

Carbonated spessartite-vogesite lamprophyre near carbonatite of Sevvattur, Tiruppattur, Tamil Nadu, India

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Abstract: Chemical and mineralogical composition of a melanocratic spessartite- vogesite lamprophyre from Tiruppattur carbonatite complex (N 12°15'-12°30' E78°25'-78°35') is studied. The interspersions of natrocarbonate (Na_2CO_3 : $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3 = 3:1$) and ($\text{cc}:(\text{dol}+\text{fc}) = 1:3$) with significant amounts of aluminum and silicon carbonates indicates its primary origin under CO_2 rich environment. Spessartite has imperceptible gradation to vogesite. Si-C and Si-(F+Cl) variations in minerals show that both feldspars and mafic minerals evolve with increasing of volatile constituents replacing of Si by substituting Al^{iv} , Ti, Zr, Y and Fe^3 from tetrahedral sites. The rock has high content of Zr, Nb, Y, Rb, Sr, Sc, Co and Ni. Linear trends between various ions in this rock show magmatic origin from mantle source.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Lamprophyres are group of highly altered igneous rocks. They occur in insignificant volume; commonly as melanocratic dykes and sills in carbonatite complexes. Some of these rocks are composed of diamond and or REE mineral and they form economically potential resources for a country [1]. EDAX analyses (28) are carried out on in a lamprophyre grading spessartite (pl>or) to vogesite (or>pl) [2, 3] to interpret petrogenesis of the rock.

2. FIELD STUDIES

Field and petrography of three arc-shaped discontinuous exposures of lamprophyre dykes are studied. It is located about 500m NE of Kakangarai Railway Station and 700 m SW of Sevvattur (N12°25'-E78°32') carbonatite which is located about 8 km SW of Tiruppattur Town. The discontinuous arc shaped dyke has steep inward dip towards NE direction. NE portion of the exposure is carbonated. Anatomizing pink pegmatite veins of 1 to 5 mm are permeated throughout the dyke rock producing independent pockets and disseminations of veins of pink feldspars from 0.5 to 5.0 mm. A porphyritic texture is produced by this permeation of felsic veins. The rock imperceptibly grades into syenite having green needles of katophorite in SE portion of the dyke. In hand specimen, it is a medium to fine-grained rock. In north

western portion of the dyke, biotite-oligoclase is exposed [4]. In this lamprophyre, mafic minerals masques the felsic minerals and the colour index of the rock increases. The colour index ranges between 35 and 40%. The rock is emplaced along NW periphery of Sevvattur alkali syenite structural basin where carbonatite cone-sheets and spessartite-vogesite are emplaced at the contact between syenites in the east and granite gneiss in the west. Alkali syenites are highly progressively differentiated series and the youngest occurs towards the center of the basin [4]. A coarse-grained porphyritic syenite having large plates of oligoclase with accessories of hornblende / augite is considered to be the youngest rock in this basin [4]. A shonkinite rock [5, 6] is exposed 1 km SSE of Onnakarai village in this complex near Kanjanur village in the adjacent Jogipatti basin. Shonkinite shows well developed two generations of crystals of olivine, diopside, amphibole, phlogopite and opaque ores in sanidine [4, 5]. These minerals also occur as phenocrysts and in fine-grained ground mass. The rock exhibits panidiomorphic texture [5]. About 1 km NNE of shonkinite exposure ferrocarnatite, bastnasite bearing carbonatite and barite veins are found 100m south of Onnakarai village.

3. METHODOLOGY

Two samples of the rock were examined and EDAX analyses (28) were made under High Level Scanning-Electron Microscope with varying zooming levels (Fig. 1, 2) and spot analyses were listed in Table-1 and 2. The analyses were made in Material Science Laboratory, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras-600036. The analyses were re-calculated into oxides and Rittmann's norms [6] were calculated and 32 (O, OH, F) were [7] calculated to study space lattices of mineral grains.

4. PETROGRAPHY

Under polarizing microscope, the rock exhibits panidiomorphic texture (40x). Needles and prisms of katophorite, biotite and spinel are in euhedral form. Similarly, felsic inclusions are seen in mafic minerals.

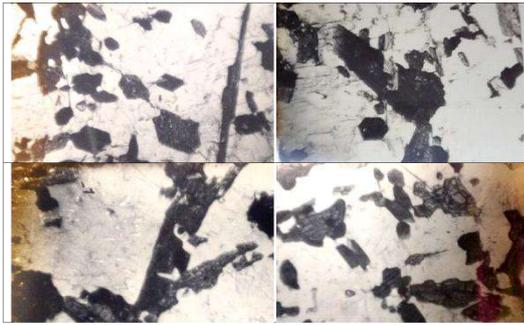


Fig.1 shows panidiomorphic texture with un-altered euhedral amphibole and feldspar [2].

The dyke rock (70x10m) composes of two generations of mafic and felsic minerals as in phenocrysts and ground mass. The modal composition of the rock is orthoclase 26.74%, microcline 12.27%, oligoclase 20.86%, augite 3.62%, bluish green katophorite 28.31%, biotite 5.60%, chlorite 0.32%, calcite 0.16%, sphene 0.96%, apatite 0.21% and other melanocratic accessory minerals 0.37% [3]. However, volume proportions of mafic and felsic minerals widely vary place to place in the field. Carbonates are identified by acid droplets. The volume proportion of plagioclase and its anorthite content widely varies. Hand specimen the rock appears to be much altered but contains significant amount carbonates. Thin sections show presence of fresh euhedral inequigranular grains. Presence of small crystals of mafic minerals in large phenocrysts of felsic minerals rarely produces poikilitic texture.

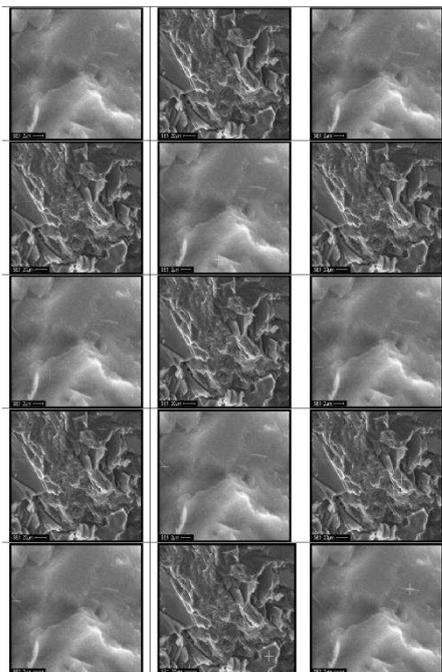


Fig.2- Sample 1 shows needles of katophorite and overlapping feldspar laths under scanning electron images. EDAX analyses are given in sequential order of the images

Detailed optical properties are given both mafic and felsic minerals [3]. Some plagioclases show anorthite content between $An_{65}Ab_{35}$ and $An_{50}Ab_{50}$ with obliteration of polysynthetic twinning lamellae. The relicts of twinning lamellae indicate original spessartite feature of the lamprophyre. The largest feldspar phenocryst has a size of $>100 \times 60 \times 20 \mu m$. Feldspar phenocryst has $25 \times 20 \times 1 \mu m$ plates. Sample 2 shows presence of skeletal crystals and gas cavities of various dimensions and depths at centre of mineral grains. Some katophorite show tubular skeletal structures.

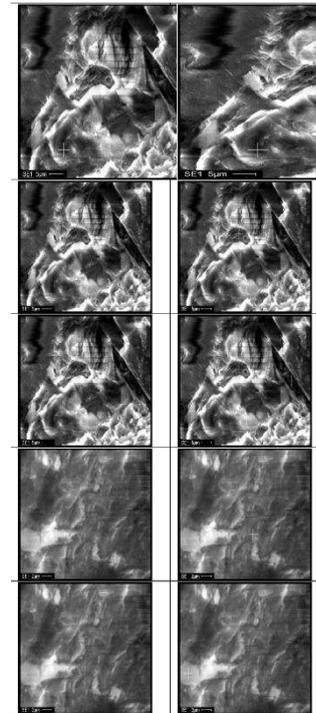


Fig-3 Electron microscopic images of sample 2 is given, the images show subvolcanic features having gas cavities with irregular shapes and depths. A rhomb $2 \mu m$ of natro-carbonate shows 4 growth horns (image 7). The EDAX analysis indicates its chemical composition. EDAX analyses are given in sequential order of the images

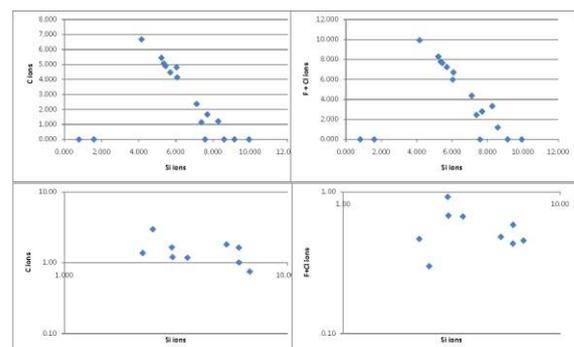


Fig. 4 Top 2 diagrams represents linear negative trends of magmatic differentiation for sample 1 while bottom for sample 2 shows slightly deviating trends.

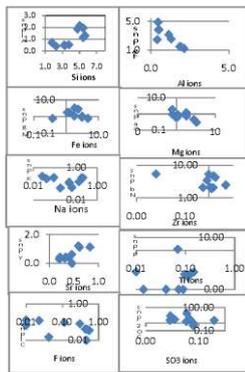


Fig.6- Bi variants show regular and irregular magmatic trends of sample 2.

Volatiles carry considerable amounts of alkali constituents. EDAX analyses are re-calculated on the basis of 32 (O, OH, F) for correlative studies of unknown minerals [8]. Feldspar and spinel are usually calculated on the basis of 32 (O,OH, F), while amphibole on the basis of 24 (O,OH, F) i.e. 75% of feldspar structural formula. Tetrahedral site highly deficient and C, Al^{iv}, Ti^{iv}, Zr^{iv}, Y and Feⁱⁱⁱ enter into this lattice and Feⁱⁱ, Mg, Ca Sr Sc Co, and Ni enter in Octahedral site, Logarithmic proportion on Co against Ni shows a positive linear trend a characteristic for their deep mantle source.

Rb enters in alkali site. The entry of C, F, and Cl replace notable amount of silica causing formation of carbonates and halides producing a negative trend of differentiation with progressive enrichment of C or (F + Cl) ions with impoverishment of Si ions. Sample 2 such

Table2 contains re-calculated EDAX analyses,, structural formula and Rittmann's norm for sample 2

Sample 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SiO2	8.70	26.26	23.53	11.86	13.84	11.78	9.67	23.50	20.67	25.59
Al2O3	1.34	5.10	4.18	1.52	1.62	1.40	3.30	8.50	6.84	7.79
FeO	8.33	10.26	12.19	13.68	13.80	20.43	2.46	6.07	6.32	6.76
MgO	2.82	10.21	8.17	2.31	2.61	1.88	2.80	5.47	5.22	5.73
CaO	3.31	1.30	1.81	2.24	2.24	3.20	9.69	4.55	4.95	3.29
Na2O	0.14	0.32	0.29	0.08	0.04	0.05	0.45	0.79	0.80	0.66
K2O	0.17	0.39	0.43	0.70	0.85	0.59	0.25	0.87	0.81	0.50
TiO2	0.07	0.36	0.00	0.44	0.55	0.46	0.29	0.81	0.85	0.46
P2O5	0.00	0.10	0.12	0.00	0.04	0.06	0.00	0.10	0.11	0.00
SO3	0.04	0.28	0.21	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.06	0.08	0.20	0.10
CO2	6.39	7.61	5.60	2.59	1.20	2.12	33.60	9.85	4.88	9.44
F	0.05	0.00	0.42	0.13	0.03	0.00	0.80	0.64	0.76	0.71
Cl	0.03	0.18	0.21	0.21	0.27	0.28	0.00	0.12	0.09	0.11
Sc2O3	0.05	0.28	0.35	0.43	0.50	0.70	0.08	0.24	0.15	0.00
CoO	0.16	0.47	0.40	0.46	0.54	0.49	0.05	0.29	0.08	0.14
NiO	0.00	0.23	0.25	0.43	0.35	0.52	0.03	0.27	0.10	0.19
SrO	3.04	2.62	3.39	3.91	3.74	5.13	1.88	2.52	3.00	1.75
Y2O3	6.77	3.77	5.07	7.88	8.35	7.67	3.04	3.10	3.34	3.91
ZrO2	12.17	4.78	13.47	11.77	14.22	9.16	6.34	12.31	7.50	10.82
Nb2O5	46.40	25.47	19.92	39.04	34.91	33.76	25.21	19.90	33.32	22.04
Sample2 On the basis of 32 (O,OH, F)										
Si	2.243	6.769	6.064	3.057	3.567	3.036	2.492	6.057	5.328	6.595
C	2.248	2.677	1.969	0.910	0.422	0.747	11.820	3.467	1.718	3.323
Al	0.407	1.550	1.271	0.461	0.493	0.425	1.002	2.583	2.078	2.367
Ti	0.014	0.069	0.000	0.086	0.106	0.089	0.057	0.156	0.165	0.089
Zr	1.530	0.600	1.692	1.479	1.786	1.151	0.797	1.547	0.943	1.360
Nb	5.406			4.549	4.067	3.933	2.937	2.318	3.882	2.568
Fe3	0.152	0.334	1.003	1.458	1.559	2.618				
Tetra	12.00	12.000	12.000	12.000	12.000	12.00				
Fe2	1.642	1.877	1.623	1.489	1.415	1.785	0.530	1.309	1.362	1.456
Mg	1.085	3.922	3.140	0.889	1.004	0.722	1.074	2.103	2.006	2.200
Ca	0.915	0.359	0.501	0.618	0.619	0.884	2.675	1.256	1.367	0.909
Sr	0.454	0.391	0.507	0.584	0.558	0.767	0.282	0.377	0.448	0.262
Sc	0.012	0.062	0.079	0.097	0.113	0.157	0.017	0.054	0.035	0.000
Co	0.032	0.092	0.077	0.090	0.105	0.095	0.010	0.057	0.015	0.028
Ni	0.000	0.048	0.052	0.089	0.072	0.108	0.007	0.055	0.021	0.040
Y	0.929	0.518	0.696	1.082	1.146	1.053	0.417	0.425	0.458	0.536
Nb		2.967	2.320							
Octa	5.068	10.237	8.995	4.937	5.033	5.571				
Na	0.070	0.160	0.147	0.042	0.018	0.024	0.226	0.397	0.398	0.328
K	0.055	0.130	0.140	0.231	0.280	0.194	0.083	0.287	0.266	0.165
Na+K	0.125	0.290	0.287	0.272	0.298	0.218				
F	0.042	0.000	0.339	0.108	0.022	0.000	0.649	0.523	0.621	0.579
Cl	0.015	0.079	0.091	0.093	0.116	0.121	0.000	0.051	0.039	0.049

zr	21.91	5.80	16.10	22.30	26.50	14.68	7.77	14.17	9.85	13.14
ilru	37.00	14.29	11.05	41.93	44.01	49.80	7.40	13.04	20.18	12.40
mt	1.54	2.46	1.48	0.70	0.92	0.40			0.32	0.45
ap		0.22	0.37		0.35	0.30				0.40
anh	0.22	0.60	0.44	0.70	0.92		0.15	0.14	0.48	0.15
caf2			2.44	1.28	0.23		4.71	3.61	4.84	
kf	6.00									
kcl	2.00	0.74	0.89	1.39	1.61	1.59		0.43	0.48	0.45
cc	12.78	2.38	2.22	7.90	6.22	9.52		25.71	8.65	10.01
mgco3								10.31	19.28	7.91
feco3									5.08	2.54
conisrco3	7.49	5.21	6.50	5.81			3.44	3.83		2.54
y2co3	9.80	5.95	7.83							
a2co3		9.15	0.52							16.82
sico3										16.29
na2co3										1.72
k2co3										0.60
ol			8.64							
hy		37.65	29.54			15.08		2.83	17.27	4.93
sil	3.52	4.24	7.53	5.23	0.69	0.89		13.32	11.38	13.89
or		1.12	1.11	5.23	6.34	2.48		5.67	5.65	2.99
ab	2.75	3.72	3.32	1.74	0.58	0.99		9.21	10.49	7.84
an					4.61	3.47				
qz	2.20	6.47		5.81	7.03	0.79		5.81	7.03	11.65

variations have slight deviation from a normal trend. Rittmann's [6] norm calculated for oxides of EDAX spot analyses (Table 1 and 2) show that sample 1 contains both extremely silica undersaturated and silica saturated minerals co-exist together. But absence of the above foidal minerals in thin section might have been [2, 10] due enrichment of volatile constituents (H₂O, CO₂). The presence of bluish-green katophorite and biotite bears evidence for absence of foidal minerals in thin sections.

6. CONCLUSIONS

Volume proportions plagioclase and orthoclase insignificantly vary in this lamprophyre place to place within the rock due to original abundance of plagioclase and subsequent effect of its post potash metasomatism in this rock by sequential emplacements of Na-K enriched alkali syenite series within two adjacent structural basins [4]. The SW basin is composed of ultrapotassic (1) rocks. The source of extreme potassic constituents might have derived from mantle source. At extreme magmatic differentiation ultrapotassic syenites are emplaced in the basin as melanite-ultrapotassic syenites [4]. During the course of sequential emplacements of syenites, release of alkali constituents and volatiles [10] are metasomatised spessartite into vogesite with depletion of plagioclase.

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