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Igneous Rocks
Nomenclature and Classification

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Introduction

- Numerous means exist for classifying and naming igneous rocks
- As humans we feel the need to recognize and categorize common or contrasting features in related things
 - Eg. animals or plants
 - Kingdom, phylum, order, genera, class, species
- Systems of rock nomenclature and classification may reflect
 - Genetic, textural, chemical or mineralogical features

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Genetic

- Basic systems which classifies igneous rocks _____

- _____
- _____

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Textural

- Relies on the _____
_____ - < 1 mm
_____ - 1-5 mm
_____ - > 5 mm
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- Specific textures may aid in classification
 - eg.

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Chemical

- Requires a _____ of the rock in order to classify it
- This is not practical under field conditions, where only a _____ and _____ are available
- Chemical classification has been proposed for _____, a comparable scheme for _____ is not available
- This leaves a system based on mineralogy

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Mineralogical

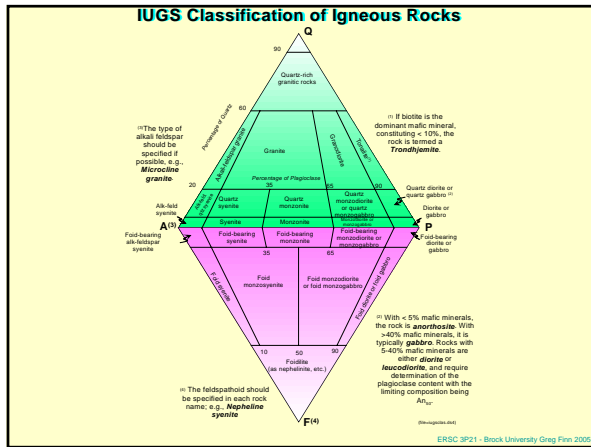
- Requires only a _____ and _____ and the ability to _____ present in a rock
- System gaining acceptance and the one you will use is the result of several years work by the IUGS Subcommittee on the Classification of Igneous Rocks, chaired by Alfred Streckeissen
- AKA – The Streckeissen Classification

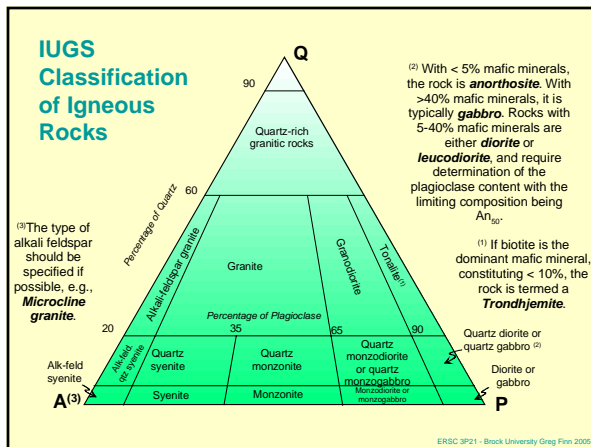
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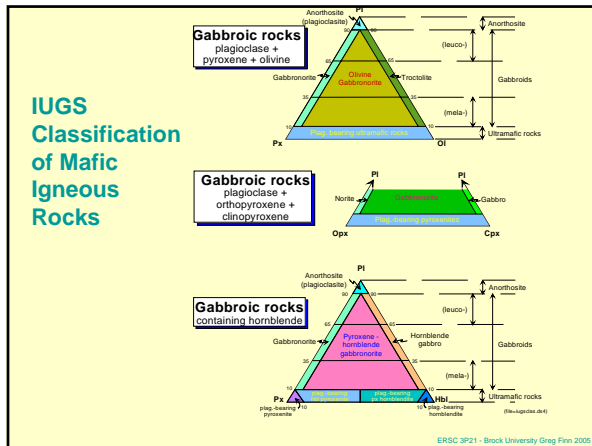
Mineralogical

- Based on Modal Mineralogy
 - (MODE –)
- A simple, field based system
- Based on the percentages of:
 - _____ (____)
 - _____ (____)
 - _____ (____), and
 - _____, eg. nepheline, leucite etc. (____)
- Subdivisions are dependant on the percentage of mafic minerals

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Chemistry of Igneous Rocks

- The chemical composition of any sample (igneous, metamorphic or sedimentary) is determined by analyzing a powder of the rocks
- The actual process is covered ERSC 3P31

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Chemistry of Igneous Rocks

The composition of an igneous rock is dependant on:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
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- 5.

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Chemistry of Igneous Rocks

- Generally three groups of elements are analyzed when studying Igneous Rocks
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Chemistry of Igneous Rocks

Major Elements

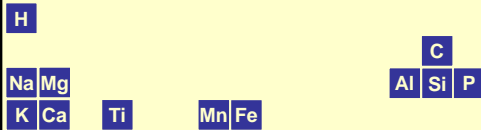
- 13 oxide components, reported in wt. %

- SiO₂ 35-80 wt%
 - Al₂O₃ 8-22 wt%
 - TiO₂, Fe₂O₃, FeO, MnO, MgO, CaO 4-30 wt %
 - Na₂O 1.5-8 wt%
 - K₂O 0.5-8 wt%
 - H₂O⁺ Varies
 - P₂O₅ < 0.15 wt%
 - CO₂ Varies
- Reported as percentages, the total should = 100%

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Periodic Table of the Elements

Major Elements



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Chemistry of Igneous Rocks

Rare Earth Elements

- REE or _____, with atomic number between ____ to ____
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- Rare Earth Elements are important for

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Periodic Table of the Elements

Rare Earth Elements

La Ce Pr Nd Pm Sm Eu Gd Tb Dy Ho Er Tm Yb Lu

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- Several aspects which historically have played and continue to play a role in the classification of Igneous rocks will also be considered

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Gradation in Silica Content

- Referred to as _____ or _____, implying a range of silica content
- _____ > _____ wt% SiO₂
 - Granites ~ 72 wt% SiO₂, granodiorites ~ 68 wt % SiO₂
- _____ - _____ wt% SiO₂
 - Andesite ~ 57 wt% SiO₂
- _____ - _____ wt% SiO₂
 - Basalts range from 48-50 wt% SiO₂
- _____ < _____ wt% SiO₂
 - Peridotites 41 to 42 wt% SiO₂

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Descriptive Terms	Acidic > 66 wt% SiO ₂	Intermediate 52-66 wt% SiO ₂	Basic 45-52 wt% SiO ₂	Ultrabasic < 45 wt% SiO ₂
Intrusive	Granite	Diorite	Gabbro	Peridotite
Extrusive	Rhyolite	Andesite	Basalt	Komatite
Composition				
Major Minerals	Quartz Potassium Feldspar Sodium Feldspar (plagioclase)	Amphibole Intermediate plagioclase feldspar	Calcium Feldspar (plagioclase) Pyroxene	Olivine Pyroxene
Minor Minerals	Muscovite Biotite Amphibole	Pyroxene	Olivine Amphibole	Calcium Feldspar (plagioclase)
Most Common Colour	Light coloured	Medium gray or medium green	Dark gray to black	Very dark green to black

Gradation in Silica Content

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Colour Gradation

Felsic Rocks

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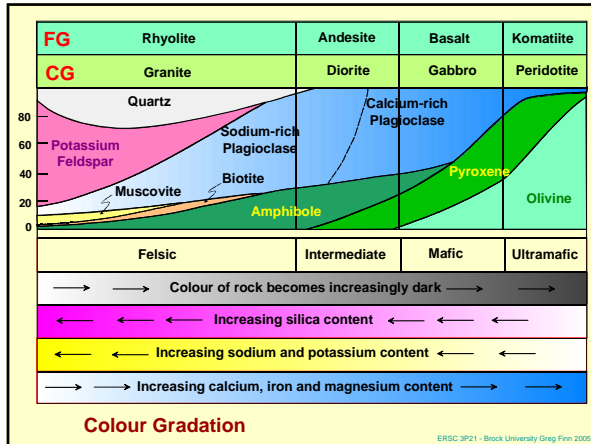
Mafic Rocks

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Ultrabasic vs ultramafic

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Silica Saturation

Minerals present in igneous rocks can be divided into two groups:

- Those which are _____ with _____ or a primary SiO₂ mineral (tridymite, cristobalite etc.).
 - minerals are _____ with respect to Si,
 - e.g., _____.
- Those which _____ with a primary silica mineral.
 - These are _____ minerals
 - e.g. _____.

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Silica Saturation

- The occurrence of quartz with an _____ mineral causes a reaction between the two minerals to form a _____ mineral.

$$2\text{SiO}_2 + \text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_8 \rightleftharpoons \text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_8$$

$$\text{Q} + \text{ne} \rightleftharpoons \text{ab}$$

$$\text{SiO}_2 + \text{Mg}_2\text{SiO}_4 \rightleftharpoons 2\text{MgSiO}_3$$

$$\text{Q} + \text{ol} \rightleftharpoons \text{en}$$

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Silica Saturation

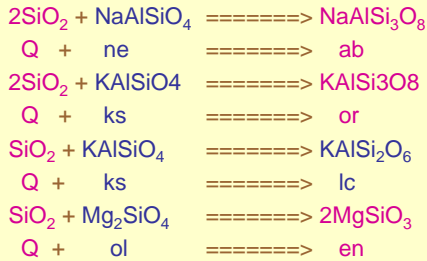
Incompatible Phases

- Under magmatic conditions some minerals react with free silica to form other, more silica-rich, minerals: These reactant minerals are said to be **undersaturated** (with respect to SiO₂).
- Other minerals are stable (can coexist) with free silica (generally in the form of quartz) and are said to be **saturated** (with respect to SiO₂).

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Silica Saturation

Typical reactions are:



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Silica Saturation

Shand (1927) proposed the following list of minerals, subdivided on the basis of silica **saturation** and/or **undersaturation**.

Saturated (+Q)

- all feldspars
- all pyroxenes
- all amphiboles
- micas
- fayalite (Fe-rich olivine)
- spessartine Mn₂Al₂(SiO₄)₃
- almandine Fe₃Al₂(SiO₄)₃
- sphene
- zircon
- topaz
- magnetite
- ilmenite
- apatite

Undersaturated (-Q)

- leucite
- nepheline
- sodalite
- cancrinite
- analcite
- forsterite (Mg-rich olivine)
- melanite (Ti garnet)
- andradite Ca₃(Fe,Ti)₂(SiO₄)₃
- pyrope Mg₃Al₂(SiO₄)₃
- perovskite
- mellite
- corundum
- calcite

Undersaturated and **saturated** minerals can coexist stably under magmatic conditions, but quartz, tridymite and cristobalite can only coexist stably with **saturated** minerals. For example Q + ne is an impossible igneous assemblage, so is Q + ol (Mg - rich), but Q + ol (Fe- rich) is stable.

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Silica Saturation

The saturation concept can also be applied to rocks

- _____ - contains primary silica mineral
- _____ - contains neither quartz nor an unsaturated mineral
- _____ - contains unsaturated minerals

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Alumina Saturation

- Independent of the silica saturation
- Alumina saturation is based on the 1:1 alkali:alumina ratio of feldspars and feldspathoids (ne, lc, ks).
- Any excess or deficiency in alumina in a rock is reflected in the mineralogy.
- Four classes of alumina saturation are employed:

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Alumina Saturation

1. **Peraluminous** - $Al_2O_3 > (CaO + Na_2O + K_2O)$
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2. **Metaluminous** - $Al_2O_3 < (CaO + Na_2O + K_2O)$
but $Al_2O_3 > (Na_2O + K_2O)$.
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Alumina Saturation

3. **Subaluminous** - $Al_2O_3 = (Na_2O + K_2O)$

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4. **Peralkaline** - $Al_2O_3 < (Na_2O + K_2O)$ and rarely $Al_2O_3 < K_2O$

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- Two additional types of analysis are useful in examining igneous rocks
- _____
– requires _____
- _____
– requires _____

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Modal Analysis

- Produces an _____

- Methods of analysis are:
 - 1.
 - 2.

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Modal Analysis

3. POINT COUNT

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Modal Analysis

3. POINT COUNT (Continued)

Advantages

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Disadvantages

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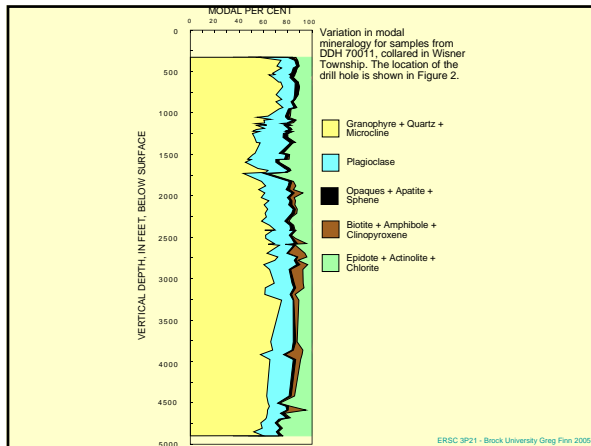
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Modal Analysis Results for DDH 70011													
DEPTH (M)	SAMPLE #	GR	QTZ	MICRO	PLAG	EPI	ACT	AMP	CHL	BIO	SPH	OP	
329.00	70011-1	50.90	6.10	0.00	23.30	2.50	1.30	0.90	9.20	2.50	0.00	0.30	2.80
364.00	70011-2	66.00	8.40	0.00	11.40	4.00	1.10	0.00	6.80	0.00	1.00	0.10	1.20
435.00	70011-4	68.40	2.80	0.00	16.10	5.90	1.20	0.20	3.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.90
457.00	70011-6	70.50	4.40	0.00	9.70	9.00	1.90	0.10	0.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.20
521.00	70011-7	63.90	3.70	0.00	15.50	7.40	0.10	0.00	6.10	0.00	0.00	0.20	3.10
537.00	70011-8	62.20	7.30	0.00	11.80	12.60	1.10	0.00	2.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.90
540.30	70011-9	63.60	3.70	0.00	14.50	7.50	1.00	0.00	5.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00
541.00	70011-10	59.70	5.00	0.00	17.90	7.40	1.10	0.00	5.60	0.00	0.20	0.20	2.90
572.00	70011-11	64.70	3.30	0.00	13.80	8.80	0.20	0.00	4.80	0.10	0.40	0.00	2.30
627.00	70011-12	69.80	2.80	0.00	13.10	7.40	0.70	0.00	3.60	0.00	0.00	0.10	2.50
628.00	70011-13	67.50	6.80	0.00	11.80	6.80	0.50	0.10	3.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.50
685.00	70011-14	72.30	3.60	0.00	10.20	4.50	0.70	0.00	5.00	0.30	0.10	0.00	3.30
779.00	70011-16	67.40	3.10	0.00	15.10	7.20	0.80	0.00	3.50	0.00	0.10	0.00	2.80
837.00	70011-17	71.90	3.30	0.00	9.80	12.00	0.70	0.00	1.10	0.10	0.80	0.10	0.10
865.00	70011-18	64.20	6.20	0.00	12.30	7.90	3.30	0.00	4.50	0.00	0.40	0.30	0.90
935.00	70011-19	74.90	1.10	0.00	9.20	4.10	1.00	0.00	7.50	0.00	0.60	0.00	1.50
952.00	70011-20	69.00	3.90	0.00	7.70	6.60	3.60	0.30	7.00	0.00	0.40	0.30	1.10
1039.00	70011-22	59.20	4.60	0.00	14.40	4.40	1.90	1.60	11.50	0.10	0.70	0.40	1.30
1052.00	70011-23	50.00	4.80	0.00	23.60	5.30	2.30	0.20	11.60	0.30	0.70	0.20	0.90
1078.00	70011-24	61.10	4.90	0.00	14.00	3.70	2.00	0.10	9.20	2.70	1.20	0.30	0.90
1086.60	70011-25	55.90	4.40	0.00	24.70	3.50	1.20	0.40	8.30	0.20	0.50	0.20	0.50
1117.50	70011-26	54.60	6.40	0.00	18.90	3.70	3.60	0.50	7.80	2.20	1.50	0.10	0.60
1021.25	70011-27	56.50	4.30	0.00	18.80	5.90	2.50	0.50	8.20	1.20	1.40	0.10	0.60
1128.00	70011-28	49.80	4.10	0.00	20.90	5.20	4.00	0.50	12.70	0.00	0.70	0.10	1.90
1147.25	70011-29	59.20	3.60	0.00	16.10	2.30	4.00	0.10	11.30	0.00	1.00	0.20	0.20

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Normative Analysis or NORM

- NORM** –
- The original purpose for the norm was essentially _____. An elaborate classification scheme based on the normative mineral percentages was proposed.
- The classification groups together rocks of _____ irrespective of their actual mineralogy.
- Various types of NORMs have been proposed - CIPW, Niggli, Barth with each having specific advantages and/or disadvantages.

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Normative Analysis or NORM

- The CIPW norm, originally proposed in 1919, was very elegant and based on a number of simplifications:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
- Since CIPW introduced in _____ several other normative calculations have been suggested
 - e.g. Niggli norm, Barth mesonorm. The latter is used for granitic rocks.

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CIPW Normative calculation

Oxides	SiO2	TiO2	Al2O3	Fe2O3	FeO	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na2O	K2O	P2O5	LOI	Total
wt% 73011-11	79.40	0.12	11.1	5.23	0.95	0.52	7.18	1.95	2.55	0.16	1.01	98.45	
Abnormals	71.51	0.00	10.50	2.29	2.94		1.04	2.11	3.91	2.59	0.16	100	
Mol Wt. (g)	60	80	102	160	72	71	40	56	62	94	142		
Mol Prop.	1192	10	123	15	42	1	26	38	63	28	1		
Q	588												588
Or	190		28							28			218
Ab	378		63					63					441
An	64		32					32					96
En													278
Di													436
Ne													284
Ac													167
CaF2	0		0										462
W													116
M	1												100
F	1			1									132
W	2												116
M	25						25						100
F	17												132
W				17									140
M													204
F				15	15								232
W					0								160
M	10												152
W													330
TOTALS	1192	10	123	15	42	1	26	38	63	28	1		

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Norm Calculation Program

Sample Number: average granite

Rock Analysis	Correction Factors	Corrected Analysis	Normative Minerals	Weight % Volume % Norm
SiO2 72.04 %	Total 100% V/V	71.92	Quartz	25.46 28.93
TiO2 0.28 %	Fe3+/Total Iron	0.30	Plagioclase	29.36 33.90
Al2O3 14.42 %	Total Fe as Fe2+	14.40	Orthoclase	24.93 28.50
Fe2O3 1.22 %	Desired Fe2O3	1.22	Neophase	
FeO 1.88 %	Desired FeO	1.88	Leucite	
MnO 0.26 %	Weight cor. factor	0.26	Kalsilite	
MgO 0.71 %		0.71	Corundum	0.88 0.93
CaO 4.82 %		4.82	Diopside	3.44 3.93
Na2O 3.88 %		3.88	Hypersthene	3.44 3.93
K2O 1.82 %		1.82	Wollastonite	
CO2 0.12 %		0.12	Olivine	
SiO3 %			Leucite	
F %			Acmite	
Cl %			K2SiO3	
Sr ppm			Na2SiO3	
Be ppm			Phenite	0.57 0.63
Ni ppm			Monazite	1.77 0.91
Cr ppm			Hornblende	0.28 0.32
Zr ppm			Apatite	
Total 100.00 %		100.00	Zeolite	
			Phenocrystal	
			Chromite	
			Sphene	
			Pyrite	
			Fluorite	
			Anhydrite	
			Na2SiO4	
			Calcite	
			Na2CO3	
			Total	100.00 100.00

Norm calculation checks:
None excess O2
None excess Cl

More of the norm below

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NORM for average granite composition used earlier

Norm Calculation Program

Sample Number: average basalt

Rock Analysis	Correction Factors	Corrected Analysis	Normative Minerals	Weight % Volume % Norm
SiO2 50.06 %	Total 100% V/V	49.91	Quartz	15.76 17.76
TiO2 1.87 %	Fe3+/Total Iron	1.86	Plagioclase	53.76 60.42
Al2O3 15.84 %	Total Fe as Fe2+	15.80	Orthoclase	6.32 7.16
Fe2O3 3.80 %	Desired Fe2O3	3.80	Neophase	
FeO 7.58 %	Desired FeO	7.46	Leucite	
MnO 0.20 %	Weight cor. factor	0.20	Kalsilite	
MgO 0.95 %		0.95	Corundum	1.10 1.23
CaO 9.70 %		9.65	Diopside	15.03 17.17
Na2O 2.94 %		2.92	Hypersthene	14.53 16.42
K2O 1.08 %		1.07	Wollastonite	
CO2 0.34 %		0.34	Olivine	
SiO3 %			Leucite	
F %			Acmite	
Cl %			K2SiO3	
Sr ppm			Na2SiO3	
Be ppm			Phenite	3.53 3.99
Ni ppm			Monazite	5.63 6.35
Cr ppm			Hornblende	0.79 0.88
Zr ppm			Zeolite	
Total 100.00 %		100.00	Phenocrystal	
			Chromite	
			Sphene	
			Pyrite	
			Fluorite	
			Anhydrite	
			Na2SiO4	
			Calcite	
			Na2CO3	
			Total	100.00 100.00

Norm calculation checks:
None excess O2
None excess Cl

More of the norm below

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NORM for average basalt composition used earlier

Presenting Chemical Data

- Now that we have analyzed the samples of interest how can we present the results in a succinct and coherent manner

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Variation Diagrams

- An objective of any research program involving chemical analysis of rocks is to describe and display chemical variations within the rocks for simplicity and to facilitate condensing information
- The best way of accomplishing this is through graphical means
- Any element or oxide may be chosen as the X-axis value, resulting in a similar set of diagrams

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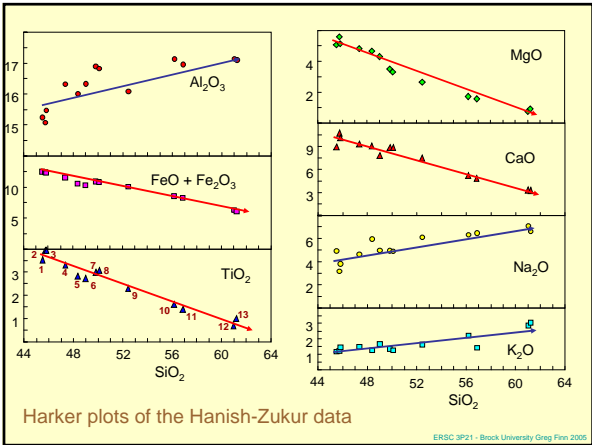
Variation Diagrams

- Oldest method is the _____ or _____ diagram (first proposed in _____), which plots the data as _____ or _____ against other _____ or _____
- A Harker diagram uses SiO_2 as abscissa (X-axis), as it is generally the _____ oxide and exhibits the greatest range in value within a suite of rocks being considered

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Within province chemical variation, oxide results given in weight percent, for volcanic rocks from the Hanish-Zukur Islands, Red Sea (data from Gass et al. 1973)

The samples 1 thru 13 are arranged by increasing SiO₂ content



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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
SiO ₂	45.51	45.74	45.83	47.36	48.37	49.00	49.82	50.09	52.45	56.17	56.87	61.01	61.22
TiO ₂	3.52	3.93	3.92	3.30	2.82	2.73	2.98	3.08	2.29	1.61	1.40	0.68	1.00
Al ₂ O ₃	15.24	15.08	15.47	16.32	16.01	16.33	16.90	16.83	16.09	17.13	16.96	17.14	17.1
Fe ₂ O ₃	3.64	4.06	9.26	4.64	5.51	2.20	1.79	1.71	5.51	3.23	4.13	5.09	2.03
FeO	8.84	8.36	3.02	6.89	5.04	8.12	9.14	9.14	4.60	5.32	4.18	1.21	4.06
MnO	0.22	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.24	0.26	0.22	0.24	0.22	0.20
MgO	5.07	5.58	5.14	4.82	4.67	4.31	3.50	3.31	2.67	1.73	1.57	0.76	0.92
CaO	8.91	10.72	10.11	9.30	9.04	7.77	8.84	8.84	7.49	5.20	4.83	3.33	3.28
Na ₂ O	4.95	3.17	3.81	4.63	5.97	4.98	4.96	4.89	6.11	6.33	6.47	7.07	6.61
K ₂ O	1.19	1.23	1.46	1.49	1.28	1.66	1.35	1.28	1.64	2.22	1.43	2.87	3.05
H ₂ O+	0.97	1.15	0.98	0.89	0.39	1.98	0.23	0.26	0.38	0.52	0.46	0.24	0.21
H ₂ O-	0	0	0	0	0.68	0	0.26	0.33	0.51	0.32	0.46	0.38	0.32
P ₂ O ₅	0.85	0.68	0.74	0.83		0.89							
Total	98.91	99.9	99.94	100.67	100.00	100.19	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	99.00	100.00	100.00

Fractionation Indices

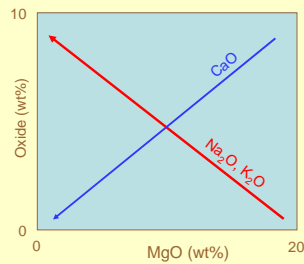
- No genetic link can be inferred from Harker diagrams, i.e. that the lowest SiO₂ sample represents the original or first liquid
- To attempt to discern a genetic link between analyses in a given suite of rocks various fractionation indices have been developed
- These indices are not realistic, but provide a first approximation to discerning a genetic link between samples

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Fractionation Indices

MgO Index

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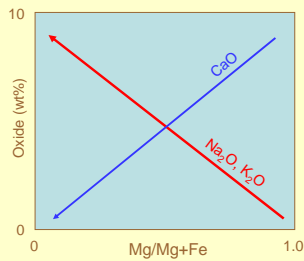


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Fractionation Indices

Mg-Fe Ratios

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- Involve a ratio of Mg to Fe:
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Fractionation Indices

Normative Ab/Ab+An

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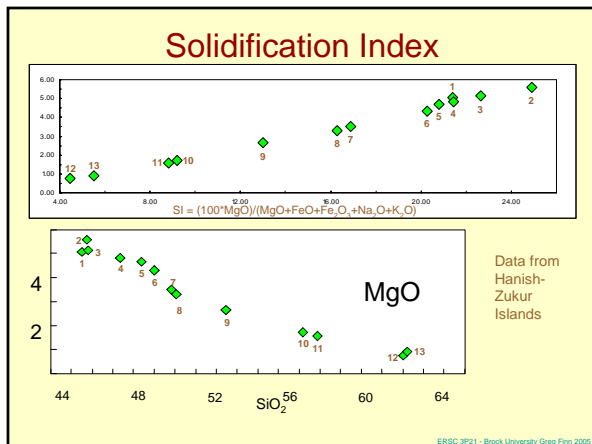
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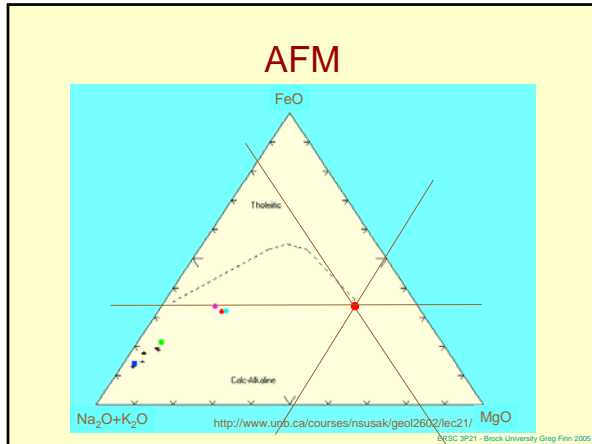
Fractionation Indices

Solidification Index

- $SI = 100MgO / (MgO + FeO + Fe_2O_3 + Na_2O + K_2O)$
- When applied to _____, the SI is similar to the Mg/Fe ratio, due to the _____
- As fractionation progresses, the residual liquids become _____ in _____, thus Na_2O and K_2O contents offset the Mg-Fe index
- For _____ rocks, SI is high
- For _____ rocks, SI is low

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CaO-Na₂O-K₂O

- Used mainly for _____ rocks, as these three oxides are abundant in these lithologies
- Simple ratio of either weight percent of atomic proportions are used to calculate the data points

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