Sr and Nd isotopes of Les Guilleries Variscan lamprophyres: Insights on mantle evolution

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Lamprophyre dykes of unknown origin have been studied in Les Guilleries massif, NE Iberia. These vertical to subvertical dykes intrude pre-Variscan metasedimentary rocks and late-Variscan granitoids. The lamprophyres show porphyritic texture with phenocryst of feldspars (anorthite > k-feldspar \pm albite), amphiboles (kaersutite and hornblende) and others fully replaced by chlorite and albite. The groundmass is mainly composed of chlorite, albite, epidote and amphibole with minor calcite, titanite, quartz, fluoroapatite, Cr-illmenite, zircon and allanite. On the basis of this mineralogy, the lamprophyres are classified as spessartites. Chemical multielement pattern shows a typical crustal-like signature with enrichments of LILE and LREE, distinct negative Nb-Ta, Ti and Eu anomalies and positive Pb anomaly, which confirms the calc-alkaline nature. Comparison with calc-alkaline lamprophyres from Eastern and Central Europe Paleozoic massifs reveal unique features of Les Guilleries lamprophyres, like lower K₂O/Na₂O, Zr/TiO₂, La/Yb, Th/Yb, Zr/Y and higher Al₂O₃ and Nb/U. Some of this features are also observed in calc-alkaline lamprophyres from Aiguablava (Catalan Coastal Ranges, CCR) and Maladeta (Pyrenees).

Sr-Nd isotopic compositions (87Sr/86Sr: 0.710085-0.711627: ¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd: 0.512231-0.512249) suggest an enriched lithospheric mantle source, similar to granitoids and other calc-alkaline lamprophyres from the Variscan orogen. However, the geochemical and isotopic characteristics suggest that Les Guilleries lamprophyres may correspond to transitional compositions towards those of Permian alkaline lamprophyres in the Spanish Central System (SCS). An evolution is observed from: 1) Early Carboniferous lamprophyres in Eastern and Central Europe, that appear enriched in ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr_i, K₂O, LILE, LREE and have lower εNd_i values, towards 2) Late Carboniferous-Early Permian calcalkaline lamprophyres in CCR, with similar patterns but lower enrichements, to 3) Late Permian alkaline lamprophyres in the SCS, with OIB affinity, lower ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr_i and higher ENdi values. Additionally, Cretaceous alkaline lamprophyres from Pyrenees and Les Guilleries show even higher ENdi values with OIB affinity. This evolution in lamprophyre compositions probably reflect the evolution of lithospheric mantle sources throughout geological time.