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Phoscorites and Carbonatites from Mantle to Mine: the Key Example of the Kola Alkaline Province F. Wall 2004-07-01 Phoscorites are dark, often very handsome, sometimes economically valuable, magnetite-apatite-silicate rocks, almost always associated with carbonatite. They are key to understanding the long-standing question of how carbonate and carbonate-bearing magmas rise to the crust and the Earth's surface. Despite this, they have been given little attention; a search on geological literature databases will produce thousands of references to carbonatite (up to 4125 on Georef) but not more than thirty references to phoscorite. This book goes some way to redress this balance. Over recent years many European and North American scientists have studied Kola rocks in collaboration with Russian colleagues. The idea for this book came from one such project funded by the European organisation, INTAS (Grant No 97-0722). The Kola Peninsula is one of the outstanding areas in the World for the concentration and economic importance of alkaline rocks. However, Russian work on the Kola complexes is still relatively unknown and a particular aim of this book, as well as presenting current research, is to make this knowledge accessible to English language readers. A large exploration programme on Kola alkaline rocks was active from 1950 to 1990 and involved teams of geologists who studied many kilometres of drill core and carried out detailed mineralogical and petrological studies.

Isotopes and the Natural Environment Paul Alexandre 2020-01-27 This book provides straightforward and practical information on isotopes applied to a variety of natural sciences. It covers the basics of isotopes and includes detailed examples from a range of natural sciences: ecology, biology, human health, environment and climate, geography, and geology, highlighting their applicability in these fields. It is a must-read for all advanced-undergraduate and graduate students working with isotopes, regardless of the area, and is a very useful one-stop resource for scientists starting in isotope research.

40AR/39AR Muscovite Thermochronology and Geochronology of New Mexico Pegmatites Lisa Anne Gaston 2014

Practical Geochemistry Paul Alexandre 2021-05-24 This book is a marked departure from typical introductory geochemistry books available: It provides a simple, straightforward, applied, and down-to-earth no-nonsense introduction to geochemistry. It is for the undergraduate students who are introduced to the subject for the first time, but also for practicing geologists who do not need the heavy-duty theory, but some clear, simple, and useful practical tips and pointers. This book, written from the point of view of a practicing geologist, introduces the fundamental and most relevant principles of geochemistry, explaining them whenever possible in plain terms. Crucially, this textbook covers – in a single volume! – practical and useful topics that other introductory geochemistry books ignore, such as sampling and sample treatment, analytical geochemistry, data treatment and geostatistics, classification and discrimination diagrams, geochemical exploration, and environmental geochemistry. The main strengths of this book are the breadth of useful and practical topics, the straightforward and approachable way in which it is written, the numerous real-world and specific geological examples, and the exercises and review questions (using real-world data and providing on-line answers). It is therefore easily understood by the beginner geochemist or any geologist who desires to use geochemistry in their daily work.

Exploring the Northern Rocky Mountains Colin Arthur Shaw 2014-05-01 "The field trips in this guidebook are associated with the GSA Rocky Mountain-Cordilleran Joint Section Meeting, which will take place in Bozeman, Montana, in May 2014"--

The 40Ar/39Ar Geochronology and Thermochronology of the Latir Volcanic Field and Associated Intrusions: Implications for Caldera-related Magmatism Matthew J. Zimmerer 2008 After resurgent plutonism, three plutons, probably cupolas of a larger, single intrusion, were emplaced and are now exposed along the southern caldera margin. Biotite ages from the Red River, Sulfur Gulch, and Bear Canyon plutons are 24.8, 24.5, and 24.3 Ma, respectively, suggesting incremental emplacement of the larger intrusion along the southern caldera margin. K-feldspar monotonic MDD thermal histories from the individual plutons display differences of rates and timing of cooling. MDD models suggest the Red River pluton experienced a period of isothermal cooling at 300°C between 24 and 22 Ma, followed by rapid cooling at 21 Ma. One K-feldspar MDD thermal model from the Bear Canyon indicates rapid cooling at 21 Ma, but another Bear Canyon K-feldspar thermal model indicates rapid cooling at 23 Ma, followed by isothermal conditions at 200°C between 22 and 18 Ma. The unconstrained MDD thermal models suggest reheating by younger thermal events possibly related to magma emplacement.

Encyclopedia of Geology 2020-12-16 Encyclopedia of Geology, Second Edition presents in six volumes state-of-the-art reviews on the various aspects of geologic research, all of which have moved on considerably since the writing of the first edition. New areas of discussion include extinctions, origins of life, plate tectonics and its influence on faunal provinces, new types of mineral and hydrocarbon deposits, new methods of dating rocks, and geological processes. Users will find this to be a fundamental resource for teachers and students of geology, as well as researchers and non-geology professionals seeking up-to-date reviews of geologic research. Provides a comprehensive and accessible one-stop shop for information on the subject of geology, explaining methodologies and technical jargon used in the field Highlights connections between geology and other physical and biological sciences, tackling research problems that span multiple fields Fills a critical gap of information in a field that has seen significant progress in past years Presents an ideal reference for a wide range of scientists in earth and environmental areas of study

Isotopic Constraints on Earth System Processes Kenneth W. W. Sims 2022-04-20 Using isotopes as a tool for understanding Earth processes From establishing the absolute age of the Earth to providing a stronger understanding of the nexus between geology and life, the careful measurement and quantitative interpretation of minor variations in the isotopic composition of Earth's materials has provided profound insight into the origins and workings of our planet. Isotopic Constraints on Earth System Processes presents examples of the application of numerous different isotope systems to address a wide range of topical problems in Earth system science. Volume highlights include: examination of the natural fractionation of non-traditional stable isotopes utilizing isotopes to understand the origin of magmas and evolution of volcanic systems application of isotopes to interrogate and understand Earth's Carbon and Oxygen cycles examination of the geochemical and hydrologic processes that lead to isotopic fractionation application of isotopic reactive transport models to decipher hydrologic and biogeochemical processes The American Geophysical Union promotes discovery in Earth and space science for the benefit of humanity. Its publications disseminate scientific knowledge and provide resources for researchers, students, and professionals.

Miocene Tectonics of the Lake Mead Region, Central Basin and Range Paul John Umhoefer 2010 Accompanying CD-ROM titled: Supplementary materials to Miocene tectonics of the Lake Mead region, central basin and range.

Periodico di Mineralogia Vol. 84, 3B (Special Issue), December, 2015 Eugenio Fazio 2016-02-04 CONTENTS Omar Bartoli, Antonio Acosta-Vigil and Bernardo Cesare High-temperature metamorphism and crustal melting: working with melt inclusions Igor M. Villa 39Ar-40Ar geochronology of mono- and polymetamorphic basements Antonio Langone and Massimo Tiepolo U-Th-Pb "multi-phase" approach to the study of crystalline basement: application to the northernmost sector of the Ivrea-Verbanio Zone (Alps) Gabriele Cruciani, Chiara Montomoli, Rodolfo Carosi, Marcello Franceschelli and Mariano Puxeddu Continental collision from two perspectives: a review of Variscan metamorphism and deformation in northern Sardinia Rosolino Cirrincione, Eugenio Fazio, Patrizia Fiannacca, Gaetano Ortolano, Antonino Pezzino and Rosalda Punturo The Calabria-Peloritani Orogen, a composite terrane in Central Mediterranean; its overall architecture and geodynamic significance for a pre-Alpine scenario around the Tethyan basin Gisella Rebay, Maria Pia Riccardi and Maria Iole Spalla Fluid rock interactions as recorded by Cl-rich amphiboles from continental and oceanic crust of Italian orogenic belts Guido Gosso, Gisella Rebay, Manuel Roda, Maria Iole Spalla, Massimo Tarallo, Davide Zanoni and Michele Zucali Taking advantage of petrostructural heterogeneities in subduction-collisional orogens, and effect on the scale of analysis

Southern and Central Mexico: Basement Framework, Tectonic Evolution, and Provenance of Mesozoic–Cenozoic Basins Uwe C. Martens 2021-12-23

Geomathematics: Theoretical Foundations, Applications and Future Developments Frits Agterberg 2014-07-14 This book provides a wealth of geomathematical case history studies performed by the author during his career at the Ministry of Natural Resources Canada, Geological Survey of Canada (NRCan-GSC). Several of the techniques newly developed by the author and colleagues that are described in this book have become widely adopted, not only for further research by geomathematical colleagues, but by government organizations and industry worldwide. These include Weights-of-Evidence modelling, mineral resource estimation technology, trend surface analysis, automatic stratigraphic correlation and nonlinear geochemical exploration methods. The author has developed maximum likelihood methodology and spline-fitting techniques for the construction of the international numerical geologic timescale. He has introduced the application of new theory of fractals and multi fractals in the geostatistical evaluation of regional mineral resources and ore reserves and to study the spatial distribution of metals in rocks. The book also contains sections deemed important by the author but that have not been widely adopted because they require further research. These include the geometry of preferred orientations of contours and edge effects on maps, time series analysis of Quaternary retreating ice sheet related sedimentary data, estimation of first and last appearances of fossil taxa from frequency distributions of their observed first and last occurrences, tectonic reactivation along pre-existing schistosity planes in fold belts, use of the grouped jackknife method for bias reduction in geometrical extrapolations and new applications of the theory of permanent, volume-independent frequency distributions. Field Trips in the Southern Rocky Mountains, USA Eric P. Nelson 2004-06-01 The theme of the 2004 GSA Annual Meeting and Exposition, "Geoscience in a Changing World," covers both new and traditional areas of the earth sciences. The Front Range of the Rocky Mountains and the High Plains preserve an outstanding record of geological processes from Precambrian through Quaternary times, and thus serve as excellent educational exhibits for the meeting. With energy and mineral resources, geological hazards, water issues, geoarchaeological sites, and famous dinosaur fossil sites, the Front Range and adjacent High Plains region provide ample opportunities for field trips focusing on our changing world. The chapters in this field guide all contain technical content as well as a field trip log describing field trip routes and stops. Of the 25 field trips offered at the Meeting, 14 are described in this guidebook, covering a wide variety of geoscience disciplines, with chapters on tectonics (Precambrian and Laramide), stratigraphy and paleoenvironments (e.g., early Paleozoic environments, Jurassic eolian environments, the K-T boundary, the famous Oligocene Florissant fossil beds), economic deposits (coal and molybdenum), geological hazards, and geoarchaeology.

Proterozoic Tectonic Evolution of the Grenville Orogen in North America Richard P. Tollo 2004-01-01

Caldera Volcanism Joachim Gottsmann 2011-09-22 This volume aims at providing answers to some puzzling questions concerning the formation and the behavior of collapse calderas by exploring our current understanding of these complex geological processes. Addressed are problems such as: - How do collapse calderas form? - What are the conditions to create fractures and slip along them to initiate caldera collapse and when are these conditions fulfilled? - How do these conditions relate to explosive volcanism? - Most products of large caldera-forming eruptions show evidence for pre-eruptive reheating. Is this a pre-requisite to produce large volume eruptions and large calderas? - What are the time-scales behind caldera processes? - How long does it take magma to reach conditions ripe enough to generate a caldera-forming eruption? - What is the mechanical behavior of magma chamber walls during caldera collapse? Elastic, viscoelastic, or rigid? - Do calderas form by underpressure following a certain level of magma withdrawal from a reservoir, or by magma chamber loading due to deep doming (underplating), or both? - How to interpret unrest signals in active caldera systems? - How can we use information from caldera monitoring to forecast volcanic phenomena? In the form of 14 contributions this book samples the state-of-the-art of caldera studies and identifies still unresolved key issues that need dedicated cross-boundary and multidisciplinary efforts in the years to come. * International contributions from leading experts * Updates and informs on all the latest developments * Highlights hot topic areas and identifies and analyzes unresolved key issues

The Geologic Time Scale 2012 2-Volume Set F. M. Gradstein 2012-07-31 The Geologic Time Scale 2012, winner of a 2012 PROSE Award Honorable Mention for Best Multi-volume Reference in Science from the Association of American Publishers, is the framework for deciphering the history of our planet Earth. The authors have been at the forefront of chronostratigraphic research and initiatives to create an international geologic time scale for many years, and the charts in this book present the most up-to-date, international standard, as ratified by the International Commission on Stratigraphy and the International Union of Geological Sciences. This 2012 geologic time scale is an enhanced, improved and expanded version of the GTS2004, including chapters on planetary scales, the Cryogenian-Ediacaran periods/systems, a prehistory scale of human development, a survey of sequence stratigraphy, and an extensive compilation of stable-isotope chemostratigraphy. This book is an essential reference for all geoscientists, including researchers, students, and petroleum and mining professionals. The presentation is non-technical and illustrated with numerous colour charts, maps and photographs. The book also includes a detachable wall chart of the complete time scale for use as a handy reference in the office, laboratory or field. The most detailed international geologic time scale available that contextualizes information in one single reference for quick desktop access. Gives insights in the construction, strengths, and limitations of the geological time scale that greatly enhances its function and its utility. Aids understanding by combining with the mathematical and statistical methods to scaled composites of global succession of events. Meets the needs of a range of users at various points in the workflow (researchers extracting linear time from rock records, students recognizing the geologic stage by their content).

Ultrahigh-pressure Metamorphism Bradley R. Hacker 2006

U.S. Geological Survey Professional Paper 1999

The Tectonic Evolution of the Connecticut Valley Synclinorium Cory K. McWilliams 2008 Consequently, early Devonian loading and subsequent metamorphism of the CVS took place during the Acadian orogeny. One-dimensional thermal modeling of Acadian metamorphism in southeastern Vermont constrained by new and existing 40Ar/39Ar thermochronology, U-Pb geochronology, and thermobarometry has revealed that the Devonian thermal evolution of the crust is strongly influenced by residual heat from Ordovician, Taconian metamorphism. Moreover, a comparison between models of upper and lower crustal rocks suggest final emplacement of gneissic domes was not entirely an Acadian event but was surprisingly delayed until sometime after the Mississippian and may represent Alleghanian deformation.

From Rodinia to Pangea Richard P. Tollo 2010 "The Appalachians constitute one of Earth's major tectonic features and have served as a springboard for innovative geologic thought for more than 170 years. This volume contains 36 original papers reporting the results of research performed throughout

nearly the entire length and breadth of the Appalachian region, including all major provinces and geographical areas. Memoir 206 was designed to commemorate the (near-)fortieth anniversary of the publication of the classic Studies of Appalachian Geology volumes that appeared just prior to the application of plate tectonic concepts to the region. Contributions concerning structural evolution, sedimentation, stratigraphy, magmatic processes, metamorphism, tectonics, and terrane accretion illustrate the wide range of ongoing research in the area and collectively serve to mark the considerable progress in scientific thought that has occurred during the past four decades."--pub. desc.

Geochronology and Thermochronology Peter W. Reiners 2017-11-21 This book is a welcome introduction and reference for users and innovators in geochronology. It provides modern perspectives on the current state-of-the art in most of the principal areas of geochronology and thermochronology, while recognizing that they are changing at a fast pace. It emphasizes fundamentals and systematics, historical perspective, analytical methods, data interpretation, and some applications chosen from the literature. This book complements existing coverage by expanding on those parts of isotope geochemistry that are concerned with dates and rates and insights into Earth and planetary science that come from temporal perspectives. Geochronology and Thermochronology offers chapters covering: Foundations of Radioisotopic Dating; Analytical Methods; Interpretational Approaches: Making Sense of Data; Diffusion and Thermochronologic Interpretations; Rb-Sr, Sm-Nd, Lu-Hf; Re-Os and Pt-Os; U-Th-Pb Geochronology and Thermochronology; The K-Ar and 40Ar/39Ar Systems; Radiation-damage Methods of Geo- and Thermochronology; The (U-Th)/He System; Uranium-series Geochronology; Cosmogenic Nuclides; and Extinct Radionuclide Chronology. Offers a foundation for understanding each of the methods and for illuminating directions that will be important in the near future Presents the fundamentals, perspectives, and opportunities in modern geochronology in a way that inspires further innovation, creative technique development, and applications Provides references to rapidly evolving topics that will enable readers to pursue future developments Geochronology and Thermochronology is designed for graduate and upper-level undergraduate students with a solid background in mathematics, geochemistry, and geology. Read an interview with the editors to find out more: <https://eos.org/editors-vox/the-science-of-dates-and-rates>

Encyclopedia of Quaternary Science 2006-11-24 The quaternary sciences constitute a dynamic, multidisciplinary field of research that has been growing in scientific and societal importance in recent years. This branch of the Earth sciences links ancient prehistory to modern environments. Quaternary terrestrial sediments contain the fossil remains of existing species of flora and fauna, and their immediate predecessors. Quaternary science plays an integral part in such important issues for modern society as groundwater resources and contamination, sea level change, geologic hazards (earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis), and soil erosion. With over 360 articles and 2,600 pages, many in full-color, the Encyclopedia of Quaternary Science provides broad ranging, up-to-date articles on all of the major topics in the field. Written by a team of leading experts and under the guidance of an international editorial board, the articles are at a level that allows undergraduate students to understand the material, while providing active researchers with the latest information in the field. Also available online via ScienceDirect (2006) – featuring extensive browsing, searching, and internal cross-referencing between articles in the work, plus dynamic linking to journal articles and abstract databases, making navigation flexible and easy. For more information, pricing options and availability visit www.info.sciencedirect.com. 360 individual articles written by prominent international authorities, encompassing all important aspects of quaternary science Each entry provides comprehensive, in-depth treatment of an overview topic and presented in a functional, clear and uniform layout Reference section provides guidance for further research on the topic Article text supported by full-color photos, drawings, tables, and other visual material Writing level is suited to both the expert and non-expert

Feldspars and their Reactions Ian Parsons 2012-12-06 Feldspar minerals make up 60% of the crust of the Earth. They are stable in the upper mantle, and are so abundant in the crust that they form the basis of the classification of igneous rocks. At the surface, feldspars weather to form clay minerals which are the most important mineral constituent of soils. The articles in this book review the chemical reactions of feldspars over the whole sweep of pressure and temperature regimes in the outer Earth, and describe the fundamental aspects of crystal structure which underlie their properties. The book covers intracrystalline reactions, such as order-disorder transformations and exsolution, and transfer of stable and radiogenic isotopes, which can be interpreted to provide insights into the thermal history of rocks. It is suitable for final year undergraduates or research workers.

The NE Atlantic Region G. Péron-Pinvidic 2017-10-30 The NAG-TEC project was a collaborative effort by the British Geological Survey, the Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland, the Geological Survey of Ireland, the Geological Survey of the Netherlands, the Geological Survey of Northern Ireland, the Geological Survey of Norway, Iceland GeoSurvey and the Faroese Geological Survey (Jarðfeingi), along with a number of academic partners and significant support from industry. The main focus was to investigate the tectonic evolution of the region with a particular emphasis on basin evolution along conjugate margins. A key outcome was the development of a new tectonostratigraphic atlas and database that includes comprehensive geological and geophysical information relevant for understanding the Devonian to present evolution of the NE Atlantic margins. These provide the foundation upon which ongoing research and exploration of the area can build. This Special Publication provides some of the first scientific results and analysis based on the project, including regional stratigraphic analysis and correlations, crustal structure and interpretation of geophysical data sets, plate kinematics and the evolution of igneous provinces.

The Transantarctic Mountains Gunter Faure 2010-09-21 This book presents a summary of the geology of the Transantarctic Mountains for Earth scientists who may want to work there or who need an overview of the geologic history of this region. In addition, the properties of the East Antarctic ice sheet and of the meteorites that accumulate on its surface are treated in separate chapters. The presentation ends with the Cenozoic glaciation of the Transantarctic Mountains including the limnology and geochemical evolution of the saline lakes in the ice-free valleys. • The subject matter in this book is presented in chronological order starting about 750 million years ago and continuing to the present time. • The chapters can be read selectively because the introduction to each chapter identifies the context that gives relevance to the subject matter to be discussed. • The text is richly illustrated with 330 original line drawings as well as with 182 color maps and photographs. • The book contains indexes of both subject matter and of authors' names that allow it to be used as an encyclopedia of the Transantarctic Mountains and of the East Antarctic ice sheet. • Most of the chapters are supplemented by Appendices containing data tables, additional explanations of certain phenomena (e.g., the formation and seasonal destruction of stratospheric ozone), and illustrative calculations (e.g., 38Cl dates of meteorites). • The authors have spent a combined total of fourteen field seasons between 1964 and 1995 doing geological research in the Transantarctic Mountains with logistical support by the US Antarctic Program. • Although Antarctica is remote and inaccessible, tens of thousands of scientists of many nationalities and their assistants have worked there and even larger numbers of investigators will work there in the future.

Geochronology and Thermochronology by the 40Ar/39Ar Method Ian McDougall 1999 Argon isotopic dating is one of the most important techniques for estimating the ages of rocks and can be used on very small samples. It has been used to assign reliable ages to the Earth and numerous meteorites. This second edition covers the standard principles and methods and incorporates many of new developments from the last decade. It covers the basis of the method, technical aspects, data presentation, diffusion theory, thermochronology, and many applications and case studies.

Airless Bodies of the Inner Solar System Jennifer Grier 2018-10-15 **Airless Bodies of the Inner Solar System: Understanding the Process Affecting Rocky, Airless Surfaces** focuses on the airless, rocky bodies in the inner solar system as a host unto themselves, with a unique set of processes that require a specific set of investigative techniques. The book allows readers to understand both the basic and advanced concepts necessary to understand and employ that information. Topics covered past exploration of these surfaces, changes with time, space weathering, impact cratering, creation and evolution of regolith and soils, comparison of sample and remote sensing data, dust characterization, surface composition and thoughts for future exploration. Together these authors represent the unique combination of skills and experience required to produce an excellent book on the subject of the surfaces of airless, rocky bodies in the solar system, which will be useful both for graduate students and for working scientists. Written by experts with a unique combination of skills and experience on the subject of the surfaces of airless, rocky bodies in the solar system Addresses the unique nature of airless bodies not done in any other reference Organized into subjects that can be easily translated into classroom lecture points Represents topics that scientists will want to pinpoint and browse

Geochronology Derek Vance 2003

Geodynamic Evolution of the Eastern Pelagonian Zone in North-western Greece and the Republic of Macedonia Thomas Most 2003

Geologic Time Scale 2020 Felix M. Gradstein 2020 **Geologic Time Scale 2020 (2 volume set)** contains contributions from 80+ leading scientists who present syntheses in an easy-to-understand format that includes numerous color charts, maps and photographs. In addition to detailed overviews of chronostratigraphy, evolution, geochemistry, sequence stratigraphy and planetary geology, the GTS2020 volumes have separate chapters on each geologic period with compilations of the history of divisions, the current GSSPs (global boundary stratotypes), detailed bio-geochem-sequence correlation charts, and derivation of the age models. The authors are on the forefront of chronostratigraphic research and initiatives surrounding the creation of an international geologic time scale. The included charts display the most up-to-date, international standard as ratified by the International Commission on Stratigraphy and the International Union of Geological Sciences. As the framework for deciphering the history of our planet Earth, this book is essential for practicing Earth Scientists and academics. • Completely updated geologic time scale • Provides the most detailed integrated geologic time scale available that compiles and synthesizes information in one reference • Gives insights on the construction, strengths and limitations of the geological time scale that greatly enhances its function and its utility

Radiogenic Isotope Geology Alan P. Dickin 2018-02-08 The new edition of **Radiogenic Isotope Geology** examines revolutionary changes in geochemical thinking, evaluating them in historical context.

Quantitative Thermochronology Jean Braun 2006-05-04 Thermochronology, the study of the thermal history of rocks, enables us to quantify the nature and timing of tectonic processes. First published in 2006, **Quantitative Thermochronology** is a robust review of isotopic ages, and presents a range of numerical modeling techniques to allow the physical implications of isotopic age data to be explored. The authors provide analytical, semi-analytical and numerical solutions to the heat transfer equation in a range of tectonic settings and under varying boundary conditions. They then illustrate their modeling approach built around a large number of case studies. The benefits of different thermochronological techniques are also described. Computer programs on an accompanying website at www.cambridge.org/9781107407152 are introduced through the text and provide a means of solving the heat transport equation in the deforming Earth to predict the ages of rocks and compare them directly to geological and geochronological data. Several short tutorials, with hints and solutions, are also included.

Crustal thickening leading to exhumation of the Himalayan metamorphic core of central Nepal L. Godin 2001

THE DYNAMIC EARTH SYSTEM, Fourth Edition PATWARDHAN, A. M. 2020-06-01 Addressed to the undergraduate and postgraduate students pursuing studies in the broad interdisciplinary field of Earth Science, this thoroughly revised book, in its Fourth Edition, is aimed at facilitating the comprehension between the pre-planetary history and the subsequent geological processes of the Earth system. This is done keeping in mind the current interest in exoplanets and the evolution of the life supporting crustal composition of the Earth, much different from that of the other planets, in terms of the Earth's internal heat, density distribution and the strong magnetic field due to the dominant presence of metallic Fe in its core. The new edition draws the attention of the reader to the different surface gravity features and the internal compositional structures of the Earth, Moon and the Sun acquired during the Hadean. Examples of lithospheric movements, rifting, subduction and the continued mantle-crust interaction from Indian and Southeast Asian geology would bring the readers close to interlinking these tectonic processes to the genesis of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks as well as to the episodes of mineralizations. Emphasizing these dynamic processes, the text focuses on the constitution of oceans, the causes of mass extinctions and the evolution of life forms, the biogeochemical cycles of elements, and also, on the life protecting ozone layer of the stratosphere, all unique to the Earth System. The student is sensitized towards the natural hazards of frequent volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, and climate change besides explicating the threats posed by global warming, atmospheric and hydrosphere pollution, caused by the industrial emanations and indiscrete waste disposal. **KEY FEATURES** • Each chapter is replete with examples, illustrations, tables and figures to make reading more fruitful and enriching. • Chapter-end summary helps in recapitulation of the concepts discussed. • Additional Reading provided at the end of each chapter directs the readers to the vast source of information. **NEW TO THE FOURTH EDITION** Considering the growing global interest in locating a habitable exoplanet like the Earth, and in exploring the Moon and the Mars, the present edition thoroughly updates the information about • the geochemical processes, unique to the Earth System, that gave rise to the life supportive crust, oceans and the atmosphere. • the role played by plate tectonics in forming the igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks, mineral deposits, and also, in the evolution of life. • the geo-environmental hazards of volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, droughts and desertification. • the growing adoption of solar, hydro, wind and nuclear energy in power generation, and in management of clean environment. **TARGET AUDIENCE** • M.Sc. (Geology, Applied Geology, Geoinformatics, Geophysics, Geochemistry, Geography, Earth Science, and Environmental Science) • B.Sc. (Geology, Applied Geology)

Classic Cordilleran Concepts Eldridge M. Moores 1999-01-01

Radioactive Geochronometry Heinrich D Holland 2010-09-30 The history of Earth in the Solar System has been unraveled using natural radioactivity. The sources of this radioactivity are the original creation of the elements and the subsequent bombardment of objects, including Earth, in the Solar System by cosmic rays. Both radioactive and radiogenic nuclides are harnessed to arrive at ages of various events and processes on Earth. This collection of chapters from the Treatise on Geochemistry displays the range of radioactive geochronometric studies that have been addressed by researchers in various fields of Earth science. These range from the age of Earth and the Solar System to the dating of the history of Earth that assists us in defining the major events in Earth history. In addition, the use of radioactive geochronometry in describing rates of Earth surface processes, including the climate history recorded in ocean sediments and the patterns of circulation of the fluid Earth, has extended the range of utility of radioactive isotopes as chronometric and tracer tools. Comprehensive, interdisciplinary and authoritative content selected by leading subject experts Robust illustrations, figures and tables Affordably priced edition of content from the full Treatise on Geochemistry

Chemical, Physical and Temporal Evolution of Magmatic Systems L. Caricchi 2015-11-06 Our understanding of the physical and chemical processes that regulate the evolution of magmatic systems has improved tremendously since the foundations were laid down 100 years ago by Bowen. The concept of crustal magma chambers has progressively evolved from molten-rock vats to thermally, chemically and physically heterogeneous reservoirs that are kept active by the periodic injection of magma. This new model, while more complex, provides a better framework to interpret volcanic activity and decipher the information contained in intrusive and extrusive rocks. Igneous and metamorphic petrology, geochemistry, geochronology, and numerical modelling, all contributed towards this new picture of crustal magmatic systems. This book provides an overview of the wide range of approaches that can nowadays be used to understand the chemical, physical and temporal evolution of magmatic and volcanic systems.

Advances in 40Ar/39Ar Dating F. Jourdan 2014-04-02 Decoding the complete history of Earth and our solar system requires the placing of the scattered pages of Earth history in a precise chronological order, and the 40Ar/39Ar dating technique is one of the most trusted dating techniques to do that. The 40Ar/39Ar method has been in use for more than 40 years, and has constantly evolved since then. The steady improvement of the technique is largely due to a better understanding of the K/Ar system, an appreciation of the subtleties of geological material and a continuous refinement of the analytical tools used for isotope extraction and counting. The 40Ar/39Ar method is also one of the most versatile techniques with countless applications in archaeology, tectonics, structural geology, orogenic processes and provenance studies, ore and petroleum genesis, volcanology, weathering processes and climate,

and planetary geology. This volume is the first of its kind and covers methodological developments, modelling, data handling, and direct applications of the $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ technique.

Elements of Pennsylvanian Stratigraphy, Central Appalachian Basin. Charles L. Rice 1994-01-01 Papers based on geological mapping completed in the last 30 years and on associated stratigraphic and biostratigraphic studies deal with the contentious subject of correlation of Pennsylvanian units, and serve as an addendum to the work of Harold R. Wanless. Includes b&w photos and diagrams, and a g

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