

1 **Whole-rock and zircon evidence for evolution of the Late**
2 **Jurassic high Sr/Y Zhoujiapuzi granite, Liaodong Peninsula,**
3 **North China Craton**

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15 **Abstract:** Middle-Late Jurassic high Sr/Y granitic intrusions are extensively exposed
16 in the Liaodong Peninsula, in the eastern part of the North China Craton (NCC).
17 However, the genesis of the high Sr/Y signature in these intrusions has not been studied
18 in detail. In this study, we report results of zircon U-Pb dating, Hf isotopic analysis and
19 zircon and whole-rock geochemical data for the Late Jurassic Zhoujiapuzi granite in
20 the middle part of the Liaodong Peninsula. The Zhoujiapuzi granite is high-K (calc-
21 alkaline) and peraluminous in nature, with high SiO₂ (68.1–73.0 wt %) and Al₂O₃
22 (14.5–16.8 wt %), low in TFe₂O₃ (1.10–2.49 wt %) and MgO (0.10–0.44 wt %), and

23 with high Sr/Y (19.9–102.0) and La_N/Yb_N (14.59–80.40), characteristic of high Sr/Y I-
24 type granite. The geochemical signatures, in combination with the presence of a large
25 number of Paleoproterozoic inherited zircons, indicate that the Zhoujiapuzi granite was
26 most likely derived from partial melting of the basement in the region, and specifically
27 the Liaoji granites. The high Sr/Y signature is inherited from these source rocks. LA-
28 ICP-MS zircon U-Pb dating of the autocryst zircons from two samples (from different
29 localities) yielded consistent weighted average ages of 160.7 ± 1.1 Ma (MSWD=1.3) and
30 159.6 ± 1.1 Ma (MSWD=1.2), with $\epsilon_{Hf}(t)$ values in the range of -26.6– -22.8.

31 Morphological and chemical studies on autocrystic zircon grains show that there are
32 two stages of zircon growth, interpreted as magmatic evolution in two distinct stages.

33 The light-CL core reflects a crystallization environment of low oxygen fugacity and
34 high T_{Zr-Ti} ; the dark-CL rim formed with high oxygen fugacity and lower T_{Zr-Ti} . Based
35 on the geochemical features and regional geological data, we propose that the Liaodong
36 Peninsula in the Late Jurassic was part of a mature continental arc, with extensive
37 melting of thick crust above the Paleo-Pacific subduction zone.

38 **Keywords:** Liaodong Peninsula; Late Jurassic; Zircon U-Pb-Hf isotopes; Two stages
39 of crystal growth; High Sr/Y granite

40 1. Introduction

41 The Liaodong Peninsula is located in the northeast of the North China Craton
42 (NCC). The northeast NCC was influenced by three main tectonic regimes in the
43 Mesozoic, related to the subduction of the Paleo-Asian, Paleo-Pacific and Mongol-
44 Okhotsk oceans (Tang et al., 2018). The superposition of these different regimes

45 resulted in changing tectonic and magmatic patterns over time. Middle-Late Jurassic
46 granitic rocks are extensively exposed in the northern parts of the Liaodong Peninsula,
47 such as the Yutun mylonitic granite, Xiaoheshan granodiorite, Heigou monzogranite
48 (Wu et al., 2005), Wulong two-mica monzogranite (Yang et al., 2018), and Huangdi
49 biotite monzogranite (Xue et al., 2020). Most of these rocks are characterized by high
50 Sr /Y, and plot within the adakite field on Sr/Y-Y and La_N/Yb_N - Yb_N diagrams (Wu et
51 al., 2005a; Yang et al., 2015a, 2018).

52 The geodynamic settings and petrogenesis of adakite and geochemically similar
53 high Sr/Y igneous rocks have been widely discussed. The high Sr/Y rocks were
54 originally proposed to be formed by melting of young (<25 Ma) and hot subducted
55 oceanic slab in an arc setting (Defant and Drummond, 1990). However, later studies
56 have shown that the high Sr/Y rocks can form in both arc and non-arc settings by other
57 processes, such as continental interior settings (Wang et al., 2007), cold subduction
58 zones (Nakamura and Iwamori, 2013), collision or post-collision processes (Schwartz
59 et al., 2011). In addition, numerous studies have suggested that the lower continental
60 crust can also be the source of the high Sr/Y rocks (Gao et al., 2004; Ou et al., 2017).
61 However, it is debated whether crustal thickening is necessary for their formation (e.g.
62 Moyen, 2009; Kamei et al., 2009; Zhan et al., 2020). In recent years, some studies have
63 proposed that the high Sr/Y ratio in granitic rocks can be inherited from a high Sr/Y
64 crust source, regardless of pressure (Kamei et al., 2009; Ma et al., 2015; Zhan et al.,
65 2020).

66 The Middle-Late Jurassic granitic rocks in the Liaodong Peninsula are commonly
67 proposed to be the products of partial melting of thickened mafic crust with garnet in
68 the residue (Wu et al., 2005a; Yang et al., 2015a, 2018; Tang et al., 2018). However, the
69 source composition has not been fully considered in the petrogenesis of the high Sr/Y

70 rocks in the Liaodong Peninsula. Hence, the petrogenesis of the Middle-Late Jurassic
71 high Sr/Y rocks needs to be re-evaluated, based on more detailed work and a
72 consideration of possible sources. This petrogenesis is of significance for understanding
73 the Jurassic tectonics of the Liaodong Peninsula, and the NCC in general.

74 In this paper, we examined the high Sr/Y Zhoujiapuzi granite from the Xiuyan area,
75 in the middle of the Liaodong Peninsula. Zircons are analysed for U-Pb-Hf isotopes
76 and trace element geochemistry, and by Raman spectroscopy. These results are
77 integrated with whole-rock geochemistry. We focus on the zircons, because of their
78 potential to reveal the origins of the pluton (Belousova et al., 2002; Wang et al., 2007;
79 Breiter et al., 2014; Zhao et al., 2014), and so provide a case study for the evolution of
80 plutonic magma systems in general. Based on observations of the CL images and
81 chemical analysis, two zircon growth stages can be distinguished. We first determine
82 the crystallization environments of the two zircon growth stages, and then decipher the
83 petrogenesis, source characteristics and origin of the high Sr/Y signature of the pluton
84 as a whole. Integrated with previous studies, our study provides insights into the
85 tectonic evolution of the Liaodong Peninsula in the Late Jurassic.

86 **2. Geological setting**

87 The Zhoujiapuzi granite is located in the middle of the Liaodong Peninsula, at the
88 northeastern margin of the NCC (Fig. 1). The Paleoproterozoic Liaohe Group and Liaoji
89 granite are the basement in the study area. The Liaohe Group includes the Lieryu,
90 Gaojiayu, Dashiqiao and Gaixian formations. Although stratigraphic terms are used,
91 these rocks are metamorphic, and the group consists of leptynite, leptite, granulite,
92 amphibolite, marble and phyllite. The protoliths of the Liaohe Group include marine

93 volcanics, clastics, carbonates and claystones. The formation age of the
94 metasedimentary rocks in the Liaohe Group is 2.0–1.9 Ga (Wan et al., 2006; Li et al.,
95 2015). It is in unconformable contact with the overlying strata of the Mesoproterozoic
96 Cuocaogou Formation and Xiaoling Formation.

97 The study area experienced strong magmatic activity in the Paleoproterozoic,
98 which can be divided into two stages of 2.2–2.1 Ga and ~ 1.85 Ga. The 2.18–2.14 Ga
99 Liaoji granites (also called gneissic granites), which lie within an area measuring 300
100 km × 70 km, are dominated by A- and I-type granites (Li and Zhao, 2007; Yang et al.,
101 2016; Wang et al., 2020a). Metamorphosed volcanic rocks (leptynite, leptyte and
102 granulite) in the Liaohe Group also formed at 2.2–2.1 Ga (Li et al., 2015). The ~1.85
103 Ga granites mainly consist of I- and S-type porphyry granites and alkaline syenites
104 (Yang et al., 2007; Yang et al., 2015b). In addition, there were small amounts of mafic
105 magmatic activity at ~2.17 Ga, ~2.1 Ga and ~1.8 Ga (Meng et al., 2014; Yuan et al.,
106 2015). There are a variety of viewpoints on the Paleoproterozoic tectono-magmatic
107 evolution in the Liaodong Peninsula, such as an intracontinental rift opening-closing
108 model (Li et al., 2005) and an arc-continent collision model (Faure et al., 2004).

109 In the Mesozoic, the region of the Liaodong Peninsula was influenced by the
110 circum-Pacific tectonic regime, the Mongol-Okhotsk tectonic regime and the Paleo-
111 Asian Ocean tectonic regime. The joint influence of multiple tectonic regimes resulted
112 in intensive magmatism during the Mesozoic (Fig. 1b). These Mesozoic magmatic
113 rocks can be divided into three stages, namely: Triassic (233–212 Ma), Jurassic (180–
114 156 Ma) and Early Cretaceous (131–117 Ma) (Wu et al., 2005b).

115 The Triassic magmatic rocks are less exposed, mainly alkaline rocks, diabase,
116 diorites and granites (Wu et al., 2005b). Among them, the granites mainly have A-type
117 affinity, and may have formed in an extensional setting (Tang et al., 2018; Wang et al.,
118 2019). Magmatism has been related to either the subduction of the Paleo-Pacific slab,
119 closure of the Paleo-Asian Ocean, or the collision between the NCC and the Yangtze
120 Craton (Tang et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2019). The majority of the Jurassic magmatic
121 rocks are monzogranite and granodiorite, which are generally calc-alkaline I-type
122 granites, and show characteristics of adakite-like rocks. Some of them, exposed near
123 later extensional structures, have undergone regional ductile deformation. These
124 Jurassic magmatic rocks are generally considered to relate to the subduction of the
125 Paleo-Pacific slab (Wu et al., 2005a; Zhai et al., 2004). In the Early Cretaceous, basic-
126 acidic-alkaline rocks were widely developed. Among them, the granites have mainly
127 A- and I-type affinities. These rocks are generally considered to have formed in an
128 intense extensional environment, which is connected with either the rollback or low-
129 angle subduction of the Paleo-Pacific slab (Wu et al., 2005c; Zheng et al., 2018).

130 **3. Samples and petrography**

131 The Zhoujiapuzi granite is located to the east of Xiuyan City, in the middle of the
132 Liaodong Peninsula (Fig. 1b). It intruded into the Lieryu Formation of the Liaohu Group.
133 Eight samples of the Zhoujiapuzi granite were collected at locations shown in Fig. 1c.

134 The Zhoujiapuzi granite is generally grey in colour and with fine-grained texture
135 (Fig. 2a). The mineral assemblage contains K-feldspar (~50 %), quartz (~25 %),

136 plagioclase (~20 %) and biotite (~5 %) as well as accessory minerals such as zircon,
137 ilmenite, magnetite and apatite. K-feldspar grains are euhedral or subhedral, and always
138 exhibit cross-hatched twinning (Fig. 2b). Quartz grains are usually xenomorphic, and
139 have indented boundaries and wavy extinction (Fig. 2b-d). Plagioclase always exhibits
140 polysynthetic twinning and have sericitization in places (Fig. 2c). Biotite mainly fills
141 in the interstices between the other minerals (Fig. 2c, d).

142 **4. Analytical methods**

143 The cathodoluminescence (CL) images of zircon were obtained by the Chengpu
144 geological Testing Co. Ltd, Langfang, China using the TIMA analysis. The LA-ICP-
145 MS zircon U-Pb analyses were performed using an Agilent Technologies 7700x ICP-
146 MS with a Teledyne Cetac Technologies Analyte Excite laser-ablation system at
147 Nanjing FocuMS Contract Testing Co. Ltd. The analyses were carried out with a 35 μm
148 spot size at 8 Hz repetition rate for 40 seconds. The ICP-MS detector has dual modes:
149 pulse for lower signal, and analog for higher signal. Pulse-analog cross calibration was
150 performed before the measurement of U-Pb isotopes, delivering a wider linear dynamic
151 range – up to 10 orders of magnitude. For a signal of ^{238}U higher than 1.2–1.4 Mio cps,
152 equivalent zircon contains U concentrations higher than 600 ppm, and are measured in
153 analog mode. 91500 was used as external standard. GJ-1 (600Ma, Jackson et al., 2004)
154 and Plešovice (337Ma, Sláma et al., 2008) were treated as quality control for
155 geochronology. During our analyses, the weighted mean age of GJ-1 and Plešovice
156 were 606.0 ± 4.8 Ma (n=16, MSWD = 0.50) and 340.9 ± 4.0 Ma (n=7, MSWD = 1.0),
157 respectively. Trace elements abundance of zircon were externally calibrated against
158 NIST SRM 610 with Si as the internal standard. The raw ICP-MS data were processed

159 using ICPMSDataCal software (Liu et al., 2010). No common-Pb correction was
160 applied to the data. Data reduction was completed using the Isoplot4.15 (Ludwig, 2003).
161 The instrument description and analytical procedure are described in detail by Zeng et
162 al. (2018).

163 The in-situ Lu-Hf isotopic analyses of zircon were performed by LA-MC-ICP-MS
164 using a Teledyne Cetac laser-ablation system and a Nu Plasma II MC-ICP-MS at
165 Nanjing FocuMS Contract Testing Co. Ltd. The 193 nm ArF excimer laser was focused
166 on zircon surface with fluence of 6.0J/cm². The ablation protocol employed a spot
167 diameter of 50 um at 8 Hz repetition rate for 40 seconds. Three standard zircons, GJ-1,
168 91500, and Penglai, were analysed for quality control at every ten unknown samples.
169 In the experiment, standard zircon GJ-1, 91500, and Penglai were analyzed, and the
170 ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf ratios were 0.282002–0.282013, 0.282305–0.282315 and 0.282901–
171 0.282914 respectively, in accordance with their recommended values (GJ-1: 0.282012,
172 Yuan et al., 2008; 91500: 0.282307 ± 0.000031, Wu et al., 2006; Penglai: 0.282906 ±
173 0.000010, Li et al., 2010). For the calculation of εHf(t) values, we have adopted the
174 ¹⁷⁶Lu decay constant of 1.867 × 10⁻¹¹ (Söderlund et al., 2004), the present-day
175 chondritic values of ¹⁷⁶Lu/¹⁷⁷Hf = 0.0332 and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf = 0.282772 (Blichert-Toft and
176 Albarède 1997). To calculate one-stage model ages (T_{DM1}) relative to a depleted-mantle
177 source, we have adopted the present-day depleted-mantle values of ¹⁷⁶Lu/¹⁷⁷Hf =
178 0.0384 and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf = 0.28325 (Vervoort and Blichert-Toft 1999). To calculate two-
179 stage modal ages (TDM2), ‘felsic crust’ model ages are calculated using average
180 continental crust ¹⁷⁶Lu/¹⁷⁷Hf = 0.015 (Griffin et al., 2004).

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182 Zircon Raman analyses were carried out using an RM2000 laser Raman
183 spectrometer at the State Key Laboratory of Nuclear Resources and Environment, East
184 China University of Technology. The selected incident wavelengths were 532 and 785
185 nm in order to clearly identify the luminescence bands due to low concentration
186 impurities. The beam power was 20 mW. The Leica 50× objective was employed.

187 Six fresh rock samples were selected for geochemical analysis. The elemental
188 analyses were conducted at Analytical Chemistry & Testing Services (ALS) Chemex
189 (Guangzhou) Ltd. Major oxides were analyzed using wave-dispersive X-ray
190 fluorescence (XRF) (ME-XRF26). Analytical precision was better than $\pm 0.01\%$.
191 Trace element abundances were measured by the lithium borate dissolution method and
192 ICP-MS (ME-MS81). The analytical uncertainties of the rare earth element (REE) and
193 high field strength element (HFSE) are $<5\%$. Analytical uncertainties are in the range
194 of 5%–10% for the other elements. Detailed analytical procedures refer to Zhang et al.
195 (2019) and Nash et al. (2020).

196 **5. Analytical results**

197 The data for major and trace elements, Raman microprobe data, zircon trace
198 elements, zircon U-Pb ages, and zircon Hf isotopes are shown in Tables S1, S2, S3, S4
199 and S5, respectively.

200 **5.1. Whole-rock major and trace element compositions**

201 SiO_2 contents range from 68.11 wt.% to 73.02 wt.% (average 71.71 wt.%).
202 Contents of Na_2O and K_2O are 3.81 – 4.65 wt.% and 4.32 – 4.71 wt.%, respectively,

203 with $\text{Na}_2\text{O}/\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ratio of 0.82 – 1.08 and total alkalis ($\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$) of 8.38 – 8.97. All
204 samples plot in the field of granite in the TAS classification except one (Fig. 3a). These
205 samples have Al_2O_3 contents of 14.49 – 16.83 wt.% (average 15.09 wt.%), CaO
206 contents of 1.04 – 1.98 wt.% (average 1.38 wt.%) and A/CNK values of 1.05 – 1.10
207 (average 1.07). In the A/NK – A/CNK diagram (Fig. 3b), all samples plot in the
208 peraluminous field (Fig. 3b). The granite samples have low TFe_2O_3 ($\text{TFe}_2\text{O}_3 = \text{all Fe}$
209 calculated as Fe_2O_3) contents and MgO contents ranging from 1.10–2.49 wt % and
210 0.10–0.44 wt %, respectively, with Mg# ($\text{Mg}\# = 100 * \text{molar Mg}/(\text{Mg} + \text{Fe})$) values of 15–
211 26.

212 The samples of the Zhoujiapuzi granite exhibit variable REEs, with total REEs
213 ranging from 59 to 302 ppm. The $\text{La}_\text{N}/\text{Yb}_\text{N}$ values of the Zhoujiapuzi granite range from
214 14.59 to 80.40 (average 38.27), showing right-declined REE patterns (Fig. 4a). The
215 samples have Eu/Eu^* of 0.62–1.94 and Ce/Ce^* of 0.94–1.16. In the primitive mantle-
216 normalized trace element diagram (Fig. 4b), the samples show negative anomalies of
217 HFSEs (e.g., Nb, Ta, Ti and P) and positive anomalies of La and LILEs (e.g., K, Rb,
218 Ba, U, La, Ce). The Zhoujiapuzi granite is characterized by high contents of Sr (309–
219 551 ppm) and low contents of Y (5.01–15.5 ppm) and Yb (0.43–1.40 ppm), with high
220 Sr/Y ratios of 19.94–102.04 (average 65.50).

221 **5.2 Zircon CL images, Raman spectra and REE elements**

222 CL images of zircons from the Zhoujiapuzi granite are shown in Fig. 5. Zircons
223 commonly have crystal sizes between 150 and 250 μm , and have length/width ratios of
224 2:1–4:1, with euhedral, stubby to elongate prisms. According to the CL images, most
225 zircons show an internal division into 2 distinct domains: light-CL core and dark-CL

226 rim. The light-CL core is characterized by bright CL intensity and widely-spaced
227 oscillatory zoning patterns. The dark-CL rim is overgrown continuously by the light-
228 CL core and is characterized by extremely low CL emission and narrowly-spaced
229 oscillatory zoning patterns. In addition, some zircons have inherited cores, which have
230 corroded and rounded shapes in contact with the light-CL core, such as 1# and 37# in
231 XY-001 and 6# and 41# in XY-008 (Fig. 5). These inherited zircons have oscillatory
232 zoning in CL images.

234 Six light-CL core spots and six dark-CL rim spots were analyzed for Raman
235 spectra. The light-CL cores have antisymmetric stretching vibration (B_{1g}) of the SiO_4
236 tetrahedra (ν_3 (SiO_4)) Raman band of $1005\text{--}1007\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and half-width of the ν_3 (SiO_4)
237 Raman band (b) values of $6.0\text{--}8.1\text{ cm}^{-1}$, while the dark-CL rims have ν_3 (SiO_4) Raman
238 band of $1004\text{--}1007\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and b values of $5.4\text{--}9.0\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

239 Twenty light-CL core spots, eighteen dark-CL rim spots and six inherited zircon
240 spots were analyzed for trace and rare earth elements. The light-CL core spots have
241 lower U content ($28\text{--}677\text{ ppm}$) than the dark-CL rim spots ($U=641\text{--}3842\text{ ppm}$). In the
242 chondrite-normalized REE element diagram (Fig. 6a, b), both the light-CL core and
243 dark-CL rim are characterized by HREE enrichment relative to LREE with positive Ce
244 anomalies and negative Eu anomalies. The light-CL core spots have ΣREE of $49\text{--}1115$
245 ppm (average 390 ppm), ΣLREE of $3\text{--}72\text{ ppm}$ (average 14 ppm) and ΣHREE of 46--
246 1100 ppm (average 377 ppm), whereas the dark-CL rim spots have ΣREE of $327\text{--}1632$
247 ppm (average 895 ppm), ΣLREE of $2\text{--}14\text{ ppm}$ (average 6 ppm) and ΣHREE of 325--
248 1627 ppm (average 889 ppm). Hence, the REE content of the light-CL core is
249 significantly lower than that of the dark-CL rim, and the difference between the two is
250 mainly in HREE content. The light-CL core spots have Eu/Eu^* of $0.07\text{--}0.60$ (average

251 0.28) and Ce/Ce* of 1.89–24.27 (average 10.03). Because the contents of La and Pr are
252 typically present very low, Ce* in this study is obtained by the formulation $(Nd_N)^2 / Sm_N$
253 (Loader et al., 2017). The dark-CL rim spots have Eu/Eu* of 0.08–0.24 (average 0.13)
254 and Ce/Ce* of 6.57–200.31 (average 79.23). These results indicate that the light-CL
255 core have a weaker negative Eu anomaly and a weaker positive Ce anomaly than those
256 of the dark-CL rim. The inherited zircon spots have Σ REE of 602–1517 ppm, and show
257 depletion of LREE, enrichment of HREE, a positive Ce anomaly (Ce/Ce* of 1.52–
258 216.08) and a negative Eu anomaly (Eu/Eu* of 0.07–0.13) (Fig. 6c).

259 **5.3 Zircon U–Pb and Hf isotope composition**

260 Seventy-seven spots were analysed for U-Pb isotope composition from samples
261 XY-001 and XY-008. In the U-Pb Concordia diagram (Fig. 7a, c), both the light-CL
262 core and dark-CL rim spots overlap within uncertainty on the Concordia curve. There
263 is a large degree of overlap between the dark-CL rim and light-CL core in terms of
264 $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age although the mean value for $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age is higher in the light-CL core
265 (Fig. 7e). On a single zircon, the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age of the light-CL core is older than that
266 of the dark-CL rim (Fig. 5). In sample XY-001, 33 spots define a weighted mean
267 $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age of 160.7 ± 1.1 Ma (2σ , MSWD=1.3; Fig. 7b). In sample XY-008, 28 spots
268 define a weighted mean $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age of 159.6 ± 1.1 Ma (2σ , MSWD=1.2; Fig. 7d). The
269 other 10 spots with distinctly older ages ($^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ ages ranging from 2500 to 2173
270 Ma) were obtained on inherited cores. Their ages are discordant, suggesting that these
271 inherited cores were variably influenced by lead loss. Among these, 9 spots define a
272 discordia line with an upper intercept age of 2163 ± 13 Ma (MSWD=0.45) (Fig. 7f).

273 Twenty-four zircons were analyzed for Lu-Hf isotope composition. The variation
274 in Hf isotopic data is limited, between 9 spots from light-CL core and 9 spots from dark-

275 CL rim. 18 spots exhibit a range of $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ ratios from 0.281921 to 0.282030, which
276 converts to $\epsilon\text{Hf}(t)$ values between -26.6 to -22.8 (Fig. 8), and two-stage Hf model ($T_{\text{DM}2}$)
277 ages of 2650 to 2889 Ma by using the U-Pb age for each zircon. Six analytical spots,
278 which define the Concordia upper intercept age of 2163 Ma, show $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ ratios
279 and $\epsilon\text{Hf}(t)$ values of 0.281443 to 0.281496 and -0.7 to 1.5, respectively, with $T_{\text{DM}2}$ age
280 of 2648 Ma to 2791 Ma by using the upper intercept age.

281 **6. Discussion**

282 **6.1 Significance of the two stages of zircon**

283 Generally, zircon with high U content can easily break down into the metamict
284 state because of the radiation damage to the lattice caused by α -particles originating
285 from the decay of uranium (Mezger and Krogstad, 1997). The physical and structural
286 changes often lead to the loss of Pb and addition of trace elements such as LREE. In
287 this study, the dark-CL rim spots have high U content, which is significantly higher than
288 the median value of zircon U content in granitic magma (350 ppm, Wang et al., 2011).
289 Hence, the metamictization degree of the zircons must be taken into consideration. Data
290 from dark-CL rim spots plot on the Concordia curve, indicating no obvious Pb loss. The
291 internal structure of dark-CL rim is relatively intact, with obvious oscillatory zoning,
292 and few cracks, implying that the physical and structural of the dark-CL rim remained
293 unchanged. Nasdala et al. (1998) suggested that the metamictization of zircon can be
294 well characterized by Raman spectroscopy. The half-width of the $\nu_3(\text{SiO}_4)$ Raman band
295 (b) of 10 cm^{-1} and 20 cm^{-1} are proposed to approximately distinguish well-crystallized,

296 intermediate and metamict zircons (Nasdala et al., 1998). The dark-CL rim have *b*
297 values of 5.4–9.2, characterizing them as well-crystallized. Therefore, the above
298 features indicate that the dark-CL rim are not metamict. Consequently, it can be
299 concluded that the U-Pb isotope and trace element systematics of the dark-CL rim have
300 not been changed by metamictization.

301 Both the light-CL core and dark-CL rim have oscillatory zoning patterns, and their
302 chondrite-normalized REE patterns are characterized by steeply positive slopes from
303 the LREE to HREE with strong negative Eu anomalies and pronounced positive Ce
304 anomalies. The above characteristics are consistent with those of igneous zircon
305 (Hoskin and Schaltegger, 2003). Although hydrothermal zircon can also have
306 oscillatory zoning patterns similar to magmatic zircons, there are obvious differences
307 in trace elements between the magmatic and hydrothermal zircon (Hoskin et al., 2005).
308 In the discrimination diagram (Fig. 9), both the spots of light-CL core and dark-CL rim
309 fall in or near the magmatic field, which is obviously different from hydrothermal
310 zircon. Hence, the above characteristics indicate that both the light-CL core and dark-
311 CL rim have a magmatic origin.

312 The light-CL core was overgrown continuously by the dark-CL rim. In addition,
313 the contact between the light-CL core and dark-CL rim is euhedral. Such core-mantle
314 overgrowth relationships indicate that the light-CL core domains are not inherited
315 zircons. The similar Hf isotopic data of the light-CL core and dark-CL rim is also
316 consistent with this interpretation. For the age population, the samples of XY-001 and
317 XY-008 have MSWD of 1.3 and 1.2, respectively, which are both within the expected

318 range for 95 % confidence interval (Mahon, 1996). Although the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age of dark-
319 CL rim is generally younger than that of light-CL core, the ages of these two distinct
320 domains have the characteristics of continuous variation, and do not show two or more
321 distinct age populations (Fig. 7b, d). These phenomena do not support the presence of
322 antecrystic zircons (Siégel et al., 2018). Hence, both the light-CL core and dark-CL rim
323 are most likely autocrystic zircon formed in one distinct pulse of magma. The weighted
324 mean U-Pb ages of 160.7 ± 1.1 Ma and 159.6 ± 1.1 Ma can be interpreted as the
325 emplacement age of the Zhoujiapuzi granite. The obvious difference in internal
326 structure and trace element composition between the light-CL core and dark-CL rim
327 could be due to significant changes in their crystallization environments (Wang et al.,
328 2007).

329 The Zr/Hf ratio in zircon has a negative correlation with the degree of fractionation
330 in the parent melt (Claiborne et al., 2006). In this study, the Zr/Hf ratios of the dark-CL
331 rim (21–40) are obviously lower than those of the light-CL core (39–56) (Fig. 10a). In
332 addition, incompatible elements such as U and REE will become enriched in the highly
333 evolved magma (Zhao et al., 2014). In this study, the contents of U and REE of dark-
334 CL rim are significantly higher than those of light-CL core (Fig. 10a). Overall, the
335 above features reflect that the dark-CL rim crystallized from a later and more evolved
336 magma.

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338 Watson and Harrison (2005) found that the Ti content of zircon has a strong
339 dependence on temperature (T), and obtained a Ti-in-zircon thermometer ($T_{\text{Zr-Ti}}$). Since

340 then, Ferry and Watson (2007) suggested that the solubility of Ti in zircon depends not
341 only on T and activity of TiO₂ (aTiO₂) but also on the activity of SiO₂ (aSiO₂), and
342 revised the T_{Zr-Ti}. We use the T_{Zr-Ti} from Ferry and Watson (2007) and the recommended
343 values (aSiO₂=1, aTiO₂ = 0.5) for the activity of SiO₂ and TiO₂ (Schiller and Finger,
344 2019), due to the presence of ilmenite and quartz in the Zhoujiapuzi granite. The T_{Zr-Ti}
345 from the light-CL core and dark-CL rim are 684–830 °C (average 761 °C) and 509–
346 712°C (average 635 °C), respectively, i.e. the light-CL core formed at higher
347 temperatures than the dark-CL rim. The T_{Zr-Ti} value shows a significant positive
348 correlation with Zr/Hf (a tracer of fractional crystallisation), and shows continual
349 fractionation and cooling (Fig. 10b). As the light-CL core and dark-CL rim formed in
350 different magmatic evolution stages, it is problematic to use the same aSiO₂ and aTiO₂
351 values to calculate both T_{Zr-Ti} values for both. For ilmenite bearing granites, Schiller
352 and Finger (2019) suggested that the variation of aTiO₂ values corresponding to
353 different zircon crystallization stages is small. In addition, Schiller and Finger (2019)
354 showed that the aSiO₂ value of the ilmenite-bearing granites at the onset of magmatic
355 zircon crystallization was more than 0.75. Even if the aSiO₂ value of the light-CL core
356 is changed from 1.0 to 0.75, the temperature will only drop by about ~27 °C, which is
357 significantly lower than the 126 °C difference between the average T_{Zr-Ti} value of the
358 light-CL core and dark-CL rim. Therefore, it is certain that the light-CL core formed at
359 higher temperatures than the dark-CL rim, although we cannot calculate the specific
360 temperature difference.

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362 Cerium exists in magmas as both Ce^{3+} and Ce^{4+} . Because the 0.84-Å radius of the
363 Zr^{4+} ion is more closely matched by the Ce^{4+} (0.97-Å radius) than the Ce^{3+} (1.143-Å
364 radius) (all ionic radii are from Shannon, 1976), Ce^{4+} is more compatible in the zircon
365 structure than the Ce^{3+} . Hence, the magnitude of Ce anomaly is a useful tool for
366 evaluating the oxygen fugacity condition of crystallization environment (e.g. Ballard et
367 al., 2002; Trail et al., 2012). Loader et al. (2017) suggested that the Ce/Ce* ratio is
368 likely to be the most robust measure of magma redox conditions, although it is only a
369 semi-quantitative measure. In this study, the Ce/Ce* ratio of the light-CL core and dark-
370 CL rim are 6.30–153.36 (average 32.51) and 21.81–5773.06 (average 787.39),
371 respectively. This result suggests that the dark-CL rim formed in a higher oxygen
372 fugacity environment than the light-CL core. As shown in the Ce/Ce*-Zr/Hf diagram
373 (Fig. 10c), Ce/Ce* has a significant negative correlation with Zr/Hf, showing that the
374 oxygen fugacity condition is increasing with the evolution of magma.

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376 The absence of enclaves and disequilibrium textures in the Zhoujiapuzi granite
377 and uniform $\epsilon_{Hf}(t)$ values of the light-CL core and dark-CL rim do not support magma
378 mixing and wall-rock assimilation. Consequently, the abrupt change between the
379 crystallization environment of the light-CL core and dark-CL rim is not due to the
380 magma mixing or contamination during magma evolution. Therefore, we propose that
381 the light-CL core was formed in a relatively deep magma chamber, which had low
382 oxygen fugacity, low Zr saturation and higher temperature. The low Th, U and REE,
383 and widely-spaced oscillatory zoning patterns indicate a low growth rate of zircon

384 (Hoskin and Schaltegger, 2003; Wang et al., 2011). In contrast, the dark-CL rim was
385 formed during the ascent and/or at the emplacement location of the magma. At this
386 stage, the oxygen fugacity significantly increased, the temperature decreased, and Zr
387 saturation increased due to the crystallization differentiation. In this environment, the
388 crystallization rate of zircon significantly increased, forming the zircons with a higher
389 content of Th, U and REE elements, low CL emission and narrowly-spaced oscillatory
390 zoning patterns.

391 Zircon U-Pb dating is the most commonly used method in geochronology,
392 especially dating the emplacement age of magmatic rocks. A weighted mean age or
393 upper intercept age is usually obtained to represent the emplacement time of a magmatic
394 rock. However, the autocrystic zircons in this study record two different magmatic
395 evolution stages. Previous studies, such as Wang et al. (2007), Zhao et al. (2014) and
396 Chen et al. (2020), also show that zircons can crystallize continually or intermittently
397 in a single phase of magmatism, showing several growth zones of clearly different
398 internal structure and distinct time difference. Therefore, autocrystic zircon can be
399 formed in two or more evolution stages during one distinct pulse or increment of
400 magma. Some scholars even regard that the age difference of different stages can be
401 more than dozens of Ma (Wang et al., 2007). Therefore, if the zircon ages in the same
402 magmatic rock have a large range of variation, this could be caused by the zircons
403 recording different stages in magmatic evolution, related to different levels of magma
404 within the crust and/or different temperature regimes. In this paper, although the
405 apparent age of the dark-CL rim is generally younger than that of the light-CL core, the

406 age difference between the two is within the error range of the in-situ LA-ICP-MS
407 analyses (individual spot of $\pm 3\text{--}5\%$ relative precision, Schmitz and Kuiper, 2013).
408 Therefore, further work is needed to verify the actual age difference between the two
409 magmatic evolution stages. Nevertheless, it is notable that the bulk petrology and
410 geochemistry of the host pluton does not record and reveal this two-stage magmatic
411 evolution, which can only be detected in the zircon analysis.

412 **6.2 Genetic type: I-type affinity**

413 The Zhoujiapuzi granite has low Zr (113 - 242 ppm), Ce (26.5 - 121.5 ppm),
414 Zr+Nb+Ce+Y (152.0 - 382.6 ppm), (Na₂O + K₂O)/CaO (4.53 - 8.31) and FeO*/MgO
415 (5.09 - 10.56), distinct from the typical A-type granites (Fig. 11a-d). Furthermore, the
416 Zhoujiapuzi granite does not contain mafic alkaline minerals, such as arfvedsonite,
417 riebeckite, etc., which is also distinctly inconsistent with typical A-type granites (Wu et
418 al., 2003). Wu et al. (2017) suggested that a high formation temperature is one of the
419 most important characteristics of A-type granite. Zircon saturation thermometry (T_{Zm})
420 and Ti-in-zircon thermometer (T_{Zr-Ti}) are two methods for estimating magma
421 temperatures. As noted above, because the values of a_{SiO_2} and a_{TiO_2} during the early
422 zircon crystallization cannot be accurately obtained, the temperature of this period
423 cannot be accurately obtained through the Ti-in-zircon thermometer. Zircon saturation
424 thermometry was introduced by Watson and Harrison (1983) and is suitable for non-
425 peralkaline crustal source rocks. Since the zircon solubility is mainly affected by
426 temperature, major element compositions have a limited impact on calculated T_{Zm}

427 (Miller et al., 2003). In addition, the errors introduced by crystal-rich composition tend
428 to cancel as changes in Zr concentration and M value during crystallization have
429 opposite effects on the T_{Zrn} value (Miller et al., 2003). Therefore, the composition of
430 Zhoujiapuzi granite can be used to estimate the magma temperature. The calculated T_{Zrn}
431 values for the Zhoujiapuzi granite are in the range of 803-870 °C (mean=845 ±20°C).
432 It was proposed that the T_{Zrn} suggests an upper limit on the temperature of melt
433 generation for inheritance-rich granitoid (Miller et al., 2003). Hence, the magma
434 temperature of the Zhoujiapuzi granite should be lower than or equal to the T_{Zrn} value,
435 which is significantly lower than that of typical A-type granite (>900 °C, Skjerlie and
436 Johnston, 1992; Douce, 1997). Thus, the Zhoujiapuzi granite is not an A-type granite.

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438 The samples of the Zhoujiapuzi granite have $A/KNC < 1.1$, relatively high Na_2O
439 (3.96–4.65 wt.%) and lack peraluminous minerals (e.g. cordierite, andalusite,
440 muscovite and garnet), which are clearly different from S-type granites (Chappell and
441 White, 1992). With the rise of the degree of crystallization, P_2O_5 contents
442 (generally >0.1 wt.%) increase in S-type granites, accompanied by an
443 increase/immunity in SiO_2 (Wolf and London, 1994). However, the Zhoujiapuzi
444 granite samples have low P_2O_5 contents (0.02 – 0.08 wt.%), and decrease with
445 increasing SiO_2 (Fig. 11e), which are features consistent with the I-type granite rather
446 than S-type granite (Chappell and White, 1992). Additionally, Rb has a positive
447 correlation with Y (Fig. 11f), which has been considered as an indicator of I-type granite
448 (Jiang et al., 2018). Furthermore, the composition of the Zhoujiapuzi granite fall in the

449 [I-type granite field in the discrimination diagrams of granites introduced by Collins et](#)
450 [al. \(1982\) \(Fig. 11 c-d\).](#) Therefore, we conclude that the Zhoujiapuzi granite is a I-type
451 granite.

452 **6.3 Petrogenesis of the high Sr/Y granite**

453 The samples of the Zhoujiapuzi granite have high Sr/Y and (La/Yb)_N ratios and
454 low Y and Yb contents (Fig. 12a) consistent with the geochemical signatures of modern
455 adakites (Defant and Drummond, 1990). However, other geochemical parameters of
456 the Zhoujiapuzi granite, such as the high K₂O/Na₂O ratio (0.93 –1.22), low Al₂O₃
457 content (14.49 –15.02%, except one) and Sr content (in half of the samples lower than
458 400 ppm), are obviously different from typical adakites (K₂O/Na₂O ≤0.42, Al₂O₃ ≥
459 15 %, Sr >400 ppm, Defant and Drummond., 1990; Drummond et al., 1996, Martin et
460 al., 2005). A variety of petrogenetic models have been proposed for the origin of high
461 Sr/Y magmatic rocks, such as partial melting of subducting oceanic crust (Model A,
462 Defant and Drummond, 1990), delaminated lower continental crust (LCC) (Model B,
463 Kay and Kay, 1993; Xu et al., 2002), differentiation of basaltic arc magma (Model C,
464 Castillo et al., 1999), magma mixing between mantle-derived mafic and crust-derived
465 silicic magmas (Model D, Ma et al., 2013a), partial melting of thickened basaltic LCC
466 (Model E, Gao et al., 2004; Ou et al., 2017), or melting of a high Sr/Y (and La/Yb)
467 source (Model F, Kamei et al., 2009; Ma et al., 2015).

468 **6.3.1 Model A: Partial melting of subducting oceanic crust**

469 The partial melting of the young, hot and hydrated subducted oceanic slab in the
470 garnet stability field is the classical formation model of adakite (high Sr/Y rock) (Defant
471 and Drummond, 1990). Studies have shown that the rock with this genetic model

472 generally has the characteristics of high mantle components (such as MgO, CaO and
473 Cr) because of the involvement of mantle magma (Wang et al., 2018). However, this
474 phenomenon was not seen in the Zhoujiapuzi granite. In addition, the Zhoujiapuzi
475 granite has high K_2O/Na_2O ratios (0.92–1.22, average 1.13), which is inconsistent with
476 the slab-derived adakites ($K_2O/Na_2O = \sim 0.4$, Martin et al., 2005). Moreover, the low
477 $\epsilon_{Hf}(t)$ values (-26.6 to -22.8) of the Zhoujiapuzi granite are also inconsistent with the
478 magmas derived from the partial melting of oceanic crust, which generally have
479 depleted isotopic character (Zhan et al., 2020). Furthermore, the Zhoujiapuzi granite
480 has low Ti/Eu and high Nd/Sm ratios (Fig. 13a), and markedly negative Nb-Ta
481 anomalies (Fig. 4b), which are distinct from those of oceanic basalts (Yu et al., 2012).
482 In summary, the Zhoujiapuzi granite is difficult to explain by Model A.

483 **6.3.2 Model B: Delaminated lower continental crust (LCC)**

484 High-density, garnet-bearing mafic lower crust delaminating or foundering into
485 the asthenosphere mantle and subsequent interaction with mantle peridotite could
486 produce high Sr/Y magmas (Kay and Kay 1993). Because the melt formed by partial
487 melting of the delaminated lower crust would interact with mantle peridotite during
488 magma ascent, the high Sr/Y magmas related to this petrogenetic model generally have
489 high MgO, Mg# and TiO_2 (Gao et al., 2004; Ou et al., 2017; He et al., 2021). The MgO
490 (0.10– 0.44 wt.%), Mg# (15– 26) and TiO_2 (0.09– 0.34 wt.%) values of Zhoujiapuzi
491 granite are significantly lower than the above values (Fig. 13b- d). In addition,
492 delamination of the lower crust generally occurs in within-plate extensional settings
493 (Gao et al., 2004), and will form a large number of Mg-rich (Mg#>50) rocks due to the
494 partial melting of lithospheric mantle and/or upwelling of asthenosphere (Ou et al.,
495 2017). However, these Jurassic magmatic rocks in the Liaodong Peninsula are generally

496 considered to be formed in a compressional environment related to the subduction of
497 the Paleo-Pacific slab (Li et al., 2004; Yang et al., 2015a; Zhu and Xu, 2019; Zheng et
498 al., 2018). Furthermore, the middle-late Jurassic granites are generally Mg-poor (Fig.
499 13c). Due to the high temperature of the asthenosphere (1200 °C, Parsons and McKenzie,
500 1978; King et al., 2015), rocks formed by partial melting of the delaminated lower crust
501 should possess a high-temperature fingerprint. T_{Zrn} has been used as a geothermometer
502 to estimate partial melting temperatures (e.g., Miller et al., 2003; Collins et al., 2016).
503 As mentioned before, the T_{Zrn} of the Zhoujiapuzi granite is below 900 °C, which is
504 markedly lower than the temperature of the asthenosphere. Therefore, the petrogenetic
505 model of delaminated lower continental crust (Model B) is also inconsistent with the
506 Zhoujiapuzi granite.

507 **6.3.3 Model C: Differentiation of basaltic arc magma**

508 Low-pressure fractional crystallization (involving olivine + clinopyroxene +
509 plagioclase + amphibole+ titanomagnetite) or high-pressure fractional crystallization
510 (involving garnet) from basaltic magmas have been proposed as two ways to generate
511 adakitic characteristics (Castillo et al., 1999; Macpherson et al., 2006).

512 However, the composition of the Zhoujiapuzi granite is relatively uniform,
513 including SiO₂, MgO and Na₂O, which does not support major fractional crystallization
514 (Xue et al., 2017). Furthermore, the Zhoujiapuzi granite has abundant inherited zircons
515 and no obvious depletion of Sr, Eu and Ba, showing that this granite has not experienced
516 extensive fractionation (Miller et al., 2003). The samples form clear partial melting
517 trends on the La/Yb versus La diagram (Fig. 13e), which also suggests that partial
518 melting was more important than fractional crystallization (Gao et al., 2007; Shahbazi
519 et al., 2021). In addition, crystal fractionation of basaltic melts can only form minor

520 volumes of granitic melts, the ratio of the two is about 9:1 (Zeng et al., 2016). However,
521 for the same age interval, no coexisting mafic-intermediate rocks have been found in
522 the research area. In the wider region of the Liaodong Peninsula, Middle-Late Jurassic
523 magmatism is dominated by felsic compositions; mafic- intermediate rocks are only
524 reported in the Huaziyu area (lamprophyre dikes, Jiang et al., 2005). Therefore, it is
525 unlikely that there are large-scale mafic- intermediate rocks contemporaneous with the
526 Zhoujiapuzi granite at depth according to the rock assemblage of Liaodong Peninsula
527 in this period. Moreover, the zircon Hf isotopic compositions of the Zhoujiapuzi granite
528 are quite different from those of the depleted mantle, but are similar to those of the
529 basement (Liaohe Group and Liaoji granite) in the study area (Fig. 8). The ancient
530 inherited zircons (2500 to 2173) with low $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$ values also indicate older crustal
531 material in the Zhoujiapuzi granite. For these reasons, it is highly improbable that
532 Zhoujiapuzi granite was derived by differentiation of basaltic magma (Model C).

533 **6.3.4 Model D: Magma mixing between mantle-derived mafic and crust-derived** 534 **silicic magmas**

535 The Zhoujiapuzi granite has high $\text{K}_2\text{O}/\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ratio (>1) and A/CNK value (>1),
536 together with the absence of mingling textures, mafic microgranular enclaves (MMEs),
537 felsic xenocrysts and melting texture of plagioclase, implying that the mantle-derived
538 magma is unlikely to have played an important role in the genesis of the Zhoujiapuzi
539 granite (Castro et al., 1991). In addition, the Zhoujiapuzi granite is characterized by the
540 development of biotite, but lacks amphibole and pyroxene. These features, coupled with
541 the high A/CNK value, are consistent with an origin as a crust-derived granitoid, but
542 obviously different from the granitoids formed by crust-mantle-derived magma mixing
543 (Barbarin, 1990). Moreover, granites formed by magma mixing generally have high

544 MgO, TFe₂O₃, CaO and Cr contents and low SiO₂ content (Ma et al., 2013a; Wang et
545 al., 2018). These features are obviously inconsistent with the Zhoujiapuzi granite in this
546 study. Additionally, the $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$ values and trace element composition of the two stages
547 of zircon also do not support magma mixing. Hence, magma mixing of mantle-derived
548 and crust-derived magmas (Model D) is also unlikely to have produced the Zhoujiapuzi
549 granite.

550 **6.3.5 Model E: Partial melting of thickened basaltic LCC**

551 Experimental studies have shown that the partial melt of basaltic LCC in the garnet
552 stabilization zone (> 40 km, i.e. ~1.2 GPa) can produce magma with a high Sr/Y ratio
553 (Rapp et al., 2003 and references therein). In these scenarios, high Sr/Y and overall
554 adakitic affinity are caused by leaving garnet as residual phases (e.g. Gao et al., 2004).
555 Based on geochemical data for the Zhoujiapuzi granites, partial melting of thickened
556 basaltic LCC is also unlikely to account for the high Sr/Y Zhoujiapuzi granite (Model
557 E). This conclusion is based on the following observations:

558 (1) This ratio of (Gd/Yb)_N is the most important feature to judge whether garnet is
559 involvement in magma genesis (Ma et al., 2012). If the (Gd/Yb)_N ratio of the source is
560 similar to the average value of the LCC (1.71, Rudnick and Gao, 2003), partial melting
561 of these crustal materials controlled by garnet at high pressure can produce melt with
562 (Gd/Yb)_N of 5.8 (Huang and He, 2010). In contrast, the (Gd/Yb)_N values (1.22–5.06,
563 average 2.69) of the Zhoujiapuzi granite are relatively low. (2) Studies of lower-crustal
564 xenoliths show that garnet may not be a common mineral in the lower crust of the NCC
565 (Ma et al., 2012). (3) As shown in the discrimination diagrams of granite sources (Fig.
566 13f, g), all samples fall in the range of metagreywacke-derived melts. Therefore, the
567 Zhoujiapuzi granite was considered to have been derived from crustal anatexis of

568 metagraywacke (or intermediate-acid igneous rock with similar mineral composition),
569 rather than basaltic lower crust.

570 **6.3.6 Model F: Melting of a high Sr/Y (and La/Yb) source**

571 Studies have shown that when a source rock has a high Sr/Y ratio, the high Sr/Y
572 signature of the derived magma can inherit from their source, regardless of pressure
573 (Kamei et al., 2009; Moyen, 2009; Ma et al., 2015). We suggest that partial melting of
574 high Sr/Y Liaoji granite was most probably the origin of the high Sr/Y Zhoujiapuzi
575 granite, as discussed below (Model F).

576 The Zhoujiapuzi granite has similar mineral assemblages (contains abundant K-
577 feldspar and lacks hornblende) and geochemical composition (Fig. 13h) to the
578 Tsutsugatake intrusion, which is explained by partial melting of arc-type tonalite or
579 adakitic granodiorite (Kamei et al., 2009). Among the inherited zircons from
580 Zhoujiapuzi granite, the $^{207}\text{Pb} / ^{206}\text{Pb}$ ages of all the spots are between 2132 and 2200
581 Ma, except one, and yield a Concordia upper intercept age of 2163 Ma. Both
582 assimilation of country-rocks and incomplete melting of source rocks can explain the
583 genesis of inherited zircon in granite. Due to the similar T_{DM2} of autocrystic zircons
584 (light-CL core and dark-CL rim) and inherited zircons, these inherited zircons most
585 likely come from the source of the Zhoujiapuzi granite. In the study area, meta-
586 sedimentary rocks and meta-volcanic rocks of the South Liaohe Group,
587 Paleoproterozoic mafic rocks, as well as the Liaoji granites, have ~2.16 Ga zircon. In
588 spite of an age peak of 2.17–2.16 Ga in detrital zircon age spectra of the metasediments
589 from the South Liaohe Group, melting of a sediment-dominated source is unlikely to
590 have occurred, as it would have also introduced other age peaks such as ~2.03 Ga and
591 ~2.50 Ga (Li et al., 2015; Wang et al., 2020b). In addition, given the I-type

592 characteristics of the Zhoujipuzi granite, derivation from an igneous precursor is more
593 plausible rather than a metasedimentary origin (Chappell and White, 1992). Therefore,
594 these ~2.16 Ga zircons from the Zhoujiapuzi granite are unlikely to come from the
595 South Liaohe Group. As shown in the host rock discrimination diagrams (Fig. 14,
596 introduced by Belousova et al., 2002), all the ~2.16 Ga inherited zircons from
597 Zhoujiapuzi granite fall into the granitoid area (Fig. 14), precluding that these ~2.16 Ga
598 zircon come from the Paleoproterozoic mafic rocks. In addition, the ~2.16 Ga inherited
599 zircons from Zhoujiapuzi granite and the zircons from the Liaoji granites lie in a similar
600 area in the $\epsilon\text{Hf}(t)$ -age (Ma) diagram (Fig. 8). Hence, the ~2.16 Ga inherited zircon most
601 likely come from the Liaoji granites.

602 Some of the Liaoji granites, such as the Muniuhe granite (comprising granodiorite
603 and syenogranite with no distinct boundary between the two), have adakitic signatures,
604 and similar REE and trace element patterns as the Zhoujiapuzi granite (Fig. 4). Based
605 on a model of batch melting (Shaw, 1970) using the experiments of Conrad et al. (1988),
606 the high Sr/Y characteristic of the Zhoujiapuzi granite can be explained by partial
607 melting of Muniuhe granitic pluton leaving amphibole as the main residue (Fig. 12b).

608 In our modelling, we choose the XY-005 sample to approximately represent the
609 primitive melt composition. The reasons are as below: as mentioned above, the high
610 Sr/Y characteristics of the Zhoujiapuzi granite are not caused by the fractional
611 crystallization of amphibole. Furthermore, the lack of positive correlation between
612 $D_{\text{Y}}/Y_{\text{bN}}$ ratios and $L_{\text{aN}}/Y_{\text{bN}}$ ratios (Fig. 13i) also suggests that fractional
613 crystallization of amphibole was not a significant process for the Zhoujiapuzi granite.
614 On the other hand, the samples of Zhoujiapuzi granite display variable Eu and Sr
615 contents, implying that plagioclase is likely a fractional phase. The separation of
616 titanomagnetite could explain the positive trend in TFe_2O_3 with increasing TiO_2 content,

617 consistent with the occurrences of magnetite in some studied rocks. This possible
618 mineral assemblage of fractional crystallization is also reflected by the chemical
619 variations in the Sr/Y-Y diagram (Fig. 12b). Hence, the sample XY-005, which has
620 highest Sr/Y, was chosen to represent a primitive melt composition. To find the best
621 matching experimental melts, we have compared the major elements of the XY-005
622 sample with that of experimental melts and the characteristics of no garnet residue
623 discussed above. Results are shown in Fig. 12b. The Sr and Y compositions of the
624 starting material used in these experiments resemble those of the average composition
625 of the Muniuhe granitic pluton (Sr=475 ppm, Y=9.77 ppm), if the residue contains a
626 large volume of amphibole (>90 %). However, if more plagioclase is retained in the
627 residue (e.g. 18.3 %), a source region with a higher Sr content is required. Therefore, a
628 similar high Sr/Y Liaoji granite to the Muniuhe granitic pluton can produce the high
629 Sr/Y signatures of the Zhoujiapuzi granite.

630 A large number of Yanshanian adakites (or high Sr/Y rocks) are developed in the
631 NCC, which are generally considered to be derived from the thickened basaltic LCC
632 (e.g. Gao et al., 2004; Wu et al., 2005a; Ma et al., 2013b). Zhang et al. (2001, 2003)
633 suggested that these so-called “C-type adakites” indicated a large-scale crustal
634 thickening event. However, according to the studies on the Triassic and Jurassic adakitic
635 rocks near the Pingquan area, the northern part of the NCC, Ma et al. (2012, 2015)
636 suggested that the adakitic signatures of these rocks are inherited from their source
637 rocks. The research of the Zhoujiapuzi granite in this study also shows that among the
638 widely distributed Jurassic high Sr/Y granites in the Liaodong Peninsula, there is at
639 least one pluton with a high Sr/Y signature inherited from the source. Therefore, we
640 suggest that melting of a high Sr/Y (and La/Yb) source is one of the important processes
641 for the generation of Yanshanian high Sr/Y rocks in the NCC. This kind of high Sr/Y

642 granite does not need to be formed in the garnet stability field.

643 **6.4 Tectonic implications**

644 A large number of Early Jurassic arc-like igneous rocks occur in the northeast part
645 of NCC- Korean Peninsula-Hida belt, which belong to the middle-high K calc-alkaline
646 series and are characterized by enrichment in LILE and depletions in HFSE (Wu et al.,
647 2007; Tang et al., 2018 and references therein). In addition, the Early Jurassic
648 accretionary complexes in the eastern margin of the Eurasian continent and the Japan
649 islands, such as the Heilongjiang complex, the Khabarovsk complex and the Mino-
650 Tamba complex, are considered to be related to subduction (Wu et al., 2007; Tang et al.,
651 2018 and references therein). It is generally accepted that the Paleo-Pacific slab
652 subducted westwards in the Early Jurassic (Tang et al., 2018; Zhu and Xu, 2018).

653 In the middle-late Jurassic, I-type granites are dominant in the Liaodong Peninsula,
654 such as the Zhoujiapuzi granite (this study), Heigou pluton, Gaoliduntai pluton (Wu et
655 al., 2005a), Waling granite (Yang et al., 2015a) and Wulong granite (Yang et al., 2018).
656 There are not A-type granites, and mantle derived magmatism is extremely rare. These
657 granites were formed by partial melting of crustal materials without obvious
658 contribution of mantle derived magma (Wu et al., 2005a; Yang et al., 2015b, 2018; Xue
659 et al., 2020). In addition, WNW-ESE compression during 157-143 Ma was widespread
660 in the Liaodong Peninsula (Yang et al., 2004; Zhang et al., 2020). It not only
661 mylonitized the granite plutons in middle-lower crust levels, but also intensely
662 deformed the thick sedimentary cover in the upper crust (Qiu et al., 2018; Ren et al.,

663 2020). Hence, Late Jurassic magmatism in the Liaodong peninsula is most likely to be
664 related to subduction of the Paleo-Pacific plate in a mature continental arc, with crust
665 previously thickened by compressional tectonics, related to both the oceanic subduction
666 and the earlier Mesozoic collisions at the north and south margins of the NCC. This
667 setting would produce the conditions required for extensive crustal melting of pre-
668 existing basement. There is a potential resemblance to the modern arc of the Central
669 Andes (Allmendinger et al., 1997), where crustal thickening and plateau growth has
670 developed over the Cenozoic (Scott et al., 2018), and melting of older basement has
671 taken place during subduction of the Nazca plate (Miller and Harris, 1989). This model
672 is also consistent with the idea that much of eastern China was a high orogenic plateau
673 during the Mesozoic, before widespread Early Cretaceous extension and core complex
674 development (Meng, 2003; Chu et al., 2020).

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676 **7. Conclusions**

677 (1) LA-ICP-MS zircon U-Pb dating indicates that the Zhoujiapuzi granite in the
678 Liaodong Peninsula formed at ~160 Ma.

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680 (2) Zircon growth in Zhoujiapuzi granite can be divided into two distinct stages.
681 The light-CL core was formed in a deeper, hotter, magma chamber, which had low
682 oxygen fugacity and high temperature. The dark-CL rim formed from later, more
683 evolved, magma. Oxygen fugacity significantly increased and the temperature

684 decreased at this stage. The Zhoujiapuzi granite is a case study of multistage generation
685 and emplacement of magma, revealed by zircons, where no signals are discernible in
686 the bulk petrology or geochemistry.

687 (3) The I-type Zhoujiapuzi granite originated from partial melting of the
688 Paleoproterozoic Liaoji granites. The high Sr/Y compositions are inherited from their
689 source rocks, rather than being a direct indication of deep crustal melting, or any other
690 common mechanism for generating adakitic signatures.

691 (4) The Late Jurassic tectonic setting of the Liaodong Peninsula and the eastern
692 NCC resembled the modern orogenic plateau of the Central Andes, where silicic
693 magmatism may occur by partial melting of older continental crust in a compressional
694 environment, related to the subduction of the Paleo-Pacific plate.

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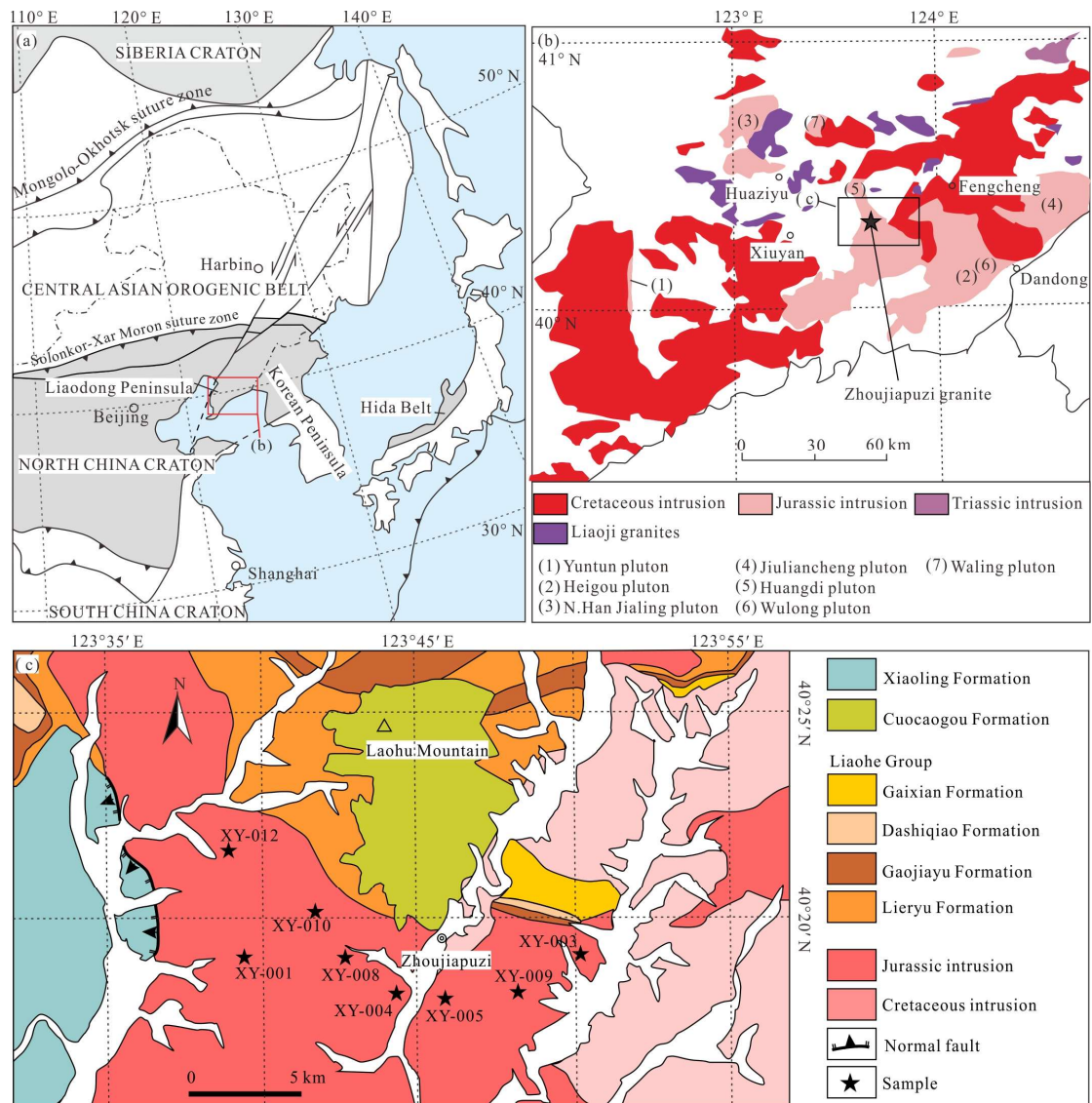
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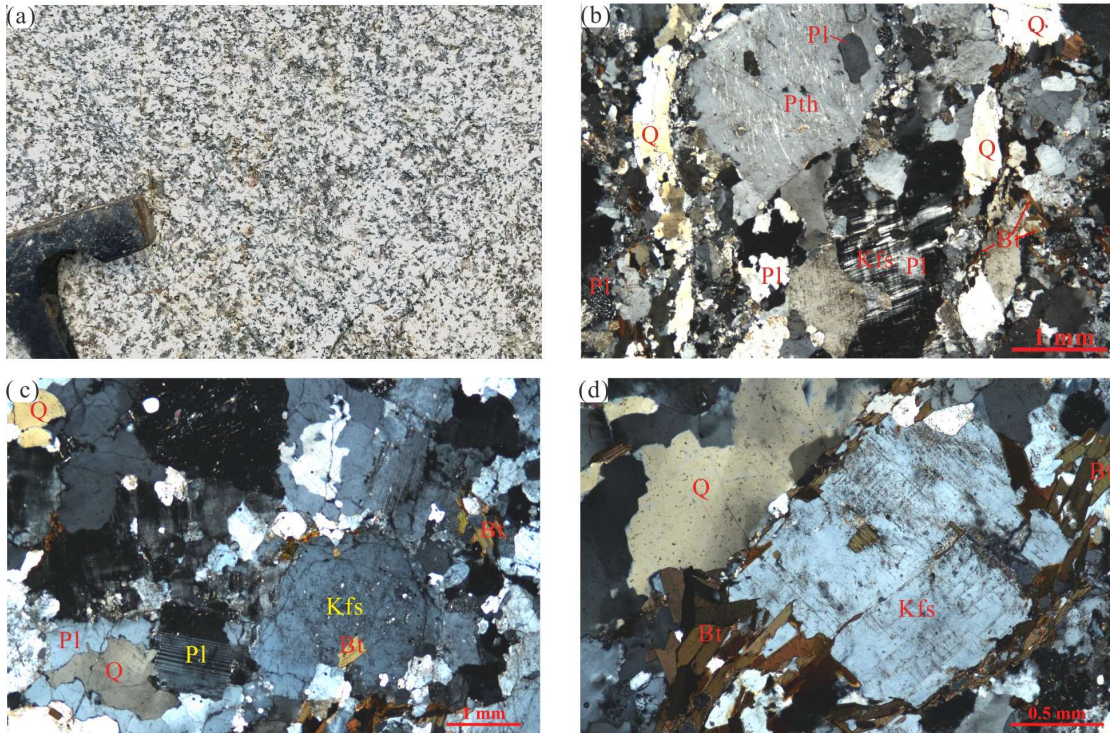
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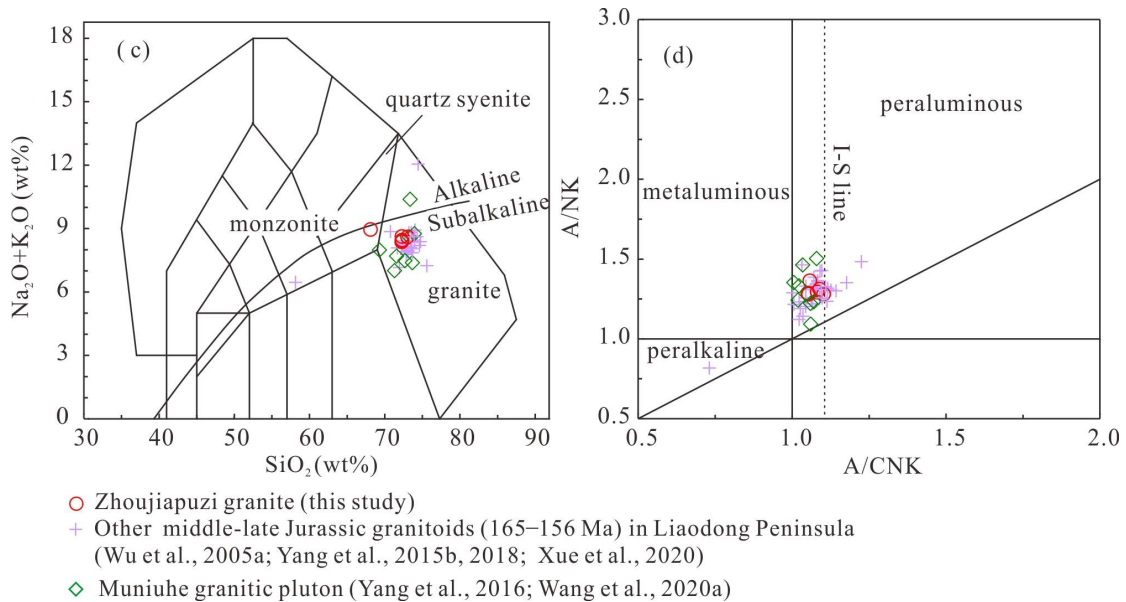
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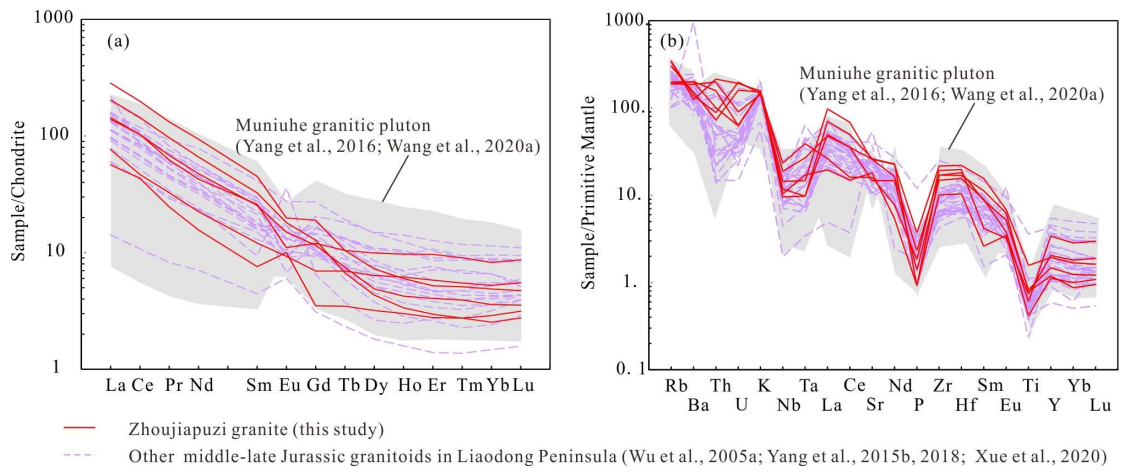
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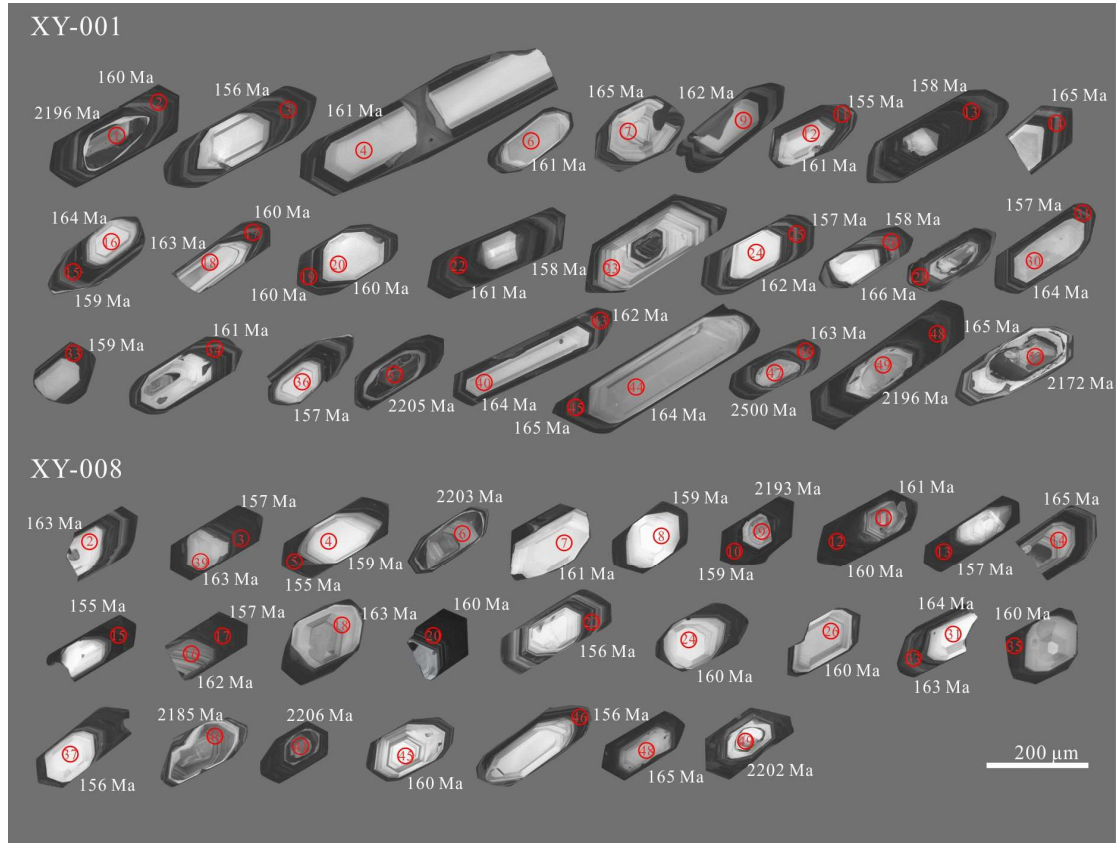
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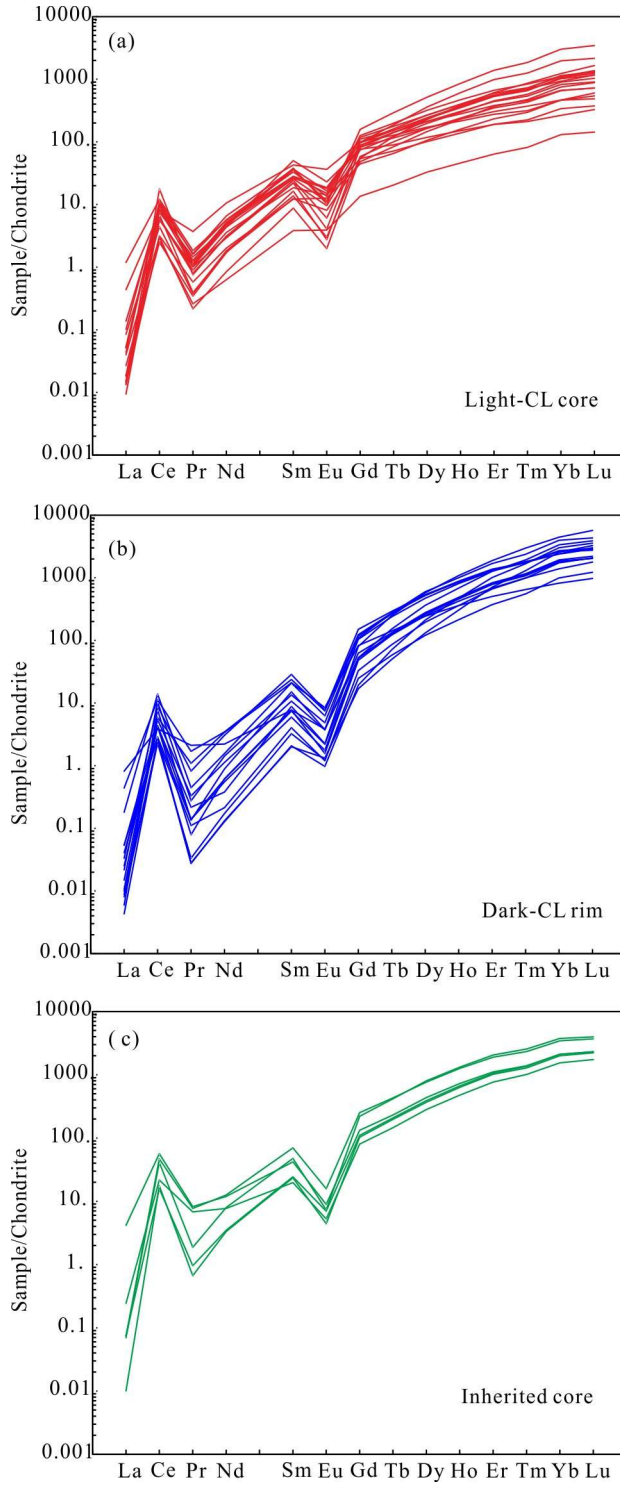


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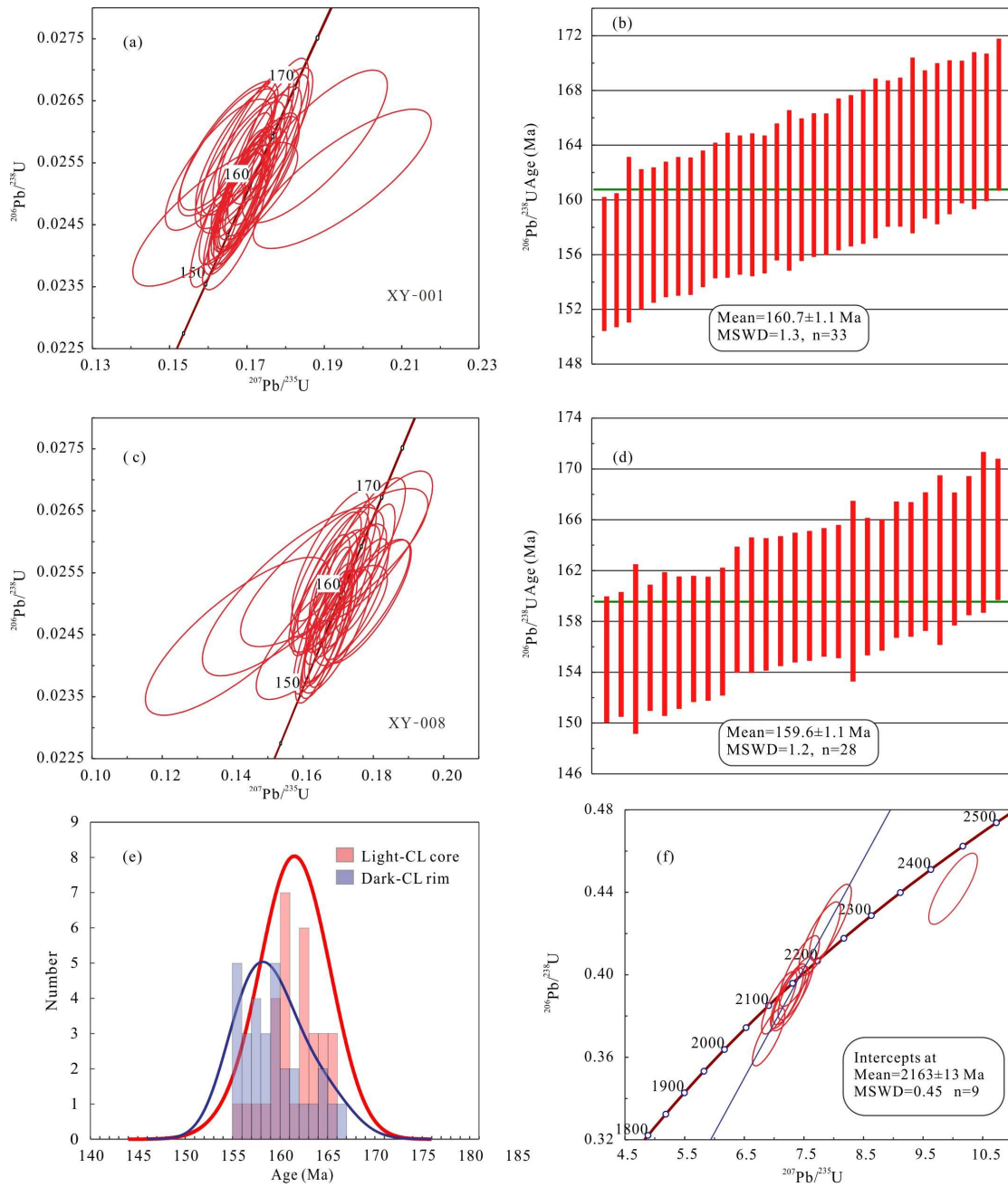
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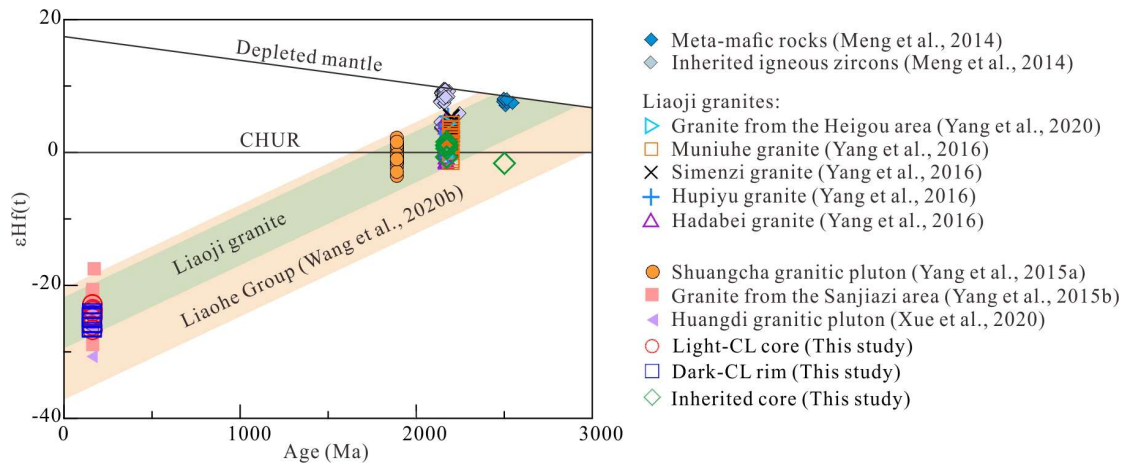
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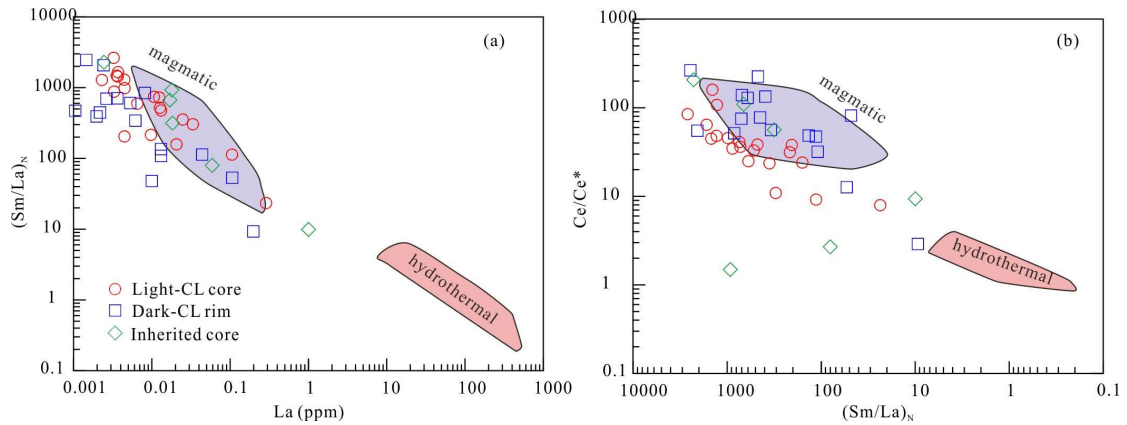
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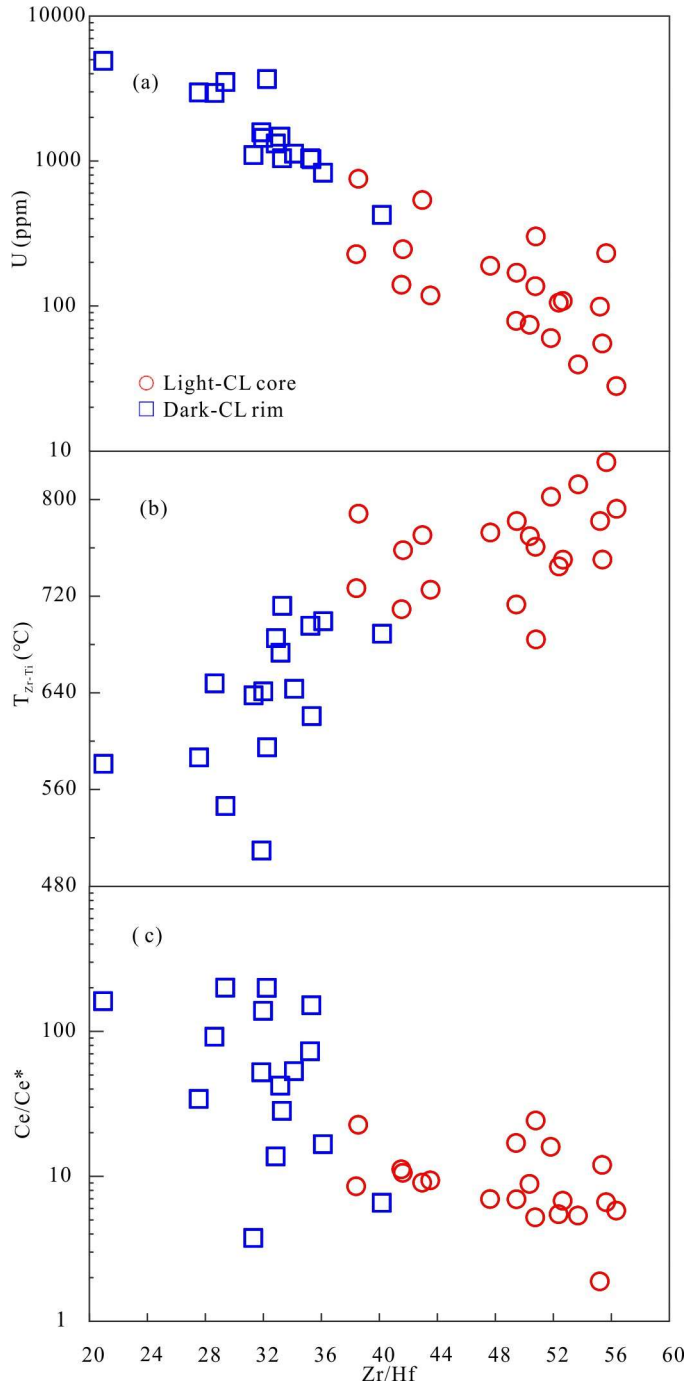
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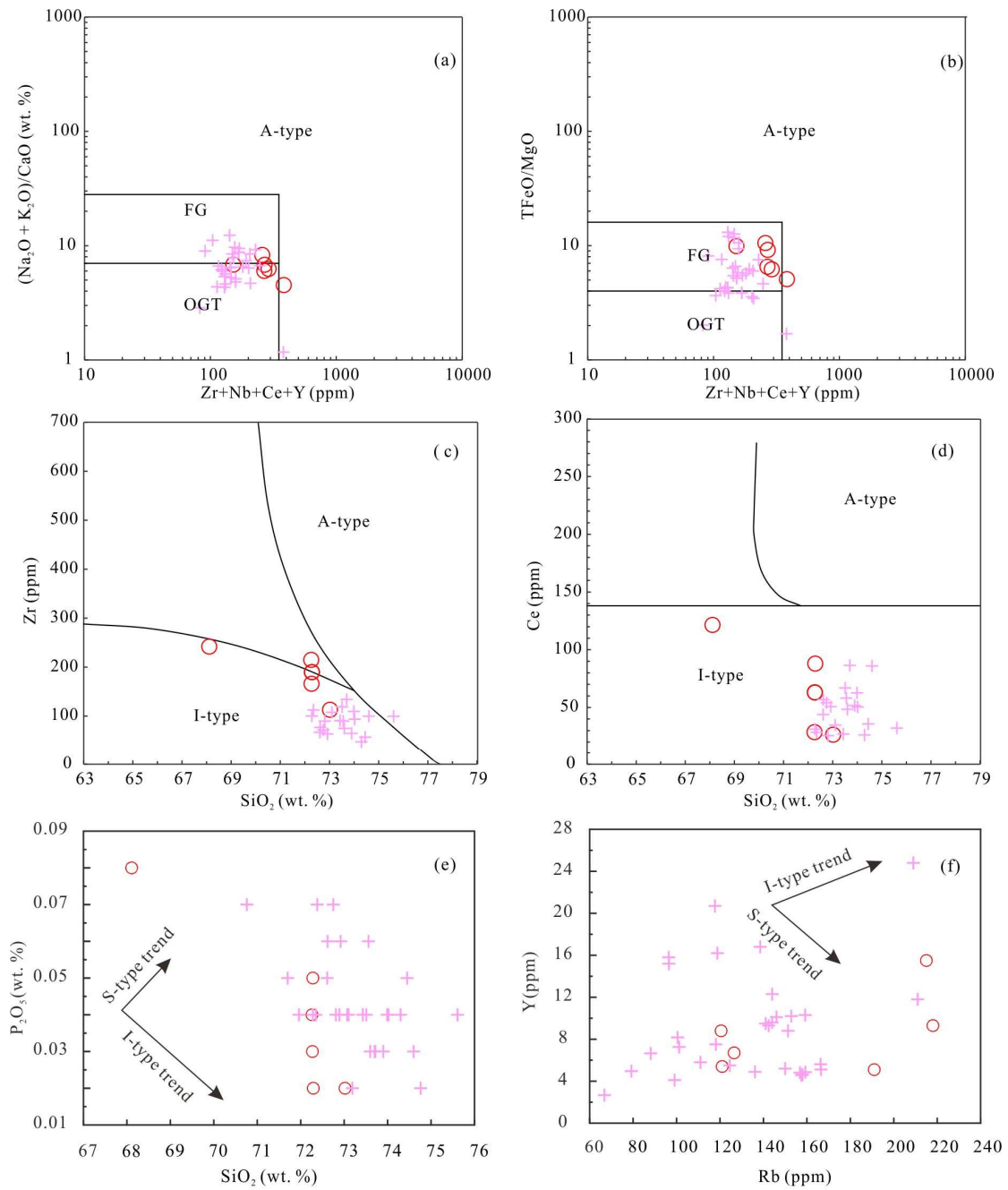


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1221 Figure 10. Covariation diagrams for zircon from the Zhoujiapuzi granite. (a) U vs.

1222 Zr/Hf; (b) T_{Zr-Ti} vs. Zr/Hf; (c) Ce/Ce* vs. Zr/Hf.

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○ Zhoujiapuzi granite (this study)

+ Other middle-late Jurassic granitoids in Liaodong Peninsula (Wu et al., 2005a; Yang et al., 2015b, 2018; Xue et al., 2020)

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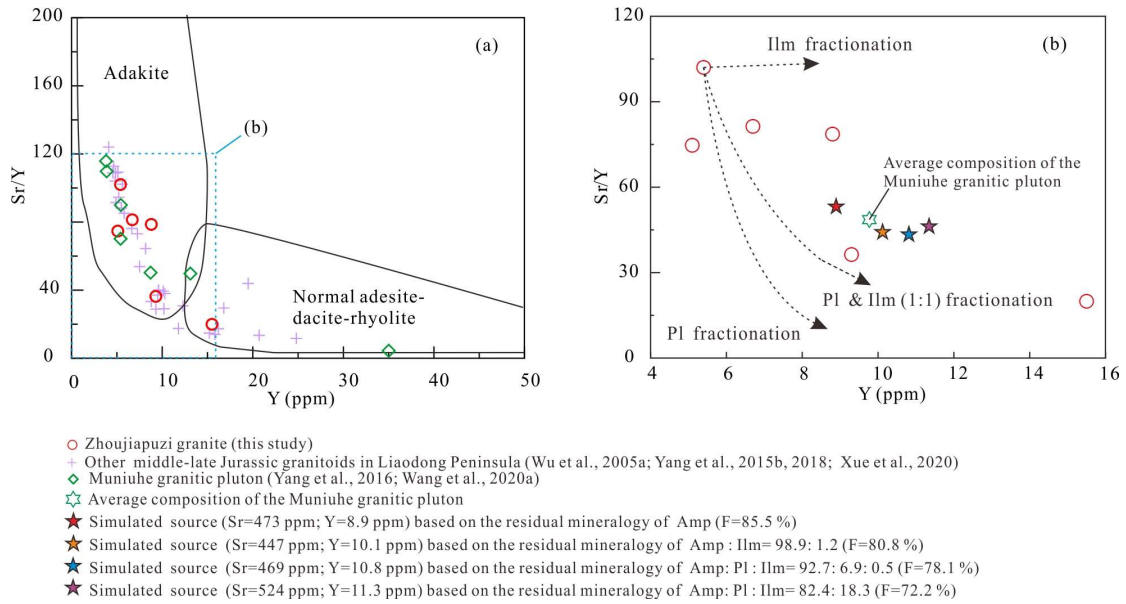
1225 Figure 11. Chemical variation diagrams for the Zhoujiapuzi granite. (a and b)

1226 Zr+Nb+Ce+Y vs. $(\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O})/\text{CaO}$ and TFeO/MgO (after Whalen et al., 1987); (c

1227 and d) SiO_2 vs. Zr and Ce (after Collins et al., 1982); (e) SiO_2 vs. P_2O_5 diagram; (f)

1228 Rb vs. Y diagram

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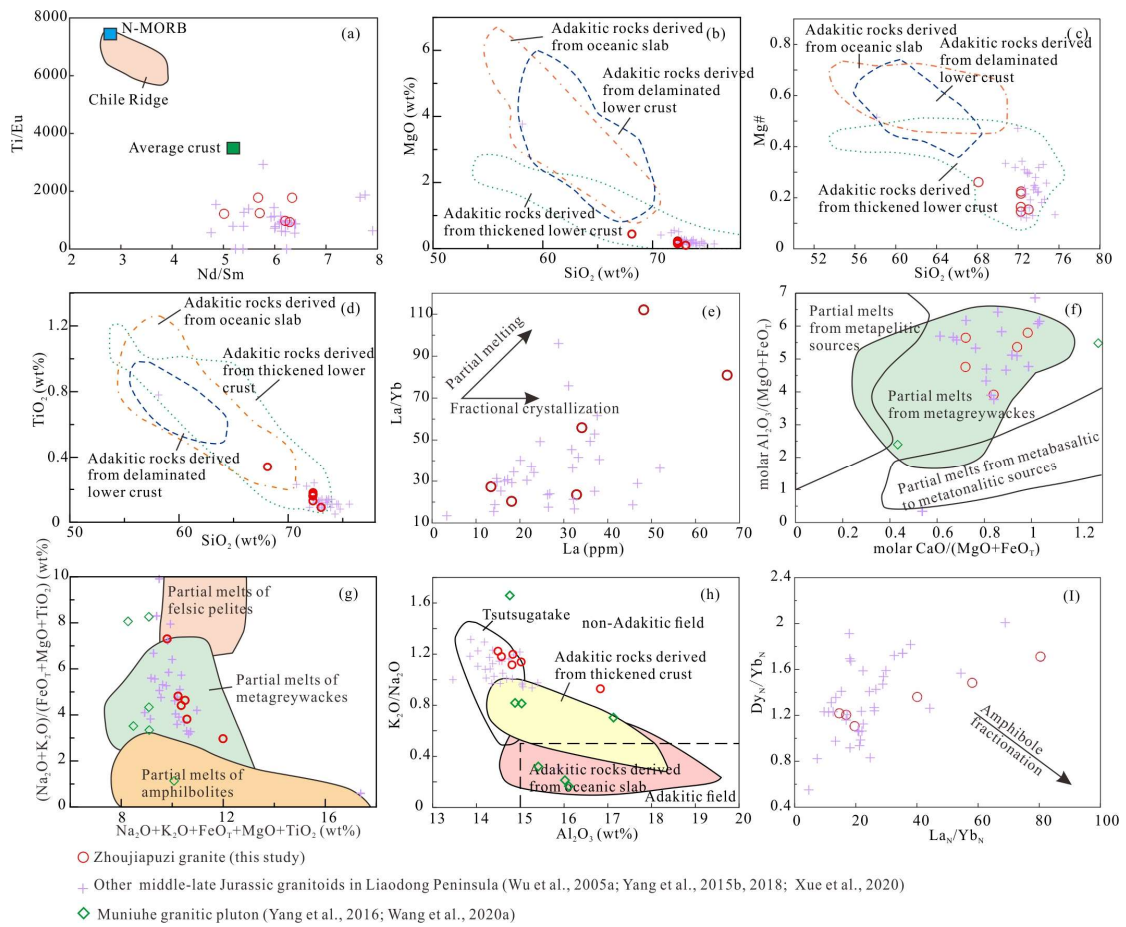
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Figure 12. Adakite discrimination diagrams for the Zhoujiapuzi granite (after Defant and Drummond, 1990).

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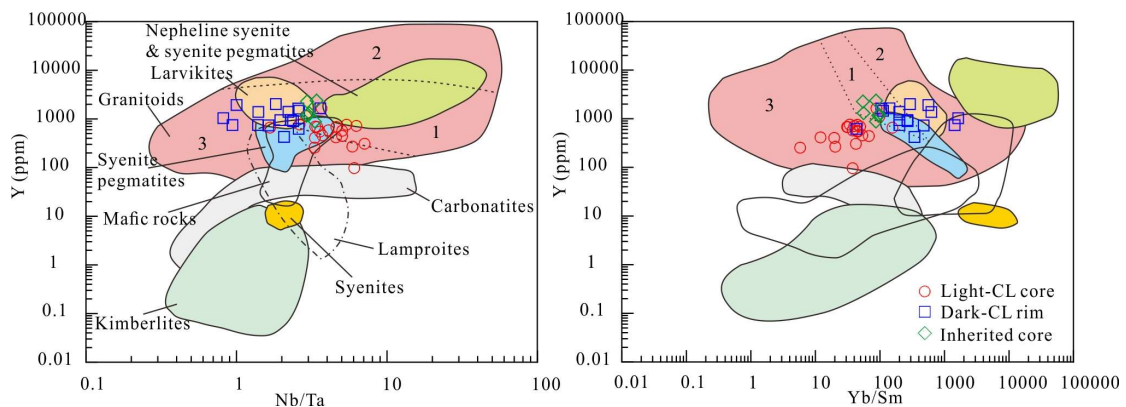
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Figure 13. Source characteristics (a-d and f-h) and crystal fractionation (e and i)

1236 discrimination diagrams for the Zhoujiapuzi granite. Plots of (a) Nd/Sm vs. Ti/Eu (Yu
 1237 et al., 2012); (b-d) SiO₂ vs. MgO, Mg# and TiO₂ (after Wang et al., 2006); (e) La vs.
 1238 La/Yb (Gao et al., 2007); (f) molar Al₂O₃/(MgO+FeO_T) vs. molar CaO/(MgO+FeO_T)
 1239 (after Altherr et al., 2000); (g) (Na₂O+K₂O)/(FeO_T+MgO+TiO₂) vs.
 1240 Na₂O+K₂O+FeO_T+MgO+TiO₂ (after Patiño Douce, 1999); (h) K₂O/Na₂O vs. Al₂O₃
 1241 diagrams (after Kamei et al., 2009); (i) La_N/Yb_N vs. Dy_N/Yb_N.

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1244 Figure 14. The fields of zircon compositions used as discriminants for different rock
 1245 types (after Belousova et al., 2002). ‘Granitoids’ include: 1 aplites and leucogranites;
 1246 2 granites; 3 granodiorites and tonalities

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