

Characterization of microgranular enclaves of Hyderabad batholith, Eastern Dharwar Craton, India.

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Abstract

Microgranular enclaves (ME) in Neoproterozoic granites of Hyderabad Batholith, Eastern Dharwar Craton (EDC) studied for their field relationships, petrographic and geochemical characteristics and evaluated their petrogenesis. The ME are fine grained, melanocratic to mesocratic, phenocryst free enclaves with rounded, sub-rounded, elongated shapes with various sizes. The sharp to gradational contact with wisp tails and transitional diffuse boundaries evidences that ME magma had interacted with the host granite during the crystallization suggesting liquid-liquid interaction. MEs grading into schlieren may be related to chaotic dynamics involving mafic and silicic magmas whose viscosities are close to each other. The occurrence of syn-plutonic mafic dykes with near completely mixed zone, cusped contact, and magmatic flow textures, suggest the coeval emplacement of felsic and mafic end-member magmas. Whole-rock geochemical data indicates MEs have low SiO₂ and high total alkalis, high MgO, Al₂O₃, Fe₂O₃, CaO and Na₂O contents with enriched compatible elements, relatively high Ni, Cr, and Co. MEs are calc-alkaline, metaluminous occupying in the field of trachyandesite-basaltic trachyandesite-basaltic andesite to basaltic field. In the chondrite-normalized REE patterns, MEs are indistinguishable with highly enriched LREE and depleted HREE patterns and negative Eu anomalies.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Microgranular Enclaves (ME) are most important diagnostic rock fragments enclosed in many granitoids. They occur in host rock because of different magmatic processes and provide significant insight into the understanding of operative physical and chemical processes during evolution of granite magmatic systems (Kumar et al., 2020; Kumar, 2020; Kumar et al., 2017a; Clemens et al. 2016; Kumar 1995, 2010, 2014; Kumar et al. 2004; Kumar & Rino 2006; Perugini et al. 2007; Didier & Barbarin, 1991; Vernon, 1984; Wiebe, 1994; Didier, 1973). ME provides vital clues on evolution of granitic magmas and the dynamics of magma chamber processes. Mafic magmatic enclaves (MME) are more mafic than their host rocks occur as products of uncompleted mixing between coeval mafic and felsic magmas and provide much insight in understanding the magma chamber processes, chemical diversity and accretionary history of calc-alkaline batholiths.

Archean cratons all over the world contains voluminous Tonalite-Trondhjemite-Granodiorite, calc-alkaline to potassic plutons (Jayananda et al., 2014). Neoproterozoic granites of EDC are encompassing most of the craton with a sparse remnant of older TTG rocks. The EDC formation, its reworking and tectonomagmatic processes are explained through plume-arc accretion and cratonization (Manikyamba et al. 2004a, b, 2009; Smithies et al. 2009; Manikyamba and Kerrich 2012; Barnes and Van Kranendonk 2014). The calc-alkaline to potassic plutons are the most voluminous lithologies in the EDC and form a wide window for magma chamber processes at different crustal levels (Jayananda et al., 2014). The genesis of granitic batholiths are highly debatable in terms of melt accumulation, source, hybridization, metasomatism and tectonic emplacement. As per Huppert and Sparks (1988) the lower crustal remelting of thick older TTG gneisses is responsible for the growth of granitic batholiths through assimilation and fractional crystallization, which are the dominant magmatic processes for which the basaltic magmatism acted as a heat source.

The Hyderabad Granite Batholith (HGB) in the northeastern part of EDC is a vast granitic terrain is a combination of a variety of granitoids such as aplites, granites, granodiorites, monzogranites, syenogranites, alaskites, etc. (Pahari et al. 2020; Narshimha et al. 2020; Pahari et al. 2019; Anjaneyulu et al. 2019; Praveen et al. 2018). Jayananda et al. (2014), Shukla and Ram Mohan (2019) studied the Neoproterozoic granites and associated MME from the Nalgonda region and suggested magma mixing processes in the genesis of the host granite with differences in the degree of dilution of mafic magma and diffusive fractionation processes in a subduction zone environment. Present study deals with the detailed field relationships, petrography and geochemical characteristics of ME occurring in Hyderabad granites of HGB, Eastern Dharwar Craton in order to understand the genesis and their role in the evolution of Hyderabad Batholith.

II. REGIONAL GEOLOGY

The Dharwar Craton (DC) is one of the large and oldest cratons in peninsular India, bounded by Eastern Ghats Granulite Belt (EGGB) in the east, Southern Granulite Terrain in the south and Proterozoic platform basins in the north (Ramakrishnan and Swaminath 1981). DC has prolonged evolution history from 3.6 to 2.5 billion years (Chardon et al., 2011). The craton consists of Tonalite-Trondhjemite Granodiorite (TTG) gneisses also called as peninsular gneisses, older Sargur greenstones, younger Dharwars and 3.0 to 2.5 Ga felsic plutonic rocks with calc-alkaline to potassium rich nature. DC can be divided into Eastern Dharwar Craton (EDC) and Western Dharwar Craton (WDC) by the mylonitic shear zone that is adjacent to the Chitradurga belt. This division is based on mainly thickness of the craton, composed rocks and structural features (Swaminath et al., 1976; Chadwick 2000; Chardon et al., 2008, 2011; Jayananda et al., 2006; Manikyamba et al. 2017).

The EDC comprises Neoproterozoic greenstone belts, TTG gneisses, transitional TTGs, high Mg granitoids and 2.5 Ga younger potassic anatectic granites with sporadic occurrence of the older peninsular gneisses (Balakrishnan et al. 1999; Krogstad et al. 1991; Peucat et al. 1993; Jayananda et al. 1995, 2000; Chadwick et al. 2000; Sarvothaman 2001; Moyen et al. 2001, 2003; Chardon and Jayananda 2008; Dey et al. 2014; Nandy et al. 2019). The granitoid magmatism in the northwestern part of the EDC initiated at 2.68 Ga with gneissic granodiorites of intermediate composition between sanukitoid and TTG. This was followed by intrusion of 2.5 Ga transitional TTGs. The sanukitoid to Closepet type magmatism with the intrusion of K-rich leucogranites mark the cratonization at 2.53–2.52 Ga.

The granites from Hyderabad region are confined to Precambrian younger gneissic complex in the northeastern part of eastern Dharwar Craton, bounded by Karimnagar granulite belt and Godavari Graben in the northeast, Proterozoic Cuddapah basin in the south and Deccan Traps in the northwest (Figure 1a&b). The Gadwal, Peddavuru, Ghanapur, Yerraballi greenstone belts and sedimentary rocks of Mulugu sub-basin of Pakhal Supergroup are located alongside of the Hyderabad batholith. This composite batholith has discrete root extending to a depth of more than 10 km covering an area of 10000 km², consisting of several criss-cross major and minor lineaments, pre-existing faults which are responsible for vertical adjustments and Neotectonic activity (Pandey et al. 2002; Singh et al. 2004). ENE–WSW and NNW–SSE maBc dykes are widespread throughout this batholith (Murthy 1995; Radhakrishna et al. 2004)

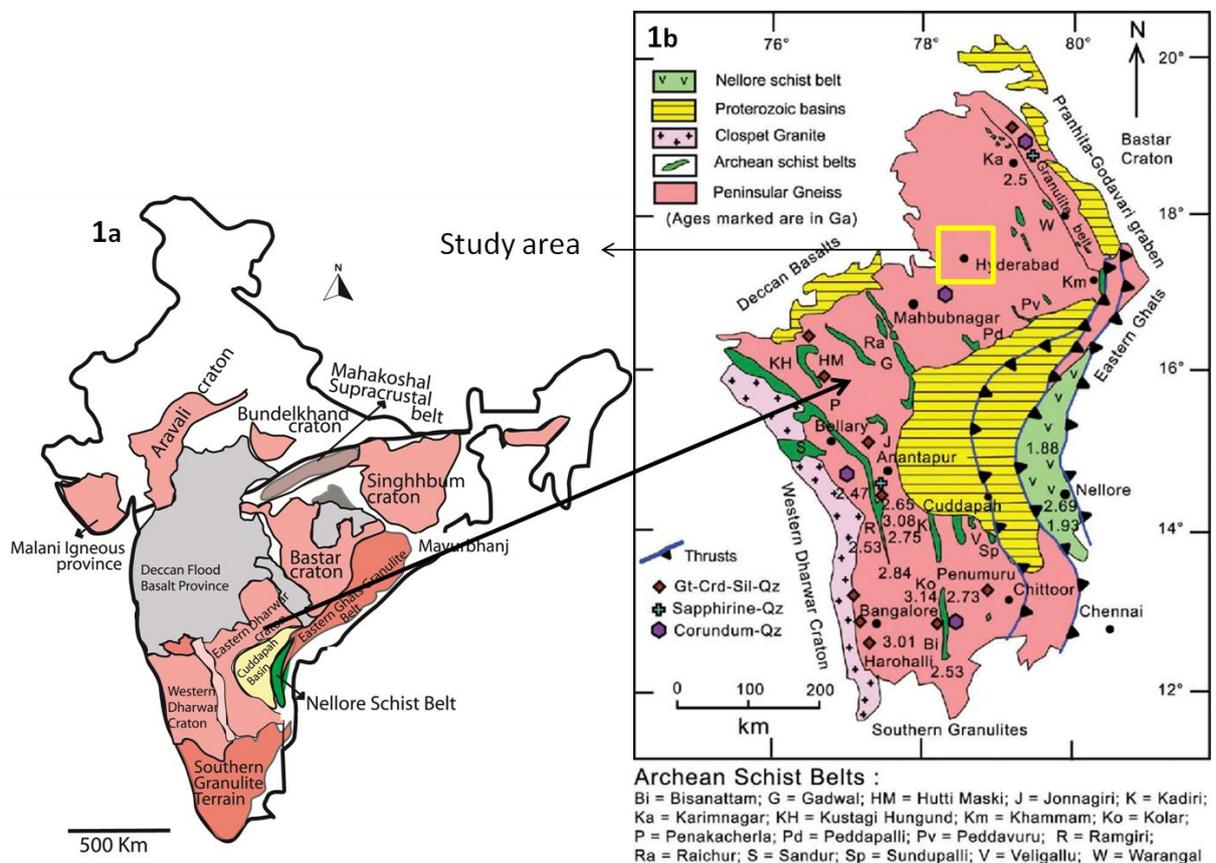


Fig.1 Geological map of the Eastern Dharwar Craton showing the distribution of various litho units (after Naqvi and Rogers, 1987).

III. FIELD RELATIONSHIPS AND PETROGRAPHY

Microgranular enclaves in HGB exposed around the Hyderabad city are investigated for this study. The host Granitic rocks are generally massive, medium to coarse grained, equigranular to inequigranular, K-feldspar rich pink to plagioclase rich grey type rock with wide textural variations. These rocks show occasionally foliated features. These granite rocks show wide range of color index from leucocratic to light light grey to grayish pink and some biotite rich rocks are mesocratic in color. The petrographic study of these rocks exhibits equigranular and hypidiomorphic granular texture. The rocks in the study area are classified as syenogranite, monzogranite and granodiorite based on the modal % of quartz, alkali feldspar and plagioclase.

The MEs are melanocratic and mesocratic, fine-grained, equigranular, phenocryst free enclaves with rounded, sub-rounded, elongated shapes with various sizes. Field observations suggest that numerous melanocratic disintegrated syn- plutonic mafic dyke with varied widths are found within the granite (Fig. 2a). The abundant occurrence of MEs in vicinity to the synplutonic dyke is a unique feature in these granites. The sharp to gradational contact with wisp tails and transitional diffuse boundaries evidences that ME magma had interacted with the host granite during the crystallization suggesting liquid– liquid interaction (Fig. 2b&c). The extent of mixing is variable, partially mixed and near completely mixed within the host granite.

The MEs are mechanically disintegrated and due fragmented to the intrusion of crystallizing and partly crystallizing felsic magma (Fig. 3a). Subrounded ME mechanically diluting is resulting in spindle structure defines movement of mafic magma within the felsic magma to make interlining contact with host felsic magma (Fig. 3 b&c). Progressive mechanical disaggregation, giving rise the enclaves grading to schlieren of mafic rich composition (Fig. d). These features may be related to chaotic dynamics involving mafic and silicic magmas whose viscosities are close to each other (Barbey et al. 2008; Poli and Perugini, 2002).

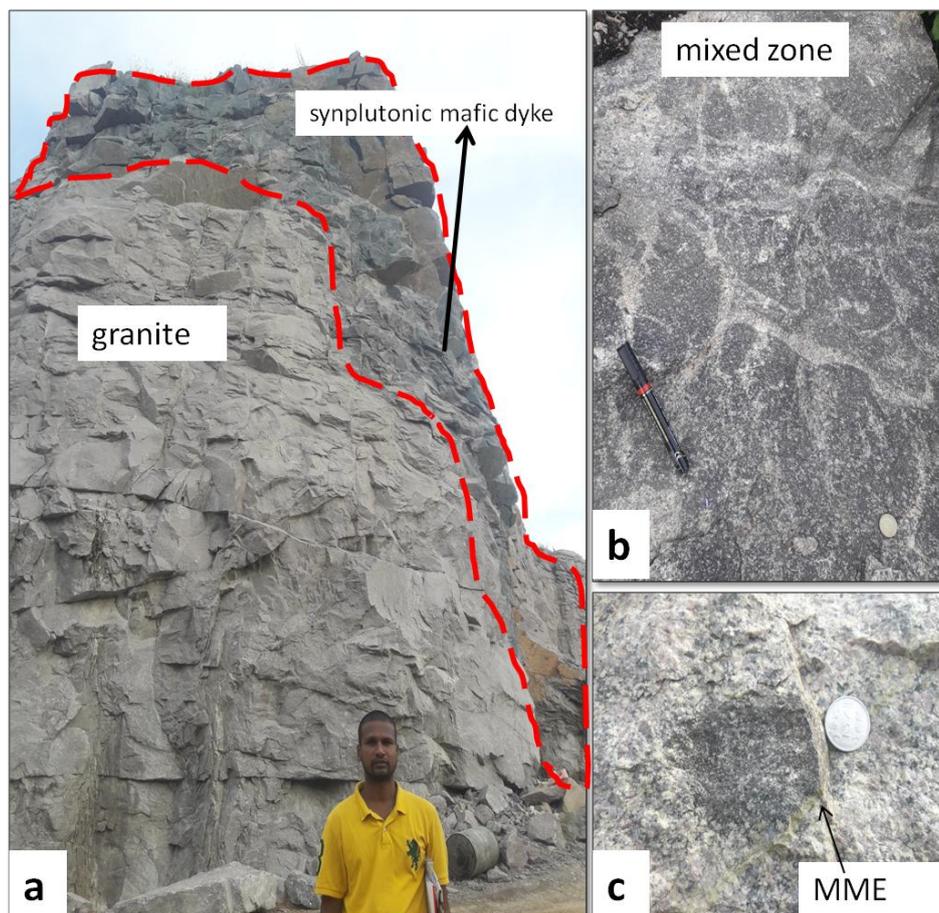


Fig. 2 a) Field photographs illustrating the syn-plutonic mafic dyke within the HGB, b) Depicting near completely mixed zone within the host rock, c) Rounded microgranular enclave within the host rock.

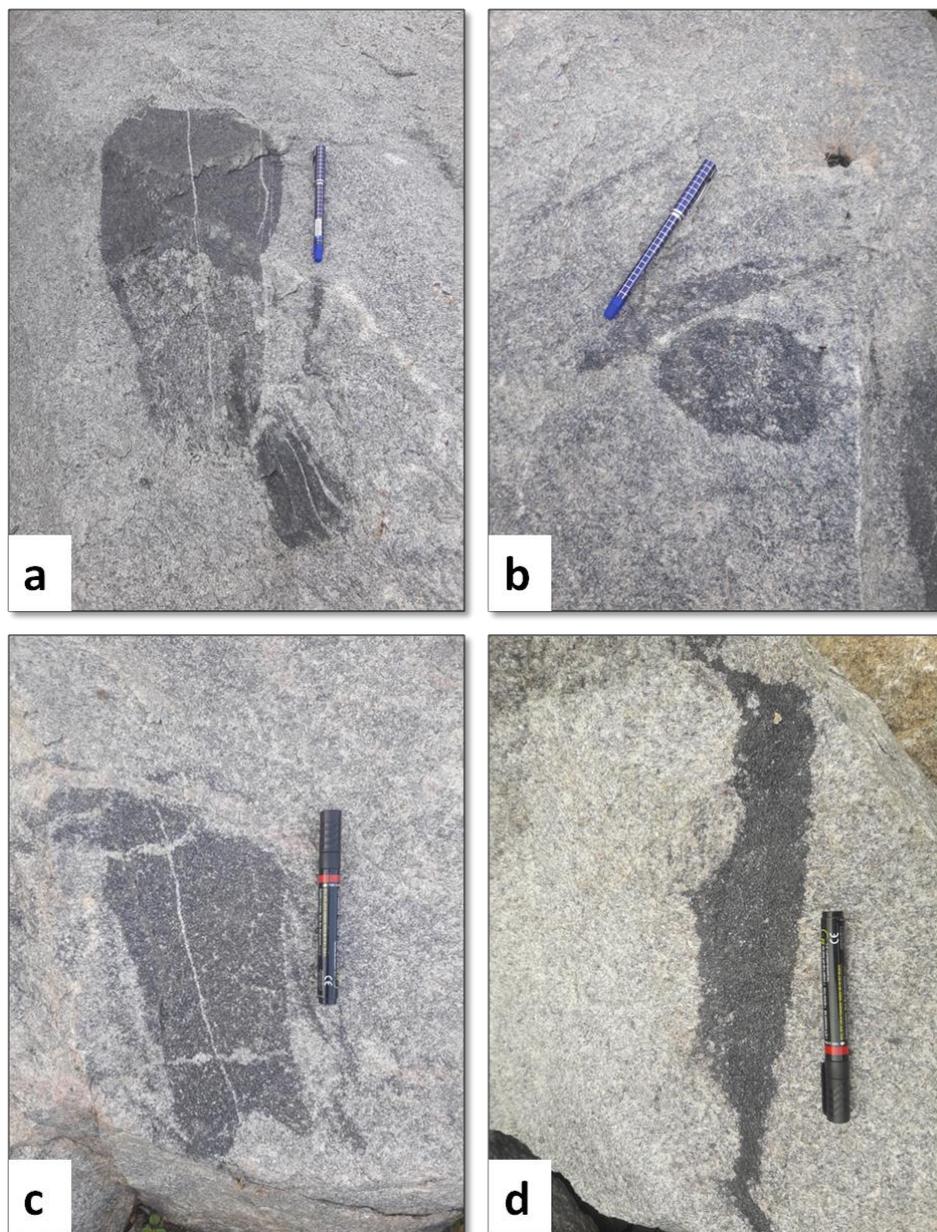


Fig. 3 a) Fine grained mafic microgranular enclave scattered within the host granite, b) ME shows diffused boundary, c) Mafic elongated MEs globule got disintegrated due to intrusion of crystallizing felsic host magma, d) ME grading into biotite schlieren indicates syntagmatic shear zones or disrupted synplutonic dykes.

Petrographically MEs composed mainly of biotite, plagioclase, quartz, orthoclase and amphibole minerals. The accessory minerals are mainly apatite, titanite, zircon and opaques. Biotite is dominating mineral phase and their preferred orientation in ME, defining the flow direction of magma (Fig. 4a). Plagioclase coarse to fine with lammelar twinning occasionally shows dusty appearance and show resorption rim an evidence of disequilibrium result of mixing processes (Fig. 4b). The perthitic and myrmekite intergrowth textures show the sub-solidus recrystallization of feldspars (Fig. 4c). Altered plagioclase and K-feldspar, fine grained clusters of quartz and mafic minerals with nearly rounded grains and opaques with titanite rim are common features (Fig. 4d,e,f,g&h). Titanite corona around opaques (ilmenite?) in ME supports their chemical hybridization with host granite (Nakada, 1991).

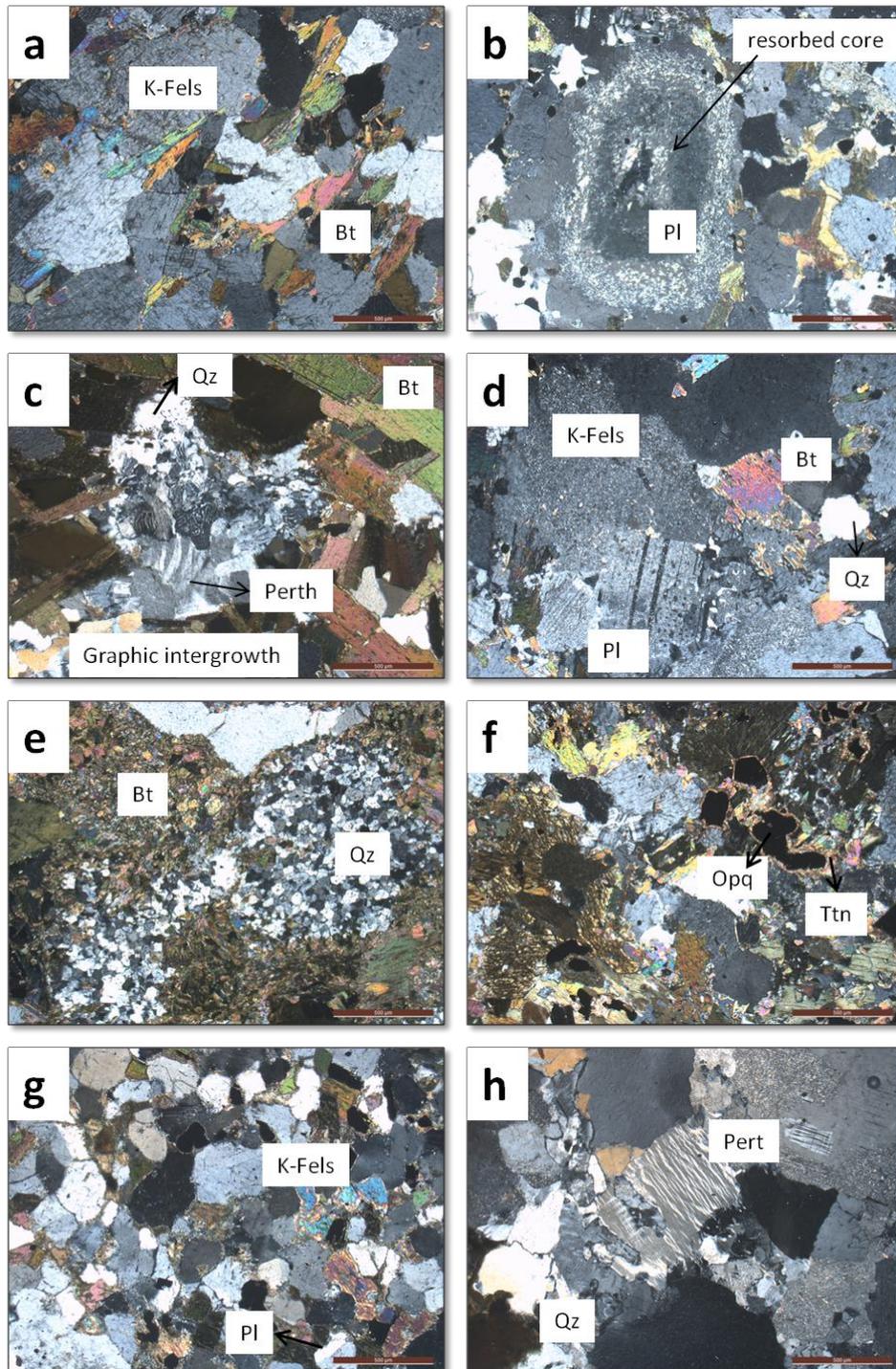


Fig. 4a) Photomicrographs illustrating the preferred orientation of mafic minerals in ME, defining the flow direction,, b) Plagioclase within ME showing a resorption rim an evidence of disequilibrium, c) Graphic intergrowth of alkali feldspar and quartz in ME, d) Altered K-feldspar and plagioclase with biotite inclusions, e) Quartz and biotite clusters within ME, f) Fine grained titanite corona around opaques, g) K-feldspar, quartz, plagioclase and biotite minerals in ME with nearly rounded grains, h) Intergrowth of perthite.

IV. GEOCHEMISTRY

A total of 21 ME samples collected from the HGB. Whole rock geochemistry includes major, minor and trace element abundances were determined by XRF and HR-ICP-MS Lab, Geochemistry Division, CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute, NGRI Hyderabad. The geochemical data of representative samples were presented in Table 1.

ME have low silica content ranging from 45.42 to 53.58 wt.% with an average 50.58 wt%, high MgO from 2.48 to 10.74 wt%. with an average 7.54 wt%. and CaO is ranging from 3.6 to 7.06 with an average 5.83. The ME are characterized by high total alkalis (average 9.02 wt%) and moderate to high aluminium content (9.10–13.08 wt.% with an average of 11.41wt%). Fe₂O₃ content ranges from 11.02 wt% to 12.99 wt% with an average is 12.30 wt%. Generally the MEs are enriched in compatible elements like CaO, MgO and Fe₂O₃. In the Harker diagrams, MEs show linear trends, with decreasing MgO, K₂O, Al₂O₃, TiO₂, P₂O₅, A/CNK, Y, Zr, La and Ce and increasing Na₂O, CaO, FeO, Cr, and Ba relative to SiO₂ (Fig. 5 - 6).

Trace element geochemistry indicates that the ME consists of relatively high Ni (26 to 490 ppm), Cr (73 to 1602 ppm), and Co (5.8 to 62.6 ppm). The high field strength element contents in ME show moderate abundances. Total-alkali silica (TAS) diagram (Le Maitre, 2002) evidences that ME are alkaline occupying in the field of trachyandesite-basaltic trachyandesite-basaltic andesite to basaltic field (Fig. 7a). The A (Na₂O+K₂O, F (Fe^T) M (MgO) plot after Irvine & Baragar (1971) shows the calc-alkaline affinity of the MEs (7b). MEs in the alumina saturation diagram (Shand, 1943) fall in the metaluminous field, while a few samples fall close to the boundary of peralkaline field (Fig. 7c). In the chondrite-normalized REE patterns, ME are indistinguishable with highly enriched LREE and depleted HREE patterns and negative Eu anomalies (Fig. 8a). Primitive mantle normalized (normalizing values after Sun and McDonough, 1989) multielement diagram (Fig. 8b) of the ME shows prominent negative anomalies in Ba, Nb, Sr, P, Zr, Eu, and Ti, while Th, U, Ce, Pr, Nb, Sm, Dy, Y, and Nd show positive anomalies.

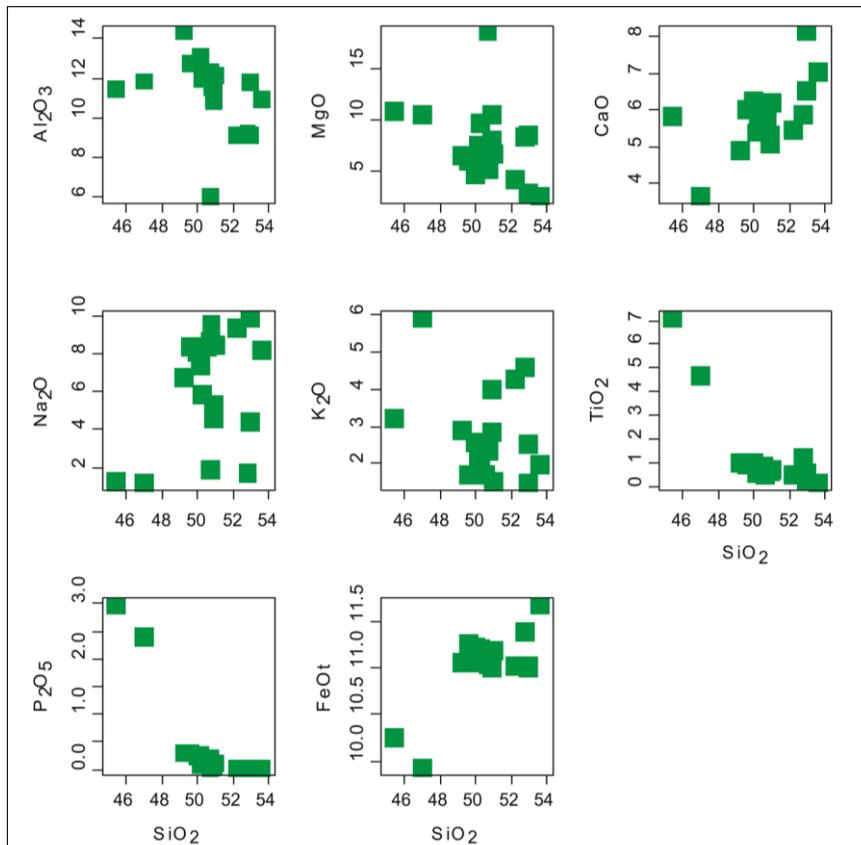


Fig.5. Plots of SiO₂ versus major oxides variation diagram of MEs show different trends

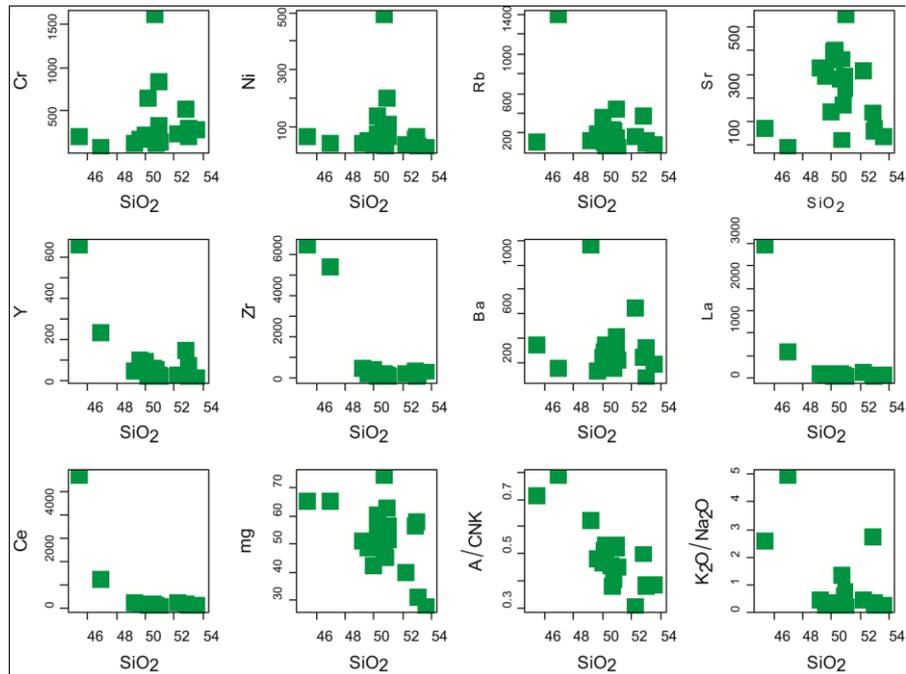


Fig.6. Plots of SiO₂ (wt%) versus Trace elements (ppm) variation diagram of MEs show different trends.

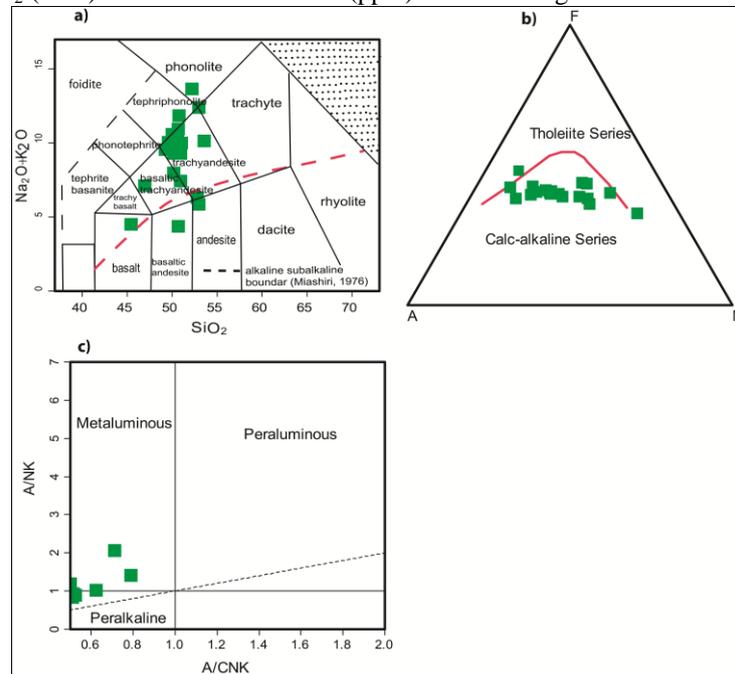


Fig.7. a) Total-alkali (Na₂O+K₂O wt.%) vs. SiO₂ (TAS) diagram (Le Maitre, 2002) wherein ME samples are occupies in the field of trachyandesite-basaltic trachyandesite-basaltic andesite to basalt, b) AFM diagram for ME shows their calc-alkaline nature, c) Alumina saturation index diagram A/NK vs. A/CNK (Shand, 1947; Maniar and Piccoli, 1989) for ME.

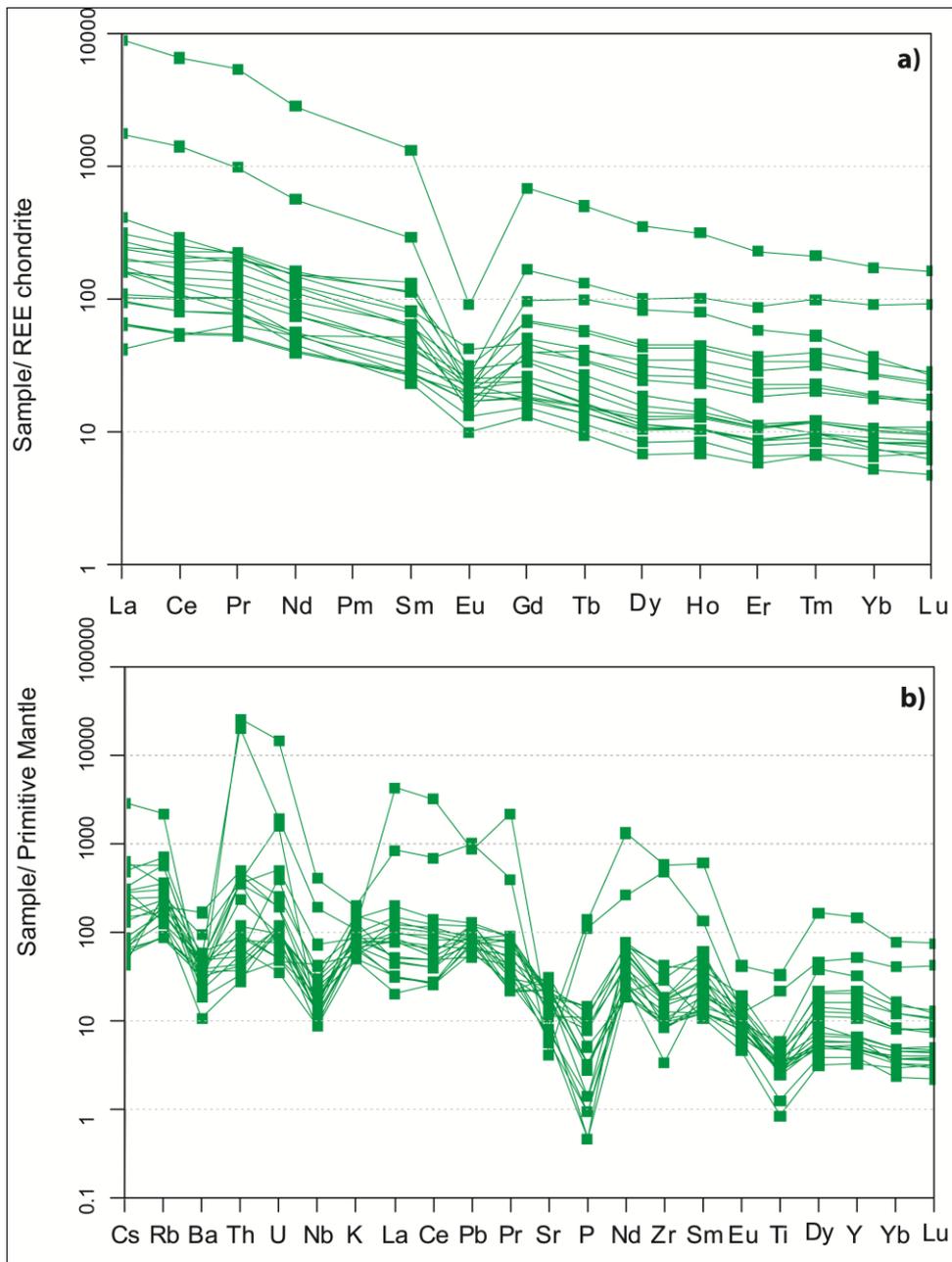


Fig.8. a) Chondrite-normalized REE patterns and b) primitive mantle normalized (values after Sun and Mc Donough,1989) multi element diagrams of MEs.

V. CONCLUSIONS

Microgranular Enclaves of Hyderabad granites are fine grained, meso-melanocratic with igneous textures formed in rounded, sub-rounded, elongated shapes and various sizes. Field and textural features evidences that ME magma had interacted with the host granite during the crystallization suggesting liquid-liquid interaction. The two end members of mafic (ME) and silicic (host) magma viscosities are likely close to each other. The occurrence of syn- plutonic mafic dykes with near completely mixed zone, cusplate contact, and magmatic flow textures, suggest the coeval emplacement of ME and host granite. Geochemically, MEs are calc-alkaline, metaluminous occupying in the field of trachyandesite-basaltic trachyandesite-basaltic andesite to basaltic field. It appears that coeval basaltic magmas intruded into crystallizing granite magma. Chemical mixing between two magma end-members in various proportions probably produced the MEs in Hyderabad granite batholith.

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Major elements (Wt %)																						
	5	5	5		5	5	5	5	5		4	5		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
	45	2.	2.	2.	49	2.	0.	0.	3.	0.	46	9.	0.	50	0.	0.	0.	0.	1.	0.	0.	0.
SiO	.4	8	2	9	.2	9	9	7	5	0	.9	6	9	.6	2	7	1	5	0	1	2	2
2	2	2	1	9	1	7	4	7	8	0	6	0	2	8	3	3	4	8	1	9	2	2
				1			1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Al2	11	9.	9.	1.	14	9.	1.	1.	0.	2.	11	2.	0.		1.	2.	2.	2.	2.	3.	1.	1.
O3	.4	1	1	7	.3	1	6	4	9	7	.8	7	8	6.	9	3	7	3	1	0	9	9
O3	6	9	0	6	3	4	6	9	1	1	3	2	0	01	4	2	8	1	3	8	3	3
		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fe2	11	2.	2.	2.	12	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	11	2.	2.	12	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.
O3	.4	6	2	2	.2	2	2	2	9	4	.0	5	3	.4	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	4
O3	0	6	5	6	9	3	3	7	9	8	2	2	9	2	5	0	2	9	3	0	6	6
		0.	0.	0.		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.		0.	0.		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Mn	0.	2	0	0	0.	3	2	1	1	1	0.	2	2	0.	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1
O	26	0	8	4	17	2	3	9	1	5	42	1	1	26	9	2	6	9	3	4	9	9
	10	8.	4.	2.		8.	8.	5.	2.	4.	10	5.	1	18	9.	5.	6.	6.	6.	7.	9.	9.
Mg	.7	2	0	7	6.	4	0	1	4	6	.4	9	0.	.5	5	3	5	7	6	4	5	5
O	4	3	7	9	52	5	3	0	8	0	2	9	5	3	5	4	2	0	6	4	6	6

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	4	9	1	0		2	2	5	5	5		7	6		4	4	9	3	8	4	6
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		2	1			1		1		2		2					1	1			
	26	6.	2.	5.	16	0.	7.	3.	4.	2.	58	2.	9.		6.	8.	2.	6.	5.	5.	5.
	9.	8	8	3	.6	4	0	1	7	5	.9	8	3	8.	2	9	6	0	3	6	4
Sm	39	9	5	3	6	1	6	5	2	8	4	2	8	48	0	4	0	6	2	4	5
		1.	1.	1.		1.	1.	1.	0.	2.		1.	1.		1.	1.	2.	1.	1.	1.	1.
	6.	5	5	0	3.	2	5	0	7	4	2.	8	9	1.	7	6	2	6	4	3	2
Eu	97	4	7	1	24	8	0	7	6	0	06	1	1	79	3	2	6	7	8	0	9
		2				1		1		1		1									
	18	6.	9.	4.	12	1.	5.	1.	3.	8.	45	9.	7.		4.	6.	9.	3.	4.	5.	4.
	9.	6	6	1	.7	0	4	2	5	5	.7	0	1	6.	8	5	2	7	6	0	8
Gd	76	8	9	6	6	1	3	0	9	2	7	2	9	50	5	3	3	9	0	6	6
	23	4.	1.	0.		1.	0.	1.	0.	2.		2.	0.		0.	0.	1.	1.	0.	0.	0.
	.6	6	2	5	1.	8	7	6	4	6	6.	7	9	0.	6	7	0	9	6	7	7
Tb	3	4	5	3	60	8	1	2	4	5	18	4	2	78	5	6	6	3	4	4	2
		2				1				1		1									
	12	8.	6.	2.		1.	3.	9.	2.	4.	34	5.	4.		3.	3.	5.	0.	3.	4.	4.
	0.	3	3	8	8.	9	7	1	3	8	.2	5	8	3.	5	8	3	5	6	4	2
Dy	99	5	8	6	34	0	3	0	1	3	3	4	2	89	4	4	3	4	1	0	1
	22	5.	1.	0.		2.	0.	1.	0.	2.		3.	0.		0.	0.	0.	2.	0.	0.	0.
	.0	5	1	5	1.	4	7	8	4	9	7.	1	9	0.	7	7	9	0	7	9	8
Ho	0	4	3	9	59	3	3	1	8	5	11	1	4	73	3	2	9	3	3	1	9
		1																			
	51	3.	2.	1.		6.	1.	4.	1.	7.	19	8.	2.		1.	1.	2.	5.	1.	2.	2.
	.5	1	5	4	4.	4	9	7	2	5	.5	2	4	1.	9	9	5	1	9	4	3
Er	9	0	3	7	09	6	3	4	9	1	5	5	2	78	0	2	3	3	5	3	8
		1.	0.	0.		0.	0.	0.	0.	1.		1.	0.		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	6.	5	2	2	0.	9	2	6	2	0	2.	1	3	0.	2	2	3	6	2	3	3
Tm	36	8	9	0	60	4	9	5	0	2	97	7	6	25	9	7	6	8	9	5	5
	38	8.	1.	1.		6.	1.	4.	1.	5.	19	7.	2.		1.	1.	2.	4.	1.	2.	2.
	.1	0	6	1	3.	0	8	0	4	8	.9	1	3	1.	8	8	3	0	9	2	2
Yb	2	0	3	4	92	1	2	1	2	9	1	4	5	60	0	1	5	8	5	5	0
		0.	0.	0.		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.		0.	0.		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	5.	9	2	1	0.	8	2	5	2	7	3.	9	3	0.	2	2	3	5	2	3	3
Lu	51	1	1	6	59	1	6	4	3	6	10	6	4	23	7	8	7	7	9	3	2
	15	8.	4.	4.	10	1.	2.	2.	7.	9.	13	4.	4.		2.	4.	4.	5.	2.	2.	2.
	0.	0	7	0	.4	4	2	5	8	6	0.	8	1	3.	4	4	7	1	6	9	7
Hf	71	9	1	0	8	1	9	5	8	7	80	6	0	01	0	6	1	3	3	4	9
		0.	0.	0.		1.	0.	0.	0.	4.	18	1.	0.		0.	0.	1.	1.	0.	0.	0.
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Ta	09	4	6	7	22	6	8	8	5	4	3	9	3	84	9	4	0	4	2	4	8
	61	5.	8.	8.		4.	9.	4.	6.	6.	71	5.	5.		5.	6.	5.	6.	5.	6.	5.
	.1	7	9	8	8.	2	1	5	5	1	.9	1	1	3.	9	3	8	5	5	6	2
Pb	4	0	3	0	15	3	1	6	8	5	9	9	2	73	9	4	8	1	4	5	3
	17	1	3	3					3	3	21						1	2			
	20	9.	1.	8.	42	2.	4.	4.	1.	0.	91	2.	7.		5.	8.	0.	9.	3.	3.	3.
	.1	6	2	3	.3	3	5	6	9	4	.3	7	4	6.	5	1	0	9	5	6	1
Th	1	9	8	7	1	7	6	2	4	5	2	8	2	85	5	7	4	1	7	6	7
									3	1											
	40	2.	1.	4.		2.	2.	8.	3.	0.	31	0.	1.		0.	1.	1.	4.	1.	2.	2.
	.5	0	4	0	5.	2	3	2	7	6	2.	9	0	1.	7	0	9	0	9	4	2
U	4	0	6	1	34	3	5	8	0	0	57	9	7	61	4	7	9	4	4	9	8

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