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Noble gas systematics around the Rodriguez Triple Junction in the Indian Ocean

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We performed a precise measurement of Ne isotope for a sample showing highest 40Ar/36Ar ratio (16000) at the Rodriguez Triple Junction, in the Indian Ocean. As a result, we obtained typical MORB value, 20Ne/22Ne=11.81+/-0.49, 21Ne/22Ne=0.0562+/-0.0031. The 40Ar/36Ar was 14120+/-540, being consistent with previous measurement.

In this area, all isotopes shows a variation interpreted as a mixing of single magmatic endmember with atmospheric component. Contrarily, a sample shows unique signature in the case of coupling with different element (e.g. Ne-Ar, Xe-Ar), reflecting some difference of mixing mechanism.



Figure: The ⁴⁰Ar/³⁶Ar vs. ²⁰Ne/²²Ne diagram. Small squares: Data with large analytical uncertainties.