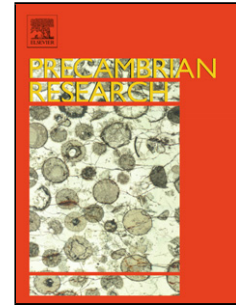


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2 Research highlights

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- 4 ➤ Ca. 880~850 Ma rock units identified within the Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at  
5 Shijiao indicate a convergent plate margin setting
- 6 ➤ Field geology and analytical data indicate the Shijiao area display close affinity with  
7 Jiangnan belt rather than Cathaysia
- 8 ➤ Overall relationships at Shijiao constrain the location of suture between Cathaysia  
9 and Jiangnan in NE Zhejiang during Neoproterozoic.

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24 **Abstract**

25 The Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone lies along the SE margin of the Jiangnan belt,  
26 and delineates the northeastern margin of the Cathaysia Block of the South China  
27 Craton. At Shijiao in NE Zhejiang, the fault zone consists of hornblende schist  
28 intruded by migmatized quartz diorite. It constitutes a shear zone delineating the  
29 welded boundary between the Neoproterozoic Shuangxiwu Group of Jiangnan belt to  
30 the north and the Chencai Complex of Cathaysia Block to the south. The Shuangxiwu  
31 Group is composed mainly of basalt, andesite and flysch, whereas the Chencai

32 Complex contains magmatic and sedimentary rocks that experienced amphibolite  
33 facies metamorphism. Zircons from quartz diorite and gabbro from the fault zone at  
34 Shijiao yield ages of  $854 \pm 6$  Ma,  $857 \pm 5$  Ma and  $860 \pm 5$  Ma, with positive  $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$   
35 values of 7.81~11.8 and 4.57~10.39. The quartz diorite and mafic-ultramafic rock  
36 samples display minor LREE enriched pattern with obvious depletion of Nb, Ta, Rb,  
37 Ba and Ti, compared to their neighboring elements and plot in the volcanic arc field  
38 on geochemical diagrams, similar to that of volcanic rocks from Shuangxiwu Group.  
39 Overall relationships within the Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao suggest the  
40 ca. 860-850 Ma rock suites were generated in a convergent plate margin and are part  
41 of the Jiangnan belt, and not the Cathaysia Block, thus constraining the location of the  
42 suture between the two lithotectonic units in NE Zhejiang area during Neoproterozoic.

43 **Keywords: Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone; quartz diorite; Geochronology;**  
44 **Neoproterozoic arc suites; tectonic affinity; South China**

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## 46 **1. Introduction**

47 The Neoproterozoic Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone delineates the SE margin of  
48 the Jiangnan orogenic belt, which is an assemblage of Neoproterozoic convergent  
49 plate margin accretionary successions that record the assembly of the Cathaysia and  
50 Yangtze blocks in South China Craton (Fig. 1; Cawood et al., 2013). The age and  
51 nature of the arc-trench successions as well as their number and direction of  
52 subduction, along with the overall crustal evolution of the orogenic belt and timing of  
53 final assembly between Yangtze and Cathaysia blocks, are disputed (Shu, 2012;

54 Wang et al., 2014; Yao et al., 2014a, b, 2015; Zhao, 2015). This uncertainty in the  
55 evolution of the orogen has resulted in controversy as to whether South China  
56 occupies an internal or marginal position in the Rodinia supercontinent (Cawood et al.,  
57 2013; Wang et al., 2013b).

58 The northeast-southwest trending Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone can be traced for  
59 up to 800 km and is up to 30 km wide (Shu, 2012). The fault is considered to  
60 constitute the southeastern boundary of the Jiangnan orogen with the Cathaysia Block.  
61 In the vicinity of Shijiao (Zhejiang Province), within the fault zone, constituent rock  
62 suites are similar to those of the Jiangnan belt, but metamorphic grade is higher and  
63 similar to that in the adjoining Chencai metamorphic complex to the southeast, which  
64 forms part of the Cathaysia Block (Fig. 2, BGMZJ, 1989; Zhao and Sun, 1994), or  
65 alternatively has been interpreted to form the NE extent of the Jiangshan-Shaoxing  
66 fault zone as a Neoproterozoic suture (Shu et al., 2006). These relations have led to  
67 suggestions that the rocks within the fault zone may constitute part of  
68 supra-subduction zone units on the margin of the Cathaysia Block (e.g., Zhao, 2015).  
69 This in turn has implications for the Neoproterozoic crustal evolution of South China  
70 and, in particular, whether southeast-directed subduction took place beneath the  
71 margin of the Cathaysia Block (e.g., Wang et al., 2014; Zhao, 2015). Our study  
72 outlines field, geochemical and isotopic data on migmatized quartz diorite and  
73 mafic-ultramafic rocks in the fault zone, along with volcanic rocks and associated  
74 sedimentary rocks of the adjoining Shuangxiwu Group from the Jiangnan belt to the  
75 northwest (Fig. 2). Our results indicate that fault zone lithologies are an accretionary

76 assemblage within the Jiangnan belt rather than the Cathaysia Block, thus delimiting  
77 the boundary between the two lithotectonic assemblages at Shijiao. Furthermore, they  
78 demonstrate the presence of ca. 880 to 850 Ma convergent plate margin units in the  
79 eastern Jiangnan belt, providing an additional constraint on the age of final assembly  
80 between Yantze and Cathaysia blocks.

## 81 **2. Geological setting and litho-stratigraphic structures**

### 82 *2.1. Geological setting*

83 The South China Craton consists of the Yangtze Block to the northwest and  
84 Cathaysia Block to the southeast, sutured along the Jiangnan orogenic belt. The  
85 former is composed of an Archean–Paleoproterozoic crystalline basement surrounded  
86 by Neoproterozoic orogenic belts (Panxi-Hannan belt and Jiangnan belt) that  
87 underwent mid-Neoproterozoic greenschist facies metamorphism (Fig. 1; Shu, 2012;  
88 Zhao and Cawood, 2012). These units are overlain by middle-late Neoproterozoic to  
89 Phanerozoic strata (Charvet et al., 2010; Wang et al., 2013a, 2014; Dong et al., 2015).  
90 The Cathaysia Block contains numerous Neoproterozoic-Paleozoic meta-sedimentary  
91 and meta-igneous rocks, as well as minor Paleoproterozoic meta-igneous rocks (Zhao  
92 and Cawood, 2012; Shu, 2012; Shu et al., 2014, 2015). Paleozoic regional  
93 metamorphism of amphibolite facies along with coeval deformation, crustal partial  
94 melting and granite emplacement, are distinctive features of the Cathaysia Block  
95 compared to the Jiangnan belt (Shu, 2006; Li et al., 2010).

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### 97 **2.1. Lithology and related structures**

98 The greenschist facies early Neoproterozoic Shuangxiwu Group (Pt3sh) is the  
99 oldest unit exposed in the eastern Jiangnan belt in northern Zhejiang Province, and is  
100 unconformably overlain by a northwest dipping middle Neoproterozoic succession,  
101 the Heshangzheng Group (Pt3h), and the latest Neoproterozoic Sinian System (Pt3z)  
102 that are essentially unmetamorphosed (Fig. 2, 3a, 3b; BGMRZJ, 1989). The  
103 Shuangxiwu Group is divided into the Pingshui, Beiwu, Yanshan and Zhangcun  
104 formations. The Pingshui and Yanshan formations consist predominantly of  
105 intermediate-acidic volcanic rocks, whereas the Beiwu Formation is composed mainly  
106 of intermediate-basic volcanic rocks. The Zhangcun Formation contains a series of  
107 continental derived sedimentary rocks (tuff and tuffaceous sandstones and siltstones)  
108 (BGMRZJ, 1989). The volcanic rocks from the Pingshui Formation are dated at  $978 \pm$   
109  $44$  Ma (Sm–Nd whole rock isochron, Zhang et al., 1990) and  $904 \pm 8$  Ma and  $906 \pm$   
110  $10$  Ma (LA-ICPMS U–Pb zircon, Chen et al., 2009). Andesitic rocks from the Beiwu  
111 and Zhangcun formations yield discordant U–Pb  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  zircon ages of  $926 \pm 15$   
112 Ma and  $891 \pm 12$  Ma (Li et al., 2009). The unconformably overlying middle  
113 Neoproterozoic Heshangzheng Group has a maximum depositional age of ca. 820 Ma  
114 as constrained by detrital zircons (Yao et al., 2013). It consists of an interstratified  
115 succession of conglomerate, sandstone, siltstone and mudstone, with interbedded tuff  
116 and muddy limestone Fig. 3).

117 In the Shijiao area, within the Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone, exposed rock units  
118 are mainly migmatized hornblende schist intruded by migmatized quartz diorite,  
119 along with minor meta-rhyolite (Fig. 2). Amphibole pyroxenite along with minor

120 gabbro and dunite occur as blocks within the quartz diorite (Fig. 4). Minor nodular  
121 ultramafic rocks occur in the transition zone between ultramafic rocks and  
122 migmatized quartz diorite (Zhou et al., 1993). Rock units within the fault zone are  
123 metamorphosed to amphibolite facies. Zircon ages of  $879 \pm 10$  Ma (LA-ICPMS U–Pb;  
124 Yao et al., 2014a) and  $838 \pm 5$  Ma (SHRIMP U–Pb; Li et al. (2010) have been  
125 obtained from the hornblende schist and meta-rhyolite, respectively. Local  
126 mylonitization also occurs in the diorite and has been dated at  $370 \pm 10$  Ma (K–Ar on  
127 biotite), 353 Ma and 361 Ma (Ar–Ar on biotite, with unknown errors and data quality  
128 cannot be evaluated) (Zhu and Zhou, 1994).

129 The Chencai metamorphic complex, which lies to the southeast of the  
130 Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone (Fig. 1, Fig. 2; BGMZJ, 1989), consists of  
131 plagioclase gneiss, amphibolite, and leucocratic gneiss interbanded with schist,  
132 leptynite, marble and minor quartzite (BGMZJ, 1989). Protoliths of the complex are  
133 considered to be Neoproterozoic in age that experienced Paleozoic amphibolite facies  
134 metamorphism and coeval deformation (Yao et al., 2014a; Shu et al., 2015). The unit  
135 also shows widespread migmatization. Zircon SHRIMP U–Pb ages of  $857 \pm 7$  and  
136  $841 \pm 12$  are reported from meta-gabbro within the complex (Li et al., 2010; Shu et al.  
137 2011). An intercept age of  $1781 \pm 21$  Ma inferred from SHRIMP zircon U–Pb ages  
138 has also been obtained from amphibolite and interpreted as the formation age of  
139 gabbroic protolith (Li et al., 2010). Metamorphism is dated at  $426 \pm 2$  Ma based on  
140  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  age on hornblende and  $426 \pm 7$  Ma by  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  age on biotite (Li et al.,  
141 2010). Zircon U–Pb ages of  $453 \pm 4$  Ma and  $438 \pm 4$  Ma are reported from the



142 migmatite and gabbro inclusions within the Chencai Complex (Yao et al. 2014a).

## 143 **2.2. Sample descriptions**

144 Sample locations are shown on figures 2 and 3 and include 2 quartz diorites (1194  
145 and 1194-1; GPS: N25°45.919', E109°50.071') and 12 mafic-ultramafic rocks (1472,  
146 1472-4, 1472-6, 1472-7, 1472-8, 1472-11, 1472-12, 1472-13, 1472-14, 1472-15,  
147 1472-17 and 1472-18; GPS: N29°33.220', E120°10.296') from within the  
148 Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone (Fig. 2). Two andesitic porphyrite samples (1468-1,  
149 1468-4; GPS: N29°54.064', E119°58.437'), one pyroclastic sample (1470; GPS:  
150 N29°52.533', E120°01.268') and one basalt sample (1467-2; GPS: N29°52.533',  
151 E120°01.268') were also collected from the Shuangxiwu Group (Fig. 2, Fig. 4).

152 The quartz diorite samples 1194, 1194-1 contain about 65% plagioclase, 20%  
153 hornblende and 15% quartz. Gabbro sample 1472 contains some 60% plagioclase,  
154 25% clinopyroxene, 10% hornblende, 5% opaque mineral oxide and other accessory  
155 mineral such as titanite, whereas gabbro sample 1172-4 has 35% plagioclase, 45%  
156 clinopyroxene and 5% olivine, along with 10% hornblende and 5% accessory  
157 minerals (opaque oxide). Other gabbro samples 1472-07, 1472-12, 1472-13, 1472-15,  
158 and 1472-18 are mainly composed of 15~25% plagioclase, 50~65% clinopyroxene  
159 and 10% hornblende. Amphibole pyroxenite samples 1472-6, 1472-8, 1472-11,  
160 1472-14 and 1472-17 contain about 60% clinopyroxene, 30% hornblende and 10%  
161 magnetite and other accessory minerals. Two andesitic porphyrite samples (1468-1,  
162 1468-4) mainly contain phenocrysts of plagioclase, which occur in a fine grained to  
163 glassy matrix. The pyroclastic rock sample (1470) is foliated and composed of

164 muscovite, quartz, plagioclase and rock fragments (Fig. 5).

165 The diorite samples (1194 and 1494-1) and gabbro sample 1472 were selected for  
166 zircon U–Pb dating and Hf isotope analysis. These along with the remaining samples  
167 were analyzed for whole rock geochemistry.

### 168 **3. Analytical procedures**

169 Zircons were separated from the crushed rocks using heavy liquid and magnetic  
170 techniques and then handpicked under a binocular microscope. The zircon grains were  
171 mounted in epoxy resin, polished and coated. Cathodoluminescence (CL) images of  
172 the zircons were obtained using a Quanta 400 FEG electron microscope equipped  
173 with Mono CL3+ (Gatan, U.S.A.) at the State Key Laboratory of Continental  
174 Dynamics in Northwest University.

175 The zircon U–Pb isotopic dating was carried out at the State Key Laboratory for  
176 Mineral Deposits Research in Nanjing University, using an Agilent 7500a ICP–MS  
177 connected to a New Wave 213 nm laser ablation system. U–Pb fractionation was  
178 corrected using zircon standard GEMOC GJ–1 with an age of  $601 \pm 12$  Ma and  
179 accuracy was controlled by using the zircon standard Mud Tank with an age of  $735 \pm$   
180  $12$  Ma. The U–Pb ages were calculated from the original signal data using the Glitter  
181 software and U–Th–Pb age data are plotted on concordia diagrams using the Isoplot  
182 program (Ludwig, 2003). Zircons older than 1000 Ma have high contents of  
183 radiogenic Pb, hence  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  age is more reliable and used to determine the  
184 crystallization age. On the other hand, due to low content of radiogenic Pb, the  
185  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  age is more reliable for zircons with ages younger than 1000 Ma.

186 The zircon Hf isotopes were analyzed using a Neptune MC–ICP–MS at the State  
187 Key Laboratory for Mineral Deposits Research in Nanjing University. Zircon  
188 standard 91500 was used for external correction and has a  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  value of  
189  $0.282300 \pm 8$  ( $2\sigma$ ). Initial  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  values were calculated based on Lu decay  
190 constant of  $1.865\text{E}-11$  (Scherer et al., 2001). The Hf model ages were calculated  
191 under the assumption that the  $^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  of average crust is 0.015, and the  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$   
192 and  $^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  ratios of chondrite and depleted mantle at the present time are  
193 0.282772 and 0.0332, 0.28325 and 0.0384 (Blichert-Toft and Albarede, 1997).

194 Whole rock major element analyses were performed using an ARL9800XP+  
195 X–ray fluorescence spectrometer (XRF) at the State Key Laboratory for Mineral  
196 Deposits Research in Nanjing University. The analytical precision is generally better  
197 than 2% for all elements. Trace element abundances were measured using a Finnigan  
198 Element II ICP–MS at the State Key Laboratory of Mineral Deposit Research,  
199 Nanjing University, which gives precision better than 10% for most of the analyzed  
200 elements.

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## 202 **4. Analytical results**

### 203 **4.1. Zircon U–Pb dating and Hf isotopes**

204 Zircons obtained from gabbro (1472) and diorite (1194, 1194-1) samples are  
205 mostly euhedral prismatic grains. Most of the grains show banded or sector zoning in  
206 CL images (Fig. 6). A total of 32 grains from gabbro sample 1472 were analyzed,  
207 yielding a main age range of 953–847 Ma and giving a weighted average  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$

208 age of  $860 \pm 5$  Ma (MSWD = 0.08, n = 24) (Fig. 6). Among twenty-two analyses from  
209 quartz diorite sample 1194, 18 U–Pb dating analyses yield a weighted average  
210  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  age of  $854 \pm 6$  Ma (MSWD = 0.2, n = 18) (Fig. 6). Twenty analyses were  
211 conducted on zircons from gabbro sample 1472, yielding an age range of 871–857 Ma  
212 and a weighted average  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  age of  $857 \pm 5$  Ma (MSWD = 0.24, n = 20). These  
213 weighted mean ages are interpreted as the crystallization age of the gabbro and diorite  
214 samples. The Th/U ratios of the zircons from gabbro and diorite sample range from  
215 0.66 to 3.39 and 0.75 to 1.57, respectively (Table 1).

216 Zircons from quartz diorite samples 1194 and 1194-1 display present day  $^{176}\text{Hf}/$   
217  $^{177}\text{Hf}$  ratios of 0.282378–0.282558 and yield positive  $\epsilon\text{Hf}(t)$  values of 7.81~11.8 and  
218 4.57~10.42, respectively (Table 2). This equates to Hf model ages of 1.0~1.2 Ga  
219 (Figure. 7), suggesting the presence of latest Mesoproterozoic juvenile mantle  
220 material in this region.

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#### 222 **4.2. Major and trace element compositions**

223 Major and trace element analytical results are presented in Table 3. Our  
224 discussion focuses mainly on the immobile elements and element ratios due to  
225 low-grade alteration of the rock units and the possibility of mobilization of elements  
226 with a large ionic radius to charge during low-grade metamorphism (Pearce and Cann,  
227 1973; Wood, 1980; Wyman, 1999). On the  $\text{Zr}/\text{TiO}_2$ –Nb/Y diagram, the studied  
228 samples fall in the basalt and andesite field (Fig. 8).

229 The quartz diorite samples (1194 and 1194-1) have low  $\text{TiO}_2$  (0.62 %),  $\text{SiO}_2$   
230 (55.56–55.83 %) and  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  (4.61–4.63 %), with high Mg# of 49 (Table 3). The coarse

231 grained gabbros (1472) also display low values of  $\text{TiO}_2$  (1.02 %),  $\text{SiO}_2$  (44.9 %) and  
232  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  (0.72 %), with Mg# of 49. Other mafic and ultramafic rock samples from the  
233 Shijiao area within the Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone display a wide range of  
234 compositions of  $\text{SiO}_2$  (33.33 to 53.46 %),  $\text{MgO}$  (9.93–23.4 %) and  $\text{FeO}^t$   
235 (12.09–26.52%), and low  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (3.79–7.96%) (Table 3). All mafic-ultramafic  
236 intrusive rocks and diorites in the fault zone show minor LREE enriched patterns and  
237 minor Eu anomalies with  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  ratios of 0.61–1.25 (Fig. 8). On primitive  
238 mantle-normalized plots, the investigated samples display enrichment in Th, Pb and  
239 variable depletion in high field strength elements (HFSE) such as Nb, Ta, Zr, Hf, Ti  
240 and Rb (Fig. 8). The andesitic porphyrite and basalt samples from the Shuangxiwu  
241 Group show features that are similar to those within the fault zone (Fig. 9, 10). The  
242 andesitic porphyrite samples (1468 and 1468-1) have  $\text{SiO}_2$  content of 60.4–67.6 %,  
243 CaO of 0.05–1.31 %,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  of 1.65–5.42 % and  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  of 1.09–7.73 %, with  $\text{K}_2\text{O}/\text{Na}_2\text{O}$   
244 of 0.2 to 4.68 (Table 3). The basalt sample (1467) from the Shuangxiwu Group in the  
245 Jiangnan belt displays a  $\text{SiO}_2$  content of 50.02 %, CaO of 9.95 %,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  of 3.34 % and  
246  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  of 1.15 %. The basaltic rocks and andesitic porphyrite samples yield LREE  
247 enriched patterns with minor depletion of Eu ( $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  ratios of 0.77–0.94). Depletion  
248 of Ti, Sr, Nb, Ta and enrichment of Rb, Th, Pb are also observed, similar to those from  
249 the fault zone at Shijiao (Fig. 8), trace element patterns from pyroclastic rock samples  
250 are also similar to those from the fault zone at Shijiao.

251

252 **5. Discussion**

253 **5.1. Field geology, petrology and geochemistry**

254 Within the Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao, migmatized diorite intrudes  
255 the hornblende schist, and coarse-grained ultramafic rocks and gabbro occur as  
256 inclusions in the migmatized quartz diorite. Age data are consistent with field  
257 observations. The hornblende schist and mafic-ultramafic inclusions were generated  
258 at ca. 880 Ma ( $888 \pm 10$  Ma, K–Ar hornblende, Zhou and Zhu, 1992;  $879 \pm 10$  Ma,  
259 LA-ICPMS U–Pb gabbro, Yao et al., 2014a), and is older than the formation of quartz  
260 diorite (ca. 850 Ma).

261 Rock units exposed to the northwest of the fault zone are the typical volcanic  
262 rocks of the Shuangxiwu Group (ca. 990~880 Ma), the lower part of which are  
263 intruded by 913~905 Ma I-type granitoids (Fig. 2; Ye et al., 2007; Li et al., 2009). On  
264 the other hand, the Chencai Complex of the Cathaysia Block is composed mainly of  
265 pelitic sedimentary rocks with minor mafic rocks and experienced Paleozoic  
266 metamorphism of amphibolite facies. Southeast-directed thrusts occur within the  
267 complex and are assumed to be Paleozoic, synchronous with metamorphism but have  
268 not been directly dated (Li et al., 2010).

269 Geochemical data suggests formation of rock units within the  
270 Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao area in a convergent plate margin setting.  
271 The migmatized quartz diorite samples show a depletion in high field strength  
272 elements (HFSE) such as Nb, Ta, Zr, Hf and Ti compared with their neighboring  
273 elements (Fig. 9), similar to those formed in an island arc setting (Wyman, 1999).  
274 Mafic-ultramafic intrusive rocks that occur as inclusions within the migmatized

275 diorite also display similar geochemical features. Pyroclastic and basaltic rocks from  
276 the Shuangxiwu Group in the eastern Jiangnan belt likewise display geochemical  
277 signatures typical of a convergent plate margin setting (Fig. 9). On tectonic  
278 discrimination diagrams, such as Ti–Zr plot of Peace and Cann (1973), Y–La–Nb plot  
279 of Wood (1980) and Cr–Y plot of Pearce et al. (1982) (Fig. 10), most of the  
280 investigated samples plot in the field of arc basalts. The quartz diorite samples from  
281 the fault zone display obvious Nb–Ta depletion, which is indicative of volcanic arc  
282 geochemical signature, as well as the andesitic porphyrite from the Shuangxiwu  
283 Group. These features are comparable to those of the typical Shuangxiwu arc (Li et al.,  
284 2009). Thus, based on rock assemblages, field geology and geochemical data, we  
285 infer that the migmatized quartz diorite and mafic-ultramafic rocks caught within the  
286 Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao were generated in a convergent margin  
287 setting, similar to the protolith of the amphibolite schist in the studied area (Yao et al.,  
288 2014a) and also similar to rock units of the Shuangxiwu Group in the Jiangnan belt  
289 (Li et al., 2009).

## 290 ***5.2. Tectonic implications***

291 Geological, geochronological and geochemical features of rock units within the  
292 Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone in the Shijiao area include a suite of quartz diorite and  
293 meta-mafic-ultramafic rocks and hornblende schist with ages around 880–850 Ma, and  
294 a convergent plate margin magmatic arc geochemical signature. Furthermore, these  
295 features are comparable to those of the adjoining but lower greenschist facies  
296 metamorphic rocks of the Shuangxiwu Group, which is also interpreted as part of a ca.

297 1000-880 Ma magmatic arc (Shu and Charvet, 1996; Charvet et al., 1996; Chen et al.,  
298 2009; Li et al., 2009).

299 The subduction direction of oceanic crust between the Yangtze and Cathaysia  
300 blocks has generally been considered to be northwestward beneath the Jiangnan arc  
301 (also referred to as ‘Shuangxiwu arc’ or ‘Huaiyu arc’) in SE margin of the Yangtze  
302 Block (Shu and Charvet, 1996). The supra-subduction zone Northeast Jiangxi  
303 Ophiolite, which is exposed between an arc assemblage and the continental Yangtze  
304 Block, is suggested as a relic of the back-arc basin (Shu and Charvet, 1996; Li et al.,  
305 1997). The subduction direction of the back-arc basin in its latest stage has also been  
306 suggested to be northwestward as constrained by analysis of inferred ca. 930-900 Ma  
307 ductile deformation fabrics from areas in and adjacent the Northeast Jiangxi suture  
308 zone (Shu and Charvet, 1996). Recent work has also suggested the presence of  
309 Neoproterozoic southwestward subduction beneath the NE margin of the Cathaysia  
310 Block (Wang et al., 2014; Zhao, 2015). The arc type rock suites in the fault zone at  
311 Shijiao area, if they belong to the Cathaysia Block (cf. Shui et al., 1986; Li et al.,  
312 2010), could serve as the evidence of a magmatic arc on the northeastern margin of  
313 the Cathaysia Block related to southwestward-directed subduction beneath the margin.  
314 Thus, the affinity of the rock suites within the Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone can help  
315 constrain the number and direction of subduction zones associated with assembly of  
316 the Yangtze and Cathaysia blocks.

317 The ca. 880–850 Ma arc type rock units within Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at  
318 Shijiao area indicate this area differs from the Chencai Complex. The complex has a



319 protolith dominated by continental derived materials metamorphosed at ca. 426 Ma  
320 (Li et al., 2010), along with minor meta-mafic rocks which have yielded ages of ca.  
321 858 Ma and ca. 438 Ma with the former displaying within plate geochemical affinities  
322 (Shu et al., 2011; Yao et al., 2014a). The amphibolite-grade metamorphism in the fault  
323 zone most likely reflects the proximity to the Cathaysia Block, which underwent  
324 widespread early Paleozoic metamorphism (Shu et al., 2014, 2015), as inferred from  
325 mylonitization dated at ca. 421–398 Ma (Ar-Ar, Shu et al., 1999). On the other hand,  
326 the ca. 1000–880 Ma arc type meta-magmatic rocks of the Shuangxiwu Group are  
327 similar to those within Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao. Moreover, given that  
328 the middle to late Neoproterozoic Sinian System and Heshangzheng Group  
329 unconformably overlie the Shuangxiwu Group and show little to no metamorphism  
330 and deformation (BGMZRZJ, 1989), then the metamorphism and deformation of the  
331 Shuangxiwu Group must be Neoproterozoic. Therefore, the Paleozoic amphibolite  
332 facies metamorphism in the fault zone does not conflict with Neoproterozoic  
333 greenschist facies metamorphism of the eastern Jiangnan belt and with the mostly  
334 accepted NW-ward accretionary subduction beneath Jiangnan belt (Charvet et al.,  
335 1996; Shu and Charvet, 1996; Cawood et al., 2013).

336 In this study, we suggest the andesitic and mafic-ultramafic rocks within the  
337 Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao belong to the Jiangnan orogenic belt and  
338 were produced in a convergent plate margin at ca. 880–850 Ma (Fig. 11). These  
339 results indicate that the previously proposed ca. 980–880 Ma convergent plate margin  
340 setting in the eastern Jiangnan belt (Ye et al., 2007; Li et al., 2009) lasted at least to ca.

341 850 Ma and is consistent with the overall duration of the convergent plate margin  
342 geochemical signature preserved within the Jiangnan belt (Shu et al., 1994, 2006;  
343 Zhao and Cawood, 2012; Cawood et al., 2013; Zhang et al., 2013; Yao et al., 2015).  
344 Data on the age and origin of S-type granites within the Jiangnan orogenic belt along  
345 with the overall Neoproterozoic stratigraphic sequence that includes deformed and  
346 metamorphosed older units and younger unconformably overlying little deformed and  
347 unmetamorphosed middle to late Neoproterozoic units, constrains final assembly of  
348 the Yangtze and Cathaysia blocks to sometime between ca. 850-810 Ma (e.g. Wang et  
349 al., 2007, 2012; Zhao and Cawood, 2012; Yao et al., 2014b).

350 We believe the lithologies within the Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao  
351 formed in a subduction zone setting and do not belong to the Cathaysia Block, and  
352 therefore cannot be used as indicators for southeastward subduction of oceanic crust  
353 beneath the NE margin of Cathaysia Block. The fault along the NE margin of Chencai  
354 Complex constitutes the boundary of Cathaysia Block and Jiangnan belt at Shijiao.  
355 Field, age and geochemical relationships of this study argue against models  
356 suggesting ca. 880 Ma collision and ca. 860 Ma rifting of the South China Craton (e.g.  
357 Li et al., 2008). Our data require a younger assembly age, at least after ca. 850 Ma and  
358 a marginal position for South China within the Rodinia supercontinent (Cawood et al.,  
359 2013; Wang et al., 2014).

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## 361 **6. Conclusions**

362 The ca. 880~850 Ma quartz diorite, mafic-ultramafic rocks and hornblende schist

363 identified from within the Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao area are indicative  
364 of a convergent plate margin setting. Lithology, structure, age data, geochemistry and  
365 metamorphic grade indicate the rocks units in Shijiao area display close affinity with  
366 the Jiangnan belt rather than the Cathaysia Block. The investigated rock units formed  
367 around 880~850 Ma in a convergent plate margin setting in the eastern Jiangnan belt  
368 and do not provide evidence for Neoproterozoic subduction of oceanic crust beneath  
369 the NE margin of the Cathaysia Block. The Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao  
370 marks the NE margin of the Chencai Complex of the Cathaysia Block and delineates  
371 the boundary between the block and the Jiangnan belt.

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526 **Captions of figures**

527 Fig.1. Geological sketch map of the Jiangnan orogen, South China Craton (1:  
528 Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault; 2: Zhenghe-Dapu fault; 3: Northeast Jiangxi fault; 4:  
529 Jiujiang-Shitai fault; 5: Tanlu fault; SECCLMVZ: Southeast China costal late  
530 Mesozoic volcanic zone).

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532 Fig.2. Geological sketch map of the Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao area,  
533 South China (Pt3sh: Shuangxiwu Group; Pt3h: Heshangzheng Group; Pt3z: Sinian  
534 System; Pt3ch: Chencai Complex).

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536 Fig.3 Cross sections with sample locations.

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538 Fig.4. Representative field photos of samples analyzed in this study. (A) Field  
539 photograph of the andesitic porphyrite sample 1468. (B) Field photograph showing  
540 the location of quartz diorite sample 1194. (C) Filed photograph of bedded chert. (D)  
541 Field photograph of the dunite within gabbro. (E) Field photograph of volcanic  
542 sedimentary rock sample 1470. (F) Field photograph showing the location of  
543 hornblende schist.

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545 Fig.5. Photomicrographs of samples analyzed in this study. (A) Thin section

546 photomicrograph of amphibole pyroxenite sample 1472-11 (crossed nicols). (B) Thin  
547 section photomicrograph of sample 1472-05 (crossed nicols). (C) Photomicrograph of  
548 gabbro sample 1472-18 (crossed nicols). (D) Thin section photomicrograph of  
549 amphibole pyroxenite sample 1472-11 (crossed nicols). (E) Photomicrograph of  
550 quartz diorite sample 1194 (crossed nicols). (F) Photomicrograph of hornblende schist  
551 (crossed nicols). Qz, quartz; Mus, Muscovite; Cpx, clinopyroxene; Ol, olivine; Plag,  
552 plagioclase; HB, hornblende.

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554 Fig.6. U–Pb concordia plots for zircons from quartz diorite and gabbro from the  
555 Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao area, South China Craton.

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557 Fig.7. A: Plot of  $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$  vs. zircon U–Pb ages for the quartz diorite; B: Histogram of  
558 zircon Hf model ages for the quartz diorite.

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560 Fig.8. Zr/TiO<sub>2</sub> vs Nb/Y diagram of analyzed mafic samples in this study.

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562 Fig.9. (a), Chondrite-normalized REE patterns for analyzed samples (normalization  
563 values are from Sun and McDonough (1989); (b) Primitive mantle-normalized  
564 incompatible element distribution spider-grams for analyzed samples. The  
565 normalization values are from McDonough and Sun (1995).

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567 Fig.10. (a), Plot of Ti–Zr for gabbro samples (after Pearce, and Cann, 1973). (b),  
568 Th–Hf–Ta diagram (after Wood, 1980) for the samples from Shijiao area (c), Plot of  
569 Cr–Y for analyzed samples (after Mullen, 1983). (d) Plot of Rb–(Y+Nb) for quartz  
570 diorite samples (after Pearce et al., 1984).

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572 Fig. 11. Tectonic evolution model for the eastern Jiangshan-Shaoxing suture zone,  
573 South China.

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### 575 **Captions of tables**

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577 Table 1 U-Pb data for zircons in gabbro and quartz diorite from the eastern  
578 Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao, South China Craton.

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580 Table 2 Hf isotope analyses for zircons in gabbro and quartz diorite from the eastern  
581 Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao, South China Craton.

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583 Table 3 Major and trace element data for representative samples from the eastern  
584 Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao, South China Craton.

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Table 1 U-Pb data for zircons in gabbro from the Shijiao area within the eastern Jiangshan-shaoxing fault zone

Analysis	CORRECTED RATIOS						CORRECTED AGES (Ma)						Th/U ratios	concordance
	207Pb/206Pb		207Pb/235U		206Pb/238U		207Pb/206Pb		207Pb/235U		206Pb/238U			
	1s		1s		1s		1s		1s		1s			
<b>Sample 1194: Quartz diorite from the eastern Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao</b>														
1155-01	0.060790	0.001700	1.253290	0.034040	0.149550	0.002290	632	62	825	15	898	13	1.06	109
1155-02	0.067630	0.001370	1.318450	0.025820	0.141410	0.002090	857	43	854	11	853	12	1.30	100
1155-03	0.067370	0.001140	1.314340	0.021600	0.141500	0.002020	849	36	852	9	853	11	0.86	100
1155-04	0.067330	0.001020	1.318810	0.019670	0.142070	0.001970	848	32	854	9	856	11	0.88	100
1155-05	0.067570	0.001420	1.319310	0.026870	0.141620	0.002100	855	45	854	12	854	12	0.97	100
1155-06	0.068270	0.001000	1.335020	0.019260	0.141850	0.001970	877	31	861	8	855	11	1.34	99
1155-07	0.067250	0.001310	1.317230	0.024680	0.142080	0.002080	846	41	853	11	856	12	0.90	100
1155-08	0.067510	0.002220	1.326200	0.041670	0.142480	0.002440	854	70	857	18	859	14	1.38	100
1155-09	0.067310	0.002390	1.314460	0.043980	0.141660	0.002700	847	76	852	19	854	15	1.01	100
1155-10	0.067300	0.001550	1.317440	0.029350	0.141990	0.002130	847	49	853	13	856	12	1.03	100
1155-11	0.067570	0.001730	1.321280	0.031940	0.141850	0.002270	855	54	855	14	855	13	1.07	100
1155-12	0.067520	0.001650	1.322180	0.030840	0.142050	0.002170	854	52	855	13	856	12	1.30	100
1155-13	0.067520	0.001770	1.318230	0.032750	0.141620	0.002270	854	56	854	14	854	13	1.15	100
1155-14	0.074230	0.005220	1.528950	0.102560	0.149430	0.004050	1048	146	942	41	898	23	1.38	95
1155-15	0.067560	0.001640	1.318900	0.030390	0.141620	0.002210	855	52	854	13	854	12	1.29	100
1155-16	0.067330	0.000770	1.315830	0.014990	0.141770	0.001860	848	24	853	7	855	11	1.06	100
1155-17	0.066590	0.001200	1.300060	0.022790	0.141630	0.001960	825	38	846	10	854	11	1.18	101
1155-18	0.067010	0.001740	1.304350	0.032420	0.141210	0.002210	838	55	848	14	852	12	1.20	100
1155-19	0.067000	0.001100	1.307450	0.020850	0.141570	0.001940	838	35	849	9	854	11	1.09	101
1155-20	0.067990	0.001700	1.322920	0.031580	0.141140	0.002190	868	53	856	14	851	12	0.93	99
<b>Sample 1194-1: Quartz diorite from the eastern Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao</b>														
1155-1-01	0.067740	0.001710	1.331980	0.031810	0.142640	0.002280	861	54	860	14	860	13	1.29	100
1155-1-02	0.067660	0.001280	1.325740	0.023930	0.142140	0.002070	858	40	857	10	857	12	1.40	100
1155-1-03	0.067520	0.001010	1.322110	0.019240	0.142050	0.001940	854	32	855	8	856	11	1.33	100
1155-1-04	0.067430	0.001500	1.312700	0.027610	0.141230	0.002180	851	47	851	12	852	12	1.05	100
1155-1-05	0.067750	0.001510	1.316370	0.028120	0.140950	0.002120	861	47	853	12	850	12	1.22	100
1155-1-06	0.068190	0.001180	1.325200	0.021910	0.140980	0.002020	874	37	857	10	850	11	1.38	99
1155-1-07	0.067260	0.001320	1.310610	0.024490	0.141350	0.002080	846	42	850	11	852	12	1.57	100
1155-1-08	0.067620	0.001160	1.320360	0.021990	0.141640	0.001960	857	36	855	10	854	11	1.11	100
1155-1-09	0.067360	0.001190	1.312410	0.022410	0.141330	0.001980	849	38	851	10	852	11	1.29	100
1155-1-10	0.067340	0.000950	1.313360	0.018020	0.141490	0.001920	848	30	852	8	853	11	1.53	100
1155-1-11	0.067710	0.000690	1.341040	0.014130	0.143670	0.001890	860	22	864	6	865	11	0.75	100
1155-1-12	0.067850	0.001870	1.344810	0.035900	0.143770	0.002240	864	59	865	16	866	13	0.96	100
1155-1-13	0.067850	0.001340	1.340490	0.025960	0.143300	0.002030	864	42	863	11	863	11	1.32	100
1155-1-14	0.069740	0.002290	1.351100	0.042490	0.140530	0.002390	921	69	868	18	848	14	1.29	98
1155-1-15	0.068650	0.002250	1.350820	0.042840	0.142740	0.002310	888	69	868	19	860	13	0.90	99
1155-1-16	0.067590	0.001670	1.337430	0.032260	0.143540	0.002130	856	53	862	14	865	12	1.03	100
1155-1-17	0.068210	0.001520	1.333790	0.029110	0.141840	0.002060	875	47	861	13	855	12	1.05	99
1155-1-18	0.067320	0.000900	1.331500	0.017900	0.143470	0.001920	848	28	860	8	864	11	1.20	100
1155-1-19	0.067800	0.001540	1.337150	0.029920	0.143060	0.002040	862	48	862	13	862	12	1.22	100
1155-1-20	0.067860	0.001560	1.336220	0.029890	0.142830	0.002080	864	49	862	13	861	12	0.94	100
<b>Sample 1472: Gabbro from the eastern Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao</b>														
1472-02	0.06821	0.0019	1.33354	0.03703	0.14182	0.00222	875	59	860	16	855	13	0.92	101
1472-03	0.06899	0.00127	1.43988	0.02782	0.15139	0.0021	898	39	906	12	909	12	0.97	100
1472-04	0.06841	0.00075	1.3402	0.01787	0.1421	0.00181	881	23	863	8	857	10	0.95	101
1472-05	0.07175	0.00346	1.50978	0.07018	0.15263	0.0032	979	101	934	28	916	18	0.66	102
1472-06	0.06887	0.0038	1.3581	0.07175	0.14303	0.00335	895	117	871	31	862	19	0.90	101
1472-07	0.06662	0.00138	1.30385	0.02801	0.14196	0.00199	826	44	847	12	856	11	3.39	99
1472-08	0.06763	0.00211	1.314	0.0404	0.14093	0.00231	857	66	852	18	850	13	0.83	100
1472-10	0.06976	0.00113	1.46442	0.02547	0.15228	0.00206	921	34	916	10	914	12	1.30	100
1472-11	0.06762	0.00076	1.30827	0.0177	0.14035	0.0018	857	24	849	8	847	10	1.34	100
1472-12	0.06795	0.00076	1.32689	0.01785	0.14165	0.00181	867	24	858	8	854	10	1.10	100
1472-16	0.06799	0.00171	1.34935	0.03423	0.14396	0.00216	868	53	867	15	867	12	1.23	100
1472-17	0.06779	0.00387	1.33085	0.07307	0.1424	0.00337	862	122	859	32	858	19	1.11	100
1472-18	0.06707	0.0021	1.33877	0.04135	0.14479	0.00239	840	67	863	18	872	13	1.62	99
1472-19	0.06734	0.00092	1.32629	0.02057	0.14286	0.00189	848	29	857	9	861	11	0.96	100
1472-20	0.06813	0.00133	1.33154	0.02717	0.14176	0.00201	873	41	860	12	855	11	0.92	101
1472-21	0.06778	0.00101	1.33643	0.02217	0.14301	0.00192	862	32	862	10	862	11	1.25	100
1472-22	0.06902	0.0017	1.34383	0.03337	0.14123	0.00215	899	52	865	14	852	12	0.91	102
1472-23	0.06899	0.00236	1.36084	0.04566	0.14308	0.0025	898	72	872	20	862	14	1.09	101
1472-24	0.06751	0.00398	1.32901	0.07533	0.14279	0.00345	854	126	858	33	860	19	0.92	100
1472-25	0.06781	0.00126	1.33105	0.02607	0.14238	0.00199	863	39	859	11	858	11	0.95	100
1472-26	0.0694	0.00198	1.36733	0.03906	0.14293	0.00234	911	60	875	17	861	13	1.10	102
1472-27	0.06972	0.00146	1.39221	0.03038	0.14487	0.00215	920	44	886	13	872	12	1.26	102
1472-28	0.06926	0.00143	1.37675	0.02982	0.1442	0.00213	906	44	879	13	868	12	0.99	101
1472-29	0.06846	0.00114	1.36304	0.02499	0.14443	0.00204	883	35	873	11	870	11	0.84	100
1472-30	0.06839	0.00231	1.36982	0.0456	0.14531	0.00256	880	72	876	20	875	14	1.17	100
1472-31	0.0686	0.00084	1.34523	0.01997	0.14226	0.00192	887	26	865	9	857	11	2.04	101
1472-32	0.06862	0.00177	1.34143	0.03508	0.14182	0.00223	887	55	864	15	855	13	1.14	101
1472-33	0.06984	0.00163	1.43484	0.03427	0.14905	0.00229	924	49	904	14	896	13	1.46	101

Table 2 Hf isotope analyses for zircons in gabbro and quartz diorite from the eastern Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao

Sample	$^{176}\text{Yb}/^{177}\text{Lu}$	$^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Lu}$	$^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Lu}$	$^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Lu}$	$^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Lu}$	$\varepsilon\text{Hf}(t)$	$\varepsilon\text{Hf}(0)$	$t$	$\lambda$	T1 (Ma)	T2 (Ma)	fLu/Hf	
<b>Sample 1194: Quartz diorite from the eastern Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao</b>													
1194-01	0.036205	0.000145	0.000608	0.000001	0.282555	0.00	11.80	-7.69	898	2.E-11	978	1027	-0.98
1194-02	0.066593	0.002380	0.001230	0.000061	0.282541	0.00	9.99	-8.16	853	2.E-11	1013	1107	-0.96
1194-03	0.022836	0.000061	0.000417	0.000002	0.282558	0.00	11.05	-7.56	853	2.E-11	968	1039	-0.99
1194-04	0.024684	0.000055	0.000440	0.000002	0.282552	0.00	10.89	-7.77	856	2.E-11	977	1052	-0.99
1194-05	0.033575	0.000232	0.000611	0.000003	0.282503	0.00	9.00	-9.52	854	2.E-11	1050	1171	-0.98
1194-06	0.051787	0.000209	0.000968	0.000001	0.282551	0.00	10.53	-7.81	855	2.E-11	992	1074	-0.97
1194-07	0.052784	0.000501	0.000916	0.000004	0.282537	0.00	10.08	-8.31	856	2.E-11	1010	1103	-0.97
1194-08	0.032453	0.000088	0.000580	0.000000	0.282518	0.00	9.65	-9.00	859	2.E-11	1028	1133	-0.98
1194-09	0.042549	0.000901	0.000742	0.000011	0.282487	0.00	8.35	-10.09	854	2.E-11	1076	1212	-0.98
1194-10	0.042784	0.000718	0.000707	0.000007	0.282540	0.00	10.29	-8.22	856	2.E-11	1001	1090	-0.98
1194-11	0.035768	0.000179	0.000604	0.000001	0.282573	0.00	11.51	-7.04	855	2.E-11	952	1012	-0.98
1194-12	0.031824	0.000308	0.000522	0.000007	0.282518	0.00	9.63	-8.99	856	2.E-11	1027	1132	-0.98
1194-13	0.038055	0.000454	0.000638	0.000004	0.282511	0.00	9.26	-9.25	854	2.E-11	1040	1154	-0.98
1194-14	0.029944	0.000285	0.000523	0.000002	0.282440	0.00	7.81	-11.72	898	2.E-11	1134	1280	-0.98
1194-15	0.041834	0.000441	0.000679	0.000011	0.282482	0.00	8.23	-10.25	854	2.E-11	1080	1219	-0.98
<b>Sample 1194-1: Quartz diorite from the eastern Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault zone at Shijiao</b>													
1194-1-01	0.042618	0.000163	0.000686	0.000004	0.282524	0.00	9.84	-8.77	860	2.E-11	1022	1122	-0.98
1194-1-02	0.047503	0.000541	0.000779	0.000005	0.282541	0.00	10.34	-8.15	857	2.E-11	1001	1088	-0.98
1194-1-03	0.019452	0.000152	0.000370	0.000002	0.282481	0.00	8.40	-10.30	856	2.E-11	1074	1210	-0.99
1194-1-04	0.053640	0.000269	0.000940	0.000005	0.282522	0.00	9.45	-8.84	852	2.E-11	1032	1140	-0.97
1194-1-05	0.032485	0.000313	0.000592	0.000007	0.282472	0.00	7.82	-10.62	850	2.E-11	1092	1242	-0.98
1194-1-06	0.029102	0.000163	0.000554	0.000003	0.282474	0.00	7.91	-10.55	850	2.E-11	1089	1236	-0.98
1194-1-07	0.030517	0.000140	0.000553	0.000004	0.282421	0.00	6.09	-12.41	852	2.E-11	1162	1353	-0.98
1194-1-08	0.032824	0.000095	0.000581	0.000003	0.282529	0.00	9.95	-8.58	854	2.E-11	1012	1110	-0.98
1194-1-09	0.028154	0.000201	0.000517	0.000007	0.282426	0.00	6.30	-12.22	852	2.E-11	1153	1340	-0.98
1194-1-10	0.033464	0.000298	0.000577	0.000002	0.282378	0.00	4.57	-13.94	853	2.E-11	1222	1450	-0.98
1194-1-11	0.043960	0.000459	0.000715	0.000004	0.282536	0.00	10.35	-8.35	865	2.E-11	1007	1093	-0.98
1194-1-12	0.050065	0.000190	0.000801	0.000002	0.282504	0.00	9.18	-9.49	866	2.E-11	1054	1168	-0.98
1194-1-13	0.057981	0.000315	0.000938	0.000001	0.282515	0.00	9.44	-9.09	863	2.E-11	1042	1149	-0.97
1194-1-14	0.055306	0.000232	0.000942	0.000001	0.282552	0.00	10.42	-7.78	848	2.E-11	990	1076	-0.97
1194-1-15	0.037050	0.000419	0.000660	0.000006	0.282539	0.00	10.39	-8.24	860	2.E-11	1001	1087	-0.98

Table 3 Major and trace element data for samples from the Shijiao area in the western Jiangnan orogenic belt

	1305	1305-1	1306-1	1306-1-1	1306-2	1306-2-1	1411	1402	1402-1	1405	1405-1	1405-2	1405-3	1407	1409	1414	1414-1	1414-2	1414-3
<b>Major elements (wt%)</b>																			
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.43	55.78	55.23	54.72	4.48	4.51	6.71	47.84	47.20	47.51	48.69	51.03	51.07	70.06	67.59	49.68	49.77	49.32	49.89
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.07	0.09	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.90	0.90	1.02	1.47	1.75	1.72	0.61	0.71	16.90	0.88	0.79	0.93
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.58	3.56	0.48	0.45	0.71	0.73	1.64	12.26	12.13	15.29	13.80	14.32	14.25	14.62	15.79	16.19	16.20	15.21	16.63
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.23	1.34	0.27	0.27	3.37	3.37	0.60	10.67	10.68	8.89	9.94	10.90	10.87	4.15	5.45	10.04	10.04	10.51	10.04
MnO	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.13	0.13	0.04	0.14	0.14	0.12	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.11	0.12	0.19	0.19	0.14	0.21
MgO	31.45	31.42	30.51	30.30	20.90	20.74	19.26	13.31	13.28	7.77	6.50	7.04	6.96	1.44	1.75	8.61	8.64	8.86	8.41
CaO	0.17	0.23	3.46	3.43	28.03	27.92	28.76	8.49	8.42	7.08	7.81	6.02	5.97	1.04	0.59	6.39	6.42	8.17	4.82
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.31	0.47	0.28	0.32	0.22	0.20	0.24	0.64	0.68	3.86	5.49	5.28	5.38	4.10	1.97	4.40	4.35	4.05	3.58
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.35	1.33	1.27	0.30	0.16	0.10	0.10	2.18	3.05	1.04	1.05	0.63	2.13
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.02	0.03	0.15	0.15	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.18	0.20	0.10	0.16	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.12	0.12	0.09	0.09
LOI	6.43	6.34	9.57	9.56	42.94	42.93	43.09	4.72	4.64	9.00	6.64	2.61	2.55	2.13	3.01	3.22	3.00	2.76	2.95
TOTAL	99.69	99.23	99.95	99.22	100.85	100.61	100.90	100.80	100.00	101.10	101.00	99.34	99.17	100.70	100.40	101.10	101.10	100.70	99.67
Mg#	98	98	100	100	93	92	71	71	64	57	56	56	41	39	98	63	63	63	63
<b>Trace elements (ppm)</b>																			
Li	20.38	20.99	4.07	4.05	3.30	3.27	4.55	38.69	38.07	38.69	38.07	53.07	17.90	17.90	25.03	36.12	33.91	34.26	41.82
Be	0.24	0.31	0.24	0.20	0.11	0.12	0.74	0.70	0.67	0.70	0.67	0.72	1.02	1.52	1.84	0.71	0.29	0.73	0.88
Sc	2.65	2.96	1.76	1.85	1.79	1.71	1.04	16.16	17.82	16.16	17.82	27.08	33.08	9.62	12.96	29.47	25.59	31.15	34.39
Ti	603.2	554.9	275.7	269.6	109.7	88.24	87	5052	5036	5052	5036	5676	8296	3384	3923	5037	4443	5220	5986
V	27.98	25.75	12.44	13.04	6.82	6.36	0.71	214	221	214	221	106	185	42.62	52.16	122	111	126	258.5
Cr	35.89	21.59	14.97	15.34	11.15	8.46	11.87	630	627	630	627	282	168	46.32	72.65	282	363	287	299.2
Mn	41.06	31.34	1019	1055	89.43	82.32	237	1472	1462	1472	1462	1255	1558	1102	1303	2020	1538	2152	1631
Co	3.43	2.94	2.30	2.25	1.35	1.24	0.00	72.66	72.17	72.66	72.17	59.19	51.28	12.64	18.88	67.35	68.51	70.89	48.07
Ni	14.42	9.12	10.18	8.16	5.89	4.83	4.10	299	300	299	300	130	38.94	14.99	26.60	133	227	138	135.6
Cu	3.23	0.96	10.80	1.23	0.59	0.28	0.84	162	163	162	163	20.71	34.23	19.23	26.18	102	69.22	109	84.98
Zn	12.69	11.27	6.97	7.63	5.36	5.50	10.40	70.53	75.06	70.53	75.06	60.48	54.05	71.35	84.90	81.36	87.30	82.37	73.77
Ga	5.67	5.28	1.36	1.25	0.90	0.73	11.28	11.86	12.03	11.86	12.03	13.40	16.28	15.20	17.30	14.80	15.10	15.28	18.04
Rb	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	119.6	34.4	34.7	34.4	34.7	12.6	9.6	57.3	84.9	16.4	14.3	17.0	29.7
Sr	2.97	1.23	86.95	86.51	11.70	9.19	102	204	203	204	203	177	153	145	92.06	121	151	124	175.1
Y	1.01	0.81	3.70	3.67	1.12	1.05	0.56	16.26	16.40	16.26	16.40	19.54	26.12	32.73	31.61	22.30	14.55	23.12	19.08
Zr	30.47	29.94	12.79	13.05	5.73	4.63	4.92	96.07	95.98	96.07	95.98	70.26	111	226	215	83.65	67.76	88.70	104.1
Nb	1.67	1.56	0.96	0.81	0.34	0.21	0.72	9.91	9.90	9.91	9.90	3.37	5.11	11.40	13.45	4.55	2.34	3.62	3.62
Mo	0.23	0.06	0.60	0.64	0.07	0.10	0.09	0.50	0.47	0.50	0.47	0.10	0.12	0.28	0.23	0.22	0.18	0.19	0.24
Cd	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.04	0.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.22
Sn	0.82	0.36	0.21	0.19	0.11	0.10	1.35	1.79	1.75	1.79	1.75	1.33	0.54	1.63	2.33	0.98	0.92	1.54	1.04
Cs	0.50	0.41	0.14	0.11	0.67	0.69	2.57	0.88	0.90	0.88	0.90	2.43	11.18	4.82	5.60	1.75	2.52	1.79	3.85
Ba	3.11	0.84	9.88	5.64	1.22	0.76	471	468	463	468	463	129	56.41	635	467	285	202	330	825.6
La	4.56	4.52	2.79	2.26	0.46	0.34	1.44	15.09	14.81	15.09	14.81	6.75	8.20	26.79	29.96	11.70	5.16	12.03	9.49
Ce	9.36	9.14	6.39	5.60	1.26	0.98	2.37	30.12	26.99	30.12	26.99	18.42	22.73	54.55	60.29	27.35	14.09	28.08	21.60
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Eu	0.04	0.04	0.22	0.19	0.06	0.05	0.69	0.98	0.95	0.98	0.95	1.05	1.06	1.31	1.28	0.86	0.72	0.88	0.98
Gd	0.23	0.21	0.67	0.64	0.24	0.23	0.18	2.76	2.73	2.76	2.73	2.64	3.36	4.84	5.28	2.83	1.97	2.89	3.09
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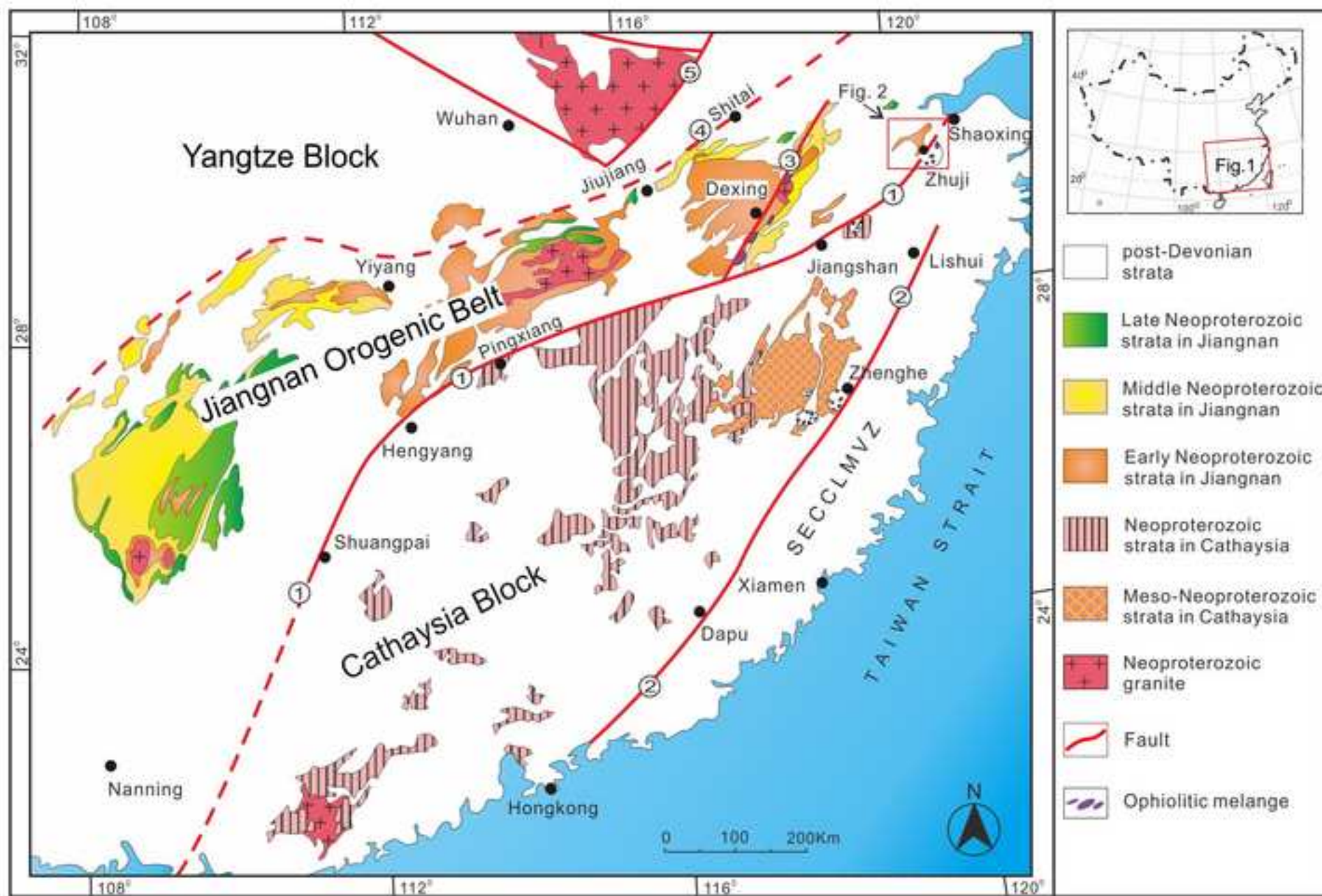


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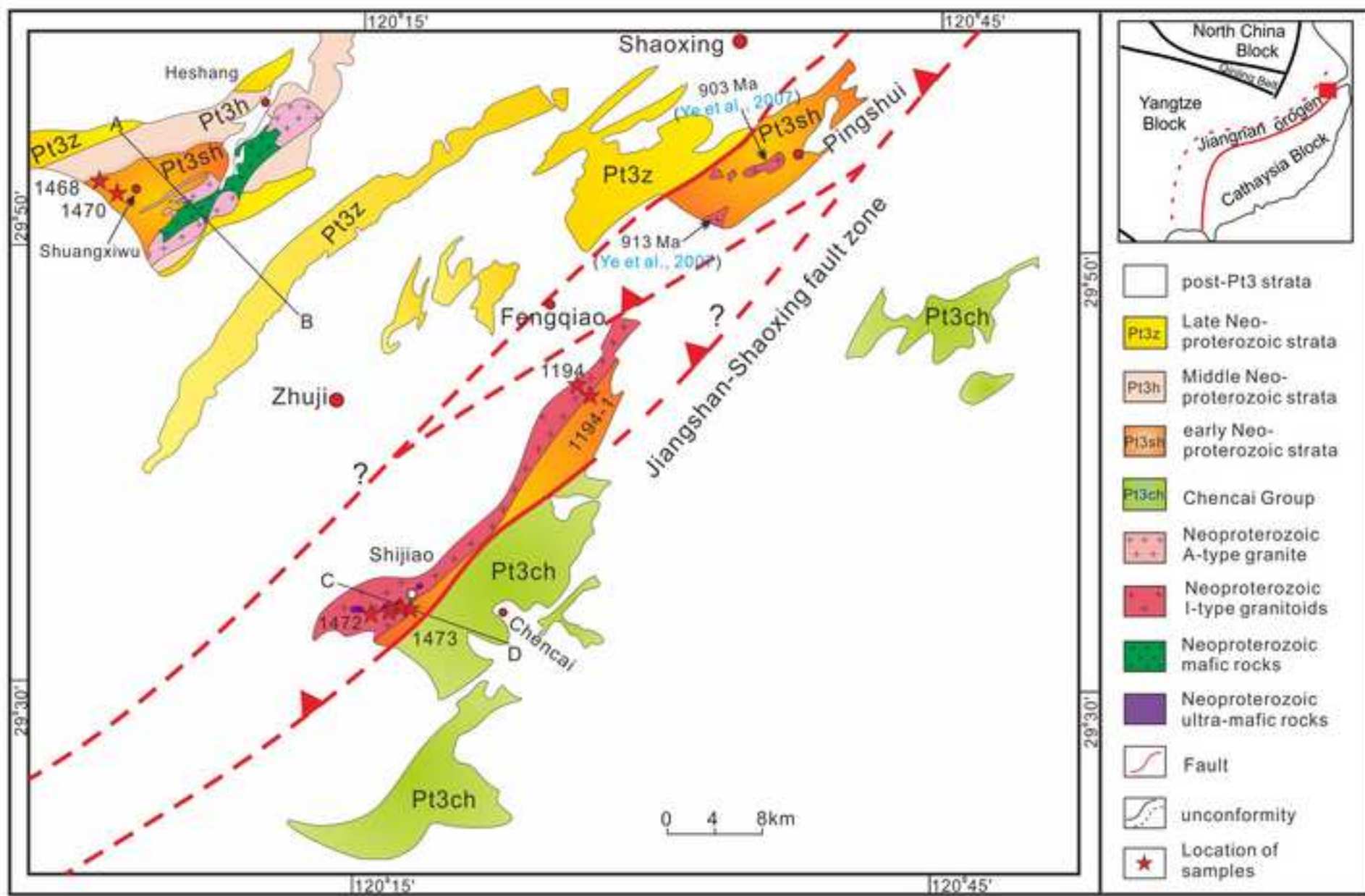
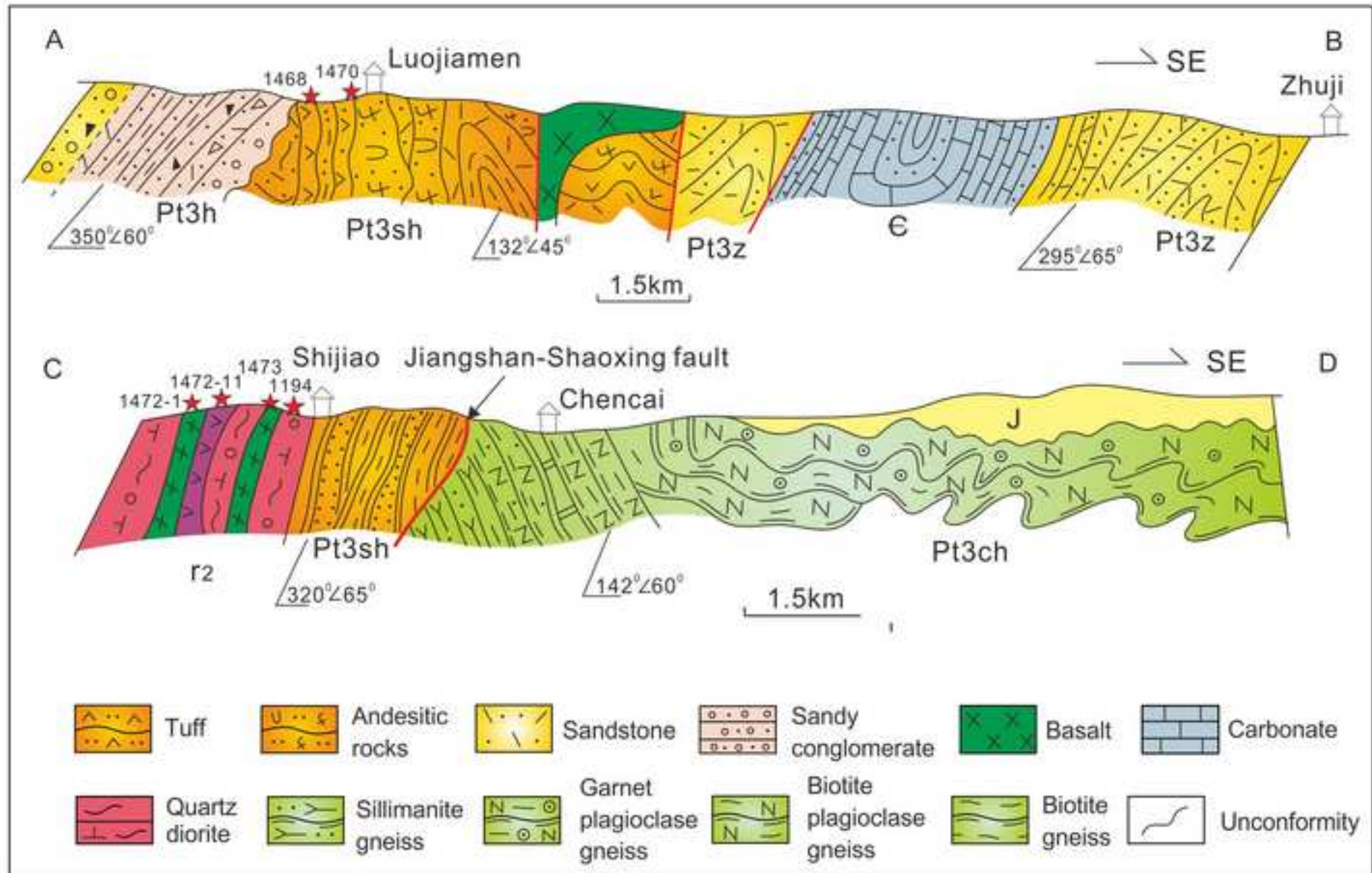




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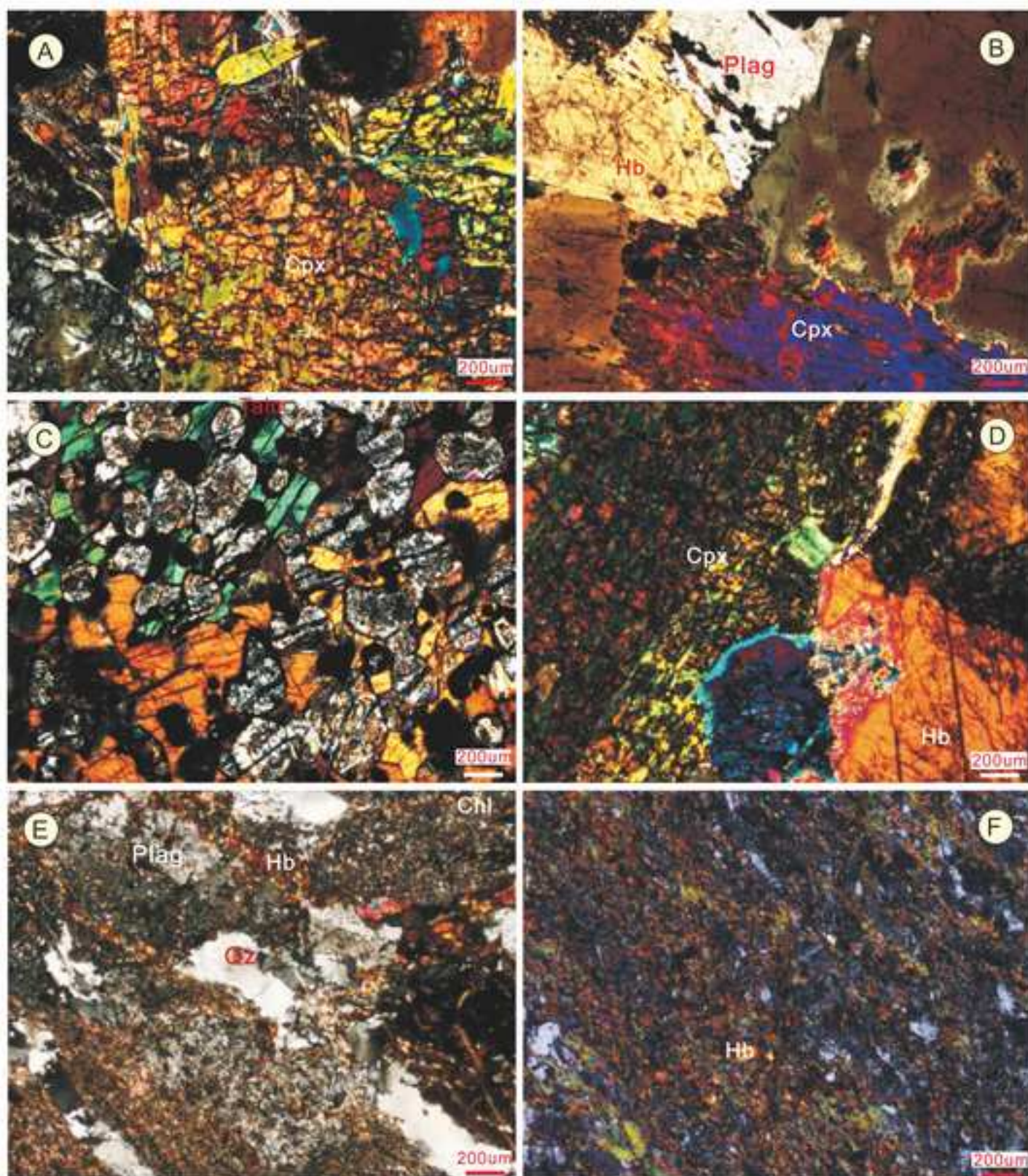




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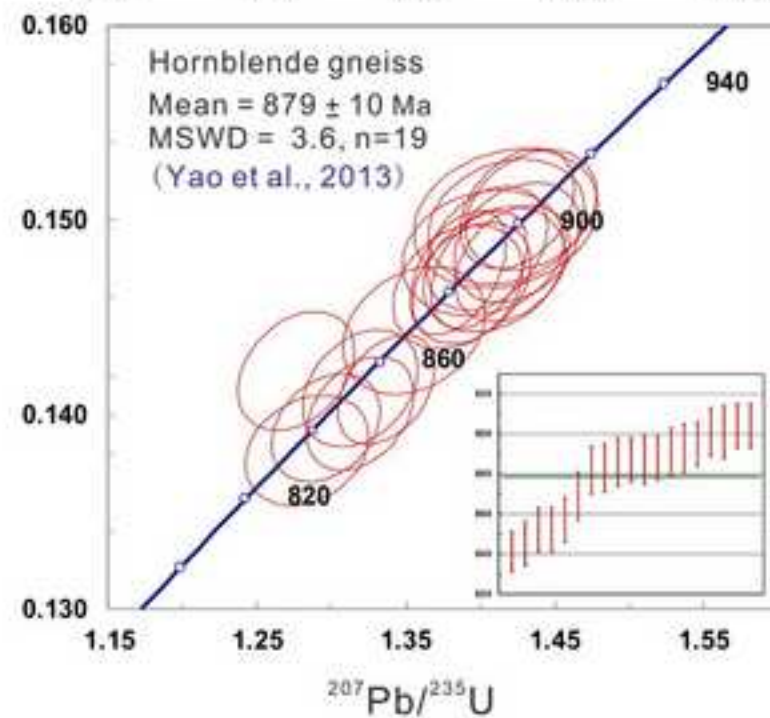
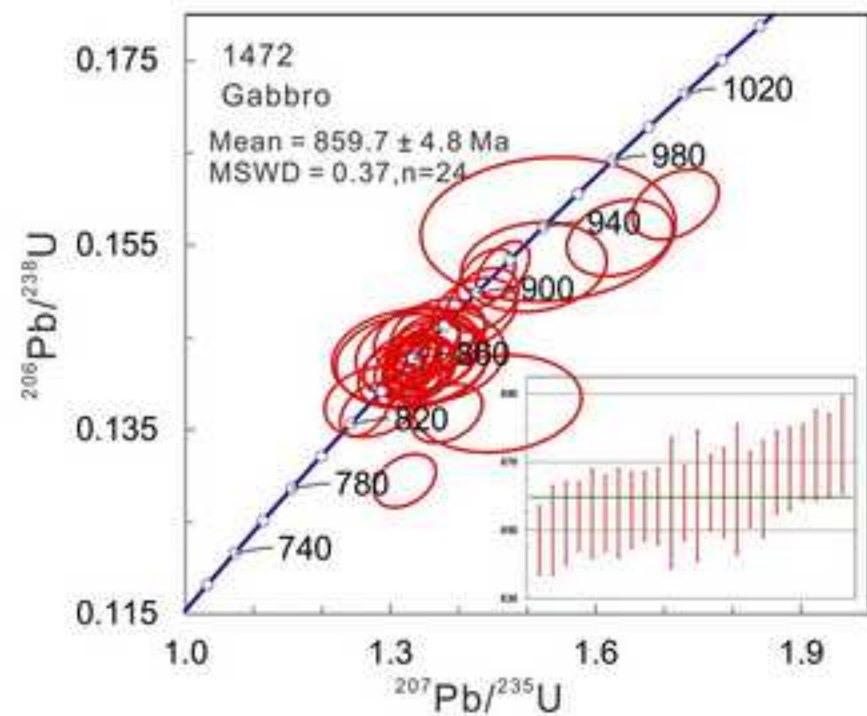
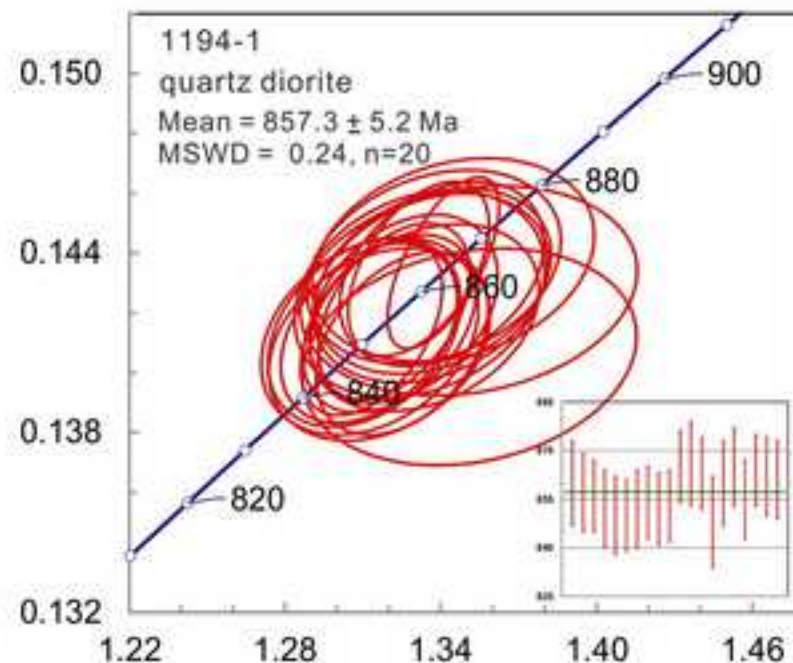
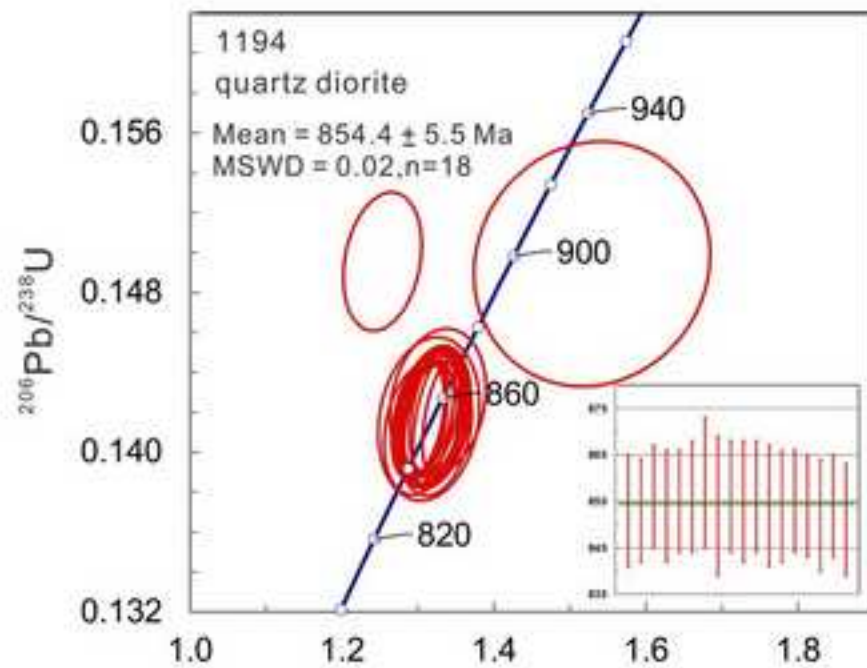


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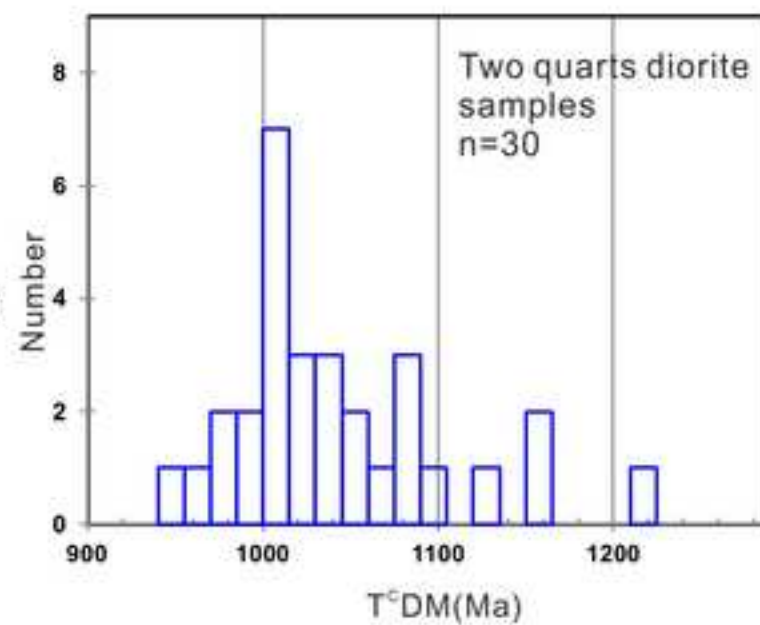
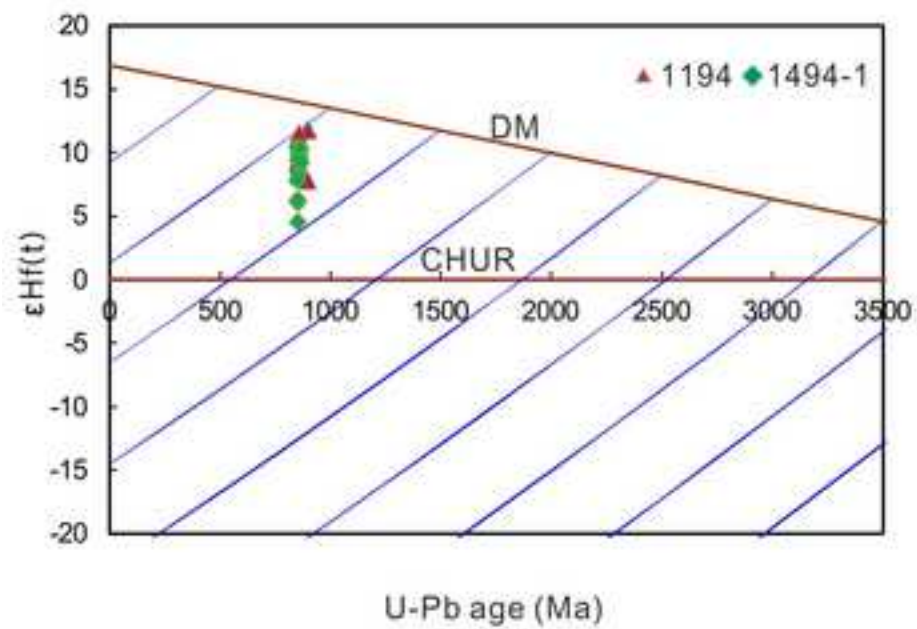


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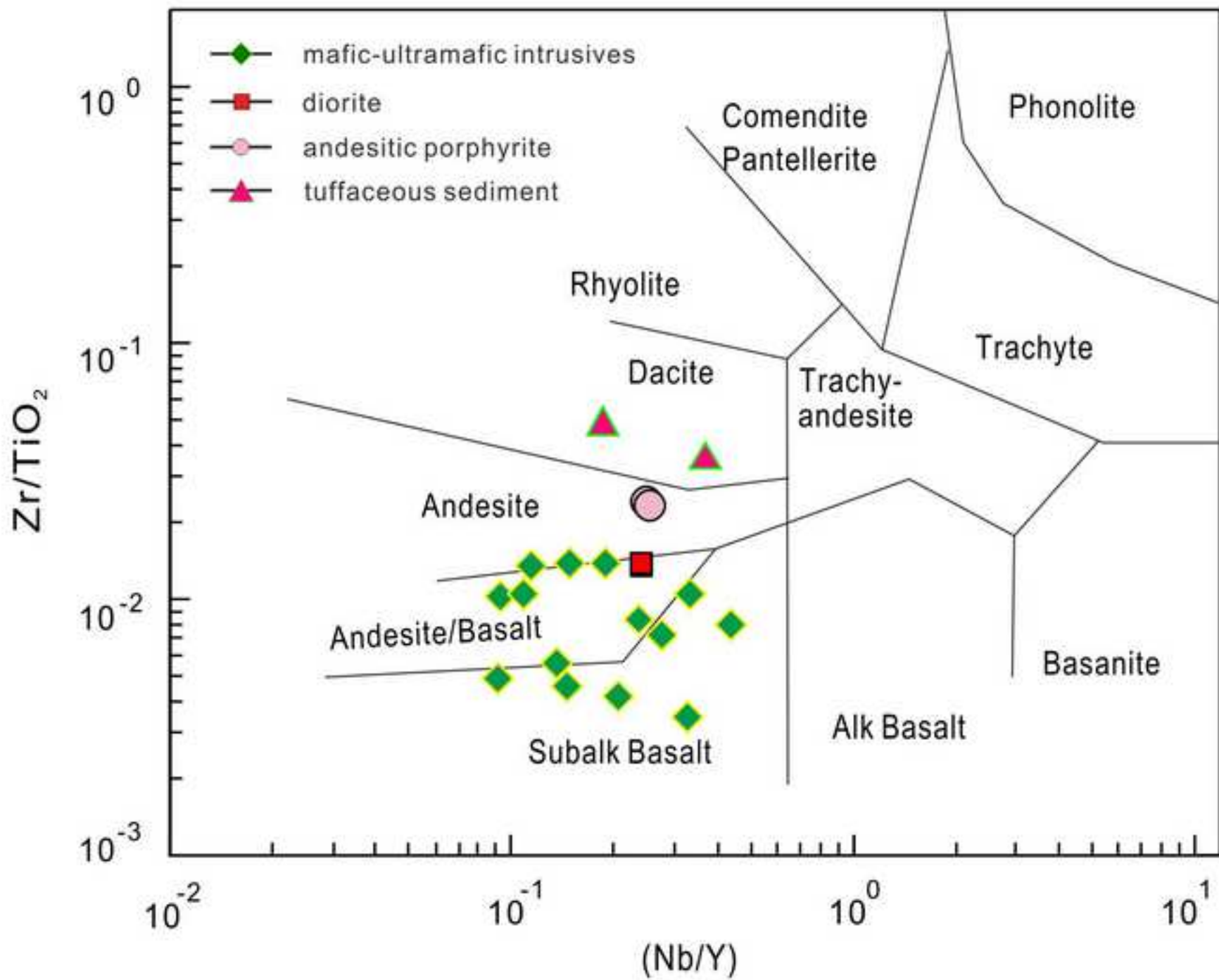




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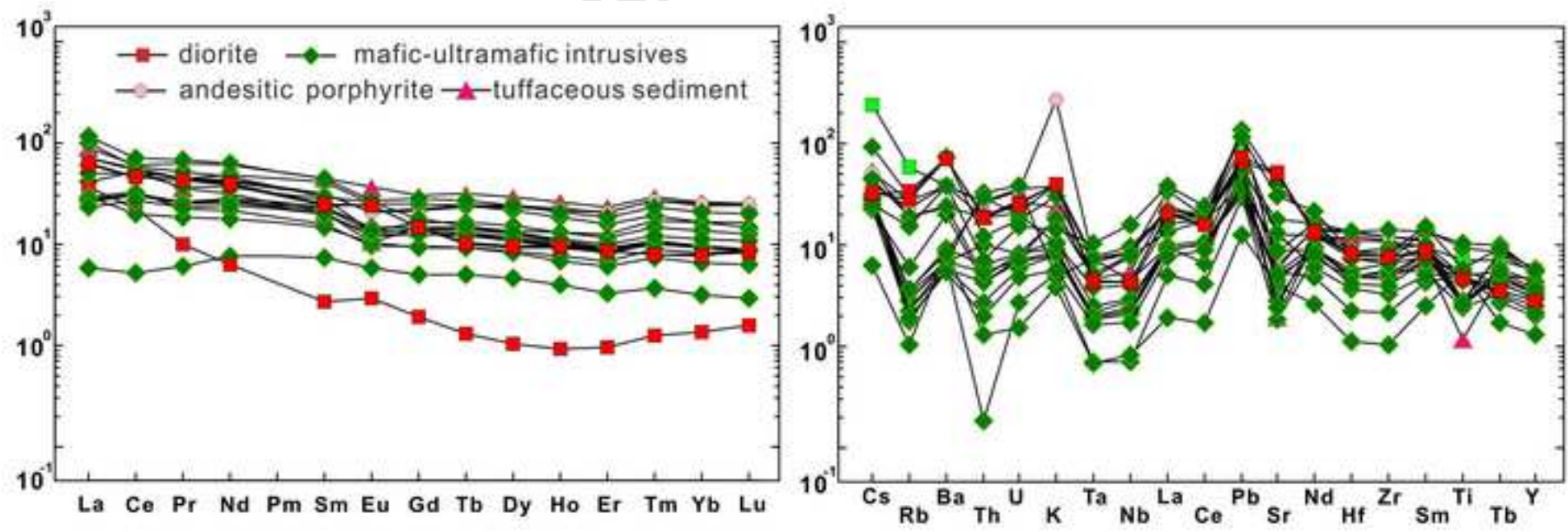


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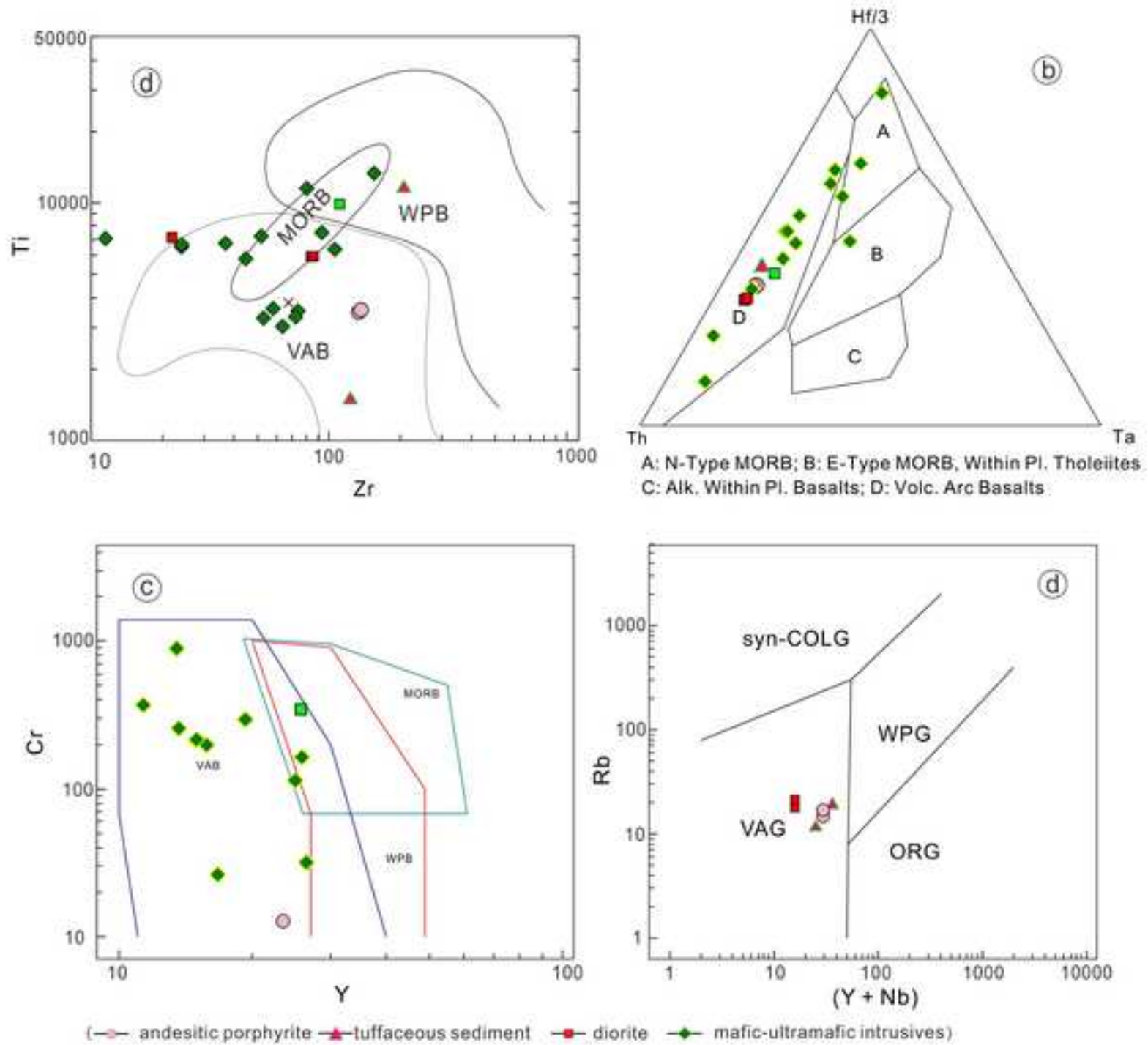
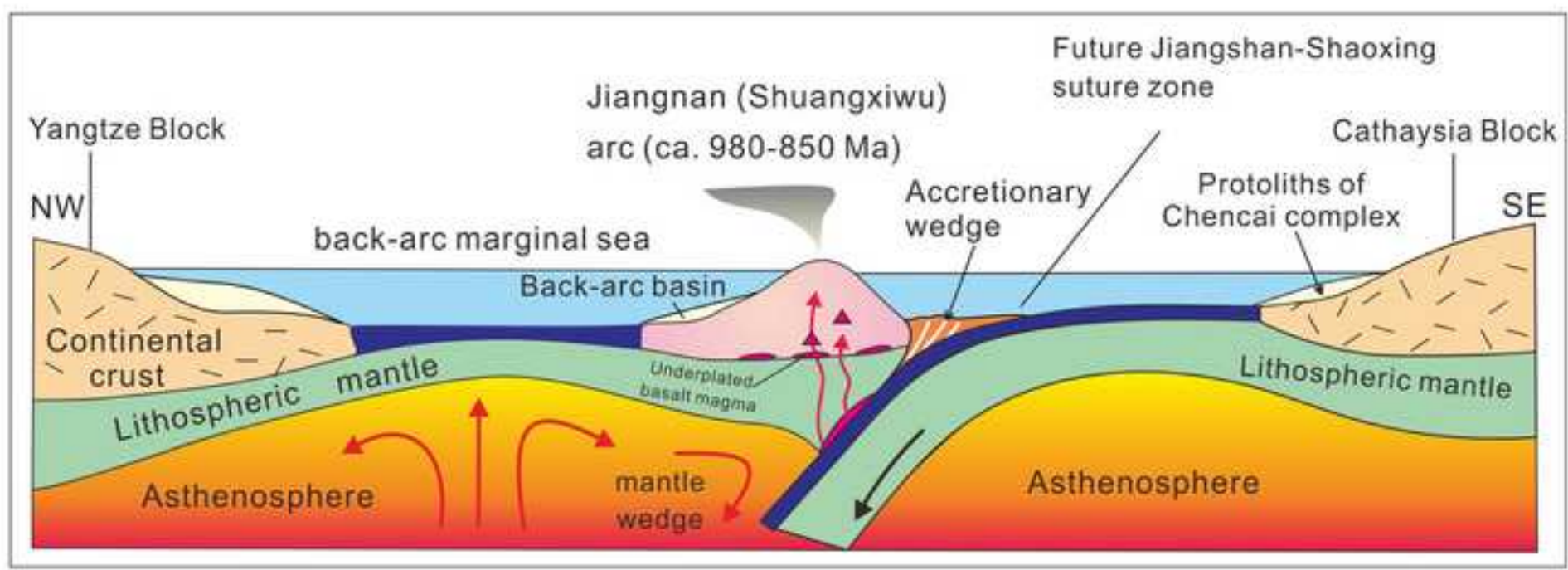


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