Mineralogical Characteristics of Skarns from Dulong Sn-Zn Polymetallic Deposit in Yunnan Province and Their Geological Significances

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Abstract: The Dulong Sn-Zn deposit, located in Maguan County of Yunnan Province, is the third largest tin polymetallic deposit in China. Voluminous previous researches have reached there exist three kinds of views on the metallogenesis of the deposit, including magmatic hydrothermal, sedimentary exhalative, and the SEDEX ore source bed superimposed with regional metamorphism and magmatic hydrothermal activity. To carry out some relevant works on the skarn which is of the most important host rocks of the deposit is significantly important for solving the existed controversies on the metallogenesis. On the basis of the detailed microscopy work, chemical compositions of garnet, pyroxene, and amphibole of skarns have been analyzed by using electron microprobe (EPMA) in this paper. Results show that the garnet belongs to the andradite-grossular series, the pyroxene belongs to diopside-hedenbergite series, and the amphibole is mainly actinolite and ferroactinolite with minor ferrohornblende. Combining with previous published data of geocheronology, fluid inclusions, sulfur, lead and carbon isotopes, we proposed that the Dulong Sn-Zn polymetallic deposit is of a magmatic hydrothermal skarn type.

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