

Psammitic schist 243007

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Sample Number(s) (including IGSN if one exists): 243007
Mineral separation required? Yes or No: Yes
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GEOGRAPHIC AREA/ PROVINCE/ BASIN : Kiwirikurra Community / West Arunta Orogen	
1:250k SHEET NAME: Wilson	NUMBER: SF 52-9
1:100k SHEET NAME: Top Up Rise	NUMBER: 4352
LOCATION METHOD: (GPS: GDA94)	
ZONE: 52	
EASTING: 338397	NORTHING: 7503072
LATITUDE: -22.57142	LONGITUDE: 127.42816

STRATIGRAPHIC UNIT FORMAL NAME *: No formal names as yet for the Top up Rise samples
STRATIGRAPHIC UNIT INFORMAL NAME: TBC, based on new U-Pb data in progress and geochemistry.
LITHOLOGY: Psammitic schist

DRILLHOLE ID (if applicable): TUR13DD004
PROSPECT (if applicable): Top Up Rise
DEPTH FROM (metres): 278.28
DEPTH TO (metres): 279.20

* Stratigraphic Unit names can be searched and checked within the Australian Stratigraphic Units Database via the following link: <https://asud.ga.gov.au/>

Dating Objective

What is the geological question $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ analysis will address?

The ages of metamorphism and deformation events; to compare to the Mundrabilla Shear Zone samples.

What type of age(s) are expected? (e.g. magmatic crystallisation, metamorphism, fluid alteration/mineralisation, cooling, shearing etc):

Age or cooling age of deformation related to foliation growth.

Mineral target(s) for dating:

White Mica

Estimated $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ age (e.g. Cenozoic, Mesozoic, Paleozoic, Proterozoic, Archean – provide estimated numerical age range if possible):

Younger than c. 1870 Ma; likely younger than c. 1610 Ma.

Sample Information

Location description (e.g. a sample of x was collected from y, z km from abc town):

Top up Rise samples come from the Top up Rise prospect drillcores, which were drilled approximately 41 km northwest of Kiwirikurra, in the Gibson Desert. These rocks lie beneath the Canning Basin, and no other information about them is available.

Lithological characteristics (rock description):

Dominantly biotite + muscovite schist; the abundance of melt veins is variable, from absent to ~5-10. Aggregates of muscovite help to define the foliation. Foliation intensity varies and anastomoses. The foliation is locally mylonitic, with a corresponding decrease in grain size. The shear sense has top-up (reverse) kinematics based on sigma clasts. The mylonitic deformation is chlorite + muscovite grade (low amphibolite or greenschist facies).

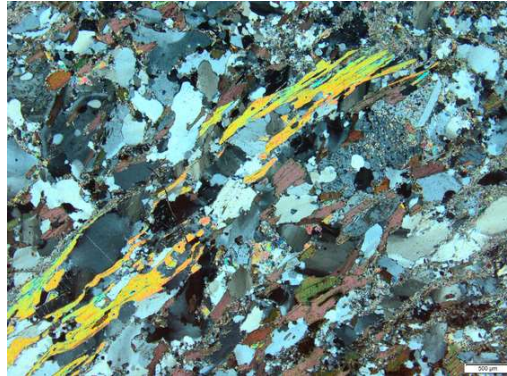
Relative age constraints (pertinent geological relationships with surrounding rock units and any previous geochronology):

SHRIMP U-Pb dating is in progress. Preliminary data indicates 1880 ± 5 Ma and 1872 ± 5 Ma for magmatic crystallization of a granite protolith to granite gneiss, and c. 1610 Ma for high grade metamorphism.

Thin section description (if available):

Foliated, medium-grained, partly retrogressed psammitic schist with an estimated mode of 35% quartz, 20-25% lenses and folia of white mica, 15-20% almost unaltered to moderately sericitised plagioclase, 12-15% muscovite laths, 10% biotite, 3-5% probable sillimanite, up to 1% tourmaline and trace zircon, probable ilmenite and chalcopyrite. The foliation is slightly wavy and is defined by elongate grains of muscovite that are associated with elongate quartz and to a lesser extent by aligned small biotite grains and folia of retrograde sericite. Narrow wavy bands of elongate quartz, sericite and larger muscovite laths define a crude compositional layering.

Photograph(s) e.g. field site, hand-specimen, photomicrograph:



Relevant bibliographic references:

Top up Rise prospect:

Nothing published as yet. There is a company report on the drillcores:

Border Exploration, 2013, Geological Survey of Western Australia, Statutory mineral exploration report A099481, 29p.

Relevant information:

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