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Lecture 7

Trace element mapping by LA-ICP-MS: Data collection, processing and image creation strategies

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Why map?

• Can't we just do some simple 1D transects?



Garnet (Fe Ka X-Ray Map)



Garnet (Fe K α X-Ray Map)

Why map?

 Spot or line transects may falsely represent the spatial distribution of trace elements – quantified maps are a powerful way to visualise and better interpret zoning patterns



Why trace elements?

- Consideration of major elements alone ignores the wealth of information preserved by trace elements...but they are in many cases not analysed
- Generally less vulnerable to diffusive resetting prograde evolution
- Sensitive to a broader spectrum of geochemical interactions involving the entire mineral assemblage, including accessory phases – geochronology



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Trace element mapping by LA-ICP-MS

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ORIGINAL PAPER

Trace element mapping by LA-ICP-MS: assessing geochemical mobility in garnet

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Abstract A persistent problem in the study of garnet geochemistry is that the consideration of major elements alone excludes a wealth of information preserved by trace elements, particularly the rare-earth elements (REEs). This is despite the fact that trace elements are generally

in garnet, which are argued to be largely dependent on the interplay between element fractionation, mineral reactions and partitioning, and the length scales of intergranular transport. Samples from the Peaked Hill shear zone, Reynolds Range, central Australia, exhibit contrasting trace ele-

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Why LA-ICP-MS?

PROS

- Minimum sample preparation and no vacuum required
- Excellent detection limits (ppmppb)
- Isotopic mapping over wide elemental range (⁷Li to ²³⁸U)
- Relative ease of mapping elements with major overlap problems in X-Ray mapping (e.g. REE)
- Relatively cheap compared to time on SIMS, synchrotron etc.

CONS

- Spatial resolution poorer than that attainable on e⁻ or ion beam instruments
- Destructive technique with large analytical volume
- Quantification difficult due to small range of trace element standards
- Instrument drift
- Still has some interference problems

Analytical procedure











Analytical procedure

- Sampling area is chosen and infilled with parallel rasters
- Time-resolved intensity data (CPS) is recorded for each raster
- Quantification performed using major elements as an internal standard (e.g. Si for garnet, Fe for pyrite, etc), and all rasters then stitched together to form an image of background- and drift-corrected ppm values for each element



Laser ablation rasters



Direction of laser travel







Data processing – Iolite



Paton, C., Hellstrom, J., Paul, B., Woodhead, J. & Hergt, J. (2011). Iolite: Freeware for the visualisation and processing of mass spectrometric data. *Journal of Analytical Atomic Spectrometry*, 26(12), 2508-2518.

Why map?

From this...



Fe (cps)



Mg (cps)



Ca (cps)



Mn (cps)

To this...

33 elements, 16 µm spot size, 87 rasters 1.4 x 1.4 mm map, 4.5 hours





Pyrite



Cook, N., Ciobanu, C.L., George, L., Zhu, Z-Y., Wade, B. & Ehrig, K. (2016). Trace element analysis of minerals in magmatichydrothermal ores by laser ablation inductively-coupled plasma mass spectrometry: approaches and opportunities. *Minerals*, in press.

Arsenopyrite



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Galena



George, L., Cook, N. J., Cristiana, L., & Wade, B. P. (2015). Trace and minor elements in galena: A reconnaissance LA-ICP-MS study. *American Mineralogist*, *100*(2-3), 548-569.

Hematite



Ciobanu, C. L., Wade, B. P., Cook, N. J., Mumm, A. S., & Giles, D. (2013). Uranium-bearing hematite from the Olympic Dam Cu–U–Au deposit, South Australia: a geochemical tracer and reconnaissance Pb–Pb geochronometer. *Precambrian Research*, 238, 129-147.

Eucalypt leaf

250 rasters 200 um spot size 200 um/s scan speed ~10 mm x 50 mm ~22 hours





Fish otolith

257 rasters 19 um spot size 30 um/s scan speed ~2.5 mm x 3.5mm ~11 hours





Steel casing

- 180 rasters10 um spot size15 um/s scan speed~1 mm x 3.5mm
- ~18 hours









Wheat grain cell wall

80 rasters 8 um spot size 5 um/s scan speed 0.3 mm x 0.3 mm ~4 hours





Application – major vs trace elements in garnet

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EPMA X-ray map – Mg



EPMA X-ray map – Mn



Comparison to REE distributions



Mg (cps)

Mn (cps)

¹⁷⁵Lu (ppm)

Comparison to REE distributions



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- IMAGE MASKING
- BINARY & TRIPLOT3D MODULES
- RGB IMAGES
- SPIDER DIAGRAMS AND IMAGE RATIOS



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Trace element distributions – linear profiles



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Trace element distributions – linear profiles



Trace element distributions – advanced functions



⁵⁵Mn

89Y

Trace element distributions – advanced functions

¹⁶⁵Ho



RGB module





Binary module



Binary module



TriPlot3D module



Dubacq, B., Lewin, E., Grosch, E. G. & Schwartz, S., 2014. XMapTools: A MATLAB©-based program for electron microprobe X-ray image processing and geothermobarometry. *Computers* & *Geosciences*, 62, 227-240.

Spider module



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Spider module





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Summary

- Contrasting trace element distributions revealed by LA-ICP-MS mapping highlight the complexity of geochemical mobility in garnet through multiple superimposed events
- Trace element mapping is employed to place garnet evolution in a specific paragenetic context and derive absolute age information by integration with existing U–Pb monazite and Sm–Nd garnet geochronology
- Remarkable preservation of original growth zoning and its subtle modification by subsequent re-equilibration is used to 'see through' multiple superimposed events
- LA-ICP-MS mapping technique offers a powerful means to visualise and interpret compositional zoning patterns produced during metamorphism, deformation, alteration and mineralisation
- It can also be an effective technique for screening samples likely to give meaningful Lu-Hf/Sm-Nd ages, plus a more robust method for interpreting the geological significance of such ages once obtained

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QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION

