

Supplementary material

S1. Table of sample locations

Sample	Rock type	Location	Region	GPS	U-Pb/ Nd
12	Quartzo-feldspathic metasediment	Takdah	Darjeeling hills, W. Bengal	N27 00.810 E88 25.369	U-Pb
32	Orthogneiss	Rongli- Lingtam	East Sikkim	N27 13.200 E88 43.786	U-Pb
38x	Quartzo-feldspathic metasediment	Paiyong, nr.Kalimpong	Kalimpong hills, W.Bengal	N27 06.128 E88 32.542	U-Pb
49	Orthogneiss	Tashi viewpoint, Gangtok	North Sikkim	N27 21.472 E88 37.403	U-Pb
51x	garnet-staurolite-kyanite schist	Gangtok-Mangan waterwheel	North Sikkim	N27 25.159 E88 37.530	Nd
53	garnet schist	Rang Rang	North Sikkim	N27 27.958 E88 31.473	Nd
57	Garnet fibrolite schist	Myang	North Sikkim	N27 31.642 E88 36.396	Nd
58	Orthogneiss	Manul	North Sikkim	N27 30.864 E88 34.964	U-Pb
59a	garnet-staurolite-kyanite schist	Singhik	North Sikkim	N27 30.956 E88 33.454	Nd
64a	sillimanite mica schist	Toong	North Sikkim	N27 33.637 E88 39.152	Nd
66	garnet gneiss	Chungthang-Lachung	North Sikkim	N27 37.233 E88 39.729	Nd
82	garnet mica schist	Pedong	Kalimpong hills- W.Bengal	N27 07.153 E88 35.209	Nd
94	garnet mica	Sangkalang	North Sikkim	N27 31.965 E88	Nd

	schist			30.591	
97	mica schist	Mangan petrol pump	North Sikkim	N27 29.534 E88 31.686	Nd
106	garnet mica schist	Rishop	Kalimpong hills- W.Bengal	N27 06.357 E88 38.734	Nd
115	Orthogneiss	Lava	Kalimpong hills, W.Bengal	N27 04.993 E88 40.191	U-Pb
123	fibrolite mica schist	Neora valley	Kalimpong hills- W.Bengal	N27 06.170 E88 40.405	Nd
147	kyanite- fibrolite schist	Lava road	Kalimpong hills- W.Bengal	N27 01.742 E88 42.062	Nd
149	chlorite- muscovite phyllite	Lava road	Kalimpong hills- W.Bengal	N27 00.124 E88 41.876	Nd
156	garnet mica schist	Lolaygoan	Kalimpong hills- W.Bengal	N27 04.290 E88 36.886	Nd
159	fibrolite mica schist	Lolaygoan	Kalimpong hills- W.Bengal	N27 01.117 E88 33.829	Nd
161	Quartzite	Lolaygoan	Kalimpong hills, W.Bengal	N27 03.395 E88 34.359	U-Pb
203	Quartz-rich metasediment	Dikchu	North/ Central Sikkim	N27 24.794 E88 30.940	U-Pb
211	Quartzite	Rongli Dam	East Sikkim	N27 12.332 E88 42.810	U-Pb
214x	garnet- kyanite- sillimanite gneiss	Yoksom	West Sikkim	N27 21.362 E88 13.237	Nd

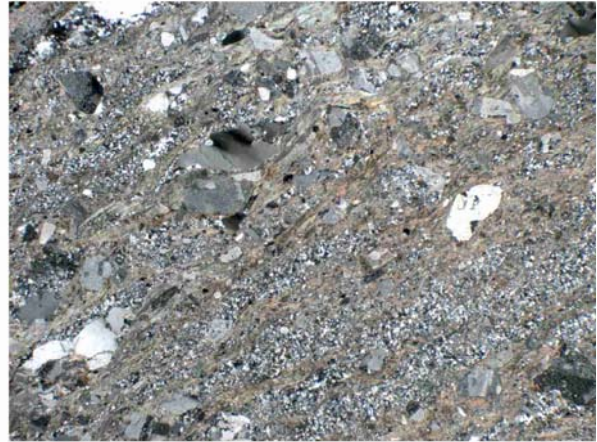
233	Orthogneiss	Pelling-Yoksom road	West Sikkim	N27 18.405 E88 11.967	U-Pb
245	Orthogneiss	Pelling-Dentam road	West Sikkim	N27 16.669 E88 10.075	U-Pb
246a	sillimanite mica schist	Dentam	West Sikkim	N27 16.456 E88 10.333	Nd
267	garnet-2nd sillimanite gneiss	Kabur	West Sikkim	N27 15.512 E88 09.255	Nd
275	garnet fibrolite schist	Pelling	West Sikkim	N27 18.308 E88 12.495	Nd
278	garnet- staurolite- kyanite schist	Pelling	West Sikkim	N27 18.015 E88 13.286	Nd
280	Orthogneiss	Lachung	North Sikkim	N27 41.159 E88 44.312	U-Pb
292	Quartzite	Chungthang	North Sikkim	N27 36.094 E88 38.741	U-Pb

S2. Photomicrographs of samples

12- quartzo-feldspathic metasedimentary rock



PPL- 28 mm field of view

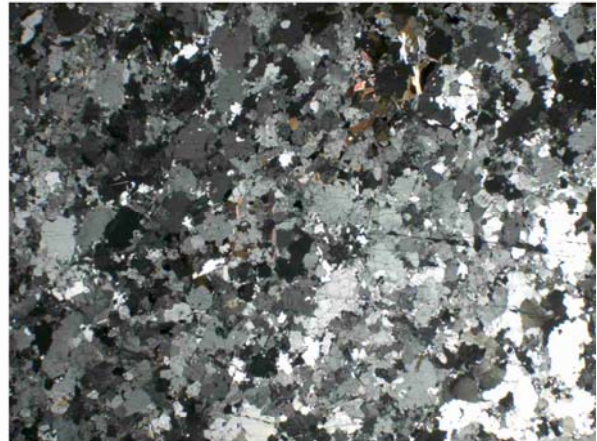


XPL- 28 mm field of view

32- orthogneiss

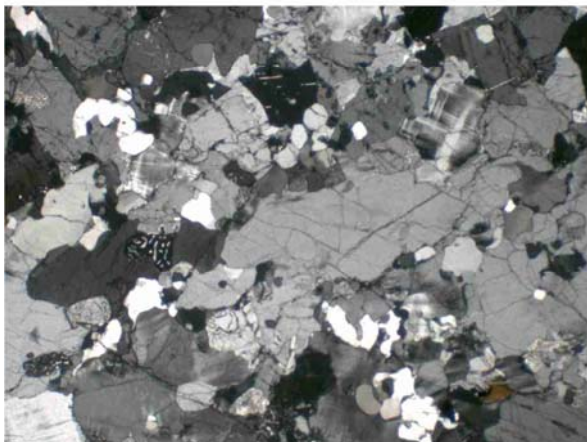


PPL- 25 mm field of view



XPL- 25 mm field of view

32- melt textures



XPL- 4 mm field of view (melt textures)

38x- quartzo-feldspathic metasedimentary rock

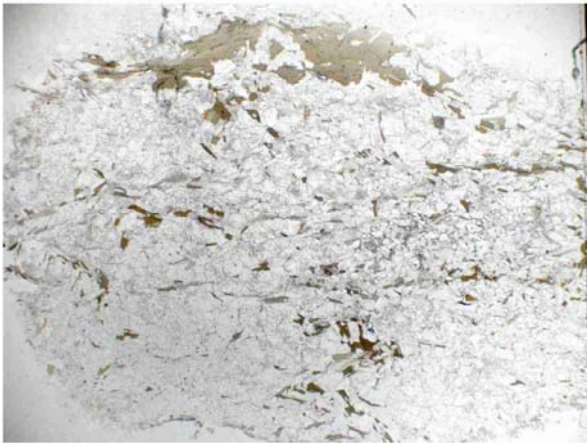


PPL- 14 mm field of view



XPL- 14 mm field of view

49- orthogneiss (micaceous)



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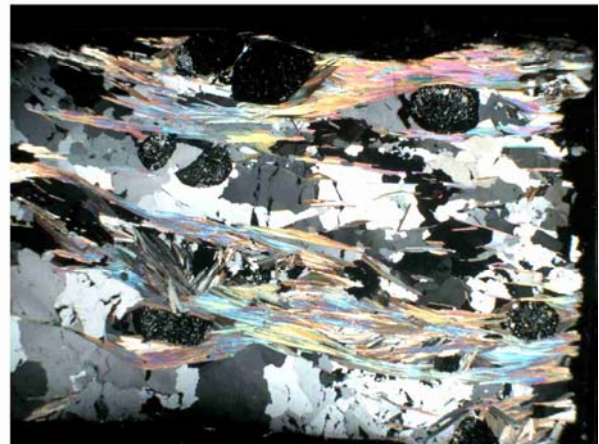


XPL- 28 mm field of view

51x- garnet-staurolite-kyanite schist

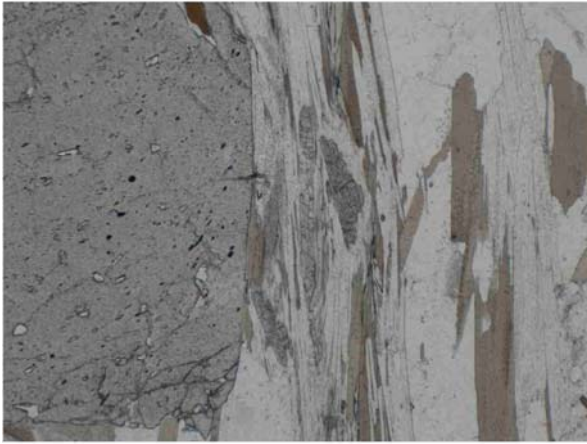


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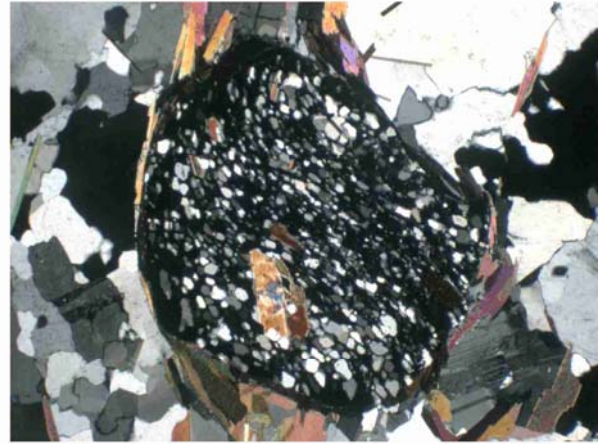


XPL- 26 mm field of view

51x- key minerals

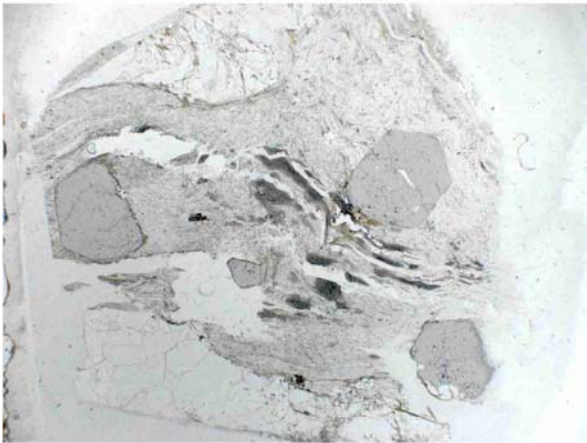


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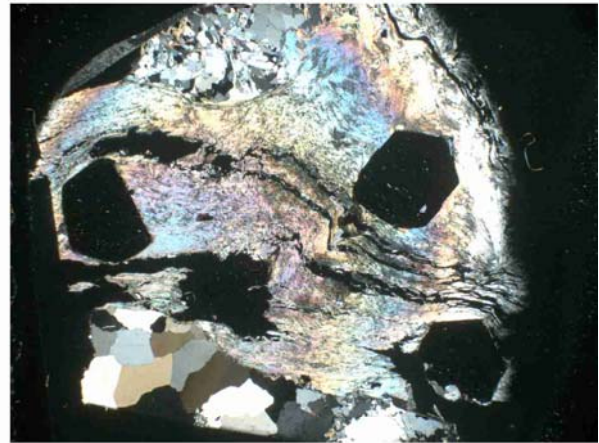


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53- garnet mica schist

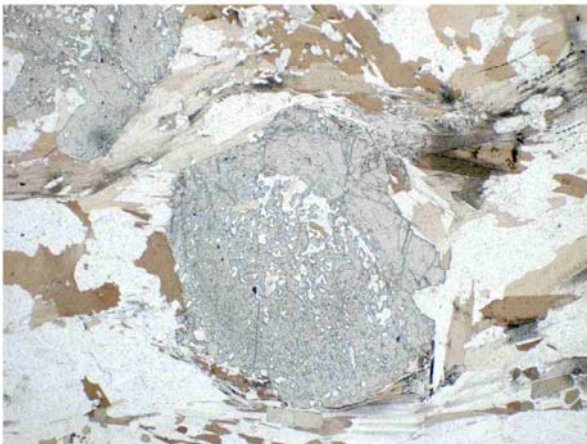


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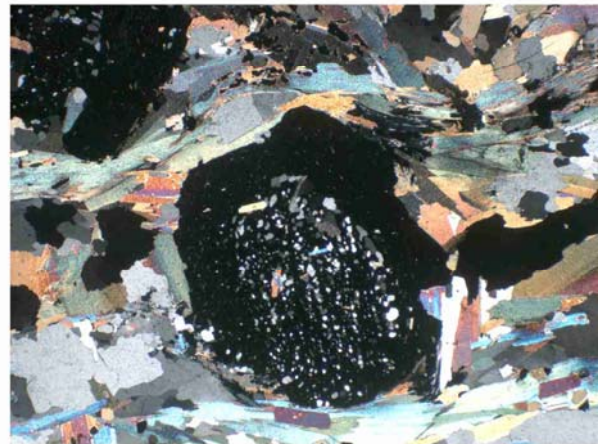


XPL- 25 mm field of view

57- garnet-fibrolite schist



PPL- 7 mm field of view

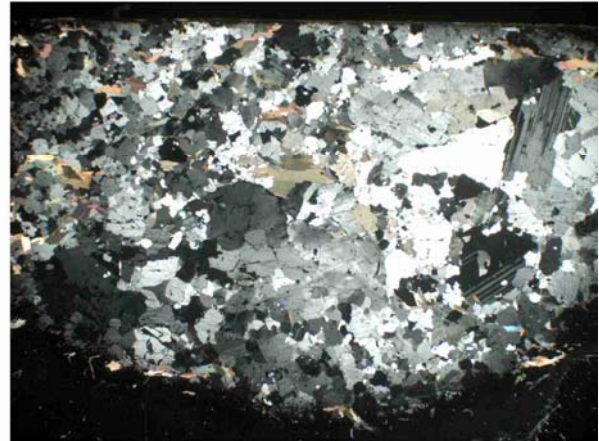


XPL- 7 mm field of view

58- orthogneiss



PPL- 28 mm field of view



XPL- 28 mm field of view

59a- garnet-staurolite-kyanite schist



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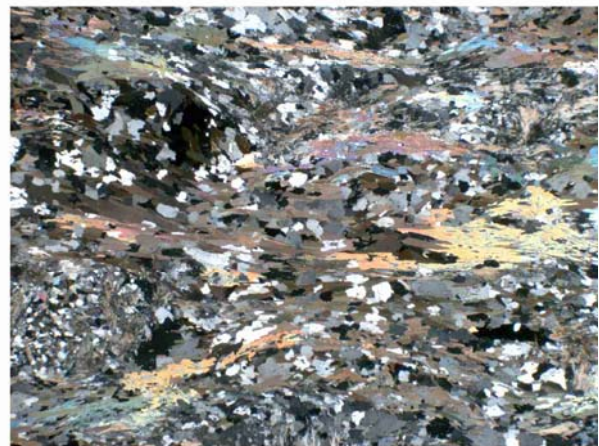


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64a- sillimanite-mica schist

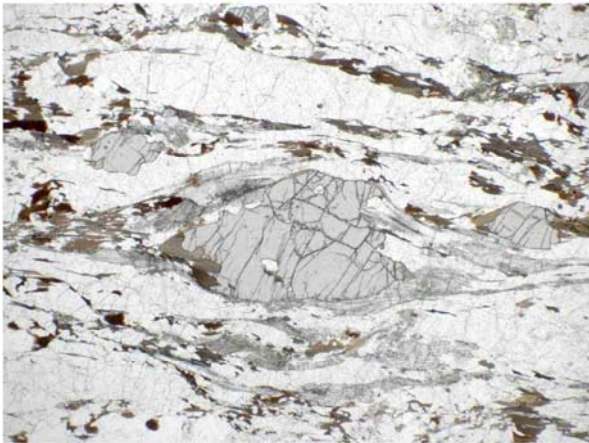


PPL- 20 mm field of view



XPL- 20 mm field of view

66- garnet gneiss

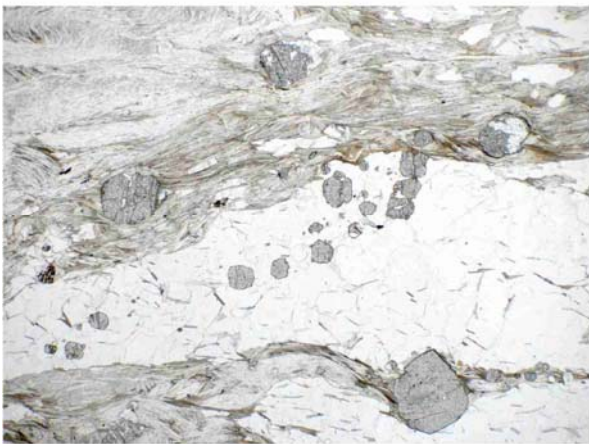


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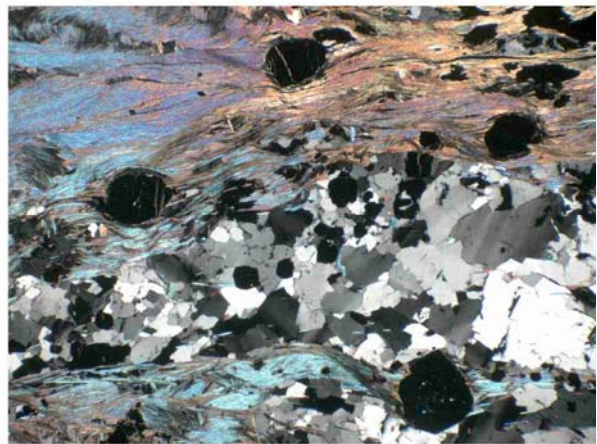


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82- garnet-mica schist

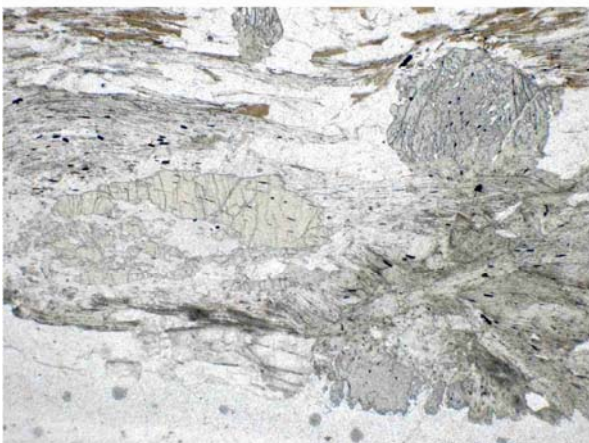


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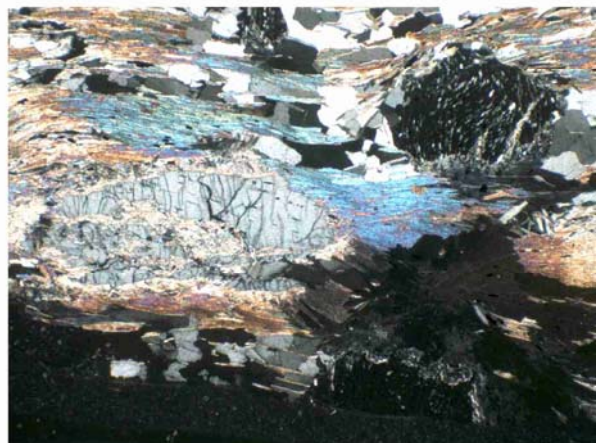


XPL- 22 mm field of view

94 garnet-mica schist



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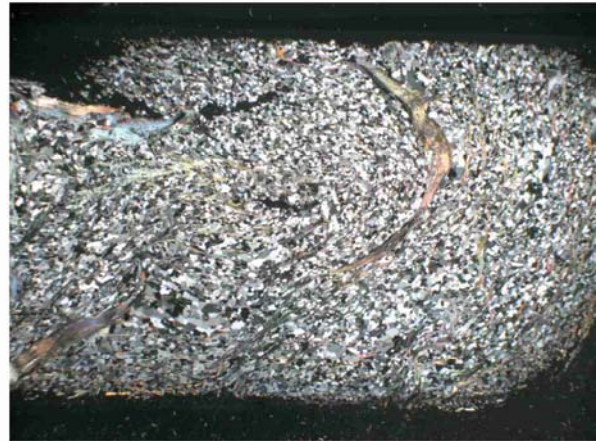


XPL- 7 mm field of view

97- mica schist



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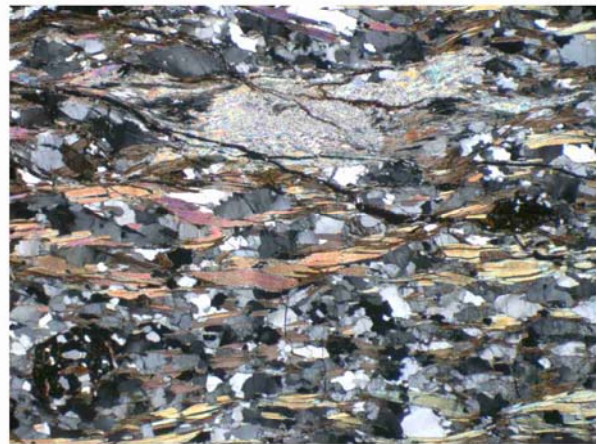


XPL- 28 mm field of view

106- garnet-mica schist



PPL- 6 mm field of view



XPL- 6 mm field of view

115 orthogneiss



PPL- 28 mm field of view



XPL- 28 mm field of view

123- fibrolite mica schist

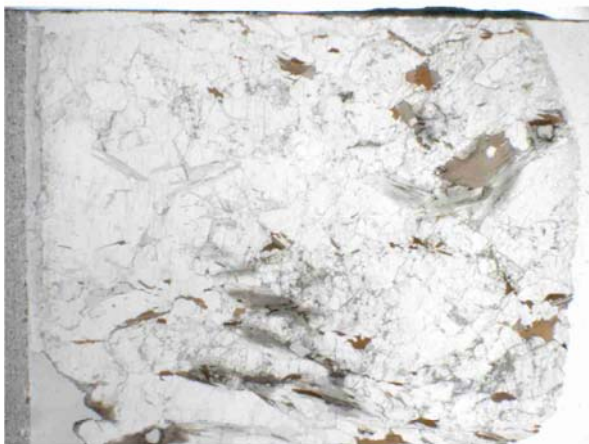


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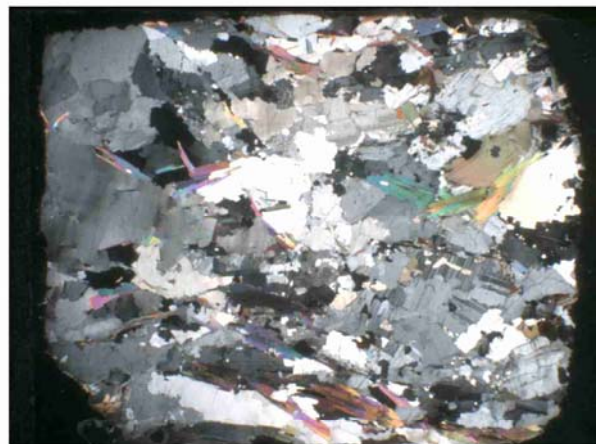


XPL- 28 mm field of view

147- kyanite-fibrolite schist

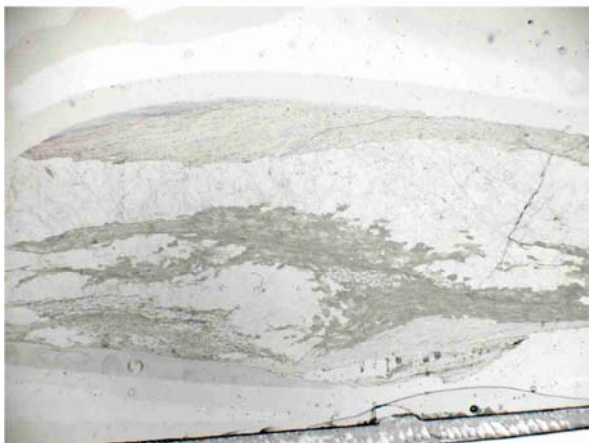


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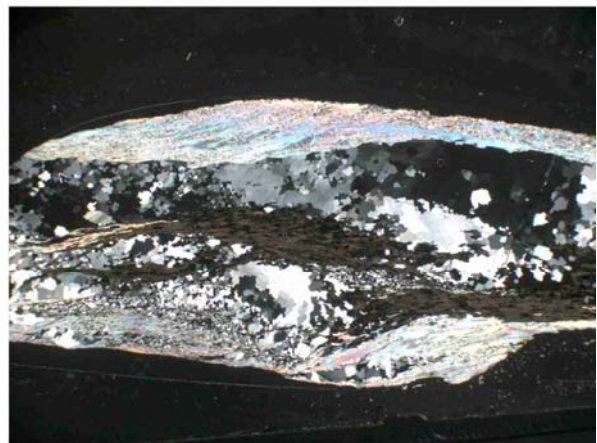


XPL- 28 mm field of view

149- chlorite-muscovite schist



PPL- 28 mm field of view



XPL- 28 mm field of view

156- garnet mica schist

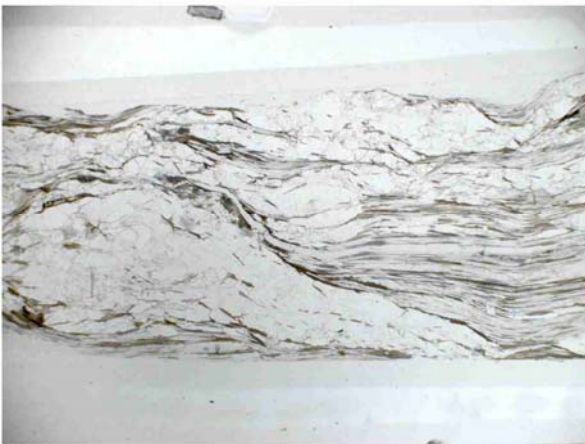


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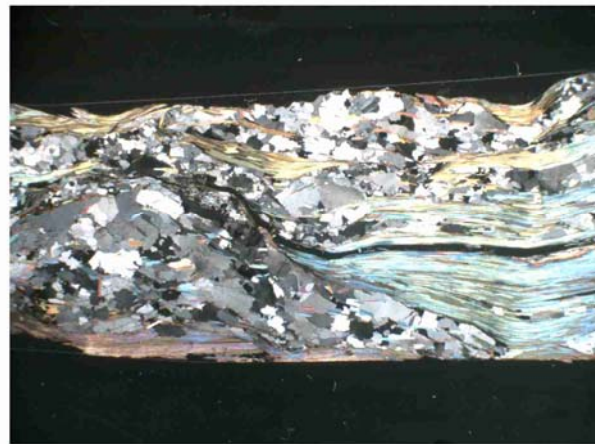


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159- fibrolite-mica schist

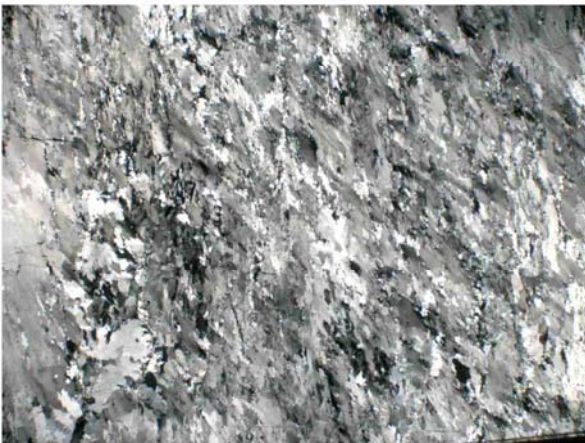


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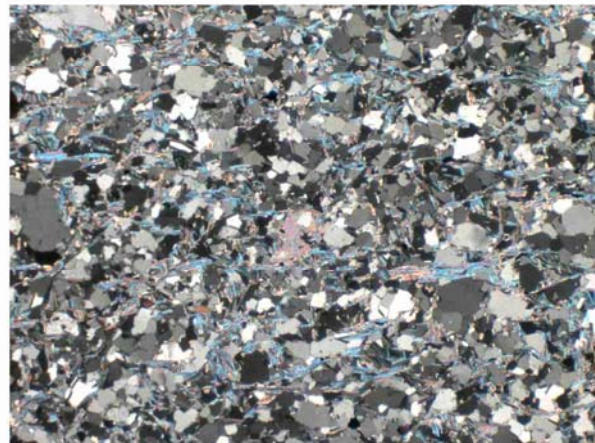
XPL- 28 mm field of view

161- quartzite



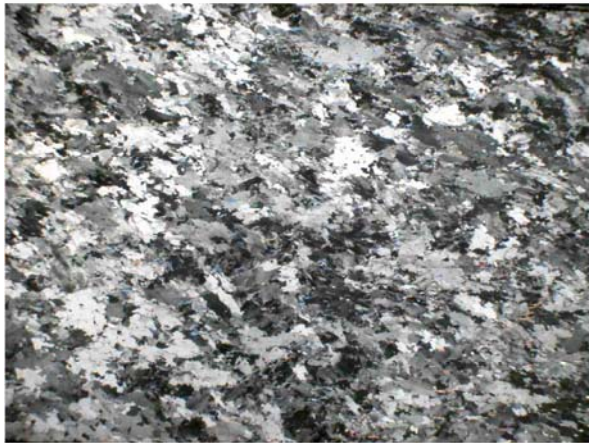
XPL- 28 mm field of view

203- quart-rich metasedimentary rock



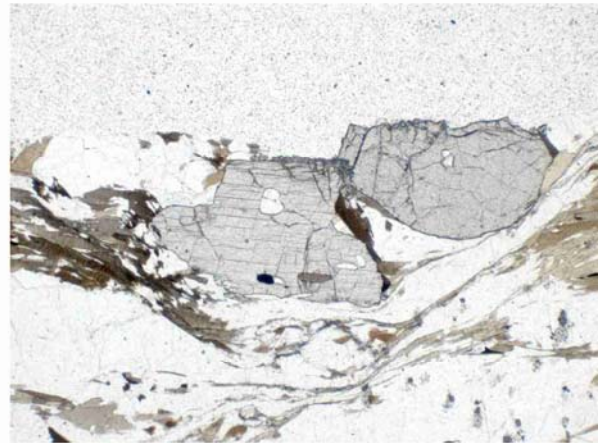
XPL- 28 mm field of view

211- quartzite



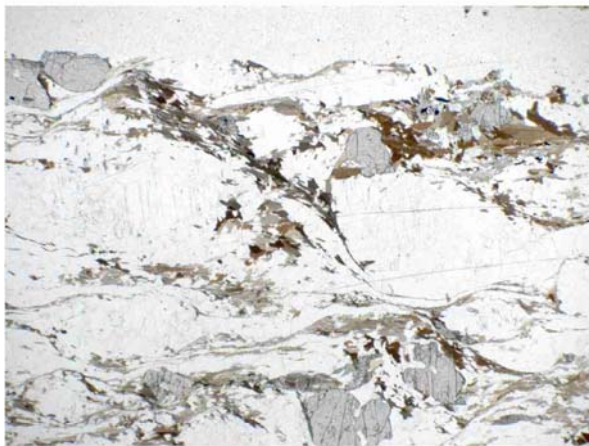
PPL- 28 mm field of view

214x- garnet-kyanite-sillimanite gneiss

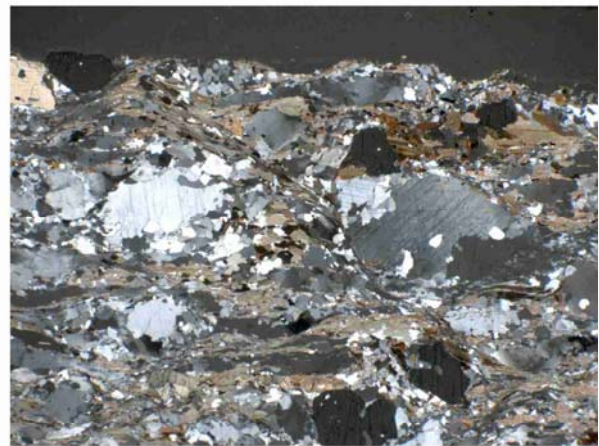


PPL- 4 mm field of view (garnet, kyanite)

214x- garnet-kyanite-sillimanite gneiss

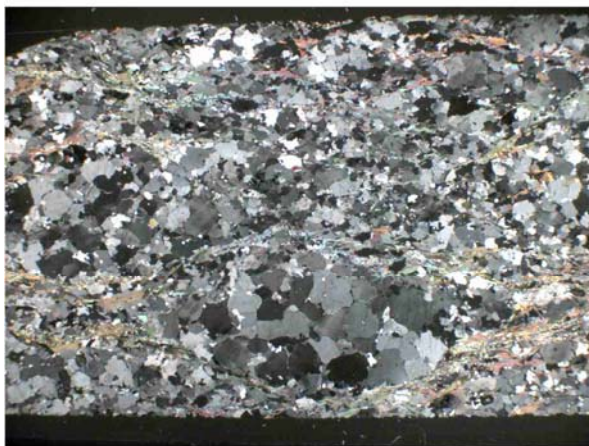


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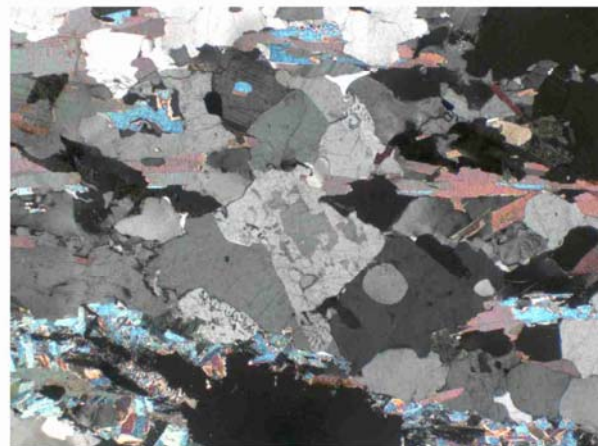


XPL- 28 mm field of view

233- orthogneiss (micaceous)

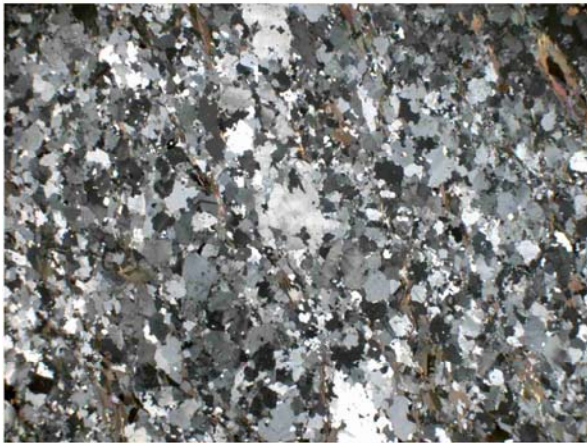


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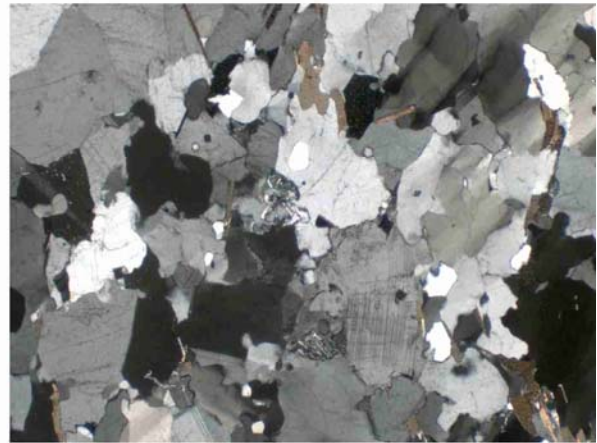


XPL- 3.5 mm field of view (melt texture)

245- orthogneiss



XPL- 28 mm field of view

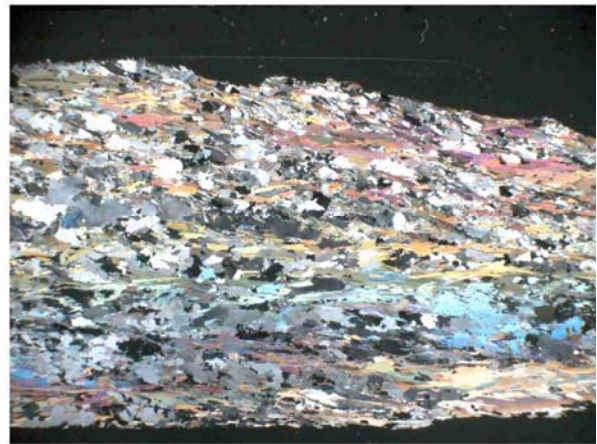


XPL- 3.5 mm field of view (melt texture)

246a- sillimanite-mica schist



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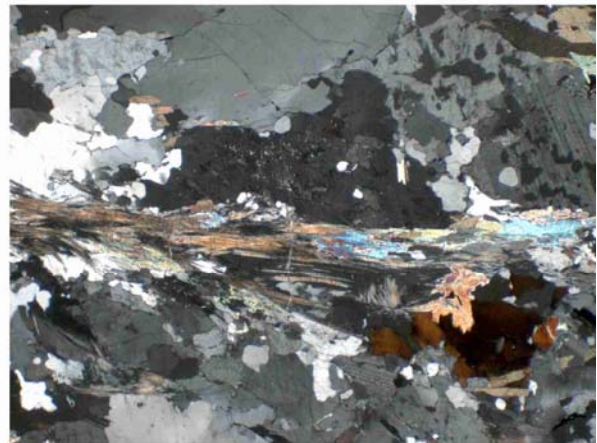


XPL- 28 mm field of view

267- garnet-sillimanite gneiss

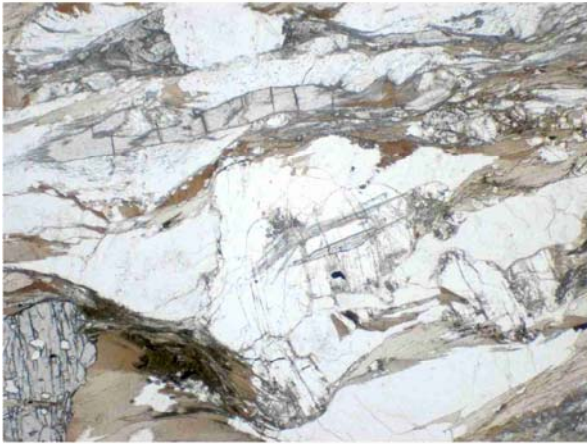


PPL- 5 mm field of view



XPL- 5 mm field of view (melt texture)

275- garnet fibrolite schist

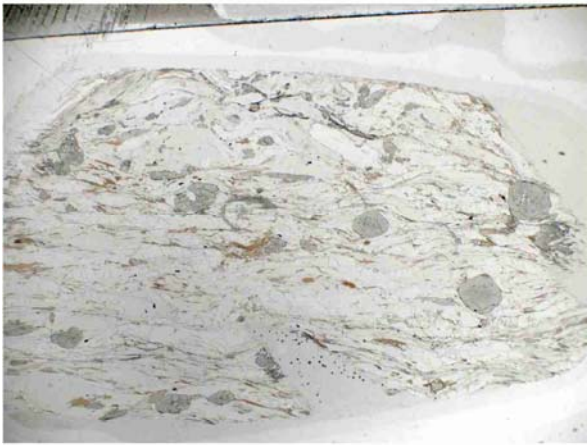


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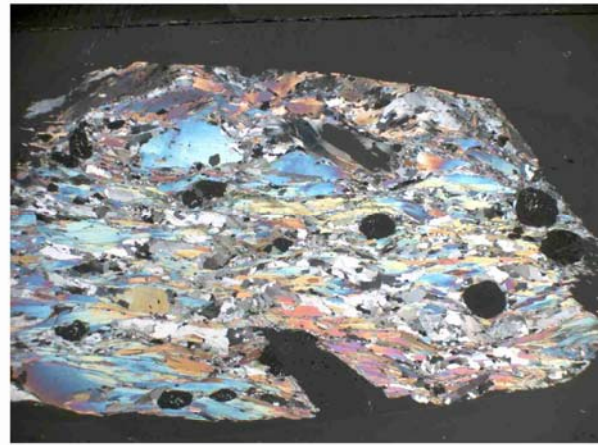


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278- garnet-staurolite-kyanite schist

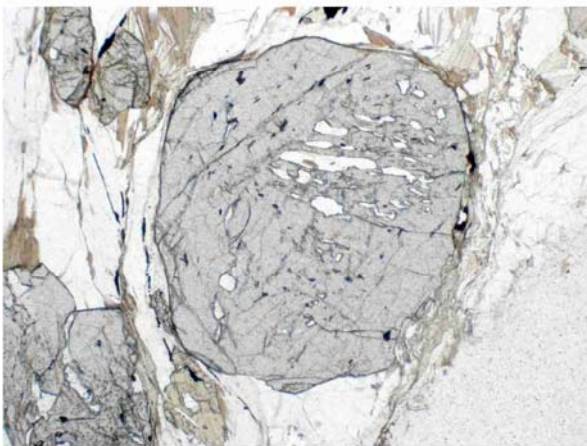


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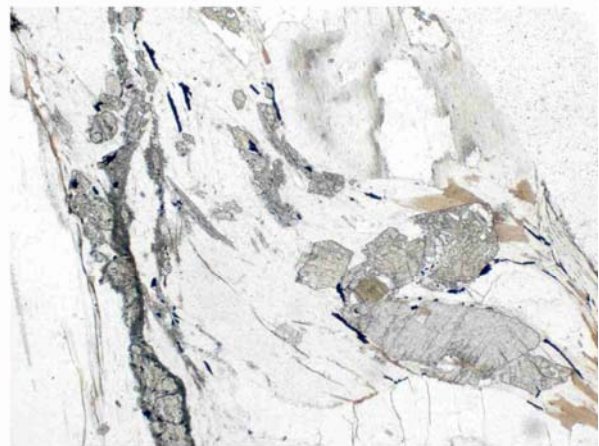


XPL- 28 mm field of view

278- key minerals

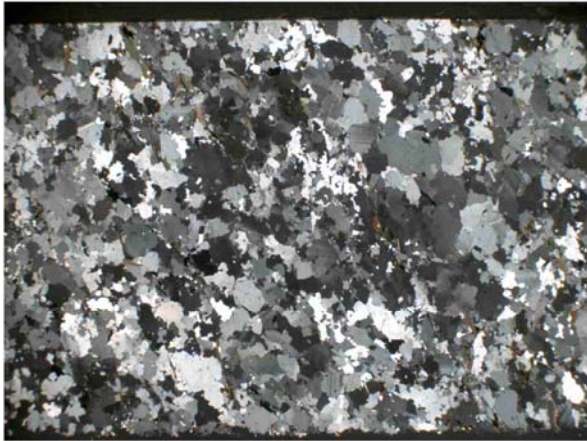


PPL- 3.5 mm field of view (garnet)

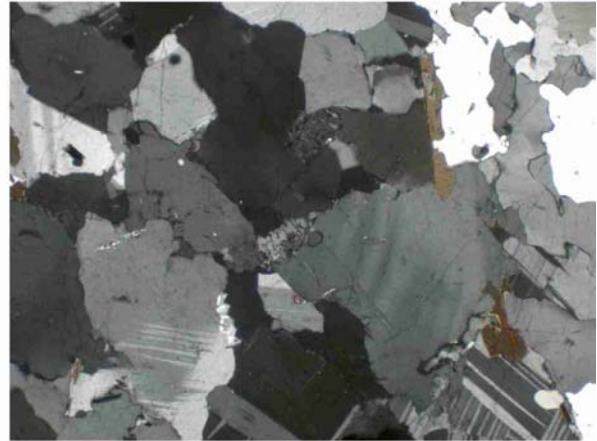


XPL- 3.5 mm field of view (garnet, staurolite, fibrolite)

280- orthogneiss



XPL- 28 mm field of view

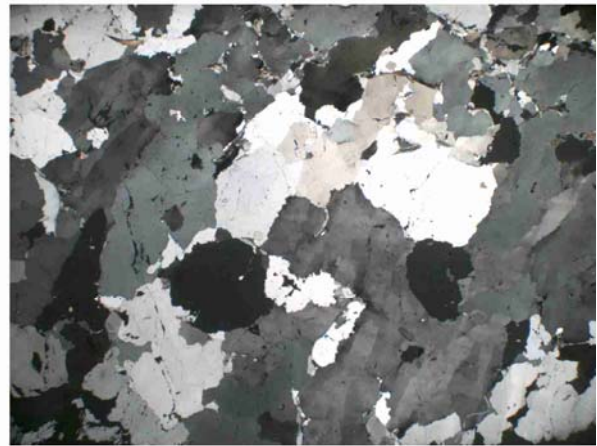


XPL- 3.5 mm field of view (melt texture)

292- quartzite (sillimanite bearing)



PPL- 28 mm field of view

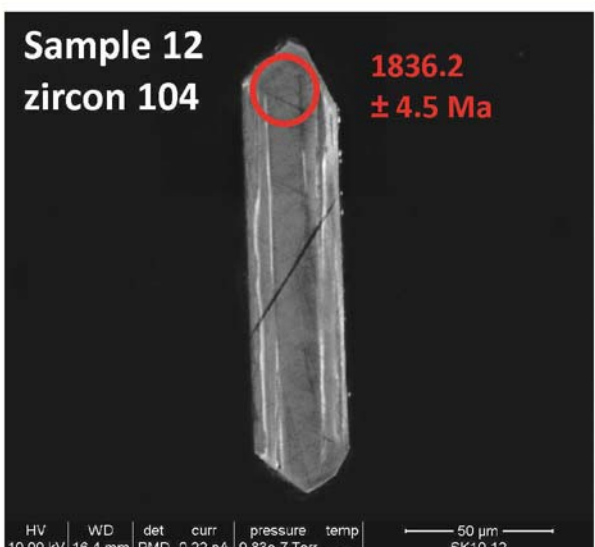
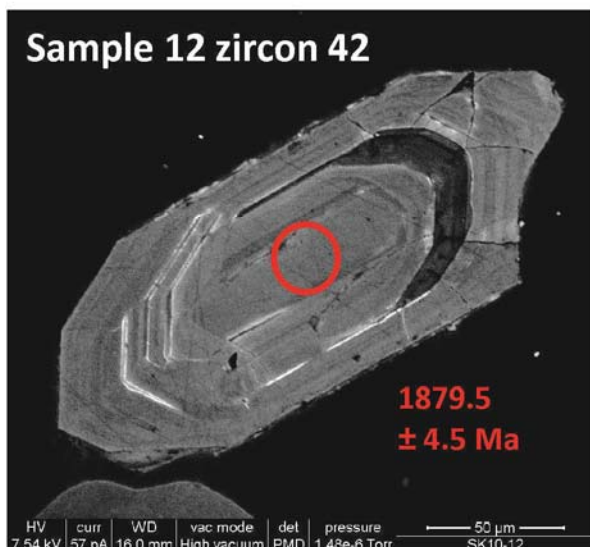
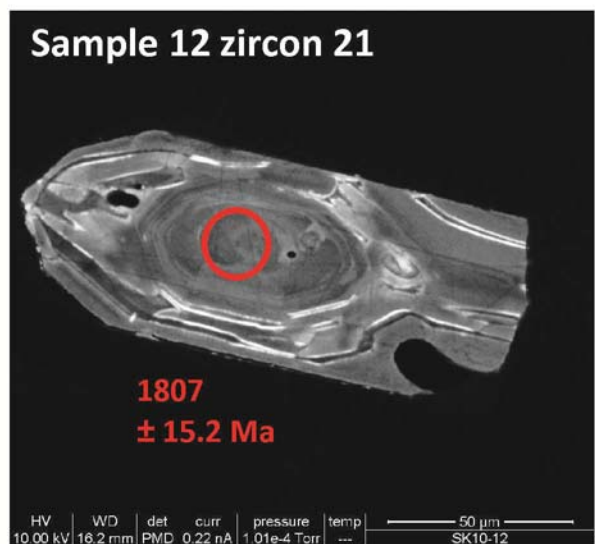
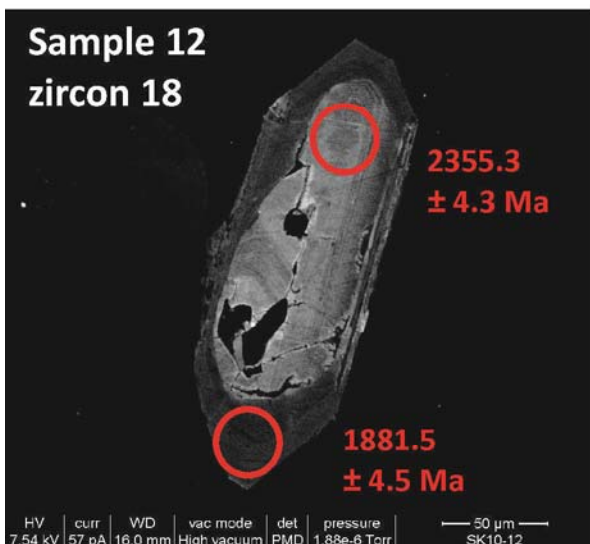
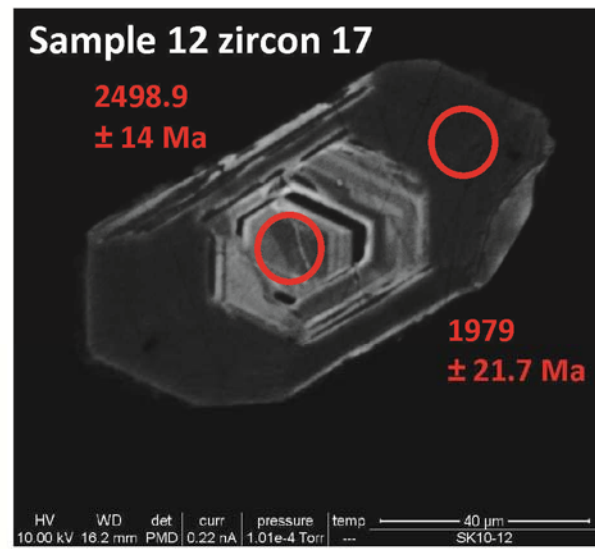
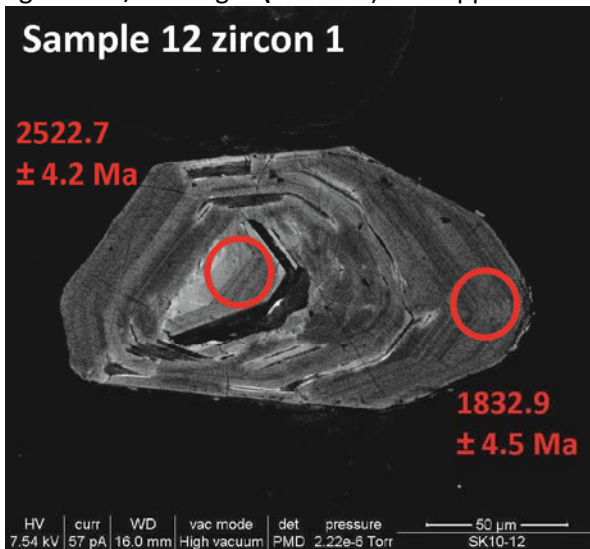


XPL- 8 mm field of view (close up)

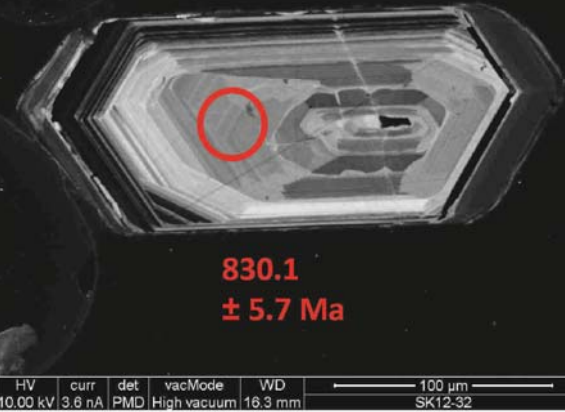
Photomicrographs of all samples analysed for geochronology (detrital zircon and orthogneiss) and Nd geochemistry. Full sample descriptions and locations can be found in sample table x. PPL= Plane polarized light, XPL= cross polarised light.

S3. Atlas of zircon Cathodoluminescence images

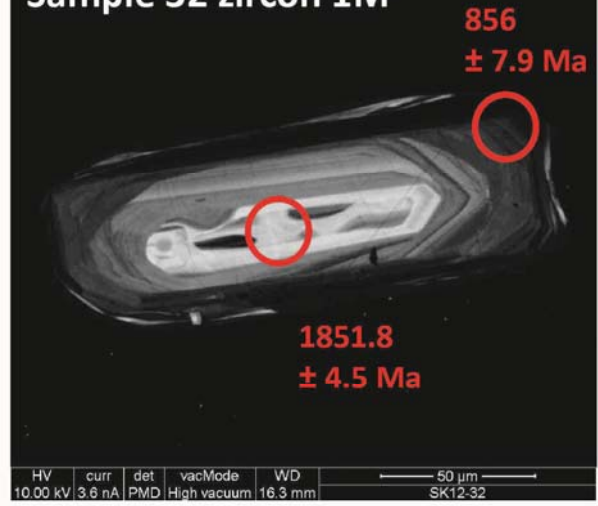
A representative selection of zircons from each detrital zircon/ orthogenesis sample analysed. All ages $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ ages ($\pm 2\sigma$ abs). See appendix A5 zircon data table for full data set.



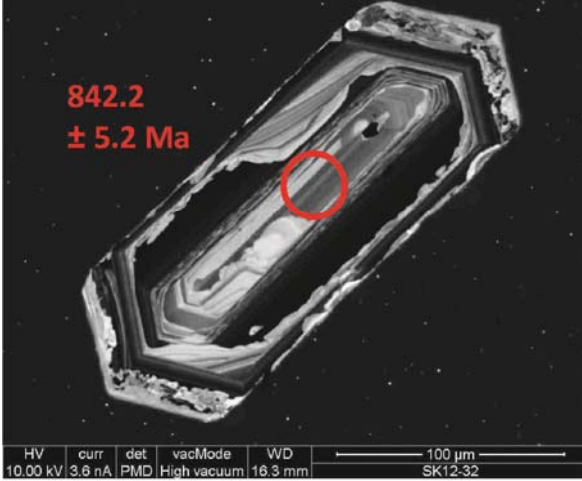
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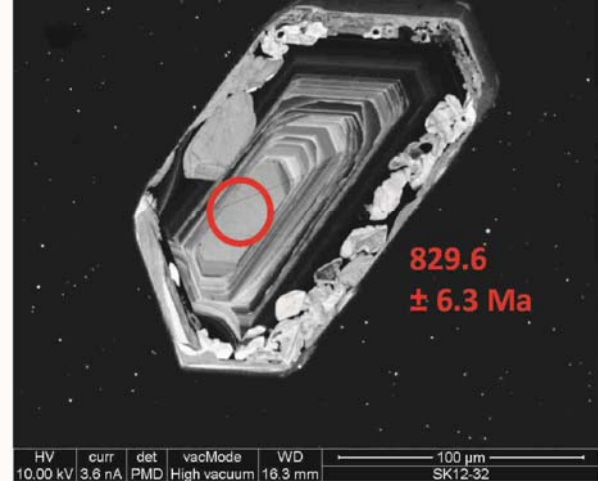
Sample 32 zircon 1M



Sample 32 zircon 8M



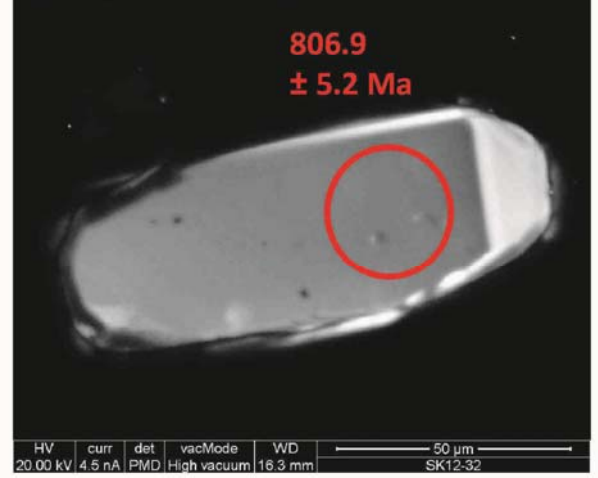
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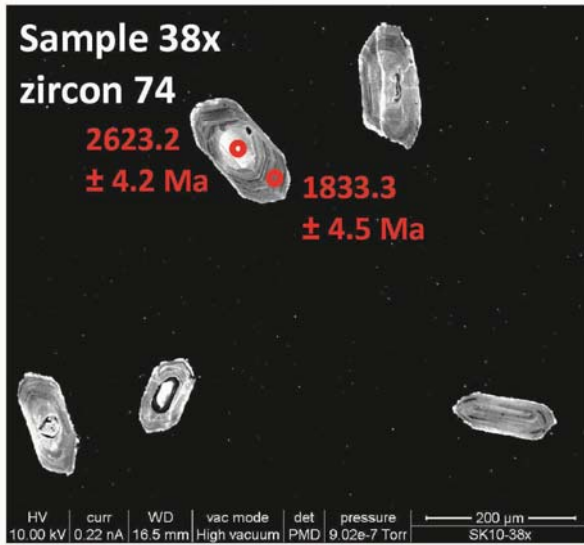
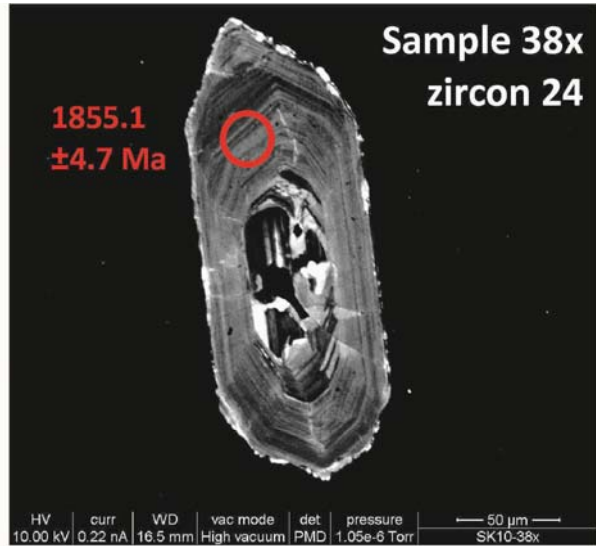


Sample 32 zircon 12S



Sample 32 zircon 14S





Sample 49
zircon B3



1830.2
± 4.5 Ma

1889.5
± 4.5 Ma

HV | curr | WD | vac mode | det | pressure | 100 μm
10.00 kV | 0.22 nA | 16.5 mm | High vacuum | PMD | 1.78e-6 Torr | SK10-49o

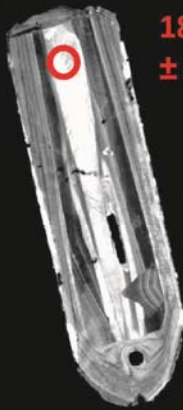
Sample 49
zircon B4



1826.2
± 4.5 Ma

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10.00 kV | 0.22 nA | 16.5 mm | High vacuum | PMD | 1.73e-6 Torr | SK10-49o

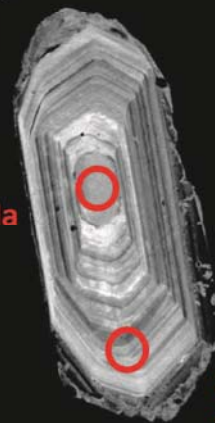
Sample 49
zircon C1



1823.5
± 4.5 Ma

HV | curr | WD | vac mode | det | pressure | 100 μm
10.00 kV | 0.22 nA | 16.5 mm | High vacuum | PMD | 1.73e-6 Torr | SK10-49o

Sample 49
zircon C2



2077.8
± 12.1 Ma

1839.4
± 4.5 Ma

HV | curr | WD | vac mode | det | pressure | 50 μm
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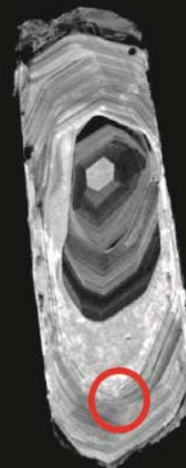
Sample 49
zircon D1



2422.3
± 5.1 Ma

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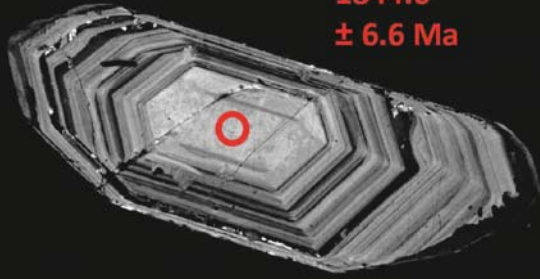
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zircon D2



1818.5
± 4.5 Ma

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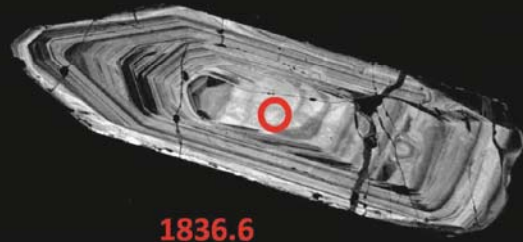
Sample 58
zircon B2



1844.6
± 6.6 Ma

HV | curr | WD | vac mode | det | pressure | 100 μm
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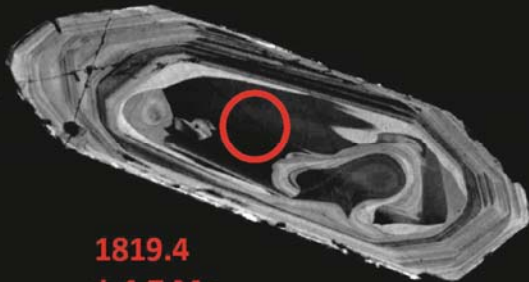
Sample 58
zircon B3



1836.6
± 4.5 Ma

HV | curr | WD | vac mode | det | pressure | 100 μm
10.00 kV | 0.22 nA | 16.7 mm | High vacuum | PMD | 3.17e-6 Torr | SK10-58

Sample 58
zircon C3



1819.4
± 4.7 Ma

HV | curr | WD | vac mode | det | pressure | 50 μm
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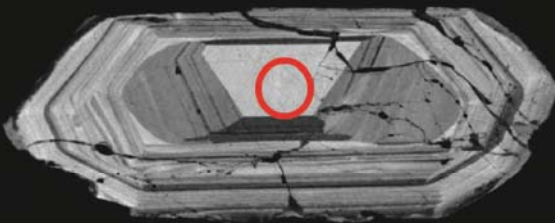
Sample 58
zircon E1



1828
± 4.7 Ma

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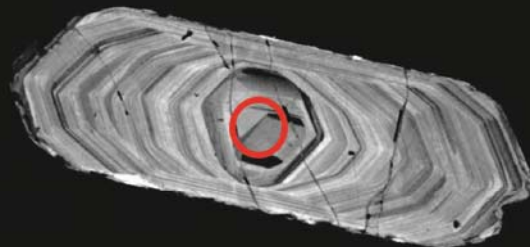
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zircon E2



1823
± 4.5 Ma

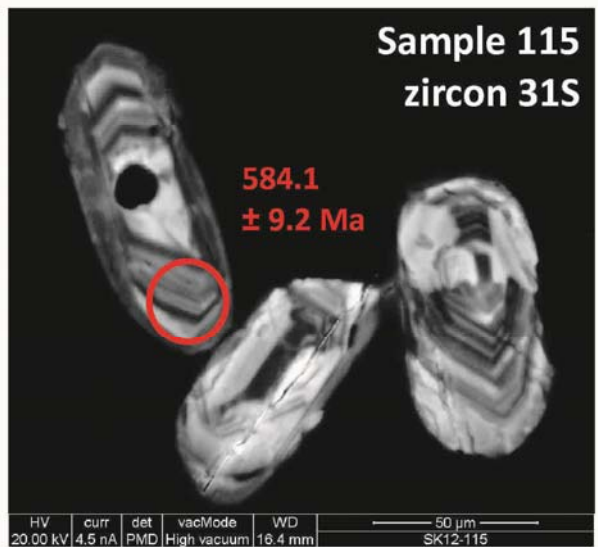
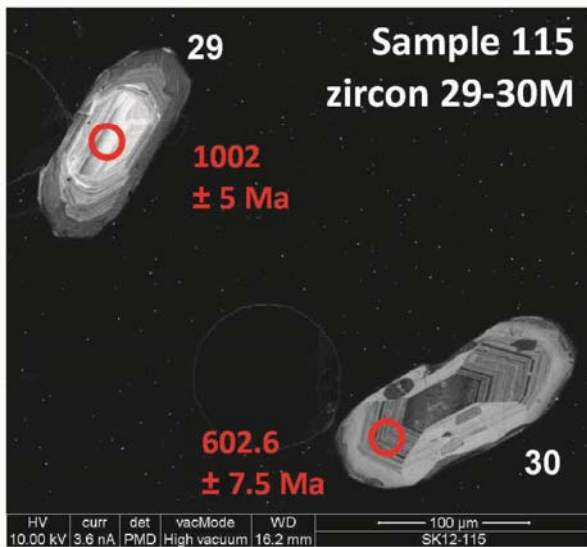
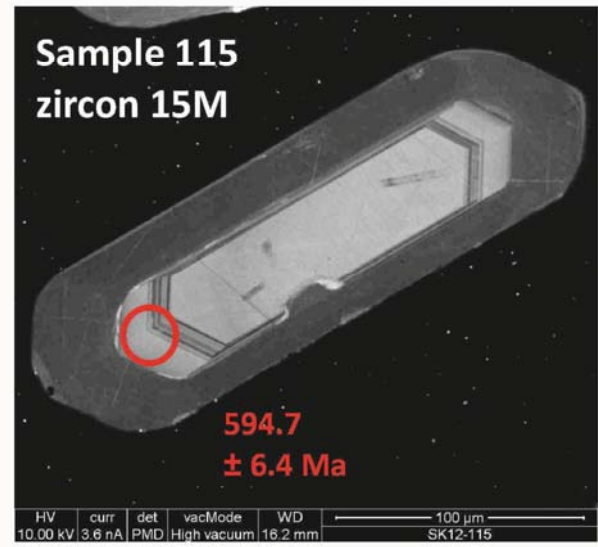
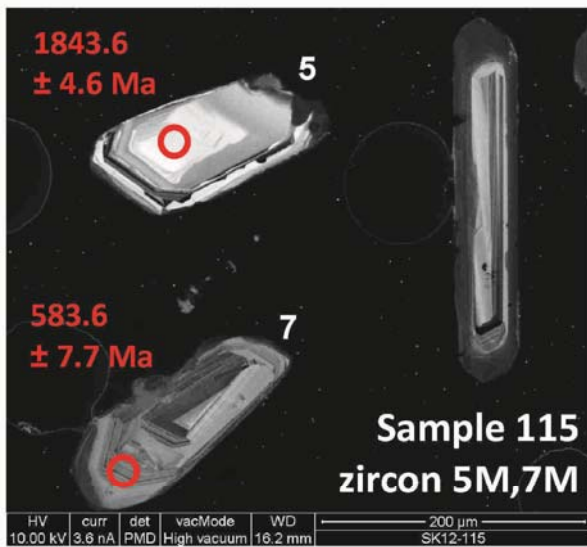
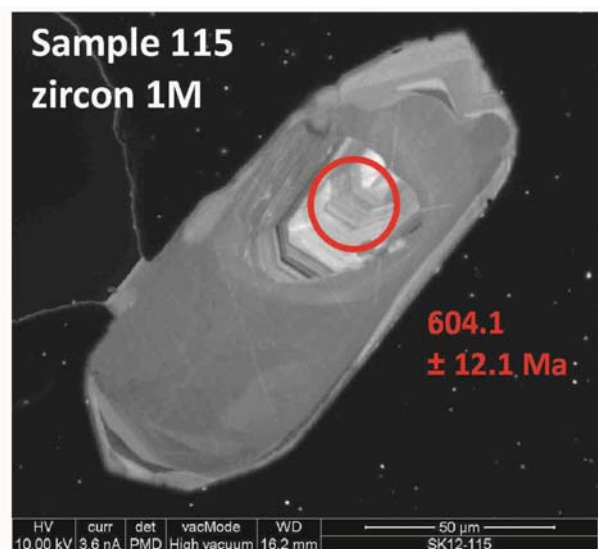
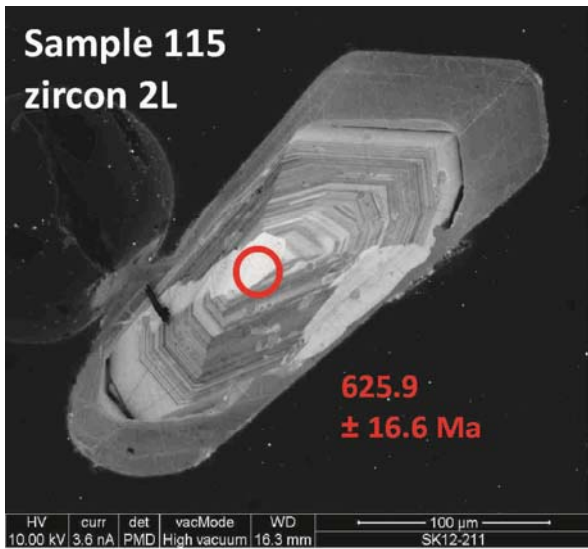
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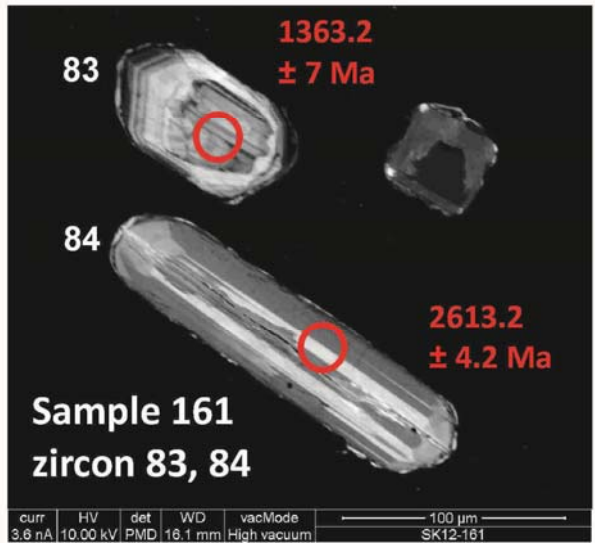
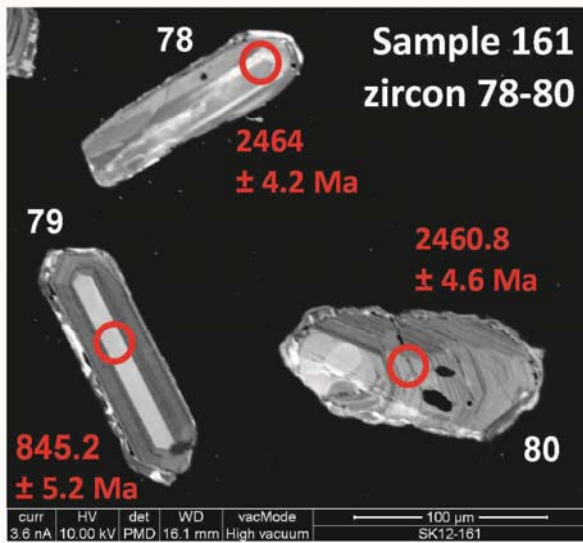
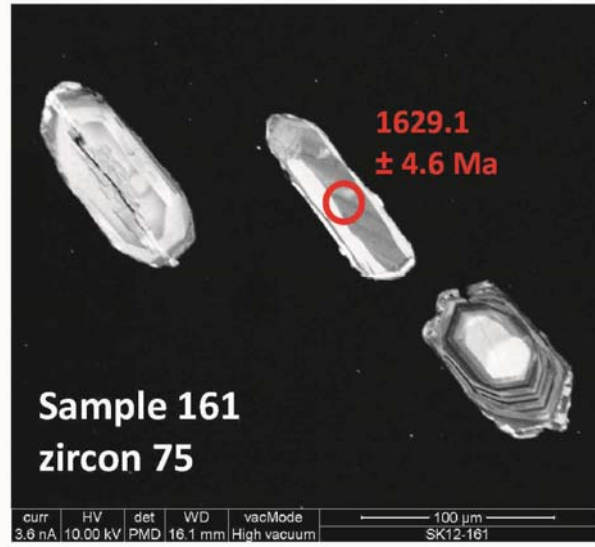
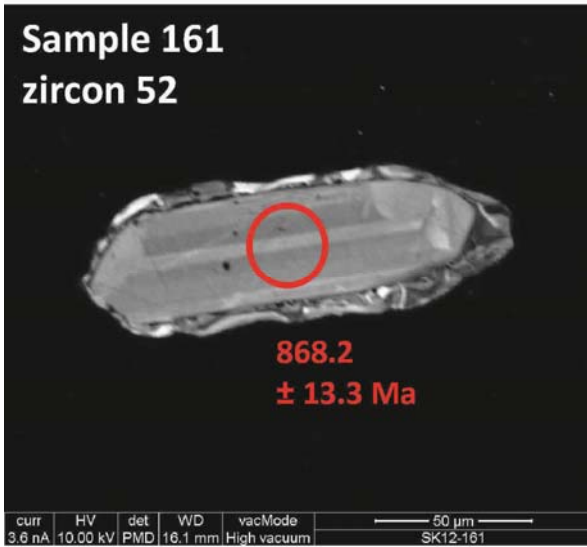
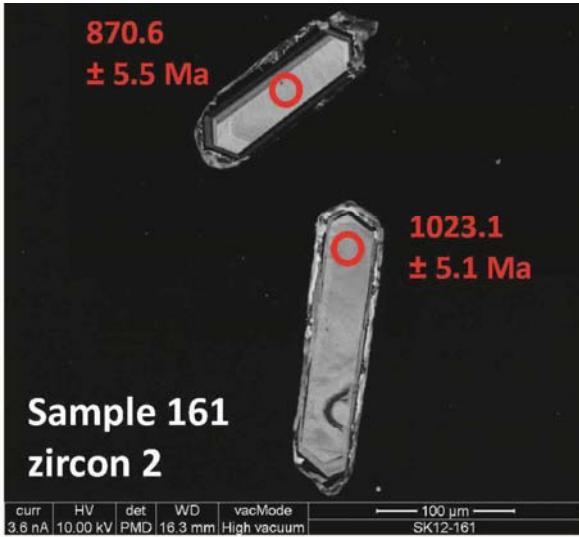
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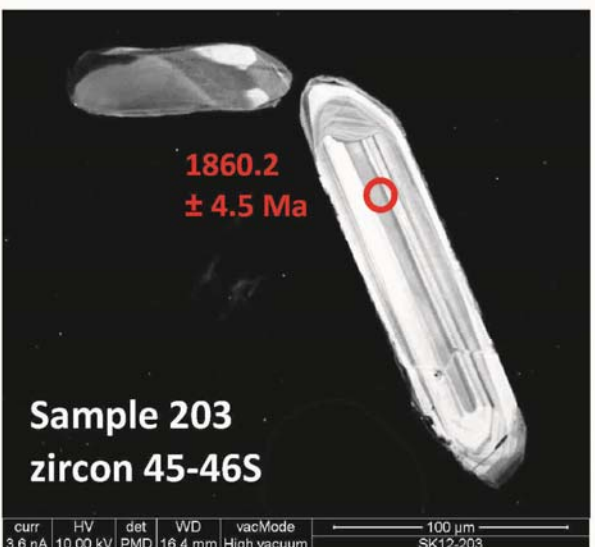
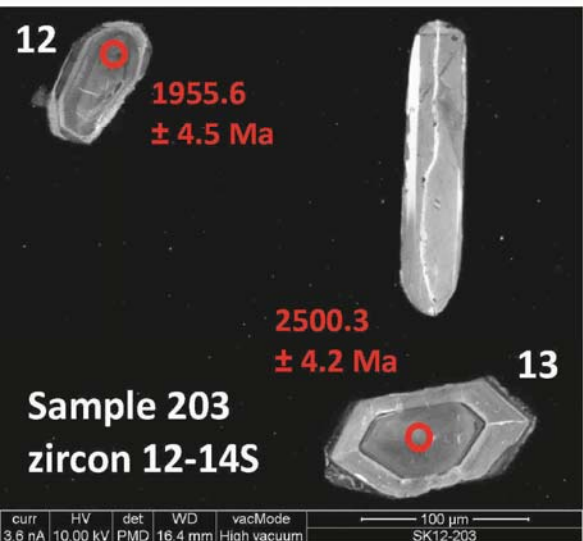
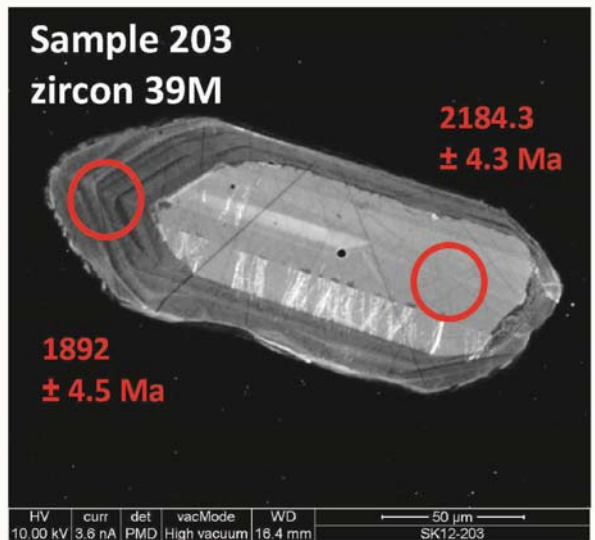
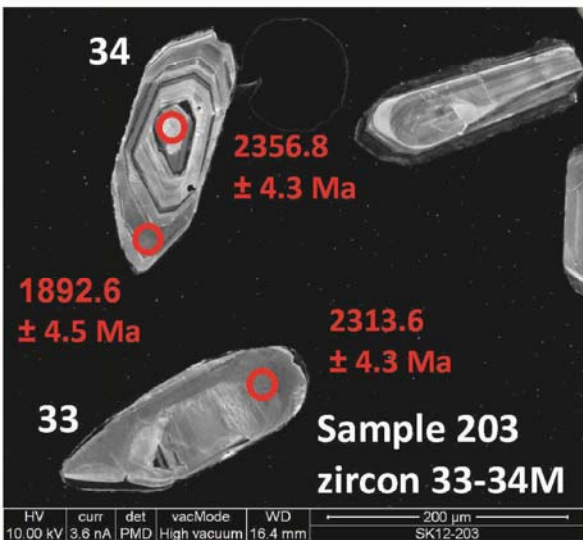
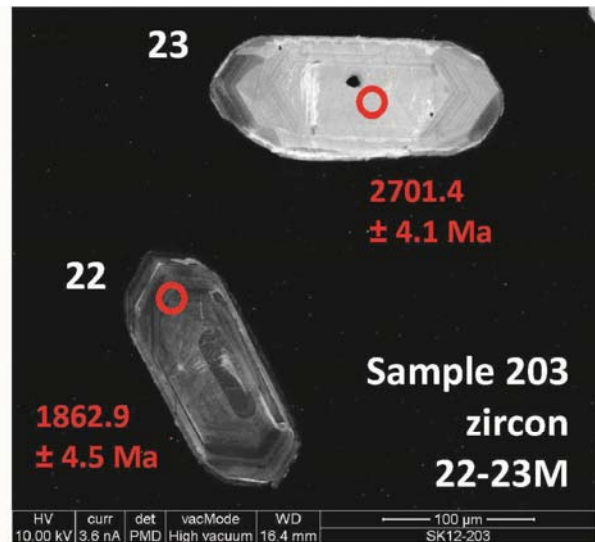
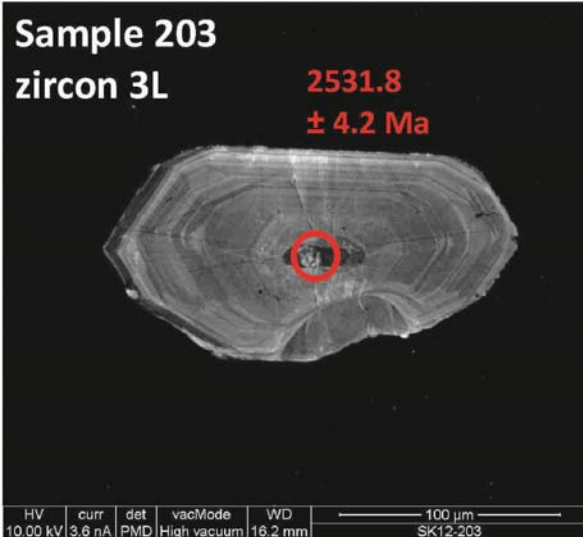


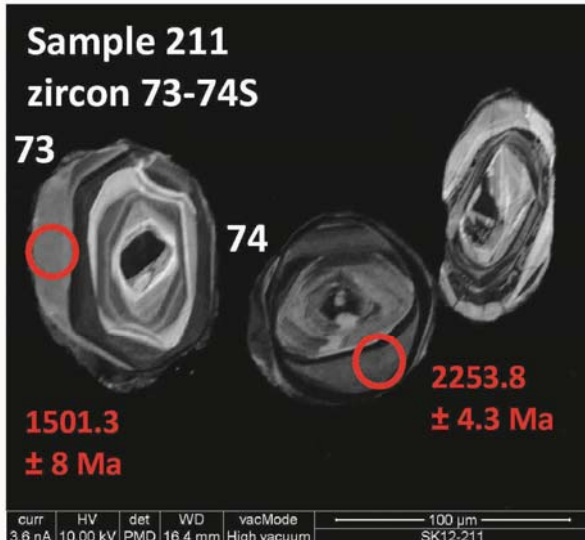
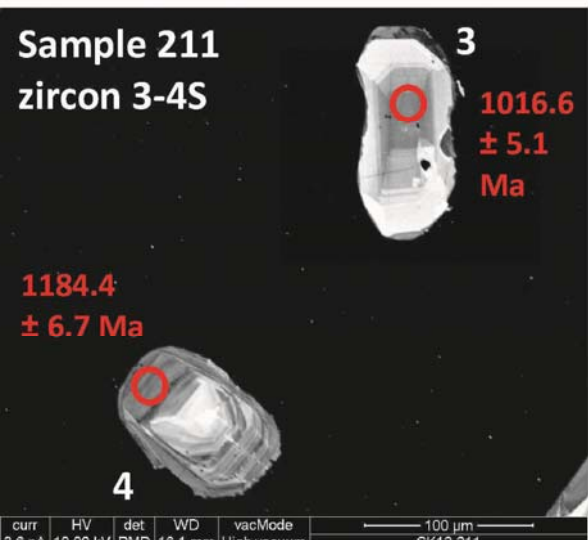
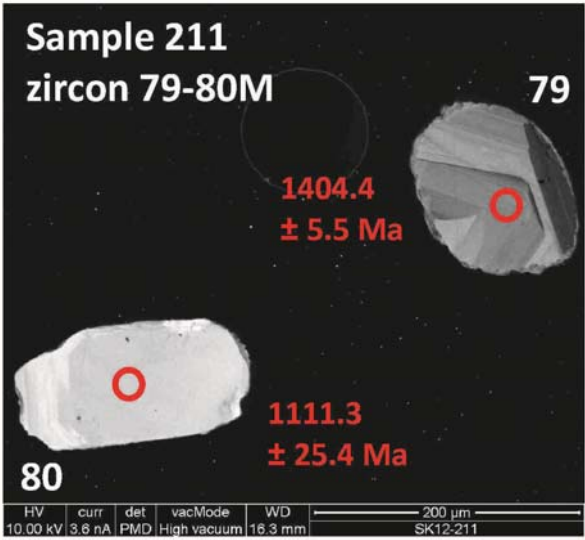
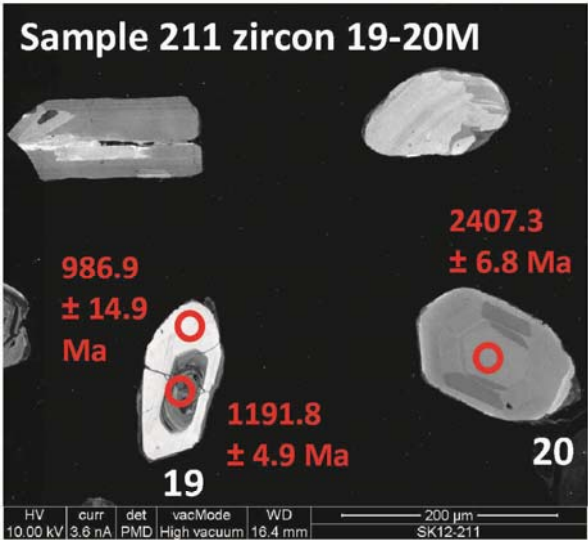
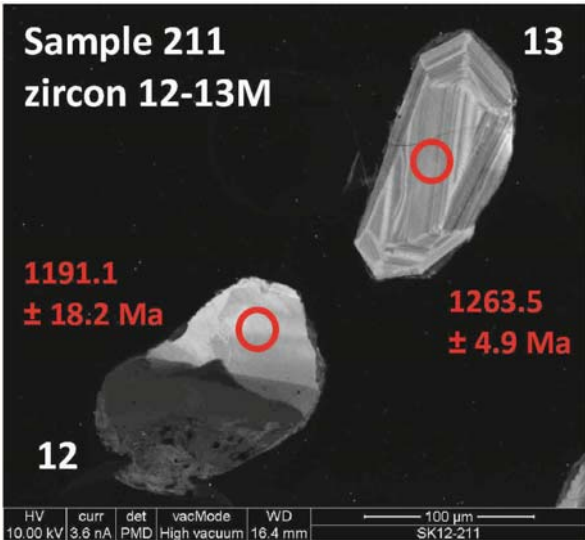
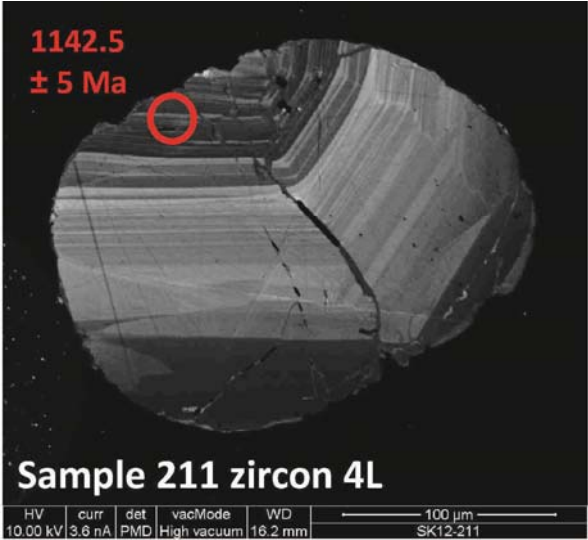
1860.7
± 4.5 Ma

HV | curr | WD | vac mode | det | pressure | 50 μm
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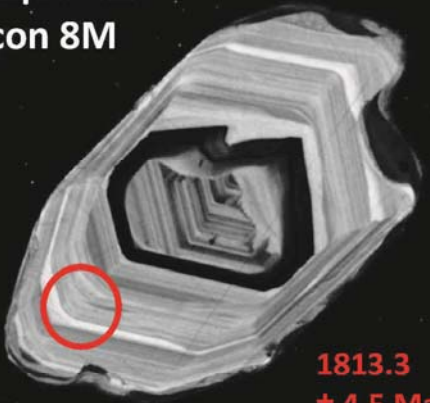








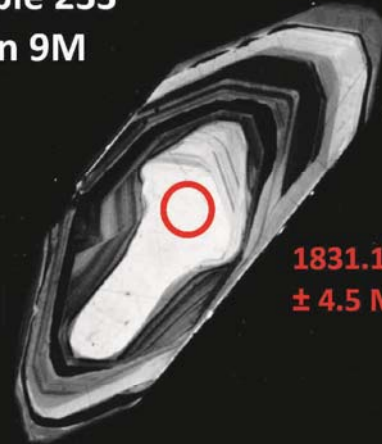
Sample 233
zircon 8M



1813.3
± 4.5 Ma

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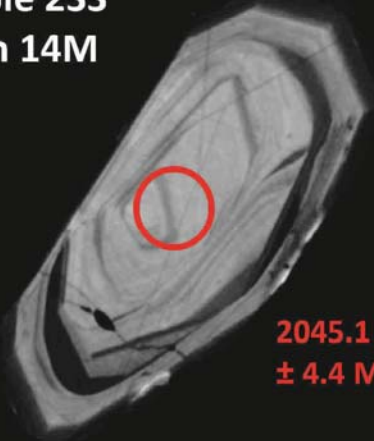
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1831.1
± 4.5 Ma

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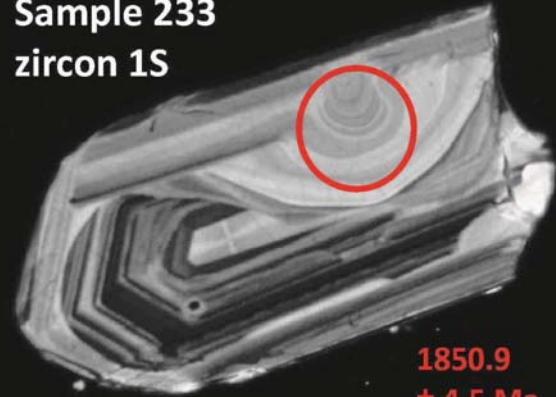
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2045.1
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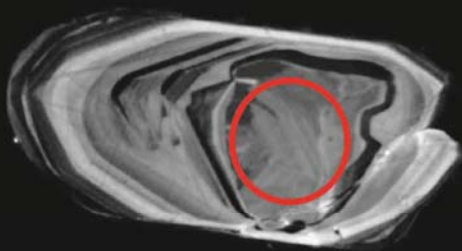
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1850.9
± 4.5 Ma

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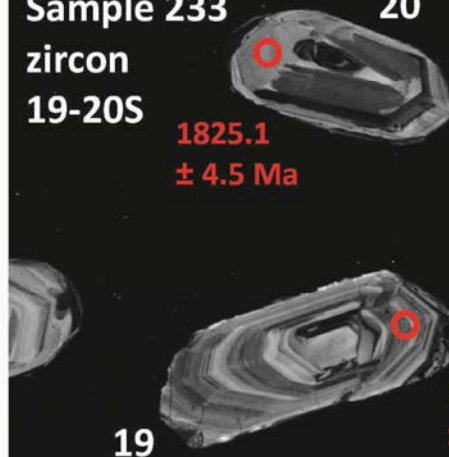
Sample 233 zircon 5S



1837.9
± 4.5 Ma

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Sample 233
zircon 19-20S



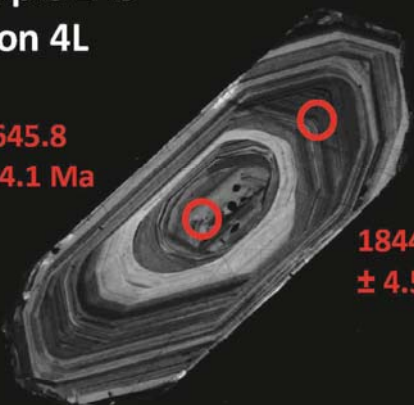
1825.1
± 4.5 Ma

1817.2
± 4.5 Ma

curr 3.6 nA HV 10.00 kV det PMD WD 16.3 mm vacMode High vacuum 100 µm SK12-233

Sample 245
zircon 4L

2645.8
± 4.1 Ma

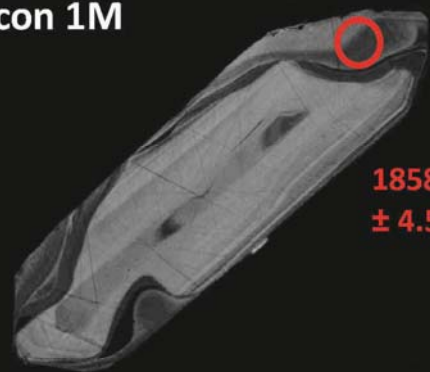


1844.9
± 4.5 Ma

HV	curr	det	vacMode	WD	100 µm
10.00 kV	3.6 nA	PMD	High vacuum	16.3 mm	SK12-245

Sample 245
zircon 1M

1858.6
± 4.5 Ma



HV	curr	det	vacMode	WD	100 µm
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1851.8
± 4.5 Ma

Sample 245
zircon 7M

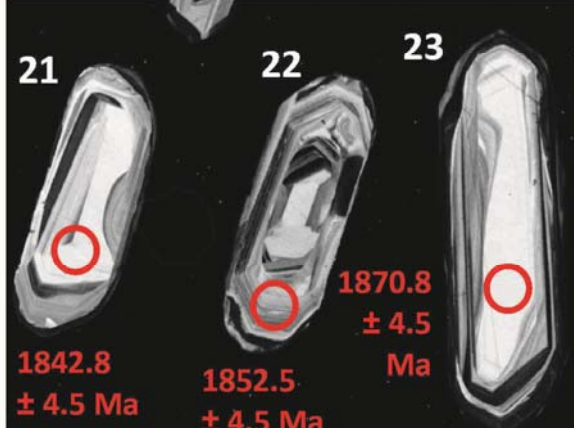


HV	curr	det	vacMode	WD	50 µm
10.00 kV	3.6 nA	PMD	High vacuum	16.1 mm	SK12-245

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22

23



1842.8
± 4.5 Ma

1852.5
± 4.5 Ma

1870.8
± 4.5
Ma

Sample 245 zircon 21-23M

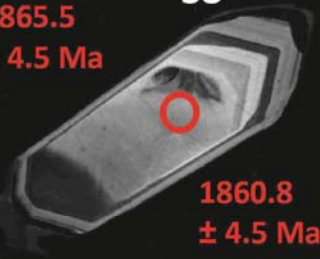
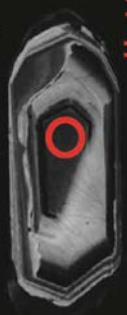
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Sample 245 zircon 38-39M

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1865.5
± 4.5 Ma

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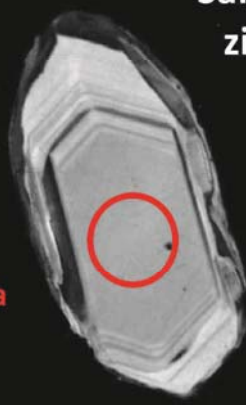


1860.8
± 4.5 Ma

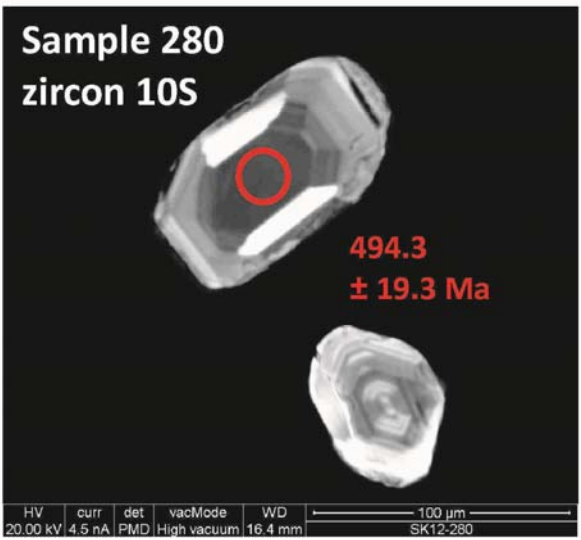
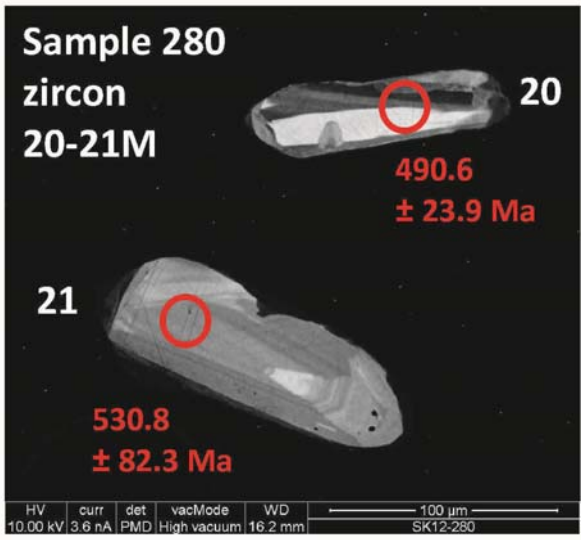
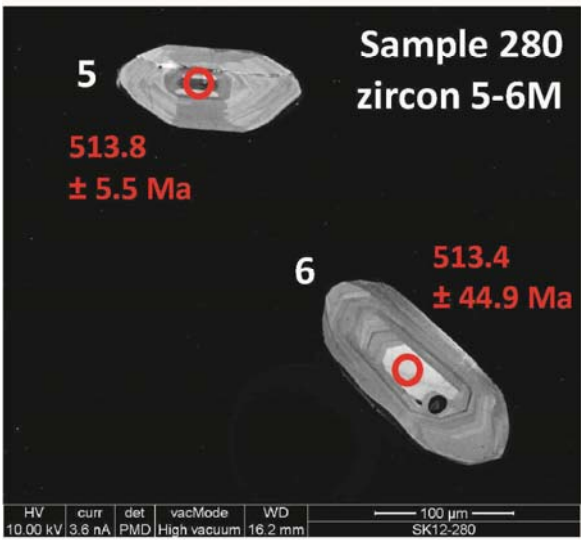
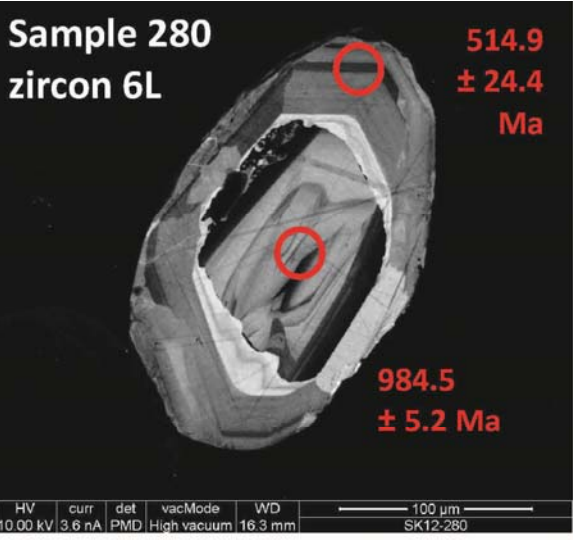
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zircon 19S

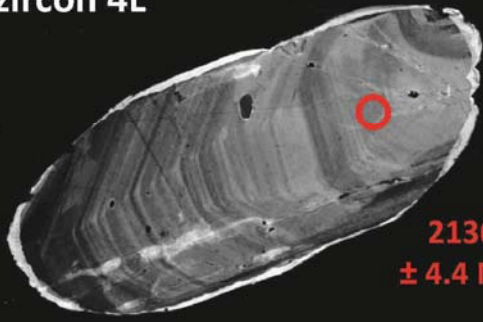
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± 17 Ma



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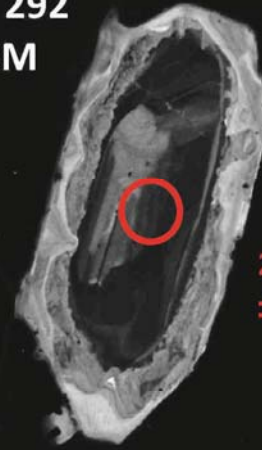
Sample 292
zircon 4L



2136.9
± 4.4 Ma

HV 10.00 kV | curr 3.6 nA | det PMD | vacMode High vacuum | WD 16.2 mm | 100 μm | SK12-292

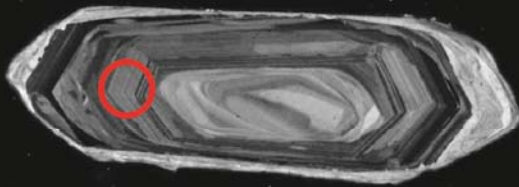
Sample 292
zircon 2M



2407.8
± 4.2 Ma

HV 10.00 kV | curr 3.6 nA | det PMD | vacMode High vacuum | WD 16.6 mm | 100 μm | SK12-292

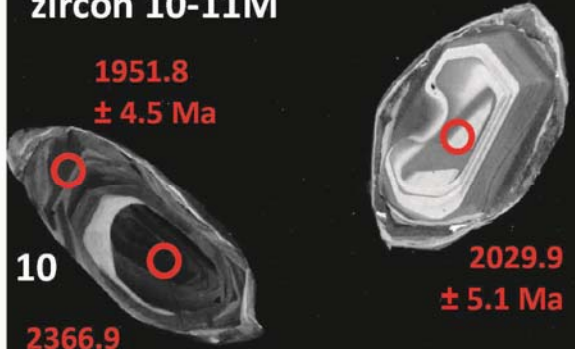
Sample 292
zircon 9M



3178.3
± 3.9 Ma

HV 10.00 kV | curr 3.6 nA | det PMD | vacMode High vacuum | WD 16.6 mm | 100 μm | SK12-292

Sample 292
zircon 10-11M



1951.8
± 4.5 Ma

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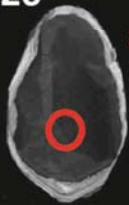
2366.9
± 4.3 Ma

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2029.9
± 5.1 Ma

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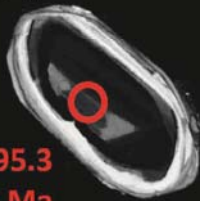
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1936.4
± 4.5 Ma



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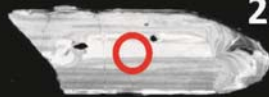
3695.3
± 4.6 Ma



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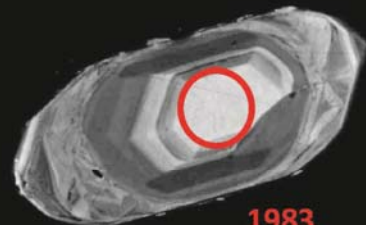
Sample 292
zircon 26-28S

1869.2 ± 4.5 Ma



curr 3.6 nA | HV 10.00 kV | det PMD | WD 16.5 mm | vacMode High vacuum | 100 μm | SK12-292

Sample 292
zircon 70S



1983
± 5.4 Ma

curr 3.6 nA | HV 10.00 kV | det PMD | WD 16.5 mm | vacMode High vacuum | 50 μm | SK12-292

S4. Full analytical conditions- Nu Plasma LA-MC-ICP-MS

U-Pb LA-MC-ICP-MS (zircon) isotope analyses at NIGL (BGS, Keyworth, UK)

Detrital zircon and orthogneiss samples were analysed at the NERC Isotope Geosciences Laboratory (NIGL) using a Nu Instruments, Nu Plasma HR multi-collector inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer (MC-ICP-MS) equipped with a multi-ion-counting array. Instrumental parameters are shown in Table 1 and methodology is detailed in Thomas et al. (2010).

Rock samples were crushed using a jaw crusher and disk mill. Milled material was then sieved and material <355µm collected. The heavy material was separated from the light material using the Roger's table, which was then separated further using a Frantz magnetic separator. Subsequently the non-magnetic fraction was further separated using diodomethane heavy liquid separation. Finally zircons of varying sizes were picked from this heavy-non-magnetic fraction in ethanol. Samples were mounted in 25mm epoxy resin discs, polished to reveal an equatorial section of the mineral grains and imaged using a cathodoluminescence capability on the scanning electron microscope (SEM) FEI Quanta 600 ESEM, at the British Geological Survey, Keyworth.

Ablation was conducted using either a UP193FX (193nm) excimer or UP193SS (193nm) Nd:YAG laser ablation system (New Wave Research, UK) and an in-house designed low volume 'zircon ablation cell' (Horstwood et al. 2003) based on the design principles of Bleiner and Gunther (2001). Ablated sample material was transported from the laser cell into the MC-ICP-MS using a continuous flow of 0.8l/min of He gas. Operational parameters of the laser are detailed in Table 1.

The laser was fired using a repetition rate of 6Hz and a 25µm static spot size and a laser fluence of 1-2 J.cm⁻² or 3-4 J.cm⁻² due to core and rim uranium concentration variations and disparities between detrital grains. Typical ablation pit depths for fluence of 2-3 J.cm⁻² are of the order of 16µm as measured previously using an SEM.

Reference materials were analysed at regular intervals throughout the analytical session (typically 2-3 of each between each ablation run of unknowns). The internationally recognised 91500 zircon (Wiedenbeck et al. 1995) and GJ-1 (Jackson et al. 2004) were used as primary reference materials depending on the instrumental sensitivity and fluence used at the time. Plešovice (Sláma et al. 2008), GJ-1 and/or 91500 were variously used as appropriate secondary reference materials in order to validate the data for each day. As the data were collected in 21 separate analytical sessions spanning over a year, it has been possible to calculate a long-term reproducibility of ~2.5% (2SD) for Plešovice over the whole analytical period (14/03/2011- 28/06/2012) (Figure 1).

Pb-U uncertainties in the data tables are propagated for the reproducibility of the primary reference material, whilst uncertainties for Pb-Pb are propagated according to the ²⁰⁷Pb intensity of the measurement but limited at a minimum of 0.25% (1σ) to allow for reproducibility of the multi-ion counting measurement. All data were processed using an in-house spreadsheet calculation routine. The data are presented as Wetherill plots or ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U age relative probability plots generated on all data <5% discordant using Isoplot 4.15 (Ludwig 2003). Due to slight discordance in some of the sample populations, ages are calculated as average ²⁰⁷Pb/²⁰⁶Pb ages with uncertainties as 2SD. The MSWD of the population is quoted and generally reflects excess scatter in the Pb/Pb data. Causes of this are assumed to be geological and poorly resolved, hence the preference for uncertainties at the level of 2SD.

Table 1: Laboratory & Sample Preparation (as per recommended reporting guidelines of CIRDLES http://cirdles.org)	
Laboratory name	NERC Isotope Geosciences Laboratory (NIGL), United Kingdom
Sample type/mineral	Detrital zircons/ orthogneisses
Sample preparation	Conventional mineral separation, 1 inch resin mount, 1um polish to finish
Imaging	CL, FEI Quanta 600 ESEM, 10nA, 15mm working distance
Laser ablation system	
Make, Model & type	UP193FX (193nm) Excimer / UP193SS (193nm) Nd:YAG laser ablation system (New Wave Research, UK)
Ablation cell & volume	In-house low volume ablation cell, volume c.3cm ³
Laser wavelength (nm)	193nm
Pulse width (ns)	3-4ns
Fluence (J.cm ⁻²)	1-3 J.cm ⁻²
Repetition rate (Hz)	5Hz
Spot size (μm)	25μm
Sampling mode / pattern	Single spots
Carrier gas	100% He, Ar make-up gas combined using a Y-connector 50% along sample line.
Ablation duration (secs)	30secs
Cell carrier gas flow (l/min)	0.8l/min
ICP-MS Instrument	
Make, Model & type	Nu Instruments, Nu Plasma HR, MC-ICP-MS
Sample introduction	Ablation aerosol combined with co-aspiration of desolvated TI- ²³⁵ U tracer

RF power (W)	1300W
Make-up gas flow (l/min)	0.7l/min Ar
Detection system	mixed Faraday-multiple ion counting array
Masses measured	202-207, 235, 238
Integration time per peak (ms)	200ms
Total integration time per data point (secs)	1 sec
Detection Efficiency (% , element)	0.4% U
IC Dead time (ns)	6, 9 & 7ns IC0, IC1 & IC2 resp.
Data Processing	
Gas blank	30 second on-peak zero subtracted
Calibration strategy	91500 or GJ-1 used as primary reference material, Plesovice & GJ1 or 91500 used as secondaries.
Long-term reproducibility	2.5% (2SD) on Plesovice over a one year period
Reference Material info	91500 (Wiedenbeck et al 1995) Plesovice (Slama et al 2008) GJ1 $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ 602.3 \pm 1Ma, $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ 609.2 \pm 0.7Ma (in-house TIMS, unpublished)
Data processing package used / Correction for LIEF	Nu Instruments TRA software used to output data using average LIEF correction, In-house spreadsheet data processing used to reduce data and propagate uncertainties using the decay constants of Jaffey et al. 1971.
Mass discrimination	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ normalised to reference material
Common-Pb correction, composition and uncertainty	No common-Pb correction applied
Uncertainty level &	Ages are quoted at 2sigma absolute, propagation is by quadratic

propagation	addition. Reproducibility and age uncertainty of reference material and common-Pb composition uncertainty are propagated.
Quality control / Validation	<p>Plesovice – Weighted average $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age = 335 ± 1.5 (2SD, MSWD = 0.96) Figure 1</p> <p>GJ-1 – Weighted average $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age = 603.47 ± 0.94 (95% confidence limit, MSWD = 1.4) Figure 2</p>

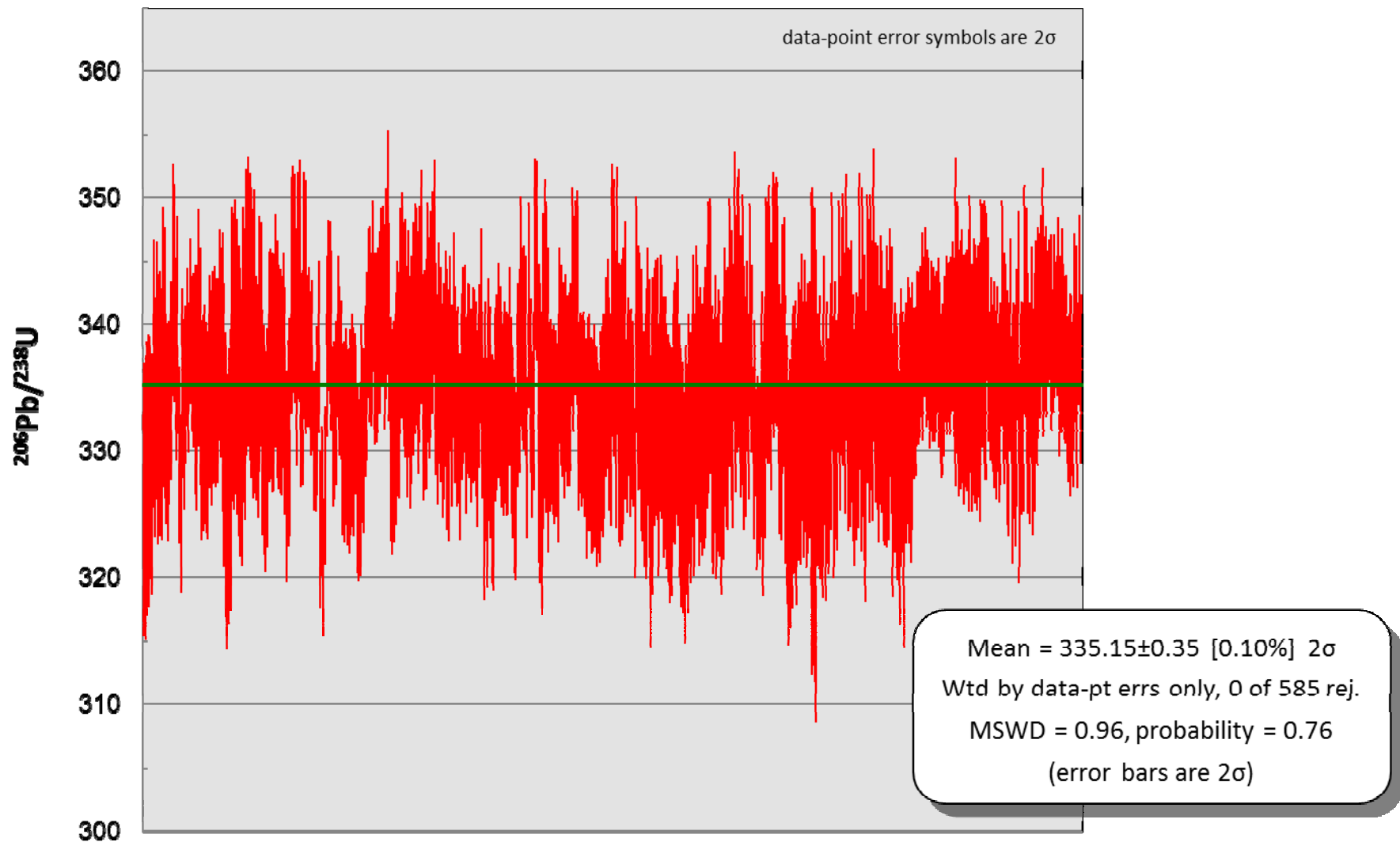


Figure 1: 2.5% (2SD) Long-term reproducibility of Plešovice (Sláma et al., 2008) $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age determined as validation over the analytical period 14.03.2011- 28.06.2012.

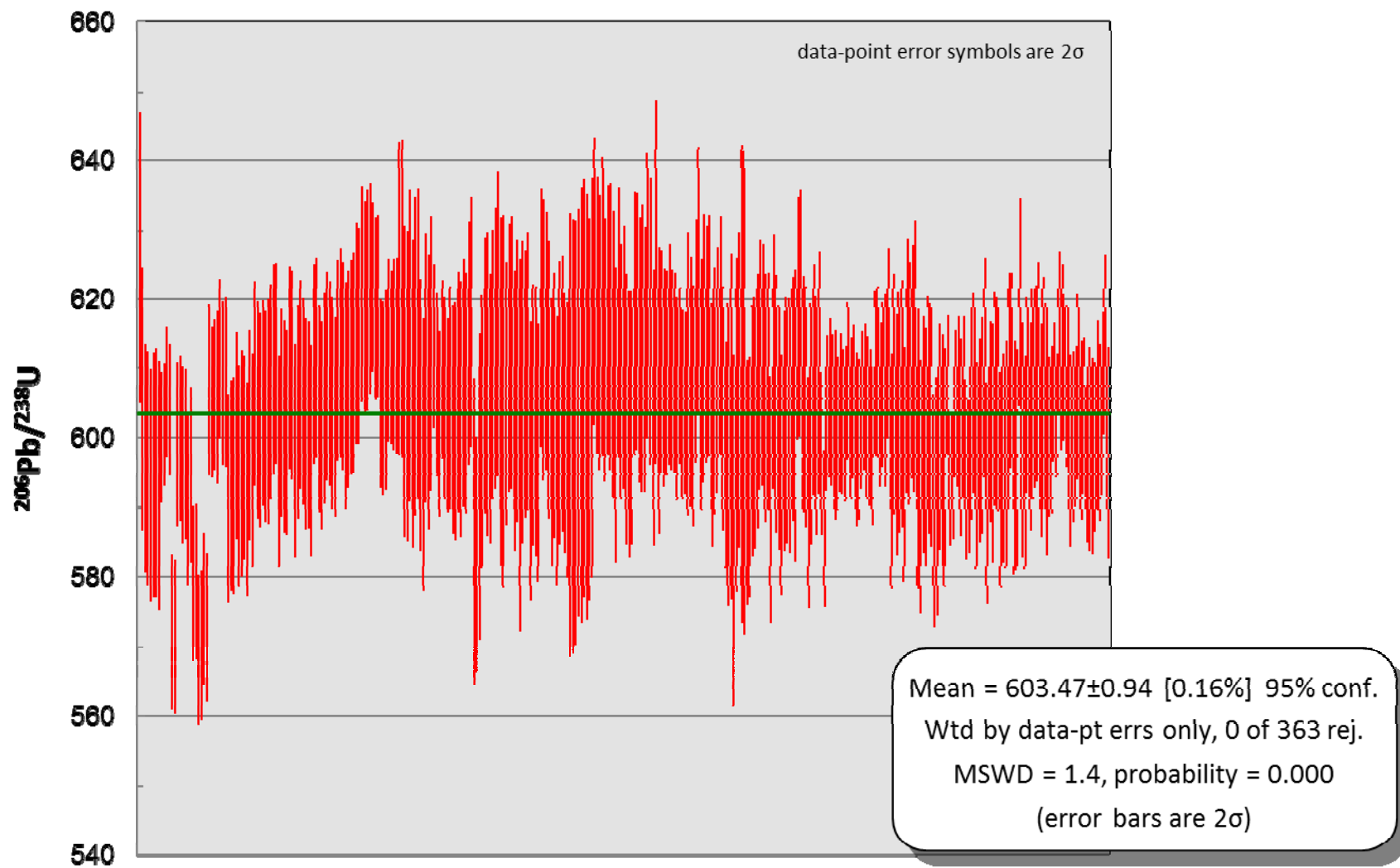


Figure 2: Long-term reproducibility of GJ-1 (Jackson et al., 2004) $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age determined as validation over the analytical period 14.03.2011-28.06.2012

S5. Full analytical conditions- AttoM LA-ICP-MS

Some zircons were analysed for U-Th-Pb geochronology using a Nu Instruments Attom HR single-collector inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer (HR-ICP-MS). Laser ablation was performed using the equipment stated before. The ablation parameters were a 25µm static spot, a repetition rate of 5Hz, a fluence of 1.5 to 2.5 J/cm², a 15 second washout period between analyses, and a 30 second ablation time. The instrument was tuned to give ThO of <0.6%, and UO of <0.4%. Data processing used the time-resolved function on the Nu Instruments' software, an in-house Excel spreadsheet for data reduction and uncertainty propagation, and Isoplot for data presentation (Ludwig, 2003). All data are plotted at the 2σ confidence interval. Methodology followed that described in Thomas et al . (2013).

Laboratory & Sample Preparation	
Laboratory name	NERC Isotope Geosciences Laboratory
Sample type/mineral	Zircon
Sample preparation	Conventional mineral separation, 1 inch resin mount, 1/4µm polish to finish
Imaging	Cathodoluminescence
Laser ablation system	
Make, Model & type	New Wave Research UP193FX
Ablation cell & volume	In-house low volume ablation cell, volume c.3cm ³
Laser wavelength (nm)	193nm
Pulse width (ns)	3-4ns
Fluence (J.cm ⁻²)	1.5-2.5 J.cm ⁻²
Repetition rate (Hz)	5Hz
Ablation duration (secs)	30secs
Ablation pit depth / ablation rate	~15µm pit depth, measured using an optical microscope
Spot size (µm)	25µm
Sampling mode / pattern	Static spot ablation
Carrier gas	100% He, Ar make-up gas combined ca.50% along sample line.
Cell carrier gas flow (l/min)	0.8l/min
ICP-MS Instrument	
Make, Model & type	Nu Instruments Attom SC-SF-ICP-MS
Sample introduction	Free air aspiration via desolvator
RF power (W)	1300W
Make-up gas flow (l/min)	0.8l/min Ar
Detection system	Discrete dynode MassCom ion counter
Masses measured	202, 204, 206, 207, 208, 232, 235
Integration time per peak	200µs (202,204,206,208,232), 500µs (207,235)
Total integration time per reading (secs)	0.22 seconds

Detection Efficiency (% (%, element)	~0.27% for Uranium
IC Dead time (ns)	15ns
Data Processing	
Gas blank	60 second on-peak zero subtracted
Calibration strategy	91500, GJ1 & Plesovice (zircon); One used as primary reference material for normalization, and others for validation.
Reference Material info	91500 (1065 Ma; Wiedenbeck et al. 1995) GJ1 ($^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ 602.3 \pm 1Ma, $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ 609.2 \pm 0.7Ma; in-house TIMS, – see also Jackson et al. 2004) Plesovice (337.13 Ma; Sláma et al., 2008)
Data processing package used / Correction for LIEF	Nu Instruments TRA acquisition software, in-house spreadsheet data processing
Mass discrimination	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ normalised to reference material
Common-Pb correction, composition and uncertainty	No common-Pb correction applied
Uncertainty level & propagation	Ages in the data table are quoted at 2sigma absolute, propagation is by quadratic addition. Reproducibility of reference material is propagated.
Quality control / Validation	Plesovice – Weighted average $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age = 340 \pm 2 (2SD, MSWD = 0.36) Figure 3 GJ-1 – Weighted average $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age = 601.5 \pm 3.7 (2SD MSWD = 0.73) Figure 4

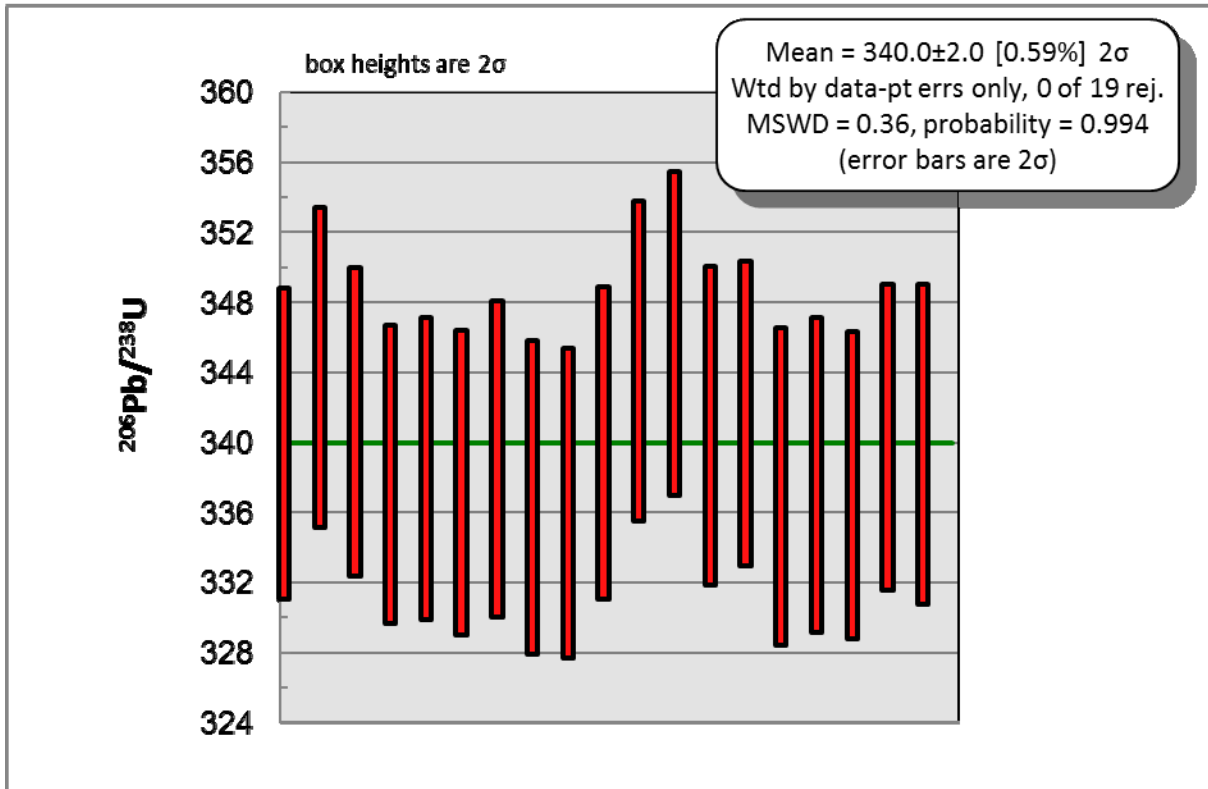


Figure 3: Reproducibility of Plešovice (Sláma et al., 2008) $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age determined as validation over the analytical period for Attom SC-SF-ICP-MS

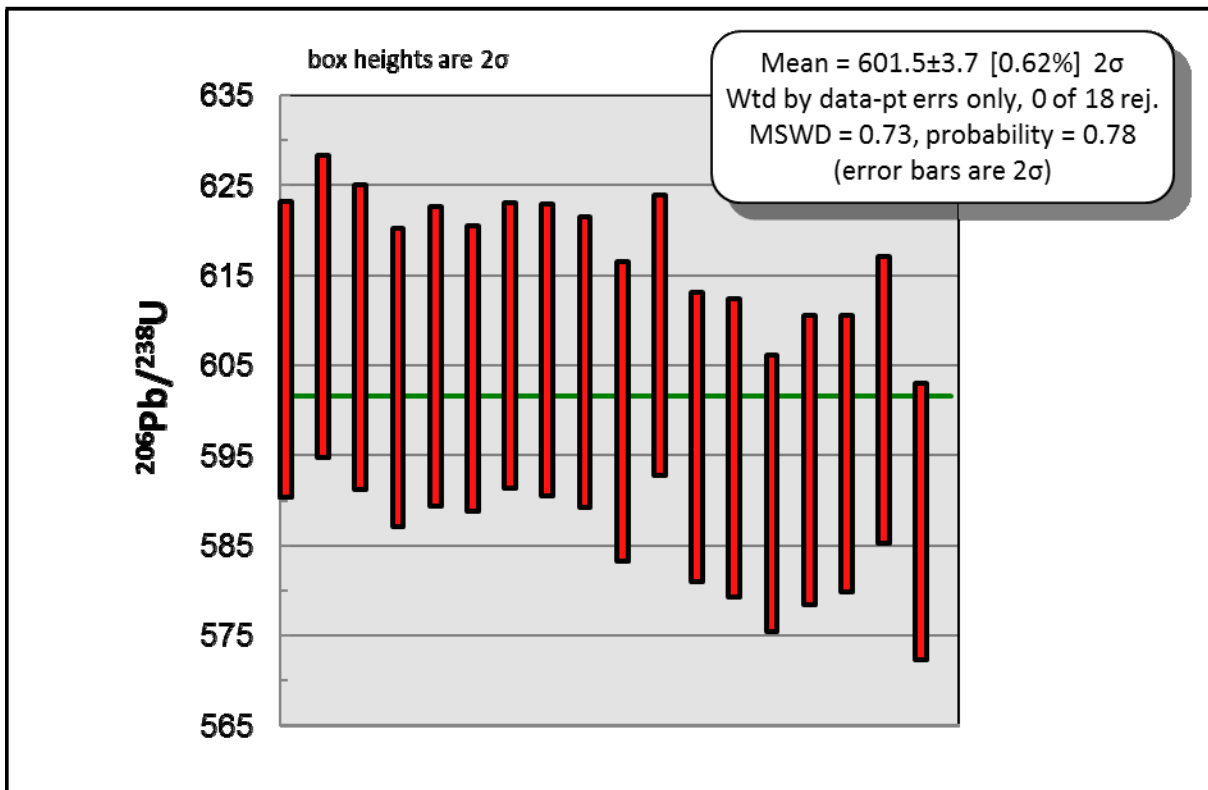


Figure 4: Reproducibility of GJ-1 (Jackson et al., 2004) $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age determined as validation over the analytical period for Attom SC-SF-ICP-MS

S6. Nd analytical techniques

Nd isotope analysis by thermal ionisation mass spectrometry (TIMS) at The Open University, UK.

Whole rock Nd isotopic ratios were determined by thermal ionisation mass spectrometry (TIMS) using a ThermoScientific Triton at The Open University, UK.

Rock samples were crushed using a splitter, jaw crusher and agate ball mill. Approximately 100mg of powdered sample were dissolved and Nd isotopes were analysed using the following procedures (based on Pin and Zalduegui, 1997). Sm/Nd ratios were calculated from whole rock ICP-MS data. Total procedural blanks were spiked using ~5mg of SmNdLowDil spike.

Samples were digested using a standard HF - HNO₃ technique in a PFA Savillex[®] beaker. Prior to loading onto the ion exchange columns, samples were centrifuged to remove any residual graphite.

For Nd isotopic analyses, The REE elements were then separated from other elements, using a cation exchange resin (AG50w-x8). Neodymium was then separated from the other REE using Ln spec resin following the procedure outlined by Pin and Zalduegui (1997). Neodymium isotopes were analysed at the Open University using a ThermoFisher Triton thermal ionisation mass spectrometer (TIMS) in static mode. The sample was dissolved in dilute HCl and loaded onto one side of a double Re filament assemblage. After drying down, 1 µl of 0.01M H₃PO₄ was added to the filament and dried and the filament was then flashed at 1.8 A for a second. For both sample and standards about 150 ng of Nd was loaded. Most runs yielded ¹⁴⁴Nd intensities of 4 V and 270 ratios of 8.394 seconds were collected for each analysis. Samples were typically run at 4550-5100V (Ionising filament) and 1500-2300V (Evaporation filament), with a pyrometer temperature of between 1630-1750°C. Analyses were corrected for instrumental mass fractionation using the exponential fractionation law assuming a ¹⁴⁶Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd ratio of 0.7219 (O'Nions et al. 1977).

Repeat analyses of J&M standard gave ¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd ratios of 0.511838±0.000009 (n=5, 2σ) which compared to a long-term reproducibility on this machine of J&M of 0.511834±0.000012 (n=17, 2σ). Analysis of La Jolla standard gave ¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd ratios of 0.511864±0.00005 (2σ), which compared with a long term reproducibility on this machine of 0.511862±0.000011 (n=14, 2σ). Repeat analysis of the internationally recognised standard AGV-1 gave an average of 0.512417±0.000828 (n=4, 2σ), which is within error of the certified value (Raczek et al. 2003). Spiked total procedural blanks were analysed using the SEM on the TIMS. Total procedural blanks were negligible (between 27-98 pg).

¹⁴⁷Sm/ ¹⁴⁴Nd ratios were calculated from elemental ratios obtained from quadrupole ICP-MS. Repeat analyses of international standard AGV-1 gave a Nd accuracy of within 8% of certified values (USGS) and a Sm of within 5% of certified values. Repeat analyses of AGV-1 gave a precision of 3% (relative standard deviation) for both Nd and Sm measurements.

Epsilon Nd was calculated at time 0 using present day CHUR values of 0.512638 (Hamilton et al. 1983). Errors on εNd value are shown as a function of the error on ¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd measurement (from repeat analyses of J&M standard in epsilon units- 10000/0.511838*0.000009=0.17) which gives an average of 0.2 in epsilon units.

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