

# GEODINAMIC REGIME OF KIMBERLITE MAGMATISM MANIFESTATIONS ON THE SIBERIAN PLATFORM.

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During the Neogene time, the Siberian platform witnessed numerous recurrent stages of magmatic reactivation manifested both by basic magmatism and kimberlite formation. The typical property of these reactivation stages was that basic magmatism in each cycle was 15-20 m.y. younger as compared to the kimberlite formation flare-ups.

The riftogenic basic magmatism was manifested to different scale in the Riphean, Vendian, Middle and Late Paleozoic time. In the Late Paleozoic-Early Mesozoic, it occurred in the geodynamic environments of dispersed spreading resulting in the formation of trap synclises. In the Middle and Late Mesozoic and in Early Cenozoic, the magmatism was confined to zones of incomplete rifting. The kimberlite magmatism manifestations "echoed" each flare-up of basic activity, while the kimberlite formation was associated both with the inverse development stages in paleorift systems and epochs of regional gaps in the platform cover accumulation.

Reconstruction of paleorift systems of different age has shown that riftogenic structures frequently inherit each other's trend. The trend of the longest and deepest Late Precambrian and Middle Paleozoic riftogenic depressions was inherited from the protorift troughs originated in the Late Archean and Early Proterozoic time.

Paleorift systems are fringed by linear collision zones /ramps/- the peculiar small-scale subduction areas compensating the paleorift tension. During their short-term impulse opening due to decompression these zones were injected by small amounts of magma generated in the deepest upper mantle layers. A striking feature of the ramp magma-controlling zones was that their small areas accommodated numerous kimberlite bodies of different age.

Both the paleorift systems and their fringing ramp zones have different characteristics of the deep structure. The paleorift systems correspond to dome-like uplifts in the Moho discontinuity (with an amplitude up to 8 km) and reduction in crustal thickness up to 32-34 km due to wedging out of the upper velocity layers. Seismic sounding also reveals a high degree of layering of the lower velocity level (6.8-7.0 km/s) and the upper mantle. This may be interpreted as relics of ancient destruction resulting from riftogenic tension and mantle degassing.

Absence of correlation between the gravimagnetic field anomalies has been reported for the collision /ramp/ zones located as far as 150-200 km away from the paleorift axes.

Detailed seismic studies conducted by V.D. Suvorov allowed to identify the ramp zones in the lowermost crustal layers by the dramatic increase in the boundary velocities (up to 9.1 km/s), the appearance of 8-12 km deep trenches in the Moho discontinuity, the anticlinal uplifts at the intracrustal K-reflection boundary, higher Poisson's ratio and higher absorption of resilient waves due to increased compression and significant growth of mass exchange.

The paleorift areas usually correspond to the platform cover synclises while the ramp zones are associated with reduction in the cover thickness and numerous sedimentation gaps.

The classical kimberlite fields tend to be associated with areas of intercrossing of ramp zones and Late Precambrian - Middle Paleozoic dyke belts. It is noteworthy that the long axes and dyke root bodies of kimberlite pipes run parallel to the trend of ramp zones. This also confirms the magma-controlling role of those regional dislocations.

Another genetic group of diamondiferous rocks has been recognized on the Siberian platform. It is represented by specific picrite - lamproite complexes of subvolcanic rocks and volcanic formations. These are confined to the intersection areas of paleorift structures and to strike slip faults of the transform type. These complexes formed synchronously with the classical kimberlites during the Middle Paleozoic, Early and Middle Mesozoic time.

However, the conditions of melt generation in transform zones differed from those of kimberlite melt generation in ramp structures primarily by their fluid regime ( $H_0 > C_0$ ) and by the depth of mantle sources of magma generation. This resulted in the formation of specific mineral associations chiefly of the eclogitic and lherzolitic parageneses and of specific round - shaped diamonds. The latter are designated as the "Ebelyakh" and "Uraltan" ones and occur over extensive dispersion areas of the northern Siberian platform.

Hence the extension and compression regimes have been shown to combine in the considered tectonic environments. The difference lies in the fact that the classical kimberlite magmatism is characterized by the superimposition of riftogenic branches with basic dyke belts on the collision (ramp) zones while the picrite-lamproite complexes feature the reverse picture, i.e. the riftogenic "shafts" resulting from extension are crossed by strike slip fault zones of transform type.