

Geology and Petrogenesis of Stromatic, Schlieren and Nebulitic Migmatites around Miri and Wuntin Dada Areas of Bauchi, Bauchi State – Nigeria

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Abstract: Morphological, petrological and geochemical variations are used to discern the formation of different types of migmatites and their associated charnockitic rocks which are derived from metasedimentary origin. The study area lies within Bauchi sheet 149 NE. Morphological/field description shows a variation in textural and structural features from metatexite to diatexite to (nebulitic) charnockitic rocks that are dark in colouration due to high quantity of mafic minerals derived from its protolith. The diatexite shows variation from melanocratic to leucocratic containing changes in mineralogy and textures. The charnockite exhibits magmatic foliation which makes it to be metamorphic. Petrographically, the rock mainly composed orthopyroxene, silliminite, quartz, plagioclase, k-feldspar, biotite, muscovite and shows metamorphic imprints in microscopic scale such as undulous extinction in quartz, obliteration in albite twinning. The studied plagioclase are essentially Na-rich, characterized by low to moderate anorthite content. The metatexites are more calcic and range from anorthite to bytownite, while the diatexites range from bytownite to labradorite and the charnockite ranges from andersine to oligoclase respectively. Chemically, variation diagrams show negative correlation between MgO, CaO, TiO₂, FeO₂ and Al₂O₃ with SiO₂ but positive correlation with Na₂O, K₂O indicating the normal magma crystallization trends. The positive correlation is due to the mobility of Na₂O and K₂O during metamorphism. This shows a mildly metaaluminous to strongly peraluminous indicating I-Type to S-Type granites signatures. From the analyzed pyroxene composition, the charnockites are magnesian augite while the metatexites are predominantly ferro-augite with exception of one which falls in the magnesian-augite rich and diatexites are magnesian with exception of one which is ferro-augite. The mineralogical composition of the investigated garnets display a moderate variations as shown, diatexites, charnockites fall within the grassular garnets with the exception of one metatexite which falls within the pyrope garnet and two other charnockites. The charnockitic magma derived from the melanocratic diatexite is from melt-residuum separation then through fractional crystallization.

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I. Introduction

The geology of the area around Miri and Wuntin Dada is characterized by metamorphic and plutonic rocks of Neoproterozoic of the North eastern Nigeria. The study area is located in the north-eastern part of Bauchi sheet and lies between latitudes 10° 17' 30" and 10° 20' 00" N and longitudes 9° 45' 00" and 9° 50' 00" E covering approximately 40.5 km² (Figure 1) on a scale of 1:50,000 of quarter degree sheet 149 Bauchi NE, mostly make up of basement rocks of Bauchite and granitic rocks. Some of the rocks within the study area are characterized by intensive deformation with some characterized by partial deformation. These characteristic features of the rocks around Miri and Wuntin Dada necessitated this study in order to understand the general geology of the 2 areas, thereby adding to the current understanding of the geology of the Neoproterozoic belt of North-Eastern Nigeria. Miri and Wuntin Dada have appreciable relief and are characterized by high and low level outcrops. Most of the outcrops are conically shaped and have height ranges of 605 to 740 m above sea level. The drainage pattern is dendritic (tree like) and the small streams in the area are controlled by the outcrops (structurally controlled, Figure 2).

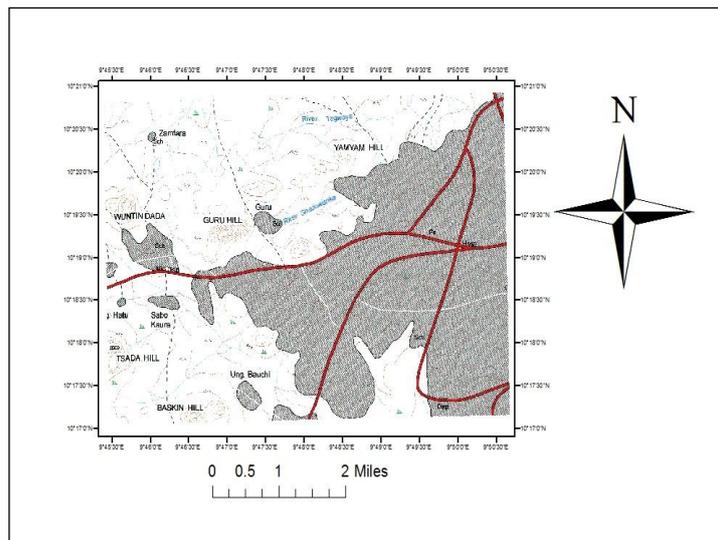


Figure 1. Location Map of the Study Area

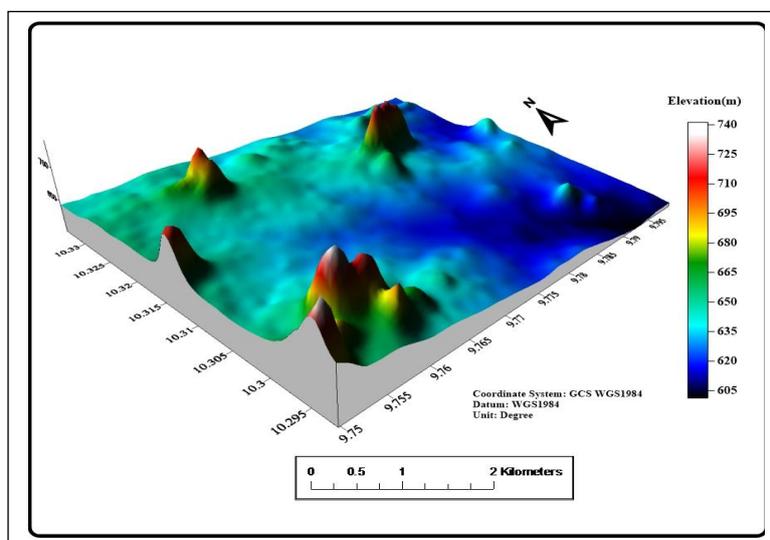


Figure 2. Relief map of the study area in 3D image

II. The Geology of Bauchi Area

The first review of works done on the rocks in the Precambrian Basement Complex of Nigeria was carried out by Oyawoye¹. The author succeeded in subdividing the Basement Complex rocks into three major groups which he described as (a) the older metasediments, consisting of calc-silicate rocks, arkosic quartzite and high grade schists which are present as lensoid relicts in regional gneisses or as paleosomes of the migmatites. He considered this group as the oldest rocks of the Basement Complex. (b) the gneisses, migmatites and the older granites. In this group, the author recognized two major types of gneisses which include: the biotite gneiss and the banded gneiss. He also grouped the migmatites into two types, namely; the lit-par-lit gneiss and the migmatitic gneiss. In the lit-par-lit gneiss, according to the author, the paleosome (a granulite or high grade schist of the ancient metasediment) occurs with quartz-feldspar veins and dykes in parallel orientation. In the migmatitic gneiss, the metasome is also quartz-microcline veins but the paleosome, which is biotite or banded gneiss, is dissected into irregular blocks. On the basis of petrography, Oyawoye¹ suggested that the gneisses and migmatites originated through silica-potash metasomatism. For the ‘Older Granites’, the author used field and petrographic evidence to suggest that they probably have a metasomatic origin and associated them with three other types of rocks namely; the coarse-grained, greenish fayalite-bearing rocks, pyroxene-quartz-diorite and pyroxene-amphibole syenite. The very coarse-grained Fayalite-bearing rocks, otherwise called the Bauchites were first described from Bauchi town in Nigeria². At Toro along Jos road, Oyawoye³ reported the presence of the pyroxene-quartz-diorite within the Basement Complex, typified by the blue-black ‘charnockitic’ quartz-

diorite while he described the pyroxene-amphibole-syenite (a typically purplish rock) as zoned intrusion at Shaki, southwestern Nigeria⁴. (c) The younger metasediments, to which he ascribed Paleozoic age¹.

The Bauchi area is underlain by migmatite-gneiss which is the oldest rock in the Nigerian Basement Complex⁵. The relationship of the present rocks can be defined in that the effect of metamorphism of the gneiss that resulted into schist and was later intruded by older granites (Bauchite). The heat from this intrusion led to a metamorphism that formed the later gneiss showing a polycyclic cycle of metamorphism⁶. However according to Oyawoye¹ who said much work has not been done in the area as quoted "I share the reluctance of modern petrologists to propose new variety names for rocks". The result of works on the migmatite gneiss in the Bauchi area shows their nature to be that of agmatite⁷. Agmatites are of sporadic and rather limited occurrence and the isotope count in them shows 618 Ma⁸. The early Gneiss and other ultramafic rock are cut into irregular blocks by the granitic component. In areas around Bauchi where they are well developed they show dikyonitic structure^{3,7}.

In a discussion on the Bauchite-Biotite Hornblende Granite transition by Oyawoye² he suggested that the charnockitic rocks (Bauchite) are formed under local pyroxene-hornfels facies conditions in regions of amphibolites facies metamorphism¹. These conditions may be induced either by a reduction in pressure with the concomitant rise in temperature and/or by the introduction of hydrothermal fluids. It is also conceivable as suggested by some field evidence that such areas represent minor intrusions of rocks of charnockitic affinity which because of low PH_{20} have managed to retain their premetamorphic high temperature low PH_{20} mineral assemblages⁹. Bauchite happens to be part of the Eastern Nigeria's terrane which according to Ferre et al.¹⁰, has U and W (isotopes) deposits¹¹. It is implaced in metamorphic rocks which are a part of those in Northern Nigeria which consist mainly of granite, high-grade gneisses and migmatites which are cut by large Pan-African monzo-granite plutons¹².

Bauchite is a part of the Neoproterozoic belt (Pan African) of Northern Nigeria where there is a distribution of metamorphic facies¹³. High grade metasedimentary rocks reached granulite facies condition and survived as large lenses and pendants interlayered within anatexites and migmatitic granites as seen in the Toro area of Northern Nigeria. Mineral assemblages in both rock types could be used to determine magmatic and metamorphic thermobarometric conditions and it was shown to be of the barrovian type metamorphism (medium temperature) by Ferre and Caby¹⁴. The Neoproterozoic Trans-Saharan Belt in which the study area falls within was suggested to be formed between 700 Ma and 580 Ma by accretion of terranes between the converging West African Craton, the Congo Craton and East Saharan Block, which was probably a Craton until 700 Ma¹⁵ when it was widely and largely reactivated, except in few areas. Extensive sampling of metasedimentary gneisses of the Bauchi area (Jos-Bauchi transect) has revealed several occurrences of granulite facies rocks. Finally, Ferre and Caby¹⁴ stated that the metamorphic rocks of Northern Nigeria are consist mainly of monotonous granite-high-grade gneisses and migmatites cut by large Pan-African monzo-granite plutons.

III. Materials and Methods

For the purpose of this study, topographic map was used to conduct the desk study from which the coordinates of the study area were extracted. During the course of the fieldwork, samples were collected using the geologic hammer to obtain fresh samples of important rocks, also photographs of the outcrops were taken. The methods employed in the course of the work can be broadly divided into two, which are Field Methods and the Laboratory Methods. For the field method, various approaches were employed to acquire data, take samples and also interpret in the field. They include direction, bearing and position using compass and GPS. In the laboratory, the study was carried out in two parts, namely: petrographic and geochemical analyses. Thin sections for the petrographic studies were prepared at the Thin section Laboratory of the Department of Applied Geology ATBU Bauchi. Optical petrographic microscopes were used for the petrographic studies. Photomicrographs were taken by the combined use of the petrographic microscope and phone camera. Furthermore, the geochemical analyses were carried out by the National Geoscience Laboratory, Kaduna of Nigerian Geological Survey Agency from which relevant geochemical plots were generated using software (GCDkit and Petrograph). The results of the fieldwork, petrographic and geochemical studies were refined, presented, interpreted and discussed below.

IV. Results

There are basically 3 rock types in the study area (Figure 3).

1. Metatexite
2. Diatexite
 - a. Melanocratic Diatexite
 - b. Mesocratic Diatexite
 - c. Leucocratic Diatexite
3. Nebulite (Charnockite)

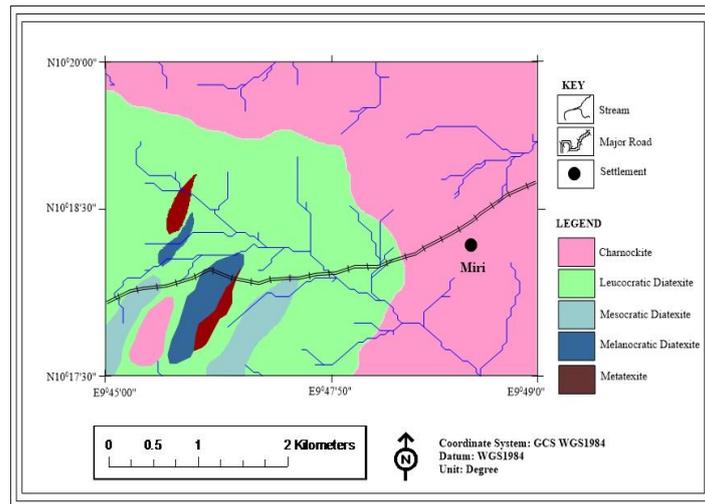


Figure 3. Geologic map of the study area

Field Relationship/Morphological Description and Petrography

Metatexite

This rock shows stromatic band of felsic composition (Figure 4a1). It mostly occurs as patch within rock body (Figure 4a1) and is nearly similar to the mineral assemblages of the protolith (Figure 4a2). The percentage of ferromagnesian is dominant in the rock (Figure 4b1,2).

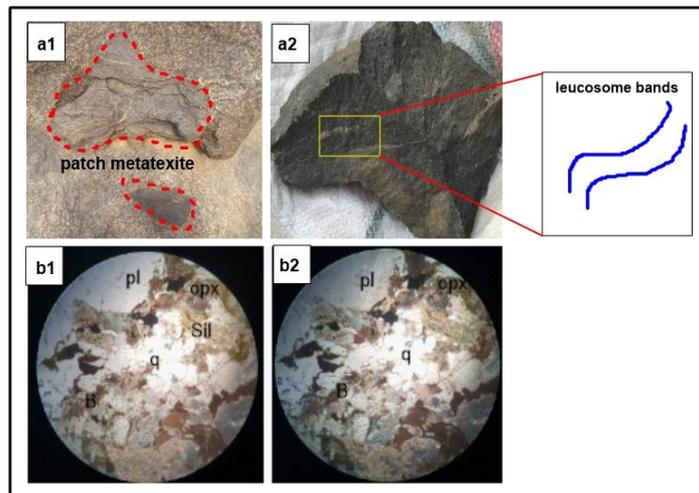


Figure 4. General characteristics of Metatexite. a1. Field photo of studied metatexite, a2. Hand description, b1,2. Photomicrograph of metatexite on plane & cross polarized lights. (Pl = plagioclase, Q = quartz, Sil = sillimanite, Opx = orthopyroxene)

Petrography Description of the Metatexite

The petrographic analysis of the metatexite shows that the rock mainly composed orthopyroxene, sillimanite, quartz and plagioclare (Figure 4b1,2). Under plane polarized light the minerals show low relief, yellowish to brown in color and are subhedral in form (Figure 4b1). Under cross polarized light they show undulous extinction in quartz, obliteration in albite twinning, sillimanite shows fibrous appearance (Figure 4b2).

Diatexite

These rocks show granitic appearance and its pre-migmatization structure are destroyed. Its melt fraction is large. The diatexite in the study area shows a considerable range in morphology. Due to the systematic mineralogical and textural variations within the diatexite, it is classified into 3-subdivisions (Figures 5, 6 & 7).

Melanocratic Diatexite

This rock shows high percentage of ferromagnesian mineral especially biotite and it occurs as a patch within adjacent rock (Figure 5a).

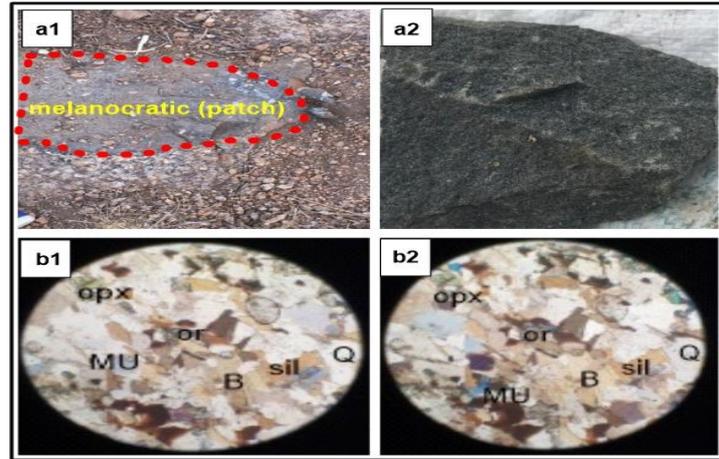


Figure 5. General appearance of Melanocratic Diatexite in studies. a1. Field view, a2. Hand description, b1,2. Photomicrograph in plane & cross polarized lights. (Or = orthoclase, Q = quartz, Sil = sillimanite, Opx = orthopyroxene, B = biotite, Mu = muscovite)

Mesocratic Diatexite

This rock shows almost equal percent of ferromagnesian and felsic minerals and it consists of raft of paleosome (Figure 6a).

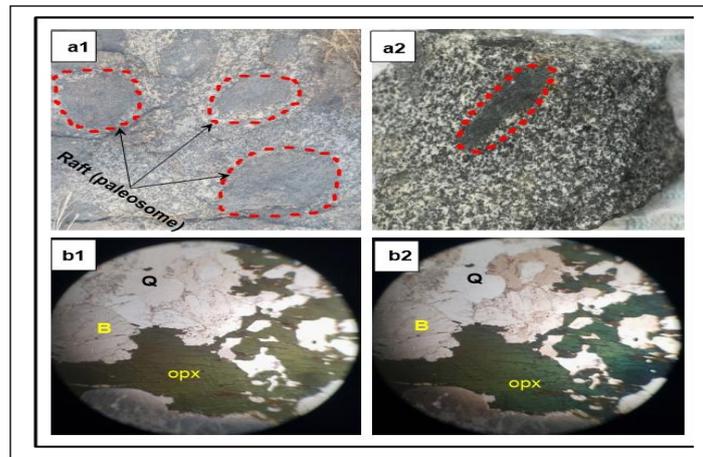


Figure 6. General appearance of Mesocratic Diatexite in the study area. a1. Field view, a2. Hand description b1,2. Photomicrograph in plane & cross polarized light. (Q = quartz, Opx = orthopyroxene, B = biotite)

Leucocratic Diatexite

This rock is coarse in texture and it is well defined by igneous textural appearance (Figure 7a). It consists of melanosome and leucosome band called the neosome and patch paleosome (Figure 7a1). It contains more K-feldspar than the other type of diatexite (Figures 5 & 6) in the study area with less ferromagnesian mineral.

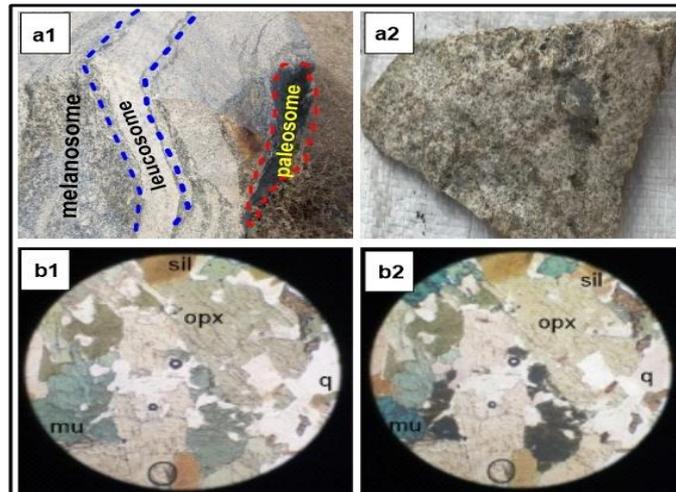


Figure 7. General Characteristics of Leucocratic Diatexite. a1. Field View. a2. Hand Description b1. Photomicrograph in plane & cross polarized lights. (Q = quartz, Sil = sillimanite, Opx = orthopyroxene, B = biotite, Mu = muscovite)

General Petrographic Description of the Diatexite

The minerals show medium to no relief, subhedral and light to brownish colouration under PPL (Figures 5, 6, 7b1). Quartz shows wavy extinction (Figures 5, 6, 7b2). Light coloured minerals show no pleochorism under PPL (Figures 5, 6, 7b1) most of the biotite show incline extinction angle.

Nebulite (Charnockite)

Charnockite occurs mostly closer to the diatexite. It shows brownish to grey coloration. It composed mainly quartz & K-Feldspar & contains biotite (Figure 8a2). It foliated which makes it to exhibit structure of the protolith (Figure 8a1). The foliation concludes that it is metamorphic in nature.

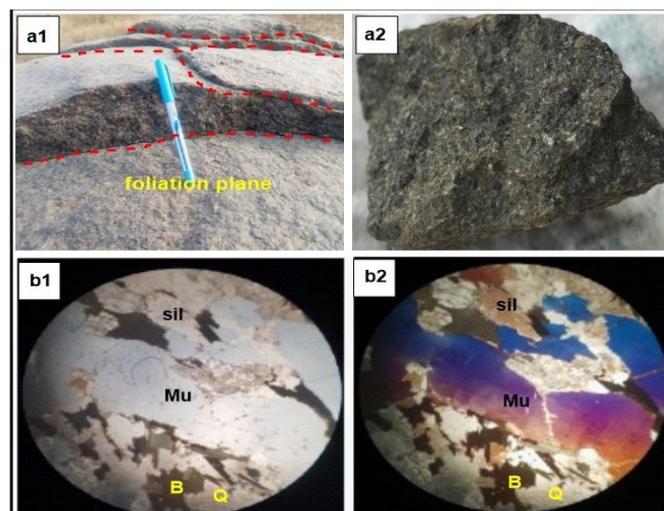


Figure 8. General factors of studied Charnockite. a1. Field view showing foliation plane. a2. Hand specimen b1,2. Photomicrograph in plane & cross polarized light. (Q = quartz, B = biotite, Mu = muscovite, Sil = sillimanite)

Petrographic Description of the Charnockite

The minerals show high to medium relief, with no pleochron under PPL (Figure 8b1). There is presence of greenish-brownish coloured mineral which indicate orthopyroxene – nuclear under XPL (Figure 8b2).

Geochemistry

A total of fifteen representative samples were analysed for whole rock geochemical analyses using X-Ray Fluorescence (X.R.F). This includes one representative sample each of the metatexite, diatexite, nebulite (charnockite) and basalt. The results of the analyses are represented in Table 1.

Major Oxides Characteristics

Harker variation diagram between SiO₂ and major oxides were prepared in order to understand the trends of major oxides and to evaluate their mobility during partial melting and differentiation in their composition e.g

Fe₂O₃ (0.2-8.06 wt %), CaO (0.3-7.6 wt %), MgO (0.03-3.34wt %), T₁O₂ (0.12-4.07wt %), K₂O (0.68-3.34wt %), Na₂O (0.36-1.73wt %), Al₂O₃ (7.42-16.32wt %).

Table 1. Whole rock geochemical data for major, minor and trace elements

| LD | AM2 | G | AM4 | AM3 | E1 | E2 | E3 | AM1 |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| petrology | metatexite | metatexite | melanocratic | melanocratic | mesocratic | mesocratic | leucocratic | leucocratic |
| Major oxides (wt %) | | | | | | | | |
| SiO ₂ | 56.1 | 60.21 | 62 | 62.62 | 64.4 | 65.8 | 68.9 | 73.2 |
| CaO | 6.4 | 4.2 | 7.6 | 2.5 | 4.81 | 4.71 | 3.4 | 3.01 |
| MgO | 2 | 3.34 | 2.4 | 1 | 1.93 | 1 | 1.01 | 0.48 |
| SO ₃ | 1 | 0.24 | 0.12 | 0.62 | 0.41 | 0.048 | 0.042 | 0.13 |
| K ₂ O | 0.7 | 0.68 | 2 | 1.23 | 3.34 | 3 | 2.02 | 1 |
| Na ₂ O | 1.32 | 0.7 | 1.01 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 0.73 | 1.02 |
| TiO ₂ | 3.21 | 4.07 | 2.5 | 2.81 | 2.37 | 3.78 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| MnO | 0.25 | 0.49 | 0.39 | 0.4 | 0.46 | 0.35 | 0.083 | 0.28 |
| P ₂ O ₅ | 0.42 | 0.04 | ND | 0.03 | 0.07 | ND | ND | 0.03 |
| Fe ₂ O ₃ | 8.06 | 2.88 | 4 | 9.4 | 4.33 | 4 | 4.74 | 3 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 15 | 16.32 | 14.73 | 14.2 | 14.38 | 14.11 | 14.08 | 13.33 |
| LOI | 4.6 | 5.46 | 2.06 | 3.2 | 3.11 | 2.1 | 2.42 | 1.64 |
| Trace elements (ppm) | | | | | | | | |
| V | 410.06 | 284.6 | 540 | 400 | 75 | 10.21 | 20.64 | 50.14 |
| Cr | 260 | 46 | 620.12 | 320.62 | 16.61 | 4 | 10.06 | 100 |
| Cu | 220 | 570 | 390.13 | 420 | 620 | 620 | 280 | 380 |
| Sr | 2490 | 531 | 3740.6 | 1700.6 | 4200 | 3470 | 1630 | 2820 |
| Zr | 1021 | 860.01 | 2200 | 2100 | 6970 | 7170 | 1500 | 3000.12 |
| Ba | 12.4 | 280.48 | 900.42 | 2800 | 6300 | 6600 | 3300 | 2600.7 |
| Zn | 270 | 630.11 | 487 | 750 | 760.34 | 780.81 | 170.24 | 510.21 |
| Ce | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | 0.4 | <0.01 |
| Pb | 12 | 6.86 | 16.21 | 113 | <0.01 | 130.2 | 380 | 940 |
| Ga | <0.01 | 0.9 | 4.9 | 2.6 | 10.06 | 0.05 | 11 | 11.4 |
| As | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 |
| Y | 1.9 | <0.01 | 0.284 | 1.94 | 7.6 | 0.52 | <0.01 | 0.72 |
| Rb | 9.1 | 156 | 19.24 | 112 | 115 | 126 | 137.25 | 112.2 |
| Nb | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | 52 |
| Hg | 0.3 | 1 | 4 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 |
| Ta | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | 40.4 |
| W | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | 7.76 |
| Hf | 50.6 | 43 | 40.63 | 46.2 | 48.7 | 34.3 | 37.46 | 42.06 |
| Sn | 1.2 | 1.64 | 1.43 | <0.01 | 1.24 | 0.42 | <0.01 | 14.24 |
| Sb | 2.1 | 3.8 | 3.3 | <0.01 | 2.1 | 1.6 | <0.01 | 12 |
| Se | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 |
| Bi | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 |
| Sc | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 |
| Ni | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 |
| Ge | 7 | 0.015 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 |

*ND = Not Detected

Table 1 cont'd. Whole rock geochemical data for major, minor and trace elements

| LD | D | I | J | F | H | C | B |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| petrology | charnockite | charnockite | charnockite | charnockite | G-granitoid | charnockite | Basalt |
| Major oxides (wt %) | | | | | | | |
| SiO ₂ | 80 | 81.1 | 81.3 | 82.06 | 83.8 | 85.4 | 66 |
| CaO | 1.02 | 0.41 | 0.5 | 0.32 | 0.3 | 1.13 | 7.7 |
| MgO | 0.73 | 0.24 | 0.27 | 0.08 | 0.03 | 0.84 | 5.6 |
| SO ₃ | 0.016 | 0.026 | 0.021 | 0.012 | 0.014 | 0.013 | 0.73 |
| K ₂ O | 5 | 3.04 | 2.89 | 4 | 5 | 0.4 | ND |
| Na ₂ O | 1.36 | 1.3 | 1.46 | 1.22 | 1.4 | 0.36 | ND |

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|--------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| TiO ₂ | 0.75 | 0.62 | 0.54 | 0.4 | 0.12 | 1.03 | 0.678 |
| MnO | 0.056 | 0.036 | 0.036 | 0.072 | 0.031 | 0.09 | 0.208 |
| P ₂ O ₅ | ND | ND | ND | ND | ND | ND | ND |
| Fe ₂ O ₃ | 0.46 | 0.43 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.26 | 1.53 | 1.5 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 8.6 | 11.6 | 11.54 | 11 | 9 | 7.42 | 12.34 |
| LOI | 0.61 | 0.73 | 0.71 | 0.64 | 0.58 | 0.7 | 5.12 |
| Trace elements (ppm) | | | | | | | |
| V | 7 | 3 | 0.84 | 6.62 | <0.01 | 8 | 130.3 |
| Cr | 1.67 | 0.06 | <0.01 | 2.06 | <0.01 | 2.13 | 83.24 |
| Cu | 250 | 210 | 220 | 300 | 29 | 140.34 | 120 |
| Sr | 2490.26 | 1440 | 1630 | 1810.3 | 500 | 777 | 1760 |
| Zr | 1300.2 | 580 | 590 | 190 | 119 | 910 | 290.44 |
| Ba | 3300 | 1900 | 2100 | 1500 | 950 | 690 | 14 |
| Zn | 30.24 | 179.11 | 85.24 | 16.2 | 10.46 | 110.03 | 140.36 |
| Ce | 5.8 | 0.73 | 3 | 7.15 | <0.01 | 0.72 | <0.01 |
| Pb | 147 | 60.06 | 100 | 200 | 150 | 280 | 23.18 |
| Ga | 18 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 13 | 0.67 | 14.8 | <0.01 |
| As | 0.84 | 0.089 | 0.07 | 2.36 | 0.9 | 1.01 | <0.01 |
| Y | 1.2 | 0.97 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | <0.01 |
| Rb | 166.2 | 156 | 166.8 | 112 | 138 | 121.36 | <0.01 |
| Nb | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 |
| Hg | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | 1 | 0.6 |
| Ta | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 |
| W | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 |
| Hf | 21.23 | 36.3 | 24.16 | 21.18 | 28.46 | 30.93 | 18.24 |
| Sn | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 |
| Sb | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 |
| Se | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 |
| Bi | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 |
| Sc | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 |
| Ni | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 |
| Ge | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | 0.03 | <0.01 | 0.6 |

*ND = Not Detected

Variation Diagram

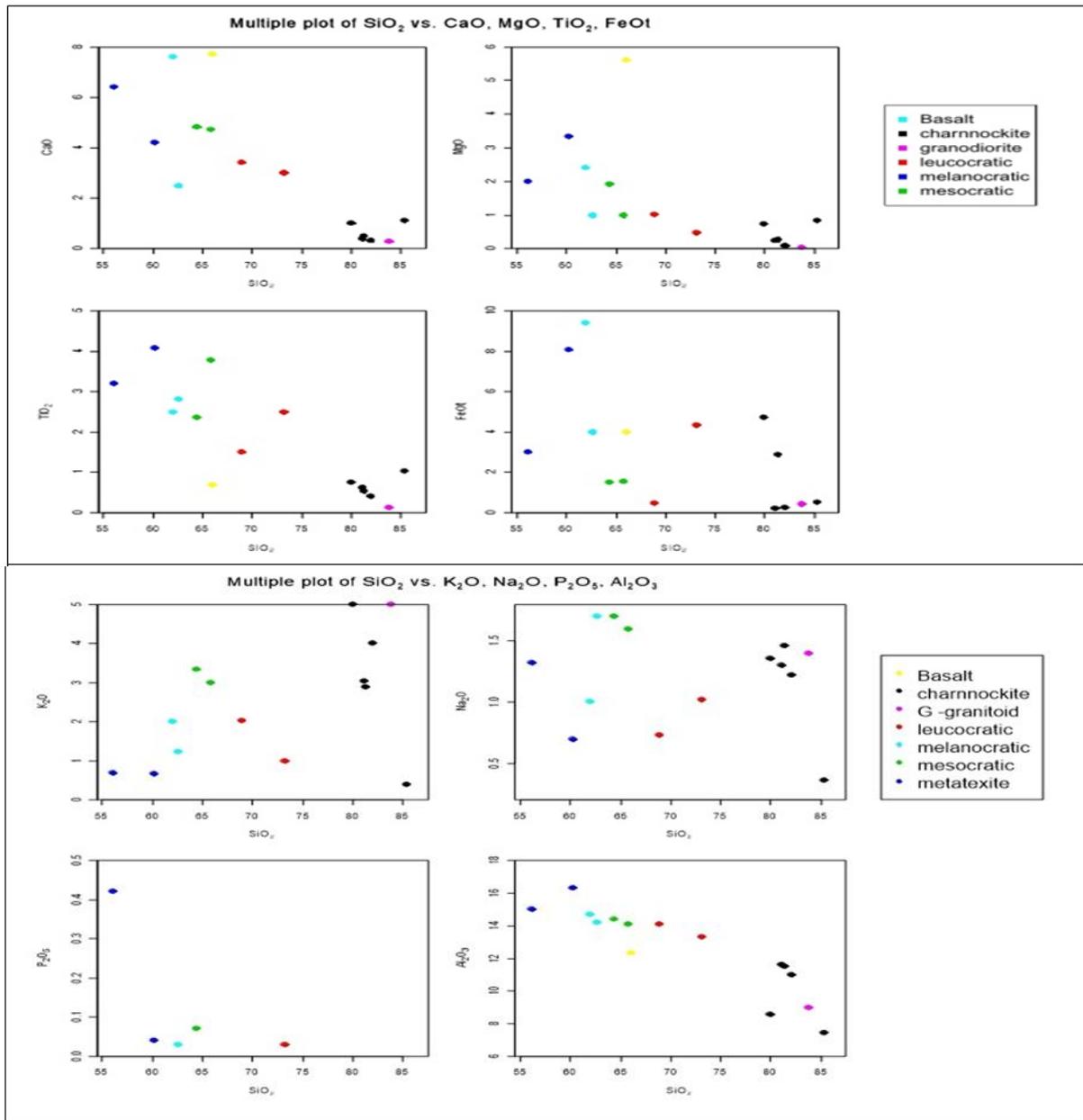


Figure 9. SiO₂ Vs Major oxides (wt %) variation diagram

The variation diagram (Figure 9) shows negative correlation between MgO, CaO, TiO₂, FeO₂ and Al₂O₃ with SiO₂ and positive between Na₂O, K₂O with SiO₂ indicating the normal magma crystallization trends. The positive correlation is due to mobility of Na₂O & K₂O during metamorphism.

The metatexites which are samples Am4 & G show high percentage of ferromagnesian elements which are MgO, CaO, TiO₂, Fe₂O₃ and Al₂O₃ while diatexites which are samples Am4, Am3, Am4, E1, E2 & E3 and charnockite which are samples D, I, J, F & C show low percentage of those elements but rich in K₂O and Na₂O.

Mineral Chemistry

The composition and structural formula has been determined to understand the mineral composition of the rock in the study area. Mineral formula have been calculated with normalization excel software using atom per formula unit.

Feldspar

Feldspar minerals are aluminium silicates whose crystalline structure is composed of an infinite network of SiO₂ and AlO₄ tetrahedral. The chemical formula of feldspar is MT₄O₈ where T represents Al & Si & M is Na and/or K for AlSi₃O₈ & Ca or Ba for Al₂Si₂O₈.

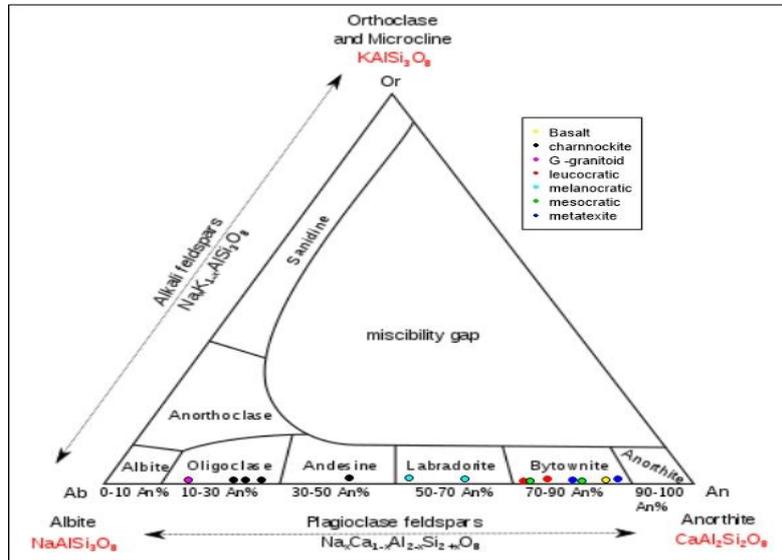


Figure 10. Feldspar triangular diagram showing representative samples plot

The studied plagioclase are essentially sodium rich, characterized by low to moderate anorthite content. The metatexite (Am2 & G) are more calcic and ranges from anorthite to bytownite (Figure 10), diatexite (samples E3, AM1, E1, E2, AM4 & AM3) ranges from bytownite to labradorite and the charnockite (samples D, I, J, F & C) ranges from andesine to oligoclase respectively. The compositional attributes of feldspars can help to determine the degree of fractionation of the magma and the relationships among different migmatites¹⁶.

Pyroxene

These are group of important rock-forming inosilicate minerals found in many metamorphic rocks. It has a general formula $XY(SiAl)_2O_6$ where $X = Ca, Na, Fe_2$ or Mg and more rarely $Zn, Mn,$ or Li and $Y =$ ions of smaller size such as Cr, Al, Fe_3, Mg . Pyroxenes that crystallize in the monoclinic system are known as clinopyroxene and those that crystallize in orthorhombic system are known as orthopyroxene. From the analysed composition, the charnockite (samples D, I, J, F and C) are magnesian augite while the metatexite (samples AM2 & G) are predominantly ferro-augite with exception of one which falls in the magnesian-augite rich. diatexite (samples D, I, J, & C) are magnesian with exception of sample (F) which is ferro-augite (Figure 11).

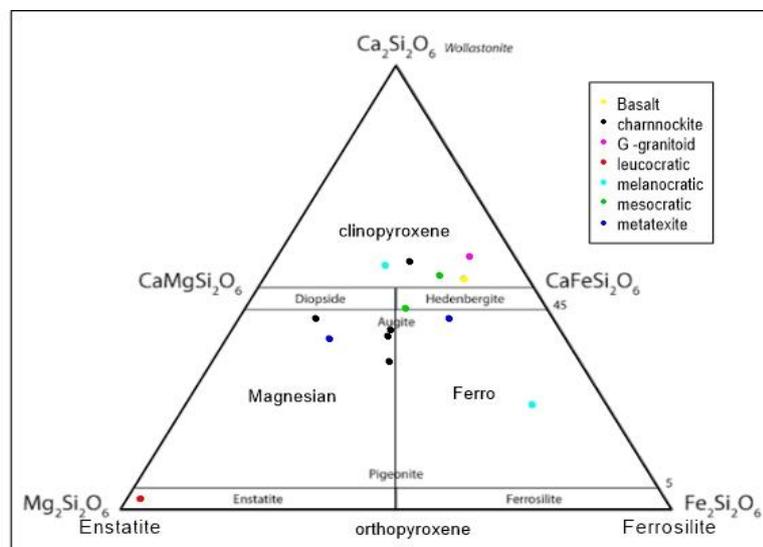


Figure 11. pyroxene triangular diagram showing representative samples plot

Garnet

This the general name of a group of mineral, with standard formula $X^{2+}_3 Y Si_3 O_{12}$ mainly with $X=Ca, Fe, Mn,$ or Mg and $Y = Al, Cr$ or Fe . The common garnet end members are Pyrope ($Mg_3Al_2Si_3O_{12}$), Almandine

($\text{Fe}^{2+}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$) Spessartine ($\text{Mn}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$), Grossular ($\text{Ca}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$), Andradite ($\text{Ca}_3\text{Fe}^2_2\text{SiO}_{12}$) and Olvarovite ($\text{Ca}_3\text{Cr}_3\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$).

The mineralogical composition of the investigated garnets displays a moderate variation as shown in Figure 12. The metatexite (sample Am2), diatexite (samples E3, Am1, E1, E2, Am4 & Am3), nebulite (charnockite (samples D, I & J) and granodiorite (sample H)) falls within the grossular garnet with the exception of one metatexite (sample G) which falls within the pyrope garnet and two other charnockites (samples F & C) and the basalt too.

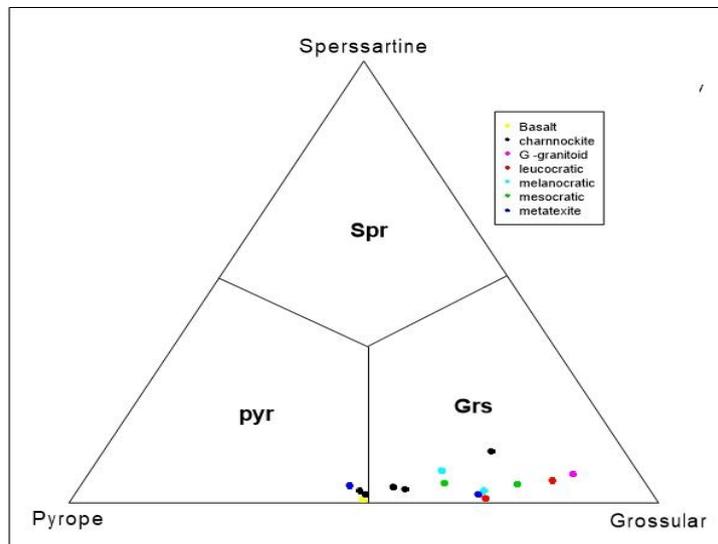


Figure 12. Garnet triangular diagram showing representative samples plot

V. Discussion of the Results

Field, petrographic and geochemical studies are the basic criteria for elucidating the petrogenesis of rocks. This section discussed the morphological, petrographic and geochemical features of the rocks under study.

Field Relationship/morphological description

Based on field relationship, the rocks in the study areas are found to be intrusive. The transitional contact relationships between the various rocks suggest that the lithologic unit had been formed by the same process. The rocks in the study areas show changes in their textural appearance from relatively fine to coarse in texture. There is a gradational change from metatexite to nebulitic rocks^{17,18}. This causes heterogeneity in their appearance. The contact between different morphological characteristics of the changes from metatexite to leucocratic diatexite with different structural features with metatexite shows stromatic bands of felsic materials (Figure 4) while the diatexite shows raft of the protolith (Figures 4, 5 & 6). The charnockites (nebulite) in the areas show magmatic foliation (Figure 7) which suggests that they are metamorphic rock retaining the structure of the partially melted rock (protolith) which supported the work of Frost and Frost¹⁹ & that charnockites are metamorphic.

Petrographic studies

The petrographic studies conclude that the samples from different rock units are accompanied with major minerals of feldspar, quartz and biotite (Figures 4-8), with minor constituents of accessory minerals. The presence of undulous extinction in quartz and obliteration of twinning in feldspar conclude that they were subjected to high pressure and temperature conditions. Petrographic study reveals that the modal composition of ferromagnesian mineral (biotite) and plagioclase decreases from the less felsic to more felsic end of the spectrum in the rock suites in the area. This suggests that partial melting and crystallization dominated by fractionation of plagioclase and biotite have played a significant role in the evolution of the rocks. The decrease in the concentration of FeO, MgO, Al₂O₃ and CaO with increasing acidity (SiO₂) supports the earlier observation. Abundant index metamorphic minerals were observed, e.g. clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, sillimanite (Figures 4-7).

Geochemistry

The geochemical data show that the rocks in the study areas have silica content ranging from (62-85.4 wt %; Table 1) and also show variable range in concentrate of major, minor and trace elements. In Harker variation diagram (Figure 9) for most of the sample: the ferromagnesian element decreases with increasing SiO₂,

this is because they take part in ferromagnesian minerals in the initial stage of partial melting adding the process of crystallization so their concentration decreases with increasing SiO₂. The SiO₂ has negative correlation with Al₂O₃, CaO but a positive correlation with Na₂O. The K₂O positive correlation with SiO₂ (Figure 9) indicates fractional crystallization – the last stage of partial melting and the beginning of magma crystallization. This trend is identical to calc-alkaline suits²⁰. The ASI vs SiO plot shows an erratic increase of silica values. This increase may indicate assimilation of metasedimentary source rock²¹ or assimilation and fractional crystallization of a genetically related igneous source with involvement of sedimentary country rock²². The available data indicate that the rocks in the areas were derived from partial melting of metasedimentary crustal protolith having ASI>1 and abundant & fractional crystallization of igneous source with significant involvement of sedimentary rock having ASI<1.

Geochemical classification of the studied rock samples shows different consistent chemical affinity. The TAS diagram of Middlemost²³, shows the metatexite & diatexite having granodiorite chemical composition while the nebulite (charnockite) having granitic composition. This is consistent with petrographic results. On the SiO₂-K₂O plot of Peccerillo & Taylor²⁴ the rocks show ranges from the tholeiitic to high k-calcalkaline series which indicates potassium rich nature, supported by petrographic studies with modal proportions of k-feldspar. According to the indexes of Frost²⁵ the rocks show both magnesian and ferroan signature in the Fe index and showing similar trend in MALI having calcic nature and metaluminous to peraluminous. This is due to the nature of assimilation of both metasedimentary crustal signature & igneous source signature. The tectonic discrimination diagram of Pearce *et al.*²⁶ and Harris *et al.*²⁷ indicates that the geotectonic environment of the formation of the rock is syn-collisional + volcanic arc and support the Himalayan type collision which result in the formation of the rocks in the study area during the Pan- Africa orogeny.

VI. Conclusion

From the morphological/field relation, petrography & geochemistry, it can be concluded that the study areas consist of different types of migmatite based on their morphological characteristics as metatexites, diatexites and nebulite (charnockite). The boundary between them is transitional, marked by changes in structural appearance. Charnockites in the area exhibit magmatic foliation which concludes that they are metamorphic. Petrographic studies revealed that quartz, microcline, plagioclase and biotite constitute the major minerals present in the rocks, while apatite and zircon are the most dominant accessory minerals. The groundmass of the rock samples is mainly composed of plagioclase, quartz, K-feldspar, biotite and index granulite facies mineral (sillimanite, orthopyroxene). Normative minerals include: zircon, apatite, rutile, magnetite, illminite. Geochemical studies have shown that the migmatites are peraluminous and have calc-alkaline affinity. TiO₂ vs SiO₂ discrimination plot reveals that the rocks are paragneiss (derived from metasedimentary source). The high SiO₂ (Na₂O + K₂O) and Al₂O₃, MgO, Fe₂O₃ & CaO low concentration imply that the primary magma was derived from partial melting that involves lower crust. The compositional trends of the rocks indicate a decrease in Al₂O₃, Fe₂O₆, MgO, CaO, TiO₂ with increasing SiO₂ which might be due to the fractionation of plagioclase or biotite or crustal contamination of magma during partial melting. The constructed discrimination diagrams together with the geochemical characteristics of high K-calcalkaline affinity, their I-type & S-type character with strongly peraluminous (>1.0) to low metaluminous (<1.0) signify a magmatic tectonic of volcanic arc & syn-collisional granitoid.

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