Geochemistry, Classification and Geotectonic study of the Basement Rocks Around Orin -Ekiti, South West, Nigeria.

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Abstract

Rock geochemistry, classification and geotectonic setting of the basement rocks of Orin Ekiti are studied using data analysed by X-ray fluorescence (XRF) at the Central laboratory of Stellenbosch University, South Africa. The data revealed an unusually low (40.13--40.77%) and moderate (52.10--70.22%). SiO₂ contents that correspond to approximately basic (40-52wt %) and acid (>66.0 wt %) rock compositions respectively in the rock suite. CaO contents range from 1.71 to 12.38. SiO₂, CaO and Na₂O + K₂O relatively show a contrasting variation, where CaO decreases with increasing SiO₂ and Na₂O + K₂O. Harker variation plots of oxides; NaO₂ MgO, TiO₂, Fe₂O₃, Al₂O₃, CaO with SiO₂, showed a negative trend while K₂O showed a positive linear trends with SiO₂. The variation in the trends suggest different sources of materials mixed up in the rocks during metamorphism. An analysis using the aluminium saturation index (ASI) defined by molecular ratio $Al_2O_3/Na_2O+CaO+K_2O$ reveal that the ratio (0.8 and 1.52) displays two contrasting data where four samples 1, 2, 3 and 10 are less than one (1.1) and six samples (4-9) are greater than unity (1.1) implying that some of the basement rocks are metaluminous (I-Type) while others are peraluminous (S-Type) granitic rocks thus collaborating with mixed sources of materials. The rocks under study can be classified as calcic, alkalic and calc-alkalic based on the crossplots of Na₂O+K₂O versus SiO₂. They are granite, quartz monzonite, gabbroic diorite and the granodiorite based on the plot of Na₂O+ Na₂O against SiO₂ Some of the rocks are iron -rich (ferroan) while others are magnesium rich (magnesian). A plot of K₂O/Na₂O versus SiO₂ classified the geotectonic setting of the rocks into the passive margin and the oceanic island arc .

Keywords: Mixed sources, metaluminous (I-Type), peraluminous (S-Type), passive margin and oceanic island arc.

1.0 Introduction

The study area is underlain by crystalline rocks of the basement complex of the Southwest Nigeria comprising majorly granite gneiss, migmatites gneisss, charnockites, Older granites, (granitoids) and medium to coarse- grained banded gneiss. Some scholars have suggested that probably individual granitic rocks have a simple source of origin using the chemistry of the rocks. However, scholars such as [1] proposed that in reality granites) rarely come from single sources, but instead are mixtures of mantle-derived mafic melts and melts of crustal rocks that may or may not contain metasedimentary This has prompted the components. classification of granites into 'type' S- and I-type by authors like [2] who have studied rocks such as the Lachlan Fold Belt. [3, 4] suggested also that granitic rocks crystallize into a broad spectrum of compositions such that significant overlap exists between I-types and S-types.[5] has long introduced more detailed for classifications, but none has achieved wide 1.2 Geomorphology.

The study area lies between latitudes 7° 48' and 7° 72'N and longitudes 5° 10'E to 5° 36'E. The area is agrarian and most people are farmers and some live in the settlements within which the samples were

granitoids (field light term for use. Granites can be differentiated by mineralogical chemical. or field observations. [6] recognized two distinct granitoid types, the I-type metaluminuos formed from a mafic metaigneous source and the S-type peraluminuous formed from the melting of metasedimentary rocks) in their geochemical schemes for classification of granitic rocks. The present study has been invoked by this existing overlap between the I and S types of granites in proffering the classification of granites in Orin- Ekiti.

collected. The landform rises from lowland to an elevation of about 640 meters as shown in Fig 2 which is the interpolated elevation map of Orin Ekiti area.



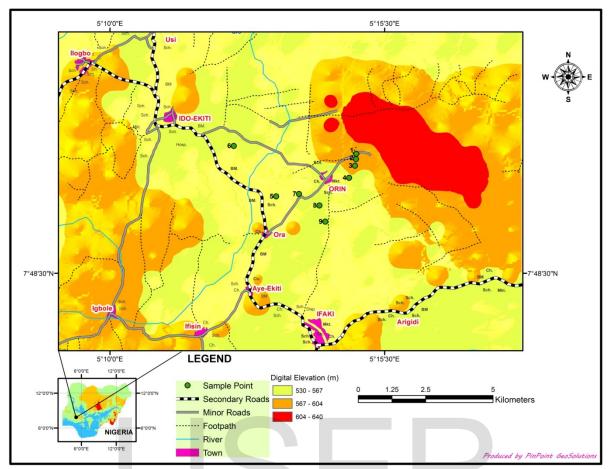


Fig 2: The interpolated elevation map of Orin Ekiti

2.0 Methods and Materials

Ten samples of different rock types were collected as shown in the topographical map (Fig 1) of Orin Ekiti and environs.

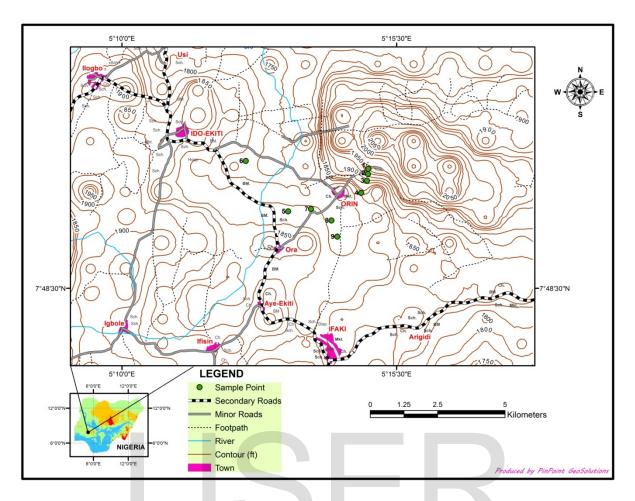


Fig 1: Topographical map of Orin Ekiti showing sample points.

The samples are crushed in a jaw crusher and pulverized into fine powder (particle size $<70 \mu$ m). in a Denver pulverizer in the laboratory of the Ekiti State University, Ado Ekiti. Glass disks were prepared for XRF analysis using 7g of high purity trace element and rare earth element-free flux $(LiBO_2 = 32.83\%, Li_2B_4O_7 = 66.67\%, LiI$ = 0.50%) mixed with 0.7g of the powder Whole-rock maior sample. element compositions were determined at the laboratory of Stellenbosch Central University, South Africa. using XRF spectrometry on a PANalytical A xios Wavelength Dispersive spectrometer following the proposal of [7]. The spectrometer is fitted with an Rh tube and with the following analyzing

crystals:LIF200, LIF220, PE 002, Ge 111 and PX1. Major elements were analyzed on a fused glass disk using a 2.4kW Rhodium tube. Matrix effects in the samples were corrected for by applying theoretical alpha factors and measured line overlap factors to the raw intensities measured with the Super Q PANalytical software. The concentration of the control standards that were used in the calibration procedures for major element analyses fit the range of concentration of the samples. Amongst these standards were NIM-G (Granite from the Council for Mineral Technology, South Africa) and BE-N (Basalt from the International Working Group). The results of the analysis are presented in Table 1.

2.0 Results and Discussions

2.1 Geochemical analyses of rocks in Orin-Ekiti and environs.

Ten rocks samples from Orin Ekiti were analyzed and their major element compositions are shown in Table 1.The analysis shows an unusually low SiO₂ contents for the first three samples (40.13-40.77%) and moderate contents for the remaining samples (52.10-70.22%) thus corresponding to approximately basic (40-52) and acid > 66.0 wt % compositions respectively. The concentration of Al₂O₃ varies between 12.96 and 21.26 Wt % This relatively high Al_2O_3 content is a reflection of calc alkaline affinity just as CaO contents range from 1.71 to 12.38 in the overall data in Table 1. K₂O contents range from 0.82 to 5.98 Wt % while Na₂O contents vary from 2.20 to 3.51%. MnO contents are less than one (1) while the loss on ignition (LOI) concentrations are negative for samples 1 to 3 while samples 4 to 10 varies from 0.03 to 0.37.

Table 1: Geochemical composition of basement rocks from Orin Ekiti.

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Oxides	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SiO ₂	40.13	40.22	40.77	52.10	68.32	70.22	65.21	66.37	62.77	55.22
Al ₂ O ₃	13.99	14.03	13.77	21.26	13.14	13.52	14.53	14.17	13.56	12.98
K ₂ O	0.86	1.07	0.82	1.33	5.41	5.98	5.49	4.18	5.05	4.64
Na ₂ O	2.63	2.66	2.59	3.51	2.53	2.72	2.84	2.78	2.20	2.70
Fe ₂ O ₃	15.53	16.44	15.95	6.28	5.79	4.08	4.39	5.68	9.27	7.96
MgO	4.28	3.46	4.65	3.82	0.42	0.15	1.74	1.46	0.98	7.38
P_2O_5	4.73	4.63	4.32	0.80	0.22	0.09	0.47	0.21	0.44	1.31
CaO	12.38	11.75	11.84	9.14	2.38	1.71	3.81	3.49	3.09	5.91
TiO ₂	4.38	4.85	4.54	0.81	0.70	0.42	0.33	0.57	1.20	0.72
Cr ₂ O ₃	bdl	Bdl	Bdl	0.01	Bdl	Bdl	Bdl	0.01	bdl	0.06
MnO	0.17	0.20	0.18	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.11	0.14
LOI	-0.07	-0.31	-0.16	0.15	0.03	0.11	0.24	0.17	0.37	0.16
Sum of	99.01	99.00	99.27	99.30	99.01	99.06	99.14	99.17	99.04	99.18
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Fig.3 shows various Harker variation plots of some major oxides against SiO_2 . The major oxides, NaO_2 MgO, TiO_2 , Fe_2O_3 , Al_2O_3 and CaO show negative linear plots with SiO_2 . K_2O oxide showed strong positive linear trend with SiO_2 . The negative linear trends of these oxides indicate chemical affinity that suggest their origin to have come from the same parent magma. However, the strong positive correlation of K_2O with SiO₂ in Fig 2. implies that a different source of material might have mixed up in the rocks during metamorphism of the parent rock. NaO₂ and Al₂O₃ though negative do not display very obvious variation trend with SiO₂ like other major oxides (Fig. 3). for the granite gneiss of the study area

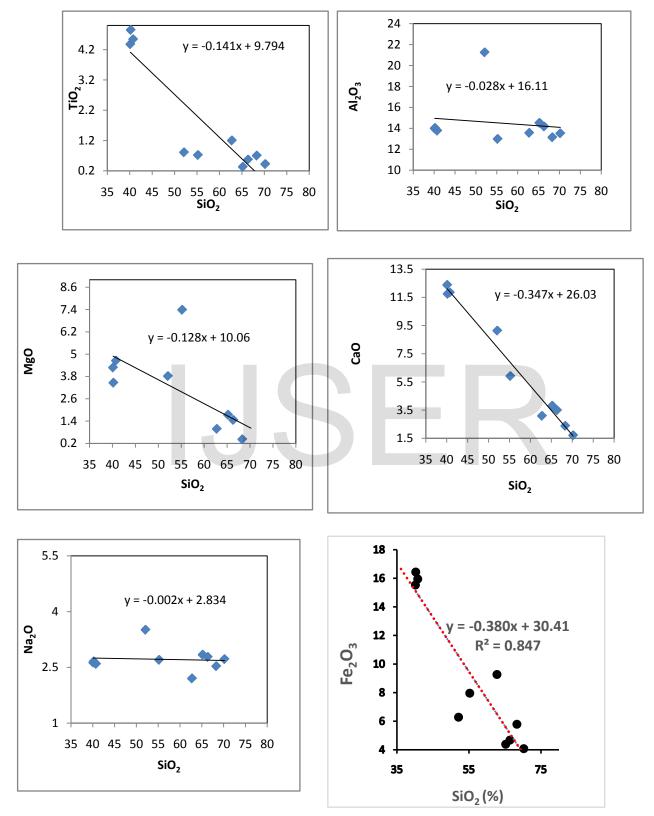


Fig.3: Harker variation diagrams; silica (SiO₂ wt %) plotted against a range of major oxides (in wt %)

Oxides	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SiO ₂	40.13	40.22	40.77	52.10	68.32	70.22	65.21	66.37	62.77	55.22
Al ₂ O ₃	13.99	14.03	13.77	21.26	13.14	13.52	14.53	14.17	13.56	12.98
K ₂ O	0.86	1.07	0.82	1.33	5.41	5.98	5.49	4.18	5.05	4.64
Na ₂ O	2.63	2.66	2.59	3.51	2.53	2.72	2.84	2.78	2.20	2.70
Fe ₂ O ₃	15.53	16.44	15.95	6.28	5.79	4.08	4.39	5.68	9.27	7.96
MgO	4.28	3.46	4.65	3.82	0.42	0.15	1.74	1.46	0.98	7.38
P ₂ O ₅	4.73	4.63	4.32	0.80	0.22	0.09	0.47	0.21	0.44	1.31
CaO	12.38	11.75	11.84	9.14	2.38	1.71	3.81	3.49	3.09	5.91
TiO ₂	4.38	4.85	4.54	0.81	0.70	0.42	0.33	0.57	1.20	0.72
Cr ₂ O ₃	bdl	Bdl	Bdl	0.01	Bdl	Bdl	Bdl	0.01	bdl	0.06
MnO	0.17	0.20	0.18	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.11	0.14
LOI	-0.07	-0.31	-0.16	0.15	0.03	0.11	0.24	0.17	0.37	0.16
Sum of conc.	99.01	99.00	99.27	99.30	99.01	99.06	99.14	99.17	99.04	99.18
Na ₂ O/ K ₂ O	306	2.48	3.16	2.64	0.46	0.45	0.52	0.61	0.44	0.58
Al ₂ O ₃ /Na ₂ O+CaO+ K ₂ O	0.8	0.91	0.90	1.52	1.27	1.30	1.20	1.36	1.31	0.97
Na ₂ O+CaO+K ₂ O/ Al ₂ O ₃	1.13	1.10	1.11	0.65	0.78	0.76	0.84	0.74	0.76	1.02
Al ₂ O _{3/}	4.00	3.76	4.04	4.39	1.65	1.55	1.74	2.04	1.87	1.77
Na ₂ O+K ₂ O										
K ₂ O/Na ₂ O	0.32	0.40	0.32	0.38	2.14	2.20	1.93	1.50	2.30	1.72
Na ₂ O+K ₂ O	3.49	3.73	3.41	4.84	7.94	8.70	8.33	6.96	7.25	7.34

Table2: Classification of the Rocks

[6] used a number of chemical properties to distinguish between S- and I-type granites. In Table 2, ratios of some oxides are shown. Na₂O/ K₂O ratio varies from 0.44 to 3.16 wt %. There are two aspects of the rocks; the first three samples and the last six samples. Na₂O in the former ranges from 2.59 to 2.66 and therefore not greater than 3.2% but however decreases to 2.2%. The latter varies from 2.53 to 3.51% and only one (1) sample is > 3.2%. Based on the values, it means that majority of the samples are less than 3..2% and therefore belong to S-Type granite. In confirmation, K₂O varies between 1.33 and 5.98 % with four samples falling between 5.05 to 5.98%. The aluminium saturation index (ASI) defined by molecular ratio Al₂O₃/Na₂O+CaO+ K₂O ranges between 0.8 and 1.52 .T he ratio shows two contrasting data where four samples 1, 2, 3 and 10 a re less than one (1.1) and six samples (4-9) are greater than unity (1.1)implying that some of the basement rocks are metaluminous and I-Type while others are peraluminous and S-Type granite making up the broad spectrum of the rocks compositions. The characteristics of rocks that make them peraluminous are low ratio of Na₂O/ K₂O (0.44-2.64), low CaO (1.71-9.14), low MgO (0.15-3.82), and ratio of ASI < 1. [8, 9]. However, if ASI

< 1.0 where the molecular Na + K < molecular Al, then the rock becomes

.Metaluminous rocks contain calcic phases such as hornblende and augite but lack either muscovite or sodic ferromagnesian phases. If ASI < 1.0 and Na + K > Al, the rock is peralkaline. In these rocks there are metaluminous, such rocks will then have excess Ca after aluminum

more alkalis than are necessary to produce feldspar, which means that some alkali, particularly Na, must be accommodated in the ferromagnesian silicates [10].

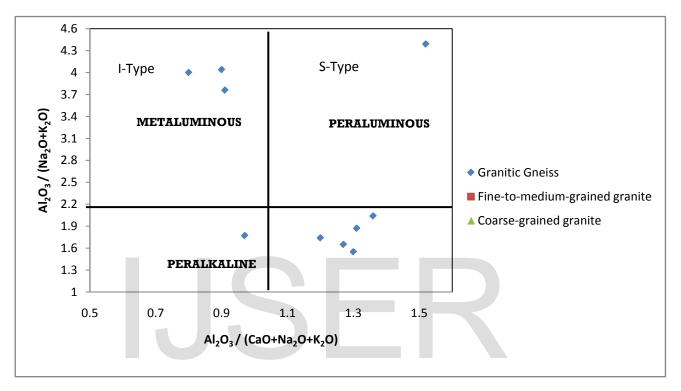


Fig.4: Plot of Al₂O₃/Na₂O+K₂O against Al₂O₃/CaO+Na₂O+K₂O [11]

A plot of Al₂O₃/Na₂O+K₂O against Al₂O₃/ $CaO+Na_2O+K_2O$ (Fig.4) shows the assemblage of the samples in the metaluminous and peraluminous fields with a minor in the peralkaline. The spread of the samples across these fields reflects different magmatic sources its and probably too shows a reflection of physical porphyritc texture of the rocks. [6] recognized two distinct granitoid types, the I-type metaluminuos formed from a mafic metaigneous source and the S-type peraluminuous formed from the melting of metasedimentary rocks during their geochemical classification of granitic rocks. [6] have extensively classified and studied the Cordilleran granitoids and found that most of them are magnesian and calc-alkalic calcic or where metaluminous and peraluminous types are available just like in the rocks under study (Fig 4). I-type granites are deposited in large volumes in mature island arcs, margins within convergent and Precambrian granite-greenstone terrains

The rocks under study can be classified as calcic, alkalic and calc-alkalic based on the crossplots of Na_2O+K_2O versus SiO_2 (Fig 5) [12] . Calcalkaline magma contains relatively large other definitions are put forward by

[13,14]. Calcalkaline has also become synonymous in many geologists' minds variously with: (i) medium-K (as opposed to low-K = tholeiitic, or high-K = shoshonitic/alkalic) volcanic rock amounts of calcium (CaO) in relation to alkalis (Na₂O and K₂O). Calc-alkali is applied to igneous rocks in which the dominant feldspar is calcium-rich the converse of which is alkali but

series [15] (ii) derivative from high-Al basalt rather than 'low-Al = tholeiitic' [15]; (iii) 'hypersthenic' as opposed to 'pigeonitic' rock series (associated with low-K tholeiitic parental basalts.

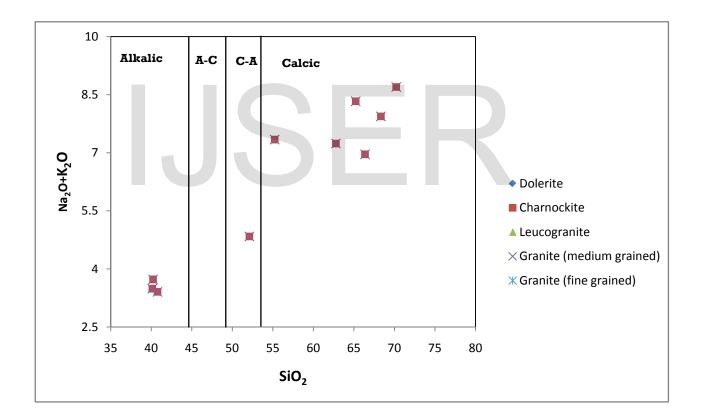


Fig5: Classification of rocks of the study area based on NaO₂+K₂O against SiO₂ plot [12].

A plot of Na₂O+ K₂O-CaO versus SiO₂ of [16] shows that the fine to medium grained granite gneiss plotted in the alkalic- calcic and calcic fields as well as in the boundary between the calc-alkalic and alkalic calcic fields (Fig 5). The terms used by [12] alkalic,



alkali-calcic, calc-alkalic and calcic) were applied to suites of rocks, not individual samples,

and were based on arbitrary divisions drawn on a combined plot of total alkalis (wt % $Na_2O + K_2O$) and lime

(wt % CaO) vs silica (SiO₂) (Fig 6).

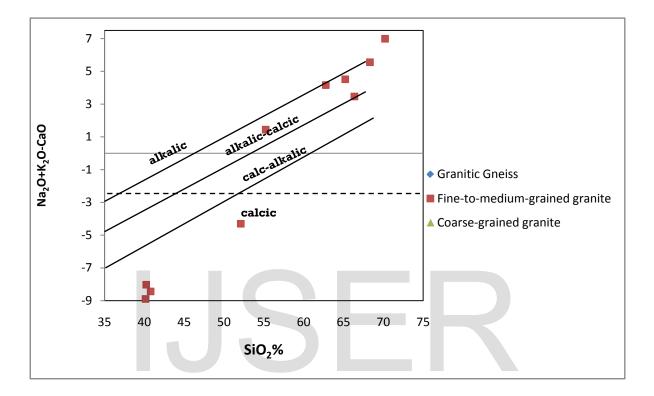
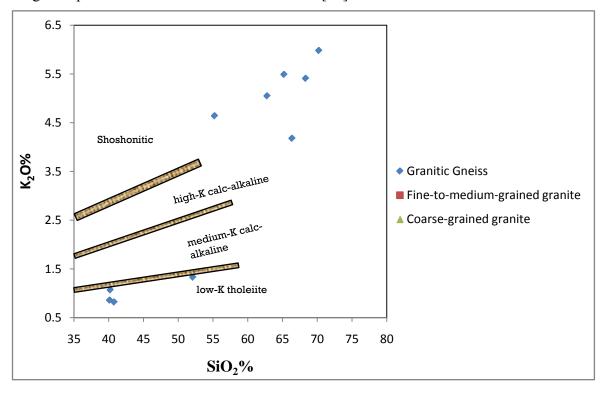


Fig 6: A plot of Na₂O+ K₂O-CaO versus SiO₂ [16].



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Fig.7: Plot of K₂O versus SiO₂ [17].

The diagram of K_2O versus SiO₂ in Fig 7 shows the plots of the samples in the Low -k tholeiite shoshonitic field and in the high K-calc alkaline. [18] suggested that granitic rocks with shoshonitic chemical characteristics must have the following conditions; high total alkalies (Na₂O + K₂O > 5%), high K₂O/Na₂O, Low TiO₂ and high but variable Al₂O₃ among other conditions.[18,19] suggested that rocks with shoshonitic characteristicstend to be associated with calc-alkaline island-arc subduction volcanism, but theK-rich shoshonitic and high-K calc-alkaline magmatism are associated with an enriched hydrothermal gold and copper-gold mineralization. Calcalkaline has also become synonymous with medium-K as opposed to low-K tholeiitic, or high-K shoshonitic/alkalic volcanic rock series [15]. Calcalkaline is derived from high-Al basalt rather than 'low-Al tholeiitic [13].

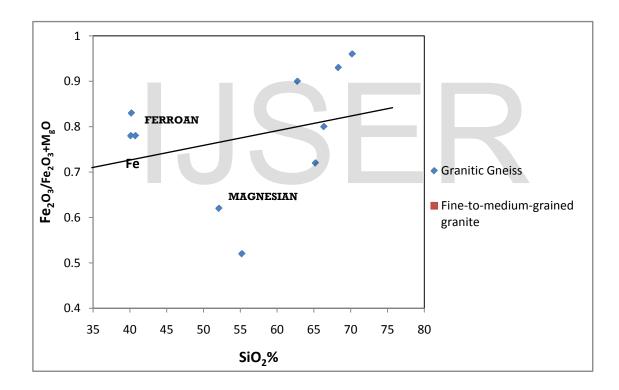
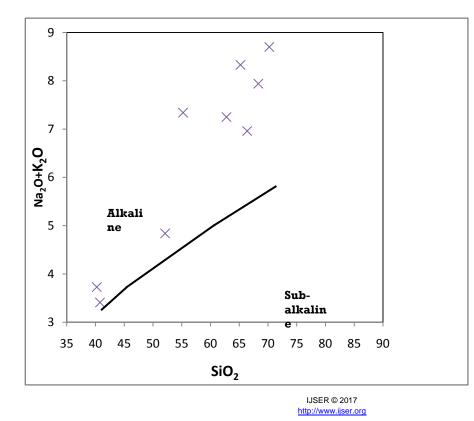


Fig 8: Fe₂O₃+ MgO against SiO₂ [20].

The plot of Fe₂O₃+ MgO against SiO₂ [20,21] shows the distinct trend that distinguished iron-rich and magnesian-rich fields. The samples converged in the iron -enriched field as well as in the magnesian field termed 'ferroan' and 'magnesian' respectively (Fig. 8) .Rocks which have Fe-number < 0.5 have molecularly more abundant Mg than Fe and such are called magnesian rocks. In the case of the rock under study, six samples and four samples are Fe-rich

and Mg -rich respectively (Fig 8). The compositional ranges of the magnesian and ferroan granitoids are virtual mirror images of each other. The magnesian granitoids are most commonly calcic and calc-alkalic; [22] but there are some magnesian alkali–calcic and alkalic granitoids. Magnesian alkalic rocks are symptotes, quartz symptotes and nepheline symptotes, and are not granites in the real sense of it. In ferroan rocks, calcic rocks are unknown, and calc-alkalic rocks are rare but alkali-calcic and alkalic rocks are abundant. [23] suggested that most of the ferroan rocks are metaluminous, (alkali–calcic) while some occur as peraluminous types (calc-alkalic), [22]. In the magnesian granitoids, peraluminous compositions are most common among calc-alkalic rocks, though they are also represented in alkali-calcic granitoids and calcic granitoids, where they occur as cordierite-bearing tonalites. [24,25]. The magnesian rocks range in composition from tonalite through granodiorite to granite from calcic to alkali calcic and rarely alkalic. They fall in either metaluminous or peraluminous group and they typically form in arcs and post-collisional environments [26]. He also pointed out that much of the continental crust is composed of magnesian granitoids, where magmas derived by partial melting of continental crust inherited magnesian character. In the case of ferroan, the rocks range from fayalite granite (or rhyolite), through alkali granite to nepheline syenite (or phonolite). Ferroan rocks are mostly alkalic, while some are alkali calcic [27] or calc-alkalic [28] .Most ferroan rocks are metaluminous or peralkaline. The rocks under study have the attributes of magnesian and ferroan and some are metaluminous, peraluminous and peralkaline.



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Fig 9: Plot of the total alkalis Na₂O+K₂O against SiO₂ [14].

The plot of the total alkalis Na_2O+K_2O against SiO₂ [14] in Fig 9 indicates that the rock samples have affinity for alkaline. On the plot of Na_2O+Na_2O against SiO₂, the samples fall in the fields of Granite, quartz monzonite ,gabbroic diorite as well

as a minor fall in the granodiorite (Fig 10). Quartz monzonite is an intrusive, felsic igneous rock that contains almost equal proportion of orthoclase and plagioclase feldspar and exhibiting a light coloured phaneritic to porphyritic granitic rock.

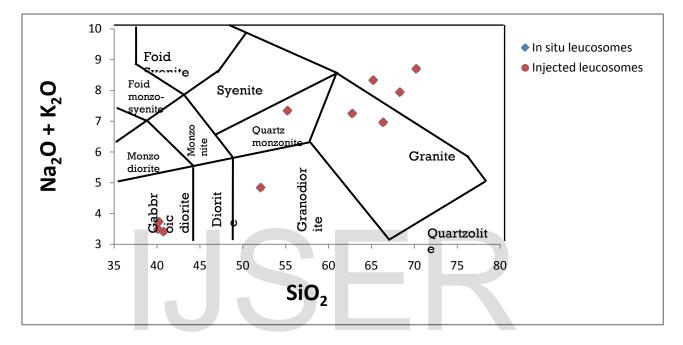


Fig.10 : Plot of Na₂O+ Na₂O against SiO₂

4.0 Provenance and Tectonic Setting

[30] proposed three tectonic settings, the passive margin (PM), active continental margin (ACM), and oceanic island arc

(OIA) and the three are plotted using K_2O/Na_2O against SiO₂ diagram (Fig 11).

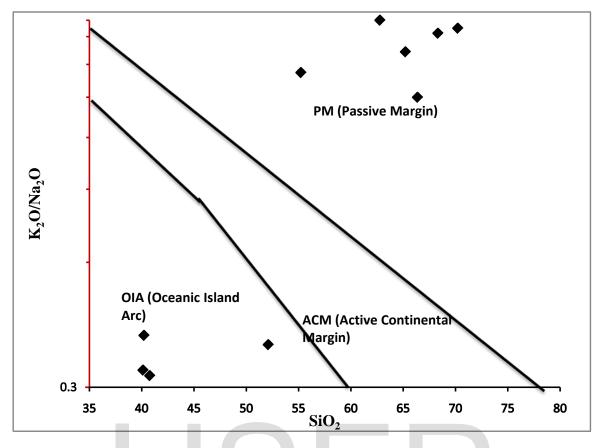
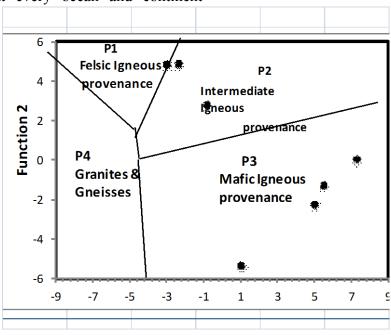


Fig 11: Plot of K₂O/Na₂O versus SiO₂ [29].

Fig 11 shows the samples that plotted on the passive and oceanic fields. The passive margin is described as a margin or transition between oceanic and continental lithosphere and which in real sense is not an active plate margin. Passive margins are seen at every ocean and continent margins that are not marked by a strikeslip fault or a subduction zone. They are areas of petroleum reservoirs of economic importance and they define the regions around the Atlantic , Arctic , and western Indian Oceans .





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The discriminant function plot with major elements proposed by [31] defined four distinct rock provenances notably mafic igneous provenance; intermediate igneous provenance; felsic igneous provenance; and quartzose sedimentary provenance. The plots of the rocks from Orin Ekiti fall majorly in the mafic igneous provenance, intermediate igneous provenance and felsic

5.0 Conclusion.

Orin Ekiti is underlain by crystalline rocks of the basement complex of Southwest Nigeria. These rocks range from Pan African granite, charnockite, quartz monzonite, migmatite gneiss to diorites. The geochemical analysis shows an unusually low SiO₂ contents (40.13-40.77%) in the charnockites (the first three rock samples near the clay deposit) and moderate contents (52.10-70.22%) for the remaining samples thus corresponding to approximately basic (40-52.10 wt %) and 66 wt %) compositions acid (> respectively. The Al₂O₃ content varies between 12.96 a nd 21.26 Wt % thus relatively a cal c- alkaline reflecting affinity just as CaO ranges from 1.71 to 12.38. The rocks are classified as calc-References

igneous provenance fields demonstrating that they are derived from diversed or mixed sources. The plot of the discriminant functions is based on the oxides of Ti, Al, Fe, Ca, Na, and K and this is aimed at differentiating the provenances as shown in Fig.12 .The plot is done on discriminant function 1 and 2 ratios for the raw plot.

alkalic, alkalic- calcic, and calcic. The rocks have characteristically low ratio of Na₂O/ K₂O (0.44-2.64), low CaO (1.71-9.14), low MgO (0.15-3.82), and ratio of ASI > 1.1 [9,10] that characterized them as S-type peraluminous. However, some have ASI < 1.1 and therefore are the Itype metaluminous as well as peralkaline. The rocks under study have the attributes of both the magnesian and ferroan. The samples fall majorly in the mafic igneous provenance, intermediate igneous provenance and felsic igneous provenance fields demonstrating that they are derived from diversed or mixed sources in the passive margin and oceanic island arc fields.

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