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ABSTRACT

The Antioquian batholith has an exposed area of 7221 km² in the Central Andean Cordillera of Colombia. The batholith is monotonously uniform; 97 percent is quartz diorite or granodiorite composed of quartz (23.9 per cent, average), K feldspar (6.7), plagioclase (48.4; An_{43,5}), hornblende (9.3), biotite (9.3) secondary chlorite (1.6), and accesory minerals (0.8). Minor felsic and gabbroic facies have been recognized locally. Numerous broadly concordant radiometric ages show the batholith to be Late Cretaceous. Andesite dikes, mostly between 2 cm and 1 m thick, are common throughout the batholith. Felsic dikes are rare.

Longitudinal variations of modal composition and petrographic characteristics are present. From east to west, the batholith is progressively poorer in K feldspar, has a higher color index and increasingly shows effects of postintrusive deformation.

Batholith rock is mostly massive. Mafic clots ("gabarros") are common features, and typically display little or no preferred orientation. The contact of the batholith with regionally metamorphic hostrocks is discordant and sharp, except against amphibolite where mixing has taken place. The roof of the batholith appears to be a nearly planar surface, broken in places by regional "intrusion faults". The roof increases in elevation progressively from east to west at from 20 to 30 m/km. Postemplacement faults and regional shear zones cut the batholith in places.

The following observations attest to the emplacement of the Antioquian batholith by the intrusion of hot, fluid, uniform magma: sharp and discordant contacts, rotated inclusions, discordant apophyses in hostrocks, modal homogeneity, hypidiomorphic equigranular igneous texture, and an enclosing high-temperature thermal aureole. The magma may have been derived by the partial fusion of deep rocks in a relatively dry environment. The Antioquian batholith is interpreted to have the form of an enormous subhorizontal intrusive sheet or dike with little thickness relative to its exposed breadth. Lateral intrusion of magma may have lifted the roof of the batholith as a nearly integral unit. Sheetlike intrusions with forms similar to thar postulated for the Antioquian batholith have been described in Colorado (USA) and Antarctica.

RESUMEN

El batolito antioqueño aflora en un área de 7221 km², localizada en la Cordillera Central de Colombia. El batolito es de una uniformidad monótona; 97% es cuarzodiorita o granodiorita, compuesta de cuarzo (23.9% en promedio), feldespato de potasio (6.7%), plagioclasa (48.4%; An_{43.5}), hornblenda (9.3%), biotita (9.3%), clorita secundaria (1.6) y minerales accesorios (0.8%).

Facies menores félsicas y gabróideas se han reconocido localmente. Numerosas edades radiométricas, tolerablemente concordantes, indican que el batolito es de edad cretácea superior. Son comunes en el batolito diques andesíticos con espesores comprendidos entre 2 cm y 1 m. Los diques felsíticos son raros.

Se encuentran variaciones longitudinales en las composiciones modales y en las características petrográficas. De este a oeste el batolito es progresivamente más pobre en feldespato de potasio, muestra un índice de coloración más alto y la deformación post-intrusiva aumenta. La roca del batolito es maciza en su mayoría. Una característica común la presentan las inclusiones máficas ("gabarros") que muestran muy poca o ninguna preferencia en su orientación. El contacto del batolito es discordante y neto con las rocas metamórficas encajantes, salvo con las anfibolitas donde ha habido mezcla. El techo del batolito parece ser una superficie casi plana interrumpida en algunos lugares por "fallas de intrusión". De este a oeste la elevación del techo aumenta progresivamente, de 20 a 30 m por km. Fallas postintrusivas y zonas de cizalladura regionales, cortan el batolito en algunos lugares.

El acomodamiento del batolito antioqueño por la intrusión de un magma fluido, caliente y uniforme, es atestiguado por las siguientes observaciones: contactos netos y discordantes, inclusiones desplazadas y rotadas, apófisis discordantes en las rocas encajantes, homogeneidad en la composición modal, textura ígnea hipidiomórfica equigranular y por último la existencia de una aureola envolvente de origen térmico y alta temperatura. El magma puede haberse originado por fusión parcial de rocas profundas en un medio relativamente seco. Se interpreta el Batolito Antioqueño como una gran intrusión en forma de manto subhorizontal y de espesor relativamente pequeño con relación al área expuesta. El techo del batolito puede haber sido levantado como una unidad integral, por la intrusión lateral del magma. Se han descrito intrusiones en forma de manto, como la propuesta para el Batolito Antioqueño, en Colorado (USA) y Antártica.

1. INTRODUCTION

Extensive parts of the eastern rim of the Pacific basin are bordered by inmense granitic batholiths. These batholiths are the dominant structural elements over much of the great cordilleras which run without interruption along the western borders of North and South America and through parts of Central America. The ages of the batholiths are predominantly Mesozoic and Cenozoic, although Paleozoic batholiths are important in Chile and Bolivia (RUIZ, and others, 1961). In the past two decades, serveral detailed studios have been published on these batholiths in North America, particularly in California (BATEMAN, and others, 1963; BATEMAN and EATON, 1967; EVERNDEN and KISTLER, 1970; EVERNDEN and SHAW, 1971). The geology of the Central and South American batholiths is far less well known; indeed, only a few of these have been studied in detail (COBBING and PITCHER, 1972; MYERS, 1975), and no field studies have appeared in the more widely circulated geological literature.

The Antioquian batholith, with and area of 7221 km², is the largest and northernmost batholith of the Central Cordillera of the Colombian Andes. It is located in, and takes its name (BOTERO, 1940) from the Departamento (State) of Antioquia, whose capital, Mellín, lies inmediately west of the batholith.

With the current explosive growth of interest in the circum-Pacific area as a global geologic province, we feel that the results of recent mapping of the Antioquian batholith and our subsequent laboratory studies of selected rock samples may interest more than a local readership.

NOTE: Reasons beyond the control of the authors have delayed the publication of this paper, originally written in 1973. The extensive field and laboratory work reported herein, and the absence of any intervening report that focuses on this interesting and important pluton, constitute adequate justification for this late printing.

2. FIELD AND LABORATORY METHODS

The antioquian batholith, its contacts, and adjacent rocks were mapped at scale ranging from 1:100,000 to 1:25,000 between 1959 and 1968 by geologists of the Colombian Inventario Minero Nacional (now renamed INGEOMINAS), students and staff of the Facultad Nacional de Minas, Medellín, and ourselves (BOTERO A., 1963; INVENTARIO MINERO NACIONAL, 1965; ALVAREZ, J., HALL, R.B., and others, 1970; FEININGER, T., and others, 1970). Work was begun by Botero, A. and his students in the vicinity of Medellín. Subsequent mapping by Inventario geologists and Feininger in the northwest corner and east half of the batholith and adjacent areas was late in 1964 and largely completed within three years.

Most of the batholith is relatively easily accessible. It is crossed by the narrow-gauge Antioquian Railroad and few places are farther than 10 or 15 km from a road, Principal access, however, is by mule trail. A tigh network of literally thousands of kilometers of such trails criss-cross the batholith.

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From more than 1000 samples collected in the field, we selected 214 judged to be representative of the dominant normal facies of the batholith in their respective areas (an average of one sample every 32.7 km²), and an additional 30 samples of minor facies and dikes. A standard thin section of each of these samples was studied and, excluding those cut from aphanitic or very fine-grained dikes, each was modally analyzed by either point-count (by Feininger) or Rosiwall (by Botero) methods. Most pointcount analyses are Rosiwall traverses excedd 50 cm. Staining of thind sections was not necessary as potassium feldspar and the dominant relatively calcic plagioclase are readily distinguished from one another and from quartz by their respective strong negative and positive relief, Identification of colored and accessorry minerals in the mostly unaltered rocks offered no difficulty. Rocks were named based on their modal composition following the classifiation proposed by O Connot (1965).

We must here stress that our microscopic methods of modal analysis on the medium to coarse- grained batholith rocks are not wholly satisfactory and should be considered only semi-quantitative. We tested the accuracy of our modal analysis by exchanging several thin sections between ourselves to repeat the other's analysis. In most cases the agreement was acceptable; generally, values fell within 10 percent of the value for each major mineral. Values for accessory minerals varied more widely. Nevertheless, even with these short comings in mind, our analysis are far superior to estimated modes, and the accuracy of the values given for the composition of the entire batholith obtained from the average of individual analysis is greatly enhanced by the large number of samples used.

Four samples of batholith rocks were chemically analyzed, and hornblendes in five samples of the normal facies were analyzed with the electron microprobe. Plagioclase compositions of all rocks were determined using flat stage techniques. Measurements were made on nonzoned or on the most weakly zoned grains found appropriatelly oriented in each thin section. The specific gravity of each unweathered sample was determined.

Samples 2 through 2687 are in the petrographic collection of the Facultad Nacional Nacional de Minas, Medellín, and samples 5043 through 8681 and JL-61, JL-63, and RAA-21 are in storage at INGEOMINAS, Medellín.

3. GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES

Samples localities and critical exposures are cited using the Colombian national grid system. The grid is in meters and has the values X = 1.000.000 and Y = 1.000.000 m at the capital city Bogotá. Values increase northward and eastward, respectively. Thus Medellín, at X = 1.183.000 and Y = 835.350, lies on a parallel 183,00 km north of Bogotá and 164,65 km to the west. The third unit of the coordinate trinomial, Z, is the elevation in meters above sea level.

4. GEOMORPHOLOGY

4.1. CLIMATE

A humid tropical climate prevails over the Antioquian batholith and surrounding rocks. Diurnal average temperatures vary from place to place depending chiefly on elevation and to a lesser extent on topographic setting. The near equatorial location of the batholith precludes seasonal variations, and frosts are unknown even on the highest peaks, about 3100 m above sea level. Rainfall is not evenly distributed, but falls mostly in two wet season; April through June and September through November. Spells of more than a month without rain are unusual and the indigenoues forest as well as cleared pasture vegetation remain green throughout the year. Meteorologic data from eight stations on or near the Antioquian batholith are summarized in Table I.

TABLE 1.

METEOROLOGIC DATA FROM EIGHT STATION ON OR NEAR THE ANTIQUIAN BATHOLITH¹

Station	Coord	dinates	Elevatio	n Anual	Tem	perature	(°C)	Years
	×	Y	(m)	rainfall. (mm)	Min.	Max.	Ave.	Record
Barbosa	1,203,500	861,400	1,300	1,658	-	-	22	8
Cisneros	1,215,000	888,500	1,080	3,524	14,5	35,0	25	7
Medellín	1,183,000	835,350	1,538	1,413	10,0	31,6	21,4	60
Rionegro	1,172,400	856,500	2,120	1,977	7,0	27,2	18,4	10
San Luis	1,160,000	898,600	1,115	5,725	13,0	34,0	24,6	5
Santa Rosa	1,227,000	847,200	2,562	2,038	-	-	15	7
Segovia	1,274,800	931,500	650	2,891	-	-	24	8
Yarumal	1,261,600	852,000	2,300	3,706	8,4	26,5	17,3	6

¹ Data mostly from Departamento de Planeación, Medellín.

4.2. WEATHERING

The generally hot climate and abundant rainfall promote intense chemical decomposition of the bedrock which in turn has produced a thick and nearly ubiquitous mantle of rotted rock. This mantle is thickest in areas of little local relief where erosion by running water and mass wasting are slight. For example, a series of 117 test borings located in different hydroelectric proyects on the Antioquian batholith (Troneras Proyect, 16 test borings; Punchiná (Samaná), 26 test borings; Las Playas, 40 test borings; Jaguas 33 test borings) shows the average depth to fresh rock to be 34,2 m and in places it is as much as 80 m (FEININGER, 1971; EMPRESAS PUBLICAS DE MEDELLIN, 1957, 1971) (Fig.1).

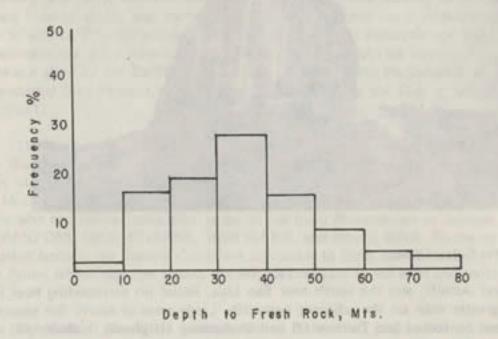


FIGURE 1. Depth of weathering on the Antioquian batholith as shown by 117 test borings at hydroelectric proyects at Troneras, Punchiná, Las Playas, and Jaguas.

Unlike the surrounding foliated and layered metamorphic and sedimentary rocks, the granitic rock of the Antioquian atholith is massive. Chemical decomposition does not pervasively attack this rock, but acts chiefly along joints and other fractures. As joints are relatively widely spaced over much of the batholith, decomposition of batholith rock in the rotted mantle is incomplete and the mantle generally contains an abundance of rounded residual boulders of fresh rock from one to 40 m in diameter. The rotted rock that surrounds these boulders is a relatively easily eroded so that with time the residual boulders become exposed.

A spotty carpet of these boulders is a conspicuous feature of much of the landscape underlain by the Antioquian batholith (FEININGER, 1969-1971; see also BRANNER, 1896; WILHELMY, 1958). Where joints are exceptionally widely spaced, enormous monoliths of fresh rock are bared by the same mechanism. These monoliths in Antioquia have been named peñoles by Botero A. (1963, p. 28) and are probably rooted to fresh rock at depth. The largest peñol on the Antioquian batholith, the Guatapé peñol, is located between the towns of El Peñol and Guatapé. In plan it measures 290 by 75 meters and is 130 meters high (Fig.2) (BOTERO A., 1963, p. 29).

4.3. TOPOGRAPHY AND OUTCROPS

Topography on the Antioquian batholith is mostly mature and characterized by monotonous successions of rounded hills. Local relief is mostly 400 m or less, although major rivers suchs as the Porce, Nare, Guatapé and others have cut canyons considerably deeper. Greater local relief, in places more than 500 m is developed in the north between

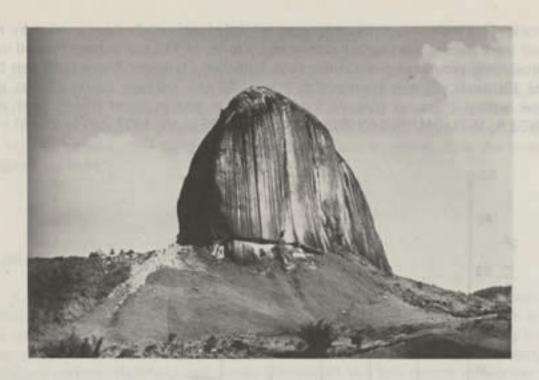


FIGURE 2. The Guatapé Peñol.

Guadalupe and Amalfi, and the south near San Luis. Relief on surrounding host rock is everywhere greater than on the adjacent batholith. Large areas of nearly flat topography, locally covered by rotted late Tertiary (?) and Quaternary (?) gravels, is developed around Rionegro, east of Medellín.

Outcrops of fresh batholith rock are scarce. They are largely restricted to stream beds and are decidedly less abundant than outcrops of surrounding host rock. Only in steep tributaries to major rivers, especially the Nus, Guatapé and San Carlos, are outcrops both large and abundant. Some of these difficultly accesible outcrops have areas of serveral thousand square meters.

Peñoles afford enormous exposures of fresh rock but they are not numerous. The Guatapé peñol is accompanied by several smaller ones in the same area. Others dominate the towns of Entrerrios and San Carlos.

By far the majority of our samples have come from the nearly ubiquitous residual boulders of fresh rock left behind during the secular weathering of the batholith. Many of these boulders are in place as they are encased in the rotted rock which preserves perfectly the texture of fresh rock. Others have doubtlessly, crept slid, or rolled down slope to accumulate in gullies and stream valleys, accumulations locally known as organales (BOTERO, A., 1963, p. 32). Yet, none sampled are believed to be far travelled (more than a few hundred meters) and such small transport would little affect the conclusions of this study.

5. REGIONAL GEOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY OF THE COLOMBIAN ANDES

The Andes enter Colombia from the south as a single cordillera, Just north of the Ecuatorian border, this cordillera splits twice to form three subparallel ranges which constitute the Western, Central and Eastern Cordilleras of the Colombian Andes. The three cordilleras are separated by the valleys of the Cauca and Magdalena rivers.

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The entire Magdalena valley and much of the Cauca valley are structural depressions extensively filled with Middle and Upper Tertiary, non-marine, clastic sedimentary rocks (GROSSE, 1926; VAN HOUTEN and TRAVIS, 1968).

The Western Cordillera is composed chiefly of intensely deformed but nonmetamorphic Cretaceous and Lower Tertiary (?) eugeosynclinal ophiolitic and trench assemblage sedimentary and mafic volcanic rocks (IRVING, 1971; BARRERO, 1979). Locally these rocks are host to stocks and batholiths of Tertiary age that range principally from quartz diorite to diorite. Phyllite and low grade schist of possible Paleozoic age (NELSON, 1957) occur sporadically. To the north, the Western Cordillera breaks up into a series of low ranges that die out short of the Caribbean coast. An offshoot range, the Serranía de Baudó, passes northwestward into Panamá along the Pacific coast east of the Gulf of Urabá (CASE, and others, 1971).

The Eastern Cordillera is the non-volcanic, possibly back-arc assemblage counterpart of the Western Cordillera and is composed of folded and faulted Cretaceous and Lower Tertiary clastic sedimentary rocks of great aggregate thickness (CAMPBELL and BURGL, 1965; McLAUGHLIN, 1972). These rocks are locally interrupted by massifs of older sedimentary and crystalline rocks that range in age from Precambrian to Jurassic (RADELLI, 1962; RENZONI, 1965; STIBANE, 1968 WARD, and others, 1969). To the north, near the Venezuelan border, the Eastern Cordillera bifurcates to form the Serranía de Perijá and the Mérida Andes which together bound the Maracaibo Basin on the west and southeast, respectively.

The Central Cordillera is the home of Colombia's major Andean batholiths, the largest and northernmost of which is the Antioquian batholith. These batholiths are the root remnants of what was an extensive volcanic arc in Cretaceous time. Modern arc deposits in Colombia are less widespread. They are confined to the belt of volcanos and associate lavas and pyroclastic deposits astride the southern Central Cordillera. Other rocks in the Central Cordillera are chiefly metamorphic rocks of Paleozoic (and locally Precambrian) age (GROSSE, 1926, POSADA, 1936, BOTERO, A., 1941, 1942; NELSON, 1962; FEININGER, and others, 1970) These rocks are in places overlain by patches of marine sedimentary and volcanic rocks of Middle Cretaceous age (FEININGER, and others, 1970; ALVAREZ, HALL and others, 1970). North of the city of Medellín the altitude of the Central Cordillera dimishes progressively, and within 300 km the cordillera is lost beneath Holocene alluvium of the Cauca and Magdalena rivers where their valleys merge.

The Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta massif on Colombia's north coast east of Barranquilla stands in isolated splendor with summit elevations 5900 m only 45 km from the Caribbean shore. The massif is an enormous horst, triangular in plan, composed chielfly but not exclusively of cristallyne rocks (TSCHANZ, and others, 1969). The massif has not been affected by young volcanism. Its relations to the three Andean cordilleras of Colombia is uncertain.

6. HOST ROCKS TO THE ANTIQUUIAN BATHOLITH

Host rocks to the Antioquian batholith are chiefly gneiss, schist, and phyllite of Paleozoic age with lesser areas of highly deformed but nonmetamorphic Cretaceous eugeosynclinal sedimentary and volcanic rocks and a belt of serpentinite at Medellín (see INVENTARIO MINERO NACIONAL, 1965; FEININGER, and others, 1970; ALVAREZ, J., HALL, and others, 1970). Other rocks cut by the batholith are plutons of Cretaceous age that range from quartz monzonite to gabbro. The felsic plutons are mediun

grained and massive to gneissic. The gabbro is extensively saussuritized and uralitized. The largest body, northeast of Yarumal, has a core of serpetinite 2 km² in area.

The Paleozoic rocks underwent a low-pressure facies series regional metamorphism prior to emplacement of the Antioquian batholith. The grade of metamorphism ranges from low greenschist facies in phyllite around Amalfi and northeast of San Luis, to middle amphibolite facies in gneiss with muscovite, andalusite, and sillimanite along much of the east border of the batholith north of the latitude of San Carlos, and southeast of Medellín. Many mineralogical characteristics of the metamorphic rocks are like those produced by shallow thermal metamorphism. Nevertheless, the absence of an orderly relationship between the batholith contact and the spatial distribution of metamorphic facies shows that metamorphism must predate and therefore be unrelated to the Antioquian batholith.

Thermal metamorphism by the Antioquian batholith overprinted on the earlier regional metamorphism can be recognized in many places. Stout prisms of sillimanite are developed in phyllite adjacent to the batholith southeast of San Carlos. Feldspathic gneiss near the batholith commonly has porphyroblasts of cordierite with inclusions of spinel, and in marble the development of wollastonite is widespread. Sillimanite gneiss has been developed adjacent to the batholith at the tunnel on the new Medellín - Bogotá Road east of Copacabana.

7. THE ANTIQUIAN BATHOLITH

7.1. GENERAL STATEMENT

Recent studies of the Sierra Nevada batholith in California (BATEMAN, and others, 1963; BATEMAN and EATON, 1967; ROSS, 1969; EVERNDEN and KISTLER, 1970, KISTLER, EVERNDEN and SHAW, 1971) have successfully unravelled many petrological and structural riddles of that great batholith. Nevertheless, the profusion of literature on the Sierra Nevada batholith should not cast a constructive shadow across geologic thinking applied to other circum-Pacific batholiths. In fact, the reader who is familiar with the Sierra Nevada reports cited above will be inmediately struck by the marked dissimiliarities between the Antioquian batholith and its distant neighbor to the north.

Rocks of the Antioquian batholith were first noted century and a half ago by Boussingault (1825). Later workers (OSPINA, 1911; SCHEIBE, 1933; POSADA, 1936) stressed the great regional extent of granitic rocks and added petrographic details, but it was not until 1942 thart Botero recognized the nature of the Antioquian batholith and gave it its name. Nearly the entire batholith is now covered by published geologic maps (BOTERO, A., 1963 INVENTARIO MINERO NACIONAL, 1965; FEININGER, and others, 1970;

ALVAREZ, J, HALL, and others, 1970) but none of these are readily available outside of Colombia.

The Antioquian Batholith has an exposed area of 7221 km² (2788 mi², or 21 percent larger than the Boulder batholith, Montana and more than half as large as the State of Connecticut, U.S.A.). Satellite stocks believed consanguinous with the Antioquian Batholith add at least 322 km² (124 mi²).

The outstanding characteristic of the Antioquian batholith is its remarkable homogeneity: 97 percent (7003 km²) of the batholith is composed of monotonously uniform quartz diorite or granodiorite that differs but little or not at all from place to place. This rock is here referred to as the normal facies. Two subordinate facies, one felsic and the other gabbroic, have also been recognized (Fig. 3).

7.2. AGE

Stratigraphically, the age of the batholith can be fixed only imprecisely. The youngest rocks cut by the batholith are eugeosynclinal sedimentary and volcanic rocks of Cretaceous age. These contain Early Cretaceous (Albian and Aptian) marine fossils at a number of localities not far from the batholith contact (FEININGER, and others, 1972). The oldest rock that unconformably overlies the batholith is alluvium of Quaternary age.

During the past decade, potassium-argon biotite ages have been determined on a number of samples from the Antioquian batholith. The ages obtained range from 58 to 83 m.y. (Table 2) and indicate a later Cretaceous age.

The small spread of ages of these widely spaced samples (see Fig. 3) is in accord with the unusual petrographic uniformity of the batholith.

7.3. PETROGRAPHY

7.3.1. NORMAL FACIES

Rock of the normal facies of the Antioquian batholith is medium - to coarse - grained, massive, hypidiomorphic equigranular, gray quartz diorite or granodiorite (rarely quartz monzonite) with a pronounced salt-and- pepper texture. It is composed of white to light gray feldspar, gray vitreous quartz, deep green to black hornblende, brown to black

TABLE 2.

RADIOMETRIC AGES (BIOTITE) OF SAMPLES FROM THE ANTIOQUIAN BATHOLITH AND A CONSANGUINOUS STOCK

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1,213,750	852,750	2,200	K/Ar	79 ± 3		Botero A., 1963, p.81
1,243,500	863,750	1,950	K/Ar	74 ± 3		Pérez A., 1967
1,233,250	831,250	2,600	K/Ar	72 ± 3		Pérez A., 1967
1,200,000	830,000	2,700	K/Ar	70 ± 3	Consaguinous stock	Pérez A., 1967
1,185,750	866,250	1,600	K/Ar	71 ± 3		Pérez A., 1967
1,160,000	898,000	1,200	K/Ar	83 ± 3		Pérez A., 1967
1,216,500	925,500	925	K/Ar	68 ± 2	Felsic facies	Prof. Bruno J. Giletti written commun, 1967
1,200,000	854,000	2,025	Rb/Sr	60	Cataclastic rock "near Don Ma- tías",	Fujiyoshi et al., 1976
1,200,000	854,000	2,025	Rb/Sr	58	Cataclastic rock "near Don Ma- tías".	Fujiyoshi et al., 1976
1,262,000	852,000	2,300	Rb/Sr	68	Yarumal	Fujiyoshi et al., 1976

biotite, and accessory minerals. Modal analyses and other properties of 214 samples of normal facies rocks spaced over the entire batholith (Fig. 3) are given in Table 3. The small standard deviation for each of the major minerals underscores the unusual uniformity of the normal facies. Chemical analyses of two samples are given in Table 4.

Plagioclase, chiefly andesine, constitutes nearly half the normal facies rock. Grains are subhedral to euhedral, well twinned, and generally fresh. Normal zoning with oscillatory reversals is common, although strongly zoned, weakly zoned, and even unzoned crystals may occur in a single thin section. Small inclusions of hornblende and clinopyroxene are prominent inclusions in the cores of some plagioclase grains (Fig. 4). Rare grains have small cores of calcic bytownite in sharp contact with surrounding andesine. In cataclastic rock patches of plagioclase commonly have been replaced by potassium feldspar.

Quartz forms clean anhedral grains and interstitial fill in small optically continous domains (Fig. 5). Undulatory extinction is not normally conspicuous, and in 20 percent of the samples studied, quartz shows no evidence of deformation.

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TABLE 4.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF TWO SAMPLES OF THE NORMAL FACIES,

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Fiel number USGS laboratory number X Coordinates Y Z	1 8526 W168-911 1,207,150 908,900 925	;2 8527 W168-912 1,209,900 908,200 1,000
SiO ₂	63.6 %	62.5 %
TiO ₂	0.41	0.58
Al_2O_3	16.2	15.2
Fe ₂ O ₃	1.9	1.7
FeO	3.0	4.0
MnO	0.15	0.38
MgO	2.6	4.2
CaO	6.2	6.6
Na ₂ O	3.2	2.8
K ₂ O	2.0	1.3
$P_{2}^{2}O_{5}$	0.12	0.27
H ₂ O-	0.20	0.22
H ₂ O+	0,38	0.34
CO ₂	0.06	0.05
Total	100.0 %	100.1 %

Chemical analysis by rapid rock analysis methods, U.S. Geological Survey, Washington, D.C., See Table 3 for modal analysis of these samples.

Untwinned potassium feldspar occurs as anhedral grains chiefly in optically continuous domains that interstitially fill spaces between euhedral grains of plagioclase, biotite, and hornblende (Fig. 6). These domains achieve surprisingly large sizes; commonly they cover more than a square centimeter, and in some cases, am entire thin section. Most contacts with plagioclase and quartz are smooth (Fig. 6); embayments or other evidence of corrosion or resorption by potasium feldspar normally are wanting. Microperthite is weakly developed in some samples. The potassium feldspar is everywhere fresh, even in samples of otherwise extensively altered rock.

Hornblende is chiefly isubhedral in fresh to euhedral prisms, although in a few samples it has the unusual habit of an interstitial mineral (Fig. 7). Pleochroism is normally X = light yellow tan; Y = medium green; Z = medium brownish green with X < Y < Z.- Moderate to strong dispersion with r > v is prevalent. Electron microprobe analyses of hornblende in five samples of granodiorite (Table 5) show them to have rather uniform compositions that correspond closely to those of hornblendes from igneous rocks of similar compositions quoted by Deer, Howie, and Zussman (1963, p. 277-281). Hornblendes in a few samples has orange-brown Y and Z colors. One of these hornblendes is among those analyzed (Table 4, col. 3). Excluding slightly higher TiO_2 , its composition differs little from its companion hornblendes with green Y and Z colors. The low total of the analysis of the orange-brown hornblende, however, could reflect a relatively higher Fe_2O_3 : FeO ratio.

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FIGURE 4. Inclusions of clinopyroxene, clinopyroxene rimmed with hornblende, and hornblende in core of plagioclase crystal. Sample 8538.



FIGURE 5. Optically continuous interstitial quartz, Sample 7515,

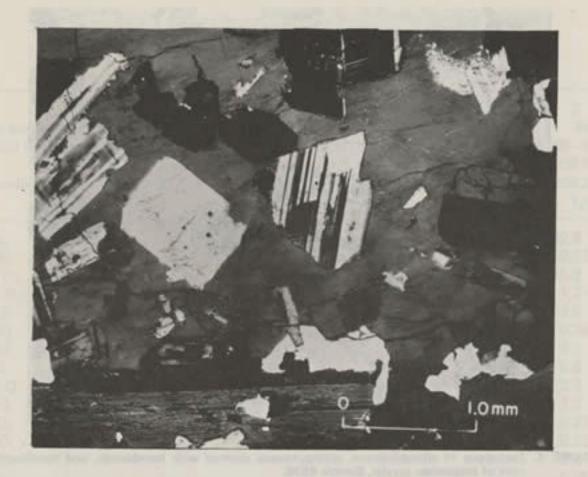


FIGURE 6. Large field of optically continuous interstitial potassium feldspar, Sample 7523.

Ragged cores of colorless clinopyroxene occur in some grains of hornblende. An especially large one is shown in Figure 8. In a few samples, the only clinopiroxene present has been preserved as tiny inclusions in the cores of plagioclase crystals (Fig. 4). More common than the occurrence of clinopyroxene, however, is the occurrence of hornblendes with bleached cores that contain tiny vermicular inclusions of quartz (Fig. 9). The bleached cores were produced by the conversion of preexisting clinopyroxene cores to amphibole, a reaction that liberates quartz. Similar complex hornblendes from tonalite in the Cornucopia stock, Oregón, have been figured by Taubeneck (1967, pl. 1).

Biotite forms subhedral to euhedral boocks that in more than two thirds of the samples studied are free of deformation. Pleochroism is strong with X = light yellow; Y = Z = deep golden brown. Biotite coexistent with the less common orange-brown hornblende, however, has a different pleochroism; X = light yellow brown. Y = Z = medium red brown. Generally a part of the biotite in each thin section, mostly between 5 and 10 percent, has been altered to bright green chlorite (Fig. 9). The biotite is far less resistant to chloritization than coexisting hornblende; even in samples where chloritization of biotite is complete, neighboring hornblende grains are preserved unaffected. Biotites in about half the samples of the normal facies contain a colorless to pale yelow alteration product with moderately high relief and low birefringerence in slim concordant lenses which have bowed apart the (001) cleavage. A similar alteration of biotite, interpreted as deuteric, has been described from parts of the Boulder Creek batholith, Colorado, by Wrucke (1965), who found the lenses there to be composed of prehnite and hydrogarnet (?). (The prehnite noted in the modal analysis (Table 3) is in interstitial grains amongst the felsic minerals and is not spatially related to biotite alteration).



FIGURE 7. Anhedral interstitial hornblende with core of clinopyroxene, Sample 7544.

Ubiquitous accessory minerals of the normal facies are apatite, magnetite, and zircon. Others, in order of decreasing abundance, are sphene, epidote, pyrite, calcite, allanite and prehnite. Apatite is particularly abundant and constitutes more than 0.1 percent of most samples. Large grains are anhedral or subhedral, whereas grains less than 0.1 rnm are sharply euhedral. Zircon forms subhedral to euhedral clear prisms. Those in biotite are characteristically unaccompanied by radiohalos.

7.3.2. MAFIC CLOTS

Fine-grained, massive, dark gray mafic clots, commonly with megacrysts of plagioclase or hornblende 2 to 5 mm long, are irregularly distributed in the normal facies over much of the batholith in disregard of both nearness and nature of surrounding rocks. The clots, known to Antioquian geologists as gabarros, are spherical, lenslike, or more commonly spindle-shaped bodies with maximum dimensions mostly between 5 and 50 cm (Fig. 10). Although proportionately enriched in mafics, gabarros are composed of the same minerals, except quartz, as the enclosing rock of the normal facies. A modal analysis of a typical gabarro from east of Amalfi showed it to be composed of plagioclase (An_{3.9.}) 38 percent, potassium feldspar 25 percent, biotite 24 percent, hornblende 13 percent, and accessory minerals.

7.3.3. FELSIC FACIES

Five bodies of rock constituting a felsic facies have been mapped within the east half of the batholith (Fig. 3). The combined area of these bodies is 203 km² (78 mi²), or

ANHYDROUS ELECTRON MICROPROBE ANALYSES OF AMPHIBOLES IN FIVE SAMPLES OF THE NORMAL FACIES.

ANTIQUIAN BATHOLITH

Sample	1534	1	2670		2685		7992		7997	
SiO ₂	45.0		45.6		44.7		46.0		49.0	
TiO ₂	1.5		1,1		1.9		1.1		0.7	
Al ₂ O ₃	8.8		8.3		8.9		7.8		5.8	
FeO*	20.7		19.0		16.9		18.3		16.6	
MnO	0.5		0.4		0,3		0.4		0.3	
MgO	9.4		10.8		11.2		11.5		13.4	
CaO	11.5		11.3		11.9		11.6		11.3	
Na ₂ O	1.0		1.2		1.0		1.0		1.0	
K ₂ O	1.0		1.0		1.1		1.0		0,6	
Total	99.4		98.7		97.9		98.7		98.7	
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Ti	0.17		0.12		0.21		0.12		0.08	
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Mg	2.09		2.41		2.50		2.56		2.93	
Fe	2.44		2.19		2.02		2.09		1.81	
Fe	0.16)		0.19		0.10)		0.19		0.22	1
Mn	0.06	2.07	0.05	2.05	0.04	2.05	0.05	2.09	0.04	2.04
Ca	1.85		1.81		1.91		1.85	1101	1.78	
Na	0,29		0.35	0.54	0.29		0.29	1	0.28)
	0.00	0.48	2.00	0.54		0.50		0.48		0.39
K	0.19		0.19		0.21		0.19		0.11	

Analyses by T. Feininger at the Department of Mineral Sciences, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., U.S.A. See Table 2 for modal analyses of these rocks.

^{*} Total iron reported as FeO. Following the IMA nomenclature of amphiboles (LEAKE, 1978), 1534 is ferro-hornblende; 2670 and 2685 are are edenite; and 7992 and 7997 are magnesio-hornblende.



FIGURE 8. Large core of clinopyroxene in hornblende with an incomplete rim of biotite. Sample 8012.

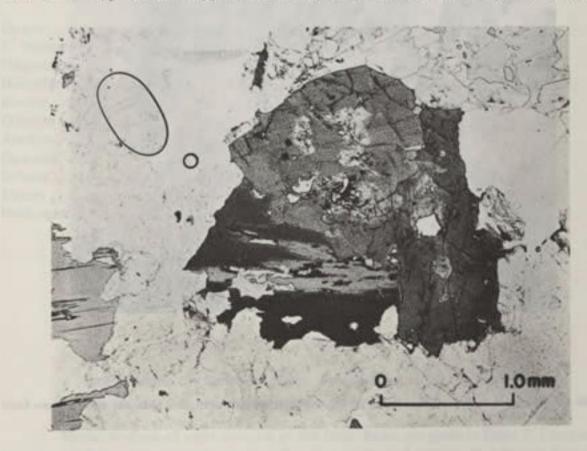


FIGURE 9. Two subhedral crystals of hornblende with bleached cores containing tiny inclusions of vermicular quartz. Note partially chloritized biotite. Sample 7811.

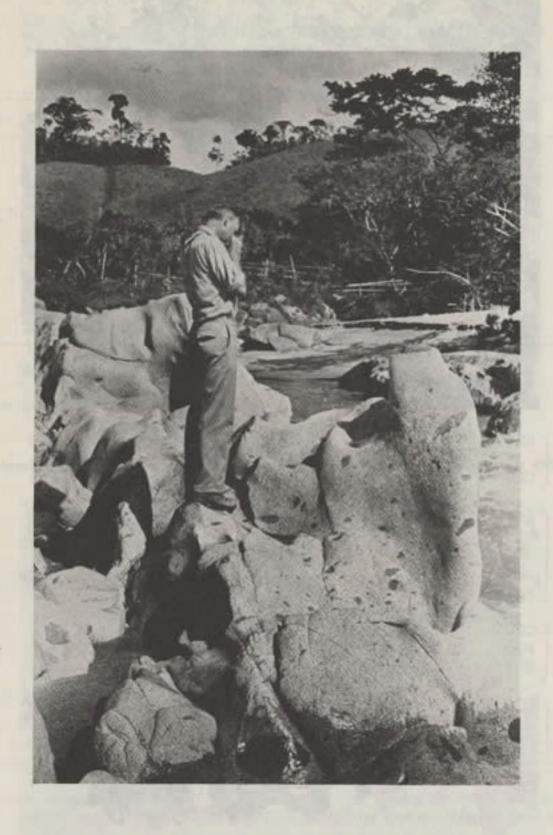


FIGURE 10. Gabarros in the normal facies of the Antioquian batholith, Río Guatapé downstream from Balseadero.

about 2.8 percent of the whole batholith. Exposures of the felsic facies are largely restricted to residual boulders. These are especially plentiful on the hills west northwest of Yalí, atop the high mountains nearly midway between Amalfi and Yolombó, and along the roads from Santo Domingo to the Río Nare and from Maceo to La Susana. The contact between the felsic and normal facies is nowhere exposed. It is interpreted as gradational, but it is also possible that the felsic facies occurs as myriadas of discrete small bodies because in some places residual boulders of the two rock types are intimately mixed. Recent test drilling by Cristalería Peldar Ltda, between Alejandría and Santo Domingo revealed that rock of the felsic facies there is inhomogeneous and locally grades into more mafic rock whose modal composition falls within the field of the normal facies (Table 6).

The felsic facies is chiefly light tan or beige, massive medium-to coarse grained, hypidiomorphic to xenomorphic, leucocratic granodiorite or quartz monzonite. Part of this facies is porphyritic with subhedral to euhedral phenocrysts of quartz as much as 1 cm long. The phenocrysts are particularly conspicuous on residual boulders where they weather into relief and give the rock a pimply surface. With advanced weathering the large quartzes are freed and become concentrated as a grus in the soils. This is especially well developed along the road from Maceo to La Susana. The felsic facies is less resistant to weathering than the normal facies and truly fresh rock is rare.

MODAL ANALYSIS OF THE FELSIC FACIES, ANTIQUIAN BATHOLITH

Test boring No. 1, Depth 30 m	Test boring No. 2. Depth 33 m
Quartz	
K, feldspar 24.7	11.9
Plagioclase	
Hornblende	
Biotite 2.0	
Chlorite 0.6	0.5
Apatite Tr.	0.2
Opaques 0.5	0.9
Sphene Tr	0.2
Zircon Tr.	Tr.
Hydrogarnet	Tr.
Number of points 2,136	2,384
Specific gravity 2.65	2.65
Color index 3,1	7,3
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Coordinates; X = 1,200,800; Y = 8,881,620

Samples from the Santo Domingo - Alejandría road at the Nare river.

Modal analysis of eight samples of the felsic facies are given inTable 7. Compared to the normal facies, the felsic facies is richer in quartz and potassium feldspar, has a more sodic plagioclase, a much lower color index, and consequently a lesser specific gravity.

TABLE 7

MODAL ANALYSIS AND AVERAGE COMPOSITION OF EIGHT SAMPLES OF THE FELSIC FACIES, ANTIOQUIAN BATHOLITH'

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e,	7645 1,216,200 926,000 825	37.0 23.9 31.9 4.6 2.6	IH I IH	100.0	23 2.65 OM
2.	7615 1,216,200 926,000 825	38.6 222.3 33.3 3.1 2.4	0,2	0.66	3.3 2.64 OM 1192P
-	7549 1,232,050 908,150 1,350	35.9 36.5 36.5 1.6	⊢ 1011	100.0	28 1.7 2.65 OM 1.138P
	Fiel number X Coordinates Y	Ouartz K feldspar Plagioclase Biotite Chlorite Muscovite Allanite	Epidote Garnet Opaque Sphene Zircon	Total	An content of plagioclase Color index Specific gravity Classification Number of points

1. Values in volume percent, Analyst: T. Feininger.

Under the microscope quartz is unstrained. Non-phenocrystic grains are anhedral. Plagioclase is mostly oligoclase, though it ranges to sodic andesine in some samples. Grains are zoned and twinning is more subdued than in the andesine of the normal facies. Grain margins in contact with potassium feldspar are commonly myrmekitic. Potassium feldspar forms anhedral compact grains rather than the interstitial fill characteristic of the normal facies. Grains are microperthitic and exhibit weak grid twinning. Some have incomplete thin rims of albite. The mafic mineral is exclusively biotite, in part chloritized. Absortion is weaker than that in biotite of the normal facies, with X = pale straw yellow to colorless, and Y = Z = medium brownish green. Included zircons are surrounded by strong pleochroic halos. The accessory mineral suite of the felsic facies is impoverished (Table 7), although the pair granet and muscovite, unknown in the normal facies, occurs with frequency.

7.3.4. GABBROIC FACIES

Seven small bodies of gabbroic rock with an aggregate area of 15 km² (only 0,2 percent of the batholith) have been mapped on the east half of the Antioquian batholith. The largest body (5.5 km²) of the gabbroic facies is between San José on the Antioquian Railroad and the site of Cristales. Nowhere were rooted outcrops found; the outline of each body was mapped exclusively on the occurrence of residual boulders. The boulders are exceptionally abundant and particularly conspicuous owing to their rust-stained and deeply pitted surfaces; at first glance they resemble iron meteorites. In may places creep has carried the boulders far from their point of origin so that the size of probably all the bodies (Fig. 3) is exaggerated.

Fresh rock of the gabbroid facies is black to dark green or dark brown, coarse to medium grained, and hypidiomorphic to idiomorphic. Mostly it is equigranular, although some samples carry poikilitic phenocrysts of black hornblende as much as 5 cm long. The composition of the gabbroic facies is higly variable; it ranges from pyroxenite to hornblende gabbro. The most ultramafic samples are perfectly fresh in thin section. Many of the other samples are altered, showing saussuritic plagioclase, pale green fibrous amphibole pseudomorphic after pyroxene, and the partial to complete alteration of olivine to "iddingsite" and talc. Modal analysis of eight samples and chemical analysis of two samples of gabbroic facies rocks are given in tables 8 and 9 respectively.

Although the contact between the gabbroic and normal facies is not exposed, the petrography of the residual boulders indicates that it must be gradational. For example, on the body between San José and Cristales are found boulders of pyroxenite nearly free of feldespar (Table 8, col. 1), boulders of mafic gabbro (Table 8, col. 2) and boulders of horn-blende gabbro with a little quartz (Table 8, col. 3). Other boulders, not represented in Table 8, stepwise bridge the gap between hornblende gabbro and typical quartz diorite of the batholith's dominant normal facies. The only ultramafic rock is found in this body.

7.3.5. CONSANGUINOUS STOCKS

Surrounding the Antioquian batholith are numerous stocks of a variety of igneous rocks (Fig. 3). Most of the stocks are petrographically so unlike the batholith that a genetic relationship between them and the batholith can be easily discarde. Nevertheless, several, several sotocks are composed of rock indistinguishable from that of the normal facies of the batholith. These petrographically uniform stocks have a total area of 322 km² (124 mi²) and are considered consanguinous with the Antioquian batholith (Table 10).

MODAL ANALYSIS OF EIGHT SAMPLES OF THE GABBROIC FACIES, ANTIOQUIAN BATHOLITH'

Ouartz K feldspar Plagioclase Olivine	1,209,200	7634 1,207,650 913,500 1,150	7636 1,207,750 913,600 1,100	7706 1,240,450 923,550 1,025	1,238,000 899,000 1,575	1,242,500 900,200 1,275	7754 1,240,600 923,950 1,075	7944 1,192,300 901,050 1,050
Orthopyroxene Clinopyroxene Amphibole Biotite Chlorite Calcite Epidote "Iddingsite" Sphene Spinel Talc	5.8 5.4.3 27.6 11.0 11.0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	21.4 11.9 20.2 20.4 20.4 7 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	66.4 1.1 26.1 1.3 4.1 1 − 1	9.2 49.6 1.29.1 2.9 6.6 0.3 1.1	0.3 23.0 23.0 67.7 67.7 0.9 0.6	3.5 11.5 3.0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 1.1	26.3 20.0 20.0 20.0 20.0 20.0 20.0 20.0 20	72.9 0.9 10.3 10.3 3.4 1.1 1.1 1.2 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3
Total	0.001	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
An content of plagioclase Color index Specific gravity Number of points	88 94.0 3.29 1,000P	78.3 3.13 1,000P	70 33.3 2.93 766P	60 40.6 2.88 950P	89 76.7 3.02 1,000P	73 48.1 2.94 1,000P	70 71.9 3.05 1,000P	27.1 2.90 1,170P

TABLE 9

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF TWO SAMPLES OF THE GABBROIC FACIES, ANTIQUIAN BATHOLITH¹

Field number USGS laboratory number X Coordinates Y Z		1, 7633 W168-916 1,209,200 910,700 1,050	2. 7634 W168-917 1,207,650 913,500 1,150
SiO ₂		52.1 %	46.1 %
TiO ₂		0.39	0,29
Al ₂ O ₃		5.6	12.2
Fe ₂ O ₃		1,4	1.8
FeO		11.4	8.8
MnO		0.09	0.02
MgO		21.3	17.8
CaO		6.4	10.3
Na ₂ O		0.32	0.96
K20		80.0	0.18
P2O5		0.04	0.02
H ₂ O-		0.17	0.17
H ₂ O +		0.63	1.00
Total		99.9 %	99.6%

Chemical analysis by rapid rock analysis methods, U.S. Geological Survey, Washington, D.C. See Table 8 for modal analysis of these samples.

TABLE 10.

MODAL ANALYSIS AND AVERAGE COMPOSITION OF FOUR SAMPLES CONSANGUINOUS STOCKS OF THE ANTIOQUIAN BATHOLITH

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
Field number X Coordinates Y Z	7507 1,202,300 924,400 725	7814 1,248,200 928,000 725	60 1,191,300 831,900 2,325	1,226,300 821,500 2,600	Average	Average normal facies (Table 3)
Quartz K feldspar Plagioclase Hornblende Biotite Chlorite Allanite Apatite Epidote Opaque Sphene Zircon	23.2 4.3 62.9 0.6 6.1 1.3 - 0.3 T 1.1 0.2	32.7 6,9 49.1 0.8 9.9 0.3 - 0.1 T	27.6 0.6 55.1 4.4 10.2 1.4 T T 0.7	20.6 0.3 51.2 14.2 12.1 1.0 - 0.1 - 0.5 T	26.0 3.0 54.6 5.0 9.6 1.0	23.9 6.7 48.4 9.3 9.3 1.6
Total	100.0	100.1	100,0	100,0		
An content of plagioclase Color index Specific gravity Classification Analysis	33 9.3 2,70 QD 1,000P	39 11.2 2.70 QD 1,764P	44 16.7 QD 480R	44 27.8 	40 16.3	43.5 20.9

^{1.} Values in in volume percent, Analysts: G. Botero A., and T. Feininger.

7.3.6. DIKES

The ensuing discussion will deal with two distinct groups of dikes: apophysy dikes of batholith rocks in surrounding prebatholith rocks, and postbatholith dikes that cut the batholith itself.

Apophysy dikes of the Antioquian batholith in host rocks are infrequent although the apparent scarcity may in part be an artifact enhanced by paucity of outcrop. Dikes in noncalcareous rocks differ little from the normal facies of the batholith beyond having a somewhat finer grain size. Some small dikes far removed from the batholith contact have a curious spotted appearance imparted by dark spherical aggregates 5 mm in diameter composed of fibrous amphibole. The compositions of dikes in calcareous rocks, however, depart widely from the composition of the batholith. These dikes are medium to fine grained, massive and hypidiomorphic equigranular. Superficially, except for their darker color, they resemble the dikes in noncalcareous rocks, but closer inspection shows they are greatly depleted in quartz and commonly contain 25 percent or more clinopyroxene (Table 11). Presumably the incoming magma that crystallized to form these dikes was desilicated by

TABLE 11.

MODAL ANALYSIS OF SIX SAMPLES FROM DIKES OF THE ANTIQUIAN BATHOLITH IN CALCAREOUS ROCKS¹

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
Field number X Coordinates Y Z	7628 1,215,650 917.625 950	7687 1,251,500 903,000 1,350	7699 1,248,800 896,150 1,500	7735 1,252,050 902,500 1,400	7747 1,242,300 911,300 1,275	8157 1.162.250 918,650 425
Quartz	0.1	10,2	0,4	9.9	3.2	1000 _
K feldspar		20.4	1.3	11.9	1.2	0.2
	72.0	41.0	60.4		56.9	54.0
Plagioclase	17.2	41.0	00.4		-	_
Orthopyroxene	11.2	25.0	32.3	65.2	35.0	
Clinopyroxene Amphibole	7.8	25.0	3.2	-	1000	42.1
Biotite	0.8		-	2	_	
Chlorite	0.3	-	0.1	_	0.2	1.2
Apatite	T	The state of the s	-	0.4	T	0.6
Calcite		0.8	0.7	0	0.2	0.6
		0.5	0.1	9.0	0.3	_
Epidote	1.8	0.0	0.4	0.2	T	1.1
Opaque Prehnite	1.0	1450	T	-	100	2
		0.5	_		_	_
Scapolite	1.43	1.6	1.1	3.4	3.0	0.2
Sphene Zircon	MANA I	-	- 0-		-	T
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
An content						
of plagioclase	64	38	50	-	46	48
Color index	27.9	27.1	37.2	77.8	38.5	44.6
Specific gravity		2.90	2.94	3.22	2.96	2.89
Number of poir		939P	1,108P	1,000P	1,000P	1,711P

the enclosing calcareous rocks, mostly marble, but including also calcite - bearing quarzite and gneiss. This view is supported by the common development of wollastonite, diopside, vesuvianite, or tremolite in marble adjacent to the dikes, each attesting to the introduction of silica.

The Antioquian batholith is cut by innumerable dikes with knife-sharp contacts that range in composition from andesite to felsite and alaskite. Owing to scarcity of outcrop, the presence of most of the dikes is indicated only by cobbles and small boulders of these rocks left behind upon the decomposition of the less resistant enclosing batholith rock.

By far the most abundant are dark gray or gray-green, very fine grained to aphatitic, porphyritic dikes of intermediate composition from 2 cm to 1 m thick. Phenocrysts are euhedra of black hornblende or white plagioclase from 1 to 5 mm across. Near contacts the long axes of phenocrysts are aligned parallel to dike walls and their matrix is aphanitic. Many of the dikes are multiple with successive intrusions exhibiting chilled borders against earlier ones.

The grain of the thin intermediate dikes is too fine to allow modal analysis and petrographic classification. However, rock in the chilled margins of an exceptional dike 800 m thick, 5 km west of Cisneros (Tab.12), is identical to rock of the thin intermediate dikes and the compositions of the large dike is therefore probably much like that of its innumerable finergrained companions.

MODAL ANALYSIS OF A SAMPLE FROM THE INTERIOR OF THE LARGE INTERMEDIATE DIKE 5 KM WEST OF CISNEROS¹

941	Field number X Coordinates Y Z	1. 7503 1,215,150 882,750 1,725	
	Quartz	15.4	
	K, feldspar	4.3	
	Plagioclase	62.7	
	Clinopyroxene	0.9	
	Hornblende	8.4	
	Biotite	7.0	
	Chlorite	0.4	
	Apatite	0.1	
	Epidote	The siles are great T	
	Opaque	0.8	N. MONTO
	Total	100.0	
	An content		
	of plagioclase	40	
	Color index	17.5	
	Specific gravity	2.78	
	Classification	QD	
	Number of points	1.000P	

A modal analysis of a sample from the interior of the large dike (Table 12) shows it to be a quartz diorite somewhat poorer in quartz and richer in plagioclase, but otherwise not unlike the normal facies of the Antioquian batholith.

Based on this evidence, the prevalent dark gray intermediate dikes are held to be chiefly dacite and andesite.

In outcrop the thin intermediate dikes commonly exhibit curved and even amoeboid contacts (Fig. 11). This suggests that although the batholith had fully crystallized before intrusion of the dike magma, it was still hot enough to yield somewhat plastically.

Dikes of rocks with other compositions are much less common. Medium grained, bright pink alaskite was exposed in tunnels during construction of the Nare underground hydroelectric development, 8 km west of San Rafael. East of the same town are found a few thin dikes of pink pegmatite with accessory black tourmaline. Pink to beige saccharoidal aplite occurs near the southern tip of the batholith, south of San Luis. It is composed of one third quartz, one third potassium feldespar, one third sodic plagioclase, and traces of muscovite and chloritized biotite. Dikes of aphanitic pink felsite (rhyolite?) mostly less than 10 cm thick, occur sparsely throughout the batholith.

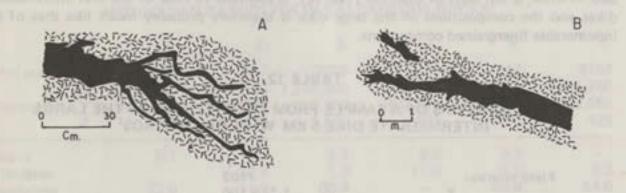


FIGURE 11. Fine-grained intermediate dikes in the normal facies of the Antioquian batholith and a consanguinous stock. A: Quebrada Cantayús, height 1000 m, 5 km east of Cisneros. B: Río Nus, 1 km upriver from Caracolí. T. Feininger field sketches.

8. REGIONAL VARIATIONS

We have emphasized the general uniformity of the normal facies throughout the Antioquian batholith. Unifortunately, due to paucity of outcrop, neither the density nor the assurance of impartiality of our sampling are sufficient to allow a computer-run analysis of regional variations of the composition or other properties of the broadly homogeneous Antioquian batholith. Nevertheless, our long familiarity with this body of rock allows us to make a few general observations. The only systematic variations we have found are from east to west; north-to-south variations appear random. To illustrate east-to-west variations, we have arbitrarily divided the batholith into five north-south tiers, bounded by the following lines of longitude: Y = 910,000; 887,500; 865,000 and 842,500. Analyzing samples confined to thesese tiers, potassium feldspar shows a general increase from west to east, whereas both color index and degree of deformation show steady decreases (Table 13). Other parameters show less systematic or random changes.

The arresting development of interstitial potassium feldspar (Fig. 6) is common only in the eastern half of the batholith. To the west, concomitant with lessening abundance, potassium feldspar is increasingly limited to subequant anhedral or isolated intertitial wedges. The steady increase of color index from east to west is due chiefly to increases of total hornblende and biotite. Increases of these minerals individually are erratic.

A qualitative measure of the degree of deformation to which each sample of the normal facies has been subjected was recorded on a scale of 0 to 4 (Table 3). Divisions are as follows: 0, no evidence of deformation; 1, undulatory extinction of quartz; 2, bending of biotite; 3, bending of plagioclase; 4, cataclasis. In many samples annealing must have followed deformation. For example, samples with bent biotite but unstrained quartz are relatively common. In table 13 the degree of deformation of the normal facies in each of the north south tiers is the simple average of the degree of deformation recorded for corresponding individual samples. The progressive increase of this parameter from east to west is striking. Of the 90 samples from the eastmost two tiers, 32, or more than one third, show no evidence of deformation. On the other hand, of the 69 samples from the westmost two tiers, only one is underformed.

One other parameter, grain size, subjectively appears to us to increase subtly from east to west. However, lacking systematic measurements, we cannot substantiate this observation quantitatively.

TABLE 13.

REGIONAL VARIATIONS IN THE ANTIOQUIAN BATHOLITH

Coordinates	1 933,500 to 910,000	910,000 to 887,500	3 887,500 to 865,000	4 865,000 to 842,500	5 842,500 to 820,000	6 Average normal facies
Number of sampl	es 29	61	55	51	18	214
Modal K feldspar		8.0	7.9	4.4	2.9	6.7
Color index	18.9	19,1	21.2	22.3	24.6	20.9
Degree of defor- mation	0.85	0.87	1,05	1.89	2.11	1.3
	East				West	MATE SA

9. STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY

Study of the structural geology of the Antioquian batholith is impeded by the scarcity of outcrops of fresh rock. Nevertheless, enough observations can be made on the sparce outcrops on the myriads of residual boulders, and on the virtually endless exposures of rotted rock along mule trails to piece together a coherent picture.

9.1. FLOW STRUCTURE

Nearly all the Antioquian batholith is composed of rock perfectly isotropic even to the practiced eye. This statement is supported by the frequency with which the long axes or planar surfaces of gabarros fail to have common orientations even in large outcrops. Neither rock near contacts, nor in the consaguinous satellite stocks is any less massive than that in the interior of the batholith.

Planar flow structure (foliation), however, is visible in some isolated or small groups of residual boulders. The foliation is imparted by parallel arrangement of biotite books, hornblende prisms or platy grains of plagioclase, and is mostly weakly developed. In only one exposure, a residual boulder 1.8 km southwest of the junction of the road to Cristales with the main road, were two divergent flow structures seen. Here, feebly foliated quartz diorite is truncated nearly at right angles by slightly more strongly foliated but otherwise identical quartz diorite. Foliation in the second rock parallels its contact with the first rock. Excluding their weak foliations, both rocks are typical representatives of the normal facies of the batholith. Also, in some outcrops parallel alinement of the long axes of gabarros imports a linear flow structure.

A particularly outstanding example can be seen on the east face of the Guatapé peñol. In most places this parallelism is vague and enclosing batholith rock ramains massive. The bearing of this linear flow structure ranges widely, but its plunge is uniformly gentle, mostly subhorizontal, and only rarely does it exceed 30 degrees.

9.2. CONTACTS AND INCLUSIONS

The contact of the Antioquian batholith must approach a sharp nearly smooth surface judging by the virtual absence of apophysy dikes, or other mechanical mixing with adjacent enclosing rocks. In only three places was the actual contact found exposed and in each it is razor sharp. Sketches of parts of each exposure are given in Figure 12. In two of the three exposures the batholith rock is massive to within less than 5 cm of the contact, and in the third it is massive throughout. Only where emplaced in amphibolite is the batholith contact diffuse and characterized by a zone of mixing. The zone mixing is as much as 100 m wide and consists of coarsely recrystallized amphibolite with lenses and irregular masses of quartz diorite and diorite. The mixed rock has a migmatitic or agmatitic structure. Excellent examples are exposed 1.4 km northwest of Maceo and at the north end of the consanguinous stock at Caracolí.

It is likely that virtually the entire contact of the batholith is discordant. Topographic relief is generally suffcient over the edges of the batholith to determine at least crudely the attitude of the contact. Wherever this was done, we found it to be discordant. Even where strikes of the contact and of foliation in host rocks are coincident, dips of the two differ.

Along the east edge of the batholith east of Yalí for example, foliation in host quartzite and gneiss dips steeply east or west, whereas the contact of the batholith dips gently west under the metamorphic rocks (see also Fig. 3, east half of section A-A').

Much of the batholith contact dips gently and approximates a roof rather than a wall. This relationship is best demonstrated in the northeast quarter where local relief at the edge batholith exceeds 500 m and the attitude of the contact can be mapped with precision (Fig. 3, section C-C'). The gentle dip of the roof, at least over the northern half of the batho-

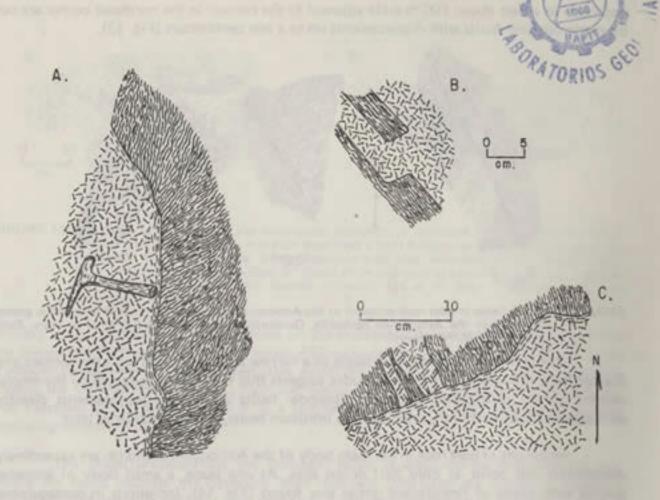


FIGURE 12. Contacts of the Antioquian batholith. A: Contact with feldspathic aluminous gneiss. Tributary of the Santa Bárbara gorge, 5 km notheast of Balsadero, B: Contact with hornblendic, laminated skarn, Quebrada Santo Tomás, C: Contact of a large dike (or of the main batholith body ?) and migmatitic feldspathic gneiss, Quebrada Bélgica, Field sketches by T, Feininger.

lith, is further substantiaded by the progressive and uniform decrease in elevation of the contact at a rate of from 20 to 30 meters per kilometer from west to east. At Yarumal the contact is at 2400 m. Sixty kilometers to the east, near Amalfi, it is at 1600 m. Near El Tigre, 30 km further east, it is at 1000 m, and 15 km east of the longitude of El Tigre, east of Maceo, the contact has descended to only 600 m. Elsewhere, particularly in the western half of the batholith, we have studied the contact in less detail. However, there too a gentlydipping roof is consistent with field observations. Accordingly, we have shown a roof with this attitude in nearly all our cross sections (Fig. 3) and consider it a general characteristic of the Antioquian batholith. Only in the extreme southeast corner is the contact steep to vertical (Fig. 3, section E-E').

Deformation of host rocks that with confidence can be atributed to the Antioquian batholith is surprisingly restricted. Regional geologic mapping peripheral to the batholith (Fig. 3; INGEOMINAS, FEININGER and others, 1970) shows that changes in neither style nor intensity of deformation in host rocks are recognizable as the batholith is approached. True, folding of low-grade schist in the Amalfi area, not far from the batholith, is especially intense. However, structural attitudes are regionally uniform and are truncated by the batholith. Furthermore, lineations in the schist plunge into, not off the batholith, nor do they parallel the contact (Fig. 3). It is unlikely that this locally intense deformation is related to the coincidentally nearby batholith. On the other hand, high-grade gneisses host to the

batholith in a belt about 100 m wide adjacent to the contact in the northeast corner are cut by numerous tiny faults with displacements up to a few centimeters (Fig. 13).

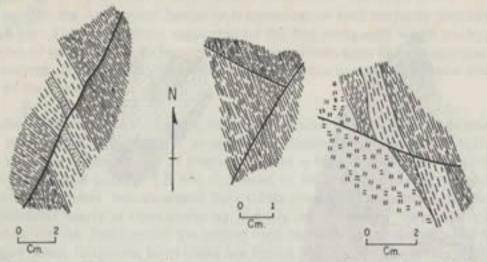


FIGURE 13. Small faults in host rock adjacent to the Antioquian batholith. Laminated feldspathic gneiss, 20 m from the Antioquian batholith. Quebrada Bélgica, 4.8 km S 9°E of El Tigre. Field sketches by T. Feininger.

The restriction of these tiny faults to a narrow zone peripheral with the contact and the apparent randomness of their attitudes suggests that they were producted by the emplacement of the neighboring batholith. Regional faults with large displacements directly attributable to the batholith, referred to as intrusion faults, will be considered later.

Inclusions of host rock in the main body of the Antioquian batholith are exceedingly uncommon and occur at only half dozen sites. At one place, a small body of intrusive breccia with clasts of fine-grained gneiss was found (Fig. 14). Inclusions in consaguinous stocks (Fig. 15) are somewhat more abundant but still are not commonplace features. All inclusions have sharp contacts with their internal structure truncated by the surrounding igneous rock.

9.3. INTRUSION FAULTS

A series of long parallel faults with northwesterly strikes occurs principally in host rocks but also in the adjacent half of the Antioquian batholith from a point 15 km north west of Yalí south to San Carlos.

A complementary set of shorter faults with northeast strikes are found between San Carlos and Caracolí (Fig. 3). Excluding the Nare, Bizcocho and Caldera faults, discussed apart later, these faults share a common feature. They are either confined chiefly to the gently-dipping roof over the batholith, or they separate batholith and roof rocks. The north-west-striking faults generally expose batholith rocks on their southwest blocks, whereas the northeast-striking faults do so on their northwest blocks. These interesting faults are here referred to as intrusion faults because of their genetic ties to the emplacement of the Antioquian batholith. They represent the grandest recognized deformation of host rocks by the batholith.

The intrusion faults were caused by differential foundering of the subhorizontal roof into magma of the Antioquian batholith during or shortly after intrusion. The foundering was stepped in a regular fashion, that is, roofrocks northwest of the northeast-striking faults foundered relative to roofrocks on the southeast, and roofrocks northeast of the northwest-

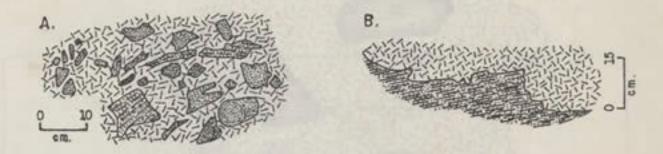


FIGURE 14. Inclusions of host rock in the Antioquian batholith, A: Intrusive breccia, Abundant inclusions of fine grained gneiss; many of them have a faint foliation and show well-defined contacts with the quartz diorite. Some inclusions have been recrystallized to a massive horn-felsic texture, Quebrada San Blas, B: Detail of an inclusion of laminated quartzitic gneiss in quartz diorite. Quebrada Peñol Grande, elevation 325 m (A, from a photograph; B, field sketch by T, Feininger).

striking faults foundered relative to those on the southwest. An exception is the east end of the Balseadero fault south of Jordán where roofrocks on the southwest sank. This fault had a scissors displacement. The sharpness with which the south-striking proboscis of batholith crosses the trace of the Balseadero fault and heads south to pass between the Cocorná sur and Palestina faults suggests that it is a thin sheet concordant with the steeply-dipping enclosing metamorphic rocks.

The origin proposed for the intrusion faults is sustained by field observations. Where the faults separate the batholith from roofrocks, the latter are throughly shattered and brecciated, whereas adjacent batholith rock dispays no deformation. This relationship is particularly well exposed at Balseadero, a small settlement at the confluence of the Ríos Guatapé and San Carlos, where cordierite gneiss in a quarry north of the road has been reduced to angular rubble with no pieces larger than a fist, while quartz diorite in outcrops across the road in the river are whole and completely undistubed. The general relationships of intrusion faults at depth can be seen at the east end of section A-A' and in section D-D' (Fig.3). A detailed interpretation of the west end of the Balseadero fault is given in Figure 16.

Projections of most of the northwest-striking intrusion faults can be followed as lineaments into the batholith on air photographs. This is particularly true of the Nare fault. Upstream from its entrance into the metamorphic host rocks, the Río Nare flows across the batholith in a singularly arresting straight canyon 300 m deep and 23 km long. The subparallel Bizcocho and Caldera faults to the southwest are similarly reflected by lineaments, though less spectacularly so. Surprinsingly, in none of the three faults does strongly sheared or brecciated rock crop out. The canyon of the Nare affords nearly continuous outcrop, but aside from locally saussuritized rock, severely deformed rock is absent. Three samples of batholith rock from the Nare fault (7965, 7969 and 7968) show only degrees of deformation on our scale of 2,1, and 0 respectively. Samples from the Bizcocho (7933 and 7937) and Caldera (8019) faults show similar or only slightly higher degrees of deformation (3 and 1, an 2, respectively).

The remarkable parallelism of the northwest-striking intrusion faults suggests that they existed as regional faults in the metamorphic rocks prior to the emplacement of the batholith. Stresses imposed by intruding magma reactivated these preexisting faults which offered long zones of weakness in the batholith's roof. It is likely that ancient drainage patterns on the roof of the batholith were forcibly readjusted to the renewed faulting. A

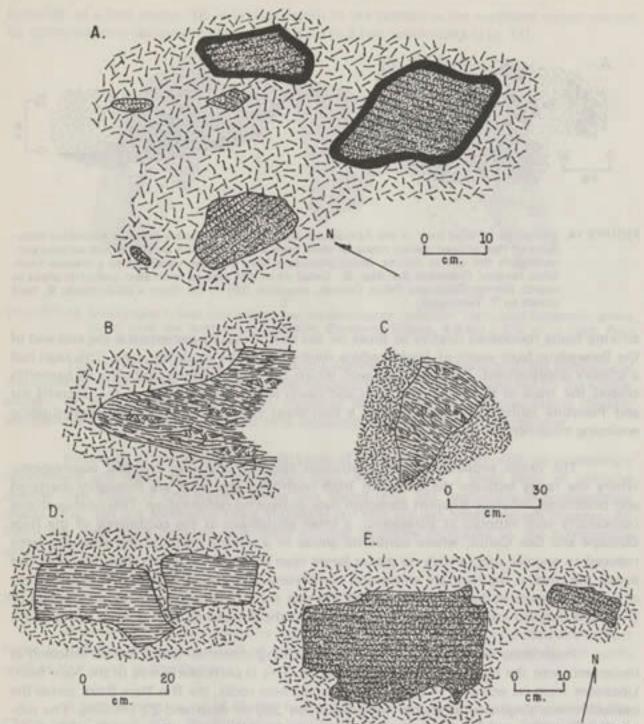


FIGURE 15. Inclusions of host rock in apophyses and consaguinous stocks of the Antioquian batholith.

A: Quartzite inclusions, some with reaction borders, in an apophysis of quartz diorite. El Torito, 14 km ESE of Amalfi. B: Inclusion of feldspathic gneiss. Loose boulder, Caracolí - Santa Isabel del Nus road, 800 m from Caracolí. C: Inclusions of migmatitic gneiss. Boulder in a creek, 1 km southeast of Caracolí. D: Inclusions of quartz-feldspar-mica gneiss. Boulder, Río Mata, 5,5 km northwest of El Tigre. E: Inclusions of laminated quartzite, Quebrada Calabozo, elevation 1450 m. Field sketches by T. Feininger.

regular pattern emerged with drainage by subsequent streams that followed the more easily eroded shattered rock along the northwest-striking faults. Erosion progressively removed the roof over the batholith and bared the underlying homogeneous igneous rock. Smaller streams were able to evolve new courses unrelated to their ancestry. Some master streams such as the ancestral Nare and Guatapé, however, had cut such deep canyons that they had become prisoners of their courses. With their ancestry largely erased, these rivers, now superposed streams, continue to deepen their canyons. All this is not to say that no movement has occurred along the projections of the northwest-striking intrusion faults in the batholith.

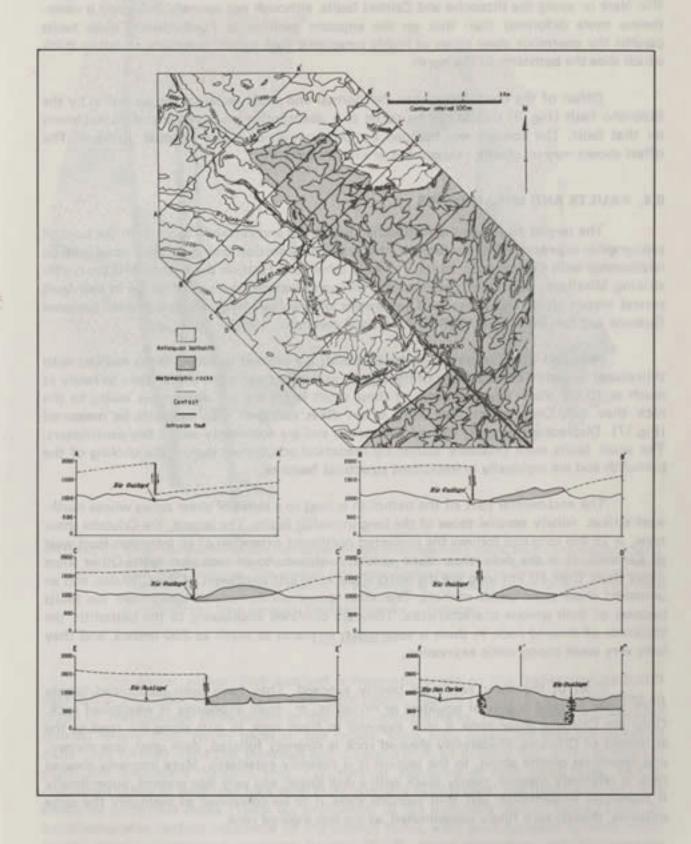


FIGURE 16. Geologic sketch map and cross section of the northwest end of the Balseadero Fault.

Some movement almost certainly has taken place which is not surprinsing in view of their proposed prebatholith history and their regional extent. Batholith rock in the canyon of the Río Nare or along the Bizcocho and Caldera faults, although not severely deformed is nevertheless more deformed than that on the adjacent mountains. Furthermore, these faults parallel the enormous shear zones of highly cataclastic rock locally hundreds of meters thick which slice the batholith to the north.

Offset of the contact between the normal and felsic facies of the batholith by the Bizcocho fault (Fig. 3) should not be taken as a quentitative measurement of displacement on that fault. The contact was mapped by examination of sparse residual boulders. The offset shown may be greatly exaggerated or even imaginary.

9.4. FAULTS AND SHEAR ZONES

The largest faults on the Antioquian batholith, and certainly those with the boldest topographic expression, were treated in the preceeding section owing to their close genetic relationship with the intrusion faults. The only other long fault on the batholith is the north-striking Miraflores fault that passes nearly through Guatapé. A zone of gouge in this fault several meters thick was penetrated in tunnels of the Nare hydroelectric project between Guatapé and San Rafael (ALVAREZ A., R. oral commun., 1967).

Here and there, outcrops in the batholith are crossed by small faults marked with thin planar or gently curved seams of light green mylonite from a few millimeters to rarely as much as 10 cm thick. Displacements of these small faults are not discernable owing to the rock they cut. Only where they have offset dikes can their displacements be measured (Fig.17). Displacements rarely exceed five meters and are commonly only a few centimeters. The small faults were probably caused by mecanical adjustment during the cooling of the batholith and are regionally unimportant structural features.

The east-central part of the batholith is host to a series of shear zones whose northwest strikes rudely parallel those of the long intrusion faults. The largest, the Cristales shear zone, is 25 km long and follows the projected northwest extension of an intrusion fault west of Caracolí. It is the only shear zone spatially related to an intrusion fault. Other shear zones more than 10 km long are the Sofía shear zone just southwest of the Cristales, and an unnamed shear zone south of Yalí. The shear zones are considered apart from the faults because of their unique characteristics. They are confined exclusively to the batholith, the thickness of sheared rock in them is very great, in places as much as 750 meters, and they have very weak topographic expression.

Most of the shear zones are poorly exposed. They have been recognized largely from loose residual cobles or boulders or mylonite, or from exposures in weathered rock. Only the Cristales shear zone is well exposed in fresh rock in cuts along the road to the sttlement of Cristales. Moderately sheared rock is strongly foliated, dark gray, fine grained, and resembles biotite schist. In the section it is patently cataclastic. More intensely sheared rock is relatively massive, nearly black with a dull luster, and very fine grained. Superficially it resembles serpentinite, but thin sections show it to be composed of esentially the same minerals, though very finely comminuted, as the less sheared rock.

The origin of the shear zones is somewhat obscure. Their confinement to the batholith and great thickness implies that they were zones of repeated and prolonged movement which first may have become active in the late magmatic stage of the batholith.

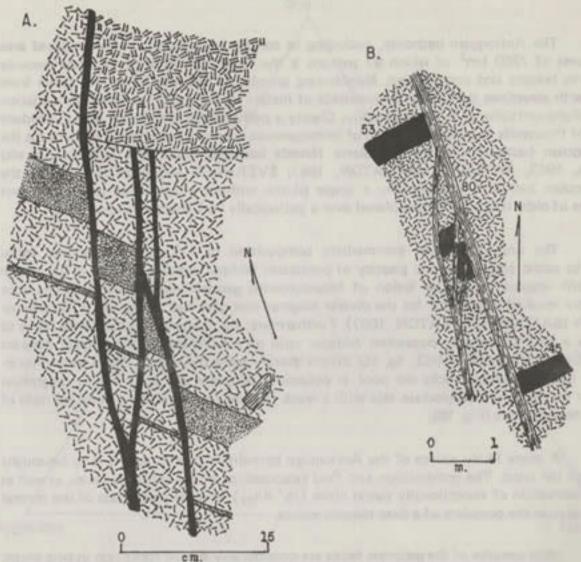


FIGURE 17. Small faults in the Antioquian batholith and a consaguinous stock, Related to the cooling (?).

A: Symbols, single line shading, quartz diorite, double line shading, alaskite; stippled, felsite; dark lines, mylonite. The alaskite cuts some of the faults but in turn is cut by another one. The inclusion in the lower section of the sketch is feldspathic gnelss. Quebrada Farallones, elevation 1350 m. B: Symbols; single line shading, quartz diorite; black, dacite - Río Nus, 2 km upstream from Caracolí, Field sketches by T. Feininger.

10. ORIGIN

The junior author first ascribed a magmatic origin to the Antioquian batholith (BOTERO, A., 1963, p. 81-82). In three later papers, Radelli (1965a, b, c) championed an origin by metasomatic replacement in situ of pre-existing rocks. The following observations, gleaned largely from earlier pages of our report, leave little doubt but that the batholith must have formed from the intrusion and crystallization of initially hot, uniform magma: sharp and discordant contacts (Fig. 12); rotated inclusions of host rocks (Figs. 14-15); discordant dikes of batholith rock with sharp contacts in host rock, and desilication of dikes where in calcareous rocks (Table 9); uniformity of the dominant normal facies (Table 3); hypidiomorphic texture especially of the normal facies, with such typically igneous petrographic details as interstitial potassium feldspar (Fig.6), zoned plagioclase, and clinopyroxene cores in hornblende (Fig. 8); and enclosure of the batholith in a high-temperature thermal aureole characterized by wollastonite, sillimanite, cordierite and spinel. The sharp and discordant contacts of the batholith and the absence of internal foliation are characteristics shared by plutons intruded into the epizone as defined by Buddington (1959, p. 677-679).

10.1. PETROGENESIS

The Antioquian batholith, excluding its consaguinous stocks, has an exposed area in excess of 7200 km² of which 97 percent is the normal facies with its monotonously uniform texture and composition. Neighboring samples of this rock have been taken from sites with elevations that differ by hundreds of meters to more than a kilometer. Variation is as slight vertically as it is horizontally. Clearly a petrogenetic mechanism able to produce tens of thousands of cubic kilometers of homogeneous magma is required to account fot the Antioquian batholith. Unlike the Sierra Nevada batholith, California (BATEMAN and others, 1963; BATEMAN and EATON, 1967; EVERNDEN and KISTLER, 1970) the Antioquian batholith is essentially a single pluton without a composite nature, without screens of older rocks, an was emplaced over a geologically very short period of time.

The uniformity and intermediate composition of the dominant normal facies with its calcic plagioclase and paucity of potassium feldspar argue against an origin of the batholith magma by partial fusion of heterogeneous geosynclinal sediments as has been recently invoked to account for the diverse magmas that gave rise to the Sierra Nevada batholith (BATEMAN and EATON, 1967). Furthermore, the tendency of the Sierra rocks to follow a constant quartz: potassium feldspar ratio on a feldspar-quartz triangular diagram (BATEMAN and others, 1963, fig. 15) differs sharply from the normal facies of the Antioquian batholith whose rocks are poor in potassium feldespar and on a similar diagraman cluster on the quartz-plagioclase side with a weak tendency to maintain a constant ratio of those two minerals (Fig. 18).

A more likely source of the Antioquian batholith's parent magma is to be sought beneath the crust. The composition and field relationships of the gabbroic facies, as well as the preservation of exceptionally calcio cores (// An₈₅) in some plagioclase of the normal facies sustain the postulate of a deep magma source.

Most samples of the gabbroic facies are considerably altered rocks rich in pale green, fibrous, secondary amphibole and chlorite after pyroxene or hornblende, "iddingsite" and talc after olivine, and saussuritized plagioclase. Outward these altered rocks grade progressively into fresher rocks: hornblende gabbro, hornblende diorite, and finally the normal facies of the batholith, chiefly quartz diorite. In the largest body of the gabbroic facies, however, that between San José and Cristales, gabbroic rocks surround a core of ultramaphic rock, chiefly pyroxenite (Table 6 col. 1). Our interpretation is that all bodies of the gabbroic facies were initially inclusions of ultramafic rock and that these were swept up and carried along by the ascending batholith magma at the time of intrusion. The ultramafic rocks are considered samples of the environment in which the batholith magma was generated, a subcrustal ultramafic environment. Out of equilibrium with their new surroundings, the ultramafic inclusions reacted with the enclosing magma of quartz diorite and granodiorite composition to form a suite of gabroic rocks enriched in secondary minerals. These altered rocks grade outward into less mafic rocks, hornblende gabbro and hornblende diorite, that were stable under the conditions prevalent in the crystallizing batholith. Only the inclusion now found between San José and Cristales was large enough to prevent the destruction of all ultramafic rock by reaction and a small unaltered core remains preserved. Perhaps the gabarros, the small mafic clots so characteristic of the normal facies (Fig. 10), represent small inclusions of ultramafic rock where reaction has gone to completion. Potassium feldspar, a major constituent of many gabarros occurs as interstitial fill which postdates the other minerals,

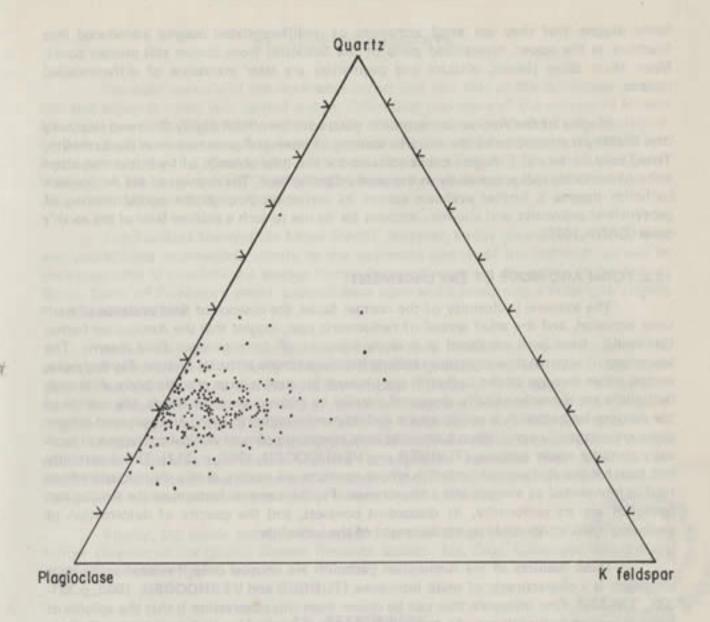


FIGURE 18. Modal quartz, plagioclase and potassium feldspar of 214 samples and the average (cross) of the normal facies, Antioquian batholith.

How large inclusions of ultramafic rock with densities greater than 3 gm/cm³ (Table 6, col. 1) could have been carried upward tens of kilometers by far less dense and fluid

magma is uncertain. One possibility is that transport was made possible by a combination of two factors: relatively swiftly moving magma, and irregular shapes of the inclusions themselves.

Uncertainty in the nature of the contact of the felsic facies greatly inhibits understanding its origin. Both its general petrographic characteristics and radiometric age, however, argue that it is intimately a part of the Antioquian batholith rather than a later, unrelated intrusion. Most likely it represents magma produced by differentiation late in the crystallization history of the batholith that was reintruded into already consolidated rock of the normal facies. The somewhat younger radiometric age of the felsic facies supports this contention.

The thin, fine-grained, intermediate dikes have compositions closely akin to that of the normal facies that they so abundantly cut. This observation and their mode of occurrence suggest that they are small intrusions of undifferentiated magma introduced into fractures in the upper, crystallized parts of the batholith from deeper still molten zones. More felsic dikes (felsite, alaskite and pegmatite) are later intrusions of differentiaded magma.

Magma of the Antioquian batholith must have been both highly fluid and relatively dry. Fluidity is attested to by the extreme scarcity of internal flow structure in the batholith. Then, only a very dry magma could account for the total absence of hydrothermal alteration of enclosing rocks, especially in the gently-dipping roof. The dryness of the Antioquian batholith magma is further evidence against its derivation through the partial melting of geosynclinal sediments, and also may account for its rise to such a shallow level of the earth's crust (CANN,1970).

10.2. FORM AND MODE OF EMPLACEMENT

The extreme uniformity of the normal facies, the absence of field evidence of multiple intrusion, and the small spread of radiometric ages, suggest that the Antioquian batholith could have been emplaced as a single intrusion of homogeneous fluid magma. The sparseness of internal flow structure similarly implies a simple intrusive history. Furthermore, several other features of the batholith are unusual for such a large granitic body. Although batholiths are characteristically elongated parallel to regional tectonic trends, the outline of the Antioquian batholith is nearly square and its maximum north-south and east-west dimensions are essentially equal. Most batholiths have steeply-dipping or vertical contacts and typically irregular upper surfaces (TURNER and VERHOOGEN, 1960, p. 311). This is certainly not true for the Antioquian batholith whose contacts are mostly gently dipping and whose roof is interpreted as smooth and subhorizontal. Further unusual features of the Antioquian batholith are its uniformity, its discordant contacts, and the paucity of deformation of enclosing rocks attributable to emplacement of the batholith.

These features of the Antioquian batholith are unusual only if related to its huge size; each is a charactiristic of small intrusions (TURNER and VERHOOGEN, 1960, p.331-332, 338-339). One inference that can be drawn from this observation is that the volume of the Antioquian batholith may be much less than that implied by its lateral extent, Perhaps the bulk of the batholith has the form of an enormous subhorizontal intrusive sheet or dike with little thickness relative to its exposed breadth (CASE, FEININGER, and BOTERO in CASE an others, 1971, p. 2696). Such a form would be in accord with field observations such as its lateral extent normal to the regional north-south tectonic trend, the subhorizontal roof and discordant contacts, and the gentle plunge of internal linear flow structures expressed by the long axes of gabarros. If the lateral intrusion of magma lifted the roof of the batholith as a more or less integral unit broken only by sporadic intrusion faults, the virtual absence of other deformation in host rocks attributable to emplacement can be explained. Steep contacts are restricted to an area south of San Luis, the only place where the batholith magma invaded incompetent rocks.

Sheetlike intrusions with forms analoguos to that postulated for the Antioquian batholith have been recognized elsewhere. The Curecanti Quartz Monzonite, Colorado, forms a horizontal pluton wholly discordant to igneous and metamorphic host rocks and tapers to feather edges (HANSEN, 1964, p. D6 - D10). A vertical feeder is postulated (HANSEN, 1964, Fig. 2). Crystalline basement rocks in Victoria Land, Antarctica, are host to an enormous subhorizontal sheet of diabase at least 40 by 48 km (HAMILTON, 1965, p. 17 - 20). Floor and roof, both exposed in mountainsides (HAMILTON, 1965, Fig. 16 - 17) are everywhere discordant.

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