Gondwana supercontinent

Panafrican orogeny



Panafrican pegmatites - Nigeria



(modified after Woakes et al. 1987)





Panafrican pegmatites - Namibia



De Rust pegmatite dipping steeply to the north - dip of country rock to the south

The inner intermediate zone with a 1 m long spodumene



(Photos: Nex 2021).







Petalite pegmatite













Rubikon pegmatite















Luisa Ashworth PhD 2018



Helicon









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► Grade ~350ppm

petrology of the leucogranites



- textures are very variable leucogranites
- low % mafics
- 6 sheeted leucogranite 3 were emplaced pre-D₃; 3 postdate D₃
- only type D (4th in sequence) and E (5th) have U enrichment



•55% primary uraninite: 5% primary betafite {(Ca, Na,U,REE)₁₆-x (Nb,Ti)₁₆O₄₈(O,OH, F)_{8 -y} zH₂O,

 40% secondary U-silicates e.g. uranophane, coffinite replace uraninite on grain boundaries on joints and fracture. Accessory minerals are very wide-ranging but rarely abundant: biotite, calcite, and fluorite

Usakos pegmatite

Intruded into Kuiseb schist. Strikes NE. Dips 50 - 60° NW.





Border Zone: Bladed muscovite, black tourmaline and UST quartz.

Wall Zone:

equigranular quartz, albite, muscovite and black tourmaline

- Intermediate Zone: albite + quartz + finegrained black tourmaline.
- Massive quartz core:

Tourmaline mineralisation in clay-filled pockets.





Kagem emerald mine, Kafubu



Is the mineralisation magmatic or hydrothermal?

Marais, 2019









Modified from Goodenough et al in press







PARTS OF A LITHIUM-ION BATTERY







International agreements to limit climate change to less than a 2°C temperature increase, requires a global transition to clean renewable energy sources including an electrification of the transport sector.

THIS REQUIRES LITHIUM



Global tin use by application, 2022

ITA estimates global refined tin use share, tonnes



Indium-tin oxide is used in touch screens – 74% In, 18% O_2 , and 8% Sn by weight.

demand for tin is set to increase with electronics being the main downstream market
Sn application in Li-ion batteries will also stimulate demand growth as this industry is actively developing





Tantalum



Sower: Armes V to the Report of the Ad-hoc Working Group on defining critical new materials, p. 190.



Conclusions

- Archaean, Eburnean, Kibaran and PanAfrican
- Pegmatites are products of supercontinent assembly
- Different types can occur across a range of terranes at the same time.
- Archaean lithium-enriched pegmatites appear to be granite fractionates
- Later pegmatites are predominantly from anatexis









