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Olivine tholeiites of the North German-Polish depression — sign for an initial rifting?¹

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Оливинические толеиты северной части Гемерско-польской депрессии — свидетельство инициального рифтинга?

Пермские простые толеиты (нормативный оливин) северной части Германско-польской депрессии были пробурены скважинами на глубине 2—4,5 км. И вопреки тому, что они расположены в континентальной среде, имеют черты низкокальциевых толеитов океанического дна, или толеитов среднеокеанических хребтов. Являются продуктом начальной фазы рифтинга континентальной среды.

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Permosilesian primitive Ol-normative tholeiites of the North German-Polish depression were penetrated by bore holes (depth 2—4,5 km). Even situated within continental environment, basalts have features of low-K tholeiites of the ocean floor or those of MORB. Being products of beginning stage of continental rifting, which does not reach mature stage.

A volcanic series of olivine basalts with extreme substantial features has been discovered by boreholes in the northern part of the North German-Polish depression (North Mecklenburg). These tholeiitic rocks belong to a succession of Permosi-

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lesian greywacks, sillstones and sandstones as well and have been found in a depth of 2 to 4.5 kilometers.

The basalt bodies predominately form sills, a smaller part erupted subaeric as lavafloes. The summarized thickness of all volcanics in the profile may amount

up to 1000 meters. Two main structural varieties occur, aphyric (fine to small grained) and plagioclase porphyritic, both ophitic to poikilophitic and frequent amygdaloidal.

These rocks are situated within an about 30 kilometers wide fault zone in

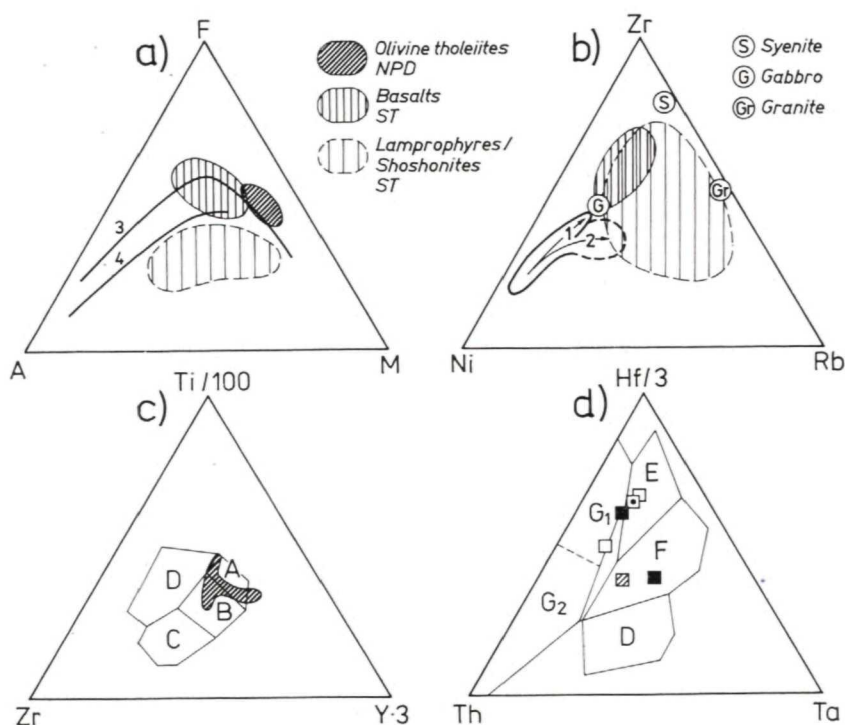


Fig. 1. Petrochemical and trace element diagrams of olivine tholeiite. The hatched fields represent 20 samples (olivine tholeiites), 30 samples (basalts, ST) and 60 samples (lamprophyres/shoshonites). NPD — North German-Polish depression; ST — Saxothuringian zone)

a) A-F-M diagram with distinctive lines tholeiites/calc-alkalic basalts after Irvine — Baragar, 1971, (3) and calc-alkalic basalts/alkalic basalts after Baker — Arth, 1976, (4). The olivine tholeiites of NPD are significant discriminated from other Permosilesian basaltoid rocks,

b) Ni-Zr-Rb diagram for basaltoid rocks of Permosilesian. The well discriminated olivine tholeiites show trends for aphyric (1) and porphyritic (2) varieties,

c) discrimination diagram after Pearce — Cann (1973),

d) discrimination diagram after Wood (1983). Legend cf. fig. 2.

A + B — "low-K" basalt

B — "ocean floor" basalt

C + D — "calc-alkalic" basalt

D + — "within plate" basalt

E — "normal" type MORB

F — "enriched" type MORB

G — destructive plater margin basalts

G₁ — primitive arc tholeiites

G₂ — "calc-alkalic" basalts

continental environment in the western border of the Eastern European Platform. Already during Late Carboniferous this

fault zone included considerable depression areas (Rost — Schimanski 1967).

The following diagrams (fig. 1 and 2) and the table shell demonstrate the remarkable geochemical features of North Mecklenburgian basalts which all are olivine normative rocks.

— In the alkali-iron-magnesium diagram the rocks belong to tholeiite region without exceptions (fig. 1a).

— The Ni-Zr-Rb diagram shows an extreme shortage of Zr and Rb and a small degree of differentiation for the NPD basalts (fig. 1b).

— The attaching of the representative, fresh samples in discrimination diagrams follow unequivocal to tholeiitic basalts ("low-K") "ocean floor", fig. 1c) respectively to mid-ocean ridge basalts (MORB), fig. 1d).

— Fig. 2 shows a trend similar to this of Troodos basalts for chondrite normalized REE pattern, that is the trend typically for "normal"-MORB. The difference between aphyric and plagioclase porphyritic varieties may be caused by weak fractional crystallization.

— Finally the comparison of incompatible

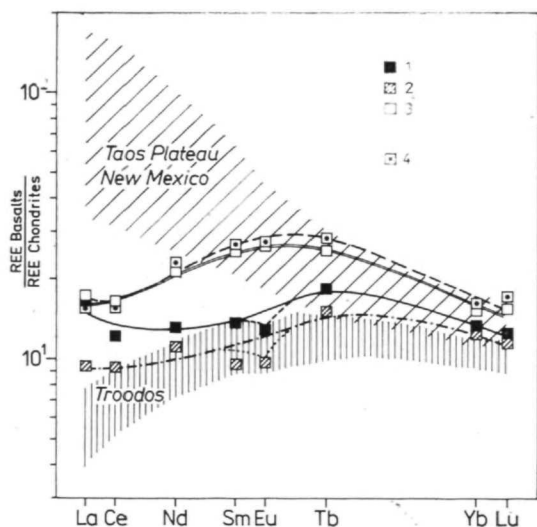


Fig. 2. Rare earth element pattern of olivine tholeiites in northern part of the North German-Polish depression in comparison with Troodos-trend of ophiolitic basalts (Kay — Senechal 1976) and continental rift basalt-pattern (Toos Plateau, cf. Basaltic volc. study etc. 1981). Subeffusive: 1 — aphyric, 2 — aphyric, Cr-rich, 3 — porfyc; Effusive: 4 — porphyric

Table of the contents (in ppm) of some incompatible (refractory) elements in olivine basalt (data by instrumental neutron activation analysis) for comparison with Red Sea-central trough (averages after F. Barberi et al. 1978)

Tab. 1

	North German-Polish depression			Red Sea, central trough		
	$\bar{x}$	n	range	$\bar{x}$	n	range
La	3.7	5	2.3 — 4.2	3.8	14	1.1 — 14.8
Ce	8.3	5	6 — 10	8.1	8	3.8 — 15.0
Eu	1.08	5	0.52 — 1.5	1.08	16	0.69 — 1.65
Tb	0.64	5	0.45 — 0.85	0.72	16	0.44 — 0.97
Zr	94	5	40 — 150	71	12	20 — 100
Hf	1.9	5	0.9 — 2.5	2.1	11	0.99 — 3.48
Ta	0.25	5	0.20 — 0.46	0.3	11	0.04 — 0.99
Th	0.35	5	0.26 — 0.53	0.4	11	0.05 — 1.37
Rb	13.0	5	1.8 — 48	4.6	5	1 — 15

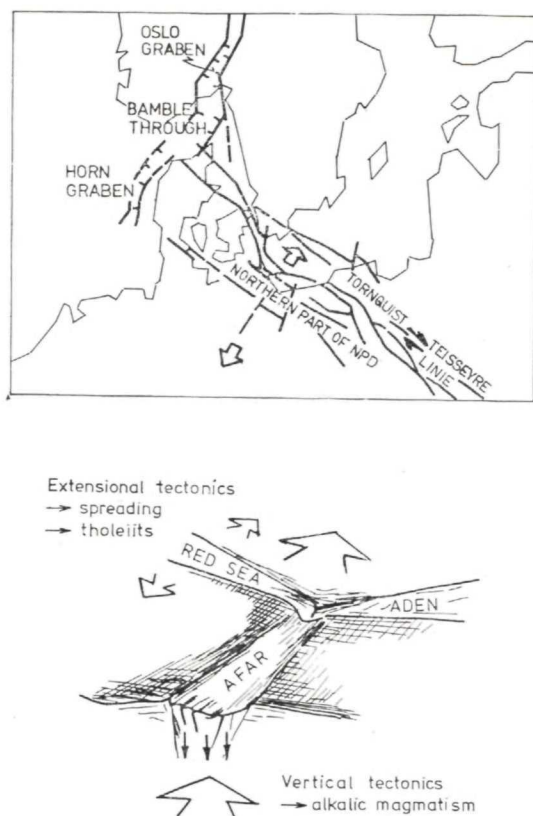


Fig. 3. Rifts and faults (schematic) in the Oslo Graben area and northern part of North German-Polish depression (NPD) during Stephanian-Autunian after Ziegler 1978. Compare the tensional situation in northern part of NPD concluded from volcanic activity (open arrows) with this one in the Red Sea arm of the Afar triple junction.

elements between NPD basalts and Red Sea (central trough) rocks shows a very high correspondence (cf. table).

Concluding remarks

The Permosilesian tholeiitic rocks of the northern part of the North German-Polish depression have the typical features of "normal" MORB, despite of their continental geotectonic position. They are

"primitive" and only few developed.

In the case of such geochemical-extreme basaltic volcanism we can suppose a fragmentation of continental crust and a beginning rift process. Extensional forces caused a tholeiitic volcanism characterized by quick magma rise and intrusion respectively effusion according to Kramer (1977).

Thus the tensional tectonic connected with crustal attenuation should have been alternating in time with the — described by Ziegler (1978), cf. fig. 3, above — trans-curent movements along the Tornquist-Teisseyere Lineament. Soon this initial rifting has been stopped.

In the same time a highly alkalic magmatism (Oftedal 1968) is constated in the Oslo Trench area.

Inter alia Barberi et al. (1975) reported about synchroneous tholeiitic volcanism in Red Sea and alkali-basaltic magmatism in the Afar region of the Afar triple junction during Miocene to present (cf. the rough scheme in fig. 3, below). May be, in the northern Middle Europe in Permosilesian time we have a triple junction situation comparable with the Red Sea-Afar system.

This example "between continental and oceanic rifting" should underline the difficulties facing us, if we try to identify oceanic relicts in recently continental position.

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má iba prvú podobu, ale napr. umožňuje od mena Brno tvoriť adjektívum brniansky aj brnenský; druhá podoba sa používa v recenzovanom slovníku na s. 49). Nevedno, prečo je těšínský vápenec, ale už těšínske bridlice (s. 63; náležitý tvar je těšínsky). Rovnako nie je jasné, prečo sa má hovoriť či písať euxinovobrakický, keď zostáva aj kaspibrakický (s. 78).

Slovník nerieši ani náhradu termínu séria, ktorý je u nás veľmi rozšírený. Názov skupina nemôže byť východiskom, lebo napr. čorštýnska skupina sa sama skladá zo skupín. Vhodnejšie by bolo používať sled, súbor, sukcesia, ako to uvádza K. Birkenmajer (1977).

Kapitola Základné črty stratigrafie a paleografie rad paleografických otázok ani nenasťuľuje. Nespomína sa v nej klapská jednotka ani silicikum, aj keď sa v tabuľkách objavuje.

Nezasvätený čitateľ zrejme stotožní Bukové hory s Bukovskými vrchmi, lebo iba ony sú na schéme na predchádzajúcej strane (s. 43). Brnenská žula nie je kaledónska, lež kadomská (asyntská, s. 49). Nemetamorfovaný stredný devón s tentakulitmi a palinomorfami z vrchu Zelený háj (Hurbanovo; Biely — Kullmanová, 1979; Snopková, 1979) sa nespomína (s. 50), a to ani pri hesle devón, čo ťažko pochopiť, veď A. Biely slovník recenzoval. Rovnako v slovníku niet vulkanickej fácie devónu s palinomorfami z vrhu

Blhovce (Snopková), dôkazy devónu v kryštaliniku Nízkyh Tatier (komplex Prednej hole, Jánovho grúňa, ale to je aspoň vložené do tab. 7). Viac nelogickosť je aj v hierarchii stratigrafických pojmov v tab. 7. Uvádzajú sa tam napr. lůžňanské vrstvy, ale medodolské súvrstvie. Na s. 51 má byť zrejme hršovské, nie hodrušské pásmo. Obliaky vulkanitov z bradlového pásma sa označujú ako permské melafýry a kremenné porfýry (s. 52) napriek tomu, že majú napospol mezozoický rádiometrický vek.

Na s. 53—56 niet v rámci triasu ani zmienky o prítomnosti wettersteinských facií, reiflinských a iných vápencov v obliakovom materiáli zlepcov bradlového pásma, tatrika a fatrika. Aj keď v tabuľke triasu (tab. 8) sa objavuje silicikum, v texte sa píše iba o gemeriku („... pre trias sú charakteristické svetlé wettersteinské vápence...“). O Slovenskom kráse sa uvažuje ako o nepresunutej jednotke mezozoika gemerika. Kým v texte sa kordeval uvádza často, v tabuľke tohto podstupňa niet. Trias meliatskej jednotky (gemerika) je, zdá sa, z územia Slovenska „vyhostený“. V tab. 8 chýbajú litologické vysvetlivky (napr. + v kampilé, O v tisovských vápencoch).

Pri jure (s. 60) sa reprodukuje stratigrafická tabuľka stará 25 rokov a pri kriede súborná tabuľka chýba, aj keď sa tu v ostatnom čase definovalo najviac členov (je iba z vonkajšieho flyšového pásma). Pritom tre-