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Effects of Melt Fractional Crystallization on Whole-Rock Sr-Nd and Zircon Lu-Hf Isotope Systems: a Case Study on Weihai Migmatitic Gneiss, Sulu UHP Metamorphic Terrane, Eastern China

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The Weihai migmatitic gneiss in the Sulu ultra-high pressure (UHP) metamorphic terrane, eastern China, was suffered from partial melting during its exhumation. The primary partial melt experienced a decompressional fractional crystallization (DFC) process to produce plagioclase (Pl)-rich leucosome crystallized at the high pressure eclogite-facies to granulite-facies condition and K-feldspar (Kfs)-rich pegmatitic vein crystallized at the amphibolite-facies retrogression. It is generally accepted that the fractional crystallization process without assimilation could not change the Sr-Nd-Hf isotopic compositions. In this study, we demonstrate that, (1) the DFC process might cause the decoupling between the whole-rock Sr and Nd isotopes. The Pl-rich leucosome almost has same $\varepsilon_{Nd}(t)$ value (-10.4 to -15.0) and initial $({}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr)$ (0.708173-0.712476) ratio with the melanosome. The Kfs-rich pegmatitic vein has relatively homogeneous $\varepsilon_{Nd}(t)$ value(-14.8 to -15.2) but significantly high initial (⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr) ratio (0.713882-0.716284). (2) The DFC process could change the zircon ¹⁷⁶Yb/¹⁷⁷Hf and ¹⁷⁶Lu/¹⁷⁷Hf isotopic ratios, but could not affect the zircon 176 Hf/ 177 Hf ratio and the ε_{Hf} (t) values. Zircon 176 Yb/ 177 Hf and ¹⁷⁶Lu/¹⁷⁷Hf ratios are dramatically increased from the Pl-rich leucosome to the Kfs-rich pegmatitic vein. Zircon $^{176} \rm Hf/^{177} \rm Hf$ ratio (0.282330 \pm 0.000017 for the Pl-rich leucosome, 0.282321±0.000026 for the Kfs-rich pegmatitic vein) and $\varepsilon_{\rm Hf}(t)$ value (-10.9±0.6 for the Pl-rich leucosome, -11.6±0.8 for the Kfs-rich pegmatitic vein) are nearly unchanged between them. In consideration of the Late-Triassic alkaline complexes in the eastern Sulu UHP metamorphic terrane, we suggest that the extracted Kfsrich felsic melt metasomatized the overlying mantle wedge resulting in syn-exhumation magmatism.

Key words: Migmatitic gneiss; Decompressional fractional crystallization; Decoupled isotopic compositions; Syn-exhumation magmatism; Sulu UHP metamorphic terrane

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