

Research on the source of ore-forming fluid of Sanqisan uranium deposit, Guangxi, China

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Sanqisan uranium deposit is located in the west Damingshan salient(II₂⁵) of Youjiang fold system(II₂) in Nanhua activity, South China(II), Daxin concave broken beams, the northern end of the Naling-Fengtun fold broken horst. The formation of Mine is mainly Cambrian, Lower Devonian and Middle Devonian make for eastwest direction, lean to north. F₂ fault is the biggest fault within the mining area, whose strike is near eastwest and dip is north. F₃¹, F₃², F₃³ faults are a series of branch faults produced by the hanging wall of F₂. Ore mainly occur in F₃¹, F₃², F₃³ faults.

Geological evidence for source of ore-forming fluid: 1) Many silica bodies were discovered in field with high content of uranium. 2) It can indicate that there was magmatism (or volcanic activity) in the study area and the scale was large of the ore-bearing structure with strong activity. 3) Multi-stages hydrothermal activity. 4) Diabase dikes near mine had significant relationship with uranium mineralization.

Geochemical evidence for the source of ore-forming fluids: U coexist with Mo, Ni, V, As, Sb, Cu, Co had different levels of positive correlation with U in Sanqisan uranium mining. Zr is high field strength elements in magmatism and Cr, Co is typical mantle elements, reflecting the ore-forming fluids have deep source of calcite. $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ is less than -3 ‰ in calcite of mineralization stage, revealing the ore-forming fluids have deep sources. So the source of ore-forming fluid came from meteoric water and deep hydrothermal.

Combining geology and geochemistry characteristics, there is significant evidence of hydrothermal activity in Sanqisan uranium deposit, ore-forming fluid is a mixture sources of meteoric water and deep hydrothermal fluids. The formation of Sanqisan uranium deposit is mainly sedimentary-epigenetic modification, combining with later hydrothermal superimposed mineralization.

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