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16 complex very rapid.

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

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22 Ultrahigh-temperature (UHT; >900°C) granulites were produced in eastern Indonesia by extension
23 following the Miocene collision of Australia with SE Asia (Pownall *et al.* 2014). These rocks,
24 exposed on the island of Seram (Fig. 1, 2), record the youngest of only ~60 known instances when
25 the geothermal gradient was elevated locally beyond the UHT threshold of 700°C GPa⁻¹ (Brown
26 2006, 2014; Harley 2008, 2016; Kelsey 2008; Kelsey & Hand 2015). Importantly, the Seram UHT

27 granulites occur within the same tectonic system that generated the UHT conditions, thereby
28 enabling detailed study of their formation mechanism without complications introduced by multiple
29 overprinting deformational and metamorphic episodes. This is in contrast to the vast majority of
30 UHT terranes that reside in Proterozoic cratons and whose tectonic drivers remain far more elusive
31 (Kelsey & Hand 2015). As such, these young Indonesian granulites offer a unique opportunity to
32 investigate (i) how UHT conditions may be generated by the modern Earth; and (ii) potential P – T
33 paths and metamorphic rates experienced by high-grade metamorphic rocks in modern arc settings.

34 The Seram UHT granulites comprise part of the Kobipoto migmatite complex (Pownall 2015;
35 Pownall *et al.* 2017a) – a suite of garnet- and cordierite-bearing diatexites hosting garnet–
36 sillimanite–cordierite–spinel residua (following migmatite terminology of Sawyer 2008). The
37 residual assemblage features spinel + quartz inclusions within garnet, and quartz-absent sapphirine +
38 corundum + spinel symplectite within cordierite (Fig. 3). Phase equilibria modelling of the Al–Fe-
39 rich granulite melanosome (Pownall 2015) indicated peak P – T conditions of 925°C and 9 kbar for
40 the interpreted peak model assemblage garnet + sillimanite + spinel + ilmenite + plagioclase +
41 silicate melt. A clockwise P – T path through these peak conditions (Fig. 4) was interpreted to
42 descend steeply down-pressure from garnet-present to cordierite-present fields to account for the
43 most dominant discontinuous retrograde reaction interpreted to have affected the assemblage: garnet
44 + sillimanite → cordierite + spinel ± quartz, at 7–6 kbar (Fig. 4), which developed the granulites’
45 characteristic ordered reaction microstructures (Fig. 3). But when, and how rapidly, did
46 metamorphism occur? And what was the tectonic driver for the metamorphism and subsequent
47 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 the 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 an inwardly concave slab of Jurassic oceanic lithosphere has been subducted (Spakman & Hall 2010;
59 Hall 2011, 2017, 2018; Pownall *et al.* 2016). The extremely curved geometry of the Banda Arc and
60 its 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 (Hirschberger *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.*, 2017*b*). 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, 2017*a*; 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 data, 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 (Tjokrosoepetro &
107 Budhitrisna 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.* 2017*a*),
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.* 2017*b*).

112 Migmatites featuring garnet-sillimanite granulites, and lherzolites intruded by the migmatites,
113 together comprise the Kobipoto Complex (Pownall 2015; Pownall *et al.* 2017*a*). 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 2017*b*). 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, 2017*a, b*). As outlined by Pownall *et al.* (2013, 2014,
120 2017*a*), 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). A
145 THERMOCALC P – T pseudosection (Powell & Holland 1988) for the residual assemblage indicated
146 peak metamorphic conditions of $925 \pm 50^\circ\text{C}$ at 9 ± 1 kbar (Pownall 2015). Through the post-peak
147 discontinuous reaction garnet + sillimanite \rightarrow cordierite + spinel \pm quartz (Hensen & Green 1971),
148 the Seram granulites developed prominent reaction microstructures featuring coronae of cordierite
149 containing spinel + corundum \pm sapphirine \pm sillimanite symplectites (Fig. 3a, b, e, f), which formed
150 at $754 \pm 116^\circ\text{C}$ and 4 ± 1 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 \pm ilmenite \pm
161 corundum \pm 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 (\pm 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).

182 183 *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 blebby MIs occur along planar fractures through the garnet (red arrow in Fig. 7a), which we
193 interpret as secondary features.

194 We interpret the widespread occurrence of primary MIs as further evidence that (most) garnet
195 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 occurred above the solidus (Fig. 4). As
198 shown in Fig. 6a, zircon is present in garnets that also host MIs, suggesting that some zircons and
199 other accessory minerals may have been entrapped in garnet in the presence of melt.

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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 μm -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 O_2^- 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). The correction for common Pb was made using ^{207}Pb (which assumes $^{206}Pb/^{238}U$ – $^{207}Pb/^{235}U$
245 concordance) and the relevant initial $^{207}Pb/^{206}Pb$ value from the model of Stacey & Kramers (1975).

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

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253 Garnet and zircon geochemistry

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255 *Garnet major element chemistry*

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

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

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271 *Garnet REE analysis*

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273 REE zonation profiles for several garnets in sample KP11-588 were measured *in situ* from a polished
274 thin section by rim-to-core-to-rim laser traverses using the RESOLUTION M-50 193 mm ArF excimer
275 laser (40 μm spot size) coupled to an Agilent 7500ce LA-ICP-MS system (Müller *et al.* 2009) at

276 Royal Holloway University of London (RHUL). NIST SRM-612 glass was used as an external
277 standard. The variation in Lu, Hf, Sm, and Nd for one of these traverses is shown in Figure 12, and
278 the full range of REE abundances is plotted in Figure 13. The full dataset is included in the
279 supplement.

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

287 288 *Zircon REEs and Ti*

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

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

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

313 314 *Zircon Th/U ratios*

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

323 Since different populations of zircon are consistently grouped based on their Th/U ratios, and
324 zircons with known magmatic origin have the highest values, we consider it likely that the *c.* 16 Ma
325 R_m zircon rims with notably lower Th/U ratios crystallized during a metamorphic episode, in

326 accordance with previous conclusions (Pownall *et al.* 2014, 2017a). To a lesser extent, this trend is
327 also indicative of the R₂ zircon being also metamorphic in origin.

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330 **Zircon–rutile thermometry**

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332 Following Ferry & Watson (2007), the exchanges of Ti⁴⁺ between zircon and rutile (and/or other Ti-
333 bearing phases), and of Zr⁴⁺ between rutile and zircon (and/or other Zr-bearing phases) may be
334 utilized as geothermometers. As zircon and rutile grains occur in the same microtextural domains—
335 both as inclusions within garnet and in the leucosomes of the Kobipoto Complex granulites (Fig. 6,
336 9)—it is reasonable to assume in this instance that rutile and zircon were in (or close to) equilibrium.

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338 *Ti-in-zircon thermometry*

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340 Using the Ti abundances acquired to high precision by SHRIMP (methodology detailed in previous
341 section), the Ti-in-zircon thermometry calibrations of Watson *et al.* (2006) and Ferry & Watson
342 (2007) were applied to granulite samples KP11-588 and KP11-619 (Fig. 15; Table 3). Based on the
343 Ferry & Watson (2006) thermometer, R_m zircons crystallized at temperatures of *c.* 600°C (540–
344 640°C); and R₂ zircon at slightly higher temperatures of *c.* 700°C (660–750°C). The Watson *et al.*
345 (2006) thermometer gave similar temperatures, but with much larger positive uncertainties (of
346 +200°C).

347 Despite these samples having attained peak metamorphic temperatures of *c.* 925°C, neither
348 R_m nor R₂ zircon shows evidence for having crystallized under or even close to UHT conditions. One
349 possible reason for these lower-than-expected temperatures is if *a*TiO₂, assumed here to be 1.0, was
350 overestimated (Yakymchuk *et al.* 2017). Although there is evidence in this instance for rutile and
351 zircon co-inhabiting the same domains of the rock, it is still possible that a lower *a*TiO₂ was in
352 operation. For a metapelite of broadly similar composition to the Seram UHT granulites, and for
353 similar *P–T* conditions to the formation of their post-peak reaction microstructures (900°C and 7
354 kbar, with melt present), Yakymchuk *et al.* (2017) calculated an *a*TiO₂ value of ~0.7. However,
355 using this lower *a*TiO₂ value raised our Ferry & Watson (2006) Ti-in-zircon temperatures by only
356 ~30°C – a long way short of raising these estimates to peak UHT conditions.

357 These results imply that R_m metamorphic zircon must have crystallized during retrogression
358 after the peak of UHT metamorphism (so at 600°C and *c.* 3 kbar, based on the *P–T* path inferred by
359 Pownall 2015), and not under peak metamorphic conditions (even if a much lower *a*TiO₂ value were
360 used). Temperatures of *c.* 700°C for the R₂ zircon are consistent with either a high-grade
361 metamorphic or a magmatic origin during crystallisation at *c.* 200 Ma (with low Th/U ratios
362 indicative of the former; Fig. 14).

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364 *Zr-in-rutile thermometry*

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366 Rutile was analysed *in situ* from a polished thin section (most grains < 30 µm) using a 193 nm
367 Coherent excimer laser (focused to a 13 µm beam diameter) coupled to a Agilent 7700 ICP-MS at
368 the RSES, ANU. NIST-610 glass was used as the primary standard, and NIST-612 and BCR-2G
369 glasses were used as secondary standards. Data were reduced using Iolite software (Paton *et al.*
370 2011) following the “semi-quantitative” data reduction scheme.

371 Twenty analyses were acquired (after discarding misplaced spots) for rutiles occurring as
372 inclusions within garnet, and adjacent to garnet from within the cordierite-dominated coronae. Zr-in-
373 rutile temperatures were calculated using the Ferry & Watson (2007) and Tomkins *et al.* (2007)
374 thermometers for an *a*SiO₂ of 1 and a pressure of 9 kbar. Both calibrations yielded identical results
375 within uncertainty (Table 4).

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

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

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387 *Garnet preparation for isotope dilution*

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

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401 *Analytical procedures*

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403 The methods for sample preparation and analysis largely followed those of Anczkiewicz & Thirlwall
404 (2003) and Bird *et al.* (2013). The REE zoning profiles (Fig. 12) were used to estimate the
405 approximate abundances of Sm, Nd, Lu, and Hf in the garnet cores in order to calculate the optimum
406 Lu/Hf and Sm/Nd spike weights. These spikes were added to the samples prior to full dissolution in
407 HF and HNO_3 .

408 The samples were spiked, leached, and dissolved following the procedures outlined by
409 Anczkiewicz & Thirlwall (2003), although in this instance H_2SO_4 leaching was not performed due to
410 the scarcity of phosphate inclusions within the garnet (small monazite grains, which are relatively
411 scarce, are the only phosphate inclusions). The samples were passed through Bio-Rad AG 50W-X8
412 cation resin to remove sequentially the high field strength elements (HFSEs), the LREEs, and the
413 HREEs. Eichrom LN resin was used subsequently to separate Lu, Hf, Sm, and Nd from the different
414 fractions collected from the cation columns. These final solutions were analysed by the GV IsoProbe
415 MC-ICP-MS system at RHUL, using procedures outlined by Anczkiewicz & Thirlwall (2003).
416 Isochron ages were calculated using IsoPlot v. 2.47 (Ludwig 2003) using decay constants of $1.865 \times$
417 10^{-11} yr^{-1} for ^{176}Lu (Scherer *et al.* 2001) and $6.54 \times 10^{-12} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ for ^{147}Sm (Lugmair & Marti 1978). In
418 addition, two Nd samples were analysed on the IsotopX Phoenix thermal ionization mass
419 spectrometer (TIMS) at RHUL, to confirm the small variations in Nd isotopic compositions.

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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 precise Lu–Hf ages of 138.6 ± 0.7
424 Ma and 137 ± 0.6 Ma calculated for grt-1 and grt-2 fractions and the whole rock (i.e., 2-point
425 isochrons), respectively (Fig. 17a; Table 5).

426 The Sm–Nd age is poorly constrained due to LREE-rich inclusions dominating the Nd budget
427 of the analysed garnet, resulting in very small differences in measured $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ ratios between the
428 garnet and whole rock. It was not possible to construct a meaningful 3-point isochron (Fig. 17b).
429 Sm–Nd ages calculated individually from grt-1 and grt-2 fractions are 6.0 ± 14.0 Ma and 7.1 ± 9.8
430 Ma, respectively (Table 6), together describing an imprecise 0–20 Ma age. Using instead the higher-
431 precision IsotopX Phoenix TIMS $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ ratio of 0.512067 ± 0.000004 for the grt-2 fraction, a
432 Sm–Nd age of 10.6 ± 7.7 Ma is calculated (Fig. 17b). The same age is calculated also for a 3-point
433 isochron using this result. These Sm–Nd results are permissive of a broadly “Neogene” date,
434 consistent with that inferred for UHT metamorphism of the sample.

435 436 *Lu mass balance*

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438 Lu and Hf contents determined by isotope dilution (ID) for the garnet fractions were around
439 5.2 and 0.34 ppm, respectively (Table 5). The Hf content is similar to that determined *in situ* on the
440 garnet by LA-ICP-MS, indicating that it is unaffected by dissolution of inclusions such as
441 zircon. However, the Lu content is substantially less than that measured by LA-ICP-MS in the
442 garnet core, which is 10–35ppm (mean ca. 25ppm), suggesting that the garnet separates analysed for
443 Lu–Hf are about 20% derived from the core, and 80% derived from the low-Lu rim. Since the Lu
444 contents of the two garnet fractions analysed are only 0.5% different, they each represent very
445 similar proportions of core and rim. Sm and Nd contents determined by ID were around 7 and 17
446 ppm respectively. The Sm is comparable to that measured by LA-ICP-MS, but the ID Nd content is
447 5–7× higher, suggesting that LREE-rich inclusions have contributed substantially to the REE budget
448 of the garnet separates, despite being uncommon.

449 450 451 **Synthesis**

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453 Several geochronological (zircon and monazite U–Pb, garnet Lu–Hf and Sm–Nd, and biotite
454 $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$; Fig. 18), microchemical (REE analysis of zircon and garnet), and thermobarometry
455 techniques (Ti-in-zircon; Zr-in-rutile; phase equilibria modelling) have now been applied to the
456 residual UHT granulites of the Kobipoto Complex exposed in central Seram. To summarize these
457 findings (new results are marked by an *):

- 458 • The protolith to the Kobipoto Complex was sourced, in part, from the Archean cratons of
459 Western Australia, and was deposited in the Late Triassic (C_d zircon U–Pb ages between 3.4
460 Ga and 216 Ma; Pownall *et al.* 2017a; Fig. 5);
- 461 • There were two subsequent zircon crystallisation events: at *c.* 200 Ma (R_2), and at *c.* 16 Ma
462 (R_m) (Pownall *et al.* 2014, 2017a);
- 463 • *The *c.* 200 Ma R_2 zircon crystallized at $\sim 700^\circ\text{C}$ (Ti-in-zircon thermometry; Fig. 15) and
464 probably grew during a metamorphic event ($\text{Th}/\text{U} < 1$; Fig. 14) *not* in equilibrium with garnet
465 (as R_2 HREEs $> 10\times$ garnet HREEs; Fig. 13);
- 466 • *The *c.* 16 Ma R_m zircon crystallized at $\sim 600^\circ\text{C}$ (Ti-in-zircon thermometry; Fig. 15) during a
467 metamorphic event ($\text{Th}/\text{U} < 1$; Fig. 14) in an environment where garnet was present (as R_m
468 HREEs \sim garnet HREEs; Fig. 13); *however*,
- 469 • *Zircons occurring as inclusions within garnet *did not* grow *c.* 16 Ma R_m rims (Fig. 9b–e);
- 470 • $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ furnace step heating geochronology of biotite yielded an age of 16.34 ± 0.04 Ma,
471 which is within uncertainty of the respective U–Pb (R_m) zircon age for the same sample (Fig.
472 18; Pownall *et al.* 2014, 2017b);
- 473 • *Monazite grains within the leucosome and included in garnet (re-)crystallized at *c.* 16 Ma
474 and do not record an older history (Fig. 10);

- 475 • *Rutile grains in the leucosome must have crystallized under UHT conditions (~900°C Zr-in-
476 rutile *T*s), but rutile grains included within garnet yielded lower Zr-in-rutile temperatures of
477 600–750°C (Fig. 16);
- 478 • *Most of the garnet grew as a peritectic phase, as evidenced by the occurrence of melt
479 inclusions (Fig. 7);
- 480 • Major element zonation profiles of garnet are flat in the central region (Pownall 2015) and
481 show evidence for resorption close to the rim (Fig. 11); *however*,
- 482 • *REE zonation profiles preserve evidence for distinct core and rim domains (Fig. 12);
- 483 • *The cores show large elevation in REE abundances (> 10× that of the rims) but are
484 relatively small, accounting for < 9 vol.% of total garnet;
- 485 • *The garnet yielded precise Lu–Hf ages of 138.6 ± 0.7 and 137.9 ± 0.6 Ma for the two garnet
486 separates (Fig. 17). Based on Lu mass balance, the analysed garnet is about 80% derived
487 from the rim and 20% derived from the core.
- 488 • *The garnet yielded a Sm–Nd age of 10.6 ± 7.7 Ma, which is compromised by the large
489 contribution of LREE-rich inclusions to the dissolved garnet Nd budget (Fig. 17).
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491 Below is a discussion of what these results might mean for the metamorphic evolution of the
492 Kobipoto Complex granulites:

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494 *What did the zircon record?*

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496 Since zircon may crystallize from a melt that is generated during anatexis (e.g. Schaltegger *et al.*
497 1999; Vavra *et al.* 1999), be modified by solid-state recrystallisation (e.g. Hoskin & Black 2000),
498 form by subsolidus metamorphic reactions in response to Zr liberation (e.g. Fraser *et al.* 1997;
499 Degeling *et al.* 2001), or may precipitate from metamorphic or metasomatic fluids across a broad
500 range of temperatures (e.g. Rubatto & Hermann 2003; Hay & Dempster 2009), it is far from
501 straightforward to assign U–Pb zircon ages to a particular event (Harley *et al.* 2007). Furthermore,
502 metamorphic-attributed U–Pb ages are unlikely to date peak *P–T* conditions (e.g., Roberts & Finger
503 1997; Tedeschi *et al.* 2017) but rather an episode of zircon growth facilitated by Zr-rich metamorphic
504 fluids or solid-state Zr diffusion during metamorphic reactions. Closely-matched rare earth element
505 (REE) patterns between the zircon and metamorphic minerals suspected to have coexisted with the
506 zircon under equilibrium conditions are considered by many as the best evidence for identifying
507 ‘metamorphic zircon’ (e.g. Hokada & Harley 2004; Rubatto & Hermann 2007*a, b*; Harley *et al.*
508 2007). Additional evidence may come from Th/U zircon ratios, since metamorphic zircon
509 commonly has Th/U ratios < 0.1, and magmatic zircon > 0.1 (Rubatto 2002). However, there are
510 numerous examples, particularly from metaluminous rocks, of metamorphic zircon with Th/U ratios
511 that do not match this criterion (e.g. Vavra *et al.* 1999; Rubatto 2017), and very low Th/U ratios (i.e.
512 < 0.01) may instead relate to zircon formed by low-*T* metasomatism (Harley *et al.* 2007).

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514 ***c. 16 Ma R_m zircon.*** R_m zircon rims have very similar HREE abundances to garnet analysed from
515 sample KP11-588, with garnet core and rim abundances neatly bracketing the entire range of R_m
516 zircon HREE profiles (Fig. 13). This provides strong evidence for the *c. 16 Ma R_m zircon* having
517 grown in the presence of this garnet, most probably from Zr liberated by consumption of the garnet
518 rims (cf. Degeling *et al.* 2001; Sajeew *et al.* 2010). A metamorphic origin is further supported by
519 U/Pb ratios that are consistently < 0.1 (Fig. 14).

520 As discussed by Pownall (2015), it is unlikely that the 16 Ma zircon (and, for similar reasons,
521 the 16 Ma monazite) date the peak of metamorphism (cf. Kohn *et al.* 2015; Yakymchuk & Brown
522 2014), but instead a point on the *P–T* path that has passed through UHT conditions. Zircon growth
523 can only occur if sufficient free Zr is available, so if Zr-bearing minerals, such as garnet, were
524 consumed, Zr would have been liberated and zircon growth enabled or promoted (cf. Degeling *et al.*

525 2001). The retrograde history of the Kobipoto Complex UHT granulites is characterized by the
526 replacement of garnet during reaction with sillimanite to form cordierite + spinel-dominated ordered
527 reaction microstructures, and zircons located in this microtextural setting crystallized R_m rims. As
528 noted by Sajeev *et al.* (2010), the formation of cordierite from garnet in the presence of melt would
529 have released Zr that would have promoted zircon growth (cf. Fraser *et al.* 2000; Degeling *et al.*
530 2001). We therefore interpret that the *c.* 16 Ma R_m zircon rims were produced by post-peak
531 metamorphic reactions that also produced the cordierite coronae and cordierite-spinel symplectites
532 (Fig. 3e). This would have occurred during near-isothermal retrogression, after the metamorphic
533 peak, and below 6 kbar pressure – the lower-*P* limit of garnet stability (Fig. 4). Ti-in-zircon
534 thermometry would pinpoint the R_m zircon crystallisation temperature at ~600°C (Fig. 15), although
535 THERMOCALC AvePT thermometry yielded slightly hotter (754 ± 116°C at 4.0 ± 1.0 kbar) conditions
536 for the post-peak reaction microstructures (Pownall 2015). Despite not having dated peak
537 metamorphism, the complex's rapid exhumation and cooling history inferred from ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar
538 geochronology (Pownall *et al.* 2014, 2017b) would mean that R_m zircon crystallisation occurred very
539 shortly afterwards.

540 Interestingly, zircon grains included in garnet did not grow R_m rims (Fig. 9) and so did not
541 record *c.* 16 Ma ages. These zircons experienced the entire UHT metamorphic event without being
542 affected by it, presumably because they were isolated from Zr⁴⁺ liberated by garnet rim breakdown
543 after the metamorphic peak. We therefore infer that the ~30% of grains from sample KP11-588
544 mounted for SHRIMP U–Pb dating that do not feature R_m rims were separated from within garnet,
545 and the rest from post-peak reaction microstructures and the leucosome.

546 Despite not having formed under UHT conditions, the R_m zircon rims have several
547 characteristics in common with zircons interpreted to have formed under UHT metamorphic
548 conditions in different terranes (e.g., Santosh *et al.* 2007; Sajeev *et al.* 2010; Kusiak *et al.* 2013).
549 These 'UHT zircons' are reported typically as being U-rich (CL dark) and poorly-zoned with low
550 Th/U ratios. Santosh *et al.* (2007) proposed that an increase in metamorphic temperature
551 progressively destroys the oscillatory zoning, leaving the zircon uniformly dark in CL. Sajeev *et al.*
552 (2010) attributed poorly-zoned zircon overgrowths with low Th/U ratios and similar low CL
553 response from Sri Lankan granulites to UHT metamorphism at *c.* 550 Ma. Similarly, Kusiak *et al.*
554 (2013) described CL-dark low-Th, high-U UHT zircon from the Napier Complex, Antarctica. We
555 demonstrate here the possibility that 'UHT zircon' matching the same chemistry and texture may
556 also form at much lower temperatures after the UHT metamorphic peak.

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558 ***c.* 200 Ma R₂ zircon.** R₂ zircon zones have HREE abundances at least an order of magnitude higher
559 than R_m zircon rims and the garnet (Fig. 13). For this reason, it is unlikely that they grew during the
560 most recent episode of garnet crystallisation related to the UHT metamorphism. They must have
561 instead grown during an earlier event. Ti-in-zircon temperatures of ~700°C and relatively low U/Th
562 ratios (mostly <0.1) together suggest a metamorphic origin for the zircon at around upper-
563 amphibolite grade. As R₂ zircon formed, in part, by recrystallisation of the detrital cores (Pownall *et*
564 *al.* 2017a), growth was likely in the presence of ample fluid/melt. There is also a possibility that this
565 R₂ zircon grew contemporaneously with an early episode of garnet growth, or at least during the
566 same Late Triassic–Early Jurassic orogenic event in which garnet also formed, as discussed later.

567 These results further support the interpretation of an upper-amphibolite facies metamorphic
568 event having affected the NW Australian margin in the Late Triassic–Early Jurassic (Pownall *et al.*
569 2017a). According to tectonic reconstructions by Hall (2012), this metamorphic event would shortly
570 predate rifting of the Banda and Argo blocks from the NW Australia the subsequent opening of the
571 Proto-Banda sea in the Middle Jurassic.

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573 *What did the monazite record?*

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575 Monazite grains dated *in situ* from the leucosome and from within garnet gave ages of 16.4 ± 0.4 Ma
576 (Fig. 10) – identical, within uncertainty, to the R_m zircon. We therefore interpret the monazite to
577 have similarly dated a point on the high-temperature decompression path after the peak of UHT
578 metamorphism and in the presence of melt. As the monazite inclusion dated in this study is located
579 close to leucosome in the margin of the garnet and also connected to a fracture network (Fig. 6d), it
580 may have been recrystallized by circulating fluids shortly post-dating the UHT event (*cf.* Williams *et al.*
581 *et al.* 2011; Kelly *et al.* 2012; Taylor *et al.* 2014). R_2 zircon inclusions within garnet were evidently
582 more resilient to any fluid-mediated resetting effect.

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

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586 Rutile grains from the leucosome (Fig. 6f) recorded Zr-in-rutile temperatures (Tomkins *et al.* 2007)
587 as high as $907 \pm 14^\circ\text{C}$, whereas rutile grains included in garnet (Fig. 6e) recorded temperatures
588 between $\sim 600\text{--}750^\circ\text{C}$ (Fig. 16). In the leucosome, it is reasonable to assume an $a\text{SiO}_2$ of 1 and
589 unimpeded exchange of Zr^{4+} and Ti^{4+} between rutile and (R_m) zircon. We therefore consider this
590 result to be reliable piece of further evidence that the Kobipoto Complex granulites were
591 metamorphosed under UHT conditions.

592 The rutile grains within garnet must have also experienced the same peak temperature, but
593 failed to record it. This is likely because the rutile and (R_2) zircon grains included within garnet on
594 the prograde path were shielded from each other under peak conditions and were not able to
595 equilibrate, prohibiting free $\text{Zr}^{4+} \rightleftharpoons \text{Ti}^{4+}$ exchange. Failure of zircon grains within garnet to crystallize
596 *c.* 16 Ma (R_m) rims further demonstrates that Zr^{4+} from the leucosome did not pass into garnet. The
597 broad spread in rutile Zr contents may therefore reflect the different temperatures ($\sim 600\text{--}750^\circ\text{C}$)
598 rutile grains were included by the garnet during its prograde growth.

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600 *What do the 138 Ma Lu–Hf garnet ages mean?*

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602 The 138.6 ± 0.7 and 137.9 ± 0.6 Ma Lu–Hf garnet ages (Fig. 17a) are at first puzzling because an
603 Early Cretaceous metamorphic or magmatic episode has never before been reported for Australian-
604 affinity crust in east Indonesia. Previous work indicates a period of tectonic and magmatic
605 quiescence in the northwest Australian margin at this time (e.g. Audley-Charles *et al.* 1988; Fraser *et al.*
606 *et al.* 1993; Hall 2012). A *c.* 143 Ma metamorphic episode has been documented in western Borneo,
607 but *not* from a part of Borneo that was derived from Australia (Breitfeld *et al.* 2017). Given also that,
608 for the *same sample* (i) this 138 Ma Lu–Hf garnet age does not correlate even closely with zircon or
609 monazite crystallisation events, (ii) garnet HREE abundances equilibrated with those in 16 Ma
610 zircon (Fig. 13), and (iii) the respective Sm–Nd garnet age is significantly younger (10.6 ± 7.7 Ma,
611 although imprecise), we do not think that this Cretaceous Lu–Hf age can date a real metamorphic or
612 magmatic event. We argue below that this age is the result of mixing between *c.* 200 Ma garnet
613 cores with *c.* 16 Ma garnet rims. In order that ^{176}Hf produced during the *c.* 200 Ma event was not
614 lost from the garnet by diffusion during UHT metamorphism at *c.* 16 Ma, we further argue that
615 duration of the UHT metamorphism must have been very short.

616 The Kobipoto Complex garnets retain evidence in their HREE zonation for two separate
617 episodes of garnet growth (Fig. 12) despite having relatively flat major element profiles (Fig. 11).
618 Hf and Lu concentrations are $3\times$ and $30\times$ higher, respectively, in garnet cores compared to the rims.
619 On the other hand, Sm and Nd concentrations are more uniform and do not features a sharp core–rim
620 transition. Furthermore, the Lu–Hf garnet ages of 137.9 ± 0.6 and 138.6 ± 0.7 Ma are significantly
621 older than their respective 10.6 ± 7.7 Ma Sm–Nd age. Although it is common for Lu–Hf ages to be
622 slightly older than Sm–Nd ages for the same garnet sample grown during a single metamorphic event
623 (e.g. Anczkiewicz *et al.* 2007, 2012; Kylander-Clark *et al.* 2007; Bird *et al.* 2013; Smit *et al.* 2013;
624 Yakymchuk *et al.* 2015), in this instance the discrepancy is far too large to be accounted for by any

625 systematic offset. A component of Hf⁴⁺, but not Nd³⁺, must have been derived from a previous
626 metamorphic event, requiring that (i) part of the garnet is significantly older than the UHT
627 metamorphism; and (ii) the UHT metamorphic event then remobilized major element and LREE
628 cations (including Sm and Nd) without significantly redistributing the highly-retentive cations
629 (including Lu and Hf).

630 These requirements are permitted by the different Lu–Hf and Sm–Nd closure temperatures
631 and Lu³⁺ and Hf⁴⁺ diffusion behaviours in garnet. According to Smit *et al.* (2013), for rapid cooling
632 rates (> 100 °C Ma⁻¹) and a garnet diffusion domain radius of 1 mm, the closure temperature of both
633 Sm–Nd and Lu–Hf systems would be approximately > 850°C and > 1000°C, respectively.
634 Furthermore, Bloch *et al.* (2015, p. 16) determined that Hf⁴⁺ (and Lu³⁺) are only able to fully
635 homogenize when “unusually long periods of metamorphism persist”, or when very high
636 temperatures (i.e., >> 900°C) are attained. For instance, a 1 mm-diameter garnet may take *c.* 12 myr
637 at 900°C, but *c.* 250 myr at 800°C, to fully homogenize its Hf (Bloch *et al.* 2015, p. 16, fig. 12). The
638 fact that HREE zoning is preserved in garnet (Fig. 13) and that UHT metamorphism did not ‘reset’
639 the Lu–Hf clock indicates that the duration of UHT metamorphism must have been short (i.e.,
640 significantly less than 12 myr – perhaps just a few myr).

641 The metamorphic event recorded by the R₂ zircon between 215–173 Ma is the only known
642 candidate for producing an older generation of garnet from which this older Hf might have been
643 sourced. As such, we propose that the garnet cores formed during the previously-identified Late
644 Triassic–Early Jurassic amphibolite-facies metamorphic event. It might be expected that HREE
645 concentrations of garnet cores and R₂ zircon should be similar, if it is assumed that these two
646 minerals grew in equilibrium. However, while not opened to complete diffusion, a slight depletion
647 in garnet core HREE concentration may still have occurred during the UHT event. This is one
648 possible explanation why garnet core HREE concentrations are lower than those of R₂ zircon (Fig.
649 13). An alternative explanation is that R₂ zircon and garnet grew during different stages of the same
650 orogenic event and/or formed in different domains, and so never had similar HREE abundances.

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652 **Lu–Hf garnet mixing model.** In order to test the viability of this idea, we performed a simple
653 mixing calculation using values approximated from the LA-ICP-MS core–rim traverses (Fig. 12) of
654 Lu_{core} / Lu_{rim} = 25 ppm / 1 ppm = 25 and Hf_{core} / Hf_{rim} = 0.34 ppm / 0.05 ppm = 6.80, and using the
655 whole rock data shown in Table 5. The core age was fixed at 200 Ma and the rim age fixed at 16 Ma
656 by rotating manually the slope of the model isochrons about the whole rock ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf and
657 ¹⁷⁶Lu/¹⁷⁷Hf ratios. Then, cores and rims were then mixed in a 20_{core}:80_{rim} ratio, as determined from
658 the Lu mass balance (discussed previously). This produced a mixed model age of 131.3 Ma.
659 However, this model age is very sensitive to the Hf_{core} / Hf_{rim} ratio, which cannot be determined
660 accurately from the available LA-ICP-MS traverses. Taking lower and upper estimates for Hf_{core} /
661 Hf_{rim} of 4.9 (using instead 0.07 ppm Hf_{rim}) and 11.3 (using instead 0.03 ppm Hf_{rim}) yielded model
662 mixing ages between 116.5 and 151.2 Ma (Fig. 17c). The actual Lu–Hf ages of 137.9 ± 0.6 and 138.6
663 ± 0.7 Ma fall squarely between these limits. Therefore, we demonstrate it entirely plausible that the
664 *c.* 138 Ma Lu–Hf ages were produced by mixing between *c.* 200 Ma cores (20% contribution) and *c.*
665 16 Ma rims (80% contribution).

666 Although a smaller component of the mixed age, the *c.* 200 Ma cores have far higher Lu and
667 Hf concentrations than the *c.* 16 Ma rims (Fig. 12), and so affected the age to a greater extent. Also,
668 since Lu³⁺ diffusion is around 10 times faster than Hf⁴⁺ diffusion (e.g., Kohn 2009; Anczkiewicz *et*
669 *al.* 2012; Baxter & Scherer 2013), partial HREE retention may have lowered residual ¹⁷⁶Lu/¹⁷⁷Hf
670 ratios, further skewing Lu–Hf ages towards older values (up until the point all Hf⁴⁺ and Lu³⁺ are lost
671 and the age is reset). This issue of Hf inheritance from previous garnet growth events has been
672 described previously as resulting in systematically older Lu–Hf ages (Bloch & Ganguly 2015;
673 Raimondo *et al.* 2017). Counter to this, garnet resorption, which has affected the garnets of the

674 Koibpoto Complex granulites to a large extent, may have resulted in a younging of the Lu–Hf age as
675 Lu³⁺ is preferentially retained over Hf⁴⁺ in the resorbed portion of the garnet (Kelly *et al.* 2011).

676
677 *Summary*

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679 In summary, we interpret UHT metamorphism and melting on Seram occurred just prior to 16 Ma,
680 and an upper-amphibolite facies metamorphic event occurred during the Triassic/Jurassic (*c.* 200
681 Ma), for the following reasons: (i) the HREE abundances in garnet (a major constituent of the peak
682 UHT metamorphic assemblage) tightly bracket those in the 16 Ma zircon, whereas 200 Ma zircon
683 HREE abundances are 10× higher (Fig. 13); (ii) monazite included within garnet yielded a ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U
684 age of 16.4 ± 0.4 Ma (Fig. 10) – within uncertainty of those ages from zircon (Fig. 18); (iii) Th/U
685 ratios for the *c.* 16 Ma R_m zircon are consistently below 0.1, consistent with a metamorphic origin
686 (Fig. 14); (iv) Garnet yielded a Sm–Nd age of 10.6 ± 7.7 Ma, within uncertainty of *c.* 16 Ma zircon;
687 (v) Garnet Lu–Hf ages of *c.* 138 Ma are explained by mixing between *c.* 200 Ma cores with *c.* 16 Ma
688 rims (Fig. 17c); (vi) rutile present in the leucosome records Zr-in-rutile temperatures > 900°C (Fig.
689 16); (vii) Multiple ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar ages (Pownall *et al.* 2017b) also document a regionally-significant
690 metamorphic event that affected Seram’s Tehoru Formation at 16 Ma; (viii) A 17 Ma ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar age
691 from phlogopite in a lamprophyric dyke intruding the Kobipoto Complex lherzolite demonstrates the
692 presence of hot mantle rocks at that time, necessary to have achieved UHT conditions (Pownall *et al.*
693 2017b); and (ix) tectonic reconstructions at *c.* 16 Ma indicate a marked change in the tectonic
694 environment in the Banda region, as the Banda slab began to subduct with rollback of the subduction
695 hinge ESE into the Banda Embayment (Fig. 19), driving regional extension (Spakman & Hall 2010;
696 Hall 2011, 2018). These multiple lines of evidence add further support to the interpretation that the
697 Seram granulites recorded Earth’s youngest-known episode of UHT crustal metamorphism in
698 response to rollback-driven mantle exhumation (Pownall *et al.* 2014, 2017a).

699 We further propose that garnet cores grew at *c.* 200 Ma, during the same orogenic event that
700 caused R₂ zircon crystallisation. During the Miocene UHT event, prograde garnet rims overgrew
701 these older cores. The major elements later equilibrated between the two different generations
702 during peak conditions, erasing any zoning. Upon rapid cooling and decompression from UHT
703 conditions, garnets cooled through the Sm–Nd closure temperature (consistent with the Sm–Nd age
704 being equal to or less than the zircon and monazite U–Pb ages), but the garnet was never hot enough
705 for long enough to have been ‘opened’ to appreciable Hf⁴⁺ diffusion. Consequently, the thermal pulse
706 that drove UHT metamorphism must have been short (Pownall *et al.* 2014; Pownall 2015) and failed
707 to enable complete outward diffusion of Hf⁴⁺ accumulated in the *c.* 200 Ma garnet cores. These
708 “fast” granulites (Harley 2016) cannot have existed above 900°C much longer than a few million
709 years before being exhumed very rapidly, as supported also by the identical-within-uncertainty
710 biotite ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar (Pownall *et al.* 2017b), zircon U–Pb, and monazite U–Pb ages (Fig. 18).

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713 **Conclusions**

714
715 *Metamorphic evolution of the Kobipoto Complex UHT granulites*

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717 1) The pelitic protolith to the Kobipoto Complex granulites was deposited by 216 Ma. Detrital
718 zircons (C_d) as old as 3.4 Ga confirm this material was derived, in part, from the western
719 Australian cratons (Fig. 19a).
720 2) The protolith to the Kobipoto Complex was metamorphosed in the upper-amphibolite facies
721 (± partial melting) between 215 and 173 Ma as recorded by R₂ zircon rims that partially
722 recrystallized older C_d cores (evidenced by ~700°C Ti-in-[R₂]zircon temperatures and Th/U <
723 0.1). Small garnets with high HREE contents also likely grew during this Late Jurassic–

724 Early Cretaceous event, in order to account for elevated ^{176}Hf contents that cannot be
725 explained by a single garnet growth event at *c.* 16 Ma. It is possible that more than one
726 metamorphic–magmatic episode occurred between 215 and 173 Ma which shortly predated
727 the rifting of adjacent continental blocks from the NW Australian margin (Fig. 19b).

- 728 3) Prograde metamorphism preceding the UHT peak was not recorded by the investigated
729 geochronometers, but must have occurred between 23 Ma (the initial Australia–SE Asia
730 collision age; Hall 2011) and 16 Ma (growth of retrograde R_m zircon and monazite). Garnet
731 growth, principally as a peritectic product (evidenced by melt inclusions) engulfed many
732 C_d+R_2 zircon grains and some rutile and monazite grains (Fig. 19d). The zircons, after their
733 inclusion in garnet, did not crystallize new rims. Rutile grains, after their inclusion, did not
734 adjust their Zr contents, recording collectively a spread of different Zr-in-rutile temperatures
735 (600–750°C) along the prograde path.
- 736 4) Hot leucosome must have been present at the peak of UHT metamorphism (925°C and 9
737 kbar; Pownall 2015). Rutile grains within the leucosome, adjacent to garnet, recorded Zr-in-
738 rutile temperatures of ~900°C through exchange of Zr^{4+} and Ti^{4+} with zircon grains present
739 also in the leucosome (Fig. 19d). At this time, garnet comprised a modelled 30 vol% of the
740 rock (Pownall 2015). As the garnets no longer preserve major element or LREE core–rim
741 zoning, in contrast to the more retentive HREEs, it is likely that these less retentive cations
742 were homogenized under peak conditions. Diffusion of HREEs from core to rim may have
743 occurred to a small extent, since R_2 zircon which grew contemporaneously with the garnet
744 cores at *c.* 200 Ma have higher HREE abundances.
- 745 5) During the granulites’ post-peak evolution, garnet reacted with sillimanite to form the
746 cordierite and spinel-rich coronae. At *c.* 16 Ma, as the rock was exhumed above ~ 20 km
747 depth (~ 6 kbar), garnet no longer remained part of the equilibrium assemblage. Zr^{4+}
748 liberated by metamorphic reactions consuming the outermost garnet rims drove
749 crystallisation of *c.* 16 Ma R_m rims on zircon grains in the leucosome and on zircons now
750 located in cordierite + spinel post-peak reaction microstructures (Fig. 19e). Ti-in- $[R_m]$ zircon
751 temperatures of just 600°C attest to the late crystallisation of zircon in the UHT granulites’
752 retrograde history.
- 753 6) The 138.6 ± 0.7 and 137.9 ± 0.6 Ma garnet Lu–Hf ages do not correlate to any known
754 geological event in the Banda region (Fig. 19c). We interpret these ages to be the product of
755 mixing between *c.* 200 Ma garnet cores (~20% contribution) and *c.* 16 Ma garnet rims (~80%
756 contribution) (Fig. 17c, 19e). The garnet Sm–Nd age of 10.6 ± 7.7 Ma is imprecise, but most
757 probably records initial cooling from the UHT metamorphic peak at *c.* 16 Ma. Unlike Hf,
758 there is no evidence that Nd produced within *c.* 200 Ma garnet cores was retained in garnet
759 during Miocene UHT metamorphism. In order that the Lu–Hf ‘clock’ was not reset by the
760 UHT metamorphism, the granulites cannot have resided under UHT conditions for longer
761 than a few million years.

763 *Broader implications*

- 764 1) Zircon grains in shielded microtextural sites (in this instance as inclusions within garnet) may
765 be subjected to an entire UHT metamorphic cycle *without* crystallizing new rims, and
766 therefore *without* recording the UHT event.
- 767 2) Short-lived UHT metamorphic events are sometimes unable to reset the Lu–Hf system in
768 garnet. In such instances, Hf retention from a previous metamorphic event may lead to a
769 mixed Lu–Hf age even for garnets that no longer preserve major element zonation.
- 770 3) Rather than having formed within a large, long-lived, hot collisional orogen—the most
771 common explanation for UHT rocks discovered in Proterozoic terranes—these Indonesian
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773 Miocene granulites record a history of short-lived UHT metamorphism and subsequent rapid
774 exhumation.

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Figures

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

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

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

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

Fig. 5. Summary of U–Pb zircon ages obtained for the Kobipoto Complex granulites (after Pownall *et al.* 2017a). Note the cluster of R_m zircon ages at $c.$ 16 Ma, the occurrence of some R_m ages at $c.$ 23 Ma (correlating with the initial collision of Australia with SE Asia; Hall 2011), and the broad spread of R_2 zircon ages between 215 and 173 Ma. We do not imply that R_m zircon rim populations at $c.$ 16 Ma and 23–19 Ma were formed by the same process, only that they have identical textural relationships. The ‘cartoon’ zircon is lifted from Fig. 8b.

1104 **Fig. 6.** Textural settings of zircon, monazite, and rutile in granulite KP11-588. Mineral
1105 abbreviations are after Kretz (1983). (a) Zircon inclusion within garnet that also contains small melt
1106 inclusions (MI) and a biotite inclusion (PPL image). See Fig. 9b for CL image of this grain. (b)
1107 Zircon grains present within cordierite corona and included within garnet (XPL image). (c, d)
1108 Monazite grains dated *in situ* as part of this study. The ablation pit numbers correspond to those in
1109 Table 2 and Fig. 10. (e, f) Rutile grains analysed *in situ* for Zr-in-rutile thermometry. Analytical
1110 spots correspond to those in Table 4. Rutile grains in the leucosome record UHT conditions (>
1111 900°C), whereas those included in garnet have significantly lower Zr concentrations that yield lower
1112 temperatures (~600–750°C).

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1114 **Fig. 7.** Melt inclusions (MI) within garnet of sample KP11-588 (photomicrographs, PPL). Note the
1115 occurrence of both primary inclusions (square in thin section), and secondary melt inclusions located
1116 along planar defects, as shown by the red arrow in part (a).

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1118 **Fig. 8.** (a) CL images of zircons from sample KP11-588 analysed as part of this study. Note the
1119 distinctive cores (C_d), 1st overgrowth zones (R_2), and CL-dark rims (R_m). Ages follow Pownall *et al.*
1120 (2017a). (b) Cartoons of selected zircon grains demonstrating the relationships between the different
1121 generations of growth (after Pownall *et al.* 2017a). Note also the occurrence of very thin (too thin to
1122 analyse) outermost ' R_0 ' zircon rims on some grains.

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1124 **Fig. 9.** CL images of zircons acquired *in situ* from a thin section of sample KP11-588. (a) Zircons
1125 located in the post-peak reaction microstructures at the boundary with leucosome and included with
1126 a large lath of sillimanite feature thick R_m rims (dark in CL) overgrowing R_2 zones (bright in CL)
1127 and detrital cores (C_d). The CL images annotate a XPL thin section photo of the same zircon grains,
1128 showing their textural locations. (b–e) Zircons included within garnet do not feature R_m rims, just
1129 CL-bright R_2 zones around detrital cores (C_d). In part (b), the CL image annotates a PPL thin section
1130 photo of the same zircon grain, located > 200 μm from the rim of the garnet it is included in.
1131 Mineral abbreviations are after Kretz (1983).

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1133 **Fig. 10.** Tera-Wasserburg plot for SHRIMP U–Pb analysis of monazite from sample KP11-588. The
1134 mean $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age is quoted to 95% confidence, and error ellipses are drawn at 68.3% confidence.
1135 An upper intercept (common Pb $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$) value of 0.837 is based on the model of Stacey &
1136 Kramers (1975). MSWD—mean square of weighted deviates. See Table 2 for U–Pb geochronology
1137 data.

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1139 **Fig. 11.** (a) Major element zonation profile through representative garnet in sample KP11-588
1140 determined from electron microprobe line-scan (modified after Pownall 2015). Garnet composition
1141 is expressed in terms of the following end-members: almandine (alm) = $\text{Fe}^{2+}/(\text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{Mn} + \text{Mg} +$
1142 $\text{Ca})$; pyrope (pyr) = $\text{Mg}/(\text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{Mn} + \text{Mg} + \text{Ca})$; spessartine (sps) = $\text{Mn}/(\text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{Mn} + \text{Mg} + \text{Ca})$;
1143 grossular (grs) = $\text{Ca}/(\text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{Mn} + \text{Mg} + \text{Ca})$. The location of this line-scan is shown in part (b) – a
1144 backscattered electron image coloured according to backscatter intensity that displays the geometry
1145 of the major element garnet zonation profile. Major element concentrations are flat in the central
1146 region, displaying evidence for resorption close to the rim (with increase in spessartine component).
1147 Unlike as depicted by HREE zoning (Fig. 12), there is no evidence for a separate core region.

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1149 **Fig. 12.** HREE abundances (linear scale) and concentrations of Lu, Sm, Nd, and Hf (log scale)
1150 obtained along a 1.1 mm LA-ICP-MS laser traverse through garnet from KP11-588 (ablation track
1151 through garnet shown at bottom). The HREE profiles demonstrate the occurrence of a distinct core
1152 region (shaded grey), but it was unfortunately not possible to manually separate garnet cores and

1153 rims for the Lu–Hf and Sm–Nd dating. Three additional laser transects (not shown) were performed,
1154 with similar results. See the Supplementary Files for the full dataset.

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1156 **Fig. 13.** REE plot comparing R_m zircon, R_2 zircon, and garnet. Zircon from samples KP11-588 and
1157 KP11-619 was analysed by SHRIMP II at Geoscience Australia, and the garnet data were acquired
1158 by LA-ICP-MS laser transects (Fig. 12), as described in the text. The concentrations are normalised
1159 to CI chondrite values (McDonough & Sun 1995). The broad spread in garnet HREE concentrations
1160 is due to the differences in abundance between the core (relatively enriched) and rim (relatively
1161 depleted), as labelled (and evident in Fig. 12). This plot shows that HREE abundances of *c.* 16 Ma
1162 R_m zircon are within the range of garnet HREE abundances, but the *c.* 200 Ma R_2 zircon
1163 concentrations are an order of magnitude higher. See the Supplementary Material for full datasets.

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1165 **Fig. 14.** Th versus U plots of zircon from samples KP11-588, KP11-691, and KP11-621 analysed by
1166 SHRIMP (Pownall *et al.* 2017a). KP11-621 is a Kobipoto Complex cordierite diatexite also from the
1167 Kobipoto Mountains (see Table 1). Grey dashed lines contour fixed Th/U ratios. Analyses are
1168 coloured according to the type of zircon analysed: black circles for detrital cores (C_d); white circles
1169 for metamorphic overgrowths (R_m); and diamonds for CL-bright ‘ R_2 ’ zones.

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1171 **Fig. 15.** Results of Ti-in-zircon thermometry acquired for zircon from samples KP11-588 and KP11-
1172 619. The shaded regions are drawn for the Ferry & Watson (2007) calibration, and demonstrate a
1173 notable difference in temperature between R_m zircon ($\sim 600^\circ\text{C}$) and R_2 zircon ($\sim 700^\circ\text{C}$). The activities
1174 of SiO_2 and TiO_2 were assumed here to both equal 1 for application of the Ferry & Watson (2007)
1175 thermometer (although lowering a_{SiO_2} by 0.1 lowers temperatures by $\sim 15^\circ\text{C}$). See Table 3 for Ti
1176 concentrations and full thermometry results.

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1178 **Fig. 16.** Results of Zr-in-rutile thermometry (of Tomkins *et al.* 2007) calculated for rutile from
1179 sample KP11-588. Pressure was set at 9 kbar in order to correspond to the peak metamorphic P – T
1180 conditions calculated by Pownall (2015). The Ferry & Watson (2007) Zr-in-rutile thermometers
1181 (assuming $a_{\text{SiO}_2} = 1$) gave extremely similar results (Table 4), which for clarity have not been
1182 plotted. The overlaid histogram (red bars) is binned at 50°C intervals. The three rutile grains
1183 analysed from the leucosome (Fig. 6f) yielded the hotter temperatures than those included in garnet
1184 (Fig. 6e).

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1186 **Fig. 17.** Lu–Hf and Sm–Nd garnet geochronology of sample KP11-588. (a) Lu–Hf isochron
1187 diagram. Error bars are smaller than the symbols. w.r.—whole rock. See Table 5 for results. (b)
1188 Sm–Nd isochron diagram. w.r.—whole rock. The grt-2 fraction, $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ analysed to higher
1189 precision by IsotopX Pheonix ID-TIMS (grt 2*), is plotted in green. See Table 6 for results. (c)
1190 Garnet Lu–Hf mixing model for KP11-588. Combining 80% 16 Ma garnet rims (1 ppm Lu; 0.03–
1191 0.07 ppm Hf) with 20% 200 Ma garnet cores (25 ppm Lu; 0.34 ppm Hf) produces a mixed model age
1192 between 116.5 and 151.2 Ma (green region), which is consistent with the measured Lu–Hf age of
1193 138.6 ± 0.7 Ma. For clarity, only the grt-1 2-point isochron is shown.

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1195 **Fig. 18.** Compilation of geochronology results for the Kobipoto Complex UHT granulites. U–Pb
1196 zircon ages are from Pownall *et al.* (2017a), and the $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ biotite age is from Pownall *et al.*
1197 (2017b). All results are obtained for sample KP11-588, except the $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ age that was obtained
1198 for KP11-619, and the age range of the R_2 zircon U–Pb dates, which are a combination of all
1199 Kobipoto Complex migmatite samples presented by Pownall *et al.* (2017a).

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1201 **Fig. 19.** Explanation of zircon, garnet, monazite, and rutile histories for the Kobipoto Complex
1202 granulites linked to tectonic reconstruction of the Banda region (Hall 2012). The reconstructions (for

1203 80–130°E, 0–50°S) show oceanic crust in mint green (older than 120 Ma) and mid-blue (younger
1204 than 120 Ma), and submarine arcs and oceanic plateaus in pale blue. The yellow diamond indicates
1205 the location of central Seram. *P–T* values (orange boxes) are from Pownall (2015) and Ti-in-zircon
1206 thermometry (Fig. 15). The cartoon minerals are not to scale. **(a)** Australian detrital zircon (C_d) was
1207 deposited as part of the Kobipoto Complex protolith in the Late Triassic. **(b)** Upper amphibolite-
1208 facies metamorphic event(s) between 216 and 170 Ma grew R_2 zircon and garnet cores. **(c)** No
1209 known event occurred at 138 Ma. **(d)** UHT metamorphism affected the Kobipoto Complex just prior
1210 to 16 Ma. Prograde peritectic growth of garnet rims trapped melt. Major element and LREE cations
1211 equilibrated between core and rim, but more retentive HREEs were largely retained in the core.
1212 Rutilites in the leucosome recorded $>900^\circ\text{C}$ Zr-in-Rt temperatures. **(e)** Upon rapid decompression and
1213 cooling from UHT conditions, consumption of garnet liberated Zr and LREEs that facilitated the
1214 growth of *c.* 16 Ma R_m zircon and monazite, respectively. Zircon shielded in garnet did not record
1215 the UHT event. 138 Ma garnet Lu–Hf age is the result of mixing between cores and rims. Sketch
1216 cross-section adapted from Pownall (2015).

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Tables

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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†		
Linhout <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‡	16.0 ± 0.6	
	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 Linhout *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 Age†		Total ²³⁸ U/ ²⁰⁶ Pb		Total ²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb		²⁰⁶ Pb*/ ²³⁸ U†	
					Ma	± 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

§Matrix 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 αSiO₂ = αTiO₂ = 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†		
				T (°C)	+	-	T (°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 $\alpha\text{SiO}_2 = 1$

†for $P = 9$ kbar

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

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Table 5

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

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

Lu and Hf abundances determined by IsoProbe MC-ICP-MS
w.r.—whole rock; SE—standard error; σ —standard deviation

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Table 6

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

	Sm (ppm)	Nd (ppm)	$^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd} \pm 2\text{SE}$	$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} \pm 2\text{SE}$	Sm–Nd age (Ma) $\pm 2\sigma$
grt-1	7	17	0.21205 ± 0.00021	$0.51206 \pm 7\text{E}-6$	6.0 ± 14.0
grt-2	7	17	0.25563 ± 0.00026	$0.51206 \pm 7\text{E}-6$	7.1 ± 9.8
grt-2*				$0.512067 \pm 4\text{E}-6$	10.6 ± 7.7
w.r.	7.8	39.5	0.11002 ± 0.00011	$0.51206 \pm 6\text{E}-6$	

* $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ determined to higher precision by IsotopX Pheonix TIMS. The other data are from IsoProbe MC-ICP-MS.
w.r.—whole rock; SE—standard error; σ —standard deviation.

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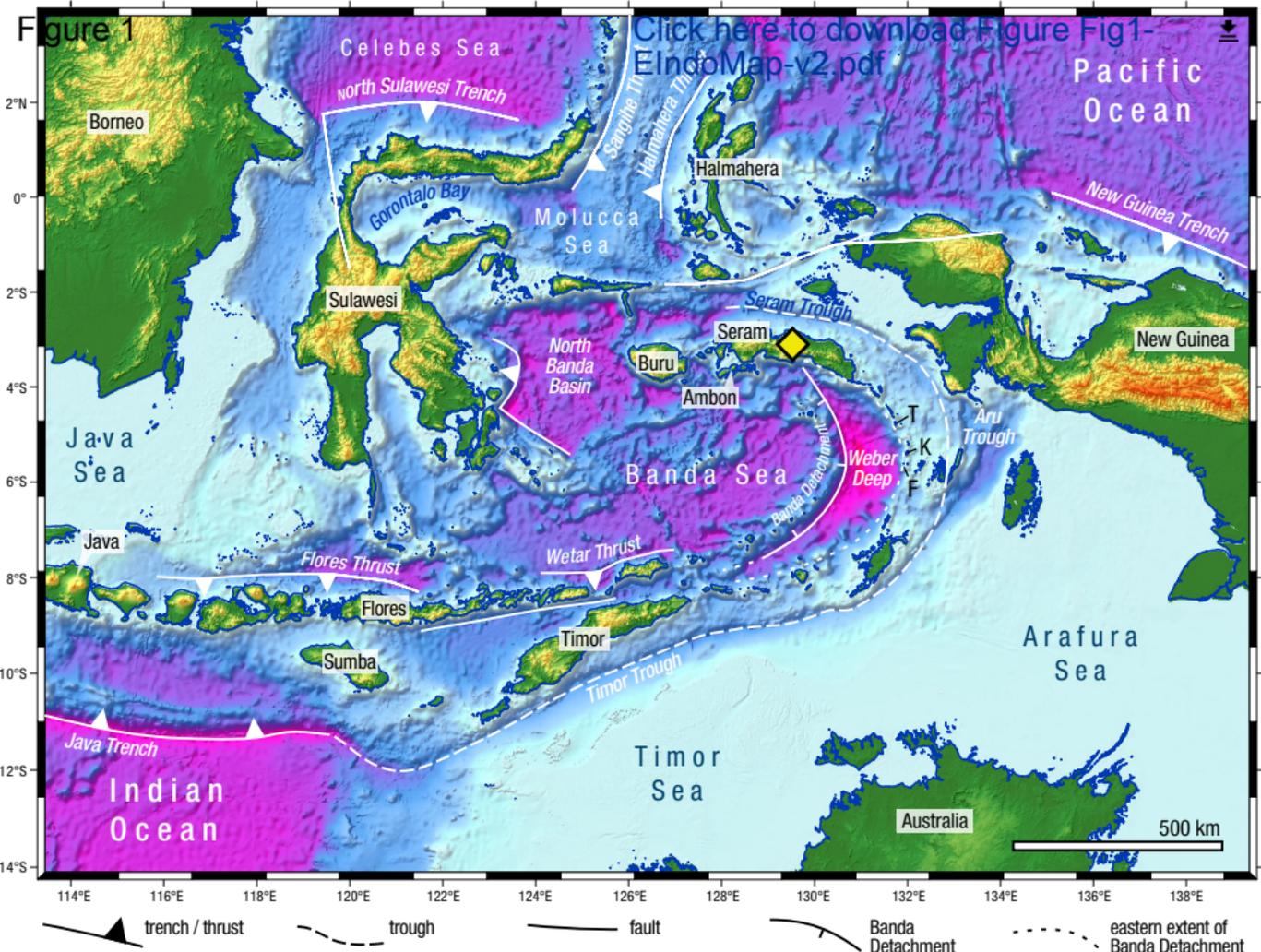
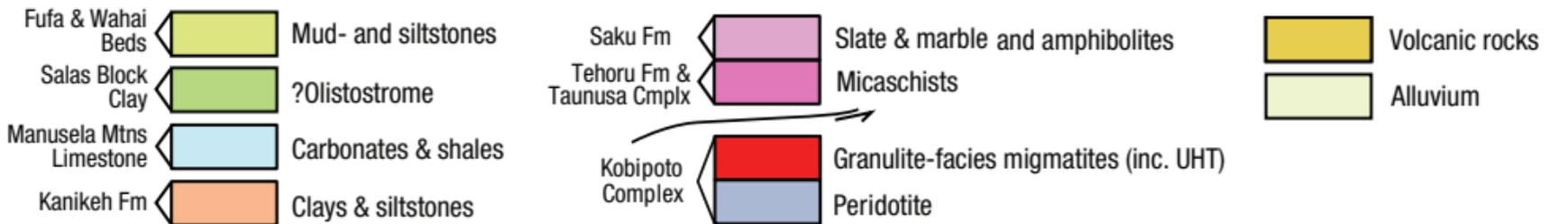
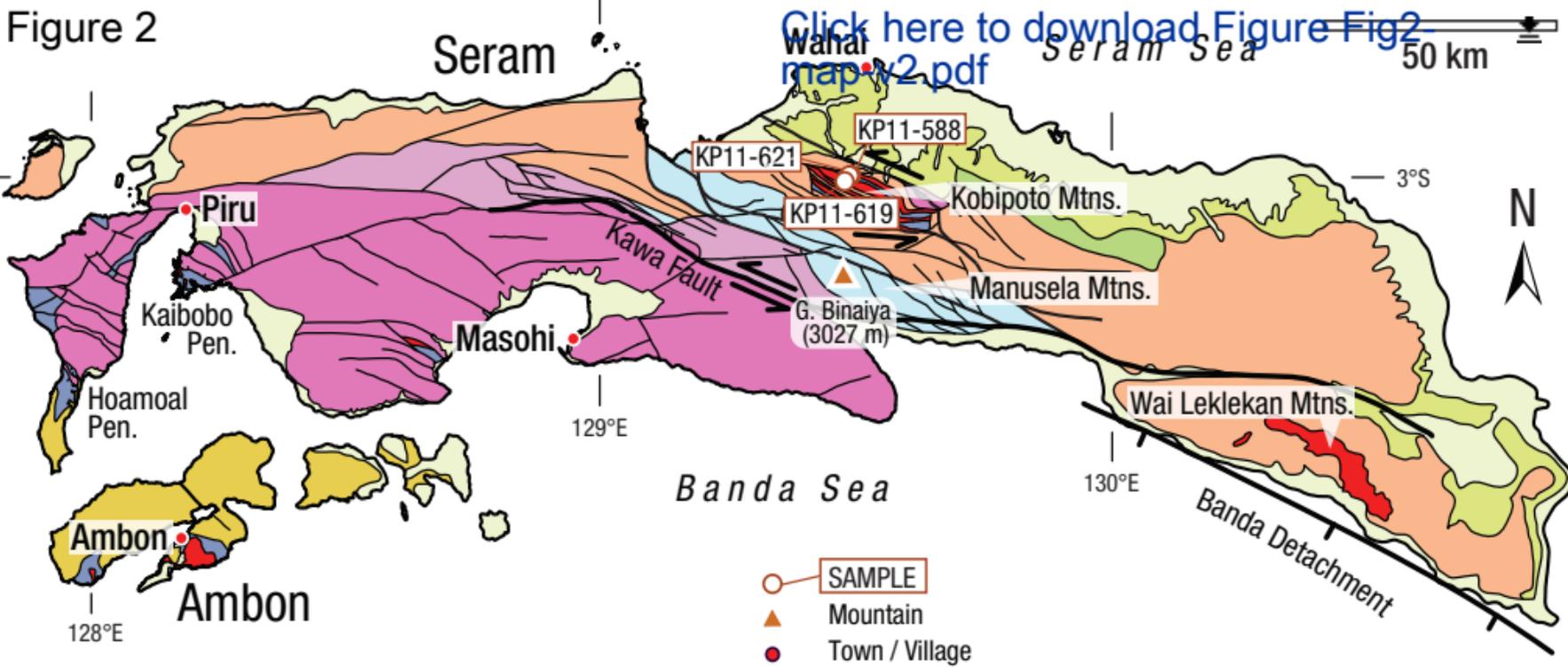
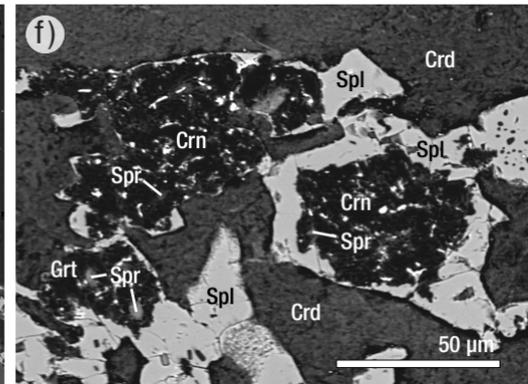
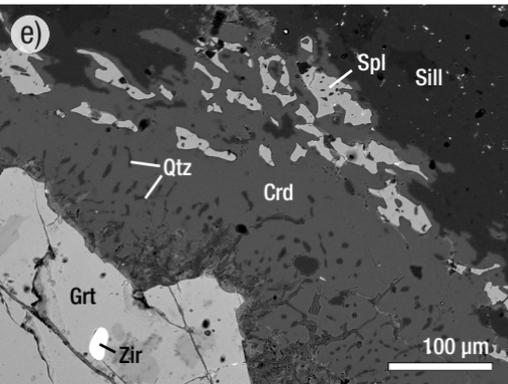
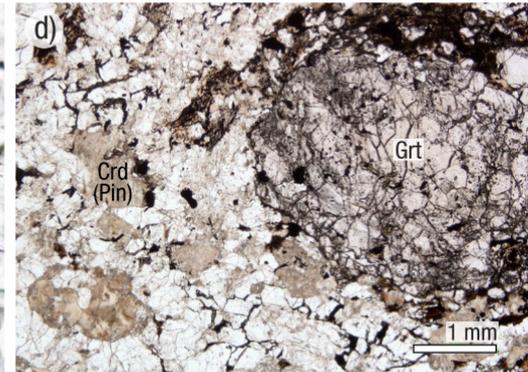
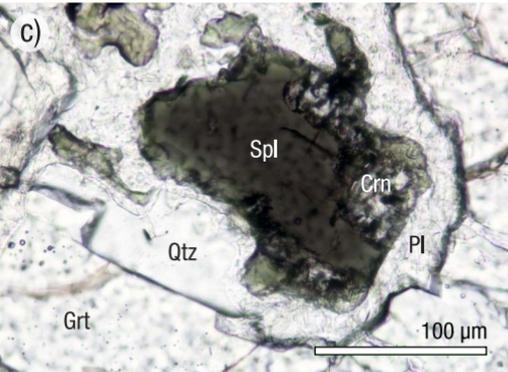
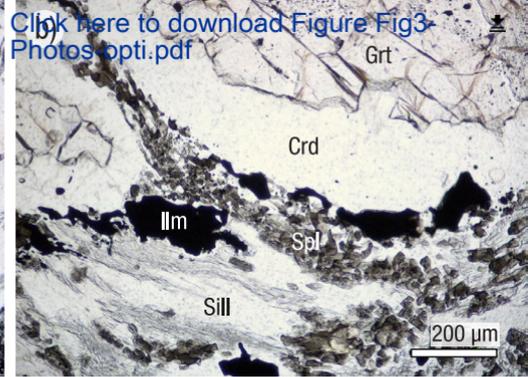
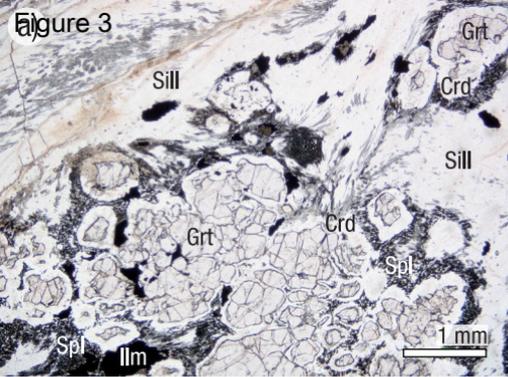
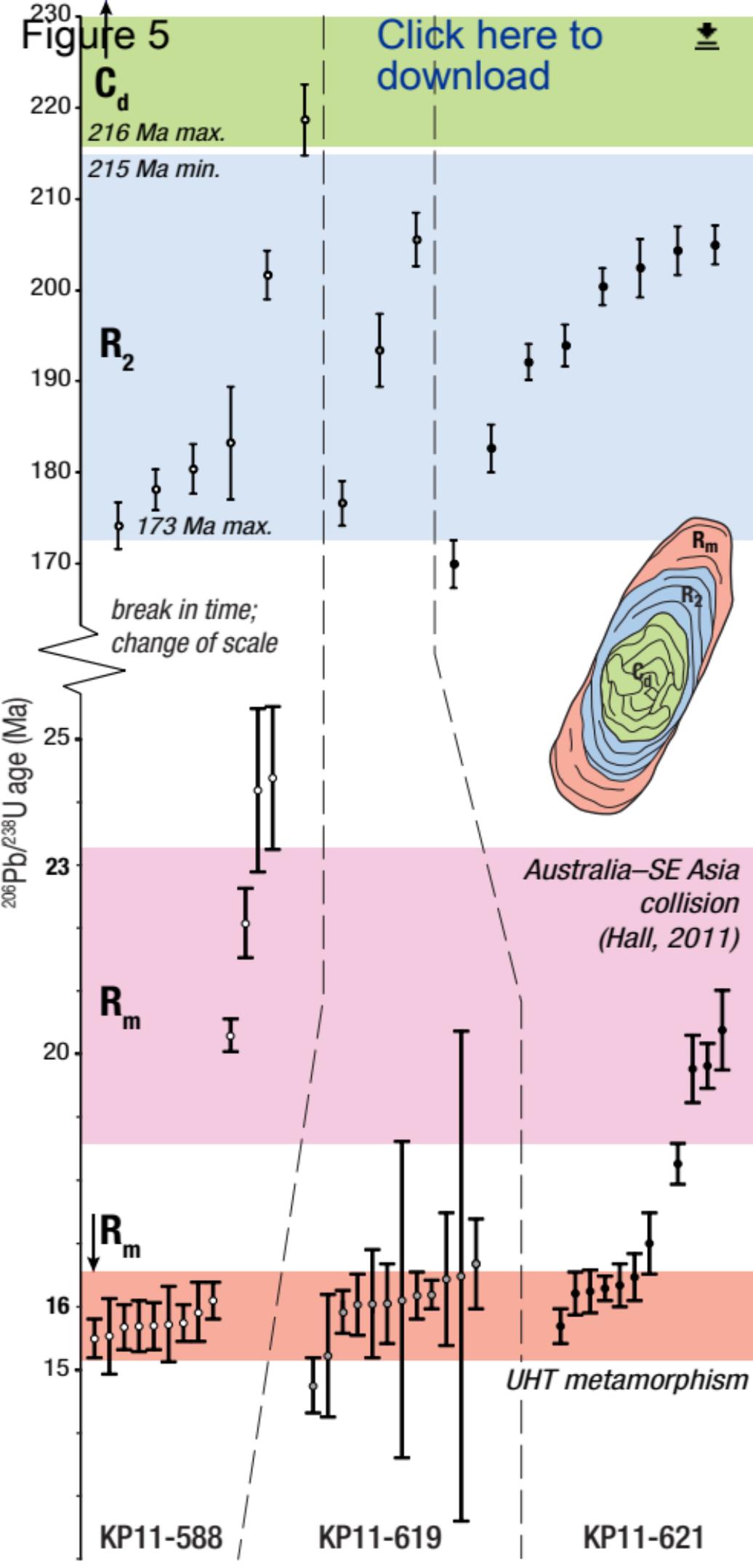


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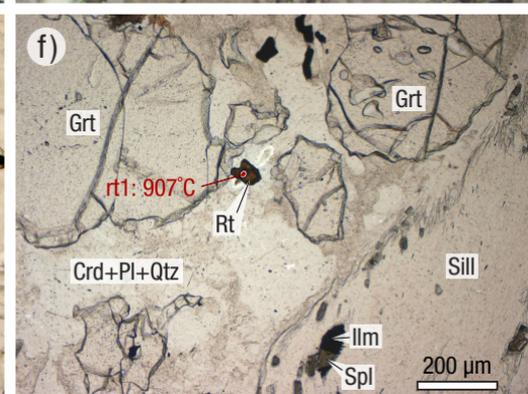
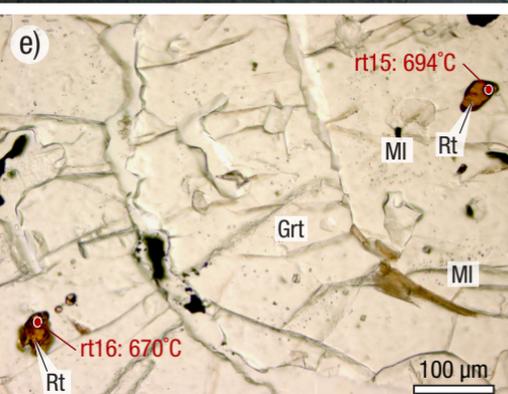
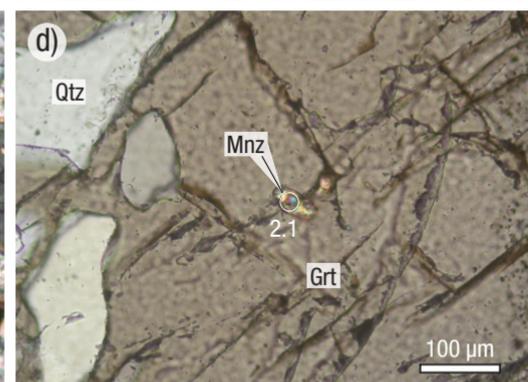
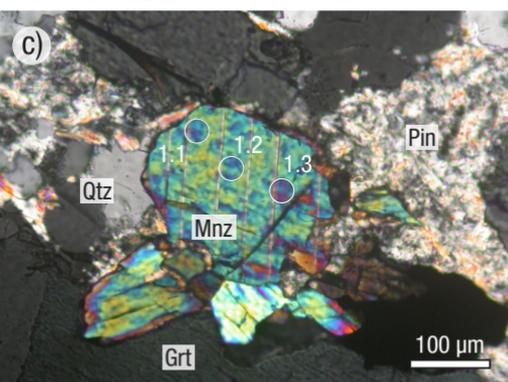
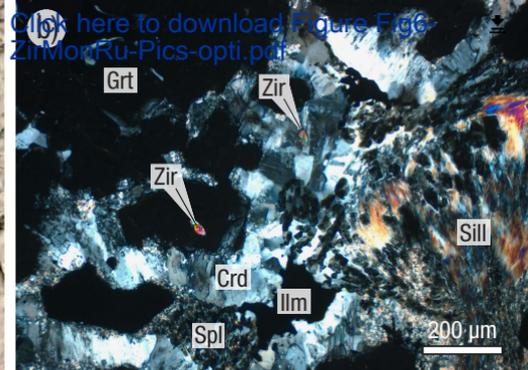
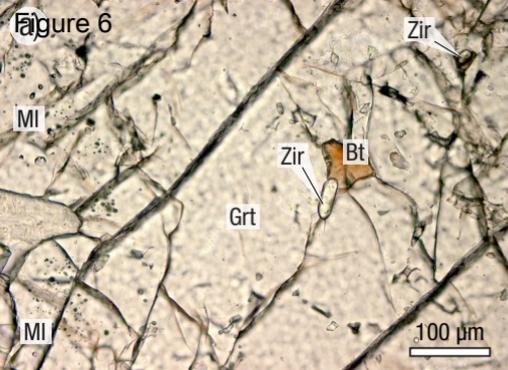
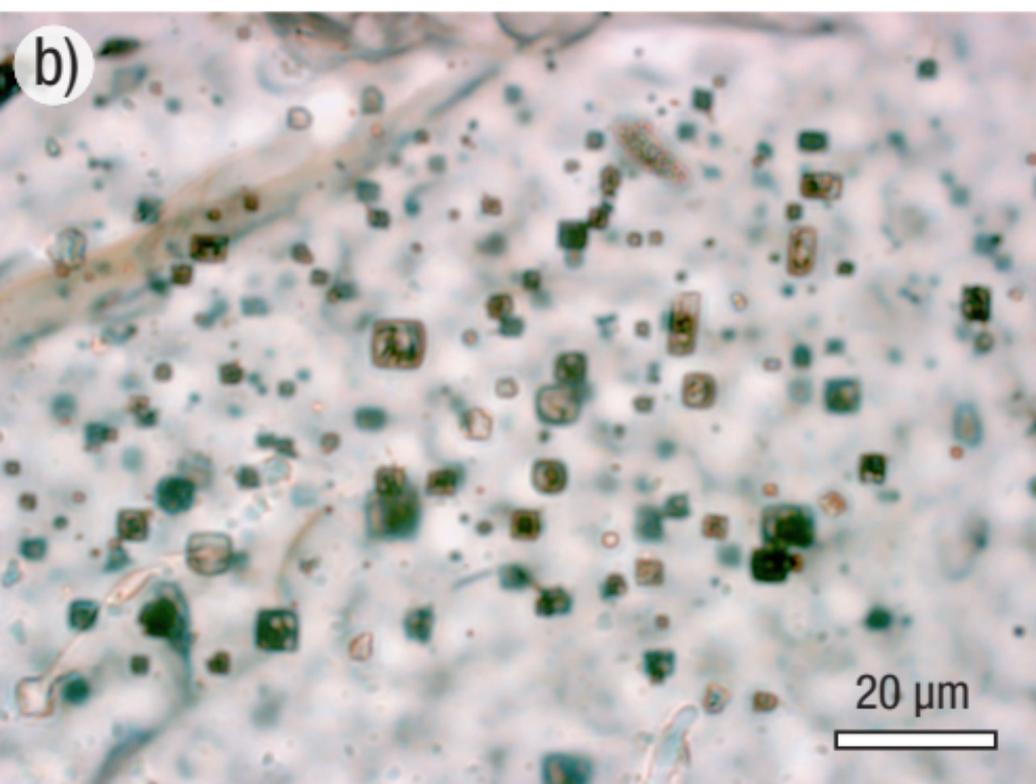
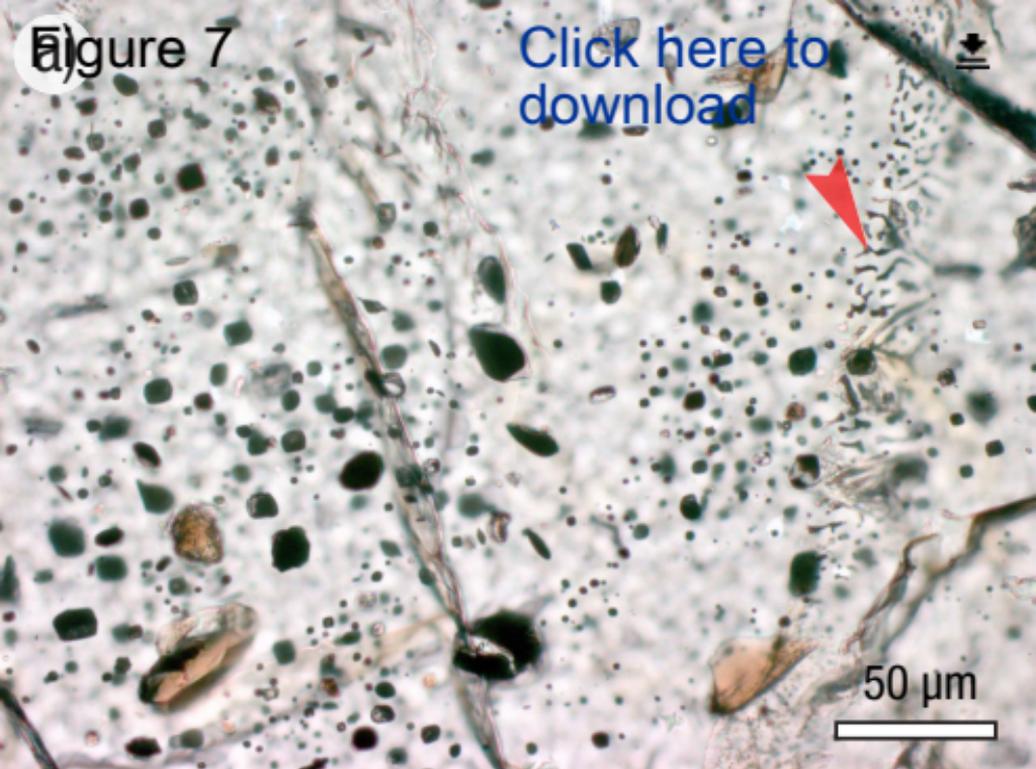
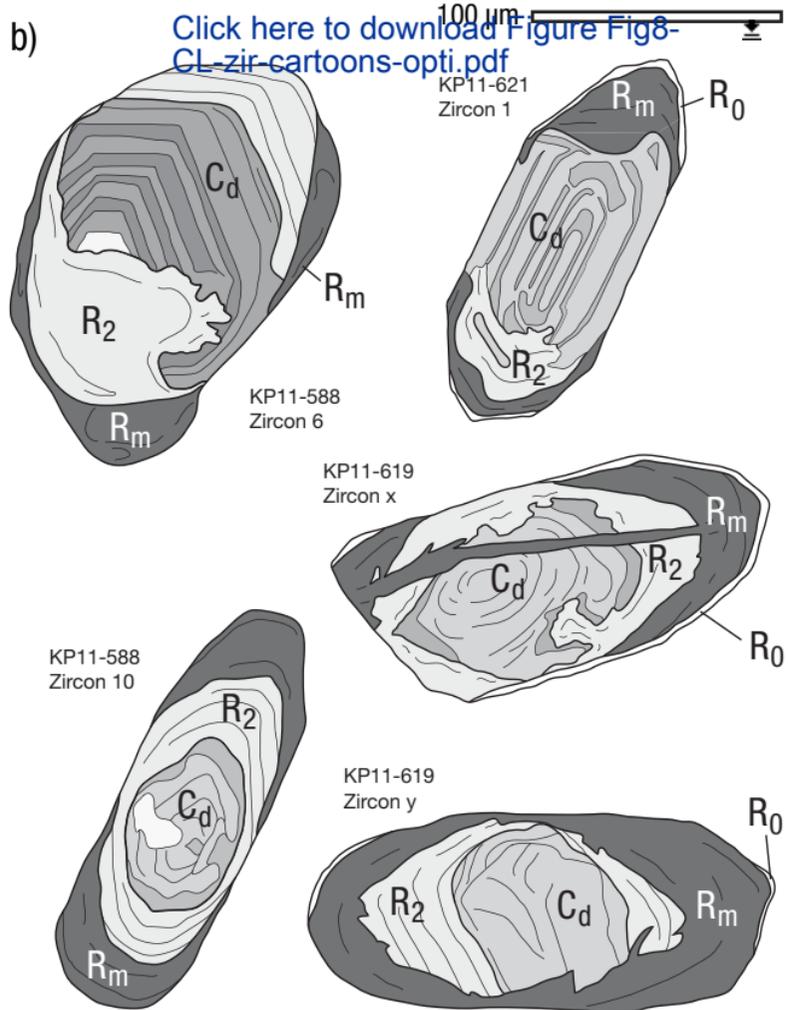
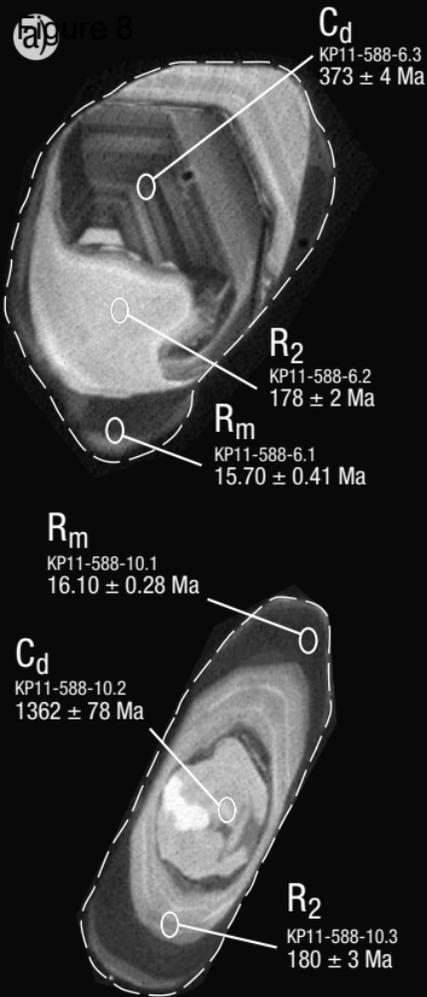


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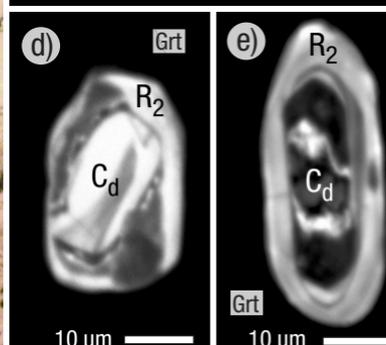
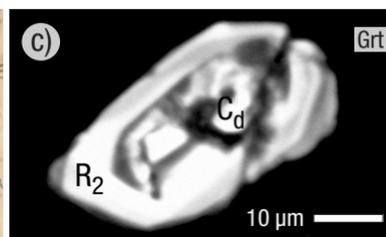
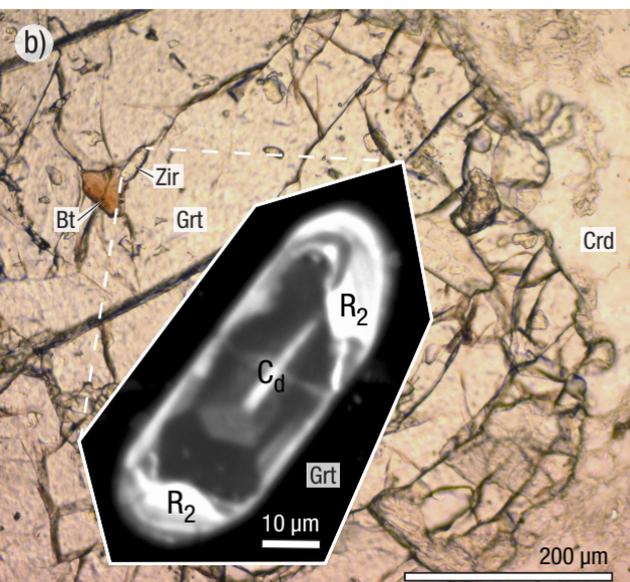
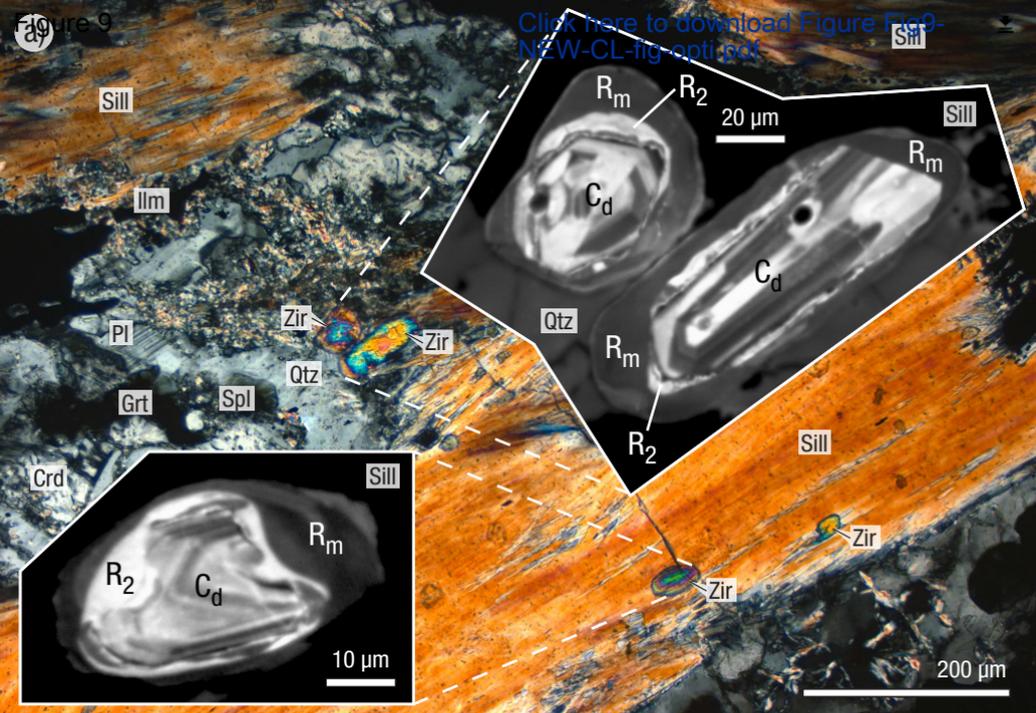
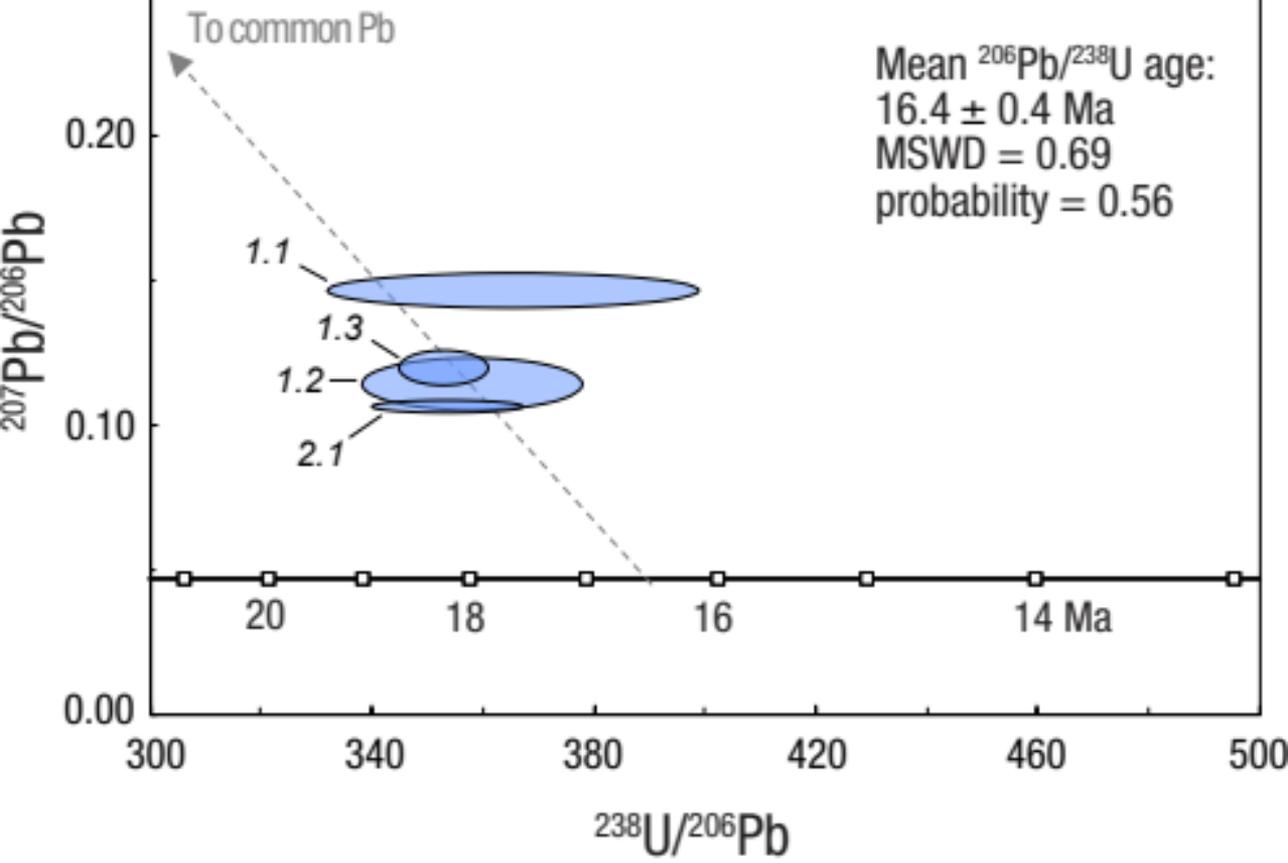


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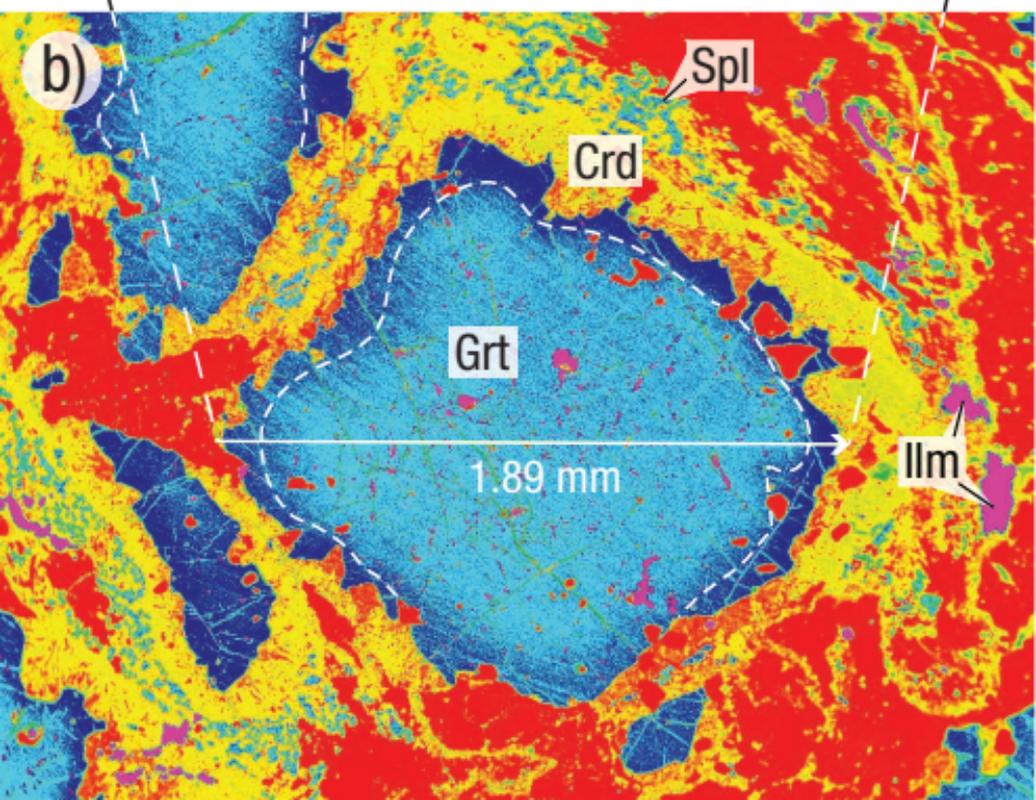
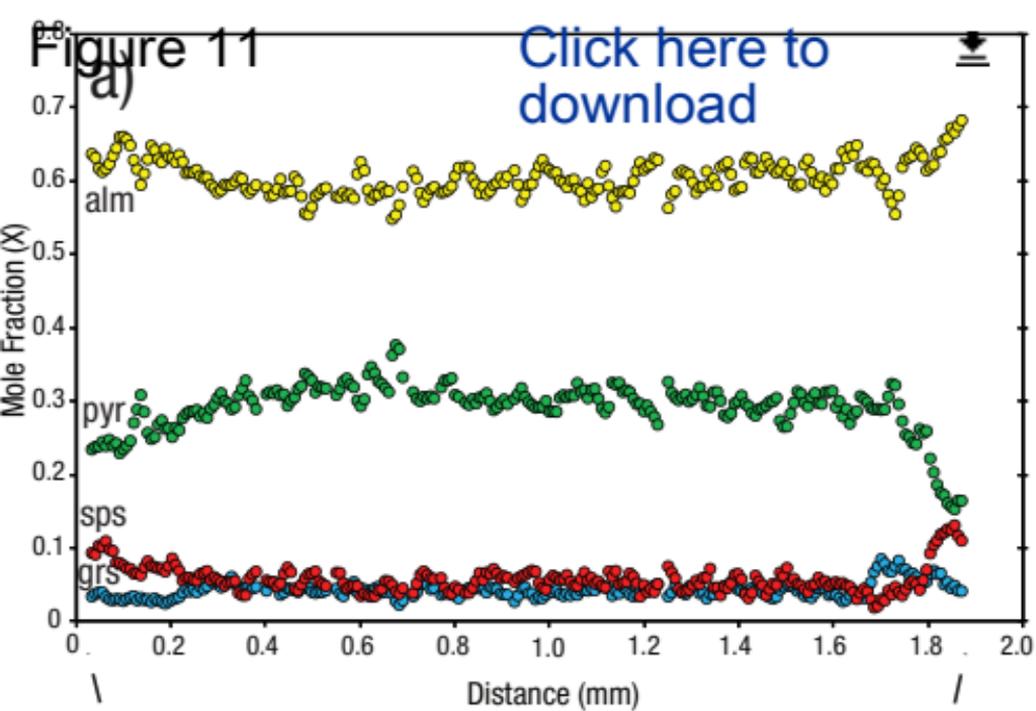
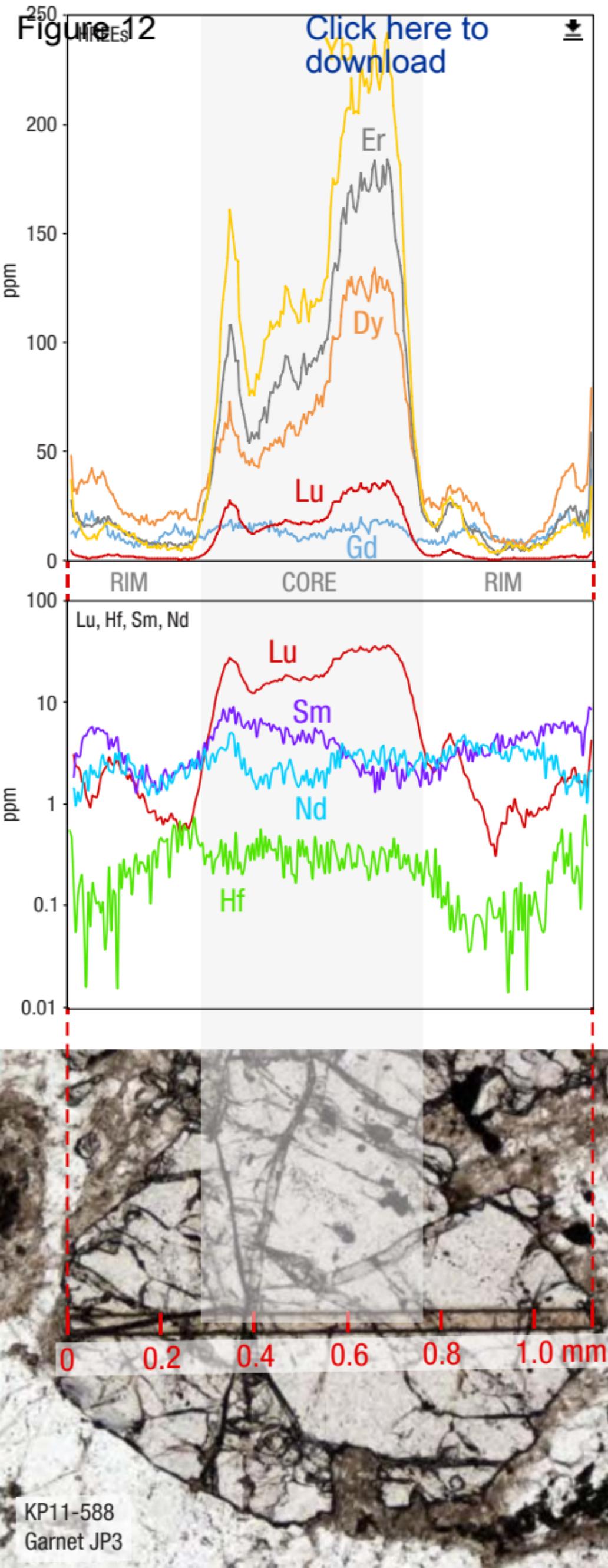
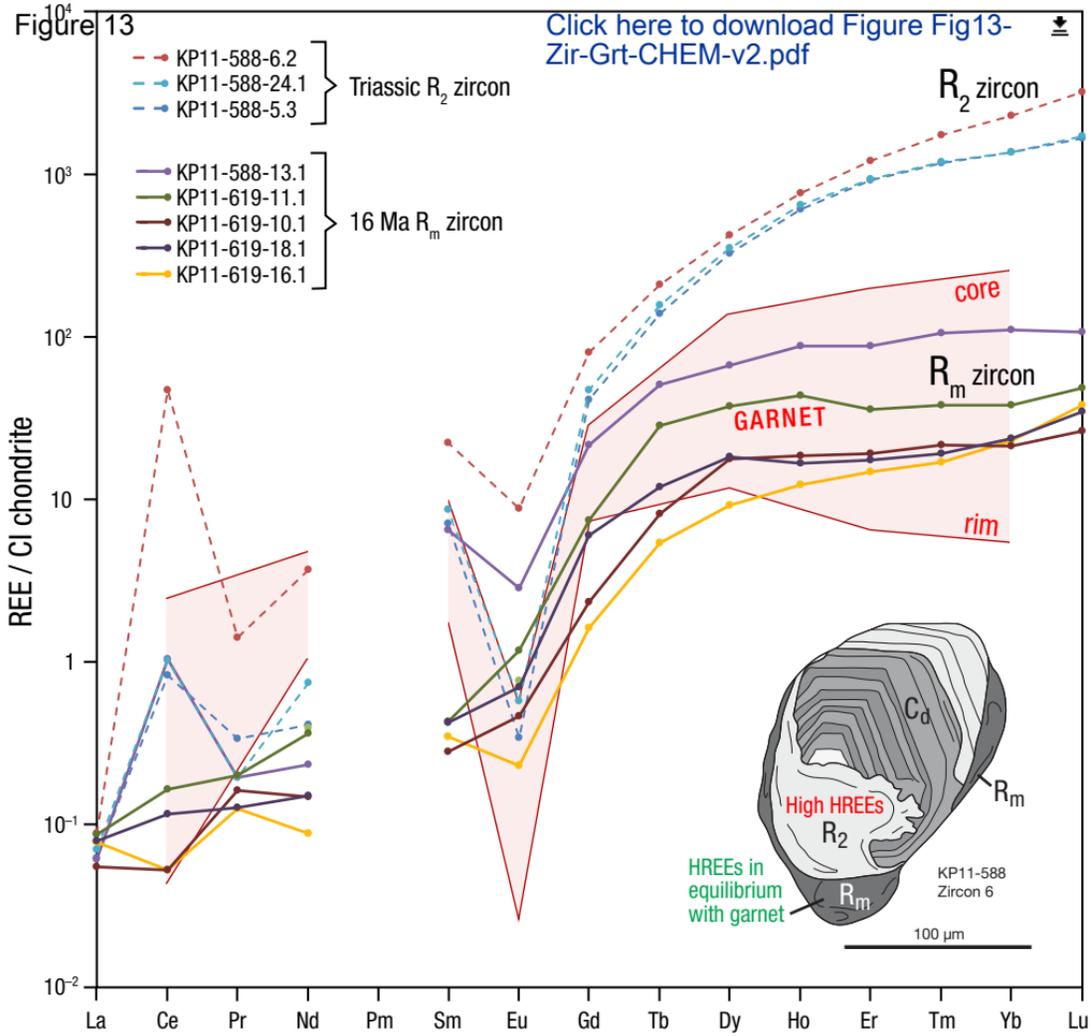


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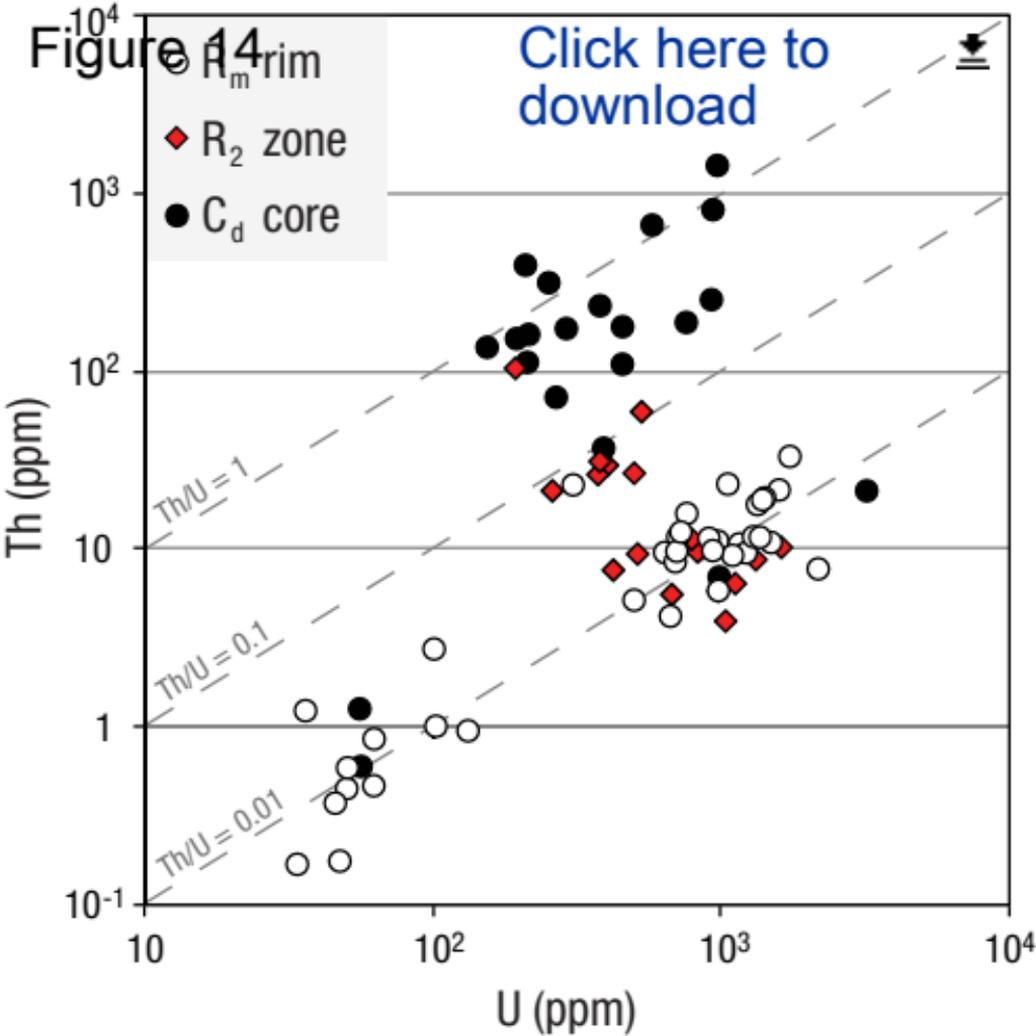


Figure 15
Watson et al. (2006)
Ferry & Watson (2007)

Ti-in-zircon Temperature (°C)

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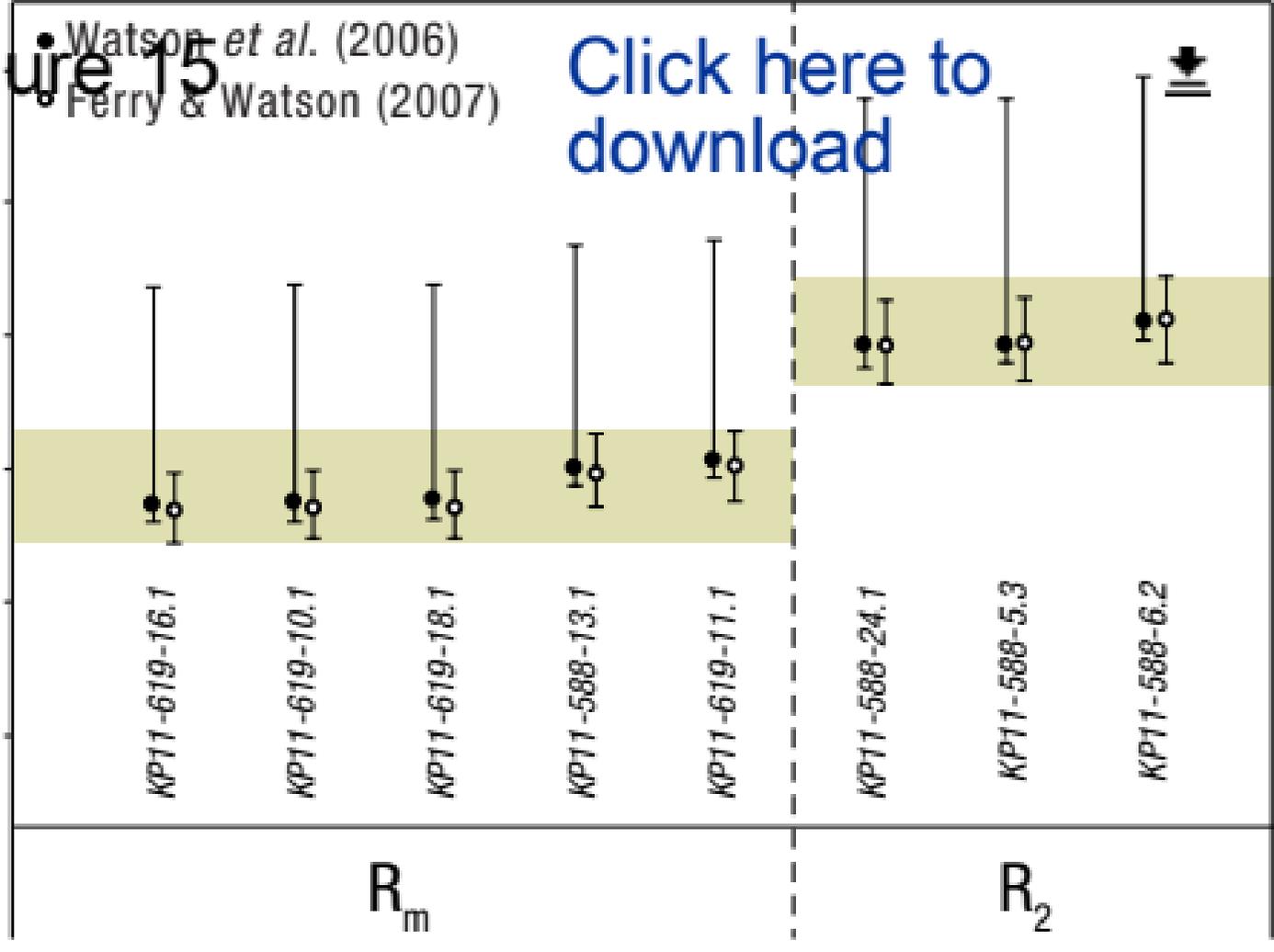
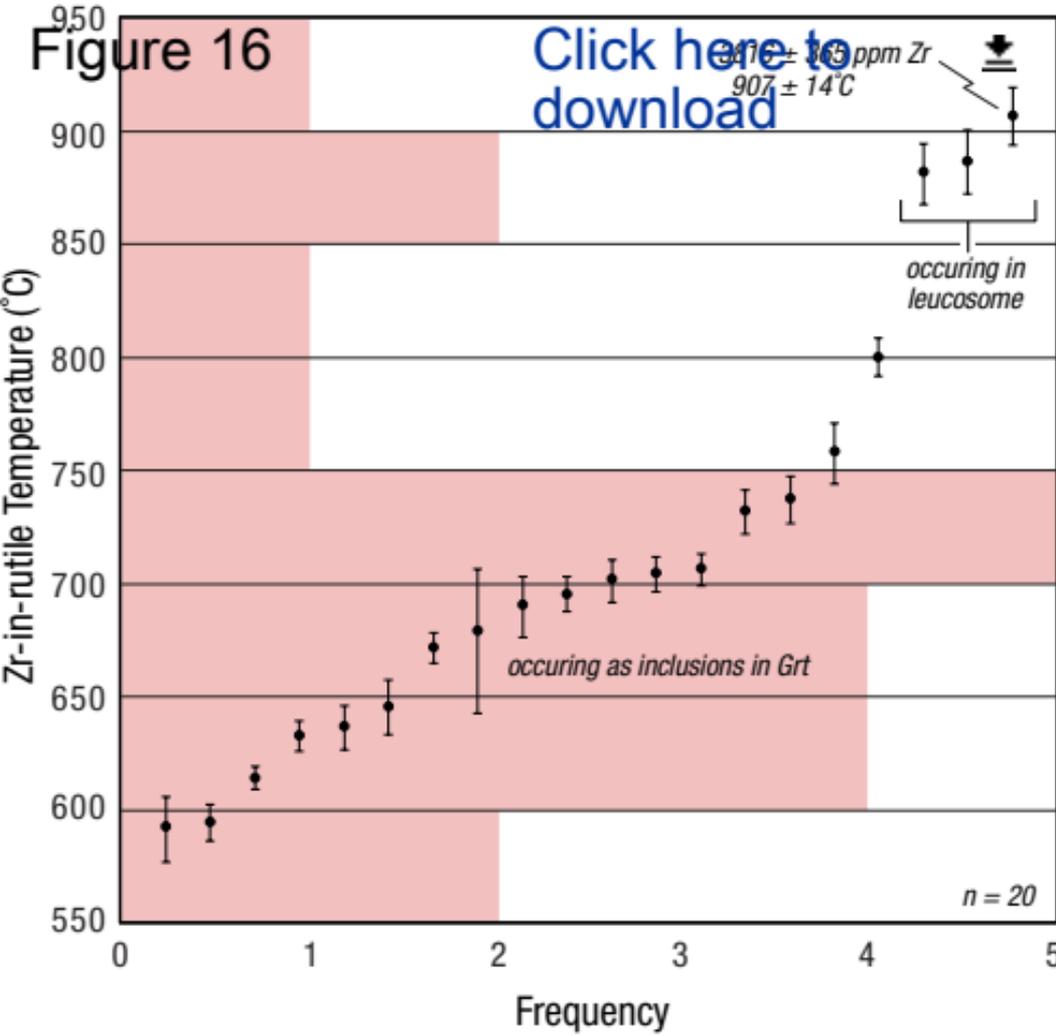


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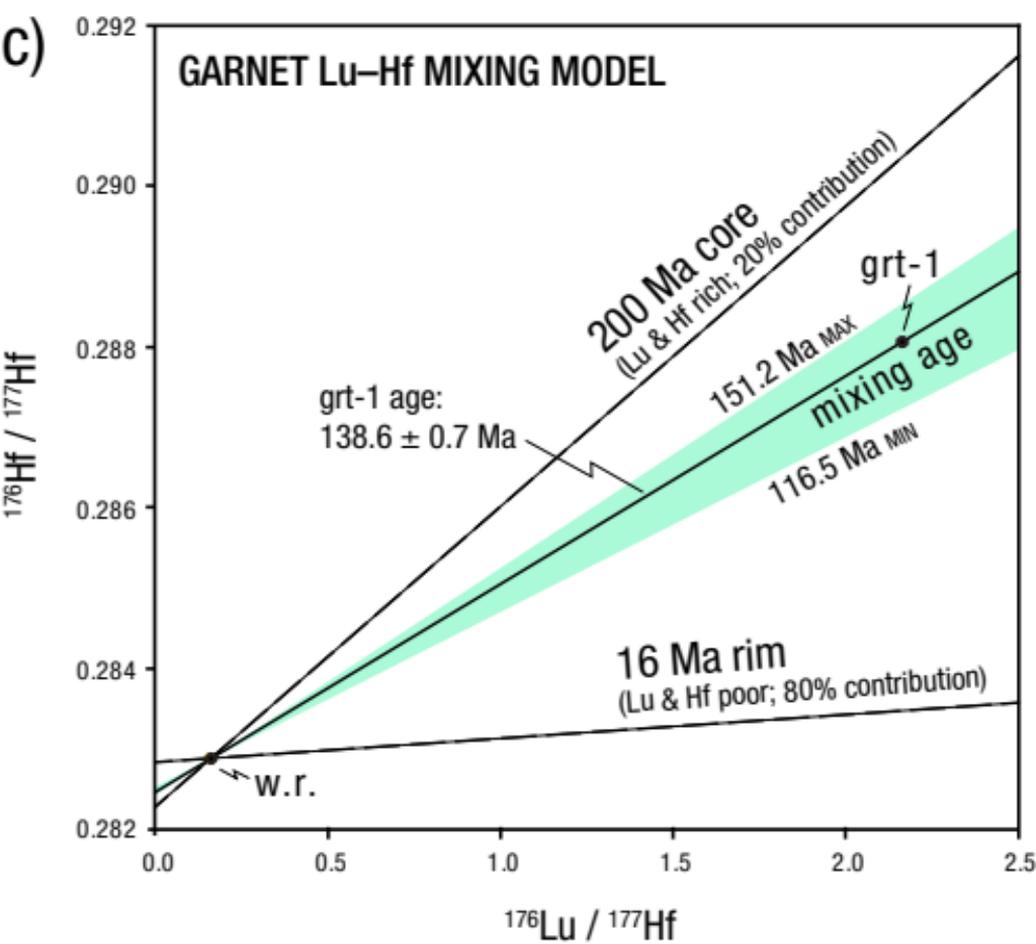
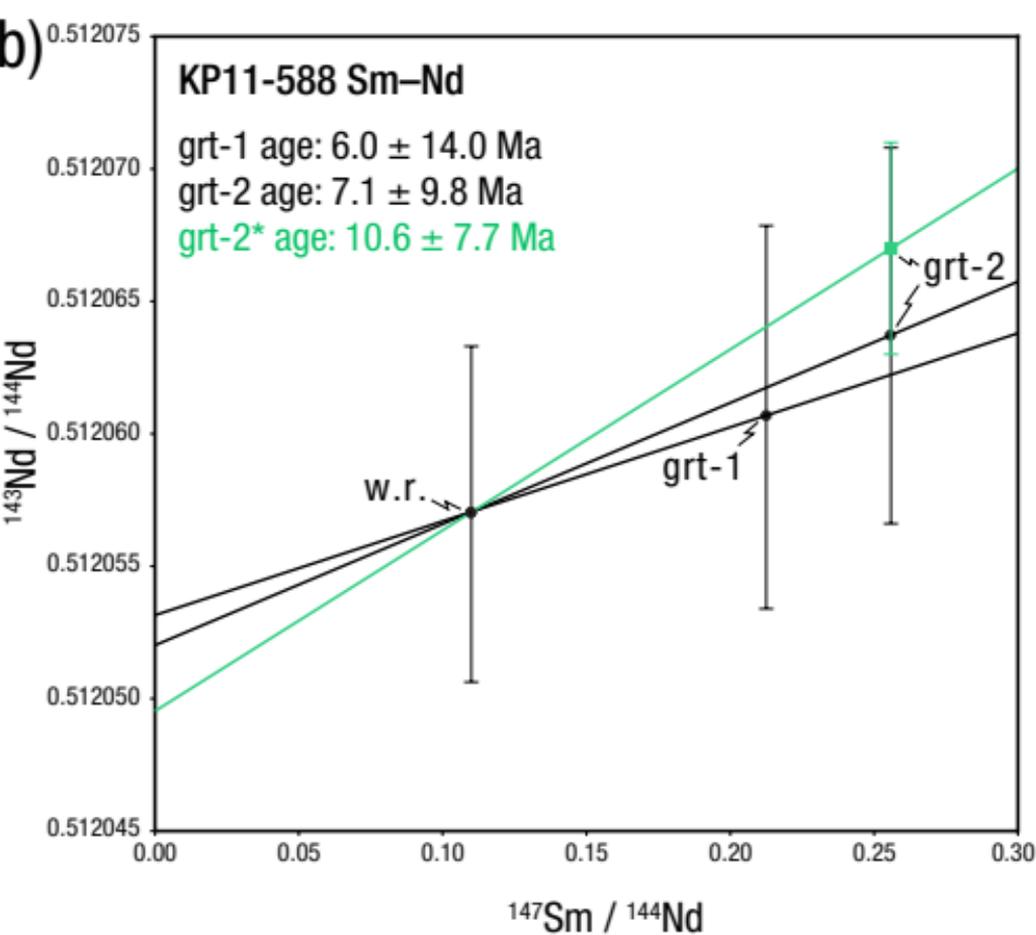
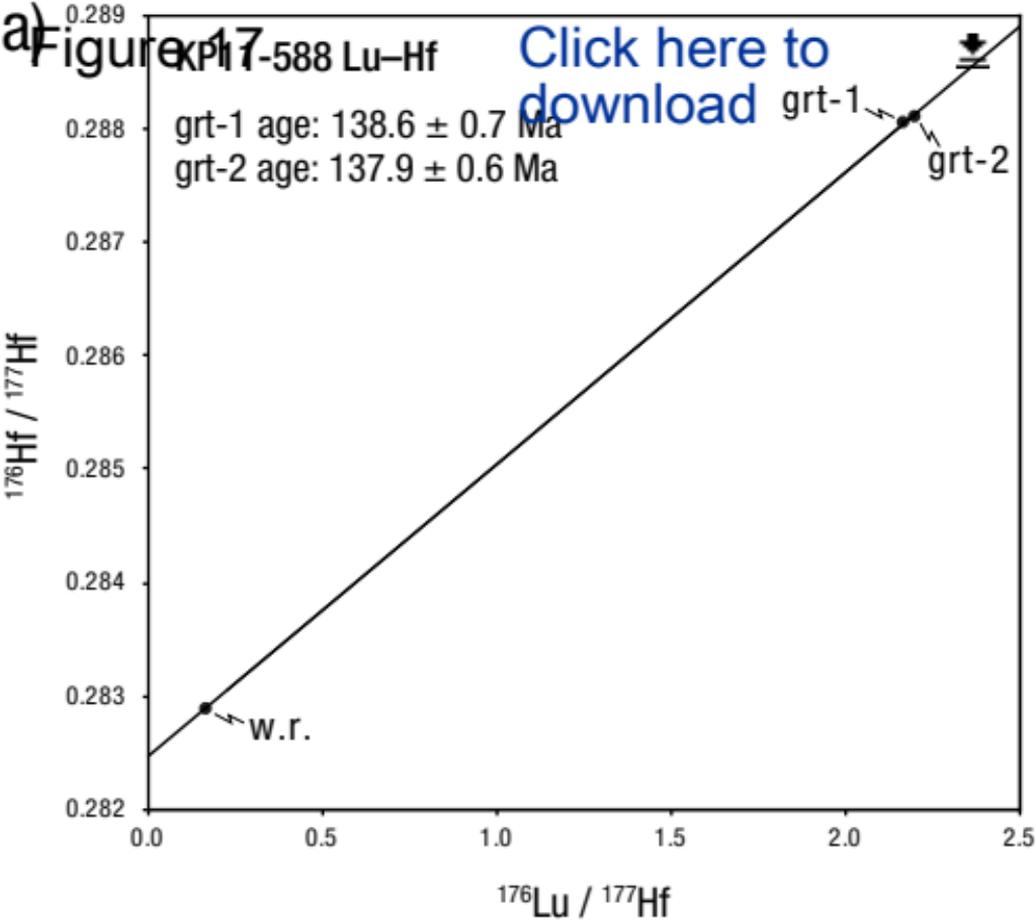
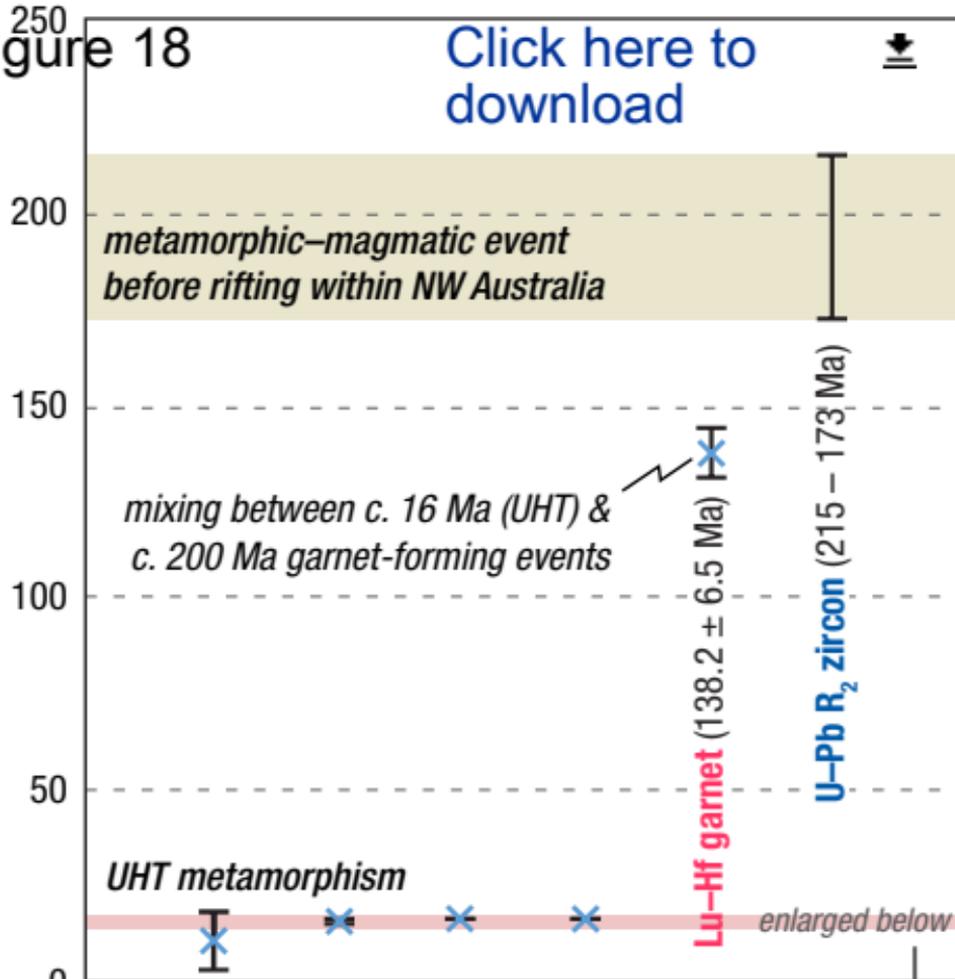


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Age (Ma)



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Sm-Nd garnet (10.6 ± 7.7 Ma)U-Pb R_m zircon (16.0 ± 0.6 Ma) $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ biotite (16.34 ± 0.04 Ma)U-Pb monazite (16.4 ± 0.4 Ma)

a) **Triassic**
Late Triassic

3400–216 Ma

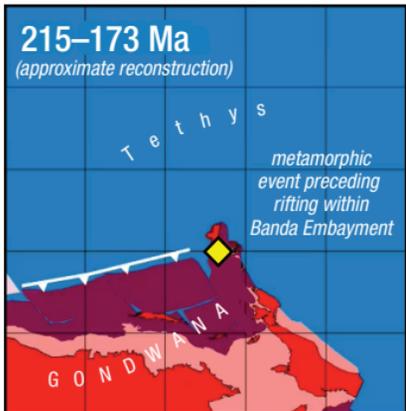
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Deposition of detrital zircon

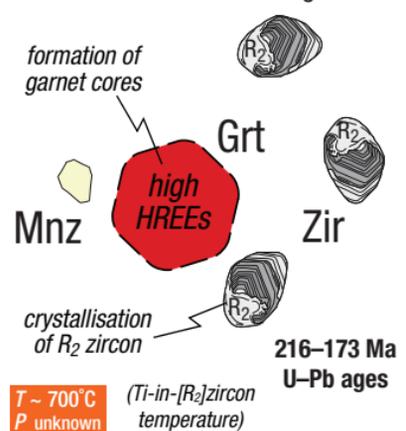


3400–170 Ma U-Pb ages

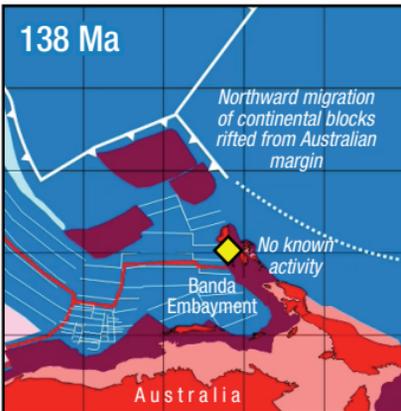
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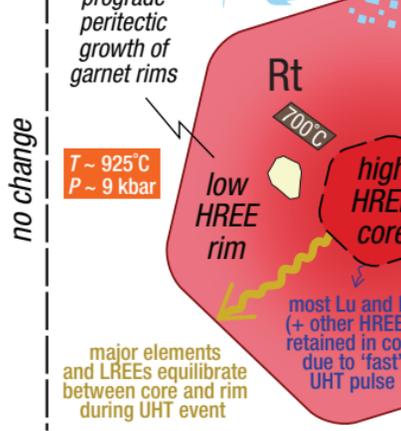
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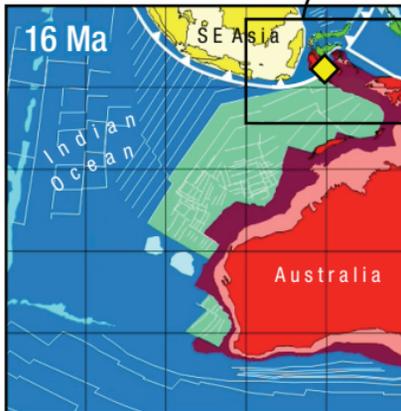
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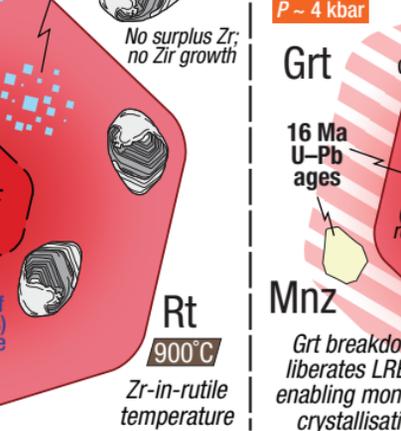
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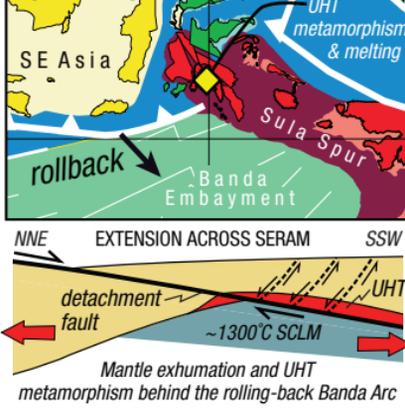
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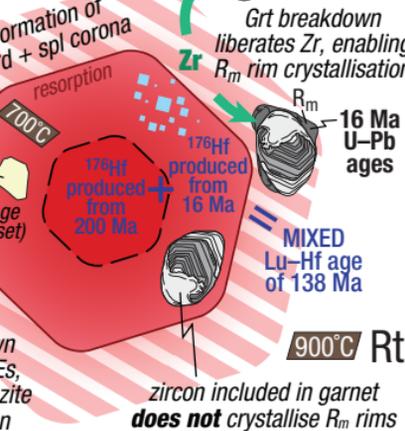
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e) **UHT metamorphism**



rapid decompression and cooling

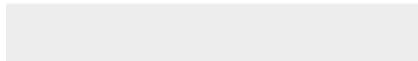
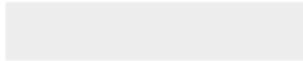


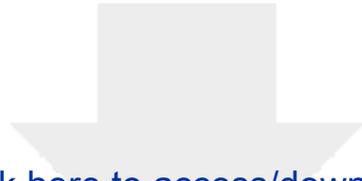


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