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Miocene UHT granulites from Seram, Indonesia: a geochronological–REE study of zircon, monazite, and garnet

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1 **Abstract:** The island of Seram, eastern Indonesia, incorporates Miocene ultrahigh-temperature
2 (UHT; > 900°C) garnet–sillimanite granulites that formed by extensional exhumation of hot mantle
3 rocks behind the rolling-back Banda Arc. UHT metamorphic conditions are supported by new Zr-in-
4 rutile thermometry results, and the Miocene age of the UHT event is confirmed by closely-matched
5 HREE abundances between garnet and *c.* 16 Ma zircon. Monazites also record identical U–Pb ages
6 within uncertainty. However, these geochronometers do not date peak UHT metamorphism; instead,
7 they date retrograde, garnet-consuming (Zr- and REE-liberating) reactions that produced the
8 granulites' post-peak cordierite + spinel reaction microstructures. Zircon grains shielded within
9 garnet did not crystallize *c.* 16 Ma rims, and so were unaffected by the entire UHT event. Miocene
10 UHT metamorphism overprints a Late Triassic–Early Jurassic upper-amphibolite facies event, at
11 which time garnet cores grew contemporaneously with 216–173 Ma zircon rims recording ~700°C
12 Ti-in-zircon temperatures. In the Miocene, these garnet cores were overgrown by peritectic garnet
13 rims. A 138 Ma garnet Lu–Hf age—produced by core–rim mixing—demonstrates that a component
14 of Hf⁴⁺ produced at *c.* 200 Ma was retained through the *c.* 16 Ma UHT event. UHT conditions must
15 have been very short-lived and exhumation of the granulite complex very rapid.

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17 **Supplementary material:** Zircon REE data (SHRIMP), and garnet REE data (LA-ICP-MS) are
18 available at >>>.

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20 Ultrahigh-temperature (UHT; >900°C) granulites were produced in eastern Indonesia by extension
21 following the Miocene collision of Australia with SE Asia (Pownall *et al.* 2014). These rocks,
22 exposed on the island of Seram (Fig. 1, 2), record the youngest of only ~60 known instances when
23 the geothermal gradient was elevated locally beyond the UHT threshold of 700°C GPa⁻¹ (Brown
24 2006, 2014; Harley 2008, 2016; Kelsey 2008; Kelsey & Hand 2015). Importantly, the Seram UHT
25 granulites occur within the same tectonic system that generated the UHT conditions, thereby
26 enabling detailed study of their formation mechanism with without complications introduced by
27 multiple overprinting deformational and metamorphic episodes. This is in contrast to the vast
28 majority of UHT terranes that reside in Proterozoic cratons and whose tectonic drivers remain far
29 more elusive (Kelsey & Hand 2015). As such, these young Indonesian granulites offer a unique
30 opportunity to investigate (i) how UHT conditions may be generated by the modern Earth; and (ii)
31 potential *P–T* paths and metamorphic rates experienced by high-grade metamorphic rocks in modern
32 arc settings.

33 The Seram UHT granulites comprise part of the Kobipoto migmatite complex (Pownall 2015;
34 Pownall *et al.* 2017a) – a suite of garnet- and cordierite-bearing diatexites hosting garnet–
35 sillimanite–cordierite–spinel residua (following migmatite terminology of Sawyer 2008). The
36 residual assemblage features spinel + quartz inclusions within garnet, and quartz-absent sapphirine +
37 corundum + spinel symplectite within cordierite (Fig. 3). THERMOCALC phase equilibria modelling
38 (Powell & Holland 1988) of the Al–Fe-rich granulite melanosome in the Na₂O–CaO–K₂O–FeO–
39 MgO–Al₂O₃–SiO₂–H₂O–TiO₂–Fe₂O₃ (NCKFMASHTO) chemical system (Pownall 2015) indicated
40 peak *P–T* conditions of 925°C and 9 kbar for the interpreted peak model assemblage garnet +
41 sillimanite + spinel + ilmenite + plagioclase + silicate melt. A clockwise *P–T* path through these
42 peak conditions (Fig. 4) was interpreted to descend steeply down-pressure from garnet-present to
43 cordierite-present fields to account for the most dominant discontinuous retrograde reaction
44 interpreted to have affected the assemblage: garnet + sillimanite → cordierite + spinel ± quartz, at 7–
45 6 kbar (Fig. 4), which developed the granulites’ characteristic ordered reaction microstructures (Fig.
46 3). But when, and how rapidly, did these reactions occur? And what was the tectonic driver for the
47 metamorphism and subsequent exhumation?

48 Two critical observations from field mapping (Pownall *et al.* 2013, 2016) explain how UHT
49 conditions on Seram were attained. First of all, the granulites and associated diatexites always
50 coexist with voluminous lherzolites (Pownall *et al.* 2017a). And secondly, this granulite–lherzolite
51 complex has been exhumed by considerable extension beneath low-angle detachment faults, still at
52 high enough temperatures to have generated partial melting in with hanging wall (Pownall *et al.*
53 2017b). Initially interpreted to comprise part of an ophiolite (e.g., Linthout *et al.* 1996), these
54 lherzolites have an exhumed subcontinental lithospheric mantle origin, and their rapid juxtaposition
55 against shallower crustal rocks (at 35 km depth, to correspond with peak metamorphic pressure) was
56 sufficient to have elevated crustal temperatures into the UHT regime (Fig. 4; Pownall *et al.* 2017a).

57 The island of Seram is located in the northern limb of the Banda Arc (Fig. 1), beneath which
58 a concave slab of Jurassic oceanic lithosphere has been subducted (Spakman & Hall 2010; Hall
59 2011, 2017; Pownall *et al.* 2016). The extremely curved geometry of the Banda Arc and its
60 underlying slab was achieved by subduction rollback, whereupon collapse of the down-going slab
61 drove southeastward migration of the subduction hinge-line and adjacent trench. As depicted by
62 regional plate reconstructions (e.g., Hall 2012), Banda slab rollback drove oceanic spreading within
63 the trailing Banda Sea as well as continental rifting and hot hyperextension within the fringes of the

64 Australian continental margin (the ‘Sula Spur’, of which Seram is derived). A compilation of
65 $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ ages dating shear-zone movements on Seram (Pownall *et al.* 2017b) and oceanic spreading
66 histories of the Banda Sea basins (Hinschberger *et al.* 2000, 2001) demonstrate that Banda Arc
67 rollback commenced around 16 Ma before propagating southeastwards towards Australia. The latest
68 phase of this rollback-driven extension from 2 Ma ‘rolled open’ the 7 km Weber Deep basin in the
69 easternmost Banda Sea, further exhuming lherzolites across a chain of small islands bordering the
70 abyss (Pownall *et al.* 2016).

71 Zircon U–Pb dating of the Seram UHT granulite residuum and associated diatexites (Pownall
72 *et al.* 2014, 2017a) revealed 3 separate age populations (Fig. 5; Table 1): (i) ages obtained for detrital
73 cores between 3.4 Ga and 216 Ma; (ii) a broad spread of ages obtained from core-truncating
74 overgrowths between 215 and 173 Ma; and (iii) a population of *c.* 16 Ma ages obtained from a 2nd
75 zircon overgrowth (although some ages from this third group are as old as 25 Ma). Furthermore,
76 $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ ages obtained for biotite are within uncertainty of the respective zircon U–Pb ages for the
77 same samples, implying exceptionally rapid cooling rates (Pownall *et al.*, 2017b). The close
78 correlation between these latest *c.* 16 Ma zircon U–Pb ages with the inferred timing of Banda
79 rollback initiation at *c.* 16 Ma, in light of the tectonic interpretation borne from field observations
80 that UHT conditions were achieved by extreme lithospheric extension, led us to conclude previously
81 that UHT metamorphism occurred at 16 Ma synchronous with the initial phase of extension behind
82 the rapidly rolling-back Banda slab (Pownall *et al.*, 2014, 2017a; Pownall 2015). But how robust is
83 this inference for the timing of the UHT event? For instance, how certain are we that UHT
84 metamorphism did not instead occur within the 216–170 Ma window recorded by the oldest zircon
85 overgrowth event? Could we further test our hypotheses using additional geochronometers? And, if
86 so, could we integrate the results of different dating techniques with trace element systematics
87 operating during the rocks’ metamorphism and melting? These questions provided the motivation
88 behind this current study.

89 Here, we present new monazite U–Pb, garnet Lu–Hf, and garnet Sm–Nd ages, accompanied
90 by rare-earth element (REE) analyses of zircon and garnet plus new Ti-in-zircon and Zr-in-rutile
91 thermometry results. These new data indeed substantiate previous findings that UHT metamorphism
92 on Seram occurred at *c.* 16 Ma, and provide further quantification of the granulite complex’s rapid
93 metamorphism and exhumation history.

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96 **Tectonic and metamorphic context**

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98 Lower-crustal–upper-mantle rocks that comprise the Kobipoto Complex (Pownall 2015) are exposed
99 across Seram (specifically western Seram, the Kobipoto Mountains of central Seram, and the Wai
100 Leklekan Mountains of eastern Seram), and within the chain of small islands of Kasiui, Tioor, Kur,
101 and Fadol curving round to the easternmost part of the arc (Valk 1945; Germeraad 1946; van der
102 Sluis 1950; Hamilton 1979; Bowin *et al.* 1980; Charlton *et al.* 1991; Honthaas *et al.* 1997; Pownall
103 *et al.* 2016). No ultramafic rocks or UHT granulites were found by the authors on Buru (Fig. 1),
104 although it is possible that they are present in the shallow sub-surface (Linthout *et al.* 1989).

105 Most of the metamorphic rocks on Seram (Fig. 2) are chlorite- to kyanite-grade metapelites
106 and intercalated mafic amphibolites belonging to the Tehoru Formation (Tjokrosapoetro &
107 Budhitrisona 1982), which correlates with the Wahlua Complex on Buru (Linthout *et al.* 1989). The

108 Tehoru Formation was deposited in the Late Triassic to Early Jurassic (Pownall *et al.* 2017a),
109 metamorphosed at up to upper amphibolite facies at *c.* 17 Ma, and then subjected to localized
110 deformational events until 3.3 Ma by the operation of major strike-slip fault systems accommodating
111 Banda slab rollback (Pownall *et al.* 2017b).

112 Migmatites featuring garnet-sillimanite granulites, and lherzolites intruded by the migmatites,
113 together comprise the Kobipoto Complex (Pownall 2015; Pownall *et al.* 2017a). In western Seram
114 (the Kaibobo and Hoamoal peninsulas; Fig. 2), Kobipoto Complex rocks occur beneath low-angle
115 detachment faults, immediately above which are 500 m-thick high-temperature shear zones
116 characterized by sillimanite-defined shear banding and localized partial melting (Pownall *et al.* 2013,
117 2017b). We interpret these high-*T* mylonites (which comprise the Taunusa Complex) to have formed
118 in response to high-temperature exhumation of hot Kobipoto Complex lherzolites and migmatites
119 beneath the detachment (Pownall *et al.* 2013, 2017a, b). As outlined by Pownall *et al.* (2013, 2014,
120 2017a), we therefore consider that the lherzolites must have been exhumed from the subcontinental
121 mantle, and so were never part of an ophiolite.

122 In the Kobipoto Mountains, central Seram (Fig. 2)—the sampling location of granulites
123 investigated in this paper—migmatites and lherzolites have been exhumed within a left-lateral
124 positive flower structure (Pownall & Hall 2014). This structure is a part of the larger 120–300°-
125 trending Kawa Fault Zone that bisects Seram (Pownall *et al.* 2013), which itself is a member of the
126 larger Seram–Kumawa Shear Zone (Hall *et al.* 2017). This shear zone system accommodated the
127 differences in motion between the southeastward-rolling Banda trench (Spakman & Hall 2010) and
128 the adjacent Sula Spur promontory of the Australian continental margin.

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130 *The Kobipoto Complex granulites*

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132 The Kobipoto Complex is exposed in western Seram, in the Wai Leklekan Mountains of eastern
133 Seram, and on Ambon (Fig. 2). Kobipoto Complex migmatites comprise leucosome-rich diatexites
134 peppered with small schlieren of sillimanite + spinel and contain abundant cordierite and garnet
135 phenocrysts (Priem *et al.* 1978; Pownall 2015; Pownall *et al.* 2017a). These diatexites, along with
136 lherzolites with which they share direct contacts, were exhumed beneath detachment faults in
137 western Seram at 5.8–5.6 Ma, and on Ambon at 3.5–3.3 Ma (Pownall *et al.* 2017a, b).

138 In the Kobipoto Mountains of central Seram, the migmatites contain a higher proportion of
139 residual granulite, and stromatic metatexites are therefore more common. Scarce occurrences of
140 highly residual garnet-sillimanite granulite (Fig. 3), described in detail by Pownall (2015), are also
141 present. As mentioned previously, these granulites contain garnet-hosted composite inclusions of
142 spinel + quartz (\pm ilmenite \pm sillimanite) (Fig. 3c), and post-peak quartz-absent symplectites of
143 sapphirine + corundum + spinel within cordierite that formed during a near-isothermal
144 decompression stage of a clockwise *P–T* path (Fig. 4; Pownall *et al.* 2014; Pownall 2015).

145 THERMOCALC phase equilibria modelling (Powell & Holland 1988) indicated peak metamorphic
146 conditions of $925 \pm 50^\circ\text{C}$ at 9 ± 1 kbar. Through the post-peak discontinuous reaction garnet +
147 sillimanite \rightarrow cordierite + spinel \pm quartz (Hensen & Green 1971), the Seram granulites developed
148 prominent reaction microstructures featuring coronae of cordierite containing spinel + corundum \pm
149 sapphirine \pm sillimanite symplectites (Fig. 3a, b, e, f), which equilibrated at $754 \pm 116^\circ\text{C}$ and 4 ± 1
150 kbar (Pownall 2015).

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153 **Sample Petrography**

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155 The samples analysed as part of this study—KP11-588 and KP11-619—were both collected from the
156 Wai Tuh river gorge in the Kobipoto Mountains at [129.479°E, 3.002°S] and [129.474°E, 3.017°S],
157 respectively (Fig. 2):

- 158 • **Garnet–sillimanite granulite KP11-588** (Fig. 3a–c) is a highly residual granulite, containing
159 abundant garnet (~25 vol.%) and prismatic sillimanite (~20 vol.%) separated by ordered
160 reaction microstructures comprising cordierite coronae and cordierite + spinel ± ilmenite ±
161 corundum ± sapphirine symplectites (Fig. 3a, b, e). Plagioclase and quartz also feature
162 within some cordierite coronae as narrow, vermicular intergrowths (Fig. 3e). Ilmenite is
163 fairly abundant (5–10 vol.%) and occurs as inclusions within garnet and also as coarse grains
164 bordering spinel (Fig. 3b). Coexisting spinel + quartz (± corundum) occurs as small
165 inclusions within garnet (Fig. 3c). These composite inclusions are interpreted to have formed
166 by localised reactions consuming former sillimanite and ilmenite inclusions with garnet
167 (Pownall 2015).
- 168 • **Garnet–cordierite–sillimanite metatexite KP11-619** (Fig. 3d, f) features abundant
169 melanosome comprising cordierite + biotite + garnet + sillimanite. Garnets are large
170 (sometimes > 5 mm) and cordierite is typically pinitized. Some of the fresher cordierite
171 contains sprays of sillimanite needles and biotite. Compared to sample KP11-588, this rock
172 contains a far higher proportion of leucosome (~ 60 vol.%).

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174 *Textural locations of zircon, monazite, and rutile*

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176 Zircon and monazite both occur throughout the rock (*i*) as inclusions within garnet; (*ii*) within post-
177 peak reactions microstructures in which garnet has been replaced by cordierite + spinel; (*iii*) within
178 sillimanite; and (*iv*) within the leucosome (Fig. 6a–d). Both zircon and monazite grains are larger
179 and more abundant within the cordierite coronae and leucosome than as inclusions within garnet.
180 Rutile occurs both as inclusions within garnet and within the leucosome, adjacent to garnet (Fig. 6e,
181 f).

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183 *Melt inclusions within garnet*

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185 We report melt inclusions (MIs) within some garnets of sample KP11-588, identified by optical
186 microscopy (Fig. 7). The MIs, which are < 10 µm diameter, are characterized by their square cross-
187 sections, composite interiors, and distinctive rims (Fig. 7b). The mineralogy of individual domains
188 are unfortunately too small to determine optically, although the overall appearance of the MIs do
189 seem to resemble polycrystalline nanogranitoids (Cesare *et al.* 2015). The MIs are clustered in large
190 groups that are distributed sporadically throughout some garnets (Fig. 7a). Many garnets do not host
191 MIs, and only a small minority host MIs larger than 5 µm. In addition to these primary MIs, smaller
192 and blebbier MIs occur along planar fractures through the garnet (red arrow in Fig. 7a), which we
193 interpret as secondary features.

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195 We interpret the widespread occurrence of primary MIs as further evidence that (most) garnet
must have grown in the presence of melt as a solid peritectic product of melt-producing reactions.

196 This conclusion is consistent with the result from phase equilibria modelling (Pownall 2015) that
197 both peak metamorphism and high-temperature retrogression, and therefore growth of metamorphic
198 zircon and monazite, occurred above the solidus (Fig. 4). As shown in Fig. 6a, zircon is present in
199 garnets that also host MIs.
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202 **SHRIMP U–Pb zircon geochronology**

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204 Zircon U–Pb ages for Kobipoto Complex granulites and diatexites were measured previously by
205 Pownall *et al.* (2014, 2017a) using sensitive high-resolution ion microprobes SHRIMP-II and
206 SHRIMP-RG (reverse geometry) at the Research School of Earth Sciences (RSES), Australian
207 National University (ANU), Canberra. See Pownall *et al.* (2017a) for detailed analytical and data
208 reduction methods. Cathodoluminescence (CL) images (Fig. 8) were acquired for all zircons
209 mounted in epoxy for U–Pb dating at the RSES using a CL hyperspectral imaging system paired with
210 a Cameca SX-100 electron microprobe. In order to provide petrographic context, CL images were
211 also acquired at the RSES for zircons *in situ* within a thin section of sample KP11-588 (Fig. 9) using
212 a CL detector paired with a JEOL 6610A SEM (15 kV, 1 μ m-diameter beam).

213 Zircons from the Kobipoto Complex show complex internal structures arising from multiple
214 growth and dissolution events. These relationships are illustrated by the CL images and cartoon
215 zircons presented in Figure 8. Typically, a zircon from the residual granulites (e.g., sample KP11-
216 588) will feature a detrital core around which are two distinct overgrowths, identified from CL
217 images due to different CL responses and their cross-cutting relationships. Following Pownall *et al.*
218 (2017a), we have used the following scheme to describe different parts of the zircon grains:

- 219 • C_d — detrital zircon cores;
- 220 • C_m — magmatic or metamorphic cores (sample dependant);
- 221 • R_m — magmatic or metamorphic zircon rims (sample dependant);
- 222 • R_2 — an inner CL-bright rim between outer R_m rims and C_d cores (or sometimes as the only
223 rim around C_d cores);
- 224 • R_o — very thin CL-bright overgrowths (that were too small to analyse).

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226 The U–Pb zircon geochronology results of Pownall *et al.* (2017a) are detailed in Table 1 and
227 Figure 5. In summary, detrital cores (C_d) are aged between 3.4 Ga and 216 Ma; R_2 overgrowths
228 yielded ages between 215 and 173 Ma; and younger R_m rims are *c.* 16 Ma.

229 An important new finding, revealed by the *in situ* CL imaging, is that zircons included within
230 garnet *do not* have *c.* 16 Ma R_m rims (Fig. 9b–e). These younger rims are present only on zircons
231 located in the post-peak reaction microstructures and the leucosome (Fig. 9a). Zircons in all textural
232 settings feature *c.* 200 Ma R_2 zones around detrital C_d cores. These relationships are consistent
233 across a total of 26 zircon grains imaged *in situ* using CL.

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236 **SHRIMP U–Pb monazite geochronology**

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238 To complement previous zircon U–Pb dating, monazite was analysed *in situ* from a gold-coated
239 polished thin section of sample KP11-588 using SHRIMP-II at the RSES, ANU. Analyses were
240 performed using a 10 kV primary beam of O₂⁻ ions focused on the sample surface over a 30 µm spot
241 diameter. Monazite standard ‘44069’ (424.9 ± 0.4 Ma; Aleinikoff *et al.* 2006) was used for
242 calibration. The data were reduced using the SQUID-2 Excel macro (Ludwig 2009) utilising decay
243 constants from Steiger & Jäger (1977), and concordia diagrams were plotted using Isoplot-3 (Ludwig
244 2003). Common Pb was corrected by assuming ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U–²⁰⁷Pb/²³⁵U age concordance.

245 Monazite was analysed from two textural settings: (i) from a large monazite grain within the
246 leucosome (grain 1; Fig. 6c); and (ii) from a monazite inclusion within garnet (grain 2; Fig. 6d). All
247 four analyses yielded within uncertainty the same ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U age (Table 2), and define an isochron
248 date of 16.4 ± 0.4 Ma (Fig. 10). This date is within analytical uncertainty of the mean ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U age
249 of R_m zircon from the same sample (16.0 ± 0.6 Ma).

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252 **Garnet and zircon geochemistry**

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254 *Garnet major element chemistry*

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256 Garnet major element chemistry was measured previously using a JEOL JXA-8100 Superprobe
257 electron microprobe (EMP) paired with an Oxford Instruments INCA EDS system at Birkbeck
258 College, University of London (Pownall 2015). Mineral EMP analyses used an accelerating voltage
259 of 15 kV, a beam current of 10 nA, a 1 µm beam diameter, and were calibrated using natural silicate
260 and oxide standards before a ZAF correction procedure was applied.

261 As shown in Figure 11, broad and compositionally homogeneous garnet core regions are
262 dominantly an almandine–pyrope solid solution ($X_{alm} \sim 0.60$; $X_{pyr} \sim 0.30$; $X_{sps} \sim 0.06$; $X_{grs} \sim 0.04$).
263 Moderate zoning is present in the outermost margin, with almandine increasing (X_{alm} rising from
264 0.60 to 0.68) and pyrope decreasing (X_{pyr} falling from 0.30 to 0.17) moving towards the rim. The
265 replacement of original garnet rims by cordierite coronae during high-*T* retrogression (Fig. 3e) is
266 further evidenced by the truncation of garnet zoning profiles, as shown by the backscatter intensity
267 map in Figure 11b. A sharp increase of Mn (spessartine) close to the rim demonstrates that garnet
268 resorption occurred during cordierite corona development.

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270 *Garnet REE analysis*

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272 REE zonation profiles for several garnets in sample KP11-588 were measured *in situ* from a polished
273 thin section by rim-to-core-to-rim laser traverses using the RESOLUTION M-50 193 mm ArF excimer
274 laser (40 µm spot size) coupled to an Agilent 7500ce LA-ICP-MS system (Müller *et al.* 2009) at
275 Royal Holloway University of London (RHUL). NIST SRM-612 glass was used as an external
276 standard. The variation in Lu, Hf, Sm, and Nd for one of these traverses is shown in Figure 12, and
277 the full range of REE abundances is plotted in Figure 13. The full dataset is included in the
278 supplement.

279 These REE profiles demonstrate the occurrence of chemically-distinct core regions (shaded
280 grey in Fig. 12), which interestingly are *not* shown by the major element distributions. Core REE
281 concentrations are substantially higher ($> 10\times$) than those of the rims (e.g., ~ 1 ppm ^{175}Lu in the rim;
282 ~ 30 ppm ^{175}Lu in the core). In the example shown in Figure 12, the diameter of the garnet core is
283 $\sim 45\%$ of the entire crystal, and so volumetrically the core regions represent only ~ 9 vol% of the
284 garnet as a whole (or even smaller if considering that the outermost garnet rims have since been
285 consumed to produce the cordierite + spinel coronae).

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287 *Zircon REEs and Ti*

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289 SHRIMP II at Geoscience Australia, Canberra, was used to analyse R_m and R_2 zircon from samples
290 KP11-588 and KP11-619 for Ti and Rare Earth Element (REE) abundances. These analyses used the
291 same zircon mount that was used previously for U–Pb geochronology, and so zircon grains and
292 analytical spots correlate with those reported by Pownall *et al.* (2017a).

293 For these analyses, a 10 kV primary O_2^- ion beam was used to ablate spots *c.* 25 μm diameter.
294 Positive secondary ions were extracted at 10 kV and mass analysed at approximately R5000.
295 Moderate energy filtering of the secondary ions (*c.* 20% transmission of ^{91}Zr) was used to reduce the
296 contribution of potential isobaric interferences, particularly from LREE oxides. All REE were
297 measured, and for those REE that were not monoisotopic, two isotopes were measured as a check on
298 accuracy. Other isotopes analysed were ^{49}Ti (for the Ti-in-zircon thermometry), ^{46}SiO (to ensure
299 accurate location of the ^{49}Ti peak), ^{91}Zr (as a reference for calculating the REE concentrations), and
300 two Hf isotopes (for the calculation of Zr/Hf). Relative sensitivity factors for Ti, the REE and Hf
301 were calculated from an initial analysis of NIST611 glass, and SL13 and Temora 2 zircons were
302 analysed as secondary standards. Each analysis consisted of three scans through the isotopes of
303 interest, which took 15 minutes. The data were reduced using an in-house Excel spreadsheet.
304 Analytical uncertainties ranged from *c.* ± 2 ppb for REE isotopes with low concentrations (< 20 ppb)
305 to *c.* ± 0.2 ppm for REE isotopes with high concentrations (> 50 ppm).

306 Eight sets of analyses were acquired from the two samples: one R_m zircon rim and three R_2
307 zircon zones for sample KP11-588; and four R_m zircon rims for sample KP11-619 (see
308 supplementary data). As shown in Figure 13, R_m and R_2 zircon have very distinct REE profiles: (i)
309 R_2 zircon has over an order of magnitude greater enrichment in the heavy REEs (HREEs) than R_m
310 zircon (e.g., maxima of 78 ppm Lu for R_2 , and 3 ppm for R_m); and (ii) R_m zircon has notably flatter
311 light REE (LREE) profiles than R_2 .

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313 *Zircon Th/U ratios*

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315 For the Kobiopoto Mountains granulite samples, R_m zircon rims all have Th/U ratios < 0.1 (Fig. 14).
316 Assuming that the Th/U values in this instance can be considered a reliable discriminator of
317 magmatic versus metamorphic zircon, where Th/U < 0.1 suggests a metamorphic origin (Rubatto
318 2002), then the R_m rims for the granulites exclusively plot in the ‘metamorphic zone’. The detrital
319 cores have higher Th/U ratios than the rims, some of them surpassing 1. The R_2 zircon zones display
320 a wide spread in Th/U ratios that mostly plot in the ‘metamorphic’ field (Th/U < 0.1) but some
321 analyses show similar values to the detrital cores (Th/U approaching 1).

322 Since different populations of zircon are consistently grouped based on their Th/U ratios, and
323 zircons with known magmatic origin have the highest values, we consider it likely that the *c.* 16 Ma
324 R_m zircon rims with notably lower Th/U ratios crystallized during a metamorphic episode, in
325 accordance with previous conclusions (Pownall *et al.* 2014, 2017a). To a lesser extent, this trend is
326 also indicative of the R_2 zircon being also metamorphic in origin.

329 **Zircon–rutile thermometry**

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331 Following Ferry & Watson (2007), the exchanges of Ti^{4+} between zircon and rutile (and/or other Ti-
332 bearing phases), and of Zr^{4+} between rutile and zircon (and/or other Zr-bearing phases) may be
333 utilized as geothermometers. As zircon and rutile grains occur in the same microtextural domains—
334 both as inclusions within garnet and in the leucosomes of the Kobipoto Complex granulites (Fig. 6,
335 9)—it is reasonable to assume in this instance that rutile and zircon were in (or close to) equilibrium.

337 *Ti-in-zircon thermometry*

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339 Using the Ti abundances acquired to high precision by SHRIMP (methodology detailed in previous
340 section), the Ti-in-zircon thermometry calibrations of Watson *et al.* (2006) and Ferry & Watson
341 (2007) were applied to granulite samples KP11-588 and KP11-619 (Fig. 15; Table 3). Based on the
342 Ferry & Watson (2006) thermometer, R_m zircons crystallized at temperatures of *c.* 600°C (540–
343 640°C); and R_2 zircon at slightly higher temperatures of *c.* 700°C (660–750°C). The Watson *et al.*
344 (2006) thermometer gave similar temperatures, but with much larger positive uncertainties (of
345 +200°C).

346 Despite these samples having attained peak metamorphic temperatures of *c.* 925°C, neither
347 R_m nor R_2 zircon shows evidence for having crystallized under or even close to UHT conditions. One
348 possible reason for these lower-than-expected temperatures is if $aTiO_2$, assumed here to be 1.0, was
349 overestimated (Yakymchuk *et al.* 2017). Although there is evidence in this instance for rutile and
350 zircon co-inhabiting the same domains of the rock, it is still possible that a lower $aTiO_2$ was in
351 operation. For a metapelite of broadly similar composition to the Seram UHT granulites, and for
352 similar P – T conditions to the formation of their post-peak reaction microstructures (900°C and 7
353 kbar, with melt present), Yakymchuk *et al.* (2017) calculated an $aTiO_2$ value of ~ 0.7 . However,
354 using this lower $aTiO_2$ value raised our Ferry & Watson (2006) Ti-in-zircon temperatures by only
355 $\sim 30^\circ\text{C}$ – a long way short of raising these estimates to peak UHT conditions.

356 These results imply that R_m metamorphic zircon must have crystallized during retrogression
357 after the peak of UHT metamorphism (so at 600°C and *c.* 3 kbar, based on the P – T path inferred by
358 Pownall 2015), and not under peak metamorphic conditions (even if a much lower $aTiO_2$ value were
359 used). Temperatures of *c.* 700°C for the R_2 zircon are consistent with either a high-grade
360 metamorphic or a magmatic origin during crystallisation at *c.* 200 Ma (with low Th/U ratios
361 indicative of the former; Fig. 14).

363 *Zr-in-rutile thermometry*

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365 Rutile was analysed *in situ* from a polished thin section (most grains < 30 µm) using a 193 nm
366 Coherent excimer laser (focused to a 13 µm beam diameter) coupled to a Agilent 7700 ICP-MS at
367 the RSES, ANU. NIST-610 glass was used as the primary standard, and NIST-612 and BCR-2G
368 glasses were used as secondary standards. Data were reduced using Iolite software (Paton *et al.*
369 2011) following the “semi-quantitative” data reduction scheme.

370 Twenty analyses were acquired (after discarding misplaced spots) for rutiles occurring as
371 inclusions within garnet, and adjacent to garnet from within the cordierite-dominated coronae. Zr-in-
372 rutile temperatures were calculated using the Ferry & Watson (2007) and Tomkins *et al.* (2007)
373 thermometers for an *a*SiO₂ of 1 and a pressure of 9 kbar. Both calibrations yielded identical results
374 within uncertainty (Table 4). Lowering *a*SiO₂ by 0.1 lowers the Ferry & Watson (2007) temperatures
375 by only ~15°C, and so if a lower-than-assumed *a*SiO₂ was in operation, the discrepancy is relatively
376 small.

377 Figure 16 shows the results of the Tomkins *et al.* (2007) thermometer. The most Zr-rich
378 rutile grain (3816 ± 365 ppm Zr; Fig. 6f) corresponds to a Zr-in-rutile temperature of 907 ± 14°C. A
379 total of three analyses indicated temperatures in the vicinity of 900°C, although most temperature fall
380 between 600 and 750°C (Fig. 16). Interestingly, those highest temperatures were recorded by rutile
381 grains within the leucosome, with rutile included in garnet (e.g. Fig. 6e) recording the significantly
382 lower temperatures. These hottest rutile grains indicate temperatures consistent with having
383 recorded peak metamorphic conditions of 925°C and 9 kbar (Pownall 2015).

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386 **Lu–Hf and Sm–Nd garnet geochronology**

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388 *Garnet preparation for isotope dilution*

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390 Garnets were separated from the melanosome of sample KP11-588 at RHUL from a 63–250 µm
391 diameter crushed rock fraction (the same fraction from which the zircon was separated) using
392 sodium polytungstate heavy-liquid floatation, Frantz magnetic separation, and hand picking beneath
393 a binocular microscope. Care was taken to select the most inclusion-free garnet fragments. As it was
394 unfortunately not possible during hand-picking to distinguish whether a single garnet fragment
395 belonged to a core or to a rim (there was no discernible difference in colour or texture, despite the
396 garnet being chemically zoned most notably in HREEs), the separated garnet fragments were
397 arbitrarily split into two fractions (grt-1: 54.9 mg; grt-2: 73.5 mg), assuming that each fraction would
398 contain similar, but not identical, trace element abundances. A whole-rock powder of sample KP11-
399 588 (W.R.: 92.2 mg), prepared in a tungsten carbide mill at RHUL, was also analysed in order to
400 produce 3-point isochrons.

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402 *Analytical procedures*

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404 The methods for sample preparation and analysis largely followed those of Anczkiewicz & Thirlwall
405 (2003) and Bird *et al.* (2013). The REE zoning profiles (Fig. 12) were used to estimate the
406 approximate abundances of Sm, Nd, Lu, and Hf in the garnet cores in order to calculate the optimum
407 Lu/Hf and Sm/Nd spike weights. These spikes were added to the samples prior to full dissolution in
408 HF and HNO₃.

409 The samples were spiked, leached, and dissolved following the procedures outlined by
410 Anczkiewicz & Thirlwall (2003), although in this instance H₂SO₄ leaching was not performed due to
411 the scarcity of phosphate inclusions within the garnet (small monazite grains, which are relatively
412 scarce, are the only phosphate inclusions). The samples, dissolved in a HF + HCl leaching solution,
413 were passed through AG50W-X8 cation resin to remove the high field strength elements (HFSEs),
414 the LREEs, and the HREEs, respectively. Eichrom LN resin was used subsequently to separate Lu,
415 Hf, Sm, and Nd from the remaining solution(s). These final solutions were analysed by the GV
416 IsoProbe MC ICP-MS system at RHUL, using procedures outlined by Anczkiewicz & Thirlwall
417 (2003). Isochron ages were calculated using IsoPlot v. 2.47 (Ludwig 2003) using decay constants of
418 $1.865 \times 10^{-11} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ for ¹⁷⁶Lu (Scherer *et al.* 2001) and $6.54 \times 10^{-12} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ for ¹⁴⁷Sm (Lugmair & Marti
419 1978).

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421 *Lu–Hf and Sm–Nd geochronology results*

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423 Garnets analysed from UHT granulite sample KP11-588 yielded a precise Lu–Hf age of 138.2 ± 6.5
424 Ma calculated from a 3-point isochron defined by the two garnet separates and the whole rock fraction
425 (Fig. 17a). Lu–Hf ages calculated individually from grt-1 and grt-2 fractions (i.e., 2-point isochrons)
426 are 138.6 ± 0.7 Ma and 137 ± 0.6 Ma, respectively (Table 5).

427 The Sm–Nd age is poorly constrained due to very small differences in measured ¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd
428 ratios between the garnet and whole rock, and so it was not possible to construct a meaningful 3-
429 point isochron (Fig. 17b). Sm–Nd ages calculated individually from grt-1 and grt-2 fractions are 6.0
430 ± 14.0 Ma and 7.1 ± 9.8 Ma, respectively (Table 6), together describing an imprecise 0–16.9 Ma age.
431 Arguably, these Sm–Nd results are permissive of a broadly “Neogene” date.

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434 **Synthesis**

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436 Several geochronological (zircon and monazite U–Pb, garnet Lu–Hf and Sm–Nd, and biotite
437 ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar; Fig. 18), microchemical (REE analysis of zircon and garnet), and thermobarometry
438 techniques (Ti-in-zircon; Zr-in-rutile; phase equilibria modelling) have now been applied to the
439 residual UHT granulites of the Kobipoto Complex exposed in central Seram. To summarize these
440 findings (new results are marked by a ★):

- 441 • The protolith to the Kobipoto Complex was sourced, in part, from the Archean cratons of
442 Western Australia, and was deposited in the Late Triassic (C_d zircon U–Pb ages between 3.4
443 Ga and 216 Ma; Pownall *et al.* 2017a; Fig. 5);
- 444 • There were two subsequent zircon crystallisation events: at *c.* 200 Ma (R₂), and at *c.* 16 Ma
445 (R_m) (Pownall *et al.* 2014, 2017a);
- 446 • ★The *c.* 200 Ma R₂ zircon crystallized at ~700°C (Ti-in-zircon thermometry; Fig. 15) and
447 probably grew during a metamorphic event (Th/U < 1; Fig. 14) *not* in equilibrium with garnet
448 (as R₂ HREEs > 10× garnet HREEs; Fig. 13);
- 449 • ★The *c.* 16 Ma R_m zircon crystallized at ~600°C (Ti-in-zircon thermometry; Fig. 15) during
450 a metamorphic event (Th/U < 1; Fig. 14) likely in equilibrium with garnet (as R_m HREEs ~
451 garnet HREEs; Fig. 13); *however,*

- 452 • ★Zircons occurring as inclusions within garnet *did not* grow *c.* 16 Ma R_m rims (Fig. 9b–e);
453 • ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar furnace step heating geochronology of biotite yielded an age of 16.34 ± 0.04 Ma,
454 which is within uncertainty of the respective U–Pb (R_m) zircon age for the same sample (Fig.
455 18; Pownall *et al.* 2014, 2017b);
- 456 • ★Monazite grains within the leucosome and included in garnet (re-)crystallized at *c.* 16 Ma
457 and do not record an older history (Fig. 10);
- 458 • ★Rutile grains in the leucosome must have crystallized under UHT conditions (~900°C Zr-
459 in-rutile *T*s), but rutile grains included within garnet yielded lower Zr-in-rutile temperatures
460 of 600–750°C (Fig. 16);
- 461 • ★Most of the garnet grew as a peritectic phase, as evidenced by the occurrence of melt
462 inclusions (Fig. 7);
- 463 • Major element zonation profiles of garnet are flat in the central region (Pownall 2015) and
464 show evidence for resorption close to the rim (Fig. 11); *however,*
- 465 • ★REE zonation profiles preserve evidence for distinct core and rim domains (Fig. 12);
- 466 • ★The cores show large elevation in REE abundances (> 10× that of the rims) but are
467 relatively small, accounting for < 9 vol.% of total garnet;
- 468 • ★The garnet yielded a precise Lu–Hf isochron age of 138.2 ± 6.5 Ma (between 2 whole-
469 garnet fractions and the bulk rock; Fig. 17); *and,*
- 470 • ★The garnet yielded compromised Sm–Nd dates of 6.0 ± 14.0 Ma and 7.1 ± 9.8 Ma (Fig.
471 17).

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473 Below is a discussion of what these results might mean for the metamorphic evolution of the
474 Kobipoto Complex granulites:

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476 *What did the zircon record?*

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478 Since zircon may crystallize from a melt that is generated during anatexis (e.g. Schaltegger *et al.*
479 1999; Vavra *et al.* 1999), be modified by solid-state recrystallisation (e.g. Hoskin & Black 2000),
480 form by subsolidus metamorphic reactions in response to Zr liberation (e.g. Fraser *et al.* 1997;
481 Degeling *et al.* 2001), or may precipitate from metamorphic or metasomatic fluids across a broad
482 range of temperatures (e.g. Rubatto & Hermann 2003; Hay & Dempster 2009), it is far from
483 straightforward to assign U–Pb zircon ages to a particular event (Harley *et al.* 2007). Furthermore,
484 metamorphic-attributed U–Pb ages are unlikely to date peak *P–T* conditions (Roberts & Finger 1997)
485 but rather an episode of zircon growth facilitated by Zr-rich metamorphic fluids or solid-state Zr
486 diffusion during metamorphic reactions. Closely-matched rare earth element (REE) patterns
487 between the zircon and metamorphic minerals suspected to have coexisted with the zircon under
488 equilibrium conditions are considered by many as the best evidence for identifying ‘metamorphic
489 zircon’ (e.g. Hokada & Harley 2004; Rubatto & Hermann 2007a, b; Harley *et al.* 2007). Additional
490 evidence may come from Th/U zircon ratios, since metamorphic zircon commonly has Th/U ratios <

491 0.1, and magmatic zircon > 0.1 (Rubatto 2002). However, there are numerous examples, particularly
492 from metaluminous rocks, of metamorphic zircon with Th/U ratios that do not match this criterion
493 (e.g. Vavra *et al.* 1999; Rubatto 2017), and very low Th/U ratios (i.e. < 0.01) may instead relate to
494 zircon formed by low-*T* metasomatism (Harley *et al.* 2007).

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496 **c. 16 Ma R_m zircon.** R_m zircon rims have very similar HREE abundances to garnet analysed from
497 sample KP11-588, with garnet core and rim abundances neatly bracketing the entire range of R_m
498 zircon HREE profiles (Fig. 13). This provides strong evidence for the c. 16 Ma R_m zircon having
499 grown in the presence of this garnet, most probably from Zr liberated by consumption of the garnet
500 rims (cf. Degeling *et al.* 2001; Sajeew *et al.* 2010). Even if the partition coefficient of HREEs
501 between zircon and garnet might have been < 1 (cf. Rubatto & Hermann 2007a), the spread of the
502 garnet and zircon data are still broadly consistent with them being in equilibrium. A metamorphic
503 origin is further supported by U/Pb ratios that are consistently < 0.1 (Fig. 14).

504 As discussed by Pownall (2015), it is unlikely that the 16 Ma zircon (and, for similar reasons,
505 the 16 Ma monazite) date the peak of metamorphism (cf. Kohn *et al.* 2015; Yakymchuk & Brown
506 2014), but instead a point on the *P*-*T* path that has passed through UHT conditions. Zircon growth
507 can only occur if sufficient free Zr is available, so if Zr-bearing minerals, such as garnet, were
508 consumed, Zr would have been liberated and zircon growth enabled or promoted (cf. Degeling *et al.*
509 2001). The retrograde history of the Kobipoto Complex UHT granulites is characterized by the
510 replacement of garnet during reaction with sillimanite to form cordierite + spinel-dominated ordered
511 reaction microstructures, and zircons located in this microtextural setting crystallized R_m rims. As
512 noted by Sajeew *et al.* (2010), the formation of cordierite from garnet in the presence of melt would
513 have released Zr that would have promoted zircon growth (cf. Fraser *et al.* 2000; Degeling *et al.*
514 2001). We therefore interpret that the c. 16 Ma R_m zircon rims were produced by post-peak
515 metamorphic reactions that also produced the cordierite coronae and cordierite-spinel symplectites
516 (Fig. 3e). This would have occurred during near-isothermal retrogression, after the metamorphic
517 peak, and below 6 kbar pressure – the lower-*P* limit of garnet stability (Fig. 4). Ti-in-zircon
518 thermometry would pinpoint the R_m zircon crystallisation temperature at ~600°C (Fig. 15), although
519 THERMOCALC Ave*PT* thermometry yielded slightly hotter (754 ± 116°C at 4.0 ± 1.0 kbar) conditions
520 for the post-peak reaction microstructures (Pownall 2015). Despite not having dated peak
521 metamorphism, the complex's rapid exhumation and cooling history inferred from ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar
522 geochronology (Pownall *et al.* 2014, 2017b) would mean that R_m zircon crystallisation occurred very
523 shortly afterwards.

524 Interestingly, zircon grains included in garnet did not grow R_m rims (Fig. 9) and so did not
525 record c. 16 Ma ages. These zircons experienced the entire UHT metamorphic event without being
526 affected by it, presumably because they were isolated from Zr⁴⁺ liberated by garnet rim breakdown
527 after the metamorphic peak. We therefore infer that the ~30% of grains from sample KP11-588
528 mounted for analysis that do not feature R_m rims were separated from within garnet, and the rest
529 from post-peak reaction microstructures and the leucosome.

530 Despite not having formed under UHT conditions, the R_m zircon rims have several
531 characteristics in common with zircons interpreted to have formed under UHT metamorphic
532 conditions in different terranes (e.g., Santosh *et al.* 2007; Sajeew *et al.* 2010; Kusiak *et al.* 2013).
533 These 'UHT zircons' are reported typically as being U-rich (CL dark) and poorly-zoned with low
534 Th/U ratios. Santosh *et al.* (2007) proposed that an increase in metamorphic temperature

535 progressively destroys the oscillatory zoning, leaving the zircon uniformly dark in CL. Sajeev *et al.*
536 (2010) attributed poorly-zoned zircon overgrowths with low Th/U ratios and similar low CL
537 response from Sri Lankan granulites to UHT metamorphism at *c.* 550 Ma. Similarly, Kusiak *et al.*
538 (2013) described CL-dark low-Th, high-U UHT zircon from the Napier Complex, Antarctica. We
539 demonstrate here the possibility that ‘UHT zircon’ matching the same chemistry and texture may
540 also form at much lower temperatures after the UHT metamorphic peak.

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542 **c. 200 Ma R₂ zircon.** R₂ zircon zones have HREE abundances at least an order of magnitude higher
543 than R_m zircon rims and the garnet (Fig. 13). For this reason, it is unlikely that they grew during the
544 most recent episode of garnet crystallisation related to the UHT metamorphism. Instead, they must
545 have grown during a previous event. Ti-in-zircon temperatures of ~700°C and relatively low U/Th
546 ratios (mostly <0.1) together suggest a metamorphic origin for the zircon at around upper-
547 amphibolite grade. As R₂ zircon formed, in part, by recrystallisation of the detrital cores (Pownall *et al.*
548 2017a), growth was likely in the presence of ample fluid/melt. There is also a possibility that this
549 R₂ zircon grew contemporaneously with an early episode of garnet growth, as discussed later.

550 These results further support the interpretation of an upper-amphibolite facies metamorphic
551 event having affected the NW Australian margin in the Late Triassic–Early Jurassic (Pownall *et al.*
552 2017a). According to tectonic reconstructions by Hall (2012), this metamorphic event would shortly
553 predate rifting of the Banda and Argo blocks from the NW Australia the subsequent opening of the
554 Proto-Banda sea in the Middle Jurassic.

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556 *What did the monazite record?*

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558 Monazite grains dated *in situ* from the leucosome and from within garnet gave ages of 16.4 ± 0.4 Ma
559 (Fig. 10) – identical, within uncertainty, to the R_m zircon. We therefore interpret the monazite to
560 have similarly dated a point on the high-temperature decompression path after the peak of UHT
561 metamorphism and in the presence of melt. As the monazite inclusion dated in this study is located
562 close to leucosome in the margin of the garnet and also connected to a fracture network (Fig. 6d), it
563 may have been recrystallized by circulating fluids shortly post-dating the UHT event (*cf.* Williams *et al.*
564 2011; Kelly *et al.* 2012; Taylor *et al.* 2014). R₂ zircon inclusions within garnet were evidently
565 more resilient to any fluid-mediated resetting effect.

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567 *What do the Zr-in-rutile temperatures mean?*

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569 Rutile grains from the leucosome (Fig. 6f) recorded Zr-in-rutile temperatures (Tomkins *et al.* 2007)
570 as high as $907 \pm 14^\circ\text{C}$, whereas rutile grains included in garnet (Fig. 6e) recorded temperatures
571 between ~600–750°C (Fig. 16). In the leucosome, it is reasonable to assume an *a*SiO₂ of 1 and
572 unimpeded exchange of Zr⁴⁺ and Ti⁴⁺ between rutile and (R_m) zircon. We therefore consider this
573 result to be reliable piece of further evidence that the Kobipoto Complex granulites were
574 metamorphosed under UHT conditions.

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576 The rutile grains within garnet must have also experienced the same peak temperature, but
577 failed to record it. This is likely because the rutile and (R₂) zircon grains included within garnet on
the prograde path were shielded from each other under peak conditions and were not able to

578 equilibrate, prohibiting free $Zr^{4+} \rightleftharpoons Ti^{4+}$ exchange. Failure of zircon grains within garnet to
579 crystallize *c.* 16 Ma (R_m) rims further demonstrates that Zr^{4+} from the leucosome did not pass into
580 garnet. The broad spread in rutile Zr contents may therefore reflect the different temperatures
581 ($\sim 600\text{--}750^\circ\text{C}$) rutile grains were included by the garnet during its prograde growth.

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583 *What does the 138 Ma Lu–Hf garnet age mean?*

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585 The 138.2 ± 6.5 Ma Lu–Hf isochron date (Fig. 17a) is puzzling because an Early Cretaceous
586 metamorphic or magmatic episode has never before been reported for Australian-affinity crust in east
587 Indonesia. Previous work indicates a period of tectonic and magmatic quiescence in the northwest
588 Australian margin at this time (e.g. Audley-Charles *et al.* 1988; Fraser *et al.* 1993; Hall 2012). A *c.*
589 143 Ma metamorphic episode has been documented in western Borneo, but *not* from a part of
590 Borneo that was derived from Australia (Breitfeld *et al.* 2017). Given also that, for the *same sample*
591 (i) this 138 Ma Lu–Hf garnet age does not correlate even closely with zircon or monazite
592 crystallisation events, (ii) garnet HREE abundances equilibrated with those in 16 Ma zircon (Fig.
593 13), and (iii) the respective Sm–Nd garnet ages are significantly younger (0–16.9 Ma, although
594 imprecise), we do not think that this Cretaceous Lu–Hf age can date a real metamorphic or magmatic
595 event. We argue below that this age is the result of mixing between *c.* 200 Ma garnet cores with *c.*
596 16 Ma garnet rims. In order that ^{176}Hf produced during the *c.* 200 Ma event was not lost from the
597 garnet by diffusion during UHT metamorphism at *c.* 16 Ma, we further argue that duration of the
598 UHT metamorphism must have been very short.

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600 The Kobipoto Complex garnets retain evidence in their HREE zonation for two separate
601 episodes of garnet growth (Fig. 12) despite having relatively flat major element profiles (Fig. 11).
602 ^{178}Hf and ^{175}Lu concentrations are $3\times$ and $30\times$ higher, respectively, in garnet cores compared to the
603 rims. On the other hand, ^{147}Sm and ^{146}Nd concentrations are more uniform and do not feature a
604 sharp core–rim transition. Furthermore, the Lu–Hf garnet age of 138.2 ± 6.5 Ma is significantly
605 older than its respective 0–16.7 Ma Sm–Nd age (despite the latter being imprecise). Although it is
606 common for Lu–Hf ages to be slightly older than Sm–Nd ages for the same garnet sample grown
607 during a single metamorphic event (e.g. Anczkiewicz *et al.* 2007, 2012; Kylander-Clark *et al.* 2007;
608 Bird *et al.* 2013; Smit *et al.* 2013; Yakymchuk *et al.* 2015), in this instance the discrepancy is far too
609 large to be accounted for by any systematic offset. A component of Hf^{4+} , but not Nd^{3+} , must have
610 been derived from a previous metamorphic event, requiring that (i) part of the garnet is significantly
611 older than the UHT metamorphism; and (ii) the UHT metamorphic event then remobilized major
612 element and LREE cations (Sm and Nd) without significantly redistributing the highly-retentive
613 HREEs (Lu and Hf).

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614 These requirements are permitted by the different Lu–Hf and Sm–Nd closure temperatures
615 and Lu^{3+} and Hf^{4+} diffusion behaviours in garnet. According to Smit *et al.* (2013), for rapid cooling
616 rates ($> 100^\circ\text{C Ma}^{-1}$) and a garnet diffusion domain radius of 1 mm, the closure temperature of both
617 Sm–Nd and Lu–Hf systems would be approximately $> 850^\circ\text{C}$ and $> 1000^\circ\text{C}$, respectively.
618 Furthermore, Bloch *et al.* (2015, p. 16) determined that Hf^{4+} (and Lu^{3+}) are only able to fully
619 homogenize when “unusually long periods of metamorphism persist”, or when very high
620 temperatures (i.e., $\gg 900^\circ\text{C}$) are attained. For instance, a 1 mm-diameter garnet may take *c.* 12 myr
at 900°C , but *c.* 250 myr at 800°C , to fully homogenize its Hf (Bloch *et al.* 2015, p. 16, fig. 12). The

621 fact that HREE zoning is preserved in garnet (Fig. 13) and that UHT metamorphism did not ‘reset’
622 the Lu–Hf clock indicates that the duration of UHT metamorphism must have been short (i.e.,
623 significantly less than 12 myr, and perhaps just a few myr).

624 The metamorphic event recorded by the R₂ zircon between 215–173 Ma is the only known
625 candidate for producing an older generation of garnet from which this older Hf might have been
626 sourced. As such, we propose that the garnet cores formed during the previously-identified Late
627 Triassic–Early Jurassic amphibolite-facies metamorphic event. It might be expected that HREE
628 concentrations of garnet cores and R₂ zircon should be similar, if it is assumed that these two
629 minerals grew in equilibrium. However, while not opened to complete diffusion, a slight depletion
630 in garnet core HREE concentration may still have occurred during the UHT event. We suggest this
631 is the reason why garnet core HREE concentrations are lower than those of R₂ zircon (Fig. 13).

632 We therefore propose that garnet cores grew at *c.* 200 Ma, contemporaneous with R₂ zircon
633 crystallisation. During the Miocene UHT event, prograde garnet rims overgrew these older cores.
634 The major elements later equilibrated between the two different generations during peak conditions,
635 erasing any zoning. Upon rapid cooling and decompression from UHT conditions, garnets cooled
636 through the Sm–Nd closure temperature (consistent with the Sm–Nd age being equal to or less than
637 the zircon and monazite U–Pb ages), but the garnet was never hot enough for long enough to have
638 been ‘opened’ to appreciable Hf⁴⁺ diffusion. Consequently, the thermal pulse that drove UHT
639 metamorphism, which must have been short (Pownall *et al.* 2014; Pownall 2015), failed to enable
640 complete outward diffusion of Hf⁴⁺ accumulated in the *c.* 200 Ma garnet cores. During our analysis,
641 *c.* 200 Ma garnet cores and *c.* 16 Ma garnet rims were not separated, producing the geologically-
642 meaningless mixed age of 138.2 ± 6.5 Ma.

643 Although smaller in volume, the *c.* 200 Ma cores have far higher Lu and Hf concentrations
644 than the *c.* 16 Ma rims (Fig. 12), and so will have affected the age to a greater extent. Also, since
645 Lu³⁺ diffusion is around 10 times faster than Hf⁴⁺ diffusion (e.g., Kohn 2009; Anczkiewicz *et al.*
646 2012; Baxter & Scherer 2013), partial HREE retention will have lowered residual ¹⁷⁶Lu/¹⁷⁷Hf ratios,
647 further skewing Lu–Hf ages towards older values (up until the point all Hf⁴⁺ and Lu³⁺ are lost and the
648 age is reset). This issue of Hf inheritance from previous garnet growth events has been described
649 previously as resulting in systematically older Lu–Hf ages (Bloch & Ganguly 2015; Raimondo *et al.*
650 2017). Counter to this, garnet resorption, which has affected the garnets of the Koibpoto Complex
651 granulites to a large extent, may have resulted in a younging of the Lu–Hf age as Lu³⁺ is
652 preferentially retained over Hf⁴⁺ in the resorbed portion of the garnet (Kelly *et al.* 2011).

653 654 *Summary*

655
656 In summary, we interpret UHT metamorphism and melting on Seram occurred just prior to 16 Ma,
657 and an upper-amphibolite facies metamorphic event occurred during the Triassic/Jurassic (*c.* 200
658 Ma), for the following reasons: (i) the HREE abundances in garnet (a major constituent of the peak
659 UHT metamorphic assemblage) tightly bracket those in the 16 Ma zircon, whereas 200 Ma zircon
660 HREE abundances are 10× higher (Fig. 13); (ii) monazite included within garnet yields a ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U
661 age of 16.4 ± 0.4 Ma (Fig. 10) – within uncertainty of those ages from zircon (Fig. 18); (iii) Th/U
662 ratios for the *c.* 16 Ma R_m zircon are consistently below 0.1, consistent with a metamorphic origin
663 (Fig. 14); (iv) rutile present in the leucosome records Zr-in-rutile temperatures > 900°C (Fig. 16); (v)
664 Multiple ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar ages (Pownall *et al.* 2017b) also document a regionally-significant metamorphic

665 event that affected Seram's Tehoru Formation at 16 Ma; (vi) A 17 Ma $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ age from phlogopite
666 in a lamprophyric dyke intruding the Kobipoto Complex Iherzolite demonstrates the presence of hot
667 mantle rocks at that time, necessary to have achieved UHT conditions (Pownall *et al.* 2017b); and
668 (vii) tectonic reconstructions at *c.* 16 Ma indicate a marked change in the tectonic environment in the
669 Banda region, as the Banda slab began to subduct with rollback of the subduction hinge ESE into the
670 Banda Embayment (Fig. 19), driving regional extension (Spakman & Hall 2010; Hall 2011).

671 These multiple lines of evidence add further support to the interpretation that the Seram
672 granulites recorded Earth's youngest-known episode of UHT crustal metamorphism in response to
673 rollback-driven mantle exhumation (Pownall *et al.* 2014). Also, given that (i) the granulites record
674 identical-within-error biotite $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ (Pownall *et al.* 2017b), and zircon and monazite U–Pb ages
675 (Fig. 18); and (ii) the duration of the UHT pulse was too short-lived to have reset the Lu–Hf system,
676 these “fast” granulites (Harley 2016) cannot have existed above 900°C much longer than a few
677 million years before being exhumed very rapidly.

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680 **Conclusions**

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682 *Metamorphic evolution of the Kobipoto Complex UHT granulites*

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- 684 1) The pelitic protolith to the Kobipoto Complex granulites was deposited by 216 Ma. Detrital
685 zircons (C_d) as old as 3.4 Ga confirm this material was derived, in part, from the western
686 Australian cratons (Fig. 19a).
- 687 2) The protolith to the Kobipoto Complex was metamorphosed in the upper-amphibolite facies
688 (\pm partial melting) between 215 and 173 Ma as recorded by R_2 zircon rims that partially
689 recrystallized older C_d cores (evidenced by $\sim 700^\circ\text{C}$ Ti-in- $[R_2]$ zircon temperatures and $\text{Th}/\text{U} <$
690 0.1). Small garnets with high HREE contents also likely grew during this Late Jurassic–
691 Early Cretaceous event, in order to account for elevated ^{176}Hf contents that cannot be
692 explained by a single garnet growth event at *c.* 16 Ma. It is possible that more than one
693 metamorphic–magmatic episode occurred between 215 and 173 Ma which shortly predated
694 the rifting of adjacent continental blocks from the NW Australian margin (Fig. 19b).
- 695 3) Prograde metamorphism preceding the UHT peak was not recorded by the investigated
696 geochronometers, but must have occurred between 23 Ma (the initial Australia–SE Asia
697 collision age; Hall 2011) and 16 Ma (growth of retrograde R_m zircon and monazite). Garnet
698 growth, principally as a peritectic product (evidenced by melt inclusions) engulfed many
699 C_d+R_2 zircon grains and some rutile and monazite grains (Fig. 19d). The zircons, after their
700 inclusion in garnet, did not crystallize new rims. Rutile grains, after their inclusion, did not
701 adjust their Zr contents, recording collectively a spread of different Zr-in-rutile temperatures
702 ($600\text{--}750^\circ\text{C}$) along the prograde path.
- 703 4) Hot leucosome must have been present at the peak of UHT metamorphism (925°C and 9
704 kbar; Pownall 2015). Rutile grains within the leucosome, adjacent to garnet, recorded Zr-in-
705 rutile temperatures of $\sim 900^\circ\text{C}$ through exchange of Zr^{4+} and Ti^{4+} with zircon grains present
706 also in the leucosome (Fig. 19d). At this time, garnet comprised a modelled 30 vol% of the
707 rock (Pownall 2015). As the garnets no longer preserve major element or LREE core–rim
708 zoning, in contrast to the more retentive HREEs, it is likely that these less retentive cations

709 were homogenized under peak conditions. Diffusion of HREEs from core to rim may have
710 occurred to a small extent, since R₂ zircon which grew contemporaneously with the garnet
711 cores at *c.* 200 Ma have higher HREE abundances.

- 712 5) During the granulites' post-peak evolution, garnet reacted with sillimanite to form the
713 cordierite and spinel-rich coronae. At *c.* 16 Ma, as the rock was exhumed above ~ 20 km
714 depth (~ 6 kbar), garnet no longer remained part of the equilibrium assemblage. Zr⁴⁺
715 liberated by metamorphic reactions consuming the outermost garnet rims drove
716 crystallisation of *c.* 16 Ma R_m rims on zircon grains in the leucosome and on zircons now
717 located in cordierite + spinel post-peak reaction microstructures (Fig. 19e). Ti-in-[R_m]zircon
718 temperatures of just 600°C attest to the late crystallisation of zircon in the UHT granulites'
719 retrograde history.
- 720 6) The 138.2 ± 6.5 Ma garnet Lu–Hf age does not correlate to any known geological event in
721 the Banda region (Fig. 19c). We interpret this age to be the product of mixing between *c.* 200
722 Ma garnet cores and *c.* 16 Ma garnet rims (Fig. 19e). Garnet Sm–Nd ages of 6.0 ± 14.0 Ma
723 and 7.1 ± 9.8 Ma are very imprecise, but arguably record cooling from the UHT metamorphic
724 peak at *c.* 16 Ma. Unlike Hf, there is no evidence that Nd produced within *c.* 200 Ma garnet
725 cores was retained in garnet during Miocene UHT metamorphism. In order that the Lu–Hf
726 'clock' was not reset by the UHT metamorphism, the granulites cannot have resided under
727 UHT conditions for longer than a few million years.

728 729 *Broader implications*

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- 731 1) The Kobipoto Complex granulites demonstrate that zircon grains in shielded microtextural
732 sites (in this instance as inclusions within garnet) may be subjected to an entire UHT
733 metamorphic cycle *without* crystallizing new rims, and therefore *without* recording the UHT
734 event.
- 735 2) The Kobipoto Complex granulites demonstrate that short-lived UHT metamorphic events are
736 sometimes unable to reset the Lu–Hf system in garnet, and that Hf retention from a previous
737 metamorphic event may lead to a mixed age in garnets that have flat major element profiles.
- 738 3) Rather than having formed within a large, long-lived, hot collisional orogen—the most
739 common explanation for UHT rocks discovered in Proterozoic terranes—these Indonesian
740 Miocene granulites record a history of short-lived UHT metamorphism and subsequent rapid
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1011 **Figures**

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1013 **Fig. 1.** Tectonic map of Eastern Indonesia. The island of Seram is located in the northern limb of the
1014 Banda Arc. Tectonic features are from Hall (2012), with the location of the Banda Detachment from
1015 Pownall *et al.* (2016). Islands to the north of the Banda Sea once comprised the Sula Spur (Klompé
1016 1954) – a continental promontory extending from NW Australia (Fig. 19d) that fragmented upon
1017 collision with western Sulawesi (SE Asia). Base-map elevation data are from Ryan *et al.* (2009).
1018 The yellow diamond indicates the sampling locality for the Kobipoto Complex granulites involved in
1019 this study. T—Tioor; K—Kur; F—Fadol.

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1021 **Fig. 2.** Geological sketch map of Seram and Ambon, after Valk (1945), Germeraad (1946), van der
1022 Sluis (1950), Tjokrosapoetro *et al.* (1993a, b), Gafoer *et al.* (1993), and Pownall *et al.* (2013, 2014,
1023 2016). Samples KP11-588 and KP11-619 are located in the Kobipoto Mountains. Pen.—Peninsular;
1024 Mtns.—Mountains.

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1026 **Fig. 3.** Thin section photomicrographs (PPL) and BSE images of the Kobipoto Complex granulites.
1027 Mineral abbreviations are after Kretz (1983). (a) Sample KP11-588: Voluminous garnet separated
1028 from abundant sillimanite by order reaction microstructures of cordierite + spinel + ilmenite. (b)
1029 Sample KP11-588: Cordierite corona surrounding garnet, and symplectic spinel and ilmenite
1030 adjacent to sillimanite, were produced during retrograde reactions during rapid decompression from
1031 peak conditions (see also Pownall 2015). (c) Sample KP11-588: Inclusions of spinel + quartz +
1032 corundum within garnet – an assemblage indicative of UHT metamorphism. (d) Sample KP11-619:
1033 Large (4 mm diameter) garnet within leucosome comprising pinitised cordierite (pin), plagioclase,
1034 quartz, and biotite. (e) Sample KP11-588: BSE image of ordered reaction microstructures between
1035 garnet and sillimanite. Cordierite corona features vermicular blobs of quartz adjacent to garnet, and
1036 symplectic spinel grains adjacent to sillimanite. Note the zircon inclusion in garnet. (f) Sample
1037 KP11-619: BSE image of symplectic spinel within cordierite, hosting corundum and tiny blebs of
1038 sapphirine (see Pownall 2015).

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1040 **Fig. 4.** Summary of P – T data for the Kobipoto Complex granulites and lherzolites, modified after
1041 Pownall *et al.* (2017a) and Pownall (2015). The purple arrow shows a clockwise P – T path for UHT
1042 granulite sample KP11-588, passing through peak conditions of $925 \pm 50^\circ\text{C}$ at 9 ± 1 kbar. Reaction
1043 lines for garnet (Grt), cordierite (Crd), biotite (Bt), and silicate melt (Liq) are taken from a P – T
1044 pseudosection calculated specifically for the melanosome using THERMOCALC in the Na_2O – CaO –
1045 K_2O – FeO – MgO – Al_2O_3 – SiO_2 – H_2O – TiO_2 – Fe_2O_3 (NCKFMASHTO) chemical system. Post-peak
1046 equilibration conditions of $754 \pm 116^\circ\text{C}$ and 4 ± 1 kbar are based on a THERMOCALC ‘AvePT’
1047 calculation for the cordierite- and spinel-dominated reaction microstructures, using the garnet rim
1048 composition (Pownall 2015). The blue arrow shows the P – T evolution of the adjacent lherzolites,
1049 which juxtaposed against the granulites provided the heat for UHT metamorphism (Pownall *et al.*
1050 2017a).

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1052 **Fig. 5.** Summary of U–Pb zircon ages obtained for the Kobipoto Complex granulites (after Pownall
1053 *et al.* 2017a). Note the cluster of R_m zircon ages at $c.$ 16 Ma, the occurrence of some R_m ages at $c.$
1054 23 Ma (correlating with the initial collision of Australia with SE Asia; Hall 2011), and the broad

1055 spread of R₂ zircon ages between 215 and 173 Ma. We do not imply that R_m zircon rim populations
1056 at c. 16 Ma and 23–19 Ma were formed by the same process, only that they have identical textural
1057 relationships. The ‘cartoon’ zircon is lifted from Fig. 8b.

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1059 **Fig. 6.** Textural settings of zircon, monazite, and rutile in granulite KP11-588. Mineral
1060 abbreviations are after Kretz (1983). (a) Zircon inclusion within garnet that also contains small melt
1061 inclusions (MI) and a biotite inclusion (PPL image). See Fig. 9b for CL image of this grain. (b)
1062 Zircon grains present within cordierite corona and included within garnet (XPL image). (c, d)
1063 Monazite grains dated *in situ* as part of this study. The ablation pit numbers correspond to those in
1064 Table 2 and Fig. 10. (e, f) Rutile grains analysed *in situ* for Zr-in-rutile thermometry. Analytical
1065 spots correspond to those in Table 4. Rutile grains in the leucosome record UHT conditions (>
1066 900°C), whereas those included in garnet have significantly lower Zr concentrations that yield lower
1067 temperatures (~600–750°C).

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1069 **Fig. 7.** Melt inclusions (MI) within garnet of sample KP11-588 (photomicrographs, PPL). Note the
1070 occurrence of both primary inclusions (square in thin section), and secondary melt inclusions located
1071 along planar defects, as shown by the red arrow in part (a).

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1073 **Fig. 8.** (a) CL images of zircons from sample KP11-588 analysed as part of this study. Note the
1074 distinctive cores (C_d), 1st overgrowth zones (R₂), and CL-dark rims (R_m). Ages follow Pownall *et al.*
1075 (2017a). (b) Cartoons of selected zircon grains demonstrating the relationships between the different
1076 generations of growth (after Pownall *et al.* 2017a). Note also the occurrence of very thin (too thin to
1077 analyse) outermost ‘R₀’ zircon rims on some grains.

1078 **Fig. 9.** CL images of zircons acquired *in situ* from a thin section of sample KP11-588. (a) Zircons
1079 located in the post-peak reaction microstructures at the boundary with leucosome and included with
1080 a large lath of sillimanite feature thick R_m rims (dark in CL) overgrowing R₂ zones (bright in CL)
1081 and detrital cores (C_d). The CL images annotate a XPL thin section photo of the same zircon grains,
1082 showing their textural locations. (b–e) Zircons included within garnet do not feature R_m rims, just
1083 CL-bright R₂ zones around detrital cores (C_d). In part (b), the CL image annotates a PPL thin section
1084 photo of the same zircon grain, located > 200 μm from the rim of the garnet it is included in.
1085 Mineral abbreviations are after Kretz (1983).

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1087 **Fig. 10.** Tera-Wasserburg plot for SHRIMP U–Pb analysis of monazite from sample KP11-588. The
1088 mean ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U age is quoted to 95% confidence, and error ellipses are drawn at 68.3% confidence.
1089 MSWD—mean square of weighted deviates. See Table 2 for U–Pb geochronology data.

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1091 **Fig. 11.** (a) Major element zonation profile through representative garnet in sample KP11-588
1092 determined from electron microprobe line-scan (modified after Pownall 2015). Garnet composition
1093 is expressed in terms of the following end-members: almandine (alm) = Fe²⁺/(Fe²⁺ + Mn + Mg +
1094 Ca); pyrope (pyr) = Mg/(Fe²⁺ + Mn + Mg + Ca); spessartine (sps) = Mn/(Fe²⁺ + Mn + Mg + Ca);
1095 grossular (grs) = Ca/(Fe²⁺ + Mn + Mg + Ca). The location of this line-scan is shown in part (b) – a
1096 backscattered electron image coloured according to backscatter intensity that displays the geometry
1097 of the major element garnet zonation profile. Major element concentrations are flat in the central
1098 region, displaying evidence for resorption close to the rim (with increase in spessartine component).

1099 Unlike as depicted by HREE zoning (Fig. 12), there is no evidence for a separate core region.

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1101 **Fig. 12.** HREE abundances (linear scale) and concentrations of ^{175}Lu , ^{147}Sm , ^{146}Nd , and ^{178}Hf (log
1102 scale) obtained along a 1.1 mm LA-ICP-MS laser traverse through garnet from KP11-588 (ablation
1103 track through garnet shown at bottom). The HREE profiles demonstrate the occurrence of a distinct
1104 core region (shaded grey), but it was unfortunately not possible to manually separate garnet cores
1105 and rims for the Lu–Hf and Sm–Nd dating. Three additional laser transects (not shown) were
1106 performed, with similar results. See the Supplementary Files for the full dataset.

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1108 **Fig. 13.** REE plot comparing R_m zircon, R_2 zircon, and garnet. Zircon from samples KP11-588 and
1109 KP11-619 was analysed by SHRIMP II at Geoscience Australia, and the garnet data were acquired
1110 by LA-ICP-MS laser transects (Fig. 12), as described in the text. The concentrations are normalised
1111 to CI chondrite values (McDonough & Sun 1995). The broad spread in garnet HREE concentrations
1112 is due to the differences in abundance between the core (relatively enriched) and rim (relatively
1113 depleted), as labelled (and evident in Fig. 12). This plot shows that HREE abundances of *c.* 16 Ma
1114 R_m zircon are within the range of garnet HREE abundances, but the *c.* 200 Ma R_2 zircon
1115 concentrations are an order of magnitude higher. See the Supplementary Material for full datasets.

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1117 **Fig. 14.** Th versus U plots of zircon from samples KP11-588, KP11-691, and KP11-621 analysed by
1118 SHRIMP (Pownall *et al.* 2017a). KP11-621 is a Kobipoto Complex cordierite diatexite also from the
1119 Kobipoto Mountains (see Table 1). Grey dashed lines contour fixed Th/U ratios. Analyses are
1120 coloured according to the type of zircon analysed: black circles for detrital cores (C_d); white circles
1121 for metamorphic overgrowths (R_m); and diamonds for CL-bright ‘ R_2 ’ zones.

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1123 **Fig. 15.** Results of Ti-in-zircon thermometry acquired for zircon from samples KP11-588 and KP11-
1124 619. The shaded regions are drawn for the Ferry & Watson (2007) calibration, and demonstrate a
1125 notable difference in temperature between R_m zircon ($\sim 600^\circ\text{C}$) and R_2 zircon ($\sim 700^\circ\text{C}$). The activities
1126 of SiO_2 and TiO_2 were assumed here to both equal 1 for application of the Ferry & Watson (2007)
1127 thermometer (although lowering a_{SiO_2} by 0.1 lowers temperatures by $\sim 15^\circ\text{C}$). See Table 3 for Ti
1128 concentrations and full thermometry results.

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1130 **Fig. 16.** Results of Zr-in-rutile thermometry (of Tomkins *et al.* 2007) calculated for rutile from
1131 sample KP11-588. Pressure was set at 9 kbar in order to correspond to the peak metamorphic P – T
1132 conditions calculated by Pownall (2015). The Ferry & Watson (2007) Zr-in-rutile thermometers
1133 (assuming $a_{\text{SiO}_2} = 1$) gave extremely similar results (Table 4), which for clarity have not been
1134 plotted. The overlaid histogram (red bars) is binned at 50°C intervals. The three rutile grains
1135 analysed from the leucosome (Fig. 6f) yielded the hotter temperatures than those included in garnet
1136 (Fig. 6e).

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1138 **Fig. 17.** Lu–Hf and Sm–Nd garnet geochronology of sample KP11-588. (a) Lu–Hf isochron
1139 diagram. Error bars are smaller than the symbols. w.r.—whole rock; MSWD—mean square of
1140 weighted deviates. See Table 5 for results. (b) Sm–Nd isochron diagram. w.r.—whole rock. A
1141 geologically-meaningful isochron date could not be calculated due to the tight clustering of
1142 $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ ratios. See Table 6 for results.

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1144 **Fig. 18.** Compilation of geochronology results for the Kobipoto Complex UHT granulites. U–Pb
1145 zircon ages are from Pownall *et al.* (2017a), and the $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ biotite age is from Pownall *et al.*
1146 (2017b). All results are obtained for sample KP11-588, except the $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ age that was obtained
1147 for KP11-619, and the age range of the R₂ zircon U–Pb dates, which are a combination of all
1148 Kobipoto Complex migmatite samples presented by Pownall *et al.* (2017a).

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1150 **Fig. 19.** Explanation of zircon, garnet, monazite, and rutile histories for the Kobipoto Complex
1151 granulites linked to tectonic reconstruction of the Banda region (Hall 2012). The reconstructions (for
1152 80–130°E, 0–50°S) show oceanic crust in mint green (older than 120 Ma) and mid-blue (younger
1153 than 120 Ma), and submarine arcs and oceanic plateaus in pale blue. The yellow diamond indicates
1154 the location of central Seram. *P–T* values (orange boxes) are from Pownall (2015) and Ti-in-zircon
1155 thermometry (Fig. 15). The cartoon minerals are not to scale. **(a)** Australian detrital zircon (C_d) was
1156 deposited as part of the Kobipoto Complex protolith in the Late Triassic. **(b)** An upper amphibolite-
1157 facies metamorphic event at *c.* 200 Ma grew R₂ zircon and garnet cores. **(c)** No known event
1158 occurred at 138 Ma. **(d)** UHT metamorphism affected the Kobipoto Complex just prior to 16 Ma.
1159 Prograde peritectic growth of garnet rims trapped melt. Major element and LREE cations
1160 equilibrated between core and rim, but more retentive HREEs were largely retained in the core.
1161 Rutilites in leucosome recorded >900°C Zr-in-Rt temperatures. **(e)** Upon rapid decompression and
1162 cooling from UHT conditions, consumption of garnet liberated Zr and LREEs that facilitated the
1163 growth of *c.* 16 Ma R_m zircon and monazite, respectively. Zircon shielded in garnet did not record
1164 the UHT event. 138 Ma garnet Lu–Hf age is the result of mixing between cores and rims. Sketch
1165 cross-section adapted from Pownall (2015).

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Tables

Table 1

Table 1. Previous geochronology of the Kobipoto Complex migmatites, eastern Indonesia

Author(s)	Sample	Rock	Location		Age (Ma)			SHRIMP U–Pb zircon
			Long. (°E)	Lat. (°S)	Rb–Sr	K–Ar	⁴⁰ Ar/ ³⁹ Ar	
Priem <i>et al.</i> (1978)		Crd diatexite	Ambon			3.3 ± 0.1†	3.8 ± 0.2‡	
Honthaas <i>et al.</i> (1997)	Kur7H	Granodiorite	Kur	131.99*	5.35*			17.07 ± 0.40‡ 23.05 ± 0.55§
	Kur7G	Diorite	Kur	131.99*	5.35*			18.94 ± 0.51†
	Kur7J	Paragneiss	Kur	131.99*	5.35*			16.93 ± 0.39‡ 17.64 ± 0.41§
Honthaas <i>et al.</i> (1999)	(several)	Crd diatexite	Ambon				4.22–3.29‡ 4.75–3.99†	
Linthout <i>et al.</i> (1996)	BK18	Crd diatexite	Kaibobo Peninsula	128.17*	3.19*			5.51 ± 0.02‡
J. Decker (pers. comm. 2011)	10DJ307	Diatexite	Latimor (Ambon)	128.2168	3.7178			3.5 ± 0.1
	10JD306	Diatexite	Latimor (Ambon)	128.2440	3.7370			3.6 ± 0.1
	10JD308	Diatexite	Latimor (Ambon)	128.1302	3.7450			3.3 ± 0.1
	10JD465	Diatexite	Hitu (Ambon)	128.0229	3.7550			3.1 ± 0.1
Pownall <i>et al.</i> (2017a) **	KP11-588	Grt-Sil granulite	Kobipoto Mountains	129.4786	3.0019			15.8 ± 0.3
	KP11-619	Grt-Crd-Sil metatexite	Kobipoto Mountains	129.4735	3.0168			16.34 ± 0.04‡
	KP11-621	Crd diatexite	Kobipoto Mountains	129.4785	3.0022			16.2 ± 0.3
	SE10-178	Diatexite	Kaibobo Peninsula	128.1736	3.1884			6.0 ± 0.2
	KB11-336	Diatexite	Kaibobo Peninsula	128.1787	3.2005			5.5 ± 0.2
	AB11-026	Leucogranite	Latimor (Ambon)	128.2210	3.7192			3.5 ± 0.1
Pownall <i>et al.</i> (2017b)	SE10-178	Diatexite	Kaibobo Peninsula	128.1736	3.1884			5.88 ± 0.05‡ 6.69 ± 0.13‡
	KB11-367	Mylonitised crd diatexite	Kaibobo Peninsula	128.2024	3.2173			5.40 ± 0.21‡ 3.30 ± 0.04‡
	AM10-167	Crd diatexite	S Latimor, Ambon	128.2447	3.7379			3.63 ± 0.04‡
	KP11-593	Phlogopite lamprophyre	Kobipoto Mountains	129.4802	3.0006			15.07 ± 0.08¶

*locations estimated from maps in Figure 1c of Honthaas *et al.* (1997) and Figure 2 of Linthout *et al.* (1996), respectively.

†age obtained from a whole rock powder

‡age obtained for biotite (pairs of ages sometimes interpreted for the same sample relate to different Ar reservoirs; see Pownall *et al.* 2017b)

§age obtained for K-feldspar

¶age obtained for phlogopite from a lamprophyric dyke intruded through Kobipoto Complex lherzolites

**ages for KP11-588, KP11-619, and KP11-621 reported initially by Pownall *et al.* (2014)

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Table 2**Table 2.** *U–Pb monazite geochronology, sample KP11-588*

Analytical Spot	% ²⁰⁶ Pb _c	U (ppm)	²⁰⁶ Pb* (ppm)	²³² Th/ ²³⁸ U	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U		Total ²³⁸ U/ ²⁰⁶ Pb		Total ²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb		²⁰⁶ Pb*/ ²³⁸ U†	
					Age†	± 1 σ	± 1 σ	± 1 σ	± 1 σ	± (%)		
2.1‡	7.72	2494	32922	14	16.7	0.4	356	2.4	0.1074	1.4	0.002590	0.78
1.1§	12.80	541	51957	99	15.3	0.9	368	5.9	0.1475	2.8	0.002370	1.89
1.2§	8.72	457	54796	124	16.3	0.6	361	3.6	0.1153	5.3	0.002530	1.18
1.3§	9.45	793	86551	113	16.4	0.3	356	1.5	0.1211	3.2	0.002547	0.50

Pb_c and Pb* indicate the common and radiogenic portions, respectively.†Common Pb corrected by assuming ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U–²⁰⁷Pb/²³⁵U age-concordance

‡Intra-garnet monazite

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Table 3**Table 3.** *Ti-in-zircon thermometry*

Analytical Spot	Zircon type	Ti (ppm)	±	Watson <i>et al.</i> (2006) thermometer			Ferry & Watson (2007) thermometer*		
				T (°C)	+	–	T (°C)	+	–
KP11-619-16.1	R _m	1.01	0.05	573	164	12	568	29	22
KP11-619-10.1	R _m	1.05	0.08	575	165	14	570	31	21
KP11-619-18.1	R _m	1.06	0.06	576	165	13	571	30	22
KP11-588-13.1	R _m	1.56	0.06	600	168	12	597	30	24
KP11-619-11.1	R _m	1.68	0.03	605	167	11	602	29	26
KP11-588-24.1	R ₂	5.54	0.24	692	187	15	693	36	27
KP11-588-5.3	R ₂	5.67	0.16	693	186	13	695	34	29
KP11-588-6.2	R ₂	6.88	0.12	709	188	13	712	34	30

Results of Ti-in-zircon thermometry applied to R_m and R₂ zircon from sample KP11-619 and KP11-588. Ti concentrations were measured using SHRIMP II at Geoscience Australia. See Fig. 15 for a graphical representation of these data.*assuming that $a\text{SiO}_2 = a\text{TiO}_2 = 1$

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Table 4**Table 3.** *Zr-in-rutile thermometry*

Analytical Spot	rutile location	Zr (ppm)	±	Ferry & Watson (2007) thermometer*			Tomkins <i>et al.</i> (2007) thermometer†		
				<i>T</i> (°C)			<i>T</i> (°C)		
					+	–		+	–
rt1	in leucosome‡	3816	365	907	12	13	907	12	13
rt7	in leucosome	3269	365	887	14	15	887	14	15
rt6	in leucosome	3138	333	882	13	14	882	13	14
rt28	in Grt	1569	118	799	8	9	800	8	8
rt29	in Grt	1053	140	757	13	14	758	13	14
rt17	in Grt; adj. Ilm	852	90	736	10	11	737	10	11
rt27	in Grt	806	82	731	9	10	732	9	10
rt14	in Grt; adj. Ilm	614	47	705	7	7	706	7	7
rt11	in Grt; adj. Ilm	601	51	703	7	8	705	7	8
rt13	in Grt; adj. Ilm	583	60	700	9	10	702	9	10
rt15	in Grt	544	46	694	7	8	696	7	8
rt12	in Grt; adj. Ilm	513	77	689	13	14	690	13	14
rt4	in Grt	451	161	678	27	37	679	27	37
rt16	in Grt	413	33	670	7	7	672	7	7
rt5	in Grt	302	45	644	11	13	646	11	13
rt33	in Grt; adj. Ilm	270	33	635	9	10	637	9	10
rt24	in Grt; adj. Ilm	256	23	631	7	7	633	7	7
rt25	in Grt; adj. Ilm	201	13	612	5	5	614	5	5
rt3	in Grt	154	17	593	8	8	595	8	8
rt2	in Grt	149	30	591	13	16	593	13	16

Results of Zr-in-rutile thermometry for sample KP11-588 only. Zr concentrations were measured by LA-ICP-MS at the RSES, ANU. Uncertainties are given to 2SE. adj.—adjacent to. See Fig. 16 for a graphical representation of these data.

*assuming that $a_{\text{SiO}_2} = 1$

†for $P = 9$ kbar

‡at the leucosome margin, also in direct contact with garnet (see Fig. 6f)

Table 5**Table 5.** *Lu–Hf geochronology, sample KP11-588*

	Lu (ppm)	Hf (ppm)	$^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Hf} \pm 2\text{SE}$	$^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf} \pm 2\text{SE}$	Initial $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$	Lu–Hf age (Ma) $\pm 2\sigma$
grt-1	5.205	0.341	2.16141 ± 0.00648	0.28806 ± 0.00003	0.28247	138.6 ± 0.7
grt-2	5.177	0.334	2.19218 ± 0.00658	0.28811 ± 0.00002	0.28245	137.9 ± 0.6
w.r.	1.11	0.951	0.16500 ± 0.00050	0.28289 ± 0.00001	0.28246	
3-pt. isochron					0.28246	138.2 ± 6.5

w.r.—whole rock; SE—standard error; σ —standard deviation

MSWD of 3-point isochron = 2.3

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Table 6**Table 6.** *Sm–Nd geochronology, sample KP11-588*

	$^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	$\pm 2\text{SE}$	$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	$\pm 2\text{SE}$	Sm–Nd age (Ma) $\pm 2\sigma$
grt-1	0.21205	0.00021	0.51206	7.0000E-06	6.0 \pm 14.0
grt-2	0.25563	0.00026	0.51206	7.0000E-06	7.1 \pm 9.8
w.r.	0.11002	0.00011	0.51206	6.0000E-06	
3-pt. isochron					n/a

w.r.—whole rock; SE—standard error; σ —standard deviation; n/a—not possible to calculate meaningful isochron date

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