

DIATEXITIC GNEISSES OF THE ANDRELÂNDIA GROUP, SOUTHERN MINAS GERAIS, BRAZIL: GEOLOGICAL AND GEOCHEMICAL CONSTRAINTS

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ABSTRACT The basal unit of the Andrelândia Group underwent barrovian metamorphism that formed stromatic biotite metatextitic gneiss grading to (garnet)-biotite-muscovite granitic diatextitic leucogneiss. The anatectic trend culminated with the formation of late- to post-tectonic (garnet)-(tourmaline)-biotite-muscovite intrusive leucogranite. The diatextites are hololeucocratic to leucocratic rocks and vary from syenogranite to granodiorite with biotite, muscovite, epidote, allanite, zircon, apatite, sphene and rare monazite and garnet. The geochemical behavior points towards a peraluminous restrict calc-alkalic sequence (69% to 75% SiO₂), with discrete major and some trace elements content variations. The observed Ba, Sr, Y, Zr, and mainly REE-contents oscillations define three different groups. The accessory mineralogy of the diatextites is responsible for the discrimination of these groups.

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INTRODUCTION

This paper presents geological and geochemical data of migmatites from the Andrelândia Group, Ribeira Belt, south of Minas Gerais. A new mapped area (Pouso Alto IBGE chart, 1:50.000) (Junho & Monteiro, submitted) is added to the previous Alagoa and Liberdade maps of Silva *et al.* (1992), Junho (1995) and Almeida (1996). New geochemical data of diatextitic leucogneisses from Pouso Alto region are studied together with the migmatites from the Liberdade region.

GEOLOGICAL SETTING

In southern Minas Gerais, the basal unit of the Andrelândia Group (Fig. 1) consists of stromatic biotite gneiss metatextites grading to (garnet)-biotite-muscovite granitic leucogneiss showing several diatextitic structures. These rocks are related to the Ribeira Mobile Belt and result from anatectic events that occurred in metasedimentary rocks of the lower sequence of the Andrelândia Depositional Cycle, ADC, of Ribeiro *et al.* (1995), (Junho 1995).

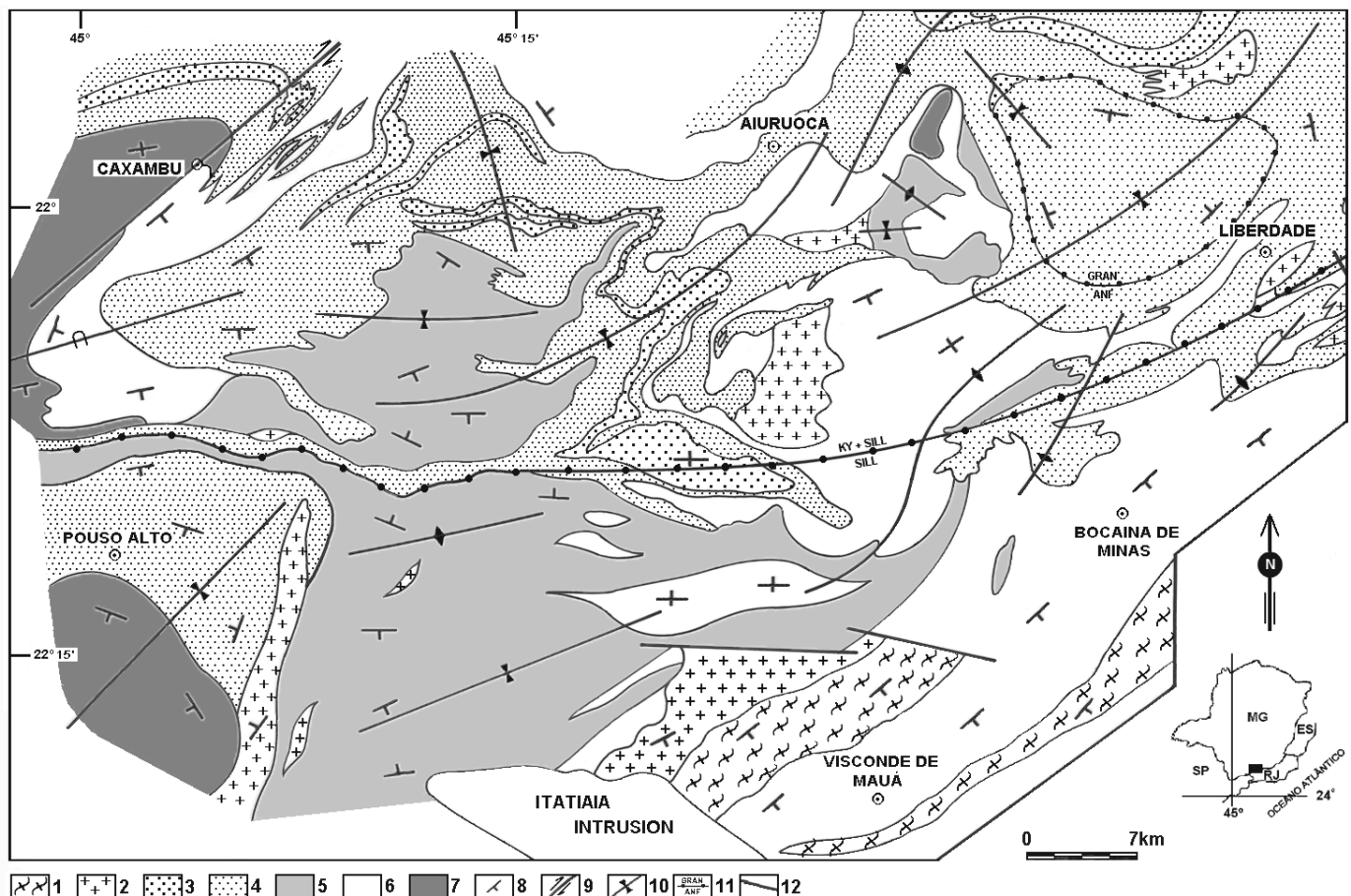


Figure 1 - Simplified geological map of the Liberdade and Pouso Alto region, southern Minas Gerais (modified from Bittar 1989, Silva *et al.* 1992, Junho 1995, Junho & Monteiro 1999). Legend: (1) Hornblende porphyritic I-type granite (2) (Garnet)-(tourmaline)-biotite-muscovite late to post-tectonic S-type leucogranite (3) Kyanite/sillimanite-garnet-biotite fine-grained tonalitic gneiss (4) Kyanite/sillimanite-garnet-biotite-muscovite schist, quartz schist, feldspathic quartzite, lenses of gondite and calcsilicate rocks, kyanite-garnet-Kfeldspar leucogneiss and kyanite-garnet-quartz-mica schist (5) (Garnet)-biotite-muscovite diatextitic leucogneiss (6) Biotite metatextitic stromatic gneiss (7) (Garnet)-(hornblende)-biotite gneiss near Caxambu and Pouso Alto (probable basement) and biotite orthogneiss near Aiuruoca (basement from Ribeiro *et al.* 1995) (8) D2 foliation (9) D2 shear zone (10) D3 axial trace (11) Isograds: kyanite + sillimanite / sillimanite (Silva *et al.* 1992) and granulite / amphibolite facies (Ribeiro *et al.* 1995) (12) Normal faults.

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Two deformation phases are recognized in the region (Dn and Dn+1), correlated to D2 and D3 of Ribeiro *et al.* (1995). The earliest formed the main foliation and tight folds that repeat and thicken the units. The last (D3) deformed the previous structures resulting in open folds with steep axial surfaces and SW plunging axes. A D3 shear zone, named Caxambu, occurs in the northwest portion of the area (Bittar 1989). In the northeast, D3 formed a dome-and-basin fold pattern. Towards the south and southeast, the deformation becomes stronger and locally transposes the D2 foliation.

Rocks of region underwent syn-D2 barrovian metamorphism, with increasing temperatures and medium pressure, of upper amphibolite facies. Two distinct areas, near Pouso Alto and Liberdade, expose granulites (kyanite - garnet leucogneiss and kyanite - garnet - mica schist), interpreted by Ribeiro *et al.* (1995) as a product of high-pressure metamorphism related to the Brasília Belt. (Garnet) - (hornblende) - biotite gneiss occurs in the west part of the area, overlying metasedimentary rocks, probably by thrust faults. Near Caxambu, Bittar (1989) interpreted a similar lithotype as basement.

The syn-D2 barrovian metamorphism culminated with the formation of migmatites and granites in the basal feldspathic metasedimentary rocks of the Andrelândia Group. The migmatites can be divided into two gradational domains: stromatic biotite gneiss with metatextitic textures and a (garnet) - muscovite - biotite leucogneiss with diatextitic textures. The diatextitic leucogneiss has concordant lenses of post-D2 (garnet) - (tourmaline) - biotite - muscovite fine grained equigranular leucogranite, which is also intrusive as small dykes and sills.

METATEXITES The metatextites have predominant stromatic structure and subordinated porphyroblastic, dictyonitic and schoellen textures, with centimetric to metric layers of leucosome, melanosome and mesosome.

The leucosome has color index less than 15%, tonalitic to granodioritic compositions, with quartz, microcline, plagioclase (An_{23-29}), muscovite, and minor biotite, garnet, and tourmaline in medium to fine-grained and pegmatitic textures. Melanosomes have more than 30% mafic minerals, biotite, and muscovite being the most abundant. Sillimanite, hornblende, plagioclase (An_{26-33}), and quartz occur in variable proportions and K-feldspar is absent. The mesosome is fine-grained equigranular biotite gneiss with mica foliation, slight banding, color index between 15 - 30% and tonalitic composition. It consists of quartz, poorly geminated microcline, plagioclase (An_{8-34}), biotite, and muscovite. It probably corresponds to slightly modified paleosome.

DIATEXITES The diatextites are hololeucocratic to leucocratic, fine to medium grained stromatic gneisses. Leucosomatic and mesosomatic layers of contrasting grain-size and color index mark the banded structure. Nebulitic and schlieren textures also occur. The leucosome presents an isotropic fabric and can reach a coarse-grained texture. The mesosome predominates over the leucosome. Its slight foliation is given by the orientation of the micas.

The diatextitic leucogneisses show compositional variation from syenogranite to granodiorite made up of quartz, plagioclase (An_{22-31}), microcline, biotite, muscovite, epidote, allanite, zircon, apatite, sphene and rare garnet, monazite and tourmaline. They have fine grained, inequigranular, lepidoblastic texture. A common feature is the aggregation of the mafic minerals. This planar structure can be disrupted due to the mobility of the leucosome.

GEOCHEMISTRY Whole-rock major and trace elements data, including REE, of metatextites and diatextites are in Tables 1 and 2. The analyses were carried out by XRF at Geolab Laboratory - GEOSOL, Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

The geochemistry of the migmatites points towards a peraluminous calc-alkalic sequence (69% to 75% SiO_2), with discrete variation of the major and some trace elements content. The diagrams of figures 2a and 2b show a clear migmatization trend from the metatextites to the diatextites. In the Shand diagram, most of the samples plot in the peraluminous field, as previously reported by Junho (1995) for these rocks in the neighboring Visconde de Mauá region. Such behavior and the presence of the normative corundum indicate a metasedimentary source. The AFM diagram (Fig. 2b) highlights the greater iron contents of the metatextites and the alkalic enrichment of the most evolved diatextites. In the R1-R2 diagram (Fig. 2c), the diatextites cluster in the syn-collision field. This agrees with the observed field

relations and the evolution of the Andrelândia Depositional Cycle (ADC from Ribeiro *et al.* 1995).

In the variation diagrams (Fig. 3), Fe_2O_3t was chosen as the differentiation index due to its large range. TiO_2 , P_2O_5 and MgO show a straight correlation with Fe_2O_3t , enhancing the migmatitic trend. In the Nb, Rb, P and Mg diagrams it can be observed an inflexion in the trend around 2.5% Fe_2O_3t . Different melting degrees of some minerals, such as apatite, biotite, and K-feldspar, during the anatexis process could explain this change (Cox *et al.* 1983, Rollinson 1993). In addition, an irregular supply of water will affect the melting of the source rock and consequently the behavior of these elements (Ashworth 1985, Watt & Harley 1993).

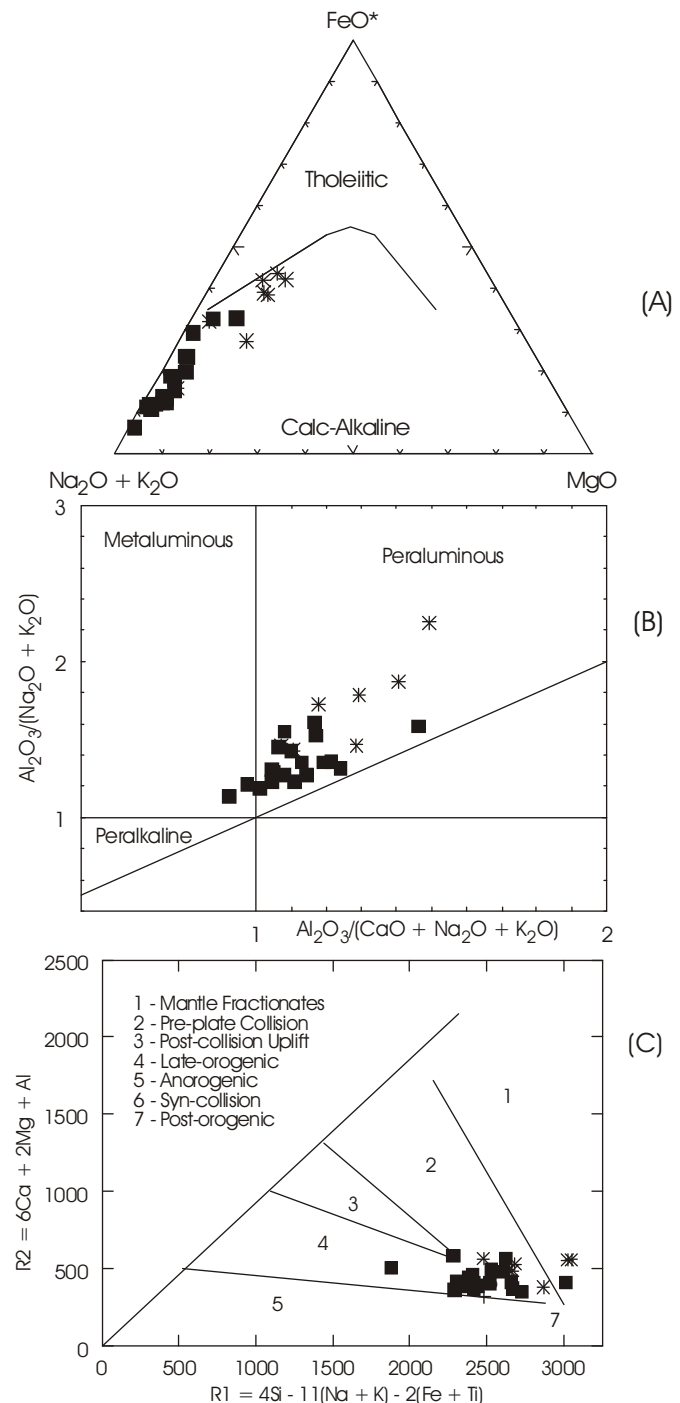


Figure 2 - (a) AFM diagram; (b) $Al_2O_3/(Na_2O + K_2O) \times Al_2O_3/(CaO + Na_2O + K_2O)$ diagram; (c) R1 x R2 diagram for the diatextites (filled square) and metatextites (asterisk) from Andrelândia Group, southern Minas Gerais.

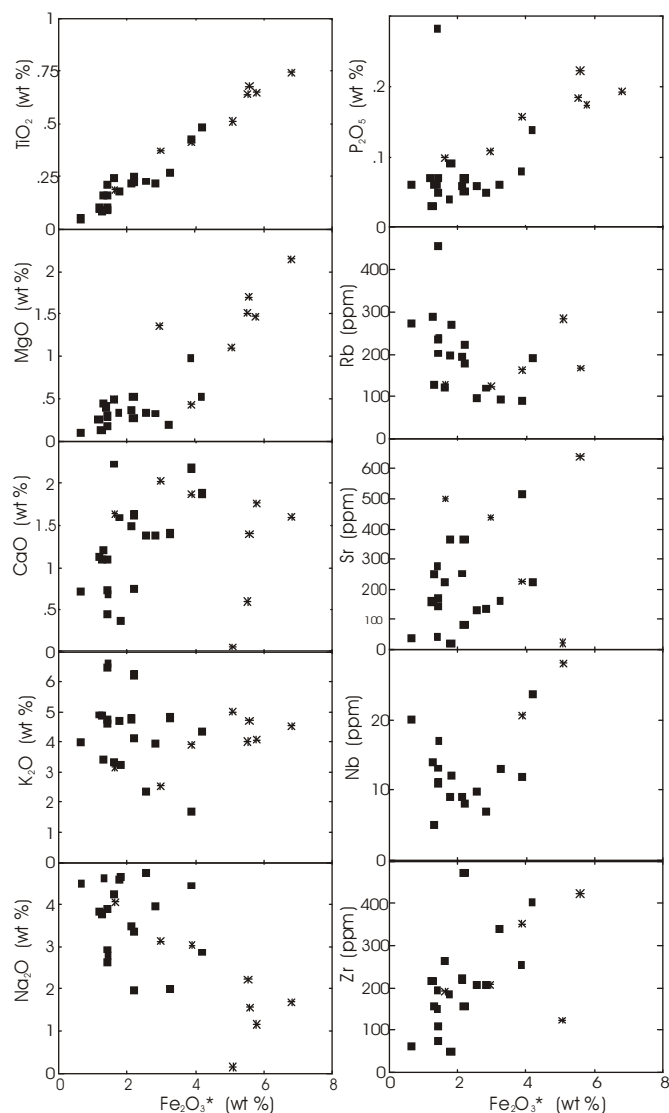


Figure 3 - Variation diagrams for the diatexites (filled square) and metatexites (asterisk) from Andrelândia Group, southern Minas Gerais.

Table 1 - Chemical composition of metatexites from Andrelândia Group, southern Minas Gerais. Samples from Visconde de Mauá - Liberdade region.

	R-311	R-316	R-315	M39 A	M-11C	R-310	R-75 72.67	R-331 72.73	R-317 73.2	R-174 73.8
SiO ₂	66	68.37	69.05	71	71.8	72.2	72.67	72.73	73.2	73.8
TiO ₂	0.77	0.7	0.67	0.51	0.42	0.66	0.1	0.25	0.38	0.19
Al ₂ O ₃	14.2	14.84	14.69	14.5	13.8	12.1	14.75	14.39	13.9	14.6
Fe ₂ O ₃	7.05	5.76	5.96	5.07	3.97	5.71	1.19	2.21	3.02	1.66
MnO	0.37	0.16	0.3	0.09	0.01	0.14	0.23	0.15	0.06	0.12
MgO	2.22	1.76	1.52	1.1	0.44	1.56	0.25	0.53	1.39	0.49
CaO	1.65	1.44	1.82	0.06	1.9	0.62	1.13	1.64	2.06	1.65
Na ₂ O	1.75	1.62	1.2	0.15	3.1	2.3	3.83	3.39	3.19	4.1
K ₂ O	4.7	4.87	4.21	5	4	4.15	4.89	4.18	2.6	3.2
P ₂ O ₅	0.2	0.23	0.18	0	0.16	0.19	0.07	0.07	0.11	0.1
LOI	1.35	0.12	1.19	2.35	0.47	0.84	0.72	0.54	0.78	0.76
Total	100.2	99.87	100.8	99.83	100.1	100.4	99.83	100.0	100.7	100.6
Rb	n.a.	172	n.a.	283	166	n.a.	n.a.	224	126	129
Ba	n.a.	1395	n.a.	395	1264	n.a.	n.a.	1213	1195	1182
Sr	n.a.	660	n.a.	21	229	n.a.	n.a.	366	445	504
Zr	n.a.	437	n.a.	123	358	n.a.	n.a.	475	211	475

n.a. = not analysed

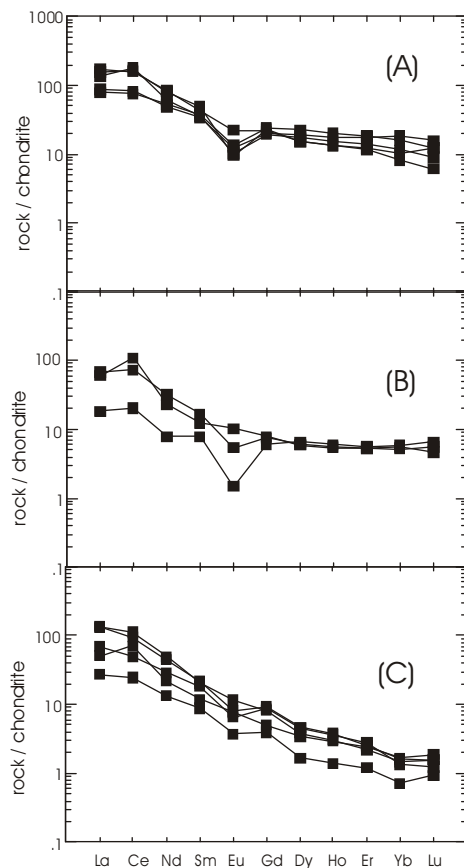


Figure 4 - Chondrite normalized (Boynton 1984) REE diagrams of the diatexites from Andrelândia Group, southern Minas Gerais.

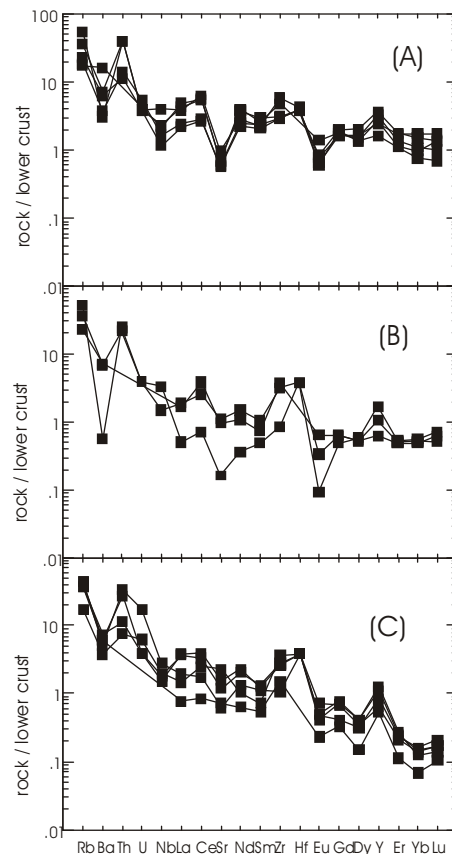


Figure 5 - Multi-elemental normalized (Taylor & McLennan 1985) diagrams of the diatexites from Andrelândia Group, southern Minas Gerais.

Table 2 - Chemical composition of diatexites from Andrelândia Group, southern Minas Gerais. Samples named L are from Pouso Alto region.

	AL-116	L-227B	L-131	L-109	M139	M-5B	L-99B	M-7B	L-49	M-29B	L-230	M-9	L-220	L-52D	L-127	L-220A
SiO ₂	68.9	69.9	70.6	71	71.8	72.5	72.5	72.7	73	73.7	73.8	74.1	74.3	74.5	74.6	75
TiO ₂	0.24	0.18	0.49	0.43	0.1	0.21	0.22	0.16	0.09	0	0.16	0.27	0.22	0.05	0.09	0.23
Al ₂ O ₃	16.9	16.3	13.8	14.3	15.2	15.6	14.3	15.2	14.4	14.5	14	12.9	12.4	14.9	13.7	12.7
Fe ₂ O ₃	1.61	1.77	4.23	3.92	1.41	1.4	2.14	1.32	1.44	1.79	1.41	3.24	2.87	0.66	1.26	2.59
MnO	0.05	0.02	0.05	0.08	0.05	0	0.03	0	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.06	0.06	0.02	0.05
MgO	0.48	0.34	0.53	0.99	0.29	0	0.37	0.45	0.17	0	0.4	0.19	0.33	0.1	0.12	0.34
CaO	2.2	1.6	1.9	2.2	0.73	0.44	1.5	1.2	0.68	0.36	1.1	1.4	1.4	0.71	1.1	1.4
Na ₂ O	4.2	4.6	2.9	4.5	2.6	2.9	3.5	4.6	2.8	4.6	3.9	2	4	4.5	3.8	4.8
K ₂ O	3.3	4.7	4.4	1.7	6.4	4.7	4.8	3.4	6.6	3.2	4.6	4.8	4	4	4.9	2.4
P ₂ O ₅	0	0.04	0.14	0.08	0.07	0.28	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.03	0.06
LOI	1.36	0.37	0.64	0.57	1.17	1.58	0.36	0.85	0.58	1.06	0.32	0.8	0.18	0.54	0.22	0.26
Total	99.24	99.82	99.68	99.77	99.82	100	99.78	99.94	99.82	99.34	99.76	99.79	100.3	100.1	99.84	100.3
Rb	120	198	193	91	199	452	194	126	238	266	235	92	121	271	290	98
Ba	1075	1095	1082	568	909	133	1042	958	764	61	921	2418	931	85	462	565
Sr	220	365	224	521	21	42	253	248	143	20	274	161	137	38	160	131
Nb	n.a.	9	24	12		13	9	5	17	12	11	13	7	20	14	10
Zr	260	185	407	258	107	148	222	155	75	49	193	339	208	60	216	209
Y	12	12	62	16	10	n.a.	20	n.a.	24	10	21	31	70	32	52	46
La	18.39	41.91	42.1	15.92	8.41	23.12	20.76	31.09	21.49	4.7	40.59	54.37	24.39	5.63	48.13	26.94
Ce	88.41	90.28	146.4	57.24	19.48	59.97	59.01	55.85	39.62	8.72	76.63	127.2	60.91	16.43	130.6	67
Nd	13.75	29.27	36.72	13.17	7.99	28.49	19.07	20.77	17.11	7.66	26.33	50.65	31.87	4.68	48.01	28.94
Sm	2.36	3.96	7.05	2.29	1.71	4.82	3.3	3.13	3.5	2.3	4.2	8.32	7.36	1.54	9.57	6.6
Eu	0.75	0.84	0.75	0.56	0.27	0.23	0.4	0.68	0.48	0.21	0.59	1.62	0.99	0.11	0.71	0.91
Gd	2.03	2.13	5.07	1.28	1.03	2.15	1.94	1.76	2.22	1.46	2.39	5.55	6.21	1.53	6.06	5.16
Dy	1.88	1.22	5.63	1.12	0.54	0.87	1.93	0.93	1.47	2.15	1.5	4.93	7.26	2.12	4.94	6.07
Ho	0.39	0.22	1.12	0.21	0.1	0.15	0.4	0.15	0.26	0.53	0.27	0.96	1.45	0.43	0.97	1.28
Er	1.09	0.46	2.98	0.51	0.25	0.31	1.12	0.25	0.58	1.91	0.54	2.44	3.9	1.17	2.53	3.76
Yb	1.08	0.31	2.42	0.35	0.15	0.25	1.15	0.17	0.28	1.89	0.33	1.67	3.32	1.23	2.16	3.87
Lu	0.18	0.05	0.29	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.15	0.03	0.04	0.19	0.05	0.2	0.4	0.21	0.39	0.51

n.a. = not analysed

The CaO, Na₂O, and Sr versus Fe₂O₃t diagrams show a high dispersion that can be related to variable melting degree of plagioclase from the metatexites (Mehnert & Bush 1982). Junho (1995) pointed out the restrict An-content variation (An₂₂₋₃₁) of the metatexites and diatexites, without any An enrichment. Similarly, the dispersion of K₂O must be associated to melting and crystallization of microcline and muscovite.

Trace elements, including REE, of the diatexites are presented in the Table 2. The REE patterns evidence three different groups (Fig. 4). One has the higher REE-contents, less fractionated pattern, flattening through the intermediate and heavy REE, and a conspicuous negative Eu anomaly (Fig. 4a). Another group is similar to the first, but it differs in the LREE fractionation and in the total REE, and one sample does not exhibit Eu anomaly (Fig. 4b). The last group is the most fractionated, has the lowest HREE and variable and small Eu anomaly (Fig. 4c). The spidergrams (Fig. 5) enhance the HREE differences among the groups. The patterns show negative Ba, Sr and Eu anomalies and positive Th and Y anomalies in the diatexites as compared to lower crust values.

CONCLUSIONS

The new presented data show a close geological, petrographic and geochemical correlation between the

migmatites from Pouso Alto region and the metatexites and diatexites from Liberdade region. The diatexitic leucogneisses form a peraluminous restrict calc-alkalic trend (69% to 75% SiO₂), with normative corundum, pointing to a metasedimentary source and show an homogeneous geochemical behavior of a probable syn-collisional magmatism. In spite of the homogeneity of the diatexites, their REE and spidergrams patterns reveal the existence of three different groups. The variable occurrence of the accessory minerals is the main distinguishing feature between rocks of the three groups. The presence of these phases has a strong influence on the observed REE-contents variations (Rollinson 1993). The greater quantities of allanite/epidote, titanite, apatite, zircon, and garnet are responsible for the higher intermediate and heavy REE-contents (Schaltegger & Krahenbuhl 1990), as shown in the figures 4a and 4b. In the most fractionated group (Fig. 4c), the rocks have less allanite, zircon, apatite, and garnet, what explains the lower quantities of intermediary and heavy REE. The different intensities of Eu anomaly are likely to be related to variations in the partial melting degree of the metasedimentary source rocks (Watt & Harley 1993).

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