

Sandstone composition of the turbidite series of the middle to late Miocene of Majalengka sub-basin, West Java, Indonesia.

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Abstract

The sandstone of turbidite series of Majalengka sub-basin varies in geochemical composition. This series, based on biostratigraphy evidence, can be divided into two portions; lower and upper parts. This study was conducted to determine the relationships between sandstone composition and tectonic setting. The SiO_2 and Na_2O contents are enriched in compare to another major element (e.g TiO_2 , Al_2O_3 , FeO , MnO , MgO , CaO , K_2O and P_2O_5). Low content of Na_2O value is related with relatively small amount of Na-rich plagioclase, whereas the SiO_2 value shows correlation with the increasing of immaturity of grains. The SiO_2 content in this study related with the quantity of quartz in the rock samples. Results of analysis indicates that most of samples are belongs to quartz-poor greywacke that quartz contents between 11-17% and $\text{K}_2\text{O}/\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ratio below 1. The AFM diagram indicates the sandstone from lower part series were distributed in calc-alkaline to tholeiitic type, whereas in the upper part series were concentrated in calc-alkaline basalt to tholeiitic type. The $\text{CaO}-\text{Na}_2\text{O}-\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ternary diagram confirms that both the lower and upper part series lie upon andesite to dacite fields. Based on TiO_2 -Ni diagram the provenance is originated from magmatic arc and sedimentary sources. Those rocks are belongs to greywacke to lithic arenite type. The lower part sandstone populations fall upon ARC/ ACM, while the upper part is fit in to ARC and ACM. These indicated that sedimentation process in Majalengka sub-basin during Middle to Late Miocene is affected by active tectonic which is related with subduction in the southern of West Java.

Keywords : turbidites series, greywacke, andecite to dacite, Majalengka sub-basin.

INTRODUCTION

Sandstone composition is influenced by some factors such as tectonism, climate, and the origin of host rocks. The linkages between the sandstone composition and tectonism has been conducted by many authors (e.g. Dickinson and Suczek, 1979; Ingersoll and Suczek, 1979; Dickinson, 1985; Bhatia, 1983; Roser and Korch, 1986), particularly a relationship between provenance, petrography and geochemical composition. Provenance analysis based on sedimentary rocks data could be reconstructed pre-depositional history related with basin analysis. Geochemical analyses are useful to determine tectonic setting and it's associated with provenance.

The turbidite series in Majalengka sub-basin consist of sandstone intercalation with shale. These series is deposited at deep marine environment during the middle to late Miocene. During this time, the deformation complex and high volcanic influx are two main geology events in West Java. Those events influences to depositional process of sedimentary rock in this basin.

The sedimentary rock units, lithostratigraphically, can be divided into three formations, from bottom to top, i.e. Cisaar, Cinambo and Cantayan Formations, The latter formation consist of two members i.e. Halang and Bantarujeg. According to volcanic fragments

contents that the turbidities series are divided into two portions i.e. lower part consist of Cisaar and Cinambo Formations and upper part consists of Cantayan Formation.

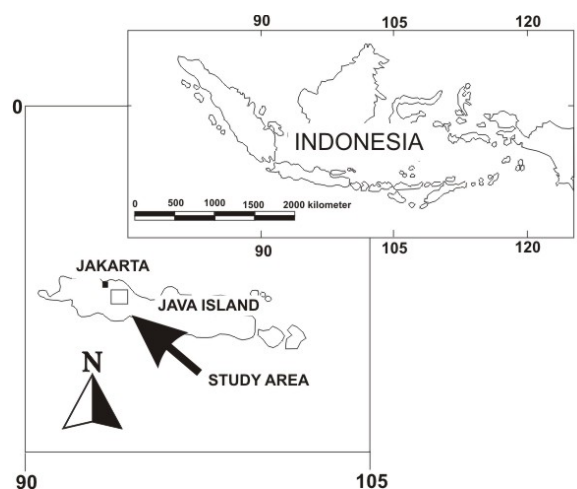


Fig. 1 Study area located at Majalengka, West Java Indonesia

The main purpose of this study is to determine geological events such as magmatism and tectonism based on geochemical data from sandstone. The study is presently located at Majalengka district, West Java, Indonesia (fig. 1).

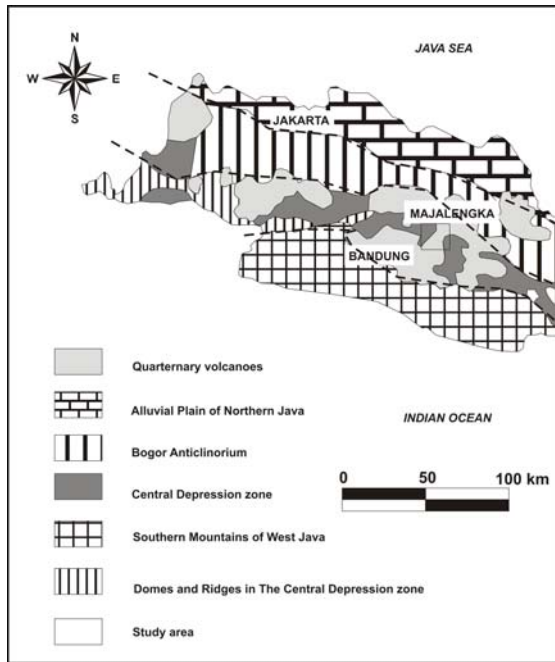


Fig. 2 Physiographic of West Java according to van Bemmelen classification (1949).

GEOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK

During Tertiary, West Java was situated at the active margin zone as a result plate motion of Indo-Australia oceanic plate beneath the southern margin of Eurasian plate (Katili, 1975; Hamilton, 1979). The plate motion was characterized by a normal subduction in which over time slowed until the last Tertiary. It was as representation of a simple model for island-arc in western Indonesia and usually indicated by some geological provinces (Hamilton, 1979). Crossing section from south to north indicated that the geological provinces consisted of accretionary prisms, subduction zone, fore-arc basin, magmatic-arc, intra-arc basin, and back-arc or foreland basin.

Van Bemmelen (1949) divided the West Java into four physiography units: (1) the Coastal Plain of Jakarta; (2) the Bogor zone; (3) the Bandung zone; and (4) the Southern Mountain. This zonation was useful to reflect both the regional structures of the region and the regional stratigraphy (fig.2).

The Coastal Plain of Jakarta which Patmosukismo and Yahya (1974) suggested as onshore part of Northwest Java basin extends from west to east. On the onshore part, the tertiary sedimentary strata forms gently folded and are covered by alluvial river deposits and lahar from Quarternary volcanoes. One of the most important of prolific zone in this region is Jatibarang fields located at northern part of study area.

Towards the south, the Bandung and Bogor zone are situated in the interior of West Java. The Bandung

zone represents the shelf edge whereas the Bogor zone represents the deepest part, and furthermore, it was called as Bogor trough (Martodjojo, 1984). In the Bandung zone, the Tertiary sediment strata are mostly covered by quaternary volcanoclastic, alluvial, and lake deposits. Extending to west, the Bayah Mountains is regarded as part of the Bandung zone.

The Bogor trough was filled by tertiary turbidite series in which tightly folded and thrust northward onto the shelf sediments (e.g Martodjojo, 1984; Koesoemadinata and Martodjojo, 1974). Furthermore, Martodjojo (1984) has been concluded that all of sedimentary rocks in Bogor trough were derived from the south and deposited in deep marine environment. The high terrains as a sediment source in southern part of West Java are the Southern Mountain, a remnant volcanic chain as manifestation subduction in early Tertiary. This mountain is dominated by andesitic volcanic rock.

The magmatic activities during this time were not occurred continuously and occasionally took place the decreasing activity. The paucity of magmatic activity was indicated by the growing of carbonates reef, which developed in the local of paleohigh (Koesoemadinata and Martodjojo, 1974).

METHODOLOGY

X-ray fluorescence (XRF) analysis of the major and trace element geochemistry of thirty-four samples was conducted at Economic Geology laboratory, Kyushu University, Japan. Bulk chemical composition of sedimentary rock were analyzed using a Rigaku RIX 3100 X-ray (50 kv 80 mA) Fluorescence (XRF) machine. Pressed-powder pellets, which 10 mm diameter to determine of sediment composition, were prepared. Loss on ignition (LOI) was determined by evaporating the H₂O content at 105°C for 1.5 hours and then followed by heating to reach 500°C during half hours and 950°C for 1 hour. The LOI value, the percentage loss in sample weight less the H₂O less, was calculated. Rock type determination (Petijhon et.al., 1972; Floyd, 1989), the volcanic-rocks source (FeO-Na₂O+K₂O-MgO and CaO-Na₂O-K₂O diagrams) and tectonic setting (discriminant function) were used in determination of major and trace elements. Thirty-four samples was collected and divided into two stratigraphic intervals, lower and upper parts. The stratigraphic intervals were separated base on biostratigraphy data and results of geochemical analysis were summarized within table 1.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Geochemical composition of sandstone in Majalengka sub-basin pointed out variation from bottom to top. The depletion value of SiO₂, Al₂O₃ and FeO and MgO as indicator for mafic rock were followed by the

restoration of TiO_2 , MnO , CaO , K_2O and P_2O_5 . Even though several major elements as indicator for mafic rocks underwent the decreasing value, however, was the lesser than felsic rock. Therefore, the rock composition relatively tended to become mafic rock as the source from volcanic-origin. To determine of mafic rock type was used AFM diagram ($\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O}/\text{FeO}/\text{MgO}$), whereas in order to felsic rock type was used triangular diagram $\text{Na}_2\text{O}-\text{CaO}-\text{K}_2\text{O}$ after Le Maitre (1976) (fig. 3).

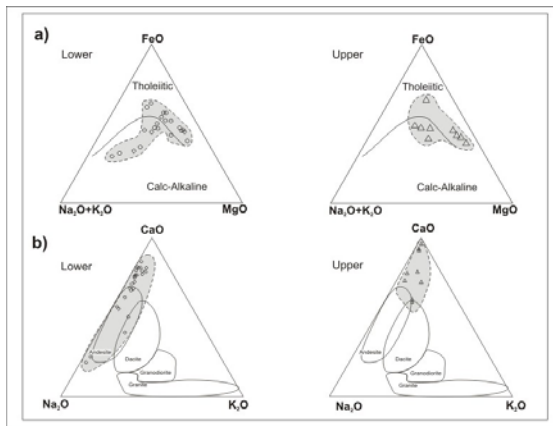
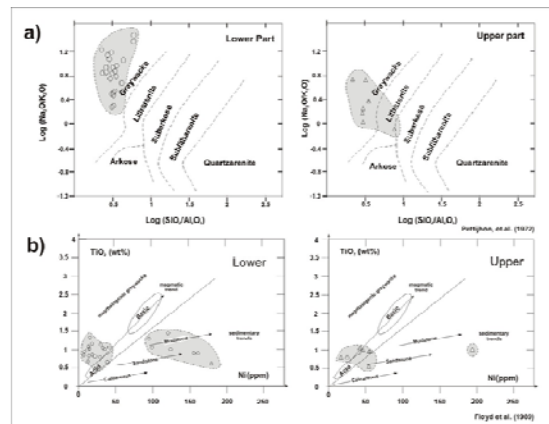


Fig. 3 a). AFM diagrams (above) and b). $\text{CaO}-\text{Na}_2\text{O}-\text{K}_2\text{O}$ diagram after Le. Le Maitre (1976)

On the AFM diagram ($\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O}/\text{FeO}/\text{MgO}$) most of the sample populations were belongs to tholeiitic calc-alkaline series, a mixing composition of volcanic-origin source. A Slight variation is occurred on calc-alkaline series, dacite-andesite to basalt-andesite changed becomes basalt-andesite (fig.3a). These volcanic series, which form as fragment in sedimentary rocks, derived from magmatic arc zone. This zone related with subduction process of Indo-Australia oceanic plate beneath of the southern part of Eurasian plate. During the early Tertiary, the magmatic arc is located at the southern part and forms a magmatic terrain parallel with Java islands, which is usually called as the Southern Mountain (van Bemmelen, 1949).

The $\text{CaO}-\text{Na}_2\text{O}-\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ternary diagram the sample population plotted on dacite to andesite fields (fig 3b). Most of them were situated close to $\text{Na}_2\text{O}-\text{CaO}$ line, or very poor K_2O content. The absence of K_2O was more due to post-depositional process, even though is not as primary process (Pettijhon, 1972). On the other side, the $\text{Na}_2\text{O}/\text{CaO}$ ratio shown the decreasing value and suggested that the decreasing of Na_2O value reflected the growth abundance of illite, whereas the increasing CaO content tended to transform intermediate-plagioclase into carbonate cement rather than carbonate detritus occurred as albitization process.

Pettijhon (1972) proposed petrofacies classification by using $\log (\text{SiO}_2/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3)$ to $\log (\text{Na}_2\text{O}/\text{K}_2\text{O})$ ratio (fig.4a). In this diagram, there were six petrofacies type identified (e.g. greywacke, litharenite, arkose, subarkose, sublitharenite, and quartzarenite). The samples population plotted exclusively in the greywacke field, but a little shifted towards to litharenite in upper part. Sandstone greywacke was composed by mixture of quartz, feldspar and lithic fragment bounded by matrix approximately clay to silt-size and consisted of more or less over 15%. Matrix in the sandstone greywacke could play a role as a transport media. Hence, this sandstone type was good guides for provenance and tectonic setting



discrimination compared as climate indicator.

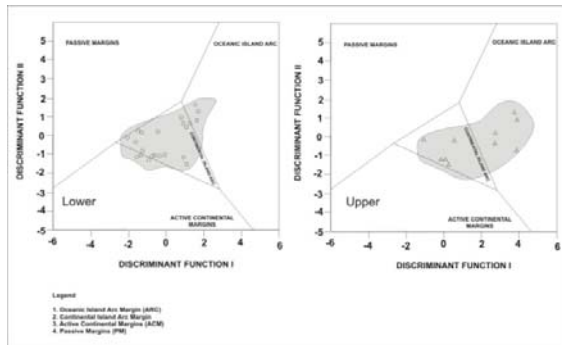
Fig. 4 a). $\log (\text{Na}_2\text{O}/\text{K}_2\text{O})/\log (\text{SiO}_2/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3)$ Pettijhon, (1972) and b). $\text{TiO}_2 - \text{Ni}$ diagrams, Floyd et.al (1989) of sediment turbidite in Majalengka sub-basin

Meanwhile, litharenite was abbreviation of lithic arenite as a sandstone type dominated by lithic fragment and very low of matrix. This was an indicator for local provenance and short distance transportation. The fragment was normally derived from uplifted and unroofing of some part of sedimentary basin. Geochemically, this sandstone was characterized by high Al_2O_3 but low of Na_2O and MgO value. Therefore, both of the sandstone type could be classified as immature sandstone, deposited through turbidite process in marine environment.

According to petrofacies classification for representations of matrix content was demonstrated by, the $\text{SiO}_2/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$, the comparison between quartz and aluminium-silicate. Meanwhile, the $\text{Na}_2\text{O}/\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ratio demonstrated a comparing value of plagioclase-feldspar and K-feldspar. On this diagram, the population samples had a tendency to slightly constant in $\text{SiO}_2/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ratio, but $\text{Na}_2\text{O}/\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ratio tended to decrease (fig.4a).

TiO₂ vs Ni diagram (Floyd *et.al.*, 1989) indicate that the all samples from lower to upper mostly located at the same area (fig. 4b). Acid volcanic fragment and some sedimentary rocks such as sandstone and mudstone is a common lithic fragment in this sediment.

To determine tectonic setting based on greywacke composition has proposed by Crook (1974). Average of SiO₂ and K₂O/Na₂O ratio was used as parameters for classification. Furthermore, the classification was divided into three categories (1) quartz-poor greywacke (average 58% SiO₂, K₂O/Na₂O <<1) as indicative of magmatic island arcs and that of tholeiitic-calc alkaline (2) quartz-intermediate greywacke (average 68-74%, K₂O/Na₂O <1) as indicators of Andean type continental margin (3) quartz-rich greywacke indicated Atlantic-type continental margin. In this classification SiO₂ represents the quartz content and the sample population is belongs to quartz-poor or greywacke with composition about 67-55.5 % and K₂O/Na₂O ratio below 1 or including first category Magmatic island arc. The magmatic arc provenance was considered



responsible for sediment origin with was dominantly composed by dacite to andesite.

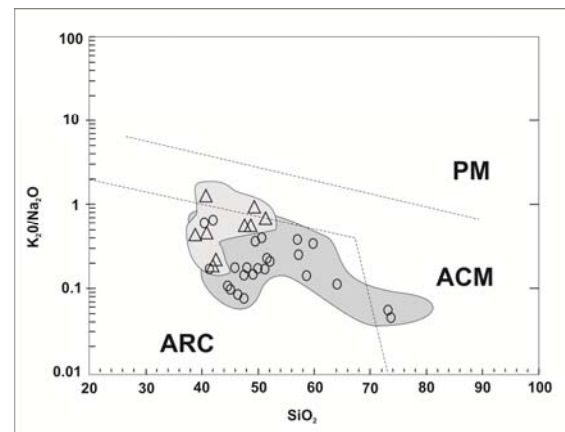
Fig. 5 Plotting samples of discriminant scores along function I and function II. The circle is lower part samples, while triangular for upper part samples. Show of them no indication the samples fall in the passive margin sources.

A distinctive mineralogical and geochemical signature in sedimentary rocks reflected tectonic process in plate tectonic sets. Based on the plate tectonic concept, sedimentary basin could be determined. Several workers (e.g. Bhatia, 1983; Roser and Korsch, 1986) have used the geochemical of sandstone composition to determine the tectonic setting related with sedimentary basin. Bhatia (1983) has divided the tectonic setting into four types based on maturation level of island arc which was oceanic island arc (ARC), continental island arc, active continental margin (ACM) and passive margin (PM).

Plotting sample on discriminant function (Bhatia, 1983) indicated that the sample population in lower

part was situated on ARC-continental island arc-ACM, whereas the sample population in upper part fallen in only two types i.e. ARC and ACM (fig.5). The absence of origin samples from ACM in this interval indicated that re-activation of oceanic influence occurred.

On the other side, Roser and Korsch (1986) separated the tectonic setting based on K₂O/Na₂O-SiO₂ ratio in three type's i.e. oceanic island arc (ARC), active continental margin (ACM) and passive margin (PM). Plotting data on K₂O/Na₂O-SiO₂ ratio (Roser and Korsch, 1986), in both intervals, were lies on oceanic island arc (ARC) and active continental margin (ACM) (fig.6). The increasing of K₂O/Na₂O ratio followed decreasing of SiO₂ value on the upper part indicated that the tectonic setting led to younger stages. The most important, both of diagrams, demonstrated that there were no indication the sediment source from



passive margin or stable area.

Fig. 6 Tectonic discriminant diagram for samples from Majalengka sub-basin (after Roser and Korsch, 1986). The circle is lower part samples, while the triangular is upper samples.

CONCLUSION

The most sediment turbidite in Majalengka sub-basin belong to greywacke to lithic-arenite (Pettijhon *et.al.*, 1972). These sediments were deposited in back-arc basin during the middle to late Miocene (Martodjojo, 1984). Provenance study indicated that the sediment sources were derived from multiple-terrain, such as magmatic-arc, recycled orogen and plutonic region (Muljana, 2006). No indication the source sediment obtained from passive margin and the magmatic arc terrain was as dominant source. The mixing of sediment source in same strata sediment indicated that during sedimentation process the tectonism accompanied by magmatism was occurred. Both of them have role important for source sediment.

However, according to K-Ar dating analysis for

several Tertiary volcanic rock samples in Java, Soeria-Atmadja *et.al.*, (1994) concluded that the magmatism-break in Java during 18 to 12 Ma occurred, which accompanied by tectonism. The magmatism-break is considered as a quiet periods in Java. Andesite and dacite volcanic types are the main fragment in sedimentary rock as a lithic fragment. Those fragments are derived from the Southern

Mountain as magmatic arc in West Java, which was formed at the Oligo-Miocene subduction. Martodjojo (1984) mentioned that beside the magmatism in West Java, thrust-fault belt, which moves toward northwest from southwest, is the other important event in West Java. During the break magmatism, this fault is also diminished.

TABLE 1.
RESULTS OF ANALYSIS GEOCHEMICAL OF SEDIMENTARY ROCKS IN MAJALENGKA AREA, WEST JAVA INDONESIA.

No	Interval	ID	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	FeO	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	P ₂ O ₅	H ₂ O
1	Upper	BTR-47	40.8	1.03	11.36	9.72	0.33	10.46	15.49	0.96	0.44	0.17	8.91
2	Upper	BTR-61	40.74	0.52	5.46	3.24	0.3	1.77	34.53	0.57	0.75	0.07	11.74
3	Upper	BTR-10	42.2	3.53	19.86	10.48	0.56	3.13	7.75	1.9	0.38	0.21	9.74
4	Upper	BTR-31	38.71	0.95	11.09	7.85	0.41	9.31	18.33	0.98	0.45	0.18	11.32
5	Upper	BTR-33	38.71	0.95	11.09	7.85	0.41	9.31	18.33	0.98	0.45	0.18	11.32
6	Upper	BTR-17	47.84	1	16.12	8.2	0.18	6.58	7.53	3.21	1.94	0.17	6.95
7	Upper	BTR-26	48.72	1.02	16.61	8	0.13	5.1	5.79	2.25	1.35	0.19	10.47
8	Upper	CNB-57	49.41	0.81	16.79	5.05	0.14	2.24	7.74	1.5	1.48	0.11	14.57
9	Upper	CNB-32	42.35	1.08	13.3	10.36	0.17	14.91	4.8	1.49	0.31	0.11	10.9
10	Upper	CNB-48	51.42	0.79	17.82	5.28	0.15	2.83	10.7	1.7	1.19	0.13	7.65
11	Upper	CNB-6	52.57	1.02	14.79	9.34	0.12	10.29	5.27	1.7	0.31	0.1	4.33
12	Upper	CNB-9	44.77	1.31	15.5	10.27	0.23	9.69	9.4	1.97	0.19	0.26	6.19
13	Lower	CNB-8	57.36	1	13.73	8.74	0.19	4.5	5.99	2.25	0.53	0.18	5.41
14	Lower	CSR-57	42.06	0.8	13.45	3.9	0.09	2.86	17.75	2.69	1.56	0.05	14.52
15	Lower	CSR-9	48.25	1.07	15.26	8.91	0.15	5.92	10.08	1.98	0.32	0.13	7.67
16	Lower	CSR-40	50.93	1.14	15.72	9.54	0.09	9.24	6.8	1.49	0.54	0.13	4
17	Lower	CSR-13	41.45	1.33	15.64	9.64	0.39	4.72	14.44	2.18	0.34	0.17	9.47
18	Lower	CSR-11	45.16	0.89	16.18	7.3	0.29	6.71	11.47	2.83	0.24	0.18	8.62
19	Lower	CSR-3	47.79	1.45	20.52	11.19	0.44	3.19	4.36	3.1	0.21	0.14	7.11
20	Lower	CSR-7.3	64.41	0.85	14.81	5.16	0.08	2.57	4.37	3.15	0.32	0.13	3.85
21	Lower	CLT-12	58.89	0.82	16.31	5.93	0.22	3.45	5.16	2.72	0.34	0.21	5.79
22	Lower	CSR-6	46.12	0.9	19.32	9.43	0.74	2.66	7.25	2.98	0.48	0.1	9.5
23	Lower	CSR-7	49.69	1	15.44	6.83	0.32	3.76	11	2.24	0.74	0.11	8.65
24	Lower	CSR-8	47.8	0.99	17.98	8.84	0.11	5.32	8.9	2.47	0.33	0.21	6.04
25	Lower	CLT-10	60.13	0.79	17.55	6.29	0.18	3.84	3.94	2.93	0.93	0.24	3.55
26	Lower	CLT-5	46.54	1.05	15.21	8.37	0.15	10.59	8.94	2.12	0.16	0.12	6.57
27	Lower	CLT-2	73.79	0.61	12.38	2.76	0.03	1.26	1.45	5.12	0.21	0.06	2.1
28	Lower	CLT-7	51.83	1.03	17.44	10.48	0.27	5.34	10.76	2.03	0.41	0.24	0.01
29	Lower	CLT-4	57.36	0.85	17.94	7.87	0.07	4.96	2.64	2.89	0.99	0.06	4.16
30	Lower	CLT-3	50.36	1.08	15.58	9.42	0.11	8.92	7.24	1.91	0.3	0.27	4.63
31	Lower	CLT-6	51.56	1.08	14.96	10.14	0.13	10.18	5.22	1.86	0.28	0.11	4.32
32	Lower	CLT-1	40.61	0.65	12.55	3.2	0.08	2.31	15.51	2.71	1.49	0.05	20.62
33	Lower	CNB-3	49.49	1.16	15.48	10.1	0.12	8.87	6.9	2.03	0.27	0.26	5.15
34	Lower	CNB_2	73.35	0.67	12.4	3.11	0.04	1.62	1.7	4.88	0.24	0.08	1.66

Furthermore, during this period, especially in Majalengka sub-basin, the isostatic accompanied by a subsidence was taken place. It related with sea level rise, transgressive, which shown by sea level curve from Haq *et.al.*, (1987). The transgressive crest was occurred during the middle Miocene and then transformed to regressive in the late Miocene.

Related with sedimentation process, the most sediment in this basin was dominated by sediment turbidite, which the sediment source from north and south of the basin. The north sediment was from Northwest Java basin while the south was derived from the Southern Mountain (Muljana, 2006). That is supported by geochemical data from all samples indicated that that has been taken place renewals magmatism followed with uplifting (Kumon, 1994; Muljana, 2006).

Getting into the late Miocene or Pliocene in West Java, the re-activation magmatism and tectonism occurred. High volcanic fragment formed the Halang and Bantarujeg Formations, which accompanied by reverse tectonic of Baribis fault in the northern part of Majalengka area. All geological events in West Java during the middle to late Miocene correspond with the plate motion-subduction- of Indo-Australia oceanic plate beneath southern part of the Eurasia continental plate.

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