

16-10: Provenance Variation in Permo-Carboniferous Siliciclastic Sequences from Central-Eastern Indian Platform

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Research questions and Study Area

- Provenance study of Gondwana sediments in the Indian platform to observe changes in tectonic setting and possible source terranes.
- Impact of climatic variation in sediment disposal pattern in these basins.
- Understand fluvial dynamics throughout the sediment deposition and basin evolution.





Climatic Variations



(Rygel et al., 2008)



Tectonic Evolution of the Basins







c Artinskian stage (280Ma - 290 Ma)



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e Rodian stage (269 Ma - 272 Ma)





A. Deposition of glaciogenic lower Gondwana formations on uneven basement



B. Narrow rift valley formation during Early Permian



C. Lateral expansion of the rift valleys



Modified after Chowdhury (2014)



Stratigraphic formations between basins in the Indian Platform

		1	2	3	4	5	6	
Age		Northwestern Bangladesh	Koel-Damodar	Satpura	Rajmahal	Son-Mahanadi	Pranhita-Godavari	
Permian	Upper	Paharpur	Raniganj Barren Measures	Bijuri Motur		Raniganj Barren Measures	Lower Kamthi Barren Measures	
	Lower	Kuchma	Barakar	Barakar	Barakar	Barakar	Barakar	
			Talchir	Talchir	Talchir	Talchir	Talchir	
Carboniferous	Upper							
Precambrian Crystalline Basement								





Lithology and sample locations from basins of interest





Petrographic thin-section analysis

Jamalganj Basin-Sandstone



Dighipara Basin-Sandstone

Khalashpir Basin-Sandstone



Dighipara Basin-Sandstone

Khalashpir Basin-Conglomerate



Barapukuria Basin-Sandstone



Barakar Fm., Jharia Basin-Sandstone





Barakar Fm., Jharia Basin-Sandstone





Talchir Fm., Jharia Basin-Conglomerate



Eastern Indian Platform

Central Indian Platform



Sandstone Petrography



Tectonic fields adapted from Dickinson, 1985



29°N

27°

25°P

2.3°N

21ºN

19⁰N



Jamalganj
 Khalashpir
 Barakar Fm., Jharia

Dighipara
Barapukuria
Talchir Fm., Jharia





Mg	Na	AI3	Si6	Ca2	Ti2	Fe2	Mn
OI 2566	Amelia	Anorthite	Wollastonite	Wollastonite	Ilmenite	Fayalite	P-130







Whole rock Geochemistry

- Majority of the sandstones fall between highly feldspathic and wacke to litharenite and arkose.
- Major oxide data indicate a deficiency of Na₂O while increase in
 K₂O indicating the feldspars are K-spars type
- REE patterns indicates a similar trend
 - Lower Gondwanan sediments have a higher concentration compared to Upper Gondwanan sediments











Upper Gondwana - Central India
 Lower Gondwana - Central India
 PAAS - Post Archean Australian Shale
 NASC - North American Shale Composite

Upper Gondwana - Eastern India
 Lower Gondwana - Eastern India
 UCC - Upper Continental Crust



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Chemical Index of Alteration (CIA) = $[(Al_2O_3) / (Al_2O_3+CaO+Na_2O+K_2O)] \times 100$

A-CN-K plot adopted after Nesbitt and Young (1989); PAAS, UCC and NASC data based on Taylor and McLennan (1985); Central Indian data from Chowdhury (2014)

Adopted after Nesbitt and Young (1982) and Soreghan and Soreghan (2007); Central Indian data from Chowdhury (2014)

Wholerock Geochemistry – continued – source terrane type

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- La-Th-Sc ternary plot indicate majority of samples have affinity to continental island arc tectonic setting.
- (K₂O/Na₂O) vs SiO₂ plot suggest lower Gondwanan sediments have affinity to active continental margin whereas upper Gondwanan sediments are from passive margin setting.
- TiO₂ vs Zr plot indicate mixing from both felsic and intermediate igneous terranes.
- Discriminant function plot indicate possible mixing from all different type of igneous terranes.







🔺 Lower Gondwana - Eastern India

Lower Gondwana - Central India



Discussion

- Gondwanan basins in Indian platform didn't form as a major basin contradicting Veevers (1995, 2018)
- Petrological analyses indicate lower
 Gondwanan sediments are less mature
 compared to upper Gondwanan
 sediments.
- Heavy mineral population indicate possible change of source terrane between upper and lower Gondwanan sediments.
- Garnet composition and population support heavy mineral analyses.
- Both upper and lower Gondwanan samples have been moderately weathered.
- Whole rock data indicate mixing from felsic and intermediate igneous source terrane with some influence from mafic igneous rocks.





- Gondwana sediments show variation in composition between Carboniferous (lower Gondwana) and Permian (upper Gondwana) sediments.
- Petrographic analysis indicate majority of the samples came from Recycled Orogenic setting.
- Heavy mineral data indicate variation between lower and upper Gondwanan sediments.
- Compositional analyses of Garnet grains show possible mixture of Amphibolite and Granulite facies of metamorphic terranes in the upper Gondwanan sediments.
- Whole-rock geochemistry indicate lower Gondwanan sediments to have active margin affinity whereas upper Gondwanan sediments shows affinity to passive margin setting.
- Possible changes in the source terrane can be related to climatic variation throughout the depositional period and sediment transportation network.



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