

Whole-rock elemental abundances in sandstones and mudrocks from the Tanabe Group, Kii Peninsula, Japan

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Abstract

Siliciclastic sediments of the Lower Miocene Tanabe Group crop out in southwest Kii Peninsula, Wakayama Prefecture, and represent a forearc basin succession deposited on the uplifted Shimanto accretionary complex. This report contains whole-rock XRF data for a stratigraphic collection of 87 sandstones and mudrocks from the Tanabe sequence. Fifty-four samples have also been analysed for REE and additional trace element by solution ICP-MS after acid digestion and alkali fusion. The results show characteristic elemental sorting fractionation between sandstones and mudrocks in the members of the basal Asso Formation, which becomes more marked in the overlying Shirahama Formation, probably as a result of winnowing in a storm-dominated shelf depositional environment. Elemental abundances generally compare well with those of the Shimanto protoliths from which the Tanabe Group was derived.

Introduction

The Lower Miocene Tanabe Group outcrops extensively in southwest Kii Peninsula, Wakayama Prefecture (Fig. 1). The Tanabe succession has a maximum thickness of about 1500 m, and comprises a varied assemblage of siliciclastic sediments including mudstone, sandstone – mudstone alternations, massive sandstone, conglomerate and breccia (Tanabe Research Group 1984). The Tanabe Group rests unconformably on the Otonashigawa and Muro Groups of the Shimanto terrane, and was deposited in a shallow-water forearc basin, similar to modern equivalents at the SW Japan Pacific margin.

The Tanabe sequence represents the Miocene stage of

evolution of the inboard and underlying Shimanto accretionary wedge. This report contains whole rock XRF and ICP-MS analyses of a stratigraphic collection from the Tanabe Group, to complement earlier sampling from the Shimanto terrane proper (Roser et al. 1998a). The purpose of both collections is to examine the Cretaceous to Miocene evolution of the SW Japan subduction margin. The main aim of this report is to present the data, briefly outline the analytical techniques used, and describe broad elemental abundances and variations within the Tanabe Group. Analysis of a number of elements by both XRF and ICP-MS also allows comparison between the techniques. More detailed discussion of provenance signatures, effects of recycling, and the influence of depositional environment on the geochemistry of the sequence will be published elsewhere (Roser et al. in prep). Preliminary interpretation has been presented by Roser et al. (2000).

Geological Outline and Sample Suites

1. Tanabe Group

The Tanabe Group has been studied in detail by the Tanabe Research Group (TRG). They mapped the area, refined the stratigraphy, carried out detailed facies analysis, and constructed an integrated basin model, particularly of the lower half of the sequence (TRG 1984, 1985, 1992, 1993). The geological summary below is largely drawn from that work, supplemented by field observation during sample collection.

The Tanabe Group is subdivided into the Asso and Shirahama Formations. The basal Asso Formation is further divided into the Iwayadani, Maro, Hisogawa, and Gohchidani Members, in ascending order (Fig. 2). The Iwayadani Member rests unconformably on Shimanto terrane sediments, and consists of subangular to angular

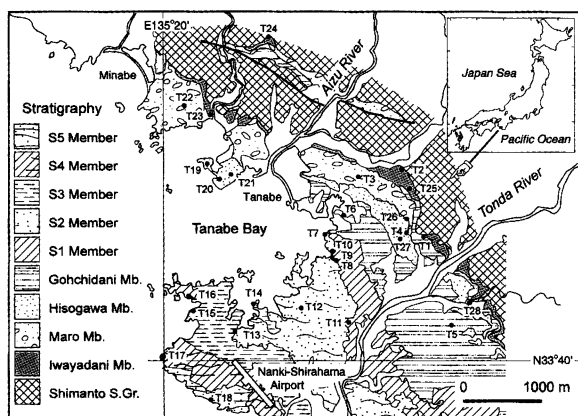


Fig. 1. Location map showing distribution of the Tanabe Group in Kii Peninsula and sample sites.

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Stratigraphy		Lithology	
Tanabe Group	Shirahama Formation	S5 Member	pebbly sst
		S4 Member	alternating beds of sst & mst bedded sst
		S3 Member	alternating beds of sst & mst with pebbly mst & sst bedded sst
		S2 Member	alternating beds of sst & mst with pebbly mst & sst fine grained sst
		S1 Member	alternating beds of sst & mst with bedded sst
	Asso Formation	Gohchidani Member	siltstone with alternating beds of sst & mst, bedded muddy sst
		Hisogawa Member	conglomerate & sst
		Maro Member	subangular conglomerate with mst
		Iwayadani Member	conglomerate, sst & mst
	Shimanto Supergroup		melange complex

Fig. 2. Schematic stratigraphy of the Tanabe Group, after Tanabe Research Group (1992, 1993).

conglomerates with sandy matrix, sandstones, and mudstones, and occasional coaly horizons. The Iwayadani Member thins from north to south, and has been interpreted as drowned valley fill. It is succeeded by conglomerates and mudstones of the Maro and Hisogawa Members, which occur only in the north of the Tanabe outcrop area. The Maro Member consists of subangular conglomerates with sandy matrix, along with mudstones. The Hisogawa Member comprises sandy conglomerates, sandstones and siltstones. All three lower members interfinger with mudstones and siltstones of the lower Gohchidani Member to the south. The Hisogawa Member is overlain by upper Gohchidani mudrocks with occasional sandy alternations. Clasts in the Asso conglomerates are dominated by Shimanto sandstones, thought to be of Otonashigawa Group derivation in the Iwayadani Member, and from the Muro Group in the Maro and Hisogawa Members.

Facies arrangements in the Asso Formation are interpreted as a fan delta complex, with the conglomeratic members representing proximal deposition from a northerly source, passing to more distal muds and silts in the lower Gohchidani Member to the south. Distinct stages of genesis, progradation, aggradation and abandonment of the fan delta complex are recognised from facies analysis (TRG 1993). These stages are roughly equivalent to the contrasting facies in the Iwayadani, Maro, Hisogawa, and upper Gohchidani, respectively. The Asso sequence overall is related to a transgressive phase which in turn consists of three short-term phases: that is, transgressive phase (Hisogawa member), highstand phase (Maro and Hisogawa Members) and then transgressive phase (upper Gohchidani Member).

The Shirahama Formation is divided into five broadly defined fining-upwards members, designated S 1 through S 5 (Fig. 2). In contrast to the Asso Formation, the Shirahama Formation consists primarily of bedded sandstone, sandstone-mudstone alternations, and rarer conglomerates,

sandstones and pebbly mudstones. The S 1 Member marks the first appearance of quartzose schist clasts, in contrast to the Shimanto clasts that dominate in the Asso Formation. Quartz rock fragments and acid volcanics are also significant components in the clast populations, and sandstones are subordinate.

Sandstone packets thin to the south and proportions of mud increase (Fig. 2), reflecting a facies arrangement with respect to a NE to WNW source similar to that of the Asso Formation. Although many sandstones show parallel lamination, hummocky cross-bedding and planar cross-bedding, other sedimentary structures are common, including swaley cross-bedding; storm deposits are also recognised (TRG 1985; Shimizu & Hisatomi 1993). These features suggest shallow water deposition, including intertidal environments. Mudstone dikes and sills also occur in some areas (Shimizu 1985).

The Tanabe Research Group (1985) described the Shirahama Formation as shallow marine sediments accumulated on the continental shelf during a regressive phase. The Tanabe Group sequence overall is also not dissimilar to the generally shoaling-upward sequence seen in the filling of ridge-confined forearc basins. Lateral facies variations are also similar to such sequences. The stratigraphy of the Shirahama Formation is currently being revised using detailed sedimentary facies analysis (Hisatomi 1998), similar to that carried out earlier for the Asso Formation. This work has recognised a number of upward coarsening megacycles, in contrast to the lithostratigraphic divisions made previously. Because this revision is still in progress, we have here used the older TRG divisions.

2. Sample Suites

A total of 87 Tanabe Group sandstones and mudrocks were collected during fieldwork in October–November 1999. The sampling strategy was intended to collect roughly equal numbers of sandstones and mudrocks from each member of both the Asso and Shirahama Formations, to cover the observed range in lithotype. In practice, this proved to be difficult, with finer size grades underrepresented in the conglomeratic horizons in the Asso Formation. To partially overcome this, laterally equivalent mudstones were collected from the more distal lower Gohchidani Member. The majority of the Asso Formation samples were collected from inland exposures in the north of the Tanabe outcrop area, whereas most Shirahama samples were collected from coastal outcrop in the southwest (Fig. 1).

Sample preparation

Lithified samples were chipped to <10 mm maximum diameter using a manual rock splitter. Many of the mudstones and siltstones were friable or blocky, and no

splitting was required. Chip containing veins or surficial oxidation was discarded after washing in running city water to remove loose surface material. The samples were then soaked in deionised distilled water for 24–36 hours, with several changes of water in that time. The cleaned samples were then dried overnight in an oven at 110°C before crushing. The samples were crushed in a tungsten carbide ring mill, in loads of 70–150 g. Maximum mill times were <60 seconds for the sandstones, and as little as 15 seconds for some unlithified siltstones and mudstones. Such mill times are sufficient to produce powders as fine or finer than by agate mortar systems, with no contamination except for tungsten and cobalt (Roser et al. 1998b). Subsamples of the resulting pulps were then dried in an oven at 110°C for at least 24 hours prior to determination of loss on ignition (LOI).

LOI determinations were made by weighing 5–6 g of dried sample into ceramic crucibles, followed by ignition in an electric furnace at 1000°C for two hours. LOI was then calculated from the net weight loss. The ignited material was then manually disaggregated and recrushed in an agate pestle and mortar, and returned to a 110°C oven for at least 24 hours. This ignited material was used for preparation of both the fusion beads for X-ray fluorescence analysis and the solutions for ICP–MS analysis.

Analytical Methods

Analyses of major elements and 14 trace element were made using a Rigaku RIX–2000 XRF at Shimane University. All analyses were carried out on glass beads prepared in an automatic bead sampler, using an alkali flux comprising 80% lithium tetraborate and 20% lithium metaborate, with a sample to flux ratio of 1:2. Analytical methods, instrumental conditions and calibration follow those described by Kimura and Yamada (1996). Analyses were monitored by repeat analyses of several GSJ standards, from new beads not included in the calibration. Trace element results were also tested by cross–calibration against new analyses of a suite of 14 Shimanto sandstones and mudrocks from Roser et al. (1998a).

Based on the XRF results, 54 samples were selected for analysis of REE and additional trace elements by solution ICP–MS. Samples were analysed in batches of 20 per day, including one blank and one to three GSJ rock standards. Solutions were prepared using a combined alkali fusion and acid digestion procedure (AFAD), which will be described in detail by Kimura et al. (in prep.). Briefly, the method consists of digestion of 0.1000 g oven–dried sample with 1.0 ml HClO₄ and 1.0 ml 40% HF, in Pt crucibles heated to 200°C on a hot plate. This digest is evaporated to dryness over 3 hr, and 0.5 g anhydrous Na₂CO₃ alkali flux is then added. The crucibles are then heated for 10 minutes in an

electric furnace at >900°C. The fluxed samples are then partially dissolved in the Pt crucibles by addition of 5 ml HNO₃ and several drops of HF, heated on a hot plate for 10 minutes at 100°C, followed by addition of 10 mls deionized distilled water and 20 minutes further heating. The resulting solutions are then quantitatively transferred to weighed 100 ml polyethylene bottles, with the residue (if any) retained in the crucibles. A third digestion is then carried out by addition of 10 mls HCl, several drops of HF, and 5 mls deionized water, followed by heating at 150°C for at least 30 minutes to dissolve any remaining residue. This last step is important for high field strength element (HFSE) recovery. In the case of the Tanabe samples little residue was present at the beginning of this step, and any present dissolved well before the 30 minutes heating had elapsed. The resulting solution is then quantitatively added to the polyethylene bottles, and the solution made up to 100 ml (by weight) by addition of deionized water. These stock solutions are stable for several weeks at room temperature, and are subsequently diluted 50,000x for conventional solution ICP–MS analysis.

One 100 ml bottle of procedural blank solution was prepared for each daily batch of solution analyses, along with two 10 ml tubes of solution for each unknown sample or standard rock. One ppb equivalent In (indium) was added to the blank solution and all sample tubes for internal standardization. One ppb equivalent (50 ppm equivalent in original samples) of multi–element mixed standard solution (SPEX Co.) was added to one of the 10 ml tubes of each unknown sample. Elemental concentrations in the unknowns were determined by standard addition method using the blank, sample, and standard addition samples described above. The ICP–MS used was the VG PQ3 at Shimane University, operated in normal nebulization mode. Measurement conditions are: RF power of 1350 W (reflection power = 0), nebulizer gas flow rate 0.7 l/min, intermediate gas flow rate 1.3 l/min, and cooling gas flow rate 13 l/min. Peak jumping mode was used, with three points measured for each mass peak at a dwell time of 10 msec. Three 60 sec acquisitions are applied to the blank, sample and standard addition sample. Isobaric oxide molecular interferences were corrected using correction factors determined from mixed standard solutions. Detail of the analytical procedure will be given in a separate paper (Kimura et al., in prep.).

Results and Discussion

XRF major and trace element results are given in Table 1, listed on a hydrous basis. The ICP/MS results are given in Table 2. Lithology for each sample was estimated from hand specimens using a hand lens and grain size comparator.

from ICP-MS. This probably reflects a calibration and background bias in the XRF results. The XRF data are also inherently less precise, and the ICP-MS data are thus preferred. To ensure that the Th data in samples not analysed by ICP-MS are comparable, all Th data in Table 1 have been corrected by cross-calibration against the ICP-MS data (Fig. 3).

Ba and Pb analyses by routine solution ICP-MS can be problematic, because of high concentrations even at the dilutions analysed (Ba) or from volatility during acid digestion and alkali fusion (Pb). These features are clearly shown by comparison of the Ba and Pb results (Fig. 4). ICP-MS Ba results above 600 ppm are not plotted, because they are known to be high due to counter saturation. It is evident, however, that this effect also influences results between 500 and 600 ppm, with the ICP-MS results beginning to diverge to higher values. Consequently, the ICP-MS Ba analyses can only be considered accurate below 500 ppm. In contrast, virtually all ICP-MS Pb results are lower than those by XRF (Fig. 4). This strongly suggests loss of Pb during alkali fusion and acid digestion. Because of the above features, the XRF results are preferred, and the ICP-MS Ba and Pb data are not included in Table 2.

Ce and Y results show some differences between the techniques. The relationship for Ce is linear, but the nominal XRF results ex-machine were only comparable with those from ICP-MS between 35 and 65 ppm. Most of the Tanabe samples fall within this range. However, divergence outside of that was significant. ICP-MS results for the GSJ standards compare well with the recommended values (Table 2). This and the complete recovery of HFSE in the ICP-MS AFAD digestion suggest that the problem lay with the XRF data, possibly due to low count rates. Consequently, all Ce data in Table 1 have been cross-calibrated against the Tanabe ICP-MS data to ensure comparability within the dataset. Similar correction to the subset of Shimanto samples analysed at the same time also made that data comparable with the values determined earlier by Roser et al. (1998a).

The ICP-MS yttrium data were consistently low (-20% relative) in the Tanabe samples compared to the XRF results. This was also the case for the GSJ standards (average deviation from recommended values of -16.4%). This is apparently due to methodological bias. Munker (1997; in Robinson et al. 1999) found ICP-MS results to be 10-15% lower than XRF data for the same samples; other workers have also reported low ICP-MS results. Robinson et al. (1999) found a 9% discrepancy between ICP-MS results for USGS standards rocks and published values. However, their XRF data derived from calibrations based on synthetic Y standards agreed with the ICP-MS data.

They interpreted this as reflecting bias towards high values in the recommended results for the USGS standard rocks, which are derived mainly from XRF data acquired from calibrations using natural rock reference materials. This accounts for the methodological discrepancy observed here, and suggests that the recommended values for the GSJ standards are also likely to be systematically high. We have carried out tests using XRF calibrations based on synthetic Y standards, and also find a discrepancy with our XRF calibration built solely on GSJ and USGS standard rocks. This finding agrees with that of Robinson et al. (1999). Our XRF results are thus likely to be systematically high. Because our tests are incomplete and we have not as yet derived precise correction factors, as an interim measure we have adopted the XRF values (Table 1) as analysed, to maintain internal consistency and comparability with the Shimanto data of Roser et al. (1998a) and other published XRF results. The comparability issue will be addressed further in a future paper.

REE results for the GSJ standards compare very well with the preferred values of Imai et al. (1995) (Table 2 and Fig. 5). This verifies that recovery of the HFSE in the alkali fusion and acid digestion was complete.

2. Tanabe Group: General elemental abundances

Traditional variation diagrams using Al_2O_3 as the abscissa are a useful screening technique to determine the extent of sorting fraction in sedimentary suites, and allow simple comparisons between groups. Example variation diagrams are given in Fig. 6 (major elements) and Figs. 7 and 8 (trace elements), plotted by formation and lithotype (sandstones and mudrocks). These plots also permit comparison with elemental abundances in the Shimanto sediments which are thought to comprise a major part of the Tanabe source.

(1) Major elements

The plots show marked sorting fractionation between sand and mud, with a clear division between sandstones and mudrocks, and almost no overlap at around 13.5 wt% Al_2O_3 (Fig. 6). SiO_2 contents range from about 65% in the most aluminous mudrocks to over 85 wt% in the sandstones. This range is comparable with that seen in the Shimanto terrane Otonashigawa and Muro Groups (Fig. 6), which form the majority of the clasts in Tanabe conglomerates. Most Tanabe samples lie along a linear detrital trend (DT), which is typical of relatively mature quartzose sediments, and are slightly more siliceous at given Al_2O_3 than their Shimanto protoliths, suggesting increase in detrital quartz during recycling. A few samples, however, scatter to lower values away from DT along dilution lines (DIL), suggesting presence of additional phases which do not contain Si and Al.

TiO_2 forms a tight linear trend, which intersects the

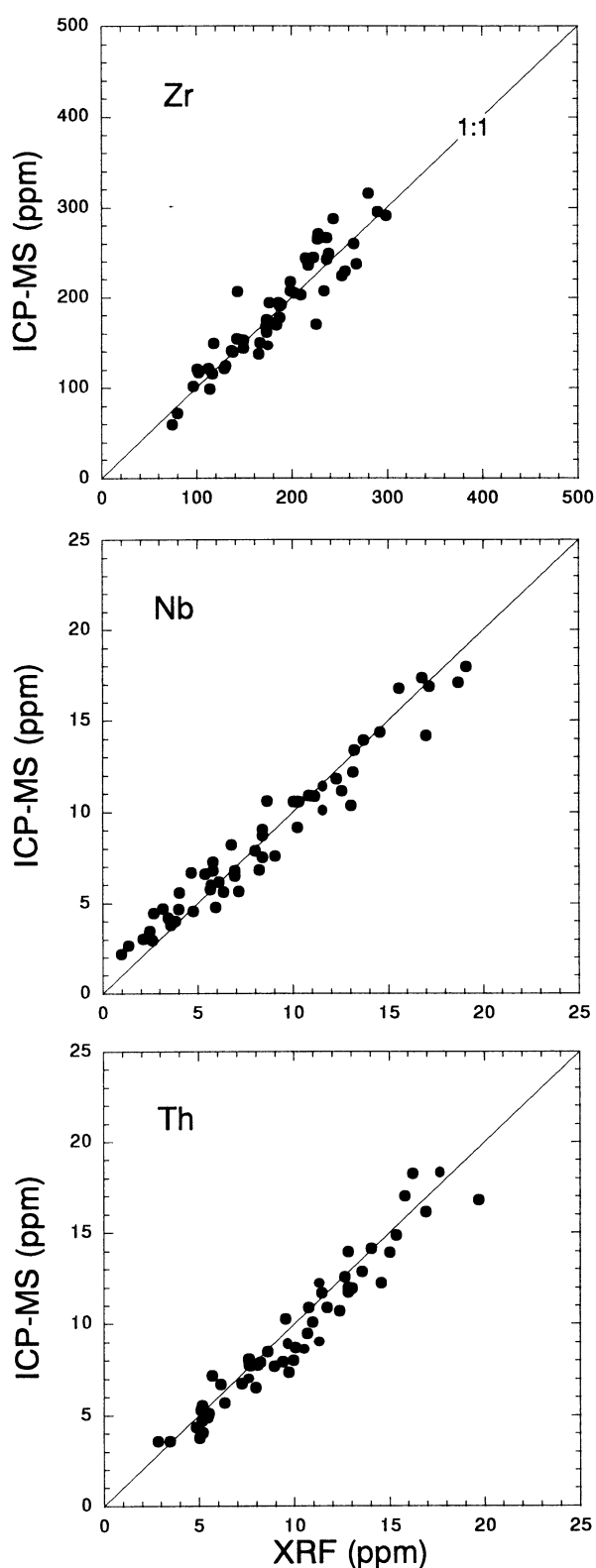


Fig. 3. Comparison of Zr, Nb and Th results for Tanabe Group samples analysed by both XRF and solution ICP-MS. XRF results on the Th plot have been corrected by -1.35 ppm, as outlined in the text.

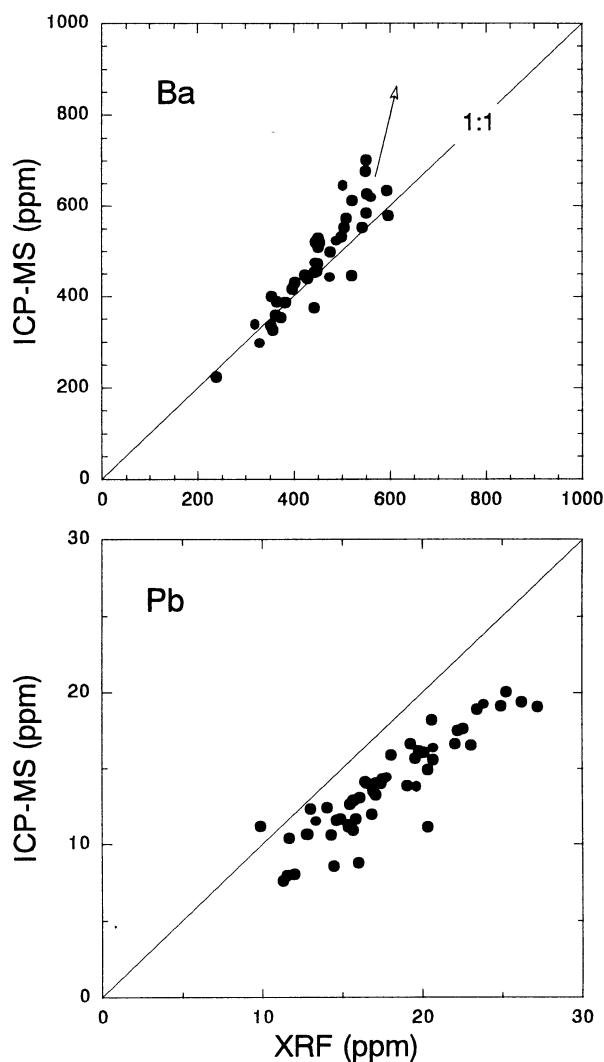


Fig. 4. Comparison of Ba and Pb results for Tanabe Group samples analysed by both XRF and solution ICP-MS. Samples with Ba >600 ppm are not plotted.

abscissa at around 7% Al_2O_3 (Fig. 6). This trend differs markedly from that expected from simple silica dilution (SDL), which is sometimes seen in highly mature quartz-clay systems or siliceous hemipelagic sediments. The strong correlation between Ti and Al attests to their immobility in geologic systems, and results from sorting fractionation of aluminous clays from sand-sized detritus. Intersection with the abscissa shows that significant amounts of aluminous framework grains (feldspar and rock fragments) remain in the Tanabe sediments. Published modal data for Tanabe sandstones are few, but many modal analyses have been made of coeval and comparable sediments in the nearby Kumano Basin. Kumano Group sandstones average $\text{Q}_{68}\text{F}_{24}\text{R}_8$ (Chijiwa 1992). The major element chemistry of the Tanabe samples is consistent with such values. The Tanabe samples show a similar trend to the Shimanto protolith, but are slightly depleted in TiO_2 at given Al_2O_3 .

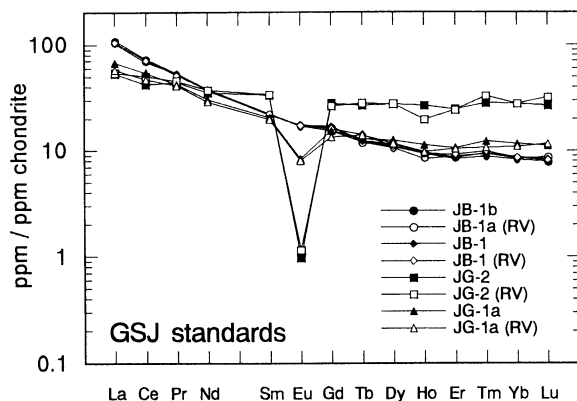


Fig. 5. Comparison of ICP-MS REE results for GSJ rock standards (Table 2) compared to GSJ preferred values. Chondritic normalising values from Taylor and McLennan (1985).

K₂O (Fig. 6) and MgO also show relatively strong correlation with Al₂O₃, reflecting primary residence in the clay fraction. For both, however, a small number of samples from the Shirahama Formation scatter to higher values, suggestive of diagenetic or other postdepositional redistribution. The K₂O plot is also clearly kinked at the sand/mudrock boundary, similar to the Shimanto protolith. This reflects differing mineralogical control in the sands (K-

feldspar) compared to the muds (illitic clays). The Tanabe samples in general are slightly more potassic than the Shimanto suites, tending to plot at the upper end of the distribution. This suggests slightly more intense illitisation. Fe₂O₃T contents (not illustrated) show weak positive correlation and considerable scatter, but are broadly comparable with the Shimanto protoliths. In detail, Asso Fe data are quite well correlated, lying along what we interpret as the detrital trend. Shirahama data contribute most to the scatter, with contents in the mudrocks being markedly lower than Asso equivalents. This suggests significant provenance change in the Shirahama Formation or postdepositional depletion of Fe.

In contrast, Na₂O (Fig. 6) and CaO and show weak negative correlation with Al₂O₃. This pattern is typical of residence of these elements in plagioclase feldspar, and greater abundances of this mineral in sands than in muds. The Tanabe samples are generally depleted in Na₂O compared to the Shimanto suites, suggesting loss of albite during source weathering or recycling. A number of samples scatter to higher CaO, reflecting sporadic carbonate enrichment. This accounts for most of the samples which fall on dilution trends on the SiO₂ plot. MnO and P₂O₅ (not illustrated) display very weak positive correlations, and

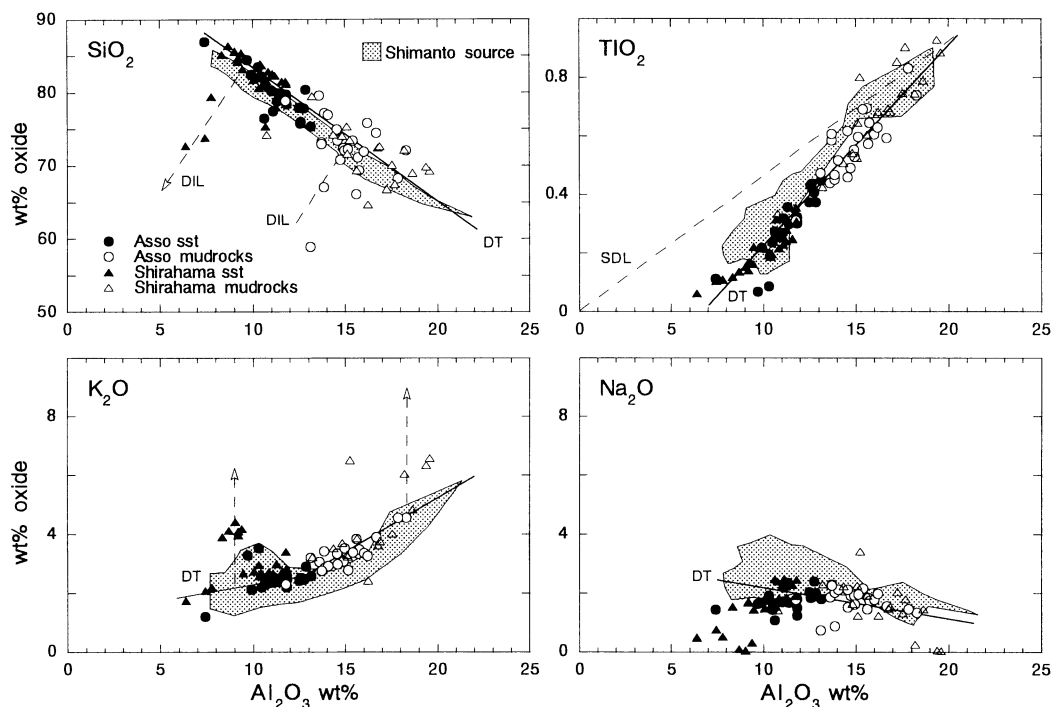


Fig. 6. Example major element-Al₂O₃ variation diagrams (anhydrous normalised basis) for Asso and Shirahama sandstones and mudrocks, compared to probable Shimanto source rocks. Solid line DT= detrital trend (fitted by eye); dashed line SDL= ideal silica dilution trend. Dashed arrows indicate directions of depletion (DIL) or enrichment from the detrital trend. Shaded field: distribution of sandstones and mudrocks from the Nyunokawa, Otonashigawa, and Muro suites of the Shimanto terrane (data of Roser et al. 1998a). Nyunokawa Formation (Hidakagawa Group) samples are included because they are similar chemically to the Otonashigawa Group, and distinct from the more volcanogenic inboard Hidakagawa formations (Yukawa, Terasoma, Miyama and Ryujin).

scatter to depleted values in the mudrocks similar to that shown for Fe. As with Fe, this depletion is a little more marked in the Shirahama Formation.

(2) Trace elements

The trace elements analysed by XRF can be divided into three groups on the basis of their trends on variation diagrams. The first and largest group (Ce, Cr, Ga, Nb, Rb, Sc, Ni, Th, Y, and V) shows strong positive correlations with Al, reflecting primary residence in the clay fraction. All of this group except Rb and perhaps Ni, Cr and V are resistant to redistribution by weathering or diagenesis, and hence display the strongest linear correlations. Abundances are also comparable with those in the Shimanto protolith, as shown by plots of Rb, Nb, Th and Y (Fig. 7). The Rb trend is kinked at the sand–mudrock boundary, reflecting contrasting mineralogical control and sorting (K–feldspar in sandstones; illitic clays in mudrocks), and enhanced diagenetic K–metasomatism in the finer sediments. Ga and Nb also exhibit similar but less pronounced kinks. Their immobile nature suggests the cause is related to detrital mineralogy. Ni data in the Shirahama Formation show some depletion in the mudrocks, similar to the pattern shown by Fe and Mn.

The second group (Ba, Pb, Sr) shows considerable scatter, and a tendency for abundances in the sandstones to be equal to or greater than those in the mudrocks (Fig. 8). This suggests negative correlation with Al₂O₃, and hence

association with feldspathic sand-sized detritus. All three elements can also be redistributed during diagenesis, which may have contributed to the scatter. Nevertheless, abundances are broadly similar with the Shimanto protolith suites (Fig. 8).

The third group is represented only by Zr. Asso Formation samples show a linear correlation with Al₂O₃, with abundances in mudrocks double those in sandstones (Fig. 8). This pattern is unusual, as Zr abundances in mineralogically mature suites such as these are usually controlled by detrital zircon. This typically produces scattered distributions, with weak maximums in the very fine or fine sands in which zircons are preferentially concentrated. There is no evidence of this in the Asso Formation, implying either residence in the clay fraction, or advanced zircon comminution to very fine size grades coupled with uniform distribution in both sands and mudrocks. Shirahama samples, however, show a more normal pattern, with scatter to high values in sandstones between 10–13 wt% Al₂O₃, reflecting zircon concentration. Abundances in Shirahama sandstones are two to three times higher than in Asso equivalents. Mudrocks are also uniformly enriched, but to a lesser extent. Abundances in Shirahama sandstones also closely correspond to those in Shimanto Muro Group sandstones, whereas those in the Asso sands match levels in Otonashigawa and Nyunokawa sandstones (Fig. 8).

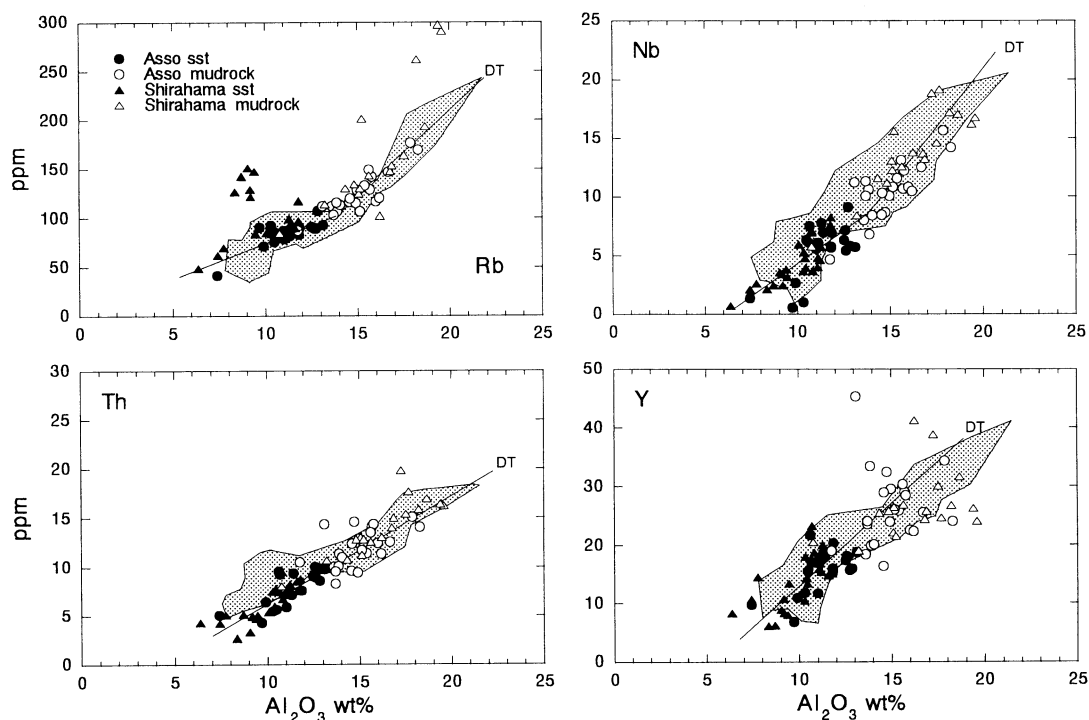


Fig. 7. Examples of trace elements, positively correlated with Al₂O₃ (anhydrous normalised basis). DT and distribution of Shimanto protoliths (shaded field) as in Fig. 7.

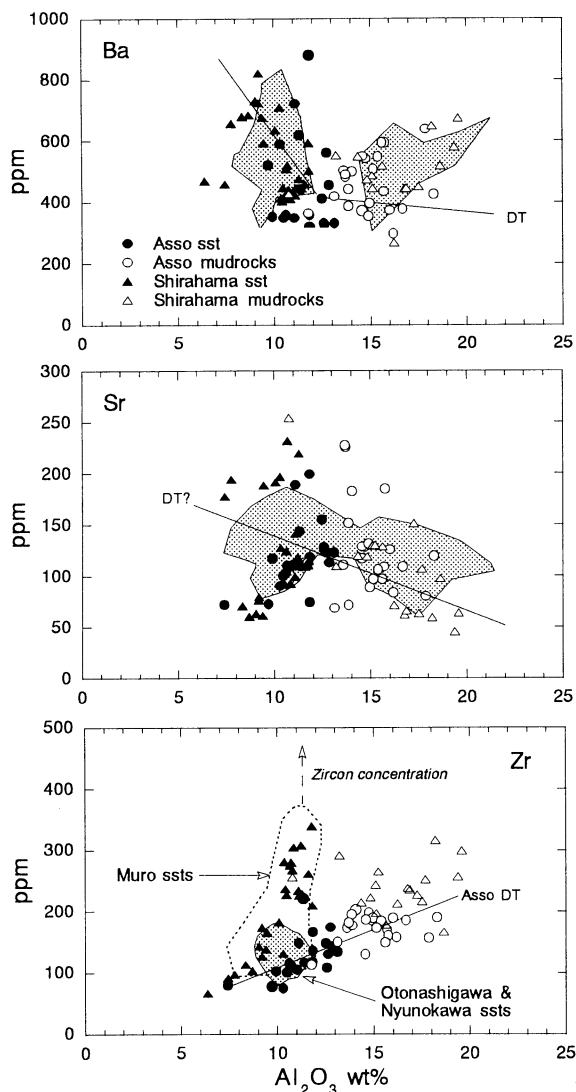


Fig. 8. Covariation of Ba, Sr and Zr with Al_2O_3 (anhydrous normalised basis). Shimanto protoliths (shaded field) on the Ba and Sr plots as in Fig. 7; individual fields for Otonashigawa-Nyunokawa sandstones (shaded) and Muro Group sandstones (dashed field) are differentiated on the Zr plot.

(3) REE

Chondrite-normalised plots of average REE abundances in average sandstones and mudrocks in each member of the Asso and Shirahama Formations are given in Fig. 9. Average Upper Continental Crust (UCC) and averages for Shimanto sediments are also plotted for comparison. Mudrocks in both the Asso and Shirahama Formations show similar patterns, with relatively high LREE enrichment and moderate europium anomalies. The patterns compare well with UCC and the Shimanto mudrock averages, reflecting derivation from a felsic continental margin source. Significant HREE enrichment (Tm-Lu) is evident in the upper members of the Shirahama Formation however, with patterns climbing above UCC and the Shimanto sandstone averages. This pattern is consistent

with concentration of zircons and garnets, which are characteristically enriched in HREE (Taylor and McLennan 1985).

REE in the sandstones are strongly depleted relative to UCC, with La_N abundances falling to as low as 30 times chondrite, and HREE to as little as 2-3 times. Abundances are similar to or less than those in the average young Shimanto suites plotted. Older Shimanto sandstones (Campanian-Maastrichtian and older; Yukawa to Ryujin Formations) have higher REE patterns very similar to UCC. The far lower abundances in the Tanabe averages are suggestive of dilution effect from increase in detrital quartz. This is also reflected by the relative fractionation between sandstone and mudstone, which is more marked in the Shirahama averages than in the Asso data. Almost all the sandstone averages exhibit HREE enrichment, which is particularly pronounced in the Shirahama S 4 and S 5 members. Preliminary REE modeling suggests that the HREE enrichments could be produced by very modest (0.05 and 0.07 volume per cent) concentrations of influxes of zircon and garnet, respectively (Roser et al. 2000). Progressive reduction in Eu anomaly stratigraphically upward is a notable feature of the Shirahama data. At present, the cause for this is unknown. Influx of mafic detritus or concentration of plagioclase and/or epidote could produce this effect, but there is no petrographic evidence to support these options.

Elemental Abundances: Significance

General elemental abundances and trends show marked sorting fractionation, as expected from the mineralogical and sedimentological maturity of the Tanabe sediments. The trends produced are consistent with separation of quartz-feldspar-lithic sand-sized detritus from aluminous silt and mud. The trends, extent of fractionation, and the elemental groupings shown by the variation diagrams are comparable with the Shimanto Otonashigawa and Muro Group sediments which were large components of the Tanabe source. In detail, however, some contrasts are evident. Fractionation is more advanced in the Shirahama Formation than in the Asso Formation, as shown by greater spread in abundances. For most elements, nearly all Shirahama mudrocks have higher abundances than Asso equivalents. Shirahama sandstones also spread to lower abundances than the Asso sands. This increased fractionation between sand and mud is also clearly shown by the REE, and is likely to be a product of winnowing in the storm-dominated shelf environment of the upper part of the Tanabe Group. Contrasting behaviour of Zr also show that significant differences occur in chemistry between the transgressive and regressive parts of the Tanabe sequence. These features suggest that significant modification of the bulk chemistry of clastic sediments can occur in shallow water forearc

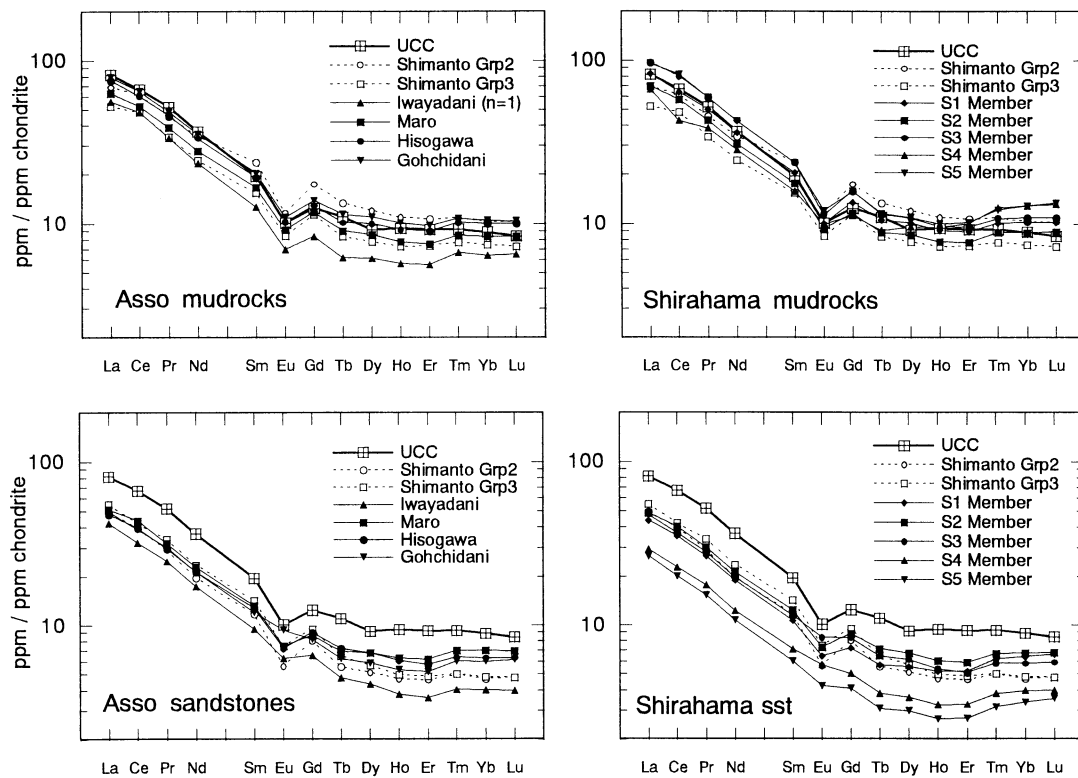


Fig. 9. Chondrite-normalised plots of average REE abundances in sandstones and mudrocks from the Tanabe Group, compared to UCC and Shimanto averages. Maro and Hisogawa averages include data for time-equivalent Gohchidani samples. Chondritic values and UCC (average Upper Continental Crust) from Taylor and McLennan (1985). Shimanto averages from Roser & Kimura (unpublished data): Grp 2=Nyukokawa Formation and Otonashigawa Group; Grp 3=Muro Group.

settings. The nature of these modifications and their implications will be discussed in more detail in a future paper.

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(要 旨)

Barry Roser・木村純一・久富邦彦, 2001, 紀伊半島田辺層群の砂岩と泥質岩の全岩元素組成, 島根大学地球資源環境学研究報告, 19, 101-112

珪質碎屑岩類である下部中新統の田辺層群は, 和歌山県紀伊半島の南西部に露出する。この田辺層群は, 上昇した四万十付加帯コンプレックスの上位に堆積した前弧盆のサクセッションである。本論では, 田辺層群の層序に沿って採取した砂岩および泥質岩 87 試料の全岩蛍光 X 線分析結果を報告する。さらに, 54 試料を酸分解-アルカリ融解 ICPMS 法によって分析した。田辺層群の基部をなす朝来累層の分析結果は砂岩と泥質岩の間で特徴ある元素分析を示し, その傾向は上位の白浜累層でより顕著になる。これはおそらく暴浪の卓越した沿海環境での洗い出しによるとみられる。また, 元素濃度は全般的に田辺層群の供給源となっている四万十帯のプロトリスと良く似ている。