Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf isotope systematics of the Hugo Dummett Cu-Au porphyry deposit

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Abstract

 Major and trace element geochemistry including Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf isotopic data are presented for a representative sample suite of Late Devonian to Early Carboniferous plutonic and volcanic rocks from the Hugo Dummett deposit of the giant Oyu Tolgoi porphyry Cu-Au district in the South Gobi, Mongolia. Sr and Nd isotopes (whole- rock) show restricted ranges of initial compositions, with positive εNdt mainly between $+3.4$ and $+7.4$ and $({}^{87}\text{Sr})^{86}\text{Sr}$)t predominantly between 0.7037 and 0.7045 reflecting magma generation from a relatively uniform juvenile lithophile-element depleted source. Previously dated zircons from the plutonic rocks exhibit a sample-22 averaged range of ϵ Hft values of +11.6 to +14.5. Depleted-mantle model ages of 420- 830 (Nd) and 320-730 Ma (zircon Hf) limit the involvement of pre-Neoproterozoic crust in the petrogenesis of the intermediate to felsic calc-alkaline magmas to, at most, a minor role. Pb isotopes (whole-rock) show a narrow range of unradiogenic initial 26 compositions: $^{206}Pb^{204}Pb$ 17.40-17.94, $^{207}Pb^{204}Pb$ 15.43-15.49 and $^{208}Pb^{204}Pb$ 37.25- 37.64, in agreement with Sr-Nd-Hf isotopes indicating the dominance of a mantle component. All four isotopic systems suggest that the magmas from which the large Oyu Tolgoi porphyry system was generated originated predominantly from juvenile material within the subduction-related setting of the Gurvansaihan terrane.

Keywords: Hugo Dummett, Oyu Tolgoi, Mongolia, juvenile, Sr-Nd-Hf-Pb isotopes

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1. Introduction

 The Hugo Dummett copper-gold deposit is a part of the giant Oyu Tolgoi porphyry district in South Gobi of Mongolia (Fig. 1). The district is situated within the Central Asian Orogenic Belt (CAOB), one of the largest orogens on Earth (Khain et al., 2003; Kröner et al., 2007). The CAOB (or the Altaid Tectonic Collage, Şengör et al., 1993) is a prime example of accretionary orogeny and represents a complex pattern of Neoproterozoic to Mesozoic orogenic belts; it consists of mobile belts and microcontinental blocks (Badarch et al., 2002; Buchan et al., 2002; Kovalenko et al., 2004; Kröner et al., 2007; Windley et al., 2007; Xiao et al., 2008, 2009). It stretches for 5000 km across Asia from the Siberian Craton and the Tarim and North China Craton.

 Accretionary orogens constitute major sites of continental growth and mineralisation; they form at sites of subduction of oceanic lithosphere and consist of accretionary wedges containing material accreted from the downgoing plate and eroded from the upper plate, island arcs, ophiolites, oceanic plateaux, old continental blocks, metamorphic rocks and syn- and post-orogenic granitoids. Continental growth involves the addition of mantle-derived (juvenile) material to the crust (Jahn et al., 2000, 2004; Kröner et al., 2007; Cawood & Buchan, 2007). Arc magmatism within accretionary orogens is invoked as the major source of this material although extensive recycling of older continental crust may also be involved, for example in the Famatinian (Ordovician) arc of western South America (Pankhurst et al., 1998). Within the CAOB recent studies of detrital and xenocrystic zircon ages revealed that in some terranes the Precambrian crust has played an important role in the generation of the younger crust, through remelting and magmatism (Safonova et al., 2010; Rojas-Agramonte et al., 2011).

 The Oyu Tolgoi group of deposits represent a typical porphyry system formed in an island-arc setting (Khashgerel et al., 2006). Majority of porphyry deposits are formed in association with subduction-related magmas (Richards, 2003). During the Paleozoic, southern Mongolia grew through the accretion of island arc, subduction,

 related magmatic arcs and continental blocks. Geochemical constraints of the origin and evolution of Paleozoic magmatic arcs in the Oyu Tolgoi district using whole-rock Nd and Pb isotopes confirmed derivation of magma from a depleted mantle source in an intra-oceanic volcanic arc (Wainwright et al., 2011).

 Whole-rock Sr, Nd, Pb and zircon Hf isotopic compositions were measured in 20 whole-rock samples from Late Devonian to Early Carboniferous intrusions and their volcanic host rocks in order to infer their geotectonic setting, evaluate mechanisms of crustal generation, define the composition of mantle sources, and to estimate the role of juvenile crust in the Oyu Tolgoi and nearby areas. New SHRIMP zircon ages, which will be reported in full elsewhere (Seltmann et al., *in prep.*), were obtained for most of the same samples to provide constraints on the timing of magmatism of the Hugo Dummett deposit and adjacent areas with respect to Cu–Au mineralisation.

2. Geological setting

 The Oyu Tolgoi deposits are situated 650 km south of Mongolian capital Ulaanbaatar and were discovered in 1997 by BHP Billiton. The Oyu Tolgoi property comprises six main exploration prospects of Hugo Dummett (North and South), Central Oyu, South and Southwest Oyu, Heruga North and Heruga (Kavalieris et al., 2011). The geology of the six main Oyu Tolgoi deposits was summarized by Perello et al. (2001), Kirwin et al. (2005), Kavalieris and Wainwright (2005) and Khashgerel (2006, 2008). With measured and indicated resources currently amounting to 1,387 Mt at 1.33% Cu and 0.47 g/t Au, and inferred resource of 2,367 Mt at 0.78% Cu and 0.33 g/t Au (Kavalieris et al., 2011), it now comprises the largest group of Paleozoic porphyry deposits in the world.

 The deposits occur in a mid Palaeozoic calc-alkaline island arc, consisting of metasediments and island arc basalts resting on an early Palaeozoic ophiolite complex (Fig. 2). Late Devonian porphyry Cu-Au deposits occur in a 22 km NNE-trending zone and are related to quartz monzodiorite intrusions emplaced in augite basalt lavas (Khashgerel et al., 2008). The Oyu Tolgoi Cu-Au porphyries are located in the Devonian Gurvansaihan terrane of Badarch (2002), which hosts many other South Gobi porphyry deposits.

 The Oyu Tolgoi lithology consists of massive porphyritic augite basalt overlain by dacitic and andesitic ash flow tuff, green to red siltstone, conglomerate, carbonaceous shale and intercalated auto-brecciated basaltic lava and tuff. The nearest large outcropping felsic intrusion occurs about 3 km NW of the drilled area. Within the mineralised area, Late Devonian porphyritic quartz monzodiorite and granodiorite occur as dykes. Quartz monzodiorite bears hornblende, biotite and plagioclase; granodiorite has biotite, plagioclase and a distinctive brown aphanitic groundmass (Kirwin et al., 2005; Kavalieris and Wainwright, 2005).

 This study focuses mainly on the Hugo Dummett deposits (Fig. 3) that in plan view extend for over 3 km from SW to NE. The geology, alteration and mineralisation are similar at Hugo Dummett North and Hugo Dummett South (Khashgerel, 2006). Both deposits are hosted mainly by quartz monzodiorite (Kavalieris et al., 2011). The high-grade (>2.5% Cu) sulphide mineralization is associated with intense quartz veining and is comprised of bornite, chalcocite and chalcopyrite, with the dominance of bornite. Pyrite, enargite, tetrahedrite-tennantite occur in subordinate amounts, mainly in the Hugo Dummett South. The advanced argillic alteration within the tuffs is accompanied by alunite, pyrophyllite, diaspore, dickite, topaz, zunyite and fluorite (Khashgerel et al., 2008). The sulphides exhibit a zonation from a bornite-dominated core to chalcopyrite and pyrite. Au (ppm) : Cu (%) ratios throughout much of the deposit are 1:10, but in strongly quartz-veined monzodiorite intrusions and adjacent host rocks encountered at Hugo Dummett North, this increases up to 1:1.

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3. Samples

 Table 1 lists 20 drill core samples of Late Devonian to Early Carboniferous 127 plutonic and volcanic rocks (stratigraphic zones D_3 to C_1) from within and around the Oyu Tolgoi Exploration Block (OTEB) chosen for this study; sample locations are shown in Figures 4 and 5. Four sub-samples were taken at different depths from two drill holes of OTD514 and OTD976. Stratigraphic column for samples collected from volcanic host rocks and intrusions is shown in Fig. 6. Appendix 1 includes a detailed mineralogical description for each of the studied samples.

 located 24 km WSW from the OTEB. Plutonic samples were chosen from the Hugo Dummett North and South, Oyu Tolgoi Central and Oyu Tolgoi SW to allow comparison between the main deposits. **Table 1**. **Figure 4**. **Figure 5. Figure 6. 4. Analytical procedures** *Whole rock analyses* of major and trace elements were obtained at Activation Laboratories Ltd. (Actlabs), Ontario, Canada. Samples were prepared using a lithium metaborate / tetraborate fusion method. 0.25 g sample aliquot is digested with HClO4- 151 HNO₃-HCl-HF at 200 $^{\circ}$ C to fuming and is then diluted with agua regia. Each batch contained a method reagent blank, certified reference material, and 17% replicates. Samples were mixed with a flux of lithium metaborate and lithium tetraborate and fused in an induction furnace. The molten melt was immediately poured into a solution of 5% nitric acid containing an internal standard, and mixed continuously until completely dissolved (~30 minutes). The samples and method reagent blank were then analysed for major oxides and trace elements on a combination simultaneous/sequential Thermo Jarrell-Ash ENVIRO II ICP. For the ICP analysis, reagent blanks with and without the lithium borate flux were analysed, as well as the method reagent blank. Interference correction verification standards were analysed. Calibration was performed using multiple USGS and CANMET certified reference materials, including: GXR-1, GXR-2, WMG-1, NIST-694, NIST-696, NIST-1633b, DNC-1, BIR-1, KC-1A, CCU-1C, FK-N, LKSD-3, MAG-1, SY-3, W-2a, JSD-3, and CTA-AC-1. Two of the standards were used during the analysis for every group of ten samples. The sample solution was also spiked with internal standards and was further diluted and introduced into a Perkin Elmer SCIEX ELAN 6000 ICP/MS using a

Four samples were collected from outside of the OTEB (Fig. 4). These

include: (1) a medium-grained granodiorite immediately to the north from the OTEB,

(2) a dacite and (3) a quartz monzodiorite from Cu-Au mineralised intrusions 10kms

to the NNE at the Ulan Khud prospect, and (4) a basalt from the Ulan Uul prospect

proprietary sample introduction methodology. Further details of the analytical

method, including detection limits for each element, may be found at:

 [http://www.actlabs.com/page.aspx?page=522&app=226&cat1=549&tp=12&lk=no&](http://www.actlabs.com/page.aspx?page=522&app=226&cat1=549&tp=12&lk=no&menu=64) [menu=64](http://www.actlabs.com/page.aspx?page=522&app=226&cat1=549&tp=12&lk=no&menu=64)

 Sr-Nd-Pb isotopes were measured in the ALS Laboratory Group, Sweden. 0.2 g of rock powder was digested in a mixture of 2 ml of hydrofluoric acid and 3 ml of 174 nitric acid in Savillex Teflon closed vials at 160° C for 48 hours. All samples were prepared in duplicates. The digests were dried, dissolved in 3 ml of hydrochloric acid, 176 heated in close vials at 160° C for one hour, and evaporated to dryness. This procedure was repeated two times. Two separate aliquots of the 0.2 g digest were used. One aliquot was used for Sr and Pb column separation, where the residue was taken up in 70% HNO3. The second aliquot was dissolved in 1 M HCl and used for Nd separation. Eichrom columns were used for element separation procedure. After purification, 181 each element fraction was dried and re-dissolved in 5% HNO₃, ready for isotope analyses. The well-established element separation procedures for Sr can be found in Rodushkuin et al. (2007) and for Pb in Quétel et al. (2009). The isotopic analyses were performed using Neptune multi-collector ICP-MS (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Bremen, Germany) in high resolution mode (slit width of 16 μm). Element concentrations in measurement solutions for MC-ICP-MS were adjusted to required concentrations (200 ppb for Sr, 100 ppb for Pb and Nd) by dilution. Tl spike at 50 ppb was added to Pb measurement solutions for on-line mass-bias correction. Certified reference material of international standard NBS 981 for Pb, NBS 987 for Sr and Merck Nd were used to bracket the samples during the measurements. The error on the measured isotope ratios was estimated using the long-term reproducibility of repeated measurements over the time of investigation. Distilled Milli-Q water (Millipore Milli-Q) was used for preparation of all measurement solutions including standards, samples and procedural blanks, and solutions for the separation.

 Hf isotope analyses were carried out at the Geochemical Analysis Unit of the GEMOC Key Centre in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Macquarie University, Australia. These analyses were performed on zircons grains dated previously by SHRIMP-II at VSEGEI, St Petersburg (Table 1). The analytical spots for the analyses were located to overlap the SHRIMP pits to avoid as far as possible

any discrepancy between the U-Pb age data and Hf-isotopic data due to any within-

grain age zoning or variation. It should be noted that the zircon recovery from sample

OTD388 was inadequate to define an age of crystallization, and that none of the

basalts yielded zircon that could be related to crystallization of the volcanic rock.

Ages for these samples were assumed as indicated in Table 1.

 Hf-isotope analyses were carried out *in situ* with a New Wave UP 213nm laser-ablation microprobe, attached to a Nu Plasma multi-collector ICPMS. Typical ablation times were 80-120 s, resulting in pits 40-60 μm deep. The methodology and analyses of standard solutions and standard zircons are described by Griffin et al. (2000).

 For this work we analysed masses 172, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179 and 180 simultaneously in Faraday cups; all analyses were carried out in static-collection 213 mode. Data were normalized to 179 Hf $^{-177}$ Hf=0.7325, using an exponential correction for mass bias. Initial setup of the instrument is done using a 1 ppm solution of 215 JMC475 Hf, which typically yields a total Hf beam of $10-14\times10^{-11}$ A.

216 Interference of Lu on 176 Hf is corrected by measuring the intensity of the 217 interference-free 175 Lu isotope and using 176 Lu^{$/175$}Lu=0.02669 (DeBievre and Taylor, 218 1993) to calculate Lu/ 177 Hf. Similarly, the interference of 176 Yb on 176 Hf has been 219 corrected by measuring the interference-free 172 Yb isotope and using 176 Yb/ 172 Yb to 220 calculate $176Yb^{177}Hf$. The appropriate value of $176Yb^{172}Yb$ was determined by 221 spiking the JMC475 Hf standard with Yb, and finding the value of $176{\rm Yb}/172{\rm Yb}$ (0.587) required to yield the value of 176 Hf $/^{177}$ Hf obtained on the pure Hf solution (Griffin et al., 2004). The accuracy of the Yb and Lu corrections has been 224 demonstrated by repeated analysis of standard zircons with a range in $176 \text{Yb}/177 \text{Hf}$ and 176Lu^{177} Hf (Griffin et al., 2004; Pearson et al., 2008).

 For the calculation of εHf values, we have adopted the chondritic values of Blichert-Toft et al. (1997). To calculate model ages (TDM) based on a depleted-228 mantle source, we have adopted a model with a present-day H f $/177$ H f of 0.28325 equivalent to average MORB and 176 Lu/ 177 Hf = 0.0384 (Griffin et al., 2000). ϵ Hf values and model ages used in the figures were calculated using a decay constant for Lu of 1.865 x 10^{-11} yr-1(Scherer et al., 2001). Single-stage TDM ages, which are calculated using the measured Lu/ 177 Hf of the zircon can only give the minimum age for the source material of the magma from which the zircon crystallised. We 234 therefore also calculated a two-stage "crustal" model age for each zircon (T_{DM}^C) ,

268 values calculated as *per mil* deviations from the model compositions of a chondritic 269 uniform reservoir (CHUR) at the estimated age, T_{DM} is the estimated age of 270 extraction from depleted mantle according to the one-stage crustal pre-history 271 assumed by DePaolo (1988), and T_{DM}^* according to the two-stage model of DePaolo 272 et al. (1991). The precision of parent/daughter ratios derived from the geochemical 273 data is relatively low. This restricts the precision of calculated initial ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$ and $143\text{Nd}^{144}\text{Nd}$ ratios, which are reported here with fewer decimal places than usual. 275 Nevertheless, errors of as much as $\pm 10\%$ in Rb/Sr would lead to an uncertainty of less 276 than 0.001 in initial ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$ in the majority of the cases, and is only significantly higher for a few samples with ${}^{87}Rb/{}^{86}Sr$ ratios greater than about 3. In the case of the 278 Nd isotope data a 10% error in Sm/Nd leads to an uncertainty of about 0.6 to 0.8 in 279 Ndt. The conclusions and interpretations reached are independent of these 280 uncertainties.

281 Initial ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$ ratios in whole-rock samples mostly fall in a restricted range of 0.7036 to 0.7045, with only three exceptions. A dacite from Hugo Dummett North (OTD 1218) has an elevated value of 0.7087, which could indicate contamination due to alteration of this ash-flow tuff sample. Two of the quartz monzodiorites from 285 OTD514 with high Rb/Sr ratios have calculated initial ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$ ratios below 0.703, one of which is unrealistically low; these have been discounted in view of probably erroneous over-correction as explained above. Most of the other quartz monzodiorite 288 samples have ${}^{87}Rb/{}^{86}Sr$ ratios < 0.5, with corresponding uncertainties in their initial 87Sr ⁸⁶Sr ratios of less than 0.0003. eNdt values vary from +1.5 to +7.4, with 19 of the 290 20 falling in the even more restricted range of $+3.4$ to $+7.4$. The dacite with the high $\binom{87}{5}$ Sr/ $\binom{86}{5}$ Sr)t has an ENdt value of +4.5, strongly indicating that the Rb-Sr system was disturbed but that the Sm-Nd data is more meaningful. Regardless of the uncertainty of 0.6–0.8, it is safe to conclude that all Ndt values were significantly positive at the time of crystallization. Co-variation between the Sr and Nd isotope parameters is 295 shown in Fig. 9, differentiated according to the rock types. Positive $\varepsilon N dt$ and low $87\text{Sr}^{86}\text{Sr}$ indicate a major contribution from long-term lithophile element depleted sources such as the mantle or juvenile crustal rocks with only a short residence time before magma genesis. These characteristics are in accordance with generation of these samples in an island arc setting of the Gurvansaihan terrane.

300 The late Palaeozoic depleted mantle would have had ε Nd values about $+7$ (as 301 opposed to about $+9$ today), so that the slightly lower ε Ndt of many of the samples would permit a minor crustal contribution as well, either in the source or through contamination during magma ascent and crystallization. Normal crustal contents of Sm and Nd are higher than in basaltic magmas so that the present day isotopic compositions will largely be dominated by the crustal contribution. The approximate 306 age of such crust may be estimated from the Nd model ages (T_{DM} and T_{DM} ^{*} in Table 3, which typically have uncertainties of 50–100 Ma due to limitations in the analytical data and model parameters). **Table 3 Figure 9** *5.4. Hf isotope systematics* The results of the Lu-Hf isotope analyses of U–Pb dated zircon grains are given in Table 4. Only results for zircons clearly related to the crystallization of the parent rocks, both plutonic and dacitic, are reported, as indicated in Table 1. All 102 318 analyses (discounting two for grains that gave anomalous U–Pb ages) yield ϵ Hft 319 values that are strongly positive $(+10.3 \text{ to } +16.1)$; averaged values for each sample range from +11.6 (OTD258(82.5)) to +14.5 (OTD514(1405.85-1410.15)). Considering that the standard deviation for sample mean is around one epsilon unit, the results are essentially uniform at the 2-sigma level. **Table 4** *5.5. Pb isotope systematics* Table 5 shows the results of the Pb isotope analyses. The studied whole-rock samples exhibit a present-day range of $^{206}Pb^{204}Pb$ 17.773-19.058, $^{207}Pb^{204}Pb$ 15.445-330 15.544 and $^{208}Pb^{204}Pb$ 37.456-38.489. Initial compositions were calculated using U/Pb and Th/Pb ratios taken from the geochemical data in Table 2, with a probable precision limit of about 10%, which for these sample leads to uncertainties in the

366 apparently too high calculated initial ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$ (noticeably so for the most Rb-rich 367 samples) as well as too high ϵ Ndt. There is clearly no evidence for such normally-co- variant behaviour. The strongest argument however is that the Sr and Nd isotope data yield conclusions as to a LIL-depleted source that are fully consistent with the 370 evidence of Hf isotopes in zircon (average sample $\epsilon Hf_t + 11.6$ to $+14.5$); igneous zircon is highly resistant to chemical alteration and should preserve magmatic compositions. This is our main conclusion, but even if it were admitted that the Sr, Nd and Pb isotope systems were the product of complete equilibration with hydrothermal solutions, these would necessarily have also originated within the same magmatic system, and the alteration must have occurred very soon after igneous crystallization for all four isotope systems to record and maintain the same signature.

6.2 Indications of juvenile magmatism

380 In Fig. 10, ϵ Ndt is plotted against the emplacement age of each sample and model trend lines show the variation in time for depleted mantle (DM) and for "average crust" extracted from the mantle at 1000 and 540 Ma (corresponding to the lower chronological boundaries of Neoproterozoic and Phanerozoic time). The granodiorite, monzodiorite and dacite samples plot largely within the predicted composition of early Phanerozoic crust: their model ages are little older than their mostly Late Devonian emplacement ages (420-830 Ma), confirming genesis within a relatively immature island arc system. Since the Nd model ages for the basalts are not considered meaningful, direct derivation of the felsic magmas from crust older than late Neoproterozoic can be ruled out, although a small contribution from such old material could have been mixed with dominantly juvenile magmas in the arc system.

Figure 10

 Fig. 11a shows the relationship between U-Pb ages and the initial Hf isotope compositions of the individual zircon grains. All the data plot close to the estimated composition of the mid Palaeozoic depleted mantle and indicate that the parental magmas were predominantly derived from such a source, with little or no older continental crust being involved in magma genesis. This is reinforced by the T_{DM}^C

 ages (Table 3), which range from 320 to 720 Ma, with a strong maximum close to 500 Ma (Fig. 11b). This suggests that most of these felsic igneous rocks were derived by reworking of the Early Paleozoic or younger juvenile crust that grew by the addition of magmas derived from depleted mantle.

Figures 11 a, b

 Pb isotopes also indicate a source with mantle-like U-Pb ratios, relatively uncontaminated by more radiogenic Pb (Fig. 12 a, b). The basalts and dacites plot closest to the estimated composition of the Devonian MORB source, whereas the plutonic igneous rocks have slightly less radiogenic Pb, consistent with a small crustal component.

Figures 12 a, b

 Nd-Hf isotope mapping of South Gobi in the frame of the CERCAMS Altaids project is shown on Fig. 13. Some published data (square symbols) are also plotted. The map shows Nd and Hf isotope signatures of granitoid samples collected by the Altaids team from hosting and surrounding terranes of the Oyu Tolgoi porphyry district. All Oyu Tolgoi samples of this study are also plotted on the map, allowing comparison of their Nd-Hf isotope signatures with other samples from the region. It is clear that the majority of samples within the South Gobi area (i.e. to the north from the North China Craton), including the Oyu Tolgoi samples of this study, exhibit dominant juvenile signatures, indicating their origin within the extensive intra-oceanic volcanic environment.

 The positive initial Hf isotope values reported from the OTEB in conjunction with low apparent degrees of crustal contamination are paralleled in data reported from other significant porphyry-style deposits world wide, e.g., El Teniente, Chile (total average εHf 7.4±1.2, Muñoz et al, 2012), Mount Leyshon Igneous Complex, Australia (range of median εHf 3.2 to 4.5, Murgulov et al, 2008), Gangdese porphyry copper belt, Southern Tibet belt (εHf 1.8 to 9.2, Li et al, 2011), and Yulong porphyry system (εHf 4.6 to 6.9, Hou et al, 2011). This suggests that juvenile sources, regardless of tectonic setting play a significant role in the generation of fertile magmas required for porphyry-Cu style mineralization. As illustrated by Peytcheva et

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- **Appendix 1**

 Figure 9. Co-variation between the Sr and Nd parameters. The Nd data are considered more robust and show that all samples were derived from un-evolved sources typical of primitive island arcs.

Figure 10. Nd plotted versus the emplacement age of each body.

 Figures 11 a, b. Results of zircon Hf isotope measurements for felsic igneous rocks f ₆₆₆ from Oyu Tolgoi. a) Initial 176 Hf $/^{177}$ Hf plotted against U-Pb age for individual zircon grains; compared to model lines for the evolution of deplted mantle and a chondritic reservoir (CHUR); b) Relative probability plot for the two-stage crustal residence ages calculated for each analysed spot.

671 **Figures 12 a, b.** Initial ²⁰⁷Pb/²⁰⁴Pb vs. ²⁰⁶Pb/²⁰⁴Pb and ²⁰⁸Pb/²⁰⁴Pb vs. ²⁰⁶Pb/²⁰⁴Pb plots showing results for plutonic and volcanic rocks from Oyu Tolgoi and surrounding

areas. LC, lower crust; CC, continental crust; UC, upper crust; OR, orogene; M,

mantle (from Zartman and Doe, 1981).

Figure 13. EHf and ENd data plotted for the South Gobi area (compilation of the

CERCAMS Altaids project) and samples of this study.

679 *Note:* strongly crustal: ϵ Hf <-5, ϵ Nd(t) <-7; crustal: ϵ Hf -5 to 0, ϵ Nd(t) -7 to -2;

680 mixed: ϵ Hf 0 to +5, ϵ Nd(t) -2 to 0; juvenile: ϵ Hf +5 to +10, ϵ Nd(t) 0 to +5; strongly

681 iuvenile: ϵ Hf >+10, ϵ Nd(t) >+5.

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1. Introduction

 The Hugo Dummett copper-gold deposit is a part of the giant Oyu Tolgoi porphyry district in South Gobi of Mongolia (Fig. 1). The district is situated within the Central Asian Orogenic Belt (CAOB), one of the largest orogens on Earth (Khain et al., 2003; Kröner et al., 2007). The CAOB (or the Altaid Tectonic Collage, Şengör et al., 1993) is a prime example of accretionary orogeny and represents a complex pattern of Neoproterozoic to Mesozoic orogenic belts; it consists of mobile belts and microcontinental blocks (Badarch et al., 2002; Buchan et al., 2002; Kovalenko et al., 2004; Kröner et al., 2007; Windley et al., 2007; Xiao et al., 2008, 2009). It stretches for 5000 km across Asia from the Siberian Craton and the Tarim and North China Craton.

 Accretionary orogens constitute major sites of continental growth and mineralisation; they form at sites of subduction of oceanic lithosphere and consist of accretionary wedges containing material accreted from the downgoing plate and eroded from the upper plate, island arcs, ophiolites, oceanic plateaux, old continental blocks, metamorphic rocks and syn- and post-orogenic granitoids. Continental growth involves the addition of mantle-derived (juvenile) material to the crust (Jahn et al., 2000, 2004; Kröner et al., 2007; Cawood & Buchan, 2007). Arc magmatism within accretionary orogens is invoked as the major source of this material although extensive recycling of older continental crust may also be involved, for example in the Famatinian (Ordovician) arc of western South America (Pankhurst et al., 1998). Within the CAOB recent studies of detrital and xenocrystic zircon ages revealed that in some terranes the Precambrian crust has played an important role in the generation \int of the younger crust, through remelting and magmatism (Safonova et al., 2010; Rojas-Agramonte et al., 2011).

 The Oyu Tolgoi group of deposits represent a typical porphyry system formed in an island-arc setting (Khashgerel et al., 2006). Majority of Pporphyry deposits are formed in association with subduction-related magmas (Richards, 2003). During the

Paleozoic, southern Mongolia grew through the accretion of island arc, subduction,

related magmatic arcs and continental blocks. Geochemical constraints of the origin

and evolution of Paleozoic magmatic arcs in the Oyu Tolgoi district using whole-rock

Nd and Pb isotopes confirmed derivation of magma from a depleted mantle source in

an intra-oceanic volcanic arc (Wainwright et al., 2011).

 Whole-rock Sr, Nd, Pb and zircon Hf isotopic compositions were measured in 20 whole-rock samples from Late Devonian to Early Carboniferous intrusions and 74 their volcanic host host rocks hosting the intrusions in order to infer their geotectonic setting, evaluate mechanisms of crustal generation, define the composition of mantle sources, and to estimate the role of juvenile crust in the Oyu Tolgoi and nearby areas. New SHRIMP zircon ages, which will be reported in full elsewhere (Seltmann et al., *in prep.*), were obtained for most of the same samples to provide constraints on the timing of magmatism of the Hugo Dummett deposit and adjacent areas with respect to Cu–Au mineralisation.

2. Geological setting

 The Oyu Tolgoi deposits are situated 650 km south of Mongolian capital Ulaanbaatar and were discovered in 1997 by BHP Billiton. The Oyu Tolgoi property comprises six main exploration prospects of Hugo Dummett (North and South), Central Oyu, South and Southwest Oyu, Heruga North and Heruga (Kavalieris et al., 2011). The geology of the six main Oyu Tolgoi deposits was summarized by Perello et al. (2001), Kirwin et al. (2005), Kavalieris and Wainwright (2005) and Khashgerel (2006, 2008). With measured and indicated resources currently amounting to 1,387 Mt at 1.33% Cu and 0.47 g/t Au, and inferred resource of 2,367 Mt at 0.78% Cu and 0.33 g/t Au (Kavalieris et al., 2011), it now comprises the largest group of Paleozoic porphyry deposits in the world. The deposits occur in a mid Palaeozoic calc-alkaline island arc, consisting of metasediments and island arc basalts resting on an early Palaeozoic ophiolite complex (Fig. 2). Late Devonian porphyry Cu-Au deposits occur in a 22 km NNE-trending zone and are related to quartz monzodiorite intrusions emplaced in augite basalt lavas 98 (Khashgerel et al., 2008). The $\frac{C_u}{A_u}$ Oyu Tolgoi Cu-Au porphyries are located in the

Devonian Gurvansaihan terrane of Badarch (2002), which hosts many other South

Gobi porphyry deposits.

 The Oyu Tolgoi lithology consists of massive porphyritic augite basalt overlain by dacitic and andesitic ash flow tuff, green to red siltstone, conglomerate, carbonaceous shale and intercalated auto-brecciated basaltic lava and tuff. The nearest large outcropping felsic intrusion occurs about 3 km NW of the drilled area. Within the mineralised area, Late Devonian porphyritic quartz monzodiorite and granodiorite occur as dykes. Quartz monzodiorite bears hornblende, biotite and plagioclase; granodiorite has biotite, plagioclase and a distinctive brown aphanitic groundmass (Kirwin et al., 2005; Kavalieris and Wainwright, 2005).

 This study focuses mainly on the Hugo Dummett deposits (Fig. 3) that in plan 110 view extend for over 3 km $\frac{\text{from SW to NE}}{\text{NE}}$. The geology, alteration and mineralisation are similar at Hugo Dummett North and Hugo Dummett South (Khashgerel, 2006). Both deposits are hosted mainly by quartz monzodiorite (Kavalieris et al., 2011). The high-grade (>2.5% Cu) sulphide mineralization is associated with intense quartz veining and is comprised of bornite, chalcocite and chalcopyrite, with the dominance of bornite. Pyrite, enargite, tetrahedrite-tennantite occur in subordinate amounts, mainly in the Hugo Dummett South. The advanced argillic alteration within the tuffs is accompanied by alunite, pyrophyllite, diaspore, dickite, topaz, zunyite and fluorite (Khashgerel et al., 2008). The sulphides exhibit a zonation from a bornite-dominated core to chalcopyrite and pyrite. Au (ppm) : Cu (%) ratios throughout much of the deposit are 1:10, but in strongly quartz-veined monzodiorite intrusions and adjacent host rocks encountered at Hugo Dummett North, this increases up to 1:1. **Figures 1-3. 3. Samples** Table 1 lists 20 drill core samples of Late Devonian to Early Carboniferous

128 plutonic and volcanic rocks (stratigraphic zones D_3 to C_1) from within and around the Oyu Tolgoi Exploration Block (OTEB) chosen for this study; sample locations are 130 shown in Figures 4 and, 5. Four sub-samples were taken at different depths from two drill holes of OTD514 and OTD976. Stratigraphic column for samples collected from volcanic host rocks and intrusions is shown in Fig. 6. Appendix 1 includes a detailed mineralogical description for each of the studied samples.

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- Bremen, Germany) in high resolution mode (slit width of 16 μm). Element
- concentrations in measurement solutions for MC-ICP-MS were adjusted to required
- concentrations (200 ppb for Sr, 100 ppb for Pb and Nd) by dilution. Tl spike at 50 ppb
- was added to Pb measurement solutions for on-line mass-bias correction. Certified
- reference material of international standard NBS 981 for Pb, NBS 987 for Sr and
- Merck Nd were used to bracket the samples during the measurements. The error on
- 200 the measured isotope ratios was estimated using the long-term reproducibility of
- repeated measurements over the time of investigation. Distilled Milli-Q water

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 (Millipore Milli-Q) was used for preparation of all measurement solutions including standards, samples and procedural blanks, and solutions for the separation.

Analytical data are reported in Table 2, together with cNdt values calculated as *per mil* deviations from the contemporaneous model compositions of a chondritic 206 uniform reservoir (CHUR) using the determined or estimated age of each sample as in **Table 1**. Estimated ages for the extraction of the parent material were also calculated as follows: T_{DM} from depleted mantle according to the one-stage crustal pre-history assumed by DePaolo (1988), T_{DM} * from depleted mantle according to the two-stage 210 model of DePaolo et al. (1991).

 Hf isotope analyses were carried out at the Geochemical Analysis Unit of the GEMOC Key Centre in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Macquarie University, Australia. These analyses were performed on zircons grains dated previously by SHRIMP-II at VSEGEI, St Petersburg (Table 1). The analytical spots for the analyses were located to overlap the SHRIMP pits to avoid as far as possible any discrepancy between the U-Pb age data and Hf-isotopic data due to any within- grain age zoning or variation. It should be noted that the zircon recovery from sample OTD388 was inadequate to define an age of crystallization, and that none of the basalts yielded zircon that could be related to crystallization of the volcanic rock. Ages for these samples were assumed as indicated in Table 1. Hf-isotope analyses were carried out *in situ* with a New Wave UP 213nm laser-ablation microprobe, attached to a Nu Plasma multi-collector ICPMS. Typical 224 ablation times were $80-120$ s, resulting in pits $40-60 \mu m$ deep. The methodology and analyses of standard solutions and standard zircons are described by Griffin et al. (2000). For this work we analysed masses 172, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179 and 180

 simultaneously in Faraday cups; all analyses were carried out in static-collection 229 mode. Data were normalized to 179 Hf $^{-177}$ Hf=0.7325, using an exponential correction for mass bias. Initial setup of the instrument is done using a 1 ppm solution of 231 JMC475 Hf, which typically yields a total Hf beam of $10-14\times10^{-11}$ A.

232 Interference of Lu on 176 Hf is corrected by measuring the intensity of the 233 interference-free 175 Lu isotope and using 176 Lu^{$/175$}Lu=0.02669 (DeBievre and Taylor, 234 1993) to calculate Lu/ 177 Hf. Similarly, the interference of 176 Yb on 176 Hf has been

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contents of Sm and Nd are higher than in basaltic magmas so that the present day

isotopic compositions will largely be dominated by the crustal contribution. The

332 approximate age of such crust may be estimated from the Nd model ages (T_{DM} and

333 T_{DM} ^{*} in Table 3, which typically have uncertainties of 50-100 Ma due to limitations

in the analytical data and model parameters).

 Ma (Fig. 11b). This suggests that most of these felsic igneous rocks were derived by reworking of the Early Paleozoic or younger juvenile crust that grew by the addition of magmas derived from depleted mantle.

Figures 11 a, b.

 Pb isotopes also indicate a source with mantle-like U-Pb ratios, relatively uncontaminated by more radiogenic Pb (Fig. 12 a, b). The basalts and dacites plot closest to the estimated composition of the Devonian MORB source, whereas the plutonic igneous rocks have slightly less radiogenic Pb, consistent with a small crustal component.

Figures 12 a, b.

 Nd-Hf isotope mapping of South Gobi in the frame of the CERCAMS Altaids project is shown on Fig. 13. Some published data (square symbols) are also plotted. The map shows Nd and Hf isotope signatures of granitoid samples collected by the Altaids team from hosting and surrounding terranes of the Oyu Tolgoi porphyry district. All Oyu Tolgoi samples of this study are also plotted on the map, allowing comparison of their Nd-Hf isotope signatures with other samples from the region. It is clear that the majority of samples within the South Gobi area (i.e. to the north from the North China Craton), including the Oyu Tolgoi samples of this study, exhibit dominant juvenile signatures, indicating their origin within the extensive intra-oceanic volcanic environment.

 The positive initial Hf isotope values reported from the OTEB in conjunction with low apparent degrees of crustal contamination are paralleled in data reported

from other significant porphyry-style deposits world wide, e.g., El Teniente, Chile

(total average εHf 7.4±1.2, Muñoz et al, 2012), Mount Leyshon Igneous Complex,

Australia (range of median εHf 3.2 to 4.5, Murgulov et al, 2008), Gangdese porphyry

copper belt, Southern Tibet belt (εHf 1.8 to 9.2, Li et al, 2011), and Yulong porphyry

- system (εHf 4.6 to 6.9, Hou et al, 2011). This suggests that juvenile sources,
- regardless of tectonic setting play a significant role in the generation of fertile
- magmas required for porphyry-Cu style mineralization. As illustrated by Peytcheva et
- al. (2009) and van Dongen et al. (2010), a juvenile εHf zircon signature alone is not

469 with other regional petrological and structural data.

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471 **Figure 13**

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Appendix 1

Figure Captions

Permian to Triassic magmatic arc

Devonian to Carboniferous (to Permian) magmatic arc

Lower to Mid Palaeozoic turbidite basin

Ophiolites

Neoproterozoic to Lower Palaeozoic magmatic arc

Collage of terranes composed of Neoproterozoic to Lower Palaeozoic magmatic arc rocks, back- and forearc basins and accretinary wedges, shelf sediments, ophiolites and Mesoto Neoproterozoic metamorphics

Gurvansayhan Terrane

Major fault zone and sense of movement

Major thrust zone and sense of movement

Figure 1

Fig 2

Carboniferous to Permian felsic intrusive rocks

Carboniferous layered pyroclastic, intrusive and sedimentary rocks

Devonian basaltic to intermediate volcanic and volcaniclastic rocks

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Location and name of blind or sub-cropping orebody

Fault, inferred fault and thrust

10 kilimetres

Frigure 3

Late basalt dyke Carboniferous quartz-monzodiorite and granodiorite

Undifferentiated Devonian to Carboniferous syn- to post-mineral intrusive rocks

Late rhyolite dyke

Laminated siltstones with Carboniferous plant fossils

Late Devonian to Lower Carboniferous Upper sedimentary-volcanic sequence

Basalt andesite tuff and overlying basaltic tuff, conglomerate, sandstone and coal

Mid to Late Devonian Lower sedimentaryvolcanic sequence

Dacitic to andesitic ash-flow tuffs

Undifferentiated andesitic and basaltic volcanoclastic rocks

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Augite basalt lava flows and breccias

High angle fault and thrust with sense of movement

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Fig 13

1 – Preferred crystallisation age, 2 – minimum age, supported from other geological and geochronological

data, 3 – the estimated ages of the basalts are inferred from their stratigraphic position

and by comparison with the dated dacites; the age for OTRCD 388 is also assumed.

Table 2

Table 3

Sm, Nd, Rb and Sr contents taken from the geochemial analyses (Table 2). All ages in Ma

Tdm= one-stage (linear) DM age, essentially the same as DePaolo, Nature, 1981

Tdm*= variable crust Sm/Nd multistage after DePaolo, Linn and Schubert, JGR, 1991

Assumed parameters:

147Sm/144Nd CHUR= 0.1967; 143Nd/144Nd CHUR= 0.512638

147Sm/144Nd DM= 0.222; 143Nd/144Nd DM= 0.513114

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Sample Grain/Spot	Age Ma	176 Hf/ 177 Hf	$2\,\mathrm{se}$	176 Lu/ 177 Hf	176 Yb/ 177 Hf	$^{176}Hf/^{177}Hf_t$	eHft	2se	T_{DM}	$T_{DM}^{\quad c}$
EGD001(75) Granodiorite										
$\#$	358	0.282947	0.000028	0.001120	0.034039	0.282939	13.8	1.0	434	482
$2 - 1$	342	0.282975	0.000024	0.000962	0.026533	0.282969	14.5	0.8	392	425
$2 - 2*$	179	0.282973	0.000028	0.001950	0.062927	0.282966	10.8	1.0	406	536
$3 - 1$	348	0.282930	0.000034	0.001793	0.047955	0.282918	12.8	1.2	467	537
$3 - 2$	347	0.283004	0.000038	0.001556	0.045430	0.282994	15.5	1.3	357	365
$4 - 1$	367	0.282913	0.000022	0.001144	0.035847	0.282905	12.8	0.8	483	555
$4 - 2$	347	0.282941	0.000030	0.001384	0.039721	0.282932	13.3	1.1	446	506
$5 - 1$	343	0.283024	0.000028	0.001428	0.045250	0.283015	16.1	1.0	327	319
$5 - 1$	352	0.283006	0.000044	0.001949	0.064825	0.282993	15.6	1.5	358	363
$6 - 1$	337	0.282915	0.000024	0.000963	0.030032	0.282909	12.3	0.8	478	566
$7-1$	345	0.282943	0.000042	0.000720	0.022334	0.282938	13.5	1.5	435	493
$8 - 1$	351	0.282940	0.000030	0.001082	0.033313	0.282933	13.4	1.1	444	502
OTD514(1631.2-1631.7) Biotite granodiorite										
$1 - 1$	371	0.282861	0.000018	0.000907	0.02096	0.282855	11.1	0.6	553	667
$2 - 1*$	514	0.282405	0.000019	0.000756	0.02226	0.282398	-1.9	0.7	1190	1610
$3-1$	362	0.282922	0.000026	0.001366	0.03158	0.282913	12.9	0.9	473	541
$4 - 1$	380	0.282896	0.000040	0.002061	0.03968	0.282881	12.2	1.4	520	601
$5 - 1$	368	0.282919	0.000019	0.001929	0.04516	0.282906	12.8	0.7	484	553
$6 - 1$	371	0.282898	0.000019	0.001588	0.04391	0.282887	12.2	0.7	510	594
$7 - 1$	395	0.282915	0.000020	0.000987	0.02624	0.282908	13.5	0.7	478	531
$8-1$	374	0.282899	0.000020	0.001372	0.03800	0.282889	12.4	0.7	506	586
EGRDC066(172) Dacite										
$1-1$	372	0.282920	0.000026	0.000988	0.027727	0.282913	13.2	0.9	471	533
$2 - 1$	374	0.282904	0.000018	0.000487	0.013837	0.282901	12.8	0.6	487	561
$3-1$	384	0.282898	0.000032	0.001593	0.040817	0.282887	12.5	1.1	510	586
$4 - 1$	353	0.282845	0.000028	0.001810	0.050008	0.282833	9.9	1.0	590	728
$5 - 1$	363	0.282887	0.000022	0.000973	0.027289	0.282880	11.8	0.8	518	614
$6 - 1$	363	0.282867	0.000032	0.001411	0.031149	0.282857	11.0	1.1	552	666
$7-1$	396	0.282890	0.000030	0.000967	0.026329	0.282883	12.6	1.1	513	587
$8 - 1$	406	0.282937	0.000030	0.001060	0.027155	0.282929	14.5	1.1	448	475
$9 - 1$	366	0.282940	0.000026	0.000638	0.017412	0.282936	13.8	0.9	438	486
$10-1$	346	0.282905	0.000019	0.000857	0.023267	0.282899	12.1	0.7	490	581
$11 - 1$	382	0.282900	0.000022	0.001242	0.026441	0.282891	12.6	$0.8\,$	503	577
$12 - 1$	374	0.282925	0.000032	0.001528	0.041416	0.282914	13.3	1.1	471	529
OTD1218(1048-1048.8) Dacite										
$1 - 1$	344	0.282929	0.000032	0.001473	0.045817	0.282920	12.8	1.1	464	537
$2 - 1$	367	0.282983	0.000032	0.003209	0.075023	0.282961	14.8	1.1	405	427
$3-1$	362	0.282911	0.000028	0.001954	0.044489	0.282898	12.4	1.0	496	575
$4 - 1$	356	0.282955	0.000028	0.001645	0.050147	0.282944	13.9	1.0	429	473
$5 - 1$	354	0.282961	0.000034	0.002700	0.085581	0.282943	13.8	1.2	432	477
$6 - 1$	373	0.282925	0.000034	0.001130	0.033764	0.282917	13.3	1.2	466	524
$7 - 1$	352	0.282858	0.000034	0.002238	0.062646	0.282843	10.3	1.2	578	706
$8 - 1$	373	0.282950	0.000024	0.002148	0.065627	0.282935	14.0	0.8	442	483

¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf_t, εHf and T_{DM} are calculated using the ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U age of grain; ages in Ma.

 T_{DM}^C (crustal) is calculated using a two-stage evolution assuming a mean $^{176}Lu^{177}Hf$ ratio of crust = 0.015.

* Data rejected as ages are anomalous

Table 5. Pb isotopes

Appendix 1

