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Geochronology and geochemistry of the ore-bearing intrusion in the Longgen Lead-Zinc deposit in Tibet and its geological significance

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1 Introduction

The Longgen Lead-Zinc deposit is located in the southern Gangdise-Nyainqentanglha plate and belongs to the western section of the Nyainqentanglha copper-lead-zinc-silver metallogenic belt. In this paper, we report bulk major and trace elements and zircon U-Pb isotopes of granite porphyry related to Pb-Zn mineralization in the Longgen deposit to constrain the geochronology, geochemistry and its geological significance.

2 Geology of Ore Deposit

The Longgen Lead-Zinc deposit has 2.34 Mt lead and zinc ore resources, including 75015 t lead metal resources at an average grade of 3.21 % and 56788 t zinc metal resources at an average grade of 2.43 %. The strata are mainly composed of the middle Permian Xiala Formation and to a lesser extent of Eocene Nianbo Formation (Fig. 1). Meanwhile, monzonitic granite porphyry is the main rock, which contains the phenocrysts of quartz (20~35 %), plagioclase (15~20 %), potassium feldspar (10~15 %) and biotite (0~5 %), the matrix of amounts of quartz and feldspar, with minor a bit of apatite, zircon and Fe-Ti oxides. Clearly, the monzonitic granite porphyry dyke intrude into the Xiala Formation. Orebody is primarily located in contact zone and local structural fracture zone between the monzonitic granite porphyry and limestone of the Xiala Formation.

3 Geochronology

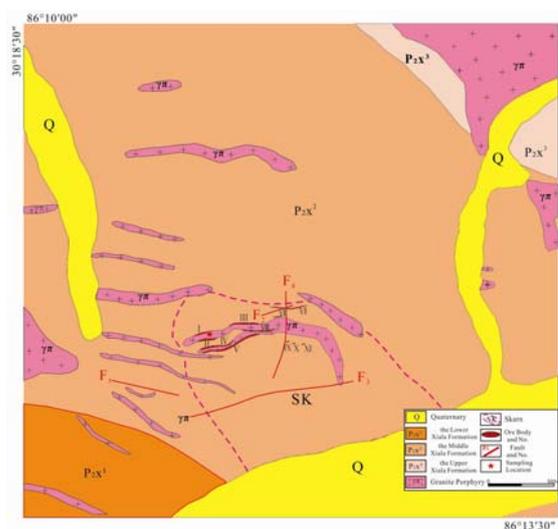


Fig. 1 Geological map of Longgen deposit (modified after regional geological survey team, Tibet, 2015). Sampling location for zircon U-Pb dating is shown.

Zircon U-Pb age of the monzonitic granite porphyry is 62.9 ± 0.8 Ma (MSWD = 2.4, $n = 17$) (Fig. 2) which is consistent with the age of the Chagele Lead-Zinc-Copper-olybdenum deposit (62.1 ± 1.1 Ma; Gao et al., 2012) on the western segment of this metallogenic belt, the age of the Sinongduo Lead-Zinc deposit (68.2 ± 0.3 Ma; Liu et al., 2010) on the middle segment of this metallogenic belt, the age of the Yaguila Molybdenum-Lead-Zinc deposit ($65.8 \sim 68.6$ Ma; Li et al., 2010) on the eastern segment of this metallogenic belt, which show that those magmatic emplacement are probably at the same time in the copper-lead-zinc-silver metallogenic belt, forming at syn-collision stage between India and Eurasia after northward subduction of the Yarlung Zangbo oceanic basin.

4 Geochemistry and Petrogenesis

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The ore-bearing granite porphyries of the Longgen deposit has high SiO₂ (72.02~74.26 wt.%), high K₂O (K₂O/Na₂O = 1.55~2.06 wt.%), high Al₂O₃ (Al₂O₃ = 12.43~13.80 wt.%), poor P₂O₅ (P₂O₅ = 0.05~0.07 wt.%), suggesting that they belong to high-k calc-alkaline series. The A/CNK varies from 0.94 to 1.15, which shows that it is metaluminous to weakly peraluminous rock. No obvious negative correlation between P₂O₅ and SiO₂, suggests a evolution trend of "S" type granite (Chappell, 1999).

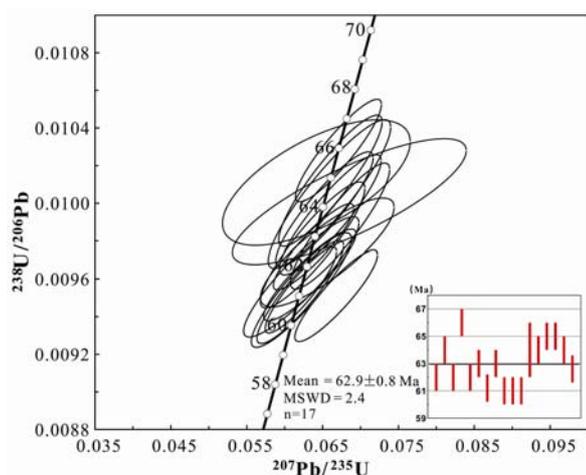


Fig. 2 U-Pb concordia diagram of zircons from ore-bearing rocks in Longgen deposit, Tibet.

The ΣREE varies from 191 ppm to 205 ppm and the chondrite-normalized REE patterns of ore-bearing rocks are right-leaning type that light and heavy rare earth differentiation are distinct ($\text{LREE}/\text{HREE} = 9.89 \sim 10.56$), light rare earth enrich ($(\text{La}/\text{Yb})_N = 11.30 \sim 12.66$) and heavy rare earth loss that fractionation is not significant ($(\text{Gd}/\text{Yb})_N = 1.41 \sim 1.60$). Moreover, all samples display strong negative anomalies of Eu implying probably that plagioclase played a role in the processes of partial melting and subsequent fractional crystallization. Most samples show variable depletions in Nb, Ta, Ti, P, and Sr, and clear enrichments in Rb, Th, U, K contents, relative to neighboring elements and at the same time lose Ba relative to Rb and Th, indicating the magma occurred high degree of crystallization and differentiation.

In the Rb vs. Y and Rb vs. Th diagrams, the ore-bearing granite porphyries have a negative poorly correlation among Rb, Th and Y and high consistency with the evolutionary trend of "S" type granite. In the

different tectonic environments diagram of Nb vs. Y elements for granites, the ore-bearing granite porphyry samples fall into volcanic arc and syn-collision granite area and in the Rb vs. Y+Nb discriminant diagram for different tectonic environments of granite, the ore-bearing granite porphyry samples fall into syn-collision granite area and around, suggesting that the ore-bearing granite porphyry of the Longgen deposit probably belongs to syn-collision granite.

5 Conclusion

The Longgen ore-bearing granite porphyry probably belongs to metaluminous to weakly peraluminous, high-k calc-alkaline rock series, have the characteristic of "S" type granite, and the magma occurred high degree of crystallization and differentiation, which formed at syn-collision stage between India and Eurasia after northward subduction of the Yarlung Zangbo oceanic basin.

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