

# **Geochemistry and geochronology of mafic rocks from Western Guangxi, South China: Implication for the Paleo-Tethyan subduction and Emeishan mantle plume coexisting**

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The interaction between South China blocks and Indochina is critical to understand the evolution of Southeast Asia and the Paleo-Tethys. To explore their natures and evolutionary history, this study reports new petrological studies and geochemistry, LA-ICPMS zircon U-Pb ages for the mafic rocks from Chongzuo and Funing area in South China, including a layer of mafic dykes. Chongzuo mafic rocks show a negative anomaly in Nb and Ta, quite positive in LILE (such as Th, U) and also with narrow  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  (t) values (0.708853 to 0.709179) and  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values (0.01 to -0.28). Zircons U-Pb dating of selected gabbros have got weighted mean  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  age of  $244.7 \pm 1.2$  Ma. The trace elements and Sr-Nd isotope of mafic rocks can be compared to the arc/back arc basalts from Mojiang of Ailaoshan suture and Jingshajiang suture, the ratios of incompatible elements, the high  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  (t) values and low  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values (<4) indicate these mafic rocks originated an EMII like source and may suffered a contamination of sediment from oceanic crust. Based on these evidence we proposed that subduction of Paleo-Tethys during the early Triassic can be responsible for their genesis.

The geochemical characteristics of the Funing mafic rocks have a extrem high Ti/Y ratio (643~1808), belonging to the high-Ti alkaline basalts with a positive anomaly in Eu ( $\delta\text{Eu} = 1.11$ -2.01), slight negative in LILE (such as Rb, Th, U) and HFSE (Zr, Hf and Y), and slightly wider  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  (t) values (0.7047 to 0.7061) and  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values (0.27 to 1.17), show similar characteristics to high-Ti basalts in Emeishan Large Igneous Province (ELIP). Their SHRIMP Baddeleyite-zircon U-Pb age yields  $258.3 \pm 5.0$  Ma, indicate the mafic rocks in Funing area belong to the high-Ti series of ELIP.

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