The 1.86-1.84 Ga magmatism in the Western East European Craton (Lithuania): Implications for a convergent continental margin

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The East European Craton in western Fennoscandia was mostly formed by the accretion of distinct terranes at c. 1.8 Ga. TTG magmatic rocks in the age range 1.86-1.84 Ga are abundant in the crystalline crust of S, central and NW Lithuania. In the south, TTG rocks compose the large Randamonys massif. A Zm347 tonalite yielded an 1859±5Ma concordia age, while a Vr268 diorite was dated at 1848±6 Ma. A strongly deformed 7Gr granitic rock in adjacent NW Belarus gave a similar 1844±8 Ma igneous age. In central Lithuania, the Glv99 igneous mafic granulites display magmatic 1839±15 Ma and metamorphic 1809±9 Ma ages. The nearby Grz105 gneissic granite was intruded at c. 1837±6 Ma, while the Kz65 granite further north was emplaced at 1844±5 Ma [1]. The area to the south and west of the above described rocks in Lithuania and in N Poland is dominated by younger c. 1.83-1.79 Ga magmatic rocks. The fragments of a c. 1.83-1.82 Ga volcanic island arc in Sweden [2], N Poland and Lithuania [3] compose a considerable part of this younger domain.

The distribution of 1.86-1.84 Ga magmatic arc-related rocks in Lithuania likely delineates fragments of a convergent continental margin. It continues northwestwards across the Baltic Sea into south-central Sweden, and southwards to N Poland and NW Belarus.

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Abnormal (Y+REE)-enriched zircon from the pegmatite dike (Gridino, the Belomorian province, Fennoscandian shield)

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Zircon can contain naturally U and Th up to 10 wt% and several thousands of ppm of REE. The maximum known contents of REE (up to 98, 154 ppm) was found in zircons from Bidoudouma stream close to Oklo, Gabon [1].

We found abnormal (Y+REE)-enriched zircon in the thin pegmatite dike cutting precambrian eclogites (village Gridino, the Belomorian province, Fennoscandian shield, see outcrop photo in [2]). Zircon core (²⁰⁷Pb/²⁰⁶Pb-age 2685 Ma) is captured eclogite protolith with regular REE distribution. Rim is characterized by high contents of REE (61, 280–96, 760 ppm), Y (55, 360–84, 800 ppm) and distinctly positive Ce anomaly. U and Th contents are not so high – maximum 2230 and 90 ppm, respectively.

Age of rim crystallization is svecofennian (1875 Ma) following high-pressure metamorphism event

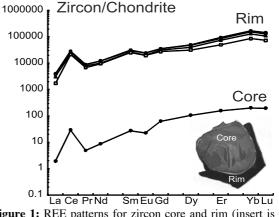


Figure 1: REE patterns for zircon core and rim (insert is CL image)

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