

Geochemistry of Volcano-sedimentary and Plutonic Formations of the Agbaou Gold Deposit, Ivory Coast

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Abstract

Located in the south-west part of the Fettekro greenstone belt, Agbaou gold deposit is marked by three major lithological units: (i) a volcano-plutonic unit composed of basaltic to andesitic lavas, amphibolites, chlorite-schists and sills of microdiorite and microgabbro; (ii) a volcano-sedimentary unit containing pyroclastic lavas (basaltic and dacitic) and sediments (shale and grauwacke); (iii) the late felsic dikes (rhyolite and rhyodacite) probably contemporary with the formation of granitoids form the third unit. These host rocks are mostly intensely deformed and altered. Alteration phenomena were revealed by the high values in fire loss, the decreasing of silica contents, the sometimes high values of alkaline for rocks also basic, the constant depletion in LREE and LILE. The Eu and Nb negative anomalies reveal a crustal contamination of magmatic series. Basaltic lavas are volcanic arc tholeiites nearing N-MORB type; they are associated to a magmatogenesis of ocean floor. Their magmatic source would probably be spinel lherzolitic type. Andesites have a calc-alkaline composition and seem far link to active subduction margin. Geodynamics context would be that of an area where transcurrent faults of lithospheric extension generate heat corridors able of generating by fusion the andesitic calc-alkaline magma. This context would probably be the one that prevailed during the establishment of the gold mineralization. Pyroclastic rocks of dacitic composition as acid lavas (rhyolite and rhyodacite) have also evolved in this same geotectonic context. Plutonic rocks are located in arc-volcanic granites field, while metasediment are linked to active continental margin field.

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1. Introduction

West Africa is generally dominated by greenstone belts of Birimian age that are of great interest for mining research (Milési et al., 1989). These belts contain plutono-volcanic, volcanoclastic and sedimentary sequences, metamorphosed under greenschist to amphibolite facies conditions and intruded by granitoid massifs (2.2-2.0 Ga; Abouchami et al., 1990; Boher, 1991; Taylor et al., 1992; Hirdes et al., 1996; Lompo, 2010; Houssou, 2013; Houssou et al., 2014; Gnanvou, 2014; Ouattara, 2015; Houssou et al., 2017, etc.). The scarcity of fresh rock outcrops and the lack of deep work have so far prevented further investigations for an in-depth geological study of these Paleoproterozoic-aged terrains. Their geodynamic evolution remains without doubt one of the most debated subjects, the main reasons being, according to Vidal et al. (2006), the differences in structural interpretation, the lack of dating and the imprecision of the palaeogeographic reconstruction of the Palaeoproterozoic supercontinent around 1.8 Ga. Indeed, the speculations of various authors (Lemoine, 1988; Ouédraogo, 1989; Abouchami et al., 1990; Mortimer, 1990; Boher, 1991; Leake, 1992; Milési et al., 1992; Fabre et al., 1990 and 1993; Fabre and Morel, 1993; Pothin, 1993; Yao, 1993; Feybesse and Milési, 1994; Vidal and Alric, 1994; Turner, 1995; Poulet et al., 1995; Vidal et al., 1996; Doumbia 1998; Daouda 1998; Bédiat et al., 2000; Debat et al., 2003; Feybesse et al., 2006; Damparé 2008; Gueye et al., 2008; Vidal et al., 2006; Lompo 2010; etc.) are based on two main geotectonic models: (i) the so-called "modern" model emphasising collisional tectonics, crustal thickening of Archean blocks and crustal melting magmatism; and (ii) the so-called "archaic"

model emphasising volume deformation and thermal phenomena related to vertical or sliding movements during the emplacement of juvenile plutons. However, features such as : the absence of inherited Archean basement (material younger than 2.4 Ga), the absence of high-grade metamorphic rocks, the absence of nappes (foliations linked to the formation of plutons or to strike-slips), the weakness of regional metamorphism (greenschist to amphibolite facies) and the absence of migmatites (except in the extreme south-west) suggest an "archaic" geodynamic evolution for the West African Craton, without however excluding the possible existence of collisional events (Vidal et al., 2006). Two major stages are noted for the creation of the Paleoproterozoic crust of the West African Craton. The first, from 2.2 Ga to 2.15 Ga in the Lower Birimian, corresponds to the formation of greenstone belts and TTG (Tonalite, Trondhjemite, Granodiorite) granitoids. The second, from 2.15 Ga to 1.9 Ga of the Upper Birimian, is characterised by the development of volcano-sedimentary basins and the production of leucogranites.

The Agbaou gold deposit, discovered in the 1980s and located in the northern region of Divo (Côte d'Ivoire), is attached to the southern part of the Fékro belt. Our study, based essentially on drill cores from the Canadian company Etruscan Resources (now Endeavour Mining), is intended to contribute to the improvement of our knowledge of the Birimian formations. This work will focus on the lithogeochemical study of the country rocks to chemically characterize these formations and to determine their geotectonic environment of emplacement.

2. Geological Context

The Agbaou gold deposit is located in the southern part of the OuméFékro Birimian belt, which is part of the Proterozoic domain of Côte d'Ivoire. This part belongs to the Man Ridge in the West African Craton (Figure. 1A). Indeed, the Proterozoic domain was structured during orogenies. This framework is still the subject of debate because, for some authors (Tagini, 1971; Yacé 1993), it took place during a single orogeny, the Eburnean (2500-1600 Ma), for others (Lemoine, 1988; Boher, 1991) this structuring took place during two orogenesis, the Burkinian (2400-2150 Ma) and the Eburnean (s.s.) (2120-1800 Ma). Papon (1973) proposes a subdivision of Proterozoic domain into two distinct zones: (i) the SASCA type-(Sassandra-Cavally) zone located in south-west of the country, where the Archean formations are well preserved and (ii) the geosynclinal-type, which occupies the rest of the domain. The formations of this second zone are attributed to the Birimian (Arnould, 1961; Bonhomme, 1962). They are consisting of sedimentary and volcanic-plutonic belts generally oriented NE-SW, and separated by oriented or equant granitoids. The works of Yacé (1982), Lemoine (1988), Olson (1989), Mortimer (1990), Leake (1992), Daouda (1998), Ouattara et al. (2008), Houssou et al. (2011), Houssou (2013), Allou (2014), Ouattara (2015), Houssou et al. (2017), Coulibaly (2018), have provided details on both geological setting of the Oume-Fetekro belt and the gold mineralisations of Bonikro, Agbaou and Bobosso.

The geology of the Agbaou deposit, the subject of our study, is defined by two major lithological units of Birimian age crossed by vein formations: (i) a mafic to intermediate volcanic unit consist of basalt and andesite and (ii) a volcano-sedimentary unit (Figure. 1B). This second unit includes tuff-type pyroclastics, sandstones, siltstones and mudstones. These birimian formations are generally deformed and metamorphosed in the greenschist to amphibolite facies. They outcrop in the form of metabasalts, meta-andesites, schists (chloritoschists, calco-chloritoschists and sericitoschists), amphibolites, mylonites and breccias. These different rocks have undergone significant deformation, the extent of which has been revealed by geophysical data (Gillick, 2001), remote sensing (Houssou, 2013), drill cores (Houssou, 2013) and the mine pits. These data suggest the existence of a regional tectonic subparallel to the NE birimian direction and major faults or shear zones. The NE faults correspond to shear zones including the Agbaou Tectonic Zone (ATZ) and the West Tectonic Zone (WTZ). The ATZ is practically a first order megastructure, which is estimated to be about 500 meters wide and 2 kilometers long (Tourigny, 2008). The NW dislocations, which appear to be more recent, simply intersect or sometimes offset earlier structures. Gold mineralization is controlled by shear zones that host mineralized lenses with associated quartz vein networks.

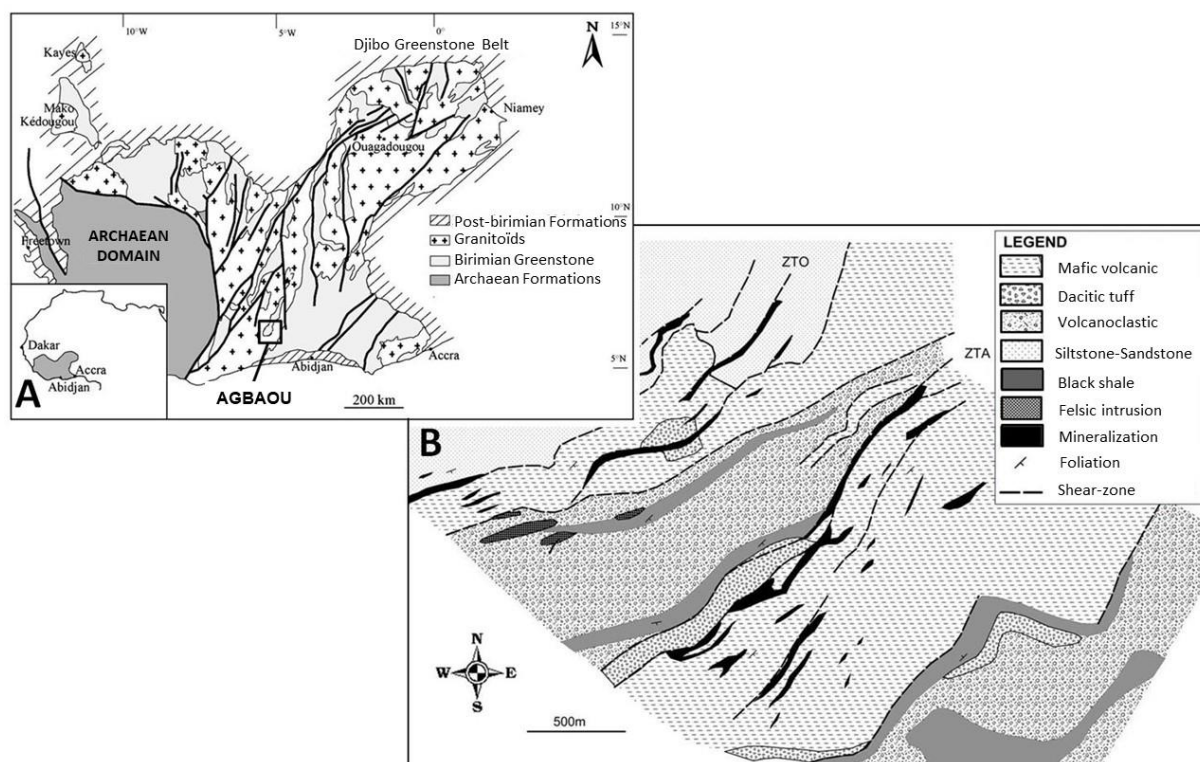


Figure 1. (A) Simplified geological map of the West African craton and location of the Agbaou gold deposit (map redrawn from Milesi et al., 1992). (B) Lithostructural map of the Agbaou mine

3. Material and Methods

Thirty samples of the host rocks were chemically analyzed. These samples were crushed and then porphyzied in an Agathe bowl at the Chemical Laboratory of SODEMI (Société pour le Développement Minier de Côte d'Ivoire). The powder obtained was then analysed at the Service d'Analyse des Roches et des Minéraux (SARM) of the Centre de Recherche Pétrographique et Géochimique (CRPG) in Nancy, France. Major elements were determined by plasma emission spectrometry (ICP). Trace elements were analysed by inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (ICP-MS)

4. Results

4.1 Major and Trace Elements Composition

a. Metasediments

The petrographic study showed that the Agbaou metasediments are mostly sericite schists. Sericite is generally related to the pseudomorphosis of feldspars, an abundant mineral in the sediments. The metasediments show concentrations of 58.17 and 66.14 % SiO_2 , 4.44 and 7.80 % alkalis ($\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$), 15.35 and 15.80 % Al_2O_3 and 0.61 and 0.89 % TiO_2 . MgO contents are low (1.85 and 2.27%). The geochemical criteria commonly used for the classification of sediments are SiO_2 concentrations, with $\text{SiO}_2/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ratio (Potter, 1978) which reflecting the abundance of quartz and the content of clays and feldspars. The other criteria used is the alkali content ($\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$); this seems less relevant here for establishing the classification, given the phenomena of metamorphism and alteration. Based on the chemical maturity index and the $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ratio, Herron (1988) proposed a classification of terrigenous sediments based on the $\log(\text{SiO}_2/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3)$ - $\log(\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{K}_2\text{O})$ diagram. He modified the diagram established by Pettijohn et al (1972), replacing $\log(\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O})$ by $\log(\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{K}_2\text{O})$. The $\log(\text{SiO}_2/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3)$ - $\log(\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{K}_2\text{O})$ diagram shows that the Agbaou metasediments correspond to greywackes and shales (Figure 2A). Chromium, cobalt, nickel and vanadium compositions are generally higher in shales than in greywackes. The shales have Cr, Co, Ni and V contents of 114 ppm, 51 ppm, 56 ppm and 187 ppm respectively; these values are respectively 59 ppm, 14 ppm, 22 ppm and 84 ppm in the greywackes.

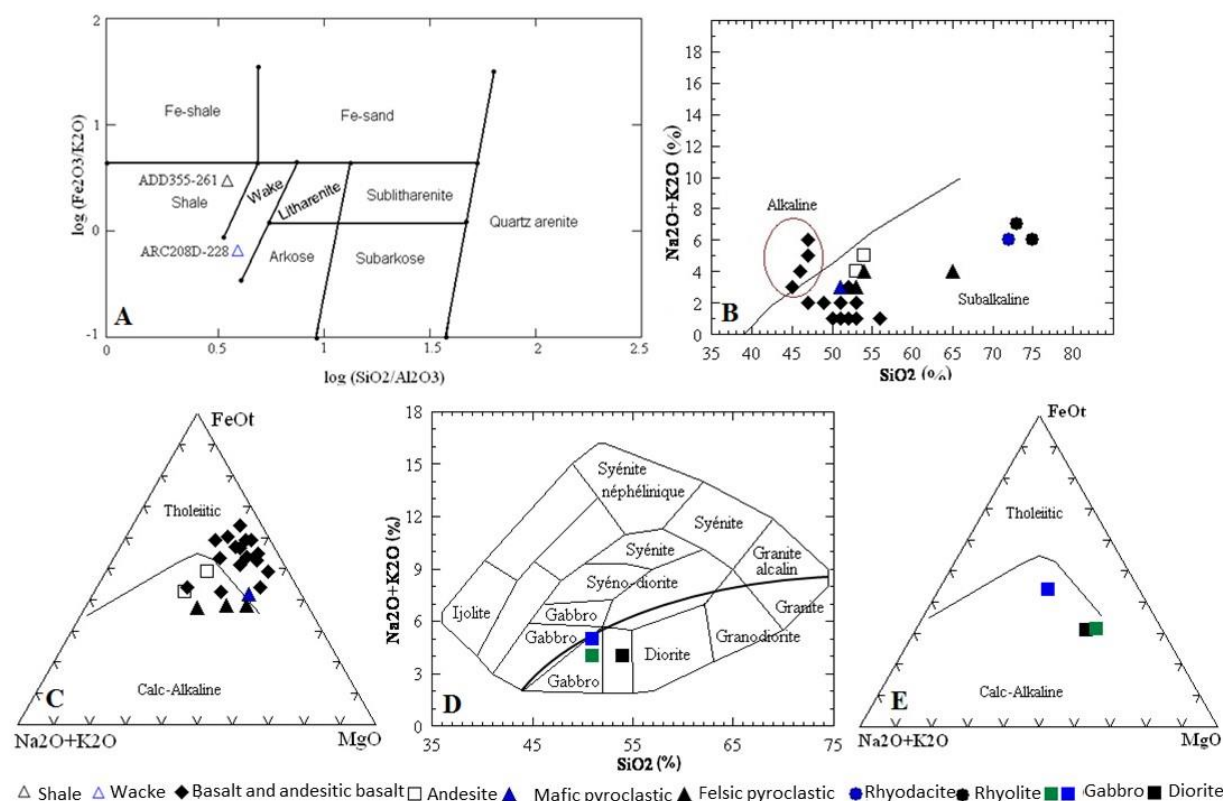


Figure 2. (A) Log (SiO₂/Al₂O₃)-log (Na₂O/K₂O) discrimination diagram by Herron (1988) applied to sediments; (B) SiO₂ versus Na₂O + K₂O diagram (Irvine and Baragar, 1971) applied to metavolcanites; (C) AFM diagram (Irvine and Baragar, 1971) applied to metavolcanites; (D) SiO₂ versus Na₂O + K₂O diagram (Cox et al., 1979) adapted to plutonic rocks by Wilson (1989) applied to plutonites; (E) AFM diagram (Irvine and Baragar, 1971) applied to metaplutonites from the Agbaou deposit

The trace element compositions of the metasediments are plotted on multi-element diagrams normalized to the upper continental crust (Figure 3A), basing on the values of Taylor and McLennan (1985). The profiles are generally flat and marked by depletions of lithophile ions LILE and HFSE (U, Th, Nb and Ta). There is a relative deficit in Zr compared to elements with a similar degree of compatibility. The greywackes show strong positive anomalies in Rb and Ba. The fractionation of the sediments is characterized by element ratios of the radioactive / radiogenic pairs: Rb/Sr (0.15-0.38) and Sm/Nd (0.21); these values are close to the values (0.32 and 0.17, respectively) estimated for the upper continental crust (Taylor and McLennan, 1985).

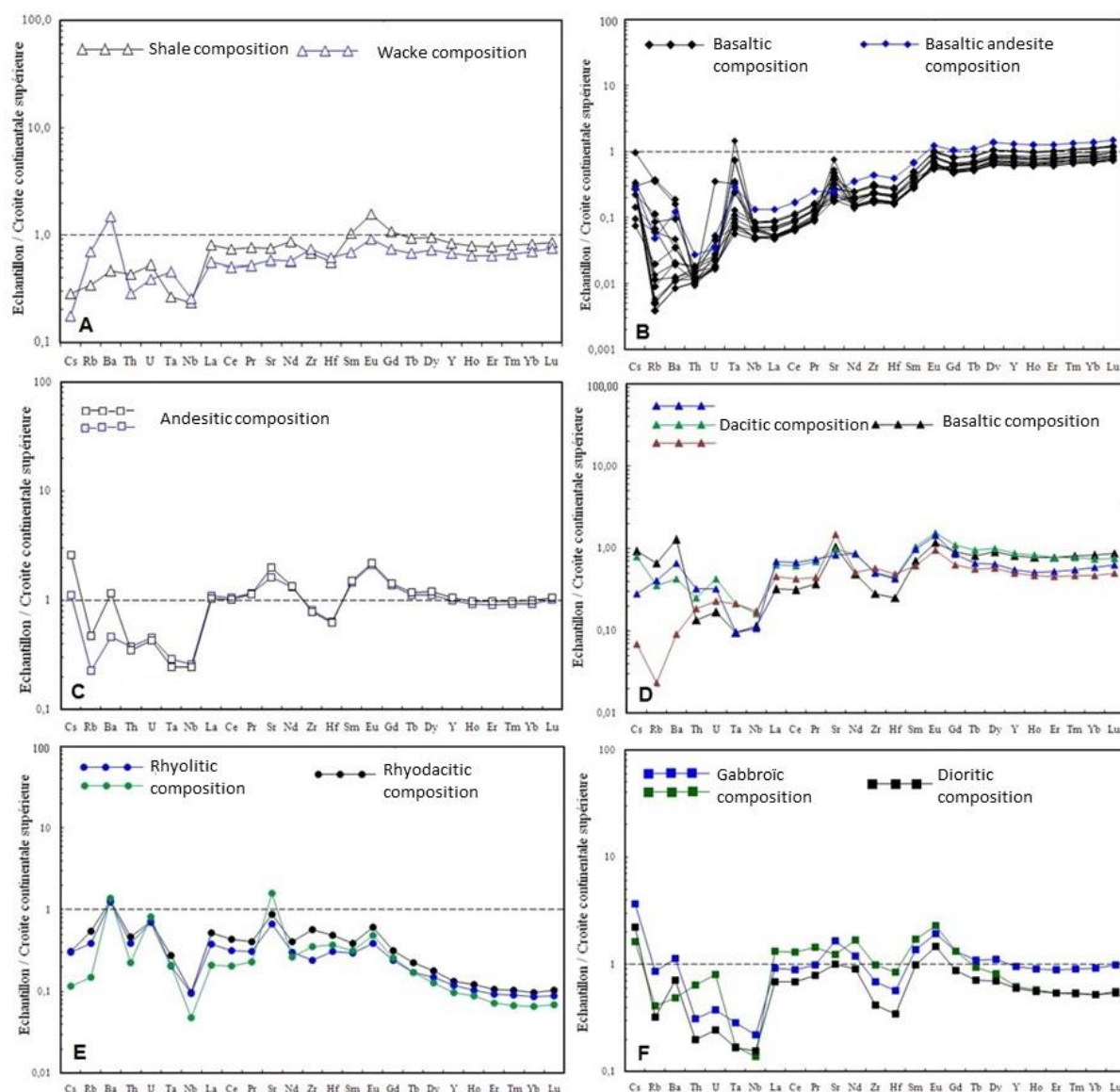


Figure 3. Spidergrams of metasediments (A), basalts and basaltic andesites (B), andesites (C), pyroclastites (D), felsites (E) and plutonites (F) from the Agbaou deposit normalized to the upper continental crust

b. Metavolcanites

The concentrations of SiO_2 and alkalis ($\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$) indicate that the volcanics have a composition of basalt and basaltic andesite, andesite, dacite, rhyolite and rhyodacite. The volcanics are generally subalkaline, except for those in mineralized areas which are mostly alkaline character (Irvine and Baragar, 1971; Figure 2B). Basalts and basaltic andesites are the dominant lithology of the metavolcanites. They are characterized by SiO_2 contents from 45.28% to 56.18%, alkalis ($\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$) from 1.08% to 6.63%, Al_2O_3 from 12.04% to 16.84% and TiO_2 (0.63-1.71%). MgO values range from 5.35 to 9.44%. These formations are generally tholeiitic composition (Irvine and Baragar, 1971; Figure. 2C). However, they are weakly potassic. The rocks in the mineralized zones show a rather alkaline character and very low SiO_2 contents. Metal concentrations in basalts and basaltic andesites are: chromium (108-375 ppm), cobalt (39-52 ppm), nickel (73-178 ppm) and vanadium (215-374 ppm). The trace element compositions for basalts and basaltic andesites are plotted on diagrams normalized to upper continental crust (Figure. 3B), basing on the values of Taylor and McLennan (1985). The patterns of these rocks show a general trend of depletion for incompatible elements expressed by the slope in the diagrams. However, the relatively high Ta and Sr contents, compared to elements with a close degree of incompatibility are expressed by positive anomalies. There is a relative deficit in Rb. The fractionation is marked by very low (0-0.28) and

high (0.33-0.37) Rb/Sr and Sm/Nd element ratios compared to the values (0.32 and 0.17, respectively) estimated (Taylor and McLennan, 1985) for the upper continental crust.

The andesites have undergone the effects of epizonal metamorphism and alteration. They are defined by contents of 53.16-54.20% SiO₂, 4.65-6.11% alkali (Na₂O + K₂O), 4.18-5.52% MgO, and low TiO₂ values 0.93-0.99%. They have a basaltic andesite composition (Figure. 2B). The andesites are calc-alkaline and weakly to moderately potassic (Figure. 2C). These rocks have average vanadium contents between 171 and 205 ppm. Chromium, cobalt and nickel contents are low and are respectively between 36-65 ppm, 27-35 ppm and 41-72 ppm. The Agbaou andesites show lower Cr, Co and Ni contents than the Ashanti andesites: Cr (160-270 ppm), Co (30-48 ppm) and Ni (40-120 ppm); however, their V contents are similar (105-202 ppm).

The trace elements composition of the andesites is shown in diagrams normalized to upper continental crust (Figure. 3C), according to the values of Taylor and McLennan (1985). The profiles are relatively flat and generally show a depletion of lithophile ions LILEs (Rb, Ba) and HFSEs (Th, U, Ta, Nb and Hf). This very marked negative anomaly in Nb is characteristic of the continental crust; There are strong positive anomalies in Sr, Cs and Eu. The fractionation is marked by ratios of radioactive / radiogenic elements: Rb/Sr low (0.04-0.08) and Sm/Nd identical (0.19-0.20) compared to the values (0.32 and 0.17, respectively) estimated for the upper continental crust (Taylor and McLennan, 1985).

The pyroclastics are either basaltic or dacitic in composition (Figure. 2B). They are indeed quartz vein walls, which have undergone the effects of alteration; this is revealed by their very high loss on ignition values (>10%). There is a strong remobilization of silica. The basaltic pyroclastics correspond to the mafic pyroclastics described in the petrographic study above. They have SiO₂ contents of 51.69% and alkaline contents (Na₂O + K₂O) of 4.07%. These pyroclastites are very magnesian with MgO = 9.41 %; they show low TiO₂ contents (0.89 %). They straddle the tholeiitic and calc-alkaline series (Figure. 2C) and are highly potassic. The dacitic pyroclastites, on the other hand, correspond to the felsic pyroclastites as also described in the petrographic study paragraph. Their SiO₂ values are between 53.41-65.15% and alkali (Na₂O + K₂O) between 3.48-5.05%. MgO contents vary from 4.46% to 8.08%. These acid pyroclastites are linked to the calc-alkaline series (Figure. 2C) and are moderately potassic. The Agbaou pyroclastites have progressively decreasing metal contents in the following order: chromium, cobalt, nickel and vanadium. The basaltic pyroclastites have high chromium contents (513 ppm) followed by vanadium (244 ppm), nickel (97 ppm) and cobalt (38 ppm). The same is true of the dacitic pyroclastics which have very expressive chromium contents (329-518 ppm), followed by vanadium (84-206 ppm), nickel (72-138 ppm) and cobalt (24-31 ppm).

Their incompatible element compositions are highlighted in multi-element diagrams normalized to the upper continental crust (Figure. 3D), basing on the values of Taylor and McLennan (1985). Overall, the patterns of the pyroclastites are flat and show depletions in light lithophile ions LILE and HFSE (Zr, Hf, Nb and Ta). The typical dacitic pyroclastite, which offers the strongest deficit in Cs, Ba and Rb, shows a positive anomaly in Sr which has the highest Cs, Ba and Rb deficiency, shows a positive Sr anomaly. The basaltic pyroclastite also shows a positive Sr anomaly. The fractionation is marked by low Rb/Sr (0.01-0.20) and Sm/Nd (0.20-0.25) ratios, identical to the values (0.32 and 0.17, respectively) estimated for the upper continental crust (Taylor and McLennan, 1985).

The acidic lavas are mostly rhyolites and rhyodacites (Figure 2B). They are supersaturated and generally consist of feldspar and quartz phenocrysts with crystallization gaps. Rhyodacites also contain more or less chloritized biotite phenocrysts. They have SiO₂ of 72.13% and alkaline (Na₂O + K₂O) of 7.21% contents. Their MgO content is low (0.73%), as is TiO₂ (0.29%). The rhyolites, on the other hand, are characterized by SiO₂ values of 73.30% to 75.97% and alkalis (Na₂O + K₂O) of 7.06% to 7.70%. The MgO and TiO₂ contents are very low and give respectively 0.10-0.45% and 0.05-0.14%. At Agbaou, these acid intrusions are late and crosscut all the volcano-sedimentary units without exposing any particular phenomena of contact metamorphism. They contain low levels of chromium (41-85 ppm), cobalt (0-4 ppm), nickel (0-9 ppm) and vanadium (1-24 ppm). Radioactive element values are also relatively low: U (1.97-2.31 ppm) and Th (2.42-5.00 ppm). The trace element compositions of the acid intrusions are plotted on diagrams normalized to upper continental crust (Figure. 3E), according to the values of Taylor and McLennan (1985). The patterns are generally shallowly sloping and marked by depletion of HFSE-bearing elements. Relatively low Nb contents compared to elements with a similar degree of incompatibility are expressed by negative anomalies on the diagrams similar incompatibility are expressed as negative anomalies on the diagrams. Strong positive anomalies in Sr and Ba are also noted. The Zr/Y (17-37) and La/Yb (43-74) ratios appear to be relatively high. The fractionation of the lavas is marked by element ratios of the radioactive / radiogenic pairs: Rb/Sr very low (0.03-0.19) and Sm/Nd identical (0.17-0.21) compared to the values (0.32 and 0.17, respectively) estimated for the upper continental crust (Taylor and

McLennan, 1985).

c. Metaplutonites

The classification diagram of Cox et al. (1979), adapted to plutonic rocks by Wilson (1989), shows that the metaplutonites of Agbaou deposit have a composition of diorite and gabbro (Figure 2D). The petrographic study revealed that they are microdiorites and microgabbros. These rocks are essentially subalkaline. The diorites have a SiO_2 content of 54.62% and alkaline ($\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$) of 5.69%. Their MgO content is very high (9.06%). The TiO_2 content is low (0.67%). The diorites belong to the calc-alkaline series (Figure 2E). The gabbros have SiO_2 concentrations from 51.27% to 51.39% and alkaline ($\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$) from 30% to 6.05%. Their MgO values are high (6.08-11.70%). TiO_2 contents are low (0.67-0.95%). The gabbros also belong to the calc-alkaline series (Figure 49E). The plutonites are marked by identical cobalt concentrations (diorites: 41 ppm and gabbros: 32-41 ppm), the differences being in chromium, vanadium and nickel. The diorites show Cr (590 ppm), V (157 ppm) and Ni (277 ppm) while the contents in the gabbros are: Cr (65-453 ppm), V (141-218 ppm) and Ni (96-208 ppm).

The trace element compositions of the metaplutonites are plotted on multi-element diagrams normalized to the upper continental crust (Figure. 3F), according to the values of Taylor and McLennan (1985). The profiles are relatively flat with depletions in LILE (Rb and Ba) and HFSE (Nb, Ta, Hf and Zr). There are enrichments in Cs. The element ratios of the radioactive / radiogenic pairs give low Rb/Sr (0.10-0.16) and identical Sm/Nd (0.17-0.20) compared to the values (0.32 and 0.17, respectively) estimated for the upper continental crust (Taylor and McLennan, 1985).

4.2 Rare Earth Composition

a. Metasediments

The rare earth compositions (ΣREE) of the Agbaou metasediments are respectively 117.58 ppm and 80.51 ppm. These concentrations plotted on chondrite-normalized diagrams, according to Sun and McDonough (1989) (Figure. 4A), show similar, low-slope rare earth spectra with low fractionation rates: $(\text{La}/\text{Sm})_N = 3.27\text{-}3.43$ and $(\text{La}/\text{Yb})_N = 7.48\text{-}9.10$. However, the grauwackes show a weak negative europium anomaly.

b. Metavolcanites

Rare earth concentrations (ΣREE) in basalts and basaltic andesites are low and range from 19.88 to 47.03 ppm. Plotted on chondrite-normalized diagrams (Sun and McDonough, 1989; Figure. 4B), the rare-earth spectra are relatively flat with very little fractionation: $(\text{La}/\text{Sm})_N = 0.65\text{-}0.82$ and $(\text{La}/\text{Yb})_N = 0.56\text{-}0.90$. Basaltic andesites show relatively higher rare earth contents than basalts. However, there is a slight general depletion of LREE. The basaltic rocks of Agbaou show negative europium anomalies ($\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* = 1.36$) and thus develop a geochemical behavior similar to that of N-MORB basalts.

The rare earth compositions (ΣREE) of the andesites of Agbaou are very high and range from 163.81 to 165.79 ppm. These concentrations plotted on chondrite-normalized diagrams (Sun and McDonough, 1989; Figure. 4C), indicate moderately sloping rare-earth spectra with a low fractionation rate: $(\text{La}/\text{Sm})_N = 2.88\text{-}3.13$ and $(\text{La}/\text{Yb})_N = 9.60\text{-}10.76$. The rare earth contents of the andesites are in the order of 8 to 100 times the chondrite. There is absence of europium anomalies.

Rare earth contents (ΣREE) are around 60.85 ppm in basaltic pyroclastites and 68.87 ppm in dacitic pyroclastites. The pyroclastites which are mostly wall hangings of mineralized quartz veins showing higher rare earth contents (163-165 ppm). The rare earth compositions of the pyroclastites are plotted on chondrite-normalized diagrams (Figure. 4D) according to the values of Sun and McDonough (1989). The rare earth spectra of pyroclastites are generally low to medium slope. Basaltic pyroclastites show very low fractionation [$(\text{La}/\text{Sm})_N = 1.89$ and $(\text{La}/\text{Yb})_N = 3.59$], lower than that of dacitic pyroclastites [$(\text{La}/\text{Sm})_N = 2.57\text{-}3.16$ and $(\text{La}/\text{Yb})_N = 7.91\text{-}10.87$]. There is no europium anomaly.

The rare earth contents (ΣREE) of rhyodacites are around 61.31 ppm, while those of rhyolites range from 31.44 to 45.50 ppm. Spectra of acid lavas normalized to chondrite composition (Sun and McDonough, 1989; Figure. 4E), show generally steep slopes. The fractionation rate of rhyolites is: $(\text{La}/\text{Sm})_N = 2.74\text{-}5.62$ and $(\text{La}/\text{Yb})_N = 29.42\text{-}50.10$. A slight general depletion of Sm is noted.

c. Metaplutonites

The rare earth contents (ΣREE) of diorites are 108.84 ppm, while those of gabbros are higher and range from 145 to 197.30 ppm. The rare earth spectra of plutonites normalized to chondrite values (Sun and McDonough, 1989; Figure. 4F), are moderately to steeply sloping. Diorites and gabbros show similar spectra although the rare

earth contents of the latter appear to be higher. Their fractionation rates are also close and relatively low: Diorite $[(La/Sm)_N = 2.94 \text{ and } (La/Yb)_N = 12.11]$ and Gabbro $[(La/Sm)_N = 2.80 \text{ and } (La/Yb)_N = 9.12]$. However, a gabbro sample gave a higher fractionation rate of: $(La/Sm)_N = 3.26 \text{ and } (La/Yb)_N = 23.29$.

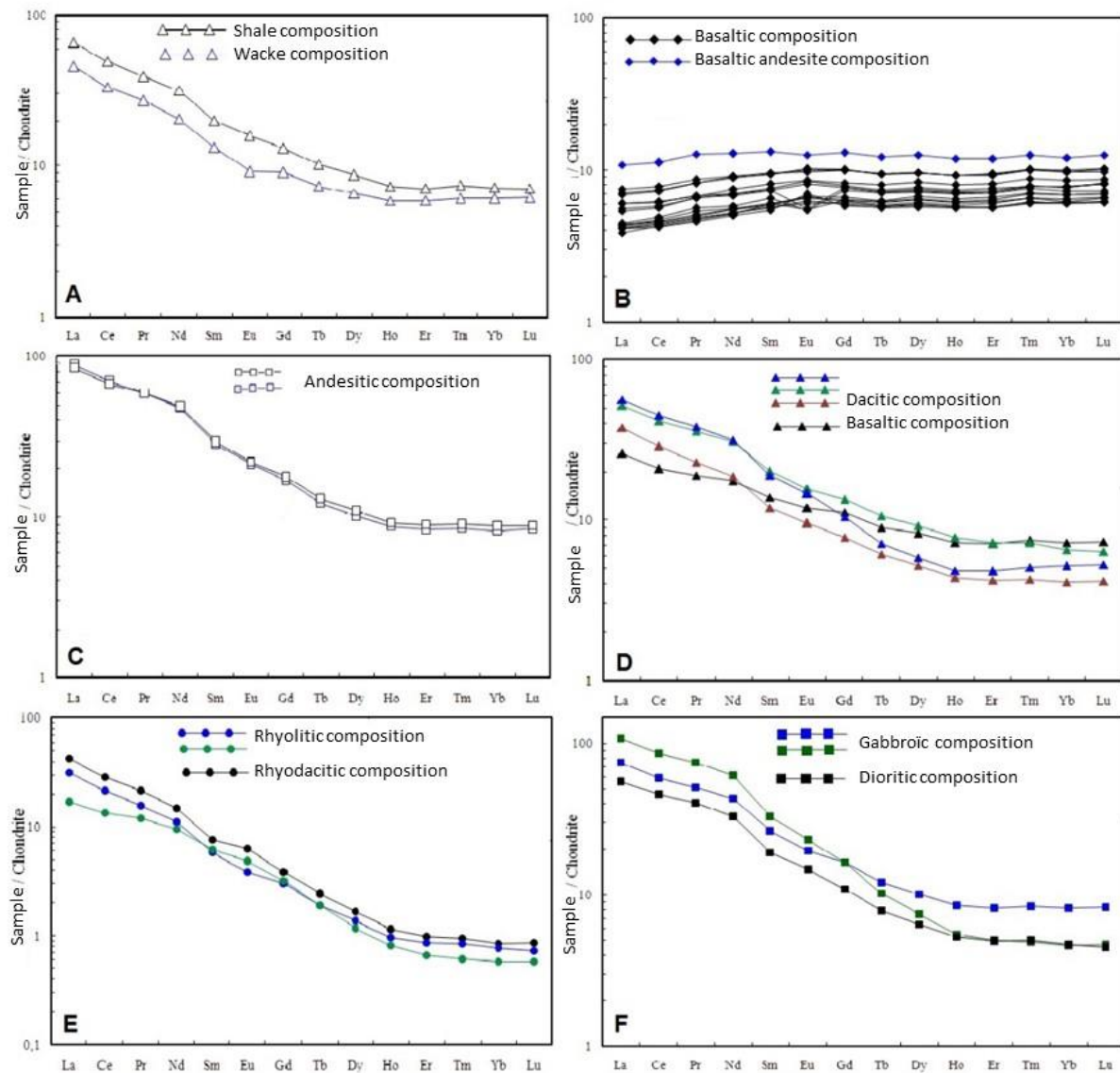


Figure 4. Rare earth spectra of metasediments (A), basalts and basaltic andesites (B), andesites (C), pyroclastites (D), felsites (E), plutonites (F) from the Agbaou deposit normalized to chondrite

5. Petrogenesis and Geotectonic Relationships

a. Metasediments

Agbaou sediments are plotted in the field of active continental margins on the $\log (K_2O/Na_2O)$ versus SiO_2 discrimination diagram of Roser and Korsch (1986) (Figure. 5A). The rare earth fractionation rate of these sediments is generally low, with a well-expressed positive Eu anomaly. The low Cr content can be explained by the fact that Cr was mobilized during the diagenesis process that seems to be at the origin of the sedimentary rocks. Only the greywacke shows a strong positive anomaly in Rb and Ba. The positive Eu anomalies imply crystallization of plagioclases and alkali feldspars by fractional crystallization or partial melting of the rock.

b. Metavolcanites

The basalts and basaltic andesites of Agbaou, compared to the lavas of classical geodynamic contexts, show

geochemical signatures close to N-MORB basalts marked by a depletion of large lithophile ions (LILEs) on spiderdiagrams normalized to the upper continental crust. However, the Agbaou lavas are characterized by very marked Ta anomalies and higher Cs contents. The Nb/Yb-Th/Yb diagram (Figure. 5B) confirms this affinity of the Agbaou basaltic rocks to N-MORB basalts and suggests a depleted magmatic source, intermediate between E-MORB and N-MORB. They are also marked by low Th/Nb ratios (0.07-0.10). These low Th/Yb values (0.07-0.10) are indicative of subduction or low crustal contamination.

The andesites, on the other hand, correspond to intraplate formations (Within-Plate Basalt, WPB) with a calc-alkaline composition (Calc-Alkaline Basalt, CAB) (Figure. 5B). They have a relatively high Th/Nb ratio (0.62) compared to basalts and basaltic andesites and to the mantle. Indeed, the mantle shows a constant Th/Nb ratio expressed by a linear correlation between Th/Yb and Nb/Yb. There was therefore probably crustal contamination of these formations. The andesites are also marked by a high Th/Yb ratio (1.72-1.96) compared to the basaltic rocks (0.07-0.10); this implies that the andesites, during their evolution, were affected by a crustal contamination.

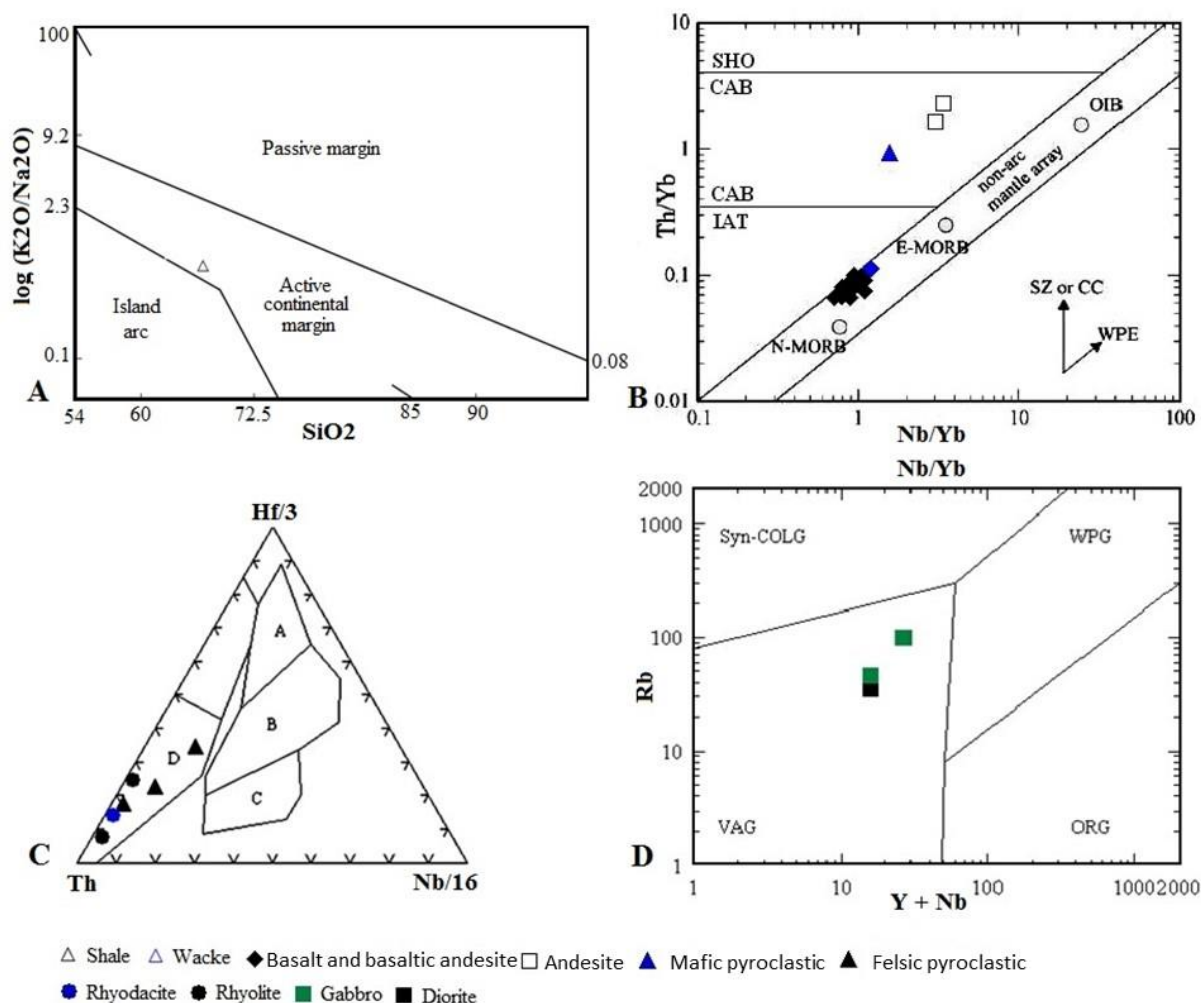


Figure 5. Petrogenetic diagrams of volcanosediments and plutonites

(A) SiO_2 - $\log(K_2O/Na_2O)$ discrimination diagram of Roser and Korsch (1986) applied to sediments; (B) Pearce (1983) Nb/Yb-Th/Yb diagram applied to the metavolcanites of the Agbaou deposit, illustrating Th enrichment in the subduction zone or crustal contamination. SZ: Subduction zone flow. IAT: Island arc tholeiites. CAB: Calc-alkaline basalts. SHO: Shoshonitic basalts. N-MORB, E-MORB and OIB (after Sun and McDonough, 1989). (C) Th-Nb-Hf discrimination diagram of Wood (1980) applied to metavolcanites; A: N-MORB; B: E-MORB and intraplate tholeiites; C: alkaline intraplate basalts; D: volcanic arc basalts. (D) Y+Nb-Rb discrimination diagram of Pearce et al (1984) applied to Agbaou plutonites. Syn-COLG: syn-collisional granites; WPG: intraplate granites; VAG: volcanic arc granites; ORG: oceanic rift granites.

The mafic pyroclastites show geochemical characteristics similar to those of basaltic rocks; they correspond to N-MORB (Figure. 5B). These pyroclastites have a relatively high Th/Nb ratio (0.51). They may have undergone moderate crustal contamination ($\text{Th/Yb} = 0.80$). Dacitic pyroclastics, on the other hand, correspond to arc volcanics (Figure. 5C) and seem to have evolved in the same geotectonic context as the acid lavas.

The acid dykes, formed by rhyolites and rhyodacites, are set in the field of the arc volcanics (Figure. 5C). The rhyolites have low Y concentrations ($\text{Y} < 5\text{ppm}$) and high Zr/Y concentrations ($\text{Zr/Y} > 10$), showing that they belong to the FI rhyolites (Leshner et al., 1986).

c. Metaplutonites

Chemical analyses of the metaplutonites are shown in the (Y + Nb) versus Rb diagram of Pearce et al. (1984) (Figure. 5D). It is clear that the diorites and gabbros are close to the volcanic arc plutonites (VAG). The plutonites of the Agbaou deposit show significant depletion of high potential elements (HFSE) (Nb, Ta, Zr and Hf), low HREE and very strong positive Eu anomalies.

6. Discussion

Geochemical data reveal that the volcanics of the Agbaou gold deposit have compositions of basalt and basaltic andesite, andesite, dacite, rhyodacite and rhyolite. These volcanics are subalkaline, except for those in the mineralized zones which character are rather alkaline. Sedimentary units (sandstones, shales and greywackes) are associated with these volcanics; the whole being intruded by microdiorites and microgabbros, but also by late felsite dikes (rhyolites and rhyodacites).

The Agbaou volcanics have very low TiO_2 contents ranging from 0.05-1.71%. This suggests that these are similar to magmatic arc volcanics (Pearce and Cann, 1973), but distinct from those of intraplate volcanism which have higher TiO_2 contents ($> 2\%$). The basaltic lavas of Agbaou consistently exhibit flat rare earth spectra with low LREEs depletion and low Ce contents. They show geochemical characteristics similar to those described by Daouda (1998) in the basalts of the Toumodi area located further north but also belonging to the Fâ€™â€™ belt. The Agbaou basalts have relatively lower Cr, Co, Ni and V contents than their counterparts in the Ashanti belt, Ghana (Dampar é et al., 2008). On the one hand, identical Ni contents are noted in the basalts and andesites of Agbaou, and on the other hand, a decrease in Cr, Co and V contents from basalts to andesites. There is also a generalized depletion of large lithophilic ions (LLIs) in basaltic rocks. Indeed, the content of light and more mobile elements characteristic of the continental crust suggests a crustal contamination of the magmas. The Sr enrichment is indicative of the presence of plagioclase in the Agbaou basalts. Normative compositions indicate the presence of olivine in basaltic rocks. However, this mineral was not observed in our fresh rocks during the petrographic study. Indeed, olivine has an essentially magmatic origin. It must therefore have been transformed into tremolite during hydrothermal alteration. Tremolite was indeed observed in the rock during the petrographic study. To this must be added the positive anomaly in Ta, probably indicating the presence of ilmenite, rutile or sphene in the Agbaou metabasalts. The basaltic lavas correspond to arc-volcanic tholeiites close to N-MORB, as suggested by various authors on the Man-L é Ridge lavas (Abouchami et al., 1990; Mortimer, 1990; Boher et al., 1992; Leake, 1992; Daouda, 1998; Lompo, 2009; etc.). They have been dated to 2.5-1.5 Ga and their magmatic source is thought to be spinel lherzolite. These lavas are probably related to an oceanic plateau-type magmatogenesis. MORB basalts are generally interpreted as being formed from a mantle depleted in elements incompatible with liquidus temperatures of 1200 °C and represent an extension of mid-ocean ridges or back-arc basins. Unlike the basalts of the Agbaou gold deposit, which are tholeiitic in character, the basalts of the Sabodala gold deposit (in eastern Senegal) correspond to type A basalts with a komatiitic tendency (Sylla and Ngom, 1997). The andesites are characterized by moderate fractionation of light rare earths, negative Eu and Nb anomalies, and moderate enrichment in LILEs (Cs, Ba and Rb). The Nb anomaly associated with an enrichment in light lithophilic ions suggests a crustal involvement in magmatism. The Agbaou andesites have a calc-alkaline composition and seem to be related to an active margin subduction context. Indeed, calc-alkaline magmas are classically associated with an active margin subduction context. However, for the Fâ€™â€™ Birimian belt, very few authors argue in favor of a subduction zone, except Lemoine (1988) and Mortimer (1990). The former proposes a subduction model with crustal delamination, while the latter thinks rather of a birimian magmatism linked to a collision model with subduction. Indeed, the metamorphism at Agbaou is of low grade and greenschist facies; it only reaches amphibolite facies at the level of the shear corridor. Consequently, linking the geodynamic evolution of the Agbaou gold deposit to a subduction zone becomes problematic. The geotectonic context would be that of a zone where transcurrent lithospheric extension faults by friction generate thermal corridors capable of generating andesitic calc-alkaline magma by melting.

The pyroclastites are located in the field of volcanic arc basalts and appear to be related to calc-alkaline magmatism. Geochemical analyses have also shown that the sediments correspond to shales and greywackes emplaced in an active continental margin type geodynamic environment such as in the Como é Basin (Adingra et al., 2018) and in the Sassandra-Cavally (SASCA) domain (Koffi et al., 2018).

The Agbaou metaplutonites, formed of diorites and gabbros, correspond to volcanic arc plutonites. The strong depletion of HFSEs, weak depletion of HREEs and strong positive europium anomalies suggest that the metaplutonites are probably related to calc-alkaline magmatism of active margins.

Concerning the acid lavas, they are composed of rhyodacite and rhyolite. They are marked on the one hand by depletion of HFSEs and HREEs and on the other hand by negative Nb and positive Eu and Sr anomalies. Geochemical data indicate that the acid lavas correspond to arc volcanics, with an M-type affinity. The low Y and high Zr/Y values suggest that rhyolites and rhyodacites of Agbaou deposit are close to FI or Fill felsic metavolcanics rocks type I as defined by Leshner et al. (1986). Indeed, these felsites are generally interpreted as being formed by low-temperature (<900 °C) melts at deep levels in the crust (>10 km) (Leshner et al., 1986; Hart et al., 2004). According to these authors, these melts have low potential to drive hydrothermal systems due to their low melting temperature and heat loss during transport to the surface of the Earth's crust.

7. Conclusion

The host rocks of the Agbaou deposit are mostly deformed and altered. The alteration phenomena were revealed by the high values of loss on ignition (LOI), the reduction of silica (SiO₂) contents, the sometimes-high alkali values for such basic rocks, the constant depletion of light rare earths LREE and large lithophile ions LILE (Cs, Rb, Ba, etc.). The negative Eu and Nb anomalies are indicative of crustal contamination of the magmatic series.

The binary and ternary diagrams made it possible to classify the host rocks of the Agbaou deposit into basalts and basaltic andesites, andesites, basaltic and dacitic pyroclastics, rhyodacites and rhyolites (dykes), diorites and gabbros (sills) and, finally, sediments formed by greywackes and shales.

The basalts and basaltic andesites of Agbaou exhibit flat rare earth spectra with low enrichments of LREEs. Low Ce and Ti contents are also noted. These basaltic rocks are similar to the N-MORBs and are related to an oceanic plateau type magmatogenesis. Their magmatic source is probably spinel lherzolite. The andesites have a calc-alkaline composition and seem to be related to an active margin subduction context. On the contrary, their tectonic context would be that of a zone where transcurrent lithospheric extension faults by friction generate thermal corridors capable of generating calc-alkaline andesitic magma by melting. This context would undoubtedly be the one that prevailed in the setting of the Agbaou gold mineralization. Dacitic pyroclastics and acid lavas also evolved in this same geotectonic context. The metaplutonites are located in the field of arc-volcanic granites. The metasediments, on the other hand, are located in the field of an active continental margin.

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Annexes

Annexe 1. Oxide chemical analysis and normative composition of basalts and basaltic andesites

AGBAOU DEPOSIT	Basalts and basaltic andesites							
	ADD250-154	ADD355-203	ADD232-135	ARC217D-150	ARC137D-178	ADD219-147	ADD225-135	ADD329-149
Samples								
RAW VALUES								
SiO ₂	37,677	40,269	39,771	38,69	39,63	53,513	46,927	45,399
Al ₂ O ₃	9,854	13,869	14,14	10,93	13,586	13,527	13,514	12,581
Fe ₂ O ₃ t	12,309	10,062	9,002	11,126	12,709	10,224	8,875	11,965
MnO	0,177	0,136	0,159	0,141	0,178	0,167	0,136	0,185
MgO	6,48	7,516	4,651	6,416	8,265	5,493	5,899	5,349
CaO	11,84	8,023	10,575	12,383	9,449	11,361	10,505	10,087
Na ₂ O	3,479	4,935	4,371	1,761	2,51	1,027	1,504	2,417
K ₂ O	0,166	0,088	1,2	0,374	1,163	<L.D.	0,243	<L.D.
TiO ₂	0,667	0,683	0,64	0,836	0,851	0,598	0,617	0,999
P ₂ O ₅	0,091	0,065	0,07	0,087	0,085	0,064	0,067	0,103
PF	16,305	13,098	12,93	17,265	10,663	2,957	10,512	10,296
TOTAL	99,05	98,74	97,51	100,01	99,09	98,93	98,80	99,38
ANHYDROUS VALUES NORMALIZED TO 100								
SiO ₂	46,03	47,39	47,36	47,23	45,28	56,18	53,54	51,45
TiO ₂	0,81	0,80	0,76	1,02	0,97	0,63	0,70	1,13
Al ₂ O ₃	12,04	16,32	16,84	13,34	15,52	14,20	15,42	14,26
Fe ₂ O ₃ calculated	4,31	3,86	3,60	3,51	4,28	3,17	2,87	3,95
FeO calculated	9,66	7,18	6,41	9,06	9,21	6,81	6,53	8,64
MnO	0,22	0,16	0,19	0,17	0,20	0,18	0,16	0,21
MgO	7,92	8,85	5,54	7,83	9,44	5,77	6,73	6,06
CaO	14,46	9,44	12,59	15,12	10,80	11,93	11,99	11,43
Na ₂ O	4,25	5,81	5,20	2,15	2,87	1,08	1,72	2,74
K ₂ O	0,20	0,10	1,43	0,46	1,33	0,00	0,28	0,00
P ₂ O ₅	0,11	0,08	0,08	0,11	0,10	0,07	0,08	0,12
TOTAL	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00
Na ₂ O + K ₂ O	4,45	5,91	6,63	2,61	4,20	1,08	1,99	2,74
Fe ₂ O ₃ /FeO	0,45	0,54	0,56	0,39	0,46	0,46	0,44	0,46
CIPW STANDARD CALCULATION								
Quartz	-	-	-	-	-	17,15	8,5	3,62
Corindon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orthose	1,18	0,59	8,44	2,72	7,85	-	1,65	-
Albite	8,07	22,17	8,41	12,79	10,78	9,13	14,54	23,16
Anorthite	13,18	18,16	18,38	25,38	25,53	33,87	33,51	26,6
Néphéline	15,1	14,6	19,27	2,92	7,3	-	-	-
Diopside	47,28	22,69	35,44	39,91	22,22	20,26	20,64	24,03
Hypersthène	-	-	-	-	-	13,64	15,48	14,42
Olivine	7,22	14,53	3,26	9,06	18,08	-	-	-
Magnétite	6,26	5,61	5,23	5,1	6,22	4,6	4,17	5,74
Ilménite	1,54	1,52	1,45	1,94	1,85	1,2	1,33	2,15
Apatite	0,24	0,17	0,17	0,24	0,22	0,15	0,17	0,26
TOTAL	100,07	100,04	100,05	100,06	100,05	100	99,99	99,98
FELSIC MINERALS								
Quartz	-	-	-	-	-	29	15	7
Feldspaths A.	31	22	38	12	26	0	3	0
Plagioclases	40	58	36	82	62	71	83	93
Foides	29	21	26	6	12	-	-	-
TOTAL	100	101	100	100	100	100	101	100
DIAGRAMS								
Na ₂ O+K ₂ O	4,45	5,91	6,63	2,61	4,20	1,08	1,99	2,74
CaO+Na ₂ O+K ₂ O	18,92	15,35	19,23	17,72	14,99	13,01	13,98	14,17
Al ₂ O ₃ /(Na ₂ O+K ₂ O)	2,70	2,76	2,54	5,12	3,70	13,17	7,74	5,21
Al ₂ O ₃ /(CaO+Na ₂ O+K ₂ O)	0,64	1,06	0,88	0,75	1,04	1,09	1,10	1,01
Na ₂ O/K ₂ O	20,96	56,08	3,64	4,71	2,16	-	6,19	-

Annexe 2. Chemical oxide analyses and normative composition of basalts and basaltic andesites

AGBAOU DEPOSIT	Basalts and basaltic andesites							
	ADD298-190	ADD256-117	ARC049D-164	ARC217D-178	ADD224-201	ARC175D-139	ARC116D-139	ADD224-172
Samples								
RAW VALUES								
SiO ₂	50,778	43,131	50,553	49,483	49,327	49,43	49,312	47,736
Al ₂ O ₃	13,498	10,558	14,115	13,259	14,934	14,481	14,886	12,674
Fe ₂ O ₃ t	12,748	10,79	11,285	12,31	10,37	13,228	10,393	13,277
MnO	0,183	0,21	0,173	0,199	0,157	0,175	0,172	0,173
MgO	8,432	5,039	7,327	5,549	8,072	7,262	9,099	4,85
CaO	7,577	14,938	11,599	11,78	12,501	9,301	10,229	7,463
Na ₂ O	2,422	1,742	1,442	1,339	1,729	1,572	2,382	3,453
K ₂ O	<L.D.	0,232	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	0,056	<L.D.	0,149
TiO ₂	0,835	0,845	0,841	1,021	0,689	1,079	0,682	1,547
P ₂ O ₅	0,085	0,081	0,084	0,101	0,07	0,11	0,071	0,165
PF	3,551	11,196	2,281	4,771	2,248	2,831	2,835	8,286
TOTAL	100,11	98,76	99,70	99,81	100,10	99,53	100,06	99,77
ANHYDROUS VALUES NORMALIZED TO 100								
SiO ₂	53,07	49,70	52,32	52,55	50,79	51,62	51,10	52,69
TiO ₂	0,87	0,97	0,87	1,08	0,71	1,13	0,71	1,71
Al ₂ O ₃	14,11	12,17	14,61	14,08	15,38	15,12	15,43	13,99
Fe ₂ O ₃ calculated	4,18	3,40	3,41	3,73	3,13	4,02	3,30	4,78
FeO calculated	8,23	8,13	7,44	8,41	6,79	8,81	6,72	8,89
MnO	0,19	0,24	0,18	0,21	0,16	0,18	0,18	0,19
MgO	8,81	5,81	7,58	5,89	8,31	7,58	9,43	5,35
CaO	7,92	17,21	12,00	12,51	12,87	9,71	10,60	8,24
Na ₂ O	2,53	2,01	1,49	1,42	1,78	1,64	2,47	3,81
K ₂ O	0,00	0,27	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,06	0,00	0,16
P ₂ O ₅	0,09	0,09	0,09	0,11	0,07	0,11	0,07	0,18
TOTAL	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00
Na ₂ O + K ₂ O	2,53	2,27	1,49	1,42	1,78	1,70	2,47	3,98
Fe ₂ O ₃ /FeO	0,51	0,42	0,46	0,44	0,46	0,46	0,49	0,54
CIPW STANDARD CALCULATION								
Quartz	6,22	4,44	-	8,06	10,38	2,95	7,97	0,76
Corindon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orthose	-	0,94	1,59	-	-	-	0,35	-
Albite	21,39	32,21	16,99	12,59	12	15,05	13,86	20,88
Anorthite	27,13	20,59	23,38	33,16	32,03	33,96	33,37	31
Néphéline	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diopside	9,36	15,67	50,39	20,9	24,04	23,75	11,46	16,98
Hyperssthène	27,92	15,52	0,68	18,45	13,83	18,21	24,57	24,04
Olivine	-	-	0,03	-	-	-	-	-
Magnétite	6,07	6,94	4,94	4,95	5,42	4,55	5,84	4,79
Ilménite	1,66	3,25	1,85	1,66	2,05	1,35	2,15	1,35
Apatite	0,2	0,39	0,2	0,2	0,24	0,15	0,24	0,15
TOTAL	99,95	99,95	100,05	99,97	99,99	99,97	99,81	99,95
FELSIC MINERALS								
Quartz	11	8	0	15	19	6	14	1
Feldspaths A.	0	2	4	0	0	0	1	0
Plagioclases	89	91	96	85	81	94	85	99
Foides	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	100	101	100	100	100	100	100	100
DIAGRAMS								
Na ₂ O+K ₂ O	2,53	2,27	1,49	1,42	1,78	1,70	2,47	3,98
CaO+Na ₂ O+K ₂ O	10,45	19,49	13,50	13,93	14,65	11,41	13,07	12,21
Al ₂ O ₃ /(Na ₂ O+K ₂ O)	5,57	5,35	9,79	9,90	8,64	8,89	6,25	3,52
Al ₂ O ₃ /(CaO+Na ₂ O+K ₂ O)	1,35	0,62	1,08	1,01	1,05	1,33	1,18	1,15
Na ₂ O/K ₂ O	-	7,51	-	-	-	28,07	-	23,17

Annexe 3. Chemical oxide analysis and normative composition of pyroclastites and andesites

AGBAOU DEPOSIT	Pyroclastics				Andesites	
Samples	ADD222-227	ADD224-315	ADD355-255	ADD232-169	ARC124D-166	ARC142D-231
RAW VALUES						
SiO ₂	49,195	46,748	46,771	61,502	50,331	50,221
Al ₂ O ₃	12,482	12,183	12,139	13,14	15,913	16,164
Fe ₂ O ₃ t	10,992	8,263	7,358	5,948	8,32	9,785
MnO	0,183	0,151	0,135	0,082	0,13	0,15
MgO	8,951	7,074	6,625	4,21	3,883	5,211
CaO	8,991	9,536	8,178	4,626	7,828	7,829
Na ₂ O	1,622	1,897	2,694	4,525	5,254	2,956
K ₂ O	2,256	1,145	1,642	0,094	0,416	1,435
TiO ₂	0,847	0,786	0,542	0,495	0,864	0,94
P ₂ O ₅	0,378	0,309	0,196	0,13	0,435	0,42
PF	2,908	10,758	13,231	4,101	6,018	5,009
TOTAL	98,81	98,85	99,51	98,85	99,39	100,12
ANHYDROUS VALUES NORMALIZED TO 100						
SiO ₂	51,69	53,41	54,52	65,15	54,20	53,16
TiO ₂	0,89	0,90	0,63	0,52	0,93	0,99
Al ₂ O ₃	13,12	13,92	14,15	13,92	17,14	17,11
Fe ₂ O ₃ calculated	3,90	2,93	2,90	2,55	3,41	3,66
FeO calculated	6,88	5,86	5,11	3,38	4,99	6,03
MnO	0,19	0,17	0,16	0,09	0,14	0,16
MgO	9,41	8,08	7,72	4,46	4,18	5,52
CaO	9,45	10,90	9,53	4,90	8,43	8,29
Na ₂ O	1,70	2,17	3,14	4,79	5,66	3,13
K ₂ O	2,37	1,31	1,91	0,10	0,45	1,52
P ₂ O ₅	0,40	0,35	0,23	0,14	0,47	0,44
TOTAL	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00
Na ₂ O + K ₂ O	4,07	3,48	5,05	4,89	6,11	4,65
Fe ₂ O ₃ /FeO	0,57	0,50	0,57	0,75	0,68	0,61
CIPW STANDARD CALCULATION						
Quartz	4,05	0,82	0,66	20,2	-	3,54
Corindon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orthose	7,73	13,99	11,27	0,59	2,66	8,97
Albite	18,34	14,37	26,54	40,49	47,84	26,46
Anorthite	24,36	21,16	18,87	16,18	20,03	28,13
Néphéline	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diopside	22,05	18,58	21,58	5,77	15,18	8,2
Hypersthène	16,68	22,77	15,11	11,73	2,15	16,45
Olivine	-	-	-	-	4,34	-
Magnétite	4,26	5,67	4,21	3,7	4,95	5,32
Ilménite	1,71	1,69	1,2	0,99	1,77	1,88
Apatite	0,76	0,87	0,5	0,31	1,03	0,96
TOTAL	99,94	99,92	99,94	99,96	99,95	99,91
FELSIC MINERALS						
Quartz	7	2	1	26	0	5
Feldspaths A.	14	28	20	1	4	13
Plagioclases	78	71	79	73	96	81
Foïdes	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	99	101	100	100	100	99
DIAGRAMS						
Na ₂ O+K ₂ O	4,07	3,48	5,05	4,89	6,11	4,65
CaO+Na ₂ O+K ₂ O	13,52	14,37	14,59	9,79	14,54	12,93
Al ₂ O ₃ /(Na ₂ O+K ₂ O)	3,22	4,00	2,80	2,84	2,81	3,68
Al ₂ O ₃ /(CaO+Na ₂ O+K ₂ O)	0,97	0,97	0,97	1,42	1,18	1,32
Na ₂ O/K ₂ O	0,72	1,66	1,64	48,14	12,63	2,06

Annexe 4. Chemical oxide analysis and normative composition of acid lavas, plutonites and sediments

AGBAOU DEPOSIT	Rhyodacites	Rhyolites		Gabbros		Diorites	Metasediments	
Samples	ARC049D-181	ARC169D-157	ARC172D-153	ADD232-154	ARC215D-201	ADD272-252	ADD355-261	ARC208D-228
<u>RAW VALUES</u>								
SiO ₂	69,93	75,116	72,422	46,992	44,231	47,07	52,768	61,32
Al ₂ O ₃	14,767	14,585	15,297	14,776	11,323	11,717	14,333	14,231
Fe ₂ O ₃ t	1,908	0,768	1,159	9,816	8,006	6,369	7,783	5,336
MnO	0,02	0,024	0,016	0,147	0,127	0,111	0,241	0,077
MgO	0,711	0,101	0,444	5,568	10,066	7,804	2,057	1,715
CaO	2,371	1,289	1,74	8,209	8,229	7,745	5,873	5,523
Na ₂ O	4,757	5,345	7,018	3,393	2,818	4,235	6,056	0,791
K ₂ O	2,23	1,635	0,589	2,154	0,882	0,669	1,021	3,325
TiO ₂	0,28	0,047	0,14	0,867	0,687	0,578	0,806	0,564
P ₂ O ₅	0,073	< L.D.	0,04	0,353	0,248	0,299	0,233	0,159
HF	2,919	1,643	1,537	7,034	12,854	12,032	7,36	6,409
TOTAL	99,97	100,55	100,40	99,31	99,47	98,63	98,53	99,45
<u>ANHYDROUS VALUES NORMALIZED TO 100</u>								
SiO ₂	72,13	75,97	73,30	51,27	51,39	54,62	58,17	66,14
TiO ₂	0,29	0,05	0,14	0,95	0,80	0,67	0,89	0,61
Al ₂ O ₃	15,23	14,75	15,48	16,12	13,16	13,60	15,80	15,35
Fe ₂ O ₃ calculated	0,97	0,40	0,60	3,91	2,92	2,60	3,62	2,26
FeO calculated	0,90	0,34	0,51	6,12	5,74	4,31	4,47	3,15
MnO	0,02	0,02	0,02	0,16	0,15	0,13	0,27	0,08
MgO	0,73	0,10	0,45	6,08	11,70	9,06	2,27	1,85
CaO	2,45	1,30	1,76	8,96	9,56	8,99	6,47	5,96
Na ₂ O	4,91	5,41	7,10	3,70	3,27	4,91	6,68	0,85
K ₂ O	2,30	1,65	0,60	2,35	1,02	0,78	1,13	3,59
P ₂ O ₅	0,08	0,00	0,04	0,39	0,29	0,35	0,26	0,17
TOTAL	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00
Na ₂ O + K ₂ O	7,21	7,06	7,70	6,05	4,30	5,69	7,80	4,44
Fe ₂ O ₃ /FeO	1,07	1,17	1,18	0,64	0,51	0,60	0,81	0,72
<u>CIPW STANDARD CALCULATION</u>								
Quartz	28,52	35,2	25,32	-	-	-	-	-
Corindon	0,4	1,71	0,05	-	-	-	-	-
Orthose	13,58	9,74	3,54	13,87	6,02	4,6	-	-
Albite	41,5	45,73	60,02	28,95	27,64	41,5	-	-
Anorthite	11,63	6,44	8,47	20,43	18,21	12,76	-	-
Néphéline	-	-	-	1,26	-	-	-	-
Diopside	-	-	-	17,36	21,79	23,52	-	-
Hyperssthène	2,22	0,5	1,36	-	5,04	0,52	-	-
Olivine	-	-	-	9,78	14,91	11,29	-	-
Magnétite	1,41	0,58	0,87	5,68	4,24	3,78	-	-
Ilménite	0,55	0,1	0,27	1,81	1,52	1,27	-	-
Apatite	0,17	-	0,09	0,85	0,63	0,76	-	-
TOTAL	99,98	100	99,99	99,99	100	100	-	-
<u>FELSIC MINERALS</u>								
Quartz	30	36	26	-	0	0	-	-
Feldspaths A	14	57	65	23	12	8	-	-
Plagioclases	56	7	9	75	88	92	-	-
Foides	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	-	-
<u>DIAGRAMS</u>								
Na ₂ O+K ₂ O	7,21	7,06	7,70	6,05	4,30	5,69	7,80	4,44
CaO+Na ₂ O+K ₂ O	9,65	8,36	9,46	15,01	13,86	14,68	14,27	10,40
Al ₂ O ₃ /(Na ₂ O+K ₂ O)	2,11	2,09	2,01	2,66	3,06	2,39	2,03	3,46
Al ₂ O ₃ /(CaO+Na ₂ O+K ₂ O)	1,58	1,76	1,64	1,07	0,95	0,93	1,11	1,48
Na ₂ O/K ₂ O	2,13	3,27	11,92	1,58	3,20	6,33	5,93	0,24

Annexe 5. Trace elements and rare earths in basalts and basaltic andesites

AGBAOU DEPOSIT Samples	Basalts and basaltic andesites							
	ADD250-154	ADD355-203	ADD232-135	ARC217D-150	ARC137D-178	ADD219-147	ADD225-135	ADD329-149
TRACES								
As	80,88	164,20	15,21	61,60	62,39	16,77	48,96	2,71
Ba	10,61	18,97	103,70	19,32	89,36	4,65	25,90	11,56
Be	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.
Bi	0,48	<L.D.	0,35	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.
Cd	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.
Co	39,09	46,25	41,81	44,22	45,69	43,14	42,40	46,47
Cr	167,70	374,80	365,30	164,50	203,60	366,80	341,30	158,90
Cs	0,54	0,28	1,11	0,82	3,60	<L.D.	0,35	<L.D.
Cu	112,30	96,29	140,50	96,59	115,50	140,90	77,01	72,17
Ga	12,66	13,98	14,06	12,32	14,71	13,24	12,43	14,92
Ge	0,81	1,01	1,00	1,89	1,15	1,56	1,55	1,33
Hf	0,99	1,00	0,97	1,19	1,24	0,92	0,94	1,66
In	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.
Mo	1,95	<L.D.	0,55	0,64	<L.D.	0,50	<L.D.	0,36
Nb	1,25	1,28	1,28	1,57	1,65	1,21	1,18	2,16
Ni	103,20	173,70	177,80	106,60	114,00	177,00	151,10	90,12
Pb	2,41	2,12	8,36	<L.D.	1,95	1,06	<L.D.	<L.D.
Rb	7,47	2,21	41,90	12,49	40,02	0,44	6,81	<L.D.
Sb	<L.D.	<L.D.	0,62	0,67	<L.D.	0,92	0,70	<L.D.
Se	0,70	0,58	0,77	0,67	0,83	<L.D.	<L.D.	0,73
Sr	111,60	129,50	150,20	78,89	75,87	63,66	133,90	93,21
Ta	0,19	0,15	0,17	0,16	0,21	0,71	0,12	0,29
Th	0,12	0,12	0,11	0,14	0,13	0,11	0,10	0,19
U	0,05	0,05	0,08	0,13	0,05	<L.D.	0,05	0,10
V	230,40	245,20	252,40	235,50	280,40	216,80	214,60	293,10
W	3,95	7,67	5,62	1,32	1,23	<L.D.	0,37	<L.D.
Y	15,93	15,23	13,32	16,88	17,05	13,68	13,56	22,26
Zn	70,08	93,62	68,48	74,14	107,70	67,95	70,49	92,79
Zr	35,39	35,57	34,21	43,97	44,94	31,80	32,38	59,55
RARE EARTHS								
La	1,43	1,58	1,51	1,99	1,63	1,53	1,54	2,61
Ce	4,11	4,34	4,04	5,46	4,69	4,22	4,20	7,08
Pr	0,65	0,68	0,63	0,91	0,77	0,66	0,66	1,13
Nd	3,69	3,93	3,61	4,86	4,14	3,74	3,73	6,42
Sm	1,37	1,40	1,26	1,70	1,51	1,32	1,32	2,18
Eu	0,58	0,48	0,61	0,70	0,47	0,53	0,55	0,89
Gd	2,03	1,95	1,79	2,36	2,26	1,88	1,83	3,09
Tb	0,37	0,36	0,33	0,42	0,41	0,34	0,33	0,55
Dy	2,55	2,48	2,24	2,79	2,74	2,27	2,18	3,66
Ho	0,55	0,53	0,49	0,61	0,60	0,49	0,48	0,78
Er	1,65	1,59	1,42	1,76	1,76	1,42	1,43	2,31
Tm	0,25	0,25	0,22	0,27	0,28	0,22	0,22	0,36
Yb	1,71	1,71	1,51	1,82	1,94	1,50	1,53	2,42
Lu	0,27	0,27	0,24	0,28	0,31	0,24	0,24	0,37

Annexe 6. Trace elements and rare earths in basalts and basaltic andesites

AGBAOU DEPOSIT Samples	Basalts and basaltic andesites							
	ADD298-190	ADD256-117	ARC049D-164	ARC217D-178	ADD224-201	ARC175D-139	ARC116D-139	ADD224-172
TRACES								
As	43,45	<L.D.	5,14	3,57	5,36	4,76	3,72	<L.D.
Ba	6,02	52,31	6,77	6,57	4,62	11,29	6,20	67,81
Be	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.
Bi	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.
Cd	0,17	<L.D.	0,16	0,18	<L.D.	<L.D.	0,18	<L.D.
Co	51,89	38,95	43,89	46,19	42,53	51,24	43,46	49,08
Cr	210,80	134,40	298,50	217,70	364,00	189,40	362,70	107,60
Cs	<L.D.	1,23	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	1,03
Cu	121,00	107,70	105,50	89,43	100,30	93,23	105,50	98,52
Ga	14,93	11,73	14,31	15,65	12,99	16,46	13,02	16,80
Ge	1,51	0,86	1,58	1,55	1,38	1,64	1,17	1,34
Hf	1,29	1,24	1,18	1,54	0,97	1,57	0,98	2,30
In	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.
Mo	<L.D.	0,49	0,50	0,59	0,43	0,57	0,39	0,68
Nb	1,67	1,79	1,80	2,05	1,71	2,14	1,55	3,31
Ni	116,20	73,65	117,70	107,00	154,50	122,90	168,10	72,71
Pb	1,62	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.
Rb	0,58	9,67	1,27	0,55	0,45	1,50	0,64	5,49
Sb	0,34	<L.D.	0,88	0,73	1,44	0,24	1,02	<L.D.
Sn	0,67	<L.D.	0,57	0,74	<L.D.	0,77	<L.D.	1,17
Sr	61,21	71,48	166,50	96,88	267,90	138,90	187,90	85,89
Ta	0,78	0,53	1,62	0,24	3,17	0,51	1,66	0,64
Th	0,15	0,18	0,16	0,19	0,11	0,20	0,13	0,29
U	0,06	0,15	0,05	0,07	0,05	0,07	0,05	0,10
V	273,40	226,80	261,00	296,90	225,10	294,60	225,90	374,40
W	0,63	0,31	<L.D.	0,68	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.
Y	19,23	17,57	18,35	22,18	14,28	22,69	14,82	28,70
Zn	99,51	63,77	83,28	94,32	73,84	108,90	76,69	122,80
Zr	45,12	45,47	43,05	55,13	34,46	58,01	35,14	83,77
RARE EARTHS								
La	2,21	2,21	2,07	2,55	1,61	2,74	1,59	3,98
Ce	5,93	5,91	5,60	7,02	4,40	7,46	4,51	10,76
Pr	0,93	0,94	0,90	1,12	0,70	1,18	0,74	1,74
Nd	5,35	4,96	4,96	6,31	3,90	6,47	4,00	9,09
Sm	1,86	1,71	1,75	2,18	1,36	2,24	1,40	3,04
Eu	0,74	0,49	0,73	0,88	0,58	0,85	0,57	1,09
Gd	2,52	2,34	2,43	3,05	1,93	3,06	1,97	3,96
Tb	0,46	0,42	0,43	0,55	0,34	0,55	0,36	0,71
Dy	3,15	2,84	2,93	3,66	2,35	3,69	2,42	4,78
Ho	0,68	0,61	0,63	0,79	0,50	0,79	0,52	1,01
Er	2,03	1,82	1,88	2,33	1,50	2,36	1,56	2,96
Tm	0,31	0,28	0,28	0,36	0,24	0,36	0,24	0,44
Yb	2,11	1,90	1,93	2,43	1,55	2,48	1,61	3,00
Lu	0,33	0,31	0,31	0,39	0,25	0,39	0,25	0,48

Annexe 7. Trace elements and rare earths in pyroclastites and andesites

AGBAOU DEPOSIT Samples	Pyroclastics				Andesites	
	ADD222-227	ADD224-315	ADD355-255	ADD232-169	ARC124D-166	ARC142D-231
TRACES						
As	<L.D.	23,41	78,54	1,60	12,84	9,13
Ba	700,70	233,00	364,10	50,33	255,80	631,70
Be	1,81	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	1,13	1,15
Bi	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	0,15	0,14
Cd	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.
Co	38,25	31,08	30,74	24,23	27,15	34,55
Cr	513,10	517,70	328,90	372,30	35,86	64,94
Cs	3,42	2,92	1,04	0,26	4,16	9,66
Cu	106,40	49,60	49,17	15,28	52,62	60,08
Ga	13,58	15,53	16,53	18,11	17,04	18,26
Ge	1,60	1,35	1,06	1,05	1,22	1,17
Hf	1,46	2,60	2,45	2,83	3,65	3,59
In	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.
Mo	0,41	<L.D.	0,55	1,00	0,58	0,83
Nb	2,82	4,06	2,63	4,36	6,48	6,08
Ni	96,56	72,27	137,10	137,70	41,49	71,61
Pb	6,95	5,36	3,62	4,75	7,26	8,13
Rb	74,04	39,45	45,63	2,59	25,26	52,90
Sb	0,60	<L.D.	<L.D.	0,35	0,68	0,31
Sn	1,04	1,62	0,97	1,09	1,37	1,38
Sr	364,10	340,30	292,60	511,60	569,30	702,90
Ta	0,21	0,46	0,21	0,47	0,64	0,54
Th	1,43	2,66	3,44	1,99	4,00	3,75
U	0,47	1,20	0,91	0,64	1,27	1,19
V	243,80	205,70	144,00	84,39	171,00	205,30
W	0,83	2,36	7,27	0,41	0,73	0,65
Y	17,86	19,18	11,90	10,97	21,73	23,10
Zn	90,73	76,09	58,67	75,13	81,57	97,24
Zr	53,27	97,83	94,48	108,90	154,70	147,00
RARE EARTHS						
La	9,58	19,01	20,70	13,80	32,58	31,08
Ce	20,02	39,52	43,04	27,46	67,13	64,81
Pr	2,61	4,90	5,22	3,15	8,22	8,12
Nd	12,56	21,94	22,38	13,37	34,18	34,83
Sm	3,19	4,65	4,38	2,75	6,56	6,80
Eu	1,04	1,37	1,28	0,83	1,86	1,91
Gd	3,42	4,11	3,21	2,41	5,18	5,45
Tb	0,52	0,62	0,42	0,36	0,71	0,76
Dy	3,16	3,52	2,23	2,00	3,87	4,18
Ho	0,62	0,67	0,41	0,37	0,74	0,79
Er	1,79	1,80	1,20	1,05	2,09	2,24
Tm	0,27	0,26	0,18	0,15	0,30	0,32
Yb	1,81	1,62	1,29	1,02	2,05	2,19
Lu	0,28	0,24	0,20	0,16	0,32	0,34

Annexe 8. Trace elements and rare earths in acid lavas, plutonites and sediments

AGBAOU DEPOSIT	Rhyodacites	Rhyolites		Gabbros		Diorites	Metasediments	
Samples	ARC049D-181	ARC169D-157	ARC172D-153	ADD232-154	ARC215D-201	ADD272-252	ADD355-261	ARC308D-228
TRACES								
As	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	18,64	3,09	4,68	6375,00	17,13
Ba	719,30	680,60	762,60	623,70	265,00	390,50	255,30	820,40
Be	1,13	1,56	1,58	1,11	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	1,75
Bi	0,13	<L.D.	0,26	0,11	0,12	<L.D.	0,95	0,18
Cd	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	0,16	<L.D.	0,32	<L.D.
Co	4,04	<L.D.	1,89	41,52	32,11	41,15	50,71	13,57
Cr	62,32	41,17	84,56	65,14	452,80	589,90	114,40	58,50
Cs	1,15	1,13	0,43	13,43	6,05	8,16	1,06	0,64
Cu	8,39	<L.D.	15,88	73,97	53,45	55,28	102,10	29,77
Ga	18,73	19,02	18,97	17,12	15,54	13,53	17,62	17,72
Ge	0,74	0,97	0,60	1,22	1,12	1,12	0,96	1,13
Hf	2,79	1,80	2,13	3,30	4,89	2,00	3,25	3,57
In	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.
Mo	0,57	0,44	0,81	0,86	<L.D.	<L.D.	22,81	0,61
Nb	2,42	2,38	1,18	5,44	3,46	3,87	5,87	6,33
Ni	8,70	<L.D.	5,01	96,19	208,00	277,10	55,88	21,54
Pb	9,07	7,55	16,18	7,82	6,27	2,46	12,49	10,52
Rb	60,66	43,54	16,76	95,46	45,66	35,81	38,12	77,03
Sb	<L.D.	<L.D.	<L.D.	0,21	0,41	0,73	1,01	<L.D.
Sn	0,85	0,70	0,95	1,31	1,17	0,96	1,33	1,77
Sr	311,20	233,60	551,70	580,90	430,30	353,40	260,10	203,10
Ta	0,60	0,45	0,47	0,63	0,37	0,37	0,58	1,00
Th	4,99	4,18	2,42	3,32	6,83	2,14	4,61	3,02
U	1,99	1,97	2,31	1,04	2,25	0,69	1,48	1,08
V	23,57	0,99	17,37	218,30	141,40	156,70	187,00	84,89
W	5,79	0,73	1,85	0,54	2,43	0,31	7,06	2,43
Y	2,90	2,62	2,14	21,06	13,67	13,07	18,32	14,76
Zn	43,90	34,01	31,49	91,42	75,05	69,60	56,83	73,59
Zr	108,50	45,55	67,46	130,60	188,20	79,16	126,40	138,10
RARE EARTHS								
La	15,57	11,41	6,23	27,33	39,64	20,67	24,19	16,78
Ce	27,51	20,28	12,97	56,93	82,36	43,97	46,98	31,84
Pr	2,91	2,17	1,63	7,04	10,20	5,58	5,35	3,70
Nd	10,45	7,87	6,80	30,90	43,78	23,51	22,30	14,67
Sm	1,74	1,34	1,43	6,13	7,64	4,43	4,66	3,08
Eu	0,54	0,34	0,42	1,71	2,01	1,28	1,39	0,80
Gd	1,19	0,92	0,98	5,00	5,01	3,33	4,05	2,77
Tb	0,14	0,11	0,11	0,70	0,60	0,46	0,59	0,43
Dy	0,63	0,52	0,45	3,86	2,83	2,43	3,34	2,51
Ho	0,10	0,08	0,07	0,73	0,47	0,45	0,63	0,50
Er	0,25	0,21	0,17	2,05	1,25	1,23	1,77	1,46
Tm	0,03	0,03	0,02	0,30	0,17	0,18	0,27	0,22
Yb	0,21	0,19	0,14	2,02	1,15	1,15	1,80	1,52
Lu	0,03	0,03	0,02	0,32	0,18	0,17	0,27	0,24

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