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MINERALOGY TEST REPORT

1.60 KW POWDER X RAY DIFRACTOMETER METHOD



INTRODUCTION: X-ray diffraction (XRD) and petrology studies are both valuable techniques used in geology and materials science for analysing minerals and rocks, but they serve different purposes and offer unique advantages. Here's how XRD is superior to petrology studies in certain aspects. XRD excels in identifying crystalline minerals present in a sample. It provides precise information about the crystal structure and lattice parameters of minerals, which can be challenging to ascertain solely through petrological observations. XRD allows for quantitative analysis of mineral phases present in a sample, providing accurate estimates of mineral composition based on peak intensities. Petrology studies, while descriptive, may not always provide quantitative data on mineral abundance. XRD is highly sensitive and can detect trace amounts of minerals present in a sample, even at concentrations as low as a few percent. Powder Diffraction (XRD) Database, contains a comprehensive collection of more than 6000 diffraction patterns for various materials. Researchers use this resource for identifying unknown substances, confirming crystal structures, and conducting material characterization. Shiva Analyticals team has decades of experience on XRD studies. Accurate chemical assay coupled with reliable mineralogy information is vital in resource characterisation.

Sample Code: G2803-4 (CMT/011/75/2025)

Instruments: WDXRF – Bruker S8 Tiger Series 2 (4 kW); XRD – Bruker D8 Advance (1.6 kW).

2θ Scan Range: 5–80° | Crystallinity: 68.40% | Amorphous: 31.60% |

Bulk Oxides by WDXRF:

Oxide	Wt.%
Al ₂ O ₃	12.05
BaO	<0.05
CaO	11.41
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.16
Fe ₂ O ₃	12.11
K ₂ O	0.77
MgO	13.03
MnO	0.10
Na ₂ O	1.89
P ₂ O ₅	0.27
SiO ₂	45.26
SO ₃	<0.05
SrO	<0.05
TiO ₂	2.00
V ₂ O ₅	<0.05
ZrO ₂	<0.05
HfO ₂	<0.05
CuO	<0.05
NiO	0.06
PbO	<0.05
ZnO	<0.05
LOI	0.74

Mineral Phases by XRD:

Sl.no	Mineral Phase	Chemical Formula	XRD Wt.%	XRD Crystalline Wt % (XRD Wt.% × 0.684)	Molecular Weight (g/mol)
1	Diopside	CaMgSi ₂ O ₆	0.73	0.50	216.55
2	Hedenbergite	CaFeSi ₂ O ₆	24.67	16.87	248.09
3	Augite	(Ca,Mg,Fe)Si ₂ O ₆	0.38	0.26	236.35
4	Forsterite	Mg ₂ SiO ₄	6.54	4.47	140.69
5	Qandilite	Mg ₂ TiO ₄	0.55	0.38	179.98
6	Hydrogarnet	Ca ₃ Al ₂ (OH) ₁₂	1.04	0.71	358.30
7	Aegirine augite	(Na,Ca)(Fe,Mg)Si ₂ O ₆	0.27	0.18	239.50
9	Anorthite	CaAl ₂ Si ₂ O ₈	3.6	2.46	278.21

10	Chromite	FeCr ₂ O ₄	0.46	0.31	223.84
11	Quartz	SiO ₂	2.24	1.53	60.08
Sl.no	Mineral Phase	Chemical Formula	XRD Wt.%	(XRD Wt.% × 0.684)	Molecular Weight (g/mol)
12	Ankerite	Ca(Fe,Mg)(CO ₃) ₂	0.48	0.33	206.39
13	Muscovite 2M1	KAl ₂ (AlSi ₃ O ₁₀)(OH) ₂	1.9	1.30	398.30
14	Clinochlore	(Mg,Fe) ₅ Al(Si ₃ Al)O ₁₀ (OH) ₈	6.63	4.53	595.22
15	Lizardite-1T	Mg ₃ Si ₂ O ₅ (OH) ₄	8.54	5.84	277.11
16	Periclase	MgO	0.72	0.49	40.30
17	Fassaite	(Ca,Mg,Al)(Si,Al) ₂ O ₆	0.71	0.49	236.35
18	Labradorite An65	(Ca,Na)(Al,Si) ₄ O ₈	10.29	7.04	271.81
19	Magnetite	Fe ₃ O ₄	5.14	3.52	231.53
20	Aegirine	NaFeSi ₂ O ₆	0.87	0.60	231.00
21	Jadeite	NaAlSi ₂ O ₆	0.19	0.13	201.20
22	Phlogopite	KMg ₃ (AlSi ₃ O ₁₀)(OH) ₂	1.08	0.74	419.25
23	Andesine An50	(Na,Ca)(Al,Si) ₄ O ₈	22.97	15.71	268.62
Total			100	68.40	

Stoichiometric Comparison Table:

Oxides	XRF (wt%)	XRD crystallinity (wt%)	Amorphous (wt%)
SiO ₂	45.26	30.26	15.00
Al ₂ O ₃	12.05	9.16	2.89
Fe ₂ O ₃	12.11	9.33	2.78
MgO	13.03	7.49	5.54
CaO	11.41	8.59	2.82
Na ₂ O	1.89	1.34	0.55
K ₂ O	0.77	0.18	0.59
TiO ₂	2.00	0.25	1.75
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.16	0.11	0.05
CO ₂	0.00	0.15	-0.15
H ₂ O	0.00	1.53	-1.53
Traces	1.32	0.00	1.32

Interpretation

- The analyzed sample is a mafic-ultramafic rock characterized by high SiO₂ (45.26%), MgO (13.03%), Fe₂O₃ (12.11%), CaO (11.41%), and Al₂O₃ (12.05%), with minor alkalis and trace elements indicating a plagioclase and Ca-pyroxene-rich composition.
- XRD analysis reveals dominant Hedenbergite, Diopside, Forsterite, Labradorite, and Andesine, along with secondary hydrous and alteration phases such as Clinocllore, Lizardite, Phlogopite, Hydrogarnet, and Ankerite, reflecting low-grade hydrothermal or metamorphic overprint.
- The rock exhibits partial crystallinity with a significant amorphous fraction particularly in SiO₂, MgO, TiO₂, and Fe₂O₃, suggesting the presence of fine-grained or glassy silicates from rapid cooling or alteration. Minor accessory phases, including magnetite, chromite, and Ti-bearing minerals, host trace metals like Cr, V, and Ni.
- Overall, the sample represents a partially crystalline, plagioclase- and pyroxene-dominated mafic-ultramafic rock with evidence of secondary alteration and significant amorphous material

Suggested minor/Secondary mineral phases

The amorphous fraction is primarily glassy interstitial silicates with secondary alteration products (serpentine, chlorite, hydrogarnet) and minor Ti/Fe-bearing phases.

Potential commercial uses

Component	Application
High MgO	Forsterite and pyroxenes provide high-temperature stability for furnace linings and refractory bricks
High CaO	Calcium-rich phases like plagioclase and ankerite can react with CO ₂ for mineral carbonation
High SiO ₂ and Al ₂ O ₃	Suitable for ceramic tiles, porcelain, and specialty glass production
Pyroxene, Olivine, Diopside	Hard silicate minerals can be ground for abrasive powders or fillers in construction and polymers
Forsterite, Clinocllore	Mg-bearing minerals can be processed to obtain magnesium oxide or other Mg-based products

Probable origin assessment

The sample likely represents a mafic-ultramafic cumulate formed from a mantle-derived, Mg- and Ca-rich magma, as indicated by dominant Ca-pyroxenes, plagioclase, and forsterite. The significant amorphous fraction (31.60%) suggests rapid cooling or partial devitrification, while the presence of clinocllore, lizardite, hydrogarnet, and ankerite points to low-grade hydrothermal or metamorphic alteration. Minor spinel and Fe-Ti oxides hosting Cr, Ni, and Ti indicate crystallization from a metal-bearing mafic melt.

Final Results

- **Rock Type and Composition:** The sample is a mafic-ultramafic rock, rich in SiO₂ (45.26%), MgO (13.03%), Fe₂O₃ (12.11%), CaO (11.41%), and Al₂O₃ (12.05%), dominated by Ca-pyroxenes, plagioclase, and forsterite.

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- Crystallinity and Amorphous Content: XRD shows partial crystallinity (68.40%) with a significant amorphous fraction (31.60%), mainly consisting of glassy silicates and poorly crystalline Mg-, Fe-, and Ti-bearing phases.
- Secondary/Alteration Phases: Presence of clinocllore, lizardite, hydrogarnet, and ankerite indicates low-grade hydrothermal or metamorphic alteration.
- Accessory Minerals: Minor spinel, magnetite, and Fe-Ti oxides host trace metals like Cr, Ni, Ti, and V, reflecting a metal-bearing mafic melt origin.
- The rock likely formed as a mantle-derived mafic-ultramafic cumulate with subsequent alteration

Stoichiometric Oxide Table

Mineral Name	Mineral Formula	XRD	SiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Fe ₂ O ₃	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	TiO ₂	Cr ₂ O ₃	CO ₂	H ₂ O
Diopside	CaMgSi ₂ O ₆	0.50	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hedenbergite	CaFeSi ₂ O ₆	16.87	7.54	0.00	4.77	0.00	4.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Augite	(Ca,Mg,Fe)Si ₂ O ₆	0.26	0.10	0.00	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Forsterite	Mg ₂ SiO ₄	4.47	1.91	0.00	0.00	2.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Qandilite	Mg ₂ TiO ₄	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hydrogarnet	Ca ₃ Al ₂ (OH) ₁₂	0.71	0.00	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07
Aegirine augite	(Na,Ca)(Fe,Mg)Si ₂ O ₆	0.18	0.11	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Anorthite	CaAl ₂ Si ₂ O ₈	2.46	1.07	0.81	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chromite	FeCr ₂ O ₄	0.31	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00
Quartz	SiO ₂	1.53	1.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ankerite	Ca(Fe,Mg)(CO ₃) ₂	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.00
Muscovite 2M1	KAl ₂ (AlSi ₃ O ₁₀)(OH) ₂	1.30	0.60	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15
Clinocllore	(Mg,Fe) ₅ Al(Si ₃ Al)O ₁₀ (OH) ₈	4.53	1.35	0.78	0.50	1.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.53
Lizardite01T	Mg ₃ Si ₂ O ₅ (OH) ₄	5.84	2.55	0.00	0.00	2.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.74
Periclase	MgO	0.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fassaite	(Ca,Mg,Al)(Si ₂ Al) ₂ O ₆	0.49	0.14	0.20	0.00	0.02	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Labradorite An65	(Ca,Na)(Al,Si) ₄ O ₈	7.04	3.65	2.05	0.00	0.00	1.04	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Magnetite	Fe ₃ O ₄	3.52	0.00	0.00	3.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Aegirine	NaFeSi ₂ O ₆	0.60	0.31	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jadeite	NaAlSi ₂ O ₆	0.13	0.05	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Phlogopite	KMg ₃ (AlSi ₃ O ₁₀)(OH) ₂	0.74	0.33	0.14	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
Andesine An50	(Na,Ca)(Al,Si) ₄ O ₈	15.71	8.74	4.46	0.00	0.00	1.63	0.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total		68.40	30.26	9.16	9.33	7.49	8.59	1.34	0.18	0.25	0.11	0.15	1.53



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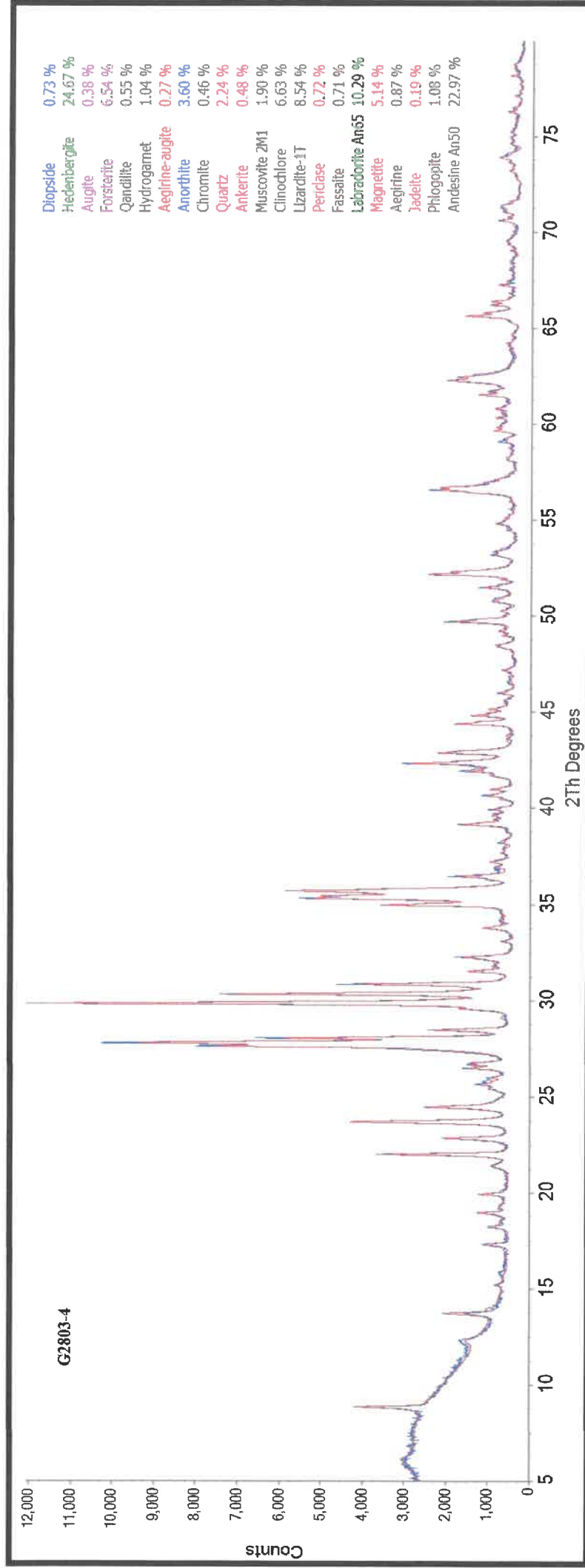


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