

# Lithological Mapping Using Aster Data In Kadavur Basin, Karur District, Tamil Nadu

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## ABSTRACT

ASTER VNIR – SWIR bands are used for the identification of rocks. Among the developed techniques of ASTER data analysis PCA technique is found to be useful for the identification of rocks. Analysis of ASTER data by using PCA, the band combinations of 8, 4 and 1 provides different tonal variations in different lithology. By using this band combinations in the Kadavur basin helps to identify the Anorthosite rocks. Thereby, ASTER data shows its potential in the discrimination of Anorthosite rock in Kadavur basin, Karur district, Tamil Nadu.

**Keywords:** ASTER, PCA, Anorthosite, Kadavur

## I. INTRODUCTION

Satellite Remote Sensing has become a wide spread application in geological mapping and mineral recognition. Exploring the spectral behavior of rocks using reflectance spectroscopy is valuable tool in remote sensing analysis that praises traditional field mapping methods (M'hamed et al. 2013). ASTER data information that can be gathered about geological survey and mapping due to the number of spectral bands and high resolution (M'hamed et al. 2013). The Advanced Spaceborn Thermal Emission and Reflectance Radiometer (ASTER) have 14 bands where three bands are VNIR, six bands at SWIR region and five bands at TIR region having spatial resolution of 15m, 30m and 90m respectively. Abdeen et al. (2001) have used the ASTER band ratios (4/7, 4/1, 2/3 x 4/3) and (4/7, 3/4, 2/1) for the mapping of ophiolites, metasediments, volcanoclastics and granitoids. Rajendran et al. have been developed a simple RGB colour composite image by using the spectral bands 8, 4, 1 and used to map the occurrence and distribution of peridotites and the region of hydrothermal alteration and serpentinization. Based on this spectral bands, band 1 is used for the weathered iron minerals rich peridotites surface, band 4 occurrences of water and hydroxyl molecules bearing serpentine minerals in serpentinized harzburgites / peridotites and band 8 used for the occurrence of Mg-OH molecules bearing minerals and carbonates in the peridotites/ serpentinized harzburgites. For the mineralization mapping VNIR wavelengths (0.4 - 1.0

µm) have been widely used. For the discrimination of clays, phyllosilicates, alunite and limestone SWIR wavelengths (0.9 - 2.5 µm) were used. For the determination of abundance of silica TIR wavelength (8 - 14 µm) is used. PCA technique is used for preparing mineral mapping by using ASTER band combinations. PCA is a statistical method used to reduce a set of correlated multivariate measurement to a lesser set where the features are uncorrelated to one another. PCA of a high resolution satellite images can satisfy temporal autocorrelation, by this means increasing the constancy of the data for image segmentation and classification procedures. The PCA is useful in providing maximum visual separability of image feature (Rashmi Prava Das). ASTER VNIR-SWIR reflectance data and spectral matched – filter processing were passed down to map more than a few lithological sequences discriminating by different collection of minerals that show characteristic spectral features (e.g. chlorite, epidote, amphibole and other ferrous – iron bearing minerals); extra sequences were identified by their weathering characteristics and associated hydroxyl and ferric – iron minerals, such as Illite, smectitic and hematite (Hubbard et al. 2007).

The main objective of the present study is to delineate the presence of the rock in the study area using remote sensing and GIS techniques. For the study VNIR – SWIR bands available in the ASTER data have been used.

E-commerce has become one of the vital parts of the modern life. Online payment is the supportive application for the payment of money for the products we buy. For the past years online security breach created a major problem and lots of money had been stolen. The proposed document deals by securing the payment through iris recognition [1]. This method also adds the method of using visual cryptography for securing the user credentials. This visual cryptography method was formerly invented by MoniNaor and Adi Shamir in 1994[6].

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Anorthosite-gabbros mass with included mafic layers  
Quartzite, quartz schist, pyroxene granulites, metagabbro, amphibolites, calc-granulites and crystalline limestone.

## II. STUDY AREA

The area choose for the present study is Kadavur Basin, Karur district, Tamil Nadu. The study area covers the parts of Survey of India topographic sheet No. 58J/2 and 58J/6. The area comes under a portion of Madurai block. The Geological setting of the study area, according to Subramanian was:

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The meta-sedimentary rocks comprising quartzites and quartz schist form a group of ridges which encircle a basin occupied by anorthosites and gabbros. Thin layers and bands of pyroxene granulites and metagabbro, representing older basic sills or sheets are found among these quartzites and quartz schists. Other rock types in the metasedimentary group are amphibolites, Calc-granulites and crystalline limestone (Subramanian A.P, 1956).

According to the Geological Survey of India, the study area contains Calc-granulites and limestone, Hornblende-biotite-gneiss, Kadavuranorthosite, Pink migmatite, Quartzite and Ultramafics. Most of the study area is covered by Ultramafics, which includes gabbro, pyroxinites, norites, etc.

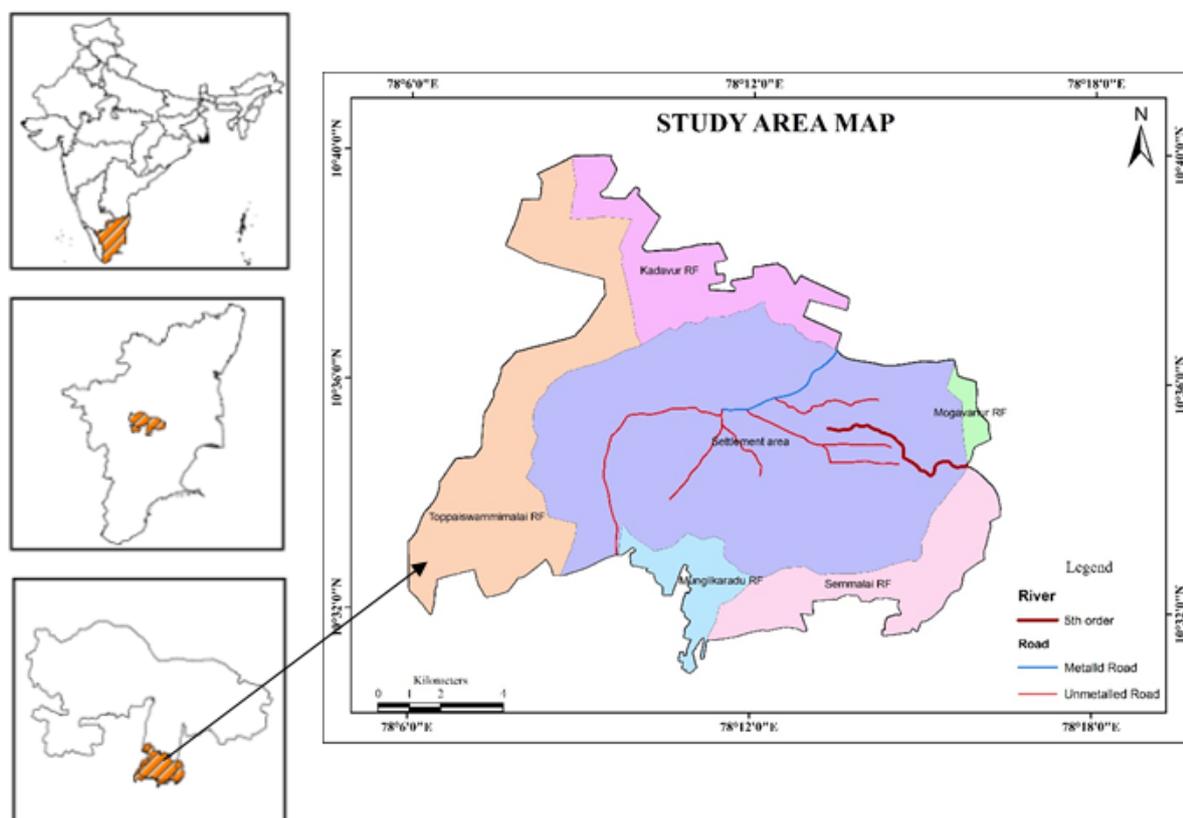


Figure 1. Study Area – Kadavur Basin

### III. MEHODOLOGY

In the present study satellite data ASTER has been used. ASTER data have been analyzed exclusively for lithological discrimination, around Kadavur basin area. In the study ASTER data product of February 2001 has been used. PCA technique is a multivariate statistical technique that selects uncorrelated linear combinations of variables in such a way that each successively extracted linear combination, or principal component, has a smaller variance (Smith 2002, Ranjhar et al. 2003). To produce uncorrelated output bands for the separation of the noise component and decrease the dimensionality of the data set the Principal Component is used. The PCA is a procedure to produce uncorrelated output bands. One can calculate the same number of output PC bands as the input spectral bands. The first PC band contains the largest percentage of data variance and the second PC band contains the second largest data variance and so on. The last PC bands appear noisy because they contain very little variance, much of which is due to noise in the original spectral data (Bhadra et al. 2012). For the extraction of spectral information related to the alteration zones PCA is the important image processing tool. The ASTER satellite system provides 14 bands image data from 1 to 3 VNIR, 4 to 9 SWIR and 10 to 14 TIR. The bands has reduced to VNIR and SWIR by using PCA and then from these 9 bands three bands have been selected for RGB combination. 8, 4 and 1 band combination of ASTER data has been used by Rajendran et al. 2014 for the mapping of spatial distribution of peridotites and the associated rock formations.

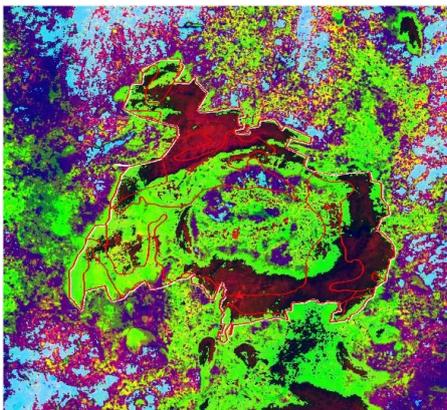


Figure 2. ASTER FCC – 8, 4, 1

### IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In the present study, ASTER data have been analyzed for the identification of rocks around Kadavur basin area, Karur district in Tamil Nadu. For the identification of rock the PCA technique is used by creating RGB combination by using 8, 4 and 1 bands of the ASTER data. Anorthosite rock has been identified by using this colour combination (Figure 3& 4). Anorthosite has been observed by using VNIR – SWIR (ASTER – 8, 4, 1) band combinations in PCA. In this band combination, it provides different tonal variations in different lithology. It has been observed that color composite in RBG mode (R=PC8, G=PC4 and B=PC1) shows Bright Turquoise colour for the presence of Anorthosite (Figure 5). For the conformation the spectral profile of the area has been created and compare with the spectral library (Figure 6) (jhu\_lib → ign\_fn.sli of wavelength 0.4 to 14.011 Micrometer).

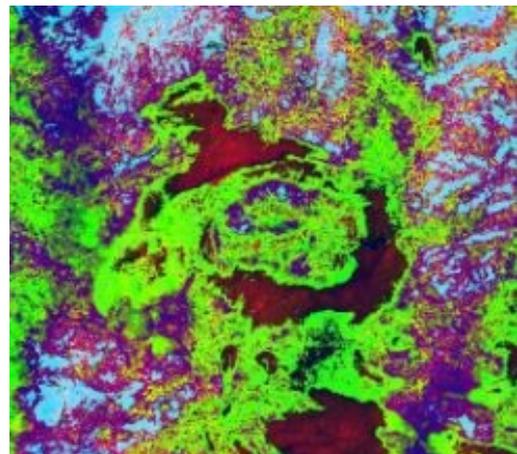


Figure 3. PCA of Kadavur basin

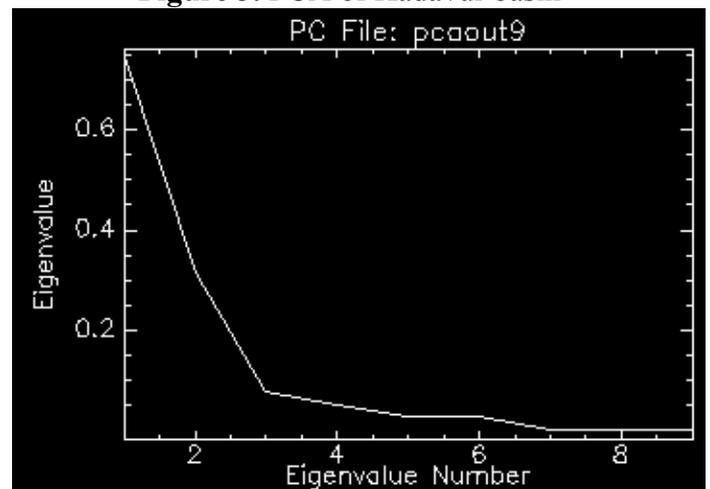
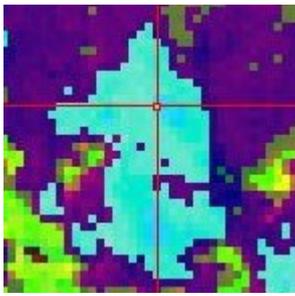
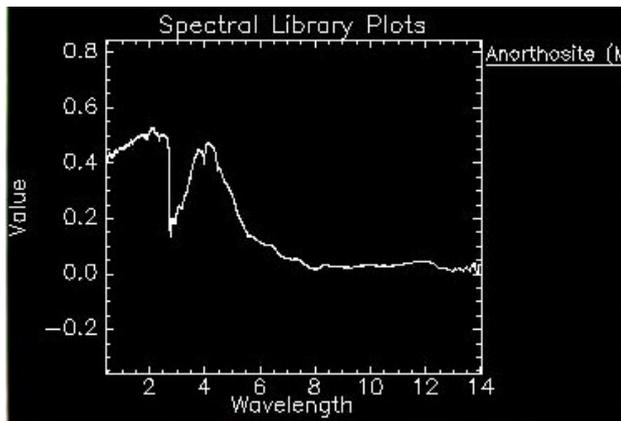


Figure 4. Eigenvalue of PCA Bands 8, 4 and 1



**Figure 5.** PCA colour for Anorthosite Rock



**Figure 6.** Spectral Library plot of Anorthosite from Spectral library

## V. CONCLUSION

ASTER data is very useful for the identification of rocks and minerals. PCA technique is found to be very useful for the determination of rocks. PCA Band combination 8, 4 and 1 is good for the determination of Anorthosite rocks in the Kadavur basin.

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