

al. 1989).The inversion of the low to the high form of cristobalite occurred at 250°C to 260°C on heating (Sandford s. & Cole, 2011). 7) The heat absorbed by the hydrothermal quartz (- 141 m J) is greater than that of pegmatite quartz (- 56.6 m J) during the inversion of low quartz to high quartz (Figs.3 and 5).This may be attributed to the higher specific heat of hydrothermal quartz than that of pegmatite quartz. Healing in fluid –filled cracks in quartz is rapid above 400 °C and is thermally activated as the specific heat of hydrothermal quartz is so higher than that of pegmatite quartz (Susan et al, 1990).The study reveals that, hydrothermal quartz is lighter in the specific gravity (2.55) than the pegmatite quartz (2.64), so it is more sensitive to heating than the pegmatite quartz and has higher thermal expansion coefficient and lower thermal conductivity. This introduces a lot of strain that causes the material to crack by heating.8) pegmatite quartz has one endothermic peak at 296°C , may be related to the homogenization of fluid inclusion or to converting the amorphous silica to cristobalite .9) Pegmatite quartz has thermal activities above the alpha / beta inversion temperature of quartz at 700°C ,798°C & 887°C (Figs. 5, 6) ,may be related to homogenization of melt inclusions (Jadhav et al , 1993). The complete miscibility is attained at the critical point 712°C (Thomas et al , 2000). Chryssoulis and Rankin (1988) found that , quartz is not stable at 870°C and do not converted into tridymite in the absence of fluxes.10) The variations in decrepitation activities can used as an aid to mineral exploration in granite terrains.

4. Conclusion and Utilization

The study revealed the following conclusions:

1. Hydrothermal isolated crystals of quartz does not show undulose extinction but shows thermal expansion microcracks at 482°C.The pegmatite quartz shows undulose extinction as a result of the anisotropy of thermal expansion of quartz grains in groups
2. The decrepitation temperatures extending from ~270°C to 780°C, but more fluid inclusions decrepitated in the 5°C range from 582°C to 587°C (α / β inversion temperature)
3. Slow rate of heating is accurate for differentiation between hydrothermal and pegmatite quartz. The first has thermal activity below the alpha-beta inversion temperature, and the second has thermal activity above the inversion temperature.
4. Slow heating rates yield a more accurate and truly representative inversion temperature.
5. Increasing degree of grinding makes disappearance of the inversion temperatures
6. The alpha- beta inversion temperature of natural quartz is strongly affected by the change in pressure , particle sizes , heating rate but slightly affected by the source of quartz (regardless the thermal activity below and above the inversion temperature for both quartz types)
7. Description and identification of fluid inclusions in natural quartz taking in consideration the factors affecting the inversion temperature is good tool in mineral explorations and can be used for the

distinction between the authigenic and detritus quartz of sediments.

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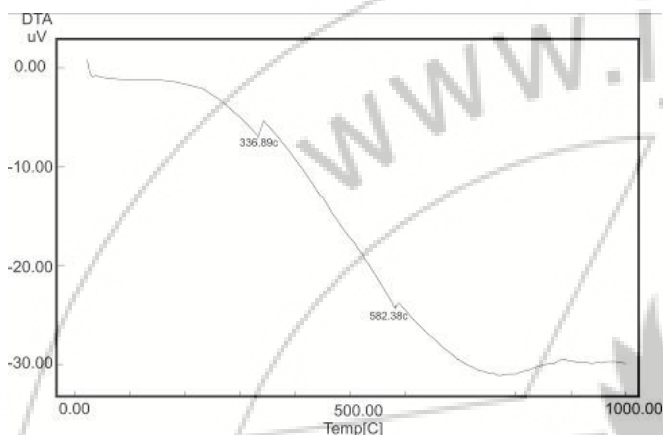


Fig. 2: DTA curve of hydrothermal translucent prismatic quartz, (heating rate 10 °C/min, particle size 0.1mm)

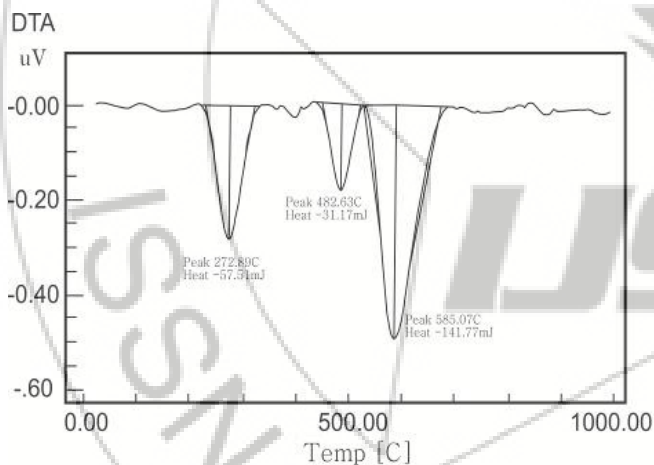


Fig. 3: DAT curve of hydrothermal translucent prismatic quartz, (heating rate 15 °C/min, particle size 0.1mm)

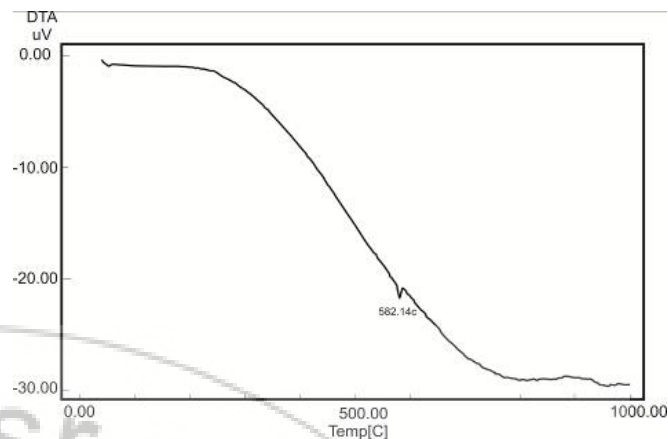


Fig. 4: DTA curve of pegmatite milky white quartz (heating rate 10 °C/min, particle size 0.1mm).

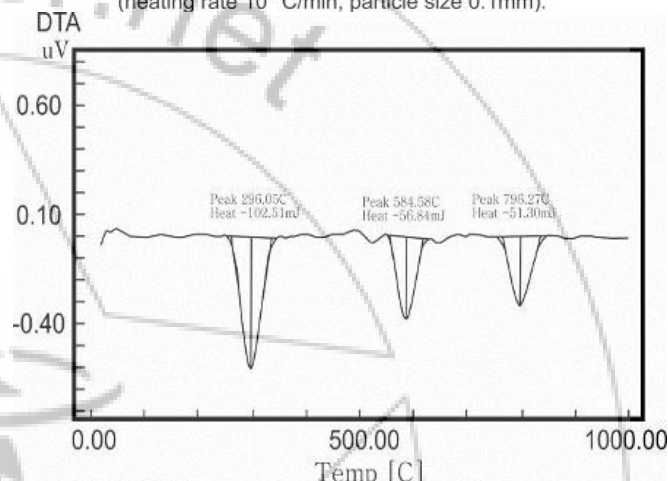


Fig. 5: DTA curve of pegmatite milky white quartz (heating rate 15 °C/min, particle size 0.1mm).

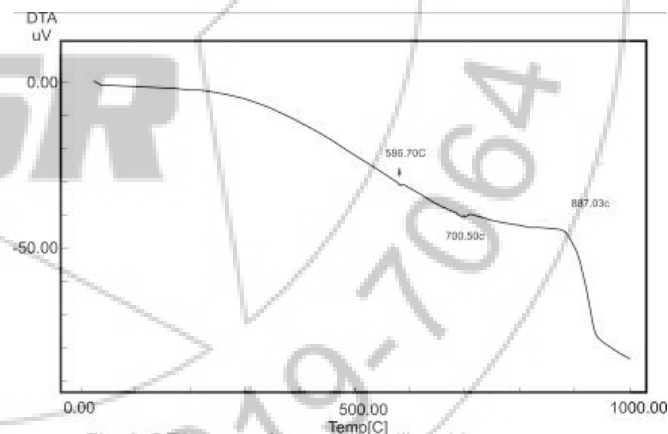


Fig. 6: DTA curve of pegmatite milky white quartz (heating rate 10 °C/min, particle size 1.0 mm).

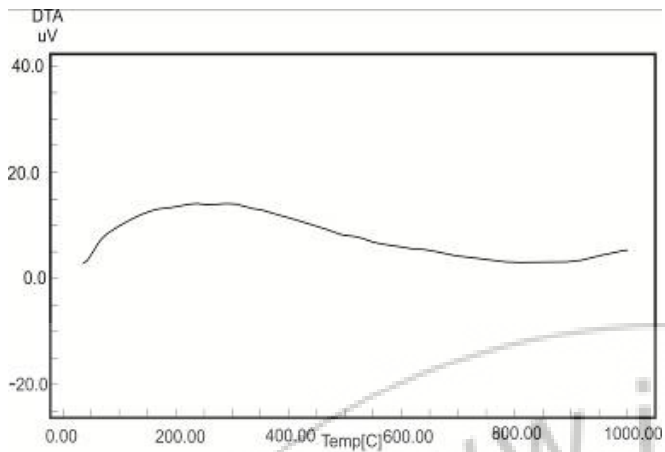


Fig. 7: DTA curve of pegmatite milky white quartz, (heating rate 10 °C/min, particle size 0.05mm)

