

## 原始生代堆積岩 Nuvvuagituq 中の窒素・希ガス同位体組成 Nitrogen and noble gas isotopes of Eoarchean Nuvvuagituq rocks

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The Nuvvuagittuq greenstone belt is an Eoarchean volcano-sedimentary sequence located in northern Quebec. Rocks are gabbroic intrusions, volcano-sedimentary silicic rocks and banded iron formation (BIFs), enclosed by 3.66 Ga tonalitic gneiss. Rocks are metamorphosed to amphibolite facies and zircon U-Pb ages give a minimum age of 3.75-3.82 Ga to the belt. A deficit in <sup>142</sup>Nd compared to the terrestrial Nd standard found in some igneous rock which were dated possibly at 4.28 billion years ago, making this rock suite one of the oldest on Earth. Characterization of the fluids in silicic rocks and BIFs, identified by previous works as chemical precipitates in seawater, might give precious constraints on the Earth superficial conditions in Late Hadean, following the Late Heavy Bombardment.

A preliminary survey intended to analyze the fluids trapped into several lithologies of the belt on the noble gas and nitrogen isotopic compositions. Selected samples are an ultramafic intrusion (POR21), a tonalitic gneiss (POR23), three felsic to intermediate silicic volcanoclastic rocks (POR27b, 28c, 28h), a meta-conglomerate (POR29) and a plagioclase-rich amphibolite (POR30). Preliminary noble gas isotopes were carried out at GEOTOP by using a quadrupole mass spectrometer. <sup>4</sup>He, <sup>22</sup>Ne, <sup>36-40</sup>Ar, <sup>84</sup>Kr and <sup>129,132,136</sup>Xe were analyzed after crushing bulk rock and recovering gases in a purification line. All samples contain radiogenic <sup>4</sup>He, from  $3.7 \times 10^{-8}$  to  $2.5 \times 10^{-7}$  cm<sup>3</sup>STP/g<sub>rock</sub>, although the calculated radiogenic <sup>4</sup>He/<sup>40</sup>Ar\* ratio is only 0.01 to 0.03 against the expected crustal ratio of 4.2. This could indicate large loss of helium during time (which is often observed in Archean rocks) or poor potassium content, the parent element of radiogenic <sup>40</sup>Ar\*. The measured <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>36</sup>Ar ratios range from 403 to 9635, higher than the atmospheric value of 295.5. The sample that contains most radiogenic noble gas <sup>4</sup>He and <sup>136</sup>Xe (from U fission and alpha decay) and <sup>40</sup>Ar\* is the tonalitic gneiss (POR23). All other samples show atmospheric composition of noble gases (except <sup>4</sup>He and <sup>40</sup>Ar\*) or slight <sup>136</sup>Xe anomalies.

A new series of noble gas and nitrogen isotopic measurements are under way at Osaka University to determine the origin of gases into the Nuvvuagituq fluids and try to constrain crustal and igneous sources possibly feeding them.

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