Petrography, geochemistry, and geochronology of the Sc-enriched Kiviniemi ferrodiorite intrusion, eastern Finland

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Abstract
The Kiviniemi mafic intrusion, near the eastern margin of the Paleoproterozoic Central Finland Granitoid Complex, is both spatially and temporally associated with post-kinematic Fe-Ti-P-enriched Svecofennian orogenic mafic magmatism. The main rock types in this small (~ 15 ha) intrusion are garnet-bearing fayalite ferrodiorite, leucoferrodiorite, ferromonzodiorite, and pyroxene diorite. The garnet-bearing fayalite ferrodiorite and leucoferrodiorite contain 50–281 ppm Sc, 275–5600 ppm Zr, and 58–189 ppm Y (n = 42), delineating a mineralized deposit some 2.5 ha in extent. Overall, these rocks show an evolved (iron-enriched) tholeiitic character; low values of Ni (< 20–40 ppm), Cr (< 20 ppm), and Cu (< 20–80 ppm); and high contents of Zn (213–700 ppm). The rock-forming minerals in the ferrodioritic rocks are (ferro)hedenbergite, plagioclase (~ An 40), ferropargasite and ferroedenite, almandine garnet, and fayalite (Fo 1–4). Accessory minerals include zircon, ilmenite, fluorapatite, biotite, pyrite, pyrrhotite, potassium feldspar, grunerite, and clinoferrosilite. Some relict cumulate textures have been preserved, but primary magmatic features have largely been overprinted by strong recrystallization and corona formation. The main carriers of Sc are amphibole, clinopyroxene, and apatite. The remarkably strong enrichment of Sc in ferromagnesian silicates and apatite, rather than in specific Sc-minerals, implies magmatic enrichment. Post-kinematic mafic intrusions in central Finland constitute a bimodal association with co-existing granitoid counterparts. The Kiviniemi mafic intrusion is associated with a coarse megacrystic granite and the two rock type display mingled contacts, indicative of contemporaneity of the two magmas. This conclusion is in accord with the coincident U-Pb zircon ages for the ferrodiorite, at 1857 ± 2 Ma (multigrain ID-TIMS) and the megacrystic granite, at 1860 ± 7 Ma (single-crystal LA-MC-ICP-MS). The initial εNd value of the ferrodiorite and the granite are +0.1 and −2.5, respectively. These Nd isotope compositions probably reflect a chondritic mantle source for the ferrodiorite and suggest incorporation of some Archaean crustal material into the granite in the course of magmatic evolution. The resource estimation calculated for Kiviniemi intrusion by using 40 g/t Sc cut off value is 13.4 Mt of rock with an average grade of 162.7 g/t scandium, 1726 g/t zirconium, and 81 g/t yttrium.

Keywords Ferrodiorite · Scandium · Zirconium · Yttrium · Bimodal · Svecofennian · Finland

Introduction
Since the times of Bowen (1928) and Fenner (1929), strong iron enrichment in basaltic magmas has been acknowledged as a fundamental process of magmatic differentiation. The mechanisms of iron enrichment via the tholeiitic differentiation path may involve gravitational floating/accumulation, compositional convection, and segregation of an interstitial liquid (e.g., McBirney 1995; Mitchell et al. 1996; White 2007; Morse 2008), and liquid immiscibility (Philpotts 1979; Roedder 1978; Naslund 1983; Veksler 2009; Charlier and Grove 2012). As well as in layered mafic-ultramafic intrusions (e.g., Skaergaard, East Greenland; Bushveld, South Africa; Sept Iles, Canada), strong iron enrichment is observed...
in ferrodiorites and gabbroic rock suites of Proterozoic anorthosite complexes (e.g., Bolangir, India; Laramie, USA). The differentiation paths of anorthosite-related Fe-enriched magmas and some layered cumulate intrusions (e.g., Graveyard Point and Pleasant Bay, USA; Panzihua, SW China; Grader, Canada) are explained by fractionation and formation of crystal “mush,” from which iron-rich interstitial liquid is expelled. The residual interstitial liquids may crystallize laminar ferrogabbros and segregated granophyres, granophyric-enriched ferrodiortite, or oxide-rich cumulates and, subsequently, monzodiorite or ferrodiortite (e.g., Mitchell et al. 1996; Raith et al. 1997; Wiebe 1997; White 2007; Pang et al. 2008). Currently, the accumulation model is favored for Fe-Ti oxide (nelsonite) deposits (Charlier et al. 2008; Tollari et al. 2008). Liquid immiscibility in natural rocks is evidenced in lunar basalts and in the mesostasis of tholeitic volcanic rocks and has also been experimentally studied (Hess et al. 1975; Philpotts 1982; Kontak et al. 2002; Thy et al. 2006; Veksler et al. 2007; Charlier and Grove 2012). Primary melt inclusion studies of apatite, olivine, plagioclase, and interstitial trapped melts as well as trace element geochemistry of cumulus apatite have also corroborated the concept of unmixing of late-stage liquids in mafic-layered intrusions (Jakobsen et al. 2005 and 2011; Charlier et al. 2011; VanTongeren and Mathez 2012).

Scandium is a commodity commonly associated with the rare earth elements (REE) and behaves as a compatible element in ferromagnesian rock-forming silicate systems. The abundance of Sc is, on average, 30–40 ppm in mafic rocks and less than 20 ppm in felsic rocks (Norman and Haskin 1968). Nine specific Sc-minerals have been documented; six of them are silicates (thortveitite, scandiobabingtonite, kristiansenite, bazzite, jervisite, and cascandite) and three are phosphates (juonniite, pretulite, and kolbeckite), and are typical of hydrothermal vein systems and carbonatite complexes (Neumann 1961; Postl 1981; Mellini et al. 1982; Bergstøl and Juve 1988; Lifertonich et al. 1998; Bernhard et al. 1998; Orlandi et al. 1998; Raade et al. 2002). Globally, economic-scale scandium deposits are mainly related to laterites and placers.

Besides Ni-Co laterite and placer type deposits (Jaireth et al. 2014), economic-grade Sc enrichment may be connected to hydrothermal processes by segregation of a melt rich in fluorides (Shchekina and Gramenitskii 2008). Granite-related hydrothermal veins and metasomatic rocks such as albitite, greisen, and skarn are considered as the main hosts to Sc deposits. Rare Sc-silicates and phosphates as well as paragenetic Sc-rich heavy minerals have been documented from pegmatites and veins (Bergstøl and Juve 1988; Bernhard et al. 1998; Raade et al. 2002; Pezzotta et al. 2005). Several minerals, including aegirine, are known to enrich Sc during the formation of REE-deposits (Shimazaki et al. 2008). Carbonatites (Eby 1975; Åmli 1977; Lifertonich et al. 1998) and weathering caps of alkaline carbonatite complexes (Kravchenko and Pokrovsky 1995) also host important scandium mineralizations, probably due to the stabilizing effect of carbonate complexes on Sc (Gramaccioli et al. 2000).

Within the Svecofennian domain of the Fennoscandian shield, there occurs a distinct group of small Fe-Ti-P-enriched tholeitic mafic-ultramafic intrusions that locally host small oxide deposits (e.g., Peltonen 2005). This paper deals with an Fe-Ti-P-enriched mafic intrusion located in the eastern part of the Svecofennian domain at Kiviniemi, in proximity to the Paleoproterozoic-Archean domain boundary. As well as with extreme iron enrichment, the Kiviniemi mafic intrusion is characterized by markedly elevated concentrations of Sc, Zr, and Y. The Kiviniemi intrusion is described here in relation to mineralogy and geochemistry as well as tectonic setting and source constraints (U-Pb geochronology and Sm-Nd isotopes). The major element geochemical composition of the intrusion, together with its close association with the surrounding granite, shows that it belongs to the post-kinematic Paleoproterozoic magmatic stage of the Svecofennian orogen. The trace element geochemical composition is consistent with a complex petrogenetic history. Overall, the Kiviniemi intrusion offers new insights into the origin and behavior of Sc in a highly evolved tholeiitic magma system. Very similar Sc-enriched intrusions to that at Kiviniemi Sc-deposit have been found at about the same time as Kiviniemi, in the year 2009, in Québec Province, Canada. These intrusions are also of interest as potential scandium deposits and consist of fayalite-bearing ferrosyenite; just as at Kiviniemi, scandium occurs in the crystal lattices of hedenbergite and amphibole (Daigle 2017).

**Geological setting**

The central and eastern parts of the Fennoscandian shield in Finland and adjacent Russia consist of Archean and Paleoproterozoic crustal domains (Fig. 1). The ca. 2.0–1.77 Ga Svecofennian orogeny, with major crust-forming events between 1.92 and 1.83 Ga, welded together the two domains along a complex geotectonic suture zone marked by overthickened crust (e.g., Nironen 1997; Korja et al. 2006; Baltybaev 2013; Lahtinen et al. 2014). Covering much of the Finnish part of the Paleoproterozoic domain, the 1.89–1.86 Ga Central Finland Granitoid Complex (CFG) comprises synorogenic granitoids (granite, granodiorite, tonalite), fragments of supracrustal sequences, and some small mafic-ultramafic intrusions. Nironen et al. (2000) divided the synorogenic granitoids into two groups: 1.89–1.88 Ga synkinematic and 1.88–1.87 Ga post-kinematic, with an
assumed spatial variation in age distribution, the oldest intrusions in the northeast and the youngest in the southwest. The majority of granites, granodiorites, and tonalites belong to the synkinematic group, while porphyritic quartz monzonites and some porphyritic granites are post-kinematic with respect to the main deformational events. The emplacement of the post-kinematic intrusions was presumably controlled by crustal zones of weakness during transtensional or extensional stage after the main collisional events (Nironen et al. 2000; Nikkilä 2016). The post-kinematic granitoids display compositional variation from peraluminous to alkaline C- and A-type, and the small mafic bodies are considered to reflect bimodal magmatism, which is particularly characteristic of A-type granite suites (Nironen et al. 2000; Peltonen 2005).

Fe-Ti-P-enriched mafic intrusions in the western parts of the CFGC area (post-kinematic and synorogenic) include a quartz diorite-wehrlite layered intrusion, ilmenite gabbros, and apatite-ilmenite-magnetite gabbros (Rämö 1986; Kärkkäinen and Appelqvist 1999; Rämö et al. 2001; Kärkkäinen and Bornhorst 2003). In the eastern parts of the CFGC, the focus of exploration has been on Ni-Cu-enriched intrusions along the Proterozoic-Archaean boundary zone (Barnes et al. 2009). In general, the small mafic intrusions of the area are amphibole- and pyroxene-bearing gabbros and diorites; rare ultramafic rocks are present as inclusions or as small igneous bodies. Contact zones are often brecciated and may also show mingling features with the surrounding lithologic units (Pääjärvi 2000). Our target, the Kiviniemi mafic intrusion (Fig. 1), displays many of these characteristics on outcrop scale, but has some strikingly deviating geochemical and mineralogical features that set the intrusion apart from other Svecofennian mafic intrusions of the CFGC area.

**Sampling and methods**

Bedrock mapping and geophysical field measurements at Kiviniemi were initiated by the Geological Survey of
Finland (GTK) in 2008. Nine drill holes (total 1251.80 m) were drilled into the mafic intrusion, five of which intersected the strongly Sc-enriched ferrodiorites (Fig. 1). Samples from the nine drill cores (n = 67) and 47 outcrops (n = 8, including 2 samples from the surrounding megacrystic granite) were analyzed in Finland by Labtium Ltd. for their whole rock composition. The X-ray fluorescence method (XRF; n = 75, Labtium Ltd., analytical method 175X, pressed powder pellet-XRF) was used for major elements and the following trace elements: S, Cl, Sc, V, Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, Ga, As, Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, Nb, Mo, Sn, Sb, Ba, La, Ce, Pb, Bi, Th, and U. Rare earth and other elements such as Ce, Dy, Er, Eu, Gd, Hf, Ho, La, Lu, Nb, Nd, Pr, Rb, Sc, Sm, Ta, Tb, Th, Tm, U, V, Y, Yb, and Zr as well as Co from an additional 14 samples were measured with inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS; n = 30, Labtium Ltd., Analytical Method 308 M, involving HF-HClO4-digestion and lithium metaborate–sodium perborate fusion). The laboratory uses measurement methods that are validated for similar matrices and the calculation method uses isotope and matrix specified interference correction equations (Susanna Arvilommi, Labtium Ltd. 2019, personal communication). All analyzed element contents in the ICP-MS analyses were above their detection limits. For detailed description of the analytical procedures, see Rasilainen et al. (2007). Where an element was analyzed both methods (XRF and ICP-MS), the more precise ICP-MS analysis is presented in Table 1 and an element was analyzed both methods (XRF and ICP-MS), yttrium, and zirconium values, and in Fig. 10, scandium sections (Geochemical Data Toolkit (GCDkit) software. Polished thin sections (Labtium Ltd., analytical method 724P). The detection limits of the heterogeneous diorites varies from fayalite-
Table 1. Representative chemical compositions from the Kiviniemi mafic intrusion and surrounding megacrystic granite

| Sample                          | Fayalite pyroxenite cumulate | Garnet-bearing fayalite ferrodiorite | Garnet-bearing fayalite ferrodiorite | Leucocratic ferrodiorite | Metaferromonzodiorite | Pyroxene diorite |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| SiO$_2$ (wt%)                  | 34.20                         | 41.10                                | 46.70                                | 51.60                   | 46.40                 | 48.00               |
| TiO$_2$                        | 3.06                          | 2.12                                 | 1.62                                 | 1.34                    | 2.11                  | 3.54                |
| Al$_2$O$_3$                     | 2.75                          | 11.10                                | 12.90                                | 16.30                   | 13.10                 | 14.90               |
| FeO$_{tot}$                     | 37.70                         | 26.54                                | 20.97                                | 13.23                   | 18.63                 | 13.68               |
| MnO                            | 0.76                          | 0.51                                 | 0.39                                 | 0.24                    | 0.30                  | 0.19                |
| MgO                            | 1.81                          | 0.81                                 | 0.96                                 | 0.84                    | 1.61                  | 3.03                |
| CaO                            | 10.04                         | 8.93                                 | 7.09                                 | 6.77                    | 7.04                  | 7.57                |
| Na$_2$O                        | 0.6                           | 1.93                                 | 2.59                                 | 3.41                    | 2.62                  | 2.86                |
| K$_2$O                         | 0.314                         | 1.53                                 | 2.97                                 | 3.32                    | 3.03                  | 2.35                |
| P$_2$O$_5$                      | 1.22                          | 1.03                                 | 0.69                                 | 0.61                    | 1.05                  | 1.86                |
| Total                          | 92.46                         | 95.61                                | 96.88                                | 97.66                   | 95.88                 | 97.97               |

**Notes:**
- Mg# = Mg/(Mg+Fe) x 100
- Ba (ppm)
- Rb
- Sr
- Pb < 30
- Cr < 30
- Ni < 30
- Co
- Cu
- Zn
- Ga
- Sc
- Zr
- V
- Th < 10
- U < 10
- Y 130
- Hf
- Y 130
- Nb < 7
- Ta
- La
- Ce 210
- Pr
- Nd
- Sm
- Eu
- Gd
- Tb
- Dy
- Ho
- Er
- Tm
- Yb
- Lu
- Sc 210

$^a$ICP-MS, others XRF
bearing pyroxene monzodiorite to pyroxene diorite. Strongly metamorphosed diorites and garnet-rich rocks are found near the eastern border of the intrusion. The strike of the preferred orientation of the diorites is broadly parallel to the NW-SE faulting, which is a commonly observed feature in the vicinity of the study area.

The mafic intrusion is surrounded by a megacrystic granite (Figs. 1 and 2b). Potassium feldspar megacrysts are 1–8 cm long, euhedral, lath-shaped, and display an orientation that is concordant with the margins of the mafic body. Toward the north and west, the megacrystic granite grades into granodiorite. The eastern border of the megacrystic granite is cut by amicrocline granite related to NW-SE faulting (Pääjärvi 2000).

**Petrography and mineralogy**

**Kiviniemi mafic intrusion**

**Ferrodiorites and leucoferrodiorites**

The ferrodioritic rocks, including ferrodiorite and leucoferrodiorite, are characterized by strong variation in color index and also by some differences in chemical composition (see below). In addition to plagioclase (An$_{26-45}$, average An content ca. 40 mol%), the main (> 10 vol.%) minerals are (ferro)hedenbergitic clinopyroxene, almandine garnet, fayalitic olivine (Fo$_{1.4}$), and amphiboles (ferropargasite and ferroedenite). Selected main mineral analyses are presented in Table 2. Accessory minerals (0–10%) include ilmenite, fluorapatite (~5%), zircon, magnetite, biotite, pyrite, and pyrrhotite. Some accessory interstitial quartz and microcline are present, sporadic larger potassium feldspar grains are xenocrysts incorporated from the surrounding granite (Fig. 2c). The ferrodiorites contain, on average, 0–5% of CIPW-normative quartz.

Reaction rims are abundant in the ferrodiorites and leucoferrodiorites (Fig. 3a–g). Clusters of mafic minerals (Fig. 3c) are rimmed by small amphibole grains and/or lace-like garnet. Fayalite pyroxenite layers show a mesocumulate texture with clinopyroxene, fayalite, apatite, and Fe-Ti-oxides as cumulus minerals, and feldspars constituting the intercumulus phase. Accessory zircon forms euhedral grains up to 0.6 mm in diameter (Fig. 3d) and some minute garnet grains are also present.

The most common accessory mineral in the ferrodiorites is ilmenite. It occurs interstitially in the groundmass, as inclusions, exsolution lamellae, and skeletal grain aggregates together with minor magnetite, hematite, pyrite, and pyrrhotite. Euhedral zircon (Fig. 3f) and apatite are

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**Table 2** Selected microprobe analyses of main silicate minerals from the Kiviniemi area. mg# = 100 Mg/(Mg + Fe$_{2+}$ + Mn). Total Fe as FeO

|            | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SiO$_2$    | 39.67 | 38.95 | 39.73 | 39.29 |
| TiO$_2$    | 1.66  | 2.23  | 1.50  | 2.26  |
| Al$_2$O$_3$| 11.65 | 10.43 | 10.23 | 10.65 |
| FeO$_{tot}$| 28.55 | 30.74 | 30.25 | 29.63 |
| MnO        | 0.31  | 0.30  | 0.38  | 0.43  |
| MgO        | 2.51  | 1.13  | 2.02  | 1.12  |
| CaO        | 10.74 | 10.43 | 10.61 | 10.46 |
| Na$_2$O    | 1.27  | 1.50  | 1.29  | 1.44  |
| K$_2$O     | 1.76  | 1.67  | 1.46  | 1.52  |
| Sc$_2$O$_3$| 0.17  | 0.06  | 0.18  | 0.08  |
| Total      | 98.28 | 97.44 | 97.67 | 96.87 |

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|            | 1       | 2       | 3       |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Si         | 6.319   | 6.348   | 6.425   |
| Ti         | 0.198   | 0.273   | 0.183   |
| Al         | 2.186   | 2.004   | 1.950   |
| Fe$^{3+}$  | 3.804   | 4.191   | 4.091   |
| Mn         | 0.042   | 0.041   | 0.052   |
| Mg         | 0.596   | 0.275   | 0.487   |
| Ca         | 1.833   | 1.821   | 1.839   |
| Na         | 0.393   | 0.474   | 0.405   |
| K          | 0.358   | 0.347   | 0.301   |
Table 2 (continued)

| Sc | 0.023 | 0.008 | 0.026 | 0.011 |
|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| mg# | 13.4 | 6.1 | 10.5 | 6.2 |

Clinopyroxenes

| SiO₂ | 49.02 | 47.89 | 48.63 | 48.69 |
| TiO₂ | 0.16 | 0.10 | 0.14 | 0.08 |
| Al₂O₃ | 1.20 | 1.03 | 1.02 | 0.58 |
| FeO₅ | 25.88 | 27.70 | 26.14 | 28.24 |
| MnO | 0.65 | 0.53 | 0.74 | 0.98 |
| MgO | 3.55 | 1.72 | 3.08 | 1.62 |
| CaO | 19.43 | 19.84 | 19.21 | 19.12 |
| Na₂O | 0.24 | 0.22 | 0.17 | 0.20 |
| Sc₂O₃ | 0.17 | 0.09 | 0.13 | 0.11 |
| Total | 100.29 | 99.12 | 99.27 | 99.62 |

Numbers of ions on the basis of 6(O)

| Si | 1.974 | 1.976 | 1.983 | 1.999 |
| Ti | 0.005 | 0.003 | 0.004 | 0.002 |
| Al | 0.057 | 0.050 | 0.049 | 0.028 |
| Fe²⁺ | 0.871 | 0.956 | 0.891 | 0.970 |
| Mn | 0.022 | 0.019 | 0.026 | 0.034 |
| Mg | 0.213 | 0.106 | 0.187 | 0.099 |
| Ca | 0.838 | 0.877 | 0.839 | 0.841 |
| Na | 0.019 | 0.017 | 0.013 | 0.016 |
| Sc | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.001 |
| Wo | 43.1 | 44.8 | 43.2 | 43.3 |
| En | 11.0 | 5.4 | 9.6 | 5.1 |
| Fs | 45.9 | 49.8 | 47.2 | 51.6 |

Orthopyroxenes

| SiO₂ | 49.74 | 49.81 | 47.85 |
| TiO₂ | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.07 |
| Al₂O₃ | 0.49 | 0.63 | 0.43 |
| FeO₅ | 37.06 | 36.46 | 40.32 |
| MnO | 0.76 | 0.73 | 1.24 |
| MgO | 11.75 | 12.33 | 8.51 |
| CaO | 0.213 | 0.106 | 0.187 | 0.099 |
| Na₂O | 0.019 | 0.017 | 0.013 | 0.016 |
| Sc₂O₃ | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.001 |
| Total | 100.29 | 99.12 | 99.27 | 99.62 |

Numbers of ions on the basis of 32(O)

| Si | 1.974 | 1.976 | 1.983 | 1.999 |
| Ti | 0.005 | 0.003 | 0.004 | 0.002 |
| Al | 0.057 | 0.050 | 0.049 | 0.028 |
| Fe²⁺ | 0.871 | 0.956 | 0.891 | 0.970 |
| Mn | 0.022 | 0.019 | 0.026 | 0.034 |
| Mg | 0.213 | 0.106 | 0.187 | 0.099 |
| Ca | 0.838 | 0.877 | 0.839 | 0.841 |
| Na | 0.019 | 0.017 | 0.013 | 0.016 |
| Sc | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.001 |
| Wo | 43.1 | 44.8 | 43.2 | 43.3 |
| En | 11.0 | 5.4 | 9.6 | 5.1 |
| Fs | 45.9 | 49.8 | 47.2 | 51.6 |

Potassium feldspars

| SiO₂ | 64.57 | 64.11 | 62.72 |
| Al₂O₃ | 18.56 | 18.38 | 18.55 |
| FeO₅ | 0.37 | 0.03 | 0.78 |
| CaO | 0.09 | 0.03 | 0.03 |
| Na₂O | 0.89 | 0.82 | 1.09 |
| K₂O | 14.86 | 14.93 | 13.63 |
| SrO | < 0.11 | < 0.11 | < 0.11 |
| Total | 99.38 | 98.30 | 96.82 |

Garnets

| Si | 11.962 | 11.990 | 11.899 |
| Ti | 4.053 | 4.052 | 4.147 |
| Al | 0.057 | 0.005 | 0.124 |
| Ca | 0.018 | 0.006 | 0.005 |
| Na | 0.320 | 0.299 | 0.400 |
| K | 3.513 | 3.562 | 3.300 |
| Sr | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| An | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Ab | 8.3 | 7.7 | 10.8 |
| Or | 91.2 | 92.1 | 89.1 |

Plagioclases

| SiO₂ | 57.32 | 61.57 | 58.57 | 57.68 |
| Al₂O₃ | 26.94 | 24.34 | 26.05 | 26.75 |
| FeO₅ | 0.06 | 0.18 | 0.06 | 0.08 |
| CaO | 9.29 | 6.08 | 8.05 | 8.72 |
| Na₂O | 6.09 | 7.74 | 6.92 | 6.53 |
| K₂O | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.10 | 0.18 |
| SrO | < 0.11 | < 0.11 | < 0.11 | < 0.11 |
| Total | 99.87 | 100.11 | 99.82 | 100.02 |
abundant in all samples. Prismatic apatite grains (up to 1 mm long) are associated with aggregates of mafic silicates (Fig. 3g). Minor amounts of grunerite, clinoferrosilite, and secondary chlorite and stilpnomelane were identified with electron microprobe analyses (Appendix I). Grunerite is present as a fine-grained, flaky alteration product after fayalite, together with ferrohedenbergite, clinoferrosilite, and Fe-oxides. Small, pale grain aggregates with glassy surfaces in contact with fayalite (Fig. 3h) and as exsolution lamellae in clinopyroxene are probably clinoferrosilite. When in contact with potassium feldspar, large fayalite grains have reaction rims of fine-grained fayalite and feldspar (Fig. 3e).

The main carriers of Sc in the ferrodiorites are amphibole (103–2088 ppm Sc₂O₃, n = 27), clinopyroxene (818–1736 ppm, n = 29), and apatite (1062 and 1133 ppm, n = 2) (Appendix I). Zircon contains, on average, 187 ppm Sc₂O₃ and up to 0.46 wt% P₂O₅ (n = 13), and shows strong yellow fluorescence. Lesser amounts of Sc₂O₃ is present in garnet (44–343 ppm, n = 6), clinoferrasilite (0–199 ppm, n = 13), and plagioclase (22–175 ppm, n = 18).

**Heterogeneous diorites**

The area to south and south-east of the main deposit consists of a heterogeneous assemblage of dioritic and monzodioritic rocks (Fig. 1). In the eastern parts of the intrusion, the metadioritic rocks are rich in amphibole and garnet (locally > 50 vol.%). Other minerals include orthopyroxene, biotite, quartz, zircon, and apatite. To the south the rocks are more siliceous, recrystallized, and consertal. The main mafic constituents are orthopyroxene (En₃₅) (Table 2) and amphibole, while ferroaugitic-salitic clinopyroxene, biotite, and apatite are present in accessory amounts. The Sc₂O₃ concentration in amphiboles, clinopyroxenes, andapatites from pyroxene diorites are 483–855 ppm, (n = 2); 606–976 ppm, (n = 10); and max. 1036 ppm, (n = 2), respectively. Sc₂O₃ concentration of orthopyroxenes is below detection limit (157 ppm).

**Megacrystic granite**

The granite body surrounding the mafic intrusion has oriented, euhedral feldspar laths (length 1–8 cm, Fig. 2b). The feldspar megacrysts consist of a single potassium feldspar crystal (microcline), sometimes surrounded by a thin rim of granular quartz and plagioclase. Individual plagioclase grains (1–3 mm) are bent. Biotite laths are
Fig. 3  

a Recrystallization texture with corona amphibole in ferrodiorite (R1/209 m), crossed polars.  
b Ilmenite-rich ferromonzodiorite (R1/15.20 m), crossed polars.  
c Aggregate of mafic minerals in ferrodiorite (R2/96 m), plane polarized light.  
d Euhedral zircon (center) in fayalite pyroxenite cumulate (R331/6.80 m), crossed polars.  
e Double reaction rim between fayalite and potassium feldspar in ferrodiorite (R1/73 m), crossed polars.  
f Zoned, euhedral zircon in ferrodiorite (R1/112.3 m), crossed polars.  
g Apatite prisms in ferrodiorite (R331/12.20 m), crossed polars.  
h Fayalite and clinoferrosilite in ferrodiorite (R3/59.65 m), crossed polars.  

hed hedenbergite, fay fayalite, ap apatite, plg plagioclase, cfs clinoferrosilite
also oriented and partly chloritized. Minor amounts of orthopyroxene, altered amphibole, opaque minerals, and zircon are present. Orthopyroxene is also the main mafic silicate in the granitoid dikes that cut through the main deposit. These dikes have a mortar texture resembling the surrounding granite. Some of the granitoid dikes from drill core R1 are sheared and altered and biotite is the only major mafic constituent. Sc$_2$O$_3$ concentrations in amphiboles and apatites in the megacrystic granite and pyroxene granitoid dike are 402–565 ppm ($n=6$) and 1069 ppm ($n=1$), respectively.

**Geochemistry**

**Ferrodiorites and leucferrodiorites of the Kiviniemi main deposit**

Geochemically, the Kiviniemi mafic body is metaluminous (Fig. 4a) and tholeiitic (Fig. 4b) and notably enriched in iron relative to magnesium (Table 1 and Appendix II). The main deposit ferrodiorites (SiO$_2$ values of 35.3–50.6 wt%, 44.8±3.4 wt% on average, $n=31$) have FeO$_{tot}$ values of 11.7–33 wt% (23.1±3.7 wt% on average) and magnesium number (Mg#) of 5–10.9 (7.5±1.55 on average), clustering near the F corner of the AFM ternary diagram (Fig. 4b). The leucferrodiorites (SiO$_2$ ca. 51 wt%, $n=8$) have maximum FeO$_{tot}$ of 25 wt% (Fig. 5) and average Mg# of 11. With respect to TiO$_2$, P$_2$O$_5$ (Fig. 5), and MnO concentrations (1–3 wt%, 0.4–1.5 wt%, and 0.4–1.8 wt%, respectively, for all of the ferrodiorites), the differences are less pronounced.

The ferrodiorites are characterized by elevated concentrations of Sc, Zr, Y, Hf, and Ba and comparatively low compatible element concentrations (Ni and Cr mostly below detection limit of 20 ppm, Cu 20–60 ppm, V < 100 ppm). The range of concentrations of Sc is 50–281 ppm ($n=42$) and Zr 275–5600 ppm. The Zr concentrations are high throughout the intrusion, while the highest whole-rock Sc concentrations are in the main deposit ferrodiorites, including the fayalite pyroxenites, which are the most enriched in mafic Sc-bearing minerals. The concentration of Y is 58–189 ppm, that of Hf 7–115 ppm, and the ferrodiorites also contain a relatively high amount of Zn (291–780 ppm), in contrast to the otherwise low compatible element concentrations. Ba abundances are variable but high in all analyzed ferrodiorites (160–3586 ppm), while Sr shows only moderate variation, with an average concentration of 280 ppm. The amount of rare earth elements (REE) in all ferrodiorites is 336–974 ppm (558 ppm on average). Eu anomalies are mostly negative with an average Eu/Eu* of 0.7. The chondrite-normalized REE diagram shows rather similar, gently sloping patterns for all the mafic rock units of the Kiviniemi intrusion (Fig. 6). La/Yb$_N$ for the ferrodiorites is between 2 and 5.

**Transitional group of heterogeneous diorites**

The diorites outside the main deposit (cf. Fig. 1) have Mg# from 13–17 (metamorphic monzodiorites) to 30–34 (pyroxene diorites). The concentrations of TiO$_2$ and V (max. 4 wt% and 230 ppm, respectively) are higher than...
Among the compatible elements, Ni, Cr, and Cu show values below detection limits or just above it. Higher \( P_2O_5 \) (0.8–2.2 wt%) correlates with abundant apatite. Monzodiorites near the contact with the main deposit rocks show similar values of Zr (over 1000 ppm) and Y (~100–200 ppm), but the Sc concentration remains low throughout the group, with average value at 45 ppm \((n = 18)\).

**Megacrystic granite and granitoid dikes**

The Kiviniemi megacrystic granite is transitional between the C- and A-type granitoids (cf. Nironen et al. 2000 and references therein). Relatively low SiO\(_2\) (63.7–65.1 wt%) and Rb/Sr ratio (0.7) as well as higher FeO and CaO distinguish it from the A-type granites and the classic rapakivi granites of southeastern Finland. The average Mg\# of the megacrystic granite is 27, TiO\(_2\) is between 1 and 1.5 wt%,
and P₂O₅ at 0.37–0.6 wt% \((n = 2)\). The megacrystic granite and an associated granitoid dike show elevated Zr (379–771 ppm) but low Sc (14–16 ppm). The REE pattern has similarities to the mafic rock units (Fig. 6). The LREE are less enriched than in the CFGC granitoid plutons in general \((\text{La/Yb}_N 11–12; \text{Nironen et al. 2000}; \text{Elliott 2003})\).

**Zircon U-Pb chronology and whole-rock Sm-Nd isotopes**

The zircon grains in the ferrodiorite \((A2024)\) show typical magmatic textures with oscillatory zoning and being transparent, fresh, and bright. During sample processing, zircon grains were crushed to ~200 \(\mu\text{m}\) pieces, and thus represent fragments of larger igneous crystals. Three zircon fractions were measured using the ID-TIMS method: one fraction without pre-treating (density over 4.2 g/cm\(^3\)), an air-abraded fraction, and the third fraction was pre-treated with chemical abrasion (cf. Mattinson 2005). The data acquired are presented in Appendix III. The fractions are concordant within error limits \((2\sigma)\) and imply a concordia age of 1857 ± 2 Ma. This is considered to be the crystallization age of the Kiviniemi ferrodiorite (Fig. 7a).

Zircons from the megacrystic granite \((A2146)\) are euhedral, 100–200-\(\mu\text{m}\)-long, and oscillatory zoned with moderately corroded outer zones. The measurements were performed using the LA-MC-ICP-MS method (Appendix III). A total of 31 analyzed spots yield a concordia age of 1860 ± 7 Ma (Fig. 7b). This is regarded as a good approximation of the crystallization age of the megacrystic granite.

Sm-Nd isotopic data measured for the Kiviniemi ferrodiorite and megacrystic granite are presented in Appendix III. The calculated initial \(\varepsilon\text{Nd}\) for the ferrodiorite and the megacrystic granite are +0.1 \((t = 1857)\) and −2.5 \((t = 1860)\), respectively. The corresponding depleted mantle Nd model ages (DePaolo 1981) are 2264 Ma (ferrodiorite) and 2468 Ma (megacrystic granite). Figure 8 shows the initial \(\varepsilon\text{Nd}\) values of the Kiviniemi ferrodiorite and megacrystic granite in comparison to the Nd isotope composition of the Svecofennian crust and the evolution paths of the Paleo- and Archaean crustal domains of the Fennoscandian shield.

**Discussion**

**Age and Nd isotopic patterns of the Kiviniemi intrusion and other post-kinematic bimodal magmatic associations of the CFGC**

The Kiviniemi ferrodiorite \((1857 ± 2 \text{ Ma})\) and the surrounding granite \((1860 ± 7 \text{ Ma})\) can be considered coeval within analytical error limits. The overlapping ages of granitoids and associated mafic rocks are a common phenomenon among the Svecofennian post-kinematic intrusions (Rämö et al. 2001) and the post-kinematic mafic intrusions, which often show evidence for magma mingling, are commonly considered to be co-genetic but not co-magmatic with their granitoid associates (Nironen et al. 2000). At Kiviniemi, this is evident in geochemistry as well as in the textural relationships of the rocks, which display mingling. The pyroxene diorites in the southern parts of the intrusion have a similar Mg/Fe ratio (Mg# ~30) and also resemble mineralogically the surrounding granite: in both rock types, the proportion of mafic minerals is lower and orthopyroxene is present. In addition, potassium feldspar xenocrysts are found locally throughout the mafic body (see Fig. 2c). The bimodal association of the CFGC post-kinematic granitoids resembles that of the Finnish anorogenic rapakivi granites and related mafic intrusions (Heinonen et al. 2010).

The CFGC post-kinematic granitoids have \(\varepsilon\text{Nd}\) (at 1875 Ma) between +0.6 and −1.1 and the post-kinematic mafic rocks tend to have \(\varepsilon\text{Nd}\) values similar to the associated granitoid plutons (+0.6 to −0.7; Rämö et al. 2001). The \(\varepsilon\text{Nd}\) value of the post-kinematic Type 3 pyroxene granites analyzed near Kiviniemi by Rämö et al. (2001) is −0.7 \((t = 1875 \text{ Ma})\), while 1.93–1.91 Ga felsic gneisses have an average \(\varepsilon\text{Nd}\) of +2.2 (Lahtinen and Huhma 1997). In this context, the \(\varepsilon\text{Nd} +0.1\) of Kiviniemi ferrodiorite is similar to that of the post-kinematic mafic magmatism while the \(\varepsilon\text{Nd}\) of the megacrystic granite is slightly, yet probably significantly,
more negative (−2.5), indicating minor involvement of older (Archaean) crustal material either in the source or as a contaminant (Fig. 8).

The Kiviniemi ferrodiorite and the surrounding megacrystic granite belongs to the youngest phase of the CFGC magmatism. According to Nironen et al. (2000), the oldest post-kinematic intrusions (~1.88 Ga) are located in the NE parts of the CFGC and the young ages (1.87 Ga) more comparable to Kiviniemi are mostly found in the west. Obviously, Kiviniemi does not fit this scheme but is comparable to the <1.86 Ga intrusions in the northwestern parts of the CFGC (cf. Vaasjoki and Sakko 1988; Kontinen et al. 2013).

According to the current conceptual understanding, orogenic thickening of the Svecofennian crust was followed by post-orogenic gravitational collapse and resultant pressure release and concomitant mafic underplating, inducing melting of rock domains in the lower crust (e.g., Nironen 1997). The post-kinematic granitoid plutons have a similar chemical composition to that at Kiviniemi (cf. Elliott et al. 1998) and the associated mafic rocks probably formed by melting of mafic granulite lower crust (residue of preceding synkinematic magmatism) with heat and material input from mantle-derived tholeiitic melts (Nironen et al. 2000; Rämö et al. 2001; Elliott 2003). Cumulate textures (Rämö 1986) and megacyclic layering (Nironen et al. 2000 and references therein) are occasionally well preserved in the mafic intrusions. The model outlined by Elliott (2003)—a ~30% partial melt from a mixture of mafic granulite plus tholeiitic mantle-derived magma—is probably also plausible for Kiviniemi, given the geochemical similarities between the two rock types.

**Geochemical constraints on the origin of Kiviniemi ferrodiorites**

The Kiviniemi mafic intrusion and the other post-kinematic mafic rocks of the CFGC (e.g., Nironen et al.
Finland (Mutanen 2011) appear to follow the same tholeiitic contaminants (cf. Eklund et al. 1998). The variations in the Kiviniemi trace element concentrations can in part be explained by the internal heterogeneity of the medium- to coarse-grained ferrodiorite. Whether this heterogeneity is a primary feature related to magma movement, layering, or mingling remains to be determined as subsequent modification of the textures and structures have obscured the original textural traits.

Mafic magmatism with a weak to strong shoshonitic fingerprint is also present in the Archaean domain of eastern Finland (Mikkola et al. 2014) and in the southern part of the Svecofennian domain (Eklund et al. 1998; Rutanen et al. 2011). These rocks display a clear signature of either subduction-related or mantle metasomatism-induced source with high LILE and low HFSE. The mafic magmatism of central Finland, temporally as well as geographically located between these two domains, represents an entirely different petrogenetic process which probably involved mafic intra- and underplating of the thickened crust in a transtensional or extensional tectonic setting after the main collisional event of the Svecofennian orogeny (e.g., Nironen 1997). The differences concerning the variation in the HFSE and LILE enrichment among the CFGC granitoids have provoked discussion of small-scale heterogeneities in the subcontinental mantle. Lahtinen and Huhma (1997) suggested an enriched mantle source for the CFGC alkaline rocks with high Ba/La ratio. The Sm/Nd ratio near 0.24 is seen as indicative of enriched mantle sources in general (Murphy and Dostal 2007) and crustal contamination as a mechanism for generating shoshonitic magmatism is considered improbable because of low LILE and REE contents of probable contaminants (cf. Eklund et al. 1998).

The late- to post-tectonic appinitic rocks of northern Finland (Mutanen 2011) appear to follow the same tholeiitic fractionation path as the Fe-Ti-P-rich intrusions of central Finland, sharing obvious similarities in geochemical character and a bimodal association with syenites. Zr is strongly enriched into the latest differentiates, while Ni and Cr are low. Due to high REE, Zr, K, Rh, P, Th, and U, a selective diffusion in the lower crust is proposed for the appinites (Mutanen 2011). However, geochemical differences relative to the Kiviniemi intrusion are rather substantial—the appinites are much more enriched in V, Sr, Cl, Th, and U, and lack the extreme iron enrichment and high Sc and Y.

In search of a wider perspective, the ferrodiorites of Kiviniemi are here compared to the Upper Zone and the Sandwich Horizon of the Skaergaard layered intrusion, eastern Greenland (Wager and Deer 1939; Brooks 1969; Haskin and Haskin 1968; McBinney 1995, 1998, 2002) and to the ferrodiorite suite of the Bolangir Anorthosite Complex, India (Raith et al. 1997; Bhattacharya et al. 1998). In addition to iron enrichment via differentiation and fractionation, the ferrodiorites in Bolangir also show high concentrations of various HFSE and REE. In Skaergaard, the concentrations of incompatible elements increase concomitantly with the iron enrichment associated with residual liquid evolution. The variation of compositions in the Skaergaard and Bolangir ferrodiorites is wider than in Kiviniemi (see Fig. 5) but they share a similar trend. The concentration of K2O in Kiviniemi is higher than in Skaergaard and Bolangir. This may, in part, be due to the incorporated potassium feldspar xenocrysts from the wall rock granite.

The extremely high HFSE and REE contents in the Bolangir ferrodiorites have been attributed to selective assimilation of local felsic crust by a residual ferrodioritic liquid (e.g., Raith et al. 1997). Assimilation of accessory zircon, monazite, and apatite would add REE and HFSE, sufficient to cause prominent concentrations with even small volumes of assimilated material. The concentrations of Th, Y, Nb, and trivalent REE, probably caused by selective assimilation in the Bolangir ferrodiorite suite (Raith et al. 1997; Bhattacharya et al. 1998), are significantly higher (especially for Th) than in Kiviniemi, which does not support the selective assimilation theory. The use of the trace element composition of zircon as a provenance/origin indicator is widely debated and problematic, which appears to be true for Kiviniemi as well. For instance, the Zr/Hf ratio of Kiviniemi zircons is similar to that in kimberlite and carbonatite rocks while the P2O5 content of 0–0.46 wt% would indicate a granitic source (cf. Hoskin and Ireland 2000; Belousova et al. 2002). However, the high Sc content in zircon in mafic rocks (86–230 ppm, Heaman et al. 1990) appears to reflect the overall higher Sc content of mafic magmas. In the ferrodiorites of Kiviniemi, Sc in zircon is between 50 and 310 ppm, which is compatible with the Kiviniemi magmas having been enriched in Sc and Zr prior to crystallization.

Stabilization of Fe-Ti-oxides is one of the main controlling factors of the tholeiitic Fe-enrichment trend (e.g.,
Iron-enriched magmas may, however, exhibit non-ideal behavior depending on composition and conditions. High P$_2$O$_5$ concentration of the crystallizing magma, for example, destabilizes magnetite allowing residual magmas to reach high FeO content even under oxidizing conditions (Toplis et al. 1994). P$_2$O$_5$ saturation is controlled by variations in the SiO$_2$ and CaO concentrations of the evolving magma (Tollari et al. 2006), which in turn has implications for the high Ti and P associated with Fe-rich evolved liquids. Iron enrichment via redox control is argued to proceed only up to ~22% of FeO, after which the unmixing of late-stage magmas is considered to be an essential process, as for example in the Skaergaard intrusion (e.g., McBirney and Nakamura 1974). Redox conditions and the existence of primary melt inclusions (cf. Jakobsen et al. 2005) in the Kiviniemi intrusion are not yet established. The moderately enriched phosphorus concentrations (cf. Toplis et al. 1994) and high ilmenite/magnetite ratio are consistent with the moderate iron enrichment during crystallization. However, the fact that the extreme FeO concentrations (over 22 wt%; Toplis and Carroll 1996; Thy et al. 2006; Veksler et al. 2008; Veksler 2009) are observed only in alkali-poor samples suggests that liquid immiscibility may have occurred, and this should also be investigated in Kiviniemi, especially with respect to partitioning of Sc, Zr, and Y.

**Scandium in the Kiviniemi ferrodiorite system**

Sc is usually grouped geochemically with the REE and Y. The ionic radius of Sc is, however, smaller than that of the lanthanides and Y and thus the behavior of Sc in fractionation processes is essentially different (Norman and Haskin 1968). Instead of enrichment in the residual liquid, Sc$^{3+}$ is easily incorporated into ferromagnesian silicates. Therefore, mafic and ultramafic rocks are typically more enriched in Sc than felsic rocks (Norman and Haskin 1968).

The main carriers of Sc at Kiviniemi are ferropargasite and ferroedenite (max. Sc$_2$O$_3$ 2088 ppm), (ferro)hedenbergite (max. Sc$_2$O$_3$ 1621 ppm), and fluorapatite (max. Sc$_2$O$_3$ 1133 ppm). It is notable that, also in the surrounding megacrystic granite and granitoid dikes cross-cutting the main deposit, the concentration of Sc$_2$O$_3$ in amphibole and apatite is high (max. 565 ppm and 1069 ppm, respectively). The differences in the whole-rock Sc concentrations between different rock units thus reflect the amount of Sc-bearing minerals, as is the case also in the Skaergaard intrusion (McBirney 1998). Nevertheless, the Sc concentrations at Kiviniemi (50–281 ppm in whole-rock analyses) are much higher than those in Bolangir or Skaergaard. Assimilation of Sc from the surrounding felsic rocks is ruled out by the significantly lower Sc concentration (typically < 20 ppm; Norman and Haskin 1968, in Kiviniemi porphyritic granite ~15 ppm). Therefore, the origin of Sc in Kiviniemi is most probably magmatic and Sc was partitioned into ferromagnesian silicates and fluorapatite as these phases were stabilized. Should the magma have contained more Sc, the amount of Sc that could be incorporated in solid solution in clinopyroxene and amphibole would have been exceeded, with resultant stabilization of a separate Sc phase (cf. Foord et al. 1993).

The enrichment of some of the LILE, HFSE, and REE in the Skaergaard intrusion was probably controlled by changing partition coefficients. The abrupt increase in the concentrations of these elements (the change in partition behavior) coincides with the exsolution of a volatile phase, which is connected to an increase in the F/Cl ratio of apatites (McBirney 2002). The transition of Sc from being a compatible element to an incompatible one, with consequent enrichment in...
residual melt, is linked to the F concentration of the magma and stabilization of fluoride complexes (Gramaccioli et al. 2000). Unlike the REE, Sc, Y, and Zr have no electrons in the outermost shell. This makes fluorine (and possibly also phosphate) complexes of Sc, Y, and Zr more stable and promotes the enrichment of these elements. After crystallization of the F- and P-bearing phases—fluorapatite in Kiviniemi—the activity of F and P ligands decreased in the magma, resulting in compatible behavior of Sc with respect to Fe-Mg-silicates (Gramaccioli et al. 2000; Shchekina and Gramenitskii 2008). This is probably what drove the Sc budget in the Kiviniemi ferrodiorite magma. However, the lack of

Fig. 10 The 3D model of the Sc-enriched deposit of the Kiviniemi ferrodiorite intrusion. a Plan view of the deposit. The outline of the deposit shown in gray is approximately 200 × 150 × 167 m. b The deposit viewed towards south. The digital elevation model (DEM) is used as topographic constraint which is derived from the National Land Survey of Finland’s (NLS) Airborne Laser scanning data. Drill holes are shown in yellow together with scandium grade. c The deposit viewed towards north
specific Sc-minerals in Kiviniemi also indicates higher crystallization pressure and temperature than in common pegmatite systems, in which most known Sc-minerals are found (e.g., Bernhard 2001; Raade et al. 2002).

The origin of the Sc enrichment in the Kiviniemi ferrodiorites and leucoferrodiorites is most probably magmatic, given the established F- and/or P-control. Based on earlier studies and the data presented in this paper, a complex evolutionary path for enrichment of Sc is likely, involving interaction between anatectic melts derived from the lower crust and mafic mantle-derived magmas delivering already relatively large amounts of Sc for the primary Kiviniemi magma. However, the possibility of liquid immiscibility should be investigated further with respect to the partitioning of the enriched trace elements, as well as the effects of magma mingling (with special emphasis on F) and the degree of metamorphism during and after crystallization.

The diamond drill hole P433/2010/R1 reflects the homogeneous nature of the deposit, in which only a few thin granite dykes are present, while in the uppermost part and toward the base of the drill hole, there are layers of fine- to middle-grained pyroxene ferrodiorite. Variations in scandium, zirconium, and yttrium abundances in the garnet-bearing fayalite ferrodiorite are quite constant. This is shown in Fig. 9, where at the top of the hole on the southwest side, the fine- to middle-grained pyroxene ferrodiorite occurs and toward the base of the hole, in the northeast, felsic mylonitic rocks dominate (Fig. 9). In the interval 31.80–212.00 m (180.20 m), the average content of scandium is 166 g/t, zirconium 1658 g/t, and yttrium 86 g/t while for the interval 31.80–172.20 m (140.40 m), the average content of scandium is 179 g/t, zirconium 1762 g/t, and yttrium 83 g/t (Halkoaho and Niskanen 2015). GTK completed a 3D model and preliminary “in-situ” resource estimate of 13.4 Mt with an average grade of 162.7 g/t scandium, 1726 g/t zirconium, and 81 g/t yttrium 154 g/t on the Kiviniemi deposit in 2016 (Hokka and Halkoaho 2016). A cut-off value of 40 g/t Sc was applied. The estimation was done without consideration of potential economic extraction and, therefore, it is an estimate of conceptual nature and reflects only the potential quantity and grade. Nevertheless, the concentration of Sc in the Kiviniemi deposit is so high, that it will classify Kiviniemi a large Sc-deposit.

In this article, the Seequent Limited Leapfrog Geo software (version 4.4.2) was used to generate the 3D visualization of the Kiviniemi deposit. The fayalite ferrodiorite part of the intrusion forms from two separate bodies which are modeled using data from the surface geological mapping, ground magnetic survey, and core logging data derived from six drill holes (Fig. 10). In Fig. 10, the grade shells are interpolated using polyharmonic Radial Basis Functions (Carr et al. 2001) to create likely concentrations of scandium between the existing scattered data points. The yellow-colored grade shells represents an isosurface interval range of 150–200 g/t scandium which is close to the potential range of grade estimated previously in Hokka and Halkoaho (2016).

Conclusions

1. The Kiviniemi mafic intrusion, located in the northeastern margin of the CFGC, includes a Sc-deposit hosted by garnet-bearing fayalite ferrodiorite and leucoferrodiorite.
2. The intrusion is spatially and temporally associated with small mafic-ultramafic intrusions of the CFGC. Mineralogical and geochemical features (high Fe, Ti and P, elevated Zr, Y, Hf, and Ba, and low values of compatible elements) show similarities with tholeiitic, highly fractionated layered intrusions, and anorthosite-related ferrodiorite suites. However, the high Sc concentration of the Kiviniemi ferrodiorites (130–281 ppm) differs markedly from those in any of the other currently known rock types.
3. The intrusion shows textural evidence of mingling with a megacrystic granite, which is representative of postkinematic Svecofennian granitoids. Together, the granite and the mafic body form a bimodal association typical of the magmatism of the 1.88–1.87 Ga post-kinematic stage of the Svecofennian orogeny.
4. U-Pb zircon ages of the ferrodiorite (1857 ± 2 Ma) and the megacrystic granite (1860 ± 7 Ma) show that these rocks are coeval and also younger than the post-kinematic mafic rocks and the surrounding rock units in the eastern CFGC. The initial εNd value of the ferrodiorite (+0.1) is typical of the mafic intrusions of the CFGC, but the megacrystic granite (εNd − 2.5) seems to show minor involvement of an Archaean crustal component. A co-magmatic origin for the ferrodiorite and the surrounding granite seems unlikely.
5. Before the onset of crystallization, Sc was enriched in the mafic magma by stabilization of fluoride and phosphate complexes; this may have controlled the behavior of Sc also during completion of crystallization.
6. The resource estimation calculated for Kiviniemi intrusion by using 40 g/t Sc cut off value is 13.4 Mt of rock with an average grade of 162.7 g/t scandium, 1726 g/t zirconium, and 81 g/t yttrium.

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