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1 Introduction

Xichong Mo deposit is located in Yuexi county of Anhui province, China, which is in the east part of Tongbai - Dabie metallogenic belt. A series of giant and large porphyry Mo deposits have been reported in this belt including Shapinggou, Qian'echong, Tangjiaping, Yaochong and Xichong etc. The geology, geochronology, geochemistry and fluid inclusion results of key porphyry Mo deposits in this belt have been reported by Meng et al. (2012), Zhang et al. (2010, 2012), Yang et al. (2011), Chen et al. (2013), Li et al. (2011), Yu et al. (2012), Huang et al. (2011), Yang (2009). Yang et al. (2007, 2008) and Wang et al. (2014), but few of them address on Xichong deposit.

Based on field observation, petrographic, ore-microscopic, SEM/EDS, XRD and fluid inclusion results, this paper discusses the characteristics of primary magmatic fluid.

2 Geology

Xichong Mo deposit is located in Dabie ultra-high pressure metamorphic terrane of east Qinling - Dabie orogenic belt (QDOB) (Fig.1). QDOB is the collisional zone of Yangtze and North China block, and underwent complex tectonic evolution (Wu et al., 2013).

Except quaternary, the most area of the district outcrop intrusive rocks including quartz monzonite (QM), fine grained granite (FGG) and bimodal dikes. FGG occurs as orientated stocks, blocky dikes which intrude into the QM. Bimodel dikes, which comprise of quartz syenite porphyry and hornblende - bearing lamprophyre, intruded into QM. Bimodel dikes occur as the latest intrusive rock in the district and show regular tabular shapes trending NW, NE and EW.

The Mo-Cu mineralization occurs dominantly as

disseminated and stock works in QM and FGG, with minor vein style in QM. The alteration is well developed in the district including silification, K-silification, seritization, propylitization and argillization. Based on the vein crosscutting relationship, petrographic and ore microscopic results, five ore-forming stage can be recognized including K-feldspar - quartz - magnetite stage (I), serite - quartz stage (II), epidote - quartz stage (III), calcite - chlorite stage and clay - quartz stage (V). Stage II and stage V is dominated ore - forming stage, with minor Mo mineralization in K-feldspar - quartz vein (stage I). No Cu, Mo mineralization have been confirmed in bimodal dikes.

3 Fluid Inclusion results

Based on field observation, cystiform K-feldspar - quartz pegmatite occurs in QM (Fig.2a, b), and minor in FGG which best record the transition from magma to fluid. The mineral assemblage of pegmatite includes K-feldspar, quartz, magnetite and hematite, euzeolith is also confirmed by XRD in the druse center representing the latest crystalizing character.

Petrographic results show that the inclusions in K-feldspar is not well developed, whereas quartz from

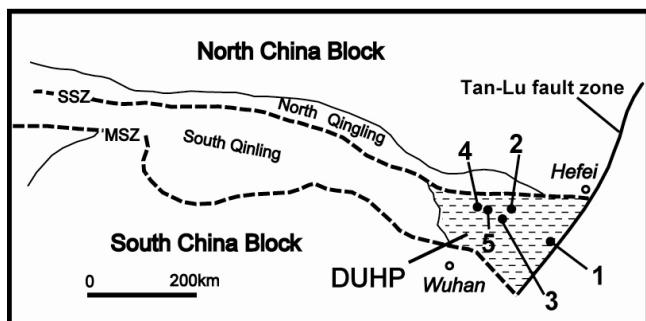


Fig. 1 Tectonic setting of Xichong deposit
(based on Meng and Zhang, 1999); SSZ - Shangdan suite zone; MSZ - Mianlue suite zone; DUHP - Dabie ultra-high pressure metamorphic terrane; 1-Xichong Mo deposit; 2-Shapinggou; 3-Tangjiaping; 4-Qian'echong; 5-Yaochong

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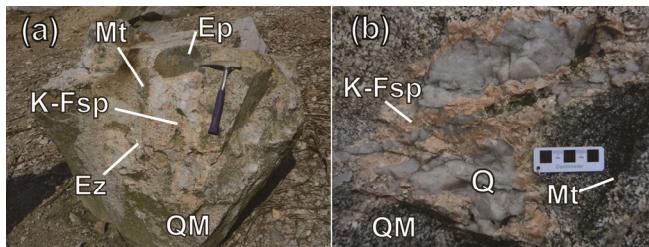


Fig. 2 Photo of druse in quartz monzonite
K-Fsp - K-feldspar; Q - quartz; Mt - magnetite; Ez - euzeolith; Ep - mafic xenolith; QM - quartz monzonite



Fig. 3 Micrography of AC inclusions in quartz
L_{CO₂} - liquid CO₂; V_{CO₂} - vapor CO₂; L_{H₂O} - liquid H₂O; Q - quartz

pegmatite host abundant CO₂-rich fluid inclusion including AC (CO₂ and water) (Fig.3), C (pure CO₂). Varied CO₂ percentage AC inclusion together with C type inclusion indicated an unmixing process between CO₂ and water during the fluid evolution.

4 Discussion and Conclusion

The irregular pegmatite pod in QG indicated that a more felsic melt had exsolved from parent magma. Except irregular pegmatite pod, some K-feldspar - quartz veins or pegmatite veins are also found in QM indicating that the part of parent magma have been solidified during the exsolution. Minor pegmatite pod are also found in FGG, and just in the contact zone between QM and FGG, that means the FGG magma is evolved magma from same parent magma. The partially crystallization of parent magma may cause the volatile enriched in residue melt and lead to exsolution of a volatile-rich, more felsic melt

from parent magma. The CO₂ rich fluid trapped in quartz of pegmatite represent the early stage of magmatic fluid. Coexistence of varied CO₂ volume percentage AC and C inclusion indicate an immiscible process between CO₂ and water during the fluid evolution.

The petrographic, microthermometric and LRM results indicate that the primary magmatic fluid is high to moderate temperature, low salinity, CO₂ - rich fluid. The solubility of CO₂ in silicate magma is much lower than water (Nixon, 1995), and largely depended on pressure, high CO₂ in unmixed melt implies a high pressure.

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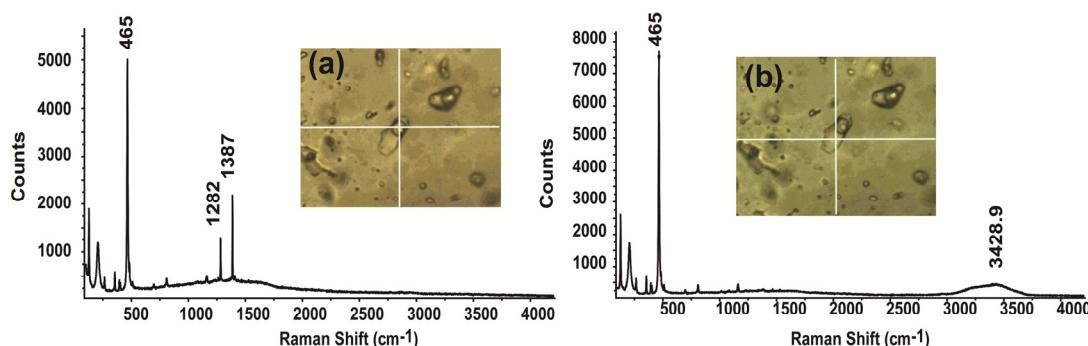


Fig. 4 LRM spectrum of AC fluid inclusion(a) CO₂ phase; (b) aqueous phase

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