



## A REVIEW OF EARLY PERMIAN (300–270 MA) MAGMATISM IN EASTERN KAZAKHSTAN AND IMPLICATIONS FOR PLATE TECTONICS AND PLUME INTERPLAY

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**Abstract:** The history of the Central Asian Orogenic Belt (CAOB) was marked by several major events of magmatism which produced large volumes of volcanic and intrusive (mafic-ultramafic and granitic) rocks within a relatively short time span (30–40 Ma) over a vast area. The magmatic activity postdated the orogenic stages of accretionary-collisional belts in Central Asia and likely resulted from the impact of mantle plumes that formed Large Igneous Provinces (LIPs). The formation of the Tarim–South Mongolia LIP at 300–270 Ma is the best known among the major Permian events of basaltic and granitic magmatism. Early Permian igneous rocks (volcanic, subvolcanic and intrusive suites that vary from ultramafic to felsic compositions) of the same age range (300 to 270 Ma) have been recently found also in Eastern Kazakhstan, within the late Paleozoic Altai collisional system. The compositions and ages of the rocks suggest that the Eastern Kazakhstan magmatism was the northward expansion of the Tarim LIP. The spread of the Tarim LIP was apparently facilitated by lithospheric extension after the Siberia–Kazakhstan collision. The extension led to rheological weakening of the lithosphere whereby deep mantle melts could penetrate to shallower depths. The early Permian history of Eastern Kazakhstan was controlled by the interplay of plate tectonic and plume processes: plate-tectonic accretion and collision formed the structural framework, and the Tarim mantle plume was a heat source maintaining voluminous magma generation.

**Key words:** Central Asian Orogenic Belt; post-orogenic magmatism; Tarim mantle plume; mantle-crust interaction

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# РАННЕПЕРМСКИЙ (300–270 МЛН ЛЕТ) МАГМАТИЗМ ВОСТОЧНОГО КАЗАХСТАНА КАК РЕЗУЛЬТАТ СОЧЕТАНИЯ ПЛЕЙТ- И ПЛЮМ-ТЕКТОНИЧЕСКИХ ФАКТОРОВ

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**Аннотация:** В истории развития крупнейшего Центрально-Азиатского складчатого пояса (ЦАСП) выявлены несколько периодов крупномасштабной эндогенной активности, характеризующихся проявлениями значительных объемов вулканических и интрузивных (как базитовых, так и гранитоидных) пород на обширных территориях в сравнительно короткие временные интервалы (30–40 млн лет). Эти вспышки магматической активности обычно происходят после завершения аккреционно-коллизийных процессов в складчатых системах и рассматриваются как результат воздействия мантийных плюмов на литосферу – крупные изверженные провинции. Одним из ярких примеров является Тарим-Южномонгольская крупная изверженная провинция (300–270 млн лет назад), характеризующаяся широким развитием базитового и гранитоидного магматизма в западной части ЦАСП. Исследования последних лет показали, что в Восточном Казахстане, в пределах Алтайской коллизийной системы герцинид, широко распространены как базитовые, так и гранитоидные комплексы раннепермского возраста (300–270 млн лет). В приведенном кратком обзоре показано, что особенности состава и условия формирования этих магматических ассоциаций позволяют рассматривать их как результат северо-западного распространения влияния Таримской крупной изверженной провинции. Распространение этого термического возмущения в литосфере, по-видимому, стало возможным благодаря посторогенному растяжению после коллизии Сибирского и Казахстанского континентов. Реологическое ослабление литосферы позволило глубинным расплавам проникать в литосферную мантию, образовав крупные очаги базитовых магм. Таким образом, современный геологический облик и металлогеническая специфика территории Восточного Казахстана является результатом плейт-тектонических процессов посторогенного растяжения на фоне повышенного термического градиента в мантии, вызванного активностью Таримского мантийного плюма.

**Ключевые слова:** Центрально-Азиатский складчатый пояс; посторогенный магматизм; Таримский плюм; мантийно-коровое взаимодействие

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Central Asian Orogenic Belt (CAOB) is the largest accretionary structure in the Earth's history, also known as Altaids [Sengör et al., 1993], formed by closure of the Paleoasian Ocean. The Altaid tectonic collage includes numerous terranes of different origin amalgamated by multiple accretionary and collisional events in tectonic settings changing from compression to extension and shear [Sengör et al., 1993; Dobretsov, 2003; Windley et al., 2007; Levashova et al., 2009; Xiao et al., 2010; Xiao, Santosh, 2014]. Its history included several major events of magmatism which produced significant volumes of volcanic and intrusive (mafic-ultramafic and granitic) rocks in a relatively short time span (30–40 Ma) over a large area. The magmatic activity postdated the orogenic stages in the evolution of accretionary-collision systems. From the viewpoints of plate tectonics, the post-orogenic magmatism is caused by post-orogenic lithospheric extension as a result of

its delamination [Xiao et al., 2008; Xiao, Santosh, 2014; Konopelko et al., 2018] or results from active transtensional strike-slip tectonics accompanied by upwelling of the asthenosphere [Seltmann et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2014] or breaking of subducted oceanic plate (slab break-off) [Konopelko et al., 2017]. The alternative viewpoint for large-scale magmatism in accretionary-collision systems is the impact of mantle plumes. The plume activity leading to the formation of Large Igneous Provinces (LIPs) [Ernst et al., 2005; Bryan, Ernst, 2008; Ernst, 2014] can account for a number of Paleozoic magmatic events in CAOB: (1) early Paleozoic, with a late Cambrian – early Ordovician LIP in the Altai, Sayan and Western Mongolia regions [Izokh et al., 2010; Dobretsov, 2011; Vladimirov et al., 2013]; (2) middle Paleozoic, with a Devonian LIP in the Minusa basin and the Vilyui rift in East Siberia [Vorontsov et al., 2013; Kiselev et al., 2014]; and (3) late Paleozoic, with Permian LIPs in Central Asia. Large-scale mafic and granitoid magmatism in Permian time produced the

Tarim–South Mongolia LIP at 300–270 Ma [Zhang *et al.*, 2010; Wei *et al.*, 2014; Xu *et al.*, 2014; Yu *et al.*, 2017]; the Barguzin LIP at 330–280 Ma [Kuzmin, Yarmolyuk, 2014; Yarmolyuk *et al.*, 2014]; and the Khangai LIP at 270–245 Ma [Yarmolyuk *et al.*, 2014] (Fig. 1).

The Tarim – South Mongolia Province is the largest area of diverse late Paleozoic magmatism in Central Asia, with voluminous continental flood basalts and other volcanic rocks found within the Tarim continental block [Yu *et al.*, 2011; Li *et al.*, 2014, 2017]. As confirmed by recent studies, the Tarim LIP spreads over the regions of South Mongolia [Kozlovsky *et al.*, 2015], Chinese Altai [Zhang *et al.*, 2014], North-Western Xinjiang [Pirajno *et al.*, 2011; Gao *et al.*, 2014], and Tien Shan [Seltmann *et al.*, 2011], as well as into Eastern Kazakhstan.

## 2. LATE PALEOZOIC ALTAI ACCRETIONARY-COLLISIONAL SYSTEM

Eastern Kazakhstan is part of the Altai collisional system in the western Central Asian Orogenic Belt. The system formed in late Paleozoic as a result of an oblique collision of Siberia with the Kazakhstan composite terrane [Vladimirov *et al.*, 2003, 2008; Xiao *et al.*, 2010]. In Devonian through early Carboniferous time, the paleocontinents of Siberia and Kazakhstan were separated by the Ob'-Zaisan oceanic basin (a fragment of the western Paleasian Ocean) with subduction involving continental blocks (Rudny-Altai and Zharmasaur terranes) on its margins. Remnant oceanic crust and subduction-related sedimentary and volcanic rocks can be found as numerous fault blocks within the Central part of Altai collisional system [Safonova *et al.*, 2012, 2018]. Collisional crust thickening and orogeny show up in the presence of late Carboniferous continental molasse with basal conglomerates in several intermontane basins (Fig. 2). The post-orogenic (latest Carboniferous – earliest Permian) tectonic activity occurred mainly as strike-slip motions [Buslov, 2011].

The igneous rocks of Eastern Kazakhstan, including various ultramafic to felsic volcanic, subvolcanic and intrusive suites, were studied in detail in the 1970s [Shcherba *et al.*, 1976, 1998; Ermolov *et al.*, 1977, 1983; Lopatnikov *et al.*, 1982]. Variations in their forms and compositions allow suggesting their origin at different evolution stages, from the early Carboniferous to the Triassic. The studies of magmatism in Eastern Kazakhstan remained suspended in the 1990s – 2000s, until we resumed the work in 2005 at a more advanced level. Since then, a wealth of data has been obtained on the compositions and ages of igneous rocks in the region, which bracket the magmatic activity between 300 and 270 Ma, or within the early Permian (Fig. 2). The results from some units have been reported in recent

publications [Khromykh *et al.*, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017a, 2017b, 2018]. In this paper, we present a brief overview of the obtained data with implications for post-collisional processes in the region.

## 3. VOLCANIC BASINS AND STRUCTURES (297–290 MA)

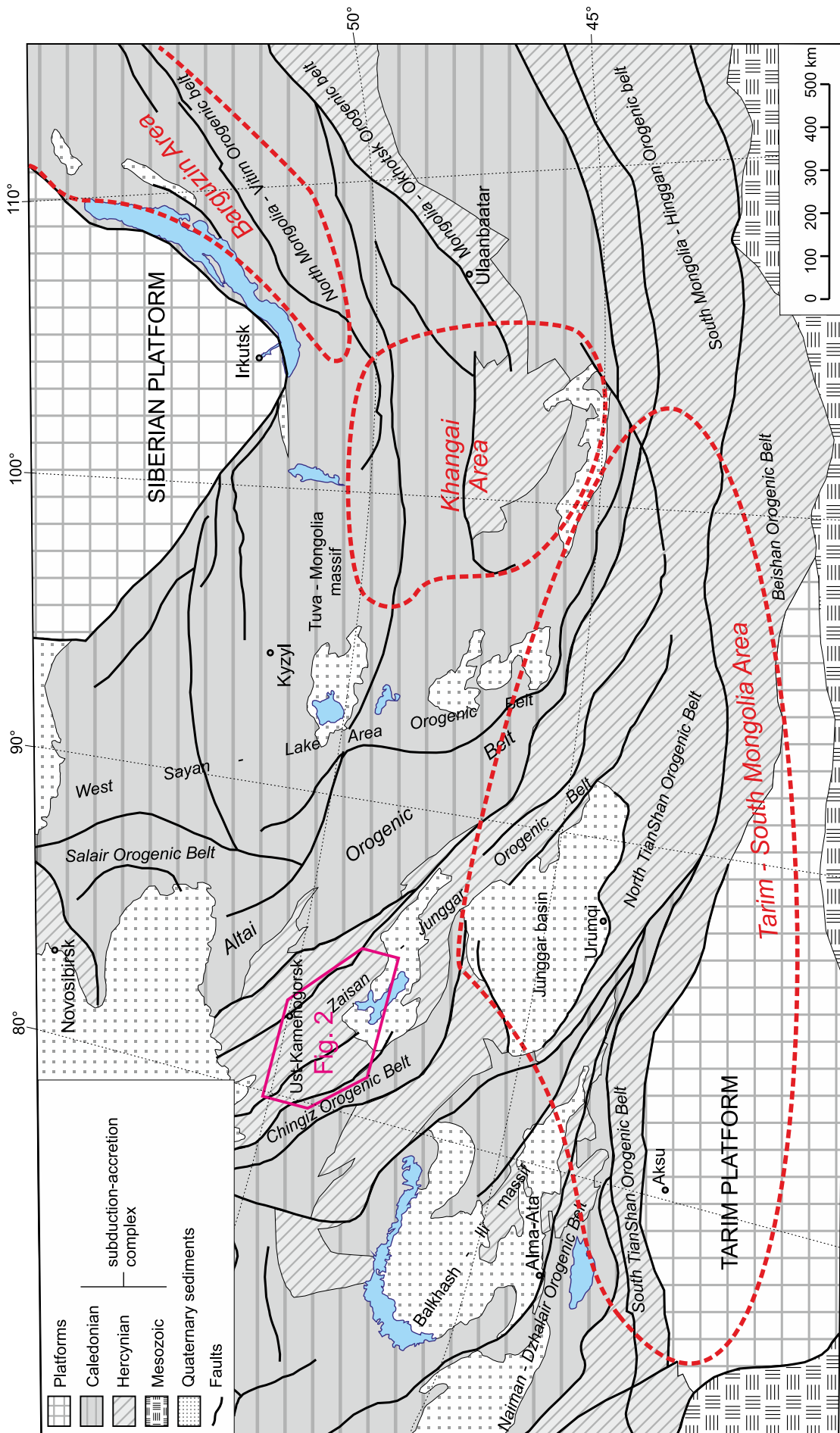
There are several volcanic basins filled with subalkaline basalts, basaltic andesites and andesites in the central part of the studied region (Fig. 2) and some basins filled with dacites and rhyolites in the southeastern areas. Some basins contain also small subvolcanic bodies of andesite and dacite porphyries.

Mafic volcanic rocks contain relatively high alkalis (Na<sub>2</sub>O+K<sub>2</sub>O from 3.2 to 9.2 wt. %), potassium (K<sub>2</sub>O up to 4.9 wt. %), alumina (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> from 14 to 23 wt. %), phosphorus (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> up to 1 wt. %) and titanium (TiO<sub>2</sub> up to 1.5 wt. %), as well as Ba, Zr and LREE (Fig. 3, *a–d*). Trachydacites from the Daubai and Tyureshoke basins have LA-ICP-MS U-Pb zircon ages of 297±1 Ma and 290±4 Ma, respectively (Fig 3, *e–f*). Felsic volcanics in some basins coexist with subvolcanic garnet dacites and clinopyroxene andesites derived from magmas that were generated in the lower crust at ~10 kbar and 1000 to 1200 °C by partial melting of the crustal substrate under the effect of hot mantle melts [Khromykh *et al.*, 2011].

## 4. SUBALKALINE GABBRO AND PICRITES (293–280 MA)

There are about fifty small intrusions that consist of gabbro, or gabbro and picrites (Fig. 4) and belong to the (1) Argimбай plagioclase-gabbro (older) and (2) Maksut gabbro-picrite (younger) complexes. The Argimбай gabbro was dated at 293±2 Ma by the SHRIMP-II U-Pb method on zircons. The Maksut gabbro and picrites have an Ar-Ar age of 280±3 Ma on biotite (3 samples from 3 different intrusions) and amphibole (1 sample from the Maksut intrusion) [Khromykh *et al.*, 2013].

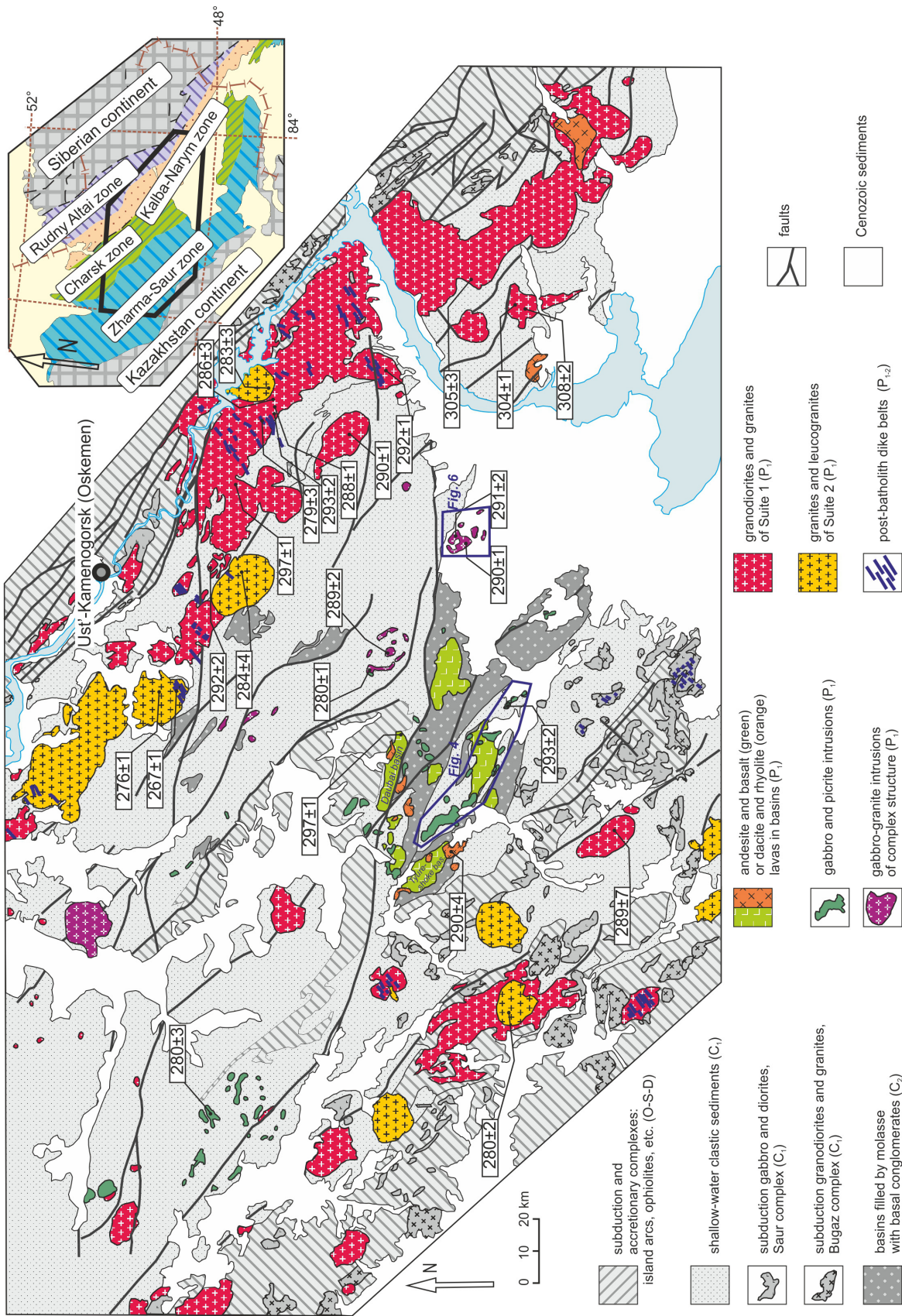
Both the Argimбай gabbroic rocks and the Maksut picrites have high contents of alkalis (5.2 to 7.8 wt. % and 2 to 5 wt. % Na<sub>2</sub>O+K<sub>2</sub>O in the two complexes, respectively), relatively high potassium (up to 2.8 wt. % and 1.3 wt. % K<sub>2</sub>O, respectively) and phosphorus (to 0.8 wt. % and 0.3 wt. % P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, respectively). The Argimбай gabbro typically contain up to 1000 ppm LREE and Ba, 980 ppm Sr, 350 ppm Zr, and 25 ppm Rb. The concentrations of trace and rare-earth elements in the Maksut picrodolerite and picrite are lower than in the Argimбай gabbro but higher than in ultramafic rocks (up to 280 ppm Ba, 830 ppm Sr, 110 ppm Zr, and 8 ppm Rb) (Fig. 5). Mineralization in the two complexes [Mekhonoshin *et al.*, 2017] consists of Ti (Argimбай



**Fig. 1.** Simplified tectonics of the Central Asian Orogenic Belt (after [Windley et al., 2007; Levashova et al., 2009; Xiao et al., 2010]) and location of Permian Large Igneous Provinces (after [Yarmolyuk et al., 2014]).

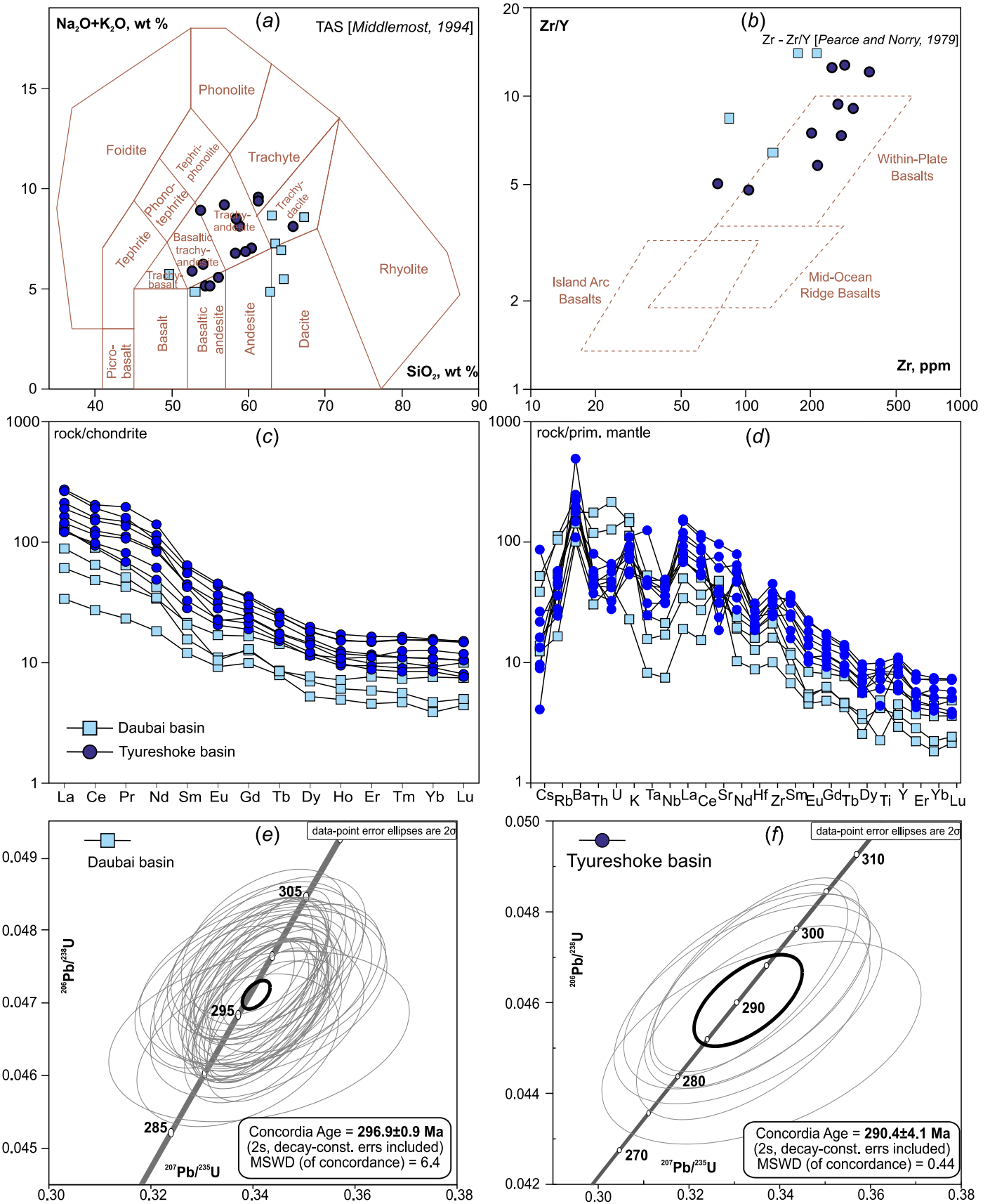
**Рис. 1.** Упрощенная тектоническая схема Центрально-Азиатского складчатого пояса (по [Windley et al., 2007; Levashova et al., 2009; Xiao et al., 2010]) и пермских крупных изверженных провинций (по [Yarmolyuk et al., 2014]).





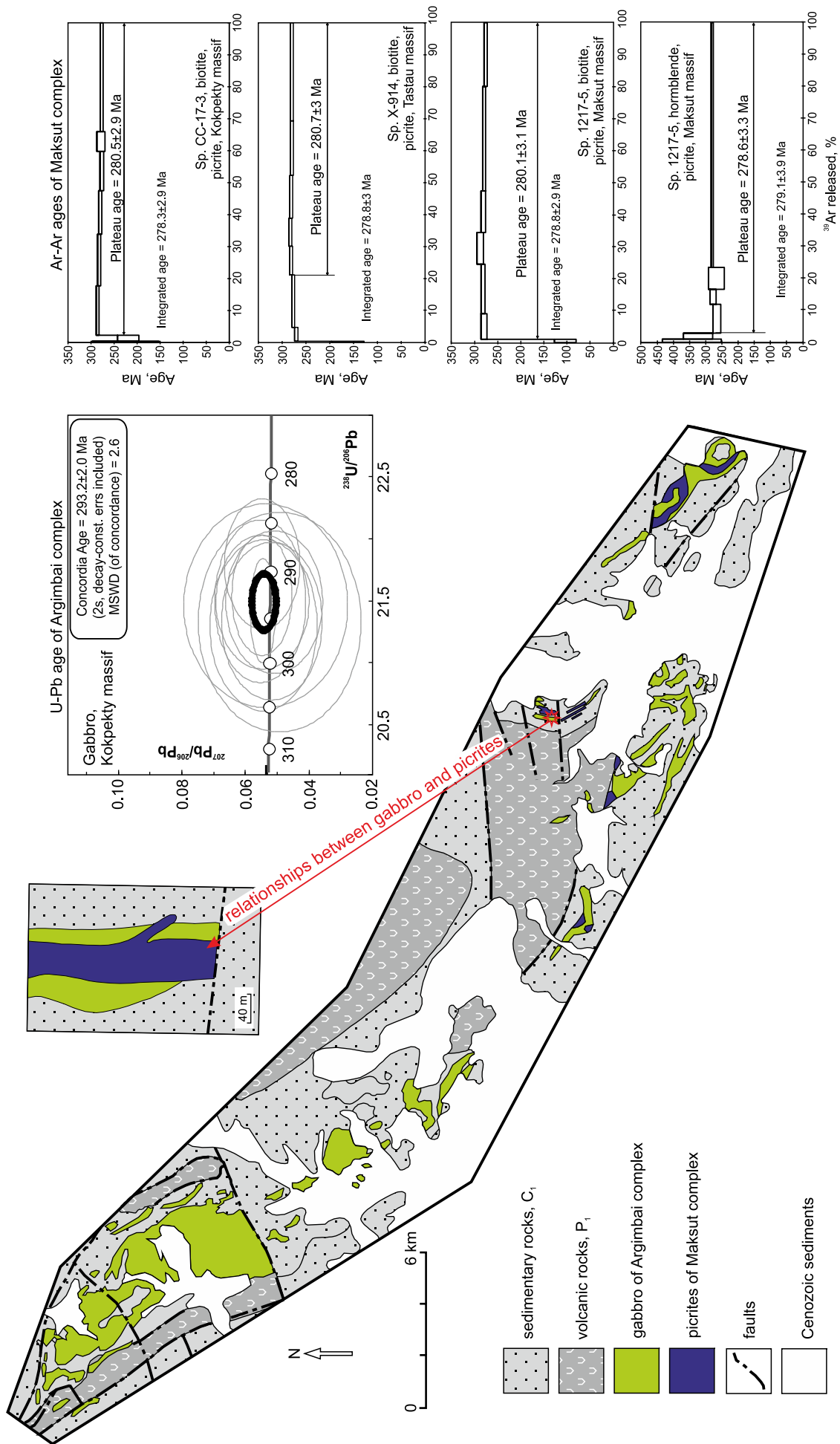
**Fig 2.** Sketch map of the central part of Altai collisional system (Eastern Kazakhstan), after [Khromykh et al., 2017b]. Subduction-accretion-collision complexes are in gray shades; post-orogenic magmatic complexes are coloured.

**Рис. 2.** Расположение посторогенных магматических комплексов (выделены цветом) на схеме геологического строения центральной части Алтайской коллизийной системы (Восточный Казахстан), по [Khromykh et al., 2017b]. Предшествующие геологические комплексы аккреционно-коллизийной стадии показаны серым фоном.



**Fig. 3.** Basalts and andesites from volcanic basins in the TAS (a) and Zr-Zr/Y (b) diagrams; REE (c) and trace-element (d) compositions of volcanic rocks; U-Pb ages of andesite from the Daubai basin (e) and dacite from the Tyureshoke basin (f).

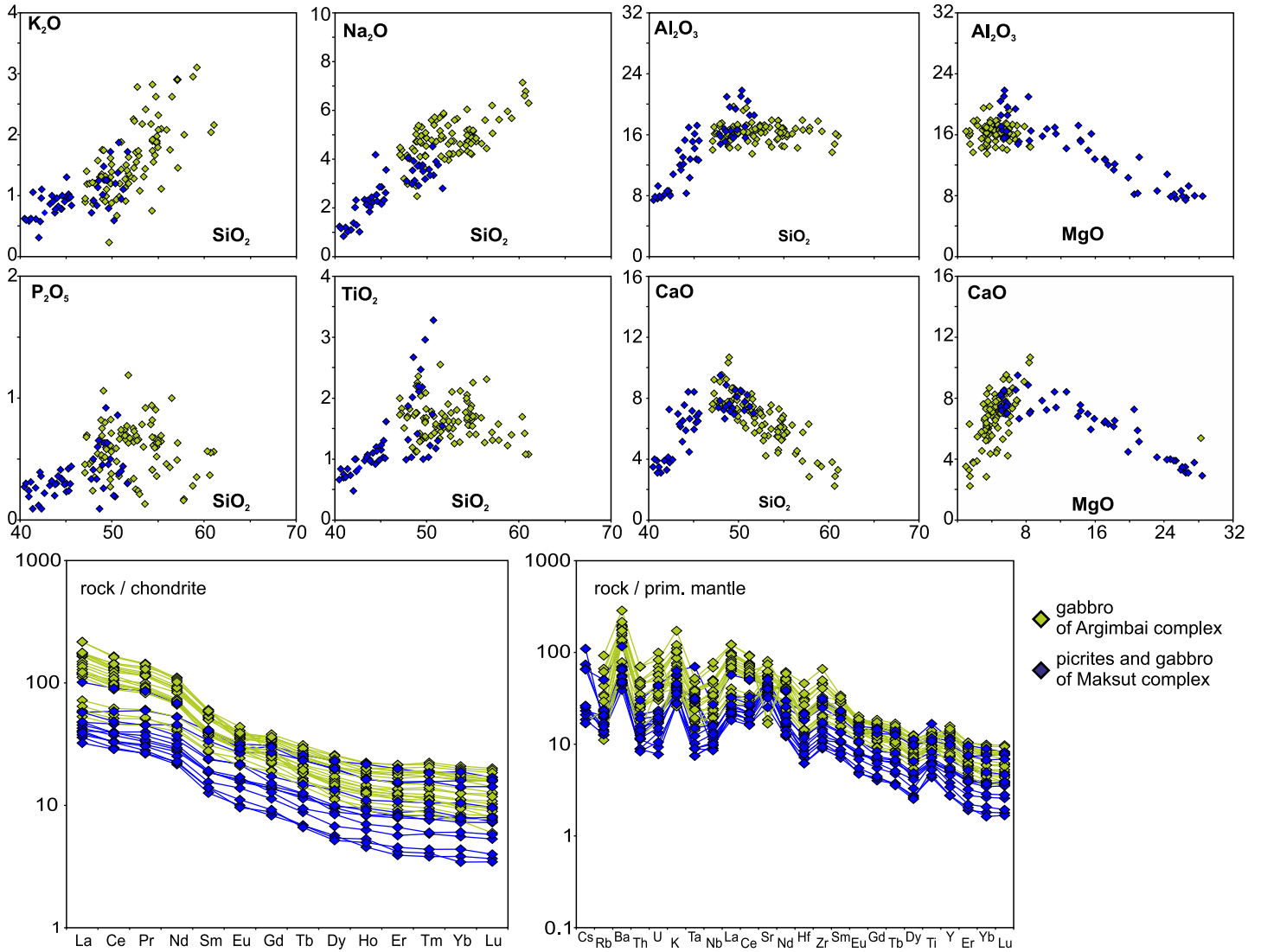
**Рис. 3.** Составы базальтов и андезитов из вулканических прогибов на классификационных диаграммах TAS (a) и Zr-Zr/Y (b); спектры распределения РЗЭ (c) и мультиэлементные спектры (d) для вулканических пород; U-Pb диаграммы с конкордией для цирконов из андезитов Даубайского прогиба (e) и из дацитов Тюрешокинского прогиба (f).



**Fig. 4.** Simplified geology of the Argimбай intrusive area [Khromykh et al., 2013], and ages of gabbro and picrites of the Argimбай and Maksut complexes.

**Рис. 4.** Схема геологического строения Аргимбайского интрузивного пояса [Khromykh et al., 2013] и результаты определения возраста для габбро и пикритов аргимбайского и максутского комплексов.





**Fig. 5.** Compositions of the Argimбай gabbro and the Maksut picrites and gabbro.

**Рис. 5.** Составы габбро аргимбайского комплекса, габбро и пикритов максутского комплекса.

gabbro) and Cu-Ni sulfides and precious metals (Maksut picrites). The intrusions similar in composition, age and mineralization are manifested in the south-eastern extension of these complexes, in Chinese Altai (Kalatongke) and East Tianshan (Huangshan-Jing and others) [Polyakov et al., 2008; Pirajno et al., 2011].

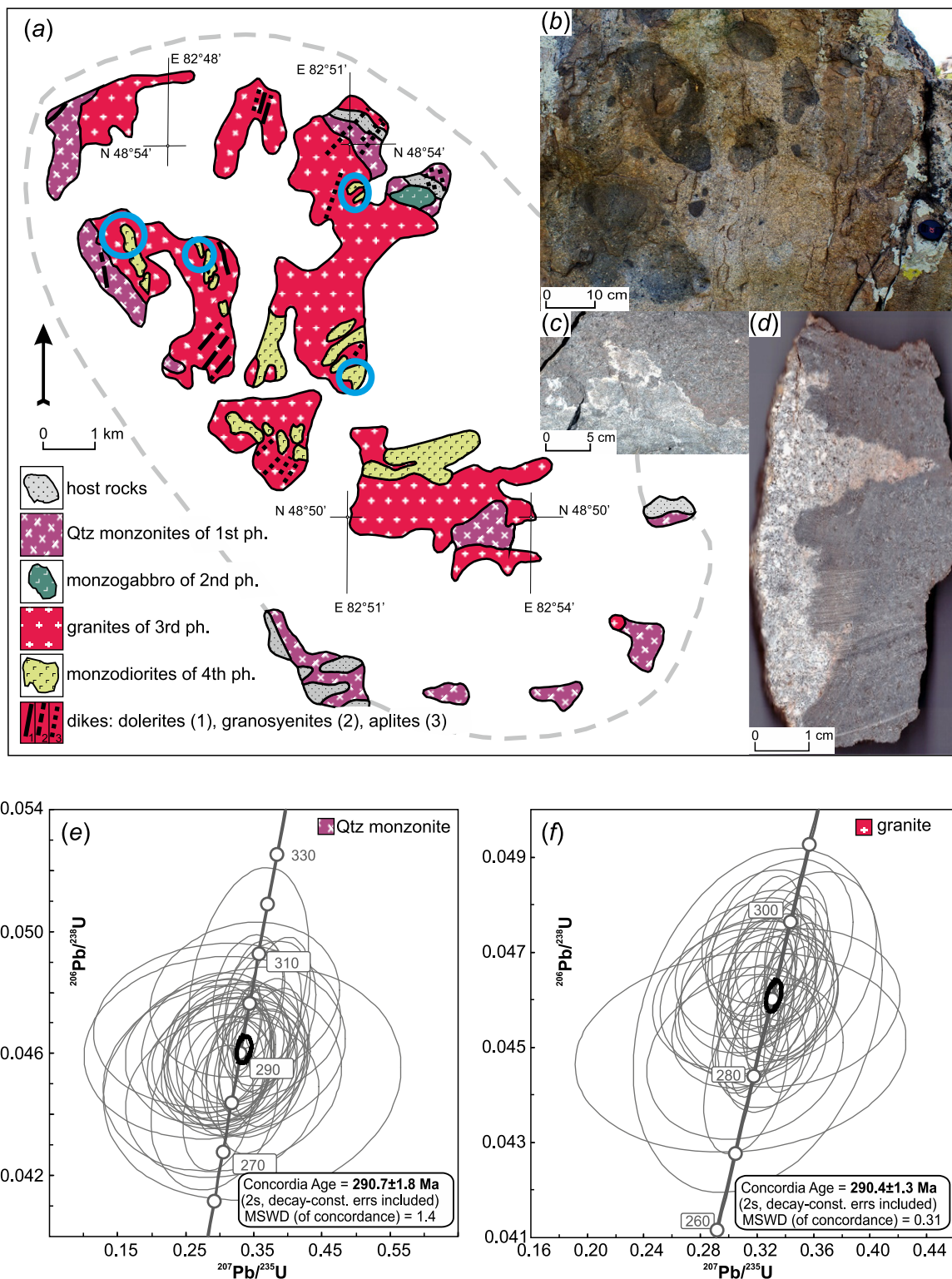
**5. COMPLEX GABBRO-GRANITE INTRUSIONS (290–280 MA)**

Some gabbro-granite intrusions (Preobrazhenka, Tastau and Delbegetei) that occur among metasedimentary and metavolcanic rocks in the central part of Eastern Kazakhstan have a complex structure. They are as large as 100 to 300 km<sup>2</sup> and isometric in plan view. The best documented Preobrazhenka intrusion (Fig. 6) comprises both mafic and granitic lithologies: (i) dolerite

(Ol+OPx+CPx+Pl+Bt), biotite gabbro (Pl+CPx+Bt±Amp), and monzodiorite (Pl+Amp+Bt±CPx) and (ii) Qtz monzonite (Pl+Kfs+OPx+Amp+Bt+Qtz), granosyenite (Pl+Kfs+Qtz+Amp+Bt), granite (Qtz+Pl+Kfs+Bt+Amp) and leucogranite (Qtz+Pl+Kfs±Bt±Grt) lithologies, respectively. The rocks of the two groups formed separately by differentiation of mafic and granitic parent magmas, which intruded synchronously, as evidenced by the presence of mingling structures (Fig. 6, b–d) [Khromykh et al., 2017a, 2018]. The Preobrazhenka intrusion was dated at 290±2 Ma (LA-ICP-MS zircon U-Pb, Qtz monzonite) and 290±1 Ma (LA-ICP-MS zircon U-Pb, granite) (Fig. 6, e–f). The Tastau granodiorites and granosyenites have LA-ICP-MS zircon U-Pb ages of 289±2 and 280±1 Ma, respectively [Khromykh et al., 2018].

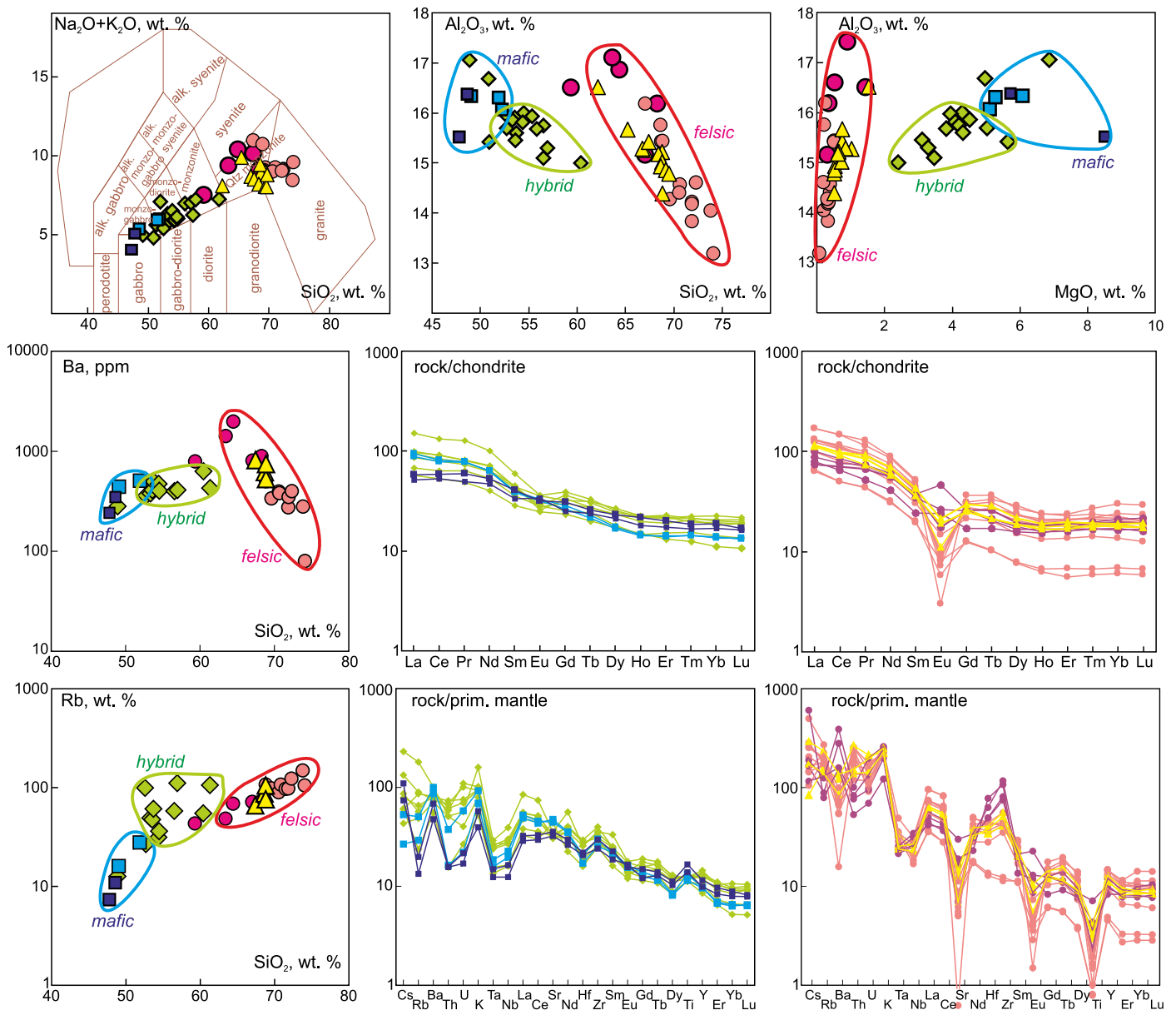
The Preobrazhenka mafic and granitic rocks have independent composition trends in binary diagrams





**Fig. 6.** (a) – simplified geology of the Preobrazhenka gabbro-granite intrusion [Khromykh et al., 2017a, 2018]. Blue circles mark mingling relations between granosyenite (phase 3) and monzodiorite (phase 4). (b–d) – photographs illustrating relationships between igneous rocks: monzodiorite (dark gray) and porphyritic granosyenite (light gray) nodules in granite of phase 3 (b); contact of monzodiorite and porphyritic granosyenite in an outcrop photo (c) and in the photo of a sample (d); U-Pb ages of Qtz monzonite of phase 1 (e) and granite of phase 3 (f).

**Рис. 6.** (a) – схема геологического строения Преображенского габбро-гранитного массива [Khromykh et al., 2017a, 2018]. Голубыми кружками отмечены места проявления минглинг-взаимоотношений между граносиенитами 3-й фазы и монцодиоритами 4-й фазы. (b–d) – фотографии, иллюстрирующие взаимоотношения магматических пород: нодулы монцодиоритов (темно-серые) и порфировидных граносиенитов (светло-серые) в гранитах 3-й фазы (b); контакт монцодиоритов и порфировидных граносиенитов в обнажении (c) и на срезе образца (d); U-Pb диаграммы с конкордией для цирконов из кварцевых монцонитов 1-й фазы (e) и из гранитов 3-й фазы (f).



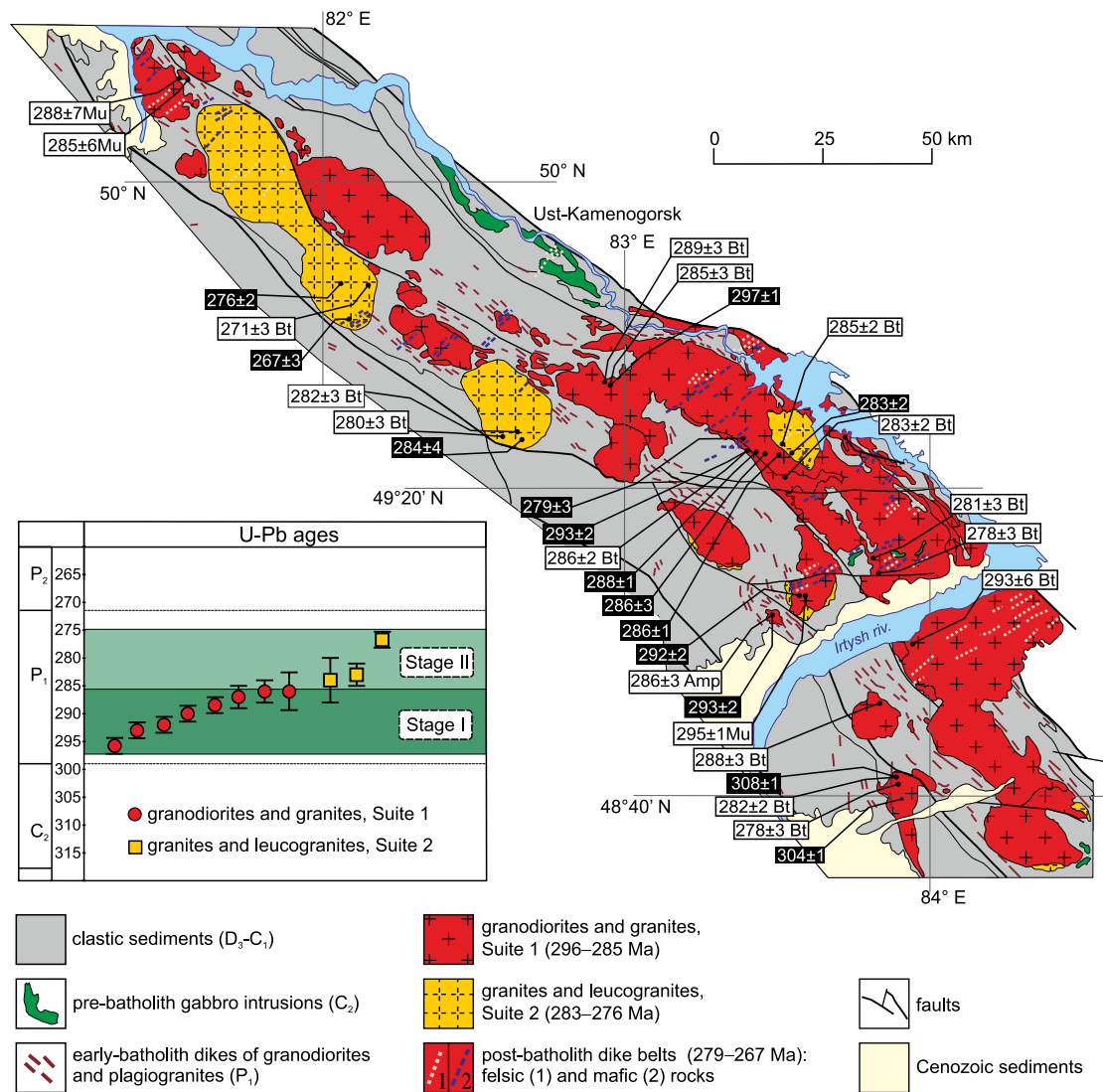
**Fig. 7.** Composition of the mafic (dolerite and gabbro), felsic (Qtz monzonite, granosyenite and granite) and hybrid (monzodiorite) rocks from the Preobrazhenka intrusion.

**Рис. 7.** Состав базитовых (долериты и габбро), кислых (Кв монзониты, граносиениты и граниты) и гибридных (монзодиориты) пород из Преображенского массива.

(Fig. 7) and show distinct dissimilarity in the contents of  $Al_2O_3$ , MgO, CaO and Rb, Ba, Zr, La, and Eu. Mafic subalkaline rocks have high alkali contents, with  $K_2O$  up to 2 wt. % in gabbro and 2.5 wt. % in diorite, LREE higher than HREE, and relatively high Ba, K, Ti, Zr, and Sr. Granitic rocks are likewise rather rich in alkalis (3 to 6 wt. %  $K_2O$ ); the contents of  $Al_2O_3$ , FeO,  $TiO_2$ , MgO, CaO, Ba, Sr, and Eu decrease progressively from monzonite to granite and leucogranite.

The detailed petrological studies of the Preobrazhenka rocks showed that mafic lithologies were derived from trachybasaltic magma by fractionation and contamination with crustal anatectic melts, while the

granitic lithologies result from melting of the lower or middle crust under a thermal impact of hot mafic magma. The origin of the intrusion was explained [Khromykh et al., 2018] in the context of interaction between mafic magma and granitic anatectic melts at different depths. This interaction led to reciprocal contamination of the mafic and felsic magmas and formation of Qtz-bearing monzogabbro and Qtz monzonite at the lower-crust level, but mingling structures formed at the middle-crust level where chemical mixing was minor; in the upper crust, mafic magmas did not interact with granitic material and formed a few dikes only.



**Fig. 8.** Simplified geology of the Kalba-Narym batholith, and the results of U-Pb (black squares) and Ar-Ar (white squares) isotopic dating [Kotler *et al.*, 2015; Khromykh *et al.*, 2016]. Inset shows the U-Pb ages of granitic samples of suites 1 and 2.

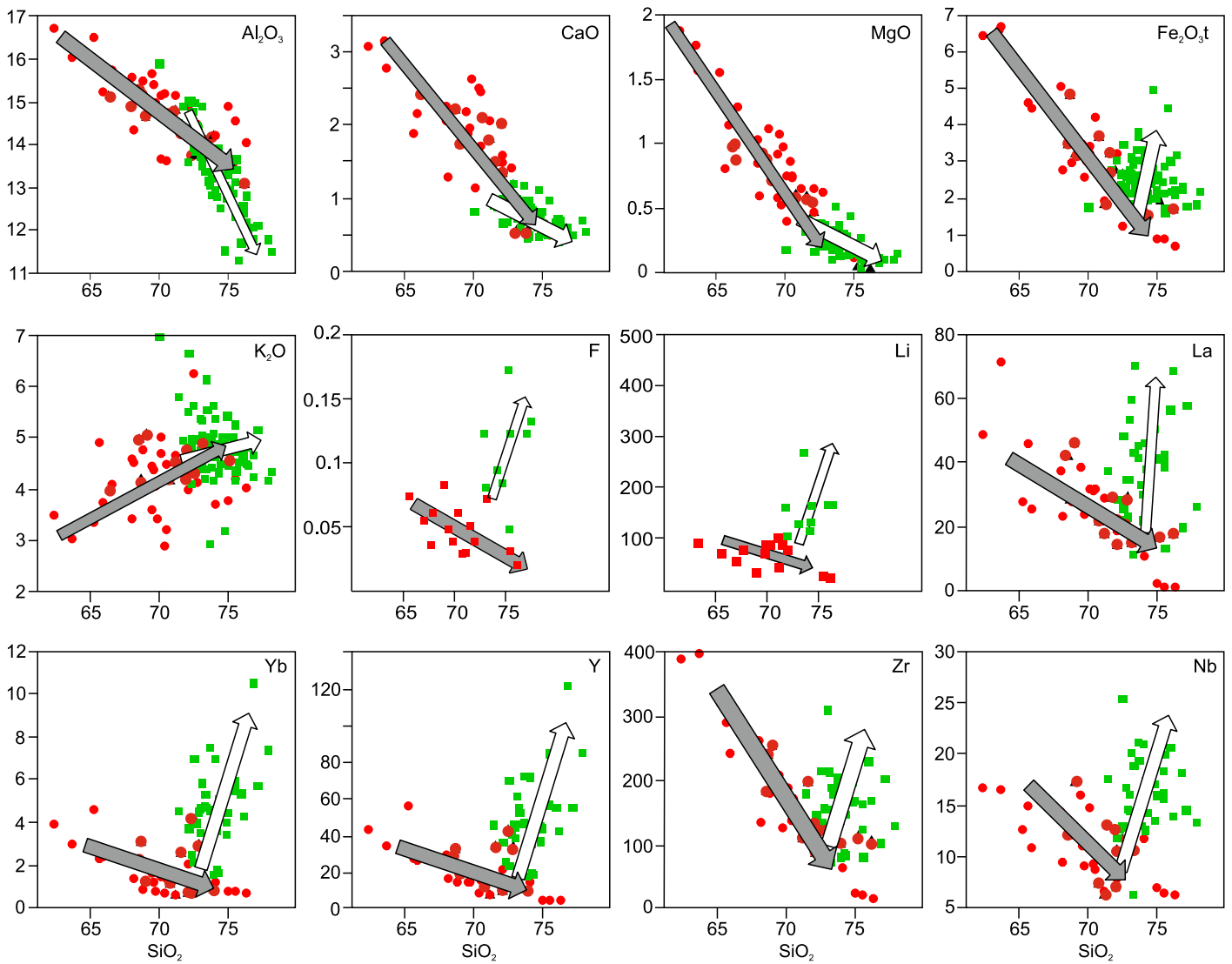
**Рис. 8.** Упрощенная схема строения Калба-Нарымского батолита и результаты изотопного датирования, выполненного U-Pb (черные прямоугольники) и Ar-Ar (белые прямоугольники) методами [Kotler *et al.*, 2015; Khromykh *et al.*, 2016]. На врезке – распределение U-Pb возрастов для образцов гранитов из 1-й и 2-й ассоциаций.

## 6. LARGE GRANITOID BATHOLITHS (295–275 MA)

Remelting of the clastic metasedimentary and metamorphic rocks led to the formation of two large granitoid batholiths in Eastern Kazakhstan: Zharma in the west, and Kalba-Narym in the east (see Fig. 2). The Kalba-Narym batholith extends from NW to SE within the Kalba-Narym turbidite terrane. According to a classical interpretation [Lopatnikov *et al.*, 1982; Shcherba *et al.*, 1998], it would be of collisional origin and would form during an orogenic stage, while the respective plutonic event would last 50–60 myr from the C<sub>3</sub>-P<sub>1</sub> boundary to the P<sub>2</sub>-T<sub>1</sub> boundary. However, new petrological and geochronological data [Kotler *et al.*, 2015; Khromykh *et al.*, 2016] show (Fig. 8) a shorter duration (20–25 myr, i.e.

from 300–295 to 280–275 Ma, P<sub>1</sub>) and post-orogenic origin of the plutonism. The Kalba-Narym batholith consists of (1) an S-type granodiorite-granite suite making up most of the batholith volume, which emplaced in two phases at 296–288 Ma and 286–285 Ma, and (2) an A-type leucogranite-granite suite occurring as several large independent intrusions (283–276 Ma).

Suite 1 granodiorites and granites vary in SiO<sub>2</sub> from 64 to 75 wt. %, and all elements except K<sub>2</sub>O decrease with increasing silica contents (Fig. 9), which is common to S-type granites. The leucogranite-granite suite (2) shows a narrower SiO<sub>2</sub> range of 73–76 wt. % and enrichment in Fe, REE, and HFSE (Ta, Nb, Zr, Hf) with silica increase (Fig. 9), as well as elevated contents of F and Li, which is closer to A-type granite compositions.



**Fig. 9.** Composition of granodiorite-granite (red circles, grey arrows) and granite-leucogranite (green squares, white arrows) suites from the Kalba-Narym batholith in the binary diagrams.

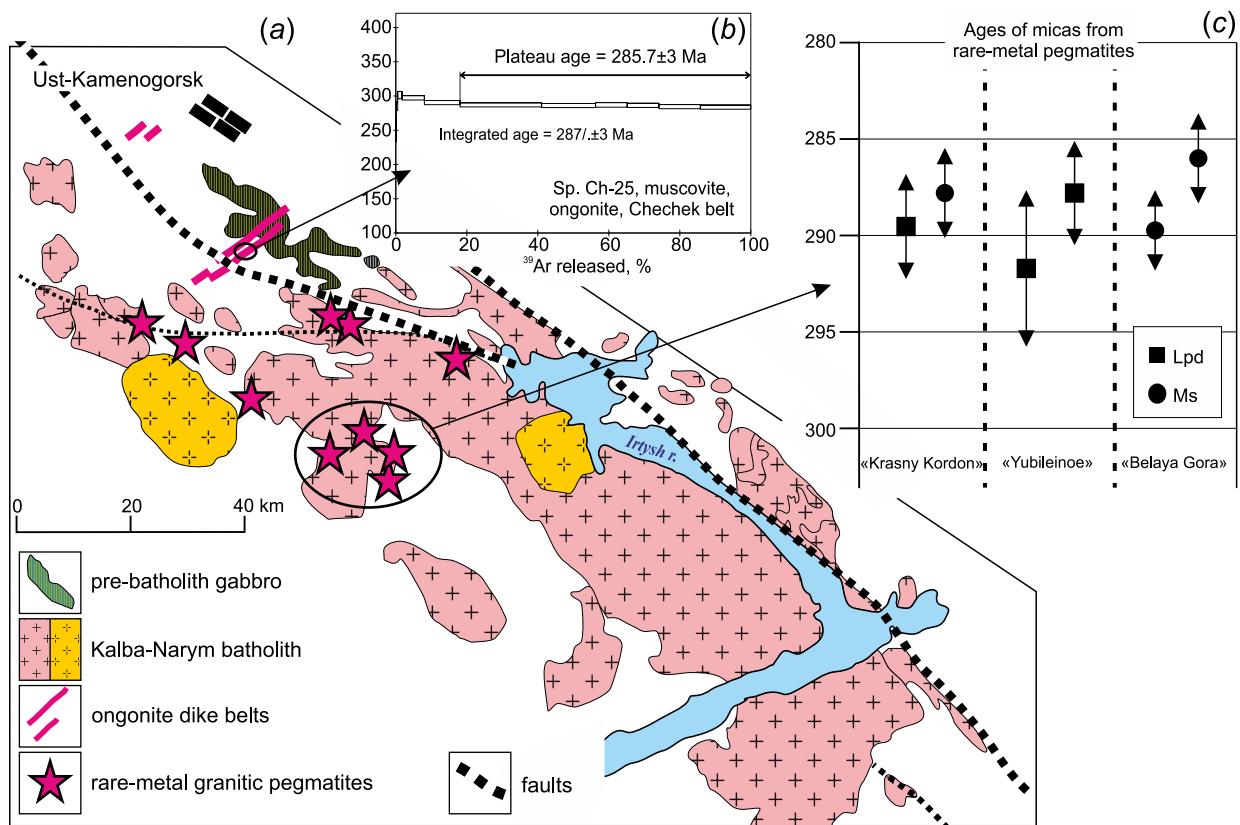
**Рис. 9.** Состав пород гранодиорит-гранитной (красные кружки, серые стрелки) и гранит-лейкогранитной (зеленые квадратики, белые стрелки) ассоциаций Калба-Нарымского батолита на бинарных диаграммах.

Suite 2 granites and leucogranites form large independent intrusions, and there is a small gap between suite 1 and suite 2. We suggest the origin of Suite 2 in a separate melting pulse. The sources and conditions of granitic magma generation for the two suites were inferred from their mineralogy and chemistry, with reference to the compositions of the sedimentary and metamorphic rocks in the region, as well as to the experimental data on melting of crust protoliths. The rocks of suite 1 (similar to S-type granites) formed by partial melting of mixed metapelitic and metabasaltic substrates. The leucogranites and granites of suite 2 (similar to A-type granites) originated by melting of metapelitic crust, with participation of juvenile fluids enriched in HSFE and REE which interacted with the metamorphic material during melting.

## 7. RARE-METAL GRANITE DIKES AND PEGMATITES (290–285 MA)

Granitic pegmatites in the Kalba-Narym zone bear extensive rare-metal mineralization (Ta, Nb, Li, Be, Sn, W etc.). They occur as veins in granitic rocks of phase 1 of the granodiorite-granite suite. Their relative chronology is confirmed by  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  isotopic dating: the ages obtained for 12 mica samples from pegmatites range from 292 to 285 Ma [Kotler et al., 2014]. Rare-metal pegmatites are similar to ongonite and rare-metal granite-porphyry that form two dike swarms near Ust-Kamenogorsk city (Fig. 10). The larger Chechek dike swarm comprises about 15 dikes, 2 to 5 m thick and hundreds of meters long [Sokolova et al., 2016]. The age of the dikes was determined as





**Fig. 10.** (a) – map of rare-metal mineralization in the Kalba-Narym zone, after [Sokolova *et al.*, 2016]; (b) – Ar-Ar age of ongonite from the Chechek dike belt [Khromykh *et al.*, 2014]; (c) – Ar-Ar ages of muscovite and lepidolite from the rare metal pegmatite deposits [Kotler *et al.*, 2014].

**Рис. 10.** (a) – схема распространения редкометалльной минерализации в Калба-Нарымской зоне, по [Sokolova *et al.*, 2016]; (b) – Ar-Ar возрастной спектр для мусковита из онгонита из Чечекского дайкового пояса [Khromykh *et al.*, 2014]; (c) – результаты определения возраста Ar-Ar методом для мусковита и лепидолита из редкометалльных пегматитовых месторождений [Kotler *et al.*, 2014].

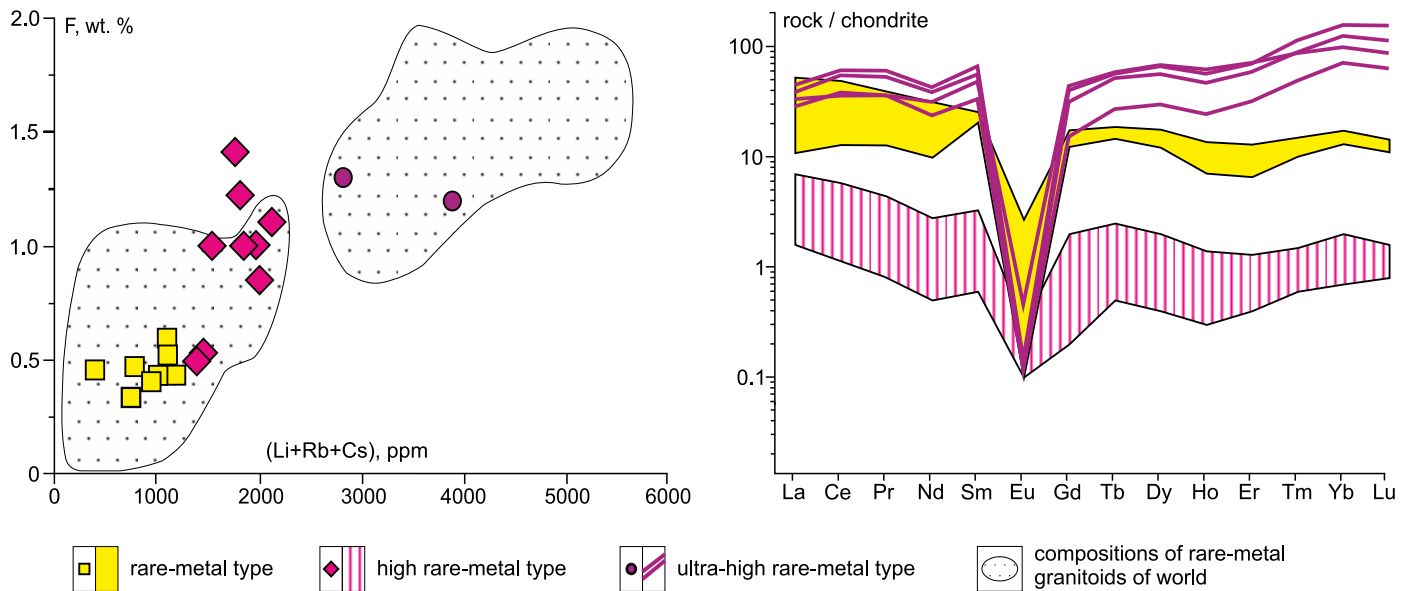
286 ± 3 Ma by Ar-Ar dating of liquidus muscovite phenocrysts from a thick ongonite dike [Khromykh *et al.*, 2014]. The dike rocks have high concentrations of LILE and F, like Li-F granites, and split into three composition groups with relatively high, high, and ultra-high contents of rare metals: (1) up to 1000 ppm Li+Rb+Cs, 0.45 wt. % F, and 40–100 ppm ΣREE; (2) up to 2500 ppm Li+Rb+Cs, 1.4 wt. % F, 0.35 wt. % P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, and 3–15 ppm ΣREE; and (3) up to 4000 ppm Li+Rb+Cs and 110–180 ppm ΣREE (Fig. 11). The concentrations of 'typical granitic' rare metals (Sn, Nb, Ta) in dikes are much higher than in granites (15–100 times more Sn, 1.5–2 times more Nb, and 2–12 times more Ta).

The mineralogy and chemistry of the dike rocks [Sokolova *et al.*, 2016] suggests their origin from granitic melts that were enriched in rare metals. This makes them closer to rare-metal granite pegmatites of the Kalba-Narym batholith. We assume that magmas rich in rare metals formed in the granite chambers of the Kalba-Narym batholith. However, their local occurrence indicates that their generation involved

inputs of F, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, rare metals, as well as other specific components with juvenile fluids, besides intra-chamber differentiation. This formation mechanism of the rare metal magmas is similar to that for suite 2 granites and leucogranites in the Kalba-Narym batholith.

## 8. MAFIC DIKE SWARMS (280–270 MA)

The juvenile fluids that contributed to the formation of rare metal granitic magmas may come from a sub-crustal mafic reservoir (magmatic underplating). Mafic magmatism in the Kalba-Narym zone occurs as dike swarms of the Myrolyubovka complex that intrude all granitic rocks (see Figs. 2 and 8), about 10 dike swarms, with 3–4 to 15–20 dikes in each unit. All dikes strike in the NE direction and are up to 4–5 meter thick and 2–3 km long. The dikes of the complex are mostly mafic though some have other compositions. The rocks are subalkaline and belong to high-K calc-alkaline series, have low contents of magnesium (Mg# ~39 %),



**Fig. 11.** Composition features of ongonites from Chechek and Akhmirovka dike belts [Sokolova et al., 2016].

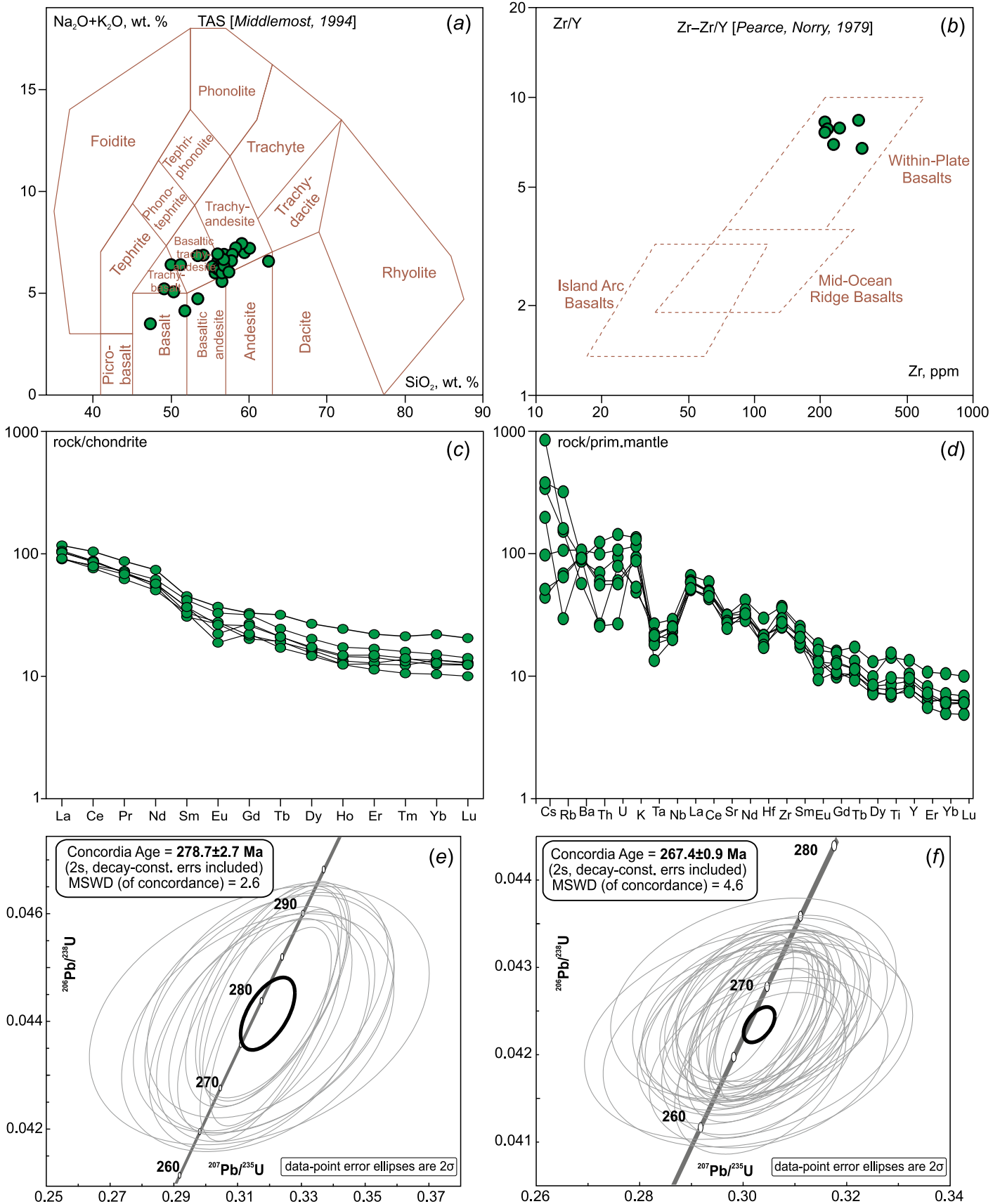
**Рис. 11.** Особенности состава онгонитов из Чечекского и Ахмировского дайковых поясов [Sokolova et al., 2016].

and high  $\text{TiO}_2$  (~1.6 wt. %),  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  (~1.7 wt. %),  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  (~0.6 wt. %) and REE (sum ~195 ppm, Fig. 12, a–d). In addition, they contain greater concentrations of rare metals, fluorine and boron than the Kalba-Narym granitic rocks: 3–7 ppm Li, 0.9–3.5 ppm Cs, 16–38 ppm Rb, 0.4–0.8 ppm Sn, 0.1–0.5 ppm Be, 2–16 ppm Nb, 0.7–1.1 ppm Ta, 120–140 ppm F, and 1–3 ppm B. Therefore, the dike mafic rocks are derived from the mantle magmas that were the source of metals for the rare-metal granitic magmas. The available age constraints are LA-ICP-MS zircon U-Pb dates of  $279 \pm 3$  Ma for dolerite of the Manat dike and  $267 \pm 1$  Ma for spessartite of the Monastery dike (Fig. 12, e–f).

## 9. CORRELATION OF MAGMATIC EVENTS AND MECHANISMS OF PLUME-LITHOSPHERE INTERACTION

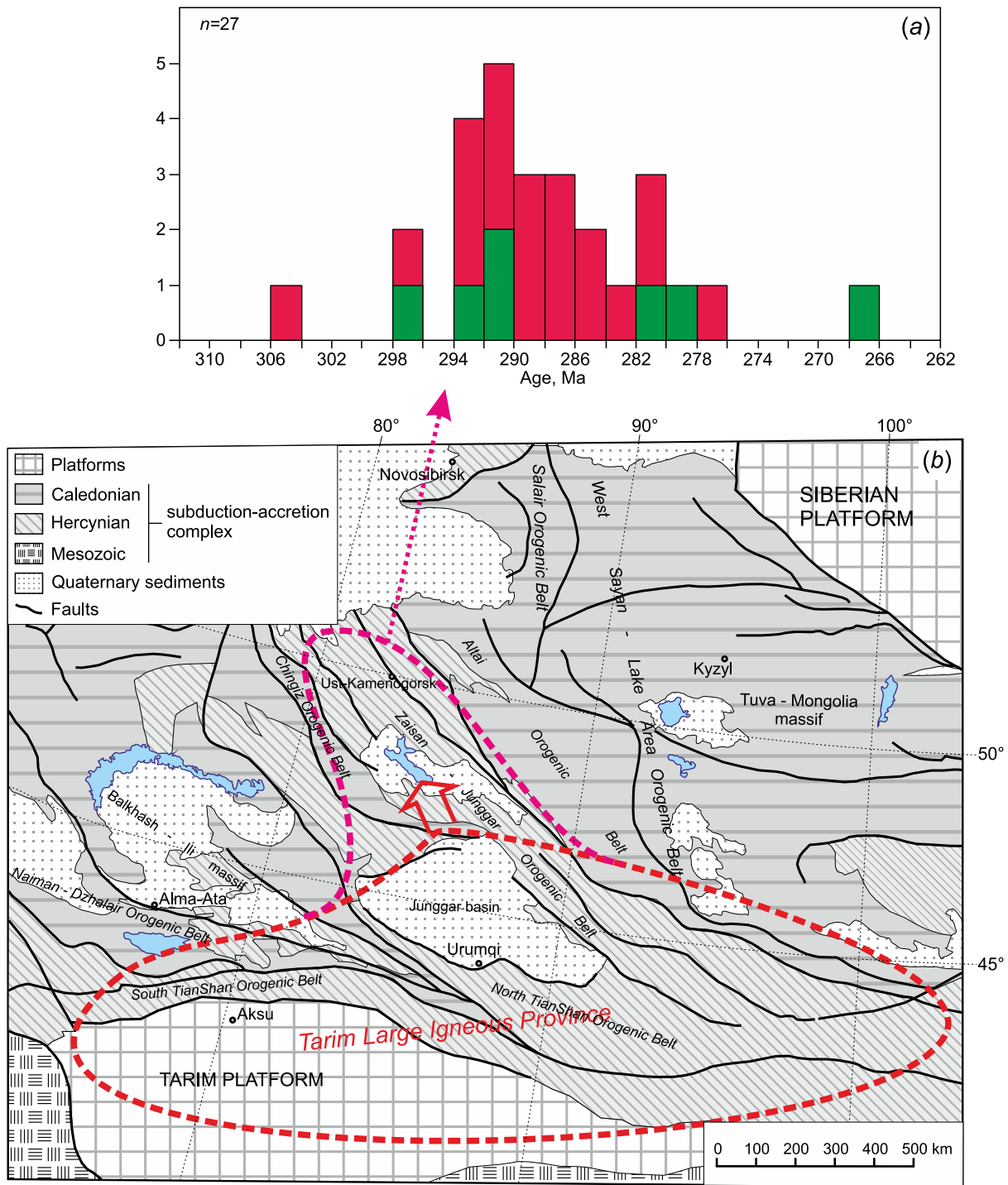
Thus, voluminous mantle and crustal magmatism affected the whole Eastern Kazakhstan in the interval of 300–270 Ma (Fig. 13, a). The rocks of mantle origin are enriched in alkalis, phosphorus, titanium and incompatible elements notably different from the older accretionary mafic-ultramafic complexes with subduction signatures [Safonova et al., 2012, 2018]. The appearance of enriched mantle magmas at the post-orogenic stage usually indicates their deeper sources. There are also assumptions that the appearance of enriched mantle magmas may be caused by remelting of metasomatised mantle wedges [Konopelko et al., 2017]. Anyway, melting of the mantle indicates an increasing thermal gradient. The high thermal gradients most likely resulted from the activity of the Tarim mantle plume

which produced the early Permian Tarim LIP [Ernst, 2014; Gao et al., 2014; Wei et al., 2014; Xu et al., 2014; Yarmolyuk et al., 2014; Yu et al., 2017]. Based on the reported data, we infer that the Tarim LIP extends to the north, into the region of Eastern Kazakhstan (Fig. 13, b). The far-reaching influence of the Tarim LIP may have been facilitated by post-orogenic lithospheric extension [Buslov, 2011] after the Siberia-Kazakhstan collision. The extension led to rheological weakening of the lithosphere, whereby deep mantle melts could intrude into the sublithospheric mantle. The style of the mantle-crust interaction varied over the region depending on the permeability of the lithospheric blocks [Khromykh et al., 2017b]. In the central part of the region (see Fig. 2), where the fragments of accretionary and paleoceanic complexes still exist, mafic magmas could easily penetrate into the lower crust through the quite thin lithosphere. This may lead to intensive interactions of the mafic magmas with the crustal substrates and anatexic melts, forming the gabbro-monzonite-granite intrusions with a wide spectrum of rocks and mingling and mixing processes, and the appearance of syn-plutonic Mafic Microgranular Enclaves (MME) and combined mafic-felsic dikes [Wiebe, 1973; Furman, Spera, 1985; Litvinovsky et al., 1995; Barbarin, 2005; Renna et al., 2006; Burmakina, Tsygankov, 2013; Burmakina et al., 2018]. In the northeastern part of the territory, clastic sediments (sandstones and siltstones) deposited in the Devonian-Early Carboniferous within the Kalba-Narym terrane were deformed and metamorphosed in the course of collisional processes, and then were molten anatexically at high temperature gradients across the mantle chambers. Mafic



**Fig. 12.** Mafic rocks of the Mirolyubovka dike belts on the TAS (a) and Zr-Zr/Y (b) diagrams, and their REE (c) and trace-element (d) compositions; U-Pb ages of zircon from the Manat dike (e) and zircon from the Monastery dike (f).

**Рис. 12.** Составы базитовых пород миролюбовского комплекса на классификационных диаграммах TAS (a) и Zr-Zr/Y (b); спектры распределения РЗЭ (c) и мультиэлементные спектры (d) для базитовых пород; U-Pb диаграммы с конкордией для цирконов из долеритов дайки Манат (e) и из спессартитов дайки в Монастырском массиве (f).



**Fig. 13.** (a) – age histograms of the post-orogenic magmatic complexes from the Eastern Kazakhstan; (b) – the proposed boundaries of the Tarim Large Igneous Province taking into account the new data on magmatism of Eastern Kazakhstan.

**Рис. 13.** (a) – гистограмма возрастов, полученных для посторогенных магматических комплексов Восточного Казахстана; (b) – предполагаемые границы распространения Таримской крупной изверженной провинции с учетом новых данных по магматизму Восточного Казахстана.

magmas could not penetrate through thick viscous migmatite-granite lenses ('density filter') [Huppert, Sparks, 1988]. This mechanism includes interaction of the juvenile mantle fluids with the crust or with granitic magma in the chambers, as well as the inputs of some

elements responsible for rare-metal mineralization in granites [Abramov, 2004; Annikova et al., 2006; Zagorsky et al., 2014; Sokolova et al., 2016]. Thus, we revealed two main types of mantle-crust interaction: (1) direct interaction of mantle magmas with crustal material and ana-



tectic melts that produced large gabbro-granite intrusions, volcanic structures, and numerous small gabbro-picrite intrusions in central part of studied region; and (2) the effects of mantle heat and fluids on the crust. The intrusion of the mafic magmas into the middle and upper crust became possible only after large-scale granitoid magmatism had completed and the lithosphere had cooled down and deformed. This led to the formation of the Mirolyubovka dike swarms.

Thus, the early Permian history of Eastern Kazakhstan was controlled by the interplay of the plate tectonic and plume processes: plate-tectonic accretion and collision formed the structural framework, and the Tarim mantle plume provided a heat source to maintain voluminous magmatism.

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