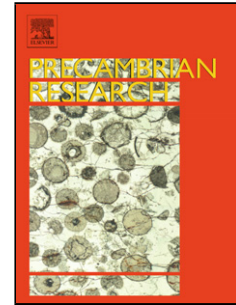


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3 of 0.92-1.44 Ga.

4 ▶ They originated from a subduction-modified MORB-like source linked to an
5 arc-back-arc setting.

6 ▶ The South China Block was created by episodic amalgamation of a series of
7 arc fragments between ~970-820 Ma.

8 ▶ The South China Block is an exterior accretionary orogen along the periphery
9 of Rodinia rather than in the interior.

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**Geochronological, geochemical and Nd-Hf-Os isotopic fingerprinting
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44 **Abstract**

45 U-Pb geochronology along with elemental and Nd-Hf-Os isotopic data from the
46 earliest Neoproterozoic metabasic rocks within the Cathaysia Block of the South China
47 Block (SCB) constrain the tectonic setting and paleogeography of the block within the
48 Rodinia supercontinent. The metabasic rocks give zircon U-Pb ages of 969-984 Ma,
49 $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$ values of +1.8-+15.3 and Hf model ages of 0.92-1.44 Ga. They are subalkaline
50 basalts that can be geochemically classified into four groups. Group 1 has low Nb
51 contents (1.24-4.33 ppm), highly positive $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$ values (+4.3-+5.2), and REE and
52 multi-elemental patterns similar to fore-arc MORB-type basalt. Group 2 has Nb
53 contents ranging from 3.13 ppm to 6.48 ppm, $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$ of +3.1 to +6.2, low Re and Os
54 contents and high initial Os isotopic ratios, and displays an E-MORB geochemical
55 signature. Group 3 has Nb = 7.18-29.87 ppm, Nb/La = 0.60-1.40, Nb/U = 5.0-37, Ce/Pb
56 = 1.1-6.6, $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t) = +2.9$ to +7.0, $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} = 5.87$ -8.87 and $\gamma_{\text{Os}}(t) = 178$ -772,
57 geochemically resembling to the Pickle Nb-enriched basalt. Group 4 has strong
58 LREE/HREE and HREE fractionation and high $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$ values (+2.3 to +5.6), and is
59 characterized by similar element patterns to arc volcanic rocks. Serpentinites coeval to
60 Group 4 show $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ of 0.1143-0.1442 and $\gamma_{\text{Os}}(t)$ of -7.8- +0.1. Groups 1 and 2
61 are interpreted to originate from the N-MORB and E-MORB-like sources with the
62 addition of an arc-like component, genetically linked to fore- and back-arc settings,
63 respectively. Groups 3 and 4 show inputs of newly subduction-derived melt and fluid in
64 the wedge source. These geochronological and geochemical signatures fingerprint the
65 development of an earliest Neoproterozoic (~970 Ma) arc – back-arc system along the
66 Wuyi-Yunkai domain of the Cathaysia Block. Regional relationships indicate that the
67 Wuyi-Yunkai arc – back-arc system was one of a series of separate convergent margin
68 settings, which included the Shuangxiwu (~970-880 Ma) and Jiangnan (~870-820 Ma)

69 systems that developed in the SCB. The formation and closure of these arc – back-arc
70 systems resulted in the northwestwardly episodic amalgamation of various pieces of the
71 Yangtze and Cathaysia to finally form the SCB. These signatures require the SCB to
72 occupy an exterior accretionary orogen along the periphery of Rodinia during 990-820
73 Ma, rather than to have formed through Mesoproterozoic Sibao orogenesis within the
74 interior of Rodinia.

75 **Keywords:** metabasic rocks, MORB- and/or arc-like geochemical signatures, earliest
76 Neoproterozoic, arc and back-arc system, eastern South China Block, periphery of
77 Rodinia

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79 **1 Introduction**

80 The South China Block (SCB) is composed of the Yangtze Block to the
81 northwest and the Cathaysia Block to the southeast. The two blocks have been
82 considered to have amalgamated at the end of the Mesoproterozoic to form the Sibao
83 Orogen (inset of Fig. 1) associated with the assembly of Rodinia and to occupy an
84 intra-cratonic keystone position between Australia and Laurentia (e.g., Li et al., 1995,
85 2002, 2008c; Charvet et al., 1996; Ye et al., 2007; Boger et al., 2000; Li et al., 2008b,
86 2009). However, an interior location within Rodinia does not fit readily with the
87 presence of early Neoproterozoic (~970-900 Ma) rock units of arc or back-arc basin
88 affinities in the easternmost Yangtze Block (e.g., Shui, 1988; Li et al., 2003, 2008a; Li
89 et al., 2006, 2009; Ye et al., 2007; Gao et al., 2009; Chen et al., 2009a, b Shu et al.,
90 2011; Cawood et al., in press). Furthermore, additional age-data suggest that final
91 assembly along the Jiangnan domain did not occur until at least ~830 Ma (e.g., Wang et
92 al., 2006, 2007b, 2008b, c, 2011a; Wu et al., 2006; Zhou et al., 2007, 2009; Zheng et al.,
93 2007, 2008; Zhao et al., 2011; Zhang et al., 2011c, 2012c; Zhao and Guo, 2012). As a

94 result, the SCB has either been placed on the margin of Rodinia or external to the
95 supercontinent (e.g., Zhao and Cawood, 1999; Torsvik et al., 2001; Yang et al., 2004).
96 New field, geochronological, geochemical and Nd-Hf-Os isotopic data presented herein
97 for the mafic igneous rocks from the Cathaysia Block of the SCB demonstrate that they
98 formed in the earliest Neoproterozoic (985-970 Ma) and have geochemical affinities to
99 MORB, Nb-enriched basalt and island-arc basalt. These and other data enable the
100 recognition of a series of early Neoproterozoic (980-820 Ma) arc and back-arc systems
101 across the SCB, and constrain its location to the margin of Rodinia, likely adjacent to
102 West Australia, East Antarctica and India.

103 **2 Geological background and petrology**

104 The Yangtze and Cathaysia blocks of the SCB consist of distinctive Achaean and
105 Paleoproterozoic crystalline basement that are overlain with angular unconformity by a
106 middle-upper Neoproterozoic and lower Paleozoic (~810-430 Ma) package deposited in
107 a failed rift environment (e.g., Wang and Li, 2003; Shu et al., 2008, 2011; Yu et al.,
108 2010; Wan et al., 2010; Wang et al., 2012a; Zhang et al., 2012c, Zhao and Cawood,
109 2012 and reference therein). The eastern SCB can be subdivided into eastern Cathaysia,
110 western Cathaysia and eastern Yangtze regions (Fig. 1; Xu et al., 2007; Yu et al., 2009;
111 Wang et al., 2012b) of which the Eastern Cathaysia is largely covered by the Mesozoic
112 volcanic rocks and separated from the western Cathaysia by the Zhenghe- Dapu fault
113 and its inferred southern extension, the Gaoyao-Huilai Fault, along the Nanling and
114 Yunkai domains (Fig. 1, e.g., Chen WS et al., 2002; Wang et al., 2012a). Western
115 Cathaysia contains a series of structurally disrupted Proterozoic metamorphic domains
116 including the Wuyi, Nanling and Yunkai domains (e.g., Fujian BGMR, 1985; Wang YJ
117 et al., 2012c). The Neoproterozoic boundary between the Cathaysia and Yangtze blocks
118 has traditionally been taken as the Jiangshan-Shaoxing Fault at the eastern Jiangnan

119 Domain (e.g., Shui et al., 1988, Ye et al., 2007; Zhang and Wang, 2007; Shu et al.,
120 2008; Li et al., 2008b, 2009). However, its southward extension is uncertain with some
121 authors postulating the Anhua- Luocheng Fault of the Central and Southern Jiangnan
122 domains (e.g., Chen and Jahn, 1998; Jia et al., 2004; Ding et al., 2008) whereas others
123 have suggested the Chenzhou- Linwu Fault, which is used herein as the boundary (Fig.
124 1; Wang et al., 2010).

125 The Cathaysia basement was considered to consist largely of Paleoproterozoic
126 high-grade metamorphic schist, gneiss, quartzite, marble, amphibolite and migmatite
127 based on data from the Wuyi, Nanling and Yunkai domains, which are regionally
128 named as the Badou (SW Zhejiang), Mayuan (North Fujian), Chencai (NW Zhejiang)
129 and Yunkai (West Guangdong and East Guangxi) groups in Chinese literature (Fig. 2a,
130 b; e.g., Zhao and Cawood, 1999, 2012; Yu et al., 2009, 2010; Li 1997; Li et al., 2010a;
131 Liu et al., 2010; Li et al., 2010c; Wang et al., 2012b, c). Recent geochronological data
132 have shown that the Neoproterozoic and even Paleozoic units are additionally presented
133 within the previously-mapped basement succession (e.g., Li et al., 1998; Wang et al.,
134 2007c, 2010b, 2011b, 2012c; Wan et al., 2007, 2010; Yu et al., 2009, 2010; Yu et al.,
135 2010; Li et al., 2010a; Li et al., 2010c; Li et al., 2011). Within the Cathaysia basement,
136 there are small amounts of mafic and ultramafic rocks (e.g., amphibolite, metagabbro,
137 metadiabase, metabasite, peridotite and pyroxenite), which occur mainly as lens, pods
138 and fragments (e.g., Fujian BGMR, 1985; Guangdong BGMR, 1988; Zhejiang BGMR,
139 1989; Zhang et al., 2012a). These rocks have previously been considered to either part
140 of the Paleoproterozoic (~1.8 Ga) Cathaysia basement (e.g., Shui, 1988; Zhou and Zhu,
141 1993; Li et al., 1998, 1999) or the Neoproterozoic (even early Mesozoic) ophiolitic
142 mélange (e.g., Li, 1993; Guangdong BGMR, 1988; Peng et al., 1999, 2006; Qin et al.,
143 2007).

144 In this paper, we focus on the plagioclase amphibolites, amphibolite,
145 metagabbro and metadiabase that are collected from the Wuyi and Yunkai domains
146 and ultramafic rocks from Shitun to the western side of the Zhenghe-Dapu fault (Figs.
147 2a-b). The amphibolite and plagioclase amphibolites show blastoaplitic and
148 blastoporphyratic textures but with the primary igneous texture often destroyed by
149 later deformation and metamorphism (Figs. 3a-b). The amphibolite consists of
150 60-80% chloritized hornblende, 20-30 % plagioclase, quartz and pyroxene (Fig. 3a).
151 The mineral assemblage of plagioclase amphibolite mainly includes pleochroic
152 amphibole (~40-60 %) + plagioclase (20-45 %) + quartz (~3 %) ± pyroxene (~5 %)
153 and small amounts of sericite, clinozoisite, chlorite and magnetite (Figs. 3b-c).
154 Amphibole is present as secondary overgrowths and large elongate crystals in a
155 fine-grained groundmass of plagioclase and opaque oxide minerals. The metagabbro
156 samples from Huangtian (Wuyi) and Liuwan (Yunkai) preserve a primary igneous
157 texture with major mineral association of pyroxene (~20 %) + amphibole (~30-35 %)
158 + plagioclase (~20-30 %) (Fig. 3d). Metadiabase samples were collected from the
159 Shitun mafic-ultramafic complex and show typical diabasic texture (Fig. 3e) and the
160 coeval ultramafic rocks are now serpentinites (Fig. 3f).

161 **3 Zircon U-Pb geochronology**

162 Six mafic samples (09WG-66A, 09WG-53A, 09WG-58D and 09WG-74C from
163 the Wuyi and 09YK-3e and YK-9A from the Yunkai, see Figs. 2a-b for the sampling
164 locations) were selected for zircon U-Pb dating, trace elements and in-situ Lu-Hf
165 isotopic measurement. Zircon grains are mostly transparent, light-brown or colorless
166 subhedral grains or crystal fragments, and are ~50-120 µm in length with length to
167 width ratios of 1:1 to 3:1.

168 U-Pb isotopic measurements were undertaken on a Cameca IMS 1280 SIMS at

169 the Institute of Geology and Geophysics (IGG), Chinese Academy Sciences (CAS), the
170 SHRIMP II at the Curtin SHRIMP Center, and an LA-ICPMS at the at the Guangzhou
171 Institute of Geochemistry (GIG), CAS and IGG, CAS. Zircon trace elements and in-situ
172 Lu-Hf isotopic analysis was carried out using MC-ICPMS with a Geolas-193
173 laser-ablation microprobe at the GIG (CAS), IGG (CAS) and the University of the
174 Hong Kong. The analytical methods are described in detail in Supplementary Data File
175 1 and the analytical results for SHRIMP, SIMS and LA-ICPMS zircons U-Pb dating,
176 trace elements and Lu-Hf isotopic compositions are listed in Supplementary Data
177 Tables 1-5.

178 **09WG-66A** is an amphibolite from Chatian (Longquan) in SW Zhejiang
179 Province. Eleven grains for SHRIMP zircon U-Pb dating show weakly oscillatory
180 zoning (Fig. 4a) and have relatively wide Th/U ratios of 0.20-0.79 (Fig. 4a). They
181 form a coherent cluster and give a weighted $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ mean age of 969 ± 13 Ma with
182 MSWD = 4 (Fig. 5a), and interpreted to represent the crystallization age of the sample.
183 Six grains have Th/U ratio of < 0.20 and yield the weighted mean age of 422 ± 8 Ma
184 (MSWD = 6), which is considered the time of the metamorphism for the sample. The
185 remaining 13 grains yield older $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ apparent ages of 1377-2807 Ma, herein
186 interpreted as the ages of xenocrysts. Other grains were measured by the LA-ICPMS
187 method at the University of Hong Kong and GIG, CAS and the results are shown in
188 Fig. 5b. Fourteen of 40 grains, which are generally round in morphology and mostly
189 oscillatory zoned, yield the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ ages of 1252-2718 Ma with variable $\epsilon\text{Hf}(t)$
190 values (Fig. 5h). The remaining 26 grains form a well-defined discordia with an upper
191 intercept age of 993 ± 59 Ma and lower intercept at 410 ± 87 Ma, with eighteen spots
192 yielding a weighted mean age of 984 ± 6 Ma (MSWD = 1) with $\epsilon\text{Hf}(t)$ values of +6.3
193 to +15.3 and Hf model age of 0.92-1.42 Ga (Figs. 5b and 5h). In CL images, the 18

194 grains with the U-Pb ages of ~984 Ma mostly show wide and parallel oscillatory
195 structure in CL image, a feature typical of basic zircons (Fig. 4a), and display
196 subparallel REE patterns with significant depletion in LREE, enrichment in HREE,
197 positive Ce and negative Eu anomalies (Fig. 6a), distinct from those of the xenocrysts.
198 Thus, the age of 984 Ma determined by LA-ICPMS is identical, within error, to the
199 SHRIMP age, and is herein interpreted as the formation age of the sample.

200 **09WG-53A** is metadiabase taken from Shitun (Zhenghe in Fujian) in the Wuyi
201 Domain. It, together with the lensoid metagabbro and ultramafic rocks, has been
202 previously proposed as members of early Paleozoic or early Mesozoic “Zhenghe
203 ophiolitic mélange” (Guo et al., 1989; Xiao and He, 2005). The grains are mostly
204 subhedral or crystal fragments and CL images reveal a weakly oscillatory internal
205 zonation with low to variable luminescence (Fig. 4b). SIMS dating result show that
206 seven spots have Th/U ratios of 0.12-0.92 and yield the weighted mean age of 978 ± 11
207 Ma with MSWD = 2.8 (Fig. 5c). The remaining eight spots give $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ apparent
208 ages ranging from 1114 Ma to 2593 Ma, and are interpreted as xenocrystic grains. An
209 additional seventeen grains from the sample were measured by the LA-ICPMS method
210 and show subparallel and left-sloped REE patterns with positive Ce and negative Eu
211 anomalies (Fig. 6b). Five of these grains yield a weighted mean age of 970 ± 10 Ma
212 with MSWD = 1, $\epsilon\text{Hf}(t)$ values of +4.5 to +10.2 and Hf model ages of 1.11-1.33 Ga
213 (Figs. 5d and 5h). The remaining grains give the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ apparent ages of 1117-
214 3517 Ma (Fig. 5d) with the variable $\epsilon\text{Hf}(t)$ values and Hf model ages of 1.69-3.22 Ga.

215 **09YK-3e** plagioclase amphibolite in the Yunkai Group from Tantu (Xinyi in west
216 Guangdong) was selected for LA-ICPMS zircon U-Pb dating at GIG, CAS. Eighteen
217 analyses on 18 zircon grains gave a relatively wide range of Th/U ratios of 0.16-1.67
218 and the apparent $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ apparent ages of 946-2694 Ma. Seven euhedral grains with

219 wide parallel and oscillatory zonation exhibit subparallel REE pattern (Figs. 4c and 6c)
220 and positive $\epsilon\text{Hf}(t)$ values (+5.5 to +14.7) and Neoproterozoic Hf modal age (0.94-1.38
221 Ga, Fig. 5h). They form a coherent age-cluster and give the weighted mean age of 980
222 ± 8 Ma with MSWD = 0.4 (Fig. 5e), similar to that reported by Zhang et al. (2012). The
223 remaining grains have round to subhedral crystal morphology and complex CL image
224 (Fig. 4c), yielding old $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ apparent ages of 1103-2694 Ma. These grains have
225 distinct REE patterns from the euhedral grains and are interpreted as xenocrysts.

226 **YK-9A** is an plagioclase amphibolite from Jintong (Xinyi) in the Yunkai domain
227 that occurs as lens in the Silurian granitoid gneiss. Zircons from this sample commonly
228 display a poor zonation with a few grains also showing a thin rim structure. The U-Pb
229 dating results for this sample are reported by Wang et al. (2012c) and give a weighted
230 mean age of 221 ± 4 Ma (MSWD = 3.9) with Th/U ratios of 0.02-0.04, interpreted as
231 the age of metamorphism of the sample. The T_{DM} model ages of Hf isotopic
232 composition range from 0.94 Ga to 1.18 Ga (Supplementary Dataset 3). Analytical spot
233 YK-09A-2 has the highest $\epsilon\text{Hf}(t)$ value of +14.0 and youngest Hf model age of 0.94 Ga
234 when assuming $t = 980$ Ma. Spot YK-9A-20 gives an apparent age of 1384 ± 30 Ma
235 with the model age of 2.07 Ga, and is herein considered to be an analysis of a
236 xenocrystic zircon.

237 **09WG-58D** amphibolite was collected from Huangtian (Qinyuan) in southwest
238 Zhejiang (Wuyi domain). Seventeen analyses yield a weighted mean age of 421 ± 6 Ma
239 (MSWD = 0.5) with Th/U = 0.43-0.86 (Fig. 5f). All these zircons exhibit a poor
240 zonation, lacking a core (Fig. 4d), and are interpreted as the age of metamorphism of
241 the sample. Their Hf model ages range from 1.40 Ga to 1.06 Ga.

242 **09WG-74C** is a garnet-bearing plagioclase amphibolite from Shanlintou village
243 (Songyang) that originally intruded into Paleoproterozoic granitic gneiss. Eighteen

244 grains with CL images of typical metamorphic zircons (Fig. 4e) show similar and
245 left-sloped REE patterns with insignificant Ce and Eu anomalies (Fig. 6d). They give
246 the Th/U ratios of 0.03-0.26 and yield a $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ weighted mean age of 242 ± 2 Ma
247 (Fig. 5g, MSWD = 0.6, n = 18), similar to the results (243 ± 3 Ma and 246 ± 3 Ma)
248 reported by Wang et al. (2012c). The Hf model ages for the analyzed zircons are in
249 range of 1.02-1.35 Ga.

250 **4 Geochemical characteristics and petrogenesis**

251 Representative samples were selected for whole-rock elemental and Nd-Os
252 isotopic analyses. Major oxides, trace element contents and Nd-Os isotopic ratios were
253 measured at the GIG, CAS and details of the analytical methods are given in
254 Supplementary Data File 1. Analytical results for the samples are listed in Tables 1 and
255 2, which also includes data for additional samples published in Li et al. (1999a, b), Qin
256 et al. (2005, 2007) and Zhang et al. (2012a).

257 The analyzed samples have experienced greenschist- to amphibolite-facies
258 metamorphism and almost all have LOI of less than 2 wt %. Discussion of
259 petrogenesis focuses on the high field strength elements, which are considered least
260 susceptible to metamorphism and alteration (e.g., Nb, Ta, Zr, Hf, REE, Th, Ti, Y, V
261 and Sc) rather than those that are considered to be more mobile (e.g. Rb, Sr, K; Kerrich
262 and Fryer, 1979; LaFleche et al., 1992; Arndt, 1994). The samples have $\text{SiO}_2 =$
263 $44.0\text{-}52.2$ wt % (volatile-free), $\text{MgO} = 3.90\text{-}12.4$ wt %, $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 = 11.8\text{-}18.6$ wt %, $\text{FeO} =$
264 $8.98\text{-}18.0$ wt %, $\text{TiO}_2 = 0.82\text{-}3.47$ wt % and $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5 = 0.05\text{-}0.39$ wt % (Table 1, Figs.
265 7a and 8a-f). They show mg-numbers ranging from 33 to 72, Ni from 38 ppm to 376
266 ppm, and Cr from 15 ppm to 865 ppm (Table 1 and Figs. 8g-h). In the Zr/TiO_2 vs SiO_2
267 and Nb/Y diagrams (Figs. 7a-b), the samples plot in the field of the subalkaline basalt.
268 Four distinct geochemical groups, here referred to as groups 1-4, can be classified on

269 the basis on their Nb contents, chondrite-normalized REE and primitive mantle-
270 normalized multi-element patterns (Figs. 7-10). These groups are geochemically
271 similar to MORB, back-arc basin basalt, Nb-enriched basalt and arc volcanic rocks,
272 respectively.

273 **4.1 Group 1: N-MORB-like source modified by an arc component**

274 Group 1 samples are from the Mala-Jintong (Xinyi), Liuwan-Licun (Rongxian)
275 and Shiwo (Beiliu) regions in the Yunkai domain and from Zhulu (Longquan) in the
276 Wuyi domain (see Figs. 2a-b for sampling location). They have SiO₂ contents ranging
277 from 47.0 wt % to 50.8 wt % and MgO from 6.01 wt % to 12.2 wt % with
278 mg-numbers of 46-72 (Table 1 and Fig. 8). Their Cr and Ni contents are in range of
279 107-865 ppm and 61-376 ppm, respectively. Group 1 has Nb contents of 1.24-5.33
280 ppm and exhibits more depleted LREE relative to HREE with (La/Yb)_{cn} (cn noting
281 chondrite-normalized) = 0.56-1.03 and (Gd/Yb)_{cn} = 0.79-1.15, showing a chondrite-
282 normalized pattern similar, but with higher overall REE contents, to average
283 N-MORB and New Caledonia fore-arc basin basalt (Fig. 9a). The highly incompatible
284 elements (e.g., Th, Nb, Ta, La and Ce) are more depleted relative to moderately
285 incompatible elements (e.g., Zr, Sm, Yb and Y), with (Nb/La)_n (n noting primitive
286 mantle-normalized) = 0.51-0.86, (Th/La)_n = 0.55-1.02 and (Hf/Sm)_n = 0.82-1.19. The
287 majority of the Group 1 samples show similar multi-elemental patterns to average
288 N-MORB and New Caledonia fore-arc basin basalt (Fig. 10a) with the exception of
289 weakly negative P and Ti anomalies, but several samples display the patterns similar
290 to average Lesser Caucasus back-arc basin basalt due to relatively high (Th/Nb) ratios
291 of 1.42-2.64 (e.g., Pearce et al., 1995; Shinjo et al., 1999; Cluzel et al., 2001; Rolland
292 et al., 2009; Hässig et al., 2012). The measured Nd isotopic ratios of the samples
293 range from 0.512856 to 0.512954, and the corresponding $\epsilon_{Nd}(t = 980 \text{ Ma})$ values from

294 +4.3 to +5.2 (Table 1; Li et al., 1999a, b).

295 Cr and Ni contents decrease and SiO₂ increases markedly with decreasing MgO,
296 (Figs. 8d and g-h), suggesting fractional crystallization of clinopyroxene and olivine
297 from the similar parental magma of Group 1. Poor correlations between SiO₂ and CaO,
298 Al₂O₃, TiO₂ and P₂O₅ (Figs. 8a-f), the minimal Eu anomaly and weak P-Ti depletions
299 (Figs. 9a and 10a) suggest only a limited role of plagioclase, Ti-Fe oxides and apatite
300 fractionation in magma differentiation. The relatively constant Nb/La ratios and $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$
301 values irrespective of MgO argue for insignificant crustal assimilation (Figs. 12a-b).
302 The samples with low MgO (6.01-8.94 wt %) show higher TiO₂ content than those with
303 high MgO (10.8-12.2 wt %), also arguing against significant shallow-level crustal
304 assimilation. This is further supported by the depletion in LREEs and LILEs relative to
305 HREEs and HFSEs for Group 1.

306 Group 1 samples show Nb/La of 0.51-0.97 (< 1), Hf/Ta of 7.5-18.2 (> 5) and
307 Ce/Nb = 2.5-5.4 (> 2.0). The TiO₂ contents range from 0.82 wt % to 1.66 wt %, Nb
308 from 1.24 ppm to 5.33 ppm (< 7.0 ppm) and Ta from 0.10 to 0.24 ppm (< 0.7 ppm).
309 Such characteristics, together with LREEs/HREEs commonly less than 1.0, more
310 depleted highly incompatible elements relative to moderately incompatible elements,
311 and the highly positive $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$ values, argue for an affinity to an N-MORB source (cf.,
312 Figs. 13a-b). However, (1) Group 1 has generally higher incompatible element
313 abundances and Th/Yb and Th/Zr ratios but lower Nb/Th ratios than those of average
314 N-MORB (Fig. 14a-d); (2) It is characterized by negative P and Ti anomalies, distinct
315 from those of average N-MORB; (3) Some samples show similar Th/Yb, La/Yb,
316 Sm/Nd, Ti/V and Th/Nb ratios and incompatible elemental patterns similar to those of
317 New Caledonia fore-arc basin and Lesser Caucasus back-arc basin basalts (Figs. 9a and
318 10a), and plot in the fields of island-arc tholeiite or back-arc basin basalt (Figs. 13a-d

319 and 14b-c); (4) Group 1 samples have low Nb/La and plot in the field of the
320 arc-volcanic rocks or the region between N-MORB and arc-volcanic rocks (Figure 14a).
321 The combined Nd/Pb and Nb/Y ratios with isotope compositions can be used to
322 effectively evaluate the nature of subduction components since Nd, Nb and Y are
323 fluid-immobile and dominated by sediment- and slab-derived melt, whereas Pb
324 contribution is mainly controlled by fluid composition (Elliott et al., 1997; Class et al.,
325 2002; Petrone and Ferrari, 2008; Castillo et al., 2002, 2007; Wang et al., 2013). In
326 Figures 15a-b, Group 1 samples fall in the range of the source with proportional
327 addition of recycled sediment-derived melts plus slab-fluid, indicating the involvement
328 of an arc-like component related to the fluid metasomatism in the magma source. In the
329 plot of Cr and Ni (Fig. 15d), Group 1 samples have higher Ni contents than the
330 supposed range of mantle-derived melt, and plot in the field of high-mg andesite or
331 along the mixing line between slab-derived component and primitive mantle, further
332 suggesting an addition of arc-like component in the source. Collectively, Group 1 was
333 likely derived from an N-MORB-like source modified by input of an arc-like
334 component, probably in a fore- or back-arc basin.

335 **4.2 Group 2: E-MORB-like source modified by subducted component**

336 Group 2 contains twelve samples from the Zhaimen-Jintong (Xinyi) and Guiyi
337 (Cenxi) areas in the Yunkai domain and Huangtian (Qinyuan) in the Wuyi domain.
338 Their MgO contents are in the range 5.73-8.60 wt % with mg-numbers of 48-62.
339 Nb=3.13-6.48 ppm, TiO₂ = 0.93-1.60 wt %, Cr = 74-280 ppm and Ni = 53-127 ppm.
340 Group 2 samples have weak enrichment in LREEs relative to HREEs. (La/Yb)_{cn} ratios
341 range from 1.22 to 2.61, (Gd/Yb)_{cn} from 1.15 to 1.51 and δ Eu from 0.78 to 1.05,
342 similar to those of average E-MORB (Fig. 9b). Their multi-elemental patterns resemble
343 those of average E-MORB, and are also similar to those of the Okinawa Trough with

344 the exception of insignificant Nb-Ta anomalies (Fig. 10b; e.g., Pearce et al., 1995;
345 Shinjo et al., 1999; Fan et al., 2010). The measured ($^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$) ratios range from
346 0.512747 to 0.512880 and initial $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t=980 \text{ Ma})$ values from +3.1 to +4.2. The
347 representative samples have low Re (8.9-9.4 ppt) and Os concentrations (4.6-52.9 ppt)
348 and the age-corrected Os isotopic ratio are 0.2453-1.66 with high $\gamma_{\text{Os}}(t \text{ Ma})$ values
349 (Table 2). In the plot of Os and $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$, they fall into the field of arc lava (Fig.
350 11a).

351 In comparison with E-MORB, the Group 2 samples are more depleted in Nb and
352 Ta with the (Nb/La)_n of 0.53-0.97. They show higher Th/Yb, Zr/Nb, Th/Ta, Tb/Ta,
353 Th/Zr and La/Nb and lower Nb/Th relative to an average N-MORB source (Figs.
354 14a-d), suggesting the involvement of an arc-like component into the source. This is
355 also supported by correlations between Nb vs Nb/U (Fig. 7d). Arc-like geochemical
356 signatures are usually explained by the involvement of either an ancient lithospheric
357 source or a newly metasomatised source. However, the positive $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$ values ranging
358 from +3.1 to +4.2 for Group 2 indicate that the mantle source should be depleted. Thus,
359 the first-order interpretation is that the Group 2 samples shared an E-MORB-like source
360 with an addition of a new subduction-related component (e.g., Pearce and Peate, 1995;
361 Shinjo et al., 1999). The following observations suggest that the addition should be
362 characterized by subduction-related metasomatism: (1) Group 2 has (Ta/La)_n ratios of
363 0.57-0.99 and (Hf/Sm)_n of 0.94-1.28 and the majority defines the trend related to
364 fluid-related metasomatism (e.g., LaFlèche et al., 1998); (2) their Nd/Pb ratios are
365 lower and Nb/Y ratios are higher relative to those of depleted mantle, and the Nb/Zr
366 ratios are mildly variable relative to Th/Zr (e.g., Figs. 15a-c; Kepezhinskas et al., 1997);
367 (3) higher Ni contents are shown at the comparable Cr content for the inferred range of
368 primitive mantle-derived melt (Fig. 15d). These signatures, together with similar Re-Os

369 isotopic compositions to arc lava, suggest recent subduction metasomatism for Group 2.
370 Samples from Group 2 show $(La/Yb)_n$ of 1.22-2.61, Sm/Nd of 0.28-0.35, and Ti/V of
371 20-50, and plot in the field of the back-arc basin basalt (BABB) in Figs.3a-d and 14c-d
372 (e.g., Pouclet et al., 1995; Shuto et al., 2006; Sandeman et al., 2006). Thus, Group 2
373 might originate from a metasomatised E-MORB-like source in the back-arc
374 environment.

375 **4.3 Group 3: Nb-enriched basalt from a newly metasomatised wedge**

376 Group 3 samples, including 43 plagioclase amphibolites/amphibolite and
377 metagabbros, are taken from Qinshuikou-Shiwo (Beiliu) in the Yunkai domain and
378 Zhulu and Zhuhuang (Longquan), Zhuyuan-Shanlintuo (Songyang), Huangtian and
379 Chatian (Qinyuan) in the Wuyi domain (see Fig. 2a-b for sampling locations). These
380 samples have $SiO_2 = 44.0-50.8$ wt % and $TiO_2 = 1.03-3.47$ wt %. In comparison with
381 those of Groups 1 and 2, they show higher FeO_t, TiO_2 and P_2O_5 but lower Al_2O_3 , Cr
382 and Ni (Fig. 8a-h). Group 3 has higher Nb contents (7.18-29.87 ppm) than intra-oceanic
383 arcs basalts (generally < 2.0 ppm; e.g., Martin et al., 2005). Nb/La ratios are in range of
384 0.60-2.59 (with the majority from 0.70 to 1.40) and Nb/U ratios of 5.0-37.4, distinct
385 from those of arc-volcanic rocks (Figs. 7c-d and 14a). According to the original
386 definition of Defant et al. (1991) and Sajona et al. (1994, 1996), thirty-nine of the 43
387 samples can be classified as Nb-enriched basalt (Nb = 7-18 ppm) and the remaining 4
388 samples as high Nb basalt (Nb > 20 ppm) (Figs. 7c-d). Group 3 has higher REE, Th, Nb,
389 Y, Zr and Hf contents than those of Groups 1 and 2 and average E-MORB, and show
390 steeply right-sloping REE-normalized patterns with $(La/Yb)_{cn} = 1.24-3.68$ and
391 $(Gd/Yb)_{cn} = 1.03-1.69$ with δEu of 0.78-1.08 (Fig. 9c). In Figure 10c, the samples
392 display subparallel patterns similar to those of the Pickle and earliest Neoproterozoic
393 Yunkai Nb-enriched basalts with the exception of Rb and Ba (e.g., Hollings, 2002;

394 Zhang et al., 2012c). Their $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$ values range from +2.9 to +7.0 when assuming $t =$
395 980 Ma. The Re and Os contents for five representative samples range from 13.2 ppt to
396 74.5 ppt and 11.1 ppt to 46.2 ppt, respectively. The $\gamma_{\text{Os}}(t \text{ Ma})$ values are in the range
397 of 178~772 with $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$ of 5.87-8.87 and plot into the field of arc lava, similar to
398 that of Group 2 (Fig. 11a).

399 Group 3 has MgO contents ranging from 3.90 wt % to 10.51 wt % with an mg-
400 number of 33-60. SiO_2 correlates negatively to MgO, CaO and $\text{CaO}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ (Figs. 8a-d),
401 suggestive of fractional crystallization of clinopyroxene and olivine from the parental
402 magma (e.g., Russell and Nicholls, 1988). Plagioclase fractionation probably played an
403 insignificant role in magma differentiation, as indicated by the relatively constant δEu
404 values irrespective of MgO. However, simple fractionation cannot account for the
405 geochemical characteristics of Group 3 involving variable Nb/La ratios and $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$
406 values, as shown in Figures 12a-d. Three petrogenetic models can be proposed for the
407 Nb-enriched basalt involving (1) an OIB-like plume, (2) shallow-level crustal
408 assimilation en route, and (3) a mantle wedge metasomatised by a young subduction-
409 derived component (e.g., Storey et al., 1989; Leeman et al., 1990, 2005; Richards et al.,
410 1990; Sajona et al. 1994, 1996; Kepezhinskas et al. 1996; Wyman et al., 2000; Polat
411 and Kerrich, 2001; Stern, 2002; Bourdon et al., 2002; Castillo et al., 2002, 2007;
412 Petrone et al., 2003; Smithies et al., 2005; Castillo, 2008; Petrone and Ferrari, 2008).

413 Group 3 samples have similar HREEs contents but lower LILEs, LREEs and
414 HFSEs abundances relative to those of average OIB. Their Zr/Nb ratios range from 4.3
415 to 19.9, similar to those of the typical arc magma (e.g., Pearce et al., 1995). The Nb/U
416 ratios range from 5 to 37 and Ce/Pb ratios from 1.1 to 6.6, lower than those of OIB (47
417 and 25, respectively; Figs. 7c-d). The majority of the Group 3 samples shows
418 significant P-Ti and Nb anomalies with variable $(\text{Nb}/\text{La})_n$ ratios (0.6-1.4), distinct from

419 those derived from an OIB-like source. They have lower TiO_2 , Ti/V and higher Tb/Ta
420 and Th/Yb in comparison with average OIB (Figs. 13c-d and 14c). Our geochemical
421 data are also in contrast to that expected for carbonatite contamination of a
422 plume-related source, which would share highly fractionated Zr/Hf ratios (up to 100)
423 and extremely high LREE contents ($\gg 100$ ppm) (e.g., Woodhead, et al., 1993; Hastie
424 et al., 2011). Most importantly, there is no geological observation supporting the
425 development of an earliest Neoproterozoic plume in the eastern SCB (e.g., Li et al.,
426 1995, 2002; Yu et al., 2009; Shu et al., 2011).

427 Geochemical and isotopic correlations suggest generation for Group 3 magma
428 involved crustal assimilation en route to emplacement or source contamination by
429 mixing. In shallow-level crustal assimilation, the potential assimilation component
430 should be characterized by high La/Sm but relatively low Nb/La , $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$ and MgO , as
431 shown in Figures 12b-d. However, the samples with low $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$ values are probably
432 characterized by high MgO (low SiO_2) content when crystal fractionation is considered
433 (Fig. 12a). To match the observed variation of Nb/La ratios (0.57-2.13) and $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$
434 values (+2.9-+7.0) for Group 3, variable (~30-70 %) assimilation of crustal materials
435 into MORB-derived magma is required. Such proportional assimilation can not be
436 reconciled with the major oxide composition and LILE- and REE-patterns of the Group
437 3 samples (Figs. 9c and 10c). The samples with low $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$ values (e.g. 09WG-66A9)
438 show lower $\gamma_{\text{Os}}(t)$ values and those with lower MgO have higher TiO_2 contents. These
439 signatures, together with the high Nb , P_2O_5 and TiO_2 contents, argue against crustal
440 assimilation en route. In fact, petrogenesis of the Nb-enriched basalts is generally
441 considered to be unrelated to the shallow-level crustal assimilation (Wyman et al., 2000;
442 Stern, 2002; Castillo et al., 2002, 2007; Smithies et al., 2005; Castillo, 2008). As a
443 result, the correlation in Figures 12b-d most likely indicates a two end-members mixing

444 source for the Group 3 magma, with one of end-members being characterized by
445 depleted La/Sm (<1.5) and Gd/Yb (<1.3) but high in Nb/La (>2.0) and $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$ (>7.0) and
446 the other having relatively high La/Sm (>3.0) and Gd/Yb (>2.0) but low Nb/La (<0.5)
447 and $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$ (<3.0). Available data show that the Nb-enriched basalts (e.g., circum-Pacific
448 and Superior Province) generally display geochemical affinities to an E-MORB source
449 and mainly developed in convergent margin settings (e.g., Saunders et al., 1987;
450 Crawford et al., 1989; Storey et al., 1989; Stern, 2002; Castillo et al., 2002, 2007;
451 Petrone and Ferrari, 2008). In the circum-Pacific (e.g., Mindanao and Zamboanga), the
452 Nb-enriched basalts are spatially and temporally associated with adakites, high-mg
453 andesites and arc volcanic rocks (e.g., Defant et al., 1991; Maury et al., 1996;
454 Yagodzinski et al., 2001; Viruete et al. 2007). Our samples show higher Nb/Y, Nb/Zr,
455 Ta/Yb and Th/Ta and lower Nd/Pb ratios relative to MORB, suggestive of the
456 involvement of an arc-related components (melt plus fluid flux) into the MORB-like
457 source (Figs. 14a and 15a-d). This is further supported by the Re-Os isotopic plot in
458 Figure 11a.

459 In general, the arc-like elemental geochemical signatures can be explained as
460 originating from either an ancient or recent metasomatic event without consideration of
461 the shallow-level crustal contamination. An ancient metasomatic event should result in
462 the higher Th/Ce (> 0.1) and lower $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$ values than the newly subduction-related
463 metasomatism (e.g., Hawkesworth et al., 1997; Hollings and Kerrich, 2004). The Group
464 3 samples have Th/Ce ratios of 0.01-0.09 and highly positive $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$ values of +2.9 to
465 +7.0. Their Th/Zr ratios display a narrow variation irrespective of Nb/Zr ratios (Fig.
466 15c). Such signatures, together with the trends in Figures 15a-c, favor involvement of a
467 recent “crustal” component (characterized by enrichment in Nb, Ta, Ti_2O and Na_2O).
468 Thus, the two end-members should be represented by E-MORB and newly subducted

469 component, respectively. The Group 3 samples show high (La/Yb)_{cn} (1.53-5.90) and
470 low Sm/Nd ratios (0.23-0.31), comparable to those of the BABB with continental
471 basement (e.g., Gribble et al., 1998; Shinjo et al., 1999; Sandeman et al., 2006), which
472 is also evidenced by the discrimination results in Figure 13a-d and 14c-d. As a result,
473 Group 3 might originate from an enriched MORB source (with high Ti, Zr, V and Y and
474 low Zr/Nb) metasomatised by the juvenile subducted-derived component in the
475 back-arc setting.

476 **4.4 Group 4 showing the geochemical affinity to arc volcanics**

477 In the Shitun area in the Wuyi domain, there is a mafic-ultramafic complex that
478 has previously been described as an “ophiolitic mélange” (e.g., Xiao and He, 2005).
479 The ultramafic rocks in the complex, characterized by serpentinite, have SiO₂ of
480 37.25-38.77 wt. %, FeO_t of 5.83-7.79 wt.% and MgO of ~39 wt. % (Table 1) with low
481 Al₂O₃, CaO and Na₂O contents (Table 1). Four serpentinite samples show a wide
482 variation of Os ranging from 51.2 ppt to 3275 ppt with ¹⁸⁷Os/¹⁸⁸Os of 0.1143-0.1442
483 (Table 2). Their γ Os values range from -7.8 to +0.1. In ¹⁸⁷Re/¹⁸⁸Os vs ¹⁸⁷Os/¹⁸⁸Os and
484 Os vs γ Os diagrams (Figs. 11b-c), these serpentinites plot in the fields of residual
485 peridotite and of lithospheric mantle, respectively, suggesting that the serpentinites can
486 be interpreted as part of an ophiolite suite. The Group 4 rocks include two metadiabases
487 (coeval with the serpentinite) from the Shitun mafic-ultramafic complex and four
488 plagioclase amphibolites from Dajin and Liuwan (Rongxian) in the Yunkai domain.
489 They are characterized by SiO₂ of 44.51-52.16 wt %, MgO of 6.90-12.36 wt % with
490 mg-number of 52-69, Ni of 45-124 ppm and Cr of 113-314 ppm. MgO and Al₂O₃
491 display negative correlation, and CaO a positive correlation, with SiO₂ (Fig. 8a-f). The
492 low SiO₂ samples have MgO content of more than 10 wt %, indicative of the source
493 being characterized by low CaO (< 7.0 wt. %) and Al₂O₃ (> 17.0 wt. %). These

494 characteristics suggest a refractory source, with a high-proportion of orthopyroxene,
495 which had previously experienced melt extraction (e.g., Hirose, 1997; Falloon et al.
496 1988; Wang et al., 2007c).

497 In comparison with other groups, Group 4 samples have stronger LREEs/HREEs
498 and HREE fractionation with $(La/Yb)_{cn} = 1.6-5.6$ and $(Gd/Yb)_{cn} = 1.3-2.3$ (Fig. 9d).
499 They are characterized by “spiky” trace element patterns, with strong enrichment in
500 LILEs and pronounced depletion in HFSEs (e.g., significant Nb–Ta, P and to lesser
501 extent Ti). These samples have TiO_2 contents of 0.42-1.51 wt %, Nb content of 2.5-3.6
502 ppm, Ti/V ratios of ~ 25 , (Th/Nb) ratios of 1.74-6.97 and (Nb/La)_n ratios of 0.15 -0.41,
503 comparable with those of the arc volcanic rocks (e.g., Gribble et al., 1998; Martin et al.,
504 2005; Sandeman et al., 2006). Their $\epsilon_{Nd}(t = 980 \text{ Ma})$ values range from +2.3 to +5.6,
505 suggestive of derivation from a depleted mantle source. In Figures 13a-b and 14a-d,
506 Group 4 plots in the fields of island-arc tholeiite and island-arc calc-alkaline basalt.
507 Their $(Ta/La)_n$ (0.24-0.53) and $(Hf/Sm)_n$ (0.77-1.02) values are similar with those of
508 source regions affected by fluid metasomatism (e.g., LaFlèche et al., 1998). The
509 variations in Figures 15a-b, together with the low Nb/Th, Nb/Y and Nb/Zr, and high
510 Ba/Nb and La/Nb for Group 4, favor subduction component being mainly controlled by
511 fluid (e.g., Class et al., 2002; Castillo et al., 2007). The synthesis of these geochemical
512 characteristics suggests derivation of Group 4 from a refractory wedge source plus
513 subducted-derived fluid flux (e.g., Woodhead et al., 1993; Hollings and Kerrich, 2000,
514 2004).

515 **5 Tectonic implications**

516 **5.1 Age of the mafic igneous rocks**

517 Zircons from representative samples of Groups 3 and 4, which show geochemical
518 affinity to Nb-enriched basalts and arc volcanic rocks, respectively, yield weighted

519 mean ages of 969 ± 13 Ma (SHRIMP for 09WG-66A), 984 ± 6 Ma (LA-ICPMS for
520 09WG-66A), 978 ± 11 Ma (SIMS for 09WG-53A), 970 ± 10 Ma (LA-ICPMS for
521 09WG-53A) and 980 ± 8 Ma (LA-ICPMS for 09YK-3e). These ages are similar to
522 those of two metabasites from the northern Yunkai domain (Zhang et al., 2012a), which
523 yielded the U-Pb zircon ages of 997 ± 21 Ma and 978 ± 19 Ma. The earliest
524 Neoproterozoic zircons from these samples have $\epsilon\text{Hf}(t)$ values of +4.5 to +15.3, Hf
525 model ages of 0.92-1.42 Ga (Fig. 5h) and similar left-sloping REE patterns with
526 positive Ce and negative Eu anomalies (Fig. 6a-c), suggestive of a mafic igneous origin.
527 Li et al. (1993) gave a Sm-Nd isochron age of 971 ± 69 Ma for plagioclase amphibolite
528 in the Yunkai “Group”. Nan (1994) reported the zircon U-Pb ages of ~ 1035 -900 Ma and
529 ~ 940 -910 Ma for amphibolite and dacite-porphyry in the Yunkai “Group”, respectively.
530 Qin et al. (2006) and Zhang et al. (1997) also considered the plagioclase amphibolite
531 and dacite-porphyry in the Yunkai “Group” most likely formed at ~ 1000 -910 Ma (Lao
532 and Hu, 1997).

533 Our plagioclase amphibolite, amphibolite and metadiabase occur as either lenses
534 in middle Paleozoic (~ 460 -420 Ma) and Neoproterozoic (~ 860 -790 Ma) granitoid
535 gneiss, or intrusions in Paleoproterozoic gneiss (e.g., Wang et al., 2011b, Shu et al.,
536 2011). They have experienced middle Paleozoic and early Mesozoic high-grade
537 metamorphism, as evidenced by metamorphic zircon ages for four plagioclase
538 amphibolites and amphibolites (421 ± 13 Ma, 422 ± 13 Ma, 243 ± 3 Ma and 221 ± 4
539 Ma for 09WG- 58D, 09WG-66A, 09WG-74C and YK-9A, respectively). In addition,
540 the reported Precambrian mafic rocks only developed during the Paleoproterozoic
541 (~ 1800 Ma) and Neoproterozoic (~ 860 -790 Ma) period in the Cathaysia Block and
542 show the OIB-like geochemical affinities, reflective of intraplate rifting setting (e.g., Li
543 XH et al., 1998; Li et al., 2005, 2010b; Shu et al., 2008, 2011; Li LM et al., 2010). Such

544 characteristics are distinct from our mafic samples. These data place a lower limit on
545 the formation ages of our samples as younger than ~1800 Ma and older than ~860 Ma.
546 Taking into account the analyzed metamorphic grains for Group 1 having Hf model
547 ages of 0.94-1.18 Ga (YK-09A), similar to those of 09WG-58D (1.06-1.40 Ga) and
548 09WG-74C (1.02-1.35 Ga), the ages of 984 Ma to 969 Ma for the mafic rocks can be
549 considered to represent the formation timing of our samples. Thus our data verify the
550 presence of the earliest Neoproterozoic (~985-970 Ma) mafic magmatism along the
551 Wuyi and Yunkai domains of the Cathaysia Block.

552 **5.2 Earliest Neoproterozoic arc-back-arc system along the Wuyi-Yunkai and its** 553 **closure**

554 The petrogenesis of the analyzed samples, including the modification of
555 MORB-like sources by a subduction-derived component, suggests an overall earliest
556 Neoproterozoic supra-subduction zone (arc-back arc) setting rather than an ocean
557 spreading setting (cf., Hawkins, 1995; Hollings and Kerrich, 2004) in the Cathaysia
558 Block. The presence of xenocrystic zircons in the representative samples of Groups 3
559 and 4 suggests the involvement of continental basement prior to their eruption/intrusion.
560 In addition, previous data suggest that the Neoproterozoic metavolcanic rocks probably
561 occur in the Yunkai and western Nanling domain (e.g., Kengping, Xinqiao and Shiqiao;
562 Li et al., 1993; Nan, 1994; Shao et al., 1995; Han et al., 1998; Zhang et al., 1998; Guo
563 et al., 2005). At Jingnan (NE Guangdong) and Hezi (South Jiangxi) of the Nanling
564 domain, rhyolite and granodiorite with arc geochemical signatures gave the SHRIMP
565 zircon U-Pb age of 972 ± 8 Ma and the Pb-Pb age of 996 ± 29 Ma, respectively (Fig. 16;
566 Liu et al., 2001; Shu et al., 2008, 2011). Wang et al. (2013) reported the Silurian
567 (434-420 Ma) gabbroic intrusions along the Yunkai and Nanling domains have the
568 similar elemental signatures with our earliest Neoproterozoic samples and interpreted

569 this as reflective of the presence of a paleosubduction-modified wedge column. The
570 combined geochemical and geochronological data most likely suggest the development
571 of the earliest Neoproterozoic wedge in an along-strike intracontinental arc-back-arc
572 system along the Wuyi, Nanling and Yunkai domains that separated Western and
573 Eastern Cathaysia (Fig. 16).

574 A younger age limit on closure of the Wuyi-Yunkai arc-back-arc system is
575 constrained by the development of the OIB-type mafic rocks and Mamianshan
576 bimodal volcanic rocks at the Wuyi dated at ~860-790 Ma, which were formed in a
577 continental rift or within-plate setting (e.g., Li et al., 2005, 2010b; Shu et al., 2006,
578 2008, 2011). This suggests that the transformation to within-plate rifting from the
579 arc-back-arc system occurred between ~980 Ma and 860 Ma along the Wuyi-Yunkai
580 domain. The strongly peraluminous Tiantangshan and Longtang (Yunkai) and Masha
581 (Wuyi) granites were dated at 906 ± 24 Ma (SHRIMP), 901 ± 16 Ma (LA-ICPMS)
582 and 913 ± 11 Ma (SIMS) (e.g., Qin et al., 2006; authors' unpublished data), probably
583 representing the time of crustal anatexis during the closure of the Wuyi-Yunkai
584 intracontinental arc-back-arc basin. Detrital zircons with U-Pb ages of ~1.0-0.90 Ga
585 (peak age being ~970 Ma) likely related to the development of the arc-back arc system
586 are abundant in the Neoproterozoic sedimentary rocks along the Wuyi (e.g., Jianning),
587 Nanling (e.g., Zengcheng) and Yunkai (e.g., Xinyi) domains (e.g., Yu et al, 2007,
588 2010; Wan et al., 2007, 2010; Wang et al., 2007c, 2008b, c 2010b; Li et al., 2011).
589 Earliest Neoproterozoic (~1000-900 Ma) inherited grains are commonly identified in
590 the Kwangsian granitic gneiss and Neoproterozoic gneiss with some showing positive
591 $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$ values (inset of Fig. 5h, Wang et al., 2011). Thus, the Wuyi, Nanling and
592 Yunkai arc-back-arc system was likely active since ~980 Ma to the termination of
593 subduction at ~900 Ma. The Zhenghe-Dapu Fault (Wuyi) and its strike extension

594 along the Gaoyao-Huilai Fault (Nanling and Yunkai) might represent the convergent
595 boundary between Eastern and Western Cathaysia (Fig. 16).

596 **5.3 Neoproterozoic northwesterly episodic amalgamation along the eastern SCB**

597 Regional relations indicate that the Wuyi-Yunkai arc-back-arc system was one of a
598 series of arc systems associated with amalgamation of the SCB that developed within
599 the Cathaysia and Yangtze blocks during early Neoproterozoic period. The
600 aforementioned data require development of an arc-back-arc system along the Wuyi,
601 Nanling and Yunkai domains during earliest Neoproterozoic (~980 Ma) and its closure
602 at ~900 Ma. Along the Shuangxiwu domain adjacent to the Jiangshan-Shaoxing Fault
603 system (Figs. 1-2 and 16), plagiogranite and gabbro in the Zhangshudun ophiolitic suite
604 are dated at 970-910 Ma and the ophiolite is interpreted as forming within a back-arc or
605 intraoceanic arc setting (e.g., Li et al., 1994, 1997, 2002, 2003, 2008b; Li and Li, 2003;
606 Gao et al., 2009; Chen et al., 2009a, b). Amphibolite-bearing tonalite and granodiorite
607 within the domain show the geochemical signatures of arc volcanic rocks and give the
608 SHRIMP zircon U-P ages of 915 ± 15 Ma and 905 ± 14 Ma, respectively (Ye et al.,
609 2007). Xiwan leucogranites and Zhangcun rhyolite in the Zhangshudun ophiolitic suite,
610 interpreted by Li et al. (2005, 2010b) as product of final closure of the Shuangxiwu arc
611 system, yield zircon U-Pb ages of 880 ± 19 Ma and 891 ± 19 Ma, respectively (e.g., Li
612 et al., 2005, 2010b). Thus the termination of the Shuangxiwu arc system is at around
613 880-890 Ma, slightly younger than that (~900 Ma) of Wuyi-Yunkai arc-back-arc
614 system.

615 Along the easternmost Jiangnan domain of the Yangtze Block (Figs. 1 and 16), the
616 Fuchuan gabbro and Zhangyuan pillow basalt exhibit geochemical affinities similar to
617 the Mariana back-arc basin basalts with the gabbro yielding a zircon U-Pb age of
618 826-848 Ma (Ding et al., 2008; Zhang et al., 2010, 2011b). Along the central and

619 southern parts of the domain, the Lengjiaxi Group and its equivalents, which are
620 characterized by abyssal flysch- and turbidite-facies successions, are inferred to have
621 accumulated in a back-arc basin between ~860 Ma and ~830 Ma (e.g., Zhang et al.,
622 2012c, d; Zhao and Cawood, 2012 and references therein). They are uncomfortably
623 overlain by basal conglomerates deposited at ~820 Ma and the subsequent middle to
624 late Neoproterozoic Banxi Group and its equivalents which accumulated in a failed rift
625 environment (e.g., Wang and Li, 2003; Zhang et al., 2011c, 2012c-d). The Cangshuipu
626 volcanic rocks beneath the regional angular unconformity, which are interpreted as the
627 product of a post-collisional setting, are dated at 824 ± 7 Ma and 822 ± 28 Ma (e.g.,
628 Zhang et al., 2011c, 2012c). The crystallization ages of the igneous rocks along the
629 Jiangnan domain are commonly younger than 850 Ma with a cluster of ~850-820 Ma
630 (Fig. 16; e.g., Li, 1999; Li et al., 2003; Wu et al., 2006; Wang XL et al., 2007b, 2008a, ,
631 2011a; Zheng et al., 2007, 2008; Zhou et al., 2009; Ma et al., 2009; Xue et al., 2010;
632 Dong et al., 2010; Wang LJ et al., 2010a; Zhao et al., 2011; Zhang YZ et al., 2012d,
633 2013). These data suggest the back-arc basin along the Jiangnan domain developed
634 from ~850 and its cessation of subduction and final closure at ~830-820 Ma by the
635 Jinningian Orogen (Fig. 16; e.g., Zhao et al., 2011; Zhang et al., 2011c, 2012c-d, 2013;
636 Zhao and Cawood, 2012 and references therein). In combination with other data, it is
637 inferred that the early Neoproterozoic SCB is characterized by a succession of blocks
638 (e.g., eastern Yangtze, eastern and western Cathaysia) separated by magmatic arcs and
639 back-arc basins (e.g., Wuyi-Yunkai, Shuangxiwu and Jiangnan). Episodic closure of the
640 arc-back arc basins, including Wuyi-Yunkai (~900 Ma), Shuangxiwu (~880 Ma) and
641 then Jiangnan (~820 Ma), resulted in progressive northwesterly amalgamation to create
642 the SCB (inset (a) in Fig. 16).

643 An overall northwestward propagation of orogenic assembly of units is supported

644 by the age-spectra of detrital zircons for the Neoproterozoic sedimentary rocks and
645 their derivation from the southeast (inset (b) of Fig. 16, e.g., Wang et al., 2008a, 2010;
646 Yu et al., 2010 Zhang et al., 2012a). The Neoproterozoic successions along the
647 Wuyi-Yunkai domain (c.f, Xinyi, Zengcheng, Jingnan and Jianning) contain abundant
648 earliest Neoproterozoic (~1.0 Ga) detrital zircons (inset (b) of Fig. 16), proportionally
649 higher relative to those in the Western Cathaysia and Eastern Yangtze. The majority of
650 the grains are euhedral in shape, distinct from those in the Western Cathaysia and
651 Eastern Yangtze, which are mostly characterized by equigranular and rounded or
652 subhedral, indicating detritus transported from the orogen to south or southeast (e.g.,
653 Wan et al., 2007, 2010; Yu et al., 2007, 2008, 2010; Wang et al., 2008a; Wang et al.,
654 2010b; Li et al., 2011). Further to the west, along the Jiangnan domain, ~1.0 Ga detrital
655 zircons are poorly identified and the age-spectra are characterized by ~0.86 Ga grains
656 (inset (b) of Fig. 16, e.g., Wang et al., 2007b, Zhou et al., 2009; Zhao et al., 2011;
657 Wang et al., 2012a;).

658 **5.4 An exterior accretionary orogen for the SCB along the margin of Rodinia**

659 The SCB has been argued to lie within or external to the Rodinia supercontinent
660 in the latest Mesoproterozoic to earliest Neoproterozoic (e.g., Li et al., 1995, 2002;
661 Zhao and Cawood, 1999; Yang et al., 2004; Yu et al., 2008; Zhao et al., 2011). In the
662 model proposed by Li and others (1995, 2002), the proposed Sibao orogen is
663 considered to range in age from 1.3 Ga to 1.0 Ga and constitutes a collisional orogen
664 equivalent to the Grenville Orogen and is associated with Rodinia assembly. The
665 orogen runs across the Jiangnan domain of the eastern SCB (inset in Fig. 1). However,
666 our data show a northwesterly episodic amalgamation from ~900 Ma continuingly to
667 ~820 Ma for the eastern SCB, significantly younger than the Grenvillian (~1.0-1.3 Ga)
668 Orogen throughout Laurentia, Australia, east Antarctica and Africa (e.g., Boger et al.,

669 2000; Jayananda et al., 2000). It is impossible for such a long-lived Neoproterozoic
670 (~980-830) arc-back-arc system to develop within the Rodinia supercontinent, and thus
671 it must have occupied a peripheral position. The final amalgamation along the
672 Wuyi-Yunkai domain is roughly synchronous with the deformation of the East Ghats of
673 India (~960 Ma) and the northern Prince Charles Mountains of East Antarctica
674 (~990-960 Ma; e.g., Boger et al., 2000; Jayananda et al., 2000). These relationships,
675 combined with the biogeographic consistency of the eastern SCB with Australia and the
676 late Neoproterozoic tectonic relationship with India (e.g., Wang and Li, 2003; Yang et
677 al., 2004; Myrow et al., 2006, 2009; Wang et al., 2010b), suggest to us that the SCB was
678 situated along the margin of Rodinia between Australia and East Antarctica (e.g.,
679 Hoffman, 1991; Zhang et al., 1997; Yang et al., 2004), as shown in Fig. 17.

680 Synthesis of our geochemical and geochronological data as well as ~1000-750 Ma
681 tectonic assembly along the western and northern margins of the Yangtze block (Zhao
682 and Cawood, 2012 and references therein) suggests the preliminary tectonic model for
683 the early Neoproterozoic evolution of the eastern SCB (Fig. 18). At ~0.98-0.90 Ga (Fig.
684 18a), Eastern Cathaysia of the eastern SCB received orogenic detritus from the latest
685 Mesoproterozoic mountain belt that lay in the Prince Charles mountains region of
686 Antarctica (e.g., Myrow et al., 2006, 2009; Boger et al., 2000; Jayananda et al., 2000).
687 At the same time, the Wuyi-Yunkai arc-back-arc system was developed and the
688 Shuangxiwu system continued until ~880 Ma. At ~880-900 Ma, the Eastern Cathaysia
689 accreted onto Western Cathaysia and the arc-back-arc systems along the Wuyi-Yunkai
690 and Shuangxiwu domains are in turn closed. At ~880-830 Ma (Fig. 18b), the back-arc
691 basin was developed along the Jiangnan domain and the intraplate magmatism in the
692 merged Cathaysia Block to the east of the Jiangshan-Shaoxing fault. At ~830-800 Ma
693 (Fig. 18c), the amalgamation of the already assembled Cathaysia took place with the

694 Yangtze along the Jiangnan domain and resulted into the closure of the Jiangnan
695 arc-back-arc basin, which finally created the united SCB along the Jinningian orogen.
696 The process of northwesterly episodic amalgamation for the eastern SCB constitute part
697 of an exterior accretionary orogen situating between Western Australia and East
698 Antarctica around the periphery of Rodinia (e.g., Cawood et al., 2007, 2010, in press).

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1239 **Figures Caption**

1240 **Fig. 1** The main faults and tectonic subdivisions of the eastern South China Block.
 1241 Inset shows the Yangtze and Cathaysia blocks along with previously defined Sibao
 1242 Orogen (modified after Zhang et al., 2012c),

1243 **Fig. 2** (a) and (b) Simplified geological maps of the Wuyi and Yunkai domains
 1244 showing sampling locations including Zhuyuan-Shanlintou (Songyang), Chatian
 1245 (Longquan), Huangtian and Zhuhuang (Qinyuan) and Shitun (Zhenghe) in the Wuyi
 1246 and Shiwo (Beiliu), Liuwan (Rongxian), Jintong and Zhaimen (Xinyi) in Yunkai
 1247 domains, respectively (revised after Wang et al., 2011b). See inset in Fig. 1 for the
 1248 locations in the eastern South China Block.

1249 **Fig. 3.** Microscope photographs for representative rocks along the Wuyi-Yunkai
 1250 domains: (a) amphibolite 09WG-66a, (b) plagioclase amphibolite 09WG-74c, (c)
 1251 amphibolite 09YK-3e, (d) metagabbro WG-59B1, (e) metadiabase 09WG-53a, and (f)
 1252 serpentine 09WG-51c. Amp: Amphibole, Pl: Plagioclase, Hb: Hornblende, Cpx,
 1253 Clinopyroxene, Atg, Antigorite, Chl, Chlorite, Q: Quartz.

1254 **Fig. 4** Zircon CL images with U–Pb ages for (a) amphibolite (09WG-66A), (b)
 1255 metadiabase (09WG-53A), (c) plagioclase amphibolite (09YK-3e), (d) plagioclase
 1256 amphibolite (09WG-58D) and (e) plagioclase amphibolite (09WG-74C) along the
 1257 Wuyi-Yunkai domain, respectively.

1258 **Fig. 5** Concordia diagrams of (a) SHRIMP zircon U-Pb data for 09WG-66A
 1259 amphibolite from Chatian (Longquan in SW Zhejiang; N27°56.920', E119°01.506'), (b)
 1260 LA-ICP zircon U-Pb data for 09WG-66A amphibolite, (c) SIMS zircon U-Pb result for
 1261 09WG-53A metadiabase from Shitun (Zhenghe in Fujian, N27°20.895', E118°47.712')
 1262 in the Wuyi domain; (d) LA-ICP zircon U-Pb data for 09WG-53A metadiabase; (e)
 1263 LA-ICP zircon U-Pb data for 09YK-3e plagioclase amphibolite; (f) LA-ICP zircon

1264 U-Pb dating result for 09WG-58D plagioclase amphibolite from Huangtian (Qinyuan in
 1265 Zhejiang; N27°50.029', E118°52.538') in the Wuyi domain; (g) LA-ICP zircon U-Pb
 1266 result for 09WG-74C garnet-bearing plagioclase amphibolite from Shanlintou village
 1267 (Songyang, Zhejiang; N28°19.552', E119°10.469') in Wuyi domain. The
 1268 corresponding locations of the samples are shown in Figures 2a-b. (h) $\epsilon_{Nd}(t)$ values for
 1269 the Neoproterozoic inherited zircons in the Kwangian (~400-460 Ma) granitoid gneiss
 1270 in the Cathaysia Block (Wang et al., 2011b).

1271 **Fig. 6** Chondrite-normalized REE patterns for zircon grains from (a) amphibolite
 1272 (09WG-66A), (b) metadiabase (09WG-53A), (c) plagioclase amphibolite (09YK-3e)
 1273 and (d) plagioclase amphibolite (09WG-74C) along the Wuyi-Yunkai domain. Red
 1274 dashed and green solid lines in (a-c) denote the crystallized and xenocrystic grains with
 1275 U-Pb ages of ~980 Ma and older than ~1000 Ma, respectively. Blue solid lines in (d)
 1276 denote the metamorphic grains with U-Pb metamorphic ages of ~244 Ma.

1277 **Fig. 7** (a) Zr/TiO₂ vs SiO₂, (b) Zr/TiO₂ vs Nb/Y, (c) MgO vs Nb/La, and (d) Nb vs
 1278 Nb/U for the metabasic rocks from the Wuyi and Yunkai domains in the Cathaysia
 1279 Block. The fields of the island arc basalts and Nb-enrich basalts are from Kepezhinskas
 1280 et al. (1996).

1281 **Fig. 8** Plots of SiO₂ vs. (a) FeO_t, (b) TiO₂, (c) Al₂O₃, (d) MgO, (e) CaO and (f)
 1282 P₂O₅ and of MgO vs (g) Cr and (h) Ni for the metabasic rocks along the Wuyi and
 1283 Yunkai domains in the Cathaysia Block.

1284 **Fig. 9** Chondrite normalized rare-earth element patterns for Group 1 (a), Group 2
 1285 (b), Group 3 (c) and Group 4 (d) for the metabasic rocks along the Wuyi and Yunkai
 1286 domains in the Cathaysia Block, respectively. Data for the Okinawa Trough BABB,
 1287 Lesser Caucasus back-arc basalt, New Caledonia fore-arc basin basalt and Saunders
 1288 island-arc basalt and are from Shinjo et al. (1999), Pearce et al. (1995), Rolland et al.

1289 (2009) and Hässig et al. (2012). N-MORB and E-MORB are after Sun and McDonough
 1290 (1989). The Pickle Nb-enriched basalts are from Hollings and Kerrich (2004).

1291 **Fig. 10** Primitive mantle-normalized multi-element spidergram for Group 1 (a),
 1292 Group 2 (b), Group 3 (c) and Group 4 (d) for the metabasic rocks along the Wuyi and
 1293 Yunkai domains in the Cathaysia Block. Data for the Okinawa Trough back-arc basin
 1294 basalts, Saunders island-arc basalt and New Caledonia fore-arc basin basalt are from
 1295 Shinjo et al. (1999), Pearce et al. (1995), Fan et al. (2010) and Hässig et al. (2012).
 1296 N-MORB and E-MORB are after Sun and McDonough (1989). The Pickle Nb-enriched
 1297 basalts and ~1.0 Ga Nb-enriched basalts in the Yunkai domain are from Hollings and
 1298 Kerrich (2004) and Zhang et al. (2012a), respectively.

1299 **Fig.11** (a) $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratio versus Os concentrations for the Groups 2 and 3
 1300 samples, Arc lavas, MORB and OIB are from Alves et al. (2002). The plots of (b)
 1301 $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$ vs $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$, and (c) Os (ppt) vs γOs for the Shitun serpentines. The fields
 1302 of the residual peridotite, lava, OIB (plume mantle) and lithospheric mantle are from
 1303 Shirey and Walker (1998), Widom and Shirey (1996), Widom et al. (1999), Xu et al.,
 1304 (2007) and Shi et al.(2006).

1305 **Fig. 12** MgO vs $\epsilon\text{Nd}(t)$ (a), MgO vs Nb/La (b), La/Sm vs Nb/La (c) La/Sm vs
 1306 $\epsilon\text{Nd}(t)$ for the metabasic rocks along the Wuyi and Yunkai domains in the Cathaysia
 1307 Block, respectively.

1308 **Fig. 13** Plots of (a) Y/15-La/10-Nb/8, (b) Hf/3-Th-Nb/16, (c) FeO/MgO vs TiO_2
 1309 and (d) TiO_2 vs V for the metabasic rocks along the Wuyi and Yunkai domains in the
 1310 Cathaysia Block. CFB: continental flood basalt; IAB: island-arc basalt; CAMB: active
 1311 continental margin basalt; CWPAB: continental within-plate alkali and transitional
 1312 basalts; OIB: ocean-island basalt; BABB: back-arc basin basalt; IAT: island-arc
 1313 tholeiite; IAB: island-arc calc-alkaline basalt. MORB: mid-ocean ridge basalt.

1314 N-MORB: normal mid-ocean ridge basalt, and E-MORB: enriched mid-ocean ridge
1315 basalt.

1316 **Fig. 14** La/Nb vs Nb/Th (a), Ta/Yb -Th/Yb (b), Tb/Ta-Th/Ta (c), and Zr vs Ti/Zr (e)
1317 for the metabasic rocks along the Wuyi and Yunkai domains in the Cathaysia Block
1318 (e.g., Woodhead et al., 1993; Pearce and Peate, 1995; Condie, 1997). Symbols are same
1319 as those in Fig. 8a.

1320 **Fig. 15** Plots of (a) Nb/Y vs $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$, (b) Nd/Pb vs $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$, (c) Th/Zr and Nb/Zr, and (d)
1321 Cr and Ni for the metabasic rocks along the Wuyi and Yunkai domains in the Cathaysia
1322 Block. The compositions of the end-members are from Elliott et al. (1997), Class et al.
1323 (2002), Petrone and Ferrari (2008), Castillo et al. (2002, 2007) and Wang et al., (2013).
1324 The expected range of the normal mantle-derived melt and Kitakami high-mg andesite
1325 in (d) are from Tsuchiya et al. (2005).

1326 **Fig. 16** The synthesis of the reported U-Pb geochronological data for the
1327 early-middle Neoproterozoic igneous rocks along the Wuyi-Yunkai, Shuangxiwu and
1328 Jiangnan domains of the eastern SCB. The data are from 1) Li, 1999; 2) Wang et al.,
1329 2006; 3) Ma et al., 2009; 4) Zhang et al., 2011a; 5) Zheng et al., 2005; 6) Wang et al.,
1330 2007a, b; 7) Li et al., 2003; 8) Wu et al., 2006; 9) Zhang et al., 2008; 11) Li et al., 1994;
1331 12) Gao et al., 2009; 13) Li et al., 2003; 14) Ye et al., 2007; 15) Chen et al., 2009a; 17)
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1333 2009; 21) Ding et al., 2008; 22) Zhang YZ et al., 2012; 23) Wang et al., 2008b; 24) Shu
1334 et al., 2006; 25) Li et al., 2010a; 26) Hu and Liu, 2002; 27) Qin et al., 2006; 28) Zhang
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1336 et al., 2011; 33) Li et al., 2005; 34) Li et al., 2002; 35) Zhang et al., 2011b and 36) this
1337 study. Inset (a) shows the early Neoproterozoic tectonic subdivision in the eastern
1338 South China Block and associated orogenism. Inset (b) shows the age-spectra of detrital

1339 zircons for the Neoproterozoic sedimentary rocks from the Yunkai-Nanling and
1340 Jiangnan domains. Data in (b) from Wang et al. (2007b, 2008a, 2010a, b; 2012a),
1341 Zhang et al. (2012a), Yu et al. (2007, 2008, 2010), Wan et al. (2007, 2010), Li et al.
1342 (2011); Zhao et al. (2011) and Zhou et al. (2009).

1343 **Fig. 17** Neoproterozoic reconstruction of the South China Block during the
1344 assemblage of Rodinia. The South China Block situated between NW Australia and
1345 East Antarctica around the periphery of Rodinia supercontinent (modified after Torsvik
1346 et al., 2001).

1347 **Fig. 18** Schematic cartoon showing the early Neoproterozoic tectonic evolution of
1348 the eastern South China Block. (a) At ~1.0-0.90 Ga, the arc and back-arc system along
1349 the Wuyi-Yunkai and Shuangxiwu domains developed and accreted at 0.90 Ga and 0.88
1350 Ga, respectively. (b) Development between ~860-830 Ma of the back-arc system along
1351 the Jiangnan domain and intraplate magmatism in the merged Cathaysia Block. (c) At
1352 ~830-800 Ma, the merged Cathaysia Block amalgamated with the Yangtze Block along
1353 the Jiangnan domain and finally created a united SCB.

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Table 1: Major oxides, elemental and Nd isotopic analytical results for the earliest Neoproterozoic mafic rocks along the Wuyi and Yunkai domains, SCB

Sample	Group 1											Group 2			
	Northern Yunkai domain										NE Wuyi domain		Yunkai domain		
	09YK-9B	YK-9C	09YK-9C	09YK-9H	YK-09A	YK-9B	09YK-11F	1244-1 ^a	1246-1 ^a	3087 ^a	3102 ^a	LB264 ^b	LB265 ^b	JT-4	JT-5
	Plagioclase amphibolite Mala village (Xinyi)				Plagioclase amphibolite Jintong (Xinyi)		metagabbro Liuwan					Plagioclase amphibolite Zhulu (Longquan)		Plagioclase amphibolite Jintong (Xinyi)	
SiO ₂	45.71	45.23	45.23	46.00	45.67	45.71	50.05	46.63	48.57	48.24	48.31	47.08	47.23	49.68	47.39
TiO ₂	0.81	0.80	0.80	0.84	0.91	0.81	1.51	1.40	1.10	1.62	0.80	1.50	1.43	0.91	1.01
Al ₂ O ₃	14.65	14.02	14.02	14.69	13.95	14.65	13.59	14.25	14.89	13.85	15.63	15.84	16.08	14.94	14.80
FeOt	9.54	9.24	9.24	9.25	9.05	9.54	12.23	12.59	10.98	13.23	10.05	13.20	13.73	9.61	10.39
MgO	11.52	11.70	11.70	10.91	10.48	11.52	7.18	7.09	7.83	6.92	8.67	6.02	5.93	7.73	8.41
CaO	8.88	9.36	9.36	9.06	9.69	8.88	10.27	11.59	11.86	11.55	10.11	9.96	9.58	9.41	10.79
K ₂ O	4.22	4.65	4.65	4.39	2.15	4.22	1.09	0.33	0.47	0.24	2.12	1.08	1.53	2.62	2.61
Na ₂ O	0.87	0.45	0.45	0.95	1.93	0.87	2.35	0.87	1.61	1.31	1.06	2.98	2.83	2.81	2.07
P ₂ O ₅	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.07	0.13	0.14	0.09	0.15	0.05	0.13	0.13	0.06	0.07
MnO	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.29	0.15	0.22	0.21	0.19	0.21	0.17	0.22	0.23	0.18	0.17
LOI	3.38	4.47	4.47	3.79	2.83	3.38	1.36	0.50	0.75	0.45	1.15			1.68	1.85
Total	99.80	100.14	100.14	100.10	100.04	99.80	99.98	95.60	98.34	97.77	98.12	98.01	98.70	99.64	99.55
mg-number	71	72	72	70	69	64	54	53	59	51	63	48	46	62	62
Sc	39	40	39	42	33	35	49	48	46	52	42	29	50	31	35
V	179	191	174	184	198	175	96	351	298	342	236	233	259	193	214
Cr	806	866	805	784	250	621	107	173	269	203	204	546	539	242	280
Co	54	54	52	54	38	57	48	60	66	58	56	70	62	44	47
Ni	326	376	365	321	121	326	61	66	96	61	112	231	236	113	125
Ga	19.2	17.9	17.3	19.3	18.7	18.8	16.4					18.1	19.4	15.6	16.8
Rb	432	456	441	443	299	452	39.1	10.3	23.2	2.3	94.4	46.6	82.7	222	224
Sr	74.7	73.1	71.3	79.1	188	82.5	134	160	234	232	103	235	265	121	263
Y	24.07	22.96	22.69	24.84	33.70	24.30	34.06	33.20	25.70	37.50	25.40	29.90	32.40	32.80	31.90
Zr	66.5	65.8	63.7	67.6	66.5	65.8	111.3	96.9	57.9	115.0	39.5	90.5	90.1	69.3	72.6
Nb	1.89	2.14	2.22	2.82	2.57	3.04	2.45	5.33	1.39	4.01	1.24	3.76	3.63	3.13	4.97

Cs	26.47	27.19	27.07	26.17	50.20	25.60	2.65	0.55	4.35	0.11	6.62	1.78	2.87	8.40	8.16
Ba	459	484	479	444	370	447	74	18	139	25	137	87	144	572	633
La	2.59	3.05	3.16	2.93	3.13	2.55	4.55	4.25	2.61	6.25	2.23	4.20	4.74	5.59	4.87
Ce	7.86	8.51	8.81	8.77	9.50	7.64	13.24	11.90	7.43	16.70	6.55	12.20	13.30	12.61	12.8
Pr	1.38	1.44	1.48	1.50	1.52	1.23	2.29	1.92	1.23	2.59	1.05	1.95	2.22	1.92	1.86
Nd	6.94	7.12	7.37	7.56	7.73	5.74	11.76	9.74	6.68	12.70	5.61	9.93	11.00	8.57	9.02
Sm	2.29	2.22	2.19	2.30	2.64	2.10	3.81	3.29	2.39	4.12	2.21	3.41	3.62	3.03	2.97
Eu	1.01	1.09	1.07	1.05	0.92	0.92	1.30	1.24	0.99	1.43	0.88	1.35	1.54	0.90	1.00
Gd	3.02	2.79	2.90	3.04	4.09	3.46	4.83	4.83	3.62	6.17	3.41	4.85	4.95	4.12	4.21
Tb	0.60	0.55	0.55	0.60	0.76	0.56	0.91	0.83	0.68	1.01	0.62	0.82	0.90	0.67	0.70
Dy	3.94	3.78	3.71	4.01	5.01	3.73	5.63	5.92	4.57	6.98	4.55	5.43	5.25	4.43	4.52
Ho	0.88	0.85	0.81	0.92	1.12	0.85	1.20	1.25	1.01	1.56	0.98	1.17	1.23	1.00	1.00
Er	2.60	2.52	2.50	2.74	3.42	2.57	3.32	3.80	3.05	4.50	2.95	3.31	3.47	2.92	2.97
Tm	0.42	0.42	0.39	0.44	0.53	0.40	0.49	0.54	0.43	0.64	0.43	0.49	0.51	0.41	0.43
Yb	2.91	2.93	2.83	3.05	3.70	2.72	3.24	3.51	2.84	4.09	2.87	3.12	3.29	2.58	2.81
Lu	0.45	0.47	0.45	0.49	0.62	0.42	0.49	0.50	0.40	0.60	0.39	0.47	0.50	0.38	0.43
Hf	1.89	1.71	1.64	1.81	2.10	1.72	3.03	2.61	1.82	3.24	1.26	2.15	2.37	2.29	2.25
Ta	0.13	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.22	0.23	0.17	0.24	0.10	0.21	0.10	0.21	0.21	0.24	0.25
Pb	9.26	10.97	10.70	11.42	9.22	10.60	9.72	9.68	22.80	11.50	13.50	8.85	7.39	12.70	10.50
Th	0.23	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.66	0.20	0.83	0.42	0.30	0.68	0.39	0.29	0.39	0.48	0.51
U	0.29	0.32	0.33	0.32	0.91	0.33	0.84	0.08	0.07	0.15	0.27	0.20	0.08	0.29	0.18
¹⁴⁷ Sm/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd	0.200				0.207		0.180					0.208	0.199		0.199
¹⁴³ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd	0.512900				0.512954		0.512856					0.512929	0.512919		0.51281
2 σ	2				6		5					9	5		7
εNd (t)	4.8				4.9		4.4					4.3	5.2		3.1

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sample	Group 2										Group 3				
	Northern Yunkai domain					NE Wuyi domain					NE Wuyi domain				
	JT-6	JT-7	1243-1 ^a	1257-1 ^a	1260-1 ^a	WG-59B1	WG-59B2	WG-59B4	09WG-59A	09WG-59B	LB258 ^b	LB259 ^b	LB262 ^b	LB263 ^b	09WG-75A
	Plagioclase amphibolite					Metagabbro					amphibolite				
Zhaimen (Xinyi)		Guiyi (Cenxi)			Huangtian (Qinyuan)					Zhulu (Longquan)					Zhuyuan
SiO ₂	49.81	47.24	49.07	48.16	49.64	48.48	48.51	48.25	48.52	48.71	46.18	50.21	47.74	48.46	46.62
TiO ₂	0.95	0.95	1.52	1.61	1.56	1.58	1.50	1.44	1.51	1.43	2.42	1.76	2.20	2.13	1.89
Al ₂ O ₃	14.76	14.72	14.71	13.67	14.21	14.10	13.82	14.49	14.10	13.88	13.64	15.92	15.92	15.19	15.31
FeOt	10.23	10.81	11.75	13.50	12.68	12.48	12.69	12.09	12.85	13.03	14.93	12.18	13.88	15.67	14.75
MgO	7.88	7.83	7.30	6.44	6.87	6.74	6.72	5.63	6.67	6.61	8.08	5.22	5.28	3.87	7.09
CaO	9.30	10.61	10.90	10.33	8.48	11.46	11.28	12.70	11.11	10.90	8.96	10.01	9.59	8.86	8.96
K ₂ O	2.00	1.62	0.30	0.41	0.26	0.99	1.10	0.85	0.96	1.06	0.92	0.78	1.04	1.27	1.79
Na ₂ O	3.30	2.69	1.74	2.78	3.63	2.32	2.30	2.47	2.38	2.47	2.67	2.97	3.01	3.40	1.62
P ₂ O ₅	0.07	0.07	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.13	0.12	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.24	0.21	0.22	0.17	0.21
MnO	0.19	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.20	0.18	0.19	0.26	0.22	0.20	0.18	0.18
LOI	1.16	2.85	0.65	0.35	0.55	1.00	1.21	1.33	1.08	1.09					1.04
Total	99.65	99.59	98.28	97.62	98.23	99.48	99.46	99.60	99.51	99.52	98.30	99.48	99.08	99.20	99.46
mg-number	61	59	55	49	52	52	51	48	51	50	52	46	43	33	49
Sc	32	33	39			39	39	34	41	42	47	37	36	48	45
V	193	200	305			274	275	257	267	300	309	236	295	357	341
Cr	246	267	195			83	84	75	75	81	379	543	362	165	243
Co	44	46	61			51	50	44	46	49	62	61	79	47	56
Ni	116	127	76			67	66	62	53	60	195	224	168	62	64
Ga	17.8	18.1				16.4	16.5	19.8	16.3	16.8	20.9	20.9	18.7	21.4	23.7
Rb	152	109	8.1			39.1	51.6	40.4	32.6	43.1	42.9	20.4	43.0	59.0	87.1
Sr	107	163	297			226	239	231	192	244	221	257	282	244	275
Y	29.20	25.10	32.10			23.30	22.80	18.50	21.74	21.45	45.60	33.30	38.70	46.70	27.94
Zr	69.2	69.9	102			87.6	86.3	98.2	88.2	78.8	158	131	140	147	113
Nb	4.90	4.38	6.48			5.07	4.89	5.00	5.32	5.22	7.93	9.72	8.30	7.67	12.78
Cs	6.49	9.28	0.71			2.69	3.18	1.82	3.14	3.56	1.50	1.27	2.50	2.25	4.80

Ba	424	348	100	105	117	84	99	108	91	100	110	90	300
La	7.35	4.80	5.86	6.21	6.26	5.70	5.91	6.10	8.96	11.50	9.94	8.20	11.95
Ce	15.00	11.90	16.40	14.50	13.90	11.80	15.30	15.73	22.80	26.90	22.40	20.80	28.25
Pr	2.05	1.75	2.36	2.13	2.20	1.72	2.44	2.35	3.70	3.49	3.35	3.14	3.92
Nd	9.67	8.55	11.40	9.79	10.50	8.06	11.97	11.42	18.90	15.20	16.40	15.10	17.22
Sm	3.21	2.87	3.56	3.05	3.01	2.40	3.34	3.17	5.48	4.34	4.90	4.96	4.44
Eu	0.93	0.88	1.36	1.18	1.14	0.89	1.31	1.28	1.81	1.59	1.67	1.83	1.59
Gd	4.15	3.51	5.01	3.68	3.48	2.78	3.84	3.73	6.52	5.43	6.31	6.43	4.76
Tb	0.68	0.60	0.84	0.65	0.64	0.50	0.68	0.68	1.20	0.92	1.09	1.26	0.86
Dy	4.38	3.90	6.03	3.88	3.83	2.94	4.21	4.13	7.40	5.79	6.74	7.41	5.33
Ho	0.95	0.85	1.23	0.81	0.79	0.61	0.89	0.86	1.61	1.23	1.46	1.77	1.12
Er	2.78	2.53	3.61	2.28	2.22	1.73	2.36	2.29	4.44	3.47	3.97	4.98	2.93
Tm	0.40	0.38	0.53	0.32	0.32	0.24	0.34	0.33	0.68	0.49	0.60	0.75	0.43
Yb	2.54	2.53	3.47	2.02	2.00	1.57	2.14	2.08	4.23	3.22	3.65	4.67	2.71
Lu	0.38	0.38	0.45	0.29	0.29	0.24	0.33	0.33	0.62	0.48	0.53	0.72	0.42
Hf	2.21	2.49	2.91	2.27	2.37	2.13	2.39	2.07	3.86	3.06	3.38	3.81	2.82
Ta	0.25	0.24	0.38	0.33	0.35	0.28	0.35	0.33	0.50	0.61	0.47	0.44	0.81
Pb	11.30	7.68	19.80	13.10	11.40	18.10	11.28	10.37	4.79	9.27	5.77	6.93	16.39
Th	0.60	0.50	0.52	0.47	0.42	0.45	0.51	0.47	1.16	1.36	0.63	0.78	2.37
U	0.39	0.21	0.14	0.19	0.44	0.66	0.13	0.36	0.99	0.34	0.30	0.25	0.96
$^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	0.200	0.203				0.180			0.175		0.181	0.199	0.156
$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	0.512880	0.512835				0.512747			0.512860		0.512761	0.512950	0.512524
2σ	8	10				9			14		9	15	8
$\epsilon\text{Nd}(t)$	4.2	3.1				4.2			7.0		4.4	5.9	2.9

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Group 3														
NE Wuyi domain														
Sample	09WG-74A	09WG-74B	09WG-74C	09WG-74D	09WG-74F	09WG-74G	09WG-74H	09WG-74I	09WG-74K	09WG-74L	09WG-74M	09WG-74N	09WG-74O	09WG-58B
Plagioclase amphibolite														amphibolite
Yuyan-Shanlintuo (Songyang)														Zhuhuang
SiO ₂	50.06	49.70	48.27	48.73	48.55	49.38	47.82	48.60	49.59	49.38	48.76	48.78	47.88	48.71
TiO ₂	1.43	1.66	3.41	1.47	2.74	1.45	1.57	1.54	1.47	1.42	1.94	1.45	2.06	2.06
Al ₂ O ₃	12.21	11.65	12.52	12.03	13.31	13.17	13.06	13.21	12.94	12.90	13.30	12.92	13.26	12.90
FeOt	13.21	13.56	17.64	15.77	17.19	14.88	15.55	15.25	14.33	13.81	14.70	14.94	14.63	15.38
MgO	5.39	5.08	5.75	6.27	6.56	6.42	7.21	7.06	6.64	6.59	7.08	6.81	4.90	6.13
CaO	11.79	12.53	7.59	10.12	7.53	9.04	9.60	9.00	9.57	10.21	8.43	9.82	11.52	9.31
K ₂ O	1.33	0.94	1.11	1.32	0.74	0.53	0.34	0.50	0.48	1.06	1.45	0.41	1.30	1.24
Na ₂ O	2.79	3.03	1.36	2.56	1.31	3.44	3.12	3.16	3.45	2.93	2.48	3.13	2.27	2.31
P ₂ O ₅	0.17	0.19	0.38	0.16	0.29	0.16	0.15	0.18	0.16	0.14	0.18	0.16	0.24	0.21
MnO	0.22	0.24	0.26	0.23	0.25	0.20	0.22	0.19	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.22	0.24	0.21
LOI	0.96	0.99	1.24	0.95	1.03	1.01	1.01	0.97	0.84	0.96	1.03	1.02	1.23	1.10
Total	99.55	99.57	99.52	99.61	99.50	99.68	99.66	99.66	99.66	99.60	99.57	99.65	99.52	99.57
mg-number	45	43	39	44	43	46	48	48	48	49	49	48	40	44
Sc	41	40	45	47	39	44	46	48	47	43	44	46	39	47
V	299	317	490	350	374	316	331	352	330	305	362	306	366	400
Cr	119	100	114	98	74	134	143	150	149	128	108	79	83	79
Co	46	47	48	46	45	50	49	53	48	46	50	46	43	50
Ni	57	53	62	66	45	59	61	64	61	60	72	58	43	49
Ga	14.1	12.5	19.4	13.5	18.0	16.0	15.3	15.6	15.4	15.2	20.6	15.1	20.6	20.1
Rb	69.7	48.3	41.4	59.7	35.1	20.3	9.8	20.0	18.6	48.7	60.9	17.1	61.4	47.2
Sr	452	347	99.0	306	68.9	79.8	73.7	132	168	301	315	108	197	254
Y	25.03	25.92	52.90	27.00	41.88	26.35	29.21	25.95	25.96	24.38	29.25	25.85	35.97	42.58
Zr	90.2	105	256	96.9	203	91.2	95.3	95.1	98.1	90.4	136	92.8	162	124
Nb	10.92	12.16	23.91	10.36	20.56	10.51	12.01	10.38	10.43	9.94	13.59	9.57	17.67	9.70
Cs	1.99	0.89	0.81	1.27	2.69	0.58	0.31	0.60	0.44	1.26	1.64	0.43	1.55	1.24
Ba	125	89	200	258	98	35	19	38	27	125	313	294	294	219

La	11.94	13.83	24.07	10.24	15.75	8.60	8.56	8.72	9.08	8.78	11.57	9.03	19.81	12.81
Ce	28.31	30.19	56.81	23.62	39.48	20.85	21.03	20.97	21.90	20.41	30.06	21.48	47.83	32.58
Pr	3.91	4.06	7.77	3.40	5.81	2.93	2.99	3.10	3.18	2.91	4.50	3.16	6.58	4.80
Nd	16.97	17.88	35.40	15.48	26.48	13.40	13.66	14.30	14.18	13.48	21.00	14.04	28.71	22.97
Sm	4.09	4.34	8.90	4.08	6.65	3.52	3.80	3.70	3.61	3.55	5.37	3.67	6.72	6.18
Eu	1.49	1.37	2.30	1.42	2.22	1.22	1.25	1.34	1.31	1.37	1.62	1.26	2.09	2.09
Gd	4.29	4.72	9.43	4.50	7.21	3.98	4.52	4.16	4.16	4.11	5.68	4.16	6.64	7.14
Tb	0.75	0.82	1.63	0.81	1.30	0.72	0.87	0.77	0.75	0.74	0.96	0.79	1.15	1.24
Dy	4.64	5.07	9.82	4.95	7.99	4.64	5.40	4.95	4.78	4.63	5.75	4.92	7.08	7.71
Ho	0.97	1.04	2.06	1.05	1.66	0.99	1.12	1.06	1.01	0.98	1.16	1.04	1.50	1.58
Er	2.67	2.87	5.58	2.92	4.52	2.79	3.16	2.98	2.78	2.73	3.09	2.94	4.01	4.33
Tm	0.40	0.42	0.81	0.43	0.66	0.40	0.46	0.44	0.41	0.40	0.43	0.41	0.61	0.62
Yb	2.54	2.67	5.01	2.83	4.16	2.59	3.09	2.75	2.66	2.56	2.78	2.80	3.85	3.92
Lu	0.39	0.41	0.79	0.45	0.64	0.41	0.49	0.44	0.41	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.60	0.60
Hf	2.42	2.59	6.10	2.03	4.76	2.30	2.47	2.44	2.46	2.33	3.54	2.01	4.19	3.15
Ta	0.70	0.74	1.44	0.62	1.22	0.61	0.73	0.64	0.61	0.60	0.90	0.59	1.17	0.50
Pb	20.92	12.93	3.27	7.54	5.94	6.47	4.70	4.30	7.96	11.39	10.54	4.06	10.94	6.20
Th	2.85	2.01	3.44	1.09	3.29	0.96	1.97	0.96	0.92	1.01	2.04	1.36	3.81	0.74
U	2.22	1.67	0.94	0.32	1.02	0.39	0.85	0.32	0.32	0.31	1.28	0.29	1.47	0.69
$^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	0.146							0.157	0.154				0.142	0.163
$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	0.512507							0.512557	0.512526				0.512428	0.512540
2σ	6							9	6				7	8
$\epsilon\text{Nd}(t)$	3.8							3.5	3.2				2.8	2.4

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Group 3														
Sample	NE Wuyi domain													
	09WG-58C	09WG-58D	09WG-58E	WG-58B1	WG-58B2	WG-58D1	WG-58D2	WG-59B3	09WG-59B3	09WG-59B6	09WG-66A	09WG-66A7	09WG-66A9	XT3086-1 ^d
	Plagioclase amphibolite						metagabbro			amphibolite				metamafic
	Zhuhuang (Qinyuan)						Huangtian (Qinyuan)			Chatian (Longquan)				
SiO ₂	49.24	48.05	47.62	48.62	48.62	47.90	47.89	44.46	44.66	49.33	42.31	43.30	43.46	48.54
TiO ₂	1.78	2.14	2.53	2.18	2.18	2.25	2.26	1.60	1.54	1.01	1.77	2.04	1.79	1.65
Al ₂ O ₃	13.49	13.01	12.69	12.86	12.83	12.94	12.93	13.16	13.30	14.29	13.39	11.63	11.36	14.30
FeOt	13.90	15.47	16.15	14.89	14.91	14.99	14.98	15.03	15.50	12.04	13.89	14.58	13.48	12.56
MgO	5.95	6.20	5.67	6.15	6.18	6.26	6.26	9.40	9.26	7.42	9.18	10.13	9.28	7.15
CaO	9.56	9.69	9.90	9.60	9.60	10.02	9.98	9.89	9.59	9.75	12.60	11.88	13.97	11.82
K ₂ O	1.78	1.35	1.35	1.28	1.29	1.38	1.42	0.97	0.94	1.30	1.39	1.30	0.81	0.30
Na ₂ O	2.32	2.21	2.04	2.29	2.30	2.15	2.18	1.93	1.96	2.77	0.56	0.63	0.53	1.27
P ₂ O ₅	0.19	0.22	0.26	0.19	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.21	0.07	0.11	0.15
MnO	0.18	0.22	0.20	0.23	0.23	0.25	0.24	0.25	0.24	0.18	0.81	0.78	0.92	0.22
LOI	1.11	0.99	1.14	1.06	1.02	1.00	1.00	2.42	2.40	1.22	3.30	3.12	3.72	
Total	99.52	99.55	99.54	99.34	99.34	99.33	99.33	99.30	99.59	99.55	99.40	99.45	99.43	97.96
mg-number	46	44	41	45	45	46	46	56	54	55	57	58	58	53
Sc	42	44	47	43	44	42	40	46	51	37	36	42	39	47
V	330	354	550	381	387	397	392	320	347	239	277	300	279	322
Cr	59	70	80	81	87	82	79	65	55	117	15	18	26	187
Co	45	44	48	49	49	48	48	60	60	42	65	67	68	44
Ni	40	38	42	52	55	49	48	78	74	61	42	45	47	54
Ga	18.5	18.9	20.3	19.9	20.3	19.9	19.1	15.3	15.9	17.4	21.0	17.1	19.5	21.6
Rb	70.4	50.4	48.3	57.4	58.0	62.0	62.1	28.6	23.8	39.8	41.9	30.3	19.2	9.0
Sr	245	200	234	246	251	246	247	161	139	289	421	219	396	182
Y	34.42	34.41	45.46	45.60	44.80	37.00	37.60	36.10	33.46	26.86	44.74	47.78	60.85	37.15
Zr	125	125	142	123	123	126	124	82.4	84.2	77.0	112	132	122	121
Nb	7.97	7.18	11.55	8.50	8.51	7.90	7.97	16.00	18.05	18.10	14.99	20.32	29.87	10.59
Cs	2.34	1.20	1.24	1.15	1.12	1.08	1.11	1.01	1.13	3.40	3.18	2.15	1.48	0.61
Ba	248	197	321	208	212	221	219	241	271	200	588	532	142	70

La	13.22	11.47	15.00	13.30	13.50	11.40	11.80	14.90	14.88	8.23	11.39	12.01	9.80	7.87
Ce	31.06	28.41	37.67	24.50	25.00	21.90	22.10	23.70	33.59	19.12	27.76	30.31	25.46	17.43
Pr	4.23	4.08	5.48	4.67	4.59	3.87	3.87	4.03	4.39	2.58	4.31	4.43	3.75	3.08
Nd	19.12	19.74	26.01	21.40	21.40	18.30	17.40	16.00	19.05	11.32	21.00	21.80	18.81	14.27
Sm	4.94	5.18	7.02	6.08	6.06	5.00	4.91	4.32	4.72	3.06	5.79	6.16	5.58	4.54
Eu	1.76	1.91	2.36	1.97	2.03	1.79	1.77	1.49	1.61	1.02	2.01	2.27	2.12	1.66
Gd	5.65	5.90	8.11	7.71	7.76	6.49	5.65	4.93	5.30	3.65	6.40	7.52	7.16	6.29
Tb	1.00	1.05	1.45	1.23	1.26	1.05	1.03	0.94	0.98	0.72	1.16	1.33	1.47	1.07
Dy	6.07	6.62	8.76	7.36	7.51	6.25	6.15	5.76	6.37	4.69	7.52	8.68	10.55	7.11
Ho	1.25	1.37	1.86	1.53	1.55	1.29	1.28	1.23	1.34	0.99	1.64	1.84	2.34	1.48
Er	3.41	3.84	4.92	4.36	4.39	3.69	3.62	3.60	3.87	2.72	4.61	4.95	6.48	4.33
Tm	0.49	0.54	0.71	0.62	0.62	0.53	0.52	0.54	0.59	0.40	0.67	0.71	0.94	0.68
Yb	3.19	3.52	4.42	3.84	3.91	3.39	3.27	3.48	3.83	2.56	4.41	4.36	5.76	4.29
Lu	0.48	0.53	0.70	0.58	0.58	0.51	0.49	0.53	0.60	0.39	0.69	0.64	0.82	0.65
Hf	2.74	3.15	3.51	3.18	3.28	3.07	3.07	2.50	2.59	2.32	3.07	3.52	3.29	2.50
Ta	0.44	0.53	0.67	0.56	0.48	0.50	0.58	0.99	0.99	1.10	0.99	1.07	1.25	1.07
Pb	7.56	6.22	8.26	7.73	6.93	8.36	7.80	8.29	7.53	14.63	12.70	10.55	11.34	22.40
Th	0.17	0.38	0.21	0.78	0.68	0.37	0.38	0.97	0.92	1.28	0.80	0.86	0.93	0.95
U	0.33	0.44	0.34	0.73	0.70	0.45	0.50	1.64	1.85	2.91	1.20	1.01	1.55	0.83
$^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$			0.163						0.150		0.167		0.179	
$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$			0.512619						0.512533		0.512653		0.512740	
2 σ			6						8		6		6	
$\epsilon\text{Nd (t)}$			3.8						3.8		4.1		4.2	

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Sample	Group 3										Shitun ultramafic rocks coeval with Group 4			
	Northern Yunkai domain													
	Plagioclase amphibolite					Plagioclase amphibolite					serpentinite			
	Shiwo-Qingshuikou (Eastern Guangxi)					Fenjie-Guizi (north Guangdong)					Shitun (Zhenghe)			
	XT3088-1 ^c	XT3090-2 ^c	XT3101-1 ^c	XT3090-3 ^c	09YK-1d ^d	09YK-1e ^d	09YK-1f ^d	09YK-3e ^d	09YK-3f ^d	JXW-1 ^d	09WG-51C	09WG-51D	09WG-51E	09WG-51M
SiO ₂	47.58	47.16	47.32	48.11	51.70	50.58	51.51	49.30	50.89	50.32	37.25	39.18	38.77	38.08
TiO ₂	1.69	1.14	1.28	1.57	2.21	2.25	2.20	1.80	1.88	1.76				
Al ₂ O ₃	15.07	15.77	15.04	15.21	13.92	14.09	14.08	15.02	14.72	14.84	0.57	0.55	1.14	0.70
FeO _t	12.83	11.29	10.99	11.58	5.43	5.74	5.55	6.34	6.07	6.26	7.79	6.44	7.55	5.83
MgO	7.69	8.30	8.47	7.63	13.23	13.65	13.33	13.35	13.19	13.54	39.18	39.39	39.12	39.93
CaO	11.17	10.75	10.79	11.22	8.93	8.84	8.70	8.92	8.76	9.44	0.12	0.23	0.08	0.29
K ₂ O	0.32	0.83	1.45	0.56	0.31	0.64	0.43	2.00	1.51	0.48				
Na ₂ O	1.03	2.43	1.41	1.81	3.05	3.00	3.08	1.67	1.55	3.09	0.14	0.12	0.13	0.13
P ₂ O ₅	0.15	0.09	0.13	0.13	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.11	0.22	0.20				
MnO	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.21	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.21	0.21	0.18	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.07
LOI					0.80	0.79	0.74	1.25	0.96		14.90	13.87	12.65	15.13
Total	97.74	97.98	97.10	98.03	99.95	99.96	99.98	99.98	99.96		100.08	99.89	99.56	100.18
mg-number	55	60	61	57	49	50	49	53	52	66				
Sc	49	44	44	46	44	42	42	56	49	36				
V	345	257	270	302	366	335	343	367	342	268				
Cr	129	206	182	279	36	32	36	35	38	37				
Co	47	43	42	42	91	81	81	120	116	185				
Ni	60	80	68	63	36	35	36	43	47	62				
Ga	14.5	20.3	16.7	16.5	19.70	21.37	20.82	25.29	24.77	18.47				
Rb	11.0	20.0	55.0	23.0	7.56	21.05	12.58	87.37	71.60	26.37				
Sr	118	108	109	237	339	340	341	152	144	218				
Y	37.55	26.20	33.59	32.80	39.51	40.05	40.50	33.41	35.04	28.63				
Zr	120	76.0	90.3	113	172.1	168.4	169.5	83.5	137.3	114.6				
Nb	14.42	16.94	16.79	13.45	12.70	12.44	12.37	11.09	10.87	8.55				
Cs	0.67	1.22	1.21	0.87	0.47	1.06	0.62	2.60	1.83					

Ba	51	135	150	92	23.9	77.8	40.7	502.3	319.4	130.4
La	7.60	5.31	7.50	8.41	18.11	21.82	19.07	12.93	12.61	11.61
Ce	21.67	13.85	13.89	15.44	41.20	47.58	43.21	27.46	29.34	26.34
Pr	3.13	2.14	2.45	3.06	5.59	6.23	5.71	3.71	4.22	3.64
Nd	14.62	10.13	13.71	15.03	23.84	26.72	24.48	15.04	18.77	16.01
Sm	4.57	3.18	3.95	4.16	6.03	6.20	6.07	3.56	4.73	4.08
Eu	1.75	1.24	1.48	1.62	2.05	2.12	2.16	1.15	1.35	1.38
Gd	6.40	4.25	5.36	5.52	6.62	6.74	6.78	4.05	5.29	5.15
Tb	1.12	0.76	0.96	1.00	1.13	1.14	1.16	0.76	0.95	0.86
Dy	7.32	5.14	6.59	6.60	6.68	6.88	6.95	5.09	5.87	5.16
Ho	1.54	1.05	1.36	1.37	1.38	1.40	1.42	1.16	1.25	1.10
Er	4.41	3.04	3.84	3.78	3.77	3.82	3.83	3.52	3.63	2.91
Tm	0.72	0.50	0.62	0.60	0.54	0.55	0.56	0.57	0.55	0.43
Yb	4.41	3.03	3.94	3.80	3.44	3.51	3.62	3.74	3.69	2.86
Lu	0.68	0.46	0.59	0.58	0.51	0.52	0.54	0.56	0.54	0.45
Hf	2.39	1.57	1.71	2.20	4.23	4.22	4.34	2.36	3.64	2.02
Ta	1.29	1.35	1.55	1.05	0.89	0.90	0.88	0.89	0.84	0.69
Pb	13.50	6.80	8.80	14.10	4.19	4.13	7.10	7.27	6.60	
Th	0.99	0.50	0.98	0.72	2.20	2.23	2.13	3.67	1.49	1.95
U	1.03	0.49	0.73	0.53	0.63	0.56	0.60	0.79	0.54	0.45
$^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$						0.1457			0.1524	0.1599
$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$						0.512476			0.512593	0.512617
2 σ						8			7	
$\epsilon\text{Nd (t)}$						3.93			4.69	4.22

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Sample	Group 4					
	Diabase coeval with ultramafic rocks from Wuyi			Northern Yunkai domain		
	09WG-53A	09WG-53E	1252-1 ^a	09YK-11A	09YK-12B	09YK-12E
	Shitun (Zhenghe) metadiabase		Dajin	Liuwan (Rongxian) Plagioclase amphibolite		
SiO ₂	43.30	43.53	49.04	47.73	51.64	51.29
TiO ₂	1.07	1.28	0.47	1.50	1.19	1.20
Al ₂ O ₃	17.99	17.11	16.04	14.91	14.50	14.62
FeOt	11.30	13.46	8.61	12.98	11.63	11.62
MgO	10.43	12.09	9.62	7.16	6.83	7.01
CaO	6.14	5.06	9.83	11.35	9.77	9.52
K ₂ O	6.00	4.66	0.77	1.12	0.91	0.98
Na ₂ O	0.07	0.14	1.27	2.24	2.26	2.12
P ₂ O ₅	0.16	0.24	0.06	0.11	0.10	0.10
MnO	0.34	0.22	0.15	0.20	0.17	0.17
LOI	3.14	2.21	2.30	0.68	0.96	1.34
Total	99.94	100.01	98.16	99.98	99.96	99.98
mg-number	65	64	69	52	54	55
Sc	25	33	33	49	43	43
V	284	316	162	332	272	269
Cr	137	113	314	201	137	168
Co	60	23	67	45	47	45
Ni	98	45	124	71	67	73
Ga	16.3	13.1		19.4	17.8	18.1
Rb	323.5	191.3	52.0	19.6	16.0	21.9
Sr	416	137	262	138	90.9	76.7
Y	14.64	10.73	9.47	51.83	41.92	42.97
Zr	52.8	51.0	36.9	110	108	107
Nb	3.56	3.52	2.38	2.66	2.46	2.50
Cs	15.40	18.15	5.24	0.60	0.43	0.73

Ba	1306	839	104	67	82	75
La	8.27	8.23	7.21	10.05	15.36	15.70
Ce	18.17	18.99	15.70	25.01	34.31	37.09
Pr	2.51	2.67	1.94	3.62	4.61	4.98
Nd	11.26	11.20	7.76	16.71	19.29	21.15
Sm	2.68	2.56	1.73	5.34	5.16	5.73
Eu	1.05	0.62	0.58	1.57	1.47	1.56
Gd	2.82	2.39	1.87	7.11	6.20	6.67
Tb	0.41	0.38	0.29	1.42	1.13	1.20
Dy	2.31	2.18	1.84	8.94	6.82	7.31
Ho	0.45	0.43	0.39	1.82	1.43	1.49
Er	1.19	1.16	1.17	4.89	3.93	4.11
Tm	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.72	0.58	0.60
Yb	1.01	1.06	1.13	4.43	3.77	3.98
Lu	0.15	0.16	0.13	0.65	0.57	0.60
Hf	1.46	1.56	1.23	2.91	2.93	3.06
Ta	0.24	0.26	0.17	0.19	0.22	0.24
Pb	3.88	3.79	8.59	7.71	8.34	6.19
Th	0.70	0.95	2.22	0.55	2.04	2.10
U	0.21	0.25	0.46	0.16	0.50	0.98
¹⁴⁷ Sm/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd	0.144			0.193	0.162	
¹⁴³ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd	0.512586			0.512732	0.512554	
2 σ	10			2	3	
εNd (t)	5.6			2.3	2.7	

1370 The samples with “a”, “b”, “c” and “d” are from Qin et al. (2007), Li XH et al. (1999a, b), Qin et al. (2005)
 1371 and Zhang et al. (2012), respectively. εNd (t) values are calculated assuming t = 980 Ma
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Table 2: Re-Os isotopic analytical results for the earliest Neoproterozoic amphibolites and Shitun serpentinite along the Wuyi domain, SCB

sample		Re (ppt) \pm		Os (ppt) \pm		$^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} \pm$		$^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} \pm$		$^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} \text{ (t Ma)} \pm$		$\gamma \text{ Os (t Ma)} \pm$	
Group 2	metagabbro	WG-59B1	8.9	1.2	4.6	0.1	11.58	1.55	1.85676	0.0110	1.6662	0.12040	1284 \pm 12
	metagabbro	WG-59B4	9.4	1.2	52.9	0.1	0.87	0.11	0.2596	0.0010	0.2453	0.00079	104 \pm 0.7
Group 3	plagioclase amphibolite	09WG-59B3	13.2	1.1	11.1	0.1	6.51	0.54	1.1568	0.0110	1.0492	0.00225	772 \pm 1.9
		09WG-59B6	13.2	1.1	12.2	0.2	5.87	0.49	1.0756	0.0202	0.9791	0.01209	713 \pm 10
	amphibolite	09WG-66A2	54.0	0.0	46.2	0.2	6.04	0.02	0.6997	0.0028	0.6002	0.00239	399 \pm 2.0
		09WG-66A7	74.5	1.2	42.8	0.1	8.76	0.15	0.4795	0.0018	0.3351	0.00060	178 \pm 0.5
		09WG-66A9	74.5	1.2	42.8	0.1	8.77	0.15	0.4825	0.0012	0.3382	0.00121	181 \pm 1.0
Group 4	serpentinite	09WG-51C	33.9	2.8	2613	62.1	0.06	0.01	0.1147	0.0002	0.1136	0.00014	-5.6 \pm 0.1
		09WG-51D	19.0	2.4	3275.1	74.0	0.03	0.00	0.1143	0.0003	0.1138	0.00022	-5.5 \pm 0.2
		09WG-51E	21.4	1.4	51.2	0.1	2.02	0.13	0.1442	0.0006	0.1110	0.00153	-7.8 \pm 1.3
		09WG-51M	38.1	3.8	2961.1	33.9	0.06	0.01	0.1216	0.0003	0.1205	0.00020	0.1 \pm 0.2

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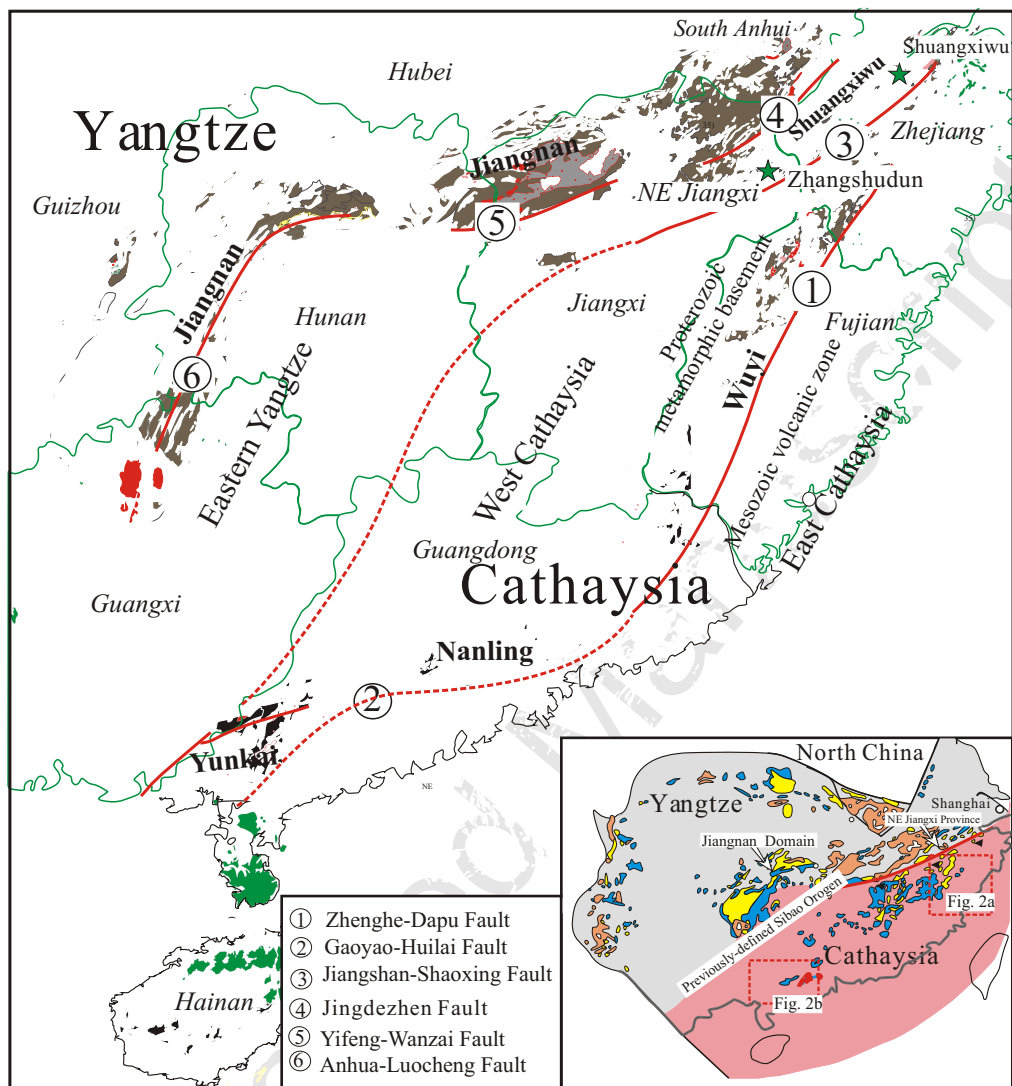


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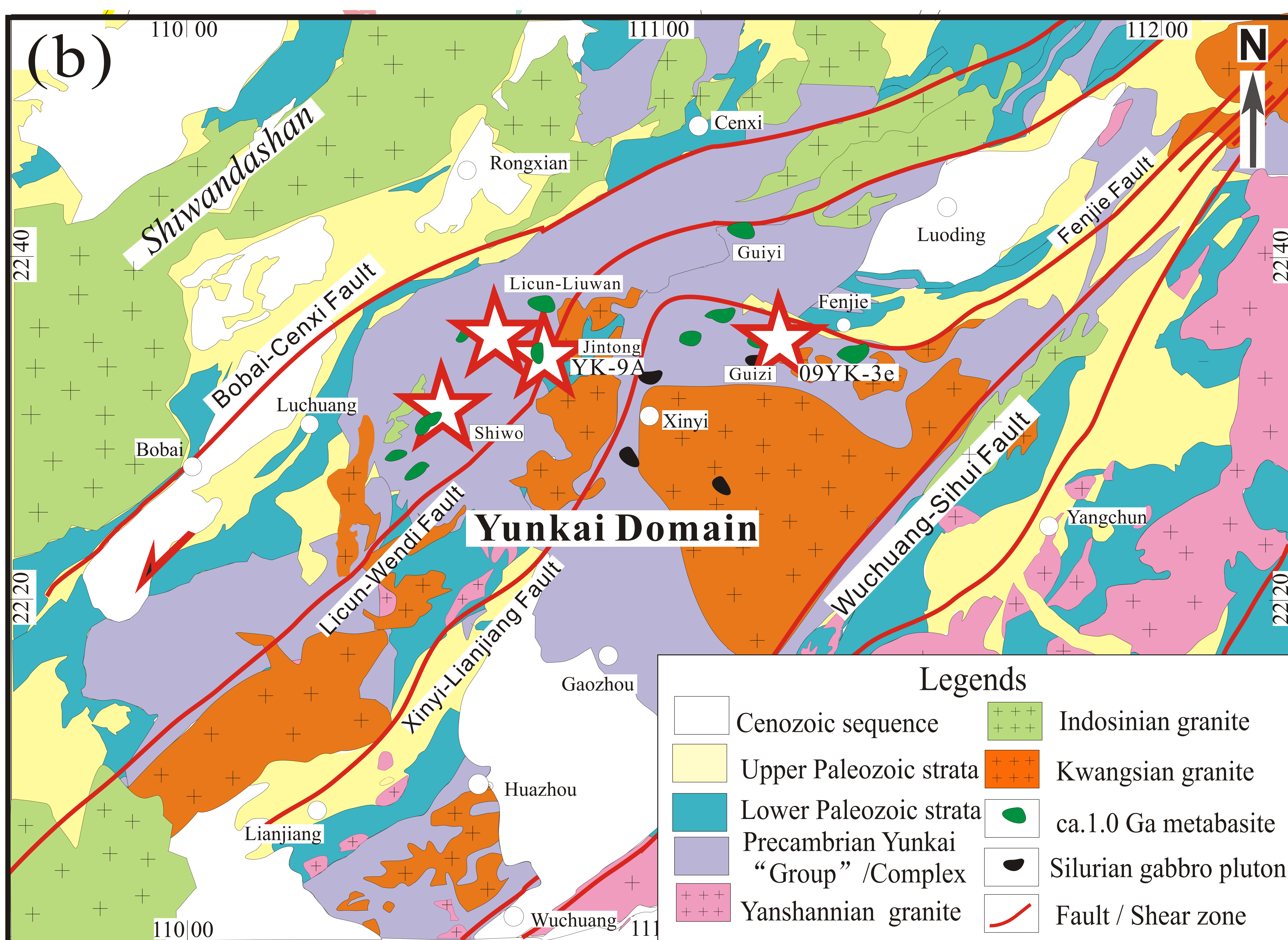
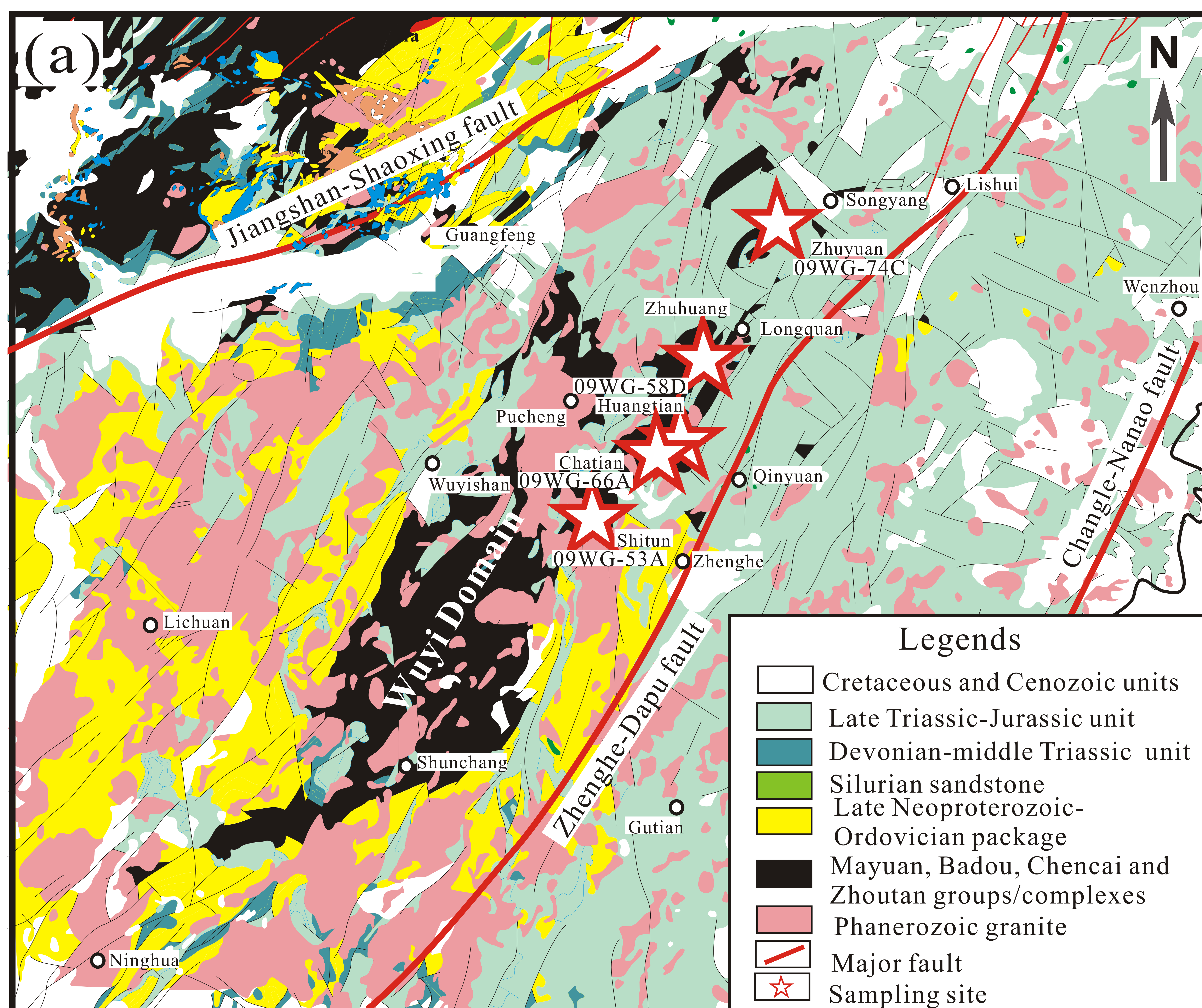


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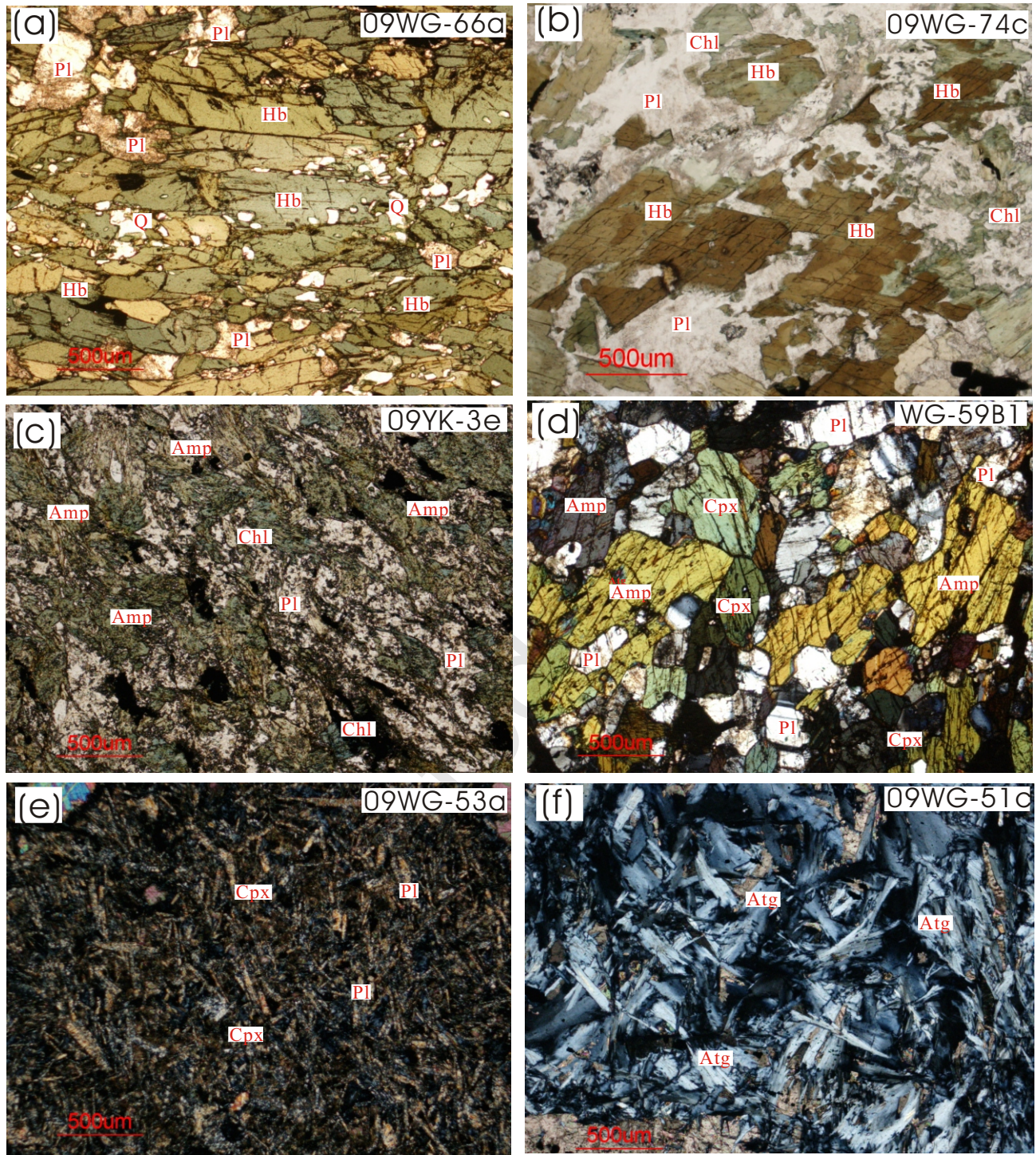
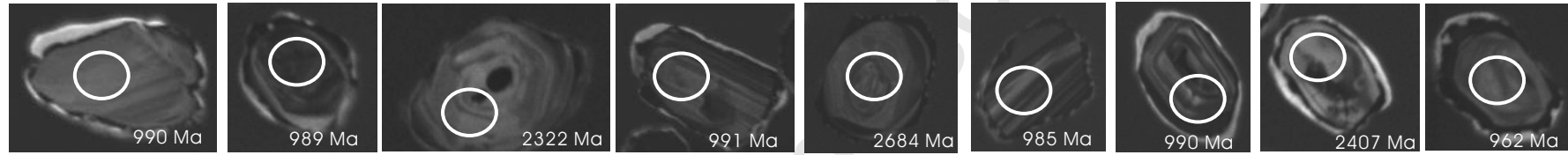
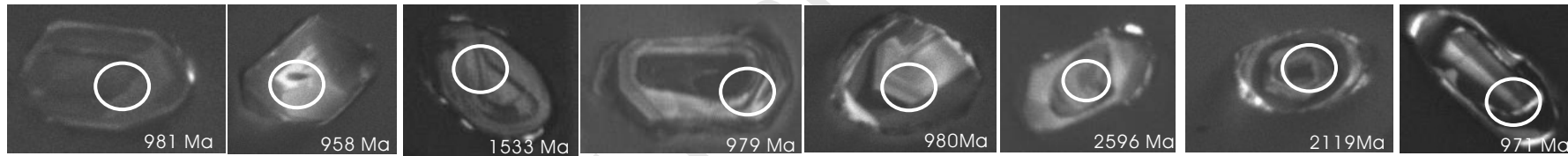


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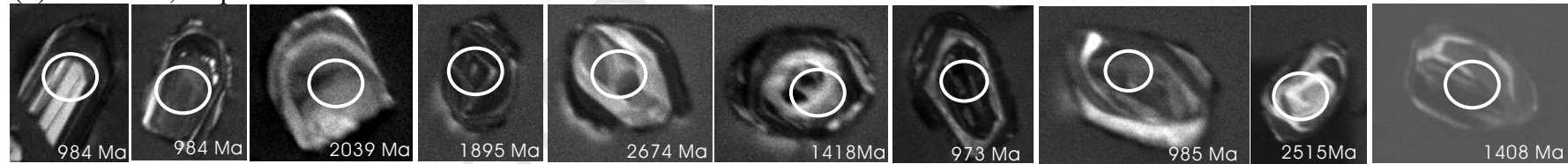
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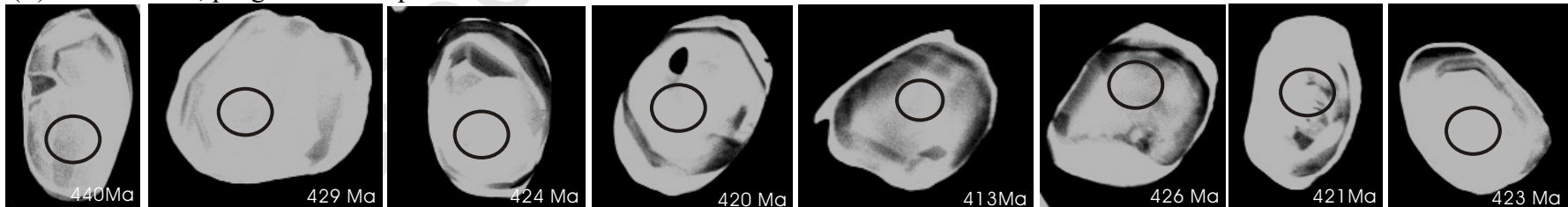
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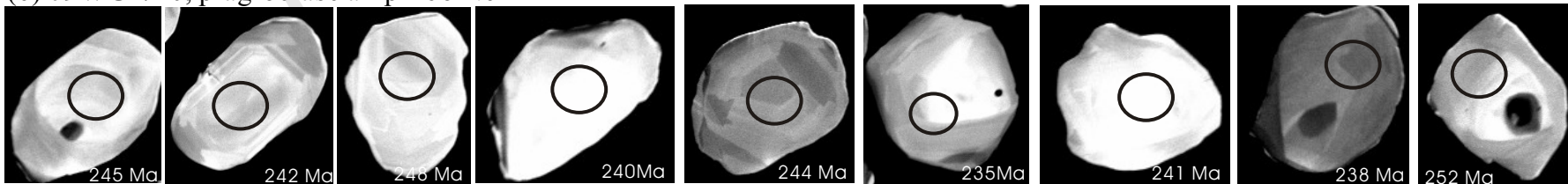
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(d) 09WG-58D, plagioclase amphibolite



(e) 09WG-74c, plagioclase amphibolite

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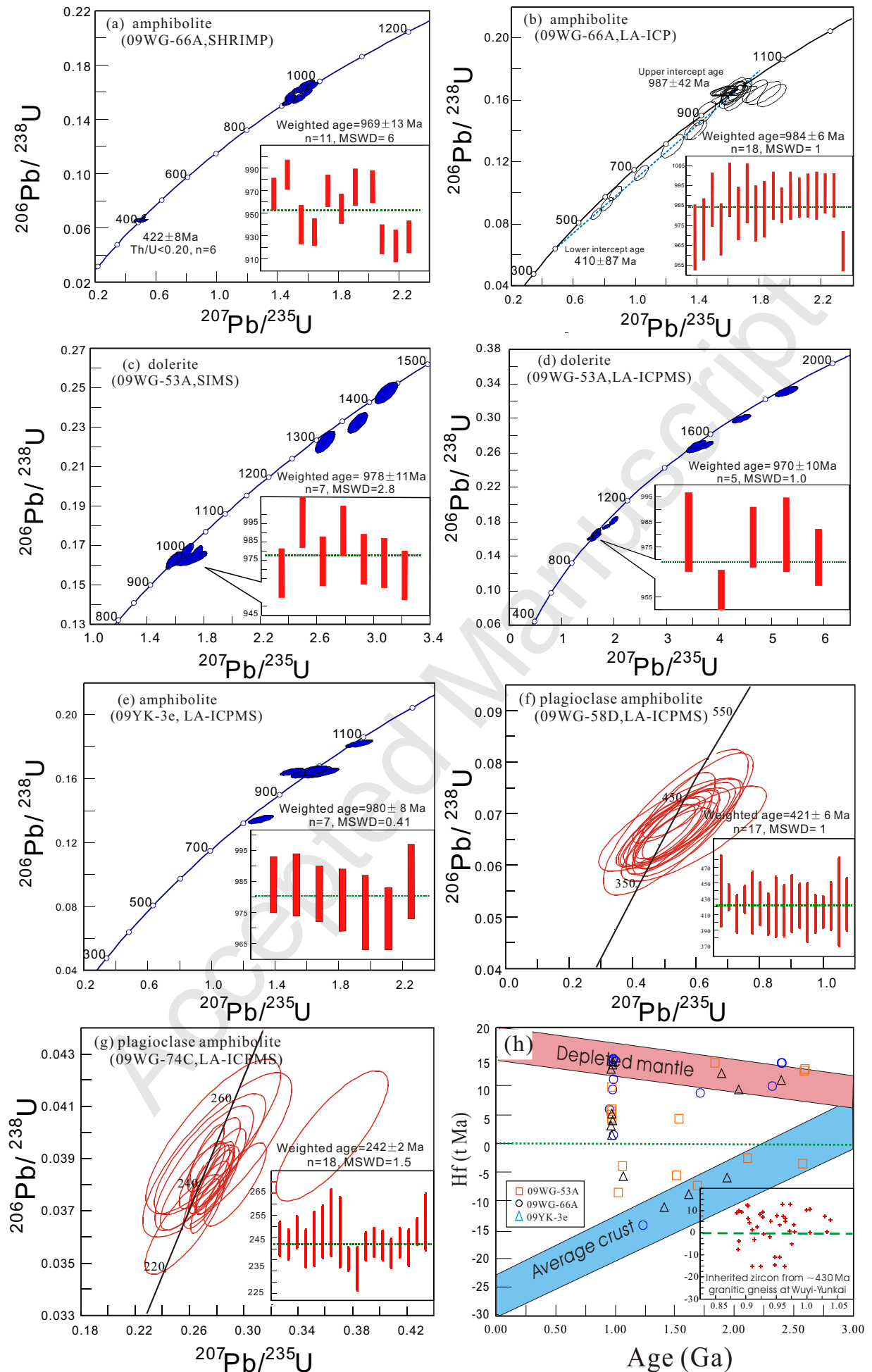


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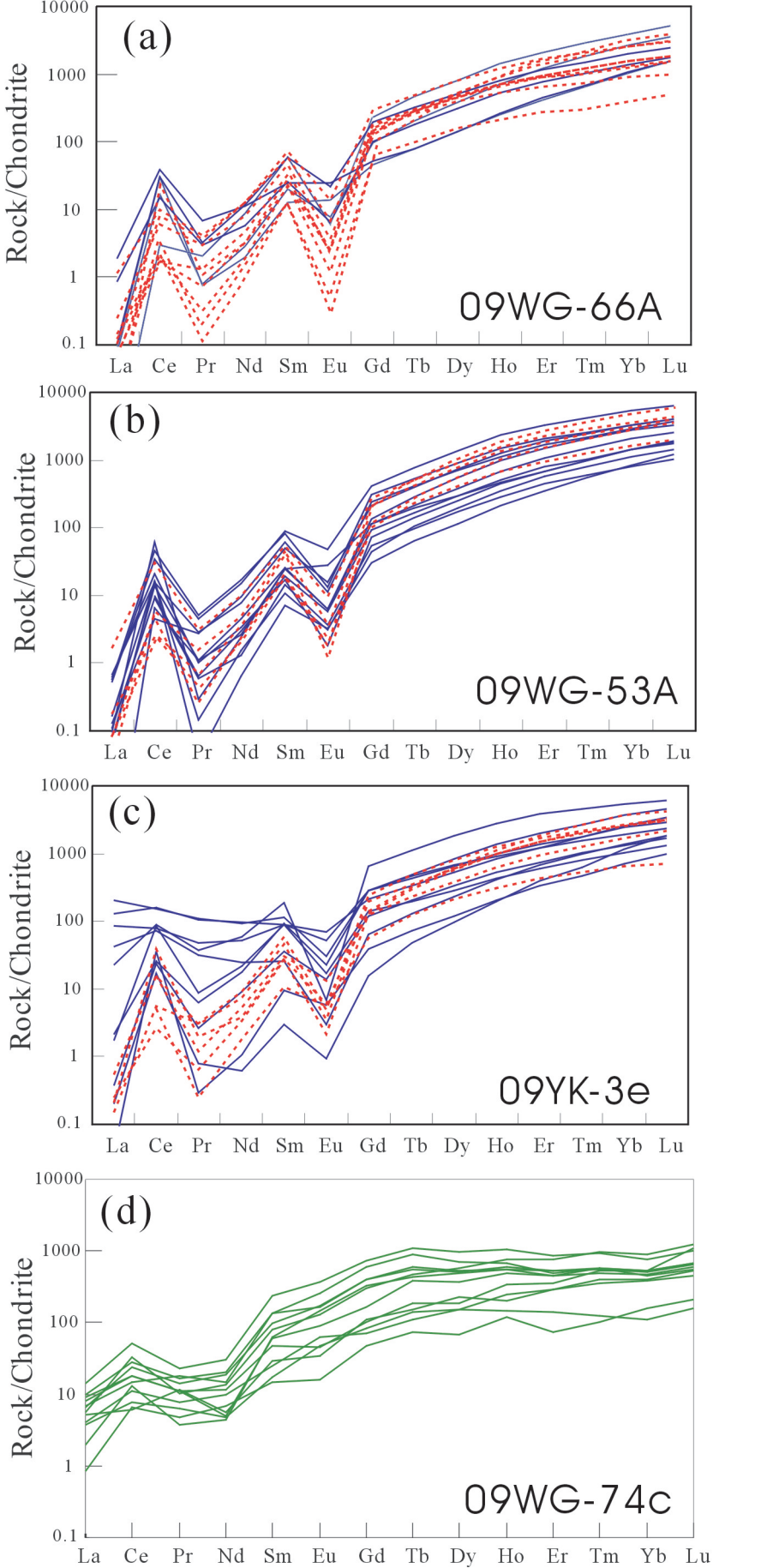


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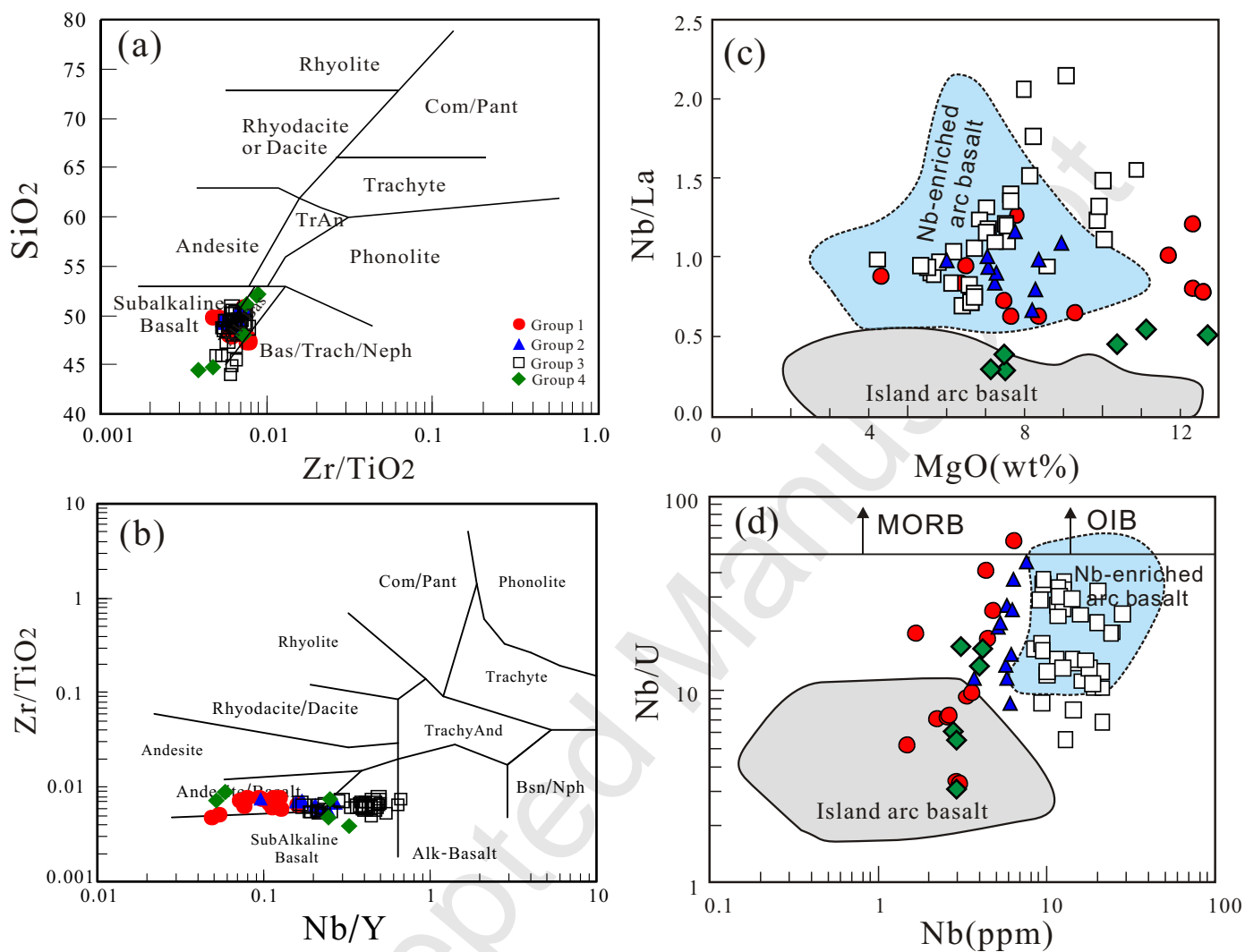


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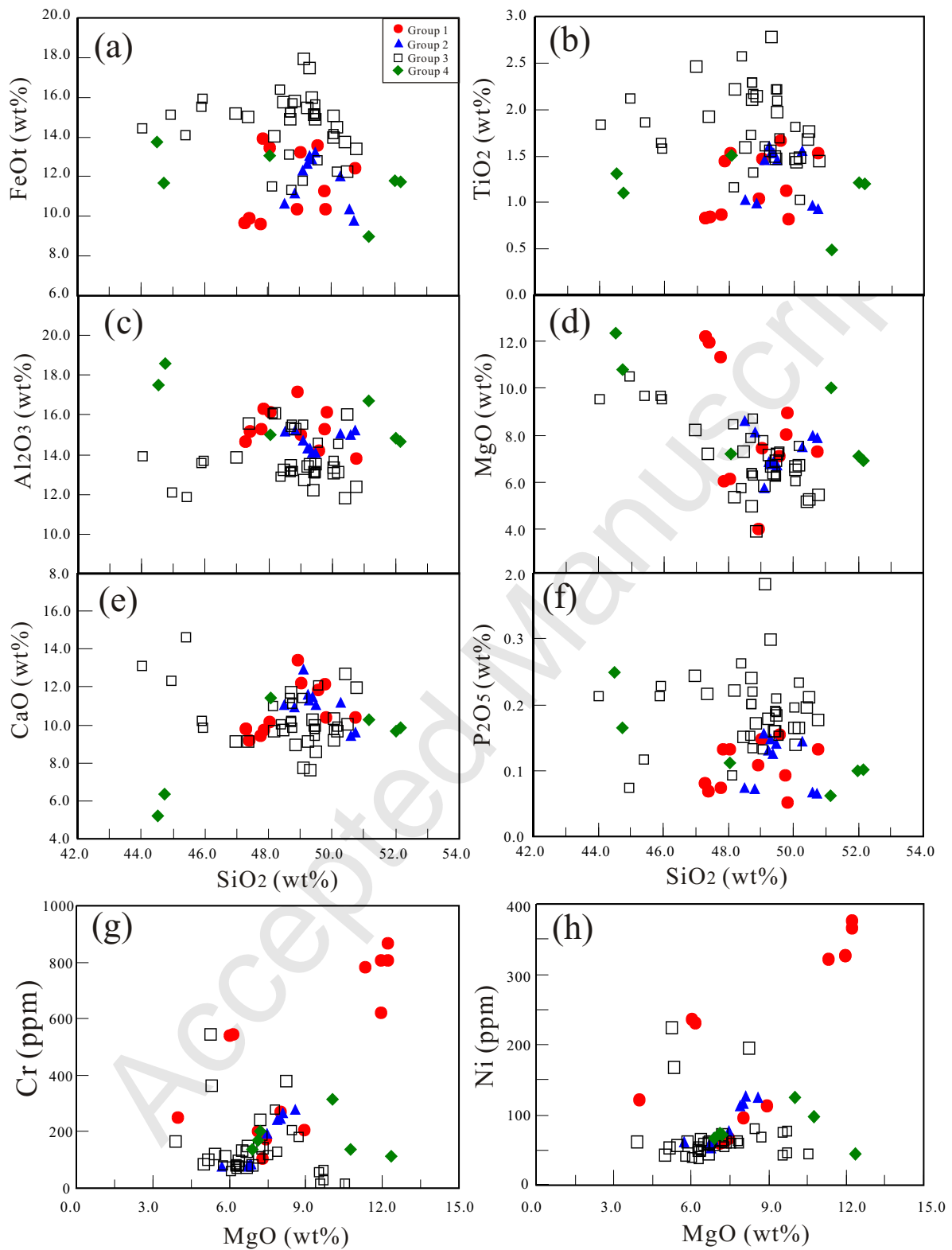


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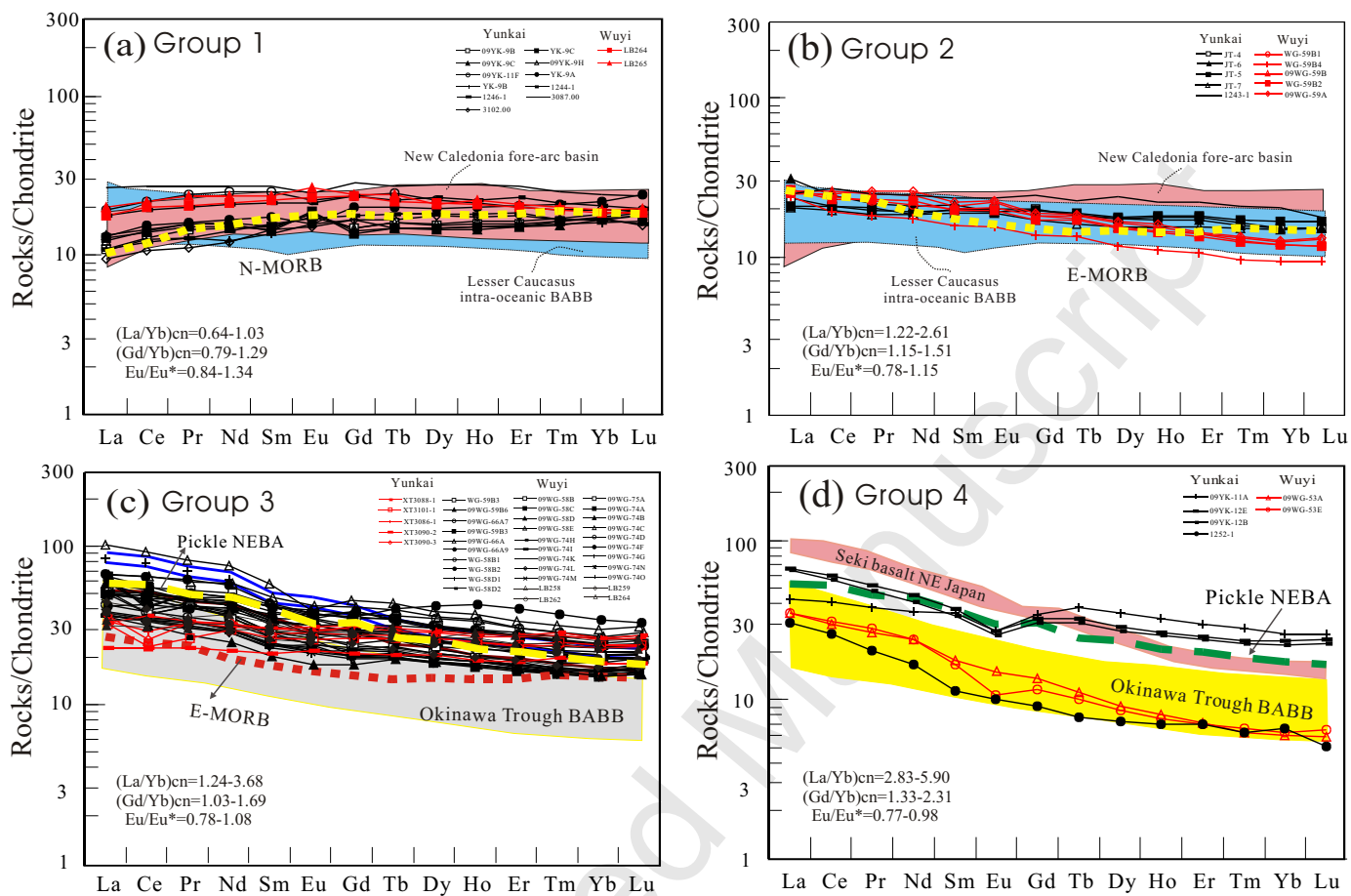


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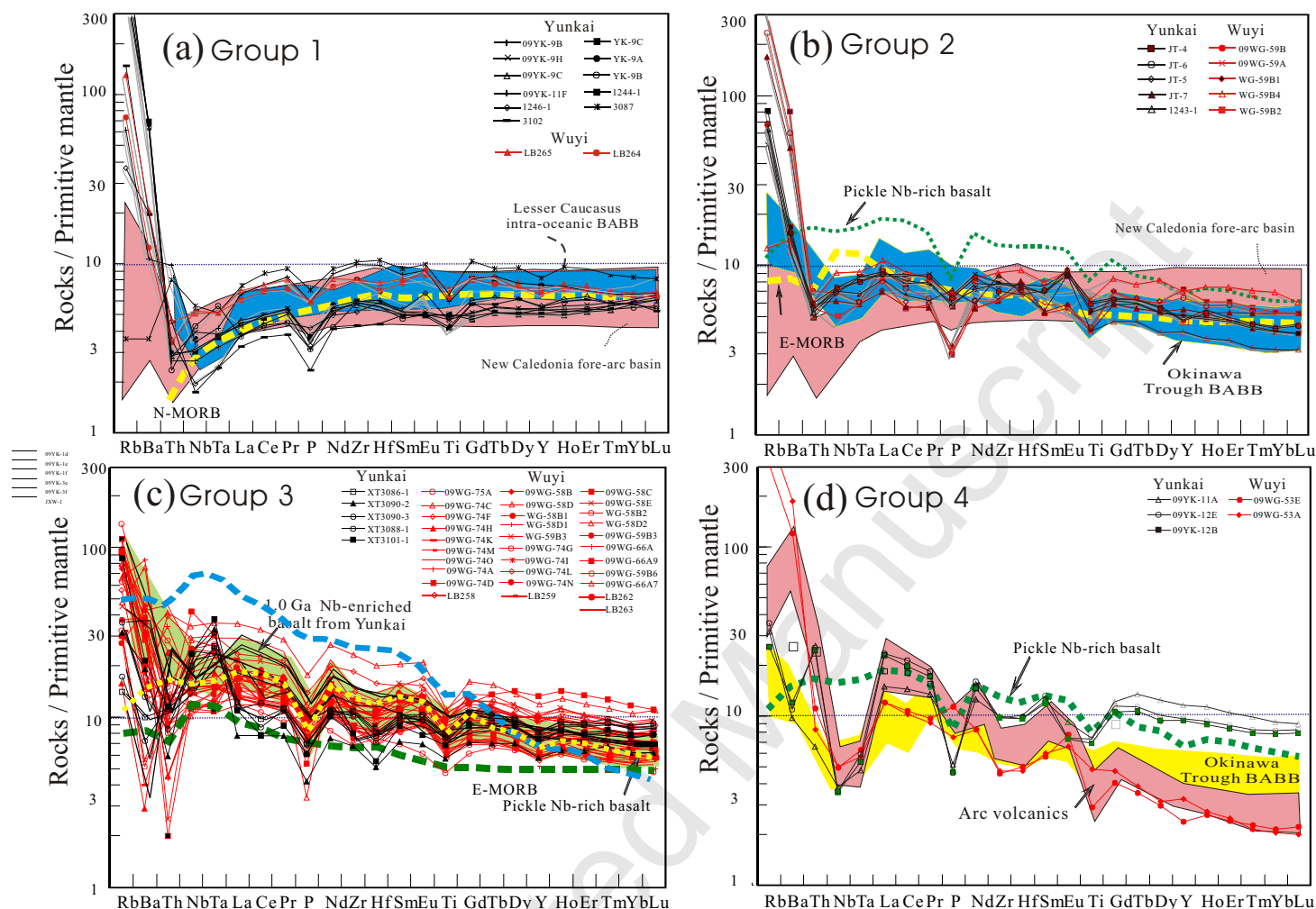


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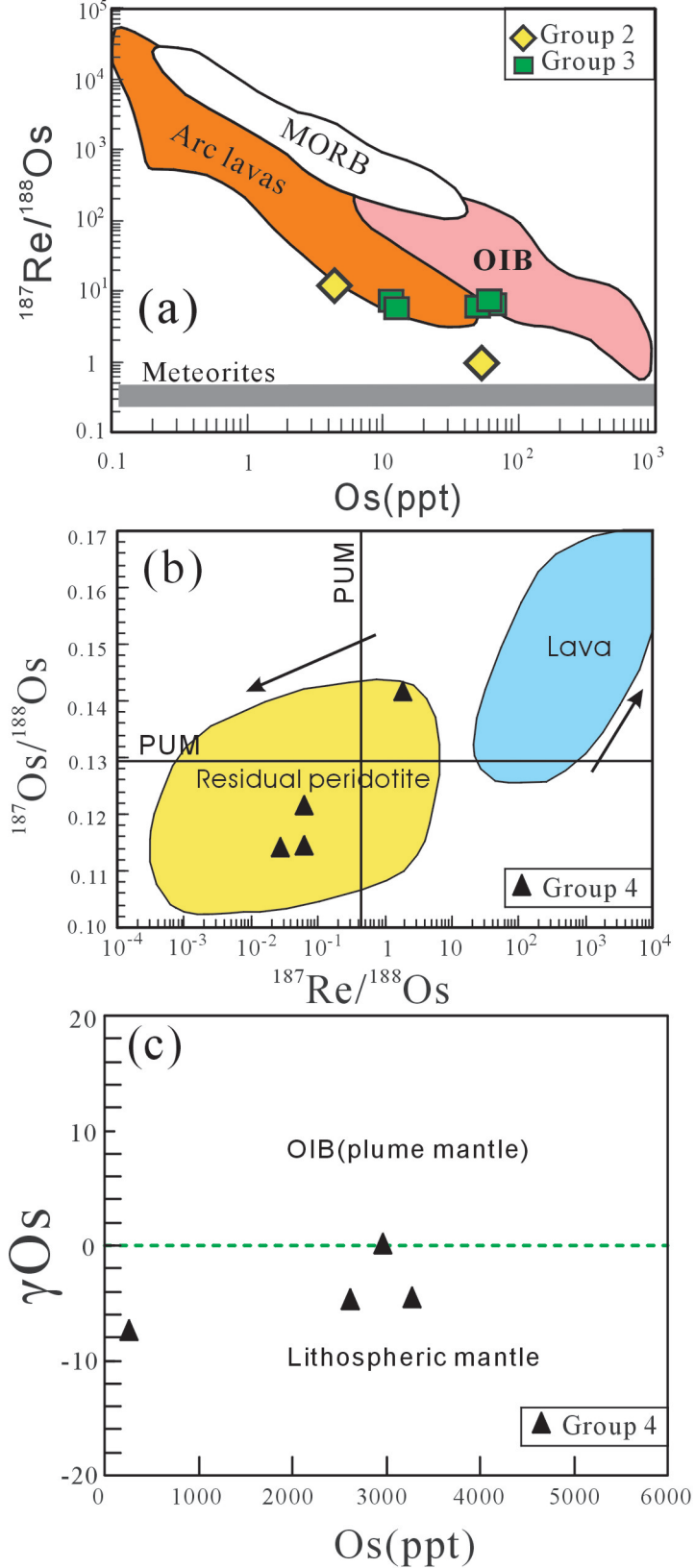


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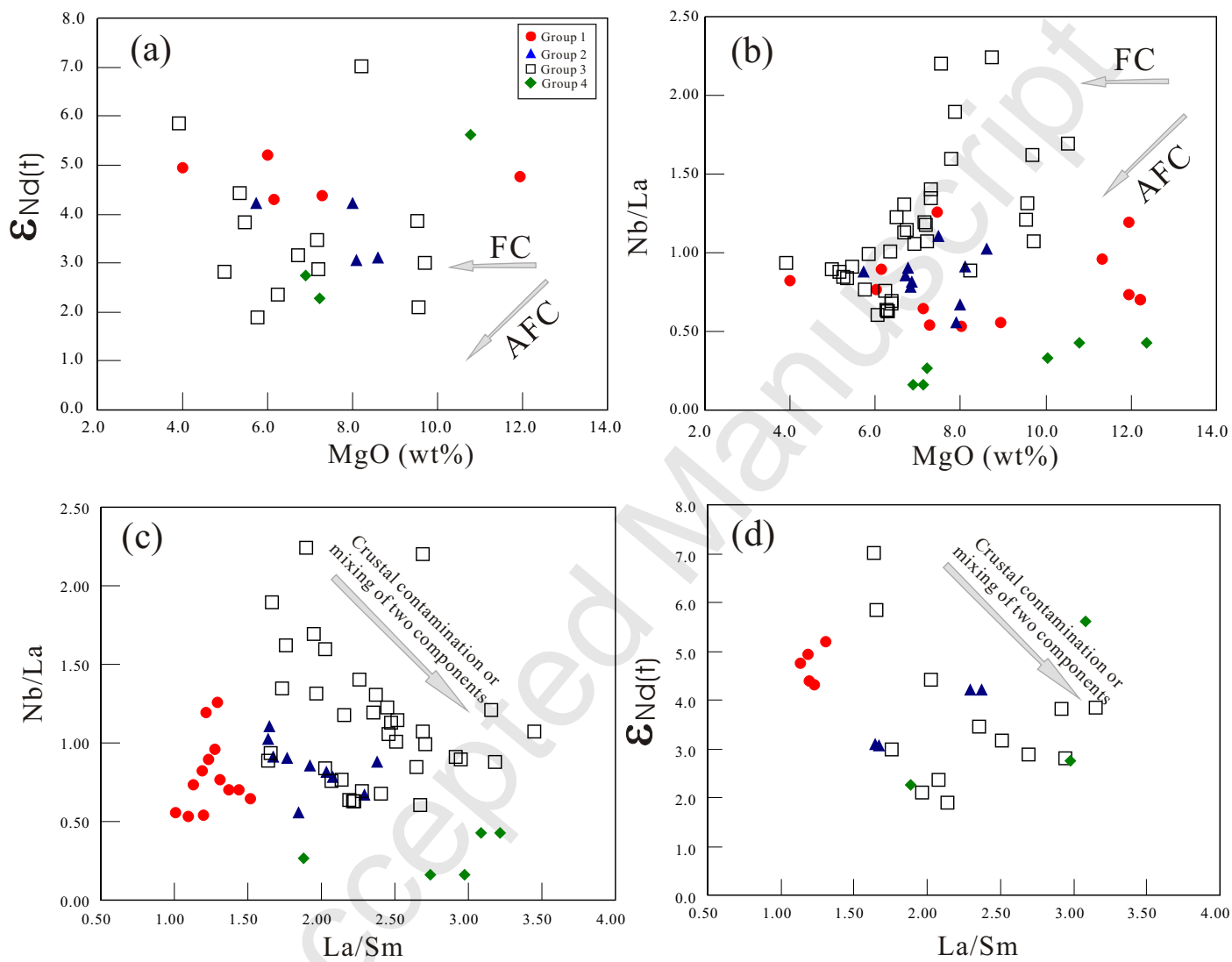


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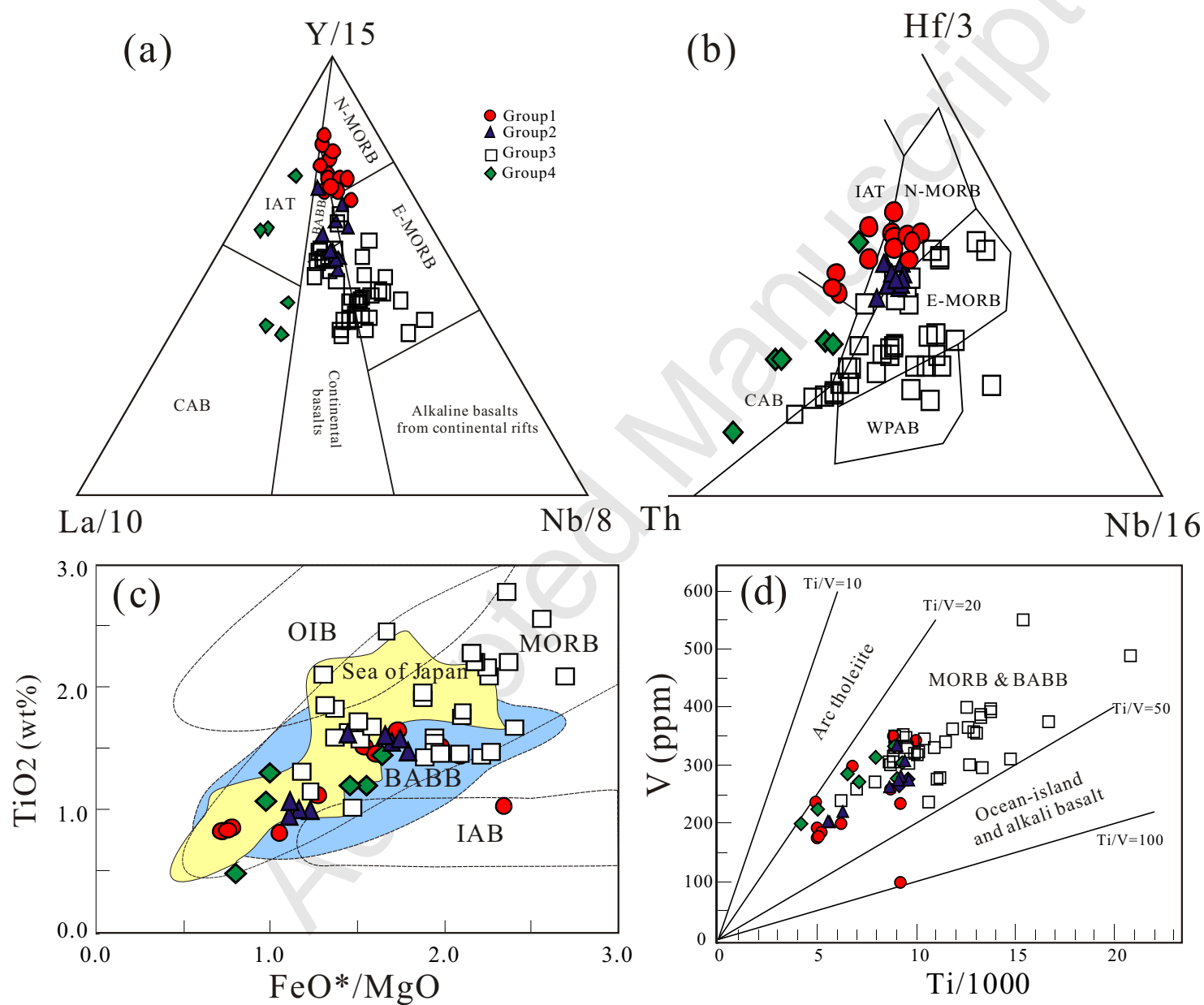


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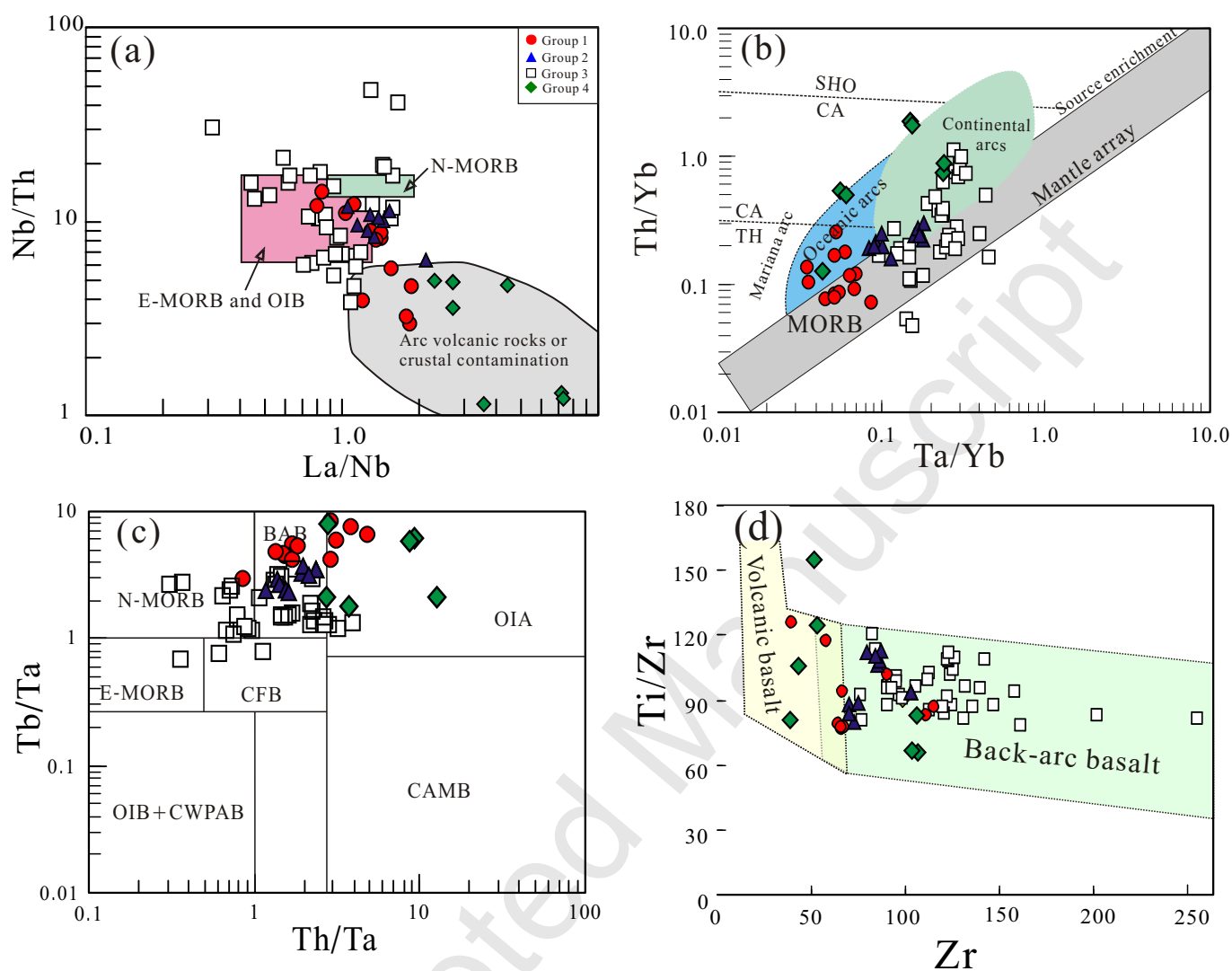


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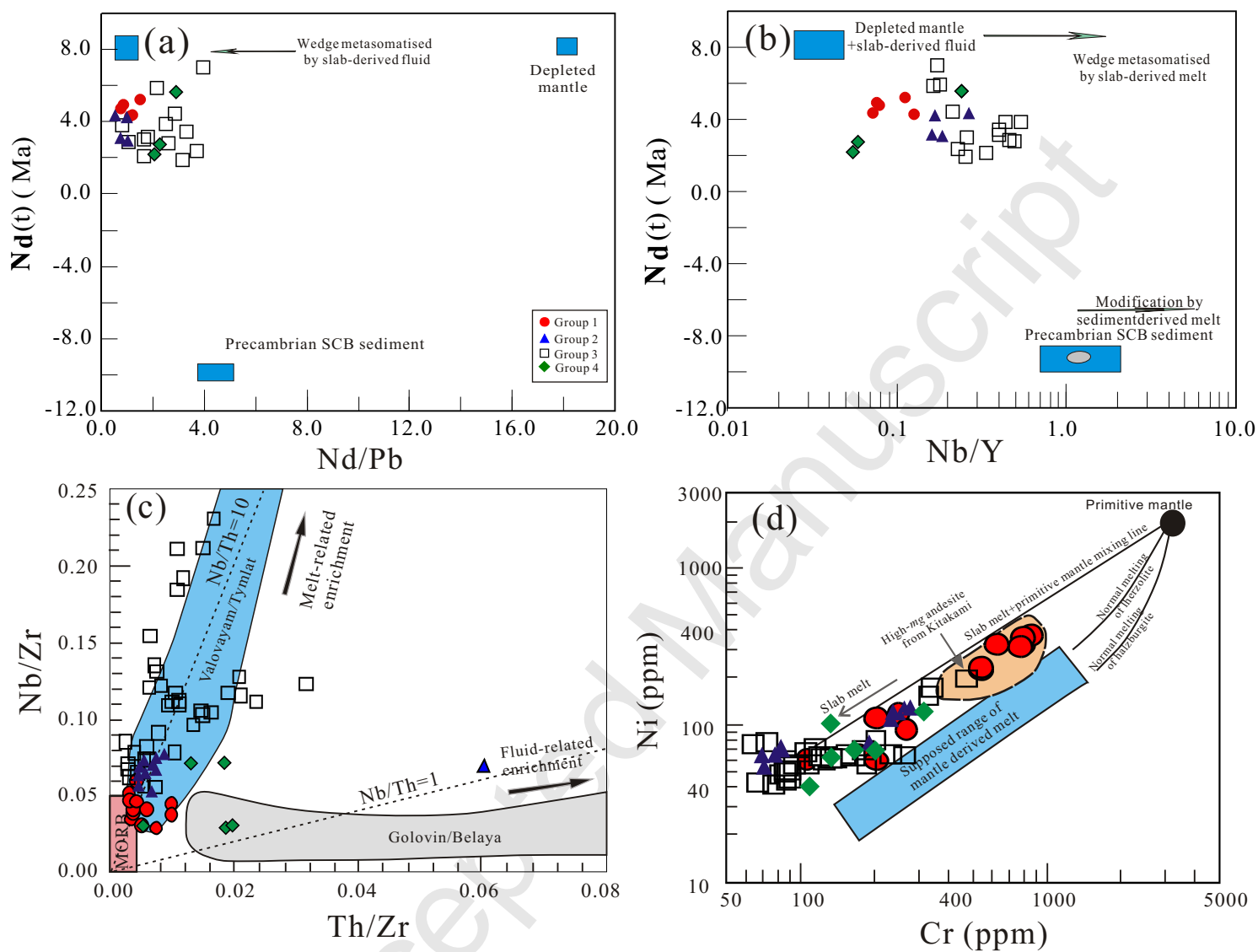


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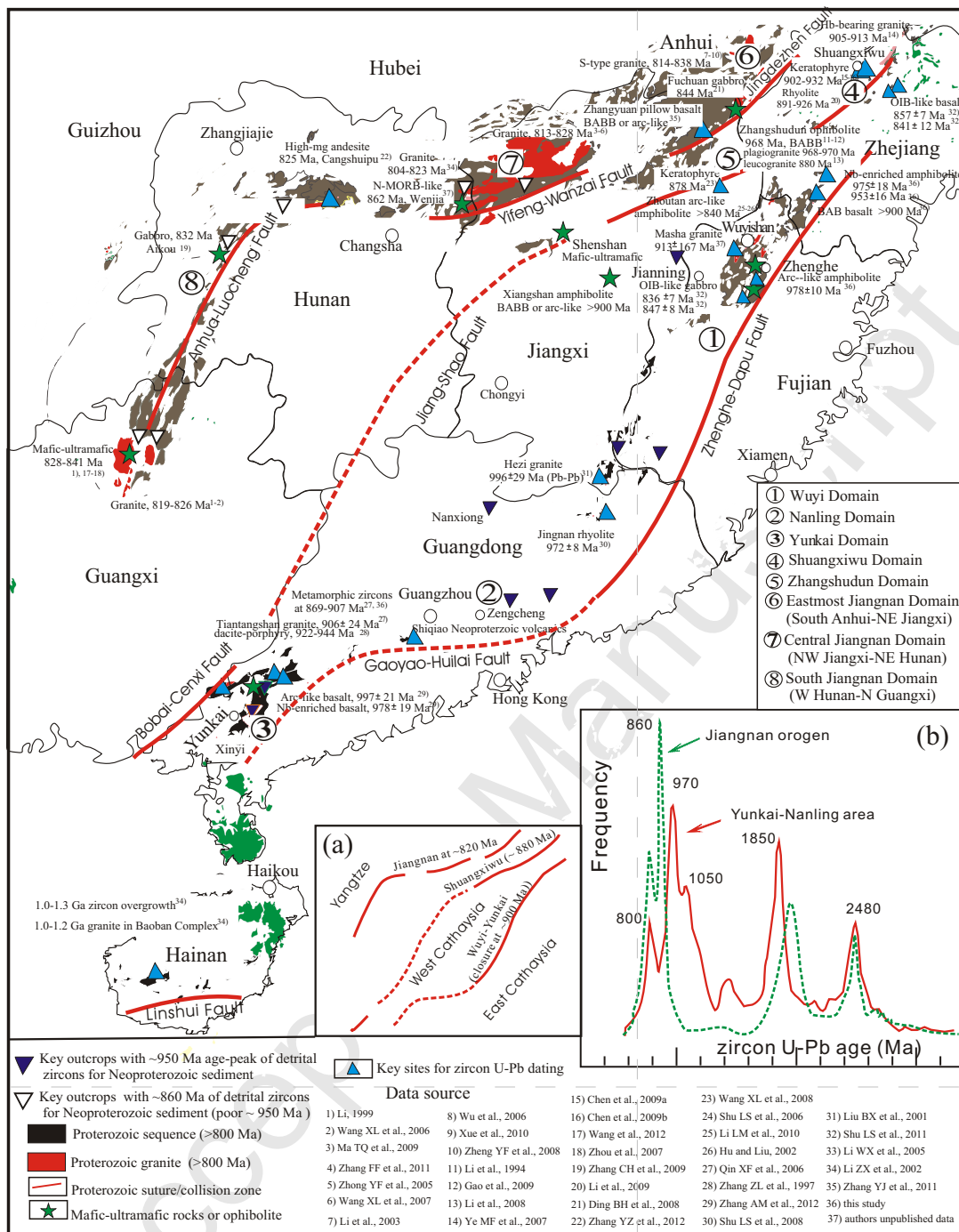


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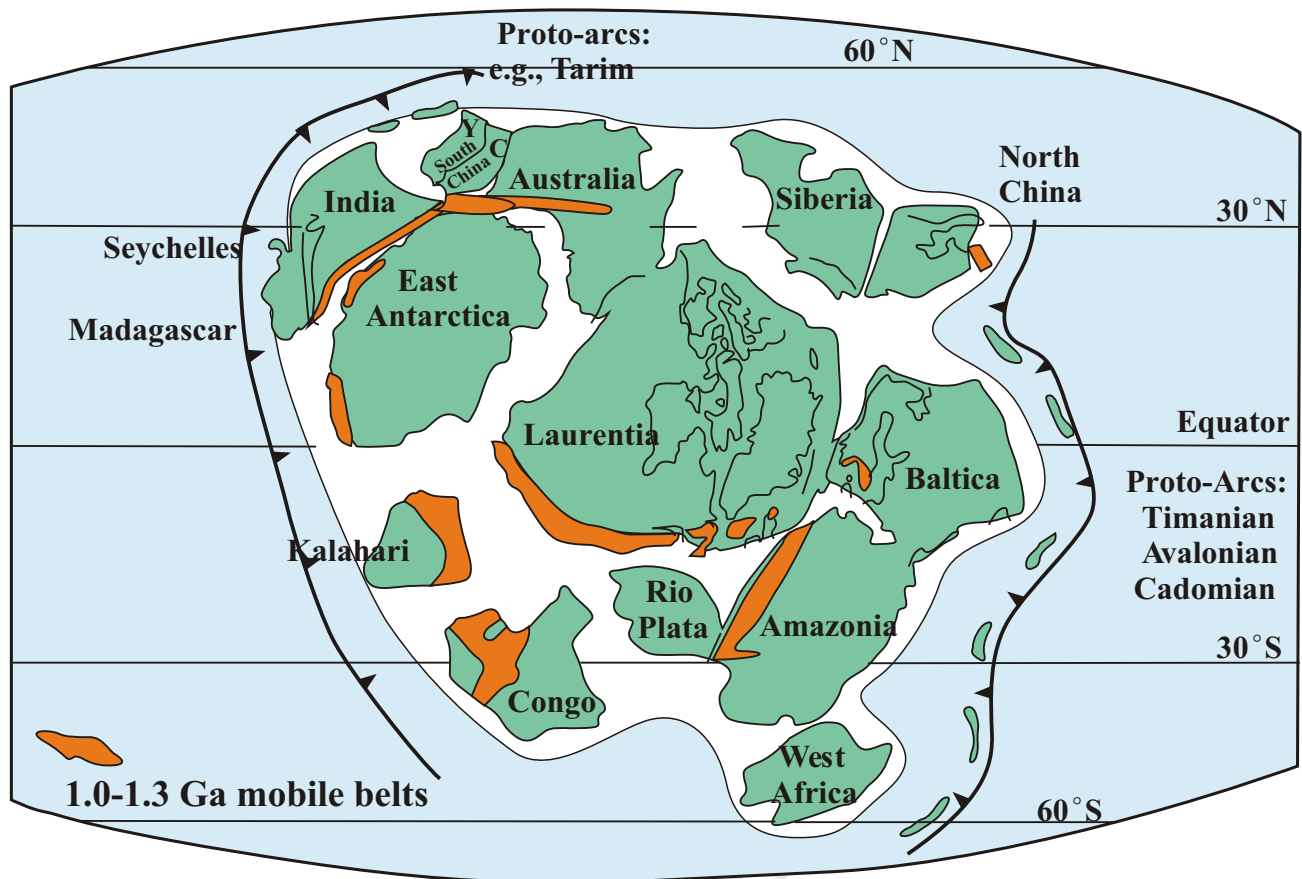
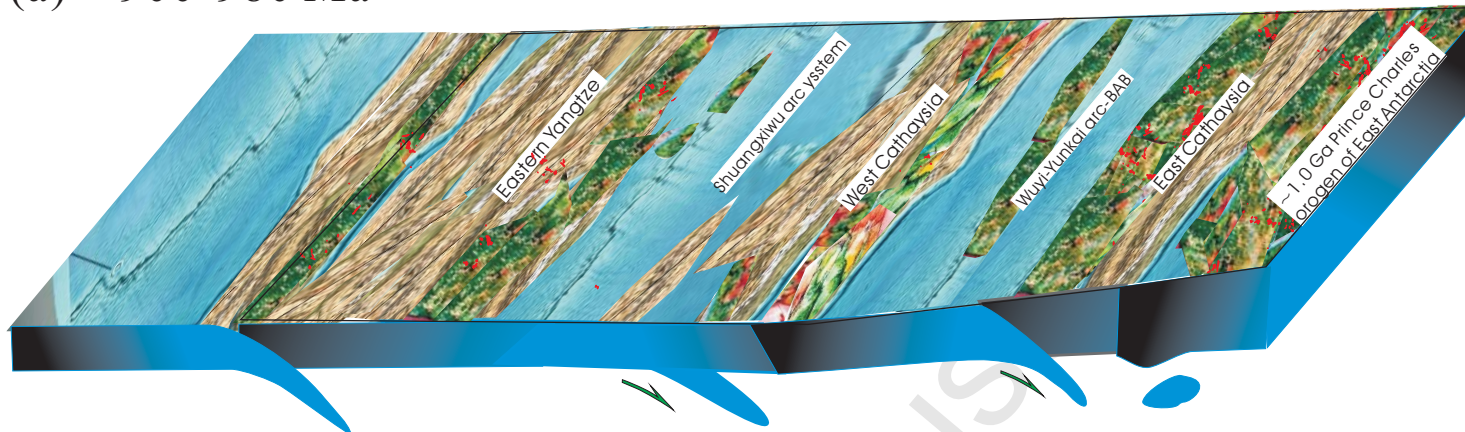


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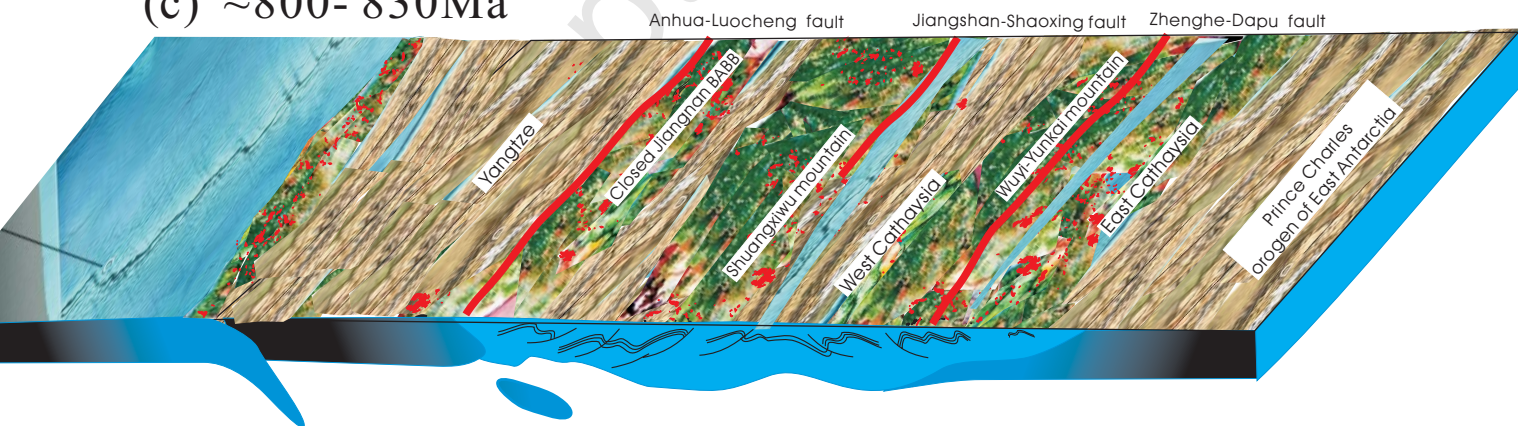


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