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The double stage Sm-Nd model age and applications to Brazilian platform rocks

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Single stage Sm-Nd model age

The time corresponding to the point where the evolution curve of the sample $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}(T)$ intersects the CHUR and DM curves are termed T_{CHUR} and T_{DM} (CHUR = Chondritic Uniform Reservoir; DM=depleted mantle).

The model ages can be calculated from equation:

$$T_x = \lambda^{-1} \ln \left\{ 1 + \frac{[(^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_s(t_0) - (^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_x(t_0)]}{[(^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_s(t_0) - (^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_x(t_0)]} \right\} \quad (\text{eq. 1})$$

where $x=\text{CHUR}$ or DM ; $s=\text{sample}$ and $t_0=\text{today ratio value}$;

$\lambda = 6.54 \times 10^{-12} \text{ a}^{-1}$; $(^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{\text{CHUR}} = 0.512638$ and $(^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{\text{CHUR}} = 0.1967$

The $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ ratio also expressed here as $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$, the deviation from the value expected in a chondritic reservoir (CHUR), and is (DePaolo 1981):

$$\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(T) = 10^4 \left\{ \frac{(^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_s(T)}{(^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{\text{CHUR}}(T)} - 1 \right\} \quad (\text{eq. 2})$$

where $(^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_x(T) = (^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_x(t_0) - (^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_x[(\exp \lambda T) - 1]$

The magnitude of the ϵ_{Nd} value for crustal rocks depends on the product of time and chemical fractionation parameter $f_{\text{Sm/Nd}}$:

$$f_{\text{Sm/Nd}} = \frac{[(^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_s - (^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{\text{CHUR}}]}{[(^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{\text{CHUR}}]} \quad (\text{eq. 3})$$

The ϵ_{Nd} of the model depleted mantle and crustal rock sample are given accurately by (DePaolo 1981):

$$\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(T) = 0.25T^2 - 3T + 8.5 \quad (\text{DM - deplete mantle evolution}). \quad (\text{eq. 4})$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(T) = \epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t_0) - 25.09 f_{\text{Sm/Nd}} T \quad (\text{rock sample at a time } T). \quad (\text{eq. 5})$$

The T_{DM} model age is obtained by equating $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(T)$ mantle and $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(T)$ rock ($\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(T)_{\text{rock}} = \epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(T)_{\text{DM}}$).

Double stage Sm-Nd model age

In some cases if the $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ ratio is very different from 0.09 - 0.125 mainly for granitic rocks, then Sm-Nd model age can be unrealistic. When the Sm/Nd ratios of a crustal rock are fractionated very late ($>0.4\text{Ga}$) after the mantle-continental differentiation the single stage model cannot be used.

A simple two stage history for magma source is illustrated in Fig. 1, where T_{DM2} represents a model age of the magma source and T_{fe} represents a fractionation events.

In many cases such an age (T_{fe}) can be estimated from other geochronological relationships especially in the particular case of large crustal provinces of known age.

The depleted mantle model age in double stage is defined as:

$$T_{DM2} = \lambda^{-1} \ln \{ 1 + [(^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{DM} - [(^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_s - (e^{\lambda T_{fe}} - 1) [(^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_s - (^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{f1}]]] \} / [(^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{DM} - (^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{f1}] \quad (\text{eq. 6})$$

where $(^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{DM} = 0.2188$; $(^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{DM} = 0.513151$ (Millisenda et. al. 1994) and $(^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{f1}$ = the average value for the crustal rock source (in general ≈ 0.11 for TTG and granitic rock).

The equation T_{DM2} (double stage) can be applied if T_{DM1} (single stage) $> T_{fe}$ and $(^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_s < 0.2188$ or if $T_{DM1} < T_{fe}$ and $(^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_s > 0.2188$.

The model age, T_{CHUR2} , in two stages can be calculated by DePaolo (1988) 3-14 equation:

$$T_{CHUR2} \approx T_{fe} + \epsilon_{Nd(fe)} / 25.09 f_{Sm/Nd(f1)} \quad (\text{eq. 7})$$

where the $\epsilon_{Nd(fe)}$ value is calculated for the fractionation event (T_{fe}); $f_{Sm/Nd(f1)}$ can be estimated using source average values. As an example, a typical crustal rock such as TTG and granite might have $f_{Sm/Nd(f1)} \approx -0.44 \pm 0.06$. If the $f_{Sm/Nd}$ value measured today is very different from -0.44 ± 0.06 , mainly for granitic rocks with $\epsilon_{Nd(fe)} < 0$, then the equation above can be applied with success.

Applications of two stage Sm-Nd model ages in mineral:

mineral /rock	identi cation	T_{DM2} (Ga)	$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	$^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	Sm ppm	Nd ppm	$f_{Sm/Nd}$	$\epsilon_{Nd}(t)$	t (Ga)	rf
plag.	JB 7B	2.70	.511578	.1386	22.4	97.7	-.30	-16	.61	5
pyrox.	JB 7B	2.71	.511409	.0976	4.6	28.5	-.50	-16	.61	5
biotite	JB 7B	2.73	.511540	.1341	4.9	22.1	-.32	-17	.61	5
wr/gnl	JB 7B	2.71	.511523	.1279	1.1	5.2	-.35	-16	.61	5
plag.	JP 48	1.54	.512350	.1693	2.1	7.5	-.14	-3.6	.58	5
biotite	JP 48	1.52	.512248	.1395	0.6	2.6	-.29	-3.4	.58	5
garnet	JP 48	1.56	.513124	.3721	2.4	3.9	+.89	-3.5	.58	5
wr/gns	JP 48	1.54	.512162	.1223	5.4	26.7	-.38	-3.8	.58	5

Table 1: Sm-Nd data for mineral of the Itatins Complex. The model ages, T_{DM2} are based on equation 6 using $(^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{f1} = .1279$ and $.1223$ (wr = wall rock); $T_{fe} = 0.61\text{Ga}$ and $.58\text{Ga}$ (Sm-Nd mineral isochron) for samples JB 7B (wr = granulite) and JP 48 (wr=gneiss) respectively. Isotopic data reference: 5 = Picanço (1995).

Applications of Sm-Nd model ages in two stage in wall rocks:

rock	identification	T_{DM2} (Ga)	$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	$^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	Sm	Nd	$f_{\text{Sm}/\text{Nd}}$	$\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$	t (Ga)	rf
vulc.	MP64 ^A	0.97	.513204	.2320	1.37	3.57	.18	+6.9	.93*	7
granite	MP47B ^A	1.19	.512608	.2050	8.0	23.6	-.04	-1.1	.49*	6
granite	MP478D ^A	1.23	.512561	.1904	7.4	23.5	-.03	-1.1	.55*	6
granite	MM99D ^B		.511612	.1651	.86	3.15	-.16	-12.3	1.9*	3
granite	MM99H ^B		.512039	.1910	.48	1.52	-.03	-10.3	1.9*	3
granite	ABP63D ^C		.511765	.1474	5.92	24.3	-.25	-13	.62*	8
gneiss	MJ137 ^U		.512573	.1683	---	---	-.14	0.9	.59 [#]	9
granite	BR-92.48 ^E	2.60	.511156	.0768	14.0	110.	-.61	-20	.60 ^S	10

Table 2: Sm-Nd data for wall rock of the Complexes and Province: ^A = Center Goiás; ^B = Cont. Mirante - S.Francisco Craton; ^C = Cunhaporanga - Paraná; D = Curitiba - Paraná; ^D = Borborema. The model ages, T_{DM2} are based by equation 6 using $(^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_i = 0.11$ and $T_{fe} = t$ (* = Rb-Sr isochron; [#] = Sm-Nd mineral isochron; ^S = U-Pb). Isotopic data reference: 7 = Pimentel et. al. (1992); 6 = Pimentel and Charnley (1991); 3 = Marinho (1991); 8 = Reis Neto (1994); 9 = Siga Jr. (1995); 10 = Van Schmus et. al. (1995).

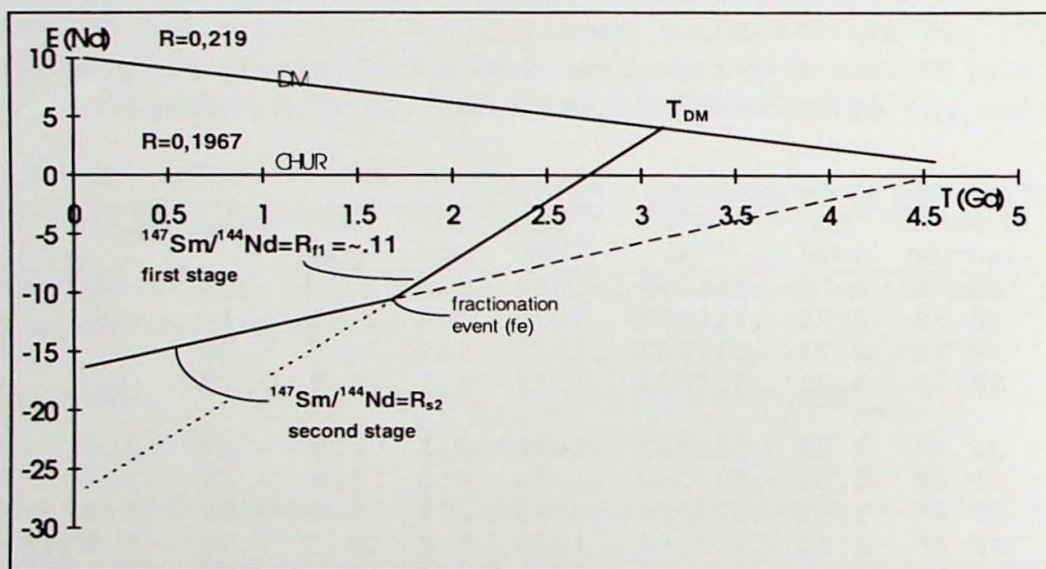


Fig. 1

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