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Abstract

This data Open File provides tables of mineral analyses determined by electron microprobe from unique samples of igneous rocks in offshore petroleum exploration wells, mostly of Triassic and Cretaceous age, but also including some Paleozoic basement rocks and a few comparative rocks on land. Most analyses are from clinopyroxenes, amphiboles, feldspars, biotite, and olivine and their alteration products. Excel data files are provided in addition to this report.

Introduction

In the 1980's and 1990's, Dr Lubomir Jansa of the Geological Survey of Canada and Dr Georgia Pe-Piper of Saint Mary's University collaborated on studies of igneous rocks in the petroleum basins offshore southeastern Canada and some related issues. The stratigraphic, geochemical and tectonic results of these studies were published in a series of papers. Most of the original geochemical data were documented in GSC Open File 1351. Many of these samples were separated from cuttings and are unique. This present Open File tabulates all the electron microprobe analyses of minerals available from these samples, most of which were never published, or presented only in figures or as averages.

Most of the mineral analyses were performed on a Microscan 5 electron microprobe at Dalhousie University (Clarke 1976). Natural minerals and synthetic oxide standards were used for calibration, and the data were reduced using the EMPADR VII program (Rucklidge & Gasparrini 1969).

Organisation of this Open File

Tables 1 and 2 below summarize the locations of samples. Appendices 1–4 present electron microprobe analyses as follows: (1) Scotian Shelf Cretaceous; (2) Grand Banks Cretaceous; (3) US continental margin samples; (4) Canadian continental margin Triassic and Paleozoic samples. The electron microprobe analyses are also available for download as Excel files. Interspersed with the tables are sketches (where available) of the position of analyses within crystals.

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Table 1. Well or location names, sample depths and lithologies of samples in this Open File

For latitude and longitude of each well or sample, see Table 2.

Regions:

Appendix 1: Scotian Shelf

Well	Depth (ft)/Sample	Cretaceous
Hercules J-15	2460-2470	Mafic rock
	2540-2550	Mafic rock
	2590-2600	Mafic rock
Hesper I-52	8960-8970	Mafic rock
	8990-9000	Mafic rock
	9000-9010	Mafic rock
Jason C-20	4520-4530	Mafic rock
Argo F-38	3400-3410	Mafic rock

Appendix 2: Grand Banks

Well	Depth (ft)/Sample	Cretaceous
Brant P-87	11620	(Lower Unit) Mafic rock
	11700	(Lower Unit) Mafic rock
	10310	(Lower Unit) Mafic rock
	9360	(Upper Unit) Mafic rock
	10280	Felsic rock
	11050	Felsic rock
	11060	Felsic rock
	11070	Felsic rock
	11080	Felsic rock
	9750	Mafic rock
Emerillon G-56	9800	Mafic rock
	9810	Mafic rock
	9820	Mafic rock
	4230	Mafic rock
Twillick G-49	4240	Mafic rock
	4260	Mafic rock
	8310	Felsic rock
Mallard M-45	8546	Felsic rock
	8660	Felsic rock

Appendix 3: US continental margin

Seabrook Station, New Hampshire	Sample	Notes
	B1	Triassic dike (Bellini et al. 1982)
Baltimore Canyon		
Well	Depth (ft)/Sample	Notes
Mobil 544-1 well	9970	mafic
New England Seamounts		
Site	Depth (cm)/Sample	Notes
Leg 43 DSDP Site 382-25-2 (Nashville Seamount)	96-98 105-107 105-107 107-109	Hyaloclastite Basanite clast in hyaloclastite Hyaloclastite and basanite
Leg 43 DSDP Site 385-23-1 (Vogel Seamount)	97-99	Vesicular lava

Appendix 4: Triassic and Paleozoic rocks, Canadian continental margin

Well/ location of outcrops	Depth (ft)/Sample	Notes
Cormorant N-83 well	9750 9760 9770 9780	Triassic lava Triassic lava Triassic lava Triassic lava
Spoonbill C-30 well	8467	Triassic lava
Glooscap C-63 well	4551	Triassic lava
Mohawk B-93 well	6920 6940 6941 6970	?Devonian granodiorite ?Devonian granodiorite ?Devonian granodiorite ?Devonian granodiorite
Ojibwa E-07 well	7500	Late Devonian leucogranodiorite
Northumberland Strait F-25 well	8862 8893	Upper Unit, ?Triassic, ?Devonian-Carboniferous mafic Upper Unit, ?Triassic, ?Devonian-Carboniferous mafic

Northumberland Strait F-25 well	9450	Lower Unit, Devonian-Carboniferous mafic
Crow F-52 well	4690	Carboniferous tonalite
	4880	Carboniferous tonalite
German Bank 76016-14	15-34 cm	Carboniferous-Permian granite
German Bank 76016-17	11-25 cm	Carboniferous-Permian granite
German Bank 76016-20	240-250 cm	Carboniferous-Permian granite
	73-92 cm	Carboniferous-Permian granite
Barrington Passage Pluton	90-BP-Y20	Late Devonian tonalite
Wedgeport Pluton	90-WP-Y8B	Earliest Carboniferous monzogranite

Table 2. Well location summary.

Sample	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Argo F-58	Scotian Basin	45.456	-58.840
Crow F-52	Scotian Basin	45.357	-59.140
Glooscap C-63	Scotian Basin	43.203	-62.166
Hercules J-15	Scotian Basin	45.572	-58.787
Hesper I-52	Scotian Basin	44.695	-57.876
Jason C-20	Scotian Basin	45.485	-58.541
Mohawk B-93	Scotian Basin	42.703	-64.731
Ojibwa E-07	Scotian Basin	43.772	-61.770
Brant P-87	Grand Bank	44.283	-52.705
Cormorant N-83	Grand Bank	46.046	-48.967
Emerillon C-56	Grand Bank	45.251	-54.388
Mallard M-45	Grand Bank	44.246	-52.123
Spoonbill C-30	Grand Bank	45.818	-49.068
Twillick G-49	Grand Bank	44.307	-51.359
Northumberland Strait F-25	Gulf of St. Lawrence	46.074	-62.063
Mobil 544-1	Baltimore Canyon	39.416	-73.101
DSDP 382	Nashville Seamount	34.417	-56.538
DSDP 385	Vogel Seamount	37.370	-60.158
Y8	Wedgeport	43.754	-66.007
Y20	Barrington Passage	43.506	-65.736
B1	Seabrook NH	42.899	-70.849
76-016-14	German Bank	42.950	-66.215
76-016-17	German Bank	43.513	-66.383
76-016-20	German Bank	43.358	-66.487
76-016-21	German Bank	43.252	-66.517

Appendix 1: Scotian Shelf Cretaceous

Table 1-1. Electron microprobe chemical analyses of Olivine in the Scotian Shelf (Orpheous Graben).

Well	Depth (top)	Sample (pts)	File*	Mineral	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Cr ₂ O ₃	FeO	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	Total
Hercules J-15	2540.00	HERC2540-2550	New Entry	Olivine	36.42	0.00	0.06		38.20	0.60	27.53	0.41	0.05	0.00	103.27
Hercules J-15	2540.00	HERC2540-2550	New Entry	Olivine	34.70	0.00	0.00		45.36	0.84	21.65	0.30	0.00	0.00	102.85
Hercules J-15	2540.00	HERC2540-2550	New Entry	Olivine	33.40	0.00	0.00		45.64	0.94	21.64	0.34	0.05	0.00	102.01
Hercules J-15	2540.00	HERC2540-2550	New Entry	Olivine	36.14	0.09	0.13		37.97	0.63	27.12	0.43	0.00	0.00	102.51
Hercules J-15	2540.00	HERC2540-2550	New Entry	Olivine	34.77	0.00	0.07		44.87	1.11	21.67	0.40	0.12	0.00	103.01
Hercules J-15	2540.00	HERC2540-2550	New Entry	Olivine	33.68	0.06	0.19		45.18	0.81	22.17	0.42	0.09	0.00	102.60
Hercules J-15	2590.00	HERC2590-2600	New Entry	Olivine	35.79	0.05	0.17		38.43	0.78	25.89	0.42	0.29	0.00	101.82
Hercules J-15	2590.00	HERC2590-2600	New Entry	Olivine	35.96	0.00	0.11		41.87	0.74	24.25	0.43	0.25	0.00	103.61
Hercules J-15	2590.00	HERC2590-2600	New Entry	Olivine	37.23	0.00	0.18		33.77	0.55	30.68	0.41	0.24	0.00	103.06
Hercules J-15	2590.00	HERC2590-2600	New Entry	Olivine	36.04	0.00	0.26		40.97	0.87	25.19	0.47	0.21	0.00	104.01
Hercules J-15	2590.00	HERC2590-2600	New Entry	Olivine	36.21	0.12	0.21		42.01	0.83	24.14	0.42	0.31	0.06	104.31

* all data can be found under Archiving - Minfiles - File* name

pts = polished thin section

Table 1-2. Electron microprobe chemical analyses of clinopyroxene in the Scotian Shelf (Orpheus Graben).

Well	Depth (top)	Sample (pts)	File*	Mineral	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Cr ₂ O ₃	FeO	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	Total	Notes
Argo F-38	3400.00	ARG3400-3410	PX2	Clinopyroxene	48.03	2.97	4.00		10.96	0.21	12.76	21.54	0.52		100.99	
Argo F-38	3400.00	ARG3400-3410	PX2	Clinopyroxene	50.65	1.55	1.60		11.92	0.28	14.13	20.88	0.25		101.26	
Argo F-38	3400.00	ARG3400-3410	PX2	Clinopyroxene	48.80	2.20	2.66		13.28	0.36	11.49	21.05	0.60		100.44	
Argo F-38	3400.00	ARG3400-3410	PX2	Clinopyroxene	45.94	4.08	4.57		12.71	0.14	12.13	20.52	0.53		100.62	
Argo F-38	3400.00	ARG3400-3410	New Entry	Clinopyroxene	47.89	2.92	3.84		11.76	0.21	12.39	21.19	0.47		100.67	Average
Argo F-38	3410.00	ARG3410-3415	PX2	Clinopyroxene	47.69	2.63	3.98		10.61	0.20	12.97	21.55	0.48		100.11	
Argo F-38	3410.00	ARG3410-3415	PX2	Clinopyroxene	48.56	2.39	3.29		13.22	0.28	11.88	20.83	0.58		101.03	
Argo F-38	3410.00	ARG3410-3415	PX2	Clinopyroxene	48.46	2.37	3.42		11.20	0.13	12.49	21.54	0.46		100.07	
Argo F-38	3410.00	ARG3410-3415	PX2	Clinopyroxene	48.17	1.76	2.91		12.78	0.29	11.58	20.97	0.53		98.99	
Argo F-38	3410.00	ARG3410-3415	New Entry	Clinopyroxene	47.78	2.51	3.74		11.20	0.22	12.33	20.54	0.48		98.80	Average

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Table 1-4. Electron microprobe chemical analyses of amphibole and biotite in the Scotian Shelf (Orpheus Graben).

Well	Depth (top)	Sample (pts)	File*	Mineral	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Cr ₂ O ₃	FeO	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	Total	Notes
Jason C-20	4520.00	JAS4520-4530	New Entry	Amphibole	44.99	2.56	6.83		13.60	0.25	14.50	10.94	3.06	1.30	98.03	
Hercules J-15	2540.00	HERC2540-2550	New Entry	Biotite	39.33	4.87	12.22		13.29	0.00	16.78	0.05	0.75	9.17	96.46	
Hercules J-15	2540.00	HERC2540-2550	New Entry	Biotite	38.75	5.27	11.95		13.09	0.00	16.61	0.00	0.65	8.63	94.95	
Hercules J-15	2540.00	HERC2540-2550	New Entry	Biotite	39.38	4.52	11.23		11.80	0.00	17.58	0.00	0.73	8.90	94.14	
Hesper I-52	8960.00	HES8990-9000	New Entry	Biotite	38.95	3.31	12.54		14.99	0.08	17.21	0.06	0.86	9.25	97.25	
Argo F-38	3400.00	ARG3400-3410	New Entry	Biotite	39.64	5.11	11.76		14.97	0.06	16.58	0.00	0.82	8.77	97.71	alt, brown

* all data can be found under Archiving - Minfiles - File* name

pts = polished thin section

Table 1-5. Electron microprobe chemical analyses of glass and very fine grained chips in the Scotian Shelf (Orpheus Graben).

Well	Depth (top)	Sample (pts)	File*	Mineral											Total	Notes
Jason C-20	4530.00	JAS4530	New Entry	Brown glass	26.23	0.67	11.22		16.10	0.05	2.09	0.40	0.14	0.11	0.94	57.95 brown glass
Jason C-20	4530.00	JAS4530	New Entry	Brown glass	36.90	0.65	15.45		26.18	0.00	3.78	0.56	0.26	0.18	0.08	84.04 brown glass
Argo F-38	3400.00	ARG3400-3410	New Entry	Mix	44.40	1.15	19.47		7.73	0.32	1.40	0.59	0.52	2.59		78.17 ?sandstone
Argo F-38	3400.00	ARG3400-3410	New Entry	Illite +	53.24	2.37	16.20		0.36	0.00	0.10	2.19	1.48	9.89		85.83 very fined-grained chip
Argo F-38	3400.00	ARG3400-3410	New Entry	Illite +	52.53	1.13	15.50		0.39	0.00	0.06	1.94	1.34	10.38		83.27 very fined-grained chip

* all data can be found under Archiving - Minfiles - File* name

pts = polished thin section

Table 1-7. Summary of electron microprobe analyses of alteration products of igneous minerals in Scotian Shelf wells.

Well	Hercules J-15		Argo F-38		Jason C-20	Hercules J-15						Argo F-38	Jason C-20	Hesper I-52				
	2540-2550		3400-3410			2460-2470			2540-2550		3400-3410		4520-4530		8960-8970			
Type*	Deep Red	Clean Brown	Bright Orange	Brown	Dusty Brown	Clean Brown	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SiO ₂	45.39	45.28	46.26	47.22	43.65	47.53	37.03	30.56	30.97	34.39	37.61	32.72	34.64	37.09	32.41	33.53	28.02	30.46
TiO ₂	0.13	0.07	0.10	0.15	0.37	0.14	0.18	0.11	0.51	0.72	0.00	0.02	0.09	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
Al ₂ O ₃	1.57	4.57	4.99	4.98	13.98	2.43	9.69	11.02	11.78	13.77	12.28	12.59	13.78	10.51	12.87	10.69	15.90	13.76
FeO	35.57	24.01	27.61	27.85	19.55	25.44	18.55	25.80	28.31	24.71	19.02	29.81	24.96	21.63	29.70	25.89	34.11	31.76
MnO	0.63	0.33	0.03	0.04	0.08	0.68	0.17	0.58	0.41	0.42	0.26	0.33	0.11	0.25	0.32	0.14	0.00	0.17
MgO	2.62	12.36	8.51	8.46	8.29	10.21	14.02	10.85	9.55	12.53	16.24	12.41	14.41	15.01	12.41	15.44	8.79	11.40
CaO	0.36	1.12	1.16	1.07	3.89	0.40	0.92	1.09	1.16	0.90	0.99	0.36	0.56	1.35	0.54	1.18	0.79	0.80
Na ₂ O	0.36	0.63	0.70	1.04	1.73	0.42	0.36	0.42	0.49	0.39	0.46	0.22	0.34	0.43	0.42	0.32	0.16	0.23
K ₂ O	0.00	0.47	0.41	0.46	0.33	0.28	0.10	0.15	0.08	0.11	0.07	0.02	0.07	0.47	0.07	0.04	0.05	0.03
Total	86.63	88.84	89.77	91.27	91.87	87.53	81.02	80.58	83.26	87.94	86.93	88.48	88.96	86.88	88.74	87.23	87.82	88.65
No. of analyses	1	2	3	1	1	2	5	2	2	1	2	4	5	4	2	1	1	7

* Type 1-12: 1) yellowish, brown-yellowish, dusty brownish fine-grained aggregates; 2) brownish and colourless parts of the same crystal; 3) yellowish grains lining a variole; 4) greenish cores of spherulitic formations with brown rims of composition similar to 1; 5) dusty greenish patches which could represent altering phenocrysts or varioles filled with clays; 6) greenish and brown-greenish grains; 7) greenish grains; 8) greenish, brown and dusty brown fine grained aggregates; 9) greenish and brown-greenish crystals; 10,11) extreme compositions and; 12) average composition of green, brown, pleochroic and non pleochroic crystals (10 and 11 also included).

Appendix 2: Grand Banks Cretaceous

Table 2-1. Electron microprobe chemical analyses of amphibole and clinopyroxene in the Grand Banks.

Well	Depth (Top)	Sample (pts)	Analyses No.	Mineral	File*	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Cr ₂ O ₃	FeO	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	Total	Notes
Mallard M-45	8310	MAL8310		Clinopyroxene	New Entry	53.02	2.45	0.56		28.15	0.46		13.40		98.04	granite, ph	
Mallard M-45	8310	MAL8310		Clinopyroxene	New Entry	53.50	0.63	0.90		29.51	0.39		0.21	13.81		98.95	granite, ph
Mallard M-45	8660	MAL8660		Clinopyroxene	New Entry	52.52	0.54	0.59		29.16	0.97		0.87	12.79		97.44	granite, ph
Mallard M-45	8660	MAL8660		Clinopyroxene	New Entry	52.48	0.99	0.62		29.14	0.90		0.80	12.68		97.61	granite, ph
^{1,2,3} the highlighting indicates mineral analyses that have supplementary sketches at the end of the table. 1 = analysis sample name 2 = figure label where sketch is located 3 = position of analysis in mineral crystal/grain																	
* all data can be found under Archiving - Minfiles - File* name pts = polished thin section																	

Table 2-2. Electron microprobe chemical analyses of Feldspar in the Grand Banks.

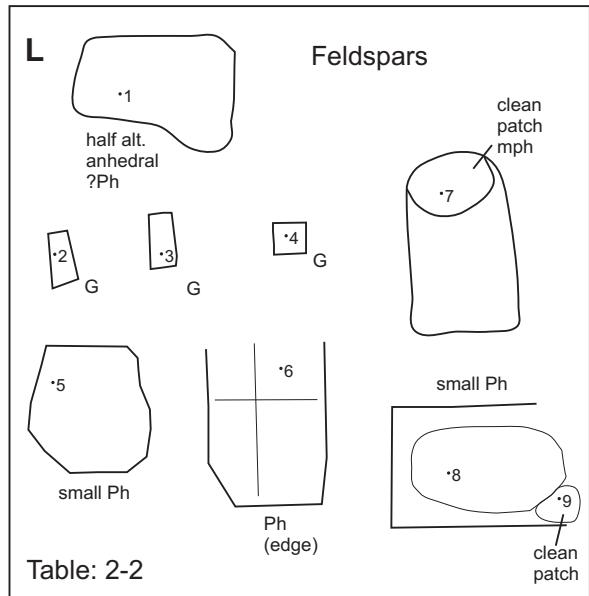
Well	Depth (Top)	Sample ¹ (pts)	Analyses No.	Figure ²	Position ³	Mineral	File*	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Cr ₂ O ₃	FeO	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	P ₂ O ₅	Total	Notes
Twillick G-49	4260	TWI4260	2	L	2	Feldspar	New Entry	53.77	0.00	28.28		0.92	0.00	0.00	11.28	5.18	0.35		99.83	

^{1,2,3} the highlighting indicates mineral analyses that have supplementary sketches at the end of the table. 1 = analysis sample name 2 = figure label where sketch is located 3 = position of analysis in mineral crystal/grain

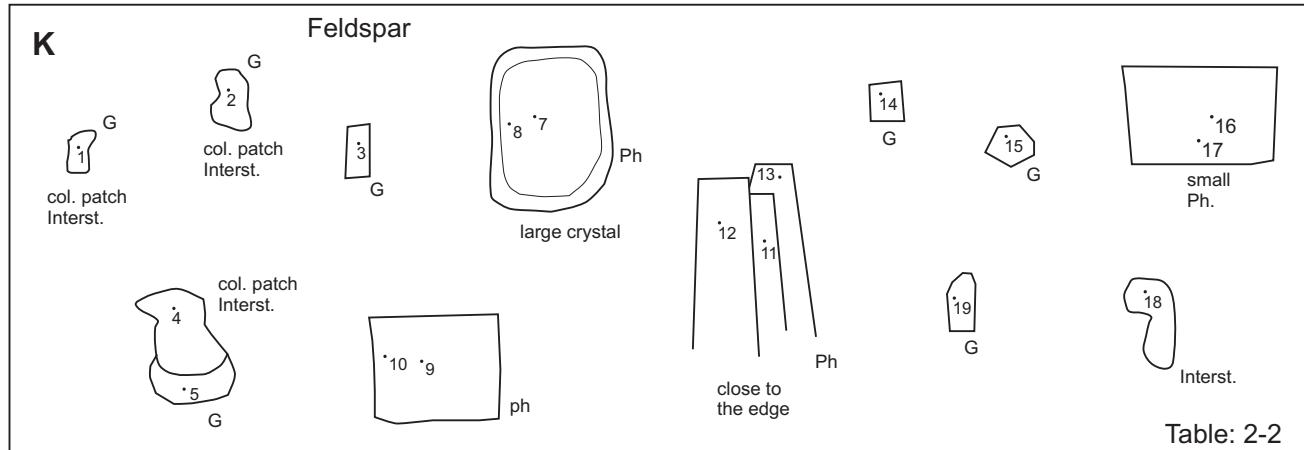
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Sketches for selected analyses in Table 2-2.

Brant P-87 (11620ft)

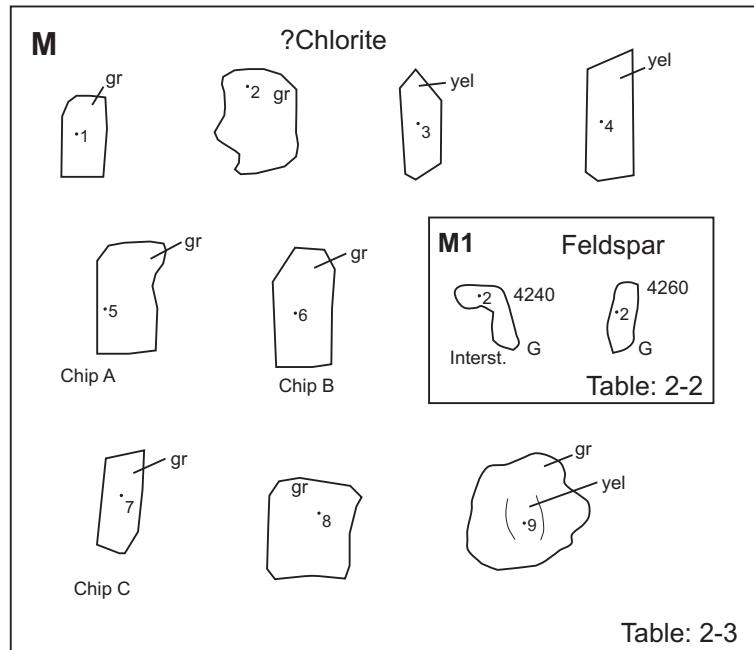


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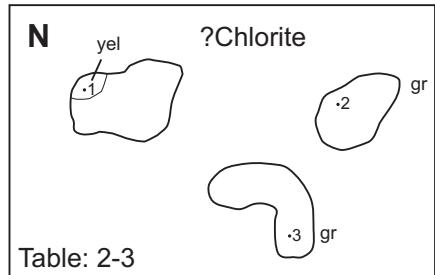


Sketches for selected analyses in Table 2-3.

Twillick G-49 (4240ft)



Twillick G-49 (4230ft)



Appendix 3: US continental margin

Table 3-1. Electron microprobe chemical analyses of biotite and clinopyroxene from the Baltimore Canyon.

Well	Depth (Top)	Sample ¹ (pts)	Analyses No.	File	Figure ²	Position ³	File*	Mineral	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Cr ₂ O ₃	FeO	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	Total	Notes
Baltimore Canyon	9770	BC (9770)	1	New Entry	I	1	New Entry	Clinopyroxene	45.38	2.58	8.78	0.00	8.64	0.13	11.10	23.24	0.41	0.00	100.26	Mobil 544-1 Well
Baltimore Canyon	9770	BC (9770)	6	New Entry	I	6	New Entry	Clinopyroxene	47.15	1.77	5.46	0.11	8.43	0.11	12.02	22.73	0.49	0.00	98.27	
Baltimore Canyon	9770	BC (9770)	7	New Entry	I	7	New Entry	Clinopyroxene	45.62	2.68	6.98	0.00	7.39	0.00	12.40	23.03	0.16	0.00	98.26	
Baltimore Canyon	9770	BC (9770)	3	New Entry	I	3	New Entry	Biotite	34.95	6.27	18.94		15.56	0.10	12.80	0.00	0.15	9.20	97.97	
Baltimore Canyon	9770	BC (9770)	4	New Entry	I	4	New Entry	Biotite	35.83	6.10	17.14		10.08	0.00	16.97	0.00	0.18	9.20	95.50	

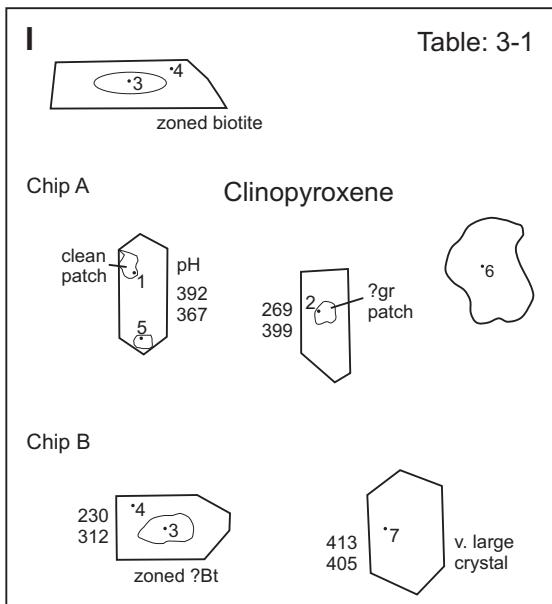
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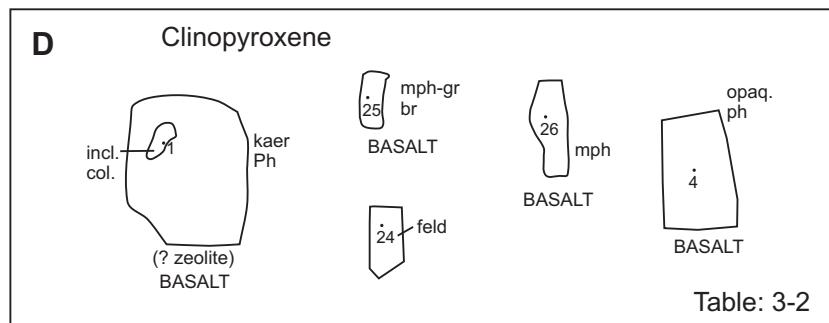
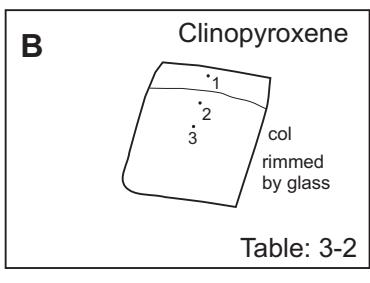
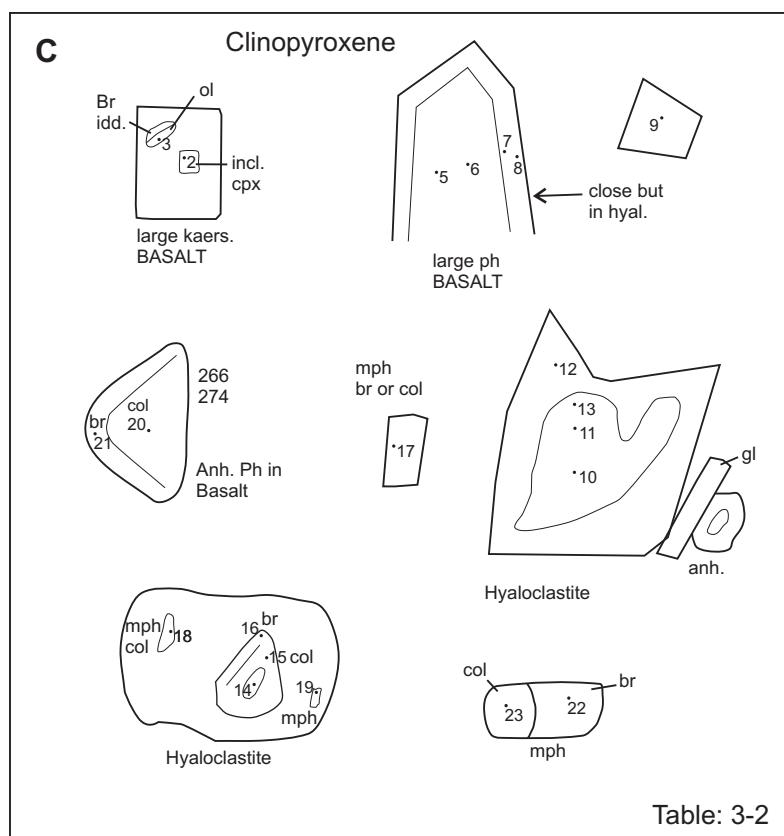
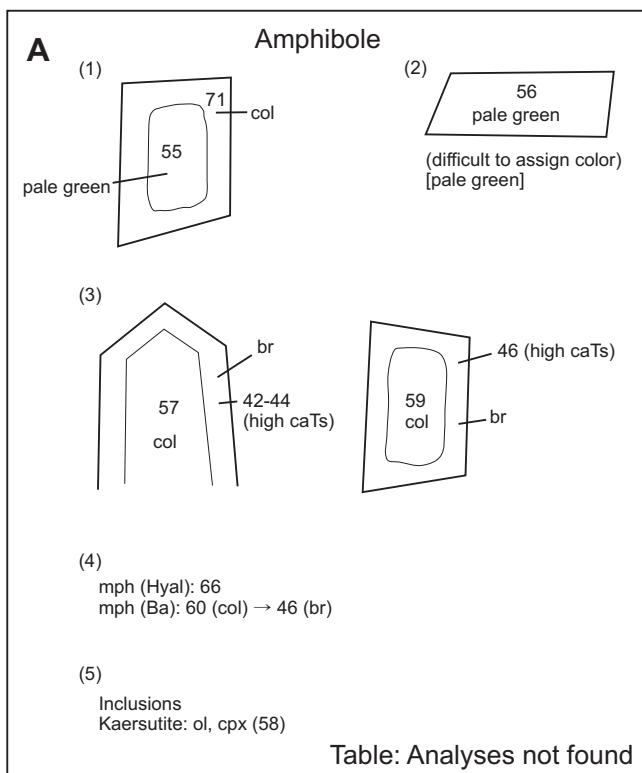
Sketches for selected analyses in Table 3-1.

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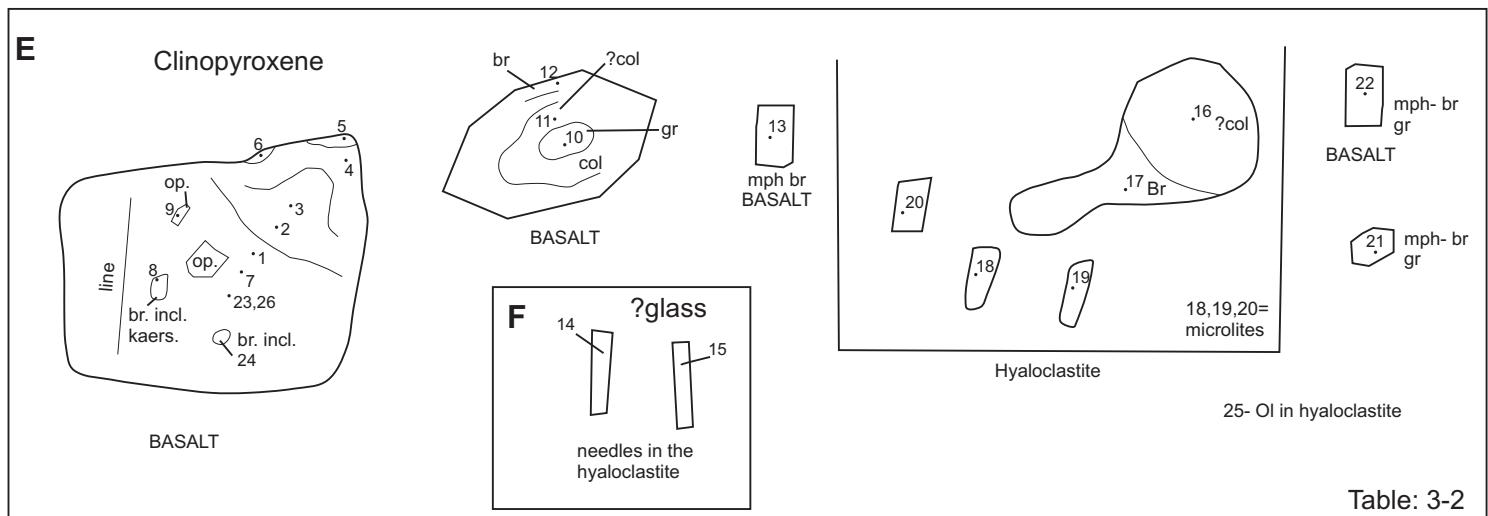


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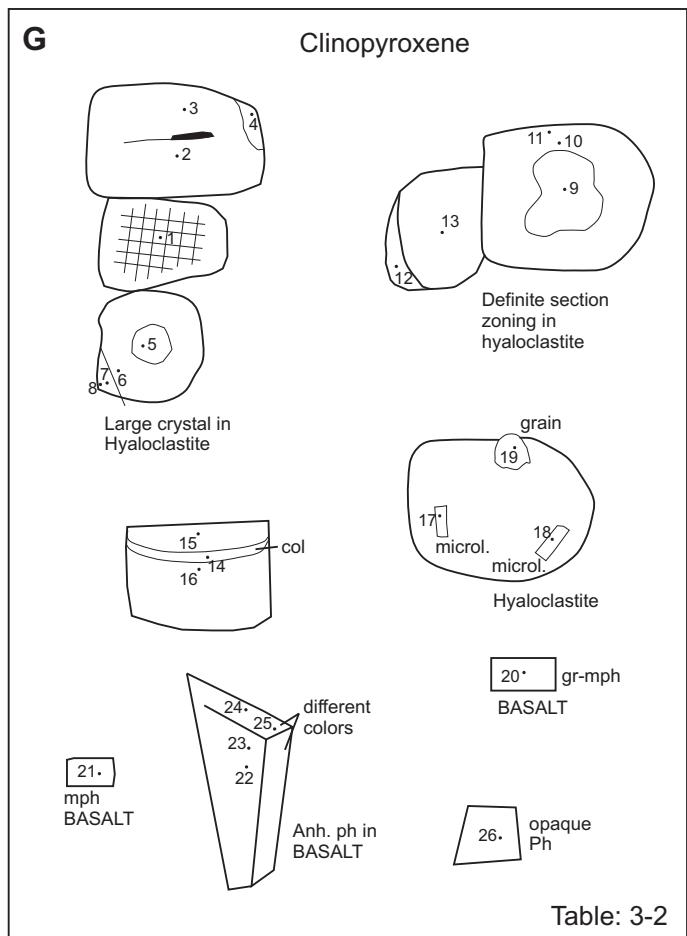


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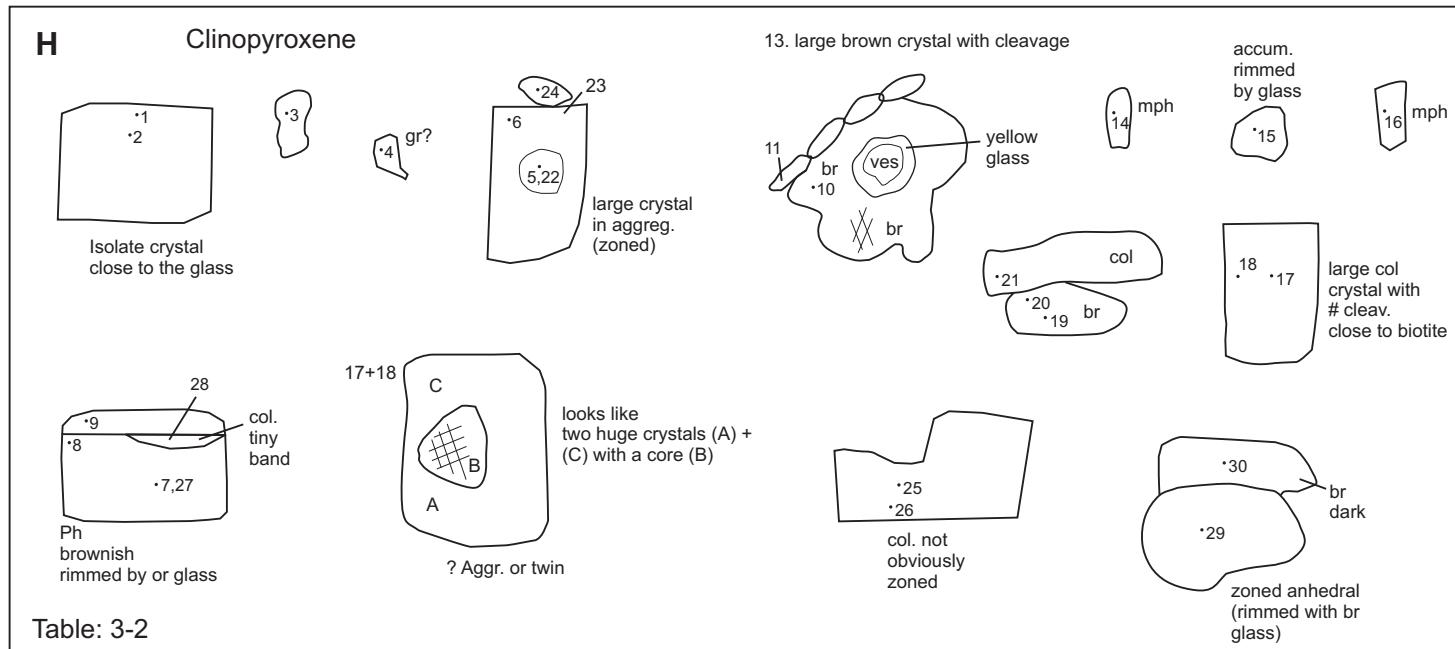


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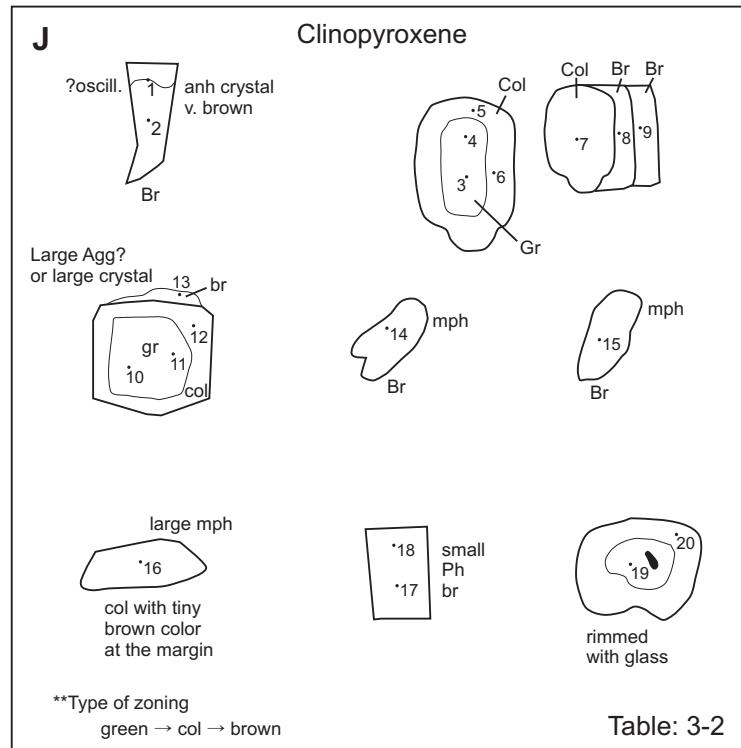


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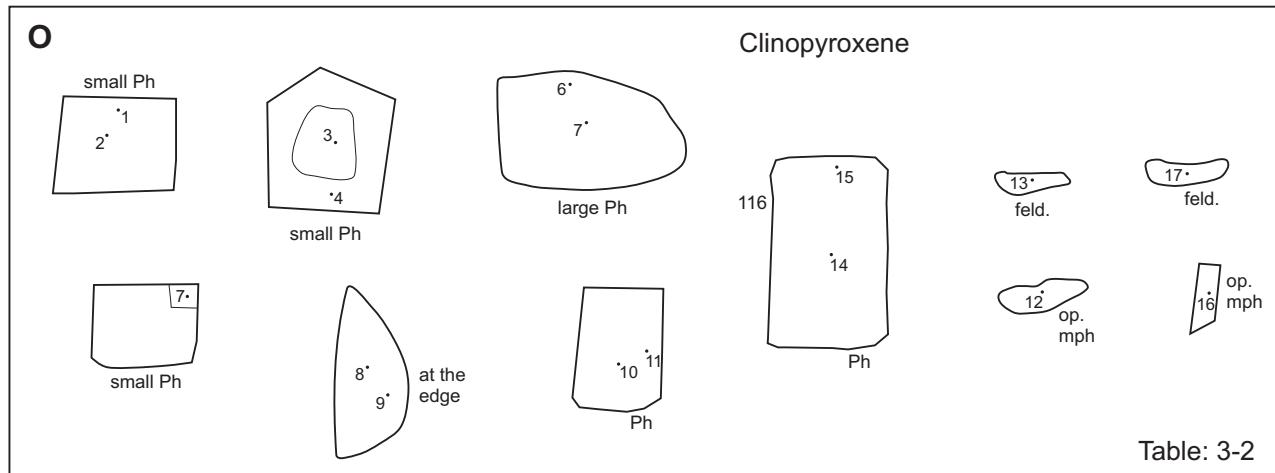


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Leg 43 382-25-2 (105-107cm)



Leg 43 385-23-1 (97-99ft)



Appendix 4: Triassic and Paleozoic rocks, Canadian continental margin

