



# Petrochronology of the lower crust of the Anabar province of the Siberian craton

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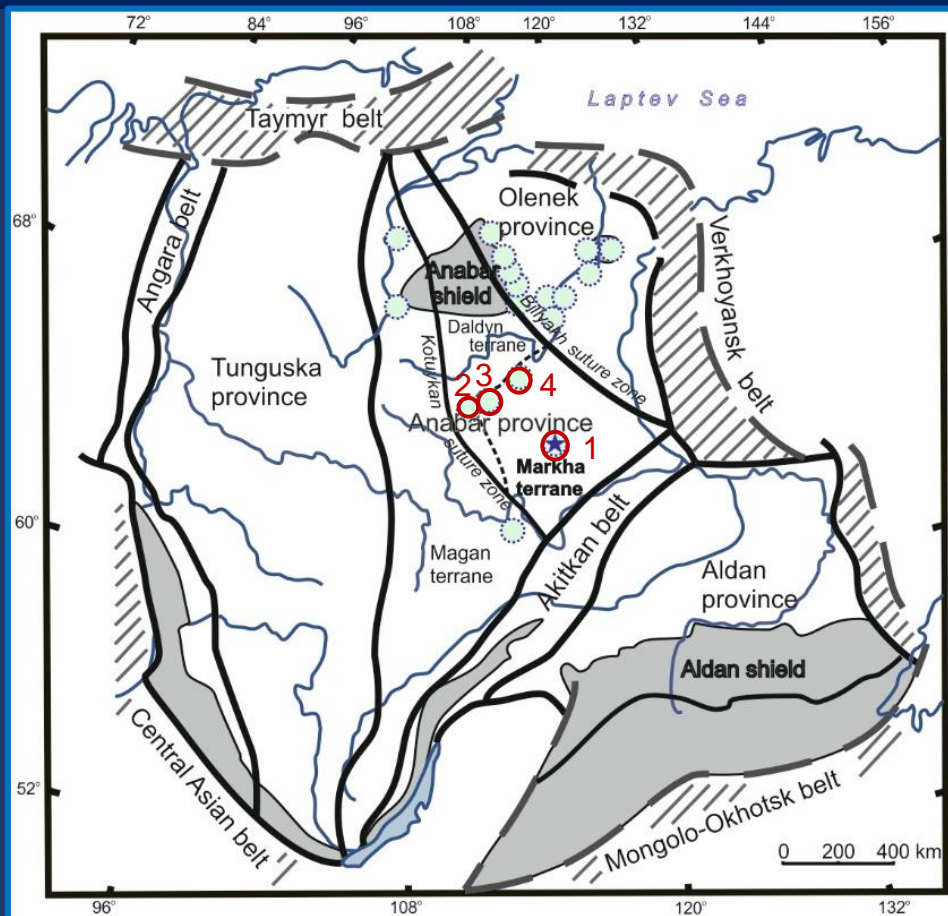
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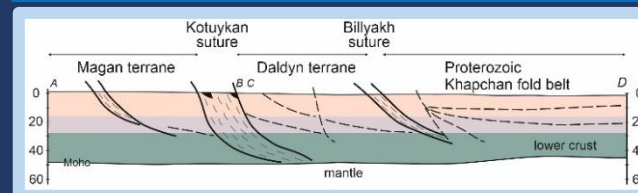
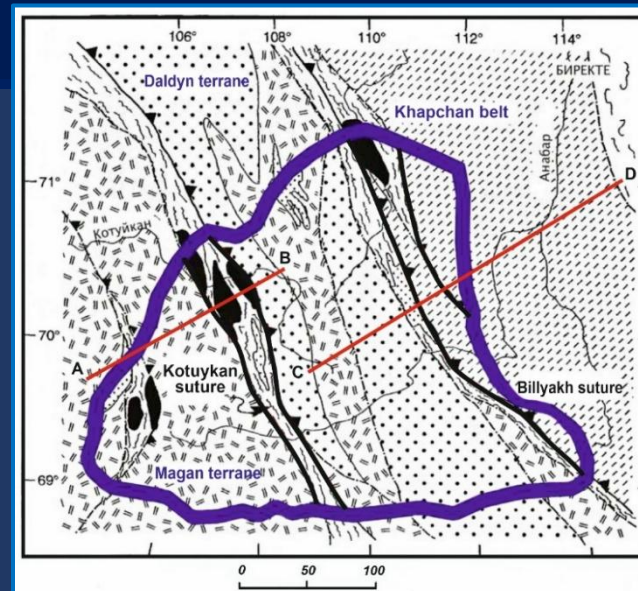
## Tectonic division of the Siberian craton

(after Rosen et al. 2006; Gladkochub et al. 2006)

Marked kimberlite fields:

1 – Nakyn (Nurbinskaya), 2 – Alakit (Komsomolskaya),  
3 – Daldyn (Udachnaya), 4 – Muna (Zapolyarnaya)

Donskaya 2020; Moreira et al. 2023 and previous works



Geological sketch map of the  
Anabar shield and a section along  
lines A-B and C-D

(after Rosen et al. 2006)

3.8-2.7 Ga – magmatic rocks

~2.6 Ga – metamorphism

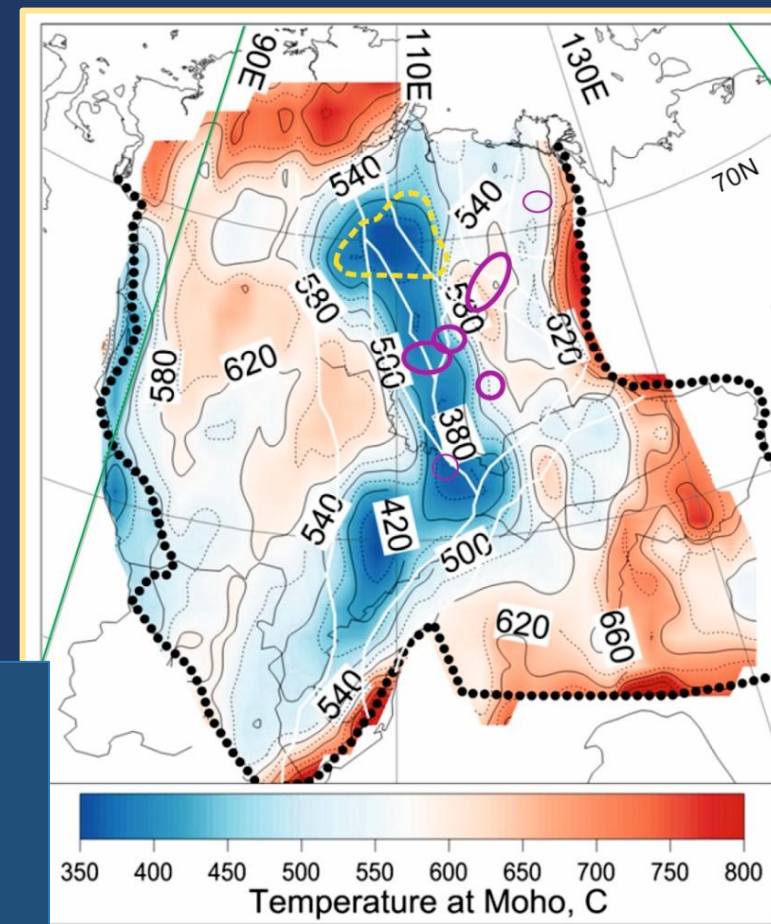
1.99-1.90 Ga - metamorphism

2.1-2.0 Ga – I-type granites

2.00-1.87 Ga – S-type granites

1.88-1.84 Ga – post-collisional granites

At present:  
42-50 km thick crust  
16-18 km thick lower crust  
T at the Moho 500-540 °C



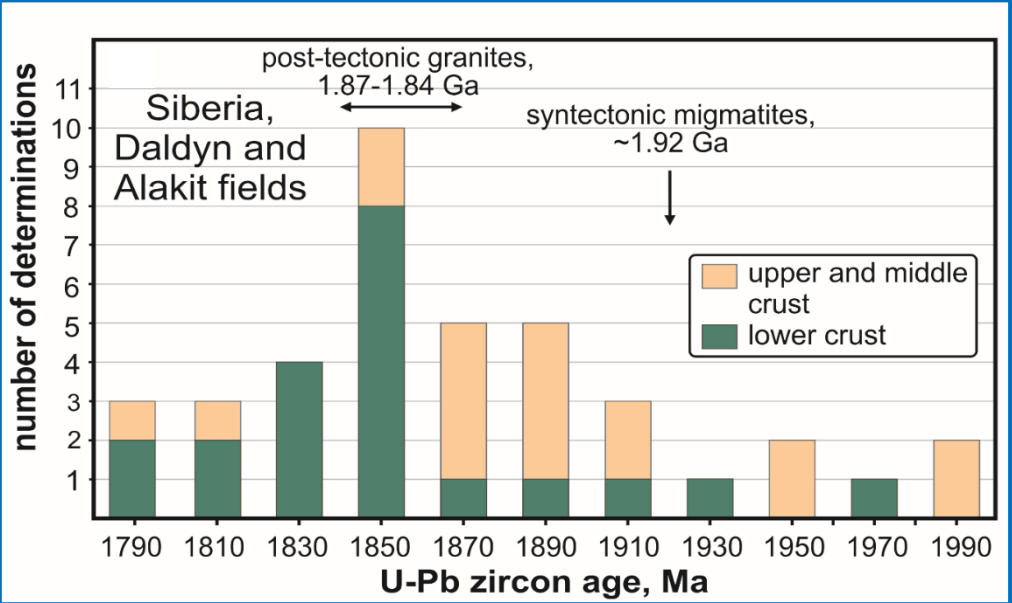
Cherepanova and Artemieva (2015)





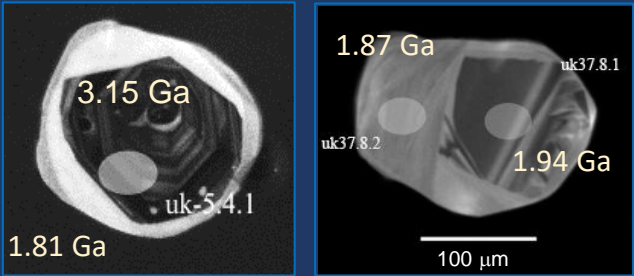
Grt-granulites:  
almandine, Na-Al-diopside,  
oligoclase-andesine  
  
± quartz, pargasite,  
enstatite (hypersthene),  
scapolite  
  
apatite, sulfides, zircon,  
ilmenite ± rutile

magmatic Zrn  
3.2-2.7 Ga  
  
metamorphic Zrn  
2.17-1.66 Ga



Age, Ga	≥2.04	1.98-1.94	1.93-1.90	1.87-1.84	1.83-1.76	1.6-1.4	≤1.1
LC	Grt-granulite	Grt-granulites	Grt-granulite	Grt-granulites	Grt-granulite	Grt-granulite	
	U-Pb Zrn	U-Pb Zrn	U-Pb Zrn	Zrn equilibrated with garnet	U-Pb Zrn	U-Pb Zrn	
				750-830°C 0.9-1.2 Gpa			
				U-Pb Zrn		Grt-granulite	Grt-granulites
						U-Pb Rutile	U-Pb Rutile
						U-Pb Apatite	U-Pb Apatite
MC-UC		Grt-Bt-gneiss	Grt-Bt-gneisses,	Grt-Bt-gneiss, amphibolite,	Grt-Bt-gneiss		
		U-Pb Zrn	granulite	felsic granulites	U-Pb Zrn		
			U-Pb Zrn	U-Pb Zrn			
				Grt-Bt-gneisses	amphibolite,		
				Sm-Nd isochrons	metatonalite		
					U-Pb Apatite		

Koreshkova and Downes, 2021



# Crustal xenoliths from the Nakyn field

## Nurbinskaya diatreme

### Felsic xenoliths

- Grt-gneisses
- Grt-Bt-schists
- Grt-granulites
- Crn-Ky-Grt-granofels

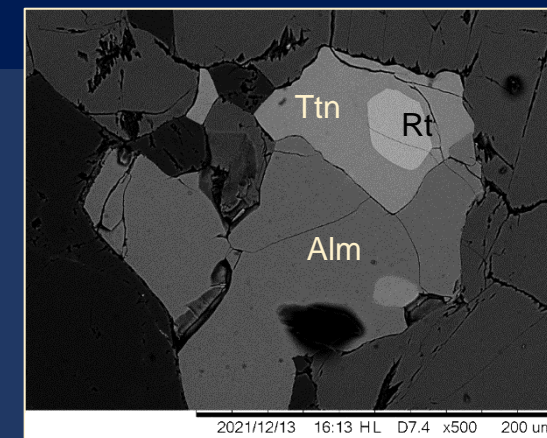
### Mafic xenoliths

- amphibolites
- Grt-granulites
- garnetites

Grt-granulites:  
almandine, Na-Al-diopside,  
oligoclase-andesine

± quartz, pargasite, enstatite  
(hypersthene), scapolite

apatite, sulfides, zircon,  
ilmenite, rutile, ± **titanite**



**Ttn**  
U-Pb dates  
1850 and  
1785 Ma

metamorphic Zrn 1.88 Ga

magmatic Zrn

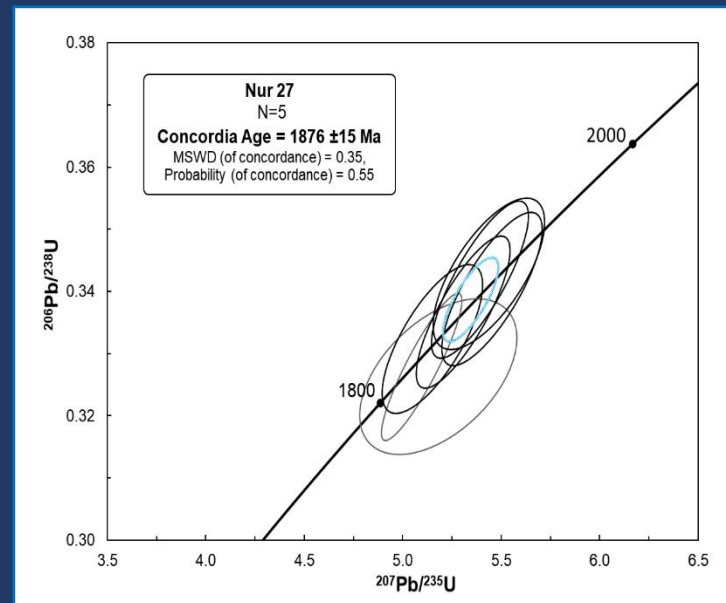
2.9-2.8 Ga

*Shatsky et al., 2022*



CL images of zircons from Grt-granulite Nur27.  
Spot numbers and  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages (Ma) are shown.

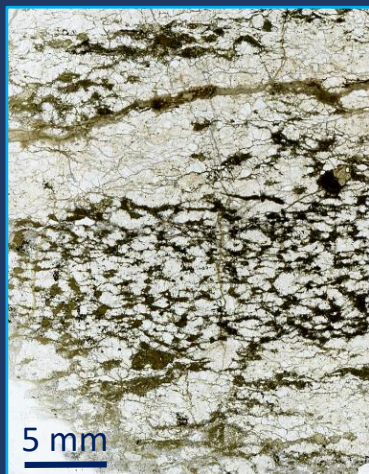
*Koreshkova and Downes, 2021; Koreshkova et al., 2024*



U-Pb Concordia diagram for zircon from  
Grt-granulite Nur27.

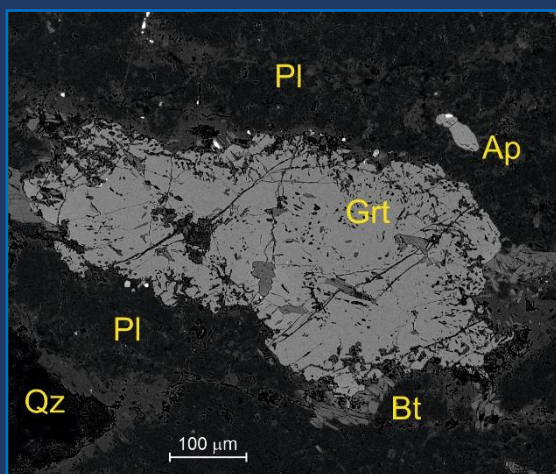
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# Crustal xenoliths from the Nakyn field: Grt-gneisses

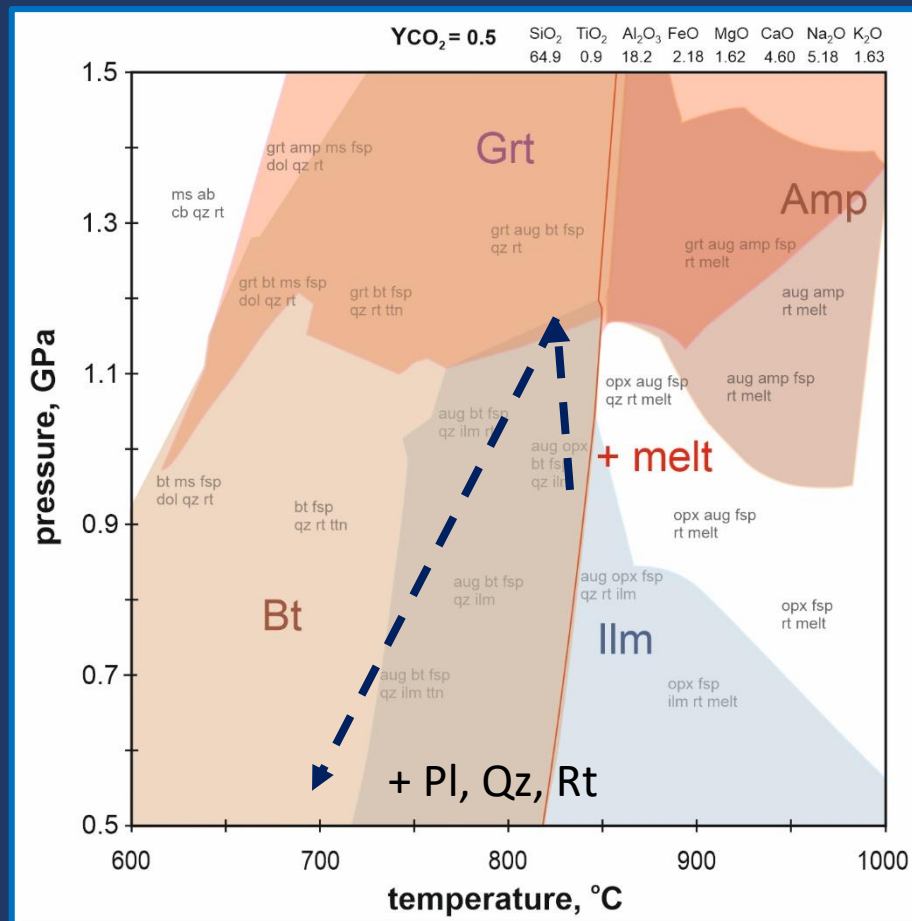


Grt, vol.%	0.5
Amph	3
Bt	7
Kfs	2.7
Pl	67
Qtz	19
Ap	0.3
Ilm	0.5
Rt	x
Aln	x
Zrn	x

Gneisses are rich in plagioclase. Bulk rock composition is similar to granodiorite or tonalite.

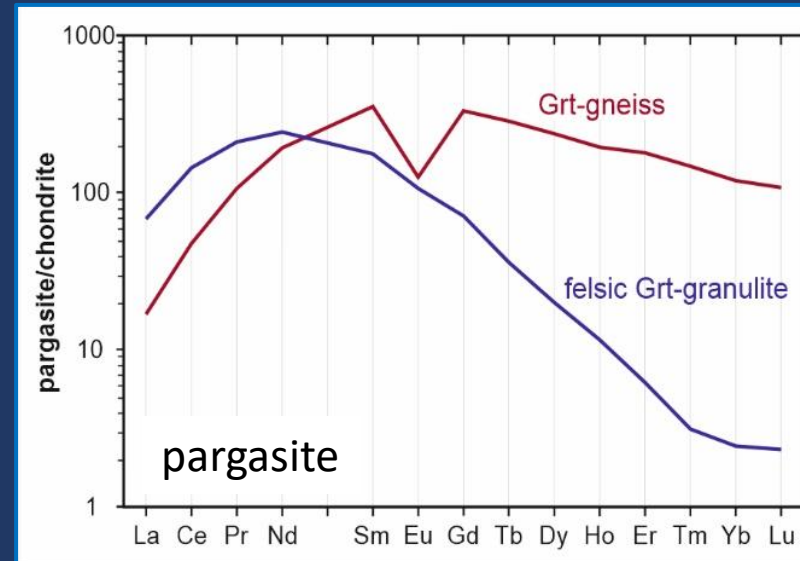


Garnet forms single grains with numerous biotite inclusions

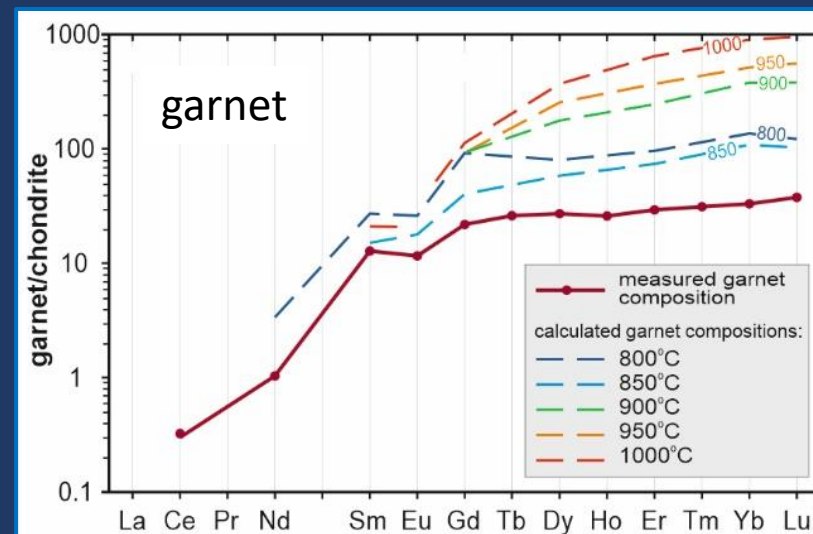


The association is not in equilibrium

Cooling and hence decompression occurred, giving Sm-Nd isochron ages of 1.83-1.76 Ga (Rosen et al., 2006)



Pargasite grew in the absence of garnet



Dashed lines – calculated compositions of garnet in equilibrium with zircon

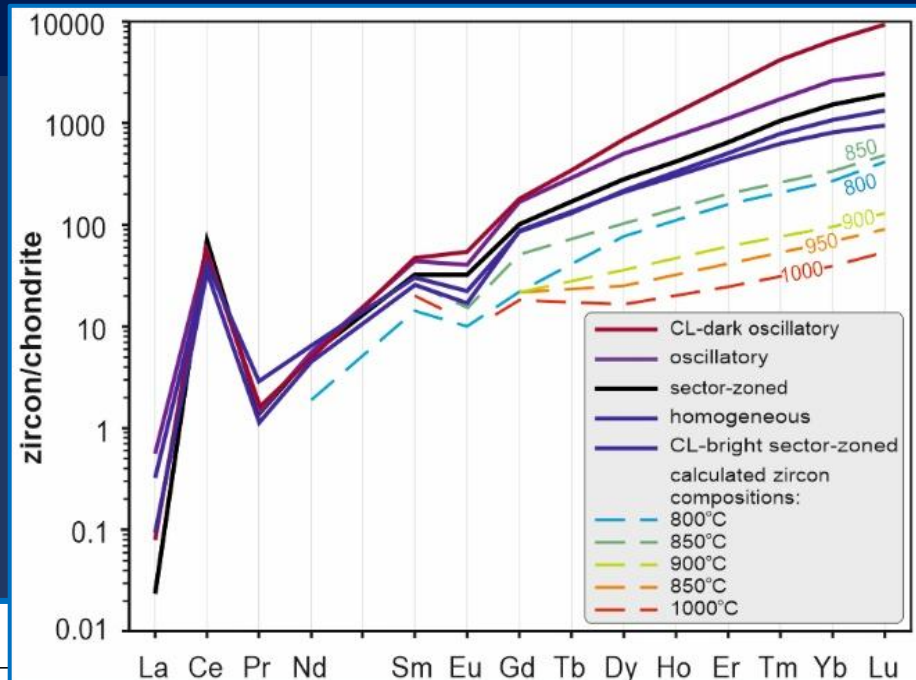
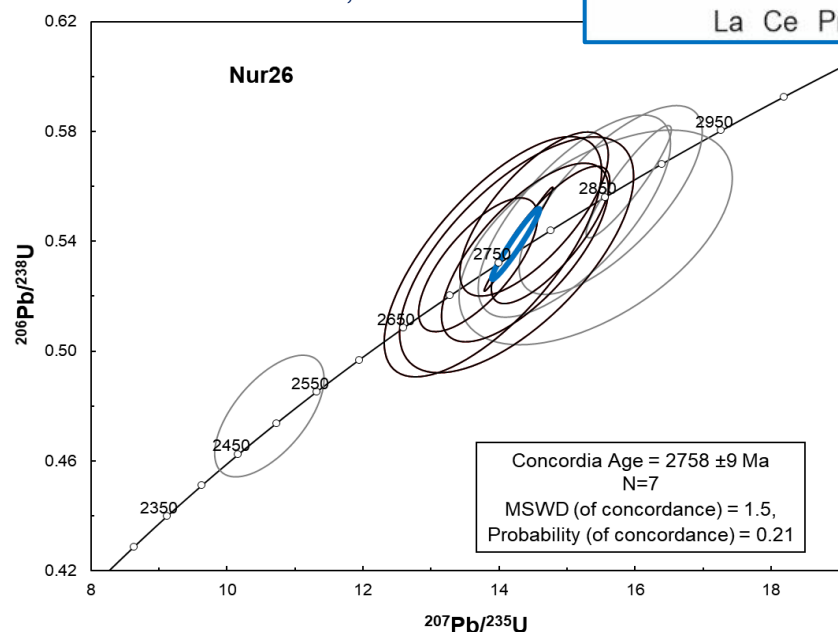


# Grt-gneisses

Dashed lines – calculated compositions of zircon in equilibrium with garnet

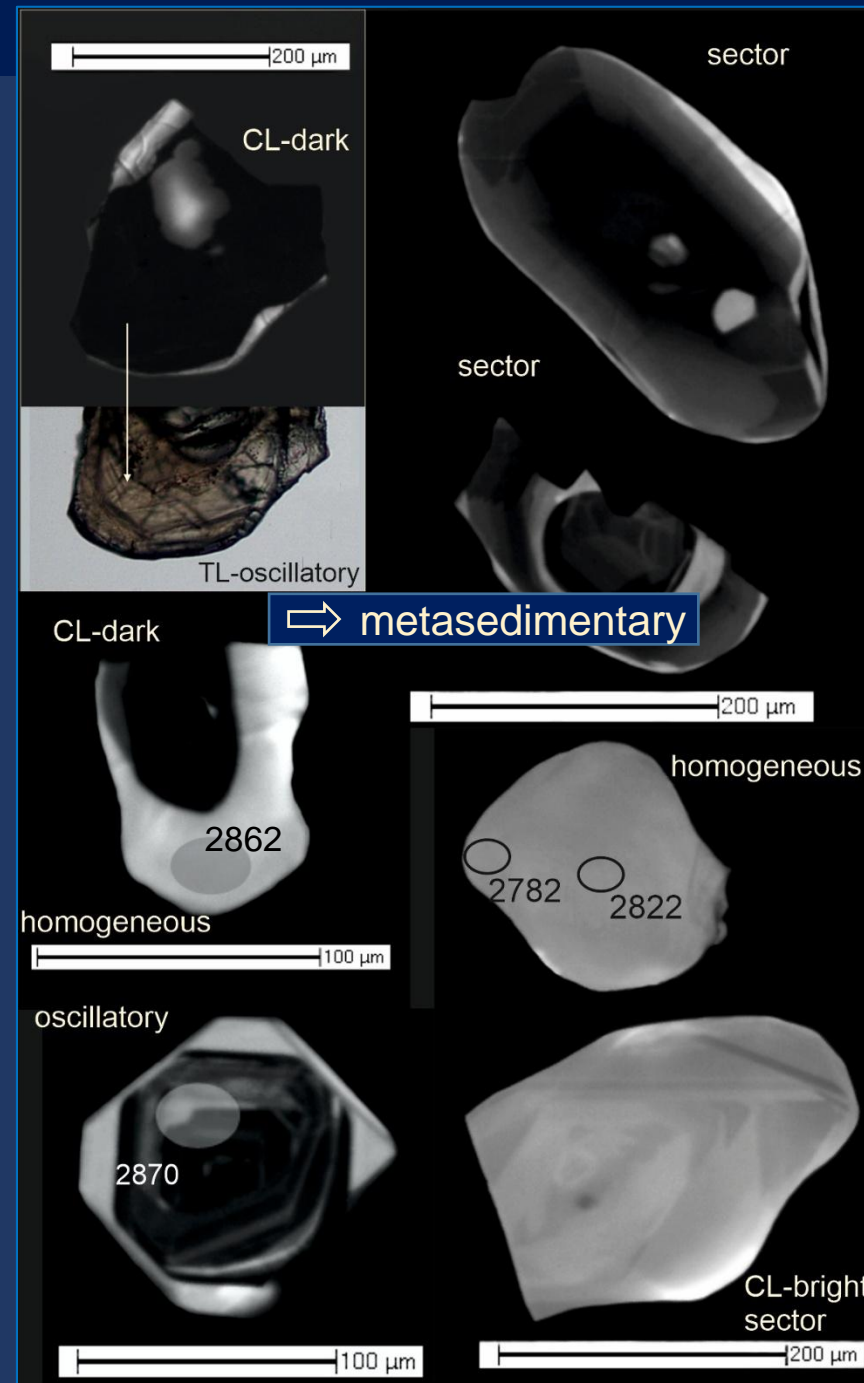
CL-bright homogeneous zircon – 2.76 Ga

Koreshkova and Downes, 2021



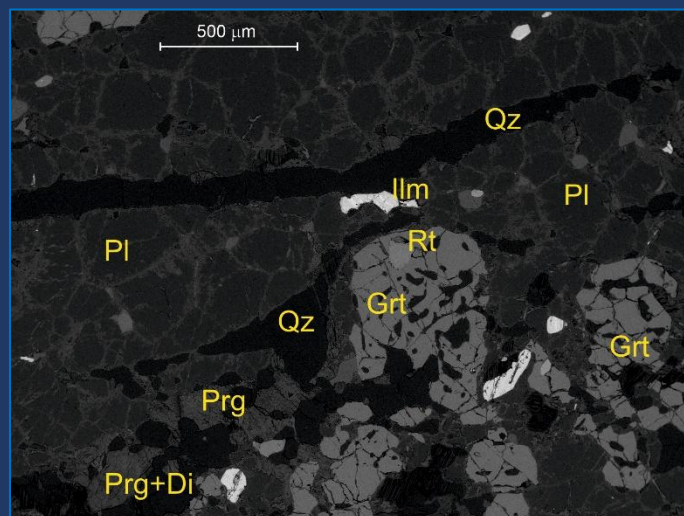
The composition and texture of zircon cores varies considerably. Therefore, the protolith was a sedimentary rock. All grains have CL-bright homogeneous rims.

Pargasite and zircon were formed before garnet. The appearance of garnet indicates pressure increase.  
 ⇒ Response to Proterozoic events



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# Felsic Grt-granulites: Scp-Qz-Grt-granulite

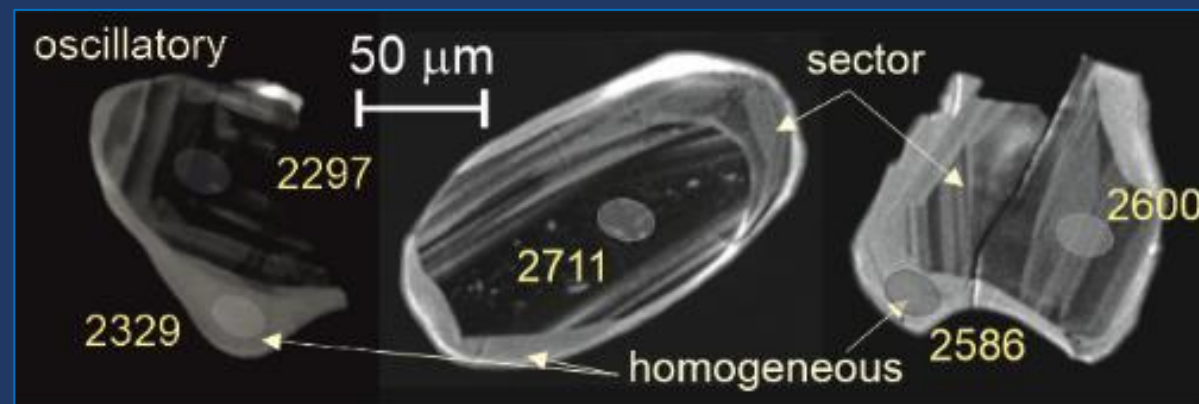
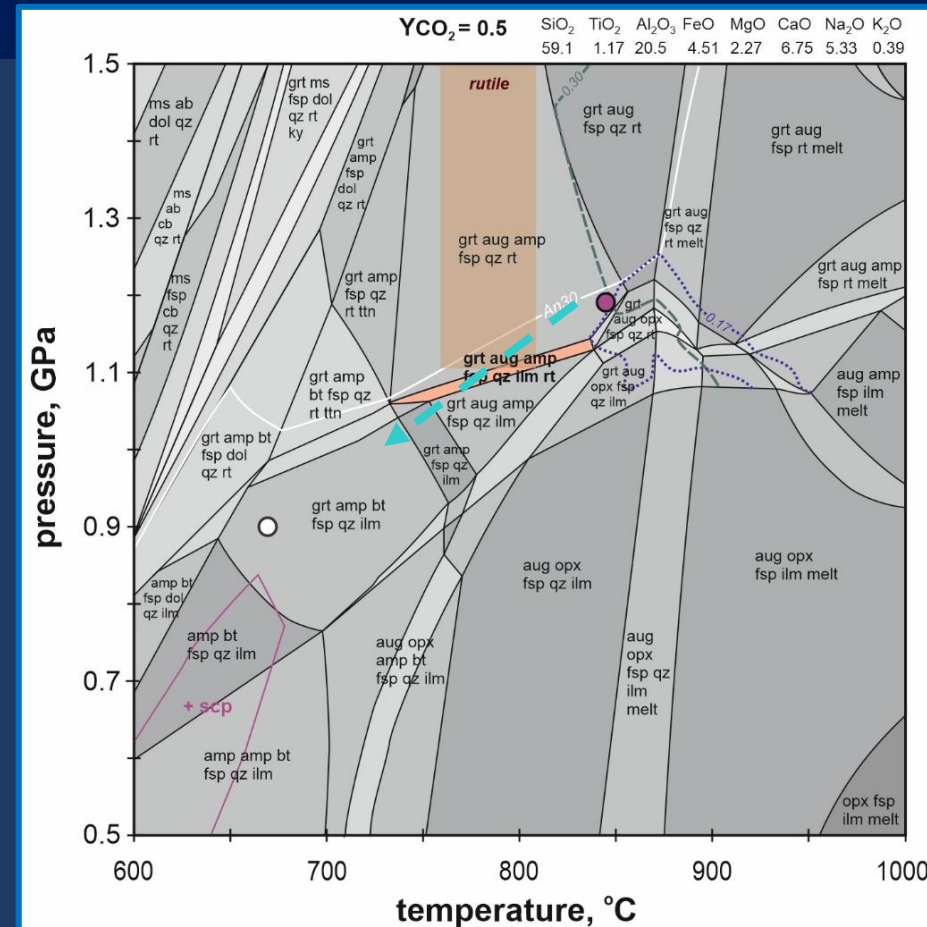
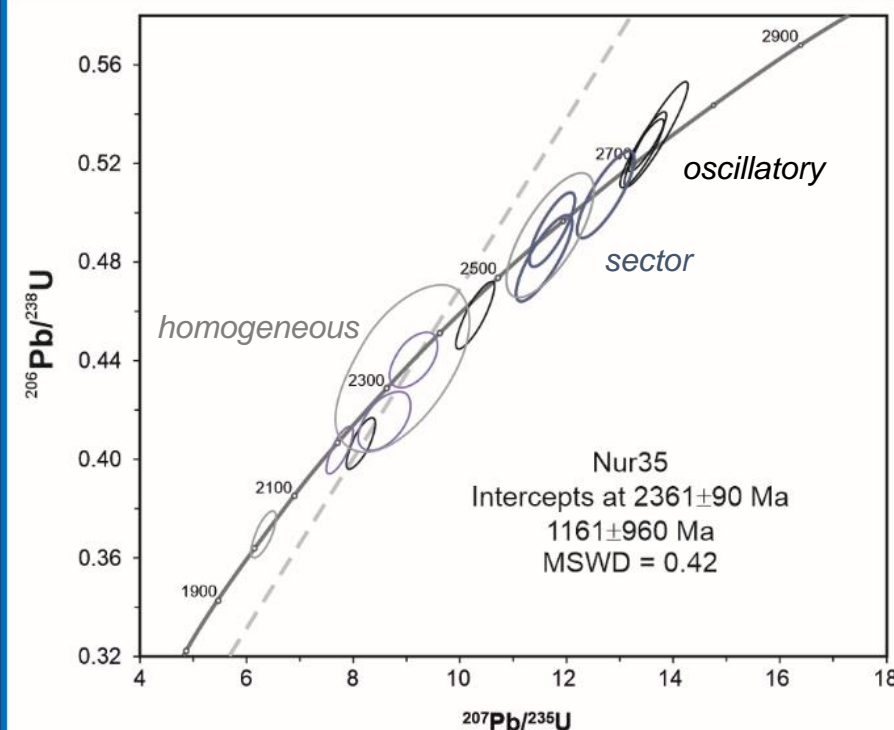


Grt, vol.%	9
Cpx	2
Amp	6.5
Pl	70
Qz	9.5
Scp	2
Ilm	0.3
Rt	0.5
Ap	0.2
Zrn	x

Banded Pl-rich  
Grt-granulite having  
diorite composition

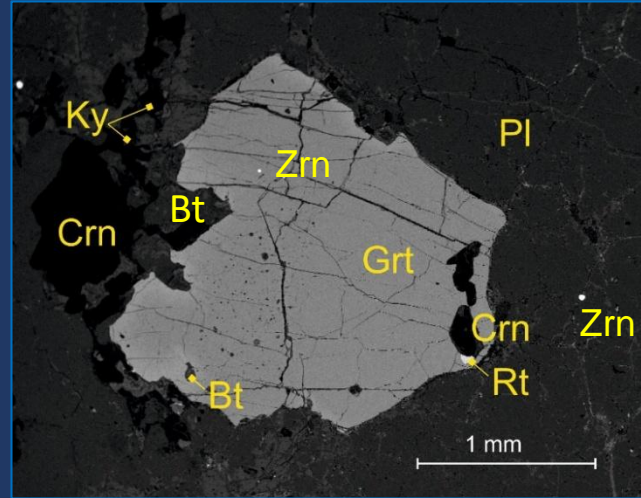
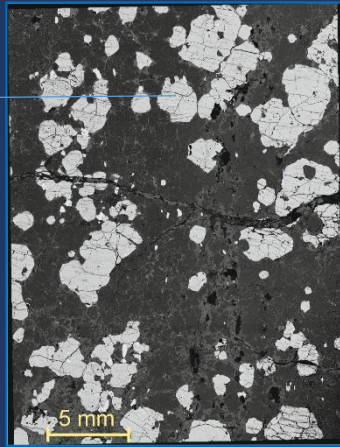
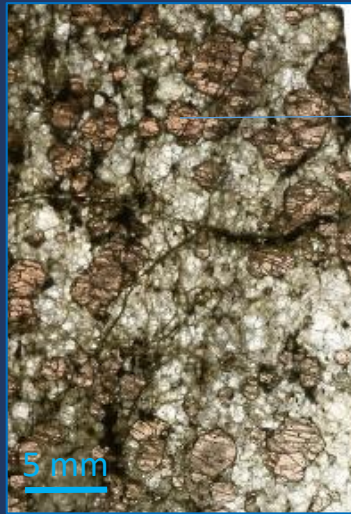
850 °C, 1.2 GPa

Magmatic protolith  
~2.7 Ga.  
Planar/sector-zoned  
domains ~2.6 Ga.  
Homogeneous rims  
~2.0-2.4 Ga.

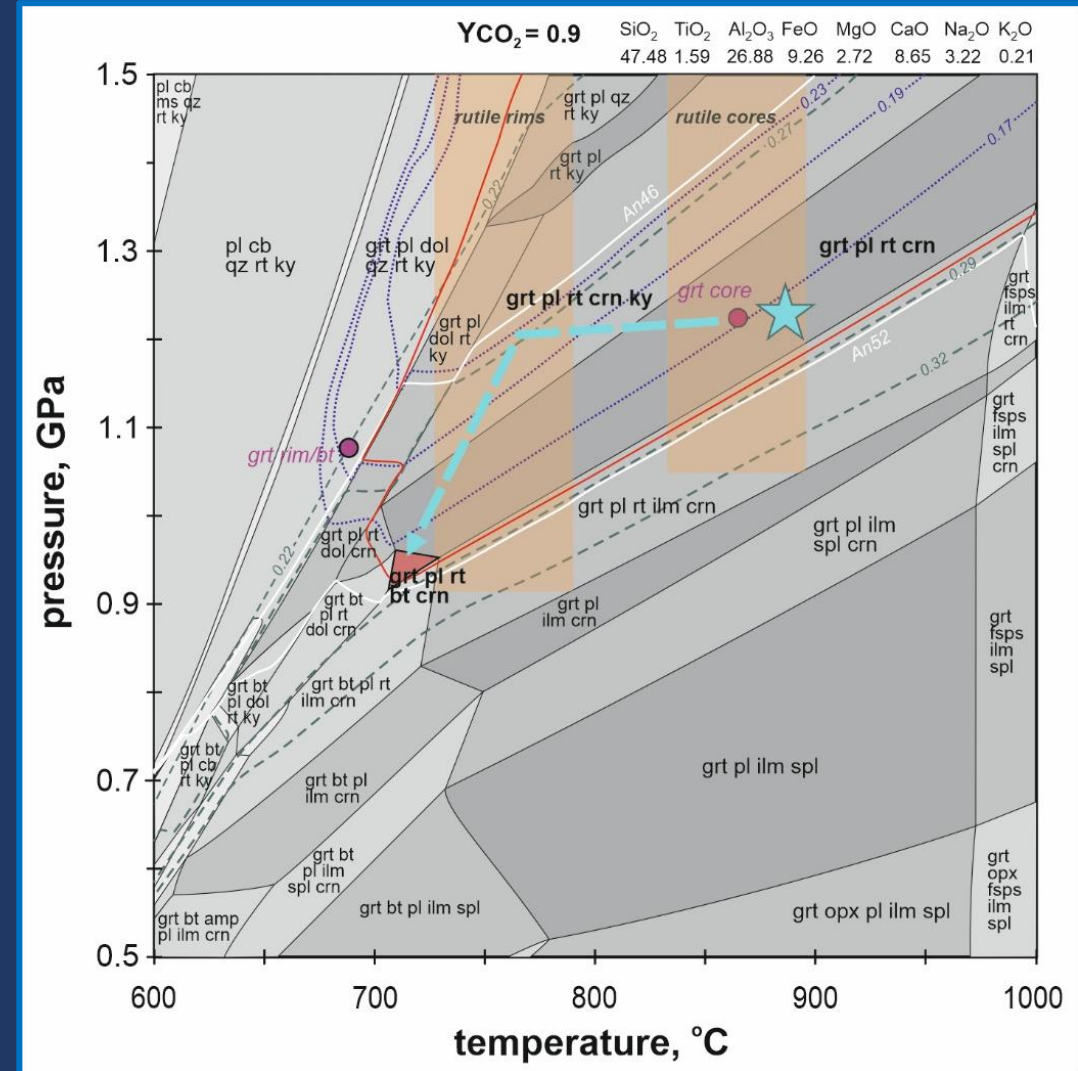
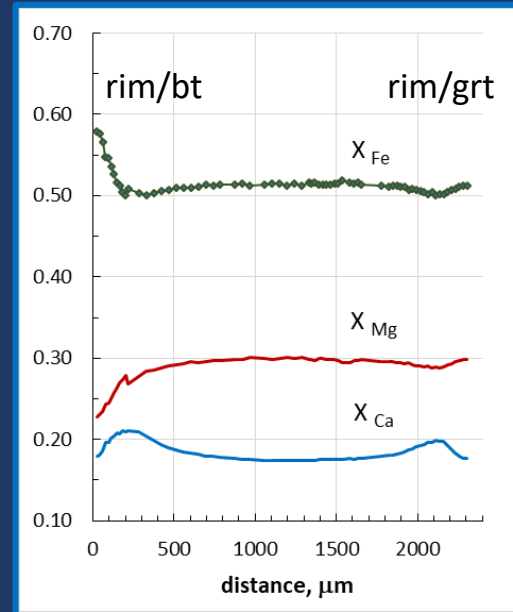
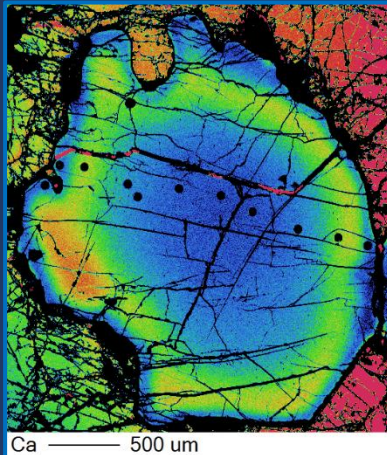




# Felsic xenoliths: Crn-Ky-Grt-granofels



Grt, vol.%	28
Bt	1.2
Pl	67
Crn	0.9
Ky	1.7
Rt	1.1
Ap	0.09
Zrn	0.01

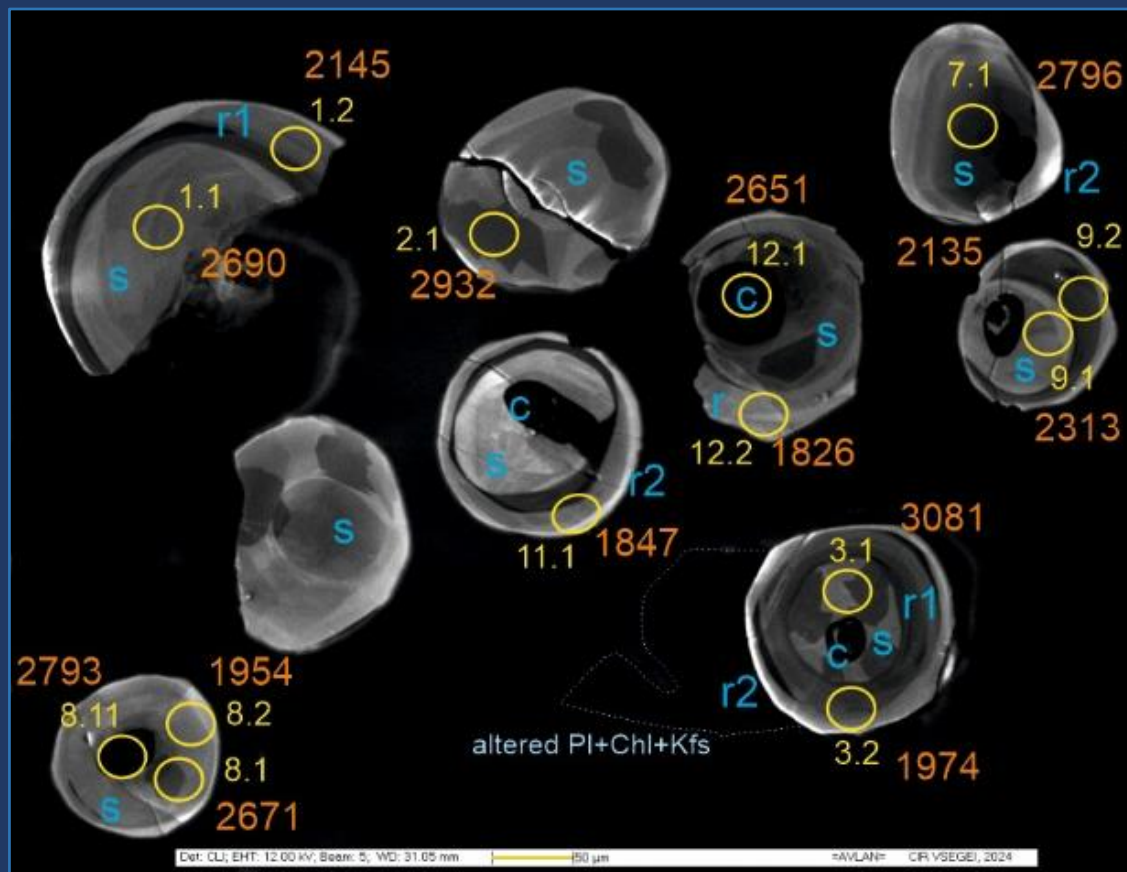


zoning in Fe and Mg was controlled by diffusion during cooling and decompression

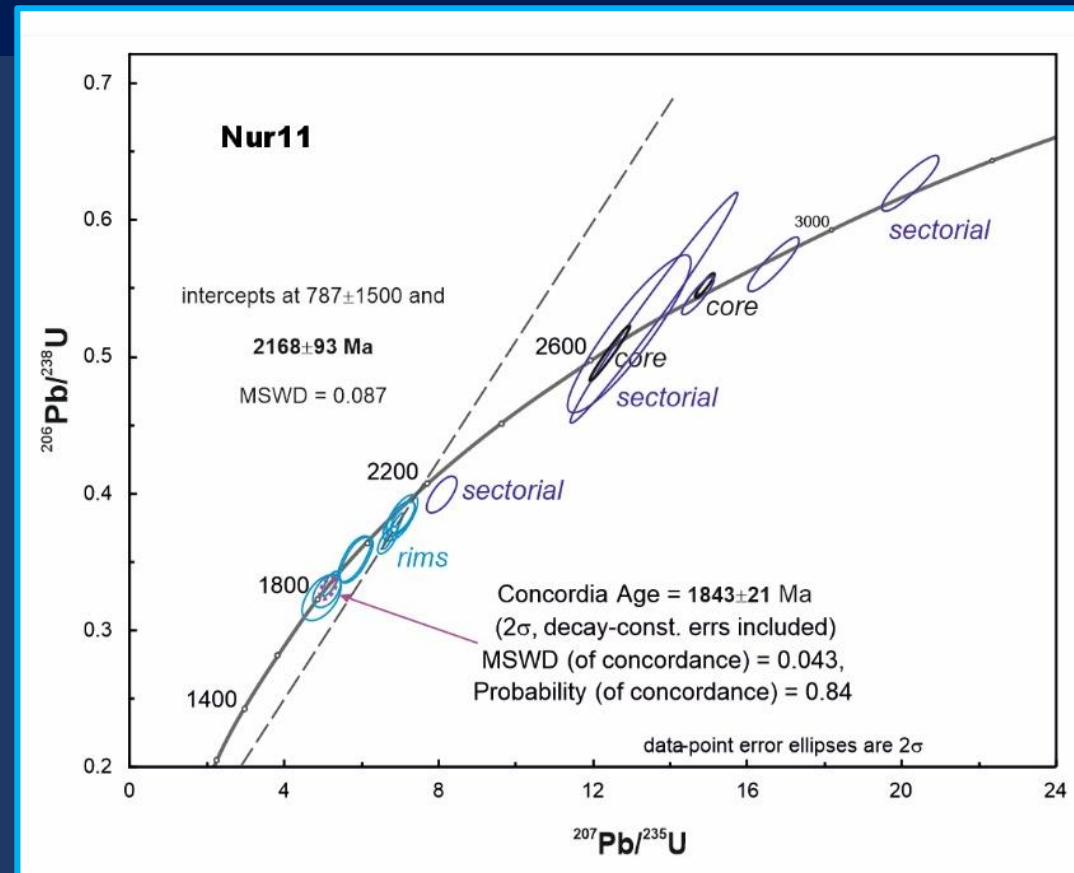
Phase equilibria modeling gave a path from 900 °C, 1.2 GPa to 700 °C, 0.9 GPa



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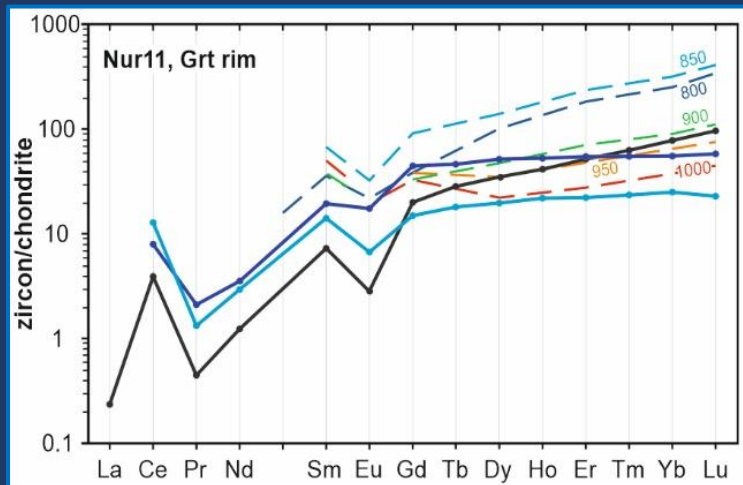
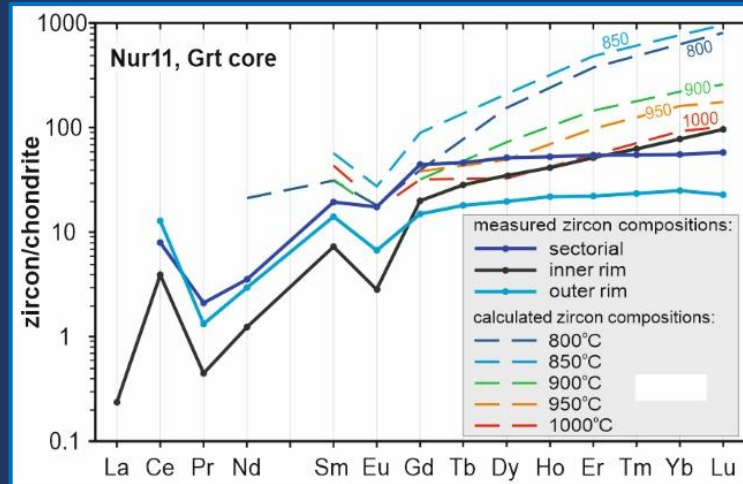


CL images of zircon from Crn-Ky-Grt-granofels Nur11 from the Nurbinskaya diatreme. Spot numbers and  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages (Ma) are shown.



U-Pb Concordia diagram for zircon from Crn-Ky-Grt-granofels Nur11 from the Nurbinskaya diatreme. Data-point uncertainty ellipses are  $2\sigma$ . Decay constants uncertainties are included.

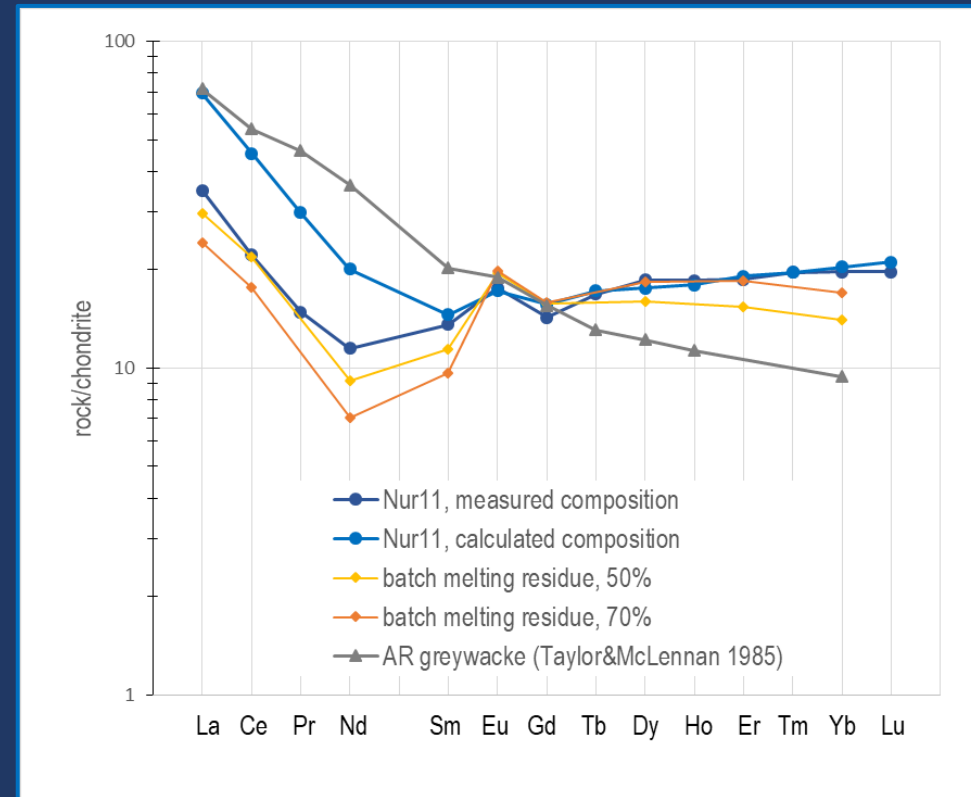
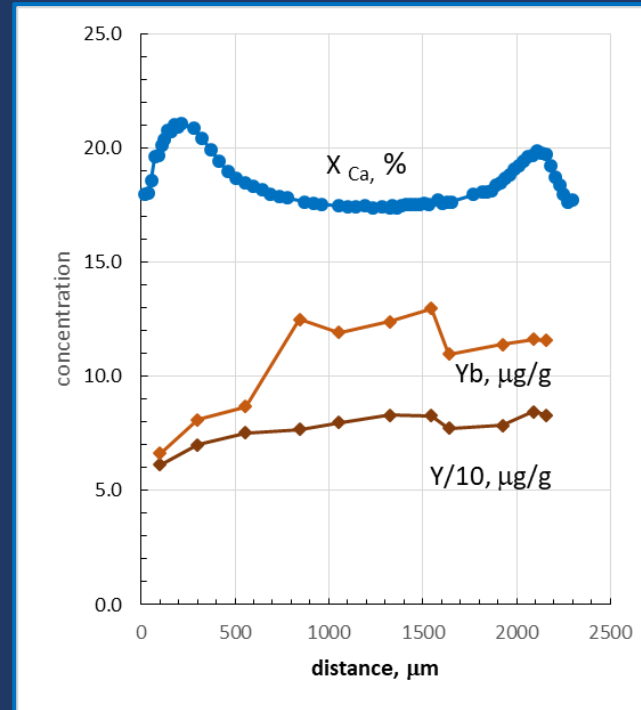
avarage values:	Th	U	Th/U	Yb <sub>N</sub> /Gd <sub>N</sub>	Age
CL-bright outer rim	40	42	0.97	1.69	1843±21 Ma
inner rim	169	49	3.60	3.90	~2.2 Ga
sectorial	99	86	1.16	1.23	~3.1 Ga
dark cores	72	669	0.10		



Dashed lines – calculated compositions of zircon in equilibrium with garnet



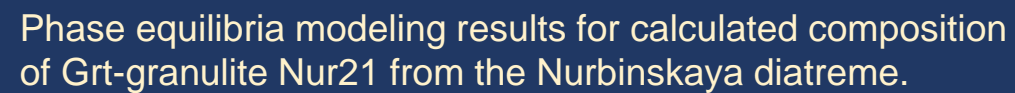
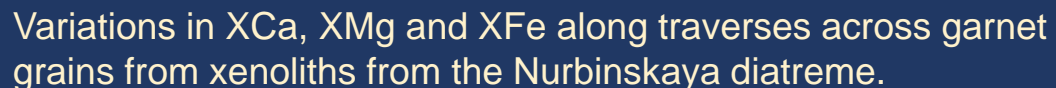
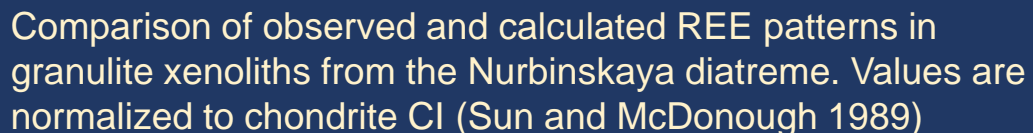
The inner rims date the association



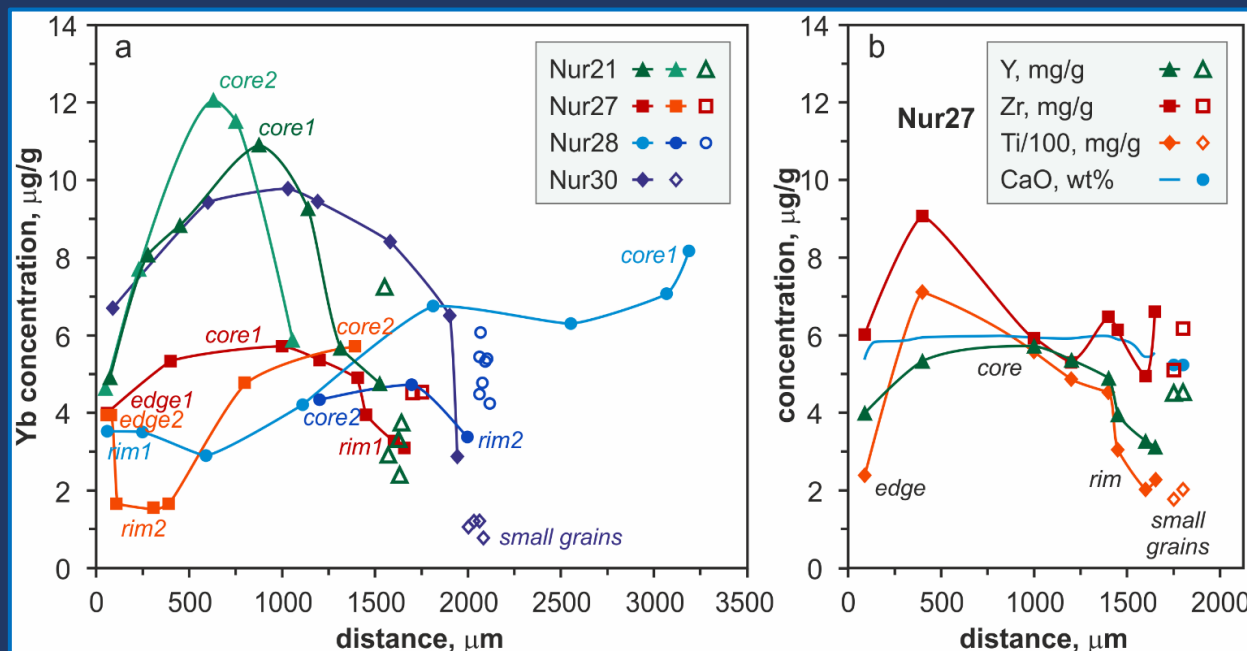
melting must have occurred before the inner rim formed

average values:	Th	U	Th/U	Yb <sub>N</sub> /Gd <sub>N</sub>	Age
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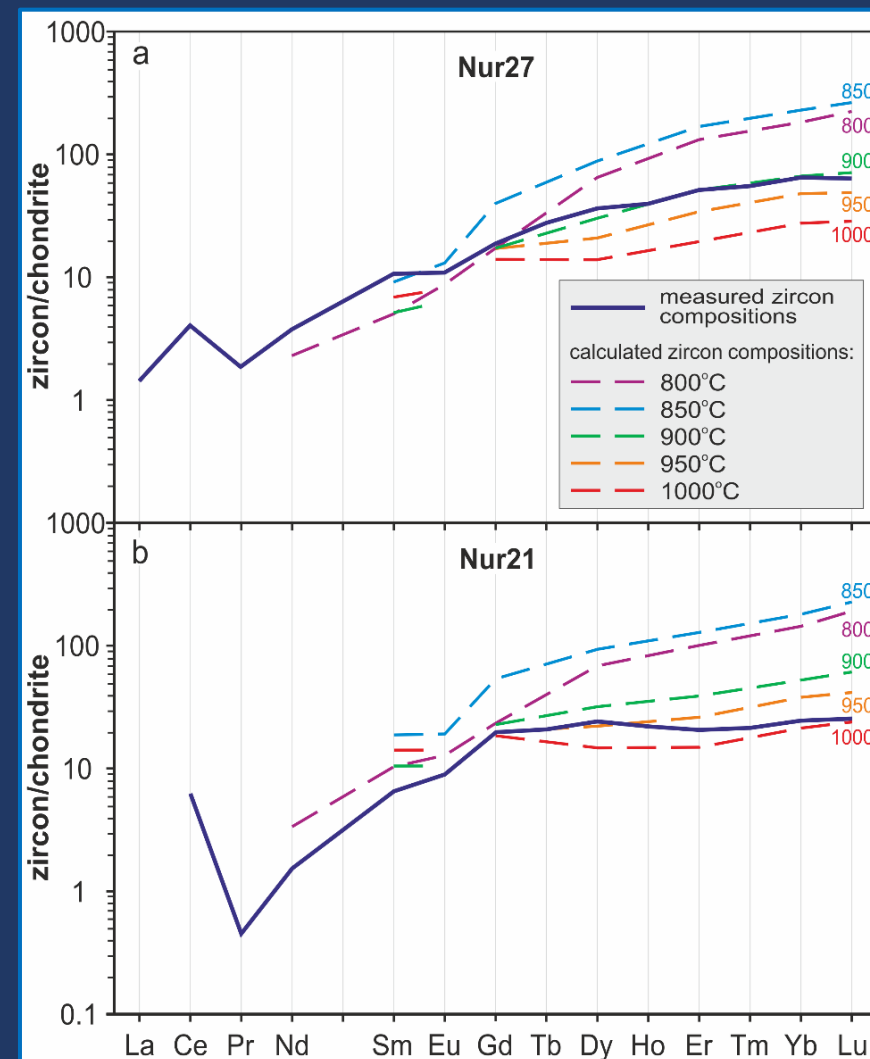


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Variations in trace element concentrations along traverses across garnet grains from mafic xenoliths from the Nurbinskaya diatreme.

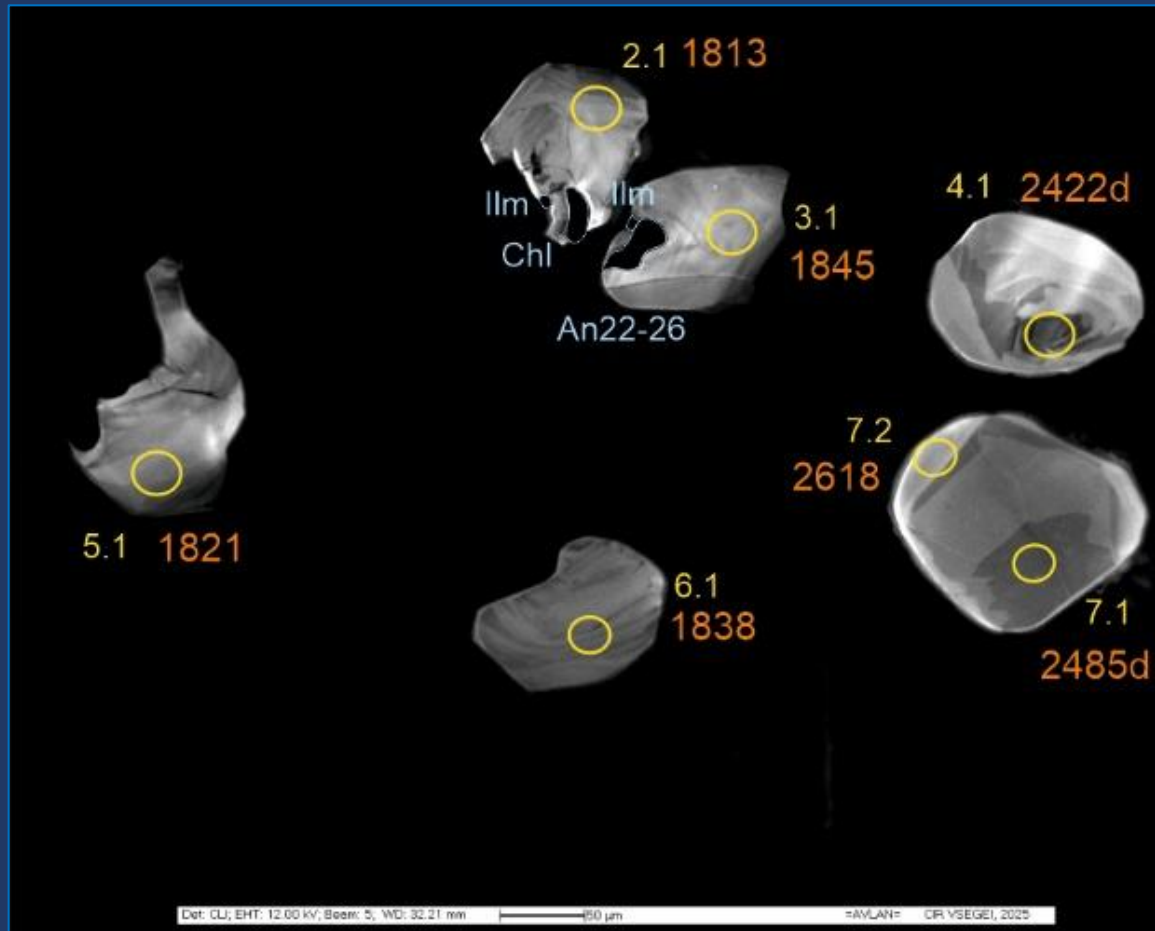
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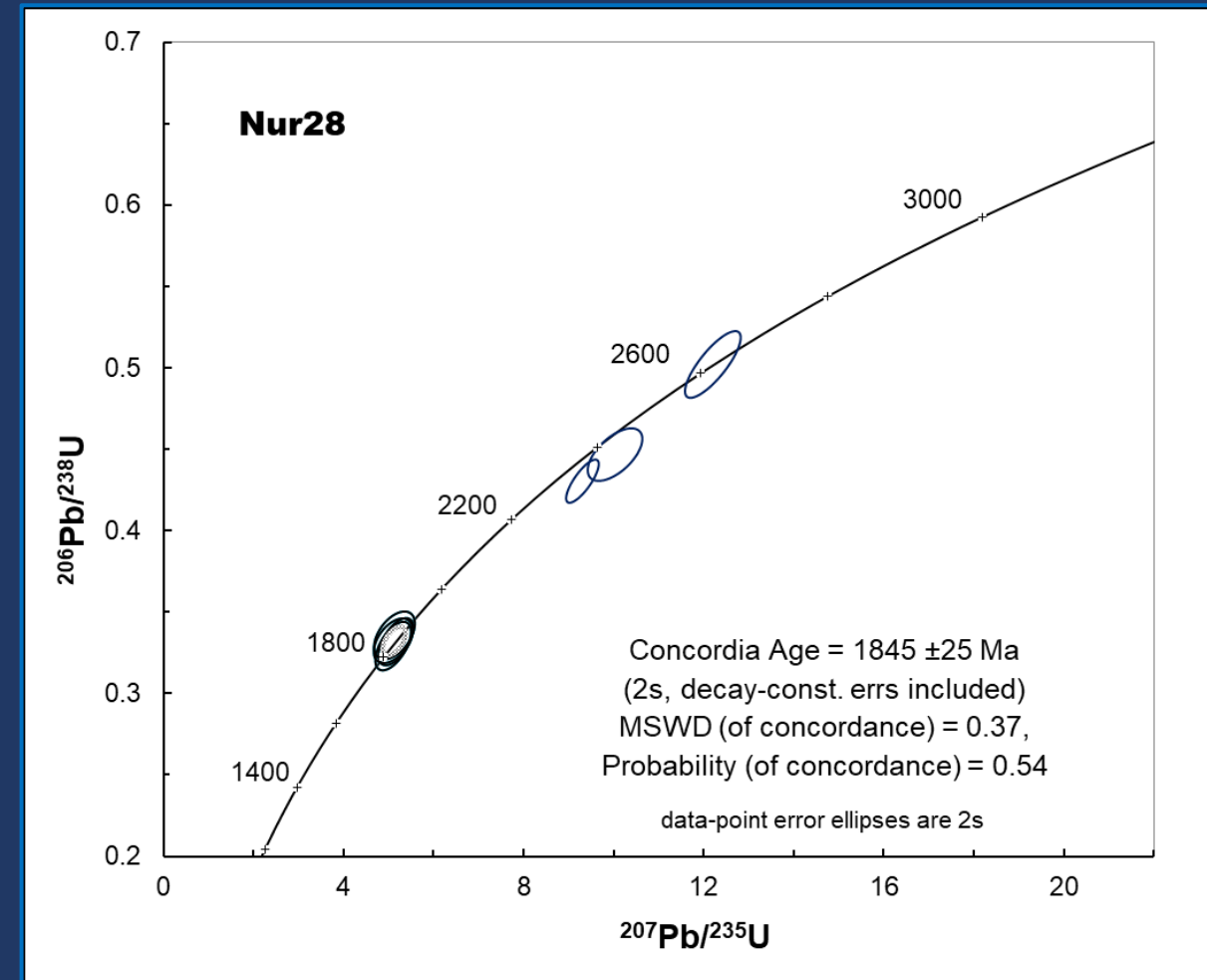
REE patterns of zircons from xenoliths from the Nurbinskaya diatreme

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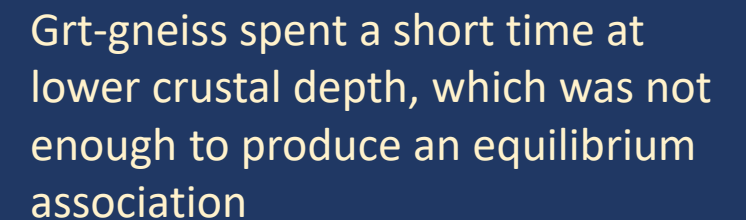


CL images of zircon from Grt-granulite Nur28 from the Nurbinskaya diatreme. Spot numbers and  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages (Ma) are shown.



U-Pb Concordia diagram for zircon from Grt-granulite Nur28

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## conclusion

- the crust of the Anabar province was built tectonically; complexes with different thermal histories were stacked together in the Paleoproterozoic.
- The lower crust was significantly reworked during post-collisional thermal events (1.88-1.84 Ga); nevertheless, it preserved evidence of metamorphic events at 2.2-1.9 Byr, contemporaneous and preceding the amalgamation of the craton, as well as events at ~2.6 Byr.
- Archean high-grade metamorphic rocks were involved in building the lower crust of the central part of the Anabar province.

Thank you for your attention!