

1 **Accessory mineral constraints on crustal evolution : elemental fingerprints for magma**
2 **discrimination**

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8 Abstract

9 Somewhat less explored accessory minerals such as titanite and apatite have the potential to
10 give insights into the petrogenesis of their host rock. Their trace element and REE-rich
11 chemistries carry a record of crystallisation history and chemical characteristics of their source.
12 The robust nature of these phases make them ideal candidates to extract such information
13 from Archean rocks that have usually been affected by secondary processes (metamorphism,
14 deformation, hydrothermal activity). Moreover, they are resistant to erosion during multiple
15 sedimentary cycles which makes them ideal to reconstruct the history of long-eroded
16 continental landmasses. Here we report new trace element data on apatite and titanite from
17 granitoids of different Archean cratons and comparative granitoids from the Phanerozoic.
18 Trace elements signatures of both minerals reveal chemical systematics in Y, LREE and Sr
19 contents related to the nature of the host magma, which are used to construct discrimination
20 diagrams delineating Archean TTGs from sanukitoids, and modern adakites from S/I-type
21 granites.

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23 1. Introduction

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25 Rare earth element (REE) bearing minerals have been used widely to date geological events
26 and to understand magmatic petrogenesis. Their ability also to incorporate a range of trace
27 elements in addition to REE make them extremely useful to track geological processes. In the
28 last decade, most studies on accessory minerals have focussed on zircon (e.g. U-Pb, Hf
29 isotopes, O isotopes, trace elements), but the development of in-situ techniques has allowed
30 other phases to be dated (e.g. monazite, Parrish 1990, apatite, Chew et al. 2011), thus
31 providing additional chronological constraints on host rock history. However, despite the
32 impressive number of studies on accessory minerals available today (see Nasdala et al. 2017),
33 knowledge of the behaviour of trace elements within accessory minerals in rocks that make up
34 the continental crust is still limited. The few contributions focussing on less-studied REE-
35 bearing minerals (e.g. apatite and titanite) have shown that trace element concentrations retain
36 considerable information relevant to petrogenesis and provenance. In experimental work
37 focussing on metaluminous compositions, Protwake and Klemme (2005, 2006) have

38 suggested that REE and other trace elements are sensitive to melt evolution. Others (e.g.
39 Belousova et al. 2002; Chu et al. 2009; Jennings et al. 2011; Bruand et al. 2014) have shown
40 that accessory mineral chemistry provides useful information about petrogenetic process and
41 can closely reflect parent magma composition. Recent publications based on a small number
42 of samples (Bruand et al. 2016; 2017; 2019) have shown that apatite and titanite trace element
43 chemistry and isotope systematics have the potential to discriminate different granite types
44 relevant to the ongoing debate about secular evolution of the early Earth and the onset of
45 modern plate tectonics. For this contribution, we have studied the chemical signatures of
46 accessory minerals in a range of granitoids through time, from a relatively hot Archaean Earth
47 producing «tonalites-trondjemites-granodiorites» (TTG) toward a cooler modern Earth
48 producing plutonic equivalents of the calc-alkaline series (basalt-andesite-dacite-rhyolite –
49 BADR), via the Neoproterozoic – Palaeoproterozoic transition to modern tectonics signalled by
50 sanukitoids and related rocks. We demonstrate that their trace element signatures can be used
51 to discriminate between critical magma types and can be robust with respect to metamorphism.
52 We then discuss the causes of consistent differences in accessory mineral chemistry and
53 implications of their robust discrimination for studies of historical evolution of continental crust,
54 for example quantitative source apportionment within mixed-provenance samples provided by
55 the sedimentary cycle (in the manner of detrital zircons).

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57 2. Granite samples and their crustal evolution context

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59 The granitoid record (Fig. 1) has evolved from TTGs throughout the Archean, the products of
60 partial melting of basaltic composition mafic crust, via sanukitoids and related rocks in the
61 Neoproterozoic and Palaeoproterozoic that carry the signature of a nascent mantle wedge,
62 towards granodiorites and granites with arc magma compositions (the plutonic equivalents of
63 BADR) plus the typical products of crustal differentiation (S-type granites). Many fundamental
64 questions remain regarding the geodynamics of the early Earth, the growth of the continental
65 crust and the transition to subduction-driven tectonics, some of which may be addressed with
66 a more complete understanding of timings and proportions of granitoid magma genesis. Here
67 we present new geochemical data on titanite and apatite from granitoids selected from this
68 overall temporal progression (i) Archean TTG from three different cratons (Slave Province,
69 Karelia and Kaapvaal), (ii) sanukitoids from the Karelia and Kaapvaal cratons, (iii)
70 Neoproterozoic calc-alkaline granitoids from Guernsey (UK Channel Islands) in the Armorican
71 terrane. In addition to these, we have included likely Phanerozoic equivalents to test the impact
72 of metamorphism on their older counterparts: TTG-like (adakites from Antarctica) and
73 sanukitoid-like (high Ba-Sr granites from Caledonian Scotland). Detailed sample descriptions,
74 geological settings and whole-rock compositions can be found in Supplementary Information.

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76 3. Results

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78 LA-ICPMS chemical data and related analytical protocols obtained are described in
79 Supplementary Information. After initial data interrogation using principal component analysis
80 (PCA), REEs, Y and Sr were found to be most effective for discriminating magma type, so
81 these results are presented and discussed below.

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83 3.1. Apatite chemistry

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85 Chondrite-normalized REE patterns of apatite from all studied samples are plotted on Figure
86 2A-E. TTG samples (Fig. 2A) are characterized by a systematic depletion in light REE (LREE)
87 relative to heavy REE (HREE) usually with a significant negative Eu anomaly. The most
88 depleted patterns tend to have a less pronounced to absent Eu anomaly and significant middle
89 REE (MREE) fractionation from HREE. Adakite (TTG-like) apatites (Fig. 2B) have a relatively
90 flat LREE pattern with slightly lower HREE and a significant Eu anomaly. Typical BADR REE
91 patterns (Fig. 2C) show higher LREE content with strong enrichment compared to the HREE,
92 with moderate negative Eu anomalies. Similarly, sanukitoids and high Ba-Sr granite REE
93 patterns (Fig. 2 D-E) reveal a general enrichment in LREE relative to HREE usually with
94 moderate negative Eu anomalies. In the high Ba-Sr group, the most mafic samples often lack
95 Eu anomalies.

96 Following the PCA procedure, a 10^*Sr -LREE- 10^*Y discrimination diagram was constructed
97 (Fig. 3A). Apatite from TTG and TTG-like granitoids are clearly distinguishable from other
98 granite types, defining a distinct cluster towards the 10^*Y corner. On the other hand,
99 sanukitoids, sanukitoid-like and BADR samples are characterized by higher LREE and Sr
100 contents and thus form a separate field towards that baseline. Similarly, a La_N/Sm_N versus Y
101 diagram (Fig. 4A) highlights a strong compositional difference. TTG and TTG-like apatites are
102 Y rich (up to 4566 ppm) with low La_N/Sm_N (< 3), while sanukitoid, high Ba-Sr granite and BADR
103 apatites define a field poor in Y (< 1000 ppm) and with $(La/Sm)_N$ up to 19.

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105 3.2. Titanite chemistry

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107 REE patterns of titanite from the studied samples are presented in figure 2G-J, although titanite
108 is not present in all studied samples (see supplementary information). There are many
109 similarities with those for apatite (Fig. 2A-E). Titanites from one TTG sample (Fig. 2G) are
110 characterized by pronounced LREE depletion relative to HREE. In contrast with apatite, the
111 patterns have variable, usually large Eu anomalies, generally negative for those with higher

112 total REE, positive for lower total REE. Titanite from sanukitoids and high Ba-Sr granites (Fig.
113 2H-I) show strong enrichment of LREE relative to HREE, usually with a convex-upward LREE
114 section and a significant negative Eu anomaly. A few sanukitoid titanites in each of the samples
115 studied have steep downward LREE slopes and/or a positive Eu anomaly (Fig. 2H). The BADR
116 REE patterns (Fig. 2J) are closely comparable with the high Ba-Sr samples, but can be
117 separated into two groups that are sample specific. Sample EG-07 titanites have convex-
118 upward LREE and a negative Eu anomaly while one from sample BD-02 has continually
119 decreasing LREE with no Eu anomaly (Fig. 2J, Appendix A.1).

120 Using a similar trivariate diagram to apatite (Fig. 3B, but note the different Sr multiplier),
121 TTG titanite compositions may be discriminated from all other samples, which themselves
122 overlap – as for apatite. Titanite from TTG define an end member with high Y and low Sr and
123 LREE contents relative to sanukitoids and BADR samples.

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125 4. Discussion

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127 The temporal evolution of granitoids has been well established (Fig. 1, see also Moyen and
128 Martin 2012 for review). TTGs can be discriminated on the basis of several whole-rock
129 chemical indicators, the most obvious of which is strong HREE depletion (Fig.2F). The present
130 study has also shown systematic differences in TTG apatite and TTG titanite compositions
131 relative to sanukitoids and post-Archean granitoids (Figs 2-3), in particular higher Y and HREE
132 contents with low La_N/Sm_N ratio (Fig. 2, 4A). Intriguingly, this is opposite to the whole-rock
133 discrimination (Fig. 2F). In the following text, we attempt to rationalise such observations in
134 terms of possible controls on apatite and titanite chemistry, and in the light of current literature.

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136 4.1 Effects of metamorphism and/or deformation

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138 Most Archean rocks have been affected by metamorphism and deformation, so there is the
139 obvious possibility that accessory mineral chemistry has been modified, whereby magmatic
140 crystal-liquid equilibration gives way to metamorphic mineralogical control. The few studies
141 available (e.g. Bea and Montero 1999; Garber et al. 2017) describe lithologies (metapelites or
142 orthogneisses) that are very different from our samples. Therefore, in order to test the
143 robustness of magmatic signatures, we have analysed Phanerozoic equivalents of TTG
144 (adakite) and sanukitoid (high Ba-Sr granites), unaffected by any metamorphic event. Their
145 chondrite-normalized REE patterns correspond closely to the Archean equivalents (Fig. 2) and
146 overlap the relevant fields on the discrimination diagrams above (Fig. 3, Fig. 4A).

147 A few TTG apatite patterns show extreme depletion in LREE with no Eu anomaly (Fig
148 2A). Recent work by Antoine et al. (submitted) on apatite inclusions armoured within TTG

149 zircons have the same signature as our most enriched patterns while matrix apatites can also
150 display strong LREE-depletion. This can be explained petrographically, by the observed
151 association of secondary allanite and apatite. The highly LREE-depleted group is therefore
152 interpreted to result from high grade metamorphism, such that typical metamorphic apatite
153 has reduced La_N/Sm_N but retains original HREE signatures.

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155 4.2 Effects of whole-rock composition

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157 The systematic chemical differences between the accessory mineral groups studied here, from
158 different types of granitoid, strongly suggest that bulk rock character exerts strong control.

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160 4.2.1 The influence of whole rock SiO_2

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162 Partition coefficient studies have shown that the magmatic incorporation of REE in apatite and
163 titanite increases with SiO_2 (Prowatke and Klemme 2006a,b). TTGs studied herein vary
164 between 65 wt% and 74 wt% SiO_2 , the other granitoids range between 53 and 77 wt%. Within
165 the former, apatite and titanite total REE contents do not systematically increase with SiO_2
166 (Appendix A.1). Furthermore, sanukitoid or BADR samples with similar SiO_{2WR} have apatite
167 and titanite characterised by comparatively higher LREE and lower HREE. Such systematic
168 differences are therefore not controlled simply by silica content.

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170 4.2.2 The influence of Alumina Saturation Index (ASI).

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172 The striking dichotomy in the TTG between LREE depletion in the accessory minerals and
173 LREE enrichment in whole rocks suggests that another LREE-bearing phase is required for
174 mass balance. Likely contenders would be allanite and monazite, but since these are also
175 common in many other granitoid types, this is unlikely to be the sole explanation.

176 Figure 4A includes literature data (Sha and Chappell 1999; Belousova et al. 2001; Miles et al.
177 2013), and highlights the presence of two distinct groups of apatite that are strongly dependent
178 on ASI. ASI < 1 samples (metaluminous) correspond to our sanukitoids-BADR apatites (Group
179 1), whereas peraluminous samples (ASI >1) have a comparable chemical signature to TTG
180 apatites (low LREE and high HREE-Y, Group 2). This corroborates previous studies on apatite
181 (Harrison and Watson 1984; Pichavant et al. 1992) and monazite (Montel 1986) solubilities,
182 which suggest that apatite solubility increases with ASI and (to a lesser extent) with SiO_2 in
183 metaluminous magmas. Conversely, Montel (1986) has shown that monazite solubility
184 decreases as ASI increases. Therefore, in peraluminous compositions early monazite will

185 strongly partition LREE with the remaining melt relatively enriched in HREE and Y, which will
186 be incorporated by later apatite and titanite.

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188 Interestingly, apatites from two metaluminous samples are Y-rich and LREE poor (Fig.
189 4A), which is inconsistent with the general trend. These exceptions have the highest SiO₂
190 content (>73 wt%), a phenomenon also described by Sha and Chappell (1999). High melt SiO₂
191 content increases apatite solubility (Harrison and Watson 1984) and therefore delays its
192 saturation. Consequently, apatite may grow late, allowing early LREE phases (monazite and/or
193 allanite) to incorporate most of the LREE.

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195 4.2.3 Other variables

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197 We have shown above that aluminosity and consequent timing of mineral saturation is a first
198 order control. However, our TTG apatite compositions have systematically even lower LREE
199 concentrations than published data for peraluminous rocks (Fig. 4A) so other variables must
200 also be important. For example, previous authors have inferred that differences in magmatic
201 apatite composition could be related to magma fO₂ (Sha and Chappell 1999; Belousova et al.
202 2001). It remains unclear whether this is linked to TTG source parameters (e.g. composition,
203 fO₂, temperature, H₂O-saturated or undersaturated melting) or is another effect of co-
204 crystallising accessory phases. Experimental constraints are currently lacking.

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206 4.2.4 The significance of Sr

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208 In this section, we rationalise the utility of Sr concentration in apatite and titanite, in association
209 with REEs to discriminate magma type. Previous work has distinguished high-pressure TTG,
210 corresponding to a deep source in equilibrium with garnet and rutile but no plagioclase, from
211 low-pressure TTG consistent with residual plagioclase. As a direct consequence of residual
212 mineralogy, HP-TTG have low HREE, Nb and Ta and high Sr while LP-TTG show the opposite
213 signature for comparable bulk compositions. Previous authors (Belousova et al. 2001;
214 Jennings et al. 2011; Bruand et al. 2014) have shown a strong correlation between Sr in apatite
215 and in the corresponding whole-rock. Accordingly, in our apatite dataset, two TTG and our
216 adakite samples that have typical HP-TTG signature have systematic higher Sr concentrations
217 than the others that have MP-LP TTG signature (Fig. 4C). Figure 4C also shows that the HP-
218 TTG apatites have lower Y (and by analogy, HREE). All these observations confirm that apatite
219 Sr content can allow discrimination between HP and LP TTG.

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221 4.4 Implications for historical evolution of continental crust

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223 The preservation of magmatic trace element signatures in apatite and titanite from
224 metamorphosed terranes provides a new methodology to reconstruct their magmatic history.
225 In addition, the ability to distinguish parent magma type encourages application to the detrital
226 mineral record. Voluminous data exist from zircons, but the results described above promise
227 much tighter constraints on parent rock identity, thus providing vital access to the primary
228 history of old eroded terranes and helping to reconstruct the parameters of the historical
229 evolution of continental crust from the early Earth to the present day.

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231 **Figure Captions**

232 Fig. 1 Cartoon of continental crust evolution, from TTG and sanukitoid in the Archean
233 towards typical arc magma in the Phanerozoic, plus samples studied in this contribution.

234 Fig. 2 Chondrite-normalised REE patterns for apatite (A-E) and titanite (G-J). F is modified
235 after Moyen and Martin (2012).

236 Fig. 3 Ternary discrimination diagrams; $10^*Sr-LREE-10^*Y$ for apatite and $100^*Sr-LREE-10^*Y$
237 for titanite.

238 Fig.4 Apatite compositions: A - La vs Y diagram discriminating 2 groups of apatite, B -
239 La_N/Sm_N vs ASI ($nAl/((nCa-3.33*nP)+nNa+nK)$), discriminating peraluminous from
240 metaluminous compositions and C - Sr vs Y, discriminating HP- and LP-TTG magmas.

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