

Groundwater Sustainability and The Divergence of Rock Types in a Typical Crystalline Basement Complex Region, Southwestern Nigeria

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the relationship among the various types of rock within the basement complex region and their possible yield in term of groundwater productivity. Four different rock types were considered at various locations in Akure metropolis. Electrical resistivity method was adopted using Horizontal Profiling utilizing Wenner array as well as Vertical Electrical Sounding (VES) technique using Schlumberger configuration. The Horizontal Profiling technique was used to determine areas characterized by structural features associated with weak zones that may be diagnostics of cracks, joints, fractures or highly weathered geologic material, while VES was used as a follow up to identified weak zones as a confirmatory test as well as delineation of layer stratification and geologic materials associated with layer parameters that maybe applicable for groundwater occurrence. The results derived from geoelectric parameters were used to determine the second order parameters (Dar-zarouk) for groundwater productivity modeling. The finding reflects the various yield capacity of the different rock types that were considered for this study and without prejudice to fracture/thick weathered basement.

1. INTRODUCTION

The problem of public water supply especially for sustainable industrial and domestic water supply has become a matter of major concern to all (Ozegin et al., 2019). This is against the background of mass neglect of public utilities by successive government since the early 1980's, as result of corruption and lack of sustainable vision, which has prompted private efforts directed at water sustainability in form of boreholes (Ilugbo et al., 2019). However, due to rapid population growth and human development, the land use for building and industrial development is on the increase. This has becomes a

major challenge within the basement complex region especially where the areas characterized by thick overburden has been subjected to other applications rather than groundwater development, thereby exposing the populace to the development, exploration and exploitation of groundwater by a way of harnessing water from structural features associated with crack, fault, fractures or highly weathered materials with little or no reasonable overburden thickness (Olorunfemi et al., 1991, Ilugbo and Adebisi, 2017, Adebo et al., 2018). Delineation of zones of major anomaly/weak zones characterizing of high water bearing zones for sustainable water development in a typical complex

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crystalline basement rock terrain such as that of Akure and its environment Southwestern Nigeria, requires a strategic approach that involve more than one geophysical techniques for random sampling (Isogun and Adepelumi, 2014, Ozegin et al., 2019). This is due to the highly localized nature of the water bearing formation/weak zones that may not be identified nor delineated by random sampling techniques using Vertical Electrical Sounding. Identification of these highly localized zones of interest is very essential for the successful groundwater exploration and development (Ilugbo et al., 2018a). This is more so, that previous efforts at relying on just one technique in groundwater investigation (Vertical Electrical Sounding) has often been met by failures of poor results. This is as a result of the complex nature of the various rock types associated with the basement rock types in the region vis-à-vis their varying degree of fracturing, faulting and weathering that require delineation of viable weak zones within a particular locality, using other geophysical techniques before relying on Vertical Electrical Sounding for further investigation. As a result of non-availability of electromagnetic, magnetic, gravity and seismic refraction equipments for necessary reconnaissance survey in delineating structures for groundwater exploration and development (Bawallah et al., 2018). Lateral resistivity profiling has been deployed as a viable tool in delineating and mapping geologic structures within a particular location for groundwater exploration in a crystalline basement complex. This calls for ingenuity on the part of the geophysicist to deploy all this professional experience at challenging nature and getting the best in an attempt at minimizing the problem of sustainable water supply. Therefore, this study has been directed at studying different rock types, with the prospect of finding water in a basement complex environment with little or no reasonable overburden thickness in terms of geology of the environment, as was the case in this study location within the basement complex region of Akure and its environs with a view to determining its groundwater prospect, sustainability and possible yields.

2. METHOD

2.1. Site Description and Geology of the Study Area

The study area falls within Akure metropolis, Ondo State, Southwestern Nigeria. It lies between latitude 798000N to 810000N and longitude 734700E to 746200E (Figure 1). It is well accessible through several road networks within and around the study area. The study area can be described as moderately undulating and the drainage pattern is dendritic. The climate of the area consists of two seasons; dry season (November to March) and wet season (April to October) seasons. The mean annual rainfall ranges between 1000 and 1500 mm (Iloje,

1981). The mean annual temperature distribution is 27°C (Iloje, 1981). The study area is underlain by rocks of the Precambrian Basement Complex of Southwestern Nigeria (Rahaman, 1989). The geological mapping and other related studies of the area around the Akure Metropolis have been carried out by several workers amongst who are (, Owoyemi, 1996, Olarewaju, 1988, Odeyemi et al., 1999, Aluko, 2008 and Slomczynska, 2004, Adebisi et al., 2018). The area around the Akure Metropolis is underlain by eight petrological units of the Basement Complex of Southwestern Nigeria identified by (Rahaman, 1988) and also described by (Olawajuyi, 1988, Rahaman, 1988, Aluko, 2008,). These are the Migmatite-Gneiss, Quartzite, Charnockitic, Biotite gneiss, migmatite gneiss, peltic schist, granite gneiss and porphyritic granite (Figure 2).

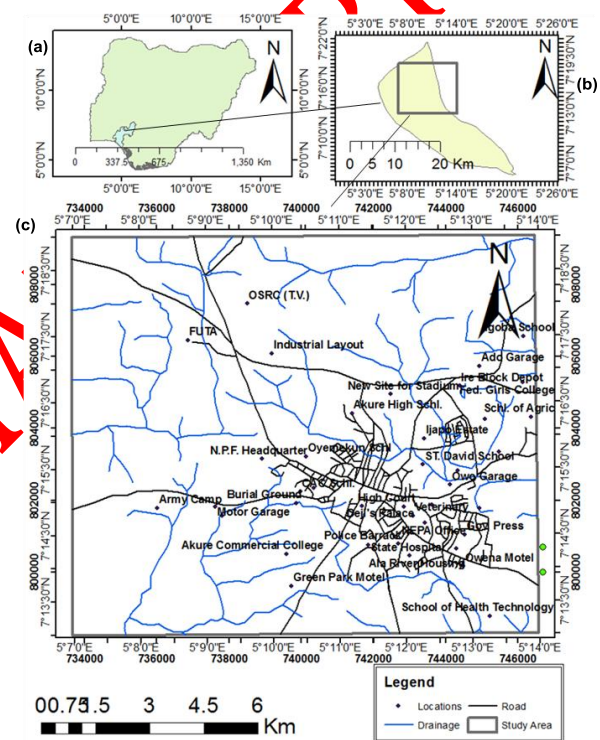


Figure 1. (a) Map of Nigeria and Ondo State Showing Akure Metropolis, (b) Map of Akure Metropolis Showing the Location Area (c) Location Map Showing the Study Area

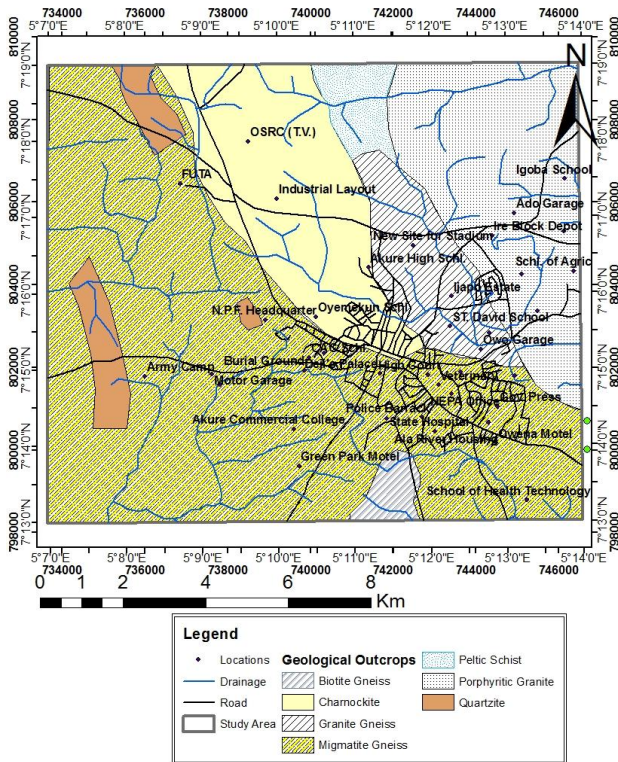


Figure 2. Geological Map of the Study Area

2.2. Research Methodology

Nine locations were used for this research in Akure, Ondo State, Southwestern Nigeria, with traverses established in an approximate E-W direction with length variation from 50 m to 200 m depending on available space in each of the location (Figure 3). The electrical resistivity method utilized the Vertical Electrical Sounding (VES) and the Horizontal Profiling (HP) techniques. The horizontal profiling utilizing Wenner electrode configuration of station separations and electrode spacing of 20 m with electrode movement of 5 m were used for the traverses. Resistivity values were obtained by taking readings using the Omega resistivity meter. The horizontal profiling data were plotted on excel work sheet to identified the zones of contrast/anomaly. Vertical Electrical Sounding (VES) were carried out on points of resistivity contrast/major anomaly irrespective of whether the resistivity at any specific location is generally low or high. The VES data were presented as sounding curves, which are plots of apparent resistivity values against electrode separation (AB/2) on bilogarithmic paper resulting in a VES curve. The VES curve showed the change of resistivity with depth, since the effective penetration increases with increasing electrode spacing. The interpretation of the VES curve is both qualitative and quantitative. The qualitative interpretation involved visual inspection of the sounding curves while the quantitative interpretation utilized partial curve matching technique using 2-layer master curve which was later refined by a computer

iteration technique Resist version (Vander, 2004) that is based upon an algorithm of (Ghosh, 1971). The quantitatively interpreted sounding curves gave results as geoelectric parameters (that is, layer resistivity and layer thickness). The Dar-Zarrouk parameters are obtained from the first order parameters (geoelectric parameters) which are Total longitudinal unit conductance (S), Total transverse unit resistance (T), and coefficient of anisotropy (λ) using below mathematical expressions. The product of total transverse resistance and coefficient of anisotropy was used to determine the groundwater yield for each outcrop.

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{h_i}{\rho_i} \quad (\Omega\text{-1 or Siemens}) \quad (1)$$

And

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^N \rho_i h_i \quad (\Omega\text{m}^2) \quad (2)$$

When a number of layers with thicknesses of h_1, h_2, h_3, \dots , transverse resistances of T_1, T_2, T_3, \dots , and conductance of S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots , respectively, are involved in a geoelectrical section, their total longitudinal conductance (S) or total transverse resistance (T) may have to be considered (Murali and Patangay, 1998) and are given by:

$$S = S_1 + S_2 + S_3 + \dots \dots \dots \text{Where } S_1 = \frac{h_1}{\rho_1} \quad (3)$$

And

$$T = T_1 + T_2 + T_3 + \dots \dots \dots \text{Where } T_1 = h_1 \rho_1 \quad (4)$$

If the total thickness of the layers in the geoelectrical section considered is H, then the average longitudinal resistivity ρ_l is given by:

$$\rho_l = \sum i = 1 \frac{h_i}{S_i} \quad (5)$$

And the average transverse resistance ρ_t is given by:

$$\rho_t = \sum i = 1 \frac{T_i}{h_i} \quad (6)$$

ρ_t is always greater than ρ_l . Therefore, the entire section will thus be always anisotropic (Singhal and Niwas (1981). with regard to electrical resistivity. The coefficient of electrical anisotropy is defined as

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_t}{\rho_l}} \quad (7)$$

Also the groundwater yield, Y, is a function of the volume of the accumulated groundwater and the

permeability of an aquifer. This is influenced, controlled, and dependent on the product of coefficient of anisotropy (λ) and total transverse resistance (T) (Bawallah et al., 2018, Ilugbo et al., 2018b). The relationship is shown as:

$$Y = \lambda x T \quad (8)$$

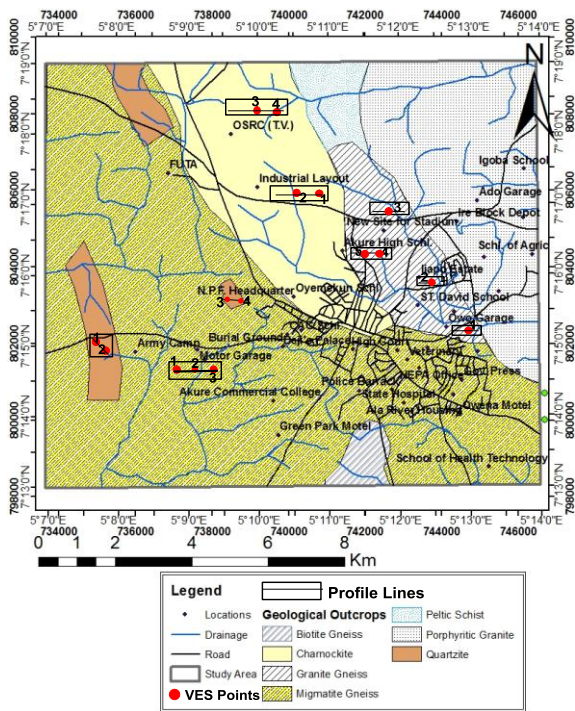


Figure 3. Data Acquisitions Map of the Study Area

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

These approaches were deployed with intention to pin down the zones of weakness that could be identified as characteristics of fracture, joint, cracks or highly weathered basement complex materials. This is against the background that all the areas of study investigated for the purpose of this research are characterized majorly by shallow overburden and many a time with very little or no overburden material with exposed fresh basement rock materials dotting or been noticed within the surrounding of the study location. Therefore, the challenge here is to locate groundwater not from thick overburden but within the domain of fracture, fault or highly weathered crystalline basement rock material. Hence, the vertical electrical soundings carried out were done as follow up to identified weak zones capable of generating groundwater. However, a control measure was also adopted by sounding points that were not identified as weak zones, randomly, as a control for a better understanding of the various crystalline formation to test the effectiveness of the two techniques that were adopted for this study, hence the tables and the subsequent plots are discussed as follow.

Migmatite Gneiss Rock

Figure 4 showed the outcome of Horizontal Profiling on migmatite gneiss outcrops. The points of resistivity contrasts diagnostic of zones of geological weakness were observed at 10 m, 40 m and 80 m. These points were further investigated using Vertical Electrical Sounding (VES) to be able to characterize these points in terms of lithological settings/layers characterization and overburden thickness. From Table 1, three Vertical Electrical Sounding (VES) were carried out at this location. Two of the VES were carryout based on result from Wenner profiling, while the third was carried out randomly as a control to established the effectiveness of Wenner profiling technique in identifying proactive weak zone using gradient approach in a difficult basement complex environment coupled with little or no overburden materials from the result obtained, the most promising point on the profile was located at distance of 15 m. The results obtained from the VES was used to determined the second order Darzarrouk parameters, the result from the VES1 has total longitudinal conductance of 0.103092 Ω^{-1} , total transverse resistance value of 65787.5 Ωm^{-2} and coefficient of anisotropy (λ) of 1.647082 from which the groundwater yield was determined from the product of total transverse resistance and coefficient of anisotropy (T and λ) to be 108,357.4 which is a reflection of the groundwater yield capacity of that point. A similar approach was adopted for the second and third VES that were randomly investigated to identify fairly weak zone from Wenner profiling. The findings reveal that the groundwater yield for these points was obtained to be 4401.119 and 26512.6 yield capacity for VES2 and VES3.

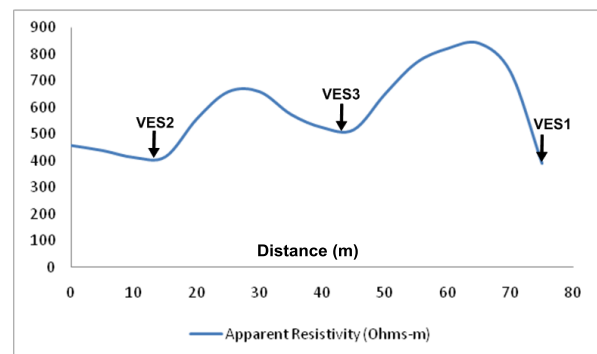


Figure 4. Horizontal Profiling along Ondo Road

Table 1. Dar-zarrouk Parameters and groundwater Yield of Migmatite Gneiss

MIGMATITE GNEISS	Total Longitudinal Conductance (S) (Ω^{-1})	Total Traverse Resistance (T) (Ωm^2)	Coefficient of Anisotropy (λ)	Groundwater Yield ($T*\lambda$)	Remarks
VES1	0.103092	65787.5	1.647082	108357.4	Thin weathered layer/Fracture extent
VES2	0.063207	3553.4	1.238566	4401.119	Thin weathered layer/Fracture extent
VES3	0.082704	24658.1	1.075208	26512.6	Thick weathered layer/Fracture extent

Charnockite Rock

Figure 5 was obtained from measurement carried out across charnockite dominated environment along industrial layout. The profile exhibited generally how resistivity contrasts of 120 Ωm . Therefore considering the inherent nature of charnockite which weathered into clay, and the intrinsic properties of clay in terms of water yield capacity, zone of high resistivity contrasts were considered for VES to be able to characterize the area in terms of layer formations/stratification and bedrock configuration for groundwater yield consideration. Another study was carried out on charnockite dominated environment along Orita Obelle area of Akure (Figure 6). The results show low resistivity throughout the profile reflecting on the clayey nature of the formation emanating from the weathering product of charnockite except between zero to 10 m where the resistivity value is relatively high. Therefore, for the purpose of groundwater yield, the zone of moderately high resistivity contrasts and moderately low resistivity contrasts were considered for further investigation using VES. The information obtained from this location indicated that, for the major weak zone (VES1), the yield parameter obtained from Dar-zarrouk parameters where total longitudinal conductance has a value of 0.238845 Ω^{-1} and total transverse resistance of 13488.9 Ωm^2 with coefficient of anisotropy of 1.42257. The groundwater yield capacity was determined from the product of total transverse resistance and coefficient of anisotropy (T and λ) as 19188.9 yield capacity. A similar process was adopted for VES2, VES3 and VES4 with their yield rating obtained as 16376.38, 14118.55 and 1261.768 yield capacity (Table 2), all of which were considered as controlled except for VES1 which was recommended for drilling base on its yield parameter rating.

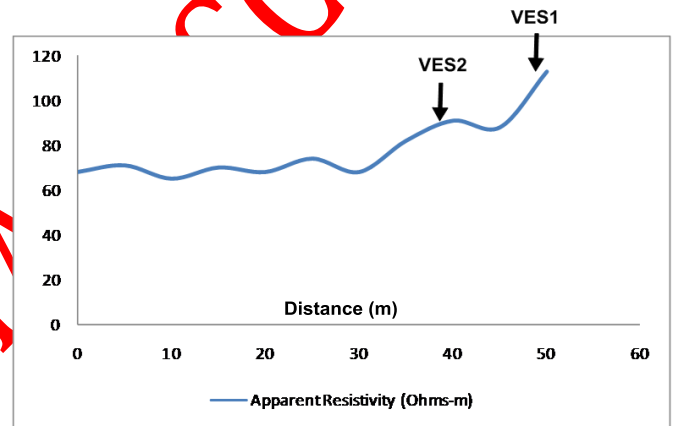


Figure 5. Horizontal Profiling Along Industrial Layout

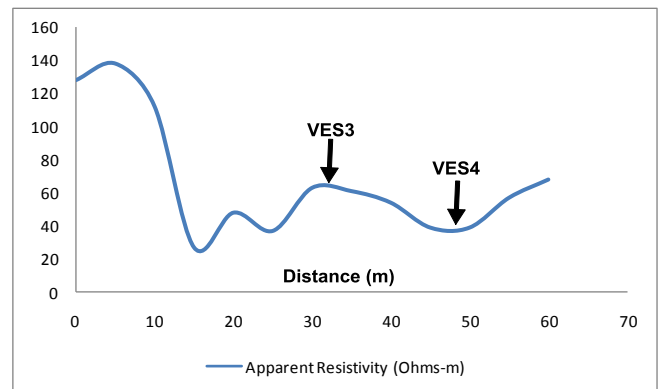


Figure 6. Horizontal Profiling Along Orita Obelle

Table 2. Dar-zarrouk Parameters and groundwater Yield of Charnockite

CHARNOCKITE	Total Longitudinal Conductance (S) (Ω^{-1})	Total Traverse Resistance (T) (Ωm^2)	Coefficient of Anisotropy (λ)	Groundwater Yield ($T*\lambda$)	Remarks
VES1	0.238845	13488.9	1.42257	19188.9	Thick weathered layer/Fracture extent
VES2	0.140923	6886.5	2.37804	16376.38	Fairly thick weathered layer/Fracture extent
VES3	0.468766	7356.8	1.919116	14118.55	Fairly thick weathered layer/Fracture extent
VES4	0.68402	663.4	1.901972	1261.768	Very thin weathered layer/Fracture extent

Granite Gneiss Rock

Figure 7 showed that the study area was characterized by high resistivity with lowest being 240 Ωm at the beginning of the measurement point, and continue to increase even beyond 400 Ωm towards the end of the profile indicating the nature and it geological settings and structural disposition from the beginning to the end of the profile. A follow up investigation was carried out at the point considered as the weak zone (lowest resistivity contrast) for further consideration using VES for the purpose of groundwater potential yield. Another investigation was carried out at Ijapo area of Akure metropolis across the same rock types (Granite Gneiss) with rock exposure and low lying outcrops (Figure 8). The profile covered a distance of 50 m while the weak zone delineated resulting from resistivity contrast was located at 10 m. Figure 9 was carried out on the same outcrop along Araromi area of Akure, following the same principle and approach which covered a distance of 50 m. On this location, the zone of major resistivity contrasts anomaly was identified at 30 m upon which further investigation was carried out in order to determine its hydrogeological parameters/geological setting using VES. Furthermore, this research effort was extended to another location along Akure High School area of Akure (Figure 10), where measurement obtained from this area shows two anomalous zones (zones of weakness). These zones were further investigated for lithological setting, geoelectric parameters and bedrock depositions to determine the groundwater potential and yield. The Vertical Electrical Sounding (VES) was carried out on the identify major weak

zones obtained from Horizontal Profiling to delineate major structural feature, that could be diagnostic of fracture, fault or highly weathered material that could accumulate groundwater exploration and development. In all the five (5) point for the purpose of control and better understanding of the geology and effective correlation of events. The result obtained using the second order parameters (Dar-zarrouk), indicated a groundwater yield maximum of 8125.562, 11472.65, 15748.28, 5325.984 and 4174.991 for VES1, VES2, VES3, VES4 and VES5 (Table 3). Whereas, all these yield parameters are not reasonable enough to allow groundwater developing, thereby reflecting the importance of narrowing down point of interest with Horizontal Profiling, as none of these investigated VES points can support borehole and groundwater exploration and development in term of water yield parameters. Justifying the importance's of lateral resistivity profiling technique with VES as a major tool in identifying weak zones in a typical crystalline Basement Complex region.

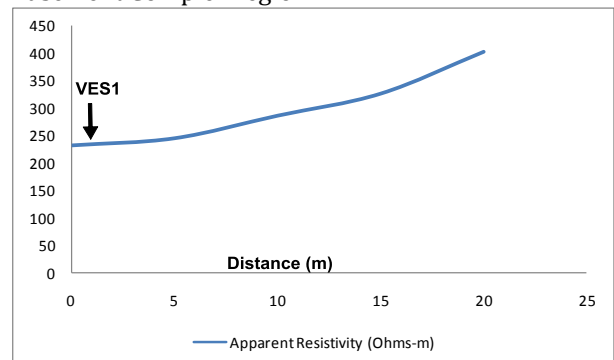


Figure 7. Horizontal Profiling along Owo Garage

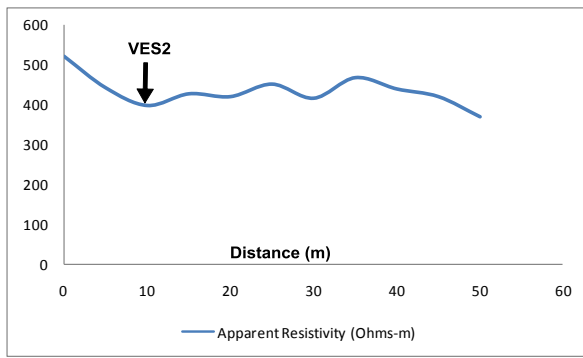


Figure 8. Horizontal Profiling along Ijapo Estate

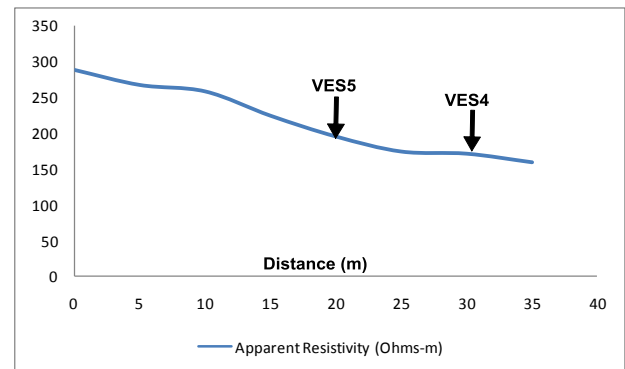


Figure 10. Horizontal Profiling along Akure High School

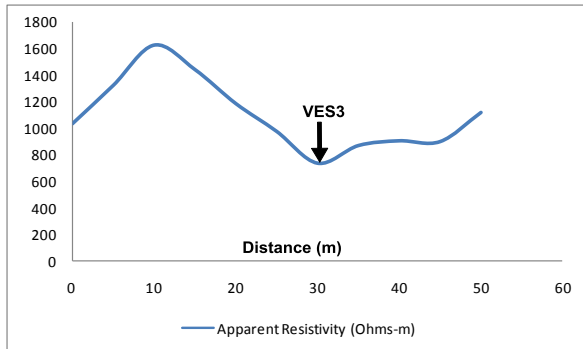


Figure 9. Horizontal Profiling along Araromi

Table 3. Dar-zarrouk Parameters and groundwater Yield of Granite Gneiss

GRANITE GNEISS	Total Longitudinal Conductance (S) (Ω^{-1})	Total Traverse Resistance (T) (Ωm^2)	Coefficient of Anisotropy (λ)	Groundwater Yield ($T*\lambda$)	Remarks
VES1	0.142428	5872.2	1.383734	8125.562	Very thin weathered layer
VES2	0.064273	8461.6	1.355848	11472.65	fairly thin weathered layer/Fracture extent
VES3	0.097934	13450.9	1.170797	15748.28	fairly thin weathered layer/Fracture extent
VES4	0.130881	4528.5	1.176103	5325.984	very thin weathered layer/Fracture extent
VES5	0.042053	3687.8	1.132109	4174.991	very thin weathered layer/Fracture extent

Quartzite Rock

Figure 11 showed the outcome of the Horizontal Profiling along quartzite outcrops and two major zones of weakness were observed at 30 and 35 m which area diagnostic of fracture/fault, cracks/joints or high weathered geologic material which is relevant to groundwater potential yield evaluation.

The results obtained at Lafe environment along former Police Headquarter within the Akure metropolis (Figure 12). A similar procedure was carried out to obtained relevant information necessary to determine the hydrogeological settings and groundwater yield parameters. The zones of weakness were further considered using VES. The location was characterized as quartzite ridge with

exposed outcrops of quartzite dotting the entire study area. The groundwater yield parameters obtained were; 5064.894, 1160.35, 17559.38 and 27048.61 for VES1, VES2, VES3 and VES4 (Table 4). The result obtained from lateral resistivity profiling correlated effectively with Vertical Electrical Sounding (VES) in terms of weak zones.

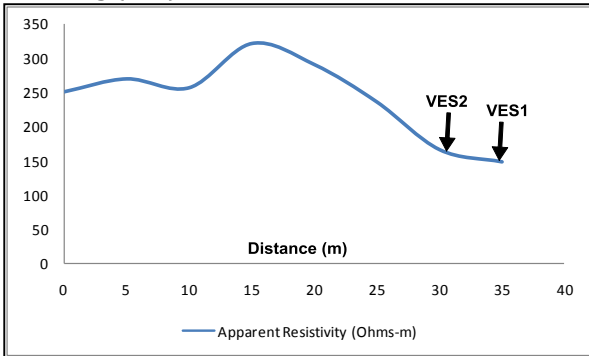


Figure 11. Horizontal Profiling along Army Barrack

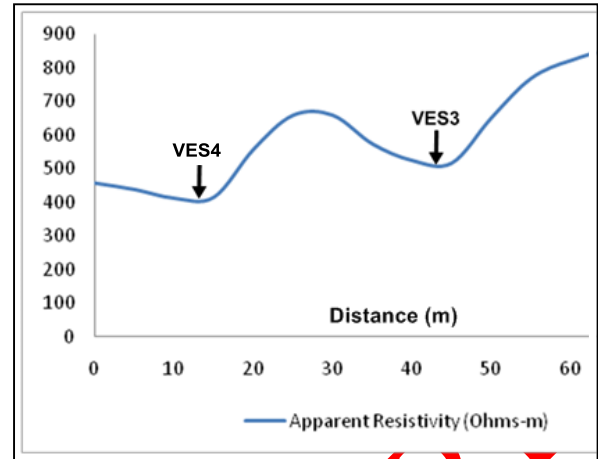


Figure 12. Horizontal Profiling along NPF Headquarter

Table 4. Dar-zarrouk Parameters and groundwater Yield of Quartzite

QUARZITE	Total Longitudinal Conductance (S) (Ω^{-1})	Total Traverse Resistance (T) (Ωm^2)	Coefficient of Anisotropy (λ)	Groundwater Yield ($T*\lambda$)	Remarks
VES1	0.285939	4245	1.193143	5064.894	very thin weathered layer/Fracture extent
VES2	0.027263	10901.6	1.064188	11601.35	fairly thin weathered layer/Fracture extent
VES3	0.008572	16915.2	1.038083	17559.38	Moderately thick weathered layer/Fracture extent
VES4	0.003182	26508	1.020394	27048.61	thick weathered layer/Fracture extent

Correlation of Results

Total Longitudinal Conductance

For better understanding of the yield parameters of the different rock types (Granite gneiss, Migmatite gneiss, Quartzite and charnockite) that were found in the investigated locations. The results obtained were correlated in terms of their various total longitudinal conductance (Ω^{-1}) (Figure 13). Colour separation was used to indicate the performance of each of the outcrops which are very important indicators in terms of groundwater yield. This graph shows that the lower the total longitudinal conductance parameters of a crystalline basement rock, the greater are the prospect groundwater yield of the outcrops and the higher the total longitudinal conductance parameters of the

crystalline basement rocks, the lower the prospect groundwater yield of such rocks.

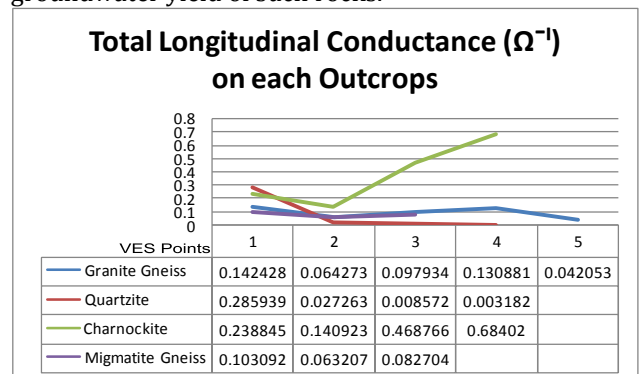


Figure 13. Correlation of Total Longitudinal Conductance across the various rock types within the Study Area

Total Transverse Resistance

Figure 14 displays the total transverse resistance of the various outcrops within the study area. It can be further inferred that the higher the total transverse resistance of any crystalline basement rock, the greater is its capacity to yield groundwater and it has an inverse relationship with total longitudinal conductance.

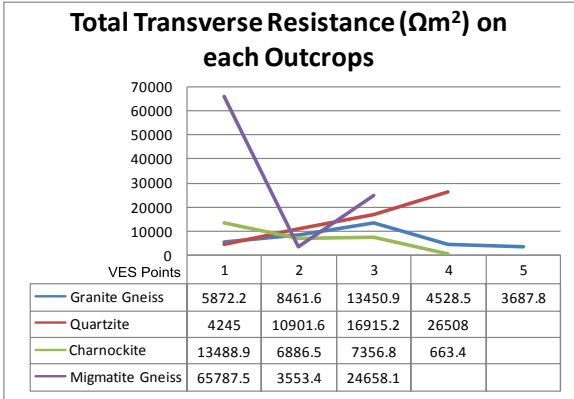


Figure 14. Correlation of Total Transverse Resistance across the various rock types within the Study Area

Coefficient of Anisotropy (λ)

Compact rock at shallow depth increases the coefficient of the anisotropy (Keller and Frischknecht, 1966). Hence, these areas can be associated with low porosity and permeability. The areas with 1.0 and less than 1.5 anisotropy values (high porosity and permeability) are considered as high groundwater potential zones (Rao et al., 2003). The coefficient of anisotropy (λ) has been shown to have the same functional form as permeability anisotropy. Thus, a higher coefficient of anisotropy (λ) implies higher permeability anisotropy. Figure 15 illustrates the coefficient of anisotropy of the each outcrops, it can be inferred that the higher the coefficient of anisotropy parameters of any crystalline basement rock, the greater is the prospect for groundwater and also the lower for coefficient of anisotropy, the lower for groundwater prospect without prejudice overburden or weathered layer thickness. The results inferred from coefficient of anisotropy and total longitudinal conductance of each outcrops has a direct relationship.

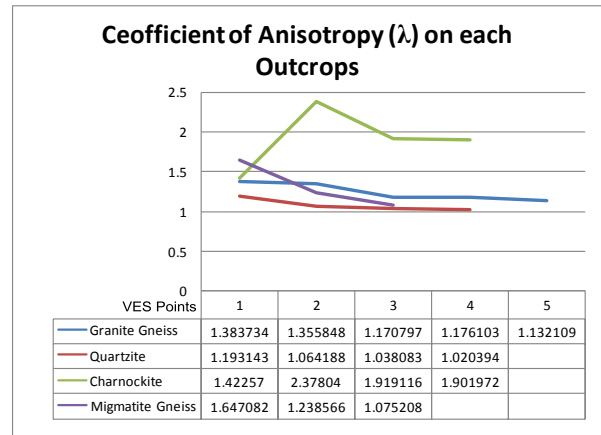


Figure 15. Correlation of Coefficient of Anisotropy across the various rock types within the Study Area

Groundwater Yield ($T*\lambda$)

The groundwater yield of each outcrop was obtained from the product of total transverse resistance (T) and coefficient of anisotropy (λ) (Bawallah et al., 2018) which was able to establish the productivity of crystalline basement complex in terms of its yield parameters (Figure 16). It further demonstrated the effective correlation of all the approach that was used in the characterization of groundwater yield capacity of crystalline basement rock within the study area. The highest yield results from the various rock types were obtained as 15748.28, 26512.6, 19188.9 and 27048.61 for granite gneiss, migmatite gneiss, charnockite and quartzite. From this analysis it can be inferred that for a typical crystalline basement complex to have better prospect for groundwater, it must be based on the various groundwater yield classification (Table 5).

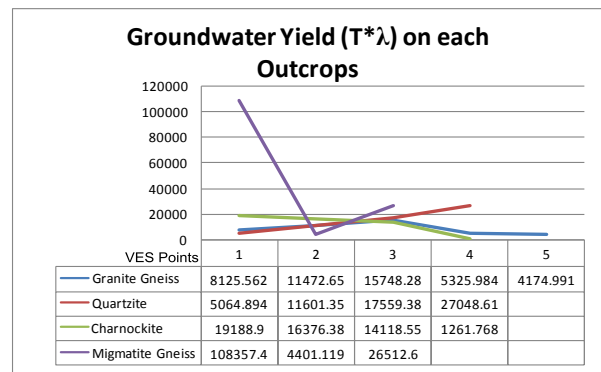


Figure 16. Groundwater Yield across the various rock types within the Study Area

Table 5. Groundwater yield classifications

Rock Types	Groundwater Yield Capacity Value	Classification
Granite Gneiss	Below 8000 8000 – 11000 11000 – 15000 15000 and above	No prospect Low yield Moderate/Medium Yield High Yield
Quartzite	Below 10000 10000 – 15000 15000 – 17000 17000 – 20000 20000 and above	Extremely low yield Low yield Moderate yield High yield Very high yield
Charnockite	Below 8000 8000 – 12000 12000 – 15000 15000 – 20000 20000 and above	Very low yield Low yield Moderate yield High yield Very high yield
Migmatite Gneiss	Below 5000 5000 – 10000 10000 – 12000 12000 – 15000 15000 and above	Very low yield Low yield Moderate yield High yield Very high yield

Validation/Pumping Test Results

The validation for groundwater taken beyond the domain of using the parameters of precipitation, evaporation and others to determine groundwater yield, but in this study direct measurement of borehole yields was used for the evaluation and rating of groundwater prospect and yield within the study area.

Loction 1; charnockite environment

Pumping machine capacity = one horse power
Over head tank/reservoir capacity = 1000 litres
Distance travel by water from borehole to reservoir = 5 meters
Time taken to fill reservoir = 12 minutes = 12 x 60 = 720 sec
Yield = $\frac{1000 \text{ (litres)}}{720 \text{ (sec)}} \times \text{pumping machine capacity} \times \text{distance travel}$
Yield = $\frac{1000}{720} \times 1 \times 5 = 6.94$ litres per sec

Loction 2; Quartzite environment

Pumping machine capacity = one horse power
Over head tank/reservoir capacity = 1500 litres
Distance travel by water from borehole to reservoir = 30 meters
Time taken to fill reservoir = 45min = 45 x 60 = 2700 sec
Yield = $\frac{1500 \text{ (litres)}}{2700 \text{ (sec)}} \times \text{pumping machine capacity} \times \text{distance travel}$
Yield = $\frac{1500}{2700} \times 1 \times 30 = 16.66$ litres per sec

Loction 3; Migmatite Gneiss environment

Pumping machine capacity = one horse power
Over head tank/reservoir capacity = 1500 litres
Distance travel by water from borehole to reservoir = 30 meters
Time taken to fill reservoir = 1hr = 60 x 60 = 3600 sec
Yield = $\frac{1500 \text{ (litres)}}{3600 \text{ (sec)}} \times \text{pumping machine capacity} \times \text{distance travel}$
Yield = $\frac{1500}{3600} \times 1 \times 30 = 12.5$ litres per sec

4. CONCLUSION

This study has showed the significance of two techniques in groundwater search in a typical crystalline basement complex with shallow overburden without prejudice to overburden thickness and weathered layer thickness, which may have some degrees of influence on these findings. This study has been able to establish the relationship existing between nature and types of crystalline rock and their groundwater yield/productivity. The highest yield results from the various rock types were obtained as 15748.28, 26512.6, 19188.9 and 27048.61 for granite gneiss, migmatite gneiss, charnockite and quartzite respectively. It can be inferred that for a crystalline basement rocks to be productive in term of groundwater, it is expected to have various groundwater yield classifications. Therefore, it can be infer that without drilling, groundwater productivity and yield can be determined theoretically following these principles. It is of the strong opinion of the authors that it is possible to determine how prolific a borehole would

be even before drilling with the adoptions of the approach in this study.

5. DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

The authors confirm that the data supporting the findings of the study are available within the article and its supplementary materials. Authors have declared that no competing interests exist and the data was not use as an avenue for any litigation but for the advancement of knowledge.

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