

1 **Geochronology and Petrogenesis of the Early Silurian Zeluo Mafic-Ultramafic**
2 **Intrusion, Eastern Tibet: Implications for the Tectonic Setting and Evolution of**
3 **the Eastern Proto-Tethys Ocean**

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23 **Abstract Text:** The Tibetan Plateau is a key region to understand the evolution of the
24 Tethys Oceans. To better constrain the tectonic evolution of the Proto-Tethys Ocean on
25 the western margin of the Yangtze plate, we present an integrated petrography,
26 geochemistry, and zircon U-Pb-Lu-Hf isotope study on newly recognized early Silurian
27 gabbro and serpentinite rocks from the eastern Yidun terrane of the Tibetan Plateau.
28 Zircon U-Pb dating of the gabbro yields an Early Silurian age of 438.2 ± 2.8 Ma. Zircon
29 $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$ values of 5.4 to 8.5 suggest a single-stage model age (T_{DMI}) ranging from 729 to
30 858 Ma. The gabbros exhibit low total rare earth element abundances but are
31 moderately enriched in the light rare earth elements and the large-ion lithophile
32 elements (e.g., Rb, Ba, and Sr), and display representative negative high-field strength
33 elemental anomalies for Nb, Ta, Zr, and Hf on spidergrams. The gabbro and
34 serpentinites were derived from a depleted mantle-like source made of garnet-spinel
35 ilherzolite composition, from a sub-arc mantle wedge that was metasomatized by slab
36 dehydration. Thus, the gabbro and serpentinites record an Early Silurian subduction
37 event of the Proto-Tethys Ocean under the Yangtze plate. Furthermore, this study
38 confirms that the Yidun terrane on the western margin of the Yangtze plate is
39 underlined by a Precambrian crystalline basement.

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42 rocks; Proto-Tethys Ocean

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44 **1. Introduction**

45 Tethys, also known as the Tethys Sea or Tethys Ocean, was proposed in 1893 by
46 the Austrian geologist Eduard Suess ([Sengör, 1984](#)), as a vast Mesozoic paleo-ocean
47 that separated the Gondwana continent in the south, from the Angolan paleo-continent
48 in the north. Much research has been devoted to geological studies of the East Tethys
49 tectonic belt, mainly on the Tibetan Plateau, due to the importance of this extensive
50 tectonic belt for understanding past plate reconstructions and geodynamics ([Reid et al.,](#)
51 [2005](#); [Yan et al., 2005](#); [Jian et al., 2008](#); [Hu et al., 2009](#); [Jian et al., 2009a](#); [b](#); [Roger et](#)
52 [al., 2010](#); [Wang et al., 2012](#); [Zi et al., 2012](#); [Hu et al., 2013](#); [Hu et al., 2014](#); [Wang et](#)
53 [al., 2016a](#); [Li et al., 2017](#); [Zhao et al., 2017](#); [Zhao et al., 2018](#); [Liu et al., 2019](#); [Xu et](#)
54 [al., 2021](#)). Based on a multidisciplinary dataset, four Tethyan ocean basins have been
55 recognised in Asia ([Metcalf, 2021](#)), the Proto-Tethys (Sinian-Silurian), Paleo-Tethys
56 (Middle Devonian-Late Triassic), Meso-Tethys (Middle Permian-Late Cretaceous) and
57 the Ceno-Tethys (Late Middle Triassic-Eocene).

58 The Sanjiang orogenic belt in southwest China has a complex geological
59 architecture, being the result of intensive interactions between the Tethys Ocean, the
60 Pan-Cathaysian terrain group and the Gondwana continental margin, and is formed by
61 amalgamation of small continental blocks and arc terranes as a result of oceanic
62 subduction ([Jian et al., 2008](#); [Jian et al., 2009a](#); [b](#); [Pan et al., 2016](#); [2020](#); [Wang et al.,](#)
63 [2021](#)). The amalgamation of island arcs and oceanic basins with multiple small terranes,
64 makes it difficult to determine the polarity of paleo-oceanic plate subduction in this
65 orogenic belt. For example, previous studies have shown that the subduction polarity

66 of the Proto-Tethys Ocean only involved southward subduction ([Li et al., 2016a; b](#)).
67 However, recent research indicates that there was actually a complex subduction
68 polarity during the Early Paleozoic, in the East Gondwana region ([Liu et al., 2021](#)).
69 Although the Meso-Neotethyan domain in southern Tibet has been well studied,
70 previous studies on the Tibetan Proto-Tethys have mainly focused on the Longmucuo-
71 Shuanghu and the Changning-Menglian suture zones ([Figure 1](#))—referred to collectively
72 as the Longmucuo-Shuanghu-Changning-Menglian suture zones ([Li et al., 2008](#); [Wang](#)
73 [et al., 2008](#); [Jian et al., 2009b](#); [Zhai et al., 2010](#); [Mao et al., 2012](#); [Zi et al., 2012](#); [Wang](#)
74 [et al., 2013](#); [Zhai et al., 2013](#); [Hu et al., 2014](#); [Zhai et al., 2016](#); [Wang et al., 2019a](#);
75 [Wang et al., 2020a](#); [Wang et al., 2020b](#); [Liu et al., 2021](#)). More specifically, the lack of
76 research on pre-Mesozoic igneous rocks from the Yidun terrane raises questions
77 regarding the existence or absence of a Precambrian basement, and the overall tectonic
78 evolution of the Proto-Tethys Ocean in the region.

79 This study explores the geological, geochemical, and geochronological
80 significance of mafic-ultramafic rocks from Zelu, Litang County, on the eastern edge
81 of the Yidun terrane. We investigate their petrogenesis, tectonics and formation ages of
82 the mafic-ultramafic rocks, and provide new constraints on the tectonic evolution and
83 subduction polarity of the Proto-Tethys Ocean in the Sanjiang orogenic belt.

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85 **2. Geological setting**

86 The Tibetan Plateau, composed of several micro-continental blocks, is an essential
87 part of the Himalayan-Tethys tectonic domain ([Zhao et al., 2020](#)). From south to north

88 (Figure 1), the Himalayan, Lhasa, Qiangtang, Songpan-Garze, and East Kunlun blocks
89 constitute the central tectonic units of the Tibetan Plateau (Dewey et al., 1988; Zhu et
90 al., 2013). These blocks assembled after the closure of the Proto-Tethys, the paleo-
91 Tethys, and the neo-Tethys sutures (Pan et al., 2012; Zhao et al., 2018; Xu et al., 2021).
92 This study concentrates on the Garze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, close to the
93 Garze-Litang suture zone, Sichuan Province (Figure 2), and is divided into the Yidun
94 and Zhongza-Zhongdian terranes, based on stratigraphic differences (Reid et al., 2005).
95 The Zhongza-Zhongdian terrane consists mainly of Paleozoic clastic and weakly
96 metamorphosed carbonate lithologies, accompanied by a small amount of
97 Neoproterozoic granitic gneisses and metamorphosed volcanic rocks (Xu et al., 2021).

98 In contrast, the Yidun terrane is more complex, consisting largely of Triassic
99 volcano-sedimentary rocks and Late Triassic granitic-type lithologies (Figure 2).
100 However, Early Paleozoic sequences were identified in the eastern part of the Yidun
101 terrane (i.e., O_1t , Figure 3). The results of detrital zircon U-Pb radiometric dating and
102 sediment source analysis indicates that the Yidun terrane was a part of the Yangtze plate
103 in the Early Paleozoic, before being rifted apart during the Late Paleozoic (Xu et al.,
104 2021). The Triassic volcano-sedimentary rocks are primarily divided into the Tumugou
105 and Lamaya Formations (Figure 3). The Tumugou Formation is composed of andesite,
106 tuff, and clastic sandstones, while the Lamaya Formation consists of epizonal
107 metamorphic sandstone and slate which have a conformable contact with each other.
108 The Tumugou and Lamaya Formations were deposited 225–216 Ma and were derived
109 from the Qiangtang and Zhongza-Zhongdian terranes (Xu et al., 2021). The Zeluo

110 ultramafic-mafic rocks are the focus of this study and have a fault-controlled contact
111 with the Tumugou Formation and Triassic granite (Figure 3).

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113 **3. Petrographic characterization**

114 All samples were collected from Zeluo village, Litang County, on the eastern
115 margin of the Yidun terrane. Field photographs and sample microphotographs are
116 shown in Figure 4 and Figure 5, respectively. Twenty-five zircon crystals were obtained
117 from a mafic intrusive rock sample (TW5546) for zircon U-Pb geochronology. Sixteen
118 mafic, and three ultramafic rocks, were sampled for whole-rock geochemical analysis.

119 The ultramafic rocks consist of partially serpentinized peridotites, made up
120 primarily of harzburgite and strongly serpentinized dunites. The peridotite samples
121 show various degrees of serpentinization (Figure 4a-c), while the heavily serpentinized
122 dunites, which contain small amounts of olivine crystals and magnesiochromite (Figure
123 5e, f), occur as lenses or patches in the Zeluo gabbro (Figure 4a-c). In some of the dunite
124 samples, the magnesiochromite is altered to magnetite (Figure 5e, f).

125 The metamorphosed gabbro is composed mainly of tabular, subhedral to prismatic
126 plagioclase and subhedral granular pyroxene crystals (Figure 5d). Most of the
127 plagioclase crystals have been replaced and altered to zoisite, albite and sericite. In
128 addition, the majority of altered actinolite and biotite crystals are subhedral with a
129 granular texture. Based on pseudo crystal shape, it is speculated that the altered crystals
130 were originally pyroxenes, with minor quantities of amphibole crystals having also
131 been replaced.

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133 **4. Analytical Methods**

134 **4.1. LA-ICP-MS U-Pb isotopes**

135 Zircon crystals from one fresh sample (TW5546) were separated by using standard
136 heavy liquid and magnetic techniques. Representative crystals were selected under a
137 binocular microscope, set in a resin mount, and polished until their centers were
138 exposed. Cathodoluminescence (CL) images of the zircon crystals were obtained to
139 observe their internal textures and help select appropriate analytical sites. Zircon U-Pb
140 dating was conducted using a laser ablation inductively-coupled plasma mass
141 spectrometer (LA-ICP-MS) at the State Key Laboratory of Geological Processes and
142 Mineral Resources (GPMR), China University of Geosciences (Wuhan). A GeoLas
143 2005 platform and an Agilent 7500a ICP-MS instrument was used to sample and
144 acquire the ion-signal intensities. The detailed analytical techniques and data
145 processing procedures were as described by [Liu et al. \(2009\)](#); [Liu et al. \(2008\)](#); [Liu et](#)
146 [al. \(2010\)](#). A common Pb correction method was applied as described by [Andersen](#)
147 [\(2002\)](#). The U-Pb ages were calculated and plotted using the ISOPLOT software
148 [\(Ludwig, 2003\)](#).

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150 **4.2. LA-MC-ICP-MS Lu-Hf isotopes**

151 In situ Lu-Hf isotope analysis was conducted using a Neptune Plus MC-ICP-MS
152 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Germany) in combination with a Geolas HD excimer ArF
153 laser ablation system (Coherent, Göttingen, Germany) at GPMR. A “wire” signal

154 smoothing device was included in this laser ablation system, to enable the production
155 of a smooth signal ([Hu et al., 2015](#)). Helium was used as carrier gas within the ablation
156 cell and was merged with argon after exiting the ablation cell. Small amounts of
157 nitrogen were added to the argon gas flow to enhance signal sensitivity ([Hu et al., 2012](#)).
158 All data acquired on the zircon crystals was done by using a single spot ablation
159 technique, with a spot size of 44 μm . The energy density used in this study was $\sim 7.0 \text{ J}$
160 cm^{-2} . Each measurement consisted of 20s of acquisition of the background signal
161 followed by 50s of ablation signal acquisition. The operating conditions for the laser
162 ablation system and the MC-ICP-MS instrument, and analytical methodology, were as
163 described by [Hu et al. \(2012\)](#). The $^{179}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ and $^{173}\text{Yb}/^{171}\text{Yb}$ ratios were used to
164 calculate the mass bias of Hf (β_{Hf}) and Yb (β_{Yb}), normalized to $^{179}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf} = 0.7325$
165 and $^{173}\text{Yb}/^{171}\text{Yb} = 1.132685$ ([Fisher et al., 2014](#)) using an exponential correction for
166 mass bias. Interference of ^{176}Yb on ^{176}Hf was corrected by measuring the interference-
167 free ^{173}Yb isotope and using $^{176}\text{Yb}/^{173}\text{Yb} = 0.79639$ ([Fisher et al., 2014](#)) to calculate
168 $^{176}\text{Yb}/^{177}\text{Hf}$. Similarly, the relatively minor interference of ^{176}Lu on ^{176}Hf was corrected
169 by measuring the intensity of the interference-free ^{175}Lu isotope and using the
170 recommended $^{176}\text{Lu}/^{175}\text{Lu} = 0.02655$ ([Fisher et al., 2014](#)) to calculate $^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Hf}$. We
171 used the mass bias of Yb (β_{Yb}) to calculate the mass fractionation of Lu because of
172 their similar physicochemical properties. Off-line selection and integration of analyte
173 signals, and mass bias calibrations were performed using ICPMSDataCal ([Liu et al.,](#)
174 [2010](#)).

175 During the LA-MC-ICP-MS analysis, three standard zircons, 91500, GJ-1 and

176 Temora-2 were used. Zircon 91500 was utilised as the external standard, whereas GJ-1
177 and Temora-2 were treated as unknown samples to verify the accuracy of the calibration
178 method. Measured $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ ratios of standard zircons 91500, GJ-1 and Temora-2
179 were 0.282308 ± 0.000019 (2σ , $n = 36$), 0.282011 ± 0.000021 (2σ , $n = 16$) and 0.282671
180 ± 0.000034 (2σ , $n = 16$), respectively, which are consistent with their recommended
181 values of 0.282305 ± 6 , 0.282000 ± 5 , and 0.282686 ± 8 (2σ) ([Fisher et al., 2014](#)).

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183 **4.3. Whole-rock geochemistry**

184 Preliminary processing of fresh samples was carried out at the Geological Survey
185 Institute, China University of Geosciences, Wuhan. Samples were powdered to grain
186 size of less than $75 \mu\text{m}$ at the State Key Laboratory of Biogeology and Environmental
187 Geology, China University of Geosciences, Wuhan. Care was taken during the
188 preparation of the powder to eliminate possible contamination. Major and trace element
189 analyses were carried out at ALS Minerals–ALS Chemex, Guangzhou, China. Whole-
190 rock major element concentrations were determined by initial acid digestion in lithium
191 borate, followed by X-ray fluorescence (ME-XRF26d) analysis, with errors being less
192 than 1%. Trace element and rare earth element concentrations were determined by
193 mixed acid digestion and plasma mass spectrometry (M61-MS81). Most of the
194 illustrations in this paper were produced using GEOKIT software ([Lu, 2004](#)).

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196 **4.4. Mineral chemistry**

197 Mineral chemical compositions for olivine and clinopyroxene were obtained at the

198 Center for Global Tectonics, School of Earth Sciences, China University of
199 Geosciences, Wuhan, using a JEOL JXA-8230 electron microprobe with an
200 acceleration voltage and beam current of 5 kv and 20 nA, respectively. An analytical
201 beam diameter of 3 μm and background counting time of 5s was implemented.
202 Elemental calibration standards set according to procedures outlined in [Wang et al.](#)
203 [\(2019b\)](#), produced analytical errors of generally less than 2%.

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205 **5. Results**

206 **5.1. Zircon U-Pb geochronology**

207 The zircon LA-ICP-MS U-Pb analytical results are given in [Table S1](#) and [Figure](#)
208 [6](#). Analyzed zircons were euhedral to subhedral, being mostly rhombic, prismatic, or
209 short columnar in shape. A few were irregular or broken $\sim 120\text{--}200\ \mu\text{m}$ long crystals
210 with an aspect ratio of $\sim 1.5\text{--}3$. Their Th and U contents range from 158–883 ppm and
211 236–603 ppm, respectively, with generally high Th/U ratios of 0.67–1.55 ([Table S1](#)).
212 Cathodoluminescence (CL) imaging revealed that the 25 analyzed zircon crystals were
213 non-metamorphic, possessing typical ring structures apparently of igneous origin
214 ([Figure 6a](#)). The $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}\text{--}^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ associated ages of 23 zircons ranged from 410
215 to 445 Ma, with a weighted average $^{206}\text{U}/^{238}\text{Pb}$ age of 438.2 ± 2.8 Ma and a greater than
216 95% data concordance ([Figure 6b](#)). Zircon test on crystal No.6 and No.16 were
217 discarded because they yielded a younger and older age corresponding to a poor
218 concordance of 92% and 95%, respectively, with large analytical errors ([Figure 6a](#)).

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220 **5.2. Mineral chemistry**

221 The major element content and geochemical parameters calculated by Geokit
222 Geochemistry ([Lu, 2004](#)), of olivine and pyroxene crystals from the Zeluo mafic-
223 ultramafic samples are listed in [Table S2](#) and [Table S3](#), respectively.

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226 **5.2.1. Olivine**

227 Olivine crystals in the Zeluo ultramafic rocks occur as fine-grained 10–50 μ m
228 aggregates ([Figure 5e, f](#)). They are characterized by high Fo values, calculated as $Fo =$
229 $(100 \times Mg)/(Mg + Fe)$ in moles, spanning 92.64–93.54, a MnO content of 0.28–0.39
230 wt.%, NiO concentrations down to 0.101 wt.%, and widely varying low CaO values of
231 0.03–0.22 wt.%.

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233 **5.2.2. Pyroxene**

234 The pyroxene crystals are characterized by relatively high MgO (16.04–93.54
235 wt.%), CaO (25.66–26.1 wt.%), and FeO (1.13–2.8 wt.%). The En values range from
236 44.41–46.47 and Fs from 3.19–4.3, indicating that they are of diopside composition
237 ([Morimoto, 1988](#)). The cation number for the pyroxenes were calculated based on 6
238 oxygen atoms and 4 cations.

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240 **5.3. Bulk-rock geochemical compositions**

241 **5.3.1. Major elements**

242 The major and trace element concentration data obtained from this study are
243 displayed in [Table S4](#). For the ultramafic samples loss-on-ignition (LOI) values range

244 from 7.94 to 8.37 wt.%, with an average of 8.11 wt.%. They contain 35.37–36.72 wt.%
245 SiO₂ with an estimated average of 36.23 wt.%. Measured MgO content was high and
246 range from 27.7–30.4 wt.%, while the TFe₂O₃ composition span 13.64–15.61 wt.%,
247 being generally low in TiO₂ (0.45–0.53 wt.%) and total alkali (K₂O+Na₂O) (0.01–0.12
248 wt.%) contents. These ultramafic rocks record an associated Al₂O₃ and CaO
249 concentration of 4.66–4.88 wt.% and 5.25–7.08 wt.%, respectively.

250 Comparatively, LOI values for the mafic samples change from 0.85 to 2.74 wt.%,
251 averaging 1.65 wt.%. They contain up to 43.14–50.59 wt.% SiO₂ that average 46.65
252 wt.%. They record a high MgO content of up to 6.98–17.65 wt.%, 6.79–15.94 wt.%
253 TFe₂O₃, 0.45–2.45 wt.% TiO₂, and a total alkali concentration of 1.17–5.48 wt.%. The
254 tholeiitic mafic rocks (Figure 7a) with up to 8.11–14 wt.% CaO concentrations, were
255 found to be relatively enriched in TiO₂ and alkali metals compared to the ultramafic
256 rocks.

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258 **5.3.2. Trace element variations**

259 The ultramafic rocks display REE chondritic distribution patterns (Figure 7b) that
260 are characterized by decreasing enrichment from left to right. The sloping down REE
261 pattern exhibits negative Eu anomalies ($\delta\text{Eu} = 0.66\text{--}0.71$) and on a primitive mantle
262 plot, the rocks are shown to be depleted in large-ion lithophile elements (LILEs) such
263 as Rb, Ba, and Sr, but relatively enriched in Nb, Ta, Zr, and HF compared to neighboring
264 elements (Figure 7c). Compared to typical OIB and MORB, the ultramafic rocks are
265 more depleted in the HREEs.

266 To the contrary, the mafic rocks tend to possess slightly positive Eu anomalies
267 ($\delta\text{Eu} = 1.04\text{--}1.41$) and an average δEu of 1.18 (Figure 7b). Their REE chondritic
268 distribution reveals a smooth curve with a tendency to decline to the right. They are
269 characterized by LREE/HREE ratios of 2.75–5.30 (Avg = 3.44) and an E-MORB-like
270 La/Yb_(N) range of 2.42–6.78. The LILEs Rb, Ba, Pb, and Sr are enriched on the
271 primitive mantle plot, while the HFSEs Nb, Ta, Zr, and Hf are depleted (Figure 7c).
272 Collectively these observations suggest a predominantly arc-like geochemical signature
273 ([Zhao and Zhou, 2007](#)).

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275 **5.4. Lu-Hf isotope distribution**

276 Spot analyses on 23 zircon crystals purified from the gabbro yielded Lu/Hf values
277 ranging from -0.91 to -0.95 (Table S5). These values are much lower than the average
278 values of -0.34 and -0.72 observed for the mafic and siliceous crusts, respectively
279 ([Vervoort and Jonathan Patchett, 1996](#); [Amelin et al., 1999](#)). The gabbroic $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$
280 zircon grain ratios vary from 0.282679 to 0.282760 and correspond to $\varepsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$ values of
281 5.3–8.5 with a mean of 6.7 (Figure 8a). This points to single-stage Hf model ages (T_{DM1})
282 of 858–729 Ma with a mean of 802 Ma for when the gabbro formed.

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284 **6. Discussion**

285 **6.1. Timing of Early Paleozoic mafic-ultramafic magmatism at Zeluo**

286 Based on data compiled from Western Australia, zircons of igneous origin rarely
287 possess Th/U values <0.1 , while metamorphic zircons encompass values ranging from
288 <0.01 to >10 ([Yakymchuk et al., 2018](#)). However, it has been proposed that a Th/U ratio

289 of <0.4 is generally a good first-order indicator for distinguishing recycled
290 metamorphic zircons from igneous lithologies ([Yakymchuk et al., 2018](#)). This is
291 because Th^{4+} has a larger ionic radius than U^{4+} , and therefore exhibits a weaker stability
292 than U in the zircon crystal lattice. As a result, Th^{4+} is easier to expel from the zircon
293 crystal than U^{4+} during metamorphic recrystallization, lowering the Th/U ratio in
294 recycled metamorphic zircons ([Hoskin and Black, 2000](#)). Twenty-three of the 25
295 analyzed zircon crystals exhibit high Th/U ratios >0.4 and ranging from 0.67–1.55
296 ([Table S1](#)), pointing to an igneous origin. Moreover, cathodoluminescence images show
297 that these zircon crystals possess ring structures typical of an igneous source and lack
298 any evidence for metamorphic recrystallization. The zircon crystals clustered at ~ 438
299 Ma, about 200 Ma older than the ~ 237 – 216 Ma Triassic magmatism previously
300 recorded from the region ([Figure 3](#)) ([Fang et al., 2017](#)). Therefore, an Early Silurian
301 age of ~ 438 Ma is taken as the most parsimonious crystallization age of the gabbro.

302 Early Paleozoic ultramafic-mafic rocks, including ophiolites and arc igneous rocks
303 ([Figure 1](#)) are also present in the Longmucuo-Shuanghu-Changning-Menglian suture
304 in the Tibetan Plateau, China. For example, U-Pb ages of 438 ± 11 Ma and 431.7 ± 6.9
305 Ma have been reported by two independent studies on zircons retrieved from a gabbro
306 pile in the western section of Guoganjianian, south Qiangtang ([Li et al., 2008](#); [Wang et](#)
307 [al., 2008](#)). Furthermore, zircon U-Pb ages of ~ 437 – 429 Ma for arc igneous rocks in the
308 same suture zone have also been reported ([Liu et al., 2021](#)). Another example of
309 middle–late Silurian intermediate-mafic magmatism was located just south of the
310 Changning-Menglian suture zone, at 421.2 ± 1.2 Ma ([Mao et al., 2012](#)). These ages

311 coincide with the ~450 to 400 Ma late-stage evolution of the Proto-Tethys oceanic basin
312 ([Li et al., 2016b](#); [Wu et al., 2020](#)). Collectively, the data ([Figure 1](#)) show that the Proto-
313 Tethys Ocean, in the Tibetan Plateau, underwent continuous evolution during the Early
314 Paleozoic, and that the Zeluo mafic-ultramafic rocks represent a likely final phase of
315 the Early Paleozoic magmatism.

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317 **6.2. Alteration**

318 The influence of alteration and metamorphism needs to be evaluated before
319 pursuing any discussion on source characteristics and tectonic setting ([Polat et al., 2002](#);
320 [Polat and Hofmann, 2003](#)). Previous studies have shown that the LOI value can be used
321 as a proxy of hydrothermal alteration and that the reconstructed chemical composition
322 of pristine basaltic melts are reliable when LOI values are <2% ([Rosenstengel and](#)
323 [Hartmann, 2012](#); [Hartmann et al., 2015](#)). In this regard, the 0.85–2.74 wt.% LOI values
324 for the mafic rocks imply weak alteration, while the higher 7.94–8.37 wt.%
325 concentrations for the ultramafic rocks indicate more extensive alteration ([Table S4](#)).
326 To assess whether highly susceptible elements such as K or Rb, have been altered we
327 utilize a K₂O vs. Rb plot ([Figure S1a](#)). This is because K and Rb have opposite alteration
328 trends, whereby K content decreases at the expense of significant Rb increase during
329 alteration ([Hartmann et al., 2015](#)). The constant K₂O vs. Rb slope, together with the
330 strong positive correlation recorded for the mafic samples are consistent with minimal
331 alteration, while the ultramafic sample suite is harder to assess due to the lack of
332 sufficient data spread.

333 HFSEs (e.g., Zr, Th, Ta, and Nb, etc.) are geochemically stable and resistant to
334 metamorphism, alteration, and weathering ([Pearce and Cann, 1973](#); [Winchester and
335 Floyd, 1977](#)). The Zr and Hf concentrations in the Zeluo pluton are seen to
336 progressively decrease proportionally ([Figure S1b](#)), likely related to the crystallization
337 properties of heavy minerals such as zircon. In reality, a near-constant Zr/Hf ratio has
338 been observed in many magmatic suites, including low to moderate metamorphic
339 magmas ([Dostal and Chatterjee, 1995](#); [Bryant et al., 1997](#); [Zhang et al., 2014](#); [Wu et al.,
340 2016b](#)), while the Zr/Hf ratio of most crustal rocks is close to 37 ([Brooks, 1970](#)).
341 However, in some cases, these elements are actually mobile and can be transported by
342 magmatic-, metamorphic-, and submarine-hydrothermal solutions ([Jiang et al., 2005](#)).
343 Studies show that Zr and Hf have obvious differentiation in fluorine-rich fluids or
344 highly evolved hydrothermal fluids, where the activity of Hf is higher than that of Zr,
345 resulting in a very low Zr/Hf ratio of ~1–2 in the host rock or heavy minerals ([Jiang et
346 al., 2005](#); [Wang et al., 2010](#)). On a Zr vs. Hf, and a Ta vs. Nb diagram ([Figure S1b, c](#)),
347 there is a strong linear relationship for both the ultramafic and mafic rock samples.
348 Therefore, the HFSEs in the Zeluo samples were likely resistant to change from any
349 alteration processes that occurred.

350 In summary, the constant K_2O/Rb ratio, low LOI and high alkali content of the
351 mafic rocks indicate insignificant modification by alternative processes, while the
352 ultramafic rocks have undergone more significant alteration.

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354 **6.3. Crustal contamination**

355 The process of crustal contamination can change a magmas composition and
356 thermal properties. However, if a magma ascends quickly through the lithosphere or
357 crust, it may avoid significant contamination ([O'Hara, 1968](#)).

358 A combination of Ce/Pb and La/Nb values can be used to assess the degree of
359 crustal contamination and mantle mixing processes (e.g., [Barry et al. \(2003\)](#); [Rooney
360 et al. \(2007\)](#); [Sheldrick et al. \(2018\)](#)), and basalts with high Ce/Pb ratios in the range of
361 ~20–30, are unlikely to have assimilated crustal material ([Rooney et al., 2007](#)). La/Nb
362 ratios of 0.81–1.9 and Ce/Pb ratios of 0.38–3.3 for our samples, plot in the crust-mantle
363 mixing region on a La/Nb-Ce/Pb diagram ([Figure 9a](#)). However, previous work has
364 shown that Pb is preferentially incorporated into fluids produced by slab dehydration
365 ([Gill and Condomines, 1992](#); [Johnson and Plank, 2000](#)). Therefore, Pb concentrations
366 in a source region can be enriched by metasomatism following slab dehydration,
367 resulting in melts from the metasomatised source possessing low Ce/Pb ratios.
368 Furthermore, when we consider that many crustal components are enriched in Th and
369 Pb ([Zhao and Zhou, 2007](#)), the low Th, Th/Yb, and high Nb/Th in the mafic and
370 ultramafic rocks indicate that crustal contamination was likely small ([Figure 9b, c](#)).
371 Thus, the extremely low Th content of the mafic rocks is uncharacteristic for significant
372 crustal contamination. The contribution of crustal materials in the generation of high
373 Pb concentrations in the mafic rocks is therefore considered to be insignificant. Crustal
374 xenoliths are absent from both the ultramafic and mafic rocks, which together with the
375 lack of evidence for inherited zircon crystals, further supports minimal crustal

376 contamination.

377 Overall, although it seems unlikely that the ultramafic and mafic magmatism could
378 have moved through the continental crust without undergoing crustal contamination,
379 based on the results discussed above, crustal contamination was broadly minimal.

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381 **6.4. Nature of the mantle source region**

382 The presence of oscillatory zoning in the zircon crystals indicate that they have
383 not been significantly modified by metamorphic processes and therefore likely retain
384 their original geochemical composition. Zircon $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ ratios are believed to
385 represent the Hf composition of a magmatic system, at the time of their crystallization
386 ([Wu et al., 2007](#)). Many scientists attribute low $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$ values of <0 to an ancient crustal
387 source (e.g., [Iizuka et al. \(2009\)](#)). Alternatively, $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$ values >0 may indicate a depleted
388 mantle magma source (e.g., [Amelin et al. \(2000\)](#)).

389 As a corollary, the varying zircon $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$ values of 5.3–8.5 for the Zeluo mafic rocks
390 ([Figure 8a](#)), imply a depleted mantle source for the magma. However, if we consider
391 what the theoretical $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$ values for depleted mantle should be at ~438 Ma when the
392 mafic magmatism occurred, the values should be closer to ~15 ([Figure 8b](#)). The Zeluo
393 mafic rocks have an $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$ signature lower than expected for a melt extracted from an
394 isolated and depleted mantle source. These positive $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$ values are comparable to
395 zircons from a mid-Ordovician metamorphic gabbro in the Longmucuo-Shuanghu
396 suture zone in northern Tibet, with $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t) = 4.5\text{--}5.9$ ([Zhai et al. \(2010\)](#)), or to the
397 Dongzhulin layered gabbro with $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t) = 10.3\text{--}12.6$ in the Devonian, Jinshajiang suture

398 zone ([Wang et al. \(2012\)](#); [Figure 1 and Figure 8b](#)), which confirms the existence of a
399 depleted mantle beneath the crust in the studies area during the early Paleozoic. If the
400 zircon Hf isotope two-stage crust model ages (TDM) are older than their formation ages,
401 it can be concluded that the magma was contaminated by crustal materials ([Wu et al.,
402 2007](#); [Su et al., 2011](#)), implying the calculated model ages may represent an average
403 age of the contamination source ([Arndt and Goldstein, 1987](#); [Ortega-Obregón et al.,
404 2014](#)). In other words, TDM provides age information for crust contamination ([Liu et
405 al., 2016b](#)). The Zircon Hf model ages of $T_{DM1} = 729\text{--}858$, $T_{DM2} = 972\text{--}1132$ for the
406 Zeluo mafic rocks are much older than their formation ages. Such an observation
407 indicates that crustal material was incorporated into the depleted mantle prior to mafic
408 melt extraction. This raises questions as to how and where Neoproterozoic strata were
409 added to the Early Silurian mafic-ultramafic system. Previous studies indicate that
410 Neoproterozoic sequences may exist in Yidun terrane ([Wu et al., 2016a](#); [Tian et al.,
411 2020](#); [2022](#)). Thus, the mafic rocks may have acquired their depleted mantle-like $\epsilon_{Hf}(t)$
412 signature from subducted Proto-Tethys oceanic crust components or the Neoproterozoic
413 strata of the Yidun terrane being melted and incorporated into the source region. The
414 mafic rocks are enriched in the LILEs and LREEs, and relatively depleted in the HFSEs
415 and HREEs ([Figure 7b, c](#)). The simplest explanation for the enrichment and depletion
416 of these different trace element systems would be to invoke a source which had
417 undergone fluid metasomatism from the subduction of oceanic crust ([Pearce, 1982](#)).
418 During fluid processes, Th is an immobile element compared to Ba and Pb ([Gill and
419 Condomines, 1992](#); [Johnson and Plank, 2000](#)), but is efficiently transferred from the

420 slab in sediment melt ([Johnson and Plank, 2000](#)). Fluids derived from dehydration
421 reactions, from subducted pelagic sediments, are expected to have a high Ba/Th and
422 Ba/La ratios, but low $(\text{La}/\text{Sm})_N$ and Th/Yb ratios (e.g., [Woodhead et al. \(2001\)](#) and
423 [Elliott \(2003\)](#), [Figure 10a, b](#)). Such a source seems possible when we consider that the
424 Zeluo mafic-ultramafic rocks are located on the western margin of the Yangtze plate,
425 which is adjacent to the Proto-Paleo-Tethys suture. Such fluids would enrich the mantle
426 in Pb through metasomatism, consistent with the results observed in [Figure 7c](#). In
427 addition, previous work which studied the subduction of Proto-Tethys oceanic crust
428 ([Figure 1](#)) details magmatism with similar geochemical signatures near adjacent regions
429 ([Figure 7b](#) and [Figure 10a, b](#)). Overall, the data suggest that the source region was
430 probably a sub-arc mantle wedge, which was metasomatized by fluids extracted from
431 the Proto-Tethys subducting slab.

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433 **6.5. High Fo olivine values**

434 Previous studies have shown that olivine in peridotite of typical Archean
435 lithospheric mantle has high Fo values ~ 92 ([Boyd, 1989](#)). For example, elevated olivine
436 Fo values of ~ 92 in Hebi high-Mg[#] peridotite and Siziwangqi peridotite xenoliths were
437 considered as residues of the Archean lithospheric mantle ([Zheng et al., 2001](#); [Tang et](#)
438 [al., 2013](#); [Zhang et al., 2021](#)). In addition, the CaO content of <0.1 wt.% is another
439 significant feature of Archean mantle-derived olivine ([Simkin and Smith, 1970](#); [Xu et](#)
440 [al., 2010](#); [Prelević et al., 2013](#)). On the other hand, olivine crystallized from melts tend
441 to have >0.1 wt% CaO concentrations and higher MnO contents compared to the mantle

442 or lithospheric xenocrysts ([Tang et al., 2004](#); [Kamenetsky et al., 2006](#); [Guo et al., 2015](#);
443 [Cheng and Guo, 2017](#)). In this study, the high CaO concentration in the analyzed olivine
444 opposes an Archean mantle residue source for the Zeluo ultramafic rocks, likely
445 indicating that the olivine crystals are a product of fractional crystallization in the melt.
446 Harker diagrams ([Figure 11a-c](#)) show a positive relationship between MgO versus
447 Cr₂O₃, TFe₂O₃, and NiO for the mafic-ultramafic samples, reflecting potential
448 fractionation of olivine, pyroxene, and accessory minerals (e.g., chromite). Compared
449 with Fe, Mg in a magma is easily captured and incorporated by early fractional olivine
450 crystallization. Therefore, the slope of Mg/Fe ratios can be expected to increase
451 gradually during magma evolution and differentiation ([Figure 11b](#)), which supports
452 olivine crystallization from the melt. In addition, SiO₂ correlates with Al₂O₃, TFe₂O₃,
453 and MgO ([Figure 11d-f](#)), further indicating that fractional crystallization of pyroxene,
454 amphibole and plagioclase played a key role in the evolution of the mafic-ultramafic
455 suite ([Meng et al., 2020](#)).

456 During the crystallization of primitive magma, the exchange of Fe and Mg
457 between olivine and melt follows a certain partition coefficient, defined by $K_D =$
458 $(\text{FeO}/\text{MgO})_{\text{Ol}}/(\text{FeO}/\text{MgO})_{\text{melt}} = 0.3 \pm 0.03$ ([Roeder and Emslie, 1970](#)). Therefore, the
459 Fo value and molar MgO/FeO ratios in primary olivine are often used to estimate the
460 composition of primitive magma (e.g., [Chai and Naldrett \(1992\)](#); [Sun et al. \(2009\)](#); [Jia](#)
461 [et al. \(2018\)](#)). It is worth noting that when using olivine to estimate the composition of
462 parent magma, two preconditions need to be met: (1) olivine is the only or main
463 cumulate phase in the rock and (2) ultramafic rocks have a small LOI ([Bao et al., 2020](#)).

464 In this study, ultramafic rocks have a high LOI and are rich in magnetite (Figure 5e, f),
465 shown by recent studies to be a direct product of serpentinization ([Maffione et al., 2014](#);
466 [Nutman et al., 2021](#)). Thus, Zeluo ultramafic rocks experienced strong serpentinization,
467 which might have resulted in variable Fo values in olivine ([Nutman et al., 2021](#)). During
468 serpentinization, Fe-rich olivine is transformed into Fe-poor olivine, according to the
469 following formula: Secondary-olivine (Fe-rich) + water = Secondary-olivine (Fe-poor)
470 + SiO₂ (aq) + magnetite + H₂ ([Dandar et al., 2019](#)). Serpentinized olivine usually has
471 high narrow-range distributed Fo values, i.e., $Fo_{\max} - Fo_{\min} < 2$ (e.g., [Nutman et al.](#)
472 [\(2021\)](#) and [Dandar et al. \(2019\)](#)). On the contrary, the unaltered primitive olivine
473 usually has a larger range of variable Fo values, because the Mg content in the magma
474 gradually decreases with olivine crystallization ([Sun et al., 2009](#)).

475 In conclusion, olivine in this study has high and relatively concentrated Fo values
476 and coexists with magnetite, indicative of strong secondary changes and therefore
477 cannot be used to estimate the composition of the primitive magma, but Mg[#] of the
478 whole rock is less affected. To avoid the error caused by LOI, we have recalculated the
479 Zeluo ultramafic-mafic rock MgO and TFe₂O₃ concentrations, with their total major
480 element contents being 100 wt.%. This resulted in a Mg[#]_{ultramafic} = 77.5–81.2 and
481 averaging 79.3, and a Mg[#]_{mafic} = 51.3–72.3, with an average of 63.1. Although the Mg[#]
482 of the samples fluctuated greatly due to magma differentiation, we agree that the Mg[#]
483 of the Zeluo ultramafic-mafic rocks conform to the Mg[#] = 63–73 range of primitive
484 mantle-derived magma ([Green \(1975\)](#)).

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486 6.6. Partial melting of mantle peridotite

487 The typical Archean cratonic mantle is generally composed of harzburgites and
488 cpx-poor lherzolites ([Boyd, 1989](#)). Generally, spanning the Archean to the Phanerozoic
489 Eon, the lithospheric mantle changes from dominant harzburgites to being
490 predominantly lherzolites ([Tang et al., 2008](#)). For mantle-derived rocks, REE
491 abundances and ratios can be used to determine the composition of their source, and
492 the degree of melting ([Aldanmaz et al., 2000](#); [Zhao and Zhou, 2007](#)). It has been shown
493 that Sm, La, and Yb have similar partition coefficients ($D_{\text{spinel/melt}}$) of ~ 0.01 in spinel
494 ([McKenzie and O'Nions, 1991](#)). When spinel lherzolite undergoes partial melting, the
495 mantle and extracted melt inherit similar Sm/Yb ratios ([Aldanmaz et al., 2000](#)) and a
496 relatively flat melting trend on a Sm/Yb vs. Sm and La/Sm diagram. On the other hand,
497 garnet has a high partition coefficient for Yb ($D_{\text{garnet/melt}}$) of ~ 4.03 relative to ~ 0.01 for
498 Sm ([McKenzie and O'Nions, 1991](#)), in basaltic melts. The partial melting of garnet
499 lherzolite, when garnet remains as a remnant mineral, produces a steeper melting trend
500 than for spinel lherzolite ([Figure 12a, b](#)). The Zeluo mafic-ultramafic samples plot near
501 the garnet-spinel lherzolite melting trend ([Figure 12a, b](#)). However, La/Sm ratios
502 decrease with increasing degrees of partial melting ([Aldanmaz et al., 2000](#)), resulting
503 in the mafic samples plotting towards a melting curve with a greater garnet control.
504 Overall, this model indicates that the Zeluo mafic-ultramafic rocks may have
505 crystallized from a melt produced by $\sim 20\%$ partial melting of garnet-spinel lherzolite
506 ([Figure 12a, b](#)).

507 We have interpreted the Zeluo mafic-ultramafic intrusions on the western margin

508 of the Yangtze plate as evidence for arc magmatism, with a source region that was
509 modified by fluids derived from a subducted slab. But such an interpretation raises a
510 question of whether the mantle relic was produced by older subduction events or
511 whether magmatism coincided with an ongoing subduction event. Firstly, 439.3 ± 3.5
512 Ma continental flood basalts have been identified from the Jinshajiang suture zone on
513 the western margin of the Yangtze plate, which are associated with an early continental
514 rifting episode ([Jian et al., 2009a; b](#)). Secondly, a $\sim 422 \pm 6.1$ Ma mafic rock block with
515 OIB characteristics, from the Jinshajiang suture zone, was interpreted to have formed
516 in a tectonic setting that was undergoing a subduction accretion ([Liu et al., 2019](#)). This
517 suggests that the Jinshajiang paleo-Tethys was most likely produced in a back-arc basin,
518 which was the result of the subduction of the Proto-Tethys ocean ([Wang et al., 2012](#)).
519 The opening of the Jinshajiang-Ailaoshan paleo-Tethys also led to the separation of the
520 Simao terrane from the Yangtze plate in the mid-late Paleozoic ([Jian et al., 2009b](#)). The
521 combination of these observations leads us to believe that the Zeluo intrusions were in
522 fact related to active subduction during the early Silurian.

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524 **6.7. Geodynamic implications for the East Proto-Tethys Ocean**

525 In the Proto-Tethys oceanic domain there are many microcontinents/continents,
526 including the Yangtze, Cathaysia, Tarim, Qaidam, Qilian, Indochina, north Qiangtang,
527 and south Qiangtang blocks/micro-continental blocks which were distributed widely
528 during the Early Paleozoic ([Li et al., 2016b](#)). Most of them were either located on the
529 northern margin of the eastern Gondwana continent, amalgamated with the Gondwana

530 continent, or dispersed amongst each other and the oceans ([Figure 13a](#)). A
531 paleomagnetic study by [Huang et al. \(2018\)](#) concluded that the South China Plate
532 maintained its relative position next to the western part of the Australian plate and the
533 northern part of the Indian plate from the beginning of the Neoproterozoic, to the end
534 of the Paleozoic ([Figure 13a](#)).

535 Studies on gabbro samples, from ophiolites, aged between 432–507 Ma from the
536 Longmucuo-Shuanghu suture zone and Changning-Menglian suture zone, indicate that
537 there was an ocean basin (Longmucuo-Shuanghu-Changning-Menglian Proto-Tethys
538 Ocean, LSCMTO, [Liu et al. \(2021\)](#)) of uncertain size at the northern margin of the
539 Cambrian-Silurian Gondwana continent ([Li et al., 2008](#); [Wang et al., 2008](#); [Zhai et al.,](#)
540 [2010](#); [Wang et al., 2013](#); [Hu et al., 2014](#); [Liu et al., 2021](#)). The LSCMTO ([Figure 13a](#))
541 may have separated the South China plate from the Gondwana continental region
542 ([Condon et al., 2005](#); [Wu et al., 2020](#))

543 Magmatism derived from arc processes, when located on the edge of a tectonic
544 plate, provides the best opportunity to determine the subduction polarity of a paleo-
545 ocean. The discovery of the Zeluo early Silurian mafic-ultramafic rocks provide
546 evidence for oceanic plate subduction, and therefore indicates that there was
547 northwestward subduction along the western side of the Yangtze plate, of the LSCMTO
548 ([Figure 13b](#)). On the other hand, a large number of 446–430 Ma magmatic rocks have
549 also been identified from the south Qiangtang and Baoshan blocks ([Zhao et al., 2016](#);
550 [Liu et al., 2021](#)), which are considered to be the products of southeastward subduction
551 of the LSCMTO oceanic plate in the Early Paleozoic ([Wang et al., 2020b](#)). Therefore,

552 taken together, this information indicates bidirectional subduction of the LSCMTO
553 oceanic crust, southeastward towards East Gondwana and northwestward towards
554 Yangtze (Figure 13a, b).

555 Although the Zeluo mafic-ultramafic rocks are products of early Silurian
556 magmatism on the western margin of the Yangtze plate, they were displaced by the NW-
557 trending Litang active fault during the Holocene (Figure 2; Xu et al. (2005)). However,
558 a study which looked at a combination of geophysical measurements,
559 geomorphological features, and quaternary neo-tectonic plate movements, indicates
560 that the displacement distance of individual blocks within the Litang Fracture Zone
561 since the Holocene did not exceed 1 km (Xu et al., 2005). Therefore, the Zeluo mafic-
562 ultramafic rocks are not products of an event from outside the Yidun terrane but rather
563 are magmatic rocks which formed within it. These Paleozoic magmatic rocks record
564 oceanic subduction and supports the idea of a Precambrian crystalline basement beneath
565 the Late Triassic sediments in the Yidun terrane (He et al., 2013; Wu et al., 2016a),
566 while others propose the Yidun terrane developed on an oceanic crust (e.g., Leng et al.
567 (2014))

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569 **7. Conclusion**

570 (1) The Zeluo mafic-ultramafic rocks formed during the Early Silurian, at $438.2 \pm$
571 2.8 Ma, by ~20% partial melting of a garnet-spinel lherzolite enriched mantle. The
572 dehydration of subducting oceanic crust metasomatized the overlying mantle wedge
573 source.

574 (2) Primitive mantle-derived magma from an ancient supra-subduction zone
575 complex formed the mafic and the ultramafic magmas.

576 (3) The Longmucuo-Shuanghu-Changning-Menglian Proto-Tethys Ocean, located
577 between Yangtze and East Gondwana, underwent bidirectional subduction in the Early
578 Silurian. The Zeluo mafic-ultramafic rocks provide evidence for the northwestward
579 subduction of this ocean.

580 (4) The laterally continuous early Silurian magmatic rocks found in the Yidun
581 terrane confirm the existence of a Precambrian crystalline basement.

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Figures

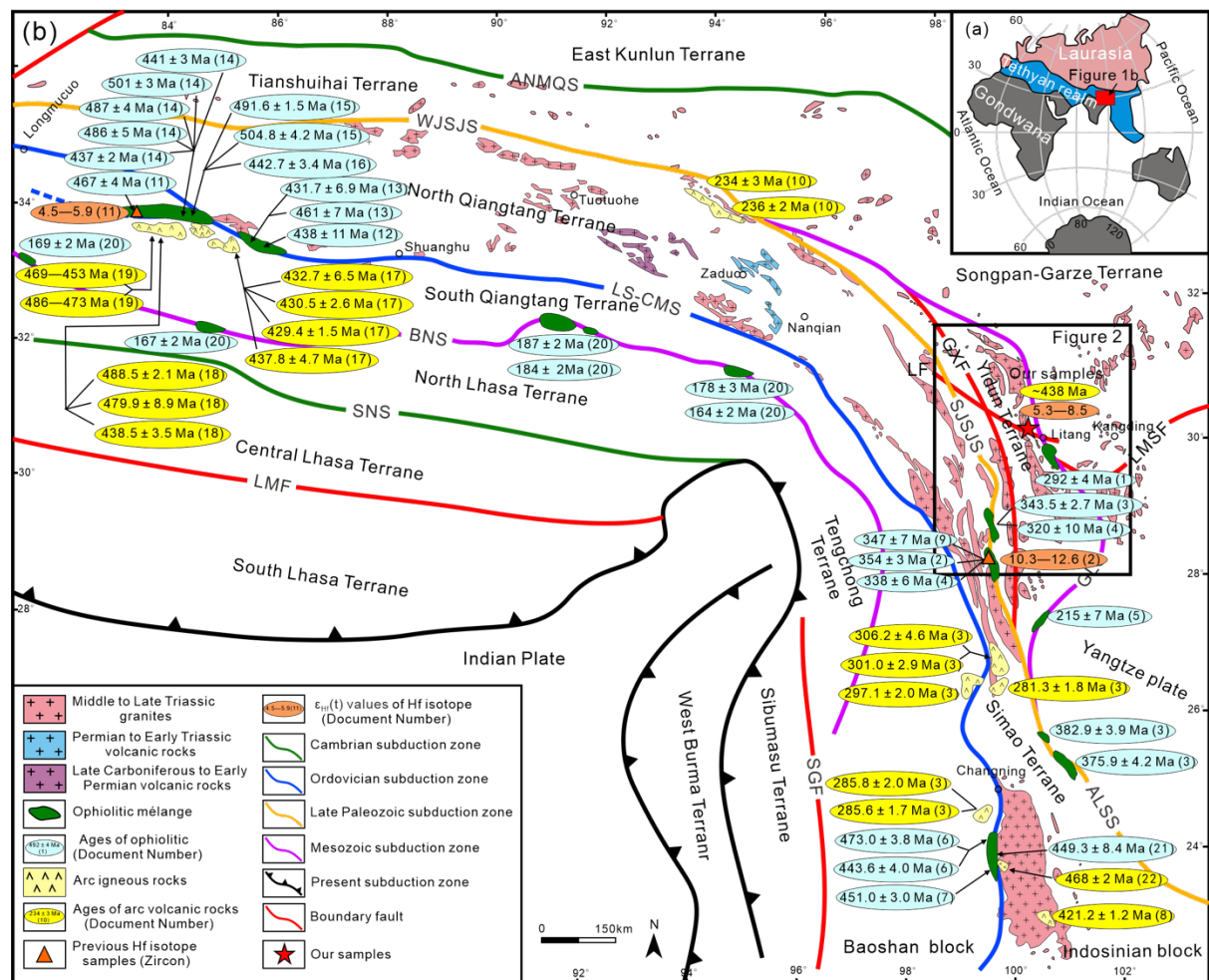


Figure 1. (a) Location of the Tibetan Plateau in the Tethyan realm modified from [Liu et al. \(2016a\)](#). (b) Simplified geological map of the Tibetan Plateau. The numbered key (in Figure b) reflects data from: (1) [Yan et al. \(2005\)](#); (2) [Wang et al. \(2012\)](#); (3) [Jian et al. \(2009b\)](#); (4) [Jian et al. \(2008\)](#); (5) [Li et al. \(2010\)](#); (6) [Wang et al. \(2013\)](#); (7) [Wang et al. \(2019a\)](#); (8) [Mao et al. \(2012\)](#); (9) [Zi et al. \(2012\)](#); (10) ([Liu et al., 2016a](#)); (11) [Zhai et al. \(2010\)](#); (12) [Li et al. \(2008\)](#); (13) [Wang et al. \(2008\)](#); (14) [Zhai et al. \(2016\)](#); (15) [Hu et al. \(2014\)](#); (16) [Zhang et al. \(2014\)](#); (17) [Liu et al. \(2021\)](#); (18) [Wang et al. \(2020b\)](#); (19) [Wang et al. \(2020a\)](#); (20) [Wang et al. \(2016a\)](#); (21) [Sun et al. \(2017\)](#); (22) [Wang et al. \(2016b\)](#). ANMQS = Animaqing suture zone; WJSJS = Western Jinshajiang suture zone; SJSJS = Southern Jinshajiang suture zone; GLS = Litang-Garze suture zone; LS-CMS = Longmucuo Shuanghu-Changning Menglian suture

zone; SNS = Bangong Nujiang suture zone; ALSS = Ailaoshan suture zone; LMSF = Longmenshan fault; GXF = Garze-Xiangcheng fault; LF = Litang fault; LMF = Luobadui-Milashan fault; SGF = ShiJie fault.

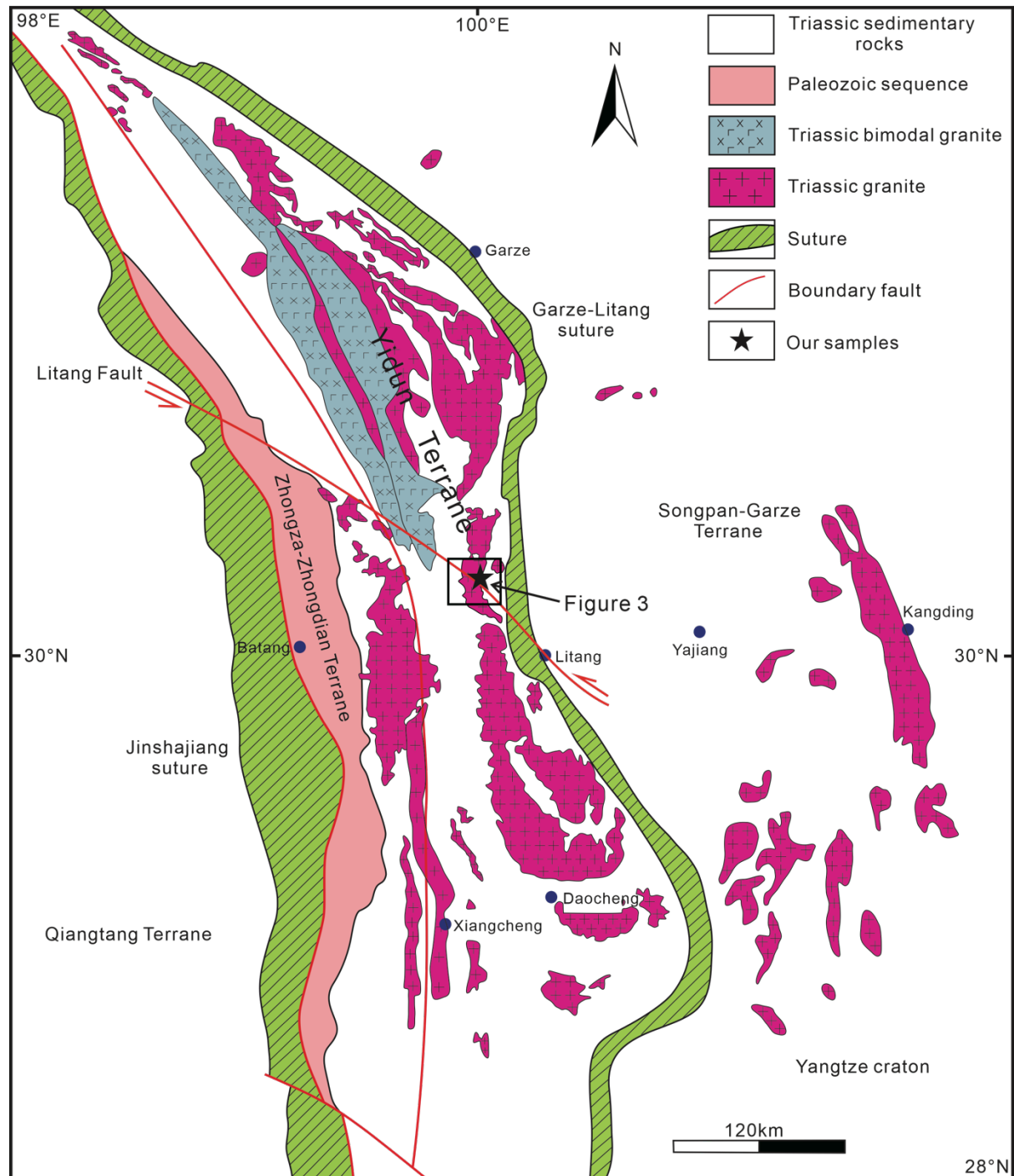


Figure 2. Regional tectonics and location of the west Sichuan and eastern Tibet area, China, after [Hou et al. \(2007\)](#).

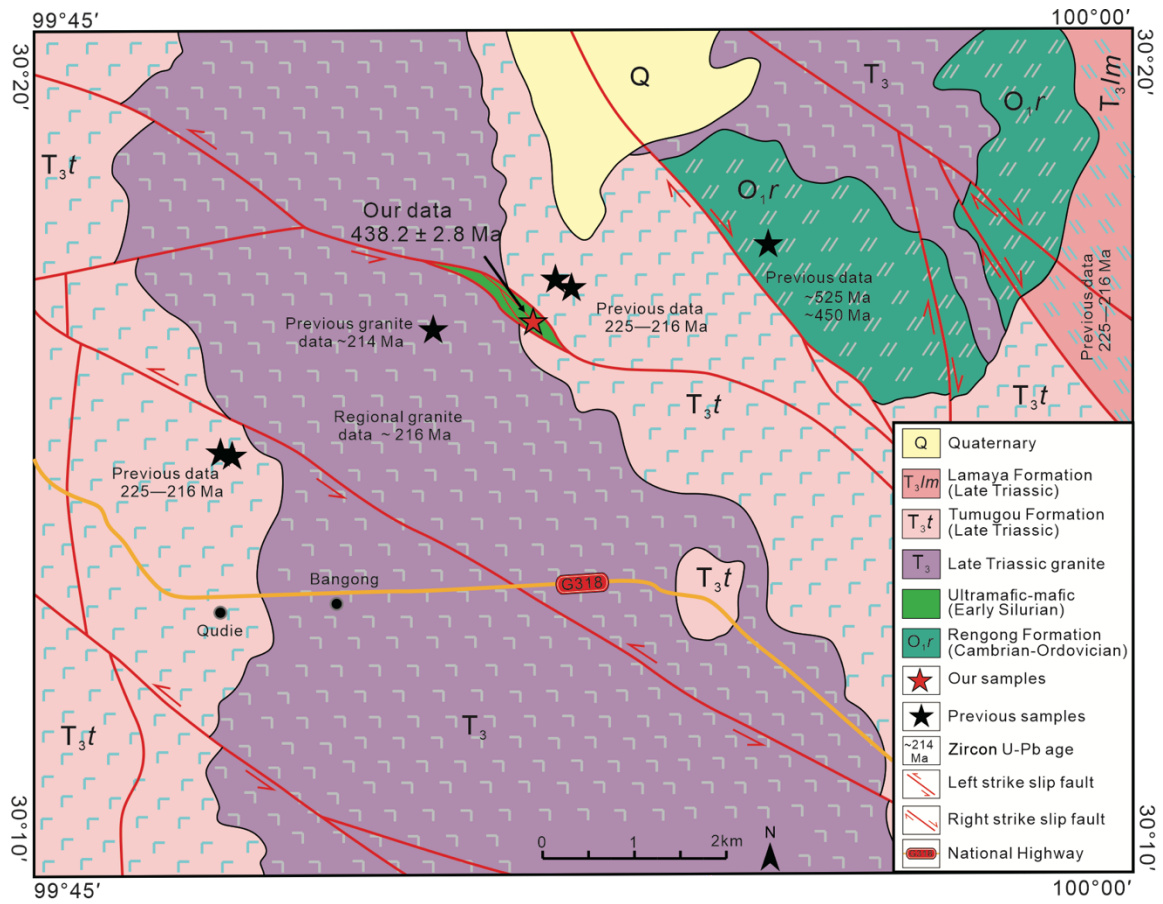


Figure 3. Geological sketch map of the Heni area, eastern Tibet, China. Previous sedimentary rock data and sampling sites were obtained from [Xu et al. \(2021\)](#). Previous granite data was obtained from [Qin et al. \(2019\)](#), and regional igneous rock data from [Fang et al. \(2017\)](#).

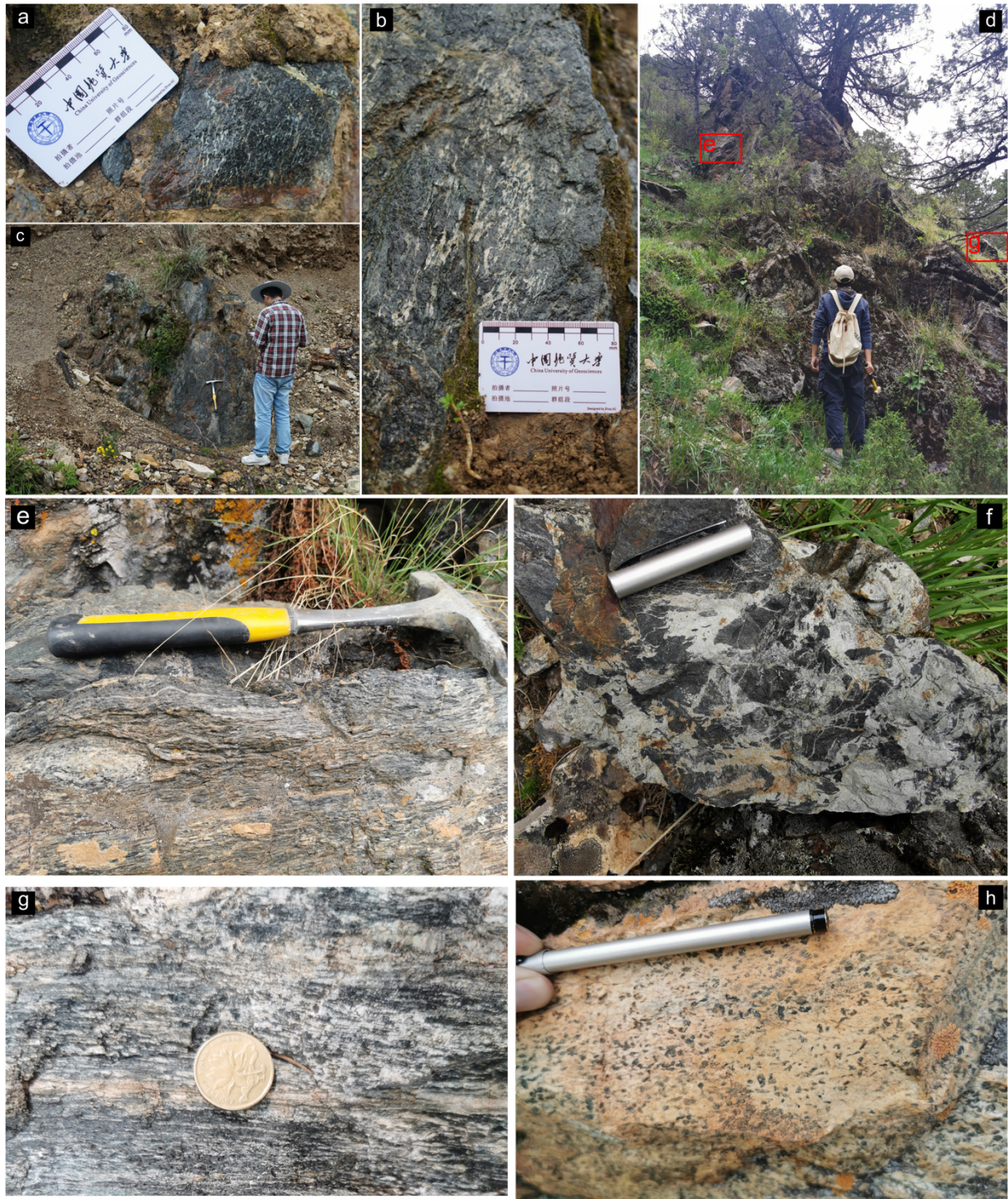


Figure 4. Field photographs of the mafic-ultramafic rocks from the Heni area, eastern Tibet, China: (a-c) Serpentinite and fine-grained peridotite outcrop. (d-f) Meta-gabbro (amphibolite) lenses/blocks in a metasedimentary matrix. (g) Dark colored harzburgite and light-colored melts. (h) Undeformed gabbro, composed of hornblende and pseudo pyroxene crystals.

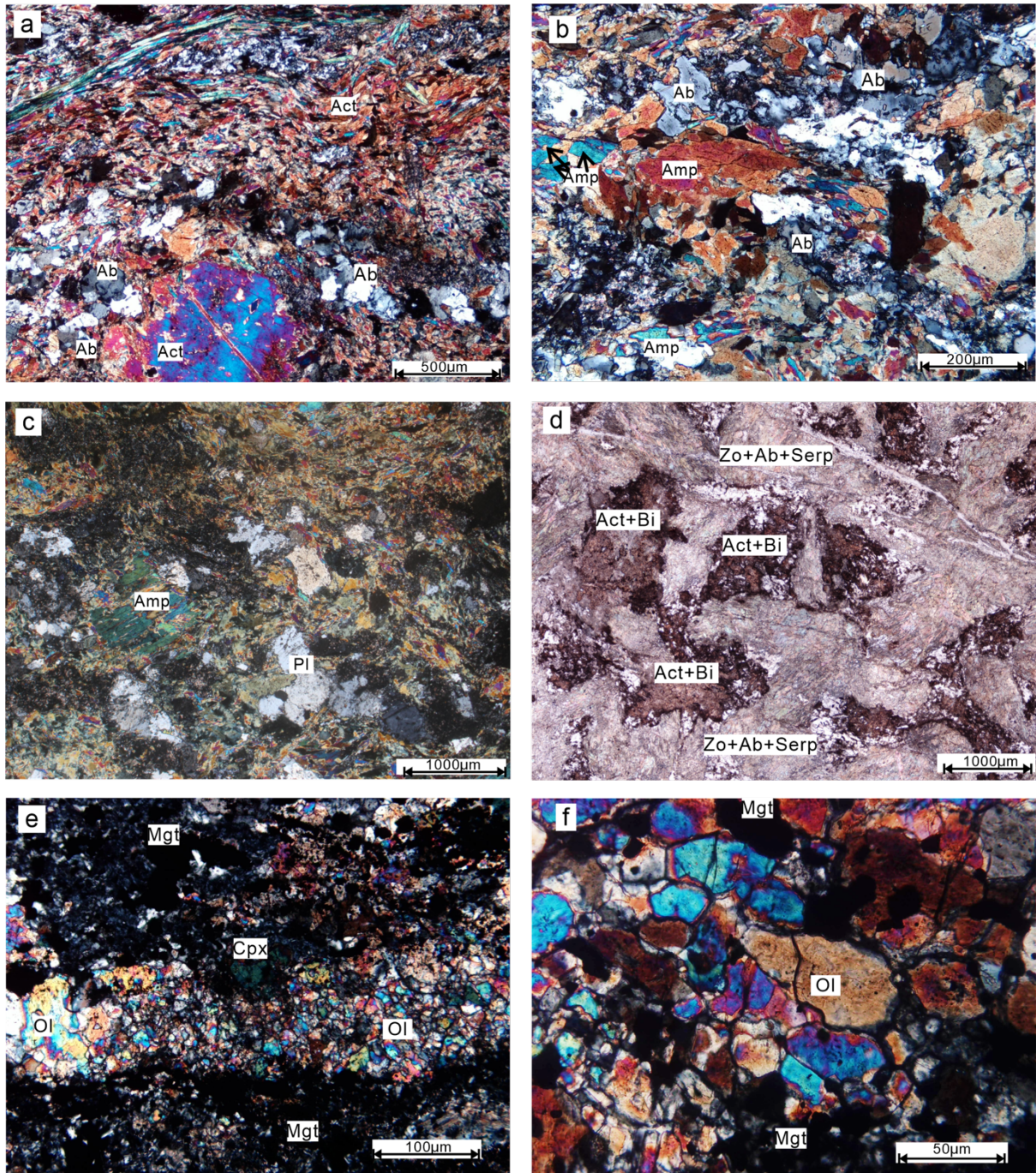


Figure 5. Photomicrographs of different samples from the Zelu mafic-ultramafic rocks, Sichuan Province, SW China: (a) Strongly deformed metamorphic gabbro. (b, c) Undeformed metamorphic gabbro showing its mineral distribution. (d) Undeformed metamorphic gabbro showing its mineral distribution, plagioclase crystals are replaced by zoisite, albite and sericite, while most pyroxene crystals are altered/occupied by actinolite and a small amount of biotite. (e, f) Fine-grain dunites with euhedral magnesiochromite and strongly serpentinized olivine,

most magnesiocromite (Spl) is altered to magnetite (Mgt). Ab = albite; Act = actinolite; Amp = amphibole; Bi = biotite; Cpx = clinopyroxene; Ol = olivine; Pl = plagioclase; Serp = serpentine; Spl = magnesiocromite; Zo = Zoisite.

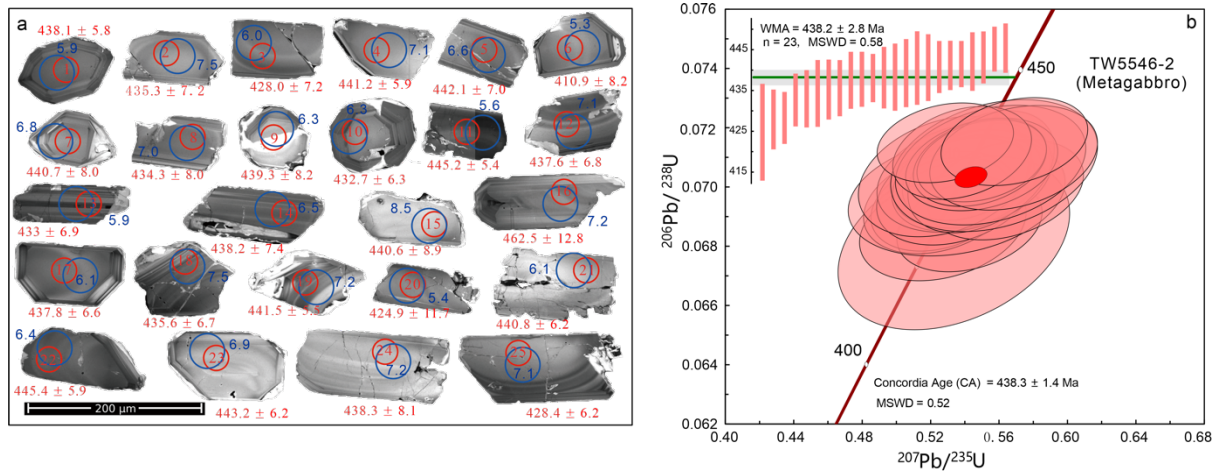


Figure 6. (a) CL image of zircon crystals from the Zeluo metamorphosed gabbro (TW5546-2) and (b) a U-Pb concordant diagram. In Figure a, the red circles reflect the analytical spots for U-Pb dating with associated ages; blue circles reflect Lu-Hf analytical spots with corresponding $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$ values.

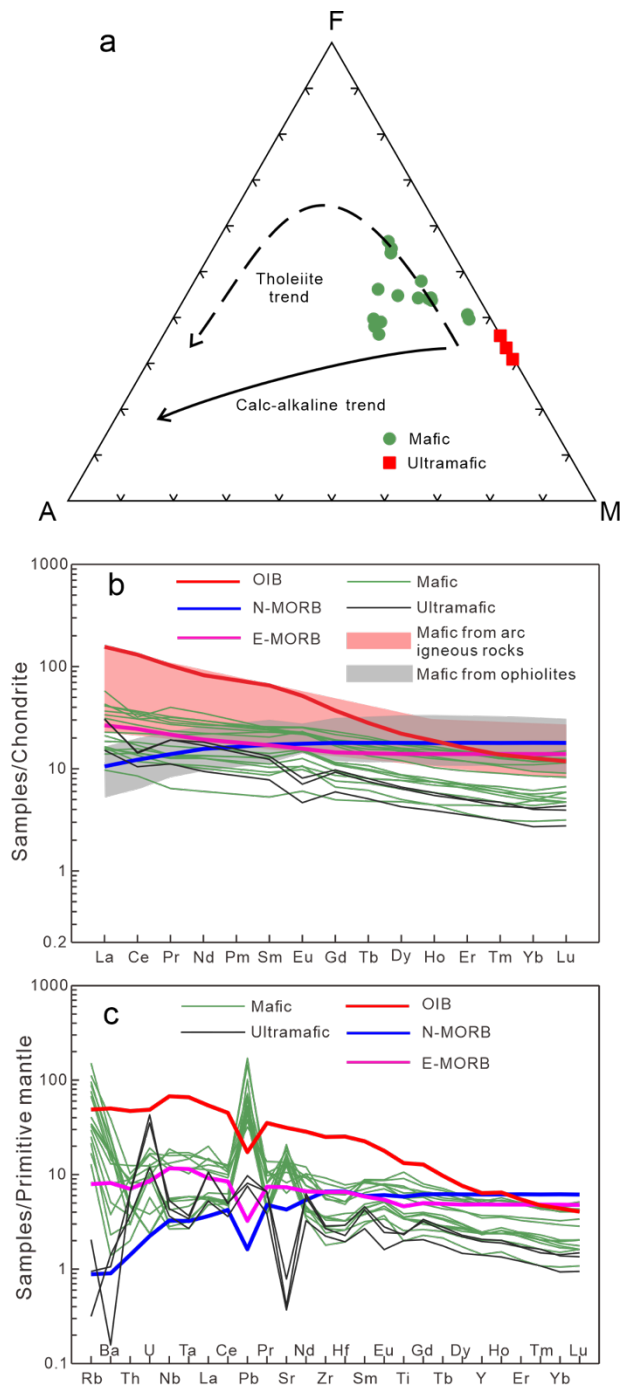


Figure 7. (a) AFM, a chemical classification for the common volcanic rocks, $A = \text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$, $F = \text{FeO} + \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$, $M = \text{Mg}$. (b) Chondrite-normalized REE diagrams. The gray area indicates mafic rock data from an Early Paleozoic spreading ridge, from the Longmucuo-Shuanghu-Changning-Menglian suture zone (Hu et al., 2009; Zhai et al., 2010; Hu et al., 2014; Zhai et al., 2016), and the pink area indicates mafic rock data recording an Early Paleozoic subduction event in the same suture zone, with arc-like characteristics (Mao et al., 2012; Zhang et al., 2014;

[Wu et al., 2016b](#); [Wang et al., 2019a](#); [Liu et al., 2021](#)). (c) Primitive mantle-normalized multi-element diagrams for the Zeluo mafic-ultramafic rocks, Sichuan Province, SW China. Normalizing values are from [McDonough and Sun \(1995\)](#).

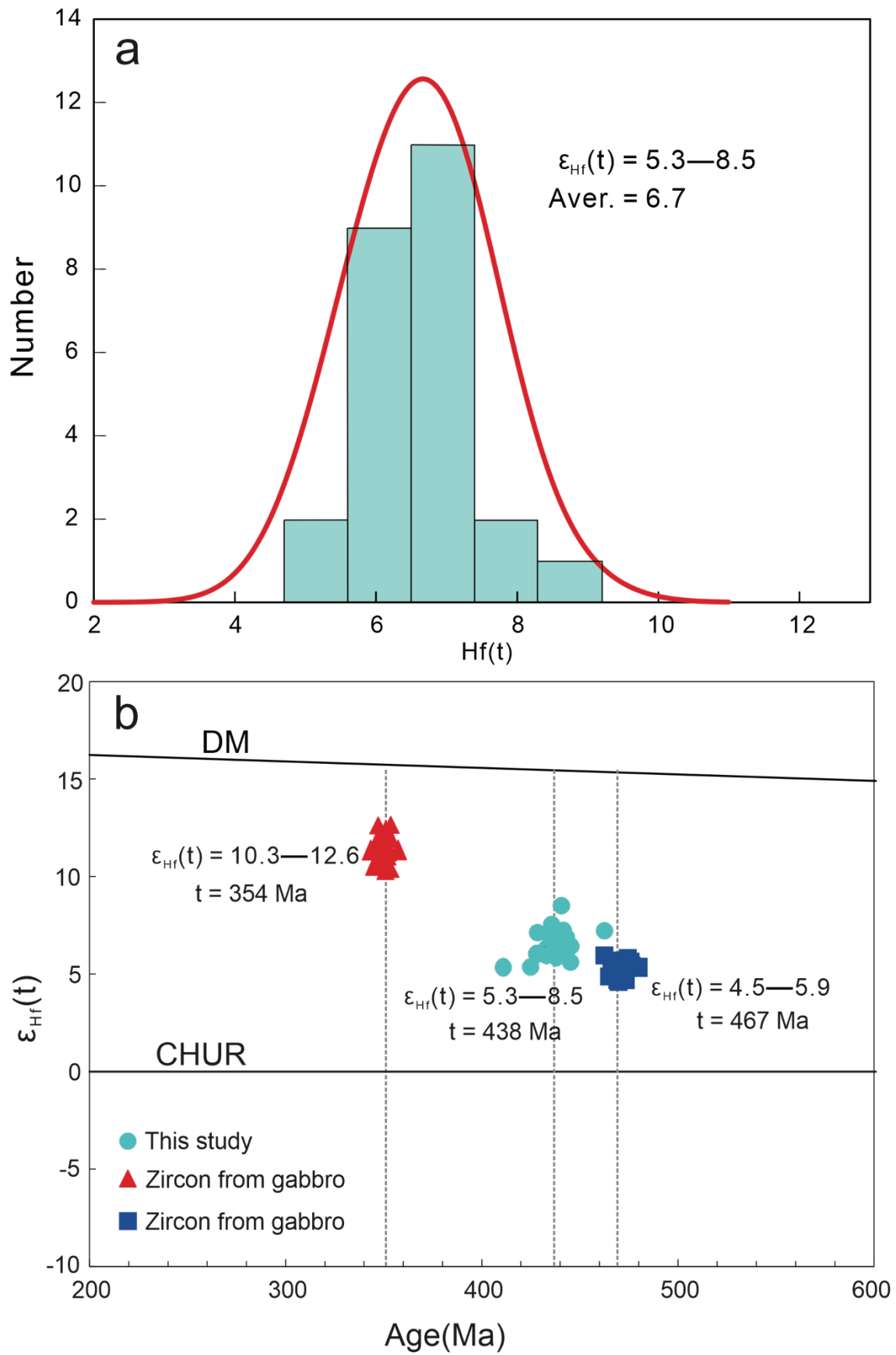


Figure 8. (a) Frequency distribution histogram for the zircon Hf isotope data. (b) Zircon $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$

versus age diagram. The zircon Hf isotope data (mafic rocks) is from [Zhai et al. \(2010\)](#) (blue square) and [Wang et al. \(2012\)](#) (red triangle). DM = depleted mantle evolution line, CHUR = chondrite average reservoir.

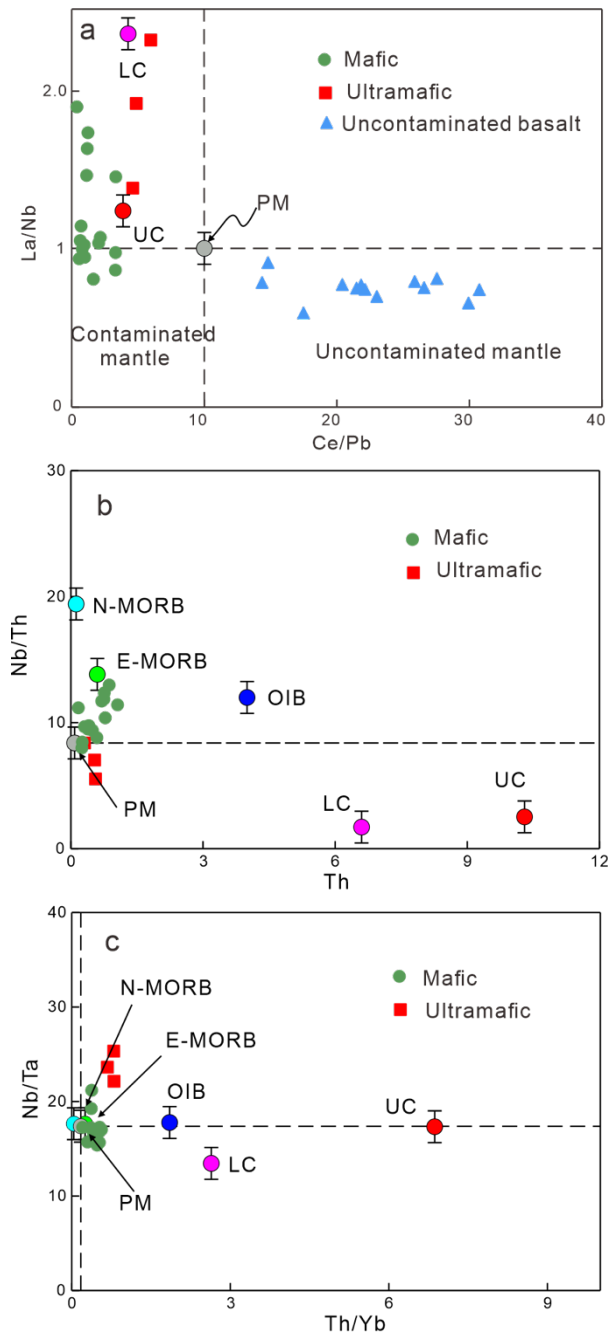


Figure 9. Geochemical variation diagrams for Zeluo mafic-ultramafic intrusions in Heni area, eastern Tibet, China, , (a) La/Nb vs. Ce/Pb. (b) Nb/Th vs. Th. (c) Nb/Ta vs. Th/Yb. Uncontaminated basalts data from [Rooney et al. \(2007\)](#). Values of N-MORB, E-MORB, and

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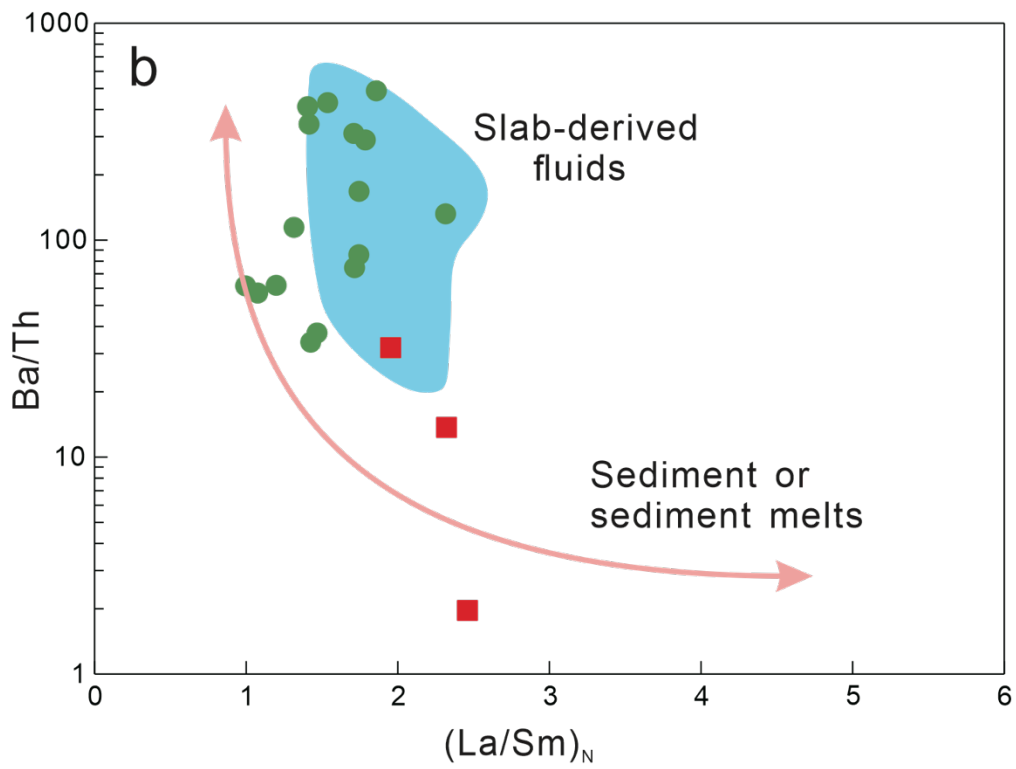
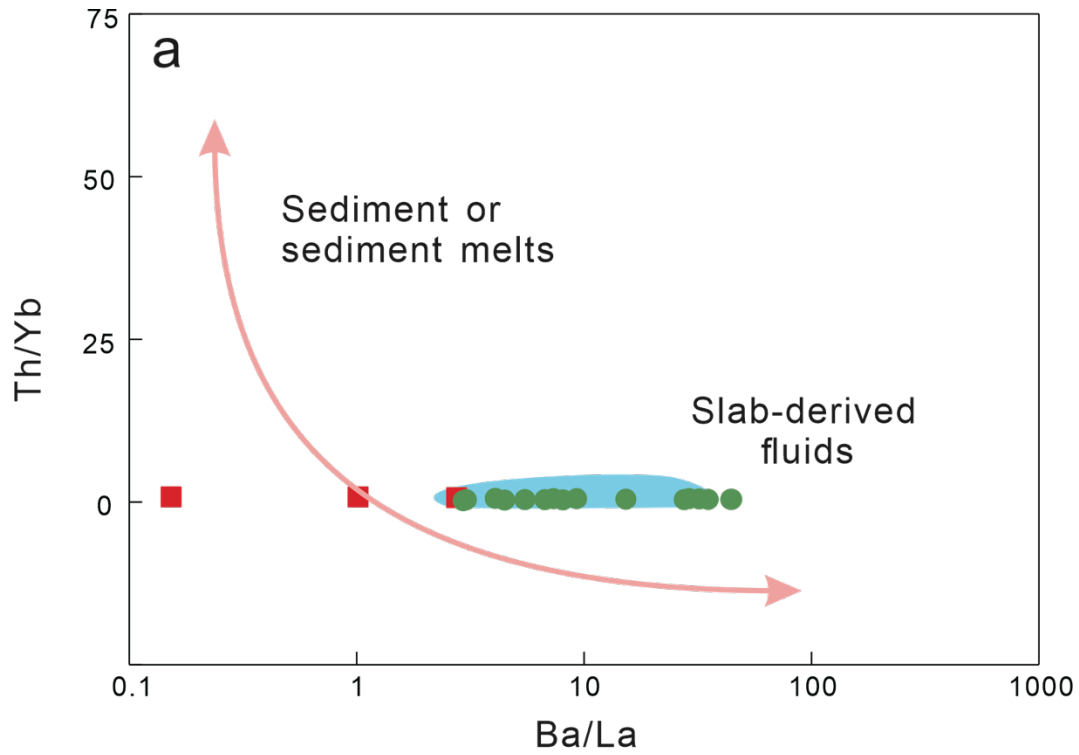


Figure 10. Geochemical plots for the Zeluo mafic-ultramafic rocks from Heni area, eastern Tibet, China: (a) Th/Yb vs. Ba/La. (b) Ba/Th vs. (La/Sm)_N.

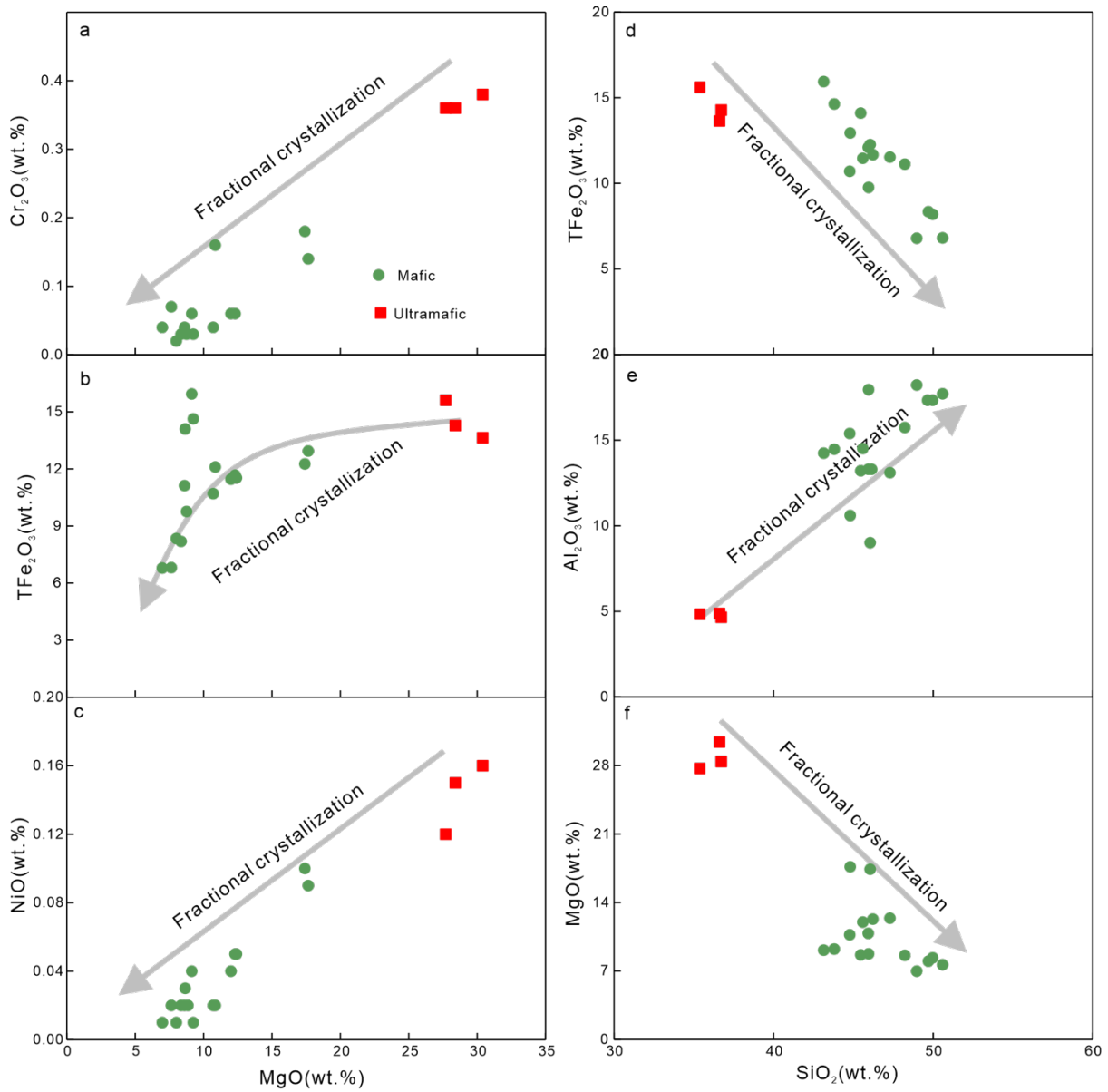


Figure 11. (a-f) Harker diagrams for Zeluo mafic-ultramafic samples, Eastern Tibet, China.

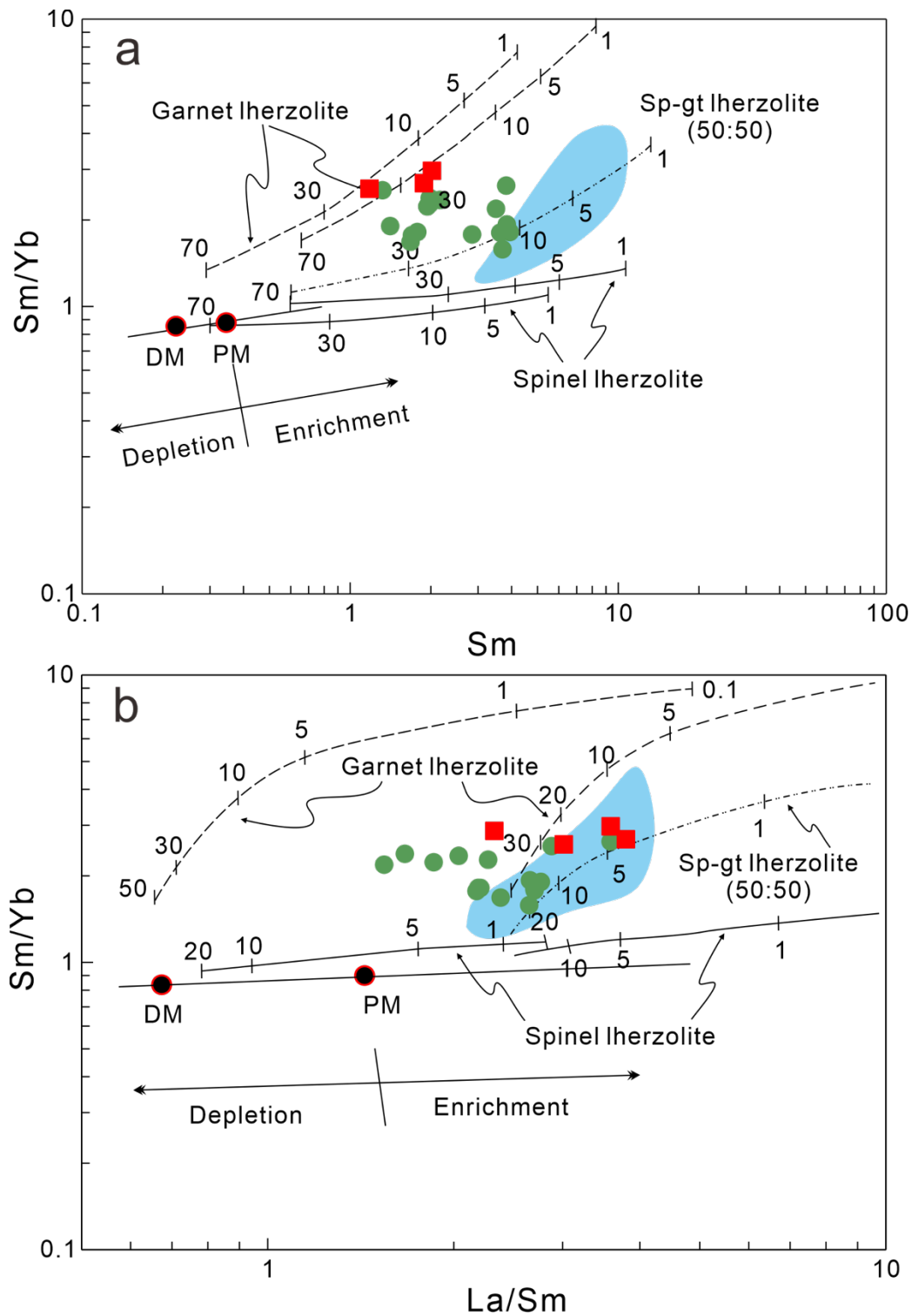


Figure 12. Geochemical plots for the Zeluo mafic-ultramafic rocks from Heni area, eastern Tibet, China: (a) Sm/Yb vs. Sm. (b) Sm/Yb vs. La/Sm. Depleted mantle (DM) data from [McKenzie and O'Nions \(1991\)](#), primitive mantle (PM) data from [McDonough and Sun \(1995\)](#). Melting curves for spinel lherzolite ($Ol_{53} + Op_{x27} + Cpx_{17} + Sp_{03}$) and garnet peridotite ($Ol_{60} +$

Op_{x20} + Cp_{x10} + Gt₁₀) are from [Aldanmaz et al. \(2000\)](#), numbers along the lines represent the degree of partial melting; green circles for mafic rocks, red squares for ultramafic rocks. Blue area in (a-d) indicate data from Early Paleozoic subduction-derived mafic rocks from the Longmucuo-Shuanghu-Changning-Menglian suture zone ([Mao et al., 2012](#); [Zhang et al., 2014](#); [Wu et al., 2016b](#); [Wang et al., 2019a](#)).

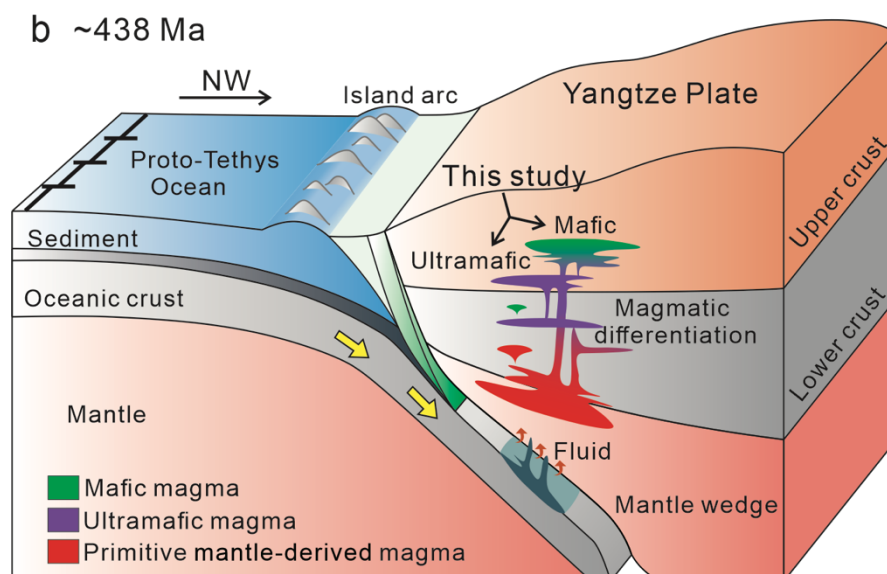
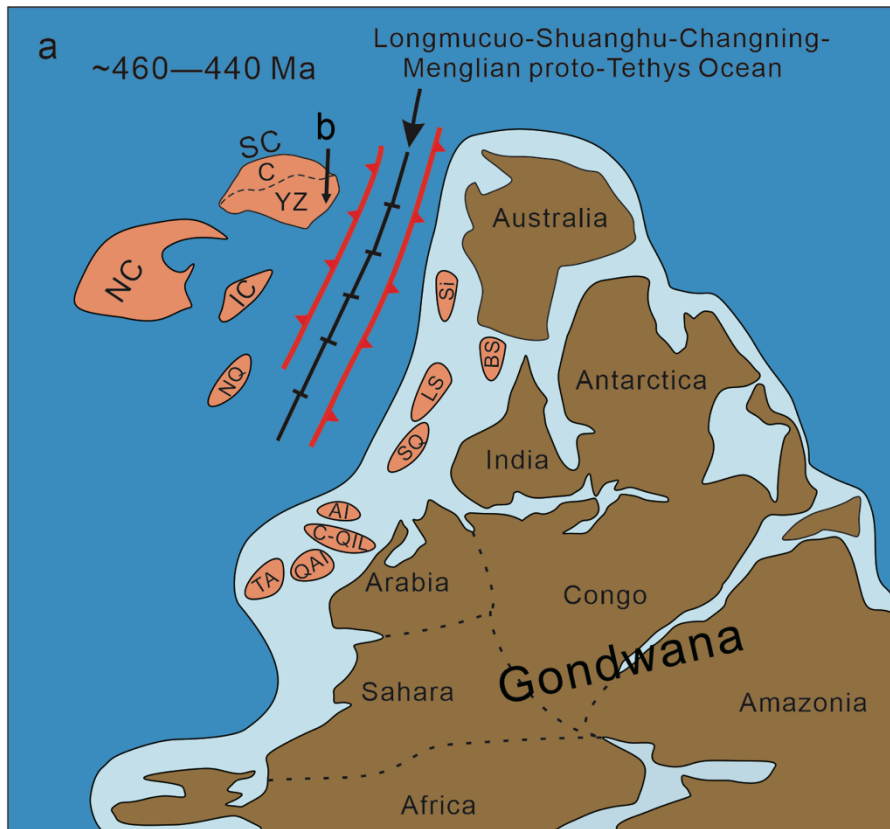


Figure 13. Schematic illustrates a model for the generation and evolution of the Zeluo pluton, eastern Tibet, China, (a) Schematic tectonic cartoons showing the Early Paleozoic tectonic evolution of the northern margin of Gondwana ([Huang et al., 2018](#); [Zhao et al., 2018](#); [Liu et al., 2021](#)). SQ = South Qiangtang, LS = Lhasa, BS = Baoshan, Si = Sibumasu, NQ = North Qiangtang, IC = Indochina, YZ = Yangtze, C = Cathaysian, TA = Tarim, QAI = Qaidam, C-QIL= Central-Qilian, AL = Alex, SC = South China, NC = North China. (b) A sketch map only showing the northwestward subduction of the Longmucuo-Shuanghu-Changning-Menglian Proto-Tethyan Ocean, forming the Zeluo mafic-ultramafic rock intrusion on the western margin of the Yangtze plate.

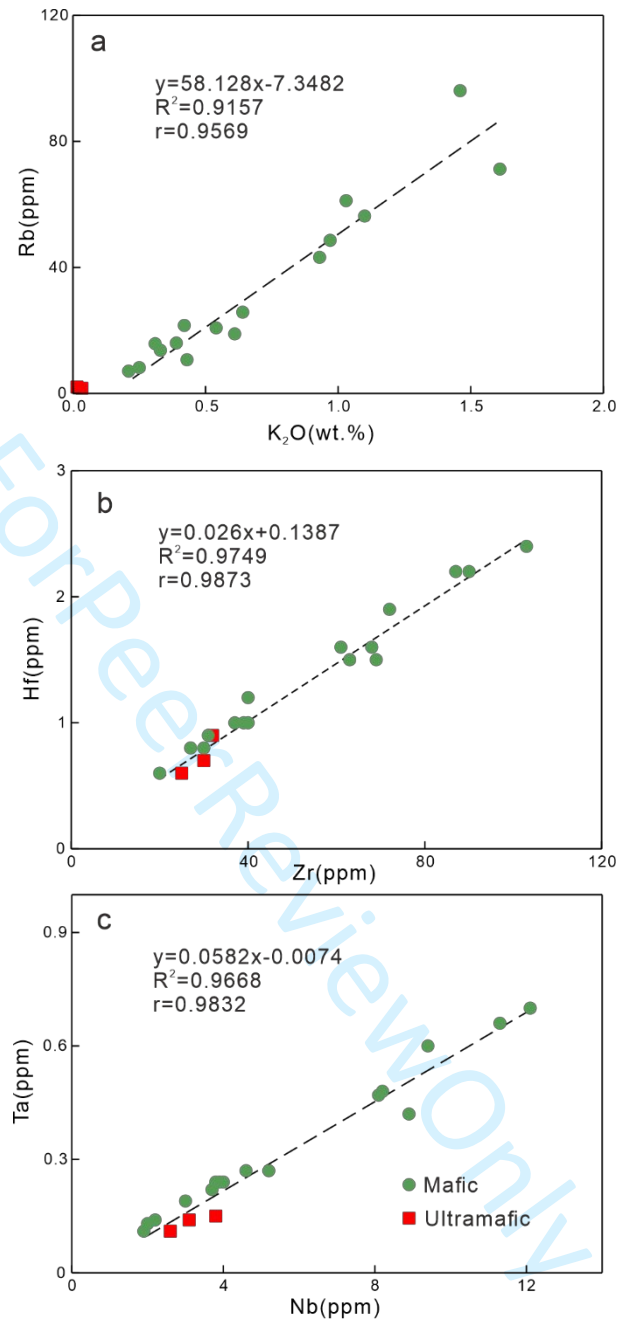


Figure S1. Alteration assessment plots for the mafic-ultramafic rocks from Zelu, Sichuan Province, SW China, (a) K_2O (wt.%) vs. Rb (ppm), (b) Zr (ppm) vs. Hf (ppm), and (c) Ta (ppm) vs. Nb (ppm).

Supp. Table 1: LA-ICP-MS U-Pb data of zircons from the metamorphic gabbro (TW5546-2) in Zeluo, Eastern Tibet, China

Analysis	Pb ^{Total}	²³² Th	²³⁸ U	Pb ^C	Ratio								Age (Ma)						Con.			
					²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb	1σ	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U	1σ	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	1σ	²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²³² Th	1σ	²³⁸ U/ ²³² Th	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb	1σ	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U	1σ	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U		1σ	²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²³² Th	1σ
Spots	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm																		
TW5546-2-1	203	686	550	61.1	0.0556	0.0026	0.5409	0.0244	0.0703	0.0010	0.0216	0.0006	0.9232	435	136	439	16	438	6	432	11	99%
TW5546-2-2	87	283	306	43.8	0.0557	0.0036	0.5353	0.0307	0.0699	0.0012	0.0213	0.0007	1.2331	439	144	435	20	435	7	425	13	99%
TW5546-2-3	118	395	410	41.5	0.0556	0.0035	0.5276	0.0322	0.0686	0.0012	0.0210	0.0007	1.1834	435	143	430	21	428	7	421	14	99%
TW5546-2-4	119	408	404	49.3	0.0569	0.0029	0.5493	0.0257	0.0708	0.0010	0.0202	0.0005	1.1240	500	113	445	17	441	6	405	9	99%
TW5546-2-5	92	288	304	37.4	0.0582	0.0035	0.5690	0.0324	0.0710	0.0012	0.0222	0.0006	1.1975	600	133	457	21	442	7	444	12	96%
TW5546-2-6	113	381	396	46.2	0.0595	0.0047	0.5454	0.0443	0.0658	0.0014	0.0209	0.0008	1.1718	583	170	442	29	411	8	417	17	92%
TW5546-2-7	137	443	429	59.4	0.0554	0.0042	0.5555	0.0368	0.0707	0.0013	0.0218	0.0008	1.0673	428	166	449	24	441	8	436	16	98%
TW5546-2-8	187	656	542	59.0	0.0559	0.0046	0.5357	0.0419	0.0697	0.0013	0.0206	0.0007	0.8932	456	183	436	28	434	8	412	14	99%
TW5546-2-9	71	226	252	52.0	0.0518	0.0046	0.5500	0.0283	0.0705	0.0014	0.0226	0.0007	1.2584	276	204	445	19	439	8	451	15	98%
TW5546-2-10	135	447	439	40.9	0.0551	0.0029	0.5265	0.0271	0.0694	0.0010	0.0215	0.0005	1.0283	417	117	429	18	433	6	430	10	99%
TW5546-2-11	237	821	603	54.5	0.0532	0.0027	0.5290	0.0263	0.0715	0.0009	0.0218	0.0005	0.7959	345	119	431	17	445	5	435	11	96%
TW5546-2-12	95	314	328	65.9	0.0543	0.0032	0.5414	0.0288	0.0702	0.0011	0.0211	0.0006	1.0530	383	133	439	19	438	7	422	12	99%
TW5546-2-13	103	359	335	50.9	0.0524	0.0032	0.5257	0.0294	0.0695	0.0011	0.0205	0.0006	0.9384	306	136	429	20	433	7	411	11	99%
TW5546-2-14	171	585	518	33.8	0.0565	0.0039	0.5403	0.0339	0.0703	0.0012	0.0213	0.0005	0.9072	478	147	439	22	438	7	426	10	99%
TW5546-2-15	82	263	289	51.9	0.0548	0.0044	0.5576	0.0400	0.0707	0.0015	0.0220	0.0010	1.1352	406	181	450	26	441	9	439	19	97%
TW5546-2-16	115	391	365	59.1	0.0531	0.0049	0.5470	0.0498	0.0744	0.0021	0.0209	0.0010	0.9760	332	211	443	33	463	13	418	20	95%
TW5546-2-17	91	307	327	35.6	0.0550	0.0033	0.5445	0.0304	0.0703	0.0011	0.0213	0.0006	1.1302	413	133	441	20	438	7	425	13	99%
TW5546-2-18	53.1	158	236	56.4	0.0542	0.0034	0.5643	0.0301	0.0699	0.0011	0.0228	0.0009	1.6226	389	143	454	20	436	7	456	17	95%
TW5546-2-19	247	883	571	68.2	0.0559	0.0029	0.5503	0.0250	0.0709	0.0009	0.0217	0.0005	0.7121	450	117	445	16	442	6	435	11	99%
TW5546-2-20	71	232	257	34.7	0.0528	0.0058	0.5340	0.0447	0.0681	0.0019	0.0221	0.0010	1.1976	320	249	434	30	425	12	442	19	97%
TW5546-2-21	84	275	301	63.2	0.0548	0.0031	0.5503	0.0294	0.0708	0.0010	0.0219	0.0007	1.1805	467	128	445	19	441	6	438	14	99%
TW5546-2-22	108	345	354	50.9	0.0571	0.0030	0.5694	0.0283	0.0715	0.0010	0.0227	0.0006	1.1045	494	116	458	18	445	6	454	12	97%
TW5546-2-23	152	531	462	64.7	0.0547	0.0028	0.5389	0.0268	0.0712	0.0010	0.0209	0.0005	0.9462	467	113	438	18	443	6	417	11	98%
TW5546-2-24	103	342	340	36.0	0.0544	0.0035	0.5286	0.0333	0.0704	0.0013	0.0220	0.0007	1.0628	387	144	431	22	438	8	439	14	98%
TW5546-2-25	135	459	445	52.4	0.0575	0.0031	0.5432	0.0281	0.0687	0.0010	0.0215	0.0006	1.0392	509	120	441	18	428	6	429	11	97%

Pb^C: Common Pb

Supp. Table 2: Chemical compositions for Olivine from the ultramafic rocks in Zeluo, Eastern Tibet, China

Olivine	0003-4	0003-5	0003-6	0003-7	0003-17	0004-1	0004-2	0004-3	0004-4	0004-5	0004-6	0004-7	0004-8	0004-9	0004-10	0004-11	0004-12	0004-13	0004-14	0004-15	0004-16	0004-18	0004-19	0004-20
SiO ₂	42.22	42.23	42.2	42.42	41.31	42.05	41.82	41.97	42.39	42.02	41.91	42.1	42.18	41.73	42.18	42.6	42.35	42.17	42.22	42.29	42.25	42.31	41.89	42.56
TiO ₂					0.02	0.01	0.03										0.01	0.01	0.01		0.03		0.01	
Al ₂ O ₃				0.01	0.01			0.02			0.02		0.01	0.01								0.01	0.02	
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05		0.11	0.01	0.02	0.01		0.07	0.05	0.03		0.07	0.05			0.02
FeO	6.75	6.8	6.95	6.62	6.46	6.47	6.92	6.57	6.28	6.52	6.73	6.14	6.35	6.53	6.1	6.57	6.52	6.88	7.01	6.19	6.78	6.3	6.39	6.34
MnO	0.32	0.35	0.3	0.33	0.27	0.32	0.39	0.33	0.32	0.3	0.36	0.32	0.31	0.28	0.32	0.32	0.35	0.34	0.32	0.36	0.31	0.34	0.35	0.32
MgO	51.49	51.8	51.33	51.93	50.48	51.35	51.63	51.87	51.56	51.87	51.58	51.86	51.32	51.62	52.21	51.74	51.26	51.8	52.26	52.16	52.38	51.94	51.68	51.15
NiO	0.04	0.029	0.082	0.072	0	0.04	0.08	0.014	0.048	0.079	0.049	0.07	0.101	0.075	0.021	0.1	0.035	0.037	0.095	0.09	0.081	0.079	0.003	0.066
CaO	0.21	0.03	0.04	0.12	1.25	0.11	0.09	0.17	0.14	0.11	0.05	0.15	0.06	0.12	0.15	0.04	0.20	0.07	0.15	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.09	0.22
Total	101.077	101.29	100.954	101.511	99.81	100.381	101.001	100.991	100.797	100.909	100.801	100.656	100.353	100.393	100.987	101.455	100.774	101.331	102.063	101.233	101.957	101.042	100.432	100.694
Fo	92.84	92.81	92.65	93.01	93.04	93.09	92.64	93.05	93.30	93.13	92.84	93.46	93.21	93.11	93.54	93.04	93.00	92.74	92.70	93.41	92.94	93.30	93.18	93.19

Supp. Table 3: Chemical compositions for Pyroxene from the mafic-ultramafic rocks in Zeluo, Eastern Tibet, China

Pyro	0001-1	0001-3	0002-2	0002-3	0003-1	0003-2	0003-3	0003-8	0003-9	0003-11	0003-12	0003-13	0003-14	0003-16	0003-18	0003-20
SiO ₂	56.813	52.401	55.374	53.606	55.478	54.194	54.604	55.621	55.244	55.75	55.639	56.229	56.21	54.832	55.273	54.834
TiO ₂	0	0.471	0.127	0.356	0.176	0.272	0.24	0.212	0.142	0.05	0.018	0.093	0.038	0.170	0.212	0.104
Al ₂ O	0.259	3.533	0.877	2.585	0.938	1.629	1.44	0.896	1.504	0.872	0.540	0.314	0.201	1.580	1.076	0.864
Cr ₂ O	0.135	0.023	0.181	0.037	0.102	0.037	0.117	0.038	0.141	0.09	0.094	0.137	0.113	0.052	0.111	0.005
FeO	2.071	2.419	2.131	2.241	2.795	2.547	2.675	2.440	2.098	2.454	2.190	2.481	2.184	2.591	2.212	2.387
MnO	0.040	0.019	0.036	0.018	0.031	0.069	0.030	0.042	0.014	0.055	0.061	0.032	0.076	0.012	0.017	0.044
MgO	17.292	16.038	17.041	16.546	16.841	16.588	16.632	16.798	17.207	16.938	17.112	16.884	17.087	17.144	16.927	16.922
CaO	26.102	26.034	25.937	25.842	25.733	25.901	25.923	26.068	25.931	25.903	25.743	25.78	25.657	25.968	25.902	25.921
Na ₂ O	0.023	0	0	0	0.030	0.013	0.021	0.027	0	0.025	0.024	0.011	0.013	0.018	0.036	0.005
K ₂ O	0	0	0.002	0	0.010	0.003	0.016	0.007	0	0.005	0.003	0	0.004	0	0.002	0.011
NiO	0.001	0.020	0	0.072	0.038	0.017	0.003	0.018	0.054	0.027	0.008	0	0	0.030	0	0
Total	102.736	100.958	101.706	101.303	102.172	101.27	101.701	102.167	102.335	102.169	101.432	101.961	101.583	102.397	101.768	101.097
Wo	50.34	51.79	50.52	51.03	50.03	50.74	50.62	50.68	50.33	50.30	50.13	50.30	50.09	50.05	50.52	50.45
En	46.40	44.41	46.18	45.48	45.56	45.22	45.18	45.44	46.47	45.78	46.37	45.82	46.42	45.96	45.94	45.82
Fs	3.19	3.80	3.30	3.49	4.30	4.00	4.13	3.77	3.20	3.81	3.43	3.84	3.46	3.91	3.40	3.69
Ac	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.04	0.07	0.11	0.00	0.11	0.07	0.04	0.04	0.07	0.14	0.04

Supp. Table 4: Major oxides (wt%) and element (ppm) abundances for the mafic-ultramafic rocks in Zeluo, Eastern Tibet, China

Samples	D5533-2D5533-3HF5517-3D5533-4D5533-6D5537D5539-1D5533-7D5540-2D5545-1D5546-1D5546-2D5546-3HF5517-1HF5517-2HF5517-4HF5517-6HF5517-8HF5517-9D5546-1D5546-2D5546-3HF5517-1																						
Types	Ultramafic Rocks										Mafic Rocks												
SiO ₂	36.72	36.61	35.37	44.80	48.22	50.59	46.05	44.77	45.95	43.14	48.97	49.70	49.97	45.46	43.80	45.93	45.59	47.29	46.22	48.97	49.70	49.97	45.46
Al ₂ O ₃	4.66	4.88	4.84	10.60	15.74	17.71	9.01	15.39	17.95	14.24	18.22	17.34	17.33	13.21	14.47	13.30	14.51	13.10	13.30	18.22	17.34	17.33	13.21
TFe ₂ O ₃	14.28	13.64	15.61	12.94	11.12	6.81	12.26	10.70	9.76	15.94	6.79	8.34	8.19	14.10	14.63	12.10	11.46	11.53	11.67	6.79	8.34	8.19	14.10
MgO	28.40	30.40	27.70	17.65	8.60	7.64	17.40	10.70	8.75	9.13	6.98	8.00	8.35	8.65	9.24	10.85	12.00	12.40	12.30	6.98	8.00	8.35	8.65
CaO	7.08	5.25	6.88	8.11	9.36	10.80	10.15	12.45	10.45	9.87	11.70	8.68	9.32	12.10	10.60	14.00	11.20	11.45	11.35	11.70	8.68	9.32	12.10
Na ₂ O	0.10	0.11	0.01	0.96	3.83	3.87	1.08	1.85	2.32	1.48	2.62	3.57	3.42	2.25	2.75	1.65	2.11	2.18	2.06	2.62	3.57	3.42	2.25
K ₂ O	0.01	<0.01	0.01	0.31	0.54	0.42	0.21	0.93	0.97	1.61	1.46	1.10	1.03	0.61	0.43	0.64	0.39	0.25	0.33	1.46	1.10	1.03	0.61
MnO	0.33	0.31	0.34	0.25	0.18	0.14	0.22	0.20	0.23	0.30	0.14	0.16	0.16	0.31	0.35	0.31	0.22	0.20	0.21	0.14	0.16	0.16	0.31
TiO ₂	0.50	0.45	0.53	1.46	1.41	0.55	0.76	1.24	1.26	1.51	0.72	0.72	0.73	2.16	2.45	0.45	0.91	0.81	0.79	0.72	0.72	0.73	2.16
P ₂ O ₅	0.10	0.07	0.10	0.14	0.17	0.06	0.07	0.13	0.12	0.18	0.12	0.06	0.06	0.20	0.27	0.03	0.06	0.02	0.04	0.12	0.06	0.06	0.20
LOI	8.03	8.37	7.94	2.74	1.36	1.11	2.14	1.29	1.81	2.29	2.26	1.92	2.06	1.52	1.50	0.86	1.57	0.85	1.11	2.26	1.92	2.06	1.52
Total	92.18	91.72	91.39	97.22	99.17	98.59	97.21	98.36	97.76	97.40	97.72	97.67	98.56	99.05	98.99	99.26	98.45	99.23	98.27	97.72	97.67	98.56	99.05
FeO	4.10	4.03	4.60	10.55	8.44	5.36	9.54	8.27	7.76	12.65	5.14	6.56	6.42	10.90	11.25	9.18	8.78	9.00	9.02	5.14	6.56	6.42	10.90
Mg [#]	0.79	0.81	0.78	0.71	0.59	0.67	0.72	0.65	0.62	0.51	0.66	0.64	0.65	0.53	0.54	0.62	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.71	0.59	0.67	0.72
Rb	0.60	0.20	1.30	15.80	20.80	21.60	7.10	43.20	48.60	71.20	96.10	56.30	61.20	18.90	10.70	25.80	16.00	8.20	13.70	96.10	56.30	61.20	18.90
Ba	7.40	9.90	1.10	36.30	90.80	113.00	18.30	100.50	117.50	270.00	176.50	165.00	137.00	56.00	26.40	122.00	35.50	9.70	16.10	176.50	165.00	137.00	56.00
Th	0.54	0.31	0.56	0.59	1.06	0.39	0.49	0.76	0.70	0.87	0.41	0.40	0.40	0.75	0.78	0.25	0.31	0.17	0.26	0.41	0.40	0.40	0.75
Ti	0.30	0.26	0.309	0.793	0.828	0.331	0.458	0.729	0.739	0.938	0.439	0.443	0.444	1.18	1.38	0.257	0.501	0.462	0.456	0.439	0.443	0.444	1.18
U	0.74	0.25	0.90	0.17	0.26	0.05	0.28	0.25	0.17	0.35	0.05	0.08	0.05	0.40	0.34	0.27	0.22	0.12	0.20	0.05	0.08	0.05	0.40
Sc	14.80	14.10	14.80	25.40	35.30	30.50	21.30	41.00	29.70	29.90	34.00	29.40	29.50	40.10	44.50	31.10	43.80	48.90	45.50	34.00	29.40	29.50	40.10
V	145	135	153	284	250	151	138	258	220	221	154	132	137	576	659	131	266	273	265	154	132	137	576
Cr	2972	3039	3060	1113	292	526	1287	263	200	406	240	144	172	120	190	1410	450	550	490	240	144	172	120
Co	123.5	115.5	119	73.40	41.90	33.30	71.90	45.00	41.10	39.90	36.80	41.20	41.60	38.60	44.30	34.10	54.00	55.40	58.50	36.80	41.20	41.60	38.60
Ni	1180	1260	1090	754	97.1	117	774	141	79.1	213	62.2	60.4	67.9	82	85.4	241	372	339	326	62.2	60.4	67.9	82
Pb	1.80	1.40	1.50	6.70	13.30	13.00	3.30	5.90	31.50	6.80	11.60	8.90	9.50	26.70	9.70	18.70	9.90	7.10	8.20	11.60	8.90	9.50	26.70
Zn	493	594	555	101	78	71	110	101	77	144	60	77	76	192	98	138	85	74	82	60	77	76	192

Ga	9.40	8.30	9.10	18.60	17.10	14.30	15.10	19.00	19.90	19.30	15.90	15.10	13.60	19.30	20.50	14.10	15.70	13.50	14.10	15.90	15.10	13.60	19.30
Ta	0.15	0.11	0.14	0.27	0.70	0.22	0.27	0.60	0.48	0.66	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.42	0.47	0.13	0.19	0.11	0.14	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.42
Nb	3.80	2.60	3.10	5.20	12.10	3.70	4.60	9.40	8.20	11.30	4.00	3.90	3.80	8.90	8.10	2.00	3.00	1.90	2.20	4.00	3.90	3.80	8.90
Sr	8.60	7.80	16.60	47.10	279.00	308.00	44.90	284.00	379.00	134.00	438.00	268.00	283.00	173.00	223.00	260.00	412.00	351.00	333.00	438.00	268.00	283.00	173.00
Zr	32.00	25.00	30.00	87.00	90.00	30.00	69.00	63.00	68.00	103.00	39.00	40.00	40.00	61.00	72.00	20.00	37.00	27.00	31.00	39.00	40.00	40.00	61.00
Hf	0.90	0.60	0.70	2.20	2.20	0.80	1.50	1.50	1.60	2.40	1.00	1.00	1.20	1.60	1.90	0.60	1.00	0.80	0.90	1.00	1.00	1.20	1.60
Y	9.40	6.40	8.90	20.00	22.00	9.20	10.50	15.80	16.80	24.70	11.20	10.80	10.80	22.60	23.60	6.50	11.20	10.50	10.60	11.20	10.80	10.80	22.60
La	7.30	3.60	7.20	5.40	9.80	3.90	4.50	13.70	7.70	9.80	4.00	3.70	3.90	10.20	8.70	3.80	4.40	3.30	3.60	4.00	3.70	3.90	10.20
Ce	8.70	6.40	8.90	13.60	21.70	8.30	10.90	19.60	17.70	22.40	9.20	8.70	8.90	18.80	20.90	7.20	11.10	8.70	9.60	9.20	8.70	8.90	18.80
Pr	1.81	1.06	1.82	2.04	2.86	1.06	1.49	3.79	2.25	3.07	1.20	1.20	1.20	3.02	2.69	1.05	1.58	1.23	1.30	1.20	1.20	1.20	3.02
Nd	8.50	4.40	7.90	10.20	12.90	5.00	7.10	16.30	10.30	13.80	5.60	5.90	5.50	13.80	12.50	4.70	7.40	6.20	6.30	5.60	5.90	5.50	13.80
Sm	2.03	1.19	1.89	3.50	3.63	1.41	1.98	3.82	2.85	3.70	1.68	1.70	1.78	3.84	3.94	1.32	2.16	1.98	1.94	1.68	1.70	1.78	3.84
Eu	0.47	0.27	0.41	1.26	1.29	0.57	0.78	1.29	1.19	1.32	0.78	0.73	0.73	1.46	1.48	0.62	0.89	0.86	0.86	0.78	0.73	0.73	1.46
Gd	2.00	1.22	1.90	3.91	3.87	1.56	2.05	3.43	2.89	3.94	1.89	1.94	1.79	4.44	4.75	1.36	2.37	2.30	2.24	1.89	1.94	1.79	4.44
Tb	0.30	0.19	0.28	0.63	0.61	0.27	0.33	0.50	0.47	0.67	0.31	0.30	0.30	0.73	0.77	0.23	0.40	0.37	0.36	0.31	0.30	0.30	0.73
Dy	1.68	1.08	1.62	3.74	3.99	1.61	1.98	3.05	3.01	4.03	2.01	1.95	1.85	4.36	4.45	1.27	2.22	2.19	2.07	2.01	1.95	1.85	4.36
Ho	0.33	0.22	0.31	0.74	0.79	0.33	0.39	0.58	0.60	0.86	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.88	0.93	0.25	0.45	0.42	0.42	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.88
Er	0.83	0.58	0.82	1.95	2.36	0.88	1.02	1.57	1.68	2.42	1.18	1.08	1.14	2.41	2.43	0.60	1.16	1.05	1.13	1.18	1.08	1.14	2.41
Tm	0.12	0.08	0.11	0.27	0.32	0.12	0.14	0.23	0.25	0.36	0.17	0.15	0.15	0.33	0.35	0.08	0.16	0.14	0.15	0.17	0.15	0.15	0.33
Yb	0.68	0.46	0.70	1.60	2.01	0.74	0.87	1.45	1.60	2.34	1.00	0.96	0.98	1.99	2.17	0.52	0.92	0.83	0.87	1.00	0.96	0.98	1.99
Lu	0.10	0.07	0.11	0.23	0.30	0.12	0.13	0.21	0.25	0.38	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.30	0.32	0.08	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.30
ΣREE	34.85	20.82	33.97	49.07	66.43	25.87	33.66	69.52	52.74	69.09	29.56	28.85	28.76	66.56	66.38	23.08	35.34	29.69	30.96	29.56	28.85	28.76	66.56
LREE	28.81	16.92	28.12	36.00	52.18	20.24	26.75	58.50	41.99	54.09	22.46	21.93	22.01	51.12	50.21	18.69	27.53	22.27	23.60	22.46	21.93	22.01	51.12
HREE	6.04	3.90	5.85	13.07	14.25	5.63	6.91	11.02	10.75	15.00	7.10	6.92	6.75	15.44	16.17	4.39	7.81	7.42	7.36	7.10	6.92	6.75	15.44
LREE/HREE	4.77	4.34	4.81	2.75	3.66	3.60	3.87	5.31	3.91	3.61	3.16	3.17	3.26	3.31	3.11	4.26	3.52	3.00	3.21	3.16	3.17	3.26	3.31
La _N /Yb _N	7.70	5.61	7.38	2.42	3.50	3.78	3.71	6.78	3.45	3.00	2.87	2.76	2.85	3.68	2.88	5.24	3.43	2.85	2.97	2.87	2.76	2.85	3.68

Supp. Table 5: Zircon in-situ Lu–Hf isotopic compositions of the metamorphic gabbro (TW5546-2) in Zeluo, Eastern Tibet, China

Sample Spots	$^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$	1 σ	$^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Hf}$	1 σ	$^{176}\text{Yb}/^{177}\text{Hf}$	1 σ	Age (Ma)	$^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ (t)	$\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}(t)$	1 σ	T_{DM1}	$f_{\text{Lu/Hf}}$
TW5446-2-01	0.282690	0.000022	0.002940	0.000024	0.101114	0.001100	438	0.282666	5.9	1.0	840	-0.91
TW5446-2-02	0.282732	0.000016	0.002387	0.000049	0.082513	0.001645	435	0.282713	7.5	0.8	765	-0.93
TW5446-2-03	0.282697	0.000017	0.002564	0.000021	0.086965	0.000645	428	0.282676	6.0	0.8	820	-0.92
TW5446-2-04	0.282717	0.000016	0.002289	0.000040	0.079411	0.001298	441	0.282698	7.1	0.8	785	-0.93
TW5446-2-05	0.282703	0.000016	0.002303	0.000033	0.078409	0.001008	442	0.282684	6.6	0.8	805	-0.93
TW5446-2-06	0.282687	0.000016	0.002530	0.000035	0.090051	0.001407	411	0.282668	5.3	0.8	834	-0.92
TW5446-2-07	0.282709	0.000021	0.002312	0.000027	0.080026	0.001046	441	0.282690	6.8	0.9	796	-0.93
TW5446-2-08	0.282722	0.000020	0.002571	0.000034	0.088393	0.001489	434	0.282701	7.0	0.9	784	-0.92
TW5446-2-09	0.282696	0.000017	0.002377	0.000016	0.080784	0.000676	439	0.282676	6.3	0.8	818	-0.93
TW5446-2-10	0.282702	0.000020	0.002685	0.000013	0.090793	0.000374	433	0.282681	6.3	0.9	815	-0.92
TW5446-2-11	0.282679	0.000018	0.003034	0.000084	0.101250	0.003135	445	0.282654	5.6	0.9	858	-0.91
TW5446-2-12	0.282717	0.000015	0.001908	0.000053	0.064589	0.001933	438	0.282702	7.1	0.8	776	-0.94
TW5446-2-13	0.282688	0.000016	0.002066	0.000022	0.071098	0.000638	433	0.282671	5.9	0.8	823	-0.94
TW5446-2-14	0.282704	0.000017	0.002533	0.000028	0.088888	0.001334	438	0.282683	6.5	0.8	809	-0.92
TW5446-2-15	0.282760	0.000017	0.002640	0.000016	0.089435	0.000723	441	0.282738	8.5	0.8	729	-0.92
TW5446-2-16	0.282707	0.000017	0.002137	0.000051	0.074404	0.001997	463	0.282688	7.2	0.8	796	-0.94
TW5446-2-17	0.282693	0.000015	0.002744	0.000029	0.094042	0.000919	438	0.282671	6.1	0.8	830	-0.92
TW5446-2-18	0.282727	0.000015	0.001556	0.000031	0.048930	0.001346	436	0.282714	7.5	0.8	755	-0.95
TW5446-2-19	0.282720	0.000015	0.002193	0.000055	0.075176	0.002085	442	0.282702	7.2	0.8	778	-0.93
TW5446-2-20	0.282684	0.000017	0.003067	0.000015	0.104438	0.000740	425	0.282659	5.4	0.8	852	-0.91
TW5446-2-21	0.282688	0.000017	0.002006	0.000025	0.067680	0.000659	441	0.282671	6.1	0.8	821	-0.94
TW5446-2-22	0.282697	0.000017	0.002402	0.000031	0.082690	0.001009	445	0.282677	6.4	0.8	817	-0.93
TW5446-2-23	0.282707	0.000016	0.001958	0.000023	0.067541	0.000864	443	0.282691	6.9	0.8	792	-0.94
TW5446-2-24	0.282722	0.000015	0.002440	0.000057	0.083369	0.001832	438	0.282701	7.2	0.8	781	-0.93
TW5446-2-25	0.282726	0.000017	0.002398	0.000051	0.081705	0.001874	428	0.282707	7.1	0.8	774	-0.93