



Fission Track Analysis and Its Application in Mineralogy

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Dear Colleagues,

Apatite and zircon are common accessory minerals in igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks. Recently, there have significant advances in the understanding of the temperature dependence of fission track annealing and fission track length distributions. Fission track analysis provides detailed information on the low-temperature thermal histories of rocks and may be applied below ~120 °C for tracks in apatite and below ~350 °C for zircon. Both fission track and U-Pb, which are obtained from the same zircon and/or apatite grains, are widely used to study the thermochronology of different areas of geological interest. With these methodologies, it is possible to determine in-depth information for temperatures below ~800 °C for U-Pb in zircon and ~500 °C for U-Pb in apatite. Furthermore, fission track and U-Pb methodologies show excellent potential in elucidating solutions to a variety of geological problems, including sedimentary provenance, thermal history modeling of sedimentary basins, structural evolution of orogenic belts, and long-term continental denudation.

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