

Appendix E: Radiometric dates, in Furer, L.C., and Amoco Oil Co., Data compilation of the 1972 field party, southeast Brooks Range and Fort Yukon, Alaska; Vol 2

Furer, L.C., and Amoco Oil Co.

GMC DATA REPORT 465E

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APPENDIX E

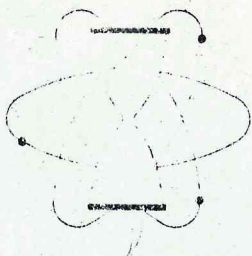
RADIOMETRIC DATES

1972

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31 October 1972

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Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Mr. Reno:

Enclosed are the analytical reports of the K-Ar age determinations on six (6) of the seventeen (17) samples described in your letter of 11 September 1972. One sample (your no. 8433) has such a low potassium content that it is not feasible to attempt an age determination.

Your sample 8385 gave an age of about 120 million years. Sample 8423 gave an age of about 63 million years. The first age is Cretaceous and the second is Tertiary. Sample 8848 gave an age of about 188 million years, with a rather large possible error because of the low K content. This age may be either late Triassic or early Jurassic, depending on where you chose to put this boundary. Sample 9088 gave an age of about 134 million years, also with a rather large possible error. This age could be late Jurassic or early Cretaceous.

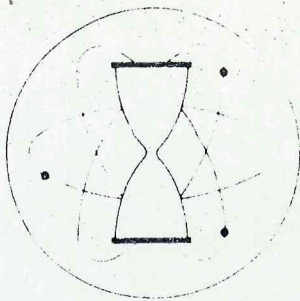
Your two granitic samples "A" and "B" were dated on biotite concentrates and gave indistinguishable Oligocene ages of about 30 million years.

We are working on your other samples and I will forward the rest of the results to you when they are available. In the meantime, I have enclosed our invoice for this work.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Reesman
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General Manager

RHR/dm
encl:



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POTASSIUM-ARGON AGE DETERMINATION

REPORT OF ANALYTICAL WORK

Our Sample No. R-2389

Date Received: 26 September 1972

Your Reference: 9088 19420 - 13N-3E

Date Reported: 30 October 1972

Submitted by:

Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Sample Description & Locality: Greenstone (?)

Material Analyzed: Whole rock, crushed to -40/+60 mesh.

Excelsior, Colorado

$Ar^{40*}/K^{40} = .008095$

AGE = 134 ± 14 M.Y.

Argon Analyses:

Ar^{40*} , ppm.

$Ar^{40*}/Total\ Ar^{40}$

Ave. Ar^{40*} , ppm.

.001349

.191

.001319

.001288

.116

Potassium Analyses:

% K

Ave. %K

K^{40} , ppm

.134

.133

.162

.133

Constants Used:

$\lambda_{\beta} = 4.72 \times 10^{-10}/\text{year}$

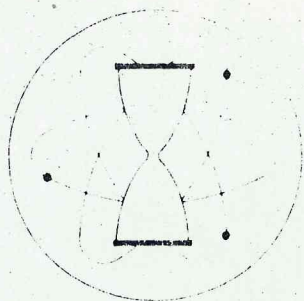
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$K^{40}/K = 1.22 \times 10^{-4} \text{ g./g.}$

$$AGE = \frac{1}{\lambda_e + \lambda_{\beta}} \ln \left[\frac{\lambda_{\beta} + \lambda_e}{\lambda_e} \times \frac{Ar^{40*}}{K^{40}} + 1 \right]$$

Note: Ar^{40*} refers to radiogenic Ar^{40} .

M.Y. refers to millions of years.



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Our Sample No. R-2388

Date Received: 26 September 1972

Your Reference: 8848 34-35-9N-1E

Date Reported: 30 October 1972

Submitted by:

Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Sample Description & Locality:

Andesite

Material Analyzed:

Whole rock, crushed to -40/+60 mesh.

Ar⁴⁰*/K⁴⁰ = .01158

AGE = 188 ± 19 M.Y.

Later than 180 M.Y.

Argon Analyses:

Ar⁴⁰*, ppm.

Ar⁴⁰*/ Total Ar⁴⁰

Ave. Ar⁴⁰*, ppm.

.002087

.192

.001999

.001911

.187

Potassium Analyses:

% K

Ave. %K

K⁴⁰, ppm

.142

.141

.172

.141

Constants Used:

$\lambda_{\beta} = 4.72 \times 10^{-10} / \text{year}$

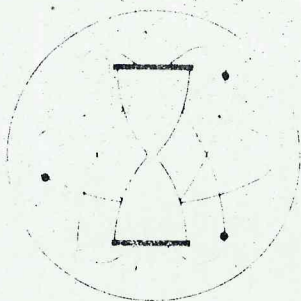
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Our Sample No. R- 2387

Date Received: 26 September 1972

Your Reference: 8433

SW-Sev16-T8N-4W

Date Reported:

Submitted by:

Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Sample Description & Locality: Andesite

Material Analyzed: Whole rock, crushed to -40/+60 mesh.

Ar⁴⁰*/K⁴⁰ =

AGE =

M.Y.

Argon Analyses:

Ar⁴⁰*, ppm.

Ar⁴⁰*/ Total Ar⁴⁰

Ave. Ar⁴⁰*, ppm.

Potassium Analyses:

% K

Ave. %K

K⁴⁰, ppm

Unable to analyze---no potassium.

Constants Used:

$\lambda_\beta = 4.72 \times 10^{-10} / \text{year}$

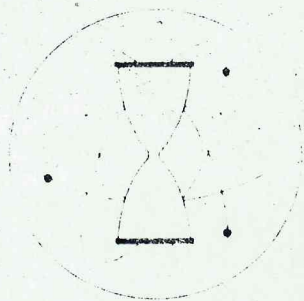
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Note: Ar⁴⁰* refers to radiogenic Ar⁴⁰.

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Our Sample No. R-2380
Your Reference: 8385 7-9A-2E
Submitted by: Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Date Received: 26 September 1972

Date Reported: 30 October 1972

Sample Description & Locality: Basalt

Material Analyzed: Whole rock, crushed to -40/+60 mesh.

$Ar^{40*}/K^{40} = .007221$

AGE = 120 ± 5 M.Y.

Argon Analyses:

Ar^{40*} , ppm.	$Ar^{40*}/Total\ Ar^{40}$	Ave. Ar^{40*} , ppm.
.02232	.723	.02258
.02284	.763	

Potassium Analyses:

% K	Ave. %K	K^{40} , ppm
2.596	2.563	3.126
2.530		

Constants Used:

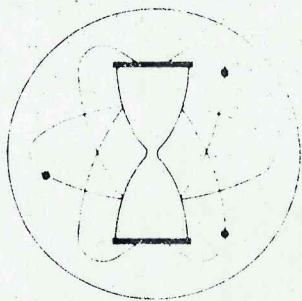
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$$\lambda_e = 0.585 \times 10^{-10} / \text{year}$$

$$K^{40}/K = 1.22 \times 10^{-4} \text{ g./g.}$$

$$AGE = \frac{1}{\lambda_e + \lambda_{\beta}} \ln \left[\frac{\lambda_{\beta} + \lambda_e}{\lambda_e} \times \frac{Ar^{40*}}{K^{40}} + 1 \right]$$

Note: Ar^{40*} refers to radiogenic Ar^{40} .
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Our Sample No. B-2386

Date Received: 26 September 1972

Your Reference: 8423 22-11N-4E

Date Reported: 30 October 1972

Submitted by: Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Sample Description & Locality: Coarse-grained biotite-amphibole granite. ✓

Material Analyzed: Biotite concentrate, -60/+100 mesh. Purity greater than 98%.

$\text{Ar}^{40*}/\text{K}^{40} = .003727$

AGE = 62.6 ± 2.4 M.Y.
Late Cretaceous Paleocene

Argon Analyses:

Ar^{40*} , ppm.
.02286
.02311

$\text{Ar}^{40*}/\text{Total Ar}^{40}$
.491
.496

Ave. Ar^{40*} , ppm.
.02299

Potassium Analyses:

% K
5.255
5.064
4.848

Ave. %K
5.055

K^{40} , ppm
6.167

Constants Used:

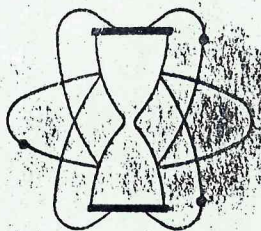
$\lambda_\beta = 4.72 \times 10^{-10}$ / year

$\lambda_e = 0.585 \times 10^{-10}$ / year

$\text{K}^{40}/\text{K} = 1.22 \times 10^{-4}$ g./g.

$$\text{AGE} = \frac{1}{\lambda_e + \lambda_\beta} \ln \left[\frac{\lambda_\beta + \lambda_e}{\lambda_e} \times \frac{\text{Ar}^{40*}}{\text{K}^{40}} + 1 \right]$$

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23 December 1972

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Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Mr. Reno:

Enclosed are the analytical reports of the K-Ar age determinations on the last four (4) of the samples described in your letter of 11 December 1972.

These samples all appeared to be gabbroic in nature, consequently we analyzed the feldspars from each sample and the measured ages must be considered to be minimum ages only.

Your sample 8341 gave an apparent K-Ar age of about 119 million years; sample 8347 gave an age of about 127 million years; sample 8382 gave an age of about 110 million years; and sample 8396 gave an age of about 91.5 million years.

I can't rule out the possibility that one or two of the finer-grained samples may be extrusive, from the appearance of the samples alone, but you undoubtedly have good geologic information on that point. If any of the samples are indeed extrusive then the measured K-Ar ages of the feldspars should be quite good for the ages of those rocks. For those rocks that are intrusive, however the true ages may be as much as about 35% greater than the measured ages.

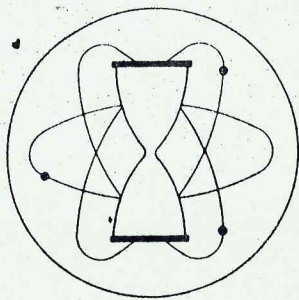
I trust you will find these results useful in your work and if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Enclosed is our invoice for this work. We look forward to serving you again in the near future.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Reesman
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General Manager

RHR/dm

encl: 4 reports & invoice #4014



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Our Sample No. **P-2375**

Date Received: 26 September 1972

Your Reference: 8341

Date Reported: 15 December 1972

Submitted by: Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

28-11N-18 E

Sample Description & Locality: **Fine-grained gabbro (?)**

✓

Material Analyzed: **Feldspar concentrate, -60/+100 mesh.**

$\text{Ar}^{40*}/\text{K}^{40} = .007203$

AGE = *Early Crst.*
 119 ± 5 M.Y.

Argon Analyses:

Ar^{40*} , ppm.

$\text{Ar}^{40*}/\text{Total Ar}^{40}$

Ave. Ar^{40*} , ppm.

.01406
.01499

.574
.634

.01453

Potassium Analyses:

% K

Ave. %K

K^{40} , ppm

1.631
1.675

1.653

2.016

Constants Used:

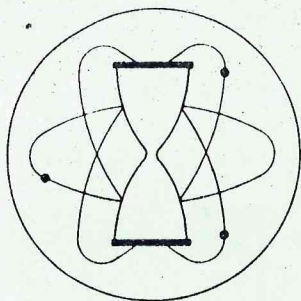
$\lambda_\beta = 4.72 \times 10^{-10}$ / year

$\lambda_e = 0.585 \times 10^{-10}$ / year

$\text{K}^{40}/\text{K} = 1.22 \times 10^{-4}$ g./g.

$$\text{AGE} = \frac{1}{\lambda_e + \lambda_\beta} \ln \left[\frac{\lambda_\beta + \lambda_e}{\lambda_e} \times \frac{\text{Ar}^{40*}}{\text{K}^{40}} + 1 \right]$$

Note: Ar^{40*} refers to radiogenic Ar^{40} .
M.Y. refers to millions of years.



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Our Sample No. F-2376

Date Received: 26 September 1972

Your Reference: 8347

Date Reported: 22 December 1972

Submitted by: Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

35 IN-12E

Sample Description & Locality: Gabbro

Material Analyzed: Feldspar concentrate, -60/+100 mesh.

$\text{Ar}^{40*}/\text{K}^{40} = .007696$

AGE = $\overset{\text{Early Crst}}{127 \pm 6}$ M.Y.

Argon Analyses:

Ar^{40*} , ppm.

$\text{Ar}^{40*}/\text{Total Ar}^{40}$

Ave. Ar^{40*} , ppm.

.01019
.01008

.217
.291

.01014

Potassium Analyses:

% K

Ave. %K

K^{40} , ppm

1.098
1.061

1.079

1.316

Constants Used:

$\lambda_{\beta} = 4.72 \times 10^{-10}/\text{year}$

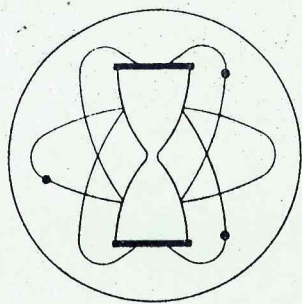
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Our Sample No. F-2379

Date Received: 26 September 1972

Your Reference: 8382

Date Reported: 22 December 1972

Submitted by: Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Sample Description & Locality: Fine-grained gabbro (?)

Material Analyzed: Feldspar concentrate, -60/+100 mesh.

$\text{Ar}^{40}*/\text{K}^{40} = .006618$

AGE = 110 ± 6 M.Y. *Early-Late Erupt.*

Argon Analyses:

$\text{Ar}^{40}*$, ppm.	$\text{Ar}^{40}*/\text{Total Ar}^{40}$	Ave. $\text{Ar}^{40}*$, ppm.
.004618	.377	.004421
.004223	.402	

Potassium Analyses:

% K	Ave. %K	K^{40} , ppm
.551	.547	.667
.544		

Constants Used:

$$\lambda_{\beta} = 4.72 \times 10^{-10} / \text{year}$$

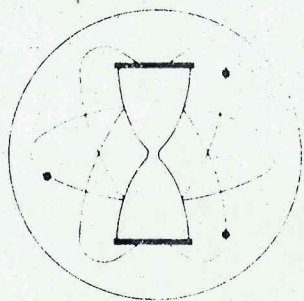
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Note: $\text{Ar}^{40}*$ refers to radiogenic Ar^{40} .

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Our Sample No. B-2386
Your Reference: 8423 *22-11N-4E*
Submitted by: Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Date Received: 26 September 1972

Date Reported: 30 October 1972

Sample Description & Locality: Coarse-grained biotite-amphibole granite. *✓*

Material Analyzed: Biotite concentrate, -60/+100 mesh. Purity greater than 98%.

$\text{Ar}^{40*}/\text{K}^{40} = .003727$

Late Cretaceous Paleocene
AGE = 62.6 ± 2.4 M.Y.

Argon Analyses:

Ar^{40*} , ppm.
.02286
.02311

$\text{Ar}^{40*}/\text{Total Ar}^{40}$
.491
.496

Ave. Ar^{40*} , ppm.
.02299

Potassium Analyses:

% K
5.255
5.064
4.848

Ave. %K
5.055

K^{40} , ppm
6.167

Constants Used:

$\lambda_\beta = 4.72 \times 10^{-10}$ / year

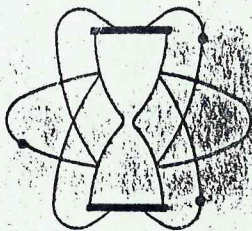
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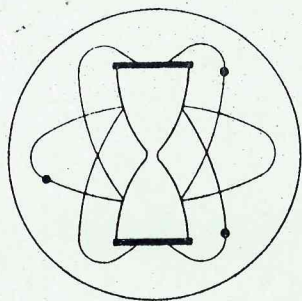
Sincerely,

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Our Sample No. **F-2379**

Date Received: 26 September 1972

Your Reference: 8382

Date Reported: 22 December 1972

Submitted by: Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Sample Description & Locality: **Fine-grained gabbro (?)**

Material Analyzed: **Feldspar concentrate, -60/+100 mesh.**

$\text{Ar}^{40*}/\text{K}^{40} = .006618$

AGE = *Early-late Erupt*
 110 ± 6 M.Y.

Argon Analyses:

Ar^{40*} , ppm.	$\text{Ar}^{40*}/\text{Total Ar}^{40}$	Ave. Ar^{40*} , ppm.
.004618	.377	.004421
.004223	.402	

Potassium Analyses:

% K	Ave. %K	K^{40} , ppm
.551	.547	.667
.544		

Constants Used:

$\lambda_{\beta} = 4.72 \times 10^{-10}$ / year

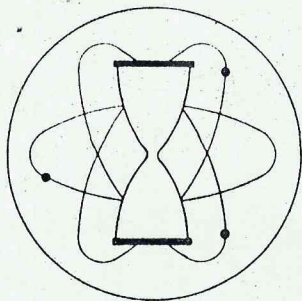
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Note: Ar^{40*} refers to radiogenic Ar^{40} .

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Our Sample No. **F- 2382**

Date Received: 26 September 1972

Your Reference: 8396

Date Reported: 22 December 1972

Submitted by:

Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

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Sample Description & Locality: **Gabbro (?)**

Material Analyzed: **Feldspar concentrate, -60/+100 mesh.**

$\text{Ar}^{40*}/\text{K}^{40} = .005486$

AGE = *Late Crst.*
 91.5 ± 5.9 M.Y.

Argon Analyses:

Ar^{40*} , ppm.

$\text{Ar}^{40*}/\text{Total Ar}^{40}$

Ave. Ar^{40*} , ppm.

.002338

.273

.002256

.002173

.171

Potassium Analyses:

% K

Ave. %K

K^{40} , ppm

.326

.337

.411

.348

Constants Used:

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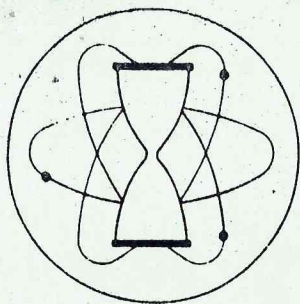
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$$\text{AGE} = \frac{1}{\lambda_e + \lambda_{\beta}} \ln \left[\frac{\lambda_{\beta} + \lambda_e}{\lambda_e} \times \frac{\text{Ar}^{40*}}{\text{K}^{40}} + 1 \right]$$

Note: Ar^{40*} refers to radiogenic Ar^{40} .

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PRICE CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

"REDUCTION"

EFFECTIVE 1 FEBRUARY 1972

K-Ar AGE DETERMINATIONS

Routine Service Age Determination:

Complete K-Ar age determination, in duplicate, on an unprepared specimen requiring mineral separation.....\$300.00

Complete K-Ar age determination, in duplicate, on an unprepared specimen not requiring mineral separation.....\$275.00

Complete K-Ar age determination, in duplicate, on any prepared sample (ready for analysis).....\$250.00

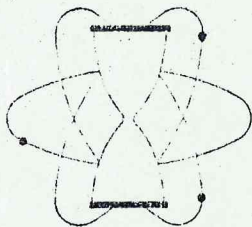
Priority (48-Hour) Service Age Determinations:

Complete K-Ar age determination, in duplicate, on any sample, including preparation of sample as required, with results reported within 48-hours of receipt in our laboratory.....\$600.00

Discounts no longer apply to these services.

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22 November 1972

Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Mr. Reno:

Enclosed are the analytical reports of the K-Ar age determinations on six (6) more of the samples described in your letter of 11 September 1972.

Three of the samples (8394, 8407 and 8411) give Cretaceous ages, the ages of the latter two samples being indistinguishable from one another. Two of the samples (8399 and FCH-785) give ages that appear to be Triassic. The replicate argon analyses for most of these samples are only fair, but there appears to be no reason to fault any of them from an analytical standpoint.

Your sample 8349 is a bit of an enigma. It appears to have essentially no measureable radiogenic argon. Since the K-content of the rock approaches nearly 2%, the rock must be quite young. Under the petrographic microscope the sample appears to be almost completely glassy, exhibiting no crystal structure, except for the occasional phenocrysts. While the argon retentivity of volcanic glasses is variable, ranging from very good to poor, I am not aware of our having seen any glasses that were completely non-retentive, in this laboratory. On this basis I have reported this analysis to you; I believe that the rock is most probably quite young, rather than being completely non-retentive. I would be interested in your comments on this sample from a geologic point of view.

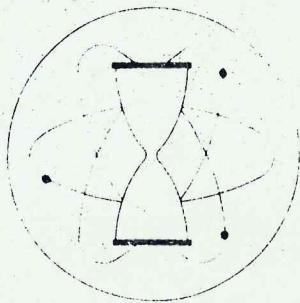
We are working on the remainder of your samples and I will report out the results on them as soon as they are available.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, I am enclosing our invoice for this work.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Reesman
General Manager

RHR/dm



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POTASSIUM-ARGON AGE DETERMINATION

REPORT OF ANALYTICAL WORK

Our Sample No. R- 2383

Date Received: 26 September 1972

Your Reference: 8399

4-12N-2W

Date Reported: 22 November 1972

Submitted by: Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Sample Description & Locality: Basalt

Material Analyzed: Whole rock, crushed to -40/+60 mesh.

$\text{Ar}^{40*}/\text{K}^{40} = .01131$

AGE = 184 ± 17 M.Y.

Late Tri. - Early Jur.

Argon Analyses:

Ar^{40*} , ppm.

$\text{Ar}^{40*}/\text{Total Ar}^{40}$

Ave. Ar^{40*} , ppm.

.001626

.206

.002118

.002639

.309

.001973

.110

.002235

.323

Potassium Analyses:

% K

Ave. %K

K^{40} , ppm

.152

.153

.187

.155

Constants Used:

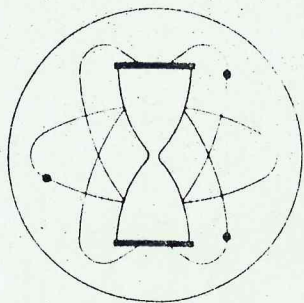
$\lambda_\beta = 4.72 \times 10^{-10}/\text{year}$

$\lambda_e = 0.585 \times 10^{-10}/\text{year}$

$\text{K}^{40}/\text{K} = 1.22 \times 10^{-4} \text{ g./g.}$

$$\text{AGE} = \frac{1}{\lambda_e + \lambda_\beta} \ln \left[\frac{\lambda_\beta + \lambda_e}{\lambda_e} \times \frac{\text{Ar}^{40*}}{\text{K}^{40}} + 1 \right]$$

Note: Ar^{40*} refers to radiogenic Ar^{40} .
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POTASSIUM-ARGON AGE DETERMINATION

REPORT OF ANALYTICAL WORK

Our Sample No. R- 2378

Date Received: 26 September 1972

Your Reference: FCH - 785 12-6N-21E

Date Reported: 22 November 1972

Submitted by: Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Sample Description & Locality: Basalt

Material Analyzed: Whole rock, crushed to -40/+60 mesh.

Ar⁴⁰*/K⁴⁰ = .01361

AGE = 219 ± 11 M.Y.

Late Permian - Early Tri

Argon Analyses:

Ar ⁴⁰ *, ppm.	Ar ⁴⁰ */ Total Ar ⁴⁰	Ave. Ar ⁴⁰ *, ppm.
.008415	.550	.008359
.008825	.510	
.007837	.455	

Potassium Analyses:

% K	Ave. %K	K ⁴⁰ , ppm
.500	.503	.614
.507		

Constants Used:

$$\lambda_{\beta} = 4.72 \times 10^{-10} / \text{year}$$

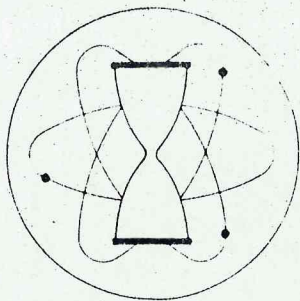
$$\lambda_e = 0.585 \times 10^{-10} / \text{year}$$

$$K^{40}/K = 1.22 \times 10^{-4} \text{ g./g.}$$

$$\text{AGE} = \frac{1}{\lambda_e + \lambda_{\beta}} \ln \left[\frac{\lambda_{\beta} + \lambda_e}{\lambda_e} \times \frac{\text{Ar}^{40*}}{K^{40}} + 1 \right]$$

Note: Ar⁴⁰* refers to radiogenic Ar⁴⁰.

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POTASSIUM-ARGON AGE DETERMINATION

REPORT OF ANALYTICAL WORK

Our Sample No. R-2385

Date Received: 26 September 1972

Your Reference: 8411 13-11N-12W

Date Reported: 22 November 1972

Submitted by:

Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Sample Description & Locality: Andesite

Material Analyzed: Whole rock, crushed to -40/+60 mesh.

Ar⁴⁰*/K⁴⁰ = .007280

AGE = ^{Early Earth} 121 ± 7 M.Y.

Argon Analyses:

Ar ⁴⁰ *, ppm.	Ar ⁴⁰ */ Total Ar ⁴⁰	Ave. Ar ⁴⁰ *, ppm.
.003469	.270	.003979
.004060	.301	
.004408	.280	

Potassium Analyses:

% K	Ave. %K	K ⁴⁰ , ppm
.445	.448	.546
.451		

Constants Used:

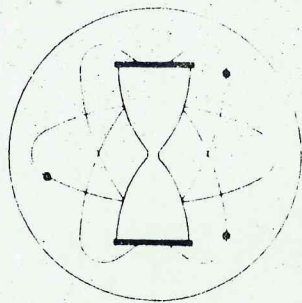
$$\lambda_{\beta} = 4.72 \times 10^{-10} / \text{year}$$

$$\lambda_e = 0.585 \times 10^{-10} / \text{year}$$

$$K^{40}/K = 1.22 \times 10^{-4} \text{ g./g.}$$

$$\text{AGE} = \frac{1}{\lambda_e + \lambda_{\beta}} \ln \left[\frac{\lambda_{\beta} + \lambda_e}{\lambda_e} \times \frac{\text{Ar}^{40*}}{K^{40}} + 1 \right]$$

Note: Ar⁴⁰* refers to radiogenic Ar⁴⁰.
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POTASSIUM-ARGON AGE DETERMINATION

REPORT OF ANALYTICAL WORK

Our Sample No. F-2384

Date Received: 26 September 1972

Your Reference: 8407

12-9N-9W

Date Reported: 22 November 1972

Submitted by: Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Sample Description & Locality: Medium-grained gabbro(?)

Material Analyzed: Feldspar concentrate, -60/+100 mesh.

$Ar^{40*}/K^{40} = .007124$

AGE =

Early Post.
118 ± 6 M.Y.

Argon Analyses:

Ar^{40*} , ppm.

.005844
.005732

$Ar^{40*}/Total\ Ar^{40}$

.435
.431

Ave. Ar^{40*} , ppm.

.005788

Potassium Analyses:

% K

.666
.666

Ave. %K

.666

K^{40} , ppm

.812

Constants Used:

$\lambda_{\beta} = 4.72 \times 10^{-10}$ / year

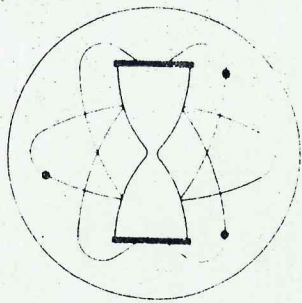
$\lambda_e = 0.585 \times 10^{-10}$ / year

$K^{40}/K = 1.22 \times 10^{-4}$ g./g.

$$AGE = \frac{1}{\lambda_e + \lambda_{\beta}} \ln \left[\frac{\lambda_{\beta} + \lambda_e}{\lambda_e} \times \frac{Ar^{40*}}{K^{40}} + 1 \right]$$

Note: Ar^{40*} refers to radiogenic Ar^{40} .

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POTASSIUM-ARGON AGE DETERMINATION

REPORT OF ANALYTICAL WORK

Our Sample No. F-2381

Date Received: 26 September 1972

Your Reference: 8394

6-9N-3E

Date Reported: 22 November 1972

Submitted by: Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Sample Description & Locality: Medium-grained gabbro (?)

Material Analyzed: Feldspar concentrate, -60/+100 mesh.

$Ar^{40}*/K^{40} = .004874$

AGE = *Late Crst.*
 81.5 ± 3.1 M.Y.

Argon Analyses:

$Ar^{40}*$, ppm.	$Ar^{40}*/\text{Total } Ar^{40}$	Ave. $Ar^{40}*$, ppm.
.03306	.809	
.03514	.797	.03396
.03369	.795	

Potassium Analyses:

% K	Ave. %K	K^{40} , ppm
5.736	5.712	6.968
5.688		

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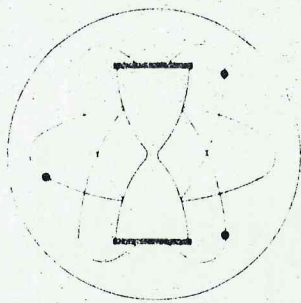
$$\lambda_{\beta} = 4.72 \times 10^{-10} / \text{year}$$

$$\lambda_e = 0.585 \times 10^{-10} / \text{year}$$

$$K^{40}/K = 1.22 \times 10^{-4} \text{ g./g.}$$

$$AGE = \frac{1}{\lambda_e + \lambda_{\beta}} \ln \left[\frac{\lambda_{\beta} + \lambda_e}{\lambda_e} \times \frac{Ar^{40}*}{K^{40}} + 1 \right]$$

Note: $Ar^{40}*$ refers to radiogenic Ar^{40} .
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POTASSIUM-ARGON AGE DETERMINATION

REPORT OF ANALYTICAL WORK

Our Sample No. R-2377

Date Received: 26 September 1972

Your Reference: 8349

22-21N-21E

Date Reported: 22 November 1972

Submitted by: Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Sample Description & Locality: Vesicular olivine basalt

Material Analyzed: Whole rock, crushed to -40/+60 mesh.

$Ar^{40*}/K^{40} = .00001$

Maximum Age = 170,000 years.

Pleistocene

AGE = ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ M.Y.

Argon Analyses:

Ar^{40*} , ppm.	$Ar^{40*}/Total\ Ar^{40}$	Ave. Ar^{40*} , ppm.
.00002 maximum	.005	.00002 maximum
.00000	.000	

Potassium Analyses:

% K	Ave. %K	K^{40} , ppm
1.868	1.840	2.245
1.812		

Constants Used:

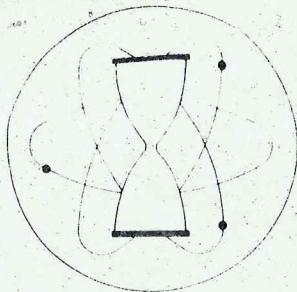
$$\lambda_{\beta} = 4.72 \times 10^{-10} / \text{year}$$

$$\lambda_e = 0.585 \times 10^{-10} / \text{year}$$

$$K^{40}/K = 1.22 \times 10^{-4} \text{ g./g.}$$

$$AGE = \frac{1}{\lambda_e + \lambda_{\beta}} \ln \left[\frac{\lambda_{\beta} + \lambda_e}{\lambda_e} \times \frac{Ar^{40*}}{K^{40}} + 1 \right]$$

Note: Ar^{40*} refers to radiogenic Ar^{40} .
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POTASSIUM-ARGON AGE DETERMINATION

REPORT OF ANALYTICAL WORK

Our Sample No. R-2474

Date Received: 22 February 1973

Your Reference: 6069

Date Reported: 1 March 1973

Submitted by: Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Sample Description & Locality: Altered volcanic(?)
Northern Alaska

Material Analyzed: Whole rock, crushed to -40/+60 mesh. ✓

$\text{Ar}^{40*}/\text{K}^{40} = .009218$

AGE = 151 ± 10 M.Y.

Argon Analyses:

Ar^{40*} , ppm.	$\text{Ar}^{40*}/\text{Total Ar}^{40}$	Ave. Ar^{40*} , ppm.
.003351	.263	.003453
.003554	.259	

Potassium Analyses:

% K	Ave. %K	K^{40} , ppm
.308	.307	.374
.306		

Constants Used:

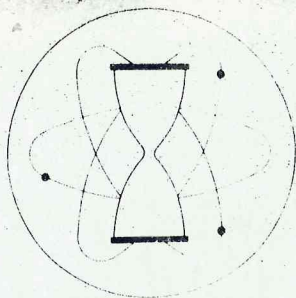
$\lambda_{\beta} = 4.72 \times 10^{-10}$ / year

$\lambda_e = 0.585 \times 10^{-10}$ / year

$\text{K}^{40}/\text{K} = 1.22 \times 10^{-4}$ g./g.

$$\text{AGE} = \frac{1}{\lambda_e + \lambda_{\beta}} \ln \left[\frac{\lambda_{\beta} + \lambda_e}{\lambda_e} \times \frac{\text{Ar}^{40*}}{\text{K}^{40}} + 1 \right]$$

Note: Ar^{40*} refers to radiogenic Ar^{40} .
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POTASSIUM-ARGON AGE DETERMINATION

REPORT OF ANALYTICAL WORK

Our Sample No. F-2473

Date Received: 22 February 1973

Your Reference: 7071

Date Reported: 7 March 1973

Submitted by: Duane Reno
Amoco Production Co.
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Sample Description & Locality: Altered volcanic.
Northern Alaska

Material Analyzed: Feldspar concentrate, -40/+60 mesh.
Composition: approximately 60% feldspar, 40% quartz.

$Ar^{40*}/K^{40} = .003269$

AGE = 55.1 ± 2.6 M.Y.

Argon Analyses:

Ar^{40*} , ppm.	$Ar^{40*}/\text{Total } Ar^{40}$	Ave. Ar^{40*} , ppm.
.004930	.188	.004956
.004981	.200	

Potassium Analyses:

% K	Ave. %K	K^{40} , ppm
1.243	1.242	1.515
1.242		

Constants Used:

$\lambda_{\beta} = 4.72 \times 10^{-10}/\text{year}$

$\lambda_e = 0.585 \times 10^{-10}/\text{year}$

$K^{40}/K = 1.22 \times 10^{-4} \text{ g./g.}$

$$AGE = \frac{1}{\lambda_e + \lambda_{\beta}} \ln \left[\frac{\lambda_{\beta} + \lambda_e}{\lambda_e} \times \frac{Ar^{40*}}{K^{40}} + 1 \right]$$

Note: Ar^{40*} refers to radiogenic Ar^{40} .
M.Y. refers to millions of years.