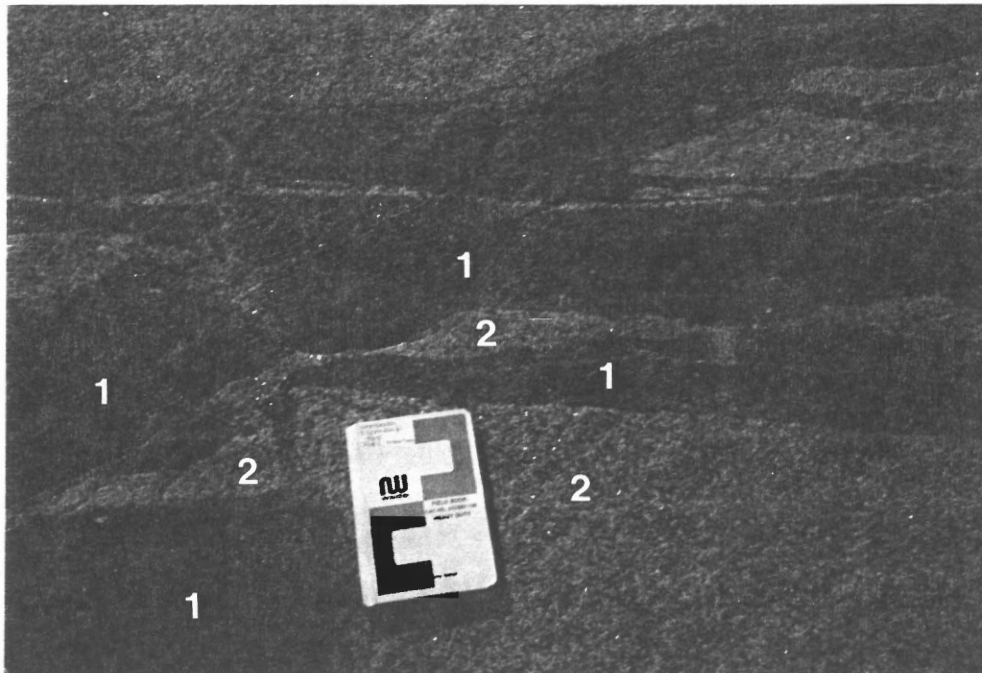


Photo 2-21: Coarse banding in Unit 4 at Bull Point, Western Channel  
 1=medium-grained biotite-muscovite melanocratic-granodiorite (Unit 4)  
 2=medium-grained biotite- muscovite mesocratic-monzogranite (Unit 4)

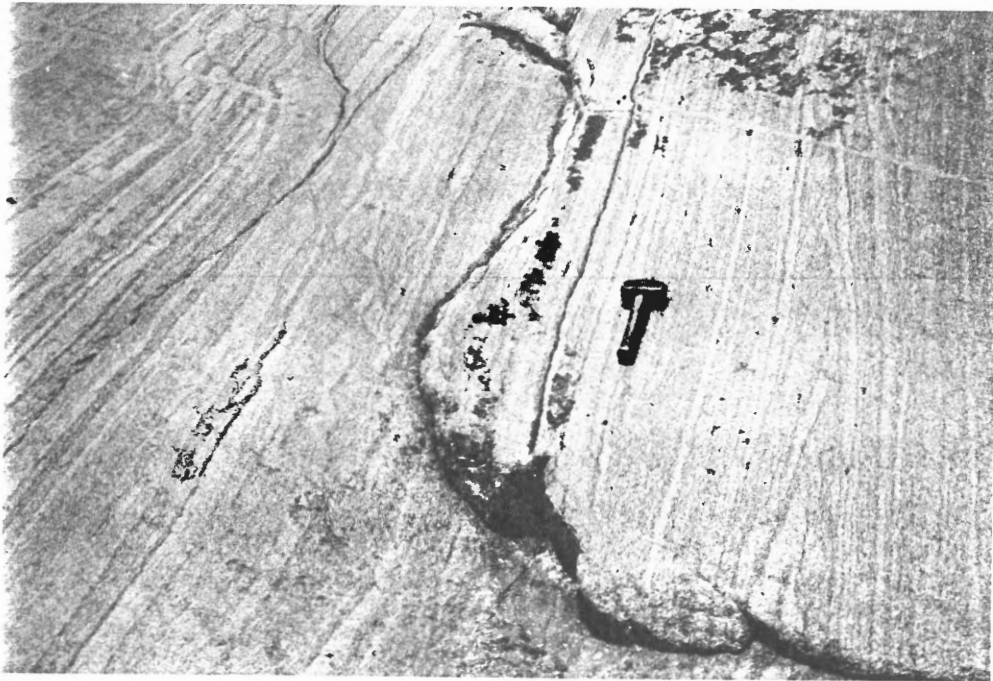


Photo 2-22: Fine Banding in Unit 4 granodiorite at the west shoreline of Mouton Island.

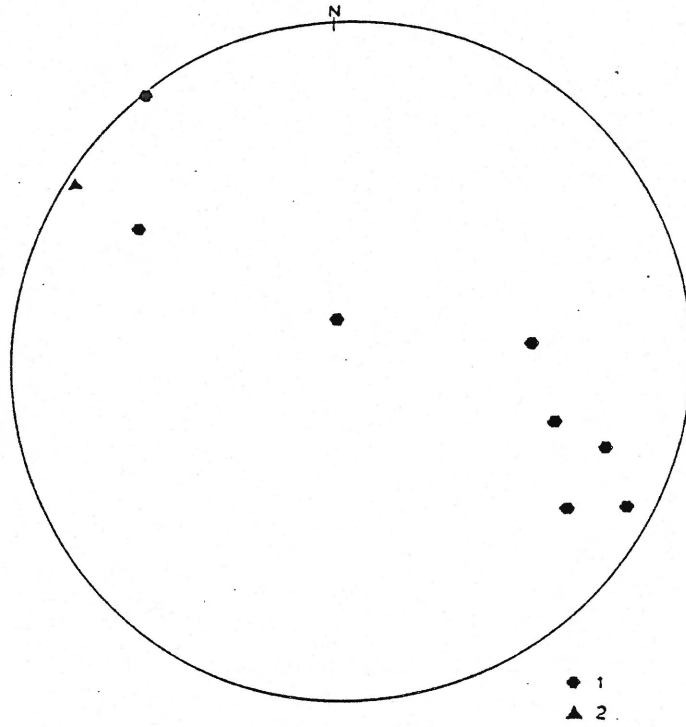


Figure 2-7: Poles to banding in Unit 1 and Unit 4 granites combined (10 points). Schmidt Stereographic Projection.

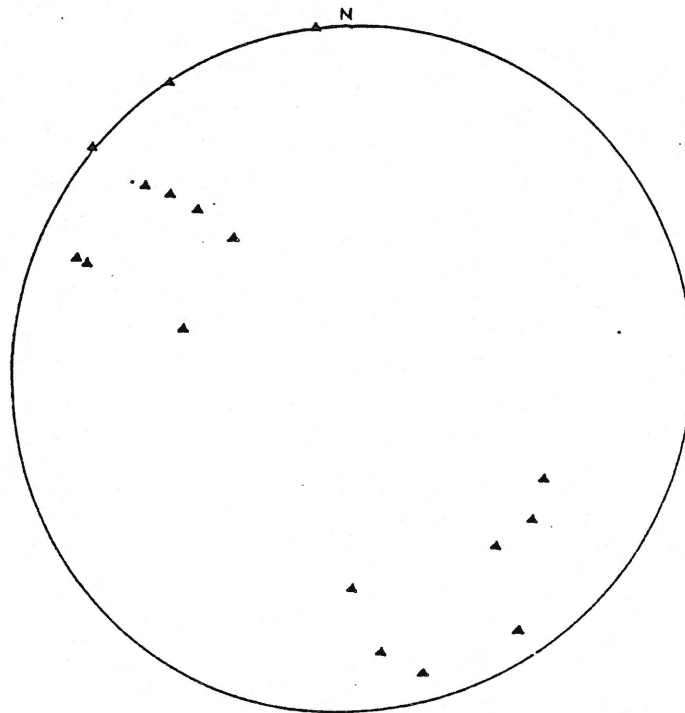


Figure 2-8: Foliation in Unit 4 (17 poles to planes). Schmidt Stereographic Projection.

coarser banding, but is distinct from it, being very thin (less than 10 mm), and with individual bands in the sequence dividing into two or more layers. The more melanocratic bands are enriched in biotite. Contacts with the coarsely banded monzogranites and granodiorites are abrupt.

In a field and petrographic study of banding on Port Mouton Island, Maksaev (1986) concluded that the fine and coarse banding were formed contemporaneously and by the same process, because of their parallelism, their adjacent location, and their compositional similarity. Both types of banding lack cumulate textures or current-related features such as grading, scour and fill structures, or slumps. He suggested that the banding formed as a result of stresses imposed during the crystallization and cooling of the Port Mouton Pluton. The banding is symmetrically oriented about an axis trending  $035^{\circ}$ , parallel to the regional foliation.

The foliation observed in Unit 4 is sporadic and varies in intensity. It is produced by an alignment of biotite and muscovite, but is difficult to measure in many places because of the lack of planar development. Only eighteen foliations were recorded and their trend is similar to the regional foliation (Fig. 2-8).

#### Unit 5A, lamprophyre

Unit 5A is a fine to coarse-grained phlogopite-amphibole lamprophyre. It has been observed at two locations in the Port Mouton Pluton - at Forbes Point on the eastern side of Port Joli Harbour (Photo 2-23) and at MacLeod Cove at St. Catherines River Bay (Photo 2-

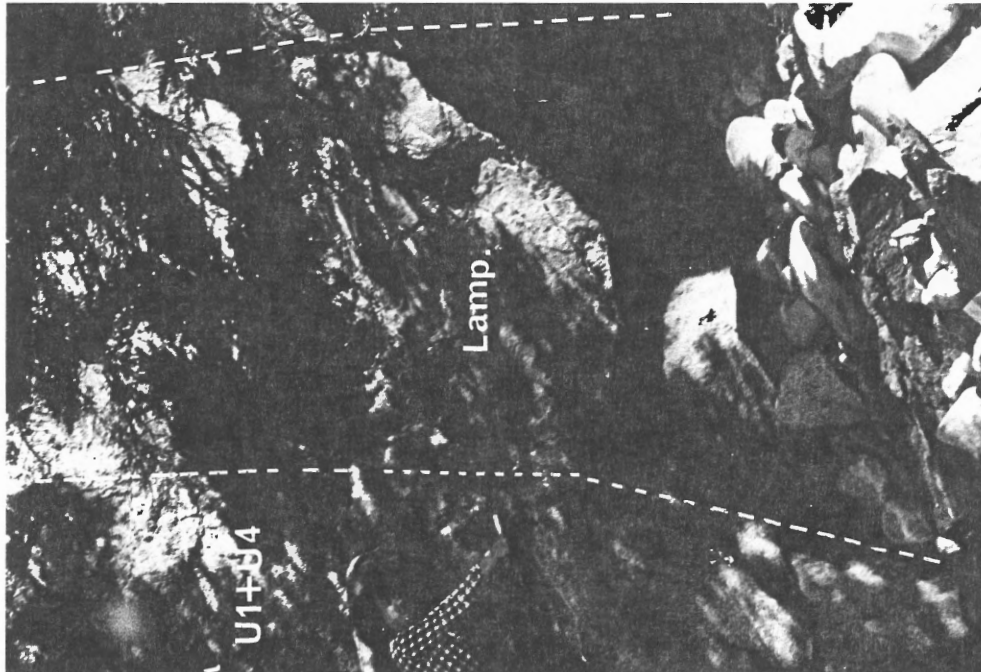


Photo 2-23: The Forbes Point lamprophyre dyke (Unit 5A) (Lamp) crosscutting Unit 1 and Unit 4 granitoids (U1 + U4).

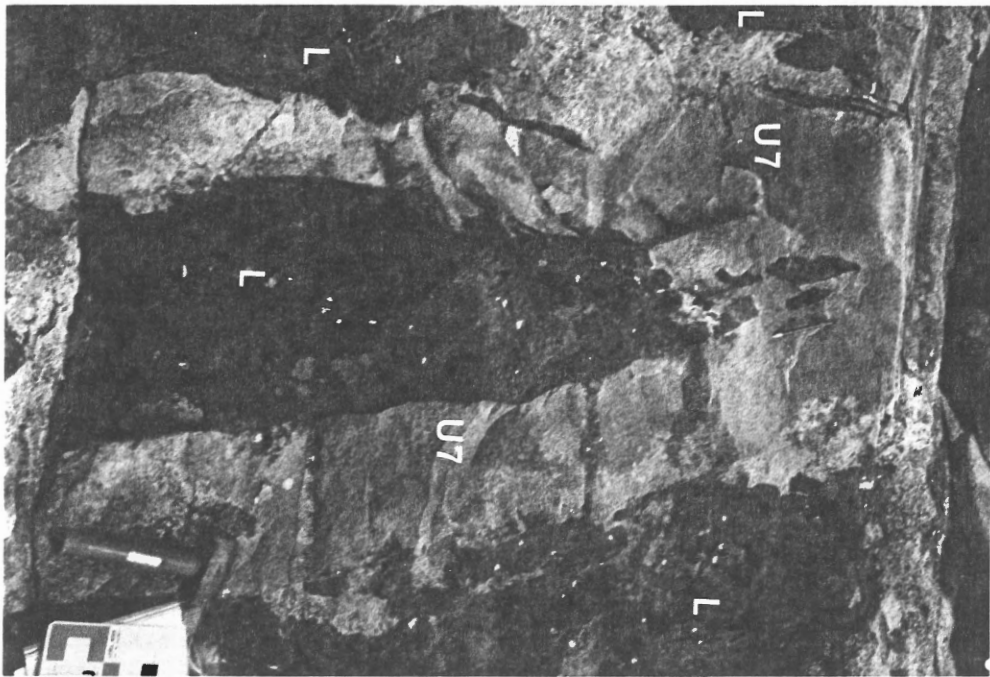


Photo 2-24: MacLeods Cove Lamprophyre (L), disseminated in a late-phase fine-grained biotite-muscovite Unit 7 dyke (U7).

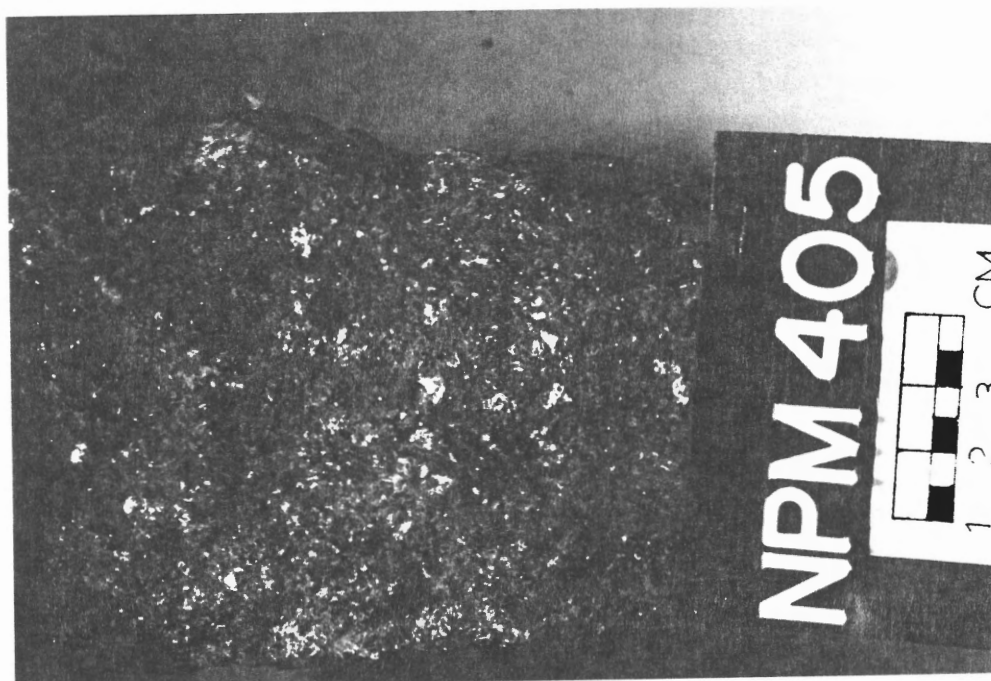


Photo 2-25: Unit 5A, Shoshonitic lamprophyre located at Forbes Point. This is a phlogopite-amphibole-rich zone.

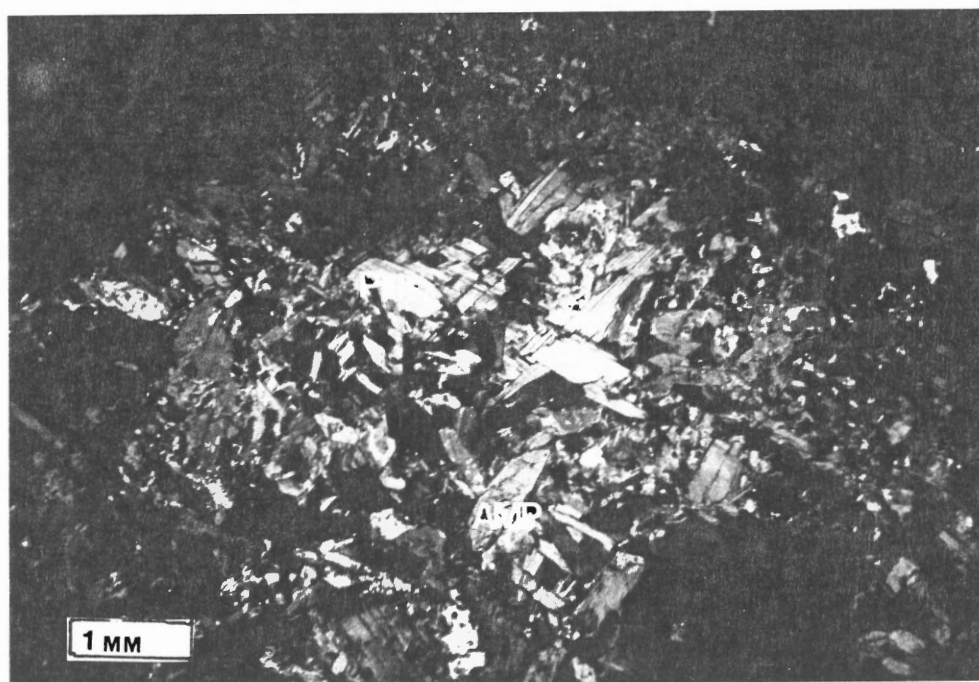


Photo 26: Thin section of NPM405. Unit 5A, shoshonitic lamprophyre located at Forbes Point. It has panidiomorphic texture with interlocking grains of euhedral phlogopite and actinolite in a matrix of phlogopite, actinolite, plagioclase, opaque minerals and apatite. XNL



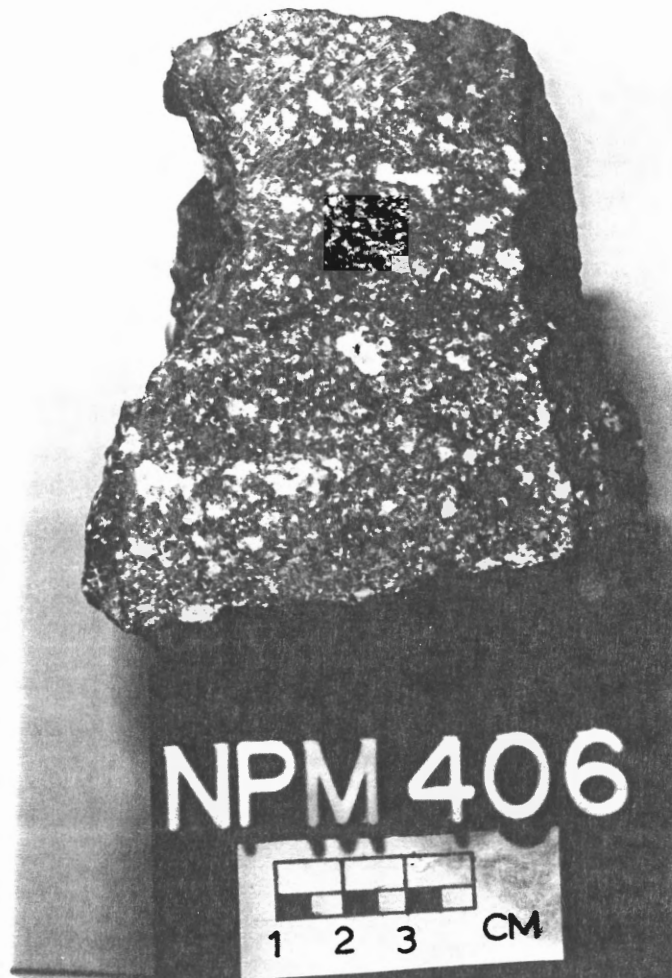


Photo 2-27: Unit 5A. Plagioclase porphyritic zone of the Forbes Point lamprophyre (plagioclase, amphibole-rich zone). This zone of the dyke is represented as large lenses in the main dyke.

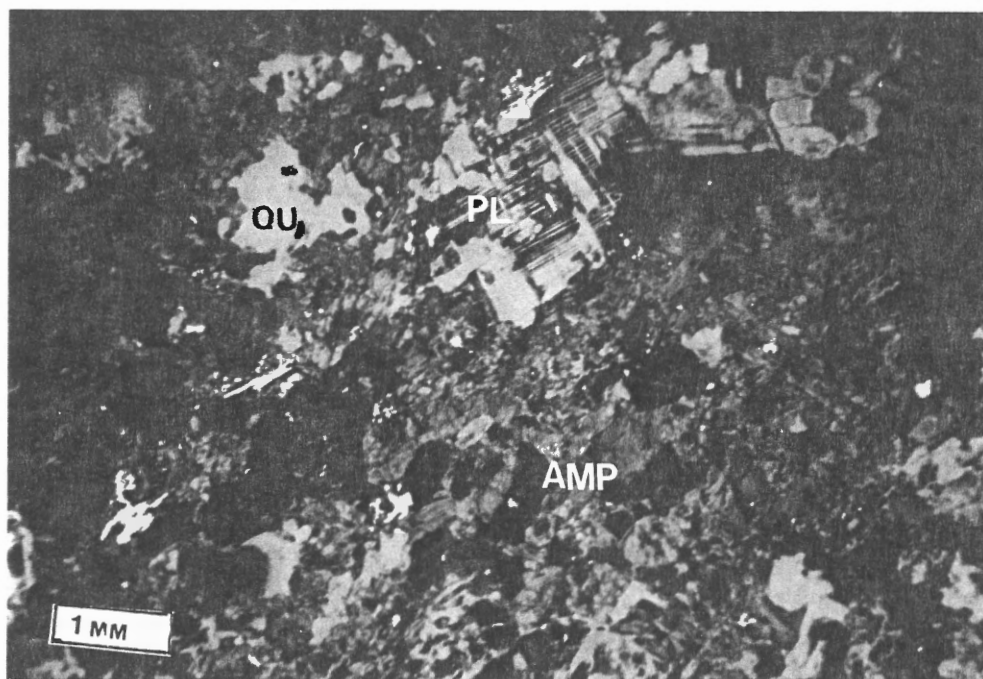


Photo 2-28: Unit 5A, Forbes Point. Thin-section of NPM406. This is the alkaline lamprophyre zone within the main dyke. Note the abundance of amphibole and the minor phlogopite alteration of the amphibole. The felsic minerals are calcic plagioclase and the needle shaped colourless minerals are apatites. PPL

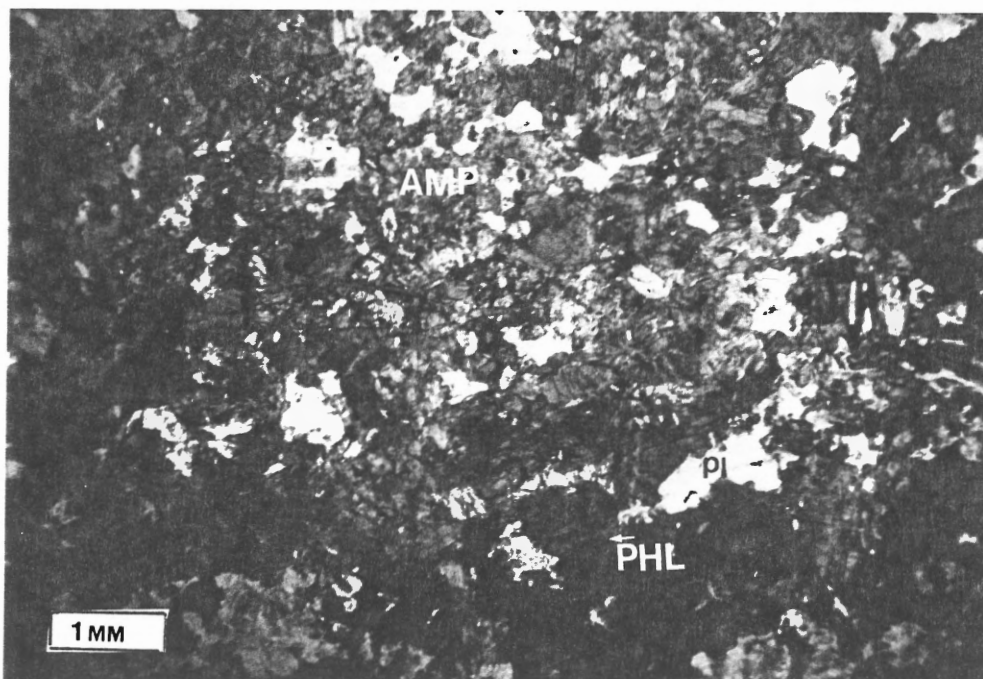


Photo 2-29: Unit 5A, Forbes Point. Thin section of NPM406. Plagioclase phenocrysts in a matrix of actinolitic hornblende, quartz, apatite, sphene, and opaques (there is minor phlogopite alteration of amphibole). XNL



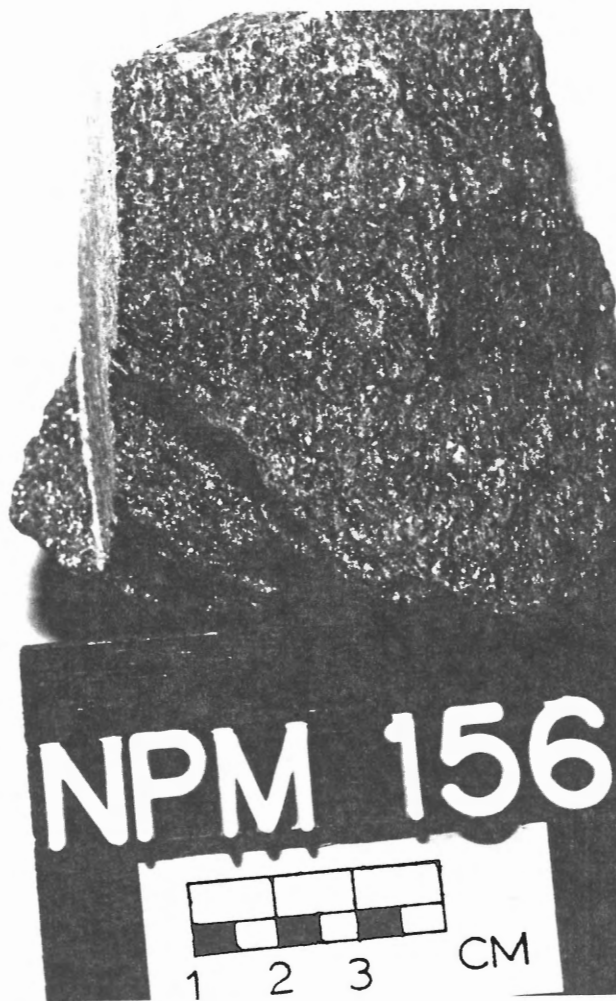


Photo 2-30: Unit 5A, MacLeods Cove, a shoshonitic lamprophyre. Note the fine-grained texture compared with the Forbes Point dyke and the distinct foliation. Note NPM156=NPM485

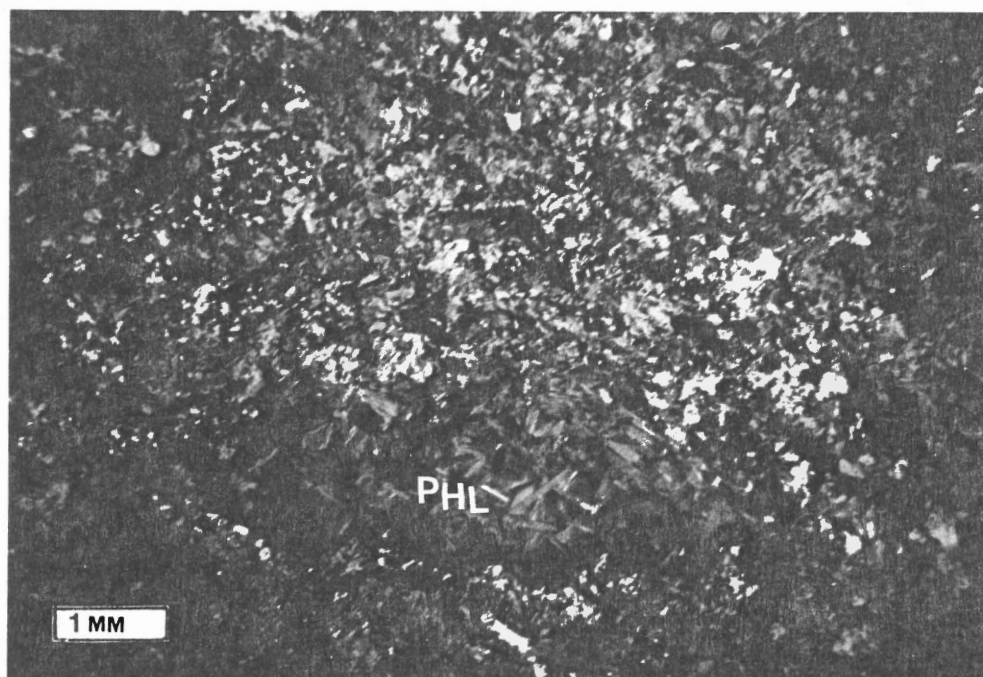


Photo 2-31: Unit 5A, MacLeods Cove lamprophyre. Thin-section of NPM485. Matrix= plagioclase, phlogopite, actinolite, sphene, apatite, and opaque minerals. Note the large cluster of phlogopite. PPL

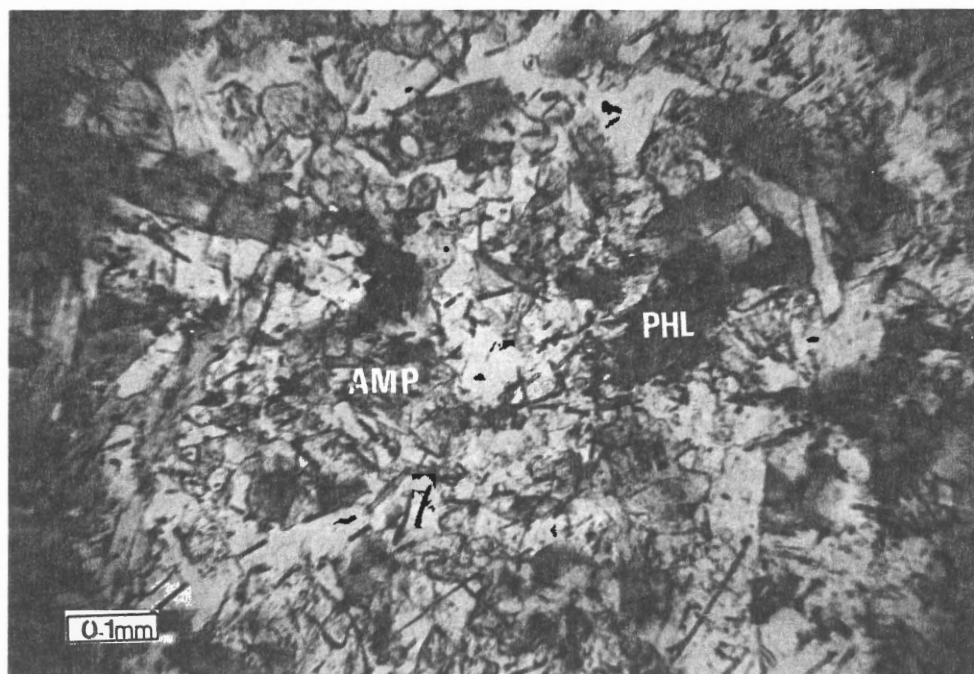


Photo 2-32: Unit 5A, MacLeods Cove lamprophyre. Thin section of NPM485. Note the needle-like apatite grains, the anhedral phlogopite and anhedral amphiboles (high relief, no colour in this photo). PPL

24). Although Unit 5A consists of only two dykes its clear intermediate relationship to the other units justify its being designated as a unit.

At Forbes Point a vertical dyke has intruded tonalite and monzogranite of Units 1 and 4. The dyke narrows from 6 m across at the base of the outcrop to 2 m at the top and contains three distinct units. The interior is a coarse-grained panidiomorphic phlogopite and actinolite-rich zone with subordinate sphene, apatite, plagioclase and opaque minerals (Photos 2-25, 2-26). A second zone occurs as lenses from 10 cm to 20 cm long and is particularly abundant near the margins of the dyke. The lenses are composed of a fine-grained, green, actinolitic hornblende matrix, with rare phlogopitic alteration, and contain approximately 20% plagioclase phenocrysts and subordinate quartz, apatite, sphene and opaque minerals defining a hypidiomorphic granular, plagioclase porphyritic texture (Photos 2-27, 2-28). The plagioclase phenocrysts range in size from 1 to 5 mm and are commonly zoned with dark brown to beige altered interiors (Photo 2-29). The third zone in the dyke is a coarse-grained mass of amphibole, plagioclase, and biotite that defines a 3 to 4 cm wide zone at the contact between the lamprophyre and the granite. In it, elongate amphibole crystals are aligned perpendicular to the contact.

A 1.5 m rounded xenolith of fine grained biotite-rich quartzofeldspathic rock is included in the dyke.

The second mafic dyke is located at MacLeods Cove. This dyke is similar in composition to the main zone of the Forbes Point lamprophyre dyke but is more homogeneous and has been altered by

subsequent plutonic activity. The rock is fine-grained greenish grey, and contains phlogopite, green actinolite, plagioclase, sphene, apatite and quartz in a hypidiomorphic granular texture with scattered clusters of phlogopite (Photos 2-30, 2-31 and 2-32). Its dark green colour distinguishes it from the black pelitic layers of the Meguma Group country rocks. A marginal zone of aligned platy minerals, and the lack of euhedral grains (compared with the Forbes Point dyke) are the results of recrystallization during alteration.

The dyke is tabular, about 8 to 10 m long and at least 2 m wide. Its contact with the fine-grained, biotite-muscovite, mafic breccia of Unit 5B is sharp. No distinct contact aureole is associated with the dyke and it is unclear whether the dyke is a very large inclusion in the breccia (Unit 5B) or cuts across the breccia. Late stage, fine-grained tonalite to granodiorite dykes of Unit 7 (form 5) cut the dyke, and these in turn have been cut by pegmatites of Unit 9. The dyke has been fragmented into 2 to 5 m long blocks by the late phase dyking. Locally, fragments of the lamprophyre are found in Unit 7 dykes (e.g. Photo 2-24).

The actinolite-rich zone of the Forbes Point dyke is an alkaline lamprophyre and all other zones are shoshonitic lamprophyres (Rock 1977).

#### Unit 5B, tonalite breccia

A fine-grained, melanocratic, biotite-muscovite tonalite breccia dyke (Unit 5B, Fig. 2-9) is exposed at the southern contact of the pluton at MacLeod Cove (St. Catherines River Bay) (Photo 2-33). It is

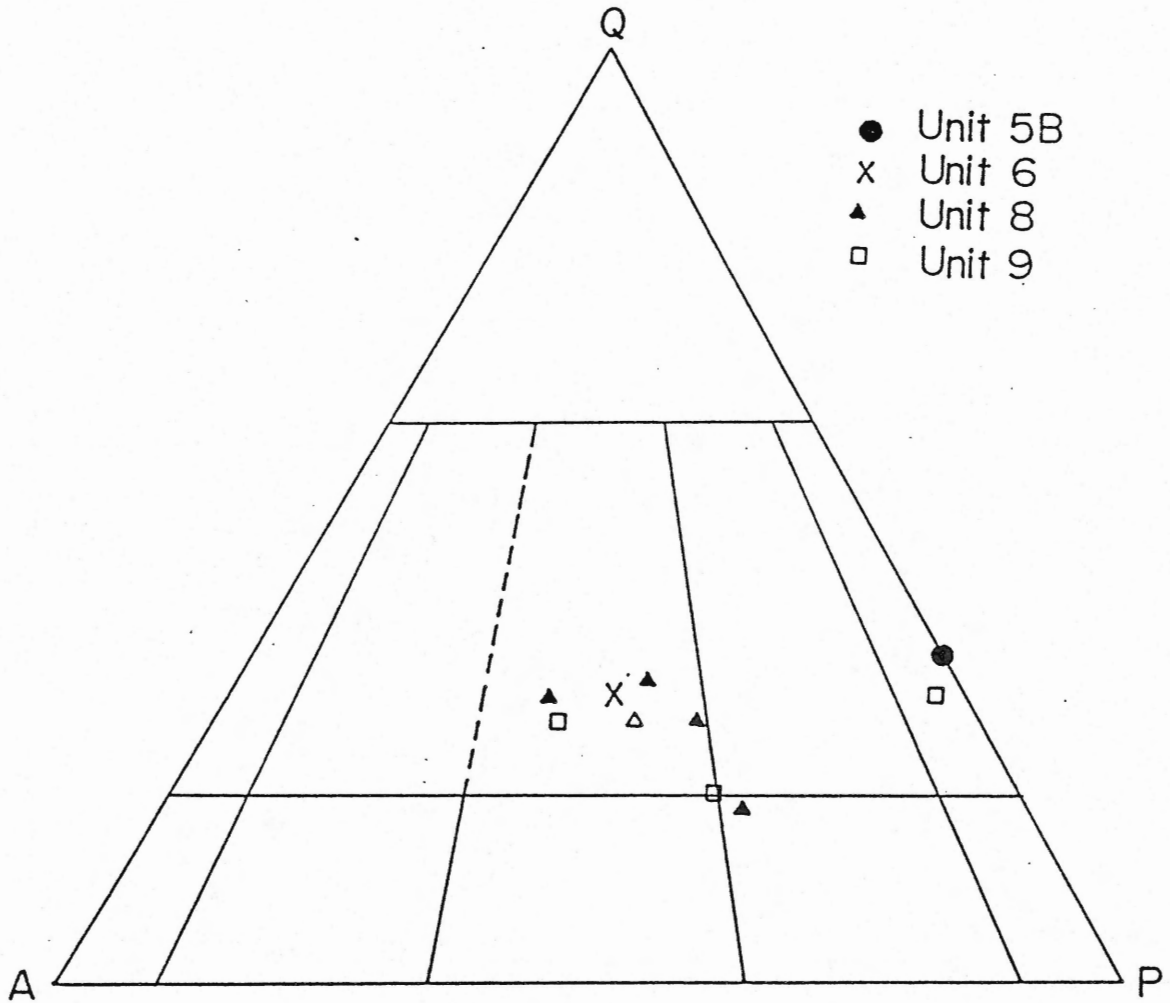


Figure 2-9: Ternary quartz-alkali feldspar-plagioclase diagram of modal analyses of 10 samples of Units 5B, 6, 8 and 9.

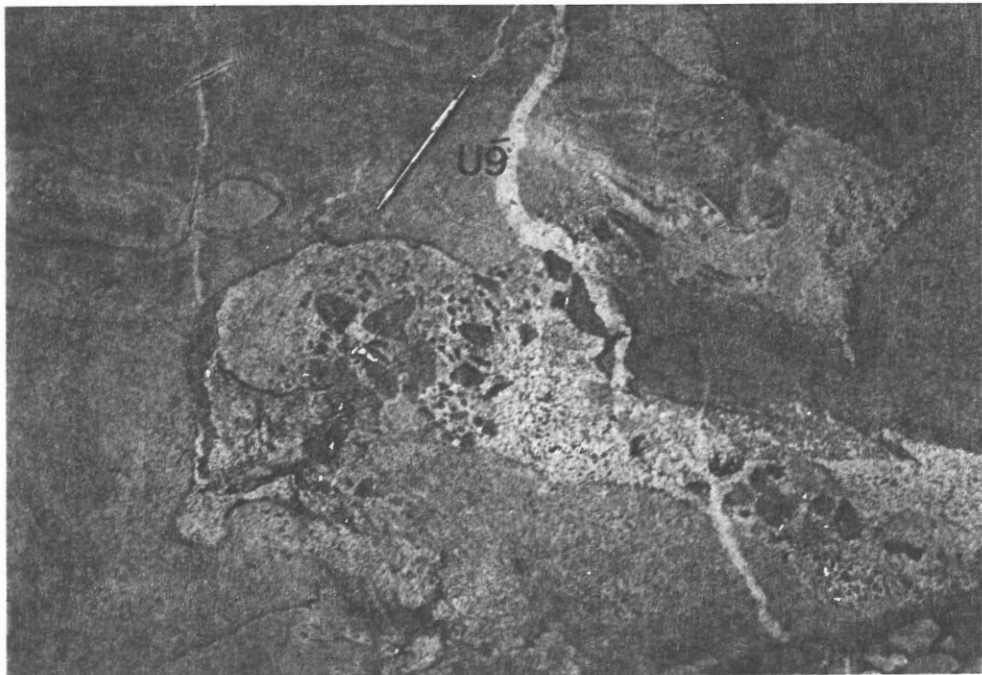


Photo 2-33: Contact relationship between the Unit 5B breccia and the Meguma Group country rock. Note the small angular inclusions within the meandering dyke. A late-stage aplite dyke (Unit 9) cuts the breccia dyke (trending from top to bottom of photograph).

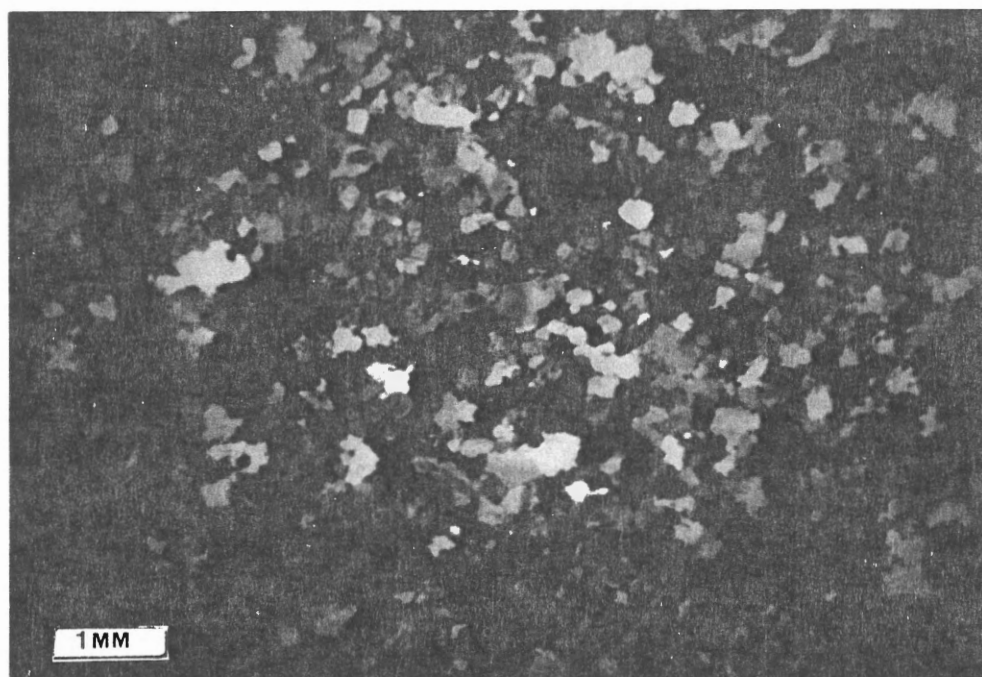


Photo 2-34: Unit 5B. Matrix of fine-grained biotite tonalite breccia. XNL. Thin-section NPM486.

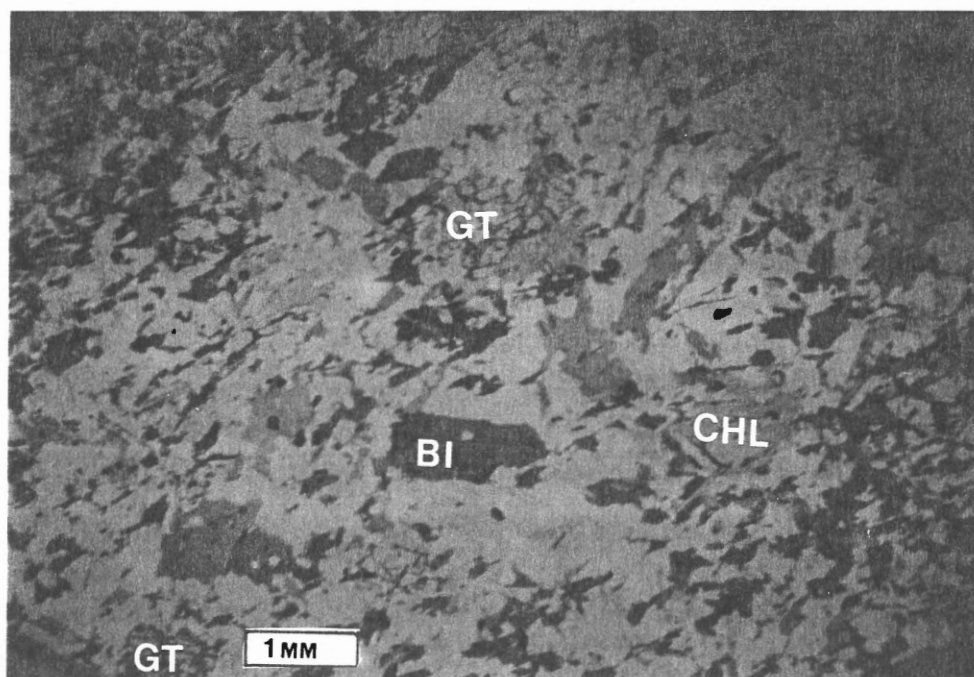


Photo 2-35: Typical clast in the fine-grained biotite tonalite breccia of Unit 5B (NPM486). Note the anhedral garnets and the chloritized biotite. PPL



distinguished by a large inclusion to matrix ratio (1:1), the composition and angularity of the inclusions, by its fine-grained, mafic composition, and its cross-cutting relationships. The breccia contains up to 50% angular to subangular inclusions and lenses of milky quartz grains, country rock, and tonalite to granodiorite, ranging in size from 5 to 50 cm. The matrix is hypidiomorphic-granular and consists of plagioclase (46%), quartz (23%), biotite (26%), muscovite (4%) and accessory amounts of apatite, zircon and garnet (probably xenocrysts) (Photo 2-34). Chloritization of the biotite is common in the metasedimentary clasts (Photo 2-35).

The breccia dyke was intruded along the contact between Unit 1 and the country rock as a meandering dyke of variable width. It contains xenoliths of Unit 1 as is cut by 0.3 to 4 m wide dykes of fine-grained, biotite tonalite (Unit 7), 5 to 10 cm wide dykes of fine-grained, leucocratic monzogranite (Unit 8) and pegmatites and aplites (Unit 9).

The contact between Units 1 and 5B is sharp, but its relationship to Unit 5A, also occurring in the outcrop, is unclear.

#### Unit 6, leucocratic dykes

Unit 6 includes fine-grained aplite dykes (some with garnet), medium-grained leucomonzogranite dykes and associated pegmatite dykes (Fig. 2-9). The leucomonzogranite dykes are commonly compositionally banded (Photo 2-36) and typically display a hypidiomorphic granular texture and contain quartz (17-29%), plagioclase (30-52%), microcline



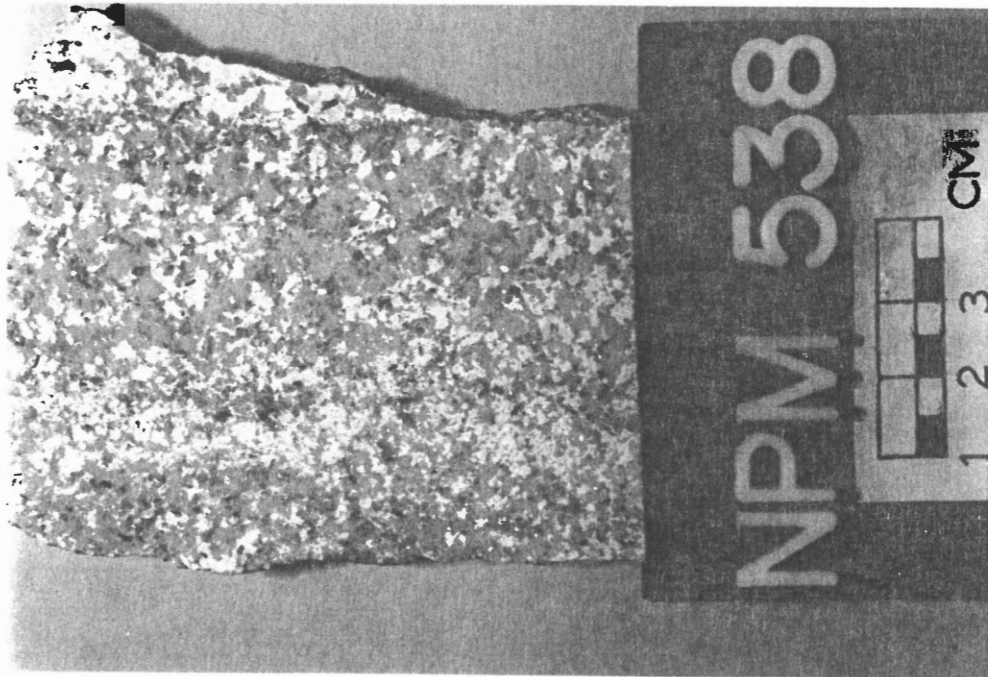


Photo 2-36: Stained hand specimen of banded leucomonzogranite of Unit 6 from eastern shore of Port Joli Harbour. Note the distinct alkali-feldspar-rich bands and plagioclase-rich bands.

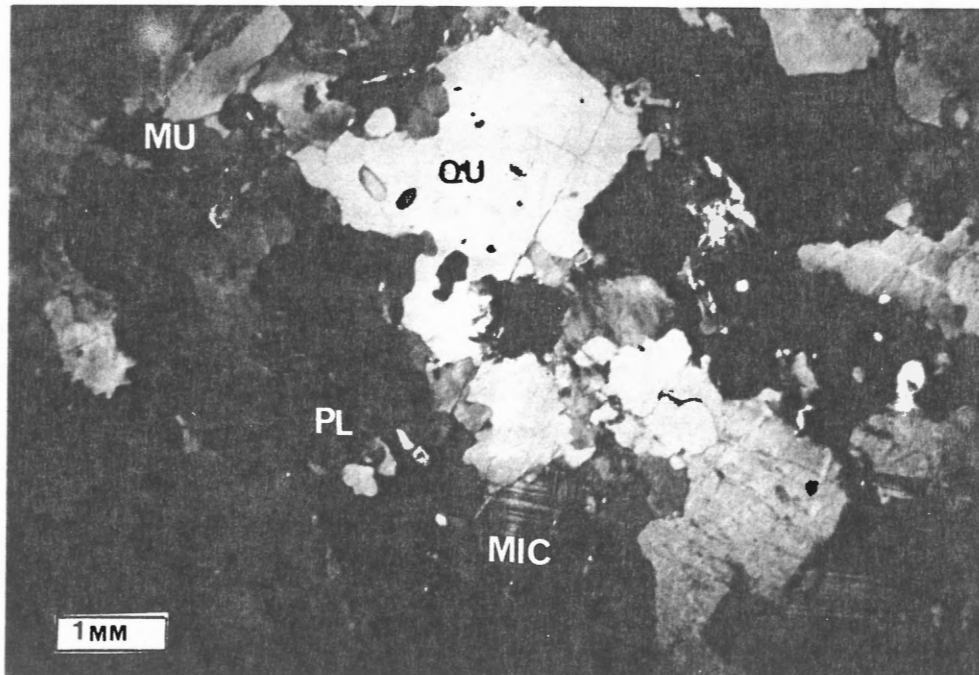


Photo 2-37: Unit 6, leucomonzogranite. Thin-section of NPM538. Note the well-developed microcline grains and minor quartz subgrains (mortar texture).

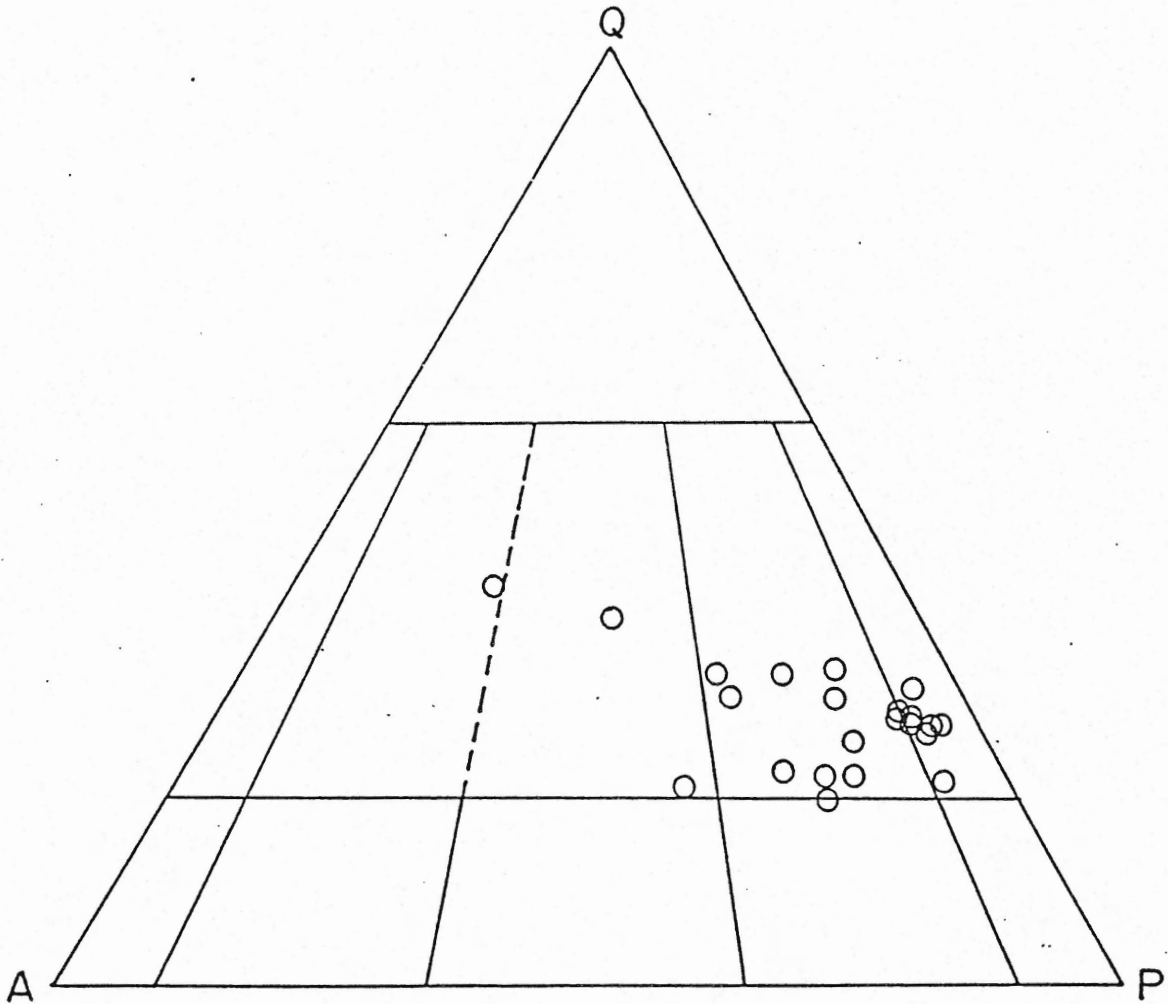


Figure 2-10: Ternary quartz-alkali feldspar-plagioclase diagram of modal analyses of 25 samples of Unit 7.

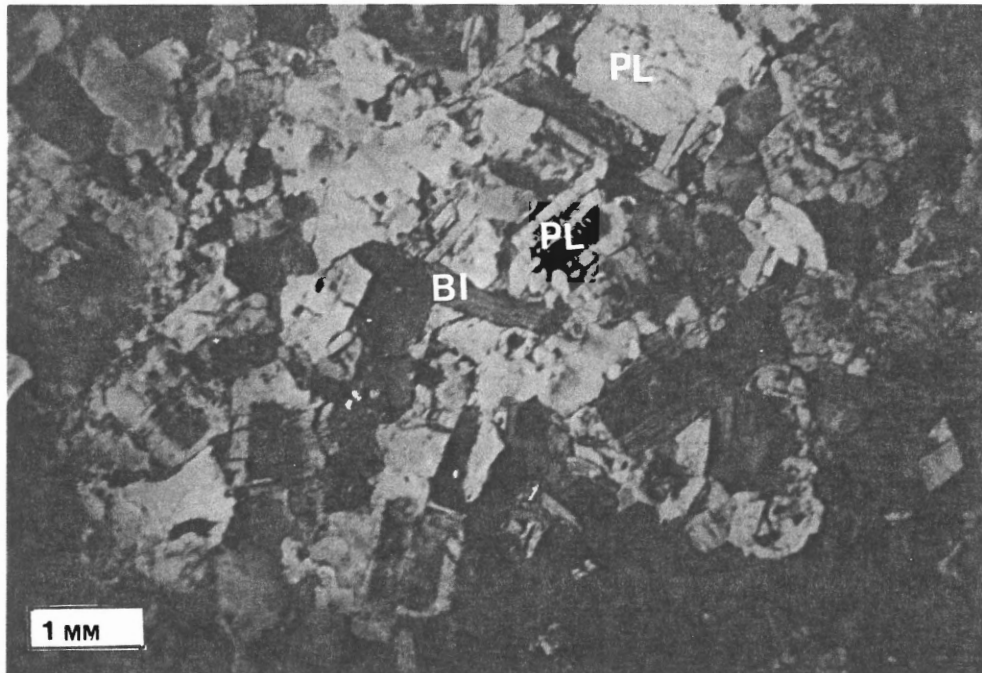


Photo 2-38: Stained hand specimen of Unit 7, from north of Port Mouton Head. Fine-grained biotite, muscovite tonalite (thin section of NPM560). Note the lath-like shape of the well-zoned plagioclase, and subhedral biotite.

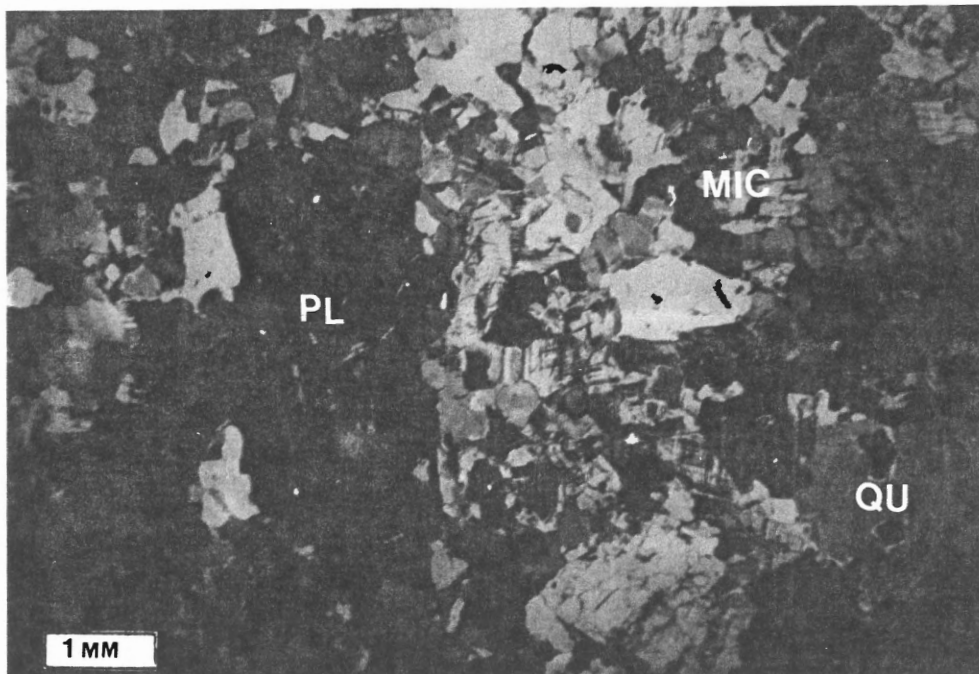


Photo 2-39: Medium-grained porphyritic granodiorite (Unit 7) (NPM539). Mineralogy includes biotite, muscovite, plagioclase, microcline, quartz, and accessory minerals of apatite and zircon. Note the large plagioclase phenocryst. XNL

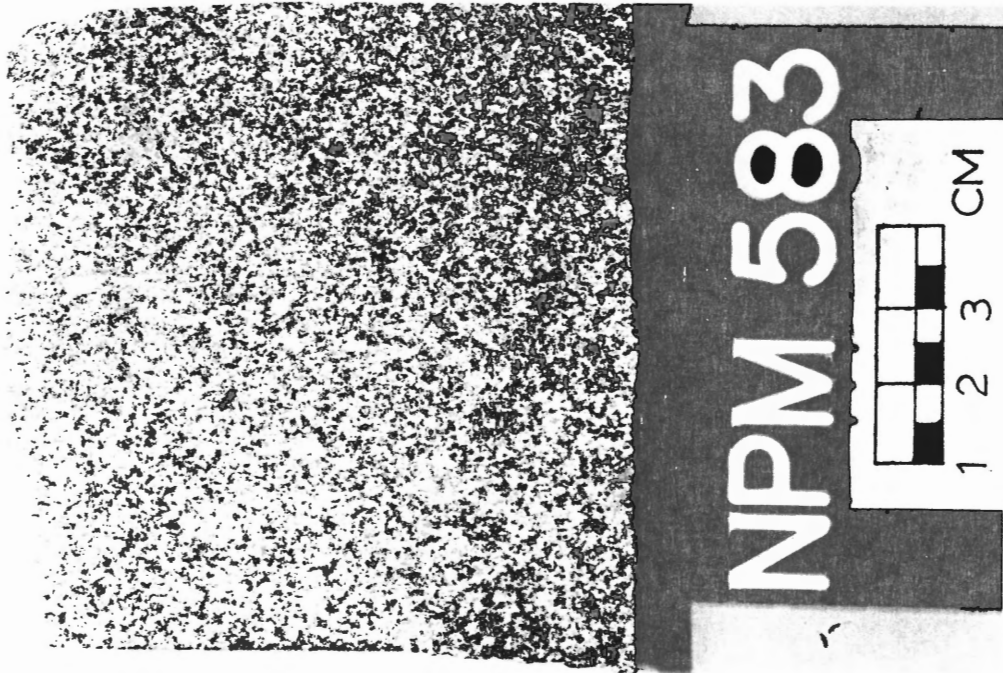


Photo 2-40: Stained hand specimen of Unit 7 from near the Meguma contact along Cadden Bay. Fine-grained biotite, muscovite tonalite (NPM583) with minor small phenocrysts of plagioclase.

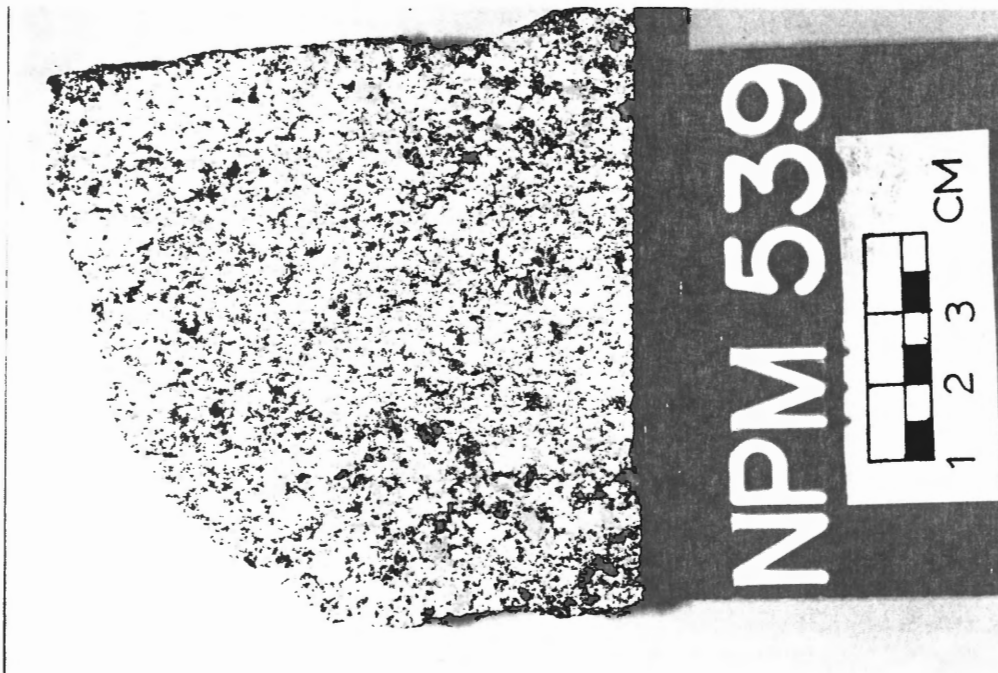


Photo 2-41: Unit 7, specimen from the eastern shore of Port Joli Harbour. Fine-grained subporphyritic, biotite-muscovite granodiorite.

and minor perthite (30-37%), biotite (up to 6%), muscovite (2-4%), and accessory zircon and subhedral to anhedral, commonly chloritized, garnet (Photo 2-37). This unit, which makes up less than 1% of the pluton, is similar in composition to Units 8 and 9 and is distinguished from them by being cut by Unit 7.

#### Unit 7, fine-grained tonalite to granodiorite

Unit 7, which comprises 5-10% of the pluton, ranges from mesocratic to melanocratic, and from biotite-muscovite tonalite, to granodiorite, and rarely to monzogranite (Fig. 2-10). This wide compositional variation may indicate a number of units are included in the unit, but because of its systematically similar spatial relationship to well-documented older and younger units it is considered as a single unit. It is mainly a fine-grained, hypidiomorphic granular rock, although medium-grained and plagioclase porphyritic varieties exist. It consists of plagioclase (18-62%), alkali feldspar (up to 44%), quartz (15-37%), biotite (6-27%), muscovite (up to 8%), and accessory apatite and zircon (Photos 2-38, 2-39, 2-40, and 2-41). It can be identified in the field by its grain size and texture (it is generally finer grained than Units 1 and 4), its greater biotite content, its crosscutting relationship with Units 4, 5A, 5B, and 9, and by the abundance of inclusions of country rocks, fine-grained, biotite-rich xenoliths, and granitoid xenoliths, which comprise up to 25% of the unit.

At least five morphological subdivisions of Unit 7 can be described:





Photo 2-42: Fine-grained melanocratic dykes of Type 1 Unit 7 (see text) are cutting a wide pegmatite dyke of Unit 6 and monzogranites of Unit 4.

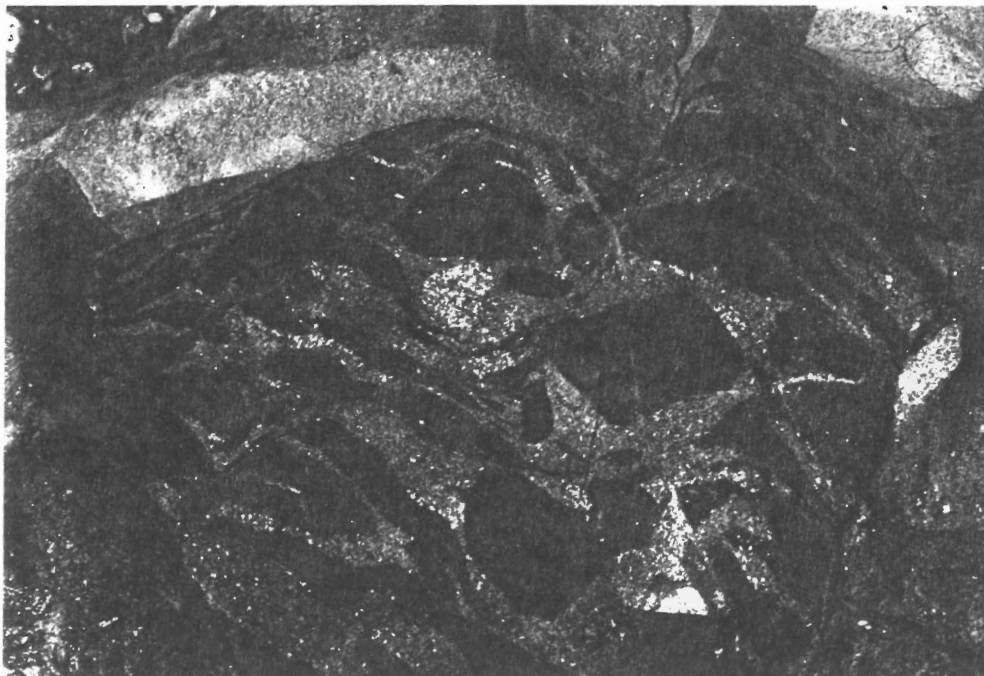


Photo 2-43: Fine-grained melanocratic dykes of Type 2, Unit 7 (see text). Fine-grained, biotite-rich quartzo-feldspathic inclusions (psammite?) are abundant (dyke swarms contain up to 20% rounded inclusions of fine-grained biotite-rich xenoliths).

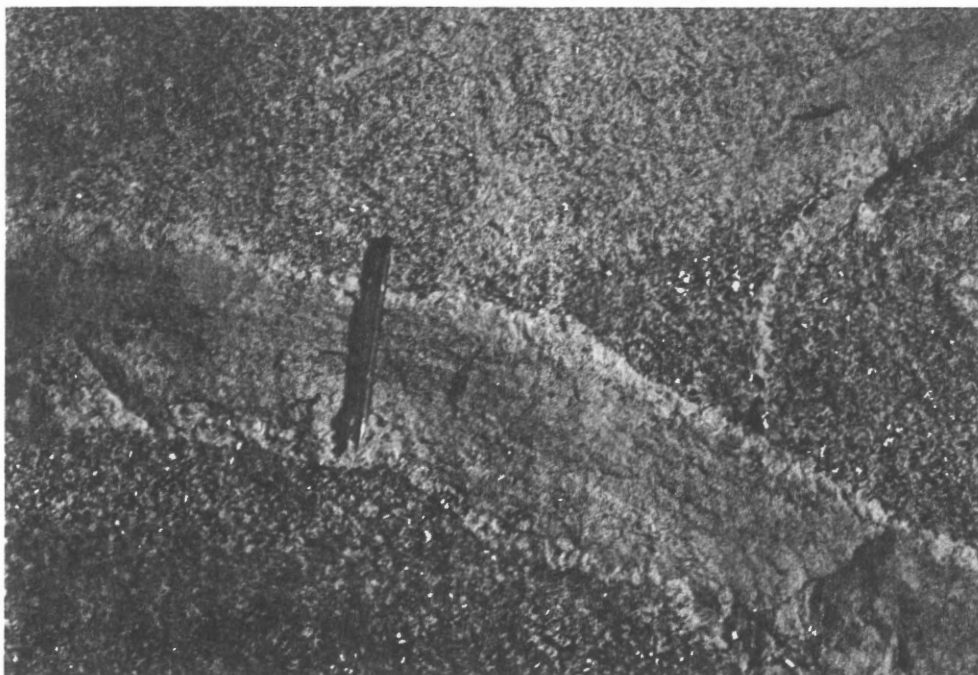


Photo 2-44: Fine-grained mesocratic dyke of Type 3 of Unit 7 (see text). This zone is penecontemporaneous with the 1-2 cm pegmatite margins. The dyke complex cuts Unit 1 and Unit 4 granites.

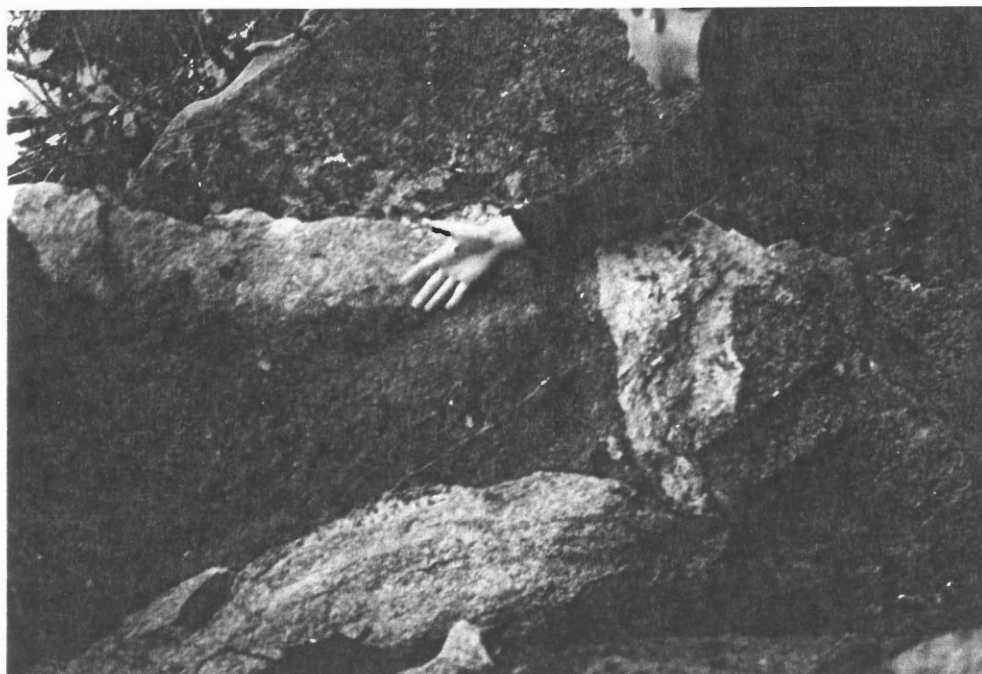


Photo 2-45: Fine-grained melanocratic dyke of Type 4 of Unit 7 (see text). Unit 7 contains 2-5 cm rounded biotite 'clots' (the dykes contain less than 10% rounded biotite 'clots'). Leucomonzogranite dyke of Unit 9 and biotite tonalite of Unit 1 are also exposed in this outcrop.

1) Pods and/or irregular meandering dykes.

Suites of dykes containing fewer than 5% inclusions of metasedimentary lithologies occur on Spectacle Island, at Black Point, Mouton Head, on the eastern shore of Port Mouton Island, and at St. Catherines River Bay (Photo 2-42). This variety of Unit 7 makes up roughly 40% of the Unit.

2) Inclusion-rich dyke swarms.

Swarms of dykes, up to 25 m wide, contain up to 20% rounded inclusions of fine-grained quartzofeldspathic material (probably psammitic country rock), fine-grained biotite-rich material, and less commonly coarse-grained granitoid lithologies (Photo 2-43). The inclusions are rounded and range in size from 10 to 40 cm. This variety of Unit 7 makes up 30% of the unit, and is well exposed at Black Point, Mouton Head.

3) Dykes intimately associated with zoned pegmatites.

Bands of Unit 7 occur within zoned pegmatites of Unit 9, parallel to the margins of the pegmatites. The bands are generally less than one metre wide, and appear to have been emplaced penecontemporaneously with the pegmatites. This variety is minor, comprising less than 10% of Unit 7, but ubiquitous (Photo 2-44). It is distinguished by its fine-grain size, its relatively high proportion of mafic minerals (greater than 10% biotite), and its crosscutting relationships to Units 1 and 4. With the exception of rare leucocratic inclusions of Unit 6, this variety is inclusion-free.

4) Dykes containing biotite clots.

A minor variety of Unit 7, comprising less than 1% of the unit,



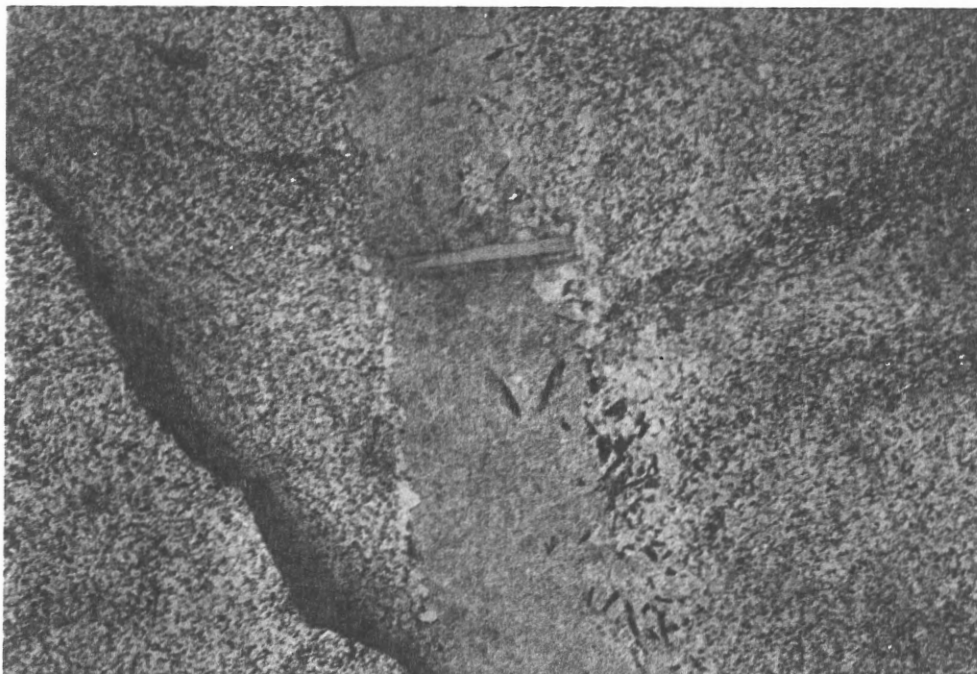


Photo 2-46: Fine-grained melanocratic dyke of Type 5 of Unit 7 (see text). This dyke has a sharp planar contact with the older monzogranite of Unit 4. The black platy minerals abundant at the margins of the Unit 7 dyke are biotite.

outcrops along Port Joli Road and on East Port Mouton Island. It is distinguished by the occurrence of up to 10% of 2-5 cm rounded biotite clots (Photo 2-45). The outcrop along Port Joli Road is less than 5 m wide, although on Port Mouton Island this form of Unit 7 outcrops for almost 1 km.

5) Fine-grained tonalite/granodiorite with 5-20% biotite.

This form, which makes up about 20% of Unit 7, outcrops at Hunts Point, where it occurs as dykes ranging in width from 5-10 cm to 400m. The dykes are planar, distinguishing them from the meandering type described above, and contain fewer than 10% inclusions (Photo 2-46). These appear to have been derived from the country rocks and are rounded or ellipsoidal and range in diameter from 5 to 25 cm. Along St. Catherines River Bay, Unit 7 is locally porphyritic at the margins of the dykes, particularly where they are in contact with pegmatites. Feldspar phenocrysts range in diameter from 0.5 to 2 cm.

Unit 8, monzogranite

Unit 8 is a fine- to medium-grained, equigranular, leucocratic, biotite-muscovite monzogranite and comprises less than 10% of the pluton (Fig. 2-9). It consists of quartz (17-29%), plagioclase (30-52%), alkali feldspar (microcline and perthite, 25-37%), biotite (up to 6%), muscovite (2-4%) and accessory zircon and rare anhedral to subhedral garnet (Photo 2-47, 2-48). Often it is intimately associated with the pegmatites and aplites of Unit 9 and is more abundant along the margins of the pluton where dykes of Units 8 and 9 have invaded the country rocks. Dykes of Unit 8 are typically homoge-



Photo 2-47: Stained hand specimen of Unit 8, fine-grained leucomonzogranite from the eastern shore of Port Joli Harbour. Mineralogy includes plagioclase, microcline, quartz, biotite and muscovite with accessory apatite.

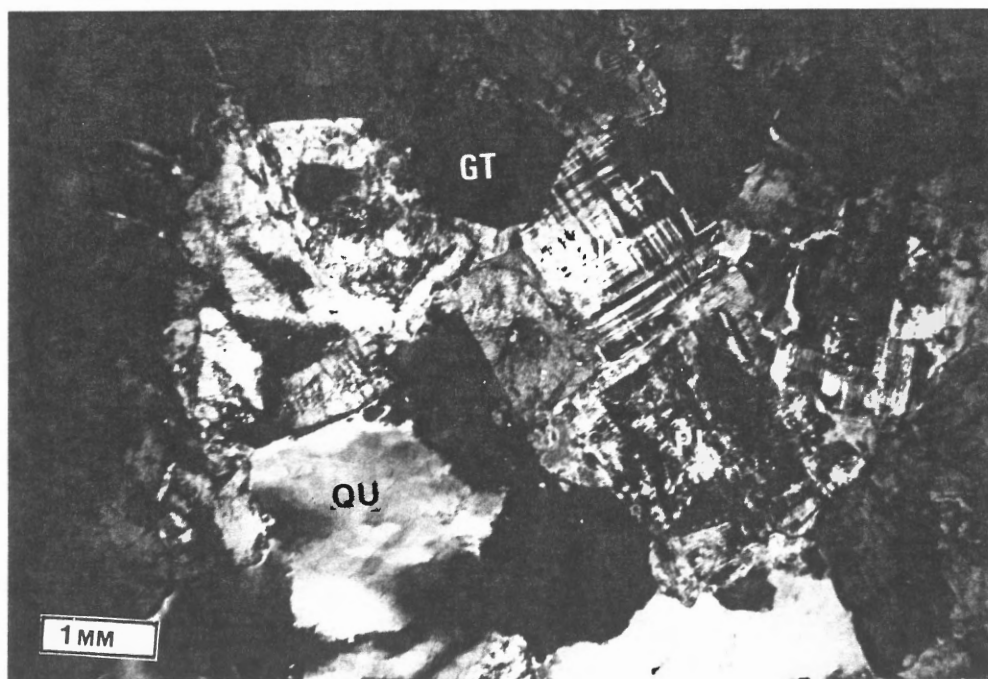


Photo 2-48: Unit 8, medium-grained hypidiomorphic granular leucomonzogranite (NPM8A). Note the euhedral garnets and the well developed microcline grains. XNL



Photo 2-49: Unit 8 medium-grained leucomonzogranite interbanded with aplites and pegmatites of Unit 9

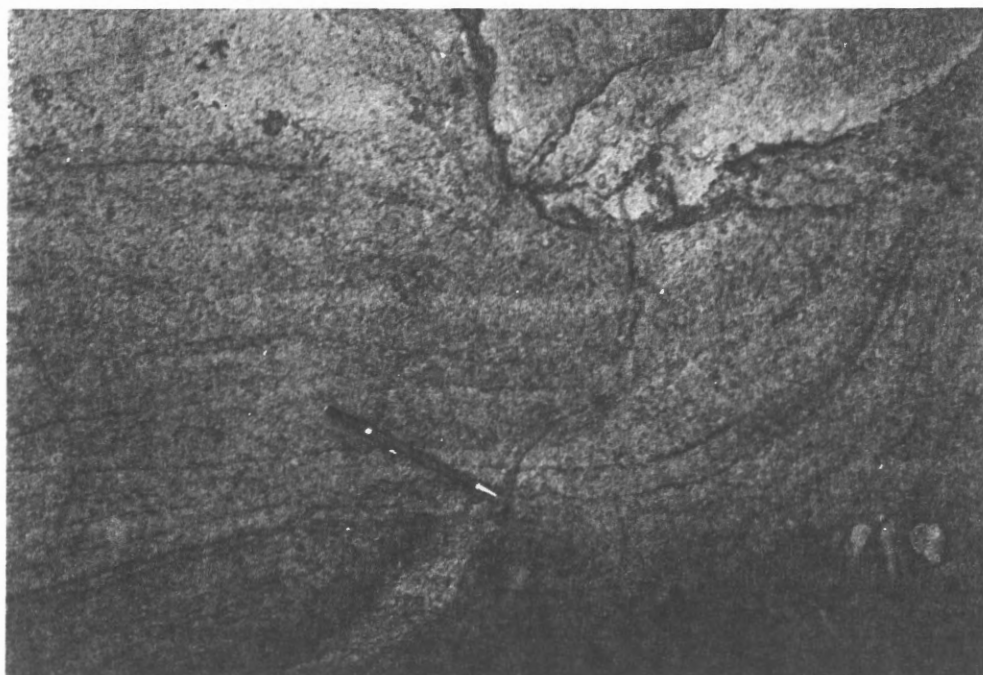


Photo 2-50: Banded Unit 8 (leucomonzogranite) dykes.

neous, and cut older pegmatites, or are interbanded with zoned pegmatites of Unit 9 (Photo 2-49). In places, however, Unit 8 is distinctly banded with the more melanocratic bands enriched in biotite (Photo 2-50). A typical dyke complex of Unit 9 contains a 1 m wide margin of banded Unit 8, a 50 cm band of garnet-rich aplite, and a core of coarse-grained pegmatite (Unit 9). Unit 8 commonly contains garnets where it is associated with pegmatite.

Unit 9, pegmatite and aplite.

Unit 9 is the youngest intrusive phase of the Port Mouton Pluton. It includes fine-grained aplite, commonly rich in garnet and pegmatites of variable grain size. Unit 9 makes up approximately 20-25% of the pluton (Fig. 2-9). The aplite consists of quartz (18-27%), plagioclase (31-59%), microcline (3-36%), muscovite (3-10%), biotite (1-5%) and accessory subhedral garnet (Photos 2-51, 2-52). Pegmatite dykes are abundant throughout the pluton and are particularly concentrated at the contact with the country rocks. Unit 9 is commonly associated with Units 7 and 8; the three units often forming zoned pegmatite complexes attaining widths of over 7 m, and tens of metres in length. Dykes of fine-grained aplite (with or without garnet) and/or pegmatite of Unit 9 extend into the country rock for many hundreds of metres. The contacts between Unit 9 and the granitoid units that it has intruded are typically sharp. The pegmatites contain quartz (< 1 cm to 1.5 m long), perthitic feldspar, plagioclase, graphic feldspar, and muscovite. Accessory minerals include biotite, tourmaline, garnet, fluorapatite, beryl (Photo 2-

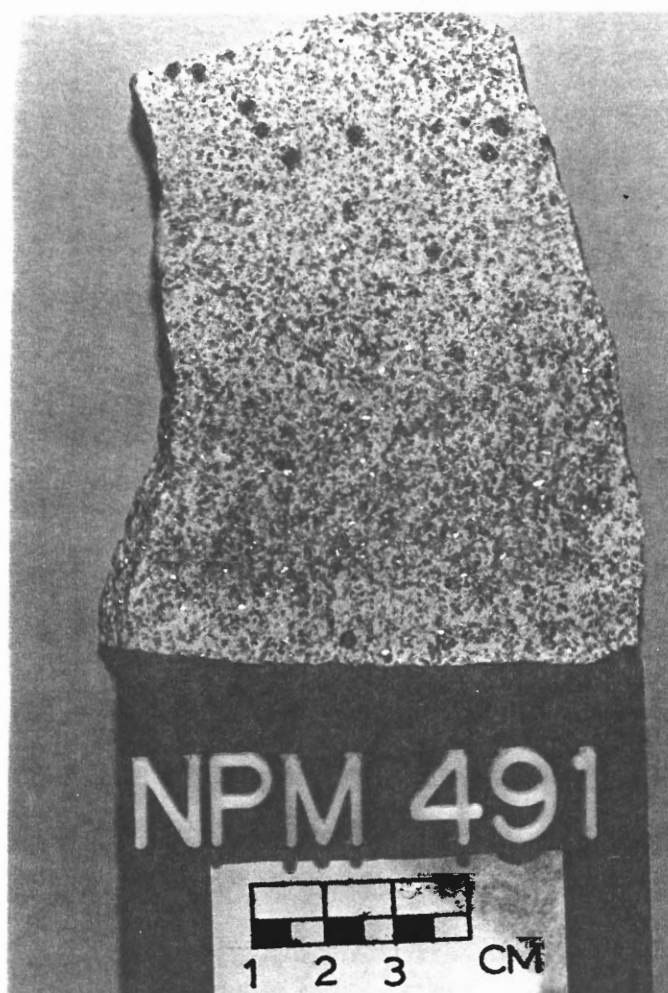


Photo 2-51: Unit 9, garnet-rich aplite from a large dyke in the Meguma Group at Sandy Cove. Note the mineralogical zonation in the sample. The bottom zone is enriched in potassic feldspar, quartz, and muscovite relative to the plagioclase-rich upper zone.



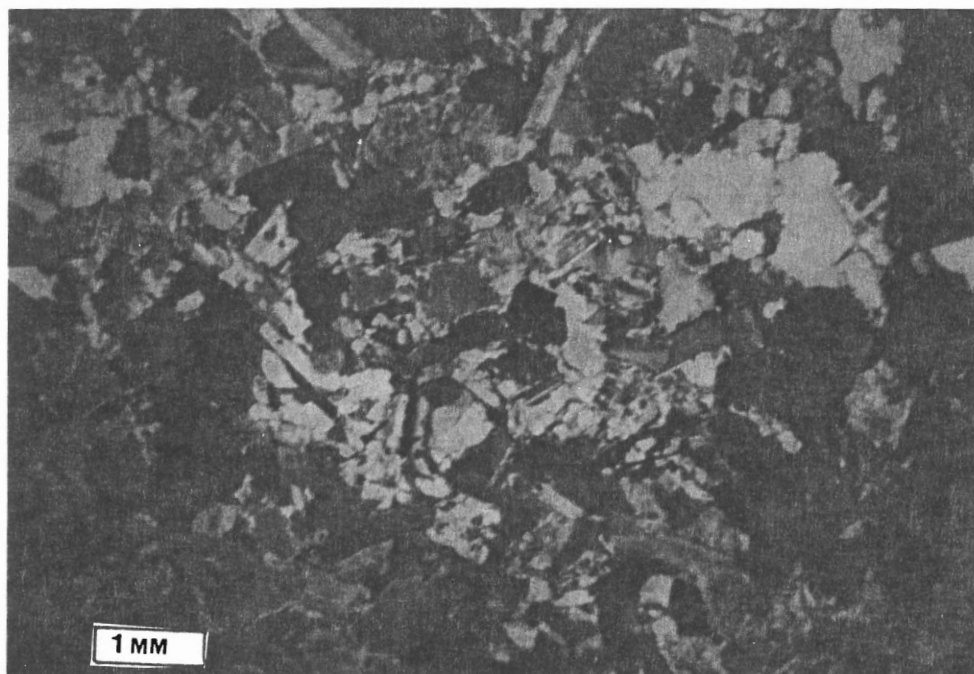


Photo 2-52: Unit 9 aplite. Thin section of NPM491. Note the subgrain development surrounding the quartz and the abundance of muscovite (secondary?). XNL.

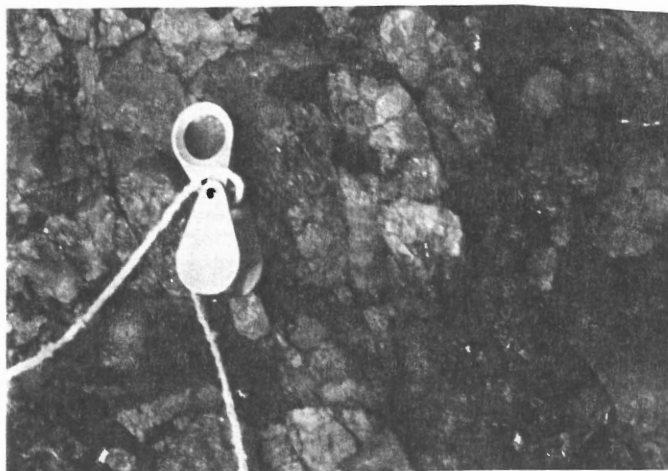


Photo 2-53: A euhedral crystal of light green beryl in quartz in a coarse-grained pegmatite (Unit 9).

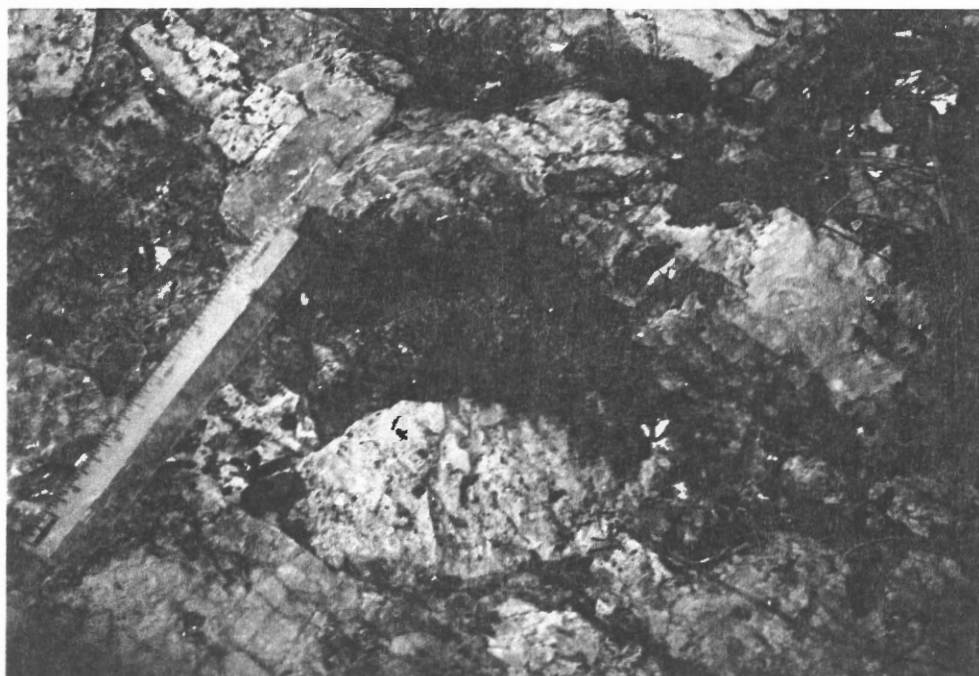


Photo 2-54: Garnet (12 cm diameter) with quartz inclusions, in a coarse-grained pegmatite (Unit 9).



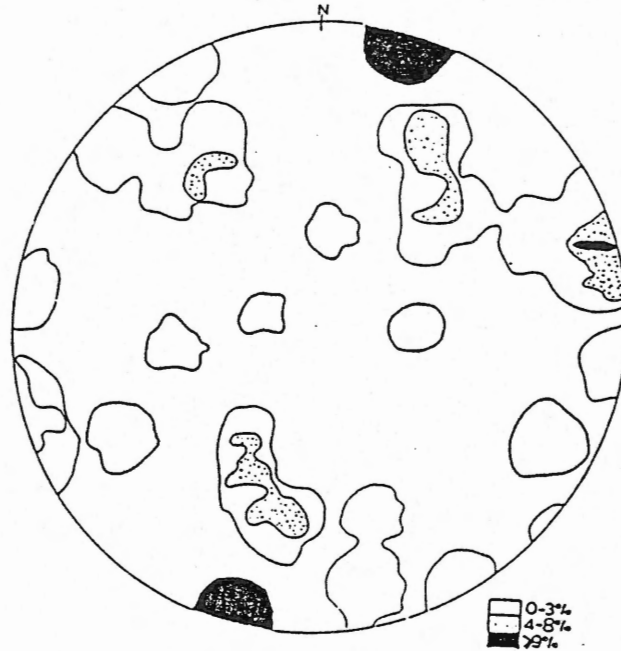


Figure 2-11: Aplite dykes. Schmidt stereographic projections- plot of poles to planes. Contours represent the percentage of 31 points in a 1% area of the hemisphere.

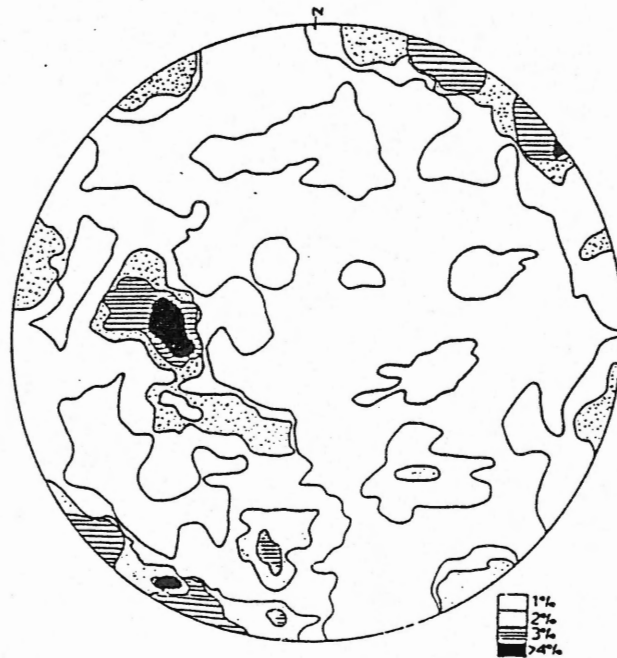


Figure 2-12: Pegmatite dykes less than one meter in width. Schmidt Stereographic Projection -plot of poles to planes. Contours represent percentages of 256 points in a 1% area of the hemisphere.

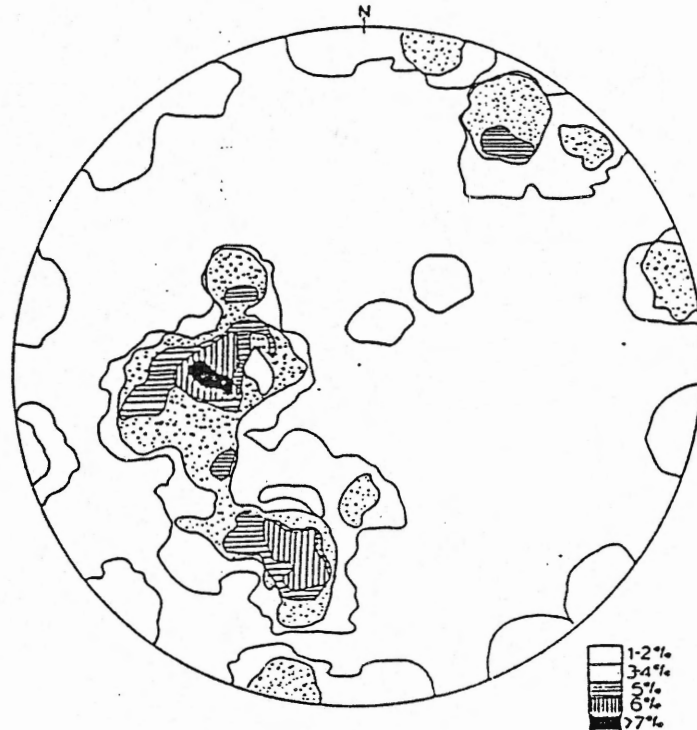


Figure 2-13: Pegmatites greater than one meter in width. Schmidt Stereographic Projections- plot of poles to planes. Contours represent percentage of 53 points in a 1% area of the hemisphere.

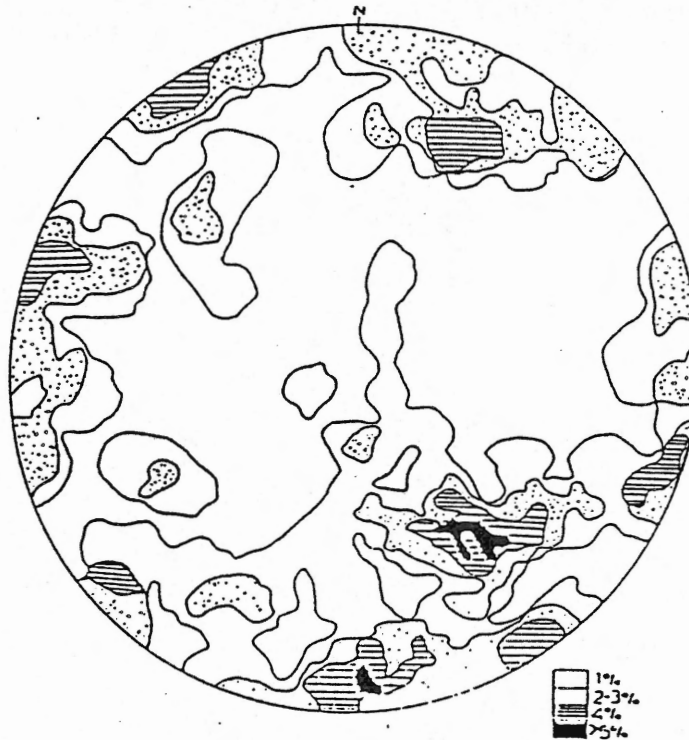


Figure 2-14: Granite veins (Veins of Unit 4, 5, and 8). Schmidt Stereographic Projection- plot of poles to planes. Contours represent percentage of 67 points in a 1% area of hemisphere.

dipping dykes. Similarly, a stereographic projection of the orientations of 183 unfilled joints in granite (Fig. 2-15) shows very few horizontal joints, and a girdle of data points rimming the perimeter of the plot.

### 2-3-2 Shear Zones and Shear Planes

Shear planes and protomylonitic shear zones occur throughout the pluton in isolated 0.3 to 1.5 m wide zones. Evidence for ductile shearing has been observed in thin section and in hand specimen. Quartz grains have been broken into subgrains, quartz and feldspars have been elongated, and some micas are kinked. The shear zones appear to be uniformly distributed throughout the pluton, although north of Haley Lake, along Highway 103, there is a 0.5 km wide zone in which entire granitic outcrops display a sheared fabric, trending  $225^{\circ}/66^{\circ}$ - $75^{\circ}$  to the west.

A plot of 69 poles to shear planes (Fig. 2-16) shows a concentration at  $060^{\circ}/90^{\circ}$ .

### 2-3-3 Summary of Structural Data

The foliation orientations of Units 1 and 4 are distinctly different, with maxima at  $108^{\circ}/60^{\circ}$  SW and  $040^{\circ}/70^{\circ}$  W to  $80^{\circ}$  E, respectively (Figs. 2-3 and 2-8). The foliation of Unit 4 does not appear to be superimposed on that of Unit 1 (Unit 1 has only one foliation and it is defined by the orientation of biotite). The orientation of the foliation of Unit 4 is similar to that of the layering observed sporadically throughout the unit, suggesting a

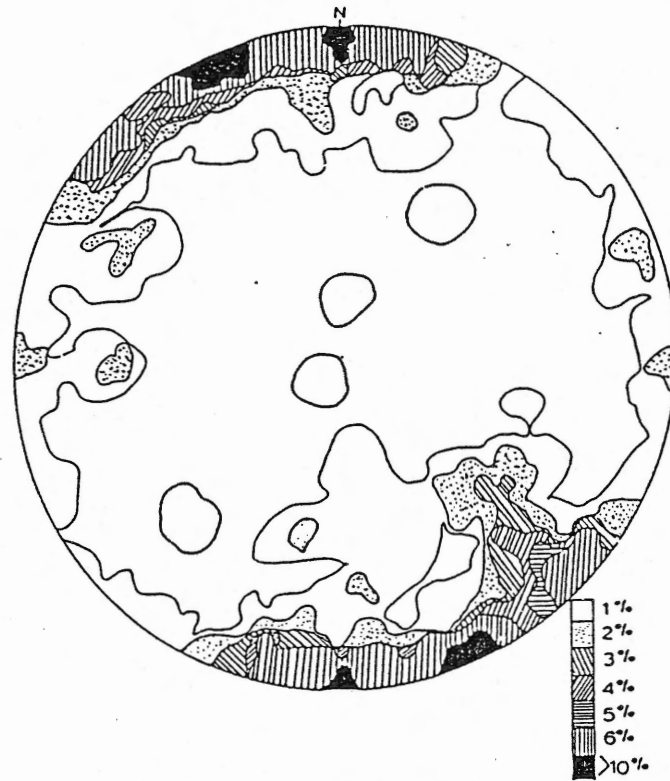


Figure 2-15: Joints in Granite. Schmidt stereographic projection - plot of poles to planes. Contours represent the percentage of 183 points in a 1% area of the hemisphere.

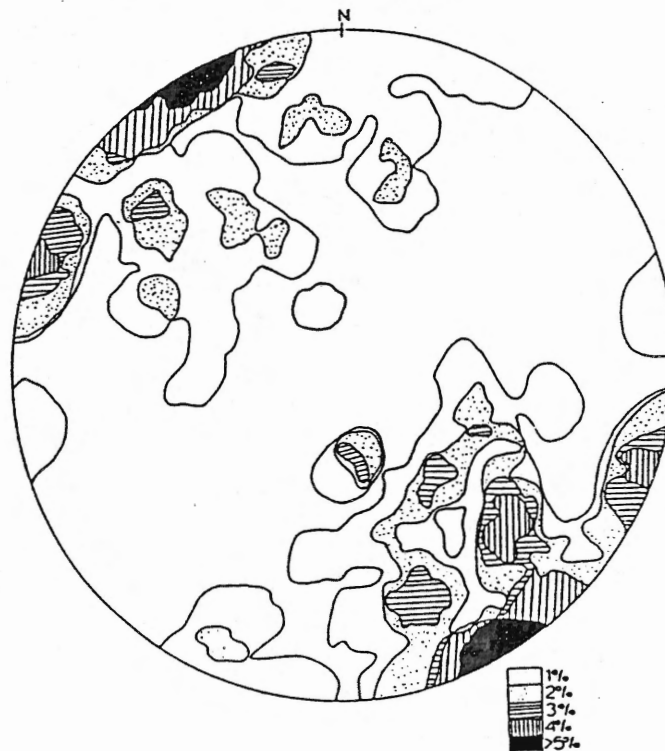


Figure 2-16: Shear Zones and Shear Planes. Schmidt stereographic projections. Contours represent percentage of poles to planes of 69 points in 1% area of the hemisphere.

relationship in their formation. The foliation in Unit 1 may be magmatic in origin, based on the dissimilarity in orientation with the Unit 4 foliation and the regional foliation (see discussion below), and by the lack of ductile deformation.

#### 2-4 Regional Structural Geology in the Meguma Group Metasedimentary Rocks.

In the vicinity of the PMP, the Meguma Group country rock has major F1 folds that range from open to isoclinal, and upright to inclined. The wavelengths range from a few meters to 10 km. "F1 folds vary in orientation from  $010^{\circ}$  to  $045^{\circ}$  and plunge gently ( $1$  to  $16^{\circ}$ ) to the northeast. These folds have an associated axial planar cleavage (S1) that strike between  $012^{\circ}$  and  $052^{\circ}$ , with dips ranging from  $70^{\circ}$  southeast to  $70^{\circ}$  to the northwest" (Hope and Woodend, 1986, p21-22). Hope and Woodend (1986) also noted that the foliations and bedding orientations are deflected by or deflected around, the intrusion of the Port Mouton Pluton in the St. Catherines River Domain. As well, in the Broad River-Western Head Domain at Black Point, the bedding is subparallel to the contact with the pluton, having been deflected  $20^{\circ}$  to  $30^{\circ}$  clockwise towards the east (Fig. 2-4). The PMP has a sillimanite- grade contact aureole (Hope, 1987). This sillimanite zone is concentric around the pluton and ranges in width from 500 m to 1 km. (Hope, 1987). The pluton has overprinted staurolite-cordierite-andalusite zone assemblages with sillimanite zone assemblages (Hope, 1987). The Port Mouton Pluton occurs at the centre of the regional metamorphic culmination, and it therefore

appears that, rather than the pluton being responsible for the metamorphism, the metamorphism and plutonism may both be manifestations of locally increased thermal activity (Hope, 1988). See Hope (1987) for a detailed discussion of the local structure and metamorphism associated with the Meguma Group metasediments surrounding the PMP.

## 2-5 Discussion

The PMP is a complex intrusive body made up of at least 10 distinct units. Figure 2-17 illustrates the observed field relationships characterising each of the 10 units.

The intrusive history of the PMP can be subdivided into a series of three mafic to felsic cycles (Units 1 to 3, 4 to 6, and 7 to 9, respectively) based on field relations. Unit 1 (the mafic end-member of Cycle I) consists of a coarse to medium-grained foliated biotite tonalite and minor granodiorite. Unit 2 (a single trondhjemite dyke) crosscuts Unit 1. Unit 3, the felsic end-member of this first cycle, makes up only 1% of the pluton volumetrically and is a medium to fine-grained biotite-muscovite leucomonzogranite. The mafic end-member of Cycle II is initiated by Unit 4, a medium-grained, biotite-muscovite granodiorite to monzogranite which makes up the largest percentage volumetrically of the pluton at 50%. Unit 4 is crosscut by the mafic lamprophyre dykes and tonalitic breccias of Units 5A and 5B (respectively). These are small dykes making up less than 1% of the pluton volumetrically and are not considered to be mafic end-members in the three defined cycles. The felsic end-members of Cycle II are

the pegmatite, aplite and leucomonzogranites of Unit 6 (making up 1% of the pluton volumetrically). The final cycle (Cycle III) is initiated by the mafic end-member Unit 7 (comprising 5-10% of the pluton) which consists of fine-grained mesocratic to melanocratic biotite-muscovite tonalite, granodiorite and rarely monzogranite. This is the most compositionally diverse unit within the pluton. The felsic end-members of Cycle III consist of biotite-muscovite leucomonzogranites of Unit 8 and aplite and pegmatite dykes of Unit 9 (Units 8 and 9 making up almost 35% of the pluton in total).

This idea of three mafic to felsic cycles will be further developed in subsequent chapters.





### 3-1 Introduction

Peraluminous granites contain essential quartz, two feldspars, and one or more characteristic phases such as biotite, muscovite, garnet, cordierite, the alumino-silicates ( $\text{Al}_2\text{SiO}_5$ ), mullite, topaz, tourmaline, spinel, and corundum (Clarke, 1981). The granitoid phases of the PMP contain some minerals that are characteristic of peraluminous granites: biotite, muscovite (of uncertain origin), garnet, and tourmaline. In order to compare the composition of the peraluminous minerals of the PMP with other peraluminous granites, biotite, muscovite and garnet were analysed. Plagioclase was also analysed (Fig. 3-8) in order to determine if each mappable unit in the PMP had a distinctive plagioclase composition, and to help distinguish between granodiorites of Unit 1 and granodiorites of Unit 4. Amphiboles (from the metaluminous lamprophyre dykes of Unit 5A) were analysed in order to determine their composition.

### 3-2 Biotite and Phlogopite

#### 3-2-1 Introduction:

Biotite is an iron-rich trioctahedral mica, which is arbitrarily differentiated from phlogopite by Mg:Fe less than 2:1 (Deer et al., 1966).

Biotite is perhaps the most common sink for excess alumina in granitoid rocks, regardless of the A/CNK ratio of the host rock (Clarke, 1981). Most biotite is of magmatic origin (Clarke, 1981),

although some may occur as mafic remnants from the source region (White and Chappell, 1977), or as refractory mafic schlieren resulting from the assimilation of country rock. 'For peraluminous magmas, prior to the appearance of such minerals as muscovite or garnet, biotite is the only peraluminous mineral and its modal abundance relative to the other precipitating minerals may be critical in determining whether a mildly peraluminous magma can evolve into magmas of higher aluminum saturation index' (Zen, 1986, p. 1117).

Deer et al., (1962) observed that the ratio of  $Al_2O_3$ : (MgO + total Fe as FeO) is dependent on the degree of differentiation or contamination of the magma from which the biotite crystallized. Minerals formed at higher temperatures tend to have more Al in four-fold coordination (Deer et al., 1962).

'Phlogopites are critical phases in most lamprophyres but especially in minettes (K-feldspar lamprophyres) and kersantites in which they are the dominant ferromagnesian mineral' (Bachinski and Simpson, 1984). In Figure 3-1 the phlogopite stability curve lies above the granite melting curve for all but the lowest pressures, and crosses the basalt solidus at 2-3 kbars. In a basic rock, phlogopite is stable at depth but would become unstable on extrusion.

### 3-2-2 Composition of Biotite and Phlogopite within the PMP

The composition of the oxides and cations for the analysed biotite are recorded in Appendix B-1. Table 3-1 includes a brief description of the biotites from samples selected for analysis and  $Fe_T:(Fe_T + Mg)$  ratio of the analysed biotites. Biotite is an abundant

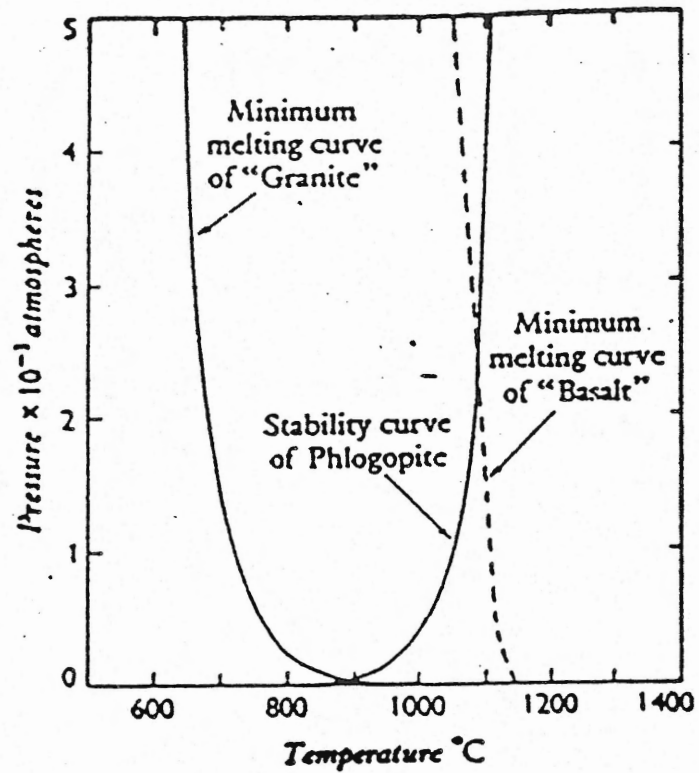


Figure 3-1: From Deer *et al.*, 1966. Relation of upper stability curve of phlogopite to the determined minimum melting curve of granite (Bowen and Tuttle, 1953, p.50) and the estimated minimum melting curve of basalt (after Yoder and Eugster, 1954).

mineral in Units 1, 4 and 7 of the PMP and a subordinate mineral in Units 2, 3, 6, 8 and 9. The lamprophyre dykes of Unit 5A contain abundant phlogopite but no biotite.

On a plot of tetrahedral aluminium against  $Fe_T/(Fe_T+Mg)$  (Fig. 3-2), Unit 5A plots close to the phlogopite end member, whereas Units 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 plot in the region of higher tetrahedral aluminium contents and with  $Fe_T/(Fe_T+Mg)$  ratios closer to the eastonite-siderophyllite join. Based on Figure 3-2, the following observations were made on the biotite compositions of the PMP Units:

- 1) micas from Unit 5A (the lamprophyres) have distinct chemical compositions defined by a lower  $Al^{iv}$  and  $Fe_T/(Fe_T+Mg)$  values than any of the biotites from the analysed granitoid units;
- 2) the biotites in Units 6 and 8 are comparable in composition to those in Unit 4;
- 3) biotites from Units 1, 4 and 7 (mafic end-members of Cycles I, II and III, as discussed in Chapter 2) have very similar  $Al^{iv}$  and  $Fe_T/(Fe_T+Mg)$  values, although there is an increase in the average  $Fe_T/(Fe_T+Mg)$  ratio from a low in Unit 1, intermediate in Unit 7, and to the highest values in Unit 4;
- 4) the composition of biotite from the trondhjemite of Unit 2 is comparable to those of Unit 1.

### 3-2-3 Discussion

The  $Fe_T/(Fe_T+Mg)$  of biotite has been used in the SMB as an indicator of differentiation (Stallard, 1975) where it was found to increase with differentiation. Applying this ratio to the PMP, it can

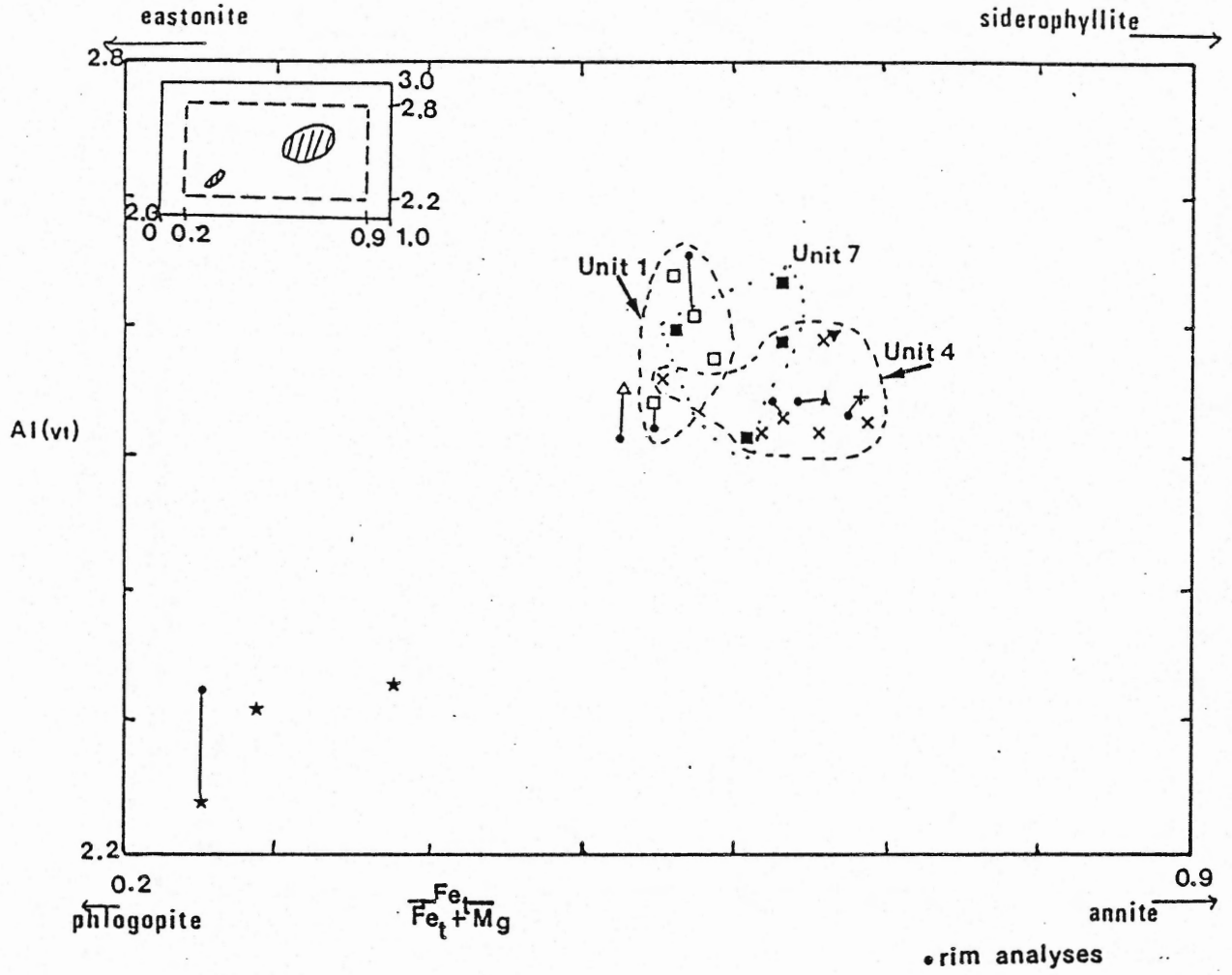


Figure 3-2: Biotite-phlogopite compositions from the PMP (cores and rims).

Table 3-1 Chemistry, Inclusions, Habit and Alteration of the Biotites (cores) from the PMP

LEGEND:

(1) NAME: references- Streckeisen, 1975; Rock, 1977

GRN=granodiorite

LAMP=lamprophyre

L MNZ=leucomonzogranite

MNZ=monzogranite

TON=tonalite

TRJ=trondhjemite

(2) INCLUSIONS: refers to the inclusions found in the biotite-phlogopite grains

AMP=amphibole

AP=apatite

OP=opaque

SPH=sphene

ZR=zircon

(3) MODAL % OF BIOTITE: refers to the modal percentage of biotite or phlogopite found in the specimens

(4) HABIT:

anhed=anhedral

euhed=euhedral

subh=subhedral

(5) ALTERATION: alteration affecting the biotite or phlogopite grains

minor=less than 10% of the grain altered

mod=between 10-5-% alteration of the grain

CHL=chlorite

EP=epidote

MU=muscovite

OP=opaque

(6)  $Fe_T/(Fe_T+Mg)$ :

refers to the total Fe cations to  $Fe_T + Mg$  ratio of the biotites or phlogopites (based on 24 oxygens).



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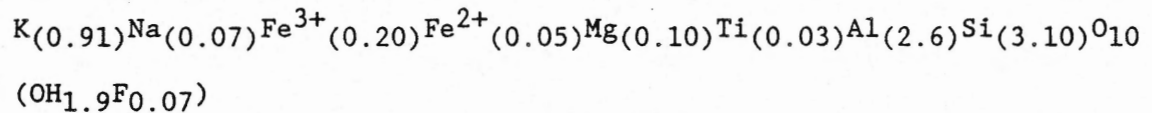
| SAMPLE              | NAME/NO. | INCLUSIONS          | MODAL%<br>OF<br>BIOTITE | HABIT                  | ALTERATION    | CORE  |
|---------------------|----------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---|
|                     |          |                     |                         |                        |               | ANALYSES<br>Fe <sub>T</sub> /<br>Fe <sub>T</sub> +Mg) |
| UNIT 1              |          |                     |                         |                        |               |   |
| NPM11               | TON=3    | AP, ZR              | 23                      | subh                   | minor MU      | 0.57  |
| NPM2                | TON=3    | AP, ZR              | 10                      | some<br>kinked<br>subh | minor CHL     | 0.56  |
| NPM533              | TON=2    | AP, ZR              | 23                      | subh                   | minor EP, MU  | 0.55  |
| NPM582              | TON=3    | OP, AP, ZR          | 21                      | anhed                  | minor MU, CHL | 0.59  |
| UNIT 2              |          |                     |                         |                        |               |   |
| NPM546              | TRJ      | ZR, AP              | 5-10                    | anhed<br>ragged        | minor MU, CHL | 0.53  |
| UNIT 3              |          |                     |                         |                        |               |   |
| NPM542              | L MNZ=3  |                     | 1                       | ragged                 | CHL           | 0.68  |
| UNIT 4              |          |                     |                         |                        |               |   |
| NPM441              | MNZ=3    | ZR                  | 7                       | ragged                 | minor MU, CHL | 0.66  |
| NPM458              | GRN=3    | ZR, AP              | 10                      | ragged                 | minor MU      | 0.66  |
| NPM468              | MNZ=3    | ZR                  | 4                       | ragged                 | mod CHL, MU   | 0.69  |
| NPM477              | MNZ=3    | ZR                  | 6                       | ragged                 | mod CHL, MU   | 0.62  |
| NPM558              | GRN=3    | ZR, AP              | 16                      | subh                   | mod CHL       | 0.55  |
| NPM580              | L MNZ=3  |                     | 4                       | ragged                 | minor CHL, MU | 0.63  |
| Unit 5A             |          |                     |                         |                        |               |   |
| NPM405<br>(NPM612)  | LAMP=3   | AP, OP, AMP         | 40                      | euhed                  | assoc<br>AMP  | 0.25  |
| NPM407<br>(CONTACT) | LAMP=3   | SPH, AP,<br>AMP, ZR | 40                      | subh                   | "             | 0.38  |
| NPM485              | LAMP=3   | SPH, OP, AP         | 30                      | subh                   | "             | 0.29  |
| UNIT 6              |          |                     |                         |                        |               |   |
| NPM538              | L MNZ=3  | ZR                  | 3                       | ragged                 | minor MU, CHL | 0.63  |
| UNIT 7              |          |                     |                         |                        |               |   |
| NPM539              | GRN=3    | ZR                  | 16                      | subh                   | minor MU      | 0.56  |
| NPM560              | TON=3    | ZR, AP              | 13                      | subh to<br>anhed       | minor CHL     | 0.61  |
| NPM566              | MNZ=3    | ZR                  | 8                       | ragged                 | minor MU      | 0.63  |
| NPM583              | TON=3    | ZR                  | 5                       | ragged                 | minor CHL     | 0.63  |
| UNIT 8              |          |                     |                         |                        |               |   |
| NPM361              | L MNZ=3  |                     | 1                       | ragged                 | mod CHL, MU   | 0.66  |
| NPM537              | L MNZ=3  | ZR                  | 3                       | ragged                 | minor MU      | 0.64  |

be concluded that Units 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8 are more differentiated than the lamprophyres of Unit 5A. Unit 4 is more evolved than Units 1 and 7 and Unit 7 is more evolved than Unit 1 (Fig. 3-2).

### 3-3 Muscovites

#### 3-3-1: Introduction

According to Miller et al., (1981) muscovite is the most common mineralogical indicator of strongly peraluminous plutonic rocks. The minimum pressure at which primary igneous muscovite can crystallize directly from a granite melt is 3 kbars (Miller et al., 1981). Data from 41 samples representing 16 plutons in North America and Europe yield a formula of:



with very slight trioctahedral substitutions (2.00 to 2.04 octahedral cations) (Miller et al., 1981).

Muscovite is the most problematic mineral of peraluminous granitoid rocks because there are few textural and/or chemical means of distinguishing between the magmatic and subsolidus modes of origin (Saavedra, 1978). Clarke (1981) observed that muscovite can occur as euhedral books in the groundmass of granites, aplites, and pegmatites, or as obvious breakdown products of feldspar, biotite, aluminosilicates and corundum. Miller et al., (1981) noted several compositional characteristics that distinguish most of the texturally magmatic-looking muscovite from subsolidus muscovite. They found that most magmatic micas are richer in Ti, Al and Na and poorer in Mg and

Si than subsolidus micas, and are typically somewhat closer to ideal muscovite than their secondary mica counterparts, because of their lower Mg. Zen (1987) agreed that the Ti content of muscovite is a useful indicator of magmatic origin (if it has at least 0.4-0.6 weight percent  $\text{TiO}_2$ ). 'One reason that Ti is useful may be that it does not readily undergo subsolidus exchange or oxidation reactions as Mg, Fe and the alkali cations do' (Zen, 1987 p.7).

### 3-3-2 Composition of Muscovite within the PMP

Muscovite in the PMP granitoid rocks occurs as an alteration of feldspars, intergrowths with/and replacing biotite, and as large subhedral grains overgrowing the quartz-feldspar matrix. These different modes of muscovite are not differentiated in Table 3-2.

Muscovite analyses from Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 are listed in Appendix B-3. Table 3-2 lists the muscovite samples analysed and their modal percentage, habit,  $(\text{Fe}_T + \text{Mg}) / (\text{Fe}_T + \text{Mg} + \text{Mn} + \text{Ti} + \text{Al}^{\text{vi}})$  and  $\text{Na} / (\text{Na} + \text{K} + \text{Ca})$  contents. According to Clarke (1981), muscovite compositions from peraluminous granitoid rocks have values of  $\text{Fe}_T + \text{Mg} / (\text{Fe}_T + \text{Mg} + \text{Mn} + \text{Ti} + \text{Al}^{\text{vi}})$  less than 0.2 and  $\text{Na} / (\text{Na} + \text{K} + \text{Ca})$  less than 0.1. Figure 3-3 shows that all PMP muscovites (except one tonalite sample) meet these criteria.

Ham (1983) attempted to differentiate primary muscovite from secondary muscovite in samples of the Musquodoboit Batholith and the SMB. Figure 3-4 shows that primary muscovite cannot be distinguished from secondary muscovite on the basis of Ti, Mg and Na cations (Ham, 1983). Superimposed on this plot are samples from the PMP. The PMP

Table 3-2: Chemical Analyses of Muscovites (cores) from the PMP

## LEGEND:

## (1) NOMENCLATURE:

GRN=granodiorite

L MNZ=leucomonzogranite

L TON=leucotonalite

MNZ=monzogranite

TON=tonalite

TRJ=trondhemite

## (2) HABIT:

summary of habit of muscovite in the various Units

MATRIX=large muscovite grains overgrowing the matrix

#= number of analyses

| SAMPLE          | MODAL | % HABIT   | Fe+Mg                        |               | # |
|-----------------|-------|---|------------------------------|---------------|---|
|                 |       |   | Fe+Mg+Mn+Ti+Al <sup>1V</sup> | Na<br>Na+K+Ca |   |
| <b>UNIT 1</b>   |       |   |                              |               |   |
| NPM11<br>(TON)  | 2     | intimate association<br>with BI<br>alteration of PL | 0.11                         | 0.03          | 1 |
| NPM2<br>(TON)   | 10    | assoc with BI, PL<br>matrix                         | 0.06                         | 0.10          | 3 |
| NPM533<br>(TON) | 2     | assoc with BI, PL                                   | 0.21                         | 0.03          | 3 |
| NPM582<br>(TON) | 4     | assoc with BI<br>matrix                             | 0.10                         | 0.03          | 3 |
| <b>UNIT 2</b>   |       |   |                              |               |   |
| NPM546<br>(TRJ) | 3     | assoc with BI, PL                                   | 0.11                         | 0.04          | 3 |
| <b>UNIT 3</b>   |       |   |                              |               |   |
| NPM468<br>(MNZ) | 5     | assoc with PL                                       | 0.08                         | 0.06          | 3 |
| NPM542<br>(MNZ) | 3     | assoc with BI, PL<br>matrix                         | 0.08                         | 0.05          | 3 |
| <b>UNIT 4</b>   |       |   |                              |               |   |
| NPM441<br>(MNZ) | 5     | assoc with BI, PL<br>matrix                         | 0.05                         | 0.08          | 3 |
| NPM477<br>(MNZ) | 2     | assoc with PL<br>incl of QU, PL,<br>BI, in matrix   | 0.11                         | 0.06          | 3 |
| NPM558<br>(GRN) | 5     | assoc with BI, PL<br>matrix                         | 0.09                         | 0.05          | 3 |

Table 3-2 ...

| SAMPLE            | MODAL | % HABIT                                       | $\frac{\text{Fe+Mg}}{\text{Fe+Mg+Mn+Ti+Al}^{\text{iv}}}$ | $\frac{\text{Na}}{\text{Na+K+Ca}}$ | # |
|-------------------|-------|---|--|------------------------------------|---|
| UNIT 4 ...        |       |   |  |                                    |   |
| NPM580<br>(L MNZ) | 4     | matrix, and assoc.<br>with BI                 | 0.07   | 0.06                               | 3 |
| UNIT 6            |       |   |  |                                    |   |
| NPM538<br>(L MNZ) | 2     | matrix, assoc.<br>with KSPAR, PL<br>matrix    | 0.08   | 0.08                               | 3 |
| UNIT 7            |       |   |  |                                    |   |
| NPM539<br>(GRN)   | 3     | assoc with BI, PL                             | 0.08   | 0.05                               | 3 |
| NPM566<br>(MNZ)   | 4     | assoc with BI<br>matrix, incl of QU<br>PL, BI | 0.07   | 0.06                               | 3 |
| NPM583<br>(TON)   | <5    | assoc with BI<br>matrix, incl of QU           | 0.07   | 0.05                               | 3 |
| UNIT 8            |       |   |  |                                    |   |
| NPM361<br>(L MNZ) | 3     | assoc with BI, PL<br>matrix                   | 0.04   | 0.07                               | 3 |
| NPM537<br>(L MNZ) | 3     | assoc with BI, PL                             | 0.09   | 0.05                               | 3 |
| UNIT 9            |       |   |  |                                    |   |
| NPM491<br>(L TON) | 10    | matrix  | 0.07   | 0.05                               | 3 |
| NPM8B<br>(L MNZ)  | 6     | assoc with feld-<br>spathic matrix            | 0.06   | 0.04                               | 3 |

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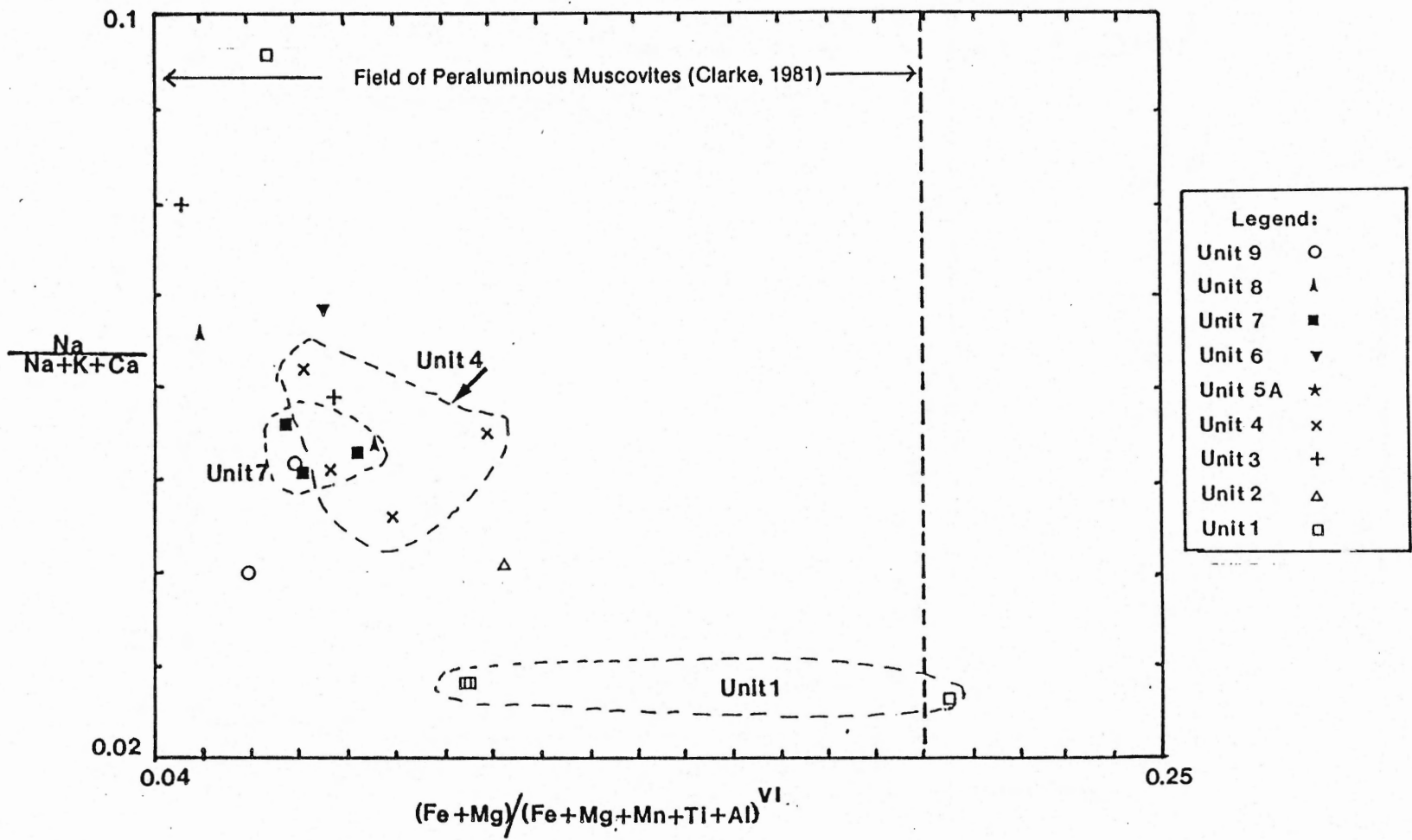


Figure 3-3: Composition of muscovites from the PMP (cores)

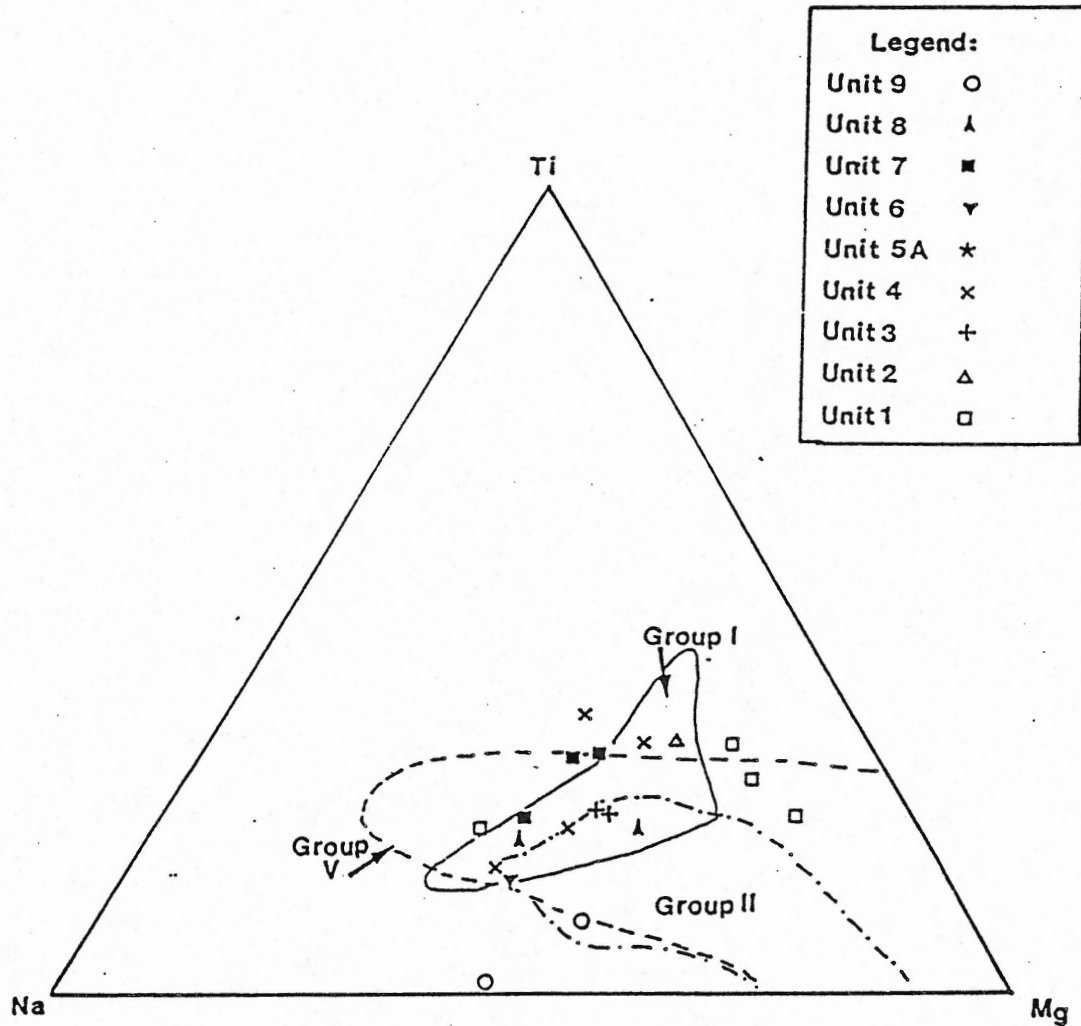


Figure 3-4: Composition of muscovite from the PMP (cores)

Muscovite compositional fields after Ham (1983).

Alteration of feldspars (group V)

Possible Primary Muscovite (group I)

Intergrowth with biotite (group II)



samples are similar in chemical composition to the primary muscovite (Group I), muscovite replacing feldspars (Group V), and muscovite intergrown with biotite (Group II).

### 3-3-3 Discussion

According to Figure 3 of Clarke (1981), muscovite compositions from the PMP are similar to those from average peraluminous granitoid rocks. Chemical characteristics cannot determine if the muscovites from the PMP granitoids are secondary or primary. Primary muscovite, as defined by Ham (1983), occurs in thin section, although Zen (1987) disputes the existence of an unambiguous textural basis for identifying magmatic muscovite. Considerable overlap in muscovite compositions does not allow the separation of the three predominant Units in the PMP (Units 1, 4 and 7). Of these, Unit 1 is the most chemically distinctive. Three of the four Unit 1 muscovite samples have lower Na/(Na+K+Ca) ratios and higher Mg and Ti compared with Na than any of the other Units.

### 3-4 Garnet

#### 3-4-1 Introduction

Clarke (1981) compiled possible origins of garnet in granitoid rocks: (1) refractory xenocrysts from porphyroblasts (Allan and Clarke, 1981); (2) refractory restite phase from the zone of partial melting (White and Chappell, 1977); (3) generation in marginal facies of a granite body as a result of reaction between magma and pelitic xenoliths rich in Al and Mn relative to the melt (Jamieson, 1974; Allan

and Clarke, 1981); (4) nucleation directly from the silicate melt: (5) reaction between early formed phases and silicate melt.

"Garnets from peraluminous granites can have highly variable compositions with most of the variation occurring in the ratio of Mn:Fe:Mg" (Clarke 1981, p. 9). According to Clarke (1981), normal zoning in the garnets (Ca-Mn cores, Fe-Mg rims) is generally attributed to their growth in a metamorphic environment during prograde conditions. Reverse zoning (Fe-Mg cores, Ca-Mn rims), may indicate either growth during retrograde metamorphism or, in the case of igneous garnets, falling temperature and fractional crystallization.

#### 3-4-2 Composition of Garnet within the PMP and Surrounding Country Rock

The composition of the oxides and cations for the garnets analysed are listed in Appendix B-4. The garnet analyses were originally intended to be used only for garnet-biotite geothermometry; the garnets analysed, therefore, are those that have biotite associated with them. Garnet in Unit 9 was not analysed because this unit lacks biotite. Six garnet-bearing samples were analysed, five from granodiorite rocks (Unit 8, Unit 1) and one from a biotite schist from the surrounding country rock (NPM108). Tables 3-3 and 3-4 briefly describe the habit, alteration, and relative proportions of almandine, spessartine, pyrope and grossular. Figure 3-5 illustrates the relative abundance of spessartine, almandine and pyrope and Figure 3-6 illustrates the relative proportion of Ca, Mg and Fe+Mn in the

Table 3-3

## Habit and Alteration Characteristics of Garnet Samples Analysed

Legend for Tables 3-3 and 3-4:

L MNZ=leucomonzogranite

GRN=granodiorite

NPM108=biotite muscovite schist (Meguma Group metasediment)

| SAMPLE+<br>NO. OF<br>ANALYSES | NAME                                | HABIT+ABUNDANCE | ALTERATION  |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| UNIT 8                        |                                     |                 |   |
| NPM107<br>C=2,R=2             | L MNZ                               | anhedral, <1%   | core missing, garnet fractured<br>moderate chloritization<br>matrix texture=cataclastic |
| NPM611<br>C=1,R=1             | L MNZ                               | subhedral, <1%  | minor chloritization, matrix<br>subcataclastic, fracture garnet<br>grains               |
| NPM344<br>C=3,R=3             | L MNZ                               | subhedral, <1%  | some garnet grains fractured  |
| NPM8A<br>C=3,R=3              | L MNZ                               | anhedral, <1%   | garnet fractured, minor<br>chloritization   |
| UNIT 1                        |                                     |                 |   |
| NPM484<br>C=3,R=3             | GRN                                 | anhedral, <1%   | fractured, grains associated with<br>chlorite. Garnets are inclusion-<br>free           |
| NPM108<br>C=3,R=3             | BIOTITE<br>MUSCO-<br>VITE<br>SCHIST | euohedral, 5%   | poikiloblastic, unaltered   |

Table 3-4

Mineralogy (averages) of the Garnets in the PMP and Surrounding Country Rock. Legend the same as in Table 3-3

| SAMPLE | NAME   | ALMANDINE  | SPESSARTINE | PYROPE   | GROSSULAR |
|--------|--------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
|        |        | CORE:RIM   | CORE:RIM    | CORE:RIM | CORE:RIM  |
| NPM107 | L MNZ  | 56.3:59.15 | 37.7:35.3   | 4.5:4.3  | 1.3:1.2   |
| NPM611 | L MNZ  | 63.3:64.5  | 27.9:27.2   | 7.2:6.6  | 1.5:1.6   |
| NPM344 | L MNZ  | 53.3:60.8  | 37.5:30.4   | 7.03:6.8 | 2.2:2.0   |
| NPM8A  | L MNZ  | 71.4:68.9  | 19.9:23.5   | 6.9:5.9  | 1.6:1.6   |
| NPM484 | GRN    | 80.5:78.4  | 12.5:15.1   | 4.4:3.7  | 2.6:2.8   |
| NPM108 | MEGUMA | 64.1:63.9  | 20.5:21.4   | 9.3:8.8  | 5.7:5.8   |

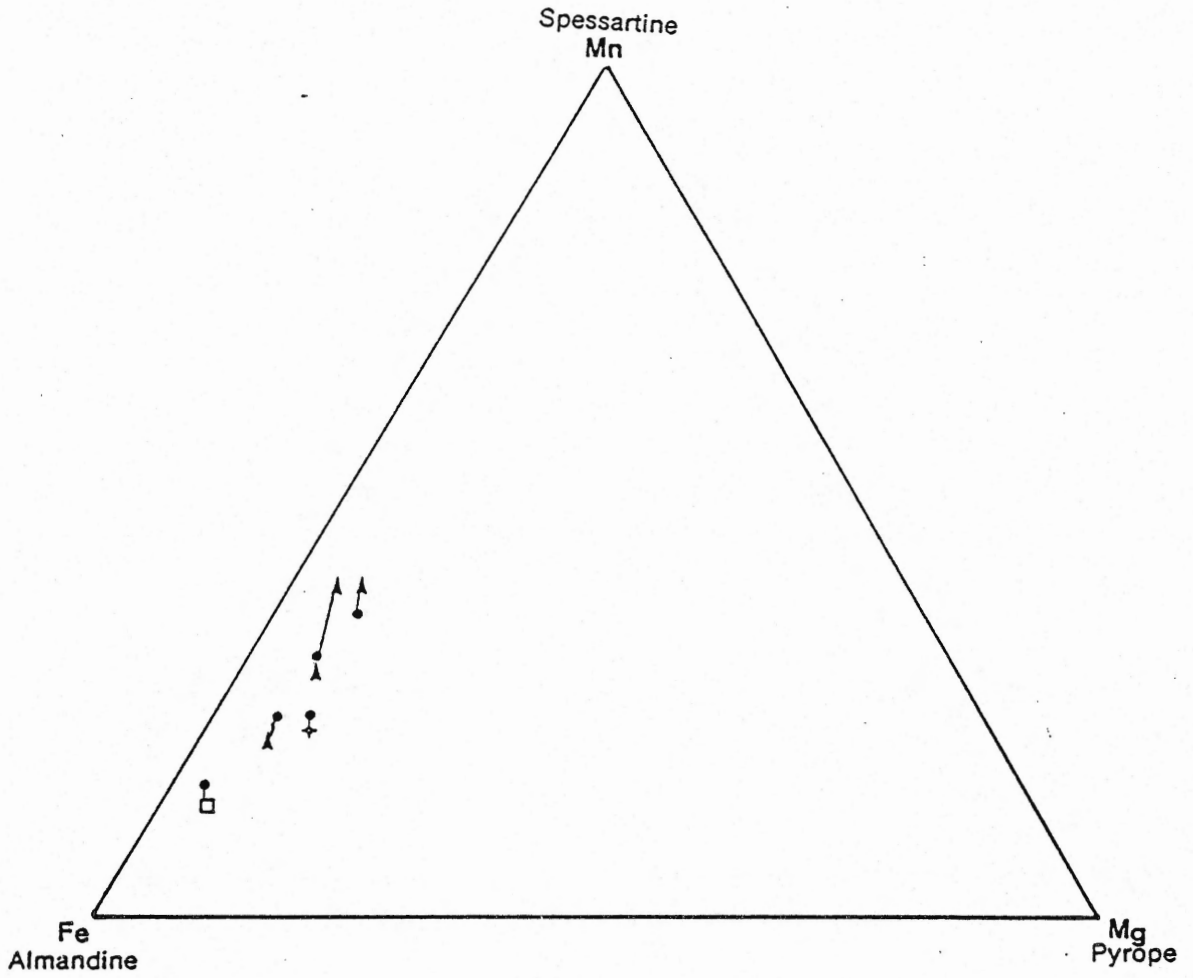


Figure 3-5: Composition of garnet from the PMP (cores and rims)

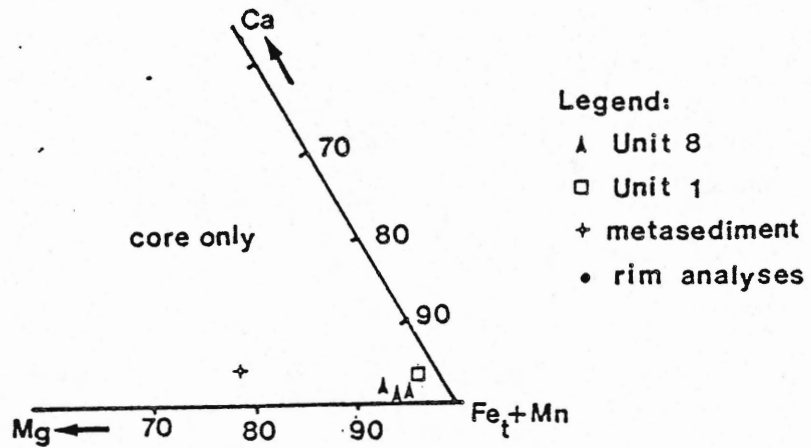


Figure 3-6: Composition of garnets from the PMP (cores)

analysed garnets. All garnets analysed are almandine and spessartine-rich.

Three of the four Unit 8 garnets (NPM344,-107,-8A) exhibit significant concentric zonation. Two samples (NPM107,-344) display normal zonation typified by enrichment of Ca and Mn in the cores and Fe and Mg in the rims.

### 3-4-3 Discussion

Conflicting observations bearing on the origin of the Unit 8 garnets support both primary magmatic and subsolidus (metamorphic) origin for these garnets. The observations about Unit 8 are as follows:

- 1) xenoliths are absent. 'If magma-country rock reaction has been responsible for the nucleation of these garnets, then no other trace of the xenoliths remains' (Allan and Clarke, 1981 p. 22);
- 2) the spessartine content of the Unit 8 garnets is greater than 10%, and in the range normally considered to be magmatic (Miller and Stoddard, 1978);
- 3) the Unit 8 garnets are normally zoned, characteristic of progressive metamorphism of metasedimentary rocks (Kretz, 1973; Green, 1977);
- 4) the MnO content (8.6-18.0 wt. %) is in the range characteristic of magmatic garnets (Miller and Stoddard, 1978).

Conflicting observations bearing on the origin of the Unit 1 garnets (one sample, 3 grains) are:

- 1) garnet-enriched xenoliths are abundant in the granodiorite

suggesting that the garnets in Unit 8 may be xenocrysts;

2) Unit 1 garnets have lower spessartine compositions than those of Unit 8, but are still higher than the 10% range normally considered as magmatic (Miller and Stoddard, 1978);.

The Mn concentration in garnet may not only be dependent on magmatic processes, but may also be dependent on the bulk composition of the rock. Therefore, it is questionable whether the spessartine criterion, stated by Miller and Stoddard, (1978) is a valid one.

3) the garnets are inclusion-free, a common feature in igneous garnets.

### 3-5 Amphiboles

#### 3-5-1 Introduction

Amphiboles are divided into four principal groups on the basis of B-site cation occupancy (Leake, 1978):

1)  $(Ca+Na)_B < 1.34$  Iron-magnesium-manganese group

2)  $(Ca+Na)_B \geq 1.34$  Calcic amphibole group

and  $Na_B < 0.67$

3)  $(Ca+Na)_B \geq 1.34$  Sodic-calcic amphibole group

and  $0.67 \leq Na_B < 1.34$

4)  $Na_B \geq 1.34$  Alkali amphibole group

These four groups are represented both in igneous and metamorphic amphiboles (Gilbert and Popp, 1982; Gilbert, 1982). In the PMP the amphiboles are only associated with the the lamprophyre dykes (Unit 5A) and are from the calcic amphibole group. Four subgroups represented in the calcic amphibole group are actinolite,

ferro-actinolite, actinolitic hornblende and magnesio-hornblende. The analyses of the amphiboles are listed in Appendix B-2.

### 3-5-2 Amphiboles from the Forbes Point Lamprophyre

Analyses were made of amphibole samples from three zones within the dyke.

- 1) a phlogopite-amphibole-rich zone (NPM612) within the dyke (predominant zone);
- 2) an amphibole-rich zone (NPM615) which occurs as lenses (up to 0.5m long and 0.2-0.3m wide) within the main lamprophyre dyke;
- 3) an amphibole from the contact aureole (NPM407) which is superimposed on intruded Unit 1 and Unit 4.

The phlogopite-amphibole zone contains 40% amphiboles that are euhedral to subhedral, often contain minor inclusions of apatite and opaque minerals and have pale green pleochroism. Large subhedral to euhedral phlogopites commonly overgrow and enclose the amphibole and appear to replace the amphibole. The amphiboles contain minor inclusions of apatite and opaque minerals. Chemically, three amphiboles of this zone are actinolite. Two of the three grains analysed are zoned chemically and display both a chemical progression from a core of actinolite to a rim of actinolitic hornblende and the reverse zonation.

The amphibole-rich (67 modal %) zone contains plagioclase. The dark, moss-green, pleochroic, amphiboles are closely packed (mat-like texture) subhedral grains that show minor alteration to phlogopite. Large plagioclase phenocrysts are common and sphene and anhedral



opaque minerals are common inclusions in the amphiboles. Analyses of three amphiboles in this sample identify them as a magnesio-hornblende, based on an index devised by Miller and Stoddard (1978). One of the three minerals analysed is zoned, with an actinolitic hornblende core and a magnesio-hornblende rim.

The amphiboles from the contact aureole (NPM407) are anhedral, ragged grains that appear to be in disequilibrium with the quartz (with irregular grain boundaries), in a plagioclase-rich matrix. The dark, moss-green, pleochroic amphiboles contain minor inclusions of apatite, sphene and anhedral opaque minerals, and make up 40% of the mineralogy. Chemically, the average of the cores of three grains of the amphiboles place it as magnesio-hornblende. Two of the three grains analysed show significant chemical zonation from core to rim. One grain has an actinolitic hornblende core, grading to a magnesio-hornblende rim. The other grain shows a higher Si and Mg in the rim compared with the core.

### 3-5-3 Amphiboles from the MacLeods Cove Lamprophyre

The MacLeods Cove lamprophyre (NPM485) is a relatively homogenous dyke. The amphiboles within the dyke occur in two habits, as anhedral to subhedral matrix minerals extensively replaced by phlogopite, or as concentrated clusters of subhedral to anhedral grains also altered to phlogopite. The amphiboles are pale-green and have poor crystal terminations. The amphiboles make up 25% of the sample and contain minor inclusions of sphene, apatite and opaque minerals. Chemically the average of the cores of three amphibole grains is actinolite.

Table 3-5

## Cores Analyses of Amphiboles from the Lamprophyre Dykes of the PMP

| SAMPLE<br># OF<br>ANALYSES        | MODAL% +<br>NOMENCLATURE       | HABIT OF AMPHIBOLE   | INCLUSIONS                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| MACLEODS<br>COVE LAMP             |                                |  |                                     |
| NPM485<br>4                       | 25<br>actinolite               | mats of crystals<br>altered by phlogopite<br>-anhedral, ragged grain<br>boundaries | sphene and<br>apatite +<br>opaques  |
| -----                             |                                |  |                                     |
| FORBES COVE<br>LAMP               |                                |  |                                     |
| NPM612<br>(NPM405)<br>3           | 40<br>actinolite               | euhedral to subhedral<br>grains altered by<br>phlogopite                           | minor apatite<br>+ opaques          |
| NPM615<br>(NPM406)<br>3           | 67<br>magnesian-<br>hornblende | closely packed subhedral<br>grains altered by<br>phlogopite                        | sphene and<br>anhedral<br>opaques   |
| NPM407<br>contact<br>aureole<br>3 | 10<br>magnesian-<br>hornblende | intimately assoc with<br>phlogopite, subhedral<br>to anhedral up to<br>0.75mm long | apatite and<br>sphene and<br>opaque |

Note: complete petrological descriptions of samples NPM612, 615, and 485 are included in Appendix B-2

Only two of the three grains were analysed in both the core and rim, and both of these grains are zoned chemically (both with an increase in Si and Mg in the rim compared with the core).

#### 3-5-4 Discussion

In summary, the amphiboles from the PMP lamprophyres show a wide range in chemistry, ranging from ferro-actinolite to actinolite and magnesio-hornblende. The amphiboles from the lamprophyres are either primary (magmatic) or secondary (developed as a product of hydrothermal alteration). On the basis of their euhedral habit and interlocking grains, some appear to be primary (NPM612-actinolite and NPM615-magnesio-hornblende). Others appear to be subsolidus (NPM485-actinolite and NPM407-magesio-hornblende) because of their poor crystal development (indicating disequilibrium?) and extensive phlogopitic alteration.

Actinolite is considered to be a metamorphic mineral (Yamaguichi, 1985; Oba, 1980; Cameron, 1975; Deer et al., 1962) and is a member of the tremolite-actinolite-ferroactinolite series. Hornblendes can be either metamorphic or igneous (Hammarstrom and Zen, 1986; Laird and Albeel, 1981; Raase, 1974; Mason, 1968; Deer et al., 1966 ). In an attempt to determine the origin of the PMP amphiboles, their compositions were compared with metamorphic and magmatic amphibole fields defined by Jamieson (1981) (Fig. 3-7), metamorphic hornblendes (mafic schists) from Vermont (Laird and Albee, 1981), and igneous hornblendes from five calc-alkaline plutonic complexes (Hammarstrom and Zen, 1986).

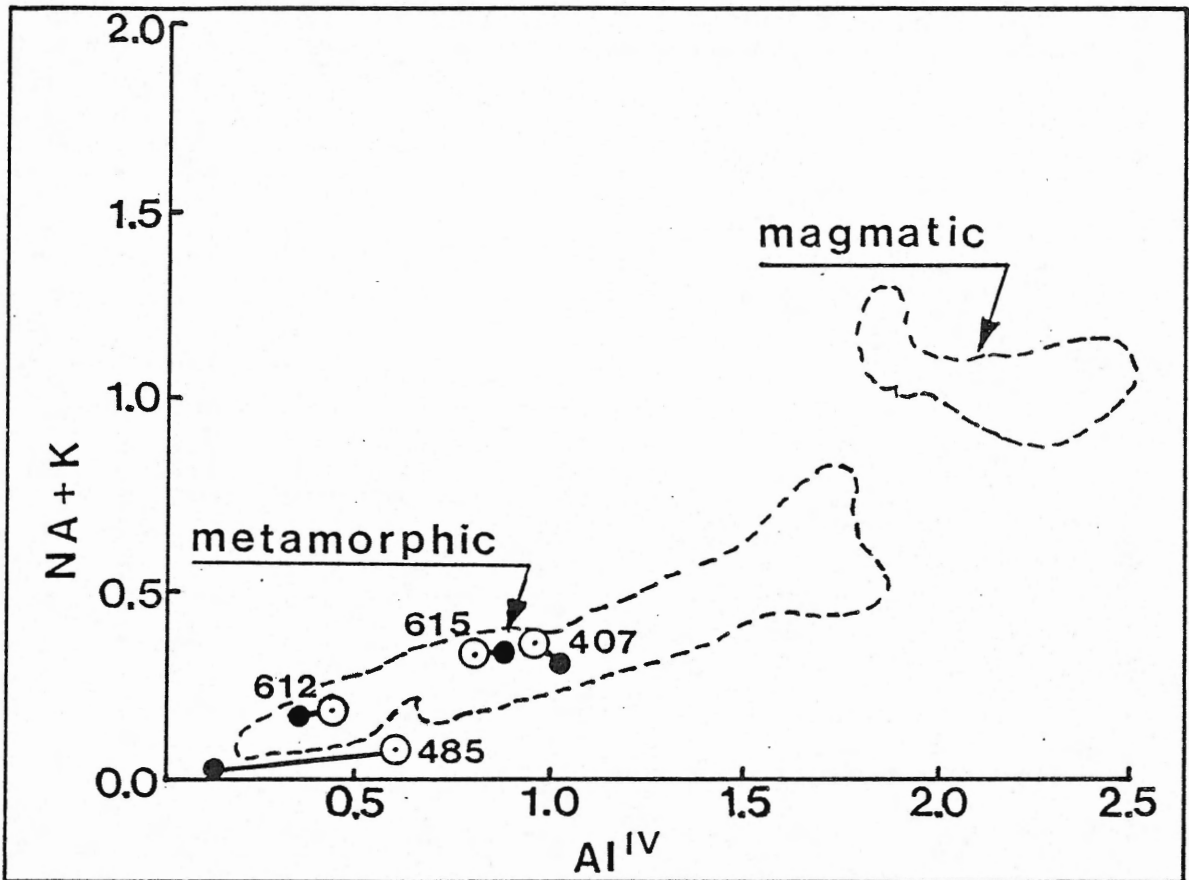


Figure 3-7: Metamorphic and magmatic fields of amphiboles from the St. Anthony Complex, Newfoundland (after Jamieson, 1981). The PMP lamprophyres are labelled, NPM-612-615-407 and 485).  
 ○ =core, ● =rim

Conflicting chemical evidence supports either magmatic or metamorphic origin for the PMP amphiboles. The magnesio-hornblendes and the actinolitic-hornblende of the Forbes Cove lamprophyre plot in the high pressure field defined by the hornblendes in a tonalite pluton (Hammarstrom and Zen, 1986), as metamorphic amphiboles (fields defined by Jamieson, 1981) and in the field of medium pressure calcic-amphiboles in mafic schists (Laird and Albee, 1981).

The origin of the amphiboles in the PMP lamprophyres remains resolved.

### 3-6 Plagioclase

#### 3-6-1 Composition of Plagioclase within the PMP

Microprobe analyses of plagioclase from Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5A, 6, 8 and 9 are listed in Appendix B-5. Plagioclase is ubiquitous in all units although its relative abundance varies among the units; it dominates in Units 1, 2, 4, 5A, 5B and 7 but is subordinate in the more potassic Units 3, 6, 8 and 9. The plagioclase in the mafic end members (tonalites and granodiorites) of Units 1, 4 and 7 and the trondhjemite dyke of Unit 2 is subhedral to anhedral and distinctly zoned (An 42-18); both normal and reverse zoning occur in any one sample (Fig. 3-8). In these units, plagioclase occurs in the matrix (grain size 0.5-2 mm) and occasionally as larger phenocrysts (grain size 2-6 mm).

Plagioclase in the more felsic end members of Units 4 and 7 and in the leucocratic Units 3, 6, 8 and 9 occurs mainly in the matrix and occasionally has a perthitic texture. Zoning is less distinct and

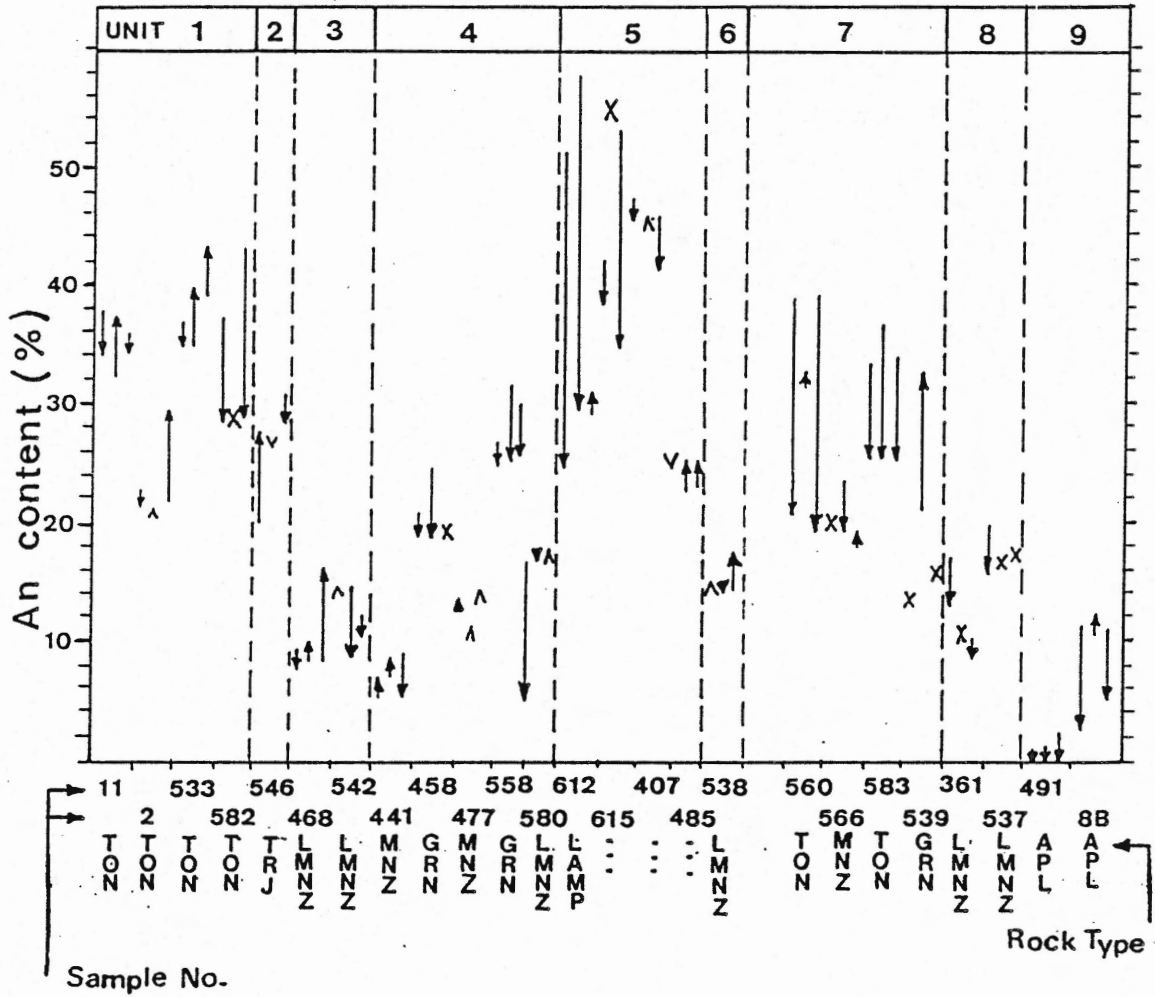


Figure 3-8: Anorthite composition of plagioclase from the PMP.  
 LEGEND:

- TON=tonalite
- TRJ=trondhemite
- L MNZ=leucomonzgranite
- GRN=granodiorite
- MNZ=monzogranite
- LAMP=lamprophyre
- APL=aplite
- core=x
- core —————> rim
- rim= ^

anorthite compositions are lower (An 9-23) than in the mafic end-member described above. Some plagioclase in Units 1, 2, 3, and 7 show reverse zonation.

Plagioclase in the lamprophyres is the most calcic within the pluton and is distinctly zoned from An 23-57 (cores) to An 25-35 (rims). In the Forbes Point lamprophyre, plagioclase occurs as subhedral phenocrysts and anhedral matrix, elements of which are more distinctly zoned and more calcic than plagioclase in the MacLeods Cove lamprophyre (Fig. 3-8).

The relatively low anorthite composition of the plagioclase in the MacLeods Cove lamprophyre (An 24), the lack of plagioclase phenocrysts, the reverse zoning observed in these grains and the foliation developed in the dyke by amphiboles suggest that the MacLeods Cove dyke has been altered relative to the Forbes Point dyke of the same relative age.

### 3-6-2 Discussion

The anorthite composition of the plagioclase in the granitic phases (tonalite, granodiorite and monzogranite) decreases with decreasing plagioclase abundance, and from mafic to felsic members within previously defined Cycles (i.e. a decrease from Unit 1 to Unit 3 = Cycle I; a decrease from Unit 7 to Units 8 and 9 = Cycle III). The anorthite composition of the plagioclase from the mafic granodiorite and tonalite end members of Units 1 is similar to Unit 7 (Fig. 3-8). The anorthite compositions of plagioclase in granodiorites from Units 1, 4 and 7 are similar (An 18-40) and cannot



be used to distinguish between granodiorite samples from different units (Fig. 3-8).

Considerable disequilibrium is evident by the reverse zonation of the plagioclase, particularly in Unit 1. Reversed zonation implies an introduction of heat possibly suggesting mixing of two melts of differing temperatures to produce Unit 1. Reversed zonation (although sporadic in abundance) is also apparent in Units 2, 3, 7. This may suggest that these units may also have involved hybridization of more than one melt.

The anorthite compositions of the plagioclase associated with the lamprophyres are distinct from the granitoid units.

## CHAPTER 4 WHOLE-ROCK CHEMISTRY

### 4-1 Introduction

The whole-rock chemistry of fifty-one samples collected from the Port Mouton Pluton (Map # 2) is presented in this chapter. All samples were analysed for major elements (wt. %), and fourteen trace elements (all values in ppm) (Ba, Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, Nb, Th, Pb, Ga, Zn, Cu, Ni, V and Cr in ppm). Thirteen of these samples were analysed for ten rare earth elements (Ce, Nd, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Yb, Lu, Hf and Ta in ppm)(Appendix C, D1-D3).

Major element and trace element analyses were obtained for samples from nine of the ten units mapped in the PMP. Unit 5B (the tonalitic breccia) was not analysed because of the difficulty in separating the matrix material from the clasts. The number of analyses per unit was intended to reflect the volume of that unit in the PMP. Twenty-two samples of Unit 4, ten samples of Unit 1, eight samples of Unit 7, three samples of the Unit 5A lamprophyres, three samples of Unit 8, two samples of Unit 9 and one sample from each of Units 2, 3 and 6 were analysed. Three samples each of Units 1 and 4, four samples of Unit 7, and one sample each of Units 3, 9 and 5A were analysed for REEs. The geochemistry is discussed in terms of the three mafic to felsic cycles (I, II and III) discussed in Chapter 2.

### 4-2 Major Elements

#### 4-2-1 Granitoid Rocks

With the exception of the lamprophyre dyke rocks (section

4-2-2) the PMP is a peraluminous granitoid complex that ranges in  $\text{SiO}_2$  content between 63 and 76 wt. %. All but one of the 49 granitoid samples analysed are alumina oversaturated. Average CIPW normative corundum contents of the three dominant phases of the pluton (Units 1, 4, and 7) are indistinguishable at 2.3%, 2.3% and 2.0% respectively (see Table D-1).

From the Harker diagrams (Fig. 4-1) and ternary CIPW plot (Fig. 4-2) the following generalizations about the whole-rock major chemistry of the PMP granitoid rocks can be made.

There is a roughly linear decrease in  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{FeO}_T$ ,  $\text{MgO}$  and  $\text{CaO}$  with increasing  $\text{SiO}_2$  within each mafic to felsic cycle (I to III). A similar trend exists among the more mafic Units from 1 to 7 to 4, but it is difficult to define distinct fields for the three mafic units because of their chemical overlap. There appears to be no linear relationship in  $\text{MnO}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  versus  $\text{SiO}_2$  contents in the three predominant units (1, 4 and 7) making the distinction difficult between the three units on the basis of these elements. The  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  contents of Units 1 and 7 are distinctly lower than those of Unit 4. Figure 4-2 illustrates that the three mafic end members of Cycles I, II and III plot in overlapping geochemical fields in the normative quartz, orthoclase and albite + anorthite space. Unit 1 contains higher normative albite and anorthite compared with Unit 4.

Units 3, 6 and 8 (the felsic end members of Cycles I, II and III) show close similarity in  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{FeO}(\text{total})$ ,  $\text{MnO}$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  contents. There is considerable variation in  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  contents among Units 3, 6, 8 and 9. Unit 9 samples contain anomalously high

MnO contents and higher  $Al_2O_3$  values than Units 3, 6 and 8. This is consistent with the abundant garnet observed in Unit 9 samples.

#### 4-2-2 Lamprophyres

The lamprophyres from the PMP are shoshonitic and alkaline lamprophyres. Because their chemical signature is distinct from the granitoids they are discussed separately. 'Shoshonitic lamprophyres are porphyritic dyke rocks, richer in amphibole, biotite, ultramafic elements (Mg, Cr, Ni) and incompatible elements (K, F, P, Rb, Sr, Zn, Nb, Ba, REE, Th, U) than other rocks of comparable weight%  $SiO_2$  (46-57)' (Rock, 1984, p.193). Unlike the peraluminous granitoid rocks of the PMP, the lamprophyres are alumina-undersaturated (A/CNK values of 0.7 (NPM485), 0.6 (NPM612) and 0.5 (NPM615)), A/NK values range between 2 and 3.2, and they are not peralkaline.

The whole-rock, major element compositions of each of the two zones within the Forbes Point lamprophyre are significantly different from one another. The plagioclase porphyritic zone (NPM615) has higher  $SiO_2$ ,  $Al_2O_3$ , MnO, CaO and NaO contents and lower FeO(total), MgO and  $K_2O$  values than the phlogopite-actinolite-rich lamprophyre (NPM612). The plagioclase porphyritic zone contains only minor phlogopite and is diopside and hypersthene normative. The phlogopite-actinolite zone contains abundant phlogopite (40%) and is olivine, hypersthene and hematite normative. According to the classification of Rock (1977) the phlogopite-actinolite zone (NPM612) is typical of shoshonitic lamprophyres which are often spatially associated with post-orogenic granites.

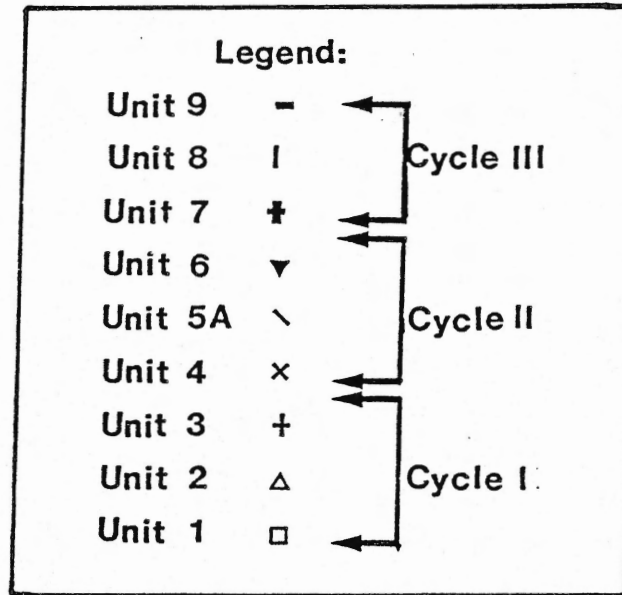


Table 4-1: Legend for the whole-rock geochemical plots in this chapter. Unit 1, 4 and 7 (dominant units volumetrically) are outlined by solid, dotted and dashed lines respectively.

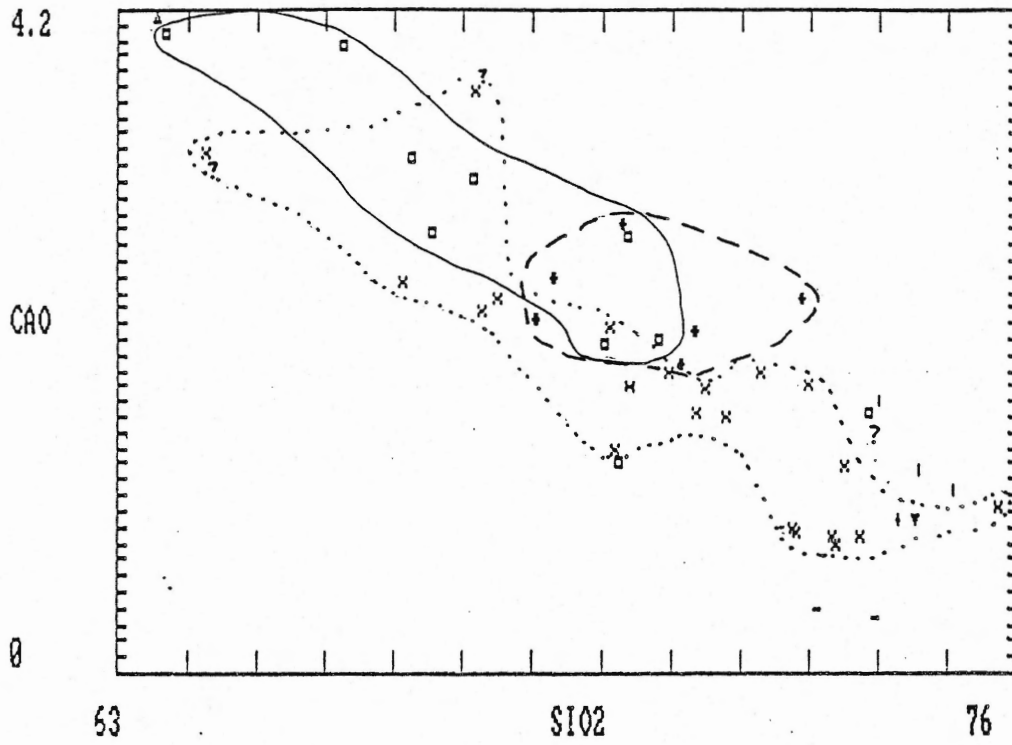


Figure 4-1a: Whole-rock chemistry of granitoid rocks: CaO (wt. %) compared with SiO<sub>2</sub> (wt. %).

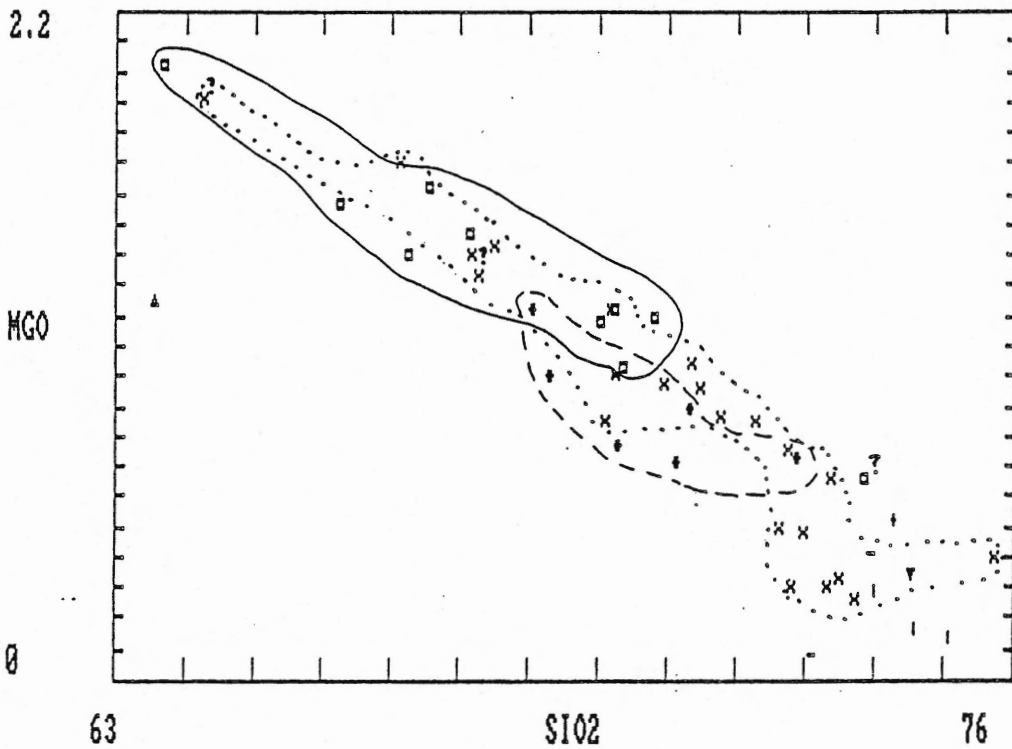


Figure 4-1b: Whole-rock chemistry of granitoid rocks: MgO (wt. %) compared with Si<sub>2</sub>O (wt. %).

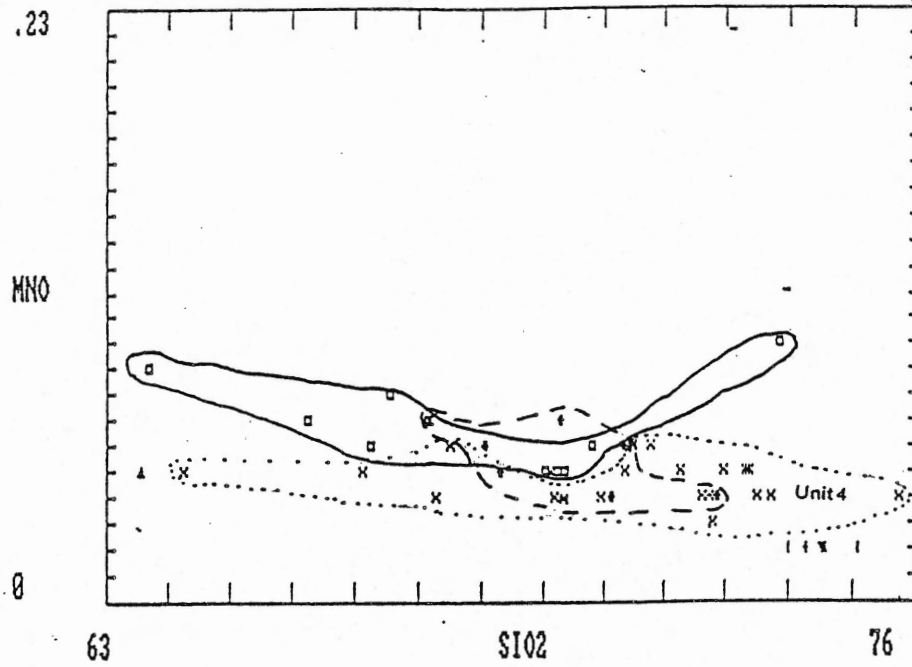


Figure 4-1c: Whole-rock chemistry of granitoid rocks: MnO (wt. %) compared with SiO<sub>2</sub> (wt. %).

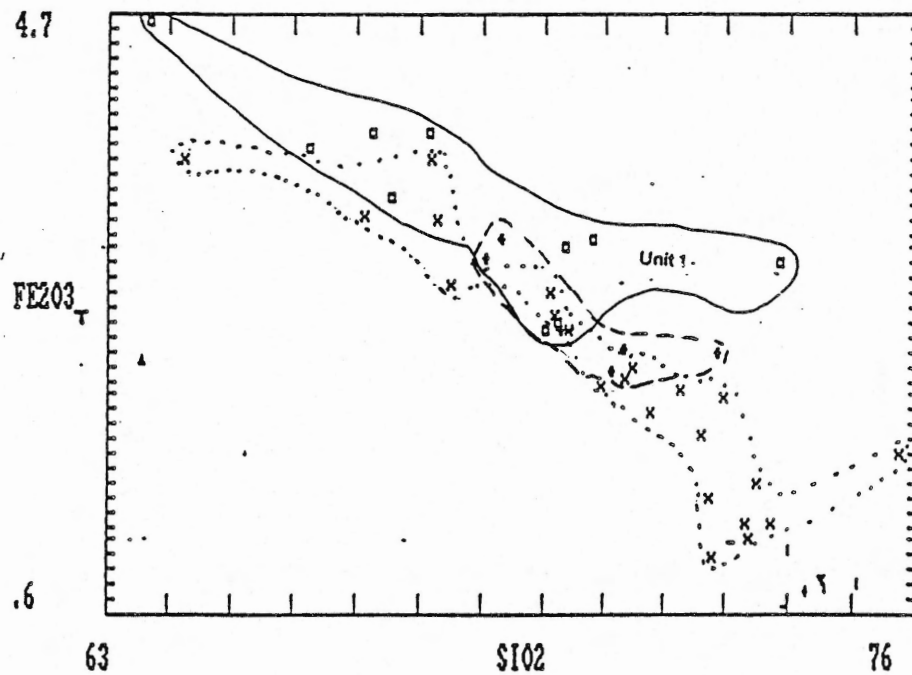


Figure 4-1d: Whole-rock chemistry of granitoid rocks: Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3T</sub> (wt. %) compared with SiO<sub>2</sub> (wt. %).

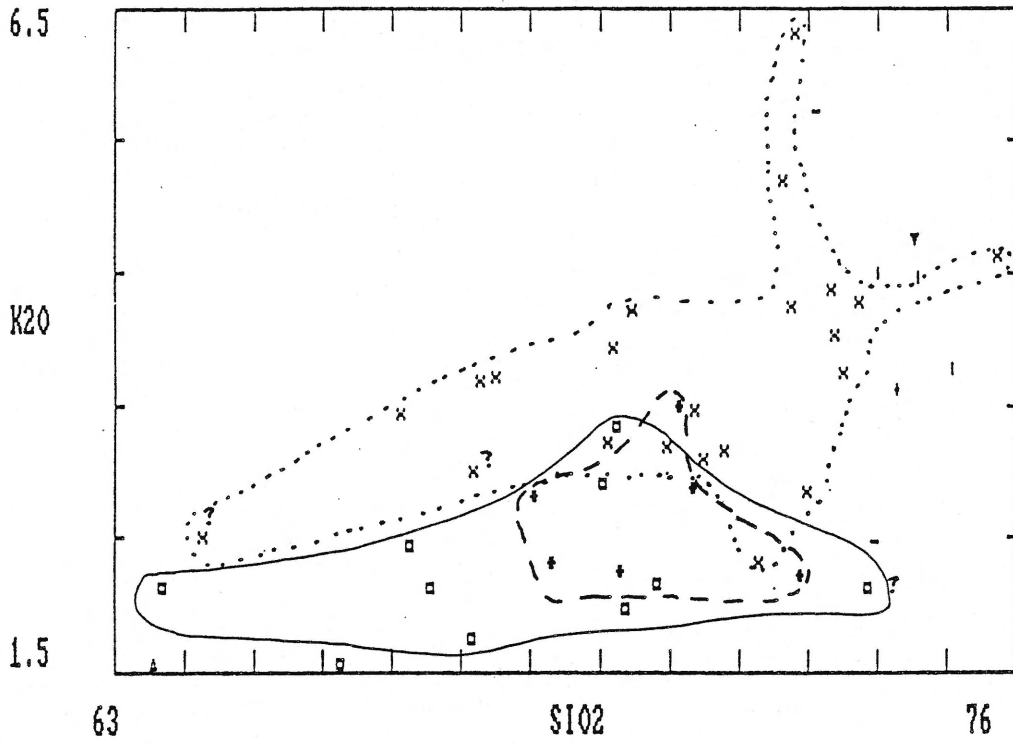


Figure 4-1e: Whole-rock chemistry of granitoid rocks:  $K_2O$  (wt. %) compared with  $SiO_2$  (wt. %)

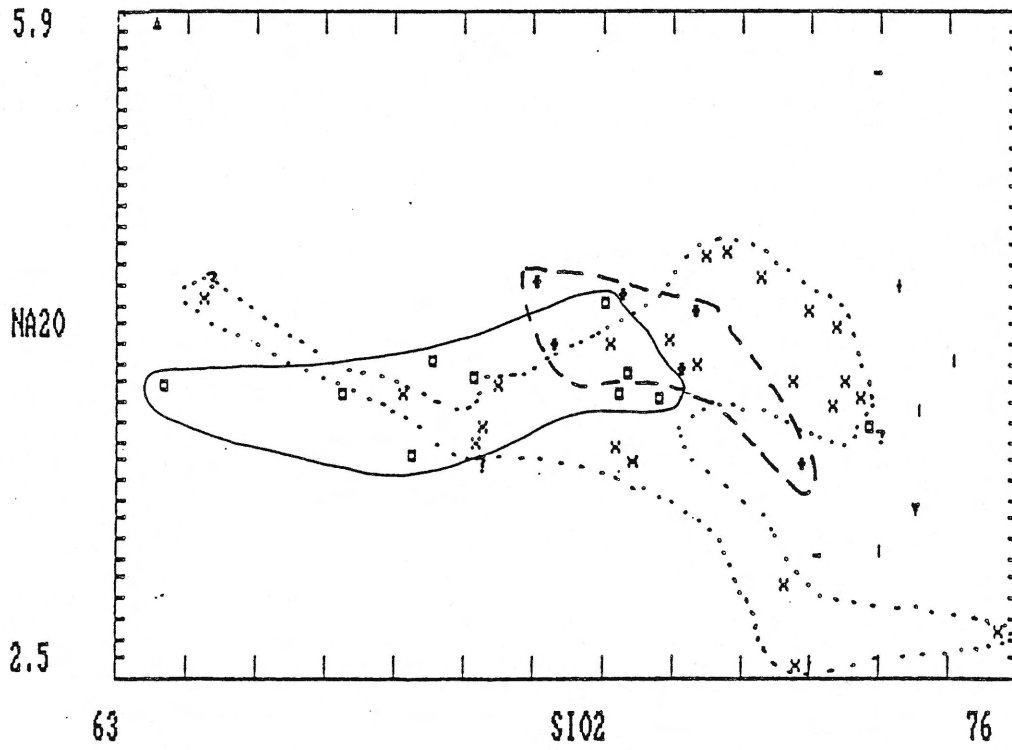


Figure 4-1f: Whole-rock chemistry of granitoid rocks:  $Na_2O$  (wt. %) compared with  $SiO_2$  (wt. %).



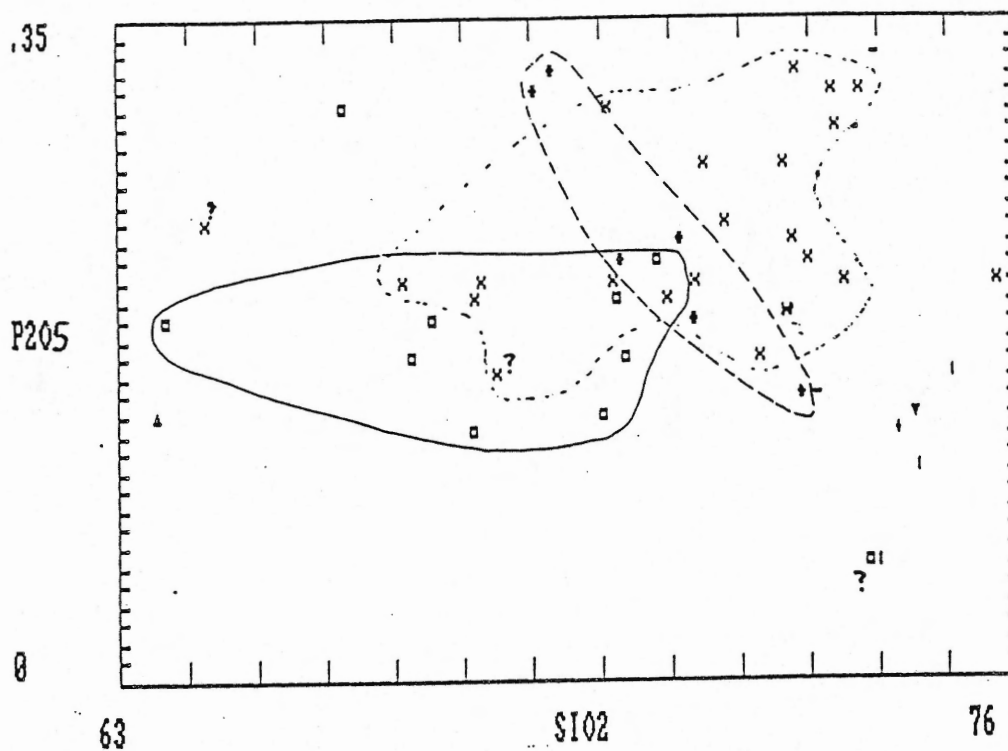


Figure 4-1g: Whole-rock chemistry of granitoid rocks:  $P_2O_5$  (wt. %) compared with  $SiO_2$  (wt. %).

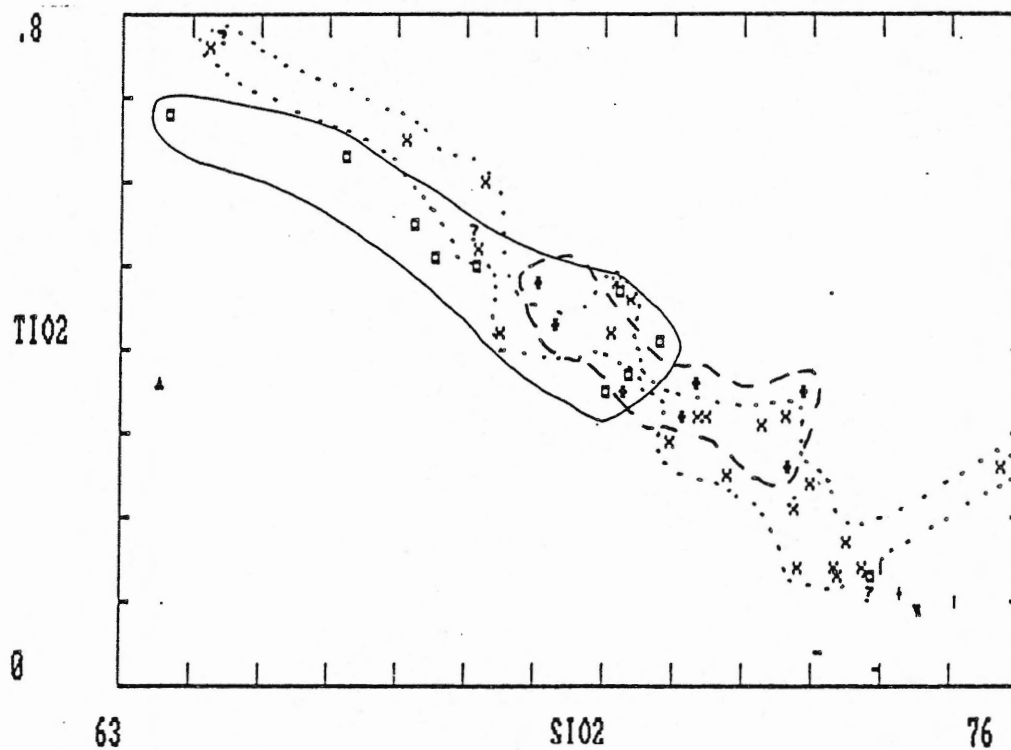


Figure 4-1h: Whole-rock chemistry of granitoid rocks:  $TiO_2$  (wt. %) compared with  $SiO_2$  (wt. %).

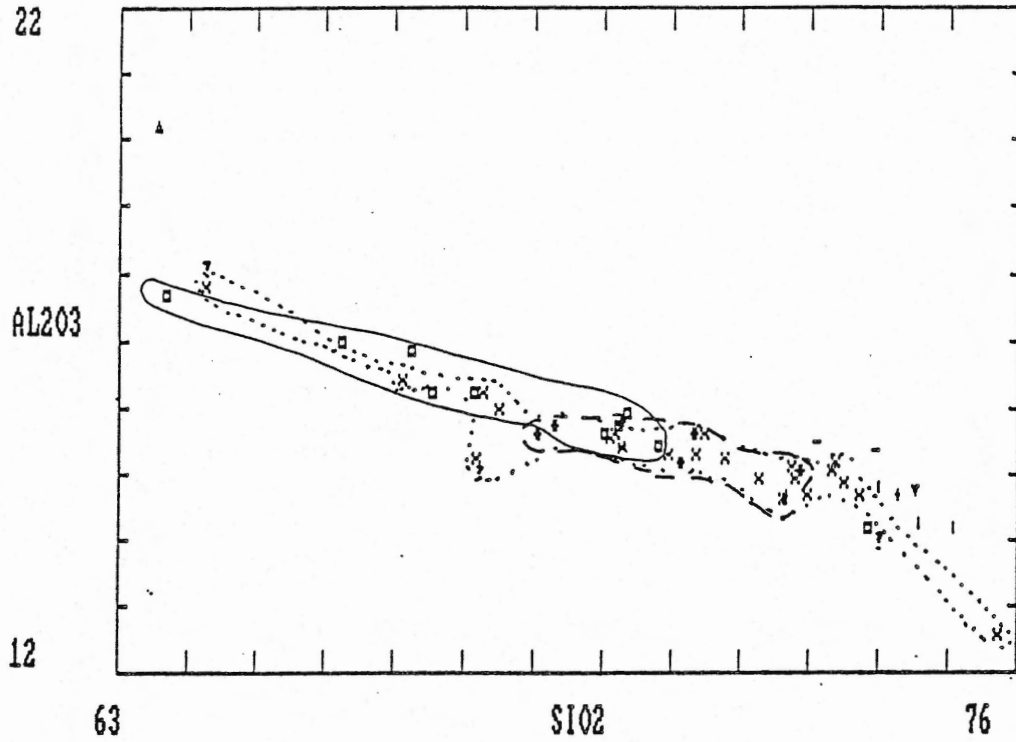


Figure 4-11: Whole-rock chemistry of granitoid rocks: Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (wt. %) compared with SiO<sub>2</sub> (wt. %).

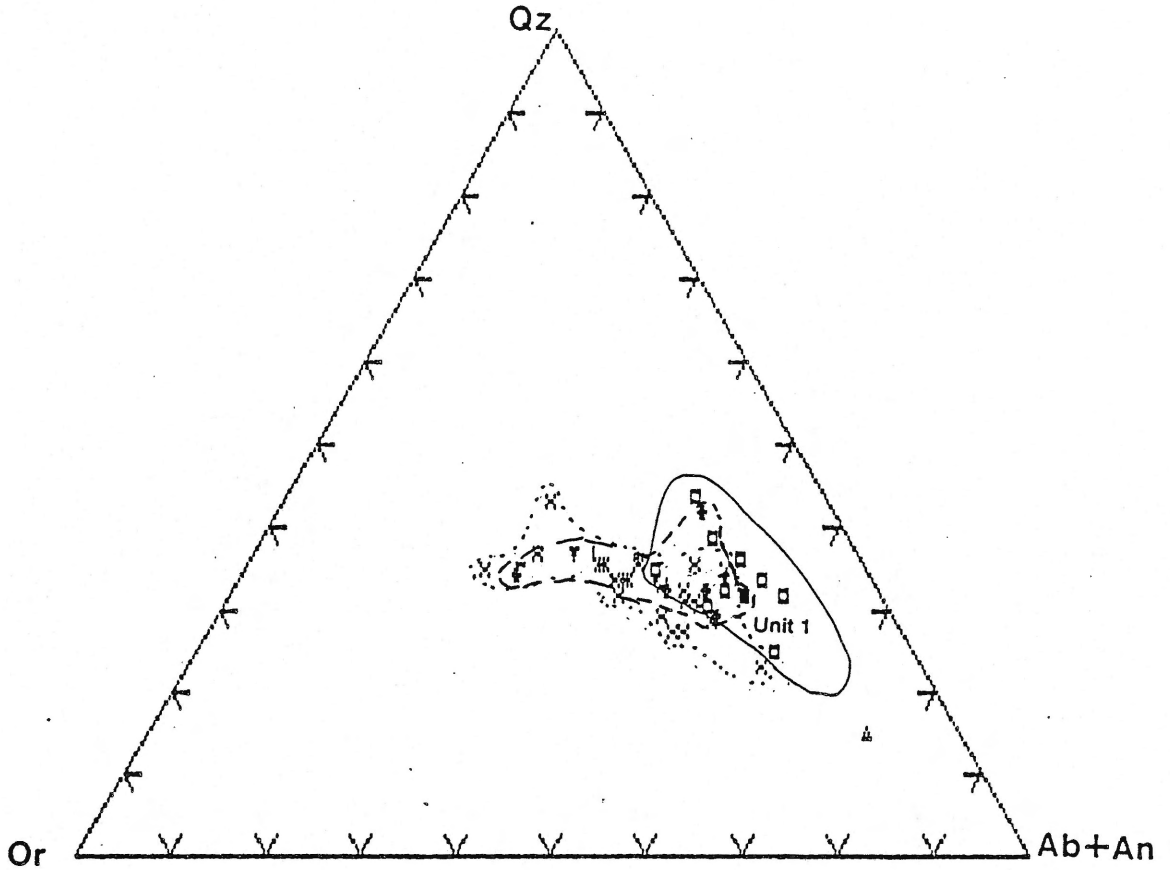


Figure 4-2: Whole-rock chemistry of granitoid rocks within the PMP: CIPW plot of normative quartz (Qz), orthoclase (Or) and albite and anorthite (Ab + An).

The plagioclase porphyritic lamprophyre (NPM615) is classified as an alkaline lamprophyre (Rock, 1977) and has a whole-rock, major element composition similar to a typical alkali basalt (Karlo, 1982) except that the total iron,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{TiO}_2$  contents are slightly less in the lamprophyre (Fig. 4-3).

The MacLeods Cove lamprophyre (NPM485) is classified as a shoshonitic lamprophyre, and its normative composition is very similar to sample NPM612 of the Forbes Point lamprophyre (Fig. 4-3). The Forbes Point lamprophyre has lower  $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and higher  $\text{FeO}(\text{total})$ ,  $\text{MgO}$  and  $\text{CaO}$  than the MacLeods Cove lamprophyre (NPM612).

The shoshonitic dykes at MacLeods Cove and Forbes Point have lower  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  and significantly higher  $\text{MgO}$  (12-15 wt. %) compared with 'typical' shoshonitic lamprophyres (6-6.3 wt. %  $\text{MgO}$ ) defined by Metals and Chayes (1962). In comparison with the mafic granitoid rocks of the PMP (tonalite NPM533), the three lamprophyre samples from the PMP have significantly greater concentrations of  $\text{FeO}(\text{total})$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  (except NPM615),  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{MnO}$  and lower  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$  contents. A plot of  $(\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O})$  versus  $\text{SiO}_2$  (Fig. 4-4) illustrates the differences in concentration of these elements in the PMP granitoids and the PMP lamprophyres.

#### 4-3 Trace Elements

##### 4-3-1 Introduction

The geochemical behaviour of fourteen trace elements is summarized for the Port Mouton Pluton samples. The chemistry of the lamprophyre dykes is described separately from the granitic samples

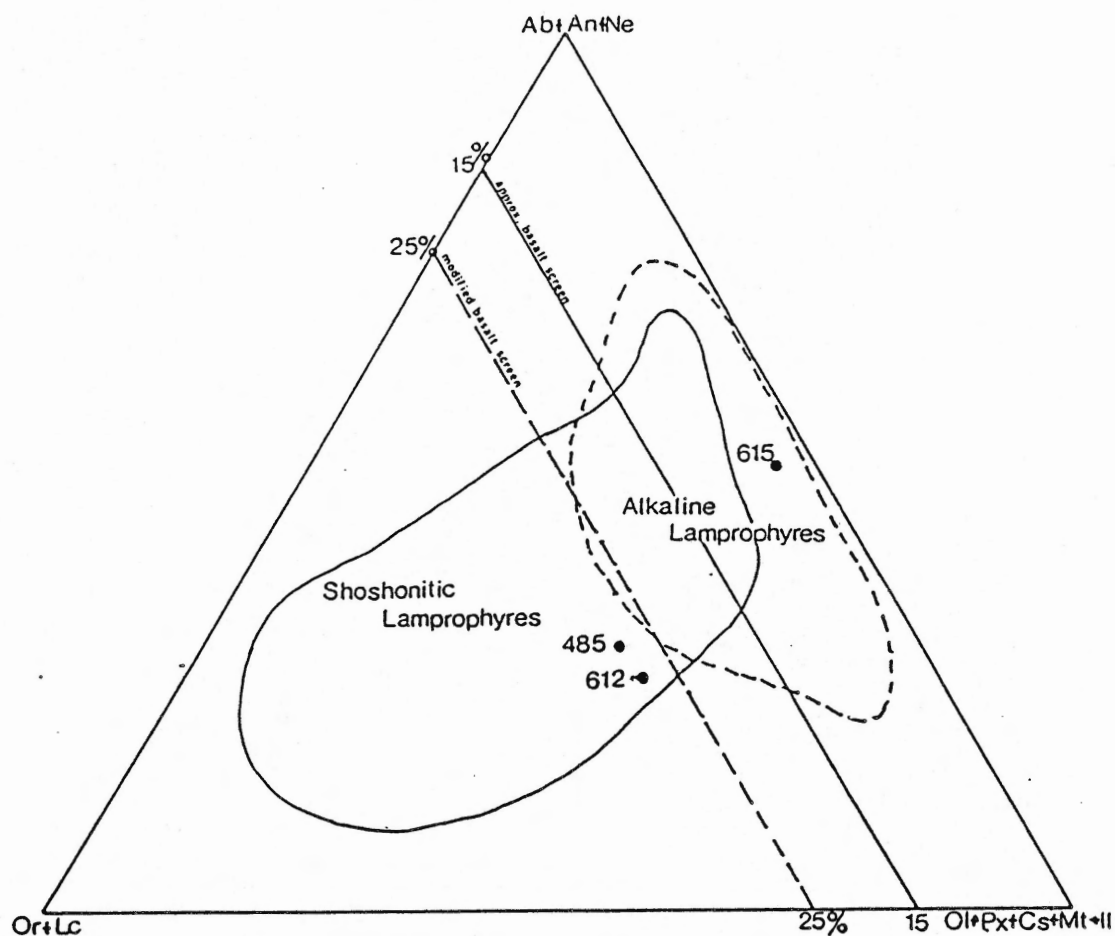


Figure 4-3: CIPW triangular plot, defining the zones of shoshonitic and alkaline lamprophyre composition (after Rock, 1977). The approximate basalt screen from 0 to 15% is after Manson (1967) and the modified basalt screen from 0 to 25% is after Rock (1977).

485= NPM485, shoshonitic lamprophyre MacLeods Cove  
 612= NPM612, " " of Forbes Point  
 615= NPM615, alkaline lamprophyre of Forbes Point

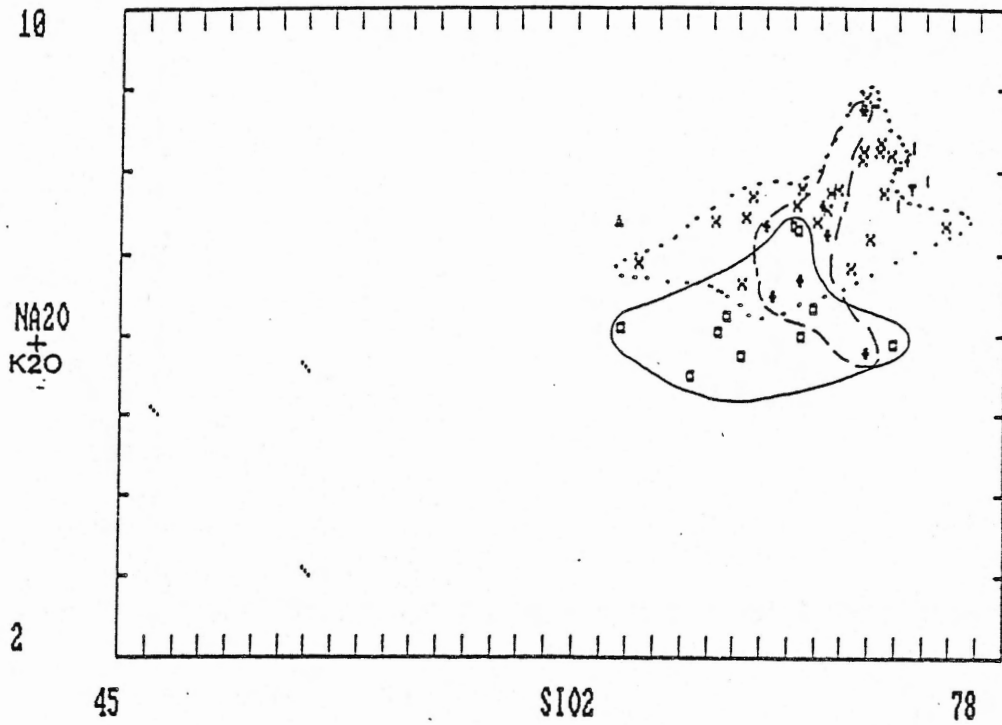


Figure 4-4: Whole-rock chemistry  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O}$  (wt. %) versus  $\text{SiO}_2$  (wt. %) of the PMP granites and lamprophyres. Symbols as in Table 4-1.

because of the extreme variation in trace element contents.

## Alkali Metals

### 4-3-2 Rubidium

The geochemistry of Rb is dominated by its extensive diadochic relation with K, and for this reason Rb is usually discussed with respect to K (Reynolds, 1972). Important Rb carriers in igneous rocks are muscovite and biotite, which commonly contain several thousand ppm Rb (Reynolds, 1972). Igneous differentiation causes a slight relative enrichment of Rb and a decrease in the K/Rb ratio (Mason, 1982).

Rubidium in the PMP granitoids displays a progressive enrichment (in mean values for each unit) from Units 1 to 4, although there is some overlap in values. Unit 4 has a higher Rb content than Unit 1. Unit 7 has average Rb values intermediate between Unit 1 and 4 (Fig. 4-5). The K/Rb plot of Figure 4-5 indicates that there is a moderately well-defined, progressive decrease in the K/Rb ratio with decreasing age among Units 1, 4 and 7. The K/Rb ratios start at magmatic values (Unit 1) of approximately 250, and drop to values of less than 155. The low values may indicate fluid involvement (excess Rb and therefore low K/Rb values) for Unit 1, 4 and 7. This is similar to the decrease noted by MacDonald (1981) in the Musquodoboit Batholith samples.

## Alkaline Earth Metals

### 4-3-3 Strontium

Strontium is admitted to the lattice of Ca minerals or captured

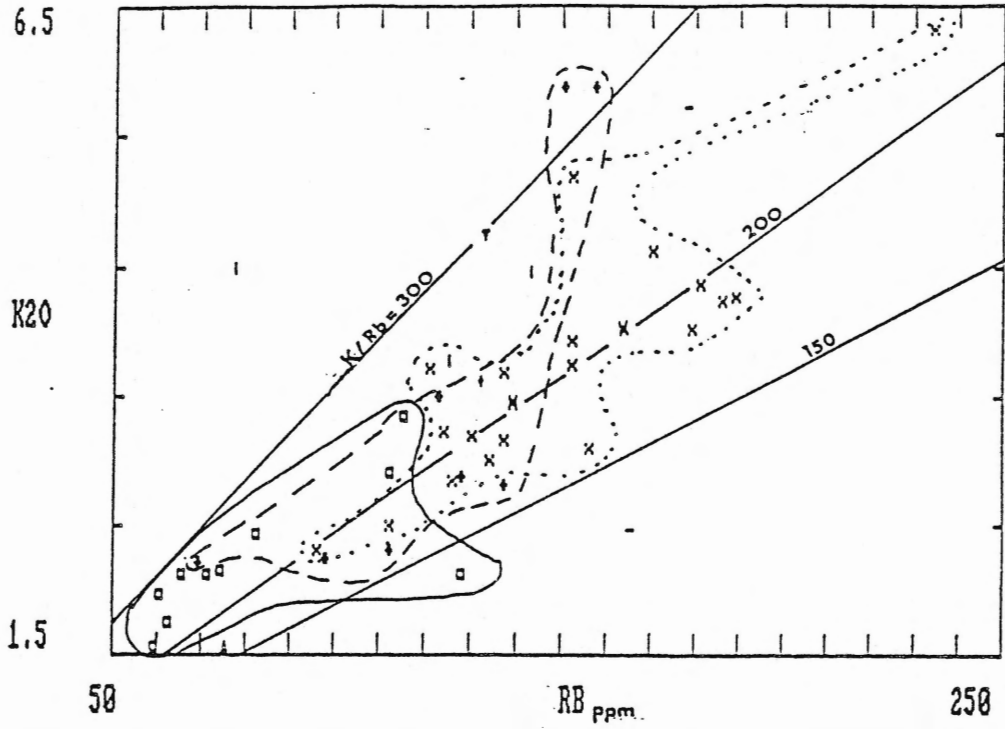


Figure 4-5: Whole-rock analyses of granitoid rocks- K<sub>2</sub>O (wt.%) compared with Rb (ppm).

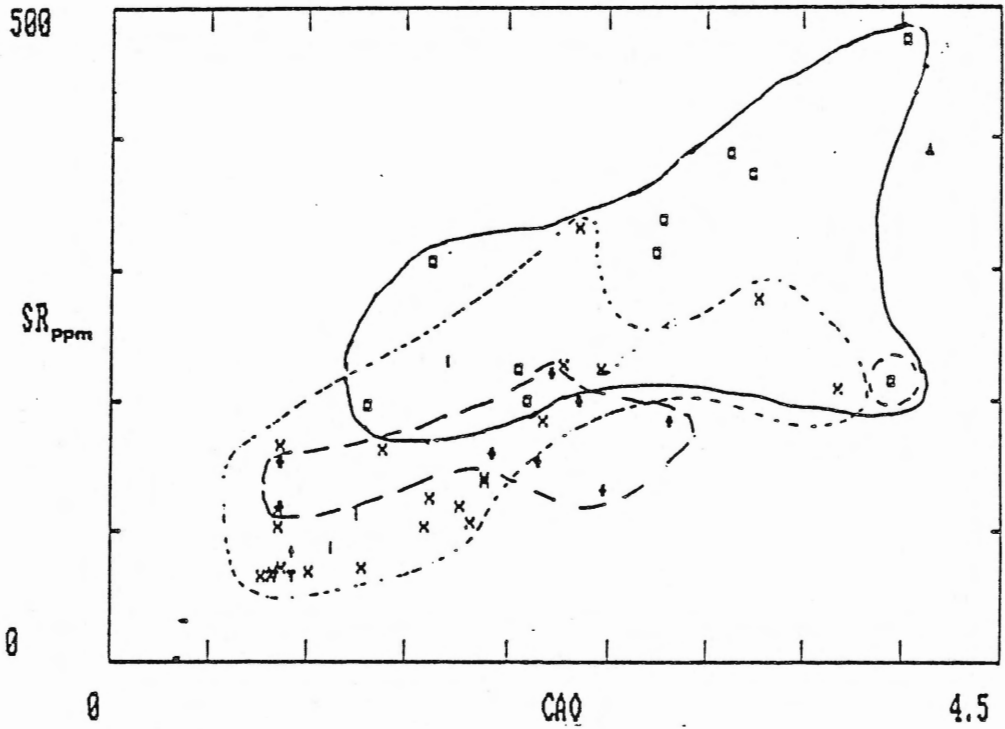


Figure 4-6: Whole-rock analyses of granitoid rocks- Sr (ppm) compared with CaO (wt. %).



by K minerals (Mason, 1982). The concentration of Sr is highest in calcium-rich minerals and, to a lesser extent, in K-rich minerals. The average concentration of Sr is 282 ppm in granitic rocks and 465 ppm in basaltic rocks (Turekian, 1956). Plagioclase and potash feldspar are Sr-enriched, relative to the silicate melt. Strontium concentration in the silicate melt decreases as crystallization proceeds (Mason, 1982). Pegmatites and aplites are usually depleted compared with granites (Faure, 1970).

Strontium increases with CaO content in PMP granitoid (Fig. 4-6). In the PMP granitoids there is an overall increase in Sr with an increase in CaO (Fig. 4-6). There is a wide scatter in the data and considerable overlap in the fields of Units 1, 4 and 7, although Unit 1 shows higher Sr/CaO ratios than Unit 4 (Fig. 4-6). The felsic units, 3, 6 and 9 have relatively low Sr and CaO concentrations compared with Units 1, 2, 4 and 7.

#### 4-3-4 Barium

Barium occurs as a divalent cation which, in terms of overall geochemistry, closely resembles Sr. Barium is able to substitute for  $K^+$  due to their similar ionic radii ( $1.35 \text{ \AA}$  and  $1.33 \text{ \AA}$ , respectively) (Pilkey, 1972). Barium is often enriched in early-formed potassium minerals, and occurs in orthoclase, muscovite and biotite. Portions of a granitic magma that crystallize first are commonly enriched in Ba (Puchelt, 1978). Orthoclase from the late-stage pegmatite rocks is typically depleted in Ba. In general, felsic igneous rocks contain more Ba than basic rocks because of the

relatively higher abundance of orthoclase in the felsic rocks (Pilkey, 1972).

Figure 4-7 illustrates the relationship of Rb and Ba in samples from the PMP. There is no linear correlation between these elements. A plot of Ba, Sr and Rb (Fig. 4-8) illustrates that the PMP granitoids are preferentially enriched in Ba (except Unit 2 and 9) with respect to Sr and Rb, and that a distinction can be made between Units 1 and 4. Unit 7 is intermediate to Units 1 and 4 in this plot. Unit 9 samples plot with the strongly differentiated granites.

#### Group IIIB Metals

##### 4-3-5 Yttrium

Yttrium content in the PMP granitoid rocks is not a useful discriminator between Units 1, 4, 7, 8 and 9 (Fig. 4-9). Plots of  $\text{SUMREE}/\text{Y}$ ,  $\text{Ce}/\text{Y}$  and  $\text{Y}/\text{Yb}$  are equally uninformative as the units do not define distinct geochemical domains. Note that the trace element plots are plotted against the differentiation index (DI) because of the better resolution (distribution) of the points. Differentiation index is a better discriminator than  $\text{SiO}_2$ .

##### 4-3-6 Zirconium

#### Group IVB Metals

Zirconium does not occur in the main rock-forming minerals because of its high oxidation state (4+), (McNally, 1972). Zirconium is found principally in the mineral zircon. Zirconium is concentrated in residual magmas resulting from fractional crystallization. This

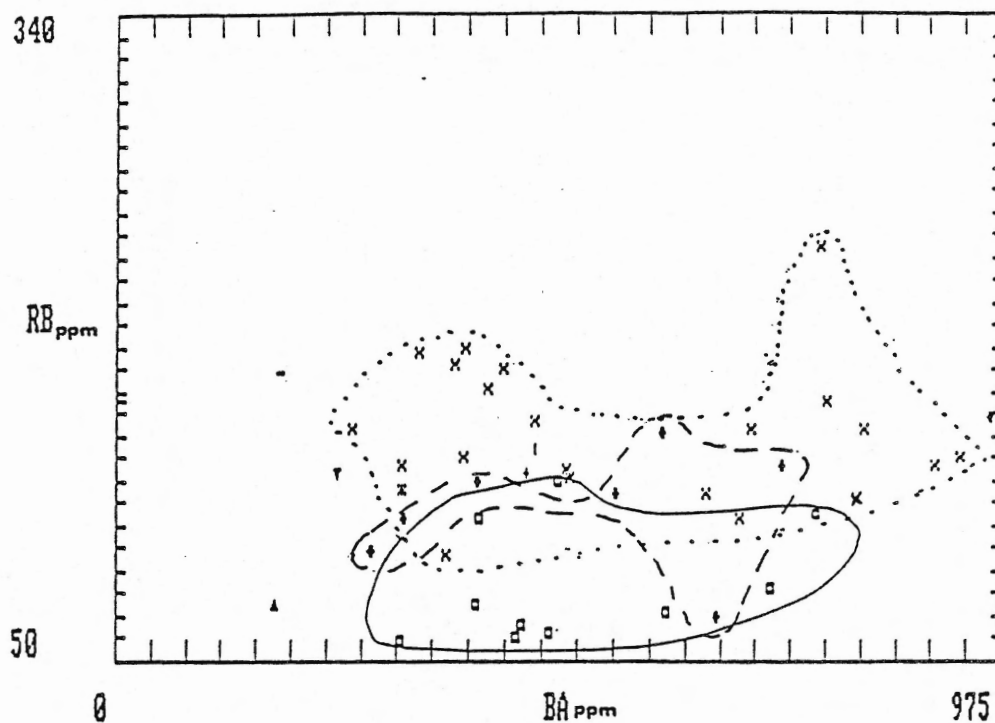


Figure 4-7: Whole-rock analyses of granitoid rocks. Rb (ppm) versus Ba (ppm)

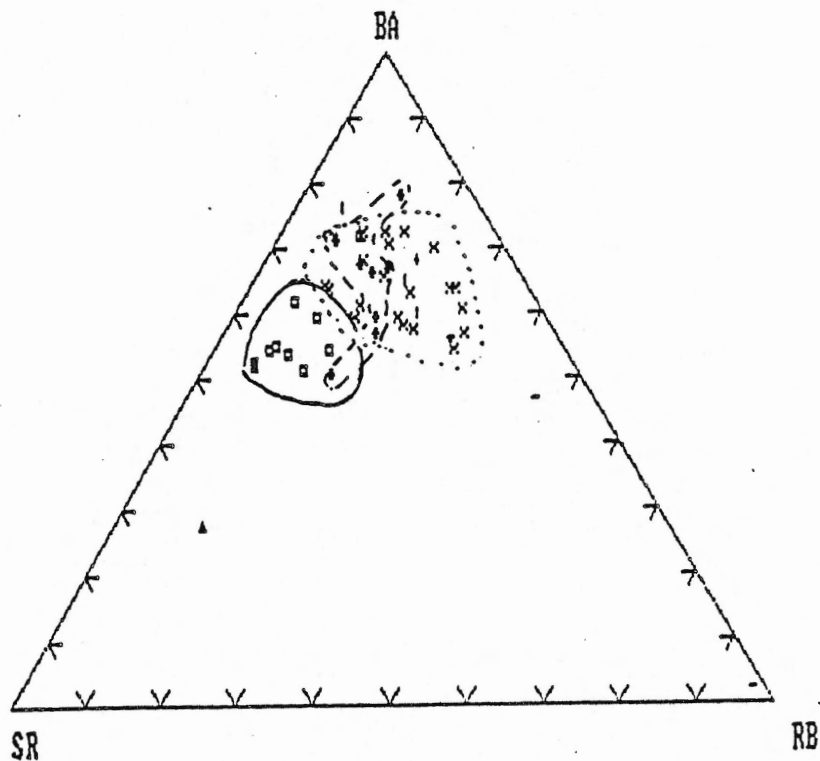


Figure 4-8: Whole-rock analyses of granitoid rocks. Sr (ppm) versus Ba (ppm) versus Rb (ppm).

may be especially true in the case of residual magmas with a high concentration of alkali minerals (McNally, 1972).

There is a poorly-developed correlation between Zr and  $TiO_2$  in the PMP samples (Fig. 4-10). The felsic units, 3, 6, 8 and 9, exhibit similar Zr concentrations that are lower than their respective mafic precursors (Units 1, 4 and 7). The Zr contents of Unit 4 and Unit 7 are slightly higher than Unit 1 (Fig. 4-10).

#### Group VB Metal

##### 4-3-7 Vanadium

Vanadium occurs with valences of  $2^+$ ,  $3^+$ ,  $4^+$  and  $5^+$ .  $V^{3+}$  (ionic radius=0.64-0.74  $\text{\AA}$ ) substitutes for  $Fe^{3+}$  in minerals of magmatic origin such as pyroxenes, amphiboles and biotites. The concentration of V in basaltic rocks is 250 ppm compared with 88 and 44 ppm in the Ca-rich and Ca-poor granites respectively (Burkart-Baumann, 1972).

Figure 4-11 is a plot of V (in ppm) and the TT-DI of the PMP granitoid samples. There is a moderately well-defined linear inverse relationship between V and TT-DI (Thornton-Tuttle differentiation index). The linear correlation becomes more diffuse at high V and low TT-DI values. The V content of Unit 4 samples is lower than those of Unit 1, and Unit 7 has average V values intermediate between those of Units 1 and 4.

#### Group VB Metal

##### 4-3-8 Niobium

Naturally-occurring Nb exists only in the form  $Nb^{5+}$  and has an

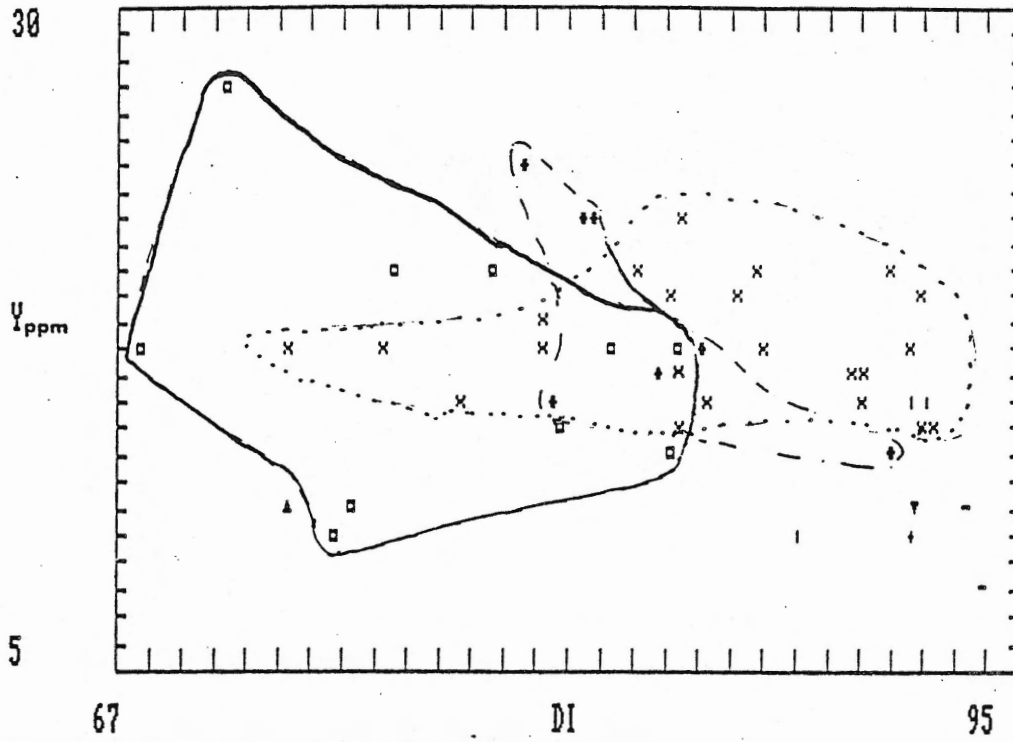


Figure 4-9: Whole-rock analyses of granitoid rocks. Y(ppm) versus Thornton-Tuttle differentiation index.

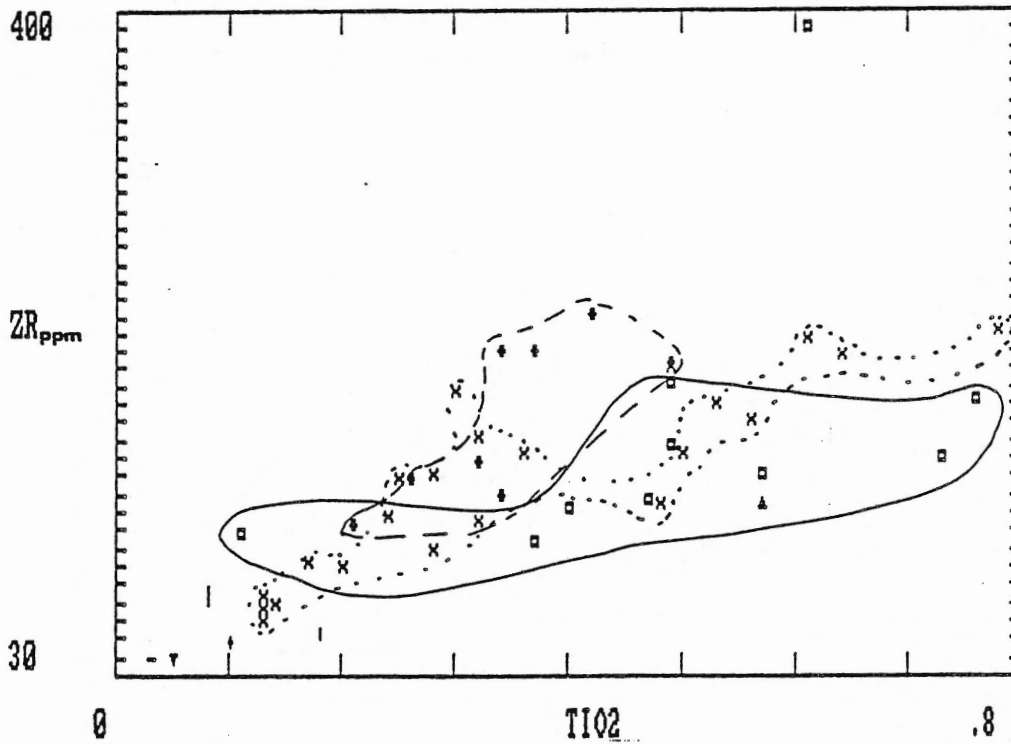


Figure 4-10: Whole-rock analyses of granitoid rocks. Zr (ppm) versus TiO<sub>2</sub> (wt. %).

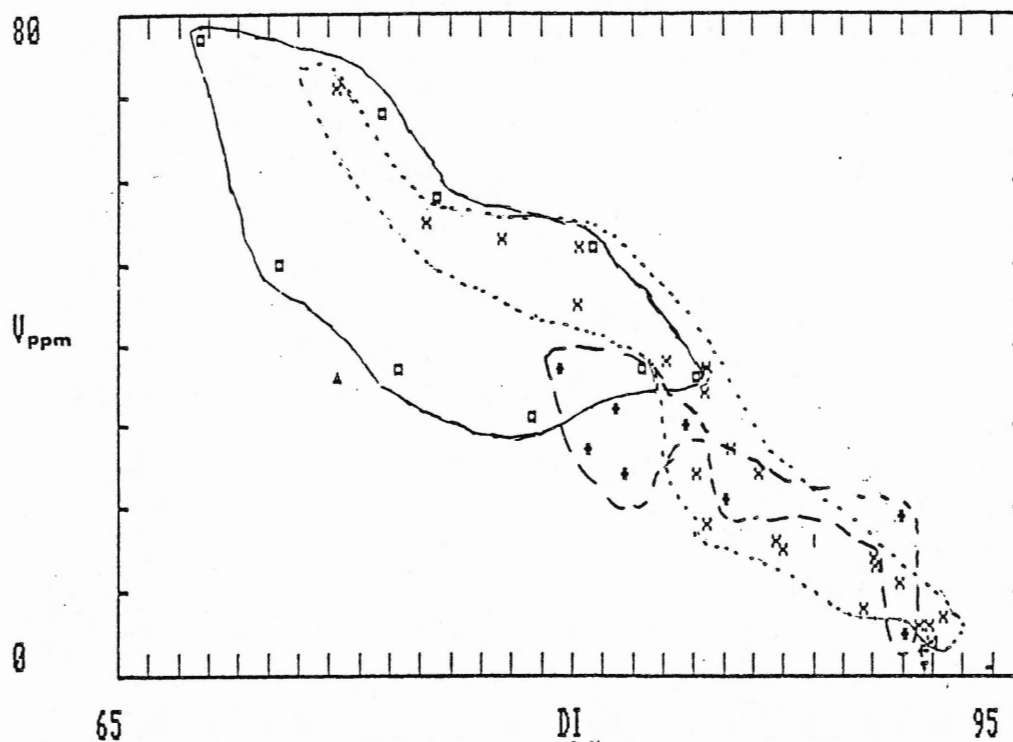


Figure 4-11: Whole-rock analyses of granitoid rocks. V (ppm) versus Thornton-Tuttle differentiation index.

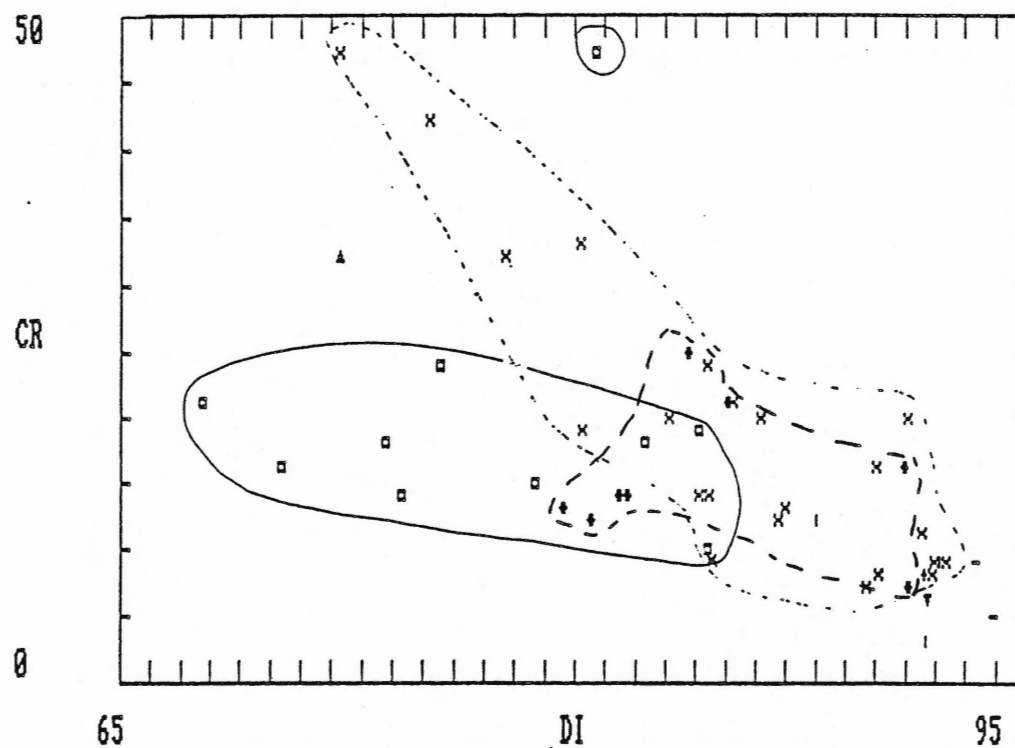


Figure 4-12: Whole-rock analyses of granitoid rocks. Cr (ppm) versus Thornton-Tuttle differentiation index.

ionic radius of  $0.69 \text{ \AA}$ . It is found substituting for Ti ( $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  radius= $0.64 \text{ \AA}$ ) in Ti-bearing minerals such as ilmenite, rutile and sphene. Niobium will also substitute for Zr in zircon. Niobium becomes concentrated in the later stages of magmatic crystallization in granitic pegmatites (Gornitz, 1972).

Niobium has no correlation with the TT-DI in the PMP samples.

#### Group VIB metal

##### 4-3-9 Chromium

In nature, chromium occurs principally as the trivalent ion,  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  (ionic radius= $0.64 \text{ \AA}$ ). It readily substitutes for  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  ( $0.67 \text{ \AA}$ ) and  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  ( $0.56 \text{ \AA}$ ) during crystallization. Typically Cr is precipitated from a magma at an early stage in its evolutionary history, either in chromium spinel or in silicate minerals, particularly clinopyroxene (Smith, 1972).

Chromium displays a negative correlation with the TT-DI (Fig. 4-12).

#### Group VIII Metal

##### 4-3-10 Nickel

No correlation between Ni concentrations and the TT-DI is apparent. The concentration of Ni in all units ranges from 2 ppm (NPM584-Unit 1) to 18 ppm (NPM580-Unit 4).

#### Group IB metal

##### 4-3-11 Copper

No detectable Cu in samples from the felsic zones (Units 3,6,8 and 9) of the PMP (Fig. 4-13). There is considerable overlap in the Cu values for Units 1, 2, 4 and 7 which range from 1 to 10 ppm. Two Unit 1 samples, NPM11 and NPM582, show anomalously high Cu values of 16 and 19 ppm respectively.

#### Group 11B Metal

##### 4-3-12 Zinc

The concentration of Zn does not appear to have a strong correlation with TT-DI in the PMP (Fig. 4-14). The leucomonzogranite-leucotonalite zones of Units 3, 6, 8 and 9 have the lowest Zn concentrations (at 17 to 43 ppm).

#### Group IIIA Metal

##### 4-3-13 Gallium

Ga appears to have no correlation with the TT-DI in the PMP samples. The range in Ga concentration varies from 14 to 26 ppm.

#### Group IVA Metal

##### 4-3-14 Lead

The occurrence of Pb in magmatic rocks is governed primarily by its relationship to potassium. Divalent lead has an ionic radius of  $1.2 \text{ \AA}$ , slightly smaller than that of K ( $1.33 \text{ \AA}$ ). Lead substitutes for K in micas and potassium feldspars, and may to a smaller degree,



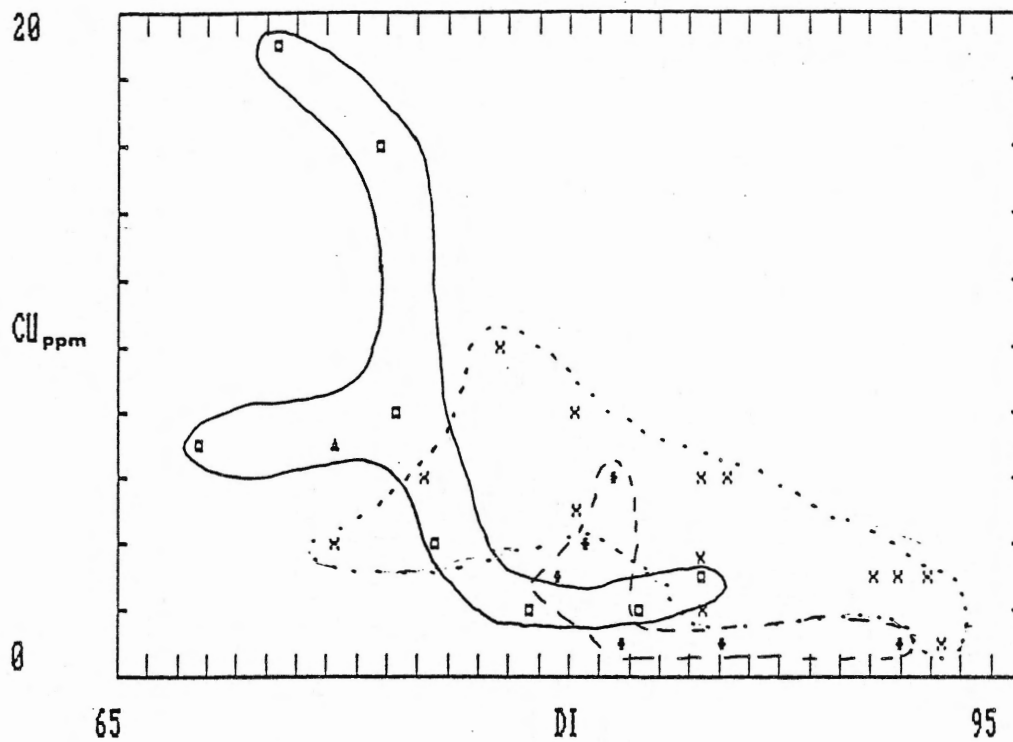


Figure 4-13: Whole-rock analyses of granitoid rocks. Cu (ppm) versus Thornton-Tuttle differentiation index.

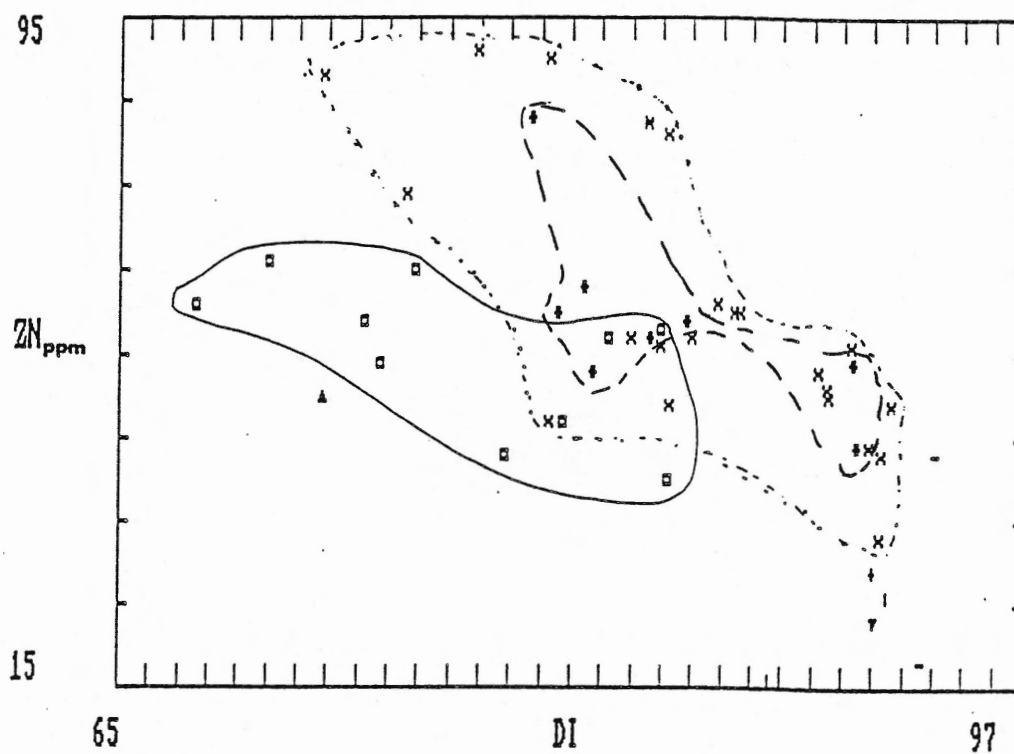


Figure 4-14: Whole-rock analyses of granitoid rocks. Zn (ppm) versus Thornton-Tuttle differentiation index.

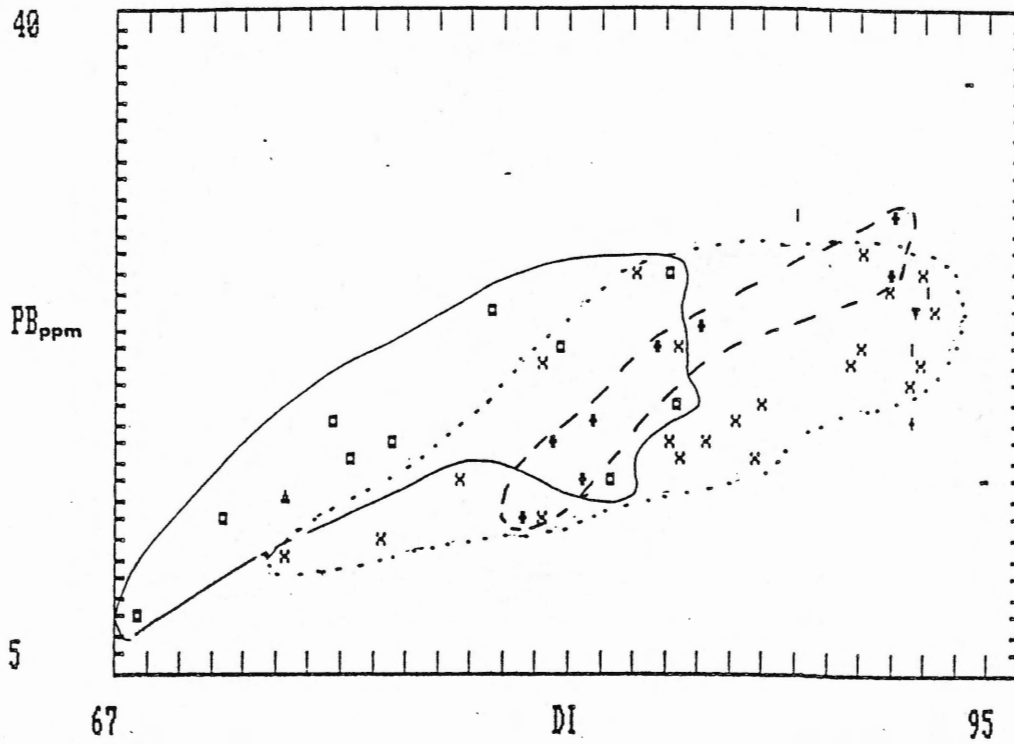


Figure 4-15: Whole-rock analyses of granitoid rocks. Pb (ppm) versus Thornton-Tuttle differentiation index.

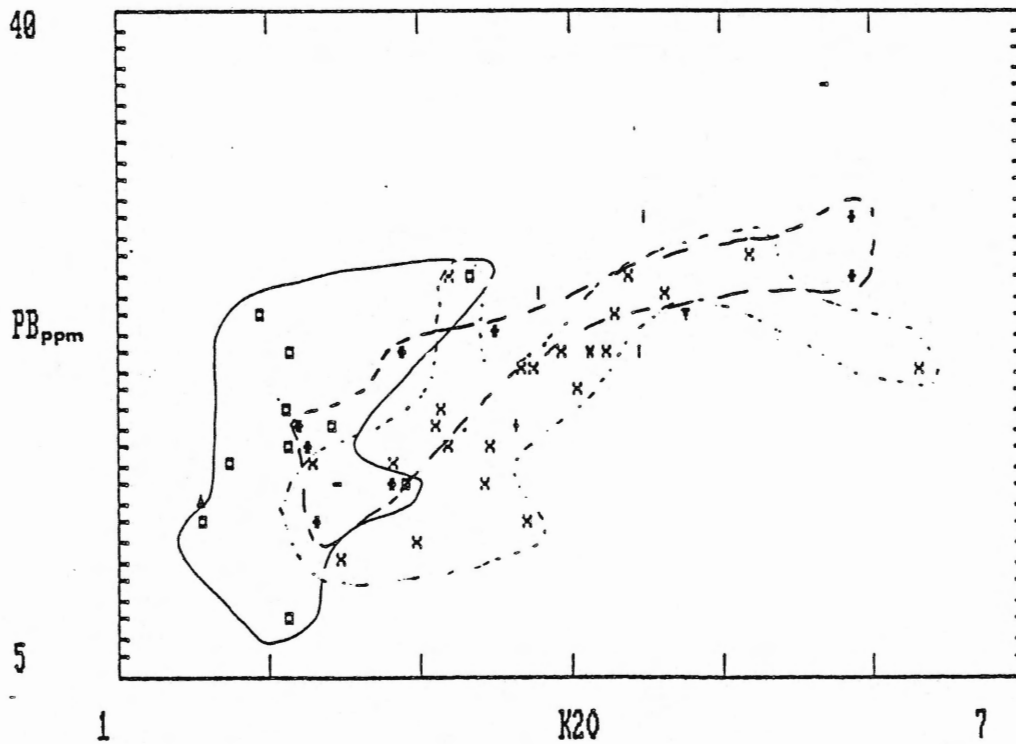


Figure 4-16: Whole-rock analyses of granitoid rocks. Pb (ppm) versus K<sub>2</sub>O (wt. %).

substitute for  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  (0.99A) in plagioclase, amphiboles and pyroxenes. Of the common types of igneous rocks, granites contain the highest abundance of Pb at 20 ppm (Wampler, 1972).

There is a weak positive correlation between Pb and the TT-DI for the PMP samples (Fig. 4-15). Figure 4-16 illustrates a positive correlation between Pb and  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ . Unit 1 has a higher Pb/ $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  ratio than Unit 4. Unit 7 has Pb/ $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  ratios intermediate between Units 1 and 4.

#### Actinide Series

##### 4-3-15 Thorium

Thorium occurs as a quadrivalent ion with a radius of  $0.99 \text{ \AA}$ . It is concentrated in the late stages of magmatic crystallization (Moore and Swami, 1972) where it substitutes for REEs in monazite, Zr in zircon, and Ca in apatite and sphene. Uranium follows a similar path during crystallization of magmas. Late-stage Th concentration did not occur in the SMB of Nova Scotia (see Chatterjee and Muecke, 1982).

The felsic units 2, 3, 6, 8 and 9 have Th concentrations less than 10 ppm. Unit 7 contains between 0 and 14 ppm Th. Units 1 and 4 show the greatest variations in Th, ranging from 0-44 ppm.

##### 4-3-16 Lamprophyres

The two PMP lamprophyre dykes (three samples) exhibit trace element compositions, relative to the granitic bodies of the PMP. The two shoshonitic lamprophyres (NPM612 and NPM485) have higher concentrations of Ba, Cu, Ni and lower concentrations of V and Cr than the alkaline lamprophyre (NPM615).

The shoshonitic dykes have dissimilar trace element chemistry. The MacLeods Cove lamprophyre has significantly higher Sr (at 2567 vs 420 ppm), Zr (at 421 vs 135 ppm), Nb (at 30 vs 12 ppm) and Cr (957 vs 551 ppm) and lower Ba (1311, 1920 ppm) and Ni (79,194 ppm) than the Forbes Point dyke. The alkaline zone of the Forbes Point dyke shows significantly lower Ba, Rb, Cu and Ni values than the shoshonitic zone. The alkaline zone is significantly higher in Sr, Zr, Nb, Zn, V, Cr and Y than the shoshonitic zone.

The three PMP lamprophyre analyses are plotted on a spidergram and normalized to the primitive earth crust composition in order to compare their chemistry with that of the average crustal rocks (Taylor, 1980) (Fig. 4-17). As can be seen in Figure 4-17, the composition of the three lamprophyres of the PMP are significantly different from the primitive earth crustal composition. The PMP lamprophyres have significantly higher Ba concentrations than average granites 1311 to 1920 ppm and 400-500 ppm (Pilkey, 1972) respectively. The alkaline zone (NPM615) of is slightly lower, at 394 ppm, than the average granite. Strontium concentration in the PMP lamprophyres is high (420 and 2567 ppm) compared with basaltic rocks (465 ppm). Average granites (282 ppm, Turekian, 1956) show significantly lower Sr concentrations than either basalts or PMP lamprophyres. The concentration of Ni in the PMP lamprophyres ranges from 22 ppm in the alkaline lamprophyre zone (NPM615) to 194 ppm in the MacLeod Cove lamprophyre (NPM485). The average Ni concentration in igneous rocks is 80 ppm (Avias, 1972). The concentration of V in the PMP lamprophyres from 144 to 240 ppm is close to its concentration in

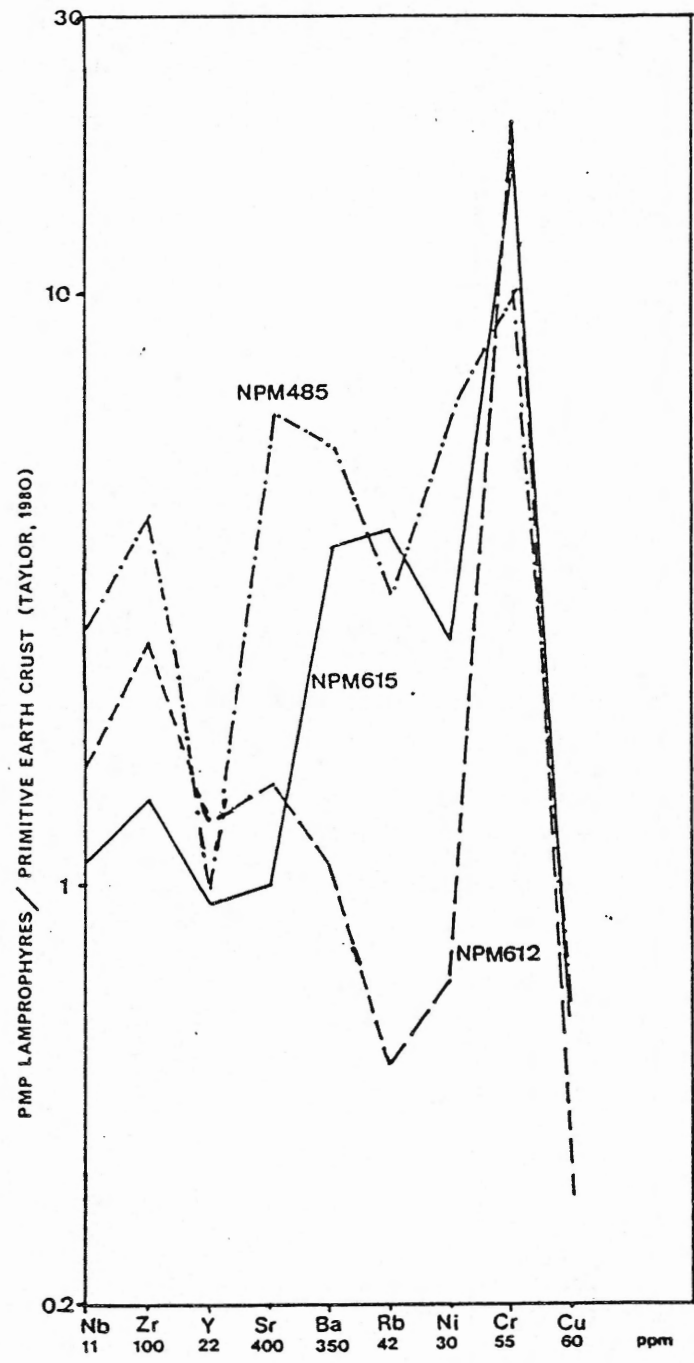


Figure 4-17: Plot of three lamprophyre zones from the PMP normalized to primitive earth crustal composition (normalization values after Taylor, 1980).

average basic rocks, defined by Burkart-Baumann (1972) to be 250 ppm.

The PMP shoshonitic dykes (NPM612 and NPM485) are similar to the Caledonian kersantite lamprophyres (phlogopite-plagioclase-rich shoshonites) of northern England (MacDonald *et al.*, 1985) in their Ba, Cr, Nb, V, Sr (NPM485), Y and Zr trace element concentrations (Table 4-1). Noteworthy differences are evident in the concentrations of Ni, Rb and Th. Some of these relationships are shown in a rock/MORB plot of the PMP lamprophyre (NPM612) compared with the English Caledonian lamprophyres (Fig. 4-20). Majors, traces and rare earth elements are shown, using Pearce (1982, 1983) element ordering and MORB normalization values. Values from a 'primitive' tonalite from Unit 1 (NPM584) is also included on the diagram (see also Table 4-1).

#### 4-4 Rare Earth Elements

##### 4-4-1 Introduction

The REEs La to Lu (atomic numbers 57-71) are members of Group IIIA in the periodic table and have similar chemical and physical properties. Although the REEs are generally trivalent, some exhibit other oxidation states, including  $Ce^{4+}$  and  $Eu^{2+}$  which are important in geological processes (Ahrens, 1964). The REEs exhibit a steady decrease in ionic radius of the REEs with increasing atomic number ( $La^{3+}=1.14A$ ,  $Lu^{3+}=0.85A$ ) (Henderson, 1984). The large ionic radii of the REEs preclude their significant substitution into minerals except where the substituted cation is also large. Substitutions of trivalent REE are observed for  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Y^{3+}$ ,  $Th^{4+}$ ,  $U^{4+}$ ,  $Mn^{2+}$  and  $Zr^{4+}$  ( $Eu^{2+}$  has a similar radius to that of  $Sr^{2+}$ ). If REE concentrations

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Whole-rock chemistry of Caledonian kersantites of northern England (MacDonald *et al.*, 1985) compared with the PMP lamprophyres and a PMP tonalite sample from Unit 1.

|                                | NPM584<br>Unit 1<br>tonalite | NPM612<br>Shosh.<br>Lamp. | NPM615<br>Alkaline<br>Lamp. | NPM485<br>Shosh.<br>Lamp. | MacDonald<br><i>et al.</i> , 1985<br>Caledonian kersantites |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 68.14                        | 46.23                     | 52.01                       | 51.95                     | 45 +/-6   |
| TiO <sub>2</sub>               | 0.50                         | 1.08                      | 1.08                        | 1.22                      | 1.25 +/-0.33  |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 16.25                        | 10.71                     | 12.01                       | 12.07                     | 12.92 +/-2.3  |
| Fe(t)                          | 3.86                         | 10.01                     | 8.03                        | 7.89                      | 8.62 +/-0.74  |
| MnO                            | 0.07                         | 0.15                      | 0.21                        | 0.12                      | 0.21 +/-0.10  |
| MgO                            | 1.46                         | 15.63                     | 10.05                       | 12.98                     | 9.09 +/-2.37  |
| CaO                            | 3.12                         | 6.69                      | 10.80                       | 5.92                      | 9.05 +/-2.2   |
| Na <sub>2</sub> O              | 4.02                         | 1.01                      | 2.38                        | 1.29                      | 1.74 +/-0.79  |
| K <sub>2</sub> O               | 1.73                         | 4.01                      | 0.67                        | 4.29                      | 2.61 +/-0.82  |
| P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>  | 0.13                         | 0.75                      | 0.64                        | 0.84                      | 0.81 +/-0.22  |
| Ba                             | 475                          | 1311                      | 394                         | 1920                      | 2191 +/-149   |
| Rb                             | 62                           | 167                       | 19                          | 132                       | 54 +/-17  |
| Sr                             | 385                          | 420                       | 598                         | 2567                      | 2111 +/-2305  |
| Y                              | 11                           | 21                        | 28                          | 23                        | 26 +/-9   |
| Zr                             | 156                          | 435                       | 248                         | 421                       | 212 +/-48   |
| Nb                             | 9                            | 12                        | 18                          | 30                        | 17 +/-4   |
| Th                             | 10                           | 4                         | 3                           | -                         | -   |
| Pb                             | 16                           | 7                         | 2                           | -                         | -   |
| Ga                             | 18                           | 16                        | 15                          | 19                        | -   |
| Zn                             | 54                           | 89                        | 110                         | 105                       | -   |
| Cu                             | 8                            | 38                        | 16                          | 41                        | -   |
| Ni                             | 2                            | 79                        | 22                          | 194                       | 291 +/-173  |
| V                              | 37                           | 181                       | 240                         | 144                       | 86 +/-28  |
| Cr                             | 14                           | 957                       | 1046                        | 551                       | 570 +/-355  |

\*major oxides record in %, trace element values record in ppm.

are high enough, monazite, allanite, or other REE-rich may form. Otherwise, REEs become incorporated in the lattices of major rock-forming minerals such as apatite, zircon, plagioclase, potassic feldspar, garnet and biotite.

REEs are important because the degree of REE fractionation in a rock or mineral can indicate of its genesis. 'The REEs have their greatest utility in that, although the values for the Kd's for a given mineral may vary widely as a function of temperature or composition, in general, the shape of the pattern for a given mineral is consistent. Thus a given mineral will have a characteristic effect on a REE pattern of a melt which allows identification of that mineral as having been a residual zone.' (Hanson, 1978 p.34).

The importance of REE-complexing in late-stage supercritical melts is unclear (Hanson, 1978). Muecke and Clarke (1981) suggested that fluorine may have been effective as complexing agent of REEs under magmatic conditions during the late-stage greisenization of the South Mountain Batholith.

#### 4-4-2 REEs in the PMP

There is a marked variation in the SUM7REE (excluding Gd from analyses) between the Units analysed. The SUM7REE of Unit 1 (the oldest zone in the PMP) ranges from 64.6 to 105.2. Unit 4 has SUM7REE values ranging from 96.2 to 196.5. Only one of the three Unit 4 samples analysed has lower SUM7REE values than Unit 1 (NPM458). SUM7REEs of Unit 7 are variable (Fig. 4-18) and have values ranging from 24.8 (NPM560-monzogranite) to 91.3 (NPM583-tonalite). The Forbes



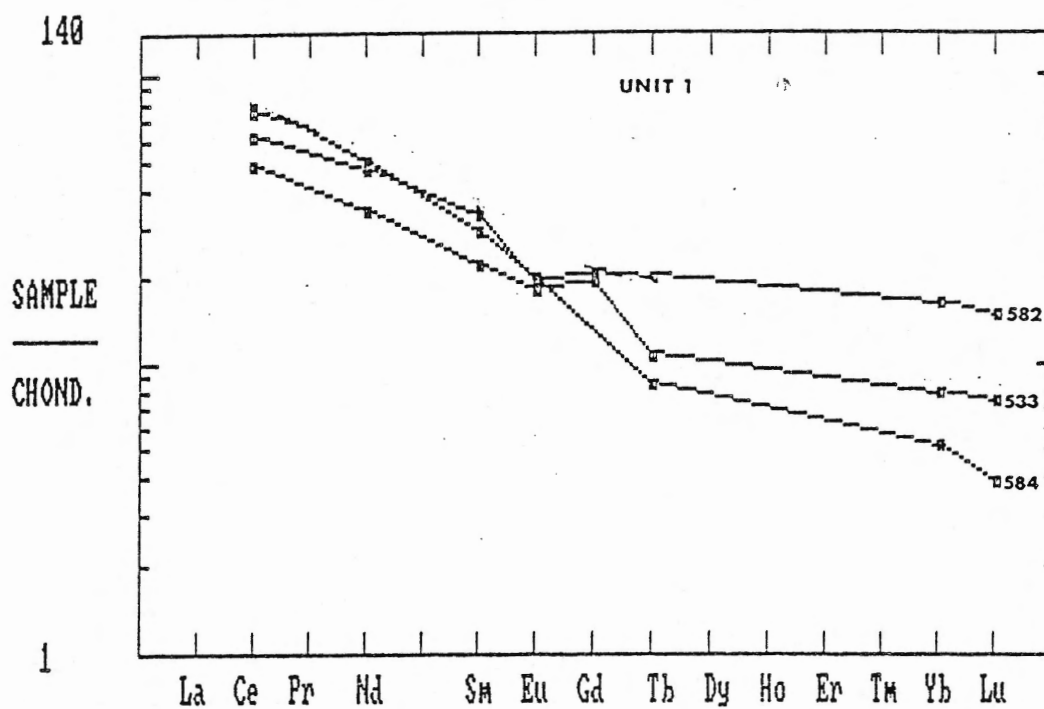


Figure 4-18: REE whole-rock analyses. Chondrite normalized (Haskin *et al.*, 1966) samples from the PMP. Unit 1

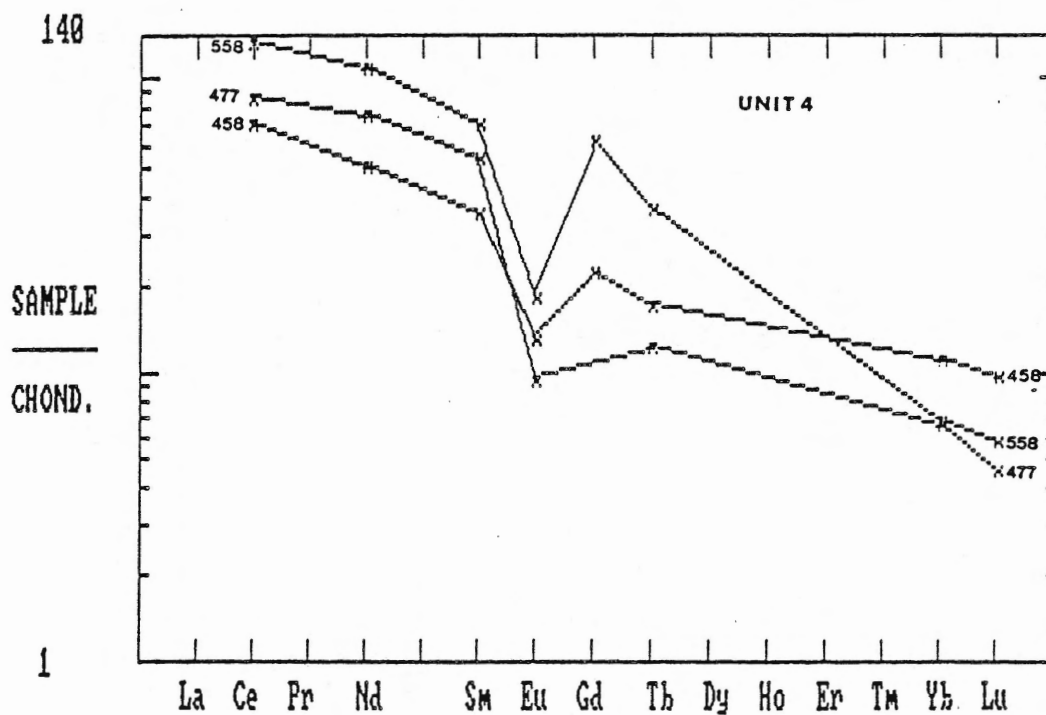


Figure 4-18: REE whole-rock analyses. Chondrite normalized (Haskin *et al.*, 1966) samples from Unit 4.

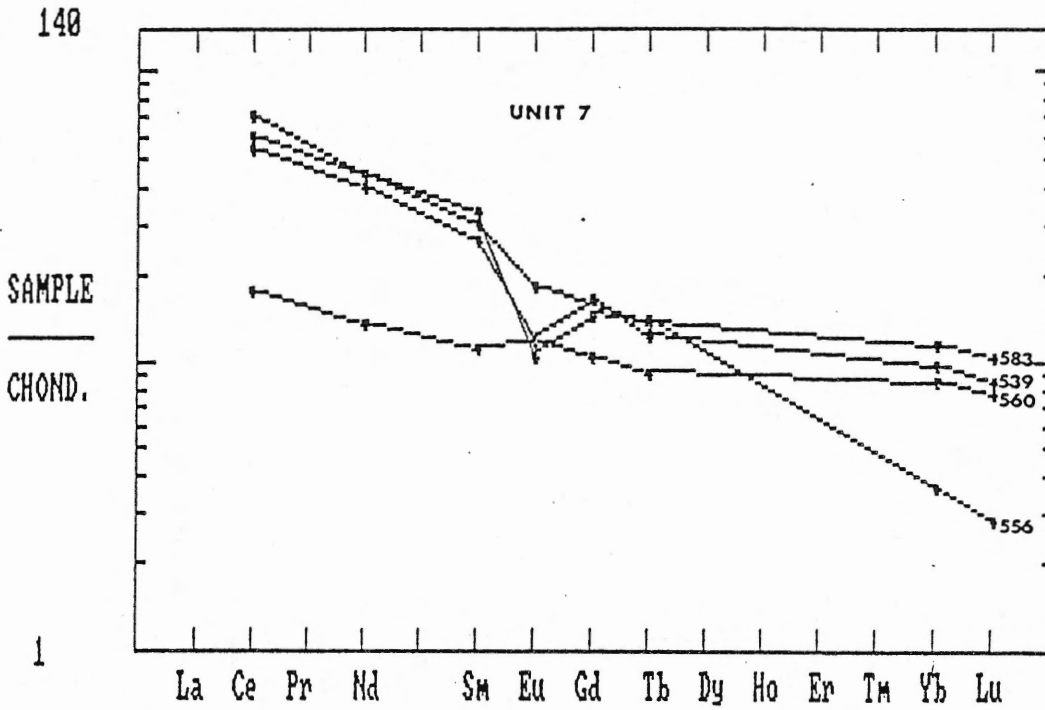


Figure 4-18: REE whole-rock analyses. Chondrite normalized (Haskin et al., 1966 ) samples from Unit 7.

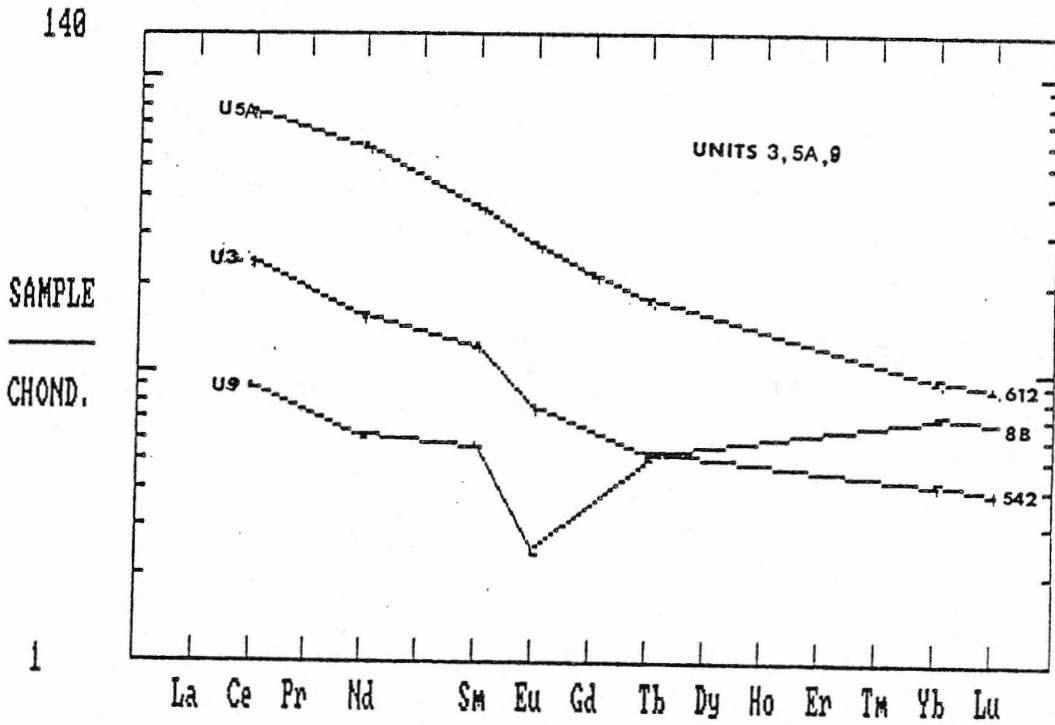


Figure 4-18: REE whole-rock analyses. Chondrite normalized (Haskin et al., 1966) samples from Units 3, 5A and 9.

Point shoshonitic lamprophyre sample (NPM612) has a low SUM7REE value of only 105.3. This is within the upper range of Unit 1 and intermediate to the values of Unit 4.

The  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  values of Unit 1 vary from 0.8 to 1.3. The Unit 3 sample appears to have no Eu anomaly ( $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*=1$ ). Unit 4 samples have  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  values ranging from 0.2 to 0.4. The negative Eu anomaly is more pronounced in Unit 4 than in Unit 1. The samples of Unit 7 have  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  values of 0.5 (NPM566), 0.6 (NPM539) to 1.1 (NPM560) and 0.9 (NPM583). Two of the Unit 7 samples have a negative Eu anomaly comparable to those of Unit 4 (NPM566,-539) and two of the Unit 7 samples are comparable to Unit 1 (NPM583,-560). The aplite sample of Unit 9 has a  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  of 0.4. The Forbes Point lamprophyre dyke (NPM612) has a  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  value of 1.0 (no anomaly).

All of the samples analysed have a LREE enrichment relative to the HREEs. The  $(\text{Ce}/\text{Sm})_{\text{cn}}$  (where cn = chondrite normalized) for the Unit 1 samples ranges from 1.4 (NPM582) to 2.8 (NPM533). Unit 3 has a  $(\text{Ce}/\text{Sm})_{\text{cn}}$  value of 2.0 within the range of Unit 1. The Unit 4 value ranges from 1.7 (NPM477) to 2.1 (NPM458). Similar values were obtained for Unit 7 at 1.7 (NPM560) to 2.5 (NPM583). The aplite of Unit 9 has a  $(\text{Ce}/\text{Sm})_{\text{cn}}$  value of 1.6, the lowest value obtained of the thirteen samples analysed. Yb and Lu are enriched relative to Tb in the Unit 9 aplite. This feature is common in garnet-bearing igneous rocks (Hermann, 1970).

#### 4-4-3 Discussion

Unlike the SMB (Muecke and Clarke, 1981), the average values of

SUMREE, La/Sm (Ce/Sm) and Eu/Eu\* do not show a systematic decrease from the oldest zone (Unit 1) to the youngest zone (Unit 9). There is a systematic decrease in SUM7REE from Units 4 (Cycle II) to 7 (Cycle III) to 9 (Cycle III), but Unit 1 has intermediate SUM7REE values between Units 4 and 7 (Fig. 4-19). There is a pronounced negative europium anomaly for Units 4 and 9 but not for Unit 7. Based on the average REE analyses shown in Figure 4-19, there may have been more than one parental source magma for the observed units in the PMP.

#### 4-4-4 Lamprophyre (NPM612)

The REE content of the shoshonitic lamprophyre at Forbes Point shows lower SUMREE values than the two Caledonian kersantite lamprophyres of northern England (MacDonald *et al.*, 1985). The PMP has lower Ce (60.8 ppm compared with 120-217 ppm), Nd (33.5 ppm compared with 55-93 ppm), Sm (6.5 ppm compared with 9-13.3 ppm), Eu (1.8 compared with 2.3-2.9 ppm), Tb (0.7 ppm compared with 1.0-1.1 ppm) concentrations and similar Yb (1.7 ppm compared with 2.4-2.4 ppm) and Lu (0.4 ppm compared with 0.4 ppm) concentrations.

Figure 4-20 shows MORB-normalized incompatible trace elements, plus compatible elements from the shoshonitic PMP lamprophyre. The ordering of the elements and normalizing values are after Pearce (1982, 1983). Key features observed are that:

- 1) the alkalies, Ba (alkaline earth), LREE, and Th show variable but strong enrichment (6.83X);
- 2) the high field strength (HFS) elements Zr, Hf, Nb and Ta show only modest enrichment (1.7-3.4X). The alkaline earth element Sr shows

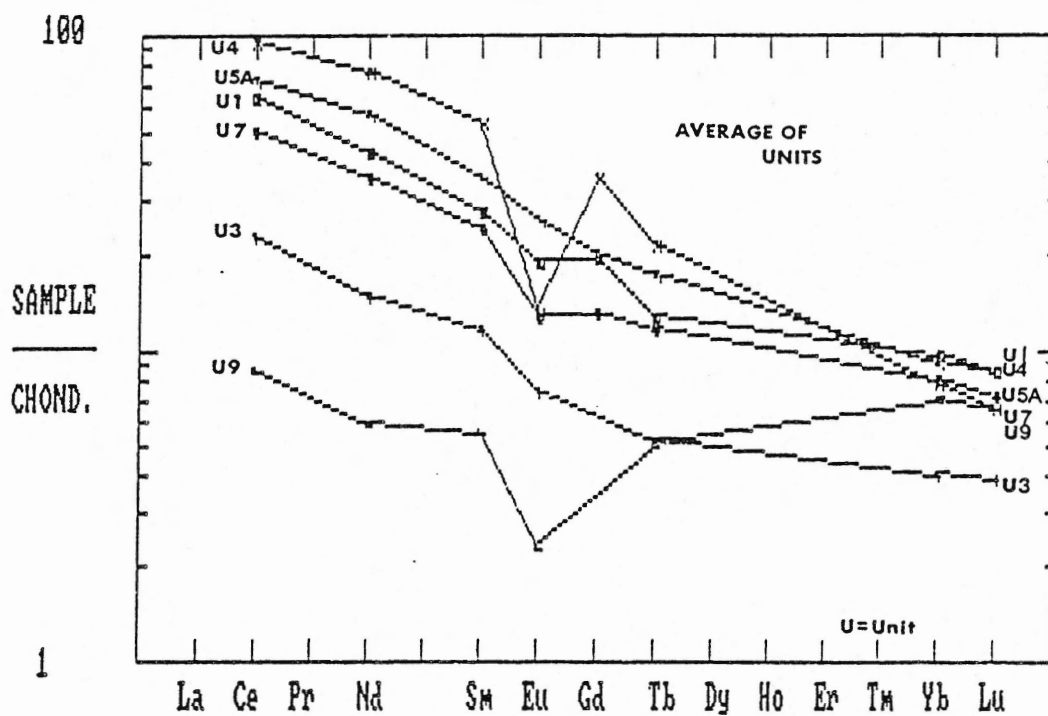


Figure 4-19: REE whole-rock analyses. Chondrite normalized (Haskin *et al.*, 1966) samples. Average of each Unit analysed. U=Unit

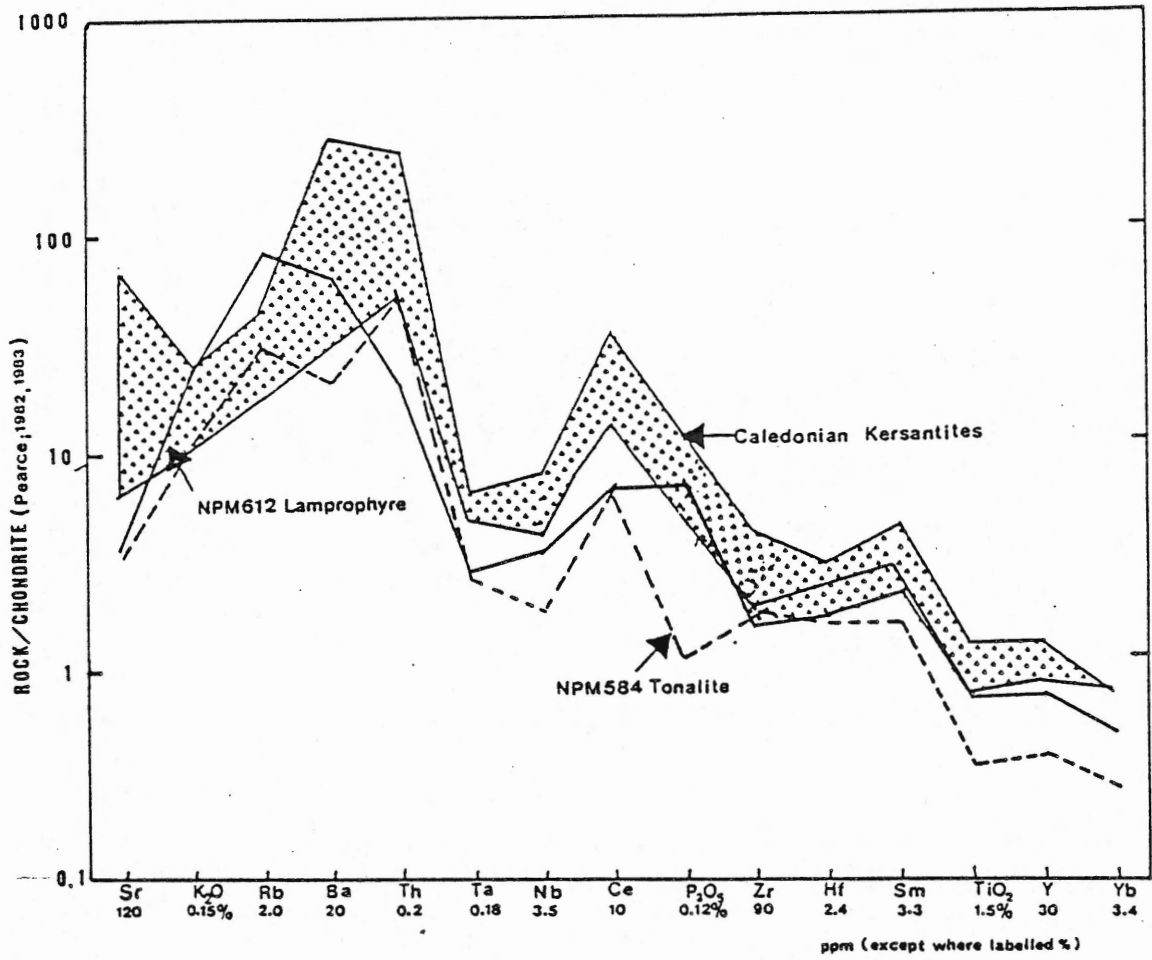


Figure 4-20: Comparison of the whole-rock chemistry of lamprophyres: PMP compared with Caledonian kersantites (MacDonald *et al.*, 1985).

only modest enrichment (3.5X);

3) Ti, Y and the HREE values are lower than those in the standard MORB (0.5-0.7X). Sm is slightly enriched with respect to MORB (2X).

#### 4-5 Summary of Geochemical Data

Based on the whole-rock chemistry results, there is support for three distinct intrusive mafic to felsic cycles in the PMP. There is a geochemical distinction between Unit 1 tonalites and granodiorites and Unit 4 granodiorites and monzogranites.

The following major element, Harker diagrams show the difference in whole-rock chemistry among Units 1, 4 and 7 and the intermediate relationship of Unit 7 with Units 1 and 4:  $\text{TiO}_2$  (Fig. 4.1h),  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (Fig. 4.1i),  $\text{FeO}_T$  (Fig. 4.1d),  $\text{MgO}$  (Fig. 4.1b),  $\text{CaO}$  (Fig. 4.1a),  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  (Fig. 4.1e) and the Thornton Tuttle differentiation index.  $\text{MnO}$  and  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  Harker diagrams (Figs. 4.1c and 4.1g respectively) display poor resolution among these three units. The following trace elements can be used to distinguish among Units 1, 4 and 7, and to define an intermediate relationship for Unit 7 between Units 1 and 4: Sr-CaO, Rb, Sr-Ba-Rb, Zr-TiO<sub>2</sub>, V-TT-DI, Pb, Cr and Pb-K<sub>2</sub>O.

Units 1, 4 and 7, show distinctive SUM7REE and  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  values. The lamprophyre dykes (Unit 5A) have exotic whole-rock chemistry compared with any other zone in the PMP.

In summary, whole-rock chemistry shows that:

- 1) some of the major, trace and REE elements can be used to discriminate between Units 1, 4 and 7;
- 2) Units 1 and Unit 4 have distinctly different whole-rock

compositions (particularly supported by their SUMREEs and  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  contents);

3) average Unit 7 analyses tend to have intermediate compositions compared with Units 1 and 4;

4) the PMP can be described as having evolved in three mafic-to-felsic eruptive cycles.



## Chapter 5 EMPLACEMENT, CHEMICAL MODELLING AND ORIGIN OF THE PMP

### 5-1 Mode of Emplacement

#### 5-1-1 Introduction

The mode of emplacement of the PMP can be determined by the character of the exo- and endo-contacts associated with the pluton. The exposure of the exo-contact in the northern sector of the PMP is poor, but the contact is well exposed in the southern contact.

#### 5-1-2 PMP-Meguma contacts

The PMP is characterized by both sharp and migmatitic granite-metasedimentary contacts. Emplacement after the deformation of the host Meguma Group metasediments into tight isoclinal northeast-southwest trending folds is supported by:

- 1) a sillimanite contact aureole overprinting the amphibolite facies rocks of the Meguma Group;
- 2) the lack of pervasive and uniformly oriented foliation within the pluton (Unit 1 foliation has a distinctly different orientation than Unit 4);
- 3) the local dislocation of the Meguma Group structure in the Broad River-Western Head and St. Catherines River Domains (Hope, 1987).

#### 5-1-3 PMP Internal Contact Relations

Internal contact relations between the units give some evidence as to the relative stages of consolidation of each phase during emplacement of subsequent units. In deducing the emplacement history

of the PMP, the following observations should be considered:

- 1) angular inclusions of Unit 1 in Unit 4 are common near the perimeter of the PMP;
- 2) in the interior of the pluton, inclusions of Unit 1 in Unit 4 are more rounded and the contacts between the two units are more diffuse and irregular than at the perimeter of the pluton;
- 3) locally within the pluton, Unit 4 contains 'coarse' and 'fine' banded zones;
- 4) the Unit 2 trondhjemite dyke contains a large subangular fragment of Unit 1;
- 5) the lamprophyre dykes of 5A appear to have intruded along fractures and have superimposed an aureole (amphibole-phlogopite enrichment of the granitoids) on Units 1 and 4 at Forbes Point;
- 6) the breccias of Unit 5B contain abundant, angular fragments of milky quartz, granitoid rocks (Unit 1) and Meguma-like clasts;
- 7) the Unit 7 mafic dykes may have intruded granitoid rocks. Multiple dilation dykes ('pinch and swell' dykes), appear in the interior of the pluton (form #1- see Chapter 2) and may represent dykes that have intruded only partially consolidated melt. The non-dilating, straight-sided Unit 7 dykes with local fragmental inclusions of granitoids probably intruded consolidated granites;
- 8) the late dykes (Unit 8 and 9) are characterized by sharp intrusive contacts with Units 1, 4 and 7;
- 9) in the southeastern and western sectors of the pluton, wide dykes of Unit 9 pegmatites and Unit 8 leucomonzogranites contain slabs of Goldenville psammites.

## 5-1-4 Discussion

The PMP was clearly formed by the active emplacement of magma as is supported by the dislocation of the country rock. The emplacement history of the PMP is further complicated by deformation throughout its emplacement history (e.g. Maksaev, 1986). The following interpretation divides the emplacement history of the PMP into a sequence of six steps:

STAGE 1: Emplacement of Unit 1 subsequent to the deformation of the country rock.

evidence: -contact aureole  
 -local deflection of regional structure

STAGE 2: Emplacement of Units 2 and 3. Unit 1 was consolidated prior to the intrusion of Unit 2.

evidence: -the trondhjemite dyke (Unit 2) contains a large subangular fragment of Unit 1

STAGE 3:a) Emplacement of Unit 4 and subsequent development of 'coarse' and 'fine' banding in Unit 4 and later deformation of banding.

evidence: -small scale 'z' patterns in the banding, some dextral shear surfaces, mineral alignment, and quartz flattening of the banded and foliated host granite on Mouton Island (Unit 4). (see Maksaev, 1986)

b) The deformational episode that affected Unit 4 created variably preserved foliations parallel to the banding and regional deformation.

evidence: -the foliation in Unit 4 is defined by the planar orientation of biotite and muscovite

- c) Unit 1 may not have been consolidated in the interior of the pluton prior to the emplacement of Unit 4.

evidence: -the inclusions of Unit 1 in 4 are more rounded and the contacts between the two units are diffuse and irregular although this may also be a function of the longer residence time of the xenoliths in the granite.

- d) Consolidation of Unit 4 (along the peripheries of the pluton).

evidence: -see Stage 4 (a)

- STAGE 4: a) Emplacement of Unit 5A dykes (near the periphery of the pluton). Units 1 and 4 were consolidated prior to the emplacement of the 5A dykes.

evidence: -a contact aureole is superimposed on the intruded granitoids of Units 1 and 4 (Forbes Point).

- b) Local deformation of the MacLeods Cove lamprophyre dyke.

evidence: -a pronounced schistosity is evident in the hand specimens of the dyke and there is petrological evidence of recrystallization.

- c) Emplacement of Unit 5B tonalite breccia along the PMP-Meguma contact.

evidence: -the high concentration and the angular shape of the clasts of Meguma Group, quartz and Unit 1 indicates explosive emplacement. The matrix of the breccia is similar in appearance to the hypidio-morphic granular textures of the average Unit 7 dykes.

- d) Emplacement of Unit 6 leucomonzogranite and pegmatite dykes.

STAGE 5: a) Emplacement of Unit 7 dykes

- b) Deformation event (at least locally on Port Mouton Island)

evidence: -sinistral shear stress parallel to the banding in Unit 4, forms zig-zag folds with 's' patterns in the banding and a weak foliation in the Unit 7 dyke.

STAGE 6: Emplacement of Units 8 and 9. These late phase dykes are characterized by sharp intrusive contacts with Units 1, 4 and 7. These rocks were probably emplaced along fractures in brittle, semi-cooled granitoids. Late, low-temperature deformation is recorded in microscopic features of monzogranite dykes of Units 8 and pegmatite veins of Unit 9.

evidence: -this deformation was observed on Port

Mouton Island (Maksaev, 1986)

-shear zones developed in granitoids

at the PMP/Meguma contact at Highway 103.

The banding and deformation in the PMP granite are believed to be the result of stresses imposed during the late stages of magma crystallization (i.e. Maksaev (1986)). It is unlikely that these are a product of the Acadian Orogeny that produced the isoclinal folds in the Meguma Group, but are a product of some later deformational event, because evidence suggests that the PMP was emplaced after the Acadian deformation. Elias (1986) postulated that the overprinting event affecting the Southern Satellite plutons occurred at about 300 Ma. He describes it as having had varying intensities but being sufficiently strong to partly or completely outgas biotite, and completely reset K-feldspar in the Southern Satellite plutons. It is not clear how resetting of these minerals could be possible since the PMP was probably consolidated at 300 Ma and no evidence of late-stage fluid alteration has been found.

#### 5-2 Depth of Emplacement of the PMP

Only a few petrological and geochemical observations reflect on the depth of emplacement of the PMP. De Albuquerque (1977) concluded from Qz-Or-Ab normative plots that the emplacement pressures and temperatures of two biotite-muscovite granodiorite samples from the PMP were 3.5 to 4.5 kbar, 670 to 690° C. Two muscovite-biotite granites from the PMP show 4.5 to 5.5 kbar pressures and 675 to 705° C temperatures. These P-T conditions were derived by comparison of

whole-rock normative values with experimental data of Winkler (1974) (Fig. 5-1). Figure 5-2 shows the whole-rock CIPW normative Ab-Or-Qz plot of Units 1, 4 and 7 of the Port Mouton Pluton in relation to the ternary minima and eutectics (Tuttle and Bowen, 1958, Luth *et al.*, 1964), and in relation to the trend of isobaric univariant points at varying Ab/An ratios (James and Hamilton, 1969). The position of the invariant points at 4 kbars is inferred from the suggestion of Winkler (1967) and James and Hamilton (1969) that these ternary minimum points shift towards the Ab apex with increasing pressure in a manner similar to that of the eutectics. It is apparent from this plot (Fig. 5-2) that Units 1 and 7 are displaced from 'normal' granitoid trends towards the Ab apex and fall outside the field of possible invariant points and that Unit 4 has a wide variation in its normative Qz, Ab and Or contents, making pressure estimates imprecise. Most of the Unit 4 whole-rock compositions fall between 0.5 and 5 kbar trends of piercing points. The average Ab/An normative ratios for the three Units (1, 4 and 7) are  $3.2 \pm 1.3$  (N=10),  $6.5 \pm 4.3$  (N=22) and  $4.7 \pm 1.9$  (N=8) respectively. There is considerable variation in the Ab/An ratios in Unit 4. Experimental data show that the Ab-component of the melt increases with increased temperature of melting (i.e. Winkler, 1984). It can be inferred from the Qz-Or-Ab normative compositions of the Unit 4 granitoids (Fig. 5-2) that the emplacement pressures are higher than 2 kbar as there is a systematic shift towards the Ab corner for specific Ab/An ratios in contrast with the lower Ab values observed with experimental data at that pressure (e.g. Winkler, 1974; Brown and Fyfe, 1970).

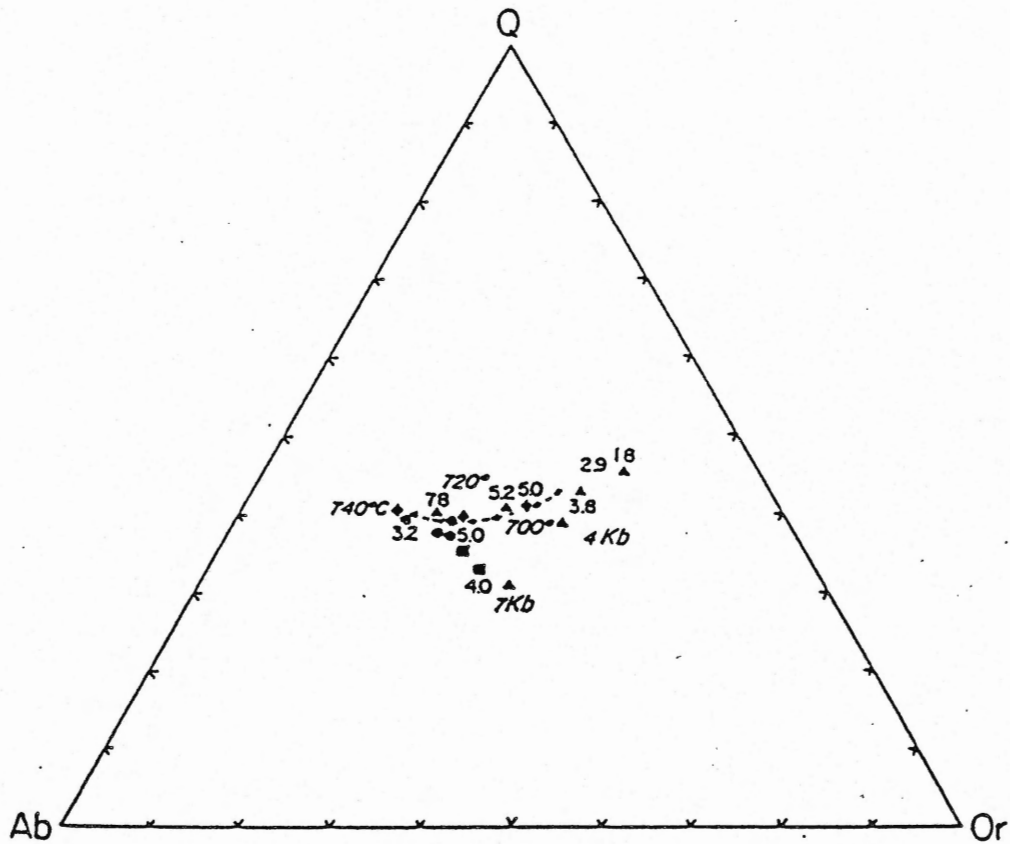


Figure 5-1: Normative Q-Ab-Or diagram. ●- Trondhjemite and muscovite-biotite granodiorite. ■-Muscovite-biotite granite (Port Mouton pluton). Data from Winkler (1974): ▲ 'minimum melt' compositions for various Ab/An ratios and for the Ab/An ratio of 2.9 in the pressure range 2-7 kbar. ■ Melt compositions at various temperatures above the 'minimum melt' temperature (from de Albuquerque, 1977, Figure 3).



Muecke (1974) noted that the regional metamorphic grade in southwestern Nova Scotia attains a maximum of upper amphibolite facies near Shelburne. The contact aureole surrounding the PMP approaches melt-producing reactions (curve #5, Fig. 5-3) at 3.5 kbars and 650° C (Hope and Woodend, 1985). These P-T conditions are based on andalusite-cordierite-sillimanite-garnet-quartz assemblages (curve #4 of Fig. 5-3) in the contact aureole and on the presence of migmatites east of Summerville Beach and St. Catherines River Bay, which indicate melt-producing reactions (curve #5, Fig. 5-3). These were the minimum temperature and pressure conditions during emplacement of the PMP. Pitcher (1979) suggested that the mineral assemblages in the aureoles should provide a more reliable indication of the pressure and temperature at which a particular granitic magma came to rest in the crust (e.g. Kerrick, 1970). The PMP emplacement P-T values are similar to the P-T values estimated for the South Mountain Batholith (4 kbars, 650° C to 0.5 kbars, 800° C, (McKenzie, 1974)) and the Musquodoboit Batholith (3-4 kbars and 645-725° C (MacDonald, 1981)).

Garnet is a constituent of some leucomonzogranites of Unit 8 and aplites of Unit 9 from the PMP. Green (1977) showed that low Ca and Mn garnet is stable in silicate liquids from 7-10 kbars. Garnets (similar to those in the PMP) with greater than 10 mol. % spessartine and 2-6 mol. % grossular are stable in silicic liquids at 5 kbars or less (similar to PMP garnets) (Green, 1977). The primary-looking garnets analysed from Unit 8 dykes of the PMP could, therefore, have been stable at pressures less than or equal to 5 kbars. This is in agreement with the P-T conditions obtained from the contact aureole.

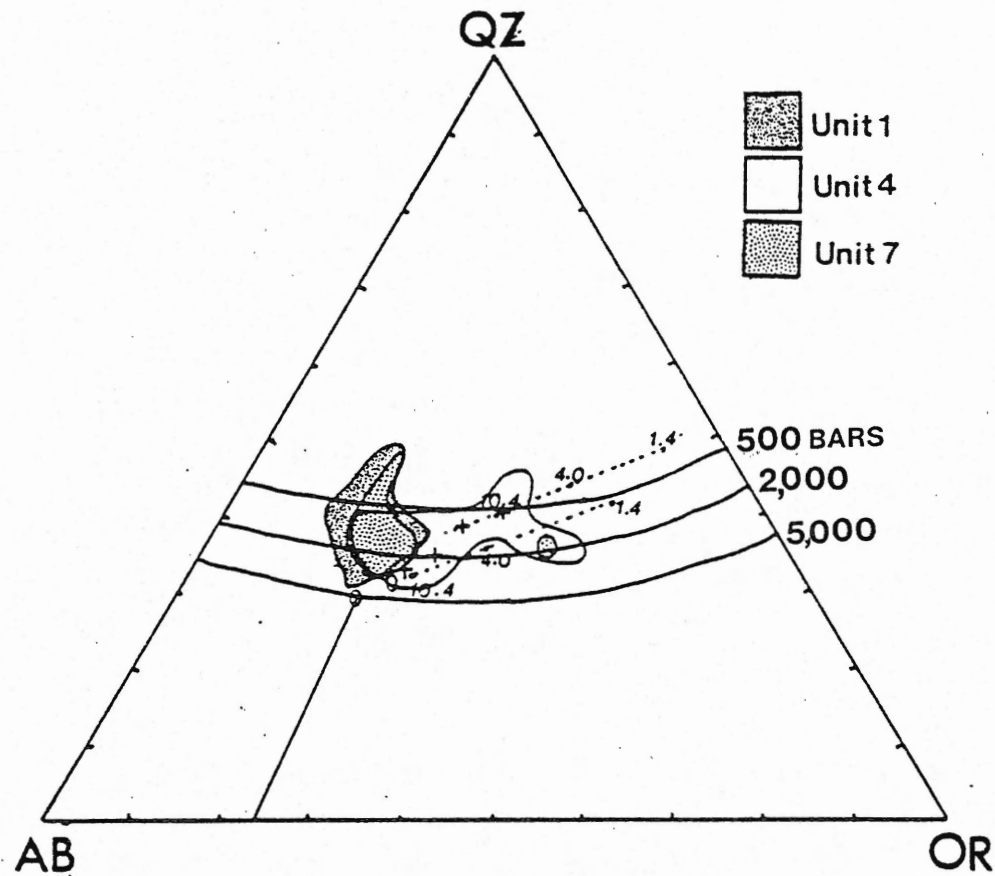


Figure 5-2: Plot of normative Ab-Qz-Or for the Port Mouton pluton. Minima, eutectics and cotectics from Tuttle and Bowen (1958) and Luth *et al.*, (1964). Ab/An piercing points after James and Hamilton (1969).

LEGEND:

- Unit 1 (N=10 samples)
- Unit 4 (N=22 samples)
- Unit 7 (N=8 samples)
- + Ternary Minima
- O Eutectics
- 4.0 Ab/An

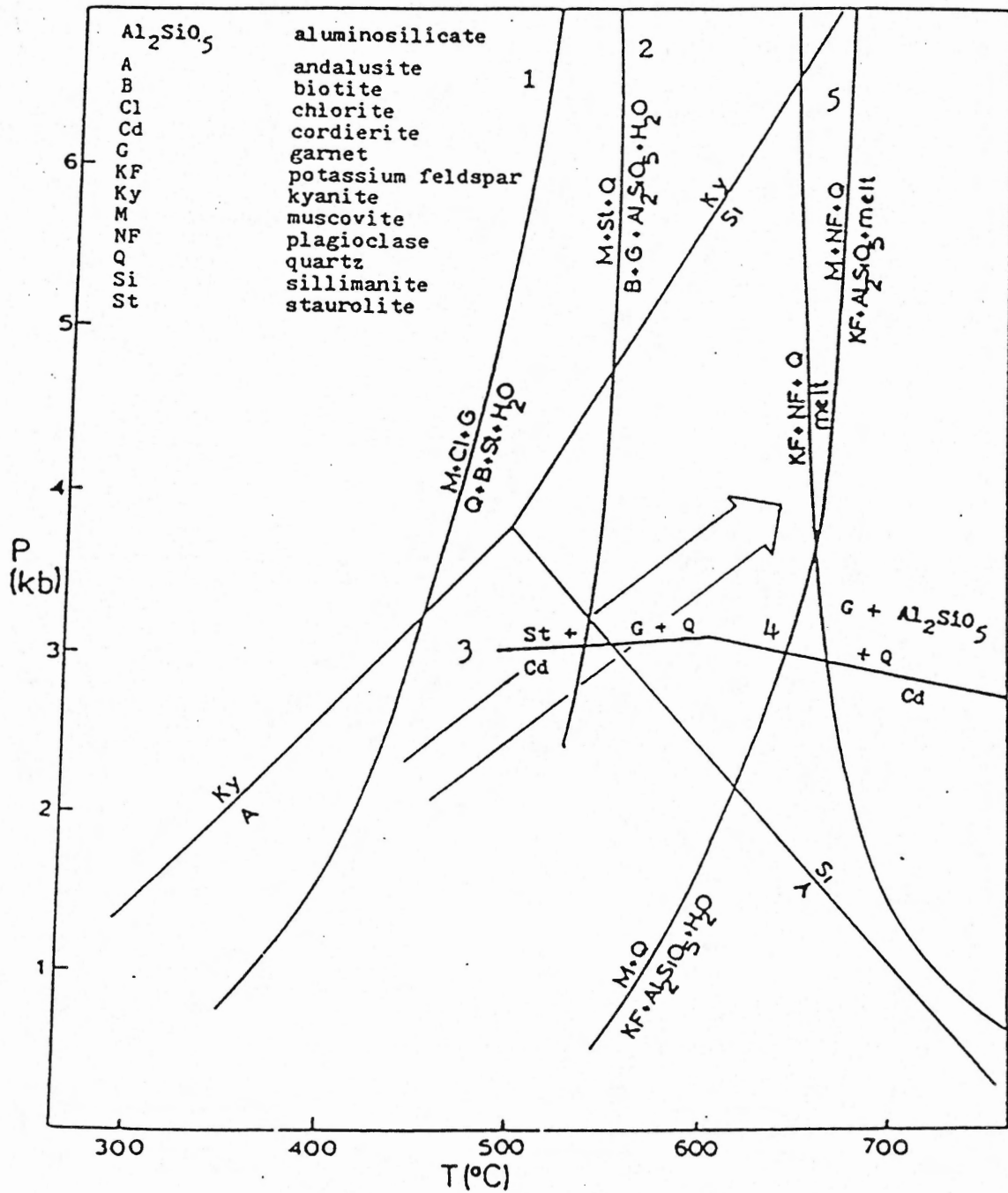


Figure 5-3: (from Hope and Woodend, 1985). Pressure-temperature diagram showing the path of metamorphism in the Port Mouton-Port Joli map area.

An attempt to determine P-T conditions using biotite-garnet geothermobarometers (Ferry and Spear, 1978; Indares and Martignole, 1985; Hoinkes, 1986) from Unit 8 leucomonzogranite dykes of the PMP was unsuccessful. The temperatures obtained (850°-990° C) were unrealistically high considering that the P-T conditions in these late-stage leucocratic granitoids are most likely lower than earlier melts which were 670°-705° C (de Albuquerque, 1977). Table 5-1 summarizes garnet-biotite geothermobarometry results for pressures from 1 to 5 kilobars. The P-T conditions of emplacement of the PMP are contradictory. The contact aureole, which does not reflect accurately the maximum temperature at the time of emplacement, indicates 3.5 kilobar pressure and 650° C temperature. Qz-Ab-Or normative plots indicate 2 to 5.5 kilobar pressures and 670 to 705 degree temperatures (this paper and de Albuquerque, 1977). Using the aureole conditions and assuming a pressure/depth relationship of 10 kilometers being equivalent to 2.6 kbars (after Miyashiro, 1973), the PMP was emplaced at depths of 13.5 kms or so. According to the definitions of Buddington (1959) the PMP appears to characterize a mesozonal complex. He defined the mesozone as extending from 6.5 km to 16 km (approx. 1.5 kbars to 4.0 kbars).

### 5-3 Origin of the PMP magma

The Port Mouton Pluton is a peraluminous complex ranging in composition from tonalite to trondhjemite, granodiorite and monzogranite. Shoshonitic and alkaline lamprophyres are associated with the pluton. The following is a review of the current theories on the

Table 5-1 Results of Garnet-Biotite Geothermometry Calculations for pressures ranging from 1 to 5 kbars.

| Sample                       | Ferry<br>+Spear (1978) | Indares +<br>Martignole(1985) | Hoinkes(1986) |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Unit 8                       |                        |                               |               |
| NPM107                       | 850°C                  | 990°C                         | 870°C         |
| NPM344                       | 990°C                  | 1150°C                        | 1020°C        |
| NPM611                       | 905°C                  | 970°C                         | 920°C         |
| NPM8A                        | 970°C                  | 1070°C                        | 980°C         |
| Unit 1                       |                        |                               |               |
| NPM484                       | 910°C                  | 870°C                         | 930°C         |
| metasediment<br>from aureole |                        |                               |               |
| NPM108                       | 860°C                  | 920°C                         | 910°C         |

The P-T garnet-biotite geothermobarometers used are only accurate if a significant quantity of Ca and Mn are contained in the garnet (according to Ferry and Spear (1978) the  $(Ca+Mn)/(Ca+Mn+Fe+Mg)$  content of garnets must be less than 0.2). In the PMP garnets analysed all but one sample (NPM484 satisfied this condition (ranging from 0.15 to 0.39). Low Ti contents in the biotites are also required. Ferry and Spear (1978) stipulated that the  $(Al^{vi}+Ti)/(Al^{vi}+Ti+Mg+Fe)$  in biotite should be no more than 0.15. In the PMP biotites analysed for this study, all of the ratios are greater than 0.15 (ranging from 0.17-0.21).

origin of these rock types.

### 5-3-1 Origin of Peraluminous Granites- A general overview.

Peraluminous granites form in both stable cratons and in orogenic zones that were formerly parts of active and subducting plate margins (Zen, 1987). The granitoid rocks analysed from the PMP (48 samples) are peraluminous with A/CNK ratios ranging from 0.96 to 1.30. Clarke (1981) stated that peraluminous granite complexes can arise from the differentiation of parental magmas which are largely, but by no means exclusively, of crustal origin. Anatexis in the continental crust at reasonable pressures and temperatures (i.e. 8 kbars and 700° C) probably depends upon the presence of H<sub>2</sub>O produced by the breakdown of a hydrous mineral such as muscovite (Huang and Wyllie, 1975). Water from other sources (such as deuteritic) is considered generally insufficient for melting (Hyndman, 1981).

Four models, presented below, are proposed as possible mechanisms for the formation of peraluminous magmas:

- 1) fractional crystallization from originally subaluminous magmas, or partial melting of subaluminous rocks;
- 2) the result of interaction between late-stage magmas or subsolidus rocks and hydrothermal fluids in the form of alkali loss from end-stage volatile-bearing magmas;
- 3) partial melting of peraluminous source rocks;
- 4) the assimilation of host rock.

Model 1: Fractional crystallization of subaluminous minerals (e.g.

hornblende) from originally subaluminous magmas has been proposed as a mechanism for producing peraluminous magmas (Abbott, 1981; Conrad et al., 1986; Zen, 1986, 1987). Abbott (1981) used AFM liquidus projections to show that it is possible to evolve peraluminous melts from original metaluminous magmas by the fractionation of hornblende from a hornblende + biotite + quartz + alkali feldspar + plagioclase melt. Zen (1986) supports this theory but stipulates that only the origin of mildly peraluminous granites (A/CNK between 1.0 and 1.1) could occur as a result of fractional crystallization of subaluminous hornblende from subaluminous (A/CNK <1.0) magma. 'For hornblende to effectively cause a melt to evolve into a peraluminous composition it must be able to coexist with peraluminous magmas' (Zen, 1986). He concluded that the process is unlikely to give rise to peraluminous plutons of batholithic dimensions because of its inefficiency. Large amounts of subaluminous crystals must be subtracted before the magma can show significant change in its A/CNK. Zen (1986) suggests that peraluminous melts can also be derived by fractionation of grossular-rich garnet at high temperatures, presumably in the upper mantle or at the base of the crust. Section 5-6-1 contains more details of this model, pertaining specifically to the PMP.

Model 2: Peraluminous granites, at least in part, may be the result of interaction between late-stage magmas or subsolidus rocks and hydrothermal fluids (alkali-loss from end-stage volatile-bearing magmas) (Muecke and Clarke, 1981; Martin and Bowen, 1981; Goad and Cerny, 1981; Currie and Pajari, 1981).

Alkali transport depends heavily on a volatile-rich phase and it can be expected to be effective primarily during late magmatic stages (Zen, 1987). If the entire rock became peraluminous only through this process, then its earlier petrogenetic history and even chemical and mineralogical features should betray its origin (Halliday, et al., 1981). These features include evidence for high volatile content, especially halogens that facilitate alkali loss from the magma (Orville, 1963; Manning and Pichavant, 1984), in the pluton, and/or remnant or relict metaluminous mineral assemblages, especially in the cumulate fractions. The peraluminous assemblages might be concentrated in later, residual parts of the batholith (Zen, 1987).

If strongly peraluminous minerals (e.g. cordierite, muscovite, almandine or the aluminum silicates) can be shown, on textural evidence, to have been early, or if the magma can be shown to have been relatively dry, it is unlikely that late-stage, vapour-phase, alkali loss has taken place (Zen, 1987). Section 5-6-6 contains further details of this model as it pertains to the PMP.

Model 3: The derivation of peraluminous magmas from the partial melting of peraluminous source rocks has been suggested by Conrad et al., 1986; Phillips et al., 1981, Currie and Pajari, 1981; Strong and Hanmer, 1981; Halliday et al., 1981, Anderson and Rowley, 1981; Clemens and Wall, 1981; Spear, 1981; and Chappell and White, 1974.

'Magmas with broadly S-type chemical characteristics may be derived by partial fusion of strongly to weakly peraluminous source rocks ranging respectively from pelites or semi-pelites to relatively



immature, quartzofeldspathic sediments or even altered igneous materials' (Clemens and Wall, (1981)).

Chappell and White (1974) believed that peraluminous batholiths with an S-type character are derived from the anatexis of sedimentary rocks. Characteristic features of S-type granites are as follows:

- 1)  $A/CNK > 1.1$ : CIPW norm yields  $>1\%$  corundum;
- 2) relatively low  $Na_2O$  and low Na/K ratio;
- 3) restricted  $SiO_2$  range for rocks within the series;
- 4) high initial Sr isotope ratios;
- 5) high  $\delta^{18}O$  ;
- 6) inclusions are peraluminous metasedimentary material;
- 7) opaque mineral is ilmenite;
- 8) cordierite phenocrysts.

Model 4: The composition of the peraluminous granites may at least in part be the result of assimilation of the host rock (Goad and Cerny, 1981; Longstaffe et al., 1981). One model for the origin of the peraluminous pegmatite granites of the Winnipeg River district involves igneous differentiation from a juvenile source modified by interaction of the intruding melt with the host greenstone-belt rocks (contaminated I-type magma)(Goad and Cerny, 1981). In this model, variable contamination of a fractionated I-type melt by different supracrustal lithologies explains the regional distribution of accessory minerals and the deviations of subordinate and trace elements from ideal fractionation trends within the pluton (Goad and Cerny, 1981).

Bulk assimilation of clastic metasedimentary rocks has been suggested as a possible model in the contribution of the peraluminous character of the Tin Lake and Osis Lake plutons in southeastern Manitoba (Longstaffe et al., 1981). Both bodies are tourmaline-bearing, and the latter contains numerous partly digested metasedimentary inclusions. The clastic metasedimentary rocks would also contribute to the  $^{18}\text{O}$ -rich character of the two plutons (Longstaffe et al., 1981). See section 5-6-4 for a discussion of this model with respect to the PMP.

#### 5-3-2 Discussion

In discussing the possible origin of the peraluminous granites of the PMP, only the granodiorites and the peraluminous monzogranites will be considered. Further complications arise in explaining the origin of peraluminous tonalites and they will be evaluated in the following section. The A/CNK content of the granodiorites and monzogranites of the PMP ranges from 0.96 to 1.26. Combined evidence from whole-rock geochemistry and field relations is adequate to identify potential lineages in the derivation of these peraluminous magmas.

It is unlikely that all of the peraluminous granodiorites and monzogranites of the PMP are a result of interaction with hydrothermal fluids (alkali-loss from end-stage volatile-bearing magmas). If this were so, there should be an uneven alkali loss in the pluton and remnant or relict metaluminous mineral assemblages (Zen, 1987). The A/CNK ratio of the PMP granodiorites varies by no more than 25% (which

would mean a very improbable, uniform fluid alteration) and there is no evidence (either petrologically or chemically) to support a 'front' of fluid alteration. The high A/CNK ratio (1.29), low SUM7REE (e.g. Muecke and Clarke, 1981) and low K/Rb ratios of the highly evolved aplites of Unit 9 may reflect their involvement with volatile-bearing magmas (or fluids).

The whole-rock chemistry of the PMP granodiorite and monzogranites was probably not affected by contamination with the host rock because super-heated magmas would be required to melt and digest large quantities of the host rock. The granodiorite and monzogranite from the PMP may have been derived from a subaluminous source, however, there is no evidence of metaluminous fractionate phases (e.g. hornblende) in the granodiorites or monzogranites. Also, the success in modelling peraluminous melts from subaluminous sources applies only to evolved peraluminous granites with A/CNK values between 1.0 and 1.1 (Zen, 1986).

The peraluminous granodiorites and monzogranites of the PMP may also have been derived from the partial melting of a peraluminous source rock. This is supported by the apparent lack of 'exotic' metaluminous enclaves and the abundance of quartzofeldspathic enclaves and the high A/CNK ratio.

In conclusion the data do not conclusively show whether the peraluminous granodiorites and monzogranites of the PMP were derived from a metaluminous or a peraluminous source rock in the crust. On balance though, they probably were derived from a metasedimentary (peraluminous) source. Late aplites (Unit 9) may have been affected

by late-stage fluids. The PMP has assimilated Meguma Group material (based on the presence of abundant Meguma-like xenoliths in the PMP), the quantities of which are unknown.

### 5-3-3 Origin of Tonalites

Few studies have addressed the problem of the origin of peraluminous tonalites. Many of these models are still in the early stages of development.

The formation of a melt of tonalitic composition with 1-2% dissolved H<sub>2</sub>O requires temperatures of 1100-1150° C (Wyllie, 1977). These temperatures are higher than those required for the formation of granodiorites and granites (Fig. 5-4). These are also unusually high temperatures for a normal crustal environments (Wyllie, 1983), implying one of several special conditions, as follows:

- 1) major perturbation in the geotherms of the lower crust e.g. subduction zone environment (Wyllie, 1983) increases the temperatures in the lower crust;
- 2) contamination of more mafic magmas (from below the continental crust) by the host crustal rocks (Wyllie, et al., 1976);
- 3) the tonalites are derived from a more mafic parental magma originating in the mantle (Piwiniskii and Wyllie, 1968, 1970);
- 4) the tonalites are not melts but rather a melt and restite (Chappell and White, 1974).

Little evidence is available to support the theory that the PMP tonalites are of mantle origin (except for the high temperatures required in order to produce a melt of tonalite composition). Like

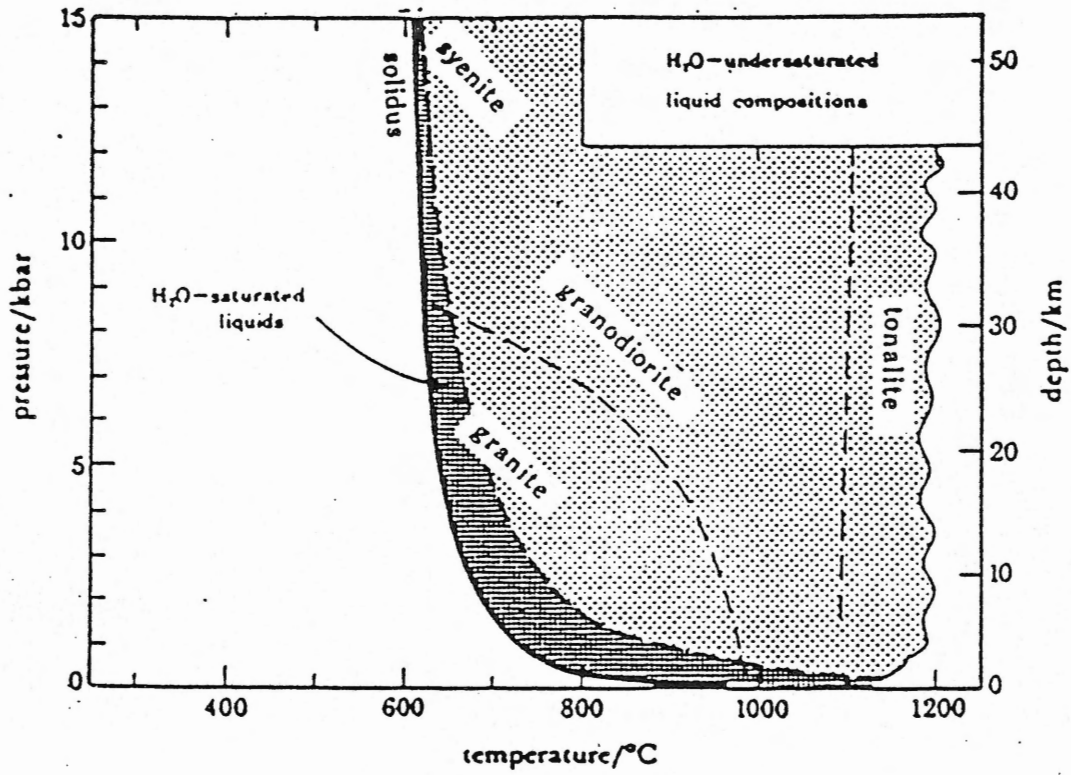


Figure 5-4: Composition of liquids generated within the melting interval of rocks of continental crust in the presence of H<sub>2</sub>O (Wyllie, 1977).

the granodiorites and monzogranites of the PMP, no exotic mantle xenoliths (suggesting mantle derivation) are associated with the PMP tonalites.

The high A/CNK ration (1.09-1.23) of the tonalites may indicate that the source area was peraluminous (or crustal). Conrad (1986) has shown experimently that it is possible to derive peraluminous tonalites from metaluminous rocks with 65 wt. % SiO<sub>2</sub> but the high A/CNK ratios of the PMP tonalites suggest that this is an unlikely mechanism.

#### 5-3-4 Discussion

Approximately 10-20% of the PMP granitoids are tonalitic in composition and have A/CNK ratios ranging from 1.09-1.23. The discussion above leads to the conclusion that the PMP peraluminous tonalites were derived from a peraluminous source probably in the lower crust, or mantle. If the peraluminous tonalites were derived from the lower crust, a large thermal perturbation was required to melt possible source rocks e.g. Wyllie, 1983. Elias (1986) offers a possible mechanism for the increase in the geothermal gradient. He proposes that the increase in elevation of the isotherms in the lower crust during the Devonian of southwestern Nova Scotia is caused by thermal doming influenced by a mantle hot spot.

#### 5-3-5 Origin of Lamprophyres

Lamprophyres globally are interesting because of their hydrous nature and high mafic content, their apparent close spatial

relationship to more felsic granitoid rocks, and their strikingly different chemistry from their associated granitoid rocks.

Many theories have been suggested for the petrogenesis of these 'exotic' mafic dykes. Models involve one or more of these processes- hybridisation, contamination, metasomatism, metamorphism and differentiation. It is not clear whether lamprophyres are directly derived from the mantle (Bachinski and Scott, 1979; Ruddock and Hamilton, 1978) or the crust (Rock, 1980; Wimmenauer, 1973). This thesis will not attempt to resolve this issue but will simply note that the shoshonitic lamprophyres from the PMP are similar in chemical and mineralogical composition to the Caledonian kersantite lamprophyres of MacDonald et al., (1985). These may originate from a Mg- and alkali-rich mantle-derived parent magma. Complex fractional crystallization processes were accompanied and followed by late- and post-magmatic modification by hydrothermal processes and interactions with crustal material (MacDonald et al., 1985).

#### 5-4 Modelling the Whole-Rock Chemistry of the PMP

##### 5-4-1 Introduction

Some of the trace and major element analyses show distinct fields for Units 1, 4 and 7 such that Units 1 and 4 are separated by a Unit 7 field (Chapter 4). This section will attempt to explain the possible petrogenetic relationships among these three predominant units.

Any model proposed will have to explain the following:

- 1) Unit 1 and Unit 4 plot as distinct fields in some trace element, major element and REE plots;

- 2) Unit 7 plots between Units 1 and 4 on some of the trace and major plots;
- 3) the average SUM7REE of Unit 4 is higher than the average SUM7REE of Unit 1;
- 4) the  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  values of average Unit 4 have large negative values compared with the average Unit 1 value ( $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* = 1$ );
- 5) the SUM7REE of the average Unit 7 is lower than the average of Unit 1;
- 6) two (of the four) Unit 7 analyses have distinct negative  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  values (samples NPM566 and NPM539) and two other samples (NPM583 and 560) have  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  values approximately equal to 1;
- 7) the average negative  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  values for Unit 4 (see Fig. 4-19) are larger than any of the negative  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  values of Unit 7;

The purpose of the whole-rock chemical analysis of the PMP is to provide further insight into the processes that controlled the chemical evolution of the pluton. Primary magmas are rare (Wyllie et al., 1981), and it is important to define the processes that have affected the evolution of the magmas within a pluton. The following models are considered in an attempt to determine their relative importance in the evolution of the PMP:

- 1) simple fractionation;
- 2) restite model;
- 3) batch melting;
- 4) assimilation of country rock;
- 5) contamination by earlier evolved granitoid phases;
- 6) role of fluids;



7) separate sources.

Table 5-2 is a summary of all the rocks from the PMP that have major, trace and REE analyses.

#### 5-4-2 Fractional Crystallization

Units 1, 4 and 7 are the most abundant phases in the PMP and therefore will be tested in the following fractional crystallization model. The purpose of this modelling is to attempt to account for the between-unit variations by fractional crystallization. To demonstrate that fractional crystallization can be modelled in the PMP two rock samples from Unit 1 were used. This is the fractional crystallization Model A.

Having shown that fractional crystallization can account for the within-unit chemical variations the next step is to try to account for between unit variations by measuring/calibrating these between-unit models against Model A. Five between-unit fractional crystallization models are attempted. The assumption is made that, having demonstrated that fractional crystallization is viable for within-unit variations Model A, it is also true for other within-unit variations.

##### 5-4-2-1 Methodology of the Fractional Crystallization Model:

Six major, trace and REE whole-rock analyses are used in this modelling (Table 5-2). The Unit 1 sample NPM533 was used as a parental magma because of its low DI values, high mg #, high anorthite compositions in its plagioclase, and lowest total whole-rock SUM7REE

Table 5-2

Table of ten whole geochemical samples and their mineral phases used in the crystal fractionation modelling.

LEGEND: trace element analyses in ppm

DI= differentiation index

BI= Mg/(Fe+Mg) content of average of three biotite grains

AN= average of three plagioclase grains (anorthite content)

| UNIT<br>SAMPLE#      | WHOLE-ROCK ANALYSES |    |      |     |       |                | MINERAL<br>ANALYSES |         |    |    |
|----------------------|---------------------|----|------|-----|-------|----------------|---------------------|---------|----|----|
|                      | Sr                  | Zr | Y    | DI  | Mg+Fe | Mg/<br>(Mg+Fe) | SUM7REE             | Eu/Eu*  | BI | AN |
| <hr/>                |                     |    |      |     |       |                |                     |         |    |    |
| <u>UNIT 1</u>        |                     |    |      |     |       |                |                     |         |    |    |
| NPM584 -tonalite     |                     |    |      |     |       |                |                     |         |    |    |
| 385                  | 156                 | 11 | 74.3 | 5.3 | 0.27  | 105            | 1.3                 | *       | *  |    |
| NPM582 -tonalite     |                     |    |      |     |       |                |                     |         |    |    |
| 213                  | 389                 | 27 | 70.3 | 5.3 | 0.29  | 88             | 0.8                 | 0.4     |    | 37 |
| NPM 533 -tonalite    |                     |    |      |     |       |                |                     |         |    |    |
| 474                  | 182                 | 17 | 67.7 | 6.7 | 0.30  | 65             | 0.9                 | .40-.46 |    | 39 |
| <u>UNIT 4</u>        |                     |    |      |     |       |                |                     |         |    |    |
| NPM558 -granodiorite |                     |    |      |     |       |                |                     |         |    |    |
| 226                  | 217                 | 17 | 80.1 | 4.6 | 0.29  | 196            | 0.2                 | .43-.45 |    |    |
| NPM477 -monzogranite |                     |    |      |     |       |                |                     |         |    |    |
| 113                  | 113                 | 16 | 90.1 | 2.3 | 0.21  | 129            | 0.3                 | .35-.39 |    | 12 |
| NPM458 -granodiorite |                     |    |      |     |       |                |                     |         |    |    |
| 139                  | 139                 | 22 | 84.4 | 2.9 | 0.28  | 96             | 0.4                 | .32-.36 |    | 19 |
| <u>UNIT 7</u>        |                     |    |      |     |       |                |                     |         |    |    |
| NPM583 -tonalite     |                     |    |      |     |       |                |                     |         |    |    |
| 197                  | 209                 | 22 | 81.7 | 3.1 | 0.23  | 66             | 0.9                 | .35-.38 |    | 35 |
| NPM566 -monzogranite |                     |    |      |     |       |                |                     |         |    |    |
| 118                  | 112                 | 16 | 81.7 | 1.8 | 0.19  | 82             | 0.4                 | .36-.37 |    | 21 |
| NPM539 -granodiorite |                     |    |      |     |       |                |                     |         |    |    |
| 151                  | 128                 | 16 | 83.7 | 3.3 | 0.27  | 74             | 0.6                 | .44     |    | 18 |
| NPM560 -tonalite     |                     |    |      |     |       |                |                     |         |    |    |
| 184                  | 210                 | 15 | 80.5 | 3.3 | 0.23  | 25             | 1.1                 | .38-.40 |    | 36 |

of the three Unit 1 whole-rock analyses. Two samples of Unit 7 were used in the modelling because of the extreme variation in the modal mineralogy of this unit. The mineral phases that were fractionated in this model are biotite, plagioclase (An40), apatite, and sphene (in Models 1, 2 and 4). Sphene was used in an attempt to model the variation in Ca content. Models were tested with labradorite (An60) fractionates instead of fractionating sphene with similar results (i.e. comparable sum of the residuum and similar fractional components of plagioclase, biotite and apatite).

The whole-rock chemical modelling is accomplished in two steps - modelling the fractional crystallization from parental magma to an evolved magma using major oxide XLFRAC Fortran program (Stormer and Nicholls, 1978), and testing the applicability of the above major oxide models to explain the observed trace element variations between the same parental and evolved magmas. The trace elements tested are REEs, Ba, and Rb. Both the Rayleigh fractionation model and the equilibrium fractionation model were used, calculated from the percentage of mineral phases fractionated as defined by the XLFRAC major oxide models. Results were compared to the actual variation in trace element concentrations between the parental magma and the evolved magma.

The six fractional models (see Table 5-4) tested are:

- Model A- This is a test model to determine the limitations of this type of modelling. The parental magma is a tonalite of Unit 1 (NPM533) and the evolved magma is also a tonalite of Unit 1 (NPM584). Theoretically the modelled evolved magma should compare favourably

with the actual evolved magma because both of these samples are from the same unit.

- Model 1- fractionation of parental magma (Unit 1, NPM533 = tonalite) evolving to average Unit 4 magma ( $N = 3$ ). The fractionating phases are plagioclase (An 40), biotite (average chemical analyses from NPM533), sphene, and apatite.

Model 2- fractionation of parental magma (Unit 1, NPM533) evolving to Unit 7 (NPM566 = monzogranite). The fractionating phases are the same as Model 1.

- Model 3- fractionation of parental magma (average Unit 4 ( $N = 3$ )) evolving to Unit 7 (NPM566 = monzogranite). The fractionating phases are plagioclase (An 29) and biotite (average chemical analyses from average NPM558 (Unit 4)) and apatite.

- Model 4- fractionation of parental magma (Unit 1, NPM533) evolving to Unit 7 (NPM558 = granodiorite). The fractionating phases are the same as Models 1 and 2.

- Model 5- fractionation of parental magma (average of Unit 4) evolving to Unit 7 (NPM539 = granodiorite). The fractionating phases are the same as Model 3.

#### 5-4-2-2 The Major Oxide Fractionation Model-XLFRAC

The XLFRAC program (Stormer and Nicholls, 1978) is a simple program that solves linear least-squares mass-balance equations and can estimate the composition of the fractionate (given defined mineral phases to be removed) required to evolve the parental magma to the evolved magma. The results of the XLFRAC, major element modelling are

summarized on Table 5-3. Ten oxides were used in the modelling:  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{FeO}_t$ ,  $\text{MnO}$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ . The comparative 'validity' of each of the six models can be assessed by the value of the sum of the squares of the residuals. A large value indicates that the model is not a good comparison with the actual evolved magma. Model A has the lowest value for its sum of the residuals, 0.08, because both parent and evolved magma are from the same unit. Model 5 can immediately be removed as a possible model because plagioclase, sphene, and apatite cumulates must be added to the initial melt (average Unit 4) for it to evolve to the daughter magma, Unit 7 (NPM539). The model with the lowest sum of the squares of the residuals (other than the test Model A), is Model 4 (at 1.9). The second and third 'best-fit' models are 1 and 3 respectively with residuals of 3.3 and 4.2. Model 4 involves the fractionation of 11.7% biotite, 20.9% plagioclase, 0.4% sphene and 0.8% apatite from the total parental magma, a tonalite (NPM533), in order to evolve to the granodiorite of Unit 7 (NPM539). The difference in modal mineralogy in biotite and plagioclase content of Unit 1 (NPM533) and Unit 7 (NPM539) is 7% and 3%, respectively, - lower than projected by the model. For a complete summary of the five fractionation models tested see Tables 5-3 and 5-4.

#### 5-4-2-3 Limitations of Fractional Crystallization Modelling.

The limitations of this method of modelling the fractionation history are as follows:

- a) the assumption that NPM533 of Unit 1 and the average analyses of

Table 5-3

Database for the XLFRAC modelling of major elements. Major element chemistry of the initial magmas and the evolved magmas (recalculated to 100) and their fractionating mineral phases.

|       | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     | 7     | 8     | 9     | 10  | 11 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|----|
|       | 533   | 584   | AVE4  | 539   | 566   | BI-1  | BI-4  | PL-1  | PL-4  | SPH | AP |
| SiO2  | 64.26 | 68.63 | 71.5  | 71.2  | 73.33 | 37.44 | 35.60 | 59.07 | 61.49 | 31  | 0  |
| TiO2  | 0.69  | 0.69  | 0.41  | 0.36  | 0.22  | 3.64  | 2.79  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 41  | 0  |
| Al2O3 | 17.84 | 16.37 | 15.33 | 15.55 | 14.76 | 18.07 | 17.63 | 25.86 | 23.79 | 0   | 0  |
| FeO*  | 4.68  | 3.89  | 2.4   | 1.48  | 20.78 | 20.02 | 0.05  | 0.16  | 0.0   | 0   | 0  |
| MnO   | 0.09  | 0.07  | 0.04  | 0.06  | 0.03  | 0.48  | 0.34  | 0.00  | 0.0   | 0   | 0  |
| MgO   | 2.04  | 1.47  | 0.90  | 0.89  | 0.34  | 9.70  | 9.06  | 0.01  | 0.0   | 0   | 0  |
| CaO   | 4.06  | 3.14  | 1.68  | 2.14  | 0.87  | 0.0   | 0.01  | 7.78  | 6.22  | 29  | 56 |
| Na2O  | 4.01  | 4.05  | 3.77  | 4.34  | 2.87  | 0.0   | 0.02  | 6.98  | 8.30  | 0   | 0  |
| K2O   | 2.14  | 1.74  | 3.73  | 2.87  | 5.91  | 9.89  | 10.62 | 0.25  | 0.16  | 0   | 0  |
| P2O5  | 0.19  | 0.13  | 0.22  | 0.19  | 0.18  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0   | 44 |

## LEGEND:

## COLUMN

- 1- NPM533
- 2- NPM584, Unit 1 tonalite
- 3- Unit 4 samples, NPM558,477 and 458
- 4- Unit 7 sample NPM 539-granodiorite
- 5- Unit 7 sample NPM566- monzogranite
- 6- biotite from Unit 1 NPM533 (n=3)
- 7- biotite from Unit 4 NPM558 (n=3)
- 8- plagioclase from Unit 1 NPM533 (n=3)
- 9- plagioclase from Unit 4 NPM558 (n=3)
- 10- sphene
- 11- apatite

Table 5-4

Results of XLFRAC modelling of Major Oxides

Model A

initial magma=NPM533 (Unit 1)  
 evolved magma= NPM584 (Unit 1)  
 modelled fractionating component: biotite= 8.3%  
   plagioclase= 15.4%  
   sphene= 0.14%  
   apatite= 0.53%  
   -----  
   total % of fractionate= 24.36%

Observed difference between evolved magma (NPM533) and model  
 evolved magma: (relative %)  
     none greater than 0.5  
     -----  
 sum of the residuals 0.08

MODEL 1

inital magma=NPM533 (Unit 1)  
 evolved magma= average Unit 4 (n=3)  
 modelled fractionating component: biotite = 10.9%  
   plagioclase=24.4%  
   sphene=0.52%  
   apatite=0.79%

  -----  
   total % of fractionate      36.59%  
 Observed difference between evolved magma (average Unit 4)  
 and model evolved magma: (relative %)  
   FeO<sub>T</sub> -0.87  
   CAO -0.50  
   K<sub>2</sub>O -1.40  
   -----  
 sum of the residuals      3.27

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Table 5-4 continued...

MODEL 2

initial magma=NPM533 (Unit 1)

evolved magma=Unit 7, NPM566=monzogranite

modelled fractionating component: biotite=11.8%

plagioclase= 32%

sphene=0.95%

apatite= 0.57%

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total % of fractionate = 45.14%

Observed difference between evolved magma (NPM566) and model  
evolved magma: (relative %)

SiO<sub>2</sub> -0.57

Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> +0.65

FeO<sub>T</sub> -1.40

MgO -0.70

CaO -0.50

K<sub>2</sub>O +2.33

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Sum of the residuals 9.03

MODEL 3

initial magma=average of Unit 4 (n=3)

evolved magma= Unit 7 (NPM566- monzogranite)

modelled fractionating component:

biotite=1.4%

plagioclase=12.9%

apatite=0.11%

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total % of fractionate 13.41%

Observed difference between evolved magma (average Unit 4)  
and model evolved magma: (relative %)

Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> +0.63

FeO<sub>T</sub> -0.84

K<sub>2</sub>O +1.5

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sum of the residuals 3.75



Table 5-4 continued...

MODEL 4

initial magma=Unit 1 NPM533  
 evolved magma= Unit 7 (NPM539- granodiorite)  
 modelled fractionating component:

biotite 11.7%  
 plagioclase 20.9%  
 sphene 0.38%  
 apatite 0.76%

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 total % of fractionate 33.24%

Observed difference between evolved magma (Unit 7 NPM539)  
 and model evolved magma:(relative %)

FEO<sub>T</sub> -0.65  
 K<sub>2</sub>O +0.97

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 sum of the residuals 1.94

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 MODEL 5

inital magma =average of Unit 4  
 final magma = Unit 7 (NPM539- granodiorite)

model failed because cannot fractionate from Unit 4 to Unit 7 without adding a cumulate component. This not to say that geologically this is impossible. This model may suggest that Unit 7 evolved from Unit 4 by a cumulate mineral mechanism. Because it no longer conforms to a simple fractionation model, accumulation may also have occurred.

Unit 4 (N=3) can be used as parental magmas;

b) the assumption that one can use the average chemical analyses from Unit 1 (NPM533) biotite and plagioclase for models 1, 2 and 4 and the average chemical analyses from biotites and plagioclase of Unit 4 (NPM558) as fractionating phases for models 3 and 5;

c) the assumption that all the minerals are removed during one step;

d) assuming a closed fractionation system (no input into the primary magma).

#### 5-4-2-4 Testing the XLFRAC Models on the REE and Trace Element Analyses of the PMP.

The concentration of each trace and REE element (given the predicted mineral fractionate model) is determined by the following equations:

$$1) [ C_1/C_i ]_1 = F' (D_s - 1)$$

where:  $[ ]_1$  = Rayleigh fractionation model

$F'$  = the fraction of liquid remaining

$C_i$  = the concentration of the element in the original  
melt

$C_1$  = the concentration of the element in the differentiated  
liquid

$D_s$  = the bulk distribution coefficient given by:

$$D_s = W_a K_a + W_b K_b + \dots$$

where:  $K$  = solid-liquid partition coefficient between mineral and melt,  
and  $W$  = weight fraction of the element in the precipitating phase.

This model is based on the quantitative description of the

distillation process developed by Rayleigh (1896)- (see Arth, 1976). This equation is for the simplified case of crystallization of phases of constant proportions with constant distribution coefficients (Greenland, 1970).

$$2) [ C_1/C_i ]_2 = 1 / ( F' + D_s (1-F') )$$

where: [ ]<sub>2</sub> = equilibrium fractionation model

This fractional model assumes equilibrium between the total crystallizing solid and melt, and may be more applicable to the plutonic conditions where the cooling of an intruded magma is extremely slow so that the crystallizing phases may be in total equilibrium with the melt (Rittman, 1973, p. 18).

The REE elements used in the modelling are Ce, Eu, Yb and Lu. Two trace elements are used, Ba and Rb. Kd values for plagioclase, biotite and apatite were obtained from Sultan *et al.*, (1986). The Kd values for sphene are derived from dacite and rhyolite rocks (from Henderson, 1984, p27).

By solving the value of [ C<sub>1</sub>/C<sub>i</sub> ]<sub>1</sub> (Rayleigh fractionation model) or [ C<sub>1</sub>/C<sub>i</sub> ]<sub>2</sub> (equilibrium fractionation model) and using the F' values obtained from the major oxide XLFRAC model and calculated bulk distribution of the element (D<sub>s</sub>) (based on the mineral proportions specified by the XLFRAC model) one can compare the modelled [ C<sub>1</sub>/C<sub>i</sub> ]<sub>1</sub> or 2 value with the actual value [ C<sub>1</sub>/C<sub>i</sub> ]\* obtained by the concentration of the element in the parent and evolved magma. The results are listed on Table 5-6.

#### 5-4-2-5 Discussion of Trace Element Fractionation Model Results

Results from Model A indicate that the modelling of the trace elements is unsuccessful. Because of the obvious problems in the major oxide Model 1 (large sum of the residual value), it was not tested further using trace element fractionation. Models A, 1, 3 and 4 were tested and the results are listed in Tables 5-5 and 5-6. The wide and irregular variations between modelled trace element compositions and actual trace element compositions in the evolved magma and the initial magma (even in Model A), suggests that there is no simple model to explain the fractional crystallization between Units 1, 4 and 7 on the basis of trace elements alone. This may be a function of poor selection of initial and evolved magma, poor selection of mineral fractionates, poor selection of  $K_d$  values, inaccurate trace element whole-rock values, or failure of simple fractionation to explain the observed evolutionary patterns observed.

If one assumes that the trace element modelling was not successful because of the  $K_d$ 's, it may be possible to make some conclusions based on trace element behaviour and the XLFRAC major element models. With increasing fractionation of mineral phases, the SUM7REE (Ce, Eu, Yb, and Lu) decrease according to the Rayleigh and equilibrium models within each model tested. Using the values of the 'sum of the residual', the SUM7REE's and the  $Eu/Eu^*$  values as indicators of the validity of the models tested, the best-fit models (in descending order) are Model A, Model 4, Model 1, Model 3, Model 2 and Model 5. A large 'sum of the residuals' value excludes Model 2 (9.03) as a viable model. Model 5 is also excluded because it requires a cumulate

Table 5-5

REE and Ba, Rb concentrations (ppm) of initial magmas and evolved magmas and mineral Kd's

## LEGEND:

column:

1= NPM533, Unit 1

2= NPM584, Unit 1

3= average of Unit 4 (NPM558,477 and 458)

4= NPM566, Unit 7=monzogranite

5= NPM539, Unit 7=granodiorite

6= precision of whole-rock trace element analyses -reproducibility of individual elements (deviations from repeat analyses)

7= Kd's of plagioclase from Bishop Tuff, Sultan *et al.*, 19868= Kd's of biotite from Bishop Tuff, Sultan *et al.*, 1986

9= Kd's of sphene from dacite and rhyolite rocks, Henderson (1984, p27)

10=Kd's of apatite from dacite and rhyolite rocks, Henderson (1984, p27)

|    | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6 | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   |
|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|------|------|------|------|
|    | 533   | 584   | ave4  | 566   | 539   | % | PL   | BI   | SPH  | AP   |
| Ce | 38.51 | 67.96 | 80.85 | 48.70 | 43.41 | 5 | 0.35 | 3.49 | 53.3 | 29.6 |
| Eu | 1.21  | 1.34  | 0.86  | 0.64  | 0.75  | 3 | 6    | 0.87 | 101  | 9.22 |
| Yb | 1.38  | 0.87  | 1.43  | 0.60  | 1.70  | 2 | 0.18 | 0.69 | 37.4 | 232  |
| Lu | 0.20  | 0.10  | 0.18  | 0.07  | 0.23  | 1 | 0.18 | 0.8  | 26.9 | 199  |
| Ba | 601   | 475   | 654   | 963   | 399   | 9 | 1.7  | 7    | -    | -    |
| Rb | 71    | 71    | 128   | 157   | 128   | 1 | 0.19 | 5.3  | -    | -    |

Table 5-6

Trace element crystal fractionation modelling using equilibrium fractionation models and Rayleigh fractionation models.

## Legend:

$D_s$  = bulk distribution values calculated on the basis of published  $K_d$  values

$[C_1/C_i]^*$  = actual ratio of the element concentration in the evolved magma divided by the element concentration in the initial magma

$[C_1/C_i]_1$  = the concentration of the trace element in the evolved magma divided by the concentration in the initial magma - based on equation # 1, Rayleigh fractionation model.

$[C_1/C_i]_2$  = the concentration of the trace element in the evolved magma divided by the concentration in the initial magma - based on equation # 2, equilibrium fractionation.

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 MODEL A: Initial Magma= Unit 1 (NPM533)  
 Evolved Magma= Unit 1 (NPM584)

|    | $D_s$ | $[C_1/C_i]^*$<br>actual | $[C_1/C_i]_1$<br>model 1 | $\frac{[C_1/C_i]_1}{[C_1/C_i]^*}$<br>comparability | $[C_1/C_i]_2$<br>model 2 | $\frac{[C_1/C_i]_2}{[C_1/C_i]^*}$<br>comparability |
|----|-------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| Ce | 2.38  | 1.76                    | 0.68                     | 0.38   | 0.75                     | 0.43   |
| Eu | 4.89  | 1.1                     | 0.34                     | 0.31   | 0.52                     | 0.47   |
| Yb | 5.46  | 0.63                    | 0.29                     | 0.46   | 0.48                     | 0.76   |
| Lu | 4.92  | 0.5                     | 0.34                     | 0.68   | 0.52                     | 1.04   |
| Ba | 3.45  | 0.79                    | 0.51                     | 0.64   | 0.63                     | 0.79   |
| Rb | 1.91  | 0.87                    | 0.78                     | 0.90   | 0.82                     | 0.94   |

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 MODEL 1: Initial magma = Unit 1 (NPM533)  
 Evolved magma = average Unit 4

|    | $D_s$ | $[C_1/C_i]^*$<br>actual | $[C_1/C_i]_1$<br>model 1 | $\frac{[C_1/C_i]_1}{[C_1/C_i]^*}$<br>comparability | $[C_1/C_i]_2$<br>model 2 | $\frac{[C_1/C_i]_2}{[C_1/C_i]^*}$<br>comparability |
|----|-------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| Ce | 2.40  | 2.10                    | 0.52                     | 0.25   | 0.66                     | 0.31   |
| Eu | 5.47  | 0.71                    | 0.12                     | 0.17   | 0.38                     | 0.54   |
| Yb | 5.34  | 1.04                    | 0.13                     | 0.13   | 0.38                     | 0.37   |
| Lu | 4.61  | 0.90                    | 0.19                     | 0.21   | 0.42                     | 0.47   |
| Ba | 3.23  | 1.08                    | 0.3                      | 0.33   | 0.55                     | 0.51   |
| Rb | 1.73  | 1.8                     | 0.7                      | 0.39   | 0.79                     | 0.44   |

Table 5-6 continued...

MODEL 3 : initial magma= average of Unit 4  
 evolved magma= Unit 7 (NPM566-morzogranite)

| D <sub>s</sub> | [Cl/Ci]*<br>actual | [Cl/Ci] <sub>1</sub><br>model 1 | $\frac{[C_1/C_i]_1}{[Cl/Ci]^*}$<br>comparability | [C <sub>1</sub> /C <sub>i</sub> ] <sub>2</sub><br>model 2 | $\frac{[C_1/C_i]_2}{[Cl/Ci]^*}$<br>comparability |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Ce             | 0.90               | 0.60                            | 1.0  | 1.7   | 1.01   |
| Eu             | 5.50               | 0.74                            | 0.51   | 0.69  | 0.61   |
| Yb             | 2.09               | 0.42                            | 0.85   | 2.02  | 0.87   |
| Lu             | 1.84               | 0.39                            | 0.88   | 2.26  | 0.89   |
| Ba             | 2.20               | 1.47                            | 0.83   | 0.56  | 0.86   |
| Rb             | 0.70               | 1.22                            | 1.05   | 0.86  | 1.04   |

MODEL 4 : initial magma= Unit 1 (NPM533)  
 evolved magma = Unit 7 (NPM539- granodiorite)

| D <sub>s</sub> | [C <sub>1</sub> /C <sub>i</sub> ]*<br>actual | [C <sub>1</sub> /C <sub>i</sub> ] <sub>1</sub><br>model 1 | $\frac{[C_1/C_i]_1}{[Cl/Ci]^*}$<br>comparability | [C <sub>1</sub> /C <sub>i</sub> ] <sub>2</sub><br>model 2 | $\frac{[C_1/C_i]_2}{[Cl/Ci]^*}$<br>comparability |
|----------------|--|---|--|---|--|
| Ce             | 2.56   | 1.13  | 0.52   | 0.46  | 0.65   |
| Eu             | 5.21   | 0.62  | 0.17   | 0.27  | 0.41   |
| Yb             | 5.36   | 1.23  | 0.16   | 0.13  | 0.40   |
| Lu             | 4.64   | 1.15  | 0.22   | 0.19  | 0.45   |
| Ba             | 3.50   | 0.66  | 0.35   | 0.53  | 0.54   |
| Rb             | 1.98   | 1.80  | 0.67   | 0.37  | 0.75   |

component.

Model A, as expected, shows the lowest 'sum of the residual value' (at 0.08). The best-fit model is Model 4. This model invokes the fractionation of biotite, plagioclase, sphene and apatite from a tonalite of Unit 1 (NPM533) to evolve to a granodiorite of Unit 7 (NPM539). The  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  ratios (Table 5-1) also support this model where  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  decreases from 0.9 (in the parental magma) to 0.6 in the evolved magma, as would be expected with the removal of plagioclase. The SUM7REE of the parental and evolved magma are comparable at 65 and 75 respectively. The next 'best-fit' model is Model 1 (parental magma is Unit 1 (NPM533) and the evolved magma is average Unit 4). Its 'sum of the residual' value is 3.27 (significantly higher than Model 4). The  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  ratio decreases from 0.9 in the parental magma to 0.3 in the evolved magma, as is expected with the removal of plagioclase. The SUM7REE of the parental magma is significantly lower (65) than the evolved magma (140) and it is questionable whether Model 1 represents a viable model or not. The third 'best-fit' model is Model 3 (parental magma = average Unit 4, evolved magma = monzogranite of Unit 7 (NPM566)). Its 'sum of the residual' value is 3.75, a relatively large value, and is questionable whether this is a viable model. The  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  ratio in the parental magma (0.3) is comparable to the evolved magma (0.4). This is unexpected considering the large quantity of fractionated plagioclase (13%) that is required in the modelling. The SUM7REE of the parental magma (82) is lower than the evolved magma (140), this being in direct contrast with the increase in value of the evolved magma in Model 4.



In conclusion, the major element modelling, in conjunction with  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  values, suggests that the mafic end-member of Unit 1 (NPM533) may be related to the granodiorite of Unit 7 (NPM539) by fractional crystallization of biotite, plagioclase, sphene and apatite (Model 4). It is not possible to evolve average Unit 4 to a granodiorite of Unit 7 (Model 5) and it is not possible to evolve the mafic end-member of Unit 1 (tonalite-NPM533) to Unit 7 (monzogranite (NPM566)) by simple fractional crystallization processes (Model 2). It is not clear whether Unit 1 tonalite can evolve to a Unit 4 (average) or whether Unit 4 (average) can evolve to a monzogranite of Unit 7 by the process of simple fractionation as specified in this modelling. In all discussions of between cycle crystal fractional models it is assumed that at depth a magma chamber (from which the PMP was derived) has remained a melt (or partial melt).

#### 5-4-3 Restite Model

The restite model (White and Chappell, 1977) is an attempt to explain the geochemical and mineralogical characteristics of granitoids and their restites in terms of the separation of a melt from its source region. White and Chappell (1977) suggested that because of the high viscosity of the partially crystallized melt, wall and roof rocks are less likely to become incorporated into granitoid magma and that 99% of the xenoliths found in granitoids are pieces of relict source rock. Their restite model suggests that the biotite, aluminosilicates (mostly sillimanite), cordierite, and garnet in the

granitoid rock may be "restite" or residual minerals remaining after partial melting of the source rock. Milky quartz inclusions, mostly fist-sized, are common in the granitoids studied by White and Chappell (1977) and are interpreted as being a result of the segregation of vein quartz from the high-grade metamorphic source terranes. Near-linear chemical trends are thought to be the products of restite unmixing (White and Chappell, 1977).

Arguments against the restite theory are given by Clemens *et al.*, (1983) and Wall *et al.*, (1987). They pointed out the ambiguity of the evidence in support of the restite model. Clemens *et al.*, (1983) suggested that less than 99% of the xenoliths in granitoids are remnants of the source rock. The textures of some xenoliths (cognate inclusions, or products of hybridisation) in many granitoids indicate their magmatic crystallization and even where xenoliths are demonstrably non-magmatic they may not be representative of the source rock (Clemens *et al.*, 1983). Xenocrysts (i.e. plagioclases with corroded calcic cores, pyroxenes, garnets and cordierite) commonly regarded as restite have magmatic explanations compatible with their textural and phase relations. Near linear chemical trends purported by Chappell and White (1977) to be characteristic of unmixing, can also be exhibited by granitoid/volcanic suites which show no evidence for appreciable restite (Clemens *et al.*, 1983).

In light of the ambiguity of the evidence in support of the restite model, little discussion will be made on the probability of the PMP conforming to this model. Two points should be made in regard to the PMP: very few of the whole-rock chemical plots show

well-defined linear plots, and there are no obvious 'exotic' xenoliths in the PMP, all could be from the country rock or are cognate enclaves. The variation in composition and the texture of the xenoliths of the SMB, ranging from quartzofeldspathic, potassic-feldspar porphyries, 'ghost' xenoliths (Jamieson, 1974), and biotite schlieren, may be a function of the degree and duration of alteration of the xenoliths by the surrounding granitoid melt.

#### 5-4-4 Batch Melting Model

Batch melting involves the partial melting of a source rock under conditions of continuous equilibrium between the liquid phase and the residual solid until the removal of the liquid from the solid. It is unlikely that the PMP has evolved as a result of batch melting. In the simplest model, the initial batch melt should contain the highest concentration of LIL's and the most felsic melts (closest to minimum melt composition). During the petrogenesis of the PMP the first phase emplaced was the mafic tonalite of Unit 1. Three cycles derived from an initial mafic end-member evolve to more felsic end-members. The three cycles begin with Units 1, 4 and 7 and evolve to their felsic end-members Units 3, 6 and 9 respectively. The late-stage felsic end-members are enriched in LIL's compared with their corresponding mafic end-members.

The batch melting model does not effectively describe the evolutionary history of the PMP, either on the overall scale (from Unit 1 to Unit 9) or within Cycles I, II or III. A complex trapping system whereby the initial felsic melts (high LIL's) are held at a

lower level until later, more mafic melts formed, requires further evidence.

#### 5-4-5 Assimilation of Meguma Rocks

Partially digested xenoliths of Meguma origin are abundant at the margins of the PMP, and less so in the interior of the pluton. Liew (1979) and Muecke (unpubl. data) have analysed the REE content of lithological subdivisions in the Meguma Group. Muecke and Clarke (1981) observed that the whole-rock REE patterns of the Meguma Group rocks bracket the range of the SMB (and therefore the PMP (Fig. 6-3)). Following this reasoning, the total assimilation of the Meguma Group rocks by the PMP will not have a large effect on the overall REE composition of the PMP. The average REE content of the PMP magma probably underwent little modification by the assimilation of the Meguma Group. Assimilation of the Meguma Group does not explain the REE evolution of Unit 1 to Unit 4 where the SUM7REE's increase. The rate of decrease in SUM7REE between Units 4, 7 and 9 and between Units 1 and 3 may have been retarded by the assimilation of the Meguma.

#### 5-4-6 Assimilation of Earlier Plutonic Units

Extensive contamination of Unit 4 by Unit 1 is unlikely given the superheated conditions required by a granodiorite to melt a tonalite. The presence of xenoliths of Unit 1 in Unit 4 suggests that at least minor local contamination may have occurred. The major and trace element contents of whole-rocks of Unit 1 and 4 become more similar in composition toward the interior of the pluton. Magma mixing may have

occurred in the interior of the pluton in locations where Unit 1 was probably semi-liquid during the emplacement of Unit 4.

Unit 7 may have been contaminated by earlier Unit 1 or Unit 4 magmas. The similarities in modal mineralogy of Unit 7 (tonalite) and Unit 1 (tonalites), may suggest that Unit 7 has been contaminated by Unit 1 (or is a retapped magma from the Unit 1 source reservoir). The similarities in modal mineralogy of the Unit 4 monzogranites with the more felsic end-members of Unit 7 (monzogranites) may indicate that Unit 7 was contaminated by Unit 4 magmas during the later phases of emplacement. The degree of contamination by earlier granitoids is difficult to model and will not be attempted in this thesis.

#### 5-4-7 Role of Fluids

Products of the late stages of each cycle within the PMP show evidence of aqueous fluids (i.e. pegmatite and aplite dykes). Greisenization and polymetallic mineralization are not evident in the late phases of any of these cycles. The lamprophyre dykes of Unit 5A were emplaced with an abundance of hydrous fluids, shown by the abundance of hydrous mineral phases. The brecciated texture of Unit 5B may have been produced by the contact of hot magma with hydrous fluids. The biotites from this unit have minor chlorite alteration and the feldspars are cloudy, showing minor fluid interaction. There is no evidence to support the hypothesis that the petrogenesis of the PMP was controlled by fluid alteration (i.e. no evidence of the effects of 'fluid alteration fronts' in the main phase granitoids of Units 1, 4 and 7 exists).

#### 5-4-8 Different Sources

The XLFRAC major element modelling, the SUM7REE contents and the  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  values support the hypothesis that Unit 4 and the mafic end-members of Unit 7 (tonalite and granodiorite) may have different sources and that Unit 1 (tonalite) and the mafic end-member of Unit 7 (tonalite and granodiorite) may have the same source. Normative Qz-Ab-Or plots (Fig. 5-1), indicate that Units 1 and 7 samples plot in the same field supporting the hypothesis that Unit 1 and Unit 7 may have similar sources and Unit 4, having a different source plots further towards the Or apex than Unit 1 and 7. Units 1 and 7 do not plot in the granitic field as defined 'sensu stricto', whereas Unit 4 does. The source of Unit 4 was probably in the crust. Because of the higher temperatures required to produce tonalites compared to granites and granodiorites of Unit 4, the source rock of Unit 1 was probably deeper in the crust than Unit 4 or in the upper mantle. The mafic dykes of Unit 5A (lamprophyres) have exotic whole-rock, major and trace compositions which indicate that they may be of mantle origin.

#### 5-5 Proposed three-stage model of the evolutionary history of the PMP.

The key observations that this model seeks to explain are:

- 1) the apparent lack of whole-rock chemical evidence to support a simple fractional crystallization history relating Units 1, 4 and 7;
- 2) the apparent relationship between Unit 1 and the tonalites and granodiorites of Unit 7, and the lack of conclusive evidence that

would indicate a relationship between Unit 1 and Unit 4, or Unit 4 and the tonalites and granodiorites of Unit 7;

- 3) the apparent different source regions of Units 1, 4 and 5A;
- 4) the apparent mantle source region for the Unit 5A lamprophyres and possibly Unit 1;
- 5) the emplacement history of the ten units observed in the PMP;
- 6) the apparent perturbation in the crustal isotherms to attain P-T conditions required to produce tonalites in the crust (see Wyllie, 1983).

The model is summarized in three stages (Fig. 5-5):

Stage 1: A hot spot in the upper mantle (elevation of the isotherms) facilitated the generation of Unit 1 tonalite. The melt of Unit 1 probably evolved from the metaluminous lower crust or upper mantle material (tonalite requires high T conditions). Heat from the Unit 1 source area caused melting above it, and produced a Unit 4 melt chamber at higher levels in the crust. Migration of Unit 1 to its level of emplacement involves some contamination by Unit 4 during its ascent through the Unit 4 melt zone and country rock contamination. Unit 4 was emplaced after the emplacement of Unit 1. Unit 2 is a segregate of Unit 1 enriched in plagioclase and quartz and depleted in biotite. Unit 3 evolved from Unit 1 by crystal-liquid fractionation.

Stage 2: An ultramafic magma from the upper mantle (Unit 5A-lamprophyres) was emplaced after the consolidation of Units 1 and 4. The tonalite breccia of Unit 5B was emplaced close, spatially and temporally, to the Unit 5A lamprophyre dykes. Unit 5B may be a

remnant from the Unit 1 chamber. Its matrix has similar modal mineralogy to that of the mafic Unit 1. Unit 6 (a leucomonzogranite) may be an evolved felsic end-member of Unit 4 that was emplaced late in the emplacement history of Cycle II.

Stage 3: The initial magmas of Unit 7 were probably the most mafic phases (tonalite of Unit 7). They may have evolved from the same lower crustal areas as Unit 1 by a reheating event because a high T is required to produce a tonalitic composition. During the upward migration of Unit 7 past the semi-consolidated source chamber of Unit 4, Unit 7 underwent considerable contamination, shown particularly in the more felsic phases of the unit. Units 8 and 9 are felsic magmas that probably evolved from Units 4 and 7. Continual fractionation of plagioclase, and biotite and subsequent enrichment of residual water may have evolved the late-stage massive pegmatite complexes of Unit 9.



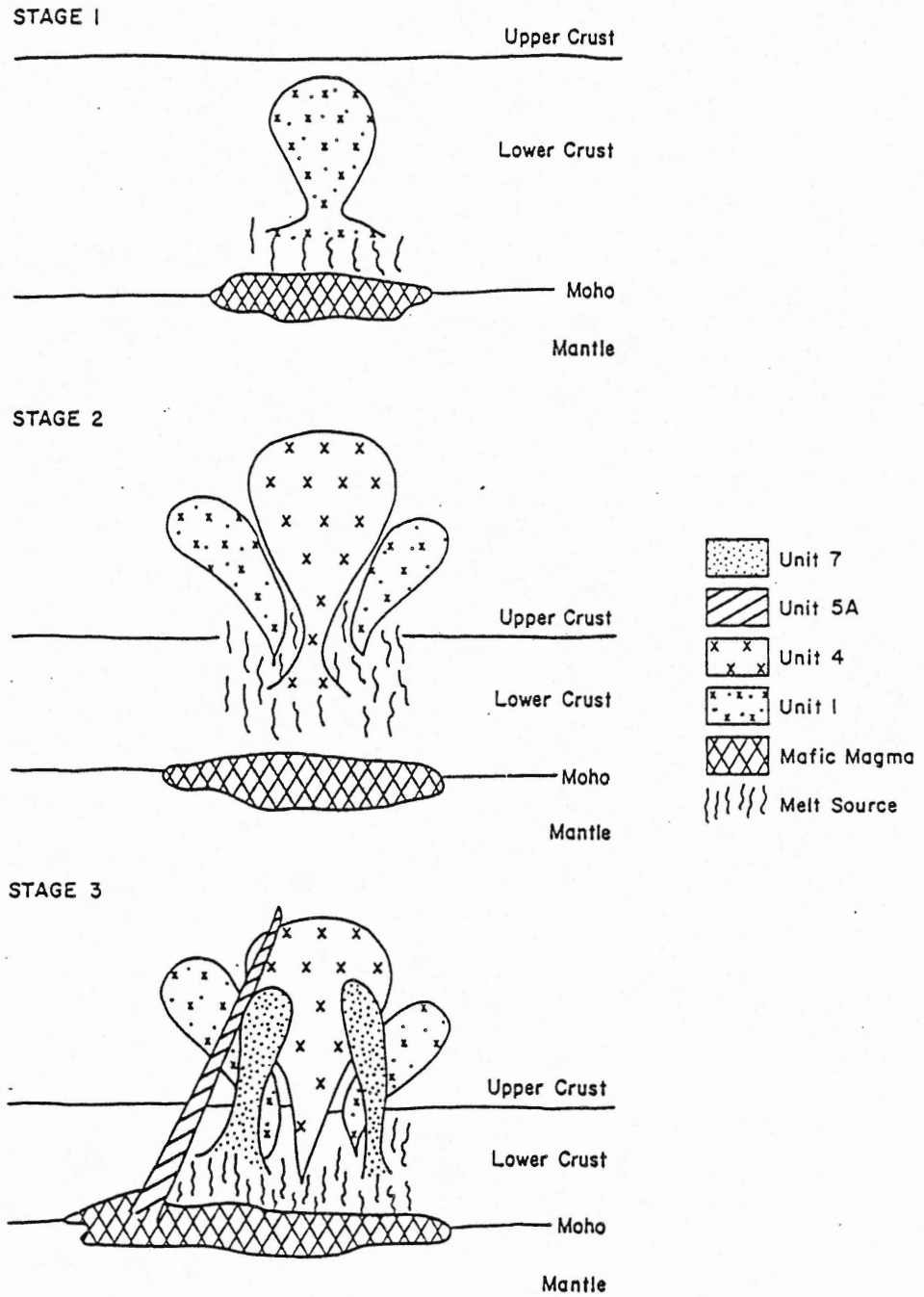


Figure 5-5: Cross-sections showing the proposed petrogenetic model for the PMP. The felsic end-members of Cycles I, II and III (including Units 3,6,8 and 9) are not illustrated in order to simplify the diagram.

Chapter 6 THE PORT MOUTON PLUTON IN RELATION TO SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN  
PERALUMINOUS GRANITOID BODIES IN SOUTHWESTERN NOVA SCOTIA.

6-1 Introduction

Studies of peraluminous granitoid rocks of the Meguma Zone have recorded distinct differences in the age, composition and mode of emplacement of the granitoid bodies in the northern and southern zones. This section reviews the differences between the northern and southern plutons (and batholiths) and attempts to determine whether the PMP is similar to either the northern or southern plutons. The dividing line separating the northern and southern plutons was placed on the basis of differences in granitoid rock types, metamorphic grade in the regional country rock and preliminary age dates of the plutons. The SMB is considered to be a northern batholith and, as such, the line separating northern and southern plutons had to run south of the SMB. The northern plutons (as defined in this thesis) include the South Mountain Batholith, Musquodoboit Batholith, Liscomb Pluton, Canso Pluton, Bull Ridge Pluton, Sherbrooke Pluton and the Ellison Lake Pluton. The southern plutons include Bald Mountain, Moose Point, Strawberry Point, Shelburne, Quinan, Barrington Passage, Wedgeport, Breton, Seal Island, Beach Hill, Deception Lake, Lyons Bay and Western Granite Plutons (Fig. 2-2). The Port Mouton Pluton is located in the southern Meguma Terrane in the zone occupied by southern plutons.

## 6-2 Petrographic Variations between the Northern and Southern Plutons

The SMB is the largest northern pluton and is a post-Acadian, epizonal, peraluminous, granitoid batholith (McKenzie, 1974) with three dominant intrusive units; biotite granodiorite, two mica-monzogranite, and late-stage leucomonzogranites. Many other smaller granitoid plutons outcrop northeast of the boundary which delimits southern and northern plutons. They are peraluminous and similar in composition to the SMB. These plutons include the the main complex of the Liscomb Pluton (King *et al.*, 1975; Giles and Chatterjee, 1986, pers. comm.), the Musquodoboit Batholith (MacDonald, 1981; MacDonald and Clarke, 1985), the Halfway Cove and Queensport Plutons (Ham, 1988, pers. comm.), the Sangster Lake and the Larrys River Pluton (O'Reilly, 1986, pers. comm.), and the Canso Pluton (Hill, 1986). In general, the compositions of the northern plutons range from granodiorites to monzogranites with no associated early melanocratic intrusions (e.g. tonalites). Two granitoid bodies have early melanocratic intrusions associated with them. They are the tonalites of the peraluminous Canso Pluton (Hill, 1986) and early the gabbros associated with the Liscomb Complex (Giles and Chatterjee, 1986).

In southwestern Nova Scotia, predominantly peraluminous plutons include the Brenton Pluton (O'Reilly, 1976; Clarke *et al.*, 1979; Longstaffe *et al.*, 1979), the Wedgeport Pluton (Taylor, 1967; Longstaffe *et al.*, 1979; Reynolds *et al.*, 1981; Keppie and Cormier, 1983; Chatterjee *et al.*, 1985), the Barrington Passage Pluton (Taylor, 1967; Smith, 1979; Longstaffe *et al.*, 1979; Kubilius, 1983; Rogers,

1985; Elias, 1986 pers.comm.), the Lyons Bay Pluton (de Albuquerque, 1979; Rogers, 1986 pers.comm.), the Moose Harbour Pluton (Weagle, 1983), and the Port Mouton Pluton (Elias, 1986; Kubilius, 1983; Reynolds *et al.*, 1981; Longstaffe *et al.*, 1979; Smith, 1979; de Albuquerque, 1977).

These southern plutons are more varied in composition than the northern plutons and often contain early mafic material. Collectively, their compositions range from lamprophyre, high K-diorite, norite, hornblende biotite tonalite, biotite tonalite trondhjemite, granodiorite, monzogranite, and leucomonzogranite. The PMP includes lamprophyre, biotite tonalite, granodiorite, monzogranite and leucomonzogranite and, in this respect, it is like the other southern plutons.

### 6-3 A Comparison of $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ Ages and Emplacement Histories.

Five samples from three northern plutons (Musquodoboit, Liscomb and Canso), yield an average  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  radiometric age of  $365.5 \pm 4.3$  Ma in agreement with the those from SMB (at  $366.7 \pm 11$  Ma) (Reynolds *et al.*, 1981). The Canso Pluton has a similar age of  $368 \pm 8$  Ma (Reynolds *et al.*, 1981) although it is unlike other northern plutons because of its tonalite association. The SMB, the Musquodoboit Batholith (MacDonald, 1981), the Liscomb Pluton (Giles and Chatterjee pers. comm., 1986), Canso Pluton (Hill, 1986), the Halfway Cove and Queensport Plutons (Ham, 1986 pers. comm.) all post-date the Acadian deformation and regional metamorphism of the Meguma Group. The Liscomb Pluton, Halfway Cove Pluton, Queensport Pluton, and the

Canso Pluton have been variably deformed by the Glooscap Fault and therefore predate the fault.

Apparent  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  ages from biotite and muscovite spectra of samples from the Barrington Passage, Bald Mountain, Shelburne, Port Mouton, Quinan and the Upper Clyde River pegmatite, all southern plutons, yield an average age of  $337 \pm 16$  Ma, younger than the SMB (Elias, 1986). Biotite and muscovites from the Bald Mountain monzogranites yield  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  ages of 340-370 Ma. Dallmeyer and Keppie (1987) recorded  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  muscovite and biotite plateau ages from the Shelburne Pluton yield ages of  $234.4 \pm 0.9$  and  $308.6 \pm 0.5$  Ma, respectively. A high K-diorite yield ages from 310 to 382 Ma (Reynolds *et al.*, 1987) associated with the Shelburne Pluton. The oldest ages obtained from the southern plutons come from Bald Mountain and Barrington Passage Plutons, ranging from 386 to 370 Ma (Elias, 1986).  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  biotite plateau age of  $312.7 \pm 0.4$  Ma was recorded from the Barrington Passage Pluton. Biotite and muscovite  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  ages from a shear zone developed in the Brenton granite yield plateau ages from  $325 \pm 0.8$  and  $321.6 \pm 1.3$  Ma, respectively (Dallmeyer and Keppie, 1976). Biotite and muscovite spectra of PMP samples analysed by Elias (1986) and this study (see Appendix E) yield plateau ages ranging from 309 to 343. These ages are significantly younger than the average ages derived for samples from the northern plutons.

Elias (1986) suggested that the intrusion ages of all of the granitoid plutons in southwestern Nova Scotia, including the SMB, have been reset, and that the original cooling ages of the southern plutons have been obliterated from most domains by overprinting (Elias, 1986).

The overprinting associated with shearing is reflected by the varying degrees of discordance in the age spectra from the southern plutons. This discordance is readily apparent in the  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  samples analysed for the PMP (Elias, 1986; and this thesis, Appendix E) where relative ages of the samples are not in agreement with field relations.

There is evidence that some of the southern plutons were emplaced before or during the Acadian Orogeny, compared with the apparent post-tectonic emplacement of the northern plutons. The Brenton Pluton was emplaced prior to the regional foliation (O'Reilly, 1975). Rogers (1986 pers. comm.) argues that the foliations in the Barrington Passage and Shelburne Plutons are evidence of pre- or syn-tectonic (Acadian) emplacement of the plutons. Field relationships show that the Port Mouton Pluton was emplaced after the regional deformation that produced folding in the surrounding country rock (see Chapter 2).

#### 6-4 Metamorphic grade comparisons.

The metamorphic grade in the Meguma Group ranges from greenschist to amphibolite facies in both the northern and southern Meguma Zone. The northern zone is dominated by metamorphism of greenschist facies and no granitoid bodies in the northern zone have migmatized contacts. A linear, regional, amphibolite-grade zone is located in northeastern Nova Scotia, subparallel to the Glooscap Shear Zone (Muecke, 1984). This high grade metamorphic zone encompasses the Canso, Halfway Cove, Queensport, Larrys River and Sangster Lake Plutons (Keppie and Muecke, 1979), (Fig. 6-1). The southern zone contains few greenschist facies areas and is dominated by the amphibolite to upper amphibolite facies.

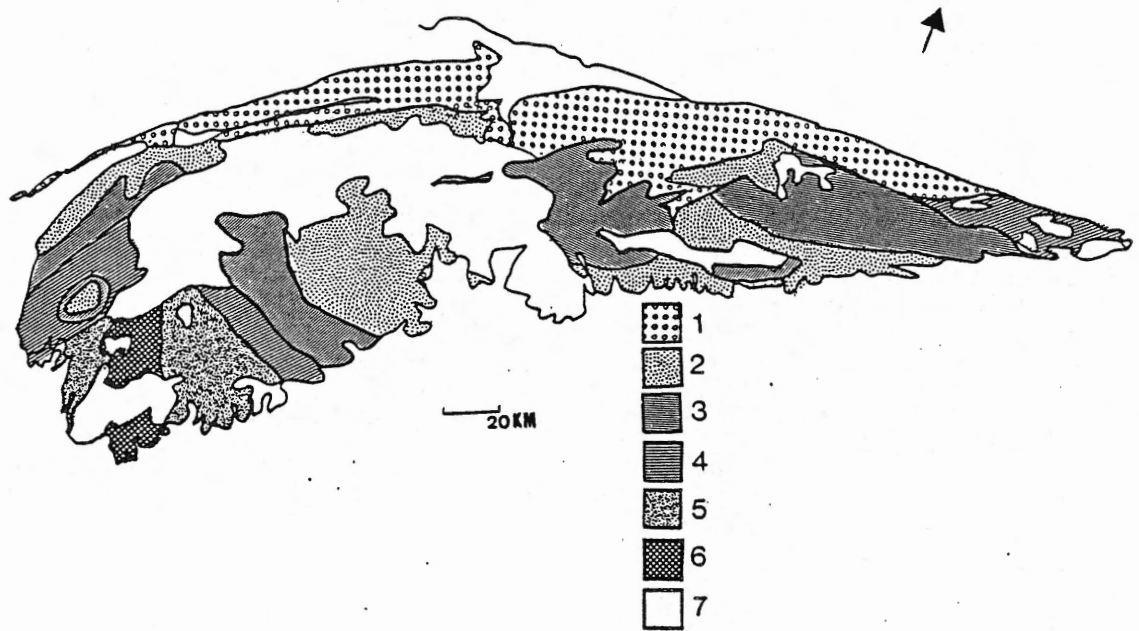


Figure 6-1: Regional metamorphic map of southern Nova Scotia (compiled by Keppie and Muecke, 1979).

|         |                       |   |   |
|---------|-----------------------|---|---|
| Legend: | Subgreenschist Facies | 1 |   |
|         | Greenschist Facies    | 2 | -chlorite zone                            |
|         |                       | 3 | -biotite zone                             |
|         | Amphibolite Facies    | 4 | -garnet zone                              |
|         |                       | 5 | -andalusite-staurolite<br>cordierite zone |
|         |                       | 6 | -sillimanite zone                         |
|         | Granitoids            | 7 |   |

Extensive migmatization parallels the margin of the Barrington Passage Pluton. Minor migmatization occurs along the northeastern contact of the Port Mouton Pluton. It is significant to note that the amphibolite zone in northeastern Nova Scotia may reflect a different tectonic setting from that of southwestern Nova Scotia, a setting in which the Glooscap Shear Zone may have controlled the thermal pattern and granite generation (Muecke, 1984).

Assuming that Elias (1986) is correct in postulating that all the Meguma Zone granitoids were emplaced during the same time period, the predominance of amphibolite facies in the south may reflect a corresponding increase in the depth of emplacement of granitoids.

#### 6-5 A Comparison of Oxygen and Sulfur isotopes in granites.

On the basis of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  whole-rock data, Longstaffe *et al.*, (1979) were able to distinguish SMB samples (Northern Zone) from the southern pluton samples (Port Mouton, Shelburne, Barrington Passage, Wedgeport and Brenton Plutons) on the basis of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ . The SMB whole rock  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  range from 10.1 to 12.0 ppm, whereas the southern satellite plutons have lower  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  (7.8-10.4 ppm). The Brenton Pluton (northwest of Yarmouth) is much lower, at 5.0 ppm, than any of the other southern plutons analysed. Longstaffe *et al.*, (1979) suggested that this is the result of exchange with low  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  fluids during the shearing of the pluton.

The granite and granodiorite samples from the Port Mouton Pluton contain 8.9-10.4 ppm of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ , within the upper range of the other southern plutons. The relatively high  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  of the peraluminous SMB



indicates that it formed by anatexis of  $^{18}\text{O}$ -rich metasedimentary rocks. The southern plutons were also derived by partial melting of clastic metasedimentary rocks, but their lower  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values reflect exchange of the source material with a low  $^{18}\text{O}$  reservoir (mafic magmas?) prior to, or during, anatexis (Longstaffe *et al.*, 1981). Kubilius (1983) distinguished the SMB from the southern satellite plutons (Barrington Passage, Shelburne and Port Mouton Plutons) on the basis of  $\delta^{34}\text{S}$  whole-rock values. Fifteen SMB samples of granodioritic composition range in whole-rock  $\delta^{34}\text{S}$  values from +5.4 to 10.1 per mil, with an average of 7.3 and a standard deviation of 1.2 per mil. These same southern plutons show distinctly different sulfur isotopic signature compared with the SMB. Eleven of the twelve samples of various rock types range from 0.1 to 6.0 per mil (average 3.0). A PMP sample containing xenoliths of the isotopically heavy Goldenville greywacke, yielded a  $\delta^{34}\text{S}$  value of 14.6 per mil. Two other PMP samples (devoid of xenoliths) are within range of the southern plutons (at 1.0 and 4.0 per mil). Kubilius (1983) suggested that the marked variation in  $\delta^{34}\text{S}$  whole-rock contents of SMB and southern pluton samples indicates distinct histories for the two groups of granitoids. Although the southern plutons are closer to the  $\delta^{34}\text{S}$  mantle value of  $0 \pm 1$  per mil than the SMB, all are displaced somewhat from that value.

## 6-6 A Comparison of Granite Whole Rock Chemistry

### 6-6-1 Brief Description of the Nova Scotia Database

The Nova Scotia database was compiled by Richard (in progress, 1988) and consists of selected major and trace elements of 413

published and unpublished samples from granitic plutons and batholiths in southern Nova Scotia (Fig. 2-2). It includes samples from the following plutons and batholiths of the Meguma Zone: the SMB, the Musquodoboit Batholith, the Liscomb Pluton, the Halfway Cove and the Queensport Pluton, the Sherbrooke Pluton, the Bull Ridge Pluton, the Sangster Lake and Larrys River Pluton, the Ellison Lake Pluton, the Moose Point Pluton, the Barrington Passage Pluton, the Bald Mountain Pluton, the Seal Island Pluton, the Shelburne Pluton and the Port Mouton Pluton.

The REE database is considerably smaller than the major and trace element database and contains analyses of 36 samples from published studies of northern plutons. It includes samples from the South Mountain Batholith and the Musquodoboit Batholith. All samples in both the major/trace database and the REE database were the least altered samples from the plutons or batholiths. Hydrothermal alteration zones (i.e. greisens) were excluded. The samples in both databases span a wide range of rock types from amphibole tonalites and biotite tonalites to granodiorites and monzogranites. It is important to note that the southern plutons have a larger volume of more mafic granitoids (e.g. tonalites and granodiorites) than do the northern plutons and, therefore, the whole-rock chemical variations observed between these two populations may reflect only a difference in rock types. In the northern pluton database there are no tonalite samples. All analyses cited in both the whole-rock trace/major database and the REE database are referenced in Richard (1988).

### 6-6-2 Separation of Northern and Southern Plutons by Multivariate Analysis

Richard (1988) was able to subdivide the Nova Scotia database into two distinct chemical zones on the basis of whole-rock, major and trace element chemistry. Multivariate analysis showed that certain elements were distinct in their abundance and were diagnostic of either northern or southern plutons (Richard, 1988). The elements used in the most statistically valid model were:  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ , Ba, Rb and Sr. Coefficients in the multivariate equation are listed in Table 6-1. The validity of the model is assessed by a high percentage of correctly classified analyses (93.5%, Table 6-1).

Figure 6-2 shows histograms of the discriminant scores of each of the plutons tested using this model. The northern plutons have values greater than -0.2 and the southern plutons have values of less than -0.2. Analyses from the PMP were 96.1% correctly classified and their discriminant scores are within the range of the southern plutons.

### 6-6-3 Rare earth elements

The REE database consists of northern pluton analyses only with 36 REE samples from the South Mountain Batholith and the Musquodoboit batholith.

Figure 6-3 is a chondrite-normalized (Haskin et al., 1966) plot of the samples from the SMB and the Musquodoboit Batholith. They possess a similar range of values as the 13 analyses of the PMP samples (Figs. 4-19 and 4-20). Most of the samples from the northern

Table 6-1 MODEL 1 Discriminating northern and southern plutons (batholiths) on the basis of whole-rock chemistry (Richard, 1988).

| GRANITE                          | CORRECTLY CLASSIFIED |      | MISCLASSIFIED |      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|------|---------------|------|
|                                  | #                    | %    | #             | %    |
| -----                            |                      |      |               |      |
| -NORTHERN-                       |                      |      |               |      |
| -----                            |                      |      |               |      |
| SMB -Charest                     | 17                   | 100  | 0             | 0    |
| -McKenzie                        | 16                   | 88.9 | 2             | 11.1 |
| -Smith                           | 32                   | 100  | 0             | 0    |
| -Richardson                      | 8                    | 100  | 0             | 0    |
| Musquodoboit                     | 9                    | 90   | 1             | 10.0 |
| Liscomb                          | 8                    | 88.9 | 1             | 11.1 |
| Sherbrooke                       | 17                   | 94.4 | 1             | 5.6  |
| Bull Ridge                       | 10                   | 83.3 | 2             | 16.7 |
| Sangster Lake and<br>Larry River | 29                   | 96.7 | 1             | 3.3  |
| Halfway Cove and<br>Queensport   | 36                   | 100  | 0             | 0    |
| Ellison Lake                     | 13                   | 92.9 | 1             | 7.1  |
| -----                            |                      |      |               |      |
| -Southern-                       |                      |      |               |      |
| -----                            |                      |      |               |      |
| Barrington Passage               | 31                   | 100  | 0             | 0    |
| Shelburne                        | 22                   | 81.5 | 5             | 18.5 |
| Bald Mountain                    | 4                    | 100  | 0             | 0    |
| Port Mouton                      | 50                   | 96.1 | 2             | 3.9  |
| Moose Point                      | 6                    | 75.0 | 2             | 25.0 |
| Lyons Bay<br>Seal Island         |                      |      |               |      |
| Western Granite                  | 6                    | 60.0 | 4             | 40.0 |

DISCRIMINANT FUNCTION USING THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:  
 $\text{SiO}_2$ - $\text{TiO}_2$ - $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ - $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ - $\text{MgO}$ - $\text{CaO}$ - $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ -Ba-Rb-Sr  
Coefficients:  
Rb +0.9477  
Ba -0.6998  
CaO -0.6205  
Sr +0.5033  
 $\text{TiO}_2$  +0.5025  
 $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  +0.3966  
 $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  +0.3148  
 $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  -0.3012  
MgO +0.1196  
 $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  +0.0335

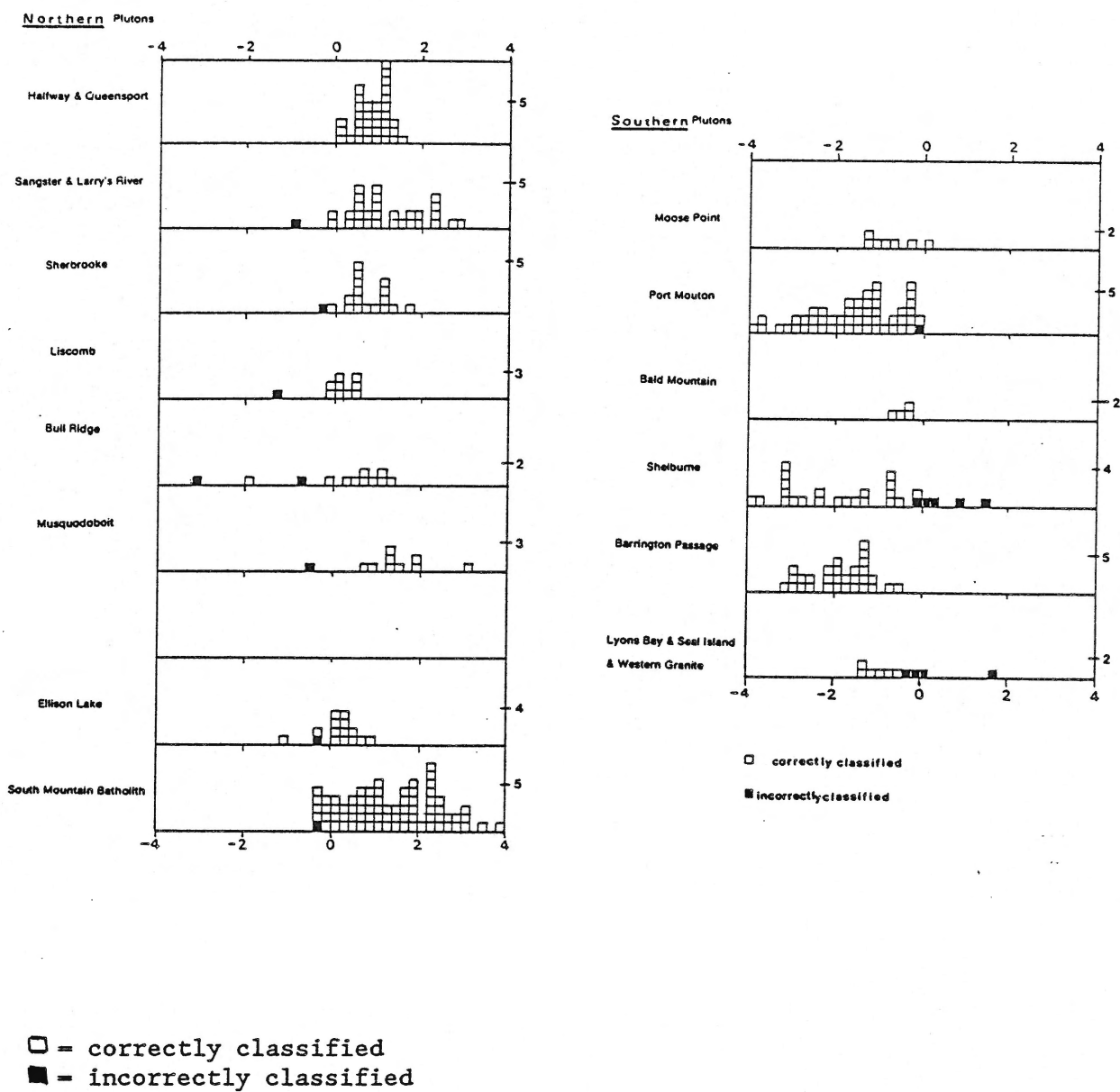


Figure 6-2: Model 1. Discriminant scores of northern and southern plutons in Nova Scotia, based on the discriminant function of Model 1. (after Richard, 1988). See Table 6-1.

database have significant negative europium anomalies. Only Units 4 and 9 have significant negative europium anomalies in the PMP samples. There is a progressive decrease in the SUM7REE values corresponding with increasing differentiation of samples from the SMB and Musquodoboit Batholith (see Muecke and Clarke, 1981; MacDonald, 1981). This pattern is not reflected in the PMP samples where the decrease in SUM7REE fall in this order; average Unit 4, Unit 5A, average Unit 1, average Unit 7, Unit 3, Unit 9. The PMP appears to have undergone a more complex history than the two northern batholiths for which REE data exist.

#### 6-7 Conclusions:

The southern plutons differ from the northern plutons in that:

- 1) the  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  biotite and muscovite ages in the south generally are younger than the northern pluton ages;
- 2) the southern plutons have a wider variation in composition than the northern plutons;
- 3) some of the southern plutons may have been emplaced syntectonically during the Acadian Orogeny, whereas the northern plutons are post-tectonic (post Acadian deformation);
- 4) the regional metamorphic grade and style differ between the south and the north (Fig. 6-1);
- 5) migmatization often occurs in association with the southern plutons but does not occur in the northern plutons;
- 6) whole-rock oxygen isotope values indicate that the southern plutons are isotopically different from the northern plutons

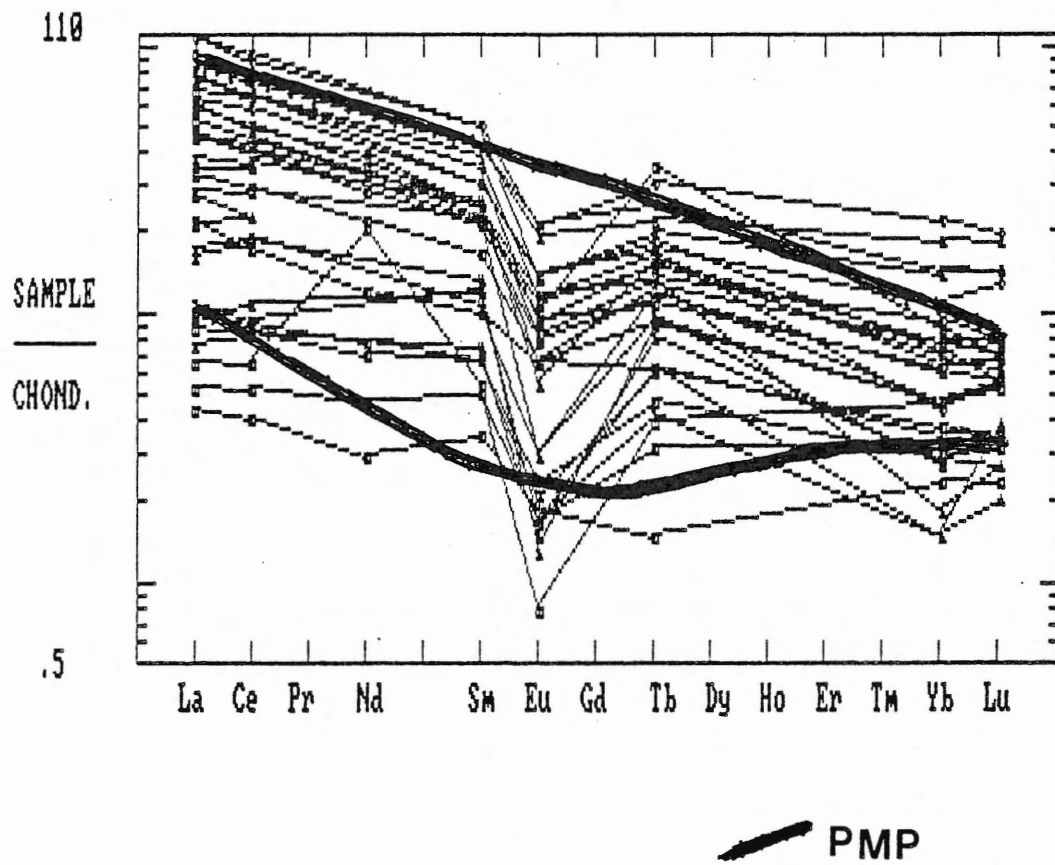


Figure 6-3: Whole-rock REE chemical analyses of selected samples from the South Mountain Batholith and the Musquodoboit Batholith compared with the Port Mouton Pluton. All samples are normalized to chondrite values of (Haskin et al., 1966).

(Longstaffe *et al.*, 1981);

7) whole-rock sulphur isotope values indicate that the southern plutons are isotopically different from the northern plutons

(Kubilius, 1983);

8) the northern and southern plutons can be distinguished on the basis of their whole-rock, geochemical analyses by a multivariant equation

(Richard, 1988);

9) whole-rock available REE data indicate that the southern plutons are not distinct in their REE abundances compared with the northern plutons, but their distribution within individual plutons is variable.

The Port Mouton Pluton is similar to the southern plutons in that it:

1) has similar  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  biotite and muscovite ages to most southern plutons;

2) shows similar, wide, variations in composition (i.e. the PMP varies from a tonalite to a monzogranite);

3) is located in the southern zone;

4) possesses local migmatization;

5) has whole-rock  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values similar to those of the southern plutons;

6) shows whole-rock  $\delta^{34}\text{S}$  values similar to the southern plutons;

7) has whole-rock chemistry is comparable to the southern plutons

(Richard, 1988).

In conclusion the Port Mouton Pluton has many features similar to the southern plutons suggesting that they are of similar origin. The southern plutons may have been derived from lower in the crust than



the northern plutons (based on the metamorphic grade of the surrounding country rock, sulphur and oxygen isotopes, and the presence of more melanocratic rock types, like tonalite).

## CHAPTER 7 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 7-1 Conclusions

The following are the more significant conclusions from this study of the PMP.

1. The Port Mouton Pluton is a complex, peraluminous, post-tectonic body that is distinct from the northern plutons and batholiths of the northeastern Meguma Terrane. One of its distinctive characteristics is that it contains two mafic phases, tonalites and lamprophyres, not observed in the northern plutons. These mafic phases may have an important bearing on the evolution of the PMP. The whole-rock geochemistry of the PMP is distinct from the northern plutons (batholiths) and is similar to the whole-rock chemistry of the southern plutons.

2. The PMP contains at least ten distinctive lithologies.

3. The PMP is a post-tectonic intrusive body that deflects the regional foliation in the country rock.

4. The PMP was emplaced at a pressure of approximately 3.5 kilobars and temperatures of at least 650° C. These conditions were estimated by the andalusite-cordierite-sillimanite-garnet assemblage in the contact aureole of the PMP and by Qz-Or-Ab normative plots of whole-rock chemical analyses.

Minor migmatization occurs in some portions of the margins of the PMP (Merrett, 1987). Other contacts between the pluton and the country rock are sharp.

5. The foliation of Unit 1 tonalite is perpendicular to the foliation

of the country rock and is believed to be of igneous origin. The foliation in Unit 4 is local and perpendicular to Unit 1, and its origin is unknown. The banding may have been produced as a function of emplacement (flow banding) or as a result of regional deformation when the magma was still ductile. The orientation of the Unit 4 foliation and its coarse and fine banding is parallel to the regional foliation in the surrounding country rock.

6. The petrology of the PMP granitoid rocks are relatively simple involving varying proportions of quartz, plagioclase, potassic feldspar (predominantly microcline), muscovite, biotite and traces of garnet, and very rarely rutile. Apatite and zircon are ubiquitous. The shoshonitic lamprophyres that intruded the pluton mid-way through its emplacement history have a distinctive mineralogy compared with the granitoids of the PMP. This mineralogy includes phlogopite, amphibole and sphene.

7. The PMP evolved in three mafic-to-felsic cycles, defined by the initial mafic end-members for each cycle (Units 1, 4 and 7). These intrusive cycles may not be genetically unrelated. Both mineral-chemistry (biotite and plagioclase) and whole-rock chemical analyses (trace elements, rare earth elements and Qz-Ab-Or normative plots) suggest that the chemistry of Unit 1 is distinct from Unit 4.

8. Simple, fractional crystallization cannot explain the major and trace element variations observed between Unit 1 and Unit 4 (see XLFRAC Model 1).

9. Unit 1 and the tonalites and granodiorites of Unit 7 may be related by the fractionation of plagioclase, biotite, sphene and apatite from

the 'parental', Unit 1 magma. This hypothesis is supported by major element fractional crystallization modelling (see XLFRAC Model 3), Eu/Eu\* values compatible with this modelling and similar Qz-Or-Ab normative values.

10. Unit 7 has the largest variation in its mineralogical composition, ranging from tonalite to granodiorite to monzogranite. Unit 7 was probably derived by crystal fractionation of Unit 1 and by contamination by Unit 4 which is particularly evident in the more felsic rocks. Trace and REE plots of Unit 7 have whole-rock elemental abundances intermediate between Unit 1 and Unit 4, supporting the crystal fractionation hypothesis for the origin of Unit 7.

11. Simple batch-melting models cannot adequately explain the evolution of the PMP Units from a biotite tonalite of the initial phase (Unit 1) to the leucomonzogranite phases of the late phases (Units 8 and 9) because the initial melts are more mafic than the evolved melts, a situation which is difficult to model in a simple first-melt-low-mafic-composition batch-melting model.

12. As a result of not being able to demonstrate co-genetic relationships between Unit 1, Unit 4 and Unit 5A, it is concluded that there may be three distinctly separate sources for the PMP granitoids- Unit 1 (lower crust), Unit 4 (lower to intermediate level in crust), and Unit 5A (mantle).

13.  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  mineral-separate plateau ages of some Units within the PMP indicate that they are at least 352 million years old (the oldest 'preserved' age in the PMP) but clearly are younger than the regional metamorphic age of 395 Ma (Elias, 1986). The lamprophyre dykes have

similar  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  ages as the PMP granitoid phases, at  $328 \pm 0.9$  Ma (based on phlogopite mineral separate analyses) (Appendix E).

14. The PMP is similar to other southern plutons in the Meguma Terrane with respect to:

- $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  biotite and muscovite ages
- whole-rock composition,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ,  $\delta^{34}\text{S}$
- local migmatization.

#### 7-2 Recommendations For Future Work

The primary purpose of this thesis was to map the PMP and describe the mineralogy, petrology and geochemistry of the pluton and its relationship with other granitoid units in the Meguma Terrane. Many possibilities for further studies became apparent in the course of the investigation.

Because of inadequate opportunity to observe the following features in detail it is recommended that:

1. a detailed investigation be made of the migmatite contacts in select areas of the PMP (e.g. Merrett, 1987). These areas may give better insight into the emplacement P-T conditions of the PMP.
2. a more detailed investigation of the leucomonzogranite phases in the pluton (i.e. Units 3, 6, 8 and 9) in order to determine their relative chemical variation and their origin.
3. detailed mapping, and mineral and whole-rock analysis of the extensive pegmatite dyke complexes of Unit 9. These pegmatites contain rare, large crystals of beryl. The dykes are commonly complexly zoned. Using the report by Oldale (1959), it is recommended

that selected pegmatite areas be remapped to determine the evolutionary history of the pegmatite dykes.

4. the economic potential of the PMP be investigated. Preliminary investigation for beryl, tin and uranium have been undertaken by various private companies and the provincial government.

5. a detailed study of the internal structure of the PMP be conducted addressing the two different foliations developed in the PMP granitoid units (Unit 1 and Unit 4) and origin of the coarse and fine-banding within Unit 4 (observed on the mainland and on Mouton Island).

Preliminary work was completed (Maksaev, 1986) on the fine-banding on Mouton Island.

Because of inconclusive results obtained from samples and techniques available for this study, further studies to advance the understanding of the PMP are suggested.

- Determine by radiometric methods (i.e.  $Rb^{87}/Sr^{86}$  dating methods), the relative age of Units 1, 4 and 7:
- Use Nd and Sm isotopes to determine the genetic relationship between Units 1, 4 and 7.
- Continue to attempt to model, by fractional crystallization, the petrogenesis of the PMP.
- Compare the lamprophyre dykes of the PMP with all mafic dykes of similar age (approximately 340 to 320 Ma) in the Meguma Terrane to determine if they are genetically related.
- Compare the tonalites of Unit 1 from those associated with other southern satellite plutons (i.e. Barrington Passage and Shelburne plutons).

## APPENDIX A

### Petrographic Descriptions of Chemically Analyzed Samples

#### B-1. Definitions of Terms Used in the Petrographic Descriptions

##### 1. Quality of Outcrop

**excellent**- large outcrop with abundant fresh surfaces

**good**- large to intermediate-sized outcrop with some fresh surfaces

**fair**- intermediate to small outcrop with few fresh surfaces

**poor**- glacial pavement or ocean shoreline, weathered outcrop with rare fresh surfaces

##### 2. Degree of Alteration (by thin section analyses)

5 = no obvious alteration of minerals, no brittle deformation

4 = minor feldspar kaolinisation and muscovite alteration

3 = moderate feldspar kaolinisation and muscovite alteration, minor brittle deformation

2 = extensive feldspar kaolinisation and muscovite alteration and moderate brittle deformation

1 = extensive secondary alteration of minerals and/or brittle deformation

##### 3. Grain Size

**Coarse** > 4 mm

**Medium** 1-4 mm

**Fine** < than 1 mm

##### 4. % of Mafics (biotite and amphibole)

**Melanocratic** > 20%

**Mesocratic** 10-20%

**Leucocratic** < 5%

### Petrographic Descriptions of Chemically Analyzed Samples

#### UNIT 1

NPM11 m.g. subporphyritic mafic tonalite, 0.8 km south of Forbes Point

Quality of Outcrop: fair, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 3+

Mafic Content: 23%

Grain Size: matrix 1-1.5mm, plagioclase=3.5-5 mm

Groundmass comprised of medium grained assemblage of quartz, (exhibiting undulose (mosaic) extinction), well zoned, normally zoned plagioclase, biotite (containing inclusions of zircon and apatite) and muscovite (matrix and often overgrowing biotite). Accessory minerals include apatite (0.03-0.15mm) associated with biotite and rare anhedral opaque minerals associated with biotite. The overall texture is subporphyritic with occasional 3.5-4mm phenocrysts of zoned plagioclase. The plagioclase (An<sub>36</sub>) contains rare inclusions of biotite. The centres of the zoned plagioclase are kaolinised. Moderate sericitization is common in the plagioclase. Muscovite occurs only as alteration products of biotite and plagioclase.

NPM 2 m.g. subporphyritic mesocratic tonalite, 2.5 km S.E. of Summerville Beach

Quality of Outcrop: good, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 4+

Mafic Content: 10%

Grain Size: matrix 1-1.5 mm, plagioclase porphyries 3-5 mm

Groundmass comprised of m.g.-c.g. assemblage of undulose quartz, biotite (minor chloritization and often kinked) muscovite (often kinked) and normally zoned plagioclase (An<sub>24</sub>). The overall texture of the groundmass is hypidiomorphic granular. Biotite often contains zircons, and are altered by muscovite. The muscovite is found in two modes 1) overgrowths of biotite 2) distinct grains (0.3-3mm) in the groundmass. Plagioclase often kaolinised along its twin planes and in the centres of the grains. Seritization is common. Accessory minerals include apatite (associated with biotite).

NPM 484 m.g. mesocratic granodiorite, MacLeod's Cove

Quality of Outcrop: good, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 3-

Mafic Content: 11%

Grain Size: 2-3mm

The groundmass has undergone ductile deformation. The groundmass is composed of undulose, mortar textured quartz, normally zoned plagioclase, anhedral, ragged, chloritized biotite, muscovite and microcline. The plagioclase is kaolinised along twin planes and in the centre of the grains. Minor epidote is associated with the altered plagioclase. Rare inclusions of biotite are found in the plagioclase. Muscovite occurs as both secondary and possibly primary origin. The secondary muscovite alters plagioclase and biotite. The primary looking muscovite occurs as 1-1.5 mm grains in the matrix. Microcline occurs in the groundmass and in one case as a 0.2mm outer rind on a 2mm subhedral plagioclase grain. Garnet occurs as a secondary mineral. The garnets have minor chlorite alteration and are fractured and are intimately associated with the biotite. The garnets are often found as 'inclusions' in plagioclase.

NPM 487 c.g. mesocratic tonalite, 0.5 km north of Isaac Harbour

Quality of Outcrop: good, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 4

Mafic Content: 12%

Grain Size: 1-6 mm

Groundmass has a hypidiomorphic granular texture. Groundmass consists of oscillatory quartz with minor mortar texture, minor chloritized biotite, muscovite and normally zoned plagioclase. The biotite grains contain inclusions of zircon and are often overgrown by secondary muscovite. The long axes of the biotites are subparallel to parallel to the long axes of the plagioclase. Secondary muscovite overgrown biotite and alters plagioclase. Possible primary muscovite found in the matrix. The plagioclase are moderately altered by kaolin and contains inclusions of earlier crystallized, zoned plagioclase, biotite and muscovite. Zircon is an accessory mineral.

NPM 533 c.g. foliated mafic tonalite, Forbes Cove

Quality of Outcrop: fair to good (weathered), shoreline



Degree of Alteration: 4

Mafic Content: 23%

Grain Size: 2-5mm

The groundmass includes planar oriented biotite, quartz, secondary muscovite, and normally zoned plagioclase (core An 39). The biotite commonly are 2 mm in size and contain a few inclusions of apatite, rutile (alteration?) and zircons. The biotite grains are well developed. Quartz occurs as small interstitial grains and as inclusions in plagioclase and as larger grains (1.5-3 mm) with occasional inclusions of biotite. The plagioclase is well zoned and contains inclusions of quartz and earlier crystallized zoned plagioclase. Minor epidote and kaolinization occurs preferentially in the cores of the plagioclase. One plagioclase grain has a distinct red coloured, altered core. Muscovite only occurs as a secondary mineral altering biotite and plagioclase. Accessory minerals include epidote, negligible anhedral opaques associated with the biotite. One 2.5 mm subhedral grain of microcline observed, and it contained no inclusions.

NPM 544 c.g. mesocratic tonalite, west of Black Point

Quality of Outcrop: fair, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 3

Mafic Content: 16%

Grain Size: 0.5-6mm, ave=2.5mm

The hypidiomorphic granular groundmass includes, subhedral biotite with minor chlorite alteration, two forms of quartz (matrix and porphyries (or xenocrysts)), normally zoned, plagioclase and secondary muscovite. The biotite is subhedral and contains inclusions of apatite, zircon and is often overgrown by muscovite. Plagioclase occurs in two forms a) minor, as inclusions in large quartz grains b) subhedral grains 1 to 4 mm grains which contain inclusions of plagioclase, quartz, biotite and minor mymerkite. Minor kaolinization and sericitization of the plagioclase is frequent. Quartz has two forms a) as small 0.5mm grains in the matrix b) large 4-6 mm grains which contain inclusions of biotite and feldspars. Accessory minerals include microcline (with minor sericite alteration) and minor epidote needles as inclusions in the plagioclase.

NPM 582 f.g. subporphyritic mafic tonalite, Port Joli Head

Quality of Outcrop: fair to good, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 3+

Mafic Content: 21%

Grain Size: 0.2-1mm=matrix, plag. porphyries=4.5mm

Texture ductile deformation, subporphyritic hypidiomorphic granular. Groundmass consists of quartz with undulose extinction and significant subgrain development, normally zoned plagioclase (core An36), subhedral to anhedral biotite with minor chlorite alteration and rare secondary muscovite (altering the biotite). The plagioclase occurs in two forms a) in the groundmass (0.3-0.7mm) normally zoned, with rare inclusions of biotite b) as normally zoned porphyries ranging up to 4.5 mm in size containing inclusions of plagioclase, quartz, with minor muscovite alteration. Biotite is subhedral to

anhedral and have ragged crystal boundaries. The biotite contains rare inclusions of anhedral opaques, zircons and apatite. Muscovite appears to only be secondary in origin and is intimately associated with biotite. Accessory minerals include; epidote (associated with biotite) and anhedral opaque minerals (associated with biotite), zircons and apatite.

NPM 593 c.g. mesocratic granodiorite, Mitchell Point

Quality of Outcrop:poor

Degree of Alteration:3+

Mafic Content: 12%

Grain Size:1-6.5 mm, ave=3 mm

The hypidiomorphic granular groundmass consists of subhedral biotite (occasionally kinked), normally zoned plagioclase (moderately kaolinised particularly in the core), microcline, and string perthite. Biotite contains occasional inclusions of apatite and zircons and has minor overgrowths of muscovite. Plagioclase contains inclusions of quartz. Microcline occurs as large matrix grains up to 5 mm long and contains inclusions of plagioclase and biotite. Perthite(rare) is similar in size to the microcline and contains inclusions of biotite. Minor mymerkite is present. Apatite and zircon are accessory minerals.

NPM 565 m.g.-c.g.mesocratic granodiorite to tonalite, Port Mouton Head

Quality of Outcrop: fair-good,shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 4

Mafic Content: 12%

Grain Size: 1.5-3.5mm (ave), quartz up to 11mm

The texture is predominantly hypidiomorphic granular. Large quartz grains (up to 11 mm) occur in the matrix and contain inclusions of biotite. The groundmass consists of subhedral, mildly chloritized biotite (with inclusions of zircon, and apatite), normally zoned, moderately kaolinized plagioclase (contains inclusions of biotite), minor string perthite(with inclusions of biotite),traces of microcline and multiple extinction quartz. Secondary muscovite overgrown biotite and plagioclase. The large quartz grains may represent late stage quartz veining. The quartz in the 'veins' are deformed.

UNIT 2

NPM 546 c.g. subporphyritic trondhjemite, East of Black Point

Quality of Outcrop:good

Degree of Alteration:3+

Mafic Content:0-10%

Grain Size:matrix=0.5-1mm,plagioclase=3-6 mm

The groundmass has a hypidiomorphic granular texture with subporphyries of zoned subhedral plagioclase. The groundmass consists of ragged, chloritized biotite (with inclusions of zircon and apatite), plagioclase with normal zoning core (An25) and patchy zoning and quartz, minor secondary muscovite overgrows the biotite. Plagioclase contains inclusions of biotite and plagioclase, and is preferentially altered by kaolin and sericite in the core. The quartz

has multiple extinction. The muscovite appears to be secondary in origin and is intimately associated with biotite.

### UNIT 3

NPM 542 m.g. leucomonzogranite, Hwy 103, north of Robertson Lake  
 Quality of Outcrop: Good  
 Degree of Alteration: 1  
 Mafic Content: 1%  
 Grain Size: 0.5-3mm

The texture of the groundmass is subcataclastic hypidiomorphic granular. Shear planes are prevalent and are enriched in sericite. The groundmass consists of normally zoned plagioclase (moderately kaolinised), microcline (with inclusions of quartz and plagioclase), perthite, multiple extinction quartz and minor muscovite. Muscovite is associated with the biotite and plagioclase is probably secondary in origin. The subhedral muscovite grains in the matrix may be primary. Minor perthitic feldspar is common.

### UNIT 4

NPM 17 m.g. mesocratic granodiorite, approx. 2 km south along Port Joli Road from Hwy 103.  
 Quality of Outcrop: Good  
 Degree of Alteration: 4  
 Mafic Content: 13%  
 Grain Size: 0.5-5.5mm, ave 2mm

The groundmass has a hypidiomorphic granular texture, with occasional porphyries of quartz (up to 5.5 mm) and plagioclase (3.5mm). The groundmass consists of randomly oriented, well developed grains of biotite, normally zoned plagioclase (with inclusions of biotite and plagioclase), microcline (with inclusions of quartz and biotite) and quartz (up to 5.5 mm). The large quartz grains may be xenocrysts. Traces of secondary muscovite overgrow biotite and the cores of plagioclase. Minor kaolinisation alters the plagioclase. Accessory minerals include apatite and zircon. Rounded apatite grains (0.2mm) occur in the matrix.

NPM 32 m.g. subcataclastic mesocratic, monzogranite; Hunts Point Wharf

Quality of Outcrop: Good  
 Degree of Alteration: 2  
 Mafic Content: 5%  
 Grain Size: ave. = 0.2-3.5mm, Plagioclase up to 5.5 mm

The groundmass has a subcataclastic texture. Quartz have moderate subgrain growth. The groundmass consists of minor chloritized biotite (with ragged grain boundaries), normally zoned plagioclase (moderately kaolinised and sericitized), microcline (with inclusions of quartz) and multiple extinction quartz (with shear planes and subgrain growth). Secondary muscovite overgrows biotite and plagioclase. Primary looking subhedral grains of muscovite (up to

1.5mm) are found in the matrix. Accessory minerals include apatite and zircons.

NPM 368B m.g. mesocratic granodiorite, West Mouton Island

Quality of Outcrop: Good

Degree of Alteration: 4

Mafic Content: 9%

Grain Size: 1-3mm

The groundmass has a hypidiomorphic granular texture. The quartz appears strained and has minor subgrain growth. The mineralogy of the groundmass includes, subhedral to anhedral biotite (with ragged grain boundaries), normally zoned, moderately kaolinised plagioclase (with inclusions of quartz and biotite), microcline (with inclusions of plagioclase and quartz) and quartz. Occasional string perthites are found in the groundmass. Biotite contains inclusions of zircon and apatite and is overgrown by secondary muscovite. Traces of secondary muscovite alter biotite and plagioclase.

NPM 371 c.g. mesocratic monzogranite, N.W. Mouton Island

Quality of Outcrop: fair

Degree of Alteration: 2+

Mafic Content: 6%

Grain Size: 1.5-6 mm ave. = 3 mm

The groundmass has a hypidiomorphic granular texture. The groundmass consists of anhedral ragged grains of biotite (with inclusions of zircon), kaolinised, zoned plagioclase (inclusions of biotite), microcline (inclusions of biotite), and multiple extinction quartz (with inclusions of biotite). The biotite is overgrown by muscovite. Muscovite also alters the plagioclase.

NPM 440 m.g. mesocratic granodiorite, 2.5 km S.E. of Summerville Beach

Quality of Outcrop: fair to good, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 4

Mafic Content: 16%

Grain Size: 0.5-3.5 mm, ave. = 1.5 mm

The groundmass has a poorly developed foliation defined by the alignment of biotite. The texture is hypidiomorphic granular. Mineralogy of the groundmass consists of subhedral grains of biotite (with inclusions of zircon and apatite), minor kaolinised and sericitized normally zoned plagioclase (with minor inclusions of biotite), microcline and quartz. Traces of secondary muscovite overgrow biotite and plagioclase and primary-looking muscovite (subhedral) occur in the groundmass. Accessory minerals include zircon and apatite.

NPM 441 m.g. mesocratic monzogranite, Hunts Point Wharf

Quality of Outcrop: Good, shoreline outcrop

Degree of Alteration: 3-

Mafic Content: 7%

Grain Size: 1-3.5 mm, ave = 2 mm

The groundmass has undergone ductile deformation and has a subporphyritic hypidiomorphic granular texture. The groundmass

consists of chloritized, ragged grains of biotite (with inclusions of zircon), extensively kaolinised and sericitized normally zoned plagioclase (An7), large (3.5 mm) perthites (containing inclusions of biotite, plagioclase and quartz) and moderately sericitized microcline (with inclusions of plagioclase) and multiple extinction quartz. Secondary muscovite (up to 1 mm) overgrow biotite and plagioclase. Primary looking (subhedral) muscovite overgrow the matrix. Rounded apatites (up to 0.4 mm) occur as inclusions in biotite and in the matrix.

NPM 477 m.g. mesocratic monzogranite, 3 km south of Hwy 103 on LeHebert Rd.

Quality of Outcrop: poor to fair, road outcrop

Degree of Alteration: 3

Mafic Content: 6%

Grain Size: 1-3.5 mm, ave=2 mm

The groundmass has a hypidiomorphic granular texture. The mineralogy of the groundmass consists of chloritized, ragged grains of biotite (with inclusions of zircon), moderately kaolinized normally zoned inclusion-rich plagioclase (core=An12), (inclusions of quartz, biotite, plagioclase), microcline and quartz with minor subgrain growth and containing occasional inclusions of biotite). Trace epidote is associated with a few of the biotites. Apatites up to 2.5 mm are associated with the biotite. Traces of muscovite (grains up to 3.5 mm) occur in the matrix and contain inclusions of quartz, plagioclase and biotite. Secondary muscovite preferentially alters the cores of the plagioclase.

NPM 458 f.g.-m.g. mesocratic granodiorite, 3 kms of Hwy 103 on Port Joli Road

Quality of Outcrop: fair to good, road outcrop

Degree of Alteration: 3-

Mafic Content: 10%

Grain Size: 0.5-1.5 mm

Texture is hypidiomorphic granular. The groundmass consists of ragged grains of biotite (with inclusions of zircon and minor apatite), mildly kaolinised normally zoned plagioclase (core=An22) (with rare inclusions of quartz and biotite), minor string perthite, microcline (contains inclusions of biotite and quartz) and quartz. Traces of secondary muscovite alter biotite and plagioclase. Apatite is an accessory mineral and is associated with plagioclase and biotite. A poorly developed foliation is defined by the biotite.

NPM 469 m.g. mesocratic granodiorite, 2 km S. of Hwy 103 on Port LeHebert Road

Quality of outcrop: poor, road outcrop

Degree of Alteration: 3-

Mafic Content: 10%

Grain Size: 0.3-2.5 mm, ave=2 mm

Texture is hypidiomorphic granular. The groundmass consists of subhedral biotite (with inclusions of zircon and apatite), normally zoned, mildly kaolinised plagioclase (with inclusions of biotite),

large icroclines (up to 5.5 mm) with inclusions of quartz, biotite and plagioclase. Quartz also occurs in the groundmass. Secondary muscovite alters biotite and plagioclase. Primary-looking muscovite (subhedral, up to 2.5mm) overgrow the matrix and contain occasional quartz inclusions.

NPM 472 f.g.-m.g. mesocratic monzogranite, Junction of Hwy 103 and Port LeHebert Road

Quality of Outcrop: good, road outcrop

Degree of Alteration: 1

Mafic Content: 7%

Grain Size: 0.2-2 mm

The groundmass has undergone ductile deformation and has hypidiomorphic granular texture. The groundmass consists of anhedral ragged moderately chloritized grains of biotite (with inclusions of zircon), kaolinized and often kinked normally zoned plagioclase, sericitized microcline and quartz. Secondary muscovite up to 2 mm alters biotite, plagioclase and microcline. Primary-looking subhedral grains (up to 2 mm) overgrow matrix.

NPM 511 m.g. mesocratic monzogranite, South Spectacle Island

Quality of Outcrop: fair to good, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 2-

Mafic Content: 5%

Grain Size 0.1-4.5 mm, ave=2mm

This sample has been deformed as is evident by the many slippage planes observed in thin section. The overall texture is hypidiomorphic granular. The quartz grains exhibit undulose extinction and are stretched parallel to the slippage planes. The groundmass consists of minor chloritized, ragged, anhedral grains of biotite (with inclusions of zircon), normally zoned, moderately kaolinised plagioclase (with rare biotite inclusions), rare string perthite (with inclusions of plagioclase and biotite), microcline and quartz with extensive subgrain growth. Secondary muscovite overgrows biotite and plagioclase and large (up to 1.5 mm) grains (often kinked) overgrow the matrix. The matrix muscovite is possibly of primary origin.

NPM 535 m.g.-c.g. subporphyritic mesocratic granodiorite, 0.5 km north of Forbes Cove

Quality of Outcrop: good, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 3+

Mafic Content: 9%

Grain Size: 1-6 mm, ave=2.5mm

The texture is subporphyritic hypidiomorphic granular. The groundmass consists of ragged biotite grains (with inclusions of apatite and zircon), kaolinized, normally zoned plagioclase (containing inclusions of string perthite, quartz and biotite), microcline (with inclusions of quartz), quartz (with minor subgrain growth). The perthite grains are overgrown by secondary muscovite. The grains of perthite and microcline are up to 4.5 mm in length giving the rock a subporphyritic texture. Secondary muscovite alters



the perthite, plagioclase and biotite. Primary looking muscovite (euhedral grains in matrix up to 1.5 mm) in the matrix.

NPM 536 m.g. mesocratic granodiorite, 0.5 km north of Forbes Cove  
 Quality of Outcrop: good, shoreline  
 Degree of Alteration: 3-  
 Mafic Content: 8%  
 Grain Size: 0.5-6 m, ave= 2mm, occasional 6 mm porphyries of microcline.

The groundmass is predominantly hypidiomorphic granular. Minor shearing (characterized by elongation of quartz) is prevalent. The groundmass consists of subhedral, poorly chloritized biotite (with inclusions of zircon and apatite), normally zoned subhedral, poorly kaolinised plagioclase (with inclusions of biotite and quartz), anhedral and embayed grains of microcline (with abundant inclusions of quartz, plagioclase, biotite and muscovite) and multiple extinction, elongated quartz grains. Microcline grains occasionally are 6 mm in length. Secondary muscovite alters plagioclase, biotite and microcline and 0.5 mm grains (possibly of primary origin) are located in the matrix.

NPM 543 m.g. mafic granodiorite, West of Black Point  
 Quality of Outcrop: fair, shoreline  
 Degree of Alteration: 3+  
 Mafic Content: 26%  
 Grain Size: 0.5-3 mm

The texture is hypidiomorphic granular. The groundmass consists of subhedral grains of biotite (with inclusions of zircon and apatite), subhedral moderately kaolinised and sericitized plagioclase (with occasional inclusions of biotite), quartz and minor interstitial plagioclase. Accessory minerals include apatite, zircon and rutile. The rutile occurs as inclusions in biotite. The groundmass contains minor mymerkite.

NPM 548 m.g. mesocratic monzogranite, Black Point  
 Quality of Outcrop: fair to good, shoreline  
 Degree of Alteration: 3-  
 Mafic Content: 8%  
 Grain Size: 0.5-5.5 mm, ave=3-4 mm

The groundmass has a hypidiomorphic granular texture. Deformation is evident by the elongation of the quartz and kinking of some of the muscovite. The groundmass consists of ragged grains (reddish-brown) of mildly chloritized biotite (contains inclusions of zircon), moderately kaolinised normally zoned plagioclase (contains inclusions of biotite) occasional string perthite (large grains up to 5 mm), moderately kaolinised microcline (contains inclusions of zoned plagioclase, strained quartz with moderate subgrain growth). Muscovite occurs as an alteration of plagioclase and biotite and as large interstitial grains in the matrix. The muscovite is occasionally kinked. The larger quartz appear to be quartz veining in sample. The width of the vein is approximately 1 mm wide.

NPM 549 m.g. mesocratic granodiorite, East of Black Point

Quality of Outcrop: fair to good, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 3-

Mafic Content: 15%

Grain Size: 1.5-4 mm

The groundmass has a hypidiomorphic granular texture. The mineralogy consists of subhedral, mildly chloritized biotite (with inclusions of zircon and apatite), patchy and normally zoned moderately kaolinised and sericitized plagioclase, microcline (with inclusions of biotite), rare string perthite, and quartz (up to 4.5 mm). Secondary muscovite alters biotite and plagioclase. Occasional large matrix grains of muscovite (3.5 mm) may be primary in origin.

NPM 551 m.g.-c.g. subporphyritic mesocratic monzogranite, House Cove

Quality of Outcrop: fair to good, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 3

Mafic Content: 13%

Grain Size: ave 2-4 mm, some quartz and microcline up to 11mm

The texture is subporphyritic, hypidiomorphic granular. The groundmass consists of subhedral to anhedral biotite (with inclusions of zircon and apatite), large subhedral (up to 5 mm) of moderately kaolinised normally zoned plagioclase, large up to 11mm inclusion-rich microclines (inclusions of plagioclase, quartz and biotite), a few grains of perthite (inclusions of plagioclase, muscovite and quartz), and multiple extinction quartz (up to 7 mm long) (contains inclusions of apatite, biotite and minor mymerkite). Secondary muscovite (up to 3 mm) alters biotite, plagioclase and microcline. There are a few primary looking muscovite (subhedral, inclusion-free) in the matrix. Traces of anhedral opaques occur as inclusions in muscovite. The large quartz grains may be quartz veining in sample. Width of the vein is 2 mm. The quartz is strained within this 'vein'.

NPM 556 c.g. mesocratic monzogranite, West of Port Mouton Head

Quality of Outcrop: poor

Degree of Alteration: 3

Mafic Content: 9%

Grain Size: 0.5-7 mm, ave= 4.5 mm

The texture is hypidiomorphic granular. The quartz grains are elongated and show moderate subgrain growth. The groundmass consists of anhedral, ragged grains of mildly chloritized biotite (contains inclusions of zircon and apatite), moderately kaolinised normally zoned plagioclase (with inclusions of biotite), microcline (with inclusions of plagioclase), string perthite (up to 5.5 mm) (with inclusions of biotite), and multiple extinction, elongated quartz. Secondary muscovite alters biotite and plagioclase. Primary-looking muscovite (subhedral) up to 0.75 mm is found in the matrix.

NPM 558 m.g. mesocratic granodiorite, Port Mouton Head

Quality of Outcrop: fair, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 3

Mafic Content: 16%



Grain Size: 0.5-3.5 mm, ave=1.5 mm, plgioclase up to 3.5 mm

The texture is predominantly subporphyritic hypidiomorphic granular with minor brittle deformation (quartz subgrain growth). The groundmass consists of anhedral, moderately chloritized biotite (with inclusions of zircon and apatite), moderately kaolinized normally zoned plagioclase (Core= An29) (contains inclusions of biotite, plagioclase and quartz), microcline, multiple extinction quartz and minor string perthite. The plagioclase grains are up to 3.5 mm long. Apatite occurs as an accessory mineral and is found as inclusions in biotite and in the groundmass.

NPM 578 m.g. mesocratic monzogranite, New House Cove

Quality of Outcrop: fair to good, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 3

Mafic Content: 10%

Grain Size: 1.5 to 4.5 mm, ave= 2mm

The texture is hypidiomorphic granular. The groundmass consists of subhedral grains of biotite (with inclusions of zircon and apatite), normal and patchy zoned minor kaoinized and sericitized plagioclase (with inclusions of biotite), microcline (inclusions of plagioclase, biotite and quartz), minor string perthite (with inclusions of quartz and plagioclase) and multiple extinction quartz. Occasional quartz grains up to 3.5 mm in diameter. The microcline has embayed grain boundaries. Traces of secondary muscovite alter biotite and plagioclase and primary looking muscovite occurs in the matrix.

NPM 580 m.g. leucocratic monzogranite, Bull Point

Quality of Outcrop: fair to good, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 3-

Mafic Content: 4%

Grain Size: 1-4.5 mm, ave=1.5mm

Texture is subpophyritic hypidiomorphic granular. The groundmass consists of ragged chloritized biotite, normally zoned (core = An18)moderately kaolinized plagioclase (contains inclusions of quartz), kaolinised string perthite (up to 3 mm) (inclusions of quartz, plagioclase and biotite), sericitized microcline, and quartz. Muscovite occurs as subhedral (up to 2 mm) grains in the matrix (inclusions of quartz and feldspar) and as secondary overgrowths of biotite.

NPM 581 m.g. mesocratic granodiorite, Bull Point

Quality of Outcrop: fair to good, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 3+

Mafic Content: 12%

Grain Size: 0.5-4.5 mm, ave=2.5 mm

The texture is hypidiomorphic granular. The groundmass consists of subhedral biotite (with inclusions of zircon and apatite (up to 0.5mm)), normally zoned plagioclase (with rare inclusions of biotite), large microcline ( up to 4.5 mm) (inclusions of plagioclase, biotite and quartz), string perthite (up to 3.5 mm)(with inclusions of biotite and plagioclase), and quartz. Traces of secondary muscovite alter the plagioclase and biotite. Primary looking muscovite with biotite

inclusions overgrow the matrix (up to 2mm).

UNIT 5A

NPM 485 f.g. mafic phlogopite-actinolite shoshonitic lamprophyre, MacLeod's Cove

Quality of Outcrop: poor, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 3

Mafic Content: 55%

Grain Size: 0.03-0.6 mm

The texture is hypidiomorphic granular with extensive recrystallization of the phlogopite and actinolite. The groundmass consists of subhedral, randomly oriented phlogopite intimately associated with actinolite (the phlogopite contains inclusions of sphene, anhedral opaques and apatite), ragged, anhedral grains of actinolite contain inclusions of sphene and apatite and normally zoned (core=An<sub>24</sub>) plagioclase contain inclusions of apatite, actinolite and phlogopite. Phlogopite occurs in two modes 1) disseminated, discrete grains in matrix 2) as compact clusters up to 2.5 mm radius. The actinolite occurs in mat-like clusters. Accessory minerals include apatite and sphene. Sphene is subhedral and anhedral (size 0.1-0.6 mm) and is intimately associated with phlogopite and actinolite.

NPM 612 (NPM 405 recollected) m.g.-c.g. mafic phlogopite-actinolite-porphyry

Quality of Outcrop: poor to fair, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 5

Mafic Content: 82%

Grain Size: 0.2-4.5 mm

The texture is panidiomorphic. Large (up to 4.5 mm) actinolites, phlogopites define the porphyritic texture. The groundmass consists of normally zoned (core=An<sub>54</sub>) severely kaolinised plagioclase with inclusions of phlogopite, small actinolite and anhedral apatite. Phlogopite occurs as subhedral to euhedral grains and occurs in two forms 1) separate grains with actinolite inclusions 2) large phlogopite clusters (up to 4 mm in diameter). Phlogopite contains inclusions of apatite and anhedral opaques. Actinolite is euhedral to subhedral and is altered by phlogopite. Phlogopite contains rare apatites. The opaques are anhedral and occur as inclusions in phlogopite and actinolite and as interstitial minerals.

NPM 615 (recollected NPM 406) f.g. porphyritic actinolitic-hornblende-plagioclase alkali lamprophyre, Forbes Cove

Quality of Outcrop: poor to fair, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 5

Mafic Content: 65%

Grain Size: 0.2-0.75 mm, plagioclase porphyries 0.75-2.5 mm

The texture is porphyritic with a groundmass of glomeroporphyritic phlogopite and amphibole in a hypidiomorphic granular groundmass. The groundmass consists of clusters of subhedral actinolitic hornblende grains (with inclusions of sphene and anhedral opaques, in close spatial relationship to the phlogopite), rare quartz

(up to 0.3-0.75 mm), (contains occasional inclusions of amphibole, and subordinate phlogopite). The porphyries of plagioclase are kaolinised and normally zoned (core=An 47) (with inclusions of actinolitic hornblende, apatite and sphene). Accessory minerals include subhedral sphene (0.15-3.5 mm) as inclusions in amphibole, needle-like grains (up to 1.5 mm) of apatite (often as inclusions in plagioclase) and anhedral opaques (less than 0.03 mm) as inclusions in amphibole.

#### UNIT 7

NPM 464 f.g. mesocratic monzodiorite and monzogabbro, approx. 3 km south of Hwy 103 on Port Joli Road  
 Quality of Outcrop: good, roadside  
 Degree of Alteration: 1  
 Mafic Content: 16%  
 Grain Size: 0.5-5 mm, ave=1mm

Texture looks granoblastic, probably a recrystallized hypidiomorphic granular texture. Groundmass consists of subhedral biotite (with inclusions of zircon and apatite), normally zoned mildly sericitized plagioclase (with inclusions of biotite), microcline (orthoclase) and quartz. A few of the plagioclase grains are 5 mm long. Quartz occurs as small interstitial grains and as large 3.5 mm grains. Minor secondary muscovite alters biotite and plagioclase. Occasional 0.5 mm muscovite grains overgrow matrix minerals.

NPM 539 m.g. mesocratic granodiorite, Port Joli Shoreline  
 Quality of Outcrop: fair, shoreline  
 Degree of Alteration: 4  
 Mafic Content: 16%

Grain Size: 0.3-2.5 mm, plagioclase and some quartz=2-2.5 mm

The texture is hypidiomorphic granular. The groundmass consists of subhedral grains of biotite (with inclusions of zircon and apatite), mildly kaolinized, normally zoned plagioclase (core=An18) (with inclusions of biotite and quartz), quartz occurs as groundmass minerals and as large grains with inclusions of biotite and plagioclase. The large quartz grains may be xenocrysts. Trace secondary muscovite alters biotite and plagioclase.

NPM 545 f.g. mesocratic granodiorite, Black Point  
 Quality of Outcrop: poor, shoreline  
 Degree of Alteration: 3+  
 Mafic Content: 13%

Grain Size: 0.2-1.5 mm, occasional 2.5 mm grains of plagioclase.

Texture is partially recrystallized hypidiomorphic granular. The groundmass consists of subhedral biotite (with inclusions of zircon and apatite), normally zoned, mildly kaolinised and sericitized plagioclase (with inclusions of quartz and biotite), microcline and quartz. Secondary muscovite alters biotite and primary looking muscovite is interstitial in the matrix.

NPM 560 f.g. mesocratic tonalite, East of Port Mouton Head  
 Quality of Outcrop: poor, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 3-

Mafic Content: 13%

Grain Size: 1 mm

Texture is hypidiomorphic granular. The grains are equigranular. The groundmass consists of well developed mildly chloritized biotite (with inclusions of zircon and apatite), normally zoned (core=An36) moderately kaolinised plagioclase (with inclusions of biotite, anhedral opaques and quartz), microcline (with inclusions of plagioclase and biotite), and quartz. Traces of secondary muscovite alters plagioclase and biotite. Trace anhedral opaques are associated with the biotite and rarely with the plagioclase.

NPM 563 m.g. mesocratic granodiorite, East Port Mouton Head

Quality of Outcrop: poor, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 3+

Mafic Content: 10%

Grain Size: 0.75-4 mm, ave=2 mm

Texture is hypidiomorphic granular. The groundmass consists of ragged anhedral grains of biotite (with inclusions of zircon and apatite), normally zoned, moderately kaolinised and sericitized plagioclase, microcline (with inclusions quartz and biotite), quartz with moderately developed subgrain growth. Traces of secondary muscovite alters biotite and plagioclase. Primary looking muscovite is subhedral and is found in the interstices (0.75 mm).

NPM 566 f.g. mesocratic monzogranite, Port Mouton Head

Quality of Outcrop: good, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 2

Mafic Content: 8%

Grain Size: 0.5-1 mm

The texture is hypidiomorphic granular. Minor porphyries of quartz, plagioclase and ksp are disseminated throughout the specimen. The groundmass consists of ragged grains of biotite (with inclusions of zircon), moderately kaolinised, normally zoned (core=An21) plagioclase (with inclusions of biotite, quartz and plagioclase), microcline (with inclusions of quartz and rarely biotite), minor mermykite and quartz. Traces of secondary muscovite overgrow plagioclase and biotite. Primary looking muscovite (subhedral) contains inclusions of quartz, biotite and plagioclase.

NPM 579 m.g. mesocratic granodiorite, New House Cove

Quality of Outcrop: good, shoreline

Mafic Content: 5%

Grain Size: 0.5-4 mm, ave=1.5 mm

The texture is hypidiomorphic granular. The groundmass consists of anhedral, ragged biotite (with inclusions of zircon and apatite), normally zoned, moderately kaolinised plagioclase (contains inclusions of biotite), microcline (with inclusions of plagioclase), and multiple extinction quartz. Traces of secondary muscovite overgrows biotite and plagioclase. Primary looking muscovite (subhedral) up to 0.75 mm occur in the interstices of the matrix.

NPM 583 f.g. mesocratic tonalite, East of Port Joli Head

Quality of Outcrop: fair to good, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 2

Mafic Content: 5 %

Grain Size: 0.2-.75 mm, occasional 1.5-3 mm porphyries of plagioclase, muscovite and quartz

Texture predominantly hypidiomorphic granular with minor cataclastic deformation. Quartz grains are lenticular in shape. The groundmass consists of ragged chloritized biotite with inclusions of zircon), normally zoned (core= An35) kaolinised plagioclase (with inclusions of quartz, plagioclase and biotite), microcline and lenticular quartz (with inclusions of biotite). Occasional plagioclase porphyries up to 1.5-3 mm in size occur with abundant inclusions of plagioclase, quartz and biotite. The zoning in these porphyries are often patchy. Secondary-looking muscovite overgrows matrix and biotite. The minor cataclastic texture observed in this sample is also manifested by planes of slippage which are infilled by fine grained muscovite.

#### UNIT 8

NPM 10 m.g. mesocratic monzogranite, at wharf south of Forbes Cove

Quality of Outcrop: fair, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 3

Mafic Content: 6%

Grain Size: 1.5-4.5 mm, ave=3.5 mm

The texture is hypidiomorphic granular. The groundmass consists of ragged, anhedral, mildly chloritized biotite (with inclusions of zircon), normally zoned moderately kaolinized and sericitized plagioclase, microcline (with large grains up to 2 mm) (with inclusions of plagioclase), and quartz (large matrix grains up to 3.5 mm). Trace secondary muscovite alters biotite and plagioclase, large muscovite grains in the interstices ( up to 2.5 mm) may be primary. Muscovite contains inclusions of quartz. Occasionally muscovite grows in 'clumps'.

NPM 361 m.g. leucocratic monzogranite, north-east Mouton Island

Quality of Outcrop: good, shoreline

Degree of Alteration: 4

Mafic Content: 1%

Grain Size: 0.5-3.5 mm

The texture is hypidiomorphic seriate. The groundmass consists of ragged moderately chloritized biotite, normally zoned, moderately kaolinised plagioclase (with inclusions of quartz, plagioclase and minor biotite), large well developed microclines (with abundant inclusions of quartz, biotite and plagioclase) and multiple extinction quartz. Plagioclase occurs as matrix minerals and occasionally as large grains (2.5-3.5 mm) with inclusions of anhedral small opaques and quartz.

NPM 537 m.g. leucocratic monzogranite, 0.5 km north of Forbes Cove

Quality of Outcrop: fair to good, shoreline  
 Degree of Alteration: 3-  
 Mafic Content: 3 %  
 Grain Size: 0.5-2.5 mm

The groundmass has undergone ductile deformation and has a hypidiomorphic granular texture. The groundmass consists of ragged, anhedral grains of biotite (with inclusions of zircon), normal and patchy zoned (core=An13) moderately kaolinized plagioclase (with inclusions of quartz and biotite), rare string perthite (with inclusions of quartz), microcline (with inclusions of quartz), and multiple extinction extensive subgrain growth of quartz. Muscovite appears to be secondary in origin and alters biotite. It appears as clusters when altering plagioclase.

#### UNIT 9

NPM 491 f.g. leucotonalitic aplite, Sandy Bay Cove

Quality of Outcrop: good, shoreline  
 Degree of Alteration: 2+  
 Mafic Content: less than 1%  
 Grain Size: 0.1-1 mm

The texture is saccharoidal. The groundmass consists of moderately kaolinised and sericitized, anhedral, normally zoned (core=An8) plagioclase (with inclusions of quartz, apatite needles and plagioclase), mildly sericitized microcline, and embayed quartz. Muscovite occurs as subhedral grains in the matrix. Trace biotite is chloritized and occurs as anhedral 'slivers'.

NPM 8B f.g. leucomonzogranite, north of Robertson Lake on Hwy 103

Quality of Outcrop: excellent, roadside  
 Degree of Alteration: 1  
 Mafic Content: trace  
 Grain Size: 0.1-1.5 mm

The texture is cataclastic and saccharoidal. Quartz has undergone extensive subgrain growth. The groundmass consists of chloritized, ragged anhedral traces of biotite, normally zoned (core=An11) severely kaolinised plagioclase, sericitized microcline (with inclusions of quartz and plagioclase), multiple extinction fracture quartz and rounded, mildly chloritized euhedral to subhedral garnets. Secondary muscovite alters the feldspars and muscovite (0.2-0.5 mm) grains overgrow the matrix.



TABLE A-1

Modal Analyses of point counted samples illustrated on Q-A-P plots of chapter 2 (field relations).

Point counts were counted on a 2 mm grid.

| SAMPLE | UNIT | QU | KF | PL | MU | BI | TOTAL | GRAIN     |
|--------|------|----|----|----|----|----|-------|-----------|
|        |      | %  | %  | %  | %  | %  | COUNT | SIZE      |
| NPM533 | 1    | 21 | 0  | 54 | 2  | 23 | 1030  | M.G.      |
| NPM582 | 1    | 25 | 0  | 50 | 4  | 21 | 1020  | F.G.-M.G. |
| NPM584 | 1    | 32 | 0  | 48 | 4  | 16 | 1008  | C.G.      |
| NPM544 | 1    | 30 | 3  | 47 | 4  | 16 | 1100  | M.G.-C.G. |
| NPM557 | 1    | 26 | 20 | 42 | 3  | 9  | 1044  | C.G.      |
| NPM58  | 1    | 24 | 0  | 53 | 11 | 11 | 811   | C.G.      |
| NPM252 | 1    | 41 | 13 | 33 | 7  | 7  | 923   | C.G.      |
| NPM461 | 1    | 22 | 0  | 57 | 3  | 18 | 1036  | M.G.-C.G. |
| NPM593 | 1    | 31 | 12 | 40 | 5  | 12 | 1017  | C.G.      |
| NPM456 | 1    | 20 | 0  | 56 | 8  | 16 | 1075  | M.G.-C.G. |
| NPM487 | 1    | 33 | 0  | 49 | 6  | 12 | 1014  | M.G.-C.G. |
| NPM484 | 1    | 29 | 12 | 40 | 8  | 11 | 1007  | M.G.      |
| NPM11  | 1    | 22 | 2  | 52 | 2  | 23 | 1024  | M.G.      |
| NPM148 | 1    | 33 | 0  | 52 | 4  | 11 | 1003  | M.G.      |
| NPM2   | 1    | 24 | 0  | 51 | 4  | 22 | 1021  | M.G.      |
| NPM168 | 1    | 18 | 0  | 58 | 6  | 18 | 1036  | C.G.      |
| NPM346 | 1    | 20 | 5  | 57 | 1  | 16 | 1042  | M.G.      |
| NPM447 | 1    | 28 | 0  | 47 | 2  | 22 | 1047  | M.G.-C.G. |
| NPM177 | 1    | 25 | 3  | 53 | 2  | 18 | 1019  | M.G.-C.G. |
| NPM217 | 1    | 26 | 16 | 45 | 1  | 13 | 1021  | M.G.      |
| NPM565 | 1    | 33 | 5  | 48 | 2  | 12 | 1004  | M.G.-C.G. |
| NPM546 | 2    | 19 | 0  | 68 | 3  | 10 | 1050  | C.G.      |
| NPM468 | 3    | 28 | 25 | 38 | 5  | 4  | 1023  | F.G.      |
| NPM542 | 3    | 27 | 26 | 43 | 3  | 1  | 1061  | M.G.      |
| NPM469 | 4    | 32 | 15 | 38 | 5  | 10 | 1013  | M.G.      |
| NPM535 | 4    | 30 | 13 | 45 | 3  | 9  | 1016  | M.G.      |
| NPM553 | 4    | 26 | 30 | 35 | 7  | 2  | 1013  | M.G.      |
| NPM549 | 4    | 28 | 13 | 38 | 6  | 15 | 1043  | C.G.      |
| NPM371 | 4    | 40 | 28 | 24 | 2  | 6  | 1024  | M.G.      |
| NPM567 | 4    | 26 | 9  | 42 | 8  | 15 | 1023  | M.G.      |
| NPM543 | 4    | 20 | 5  | 45 | 4  | 26 | 1005  | M.G.      |
| NPM214 | 4    | 28 | 23 | 42 | 3  | 3  | 818   | M.G.      |
| NPM234 | 4    | 37 | 20 | 32 | 5  | 4  | 835   | M.G.      |
| NPM269 | 4    | 21 | 24 | 38 | 7  | 8  | 843   | M.G.      |
| NPM52  | 4    | 40 | 13 | 37 | 5  | 5  | 1500  | M.G.      |
| NPM551 | 4    | 27 | 19 | 34 | 5  | 15 | 1013  | M.G.-C.G. |
| NPM548 | 4    | 38 | 19 | 30 | 5  | 8  | 1053  | M.G.      |
| NPM477 | 4    | 37 | 30 | 25 | 2  | 6  | 1013  | M.G.      |
| NPM536 | 4    | 28 | 12 | 45 | 4  | 8  | 1112  | M.G.-C.G. |
| NPM511 | 4    | 32 | 21 | 38 | 4  | 5  | 1017  | M.G.      |
| NPM580 | 4    | 33 | 36 | 23 | 4  | 4  | 1030  | M.G.      |
| NPM555 | 4    | 31 | 22 | 40 | 0  | 6  | 1013  | M.G.      |
| NPM581 | 4    | 26 | 13 | 46 | 3  | 12 | 1061  | M.G.      |
| NPM578 | 4    | 28 | 22 | 39 | 1  | 10 | 1023  | M.G.      |

| SAMPLE  | UNIT | QU | KF | PL | MU | BI | TOTAL | GRAIN     |
|---------|------|----|----|----|----|----|-------|-----------|
|         |      | %  | %  | %  | %  | %  | COUNT | SIZE      |
| NPM532  | 4    | 30 | 16 | 43 | 4  | 7  | 1080  | M.G.      |
| NPM368B | 4    | 28 | 10 | 50 | 3  | 9  | 1019  | M.G.      |
| NPM556  | 4    | 25 | 23 | 41 | 2  | 9  | 1010  | M.G.      |
| NPM458  | 4    | 18 | 9  | 59 | 4  | 10 | 1069  | F.G.-M.G. |
| NPM379  | 4    | 16 | 33 | 34 | 4  | 13 | 1027  | F.G.      |
| NPM494  | 4    | 21 | 21 | 45 | 8  | 5  | 1091  | M.G.      |
| NPM590  | 4    | 27 | 11 | 45 | 10 | 7  | 1075  | M.G.      |
| NPM348  | 4    | 27 | 11 | 45 | 10 | 7  | 1075  | M.G.      |
| NPM558  | 4    | 22 | 14 | 43 | 5  | 16 | 1145  | M.G.      |
| NPM540  | 4    | 24 | 29 | 31 | 11 | 5  | 1085  | M.G.      |
| NPM440  | 4    | 23 | 7  | 51 | 4  | 16 | 1016  | M.G.      |
| NPM505  | 4    | 20 | 30 | 33 | 11 | 6  | 1021  | F.G.      |
| NPM526  | 4    | 17 | 27 | 39 | 14 | 3  | 1028  | M.G.      |
| NPM391  | 4    | 29 | 18 | 44 | 8  | 7  | 1011  | M.G.      |
| NPM467  | 4    | 22 | 29 | 39 | 3  | 6  | 1291  | F.G.      |
| NPM470  | 4    | 28 | 14 | 42 | 4  | 12 | 1078  | M.G.      |
| NPM3    | 4    | 35 | 20 | 38 | 2  | 9  | 1041  | M.G.      |
| NPM240  | 4    | 22 | 28 | 38 | 2  | 9  | 1041  | M.G.      |
| NPM473  | 4    | 30 | 21 | 49 | 2  | 11 | 1052  | M.G.      |
| NPM273  | 4    | 18 | 6  | 55 | 1  | 20 | 1165  | M.G.      |
| NPM239  | 4    | 24 | 14 | 48 | <1 | 13 | 1039  | M.G.      |
| NPM442  | 4    | 23 | 39 | 32 | 3  | 3  | 1048  | M.G.      |
| NPM441  | 4    | 30 | 22 | 38 | 3  | 7  | 1010  | M.G.      |
| NPM509  | 4    | 27 | 32 | 31 | 1  | 9  | 1028  | M.G.      |
| NPM472  | 4    | 22 | 26 | 42 | 3  | 6  | 1036  | M.G.      |
| NPM175  | 4    | 18 | 8  | 49 | <1 | 23 | 1046  | M.G.      |
| NPM188  | 4    | 26 | 27 | 37 | <1 | 9  | 1045  | M.G.      |
| NPM259  | 4    | 38 | 30 | 22 | 4  | 6  | 1014  | M.G.      |
| NPM502  | 4    | 31 | 32 | 30 | 2  | 5  | 1109  | M.G.      |
| NPM17   | 4    | 20 | 15 | 52 | 1  | 13 | 1043  | M.G.      |
| NPM32   | 4    | 33 | 25 | 35 | 2  | 5  | 1080  | C.G.      |
| NPM486  | 5B   | 23 | 0  | 46 | 4  | 26 | 1010  | F.G.-C.G. |
| NPM538  | 6    | 29 | 31 | 35 | 2  | 3  | 1029  | F.G.      |
| NPM568  | 7    | 17 | 0  | 52 | 7  | 24 | 1017  | M.G.      |
| NPM482  | 7    | 37 | 34 | 18 | 5  | 6  | 1069  | F.G.      |
| NPM545  | 7    | 27 | 9  | 45 | 6  | 13 | 1033  | F.G.      |
| NPM508  | 7    | 34 | 26 | 29 | 4  | 7  | 1007  | F.G.      |
| NPM579  | 7    | 21 | 19 | 52 | 3  | 5  | 1033  | F.G.      |
| NPM583  | 7    | 24 | 3  | 64 | 3  | 6  | 1006  | F.G.      |
| NPM563  | 7    | 28 | 19 | 39 | 4  | 10 | 1049  | F.G.      |
| NPM566  | 7    | 20 | 44 | 24 | 4  | 8  | 1031  | F.G.-M.G. |
| NPM550  | 7    | 19 | 15 | 52 | 3  | 11 | 1049  | F.G.      |
| NPM397  | 7    | 15 | 4  | 48 | 6  | 27 | 1220  | F.G.      |
| NPM436  | 7    | 20 | 3  | 47 | 6  | 24 | 1070  | F.G.      |
| NPM560  | 7    | 26 | 4  | 53 | 4  | 13 | 1043  | F.G.      |
| NPM539  | 7    | 18 | 12 | 51 | 3  | 16 | 1020  | F.G.-M.G. |
| PM457   | 7    | 23 | 4  | 55 | 2  | 15 | 1013  | F.G.      |
| PM464   | 7    | 16 | 15 | 51 | 2  | 16 | 1019  | F.G.      |



| SAMPLE | UNIT | QU<br>% | KF<br>% | PL<br>% | MU<br>% | BI<br>% | TOTAL<br>COUNT | GRAIN<br>SIZE |
|--------|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------------|
| PM576  | 7    | 23      | 6       | 50      | 4       | 17      | 1110           | M.G.          |
| PM573  | 7    | 17      | 0       | 62      | 2       | 19      | 1014           | M.G.          |
| PM365  | 7    | 16      | 0       | 54      | 6       | 24      | 1005           | F.G.          |
| PM570  | 7    | 22      | 11      | 52      | 5       | 10      | 1049           | F.G.          |
| PM574  | 7    | 26      | 11      | 48      | <1      | 15      | 1091           | F.G.          |
| PM298  | 7    | 19      | 27      | 43      | 1       | 11      | 1035           | F.G.          |
| PM479  | 7    | 23      | 6       | 49      | 8       | 15      | 1014           | F.G.          |
| PM185  | 7    | 27      | 19      | 42      | 1       | 11      | 1041           | F.G.          |
| PM183  | 7    | 29      | 14      | 45      | 3       | 10      | 1056           | F.G.          |
| PM300  | 7    | 22      | 3       | 53      | <1      | 22      | 1007           | F.G.          |
| PM534  | 8    | 29      | 37      | 30      | 4       | 0       | 1015           | M.G. -C.G.    |
| PM547  | 8    | 17      | 25      | 52      | 3       | 4       | 1043           | M.G.          |
| PM537  | 8    | 26      | 30      | 38      | 3       | 3       | 1103           | F.G. -M.G.    |
| PM361  | 8    | 27      | 25      | 44      | 3       | 1       | 1011           | F.G. -M.G.    |
| PM10   | 8    | 29      | 27      | 36      | 2       | 6       | 1010           | M.G.          |
| PM575  | 9    | 25      | 36      | 31      | 3       | 5       | 1020           | F.G.          |
| PM491  | 9    | 27      | 3       | 59      | 10      | 1       | 1066           | F.G.          |
| PM541  | 9    | 18      | 26      | 47      | 8       | 1       | 1003           | F.G.          |

APPENDIX B

Microprobe Analyses

B-1: Biotite Analyses (recalculations based on 24 oxygens).

LEGEND for all microprobe analyses:

line # 1= sample number

line # 2= last number is the grain number within the sample = numbers  
(or letters) preceding the last number are the Unit numbers ie. 11-  
Unit 1, grain 1 or GB= analysed uses for garnet-biotite  
geothermometry experiment line # 3= mineral analysed ie. Bi=biotite

line # 4= microprobe analyses location (core or rim)

















|       | NPM611 | NPM8A | NPM344 | NPM484 | NPM484 |
|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|       | GB3    | GB3   | GB4    | GB4    | GB4    |
|       | BI     | BI    | BI     | BI     | BI     |
|       | RIM    | CORE  | CORE   | CORE   | RIM    |
| SIO2  | 34.74  | 34.59 | 34.37  | 33.58  | 33.44  |
| TIO2  | 2.38   | 1.99  | 1.94   | 2.23   | 2.32   |
| AL2O3 | 19.28  | 18.24 | 19.19  | 18.09  | 17.91  |
| CR2O3 | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| FEO   | 22.47  | 25.41 | 22.07  | 28.04  | 27.43  |
| MNO   | 0.59   | 0.71  | 0.61   | 0.43   | 0.39   |
| MGO   | 6.42   | 5.24  | 6.59   | 3.85   | 3.78   |
| CAO   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| NA2O  | 0.00   | 0.06  | 0.02   | 0.01   | 0.01   |
| K2O   | 10.49  | 9.60  | 10.16  | 9.84   | 10.09  |
| P2O5  | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| H2O   | 3.89   | 3.82  | 3.84   | 3.77   | 3.74   |
| TOTAL | 100.26 | 99.66 | 98.79  | 99.84  | 99.11  |
| SI    | 5.356  | 5.425 | 5.367  | 5.340  | 5.355  |
| TI    | 0.276  | 0.235 | 0.228  | 0.267  | 0.279  |
| AL    | 3.504  | 3.373 | 3.533  | 3.391  | 3.381  |
| CR    | 0.000  | 0.000 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| FE2   | 2.897  | 3.333 | 2.882  | 3.729  | 3.673  |
| MN    | 0.077  | 0.094 | 0.081  | 0.058  | 0.053  |
| MG    | 1.475  | 1.225 | 1.534  | 0.912  | 0.902  |
| CA    | 0.000  | 0.000 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| NA    | 0.000  | 0.018 | 0.006  | 0.003  | 0.003  |
| K     | 2.063  | 1.921 | 2.024  | 1.996  | 2.061  |
| P     | 0.000  | 0.000 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| OH    | 4.000  | 4.000 | 4.000  | 4.000  | 4.000  |

B-2: Microprobe analyses of Amphiboles based on 23  
oxygens





B-3: Microprobe analyses of muscovite (based on 24 oxygens)











|       | NPM491 | NPM8B  | NPM491 | NPM8B  |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|       | 92     | 92     | 93     | 93     |
|       | MU     | MU     | MU     | MU     |
|       | CORE   | CORE   | CORE   | CORE   |
| SIO2  | 46.14  | 47.04  | 44.95  | 46.86  |
| TIO2  | 0.00   | 0.22   | 0.03   | 0.18   |
| AL2O3 | 34.80  | 36.49  | 35.90  | 36.35  |
| CR2O3 | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| FEO   | 1.70   | 1.26   | 1.66   | 0.94   |
| MNO   | 0.03   | 0.07   | 0.07   | 0.05   |
| MGO   | 0.46   | 0.50   | 0.41   | 0.39   |
| CAO   | 0.00   | 0.01   | 0.00   | 0.05   |
| NA2O  | 0.36   | 0.31   | 0.53   | 0.34   |
| K2O   | 12.08  | 11.44  | 11.68  | 12.07  |
| P2O5  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| H2O   | 4.47   | 4.59   | 4.45   | 4.57   |
| TOTAL | 100.04 | 101.93 | 99.68  | 101.80 |
| SI    | 6.189  | 6.145  | 6.050  | 6.145  |
| TI    | 0.000  | 0.022  | 0.003  | 0.018  |
| AL    | 5.503  | 5.620  | 5.697  | 5.620  |
| CR    | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| FE2   | 0.191  | 0.138  | 0.187  | 0.103  |
| MN    | 0.003  | 0.008  | 0.008  | 0.006  |
| MG    | 0.092  | 0.097  | 0.082  | 0.076  |
| CA    | 0.000  | 0.001  | 0.000  | 0.007  |
| NA    | 0.094  | 0.079  | 0.138  | 0.086  |
| K     | 2.067  | 1.907  | 2.006  | 2.019  |
| P     | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| OH    | 4.000  | 4.000  | 4.000  | 4.000  |

B-4: Microprobe analyses of garnet (recalculations based on  
24 oxygens)



|       | NPM8A | NPM8A | NPM344 | NPM344 | NPM8A | NPM8A | NPM108 | NPM108 | NPM108 |
|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|       | 82    | 82    | 83     | 83     | 83    | 83    | CR1    | CR1    | CR1    |
|       | GT    | GT    | GT     | GT     | GT    | GT    | GT     | GT     | GT     |
|       | RIM   | CORE  | CORE   | RIM    | CORE  | RIM   | CORE   | CORE   | RIM    |
| SIO2  | 35.75 | 35.67 | 35.81  | 35.70  | 35.68 | 36.31 | 36.55  | 36.18  | 36.20  |
| TIO2  | 0.07  | 0.11  | 0.07   | 0.00   | 0.16  | 0.09  | 0.00   | 0.12   | 0.09   |
| AL2O3 | 20.42 | 20.68 | 20.01  | 20.65  | 20.73 | 20.53 | 20.62  | 20.70  | 21.00  |
| CR2O3 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| FEO   | 31.34 | 31.87 | 24.11  | 27.85  | 32.73 | 28.07 | 28.53  | 28.80  | 28.22  |
| MNO   | 8.92  | 8.63  | 16.84  | 13.40  | 6.69  | 12.69 | 9.09   | 8.91   | 9.57   |
| MGO   | 1.62  | 1.73  | 1.86   | 1.73   | 2.00  | 1.26  | 2.33   | 2.32   | 2.03   |
| CAO   | 0.51  | 0.45  | 0.79   | 0.67   | 0.59  | 0.61  | 2.00   | 2.08   | 1.78   |
| NA2O  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| K2O   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| P2O5  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| H2O   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| TOTAL | 98.63 | 99.14 | 99.49  | 100.00 | 98.58 | 99.56 | 99.12  | 99.11  | 98.89  |
| SI    | 5.940 | 5.900 | 5.921  | 5.874  | 5.909 | 5.976 | 5.978  | 5.928  | 5.938  |
| TI    | 0.009 | 0.014 | 0.009  | 0.000  | 0.020 | 0.011 | 0.000  | 0.015  | 0.011  |
| AL    | 4.000 | 4.033 | 3.900  | 4.006  | 4.048 | 3.984 | 3.976  | 3.999  | 4.061  |
| CR    | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| FE2   | 4.355 | 4.409 | 3.334  | 3.833  | 4.533 | 3.864 | 3.902  | 3.947  | 3.871  |
| MN    | 1.255 | 1.209 | 2.358  | 1.868  | 0.939 | 1.769 | 1.259  | 1.237  | 1.330  |
| MG    | 0.401 | 0.426 | 0.458  | 0.424  | 0.494 | 0.309 | 0.568  | 0.567  | 0.496  |
| CA    | 0.091 | 0.080 | 0.140  | 0.118  | 0.105 | 0.108 | 0.350  | 0.365  | 0.313  |
| NA    | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| K     | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| P     | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| OH    | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |

|       | NPM108 | NPM108 | NPM108 |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|       | CR2    | CR2    | CR3    |
|       | GT     | GT     | GT     |
|       | RIM    | RIM    | CORE   |
| SIO2  | 36.49  | 37.16  | 36.22  |
| TIO2  | 0.05   | 0.03   | 0.14   |
| AL2O3 | 20.75  | 20.78  | 20.57  |
| CR2O3 | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| FEO   | 28.15  | 28.78  | 28.22  |
| MNO   | 9.51   | 9.01   | 9.08   |
| MGO   | 2.18   | 2.37   | 2.36   |
| CAO   | 2.11   | 2.16   | 2.16   |
| NA2O  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| K2O   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| P2O5  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| H2O   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| TOTAL | 99.24  | 100.29 | 98.75  |
| SI    | 5.963  | 5.999  | 5.948  |
| TI    | 0.006  | 0.004  | 0.017  |
| AL    | 3.998  | 3.955  | 3.982  |
| CR    | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| FE2   | 3.847  | 3.886  | 3.876  |
| MN    | 1.316  | 1.232  | 1.263  |
| MG    | 0.531  | 0.570  | 0.578  |
| CA    | 0.369  | 0.374  | 0.380  |
| NA    | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| K     | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| P     | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| OH    | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |

B-5: Microprobe analyses of plagioclase (recalculated to 32 oxygens)

























|       | NPM107 | NPM107 | NPM344 | NPM344 | NPM484 | NPM484 | NPM611 | NPM611 | NPM8A  |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|       | GB3    | GB3    | GB3    | GB3    | GB3    | GB3    | GB3    | GB3    | GB3    |
|       | PL     | PL     | PL     | PL     | PL     | PL     | PL     | PL     | PL     |
|       | RIM    | CORE   | RIM    | CORE   | RIM    | CORE   | RIM    | CORE*  | RIM    |
| SIO2  | 67.68  | 66.12  | 64.18  | 65.51  | 64.61  | 60.72  | 65.14  | 63.64  | 64.98  |
| TIO2  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| AL2O3 | 19.84  | 20.80  | 21.77  | 21.40  | 22.12  | 24.27  | 21.53  | 21.89  | 21.94  |
| CR2O3 | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| FEO   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.15   | 0.16   | 0.11   | 0.14   | 0.13   | 0.16   | 0.15   |
| MNO   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| MGO   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| CAO   | 0.50   | 1.93   | 3.00   | 2.48   | 3.70   | 6.24   | 2.69   | 3.32   | 3.01   |
| NA2O  | 11.58  | 10.73  | 10.05  | 10.08  | 9.61   | 8.30   | 10.46  | 9.77   | 10.20  |
| K2O   | 0.08   | 0.13   | 0.11   | 0.10   | 0.09   | 0.18   | 0.12   | 0.12   | 0.11   |
| P2O5  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| H2O   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| TOTAL | 99.68  | 99.71  | 99.26  | 99.73  | 100.24 | 99.85  | 100.07 | 98.90  | 100.39 |
| SI    | 11.883 | 11.653 | 11.409 | 11.551 | 11.375 | 10.835 | 11.481 | 11.362 | 11.421 |
| TI    | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| AL    | 4.107  | 4.322  | 4.562  | 4.448  | 4.591  | 5.106  | 4.474  | 4.608  | 4.546  |
| CR    | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| FE2   | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.022  | 0.024  | 0.016  | 0.021  | 0.019  | 0.024  | 0.022  |
| MN    | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| MG    | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| CA    | 0.094  | 0.364  | 0.571  | 0.469  | 0.698  | 1.193  | 0.508  | 0.635  | 0.567  |
| NA    | 3.942  | 3.667  | 3.464  | 3.446  | 3.280  | 2.872  | 3.575  | 3.382  | 3.476  |
| K     | 0.018  | 0.029  | 0.025  | 0.022  | 0.020  | 0.041  | 0.027  | 0.027  | 0.025  |
| P     | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| OH    | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |

NPM8A

|       | GB3    |
|-------|--------|
|       | PL     |
|       | CORE   |
| SIO2  | 64.78  |
| TIO2  | 0.00   |
| AL2O3 | 21.94  |
| CR2O3 | 0.00   |
| FEO   | 0.08   |
| MNO   | 0.00   |
| MGO   | 0.00   |
| CAO   | 3.09   |
| NA2O  | 10.38  |
| K2O   | 0.11   |
| P2O5  | 0.00   |
| H2O   | 0.00   |
| TOTAL | 100.38 |
| SI    | 11.398 |
| TI    | 0.000  |
| AL    | 4.551  |
| CR    | 0.000  |
| FE2   | 0.012  |
| MN    | 0.000  |
| MG    | 0.000  |
| CA    | 0.583  |
| NA    | 3.541  |
| K     | 0.025  |
| P     | 0.000  |
| OH    | 0.000  |



## Appendix C:

### C-1 Electron Microprobe

Major element analyses for biotite, muscovite, garnet, amphibole and plagioclase were obtained using an automated JEOL 733 Electron Microprobe at Dalhousie University, Halifax. The system uses a wavelength dispersive spectrometer and operates at 15 Kv and 5 nA. Matrix effects are corrected on-line using a Tracor Northern ZAF matrix correction procedure. Analytical uncertainty is 1 to 1.5 wt. % for the major elements. Raw data was recalculated to cations using a BASIC computer program (Richard, 1986, unpubl.) based on OH values for hydrous minerals and number of oxygens suggested by Deer et al. 1966.

C-2 Analytical Methods and Sample Selection of Whole Rock chemical samples.

#### i- Sample Pulverization

Forty eight granitic samples and three lamprophyre samples were collected from the PMP for analyses. Specimens were broken down into cubes (approx.  $3 \times 3 \text{ cm}^2$ ) using a Cutrock (rock vice). All weathered or contaminated surfaces were removed. Fresh fragments were deposited in a Dayton Tow Crusher (model 4K 731) which has thick ceramic plates that were frequently cleaned to eliminate contamination from plate chips. The mafic lamprophyre dyke samples were the last to be processed in an attempt to reduce contamination to the more felsic granitic samples.

The samples were then split using a Soiltest splitter. A final proportion weighing approximately 150-300 grams was then pulverized in a Siebtechnik tungsten carbide ring mill (mode TS 250) until the majority of the sample was less than -100 mesh.

ii- Majors and Traces

The samples analysed at St. Mary's were analysed for 10 major and minor element oxides and fifteen trace elements on a Philips DW 1400 sequential x-ray fluorescence spectrometer using a Phanode x-ray tube. Major oxide determinations were carried out on fused glass discs while trace elements were done on pressed powder pellets. International standards with recommended values from Abbey (1983) as well as in-house standards were used for calibration. Analytical precision as determined on replicate analyses is generally better than 5% for the major oxides and between 5-10 % for trace elements. Loss on ignition (LOI) was determined by heating the sample for 1.5 hours at 1050 C in an electric furnace.

All of the trace element and some major element analyses was done at St. Mary's University by K. Cameron. The remaining major element analyses were done at McGill University in Montreal by S.T. Ahmedali. The following samples were analysed for major element oxides at McGill University: NPM: 2, 8B, 10, 11, 17, 32, 361, 368B, 371, 440, 441, 477, 485, 487, 511, 537, 538, 53, 556, 558, 560, 563, 566, 579, 580 and 583.

iii- REE'S (NAA)

Thirteen samples were analysed for eight REEs. They are: Ce, Nd, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Yb and Lu. Lanthanum was not analysed. The

analyses were completed using the neutron activation analyses system at Waterloo University in Kitchener Ontario. Approximately 0.1-0.2 grams of rock powder were weighed accurately and sealed in clean plastic ampoules. The samples were then sent to the Waterloo Nuclear Reactor with two standards.

iv- Precision and accuracy of analyses

The precision and accuracy of the trace and major oxide whole rock analyses from St. Mary's University ,the major oxide whole rock analyses from McGill University and the REE's whole rock analyses from Waterloo University are summarized below.

St. Mary's University-major and traces

Unfortunately no International Standard was available to test the accuracy of the work from St. Mary's. Internal Standards and repeat samples were completed to determine the precision of the analyses.

Table C-1 St. Mary's University

Error Analysis for Rb, Sr, Ba, SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CaO and

MgO

| Element                        | Quoted detection limit | Obtained value | Repeat value | Percent Deviation |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| -----                          |                        |                |              |                   |
| Rb                             |                        |                |              |                   |
| 5-10%                          | NPM485                 | 132            | 135          | 2.3               |
|                                | NPM361                 | 125            | 126          | 0.8               |
|                                | NPM539                 | 128            | 129          | 0.8               |
|                                | NPM544                 | 128            | 126          | -1.6              |
| Sr                             |                        |                |              |                   |
| 5-20%                          | NPM485                 | 2567           | 2557         | -0.4              |
|                                | NPM361                 | 86             | 84           | -2.3              |
|                                | NPM539                 | 151            | 149          | -1.3              |
|                                | NPM544                 | 337            | 338          | 0.3               |
| Ba                             |                        |                |              |                   |
| 5-10%                          | NPM485                 | 1920           | 1913         | -0.4              |
|                                | NPM361                 | 316            | 309          | -2.2              |
|                                | NPM539                 | 399            | 380          | -4.8              |
|                                | NPM544                 | 484            | 478          | -1.2              |
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               |                        |                |              |                   |
| <5%                            | NPM544                 | 67.79          | 67.53        | -0.4              |
|                                | NPM584                 | 67.62          | 68.14        | 0.8               |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> |                        |                |              |                   |
| <5%                            | NPM544                 | 16.21          | 16.22        | 0.06              |
|                                | NPM584                 | 16.13          | 16.25        | 0.7               |
| CaO                            |                        |                |              |                   |
| <5%                            | NPM544                 | 2.76           | 2.77         | 0.4               |
|                                | NPM584                 | 3.13           | 3.12         | -0.3              |
| MgO                            |                        |                |              |                   |
| <5%                            | NPM544                 | 1.80           | 1.62         | -10.0             |
|                                | NPM584                 | 1.45           | 1.46         | 0.7               |

note: no international standard for St. Mary's University analyses

TABLE C-2 St. Mary's University

Comparison with Internal Standards for Rb, Sr, Ba,  
SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CaO and MgO.

| Element                        |       | Quoted<br>detection<br>value | Accepted<br>value | Obtained<br>value | % Deviation<br>from<br>accepted<br>value |
|--------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| Rb                             | 5-10% | HFL-1                        | 214+/-0.90        | 216.00            | 0.9                                      |
|                                |       | GDV-1A                       | 63+/-0.79         | 62.00             | -1.6                                     |
| Sr                             | 5-10% | HFL-1                        | 204+/-0.67        | 206.00            | 0.98                                     |
|                                |       | GDV-1A                       | 217+/-1.07        | 215.00            | -0.92                                    |
| Ba                             | 5-10% | HFL-1                        | 891+/-6.86        | 902.00            | 1.2                                      |
|                                |       | GDV-1A                       | 338+/-2.41        | 356.00            | 5.3                                      |
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | <5%   | HFL-1                        | 59.29+/-0.17      | 59.23             | -0.1                                     |
|                                |       | GDV-1A                       | 74.83+/-0.30      | 74.68             | -0.2                                     |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | <5%   | HFL-1                        | 22.08+/-0.10      | 22.25             | 0.8                                      |
|                                |       | GDV-1A                       | 12.15+/-0.09      | 12.21             | 0.5                                      |
| CaO                            | <5%   | HFL-1                        | 0.23+/-0.01       | 0.23              | 0.0                                      |
|                                |       | GDV-1A                       | 1.05+/-0.02       | 1.05              | 0.0                                      |
| MgO                            | <5%   | HFL-1                        | 1.93+/-0.09       | 1.93              | 0.0                                      |
|                                |       | GDV-1A                       | 1.51+/-0.06       | 1.61              | 6.6                                      |

\* HFL-1                      \*GDV-1A  
 trace N=25                  trace N=25  
 major N=12                 major N=15

McGill University analysed only for whole rock major element oxides. Tables C-3 and C-4 compare the international standards G-2 (granite) and Nim-1 (granite) with the analyses obtained by McGill University.

Table C-3

## G-2 GRANITE

|                                | ABBEY 1983<br>RECOMMENDED | OBTAINED<br>MCGILL | PERCENT DEVIATION |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 69.22                     | 69.05              | 0.25              |
| TiO <sub>2</sub>               | 0.48                      | 0.48               | 0.00              |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 15.40                     | 15.48              | 0.52              |
| FeO <sub>3</sub>               | 2.69                      | 2.70               | 0.37              |
| MnO                            | 0.03                      | 0.03               | 0.00              |
| MgO                            | 0.75                      | 0.72               | 4.00              |
| CaO                            | 1.96                      | 2.00               | 2.04              |
| Na <sub>2</sub> O              | 4.06                      | 4.08               | 0.49              |
| K <sub>2</sub> O               | 4.46                      | 4.45               | 0.22              |
| P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>  | 0.13                      | 0.13               | 0.00              |
| V                              | 36                        | 38                 | 5.56              |
| Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 8                         | 15                 | 87.50             |
| Ni                             | 3.5                       | 10                 | 185.71            |
| BaO                            | 1900                      | 1880               | 1.05              |

Table C-4

## NIM-1 GRANITE

|                                | SARM 1 1979<br>RECOMMENDED | OBTAINED<br>McGILL | PERCENT<br>DEVIATION |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 75.70                      | 72.23              | 0.62                 |
| TiO <sub>2</sub>               | 0.09                       | 0.09               | 0.00                 |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 12.08                      | 12.20              | 0.99                 |
| Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 2.02                       | 1.99               | 1.49                 |
| MnO                            | 0.02                       | 0.02               | 0.00                 |
| MgO                            | 0.06                       | 0.01               | 83.33                |
| CaO                            | 0.78                       | 1.42               | 82.05                |
| Na <sub>2</sub> O              | 3.36                       | 3.25               | 3.27                 |
| K <sub>2</sub> O               | 4.99                       | 4.97               | 0.40                 |
| P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>  | 0.01                       | 0.01               | 0.00                 |
| V                              | 2                          | 10                 | 400.00               |
| Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 12                         | 15                 | 25.00                |
| Ni                             | 8                          | 15                 | 87.50                |
| BaO                            | 120                        | 153                | 27.50                |

Waterloo University analysed the REEs of thirteen whole rock samples from the PMP. The precision of these analyses are discussed below in a comparison of the recommended results with those obtained by Waterloo University.

TABLE C-5 Waterloo University

Comparison of REE's + Ba + Th with International Standards

GSP-1 (granodiorite)

|    | RECOMMENDED<br>(1984) | OBTAINED<br>WATERLOO | PERCENT<br>DEVIATION |
|----|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Ce | 400                   | 508.28               | 27                   |
| Nd | 190                   | 260.17               | 36.9                 |
| Sm | 26.8                  | 32.96                | 22.9                 |
| Eu | 2.4                   | 2.72                 | 13.3                 |
| Tb | 1.36                  | 0.81                 | -40.4                |
| Yb | 1.7                   | 2.19                 | 28.8                 |
| Th | 105                   | 127.87               | 21.7                 |
| Ba | 1310                  | 970.87               | -25.88               |
| Hf | 15.0                  | 17.04                | 13.60                |

TABLE C-6 Waterloo University  
NIM-G granite

|    | (1984) | RECOMMENDED<br>WATERLOO | OBTAINED<br>PERCENT<br>DEVIATION |
|----|--------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ce | 195    | 204.26                  | 4.7                              |
| Nd | 72     | 80.40                   | 11.2                             |
| Sm | 15.8   | 15.07                   | -4.6                             |
| Eu | 0.35   | 0.34                    | -2.8                             |
| Gd | 14     | 16.16                   | 15.4                             |
| Tb | 3      | 4.60                    | 53.3                             |
| Yb | 14.2   | 14.46                   | 1.8                              |
| Lu | 2      | 1.98                    | -1.0                             |
| Th | 51     | 18.05                   | -64.6                            |
| Ta | 4.5    | 4.45                    | -1.1                             |
| Ba | 120    | 78.74                   | -34.38                           |
| Hf | 12     | 12.11                   | 0.91                             |



TABLE C-7 WATERLOO UNIVERSITY -NAA-

repeatability

NPM458

|    | NPM458 | REPEAT | % deviation |
|----|--------|--------|-------------|
| CE | 56.80  | 55.56  | -2.1        |
| ND | 29.23  | 29.24  | 0.03        |
| SM | 6.39   | 6.33   | 0.93        |
| EU | 0.83   | 0.84   | 1.2         |
| GD | 5.25   | 6.42   | 22.2        |
| TB | 0.67   | 0.72   | 7.4         |
| YB | 2.03   | 2.16   | 6.4         |
| LU | 0.27   | 0.28   | 3.7         |
| TH | 12.86  | 12.89  | 0.23        |
| TA | 1.01   | 1.04   | 2.9         |
| BA | 241.42 | 249.82 | 3.4         |
| HF | 4.91   | 4.83   | 1.6         |

v- Sample Selections

Approximately three hundred hand specimens representing all of the rock types from the PMP were collected during the 1985 field season. Approximately one hundred and fifty thin sections were made of these samples in order to detail the petrographic variations and mineral assemblages present. One hundred and thirty-one of the samples were slabbed and stained and point counted (ie. for quartz, kspars and plagioclase). On the basis of this data, 51 samples were chosen as being representative samples for chemical analysis. The samples were also selected in an attempt to obtain geographic and Unit coverage and a volumetric representation of each within the PMP.

## APPENDIX D-1

Major element analyses (all analyses as percentage), CIPW and Mesonorm values of whole rock chemical samples.

LEGEND for Major(D-1), Trace(D-2) and REE(D-3) analyses:

line #1= Unit and sample number ie; 1NPM533= Unit 1 sample NPM533

TiO<sub>2</sub> wt. % results from the Major whole rock element table were used in the graphs within the text.













7NPM583 8NPM10 8NPM361 8NPM537 9NPM491 9NPM8B

|       |        |       |       |       |       |        |
|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| SIO2  | 72.85  | 73.99 | 75.07 | 74.56 | 73.94 | 73.09  |
| TIO2  | 0.35   | 0.14  | 0.10  | 0.09  | 0.02  | 0.04   |
| AL2O3 | 15.02  | 14.76 | 14.13 | 14.22 | 15.33 | 15.50  |
| FE2O3 | 2.38   | 1.02  | 0.78  | 0.77  | 0.64  | 1.07   |
| FEO   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   |
| MNO   | 0.04   | 0.02  | 0.02  | 0.02  | 0.12  | 0.22   |
| MGO   | 0.72   | 0.28  | 0.13  | 0.16  | 0.41  | 0.08   |
| CAO   | 2.35   | 1.70  | 1.12  | 1.25  | 0.33  | 0.37   |
| NA2O  | 3.58   | 3.12  | 4.10  | 3.84  | 5.58  | 3.10   |
| K2O   | 2.19   | 4.48  | 3.77  | 4.44  | 2.45  | 5.69   |
| P2O5  | 0.15   | 0.06  | 0.16  | 0.11  | 0.33  | 0.15   |
| H2O+  | 0.64   | 0.38  | 0.44  | 0.27  | 0.70  | 0.74   |
| H2O-  | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   |
| CO2   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   |
| CL    | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   |
| F     | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   |
| TOTAL | 100.27 | 99.95 | 99.82 | 99.73 | 99.85 | 100.05 |
| A/CNK | 1.20   | 1.13  | 1.10  | 1.06  | 1.23  | 1.30   |

CIPW NORM

|    |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| QZ | 38.20 | 34.94 | 34.80 | 32.71 | 31.72 | 33.03 |
| OR | 13.02 | 26.57 | 22.38 | 26.31 | 14.58 | 33.87 |
| AB | 30.49 | 26.50 | 34.84 | 32.58 | 47.55 | 26.42 |
| AN | 10.75 | 8.07  | 4.53  | 5.50  | 0.00  | 0.86  |
| WO | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| DI | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| HY | 1.80  | 0.70  | 0.32  | 0.40  | 1.03  | 0.20  |
| MT | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.34  | 0.61  |
| IL | 0.09  | 0.04  | 0.04  | 0.04  | 0.04  | 0.08  |
| HM | 2.40  | 1.02  | 0.78  | 0.77  | 0.41  | 0.66  |
| TN | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| PF | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| RU | 0.31  | 0.12  | 0.08  | 0.07  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| AP | 0.35  | 0.14  | 0.37  | 0.26  | 5.85  | 0.35  |
| CO | 2.86  | 1.83  | 1.65  | 1.09  | 3.52  | 3.95  |
| OL | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| LC | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| NE | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| KP | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| AC | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| NS | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| KS | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| CS | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |

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|    |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| QZ | 39.02 | 35.20 | 34.82 | 32.84 | 32.31 | 32.89 |
| AB | 30.32 | 26.43 | 34.73 | 32.52 | 47.26 | 26.26 |
| OR | 11.03 | 25.73 | 21.90 | 25.79 | 13.37 | 33.14 |
| AN | 10.67 | 8.04  | 4.51  | 5.48  | -0.52 | 0.85  |
| CO | 2.83  | 1.82  | 1.64  | 1.08  | 3.67  | 3.93  |
| BI | 2.81  | 1.11  | 0.56  | 0.66  | 1.71  | 0.82  |
| HB | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| MT | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| HM | 2.38  | 1.02  | 0.78  | 0.77  | 0.64  | 1.07  |
| IL | 0.33  | 0.13  | 0.10  | 0.09  | 0.02  | 0.04  |
| CC | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |



D-2: Trace Element analyses of whole rock chemical samples (all analyses in ppm.)

|      | 1NPM11 | 1NPM2  | 1NPM484 | 1NPM487 | 1NPM533 | 1NPM544 | 1NPM565 | 1NPM582 | 1NPM584 |
|------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| BA   | 718.00 | 397.00 | 446.00  | 440.00  | 601.00  | 484.00  | 400.00  | 314.00  | 475.00  |
| RB   | 82.00  | 74.00  | 65.00   | 60.00   | 71.00   | 128.00  | 112.00  | 59.00   | 62.00   |
| SR   | 370.00 | 200.00 | 304.00  | 312.00  | 474.00  | 337.00  | 225.00  | 213.00  | 385.00  |
| Y    | 10.00  | 14.00  | 17.00   | 20.00   | 17.00   | 20.00   | 17.00   | 27.00   | 11.00   |
| ZR   | 150.00 | 127.00 | 108.00  | 121.00  | 182.00  | 141.00  | 102.00  | 389.00  | 156.00  |
| NB   | 11.00  | 10.00  | 10.00   | 9.00    | 12.00   | 10.00   | 13.00   | 11.00   | 9.00    |
| TH   | 0.00   | 9.00   | 24.00   | 6.00    | 0.00    | 13.00   | 5.00    | 4.00    | 10.00   |
| PB   | 18.00  | 22.00  | 19.00   | 24.00   | 8.00    | 17.00   | 15.00   | 13.00   | 16.00   |
| GA   | 18.00  | 18.00  | 16.00   | 18.00   | 22.00   | 23.00   | 21.00   | 18.00   | 18.00   |
| ZN   | 59.00  | 47.00  | 40.00   | 43.00   | 61.00   | 65.00   | 57.00   | 66.00   | 54.00   |
| CU   | 16.00  | 0.00   | 3.00    | 2.00    | 7.00    | 4.00    | 2.00    | 19.00   | 8.00    |
| NI   | 7.00   | 9.00   | 6.00    | 10.00   | 10.00   | 14.00   | 9.00    | 8.00    | 2.00    |
| TIO2 | 0.73   | 0.47   | 0.11    | 0.40    | 0.76    | 0.57    | 0.37    | 0.61    | 0.49    |
| V    | 68.00  | 52.00  | 0.00    | 31.00   | 77.00   | 58.00   | 37.00   | 50.00   | 37.00   |
| CR   | 18.00  | 47.00  | 10.00   | 15.00   | 21.00   | 24.00   | 18.00   | 16.00   | 14.00   |

|      | 1NPM593 | 2NPM546 | 3NPM542 | 4NPM17 | 4NPM32 | 4NPM368B4NPM371 | 4NPM440 | 4NPM441 |        |
|------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|-----------------|---------|---------|--------|
| BA   | 768.00  | 175.00  | 451.00  | 645.00 | 374.00 | 316.00          | 409.00  | 494.00  | 386.00 |
| RB   | 115.00  | 75.00   | 132.00  | 124.00 | 181.00 | 126.00          | 170.00  | 134.00  | 1.80   |
| SR   | 194.00  | 389.00  | 84.00   | 184.00 | 64.00  | 106.00          | 66.00   | 207.00  | 9.00   |
| Y    | 13.00   | 11.00   | 10.00   | 20.00  | 14.00  | 20.00           | 20.00   | 17.00   | 67.00  |
| ZR   | 190.00  | 123.00  | 47.00   | 179.00 | 69.00  | 137.00          | 99.00   | 169.00  | 73.00  |
| NB   | 9.00    | 8.00    | 6.00    | 13.00  | 12.00  | 10.00           | 10.00   | 11.00   | 11.00  |
| TH   | 35.00   | 10.00   | 3.00    | 9.00   | 6.00   | 5.00            | 13.00   | 13.00   | 2.00   |
| PB   | 26.00   | 14.00   | 18.00   | 26.00  | 26.00  | 16.00           | 25.00   | 12.00   | 24.00  |
| GA   | 20.00   | 22.00   | 18.00   | 19.00  | 20.00  | 19.00           | 19.00   | 22.00   | 21.00  |
| ZN   | 58.00   | 50.00   | 29.00   | 57.00  | 43.00  | 60.00           | 56.00   | 74.00   | 49.00  |
| CU   | 0.00    | 7.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00            | 3.00    | 6.00    | 1.00   |
| NI   | 7.00    | 6.00    | 6.00    | 10.00  | 4.00   | 16.00           | 17.00   | 16.00   | 13.00  |
| TIO2 | 0.49    | 0.57    | 0.10    | 0.53   | 0.14   | 0.25            | 0.28    | 0.56    | 0.13   |
| V    | 36.00   | 36.00   | 3.00    | 38.00  | 4.00   | 16.00           | 11.00   | 55.00   | 7.00   |
| CR   | 19.00   | 32.00   | 8.00    | 20.00  | 9.00   | 12.00           | 10.00   | 42.00   | 9.00   |

|      | 4NPM458 | 4NPM469 | 4NPM472 | 4NPM477 | 4NPM511 | 4NPM535 | 4NPM536 | 4NPM543 | 4NPM548 |
|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| BA   | 364.00  | 823.00  | 427.00  | 696.00  | 261.00  | 383.00  | 316.00  | 683.00  | 334.00  |
| RB   | 96.00   | 152.00  | 179.00  | 152.00  | 152.00  | 139.00  | 137.00  | 112.00  | 186.00  |
| SR   | 139.00  | 161.00  | 64.00   | 113.00  | 70.00   | 124.00  | 102.00  | 278.00  | 70.00   |
| Y    | 22.00   | 14.00   | 17.00   | 16.00   | 16.00   | 15.00   | 17.00   | 17.00   | 15.00   |
| ZR   | 186.00  | 200.00  | 66.00   | 160.00  | 92.00   | 115.00  | 117.00  | 220.00  | 88.00   |
| NB   | 10.00   | 7.00    | 10.00   | 9.00    | 10.00   | 9.00    | 11.00   | 7.00    | 9.00    |
| TH   | 9.00    | 38.00   | 7.00    | 27.00   | 5.00    | 12.00   | 7.00    | 28.00   | 12.00   |
| PB   | 16.00   | 22.00   | 20.00   | 27.00   | 21.00   | 17.00   | 19.00   | 11.00   | 22.00   |
| GA   | 18.00   | 22.00   | 17.00   | 19.00   | 22.00   | 22.00   | 19.00   | 26.00   | 21.00   |
| ZN   | 49.00   | 81.00   | 44.00   | 50.00   | 53.00   | 57.00   | 60.00   | 88.00   | 51.00   |
| CU   | 2.00    | 6.00    | 0.00    | 3.00    | 0.00    | 6.00    | 0.00    | 4.00    | 0.00    |
| NI   | 9.00    | 9.00    | 16.00   | 14.00   | 12.00   | 9.00    | 9.00    | 10.00   | 10.00   |
| TIO2 | 0.30    | 0.49    | 0.13    | 0.32    | 0.17    | 0.32    | 0.24    | 0.78    | 0.20    |
| V    | 18.00   | 34.00   | 6.00    | 13.00   | 8.00    | 27.00   | 15.00   | 71.00   | 14.00   |
| CR   | 14.00   | 24.00   | 11.00   | 8.00    | 7.00    | 21.00   | 13.00   | 47.00   | 16.00   |

|      | 4NPM549 | 4NPM551 | 4NPM556 | 4NPM558 | 4NPM578 | 4NPM580 | 4NPM581 | 5ANPM4855ANPM612 |         |
|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|
| BA   | 929.00  | 812.00  | 781.00  | 901.00  | 497.00  | 774.00  | 461.00  | 1920.00          | 1311.00 |
| RB   | 139.00  | 121.00  | 166.00  | 137.00  | 130.00  | 234.00  | 156.00  | 132.00           | 167.00  |
| SR   | 223.00  | 330.00  | 163.00  | 226.00  | 137.00  | 102.00  | 116.00  | 2567.00          | 420.00  |
| Y    | 15.00   | 18.00   | 16.00   | 17.00   | 19.00   | 19.00   | 19.00   | 23.00            | 21.00   |
| ZR   | 206.00  | 123.00  | 151.00  | 217.00  | 140.00  | 60.00   | 151.00  | 421.00           | 135.00  |
| NB   | 8.00    | 10.00   | 7.00    | 8.00    | 9.00    | 8.00    | 10.00   | 30.00            | 12.00   |
| TH   | 32.00   | 3.00    | 26.00   | 44.00   | 3.00    | 1.00    | 13.00   | 0.00             | 4.00    |
| PB   | 15.00   | 13.00   | 22.00   | 21.00   | 17.00   | 21.00   | 18.00   | 0.00             | 7.00    |
| GA   | 23.00   | 19.00   | 26.00   | 25.00   | 20.00   | 20.00   | 21.00   | 19.00            | 16.00   |
| ZN   | 91.00   | 47.00   | 83.00   | 90.00   | 56.00   | 33.00   | 61.00   | 105.00           | 89.00   |
| CU   | 10.00   | 5.00    | 4.00    | 8.00    | 0.00    | 3.00    | 0.00    | 41.00            | 38.00   |
| NI   | 10.00   | 11.00   | 16.00   | 14.00   | 12.00   | 18.00   | 13.00   | 194.00           | 79.00   |
| TIO2 | 0.64    | 0.48    | 0.50    | 0.61    | 0.28    | 0.13    | 0.36    | 1.22             | 1.07    |
| V    | 53.00   | 52.00   | 38.00   | 45.00   | 24.00   | 6.00    | 24.00   | 144.00           | 181.00  |
| CR   | 32.00   | 19.00   | 20.00   | 33.00   | 14.00   | 8.00    | 20.00   | 551.00           | 957.00  |

5ANPM6156NPM538 7NPM464 7NPM539 7NPM545 7NPM560 7NPM563 7NPM566 7NPM579

|      |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| BA   | 394.00  | 244.00 | 730.00 | 399.00 | 318.00 | 283.00 | 546.00 | 963.00 | 598.00 |
| RB   | 19.00   | 133.00 | 137.00 | 128.00 | 112.00 | 98.00  | 123.00 | 157.00 | 150.00 |
| SR   | 598.00  | 63.00  | 219.00 | 151.00 | 130.00 | 184.00 | 157.00 | 118.00 | 152.00 |
| Y    | 28.00   | 11.00  | 22.00  | 16.00  | 24.00  | 15.00  | 17.00  | 16.00  | 13.00  |
| ZR   | 248.00  | 39.00  | 202.00 | 128.00 | 229.00 | 210.00 | 146.00 | 112.00 | 137.00 |
| NB   | 18.00   | 8.00   | 12.00  | 9.00   | 12.00  | 10.00  | 10.00  | 10.00  | 9.00   |
| TH   | 3.00    | 2.00   | 7.00   | 11.00  | 10.00  | 0.00   | 8.00   | 14.00  | 14.00  |
| PB   | 2.00    | 24.00  | 15.00  | 22.00  | 13.00  | 17.00  | 23.00  | 29.00  | 26.00  |
| GA   | 15.00   | 21.00  | 20.00  | 22.00  | 19.00  | 22.00  | 20.00  | 22.00  | 20.00  |
| ZN   | 110.00  | 23.00  | 63.00  | 57.00  | 83.00  | 60.00  | 59.00  | 44.00  | 54.00  |
| CU   | 16.00   | 0.00   | 6.00   | 0.00   | 3.00   | 4.00   | 1.00   | 0.00   | 1.00   |
| NI   | 22.00   | 9.00   | 12.00  | 13.00  | 11.00  | 9.00   | 11.00  | 13.00  | 13.00  |
| TIO2 | 0.96    | 0.05   | 0.49   | 0.34   | 0.42   | 0.34   | 0.32   | 0.21   | 0.26   |
| V    | 240.00  | 1.00   | 32.00  | 30.00  | 37.00  | 27.00  | 21.00  | 5.00   | 19.00  |
| CR   | 1046.00 | 6.00   | 14.00  | 25.00  | 13.00  | 12.00  | 21.00  | 7.00   | 16.00  |

7NPM583 8NPM10 8NPM361 8NPM537 9NPM491 9NPM8B

|      |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| BA   | 657.00 | 972.00 | 316.00 | 460.00 | 4.00   | 181.00 |
| RB   | 69.00  | 77.00  | 125.00 | 143.00 | 165.00 | 178.00 |
| SR   | 197.00 | 229.00 | 86.00  | 111.00 | 3.00   | 30.00  |
| Y    | 22.00  | 10.00  | 15.00  | 15.00  | 8.00   | 11.00  |
| ZR   | 209.00 | 53.00  | 70.00  | 76.00  | 32.00  | 37.00  |
| NB   | 8.00   | 6.00   | 7.00   | 5.00   | 14.00  | 10.00  |
| TH   | 12.00  | 1.00   | 3.00   | 9.00   | 4.00   | 2.00   |
| PB   | 18.00  | 29.00  | 25.00  | 22.00  | 15.00  | 36.00  |
| GA   | 19.00  | 14.00  | 15.00  | 16.00  | 20.00  | 19.00  |
| ZN   | 53.00  | 16.00  | 26.00  | 23.00  | 43.00  | 18.00  |
| CU   | 1.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| NI   | 4.00   | 3.00   | 10.00  | 8.00   | 8.00   | 5.00   |
| TIO2 | 0.37   | 0.18   | 0.08   | 0.08   | 0.00   | 0.03   |
| V    | 24.00  | 16.00  | 4.00   | 3.00   | 1.00   | 0.00   |
| CR   | 14.00  | 12.00  | 9.00   | 3.00   | 5.00   | 9.00   |

D-3: REE analyses of thirteen whole rock samples  
(in ppm)

EREE= E7REE excluding Gd

|       | 1NPM533 | 1NPM582 | 1NPM584 | 3NPM542 | 4NPM458 | 4NPM477 | 4NPM558 | 5ANPM6127NPM539 |        |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------|--------|
| LA    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00            | 0.00   |
| CE    | 38.51   | 49.30   | 67.96   | 17.54   | 56.80   | 72.29   | 113.46  | 60.79           | 43.41  |
| PR    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00            | 0.00   |
| ND    | 18.98   | 27.09   | 29.41   | 8.17    | 29.23   | 44.93   | 65.54   | 33.52           | 22.98  |
| SM    | 3.88    | 5.96    | 5.19    | 2.03    | 6.39    | 10.18   | 13.50   | 6.52            | 4.63   |
| EU    | 1.21    | 1.30    | 1.34    | 0.46    | 0.83    | 0.59    | 1.17    | 1.82            | 0.75   |
| GD    | 4.57    | 4.94    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 5.25    | 0.00    | 15.70   | 5.01            | 3.81   |
| TB    | 0.41    | 0.81    | 0.32    | 0.19    | 0.67    | 0.48    | 1.51    | 0.70            | 0.47   |
| DY    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00            | 0.00   |
| HO    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00            | 0.00   |
| ER    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00            | 0.00   |
| TM    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00            | 0.00   |
| YB    | 1.38    | 3.07    | 0.87    | 0.69    | 2.03    | 1.11    | 1.15    | 1.68            | 1.70   |
| LU    | 0.20    | 0.43    | 0.10    | 0.10    | 0.27    | 0.12    | 0.15    | 0.24            | 0.23   |
| BA    | 391.21  | 209.55  | 343.63  | 360.47  | 241.42  | 477.21  | 605.45  | 816.66          | 284.15 |
| CO    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00            | 0.00   |
| CR    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00            | 0.00   |
| CS    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00            | 0.00   |
| HF    | 5.11    | 8.47    | 3.68    | 1.81    | 4.91    | 4.41    | 6.52    | 3.95            | 3.53   |
| SC    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00            | 0.00   |
| TA    | 0.58    | 0.77    | 0.44    | 0.45    | 1.01    | 1.01    | 0.00    | 0.53            | 1.20   |
| TH    | 6.49    | 7.67    | 10.75   | 3.56    | 12.86   | 28.17   | 26.42   | 4.87            | 9.36   |
| U     | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00            | 0.00   |
| E REE | 45.59   | 60.87   | 75.78   | 21.01   | 66.99   | 84.77   | 130.94  | 71.75           | 51.19  |

|       | 7NPM560 | 7NPM566 | 7NPM583 | 9NPM8B |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| LA    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   |
| CE    | 13.04   | 48.70   | 56.93   | 6.03   |
| PR    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   |
| ND    | 7.11    | 25.55   | 25.59   | 2.88   |
| SM    | 1.81    | 6.00    | 5.36    | 0.87   |
| EU    | 0.75    | 0.64    | 1.17    | 0.13   |
| GD    | 2.35    | 3.31    | 0.00    | 0.00   |
| TB    | 0.34    | 0.54    | 0.53    | 0.18   |
| DY    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   |
| HO    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   |
| ER    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   |
| TM    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   |
| YB    | 1.49    | 0.60    | 2.04    | 1.22   |
| LU    | 0.21    | 0.07    | 0.29    | 0.18   |
| BA    | 0.00    | 652.13  | 436.34  | 119.59 |
| CO    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   |
| CR    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   |
| CS    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   |
| HF    | 4.79    | 3.03    | 5.27    | 1.60   |
| SC    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 8.00    | 0.00   |
| TA    | 0.98    | 0.50    | 0.57    | 1.30   |
| TH    | 1.76    | 10.16   | 15.10   | 0.91   |
| U     | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   |
| E REE | 17.64   | 56.55   | 66.32   | 8.61   |

APPENDIX E Ar<sup>40</sup>/Ar<sup>39</sup> Laboratory Procedures

## E-1 Mineral Separation (revised from Elias(1986))

Representative samples of up to a few kilograms in weight were first trimmed of weathered surfaces, then comminuted in a steel jaw crusher. Where the grain size warranted, final pulverization was performed in a tungsten carbide shatter box. Appropriate size fractions were screened (mesh size= ) thoroughly washed in tap water, then dried under a 60 watt bulb. Mineral separation was completed in a Franz magnetic separator. Hand picking of individual grains was necessary to attain high purity.

E-2 Argon Dating Procedure (revised from Elias (1986))

Samples were packed into small thin-walled aluminum discs or simply wrapped in aluminum foil. Samples and standards were stacked in aluminum canisters. Most of the canisters were lined with 1.0 mm of cadmium metal to absorb therm neutrons. Interspersed among the samples were a number of flux monitors, normally 8-10 per canister. Two flux monitors were used: (i) the Dalhousie University laboratory standard, NS 231, which has an apparent K-Ar age of 368 +/-5 Ma (Reynolds et al 1973) and (ii) the hornblende standard MMHb-1 which has a 519 Ma argon age (Alexander et al. 1978, Roddick, 1983). Replicate analyses of these standards over the course of the present study have shown that the above two ages are consistent with each other to within 0.5%, a value which is substantially smaller than the

estimated uncertainties in either age.

After irradiation, samples were stored for a few weeks to permit safer handling. Each sample was subsequently loaded into a quartz boat and placed in a quartz extraction tube connected to a glass vacuum line. The quartz tube was heated to a maximum of 1200 degrees C by means of a Lindberg (type 59344) furnace. Temperature within the furnace was monitored by a "Paltinel" thermocouple. The gas was extracted in a stepwise fashion, usually at 50 degree intervals, purified over a Ti sponge getter, and leaked directly into the chamber of a substantially modified mass spectrometer.

Analyses were accomplished by sequentially scanning for masses 36, 37, 39 and 40. Mass 37 was omitted for samples with low Ca/K ratios, and mass 38 was not recorded for any samples. A peak hopping procedure was executed automatically and the amplified signal fed into an on-line Apple IIe microcomputer. Each mass was measured 15 times. Peak positions were relocated before the first, sixth and eleventh measurements.

Amplified signals arriving from the mass spectrometer were digitized and the following mass ratios calculated:  $36/39$ ,  $37/39$ ,  $40/39$ . The measured isotopic ratios often vary significantly over the duration of 15 determinations (about 45 minutes). Consequently, a linear extrapolation of ratios was made back to zero time, when the gas was first let into the mass spectrometer. In calculating the ratio  $40\text{Ar}/39\text{Ar}$ , a correction was made for the tailing of the  $40\text{Ar}$  peak at the  $39\text{Ar}$  position. Very occasionally, the  $40\text{Ar}$  tail was observed to extend over to the  $36\text{Ar}$  position, in which case a

correction was performed manually.

Summary sheets for the four PMP samples analysed for this study, follow on the next pages.



$^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  spectrum of four samples analysed from the PMP

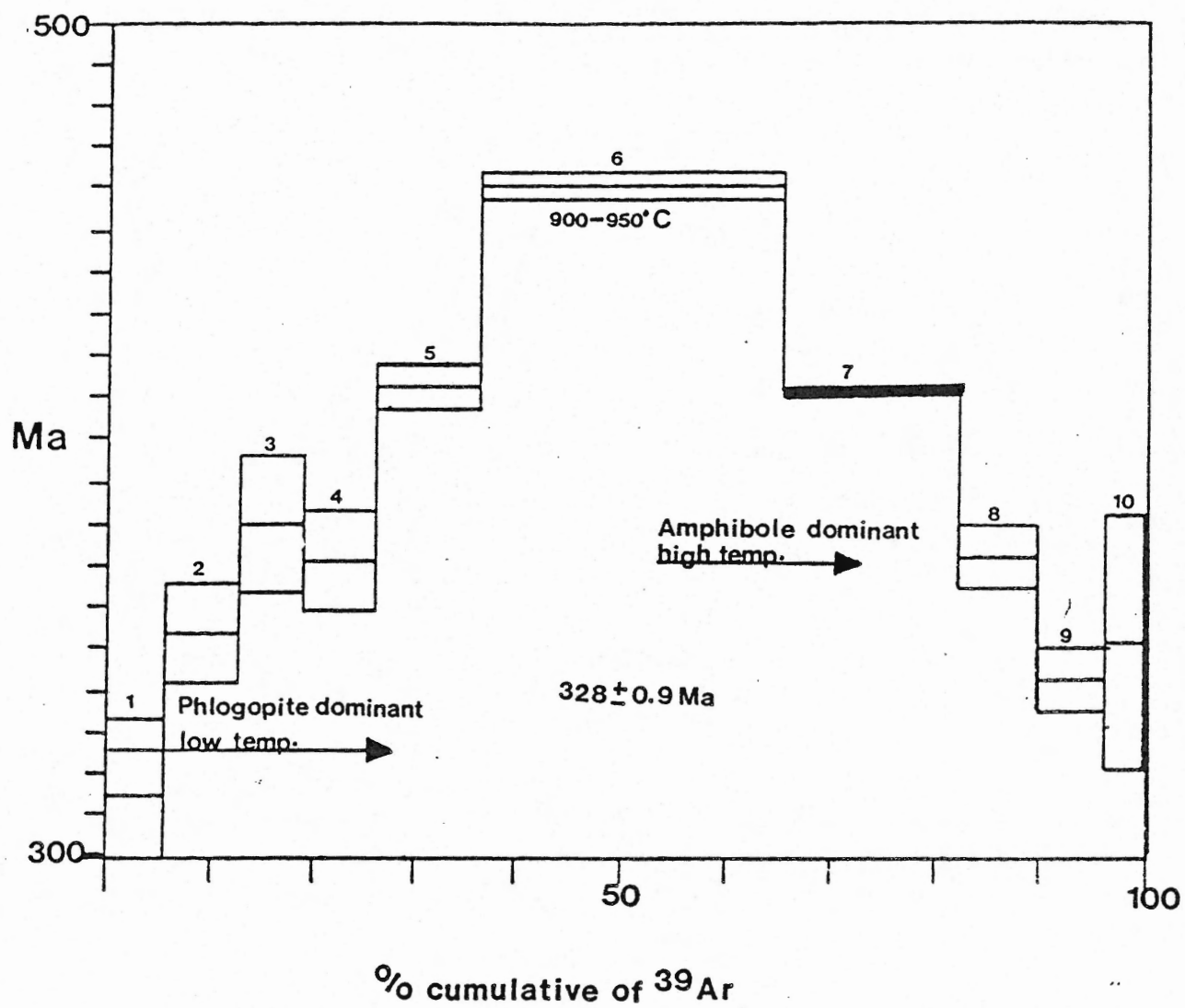
## S-612 HORNBLLENDE SUMMARY

| TEMP. (DEG. C) | mV Ar39 | % Ar39 | AGE (Ma)        | % ATMOS. | Ar37/Ar39 | % I.I.C. |
|----------------|---------|--------|-----------------|----------|-----------|----------|
|                |         |        | $J = 2.557E-03$ |          |           |          |
| 200-650        | 4.9     | 5.7    | 315.2 +/- 18.9  | 83.3     | 1.7       | .2       |
| 650-725        | 6.1     | 7.2    | 353.4 +/- 12.4  | 76       | 1         | .1       |
| 725-800        | 5.3     | 6.1    | 380 +/- 17.1    | 83.4     | 2.7       | .3       |
| 800-850        | 5.8     | 6.7    | 371 +/- 12.3    | 78.3     | 3.4       | .4       |
| 850-900        | 9       | 10.4   | 412.4 +/- 6.2   | 67.3     | 7         | .9       |
| 900-950        | 25      | 29.1   | 460.5 +/- 3.4   | 42.9     | 30.9      | 4        |
| 950-980        | 14.3    | 16.6   | 411.6 +/- 2     | 40.9     | 46.8      | 6.5      |
| 980-1010       | 6.2     | 7.2    | 371.8 +/- 7.9   | 58.7     | 41.2      | 6.1      |
| 1010-1050      | 5.7     | 6.6    | 342.4 +/- 8.1   | 76       | 41.5      | 6.4      |
| 1050-1100      | 3.3     | 3.9    | 351.1 +/- 31    | 86.3     | 45.9      | 7        |

TOTAL GAS AGE = 402.2 MY. +/- 10 MY. ( 2.5 % ) =

% I.I.C. - INTERFERING ISOTOPES CORRECTION

ERROR ESTIMATES AT ONE SIGMA LEVEL



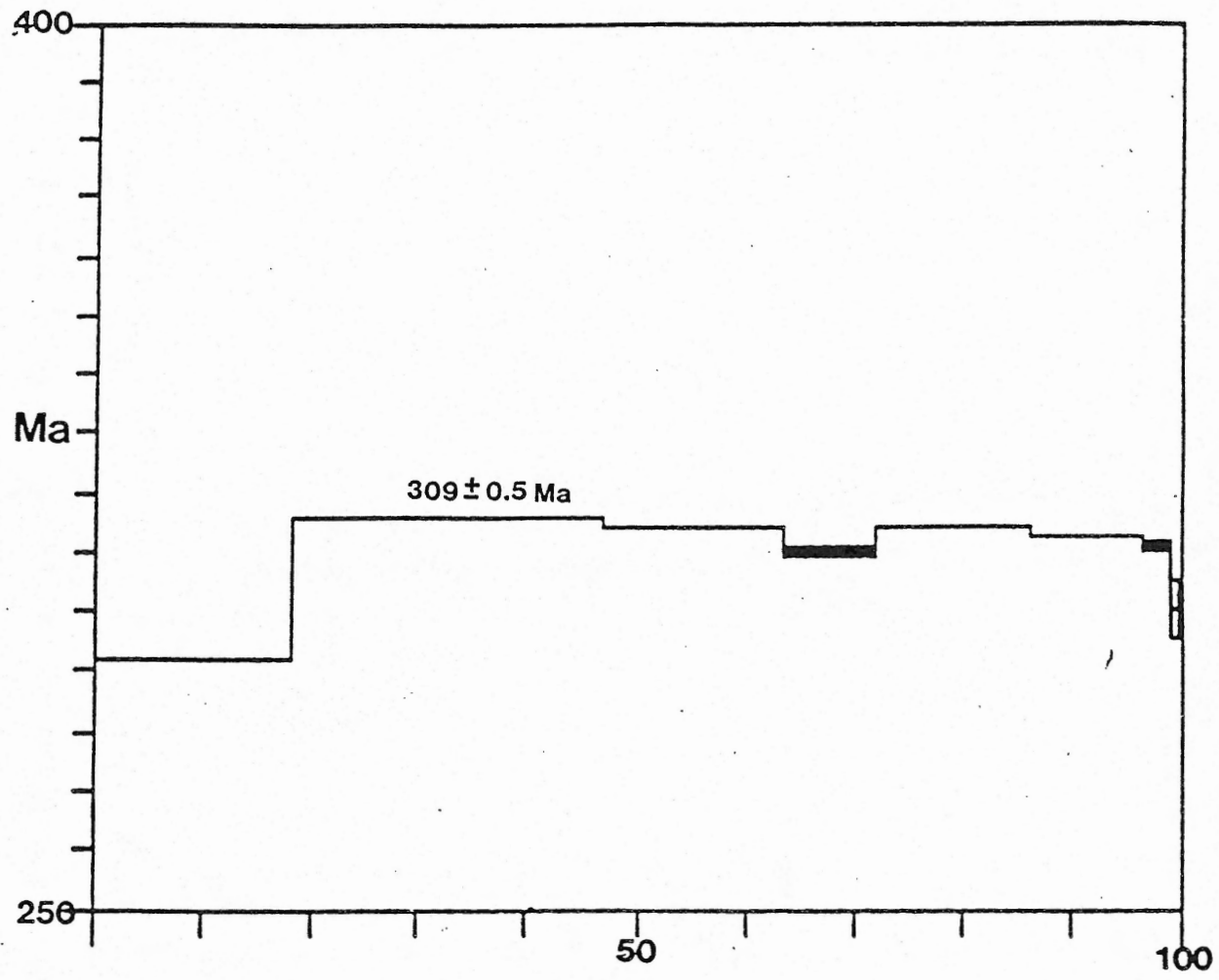
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## S-581 BIOTITE SUMMARY

| TEMP. (DEG. C) | mV Ar39 | % Ar39 | AGE (Ma)      | % ATMOS. | Ar37/Ar39 | % I.I.C. |
|----------------|---------|--------|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| $J = 2.53E-03$ |         |        |               |          |           |          |
| 200-600        | 139     | 18.3   | 291.8 +/- .3  | 16.7     | 0         | 0        |
| 600-650        | 216.4   | 28.5   | 315.7 +/- .2  | 5.5      | 0         | 0        |
| 650-700        | 123.9   | 16.3   | 313.7 +/- .2  | 8.3      | 0         | 0        |
| 700-750        | 34      | 4.4    | 310.1 +/- 1   | 21.2     | 0         | 0        |
| 750-800        | 29.5    | 3.9    | 310 +/- .9    | 33.4     | 0         | 0        |
| 800-850        | 39      | 5.1    | 314.3 +/- .6  | 28.8     | 0         | 0        |
| 850-900        | 70.4    | 9.3    | 313.9 +/- .3  | 17.5     | 0         | 0        |
| 900-950        | 78.2    | 10.3   | 312.3 +/- .4  | 15.7     | 0         | 0        |
| 950-1000       | 19.6    | 2.5    | 310.5 +/- 1.4 | 39       | 0         | 0        |
| 1000-1050      | 6.3     | .8     | 300.4 +/- 5.3 | 62.1     | 0         | 0        |

TOTAL GAS AGE = 309.7 MY. +/- .5 MY. ( .1 % )

% I.I.C. - INTERFERING ISOTOPES CORRECTION  
ERROR ESTIMATES AT ONE SIGMA LEVEL



% cumulative of <sup>39</sup>Ar

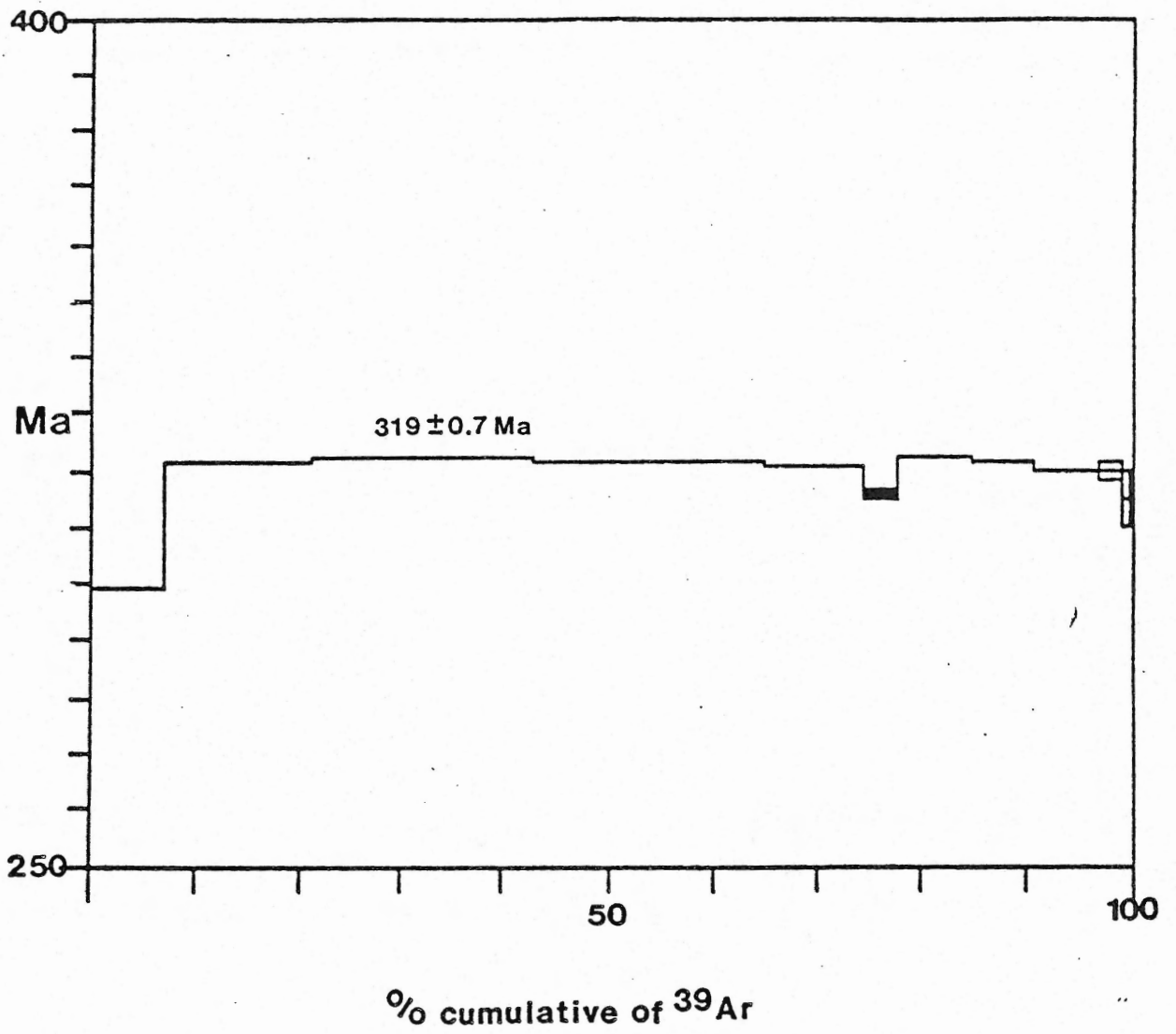
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## S-533 BIOTITE SUMMARY

| TEMP. (DEG. C)  | mV Ar39 | % Ar39 | AGE (Ma)      | % ATMOS. | Ar37/Ar39 | % I.I.C. |
|-----------------|---------|--------|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| $J = 2.527E-03$ |         |        |               |          |           |          |
| 200-550         | 53.5    | 7.1    | 298.8 +/- .6  | 33.9     | 0         | 0        |
| 550-600         | 105.4   | 14     | 320.9 +/- .3  | 10.6     | 0         | 0        |
| 600-650         | 162.4   | 21.6   | 321.7 +/- .2  | 6.9      | 0         | 0        |
| 650-700         | 164.9   | 22     | 321.1 +/- .6  | 7        | 0         | 0        |
| 700-750         | 70      | 9.3    | 320 +/- .4    | 14.5     | 0         | 0        |
| 750-800         | 26.6    | 3.5    | 314.9 +/- 1.4 | 26       | 0         | 0        |
| 800-850         | 51.7    | 6.9    | 321.6 +/- .5  | 27.1     | 0         | 0        |
| 850-900         | 44.1    | 5.8    | 321.2 +/- .5  | 18       | 0         | 0        |
| 900-950         | 46.4    | 6.1    | 319.4 +/- .6  | 38.1     | 0         | 0        |
| 950-1000        | 17      | 2.2    | 318.5 +/- 2.1 | 55.6     | 0         | 0        |
| 1000-1050       | 6.8     | .9     | 314.4 +/- 5.4 | 69       | 0         | 0        |

TOTAL GAS AGE = 319.1 MY. +/- .7 MY. ( .2 % )

% I.I.C. - INTERFERING ISOTOPES CORRECTION  
 ERROR ESTIMATES AT ONE SIGMA LEVEL



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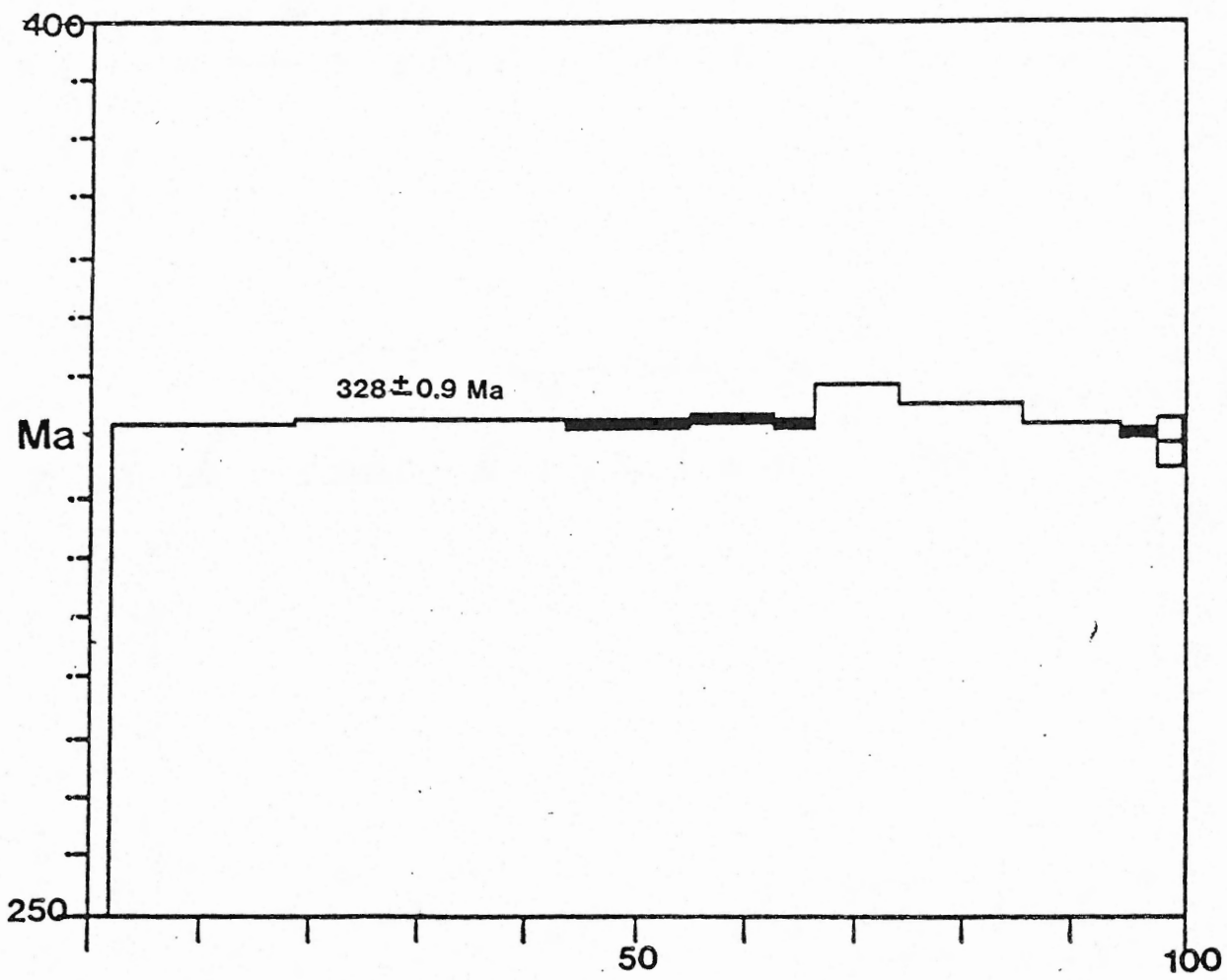
## NPM485 - phlogopite

| TEMP. (DEG. C)  | mV Ar39 | % Ar39 | AGE (Ma)      | % ATMOS. | Ar37/Ar39 | % I. I. C. |
|-----------------|---------|--------|---------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| $J = 2.512E-03$ |         |        |               |          |           |            |
| 200-550         | 12.6    | 2.2    | 213.1 +/- 2.1 | 59.7     | 0         | 0          |
| 550-650         | 98      | 17.6   | 329.8 +/- .4  | 10.7     | 0         | 0          |
| 650-700         | 110     | 19.8   | 330.6 +/- .2  | 7.8      | 0         | 0          |
| 700-750         | 66      | 11.8   | 329.4 +/- 1.2 | 12.1     | 0         | 0          |
| 750-800         | 47.4    | 8.5    | 330.2 +/- 1.3 | 21.6     | 0         | 0          |
| 800-850         | 21.7    | 3.9    | 329.6 +/- .9  | 27.6     | 0         | 0          |
| 850-900         | 46      | 8.2    | 336.1 +/- .6  | 26.9     | .4        | 0          |
| 900-950         | 65.9    | 11.8   | 332.7 +/- .5  | 21.7     | 0         | 0          |
| 950-1000        | 52.8    | 9.5    | 330. +/- .6   | 30       | 0         | 0          |
| 1000-1050       | 20.9    | 3.7    | 327.9 +/- 1.2 | 47.2     | 0         | 0          |
| 1050-1150       | 13.5    | 2.4    | 326.4 +/- 4.6 | 69.6     | 0         | 0          |

TOTAL GAS AGE = 328.1 MY. +/- .9 MY. ( .3 % )

% I. I. C. - INTERFERING ISOTOPES CORRECTION  
 ERROR ESTIMATES AT ONE SIGMA LEVEL





328 ± 0.9 Ma

Ma

% cumulative of <sup>39</sup>Ar

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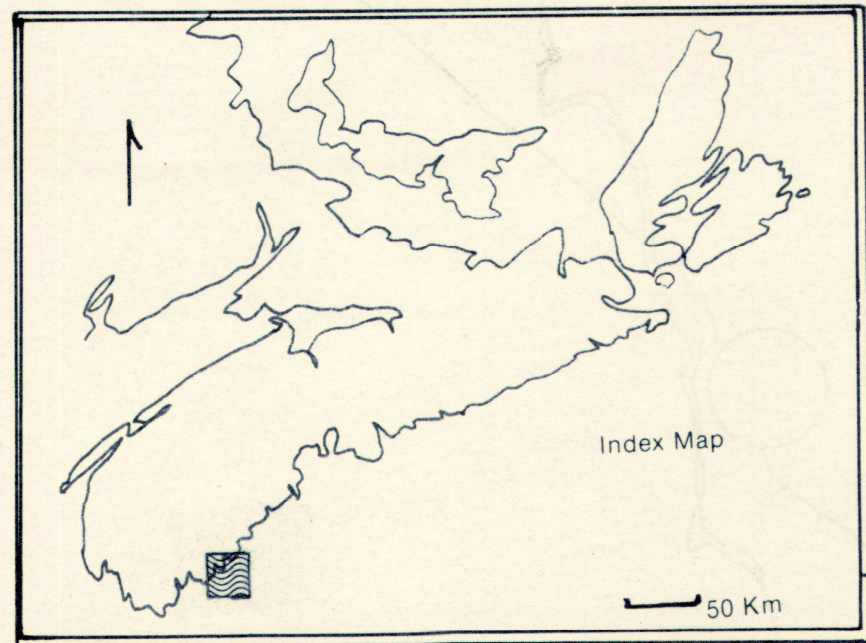
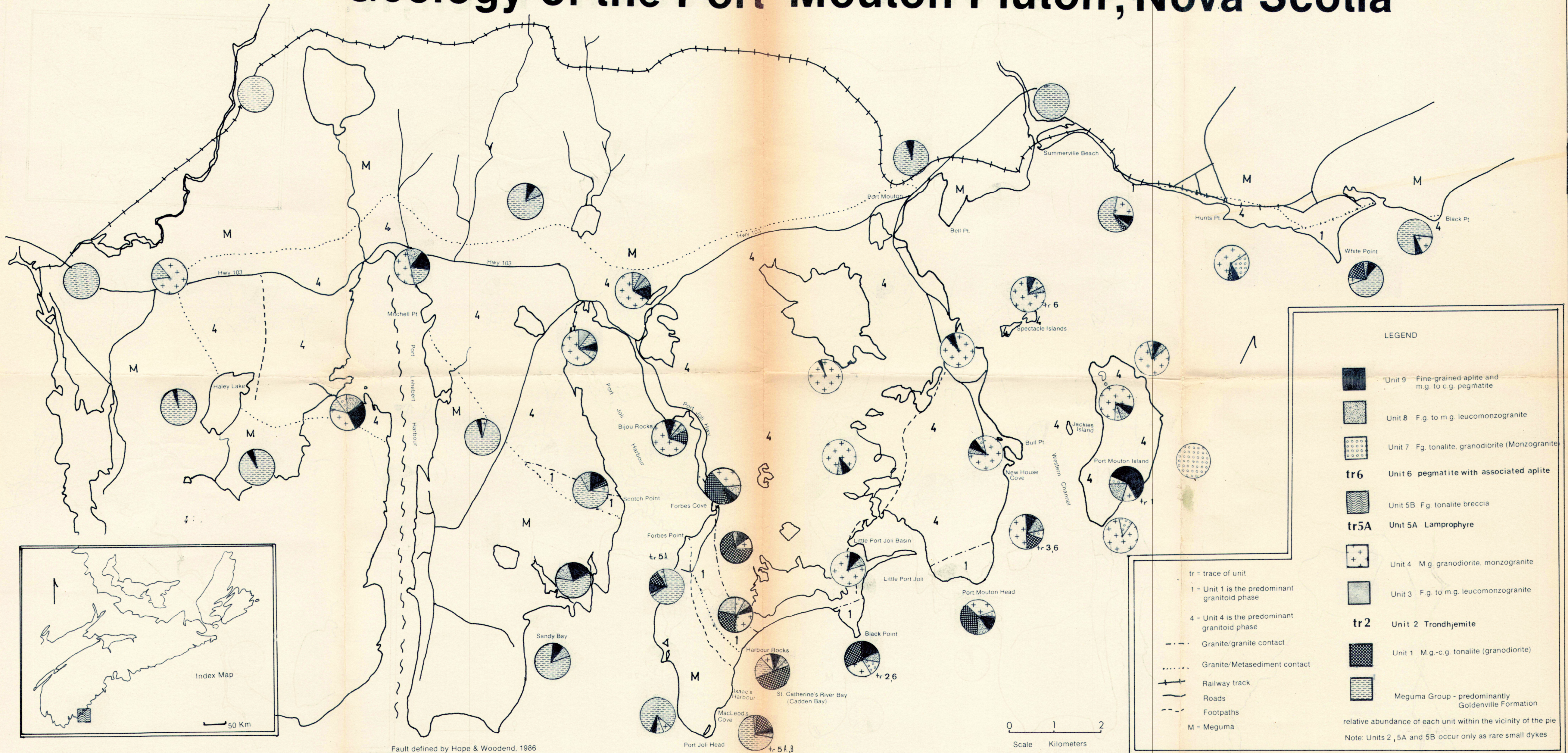
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**LEGEND**

- Unit 9 Fine-grained aplite and m.g. to c.g. pegmatite
- Unit 8 F.g. to m.g. leucomonzogranite
- Unit 7 F.g. tonalite, granodiorite (Monzogranite)
- tr6** Unit 6 pegmatite with associated aplite
- Unit 5B F.g. tonalite breccia
- tr5A** Unit 5A Lamprophyre
- Unit 4 M.g. granodiorite, monzogranite
- Unit 3 F.g. to m.g. leucomonzogranite
- tr2** Unit 2 Trondhjemite
- Unit 1 M.g.-c.g. tonalite (granodiorite)
- Meguma Group - predominantly Goldenville Formation

relative abundance of each unit within the vicinity of the pie  
 Note: Units 2, 5A and 5B occur only as rare small dykes

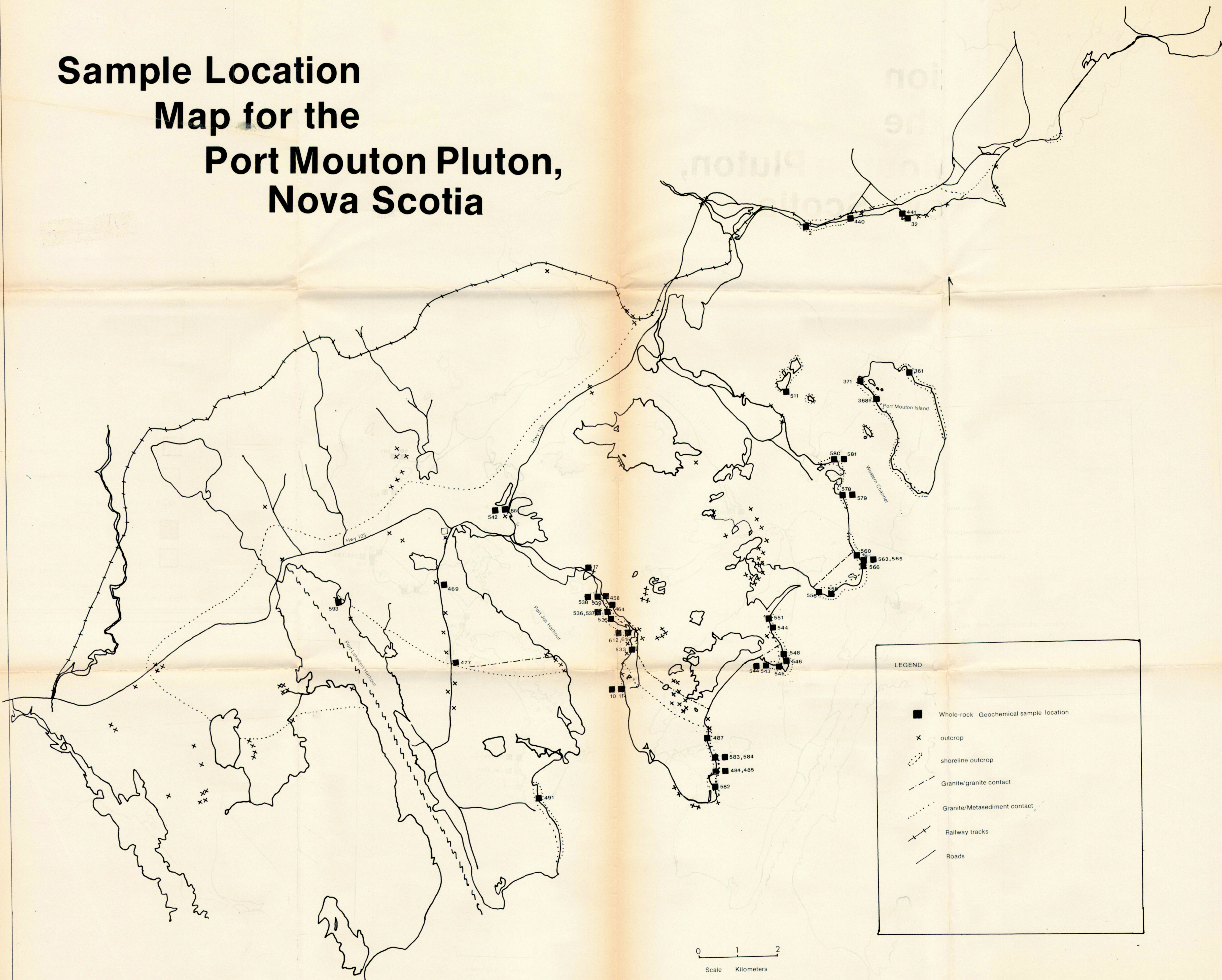
tr = trace of unit  
 1 = Unit 1 is the predominant granitoid phase  
 4 = Unit 4 is the predominant granitoid phase

- - - Granite/granite contact
- ..... Granite/Metasediment contact
- + + + Railway track
- Roads
- - - Footpaths
- M = Meguma

Scale 0 1 2 Kilometers



# Sample Location Map for the Port Mouton Pluton, Nova Scotia



**LEGEND**

- Whole-rock Geochemical sample location
- x outcrop
- ⋯ shoreline outcrop
- - - Granite/granite contact
- ⋯ Granite/Metasediment contact
- + + + Railway tracks
- Roads