

**Nd Isotopic, petrologic and geochemical investigation of the Tulawaka East gold deposit,**

**Tanzanian shield.**

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## Abstract

New isotopic (Sm-Nd) and geochemical data are presented for volcano-sedimentary and granitic lithologies of the Tulawaka East gold deposit in the Late Archean Sukumaland greenstone belt of the Tanzanian Shield. The data help to characterize the geological environment of the greenstone belt/gold deposit and the crustal evolution of the Tanzanian Shield. The volcano-sedimentary units are intruded by leucogranites and aplitic dykes that were deformed and metamorphosed to amphibolite facies. The Au mineralization occurs in thrust faults at the contact between the aplite dykes and the volcano-sedimentary units. The metavolcanic rocks are largely basaltic to intermediate in composition with negative Nb anomalies and flat Rare Earth element (REE) profiles varying from 10 to 100x chondritic values. Initial  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_{2.8 \text{ Ga}}$  values vary from +0.9 to +5.3 and Nd model ages ( $T_{\text{dm}}$ ) range from 2.8-3.0 Ga. The metasedimentary rocks are generally enriched in light REE (100x chondrite) with weak negative Eu anomalies and  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_{2.8 \text{ Ga}}$  values vary from 0.0 to +2.6. The leucogranites are garnet-rich and peraluminous with strong negative anomalies in Eu and Ti and with flat REE profiles (10-100x chondrite). The aplite dyke is also peraluminous with similar negative Eu and Ti anomalies and a flat light REE, but is depleted in heavy REE. The similarity in composition with the leucogranite suggests that the two are cogenetic and formed by fractionation of a more mafic parent. The combination of the flat REE element patterns and negative Nb anomalies among the mafic volcanic rocks suggests formation as an immature (island?) arc at ca. 2.8 Ga. However, Nd isotope signatures in the metasedimentary rocks provide evidence of an older crustal sedimentary provenance (ca. 3.0-3.1 Ga) and proximity of a continental influence. The age of the leucogranite and aplite dyke are constrained by a Sm-Nd garnet-whole-rock age of ca 2.5 Ga, indicating that the shear zone-hosted gold mineralization is younger than 2.5 Ga. The range of isotopic compositions found in the Tanzanian Shield overlap with those of the Zimbabwe Craton to the south.

## **Introduction**

The African continent consists of some 13 Archean cratons (Goldfarb et al., 2001) that, in addition to representing important mineral exploration targets, are crucial to understanding the geological evolution of the African continent. The Tanzanian Shield is the fourth largest of these cratons and endowed with diamonds, nickel, cobalt and copper (Yager, 2000), as well as being one of the most attractive targets for gold exploration in the past decade (Tassel, 2003). This gold is found mainly within the Archean Sukumaland greenstone belts and iron formation of the Lake Victoria goldfields district including the Bulyanhulu and Geita gold mines.

Tulawaka East is a new gold deposit located in southwestern Sukumaland, 100 km west of the Bulyanhulu mine and 700 km northwest of the capital city of Dar es Salaam (Fig. 1 and 2). The Tulawaka East gold deposit is one of several gold occurrences on the Tulawaka property discovered in 1997 by Pangea Goldfields Ltd. through geochemical anomalies. Major and trace element data and Sm-Nd isotopic data are presented for supracrustal and granitoid samples from the Tulawaka East Gold deposit in order to characterize the source and age of gold mineralization, and place constraints on the geological environment of the deposit and implications for the evolution of the Tanzanian Craton. The growth of Archean cratons represents an important period in Earth history for crustal stabilization and/or crustal growth (e.g. Albarède, 1998; Stevenson and Patchett 1990; Condi, 1989; Patchett and Arndt, 1986; Taylor and McLennan, 1985) and a better understanding of the evolution of the Tanzanian Craton would benefit both African and global crustal evolution/tectonic models.

## **Geology**

The Tanzanian shield is bordered by, and in tectonic contact, with three Proterozoic mobile belts: the Ubendian, the Usagaran and the Mozambique belts (Ring, 1993; Lenoir et al.,

1994). The Tanzanian Shield is divided between the Dodoman Group (and Dodoman Belt) of granites, granodiorites, granitic gneisses, migmatites and high-grade metamorphic supracrustal rocks that cover the central portion of Tanzania and the Nyanzian Supergroup of granite-greenstone belts that are found mainly in the north and west (Figure 1; Clifford, 1970; Wade and Oates, 1938). The Nyanzian Supergroup is sub-divided between the Lower Nyanzian and the Upper Nyanzian. The Lower Nyanzian is traditionally considered to be the lowermost part of the greenstone belt succession and is composed primarily of tholeiitic amphibolites and metagabbros with minor occurrences of meta-andesites and ultramafic rocks while the Upper Nyanzian forms the uppermost part of the greenstone belt and is composed of chemical (iron formation) and clastic sedimentary rocks and metavolcanic rocks that are mainly rhyolitic in composition (Borg and Shackleton, 1997; Borg, 1992).

One of the larger greenstone belts of the Tanzanian Shield is the Sukumaland greenstone belt which is an oval shaped belt (Fig. 1 and 2) defined by two intermittently exposed belts of metavolcanic and metasedimentary rocks that surround a core of granitoids and gneisses (Borg and Krogh, 1999). The geology of the belt consists mainly of Archean volcano-sedimentary sequences of the Nyanzian Supergroup (2.6-2.8 Ga). The Rwamagaza/Ushirombo inner belt comprises mafic (tholeiitic amphibolite and metagabbro) and minor intermediate (andesites) metavolcanic sequences of the Lower Nyanzian (Kuehn et al., 1990; Borg and Krogh, 1999) while the Geita outer belt consists of banded iron formation and clastic metasedimentary rocks and felsic and intermediate metavolcanic sequences (mainly rhyolites) of the Upper Nyanzian (Barth 1987; Borg and Krogh 1999). As a whole, the belt is dominated by mafic volcanic rocks (basalt-andesite 70%), with lesser amounts of felsic (20%) and metasedimentary (10%) units (Borg and Shackleton, 1997). Many (2001) suggested that the greenstone belt units formed in an arc/back-arc setting. These units were subsequently metamorphosed to greenschist and locally to

amphibolite facies and then intruded by Archean granites and granodiorites of Archean age (Bell and Dodson, 1981).

A Sm-Nd age of  $2823 \pm 44$  Ma for a meta-basalt from the Lower Nyanzian (Manya and Maboko, 2003) and U-Pb zircons ages of  $2780 \pm 3$  and  $2808 \pm 3$  and  $2699 \pm 9$  Ma for felsic pyroclastic rocks of the Upper Nyanzian in the Bulyanhulu and Geita mines areas (Borg and Krogh, 1999) suggest a more complex relationship than that implied by a younger Upper and older Lower Nyanzian. A  $2680 \pm 3$  Ma age for migmatitic gneisses in the Geita area also raises questions about the traditional view that the Dodoman Group constitutes the basement to the Nyanzian greenstone belts (Borg et al., 1990; Borg and Krogh, 1999).

The Tulawaka property (Fig. 2 and 3) lies within the Sukumaland greenstone belt at the western intersection of the inner and the outer belts (Robinson and Aubertin, 2000). At Tulawaka East, the volcano-sedimentary sequences of the Nyanzian Supergroup are metamorphosed to amphibolite facies and are intruded by a leucogranite and by aplitic dykes. The Tulawaka East deposit is one of several gold occurrences on the Tulawaka property. Gold mineralization occurs throughout the Sukumaland belt in various styles as: (1) vein-type and shear zone-hosted, (2) associated with volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) and (3) as sulphidic replacement ore in banded iron formation (Kuehn et al., 1990; Borg, 1993). Dating of a lamprophyre dyke that texturally pre-dates gold mineralization in the Geita mine yields a maximum age for gold mineralization of 2644 Ma (Borg and Krogh, 1999). Gold mineralization on the Tulawaka property is shear zone hosted type and is mainly found in detachment zones, near the leucogranite, at the contact between the aplitic dykes and volcano-sedimentary sequences. The age of this mineralization is part of this present study.

## Samples and Methodology

The surface geology at Tulawaka is obscured by extensive laterite coverage, thus samples studied herein were obtained from drill core (D0142, D0146, D0149, D0159, D0185, D0309 and D0310). D0149 and D0159 consist mainly of metasedimentary rocks, D0146, D0185 and D0309 are mainly metavolcanic rocks and D0310 is a leucogranite. Sample D0142 is a sample of an aplitic dyke hosting the gold mineralization. Typical metamorphic assemblages for the metasedimentary rocks include staurolite, biotite and feldspar with occasional muscovite and chlorite. The typical assemblage for the metavolcanic rocks is hornblende, feldspar and biotite with occasional garnet, muscovite and chlorite. The leucogranites consist of quartz, feldspar, muscovite and garnet (without zircon) while the aplitic dyke consists mainly of feldspar and quartz (Thompson, 2002)

Rock samples for Sm-Nd analyses were cleaned and crushed to a powder in preparation for whole-rock dissolution and chemical separation. A  $^{149}\text{Sm}$ - $^{150}\text{Nd}$  tracer was added for determination of Nd and Sm concentrations. All samples were dissolved under pressure in HF-HNO<sub>3</sub> mixture in Teflon containers for one week. Rare earth elements (REE) were extracted from the samples by standard elution techniques using HCl on cation-exchange columns. Nd and Sm were separated from REE on orthophosphoric acid-coated Teflon powder after Richard et al. (1976). A full description of the analytical procedures used in the GEOTOP laboratories can be found in Henry et al. (1998).

Nd and Sm isotopic ratios were measured on a VG SECTOR-54 mass spectrometer at l'Université du Québec à Montréal. Mass fractionation was corrected by normalizing  $^{146}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  to 0.7219. The reference values used in  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  calculations are  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}_{\text{CHUR}} = 0.512638$ ,  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}_{\text{CHUR}} = 0.1967$  and  $^{147}\text{Sm} = 6.54 \times 10^{-12} \text{ a}^{-1}$ . A formation age of 2.8 Ga was used for

the  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  calculation for the metasedimentary rocks and a formation age of 2.5 Ga was used for the leucogranites and aplite sample. The uncertainty in the  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values is approximately 0.5  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  units.

The garnet compositions were derived by back-scatter electron analyses using a Hitachi S-2300 Scanning Electron Microscope. Filament voltage was at 20 KV and an Rx detector (KeveX Quantum SeLi detector) was used for low atomic number elements. The SEM has an IXRF computing system with a count time for the RX spectrum of 50 sec at 40 % dead time level. For backscatter electron analyses, a Gini type 113A backscatter was used. Major and minor element whole-rock compositions were analyzed by ICP-MS.

## Results

### *Geochemistry*

The whole rock compositions for samples from the Tulawaka East deposit are presented in Tables 2 and 3 and major elements are plotted in figure 6. The metasedimentary rocks are largely intermediate in composition with average  $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  concentrations of 60 and 20% respectively. There is a decrease in  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and an increase in  $\text{CaO}$  with increasing  $\text{SiO}_2$  among the metasedimentary rocks that may reflect a decrease in clay mineral content and an increase in quartz and feldspar content. The metavolcanic rocks are mainly basalts and andesites with minor amounts of dacites (D0149-3 and D0149-13; Fig. 4). There is a general decrease in  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$  and  $\text{CaO}$  with increasing  $\text{SiO}_2$  in the metavolcanic rocks which likely reflects differentiation of the basaltic melts. A lack of correlation for K, Ca and Al is probably due to a combination of hydrothermal remobilization of these elements and subsequent overprinting by amphibolite facies metamorphism. There are insufficient leucogranite and aplite

samples to determine any trends, however, the leucogranites are peraluminous ( $A/CNK = 1.7-2.0$ ; Shand, 1927) and have average  $SiO_2$ ,  $Al_2O_3$  and  $Na_2O$  contents of 75, 15 and 4.6% respectively.

The chondrite normalized REE profiles are plotted in figure 7. The REE profiles for the metasedimentary rocks show a general enrichment in LREE (average 100x chondrite) with a weak Eu depletion and are somewhat similar to the North American Shale Composite (NASC) profile (Fig. 7a). However, the NASC profile plots in the upper part of the metasedimentary rock field and is enriched in HREE. The mafic metavolcanic rocks are characterized by flat profiles between 10-100 times the chondritic ratio (Fig. 7b), while the felsic metavolcanic rocks are LREE enriched (Fig. 7c). The leucogranites REE profiles are relatively flat between 10-100 times the chondritic ratio with a strong negative Eu anomaly (Fig. 7d). The aplite has a profile similar to that of the leucogranites, but with a strong depletion in HREE (Fig. 7d).

The trace element profiles of metasedimentary rocks are depleted in Nb, Zr and Ti (Fig 8a.) and show a similar trend to the North American Shale Composite (NASC) profile. Once again, however, the NASC profile is more enriched than the average Tulawaka metasedimentary rock with notably strong enrichments in Zr, Hf and HREE. Metavolcanic rocks have flat profiles (10-100x chondrite) with depletion in Nb and Ti similar to the sedimentary rocks profiles (Fig 8b-c). The felsic metavolcanic samples tend to be enriched in Th and more depleted in Nb compared with the mafic metavolcanic rocks. The leucogranites and aplitic dyke exhibit similar profiles with clear Th enrichment and Zr, Eu and Ti depletion except that the aplitic dyke exhibits a deep depletion in HREE (Fig 8d). Leucogranitic samples tend to have depletions in Ba, Sr and Eu suggesting either feldspar fractionation from the melt or residual feldspar in the source.



### *Isotope geology*

Table 4 shows the results obtained for 28 whole-rocks and 5 garnet fractions analysed for Sm-Nd isotopes. Whole-rock  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values are calculated at 2800 Ma, reflecting their possible Lower Nyanzian ages (Borg and Krogh, 1999). The metasedimentary rocks have  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values ranging between 0.0 and +2.6 with  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratios varying from 0.1003 to 0.1204. The metavolcanic rocks have  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  value ranging between +0.9 and +5.3 with  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratios between 0.11 and 0.21. The leucogranites have  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values of -0.7, +3.9 and +5.8 with  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratios of 0.23 and 0.20 for the last two. The aplite dyke gives an  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  value of -12.6 with a  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratio of 0.4015. Model ages ( $T_{\text{dm}}$ ) obtained from metasedimentary and felsic volcanic samples give Archean ages of 2.8-3.0 Ga. The metavolcanic rocks follow the isochron of  $2823 \pm 44$  Ma generated by Many and Makobo (2003) for metabasalts from the northeastern part of the Sukumaland greenstone belt (Fig. 9) and are thus broadly consistent with an Archean age. Without better field constraints to tell if the volcanic rocks are all from the same event, it is impossible to say if this is a real age or an average age for the entire suite. Nevertheless the Nd model ages indicate that the metasedimentary and the metavolcanic rocks are Archean and were likely formed at about the same time as the volcanic rocks analysed by Many and Makobo (2003). The metasedimentary samples appear to form a linear array in an isochron diagram (Fig. 9), however, this likely reflects a mixture between different sedimentary sources rather than real age information. This view is corroborated by the correlation between  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  and Nd concentrations (Fig. 10) that indicates that the Nd isotope compositions result from a mixture between a juvenile source (volcanic sediments) and an older source (continent-derived sediments/Dodoman Group?).

Igneous (D0310-1) and metamorphic garnets (D0149-4, D0149-13 and D0149-20) were sorted for Sm-Nd analyses. The igneous garnets are the most homogeneous garnets with almost no inclusions and are almandine-rich (40% Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 7% MnO, 2.5% CaO and 1.5% MgO). The metamorphic garnets are more heterogeneous in composition with multiple inclusions of quartz and ilmenite and less common inclusions of plagioclase, pyrrhotite and chromite. Individual metamorphic garnets are composed of intergrown compositional domains of two general compositions: the first is a Mg-rich almandine type (33% Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 1% MnO, 3.5% CaO and 4.5% MgO) and the second is a Ca-rich almandine garnet (37.5% Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 1% MnO, 4% CaO and 2% MgO). These two compositions likely grew during the two amphibolite-grade metamorphic episodes that affected the Tulawaka region but it cannot be determined which garnet grew first and it was not possible to separate these two compositions during sorting.

The metamorphic garnet fractions are characterized by relatively low <sup>147</sup>Sm/<sup>144</sup>Nd ratios (0.14-0.16) compared to the igneous garnet from the leucogranite (0.46). The low <sup>147</sup>Sm/<sup>144</sup>Nd ratios of the metamorphic garnets are probably a product of the numerous biotite inclusions found in these garnets. The isotopic data from the metamorphic garnet fractions cannot be used for dating purposes because there is not enough spread in the <sup>147</sup>Sm/<sup>144</sup>Nd ratio to allow an accurate regression. The initial εNd values of the metamorphic garnets range from +2.8 to -3.3 which is greater than the range found among the whole-rock samples. Regression of the leucogranite with the garnet fraction yields an age of 2.5 Ga (Fig.11) and the initial εNd value of the garnet (+5.5) is close to that of the whole-rock (+4).

## Discussion

The compositions of the Tulawaka metavolcanic units range from tholeiitic basalt to andesite and rhyodacite and the basaltic compositions overlap those studied by Many and Makobo (2003) in

the Bulyanhulu region of the Sukumaland greenstone belt. High Field Strength (HFS) elements such as Hf, Zr, Th, Ti and Y are often used to discriminate between tectonic environments for basalts because they are normally immobile during secondary processes and have concentrations dependent on the tectonic environment (Pearce and Cann, 1973; Wood, 1980). The Tulawaka rocks plot in the MORB/VAB field of the Pearce and Cann (1973) discrimination diagram and in the destructive plate margin in the Wood (1980) discrimination diagram (Fig. 9). These diagrams coupled with the flat to slightly light enriched REE profiles and slight LILE enrichment with positive Th and negative Ti and Nb anomalies (figures 7 and 8) support a subducted slab component in the generation of the Tulawaka basaltic rocks (Sun and McDonough, 1989; Pearce et al. 1995) and along with the basalt-andesite-dacite association are suggestive of a volcanic arc/back arc tectonic regime. The REE and trace element profiles compare well with an average profile for the Tonga Arc (Ewart et al., 1998). Manya (2001) suggested a similar origin for the Bulyanhulu basalts.

The initial Nd isotope compositions ( $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}} = +0.2$  to  $+5.3$ ) indicate that the Tulawaka metavolcanic rocks were derived from a depleted mantle, and extend the range of isotopic compositions obtained by Manya and Maboko (2003) for the Bulyanhulu basalts. The  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  value of sample DO139-2 ( $+5.3$ ) is somewhat high for an Archean depleted mantle and is associated with the largest LOI value of either this study or that of Manya and Maboko (2003) and may reflect perturbation of the Sm-Nd system. The Tulawaka samples also align well with the Sm-Nd isochron generated by Manya and Maboko (2003) suggesting a similar age. The lower  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values of the Tulawaka samples likely reflect contamination during emplacement by assimilation of sediments or alternatively, at the source by subduction of ocean floor sediments and fertilization of the mantle source by slab fluids containing a sedimentary component (DePaolo,

1981b; Scaillet and Prouteau, 2001). The question of contamination of the basaltic compositions is addressed again in the crustal evolution section below. The above data suggest an immature volcanic arc setting as a tectonic model for the origin of the Tulawaka region. This tectonic model for the Tulawaka region is in agreement with the tectonic model for the Sukumaland greenstone belt elaborated by Manya (2001).

The lower trace element and REE concentrations of the Tulawaka samples (Fig. 5 and 6) compared to the NASC is likely a product of the larger grain size of the Tulawaka metasedimentary rocks compared to the NASC (siltstone versus shale) and thus, lower clay content (Taylor and McLennan 1985). The low Zr contents of the Tulawaka sedimentary units is also evident in the Th/Sc versus Zr/Sc diagram of figure 10 which can be to study the effect of compositional variations of sedimentary sources in an active margin setting (McLennan et al., 1993). McLennan et al. (1993) observed that a rapid increase in the Zr/Sc ratio was consistent with zircon enrichment while a rapid increase in Th/Sc ratio relative to the Zr/Sc ratio reflected the contribution of a differentiated igneous source. The low Zr/Sc ratio of the Tulawaka metasedimentary samples suggests a lack of zircon enrichment, while the higher Th/Sc ratios suggest the addition of more differentiated source material. The concentration of Th, La and Sc in sedimentary rocks (Fig. 11a) can be used to discriminate between tectonic environments because their low mobility during sedimentary processes and their low residence time in sea water (Holland, 1978), resulting in little perturbation from source abundance. In figure 11a, the Tulawaka metasedimentary samples fall within the island arc field consistent with the volcanic arc origin for the Sukumaland greenstone belt postulated above and by Manya (2001). Figures 11b and 11c indicate that the metasediments of Tulawaka, despite their Archean age, are similar in composition to post-Archean pelites from the Kaapvaal craton (Jahn and Condie, 1995). The Tulawaka metasedimentary units are characterized by low Cr/Th ratios and generally low

abundances of Sc, Co and Ni (Jahn and Condie, 1995) reflecting weaker ultramafic contributions and a stronger input of granitic and mafic material compared to Archean pelites of the Kaapvaal Craton. This can be attributed to the lack of ultramafic units in the Sukumaland greenstone belt (Borg, 1992; Many and Maboko, 2003). The low Hf (Zr) abundances corroborate the depletion in zircon noted above. The evolved nature of the sediments and lack of zircon suggests a deep off-shore depositional environment beyond the continental slope where zircon would be trapped, but still within reach of the continental sediments (Taylor and McLennan, 1985). Considering the less evolved nature of the basalts, an arc/back arc environment reminiscent of Japan/sea of Japan would seem appropriate.

The isotopic compositions of the metasedimentary rocks as well as one felsic volcanic rock yield model ages up to 3.1 Ga and lower  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values than the mafic metavolcanic rocks. This indicates that some of the felsic volcanic units were contaminated by the sediments and that the sediments contain a detrital component significantly older than 2.8 Ga. The metasedimentary rocks are likely to be the result of a mixture between at least two sources; a basaltic source and an older differentiated source such as older granitoid rocks (Dodoman Group?).

Although the Tulawaka leucogranites are peraluminous and plot on the boundary between the "syn-collision" and "within plate granites" fields in the granite discrimination diagram (Fig. 18; Pearce et al., 1984), they are not S-type leucogranites as defined by Chapel and White (1982). In figure 19, the leucogranites plot among granites and leucogranites typical of the Western Superior Craton in Canada and the aplite in the aplite field (Breaks and Moore, 1992). The similarity in major and trace element composition between the leucogranite and aplite implies a cogenetic origin. Both have flat light REE profiles with negative Eu anomalies consistent with feldspar fractionation. The depletion in heavy REE in the aplite compared to the leucogranite

may reflect separation of the aplitic liquid from the leucogranite leaving residual minerals enriched in heavy REE. Simple fractionation calculations indicate that fractionation of small amounts of garnet with apatite from the leucogranite can reproduce the REE profile of the aplite.

The ca 2544 Ma garnet Sm-Nd age obtained for the leucogranites is substantially younger than the age of volcanism (ca. 2800 Ma; Borg and Krogh, 1999; Many and Maboko, 2003), but is consistent with ca. 2600 Ma Rb-Sr ages for late granites of the Tanzanian Shield (Maboko and Nakamura, 1996; Rammlmair, 1990). A similar dichotomy in ages between metavolcanic rocks and associated leucogranites is observed in the Superior Province of the Canadian Shield (Ducharme et al., 1997; Larbi et al, 1999). Superior Province leucogranites are 2640 to 2680 Ma in age compared to ca 2700 to 2800 Ma for mafic volcanism and generally reflect intracrustal melting along subprovince boundaries during the final stages of the craton's amalgamation (Larbi et al., 1999; Breaks and Moore, 1992). However, the positive  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values of the Tulawaka leucogranites indicate a strong juvenile mantle component in their formation that is inconsistent with melting of the 2800 Ma volcano-sedimentary package. Thus, the leucogranites may have formed by fractionation from a more mafic parent such as granodiorite or diorite. In addition to the Tulawaka leucogranites, Maboko and Nakamura (1996) and Rammlmair (1990) described ca. 2.6 Ga granites with juvenile Sr isotopes ratio from the Tanzanian Shield. The high  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratios of the leucogranites and aplite are a product of extreme fractionation and it is possible that the Sm-Nd system of the aplite has been perturbed by late hydrothermal fluids. Gold mineralization at Tulawaka is found in detachment zones at the contact between the aplitic dykes and volcano-sedimentary sequences and thus post-dates the aplite and leucogranite emplacement. The 2544 Ma emplacement age for the leucogranite places an upper limit on the age of gold mineralization. This upper limit is 100 million years younger than the upper limit for gold

mineralization at the Geita mine (2644 Ma; Borg and Krogh, 1999), but both ages indicate that gold mineralization in the Sukumaland greenstone belt post-date the main volcanic events.

### *Crustal evolution and regional comparisons*

The evolution of the Tulawaka region is comparable, but slightly different from the evolution of other greenstone belt sequences of the African continent. For example, the lack of ultramafic komatiitic rocks at Tulawaka compared to those found in greenstone belts of the Kaapvaal craton (Wilson and Carlson, 1989) or within the Reguibat Rise of the West African craton (Potrel et al., 1998). The major crustal growth period of the Sukumaland greenstone belts occurred between 2.7 and 3.0 Ga (Borg and Krogh, 1999; Manya and Makobo, 2003; this study) and is younger than the growth period for the Kaapvaal craton greenstone belt sequences (2.9-3.0 Ga; Wilson and Carlson, 1989) but is similar in age with the growth period of the West African craton sequences (2.7-3.0 Ga; Potrel et al., 1998) and the Harare-Shamva greenstone belts (2.7-2.6 Ga; Jelsma et al. 1996) of the Zimbabwe craton. Model ages of metasedimentary rocks at Tulawaka indicate an older basement source of ~3.0 Ga comparable to the 3.2-2.8 Ga age found by Dougherty-Page (1994) for the Harare-Shamva greenstone belt. The Kaapvaal and West African cratons have an older basement age of ~3.6 and 3.5 Ga, respectively (Compston and Kröner, 1988; Jelsma et al., 1989). The Sukumaland greenstone belt, therefore seems to be more similar to the Harare-Shamva greenstone belts found in the north of the Zimbabwe craton with similar basement and crustal evolution ages. Figure 20 ( $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  versus time) illustrates how the isotopic compositions of the Tanzanian Craton overlap those of the Zimbabwe Craton while the Kaapvaal and West African cratons lie at lower (older) isotopic compositions.

## Conclusions

The geochemistry and Sm-Nd isotope compositions were obtained from metasedimentary and metavolcanic units, leucogranites and an aplite from the Tulawaka East deposit in the Sukumaland greenstone belt of the Tanzanian Shield. The basalt-andesite-dacite association, positive initial  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values, negative Nb anomalies and otherwise flat REE and trace element patterns indicate that the metavolcanic rocks were extracted from an Archean depleted mantle in an immature volcanic arc/back-arc setting. The Nd isotope compositions of the metavolcanic rocks are consistent with the ca. 2.8 Ga ages obtained for early volcanism in the Sukumaland greenstone belt (Borg and Krogh, 1999; Many and Maboko, 2003). Trace element abundances and Nd isotope compositions suggest that the metasedimentary rocks represent a mixture between a juvenile detrital component (the metavolcanic rocks) and an older differentiated detrital component (the Dodoman Group?). The leucogranites have juvenile isotopic compositions and are likely the differentiation product of a more mafic magma. The aplite is cogenetic with the leucogranites and is probably the result of a late stage differentiate of the leucogranitic magma produced by fractionation of garnet and apatite.

A garnet/whole rock isochron of 2544 Ma for the leucogranite is broadly consistent with the age of late granite plutonism in the region (Rammlmair et al., 1990; Mokobo and Nakamura, 1996) and places an upper limit on the age of gold mineralization in the Tulawaka East deposit. This age likely also coincides with the local amphibolite grade of metamorphism related to the emplacement of granitic plutons. The Nd isotopic data indicates that the isotopic evolution of the Tanzanian shield closely resembles that of the Zimbabwe craton and is younger than the Kaapvaal craton.

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Table 2: Minor element compositions of the rock types from the Tulawaka East gold deposit (in ppm)

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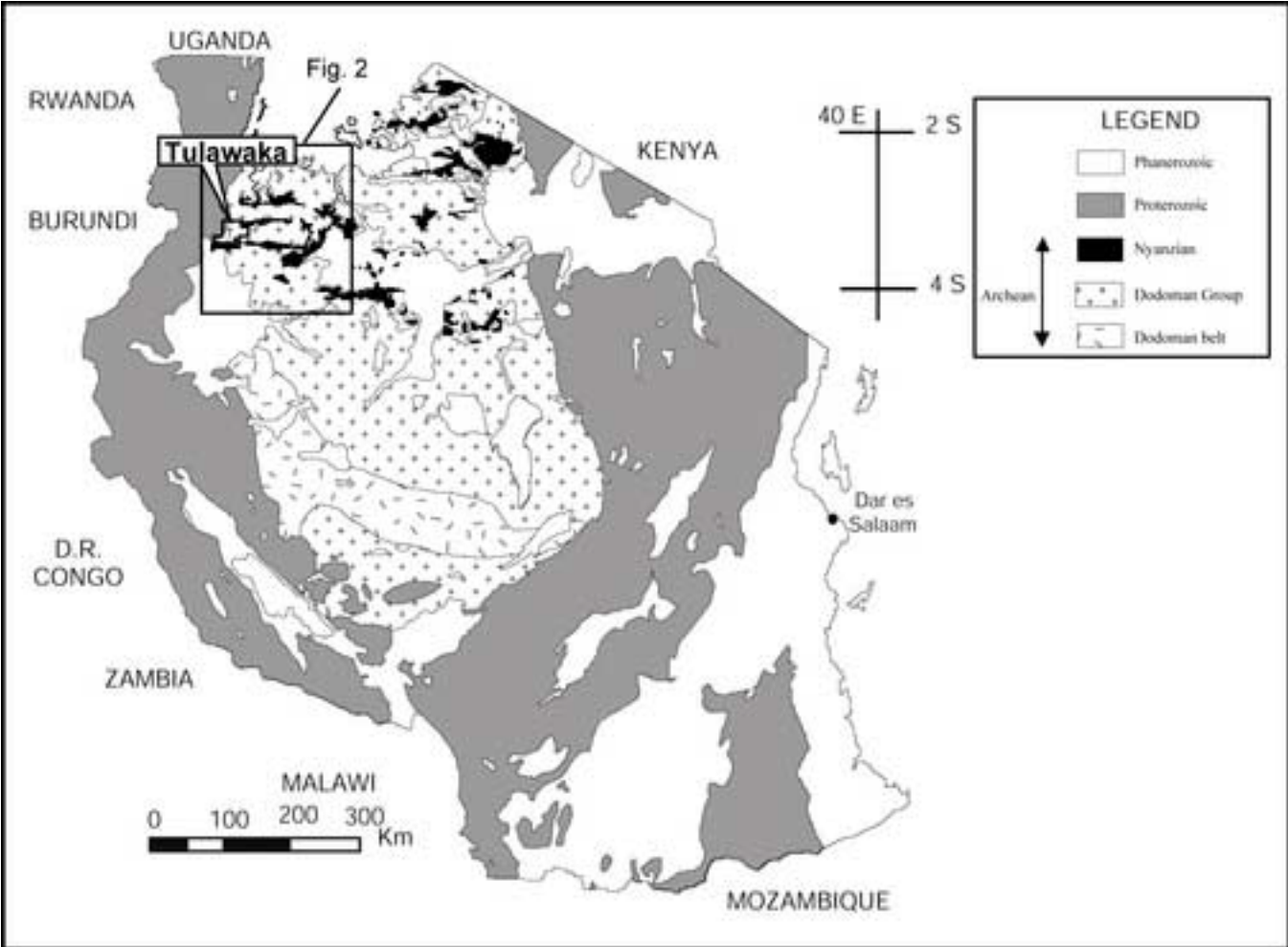


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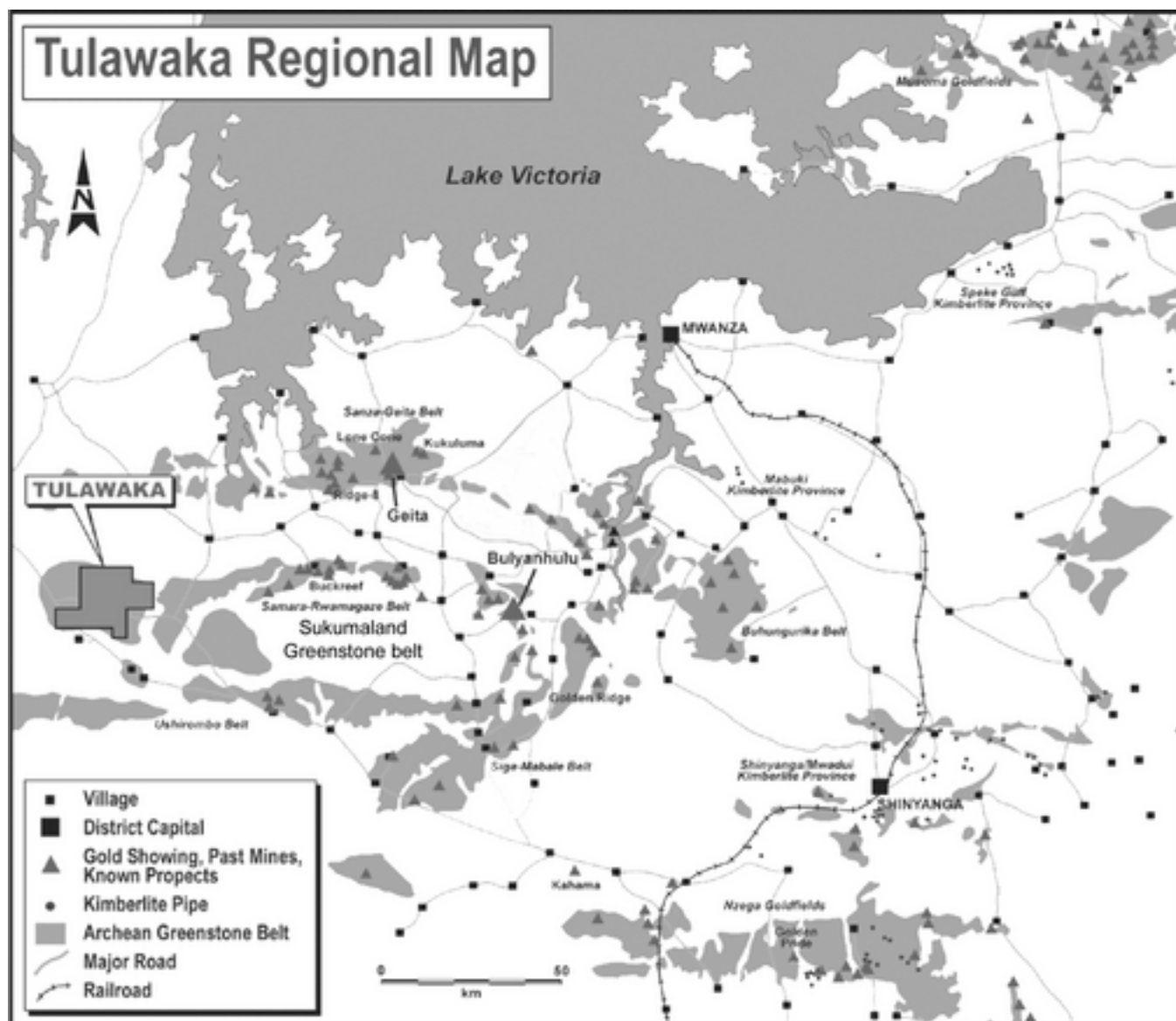


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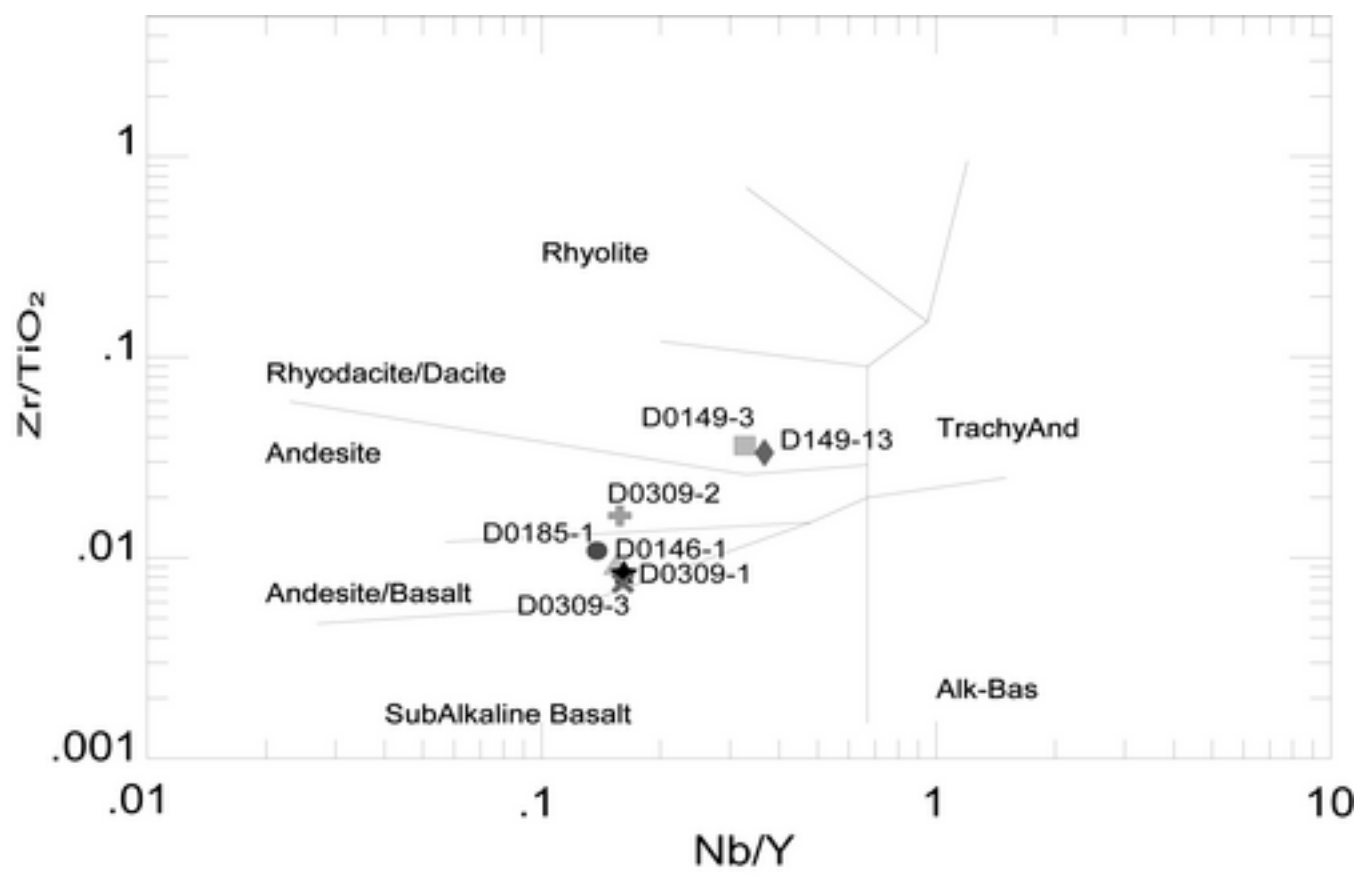


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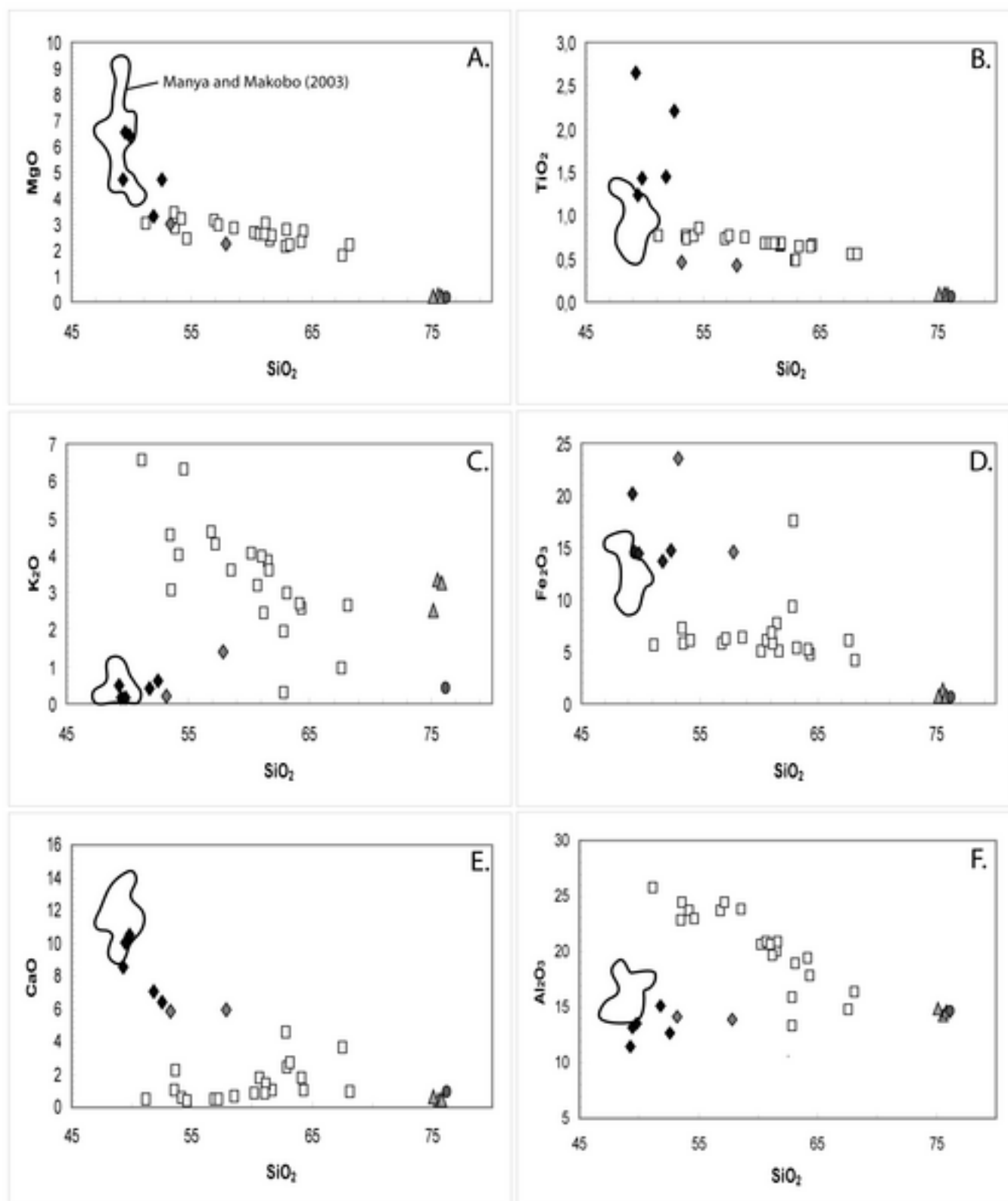




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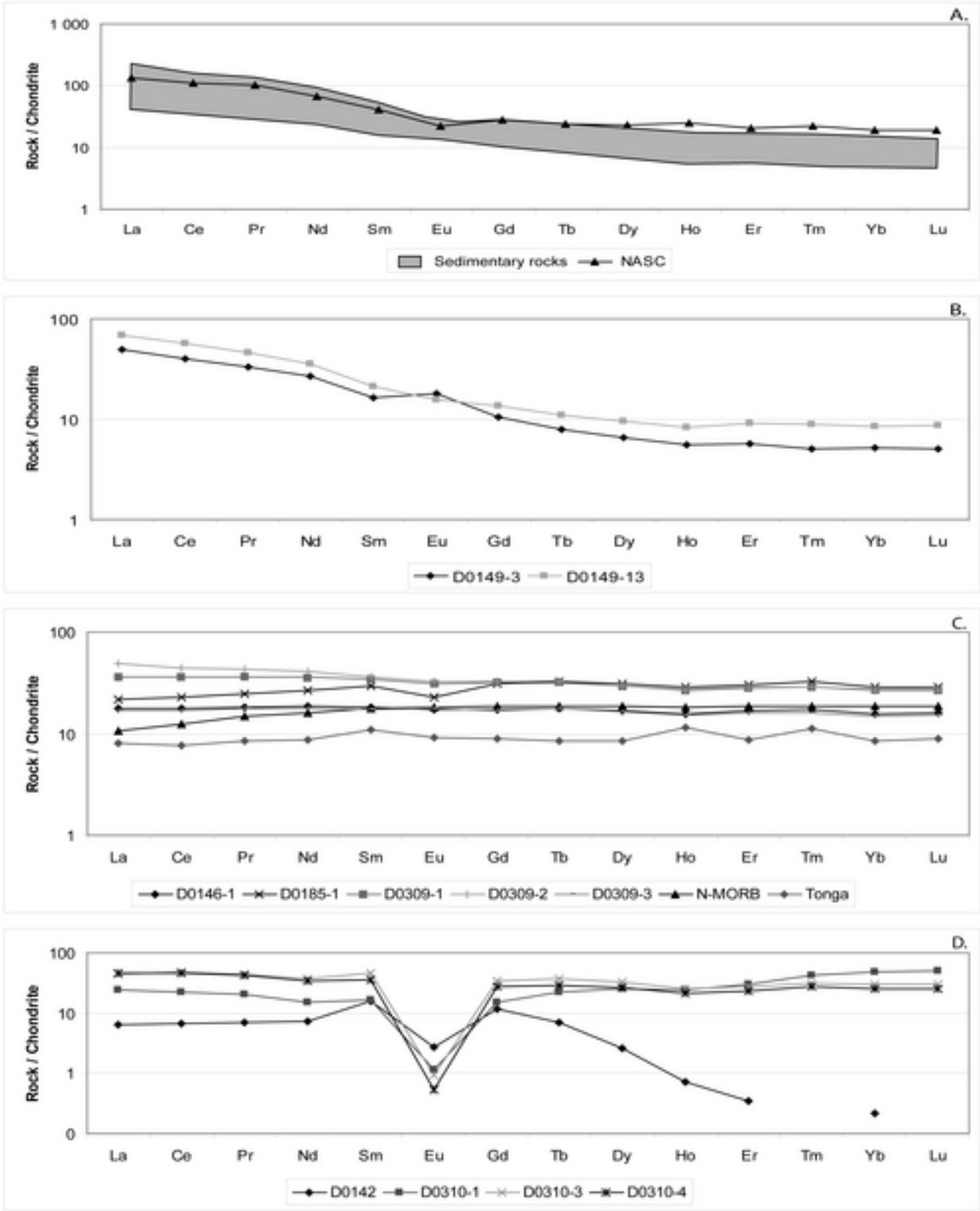


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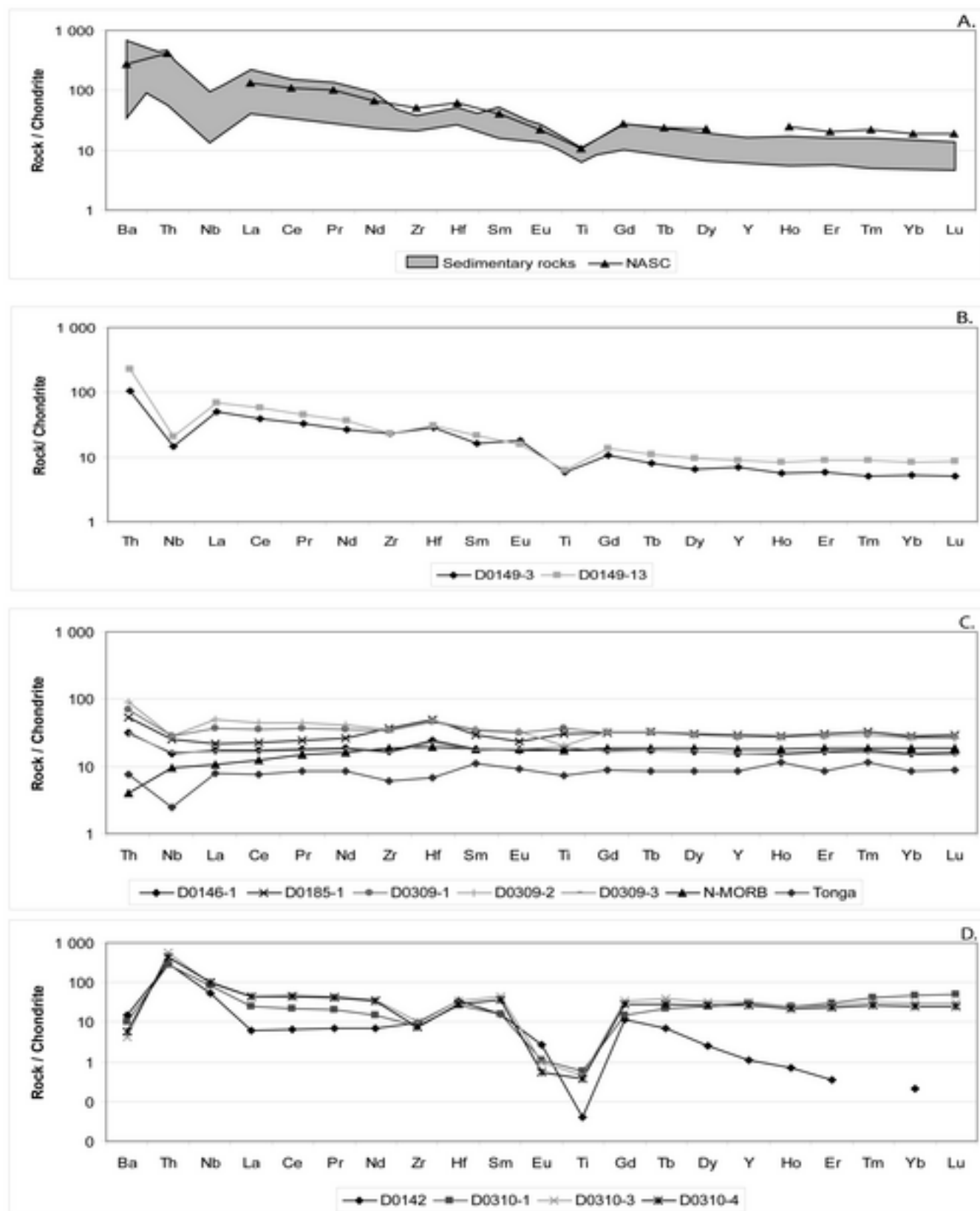


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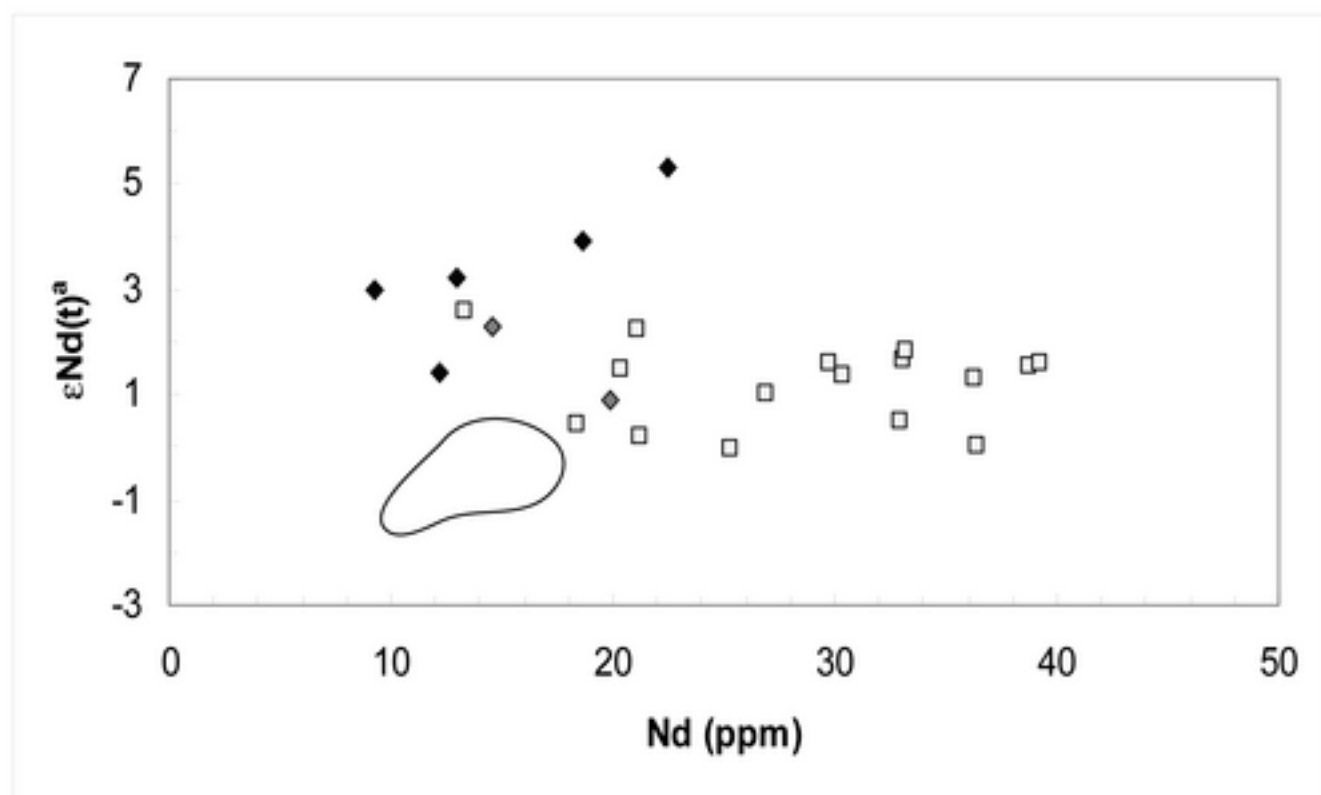


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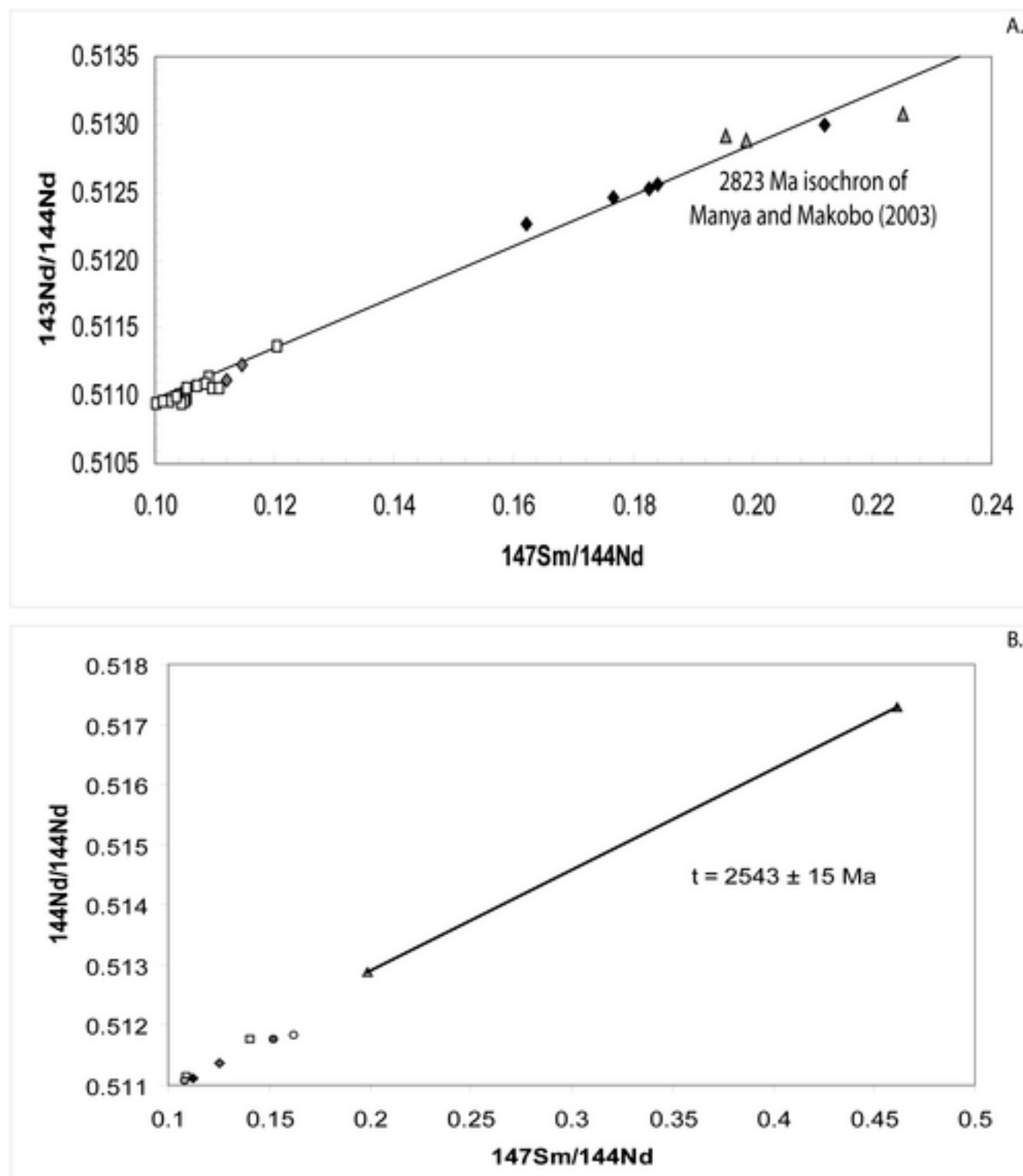


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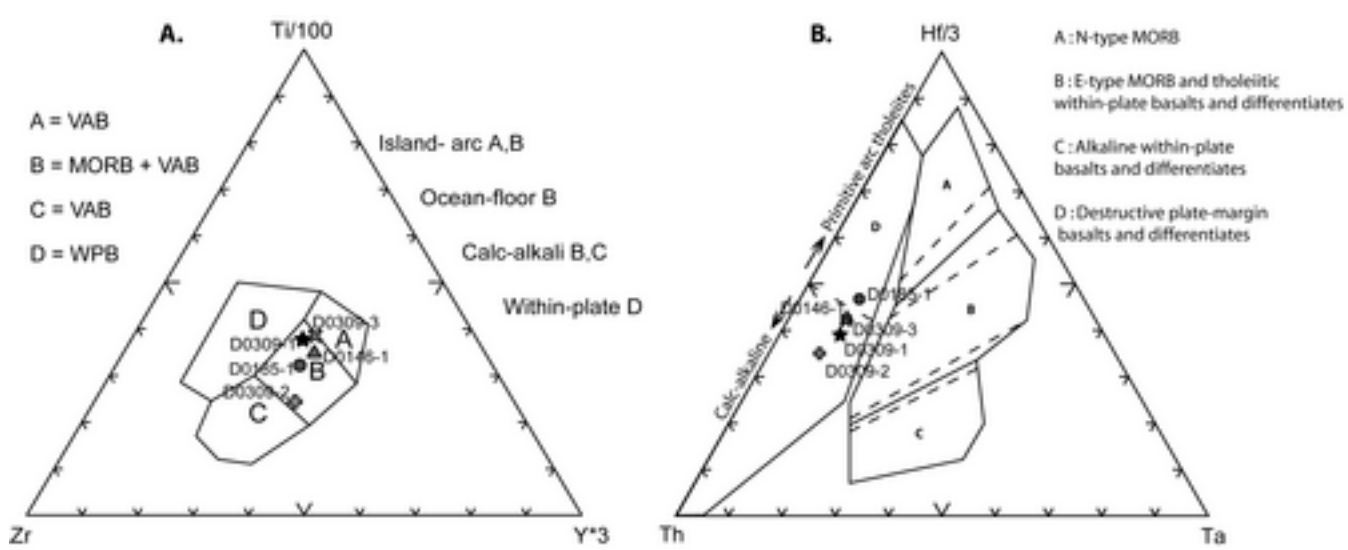


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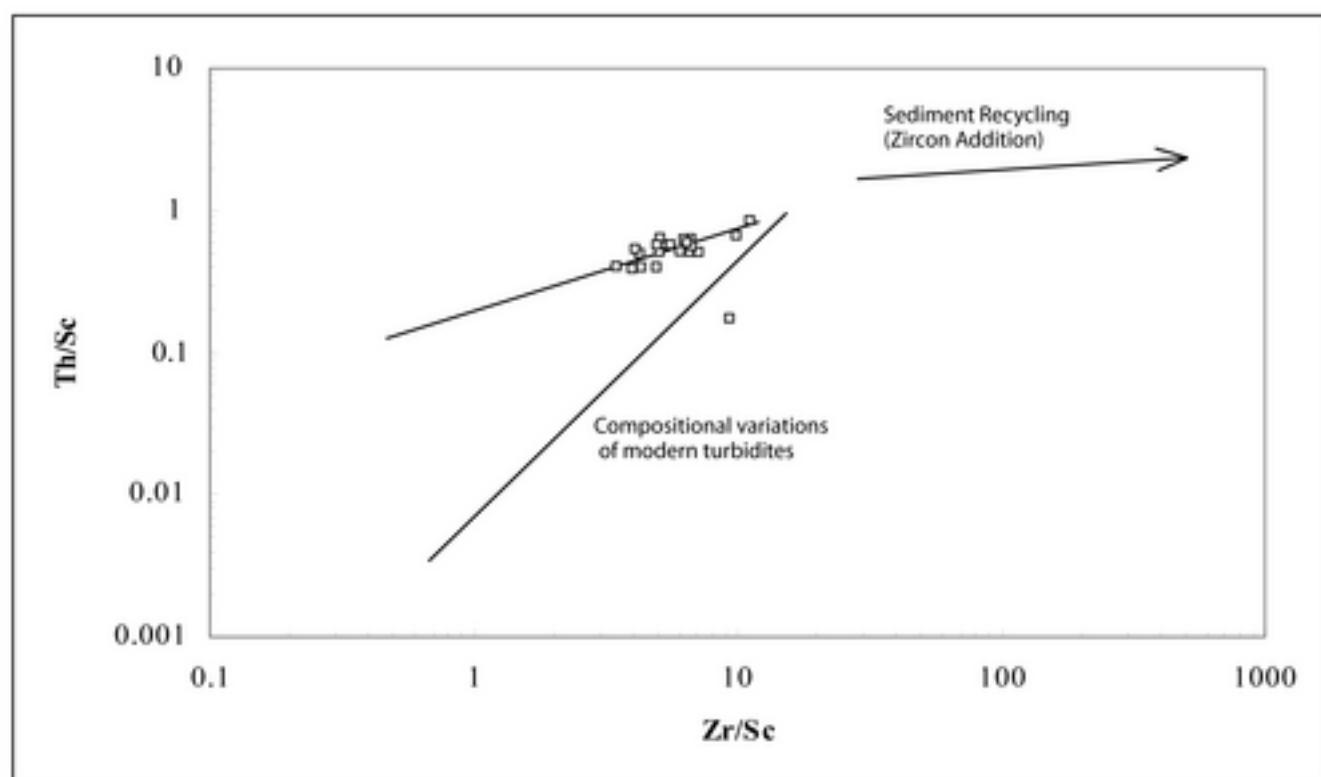


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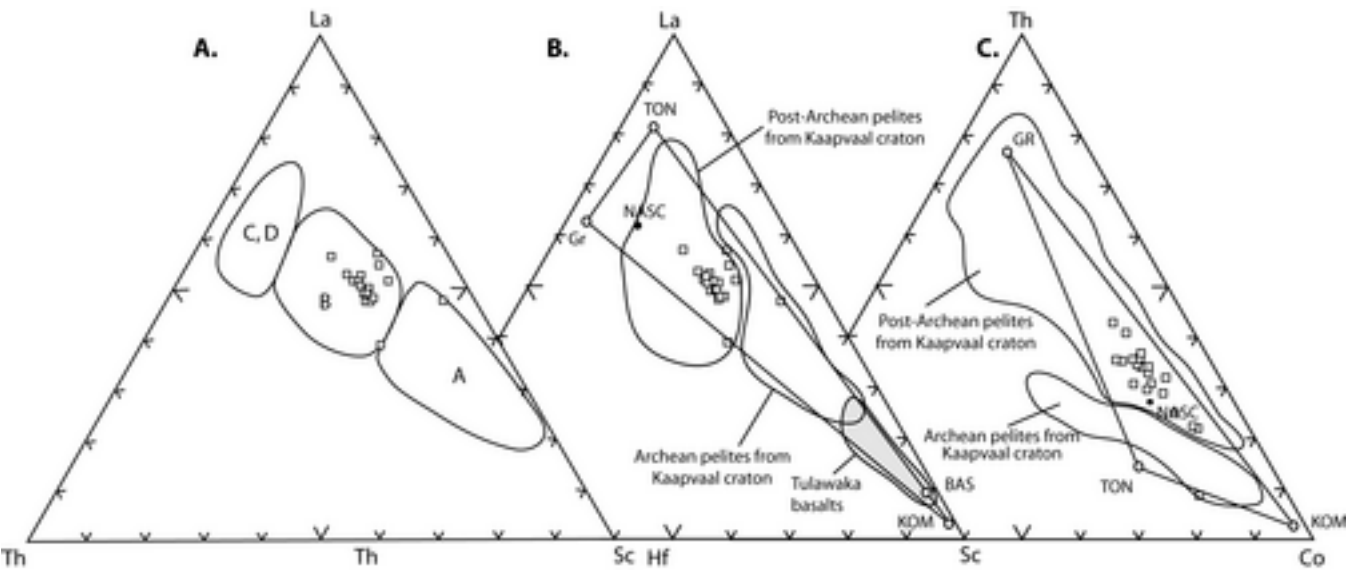


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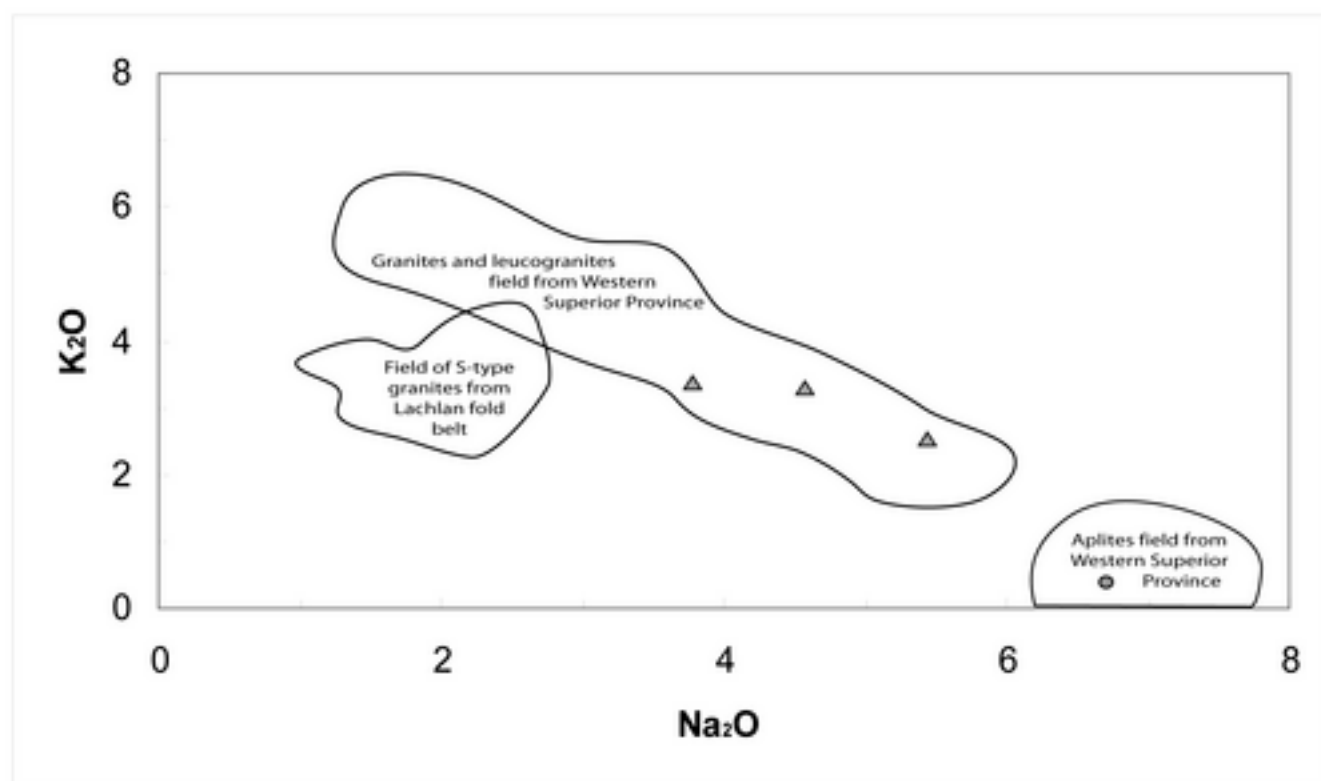




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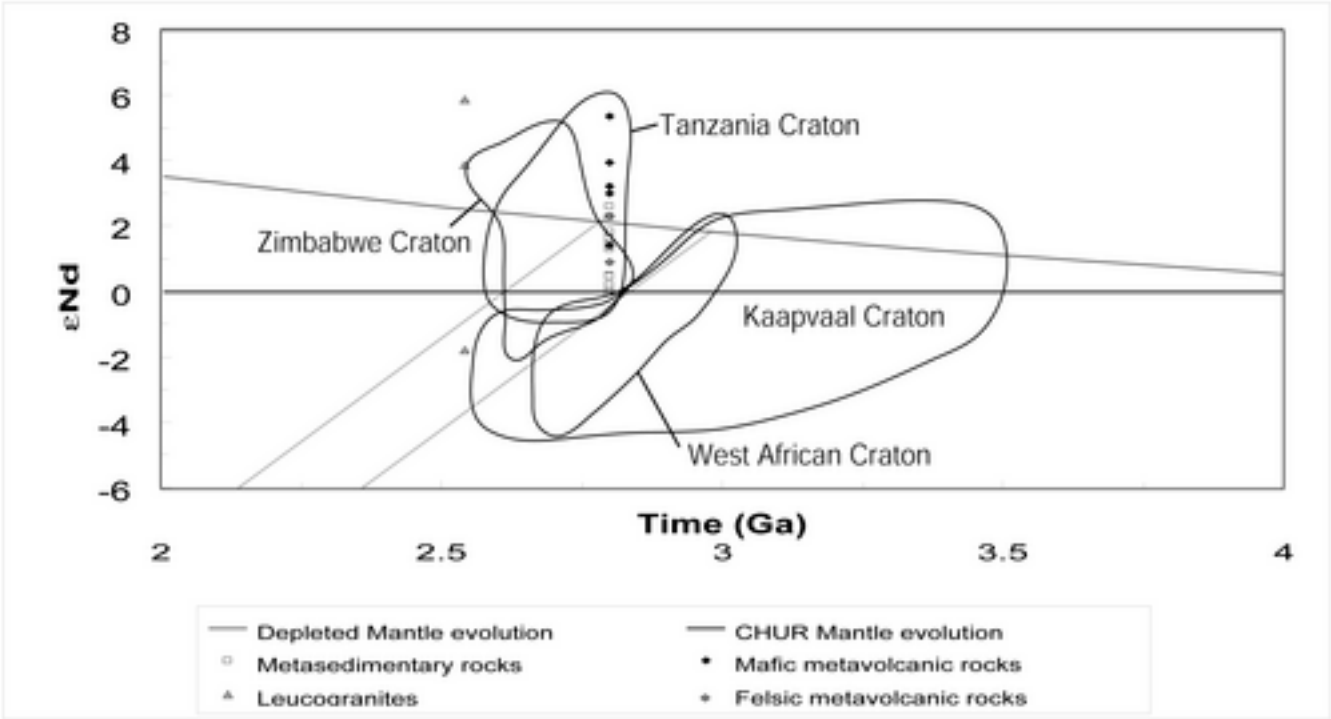


Table 1

Sample	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na <sub>2</sub> O	K <sub>2</sub> O	TiO <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	LOI	Total
<u>Metasedimentary rocks :</u>												
D0142-1	64.37	17.82	4.68	0.062	2.68	1.04	2.31	2.56	0.647	0.11	2.86	99.15
D0149-1	60.24	20.58	4.97	0.051	2.65	0.80	2.10	4.04	0.672	0.09	3.19	99.39
D0149-2	67.61	14.78	6.00	0.113	1.77	3.64	3.37	0.94	0.546	0.12	0.74	99.63
D0149-4	62.85	15.90	9.29	0.130	2.10	4.56	1.95	1.94	0.480	0.12	0.71	100.03
D0149-6	53.56	22.81	7.16	0.056	3.40	1.03	1.88	4.51	0.752	0.10	4.90	100.18
D0149-7	68.16	16.39	4.08	0.042	2.19	0.95	2.04	2.65	0.549	0.08	2.94	100.09
D0149-8	56.91	23.64	5.73	0.080	3.11	0.47	1.32	4.62	0.722	0.10	4.21	100.90
D0149-10	53.65	24.36	5.72	0.056	2.85	2.27	3.78	3.03	0.720	0.09	3.42	99.94
D0149-12	61.57	19.99	7.58	0.054	2.38	1.09	1.03	3.85	0.645	0.10	2.03	100.32
D0149-14	60.69	20.83	6.07	0.059	2.61	1.75	1.87	3.19	0.673	0.10	2.37	100.21
D0149-17	61.68	20.88	5.06	0.056	2.52	1.01	1.47	3.59	0.663	0.11	3.22	100.25
D0149-18	58.59	23.79	6.32	0.054	2.84	0.63	0.92	3.57	0.748	0.10	1.89	99.46
D0149-19	57.25	24.33	6.22	0.047	2.97	0.50	0.86	4.28	0.759	0.10	2.76	100.07
D0149-20	62.92	13.30	17.45	0.082	2.77	2.42	0.33	0.28	0.469	0.11	0.19	100.32
D0159-1	61.22	19.66	5.77	0.063	2.99	1.37	2.93	2.42	0.695	0.09	2.90	100.11
D0159-2	54.22	23.62	6.09	0.066	3.20	0.55	2.56	4.00	0.764	0.09	3.84	98.99
D0159-3	61.06	20.59	6.82	0.042	2.60	0.87	1.04	3.96	0.676	0.12	2.42	100.19
D0159-4	63.18	18.92	5.25	0.061	2.17	2.73	2.48	2.96	0.627	0.12	1.74	100.25
D0159-5	64.19	19.34	5.20	0.055	2.30	1.80	2.37	2.67	0.631	0.10	1.60	100.27
D0159-6	51.18	25.73	5.59	0.045	3.01	0.42	2.25	6.53	0.758	0.08	3.33	98.900
D0310-2	54.66	22.91	6.65	0.042	2.41	0.40	0.67	6.28	0.850	0.13	5.27	100.27
<u>Metavolcanic rocks :</u>												
D0146-1	49.47	13.11	14.57	0.216	6.53	10.04	2.24	0.17	1.240	0.12	1.41	99.12
D0149-3	57.84	13.87	14.57	0.169	2.24	5.94	0.67	1.38	0.423	0.14	1.91	99.15
D0149-13	53.19	14.10	23.46	0.200	2.99	5.83	0.24	0.19	0.461	0.11	-0.28	100.49
D0185-1	52.55	12.67	14.73	0.287	4.71	6.42	4.50	0.63	2.206	0.17	0.66	99.53
D0309-1	49.29	11.50	20.15	0.282	4.73	8.59	2.11	0.50	2.640	0.20	0.20	100.18
D0309-2	51.83	15.16	13.66	0.161	3.32	7.11	3.78	0.43	1.452	0.24	2.83	99.96
D0309-3	49.82	13.55	14.40	0.242	6.41	10.53	2.25	0.18	1.432	0.11	0.96	99.89
<u>Leucogranites :</u>												
D0310-1	75.54	14.32	1.30	0.254	0.18	0.43	3.79	3.35	0.043	0.03	1.05	100.29
D0310-3	75.13	14.85	0.68	0.060	0.12	0.65	5.43	2.50	0.032	0.06	0.69	100.19
D0310-4	75.82	14.60	0.67	0.029	0.10	0.51	4.58	3.27	0.027	0.04	0.71	100.36
<u>Aplite :</u>												
D0142	76.2	14.61	0.64	0.007	0.06	0.97	6.71	0.42	0.003	0.02	0.44	100.09

Table 2

Sample	Sc	V	Cr	Co	Ni	Rb	Sr	Ba	Zr	Hf	Y	Ta	Nb	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Sm	Eu	Gd	Th	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu	Th	U	
Metasedimentary rocks:																														
D0142-1	15	102	118	18	48	92	206	829	150	5.2	14.7	0.69	7.8	28.4	55.3	6.36	23.9	4.26	1.0	3.29	0.47	2.58	0.5	1.56	0.23	1.5	0.23	10.3	3.13	
D0149-1	18	123	132	17	51	111	154	915	119	4.2	18.2	0.84	8.1	31.2	64.5	7.5	28.6	5.12	1.08	0.48	0.6	3.25	0.63	1.85	0.28	1.72	0.25	11.2	3.32	
D0149-2	9	82	78	14	29	32	389	328	84	2.8	9.5	0.27	3.2	9.37	20.3	2.56	10.9	2.26	0.76	2.01	0.31	1.64	0.51	0.88	0.12	0.79	0.11	1.6	0.47	
D0149-4	12	79	43	12	39	105	231	540	83	2.9	12.8	0.36	4.3	18.8	38.1	4.08	17.5	3.26	1.01	2.76	0.39	2.13	0.41	1.19	0.17	1.31	0.17	6.28	1.85	
D0149-6	23	152	170	20	88	147	229	848	104	3.8	18.3	0.73	7.9	36.5	76.9	9.21	36.0	6.64	1.23	5.06	0.69	3.46	0.63	1.85	0.27	1.71	0.25	9.67	3.15	
D0149-7	13	85	112	15	43	93	209	625	148	5.0	17.8	0.55	6.6	31.9	61.7	6.98	26.4	4.5	1.04	0.61	0.52	2.92	0.57	1.7	0.26	1.57	0.23	11.0	3.34	
D0149-8	23	142	158	19	64	153	186	951	115	4.3	21.4	0.75	8.4	37.5	74.9	8.61	32.7	5.84	1.17	4.71	0.75	3.97	0.76	2.26	0.34	2.16	0.32	13.0	3.44	
D0149-10	21	122	152	19	60	123	409	560	108	4.1	18.6	0.78	9.0	36.1	73.2	8.49	32.5	5.95	1.52	4.41	0.63	3.45	0.66	2.05	0.3	1.97	0.29	13.4	3.57	
D0149-12	20	117	126	19	37	185	162	1240	114	4.1	18.8	0.66	7.7	30.4	61.1	7.0	26.9	4.93	0.87	3.88	0.38	3.28	0.64	1.88	0.29	1.84	0.27	11.4	3.21	
D0149-14	19	119	128	17	53	146	267	639	121	4.4	19.4	0.7	7.8	32.0	65.1	7.53	28.9	5.25	1.14	4.33	0.63	3.48	0.66	1.89	0.28	1.67	0.26	11.8	3.25	
D0149-17	20	121	128	18	52	124	241	806	131	4.4	20.4	0.67	7.9	30.6	61.9	7.28	27.7	5.18	1.20	4.2	0.61	3.44	0.66	2.08	0.32	2.0	0.31	11.8	3.21	
D0149-18	23	155	164	22	71	145	190	741	102	3.8	21.4	0.76	8.8	34.9	70.6	8.4	32.5	5.8	1.10	4.31	0.66	3.69	0.72	2.22	0.34	2.13	0.31	13.1	3.44	
D0149-19	25	155	168	24	75	142	242	790	105	3.8	20.5	0.77	8.4	34.6	70.6	8.23	32.0	5.79	1.29	4.53	0.68	3.66	0.69	2.04	0.3	1.90	0.28	12.6	3.37	
D0149-20	13	70	84	13	36	27	73	82	85	3.2	13.8	0.45	5.7	18.0	37.1	4.31	16.5	3.08	0.84	2.61	0.4	2.31	0.46	1.41	0.21	1.33	0.2	7.06	2.09	
D0159-1	18	114	138	18	37	82	263	662	110	4.0	14.3	0.77	8.8	37.5	76.5	4.29	16.6	3.22	0.95	2.74	0.43	2.43	0.46	1.41	0.21	1.36	0.2	9.5	3.01	
D0159-2	26	158	191	29	76	129	247	920	116	3.5	23.2	0.85	23	43.0	80.9	10.0	35.2	6.41	1.35	4.82	0.76	4.25	0.89	2.31	0.35	2.2	0.32	10.6	3.09	
D0159-3	22	126	133	17	57	135	173	972	123	4.2	19.6	0.97	8.2	30.6	61.9	7.28	28.1	5.04	0.87	4.04	0.59	3.27	0.66	2.05	0.31	1.96	0.29	11.5	3.25	
D0159-4	19	104	116	18	49	126	366	622	128	4.6	17.2	0.65	7.5	28.8	57.5	6.64	25.1	4.52	1.18	3.65	0.54	2.98	0.56	1.66	0.25	1.58	0.23	10.7	3.19	
D0159-5	18	107	126	15	104	119	279	653	117	4.2	17.3	0.66	7.8	31.1	61.1	6.82	25.6	4.45	1.26	3.72	0.53	2.92	0.57	1.76	0.24	1.55	0.23	10.5	2.93	
D0159-6	28	173	186	33	82	191	372	1530	199	3.2	25.1	0.88	21.2	51.9	94.5	11.7	41.1	7.36	1.35	5.66	0.82	4.68	0.95	2.47	0.37	2.35	0.33	11.2	3.33	
D0110-2	24	181	153	13	61	227	54	1050	116	6.4	14.6	0.78	9.1	20.7	45.3	5.34	20.8	4.02	0.77	3.29	0.45	2.46	0.88	1.48	0.23	1.52	0.24	9.66	5.24	
bd : Below detection																														
Sample	Sc	V	Cr	Co	Ni	Rb	Sr	Ba	Zr	Hf	Y	Ta	Nb	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Sm	Eu	Gd	Th	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu	Th	U	
Metavolcanic rocks:																														
D0146-1	41	313	52	41	42	11	116	75	66	2.5	24.6	0.22	3.8	432	10.6	1.62	8.4	2.66	0.98	3.40	0.64	4.08	0.88	2.68	0.42	2.53	0.39	0.93	0.27	
D0149-3	7	51	33	6	bd	106	114	240	91	3	11.0	0.22	3.6	11.70	23.9	2.96	12.2	2.39	1.00	2.07	0.29	1.58	0.51	0.91	0.12	0.84	0.12	3.33	0.88	
D0149-13	14	76	71	9	bd	5	24	26	92	3.2	13.9	0.53	5.1	16.2	34.2	4.06	16.1	3.11	0.87	2.67	0.40	2.31	0.47	1.43	0.22	1.36	0.21	6.67	1.88	
D0185-1	52	454	bd	17	bd	30	206	131	143	5.2	45.6	0.41	6.3	5.05	13.8	2.18	16.2	4.35	1.29	6.14	1.19	7.47	1.58	4.79	0.78	4.65	0.70	3.55	0.56	
D0309-1	47	443	20	43	31	12	113	96	132	4.8	43.3	0.47	7.0	8.48	21.7	3.24	16.2	4.99	1.74	6.26	1.14	7.24	1.51	4.55	0.70	4.41	0.67	2.02	0.60	
D0309-2	30	224	bd	33	0	21	184	105	141	5	43.3	0.45	6.8	11.7	27.0	3.88	18.8	5.28	1.83	6.43	1.17	7.15	1.50	4.49	0.70	4.28	0.64	2.63	1.09	
D0309-3	45	357	58	42	49	7	117	54	64	2.4	24.3	0.21	3.9	3.98	10.2	1.56	8.0	2.56	1.00	3.33	0.64	4.01	0.84	2.57	0.40	2.44	0.37	0.88	0.25	
Leucogranites:																														
D0110-1	8	bd	54	bd	bd	393	8	24	31	2.7	46.8	2.26	20.1	5.72	13.5	1.83	6.9	2.40	0.07	2.92	0.82	6.25	1.37	4.82	1.03	7.84	1.23	8.5	2.00	
D0110-3	4	bd	bd	bd	bd	290	7	10	40	3.6	51.0	5.49	23.3	10.50	28.5	3.99	17.0	6.70	0.05	6.81	1.37	7.82	1.43	4.36	0.76	4.90	0.73	16.9	8.31	
D0110-4	5	bd	bd	bd	bd	350	7	13	30	3	40.9	5.52	25	10.70	27.5	3.77	15.5	5.31	0.03	5.51	1.06	6.31	1.19	3.68	0.66	437	0.62	12.95	10	
Aplite:																														
D0142	2	bd	bd	bd	bd	19	148	35	37	3.5	3.7	1.84	13.1	1.48	4.00	0.63	3.3	2.29	0.15	2.30	0.26	0.63	0.04	0.06	bd	0.04	bd	9.01	16.80	
bd : Below detection																														

Table 3

Sample	Rock type	Age (Ga)	Sm(ppm) <sup>a</sup>	Nd (ppm) <sup>a</sup>	<sup>147</sup> Sm/ <sup>144</sup> Nd <sup>a</sup>	<sup>143</sup> Nd/ <sup>144</sup> Nd ( $\pm 2\sigma$ )	$\epsilon$ Nd(t) <sup>b</sup>	T <sub>dm</sub> <sup>c</sup>
D0142-1	S	2.8	4.57	26.9	0.1025	0.510950 $\pm$ 0.000010	1.0	3.00
D0142-2	S	2.8	6.28	36.3	0.1044	0.511004 $\pm$ 0.000013	1.3	2.98
D0149-1	S	2.8	5.76	32.0	0.1055	0.510977 $\pm$ 0.000015	0.5	3.04
D0149-2	S	2.8	2.65	13.3	0.1204	0.511360 $\pm$ 0.000013	2.6	2.91
D0149-4	S	2.8	3.80	21.1	0.1090	0.511132 $\pm$ 0.000010	2.3	2.92
D0149-5	S	2.8	3.70	21.3	0.1052	0.510958 $\pm$ 0.000010	0.2	3.06
D0149-7	S	2.8	5.49	33.1	0.1003	0.510939 $\pm$ 0.000010	1.6	2.95
D0149-8	S	2.8	6.31	36.4	0.1047	0.510939 $\pm$ 0.000010	0.0	3.07
D0149-20	S	2.8	3.66	20.4	0.1084	0.511080 $\pm$ 0.000010	1.5	2.98
D0159-1	S	2.8	3.33	18.3	0.1098	0.511055 $\pm$ 0.000011	0.4	3.06
D0159-2	S	2.8	6.88	38.8	0.1072	0.511061 $\pm$ 0.000010	1.5	2.97
D0159-3	S	2.8	5.80	33.3	0.1055	0.511045 $\pm$ 0.000010	1.8	2.95
D0159-4	S	2.8	5.22	30.4	0.1036	0.510989 $\pm$ 0.000010	1.4	2.98
D0159-5	S	2.8	4.99	29.7	0.1015	0.510961 $\pm$ 0.000010	1.6	2.96
D0159-6	S	2.8	6.84	39.2	0.1053	0.511028 $\pm$ 0.000010	1.6	2.97
D0310-2	S	2.8	4.64	25.3	0.1107	0.511047 $\pm$ 0.000014	0.0	3.10
D0146-1	V	2.8	3.91	12.9	0.1826	0.512528 $\pm$ 0.000010	3.2	
D0149-3	V	2.8	2.77	14.6	0.1144	0.511235 $\pm$ 0.000010	2.3	2.93
D0149-13	V	2.8	3.68	19.9	0.1121	0.511119 $\pm$ 0.000010	0.9	3.03
D0185-1	V	2.8	4.75	13.6	0.2120	0.512992 $\pm$ 0.000009	1.4	
D0309-1	V	2.8	5.44	18.6	0.1767	0.512469 $\pm$ 0.000010	3.9	
D0309-2	V	2.8	6.03	22.5	0.1622	0.512272 $\pm$ 0.000010	5.3	
D0309-3	V	2.8	2.83	9.3	0.1841	0.512557 $\pm$ 0.000010	3.0	
D0310-1	L	2.5	2.67	8.1	0.1990	0.512878 $\pm$ 0.000010	3.9	
D0310-3	L	2.5	7.52	20.2	0.2251	0.513072 $\pm$ 0.000010	-0.7	
D0310-4	L	2.5	5.98	18.5	0.1956	0.512916 $\pm$ 0.000010	5.8	
D0149-4 (S)	G	2.8	2.72	11.7	0.1408	0.511747 $\pm$ 0.000010	2.8	2.92
D0149-13 (V)	G	2.8	3.18	15.3	0.1258	0.511360 $\pm$ 0.000010	0.6	3.09
D0149-20 (S)	G	2.8	2.77	10.0	0.1526	0.511749 $\pm$ 0.000010	-1.5	
D0149-20 (S) <sup>d</sup>	G	2.8	2.85	10.6	0.1622	0.511831 $\pm$ 0.000010	-3.3	
D0310-1 (L)	G	2.5	9.49	12.4	0.4617	0.517284 $\pm$ 0.000010	5.5	
D0142	A	2.5	2.92	4.4	0.4015	0.515373 $\pm$ 0.000010	-12.6	

a. Sm, Nd concentration and Sm/Nd ratios have an accuracy of 0.5%.

b. Error on  $\epsilon$ Nd is  $\pm 0.5$  unit.

c. Depleted mantle model ages (DePaolo, 1981)

d. Finer grained garnet fraction

S = Metasedimentary, V = Metavolcanic, L = Leucogranite and G = Garnet