

# Field, geochemical, and isotopic evidence for magma mixing and assimilation and fractional crystallization processes in the Quottoon Igneous Complex, northwestern British Columbia and southeastern Alaska

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**Abstract:** The quartz dioritic Quottoon Igneous Complex (QIC) is a major Paleogene (65–56 Ma) magmatic body in northwestern British Columbia and southeastern Alaska that was emplaced along the Coast shear zone. The QIC contains two different igneous suites that provide information about source regions and magmatic processes. Heterogeneous suite I rocks (e.g., along Steamer Passage) have a pervasive solid-state fabric, abundant mafic enclaves and late-stage dikes, metasedimentary screens, and variable color indices (25–50). The homogeneous suite II rocks (e.g., along Quottoon Inlet) have a weak fabric developed in the magmatic state (aligned feldspars, melt-filled shears) and more uniform color indices (24–34) than in suite I. Suite I rocks have Sr concentrations <750 ppm, average  $La_N/Yb_N = 10.4$ , and initial  $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$  ratios that range from 0.70513 to 0.70717. The suite II rocks have Sr concentrations >750 ppm, average  $La_N/Yb_N = 23$ , and initial  $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$  ratios that range from 0.70617 to 0.70686. This study suggests that the parental QIC magma (initial  $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr \approx 0.706$ ) can be derived by partial melting of an amphibolitic source reservoir at lower crustal conditions. Geochemical data (Rb, Sr, Ba, and  $La_N/Yb_N$ ) and initial  $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$  ratios preclude linkages between the two suites by fractional crystallization or assimilation and fractional crystallization processes. The suite I rocks are interpreted to be the result of magma mixing between the QIC parental magma and a mantle-derived magma. The suite II rocks are a result of assimilation and fractional crystallization processes.

**Résumé :** Le Complexe igné de Quottoon (CIQ), dioritique quartzeux, représente un corps magmatique daté du Paléogène (65–56 Ma), exposé dans le nord-ouest de la Colombie-Britannique et le sud-est de l'Alaska, et mis en place le long de la zone cisailante du Domaine côtier. Le CIQ comprend deux suites ignées et divulgue des enseignements sur leurs régions sources et processus magmatiques. Les roches hétérogènes de la suite I (ex., le long du Passage Steamer) sont caractérisées par une fabrique intergranulaire pénétrative, de nombreux xénolites mafiques et dykes de stade magmatique terminal, des placages métasédimentaires, et des pourcentages variables de minéraux foncés (25–50). Les roches homogènes de la suite II (ex., le long du Quottoon Inlet) affichent une fabrique faiblement exprimée, développée durant le stade magmatique (feldspaths alignés, cisaillements comblés par du magma), et des pourcentages de minéraux foncés (24–34) plus uniformes que dans le cas de la suite I. Les roches de la suite I possèdent des concentrations de Sr <750 ppm,  $La_N/Yb_N$  moyen = 10,4, et des rapports  $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$  initiaux qui varient de 0,70513 à 0,70717. Les roches de la suite II ont des concentrations de Sr >750 ppm,  $La_N/Yb_N$  moyen = 23, et des rapports  $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$  initiaux qui varient de 0,70617 à 0,70686. Cette étude suggère que le magma parental du CIQ ( $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$  initial  $\approx 0,706$ ) a pu être dérivé par fusion partielle d'un réservoir-source amphibolitique, sous les conditions similaires à celles de la croûte inférieure. Les données géochimiques (Rb, Sr, Ba, et  $La_N/Yb_N$ ) et les rapports  $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$  écartent la possibilité que les deux suites puissent être reliées entre elles par des processus de cristallisation fractionnée ou d'assimilation et cristallisation fractionnée. Les roches de la suite I sont interprétées comme étant le produit d'un mélange du magma parental du CIQ avec un magma dérivé du manteau. D'autre part, les roches de la suite II ont été formées par des processus d'assimilation et cristallisation fractionnée.

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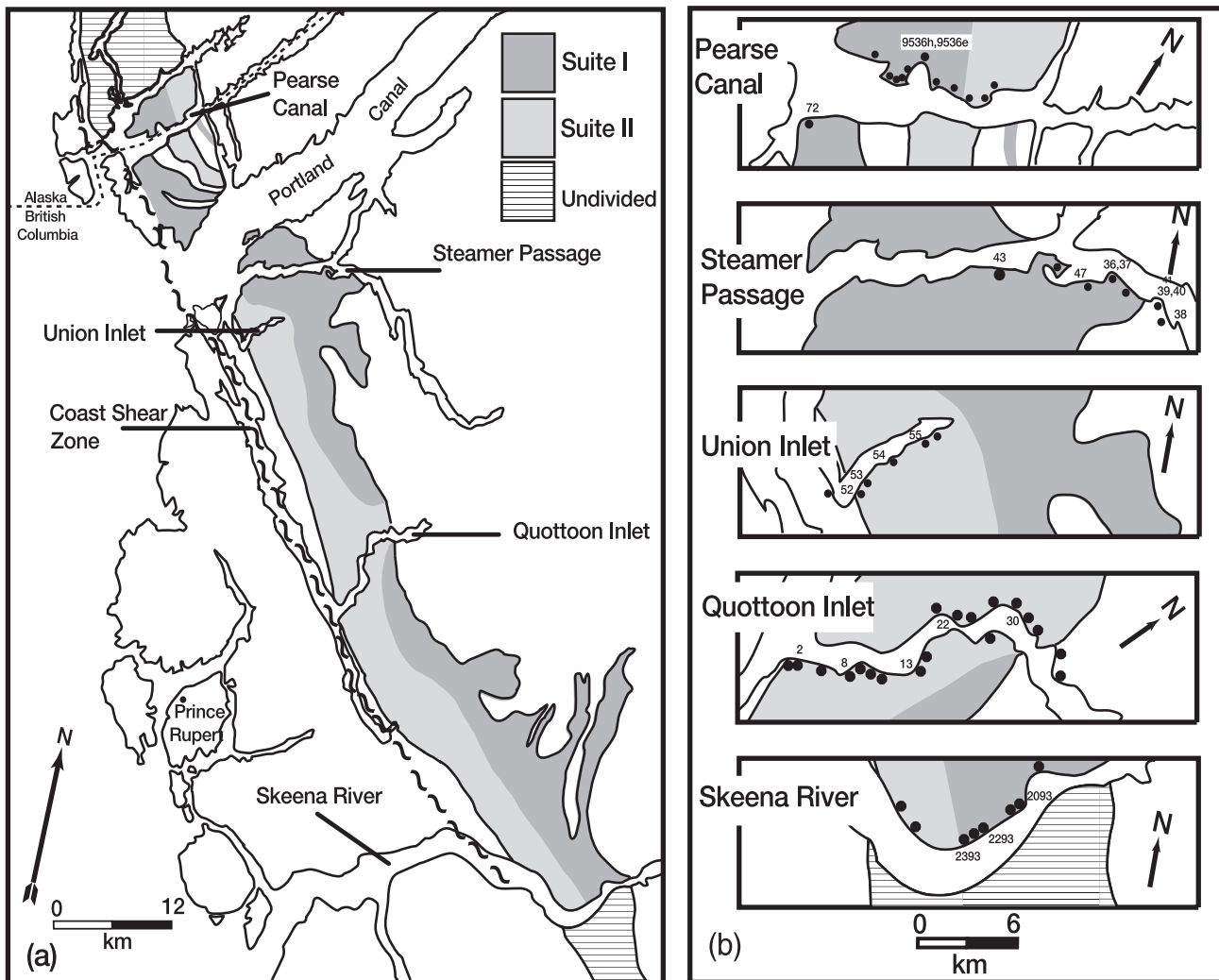
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## Introduction

The Quottoon pluton is an elongate, sheet-like body of quartz diorite located in northwest British Columbia and southeast Alaska and is part of the Coast Plutonic Complex (Hutchison 1982). It is considered to be the southern terminus of the Late Cretaceous to Eocene Great Tonalite Sill (Brew and Ford 1981; Kenah 1979; Gehrels et al. 1991;

**Fig. 1.** (a) Location maps showing the distribution of suites I and II of the Quottoon Igneous Complex (QIC) along the five transects discussed in this study. (b) Maps of the individual transects across the QIC showing the sample numbers and locations as solid circles. Also shown are the locations where field data were collected but no sample was analyzed for geochemistry (locations without sample numbers).



Ingram 1992). The orogen-parallel collection of plutons that make up the Great Tonalite Sill is ~1000 km long and <25 km wide. It stretches from north of Juneau, Alaska, to the headwaters of the Kowease River at 53°00'N in British Columbia (Armstrong and Runkle 1979; Kenah 1979; Hutchison 1982; Drinkwater et al. 1995 and references therein; Arth et al. 1988; Van der Heyden 1989; Gareau 1991). In northwest British Columbia and southeast Alaska, the Quottoon pluton intruded in close proximity to a major structural discontinuity, the Coast shear zone (Fig. 1a) (Crawford et al. 1987), which provided a zone of structural weakness for the emplacement of the Quottoon pluton and associated plutons of the Great Tonalite Sill (Brew and Ford 1981; Ingram 1992).

New field and petrographic observations, geochemical data, and Sr isotopic data from five transects across the Quottoon pluton are presented to better constrain the dominant petrologic processes responsible for its generation and subsequent magmatic evolution. Published major element geochemical data for the Quottoon pluton (Hutchison 1982)

combined with recent field and geochemical evidence demonstrate the occurrence of distinct igneous suites within the Quottoon pluton (Fig. 1a) (Sinha et al. 1996; Thomas and Sinha 1997; Thomas 1998). A distinct structural and geochemical boundary across strike indicates that the Quottoon pluton is an igneous complex (the Quottoon Igneous Complex (QIC)) composed of physically and chemically distinct magmas emplaced in close spatial association (Fig. 1a).

### Field relations

The QIC stretches over a distance of ~100 km from the Skeena River to Pearse Canal, and is less than 15 km wide (Fig. 1a). The rocks are quartz dioritic in composition and intrude the upper amphibolite facies gneisses of the Central Gneiss Complex (Hutchison 1982; Crawford et al. 1987). Most of the western contact is in close proximity to the Coast shear zone (<3 km) except near the Skeena River, at which point it is ~5 km from the Coast shear zone. Field observations along five transects from the Skeena River to

Pearse Canal (Figs. 1a, 1b) suggest that there are mappable differences in color indices, association of mafic enclaves and dikes, deformation style, and degree of wall-rock involvement along individual transects which result in definition of two distinct igneous suites.

The suite I rocks are lithologically heterogeneous, ranging from mafic quartz diorites with abundant mafic enclaves (Steamer Passage and Pearse Canal) to strongly foliated quartz diorites (Steamer Passage and eastern portions of the pluton along the Skeena River), as well as felsic quartz diorites with abundant rusty metasedimentary xenoliths and screens (portions of the pluton along the Skeena River and Pearse Canal). The origin of the mafic enclaves and dikes is uncertain, but the xenoliths and screens appear similar to the rusty metasedimentary wall rocks of the Central Gneiss Complex. Well-developed hornblende-biotite foliations, grain-size reduction, and elongate enclaves (length to width ratio >10) document the strongly deformed nature of the suite I rocks. It is likely that the observed fabric styles developed through solid-state deformation (Ingram 1992). The foliation attitude is ~240, 70 SE, and is oblique to the Coast shear zone (Fig. 1a).

In contrast, the suite II quartz diorites are undeformed, contain primary magmatic features, do not contain abundant metasedimentary xenoliths or screens, have equidimensional textures (e.g., plagioclase and hornblende of ~1.5 cm), and are coarser grained than rocks of suite I. Suite II rocks are located along Quottoon Inlet, Union Inlet, and the western portion of the Skeena River transect (Fig. 1b) and are homogeneous throughout and contain magmatic foliations (flow-aligned plagioclase and hornblende) and melt-filled shears indicative of deformation in the presence of melt (Ingram 1992). The attitude of the magmatic foliations is ~330, 80 NE, and they are parallel to the regional orientation of the Coast shear zone. The rocks along central portions of Quottoon and Union inlets are unfoliated. Mafic enclaves and late-stage dikes are present in suite II but occur in discrete zones. The absence of solid-state deformational features and the general lack of mafic enclaves provide a means for identification of suite II rocks in the field.

Mafic dikes range from 10 cm to 2 m in width, are fine grained, and have random orientations and distributions. In all cases the dikes are interpreted as late-stage features because they have sharp boundaries and fine-grained textures indicative of rapid chilling. Also, some dikes crosscut the magmatic foliations in suite II rocks, further supporting the interpretation that they represent late-stage igneous activity. The mafic dikes are especially abundant along the Steamer Passage and Pearse Canal transects. Mafic enclaves are parallel to the foliation in deformed rocks of suite I, whereas they are randomly oriented in the undeformed rocks of suite II. Also, some mafic enclaves in suite I occur only as "ghosts" as a result of extensive interaction with the host rocks, whereas other enclaves have sharp boundaries suggesting rapid chilling and limited physical interaction with the host magma (suites I and II).

**Petrography**

The majority of the samples from both suites I and II plot within the quartz-diorite field of Streckeisen (1973) (Table 1).

**Table 1.** Percent modal mineral abundances for samples from the QIC.

Sample No.:	Suite I										Suite II										Enclaves				Dikes			
	36	39	40	41	43	47	72	2093	2293	2393	536h	2	8	13	22	30	52	53	54	55	536e	37	44d	17d	44d			
Rock type:	QD	QD	QD	QD	QD	QD	QD	QD	QD	QD	QD	QD	QD	QD	QD	QD	QD	QD	QD	QD	D	D	D	D				
Plagioclase	62	62	57	43	59	60	66	67	60	58	63	64	63	62	69	59	56	60	69	40	42	42	64	54				
Biotite	16	28	22	16	13	21	10	16	12	6	11	15	23	19	19	13	15	15	10	20	19	19	21	17				
Hornblende	13	5	14	33	17	11	18	11	22	31	14	12	7	12	8	20	18	17	13	38	34	34	10	23				
K-feldspar	2	1	2	3	3	1	tr	tr	nd	tr	1	1	2	tr	1	nd	1	1	tr	tr	nd	nd	tr	3				
Quartz	6	4	3	5	8	6	10	8	6	4	10	8	4	5	2	7	9	6	7	tr	tr	tr	2	1				
Apatite	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	2	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	1	tr				
Titanite	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	1	tr				
Opauques	1	tr	tr	1	1	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	1	1				
Zircon	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr				
Chlorite	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	tr	tr	nd	tr	tr	tr	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd				
Epidote	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr				
Sericite	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr				
hb:bi	0.8	0.2	0.6	2.1	1.3	0.5	1.8	0.5	0.7	1.9	5.3	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.4	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.9	1.8	1.8	0.5	1.4				
Color index	30	34	37	50	31	34	28	25	27	34	37	28	31	32	27	34	34	33	24	60	56	56	35	43				

Notes: Six hundred points were counted for each thin section. Sample 536h is the proximal host to the mafic enclave sample 536e. QD, quartz diorite; D, diorite; tr, volume of mineral <1%; nd, not detected; hb:bi, hornblende-to-biotite ratio.

**Table 2.** Major and trace element abundances for samples from the QIC.

Sample No.:	Suite I										
	36	39	40	41	43	47	72	2093	2293	2393	536h
SiO <sub>2</sub> (wt.%)	53.71	62.69	53.65	53.59	56.11	63.06	62.39	62.31	60.26	58.99	54.85
TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.26	0.87	1.42	1.23	0.90	0.76	0.70	0.72	0.83	0.85	0.85
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	17.75	17.00	18.30	15.86	18.52	17.28	16.25	16.16	16.85	16.87	18.15
FeO <sub>t</sub>	8.73	5.27	9.15	9.70	6.98	5.33	5.73	5.18	5.74	6.60	8.64
MnO	0.13	0.07	0.13	0.15	0.09	0.08	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.15
MgO	4.13	1.85	3.76	5.77	3.41	2.39	2.54	2.96	2.90	3.74	3.74
CaO	6.98	4.88	6.61	7.89	6.84	5.39	5.23	4.89	5.68	6.30	8.52
Na <sub>2</sub> O	3.75	3.98	3.75	2.99	4.07	4.20	3.54	3.97	3.99	3.87	4.01
K <sub>2</sub> O	2.00	1.76	2.33	1.44	1.53	1.78	2.08	2.25	1.59	1.87	1.19
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.43	0.27	0.43	0.44	0.60	0.27	0.22	0.18	0.21	0.20	0.22
Total	98.87	98.64	99.53	99.06	99.05	100.54	98.78	98.72	98.16	99.41	100.32
LOI	0.67	0.35	0.5	0.55	0.51	0.34	0.37	0.65	1.55	0.80	0.41
Rb (ppm)	54	49	57	38	32	51	69	48	36	51	20
Sr	725	636	640	549	1135	687	642	649	545	608	742
Ba	1295	1120	1328	987	1096	1368	1128	na	na	na	603
Zr	235	216	148	72	138	160	90	130	109	116	253
Y	26	16	20	23	14	17	17	14	21	22	33
Hf	6	4	4	2	4	4	3	na	na	na	7
Nb	15	9	19	13	8	11	10	6	8	6	13

Notes: na, not analyzed; nd, not detected.

**Table 3.** Rare earth element abundances for samples from the QIC.

Sample No.:	Suite I										
	36	39	40	41	43	47	72	2093	2293	2393	536h
La (ppm)	38.2	25.9	31.6	23.7	20.3	30	19.2	22	22.2	21	20.7
Ce	73.4	48.8	61.3	49.1	41.6	52.9	40.0	44	46	44	57.3
Nd	32.5	21.1	27.6	24.4	19.7	22.3	18.9	20	20	19	35.9
Sm	6.8	4.2	5.5	5.3	4.2	4.6	4	4	4.1	4.2	8.2
Eu	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.9
Gd	5.8	5	4.8	5	3.6	3.9	4.2	na	na	na	8.1
Tb	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.1
Dy	4.5	2.8	3.6	4	2.5	3.0	2.8	na	na	na	5.7
Ho	0.9	nd	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.6	nd	na	na	na	nd
Er	2.6	1.5	2.0	2.3	1.3	1.7	1.6	na	na	na	3.2
Tm	0.33	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	na	na	na	0.4
Yb	2.1	1.2	1.8	2.0	1	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.9	2.1	2.7
Lu	0.34	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
Eu/Eu*	0.84	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	—	—	—	0.7
La <sub>N</sub> /Yb <sub>N</sub>	12.2	14.4	11.7	7.9	13.6	14.3	8.6	12.2	7.7	6.8	5.1

Notes: Abbreviations as in Table 2.

The two suites exhibit minor differences in modal abundance of alkali feldspar, which is generally more abundant in suite I. The quartz diorites of suite I have a wide range of color indices (25–50) and variable hornblende to biotite ratios (0.2–5.3) which do not correlate with geographic location or color index (Table 1). In contrast, limited variations in color indices and hornblende to biotite ratios (24–34 and 0.3–1.6, respectively) are observed in suite II (Table 1). Textural relationships indicate that both suites have similar sequences of crystallization with early crystallizing opaque minerals (magnetite and ilmenite), zircon, and titanite, followed by apatite, hornblende, biotite, and plagioclase.

Quartz and potassium feldspar are the latest crystallizing phases.

Mafic dikes and enclaves from both suites plot in the diorite field of Streckeisen (1973). The mineralogy and sequence of crystallization of mafic enclaves and dikes are similar to those of the host quartz diorites except that they have higher percentages of mafic silicates (Table 1). Enclaves and dikes are fine grained (~1 mm) and have a wide range of color indices (35–60) (Table 1). The hornblende (1–5 mm) in enclaves has a well-developed sieve texture and occurs in reaction relation with clusters of greenish-brown to reddish-brown groundmass biotite, titanite, opaque oxides,

**Table 2** (concluded).

Suite II									Enclaves		Dikes	
2	8	13	22	30	52	53	54	55	536e	37	17d	44d
60.44	58.63	59.87	62.34	60.33	60.62	58.03	58.53	56.80	50.31	47.32	48.68	50.84
0.73	0.92	0.99	0.70	0.78	0.79	0.83	1.15	0.94	1.37	1.52	1.37	1.61
17.12	16.69	17.05	16.91	17.18	17.01	18.46	16.60	18.86	17.98	19.19	20.41	20.44
5.64	6.91	6.26	5.38	5.88	5.79	5.95	7.15	6.67	10.52	11.30	10.46	8.56
0.08	0.13	0.09	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.17	0.17	0.14	0.11
2.67	3.38	2.80	2.41	2.79	3.25	2.93	3.50	3.20	4.72	5.40	3.76	3.59
5.25	5.87	5.69	5.02	5.60	5.86	6.64	6.72	6.82	8.10	8.76	8.94	7.98
3.71	3.68	4.19	4.00	4.01	3.74	4.22	3.54	4.21	3.58	3.28	4.20	4.49
2.70	1.84	1.75	2.49	1.77	1.98	1.69	1.76	1.50	2.09	2.39	1.50	1.58
0.22	0.26	0.32	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.27	0.30	0.30	0.36	0.41	0.55	0.54
98.56	98.31	99.01	99.57	98.68	99.36	99.10	99.35	99.39	99.20	99.74	100	99.74
0.51	0.61	0.43	0.35	0.56	0.36	0.42	0.60	0.39	0.45	0.76	0.35	0.57
54	45	40	64	39	42	37	37	32	59	58	23	36
911	944	1079	782	926	847	1142	931	1116	693	618	1448	1338
2245	1197	1195	1189	1191	1107	1154	1102	1146	1437	1264	940	1466
154	142	176	144	105	109	138	233	107	215	96	134	168
11	16	12	12	10	10	12	21	11	32	31	19	15
4	4	5	4	3	3	4	6	3	6	3	3	4
8	9	10	11	9	8	8	14	7	16	9	10	14

**Table 3** (concluded).

Suite II									Enclaves		Dikes	
2	8	13	22	30	52	53	54	55	37	536e	17d	44d
22.2	47.9	26.4	36.7	25.9	28.2	53.0	25.2	33.3	19.3	25.8	22.0	23.8
40.1	91.0	53.0	64.2	45.9	51.9	86.6	60.9	57.3	43.5	66.3	51.2	53.0
17.7	33.9	23.5	23.9	18.4	19.3	27.2	31.9	21.8	24.7	39.0	28.4	26.4
3.6	6.1	4.6	4.1	3.4	3.5	4.4	6.8	3.9	6.2	8.6	6.2	5.5
1.2	1.5	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.3	2.2	1.2	1.8	2.2	1.9	1.6
3.1	4.7	3.7	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.4	5.4	3.3	5.7	8.2	5.1	4.4
0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.2	0.7	0.6
2.2	3.0	2.3	2.3	1.9	1.8	2.2	3.7	2.0	5.2	5.7	3.6	2.6
0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.4	0	0	0.6	0.5
1.1	1.6	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.9	1.1	3.2	3.3	1.9	1.3
0.12	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2
0.8	1.2	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.6	0.9	2.6	2.7	1.4	1.2
0.12	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2
1.1	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.0
18.5	26.0	22.1	24.5	21.7	23.6	35.4	10.5	24.7	5.0	6.4	10.5	13.3

and fine-grained plagioclase. These features are accentuated in the enclaves that have reacted extensively with the host quartz diorite. No refractory restitic minerals such as garnet or pyroxene are present in any of the analyzed mafic enclaves.

### Whole-rock and Sr-isotope geochemistry

#### Analytical techniques

Fresh whole-rock samples weighing 5–20 kg were reduced in a steel-faced jaw crusher and split to ensure representative sampling. A split from each sample (~150 g) was

powdered in a tungsten carbide shatterbox to <200 mesh. Major elements were measured by fusion inductively coupled plasma (ICP); trace and rare earth element (REE) abundances were measured by fusion inductively coupled plasma – mass spectroscopy (ICP-MS) at Activation Laboratories, Ancaster, Ontario, Canada. With the exception of major elements with less than 0.5 wt.% and trace elements with less than 10 ppm, both accuracy and precision are generally between 5 and 10%. The REE analyses have a reported accuracy and precision of ~10%. For Sr isotopic analyses, whole-rock samples (~50 mg) were dissolved in a HF–HNO<sub>3</sub> mixture using Savillex dissolution bombs at ~100°C



**Table 4.** Sr isotopic data for samples from the QIC.

Sample No.	$\frac{^{87}\text{Sr}}{^{86}\text{Sr}_m}$	$\frac{^{87}\text{Sr}}{^{86}\text{Sr}_i}$
<b>Suite I</b>		
36	0.70581(8)	0.70563
39	0.70572(2)	0.70553
40	0.70642(8)	0.70620
41	0.70622(4)	0.70605
47	0.70583(10)	0.70565
72	0.70743(7)	0.70717
2093	0.70650(11)	0.70632
2293	0.70529(5)	0.70513
2393	0.70554(8)	0.70528
536h	0.70678(7)	0.70672
<b>Suite II</b>		
2	0.70691(5)	0.70677
8	0.70622(10)	0.70618
13	0.706319(5)	0.70623
22	0.70706(21)	0.70686
52	0.70698(3)	0.70659
53	0.70647(11)	0.70639
54	0.70627(10)	0.70617
55	0.70638(4)	0.70631
<b>Mafic enclaves</b>		
37e	0.70607(8)	0.70585
536e	0.70681(7)	0.70660
<b>Central Gneiss Complex</b>		
893	0.70525(6)	0.70506
1293	0.70470(14)	0.70459
1593	0.70602(7)	0.70526
38	0.70610(8)	0.70530
GMO	0.70496(3)	0.70464

**Notes:**  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_m$ , measured ratio;  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i$ , initial ratios age corrected to 58.6 Ma. Numbers in parentheses are  $\pm$  two standard errors of the mean ( $2\sigma_m$ ). Central Gneiss Complex samples: 893, felsic gneiss; 1293, metatonalite; 1593, garnet gneiss; 38, rusty metasediment; GMO, garnet sillimanite gneiss (provided by Lincoln Hollister).

for 7 days. The entire solution was centrifuged and processed to separate Sr using ion exchange techniques with a procedural blank of <150 pg. Samples were loaded onto a Re filament with Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, and  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratios were determined on an automated VG-54 mass spectrometer at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratios were corrected for mass fractionation using  $^{86}\text{Sr}/^{88}\text{Sr}$  value of 0.1194. Replicate analyses ( $n = 6$ ) of the Eimer and Amend SrCO<sub>3</sub> standard gave a value of  $0.70808 \pm 7$  ( $2\sigma$ ) during the course of this work.

Twenty-four samples from five transects across the QIC (see Fig. 1b for sample locations) were selected for major, trace, and rare earth elements and Sr isotopic analyses. Table 2 lists the major and trace element contents, Table 3 shows the REE concentrations, and Table 4 lists the initial  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratios ( $\text{Sr}_i$ ). Twenty samples are quartz diorites, two are dioritic mafic enclaves, and two are dioritic mafic dikes (Table 1). One enclave was analyzed along with its proximal host quartz diorite (samples 536e and 536h).

## Suite I

The quartz dioritic rocks from suite I have a SiO<sub>2</sub> range from 53.6 to 63.1 wt.% (Fig. 2) that does not correlate with geographic location. All samples from suite I show large variations among all major elements at constant SiO<sub>2</sub> concentration, and significant variations in TiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, MgO, CaO, and K<sub>2</sub>O illustrate the chemical heterogeneity of the rocks.

Large variations also exist amongst the large ion lithophile elements (LILE) and the high field strength elements (HFSE) in the suite I rocks. Rb decreases by 40 ppm between 54 and 56 wt.% SiO<sub>2</sub> and increases from 32 ppm to 69 ppm over a SiO<sub>2</sub> range of ~6 wt.% in the higher silica rocks (Fig. 2). Sr concentrations range from 549 to 742 ppm and define a shallow trend over the entire silica interval (Fig. 2), although sample 43 has a higher Sr abundance. The low-silica rocks show considerable variation in Ba (603–1328 ppm) at constant SiO<sub>2</sub>. In mid-ocean-ridge basalt (MORB) normalized diagrams the suite I rocks have elemental abundances similar to those of the suite II rocks but are more enriched in HFSE (Fig. 3). The rocks have high LILE to HFSE ratios ( $\text{Ba}_N/\text{Y}_N \gg 20$ ) typically attributed to a subduction-related origin (Hawkesworth et al. 1994; Pearce and Peate 1995).

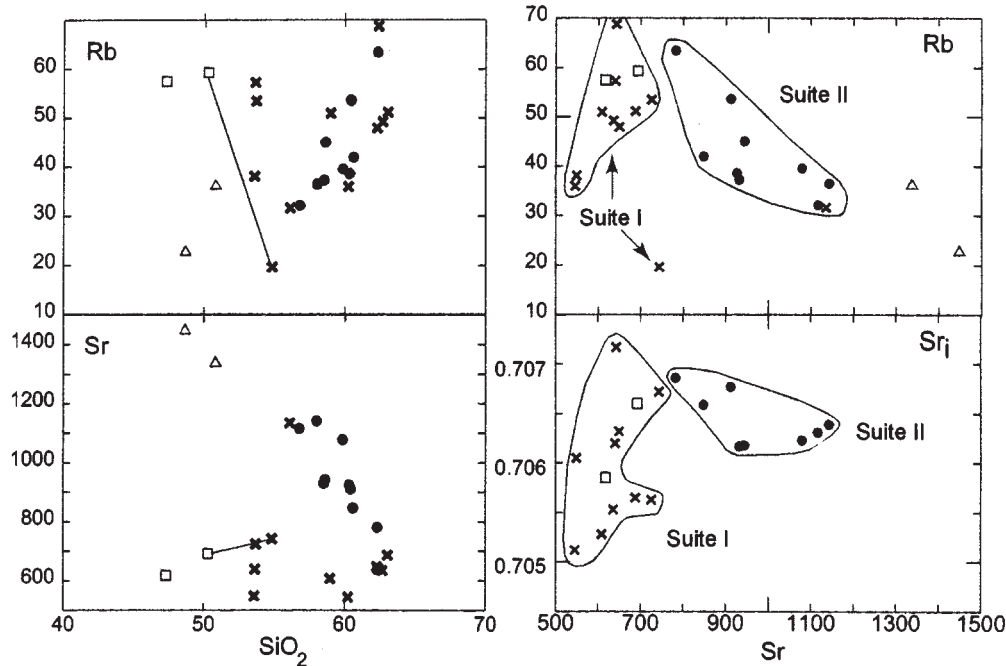
Suite I rocks have shallow REE patterns (average  $\text{La}_N/\text{Yb}_N = 11.4$ ) and smooth trends that do not show significant anomalies (Fig. 4; Table 3). Only small Eu anomalies (range of  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* = 0.8\text{--}1.1$ ) are developed (Table 4). The REE abundances for suite I samples have a larger range and notably lower  $\text{La}_N/\text{Yb}_N$  ratios than in suite II (see below). The  $\text{Sr}_i$  ratios range from 0.70513 to 0.70717 (Fig. 5; Table 4). No simple correlation exists with silica; however, an important feature to be noted is the significant variation in  $\text{Sr}_i$  ratios (0.70553–0.70672) over a small silica range of ~1 wt.% SiO<sub>2</sub> in the most mafic rocks (Fig. 5). The higher-silica rocks have a range of  $\text{Sr}_i$  ratios from 0.70513 to 0.70717.

## Suite II

Suite II rocks have silica concentrations ranging from 56.8 to 62.3 wt.% SiO<sub>2</sub> (Fig. 2) and, like the suite I rocks, show no correlations with geographic position. TiO<sub>2</sub>, FeO<sub>t</sub>, MgO, and CaO display negative and coherent trends with increasing silica. In contrast to other major elements, K<sub>2</sub>O displays a strong positive and coherent correlation with increasing SiO<sub>2</sub>. Unlike the suite I rocks, the suite II rocks do not exhibit large variations among most major elements at a given silica concentration.

Rb concentrations display a strong positive trend ranging from 32 to 64 ppm over the entire SiO<sub>2</sub> interval (Fig. 2). Sr concentrations range from 1142 to 782 ppm and display a coherent negative trend throughout the silica interval. Ba has a flat trend and constant concentration (relative to suite I) ranging from 1102 to 1197. Most HFSEs do not correlate well with SiO<sub>2</sub>, but show a much narrower range in abundance at a given silica concentration than in rocks of suite I. In MORB-normalized plots (Fig. 3), the suite II rocks display a pattern similar to that of the suite I rocks but are somewhat lower in HFSE. Samples from suite II have high LILE to HFSE ratios (e.g.,  $\text{Ba}_N/\text{Y}_N \gg 45$ ) that are significantly higher than those of suite I.

**Fig. 2.** Discrimination diagrams for representative trace elements (in ppm) from the Quottoon Igneous Complex. SiO<sub>2</sub> is in wt.%. The line connects an enclave host pair. ×, suite I; ●, suite II; □, mafic enclaves; △, mafic dikes.



The rocks of suite II have steep REE patterns, with an average  $La_N/Yb_N$  of 23 (Fig. 4; Table 3). In comparison to suite I, the average  $La_N/Yb_N$  ratios are two times larger in suite II. Most patterns decrease smoothly and lack marked anomalies. No significant Eu anomalies are developed in suite II samples ( $Eu/Eu^* = 0.8-1.1$ , Table 3). The  $Sr_i$  ratios for samples from suite II (0.70617–0.70686) show a weak positive correlation with increasing silica (Fig. 5). The higher isotopic values are from the most silica rich rocks (e.g., sample 22). The  $Sr_i$  ratios for the suite II samples are less variable than the  $Sr_i$  ratios of the suite I rocks.

#### Mafic enclaves and dikes

The mafic enclaves and dikes from suite I plot over regions similar to those of the silica-poor rocks of suite I (Fig. 2) but are distinctly more aluminous and slightly more calcic than the host quartz diorites. Relative to the adjacent host quartz diorite, the enclave from the enclave–host pair is enriched in TiO<sub>2</sub>, FeO, MgO, K<sub>2</sub>O, Ba, and Rb by factors of 1.5, 1.2, 1.3, 1.8, 2.4, and 3, respectively (Fig. 2). However, the enclave and the host have similar concentrations of CaO, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Sr, Y, and Nb. The two mafic enclaves analyzed for Sr isotopes have  $Sr_i$  ratios of 0.70660 and 0.70585, which are similar to the host quartz diorites (Figs. 2, 5). The  $Sr_i$  ratios for the enclave–host pair are nearly identical (Fig. 5; Table 4), suggesting isotopic equilibration between the enclave magma and the host quartz diorite (e.g., Allen 1991).

The enclaves show distinct variations from the late-stage dikes in Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, MgO, and K<sub>2</sub>O at similar SiO<sub>2</sub> concentration. In MORB-normalized diagrams, the enclaves have higher K, Rb, Y, Th, and Yb than the dikes (Fig. 3). The dikes have steeper REE patterns (average  $La_N/Yb_N = 11.9$ ) in comparison to the enclaves (average  $La_N/Yb_N = 5.68$ ) (Fig. 4).

#### Summary of geochemical and Sr isotopic data from suites I and II

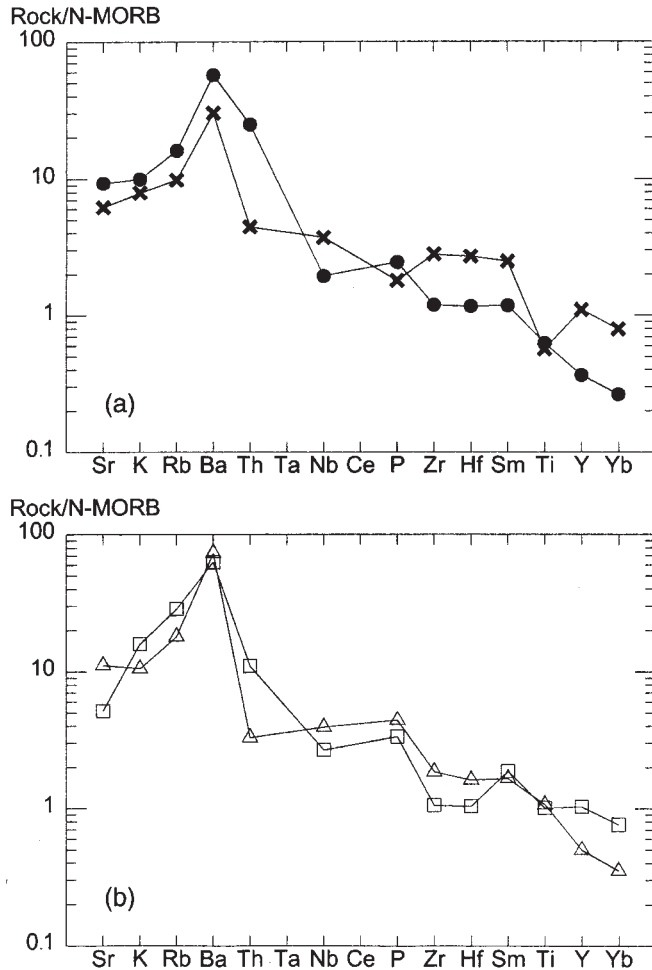
Although many geochemical parameters can be used to measure significant differences between suites I and II, we emphasize the Rb–Sr relationships, REE abundances, and  $Sr_i$  ratios as being diagnostic. A Rb versus Sr correlation diagram clearly discriminates between suites I and II (Fig. 2). The suite I rocks have Sr concentrations <750 ppm, whereas the suite II rocks have Sr concentrations >750 ppm. One sample from suite I (sample 43) with a high Sr concentration (1135 ppm) is interpreted to be the result of extensive interaction with abundant mafic dikes in the outcrop from which it was taken. The suite II rocks plot along a trend of increasing Rb with decreasing Sr. The enclaves are similar to the suite I rocks, whereas the mafic dikes plot at even higher Sr concentrations (>1300 ppm) than the rocks of suite II.

Rocks from suite I with the lowest Sr concentrations also have the lowest  $Sr_i$  ratios and define a positive trend of increasing  $Sr_i$  ratios from 0.70512 to 0.70672 with increasing Sr concentration over an interval of ~200 ppm Sr. In contrast, suite II rocks have higher Sr abundances and a more restricted range of  $Sr_i$  ratios.

As a whole, rocks of the QIC broadly define a trend of decreasing  $Sr_i$  ratios with increasing values of  $1/Sr$  (Fig. 5), although three trends within suites I and II can be identified (Fig. 5). Two of these trends are developed in the suite I rocks (trends A and B), and a single dominant trend adequately defines the suite II data.

In the following discussion we utilize geochemical and Sr isotopic data to assess the roles of petrologic processes that may be responsible for the generation of different suites in the QIC. The range of most major and trace elements and  $Sr_i$  ratios for suite II rocks is more limited than in suite I compositions and therefore it is likely that suite II compositions

**Fig. 3.** N-MORB-normalized trace element abundance patterns (Saunders and Tarney 1984) for moderately to highly incompatible elements shown for representative samples of (a) suites I and II (samples 536b and 55, respectively), and (b) enclaves and dikes (samples 37 and 44, respectively). Symbols as in Fig. 2.



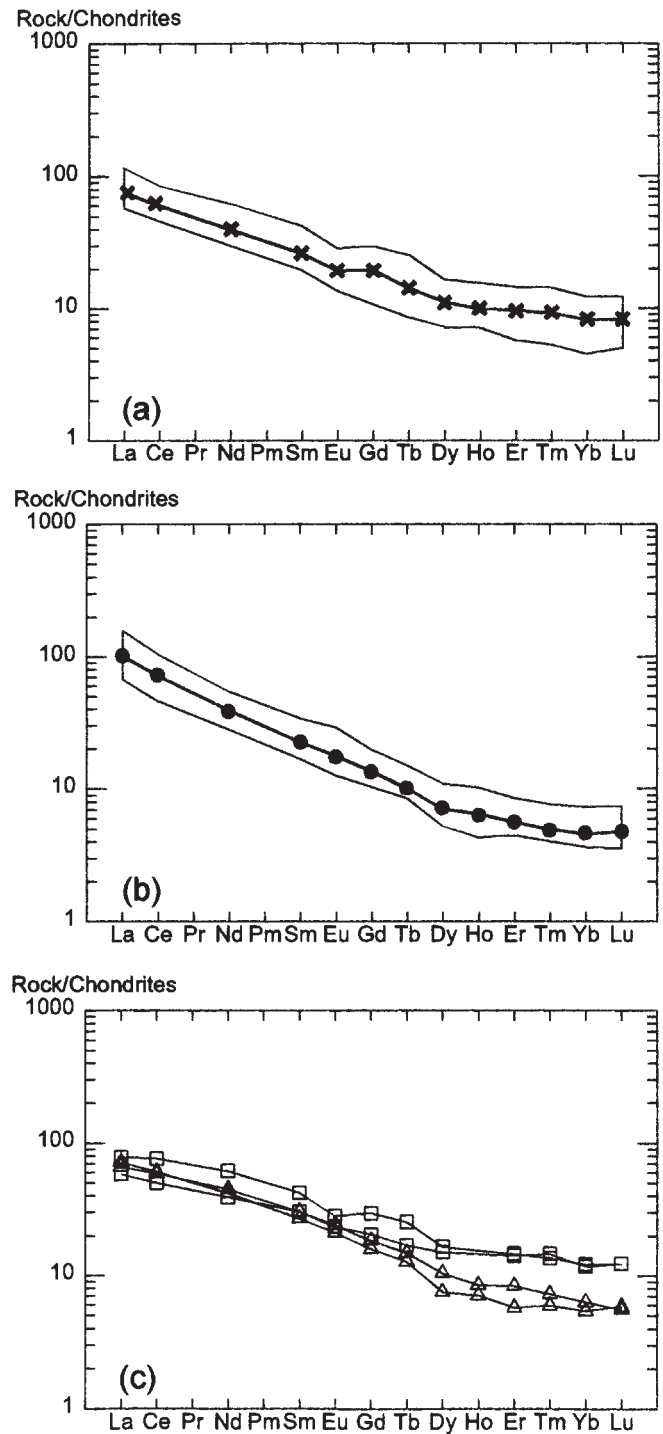
were less modified by igneous processes (e.g., magma mixing, see below) than those in suite I. Unlike the common interaction of enclaves with the host rocks of suite I, the rare mafic enclaves and dikes in suite II are fine grained, have sharp boundaries, and do not have reaction textures with the host quartz diorite, suggesting that only limited interaction and contamination by mixing may have occurred. Therefore, it is likely that the suite II rocks retain geochemical and isotopic characteristics more similar to those of the parental melts. Consequently, we utilize the rocks from suite II to constrain source region compositions and igneous processes likely to be involved in the petrogenesis of the QIC.

## Petrogenesis

### Source region constraints

Geochemical data and  $Sr_i$  ratios indicate that the Central Gneiss Complex is an unlikely source for the generation of the QIC. Samples from the Central Gneiss Complex analyzed for Sr isotopes yield significantly lower  $Sr_i$  ratios (0.70459–0.70530, Table 4), suggesting that the Central

**Fig. 4.** Chondrite-normalized rare earth element patterns (Nakamura 1974) for (a) suite I, (b) suite II, and (c) enclaves and dikes. The boxed region shows the range of abundances, and the lines connect the averages in (a) and (b). Symbols as in Fig. 2.



Gneiss Complex is not likely to be genetically related to the QIC. Available data (Hutchison 1982) combined with our new data for the Central Gneiss Complex show that the Central Gneiss Complex (where sampled) is more silica rich than the QIC. The melts generated from such bulk compositions would be more silicic than the QIC magmas. Since the



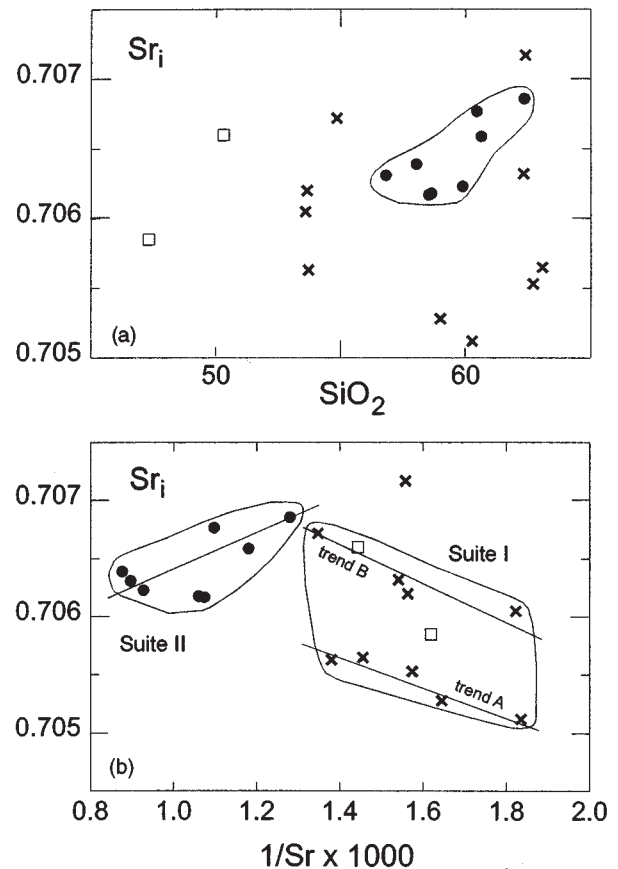
immediately adjacent Central Gneiss Complex is an unlikely protolith for melt derivation to form the QIC, other magma sources must be considered.

Experimental evidence suggests that major element abundances similar to those of the QIC suite II rocks can be generated by partial melting of amphibolites (Beard and Lofgren 1991; Rushmer 1991; Wolf and Wyllie 1994; Patiño Douce and Beard 1995). The water activity is sufficiently high in amphibolites to produce large volumes of melt (Rushmer 1991). Furthermore, the range of  $Sr_i$  ratios in many amphibolites (Sinha and Davis 1970; Samson 1990; Wendlandt et al. 1993; Borsi et al. 1995) is similar to those of the parental magma for the QIC (i.e., ~0.7063). Experimental partial melting of amphibolites demonstrates that large volumes of melt (20–50%) may form over a range of crustal pressure and temperature ( $P$ – $T$ ) conditions (3–15 kbar (1 kbar = 100 MPa) and 850–1000°C), resulting in low-potassium melts with intermediate compositions. The restite assemblages from these experiments (and their phase equilibria) provide constraints on the trace and REE composition of intermediate magmas. As demonstrated experimentally, different restite assemblages form at different pressure and temperature conditions and garnet increases in importance as a residual phase at pressures above ~10 kbar (Wolf and Wyllie 1994; Patiño Douce and Beard 1995; Winther 1996). Also, dehydration melting experiments show that plagioclase decomposes at pressures of ~14 kbar (the plagioclase-out boundary). Therefore, partial melting of an amphibolitic source reservoir at pressures >10 kbar at or near the plagioclase-out boundary (~14 kbar) could result in the elevated Sr concentrations and the heavy rare earth element (HREE) depleted nature of the QIC suite II rocks.

Modeling of batch partial melting (using eq. [11] of Shaw 1970) of an amphibolite (Table 5) is used to assess the changes in REE abundances produced by partial melting of mafic protoliths. The model uses published partition coefficients (Philpotts and Schnetzler 1970; Schnetzler and Philpotts 1970; Gill 1981). The model melts have a restite assemblage containing pyroxene (83.5–93.5%), garnet (5–15%), apatite (0.5%), titanite (0.5%), and zircon (0.5%) (Fig. 6) and are similar to those produced during experimental partial melting of amphibolites at  $P > 10$  kbar (Wolf and Wyllie 1994; Patiño Douce and Beard 1995). Forty percent melting produced melts that have  $La_N/Yb_N$  slopes (20.9) and  $Eu/Eu^*$  (1.2) similar to those of suite II (Table 3). Because crystal fractionation of major silicate phases and (or) accessory phases only has minor influences on  $La_N/Yb_N$ , this ratio is a direct function of garnet in the restite assemblage. The QIC has slightly lower middle REE abundances than those predicted by the partial melting model. This study suggests that crystallization and removal of accessory minerals apatite and titanite from the magma after parental magma generation strongly affected the middle REE abundances.

Thus the geochemical data of the QIC coupled with the model melt compositions suggest that the parental magma composition for the QIC was most similar to that of the suite II rocks and could be generated by dehydration melting of amphibolitic compositions at pressure and temperature conditions of >10 kbar and ~1000°C. At these conditions garnet and pyroxene are stable and amphibole and plagioclase are not stable in the restite assemblage. Steep REE patterns sug-

**Fig. 5.** (a) Discrimination diagrams showing large variation in the suite I  $Sr_i$  ratios at constant  $SiO_2$ . (b) Plot of  $Sr_i$  versus  $1/Sr$  showing two negative trends developed in suite I and a single positive linear trend in suite II.  $SiO_2$  is in wt.% and Sr in ppm. Symbols as in Fig. 2.



gest a high-pressure source (>10 kbar) where garnet was a stable residual phase, and high Sr contents (suite II average = 981 ppm, and up to 1135 ppm) imply that the source was near the plagioclase-out boundary at ~14 kbar.

#### QIC evolution after parental magma generation

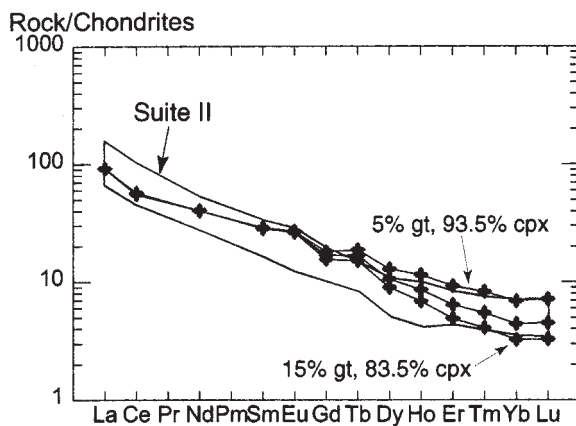
The range of compositions observed for the suite II rocks are best modeled by processes involving fractional crystallization. We performed least squares calculations utilizing the program and equations from Mason (1987) to assess the role of fractional crystallization. Mineral data from Kenah (1979) and Thomas (1998) were used in the calculations. Sample 55 was selected as a parental composition because (i) it is similar in major element composition to experimentally produced melts from amphibolites (Rushmer 1991; Wolf and Wyllie 1994), (ii) it has a low silica concentration that may be parental to more felsic compositions, and (iii) it has high Sr concentrations and low Rb concentrations that may be parental to more evolved compositions. Although the low  $R^2$  values from the calculations (0.03) (see Defant and Nielsen 1990 for assessment of  $R^2$  values) suggest that fractional crystallization is a likely process that could produce the range of measured geochemical compositions of suite II, the observed variability in  $Sr_i$  ratios precludes this as the sole process.

**Table 5.** Trace element and REE abundances (in ppm) and  $Sr_i$  of the amphibolite used for partial melting, the assimilant concentrations used in the AFC modeling, and the basalt used in magma mixing calculations.

	Rb	Sr	La	Ce	Nd	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu	$\frac{^{87}\text{Sr}}{^{86}\text{Sr}_i}$
Amphibolite	32.1	376	16.1	36.3	22.3	6.5	2.4	7.2	1.3	7.7	1.6	4.7	0.6	4.2	0.7	0.70631
E5/11	4.6	297	1.37	3.7	3.1	1.1	1.1	1.5	0.3	1.8	0.4	1.3	0.2	1.2	0.2	0.70305
Assimilant	110	650	30	64	26	4.5	0.9	3.8	2.2	3.5	0.8	2.3	0.3	2.2	0.3	0.70900

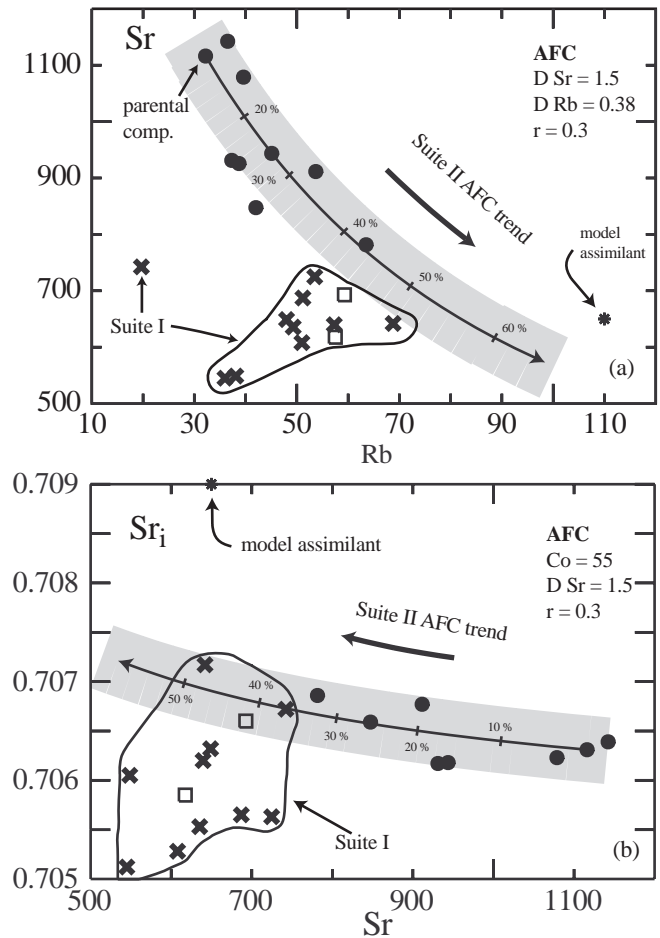
**Notes:** The amphibolite is from the Gravina belt of southeast Alaska. E5/11 is an island-arc basalt from New Britain (Johnson and Chappell 1979). The assimilant is a crustal composite (Taylor and McLennan 1981).  $Sr_i$  ratios for the assimilant and the amphibolite are model values.

**Fig. 6.** REE modeling of partial melting of an amphibolite (Table 5) with a restite assemblage containing variable amounts of garnet (gt) and clinopyroxene (cpx) (see text for details). The boxed field is the range of REE abundances from suite II. +, model compositions.



In an attempt to reconcile the  $Sr_i$  ratios and geochemical data, suite II rocks were modeled utilizing assimilation and fractional crystallization processes (AFC) (eq. [6a] of DePaolo 1981) using the same parental composition as above (sample 55). The assimilant has a fixed composition that is similar to that of average continental crust (Table 5) (Taylor and McLennan 1981). Results of the calculations obtained through removal of an assemblage containing 65% plagioclase, 34% hornblende, 0.3% titanite, 0.5% apatite, and 0.2% zircon using published partition coefficients (Philpotts and Schnetzler 1970; Schnetzler and Philpotts 1970; Drake and Weill 1975; Green and Pearson 1985; Fujimaki 1986) are shown in Figs. 7 and 8. Forty percent fractionation of the above assemblage with concurrent assimilation (ratio of assimilation rate to the fractionation rate  $r = 0.3$ ) provides a reasonable explanation for the correlations developed in suite II between  $\text{SiO}_2$ , Rb, Sr, the REE, and  $Sr_i$  ratios. Model melt compositions produced from amphibolite partial melting (described earlier) have higher chondrite-normalized values for the middle REE than those measured for the suite II rocks (Fig. 6). AFC processes that remove apatite, titanite, and zircon from the liquid would result in REE patterns and abundances similar to those of the suite II rocks (Fig. 8). The samples that do not fit the AFC model well (Figs. 7a, 7b) may be explained through (i) a changing bulk distribution coefficient during crystallization (Ragland 1989), (ii) two separate parental magmas within suite II, (iii) differing rates of assimilation ( $r = 1-4$ ) during

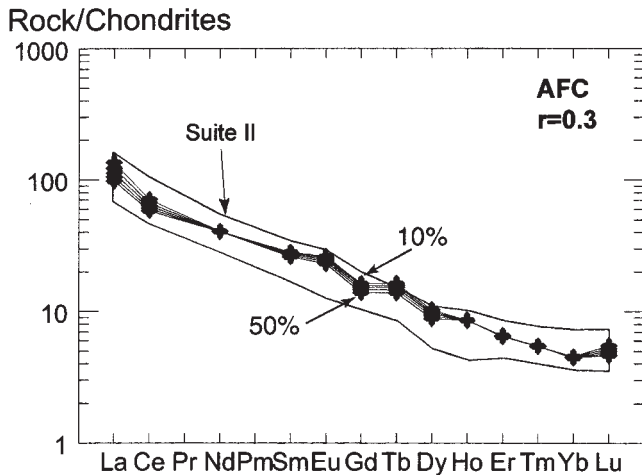
**Fig. 7.** Plots of (a) Rb versus Sr, and (b)  $Sr_i$  versus Sr. Both diagrams show the compositional trends (as shaded regions) generated by assimilation and fractional crystallization processes. The parental composition is sample 55 from suite II, and the model assimilant (\*) is a crustal composite (Taylor and McLennan 1981). The  $Sr_i$  for the assimilant is a model value. Symbols as in Fig. 2.



crystallization, and (or) (iv) various assimilants during emplacement.

At the level of emplacement, there is no field evidence for extensive assimilation in the form of abundant and reacted xenolithic material in the QIC. Furthermore, the wall rocks of the QIC consistently yield relatively low values of  $Sr_i$  ratios (0.70459–0.70530; see Table 4) and therefore did not contribute to the isotopically evolved nature of the QIC as a radiogenic assimilant. Therefore, it is likely that assimilation

**Fig. 8.** REE modeling of AFC processes (10–50% fractionation) for 65% plagioclase + 34% hornblende + 0.3% titanite + 0.5% apatite + 0.2% zircon removal from the model melt composition produced from the partial melting model shown in Fig. 6 (10% garnet restite). The boxed field is the range of REE abundances from suite II. +, calculated model compositions.



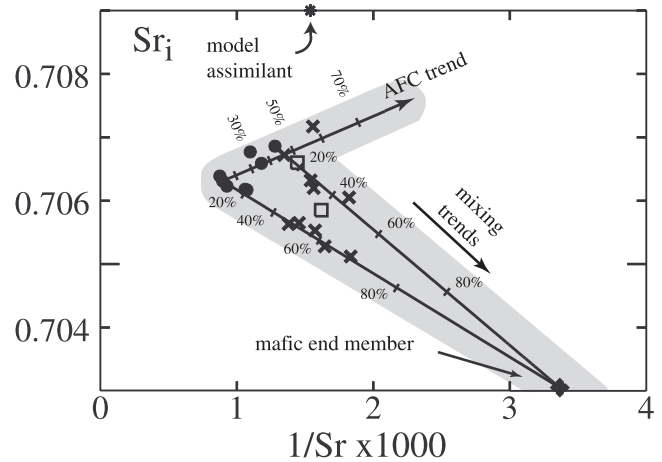
of radiogenic lithologies that affected suite II must have occurred below the level of emplacement.

The more heterogeneous rocks of suite I cannot be modeled through fractional crystallization or AFC processes. In addition to high  $R^2$  values ( $>0.1$ ) for least squares calculations, the Rb–Sr relations and a large range in  $Sr_i$  ratios suggest that fractional crystallization is not the dominant igneous process that produced the observed variations in suite I. The suite I rocks do not lie along any fractional crystallization or AFC trends but instead occur as clusters of data that have a trend opposite to that expected from fractional crystallization (Figs. 7a, 7b) (i.e., decreasing Sr with increasing Rb and  $Sr_i$  ratios for AFC processes).

The abundance of mafic enclaves in various stages of disaggregation and reaction in suite I suggests that the magma chemistry may have been affected by magma mixing processes (Vernon 1983; Frost and Mahood 1987; Allen 1991; Blundy and Sparks 1992; Holden et al. 1991). Magma mixing equations (eqs. [1]–[4] of Langmuir et al. 1978) were used to assess magma mixing processes, as well as the proportions of quartz diorite and the mafic end-member components involved in the mixing process. We assume that the mafic magma involved in mixing is basaltic in composition due to the general trend of the  $Sr_i$  ratios towards mantle isotopic compositions. The mantle end-member composition used in the model (Table 5) is an island-arc basalt from the New Britain arc (Johnson and Chappell 1979). The mafic enclaves were not chosen as the mantle end member because they have interacted and equilibrated to varying degrees with the host quartz diorites; therefore, they have inherited physical, geochemical, and isotopic characteristics from the host.

Suite I rocks do not define a single mixing line in  $Sr_i$  versus  $1/Sr$ , but rather the data define two trends (trends A and B, Figs. 5b and 9). However, no simple mixing line exists that includes all of the data. Compositions along trend A can be produced through a mixture containing  $<65\%$  mantle end member mixed into the QIC parental composition (i.e., sam-

**Fig. 9.** Diagram showing a dynamic model of magmatic evolution for the QIC. The suite I rocks may have originally formed a single mixing line with the mafic end member prior to subsequent evolution through fractionation processes or the mafic end member may have mixed with a felsic end member that was undergoing AFC processes during magma mixing. The mafic end member is an island-arc basalt from New Britain (+, sample E5/11 from Johnson and Chappell 1979; see our Table 5). See text for details. The shaded regions outline the trends generated by both AFC and magma-mixing processes. Symbols as in Fig. 2.



ple 55 of suite II). A mixture containing  $<45\%$  mantle end member mixed with sample 536h of suite I can produce the compositions along trend B. Sample 72 is isotopically the most evolved rock from suite I and may be the result of greater amounts of fractional crystallization and assimilation than the remainder of suite I. The absence of a single mixing line could have been produced through accumulation, fractional crystallization, or AFC processes where the hybrid magmas continued evolution after mixing. In this case the original magmas formed a single mixing line which underwent subsequent modification due to continued magmatic evolution through AFC processes (see Myers and Sinha 1984; Frost and Mahood 1987; Myers and Frost 1994). AFC processes would generate a trend of increasing  $Sr_i$  ratios with increasing  $1/Sr$  (Fig. 9). Just as likely, the felsic end member may have changed composition due to fractionation processes prior to magma mixing, so the felsic end member continually fractionated throughout the mixing interval. It is not possible to discriminate between these environments. Regardless of the sequence of mixing events that affected suite I, it is clear that the data define an envelope of combined processes dominated by magma mixing with minor fractionation processes.

### Conclusions

Differences in field, petrographic, geochemical, and isotopic data from the quartz dioritic Quottoon Igneous Complex show that it consists of two suites. The suites are physically distinct. Suite I is pervasively deformed and contains abundant mafic dikes and enclaves. The enclaves are elongate and parallel the well-developed foliation. Interaction with

the mafic enclaves modified the quartz dioritic magmas and resulted in the heterogeneous nature of suite I rocks. Geochemical and isotopic data indicate that the dominant petrologic process that operated in suite I was magma mixing in which a mantle-derived basaltic magma extensively modified a more felsic magma derived from partial melting of amphibolitic lithologies. The suite I rocks do not define a simple mixing line between the mafic magma and the more quartz dioritic end member as expected for a two-component mixture. Deviations from a single mixing line are attributed to continued evolution after magma mixing through fractionation or AFC processes. Alternatively, the end members may have continually evolved throughout the magma mixing processes.

The suite II rocks do not contain abundant mafic enclaves or dikes. The rocks are undeformed and preserve primary magmatic textures such as flow-aligned crystals and melt-filled shears. Geochemical and Sr isotopic evidence shows that AFC-dominated processes produced the observed geochemical variation within suite II. Fractional crystallization of plagioclase, hornblende, titanite, apatite, and zircon with concurrent assimilation of a more isotopically evolved lithology adequately explain the data. The AFC trends developed in suite II are discontinuous with the trends of the more mafic suite I rocks, indicating that the two suites are unrelated through any reasonable fractional crystallization scenarios. Utilizing the least evolved composition, we suggest that the parental magmas were generated by partial melting of amphibolitic lithologies at lower crustal pressure and temperature conditions.

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