

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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16 **Abstract:** Middle-Late Jurassic high Sr/Y granitic intrusions are extensively exposed  
17 in the Liaodong Peninsula, in the eastern part of the North China Craton (NCC).  
18 However, the genesis of the high Sr/Y signature in these intrusions has not been studied  
19 in detail. In this study, we report results of zircon U-Pb dating, Hf isotopic analysis and  
20 zircon and whole-rock geochemical data for the Late Jurassic Zhoujiapuzi granite in  
21 the middle part of the Liaodong Peninsula. The Zhoujiapuzi granite is high-K (calc-  
22 alkaline) and peraluminous in nature, with high SiO<sub>2</sub> (68.1–73.0 wt %) and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

23 (14.5–16.8 wt %), low in  $\text{TFe}_2\text{O}_3$  (1.10–2.49 wt %) and  $\text{MgO}$  (0.10–0.44 wt %), and  
24 with high  $\text{Sr/Y}$  (19.9–102.0) and  $\text{La}_\text{N}/\text{Yb}_\text{N}$  (14.59–80.40), characteristic of high  $\text{Sr/Y}$  I-  
25 type granite. The geochemical signatures, in combination with the presence of a large  
26 number of Paleoproterozoic inherited zircons, indicate that the Zhoujiapuzi granite was  
27 most likely derived from partial melting of the basement in the region, and specifically  
28 the Liaoji granites. The high  $\text{Sr/Y}$  signature is inherited from these source rocks. LA-  
29 ICP-MS zircon U-Pb dating of the autocryst zircons from two samples (from different  
30 localities) yielded consistent weighted average ages of  $160.7 \pm 1.1$  Ma (MSWD=1.3) and  
31  $159.6 \pm 1.1$  Ma (MSWD=1.2), with  $\epsilon\text{Hf}(t)$  values in the range of -26.6– -22.8.  
32 Morphological and chemical studies on autocrystic zircon grains show that there are  
33 two stages of zircon growth, interpreted as magmatic evolution in two distinct stages.  
34 The light-CL core reflects a crystallization environment of low oxygen fugacity and  
35 high  $T_{\text{Zr-Ti}}$ ; the dark-CL rim formed with high oxygen fugacity and lower  $T_{\text{Zr-Ti}}$ . Based  
36 on the geochemical features and regional geological data, we propose that the Liaodong  
37 Peninsula in the Late Jurassic was part of a mature continental arc, with extensive  
38 melting of thick crust above the Paleo-Pacific subduction zone.

39 **Keywords:** Liaodong Peninsula; Late Jurassic; Zircon U-Pb-Hf isotopes; Two stages  
40 of crystal growth; High  $\text{Sr/Y}$  granite

## 41 1. Introduction

42 The Liaodong Peninsula is located in the northeast of the North China Craton  
43 (NCC). The northeast NCC was influenced by three main tectonic regimes in the  
44 Mesozoic, related to the subduction of the Paleo-Asian, Paleo-Pacific and Mongol-

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

53 The geodynamic settings and petrogenesis of adakite and geochemically similar  
54 high Sr/Y igneous rocks have been widely discussed. The high Sr/Y rocks were  
55 originally proposed to be formed by melting of young (<25 Ma) and hot subducted  
56 oceanic slab in an arc setting (Defant and Drummond, 1990). However, later studies  
57 have shown that the high Sr/Y rocks can form in both arc and non-arc settings by other  
58 processes, such as continental interior settings (Wang et al., 2007), cold subduction  
59 zones (Nakamura and Iwamori, 2013), collision or post-collision processes (Schwartz  
60 et al., 2011). In addition, numerous studies have suggested that the lower continental  
61 crust can also be the source of the high Sr/Y rocks (Gao et al., 2004; Ou et al., 2017).  
62 However, it is debated whether crustal thickening is necessary for their formation (e.g.  
63 Moyen, 2009; Kamei et al., 2009; Zhan et al., 2020). In recent years, some studies have  
64 proposed that the high Sr/Y ratio in granitic rocks can be inherited from a high Sr/Y  
65 crust source, regardless of pressure (Kamei et al., 2009; Ma et al., 2015; Zhan et al.,  
66 2020).

67 The Middle-Late Jurassic granitic rocks in the Liaodong Peninsula are commonly  
68 proposed to be the products of partial melting of thickened mafic crust with garnet in  
69 the residue (Wu et al., 2005a; Yang et al., 2015a, 2018; Tang et al., 2018). However, the

70 source composition has not been fully considered in the petrogenesis of the high Sr/Y  
71 rocks in the Liaodong Peninsula. Hence, the petrogenesis of the Middle-Late Jurassic  
72 high Sr/Y rocks needs to be re-evaluated, based on more detailed work and a  
73 consideration of possible sources. This petrogenesis is of significance for understanding  
74 the Jurassic tectonics of the Liaodong Peninsula, and the NCC in general.

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

## 87 **2. Geological setting**

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

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

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

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

115 156 Ma) and Early Cretaceous (131–117 Ma) (Wu et al., 2005b).

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

### 131 **3. Samples and petrography**

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

135 The Zhoujiapuzi granite is generally grey in colour and with fine-grained texture

136 (Fig. 2a). The mineral assemblage contains K-feldspar (~50 %), quartz (~25 %),  
137 plagioclase (~20 %) and biotite (~5 %) as well as accessory minerals such as zircon,  
138 ilmenite, magnetite and apatite. K-feldspar grains are euhedral or subhedral, and always  
139 exhibit cross-hatched twinning (Fig. 2b). Quartz grains are usually xenomorphic, and  
140 have indented boundaries and wavy extinction (Fig. 2b-d). Plagioclase always exhibits  
141 polysynthetic twinning and have sericitization in places (Fig. 2c). Biotite mainly fills  
142 in the interstices between the other minerals (Fig. 2c, d).

#### 143 **4. Analytical methods**

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

159 NIST SRM 610 with Si as the internal standard. The raw ICP-MS data were processed  
160 using ICPMSDataCal software (Liu et al., 2010). No common-Pb correction was  
161 applied to the data. Data reduction was completed using the Isoplot4.15 (Ludwig, 2003).  
162 The instrument description and analytical procedure are described in detail by Zeng et  
163 al. (2018).

164 The in-situ Lu-Hf isotopic analyses of zircon were performed by LA-MC-ICP-MS  
165 using a Teledyne Cetac laser-ablation system and a Nu Plasma II MC-ICP-MS at  
166 Nanjing FocuMS Contract Testing Co. Ltd. The 193 nm ArF excimer laser was focused  
167 on zircon surface with fluence of 6.0J/cm<sup>2</sup>. The ablation protocol employed a spot  
168 diameter of 50 um at 8 Hz repetition rate for 40 seconds. Three standard zircons, GJ-1,  
169 91500, and Penglai, were analysed for quality control at every ten unknown samples.  
170 In the experiment, standard zircon GJ-1, 91500, and Penglai were analyzed, and the  
171 <sup>176</sup>Hf/<sup>177</sup>Hf ratios were 0.282002–0.282013, 0.282305–0.282315 and 0.282901–  
172 0.282914 respectively, in accordance with their recommended values (GJ-1: 0.282012,  
173 Yuan et al., 2008; 91500: 0.282307 ± 0.000031, Wu et al., 2006; Penglai: 0.282906 ±  
174 0.000010, Li et al., 2010). For the calculation of εHf(t) values, we have adopted the  
175 <sup>176</sup>Lu decay constant of 1.867 × 10<sup>-11</sup> (Söderlund et al., 2004), the present-day  
176 chondritic values of <sup>176</sup>Lu/<sup>177</sup>Hf = 0.0332 and <sup>176</sup>Hf/<sup>177</sup>Hf = 0.282772 (Blichert-Toft and  
177 Albarède 1997). To calculate one-stage model ages (T<sub>DM1</sub>) relative to a depleted-mantle  
178 source, we have adopted the present-day depleted-mantle values of <sup>176</sup>Lu/<sup>177</sup>Hf =  
179 0.0384 and <sup>176</sup>Hf/<sup>177</sup>Hf = 0.28325 (Vervoort and Blichert-Toft 1999). To calculate two-  
180 stage modal ages (TDM2), ‘felsic crust’ model ages are calculated using average  
181 continental crust <sup>176</sup>Lu/<sup>177</sup>Hf = 0.015 (Griffin et al., 2004)



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  $\text{SiO}_2$  contents range from 68.11 wt.% to 73.02 wt.% (average 71.71 wt.%).  
202 Contents of  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  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  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  contents of 14.49 – 16.83 wt.% (average 15.09 wt.%),  $\text{CaO}$   
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  $\text{TFe}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $\text{TFe}_2\text{O}_3 = \text{all Fe}$   
209 calculated as  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ) contents and  $\text{MgO}$  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  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  of 0.62–1.94 and  $\text{Ce}/\text{Ce}^*$  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  $\mu\text{m}$ , 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.

233 Six light-CL core spots and six dark-CL rim spots were analyzed for Raman  
234 spectra. The light-CL cores have antisymmetric stretching vibration ( $B_{1g}$ ) of the  $SiO_4$   
235 tetrahedra ( $\nu_3$  ( $SiO_4$ )) Raman band of 1005–1007  $cm^{-1}$  and half-width of the  $\nu_3$  ( $SiO_4$ )  
236 Raman band ( $b$ ) values of 6.0–8.1  $cm^{-1}$ , while the dark-CL rims have  $\nu_3$  ( $SiO_4$ ) Raman  
237 band of 1004–1007  $cm^{-1}$  and  $b$  values of 5.4–9.0  $cm^{-1}$ .

238 Twenty light-CL core spots, eighteen dark-CL rim spots and six inherited zircon  
239 spots were analyzed for trace and rare earth elements. The light-CL core spots have  
240 lower U content (28–677 ppm) than the dark-CL rim spots (U=641–3842 ppm). In the  
241 chondrite-normalized REE element diagram (Fig. 6a, b), both the light-CL core and  
242 dark-CL rim are characterized by HREE enrichment relative to LREE with positive Ce  
243 anomalies and negative Eu anomalies. The light-CL core spots have  $\Sigma REE$  of 49–1115  
244 ppm (average 390 ppm),  $\Sigma LREE$  of 3–72 ppm (average 14 ppm) and  $\Sigma HREE$  of 46–  
245 1100 ppm (average 377 ppm), whereas the dark-CL rim spots have  $\Sigma REE$  of 327–1632  
246 ppm (average 895 ppm),  $\Sigma LREE$  of 2–14 ppm (average 6 ppm) and  $\Sigma HREE$  of 325–  
247 1627 ppm (average 889 ppm). Hence, the REE content of the light-CL core is  
248 significantly lower than that of the dark-CL rim, and the difference between the two is  
249 mainly in HREE content. The light-CL core spots have  $Eu/Eu^*$  of 0.07–0.60 (average  
250 0.28) and  $Ce/Ce^*$  of 1.89–24.27 (average 10.03). Because the contents of La and Pr are

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

### 258 **5.3 Zircon U–Pb and Hf isotope composition**

259 Seventy-seven spots were analysed for U–Pb isotope composition from samples  
260 XY-001 and XY-008. In the U–Pb Concordia diagram (Fig. 7a, c), both the light-CL  
261 core and dark-CL rim spots overlap within uncertainty on the Concordia curve. There  
262 is a large degree of overlap between the 29 spots of dark-CL rim and 32 spots of light-  
263 CL core in terms of  $^{206}Pb/^{238}U$  age although the average value for  $^{206}Pb/^{238}U$  age is  
264 higher in the 32 spots of light-CL core (Fig. 7e). On a single zircon, the  $^{206}Pb/^{238}U$  age  
265 of the light-CL core is older than that of the dark-CL rim (Fig. 5), but the two values  
266 are within the error range of the in-situ LA-ICP-MS analyses (individual spot of  $\pm 3$ – $5\%$   
267 relative precision, Schmitz and Kuiper, 2013). In sample XY-001, 33 spots define a  
268 weighted mean  $^{206}Pb/^{238}U$  age of  $160.7 \pm 1.1$  Ma ( $2\sigma$ , MSWD=1.3; Fig. 7b). In sample  
269 XY-008, 28 spots define a weighted mean  $^{206}Pb/^{238}U$  age of  $159.6 \pm 1.1$  Ma ( $2\sigma$ ,  
270 MSWD=1.2; Fig. 7d). The other 10 spots with distinctly older ages ( $^{207}Pb/^{206}Pb$  ages  
271 ranging from 2500 to 2173 Ma) were obtained on inherited cores. Their ages are  
272 discordant, suggesting that these inherited cores were variably influenced by lead loss.  
273 Among these, 9 spots define a discordia line with an upper intercept age of  $2163 \pm 13$   
274 Ma (MSWD=0.45) (Fig. 7f).

275 Twenty-four zircons were analyzed for Lu-Hf isotope composition. The variation  
276 in Hf isotopic data is limited, between 9 spots from light-CL core and 9 spots from dark-  
277 CL rim. 18 spots exhibit a range of  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  ratios from 0.281921 to 0.282030, which  
278 converts to  $\epsilon\text{Hf}(t)$  values between -26.6 to -22.8 (Fig. 8), and two-stage Hf model ( $T_{\text{DM}2}$ )  
279 ages of 2650 to 2889 Ma by using the U-Pb age for each zircon. Six analytical spots,  
280 which define the Concordia upper intercept age of 2163 Ma, show  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  ratios  
281 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  
282 of 2648 Ma to 2791 Ma by using the upper intercept age.

## 283 **6. Discussion**

### 284 **6.1 Significance of the two stages of zircon**

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

297 ( $b$ ) of  $10 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $20 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  are proposed to approximately distinguish well-crystallized,  
298 intermediate and metamict zircons (Nasdala et al., 1998). The dark-CL rim have  $b$   
299 values of 5.4–9.2, characterizing them as well-crystallized. Therefore, the above  
300 features indicate that the dark-CL rim are not metamict. Consequently, it can be  
301 concluded that the U-Pb isotope and trace element systematics of the dark-CL rim have  
302 not been changed by metamictization.

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

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

319 XY-008 have MSWD of 1.3 and 1.2, respectively, which are both within the expected  
320 range for 95 % confidence interval (Mahon, 1996). Although the  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  age of dark-  
321 CL rim is generally younger than that of light-CL core, the ages of these two distinct  
322 domains have the characteristics of continuous variation, and do not show two or more  
323 distinct age populations (Fig. 7b, d). These phenomena do not support the presence of  
324 antecrystic zircons (Siégel et al., 2018). Hence, both the light-CL core and dark-CL rim  
325 are most likely autocrystic zircon formed in one distinct pulse of magma. The weighted  
326 mean U-Pb ages of  $160.7\pm 1.1$  Ma and  $159.6\pm 1.1$  Ma can be interpreted as the  
327 emplacement age of the Zhoujiapuzi granite. The obvious difference in internal  
328 structure and trace element composition between the light-CL core and dark-CL rim  
329 could be due to significant changes in their crystallization environments (Wang et al.,  
330 2007).

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

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

341 then, Ferry and Watson (2007) suggested that the solubility of Ti in zircon depends not  
342 only on T and activity of TiO<sub>2</sub> (aTiO<sub>2</sub>) but also on the activity of SiO<sub>2</sub> (aSiO<sub>2</sub>), and  
343 revised the T<sub>Zr-Ti</sub>. We use the T<sub>Zr-Ti</sub> from Ferry and Watson (2007) and the recommended  
344 values (aSiO<sub>2</sub>=1, aTiO<sub>2</sub> = 0.5) for the activity of SiO<sub>2</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub> (Schiller and Finger,  
345 2019), due to the presence of ilmenite and quartz in the Zhoujiapuzi granite. The T<sub>Zr-Ti</sub>  
346 from the light-CL core and dark-CL rim are 684–830 °C (average 761 °C) and 509–  
347 712°C (average 635 °C), respectively, i.e. the light-CL core formed at higher  
348 temperatures than the dark-CL rim. The T<sub>Zr-Ti</sub> value shows a significant positive  
349 correlation with Zr/Hf (a tracer of fractional crystallisation), and shows continual  
350 fractionation and cooling (Fig. 10b). As the light-CL core and dark-CL rim formed in  
351 different magmatic evolution stages, it is problematic to use the same aSiO<sub>2</sub> and aTiO<sub>2</sub>  
352 values to calculate both T<sub>Zr-Ti</sub> values for both. For ilmenite bearing granites, Schiller  
353 and Finger (2019) suggested that the variation of aTiO<sub>2</sub> values corresponding to  
354 different zircon crystallization stages is small. In addition, Schiller and Finger (2019)  
355 showed that the aSiO<sub>2</sub> value of the ilmenite-bearing granites at the onset of magmatic  
356 zircon crystallization was more than 0.75. Even if the aSiO<sub>2</sub> value of the light-CL core  
357 is changed from 1.0 to 0.75, the temperature will only drop by about ~27 °C, which is  
358 significantly lower than the 126 °C difference between the average T<sub>Zr-Ti</sub> value of the  
359 light-CL core and dark-CL rim. Therefore, it is certain that the light-CL core formed at  
360 higher temperatures than the dark-CL rim, although we cannot calculate the specific  
361 temperature difference.

362 Cerium exists in magmas as both Ce<sup>3+</sup> and Ce<sup>4+</sup>. 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.

375 The absence of enclaves and disequilibrium textures in the Zhoujiapuzi granite  
376 and uniform  $\epsilon Hf(t)$  values of the light-CL core and dark-CL rim do not support magma  
377 mixing and wall-rock assimilation. Consequently, the abrupt change between the  
378 crystallization environment of the light-CL core and dark-CL rim is not due to the  
379 magma mixing or contamination during magma evolution. Therefore, we propose that  
380 the light-CL core was formed in a relatively deep magma chamber, which had low  
381 oxygen fugacity, low Zr saturation and higher temperature. The low Th, U and REE,  
382 and widely-spaced oscillatory zoning patterns indicate a low growth rate of zircon  
383 (Hoskin and Schaltegger, 2003; Wang et al., 2011). In contrast, the dark-CL rim was  
384 formed during the ascent and/or at the emplacement location of the magma. At this

385 stage, the oxygen fugacity significantly increased, the temperature decreased, and Zr  
386 saturation increased due to the crystallization differentiation. In this environment, the  
387 crystallization rate of zircon significantly increased, forming the zircons with a higher  
388 content of Th, U and REE elements, low CL emission and narrowly-spaced oscillatory  
389 zoning patterns.

390 Zircon U-Pb dating is the most commonly used method in geochronology,  
391 especially dating the emplacement age of magmatic rocks. A weighted mean age or  
392 upper intercept age is usually obtained to represent the emplacement time of a magmatic  
393 rock. However, the autocrystic zircons in this study record two different magmatic  
394 evolution stages. Previous studies, such as Wang et al. (2007), Zhao et al. (2014) and  
395 Chen et al. (2020), also show that zircons can crystallize continually or intermittently  
396 in a single phase of magmatism, showing several growth zones of clearly different  
397 internal structure and distinct time difference. Therefore, autocrystic zircon can be  
398 formed in two or more evolution stages during one distinct pulse or increment of  
399 magma. Some scholars even regard that the age difference of different stages can be  
400 more than dozens of Ma (Wang et al., 2007). Therefore, if the zircon ages in the same  
401 magmatic rock have a large range of variation, this could be caused by the zircons  
402 recording different stages in magmatic evolution, related to different levels of magma  
403 within the crust and/or different temperature regimes. In this paper, although the  
404 apparent age of the dark-CL rim is generally younger than that of the light-CL core, the  
405 age difference between the two is within the error range of the in-situ LA-ICP-MS  
406 analyses (individual spot of  $\pm 3\text{--}5\%$  relative precision). Therefore, further work is

407 needed to verify the actual age difference between the two magmatic evolution stages.  
408 Nevertheless, it is notable that the bulk petrology and geochemistry of the host pluton  
409 does not record and reveal this two-stage magmatic evolution, which can only be  
410 detected in the zircon analysis.

## 411 **6.2 Genetic type: I-type affinity**

412 The Zhoujiapuzi granite has low Zr (113 - 242 ppm), Ce (26.5 - 121.5 ppm),  
413 Zr+Nb+Ce+Y (152.0 - 382.6 ppm), (Na<sub>2</sub>O + K<sub>2</sub>O)/CaO (4.53 - 8.31) and FeO\*/MgO  
414 (5.09 - 10.56), distinct from the typical A-type granites (Fig. 11a-d). Furthermore, the  
415 Zhoujiapuzi granite does not contain mafic alkaline minerals, such as arfvedsonite,  
416 riebeckite, etc., which is also distinctly inconsistent with typical A-type granites (Wu et  
417 al., 2003). Wu et al. (2017) suggested that a high formation temperature is one of the  
418 most important characteristics of A-type granite. Zircon saturation thermometry ( $T_{Zrn}$ )  
419 and Ti-in-zircon thermometer ( $T_{Zr-Ti}$ ) are two methods for estimating magma  
420 temperatures. As noted above, because the values of  $a_{SiO_2}$  and  $a_{TiO_2}$  during the early  
421 zircon crystallization cannot be accurately obtained, the temperature of this period  
422 cannot be accurately obtained through the Ti-in-zircon thermometer. Zircon saturation  
423 thermometry was introduced by Watson and Harrison (1983) and is suitable for non-  
424 peralkaline crustal source rocks. Since the zircon solubility is mainly affected by  
425 temperature, major element compositions have a limited impact on calculated  $T_{Zrn}$   
426 (Miller et al., 2003). In addition, the errors introduced by crystal-rich composition tend  
427 to cancel as changes in Zr concentration and M value during crystallization have

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

436 The samples of the Zhoujiapuzi granite have  $A/KNC < 1.1$ , relatively high  $Na_2O$   
437 (3.96–4.65 wt.%) and lack peraluminous minerals (e.g. cordierite, andalusite,  
438 muscovite and garnet), which are clearly different from S-type granites (Chappell and  
439 White, 1992). With the rise of the degree of crystallization,  $P_2O_5$  contents  
440 (generally>0.1 wt.%) increase in S-type granites, accompanied by an  
441 increase/immaturity in  $SiO_2$  (Wolf and London, 1994). However, the Zhoujiapuzi  
442 granite samples have low  $P_2O_5$  contents (0.02 - 0.08 wt.%), and decrease with  
443 increasing  $SiO_2$  (Fig. 11e), which are features consistent with the I-type granite rather  
444 than S-type granite (Chappell and White, 1992). Additionally, Rb has a positive  
445 correlation with Y (Fig. 11f), which has been considered as an indicator of I-type granite  
446 (Jiang et al., 2018). Furthermore, the composition of the Zhoujiapuzi granite fall in the  
447 I-type granite field in the discrimination diagrams of granites introduced by Collins et  
448 al. (1982) (Fig. 11 c-d). Therefore, we conclude that the Zhoujiapuzi granite is a I-type  
449 granite.

### 450 **6.3 Petrogenesis of the high Sr/Y granite**

451 The samples of the Zhoujiapuzi granite have high Sr/Y and (La/Yb)<sub>N</sub> ratios and  
452 low Y and Yb contents (Fig. 12a) consistent with the geochemical signatures of modern  
453 adakites (Defant and Drummond, 1990). However, other geochemical parameters of  
454 the Zhoujiapuzi granite, such as the high K<sub>2</sub>O/Na<sub>2</sub>O ratio (0.93 –1.22), low Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
455 content (14.49 –15.02%, except one) and Sr content (in half of the samples lower than  
456 400 ppm), are obviously different from typical adakites (K<sub>2</sub>O/Na<sub>2</sub>O ≤0.42, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ≥  
457 15 %, Sr >400 ppm, Defant and Drummond., 1990; Drummond et al., 1996, Martin et  
458 al., 2005). A variety of petrogenetic models have been proposed for the origin of high  
459 Sr/Y magmatic rocks, such as partial melting of subducting oceanic crust (Model A,  
460 Defant and Drummond, 1990), delaminated lower continental crust (LCC) (Model B,  
461 Kay and Kay, 1993; Xu et al., 2002), differentiation of basaltic arc magma (Model C,  
462 Castillo et al., 1999), magma mixing between mantle-derived mafic and crust-derived  
463 silicic magmas (Model D, Ma et al., 2013a), partial melting of thickened basaltic LCC  
464 (Model E, Gao et al., 2004; Ou et al., 2017), or melting of a high Sr/Y (and La/Yb)  
465 source (Model F, Kamei et al., 2009; Ma et al., 2015).

#### 466 **6.3.1 Model A: Partial melting of subducting oceanic crust**

467 The partial melting of the young, hot and hydrated subducted oceanic slab in the  
468 garnet stability field is the classical formation model of adakite (high Sr/Y rock) (Defant  
469 and Drummond, 1990). Studies have shown that the rock with this genetic model  
470 generally has the characteristics of high mantle components (such as MgO, CaO and  
471 Cr) because of the involvement of mantle magma (Wang et al., 2018). However, this  
472 phenomenon was not seen in the Zhoujiapuzi granite. In addition, the Zhoujiapuzi  
473 granite has high K<sub>2</sub>O/Na<sub>2</sub>O ratios (0.92–1.22, average 1.13), which is inconsistent with

474 the slab-derived adakites ( $K_2O/Na_2O = \sim 0.4$ , Martin et al., 2005). Moreover, the low  
475  $\epsilon_{Hf}(t)$  values (-26.6 to -22.8) of the Zhoujiapuzi granite are also inconsistent with the  
476 magmas derived from the partial melting of oceanic crust, which generally have  
477 depleted isotopic character (Zhan et al., 2020). Furthermore, the Zhoujiapuzi granite  
478 has low Ti/Eu and high Nd/Sm ratios (Fig. 13a), and markedly negative Nb-Ta  
479 anomalies (Fig. 4b), which are distinct from those of oceanic basalts (Yu et al., 2012).  
480 In summary, the Zhoujiapuzi granite is difficult to explain by Model A.

### 481 **6.3.2 Model B: Delaminated lower continental crust (LCC)**

482 High-density, garnet-bearing mafic lower crust delaminating or foundering into  
483 the asthenosphere mantle and subsequent interaction with mantle peridotite could  
484 produce high Sr/Y magmas (Kay and Kay 1993). Because the melt formed by partial  
485 melting of the delaminated lower crust would interact with mantle peridotite during  
486 magma ascent, the high Sr/Y magmas related to this petrogenetic model generally have  
487 high MgO, Mg# and TiO<sub>2</sub> (Gao et al., 2004; Ou et al., 2017; He et al., 2021). The MgO  
488 (0.10– 0.44 wt.%), Mg# (15– 26) and TiO<sub>2</sub> (0.09– 0.34 wt.%) values of Zhoujiapuzi  
489 granite are significantly lower than the above values (Fig. 13b- d). In addition,  
490 delamination of the lower crust generally occurs in within-plate extensional settings  
491 (Gao et al., 2004), and will form a large number of Mg-rich (Mg#>50) rocks due to the  
492 partial melting of lithospheric mantle and/or upwelling of asthenosphere (Ou et al.,  
493 2017). However, these Jurassic magmatic rocks in the Liaodong Peninsula are generally  
494 considered to be formed in a compressional environment related to the subduction of  
495 the Paleo-Pacific slab (Li et al., 2004; Yang et al., 2015a; Zhu and Xu, 2019; Zheng et  
496 al., 2018). Furthermore, the middle-late Jurassic granites are generally Mg-poor (Fig.  
497 13c). Due to the high temperature of the asthenosphere (1200 °C, Parsons and

498 McKenzie, 1978; King et al., 2015), rocks formed by partial melting of the delaminated  
499 lower crust should possess a high-temperature fingerprint.  $T_{Zm}$  has been used as a  
500 geothermometer to estimate partial melting temperatures (e.g., Miller et al., 2003;  
501 Collins et al., 2016). As mentioned before, the  $T_{Zm}$  of the Zhoujiapuzi granite is below  
502 900 °C, which is markedly lower than the temperature of the asthenosphere. Therefore,  
503 the petrogenetic model of delaminated lower continental crust (Model B) is also  
504 inconsistent with the Zhoujiapuzi granite.

### 505 **6.3.3 Model C: Differentiation of basaltic arc magma**

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

510 However, the composition of the Zhoujiapuzi granite is relatively uniform,  
511 including SiO<sub>2</sub>, MgO and Na<sub>2</sub>O, which does not support major fractional crystallization  
512 (Xue et a., 2017). Furthermore, the Zhoujiapuzi granite has abundant inherited zircons  
513 and no obvious depletion of Sr, Eu and Ba, showing that this granite has not experienced  
514 extensive fractionation (Miller et al., 2003). The samples form clear partial melting  
515 trends on the La/Yb versus La diagram (Fig. 13e), which also suggests that partial  
516 melting was more important than fractional crystallization (Gao et al., 2007; Shahbazi  
517 et al., 2021). In addition, crystal fractionation of basaltic melts can only form minor  
518 volumes of granitic melts, the ratio of the two is about 9:1 (Zeng et al., 2016). However,  
519 for the same age interval, no coexisting mafic-intermediate rocks have been found in  
520 the research area. In the wider region of the Liaodong Peninsula, Middle-Late Jurassic  
521 magmatism is dominated by felsic compositions; mafic- intermediate rocks are only

522 reported in the Huaziyu area (lamprophyre dikes, Jiang et al., 2005). Therefore, it is  
523 unlikely that there are large-scale mafic- intermediate rocks contemporaneous with the  
524 Zhoujiapuzi granite at depth according to the rock assemblage of Liaodong Peninsula  
525 in this period. Moreover, the zircon Hf isotopic compositions of the Zhoujiapuzi granite  
526 are quite different from those of the depleted mantle, but are similar to those of the  
527 basement (Liaohu Group and Liaoji granite) in the study area (Fig. 8). The ancient  
528 inherited zircons (2500 to 2173) with low  $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$  values also indicate older crustal  
529 material in the Zhoujiapuzi granite. For these reasons, it is highly improbable that  
530 Zhoujiapuzi granite was derived by differentiation of basaltic magma (Model C).

#### 531 **6.3.4 Model D: Magma mixing between mantle-derived mafic and crust-derived** 532 **silicic magmas**

533 The Zhoujiapuzi granite has high  $\text{K}_2\text{O}/\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  ratio ( $>1$ ) and A/CNK value ( $>1$ ),  
534 together with the absence of mingling textures, mafic microgranular enclaves (MMEs),  
535 felsic xenocrysts and melting texture of plagioclase, implying that the mantle-derived  
536 magma is unlikely to have played an important role in the genesis of the Zhoujiapuzi  
537 granite (Castro et al., 1991). In addition, the Zhoujiapuzi granite is characterized by the  
538 development of biotite, but lacks amphibole and pyroxene. These features, coupled with  
539 the high A/CNK value, are consistent with an origin as a crust-derived granitoid, but  
540 obviously different from the granitoids formed by crust-mantle-derived magma mixing  
541 (Barbarin, 1990). Moreover, granites formed by magma mixing generally have high  
542 MgO,  $\text{TFe}_2\text{O}_3$ , CaO and Cr contents and low  $\text{SiO}_2$  content (Ma et al., 2013a; Wang et  
543 al., 2018). These features are obviously inconsistent with the Zhoujiapuzi granite in this  
544 study. Additionally, the  $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$  values and trace element composition of the two stages  
545 of zircon also do not support magma mixing. Hence, magma mixing of mantle-derived



546 and crust-derived magmas (Model D) is also unlikely to have produced the Zhoujiapuzi  
547 granite.

### 548 **6.3.5 Model E: Partial melting of thickened basaltic LCC**

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

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

### 568 **6.3.6 Model F: Melting of a high Sr/Y (and La/Yb) source**

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

574 The Zhoujiapuzi granite has similar mineral assemblages (contains abundant K-  
575 feldspar and lacks hornblende) and geochemical composition (Fig. 13h) to the  
576 Tsutsugatake intrusion, which is explained by partial melting of arc-type tonalite or  
577 adakitic granodiorite (Kamei et al., 2009). Among the inherited zircons from  
578 Zhoujiapuzi granite, the  $^{207}\text{Pb} / ^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages of all the spots are between 2132 and 2200  
579 Ma, except one, and yield a Concordia upper intercept age of 2163 Ma. Both  
580 assimilation of country-rocks and incomplete melting of source rocks can explain the  
581 genesis of inherited zircon in granite. Due to the similar  $T_{\text{DM2}}$  of autocrystic zircons  
582 (light-CL core and dark-CL rim) and inherited zircons, these inherited zircons most  
583 likely come from the source of the Zhoujiapuzi granite. In the study area, meta-  
584 sedimentary rocks and meta-volcanic rocks of the South Liaohe Group,  
585 Paleoproterozoic mafic rocks, as well as the Liaoji granites, have ~2.16 Ga zircon. In  
586 spite of an age peak of 2.17–2.16 Ga in detrital zircon age spectra of the metasediments  
587 from the South Liaohe Group, melting of a sediment-dominated source is unlikely to  
588 have occurred, as it would have also introduced other age peaks such as ~2.03 Ga and  
589 ~2.50 Ga (Li et al., 2015; Wang et al., 2020b). In addition, given the I-type  
590 characteristics of the Zhoujiapuzi granite, derivation from an igneous precursor is more  
591 plausible rather than a metasedimentary origin (Chappell and White, 1992). Therefore,  
592 these ~2.16 Ga zircons from the Zhoujiapuzi granite are unlikely to come from the

593 South Liaohe Group. As shown in the host rock discrimination diagrams (Fig. 14,  
594 introduced by Belousova et al., 2002), all the ~2.16 Ga inherited zircons from  
595 Zhoujiapuzi granite fall into the granitoid area (Fig. 14), precluding that these ~2.16 Ga  
596 zircon come from the Paleoproterozoic mafic rocks. In addition, the ~2.16 Ga inherited  
597 zircons from Zhoujiapuzi granite and the zircons from the Liaoji granites lie in a similar  
598 area in the  $\epsilon\text{Hf}(t)$ -age (Ma) diagram (Fig. 8). Hence, the ~2.16 Ga inherited zircon most  
599 likely come from the Liaoji granites.

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

606 In our modelling, we choose the XY-005 sample to approximately represent the  
607 primitive melt composition. The reasons are as below: as mentioned above, the high  
608 Sr/Y characteristics of the Zhoujiapuzi granite are not caused by the fractional  
609 crystallization of amphibole. Furthermore, the lack of positive correlation between  
610  $\text{D}_{\text{Yb}}/\text{Yb}_{\text{N}}$  ratios and  $\text{La}_{\text{N}}/\text{Yb}_{\text{N}}$  ratios (Fig. 13i) also suggests that fractional  
611 crystallization of amphibole was not a significant process for the Zhoujiapuzi granite.  
612 On the other hand, the samples of Zhoujiapuzi granite display variable Eu and Sr  
613 contents, implying that plagioclase is likely a fractional phase. The separation of  
614 titanomagnetite could explain the positive trend in  $\text{TFe}_2\text{O}_3$  with increasing  $\text{TiO}_2$  content,  
615 consistent with the occurrences of magnetite in some studied rocks. This possible  
616 mineral assemblage of fractional crystallization is also reflected by the chemical  
617 variations in the Sr/Y-Y diagram (Fig. 12b). Hence, the sample XY-005, which has

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

628 A large number of Yanshanian adakites (or high Sr/Y rocks) are developed in the  
629 NCC, which are generally considered to be derived from the thickened basaltic LCC  
630 (e.g. Gao et al., 2004; Wu et al., 2005a; Ma et al., 2013b). Zhang et al. (2001, 2003)  
631 suggested that these so-called “C-type adakites” indicated a large-scale crustal  
632 thickening event. However, according to the studies on the Triassic and Jurassic adakitic  
633 rocks near the Pingquan area, the northern part of the NCC, Ma et al. (2012, 2015)  
634 suggested that the adakitic signatures of these rocks are inherited from their source  
635 rocks. The research of the Zhoujiapuzi granite in this study also shows that among the  
636 widely distributed Jurassic high Sr/Y granites in the Liaodong Peninsula, there is at  
637 least one pluton with a high Sr/Y signature inherited from the source. Therefore, we  
638 suggest that melting of a high Sr/Y (and La/Yb) source is one of the important processes  
639 for the generation of Yanshanian high Sr/Y rocks in the NCC. This kind of high Sr/Y  
640 granite does not need to be formed in the garnet stability field.

#### 641 **6.4 Tectonic implications**

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

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

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

## 673 **7. Conclusions**

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

676 (2) Zircon growth in Zhoujiapuzi granite can be divided into two distinct stages.  
677 The light-CL core was formed in a deeper, hotter, magma chamber, which had low  
678 oxygen fugacity and high temperature. The dark-CL rim formed from later, more  
679 evolved, magma. Oxygen fugacity significantly increased and the temperature  
680 decreased at this stage. The Zhoujiapuzi granite is a case study of multistage generation  
681 and emplacement of magma, revealed by zircons, where no signals are discernible in  
682 the bulk petrology or geochemistry.

683 (3) The I-type Zhoujiapuzi granite originated from partial melting of the

684 Paleoproterozoic Liaoji granites. The high Sr/Y compositions are inherited from their  
685 source rocks, rather than being a direct indication of deep crustal melting, or any other  
686 common mechanism for generating adakitic signatures.

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

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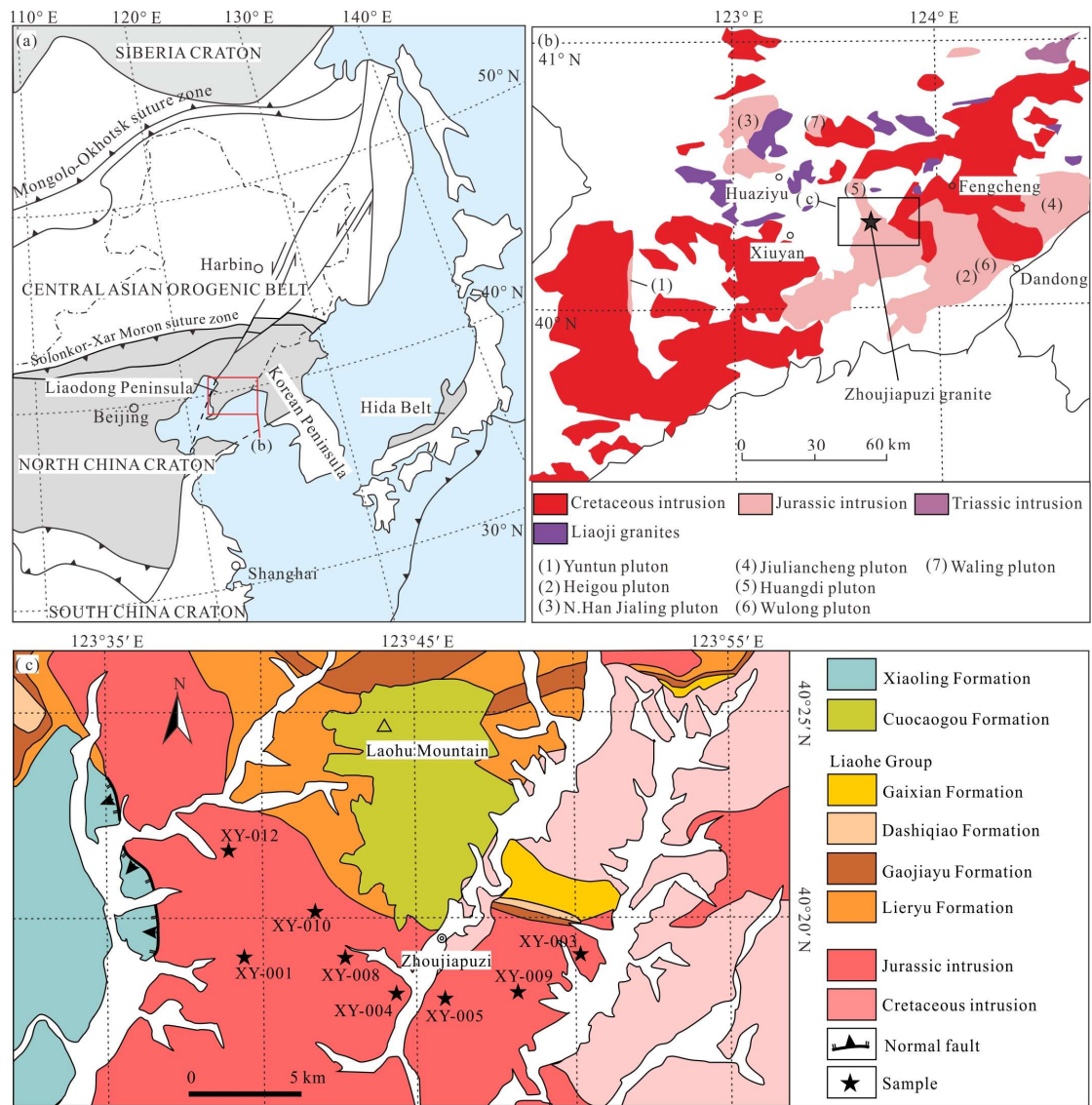
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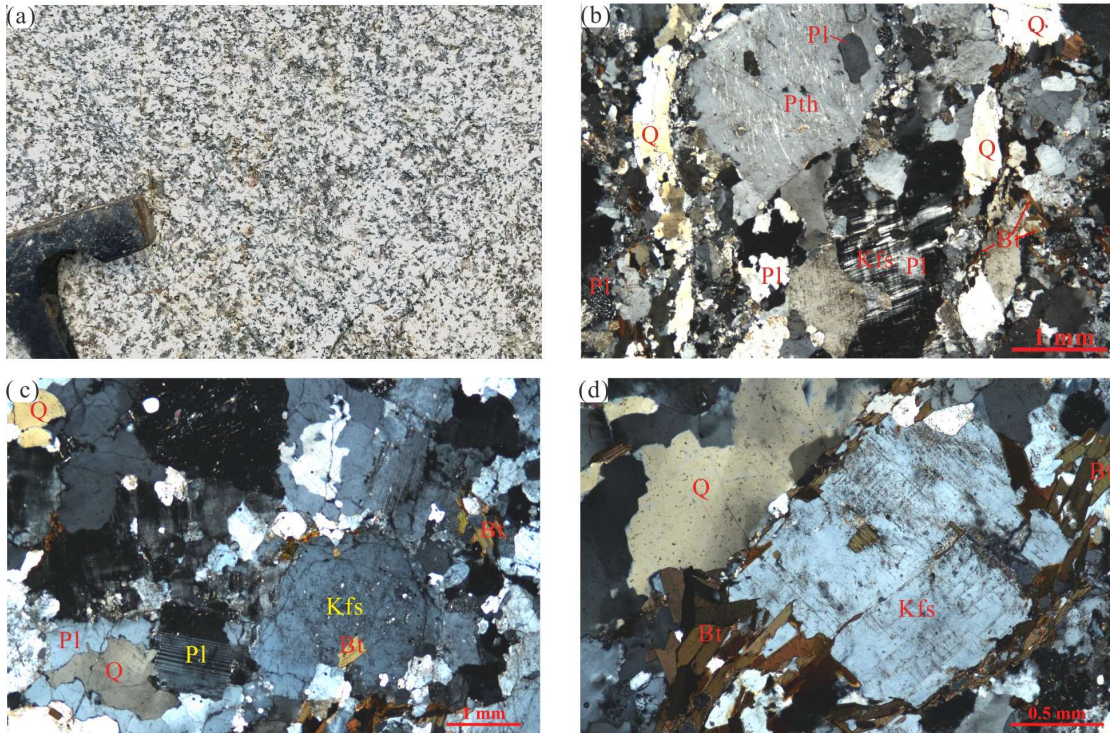
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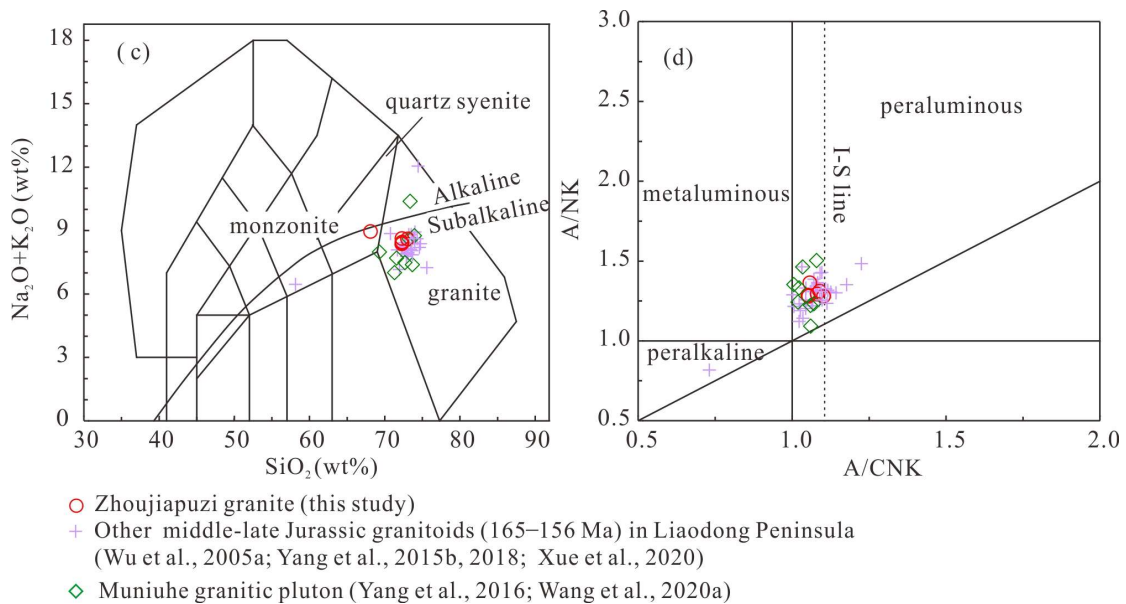
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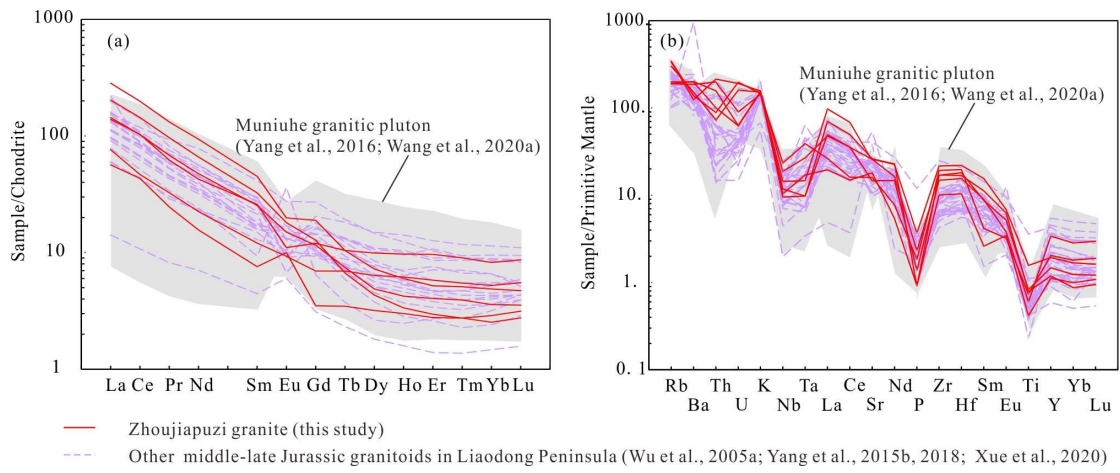
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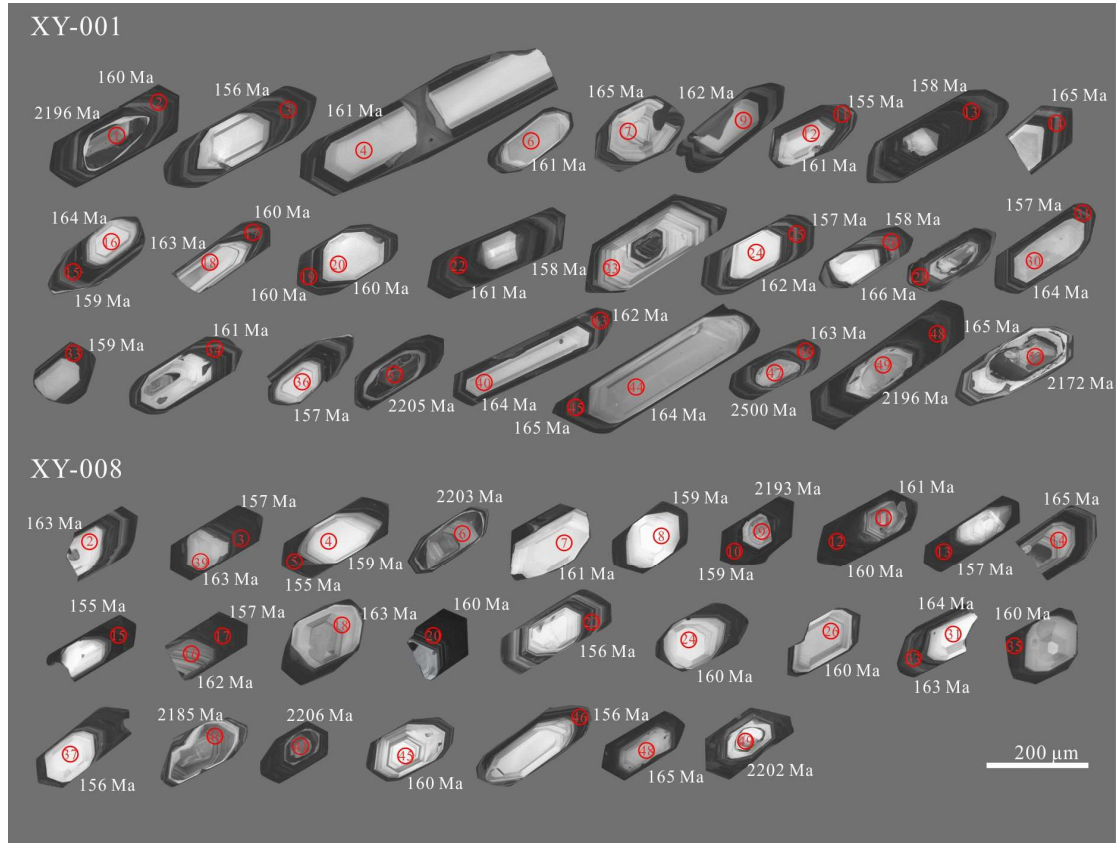
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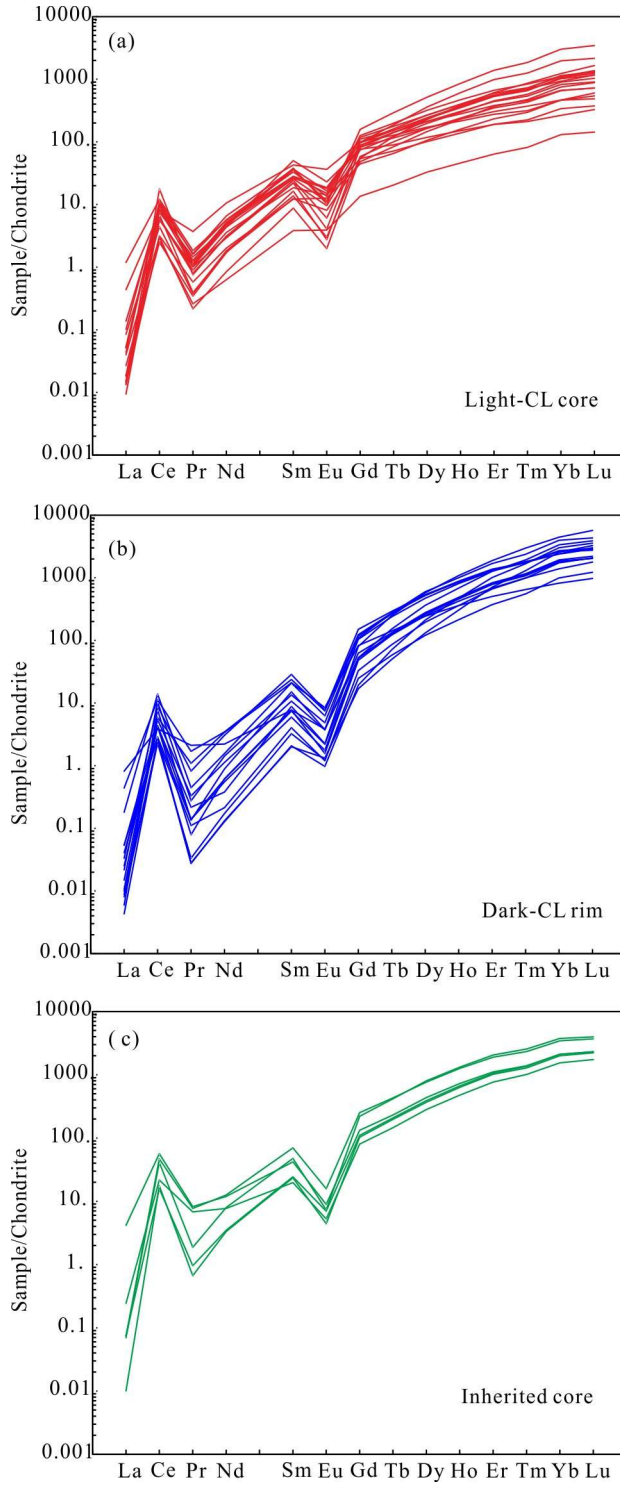
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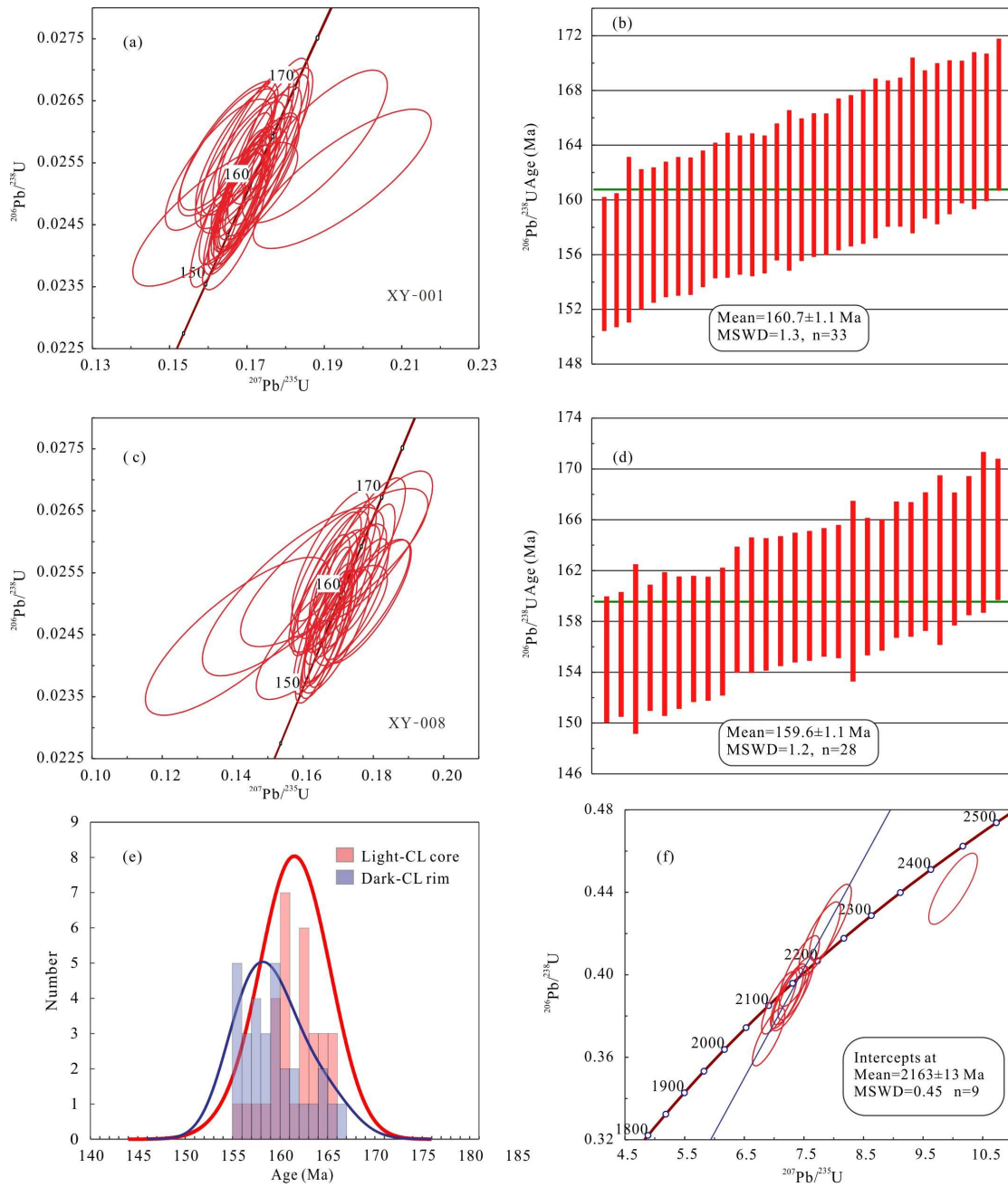
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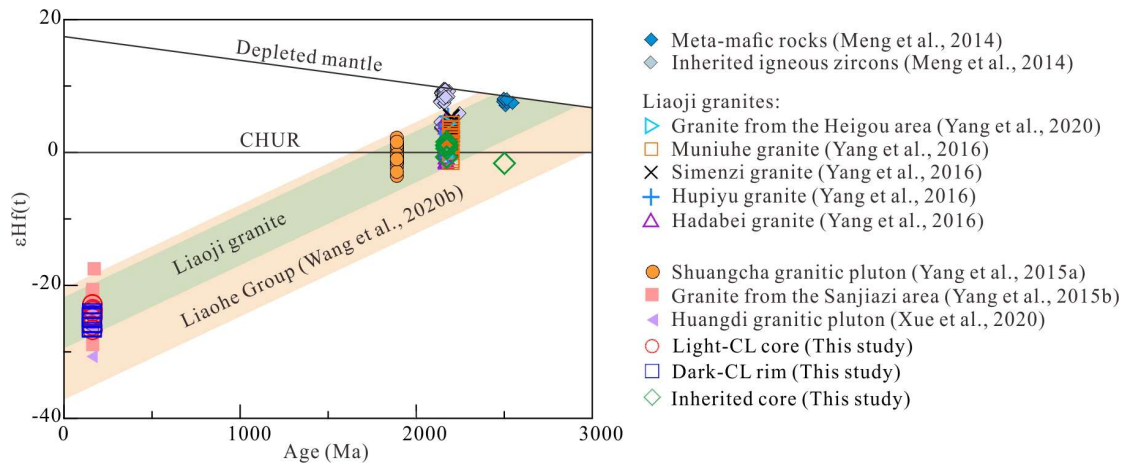
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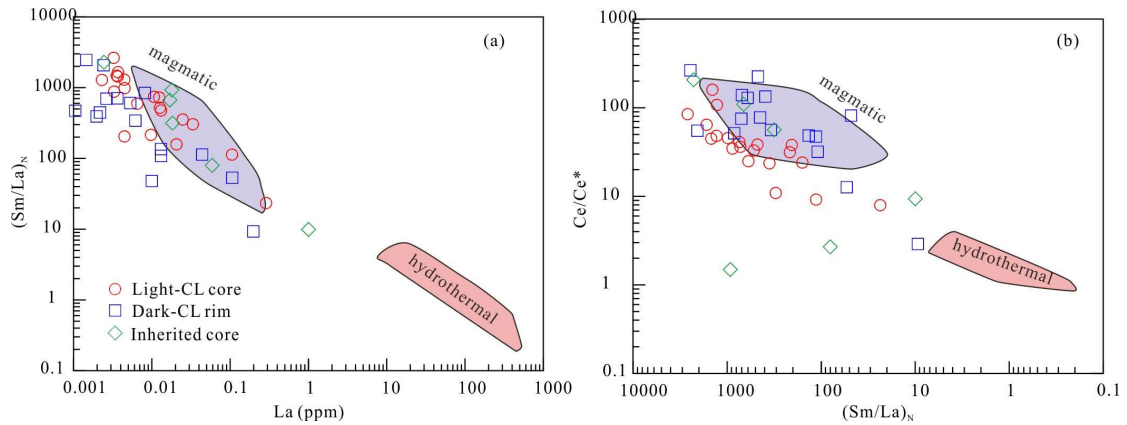
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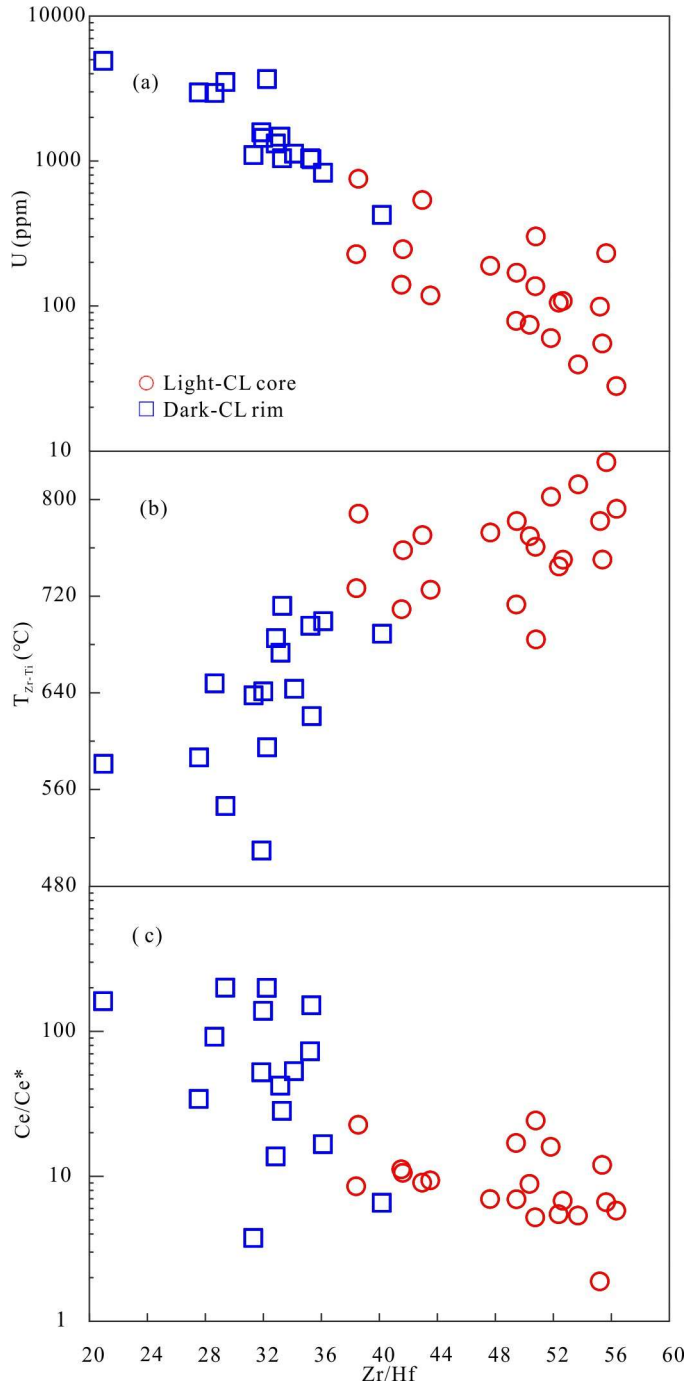
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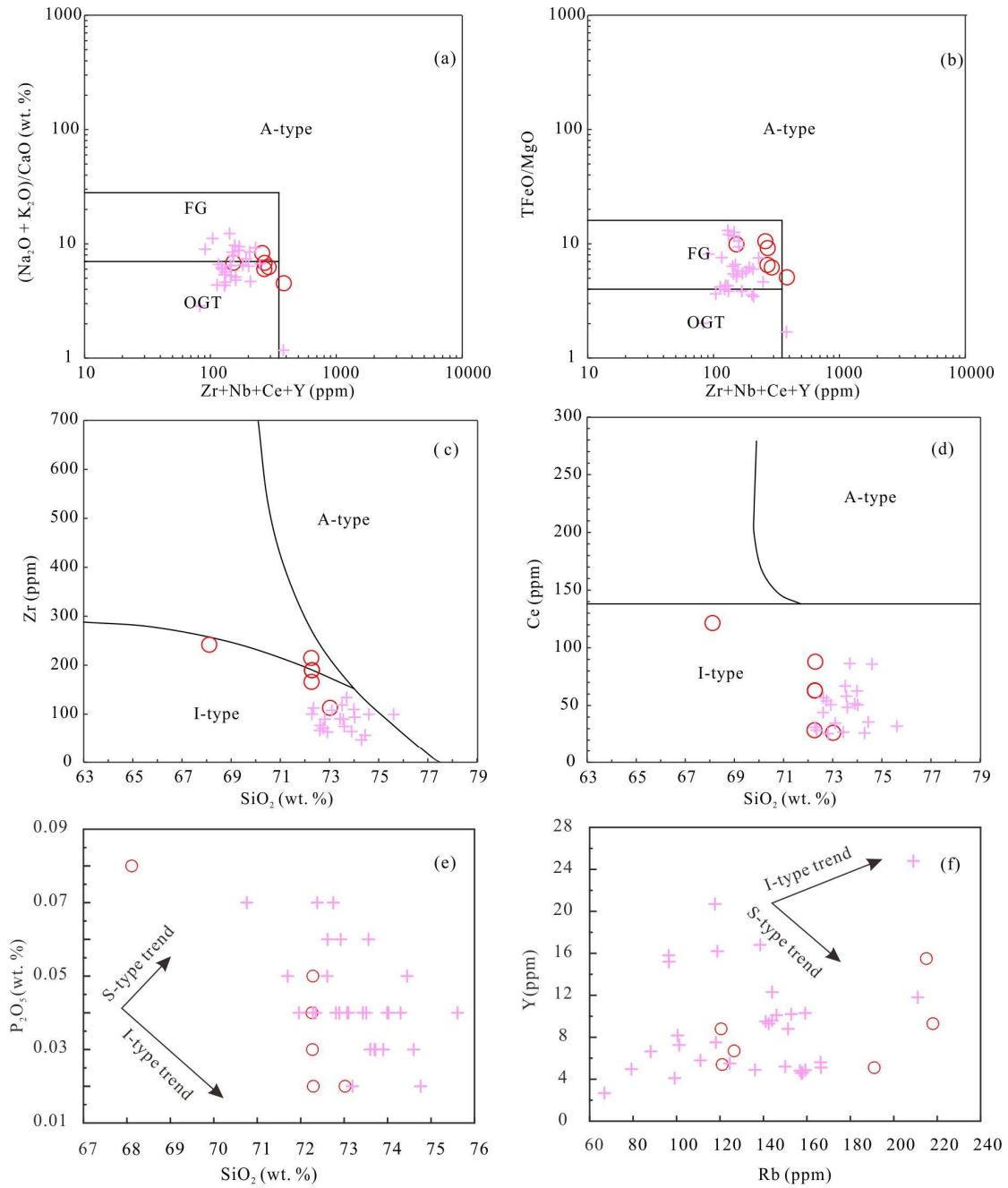


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1218 Zr/Hf; (b)  $T_{Zr-Ti}$  vs. Zr/Hf; (c) Ce/Ce\* vs. Zr/Hf.

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○ Zhoujiapuzi granite (this study)

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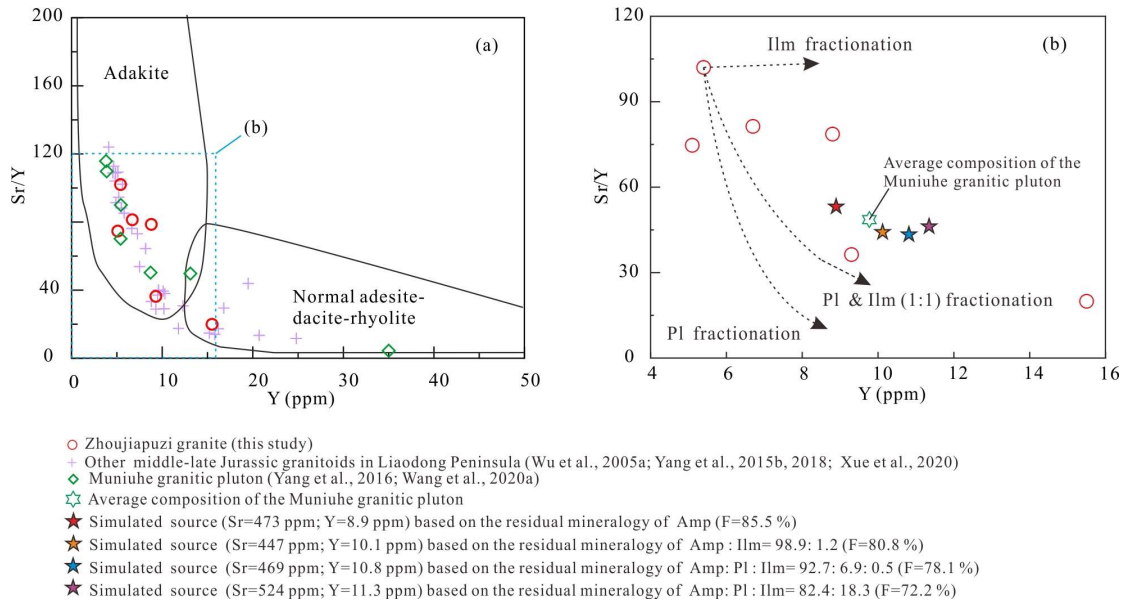
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1223 and d)  $\text{SiO}_2$  vs.  $\text{Zr}$  and  $\text{Ce}$  (after Collins et al., 1982); (e)  $\text{SiO}_2$  vs.  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  diagram; (f)

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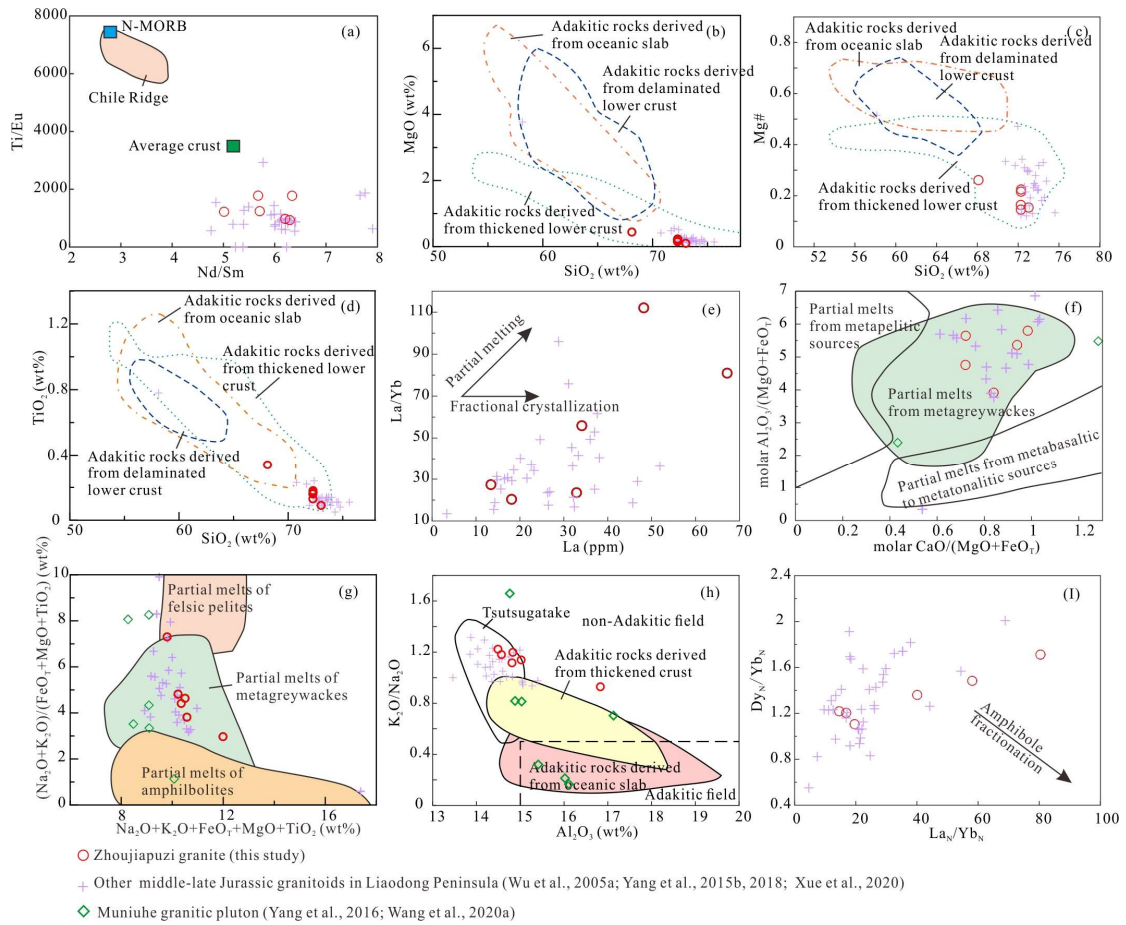
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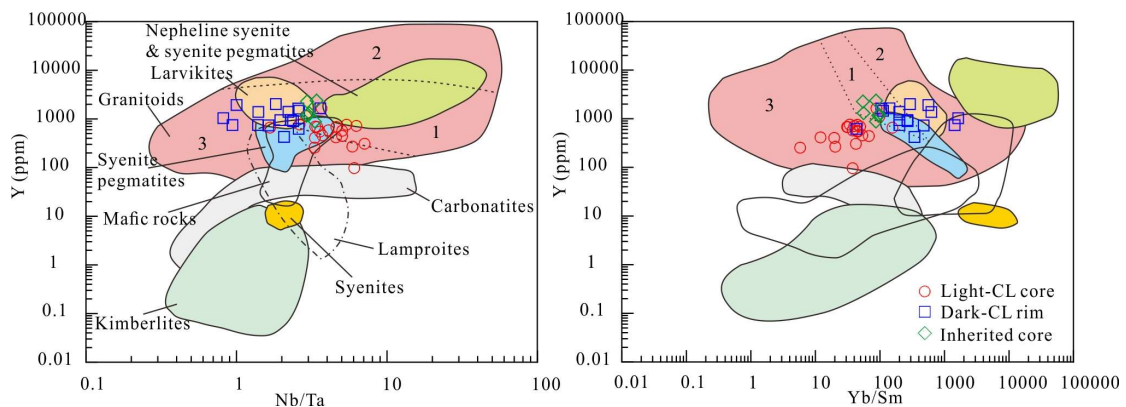


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 1233 et al., 2012); (b-d) SiO<sub>2</sub> vs. MgO, Mg# and TiO<sub>2</sub> (after Wang et al., 2006); (e) La vs.  
 1234 La/Yb (Gao et al., 2007); (f) molar Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/(MgO+FeO<sub>T</sub>) vs. molar CaO/(MgO+FeO<sub>T</sub>)  
 1235 (after Altherr et al., 2000); (g) (Na<sub>2</sub>O+K<sub>2</sub>O)/(FeO<sub>T</sub>+MgO+TiO<sub>2</sub>) vs.  
 1236 Na<sub>2</sub>O+K<sub>2</sub>O+FeO<sub>T</sub>+MgO+TiO<sub>2</sub> (after Patiño Douce, 1999); (h) K<sub>2</sub>O/Na<sub>2</sub>O vs. Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
 1237 diagrams (after Kamei et al., 2009); (i) La<sub>N</sub>/Yb<sub>N</sub> vs. Dy<sub>N</sub>/Yb<sub>N</sub>.

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1240 Figure 14. The fields of zircon compositions used as discriminants for different rock  
 1241 types (after Belousova et al., 2002). ‘Granitoids’ include: 1 aplites and leucogranites;  
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