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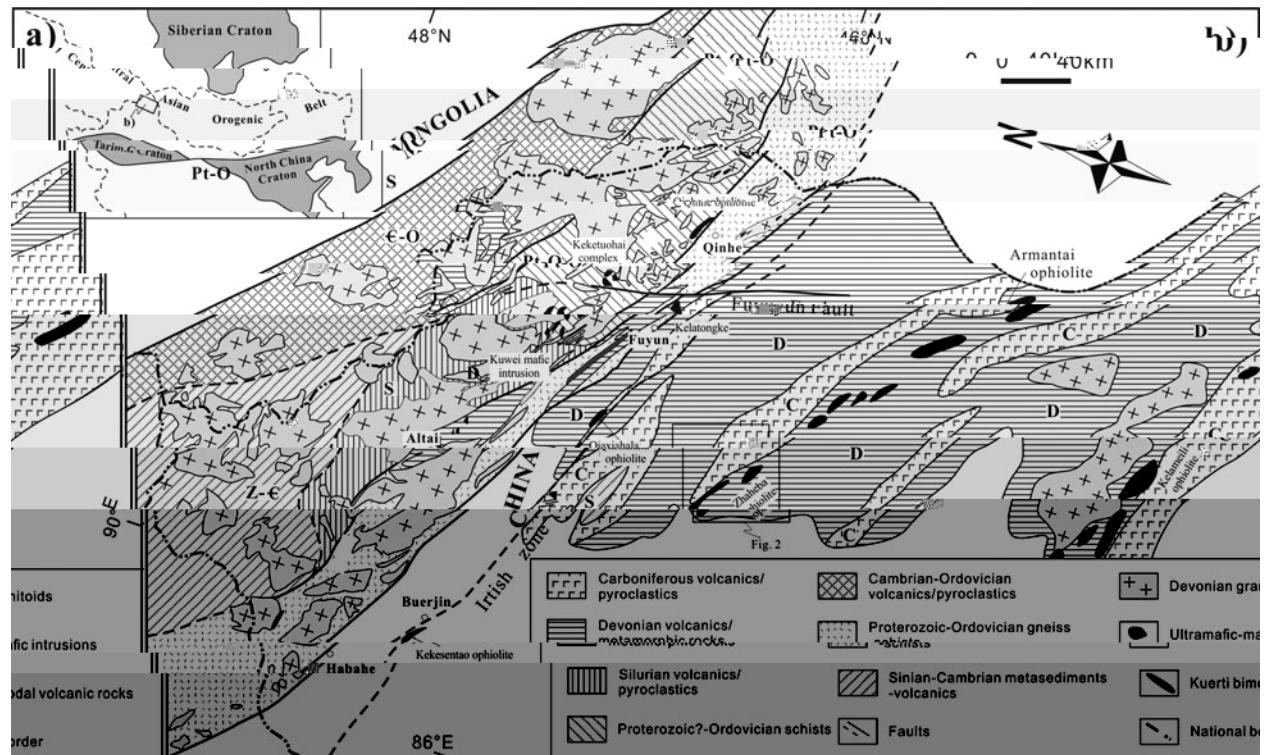
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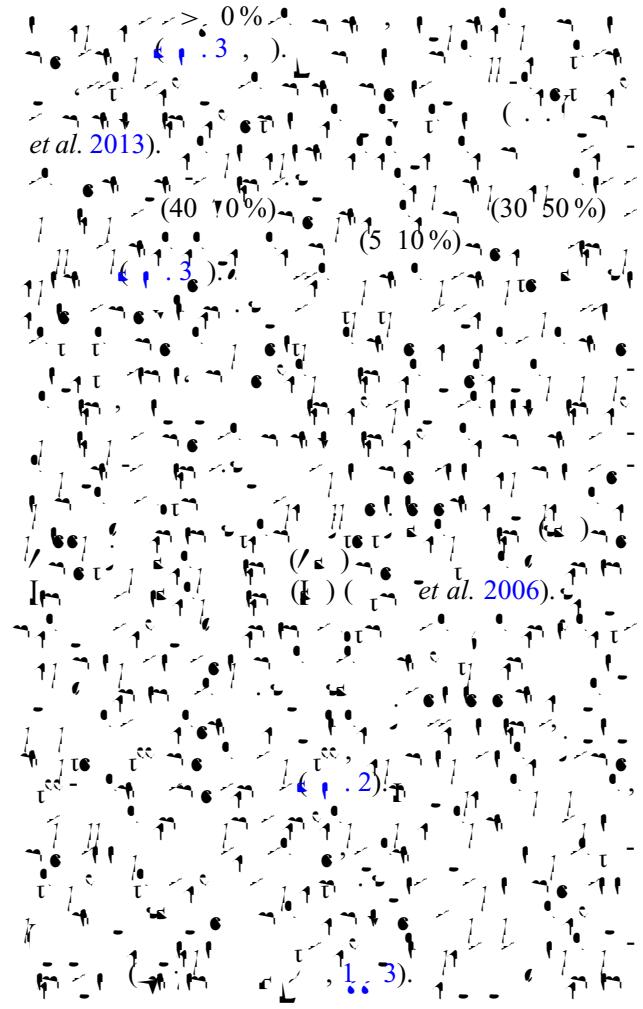
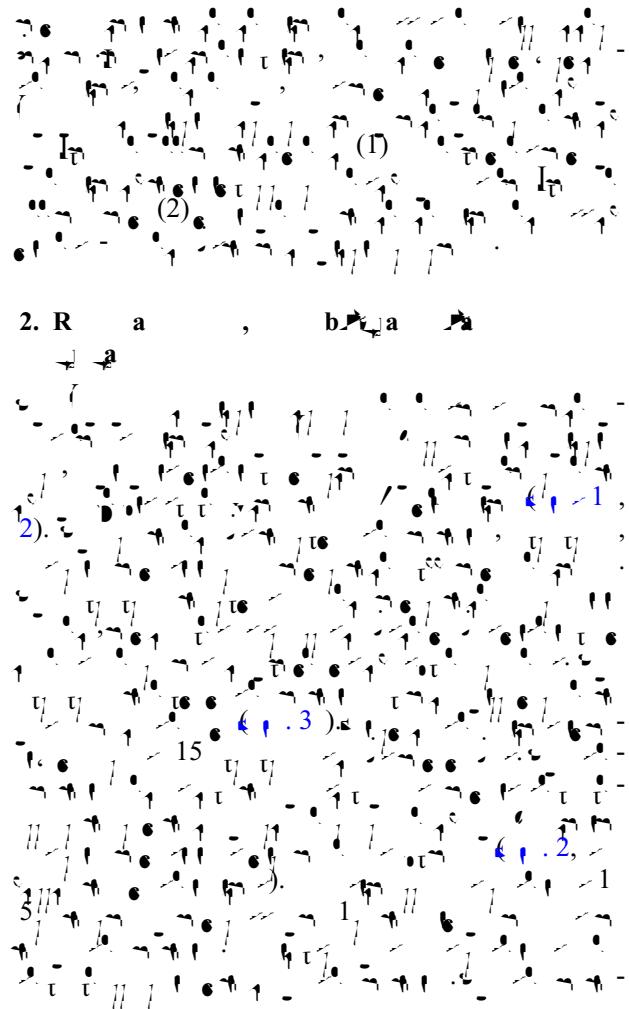
1. INTRODUCTION

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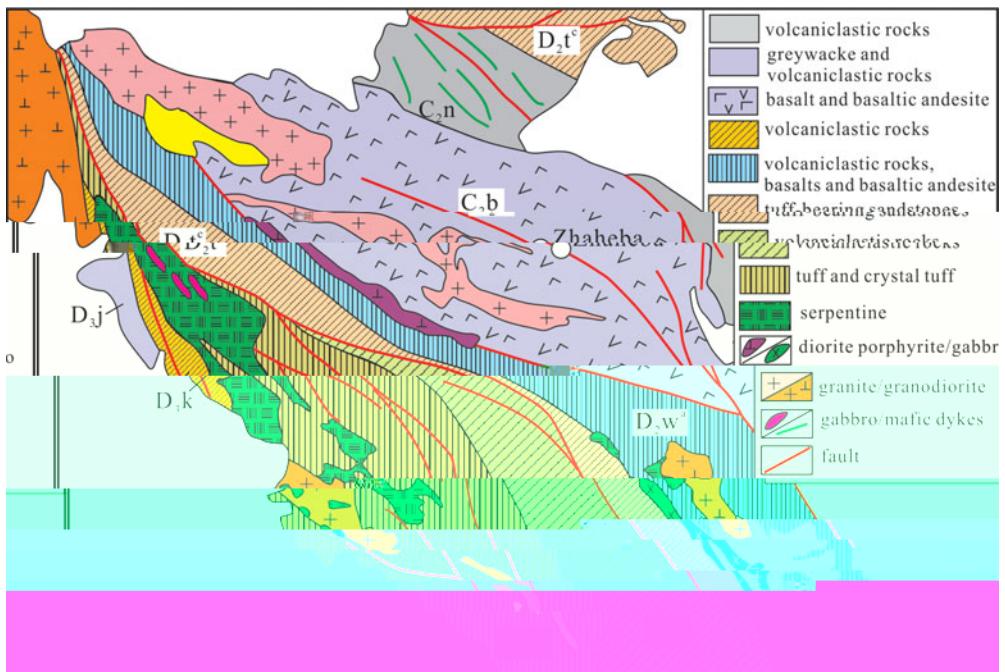


Fig. 2. (1) The geological setting of the Zhaheba ophiolite (modified after Wang et al. 2001, 2005 and Xie et al.

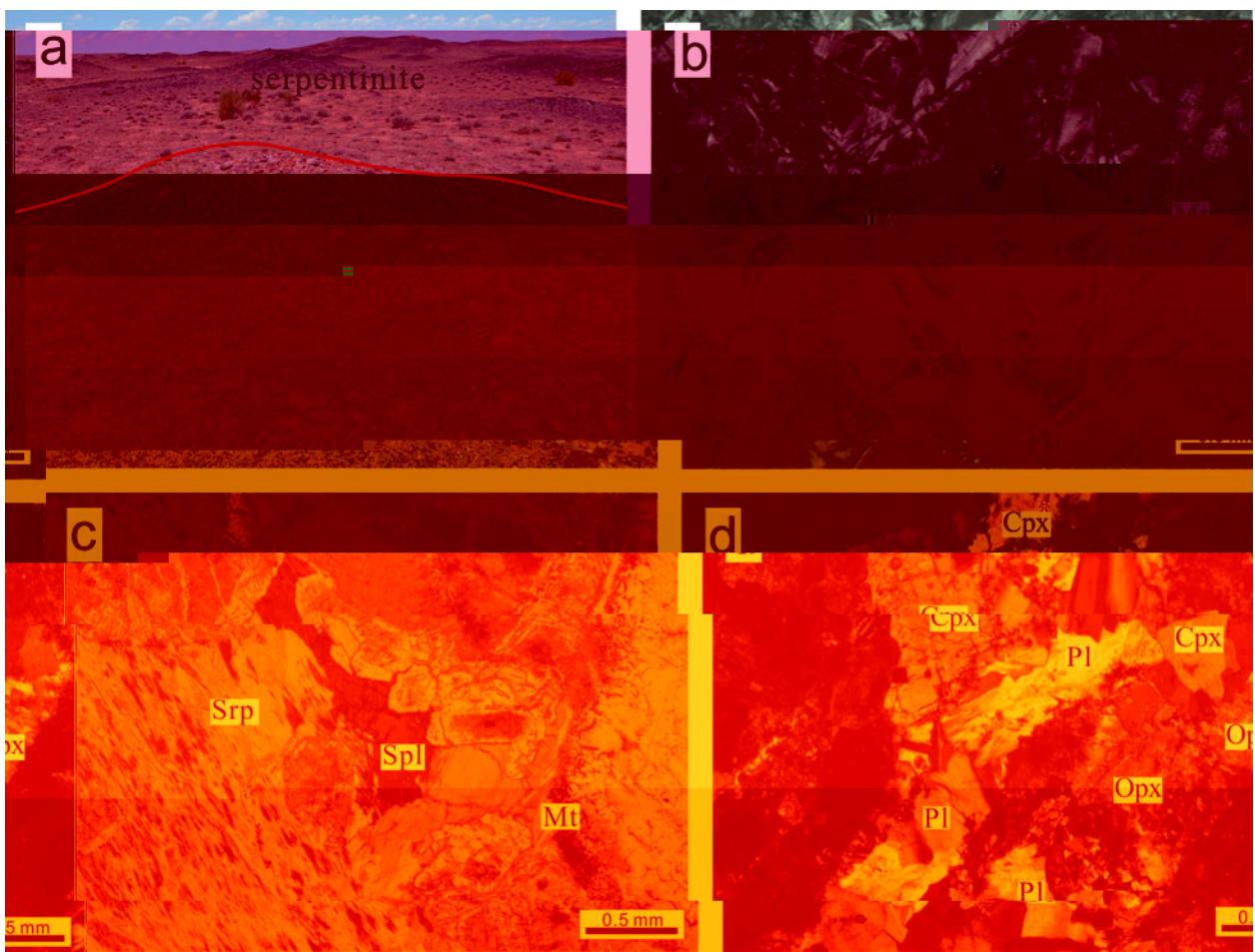
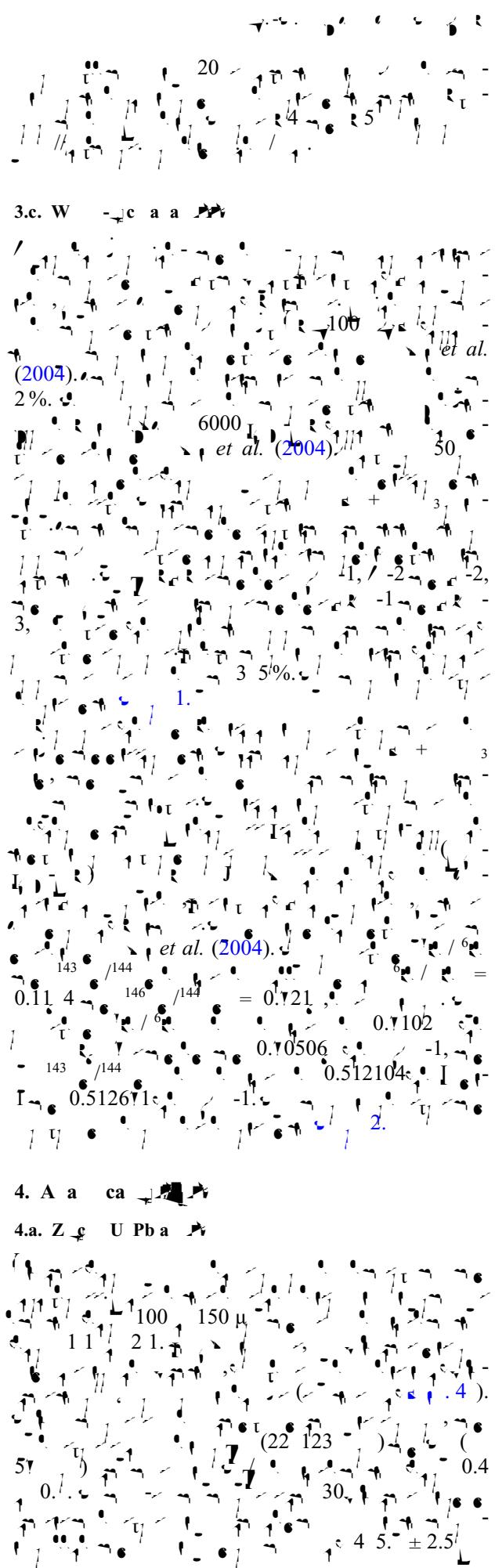
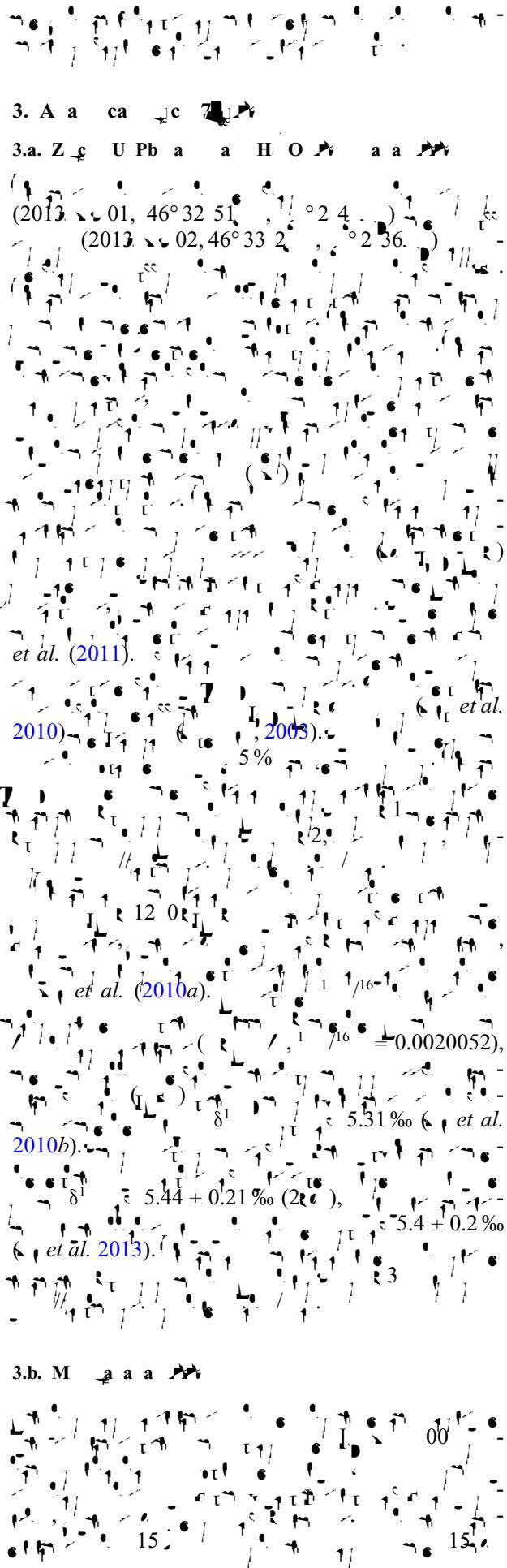


Fig. 3. (1) The mineralogical and petrographical features of serpentinites in the Zhaheba ophiolite. The percentage of mineral is the volume fraction of mineral in the host rock.



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<i>Major elements (%)</i>										
SiO ₂	3.70	4.20	3.41	3.62	3.22	3.2	3.05	47.22	46.4	51.27
TiO ₂	0.05	0.20	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.14	0.12	0.27
Al ₂ O ₃	0.61	1.6	1.04	0.67	0.0	0.14	0.0	1.2	1.64	1.33
V	132.1(1.3.21)-5530(1.1)44.10.4256.10.6	44.10.46.10.6	1.1	0.11	0.36	0.57	0.16	3.67	3.24	3.
Cr	3.21	24.5	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.31	3.44	10.04	.03	5.
Mn	0.12	15.42	0.15	0.14	0.2	0.10	0.1421	0.0	0.0	

	2013-01-1	2013-01-3	2013-01-4	2013-01-5	2013-01-6	2013-01-7	2013-01-8	2013-01-11	2013-01-12	2013-01-4
	2013-01-5	2013-01-6	2013-01-7	2013-01-8	2013-01-9	2013-01-10	2013-01-11	2013-01-12	2013-01-13	2013-01-2
<i>Major elements (%)</i>										
Si	4.17	45.1	4.1	53.1	51.1	50.40	50.54	50.52	51.22	52.37
Al	0.34	0.15	1.40	1.24	1.31	1.70	1.63	1.31	1.17	0.33
Mg	1.55	1.5	16.5	16.1	15.3	15.7	16.76	15.55	15.4	1.61
Ca	4.52	3.34	7.	7.11	7.43	7.0	7.50	7.42	7.2	3.44
Na	0.0	0.0	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.13	0.11	0.14	0.12	0.07
K	6.7	7.42	4.0	4.2	4.41	5.	3.2	6.06	7.14	4.
Ti	11.03	12.61	6.22	5.75	6.3	6.75	4.52	7.4	7.26	0
V	4.6	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.00	4.52	7.31	4.70	4.0	7.11
Cr	0.13	0.11	0.3	0.31	0.42	2.04	0.33	1.27	2.03	0.17
Mn	0.04	0.02	0.62	0.62	0.65	0.74	0.6	0.47	0.44	0.04
Fe	3.72	3.26	4.24	2.54	2.3	2.27	5.14	2.65	1.3	2.7
Co	0.75	0.72	0.76	0.70	0.74	0.70	0.71	0.67	0.6	0.71
Ni	7.5	7.4	7.11	7.70	7.42	7.56	7.64	7.07	7.11	7.2
P	55	54	54	54	56	41	56	56	64	74
<i>Trace elements (ppm)</i>										
Sc	0.0	4.5	1.16	1.12	1.47	7.0	40.4	5.2	6.2	5.71
Ti	0.22	0.135	1.24	1.63	1.316	1.53	1.034	1.100	0.575	0.62
V	25.0	23.	1.6	17.5	17.5	1.2	25.2	1	17.0	
Cr	11	3.7	1.6	166	172	227	22	254	17	15.7
Mo	34.7	163	60.5	62.6	64.1	116	17	0.7	203	23.7
W	24.2	21.6	26	23.6	24.6	27.5	27.5	27.0	2.0	16.4
Ru	4.7	175	63.6	50.7	51.4	76.	27.7	57.3	132	71.1

Sample	Location	Age (Ma)	Notes
2013-01-5	3.7	3.7	
2013-01-6	1.20	1.20	
2013-01-7 (c1)	3.60	3.60	
2013-01-8 (c1)	46.70	46.70	
2013-01-9 (c1)	47.30	47.30	
2013-03-2 (c1)	23.40	23.40	
2013-03-3 (c1)	43.00	43.00	
2013-03-4 (c1)	25.20	25.20	
2013-03-5 (c1)	32.0	32.0	
2013-01-3 (c2)	6.56	6.56	

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	2013-01-11 (<i>n</i> 2)	2013-02-1 (<i>n</i> 2)	2013-02-2 (<i>n</i> 2)	2013-03-1 (<i>n</i> 1)	2013-03-6 (<i>n</i> 1)	2013-01-10 (<i>n</i> 2)	04' 06 • (<i>n</i> 1)	04' 24 • (<i>n</i> 1)	04' 2 • (<i>n</i> 1)	03' 11 • (<i>n</i> 1)
<i>Trace elements (ppm)</i>										
1.4	36.	42.4	26.0	32.4	17.	/	/	/	/	/
0.35	0.153	0.35	1.1	0.47	0.46	/	/	/	/	/
32.5	33.2	34.5	25.1	26.3	32.1	13.4	20.5	17.7	20.3	
1.4	203	217	337	341	1.5	144	14	214	265	
56.5	44.2	47.	1.	22.2	53.	15	162	214	265	
34.7	37.5	3.3	23.1	24.	33.	20.6	30.	2.	20.2	
66.4	4.6	16.4	25.4	27.1	66.6	1.	114	15.5	1.02	
6.4	236.4	256.7	205.4	20	114.20	/	/	/	/	
4.0	44.1	4.0	4.	103	44.1	/	/	/	/	
12.0	11.1	11.2	14.7	13.6	12.0	/	/	/	/	
0.5	1.420	1.070	3.130	3.270	0.53	4.	1.1	22.0	17.2	
1.1	1750	5.	270	24	66	1	31	111	176	
13.0	13.0	13.2	21.1	22.	12.5	13.2	13.2	14.7	20.1	
54.	42.3	41.5	144	154	52.	243	133	164	151	
1.2	0.47	0.55	11.315	11.5	1257	20.2	12.7	21.	12.2	
0.025	0.030	0.027	0.051	0.052	0.02	/	/	/	/	
0.31	0.26	0.32	1.560	1.450	0.360	/	/	/	/	
0.2	1.720	1.030	0.365	0.406	0.336	/	/	/	/	
117	372	346	25	507	4.3	/	/	/	/	
10.70	7.40	7.610	26.40	26.0	10.50	30.6	32.2	40.1	26.4	
23.00	1.0	1.40	51.50	54.70	22.30	57.	62.	2.3	52.5	
2.770	2.520	2.510	5.150	6.10	2.670	6.7	7.4	10.5	6.4	
11.0	11.70	11.60	22.30	24.30	11.60	27.5	31.2	43.1	24.4	
2.540	2.700	2.60	4.40	4.700	2.370	4.5	5.2	6.	4.5	
0.6	0.1	0.70	1.163	1.257	0.3	1.45	1.5	2.07	1.03	
2.40	2.13	2.754	4.14	4.46	2.522	3.56	4.01	5.35	4.23	
0.36	0.3	0.37	0.612	0.660	0.34	0.4	0.54	0.64	0.63	
2.10	2.150	2.220	3.420	3.60	2.130	2.57	2.77	3.24	3.75	
0.46	0.446	0.444	0.72	0.75	0.46	0.4	0.52	0.5	0.7	
1.350	1.230	1.240	2.120	2.270	1.310	1.32	1.37	1.45	2.25	
0.10	0.16	0.175	0.304	0.32	0.14	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.34	
1.210	1.050	1.120	1.60	2.110	1.210	1.25	1.23	1.24	2.13	
0.174	0.164	0.165	0.21	0.323	0.173	0.20	0.17	0.17	0.34	
1.30	0.41	1.040	3.20	3.510	1.460	5.37	3.27	4.16	3.72	
0.04	0.062	0.051	0.57	0.644	0.07	1.35	0.6	1.16	0.6	
0.151	2.0	1.50	2.75	1.	0.33	/	/	/	/	
0.34	0.206	0.200	45.20	35.10	0.417	.13	.07	4.1	21.06	
1.0	0.761	0.717	.60	.20	1.0	4.50	2.63	3.20	.41	
0.500	0.304	0.302	2.30	3.40	0.501	1.7	0.67	1.46	.25	

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	U_{f}	U_{d}	$\text{U}_{\text{f}} / \text{U}_{\text{d}}$	Pb_{f}	Pb_{d}	$\text{Pb}_{\text{f}} / \text{Pb}_{\text{d}}$	$\text{U}_{\text{f}} / \text{Pb}_{\text{f}}$	$\text{U}_{\text{d}} / \text{Pb}_{\text{d}}$	$\text{U}_{\text{f}} / \text{U}_{\text{d}}$	$\text{Pb}_{\text{f}} / \text{Pb}_{\text{d}}$	$\text{U}_{\text{f}} / \text{Pb}_{\text{f}}$	$\text{U}_{\text{d}} / \text{Pb}_{\text{d}}$	$\varepsilon_{\text{d}}(t)$		
	($\pm 1\sigma$)	($\pm 1\sigma$)	($\pm 1\sigma$)	($\pm 1\sigma$)	($\pm 1\sigma$)	($\pm 1\sigma$)	($\pm 1\sigma$)	($\pm 1\sigma$)	($\pm 1\sigma$)	($\pm 1\sigma$)	($\pm 1\sigma$)	($\pm 1\sigma$)	($\pm 1\sigma$)		
2013-01-01	3	(2)	0.36	3.2	0.0027	0.04030(2)	0.04015	2.4	10.	0.13	4	0.5123	3 (40)	0.512474	6.
2013-01-10		(2)	0.5	6.6	0.0024	0.0475 (23)	0.04745	2.3	11.6	0.1235	0.5120	0 (43)	0.5124	6	7.1
2013-03-01		(1)	3.13	270	0.0335	0.06324(20)	0.06133	4.4	22.3	0.1217	0.512533	3 (41)	0.512214	1.	
2013-03-02		(1)	2.7	1320	0.0063	0.042 (20)	0.04255	4.5	2.6	0.1046	0.51271	1 (51)	0.512445	6.3	
2013-03-03		(1)	.06	516	0.0452	0.0536 (43)	0.05111	5.7	36.	0.0	0.51270	1 (30)	0.512450	6.4	
2013-03-04		(1)	.65	140	0.01	0.04227(51)	0.04120	4.55	24.5	0.1123	0.51203	3 (53)	0.51250	7.5	

$$\varepsilon_{\text{d}}(t) = 10000((^{143}\text{Cs})/(^{144}\text{Cs}))_t / (^{143}\text{Cs})_t - 1 \quad \varepsilon_{\text{d}}(t) = (\text{U} / ^{63}\text{Cs})_t - 1 \quad t = 401 \text{ Ma}$$

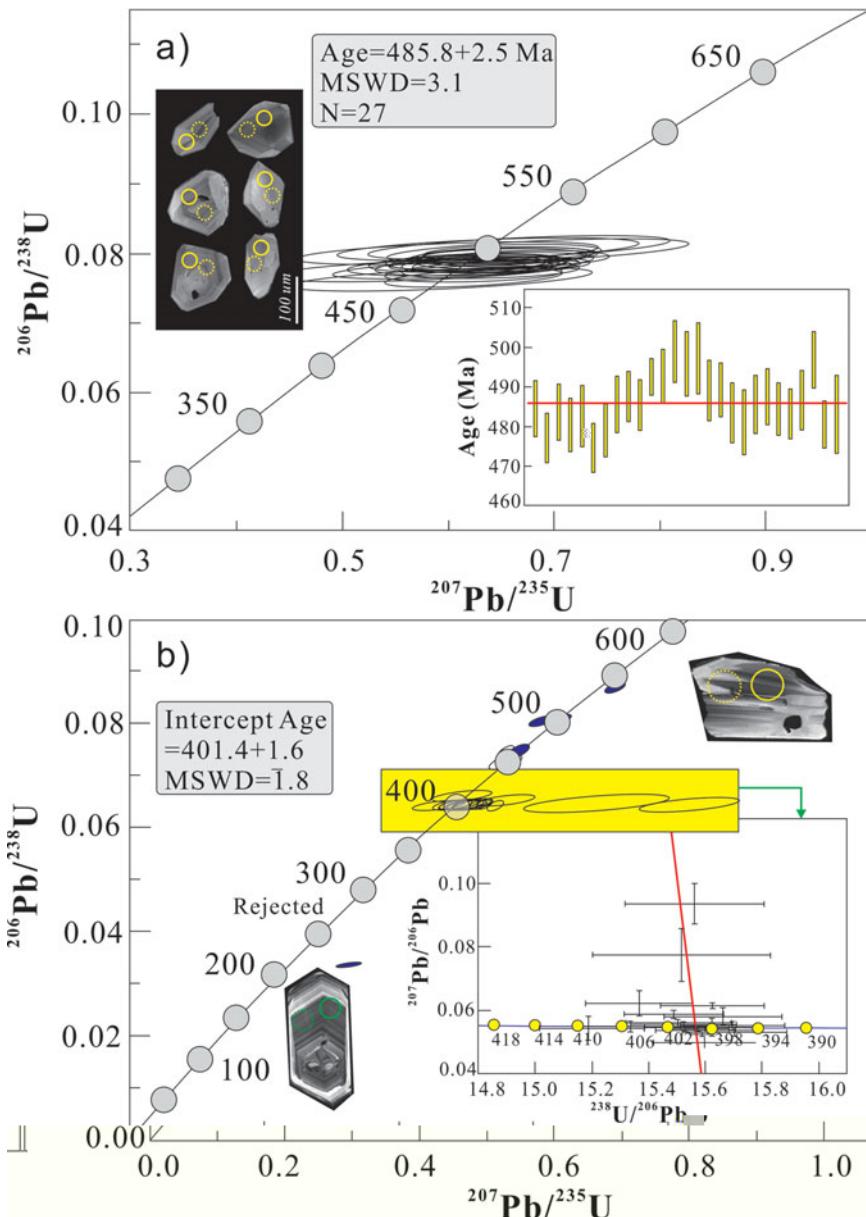
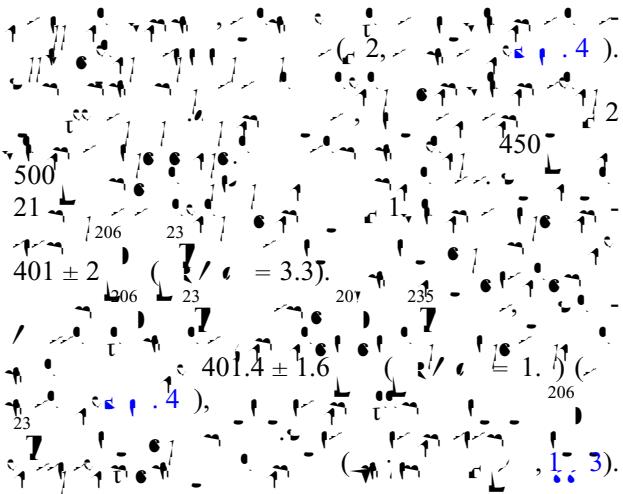


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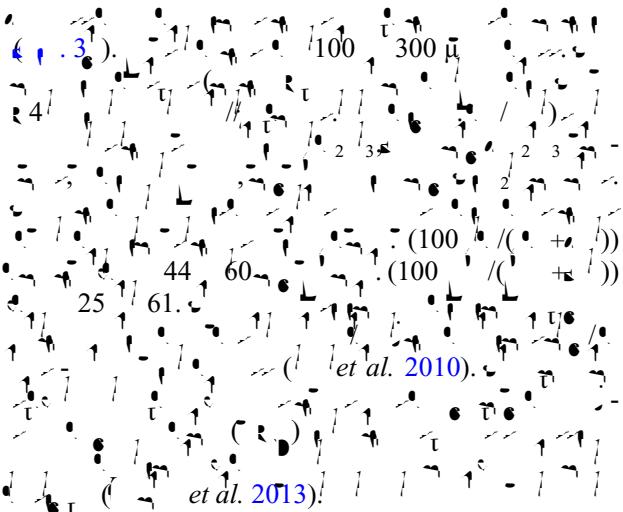
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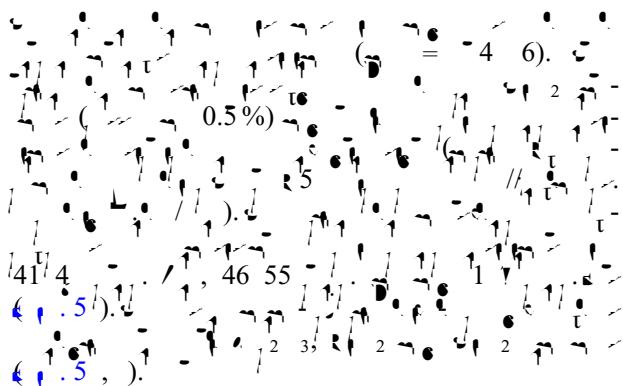


4.b. Magnetite

4.b.1. Spinel composition

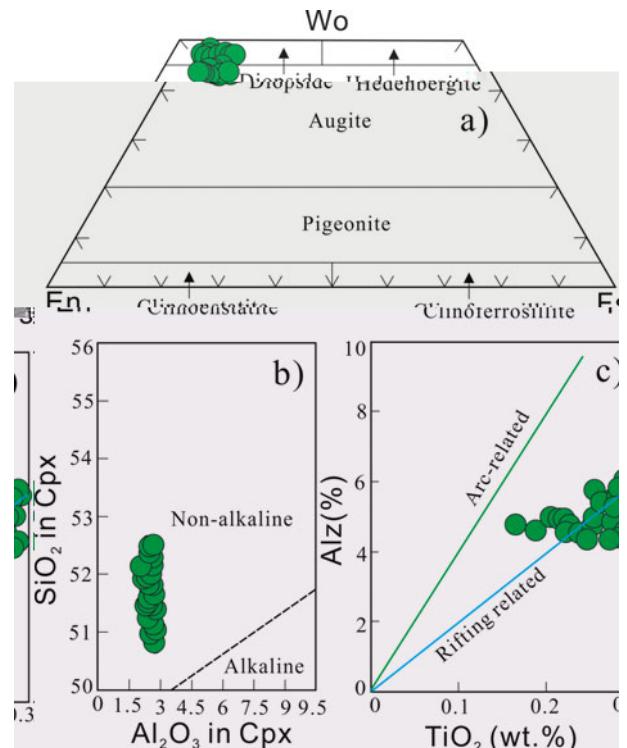
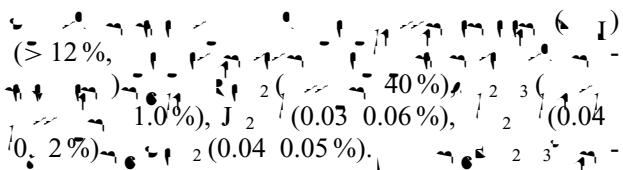


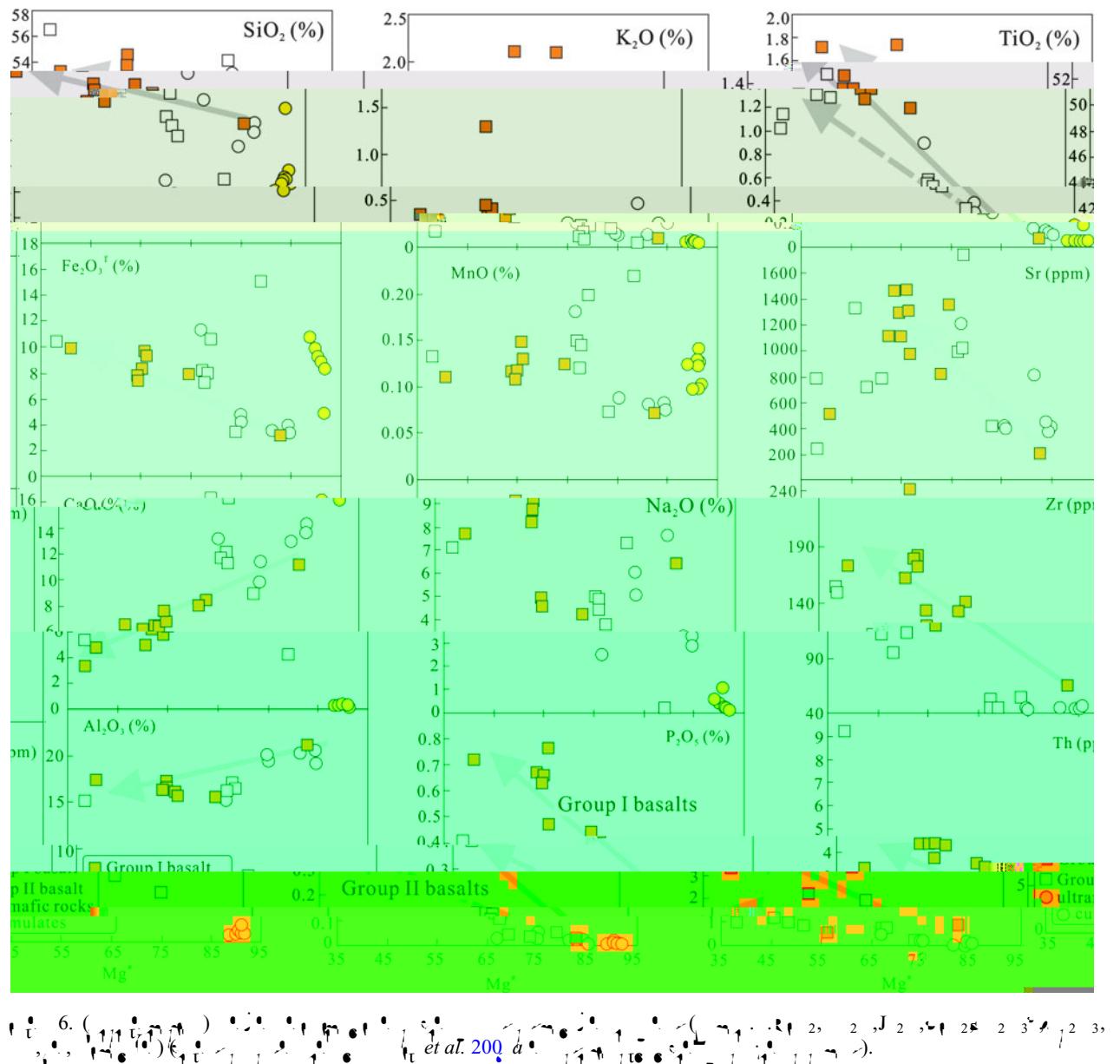
4.b.2. Pyroxene compositions



4.c. Whole-rock compositions

4.c.1. Serpentinites and cumulates

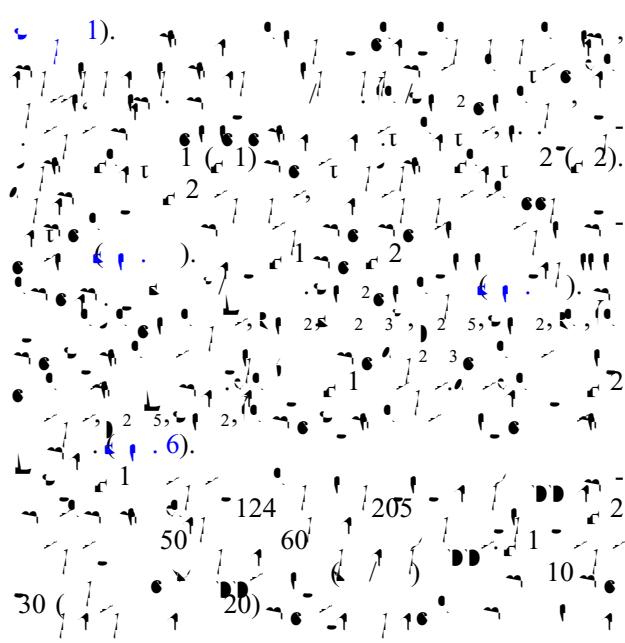


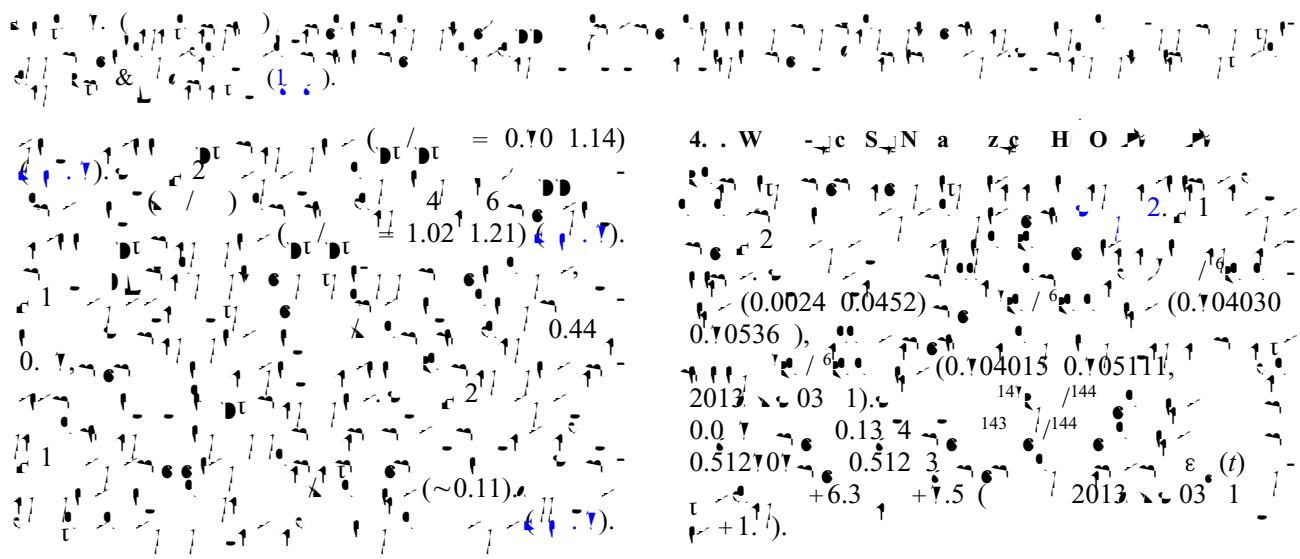
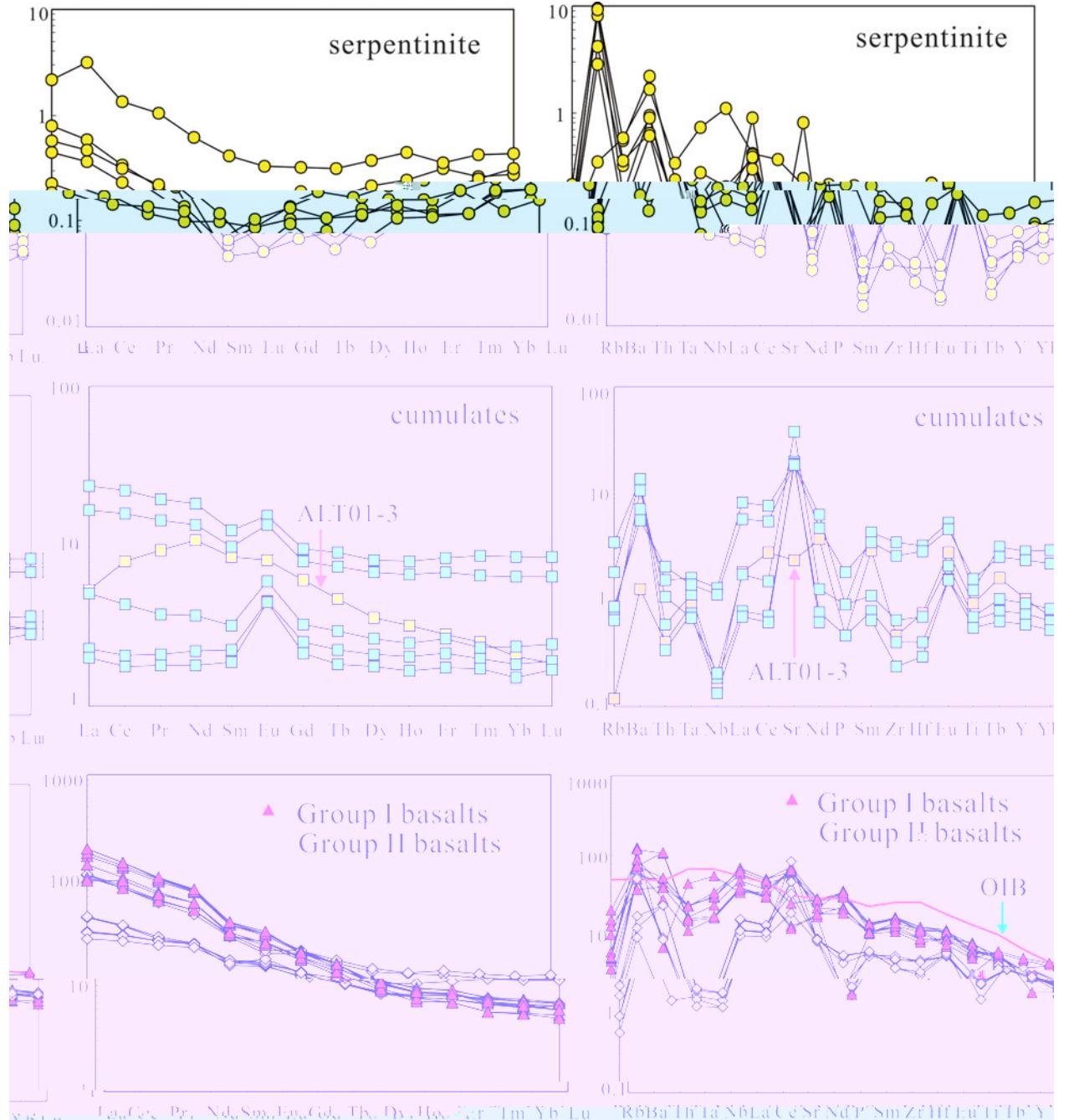


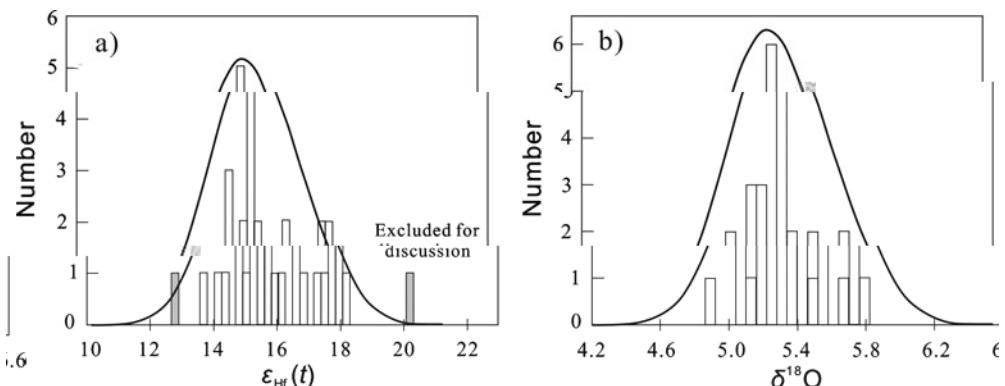
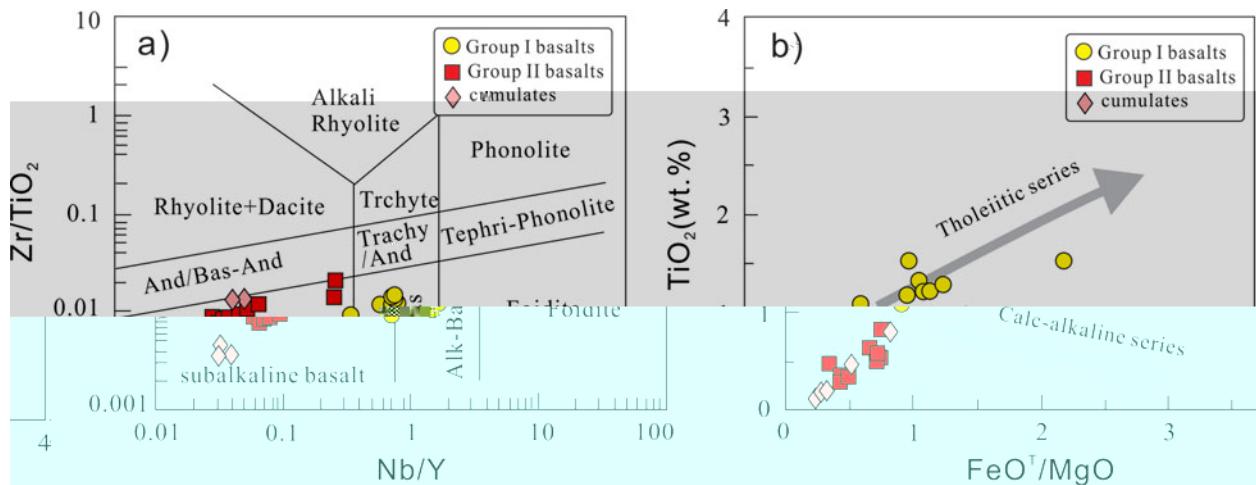
Group II basalts are characterized by high Mg[#] (65–95), low CaO (4–16%), and high Na₂O (0.4–1.1%). They are enriched in incompatible elements (Sr, Ba, Th, U) and depleted in incompatible elements (Nb, Ta, TiO₂). The trace element patterns are similar to those of Group I basalts, with enrichment in LREEs and depletion in HREEs. The REE patterns are similar to those of Group I basalts, with enrichment in LREEs and depletion in HREEs. The trace element patterns are similar to those of Group I basalts, with enrichment in LREEs and depletion in HREEs.

4.c.2. Basalts

The basalts are divided into two groups based on their Mg[#] values: Group I basalts (Mg[#] < 75) and Group II basalts (Mg[#] > 75).



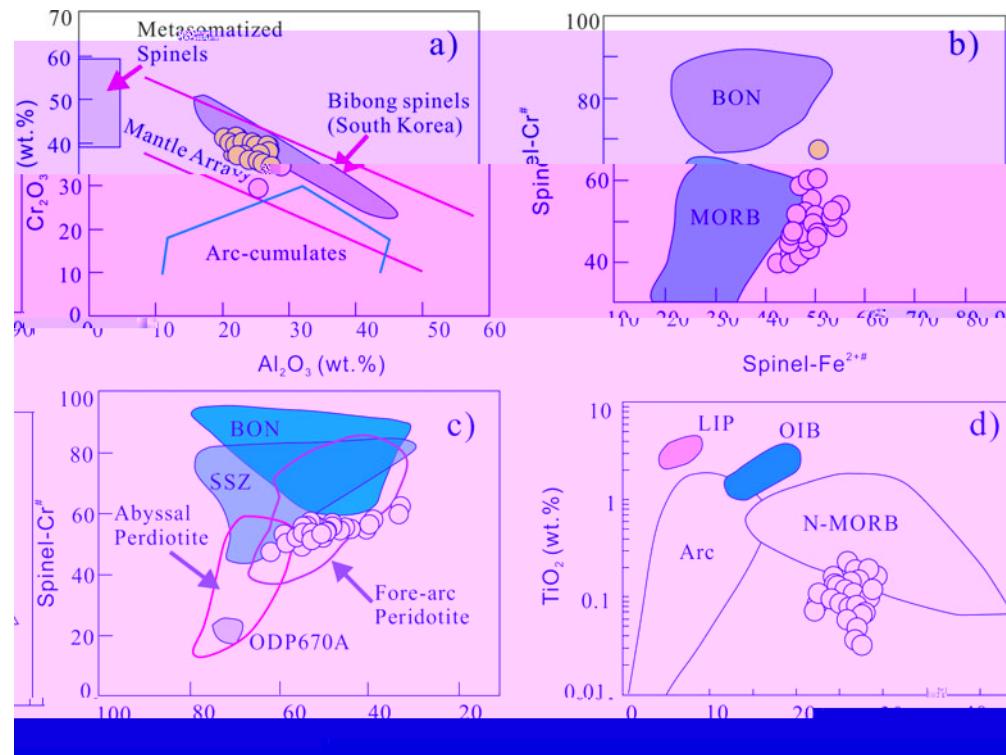




5. Discussion

5.a. Tectonic setting

The tectonic setting of the Zhaheba ophiolite is discussed based on the geological features and geochemical characteristics. The ophiolite is situated in the northern margin of the South China Sea, where it is bounded by the South China Sea to the east and the continental margin to the west. The ophiolite exhibits typical features of an oceanic crust, such as gabbroic rocks, ultramafic rocks, and metamorphic rocks. The presence of these rocks suggests that the ophiolite was formed in an oceanic environment. The geochemical characteristics of the basalts also support this interpretation. The basalts show high Mg# values (40-50), low Ni and Cr contents, and high TiO₂ and MnO contents, which are typical of oceanic basalts. The presence of cumulates in the basalts further supports the oceanic origin of the ophiolite. The tectonic setting of the Zhaheba ophiolite is therefore considered to be an oceanic environment.

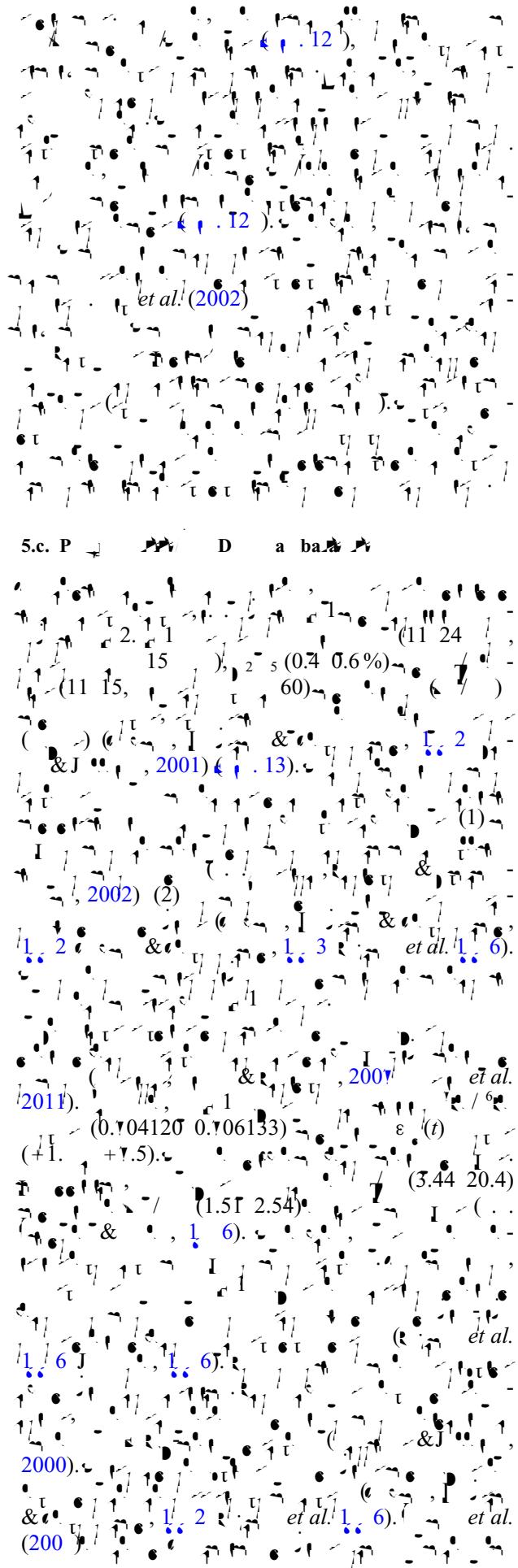
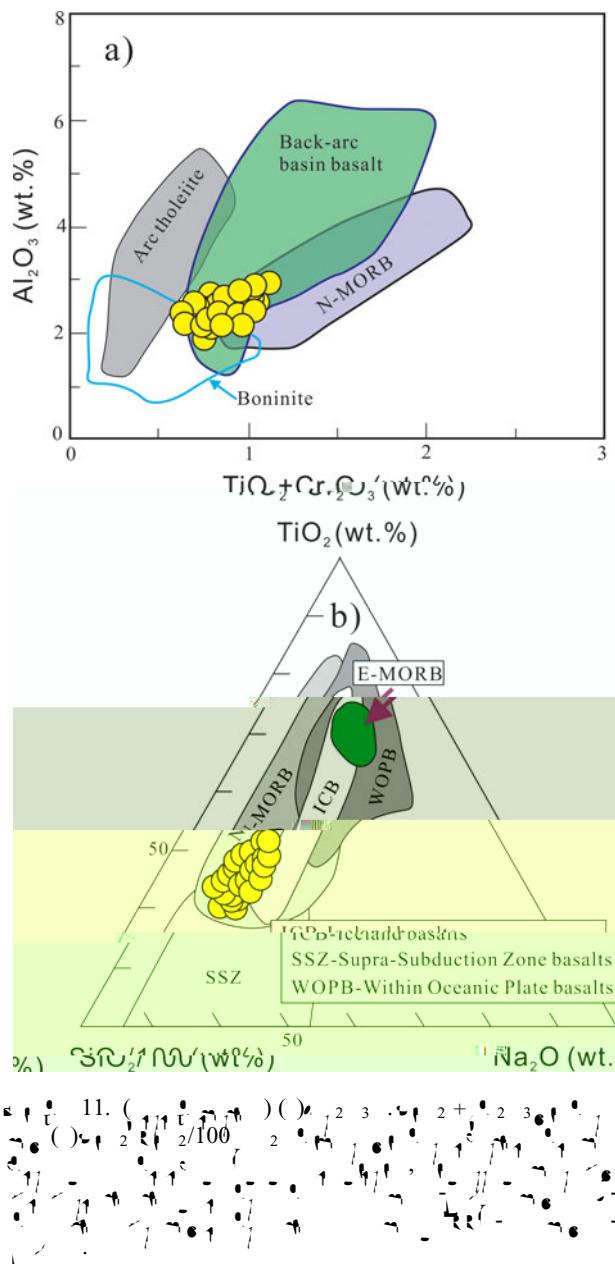


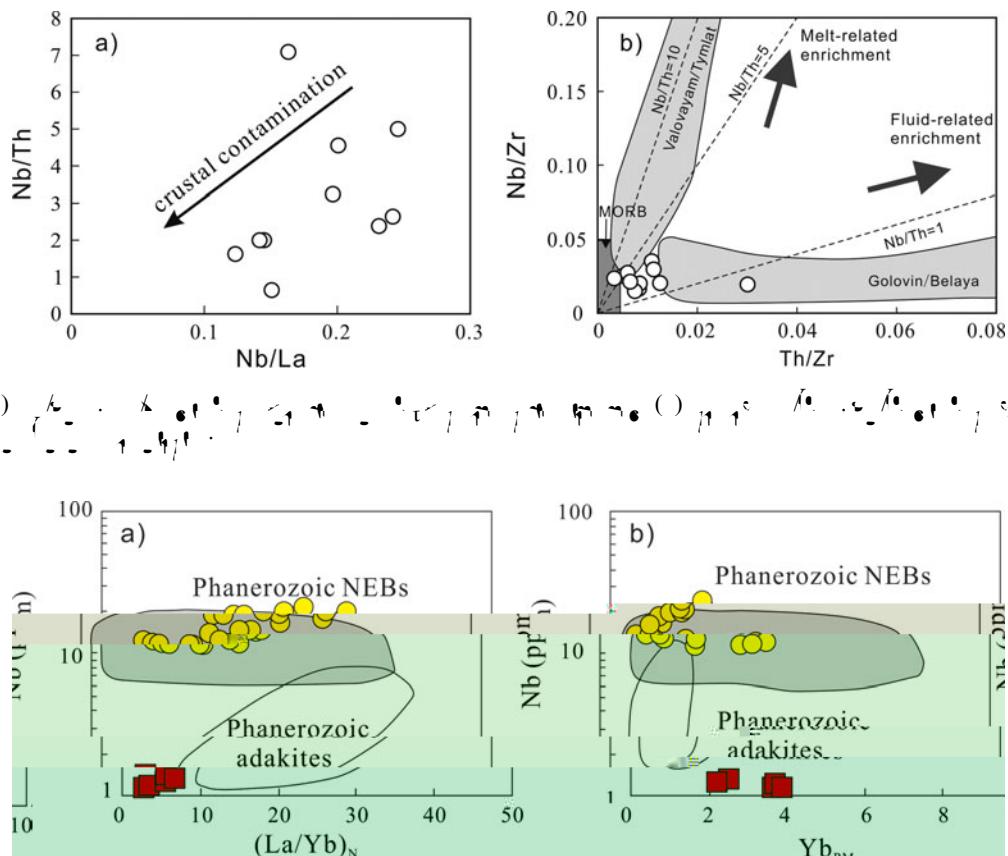
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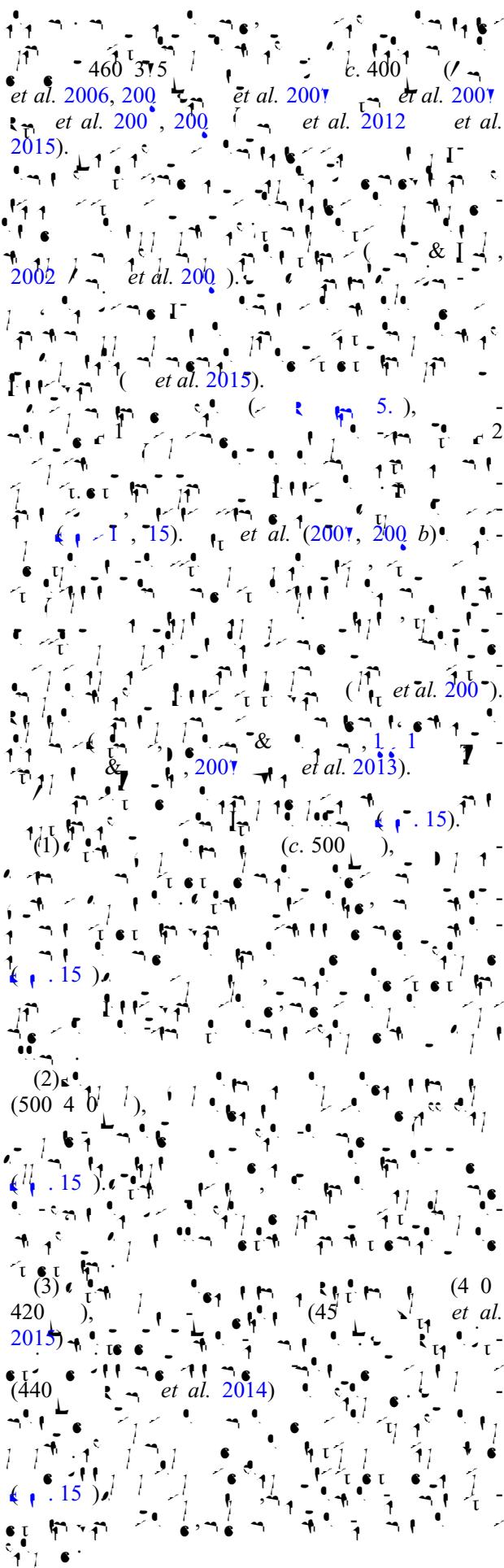
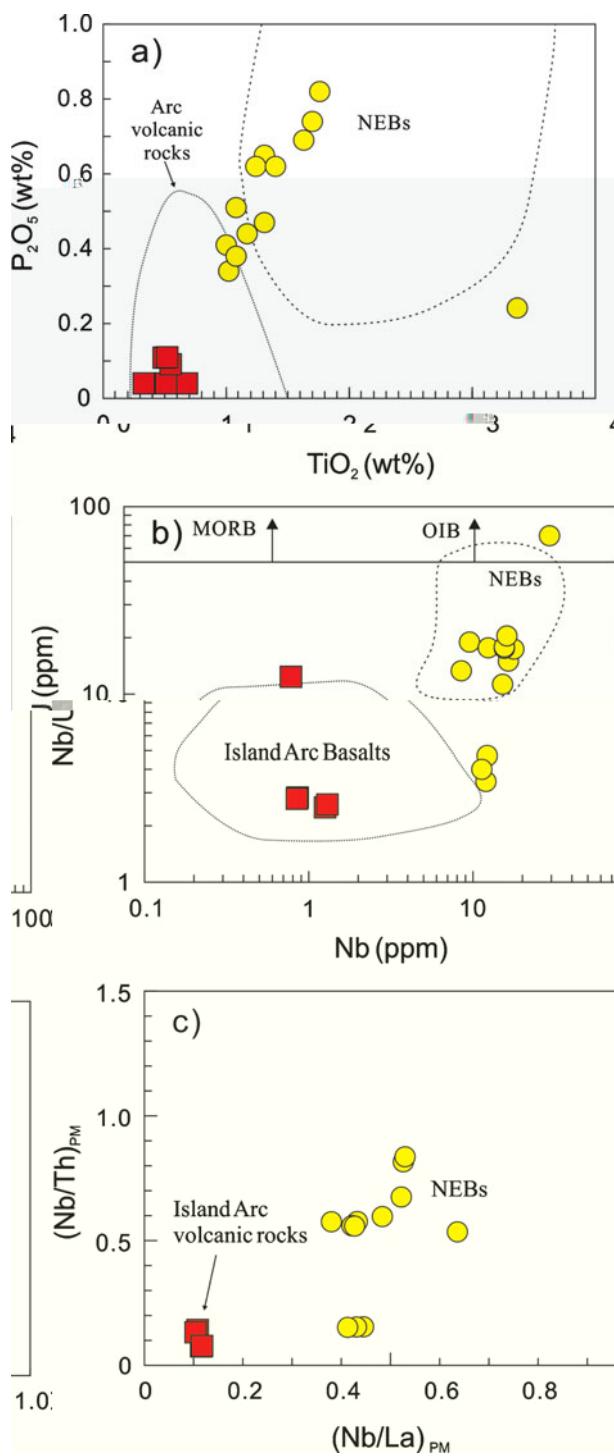
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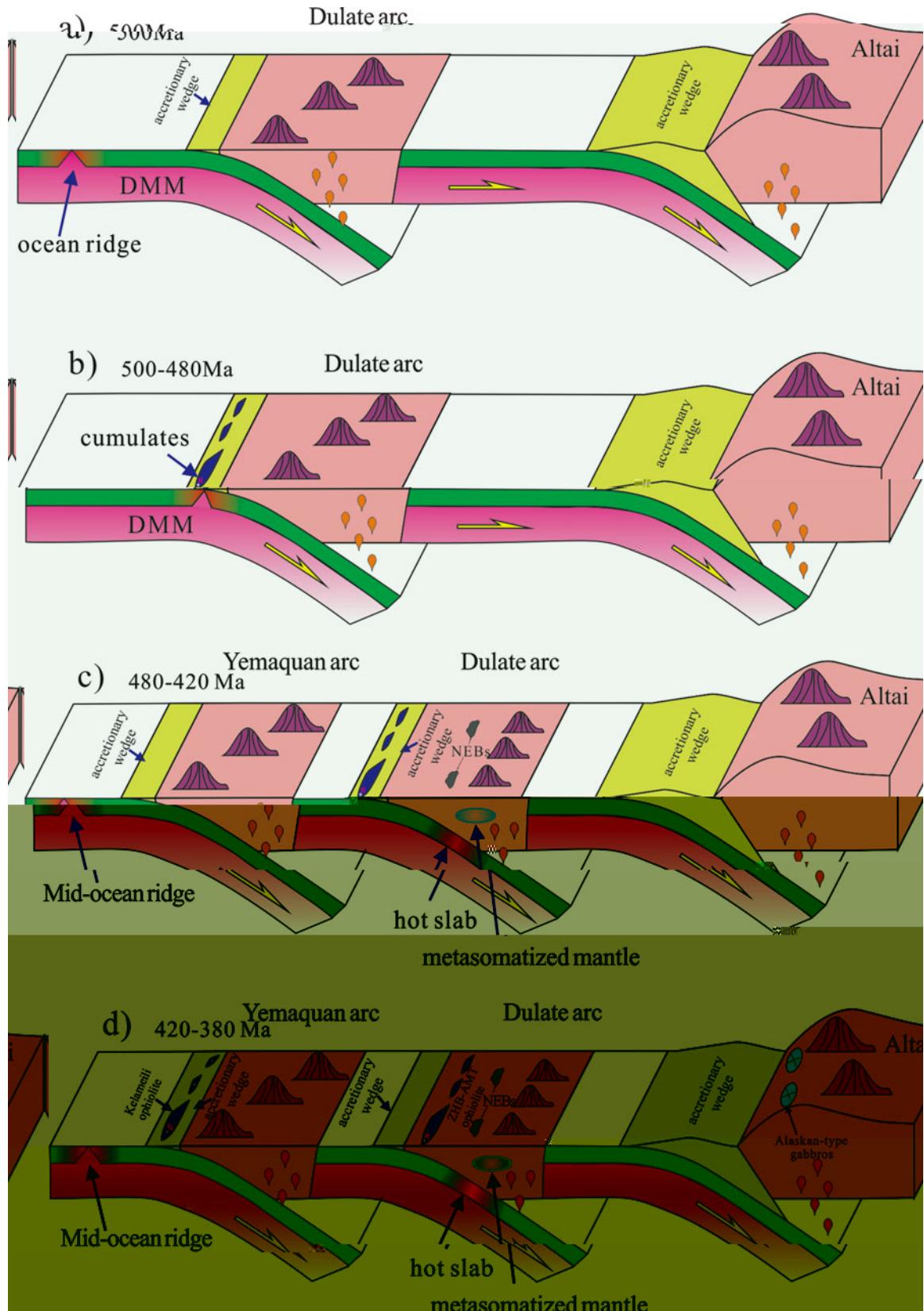
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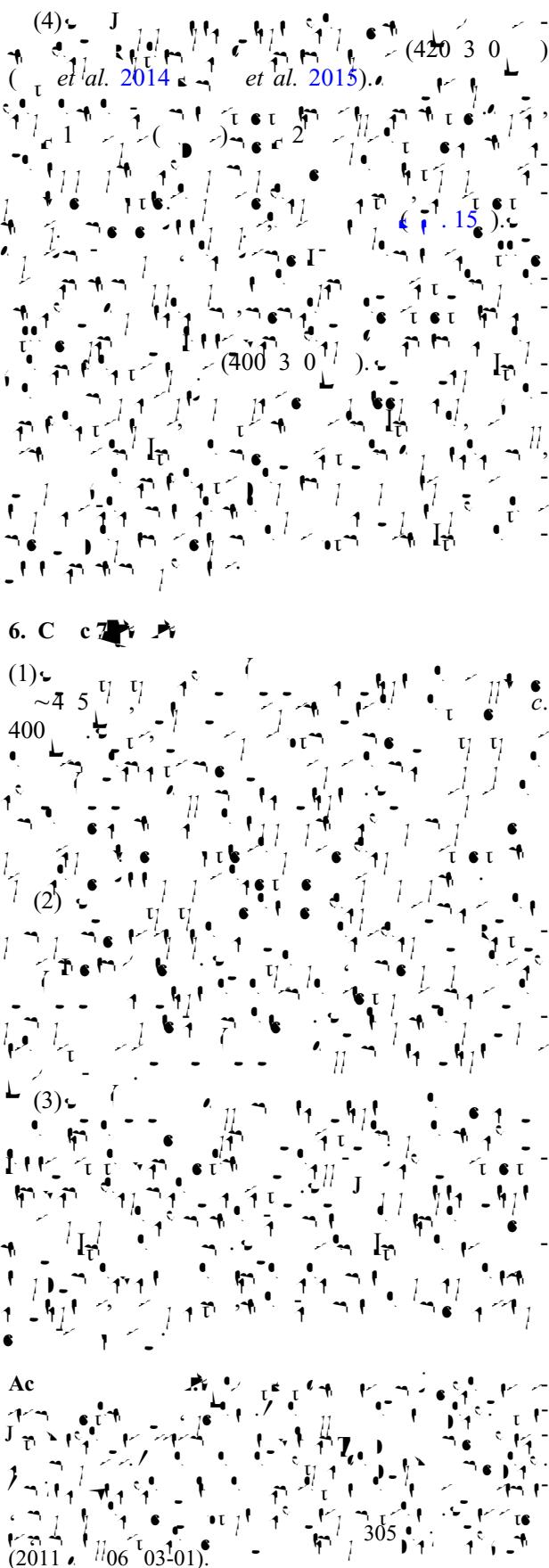
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