

Geochemistry and Petrotectonic studies of the Extensional I- and A-types Neoproterozoic granitic rocks of continental arc assemblage on Gabal Gassuss area, Central Eastern Desert, Egypt

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Abstract:

The Neoproterozoic basement rocks of Gabal Gassuss is a part of the Central Eastern Desert of Egypt, at the northern part of the Arabian–Nubian Shield (ANS), the granitic rock in the study area is comprised of two different granite suites, the oldest one is granodiorite and related to synextensional orogenic suit, while the second type is represented by monzogranite and syenogranite, which both are related to late to post extensional orogenic suit. Granodiorite is calc-alkaline, magnesian, metaluminous in nature and belonging to I-type granite, with high Sr contents, and depleted in Rb, Nb, Y and REE. Both monzogranite and syenogranite are mainly high-K calc-alkaline, alkaline to peralkaline affinities and belonging to A-type granites. The A-type granites are mainly enriched in Ga, Y, HFSE and REE elements, and depleted in the LILE elements Ba, Sr and Rb. The emplacement of the synextensional orogenic suite took place similarity of the granitic rocks of I-type of Whalen et al. 1987, while the late to post extensional orogenic suites are mainly similar to the granitic rocks of A-type of Whelan et al. 1987.

1- Introduction:

The crystalline rocks of the Egyptian Eastern Desert that represent a part of Arabian-Nubian Shield (ANS) of Neoproterozoic Era. The study area is a part of the Central Eastern Desert, it has been previously described and investigated by many authors (e.g; El Ramly and Akaad, 1960; El Shazly, 1964; El-Mezayen, 1978; Akaad and Noweir, 1980; Dardir et al., 1982 ; Sims & James 1984, El Gaby et al., 1988 & 1990; Kroner & Stern 2004; Stern et al. 2006 and Tolba & Kamel 2014). Recently some authors deduced a new assumptions of Neoproterozoic based on age dating for almost all the basement rocks of the Eastern Desert (e.g: Collins, 2006; Collins, and Pisarevsky, 2005; Johnson, 2003; Johnson et al., 2011). Whereas the Late Cryogenian–Ediacaran events (650–542 Ma) caused creating of ANS continental crust due to of interacting depositional, magmatic, and structural events.

The study area covers about 155 Km², which is a part of Central Eastern Desert, it is far from Qena-Safaga road about 14 Km at south and far from Safaga City by about 25 Km. It lies between Latitudes 26° 29' and 26° 36' N and Longitudes 33° 47' and 33° 57' E (Fig.1). The investigated area is characterized by its low to moderate topographic relief, G. Gassuss is the main pluton of the study area, which it is reached about 610 m, on the other hand the mapped area is mainly traversed by two main Wadis; Wadi Safaga has crossed E-N direction, whereas Wadi Gassuss NE-SW direction and turned west of the mapped area to W direction (Fig.1).

2- Geology and petrography:

The study rock units are related to island arc and continental arc assemblages, the Island arc assemblage rocks (metavolcanics and schist) are represented the Early orogeny, and they are intruded directly by continental arc assemblage rocks (granodiorite, dokhan volcanic, gabbro, monzogranite, hammamat sediments and syenogranite), that are represented the late to post orogenic magmatism (Tolba & Kamel 2014). The granitic rocks of the investigated study covers about 45% (~70 Km²) of the measured area represented by granodiorite, monzogranite and syenogranite, which these rocks are related to East African orogen (Post amalgamation) of

continental arc assemblage. The granodiorite is present the synextensional orogeny, while the monzogranite is late extensional orogeny, and syenogranite is post extensional orogeny of the continental arc.

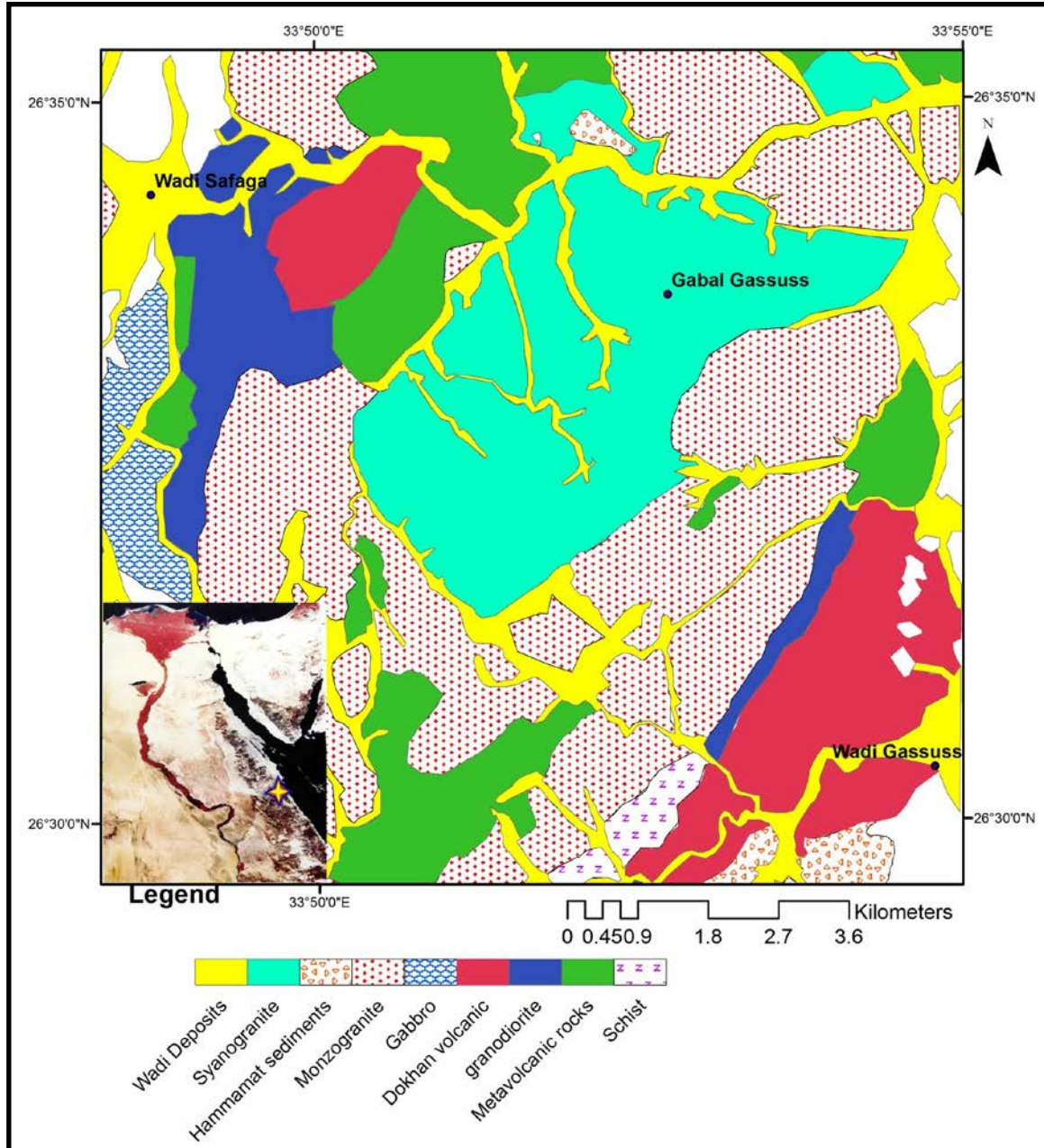


Fig. 1: Geologic map of Gabal Gassuss modified after Tolba & Kamel (2014).

The granodiorite is the oldest granitic rocks in the study area and characterized by medium to coarse grained, generally grayish-white color and covers about 5.5 % of the total mapped area. They are low to moderate relief and restricted in south part of the area and characterizing by highly weathered, jointed, exfoliated and xenoliths, which are mostly abundant, the granodiorite is extruded by dokhan volcanics and intruded directly by monzogranite in many locations of the study area (Fig.2). Monzogranite is medium to moderately fine grains, and it is ranging in color

from gray to pink. It is present in middle part of mapped area, covers about 25.16 % of the rock constituents, and formed as moderate to low relief, moderately weathered and highly jointed, this rock exhibits a sharp intrusive contact against the older surrounding rocks (granodiorite, Dokhan volcanics and gabbro), as well as it is intruded by syenogranite and some dikes swarms (Figs. 2, 3&4). Syenogranite is the youngest rock unit in the study area, which is present by medium to fine grained of red to pink color. It covers about 14.16 % of the total mapped area, and characterized by moderately relief of massive rock with highly jointed and rarely weathered rock. It exhibits a sharp contact, and intruded in all old rock units of the investigated area.

Petrographically, the granitic rocks of the investigated study are classified into granodiorite, monzogranite and syenogranite (Fig.5), they are mainly coarse to medium grain and exhibiting predominant texture is the perthitic texture in all, in these granitic rocks show quite different in the mineral constituents (as shown in appendix 1) of decreasing of quartz content (22.6%) in monzogranite, followed by granodiorite (23.2%) and syenogranite (33.1%), while the plagioclase ranging in composition from oligoclase to andesine (An₂₀ to An₃₀) in granodiorite, oligoclase to albite (An₁₂ to An₂₅) in monzogranite and albite in composition (An₁₀ to An₁₅) for syenogranite with an average 34.4%, 23.3% and 16.6% respectively, on the other hand the granodiorite represent subsolvus granite, whereas, monzogranite is related to transolvus granite, therefore the syenogranite is of frequency texture between hypersolvus and transolvus granite. As well as the alkali feldspar descending present from syenogranite to granodiorite passing by monzogranite (46.5%, 13.5% and 30.9% respectively). The biotite and muscovite are the important minerals present as accessories, the biotite present as large average content in granodiorite (12.9%) and smallest in syenogranite (1.2%), while the largest average content of muscovite in syenogranite (1.4%).

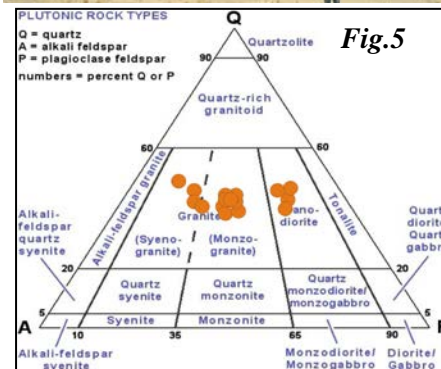
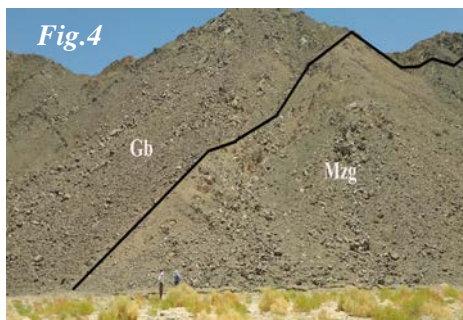
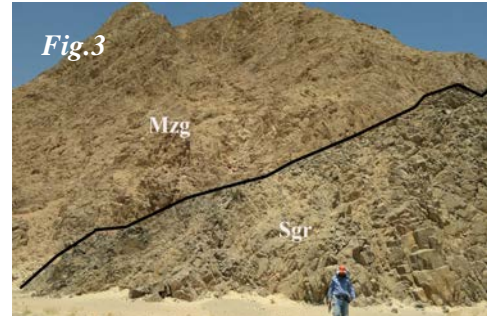
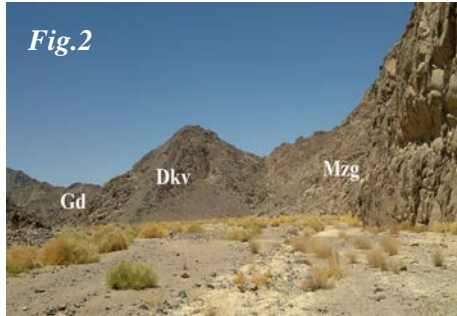


Fig. 2: Photograph showing dokhan volcanic (Dkv) extruded in granodiorite (Gd) and all intruded by monzogranite (Mzg).

Fig. 3: Photograph showing monzogranite (Mzg) intruded by syenogranite (Sgr).

Fig. 4: Photograph showing fresh Gabbro (Gb) intruded by monzogranite (Mzg).

Fig. 5: Plots of the studied granitic rock samples on Streckeisen classification modeling diagram (1976).

3- Geochemistry

The major, trace, REE and calculation of CIPW norms of sixteen representative samples from synextensional orogeny (granodiorite 4 samples) and late to post extensional orogeny (monzogranite about 8 samples and 4 samples for syenogranite) are present (Tables 1-4), respectively. The different geochemical ratios with addition some parameters are given (Table 5), on the other hand comparison of an average major, trace element concentrations and some different geochemical ratios of the investigated granitoid rock with some average compositions of the various genetic I & A type's granite of Whalen et al. (1987) and continental crust of Rudnick and Fountain (1995) shown in table 6.

3.1- Major elements ratios:

According to the major elements of the study granitic rocks, the granodiorite is varying from all oxides than the monzogranite and the syenogranite (Table 1). SiO₂ (%) is ranging from 65.4-69.6 for granodiorite, while 71.5-76.2 for monzogranite and 74.5-77.6 for syenogranite, Na₂O is ranging from 4.3-5.4 for granodiorite, 4.9-5.9 for monzogranite, while syenogranite is ranging from 5.1-5.6, as well as K₂O is ranging from 2.5-2.6 for granodiorite, 1.5-2.7 for monzogranite, while syenogranite is ranging from 2.7-3.9, on the other hand the percentage of total iron Fe₂O₃* from 1.9-3.1 for granodiorite, while is ranging from 0.7-2 for monzogranite and 0.5-1.1 for syenogranite, as well as CaO is ranging from 4.8-5.6 and MgO from 1.7-2.2 for granodiorite, while CaO is ranging from 3.1-4.4 for monzogranite, from 1.7-3 for syenogranite, and MgO is ranging from 0.7-2 for monzogranite and 0.6-1.1 for syenogranite. The silica and total alkali values (%) of synextensional granodiorite less than the same values (silica and total alkali) of late to post extensional orogeny of monzogranite and syenogranite, on the other hand the mafic oxides like Fe₂O₃, CaO and MgO ratios greater in granodiorite than monzogranite and syenogranite.

Table: (1) The complete analyses of major oxides of the granites

Sample No.	Granodiorite										
	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Fe ₂ O ₃ *	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	P ₂ O ₅	L.O.I.	To
1	69.6	0.1	12.4	1.9	1.7	4.8	5.4	2.6	0.6	1	100
2	67.5	0.4	13.2	2.7	1.9	5.3	4.6	2.5	0.5	1.4	100
3	68.6	0.1	12.7	3.1	2.2	5.6	4.3	2.6	0.5	0.4	100
4	65.4	0.4	13.3	3.1	1.9	5.6	4.3	2.5	0.6	3	100
Av	67.8	0.3	12.9	2.7	1.9	5.3	4.7	2.6	0.6	1.5	100.1
	Monzogranite										
5	71.5	0.4	12.2	2	1.6	4	5	1.5	0.6	1.2	100
6	72.1	0.4	12.6	1.5	1.5	4.2	5	1.5	0.5	0.8	100
7	76.2	0.1	11.2	0.7	0.7	3.3	5.8	1.8	0.1	0.1	100
8	72.1	0.5	11.6	2.1	1.5	3.1	5.8	2	0.4	1	100
9	71.9	0.1	12.9	1.6	1.2	3.5	5.9	2	0.2	0.6	100
10	72.1	0.1	11.1	2	2	3.7	5.8	2.7	0.1	0.4	100
11	71.5	0.2	11.5	1.3	1.7	3.9	5.5	2.7	0.6	1	100
12	71.5	0.4	12.5	1.7	1.1	4.4	4.9	2.5	0.4	0.6	100
Av	72.4	0.3	12.0	1.6	1.4	3.8	5.5	2.1	0.4	0.7	100.0
	Syenogranite										
13	74.5	0.1	10.8	0.6	0.6	3	5.2	3.9	0.3	1.1	100
14	77.6	0.1	9.8	0.6	0.6	2.5	5.4	2.7	0.1	0.8	100
15	77.1	0.1	9.4	1.1	1.1	2.4	5.6	2.7	0.1	0.5	100
16	77.3	0.1	9.2	0.5	0.6	1.7	5.1	3.7	0.2	1.6	100
Av	76.6	0.1	9.8	0.7	0.7	2.4	5.3	3.3	0.2	1.0	100.1

Fe₂O₃* = mean that total Iron

Table: (2) The complete analyses of trace elements of the investigated granites

Sample No.	Cr	Ni	Cu	Zn	Zr	Rb	Y	Ba	Pb	Sr	Ga	V	Nb
Granodiorite													
1	15	9	77	30	100	55	10	370	2	340	14	101	2
2	22	9	30	49	93	49	7	460	2	777	15	106	2
3	17	21	39	49	100	37	6	371	2	878	14	116	2
4	15	10	30	31	107	153	13	475	6	344	18	39	45
Av	17.3	12.3	44	39.8	100	73.5	9	419	3	584.8	15.3	90.5	12.8
Monzogranite													
5	27	8	10	37	162	154	30	263	5	164	16	8	8
6	35	9	9	100	829	46	47	194	2	25	20	4	47
7	34	7	11	8	89	167	27	51	3	29	13	2	17
8	30	10	10	103	839	53	48	194	2	24	21	4	46
9	30	10	10	104	820	53	48	190	2	24	19	2	48
10	33	13	9	57	156	163	56	137	2	44	18	3	29
11	31	9	8	101	839	50	43	194	2	25	18	3	46
12	24	8	10	38	162	120	27	264	7	191	15	9	9
Av	30.5	9.3	9.6	68.5	487.0	100.8	40.8	185.9	3.1	65.8	17.5	4.4	31.3
Syenogranite													
13	20	2	5	50	160	690	20	262	56	13	47	1	70
14	18	1	12	24	205	301	48	526	52	42	22	2	77
15	9	2	10	28	214	303	31	590	50	44	19	2	70
16	6	1	12	35	250	287	30	560	60	50	20	2	70
Av	13.3	1.5	9.8	34.3	207.3	395.3	32.3	484.5	54.5	37.3	27.0	1.8	71.8

Table: (3) The complete analyses of Rare Earth elements of the investigated granites

Sample No.	La	Ce	Nd	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Er	Yb	Lu	ΣREE	Eu/Sm	La/Sm	Gd/Yb
Granodiorite														
1	21	51	33	2	0.6	6	1.2	1	0.2	0.4	116.4	0.3	10.5	30.0
2	21	52	33	2	0.5	6	1	0.5	0.3	0.5	116.8	0.3	10.5	20.0
3	20	52	32	3	0.8	7	1	0.5	0.4	0.4	117.1	0.3	6.7	17.5
4	19	51	32	2	0.9	5	1.2	0.9	0.2	0.4	112.6	0.5	9.5	25.0
Av	20.3	51.5	32.5	2.3	0.7	6	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.4	115.7	0.4	9.3	23.1
Monzogranite														
5	27	80	15	6	1	8	1.5	1	6	1	146.5	0.2	4.5	1.3
6	28	70	16	6	1	8	1.5	1	6	1	138.5	0.2	4.7	1.3
7	30	70	16	7	2	9	1.5	1	5	1	142.5	0.3	4.3	1.8
8	31	77	22	5	0.9	7	1	0.2	3	0.8	147.9	0.2	6.2	2.3
9	31	70	22	5	0.8	7	1	0.2	3	0.8	140.8	0.2	6.2	2.3
10	40	66	18	4	0.8	8	2	0.2	2	1	142	0.2	10.0	4.0
11	32	55	20	6	0.7	8	1.9	0.8	2	0.9	127.3	0.1	5.3	4.0
12	32	89	28	6	0.7	6	1.8	1	3	0.9	168.4	0.1	5.3	2.0
Av	31.4	72.1	19.6	5.6	1	7.6	1.5	0.7	3.8	0.9	144.2	0.2	5.8	2.4
Syenogranite														
13	40	96	38	6	1	8	2	3	4	1	199	0.2	6.7	2.0
14	56	122	43	9	2	9	2	3	3	1	250	0.2	6.2	3.0
15	50	124	50	6	0.8	8	2	3	3	1	247.8	0.2	8.3	2.7
16	53	128	50	8	1	9	2	1	3	1	256	0.1	6.6	3.0
Av	49.8	117.5	45.3	7.3	1.2	8.5	2	2.5	3.3	1	238.2	0.2	7	2.7

Table: (4) The complete analyses of CIPW Norm of the investigated granites

Sample No.	Q	Or	Ab	An	Di wo	Di en	he(F)	ap	ac	ns	Hy en	T
Granodiorite												
1	22.6	15.5	46.1	1.9	5	4.3	1.9	1.3	-	-	-	98.6
2	22.4	15	39.4	8.1	5.6	4.8	2.7	1.1	-	-	-	99.1
3	23.9	15.4	36.5	7.7	6.4	5.5	3.1	1.1	-	-	-	99.5
4	21.7	15.2	37.4	9.9	5.7	4.9	3.2	1.4	-	-	-	99.3
Av	22.7	15.3	39.9	6.9	5.7	4.9	2.7	1.2	-	-	-	99.1
Monzogranite												
5	29.8	9	42.8	6.5	4.2	3.6	2	1.3	-	-	0.4	99.6
6	29.8	8.9	42.6	7.5	4.4	3.8	1.5	1.1	-	-	-	99.6
7	30	15.7	40.5	5.5	2	1.8	0.2	-	2	2	-	99.7
8	28.9	10.7	41	8	3.5	3	0.9	-	1.7	1.9	-	99.6
9	25.4	11.9	50.2	2.8	3.5	3	1.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	-	99.7
10	27	12	49	3	4	3.5	0.9	-	-	-	0.5	99.9
11	29.8	16.2	40.8	3.2	3	2.3	1.5	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.5	99.9
12	28.3	14.9	42.7	4.7	3.2	2.8	1.7	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	99.8
Av	28.6	12.4	43.7	5.2	3.5	3	1.3	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.2	99.7
Syenogranite												
13	32.5	23.9	36.5	3.5	0.2	0.2	1.8	0.7	0.2	0.2	-	99.7
14	33	25.2	36.3	4.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.6	-	-	-	100
15	32.2	23.8	36.9	4.2	0.2	0.3	1	0.7	0.3	0.3	-	99.8
16	31	22.2	37.9	4.8	0.3	0.3	1	0.8	0.7	0.8	-	99.8

Av	32.2	23.8	36.9	4.2	0.2	0.3	1	0.7	0.3	0.3	-	99.8
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Table: (5) The complete different geochemical ratios and some calculated parameters

	Nk	NKC	A/N K	A/ CNK	K/N	F/ M	F/ (F+M)	NK/ C	AC	C/N	Rb/Sr	Y/ Nb	Zr/R b	Ba/Nb	Zr+Nb +Ce+ Y
Granodiorite															
1	8	12.8	1.6	1.0	0.5	1.1	0.5	1.7	17.2	0.9	0.16	5.0	1.8	185	163
2	7.1	12.4	1.9	1.1	0.5	1.4	0.6	1.3	18.5	1.2	0.06	3.5	1.9	230	154
3	6.9	12.5	1.8	1.0	0.6	1.4	0.6	1.2	18.3	1.3	0.04	3.0	2.7	185	160
4	6.8	12.4	2.0	1.1	0.6	1.6	0.6	1.2	18.9	1.3	0.44	0.3	0.7	10.6	216
Av	7.3	12.6	1.8	1.0	0.6	1.4	0.6	1.4	18.2	1.1	0.2	3	1.8	152.7	173.3
Monzogranite															
5	6.5	10.5	1.9	1.2	0.3	1.3	0.6	1.6	16.2	0.8	0.9	3.8	1.1	32.9	280
6	6.5	10.7	1.9	1.2	0.3	1.0	0.5	1.5	16.8	0.8	1.8	1.0	18.0	4.1	993
7	7.6	10.9	1.5	1.0	0.3	1.0	0.5	2.3	14.5	0.6	5.8	1.6	0.5	3.0	203
8	7.8	10.9	1.5	1.1	0.3	1.4	0.6	2.5	14.7	0.5	2.2	1.0	15.8	4.2	1010
9	7.9	11.4	1.6	1.1	0.3	1.3	0.6	2.3	16.4	0.6	2.2	1.0	15.5	4.0	986
10	8.5	12.2	1.3	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.5	2.3	14.8	0.6	3.7	1.9	1.0	4.7	307
11	8.2	12.1	1.4	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.4	2.1	15.4	0.7	2.0	0.9	16.8	4.2	983
12	7.4	11.8	1.7	1.1	0.5	1.5	0.6	1.7	16.9	0.9	0.6	3.0	1.4	29.3	287
Av	7.6	11.4	1.6	1.1	0.4	1.1	0.5	2.0	15.8	0.7	2.4	1.8	8.7	10.8	631.1
Syenogranite															
13	9.1	12.1	1.2	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.5	3.0	13.8	0.6	53.1	0.3	0.2	3.7	346
14	8.1	10.6	1.2	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.5	3.2	12.3	0.5	7.2	0.6	0.7	6.8	452
15	8.3	10.7	1.1	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.5	3.5	11.8	0.4	6.9	0.4	0.7	8.4	439
16	8.8	10.5	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.5	5.2	10.9	0.3	5.7	0.4	0.9	8.0	478
Av	8.6	11.0	1.1	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.5	3.6	12.2	0.5	18.2	0.4	0.6	6.7	428.8

Table (6): The comparison of an average major, trace element concentrations and some different geochemical ratios of the study granitic rocks with some average compositions of the various genetic I & A type's granite of Whalen et al. (1987) and continental crust of Rudnick and Fountain (1995)

	Study area			Whalen et al. (1987)			Rudnick and Fountain (1995)
	synextensional	Late-post extensional		I-type	Felsic I-type	A-type	Continental Crust
	Granodiorite	Monzogranite	Syenogranite				
No. of Sample	4	8	4	991	421	148	-
SiO ₂	67.8	72.4	76.6	69.17	73.39	73.81	59.1
TiO ₂	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.43	0.26	0.26	0.7
Al ₂ O ₃	12.9	12.0	9.8	14.33	13.43	12.4	15.8
Fe ₂ O ₃ *	2.7	1.6	0.7	3.33	1.92	2.82	6.6
MgO	1.9	1.4	0.7	1.42	0.55	0.2	4.4
CaO	5.3	3.8	2.4	3.2	1.71	0.75	6.4
Na ₂ O	4.7	5.5	5.3	3.13	3.33	4.07	3.2
K ₂ O	2.6	2.1	3.3	3.4	4.13	4.65	1.9
P ₂ O ₅	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.11	0.07	0.04	0.2
N+K	7.3	7.6	8.6	6.53	7.46	8.72	5.1
F/M	1.4	1.1	1	2.35	3.49	14.1	1.5
Ba	419	185.9	484.5	538	510	352	390
Rb	73.5	100.8	395.3	151	194	169	58
Sr	584.8	65.8	37.3	247	143	48	325
Pb	3	3.1	54.5	19	23	24	12.6
Zr	100	487	207.3	151	144	528	123
Nb	12.8	31.3	71.8	11	12	37	12
Y	9	40.8	32.3	28	34	75	20
Ce	51.5	72.1	117.5	64	68	137	42
Sc	-	-	-	13	8	4	22
V	90.5	4.4	1.8	60	22	6	131
Ni	12.3	9.3	1.5	7	2	<1	51
Cu	44	9.6	9.8	9	4	2	24
Zn	39.8	68.5	34.3	49	35	120	73
Ga	15.3	17.5	27	16	16	24.6	16
Rb/Sr	0.2	2.4	18.2	0.61	136	3.52	0.18
Rb/Ba	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.28	0.38	0.48	0.15
Zr/Nb	7.8	15.6	2.9	13.73	12	14.27	10.25

<i>Y/Nb</i>	3	1.8	0.4	16.92	16.92	16.92	1.67
<i>Zr/Rb</i>	1.8	8.7	0.6	1	0.3	3.1	2.1
<i>Ba/Nb</i>	152.7	10.8	6.7	48.9	42.5	9.5	32.5

3.2- Trace elements ratios:

The trace elements values are varying from granodiorite to syenogranite passing by monzogranite in most trace elements as shown in table (2). Generally the synextensional orogeny (granodiorite) are increasing in Ba, Sr and Cu values (ppm) than the late to post extensional orogeny values (monzogranite and syenogranite) (~ 370-475, ~ 340-878 and ~ 30-77 respectively), while decreasing in values (ppm) of Rb, Zr, Y, Nb and Ga (~ 55-153, ~ 93-107, ~ 7-13, ~ 2-45 and ~ 14-18 respectively) than the same trace elements ratios of the late to post extensional orogeny (monzogranite and syenogranite). Occasionally, the monzogranite increasing in the values (ppm) of all Zr, Y, Sr, Cr and Ni (~88-839, ~ 27-56, ~ 24-191, ~ 24-35 and ~8-13 respectively) than the values of the same traces of the syenogranite (~160-250, ~ 20-48, ~ 13-50, ~ 6-20 and ~1-2 respectively), while the values (ppm) of all Rb, Ba, Ga and Nb are increasing in syenogranite (~ 287-690, ~ 262-590, ~ 19-47 and ~ 70-77 respectively) than the same elements of monzogranite (~ 46-167, ~ 51-264, ~ 13-21 and ~ 8-48 respectively).

According to some relationship parameters of some trace elements (Table 5), showing that the study synextensional orogenic granite exhibits large content ratio of Ba/Nb (10.5-230 ppm) comparable than the late to post extensional orogenic granites (~ 3-32.9 ppm), on the other hand the synextensional orogenic granite exhibits less content ratio of Rb/Sr (0.06-0.44 ppm) comparable than the late to post extensional orogenic granites (~ 0.6-53.1 ppm). Generally both of Y/Nb and Z/Rb ratios are recorded moderately values in synextensional granite (~0.3-3.5 and ~0.7-2.7ppm respectively), which these are moderate to high ratios value in late to post orogenic granites (~ 0.3-3.8 and ~ 0.2-18ppm respectively).

According to some comparison of an average major, trace element concentrations and some different geochemical ratios of the study granitic rocks (synextensional granite and late to post extensional granites) with some average compositions of the various genetic I & A type's granite of Whalen et al. (1987) and continental crust of Rudnick and Fountain (1995) as given in Table (6), showing that the investigated granodiorite (synextensional orogeny) mainly as the same investigation of the I-type granite examined of Whalen et al. (1987), on the other hand the study monzogranite and syenogranite (late to post extensional orogeny) mainly as the same investigation of A-type granite examined of Whalen et al. (1987).

3.3-Magma type:

The geochemical classification using total alkali (Na₂O+K₂O) vs silica (SiO₂) TAS diagram of plutonic rocks according to Middlemost, (1994) as shown in fig. (6). The all samples of granodiorite (synextensional orogenic) plotted in granodiorite field, while the study monzogranite and syenogranite samples plotted in the field of granite. According to K₂O and SiO₂ diagram of Peccerillo and Taylor, 1976 (Fig. 7), the study synextensional granite (granodiorite) inclosing in the field of calc alkaline series, on the other hand the late to post extensional orogenic granites are subdivided into two groups, where the lower in SiO₂ and K₂O granites (monzogranite) plots in the calc-alkaline series field and the other one is higher in SiO₂ and K₂O (syenogranite) plots mainly between calc-alkaline to high-K calc-alkaline series fields.. In terms of alumina saturation index diagram of Maniar and Piccoli (1989), the synextensional orogenic granite is dominantly metaluminous in nature, while the study late to post extensional orogenic granites are mainly varying from metaluminous (some monzogranite ~ higher content of CaO comprising with total alkalis, these are commonly instead contain normative diopside Table 4: index of Shand, 1947) to peralkaline in nature (some other monzogranite and all samples of syenogranite) (Fig. 8).

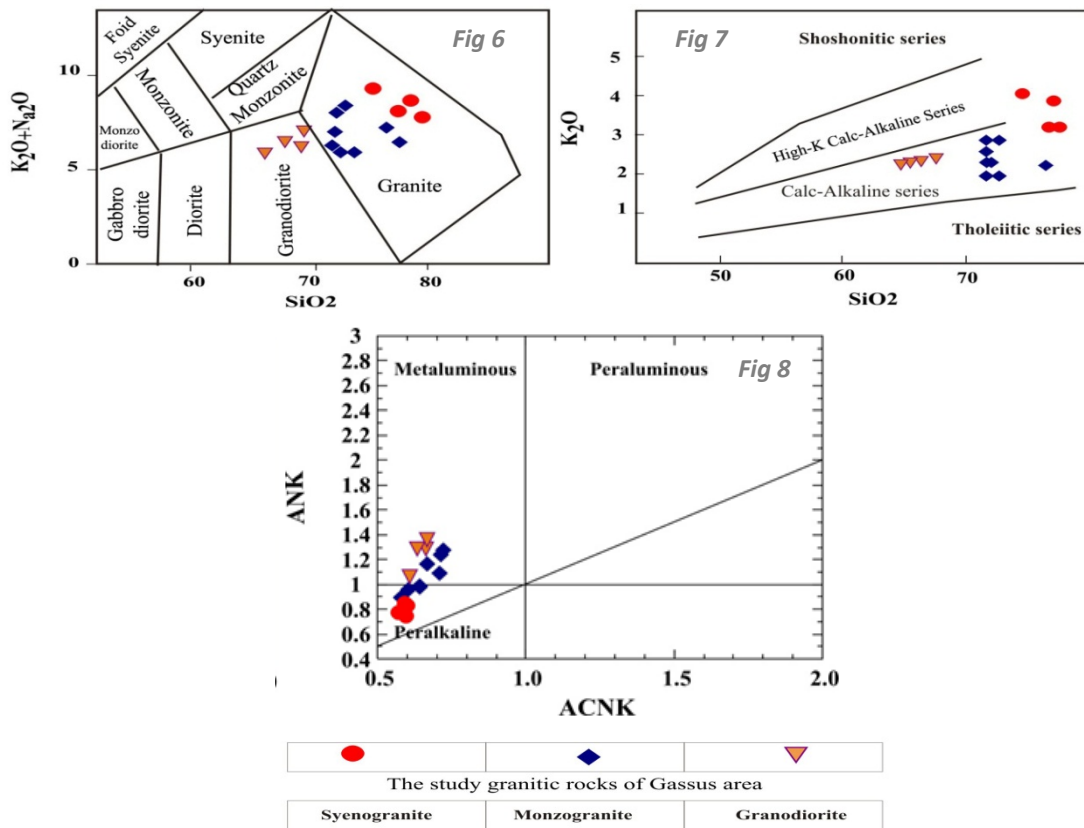


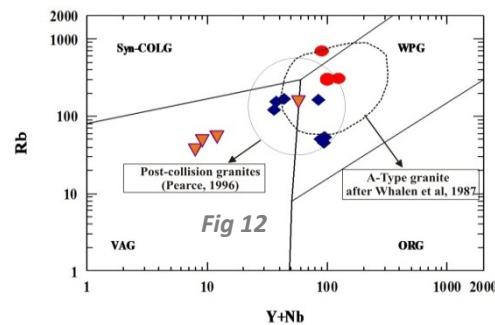
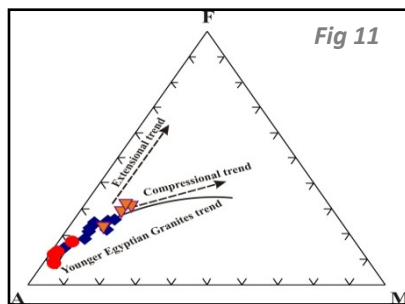
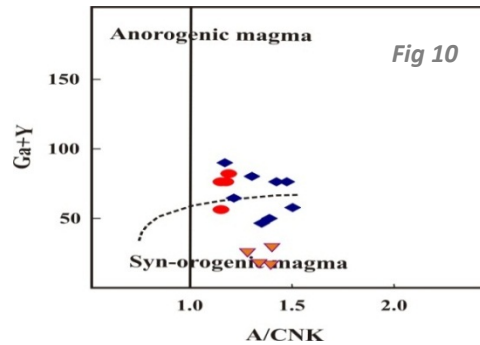
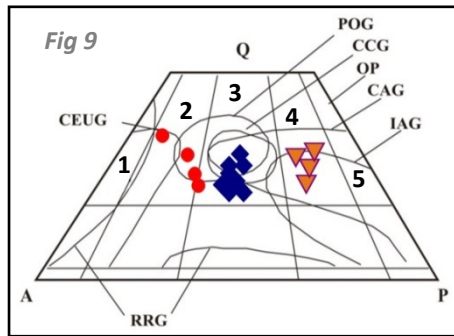
Fig. 6: Plots of the study granitic rocks on the total alkalis vs. silica (TAS) diagram (Middlemost, 1994).
 Fig. 7: The K₂O –SiO₂ diagram (after Peccerillo and Taylor, 1976).
 Fig. 8: The A/CNK vs. A/NK plot of (Maniar and Piccoli, 1989)

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4.1- Granitic Suite type:

According to the normative composition diagram of Maniar and Piccoli (1989) the granodiorite is mainly plotted in the overlapped fields of calc alkaline granite (CAG) and island arc granite (IAG), on the other hand the majority of syenogranite is plotted in the field of post orogenic granite, while the monzogranite is inclosing mainly overlapped fields of post orogenic and continental collision granites (Fig.9). Generally, the investigated syenogranite and monzogranite are clearly strongly enriched in Ga+Y relative to granodiorite, so that the majority of monzogranite and syenogranite samples plotted in the field of anorogenic magma, whereas the granodiorite samples are plotted in the field of syn-orogenic magma (Fig. 10).

In the AFM diagram of Petro et al. (1979) all of the investigated granitic rocks are coinciding with the trend of Egyptian younger granites as well as tends to extensional trend (Fig. 11). On the other hand, the binary diagram of Pearce et al. (1984) showing that the granodiorite is plotted in the field of volcani arc granite, while the monzogranite is plotted in the post collision granite (line after Pearce 1996), whereas the syenogranite is plotted in the A-type (after Whalen et al., 1987) of within the plate (Fig. 12).



1= Alkali feldspar granite, 2= Syenogranite, 3= Monzogranite, 4= Granodiorite & 5= Tonalite
 IAG= island arc granite - CAG= continental arc granite - OP= oceanic plagiogranite - CCG= continental collision granitoids -
 POS= post orogenic granite - CEUG= continental epi-orogenic uplift granitoids - RRG= rift related granitoids
 WPG= Within the Plate granite – VAG= Volcanic Arc granite – ORG = Oceanic ridge granite

Fig. 9: Modal Q-A-P ternary diagram of Maniar and Piccoli (1989).

Fig.10: plot the variation diagram of Ga+Y vs.A/CNK ($Al_2O_3/(CaO+Na_2O+K_2O)$ (mol.%) of Damm et al. (1990).

Fig. 11: AFM ternary diagram of Petro et al. (1979).

Fig. 12: Yb + Nb vs. Rb (Pearce et al., 1984)

Generally, Chappell and White, 1974 assume that I-type granite have relatively high sodium, Na_2O greater than 3.2% in felsic varieties, decreasing to more than 2.2% in mafic types, as well as have been determined to have a Mol $Al_2O_3/(Na_2O+K_2O+CaO)$ ratio of less than 1.1. Whereas A-type granites were originally defined, by Loiselle and Wones (1979), as anhydrous, reduced, anorogenic, high in $Fe/(Fe + Mg)$, K_2O and K_2O/Na_2O and containing high incompatible trace element concentrations (e.g. REE, Zr, Nb and Ta). Moreover, although A-type granites typically have higher $FeOMgO$ than I-type granites (Table 1-3).

According to Collins et al., 1982 and Whalen et al., 1987 variation diagrams (Fig. 13) showing that some variation binary diagrams between some trace elements (Ga, Nb, Zn, Zr, Ce and Y) versus some major oxides (SiO_2 , FeO^* , MgO , K_2O , Na_2O , CaO) to showing the discrimination between I and A type granites. $Zr + Nb + Ce + Y$ vs. FeO^*/MgO and $(K_2O + Na_2O)/CaO$ discrimination diagrams of Whalen et al. (1987) (Fig. 13 a&b) showing that the samples of granodiorite are plotted in the field of unfractionated I-type granite, on the other hand the syenogranite and some monzogranite mainly are related to A-type granite. Occasionally, according to Collins et al., (1982) and Whalen et al., (1987) as shown in figure 13 (c,d,e and f) the granodiorite samples plotted in the I-type granite, while the majority of monzogranite and all samples of syenogranite are mainly A-type granite.

Eby (1990) found that the Y/Nb average ratio is relatively constant for each A-type suite and thus it can serve as a useful parameter for chemical discrimination. He stated that A-type suites with $Y/Nb < 1.2$ are derived from sources chemically similar to those of oceanic island basalts while suites with $Y/Nb > 1.2$ are derived from sources chemically similar to island arc or continental margin basalts. The average of Y/Nb ratio of the investigated granodiorite is $\sim 0.3-5$ with an average 3 (table 5) that is more than 1.2 so that is related to continental arc (I-type granite), on the other hand the syenogranite ($\sim 0.3-0.6$ with an average 0.4) and some samples of monzogranite less than 1.2 ($\sim 0.9-1.00$ about 4-sample) to indicate derivation from sources chemically similar to those of anorogenic magma suite of A-type granite.

The investigated granite of late to post extensional orogeny according to the ternary diagrams of Eby (1992) as shown in figure 14, showing that the syenogranite and some samples of monzogranite are plotted in the field of anorogenic sitting of within the plate, on the other hand some samples of monzogranite (Y/Nb more than 1.2) related to post collision sitting. Accordingly, it is postulated that the Gassuss area A-type granites were formed during late to post extensional orogeny of the Arabian–Nubian Shield (ANS) evolution after the collision between the juvenile ANS crust and the pre-Neoproterozoic continental blocks of west Gondwana (Saharan Metacraton; Abdelsalam et al., 2002).

4.2- Normalized spider diagram

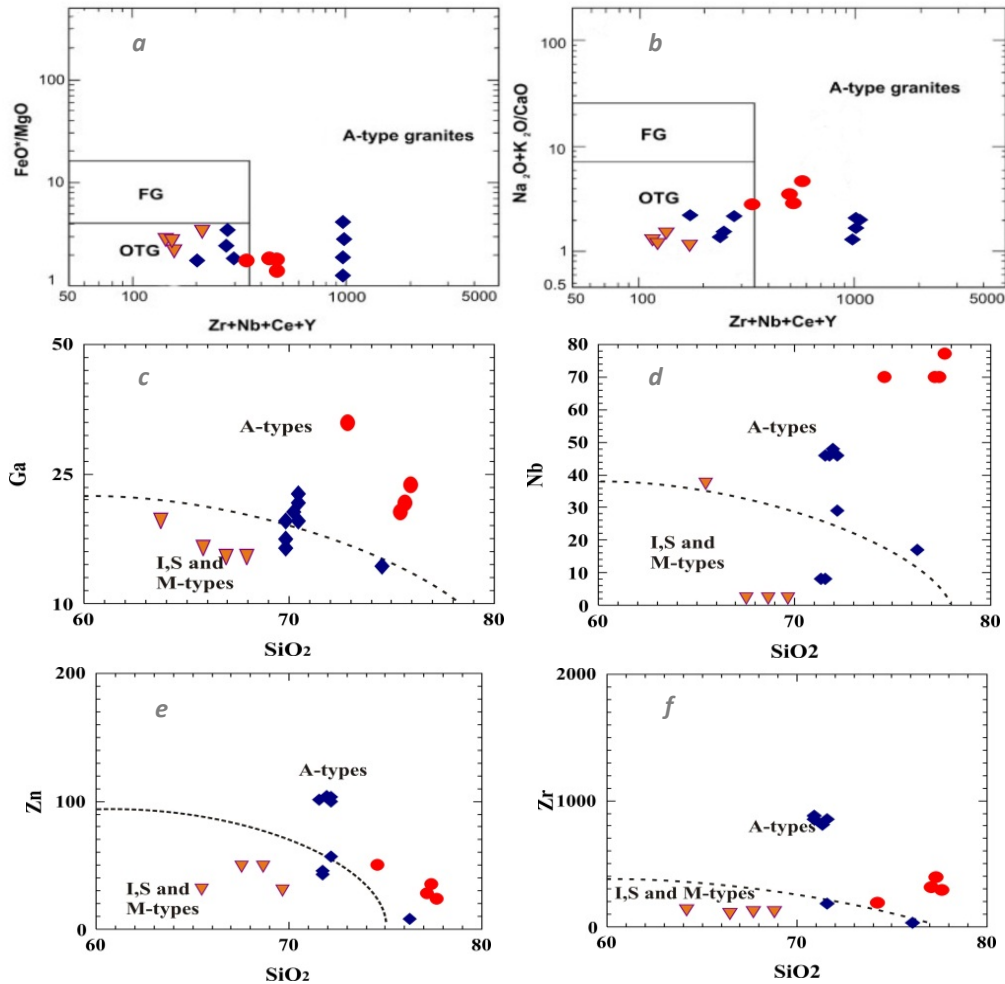
Incompatible normalized spider diagrams of some multi-element to MORB composition (Sun and McDonough, 1989) and ORG (oceanic ridge granite) of Pearce et al. (1984) for the Gassuss area granitic rocks suites are shown in figures. 15 and 16.

In the MORB normalized spider diagram the samples of each granitic rocks suites (synextensional orogeny and late to post extensional orogeny) show comparable patterns. Both group of patterns have fairly steep slopes with evident tilting of the patterns up to left due to selective enrichment of the incompatible elements LILE (Rb, Ba and Sr) with high steep slopes in K at the left-hand side over the more compatible elements (HFSE, HREE and LREE) to the right (Nb, Zr, Y & La-Sm & Eu-Lu) and represented slow slopes. Although the granodiorite are less enriched in incompatible LILE and HFSE relative to the monzogranite and syenogranite (Fig. 15c), they mainly exhibit slowly steeper patterns owing to slightly smooth depletion in HREE.

The synextensional orogeny suite patterns are characterized by minor positive spikes at Ba and Sr, and they are oppositely a markedly deep negative Nb anomaly. Also, Y and HREE exhibit extensive depletion, with concentrations reaching levels which are even lower than MORB. The coexistence of deep negative Nb anomalies on primitive-source spider diagrams are characteristic of magmatic rocks formed in subduction zones and indicates incorporation of crustal material (e.g. Zartman and Doe, 1981; Saunders et al., 1991). The relative enrichment of the fluid mobile element Ba ($\sim 40-90$ - MORB Fig. 15a), suggests the involvement of fluids released from the subducted slab because Ba is the most mobile and riched element in such fluids (Pearce, 1983; Wilson, 1989; Rollinson, 1993).

In spite of their exceedingly high Nb content with an average = 31.3-71.8 ppm for the monzogranite and syenogranite respectively, the patterns of the late to post extensional orogeny suites show moderate to slightly high negative Nb anomaly (Fig. 15b). In contrast to the positive Ba spike shown by the granodiorite suite, Ba in the late to post granitic suites patterns shows markedly deep negative anomalies than other behavior pattern of granodiorite. Furthermore, major depletions in the right-hand segment of the pattern are exhibited by a very deep Sr anomaly (Fig. 15 b&c). These depletions in Ba and Sr are likely attributed to fractionation of plagioclase and apatite, respectively during magmatic evolution. However, this strong depletion and low

abundances of Ba and Sr, which sometimes drop below those of MORB, require an advanced fractionation of these minerals under upper crustal conditions. The negative Ba anomaly can be considered as an indication of high temperature fractionation of feldspar rather than hornblende or biotite (cf. Ilbeyli et al., 2004; Arslan and Aslan, 2006; Mansouri Esfahani et al., 2010).



FeO* total Iron

Fig. 13: Zr + Nb + Ce + Y vs. FeO*/MgO (a) and (K₂O + Na₂O)/CaO (b) discrimination diagrams of Whalen et al. (1987) FG: fractionated felsic granites; OTG: unfractionated I- and S-type granites and showing SiO₂ versus Ga, Nb, Zn and Zr variation diagrams (c,d,e and f respectively) of Collins et al., 1982 and Whalen et al., 1987.

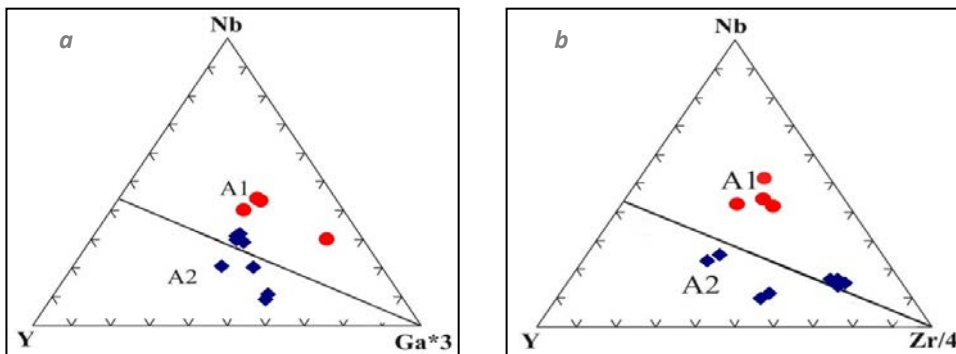


Fig. 14: (a) Nb-Y-Ga*3 ternary diagram and (b) Nb-Y-Zr/4 ternary diagram after Eby (1992): A1 (Anorogenic setting of within the plate) and A2 (Post collision setting).

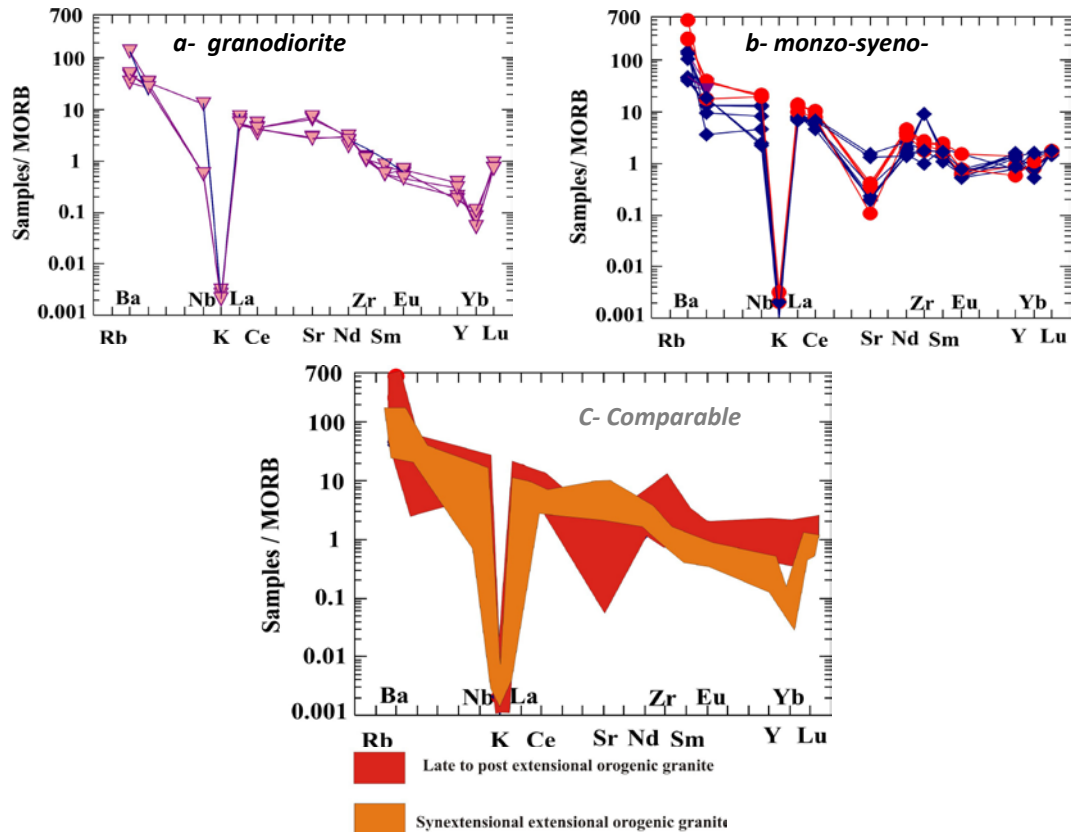


Fig. 15: MORB-normalized some multi-element spider diagrams for G. Gassus Granites. Normalization values are from Sun and McDonough (1989).

In the some multi-element abundance spider diagram are effective means for discriminating the tectonic setting of the Egyptian granitoid rocks (e.g. Moghazi, 2002; Farahat et al., 2007). The ORG-normalized patterns of the examined granodiorite (synextensional orogeny) and monzogranite - syenogranite (late to post extensional orogeny) of Gassuss area are showing in figure 16. However, the granodiorite samples pattern are exhibit slightly low to moderate variation of the incompatible elements Rb, Nb, Zr and Y as well as they are high of some incompatible elements Ba (Fig. 16 a), particularly these granodiorite has been demonstrated to be correlated with the degree of arc maturity (Brown et al., 1984; Jin, 1986).

On the other hand the ORG-normalized patterns of the examined monzogranite & syenogranite (late to post extensional orogeny) samples (Fig. 16b) are negative Ba anomaly and more enrichment Nb, Zr and Y, in particularly these monzogranite and syenogranite have been dominated to be correlated with continental arc maturity (Brown et al., 1984; Jin, 1986) as well as that concluded that the behavior of anorogenic of younger granite suite (Eby 1992).

4.3- Rear earth elements (REE):

The concentrations of rare earth elements (REE) for all of the studied granitic suites are given in Table 3. In the synextensional granite suite (granodiorite), La concentrations range about 19 to 21ppm, while Lu varies between 0.4 to 0.5 ppm with total REE varies between 112.6 and 117.1 ppm. On the other hand, the late extensional granite suite (monzogranite) is obviously more REE enriched relatively than granodiorite, with La and Lu values between about 27–40 ppm and 0.8–

1 ppm respectively with total REE 127.3-168.4 ppm, whereas the post extensional granite suite (syenogranite) is relatively more REE enriched than monzogranite and granodiorite (Table 3), which it is range concentration of La between 40 and 56 ppm, Lu reaches 1 ppm with high total of REE between 199 and 256 ppm.

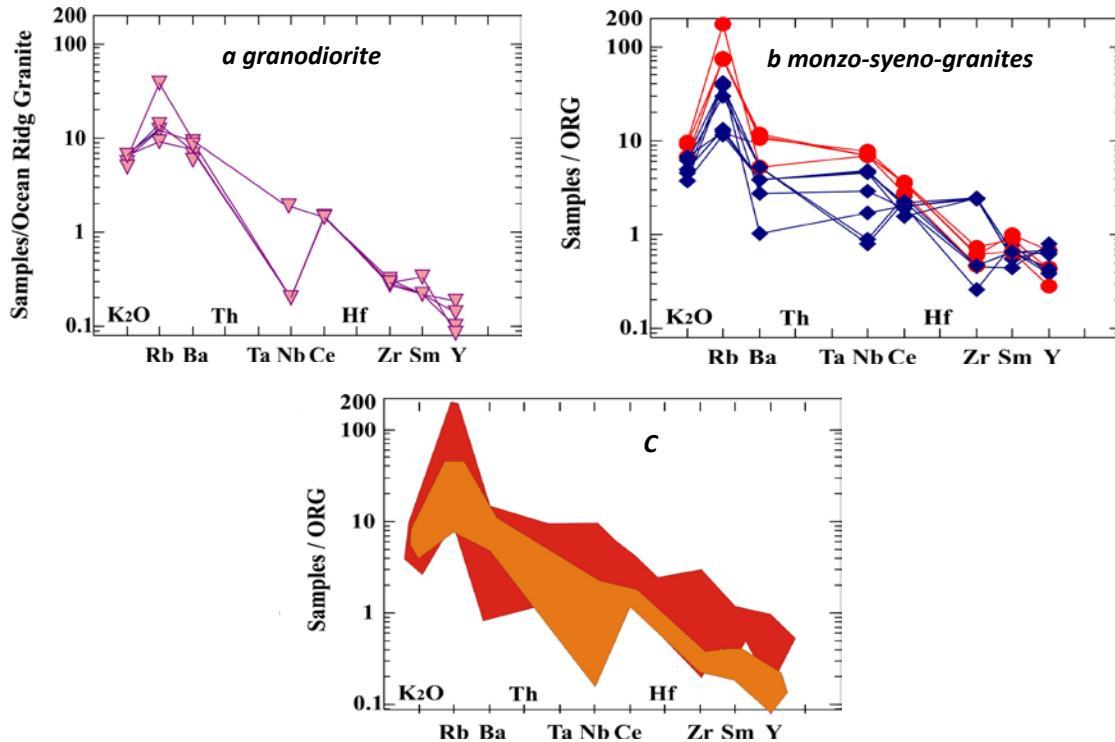


Fig. 16: ORG-normalized multi-element spider diagrams G. Gassus Granites. ORG (ocean ridge granite) normalization values are from Pearce et al. (1984).

The examined samples of the study granitic rocks have comparatively moderate abundance of \sum REE averages for granodiorite (synextensional orogeny) (average: 115.7 ppm) to high abundances of \sum REE averages for monzogranite (late extensional orogeny) (average: 144.2 ppm) and \sum REE averages for syenogranite (post extensional orogeny) (average: 238.2 ppm), being comparable to or even more REE-enriched than other A-type granites elsewhere in the Arabian–Nubian Shield (e.g. Abdel-Rahman and El-Kibbi, 2001; Moghazi et al., 2004, 2011; Katzir et al., 2007; Jarrar et al., 2008; Mohamed and El-Sayed, 2008; Be’eri-Shlevin et al., 2009a; El-Bialy, Streck, 2009; Eyal et al., 2010; Ali et al., 2012 and El-Bialy & M. Omar 2015).

Particularly, the average of Eu/Sm ratio and Eu anomaly are variable from the all types of the examined granitic rocks Cullers and Graf (1984), which the average concentration of Eu/Sm ratio and Eu for the examined late to post extensional orogenic granitic rocks are mainly moderate to small Eu negative anomalies (~0.2) (Table 3), on the other hand they are little to no Eu negative anomaly (~0.4) for the examined synextensional orogeny (Table 3).

According to C1-chondrite-normalized REE’s ratios of McDonough and Sun, 1995, the granodiorite exhibits LREE-enriched patterns (La – Sm) with rather steep and mild negative Eu anomalies (average Eu= 0.7) (Fig.17 & Table3). The LREE segments (La–Nd), have parallel to sub-parallel arrangement, while the HREE segments (Eu-Lu) are noticeably less concordant (Fig. 17a). On the other hand, the monzogranite and syenogranite displays enriched, parallel to sub-parallel REE patterns, characterized by moderate slopes which are due to fair enrichment of the LREE (La-Sm) relative to HREE (Eu-Lu). These patterns also exhibit deeper negative Eu troughs

with an average $Eu = 1-1.2$ relative to those of the granodiorite (Fig. 17b and c). The degree of LREE fractionation in the granodiorite (average $(La/Sm) = 9.3$) is higher relative to monzogranite and syenogranite (average $(La/Sm) = 5.8$ and 7 respectively). The situation is analogous with regard to the HREE of the granodiorite samples are slowly fractionated with remarkably steep patterns with an average $(Gd/Yb) = 23.1$, as well as they are relatively very high ratio to monzogranite and syenogranite (average $(Gd/Yb) = 2.4$ and 2.7 respectively), which they are weakly fractionated with almost flat pattern.

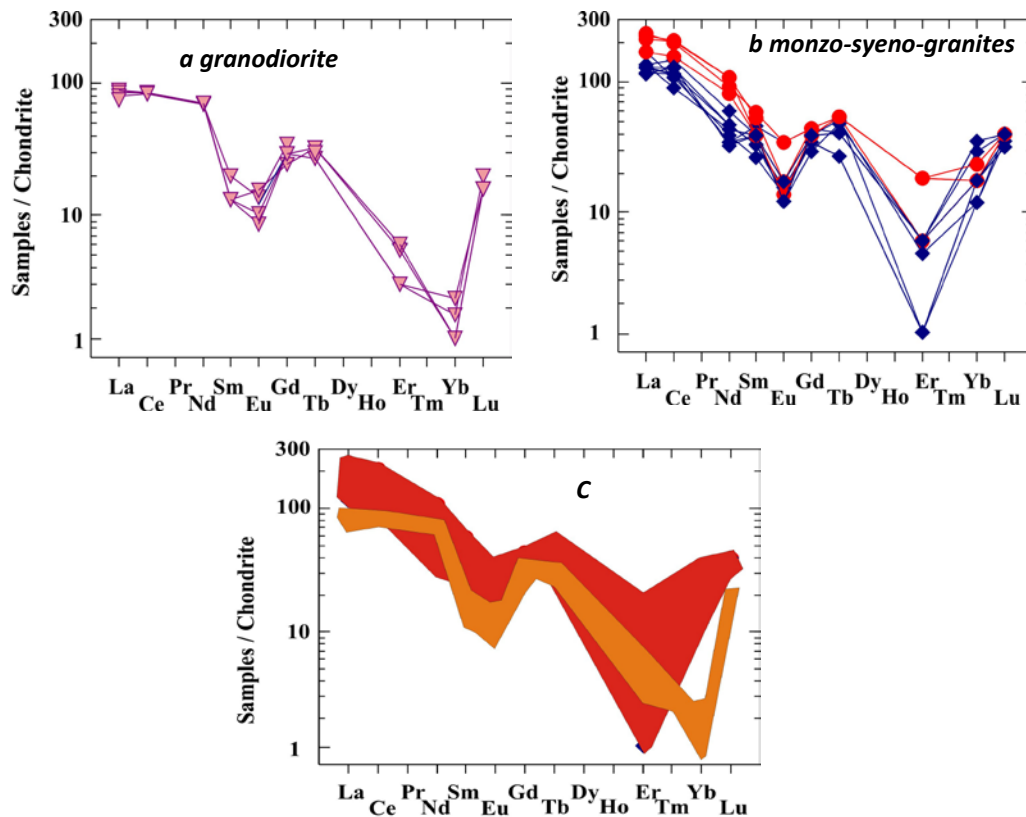


Fig. 17: C1-Chondrite-normalized REE diagrams of McDonough and Sun (1995) for the investigated granitic rocks of G. Gassuss area.

4.4- Comparative normalized:

The different comparatives of an average major, trace element concentrations and some different geochemical ratios of the examined granitic rocks with some average compositions of the various genetic I & A type's granite of Whalen et al. (1987) and continental crust of Rudnick and Fountain (1995) shown in table 6. According to some normalized spider average diagrams MORB of Sun and McDonough, (1989), ORG (oceanic ridge granite) of Pearce et al. (1984) and C1-chondrite-normalized REE's ratios of McDonough and Sun, (1995) (Fig. 18). Generally showing that the investigated granodiorite (synextensional orogeny) of I-type granite similar behavior patterns of I-type granite of Whalen et al (1987) in most normalized diagrams in all LILE, LREE and HREE patterns, on the other hand the investigated monzogranite and syenogranite (late to post extensional orogeny) of A-type are similar behavior patterns of both A-type granite and relatively felsic I-type of Whalen et al (1987) in most normalization diagrams.

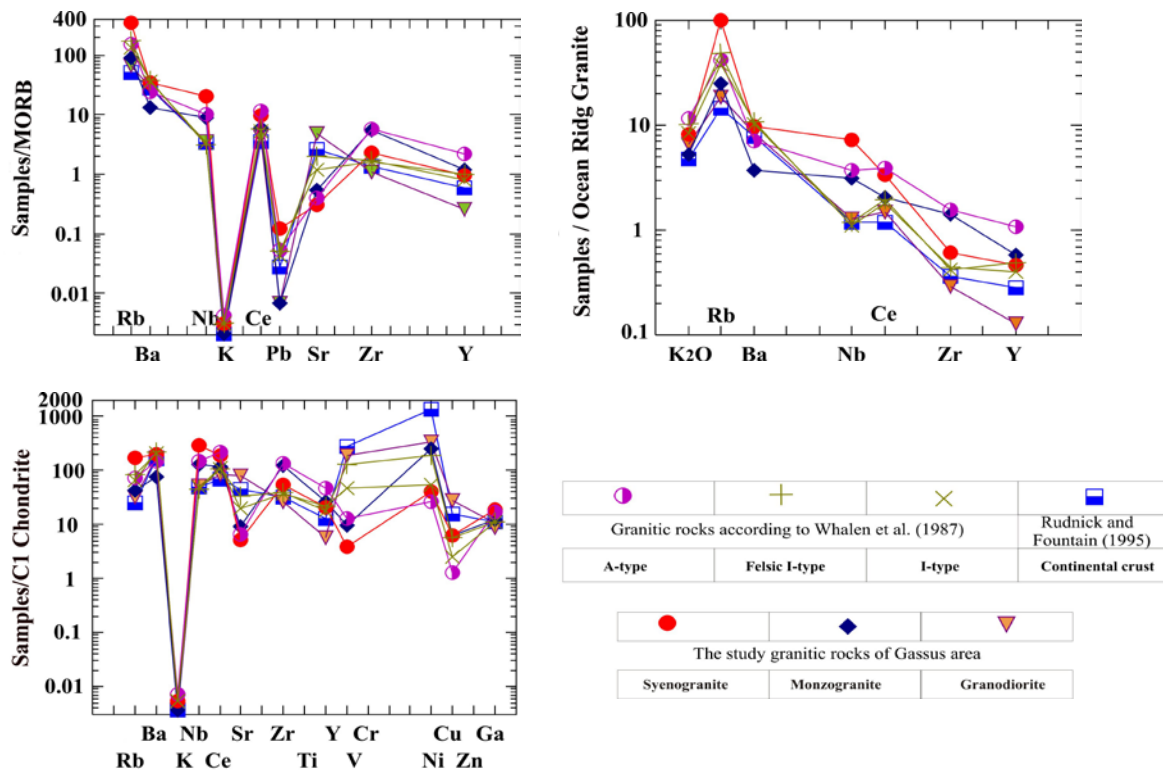


Fig. 18: Normalized spider diagrams of (a) MORB McDonough and Sun (1995), (b) ORG (ocean ridge granite) normalization values of Pearce et al. (1984) and (c) C1-Chondrite-normalized REE of McDonough and Sun (1995) for the investigated granitic rocks and some fumes granitic rocks of Whalen et al. (1987) and continental crust of Rudnick and Fountain (1995).

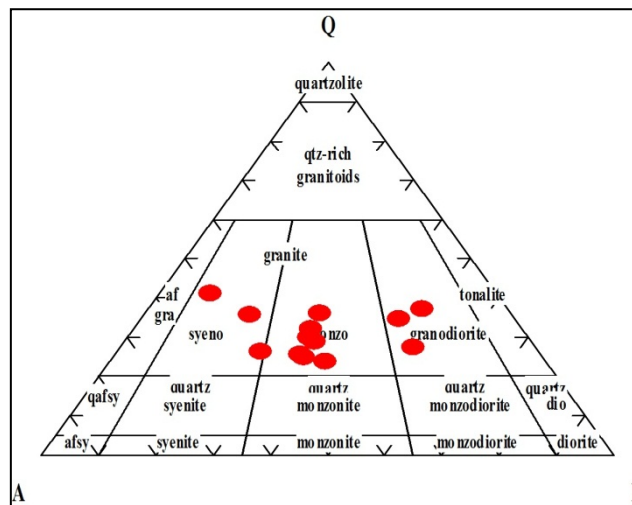
5- Conclusion:

The study area is a part of Arabian Nubian Shield of Neoproterozoic, that is cover about 155 Km², it is a part of Central Eastern Desert of Egypt, and it lies between Latitudes 26° 29' and 26° 36' N and Longitudes 33° 47' and 33° 57' E. The granitic rocks of the present study are divided into granodiorite, monzogranite and syenogranite, according to the geochemical and petrotectonical parameters, these rocks are produced of I-type and A-type granites of continental arc assemblages. Particularly, the granodiorite is related to synextensional orogeny of calc-alkaline and metaluminous in nature, which is relatively low values of total alkali (with an average 7.3), on the other hand the granodiorite mainly high in LILE (Rb, Ba and Sr) and low in HFSE (Nb, Zr, Y), HREE (La-Sm) and LREE (Eu-Lu). Tectonically, that is described as synorogenic suite and due to I-type granite, which is similar to the I-type granite of Whalen et al 1987. On the other hand, the other type of granitic rock suites (monzogranite and syenogranite) are related to the late to post extensional orogeny of calc alkaline (monzogranite) to high-K of calc-alkaline (syenogranite) and mainly alkaline to peralkaline in natures, these rocks mainly highest in the values of total alkali with an average about 8.6, and that are high in HFSE (Nb, Zr, Y), HREE (La-Sm) and LREE (Eu-Lu) relative to the granodiorite and lowest in LILE elements than granodiorite. The monzogranite and syenogranite are mainly tectonically related to anorogenic granites of A-type granite, which are mostly similar to the A-type granite of Whalen et al 1987.

(Appendix)

Appendix (1): The modal composition and classification diagram of Streckeisen (1976) of the investigated granitic rocks of G. Gassuss (Tolba & Kamel 2014). (Table App.1 & Fig App. 1)

	Granodiorit													T	
	Qz	Pl	A-Fld	Bio	Hb	Pyx	Mus	Ir	Sp	Zr	Ep	Ap			
C7	22.2	41.4	17.3	11	1.2	0	0.3	2	2	1.3	1	0.3	100		
C11	26	33.4	10.4	16	4.8	5.2	0.3	3	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	100		
C18	21.4	27.7	12.7	11.8	5.5	8.5	0	10	1.2	0.6	0.4	0.2	100		
Av	23.2	34.2	13.5	12.9	3.8	4.6	0.2	5	1.2	0.7	0.5	0.2	100		
	Monzogranite														
	Qz	Pl	K-F	Bi	Hb	Pyx	Sp	All	Ir	Cl	Mu	Zr	Ep	Ap	
C8	18.5	20	28	11.5	4.2	3	3	0	5.5	3.7	0	0.8	1	0.8	100
C13	17.5	21	27.5	11	4.7	3.5	3.3	0	5.2	3.7	0	0.8	1	0.8	100
C19	33.3	28.1	30.9	3.6	0	0	0	0	2.2	0	1.7	0	0	0	100
C21	27	21	36	6	1	0	1	0	3	2	3	0	0	0	100
C23	20	22	37	10	2	0	1	0	3	2	3	0	0	0	100
C24	25.2	26.7	32.2	7.9	1.5	0	0	0	4	1.6	1	0	0	0	100
C26-2	16.5	24	24.5	9.5	4.2	3	4	3	5	3.7	0	0.8	1	0.8	100
Av	22.6	23.3	30.9	8.5	2.5	1.4	1.6	0.4	4	2.4	1.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	99.8
	Syenogranite														
	Qz	Pl	K-F	Bi	Mu	Ir	Ep								
C6-1	25.2	24	46.5	1.3	2.2	0.8	0								100
C22	34.2	17.7	44	1.4	0.9	1.1	0.7								100
C25-1	40	8	49	1	1	1	0								100
Av	33.1	16.6	46.5	1.2	1.4	1	0.2								100



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