

The geochemistry of the early proterozoic Dahongshan Group, in Yunnan Province, West-south China

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Abstract

The Early Proterozoic Dahongshan Group, in Yunnan Province, west-south China, is a set of copper and iron-bearing metamorphic rock system which protolith are composed of siltite-keratophyre, sandshale and carbonate rock. The study of geochemistry of Dahongshan Group indicating 1 rock mostly are siltite-keratophyre, in general, enriching Fe, Na, Ti. Contents of Na₂O are further more than that of K₂O, Na₂O/K₂O ≥ 5.7. Their chemical composition is similar to that of tholeiite in ocean, the Cu and Fe-bearing volcanic metamorphic rock is early Proterozoic production which is formed by eruption of alkali basalt magma which is formed by mantle liquation in early period of Earth evolutionary history, in sea bottom 2 Cu, Fe, Mo, Mn, etc., elements are rich, their abundance is n-10 times more than crustal abundance, enrichment coefficient is 2.04—25.3; 3 REE distribution mold, which ΣREE is less, Light REE enriching, Eu positive anomalous value, and Ce passive anomalous value, is extremely similar to those of rift tholeiite and alkali basalt in Hawaiian area. Study conclusion indicates the tectonic environment of rock and ore-forming is rift in plate.

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Paleohydrology of lakes from isotopic and elemental chemistry

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Two groundwater-supported lakes in the Northern Rockies of Montana are being studied to 1) demonstrate the application of geochemical sedimentary records as archives of groundwater recharge rates and processes, and 2) develop a high-resolution record of climatic change and hydrologic response for intermontane valleys near the North American continental divide. The lakes exhibit very different solute and isotope balances expressed as contrasts in salinity and isotopic compositions under similar evaporative forcing. Results from 1) serial sampling of ionic and isotopic composition of lake water and of thermochemical behavior of the lakes; 2) characterization of groundwater geochemistry through replicated minipiezometer surveys of lake margins and sampling of water supply wells in the region; 3) bathymetric mapping of lake basins and monitoring of lake levels to determine volumetric changes; and 4) characterization of the isotopic composition of precipitation and accumulated snow-pack are used in conjunction with the TIC, TOC, XRD mineralogy, δ¹⁸O of endogenic carbonate, and ²¹⁰Pb chronology of a short sediment core to develop a mass-balance model of the modern lake/groundwater systems including equilibrium modelling of the evaporative evolution of lake waters. Solutes and δ¹⁸O provide independent tracers of the hydrologic processes.

Modelled solute-based carbonate sediment mass fluxes are in substantial agreement with estimates independently derived from ²¹⁰Pb-dated sediment cores. The modelled result supports the climatic dependency of carbonate mineral flux. Carbon and mineralogical stratigraphies now completed for the Holocene cores indicate an extended history of high-frequency (100-200 year) variation in lake solute balance, represented by characteristic variations in carbonate mineralogy and organic carbon preservation. Overprinted on this quasi-cyclic hydrologic record are several longer excursions in mineralogy, suggesting abrupt modal changes in hydrologic balance.