Dating Geologic Processes: EMPA Accessory Phase Characterization, Dating, and P-T-t-D- Analysis



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Grand Canyon (mile 78-81)



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Grand Canyon (mile 81-87)



Clear Creek Block (mile 81-87)







Pseudosection





Monazite geochronology

Monazite: (LREE) PO₄

Common accessory phase in igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks...



Major REE's: Ce, La, Nd Minor elements: Y, Si, Ca, Sm, Eu, Gd, Pr

Th : 100's of ppm \rightarrow 10's of wt%

- U: 10's of ppm \rightarrow Several wt%
- Pb : Very little "common" Pb (ppb → several ppm)







CB 4 Monazite 1



CB 4 Monazite 5





1700 +/- 15 my

Crazy Basin Pluton, AZ

Reaction-dating

Shaw et al. (2001)

Wing and Ferry (2003)

Foster et al. (2004)

Kohn et al. (2005)

Caddick et al. (2007)

McFarlane, et al. (2005)

Pyle and Spear, 2003









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Monazite: (LREE) PO₄



Microprobe optimized for Trace-element Analysis





Multipoint Background





















Grt-rich felsic granulites



East Lake Athabasca -

Anhydrous felsic granulite



Legs Lake shear zone -

Hydrated felsic granulites



Legs Lake shear zone - Hydrated felsic granulites



Anhydrous felsic granulites -

P-T pseudosection



Pseudosection – hydrous felsic granulite


P-T pseudosection for hydrated felsic granulite



Felsic granulites -

P-MH2O pseudosection





S32D-2 Garnet



Felsic granulites -

Monazite dating results





Felsic granulites -

Monazite dating results



Felsic granulite evolution



East Lake Athabasca region - **Grease River shear zone**





Felsic granulites

Legs Lake shear zone



Grease River shear zone







Grease River shear zone -

Syn-kinematic monazite



Chipman domain/Legs Lake s.z. -

P-T-t-D paths





1850-1800 Ma







LIN: PLUNGES AT 15° ALONG S°40E

DEXTRAL, TOP SIDE DOWN TO EAST, PLUNGE 15°, S40°E







Sample JM-MLW-07-01 Full Section_rectangular thin section

Са-Мар

















Y





















Grt => Bt + PI + Qtz + Y-monazite + HREE monazite Kspar => Recrystallized Kspar + U-monazite + apatite

Monazite => Apatite + Ca-poor monazite

Decompression, Cooling, Dynamic recrystallization









Xenotime-dating









Dissolution-Presipitation



Starting monazite

The monazite chosen for the experiment was taken from a heavy-mineral sand deposit at Cumuruxatiba, Bahia State, Brazil D.

Moderately rounded, semi-euhedral, relatively transparent, inclusion-free, 100 – 500 mm, amber-colored grains.

The monazite grains were hand-picked out of the heavy mineral sand, crushed to 50 - 150 mm size fragments and then washed in ethanol in an ultrasonic bath.



ThO₂: 7-8 wt %,

UO₂: 0.5-0.75 wt%

Assemblage:

monazite, muscovite, albite, amorphous SiO₂

Reagents: CaF₂ Na₂Si₂O₅

Experimental conditions 4.5 kbar, 450°C for a Duration: 16 days.

See: Budzyn (2009)
















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