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This cumulative doctoral thesis is composed of 5 chapters. The first chapter presents a short introduction to the main issues of the thesis and outlines the motivation and main objectives. The following chapters 2 to 4 are manuscripts, which have been published in or submitted to international peer-reviewed journals. The last chapter is a short synopsis, highlighting the most important results of the study.

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### **Research workload and content**

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- (1) Two fieldtrips: work included planning, field observation, description and sampling. The working area is situated in eastern NE China between the city of Changchun and the Amur river. There were 104 field points recorded and more than 80 rock samples were collected.
- (2) Separation of accessory minerals was performed on 79 samples.
- (3) Apatite (U-Th)/He dating of 39 samples, zircon (U-Th)/He dating of 9 samples, apatite fission-track dating of 14 samples, zircon U-Pb dating of 9 samples and zircon Raman spectroscopy of 4 samples were performed at the Geoscience Center of the University of Göttingen.
- (4) Attended 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Thermochronology (Thermo 2018), published one abstract, gave one poster presentation; attended the GeoUtrecht 2020 Conference, published one abstract, gave one oral presentation.
- (5) Two SCI papers published and 1 SCI paper submitted.

## **Abstract**

The major aim of this PhD thesis is to explore the post-Early Mesozoic thermo-tectonic evolution and provenance analysis of the area of satellite basins to the east of the Songliao basin in NE China, covering a huge area, over 200,000 km<sup>2</sup>. Comparing with the Songliao basin, the thermo-tectonic evolution of the basins and basement highs separating them is still less understood. Therefore, an integrated evaluation of the thermal history of the basement highs and the basin remnants was firstly performed using low-T thermochronology and burial/thermal modelling based on vitrinite reflectance data. The studied Mesozoic sedimentary formations and the basement are penetrated and partly covered by Cenozoic mafic volcanic rocks. As supplementary research to the regional thermal evolution study, a case study was performed on the thermally influenced substrate of a basalt lava flow. Raman spectroscopy and zircon (U-Th)/He thermochronology were applied to detect the thermal effect of the lava flow and determine the eruption age. Detrital zircon U-Pb age distributions from modern sands provide useful insights to detect, verify or re-classify the ages of the zircon-bearing units in the catchments. Moreover, combining the modern age data with a regional compilation of ages from the basement units and some Mesozoic sedimentary formations allows for refining the Cretaceous provenance history of the region. Finally, the inferred provenance evolution is checked against the thermo-tectonic evolution. Sand samples from five modern rivers whose catchments drain most of the currently elevated basement blocks of eastern NE China were investigated with the detrital zircon U-Pb geochronology method. The Cretaceous supply's temporal change is well discussed by carefully considering multiple influencing factors to the modern sediments' provenance analysis and referring to the well-studied igneous basement units. The supposed regional geological evolution model is mutually verified with our regional thermo-tectonic evolution.

After a short introduction to the subject (Chapter 1), the new data from the study area is presented and discussed in Chapters 2 to 4. In Chapter 2, apatite and zircon (U-Th)/He and apatite fission-track results from most basement highs in eastern NE China are presented. The low-T thermochronometers show mostly Late Cretaceous - early Paleogene apparent ages, younger than the onset of the Early Cretaceous burial in the Songliao and related satellite basins. These age constraints are in harmony with the thermal modelling of vitrinite reflectance data from the basins, which indicates that the maximum burial depth occurred in mid-Cretaceous. The following primary basin inversion leads to erosion from ca. 110 ca. 40 Ma. The modelling

indicated that in the Jiamusi Uplift, the central part experienced deeper erosion than the marginal areas. Combining the above modelling results, we suggest a single united down-warped basin which formed in the Early Cretaceous and covered the currently elevated western Zhangguangcai Range and eastern Mishan Uplift at the time of its maximum extent. The Late Cretaceous - Paleogene exhumation of the Jiamusi Uplift gradually destroyed the formerly continuous, 1.6 to 4.8 km thick sedimentary cover. Only isolated, deeply eroded basin remnants have been preserved.

Chapter 3 focuses on the dating of young mafic lava with an unconventional method. Mafic lavas of the Cenozoic age are widely distributed in NE China and received much attention as an important part of the Circum-Pacific volcanic belt. We present new zircon (U–Th)/He ages obtained on the thermally overprinted sands directly underlying basaltic lava. This thermochronometer is insensitive to weathering and cannot be biased by, e.g., excess argon; thus, it can accurately express the age of the lava flow's thermal effect. As a regional cooling age reference, three granite samples were dated from basement units away from the basalt lavas at different distances. The reference granite samples revealed well-defined Cretaceous (U–Th)/He-ages, while 20 zircon crystals from the sand below the basalt lava revealed a prominent Miocene (U–Th)/He age component of  $9.33 \pm 0.24$  Ma. Raman spectroscopy of these zircon crystals supports their thermally overprinted character. We infer that the sand sample has experienced a significant thermal overprint by the overlying basalt lava, leading to most of the detrital zircon crystals' thermal reset. The obtained age is thus interpreted as the eruption age of the basalt lava. The dating results provide strict constraints on the thermal influence of the regional volcanic units on reconstructing the study area's thermo-tectonic evolution history.

Chapter 4 provides detrital zircon U-Pb data from modern sand samples of five rivers draining catchments of variable size ( $\sim 500$  to  $\sim 40,000$  km<sup>2</sup>), dominated by Carboniferous to Jurassic granitoids, Proterozoic to Early Paleozoic siliciclastic (meta-)sediments, and/or Jurassic to Cenozoic volcanic rocks from the Lesser Xing'an-Zhangguangcai Range and the Jiamusi block. Our results show low consistency between the age spectra and the potential source units' areas in the catchment. A part of the differences can be explained by variation in fertility and sediment yield among the source units. Additionally, we detected a consequent mismatch between the obtained and expected ages. It can be explained only by re-considering some igneous suites' emplacement ages and assuming that some metasedimentary units have much younger depositional ages. Although the proportion of the identified age components is highly

different from the areal proportions of the igneous suites in the catchments, the mean ages of the age components in the modern sand samples and the age components isolated from the compiled U-Pb ages of the former basement studies show excellent agreement. By including the zircon U-Pb age patterns of the studied catchments and the region-wide compilation of the basement ages, it is possible to refine the Cretaceous provenance of the Songliao Basin and its strongly inverted eastern satellite basins. In the Early Cretaceous, the Songliao Basin mainly received sediment from the Great Xing'an Range, North China Craton, and Zhangguangcai Range. The Lesser Xing'an Range and Jiamusi block provided minor or no sediment as these currently exhumed basement areas were buried at the time. In the early Late Cretaceous, the Jiamusi block became the primary sediment provider for the eastern satellite basins.

To conclude, the low-temperature thermochronology studies on the currently exposed basement areas in eastern NE China area revealed that late Early Cretaceous to Late Cretaceous continuous subsidence primarily led to the reset of the thermochronometers from the basement highs and basin sediments; the volcanic thermal influence was minor or negligible. Using the detrital zircon U-Pb data from this study, both the thermal-tectonic evolution model and the temporal change in Cretaceous sediment provide evidence for the forming of a huge Early Cretaceous united down-warped basin that covered most of the current eastern satellite basins and basement highs in the eastern NE China area. From ca. 110 to 40 Ma, the exhumation of the Jiamusi Uplift has gradually destroyed the formerly continuous sedimentary cover, and only basin remnants have been preserved. By the end of the major exhumation in the Eocene, both the major uplift areas and the basin remnants developed towards a slow uplift and erosion stage which continued until recent times.

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# Chapter 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Research background

Northeastern China is tectonically located in the area surrounded by the Siberian Craton to the north, the North China Craton (NCC) to the south, and the western Pacific plate to the east, composing the main part of the eastern segment of the Central Asia Orogenic belt (CAOB) (Eizenhöfer et al., 2014; Jahn et al., 2000; Sengör et al., 1993, 1996; Windley et al., 2007; Xiao et al., 2009; see [Figure 1.1](#)). The tectonic evolution of the area was closely related to the Paleo-Asian Ocean and Paleo-Pacific Ocean regimes during the Paleozoic-Early Mesozoic (Li, 2006; Windley et al., 2007; Li et al., 2009, 2013; Han et al., 2012) and related to the western Pacific Ocean and Mongol-Okhotsk Ocean regimes during and after the Mesozoic (e.g., Donskaya et al., 2013; Xu et al., 2013). Since the Late Paleozoic, it has undergone long-term plate subduction and continent-arc and/or microcontinent–continent collisions before the ultimate collision between the North China-Mongolian Block and the Siberian Craton (e.g., Sengör et al., 1993; Van der Voo et al., 1999; Jia et al., 2004; Li, 2006). Consequently, widespread Phanerozoic granitoids were formed in NE China and along the northern margin of North China Craton (e.g., Wu et al., 2002, 2003, 2005, 2011; Jahn et al., 2001; Meng, 2003). Since the Mesozoic, its evolution is strongly influenced by the closure of the Mongolia-Okhotsk Ocean in the north and the northwestward subduction of the Paleo-Pacific Plate in the east (Meng, 2003; Safonova et al., 2009; Li et al., 2012; Zhang et al., 2012; Xu et al., 2013). With the lithosphere thinning during the Late Jurassic to Early Cretaceous and this stage's Paleo-Pacific plate's fast subduction below the Eurasia continent, intense Mesozoic-Cenozoic tectonic activities led to the northeastern extension of the major Tanlu fault that formed the Jiamusi-Yitong and Dunhua-Mishan faults (Jia and Zheng, 2010; Sun et al., 2010; [Figure 1.2b](#)), the development of a series of multi-stage sedimentary basins, exhumation of a metamorphic core complex (Davis et al., 2002; Lin et al., 2008) and widespread magmatism (Zhang et al., 2000; Zhou and Li, 2000; Wang et al., 2006). The unique geotectonic location and complex geological evolution history make this area one of the hotspots studied by geologists to understand the NE Asian tectonic evolution and its regime transition from the Paleozoic to Mesozoic.

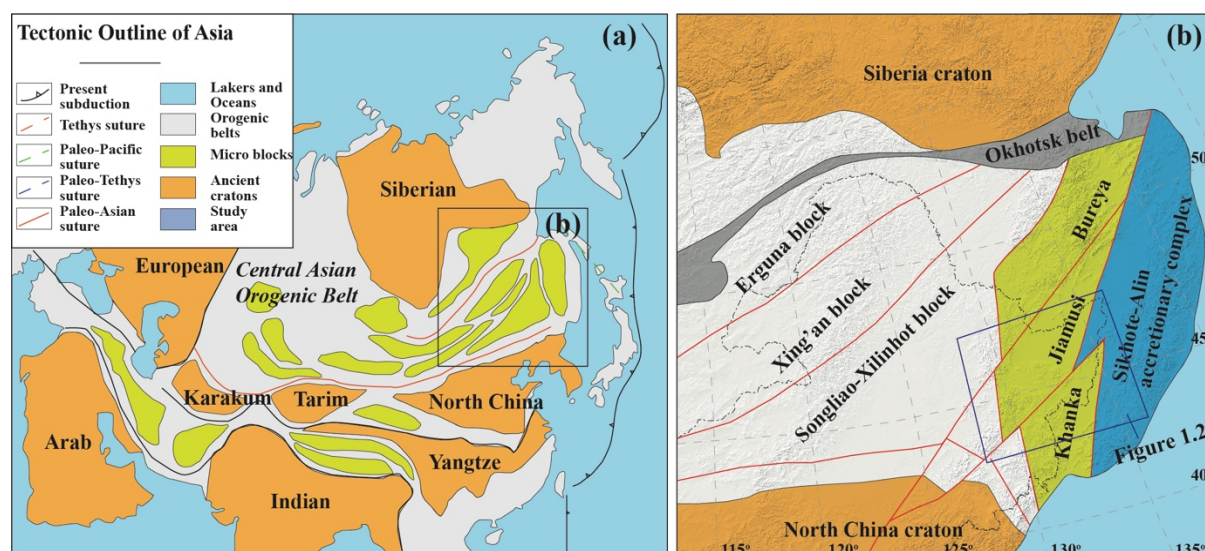


Figure 1.1: (a) Schematic tectonic map of Asia indicating the position of the study area (modified after Kröner et al., 2014; Liu et al., 2017). (b) Map of major terranes of NE China and adjacent areas (after Zhou et al., 2009; Liu et al., 2017).

Since the Mesozoic, accompanied by the intense Mesozoic-Cenozoic tectonic activities, NE China gradually developed one of the largest lacustrine basin systems in the world, including the large Songliao basin and a series of smaller basins east and north-east from the major depression (Tian et al., 1992; Ren et al., 2002; Meng et al., 2003). It is one of the regions with abundant petroleum, natural gas, and coal resources in China, providing plenty of essential information to understand the tectonic evolution of NE China. The oil-rich Cretaceous Songliao basin with the size of ca. 260,000 km<sup>2</sup> is in the focus of petroleum exploration since the first oil discovery in 1959. The geophysical exploration gradually revealed the tectonic development of the Songliao basin (e.g., Wang et al., 2016a). However, with the superimposition development of multi-stage basins, most of the eastern satellite basins areas have complicated geological conditions, dense vegetation coverage, late-stage deformation, transformation, etc. The level of knowledge on the evolution of the smaller basin groups to the east of the Songliao basin is still insufficient. Previous studies of sedimentary strata and structural features in these basins mainly rely on drill core and geophysical data, especially seismic profiles. Multi-method studies, including thermochronology to reconstruct the east of the Songliao basin area's thermal history, are scarce.

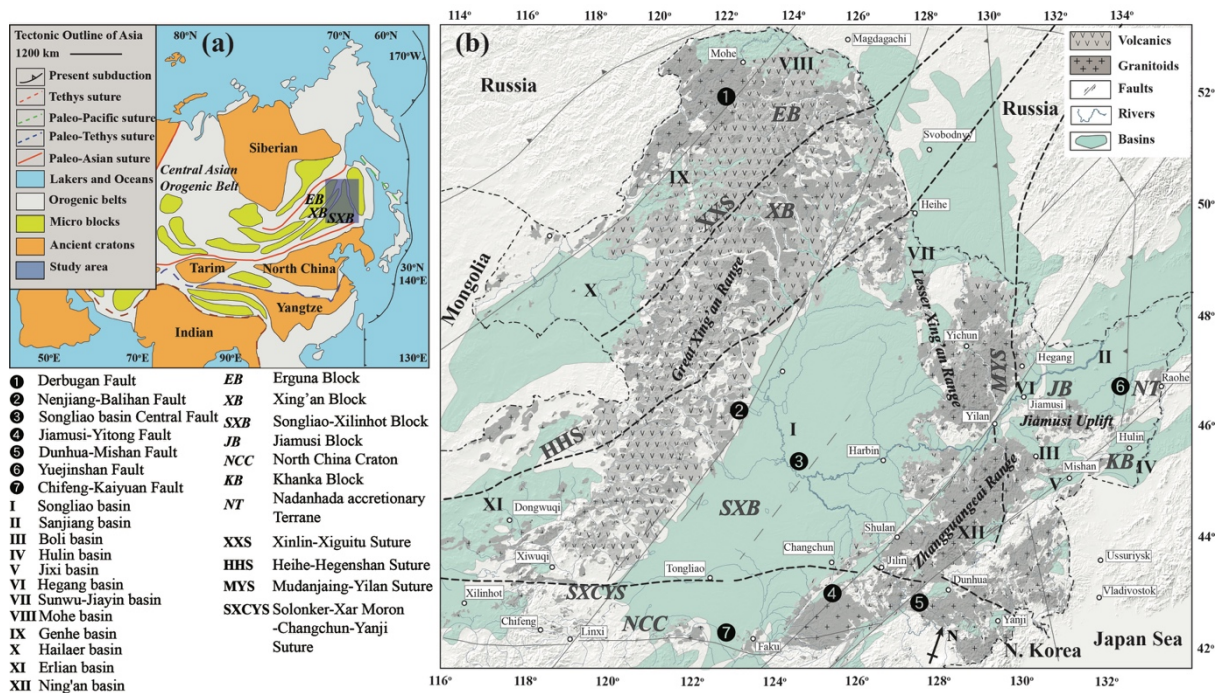


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This PhD thesis focused on the satellite basins and their associated basement areas, intending to explore the post-Early Mesozoic thermo-tectonic evolution and provenance analysis of the eastern Songliao basin in NE China. Therefore, an integrated evaluation of the thermal history of both the basement highs and the basin remnants was performed using low-T thermochronology and burial/thermal modelling based on vitrinite reflectance data, respectively. The detrital zircon U-Pb dating on the modern river sand studies are further aimed to reveal the temporal change in the Cretaceous sediment supply of the Songliao basin and its strongly inverted eastern satellite basins, which is expected to verify with our regional thermal-tectonic evolution model.

## 1.2 Review of the regional tectonic evolution

### 1.2.1 Composition of the blocks in NE China

The area of NE China mainly contains the Erguna block (EB), Xing'an block (XB), Songliao-Xilinhot block (SXB), Bureya-Jiamusi-Khanka block and Sikhote-Alin accretionary complex (Figures 1.1, 1.2). The Erguna block, Xing'an block and Songliao-Xilinhot block, belonging

to the western NE China area, were separated by Xinlin-Xiguitu suture zone and Hegenshan-Heihe suture zone in turn. The Buruaya-Jiamusi-Khanka block and the Nadanhada accretionary terrane were separated from west to east by the Mudanjiang suture zone, Jiamusi-Yitong fault, Dunhua-Mishan fault and Yuejinshan fault (Figure 1.2). The Okhotsk belt in the north recorded the closure of the Mongol-Okhotsk Ocean which was located between the Siberia craton and the combined North China block during the Late Paleozoic-Mesozoic (Figure 1.1b; Zorin, 1999; Parfenov et al., 2001). The Solonker-Xar Moron-Changchun-Yanji suture zone in the south is generally believed as the south boundary of the CAOB. In that case, the majority of the eastern CAOB should be a broad collision-amalgamation belt between the Siberia craton and North China craton (Figures 1.1, 1.2; Wilde, 2015).

### *1.2.2 Paleozoic basement amalgamation period in NE China*

In the Paleozoic, the micro-blocks in the NE China gradually amalgamated as one united block. Ge et al. (2005) reported 494 to 480 Ma zircon U-Pb age of the post-orogenic A-type granite in the Erguna block (EB) that implied that the Erguna block was already connected Xing'an block (XB) in the Early Paleozoic. Liu et al. (2017) carried out a provenance study of the Early Carboniferous and Early Devonian sandstones in southeast EB by detrital zircon U-Pb dating and Hf isotope methods, and got >780 Ma, ~540 Ma, ~500 Ma, ~450–480 Ma age peaks in both sandstones and additional ~360 Ma age peak only in the Early Carboniferous sandstone. These age groups and their Hf isotopic data suggest that the EB and XB had been connected before deposition of the Early Devonian sandstones (Han et al., 2015).

Zhang et al. (2006) revealed the consistency of the Nd model ages (1.2 Ga to 500 Ma) between the XB and the Songliao-Xilinhote block (SXB) and considering the deep reflection seismic data, suggested a united Xing'an-Songliao block. Two subduction-related magmatic arc belts (i.e., ~480–420 Ma and ~360–330 Ma) were identified along the eastern margin of the XB, suggesting ca. 150 Myr. -long time episodic subduction/collision between the XB and SXB (e.g., Ge et al., 2007; Guo et al., 2009; Wu et al., 2015; Shi et al., 2015; Feng et al., 2015a). After the magmatic arc (360–330 Ma) along the eastern margin, the widely distributed magmatic activities with the ages of 320–290 Ma occurred within the XB and the adjacent areas, suggesting the final syn- and post-collision along with the HHS (e.g., Wu et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2013; Feng et al., 2015b); the XB was finally amalgamated with SXB along with the HHS in the late Early Carboniferous-early Late Carboniferous (Liu et al., 2017).

Meng et al. (2010) reported a significant 551-489 Ma detrital zircon U-Pb age group from the Early Devonian sedimentary units in the east segment of the Songliao-Xilinhote block that was consistent with the age of the Mashan complex and the Early Paleozoic granitoids in the Jiamusi block indicating the SXB and the JB were already connected in the Early Devonian. Wang et al. (2008, 2009) also recognized the coeval and correlated Early Devonian strata in both on the SXB and JB suggesting that the formation of the united Jiamusi-Mongolia block was probably already took place in the Early Paleozoic (Figure 1.3). During the late Paleozoic to early Mesozoic, the Jiamusi-Mongolia block amalgamated with the North China craton along the Solonker-Xar Moron Changchun-Yanji suture zone (Liu et al., 2010, 2017; Zhou et al., 2013).

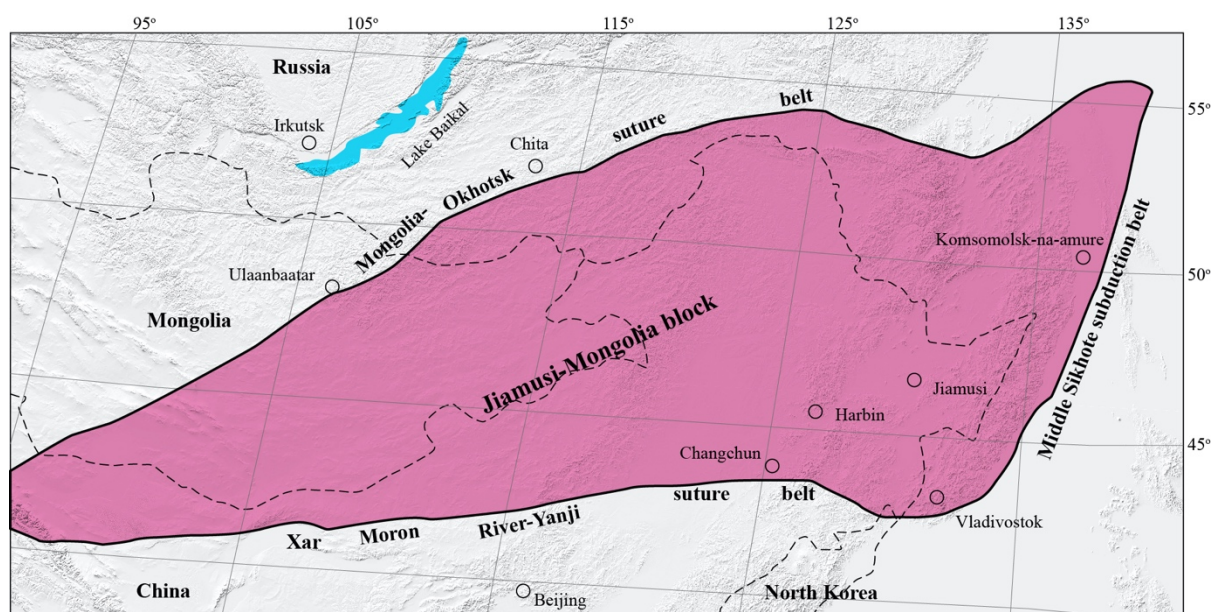


Figure 1.3: The outline of the Jiamusi-Mongolia Block (after Liu et al., 2017).

Xu et al. (2012, 2019) revealed SN distributed 250-210 Ma bimodal volcanic rocks at the east segment of SXB, indicating an extensional environment and suggesting a rifting event between the JB and SXB in the Early Triassic. Zhou et al. (2009) and Wang et al. (2016b) reported 275 Ma tholeiite and 255-210 Ma OIB or E-MORB type basalts in the Heilongjiang complex from the JB that are considered to have formed in a continental rift environment. This indicates separation of the JB from the Jiamusi-Mongolia block in the Late Paleozoic and development of the Mudanjiang Ocean between the JB and the Jiamusi-Mongolia block. The youngest detrital zircon U-Pb age group (213-199 Ma) in the Heilongjiang complex also revealed the oceanic basin's existence between the SXB and JB during the Late Triassic-Early Jurassic (Zhou et al., 2009; Li et al., 2011a). The formation of blueschists in the Heilongjiang complex

recorded another subduction-collision process between the JB and SXB. Its polysilicon muscovite  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  age limited the time of its peak metamorphic or the following tectonic exhumation, revealing the final re-docking with the SXB occurred in the Jurassic (185-145 Ma; Wu et al., 2007; Li et al., 2009, 2010; Zhao and Zhang, 2011; Zhu et al., 2017; Ge et al., 2017). This westward drift of the combined Bureya-Jiamusi-Khanka blocks resulted from the onset of Pacific plate subduction (Figure 1.4) in the Late Triassic–Jurassic (Wu et al., 2007).

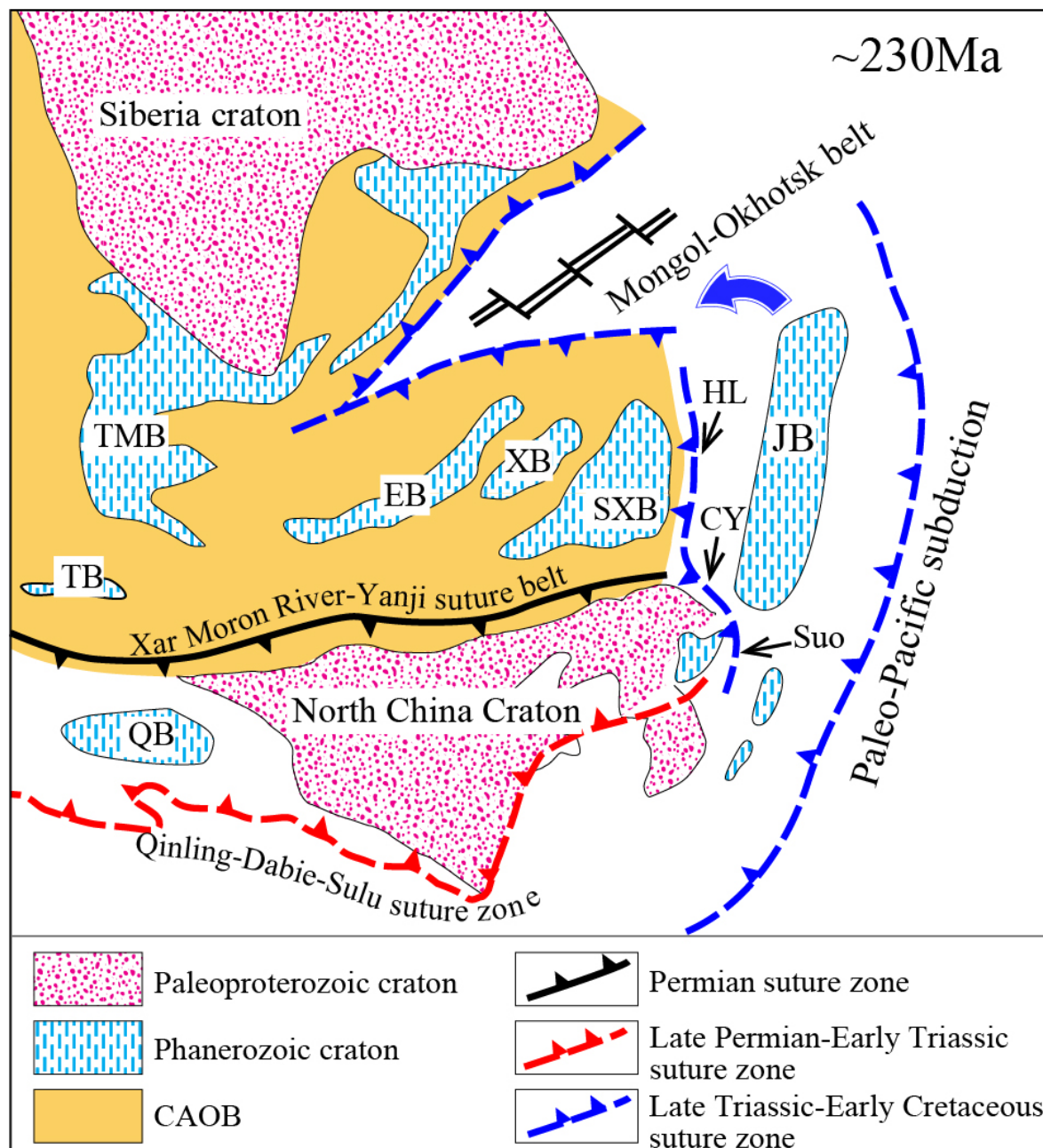


Figure 1.4: A cartoon showing the possible Late Triassic amalgamations of the micro blocks along the NE Asian margin (after Zhou et al., 2013; Li et al., 2020). CAOB = Central Asian Orogenic Belt; JB = Bureya-Jiamusi-Khanka block; EB= Erguna block; XB= Xing'an block; SXB= Songliao-Xilinhot block; QB= Qaidam block; TB=

*Turpan terrance; TMB= Tuva-Mongol block; Suo= Japan Suo metamorphic belt; CY= Changchun-Yanji metamorphic belt; HL= Heilongjiang metamorphic belt.*

### *1.2.3 The closure of the Mongol-Okhotsk ocean and the influence of Paleo Pacific plate subduction on NE China in the Mesozoic-Cenozoic.*

Since the Mesozoic, the NE China area was mainly influenced by the orogeny triggered by the closure of the Mongol-Okhotsk Ocean in the north and the Paleo Pacific plate subduction in the east (Figure 1.4; Meng, 2003; Safonova et al., 2009; Li et al., 2012; Zhang et al., 2012; Xu et al., 2013). The Mongol-Okhotsk Ocean existed in the Late Paleozoic to Early Mesozoic between Siberian craton and the Jiamusi-Mongolia block (Safonova et al., 2009; Huang et al., 2016). The geophysical data revealed the Mongol-Okhotsk ocean plate's northward subduction in the Mesozoic (Zorin et al., 2002). Evidence of the possibility of its southward subduction was also confirmed by seismic tomography (Van der Woo et al., 1999) and igneous rock record (Xu et al., 2013). The Mongol-Okhotsk Ocean's closure was mainly followed by a scissor-like movement from west to east (Figure 1.4; Donskaya et al., 2013; Huang et al., 2016). The western part closed at the Early-Middle Jurassic according to magmatic, sedimentary and basin evolution evidences (Fan et al., 2013; Meng, 2003; Wang et al., 2006), while the eastern part was closed until the Late Jurassic-Early Cretaceous (Pei et al., 2011; Huang et al., 2016).

The Paleo-Pacific plate's subduction beneath the eastern Eurasian continental margin generally started at the late Late Triassic-Early Jurassic (Yu et al., 2012; Xu et al., 2013) and gradually dominated NE China's tectonic evolution (Xu et al., 2013). With the Late Jurassic-Early Cretaceous fast subduction of the Paleo-Pacific Plate below the Eurasian continental plate (Maruyama et al., 1997), the NE China area experienced extension. Further, it led to the formation of a series of rift basins in NE China (e.g., Ren et al., 2002), the exhumation of a metamorphic core complex (e.g., Davis et al., 2002) and the continuing magmatism events (e.g., Wang et al., 2006; Zhang et al., 2018).

In the early Late Cretaceous (ca. 90 Ma), with the Paleo-Pacific plate considerably changed its subduction direction from NNW to WNW at high rates (23.5 cm/yr; Engebretson et al., 1985; Maruyama et al., 1997), the approx. NW-ward subduction direction almost at a right angle with the approx. NE-ward eastern Eurasian continental margin put east NE China and its adjacent area under dextral compressional shear (Sun et al., 2010). In the Korean Peninsula, southwestern Japan and Russia's far east appeared plenty of subduction-related igneous rocks (e.g., Nakajima et al., 1990; Kinoshita, 1995; Sato et al., 2002). The Early Cretaceous rift basins

in NE China experienced compression, folding and erosion (e.g., Song et al., 2014; Zhang et al., 2015; Chen, 2017).

Since the early Cenozoic the roll-back of the subducting Pacific Ocean plate has triggered the extension of the eastern Eurasian continental margin (Maruyama et al., 1997). It developed plenty of northeast-southwest oriented rift valleys, i.e., the Japan sea, Bohai bay, Donghai basin and Baikal rift valley, forming the typical West pacific-type trench-arc-basin system (Maruyama et al., 1997; Ren et al., 2002).

### **1.3 Mesozoic-Cenozoic basins in northeast China**

Due to the extremely wide extent and their dominance on the region the development Mesozoic-Cenozoic basins need special attention. The amalgamated Jiamusi block and the Songliao-Xilinhot block form the basement of the Meso-Cenozoic basins in NE China (Zhang et al., 2011; Liu et al., 2017). The Mesozoic-Cenozoic basins and mountain ranges in NE China generally follow SW-NE trends, controlled by the primary NE trending strike-slip fault structures (Figure 1.2). The Great Xing'an Range (GXR) borders the Songliao basin in the west, the Lesser Xing'an Range (LXR) in the north, and Zhangguangcai Range (ZGC) and Jiamusi-Yitong Fault in the east. Northeast of the Songliao Basin, in between the Jiamusi-Yitong strike-slip fault and the Dunhua-Mishan fault further SE, a series of NE-SW oriented Mesozoic-Cenozoic rift basins developed, such as the Sanjiang basin, Hulin basin, Boli basin, Jixi basin and Hegang basin (see numbers II to VI in Figure 1.2). They all have remained as residual basins and are mainly separated by the major uplift zone named as Jiamusi Uplift (Figure 1.2). The basin group to the east of the Songliao basin is filled mainly by Mesozoic-Cenozoic siliciclastic and volcanic formations (Figure 1.5). While in the central part of the Songliao basin, the depositional record remained intact and the subsidence is interrupted by only a minor mid' Cretaceous inversion event, the burial record of the eastern basin group terminates in Early or Late Cretaceous due to the intense removal of the younger strata. In these basins the marginal facies of the sediment fill are missing (Cao et al., 2003; Wen et al., 2008a). Jurassic shallow marine to continental formations were documented only in the Sanjiang basin (Sha et al., 2003, 2009; Zhang et al., 2012). Mostly continental Lower Cretaceous sedimentary formations occur in the study area with thicknesses varying from 2.2 km to 5.0 km. The upper part of the Lower Cretaceous sequence contains volcanoclastic sediments indicating multiple volcanic events. Remarkable that the Lower Cretaceous strata in the different basins can be well correlated



(Figure 1.5). Starting from the early Late Cretaceous, tectonic inversion events lead to the partly or entirely removal of the Upper Cretaceous sediments in the eastern basin group. The preserved Upper Cretaceous continental sediments are mostly cover the Lower Cretaceous formations unconformably, and their thicknesses vary from 1.2 km to 3.0 km. The Paleogene sediments are only partly recorded in the eastern basin group with continental facies. Only between the Jiamusi-Yitong fault and the Dunhua-Mishan fault zone, the Yilan-Yitong basin and Ning'an basin contain relatively complete Paleogene sedimentary successions. The Neogene continental sediments are widely distributed in the study area with thickness from 0.1 km to 0.7 km.

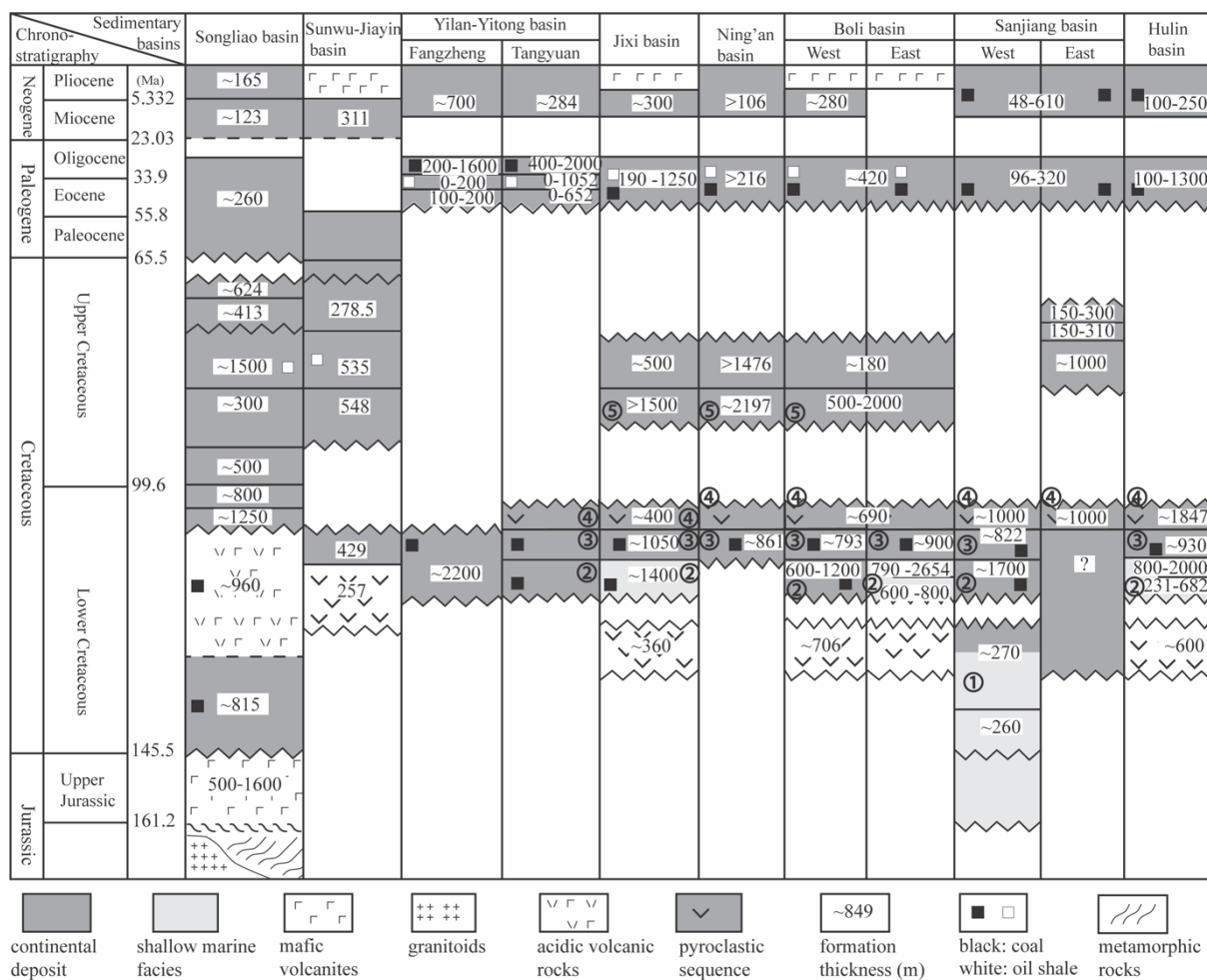


Figure 1.5: Compilation of the stratigraphy of the basins in NE China (after Zhang et al., 2010, 2012; Qie, 2009; Gao, 2010). Circled numbers indicate the major basing filling sedimentary and volcanic formations: 1 - Didao, 2 - Chengzihe, 3 - Muling, 4 - Dongshan and 5 - Houshigou. Zig-zag line: erosional unconformity.

The provenance studies of the eastern basin groups in east NE China are mainly focused on the late Mesozoic formations. Wang et al. (2007) indicated that in Early Cretaceous the sediment supply of the Hulin basin was mainly the Nadanhada Terrane in the north. Wang (2007)

revealed the western Sanjiang basin mainly received sediment from southwestern and northeastern source regions in the Late Jurassic-Early Cretaceous. While Wang et al. (2007) further indicated the western Sanjiang basin's provenance is mainly from the southern side of the basin in Late Jurassic, and the Early Cretaceous provenance is mainly from the southeastern side. Sun et al. (2014) indicated that the LXR and JB were the major sources of the Early Cretaceous sediments in the Hegang basin, but the provenance from LXR is not detected in the Late Cretaceous. Wang et al. (2006), Wen et al. (2008a) and Liu et al. (2010) analyzed the Cretaceous provenance in the basins around the Jiamusi Uplift and suggested the Lesser Xing'an range and Zhangguangcai Range as sources of the Lower Cretaceous Chengzihe and Muling formations. Wen et al. (2008) further indicated the Lesser Xing'an Range, Zhangguangcai Range and Jiamusi Uplift should supply the Upper Cretaceous Houshigou formation. These studies suggested the presence of one united basin at the current Jiamusi Uplift area. The later exhumed Jiamusi Uplift gradually destroyed the prototype basin, and only isolated basin remnants have been preserved. Cenozoic provenance data from the study area are still rare but with multiply views. Wang et al. (2007) suggested the Tangyuan fault depression's Paleogene sediments have derived mainly from the northwest and southeast. While Wang (2007) preferred three major source areas, they are along the western, northeastern and eastern sides. In general, the Cenozoic basin's provenance is mainly dominated by local uplifts, triggered by faults (Li et al., 2002; Chen et al., 2010; Sun et al., 2010; Zhao, 2011).

#### **1.4 Low-temperature thermochronology studies in northeast China**

For the identification, dating and quantification of exhumation events affecting the topmost part of the crust and the inversion in sedimentary basins, the most useful and most widely applied tool is the low-temperature thermochronology like apatite/zircon fission tracks and (U-Th)/He. Numerous studies have applied apatite and zircon fission track (AFT, ZFT) thermochronology in the Songliao basin (Figure 1.6). They revealed that the central depression of the Songliao basin reached the maximum burial depth and highest paleotemperature at the end of the Cretaceous, followed by an east to west migrating erosional event (Yang et al., 1995; Huang et al., 1999; Fang et al., 2005; Xiang et al., 2007; Song, 2010). Cheng et al. (2018) further suggested that the southern Songliao basin experienced two distinct, compression and extension related uplift events with rapid cooling during the late Mesozoic-Cenozoic. Li et al. (2011b) detected by AFT and ZFT thermochronology that the northern Great Xing'an range, the western bordering basement high of the Songliao basin has experienced rapid cooling

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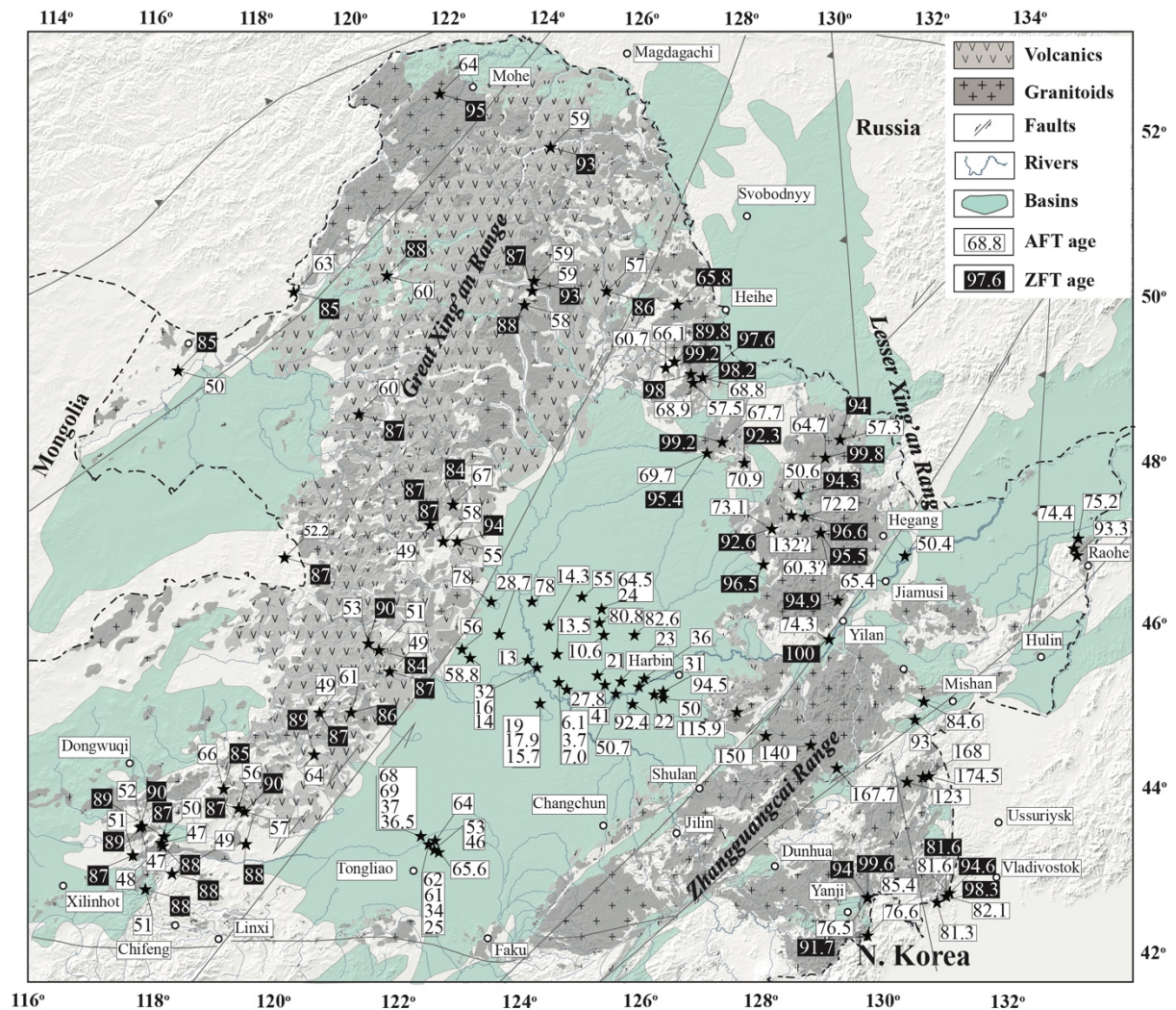


Figure 1.6: Compilation of the formerly published low-T thermochronological data of the study area (the ages are in Ma; after Yang et al., 1995; Fang et al., 2005; Xiang et al., 2007; Fang et al., 2008; Li et al. 2011a, b; and Chen, 2016; Cheng et al., 2018; Song et al., 2018).

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Zhangguangcai range were uplifted in the Early Jurassic and the whole eastern Songliao basin area experienced regional exhumation and denudation in the Late Cretaceous.

### **1.5 Scientific problems and aims of the study**

During the field studies, we observed a large variety of Cretaceous sedimentary remnants on basement highs, which suggested a widespread late- or post-Cretaceous basin inversion east of the Songliao basin. There are also widespread Mesozoic-Cenozoic volcanic rocks, which may have also some impact on the thermal evolution of the basins and basements (Figure 1.7). Both the low-temperature thermochronometers and the maturation of the organic matter record the last thermal event and the cooling after it, thus their sensitivity make them key methods for studying the development of the thermal evolution during the inversion affecting the area east of the Songliao basin.

On the other hand, the Songliao Basin, its eastern "satellite" basins and the associated sediment-supplying basement highs form an excellent natural laboratory for detrital zircon U-Pb studies as the currently exhumed basement areas are composed mostly of zircon-bearing igneous formations having highly variable emplacement ages. This contrast in the sources generates highly informative detrital age patterns. With the widespread and still growing application of detrital zircon geochronology in sedimentary provenance analysis, the use of existing geological data, such as regional geological maps to trace provenance, is common. However, for some regions, such as densely-vegetated or poorly/not accessible areas, especially when tracking large-scale provenance, the results may be misleading due to large uncertainties in the geological maps and non-representative sampling of the region.

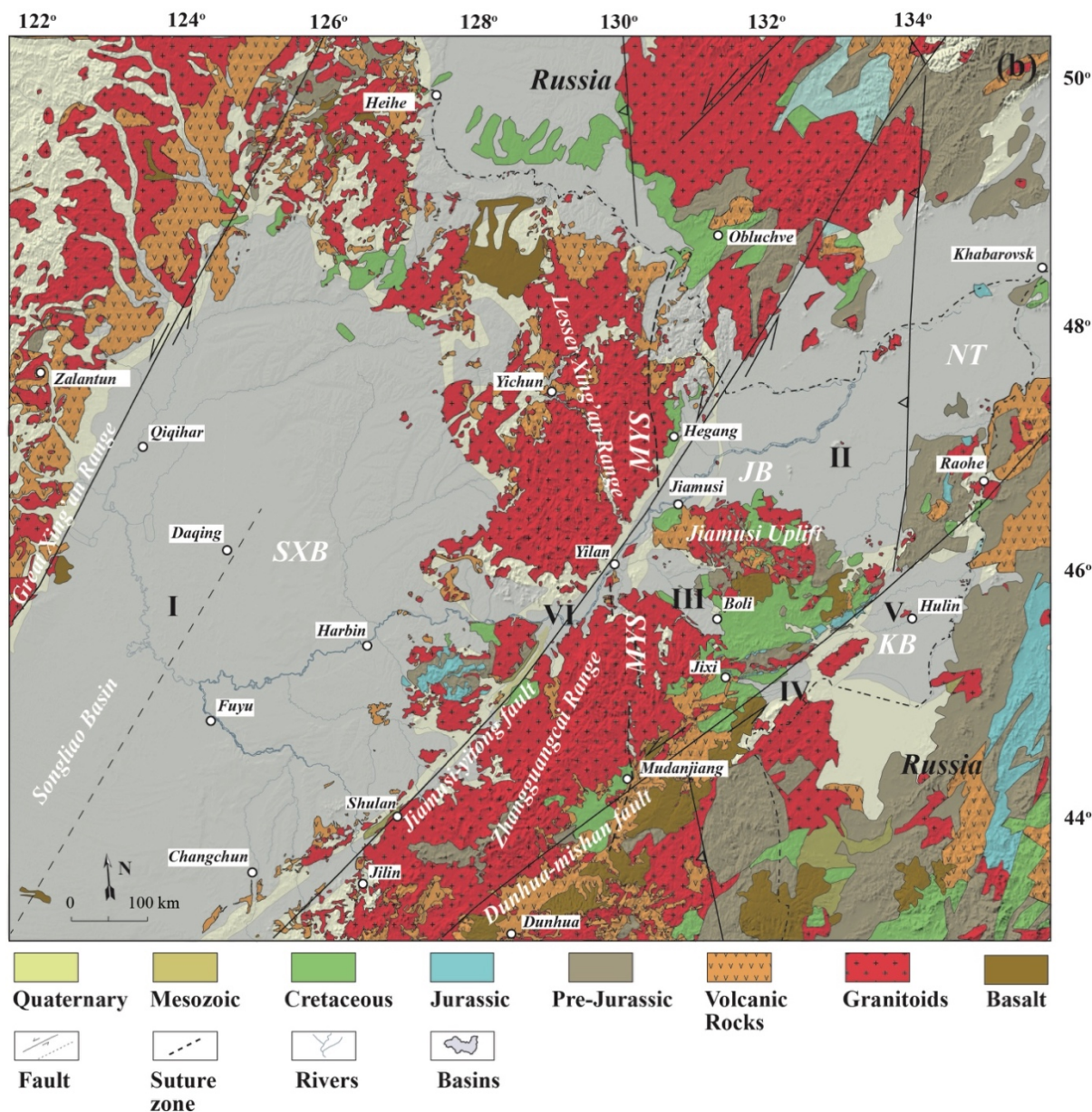


Figure 1.7: Simplified geological map of the study area (modified after Ren et al., 2013).

Another approach to evaluate detrital age spectra can be the comparison to the age distribution compiled from all available geochronological data from the basement. Such a comparison is mostly biased by the uneven sampling of the basement and the different sediment yield of individual tributaries and/or geological units. Modern river sand studies frequently analyze catchments that include highly rugged mountains and low relief areas, like Himalayan rivers or the Amazon (e.g., Mapes, 2009; Guo et al., 2020). In the case of such sediments, the interpretation of the detrital age spectra is encumbered by two factors acting at poorly known magnitudes: the sediment yield (relief & erodibility) and the zircon yield (fertility; e.g., Dickinson, 2008; Malusà et al., 2016). In NE China, the relief in the Lesser Xing'an Range

(LXR), Zhangguangcai Range (ZGC) and the western Jiamusi block (JB), situated along the eastern border of Songliao Basin in NE China, is moderate and can be considered as catchment-wide relatively uniform, thus one could expect an aerial balanced sediment yield.

For this thesis, a whole range of magmatic rocks was investigated by low-temperature thermochronology and geochronology, and this dataset was completed by vitrinite reflectance data from the Cretaceous sediments. I also identified the detrital zircon U-Pb age populations from modern river sands with variable compositions of the catchment areas, in order to achieve the following primary scientific goals:

- 1) To clarify whether the Neogene-Quaternary basalt lavas have influenced the regional ZHe cooling age pattern or they have only local contact-related thermal influence.
- 2) To reveal the thermal evolution of basement highs and the basins remnants. To construct a coherent pattern for the entire region that was affected by burial and partial exhumation by the integrated evaluation of the thermal histories of the structural blocks obtained by different methods.
- 3) To evaluate the impact of the inferred thermo-tectonic evolution on the geodynamic evolution in NE China.
- 4) To address how accurately and proportionally the detrital zircon age spectra of modern river sediments reflect the Paleozoic-Cenozoic, igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary formations of the catchments.
- 5) To reveal the relationships among the detrital zircon U-Pb age patterns from the modern river sediments, the basement units of the specific catchments and the wider area and the available detrital ages from Cretaceous sediments in NE China.
- 6) To constrain the temporal change in the Cretaceous sediment supply of the Songliao Basin and its strongly inverted eastern satellite basins and check this evolution against the thermo-tectonic evolution developed under (2) and (3).

## **1.6 Methodological approach**

Previous thermochronological studies used only a single method and revealed simplified thermal evolution models for the eastern part of NE China. In this PhD thesis, therefore, multi-method low-temperature thermochronology analysis including apatite fission-track (AFT), apatite (U-Th)/He (AHe), and zircon (U-Th)/He (ZHe) were conducted in order to obtain more details of the thermal histories and a denser information on the pattern of exhumation of the area. Additionally, organic maturation data (Ro%) (collected from the literature and reports)

were re-evaluated and beyond the basement highs the thermal history of the basin areas were also modelled in order to constrain the distribution of the Late Cretaceous-Tertiary tectonic inversion, quantify the thickness of the former burial and the temporal development of basin inversion, affecting an area over 200,000 km<sup>2</sup> in NE China. What's more, the volcanic rock's thermal influence on its surrounding sediment and igneous rock units is also concerned. Using zircon (U-Th)/He thermochronology and Raman spectroscopy, I detected the eruption age of young basaltic lava. The granitoid basement in the region does not show the Neogene age of the basalt volcanism. This part of the study includes only one thermally overprinted sample, but its consequence is relevant for the regional thermo-tectonic evaluations; I conclude that regional ZHe ages reflect the exhumation history and the young lavas have only local effect, like Blondes et al. (2007) quantified it in a former study. Lastly, modern river sediments whose catchments drain most of the current elevated basement areas of eastern NE China were detected with the detrital zircon U-Pb geochronology method. The Cretaceous supply's temporal change is expected to be well discussed by carefully considering multiple influencing factors to the modern sediments' provenance analysis and referring to the well-studied igneous basement units.

The research content is as follows: Chapter 2 elucidated the thermal history of the basement highs bordering the sub-basins with a multi-method approach including vitrinite reflectance  $R_o$  values, apatite fission-track, and apatite/zircon helium thermochronology from an area of ca. 100,000 km<sup>2</sup> covering the eastern part of the NE China basin system broadly. Thermal modelling is performed to quantify the former burial's thickness and the temporal development of basin inversion. Chapter 3 discussed the basaltic lava's thermal influence on its surrounding rocks. Zircon (U-Th)/He and Raman spectroscopy were inferred to test the zircon thermal reset degree obtained on the thermally overprinted sands directly underlying basaltic lava and granitic rocks far away from the basaltic lavas with different distances. Chapter 4 focuses on modern river sands draining catchments of variable size to test the correlation between the area proportion and age spectra, summarizing the available zircon U-Pb ages of the igneous rock and detrital zircon U-Pb ages from the Cretaceous sediment to make the comparison and discussion. Chapter 5 summarizes the PhD thesis and highlights the major conclusions.

## **Chapter 2 Manuscript I: Late Cretaceous-Tertiary tectonic inversion of northeastern Asian continental margin: insight from the low temperature thermochronology in NE China**

The following second article combines vitrinite reflectance value  $R_o$ , apatite helium, apatite fission track, zircon helium and zircon U-Pb geochronology analysis to reveal the Post Early Cretaceous thermal evolution in NE China. This paper is published 2020 in Gondwana research, Doi: 10.1016/j.gr.2020.05.017

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## 2.1 Abstract

We studied a less understood area of basins and basement horsts to the east of the Songliao basin, NE China. An integrated evaluation of the thermal history of both the *basement highs* and the *basin remnants* was performed using low-T thermochronology and burial/thermal modelling based on vitrinite reflectance data. We present new apatite and zircon (U-Th)/He and apatite fission track results from an area of ca. 100,000 km<sup>2</sup> covering largely the eastern part of the satellite basin system in order to elucidate the post Jurassic thermal history of the basement highs bordering the sub-basins. The low-T thermochronometers show mostly Late Cretaceous - early Paleogene apparent ages, younger than the Early Cretaceous sedimentary record in the related satellite basins. These age constraints are in harmony with the thermal modelling of vitrinite reflectance data from the basins, which indicates that the maximum burial depth occurred in mid-Cretaceous. The following major basin inversion leads to erosion from ca. 110 ca. 40 Ma. The modelling indicated that in the Jiamusi Uplift the central part experienced deeper erosion than marginal areas. Combining the above modelling results, we suggest a single united down-warped basin that formed in the Early Cretaceous, and covered the currently elevated western Zhangguangcai Range and eastern Mishan Uplift at the time of its maximum extent. The Late Cretaceous - Paleogene exhumation of the Jiamusi Uplift, gradually destroyed the formerly continuous, 1.6 to 4.8 km thick sedimentary cover and only basin remnants have preserved.

## 2.2 Introduction

Northeast China owns one of the largest lacustrine basin systems in the world, including the large Songliao basin and a series of smaller basins east and north-east from the major depression. The oil rich Cretaceous Songliao basin with the size of ca. 260,000 km<sup>2</sup> is in the focus of petroleum exploration since the first oil discovery in 1959. The geophysical exploration gradually revealed the tectonic development of the Songliao basin (e.g., Wang et al., 2016a). However, the level of knowledge on the evolution of the group of smaller basins to the east of the Songliao basin is still insufficient. The Mesozoic-Cenozoic rift basin system includes sixteen basins larger than 200 km<sup>2</sup> and five basins larger than 3000 km<sup>2</sup> (Figure 2.1). In the 20th century, accompanied by coal mining, the study of the eastern basin group was focused mainly on the characterization and basic stratigraphic subdivision of the sedimentary sequences filling the basins. In recent years, with the increasing requirements for oil and gas,

even the medium and small basins received more attention, which has promoted in-depth studies of the tectonic framework, stratigraphic correlation and thermal evolution of the basin groups to the east of the Songliao basin. The current distribution pattern of the basin group east of the Songliao basin is dominated by the major Huanan Uplift and the Mishan Uplift (Figure 2.1). These uplift areas are also called Jiamusi Uplift and the surrounding basins (Sanjiang basin, Boli basin, Hulin basin and Jixi basin) are mainly located on the Jiamusi Block (JB; see Figure 2.1).

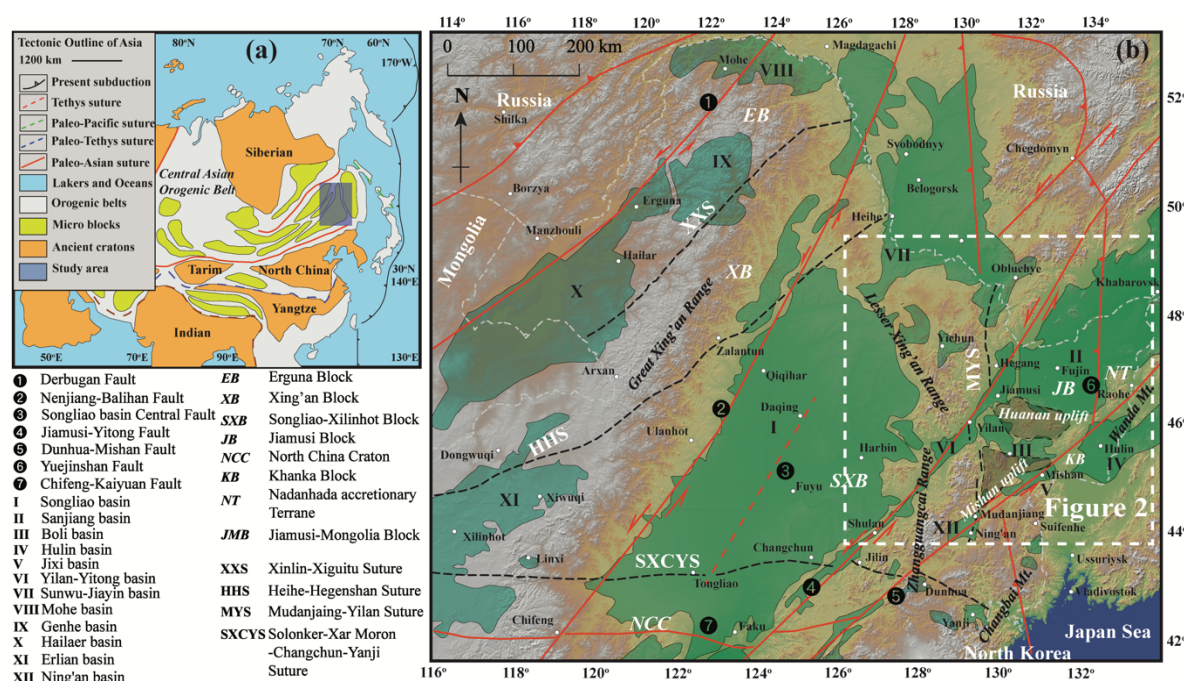


Figure 2.1: (a) Schematic tectonic map of Asia indicating the position of the Songliao basin (modified after Li, 2006; Safonova et al., 2009, 2011; Kröner et al., 2014; Liu, et al., 2016). (b) Digital elevation map of NE China, showing the major basins by green, and the bordering faults of tectonic blocks (after Zhou et al., 2009; Liu et al., 2017). Red line: fault; black dashed line: suture zone; gray dashed line: national boundary. The rectangle represents the study area that covers most of the east NE China, see details in Figure 2. The shadowed areas represent the major uplifts, and collectively referred to the Jiamusi Uplift. The base digital elevation model is from the U.S. Geological Survey (2017).

The tectonic evolution of NE China is still intensely debated (e.g., BGMRHP, 1993; Liu et al., 1994; Tang et al., 1995; Tian et al., 1993; Zhang et al., 1999), especially the exhumation age and mechanism of the Jiamusi Uplift. One concept suggests that the Jiamusi Uplift belongs to a long-term uplifting area since the Paleozoic. In the late Indo-Chinese epoch (ca. 250-205 Ma) the peri-Pacific continental margin was tectonically activated by block faulting and a series of Mesozoic-Cenozoic rift basins (BGMRHP, 1993). Another opinion argues for multiple uplift

events (Wen et al., 2011), and the current roughly E-W trending basin-bordering system has developed in the late Early Cretaceous-Late Cretaceous (Han et al., 2008; Wen et al., 2008a, b).

The eastern basin group is considered as extensional rift basins by Tang et al. (1995), Liu et al. (2000), Cao et al. (2003), Zhang et al. (2004, 2005) and Cheng et al. (2006). Other authors assume a single united continental margin depression-type basin that has formed in the early Cretaceous and, thereafter, experienced intense transformation by a series of eastwards thrusts between the major Jiamusi-Yitong fault and the Dunhua-Mishan fault in the late Early Cretaceous to Late Cretaceous (Wen et al., 2008a, b; Zhou et al., 2009; Zhang et al., 2010). Previous studies of sedimentary strata and structural features in these basins mainly rely on drillcore and geophysical data, especially seismic profiles. Multi-method studies including thermochronology to reconstruct the thermal history of the Jiamusi Uplift area are scarce.

For the identification, dating and quantification of inversion events affecting sedimentary basins low-temperature thermochronological methods are most useful and widely applied tools. Previous thermochronological studies used a single method only and revealed simplified thermal evolution models for the eastern part of NE China. In this contribution, we focus on the low-temperature thermal history of the satellite basins and the exhumed basement highs to the east of the Songliao basin. We apply a multi-method approach including organic maturation data (Ro%), apatite fission track (AFT), apatite (U-Th)/He (AHe) and zircon (U-Th)/He (ZHe) thermochronology in order to constrain the distribution of the Late Cretaceous-Tertiary tectonic inversion of the east NE China area, quantify the thickness of the former burial and the temporal development of basin inversion, affecting an area over 100,000 km<sup>2</sup>.

### **2.3 Geological Setting**

NE China is situated in the eastern segment of the Central Asian Orogenic Belt (CAOB), the world's largest accretionary orogen, lying between the Siberian Craton to the north, and the North China Craton to the south (Eizenhöfer et al., 2014; Jahn et al., 2000; Sengör et al., 1993, 1996; Windley et al., 2007; Xiao et al., 2009; see [Figure 2.1](#)). Since the Phanerozoic, this area experienced superposition and transformation from the Paleo-Asian Ocean tectonic domain to the circum-Pacific tectonic domain. During the Paleozoic and the early Mesozoic, under the control of the Paleo-Asian Ocean tectonic domain, NE China experienced multi stage amalgamation of several microcontinents and finally formed one united block (i.e., Wang et al., 2008; Liu et al., 2017). Since the Mesozoic, its evolution is strongly influenced by the

closure of the Mongolia-Okhotsk Ocean in the north and the northwestward subduction of the Paleo-Pacific Plate in the east (Meng, 2003; Safonova et al., 2009; Li et al., 2012; Zhang et al., 2012; Xu et al., 2013). Intense Mesozoic-Cenozoic tectonic activities led to the northeast extension of major Tanlu fault that formed the Jiamusi-Yitong fault and Dunhua-Mishan fault, the development a series of multistage sedimentary basins (Tian et al., 1992; Ren et al., 2002; Meng et al., 2003), exhumation of a metamorphic core complex (Davis et al., 2002; Lin et al., 2008; Liu et al., 2017) and magmatism (Zhang et al., 2000; Zhou and Li, 2000; Wang et al., 2006).

The Mesozoic-Cenozoic basins and mountain ranges in NE China generally follow SW-NE trends, controlled by the main NE trending strike-slip fault structures (Figures 2.1, 2.2), and consistent with the direction of the western Pacific continental marginal trench-arc-basin system. The Songliao basin is surrounded by the Great Xing'an Range and Nenjiang-Balihan Fault in the west, the Lesser Xing'an Range in the north and Zhangguangcai Range and Jiamusi-Yitong Fault in the east. Northeast of the Songliao Basin, in between the Jiamusi-Yitong strike-slip fault and the Dunhua-Mishan fault further SE, a series of NE-SW oriented Mesozoic-Cenozoic rift basins developed, such as the Sanjiang basin, Hulin basin, Boli basin, Yilan-Yitong basin and Jixi basin (see numbers II to VI in Figure 2.1b). They all have remained as residual basins and are mainly separated by two major uplift zones named as the Huanan uplift and Mishan Uplift (Figure 2.1b).

Several major faults in the study area deeply influenced the formation and evolution of the Meso-Cenozoic basins including the NE trend Jiamusi-Yitong fault, Dunhua-Mishan fault; near SN trend Mudanjiang fault and Yuejinshan fault (Figure 2.1). Especially the NE trending faults, as the north extension of the major Tancheng-Lushan fault, greatly reactivated and extension during the Cretaceous-Cenozoic was believed to control the subsidence and exhumation of rift basins to the east of the Songliao basin (Zhang et al., 2005; Xie et al., 2009; Sun et al., 2010).

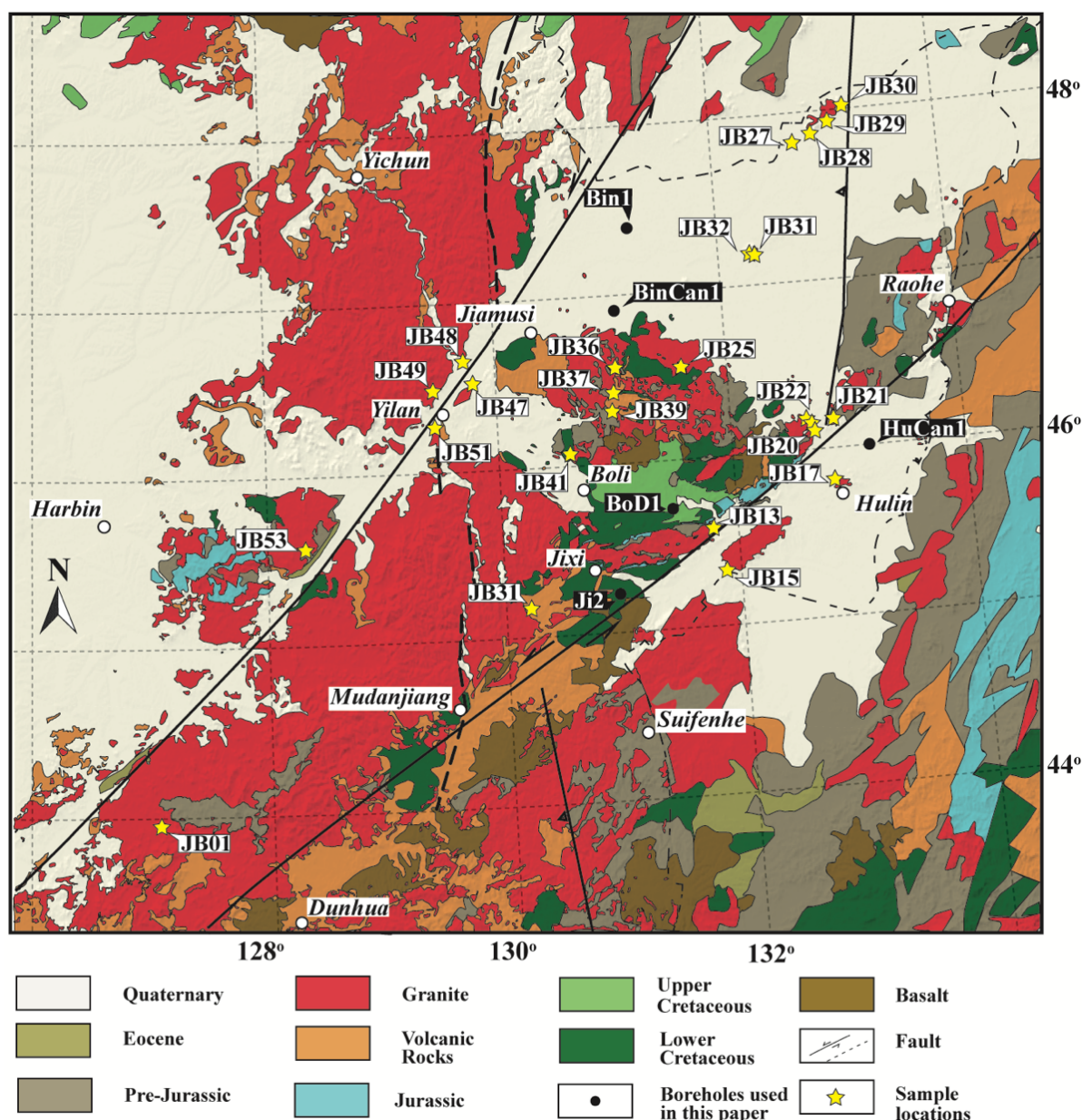


Figure 2.2: Geological map of the study area and the locations of the thermochronological samples indicated by stars (map is simplified after Ren et al., 2013). The digital elevation model is taken from the U.S. Geological Survey (2017).

With the final amalgamation between the Jiamusi block and the Songliao-Xilinhot block in the Paleozoic-early Mesozoic, the united block composed the basement of the Meso-Cenozoic basins in NE China (Zhang et al., 2011; Liu et al., 2017; Figure 2.1). The basin group to the east of the Songliao basin is filled mainly by Mesozoic-Cenozoic siliciclastic and volcanic formations (Figure 2.3). While in the central part of the Songliao basin the depositional record remained intact and the subsidence is interrupted by only a minor mid' Cretaceous inversion event, the burial record of the eastern basin group terminates in Early or Late Cretaceous due

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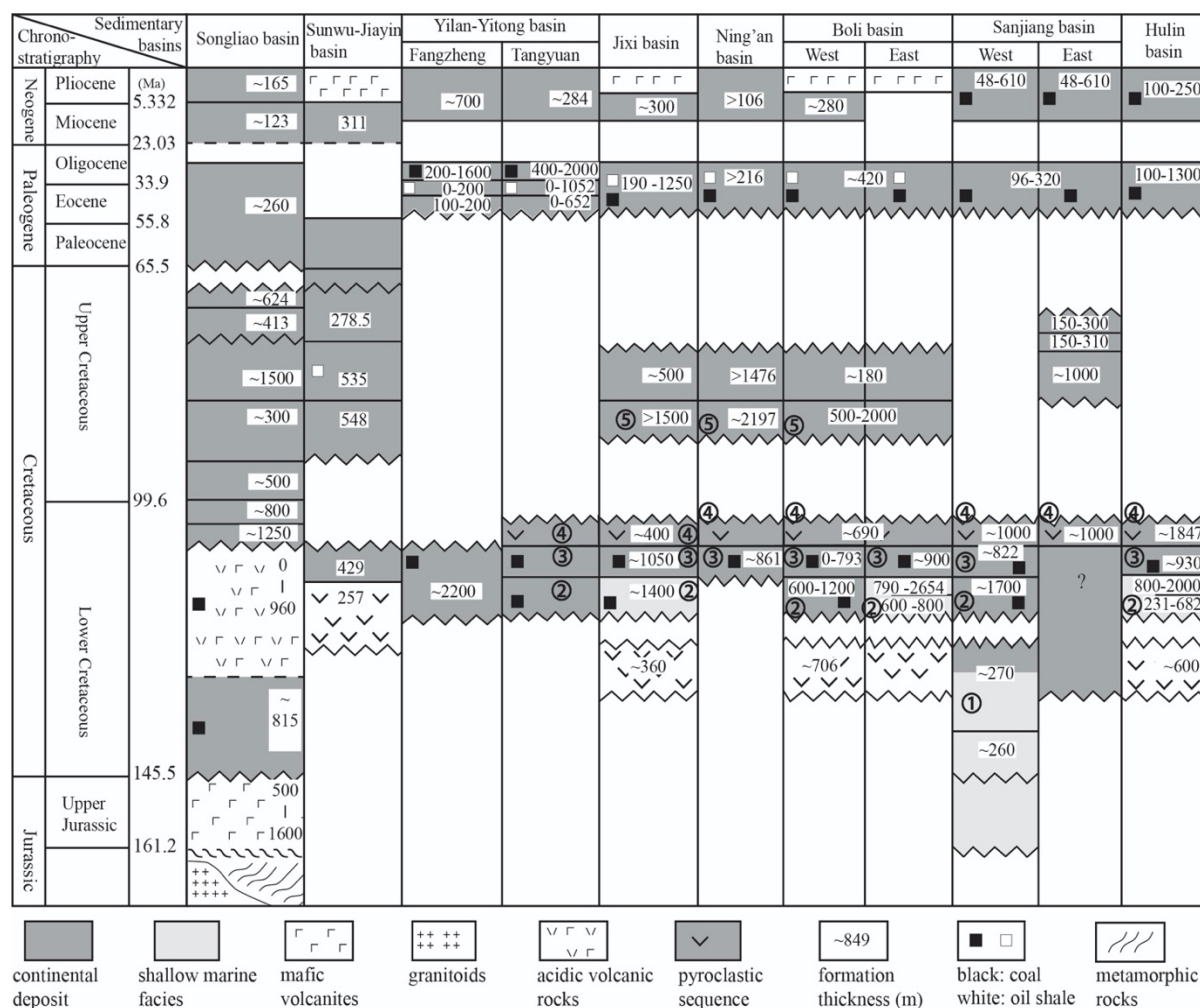


Figure 2.3: Compilation of the stratigraphy of the basins in NE China (after Zhang et al., 2010, 2012; Qie, 2009; Gao, 2010). Roman numbers along with basin names refer to the numbering in Fig. 1b. Circled numbers indicate the major basing filling sedimentary and volcanic formations: 1 - Didao, 2 - Chengzihe, 3 - Muling, 4 - Dongshan and 5 - Houshigou. Zig-zag line: erosional unconformity.

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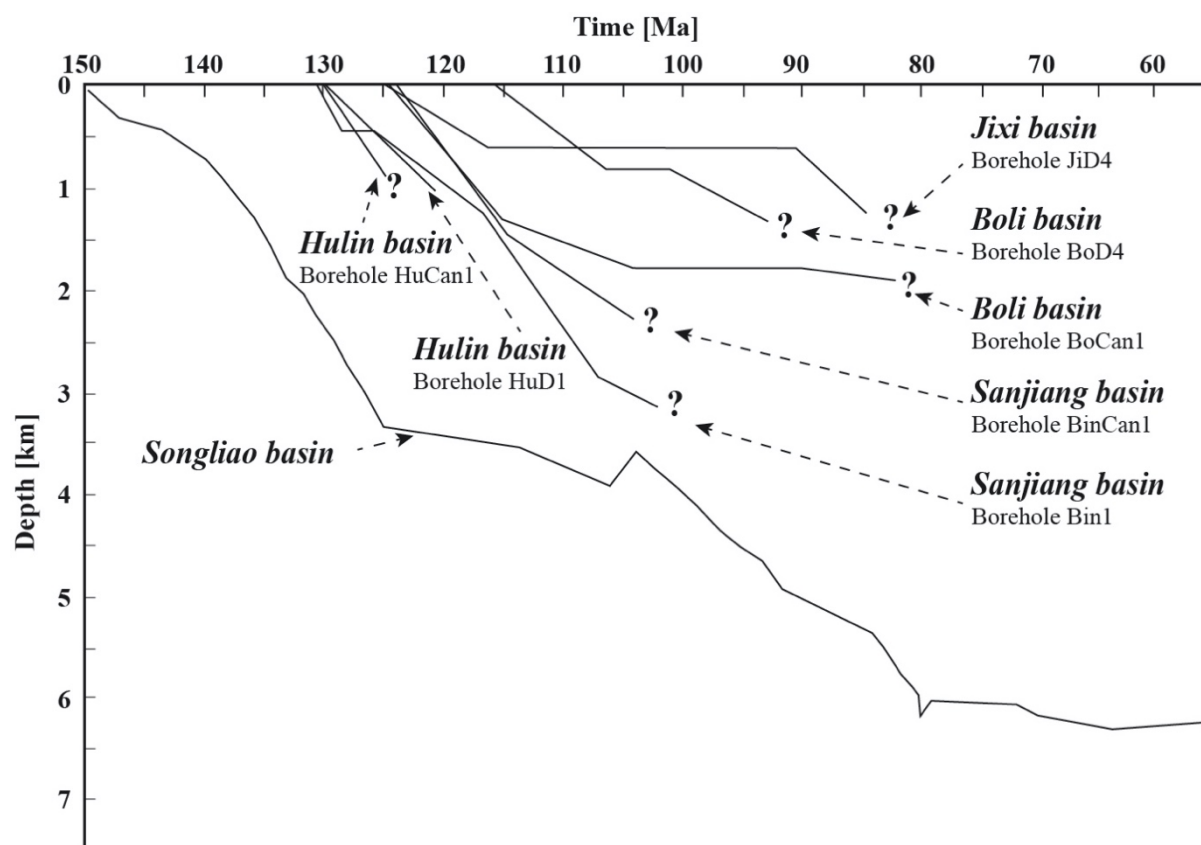


Figure 2.4: Compilation of subsidence trends in the Songliao basin (Wang et al. 2016) and some representative wells of the eastern satellite basins between 150 and 60 Ma. The question marks indicate the unknown termination of the burial-exhumation histories of the studied boreholes. No younger stratigraphical information is available from these sites; see discussion in the text.



## 2.4 Samples and analytical methods

Granitoid, volcanic and siliciclastic samples were collected from basement and Mesozoic sedimentary outcrops at the northeastern margin of the Songliao basin (Figure 2.2). The majority of the twenty-three samples was collected from intrusions or dikes of Early Paleozoic to Late Mesozoic age, and two more volcanic rocks were collected for extra zircon U-Pb dating (Table 1). None of the 12 sandstone samples contain accessory apatite grains, presumably due to the acid pore fluids from omnipresent coal seams of the studied sections. Thus, unfortunately it was not possible to perform low-T thermochronology on the sedimentary successions. Depending on the amount and quality of the accessory minerals, twenty-five samples were selected from the igneous formations for apatite (U-Th)/He dating, eight samples for zircon (U-Th)/He dating, fourteen samples for apatite fission track analysis, and two samples for zircon U-Pb dating.

The heavy mineral concentrates were generated from ca. 5 kg samples by the physical separation methods like crushing, wet-sieving, gravity separation by shaking table and Napoly-tungstate heavy liquid, and by Frantz magnetic separator. For AFT dating the apatite crystals were embedded in epoxy resin mounts and polished. Etching the apatite crystals by 5.5% HNO<sub>3</sub> at 21 °C for 20 s revealed the spontaneous tracks. The mounts were then covered by low-U muscovite plates and irradiated in the thermal neutron facility of the reactor of Oregon State University, USA. After the irradiation, each muscovite was etched by 40% HF for 30 min to reveal the induced fission tracks. The AFT ages were calculated by the zeta method (Hurford and Green, 1983) using the TRACKKEY software (Dunkl, 2002). The zeta value was determined to  $322.3 \pm 16.9$  by the Fish Canyon Tuff and Durango age standards.

For (U-Th)/He dating the crystals were hand-picked under stereo and polarizing microscopes. The selected crystals are all euhedral and free of cracks and inclusions. Length, prismatic length and width of the selected crystals were measured and recorded by microphotographs for correcting the alpha-ejection (Farley et al., 1996). The crystals were placed in platinum capsules for helium extraction, and the released gas was purified by an SAES Ti-Zr getter and the remaining inert gas measured in a Hidden triple-filter quadrupole mass spectrometer equipped with a positive ion-counting detector. After spiking with known amount of <sup>230</sup>Th and <sup>233</sup>U solutions, the degassed apatite crystals were dissolved in 4% HNO<sub>3</sub> and the zircon crystals in 48% HF and 65% HNO<sub>3</sub> in a pressurized Teflon bombs at the temperature of 220 °C for five days. The amount of actinide elements was measured by the isotope dilution method and the

Sm and the major matrix elements of the crystals (Ca, P and Zr) by external calibration using an iCAP-Q ICPMS. The (U-Th)/He ages were calculated by the Taylor Expansion Method.

Laser ablation ICP-MS zircon U-Pb geochronology of two volcanic rocks were also conducted at the GÖochron Laboratories of the Geoscience Center, University of Göttingen, Germany. The detailed experimental procedures can be found in Dunkl et al. (2019).

## 2.5 Results

The zircon (U-Th)/He ages obtained on the basements are presented in Table 3 and projected on the study area (Figure 2.5). The ZHe ages range from the Valanginian to the Coniacian and all are younger than the emplacement ages of the sampled igneous formations (Table 1). The AFT ages obtained on fourteen basement samples are presented in Table 2 and projected on the basement outcrops of the study area (Figure 2.5). In the samples 18 to 26 grains were counted, except for the sample JB20, which had a poorish apatite yield. The central AFT ages range from early Cretaceous to early Eocene ( $120.9 \pm 7.6$  to  $53.8 \pm 4.3$  Ma), are on average younger than the ZHe ages, and all ages are younger than the emplacement ages of the host formations. Most of the samples have relatively low uranium concentrations and therefore low spontaneous track densities and consequently a relative wide spread of single grain ages, but all of sample passed the  $\chi^2$ -test (see radial plots in Appendix Figure 1). The mean track length (MTL) of each sample varies from 12.2 to 14.3  $\mu\text{m}$  (Appendix Figure 2.2).

Twenty-five samples were dated by the AHe method, using 4 to 5 grains per sample (Table 3, Figure 2.5). With a few exceptions the apatite (U-Th)/He ages are younger than the ZHe and AFT ages measured in the same samples. Sample JB48 gave three single grain AHe ages between 71.0 and 97.8 Ma with a mean age of 86.7 Ma, which is much older than its AFT central age of 60.5 Ma. Six single grain AHe ages from sample JB51 are between 74.5 and 95.0 Ma with a mean age of  $83.9 \pm 3.3$  Ma, which is also much older than its corresponding AFT central age of 59.5 Ma. Fitzgerald et al. (2006) and Spiegel et al. (2009) have shown that a part of the "too old" AHe ages can be explained by helium implantation into low eU apatite crystals from neighboring U-Th rich minerals or the inapplicable Ft correction due to strong zonation of the alpha-emitting elements. In our case, the apatite crystals from both samples with old AHe ages revealed strong fission track zoning. Thus, for samples JB48 and JB51 the uncorrected AHe ages were used ( $52.9 \pm 5.9$  and  $50.9 \pm 1.4$  Ma, respectively).

The single-grain apatite helium ages have little intrasample variation. Mean apatite helium ages of all the basement samples range from 43 to 106.4 Ma, and most uncertainties (1s) are within 5%, with only two samples surpassing 6%. The apatite crystal sizes and the eU contents have a relatively large variation (equivalent sphere radii are between 32 and 81  $\mu\text{m}$ , the eU content is ranging from 6.2 to 166.4 ppm). There is no detectable correlation between the AHe ages and other parameters, such as crystal size, altitude, eU content or geographic position.

Zircon U-Pb ages were determined on two volcanic rock samples collected from the northern margin of the Jiamusi uplift (Appendix Table 2 and Appendix [Figures 2.3 and 2.4](#)). From the andesite sample JB27 15 euhedral zircon crystals were measured and revealed a zircon U-Pb concordia age of  $94.3 \pm 0.6$  Ma. Sample JB28 was collected from a dacite dyke and revealed a U-Pb TuffZirc age of  $99.1 \pm 0.4$  (calculated by Isoplot software; Ludwig, 2012).

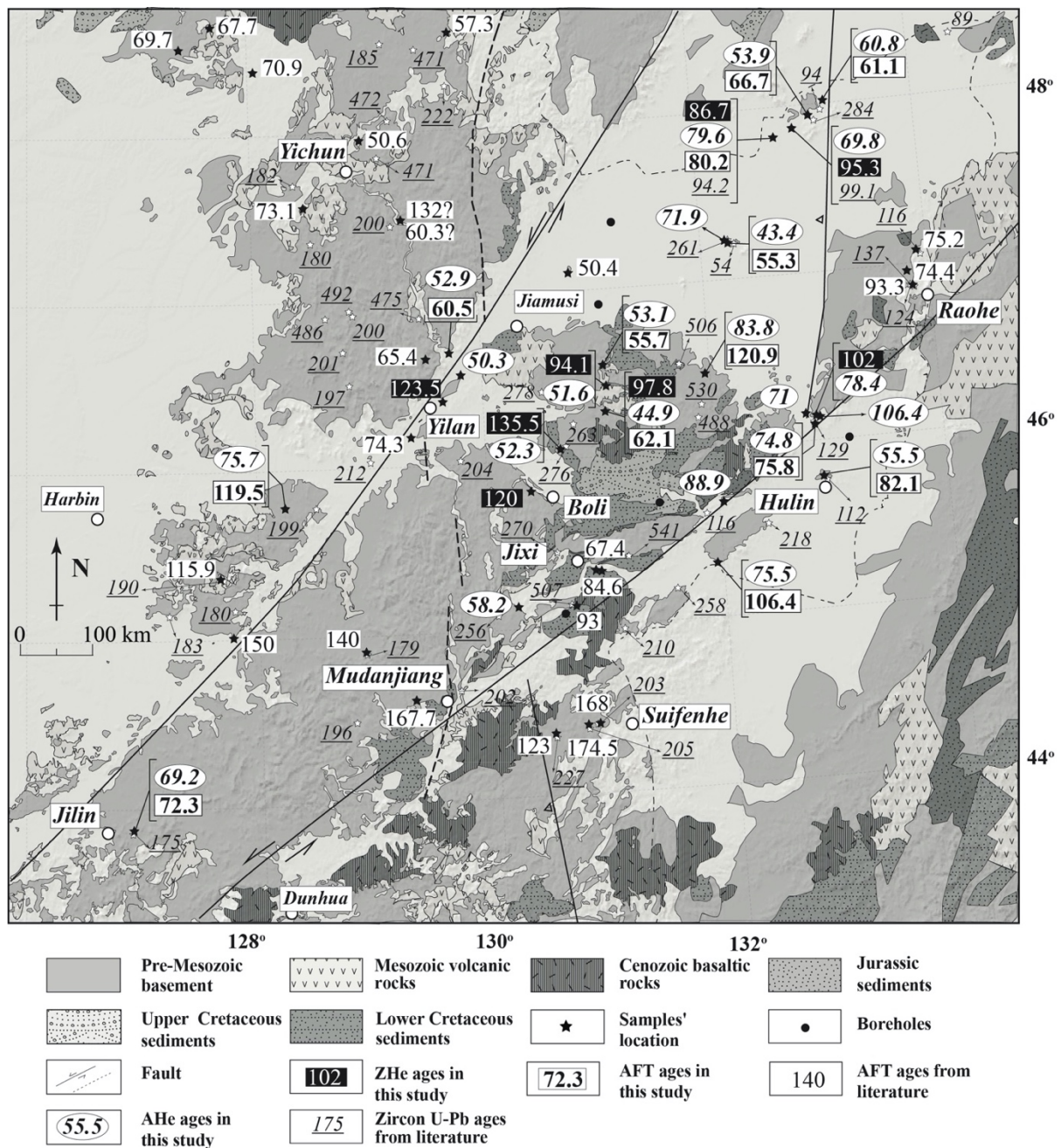


Figure 2.5: Map of low-T thermochronological data of the study area. The uncertainties and other analytical details are listed in Tables 2.2 and 2.3. The compilation of the formerly published AFT results is from Li et al. (2011a, b) and Chen (2016). The compilation of the formerly published igneous rock zircon U-Pb age results is from Wu et al. (2011), Yu et al. (2012, 2013), Bi et al. (2014), Yang et al. (2014), Wang et al. (2016) and Dong et al. (2017).

Table 2.1: Geographical coordinates and petrography of the studied samples

Sample	Lithology	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation [m]	Area / tect.unit	[M a]	U-Pb age		reference	AH		1x		ZHe age <sup>3</sup> [Ma]
							age <sup>1</sup> [Ma]	age <sup>2</sup> [Ma]		age <sup>1</sup> [Ma]	s.e. [Ma]	age <sup>2</sup> [Ma]	s.e. [Ma]	
17JB01	Granodiorite	43.8969	126.9164	300	SXB	17 5	62.4	5.5	Zhang et al., 2004	72.3	5.9			
17JB05	Diorite	45.1498	130.2400	390	JB	25 6	58.2	5.3	Wu et al., 2001					
17JB13	Granite	45.5824	131.8149	171	JB	51 6	88.9	3.8	Yang et al., 2014					
17JB15	Granite	45.3386	131.9586	108	JB	21 5	75.5	6.7	Yang et al., 2015	106.4	8.4			
17JB17	Granodiorite	45.8009	132.9237	172	KB	11 2	55.5	3.7	Wilde et al	82.1	8.3			
17JB20	Diorite	46.1032	132.8828	154	KB	T-J	74.8	10.3	HBGMR, 1993	75.8	11.5			
17JB21	Andesite	46.1482	132.8442	117	JB	12 9	71	3.7	Xu et al., 2013					
17JB22-A	Diorite	46.1755	132.8165	104	JB	T-J	78.4	5.2	HBGMR, 1993	102	2.2			
17JB22-B	Granite	46.1755	132.8165	104	JB	T-J	95.2	11.3						
17JB25	Granite	46.5544	131.7219	96	JB	50 6	83.8	2.6	Bi et al., 2014	120.9	7.6			
17JB27	Andesite	47.8583	132.9153	113	JB	94	79.6	4.8	in this paper	80.2	6.5	3.9		
17JB28	Dacite	47.9201	133.0598	153	JB	99	69.8	4	in this paper	95.3	0.9			
17JB29	Granite	47.9666	133.1307	110	JB	95	53.9	0.3	Yu et al., 2013	66.7	5			
17JB30-B	Granite	48.0148	133.2604	103	JB	95	60.8	3.1	Yu et al., 2014	61.1	4.8			
17JB31	Granodiorite	47.2287	132.2519	192	JB	54	43.4	1.5	Wang et al., 2016	55.3	5.4			
17JB32A	Granodiorite	47.2367	132.2308	106	JB	26 1	71.9	5.3	Bi et al., 2014					

Table 2.1(continued): Geographical coordinates and petrography of the studied samples

Sample	Lithology	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation		U-Pb age [Ma]	reference	AHe age <sup>1</sup> [Ma]	1x s.e. [Ma]	AFT age <sup>2</sup> [Ma]	1x s.e. [Ma]	ZHe age <sup>3</sup> [Ma]	1x s.e. [Ma]
				[m]	Area / tect.unit								
17JB36	Granite	46.5091	131.0766	233	JB			53.1	4.2	55.7	3.4		
17JB37	Granite	46.4321	131.0943	268	JB	262- 276	Dong et al., 2017	51.6	6.1			94.1	3.2
17JB39	Granite	46.3190	131.0714	268	JB			44.9	2.3	62.1	4.2	93.7	3.1
17JB41	Granite	46.0768	130.6672	227	JB			52.3	2.9			135.7	10.2
17JB47	Granite	46.4809	129.7089	121	JB	T-J	HBGMR, 1993	50.3	3.3				
17JB48	Granite	46.6801	129.7400	105	JB	201	Wu et al., 2011	52.9	5.9	60.5	4.2		
17JB49	Granite	46.3865	129.4157	148	JB	197		104.4	4.4				
17JB51	Granite	46.2434	129.4688	120	JB	T-J	HBGMR, 1993	51.5	1.3	53.8	4.3		
17JB53	Granite	45.8012	128.2574	230	SXB	199	Wu et al., 2012	75.7	5.2	119.5	9.3		

The abbreviations of areas are followed by Figure 1b

1: unweighted mean of single crystal apatite (U-Th)/He ages

2: apatite fission track central age

3: unweighted mean of single crystal zircon (U-Th)/He ages

T-J: Triassic-Jurassic

Table 2.2: Apatite fission track results obtained on the basement samples from the NE margin of the Songliao basin.

Sample	Cryst.	Spontaneous <sup>1</sup>			Induced			Dosimeter <sup>2</sup>		P( $\chi^2$ )	Disp. <sup>4</sup>	U	Dpar	Central age <sup>4</sup>	$\pm 1s$	Track length	$\pm 1s$
		RhoS	Ns	RhoI	RhoI	Ni	RhoD	Nd	[ppm]								
JB01	23	3.74	477	5.02	640	6.05	6197	67	0.01	10.3	1.78	72.3	5.9	13.8	1.2		
JB15	26	5.95	644	5.56	602	6.22	6197	69	0.03	10.4	1.97	106.4	8.4	12.3	1.3		
JB17	23	3.74	250	4.47	299	6.13	6197	84	0.02	9.1	2.00	82.1	8.3	13.9	0.4		
JB25	25	27.93	2737	19.59	1920	5.31	6197	25	0.05	44.5	1.70	120.9	7.6	13.0	1.9		
JB27	20	6.66	616	6.39	591	5.56	6197	24	0.10	13.0	2.18	80.2	6.5	14.0	1.1		
JB29	22	7.96	630	11.10	878	5.80	6197	89	0.00	21.1	2.18	66.7	5.0	13.4	1.4		
JB30B	23	4.26	584	5.82	798	5.23	6197	34	0.09	13.7	2.09	61.1	4.8	13.8	1.4		
JB31	22	2.50	233	4.33	404	5.97	6197	85	0.01	9.8	0.30	55.3	5.4	14.3	0.3		
JB36	25	19.53	1904	32.63	3182	5.72	6197	51	0.04	72.5	1.76	55.7	3.4	13.4	1.3		
JB39	23	8.60	1053	12.53	1534	5.64	6197	95	0.00	26.0	1.77	62.1	4.2	13.4	1.3		
JB48	24	6.96	921	9.49	1256	5.14	6197	69	0.01	23.7	1.89	60.5	4.2	13.7	1.0		
JB51	24	4.56	487	7.45	795	5.47	6197	48	0.05	16.0	1.95	53.8	4.3	13.1	0.9		
JB53	27	4.53	787	3.27	568	5.39	6197	56	0.06	7.2	1.98	119.5	9.3	13.6	1.1		
JB20	15	25.74	167	3.51	228	5.89	6197	90	0.00	8.2	2.10	75.8	11.5	14.0	0.3		

<sup>1</sup> Track densities (Rho) are as measured ( $\times 10^5$  tr/cm<sup>2</sup>).

<sup>2</sup> RhoD and Nd are track densities and track counts on the CN5 detector.

<sup>3</sup> Chi-sq P(%): probability obtaining Chi-square value for n degree of freedom (where n = no. crystals - 1).

<sup>4</sup> Dispersion and central ages were determined according to Galbraith and Laslett (1993).

Table 2.3: Apatite and zircon (U-Th)/He results obtained on the basement samples from the NE margin of the Songliao basin.

Sample, aliquot	Helium		Uranium		Thorium		Th/U		Samarium		eU [ppm]	sphere radius [μm]	Ejection correct. (Ft)	Uncorr. He-age [Ma]	Ft-Corr. He-age [Ma]		Sample unweighted average He-age [Ma]			
	vol. [ncc]	1s [%]	mass [ng]	1s conc. [ppm]	mass [ng]	1s conc. [ppm]	ratio	mass [ng]	1s conc. [ppm]	2s He-age [Ma]					1s He-age [Ma]					
<b>Apatite (U-Th)/He ages</b>																				
JB01 a3	0.08	2.2	0.012	5.2	12.8	0.04	2.5	46	3.60	0.40	4.1	445	23.7	35	0.524	27.3	52.2	8	69.2	7.8
JB01 a4	0.15	1.7	0.013	4.6	16.0	0.04	2.6	54	3.35	0.52	3.1	635	28.6	33	0.499	44.6	89.5	14		
JB01 a5	0.12	2.0	0.015	4.2	16.9	0.04	2.6	41	2.41	0.43	3.1	491	26.5	38	0.575	36.9	64.1	9		
JB01 a6	0.07	2.2	0.007	8.5	17.3	0.02	2.8	54	3.14	0.25	3.1	610	30.0	35	0.538	38.2	71.0	12		
JB05 a1	0.14	2.3	0.026	3.5	26.7	0.00	2.8	5	0.18	0.19	3.6	193	27.9	47	0.664	40.5	61.0	8	58.2	5.3
JB05 a2	1.84	1.7	0.246	1.8	57	0.04	2.5	9	0.17	1.58	3.6	367	59.4	74	0.794	56.4	71.0	5		
JB05 a3	0.09	2.7	0.018	3.8	13	0.00	5.7	1	0.10	0.23	3.6	167	13.5	41	0.632	34.8	55.1	8		
JB05 a4	0.02	4.5	0.006	###	10	0.00	###	3	0.28	0.09	3.6	142	10.5	35	0.546	25.0	45.7	12		
JB13 a1	0.21	2.0	0.014	4.8	15	0.06	2.5	65	4.24	0.69	3.6	780	30.7	39	0.582	53.5	91.9	13	88.9	3.8
JB13 a4	1.41	1.7	0.084	1.9	25	0.40	2.4	117	4.74	3.20	3.6	936	52.2	58	0.708	56.8	80.3	8		
JB13 a5	0.26	1.4	0.014	6.9	8	0.06	2.5	32	4.04	1.21	4.2	674	15.4	42	0.607	57.3	94.4	13		
JB15 a1	1.01	1.1	0.080	2.0	20	0.22	2.4	55	2.73	0.42	4.1	106	32.8	54	0.693	61.5	88.8	9	75.5	6.7
JB15 a2	0.13	1.8	0.017	4.2	9	0.03	2.5	16	1.80	0.16	4.1	86	12.9	45	0.636	44.3	69.6	9		
JB15 a3	0.08	2.2	0.012	5.1	11	0.02	2.6	21	1.83	0.08	4.1	75	16.4	36	0.546	37.2	68.1	11		
JB17 a1	0.05	2.9	0.007	9.3	9	0.02	2.8	24	2.56	0.16	4.1	224	14.9	37	0.564	33.4	59.2	10	55.5	3.7
JB17a4	0.04	3.1	0.009	7.9	19	0.01	2.8	25	1.33	0.11	3.1	249	24.4	32	0.516	26.7	51.8	10		



Table 2.3 (continued): Apatite and zircon (U-Th)/He results obtained on the basement samples from the NE margin of the Songliao basin.

Sample, aliquot	Helium			Uranium			Thorium			Th/U			Samarium			eU [ppm]	sphere radius [μm]	Ejection correct. (Ft)	Uncorr. He-age [Ma]	Ft-Corr.		Sample unweighted average He-age [Ma]
	vol. [ncc]	1s [%]	1s mass [ng]	1s conc. [%]	1s mass [ng]	1s conc. [ppm]	1s mass [ng]	1s conc. [%]	1s mass [ng]	1s conc. [%]	ratio	mass [ng]	1s conc. [%]	1s mass [ng]	1s conc. [%]					He-age [Ma]	2s He-age [Ma]	
JB20 a1	0.11	2.1	0.014	4.4	9	0.03	2.5	21	2.40	2.4	2.4	151	13.8	44	0.628	38.3	60.9	8	64.7	3.8		
JB20 a4	0.13	2.1	0.014	6.8	7	0.03	2.5	17	2.30	2.4	169	11.5	45	0.631	43.3	68.5	10					
JB21 a1	0.38	1.8	0.037	2.6	11	0.09	2.4	27	2.51	3.6	272	16.9	59	0.724	47.7	65.9	6	71.0	3.7			
JB21 a2	1.55	1.6	0.181	1.8	28	0.09	2.4	14	0.51	3.6	204	31.2	64	0.754	59.7	79.1	7					
JB21 a3	0.50	1.7	0.079	1.9	25	0.04	2.5	13	0.49	3.6	169	28.3	51	0.694	44.2	63.7	7					
JB21 a4	0.77	1.7	0.064	2.0	10	0.13	2.4	21	2.08	3.6	265	15.1	74	0.777	58.5	75.2	6					
JB22A a1	0.25	1.9	0.021	3.2	6	0.03	2.7	9	1.55	3.6	171	7.8	58	0.718	59.5	82.9	8	78.4	5.2			
JB22A a3	0.18	2.1	0.021	3.0	8	0.03	2.5	11	1.35	3.6	180	10.5	53	0.699	47.5	68.0	7					
JB22A a4	1.00	1.7	0.133	1.8	55	0.02	2.6	9	0.16	3.6	181	57.4	50	0.688	58.1	84.4	9					
JB22B a1	0.34	1.4	0.025	5.4	20	0.08	2.4	62	3.08	3.4	728	34.4	35	0.538	55.8	103.8	16	106.4	2.6			
JB22B a4	0.28	1.5	0.012	4.5	6	0.05	2.6	24	4.34	3.4	335	11.4	50	0.685	74.7	109.0	12					
JB25 a1	0.96	1.1	0.109	1.9	41	0.14	2.4	50	1.24	2.4	66	52.4	45	0.664	55.2	83.2	9	83.8	2.6			
JB25 a2	1.61	1.1	0.190	1.8	40	0.13	2.4	27	0.67	2.4	41	46.0	62	0.751	59.9	79.7	7					
JB25 a3	3.13	1.0	0.267	1.8	45	0.53	2.4	88	1.98	2.4	125	65.3	61	0.731	64.8	88.6	8					
JB27 a1	0.17	1.8	0.018	3.7	14	0.03	2.5	24	1.70	2.4	196	19.4	38	0.584	52.0	89.0	12	79.6	4.8			
JB27 a2	0.79	1.2	0.077	1.9	16	0.13	2.4	27	1.71	2.4	196	22.3	58	0.730	56.2	77.0	7					
JB27 a3	0.19	1.5	0.024	3.1	13	0.04	2.5	19	1.51	2.4	185	17.1	43	0.620	45.2	72.9	9					

Table 2.3 (continued): Apatite and zircon (U-Th)/He results obtained on the basement samples from the NE margin of the Songliao basin.

Sample, aliquot	Helium		Uranium		Thorium		Th/U		Samarium		eU [ppm]	sphere radius [μm]	Ejection correct. (Ft)	Uncorr. He-age [Ma]	Ft-Corr.		Sample unweighted average			
	vol. [ncc]	1s [%]	mass [ng]	1s [%]	conc. [ppm]	mass [ng]	1s [%]	conc. [ppm]	ratio	mass [ng]					1s [%]	conc. [ppm]	He-age [Ma]	2s [Ma]	He-age [Ma]	1s [Ma]
JB28 a2	0.25	1.5	0.028	2.7	21	0.05	2.5	40	1.91	0.28	2.4	205	30.3	41	0.613	47.7	77.8	10	69.8	4.0
JB28 a3	0.06	2.6	0.010	5.4	14	0.02	2.6	26	1.84	0.12	2.4	170	20.2	35	0.518	34.4	66.4	11		
JB28 a4	0.09	2.2	0.013	6.1	21	0.02	2.7	39	1.85	0.12	2.4	193	30.1	36	0.539	35.2	65.3	11		
JB29 a1	0.18	2.2	0.031	2.6	26	0.05	2.5	41	1.58	0.32	3.4	276	35.9	42	0.618	33.0	53.4	7	53.9	0.3
JB29 a2	0.32	1.9	0.047	2.1	27	0.10	2.4	59	2.16	0.49	3.4	286	41.3	46	0.651	35.7	54.8	6		
JB29 a3	1.19	1.7	0.163	1.8	31	0.31	2.4	57	1.87	1.42	3.4	265	44.1	62	0.740	39.7	53.6	5		
JB29 a4	0.46	1.7	0.076	1.9	33	0.14	2.4	63	1.89	0.63	3.4	278	48.1	43	0.619	33.4	53.9	7		
JB30B a1	0.32	1.9	0.028	2.5	12	0.11	2.4	48	3.93	0.78	3.4	339	23.4	51	0.665	43.5	65.4	7	60.8	3.1
JB30B a2	0.42	1.9	0.039	2.4	13	0.15	2.4	47	3.73	1.00	3.4	320	23.6	55	0.697	41.9	60.2	6		
JB30B a3	0.18	2.1	0.014	5.7	4	0.06	2.4	17	3.96	0.75	3.4	230	8.3	53	0.697	45.7	65.6	7		
JB30B a4	0.13	2.3	0.015	4.0	9	0.06	2.6	33	3.72	0.52	3.4	313	16.6	48	0.660	34.5	52.2	6		
JB31 a1	0.08	2.2	0.014	4.4	5	0.02	2.7	6	1.21	0.52	2.4	193	6.8	51	0.682	27.4	40.1	5	43.4	1.5
JB31 a2	0.61	1.2	0.127	1.9	35	0.09	2.4	25	0.72	1.30	2.4	363	41.3	54	0.701	31.5	44.9	4		
JB31 a3	0.12	2.0	0.023	2.8	13	0.02	2.6	13	1.04	0.45	2.4	250	16.1	42	0.619	29.0	46.9	6		
JB31 a4	0.10	2.0	0.019	3.9	7	0.03	2.5	10	1.48	0.65	2.4	241	9.5	46	0.642	26.7	41.6	5		
JB32A a2	0.19	2.0	0.020	3.3	22	0.03	2.8	33	1.53	0.35	3.6	392	29.4	46	0.673	52.1	77.4	9	71.9	5.3
JB32A a4	0.35	1.8	0.043	2.2	24	0.04	2.5	24	1.00	0.59	3.6	329	29.5	54	0.729	50.7	69.5	7		

Table 2.3 (continued): Apatite and zircon (U-Th)/He results obtained on the basement samples from the NE margin of the Songliao basin.

Sample, aliquot	Helium		Uranium		Thorium		Th/U		Samarium		eU [ppm]	sphere radius [μm]	Ejection correct. (Ft)	Uncorr. He-age [Ma]	Ft-Corr.		Sample unweighted average			
	vol. [ncc]	1s [%]	mass [ng]	1s conc. [ppm]	mass [ng]	1s conc. [ppm]	ratio	mass [ng]	1s conc. [ppm]	He-age [Ma]					2s [Ma]	1s [Ma]				
JB32A <sub>a6</sub>	0.04	2.5	0.006	###	4	0.01	3.4	9	2.14	0.29	4.2	205	6.2	37	0.562	32.7	58.1	11		
JB32A <sub>a7</sub>	0.15	1.6	0.015	4.9	9	0.01	2.8	8	0.93	0.44	4.2	257	10.6	46	0.659	54.5	82.7	10		
JB36 a1	0.29	1.4	0.070	2.0	56	0.05	2.6	41	0.73	0.47	3.4	371	65.4	45	0.656	27.4	41.7	5	53.1	4.2
JB36 a2	1.15	1.1	0.211	1.8	131	0.18	2.4	109	0.83	0.80	3.4	496	156.8	45	0.662	36.8	55.6	6		
JB36 a3	3.69	1.0	0.584	1.8	81	0.50	2.4	70	0.86	2.73	3.4	380	97.5	74	0.789	42.0	53.2	4		
JB36 a4	1.62	1.1	0.249	1.8	87	0.17	2.4	59	0.67	1.09	3.4	378	100.7	56	0.729	45.0	61.7	6		
JB37 a1	1.06	1.7	0.208	1.8	142	0.15	2.4	103	0.72	0.90	3.6	618	166.4	39	0.589	35.1	59.6	8	51.6	6.1
JB37 a2	0.43	1.9	0.125	1.9	95	0.05	2.4	36	0.38	0.80	3.6	600	102.9	42	0.612	25.0	40.8	5		
JB37 a3	1.42	1.6	0.243	1.8	119	0.13	2.4	63	0.53	1.28	3.6	626	133.7	44	0.640	41.2	64.4	8		
JB37 a4	0.69	1.8	0.169	1.8	92	0.17	2.4	90	0.98	1.52	3.6	827	113.4	41	0.621	25.8	41.4	5		
JB39 a1	0.29	1.5	0.070	2.0	17	0.02	2.6	6	0.34	0.41	2.4	99	18.3	59	0.728	30.1	41.3	4	44.9	2.3
JB39 a2	0.63	1.3	0.128	1.9	20	0.05	2.5	8	0.41	0.74	2.4	117	21.9	71	0.778	35.6	45.8	4		
JB39 a3	0.27	1.4	0.057	2.1	23	0.02	2.7	8	0.35	0.26	2.4	106	25.1	50	0.685	35.0	51.1	5		
JB39 a4	0.32	1.6	0.057	2.0	12	0.09	2.4	20	1.60	0.93	2.4	201	16.9	64	0.746	30.8	41.3	4		
JB41 a2	0.14	2.2	0.033	2.6	33	0.01	2.9	13	0.40	0.42	3.6	421	36.3	39	0.608	29.5	48.5	6	52.3	2.9
JB41 a3	0.22	2.0	0.039	2.2	16	0.02	2.6	6	0.39	0.84	3.6	331	16.9	59	0.743	35.6	47.9	4		
JB41 a2	0.05	2.6	0.010	6.2	12	0.01	2.9	10	0.78	0.31	3.1	385	14.7	37	0.555	25.8	46.5	8		

Table 2.3 (continued): Apatite and zircon (U-Th)/He results obtained on the basement samples from the NE margin of the Songliao basin.

Sample, aliquot	Helium		Uranium		Thorium		Th/U		Samarium		eU [ppm]	sphere radius [μm]	Ejection correct. (Ft)	Uncorr. He-age [Ma]	Ft-Corr.		Sample unweighted average He-age [Ma]			
	vol. [ncc]	1s [%]	mass [ng]	1s conc. [ppm]	mass [ng]	1s conc. [ppm]	ratio	mass [ng]	1s conc. [ppm]	He-age [Ma]					2s He-age [Ma]					
		1s [%]	1s mass [ng]	1s conc. [ppm]	1s mass [ng]	1s conc. [ppm]	ratio	1s mass [ng]	1s conc. [ppm]	1s conc. [ppm]	He-age [Ma]	2s He-age [Ma]	1s He-age [Ma]							
JB41 a3	0.19	1.5	0.027	3.0	9	0.01	3.1	4	0.41	0.84	3.1	289	10.2	52	0.691	42.3	61.2	7		
JB41 a4	0.07	2.3	0.015	5.1	19	0.01	3.5	10	0.52	0.35	4.2	439	21.1	33	0.540	30.9	57.3	9		
JB47 a1	0.31	1.9	0.059	2.1	18	0.04	2.5	12	0.66	0.34	3.6	102	20.6	49	0.677	35.3	52.2	6	50.3	3.3
JB47 a2	0.11	2.6	0.024	3.2	23	0.02	2.6	18	0.79	0.15	3.6	138	26.9	38	0.576	29.9	51.9	8		
JB47 a3	0.33	1.9	0.079	1.9	19	0.04	2.5	10	0.54	0.37	3.6	91	21.8	58	0.734	29.8	40.7	4		
JB47 a4	1.10	1.7	0.165	1.8	34	0.18	2.4	37	1.09	1.10	3.6	227	43.0	63	0.744	41.9	56.3	5		
JB48 a5	0.17	1.8	0.022	2.8	19	0.04	2.5	34	1.78	0.41	7.8	355	26.9	38	0.578	41.1	71.0	10	52.9	5.9
JB48 a7	0.31	1.5	0.028	2.5	16	0.05	2.5	29	1.82	0.47	7.8	273	22.9	45	0.646	58.9	91.1	11		
JB48 a8	0.24	1.6	0.020	2.9	12	0.04	2.5	22	1.90	0.46	7.8	267	17.1	40	0.601	58.8	97.8	13		
JB49 a3	0.27	1.4	0.024	3.2	15	0.03	2.7	20	1.33	0.35	4.2	219	19.7	46	0.655	63.9	97.6	11	104.4	4.4
JB49 a5	0.26	1.4	0.021	3.0	10	0.03	2.6	14	1.33	0.35	7.8	170	13.6	41	0.611	68.8	112.5	14		
JB49 a6	0.30	1.4	0.029	2.5	25	0.04	2.5	31	1.25	0.34	7.8	290	32.5	40	0.585	60.3	103.1	14		
JB51 a5	0.07	2.5	0.006	9.5	8	0.01	3.1	18	2.16	0.25	7.8	326	12.8	34	0.527	49.0	92.9	17	50.9	1.4
JB51 a6	0.54	1.2	0.060	2.0	25	0.10	2.4	41	1.61	0.91	7.8	386	35.2	47	0.667	49.7	74.5	8		
JB51 a7	0.19	1.7	0.021	3.1	14	0.03	2.8	19	1.33	0.41	7.8	284	18.9	35	0.550	52.2	95.0	14		
JB51 a8	0.32	1.5	0.041	2.3	29	0.06	2.5	41	1.43	0.51	7.4	358	38.2	37	0.569	45.6	80.2	11		
JB51 a9	0.29	1.7	0.028	2.7	14	0.05	2.5	23	1.70	0.55	7.4	268	19.3	51	0.694	54.9	79.0	8		

**Table 2.3** (continued): Apatite and zircon (U-Th)/He results obtained on the basement samples from the NE margin of the Songliao basin

Sample, aliquot	Helium		Uranium		Thorium		Th/U		Samarium		eU [ppm]	sphere radius [μm]	Ejection correct. (Ft)	Uncorr. He-age [Ma]	Ft-Corr. He-age [Ma]		Sample unweighted average He-age [Ma]	
	vol. [ncc]	[%]	1s [ng]	[%]	1s [ppm]	conc. [%]	mass [ng]	ratio [ppm]	1s [ng]	conc. [%]					2s [Ma]	1s [Ma]		
<b>Apatite (U-Th)/He ages</b>																		
JB51 a10	0.26	1.7	0.021	3.1	12	0.057	2.4	2.70	0.608	7.4	334	18.9	47	0.662	54.2	81.9	9.4	
JB53 a2	0.60	1.2	0.038	2.4	7	0.165	2.4	4.28	1.777	3.4	318	13.8	81	0.809	54.2	67.0	4.6	
JB53 a4	0.34	1.3	0.020	3.1	10	0.105	2.4	5.19	1.003	3.4	472	21.2	52	0.687	51.7	75.2	7.7	
JB53 a6	0.13	1.8	0.009	8.7	6	0.036	2.7	4.15	0.327	4.2	211	11.0	45	0.638	54.3	85.1	11.7	
<b>Zircon (U-Th)/He ages</b>																		
JB22A z1	8.61	1.0	0.955	1.8	1018	0.242	2.4	0.25	0.004	3.1	4	1078.9	35	0.660	70.1	106.2	11.6	
JB22A z2	4.64	1.0	0.528	1.9	341	0.264	2.4	0.50	0.011	3.1	7	380.9	35	0.655	64.8	98.9	10.9	
JB22A z3	83.50	1.0	7.374	1.8	464	3.339	2.4	0.45	0.239	3.1	15	513.9	75	0.833	84.1	101.0	6.3	
JB27 z1	18.33	1.0	1.909	1.8	443	0.799	2.4	0.42	0.041	3.1	10	486.7	52	0.762	71.9	94.4	7.6	
JB27 z2	26.42	1.0	3.001	1.8	512	1.340	2.4	0.45	0.064	3.1	11	566.1	57	0.784	65.6	83.7	6.3	
JB27 z3	51.55	0.9	5.893	1.8	761	2.118	2.4	0.36	0.058	3.1	7	825.2	65	0.810	66.4	82.0	5.6	
JB28 z1	70.33	1.5	6.902	1.8	562	2.236	2.4	0.32	0.069	5.1	6	604.9	70	0.822	77.9	94.7	6.6	
JB28 z2	84.46	1.6	8.126	1.8	750	2.694	2.4	0.33	0.086	5.1	8	808.6	68	0.816	79.3	97.2	6.9	
JB28 z3	66.30	1.0	6.471	1.8	376	2.262	2.4	0.35	0.172	5.1	10	406.6	72	0.828	77.9	94.1	6.0	
JB37 z1	7.55	1.2	0.857	1.8	261	0.329	2.4	0.38	0.017	6.5	5	284.7	45	0.732	66.5	90.9	8.2	
JB37 z2	11.13	1.2	1.178	1.8	194	0.317	2.4	0.27	0.025	6.5	4	205.9	49	0.751	73.1	97.3	8.3	
JB37 z3	17.37	1.2	1.082	1.8	313	0.397	2.4	0.37	0.017	6.5	5	339.7	47	0.742	121.1	163.1	14.2	
																	94.1	3.2

Table 2.3 (continued): Apatite and zircon (U-Th)/He results obtained on the basement samples from the NE margin of the Songliao basin.

Sample, aliquot	Helium		Uranium		Thorium		Th/U		Samarium		eU [ppm]	sphere radius [μm]	Ejection correct. (Ft)	Uncorr. He-age [Ma]	Ft-Corr.		Sample unweighted average He-age [Ma]	
	vol. [ncc]	1s [%]	mass [ng]	1s conc. [%]	mass [ng]	1s conc. [%]	ratio	mass [ng]	1s conc. [%]	He-age [Ma]					2s He-age [Ma]			
JB39 z1	88.92	1.18	7.68	1.8	597	0.9	2.4	72	0.12	0.07	6.5	5	614.1	77	0.838	92.5	110.3	7
JB39 z2	99.68	1.23	11.23	1.8	1331	0.9	2.4	109	0.08	0.08	6.5	10	1356	64	0.807	71.7	88.8	6
JB39 z3	61.32	1.17	6.36	1.8	638	1.3	2.4	126	0.20	0.05	6.5	5	667.2	68	0.818	75.9	92.8	6
JB39 z4	26.64	1.22	2.79	1.8	793	0.6	2.4	160	0.20	0.03	6.5	10	830.7	50	0.755	75.0	99.4	8
JB40 z1	1.44	1.09	1.08	1.8	448	0.2	2.4	96	0.21	0.02	3.1	7	470.3	53	0.769	10.5	13.6	1
JB40 z2	1.76	1.05	1.71	1.8	418	0.4	2.4	104	0.25	0.01	3.1	3	442.1	59	0.791	8.0	10.1	1
JB40 z3	1.42	1.08	1.75	1.8	937	0.4	2.4	199	0.21	0.02	3.1	10	983.7	36	0.672	6.4	9.5	1
JB40 z5	0.73	1.14	0.92	1.8	831	0.4	2.4	349	0.42	0.01	3.1	11	913.4	37	0.679	6.0	8.8	1
JB40 z6	0.18	1.56	0.18	2.2	186	0.1	2.5	95	0.51	0.01	3.1	8	208.4	34	0.652	7.3	11.2	1
JB41 z1	20.94	1.18	1.76	1.8	385	0.5	2.4	109	0.28	0.10	6.5	22	410.4	45	0.732	91.9	125.5	11
JB41 z2	33.81	1.22	2.42	1.8	507	0.5	2.4	94	0.19	0.07	6.5	15	529.3	49	0.753	109.9	146.0	12

Table 2.3 (continued)

Sample, aliquot	Helium		Uranium		Thorium		Th/U		Samarium		eU [ppm]	sphere radius [µm]	Ejection correct. (Ft)	Uncorr. He-age [Ma]	Ft-Corr. He-age [Ma]		Sample unweighted average He-age [Ma]			
	vol. [ncc]	1s [%]	mass [ng]	1s [%]	conc. [ppm]	1s [%]	conc. [ppm]	ratio	mass [ng]	1s [%]					conc. [ppm]	He-age [Ma]		2s [Ma]		
JB41 z3	59.55	1.17	3.50	1.8	524	0.9	2.4	130	0.25	0.12	6.5	18	554.6	53	0.771	131.6	170.6	14	147.4	10.2
YL08 z1	3.64	1.05	0.33	1.9	162	0.1	2.4	54	0.33	0.00	25	0	175.0	43	0.720	83.9	116.5	11		
YL08 z2	3.47	1.09	0.31	1.9	161	0.1	2.4	62	0.39	0.00	25	0	175.4	39	0.689	84.6	122.8	12		
YL08 z3	4.01	1.04	0.34	1.9	176	0.1	2.4	56	0.32	0.00	25	0	189.5	40	0.698	91.5	131.2	13	123.5	4.3

Amount of helium is given in nano-cubic-cm in standard temperature and pressure.

Amount of radioactive elements are given in nanograms.

Ejection corrects. (Ft): correction factor for alpha-ejection (according to Farley et al., 1996 and Hourigan et al., 2005).

Uncertainties of helium and the radioactive element contents are given as 1 sigma, in relative error %.

Uncertainty of the single grain age is given as 2 s in Ma and it includes both the analytical uncertainty and the estimated uncertainty of the Ft.

Uncertainty of the sample average age is 1 standard error, as  $(SD)/(n)^{1/2}$ ; where SD=standard deviation of the age replicates and  $n$ =number of age determinations.

## 2.6 Tandem modelling of the thermal and burial history to the east of the Songliao basin

In the study area, in a wide zone of basement highs east of the Songliao basin, small remnants of the former Cretaceous sedimentary cover are preserved (Figure 2.2). These isolated, sometimes tiny Cretaceous basin remnants indicate a former much wider extent of Cretaceous basin fill and also widespread basin inversion events. In order to reconstruct the post-Jurassic thermal history of this region, a series of one-dimensional subsidence/thermal modelling was performed on the basement areas (relying on the ZHe, AFT, and AHe thermochronometers) and also on the basin remnants relying on the available vitrinite reflectance data. Our modelling is thus based on both subsidence analysis of the basin areas and thermal modelling on the basement highs and has been performed in four main steps.

In the *first step* the PetroMod software (Schlumberger Inc.) is used for the modelling of the subsidence history of selected wells, which contain proper stratigraphical and vitrinite reflectance information and represent specific sub-basins. In the *second step* the AFT, AHe and ZHe data obtained on the basement samples are used for thermal modeling by the software HeFTy v.1.8.3 (Ketcham, 2005). For the modeling of AFT, AHe and ZHe ages the Ketcham et al. (2007), Farley et al. (2000) and Reiners et al. (2004) algorithms were used, respectively. In the *third step* PetroMod modeling was used for the basement highs in order to reconstruct the burial-exhumation history of these formerly sediment-covered regions. This modelling considered the thermochronological age constraints, and the stratigraphic evidence from the sedimentation histories of the adjacent basins. The variables at this modeling stage were the paleo heat flow (assumed in a range of 40-80 mW/m<sup>2</sup>), the thickness of the removed sedimentary sequences and the timing of the removal. Each tested burial thickness and heat flow setting generated a time-temperature curve, which serves as input for the calculation of the modelled AFT, AHe and ZHe ages and for the modelled MTL value. In the *final step*, all modelled results were compared to the measured results. The absolute residual error (RE) was used to express the "goodness" of the individual modelling runs. The equation is followed by

$$RE = |\text{Modelled results} - \text{Measured results}|$$

For the borehole data, the modelled and measured Ro% values were compared and generated the RE<sub>x</sub> which is followed by

$$RE_x = \text{Modelled Ro\% value in depth } x - \text{Measured Ro\% value in depth } x$$

The sum of the RE<sub>x</sub> values (SRE = |sum RE<sub>x</sub>|) was determined on samples with different depths and it was used to quantify the match of the modelling of organic maturation data. The calculated RE of the basement samples and SRE of the boreholes with their corresponding



different burial thickness and heat flow value were plotted on contour maps by the software Surfer (Golden Software Inc.) and then overlapped with each other to similarity of each methods' smallest RE or SRE value trending band.

*First step: modelling of the subsidence and exhumation history of the basins*

Comparing with the well-studied Songliao basin, the eastern basin group has received less attention up to now. The Ro% measurements have partly low quality or the wells are represented by too low number of analyses to quantify accurately the downhole trend of organic maturation. In this study, we selected five wells with relatively high-quality organic maturation data from the Sanjiang basin, Boli basin, Hulin basin and Jixi basin for the thermal modelling (the Ro% data are shown in Appendix Table 1; borehole locations are shown in [Figure 2.2](#); data from Daqing oil company). The vitrinite reflectance data and the modelling results are shown in [Figure 2.6](#).

The stratigraphic age and the thickness of the preserved sedimentary successions in the basin fill are the input data for the reconstruction of the thermal history, while the paleo heat flow as well as the thickness, the stratigraphic age and the time of removal of the eroded successions are the variables. The paleo water depth and the sediment-water boundary temperature have negligible influence on the modelling results; we kept them constant as the Lower Cretaceous formations are mainly shallow marine to continental deposits (He et al., 2008, 2009; [Figure 2.3](#)). In the study area thickness and age of deposition of the basin filling sedimentary formations are well known (i.e., Sun et al., 2000; Sha, 2002; Ren et al., 2005), however, very few heat flow data are available from the region. In the entire eastern NE China area only five measurements have been reported on the current heat flow, and the values vary from 35 to 70 mW/m<sup>2</sup> (Han, 1998; Jiang et al., 2016). For the modelling, the heat flow is treated as a variable ranging from 40 to 80 mW/m<sup>2</sup> in eight intervals with a step of 5 mW/m<sup>2</sup>. To simplify the modelling procedure and to reduce the number of variables the heat flow was considered constant over time. The organic maturation and its downhole trend are the most important input data for the thermal modelling of the burial history. In this study, the collected Ro% values were determined mostly in the Lower Cretaceous formations, and usually the younger sequences are underrepresented (except the borehole HuCan1, where Paleogene Ro% values are also available; [Figure 2.6](#), Appendix Table 1). The measured Ro%-depth plots indicate that most of the Ro% values have relatively linear relationship with depth. The Ro% trends extrapolated until the surface yield intersection values between 0.4 and 1.5%, and these values

are always higher than the initial reflectance of the vitrinite implying denudation of former post-Early Cretaceous cover sequences. Depending on the heat flow settings and the variable assumptions on eroded thickness, some of the best-fit curves are shown in Figure 6. Furthermore, when approaching the best-fit situation, the highest burial temperature of each borehole is roughly constant and appeared in the late Early Cretaceous to Late Cretaceous (approx. 110 to 70 Ma). The calculated maximum paleo burial temperatures in the deepest part of the basin fill are ca. 240 °C for borehole Bin1, ca. 200 °C for boreholes BinCan1, HuCan1 and BoD1 and ca. 135 °C for borehole Ji2 (Figure 2.6). The modelled maximum paleo burial temperatures can be further used for the basement modelling in the second step.

Different heat flow value and eroded thickness combinations can result in good fit to the measured organic maturation data. In order to visualize the interdependence of these variables and to plot the field of scenarios with proper calculated VR data the Surfer software was used, and the sum of residual error isolines were computed by the Kriging method (Figure 2.9). All of the five boreholes revealed similar, negative correlation between the heat flow and erosion thickness. However, the position of the "acceptance belt" is different in the basins. For instance, a given heat flow value of 60 mW/m<sup>2</sup> and the corresponding "acceptance belt" indicates ca. 4.5 km eroded thickness in Bin1 well, while the same constraints indicate only ca. 1.6 km eroded in Ji2 well. Thus, we can conclude that the different regions experienced highly different post-Early Cretaceous burial and subsequent erosion.

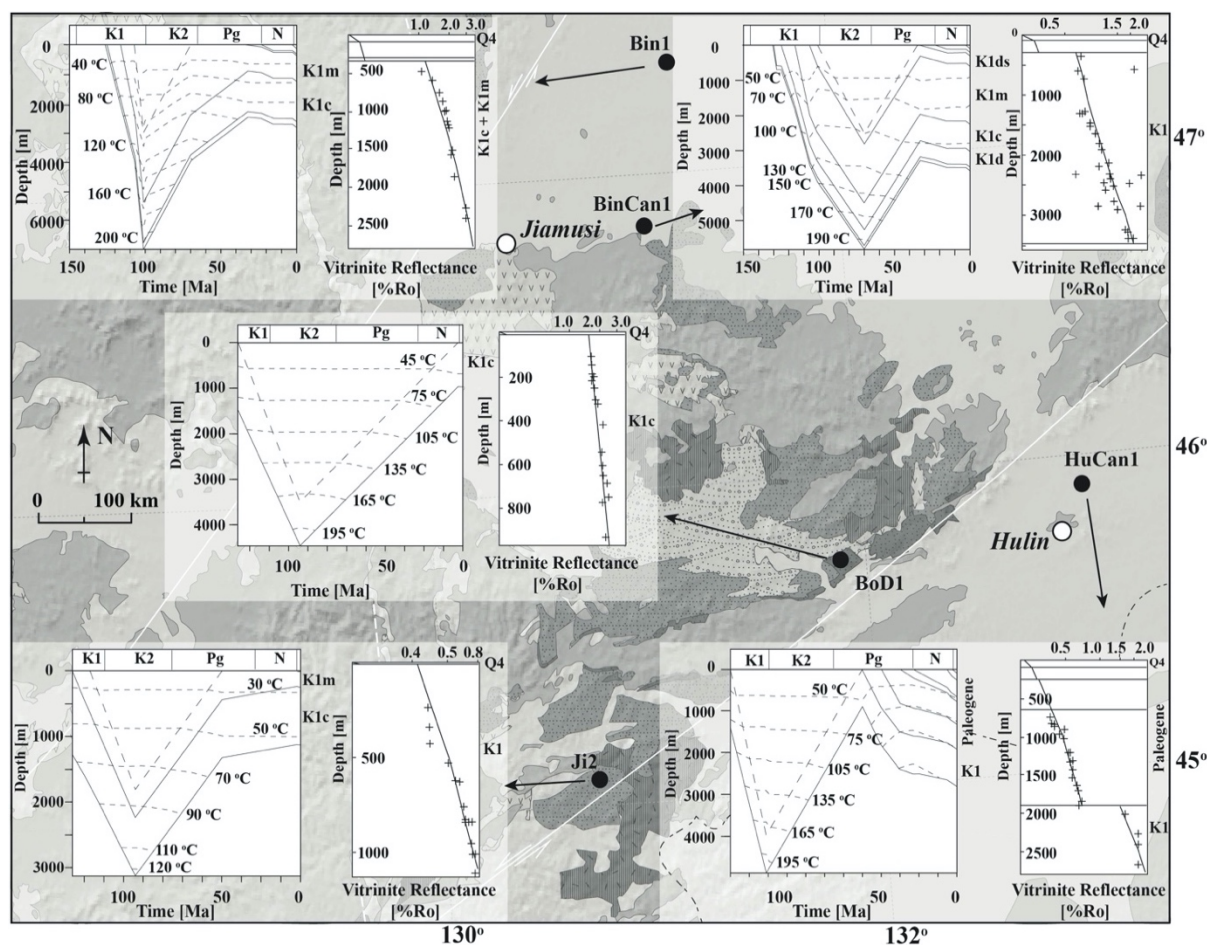


Figure 2.6: Overview of the available down-hole vitrinite reflectance values and the burial-exhumation modelling results performed by PetroMod software on selected boreholes of the eastern basin group. The good match of the calculated and measured Ro% data indicates the reliability of the modelling results. The presented burial curves are only a selection of the burial scenarios that yielded good match to the measured vitrinite reflectance data. The total eroded thickness and the paleo heat flow are used as variables for the modelling of different burial scenarios, see text for details. K1d, Early Cretaceous Didao formation; K1c, Early Cretaceous Chengzihe formation; K1m, Early Cretaceous Muling formation; K1ds, Early Cretaceous Dongshan formation; K2, Upper Cretaceous; Pg, Paleogene; N, Neogene. For the legend of the simplified geological map see Figure 2.5.

### Second step: The time-temperature modelling of the basement samples

The time interval was set between 200 and 0 Ma to perform the thermal modelling. Using the HeFTy software (Ketcham, 2005) random time - temperature paths were tested and the calculated apparent low-T ages and track length distributions were compared with the measured data. The modelled results were then categorized as good or acceptable according to the goodness of fit parameter (Ketcham, 2005). Twelve samples dated by the AFT, AHe and/or ZHe methods were chosen for the thermal modelling. Mostly both FT and helium ages were

considered, except for samples JB28 and JB41 where only AHe and ZHe data are available. Beyond the low-T age constraints the emplacement ages of the intrusions in the basement, the age of the beginning of sedimentation in the adjacent basins and the organic maturation-based maximum paleo temperatures (as derived from step 1) were considered. The formation of the basement took place between Cambrian and early Mesozoic - according to the zircon U-Pb geochronology of the granitoids (Bi et al., 2013; Yu et al., 2013; Yang et al., 2014; Dong et al., 2017). The emplacement ages of the basement samples are considerably older than their ZHe, AFT and AHe ages. For basement samples with >200 Ma emplacement age the first time-temperature constraint was set to  $190 \pm 10$  Ma and 15-200 °C. For the basement samples with <200 Ma emplacement ages, the first constraint was set slightly later than the crystallization age and the temperature was set at >110 °C which is higher than the apatite fission track partial annealing zone. For the following constraints the samples were separated into two groups. Samples taken from the surface (JB01, JB27, JB28, JB29 and JB30b) were only given a final constraint with the annual mean temperature of  $10 \pm 5$  °C at 0 Ma. These samples are located at the northern and southern margins of the Jiamusi Uplift. The rest of the basement samples (JB25, JB36, JB39, JB41 and JB48) were collected from the neighborhood of unconformably onlapping Mesozoic sediment remnants, and this indicates that these basement blocks experienced a near surface temperature in the Late Jurassic - Early Cretaceous. The near surface t-T (time-temperature) constraints for these four samples were placed at 130-115 Ma and  $20 \pm 5$  °C. The samples JB15 and JB53 were close to the Upper Jurassic-Lower Cretaceous sediment remnants which suggest a first near surface t-T constraint at  $140 \pm 10$  Ma and  $20 \pm 5$  °C (the sedimentation ages are after HBGMR, 1993). The results of the basin modelling from the first step indicate a Late Cretaceous maximum burial temperature of ca. 200 °C in the southwestern part of the Sanjiang basin and the eastern Boli basin (Figure 6). This temperature was taken as potential maximum value for the modelling of the basement area and thus t-T constraints of 200 °C and 110-80 Ma were applied for samples JB36, 39, 41 and 48 (Figure 2.7).

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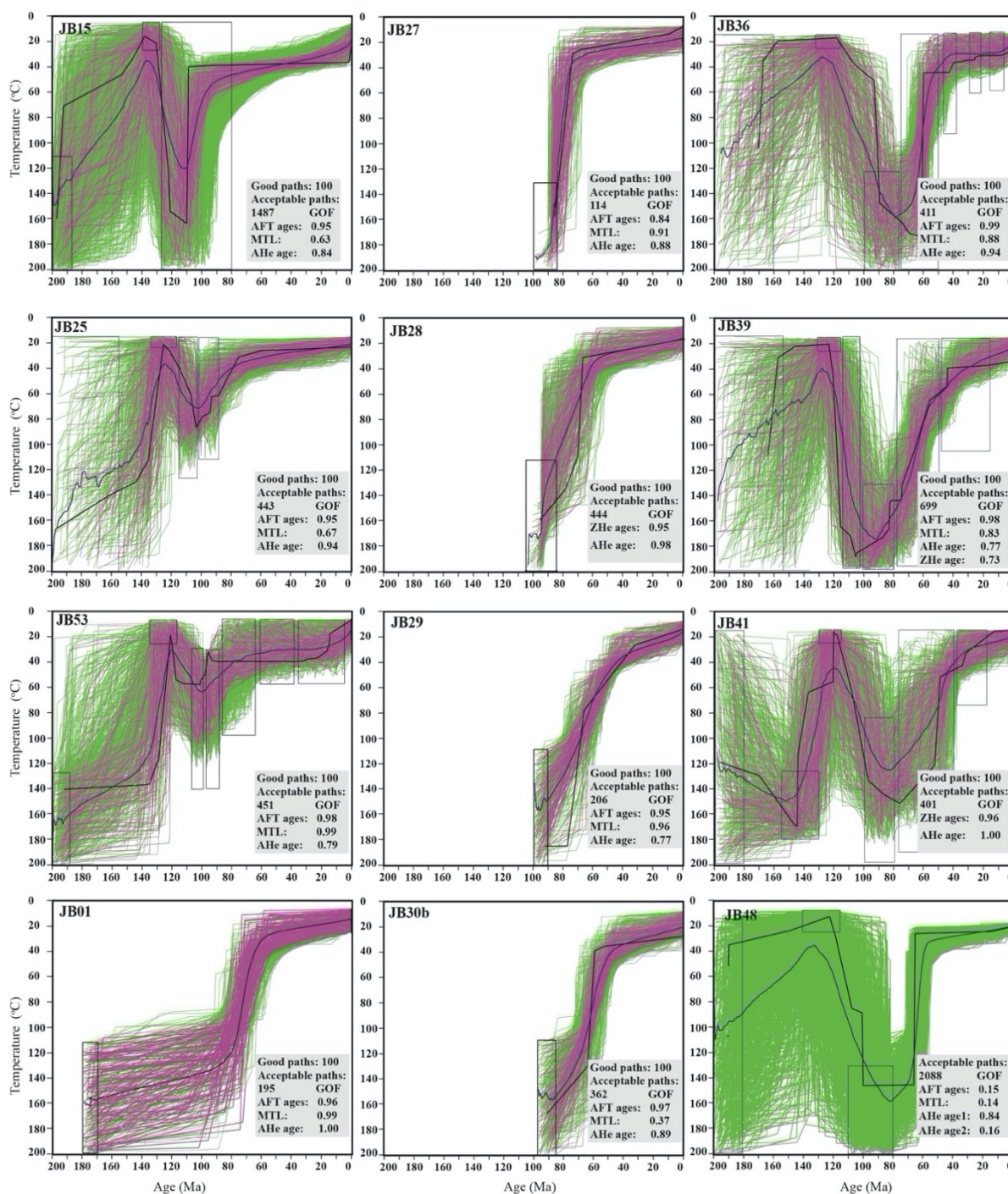


Figure 2.7: Results of the time–temperature modelling of the exhumed basement areas northeast of the Songliao Basin. The input data were the apatite fission track ages and track length distributions, the apatite and zircon ( $U$ - $Th$ )/He ages, the actinide contents and dimensions of the dated crystals (AFT: apatite fission track; AHe or ZHe: apatite or zircon ( $U$ - $Th$ )/He). For each model, 100,000 random paths were generated or the modeling procedure was stopped after 100 good paths. GOF: goodness of fit between the modelled and measured results. The numbers of good (red,  $GOF > 0.5$ ) and acceptable (green,  $GOF > 0.05$ ) paths are indicated on the plots. Blue paths denote the weighted mean paths of the good models. Black paths denote the best-fit paths for the models shown.

The resulting models show different cooling patterns from different areas of the Jiamusi Uplift. Except for the poorly constrained pre-Early Cretaceous thermal history, which only revealed an approximate cooling process until the Early Cretaceous, the post-Early Cretaceous thermal history is well constrained. Starting from 110-100 Ma, samples JB15, JB25 and JB53 from the eastern and western margins of the Jiamusi Uplift first cooled below 40 °C with high cooling rates (2.6 and 1.2 °C/Myr) until ca. 90-80 Ma. This is followed by a long-lasting period of much slower cooling (0.3-0.5 °C/Myr) until present. The samples JB15 and JB25 from the east exhumed earlier and experienced more post-Early Cretaceous erosion than the sample from the western margin. The samples from the middle part of the Jiamusi Uplift (samples JB25, JB36, JB39, JB41 and JB48) revealed a slightly later exhumation than the eastern and western margins. The early cooling rates between 90-80 and 60-40 Ma were high (ca. 2.4-5.4 °C/Myr). After this period the cooling rates were considerably lower, ca. 0.1-0.7 °C/Myr (Figure 2.7).

*Third step: modelling the heat flow and burial thickness over the re-exhumed basement areas*

The modelling of the thermal evolution of the formerly buried and re-exhumed basement areas needs assumptions on the following characteristics of the cover sequences: (1) the lithology of the eroded sedimentary cover (2) the thickness of the burial, (3) the paleo heat flow, (4) the onset of burial and (5) the onset of removal of the cover sequence.

(1) and (2): Lithology and stratigraphy of the cover sequences

The widely distributed Lower Cretaceous sediment remnants on the basement highs show similarities to the contemporaneous strata in the surrounding basins (Zhou et al., 2009). We thus assume similar sedimentary sequences covering formerly the basements. For the sake of simplicity, we applied the petrophysical parameters of siltstone for the entire cover sequence. The eroded thicknesses and the remaining sedimentary thicknesses from the satellite basins were considered as potential total burial of the basement highs.

(3) Paleo heat flow

The HeFTy modelling of basement samples indicates a generally similar, rapid heating and cooling process from the late Early Cretaceous to Eocene. The potential reasons of this overprint could be the burial heating by the covering younger successions and its interplay with the Late Cretaceous volcanic activity. Xu et al (2013) mentioned that the major volcanic activity occurred between 131 and 106 Ma in the study area, thus the eruption ages in the Songliao basin and its immediate surroundings are older than most of the measured apatite and zircon low-T ages (Figure 2.5). It is remarkable that two new U-Pb ages of 99 and 94 Ma were

measured on volcanic rock samples JB27 and JB28 collected along the Amur river at the northern border of the study area (Figure 2.2, Appendix Figures 2.3 and 2.4). These data highlight that the igneous activity lasted longer in the northernmost part of the basin system, but the remote position of this dated younger volcanism makes a thermal influence on the southern areas highly unlikely.

The Early Cretaceous igneous activity-triggered high heat flow likely decreased soon after the cessation of the volcanism in the major part of the eastern basins, i.e. before 100 Ma. This means that the post-volcanic burial has determined the climax of the thermal history in the eastern basin group and in the currently exhumed basement highs, except for the northernmost part. That is why high heat flow periods were not considered for the modelling of the low-T ages that are considerably younger than the volcanic activity and the heat flow was treated to be constant over time. In order to be consistent with the PetroMod modelling of the basins the heat flow values for the basement modelling runs were set between 40 and 80 mW/m<sup>2</sup> in eight steps of 5 mW/m<sup>2</sup>.

(4) Onset of burial and (5) onset of removal of the cover sequence

According to the sedimentary record the onset of burial for the modelling was set to the beginning of Late Jurassic or to Early Cretaceous. The onset of removal of the cover sequence was defined by the inflection points identified on the average mean thermal history paths yielded by the HeFTy modelling (Figure 2.8).

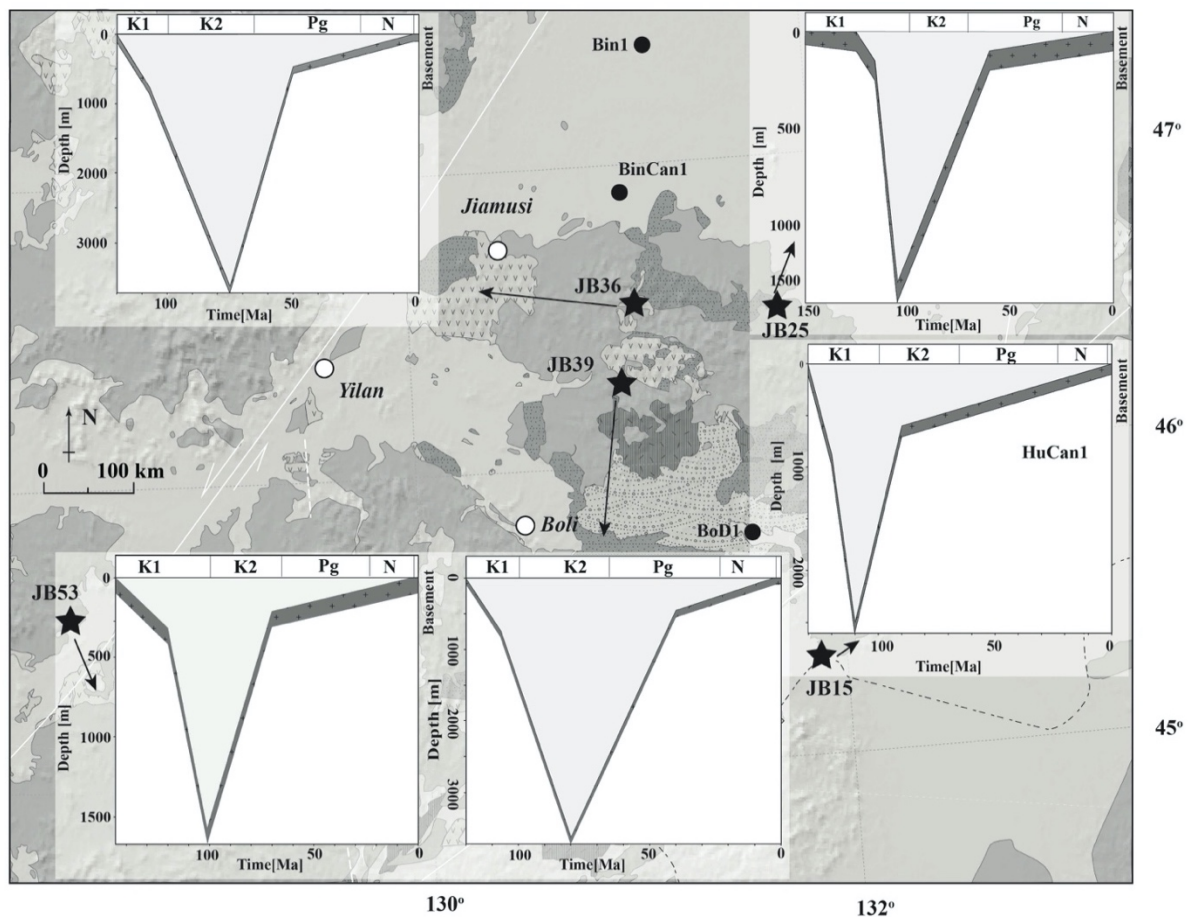


Figure 2.8: Overview of the PetroMod (Schlumberger) modelling results of the basement areas. For the legend of the simplified geological map, see Figure 5. In the burial plots of each modelled well the gray parts represent the accumulation-removal history of the missing cover sequences. All five plots reveal the situation where the residual error has a minimum value; see details in text. K1, Lower Cretaceous; K2, Upper Cretaceous; Pg, Paleogene; N, Neogene.

#### The results of the thermal modelling of basement areas

The modelling results obtained on basement samples are shown in Figure 2.10. The interdependence (negative correlation) of the burial thickness and the paleo heat flow is well reflected on all residual error plots. The width of the "acceptance belt" is variable; e.g., in case of samples JB53 and JB15 the different criteria used for the acceptance belt yield a coherent pattern, while in case of sample JB39 the acceptance threshold lines are less coherent and thus the compiled "acceptance belt" is wider, less determined. Similar to results obtained on the basins, the former burial thickness of the currently exhumed basement highs was variable (Figure 10). See e.g., the intersection of the  $60 \text{ mW/m}^2$  heat flow value and the white "acceptance belt" in case of northern samples. The former indicates the maximum burial is



between 2.5 and 4.8 km, while in the southern samples the corresponding thickness of the paleo-cover is around 1.7 km (Figures 2.10, 2.11).

The usage the heat flow value of  $60 \text{ mW/m}^2$  is a reliable approximation as Han (1998) and Jiang et al. (2016) have determined this value as an average value of the whole NE China.

However, it is remarkable that heat flow data from the region are very rare.

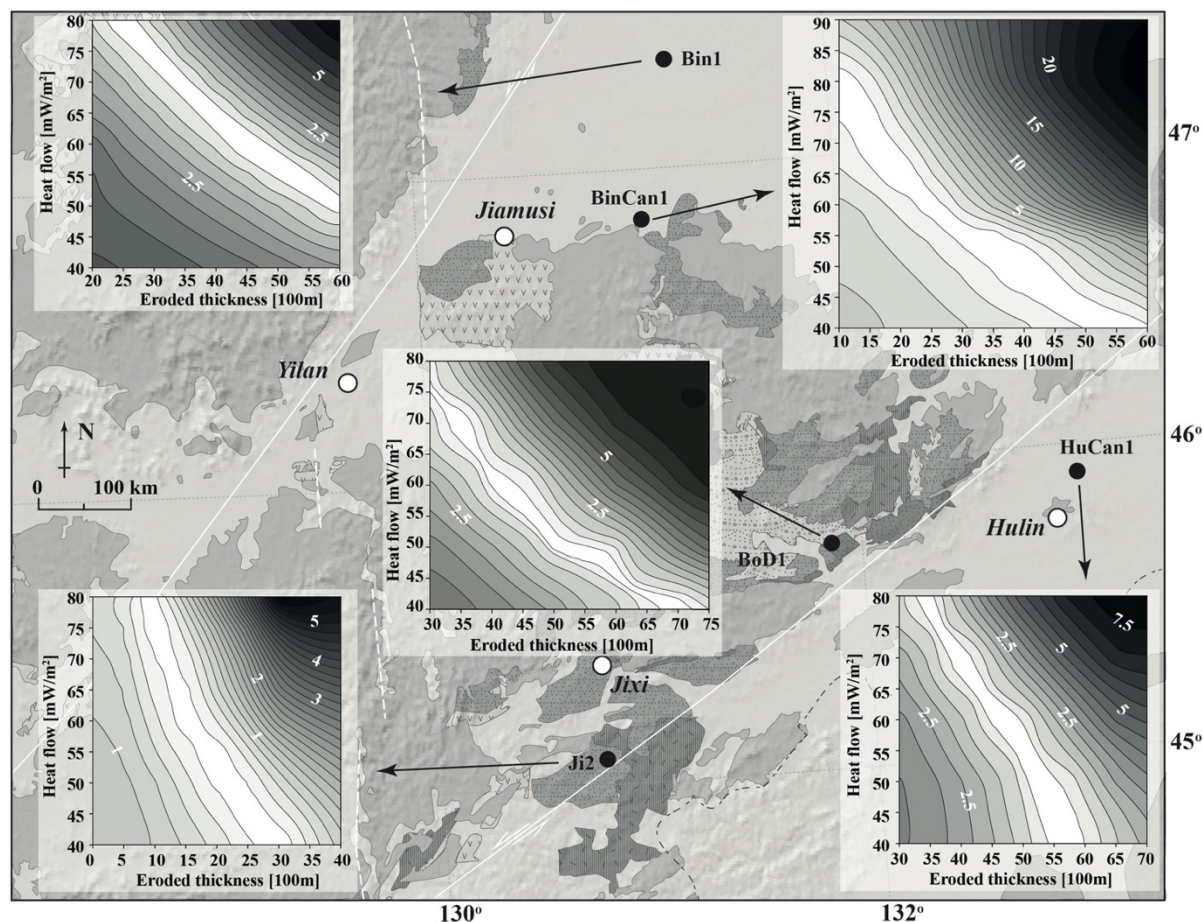


Figure 2.9: Residual error plots showing the interrelation of the paleo-heat flow and thickness of missing sequences (eroded thickness) for the five wells where the burial history was modelled. The values on the isolines represent the sum of the residual error (SRE) between the modelled vitrinite reflectance data and the measured ones. The isolines on the plots were generated by the Surfer software according to the five PetroMod modelling runs assuming different heat flow-burial combinations. The white band represents the smallest SRE. For the legend of the simplified geological map, see Figure 2.5.

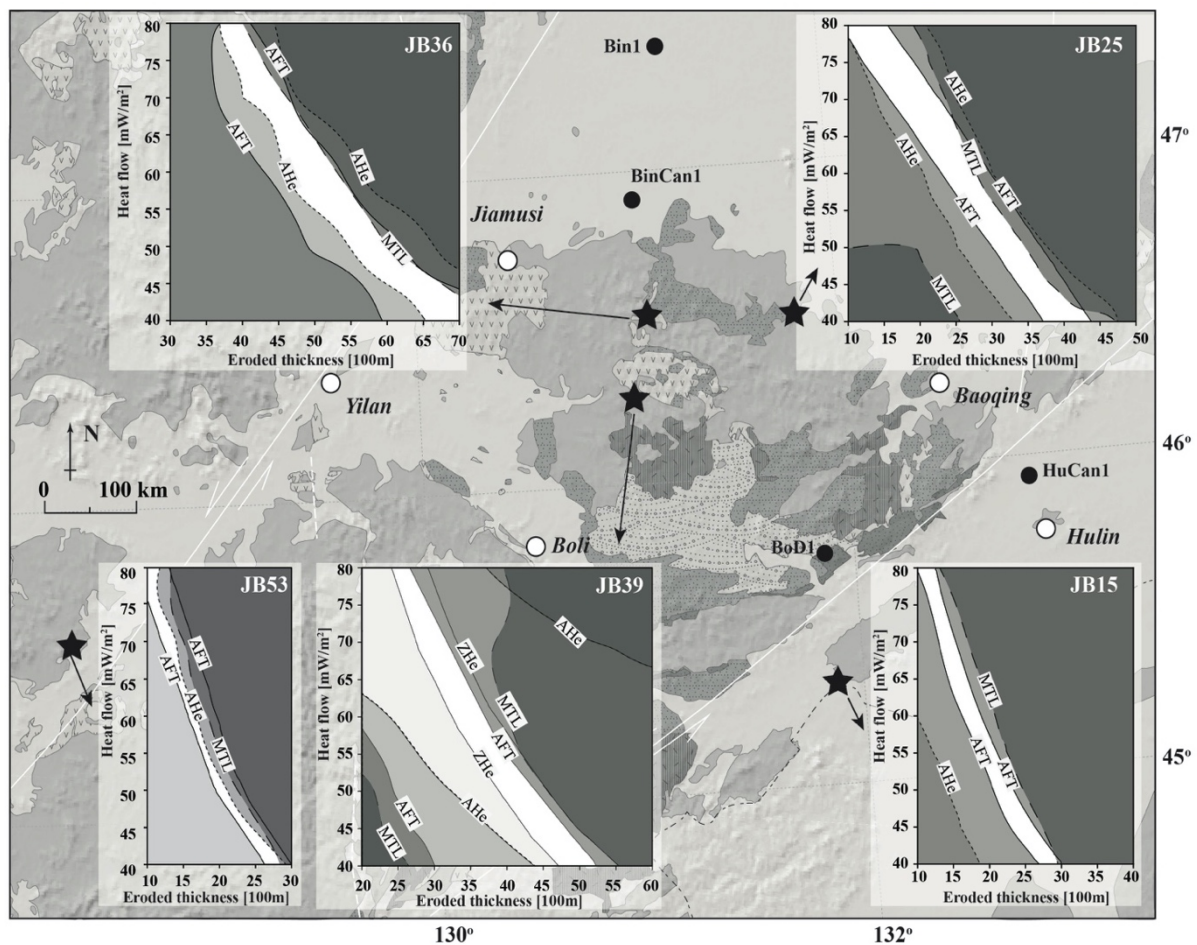


Figure 2.10: Estimation of the thickness of the missing sequences (eroded thickness) and the paleo-heat flow at the time of sedimentary cover for five selected basement sample sites. The residual error plots were generated by a combined modelling using PetroMod (Schlumberger) and HeFTy (Ketcham, 2005) software assuming different thickness and heat flow values as input data. The lines of the different thermochronological parameters indicate a kind of threshold of acceptance and the lighter colored side indicates the better match of the modelled values and the measured values. The white belts represent the best fit conditions, when the burial and heat flow interplay resulted in thermal histories that generated low- $T$  thermochronological data close to the measured ones. AHe, ZHe: apatite or zircon (U-Th)/He age, AFT: apatite fission track age, MTL: mean confined horizontal track lengths in the apatite crystals. For the legend of the simplified geological map, see Figure 2.5.

## 2.7 Discussion

### Post Jurassic thermal history reconstruction of the east NE China area

The stratigraphical record and the modelled thermal histories of the basement highs yielded two exhumation periods in the study area, the first between ca. 200 Ma and ca. 130 Ma and the second between ca. 110-90 Ma and ca. 60-40 Ma. The first exhumation is poorly constrained. Former studies have indicated that the Jiamusi Block (JB) and Songliao-Xilinhot Block (SXB)

have completed their amalgamation in the Late Jurassic (ca. 160 Ma), which lead to the rapid exhumation alongside the major Mudanjiang-Yilan suture zone, (MYS, see Figure 1; Zhou et al., 2009a, Li et al., 2010, Zhao and Zhang, 2010, Liu et al., 2017). With the final amalgamation of JB and SXB, during the Late Jurassic-Early Cretaceous, the area was covered by marine-continental alternating sedimentation (He et al., 2009, Zhou et al., 2009). The very similar Early Cretaceous stratigraphy in the satellite basins indicate a regional cover sequence that covered uniformly the basement highs and the surrounding remnant basins including the Jixi basin, Boli basin, Sanjiang basin and Hulin basin. At this stage, the continuous subsidence and sedimentation has gradually increased the burial heat which led to the reset of the zircon and apatite thermochronometers in the basement units.

Uplift, basin inversion and erosive removal of the basin fill has started between 110 and 80 Ma and continued until the Eocene in the eastern NE China area. The eastern margin of the Jiamusi Uplift (east Mishan Uplift and east Huanan Uplift) experienced slightly earlier exhumation (starting from 110-105 Ma) and more erosion than the western margin of the uplift area (Zhangguangcai Range). Among the exhumed areas, the west Huanan Uplift experienced most erosion. Furthermore, a narrow NE-SW belt between the Jiamusi-Yitong fault and the Dunhua-Mishan fault revealed a nearly consistent exhumation starting at ca. 90-80 Ma that matched with the cessation of the fast-cooling period for both east and west sides of the Jiamusi uplift margin area (Figure 2.7). The difference in the exhumation times might be controlled by the Jiamusi-Yitong fault and Dunhua-Mishan fault systems.

The eastern satellite basins overall experienced thicker post-Early Cretaceous burial and deeper erosion than the Songliao basin (Figure 11). The total thickness of the missing sequence is variable for the different areas. We assume that the currently elevated western Zhangguangcai Range and eastern Mishan Uplift were also covered by Late Cretaceous sedimentary formations, and that these blocks probably formed the margin of the basin system at the time of its maximum extent. Continuing from ca. 110 to 40 Ma, the exhumation of the Jiamusi Uplift gradually destroyed the formerly continuous sedimentary cover and only the distributed, sometimes tiny basin remnants have preserved part of it. Since the end of the major exhumation in the Eocene, both the main uplift areas and the basin remnants experienced slow uplift and slow erosion leading to the relatively low-relief, hilly landscape today. Only in some restricted

areas subsidence and sediment accumulation took place in Paleogene times.

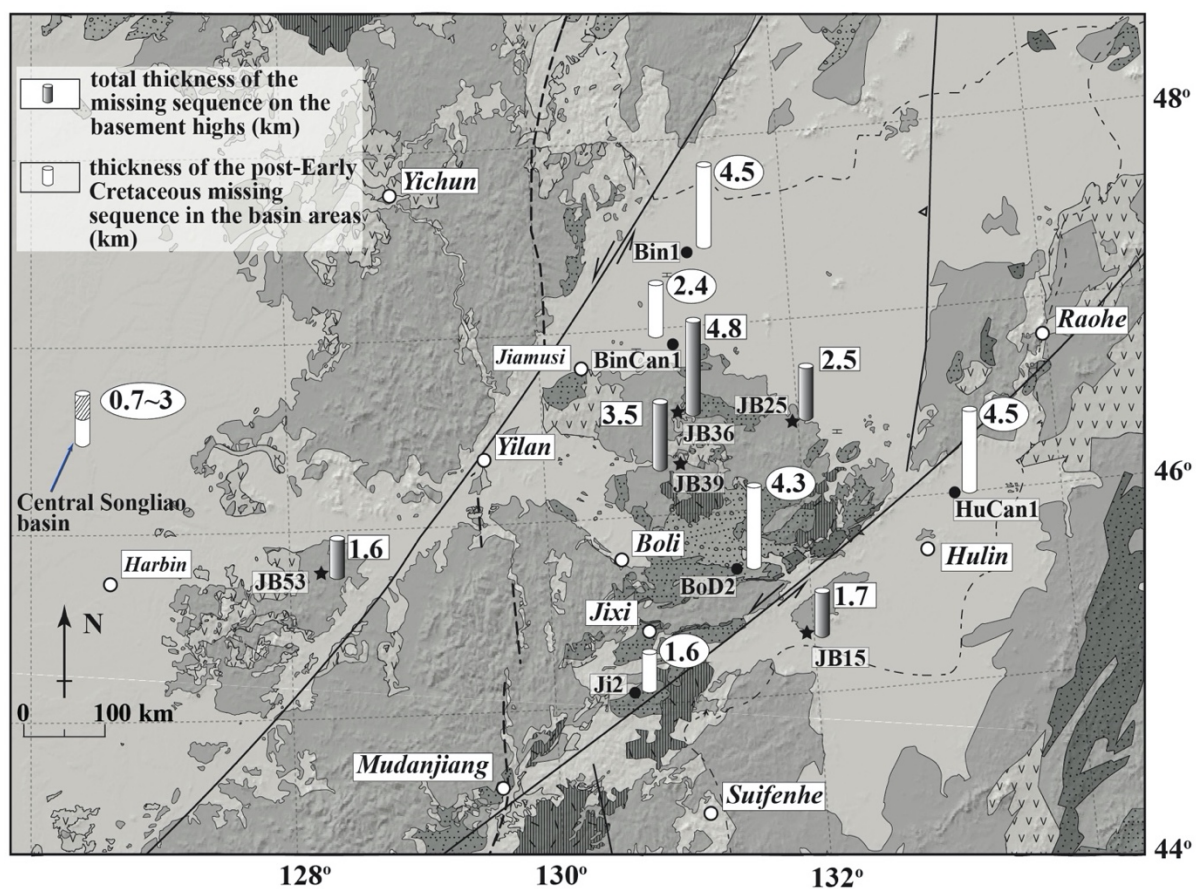


Figure 2.11: Compilation of the thickness of the missing sequences calculated for the basement highs and basin areas. The numbers represent the eroded thickness in km. The numbers in rectangles were determined by modelling of low-T thermochronological data and express the total removed thickness (sedimentary pile + some erosion of the basement). The numbers in ellipses are the modelling results based on vitrinite reflectance down-hole trends and they express the thickness of the post-Early Cretaceous burial. The assumed paleo-heat flow is  $60 \text{ mW/m}^2$ , that corresponds to the bulk average value of the region, see text for details. The estimated thickness of the removed sedimentary formations in the central Songliao basin is taken from Lu et al. (2005), Liu et al. (2013) and Wang et al. (2016). For the legend of the simplified geological map see Figure 2.5.

### Geodynamic implications

The modelling results of this study revealed a widespread and significant exhumation phase that affecting the eastern part of NE China, starting from the late Early Cretaceous - early Late Cretaceous (ca. 110-80 Ma). This large scaled transformation of the tectonic environment corresponds to the regional NW-SE compressional events at the northeastern continental margin of Asia in the Late Cretaceous (Ratschbacher et al., 2003; Stepashko, 2006, 2008; Yang, 2013). Yang. (2013) mentioned that the Okhotomorsk continental block, currently residing

below the Okhotsk Sea in Northeast Asia, following the west subduction of the Paleo-Pacific plate, collided with Yangtze Block at ca. 100 Ma. The collision caused the regional NW-SE compression and orogenic uplift in East Asia which could be related to the earlier exhumation on both east and west margin of the major Jiamusi uplift. The plate motion study of the Paleo-Pacific plate (Izanagi-Kula) indicated that, in the early Late Cretaceous (ca. 90 Ma), the movement direction of the plate greatly changed from NNW to WNW with high rates (23.5 cm/a; Engebretson et al., 1985; Maruyama et al., 1997). The near NW subduction direction almost at right angle with the near NE ward east Eurasia continental margin put the east NE China into dextral compressor shear environment (Sun et al., 2010) and probable further induced the long-lasting regional uplift in the study area.

The thermal modelling of the exhumed basement blocks in the east NE China indicates a significant reduction of the cooling rate in the Cenozoic, ca. 60-40 Ma. The transition to much slower exhumation might correspond to the slowing of the Pacific plate's subduction rate and the increasing subduction angle in the Eocene (Maruyama et al., 1997). The east Asia continental margin then experienced extensional tectonics, influenced by of the roll-back effect from the subduction of the Pacific plate (Ren et al., 2002). Triggered by this change, the Jiamusi-Yitong fault and Dunhua-Mishan fault started the dextral strike-slip extension activities that formed the narrow Yilan-Yitong basin and Ning'an basin filling with 3-5 km of Paleogene continental deposits. With the weakening of the extensional activity, the Yilan-Yitong basin and Sanjiang basin developed into the Neogene and Quaternary depression sedimentation stage.

## 2.8 Conclusions

- (1) New low-T thermochronological age constraints were determined by apatite FT and apatite and zircon (U-Th)/He methods on the *basement highs* separating the small basins situated NE of the Songliao basin in NE China. The apparent ages are mostly younger than the major subsidence period of the Early Cretaceous sedimentation in the adjacent basins.
- (2) According to the thermal modelling the currently exhumed basement areas were covered by Cretaceous successions. The thickness of the missing sequences were calculated and assuming a reliable paleo-heat flow of 60 mW/m<sup>2</sup> the Mishan Uplift and the Zhangguangcai Range were covered by ca. 1.6-1.7 km sediment, while the central

Jiamusi Uplift experienced considerably deeper burial: the calculated cover is varying from 2.5 to 4.8 km.

- (3) During the basin inversion the eastern Mishan Uplift and the western Zhangguangcai Range were exhumed first, between 110 and 100 Ma with cooling rates of 2.6 and 1.2 °C/Myr, respectively. Later the cooling rate has slowed down to 0.3-0.5 °C/Myr. In the central Jiamusi Uplift the exhumation started slightly later, at ca. 90 Ma and with higher cooling rates of ca. 2.4-5.4 °C/Myr, and continued until ca. 40 Ma.
- (4) In the eastern satellite *basins* five representative boreholes were selected and the thermal history modelling is based on stratigraphic and vitrinite reflectance data. The thickness of the missing sequence that was removed mostly in Late Cretaceous time varies strongly. Assuming 60 mW/m<sup>2</sup> paleo-heat flow in the western Sanjiang basin the former burial was 2.4 km in the south and 4.5 km in the north. In the eastern Boli basin and northern Hulin basin, the models suggest similar thicknesses of the missing sequences: 4.3 and 4.5 km, respectively. However, in the south the Jixi basin revealed a significantly smaller burial of ca. 1.6 km.
- (5) The calculated thicknesses of the missing sequences revealed a coherent, large-scale pattern, although different constraints and methods were applied for the basins and for the exhumed basement areas. In general, the eastern satellite basins experienced higher post-Early Cretaceous burial and subsequent erosion than the much larger Songliao basin to the west.
- (6) According to the integrated burial/thermal modelling and combining with previous research results we postulate that the eastern basin group including the Jixi basin, Boli basin, Sanjiang basin and Hulin basin belonged to a single united huge down-warped basin in the eastern Asian continental margin. The current west Zhangguangcai Range and east Mishan Uplift were probably also involved in this united basin. From ca. 110 to 40 Ma, the exhumation of the Jiamusi Uplift has gradually destroyed the formerly continuous sedimentary cover and only basin remnants have been preserved. By the end of the major exhumation in the Eocene, both the major uplift area and the basin remnants came to the slow uplift and erosion stage until recent time.

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## **Chapter 3 Manuscript II: Miocene age of the Huanan basalt lava flow (NE China) inferred by reset of zircon (U-Th) /He thermochronometer in the underlying sand**

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### 3.1 Abstract

Mafic lavas of Cenozoic age are widely distributed in northeast China and received much attention as an important part of the Circum-Pacific volcanic belt. The age constraints for the volcanic activity were determined mostly by K/Ar and  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  methods. We present zircon (U–Th)/He ages obtained on the thermally overprinted sands directly underlying a basaltic lava. This thermochronometer is insensitive to weathering and not biased by excess argon, thus it can express accurately the age of thermal effect of the lava flow. As a regional cooling age reference, three granite samples were dated from basement units that have not been thermally influenced by the basalt eruptions. The reference granite samples revealed well-defined Cretaceous (U–Th)/He-ages, while 20 zircon crystals from the sand below the basalt lava revealed a prominent Miocene (U–Th)/He age component of  $9.33 \pm 0.24$  Ma. Raman spectroscopy of these zircon crystals supports their thermally overprinted character. We infer that the sand sample has experienced significant thermal overprint by the overlying basalt lava leading to thermal reset of the majority of the detrital zircon crystals. The obtained age is thus interpreted as the eruption age of the basalt lava. The Huanan basalt flow thus belongs to volcanics of the Laoyeling episode in NE China.

### 3.2 Introduction

Mafic lavas of Cenozoic age are widely distributed in northeast China. Despite the small size of these occurrences, they represent an important part of the Circum-Pacific volcanic belt (Basu, Wang, Huang, Xie, & Mitsunobu, 1991; Flower, Tamaki, & Hoang, 1998; Zou, Fan, & Yao, 2008; Xu et al., 2015). The age constraints of this volcanic activity were determined mostly by K/Ar and  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  methods and range from Miocene to Pleistocene except for some Late Cretaceous to Paleogene ages within and east of the Songliao Basin (Figure 1; Fan, Sui, Wang, Li, & Sun, 2007; Hu et al., 1983; Liu, 1987; Liu, Chen, et al., 2017; Liu, Li, et al., 2017; Qiu et al., 2007; Wang et al., 1983; Zheng, Xu, & Wang, 1999; Zhang et al., 2006).

In the last two decades, new geochronological techniques were introduced for dating young mafic eruptions such as the U–Th disequilibrium method (Zou, Zindler, Xu, & Qi, 2000), indirect dating of volcanics from the surrounding fallout organic material deposits by the  $^{14}\text{C}$  method (Xu, Zhang, Qiu, Ge, & Wu, 2012; Yin et al., 2012), fission track dating of volcanic glasses (Renne, 2000), and magnetite or zircon (U–Th)/He (ZHe) geo-thermochronology (e.g., Blackburn, Stockli, & Walker, 2007; Blondes, Reiners, Edwards, & Biscontinini, 2007; Cooper,

van Soest, & Hodges, 2011; Farley, 2002). The modern  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  approaches may yield precise ages of young volcanic rocks, but typically the age of young and/or low-K lava samples have high errors due to minor proportions of radiogenic Ar (Blondes et al., 2007; McDougall & Harrison, 1999). The magnetite (U–Th)/He method is also introduced to date mafic volcanic rocks (Blackburn et al., 2007; Fanale & Kulp, 1962). However, this mineral is not suitable for a wide range of applications due to its disadvantages. For example, (a) the Fe-oxide minerals in mafic volcanic formations have frequently irregular external morphology, thus the ejection (FT) correction is hardly feasible and it would generate significant bias (Hernandez Goldstein, Stockli, Ketcham, & Seman, 2014). (b) The interior of the magnetite grains in lavas are highly heterogeneous, often penetrated by ilmenite and haematite lamellae and they contain apatite inclusions. (c) The U content is usually very low. The studies for example, Fanale and Kulp (1962) and Blackburn et al. (2007) were dealing with pre-Cenozoic ages, with a few ppm or even sub-ppm uranium content. In the case of Miocene–Pliocene lavas the uncertainties would be much over the expectations for stratigraphical purposes. Furthermore, the Blackburn et al. (2007) study was made on kimberlites, which has atypical actinide contents and distributions. Zircon analysis has been proven a versatile tool for examining a wide range of geological processes because zircon crystals have a lot of important features for geochronology and thermochronology including high actinide concentrations, occurrence in variable lithologies and resistance to physical and chemical weathering (Reiners, 2005). Like many other minerals, zircon can also be dated by the (U–Th)/He method to reveal the low temperature (ca. 180–130 °C) thermal history (e.g., Farley, 2002; Reiners, Spell, Nicolescu, & Zanetti, 2004). Comparing to the K/Ar and  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  methods, zircon (U–Th)/He method has the advantage of performing relatively rapidly on selected zircon crystals without neutron irradiation, and high accuracy on young volcanic rocks (Blondes et al., 2007). Even though mafic to intermediate volcanic rocks rarely contain zircon crystals, the strata below lava flows or the host rocks in contact with basaltic dykes, sills, or necks are often rich in zircon crystals. These zircons may become thermally reset upon significant heating (temperature and time) and the (U–Th)/He age obtained on these crystals then indicates cooling after the heating event. Assuming usual fast cooling of lava flows, this age should reflect the eruption age (Blondes et al., 2007; Cooper et al., 2011).

In this study, we report for first time zircon (U–Th)/He ages from a thermally overprinted basal layer of a lava flow from the Huanan region in NE China. Additionally, Raman spectroscopy

was used to describe the crystalline state and confirm the thermal reset of the dated zircon crystals.

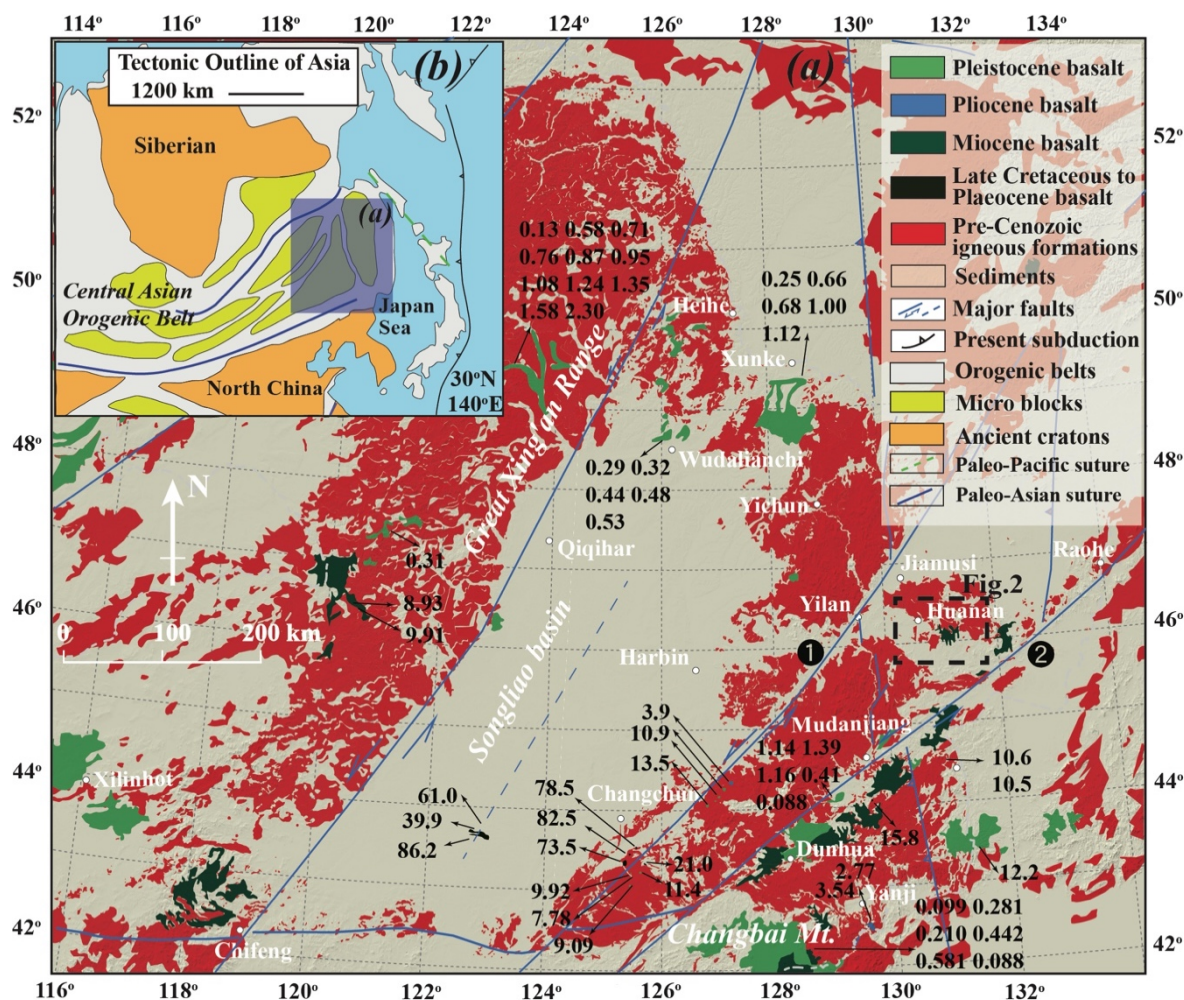


Figure 3.1: (a) Simplified geological map of NE China, modified after Ren et al. (2013) and HBGMR (1993). The occurrences of basalt volcanoes and their age (in Ma) are taken from Fan, Sun, Li, and Wang (2006), Fan et al. (2011), Fan, Zhao, Sui, Li, and Wu (2012), Liu (1987), Liu, Chen, Zhong, Lin, and Wang (2017), Liu et al. (2017), Qiu, Liao, and Liu (1991), and Zhang, Xu, Ge, and Ma (2006). The digital elevation model is from the U.S. Geological Survey, 2017. The two faults marked with (1) and (2) are the Jiamusi–Yitong and Dunhua–Mishan faults, respectively, and belong to the eastward extension of the Tan–Lu Fault Zone in NE China. Dashed box indicates position of Figure 2. (b) Schematic tectonic map of North Asia (modified after Liu, Chen, et al., 2017; Liu, Li, et al., 2017)

### 3.3 Geological setting

NE China is enclosed by the Siberian Block in the north, the North China Block in the south and the Pacific Plate in the east, tectonically situating in the eastern segment of the world's largest accretionary orogen, the Central Asian Orogenic Belt (CAOB) (Jahn et al., 2000;

Sengör et al., 1993; Windley et al., 2007; [Figure 3.1](#)). This area was mainly dominated by the Paleo-Asian Ocean tectonic domain in the Pre-Mesozoic period, and strongly transformed by the circum-Pacific tectonic domain since the Mesozoic (Liu et al., 2010 and 2017). Since the Late Mesozoic a large continental rift system developed in NE China, related to the subduction of the Pacific plate and back-arc extension of the Japan Sea (Liu, 1988; Xu et al., 2015). This rift system includes the Songliao basin, Jiamusi - Yitong fault zone, Dunhua - Mishan fault zone and other adjacent basins ([Figure 3.1](#)). Contemporaneously about 690 volcanic cones and craters and 50,000 square kilometers of basaltic lavas with small amounts of alkali trachyte were formed in this area. The Cenozoic volcanism is mainly distributed alongside a series of NE to NNE oriented rift basins and adjacent mountain ranges and on both sides of the Songliao basin, but major volcanic activity occurred to the east (Liu, 1988, 1992; [Figure 1](#)). From west to east, the distribution of the volcanic rocks can be divided into several zones, these are the Great Xing'an Range, the Jiamusi - Yitong fault zone, the Dunhua - Mishan fault zone and the Changbai Mountains. The borehole data from the Songliao basin reveals over 1 km thick Paleogene basalt bodies of tholeiitic composition (Xu et al., 2015). The next volcanic activity peak period appeared in Neogene and mainly follows the Jiamusi - Yitong fault zone and Dunhua - Mishan fault zone. The youngest Quaternary volcanic rocks in NE China are distributed around the Songliao basin with major occurrences in the Great Xing'an Range and even more western areas, to the north of the Songliao Basin, and to the east in the Changbai Mountains, mostly east of Dunhua-Mishan fault zone (Liu, 1987, 1992, 1998; Qiu, 1991; Fan and Hooper, 1991; Fan et al., 1998, 1999, 2006, 2007, 2011, 2012; Zhang et al., 2000; Bai et al., 2005, 2008 and Zhao et al., 2008; [Figure 3.1](#)). The Cenozoic basalts in NE China are considered products of partial melting of the upper mantle, and mixing of depleted mantle and enriched mantle type I components (Zou et al., 2000, Zhou, 2006 and Xu et al., 2015). Even though numerous geochronological studies have been published from many occurrences of mafic volcanic formations in NE China, high precision and weathering-insensitive geochronology such as zircon U-Pb or (U-Th)/He dating has not yet been performed on the young volcanic formations of the Huanan area. Previous studies in this area mainly rely on constraints from lithostratigraphic and paleontological evidences (HBGMR.,1993).

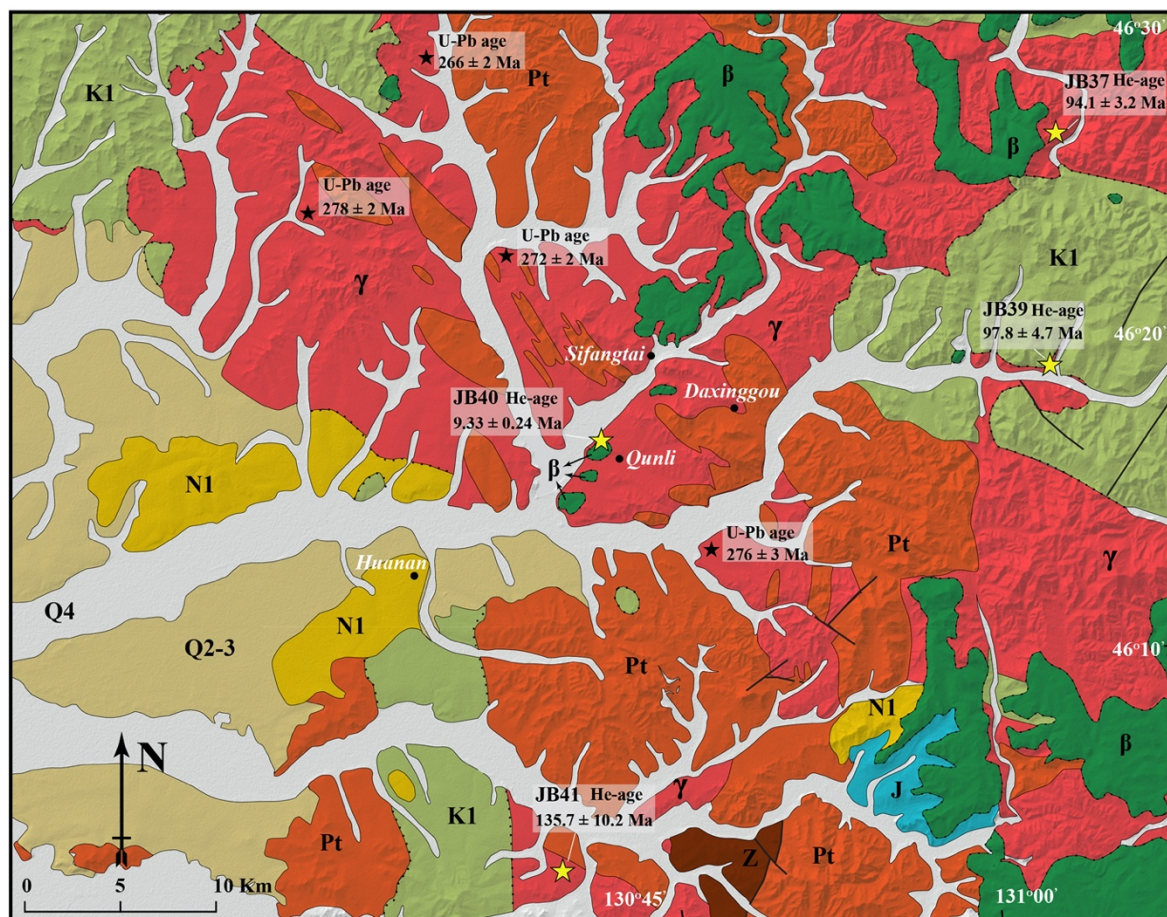


Figure 3.2: Simplified geological map of the study area, modified after HBGMR (1993). The digital elevation model is taken from the U.S. Geological Survey, 2017. Pt, Palaeoproterozoic strata; J, Jurassic strata; K1, lower Cretaceous strata; N1, Miocene strata; Q2-3, Middle to Upper Quaternary strata; Q4, Holocene strata;  $\gamma$ : Permian granite;  $\beta$ : Cenozoic basalt; yellow star: sample locations in this article and the measured (U-Th)/He age; black star: zircon U-Pb age of granitoids (Dong et al., 2017); Solid black lines: faults; dotted black lines: unconformities.

### 3.4 Sample and analytical methods

A sand sample (JB40) was collected in an active basalt quarry close to Qunli village (Figure 3.2; N46.2983°, E130.7182°). A 2-3 m thick horizontal lava flow is exposed along the excavation walls and the contact to the underlying sand is well preserved and accessible. In the surroundings of the quarry the sand forms only a few meters thick layer; this young, alluvial sediment covers the granitoid basement. The basal layer of the lava is amygdaloid, but the lava shows low degree of alteration. We collected a loose sand sample from the topmost 3-5 cm, immediately below the base of the basalt lava (Figure 3.3).



*Figure 3.3: Photographs illustrating the basalt lava outcrop and its base close to Qunli village. Thickness of the lava flow in the upper left photo is 2-3 meter.*

To discriminate the thermal influence imposed by the basalt lava to the underlying granite basement at the sampling position and the untouched area, three granite samples were collected for (U-Th)/He dating from the wider area surrounding the basalt quarry (Figure 3.2; JB37, N46.4320°, E131.09425°; JB39, N46.3189°, E131.0713°; JB41, N46.0767°; E130.6672°). The zircon grains were separated from the 63-125  $\mu\text{m}$  fraction by shaking table, gravity separation by Na-poly-tungstate, and magnetic separation.

The zircon crystals have variable shapes and colors, but they are mostly pinkish-brownish, transparent-translucent and euhedral to slightly rounded. (U-Th)/He analyses were performed at the GÖochron Laboratory of the Geoscience Center, University of Göttingen. Twenty-eight intact zircon crystals were selected by stereo and petrographic microscopes. The crystals were photographed and their dimensions (length, width and prismatic length) were used for alpha-ejection correction (Farley et al., 1996; Figure 3.4). The grains were wrapped in platinum capsules for helium extraction and heated with an infrared laser. The extracted gas was purified

by an SAES Ti-Zr getter at 450 °C. The remaining inert gas was measured by a Hidden triple-filter quadrupole mass spectrometer equipped with a positive ion-counting detector.

Following degassing, the capsules were retrieved from the gas extraction line the zircon crystals were extracted from the capsules and spiked with calibrated  $^{230}\text{Th}$  and  $^{233}\text{U}$  solutions in 0.4 ml teflon vials. The crystals were dissolved for five days at 220 °C in pressurized bombs using a mixture of double distilled 48% HF and 65%  $\text{HNO}_3$ . Each sample batch was prepared with a series of procedural blanks and spiked normals to check the purity and calibration of the reagents and spikes. Spiked solutions were analyzed by a Thermo iCAP Q ICP-MS. Procedural U and Th blanks by this method are usually very stable in a measurement session and below 1.5 pg. The ejection correction factors ( $F_t$ ) were determined for the single crystals by a modified algorithm of Farley et al. (1996) using an in-house spread sheet.

Raman spectroscopy was applied to all zircon samples to identify the thermal influence on the lattice of the zircon crystals as additional information to interpret the (U-Th)/He chronological data. Details of the laboratory procedure can be found in Lünsdorf and Lünsdorf (2016). The IFORS software was used to evaluate the Raman spectra. Fitted peak widths were corrected for the apparatus function after Irmer (1985) and Nasdala et al. (2001).

### 3.5 Results

#### 3.5.1 Zircon (U-Th)/He ages

Twenty-eight euhedral or slightly rounded zircon crystals were dated (Figure 3.4 and Table 3.1). The crystal sizes with c-axis parallel and perpendicular dimensions range from 120 to 319  $\mu\text{m}$  and 55 to 98  $\mu\text{m}$ , respectively. The measured zircon crystals reveal radii ranging from 34 to 59  $\mu\text{m}$  and the effective uranium concentration (eU, where eU is calculated as  $[\text{U ppm}] + 0.235 * [\text{Th ppm}]$ ; Gordon Gastil et al., 1967) covers a wide range from 145 ppm to 1883 ppm. The  $F_t$ -corrected zircon ZHe ages of the dated crystals from the JB40 sand sample range from 5.7 Ma to 30.5 Ma (Figures 4, 5). Except for the youngest single zircon He age of  $5.7 \pm 0.5$  Ma and three older He-ages  $>20$  Ma, the ages reveal a tight distribution between 8.3 and 15.6 Ma. The  $F_t$ -corrected ZHe ages of the three granite samples from the region also reveal tight clustering with unweighted ZHe mean ages of  $94.1 \pm 3.2$  Ma,  $97.8 \pm 4.7$  Ma and  $135.7 \pm 10.2$  Ma for samples JB37, JB39 and JB41, respectively (Table 3.1). ZHe ages show no correlation with eU concentrations (Figure 6) implying that the effect of radiation damage density on the measured apparent (U-Th)/He ages is negligible (e.g., Cook et al., 2013; Flowers et al., 2009; Reiners, 2005, Shuster et al., 2006).

#### 3.5.2 Raman spectra of the zircon crystals

ZHe ages are determined by the retentivity of He in zircon crystals, which is influenced by the alpha-damage inflicted in its crystalline lattice due to self-irradiation (e.g., Guenther et al., 2013). Raman spectroscopy offers the opportunity to quantify the degree of metamictization in zircon crystals (Nasdala et al., 1995) selected for (U-Th)/He analysis. The accumulated alpha-damage is estimated from the position and the width of the  $\nu_3(\text{SiO}_4)$  Raman band, the stretching vibration of the  $\text{SiO}_4$  tetrahedra about  $1000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (Dawson et al., 1971). In our case, the four samples reveal distinct, narrow internal and external vibrational modes in the spectral range from  $972.1$  to  $1010.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . All of the analyzed zircon crystals have tightly distributed full width at half-maximum (FWHM) values ranging from  $3.4$  to  $9.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , with averages of  $5.1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (JB40),  $5.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (JB37),  $5.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (JB39) and  $6.8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (JB41), respectively (Table 3.2).

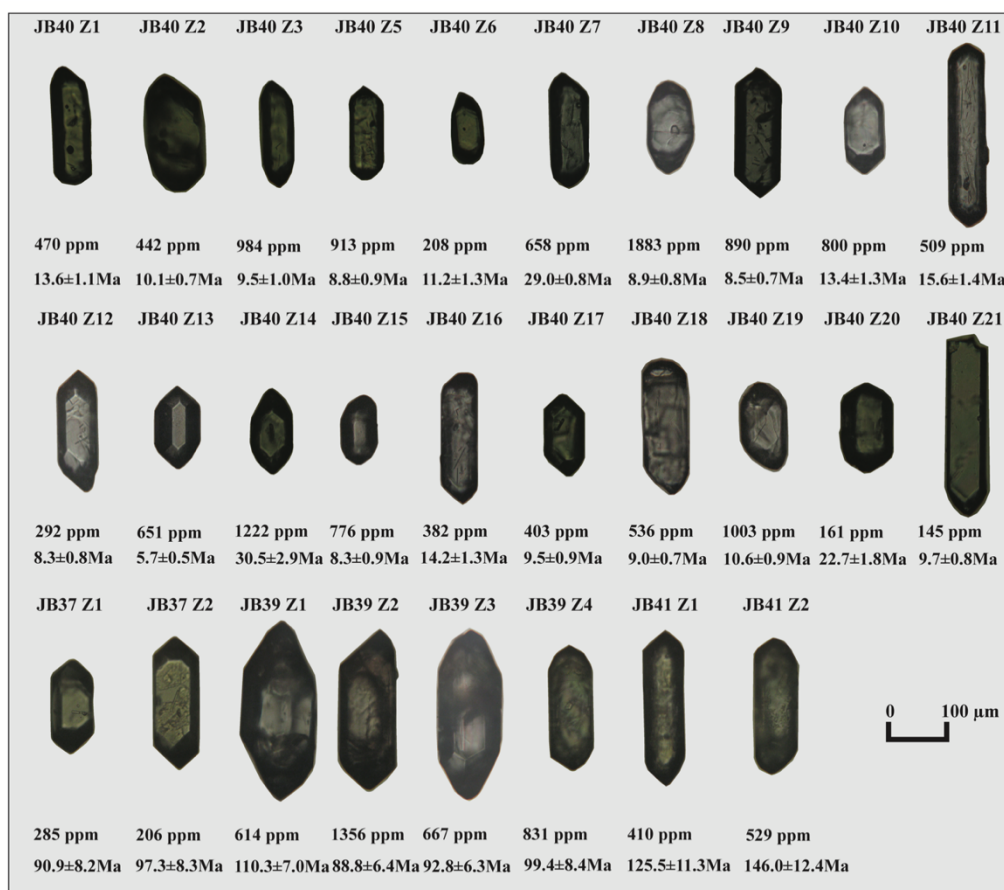


Figure 3.4: Microphotographs of the dated zircon crystals along with the effective U concentration (eU, where eU is calculated as  $U + 0.235 * Th$ ; Gastil et al., 1967) and the (U-Th)/He age.



II. Miocene age of the Huanan basalt lava flow (NE China) inferred by reset of zircon (U-Th)/He thermochronometer in the underlying sand

Table 3.1: Zircon (U-Th)/He results obtained on the sand and granite samples in this study

Sample	He			U238			Th232			Th/U		Sm		eU	sphere radius [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	Ejection correct. (Ft)	Uncorr. He-age [Ma]	Ft-Corr.		Sample unweighted aver. $\pm$ 1 s.e.	
	vol.	Is	mass	Is	conc.	mass	Is	conc.	mass	Is	conc.	Is	conc.					He-age	2s	He-age	2s
	[ncc]	[%]	[ng]	[%]	[ppm]	[ng]	[%]	[ppm]	[ng]	[%]	[ppm]	ratio	[ng]	[%]	[ppm]	[ppm]	[Ma]	[Ma]	[Ma]	[Ma]	
JB40 z1	1.436	1.1	1.081	1.8	447.7	0.232	2.4	96	0.21	0.016	3	7	470	53	0.769	10.5	13.6	1.1			
JB70 z2	1.756	1.1	1.713	1.8	417.8	0.425	2.4	104	0.25	0.012	3	3	442	59	0.791	8.0	10.1	0.7			
JB70 z3	1.418	1.1	1.752	1.8	937.1	0.371	2.4	199	0.21	0.019	3	10	984	36	0.672	6.4	9.5	1.0			
JB70 z5	0.734	1.1	0.922	1.8	831.4	0.387	2.4	349	0.42	0.012	3	11	913	37	0.679	6.0	8.8	0.9			
JB70 z6	0.179	1.6	0.181	2.2	186.2	0.092	2.5	95	0.51	0.007	3	8	208	34	0.652	7.3	11.2	1.3			
JB40 z7	5.636	1.0	2.1074	1.8	614	0.641	2.4	187	0.30	0.015	5	4	658	42	0.711	20.6	29.0	2.8			
JB40 z8	2.100	1.1	2.6269	1.8	1861	0.136	2.4	96	0.05	0.005	5	4	1883	46	0.735	6.5	8.9	0.8			
JB40 z9	3.226	1.0	3.8961	1.8	836	1.051	2.4	226	0.27	0.022	5	5	890	51	0.758	6.4	8.5	0.7			
JB40 z10	2.605	1.0	2.1756	1.8	762	0.456	2.4	160	0.21	0.008	5	3	800	41	0.706	9.4	13.4	1.3			
JB40 z11	2.736	1.1	1.8968	1.8	480	0.488	2.4	123	0.26	0.023	5	6	509	44	0.723	11.3	15.6	1.4			
JB40 z12	0.831	1.2	1.0812	1.8	277	0.248	2.4	64	0.23	0.017	5	4	292	44	0.727	6.0	8.3	0.8			
JB40 z13	0.765	1.2	1.4406	1.8	618	0.325	2.4	140	0.23	0.056	5	24	651	45	0.734	4.2	5.7	0.5			
JB40 z14	9.985	1.0	3.7382	1.8	1200	0.298	2.4	96	0.08	0.007	5	2	1222	41	0.711	21.7	30.5	2.9			
JB40 z15	0.719	1.2	1.0316	1.8	750	0.156	2.4	114	0.15	0.005	5	3	776	36	0.671	5.6	8.3	0.9			
JB40 z16	1.539	1.1	1.1846	1.8	361	0.290	2.4	88	0.25	0.017	5	5	382	42	0.714	10.2	14.2	1.3			
JB40 z17	0.775	1.2	0.9009	1.8	380	0.238	2.4	100	0.26	0.011	5	4	403	41	0.707	6.7	9.5	0.9			
JB40 z18	2.153	1.0	2.4473	1.8	505	0.653	2.4	135	0.27	0.042	5	9	536	52	0.764	6.9	9.0	0.7			
JB40 z19	3.319	1.1	3.335	1.8	958	0.660	2.4	190	0.20	0.010	5	3	1003	48	0.745	7.9	10.6	0.9			
JB40 z20	1.227	1.1	0.5295	1.8	146	0.236	2.4	65	0.45	0.021	5	6	161	52	0.763	17.3	22.7	1.8			
JB40 z21	0.633	1.3	0.6504	1.8	129	0.338	2.4	67	0.52	0.032	5	6	145	47	0.741	7.2	9.7	0.8			
JB37 z1	7.550	1.2	0.8569	1.8	261	0.3294	2.4	100	0.38	0.017	6.5	5	284.7	45	0.732	66.5	90.9	8.2			
JB37 z2	11.127	1.2	1.1779	1.8	194	0.3167	2.4	52	0.27	0.025	6.5	4	205.9	49	0.751	73.1	97.3	8.3		3.2	

Table 3.1 (continued): Zircon (U-Th)/He results obtained on the sand and granite samples in this study

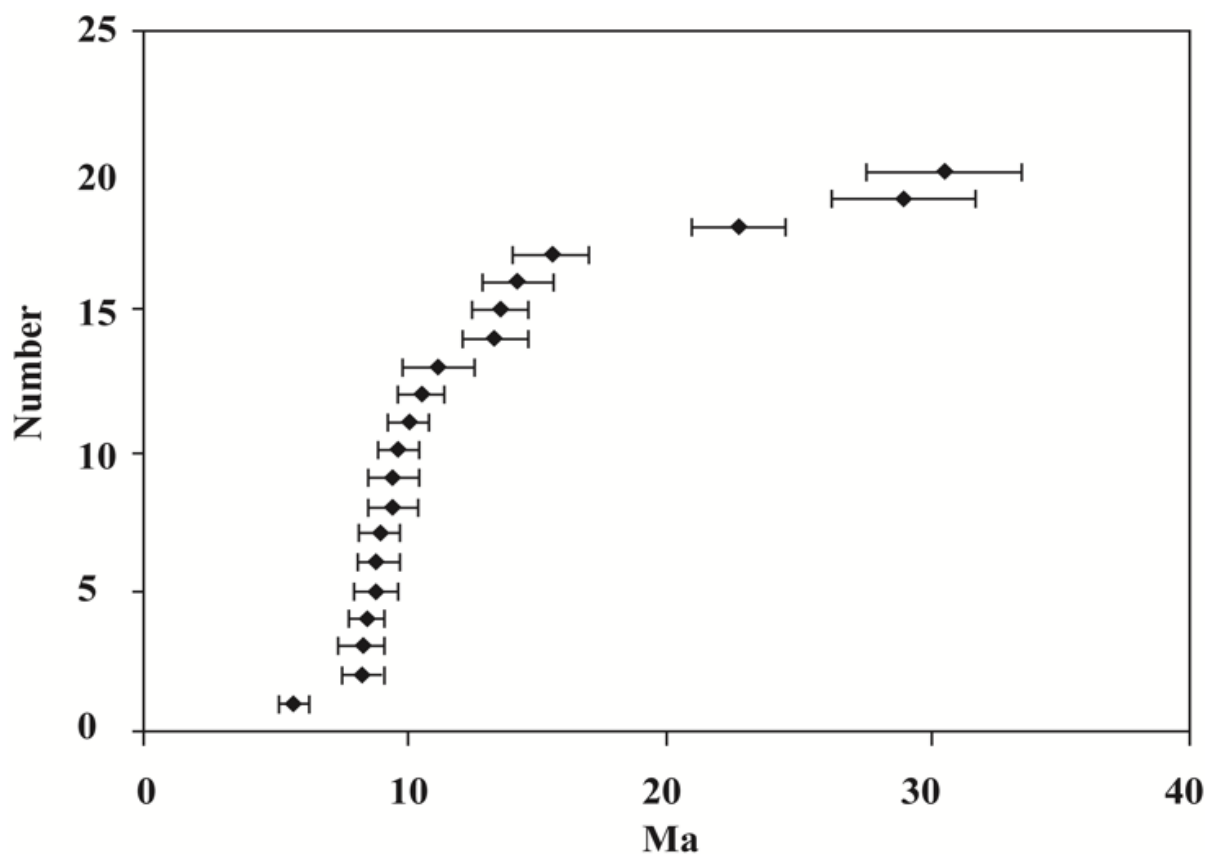
Sample	He		U238			Th232			Th/U		Sm		eU		sphere radius [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	Ejection correct. (Ft)	Uncorr. He-age [Ma]		Ft-Corr. He-age [Ma]		Sample unweighted aver. $\pm$ 1 s.e. He-age [Ma]	
	vol. [ncc]	1s [%]	mass [ng]	1s [%]	conc. [ppm]	mass [ng]	1s [%]	conc. [ppm]	ratio	mass [ng]	1s [%]	conc. [ppm]	[ppm]	[ppm]			He-age	2s [Ma]	He-age	2s [Ma]	He-age	2s [Ma]
JB39 z1	88.920	1.2	7.6815	1.8	597	0.9307	2.4	72	0.12	0.070	6.5	5	614.1	77	0.838	92.5	110.3	7.0	110.3	7.0		
JB39 z2	99.685	1.2	11.233	1.8	1331	0.919	2.4	109	0.08	0.084	6.5	10	1356.3	64	0.807	71.7	88.8	6.4	88.8	6.4		
JB39 z3	61.323	1.2	6.3559	1.8	638	1.2522	2.4	126	0.20	0.052	6.5	5	667.2	68	0.818	75.9	92.8	6.3	92.8	6.3		
JB39 z4	26.639	1.2	2.7905	1.8	793	0.5635	2.4	160	0.20	0.034	6.5	10	830.7	50	0.755	75.0	99.4	8.4	99.4	8.4	97.8	4.7
JB41 z1	20.940	1.2	1.7561	1.8	385	0.4954	2.4	109	0.28	0.099	6.5	22	410.4	45	0.732	91.9	125.5	11.3	125.5	11.3		
JB41 z2	33.814	1.2	2.4188	1.8	507	0.4505	2.4	94	0.19	0.070	6.5	15	529.3	49	0.753	109.9	146.0	12.4	146.0	12.4	135.7	10.2

### 3.6 Discussion

#### 3.6.1 Identification of the principal age component of the single-crystal ZHe data

Visualizing and interpreting the ages obtained on detrital zircon crystals forms a key part to unravel the corresponding geological questions in detrital zircon geochronological and thermochronological studies. The probability density plot (PDP) and the kernel density estimate (KDE) are the most used methods for visualizing detrital age distributions (Hurford et al., 1984; Silverman, 1986; Devroye, 1987; Vermeesch, 2012; von Eynatten and Dunkl, 2012). However, it has been pointed out that the PDP lacks any theoretical basis as a probability density estimator, although it may serve as a data visualization tool (Galbraith, 1998, 2010; Vermeesch, 2012).

The ZHe age distribution is visualized as KDE plot by the DensityPlotter v8.4 software (Figure 7; Vermeesch, 2012). The KDE age spectrum shows a typical left-hand asymmetry and the mean of the dominating (about 75%) youngest age component is  $9.33 \pm 0.24$  Ma (Figure 3.7). To further corroborate the result, we also use the SIMPLEX method (Cserepes, 1989) to perform a best-fit model to identify the age components by the Popshare software (Dunkl and Székely, 2002). This approach results in a similar best-fit model age at  $9.2 \pm 0.8$  Ma.



*Figure 3.5: Cumulative diagram of zircon (U-Th)/He ages obtained on 20 single crystals from the sand sample (JB40; 2 $\sigma$  error bars).*

### 3.6.2 Zircon reset analysis

In the study area, most of the basalt lava overlies the basement dominated by granitoid rocks. In our study site the lava covers alluvial sand. For the proper evaluation of the potential thermal overprint, we should first review the cooling age pattern of the basement that experienced no thermal overprint by young basalt eruptions. Zircon U-Pb studies indicate that the emplacement ages of the granitoid rocks in Huanan and its adjacent areas are Pre-Mesozoic, mostly Early to Middle Permian (Bi et al., 2014; Yang et al., 2015; Dong et al., 2017) (Figure 3.2). Low-temperature thermochronology performed on basement samples far from basalt occurrences yield Early Cretaceous to early Late Cretaceous ZHe ages (136 to 94 Ma; Figures 3.2, 3.4; Table 1). These ages are considerably older than the ZHe age of sand sample from below the basalt lava. The zircons in the loose sand layer overlying the granitoid basement thus do not carry the regional cooling age signature, instead, their ZHe ages are mostly determined by the thermal effect of the basalt lava.

Zircon He diffusion experiments on pristine crystals reveal that the closure temperature of the ZHe thermochronometer is around 160 - 200 °C in case of duration of the thermal overprint in the range of millions of years (Reiners et al., 2004). Even though the eruption temperature of the overlying basalt lava could be variable, the temperature of basaltic lavas is mostly above 950 °C (Francis, 1993). Blondes et al. (2007) presented calculations on the necessary time and temperature relations for reset of the ZHe thermochronometer in case of very short, shock-like thermal events like contact with lava. The laboratory derived He-in-zircon diffusion experiments indicated that partly or complete He loss in xenolithic zircon crystals should happen in magmatic entrainment or contact time of less than one hour (Blondes et al., 2007). The sample JB40 experienced proper temperature-time integral for complete reset as it situated close enough to the basalt lava and the heat of the basalt lava could lead to the full removal of the pre-eruption accumulated radiogenic helium from the majority of the zircon grains.

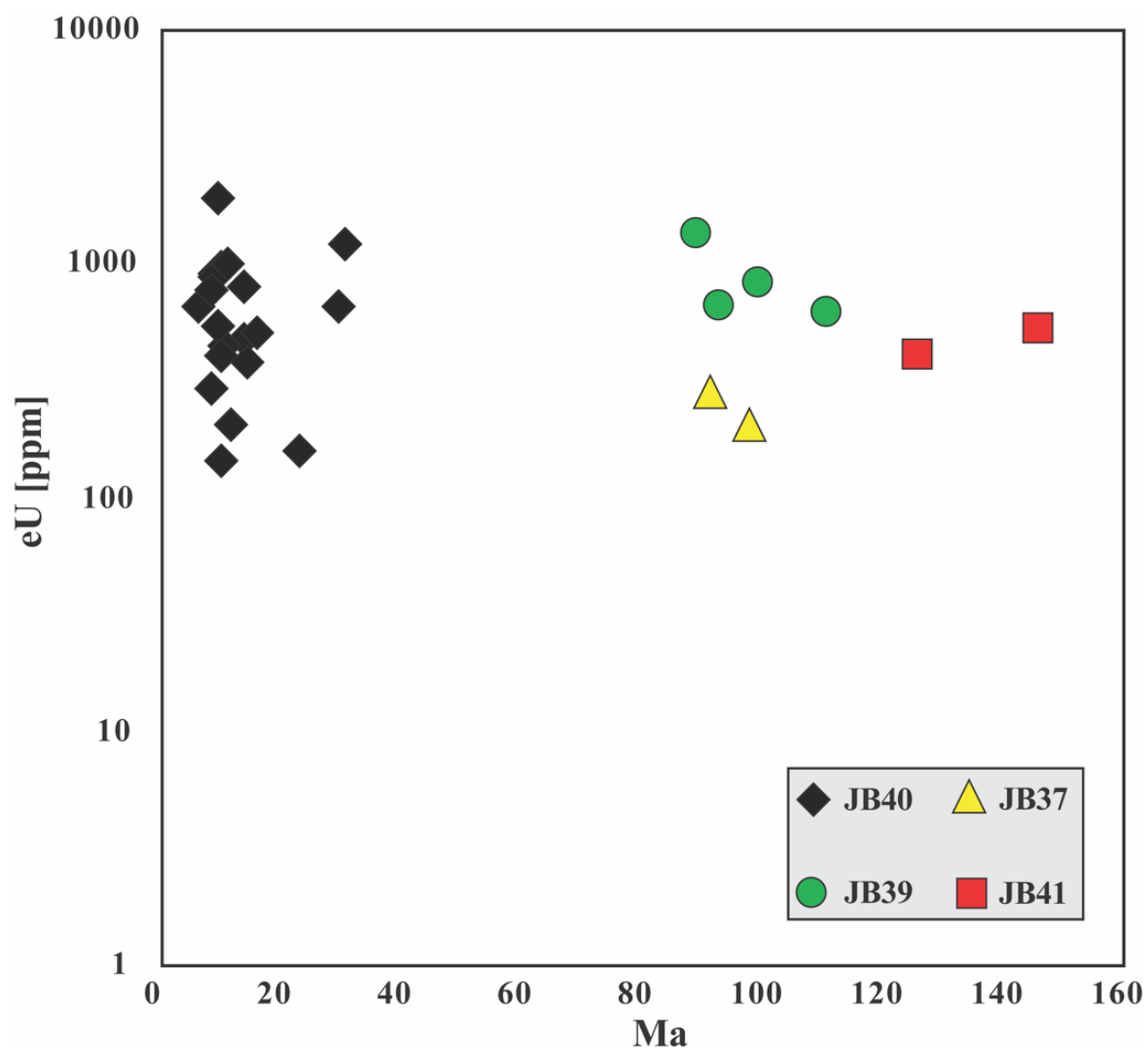


Figure 3.6: Effective U concentration (eU) vs. zircon (U-Th)/He ages plot for the sand sample JB40 and the three granitoid samples. Each symbol represents a single dated zircon crystal.

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Table 3.2: The  $\nu_3(\text{SiO}_4)$  Raman band of the zircon samples investigated

Sample	Aliquote	scale intensity	shape	area	hwh	center	scale	shape	area	hwhm	corr	center	
					m	[ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]	intensity			[ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]	[ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]	Fwhm	[ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]
JB40	P_00	13.4	0.9	636.0	3.1	976.2	91.8	0.8	4179.2	3.1	4.9	1009.3	
	P_01	12.9	1.0	674.0	3.3	976.2	84.7	0.8	4141.7	3.3	5.5	1009.5	
	P_02	12.9	1.0	738.4	3.7	976.2	90.3	0.8	4543.1	3.4	5.5	1009.3	
	P_03	12.1	0.7	459.7	2.7	977.0	85.4	0.5	3145.4	2.7	3.9	1010.5	
	P_04	8.1	1.0	312.9	2.4	977.4	45.6	0.5	1615.6	2.6	3.6	1010.5	
	P_05	14.7	1.0	626.9	2.7	976.8	90.1	0.8	4189.7	3.2	5.1	1010.3	
	P_12	11.6	1.0	608.3	3.4	975.7	76.9	0.8	3961.2	3.5	5.8	1008.9	
	P_13	13.9	1.0	789.0	3.6	975.3	89.8	0.9	4969.8	3.7	6.3	1008.1	
	P_14	10.0	0.9	641.5	4.2	975.5	67.5	1.0	4322.9	4.1	7.3	1008.3	
	P_15	14.3	0.9	558.5	2.6	976.2	91.5	0.6	3845.7	3.0	4.6	1009.5	
	P_16	7.7	1.0	364.7	3.0	976.1	48.8	0.4	1900.1	3.1	4.8	1009.9	
	P_17	13.5	0.7	526.3	2.7	976.1	93.2	0.7	3828.2	2.9	4.4	1009.3	
	JB41	P_21	13.0	0.9	563.8	2.9	975.3	92.7	0.8	4212.5	3.1	4.8	1008.7
		P_22	13.3	0.7	554.1	2.9	975.1	94.1	0.7	4279.8	3.1	5.0	1008.5
		P_23	13.6	0.8	610.7	3.0	975.3	94.0	0.8	4529.1	3.3	5.3	1008.3
P_24		8.6	1.0	341.9	2.5	975.3	46.7	0.5	1933.9	3.1	4.9	1008.5	
P_25		6.5	0.6	319.5	3.5	974.7	41.7	0.5	1753.1	3.2	5.1	1008.1	
P_27		13.5	0.8	646.0	3.2	974.9	90.2	0.9	4971.5	3.7	6.2	1008.1	
P_28		13.1	0.8	553.8	2.8	974.9	88.2	0.7	4033.3	3.2	5.0	1007.7	
P_29		13.9	0.9	625.3	3.0	974.9	92.5	0.9	4778.0	3.4	5.6	1008.1	
P_30		5.0	1.0	380.5	5.0	972.7	39.1	1.0	2682.4	4.4	7.9	1004.4	
P_31		13.6	1.0	794.4	3.8	972.9	86.8	0.9	5506.9	4.1	7.3	1005.8	
P_33		48.5	0.9	2227.0	3.0	974.9	75.4	0.8	3693.5	3.3	5.5	1007.9	
P_35		46.7	0.7	1861.4	2.8	974.7	61.1	1.0	3015.7	3.2	5.1	1007.7	
P_36		13.9	0.6	542.4	2.8	975.5	94.0	0.6	3838.0	2.9	4.4	1008.5	
P_37		14.6	0.8	679.1	3.1	975.1	93.1	0.8	4548.8	3.3	5.3	1008.3	
P_38		15.0	0.7	642.0	2.9	975.3	92.6	0.8	4196.5	3.1	4.9	1008.3	
JB37	P_45	13.2	1.0	772.1	3.8	974.7	92.3	0.9	5503.3	4.0	7.0	1007.9	
	P_46	12.7	0.9	808.4	4.2	973.9	90.2	0.8	6147.7	4.6	8.4	1006.5	
	P_47	13.0	1.0	866.0	4.3	973.7	93.8	0.8	6372.3	4.6	8.4	1006.4	
	P_49	13.9	0.9	646.9	3.1	975.1	95.1	0.8	4783.9	3.4	5.7	1008.1	
	P_50	13.3	0.9	610.0	3.0	974.3	92.8	0.8	4488.4	3.3	5.4	1007.1	
	P_51	13.7	0.9	604.1	2.9	975.7	92.6	0.8	4302.7	3.2	5.1	1008.9	
	P_52	13.3	0.7	527.0	2.8	975.3	94.1	0.7	4112.2	3.1	4.8	1008.5	
	P_53	13.4	0.7	532.1	2.8	975.5	92.6	0.7	4023.2	3.1	4.8	1008.7	
P_54	12.3	0.6	480.8	2.8	975.7	92.3	0.7	3591.1	2.8	4.0	1008.9		
P_55	13.5	0.7	552.1	2.9	975.3	90.7	0.7	4065.7	3.1	4.9	1008.5		

II. Miocene age of the Huanan basalt lava flow (NE China) inferred by reset of zircon (U-Th) /He thermochronometer in the underlying sand

	P_56	13.5	0.8	555.7	2.8	975.5	92.3	0.7	3984.2	3.0	4.6	1008.5
	P_57	13.2	0.9	640.5	3.2	975.1	96.7	0.8	4915.7	3.4	5.7	1008.1
	P_58	13.4	0.8	558.3	2.8	975.5	92.1	0.7	4142.0	3.1	4.9	1008.5
	P_59	13.7	0.8	547.8	2.7	975.1	95.7	0.7	4089.5	3.0	4.6	1008.3
	P_60	12.6	0.8	521.3	2.8	975.3	92.4	0.7	3779.4	2.9	4.3	1008.3
	P_63	12.7	1.0	574.1	2.9	975.3	91.0	0.6	3440.7	2.8	4.0	1008.7
	P_64	13.1	0.6	487.7	2.7	975.7	92.7	0.7	3721.2	2.9	4.2	1008.9
	P_65	13.5	0.7	566.8	2.9	975.1	94.5	0.7	4270.5	3.2	5.1	1008.3
	P_66	13.3	0.7	491.3	2.6	975.7	92.4	0.7	3723.4	2.9	4.3	1009.1
	P_68	12.8	0.6	438.3	2.5	975.7	93.9	0.6	3274.7	2.6	3.4	1008.9
JB39	P_69	40.3	1.0	2071. 3	3.3	974.3	68.3	0.9	3608.7	3.5	5.8	1007.1
	P_72	69.6	1.0	3654. 7	3.4	974.1	68.9	1.0	3820.5	3.6	6.0	1006.9
	P_78	12.8	1.0	758.5	3.8	973.3	82.5	1.0	4764.4	3.7	6.4	1005.8
	P_80	13.0	1.0	674.3	3.4	973.9	86.7	0.9	4557.2	3.5	5.8	1006.7
	P_84	51.4	1.0	3678. 7	4.6	972.5	54.8	1.0	3892.7	4.6	8.3	1005.2
	P_85	58.1	1.0	3584. 6	4.0	973.1	57.3	1.0	3788.3	4.3	7.6	1005.6
	P_86	53.2	1.0	3197. 6	3.9	973.1	51.3	1.0	3400.9	4.3	7.7	1005.8
	P_87	12.8	0.8	686.9	3.6	972.9	91.0	0.9	5260.2	3.8	6.6	1005.6
	P_88	11.9	0.9	776.6	4.4	972.3	87.0	0.9	5882.4	4.4	7.9	1005.2
	P_89	11.8	0.8	693.9	4.0	972.7	90.3	0.9	5953.3	4.3	7.8	1005.2
	P_91	10.7	1.0	805.8	4.9	972.1	71.1	1.0	5414.3	4.9	9.0	1004.4
	P_92	13.4	1.0	789.8	3.8	973.7	87.9	0.8	5001.4	3.8	6.6	1006.2

Abbreviation: FWHM, full width at half-maximum. HWHM, half width at half maximum.

The Raman spectra of well-ordered zircon crystals show distinct, narrow vibrational modes in the spectral range from 200 to 1010  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . With increasing radiation damage, all of the main Raman bands of the zircon crystals decrease in intensity and become increasingly broader (Nasdala et al., 2001). The FWHM (the full width at half-maximum of the  $\nu_3(\text{SiO}_4)$  vibration) of the  $\nu_3(\text{SiO}_4)$  Raman band varies from  $<3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in very well ordered  $\text{ZrSiO}_4$  to more than 30  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in zircons of high amount of accumulated radiation damage. The position and the width of the  $\sim 1000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  peak typically show a well-developed correlation. However, for heat-treated zircons Geisler et al. (2001) and Nasdala et al. (2002) have found some miscorrelation between the Raman bandwidths and positions. These annealed zircon crystals mostly plot above the peak position-peak width trend established for zircons derived from unheated or slowly cooled geological settings (Nasdala et al., 2001, 2002). In our case the Raman

parameters obtained on sample JB40 plot somewhat off the trend constrained by the three granite samples reflecting the regional cooling history (Figure 3.8). This property of the lattice of the zircons from the sand sample below the lava flow supports their shock-like thermal reset. In summary, we can conclude that the detrital zircon crystals have been heated and their ZHe clock became fully reset at the contact with the basalt. The ZHe age of  $9.33 \pm 0.24$  Ma of the sand sample is thus interpreted to represent the eruption age of the overlying basalt lava.

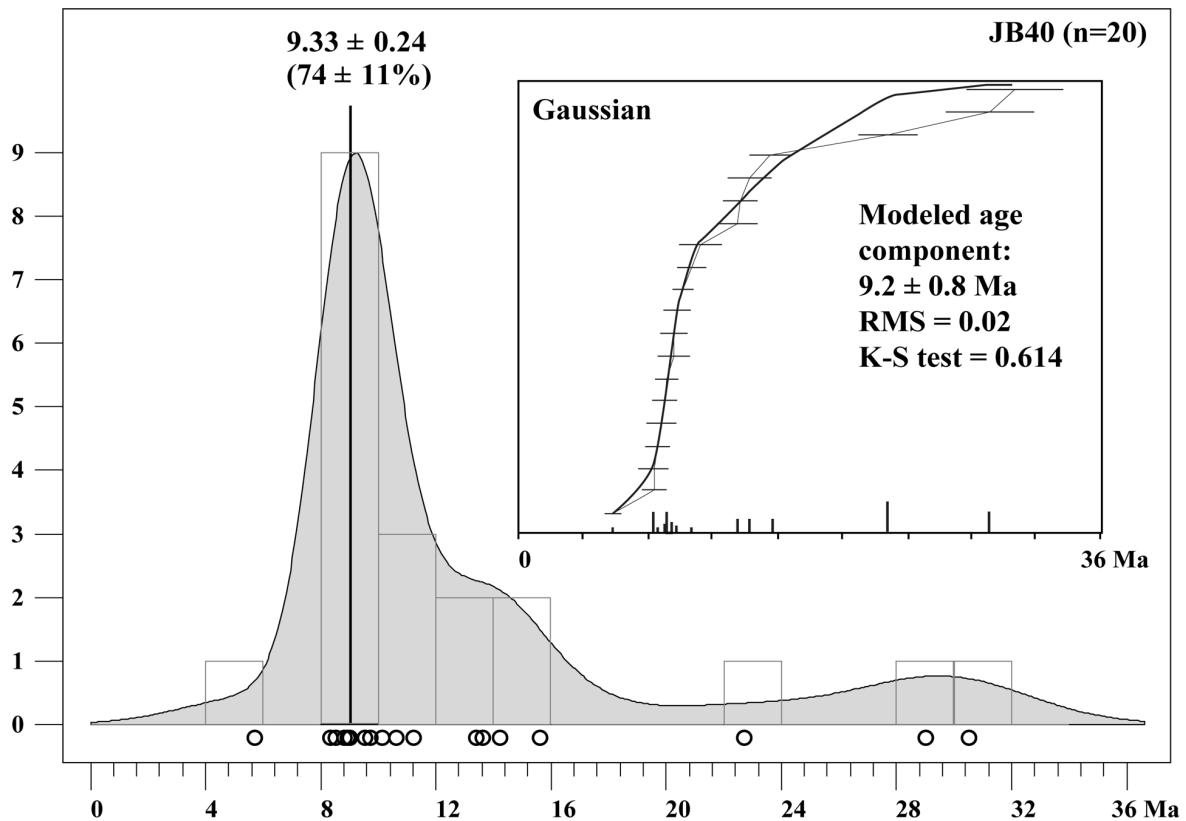


Figure 3.7: Kernel density plot of the measured zircon (U-Th)/He ages and the best fitted model between the measured ages and calculated ages. Grey curve: kernel density plot of the 20 measured zircon crystals (calculated by DensityPlotter, Vermeesch, 2012); circles: single zircon crystals; inset shows cumulative plot of ZHe ages; horizontal line in the insert: the real measured single detrital zircon crystals' He-ages; curve in the insert: the best fit line between the real data and the calculated model; K-S test: the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test (method after Press, Flannery, Teukolsky, & Vetterling, 1996); RMS: the goodness of fit between the calculated model and the measured data, the lower the value the better (method after Cserepes, 1989); bins in the insert: the error of the model.



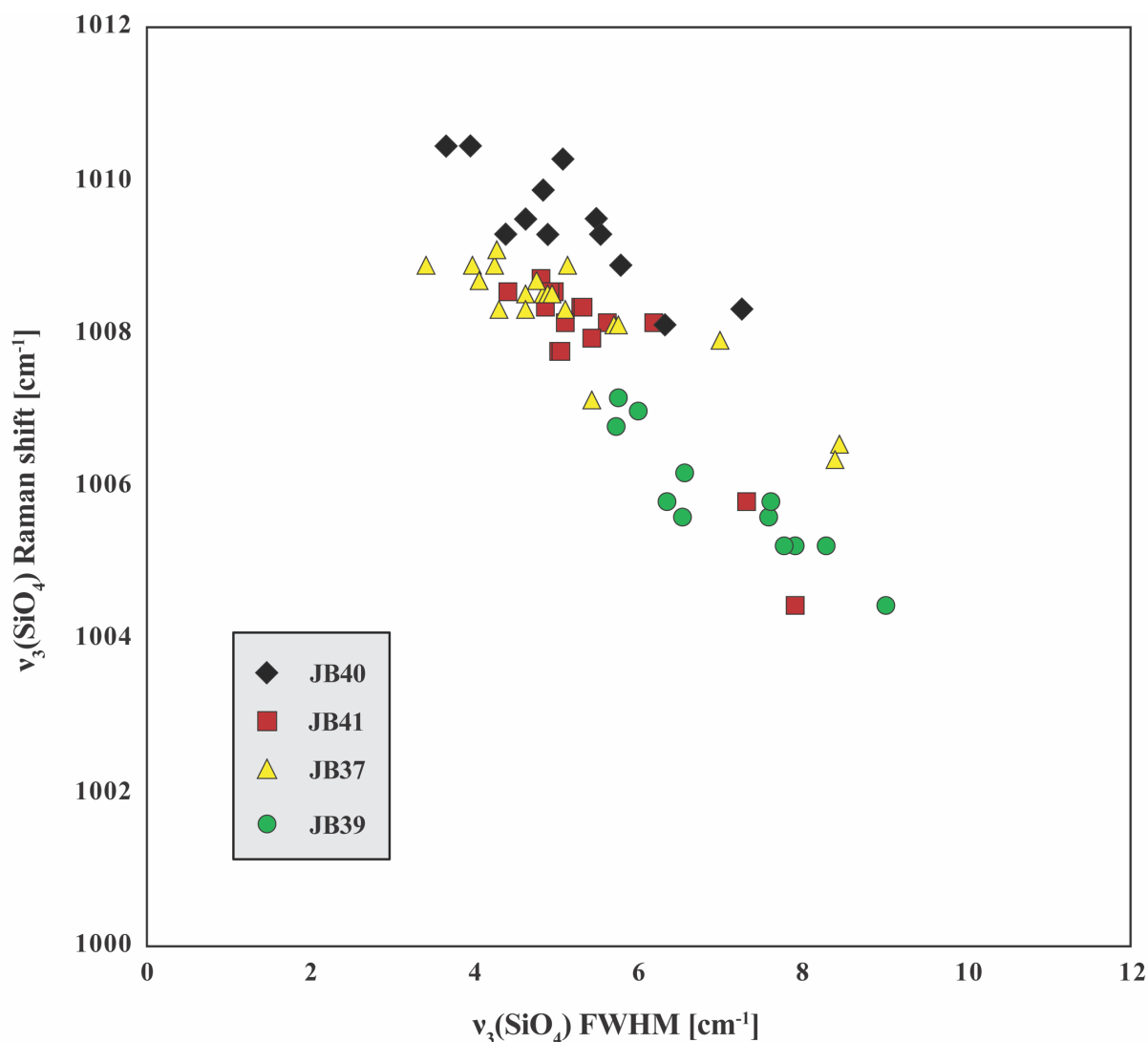


Figure 3.8: Plot of Raman shift versus the full width at half-maximum of the  $\nu_3(\text{SiO}_4)$  vibration (FWHM) for the sand sample JB40 and the three granitoid samples.

### 3.6.3 Relation to other Miocene basalt lava occurrences

Liu (1988) distinguished ten Cenozoic volcanic episodes in NE China, which are listed in Figure 9. According to the measured age, the Huanan basalt lava in this study belongs to the Laoyeling volcanic episode ( $\beta\text{N13}$ , 11-7 Ma), which is characterized by alkali olivine basalt, basanite, and basalt with ultramafic xenoliths. The magma of this volcanic episode mainly originated from partial melting of the upper mantle caused by extension of the East Asian continent, driven by the slab rollback of the Pacific plate's westward subduction (Xu et al., 2012, 2015).

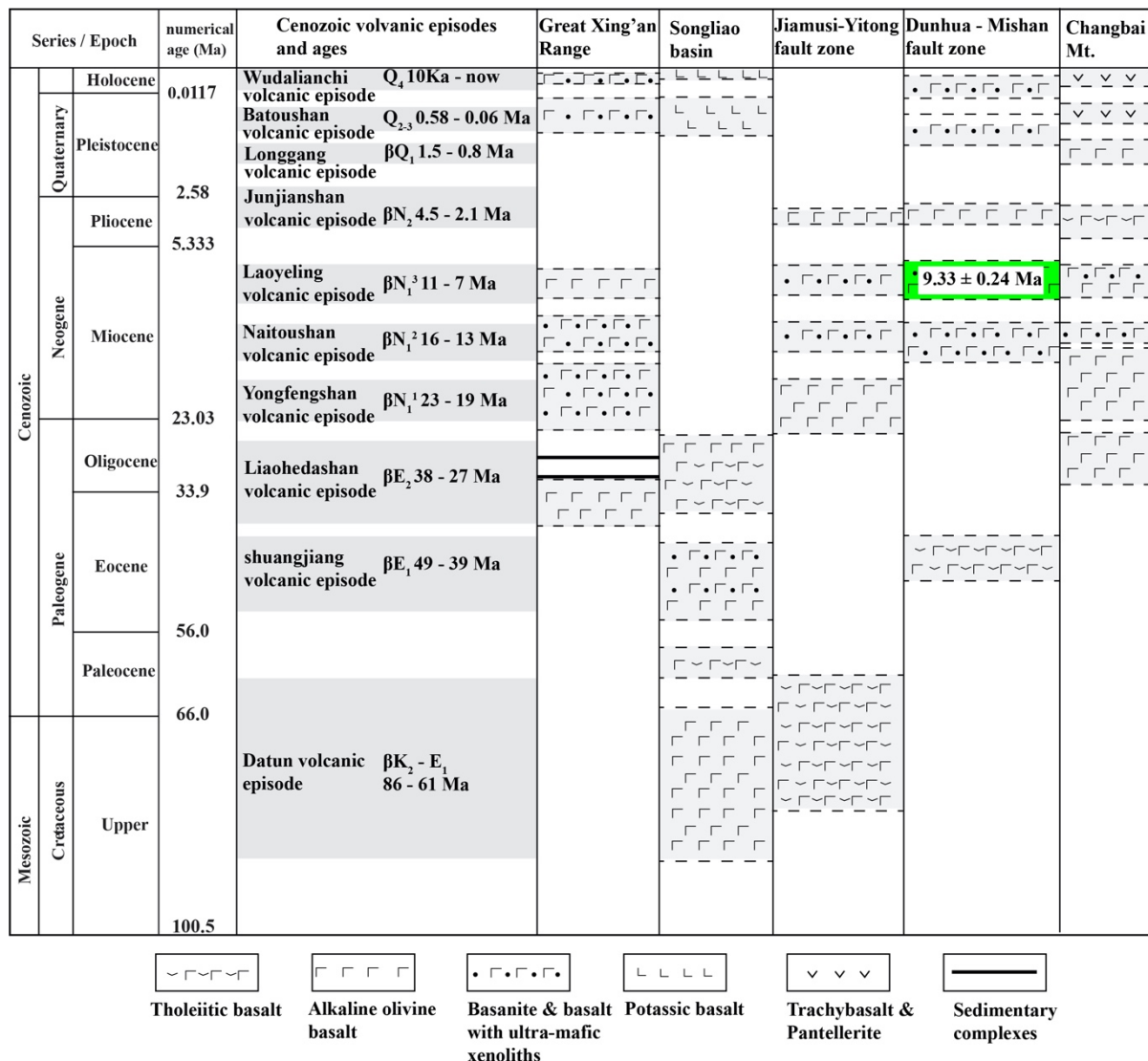


Figure 3.9: Age and major rock types of the ten Cenozoic volcanic formations in Northeast China (modified after Liu, 1988). Green bar indicates the age of the basalt eruption dated by the JB40 sample of this study.

### 3.7 Conclusion

1. (U-Th)/He dating of detrital zircon grains from a sand layer directly below a basalt lava flow in the Huanan region reveals a dominant age component of  $9.33 \pm 0.24$  Ma. This implies, together with the Raman data that the reset of the ZHe thermochronometer was caused by the thermal effect of the basalt lava, which erupted at this time.
2. The result also implies that the basalt in the Huanan area belongs to the Laoyeling volcanic episode.
3. As a well-developed weathering insensitive geochronometer, the zircon (U-Th)/He method provides a fast and high accuracy dating tool for young, mafic volcanic rocks.

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The following third article compared the contrast between the proportions of the age components and the areal proportions of the source units, and revealed the temporal change in the Cretaceous sediment supply in NE China. This paper is submitted in 12/2020 in the *Sedimentary Geology*

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#### 4.1 Abstract

We studied five modern river catchments of variable size (~500 to ~40,000 km<sup>2</sup>), dominated by Carboniferous to Jurassic granitoids, Proterozoic to Early Paleozoic siliciclastic (meta-)sediments and Jurassic to Cenozoic volcanic rocks in northeastern China. The Songliao Basin, its eastern "satellite" basins and the associated sediment-supplying basement highs form an excellent natural laboratory for detrital zircon U-Pb studies as the currently exhumed basement areas are composed mostly of zircon-bearing igneous formations having highly variable emplacement ages. This contrast in the sources generates highly informative detrital age patterns. Our results show strong contrasts between the proportions of the zircon U-Pb age components in the river sands and the areal proportions of the potential source units in the catchments. The limited range of zirconium content of the granitoids does not support high variations in zircon fertility between the magmatic suites having different emplacement ages. The detected mismatch between the obtained and the expected ages can be best explained by re-considering emplacement ages of some igneous suites of the region. We suggest that most of the granitoids mapped as Permo-Carboniferous are actually belonging to the Jurassic igneous suites. Some metasedimentary units with assumed Proterozoic protolith age have probably much younger, Paleozoic sedimentation age. Despite the proportional contrast between detrital age components and spatial coverage, the mean ages of the age components in the modern sand samples and the age components of the published basement U-Pb data show excellent agreement. The zircon U-Pb age distributions from modern sands thus provide useful hints to detect, verify or re-classify the ages of the zircon-bearing units in the catchment. This approach can be especially helpful at a reconnaissance prospecting on areas that are covered by imprecise large-scale geological maps only.

The detrital age distributions in modern sediments also serve diagnostic information for the provenance analysis of ancient sedimentary formations in the same areas, better than the simple map-based evaluation of the areal proportions of basement units. In our case, combining the zircon U-Pb age patterns of the studied modern catchments and the region-wide compilation of the basement ages allows for refining the Cretaceous provenance history of the Songliao Basin and its strongly inverted eastern satellite basins.

## 4.2 Introduction

Zircon is an accessory mineral that forms mostly by crystallization in a variety of igneous lithologies ranging from gabbros of oceanic crust to sediment-derived acid-intermediate melts, and tectonic settings from subduction zones to continental rifts (Grimes et al., 2007; Lissenberg et al., 2009; Hopkinson et al., 2017; Spencer et al., 2017, 2018). The typically high U content and the low level of common Pb make zircon a robust geochronometer (Cherniak and Watson, 2001; Rubatto et al., 2001; Dickinson, 2008). Beyond dating igneous formations in order to unmix the “source to sink” process, detrital zircon U-Pb geochronology has been widely utilized in sedimentary provenance studies e.g., to approach the relationship between the orogenic belts and their associated basins (e.g., Gehrels et al., 1995; Fedo et al., 2003; Andersen, 2005; Dickinson and Gehrels, 2009; Cawood et al., 2012; Saylor et al., 2013). For the proper application of detrital zircon geochronology in sedimentary provenance analysis, the consideration of the regional geological information is crucial. A commonly used way at the interpretation of the obtained detrital ages is based on the evaluation of geological maps of the catchments. However, for some regions like densely vegetated or poorly accessible areas, especially when tracking large-scale provenance-, the results may be misleading due to large uncertainties in the geological maps and non-representative sampling of the region. Another way at the evaluation of the detrital age spectra can be the comparison to the age distribution compiled from the basement geochronological data. Such a comparison is also biased by the uneven sampling of the basement and also by the different sediment yield of the tributaries or geological units. Modern river sand studies frequently analyze catchments that include highly rugged mountains and low relief areas, like Himalayan rivers or the Amazon (e.g., Mapes, 2009; Guo et al., 2020). In the case of such sediments, the interpretation of the detrital age spectra is encumbered by two factors acting of even poorly known magnitudes: the sediment yield (relief & erodibility) and the zircon yield (fertility; e.g., Dickinson, 2008; Malusà et al., 2016).

Our study focuses on the tributaries from the Lesser Xing’an Range (LXR), Zhangguangcai Range (ZGC), and the western Jiamusi block (JB), situated along the eastern border of Songliao Basin in NE China (Fig. 1). In the tested areas the relief is moderate and can be considered as catchment-wide uniform, thus we can expect an aerial balanced sediment yield. Additionally, as the region is dominated by granitoids and siliciclastic (meta-)sediments all eroded units are zircon-bearing. The currently exhumed basement formations have highly variable emplacement ages, and this contrast in the sources generates highly informative detrital age

patterns. That why this part of NE China seems to be an excellent natural laboratory for detrital zircon U-Pb studies.

We identified the detrital zircon age populations in modern river sands from five different tributaries with variable compositions and catchment areas (Figures 4.1 and 4.2, Table 4.1). We use these data to address how accurately and proportionally reflect the detrital zircon age spectra of river sediments the Paleozoic-Cenozoic, igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary formations of the catchments.

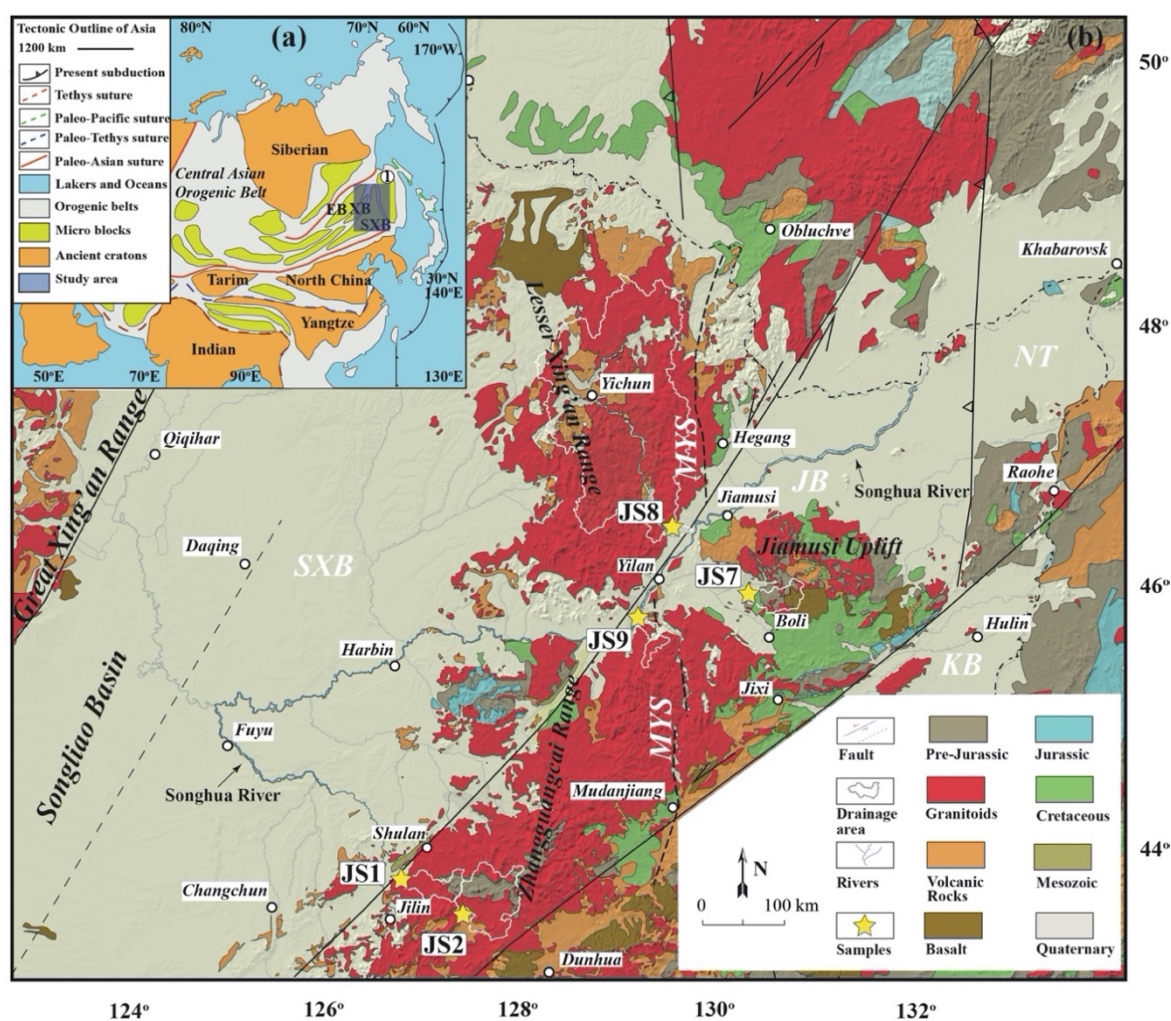


Figure 4.1: (a) Schematic tectonic map of Asia indicating the position of the study area (modified after Li, 2006; Safonova et al., 2009, 2011; Kröner et al., 2014; Liu, et al., 2017). EB, Erguna block; SXB, Songliao-Xilinhot block; XB, Xing'an block; BJKB, Bureya-Jiamusi-Khanka block. (b) Geological map of the study area including the locations of the river sand samples indicated by yellow stars. The contours of the sampled catchments are indicated by white lines. JB, Jiamusi block. Detailed geological map of each sampled tributary sees in Fig. 2. The map base is simplified after Ren et al. (2013) and the digital elevation model is taken from the U.S. Geological Survey (2017).

### 4.3 Bedrock geology of NE China

NE China consists of four major micro-continents of the eastern segment of the Central Asian Orogenic Belt, which is a large E-W trending accretionary orogen locating between the North China Craton and the Siberian Craton. This area experienced the most voluminous continental accretion of the world in Phanerozoic time (Sengör et al., 1993; Jahn et al., 2000; Windley et al., 2007; Eizenhöfer et al., 2014, [Figure 4.1a](#)). Located on easternmost Eurasia, NE China was successively dominated by the Paleo-Asian Ocean tectonic domain and the circum-Pacific tectonic domain since the Phanerozoic (e.g., Li, 2006; Windley et al., 2007).

From the Paleozoic to the early Mesozoic, several microcontinents in NE China gradually formed one united block after experiencing multi-stage amalgamation (e.g., Wang et al., 2008; Liu et al., 2017). Since the Mesozoic, this area was the linking part between the Siberian Craton, the North China Craton and the Paleo-Pacific Plate (Liu et al., 2017). The tectonic evolution of this area was jointly influenced by the northwestward subduction of the Paleo-Pacific Plate in the east and the closure of the Mongolia-Okhotsk Ocean in the north (e.g., Safonova et al., 2009, 2011; Xu et al., 2013). More stages of oceanic subduction and block amalgamation in the eastern segment of the Central Asian Orogenic Belt led NE China area exposed the Proterozoic-Paleozoic metamorphic basements and generated immense volumes of Phanerozoic granitic rocks (e.g., Wilde et al., 2010; Wu et al., 2011). The late-stage fast subduction of the Paleo-Pacific Plate below the Eurasian continental plate in the Late Jurassic-Early Cretaceous (Maruyama et al., 1997) further led to a series of rift basins in NE China (e.g., Ren et al., 2002; Meng, 2003), the exhumation of a metamorphic core complex (e.g., Davis et al., 2002; Lin et al., 2008) and the continuing magmatic events (e.g., Wang et al., 2006; Zhang et al., 2018).

The regional geological surveys indicated widespread Paleozoic granitic rocks occupying most of the mountainous regions, such as the Lesser Xing'an Range in the north, the Great Xing'an Range in the west and the Zhangguangcai Range in the east ([Figure 4.1](#); JBGMR, 1988; HBGMR, 1993; IMBGMR, 1991). Wu et al. (2001) further indicated that much of the basement underneath the Songliao Basin is composed of Paleozoic to Mesozoic granitic rocks and some Paleozoic sedimentary units. The majority emplacement ages of the granitoids in the Zhangguangcai Range is Jurassic, but some Paleozoic bodies were also detected. In contrast, in the Nadanhada Terrane from the eastern NE China, granitoids have slightly younger emplacement ages (around 115 Ma). The Great Xing'an Range in the west contains widespread Early Cretaceous (135-120 Ma) granitoids, and in the westernmost part of NE China, the



granitoids of the Erguna Block were mainly emplaced in the Jurassic (190-160 Ma; Sun, 2013). However, more and more Paleoproterozoic-Early Paleozoic (meta-) intrusions are also reported in the study area in recent years; i.e., in the Erguna block, ~1.8 Ga granitic gneiss were reported by Tang et al. (2013). Sun et al. (2013) and Zhao et al. (2016) both revealed ~927-737 Ma intrusions. There is also a newly reported ~890 Ma granitic gneiss in the Songliao-Xilinhot block (Wang and Liu, 2014). East of the study area, in the Jiamusi block, 530 and 515 Ma old granitic magmatism has been recorded, that was associated with granulite/amphibolite facies metamorphism (e.g., Zhou et al., 2009; Wu et al., 2011; Sun et al., 2013). Later granitic magmatism took place in the Late Carboniferous- Permian (305-250 Ma) and between Late Triassic and Late Cretaceous (223-88 Ma; Liu et al., 2017; Bi et al., 2018; Tang et al., 2018). The sedimentary successions of NE China include Precambrian to Eocene carbonate and siliciclastic sequences that contain detrital zircon grains that yield several U-Pb age clusters between 800 and 100 Ma (e.g., Sun et al., 2004; Zhang et al., 2004; Li et al., 2012; Zhou et al., 2019).

#### **4.4 Samples and geological review of the sampled rivers' catchments**

Five modern river sand samples were collected from different tributaries of the Songhua River (Figures 4.1 and 4.2). Sample JS1 was taken near the Huadan bridge, Jilin city, at the lower reaches of the Mangniu river that dewater the southwestern part of the Zhangguangcai Range. JBGMR (1988) indicated that the area is dominated by Carboniferous-Jurassic granitoids and few Permian siliciclastic rocks (Fig. 2; see percentages in Table 1). Sun et al. (2005) and Wu et al. (2011) dated several Jurassic granitoid bodies exposed within the watershed and reported zircon U-Pb ages varying from 190 to 173 Ma.

The southern Zhangguangcai Range is also represented by sample JS2, taken near Jiaohe city, at the lower reaches of the Jiaohe river with a medium-sized catchment area. According to JBGMR (1988) Carboniferous-Jurassic granitoids cover the majority of the catchment area. Permian siliciclastic rocks and few Triassic acid-intermediate volcanic rocks occupy a part of the upper catchment, and a few Late Jurassic to Cretaceous siliciclastic rocks are present downstream. Sun et al. (2005) and Wu et al. (2011) published zircon U-Pb ages of 190 and 216 Ma from two Jurassic granitoid bodies within the watershed.

Sample JS7 was taken near Wuyi village, at the lower reaches of the Qihuli river. The HBGMR (1993) map indicates for the catchment Proterozoic meta-sediments, Proterozoic granites,

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basaltic lavas, minor occurrences of Jurassic granites, and Late Cretaceous and Cenozoic sediments (Table 4.1).

Sample JS8 was taken near Shuanghe village, at the lower reaches of the Tangwan river, dewatering the Lesser Xing'an Range, which forms the northern border of the Songliao Basin system. This sample represents the largest catchment, composed of a large area of Permo-Carboniferous granitoids, some Jurassic granitoids, a few Proterozoic granitoids, some Jurassic-Cretaceous volcanic rocks, some Proterozoic-Devonian meta-sediments, and minor areas with Permian, Cretaceous, Cenozoic siliciclastic rocks (HBGMR, 1993). From the catchment area a lot of published zircon U-Pb ages on granitoid bodies and dykes are available, varying from 515 to 102 Ma (e.g., Wilde et al., 2003; Liu et al., 2008; Wu et al., 2011; Xu et al., 2013; Wang et al., 2016).

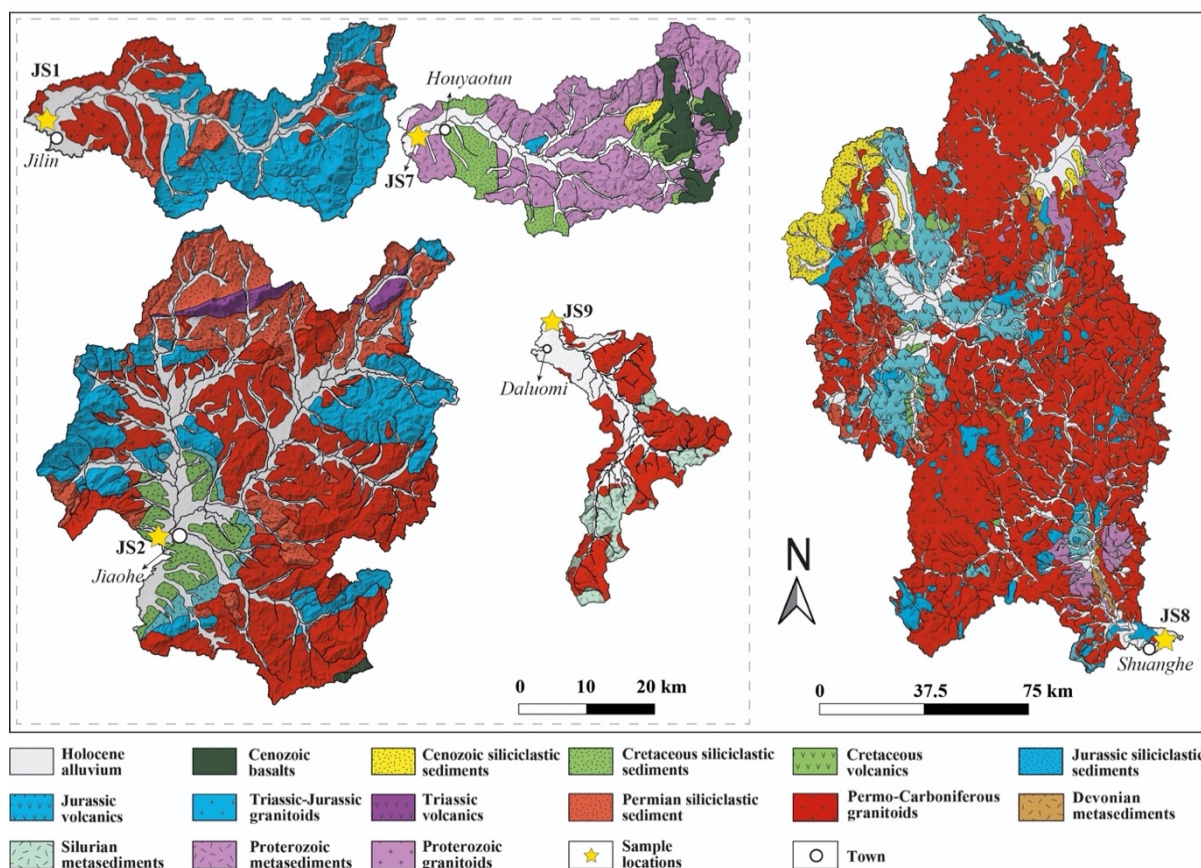


Figure 4.2: Geological maps of the sampled catchments (the geological units are simplified after JBGMR, 1988; HBGMR, 1993; IMBGMR, 1991). The digital elevation model is from the U.S. Geological Survey (2017).

Sample JS9 was collected in Daluomi county, at the lower reaches of the Xiaoluomi river that flows through the northern Zhangguangcai Range. This smallest catchment area includes

Permo-Carboniferous granitoids and Silurian meta-sediments with few acid-intermediate intrusions (HBGMR, 1993). Due to this region's dense vegetation and deep weathering, geochronological studies on the granitoids are still scarce. Wang et al. (2014) reported detrital zircon U-Pb ages from schists and greywackes of the northern Zhangguangcai Range between 916 and 262 Ma and interpreted the Zhangguangcai Range as a tectonic mélange.

Table 4.1: Geographical coordinates of the sampling sites, area and composition of the catchments.

Sample code	JS1	JS2	JS7	JS8	JS9
River name	Mangniu	Jiaohe	Qihuli	Tangwang	Xiaoluomi
Lithology	Modern river sand	Modern river sand	Modern river sand	Modern river sand	Modern river sand
Location	Jilin	Jiaohe	Houyatun	Shuanghe	Daluomi
Latitude	43.9475367° N	43.704345° N	46.1485852° N	46.6791387° N	45.9682479° N
Longitude	126.5482317° E	127.3051417° E	130.5948444° E	129.7246004° E	129.2487435° E
Total catchment area	906	2884	873	41075	447
Total catchment area (2)	716	2230	620	34895	310
Proterozoic granitoid			162	516	
Proterozoic meta-sediment			327	774	77
Devonian meta-sediment				425	
C-P granitoid	193	1038		24683	233
Permian sediment	78	443		1109	
Triassic volcanic		58			
T-J granitoid	445	510	5	1911	
Jurassic sediment		52			
Jurassic volcanic				3584	

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Cretaceous volcanic			114	240	
Cretaceous sediment		129	0	275	
Neogene sediment			12	1380	

Total catchment area (2), The total catchment area without Holocene alluvium and Eocene basalt

C-P, Carboniferous-Permian

T-J, Triassic-Jurassic

area is in km<sup>2</sup>

#### 4.5 Analytical methods

All unconsolidated modern river sand samples were collected from sand bars; approximately 5 kg of bulk sediment samples were collected. Visual inspection showed that the overwhelming majority of sand grains were monomineralic quartz. The heavy mineral concentrates were generated by wet sieving, gravity separation using Na-polytungstate, and magnetic separation by Frantz magnetic separator. The details of the zircon U-Pb dating experimental procedure can be found in Dunkl et al. (2019). To localize homogeneous areas in the polished zircon crystals for the in-situ age determinations, we mapped them by cathodoluminescence images using a JEOL JXA 8900 electron microprobe at the Geoscience Center Göttingen. Zircon U-Pb geochronology was conducted by laser ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS) at the GÖochron Laboratories of the Geoscience Center Göttingen. The measured U-Pb age distributions are represented as binned histograms superposed by kernel density estimation curves (KDE; Vermeesch, 2012).

QGIS 3.14 (QGIS Development Team, 2020) software was used for digitizing the catchment areas and determining the major units' proportions according to the regional 1: 200,000 geological maps (JBGMR, 1988; HBGMR, 1993). The boundaries of the catchments were identified by the Seamless Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) "Finished" 1 Arc Second digital elevation model (USGS, 2017). Quaternary alluvium and the Cenozoic basalt occurrences were excluded from the calculations of the source areas (Figure 4.2, Table 4.1).

#### 4.6 Results

The results of the zircon U-Pb analyses of the five sand samples are listed in Appendix Table A1 and shown in Figure 4.3. Between 129 and 161 single-grain in-situ analyses were performed per sample, and 96 to 122 of them were considered as concordant (90 to 110% of concordance).

Most of the detrital zircons show oscillatory growth zoning and/or striped absorption pattern, as observed by CL images. Th/U ratios are typically above 0.1, indicating magmatic origin (Hoskin and Black, 2000; [Figure 4.4](#)). Only sample JS7 reveals a significant proportion of zircon grains with Th/U ratios below 0.1, restricted to pre-Carboniferous ages. The age components were identified and the kernel density plots were constructed using the DensityPlotter software (Vermeesch, 2012).

Samples JS1 and JS2 represent the southern Zhangguangcai Range. The Mangniu River zircons (JS1) are dominated by an Early Jurassic to Late Triassic age component (92%), complemented by a small group of Late Archean to Early Proterozoic ages, while the neighboring Jiaohe River sample (JS2) yields almost exclusively Mesozoic ages with a dominant Early Jurassic (82%) and a minor Middle Triassic age component. The Archean signal is missing here (Fig. 3). In the sample of the Xiaoluomi River representing the northern Zhangguangcai Range (JS9), the majority of the zircon U-Pb ages reflect Late Triassic and Early Jurassic age components (84%), roughly similar to the southern catchments of the Range. However, a minor Cambrian to Ordovician age component is also present ([Figure 4.3](#)). Almost all zircons of the Zhangguangcai Range have Th/U ratios  $>0.1$  ([Figure 4.4](#)).

The zircon U-Pb age distribution obtained on the sample from Qihuli River (JS7), draining part of the Jiamusi Uplift, is highly different from the samples of the Zhangguangcai Range. It is dominated by a Cambrian to Early Ordovician age component (57%), followed by Late Permian to Early Triassic, Early Devonian, and Neoproterozoic age components ([Figure 4.3](#)). The first component shows a significant proportion (15 out of 61) of zircons with Th/U ratios  $<0.1$  ([Figure 4.4](#)).

The northernmost sample (JS8), whose catchment covers most of the Lesser Xing'an Range represents the largest studied catchment. The zircon age distribution is characterized by a dominant Late Triassic to Early Jurassic age component (59%), followed by Ordovician-Silurian and Late Permian to Early Triassic age components. Only two single zircon ages are falling into the Cretaceous ([Figure 4.3](#)).

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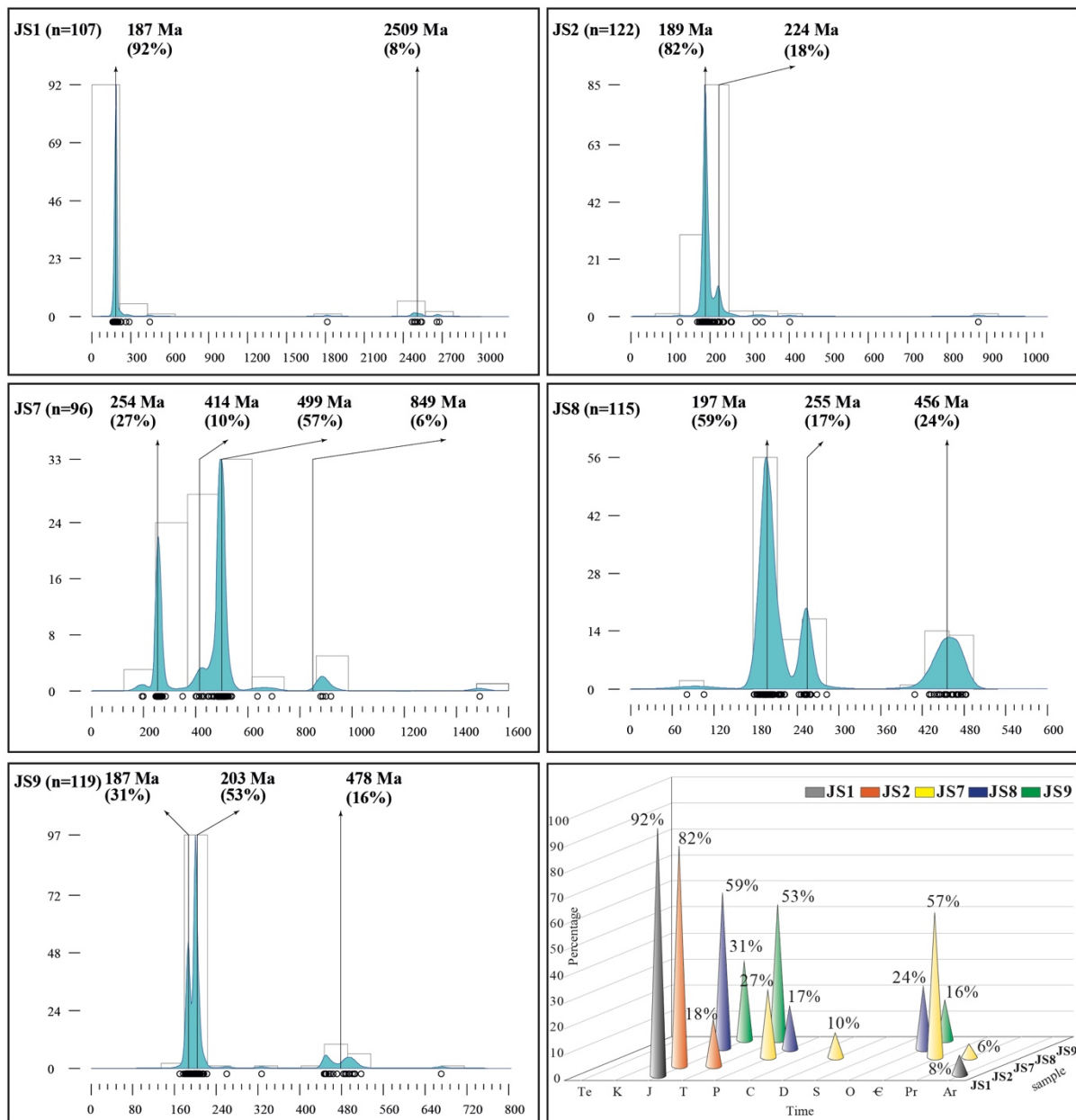


Figure 4.3: Detrital zircon U-Pb age spectra obtained on the river sand samples from NE China. The plots present binned age histograms, kernel density estimation curves and the age components identified by the Density Plotter software (Vermeesch, 2012). The age scales of the plots are different; n = number of U-Pb data with 90-110% concordance. The discrete single ages which are not included in the age component calculation are excluded from the percentage calculation.

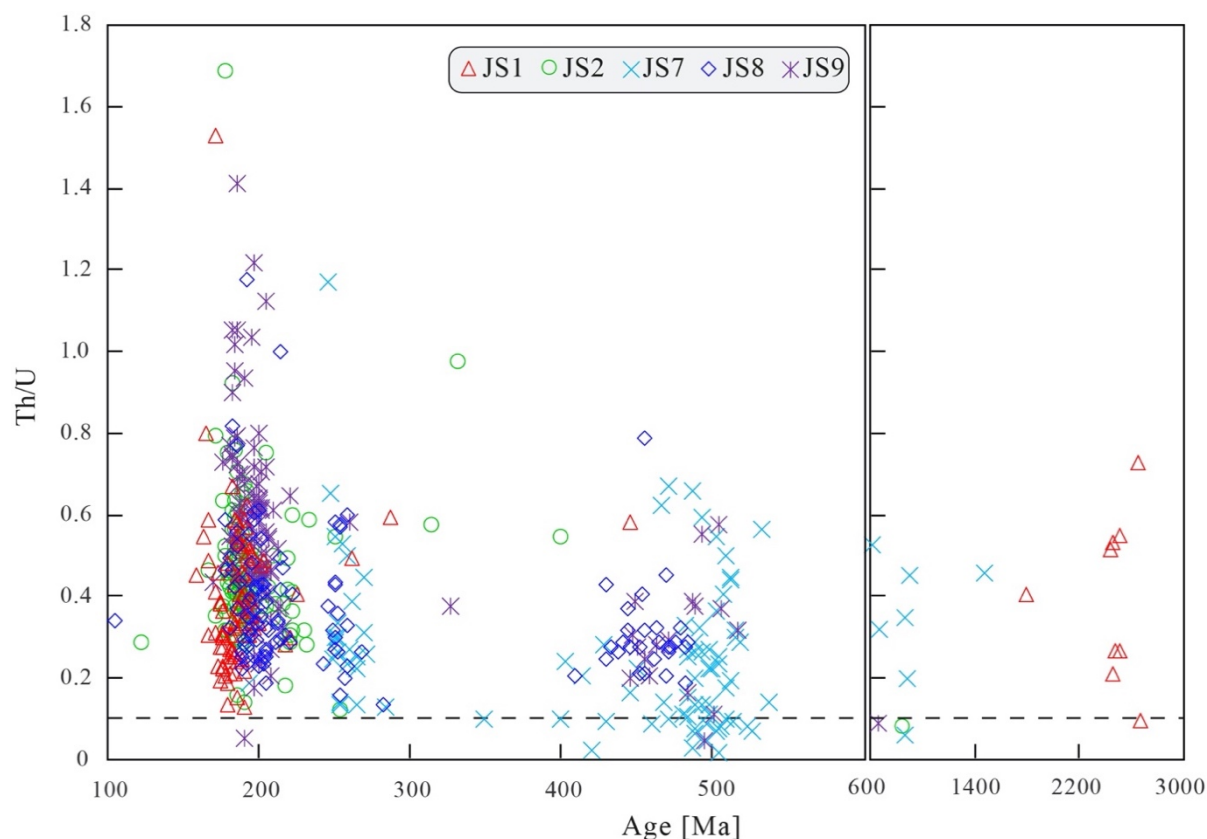


Figure 4.4: U-Pb ages versus Th/U ratios of detrital zircons from the five sand samples of the studied catchments. The dashed line marks Th/U ratio of 0.1.

## 4.7 Discussion

We evaluate the new detrital zircon U-Pb age distributions in three contexts: (1) their relation to the areal proportions of bedrock formations in the catchments as deduced from the published geological maps, (2) their relation to the available zircon U-Pb ages determined in the basement units of the specific catchments as well as the broader area including all basement exposures in NE China, and (3) their relation to the available detrital ages from Cretaceous siliciclastic formations.

### 4.7.1 Comparison of the obtained U-Pb age spectra with the composition of the catchment areas

We use the regional geological survey results by HBGMR (1993) and JBRMR (1991) for comparison. Table 1 and Figure 4.2 show the areal proportions of the geological units in the catchments. Figure 4.5 visualizes the comparison of the proportions of the different units in the catchments and the zircon U-Pb age spectra from the corresponding modern river sediments.

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According to the available geological maps, the catchment of sample JS1 is dominated by Triassic-Jurassic and Permo-Carboniferous granitoids (62 and 27%, respectively), complemented by 11% Permian siliciclastic rocks. In contrast, detrital zircon U-Pb data reveal 92% Jurassic and 8% Archean ages. The arrows marked by #1 to #4 in [Figure 4.5](#) represent the potential provenance of the detrital zircon grains from the different catchment units.

#1: Derivation of Jurassic detrital zircons from Triassic-Jurassic granitoids. The minor overrepresentation may indicate a slightly higher zircon fertility of these igneous units.

#2: A part of the Precambrian zircons obtained in the detrital spectra (b, c) may derive from inherited xenocrysts in the Triassic-Jurassic granitoids.

#3: Another part of the Precambrian detrital zircons may derive from the Permian siliciclastic sedimentary rocks.

#4: The Permo-Carboniferous granitoids are seriously under-represented in the detrital U-Pb age spectrum; only two Permian grains were detected. There are two possibilities to explain this contradiction between the exposed area and the detrital age proportions. (i) These granitoids contain only low amount of accessory zircon crystals. (ii) The granitoids indicated on the maps as Permo-Carboniferous have in fact Triassic-Jurassic emplacement ages. See discussion on these options below.

The catchment area of sample JS2 comprises 47% Permo-Carboniferous granitoids, 23% Triassic-Jurassic granitoids, 20% Permian siliciclastic rocks, and some Cretaceous siliciclastic rocks and Triassic-Jurassic volcanic units. Similar to sample JS1, the determined detrital age distribution, which are dominated by Jurassic and Triassic ages (82%), does not directly reflect the areal composition of the catchment ([Figure 4.5](#)).

#5: The Cretaceous siliciclastic unit may contain zircons from the widespread Triassic-Jurassic igneous units. Note that traces of the regionally widespread Cretaceous volcanic rocks are hardly present in the modern sand sample. We detected a single Cretaceous U-Pb age, although Wen et al. (2008), Zhang et al. (2012), and Sun et al. (2015) reported Cretaceous zircon ages from the Cretaceous sediments. This discrepancy might be explained by low zircon fertility of the Cretaceous igneous units, or the level of Cretaceous strata exposed in the catchment has minor volcanogenic components.

#6: Both the Jurassic and Triassic age components can derive from the Mesozoic igneous units of the catchment.

#7: Remarkable the lack of Permo-Carboniferous ages, as this age range is represented by only two grains. These formations indicated by the geological maps are seriously under-



represented in the age spectrum, especially because Ju (2018) documented such ages from the Permian siliciclastic rocks. Here we confront the same problem like in case of the obtained unclear derivation relation #4.

The Qihulin River catchment (JS7) includes Proterozoic metamorphic rocks and granitoids (53 and 26 %), Cretaceous and Neogene siliciclastic rocks (18 and 2%, respectively) and a minor area of Triassic-Jurassic granitoids. The obtained detrital U-Pb age distribution again contrasts the areal composition of the catchment by the dominance of an early Paleozoic age component (57%; [Figure 4.5](#)). The potential derivation of the age components from source units can be listed as:

#8: The Cretaceous and Neogene siliciclastic rocks can deliver grains of all older age components detected in the sample (Proterozoic, Cambrian, Devonian, and Permian-Carboniferous).

#9: Proterozoic ages are present only by 7 % despite the predominance (~80%) of Proterozoic rocks in the catchment. This might be caused by low zircon fertility of the Proterozoic units compared to the Cretaceous and Neogene clastic rocks. However, plenty of zircon U-Pb studies on the metamorphic complex in the Southern Jiamusi block reported on 530-510 Ma granitoids which experienced granulite metamorphism between 510-490 Ma (Wilde et al., 2000, 2003; Zhou et al., 2010; Ren et al., 2012; Yang et al., 2014; Ge et al., 2016; Li et al., 2020). We should also consider the possibility that the metasedimentary units in the basement have actually younger, Paleozoic depositional ages, and constitute the sources of the Cambrian to Devonian U-Pb ages in the modern sand.

The sample JS8 from the Tangwang River represents the largest catchment in this study. The area includes predominantly Permian-Carboniferous granitoids (71%), Proterozoic, Devonian, Permian, and Neogene siliciclastic rocks (12%), Jurassic-Cretaceous volcano-sedimentary formations (10%), and minor Triassic-Jurassic granitoids (5%), minor areas of Proterozoic granitoids (2%; Table 4.1). However, the measured U-Pb age distribution reveals mostly Late Triassic to Early Jurassic ages (59%) along with Late Permian to Early Triassic, and Cambrian to Silurian age components ([Figure 4.5](#)).

#10: The Triassic-Jurassic and Cenozoic igneous and sedimentary units should contain Jurassic-Cretaceous zircons and recycled zircons from the pre-Mesozoic granitoids and (meta-)sedimentary units. The age spectrum reveals an obvious overproportion of the Late Triassic to Jurassic age component relative to the pre-Mesozoic rocks.

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#11: The Late Permian age component is likely derived from the widespread Permo-Carboniferous granitoids and minor Permian siliciclastic rocks. The Permo-Carboniferous units may also contribute to the Ordovician age component by inherited xenocrysts or detrital crystals. However, considering 71% of Permo-Carboniferous granitoid and 3% of Permian siliciclastic, the Permian age component is seriously underrepresented with 17% only. The recently published zircon U-Pb ages from the basement (Wu et al. 2011) allow for re-considering the emplacement age of some Paleozoic granitoid bodies to be Triassic-Jurassic (see also #4 and #7 and evaluation below).

#12: The Ordovician age component may partly derive from the Devonian meta-sediments in the catchment.

#13: The absence of ages from the Proterozoic meta-sediments and granitoids of the catchment is considered statistically insignificant, as they cover only 4% of the entire catchment. However, we cannot preclude that we face a stratigraphical age problem, i.e., the Proterozoic units are actually Paleozoic.

The Xiaoluomi River (sample JS9) drains the smallest catchment area exposing only Permo-Carboniferous granitoids (75%) and Silurian meta-sediments (25%). In contrast, the detrital zircon U-Pb ages reveal Late Triassic-Early Jurassic (84%), and Early Ordovician age components (Figures 4.3 and 4.5).

#14: Despite Permo-Carboniferous granitoid dominance in the catchment maps, only 2 zircon grains yield such ages. Instead, 84% of the detrital U-Pb ages are Triassic and Jurassic. Mesozoic igneous units were reported for a few small andesite occurrences (<1% of the catchment area) by Xu et al. (2013;  $209 \pm 3$  and  $214 \pm 3$  Ma). This may suggest that Triassic-Jurassic igneous rocks are more widespread in the area, implying that most of the granitoids mapped as Paleozoic have actually Mesozoic emplacement ages (see #4, #7 and #11).

#15: The Ordovician age component mostly likely originates from the 25% Silurian meta-sedimentary rocks.

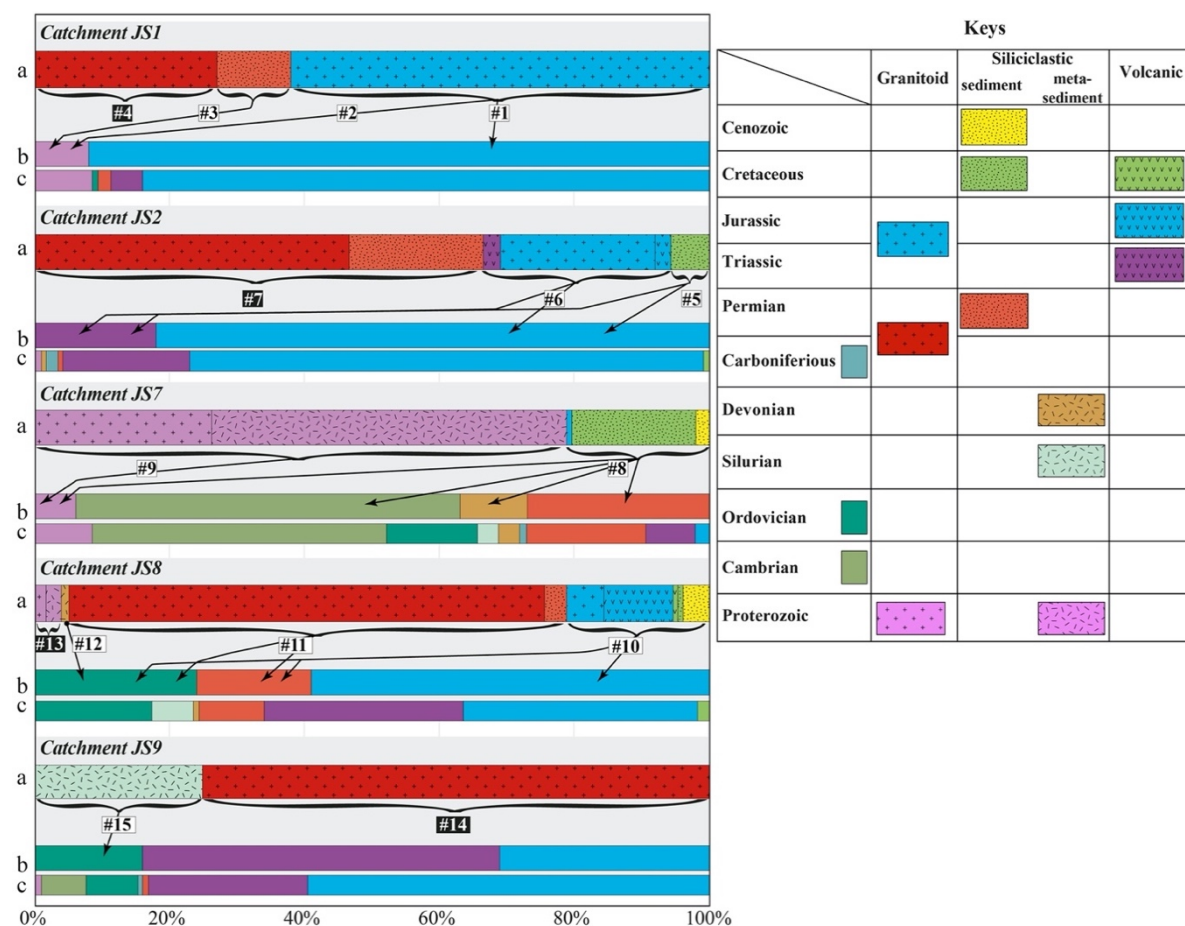


Figure 4.5: Comparison of the areal proportions of the different units in the catchments and the proportions of the obtained detrital zircon U-Pb ages. (a) Pre-Quaternary geological units, without the Cenozoic basalts, (b) proportions of the modelled age components, and (c) proportions of the single-grain zircon U-Pb ages assigned to the chronostratigraphic periods after Cohen et al. (2019). Arrows related to #1 to #15 indicate possible zircon provenance as discussed in the text; numbers marked in black label represent units of the catchments that are not detected in the detrital zircon U-Pb age spectra.

According to the geological maps, the Permo-Carboniferous magmatic suites constitute a significant areal proportion in four out of the five studied catchments. However, this age range is drastically underrepresented in the obtained detrital age spectra. The contrast can be assigned to (i) variable fertilities of the source units, or to (ii) serious problems in the geological maps regarding emplacement ages of the widespread igneous rock suites.

Let us investigate the first option. Dickinson (2008) reported that the zircon contents of granitoid rocks could vary with zirconium contents to a certain extent. The differential zircon fertility of granitoid rocks should be taken into account to estimate relative contributions from multiple bedrock sources. We collected the available whole-rock Zr concentrations from the granitoids of different types and ages of the study area (Figure 4.6). The Zr content shows

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variation between 5 and 785 ppm, but no systematic changes with respect to the emplacement ages. Specifically, the range of the zirconium content in the Permo-Carboniferous granitoids does not differ systematically from the other granitoids. Although the lowest Zr values appear in the Triassic to Jurassic basement of JB and GXR, zircons of these ages are predominant in most of the detrital age spectra. This indicates that the zircon fertility of granitoids exposed on the catchments cannot be the main reason for the detected inconsistency between the proportions of areas and the weights of age components.

The second opinion, implying that some of the granitoids and metasedimentary units have younger emplacement or depositional ages than indicated in the maps is thus more likely. This seems especially valid for the Permo-Carboniferous and Proterozoic units. Following the above discussion of samples JS1, 2, 8, and 9, at least parts of the granitoids mapped as Permo-Carboniferous actually belong to the Jurassic igneous suites, and the metasedimentary units indicated as Proterozoic on the map are probably late Paleozoic or Mesozoic (sample JS7).

This result raises severe doubts on the applicability of the area ratios of the mapped lithological units for the prediction of detrital age distributions, even in cases where corrections for fertility and hydrodynamic effects can be applied (e.g., Mapes, 2009; Spencer et al., 2017). On the other hand, the obtained empirical age spectra reflect the presence and/or lack of specific magmatic and -more indirectly- sedimentary suites in the catchments. The new data thus allow for refined evaluation of the crustal growth processes of the region. They again hint at the lower contribution of the Permo-Carboniferous granitoids to the continental crust of the NE Songliao area.

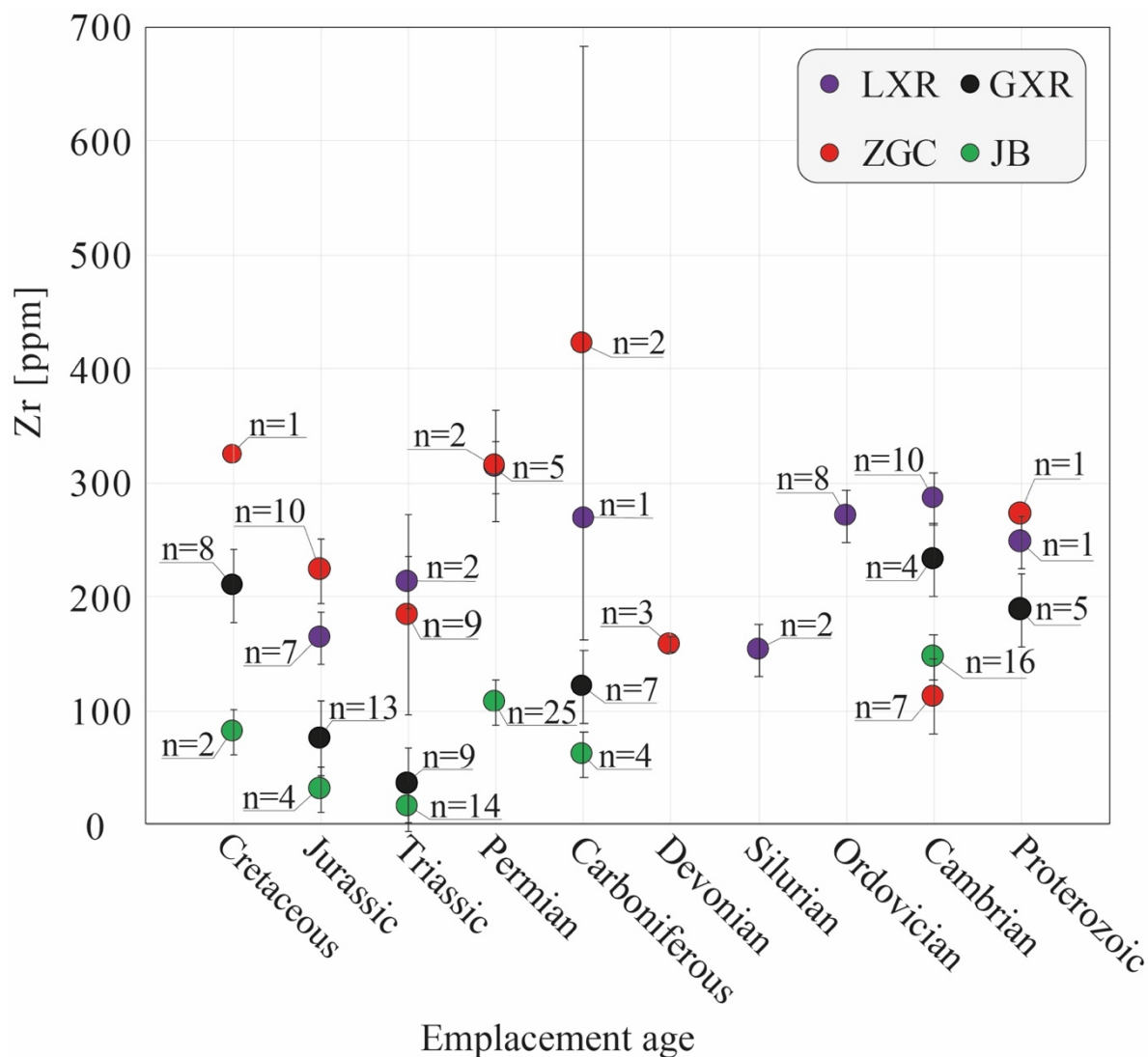


Figure 4.6: Comparison of the mean zirconium contents with 1s standard errors of the granitoid rocks from the study area, considering their emplacement ages. References provided in supplementary datafile in Appendix A3. ZGC: Zhangguangcai Range area; LXR: Lesser Xing'an Range area; JB: Jiamusi block.

#### 4.7.2 Magmatic events reflected in the modern detrital zircon U-Pb age spectra

We compare now the age components obtained in the modern sands with the U-Pb age data from the basement formations. This assessment gives hints on the reliability of the identified age components - and throws light on what extent can we use them to resolve the Cretaceous provenance pattern (Section 7.3). A compilation of the formerly published zircon U-Pb ages on granitoid and volcanic units of the exhumed basement highs is given in Figure 4.7 and Appendix Table A2, and the graphical comparison of bedrock and modern sediment ages are plotted on the map of the region (Figure 4.8b). Note that the basement reference data were generated according to different research concepts, mostly aiming to describe the

petrographical, geochemical features of the units and their emplacement ages. We thus cannot expect that such sampling yields an unbiased representation of the region. Consequently, the goal of this section is rather to compare the mean ages of the characteristic age components identified in the basement units and the modern sediments than to address the quantification of the age components.

#### *4.7.2.1 Drainage areas in the Zhangguangcai Range*

Three tributaries (samples JS1, 2, and 9) drain different parts of the Zhangguangcai Range (ZGC; [Figure 4.8](#)). The Late Triassic-Early Jurassic ages that dominate their age spectra are consistent with the reported Triassic-Jurassic magmatic events in the Zhangguangcai Range (Sun et al., 2005; Wu et al., 2002; Wu et al., 2011). The mean ages of the identified age components are in excellent agreement (see table insets in [Figure 4.7](#)). In contrast with the Mesozoic zircon ages, the formerly identified Permo-Carboniferous granitoids of the area were not clearly revealed; only a very few grains yield such ages. Sample JS9 from the northern Zhangguangcai Range area contains a ~478 Ma age component that corresponds to the Early Paleozoic magmatic event in the northern Zhangguangcai Range; their mean ages are indistinguishable ([Figure 4.7](#)). The age component of ~2500 Ma in sample JS1 hints to the presence of Proterozoic units in the southern Zhangguangcai Range.

#### *4.7.2.2 Drainage areas in the Lesser Xing'an Range*

The age spectra of the Tangwang river sand (sample JS8) is dominated by a Triassic-Jurassic age component, with similar mean age to the widespread Late Triassic-Early Jurassic magmatic event in the Lesser Xing'an Range area (LXR, [Figure 4.8](#); Wu et al., 2011). The Late Permian ages nicely correspond to the Late Paleozoic magmatic event recorded in the Lesser Xing'an Range (Meng et al., 2011; Wu et al., 2011; Wei et al., 2012). Recent studies have reported an early Paleozoic magmatic event (~490-450 Ma) in the Lesser Xing'an Range (Liu et al., 2008; Wang et al., 2016; Wang, 2017), which is well reflected in the Late Ordovician detrital age component. The means of the three identified age components match well for all three igneous suites ([Figures 4.6 and 4.8](#) and [Appendix Fig. A2](#)).

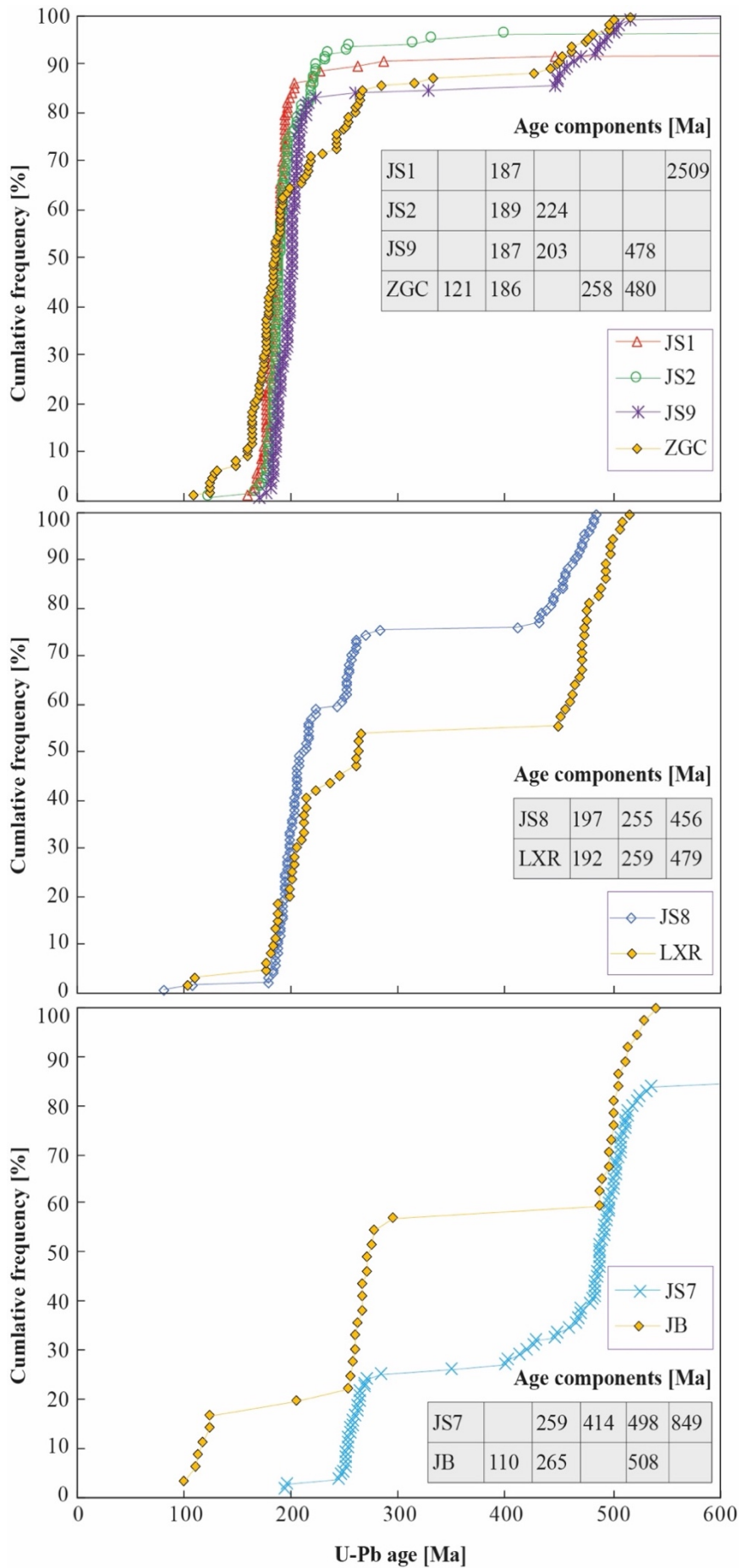
#### *4.7.2.3 Drainage areas in the Jiamusi block*

In the Qihuli river sands (sample JS7), the two dominating age groups show excellent match to the age distribution obtained on the units of the Jiamusi basement high ([Figures 4.7 and 4.8](#) and [Appendix Fig. A2](#)). The emplacement ages of the Late Permian-Early Triassic magmatic event on the Jiamusi block and its surrounding area were determined by Zhou et al. (2009),

Zhao (2011), Li et al. (2011), and Ge et al. (2016). The Cambrian-Early Devonian detrital ages can be associated with the Early Paleozoic magmatic event in the Jiamusi block and in the Zhangguangcai Range-Lesser Xing'an Range (Liu et al., 2008; Wu et al., 2011; Bi et al., 2014; Wang et al., 2016; Wang, 2017). Note that the detrital ages indicate a younger tail of this igneous suite that was not recognized in the bedrock analyses (Figure 4.7). The Neoproterozoic age component coincides with the newly found Neoproterozoic zircons (755-898 Ma) from the Mashan complex on the southern Jiamusi block by Yang et al. (2017, 2018), which suggest a Neoproterozoic magmatic event preserved in the region. It remains difficult to explain the lack of Cretaceous zircon U-Pb ages in the modern sand sample, as the Cretaceous volcanic units are widespread in the Jiamusi block, and this age group is also well represented in the available bedrock age data which is similar to the ZGC (7.2.1), where the Lower Cretaceous age component is also lacking in the modern sediment. (Figure 4.7).

In summary, four river sand samples from the Zhangguangcai Range-Lesser Xing'an Range belt reveal the Jurassic-Triassic magmatic events, and the mean values of the detrital age components are very consistent with reported igneous ages in this region. On the other hand, the formerly considered widespread Permo-Carboniferous magmatic event appears only as a scattered weak signal in our four sand samples, suggesting a much smaller distribution of the late Paleozoic igneous suite in the area. Besides the lack of Permo-Carboniferous ages, the data suggest a widespread Early Paleozoic magmatic event in the LXR-ZGC. (Figures 4.7 and 4.8). The latter, although slightly older, is prominent in the Jiamusi Block as well and includes some metamorphic event as supported by low Th/U ratios of the zircon grains (Figure 4.4). The age spectrum of sample JS7 further reports magmatic events at ~849, ~414, and ~254 Ma, well consistent with detrital zircon U-Pb age studies on the Heilongjiang complex (Zhou et al., 2009; Li et al., 2010; Zhu et al., 2015, 2017). This implies that the catchment area belongs to the Heilongjiang accretionary complex (Li et al., 2020).

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*Figure 4.7: Comparison of the detrital zircon U-Pb age spectra of the modern river sediments (blue symbols) with the compilation of the published bedrock U-Pb ages of the tectonic blocks that host the catchments (yellow symbols; see sources of data in Appendix Table A2). The gray tables at the right show the age components identified by the DensityPlotter software (Vermeesch, 2012).*

#### *4.7.3 Comparison of the basement and modern river zircon U-Pb signatures with different Cretaceous Basins*

Several studies have already been published on the provenance of the Cretaceous basin fill of the Songliao Basin, and the suggested sediment transport patterns have a common feature: it is assumed that the sediment was transported towards the basin from all directions, where mountainous regions are currently exposed (Himeno et al., 2001; Li et al., 2012; Zhao et al., 2013). Due to the different composition and age of the surrounding sediment source areas and the temporal variation in the development of the sediment deltas within the basin a very characteristic variation can be observed in the detrital zircon U-Pb age spectra. [Figures 4.6 and 4.9](#) present the compilation of the available single-grain ages obtained in the Cretaceous sediments in the southern and central parts of the Songliao Basin and in the eastern satellite basins (Sanjiang, Boli and Hegang Basins). Characteristic differences are visible in the detrital zircon U-Pb age spectra of the Cretaceous sediments. These differences are in harmony with the age pattern of the basement - compiled from our river sand results and from the basement U-Pb data (details in Appendix Fig. A2 and Appendix Table A2).

The Lower Cretaceous sediment samples from the southern Songliao Basin revealed a significant proportion of Paleoproterozoic ages, including age components of 1.8 Ga and 2.5 Ga, which are typical for the North China Craton ([Figure 4.9D](#); P. Li et al., 2009; H. Li et al., 2009; Yang et al., 2006). Our river sand sample JS1 from the southern Zhangguangcai Range also contains the ~2.5 Ga age component ([Figure 4.9A](#)), suggesting that the south Zhangguangcai Range could be a part of the Precambrian sediment sources feeding the southern Songliao Basin. On the contrary, the Lower Cretaceous sediments from the eastern satellite basins are almost free of Precambrian ages, which implies that the drainages of the North China Craton did not reach these eastern satellite basins. The scattered Early Paleozoic ages are subordinate in the detrital data in the Lower Cretaceous sediments compared to the basement area (especially JB and LXR; [Figure 4.9B](#)) and the modern sand (especially JS7 and JS8). They are more common in the northeastern satellite basins compared to Songliao basin

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where they are almost absent. Thus, sediment from Early Paleozoic sources hardly reached the central and southern Songliao Basin.

The complexity of the Cretaceous sediment supplying paleo-river network is well indicated by the differences in the proportion of the Permo-Triassic age components (Figure 4.9). Although this component is among the most characteristic ones, it is hardly present in the Cretaceous samples of the central Songliao and Boli Basins. These two basins also share the presence of a Lower Cretaceous (ca. 150-100 Ma) age component, which is less common in the other Cretaceous sequences, and present only in the JB and GXR potential source areas.

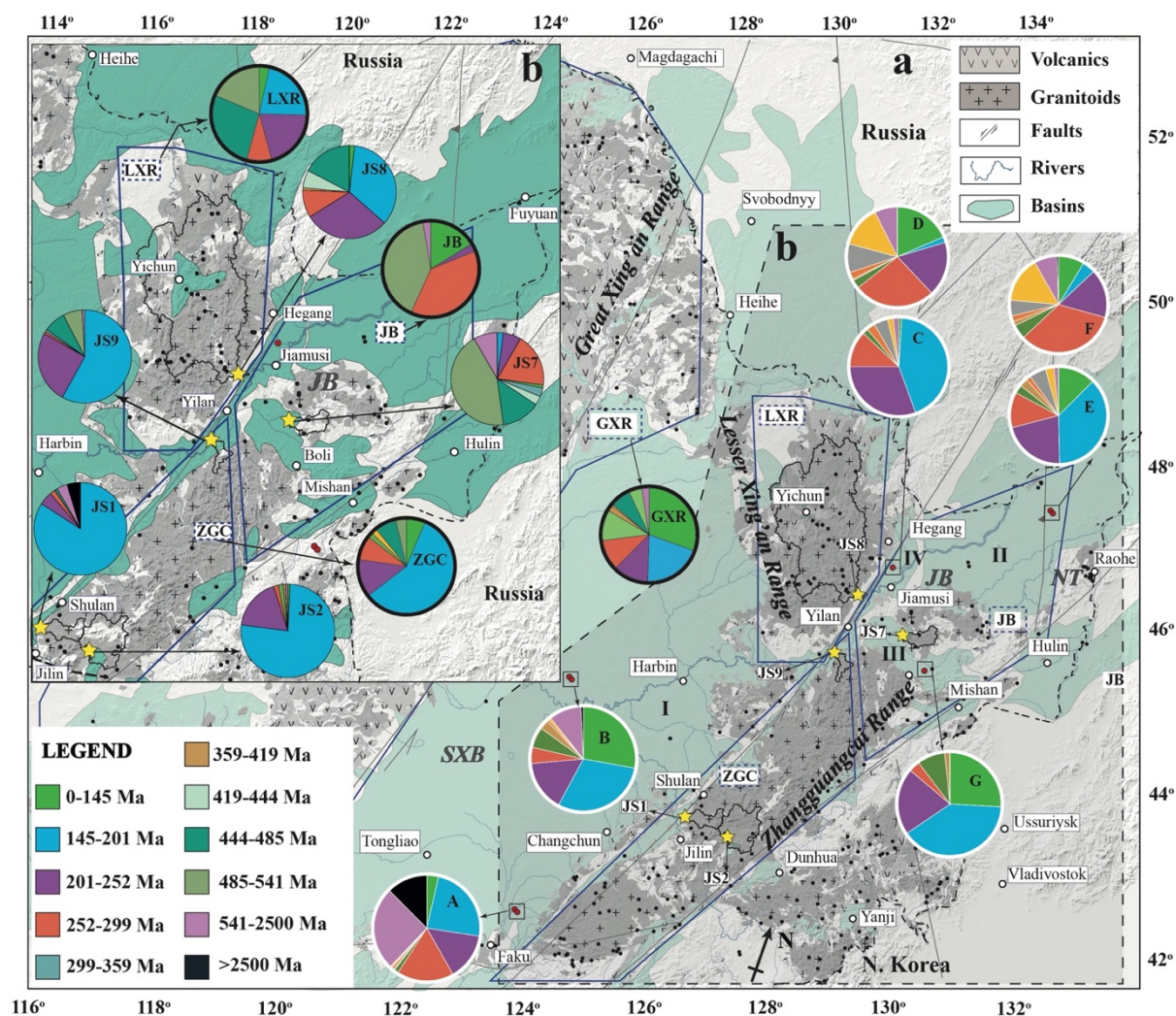


Figure 4.8: Pie-diagrams showing the simplified age spectra of the new detrital zircon U-Pb ages in the river sand samples, the compiled zircon U-Pb ages of the igneous rocks of the exposed basement highs (with black rim), and the compiled detrital age spectra determined in the Cretaceous siliciclastic formations (with white rim; data after Wu et al., 2002, 2003, 2004a,b, 2011, Chen et al., 2009; Ge et al., 2005, 2007; Xu et al., 2008, 2012, 2013; Y. B. Zhang et al., 2005; L. Zhang et al., 2009; Y. L. Zhang et al., 2008, 2010; Yu et al., 2012; Wang, 2017; Sun et al., 2004, 2005, 2013; Wang et al., 2016; Zhou et al., 2005, 2015; Sui et al., 2006, 2007; Miao, 2003; Miao et

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#### 4.7.4 Temporal change in the Cretaceous sediment supply and its geodynamic triggers

The temporal change in the zircon U-Pb age spectra reflects well the modification of the sediment supply pattern. In this context, the southern Songliao data play a less significant role, as it was strongly influenced by a far-southern source region with Paleoproterozoic ages (North China Craton). The Lower and Upper Cretaceous sediment samples from the central Songliao Basin and eastern satellite basins reveal different U-Pb age patterns (Figure 4.9C, D). The most relevant difference is the lack of the Jurassic ages in the Upper Cretaceous samples, except for a minor proportion in the central Songliao Basin (see below). This difference cannot result from simple incision (i.e., the Jurassic igneous units were removed by erosion between Early and Late Cretaceous time), as these age components are present both in the currently exposed basement and in the modern river sediments. A more reliable explanation for the lack of Jurassic zircons is sedimentary burial of the widespread Jurassic igneous units at Late Cretaceous time. To understand the geodynamic framework and implications of this assumption, we have to consider the general geological evolution of the region.

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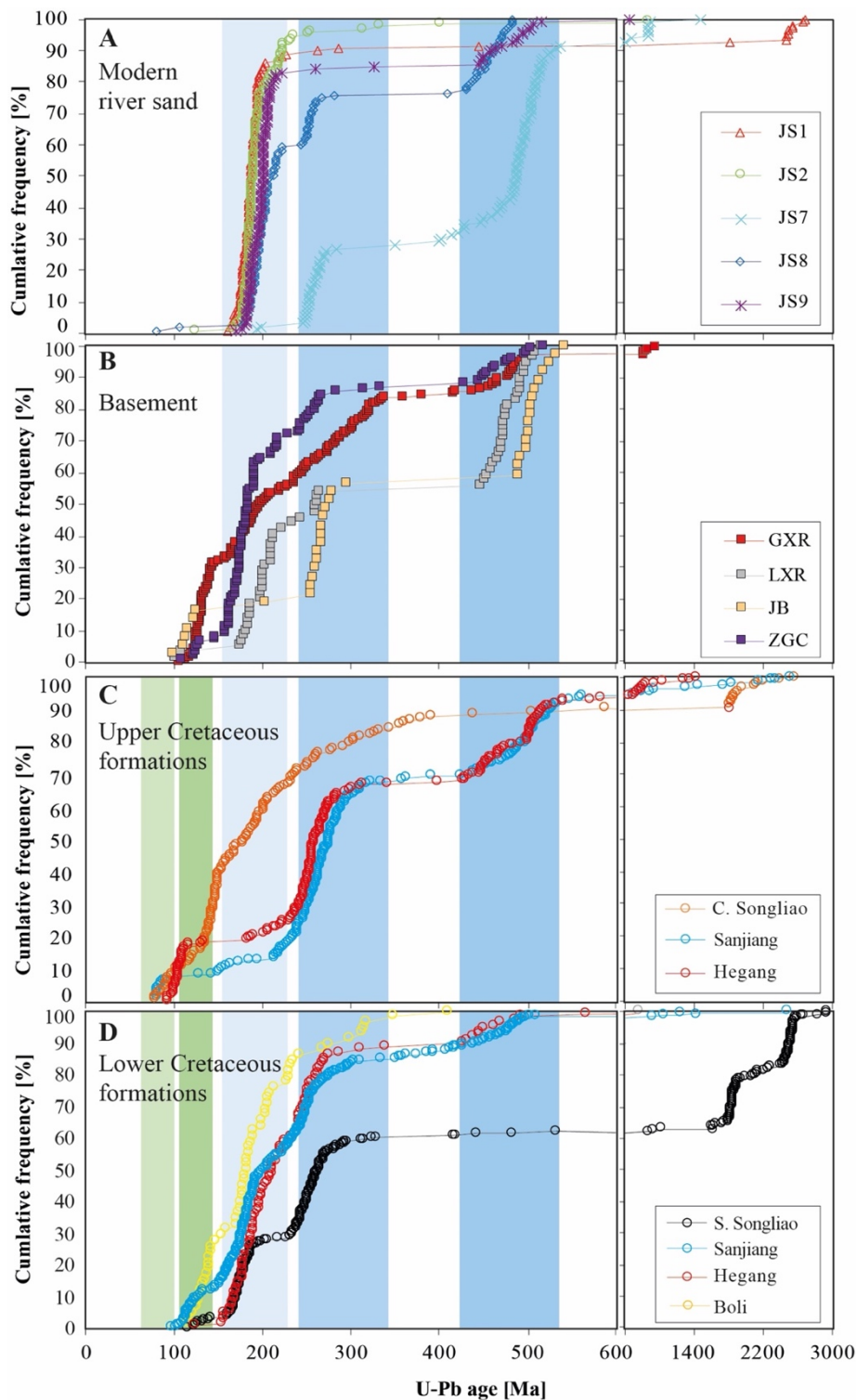


Figure 4.9: Compilation of zircon U-Pb ages from the five modern sand samples of this study (A), from igneous rocks of the basement highs of NE China (B) and from Upper (C) and Lower Cretaceous (D) siliciclastic formations of the basins (see sources of data in Appendix Table A2). Note that the data of the basement reflect mean ages of rock samples, not individual grain ages. Blue belts in A-D represent the durations of the three major magmatic periods (Triassic-Jurassic, Permo-Carboniferous and Early Paleozoic) of the region. Green belts in C and D indicate the sedimentation ages. S. Songliao: South Songliao Basin; C. Songliao: Central Songliao Basin.

In eastern NE China the roll-back subduction of the Paleo-Pacific plate gradually developed rift basins during Late Jurassic-Early Cretaceous, (Zhou et al., 2009). In the late Early Cretaceous to early Late Cretaceous, at the time of its maximum extent, the currently elevated eastern Lesser Xing'an Range, eastern Jiamusi block and western Zhangguangcai Range were all covered by sedimentary formations (Zhou et al., 2020). During this stage, the southern Songliao Basins received sediment from the North China Craton in the south, from the Great Xing'an Range in the west and Zhangguangcai Range in the east. The Lesser Xing'an Range and Jiamusi block provide minor contributions to the Songliao Basin. The provenance of the eastern satellite basins was dominated by the Zhangguangcai Range and Lesser Xing'an Range. The Jiamusi block and the North China Craton delivered a minor contribution to the sediment budget (Figure 4.10).

In the early Late Cretaceous (ca. 90 Ma) the Paleo-Pacific plate considerably changed its subduction direction from NNW to WNW at high rates, and the Paleo-pacific plate subducted below the eastern Eurasian continental margin at almost a right angle (Engebretson et al., 1985 and Maruyama et al., 1997). The east NE China area was affected by dextral compressional shear tectonics (Sun et al., 2010). As a consequence, the eastern part of NE China experienced a widespread and significant exhumation from the late Early Cretaceous to Late Cretaceous (ca. 110-80 Ma; Zhou et al., 2020). The thermal/burial history modelling revealed that the eastern margin of the Jiamusi block firstly exhumed at ca. 110-100 Ma and was later followed by the western Jiamusi block and the LXR (Zhou et al., 2020). The minor contribution of Late Triassic-Jurassic ages in the Upper Cretaceous of the eastern basins along with typical JB features such as pronounced Permo-Triassic age component (Figure 9B, C) suggest that in the early Late Cretaceous, the northern ZGC and LXR were still partly buried and the sediment contribution from these regions was subordinate. The most likely primary source of the Upper Cretaceous sedimentary units was the exhumed eastern part of the Jiamusi block. The Late Triassic-Jurassic ages in the Central Songliao Basin, different with the eastern satellite basins (Figure 4.9C) reflect a larger and more complex drainage area, which still includes some igneous units of this age and/or some recycling of Lower Cretaceous strata. In summary of this stage, in the early Late Cretaceous, the regional exhumation greatly influenced the provenance pattern, mostly for the eastern satellite basins. The Jiamusi block became the major source area. The LXR and ZGC provided minor sediment contribution to the eastern basins. The central Songliao Basin received sediment from the NCC in the south, LXR in the north, and JB in the northeast but mostly from the ZGC in the east and the GXR in the west (Figure 4.10).

III: Does U-Pb signatures of river sediment represent the age distributions in the catchments? A study of variegated catchments along the eastern border of the Songliao Basin, NE China

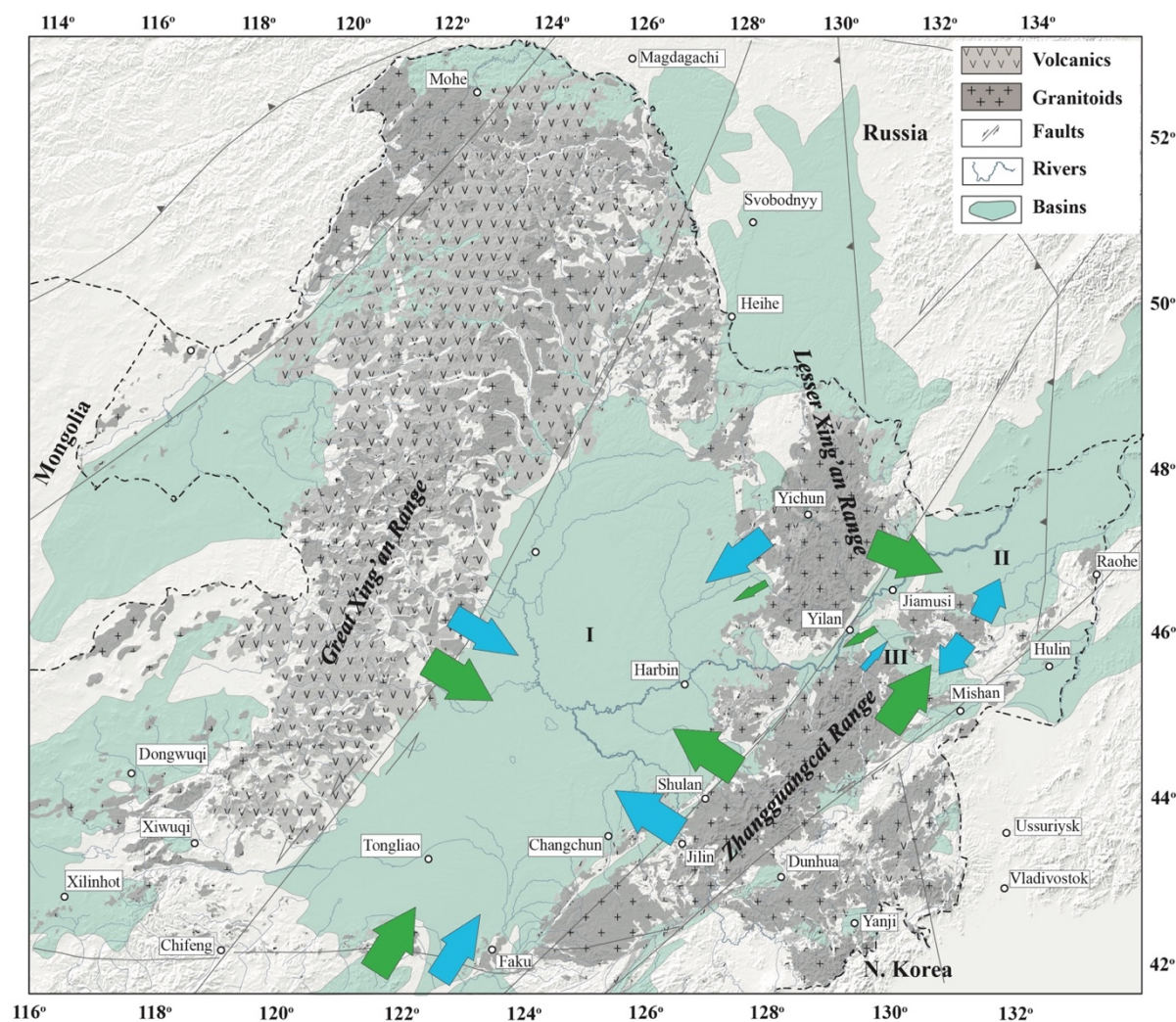


Figure 4.10: General arrows reveal the temporal change in the Cretaceous sediment supply of the study area. Green and blue arrows: sediment supplies from different areas in Early and Late Cretaceous times, respectively. The width of the arrows symbolizes the proportion of the sediment yield.

#### 4.8 Conclusion

1. Modern river sand samples from five catchment areas of variable size dewatering predominantly igneous and metasedimentary basement units in NE China were characterized by detrital zircon U-Pb age distributions. The results show strong contrast between the obtained detrital zircon U-Pb age spectra and the areal proportions of the potential source units on the available geological maps of the catchments. Differences in fertility and relief-controlled sediment yield cannot explain the huge deviations. Most characteristic is the lack or substantial underrepresentation of zircon ages from the Permo-Carboniferous igneous rocks in the modern sediments. We suggest that these units or a part of them are not Paleozoic in age as indicated on the maps, but actually

parts of the Jurassic igneous suites. Similarly, some metasedimentary units mapped as Proterozoic have probably much younger sedimentation age.

2. The zircon U-Pb age distributions from modern sand can provide useful hints to detect, verify or re-classify the ages of the zircon-bearing units in the catchment. This is especially helpful for largely unknown areas, like in mineral prospection, and for large areas with relatively crude geological maps. The modern sediment age distributions may also provide useful hints for the provenance analysis of ancient sedimentary formations in the same areas, better than the simple map-based evaluation of the areal proportions of basement units.
3. In the Early Cretaceous, the southern Songliao Basins received sediment from the North China Craton in the south, from the Zhangguangcai Range in the east, and the Great Xing'an Range in the west. The Lesser Xing'an Range and Jiamusi block provide minor contributions to the Songliao Basin. The provenance of the eastern satellite basins was dominated by the Zhangguangcai Range and Lesser Xing'an Range. The Jiamusi block and the North China Craton delivered a minor contribution to the sediment budget.
4. In the early Late Cretaceous, the regional exhumation greatly influenced the provenance pattern, mostly for the eastern satellite basins. The Jiamusi block became the major source area. The Lesser Xing'an Range and Zhangguangcai Range provided minor sediment contribution to the eastern basins. The central Songliao Basin received sediment from the North China Craton in the south, Lesser Xing'an Range in the north, and Jiamusi block in the northeast but mostly from the Zhangguangcai Range in the east and the Great Xing'an Range in the west.

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## Chapter 5 Summary

In this PhD thesis, by detailed and widespread field geological survey and sampling, a multi-parameter low-temperature thermochronology analysis including apatite fission-track dating, apatite (U-Th)/He and zircon (U-Th)/He and was conducted on the current exhumed Zhangguangcai Range, Lesser Xing'an range and Jiamusi Uplift area. By combining the collected vitrinite reflectance data from the eastern satellite basins, including the Jixi, Boli, Sanjiang and Hulin basin, we can reconstruct the east NE China area's Mesozoic-Cenozoic orogenic and basin's uplift and exhumation history. By sampling the sands which directly contacted with the basaltic lava and sampling granitic rocks with different distances to the regional basaltic lava units, we verified the total thermal reset of the zircons from the sands that experienced the basaltic lava's heating process with (U-Th)/He and Raman spectroscopy. The obtained zircon (U-Th)/He apparent age well represents the basaltic lava's eruption age. Lastly, we studied five modern river catchments of variable size (~500 to ~40,000 km<sup>2</sup>), exposed in the Jiamusi block, Zhangguangcai Range and Lesser Xing'an Range with detrital zircon U-Pb dating. The areal proportions of the potential source units are compared with our dating result to reveal the modern sediments' provenance features. By including and comparing with the summarized the regional available zircon geochronological ages and zirconium content from the igneous units and detrital zircon U-Pb geochronological ages from the Cretaceous sediments from the NE China basin system, we further refined the Songliao Basin and its strongly inverted eastern satellite basins' Cretaceous provenance history. By Summarizing the above knowledge, the geodynamic triggers that influenced the Mesozoic-Cenozoic tectonic evolution of the eastern NE China area were also discussed. The main conclusions gained is as follows:

1. New low-T thermochronological age constraints from 25 igneous rocks projecting the majority basement east of the Songliao basin, NE China revealed mostly younger apparent ages than the major subsidence period of the Early Cretaceous sedimentation in the adjacent basins.
2. According to the thermal modelling the currently exhumed basement areas were covered by Cretaceous successions. The thickness of the missing sequences was calculated by assuming a reliable paleo-heat flow of 60 mW/m<sup>2</sup>. The boundary of the Jiamusi Uplift and the Zhangguangcai Range were covered by ca. 1.6-1.7 km sediment, while the central



- Jiamusi Uplift experienced considerably deeper burial: the calculated cover is varying from 2.5 to 4.8 km.
3. During the basin inversion the eastern Jiamusi Uplift and the western Zhangguangcai Range were exhumed first, between 110 and 100 Ma with cooling rates of 2.6 and 1.2 °C/Myr, respectively. Later the cooling rate has slowed down to 0.3-0.5 °C/Myr. In the central Jiamusi Uplift the exhumation started slightly later, at ca. 90 Ma and with higher cooling rates of ca. 2.4-5.4 °C/Myr, and continued until ca. 40 Ma.
  4. Assuming 60 mW/m<sup>2</sup> paleo-heat flow in the western Sanjiang basin the former burial was 2.4 km in the south and 4.5 km in the north. In the eastern Boli basin and northern Hulin basin, the models suggest similar thicknesses of the missing sequences: 4.3 and 4.5 km, respectively. However, in the south the Jixi basin revealed a significantly smaller burial of ca. 1.6 km.
  5. The calculated thicknesses of the missing sequences revealed a coherent, large-scale pattern, although different constraints and methods were applied for the basins and for the exhumed basement areas. In general, the eastern satellite basins experienced higher post-Early Cretaceous burial and subsequent erosion than the much larger Songliao basin to the west.
  6. According to the integrated burial/thermal modelling and combining with previous research results we postulate that the eastern basin group including the Jixi basin, Boli basin, Sanjiang basin and Hulin basin belonged to a single united huge down-warped basin in the eastern Asian continental margin.
  7. The current west Zhangguangcai Range and east Mishan Uplift were probably also involved in this united basin. From ca. 110 to 40 Ma, the exhumation of the Jiamusi Uplift has gradually destroyed the formerly continuous sedimentary cover and only basin remnants have been preserved. By the end of the major exhumation in the Eocene, both the major uplift area and the basin remnants came to the slow uplift and erosion stage until recent time.
  8. (U-Th)/He dating of detrital zircon grains from a sand layer directly below a basalt lava flow in the Huanan region reveals a dominant age component of  $9.33 \pm 0.24$  Ma. This implies, together with the Raman data that the reset of the ZHe thermochronometer was caused by the thermal effect of the basalt lava, which erupted at this time.
  9. The result also implies that the basalt in the Huanan area belongs to the Laoyeling volcanic episode.
  10. Modern river sand samples from five catchment areas of variable size dewatering predominantly igneous and metasedimentary basement units in NE China were

characterized by detrital zircon U-Pb age distributions. The results show strong contrast between the obtained detrital zircon U-Pb age spectra and the areal proportions of the potential source units on the available geological maps of the catchments. Differences in fertility and relief-controlled sediment yield cannot explain the huge deviations. Most characteristic is the lack or substantial underrepresentation of zircon ages from the Permo-Carboniferous igneous rocks in the modern sediments. We suggest that these units or a part of them are not Paleozoic in age as indicated on the maps, but actually parts of the Jurassic igneous suites. Similarly, some metasedimentary units mapped as Proterozoic have probably much younger sedimentation age. Thus, the modern sediment age distributions may also provide useful hints for the provenance analysis of ancient sedimentary formations in the same areas, better than the simple map-based evaluation of the areal proportions of basement units.

11. In the Early Cretaceous, the southern Songliao Basins received sediment from the North China Craton in the south, from the Zhangguangcai Range in the east, and the Great Xing'an Range in the west. The Lesser Xing'an Range and Jiamusi block provide minor contributions to the Songliao Basin. The provenance of the eastern satellite basins was dominated by the Zhangguangcai Range and Lesser Xing'an Range. The Jiamusi block and the North China Craton delivered a minor contribution to the sediment budget.
12. In the early Late Cretaceous, the regional exhumation greatly influenced the provenance pattern, mostly for the eastern satellite basins. The Jiamusi block became the major source area of the detrital sediments. The Zhangguangcai Range and Lesser Xing'an Range provided minor sediment contribution to the eastern basins. The central Songliao Basin received sediment from the North China Craton in the south, Lesser Xing'an Range in the north, and Jiamusi block in the northeast but mostly from the Zhangguangcai Range in the east and the Great Xing'an Range in the west.
13. The modelling results of this study revealed a widespread and significant exhumation phase that affecting the eastern part of NE China, starting from the late Early Cretaceous - early Late Cretaceous (ca. 110-80 Ma). This large scaled transformation of the tectonic environment corresponds to the large-scale NW-SE compressional events at the northeastern continental margin of Asia in the Late Cretaceous. The Paleo-Pacific plate (Izanagi-Kula) greatly changed its subduction direction of the plate greatly changed from NNW to WNW with high rates in the early Late Cretaceous (ca. 90 Ma). It is probable that this movement and tension change in the crust induced the long-lasting uplift in the study area.

14. The thermal modelling of the exhumed basement blocks in the east NE China indicates a significant reduction of the cooling rate in the Cenozoic, ca. 60-40 Ma. The transition to much slower exhumation might correspond to the slowing of the Pacific plate's subduction rate and the increasing subduction angle in the Eocene. The east Asia continental margin then experienced extensional tectonics, influenced by of the roll-back effect from the subduction of the Pacific plate.

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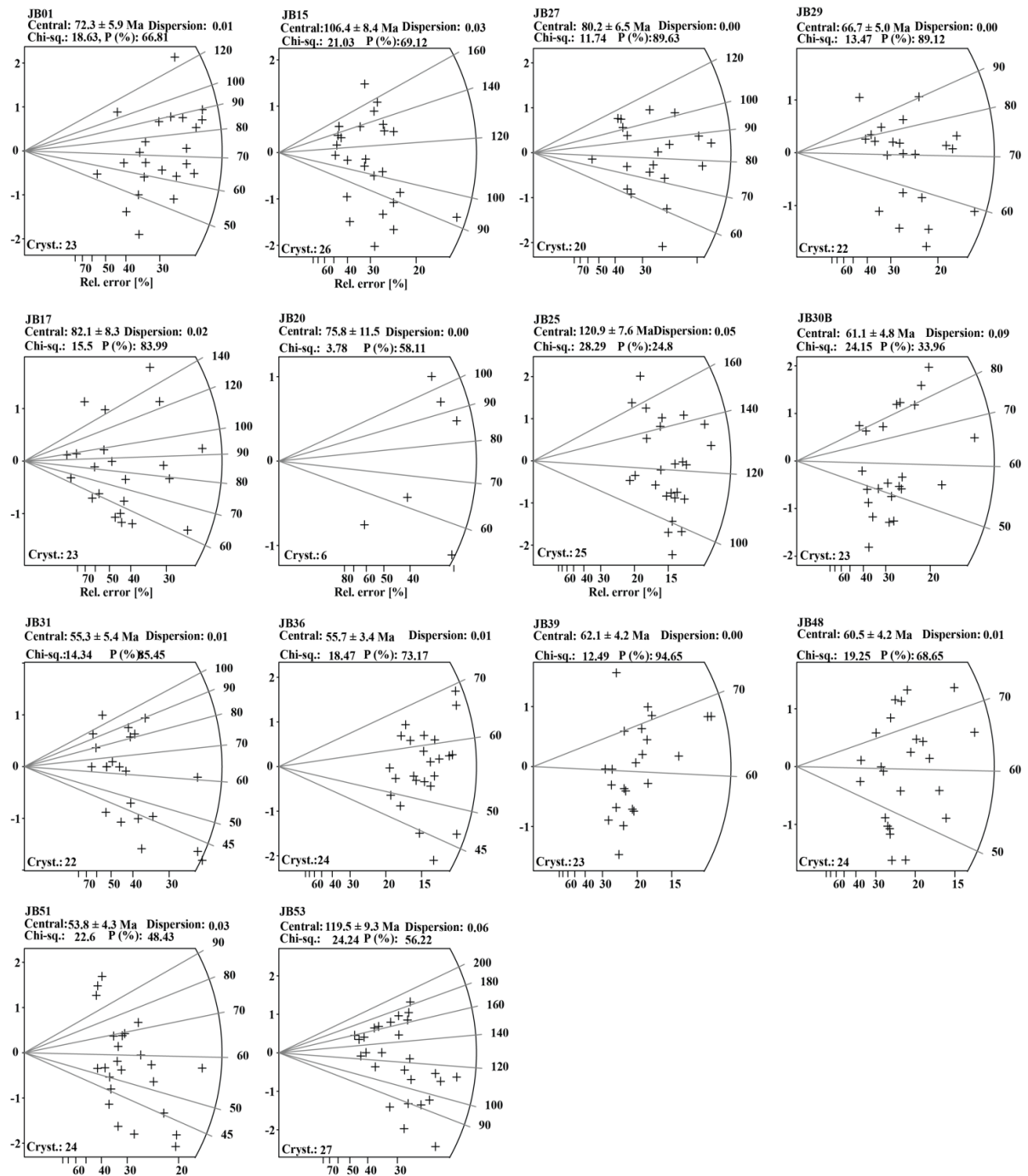
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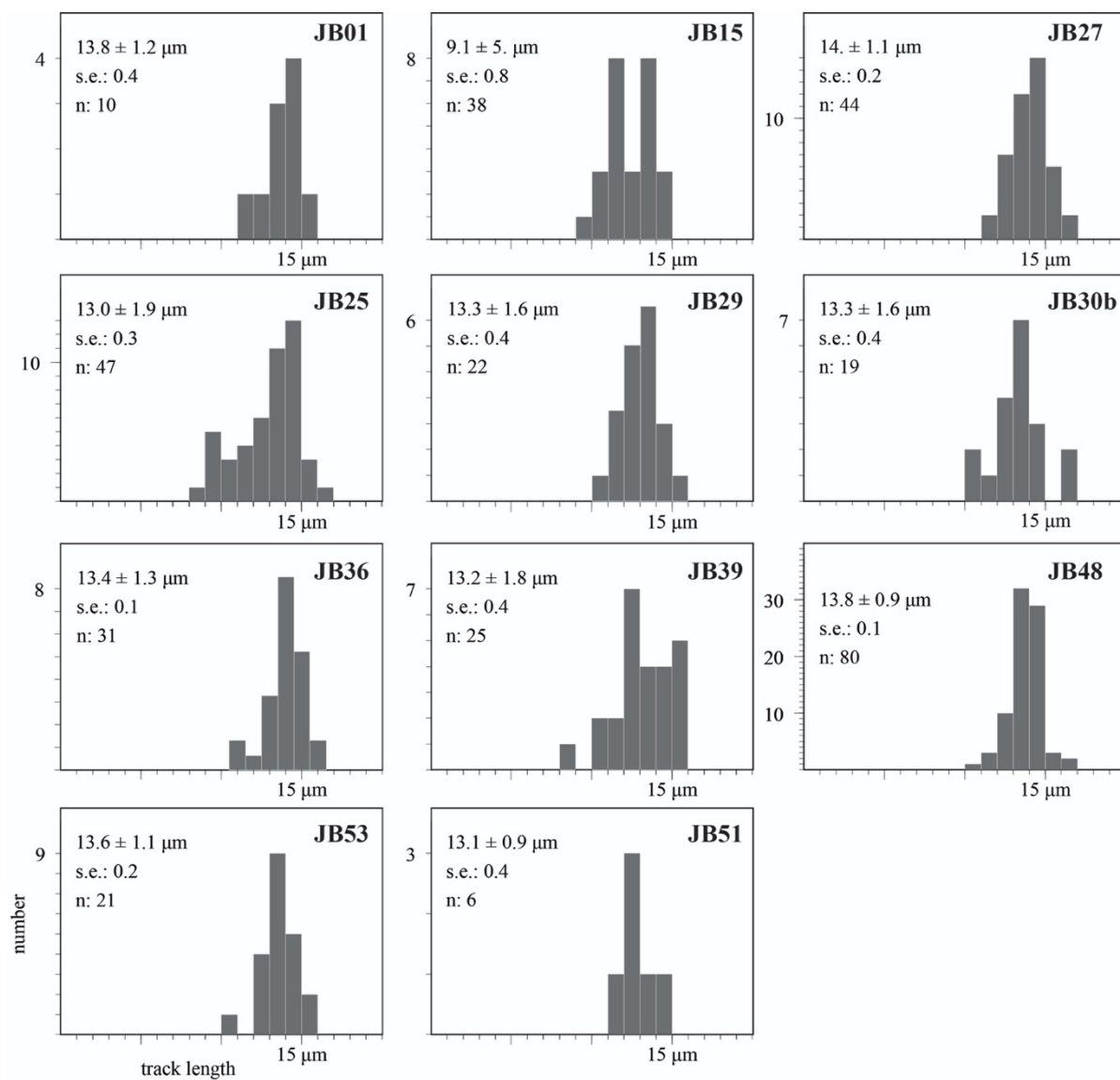
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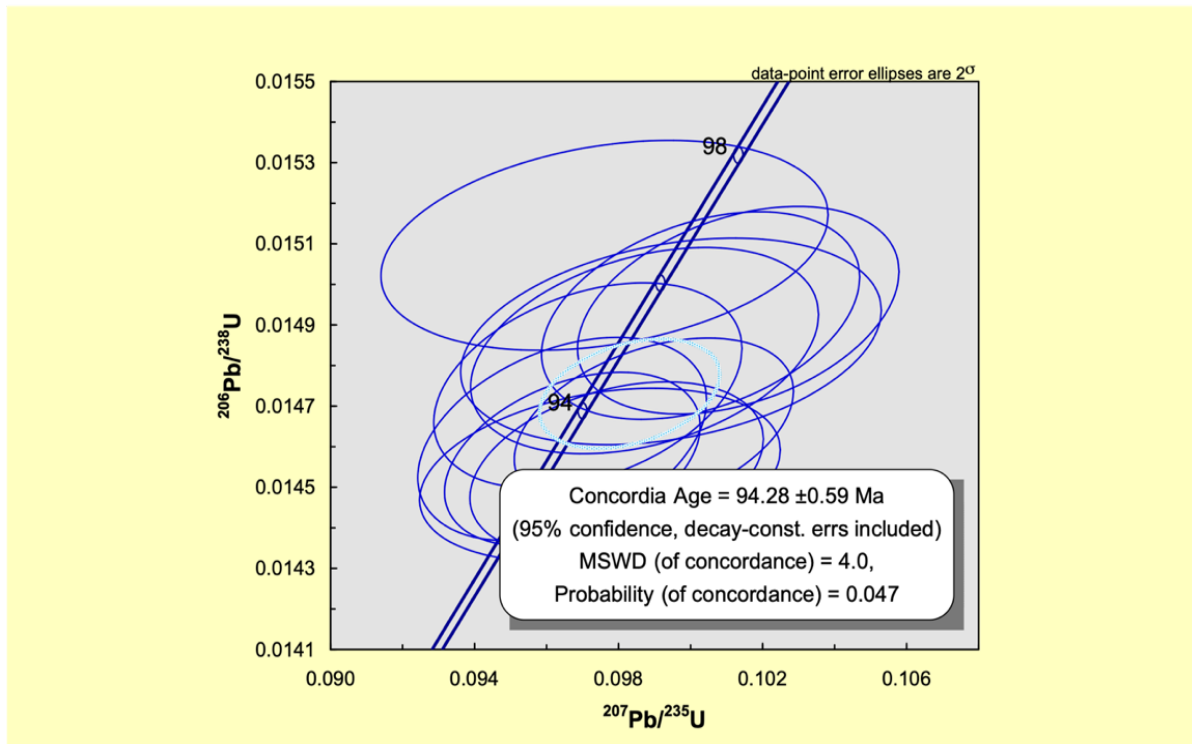
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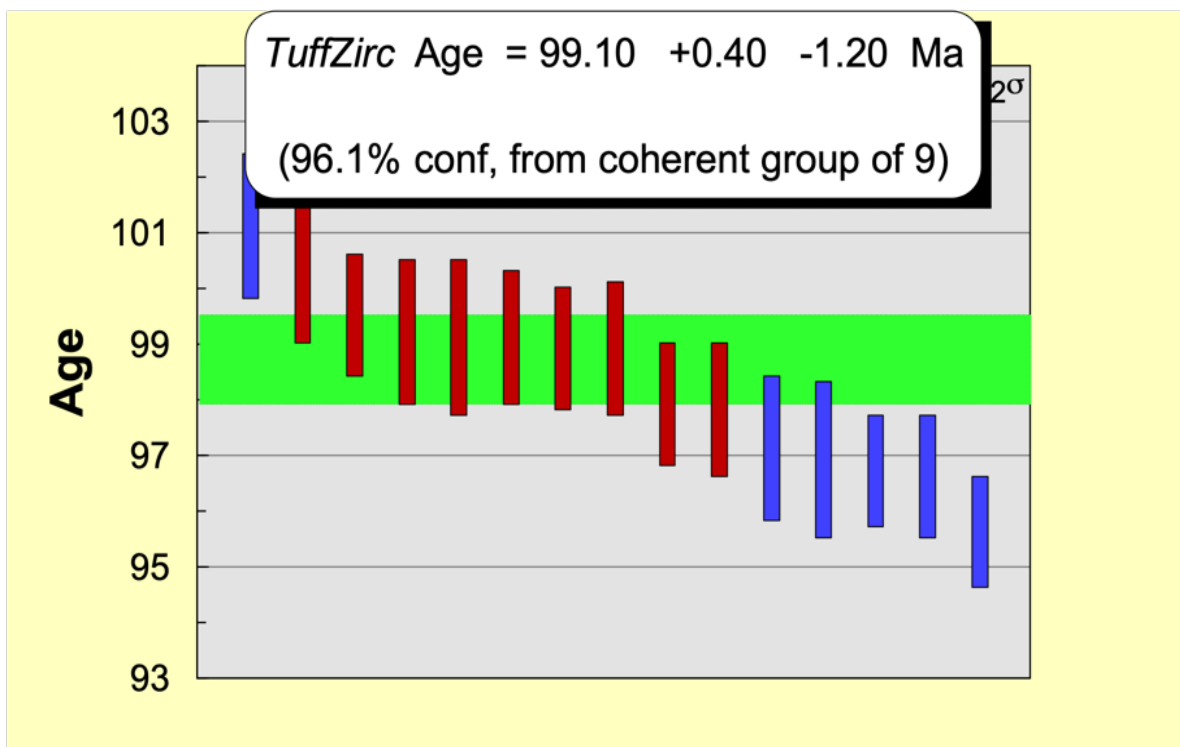
Appendix Figure 2.1: Radial plots generated from the AFT single-grain ages of 14 basement samples.



Appendix Figure 2.2: Distribution of confined horizontal fission track lengths measured in apatite of the basement samples.



Appendix Figure 2. 3: Concordia plot of laser ablation ICPMS zircon U-Pb data obtained on sample JB27.



Appendix Figure 2.4: Single-grain U-Pb ages obtained on sample JB28.

Appendix Table 2.1: Vitrinite reflectance values used for the thermal / subsidence modelling

Sanjiang basin BinCan1			Sanjiang basin Bin1			Boli basin BoD1		
	Depth	Ro%		Depth	Ro%		Depth	Ro%
K1ds (Dongshan formation)	352	0.7	K1m (Muling formation)	480	1.06	K1c(Chengzihe)	110	1.69
	562	2.15		603	1.36		147	1.7
	608	0.66		770	1.62		189	1.71
	732	0.74		886	1.72		205	1.76
K1m (Muling formation)	1282	0.76	K1c (Chengzihe formation)	1012	1.87	K1c(Chengzihe)	219	1.7
	1316	0.66		1016	1.82		255	1.78
	1318	0.68		1146	1.91		310	1.85
	1472	0.85		1203	1.95		328	1.95
	1475	0.86		1206	1.95		356	2.42
	1520	0.85		1208	1.96		379	3.67
	1642	0.94		1230	1.99		423	2.21
	1690	0.95		1529	2.18		493	0.83
	1807	1.03		1532	2.18		496	0.87
	1910	1.08		1540	2.19		510	0.9
	1998	1.16		1541	2.19		516	1.03
	2140	1.21		1544	2.19		519	1.05
2142	1.26	1591	2.1	523	1.08			
2142	1.25	1877	2.27	526	1.19			
2200	1.03			529	1.32			
2210	1.27			534	1.44			
2261	0.63			546	2.15			
2266	2.44			606	2.2			
2307	1.28			654	2.22			
K1c (Chengzihe formation)	2320	0.62			691	2.41		
	2330	1.62			755	2.53		
	2334	2.5			777	2.17		
	2389	1.3			938	2.37		
	2456	1.13						
	2462	1.94						
	2511	1.38						
	2580	1.17						
	2761	1.38						
	2850	2.45						
2854	1							
2858	2.84							
2905	1.51							
3269	1.78							
K1d (Didao formation)	3273	1.88						
	3380	2.11						
	3380	1.93						

Cretaceous-Cenozoic thermo-tectonic evolution and provenance analysis of the basement and some sedimentary successions northeast of the Songliao Basin, NE China

Appendix Table 2.1 (continued): Vitrinite reflectance values used for the thermal / subsidence modelling

Hulin basin HuCan1			Jixi basin Ji2		
	Depth	Ro%		Depth	Ro%
K1	1936	0.65	K1m (Muling formation)	240	0.48
	2006	1.67		344	0.49
	2265	2.16		430	0.49
	2401	2.19		528	0.61
	2674	2.17		626	0.66
			630	0.68	
			630	0.69	
			631	0.67	
			631	0.68	
			634	0.69	
			K1c (Chengzihe formation)	762	0.72
				831	0.74
				837	0.74
				840	0.77
				840	0.8
				952	0.79
				1008	0.83
				1009	0.81
			1009	0.81	
			1019	0.83	
			1128	0.82	



Appendix Table 2.2: U-Pb data obtained on samples JB27 and JB28

grain code	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$	$^{208}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$	$\pm 1\sigma$ [%]	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$	$\pm 1\sigma$ [%]	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$	$\pm 1\sigma$ [%]	rho	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	$\pm 2\sigma$ [Ma]	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$	$\pm 2\sigma$ [Ma]	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$	$\pm 2\sigma$ [Ma]	Disc. [%]
JB-27																				
22	916	273	0.34	0.1	0.1	0.01455	0.6	0.098	1.7	0.0488	1.6	0.3	93	1	95	3	140	37	1.9	
24	744	240	0.36	0.0	0.1	0.01475	0.7	0.097	1.8	0.0478	1.7	0.4	94	1.2	94	3.3	87.7	41	-0.3	
25	764	338	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.01494	0.7	0.101	1.8	0.0492	1.7	0.4	96	1.3	98	3.4	157	40	2.5	
26	892	395	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.01457	0.6	0.097	1.5	0.0482	1.4	0.4	93	1.1	94	2.7	107	34	0.5	
28	911	272	0.33	0.0	0.1	0.01484	0.7	0.099	2	0.0483	1.9	0.4	95	1.3	96	3.7	112	45	0.7	
30	1199	441	0.41	0.1	0.1	0.01465	0.6	0.099	1.6	0.0490	1.4	0.4	94	1.1	96	2.9	148	34	2.2	
32	931	226	0.27	0.0	0.1	0.01462	0.7	0.096	1.7	0.0478	1.6	0.4	94	1.2	94	3.1	91.6	39	-0.1	
33	532	222	0.47	0.1	0.2	0.01453	0.6	0.097	2.1	0.0487	2	0.3	93	1.1	95	3.7	131	47	1.5	
34	441	143	0.36	0.1	0.1	0.01486	0.7	0.099	2.4	0.0485	2.3	0.3	95	1.4	96	4.4	126	54	1.2	
36	588	238	0.45	-0.1	0.2	0.01510	0.7	0.098	2.6	0.0469	2.4	0.3	97	1.4	95	4.6	43.9	59	-2.1	
37	736	302	0.46	0.1	0.2	0.01492	0.7	0.100	1.8	0.0487	1.7	0.4	96	1.3	97	3.3	135	39	1.6	
JB-28																				
##	1363	380	0.31	0.1	5.4	0.01515	0.7	0.102	1.7	0.0488	1.6	0.4	97	1.4	99	3.2	140	37	1.7	
2	926	280	0.33	-0.1	0.1	0.01580	0.6	0.102	1.7	0.0470	1.6	0.4	101	1.3	99	3.3	51.3	39	-2	
3	1837	445	0.27	0.0	0.1	0.01512	0.5	0.100	1.5	0.0481	1.4	0.4	97	1	97	2.8	105	34	0.3	
4	683	175	0.28	0.1	0.1	0.01570	0.7	0.106	2	0.0489	1.9	0.3	100	1.4	102	3.9	141	45	1.6	
6	608	170	0.31	0.0	0.1	0.01550	0.7	0.102	2.3	0.0479	2.2	0.3	99	1.4	99	4.4	96.3	53	-0.1	
7	1833	542	0.33	0.2	0.1	0.01545	0.6	0.106	1.6	0.0496	1.5	0.4	99	1.1	102	3.1	176	35	3.1	
11	1809	1274	0.79	0.2	0.3	0.01493	0.6	0.102	1.6	0.0494	1.5	0.4	96	1	98	3	167	35	2.8	
12	956	274	0.33	0.3	0.1	0.01546	0.6	0.107	1.6	0.0502	1.5	0.4	99	1.2	103	3.2	204	36	4.2	
13	1347	520	0.43	0.0	0.1	0.01531	0.6	0.102	1.8	0.0482	1.7	0.3	98	1.1	98	3.4	109	40	0.4	
14	860	181	0.24	0.3	0.1	0.01518	0.6	0.106	1.8	0.0506	1.7	0.4	97	1.3	102	3.6	222	40	4.9	
15	1051	214	0.23	0.4	0.1	0.01551	0.6	0.110	1.7	0.0514	1.6	0.4	99	1.3	106	3.5	259	37	6.3	
16	1591	385	0.27	-0.1	0.1	0.01509	0.6	0.098	1.5	0.0473	1.4	0.4	97	1.1	95	2.7	62.9	33	-1.4	

Appendix Table 2.2 (continued): U-Pb data obtained on samples JB27 and JB28

grain code	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}_{\text{bc}}$ [%]	$^{208}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ [%]	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ [%]	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ [%]	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ [%]	$\pm 1\text{s}$ [%]	$\pm 1\text{s}$ [%]	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ [%]	$\pm 1\text{s}$ [%]	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ [%]	$\pm 1\text{s}$ [%]	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ [Ma]	$\pm 2\text{s}$ [Ma]	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ [Ma]	$\pm 2\text{s}$ [Ma]	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ [Ma]	$\pm 2\text{s}$ [Ma]	Disc. [%]	
JB-28																						
17	905	271	0.33	0.1	0.1	0.01528	0.6	0.103	1.8	0.0489	1.7	0.3	98	1.2	100	3.5	145	41	1.9			
18	1352	450	0.37	0.3	0.1	0.01555	0.6	0.107	1.8	0.0501	1.7	0.3	100	1.1	104	3.5	200	40	4			
19	1073	229	0.24	0.2	0.1	0.01549	0.6	0.105	1.8	0.0493	1.7	0.3	99	1.2	102	3.6	161	41	2.5			

U and Pb content and Th/U ratio were calculated according to the nominal concentrations of GJ-1 reference zircon

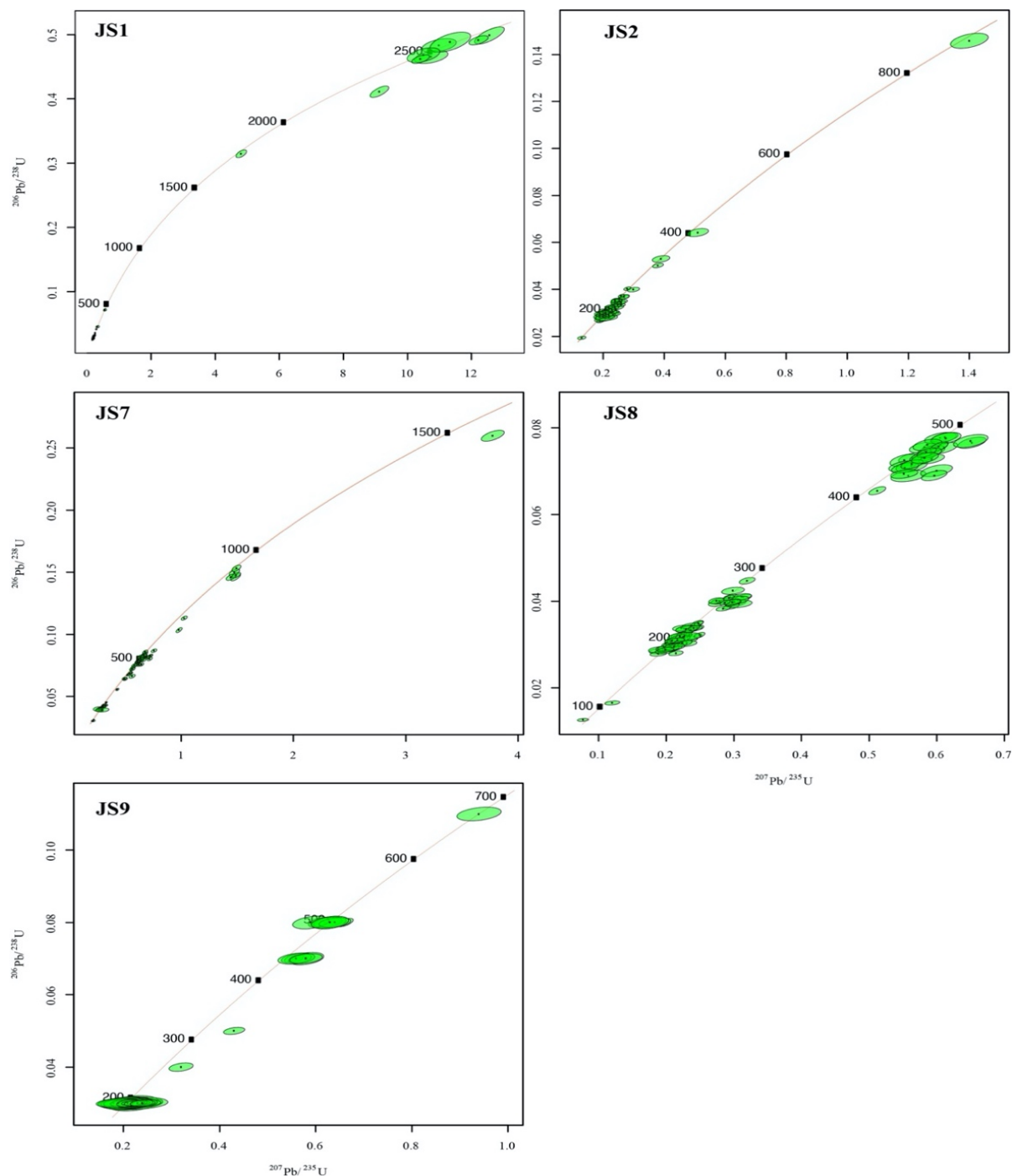
Corrected isotope ratios: background extracted, drift and fractionation from (the nominal ID-TIMS) value of GJ-1 reference

The  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$  ratio is calculated by the corrected 7/6 and 6/8 ratios as  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb} / (^{238}\text{U}/^{206}\text{Pb} * 1/137.88)$ .

The rho is the  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U} / ^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$  error correlation coefficient.

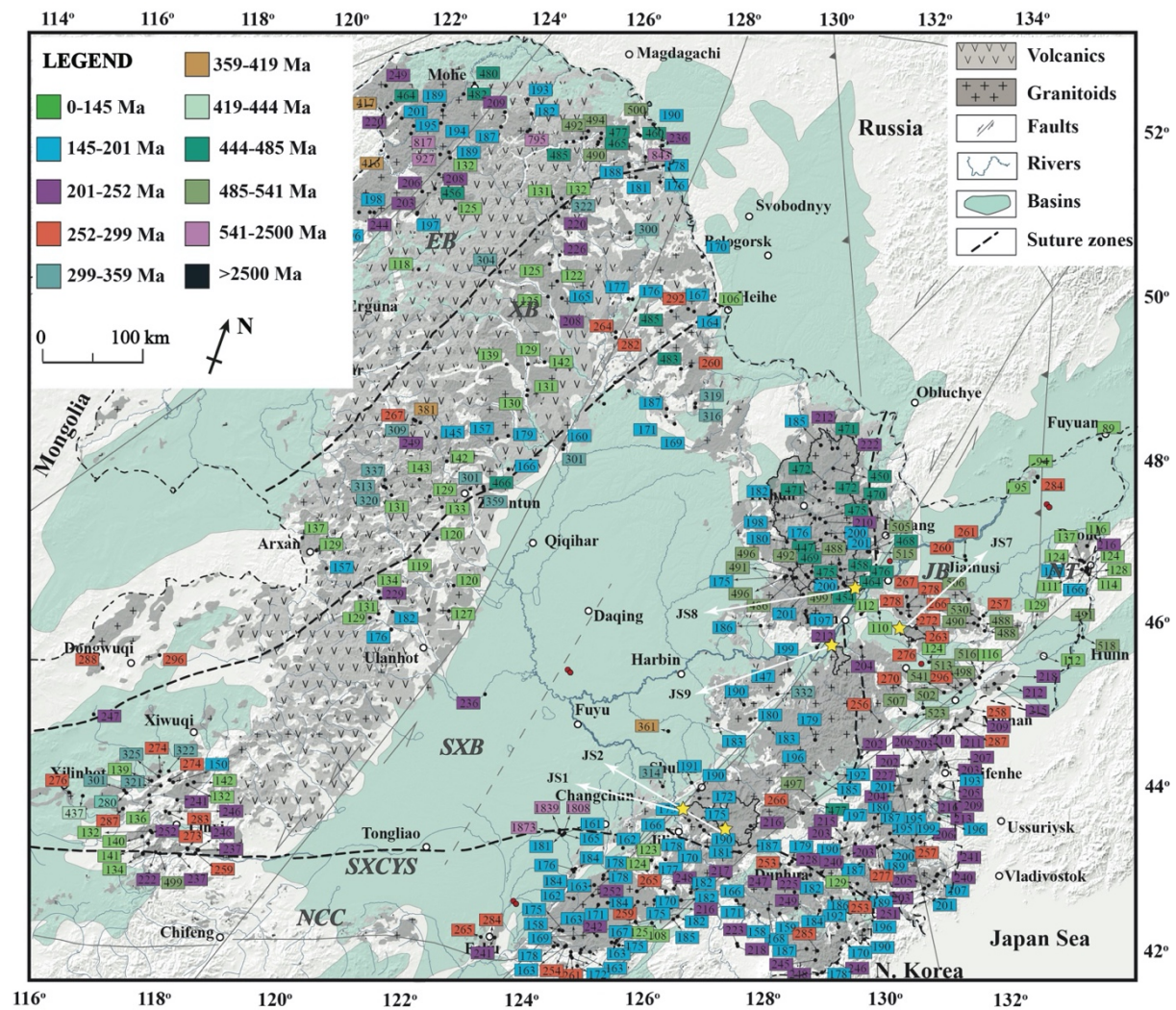
Discordance is calculated as  $100 * (1 - (^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U} \text{ age}) / (^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U} \text{ age}))$ .

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Appendix Figure 4.1: Wetherill zircon U–Pb concordia plots from the modern sediments in this study.

Cretaceous-Cenozoic thermo-tectonic evolution and provenance analysis of the basement and some sedimentary successions northeast of the Songliao Basin, NE China



Appendix Figure 4. 2: Compilation of cited igneous rocks' mean zircon U-Pb ages, Cretaceous sediments distributions and sampled detrital zircon river sand sample in this study results shown as pie charts representing age population. Simplified geological map is after Wu et al. (2011). Black dots indicate the cited igneous rock samples' locations. Red dots indicate the cited Cretaceous sediment samples' locations. A, compilation of detrital zircon U-Pb ages from Cretaceous sediments of southern Songliao Basin; B, detrital zircon U-Pb ages from the middle Songliao Basin; C, detrital zircon U-Pb ages from eastern Basins. Igneous rocks' mean zircon U-Pb ages and Cretaceous sediments' detrital zircon U-Pb ages are after the same citations shown in Figure 4.6.

Appendix Table 4.1: Zircon U-Pb data obtained on the modern sand samples from NE China

grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pbc [%]	208Pb 206Pb	206Pb 238U [%]	207Pb 235U [%]	207Pb 206Pb [%]	±1s	207Pb 206Pb [%]	±1s	rho	206Pb 238U	±2s [Ma]	207Pb 235U	±2s [Ma]	207Pb 206Pb	±2s [Ma]	207Pb 206Pb	±2s [Ma]	Disc. I. [%]	Disc. II. [%]
1	488	253	0.591	0.025	0.21	0.0301	1.2	0.2082	3.8	0.1	3.5	0.33	191	4.6	192	13.2	200.6	82.5	200.6	82.5	0.4	4.6
2	1237	432	0.399	0.092	0.13	0.0297	1.1	0.2068	2.7	0.1	2.5	0.4	188	4	191	9.4	222.2	56.9	222.2	56.9	1.3	15.2
3	1228	534	0.494	0.386	0.18	0.031	1	0.2268	2.7	0.1	2.5	0.39	197	4	208	10.1	333.8	56.1	333.8	56.1	5.3	41.1
4	404	282	0.8	0.493	0.26	0.0261	1.2	0.1915	4.1	0.1	3.9	0.3	166	4	178	13.4	342.1	88.8	342.1	88.8	6.8	51.5
5	239	115	0.546	0.201	0.18	0.0292	1.4	0.2072	4.8	0.1	4.6	0.3	186	5.3	191	16.8	259.1	105	259.1	105	2.9	28.3
6	260	113	0.49	0.211	0.19	0.032	1.5	0.2289	3.8	0.1	3.5	0.4	203	6	209	14.3	279.4	79.4	279.4	79.4	2.9	27.3
7	218	113	0.588	-0.355	0.19	0.0263	1.4	0.1688	5.6	0	5.4	0.25	167	4.7	158	16.6	27.6	130	27.6	130	-5.6	-506
8	1716	298	0.198	0.372	0.07	0.0274	1	0.1987	2.7	0.1	2.5	0.38	175	3.5	184	9.1	308.7	56.7	308.7	56.7	5.2	43.5
9	2519	1166	0.527	3.643	0.25	0.0268	1	0.2908	2.3	0.1	2	0.43	171	3.3	259	10.4	1161	40.8	1161	40.8	34.1	85.3
10	2225	771	0.391	0.354	0.14	0.0308	1	0.2242	2.4	0.1	2.1	0.42	195	3.8	205	8.8	322.1	48.9	322.1	48.9	4.9	39.3
11	382	108	0.323	-0.214	0.12	0.0311	1.2	0.2073	3.8	0	3.6	0.31	197	4.5	191	13.2	116.1	84.5	116.1	84.5	-3.2	-70.1
12	564	292	0.591	0.327	0.21	0.0291	1.1	0.2104	3.1	0.1	2.9	0.34	185	3.8	194	10.9	303	65.9	303	65.9	4.6	38.9
13	15	17	1.32	63.21	1.39	0.0664	3.6	5.1851	6.4	0.6	5.3	0.56	415	28.8	1850	111.2	4424	77.2	4424	77.2	77.6	90.6
14	1027	355	0.393	0.179	0.13	0.0304	1.1	0.2155	2.8	0.1	2.6	0.38	193	4	198	10.1	258.5	59.5	258.5	59.5	2.5	25.3
15	1077	178	0.188	0.183	0.06	0.0282	1.1	0.199	2.8	0.1	2.6	0.38	179	3.7	184	9.3	246.9	59	246.9	59	2.6	27.3
16	493	246	0.571	-0.018	0.2	0.0302	1.2	0.2075	3.7	0	3.5	0.32	192	4.5	191	13	185.5	82	185.5	82	-0.3	-3.5
17	470	131	0.315	0.056	0.11	0.0278	1.2	0.1919	3.3	0.1	3.1	0.36	177	4.1	178	10.7	198	71.1	198	71.1	0.8	10.7
18	577	130	0.259	0.74	0.08	0.4655	0.9	10.74	2	0.2	1.8	0.45	2464	37.5	2501	37.9	2531	31	2531	31	1.5	2.7
19	3040	1654	0.621	0.115	0.21	0.0304	0.9	0.2129	2.3	0.1	2.2	0.38	193	3.3	196	8.3	234.8	50.1	234.8	50.1	1.6	17.9
20	6	4	0.722	71.41	1.54	0.0798	4.9	7.0148	7.8	0.6	6.1	0.63	495	46.7	2113	143.3	4550	92.5	4550	92.5	76.6	89.1
21	446	177	0.453	0.073	0.16	0.0292	1.2	0.203	3.2	0.1	2.9	0.4	186	4.6	188	10.8	212.5	67.2	212.5	67.2	1	12.6
22	890	188	0.242	0.026	0.08	0.0285	1.1	0.196	2.8	0	2.6	0.37	181	3.8	182	9.5	190.7	61.5	190.7	61.5	0.4	5.1
23	217	83	0.431	-0.425	0.16	0.0289	1.6	0.1849	5	0	4.8	0.33	184	5.9	172	16	17.2	114	17.2	114	-6.7	-968.5
24	937	218	0.262	-0.388	0.08	0.4833	0.9	10.987	2	0.2	1.8	0.45	2541	38	2522	37.5	2507	30.7	2507	30.7	-0.8	-1.4
25	43	42	1.126	15.65	0.66	0.0326	3	0.7891	6.8	0.2	6.1	0.44	207	12.2	591	62	2609	102	2609	102	64.9	92.1
26	541	316	0.668	0.5	0.23	0.0287	1.2	0.2124	3.6	0.1	3.4	0.34	182	4.4	196	12.7	359.5	75.9	359.5	75.9	6.8	49.3
27	531	186	0.399	0.163	0.14	0.0298	1.3	0.2103	3.7	0.1	3.5	0.34	189	4.7	194	13.2	248.9	80.6	248.9	80.6	2.3	24
28	250	109	0.498	0.29	0.17	0.0303	1.2	0.2187	5.2	0.1	5	0.23	193	4.4	201	19	297.4	115	297.4	115	4	35.2
29	520	181	0.397	0.045	0.13	0.0304	1.1	0.2106	3.6	0.1	3.4	0.31	193	4.2	194	12.8	209.6	79.7	209.6	79.7	0.7	8
30	1568	704	0.51	0.065	0.17	0.0297	1	0.2063	2.6	0.1	2.4	0.38	189	3.6	190	8.9	212.7	54.9	212.7	54.9	0.9	11.3

Appendix Table 4.1 (continued): Zircon U-Pb data obtained on the modern sand samples from NE China

grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pbc [%]	208Pb 206Pb	206Pb 238U	206Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb 235U	207Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb 206Pb	±1s [%]	207Pb 206Pb	±2s [Ma]	rho	206Pb 238U	206Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb 235U	207Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb 206Pb	±2s [Ma]	Disc.	
																					I. [%]	II. [%]
31	1284	248	0.22	-0.121	0.08	0.0301	1	0.2029	2.7	0	2.5	0.37	191	3.8	188	9.3	145.7	59.4	145.7	59.4	-1.8	-31
32	104	54	0.594	0.029	0.2	0.0455	1.7	0.3277	6.5	0.1	6.3	0.26	287	9.4	288	32.9	297	144	297	144	0.4	3.5
33	1470	687	0.532	0.067	0.18	0.0303	0.9	0.2111	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.4	193	3.5	195	8.1	217.3	48.7	217.3	48.7	1	11.4
34	501	93	0.212	0.051	0.08	0.0285	1.2	0.1971	3.6	0.1	3.4	0.34	181	4.3	183	12	200.3	78.6	200.3	78.6	0.7	9.5
35	264	58	0.251	0.419	0.09	0.0298	1.2	0.2183	4.2	0.1	4	0.3	189	4.7	201	15.3	338.4	90.9	338.4	90.9	5.7	44.2
36	1590	2131	1.528	0.161	0.52	0.027	0.9	0.1893	2.5	0.1	2.4	0.37	172	3.1	176	8.2	231.2	54.5	231.2	54.5	2.3	25.6
37	7526	3118	0.472	0.06	0.16	0.0288	0.9	0.1993	2	0.1	1.8	0.44	183	3.2	185	6.8	205.2	42.2	205.2	42.2	0.9	10.8
38	881	354	0.454	0.154	0.15	0.025	1	0.1743	3	0.1	2.8	0.33	160	3.2	163	9.1	216.6	66	216.6	66	2.2	26.4
39	115	33	0.322	-0.196	0.11	0.029	1.7	0.1925	7.3	0	7.1	0.24	184	6.3	179	24.2	109.2	168	109.2	168	-3	-68.5
40	179	75	0.477	0.467	0.16	0.0318	1.9	0.2362	5.4	0.1	5	0.35	202	7.5	215	20.9	366.3	113	366.3	113	6.3	44.9
41	265	119	0.514	-0.222	0.18	0.0305	1.3	0.2029	4.2	0	4	0.3	194	4.9	188	14.6	109.2	95.4	109.2	95.4	-3.4	-77.5
42	290	149	0.586	0.186	0.2	0.0289	1.2	0.2045	4.3	0.1	4.2	0.28	184	4.4	189	15	252.2	96.1	252.2	96.1	2.7	27.1
43	105	49	0.534	-0.268	0.16	0.4886	1.3	11.341	2.3	0.2	1.9	0.57	2565	55.3	2552	43.2	2541	32.3	2541	32.3	-0.5	-9.9
44	297	127	0.487	0.127	0.18	0.0305	1.2	0.2145	4	0.1	3.8	0.29	194	4.4	197	14.5	240.5	88.7	240.5	88.7	1.8	19.5
45	906	280	0.352	0.163	0.12	0.0308	1	0.2181	2.6	0.1	2.4	0.36	196	3.7	200	9.6	255.5	56.3	255.5	56.3	2.3	23.4
46	1730	628	0.413	0.701	0.15	0.0271	1	0.2059	2.6	0.1	2.4	0.39	172	3.4	190	9	416.9	53.5	416.9	53.5	9.3	58.7
47	593	176	0.337	-0.146	0.11	0.0298	1.1	0.2005	3.3	0	3.1	0.34	190	4.2	186	11.3	134.5	73.5	134.5	73.5	-2.2	-41
48	1285	431	0.382	0.014	0.13	0.0276	1	0.189	2.5	0	2.3	0.4	175	3.4	176	8.1	180.6	53.8	180.6	53.8	0.2	2.9
49	91	37	0.463	1.731	0.18	0.0263	2.2	0.2294	6.8	0.1	6.4	0.33	168	7.3	210	25.7	715.7	136	715.7	136	20.1	76.6
50	193	99	0.584	0.1	0.19	0.0715	1.2	0.5587	3.8	0.1	3.6	0.32	446	10.5	451	27.6	477.6	79	477.6	79	1.2	6.7
51	1690	455	0.307	0.092	0.11	0.0288	1	0.2004	2.6	0.1	2.4	0.38	183	3.6	186	8.9	217	56	217	56	1.3	15.7
52	458	93	0.232	0.042	0.08	0.0273	1.1	0.1874	3.4	0	3.2	0.33	173	3.8	174	10.9	188.9	74.5	188.9	74.5	0.6	8.2
53	40	81	2.32	23.1	1.12	0.0336	2.6	1.0882	6.1	0.2	5.6	0.42	213	10.8	748	66	3087	89.3	3087	89.3	71.5	93.1
54	7	1	0.236	68.88	1.3	0.0702	5.1	5.9347	8	0.6	6.1	0.64	437	43.2	1966	143.6	4540	89.4	4540	89.4	77.8	90.4
55	437	115	0.301	0.122	0.1	0.0348	1.1	0.2474	3.3	0.1	3.1	0.32	221	4.6	225	13.4	264.6	72.3	264.6	72.3	1.7	16.6
56	875	235	0.305	-0.07	0.1	0.0284	1	0.1923	2.9	0	2.7	0.34	180	3.5	179	9.5	154	63.8	154	63.8	-1	-17.2
57	2416	587	0.277	0.461	0.09	0.0278	0.9	0.2043	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.4	177	3.2	189	8	341	48.1	341	48.1	6.3	48.2
58	1947	442	0.259	0.007	0.09	0.0291	1	0.2	2.3	0	2.1	0.42	185	3.5	185	7.9	187.5	49.7	187.5	49.7	0.1	1.4
59	1096	394	0.409	-0.039	0.13	0.0356	1	0.2471	2.7	0.1	2.6	0.35	226	4.2	224	11	211.2	59.5	211.2	59.5	-0.6	-6.8
60	464	81	0.2	0.064	0.06	0.4683	1	10.495	2	0.2	1.8	0.48	2476	40	2480	38.2	2482	31	2482	31	0.1	0.2

Appendix Table 4.1 (continued): Zircon U-Pb data obtained on the modern sand samples from NE China

grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pbc [%]	208Pb 206Pb	206Pb 238U [%]	206Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb 235U [%]	207Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb 206Pb [%]	207Pb ±1s [%]	rho	206Pb 238U [Ma]	206Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb 235U [Ma]	207Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb 206Pb [Ma]	207Pb ±2s [Ma]	Disc. I. [%]	Disc. II. [%]
61	962	228	0.271	0.085	0.09	0.0288	1	0.1999	2.6	0.1	2.4	0.37	183	3.5	185	8.8	214.4	56.2	1.2	14.8
62	1685	461	0.269	0.051	0	0.0286	1.2	0.1975	1.6	0.1	1.2	0.7	182	4.1	183	5.5	200.8	27.8	0.7	9.5
63	786	384	0.48	1.353	0	0.0274	1.2	0.2282	1.9	0.1	1.5	0.63	174	4.1	209	7.1	616.1	31.9	16.4	71.7
64	330	113	0.337	0.655	0	0.0314	1.3	0.2397	3	0.1	2.7	0.42	199	4.9	218	11.8	425.5	61.2	8.6	53.1
65	1694	723	0.42	0.031	0	0.0303	0.7	0.2097	1.4	0.1	1.3	0.47	192	2.5	193	5	203.6	29.5	0.4	5.5
66	1227	316	0.252	0.334	0	0.0291	0.7	0.2106	1.4	0.1	1.3	0.47	185	2.5	194	5.1	305.2	29.5	4.6	39.4
67	1370	343	0.246	1.876	0	0.0304	0.7	0.2721	1.6	0.1	1.5	0.43	193	2.7	244	7	772.3	31.1	21	75
68	665	179	0.264	4.112	0	0.0303	0.8	0.3453	2.2	0.1	2	0.38	192	3.2	301	11.5	1264	40	36.2	84.8
69	517	212	0.401	0.398	0	0.0297	0.9	0.2173	2.2	0.1	2.1	0.39	189	3.2	200	8.2	330.4	47.1	5.5	42.9
70	1318	359	0.266	-0.056	0	0.0287	0.7	0.1947	1.5	0	1.3	0.47	182	2.5	181	4.9	161.4	30.7	-0.8	-12.8
71	1664	237	0.138	0.126	0	0.0282	0.6	0.1969	1.3	0.1	1.2	0.48	179	2.3	183	4.5	225.8	27.5	1.8	20.7
72	726	339	0.457	0.019	0	0.0297	0.7	0.2051	1.7	0.1	1.6	0.43	189	2.8	189	6	195.8	36.9	0.3	3.5
73	1592	377	0.232	0.164	0	0.0276	0.7	0.194	1.4	0.1	1.2	0.53	176	2.6	180	4.6	236.2	27.5	2.4	25.6
74	845	214	0.249	0.028	0	0.0297	0.7	0.2049	1.7	0.1	1.6	0.39	189	2.5	189	6	198.9	37.7	0.4	5.2
75	374	140	0.367	0.731	0	0.0304	0.9	0.234	2.5	0.1	2.3	0.35	193	3.3	214	9.7	444.4	52.3	9.5	56.5
76	1056	625	0.582	0.004	0	0.0293	0.8	0.2013	1.8	0	1.6	0.45	186	3	186	6.2	187.5	38.1	0.1	0.7
77	2133	557	0.256	0.947	0	0.0264	0.6	0.2075	1.3	0.1	1.2	0.47	168	2.1	192	4.6	490.8	25.8	12.2	65.8
78	324	163	0.492	-0.092	0	0.0414	0.8	0.2898	2.2	0.1	2.1	0.35	262	4	258	10.2	228.6	48.4	-1.3	-14.5
79	22	8	0.382	145.6	0	0.0302	3.1	5.0493	4.3	1.2	3	0.71	192	11.6	1828	74.7	4550	152	89.5	95.8
80	1051	261	0.243	0.031	0	0.0293	0.8	0.2024	1.7	0.1	1.5	0.47	186	3	187	6	197.8	36	0.4	5.8
81	1437	454	0.307	0.038	0	0.0278	0.8	0.1912	1.7	0	1.5	0.48	177	2.9	178	5.7	191	35.8	0.6	7.5
82	1190	364	0.299	0.033	0	0.0277	0.7	0.1905	1.6	0	1.5	0.42	176	2.3	177	5.2	188.5	34.1	0.5	6.5
83	943	394	0.408	-0.077	0	0.0301	0.8	0.2043	2	0	1.8	0.41	191	3.1	189	6.9	162.2	42.9	-1.1	-17.7
84	2165	1163	0.526	0.536	0	0.0299	0.8	0.2234	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.56	190	2.8	205	5	378.1	25.6	7.2	49.8
85	708	68	0.094	0.806	0	0.4989	1.1	12.556	1.5	0.2	1	0.73	2609	47.8	2647	28.8	2676	18.5	1.4	2.5
86	91	32	0.346	181.4	0	0.0311	1.5	6.4319	2.3	1.5	1.7	0.66	198	5.8	2037	40.6	4550	169	90.3	95.7
87	873	472	0.53	0.653	0	0.0294	0.8	0.2232	1.8	0.1	1.7	0.44	187	3	205	6.8	413.9	37.2	8.7	54.8
88	444	231	0.508	2.528	0	0.029	0.9	0.2797	2	0.1	1.8	0.44	184	3.3	250	9.1	926.8	38	26.4	80.1
89	443	177	0.391	-0.053	0	0.0276	0.8	0.187	3.3	0	3.2	0.25	175	2.9	174	10.6	155.3	74.9	-0.8	-13
90	20	13	0.628	175	0	0.5203	1.4	125.32	2.2	1.7	1.7	0.63	2700	61.9	4913	45.3	4550	382	45	40.7

Appendix Table 4.1 (continued): Zircon U-Pb data obtained on the modern sand samples from NE China

grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pbc [%]	208Pb 206Pb	206Pb 238U [%]	206Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb 235U [%]	207Pb ±1s [%]	rho	206Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb 235U [Ma]	207Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb 206Pb	207Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb 206Pb	±2s [Ma]	Disc. I. [%]	Disc. II. [%]
91	323	300	0.915	4.314	0	0.3925	1	9.2446	1.5	0.2	1.1	0.67	2134	37	2363	28	2566	20.1	9.7	16.8
92	1522	567	0.365	0.453	0	0.0305	0.9	0.2254	2	0.1	1.8	0.45	194	3.5	206	7.6	353.8	41	6.1	45.3
93	7	1	0.208	153.9	0	0.0292	6	5.1437	11	1.3	8.6	0.57	186	22	1843	186.8	4550	492	89.9	95.9
94	38	14	0.364	141.1	0	0.0287	2.1	4.6458	3	1.2	2.2	0.69	182	7.4	1758	50.4	4550	101	89.6	96
95	31	17	0.57	149.5	0	0.0278	3.3	4.7625	4.4	1.2	2.9	0.75	177	11.4	1778	74.8	4550	154	90.1	96.1
96	11	4	0.391	155.6	0	0.0276	4	4.9149	6.4	1.3	5	0.62	176	13.9	1805	111.2	4550	295	90.3	96.1
97	25	7	0.281	103.8	0	0.4788	2.1	72.062	2.3	1.1	1.1	0.88	2522	85.9	4357	47.4	4550	46.4	42.1	44.6
98	32	18	0.59	158.1	0	0.0302	3.4	5.4591	4.4	1.3	2.8	0.77	192	12.7	1894	76.2	4550	173	89.9	95.8
99	28	6	0.2	132.9	0	0.027	2.2	4.1344	3.4	1.1	2.6	0.65	172	7.5	1661	57	4550	107	89.7	96.2
100	53	16	0.303	137	0	0.0297	2.3	4.6848	3.1	1.1	2.2	0.73	189	8.5	1765	53.2	4550	94.5	89.3	95.9
101	51	25	0.496	143	0	0.0333	2.7	5.4725	3.3	1.2	2	0.81	211	11.2	1896	58.3	4550	96.5	88.9	95.4
102	23	7	0.311	143.8	0	0.0281	2.7	4.6437	3.9	1.2	2.8	0.7	179	9.5	1757	65.5	4550	135	89.8	96.1
103	19	9	0.491	135.7	0	0.0296	3.2	4.6303	4.2	1.1	2.6	0.77	188	11.9	1755	70.7	4550	113	89.3	95.9
104	28	11	0.398	138.2	0	0.0285	3.1	4.5208	4.2	1.2	2.8	0.75	181	11.1	1735	70.3	4550	122	89.6	96
105	7	4	0.492	151.1	0	0.031	5.5	5.3777	7.5	1.3	5.2	0.73	197	21.2	1881	132.8	4550	282	89.5	95.7
106	7	4	0.551	169.2	0	0.0277	5.6	5.3541	7.9	1.4	5.5	0.71	176	19.6	1878	140.1	4550	417	90.6	96.1
107	26	13	0.5	147.8	0	0.0302	3.1	5.1259	3.9	1.2	2.4	0.78	192	11.6	1840	67.6	4550	127	89.6	95.8
108	40	16	0.426	140.4	0	0.0329	3	5.3157	3.6	1.2	2	0.83	209	12.4	1871	63.4	4550	95.4	88.9	95.4
109	22	10	0.46	147.5	0	0.0328	3.3	5.5564	4.4	1.2	2.9	0.75	208	13.5	1909	77.4	4550	152	89.1	95.4
110	47	17	0.369	140.9	0	0.0307	2.9	4.9738	3.5	1.2	1.8	0.85	195	11.2	1815	59.2	4550	86.3	89.3	95.7
111	24	8	0.334	137.9	0	0.0303	2.8	4.8157	3.8	1.2	2.6	0.73	193	10.6	1788	65.3	4550	115	89.2	95.8
112	46	20	0.43	144.9	0	0.0308	2.2	5.1202	2.9	1.2	1.9	0.76	195	8.6	1840	50.5	4550	95.9	89.4	95.7
113	10	3	0.349	100.4	0	0.5466	2.7	82.355	2.9	1.1	1.2	0.91	2811	122	4491	59.5	4550	49.4	37.4	38.2
114	36	20	0.562	147.3	0	0.0311	2.8	5.2666	3.6	1.2	2.3	0.78	198	10.8	1864	61.9	4550	117	89.4	95.7
115	31	11	0.349	137	0	0.0338	2.9	5.3395	3.9	1.1	2.6	0.74	214	12	1875	67.3	4550	115	88.6	95.3
116	33	2	0.046	99.73	0	0.4093	2.1	57.692	2.4	1	1.1	0.88	2212	79.1	4135	48.4	4550	41	46.5	51.4
117	10	2	0.191	97.41	0	0.5319	2.8	77.71	3.1	1.1	1.3	0.91	2749	128	4433	63.7	4550	49.8	38	39.6
118	24	16	0.653	154.1	0	0.0296	2.7	5.2257	3.8	1.3	2.6	0.73	188	10.1	1857	65	4550	149	89.9	95.9
119	1342	288	0.21	0.004	0	0.0281	0.7	0.1922	1.7	0	1.5	0.43	178	2.5	179	5.5	180.1	35.4	0.1	0.9
120	763	404	0.518	0.46	0	0.462	0.6	10.408	1.1	0.2	0.9	0.6	2448	26.3	2472	20.1	2491	16.1	1	1.7



Appendix Table 4.1 (continued): Zircon U-Pb data obtained on the modern sand samples from NE China

grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pb/208Pb [%]	206Pb/238U [%]	206Pb/235U [%]	207Pb/235U [%]	207Pb/206Pb [%]	207Pb/206Pb ±1s [%]	rho	206Pb/238U ±2s [Ma]	207Pb/235U ±2s [Ma]	207Pb/206Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb/206Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb/206Pb ±2s [Ma]	Disc. I. [%]	Disc. II. [%]			
																		206Pb/238U [%]	207Pb/235U [%]	207Pb/206Pb [%]
121	252	94	0.366	-0.181	0	0.0278	2.4	0.1847	7.2	0	6.8	0.33	177	8.4	172	23	107.7	161	-2.7	-64.1
122	14	6	0.391	154.7	0	0.0279	2.8	4.9333	4.7	1.3	3.8	0.6	177	9.9	1808	81.7	4550	221	90.2	96.1
123	20	14	0.694	121.7	0	0.3957	2.7	65.984	2.9	1.2	1.1	0.93	2149	101	4269	59.8	4550	55.6	49.7	52.8
124	4	3	0.752	177.5	0	0.0448	7.8	9.1223	11	1.5	7.4	0.73	283	43.1	2350	206.7	4550	671	88	93.8
125	19	6	0.311	150.6	0	0.0278	3.6	4.7975	5	1.3	3.4	0.73	177	12.6	1785	85	4550	184	90.1	96.1
126	20	10	0.53	168.9	0	0.0294	3.4	5.6659	4.8	1.4	3.4	0.71	187	12.6	1926	84.6	4550	254	90.3	95.9
127	22	13	0.555	156.2	0	0.0309	2.1	5.5215	3.4	1.3	2.6	0.62	196	8.1	1904	58.8	4550	159	89.7	95.7
128	17	10	0.577	145.6	0	0.0451	3.4	7.5977	4.1	1.2	2.3	0.82	285	18.9	2185	75.1	4550	119	87	93.7
129	33	8	0.246	140.7	0	0.0293	3.1	4.7316	3.9	1.2	2.3	0.81	186	11.4	1773	65.8	4550	106	89.5	95.9
130	71	12	0.163	132.7	0	0.031	2.3	4.737	2.7	1.1	1.5	0.83	197	8.8	1774	46.3	4550	63.2	88.9	95.7
131	24	7	0.292	135	0	0.0319	3.3	4.9658	4.2	1.1	2.6	0.78	203	13.1	1814	72.3	4550	111	88.8	95.6
132	638	266	0.408	0.386	0	0.0294	0.7	0.2143	1.8	0.1	1.6	0.42	187	2.7	197	6.4	324.5	36.9	5.3	42.5
133	471	217	0.451	-2E-04	0	0.0299	0.7	0.2057	2.2	0	2.1	0.34	190	2.8	190	7.6	189.9	48.4	0	0
134	750	194	0.253	0.104	0	0.0284	0.7	0.1979	1.7	0.1	1.5	0.44	181	2.6	183	5.6	218.9	35.2	1.5	17.5
135	2530	544	0.211	0.063	0	0.0291	0.7	0.2018	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.51	185	2.4	187	4.4	208.6	25.8	0.9	11.4
136	2135	774	0.355	0.207	0	0.0299	0.6	0.2127	1.3	0.1	1.2	0.47	190	2.3	196	4.8	265.5	27.5	2.9	28.4
137	590	303	0.503	2.431	0	0.4111	0.9	9.1229	1.3	0.2	0.9	0.7	2220	33	2350	23	2466	16.4	5.6	10
138	667	329	0.483	0.327	0	0.0283	0.7	0.2037	1.8	0.1	1.7	0.39	180	2.5	188	6.3	297.5	39.1	4.6	39.6
139	532	205	0.377	-0.107	0	0.0293	0.8	0.1976	2.1	0	2	0.36	186	2.8	183	7	145.7	46	-1.6	-27.7
140	486	140	0.282	0.305	0	0.0344	0.7	0.2512	1.7	0.1	1.5	0.44	218	3.2	228	6.9	326.2	34.6	4.1	33.1
141	644	200	0.303	0.479	0	0.0277	0.8	0.2042	2.2	0.1	2.1	0.36	176	2.8	189	7.7	346.8	47.3	6.6	49.2
142	1901	539	0.278	2.651	0	0.0277	0.6	0.2703	1.5	0.1	1.4	0.39	176	2.1	243	6.7	950.2	29.6	27.5	81.5
143	1605	614	0.375	0.15	0	0.0295	0.7	0.2073	1.4	0.1	1.3	0.47	187	2.5	191	5	242.4	29.2	2.2	22.8
144	951	519	0.533	0.089	0	0.0293	0.7	0.2043	1.7	0.1	1.6	0.41	186	2.6	189	5.9	219.3	36.2	1.3	15.1
145	820	408	0.487	0.258	0	0.0262	0.8	0.1856	1.9	0.1	1.7	0.42	167	2.6	173	6	261	39.6	3.7	36.2
146	459	175	0.372	0.051	0	0.0294	0.8	0.2036	2.1	0.1	2	0.36	187	2.9	188	7.4	205.6	46.6	0.7	9.1
147	598	81	0.133	0.01	0	0.03	0.7	0.2065	1.8	0	1.7	0.38	190	2.6	191	6.3	193.9	39.5	0.1	1.8
148	602	191	0.311	0.079	0	0.027	0.8	0.1863	1.9	0.1	1.7	0.42	172	2.7	174	5.9	201.1	39.4	1.2	14.7
149	248	84	0.332	0.085	0	0.0295	0.9	0.2053	3	0.1	2.9	0.29	187	3.3	190	10.6	218.6	67.5	1.2	14.3
150	2562	593	0.227	-0.033	0	0.0277	0.6	0.1881	1.2	0	1	0.54	176	2.2	175	3.8	163.4	23.8	-0.5	-7.6

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grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pb/c U	208Pb 206Pb	206Pb 238U	206Pb ±1s	207Pb 235U	207Pb ±1s	207Pb 206Pb	rho	206Pb 238U	206Pb ±2s	207Pb 235U	207Pb ±2s	207Pb 206Pb	±2s	Disc. I.	Disc. II. [%]	
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151	568	178	0.307	0.25	0	0.0305	0.7	0.2183	1.8	0.1	1.6	0.42	194	2.8	201	6.4	283.6	36.7	3.5	31.8
152	1167	398	0.334	0.362	0	0.029	0.7	0.2104	1.4	0.1	1.2	0.5	184	2.6	194	5	314.1	28	5	41.4
153	125	51	0.398	0.353	0	0.3146	0.8	4.8116	1.4	0.1	1.1	0.6	1763	25.2	1787	22.9	1815	20.5	1.3	2.8
154	740	233	0.308	-0.109	0	0.0263	0.7	0.1758	1.5	0	1.4	0.45	167	2.2	164	4.6	125.8	32.4	-1.6	-32.9
155	1266	726	0.556	4.466	0	0.0259	0.8	0.3037	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.48	165	2.6	269	7.7	1315	28.2	38.7	87.5
156	2045	316	0.152	0.174	0	0.0292	0.7	0.2062	1.3	0.1	1.2	0.49	186	2.4	190	4.7	249.6	27.3	2.5	25.6
157	1775	827	0.46	0.381	0	0.0273	0.6	0.1976	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.51	173	2.2	183	4.2	310.8	25	5.3	44.2
158	717	401	0.548	0.356	0	0.0256	0.9	0.1844	1.8	0.1	1.5	0.5	163	2.9	172	5.6	292.7	35.4	5	44.2
159	430	151	0.344	0.259	0	0.0287	0.8	0.2046	1.9	0.1	1.8	0.39	182	2.8	189	6.7	276.1	41.3	3.6	34
160	933	688	0.726	0.946	0	0.4914	0.6	12.222	1	0.2	0.8	0.59	2577	26	2622	19.5	2657	15.5	1.7	3
161	575	164	0.28	0.604	0	0.0275	0.9	0.2063	1.9	0.1	1.7	0.46	175	3.1	191	6.7	387.3	38.6	8.1	54.8
<b>JS2</b>																				
1	1002	327	0.362	2.55	0.17	0.0278	1	0.2684	2.1	0.1	1.9	0.47	177	3.5	241	9.1	927.2	38.8	26.7	80.9
2	245	90	0.41	0.296	0.15	0.0293	1.2	0.211	3.4	0.1	3.2	0.36	186	4.6	194	12.1	293.2	72.6	4.1	36.4
3	327	133	0.444	0.158	0.16	0.0287	1.3	0.2018	3.2	0.1	3	0.39	182	4.5	187	11.1	240.3	68.9	2.3	24.1
4	766	253	0.362	0.103	0.13	0.0355	1	0.2517	2.3	0.1	2	0.44	225	4.4	228	9.2	262.1	46.6	1.4	14.3
5	501	193	0.427	-0.232	0.15	0.0297	1	0.1964	2.5	0	2.3	0.41	189	3.8	182	8.4	99.6	54.4	-3.5	-89.2
6	142	37	0.292	-0.124	0.11	0.0293	1.3	0.1975	5	0	4.9	0.26	186	4.8	183	17	139.8	114	-1.8	-33.4
7	509	359	0.787	-0.043	0.26	0.0274	1	0.1857	2.9	0	2.7	0.35	174	3.5	173	9.2	157.9	63.6	-0.6	-10.2
8	307	20	0.073	0.142	0.02	0.1459	0.9	1.3982	1.8	0.1	1.6	0.46	878	14	888	22	913.5	34	1.1	3.9
9	270	133	0.545	-0.076	0.19	0.0301	1.2	0.2047	3.5	0	3.3	0.35	191	4.6	189	12.2	162.6	77.2	-1.1	-17.6
10	97	65	0.746	0.531	0.28	0.0324	1.6	0.2437	4.8	0.1	4.5	0.34	206	6.5	221	19.1	390.8	101	7.1	47.3
11	492	184	0.417	0.206	0.15	0.0317	0.9	0.226	2.5	0.1	2.3	0.36	201	3.6	207	9.3	275.3	53.3	2.9	27
12	538	220	0.458	0.504	0.15	0.0264	1	0.1949	2.4	0.1	2.2	0.4	168	3.2	181	8	348.1	50	6.9	51.7
13	534	163	0.342	0.132	0.12	0.0334	1	0.237	2.5	0.1	2.3	0.38	212	4	216	9.8	259.9	53.6	1.9	18.5
14	640	280	0.489	0.045	0.17	0.0291	0.9	0.2012	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.4	185	3.3	186	7.7	201.7	48.5	0.7	8.3
15	652	183	0.312	0.343	0.12	0.0367	0.9	0.2707	2.4	0.1	2.2	0.39	232	4.2	243	10.2	352.3	49.1	4.6	34.1
16	1443	2165	1.679	0.378	0.59	0.0283	1.1	0.2055	4.3	0.1	4.2	0.26	180	3.9	190	15.1	315.3	95.4	5.2	43
17	597	239	0.408	0.21	0.15	0.029	1.2	0.2055	2.6	0.1	2.3	0.45	184	4.3	190	8.9	260.5	52.9	3	29.3
18	358	199	0.631	0.722	0.15	0.028	2.3	0.2141	5.1	0.1	4.6	0.45	178	8.1	197	18.5	428.5	103	9.5	58.4

Appendix Table 4.1 (continued): Zircon U-Pb data obtained on the modern sand samples from NE China

grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pbc [%]	208Pb 206Pb	206Pb 238U	206Pb ±1s	207Pb 235U	207Pb ±1s	207Pb ±1s	rho	206Pb 238U	206Pb ±2s	207Pb 235U	207Pb ±2s	207Pb 206Pb	±2s	207Pb 206Pb	±2s	Disc.	
																				I. [%]	II. [%]
19	353	143	0.455	0.049	0.16	0.0286	1.1	0.1975	3.3	0.1	3.1	0.33	182	3.9	183	11.2	199.9	73.3	0.7	9.1	
20	897	229	0.284	0.046	0.1	0.0352	0.9	0.2472	2	0.1	1.8	0.45	223	3.9	224	8	239.5	41.3	0.6	7	
21	4	0	0.086	75.71	1.73	0.2351	3.4	23.764	4.6	0.7	3.1	0.74	1361	83.6	3259	91.8	4550	59.3	58.2	70.1	
22	817	296	0.403	0.311	0.14	0.0304	1	0.2198	2.2	0.1	1.9	0.45	193	3.8	202	8	304.5	44.6	4.3	36.6	
23	322	122	0.414	2.772	0.21	0.0298	1	0.2957	3.1	0.1	2.9	0.33	189	3.8	263	14.3	986.3	59.2	28.1	80.8	
24	28	5	0.186	46.64	1.03	0.0548	2.3	3.2424	4.2	0.4	3.6	0.54	344	15.3	1467	66.9	4014	54.1	76.6	91.4	
25	876	316	0.403	2.076	0.17	0.0336	0.9	0.31	2.5	0.1	2.3	0.37	213	3.9	274	12.1	837.1	48.8	22.4	74.6	
26	401	176	0.492	0.593	0.18	0.0282	1	0.2119	2.6	0.1	2.4	0.38	180	3.6	195	9.3	387.8	54.3	8	53.7	
27	731	490	0.747	0.108	0.25	0.0284	0.9	0.1979	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.4	181	3.3	183	7.7	220.4	49.1	1.6	18.1	
28	1250	654	0.585	1.303	0.18	0.0326	1	0.273	2.2	0.1	2	0.43	207	3.9	245	9.8	627.5	43.7	15.5	67	
29	131	54	0.462	0.316	0.17	0.0284	1.3	0.2044	4.9	0.1	4.8	0.26	181	4.5	189	17	294.7	109	4.4	38.7	
30	172	48	0.312	0.712	0.11	0.0283	1.3	0.2162	3.7	0.1	3.4	0.35	180	4.5	199	13.3	426.7	76.9	9.4	57.8	
31	368	205	0.619	-0.049	0.21	0.0304	1	0.208	2.6	0	2.4	0.38	193	3.8	192	9.2	174.9	56.7	-0.7	-10.5	
32	460	153	0.372	1.332	0.15	0.0359	1	0.3038	2.4	0.1	2.2	0.4	227	4.3	269	11.4	651.8	47.3	15.6	65.1	
33	289	117	0.456	0.282	0.15	0.03	1	0.2153	3.3	0.1	3.1	0.32	190	3.9	198	11.7	291.9	70.5	3.9	34.8	
34	672	502	0.843	19.16	0.46	0.0364	1.6	1.0232	2.5	0.2	1.9	0.64	230	7.1	716	25.4	2859	31.7	67.8	91.9	
35	322	102	0.355	-0.021	0.12	0.0303	1	0.2081	2.6	0	2.4	0.38	193	3.7	192	9.2	184.7	56.6	-0.3	-4.3	
36	475	220	0.513	0.074	0.18	0.0297	1	0.2068	2.9	0.1	2.7	0.33	189	3.5	191	10.1	216.5	63.5	1.1	12.8	
37	249	114	0.512	0.211	0.17	0.0311	1.1	0.2221	3.1	0.1	2.9	0.37	198	4.4	204	11.3	273.9	65.5	3	27.8	
38	412	104	0.283	-0.073	0.09	0.0301	1	0.2046	2.8	0	2.6	0.35	191	3.7	189	9.7	163.4	61.5	-1.1	-16.9	
39	678	393	0.646	-0.154	0.21	0.0299	0.9	0.2007	2.4	0	2.2	0.39	190	3.4	186	8	131.7	51.1	-2.3	-44.3	
40	193	69	0.398	0.725	0.16	0.0296	1.4	0.2273	3.9	0.1	3.7	0.36	188	5.2	208	14.9	438.2	82.1	9.5	57	
41	241	117	0.543	0.358	0.22	0.0642	1.1	0.5099	2.8	0.1	2.5	0.41	401	8.8	418	19.1	515.4	55.7	4.2	22.2	
42	86	28	0.366	2.945	0.17	0.0219	1.9	0.2184	7.8	0.1	7.6	0.24	140	5.2	201	28.6	993.9	154	30.3	85.9	
43	329	197	0.67	0.479	0.22	0.0302	0.9	0.224	3.2	0.1	3	0.29	192	3.5	205	11.8	360.9	68.5	6.5	46.8	
44	854	315	0.413	0.407	0.15	0.0348	1.1	0.2584	3.2	0.1	3	0.34	221	4.6	233	13.2	363	67.3	5.4	39.2	
45	8	9	1.165	58.45	1.36	0.0695	3.8	5.0676	7.2	0.5	6.1	0.53	433	32	1831	126.4	4324	90.5	76.3	90	
46	681	237	0.381	0.523	0.14	0.0298	1	0.2221	2.8	0.1	2.6	0.36	189	3.7	204	10.3	373.2	58.6	7	49.3	
47	610	203	0.372	-0.038	0.13	0.0326	1	0.2244	2.5	0	2.3	0.39	207	4	206	9.5	192.9	54.6	-0.5	-7.1	
48	497	125	0.28	0.422	0.11	0.0368	1.1	0.2748	2.5	0.1	2.2	0.45	233	5.1	247	11	379.4	50.6	5.6	38.6	

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Appendix Table 4.1 (continued): Zircon U-Pb data obtained on the modern sand samples from NE China

grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pb/206Pb [‰]	206Pb/238U [‰]	206Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb/235U [‰]	207Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb/206Pb [%]	rho	206Pb/238U [Ma]	206Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb/235U [Ma]	207Pb ±2s [Ma]	206Pb/206Pb [Ma]	207Pb ±2s [Ma]	206Pb/206Pb [Ma]	Disc.		
																		I. [%]	II. [%]	
49	394	215	0.559	-0.016	0.21	0.0291	1	0.1994	3	0	2.8	0.34	185	3.8	185	10.2	179.3	66.1	-0.2	-3.2
50	189	59	0.349	0.114	0.13	0.0271	1.4	0.1887	3.9	0.1	3.7	0.35	173	4.7	173	12.7	215	85	1.7	19.7
51	327	106	0.361	-0.361	0.12	0.031	1	0.2018	2.8	0	2.6	0.35	197	3.9	197	9.6	57.4	62.7	-5.6	-243.2
52	460	162	0.389	0.452	0.13	0.0303	1	0.2235	3.2	0.1	3.1	0.3	192	3.7	192	12	352.4	69.5	6.1	45.4
53	253	117	0.518	0.494	0.19	0.0293	1.6	0.2168	3	0.1	2.6	0.53	186	5.9	186	11	360.8	57.9	6.7	48.5
54	466	219	0.522	0.151	0.18	0.0297	1	0.2093	2.4	0.1	2.2	0.4	189	3.7	189	8.6	244.2	51.8	2.2	22.7
55	60	9	0.176	20.3	0.47	0.0354	1.7	1.04	3.7	0.2	3.3	0.47	224	7.6	224	38.9	2929	53.7	69	92.3
56	153	48	0.351	0.69	0.14	0.0295	1.6	0.2252	4.8	0.1	4.5	0.33	188	5.9	188	18	426.3	101	9.1	56
57	690	300	0.486	0.255	0.12	0.0347	0.9	0.2518	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.4	220	4	220	9.5	311	48.3	3.5	29.2
58	632	369	0.651	0.138	0.21	0.0305	0.9	0.215	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.39	194	3.4	194	8.3	244.6	49.2	2	20.7
59	300	123	0.456	0.622	0.16	0.0296	1.1	0.2234	3.3	0.1	3.1	0.34	188	4.1	188	12.1	404.4	68.8	8.3	53.6
60	278	228	0.916	-0.309	0.3	0.029	1.1	0.1889	3	0	2.8	0.36	184	3.9	184	9.8	64.4	67.7	-4.8	-185.8
61	281	114	0.45	-0.245	0.15	0.0292	1	0.1929	3.3	0	3.2	0.31	186	3.7	186	10.9	92	74.7	-3.7	-102
62	518	160	0.346	0.13	0.11	0.0297	0.9	0.2083	2.5	0.1	2.4	0.36	189	3.4	189	8.9	236.2	54.7	1.9	20.2
63	3	1	0.226	69.11	1.73	0.1571	4.2	14.002	5.9	0.6	4.3	0.7	941	73	941	116	4550	66.6	65.8	79.3
64	183	158	0.97	0.064	0.33	0.0529	1.1	0.3909	3	0.1	2.8	0.36	332	7.1	332	17.3	354.2	63.7	0.8	6.2
65	154	96	0.698	-0.117	0.24	0.0295	1.4	0.1992	4.2	0	4	0.33	188	5.2	188	14.2	143.5	93	-1.7	-30.8
66	663	202	0.339	-0.122	0.11	0.0306	1	0.2069	2.4	0	2.2	0.4	194	3.7	194	8.4	148.4	51.7	-1.8	-31
67	517	192	0.417	0.494	0.14	0.0327	1	0.2444	2.4	0.1	2.2	0.41	207	4	207	9.7	380.1	50.1	6.6	45.4
68	400	146	0.409	-0.046	0.14	0.0309	1.1	0.2112	2.9	0	2.7	0.37	196	4.1	196	10.4	178.6	63.5	-0.7	-9.7
69	1292	621	0.538	-0.107	0.18	0.0299	0.9	0.2019	2.1	0	2	0.4	190	3.2	187	7.3	149.1	46.4	-1.6	-27.2
70	1024	450	0.497	0.123	0.18	0.0312	0.9	0.2198	2.1	0.1	1.9	0.44	198	3.6	198	7.7	243.2	43.6	1.7	18.5
71	1065	399	0.416	0.163	0.15	0.031	0.9	0.2198	2.1	0.1	1.9	0.42	197	3.4	197	7.7	256.8	44	2.3	23.2
72	141	54	0.431	-0.153	0.15	0.0285	1.4	0.1903	4.5	0	4.2	0.31	181	4.9	177	14.5	122.9	99.9	-2.3	-47.2
73	1984	873	0.493	0.434	0.16	0.0296	0.9	0.2177	2.1	0.1	1.9	0.43	188	3.3	188	7.5	342.5	42.5	5.9	45.1
74	549	170	0.354	2.139	0.14	0.0271	1	0.2488	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.44	172	3.4	172	9.4	824.6	43.7	23.6	79.1
75	1	1	1.534	68.69	2.18	0.7167	11	87.64	11	0.9	4.3	0.92	3484	580	3484	242.7	4550	113	23.5	23.4
76	55	127	2.586	41.75	1.42	0.0495	1.5	2.648	2.7	0.4	2.2	0.55	311	8.9	311	39.8	3864	34.7	76.3	91.9
77	1165	160	0.155	0.01	0.06	0.0294	0.9	0.2026	2.1	0	1.9	0.42	187	3.2	187	7.1	190.6	44.1	0.1	1.9
78	287	78	0.284	0.078	0.11	0.0194	1.5	0.1314	4.4	0	4.1	0.33	124	3.6	124	10.3	153.6	96.4	1.2	19.4

Appendix table 4.1 (continued): Zircon U-Pb data obtained on the modern sand samples from NE China

grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pb [ppm]	206Pb 208Pb	206Pb 238U	±1s [%]	207Pb 235U	±1s [%]	207Pb 206Pb	±1s [%]	207Pb 206Pb	±1s [%]	rho	206Pb 238U	±2s [Ma]	207Pb 235U	±2s [Ma]	207Pb 206Pb	±2s [Ma]	Disc. I.	Disc. II.
<b>JS2</b>																						
79	1593	842	0.594	0.05	0.2	0.0352	0.8	0.2476	2	0.1	1.8	0.41	223	3.6	225	8	241.3	41.8	0.7	7.6		
80	73	2	0.025	12.39	0.3	0.0355	1.5	0.7335	3.6	0.1	3.3	0.41	225	6.5	559	31	2344	56.2	59.7	90.4		
81	491	137	0.311	0.519	0.11	0.0285	1.1	0.2119	2.7	0.1	2.5	0.4	181	3.8	195	9.7	364.9	56.4	7	50.3		
82	500	163	0.364	4E-05	0.12	0.0305	0.9	0.21	2.4	0	2.3	0.37	194	3.5	194	8.6	193.5	52.8	0	0		
83	859	213	0.278	0.051	0.09	0.0346	1	0.2429	2.1	0.1	1.8	0.46	219	4.1	221	8.2	237.6	42.5	0.7	7.7		
84	697	232	0.377	0.459	0.12	0.0335	0.9	0.2494	2.4	0.1	2.2	0.38	212	3.8	226	9.6	372.9	49.4	6.1	43.1		
85	455	73	0.178	0.046	0.06	0.0345	1	0.2424	2.5	0.1	2.3	0.39	219	4.2	220	10	235.9	53.7	0.7	7.2		
86	578	229	0.442	0.398	0.15	0.0295	0.9	0.2158	2.6	0.1	2.4	0.37	188	3.5	198	9.4	329.5	54.9	5.5	43.1		
87	416	160	0.43	0.33	0.15	0.0297	1	0.2151	2.9	0.1	2.7	0.36	189	3.9	198	10.3	307.2	60.9	4.6	38.6		
88	442	128	0.323	4.868	0.21	0.0296	1.2	0.3617	2.7	0.1	2.4	0.47	188	4.6	314	14.5	1398	45.6	40.1	86.6		
89	120	44	0.406	-0.224	0.14	0.0298	1.6	0.1977	5.8	0	5.6	0.28	189	6	183	19.6	103.8	132	-3.4	-82.5		
90	959	268	0.313	-0.111	0.1	0.0354	0.9	0.2431	2.1	0	2	0.41	225	3.9	221	8.5	183.2	45.7	-1.6	-22.6		
91	665	221	0.37	0.026	0.13	0.0292	0.9	0.2011	2.5	0.1	2.4	0.36	185	3.4	186	8.7	195	55.4	0.4	4.9		
92	378	182	0.54	0.388	0.18	0.0399	1	0.2988	2.7	0.1	2.5	0.37	252	4.9	266	12.7	386	56.8	5.1	34.7		
93	1001	336	0.377	0.43	0.13	0.0344	0.9	0.2555	2.2	0.1	2	0.42	218	4	231	9	368.3	44.8	5.7	40.9		
94	336	126	0.417	0.26	0.15	0.0305	1.2	0.2191	3.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	194	4.7	201	11.2	287.8	64.1	3.6	32.6		
95	18	17	1.041	52.75	1.29	0.0594	2.2	3.9278	4.2	0.5	3.6	0.53	372	15.9	1619	68.8	4180	53.3	77	91.1		
96	126	8	0.067	8.398	0.2	0.0302	1.7	0.4877	3.5	0.1	3	0.48	192	6.4	403	23.3	1911	55	52.4	90		
97	3	2	0.769	87.86	2.12	0.3428	5.2	41.866	6.7	0.9	4.1	0.79	1900	174	3816	136.7	4550	107	50.2	58.2		
98	87	29	0.372	0.718	0.15	0.028	1.9	0.2139	7.3	0.1	7.1	0.26	178	6.7	197	26.4	427.2	158	9.5	58.3		
99	1890	1155	0.666	0.814	0.22	0.0307	0.9	0.2391	2	0.1	1.8	0.47	195	3.6	218	7.8	472.3	39	10.5	58.7		
100	227	49	0.244	3.782	0.18	0.0281	1.3	0.3098	3.4	0.1	3.2	0.39	179	4.7	274	16.5	1193	62.5	34.7	85		
101	97	10	0.124	15.92	0.36	0.0339	1.3	0.8308	3.2	0.2	2.9	0.41	215	5.6	614	29.8	2632	49.1	65	91.8		
102	438	165	0.449	-0.035	0.14	0.0308	0.9	0.2109	2.1	0	1.9	0.42	195	3.4	194	7.5	182.5	45.1	-0.5	-7		
103	398	135	0.401	-0.113	0.13	0.03	0.8	0.2026	2.3	0	2.1	0.37	191	3.1	187	7.8	147.7	49.8	-1.7	-29		
104	664	406	0.737	8.456	0.3	0.0287	1.3	0.4641	2.4	0.1	2	0.56	183	4.7	387	15.2	1914	35.6	52.9	90.5		
105	185	61	0.388	0.136	0.14	0.0309	1	0.2178	3.3	0.1	3.2	0.3	196	3.9	200	12.2	245.7	73.6	1.9	20.1		
106	228	72	0.36	0.011	0.12	0.0282	1.2	0.1935	3	0	2.8	0.4	179	4.3	180	9.9	183.5	64.4	0.2	2.3		
107	216	58	0.32	0.536	0.13	0.0304	1	0.2274	4.1	0.1	4	0.24	193	3.8	208	15.5	380.9	89.4	7.2	49.3		
108	253	90	0.406	-0.156	0.13	0.0291	1	0.1948	2.7	0	2.5	0.37	185	3.6	181	8.9	125.8	58.7	-2.3	-47		

Appendix Table 4.1 (continued): Zircon U-Pb data obtained on the modern sand samples from NE China

grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pb/Th [%]	206Pb/208Pb	206Pb/238U [%]	±1s	207Pb/235U [%]	±1s	207Pb/206Pb [%]	±1s	207Pb/206Pb [%]	±1s	rho	206Pb/238U [Ma]	±2s	207Pb/235U [Ma]	±2s	207Pb/206Pb [Ma]	±2s	207Pb/206Pb [%]	Disc. I. [%]	Disc. II. [%]
<b>JS2</b>																							
109	23	14	0.713	61.58	1.29	0.0632	1.4	4.8075	2.7	0.6	2.3	0.53	395	11	1786	45.7	4387	34.5	4387	34.5	77.9	91	
110	197	92	0.555	0.599	0.19	0.0303	1	0.2288	2.9	0.1	2.8	0.33	193	3.6	209	11.1	401.1	62.2	401.1	62.2	8	52	
111	705	346	0.582	0.094	0.19	0.0372	0.8	0.2645	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.48	235	3.6	238	6.8	269.3	32.6	269.3	32.6	1.3	12.7	
112	36	28	0.916	25.54	0.74	0.0372	1.9	1.3097	3.5	0.3	3	0.54	236	8.8	850	41.1	3218	47.5	3218	47.5	72.3	92.7	
113	717	75	0.121	-0.059	0.04	0.0403	0.8	0.2828	1.7	0.1	1.5	0.46	255	4	253	7.8	233.8	36	233.8	36	-0.8	-9	
114	1450	464	0.38	0.582	0.13	0.0297	0.8	0.2232	1.8	0.1	1.6	0.43	189	2.8	205	6.6	392.3	36.4	392.3	36.4	7.8	51.9	
115	470	205	0.519	0.719	0.16	0.0282	1	0.2154	3.4	0.1	3.2	0.3	179	3.6	198	12.3	428.6	72.3	428.6	72.3	9.5	58.2	
116	497	138	0.331	0.135	0.11	0.0309	0.9	0.218	2.2	0.1	2	0.39	196	3.4	200	8.1	245.8	47.4	245.8	47.4	1.9	20.1	
117	1789	208	0.137	-0.024	0.04	0.0302	0.8	0.2073	1.5	0	1.3	0.5	192	2.9	191	5.3	183.1	31.1	183.1	31.1	-0.3	-4.8	
118	322	80	0.295	0.383	0.1	0.0295	1	0.2148	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.41	187	3.6	198	8.4	324	48.7	324	48.7	5.3	42.3	
119	365	150	0.489	0.452	0.16	0.0311	0.9	0.23	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.39	197	3.5	210	8.7	356.7	47.5	356.7	47.5	6.1	44.7	
120	585	201	0.409	-0.04	0.13	0.0293	0.9	0.2001	1.9	0	1.6	0.46	186	3.2	185	6.3	171.2	38.6	171.2	38.6	-0.6	-8.8	
121	514	245	0.561	0.448	0.16	0.0289	1	0.2128	2	0.1	1.8	0.47	184	3.5	196	7.3	343.5	41.1	343.5	41.1	6.1	46.5	
122	910	589	0.768	0.208	0.24	0.0292	0.8	0.2073	1.7	0.1	1.5	0.46	186	2.9	191	6	261.7	35.2	261.7	35.2	3	29.1	
123	403	136	0.398	0.042	0.12	0.0299	1	0.2072	2.2	0.1	2	0.45	190	3.7	191	7.6	205.6	45.7	205.6	45.7	0.6	7.6	
124	155	99	0.753	0.671	0.2	0.0293	1	0.2226	3.9	0.1	3.7	0.25	186	3.6	204	14.4	418.6	83.8	418.6	83.8	8.9	55.6	
125	359	120	0.396	0.173	0.13	0.0306	1	0.2119	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.39	190	3.4	195	8.2	253.4	48.8	253.4	48.8	2.5	24.9	
126	248	80	0.382	-0.145	0.13	0.0306	1	0.206	2.9	0	2.7	0.33	194	3.7	190	10	139.8	63.9	139.8	63.9	-2.2	-39	
127	916	318	0.41	-0.011	0.13	0.0298	0.9	0.2048	1.8	0	1.5	0.52	190	3.4	189	6.1	185.3	35.4	185.3	35.4	-0.2	-2.3	
128	180	91	0.6	-0.177	0.18	0.0294	1.1	0.1966	2.8	0	2.6	0.39	187	4.1	182	9.5	120	62	120	62	-2.7	-55.9	
129	348	148	0.507	0.473	0.17	0.0295	1	0.2177	3	0.1	2.8	0.33	187	3.6	200	10.7	354.8	63	354.8	63	6.4	47.3	
130	700	348	0.59	0.478	0.19	0.0292	0.9	0.2158	2.1	0.1	1.9	0.41	186	3.1	198	7.5	354.6	42.7	354.6	42.7	6.5	47.7	
131	468	221	0.572	1.709	0.18	0.0302	1	0.2644	2.2	0.1	1.9	0.49	192	4	238	9.2	727.5	40.2	727.5	40.2	19.6	73.7	
132	448	153	0.407	-0.066	0.13	0.0354	0.9	0.2447	2.2	0.1	2	0.41	224	4	222	8.8	200	46.8	200	46.8	-1	-12.2	
133	430	182	0.502	-0.164	0.15	0.0292	0.9	0.1954	2.2	0	2	0.39	186	3.1	181	7.3	123.5	48.1	123.5	48.1	-2.5	-50.3	
134	173	71	0.484	0.23	0.15	0.031	1.1	0.2221	3.7	0.1	3.5	0.29	197	4.2	204	13.7	280.1	81	280.1	81	3.2	29.6	
135	95	84	1.052	23	0.73	0.0362	1.3	1.1723	2.3	0.2	1.9	0.56	229	5.8	788	25.3	3085	31.2	3085	31.2	70.9	92.6	
136	15	1	0.07	45.26	0.99	0.056	2.2	3.2286	3.7	0.4	3	0.6	351	15.3	1464	58.9	3976	45.9	3976	45.9	76	91.2	
137	991	413	0.493	0.734	0.16	0.0333	0.8	0.2582	2.1	0.1	2	0.38	211	3.3	233	8.8	461.2	43.7	461.2	43.7	9.4	54.2	
138	527	203	0.463	-0.057	0.14	0.0321	1	0.2202	2	0	1.8	0.49	204	4	202	7.5	182.5	41.5	182.5	41.5	-0.8	-11.6	

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grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pbc [%]	208Pb 206Pb	206Pb 238U [%]	206Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb 235U [%]	207Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb 206Pb	rho	206Pb 238U	±2s [Ma]	207Pb 235U	±2s [Ma]	207Pb 206Pb	±2s [Ma]	207Pb 235U	±2s [Ma]	207Pb 206Pb	±2s [Ma]	Disc. I. [%]	Disc. II. [%]
<b>JS2</b>																							
139	524	267	0.604	0.526	0.19	0.029	1.1	0.2157	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.45	184	3.9	198	8.5	370	47.3	7.1	50.2			
140	1816	1294	0.847	1.383	0.29	0.0351	0.8	0.2987	1.7	0.1	1.5	0.47	223	3.5	265	7.9	662.5	32.2	16.1	66.4			
141	1284	629	0.578	1.976	0.2	0.0276	1.1	0.2488	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.46	176	3.7	226	9.5	785.7	43.9	22.2	77.7			
142	884	310	0.417	0.25	0.14	0.0286	1	0.2042	2.4	0.1	2.1	0.41	182	3.5	189	8.1	273	49.4	3.5	33.3			
143	318	169	0.628	-0.047	0.19	0.0293	1	0.2	2.4	0	2.2	0.4	186	3.5	185	8.1	168.8	51.5	-0.7	-10.4			
144	1229	290	0.275	-0.021	0.09	0.0306	0.8	0.2103	1.7	0	1.5	0.48	194	3.1	194	6	186.5	34.8	-0.3	-4.3			
145	473	229	0.573	0.211	0.18	0.0501	0.8	0.3757	1.9	0.1	1.7	0.45	315	5.2	324	10.4	387	37.7	2.7	18.6			
146	260	74	0.339	-0.171	0.11	0.0299	1	0.1999	2.5	0	2.3	0.38	190	3.6	185	8.5	124.7	54.8	-2.6	-52.2			
147	135	47	0.414	-0.162	0.12	0.0303	1.1	0.2031	3.5	0	3.3	0.31	192	4.1	188	12	131.1	78.3	-2.4	-46.7			
148	231	71	0.366	-0.041	0.11	0.0302	1	0.2063	2.9	0	2.7	0.36	192	3.9	191	10	176.5	62.9	-0.6	-8.6			
149	908	317	0.413	1.336	0.16	0.0361	0.9	0.3061	1.7	0.1	1.4	0.52	229	3.9	271	7.9	654.3	30.9	15.6	65			
150	584	252	0.499	0.142	0.16	0.0297	1	0.209	1.9	0.1	1.6	0.53	189	3.7	193	6.6	241	37	2	21.7			
151	278	101	0.433	-0.31	0.13	0.0298	0.9	0.1947	2.5	0	2.3	0.38	189	3.5	181	8.2	69.6	54.2	-4.8	-171.9			
152	308	122	0.471	0.365	0.16	0.0313	1	0.2284	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.42	198	3.8	209	8.6	328.4	46.9	5	39.6			
153	449	113	0.301	-0.013	0.09	0.0351	0.9	0.2443	2.4	0.1	2.2	0.38	222	4	222	9.6	217.7	51.8	-0.2	-2.1			
154	383	120	0.371	0.561	0.12	0.0321	0.9	0.2416	2.1	0.1	1.9	0.42	203	3.6	220	8.4	398.5	43.5	7.4	49			
<b>JS7</b>																							
1	5563	515	0.11	0.282	0.04	0.078	0.7	0.6355	1	0.1	0.8	0.68	484	6.6	500	8.2	570.7	17.3	3.1	15.2			
2	126	85	0.795	9.135	0.43	0.043	0.9	0.741	1.8	0.1	1.5	0.49	271	4.6	563	15.4	2028	28.1	51.8	86.6			
3	0	0	0.556	-507.4	2.09	11.778	17	1425.1	17	0.9	2.4	0.99	####	2222	7374	386.4	4550	61.3	-123	-261			
4	67	66	1.161	17.7	0.69	0.0436	1	1.1647	2	0.2	1.7	0.5	275	5.4	784	21.7	2775	28.8	64.9	90.1			
5	3242	286	0.104	0.361	0.04	0.082	0.7	0.6828	1	0.1	0.8	0.63	508	6.4	528	8.6	617	18.1	3.8	17.6			
6	176	117	0.792	7.246	0.39	0.0416	0.8	0.6279	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.56	263	3.9	495	10.6	1792	21.1	46.9	85.4			
7	112	168	1.78	7.815	0.69	0.044	1	0.6954	1.9	0.1	1.6	0.51	278	5.4	536	16	1873	30.3	48.2	85.2			
8	5	1	0.342	62.06	1.35	0.0722	2.4	5.5629	4	0.6	3.3	0.59	449	20.8	1910	70.7	4405	48.4	76.5	89.8			
9	2	0	0.177	82.55	1.8	0.1514	2.5	15.789	3.6	0.8	2.6	0.69	909	42.2	2864	69.8	4550	52.3	68.3	80			
10	207	43	0.253	0.012	0.08	0.042	0.8	0.2991	1.8	0.1	1.6	0.44	265	4.1	266	8.5	269.5	37.5	0.2	1.6			
11	107	106	1.169	0.369	0.39	0.0388	1	0.2892	3.1	0.1	2.9	0.33	245	5	258	14.2	373.5	65.9	4.9	34.3			
12	45	1	0.016	20.48	0.42	0.0379	1	1.1233	2.1	0.2	1.8	0.48	240	4.7	765	22.5	2944	30.5	68.6	91.9			
13	9	1	0.146	74.12	1.73	0.1794	1.6	17.247	2.2	0.7	1.5	0.73	1064	31.1	2949	42.2	4550	27.8	63.9	76.6			

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grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pbc [206Pb]	208Pb [206Pb]	206Pb [206Pb]	206Pb [206Pb]	±1s [%]	207Pb [235U]	±1s [%]	rho	206Pb [238U]	±2s [Ma]	207Pb [235U]	±2s [Ma]	207Pb [206Pb]	±2s [Ma]	207Pb [206Pb]	±2s [Ma]	Disc. I. [%]	Disc. II. [%]	
																						206Pb [238U]
14	756	281	0.44	9.165	0.32	0.0452	0.8	0.7817	3	0.1	2.9	0.26	285	4.3	586	26.7	2037	51.2	2037	51.2	51.5	86
15	0	0	0.952	109.5	2.17	0	0.8	0	4.7	0.9	4.6	0.17	0	0	0	4550	125	4550	125	0	0	
16	0	0	1.077	-157.2	2.05	4.9526	8.3	577.49	8.7	0.8	2.3	0.96	####	927	6458	183.4	4550	55.7	4550	55.7	-78.1	-152.7
17	1380	95	0.082	0.884	0.04	0.0423	0.7	0.3424	1.2	0.1	1	0.58	267	3.6	299	6.1	555.1	21.4	555.1	21.4	10.6	51.9
18	630	238	0.447	0.031	0.14	0.0827	0.6	0.6589	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.55	512	5.9	514	8.8	521.7	20.3	521.7	20.3	0.3	1.8
19	1164	435	0.442	0.236	0.15	0.0827	0.6	0.6782	1	0.1	0.8	0.58	512	5.8	526	8.3	584.2	18.5	584.2	18.5	2.5	12.3
20	1824	119	0.077	0.024	0.02	0.0813	0.7	0.6451	1	0.1	0.8	0.66	504	6.7	506	8.3	511.6	17.8	511.6	17.8	0.3	1.5
21	1573	694	0.519	0.962	0.21	0.1035	0.8	0.9816	1.1	0.1	0.8	0.68	635	9.5	694	11.6	891.7	18.1	891.7	18.1	8.5	28.8
22	1548	477	0.364	0.354	0.11	0.0811	0.7	0.6729	1.1	0.1	0.8	0.67	503	7	523	8.7	609.9	17.7	609.9	17.7	3.8	17.6
23	588	250	0.503	0.018	0.16	0.0821	0.6	0.6518	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.57	509	6.1	510	8.7	514.1	20.2	514.1	20.2	0.2	1.1
24	1697	389	0.271	0.051	0.09	0.0803	0.7	0.6371	1.1	0.1	0.8	0.67	498	6.8	501	8.4	513.7	17.9	513.7	17.9	0.6	3.1
25	826	58	0.084	-0.016	0.03	0.0846	0.6	0.6727	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.58	523	6.1	522	8.6	518.4	19.5	518.4	19.5	-0.2	-0.9
26	565	139	0.29	-0.023	0.09	0.0838	0.6	0.6645	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.57	519	6.3	517	9.1	511.5	20.8	511.5	20.8	-0.3	-1.4
27	8	1	0.105	55.22	1.13	0.0661	1.6	4.5698	3	0.5	2.6	0.52	413	12.6	1744	51.2	4246	39.3	4246	39.3	76.3	90.3
28	1046	322	0.363	0.197	0.12	0.0311	0.7	0.2211	1.2	0.1	1	0.56	197	2.7	203	4.5	268.5	23.9	268.5	23.9	2.8	26.5
29	5	1	0.309	72.95	1.95	0.4283	1.7	46.865	2.2	0.8	1.3	0.8	2298	67.3	3928	43.7	4550	30	4550	30	41.5	49.5
30	2494	155	0.071	11.95	0.26	0.0607	0.7	1.2608	1	0.2	0.8	0.66	380	5	828	11.7	2354	14.7	2354	14.7	54.1	83.9
31	139	44	0.311	0.393	0	0.0427	1	0.3229	3.1	0.1	3	0.31	270	5.1	284	15.6	404	67.1	404	67.1	5.1	33.2
32	305	32	0.102	0.284	0	0.064	0.8	0.5032	1.7	0.1	1.5	0.47	400	6.2	414	11.6	491.6	33.3	491.6	33.3	3.3	18.6
33	1483	102	0.067	1.749	0	0.0692	0.7	0.6648	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.55	432	6.2	518	11	917.9	23.7	917.9	23.7	16.6	53
34	246	58	0.23	0.045	0	0.0416	0.9	0.2975	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.4	263	4.6	264	10.5	279	47.6	279	47.6	0.6	5.8
35	427	77	0.178	-0.053	0	0.082	0.8	0.6444	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.51	508	8.2	505	13.1	491.5	31.5	491.5	31.5	-0.6	-3.4
36	201	80	0.388	0.048	0	0.0414	0.9	0.2962	2.5	0.1	2.3	0.37	262	4.8	263	11.6	278.7	53.3	278.7	53.3	0.7	6.1
37	1229	143	0.114	0.02	0	0.0773	0.6	0.6062	1.2	0.1	1	0.5	480	5.6	481	9.2	486.6	23.4	486.6	23.4	0.2	1.3
38	1524	138	0.089	-0.004	0	0.0799	0.6	0.6286	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.58	495	6.1	495	8.7	494.2	20.6	494.2	20.6	0	-0.2
39	1331	909	0.669	0.701	0	0.0757	0.7	0.6488	1.2	0.1	1	0.56	470	6.3	508	9.9	679.4	22.5	679.4	22.5	7.3	30.8
40	1154	169	0.145	0.622	0	0.0869	0.7	0.7584	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.5	537	6.8	573	11.6	717.5	24.8	717.5	24.8	6.2	25.1
41	548	86	0.155	0.159	0	0.078	0.7	0.6246	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.53	484	6.4	493	10.1	533.6	24.5	533.6	24.5	1.8	9.3
42	1468	508	0.339	0.144	0	0.0399	0.7	0.2884	1.3	0.1	1.2	0.5	252	3.3	257	6.1	303.4	26.8	303.4	26.8	2	16.9
43	1325	360	0.268	0.202	0	0.04	0.6	0.2918	1.4	0.1	1.2	0.48	253	3.2	260	6.2	324.2	27.5	324.2	27.5	2.7	22
44	2739	707	0.253	0.154	0	0.0814	0.6	0.6577	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.56	505	5.9	513	8.7	552.1	19.9	552.1	19.9	1.7	8.6
45	1343	97	0.071	0.102	0	0.081	0.7	0.6492	1.2	0.1	1	0.56	502	6.6	508	9.8	534	22.6	534	22.6	1.1	5.9



Appendix Table 4.1 (continued): Zircon U-Pb data obtained on the modern sand samples from NE China

grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th	206Pb/206Pb	208Pb/206Pb	206Pb/238U [%]	207Pb/235U [%]	207Pb/206Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb/206Pb ±1s [%]	rho	206Pb/238U [Ma]	207Pb/235U [Ma]	207Pb ±2s [Ma]	206Pb ±2s [Ma]	Disc. I. [%]	Disc. II. [%]				
																	±1s [%]	±1s [%]	±2s [Ma]	±2s [Ma]
46	419	104	0.243	0.124	0	0.0644	0.7	0.4949	1.7	0.1	1.6	0.4	402	5.4	408	11.8	442.7	36	1.5	9.1
47	1556	353	0.222	0.315	0	0.042	0.6	0.3135	1.3	0.1	1.2	0.49	266	3.4	277	6.4	374.5	26.3	4.1	29.1
48	803	28	0.034	0.069	0	0.0784	0.6	0.6212	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.5	487	6	491	9.9	508.4	24.6	0.8	4.2
49	2216	305	0.136	0.21	0	0.0795	0.6	0.6443	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.55	493	5.8	505	8.8	557.9	20.5	2.3	11.6
50	26	4	0.141	42.81	0	0.0485	1.7	2.6508	3	0.4	2.5	0.58	305	10.4	1315	45.3	3896	38.3	76.8	92.2
51	3141	180	0.056	1.133	0	0.0613	0.7	0.5357	1.2	0.1	1	0.58	383	5.4	436	8.9	722.9	22.1	12	47
52	658	170	0.254	-0.014	0	0.0779	0.7	0.6089	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.52	484	6.3	483	10	479	25	-0.2	-1
53	2149	490	0.223	0.064	0	0.0803	0.6	0.6385	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.56	498	6	501	8.8	517.8	20.6	0.7	3.9
54	1066	256	0.235	0.142	0	0.0814	0.6	0.6564	1.2	0.1	1	0.54	504	6.1	512	9.4	548.3	21.9	1.6	8
55	2772	218	0.077	0.072	0	0.0787	0.6	0.6243	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.57	489	5.9	493	8.6	511.4	20.4	0.8	4.5
56	129	73	0.545	-0.403	0	0.0397	1.1	0.263	3	0	2.8	0.36	251	5.2	237	12.6	99.5	65.6	-6	-152.4
57	7	1	0.142	66.91	0	0.5751	1.9	64.05	2.4	0.8	1.4	0.82	2929	92	4239	48	4550	31.8	30.9	35.6
58	719	331	0.449	1.44	0	0.2598	0.7	3.7754	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.61	1489	18	1588	18	1722	17.3	6.2	13.5
59	3086	69	0.022	0.29	0	0.0813	0.7	0.6692	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.6	504	6.5	520	9.1	591.9	19.8	3.1	14.8
60	1405	97	0.07	0.072	0	0.0849	0.6	0.6847	1.2	0.1	1	0.52	526	6.1	530	9.6	547.4	22.1	0.8	4
61	1978	204	0.101	0.359	0	0.0556	0.7	0.4325	1.4	0.1	1.2	0.49	349	4.6	365	8.3	466.9	26.6	4.3	25.2
62	65	20	0.303	-0.457	0	0.04	1.8	0.2629	7	0	6.8	0.25	253	8.7	237	29.7	79.8	160	-6.8	-217.2
63	4302	208	0.047	1.28	0	0.0416	0.7	0.3547	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.58	263	3.4	308	6.1	665.9	20.7	14.7	60.5
64	480	167	0.342	2.206	0	0.0388	0.7	0.3676	1.5	0.1	1.4	0.47	245	3.5	318	8.4	891.8	28.4	22.9	72.5
65	752	223	0.29	0.14	0	0.0787	0.7	0.6301	1.4	0.1	1.2	0.52	488	6.7	496	10.7	532.2	26	1.6	8.2
66	231	33	0.138	0.134	0	0.0403	0.9	0.291	2	0.1	1.8	0.46	255	4.5	259	9	302	40.2	1.8	15.7
67	169	36	0.21	0.847	0	0.0662	1	0.565	2	0.1	1.7	0.52	413	8.3	455	14.9	669.9	37.3	9.1	38.3
68	148	76	0.503	0.33	0	0.041	0.9	0.3051	3.2	0.1	3.1	0.29	259	4.7	270	15.3	372.7	69.1	4.3	30.6
69	1002	307	0.3	0.128	0	0.0397	0.7	0.2861	1.3	0.1	1.2	0.5	251	3.3	256	6.1	296.6	26.8	1.7	15.4
70	2491	1396	0.549	0.201	0	0.0811	0.6	0.6588	1.2	0.1	1	0.54	503	6.2	514	9.5	564	21.9	2.2	10.9
71	2959	405	0.134	0.114	0	0.0786	0.6	0.627	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.55	488	5.6	494	8.6	523.5	20.7	1.3	6.8
72	48	90	1.827	30.27	0	0.0546	1.1	2.2383	2.4	0.3	2.1	0.47	343	7.4	1193	33.3	3455	33.1	71.3	90.1
73	763	205	0.263	-0.019	0	0.0794	0.7	0.6225	1.2	0.1	1	0.54	493	6.3	491	9.6	486.4	23.4	-0.2	-1.3
74	1384	145	0.103	0.207	0	0.0757	0.7	0.6065	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.59	470	6	481	8.6	534.8	20.3	2.3	12.1
75	477	141	0.29	0.097	0	0.0397	0.8	0.2846	2.1	0.1	1.9	0.38	251	3.9	254	9.4	285.3	44	1.3	12
76	739	145	0.193	0.284	0	0.1497	0.8	1.4732	1.3	0.1	1	0.6	899	12.7	919	15.3	968.3	21.2	2.2	7.1

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Appendix Table 4.1 (continued): Zircon U-Pb data obtained on the modern sand samples from NE China

grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pbc [%]	208Pb 206Pb	206Pb 238U [%]	206Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb 235U [%]	207Pb ±1s [%]	rho	206Pb 238U [Ma]	±2s [Ma]	207Pb 235U [Ma]	±2s [Ma]	207Pb ±2s [Ma]	206Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb 206Pb [%]	Disc. I. [%]	Disc. II. [%]	
																				207Pb 206Pb [%]
77	104	94	0.881	5.921	0	0.0639	0.9	0.9032	2	0.1	1.7	0.48	399	7.3	653	19.1	1671	32.6	38.9	76.1
78	2334	161	0.067	0.047	0	0.0788	0.6	0.6225	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.55	489	5.6	491	8.5	503.5	20.6	0.5	2.9
79	807	370	0.45	0.496	0	0.0426	0.7	0.3269	1.4	0.1	1.2	0.5	269	3.7	287	7	436.8	27.4	6.3	38.4
80	1577	317	0.197	0.716	0	0.0825	0.7	0.7208	1.2	0.1	1	0.57	511	6.7	551	10.2	719.7	21.5	7.2	29
81	1458	473	0.318	0.165	0	0.0833	0.6	0.6769	1.2	0.1	1	0.56	516	6.4	525	9.5	566	21.4	1.8	8.9
82	3630	1241	0.334	0.654	0	0.146	0.8	1.4842	1.2	0.1	0.9	0.69	878	13.4	924	14.4	1035	18.1	4.9	15.1
83	1278	121	0.093	0.755	0	0.083	0.6	0.7289	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.58	514	6.4	556	9.6	732.3	19.9	7.6	29.8
84	2081	348	0.164	0.114	0	0.0717	0.7	0.5609	1.2	0.1	1	0.57	446	5.8	452	8.6	482.8	21.9	1.3	7.6
85	1407	69	0.048	0.02	0	0.08	0.6	0.6313	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.57	496	6.2	497	9	501.8	21.3	0.2	1.2
86	1325	32	0.024	0.194	0	0.0674	0.6	0.5279	1.2	0.1	1	0.52	421	5	430	8.4	483.1	23	2.3	12.9
87	340	194	0.564	-0.072	0	0.086	0.7	0.6816	1.4	0.1	1.2	0.51	532	7.2	528	11.5	509.5	26.7	-0.8	-4.4
88	598	203	0.333	0.05	0	0.0776	0.6	0.6118	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.49	482	6	485	10.2	497.7	25.6	0.6	3.2
89	302	80	0.258	0.029	0	0.0431	0.8	0.3087	2.2	0.1	2.1	0.36	272	4.3	273	10.7	282.4	47.8	0.4	3.7
90	1281	143	0.11	1.535	0	0.0521	0.7	0.4694	1.2	0.1	1.1	0.53	328	4.2	391	8.1	784.8	22.8	16.2	58.3
91	198	45	0.222	0.118	0	0.0723	0.8	0.5674	1.8	0.1	1.6	0.42	450	6.5	456	13.2	487.7	36	1.4	7.7
92	2386	660	0.27	0.299	0	0.0412	0.7	0.3057	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.53	260	3.5	271	6.2	364.1	25.5	3.9	28.5
93	465	161	0.338	0.398	0	0.1459	0.7	1.4411	1.2	0.1	1	0.58	878	11.5	906	14.5	975.1	20.7	3.1	9.9
94	128	73	0.562	-5.83	0	3E-05	173	0	173	0	1	1	0.2	0.6	0	0	0.1	0	0	-84.3
95	1293	429	0.324	0.02	0	0.0791	0.6	0.6236	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.57	491	5.9	492	8.6	497.5	20.5	0.2	1.3
96	1224	553	0.445	0.115	0	0.1532	0.7	1.4917	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.59	919	11.3	927	13.5	946.9	18.9	0.9	3
97	6451	614	0.098	7.338	0	0.061	1	0.9552	1.9	0.1	1.6	0.51	382	7.2	681	18.9	1856	30.2	43.9	79.4
98	193	117	0.592	0.408	0	0.0794	0.8	0.661	1.8	0.1	1.7	0.43	493	7.5	515	14.9	616.1	36.2	4.4	20
99	2	0	0.272	70.95	0	0.5072	3.5	56.809	4.2	0.8	2.3	0.84	2645	152	4120	84.6	4550	51.3	35.8	41.9
100	96	25	0.25	-0.175	0	0.0393	1.1	0.2697	3.9	0	3.7	0.27	249	5.2	243	16.9	184.5	87.4	-2.5	-34.7
101	275	38	0.134	0.184	0	0.042	0.9	0.3071	2.5	0.1	2.4	0.35	265	4.6	272	12.1	329.7	53.8	2.4	19.5
102	189	78	0.405	-0.083	0	0.082	0.9	0.6413	1.8	0.1	1.6	0.48	508	8.5	503	14.5	481.9	35.6	-0.9	-5.4
103	74	96	1.275	5.79	0	0.0567	1	0.7845	3.1	0.1	2.9	0.34	356	7.2	588	27.7	1630	54.2	39.5	78.2
104	806	220	0.267	-0.006	0	0.0786	0.7	0.6164	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.51	488	6.4	488	10.3	486	25.8	-0.1	-0.4
105	1574	101	0.063	0.547	0	0.1476	0.6	1.4896	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.57	888	10.6	926	13.7	1019	19.5	4.2	12.9
106	447	66	0.144	0.084	0	0.0401	0.8	0.2871	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.48	253	3.9	256	7.5	283.5	33.2	1.2	10.6
107	519	73	0.138	0.203	0	0.0802	0.7	0.6503	1.5	0.1	1.3	0.46	497	6.6	509	12	559.6	29.1	2.2	11.1

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grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pbc [%]	208Pb 206Pb	206Pb 238U [%]	207Pb 235U [%]	207Pb 206Pb [%]	207Pb 206Pb [%]	rho	206Pb 238U [Ma]	207Pb 235U [Ma]	207Pb 206Pb [Ma]	207Pb 206Pb [Ma]	±2s	Disc. I. [%]	Disc. II. [%]		
																		±1s	±1s
<b>JS7</b>																			
108	359	70	0.191	0.224	0	0.0304	1	0.2169	3.3	0.1	3.2	0.3	193	3.8	12	274.6	72.6	3.2	29.7
109	1605	512	0.313	0.407	0	0.1132	0.6	1.0275	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.56	691	8.2	11.5	801.4	20	3.7	13.8
110	1280	861	0.66	0.089	0	0.0784	0.6	0.6228	1.2	0.1	1	0.54	487	6.1	9.4	514.5	22.6	1	5.4
111	994	117	0.115	0.984	0	0.0803	0.8	0.7214	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.57	498	7.2	11.1	779.7	23	9.7	36.1
112	2717	271	0.098	0.385	0	0.0688	0.6	0.5554	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.56	429	5.3	8.2	549.7	21	4.3	22
113	146	80	0.531	-0.276	0	0.0403	1.1	0.273	2.9	0	2.6	0.38	255	5.4	12.5	152.4	62	-4	-67.3
114	737	180	0.239	0.075	0	0.0409	0.6	0.2929	1.5	0.1	1.4	0.42	258	3.3	7.1	284.9	32.4	1	9.4
115	567	46	0.082	0.575	0	0.0816	0.7	0.698	1.2	0.1	1.1	0.53	506	6.4	10.4	675.7	23.1	5.9	25.2
116	505	146	0.284	0.266	0	0.0686	0.9	0.5443	1.5	0.1	1.2	0.61	428	7.6	10.8	512.4	26.7	3.1	16.5
117	32	22	0.655	0.49	0	0.0392	1.7	0.2975	8.3	0.1	8.1	0.2	248	8.2	39.1	415.5	182	6.3	40.4
118	1644	330	0.2	0.325	0	0.0788	0.7	0.6468	1.2	0.1	1	0.58	489	6.5	9.5	587.9	21.4	3.5	16.9
119	720	64	0.089	0.055	0	0.0738	0.7	0.5764	1.4	0.1	1.2	0.51	459	6.3	10.4	476.7	27	0.6	3.7
120	517	158	0.3	0.108	0	0.0831	0.7	0.6701	1.4	0.1	1.2	0.5	515	6.7	11.2	547.9	26.4	1.2	6.1
121	4192	558	0.131	0.236	0	0.045	0.7	0.3341	1.2	0.1	0.9	0.61	284	3.9	5.9	365.1	21.3	3.1	22.3
122	2738	457	0.163	1.862	0	0.0385	0.7	0.3499	1.2	0.1	1.1	0.53	243	3.1	6.5	805.5	22.6	20.1	69.8
123	606	230	0.362	11.77	0	0.0904	1	1.9282	4	0.2	3.9	0.24	558	10.5	54.7	2399	66.9	48.9	76.7
124	240	153	0.622	0.025	0	0.0751	0.8	0.5858	1.7	0.1	1.5	0.49	467	7.6	13	475.1	33.8	0.3	1.8
125	569	177	0.305	1.357	0	0.2772	0.7	4.174	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.61	1577	18.9	1669	1787	17	5.5	11.7
126	89	270	2.968	8.413	0	0.0429	1	0.7043	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.43	271	5.3	19.6	1944	38	50	86.1
127	947	219	0.227	0.082	0	0.0806	0.7	0.6428	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.55	499	6.8	10.1	525.1	23.7	0.9	4.9
128	489	68	0.141	0.468	0	0.0753	0.6	0.6253	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.49	468	5.9	10.3	610.9	25.1	5.1	23.4
129	712	197	0.27	0.03	0	0.078	0.6	0.6133	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.5	484	6	10	493.6	25	0.3	1.9
<b>JS8</b>																			
1	1617	710	0.421	0.304	0	0.0339	0.7	0.2471	1.4	0.1	1.3	0.45	215	2.8	5.8	322.7	29.5	4.1	33.4
2	1285	758	0.562	3.497	0	0.0411	0.7	0.4506	1.5	0.1	1.3	0.47	260	3.5	378	1184	25.9	31.2	78
3	283	79	0.269	-0.074	0	0.0396	0.8	0.2763	2.1	0.1	1.9	0.38	250	3.9	9.2	223.7	44.8	-1	-11.9
4	783	187	0.229	0.01	0	0.0315	0.7	0.2183	1.9	0.1	1.7	0.39	200	2.9	6.8	204	40.3	0.1	1.9
5	165	85	0.495	-0.192	0	0.0285	0.9	0.1896	3.2	0	3.1	0.28	181	3.2	10.3	108.1	72.1	-2.9	-67.8
6	521	117	0.215	-0.008	0	0.0731	0.7	0.564	1.5	0.1	1.4	0.48	455	6.4	11.4	452.1	30.5	-0.1	-0.5
7	315	92	0.279	-0.093	0	0.0725	0.8	0.5521	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.47	451	6.7	11.8	421.3	32.4	-1.1	-7.1
8	498	185	0.357	-0.113	0	0.04	0.7	0.2781	1.7	0.1	1.6	0.42	253	3.6	7.6	212.3	36.6	-1.6	-19.2

Appendix Table 4.1 (continued): Zircon U-Pb data obtained on the modern sand samples from NE China

grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pb/c [‰]	208Pb 206Pb	206Pb 238U	±1s [%]	207Pb 235U	±1s [%]	207Pb 206Pb	±1s [%]	207Pb 206Pb	±2s [Ma]	207Pb 235U	±2s [Ma]	207Pb 206Pb	±2s [Ma]	207Pb 206Pb	±2s [Ma]	Disc.	
																				I. [%]	Disc. II. [%]
9	2039	569	0.267	0.093	0	0.0758	0.7	0.5983	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.52	471	476	9.9	500.5	24.9	500.5	24.9	1.1	5.9
10	482	159	0.316	0.168	0	0.0305	0.7	0.216	2	0.1	1.8	0.37	194	199	7.1	255.1	42.1	255.1	42.1	2.4	24
11	332	234	0.676	1.014	0	0.0295	0.8	0.2353	2.3	0.1	2.2	0.34	187	215	8.9	527.2	47.5	527.2	47.5	12.8	64.5
12	814	226	0.266	0.181	0	0.0322	0.7	0.2295	1.5	0.1	1.4	0.45	204	210	5.8	270	31.6	270	31.6	2.5	24.3
13	238	73	0.296	0.513	0	0.0312	1	0.2328	2.4	0.1	2.2	0.41	198	213	9.3	377.8	49.7	377.8	49.7	6.9	47.6
14	279	90	0.309	0.013	0	0.0308	0.8	0.2129	2.3	0.1	2.2	0.34	196	196	8.2	200.6	50.2	200.6	50.2	0.2	2.5
15	206	74	0.345	-0.108	0	0.0336	0.9	0.2295	2.6	0	2.4	0.34	213	210	9.7	172.9	56.2	172.9	56.2	-1.6	-23.3
16	353	121	0.328	10.37	0	0.0327	0.7	0.6	2	0.1	1.8	0.37	207	477	14.9	2140	32.3	2140	32.3	56.6	90.3
17	54	29	0.514	23.53	0	0.0376	1.5	1.2406	3.1	0.2	2.7	0.49	238	819	35.5	3116	44	3116	44	71	92.4
18	1541	338	0.211	0.213	0	0.0725	0.6	0.5769	1.2	0.1	1.1	0.5	451	463	9.2	518.5	24	518.5	24	2.4	13
19	508	200	0.378	0.528	0	0.0388	0.7	0.2962	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.46	246	263	7.4	425.7	31.9	425.7	31.9	6.8	42.3
20	468	220	0.452	-0.061	0	0.0755	0.7	0.5822	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.44	469	466	11.7	449.7	31.5	449.7	31.5	-0.7	-4.3
21	179	87	0.468	-0.244	0	0.0289	1	0.1902	3.5	0	3.4	0.28	183	177	11.4	89.6	79.9	89.6	79.9	-3.7	-104.6
22	969	255	0.252	0.057	0	0.0297	0.7	0.2059	1.7	0.1	1.6	0.4	189	190	5.9	209.8	36.5	209.8	36.5	0.8	10.1
23	268	131	0.468	-0.079	0	0.0279	0.8	0.1884	2.6	0	2.5	0.32	177	175	8.4	147.2	58	147.2	58	-1.2	-20.5
24	1221	312	0.245	-0.067	0	0.0319	0.7	0.2181	1.4	0	1.3	0.48	202	200	5.3	177.2	29.8	177.2	29.8	-1	-14.2
25	650	272	0.401	4.519	0	0.0325	0.8	0.3865	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.48	206	332	9.2	1346	28	1346	28	37.9	84.7
26	971	428	0.424	-0.021	0	0.0312	0.7	0.2146	1.4	0	1.3	0.47	198	197	5.1	190.2	29.7	190.2	29.7	-0.3	-4.1
27	339	68	0.192	-0.023	0	0.0776	0.7	0.6055	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.46	482	481	12.1	474.9	31.3	474.9	31.3	-0.3	-1.5
28	632	193	0.292	0.145	0	0.0747	0.7	0.5921	1.4	0.1	1.2	0.48	465	472	10.4	510	26.9	510	26.9	1.6	8.9
29	757	264	0.334	-0.015	0	0.0312	0.7	0.2147	1.7	0	1.5	0.41	198	198	6	192.1	35.4	192.1	35.4	-0.2	-3
30	274	76	0.266	0.288	0	0.0297	0.9	0.2135	2.4	0.1	2.2	0.38	189	197	8.5	292.5	50.5	292.5	50.5	4	35.5
31	222	75	0.324	0.079	0	0.0285	0.9	0.198	2.9	0.1	2.7	0.31	181	183	9.7	210.9	63.7	210.9	63.7	1.2	14
32	276	143	0.497	-0.342	0	0.0338	0.8	0.2224	2.4	0	2.2	0.33	215	204	8.8	84	53.3	84	53.3	-5.2	-155.3
33	444	271	0.588	0.737	0	0.028	0.8	0.2145	2	0.1	1.9	0.39	178	197	7.4	433.1	42.3	433.1	42.3	9.7	58.9
34	765	454	0.57	0.152	0	0.0402	0.7	0.2909	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.44	254	259	7.2	307.5	32.5	307.5	32.5	2	17.4
35	647	141	0.21	0.299	0	0.0754	0.7	0.6113	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.54	468	484	10	560.9	24.3	560.9	24.3	3.3	16.5
36	447	165	0.354	0.615	0	0.0319	0.8	0.2422	1.8	0.1	1.6	0.47	202	220	7.1	415.1	35.6	415.1	35.6	8.1	51.2
37	432	213	0.473	-0.044	0	0.0341	0.7	0.2356	1.8	0.1	1.6	0.42	216	215	7	200.1	38.3	200.1	38.3	-0.6	-8
38	287	74	0.249	0.402	0	0.0689	0.8	0.5578	1.9	0.1	1.8	0.39	430	450	14	555.7	39	555.7	39	4.5	22.7
39	3145	1332	0.407	0.066	0	0.035	0.7	0.2466	1.4	0.1	1.2	0.52	222	224	5.7	245.7	28.3	245.7	28.3	0.9	9.7
40	867	260	0.288	0.036	0	0.0778	0.6	0.6122	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.49	483	485	10.1	494.4	25.5	494.4	25.5	0.4	2.3

Appendix Table 4.1 (continued): Zircon U-Pb data obtained on the modern sand samples from NE China

grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pbc [%]	208Pb 206Pb	±1s 207Pb 235U [%]	±1s 207Pb 235U [%]	±1s 207Pb 206Pb [%]	±1s 207Pb 206Pb [%]	rho	206Pb 238U	±2s 207Pb 235U [Ma]	207Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb 206Pb ±2s [Ma]	Disc. I. [%]	Disc. II. [%]		
																	±1s 207Pb 235U [%]	±1s 207Pb 206Pb [%]
41	0	0	0.132	77.49	0	0	590	0	590	0.7	6.9	1	0	0	4550	110	-362	-1751.2
42	1575	416	0.253	0.06	0	0.0324	0.6	0.2262	1.3	0.1	1.2	0.47	205	5	227.2	27.3	0.8	9.6
43	351	116	0.316	0.023	0	0.0712	0.7	0.5489	1.5	0.1	1.3	0.49	443	10.8	450.4	29.3	0.3	1.6
44	1400	394	0.27	-0.016	0	0.0323	0.7	0.2228	1.5	0.1	1.4	0.43	205	2.6	198.9	32	-0.2	-2.9
45	1349	599	0.437	3.322	0	0.0531	0.7	0.5853	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.46	334	4.7	1194	28.1	28.6	72
46	1343	347	0.247	1.602	0	0.0326	0.7	0.2837	1.4	0.1	1.2	0.51	207	2.8	710.2	25.5	18.4	70.9
47	2463	844	0.328	0.532	0	0.0409	0.7	0.3142	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.44	259	3.6	438.9	32.5	6.8	41.1
48	927	225	0.233	0.116	0	0.0409	0.7	0.2951	1.5	0.1	1.4	0.45	259	3.4	299.3	31.3	1.6	13.6
49	458	142	0.297	0.187	0	0.0338	0.8	0.2417	1.9	0.1	1.7	0.4	214	3.2	281.6	39.8	2.6	24
50	1174	355	0.29	0.64	0	0.0766	0.7	0.6522	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.54	476	6.6	666.5	24.6	6.7	28.6
51	546	77	0.137	-0.009	0	0.0447	0.7	0.3197	1.5	0.1	1.3	0.48	282	4	278.7	30.1	-0.1	-1.2
52	927	266	0.275	0.67	0	0.0303	0.9	0.2307	2.6	0.1	2.5	0.33	192	3.4	424	55.8	8.8	54.7
53	43	56	1.26	30.92	0	0.0398	1.4	1.639	3	0.3	2.7	0.46	251	6.9	3465	42	74.5	92.7
54	593	342	0.553	-0.058	0	0.0304	0.8	0.2077	1.9	0	1.7	0.44	193	3.2	171.8	39.9	-0.8	-12.5
55	908	255	0.268	0.792	0	0.0701	0.8	0.5997	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.48	437	6.5	675.1	30.5	8.4	35.3
56	326	204	0.602	0.455	0	0.0411	0.7	0.3116	1.9	0.1	1.7	0.37	259	3.5	414.6	38.9	5.8	37.4
57	1016	832	0.786	0.149	0	0.0732	0.7	0.5785	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.5	456	5.7	502.8	25.6	1.7	9.4
58	259	71	0.263	-0.065	0	0.0424	0.8	0.2986	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.35	268	4.2	244.3	49.4	-0.9	-9.6
59	144	79	0.524	0.103	0	0.0292	1	0.2037	3.8	0.1	3.6	0.27	186	3.7	223.7	83.8	1.5	17.1
60	695	311	0.429	-0.068	0	0.0318	0.7	0.2173	1.8	0	1.6	0.4	202	2.8	176.2	37.7	-1	-14.4
61	654	188	0.276	0.073	0	0.0776	0.7	0.6136	1.5	0.1	1.3	0.45	482	6.1	504.8	28.8	0.8	4.6
62	273	98	0.344	3.79	0	0.0316	0.9	0.3505	2.2	0.1	2	0.4	201	3.5	1207	40.4	34.2	83.4
63	146	52	0.344	0.609	0	0.0165	1.2	0.1206	3.7	0.1	3.5	0.34	106	2.6	327.5	78.8	8.7	67.8
64	254	225	0.844	-0.427	0	0.0126	1.1	0.0769	4.5	0	4.4	0.24	80.8	1.7	0.1	0.1	-7.4	-80652
65	424	104	0.236	0.138	0	0.0321	0.7	0.2271	2	0.1	1.9	0.37	204	3	253.8	43.1	1.9	19.7
66	762	309	0.39	-0.132	0	0.0305	0.7	0.2059	1.6	0	1.5	0.44	194	2.7	144	35.1	-2	-34.6
67	577	167	0.277	-0.074	0	0.0761	0.7	0.5863	1.5	0.1	1.4	0.44	473	6.2	448.9	30.8	-0.9	-5.3
68	937	233	0.239	0.01	0	0.0302	0.7	0.2081	1.7	0.1	1.6	0.41	192	2.6	195.5	36.7	0.1	2
69	336	130	0.372	0.191	0	0.0712	0.8	0.5628	1.7	0.1	1.5	0.45	443	6.5	504.1	33.8	2.2	12
70	1062	211	0.191	0.049	0	0.0322	0.7	0.2245	1.5	0.1	1.3	0.47	204	2.8	222.2	29.9	0.7	8.1
71	487	83	0.163	-0.219	0	0.0401	0.7	0.2741	1.7	0	1.6	0.41	254	3.5	173.2	37.3	-3.1	-46.4
72	339	151	0.427	0.236	0	0.0289	0.8	0.2059	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.35	184	2.9	269.5	48.7	3.3	31.8

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grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pb [ppm]	208Pb 206Pb	206Pb 238U	±1s [%]	207Pb 235U	±1s [%]	207Pb ±1s	206Pb ±1s	207Pb 206Pb	±1s [%]	rho	206Pb 238U	±2s [Ma]	207Pb 235U	±2s [Ma]	207Pb ±2s	206Pb ±2s	207Pb 206Pb	±2s [Ma]	Disc. I.	Disc. II. [%]
73	206	252	1.174	0.298	0	0.0302	0.9	0.2178	2.5	0.1	2.3	0.35	192	3.2	200	9	298.8	53.1	298.8	53.1	4.1	35.8		
74	1088	491	0.435	0.562	0	0.0396	0.8	0.3044	1.8	0.1	1.7	0.42	251	3.8	270	8.7	441.4	37.2	441.4	37.2	7.2	43.3		
75	160	53	0.32	0.68	0	0.0394	0.9	0.3075	2.6	0.1	2.5	0.34	249	4.4	272	12.6	477.2	54.9	477.2	54.9	8.5	47.8		
76	326	200	0.587	-0.119	0	0.031	0.8	0.21	2.3	0	2.1	0.36	197	3.2	194	8	152.3	49.9	152.3	49.9	-1.8	-29.3		
77	287	77	0.257	0.15	0	0.0302	0.9	0.2128	2.4	0.1	2.2	0.38	192	3.4	196	8.6	246.9	51.8	246.9	51.8	2.1	22.3		
78	286	92	0.307	-0.047	0	0.0343	0.8	0.2371	2.4	0.1	2.3	0.33	218	3.5	216	9.4	200	53.1	200	53.1	-0.7	-8.8		
79	768	299	0.374	0.019	0	0.0293	0.7	0.2021	1.6	0	1.5	0.45	186	2.7	187	5.6	193.8	34.4	193.8	34.4	0.3	3.8		
80	448	152	0.326	0.57	0	0.077	0.8	0.6503	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.5	478	7.1	509	12.5	649	29.5	649	29.5	6	26.3		
81	1443	645	0.431	0.87	0	0.0301	0.7	0.2357	1.4	0.1	1.2	0.49	191	2.5	215	5.3	486	26.6	486	26.6	11.1	60.7		
82	237	84	0.337	-0.086	0	0.0336	1	0.2301	2.9	0	2.7	0.34	213	4.1	210	11	181.1	63.3	181.1	63.3	-1.2	-17.6		
83	368	215	0.558	-0.072	0	0.0292	0.8	0.1985	2.3	0	2.1	0.35	186	2.9	184	7.7	158.8	49.9	158.8	49.9	-1.1	-17		
84	939	231	0.236	0.342	0	0.0383	0.6	0.284	1.5	0.1	1.3	0.43	242	3	254	6.6	361.6	30.4	361.6	30.4	4.5	33		
85	418	194	0.443	0.436	0	0.0304	1	0.2239	2.6	0.1	2.4	0.39	193	3.8	205	9.6	347.7	53.8	347.7	53.8	5.9	44.5		
86	431	134	0.298	-0.103	0	0.03	0.7	0.2034	2	0	1.9	0.36	191	2.7	188	7	152.4	44.5	152.4	44.5	-1.5	-25.2		
87	980	452	0.441	1.061	0	0.0315	0.7	0.2542	1.4	0.1	1.3	0.47	200	2.6	230	5.9	551.4	27.7	551.4	27.7	13.1	63.8		
88	547	163	0.285	-0.028	0	0.0299	0.7	0.2051	1.9	0	1.8	0.37	190	2.6	189	6.5	179.6	41.1	179.6	41.1	-0.4	-5.9		
89	310	132	0.41	-0.041	0	0.0321	0.9	0.2206	2.5	0	2.3	0.35	204	3.5	202	9.2	188.4	54.5	188.4	54.5	-0.6	-8.1		
90	252	110	0.42	-0.008	0	0.0314	0.8	0.2165	2.5	0.1	2.4	0.34	199	3.3	199	9	196.3	54.8	196.3	54.8	-0.1	-1.5		
91	200	100	0.482	-0.079	0	0.0309	0.9	0.2104	2.5	0	2.4	0.35	196	3.5	194	9	166.6	55.9	166.6	55.9	-1.2	-17.7		
92	494	148	0.288	0.117	0	0.0708	0.7	0.5531	1.5	0.1	1.3	0.48	441	6	447	10.7	478.3	29	478.3	29	1.4	7.8		
93	379	118	0.3	0.391	0	0.0398	0.8	0.2983	1.8	0.1	1.7	0.42	252	3.8	265	8.6	386.3	37.6	386.3	37.6	5.1	34.9		
94	1243	461	0.355	0.112	0	0.0304	0.7	0.2129	1.5	0.1	1.3	0.45	193	2.5	196	5.2	234.1	30.4	234.1	30.4	1.6	17.6		
95	206	124	0.577	0.459	0	0.0403	0.9	0.3056	2.2	0.1	2.1	0.38	255	4.3	271	10.7	411.8	46.4	411.8	46.4	5.9	38.1		
96	474	171	0.346	-0.014	0	0.0304	0.7	0.209	1.9	0	1.7	0.39	193	2.8	193	6.6	188.1	40.1	188.1	40.1	-0.2	-2.6		
97	1384	468	0.324	0.082	0	0.0307	0.7	0.2144	1.5	0.1	1.3	0.48	195	2.7	197	5.3	225	30.1	225	30.1	1.2	13.4		
98	1807	769	0.406	0.372	0	0.0728	0.6	0.5927	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.5	453	5.5	473	9.5	568.4	24.1	568.4	24.1	4.1	20.3		
99	75	11	0.143	12.89	0	0.073	1.2	1.6146	2.8	0.2	2.5	0.42	454	10.2	976	35	2461	43	2461	43	53.5	81.6		
100	660	194	0.28	0.269	0	0.0694	0.6	0.5518	1.5	0.1	1.4	0.43	432	5.4	446	10.9	517.7	30.2	517.7	30.2	3.1	16.5		
101	3644	857	0.278	0.174	0.09	0.0756	0.6	0.6033	0.9	0.1	0.7	0.61	470	5.3	479	7.2	524.4	17	524.4	17	2	10.4		
102	246	160	0.769	0.269	0.26	0.0292	0.8	0.209	2	0.1	1.8	0.39	186	2.8	193	7	282.6	42.3	282.6	42.3	3.8	34.4		
103	1006	214	0.251	0.199	0.08	0.0742	0.6	0.5915	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.55	461	5.2	472	8.1	523.8	20.1	523.8	20.1	2.2	11.9		

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grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pbc [%]	208Pb 206Pb	206Pb 238U	206Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb 235U	207Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb 206Pb	±1s [%]	rho	206Pb 238U	±2s [Ma]	207Pb 235U	±2s [Ma]	207Pb ±2s	207Pb 206Pb	±2s [Ma]	Disc. I. [%]	Disc. II. [%]
<b>JS8</b>																					
104	946	162	0.203	0.085	0.07	0.0408	0.6	0.2928	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.56	258	3.2	261	5.2	288.1	21.8	1.2	10.5	
105	1420	321	0.267	0.436	0.1	0.0399	0.6	0.301	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.58	252	3	267	5	401.7	19.8	5.6	37.3	
106	192	94	0.58	0.385	0.19	0.0398	0.7	0.2978	1.7	0.1	1.5	0.42	251	3.5	265	7.9	384.3	35.1	5	34.6	
107	16	0	0	1.077	0.03	0.034	1.7	0.2765	7.2	0.1	7	0.24	215	7.2	248	31.8	569	152	13.1	62.2	
108	405	148	0.432	0.157	0.14	0.0321	0.7	0.2275	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.53	204	2.8	208	5.1	260.7	26.6	2.2	21.9	
109	236	64	0.32	0.053	0.1	0.0326	0.7	0.228	1.9	0.1	1.8	0.38	207	2.9	209	7.2	226.4	41.2	0.8	8.6	
110	497	121	0.287	0.131	0.1	0.0334	0.7	0.2366	1.5	0.1	1.3	0.47	212	2.9	216	5.7	259.1	30.2	1.8	18.3	
111	1656	288	0.206	0.216	0.07	0.0655	0.6	0.5119	1	0.1	0.8	0.62	409	5	420	7.1	478.8	18.5	2.5	14.6	
112	471	111	0.278	0.147	0.09	0.0716	0.6	0.5633	1.2	0.1	1	0.52	446	5.2	454	8.5	492.9	22.4	1.7	9.5	
113	546	150	0.325	-0.041	0.1	0.0324	0.7	0.2228	1.4	0	1.2	0.49	206	2.7	204	5.1	190.5	28.5	-0.6	-7.9	
114	1471	488	0.391	0.739	0.13	0.0322	0.8	0.2493	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.56	204	3	226	5.5	457	25.3	9.5	55.3	
115	257	133	0.614	0.238	0.21	0.0315	0.7	0.2256	1.8	0.1	1.6	0.41	200	2.8	207	6.6	285.5	36.8	3.3	30.1	
116	1219	297	0.288	0.124	0.09	0.0349	0.6	0.2482	1.1	0.1	1	0.53	221	2.6	225	4.6	266	22.7	1.7	16.8	
117	1089	369	0.401	0.051	0.13	0.0307	0.6	0.2135	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.56	195	2.4	197	4	213.8	22.1	0.7	8.8	
118	1093	210	0.227	0.219	0.08	0.0299	0.6	0.2125	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.55	190	2.3	196	4	269.2	22	3.1	29.6	
119	2155	591	0.324	0.103	0.1	0.0743	0.6	0.585	1	0.1	0.8	0.63	462	5.6	468	7.5	494.7	17.8	1.2	6.6	
120	106	39	0.438	0.284	0.14	0.0295	1	0.2121	3	0.1	2.9	0.33	188	3.6	195	10.8	290.2	65.7	4	35.4	
121	35	16	0.541	0.186	0.17	0.0318	1.3	0.2266	4.4	0.1	4.3	0.29	202	5.1	207	16.8	269.6	97.7	2.6	25.1	
122	316	86	0.321	0.219	0.11	0.0731	0.7	0.5825	1.4	0.1	1.2	0.5	455	6	466	10.3	523.3	26.7	2.5	13.1	
123	1235	196	0.188	2.232	0.1	0.0738	0.6	0.7559	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.57	459	5.3	572	9.2	1049	18.2	19.7	56.2	
124	195	100	0.606	0.083	0.2	0.031	0.8	0.2164	2	0.1	1.8	0.39	197	3	199	7.3	227.4	42.9	1.2	13.6	
125	297	108	0.432	0.895	0.16	0.069	0.7	0.5964	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.53	430	5.7	475	9.7	697.6	23.6	9.4	38.3	
126	197	136	0.818	0.048	0.27	0.0288	0.8	0.1991	2.5	0.1	2.3	0.33	183	2.9	184	8.3	200.9	54.3	0.7	8.9	
127	1041	379	0.43	0.142	0.14	0.0397	0.6	0.2866	1.1	0.1	1	0.55	251	3.1	256	5.2	301	22.2	1.9	16.6	
128	863	186	0.253	-0.016	0.09	0.032	0.6	0.2204	1.2	0.1	1	0.53	203	2.5	202	4.4	196.7	23.9	-0.2	-3.1	
129	337	123	0.432	2.188	0.18	0.0732	0.7	0.7445	2.2	0.1	2.1	0.31	455	6	565	19.3	1036	43	19.4	56.1	
130	297	91	0.367	-0.127	0.12	0.0309	0.8	0.2089	1.6	0	1.4	0.48	196	3	193	5.8	148.4	34	-1.9	-32.3	
131	497	420	0.999	0.158	0.29	0.0339	0.7	0.2413	1.4	0.1	1.2	0.47	215	2.8	219	5.5	271.7	28.4	2.2	21	
<b>JS9</b>																					
1	98	49	0.6	0.053	0.19	0.0295	0.9	0.2043	2.5	0.1	2.4	0.34	187	3.2	189	8.7	207.3	55.4	0.8	9.7	
2	68	31	0.53	0.177	0.18	0.0298	0.9	0.2106	3.3	0.1	3.1	0.29	189	3.5	194	11.6	254.1	72.1	2.5	25.5	

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grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th [ppm]	206Pbc [%]	208Pb 206Pb [%]	206Pb 238U [%]	206Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb 235U [%]	207Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb ±2s [Ma]	206Pb 238U [Ma]	rho	206Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb 235U [Ma]	207Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb 206Pb	±2s [Ma]	207Pb 206Pb	±2s [Ma]	Disc. I. [%]	Disc. II. [%]
3	286	122	0.504	0.174	0.17	0.0323	0.8	0.2302	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.49	205	3.1	210	5.9	268.1	31.4	2.4	23.4	
4	116	102	1.035	0.644	0.35	0.0307	1.3	0.2335	2.6	0.1	2.3	0.49	195	5	213	10.2	417.9	51.6	8.5	53.3	
5	201	42	0.246	0.1	0.08	0.0317	0.8	0.2229	2	0.1	1.8	0.39	201	3	204	7.3	238.1	41.7	1.4	15.4	
6	216	179	0.954	0.113	0.32	0.029	0.8	0.203	2.1	0.1	1.9	0.37	185	2.8	188	7.1	226.5	44.3	1.6	18.5	
7	1086	152	0.165	0.01	0.05	0.0778	0.6	0.6098	1	0.1	0.8	0.61	483	5.6	483	7.6	486.2	17.9	0.1	0.7	
8	422	91	0.255	0.057	0.08	0.0311	0.7	0.2166	1.5	0.1	1.3	0.45	197	2.6	199	5.4	218.6	31.3	0.8	9.7	
9	123	64	0.612	-0.044	0.2	0.0294	0.9	0.2005	2.3	0	2.1	0.38	187	3.1	186	7.7	170.2	49.2	-0.7	-9.7	
10	186	97	0.613	-0.137	0.21	0.033	0.8	0.2237	1.8	0	1.6	0.44	209	3.2	205	6.6	157.7	37.7	-2	-32.6	
11	663	173	0.304	-0.017	0.1	0.0719	0.6	0.5526	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.56	448	5.4	447	8	442.2	20.8	-0.2	-1.2	
12	91	61	0.795	0.232	0.25	0.0292	1	0.208	2.4	0.1	2.1	0.43	186	3.7	192	8.3	269.9	49.1	3.3	31.3	
13	163	80	0.584	0.574	0.2	0.0316	1.7	0.2385	7.1	0.1	6.9	0.24	201	6.6	217	27.9	400.5	154	7.6	49.9	
14	490	115	0.278	-0.027	0.09	0.0723	0.6	0.5555	1.2	0.1	1	0.53	450	5.4	449	8.5	441.4	22.5	-0.3	-2	
15	95	57	0.703	0.102	0.21	0.0299	0.9	0.2088	2.8	0.1	2.6	0.34	190	3.5	193	9.7	227.2	60.3	1.5	16.5	
16	132	81	0.725	-0.283	0.23	0.0292	0.9	0.1915	2.5	0	2.3	0.35	186	3.1	178	8.1	76.5	55.3	-4.3	-142.7	
17	378	131	0.408	0.029	0.13	0.0325	0.7	0.2259	1.5	0.1	1.3	0.47	206	2.9	207	5.7	216.7	31.5	0.4	5	
18	338	127	0.445	-0.123	0.14	0.0309	0.7	0.2086	1.7	0	1.5	0.44	196	2.8	192	5.9	150	35.3	-1.8	-30.6	
19	629	170	0.321	-0.05	0.1	0.0835	0.6	0.6588	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.59	517	6.2	514	8.6	501.1	19.5	-0.6	-3.1	
20	71	38	0.628	-0.501	0.2	0.0294	0.9	0.186	3.3	0	3.2	0.27	187	3.3	173	10.6	0.1	0.7	-8	-186893	
21	99	56	0.678	0.185	0.22	0.0299	0.9	0.2118	2.4	0.1	2.2	0.39	190	3.5	195	8.5	257.4	50.7	2.6	26.2	
22	348	160	0.545	-0.015	0.17	0.0313	0.7	0.2152	1.5	0	1.3	0.45	198	2.6	198	5.4	192.6	31.3	-0.2	-3	
23	276	109	0.465	-0.03	0.15	0.0328	0.7	0.2263	1.5	0.1	1.3	0.47	208	2.9	207	5.7	197	31.3	-0.4	-5.6	
24	333	175	0.62	0.025	0.21	0.0317	0.7	0.2199	1.5	0.1	1.3	0.46	201	2.7	202	5.5	210.1	31	0.3	4.3	
25	192	53	0.343	0.416	0.12	0.0327	0.7	0.2415	1.8	0.1	1.7	0.4	207	3	220	7.3	354.1	38.5	5.6	41.5	
26	656	215	0.388	0.046	0.12	0.0721	0.6	0.5597	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.58	449	5.3	451	7.7	463.7	19.5	0.5	3.2	
27	259	111	0.509	-0.072	0.17	0.0319	0.7	0.218	1.8	0	1.7	0.39	202	2.8	200	6.6	175.5	39.2	-1.1	-15.3	
28	452	149	0.39	0.105	0.13	0.0783	0.6	0.6232	1.2	0.1	1	0.51	486	5.7	492	9.4	518.7	23.1	1.2	6.3	
29	194	121	0.717	0.128	0.23	0.0323	0.7	0.2283	2	0.1	1.9	0.37	205	3	209	7.7	251.9	43.5	1.8	18.6	
30	100	37	0.44	0.006	0.15	0.0314	1	0.2174	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.43	200	3.9	200	8.4	201.8	48.4	0.1	1.1	
31	22	22	1.111	4.263	0.43	0.0796	2	1.0058	6.4	0.1	6.1	0.32	494	19.4	707	66.4	1461	116	30.2	66.2	
32	719	242	0.38	0.746	0.13	0.0338	1.6	0.2626	3.4	0.1	3	0.47	214	6.6	237	14.3	467.6	66.2	9.6	54.2	
33	64	40	0.717	-0.116	0.22	0.031	2.6	0.2102	7.7	0	7.2	0.33	197	10	194	27.2	153.5	169	-1.7	-28.4	
34	128	77	0.672	0.672	0.22	0.0293	2.9	0.2227	9.8	0.1	9.4	0.29	186	10.6	204	36.5	419	209	8.9	55.6	



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grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pbc [%]	208Pb 206Pb	206Pb 238U	206Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb 235U	207Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb 206Pb	±1s [%]	206Pb 238U	206Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb 235U	207Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb 206Pb	±2s [Ma]	Disc. I. [%]	Disc. II. [%]	
																				207Pb 206Pb
<b>JS9</b>																				
35	644	329	0.577	-0.109	0.19	0.0812	0.8	0.6319	2.2	0.1	2.1	0.36	503	497	17.8	469.2	46.7	-1.2	-7.3	
36	129	139	1.219	0.451	0.42	0.0312	1.7	0.2305	4.3	0.1	3.9	0.4	198	211	16.3	357	88.5	6.1	44.6	
37	3449	141	0.046	-0.124	0.02	0.0797	0.7	0.6158	2	0.1	1.9	0.35	494	487	15.6	454.6	42	-1.4	-8.7	
38	45	17	0.415	0.006	0.14	0.0318	2.4	0.2199	14	0.1	1.3	0.18	202	202	49.9	203.9	308	0.1	1.1	
39	156	93	0.679	0.344	0.24	0.0315	1.3	0.2299	4.1	0.1	3.9	0.32	200	210	15.7	322.7	88.9	4.7	37.9	
40	63	23	0.413	-0.997	0.15	0.0327	2	0.1906	8.1	0	7.8	0.24	207	177	26.4	0.1	0.1	-17	-207179	
41	309	168	0.62	-0.452	0.21	0.0312	1.1	0.2001	3.4	0	3.3	0.31	198	185	11.7	21.4	78.3	-7.1	-826.6	
42	162	113	0.786	-0.414	0.26	0.0291	1.1	0.1866	4.1	0	3.9	0.28	185	174	13.2	22.4	94.5	-6.5	-726.1	
43	1802	142	0.089	0.071	0.03	0.1096	0.7	0.9439	2	0.1	1.9	0.35	670	675	20.1	690.4	40.8	0.7	2.9	
44	808	422	0.59	0.031	0.2	0.0299	0.9	0.2064	2.6	0.1	2.4	0.35	190	191	9	200.9	56.4	0.4	5.6	
45	303	119	0.444	0.233	0.15	0.0311	1	0.2229	3.6	0.1	3.5	0.29	198	204	13.4	281.8	79.4	3.3	29.8	
46	140	79	0.593	0.468	0.23	0.0312	1.4	0.2312	6	0.1	5.8	0.24	198	211	23	362.6	131	6.3	45.4	
47	239	191	0.9	-0.017	0.31	0.0288	1.2	0.1969	3.8	0	3.6	0.31	183	183	12.6	176.7	83.3	-0.2	-3.5	
48	70	46	0.745	0.949	0.29	0.0301	1.8	0.2389	7.9	0.1	7.7	0.22	191	218	31	511	168	12	62.6	
49	329	137	0.472	0.351	0.16	0.0318	0.8	0.2322	3.1	0.1	3	0.27	202	212	11.9	326.7	67.9	4.8	38.2	
50	698	232	0.376	0.043	0.12	0.0788	0.8	0.6222	2.3	0.1	2.2	0.33	489	491	18.1	502.4	48.3	0.5	2.7	
51	133	87	0.743	-0.049	0.26	0.0286	1.7	0.1948	4.5	0	4.2	0.37	182	181	15.1	163.7	98.5	-0.7	-11.2	
52	419	137	0.37	-0.065	0.12	0.0336	0.9	0.2308	3.4	0	3.3	0.27	213	211	13	188.8	76.4	-0.9	-12.8	
53	81	45	0.631	-0.56	0.21	0.03	1.8	0.1878	9.3	0	9.1	0.19	190	175	30.1	0.1	0.7	-9	-190310	
54	322	183	0.629	-0.266	0.21	0.0315	1	0.2085	3.6	0	3.5	0.27	200	192	12.8	98.6	83	-4	-102.8	
55	582	286	0.555	0.018	0.18	0.0795	0.8	0.627	2.2	0.1	2.1	0.36	493	494	17.4	499	45.9	0.2	1.2	
56	82	47	0.65	-0.434	0.22	0.0349	1.6	0.2268	8.5	0	8.3	0.19	221	208	32.2	54.2	199	-6.6	-308.2	
57	61	25	0.453	0.485	0.13	0.0295	2.3	0.2184	7.4	0.1	7.1	0.31	187	201	27.2	358.9	160	6.6	47.8	
58	245	88	0.406	-0.301	0.13	0.0324	1.1	0.2133	4.3	0	4.1	0.27	205	196	15.4	90.4	98.3	-4.5	-127	
59	67	32	0.548	0.684	0.2	0.0284	2.3	0.2159	7.3	0.1	6.9	0.31	181	199	26.5	418.5	155	9.1	56.9	
60	170	83	0.547	0.222	0.2	0.0324	1.2	0.2326	4	0.1	3.8	0.31	206	212	15.5	285.8	87.6	3.1	28	
61	389	220	0.64	0.094	0.22	0.0311	1	0.2181	3.2	0.1	3	0.31	198	200	11.6	232.2	69.7	1.3	14.9	
62	196	117	0.67	-0.09	0.22	0.0312	1.4	0.2119	5.2	0	5	0.26	198	195	18.4	164.1	117	-1.3	-20.5	
63	180	71	0.445	-0.047	0.16	0.0319	1.2	0.2193	4.3	0	4.2	0.28	203	201	15.9	185.3	96.8	-0.7	-9.4	
64	316	166	0.58	0.533	0.2	0.0411	1.2	0.3156	3.2	0.1	2.9	0.37	260	279	15.5	440.2	65.6	6.8	41	
65	349	219	0.706	-0.036	0.23	0.0318	1	0.2185	3.4	0	3.2	0.28	202	201	12.3	188.3	75.3	-0.5	-7.1	

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																		I. [%]	II. [%]	
66	24	38	1.758	20.1	0.89	0.0972	2	3.0036	3.6	0.2	3	0.55	598	22.7	1409	55.5	3011	48.6	57.6	80.1
67	296	143	0.544	-0.218	0.18	0.0325	1	0.2173	4.2	0	4.1	0.24	206	4.1	200	15.3	123.6	95.8	-3.3	-66.8
68	436	92	0.239	-0.042	0.08	0.0317	1.1	0.2173	3.4	0	3.2	0.32	201	4.2	200	12.2	185.1	74.5	-0.6	-8.5
69	162	66	0.462	0.116	0.15	0.0328	1.3	0.2312	5.6	0.1	5.4	0.23	208	5.2	211	21.3	249.8	125	1.6	16.8
70	413	233	0.635	-0.03	0.21	0.0316	0.9	0.2174	2.9	0	2.7	0.33	201	3.7	200	10.4	189.3	63.3	-0.4	-6
71	246	134	0.611	-0.312	0.21	0.0317	1	0.2083	3.9	0	3.7	0.26	201	4.1	192	13.6	81.6	88.9	-4.7	-146.7
72	248	105	0.478	0.246	0.18	0.0322	1.1	0.2319	4.1	0.1	3.9	0.28	205	4.5	212	15.6	293.1	89.2	3.4	30.2
73	100	41	0.463	0.132	0.18	0.0315	1.6	0.2225	6.5	0.1	6.3	0.24	200	6.2	204	24.2	248.7	145	1.9	19.5
74	223	91	0.461	0.343	0.16	0.0321	1	0.234	4.1	0.1	3.9	0.26	204	4.2	214	15.8	325.5	89.7	4.7	37.5
75	210	143	0.77	-0.322	0.23	0.0285	1.4	0.1855	4.5	0	4.2	0.31	181	5	173	14.2	56.2	101	-5	-222.7
76	228	57	0.282	-0.033	0.1	0.0745	1	0.5756	2.6	0.1	2.5	0.37	463	8.7	462	19.8	452.8	54.9	-0.4	-2.4
77	65	28	0.484	0.068	0.14	0.0303	2.2	0.211	9.7	0.1	9.5	0.23	193	8.3	194	34.6	217.8	219	1	11.6
78	68	42	0.699	0.503	0.21	0.0296	2	0.2196	9.3	0.1	9.1	0.22	188	7.4	202	34.2	365.1	204	6.8	48.5
79	313	82	0.295	0.017	0.1	0.0758	0.9	0.5917	2.6	0.1	2.5	0.35	471	8.3	472	19.9	476.6	54.6	0.2	1.2
80	132	73	0.627	-1.28	0.2	0.0309	1.4	0.1695	6.6	0	6.5	0.21	196	5.4	159	19.6	0.1	0	-23.4	-196039
81	217	65	0.337	-0.103	0.12	0.0313	1.1	0.2128	3.5	0	3.3	0.33	199	4.5	196	12.5	160.2	77.7	-1.5	-24.1
82	1261	127	0.114	-0.011	0.04	0.0807	0.7	0.6359	2.1	0.1	1.9	0.34	500	6.8	500	16.4	497	43.2	-0.1	-0.7
83	422	173	0.465	0.498	0.16	0.0315	1.5	0.2353	3.7	0.1	3.4	0.4	200	6	215	14.5	374.8	77.2	6.7	46.6
84	41	53	1.484	32.73	1.02	0.1155	1.7	5.2863	3.2	0.3	2.7	0.53	704	22.5	1867	55.1	3627	42.1	62.3	80.6
85	594	274	0.521	0.067	0.17	0.0335	0.9	0.2355	2.3	0.1	2.1	0.4	213	3.9	215	9	237.2	49.4	0.9	10.3
86	77	36	0.522	0.667	0.18	0.0287	1.7	0.2182	7.6	0.1	7.5	0.22	183	6	200	28	414.9	167	8.9	56
87	193	127	0.748	-0.216	0.24	0.0286	1.3	0.1895	4.7	0	4.6	0.27	182	4.6	176	15.4	99.5	108	-3.3	-82.9
88	62	105	1.938	11.69	0.8	0.0857	1.5	1.8093	3.3	0.2	2.9	0.45	530	15.1	1049	43.5	2382	50.5	49.5	77.8
89	233	218	1.052	-0.163	0.35	0.0293	1	0.1958	4.4	0	4.3	0.23	186	3.8	182	14.7	124.3	101	-2.4	-49.7
90	378	158	0.471	-0.014	0.15	0.0315	1	0.2173	3	0.1	2.8	0.33	200	3.9	200	10.8	195	65.3	-0.2	-2.6
91	474	245	0.583	0.175	0.2	0.0304	0.9	0.215	2.8	0.1	2.6	0.33	193	3.5	198	9.9	256.7	60.1	2.5	24.9
92	1108	748	0.763	-0.079	0.26	0.0309	0.8	0.2107	2.7	0	2.6	0.28	196	2.9	194	9.5	167	60.4	-1.2	-17.6
93	106	52	0.551	-0.377	0.18	0.0289	1.9	0.1864	6.4	0	6.1	0.3	184	6.9	174	20.5	36.6	146	-5.9	-402.2
94	141	66	0.526	0.112	0.19	0.031	1.3	0.2179	4.7	0.1	4.5	0.29	197	5.2	200	17.1	238.1	104	1.6	17.3
95	308	101	0.37	-0.155	0.13	0.0815	0.9	0.6308	2.5	0.1	2.3	0.35	505	8.4	497	19.6	456.5	51.9	-1.8	-10.7
96	538	118	0.248	-0.092	0.08	0.0732	0.8	0.5583	2.3	0.1	2.2	0.35	455	7.1	451	17.1	425.6	49.1	-1.1	-7

Appendix Table 4.1 (continued): Zircon U-Pb data obtained on the modern sand samples from NE China

grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pbc [%]	208Pb 206Pb	206Pb 238U	206Pb ±1s [%]	207Pb 235U	207Pb ±1s [%]	rho	206Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb 235U	207Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb ±2s [Ma]	207Pb ±2s [Ma]	Disc. I.	Disc. II. [%]
<b>JS9</b>																	
97	544	155	0.322	-0.246	0.11	0.034	0.9	0.2273	3.4	0	3.3	208	12.9	122.7	77.6	-3.7	-75.7
98	218	118	0.617	0.096	0.21	0.0316	1.2	0.222	3.9	0.1	3.7	204	14.5	235.7	86.6	1.4	14.8
99	295	53	0.204	0.148	0.07	0.0716	0.9	0.5626	2.8	0.1	2.6	453	20.4	492.6	57.8	1.7	9.6
100	325	54	0.21	0.155	0.06	0.0327	1.2	0.2325	3.8	0.1	3.5	212	14.5	263.7	81.6	2.2	21.2
101	507	475	1.053	0.049	0.36	0.0288	1	0.1992	2.9	0.1	2.7	184	9.8	201.4	62.9	0.7	9.1
102	105	87	0.936	-0.407	0.33	0.03	1.2	0.1927	6.4	0	6.3	179	21.1	31.2	150	-6.4	-509.9
103	205	70	0.388	-0.367	0.13	0.0315	1.1	0.2048	4.6	0	4.5	189	16	58.1	107	-5.6	-244
104	1081	1095	1.12	0.351	0.38	0.0323	0.8	0.2364	2.7	0.1	2.6	215	10.5	329.9	58.6	4.8	37.8
105	808	572	0.8	-0.116	0.27	0.0316	1	0.2141	2.9	0	2.7	197	10.3	156.8	63	-1.7	-27.8
106	2827	948	0.376	0.793	0.11	0.052	0.8	0.4252	2.1	0.1	1.9	360	12.5	579.3	41.8	9.2	43.6
107	89	47	0.595	-0.202	0.19	0.0297	2.4	0.1977	8.3	0	8	183	28.1	111.8	188	-3	-68.8
108	288	163	0.639	0.073	0.22	0.0316	1.1	0.2206	3.7	0.1	3.5	202	13.6	227.4	81.3	1.1	11.9
109	67	28	0.473	0.454	0.17	0.0287	1.8	0.2111	7.5	0.1	7.3	195	26.8	343.7	165	6.2	46.9
110	128	82	0.727	0.69	0.22	0.0278	1.5	0.2109	5.9	0.1	5.8	194	21.1	416.6	129	9.2	57.6
111	297	118	0.448	0.026	0.15	0.0316	1	0.2189	3.7	0.1	3.5	201	13.5	209.9	82.2	0.4	4.6
112	179	88	0.558	-0.223	0.19	0.0323	1.1	0.216	4.5	0	4.3	199	16.2	121.1	102	-3.3	-69.4
113	314	151	0.543	-0.244	0.18	0.0308	1	0.204	3.3	0	3.2	189	11.5	102.5	75.7	-3.7	-90.7
114	92	40	0.496	-0.174	0.2	0.0283	1.7	0.1884	8.1	0	7.9	175	26.3	113.6	187	-2.6	-58.3
115	221	87	0.435	0.098	0.15	0.0267	1.2	0.1849	5	0.1	4.8	172	15.8	206.2	112	1.4	17.7
116	174	156	1.017	0.154	0.33	0.029	1.3	0.2039	5.4	0.1	5.2	188	18.6	240.7	120	2.2	23.5
117	395	63	0.18	0.035	0.06	0.0309	0.9	0.2145	3	0.1	2.9	197	10.8	209.4	66.2	0.5	6.3
118	213	66	0.351	-0.052	0.12	0.0314	1.2	0.2148	4	0	3.8	198	14.4	179.8	88.5	-0.8	-10.7
119	496	91	0.208	0.079	0.07	0.0737	0.8	0.577	2.4	0.1	2.2	463	17.7	483.4	49.2	0.9	5.2
120	64	31	0.537	-0.479	0.17	0.0292	1.7	0.1854	10	0	9.9	173	32.1	0.1	6.4	-7.6	-185745
121	47	23	0.55	4.81	0.25	0.0322	1.9	0.3935	6.6	0.1	6.3	337	37.9	1396	120	39.4	85.4
122	195	243	1.413	0.387	0.47	0.0293	1.4	0.2141	4.6	0.1	4.4	197	16.5	324.9	99.3	5.3	42.6
123	15	47	3.601	43.8	1.56	0.1334	2.2	7.8785	4.1	0.4	3.5	2217	76	4012	53.4	63.6	79.9
124	352	143	0.462	0.268	0.16	0.0305	1	0.2189	3.3	0.1	3.1	201	11.9	290.1	70.9	3.7	33.3
125	1000	48	0.056	0.022	0.02	0.03	0.7	0.2071	2.7	0.1	2.6	191	9.4	198.7	60.5	0.3	4.1
126	112	142	1.443	6.473	0.6	0.0803	1.2	1.2155	3.2	0.1	3	808	36	1796	54.1	38.3	72.3

Appendix Table 4.1 (continued): Zircon U-Pb data obtained on the modern sand samples from NE China

grain	U [ppm]	Pb [ppm]	Th U	206Pb/206Pbc [%]	208Pb/206Pb	206Pb/238U	±1s [%]	207Pb/235U	±1s [%]	207Pb/206Pb	±1s [%]	rho	206Pb/238U	±2s [Ma]	207Pb/235U	±2s [Ma]	207Pb/206Pb	±2s [Ma]	Disc. I. [%]	Disc. II. [%]	
																					206Pb/238U
<b>JS9</b>																					
127	39	29	0.845	18.88	0.67	0.0837	1.6	2.4397	3.5	0.2	3.1	0.46	518	16.2	1254	51.6	2916	51.4	58.7	82.2	
128	424	116	0.308	0.103	0.11	0.0309	1	0.2167	3.3	0.1	3.2	0.3	196	3.8	199	12	234.2	73.1	1.5	16.2	
129	663	159	0.271	-0.029	0.09	0.0329	0.9	0.2268	2.6	0.1	2.5	0.35	208	3.8	208	9.9	197.9	57.7	-0.4	-5.3	
130	163	66	0.451	0.584	0.16	0.0318	1.2	0.2407	4.4	0.1	4.2	0.27	202	4.6	219	17.4	405.1	95.1	7.7	50.1	

U and Pb content and Th/U ratio were calculated according to the nominal concentrations of GJ-1 reference zircon  
 Corrected isotope ratios: background extracted, drift and fractionation from (the nominal ID-TIMS) value of GJ-1 reference  
 The  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$  ratio is calculated by the corrected 7/6 and 6/8 ratios as  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}/(^{238}\text{U}/^{206}\text{Pb} * 1/137.88)$ .  
 The rho is the  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}/^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$  error correlation coefficient.  
 Discordance is calculated as  $100 * (1 - (^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U} \text{ age}) / (^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U} \text{ age}))$ .

Appendix Table 4.2: Cited Igneous rock Zircon U-Pb ages

Igneous rock in Zhangguangcai Range								
sample	Latitude	Longitude	Location	Lithology	Method	Age	error	Reference
9718-1	43°50'54"	126°58'50"	Tianqiaogan	Alkali feldspar granite	TIMS	190	2	Wu et al. (2002)
9728-1	43°53'37"	127°46'13"	Sandaohe	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	216	3	Sun et al. (2005)
97SW001	45°12'14"	127°48'13"	Wujimi	Syenogranite	SHRIMP	180	3	Wu et al. (2011)
97SW005	45°05'05"	128°07'32"	Yimianpo	Granodiorite	SHRIMP	183	4	Wu et al. (2011)
97SW008	44°55'49"	128°54'38"	Yimianpo	Felsic dyke	SHRIMP	147	10	Wu et al. (2011)
97SW009	44°55'49"	128°54'38"	Hufeng	Monzogranite	SHRIMP	179	7	Wu et al. (2011)
98SW101	45°47'26"	128°30'13"	Yanshou	Syenogranite	SHRIMP	199	5	Wu et al. (2011)
98SW103	45°47'51"	128°30'21"	Yanshou	Granodiorite	SHRIMP	191	4	Wu et al. (2011)
98SW104	45°47'51"	128°30'21"	Yanshou	Felsic dyke	SHRIMP	147	6	Wu et al. (2011)
98SW122	43°34'31"	127°34'22"	Baishishan	Granodiorite	SHRIMP	190	2	Wu et al. (2011)
98SW124	43°58'10"	126°43'44"	Jiangmifeng	Granodiorite	SHRIMP	173	4	Wu et al. (2011)
98SW125	43°53'56"	126°55'01"	Tiangang	Monzogranite	SHRIMP	175	3	Wu et al. (2011)
98SW126	43°53'56"	126°55'01"	Tiangang	Dioritic enclave	SHRIMP	175	4	Wu et al. (2011)
DY0519-1	44°02'18"	128°39'52"	Weicaohe	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	266	1	Wu et al. (2011)
DY0528-1	44°11'43"	128°50'40"	Xiaobeihu	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	497	2	Wu et al. (2011)
DY0535-1	44°30'15"	129°15'19"	Shihecun	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	192	1	Wu et al. (2011)
DY0540-1	44°31'33"	128°48'19"	Fahecun	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	196	1	Wu et al. (2011)
DY0545-1	44°23'25"	129°03'38"	Jiujiecun	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	185	2	Wu et al. (2011)
DY0556-1	45°23'03"	127°41'45"	Jijiadian	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	190	1	Wu et al. (2011)
DY0559-1	45°30'17"	128°17'02"	Xincuntun	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	332	1	Wu et al. (2011)
DY1032	44°26'01"	126°46'30"	Liangjiashan	Alkali feldspar granite	LA-ICPMS	191	2	Wu et al. (2011)
DY1042	44°20'18"	126°53'13"	Shulan	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	190	2	Wu et al. (2011)
DY1052	44°14'27"	126°54'28"	Xiangshui	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	172	3	Wu et al. (2011)
DY1181	43°05'06"	126°45'03"	Baishishan	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	182	2	Wu et al. (2011)
DY1441	43°51'16"	126°31'31"	Beishan	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	166	2	Wu et al. (2011)
FW02-184	43°34'22"	127°34'30"	Baishishan	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	181	2	Wu et al. (2011)
FW02-188	43°38'49"	127°44'52"	Baishishan	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	181	4	Wu et al. (2011)
MG-7	43°50'54"	126°58'50"	Tianqiaogan	Alkali feldspar granite	SHRIMP	182	3	Sun et al. (2005)
SLS01-1	44°23'20"	126°16'55"	Silengshan	Alkali feldspar granite	TIMS	314	5	Wu et al. (2011)

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P4-5	43°15'36"	127°23'05"	Piaohechuan	Pyroxenite Alkali feldspar granite	SHRIMP LA- ICPMS	21 7 47	3	Wu et al. (2004b)
Ycz-2	44°08'36"	128°53'29"	Yingchengzi	Granodiorite	ICPMS	7	6	Chen et al. (2009)
GW045 30	43°29'26"	126°19'37"	Daheishan	Monzogranite	LA- ICPMS	17 0	3	Ge et al. (2007b)
GW045 42	43°30'01"	126°18'34"	Daheishan	Alkali feldspar granite	LA- ICPMS	17 8	3	Ge et al. (2007b)
Baishi- 1	43°28'50"	126°05'23"	Baishileizi	Leucogabbro	TIMS	12 3	3	Wu et al. (2002)
99SW1 09	42°53'52"	126°25'22"	Hongqiling	Granodiorite	SHRIMP	21 6	5	Wu et al. (2004b)
HP2-2	43°20'46"	126°01'19"	Qingyangwazi	Gabbro	TIMS	12 9	1	Xu et al. (2013)
HP4-1	43°21'37"	126°01'02"	Qingyangwazi	Monzogranite	TIMS	12 4	4	Xu et al. (2013)
97103-1	43°06'05"	126°19'50"	Yima	Granodiorite	LA- ICPMS	17 0	1	Xu et al. (2013)
9902-2	43°22'05"	124°48'30"	Daduanshugou	Monzogranite	LA- ICPMS	17 6	3	Xu et al. (2013)
9903-1	43°19'50"	124°47'00"	Shichangtun	Granodiorite	TIMS	18 4	2	Xu et al. (2013)
9905-1	42°59'56"	124°47'20"	Tiande	Monzogranite	LA- ICPMS	16 2	3	Xu et al. (2013)
9909-4	42°57'15"	125°21'28"	Xiangshuiyu anzi	Gt-Mus monzogranite	TIMS	18 4	3	Xu et al. (2013)
9923-1	43°07'55"	126°28'05"	Dayushan	Granodiorite	TIMS	24 8	4	Xu et al. (2013)
DY020- 1	43°17'30"	125°17'12"	Quanyangou	Gt-Mus monzogranite	LA- ICPMS	17 8	4	Xu et al. (2013)
DY018- 1	43°23'35"	126°10'30"	Quchaihe	Monzogranite	LA- ICPMS	17 7	2	Xu et al. (2013)
DY023- 2	43°14'48"	125°16'40"	Qingniushan	Syenogranite	LA- ICPMS	17 8	2	Xu et al. (2013)
DY036- 6	42°24'21"	124°28'24"	Dasanjiazi	Diorite	LA- ICPMS	17 8	3	Xu et al. (2013)
DY050 2-1	42°42'34"	126°06'01"	Xujiajie	Syenogranite	LA- ICPMS	10 8	1	Xu et al. (2013)
DY050 4-2	42°45'20"	126°27'20"	Zhiancun	Syenogranite	LA- ICPMS	18 2	3	Xu et al. (2013)
DY050 6-1	42°47'26"	126°31'46"	Xingnongcun	Syenogranite	LA- ICPMS	18 5	2	Xu et al. (2013)
DY050 9-5	42°59'18"	126°35'14"	Liushuhe	Diorite	LA- ICPMS	18 2	1	Xu et al. (2013)
DY051- 1	42°28'03"	125°25'59"	Tuanshanzi	Granodiorite	LA- ICPMS	17 5	2	Xu et al. (2013)
DY053- 2	42°27'36"	125°29'39"	Hudingzi	Granodiorite	LA- ICPMS	16 7	3	Xu et al. (2013)
DY081- 1	43°21'22"	124°45'37"	Shichangtun	Quartz diorite	TIMS	18 4	2	Xu et al. (2013)
DY123- 4	43°06'40"	125°57'29"	Dahongshilazi	Alkali feldspar granite	LA- ICPMS	25 1	2	Xu et al. (2013)
DY124- 2	43°05'57"	125°50'52"	Dahongshilazi	Alkali feldspar granite	LA- ICPMS	26 0	3	Xu et al. (2013)
DY126- 2	42°54'26"	125°50'28"	Qingyang	Syenogranite	LA- ICPMS	25 9	3	Xu et al. (2013)
DY141- 1	43°10'12"	125°07'58"	Zumin	Monzogranite	LA- ICPMS	16 3	1	Xu et al. (2013)
DY143- 2	43°02'31"	125°06'22"	Anyi	Monzogranite	LA- ICPMS	25 2	2	Xu et al. (2013)

FW00-121	42°58'11"	125°51'48"	Dakangshan	Quartz syenite	SHRIMP	26	4	5	Xu et al. (2013)
		125°12'14"		Monzogranite		17			
MG-12	42°55'45"	"	Renao	ite	SHRIMP	1	1	6	Xu et al. (2013)
		124°48'11"		Monzogranite		15			
MG-13	42°59'40"	"	Tiande	ite	SHRIMP	8	3	3	Xu et al. (2013)
		124°36'57"		Quartz diorite		17			
MG-15	42°36'03"	"	Fangmu	ite	SHRIMP	5	5	6	Xu et al. (2013)
		124°33'31"		Granodiorite		15			
MG-16	42°36'34"	"	Liushugou	e	SHRIMP	8	4	4	Xu et al. (2013)
		124°28'24"				17			
MG-21	42°24'21"	"	Dasanjiazi	Diorite	SHRIMP	4	3	3	Xu et al. (2013)
		124°55'44"		Granodiorite		24			
MG-28	42°22'19"	"	Songshuzui	e	SHRIMP	3	5	5	Xu et al. (2013)
		124°48'10"		Monzogranite		16			
MG-32	42°30'46"	"	Helong	ite	SHRIMP	3	4	4	Xu et al. (2013)
		125°04'35"		Granodiorite		16			
MG-36	42°20'46"	"	Tukouzi	e	SHRIMP	3	7	7	Xu et al. (2013)
		125°31'18"		Monzogranite		16			
MG-38	42°29'21"	"	Hudingzi	ite	SHRIMP	5	9	9	Xu et al. (2013)
		125°33'14"		Monzogranite		16			
MG-40	42°26'00"	"	Heishantou	ite	SHRIMP	3	4	4	Xu et al. (2013)
		125°49'39"		Alkali feldspar granite		12			
MG-42	42°43'24"	"	Loushan	ite	SHRIMP	5	4	4	Xu et al. (2013)
		125°11'14"		Monzogranite		24			
MG-64	42°32'52"	"	Xiaosiping	ite	SHRIMP	2	7	7	Xu et al. (2013)
MG-103	42°25'11"	"	Jianshanzi	e	SHRIMP	24	3	5	Xu et al. (2013)
MG-108	42°24'13"	"	Jianshanzi	e	SHRIMP	3	2	2	Xu et al. (2013)
		124°39'33"		Granodiorite		16			
MG-109	42°20'33"	"	Lazishan	Quartz monzodiorite	SHRIMP	12	3	2	Xu et al. (2013)
		124°45'41"		Alkali feldspar granite		12			
MG-110	42°20'33"	"	Lazishan	ite	SHRIMP	7	3	3	Xu et al. (2013)
MG-119	42°17'48"	"	Jianshanzi	ite	SHRIMP	25	4	8	Xu et al. (2013)
MG-139	42°19'55"	"	Tukouzi	Granodiorite	SHRIMP	16	3	4	Xu et al. (2013)
		124°54'53"		2-mica monzogranite		17			
MG-142	42°10'19"	"	Hongshilazi	ite	SHRIMP	2	3	3	Xu et al. (2013)
		124°46'52"		Gt-Mus monzogranite		26			
MG-143	42°16'10"	"	Fangniugou	ite	SHRIMP	1	20	20	Xu et al. (2013)
MG-182	42°25'23"	"	Erlingba	Quartz diorite	SHRIMP	16	9	3	Xu et al. (2013)
SCS01-1	42°59'25"	"	Shancheshan	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	17	5	3	Xu et al. (2013)
		125°36'29"		Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	16	2	2	Xu et al. (2008)
CH11	43°37'47"	"	Wuxing	ite	LA-ICPMS	15	2	2	Xu et al. (2008)
X13	43°36'05"	"	Wuxing	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	9	3	3	Xu et al. (2008)
		123°25'53"		Granodiorite		28			Zhang et al. (2005)
FK51	42°30'13"	"	Faku	e	SHRIMP	4	3	3	Zhang et al. (2005)
		123°15'45"		Granodiorite		26			Zhang et al. (2005)
FK53	42°29'49"	"	Faku	e	SHRIMP	5	4	4	Zhang et al. (2009)
		123°29'32"				24			Zhang et al. (2009)
FK04-5	42°29'46"	"	Faku	Gabbro	SHRIMP	1	6	6	(2009)
HWC1-1	45°08'29.0"	127°14'01.7"	Pingfang pluton	gabbro–diorite	LA-ICPMS	18	3	1	Yu et al., 2012
HDL1-1	Dongfenglinchang	45°43'56"	129°17'21"	Hongguang	Meta-basalt	20	9	3	Wu et al. (2011)
HDL1-2	Dongfenglinchang	45°43'56"	129°17'21"	Hongguang	Rhyolite	21	4	3	Wu et al. (2011)

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HDY16-1	Xinxinglinchang	45°04'54"	129°15'48"	Hongguang	Basaltic andesite	21		Wu et al. (2011)
HDY21-1	Xinxinglinchang	45°04'54"	129°16'17"	Hongguang	Meta-andesite	21	2	Wu et al. (2011)
HB38-1	Heilonggong	45°25'30"	127°53'21"	Heilonggong	Basaltic andesite	17	3	Wu et al. (2011)
HB37-1	Qinglongtun	45°22'42"	128°24'28"	Qinglongtun	Andesite	22	2	Wu et al. (2011)
HB13-1	Hongxing	45°34'07"	127°08'18"	Wudaoling	Basalt	8	2	Wu et al. (2011)
HB10-1	Sandaogang	45°42'25"	127°19'33"	Wudaoling	Rhyolite	4	1	Wu et al. (2011)
HB28-1	Wangjiaguanzi	45°32'20"	127°47'36"	Taiantun	Dacite	17	1	Wu et al. (2011)
HB4-1	Shisanhucun	45°35'10"	127°41'46"	Ningyuancun	Rhyolite	5	1	Wu et al. (2011)
sample1	x	x	x	x	x	19	5	Wang 2017
sample2	x	x	x	x	x	0	5	Wang 2017
sample3	x	x	x	x	x	19	5	Wang 2017
sample4	x	x	x	x	x	0	5	Wang 2017
sample5	x	x	x	x	x	19	5	Wang 2017
sample6	x	x	x	x	x	0	5	Wang 2017
sample7	x	x	x	x	x	19	5	Wang 2017
sample8	x	x	x	x	x	0	5	Wang 2017
sample9	x	x	x	x	x	19	5	Wang 2017
sample10	x	x	x	x	x	0	5	Wang 2017
sample11	x	x	x	x	x	19	5	Wang 2017
sample12	x	x	x	x	x	0	5	Wang 2017

**Igenous rock in Grat Xing'an Range**

sample	Latitude	Longitude	Location	Lithology	Method	Age	error	Reference
0066-5	50°40'	121°36'	Yitulihe	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	11	1	Wu et al. (2011)
0071-3	50°41'	123°10'	Ganhe	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	30	5	Wu et al. (2011)
0075-7	51°36'23"	124°19'26"	Xinlinzhen	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	4	3	Y.L. Zhang et al. (2008)
0076-9	51°37'40"	124°09'23"	Xinlinzhen	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	13	3	Y.L. Zhang et al. (2008)
0116-1	51°26'18"	122°14'40"	Niuerhe	Alkali feldspar granite	LA-ICPMS	12	2	Wu et al. (2011)
GW03008	51°29'49"	124°23'05"	Tayuan	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	5	4	Wu et al. (2011)
GW03015	51°29'49"	124°23'05"	Tayuan	Gabbro	LA-ICPMS	31	5	Wu et al. (2011)
GW03017	51°23'17"	124°16'27"	Tayuan	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	8	3	Wu et al. (2011)
GW03035	52°21'42"	124°47'48"	Tahe	Gabbro	LA-ICPMS	22	2	Ge et al. (2005a)
GW03036	52°21'42"	124°47'48"	Tahe	Alkali feldspar granite	LA-ICPMS	49	3	Ge et al. (2005a)



GW030 42	52°07'47"	125°59'01"	Xinghuadukou	Gneiss	LA-ICPMS	84 3	6	Wu et al. (2011)
GW030 44	52°07'47"	125°59'01"	Xinghuadukou	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	47 7	8	Wu et al. (2011)
GW030 57	52°26'33"	124°50'05"	Zhualuogu	Leucogabbro	LA-ICPMS	32 8	7	Zhou et al. (2005)
GW030 61	52°26'32"	124°50'10"	Zhualuogu	Leucogabbro	LA-ICPMS	33 6	15	Zhou et al. (2005)
GW030 70	52°21'16"	124°42'16"	Tahe	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	49 4	9	Ge et al. (2005a)
GW030 85	52°18'35"	124°32'43"	Tahe	Quartz monzonite	LA-ICPMS	48 5	3	Ge et al. (2005a)
GW030 90	52°18'09"	124°24'06"	Tahe	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	49 2	5	Ge et al. (2005a)
GW031 29	52°26'40"	123°39'57"	Bishui	Alkali feldspar granite	LA-ICPMS	79 5	13	Wu et al. (2011)
GW031 33	52°25'13"	123°36'55"	Bishui	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	79 2	5	Wu et al. (2011)
GW031 38	52°38'27"	123°41'09"	Pangu	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	18 2	1	Wu et al. (2011)
GW031 77	52°38'58"	123°08'56"	Lvlin	Gneiss	LA-ICPMS	20 9	4	Wu et al. (2011)
GW031 81	52°38'58"	123°08'56"	Lvlin	Quartz diorite	LA-ICPMS	19 2	3	Wu et al. (2011)
GW031 93	52°27'59"	123°05'00"	Lvlin	Alkali feldspar granite	LA-ICPMS	18 7	2	Wu et al. (2011)
GW032 07	52°49'03"	123°36'04"	Xilinji	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	19 3	2	Wu et al. (2011)
GW032 20	52°50'59"	122°18'04"	Manguai	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	48 2	4	Wu et al. (2011)
GW032 41	52°42'02"	121°54'58"	Fukeshan	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	18 9	2	Wu et al. (2011)
GW032 51	52°38'14"	121°53'21"	Fukeshan	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	18 9	2	Wu et al. (2011)
GW032 55	52°28'41"	121°52'29"	Fukeshan	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	19 4	7	Wu et al. (2011)
GW032 58	52°59'24"	122°30'30"	Manguai	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	48 0	3	Wu et al. (2011)
GW032 69	52°07'36"	122°03'54"	Manguai	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	18 9	2	Wu et al. (2011)
GW032 85	52°03'27"	122°05'33"	Manguai	Dolerite	LA-ICPMS	13 2	2	Wu et al. (2011)
GW032 86	52°03'27"	122°05'33"	Manguai	Alkali feldspar granite	LA-ICPMS	92 7	13	Wu et al. (2011)
GW032 90	52°05'41"	121°53'39"	Manguai	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	18 7	3	Wu et al. (2011)
GW040 38	51°20'40"	121°30'15"	Jinhezhen	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	20 3	4	Wu et al. (2011)
GW040 39	51°21'51"	121°30'35"	Jinhezhen	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	19 7	4	Wu et al. (2011)
GW040 47	51°40'07"	121°49'35"	Alongshan	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	45 6	7	Wu et al. (2011)
GW040 54	51°37'34"	121°34'42"	Aluga	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	20 6	2	Wu et al. (2011)
GW040 61	51°50'52"	121°53'32"	Awuni	Diorite	LA-ICPMS	20 8	1	Wu et al. (2011)
GW040 67	52°19'49"	121°17'17"	Qiqian	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	81 7	6	Wu et al. (2011)
GW040 69	52°25'28"	121°19'49"	Manguixi	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	19 5	2	Wu et al. (2011)
GW040 77	52°30'34"	121°04'57"	Manguixi	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	22 0	3	Wu et al. (2011)
GW040 88	52°53'40"	120°42'58"	Guanhuzhan	Felsic dyke	LA-ICPMS	24 9	4	Wu et al. (2011)

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GW040		120°51'01"		Monzogran	LA-	46		Wu et al.
92	52°40'58"	"	Guanhuzhan	ite	ICPMS	4	4	(2011)
GW040		120°46'41"			LA-	41		Wu et al.
96	52°38'01"	"	Guanhuzhan	Diorite	ICPMS	7	6	(2011)
GW040		120°57'41"	Guanhuzhan	Monzogran	LA-	20		Wu et al.
98	52°33'39"	"	nan	ite	ICPMS	1	1	(2011)
GW041		120°51'32"	Guanhuzhan	Monzogran	LA-	41		Wu et al.
05	52°01'22"	"	nan	ite	ICPMS	6	4	(2011)
GW041		120°39'56"		Monzogran	LA-	19		Wu et al.
14	51°19'54"	"	Moerdaoga	ite	ICPMS	8	2	(2011)
GW041		120°34'52"		Quartz	LA-	24		Wu et al.
23	51°19'51"	"	Kutiankan	diorite	ICPMS	4	4	(2011)
GW041		120°22'03"		Monzogran	LA-	19		Wu et al.
26	51°19'08"	"	Bajianfang	ite	ICPMS	6	3	(2011)
GW050		125°05'25"		Monzogran	LA-	48		Ge et al.
37	52°21'11"	"	Chalaban	ite	ICPMS	1	3	(2007a)
GW050		125°05'53"		Monzogran	LA-	49		Ge et al.
49	52°25'02"	"	Shijiuzhan	ite	ICPMS	9	2	(2007a)
GW050		125°45'15"		Monzogran	LA-	50		
53	52°33'12"	"	Halabaqi	ite	ICPMS	0	2	Sui et al. (2006)
GW050		125°52'33"		Monzogran	LA-	46		Ge et al.
56	52°23'28"	"	Shibazhan	ite	ICPMS	0	1	(2007a)
GW050		125°49'53"		Granodiorite	LA-	46		
58	52°24'21"	"	Halabaqi	e	ICPMS	1	1	Sui et al. (2006)
GW050		126°08'25"		Granodiorite	LA-	19		
67	52°31'50"	"	Zhengqi	e	ICPMS	0	1	Sui et al. (2007)
GW050		125°38'40"			LA-	18		
99	52°02'43"	"	Hanjiayuanzi	Diorite	ICPMS	8	2	Sui et al. (2007)
GW051		125°39'24"		Monzogran	LA-	50		Ge et al.
04	52°00'42"	"	Hanjiayuanzi	ite	ICPMS	1	2	(2007a)
		121°12'27"		Syenograni	LA-	33		Wu et al.
29	48°03'30"	"	Langfeng	te	ICPMS	7	8	(2011)
		122°46'19"		Syenograni	LA-	30		Wu et al.
9411-26	48°00'12"	"	Zhalantun	te	ICPMS	1	3	(2011)
		121°42'11"		Monzogran	LA-	30		Wu et al.
9437	48°48'26"	"	Xing'an	ite	ICPMS	9	4	(2011)
		125°12'10"		Alkali		28		Wu et al.
9801-2	49°05'30"	"	Xiaoshantun	feldspar		5	2	(2002)
		125°24'45"	Sizhanlinchang	granite	TIMS	28		Wu et al.
9805-2	49°54'32"	"		Syenograni	TIMS	2	4	(2002)
		125°24'50"		te		26		Wu et al.
9806-3	49°58'30"	"	Guguhe	Syenograni	TIMS	4	5	(2002)
		127°18'15"	Shangmachang	te		10		Wu et al.
9832-2	50°21'30"	"		Syenograni	TIMS	6	2	(2002)
		126°28'10"		te		29		Wu et al.
9843-1	50°14'05"	"	Daheishan	Syenograni	TIMS	2	4	(2002)
		126°50'00"		te		26		Wu et al.
9849-1	49°33'20"	"	Songmushan	Syenograni	TIMS	0	3	(2002)
FW04-		123°45'44"		Monzogran	LA-	12		Wu et al.
403	49°33'41"	"	Longtou	ite	ICPMS	9	2	(2011)
FW04-		123°21'29"		Monzogran	LA-	13		Wu et al.
405	49°33'03"	"	Dalaibin	ite	ICPMS	9	1	(2011)
FW04-		123°46'04"	Yilinongchang	Monzogran	LA-	13		Wu et al.
407	49°14'31"	"		ite	ICPMS	1	1	(2011)
FW04-		124°04'18"		Granodiorite	LA-	14		Wu et al.
412	49°35'35"	"	Yili	e	ICPMS	2	1	(2011)
FW04-		123°45'33"		Monzogran	LA-	13		Wu et al.
413	49°10'38"	"	Nuomin	ite	ICPMS	0	1	(2011)
		123°27'33"		2-mica				
FW04-		123°27'33"		monzogran	LA-	16		Wu et al.
414	48°15'41"	"	Dechang	ite	ICPMS	6	2	(2011)
FW04-		123°26'00"		Monzogran	LA-	17		Wu et al.
416	48°40'23"	"	Sanchahe	ite	ICPMS	9	1	(2011)
FW04-		123°13'27"		Monzogran	LA-	15		Wu et al.
417	48°37'57"	"	Sanchahe	ite	ICPMS	7	2	(2011)

FW04-423	48°00'24"	123°01'20"	Jiusanzhan	Gneiss	LA-ICPMS	46	6	7	Wu et al. (2011)
FW04-424	48°00'24"	123°01'20"	Jiusanzhan	Quartz diorite	LA-ICPMS	44	6	5	Wu et al. (2011)
FW04-425	48°02'13"	123°00'33"	Jiusanzhan	Alkali feldspar granite	LA-ICPMS	35	9	4	Wu et al. (2011)
GW04014	48°19'50"	122°19'12"	Lamashan	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	14	2	3	Wu et al. (2011)
GW04015	48°36'48"	122°05'42"	Yalu	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	14	5	5	Wu et al. (2011)
GW04016	48°47'15"	121°47'41"	Boketu	Diorite	LA-ICPMS	38	1	2	Wu et al. (2011)
GW04021	48°48'26"	121°42'11"	Zhufeng	Diorite	LA-ICPMS	24	9	2	Wu et al. (2011)
GW04025	48°49'18"	121°39'56"	Xing'an	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	26	7	3	Wu et al. (2011)
GW04201	46°55'24"	120°15'36"	Niufentai	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	15	7	2	Wu et al. (2011)
GW04209	47°08'00"	120°03'21"	Aershan	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	12	9	1	Wu et al. (2011)
GW04244	47°58'35"	121°11'15"	Taerqi	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	32	0	1	Wu et al. (2011)
GW04249	47°57'36"	121°14'00"	Jianchazhan	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	31	3	3	Wu et al. (2011)
GW04271	47°52'36"	121°20'27"	Bashenghe	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	13	1	1	Wu et al. (2011)
GW04276	48°05'19"	121°50'21"	Sanqilinchan	Quartz syenite	LA-ICPMS	14	3	3	Wu et al. (2011)
GW04278	47°53'11"	122°02'24"	Jiqinhe	Quartz syenite	LA-ICPMS	12	9	2	Wu et al. (2011)
GW04309	47°45'50"	122°16'16"	Xinlitun	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	13	3	1	Wu et al. (2011)
GW04448	50°47'58"	124°07'33"	Yaolinger	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	12	5	1	Wu et al. (2011)
GW04459	50°35'26"	124°16'36"	Cuifeng	Plagiogranite	LA-ICPMS	12	2	1	Wu et al. (2011)
GW04465	50°22'59"	124°22'30"	Jiageda	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	16	5	1	Wu et al. (2011)
GW04490	50°23'53"	124°06'22"	Henannongchang	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	12	5	2	Wu et al. (2011)
GW04512	50°23'02"	125°39'09"	Sankuanggou	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	17	7	3	Ge et al. (2007b)
GW04516	50°22'50"	125°43'50"	Huaduoshan	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	17	6	3	Ge et al. (2007b)
GW04523	50°14'48"	125°47'13"	Duobaoshan	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	48	5	8	Ge et al. (2007b)
GW05004	48°31'43"	124°27'26"	Baoshan	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	16	0	1	Wu et al. (2011)
GW05007	48°34'48"	124°28'22"	Baoshan	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	30	1	2	Wu et al. (2011)
GW05039	52°16'47"	125°01'30"	Chalaban	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	47	7	2	Ge et al. (2007b)
GW05044	52°18'35"	125°02'28"	Chalaban	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	46	5	2	Ge et al. (2007b)
GW05073	52°16'02"	126°19'30"	Huairou	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	23	6	1	Wu et al. (2011)
GW05085	52°00'23"	126°12'46"	Xinghua	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	17	8	1	Sui et al. (2007)
GW05112	51°52'45"	125°47'40"	Jiweidianzi	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	18	1	2	Sui et al. (2007)
GW05120	51°49'14"	126°16'21"	Jiweidianzi	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	17	6	2	Sui et al. (2007)
GW05129	50°53'41"	127°05'00"	Baishilazi	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	17	0	2	Sui et al. (2007)
GW05157	51°11'52"	125°40'47"	Shierzhan	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	30	0	2	Sui et al. (2009)

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GW070 05	49°02'47"	126°54'13"		Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	31 9	3	Y.L. Zhang et al. (2010)
GW070 07	49°02'51"	126°54'15"	Zhengdashan	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	31 6	4	Y.L. Zhang et al. (2010)
GW070 09	49°05'50"	126°54'38"	Zhengdashan	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	31 5	4	Y.L. Zhang et al. (2010)
GW070 12	48°50'48"	126°31'04"		Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	16 9	3	Y.L. Zhang et al. (2010)
GW070 17	49°01'58"	126°22'23"	Chaoyanglinchang	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	18 7	6	Y.L. Zhang et al. (2010)
GW070 19	48°56'22"	126°21'44"	Chaoyanglinchang	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	17 1	4	Y.L. Zhang et al. (2010)
YE-1	47°16'30"	119°47'00"		Syenogranite		13		Wu et al., 2003a, Wu et al., 2003b
2002DL		126°38'39"				48		
-21-32	49°31'16"	"	Daling	Gabbro	SHRIMP	3	4	Miao (2003)
2002NJ		125°24'24"		Monzogranite		29		Miao et al.
-2	49°21'24"	"			SHRIMP	2	6	(2004)
2002NJ		125°40'07"				33		Miao et al.
-7	49°15'15"	"		Gneiss	SHRIMP	3	7	(2004)
2002X		126°54'29"		Granodiorite		16		
KL-2	50°13'29"	"			SHRIMP	4	4	Miao (2003)
2002X		126°47'45"		Granodiorite		16		Miao et al.
KL-7	50°15'25"	"			SHRIMP	7	4	(2004)
2002XT		124°11'45"				20		
-11	50°08'50"	"	Xintian	Felsic dyke	SHRIMP	8	2	Miao (2003)
2002Y		124°18'47"		Plagiogranite		22		
W-26	50°54'47"	"	Guyuan		SHRIMP	6	2	Miao (2003)
05FW0		117°32'30"		Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	14 1		Wu et al. (2011)
64	43°13'33"	"	Jingpeng			1	1	
05FW0		117°32'30"		Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	14 0		Wu et al. (2011)
65	43°13'33"	"	Jingpeng			0	2	
05FW0		117°31'54"		Quartz	LA-ICPMS	13 4		Wu et al. (2011)
66	43°14'02"	"	Jingpeng	syenite	ICPMS	4	1	(2011)
05FW0		117°44'55"		Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	14 0		Wu et al. (2011)
80	43°15'50"	"	Jingpeng			0	2	(2011)
05FW0		117°49'12"	Baiyinbangu	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	13 1		Wu et al. (2011)
83	43°15'08"	"				1	2	
05FW0		118°09'03"			LA-ICPMS	49 9		Wu et al. (2011)
90	43°15'24"	"	Wanbao	Gneiss	ICPMS	9	3	(2011)
05FW0		118°09'03"		Mylonitic	LA-ICPMS	23 7		Wu et al. (2011)
92	43°15'24"	"	Wanbao	granite	ICPMS	7	3	(2011)
05FW0		118°09'03"		Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	22 2		Wu et al. (2011)
95	43°15'24"	"	Wanbao			2	3	(2011)
05FW0		118°16'37"	Fangkuanggou		LA-ICPMS	27 4		Wu et al. (2011)
96	43°20'16"	"		Gneiss	ICPMS	4	2	(2011)
05FW0		118°16'08"			LA-ICPMS	26 1		Wu et al. (2011)
97	43°20'57"	"	Xiahaisugou	Gneiss	ICPMS	1	6	(2011)
05FW0		118°27'20"			LA-ICPMS	25 9		Wu et al. (2011)
98	43°20'27"	"	Xiahaisugou	Gneiss	ICPMS	9	2	(2011)
05FW0		118°27'20"	Yuanbaoshan	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	27 3		Wu et al. (2011)
99	43°20'27"	"				3	3	(2011)
05FW1		118°26'25"			LA-ICPMS	23 7		Wu et al. (2011)
02	43°20'40"	"	Xiahaisugou	Gneiss	ICPMS	7	2	(2011)
05FW1		118°24'59"			LA-ICPMS	24 6		Wu et al. (2011)
10	43°17'57"	"	Shuangjing	Diorite	ICPMS	6	2	(2011)
05FW1		118°24'59"			LA-ICPMS	24 7		Wu et al. (2011)
11	43°17'57"	"	Shuangjing	Gneiss	ICPMS	7	3	(2011)
05FW1		117°29'47"	Huanggangliang	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	13 2		Wu et al. (2011)
16	43°26'13"	"				2	1	(2011)
05FW1		117°36'34"		Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	13 2		Wu et al. (2011)
20	43°21'43"	"	Dayingzi		ICPMS	2	1	(2011)
05FW1		117°39'05"	Huanggangliang	Monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	14 6		Wu et al. (2011)
21	43°29'56"	"				6	2	(2011)
05FW1		117°37'27"	Huanggangliang	Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	14 1		Wu et al. (2011)
24	43°31'09"	"				1	1	(2011)

05FW1 33	43°45'27"	117°54'44"	Donghuang	Gabbro	LA- ICPMS	25 2	5	Wu et al. (2011)
05FW1 37	43°46'22"	117°50'39"	Banshantu	Syenograni te	LA- ICPMS	28 3	2	Wu et al. (2011)
05FW1 40	43°55'42"	118°01'08"	Xinlin	Granodiorit e	LA- ICPMS	24 1	2	Wu et al. (2011)
05FW1 41	44°09'55"	118°16'28"	Chaoyanggo u	Monzogran ite	LA- ICPMS	13 2	1	Wu et al. (2011)
05FW1 47	44°07'36"	118°10'03"	Chaoyanggo u	Monzogran ite	LA- ICPMS	14 2	3	Wu et al. (2011)
05FW1 48	44°07'36"	118°10'03"	Chaoyanggo u	Dioritic enclave	LA- ICPMS	15 0	4	Wu et al. (2011)
05FW1 50	44°15'20"	117°40'55"	Mishengmia o	Quartz diorite	LA- ICPMS	30 3	3	Wu et al. (2011)
05FW1 55	44°09'46"	117°51'33"	Qianjinchan g	Granodiorit e	LA- ICPMS	27 4	1	Wu et al. (2011)
05FW1 61	44°08'25"	117°55'18"	Qianjinchan g	Granodiorit e	LA- ICPMS	27 5	2	Wu et al. (2011)
05FW1 62	44°11'36"	117°40'04"	Daqingmuch ang	Monzogran ite	LA- ICPMS	27 4	4	Wu et al. (2011)
05FW1 63	44°04'54"	117°43'05"	Beidashan	Granodiorit e	LA- ICPMS	13 9	1	Wu et al. (2011)
05FW1 67	43°51'58"	117°34'07"	Zhuanshanzi	Monzogran ite	LA- ICPMS	24 6	2	Wu et al. (2011)
05FW1 71	43°57'15"	117°32'24"	Beidashan	Syenograni te	LA- ICPMS	13 6	2	Wu et al. (2011)
05FW1 74	43°58'41"	117°06'27"	Meilindaba	Quartz diorite	LA- ICPMS	30 1	1	Wu et al. (2011)
05FW1 76	43°56'59"	117°08'56"	Dusheyetu	Monzogran ite	LA- ICPMS	32 1	1	Wu et al. (2011)
05FW1 78	43°45'03"	117°07'23"	Telegute	Monzogran ite	LA- ICPMS	28 0	3	Wu et al. (2011)
05FW1 80	43°45'03"	117°07'23"	Telegute	Dioritic dyke	LA- ICPMS	28 7	3	Wu et al. (2011)
G0206- 1	46°29'24"	122°29'13"	Yonghetun	Monzodiori te	LA- ICPMS	12 7	2	Ge et al. (2005b)
G0206- 2	46°29'24"	122°29'13"	Yonghetun	Porphyrite	LA- ICPMS	12 8	3	Ge et al. (2005b)
G0208- 1	46°29'41"	122°07'29"	Qingshan	Monzogran ite	LA- ICPMS	13 8	3	Ge et al. (2005b)
G0208- 3	46°29'41"	122°07'29"	Qingshan	Monzogran ite	LA- ICPMS	13 3	3	Ge et al. (2005b)
G0211- 1	46°13'34"	121°28'55"	Dashizhai	Monzogran ite	LA- ICPMS	17 6	13	Ge et al. (2005b)
G0211- 4	46°13'34"	121°28'55"	Dashizhai	Monzogran ite	LA- ICPMS	18 2	3	Ge et al. (2005b)
G0213- 4	46°13'34"	121°28'55"	Jingyang	Monzogran ite	LA- ICPMS	17 6	4	Ge et al. (2005b)
G0215- 4	46°36'07"	121°15'23"	Suolun	Alkali feldspar granite	LA- ICPMS	12 6	2	Ge et al. (2005b)
G0217- 1	46°26'46"	121°29'14"	Chagan	Alkali feldspar granite	LA- ICPMS	22 9	3	Ge et al. (2005b)
G0217- 2	46°26'46"	121°29'14"	Chagan	Alkali feldspar granite	LA- ICPMS	23 6	2	Ge et al. (2005b)
GW041 58	46°24'42"	121°14'23"	Wulanmaod u	Syenograni te	LA- ICPMS	13 1	1	Wu et al. (2011)
GW041 62	46°21'14"	121°05'32"	Shabutai	Monzogran ite	LA- ICPMS	12 9	2	Wu et al. (2011)
GW041 90	46°36'30"	120°53'55"	Jilasitai	Alkali feldspar granite	LA- ICPMS	13 5	2	Wu et al. (2011)
GW043 14	47°22'25"	122°12'34"	Fengshou	Syenograni te	LA- ICPMS	12 0	2	Wu et al. (2011)

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GW043 60	46°48'21"	122°33'00"	Caishichang xi	Monzogran ite	LA- ICPMS	12 0	1	Wu et al. (2011)
GW043 64	46°54'43"	122°08'29"	Shenshan	Alkali feldspar granite	LA- ICPMS	11 9	1	Wu et al. (2011)
GW043 69	46°40'58"	121°13'11"	Suolun	Alkali feldspar granite	LA- ICPMS	13 4	2	Wu et al. (2011)
MX01	43°51'06"	116°25'24"	Xilingele	Gneiss	SHRIMP	43 7	3	Shi et al. (2003)
MX16	43°52'24"	116°11'12"	Xilinhot	Alkali feldspar granite	SHRIMP	27 6	2	Shi et al. (2004)
21DW- 25	44°51'41"	116°26'33"	Hegenshan	Granodiorit ic dyke	SHRIMP	24 7	2	Miao (2003)
21NMG -96	45°26'18"	116°30'02"	Dongfangho ng	Monzogran ite	SHRIMP	28 8	6	Miao (2003)
21NMG -105	45°40'29"	117°27'32"	Baolige	Monzogran ite	SHRIMP	29 6	7	Miao (2003)
42-79	44°16'14"	117°49'48"	Jinxing	Quartz diorite	LA- ICPMS	32 2	2	J.F. Liu et al. (2009)
38-72	44°07'50"	117°33'04"	Daqihundi	Quartz diorite	LA- ICPMS	32 5	3	J.F. Liu et al. (2009)
T6-1	45°29'07"	123°10'53"	Drill hole	Quartz diorite	LA- ICPMS	23 6	3	Gao et al. (2007)
ER18-1	Shanghulin	50°44'02"	120°11'57"	Wanbao	Basaltic andesite	18 2	2	Xu et al., 2013
MZ2-1	Western	49°17'44"	117°31'30"	Shangkuzi	Pyroxene andesite	16 6	2	Meng et al., 2011
ER17-1 ZKX24 -04	Eastern Well	50°44'45" 49°21'36"	120°11'19" 117°33'28"	Shangkuli Shangkuli	Rhyolite Trachydac ite	3 14 2	4 1	Xu et al., 2011 Meng et al., 2011
MZ1-1	Western	49°17'33"	117°31'36"	Shangkuli	Dacitic ignimbrite	14 1	1	Meng et al., 2011
MZ21-1 ZKX24 -00	Dashimo Well	49°26'42" 49°19'16"	117°02'31" 117°32'22"	Tamulanto u	Olivine basalt	12 9	2	Meng et al., 2011
ER3-1	Genheqiaobe i	50°19'57"	120°15'01"	Shangkuzi Tamulango u	Basaltic andesite	12 3	2	Meng et al., 2011
ER19-2 ZKD2- 1	Shanghulin Well	50°42'37" 50°46'32"	120°12'52" 120°11'35"	Tamulanto u	Basaltic andesite	12 8	1 3	Xu et al., 2011
MZ20-1	Dashimo	49°25'27"	117°04'48"	Shangkuzi Tamulanto u	Trachydac ite	12 7	3	Meng et al., 2011
ER16-1	Eastern	50°45'57"	120°10'37"	Tamulanto u	Rhyolite	12 4	1	Xu et al., 2011
MZ5-3	Western	49°20'06"	117°30'33"	Shangkuzi	Dacite	5 12	1	Meng et al., 2011
MZ7-1	Western	49°21'16"	117°34'22"	Shangkuli	Andesite Trachyand esite	5 12	2	2011
ER1-1	Genhe	49°59'57"	120°06'50"	Meiletu	Trachydac ite	8 12	2	Xu et al., 2011
ER9-1	Eastern	50°47'12"	119°52'54"	Shangkuli	Pyroxene andesite	5 12	1	Xu et al., 2011
MZ10-1	Western	49°23'56"	117°25'21"	Shangkuzi Tamulango u	andesite	5 11	2	Meng et al., 2011
ER5-1	Genheqiaobe i	50°26'14"	120°00'54"	Tamulango u	Andesite	4	3	Xu et al., 2011

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HQ3-1	Qitaihe	45°48'57"	130°57'04"	Rhyolite	124	3	LA-ICPM S	Xu et al., 2013
HM1-1	Peide	45°39'47"	131°52'01"	Rhyolite	116	1	LA-ICPM S	Xu et al., 2013
HY4-1	Qinglongshan	46°27'24"	130°07'25"	Dacite	110	2	LA-ICPM S	Xu et al., 2013
HN18	Huanan	46°19'39"	130°58'23"	Rhyolite	100	1	LA-ICPM S	Sun et al., 2013
HY1-1	Dongfanghong	46°26'51"	129°48'11"	Andesite	112	1	LA-ICPM S	Xu et al., 2013
97SAW027	Chaihe	44°41'40"	129°41'39"	Gneissic monzogranite	254	4	SHRI MP	Wu et al., 2001a
97SAW028	Chushan	45°07'27"	130°02'30"	Gneissic granodiorite	256	5	SHRI MP	Wu et al., 2001a
97SW033	Ximashan	45°12'35"	130°28'30"	Gt granite	507	12	SHRI MP	Wilde et al. (2000)
97SW034	Ximashan	45°12'35"	130°28'30"	Granulite	500	9	SHRI MP	Wilde et al. (2000)
98SW119	Qingshan	45°28'52"	130°34'26"	Gneissic granodiorite	270	4	SHRI MP	Wu et al., 2001a
DM1	Dongmashan	45°10'18"	130°40'24"	Granitic gneiss	523	8	SHRI MP	Wilde et al. (2003)
M1	Liumao	45°15'48"	130°48'12"	Granulite	502	8	SHRI MP	Wilde et al. (1997)
M3	Liumao	45°15'48"	130°48'12"	Felsic dyke	502	10	SHRI MP	Wilde et al. (1997)
M5	Liumao	45°15'48"	130°48'12"	Pegmatite	501	18	SHRI MP	Wilde et al. (2003)
M7	Liumao	45°15'48"	130°48'12"	Metadiorite	498	7	SHRI MP	Wilde et al. (1997)
M9B	Shichang	45°09'46"	130°41'14"	Gneissic granodiorite	267	2	SHRI MP	Wu et al., 2001a
12GW026		N45 25 58.6	E131 10 48.9	Syenogranite	541	5	LA-ICPM S	Yang et al. 2014
12GW051		N46 18 10.0	E131 53 11.5	Granodiorite	530	5	LA-ICPM S	Bi et al. (2014a)
11GW010		N45 35 04.7	E131 48 54.4	Quartz monzonite	516	5	LA-ICPM S	Yang et al. 2014
12GW031		N45 31 11.7	E131 28 53.5	Quartz monzonite	513	5	LA-ICPM S	Yang et al. 2014
11GW039		N46 33 00.4	E131 43 17.4	Monzogranite	506	5	LA-ICPM S	Bi et al. (2014a)
11GW011		N45 30 41.1	E131 43 41.3	Monzogranite	498	5	LA-ICPM S	Yang et al. - 2014
11GW034		N46 15 14.5	E131 47 01.9	Syenogranite	490	5	LA-ICPM S	Bi et al. (2014a)
11GW029		N46 09 07.3	E131 57 35.2	Monzogranite	488	5	LA-ICPM S	Bi et al. (2014a)

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11GW0 32	N46 13 30.8	E131 51 02.8	Monzogran ite	488	5	LA- ICPM S	Bi et al. (2014a)
12GW0 29	N45 25 40.5	E131 27 51.4	Diorite	296	5	LA- ICPM S	Yang et al. (2015a)
15GW0 73	N46 26 08.4	E130 30 25.7	Granodiorit e	278	5	LA- ICPM S	Dong et al. (2017b)
15GW2 35	N46 14 20.8	E130 45 56.9	Alkali granite	276	5	LA- ICPM S	Dong et al. (2017b)
15GW0 75	N46 23 44.9	E130 39 08.5	Monzogran ite	272	5	LA- ICPM S	Dong et al. (2017b)
15GW2 48	N46 37 58.4	E130 37 40.6	Monzogran ite	267	5	LA- ICPM S	Dong et al. (2017b)
15GW2 65	N46 30 46.3	E130 38 31.8	Monzogran ite	266	5	LA- ICPM S	Dong et al. (2017b)
15GW2 61	N46 31 57.0	E130 38 44.4	Monzogran ite	263	5	LA- ICPM S	Dong et al. (2017b)
11GW0 41	N47 05 00.2	E131 42 32.9	Monzogran ite	261	5	LA- ICPM S	Bi et al. (2014b)
10GW2 51	N47 02 02.5	E131 43 12.7	Granodiorit e	260	5	LA- ICPM S	Bi et al. (2014b)
11GW0 22	N46 20 19.1	E131 57 30.8	Granodiorit e	257	5	LA- ICPM S	Yang et al. (2015a)
13HYL 3	N46 02 46.5	E129 46 41.8	Syenograni te	204	5	LA- ICPM S	Guo et al. -2016
15GW2 40	N46 05 57.0	E130 41 09.0	Granodiorit e porphyry	123	5	LA- ICPM S	Dong et al. (2016c)

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Sample Code	Latitude	Longitudud e	area	Lithology	method	AG E	Error	references
HYC1- 1	47°56'37"	128°53'57"	Youhao	Rhyolite		10		Wu et al. (2011)
HTW4- 1	48°44'09"	129°20'05"	Ganhe	Andesite		10	1	Wu et al. (2011)
9777-1	46°56'17"	128°17'51"	Shichang	Granodiorit e	LA- ICPMS	17	2	Wu et al. (2011)
DY038 5-1	47°38'48"	129°02'55"	Chaoxiantun	Alkali feldspar granite	LA- ICPMS	17	2	Wu et al. (2011)
LM-01	47°22'08"	128°31'54"	Luming	monzogran ite	LA- ICPMS	18	0	Wu et al. (2011)
HYC10 -1	47°42'36.8"	128°23'23.3"	Xinhuo	hornblende -gabbro	LA- ICPMS	18	2	Yu et al., 2012
HTW1- 1	48°32'24.1"	129°12'51.0"	Xincun pluton	hornblende -gabbro	LA- ICPMS	18	1	Yu et al., 2012
HYC13 -1	Shashilu	47°33'47"	128°24'04"	Wudaoling magnetite-	Rhyolite	18	1	Xu et al., 2013
HTW6- 1	48°29'35.3"	129°25'21.3"	Shuguang pluton	olivine- gabbro	LA- ICPMS	18	2	Yu et al., 2012
HYL1- 1	46°20'54.0"	128°01'08.8"	Liuzhonggou pluton	hornblendit e	LA- ICPMS	18	2	Yu et al., 2012



HYC2-1	Qingshan	47°56'37" 128°49'51"	128°53'57"	Taiantun Syenogranite	Rhyolite	7 19	2	Xu et al., 2013 Wu et al.
9767-200SW225	46°31'05" 128°58'00" 47°41'50"	"	Milin Hongqi	Granodiorite	TIMS SHRIMP	7 19 8	2 4	(2002) Wu et al. (2011)
9766-1DY0380-1	46°55'42" 129°14'40" 47°27'22"	"	Langxiang Xiaoxilin	Granodiorite	LA- ICPMS	20 0	2 3	(2011) Wu et al. (2011)
9773-100SW231	46°43'00" 129°24'36" 47°24'15"	"	Tuanjie Dafeng	Monzogranite	ICPMS SHRIMP	1 20 1	3 4	(2011) Wu et al. (2011)
HTW1-1a	48°32'24.1" 47°35'27.18"	.0" .1"	Xincun Yichun-Hegang	hornblende -gabbro	LA- ICPMS	20 4	1	Yu et al., 2012
P40-1	"	"	"	Granite	LA- ICPMS	20 9	1	Wei et al., 2012 Wu et al.
P40-1	47°35'28" 47°24'52.98"	"	Taiqing Yichun-Hegang	Monzonite	ICPMS	0 21	2	(2011)
P24-4	"	.48"	"	Granite	ICPMS	0	2	Wei et al., 2012
P31-4	47°20'54.12"	"	Yichun-Hegang	Granite	LA- ICPMS	21 1	1	Wei et al., 2012
HTW6-1b	"	129°25'21" .3"	Shuguang pluton	magnetite- olivine- gabbro	LA- ICPMS	21 2	1	Yu et al., 2012
1015-01	47°29'9.42"	129°17'56" .46"	Yichun-Hegang	Granite	LA- ICPMS	21 2	2	Wei et al., 2012
9780-2	"	129°47'03"	"	Alkali feldspar granite	LA- ICPMS	22 2	5	Sun et al. (2004)
P10-1	48°16'28" 47°22'50.52"	"	Qingshui Yichun-Hegang	Granodiorite	LA- ICPMS	23 4	2	Wei et al., 2012
P10-2	"	129°59'27" .3"	Yichun-Hegang	Granodiorite	LA- ICPMS	24 4	2	Wei et al., 2012
1002-01	47°22'50.52" 47°22'32.88"	130°03'52" .32"	Yichun-Hegang	Diorite	LA- ICPMS	26 0	1	Wei et al., 2012
P18-9	"	129°49'10" .32"	Yichun-Hegang	Granite	LA- ICPMS	26 0	1	Wei et al., 2012
1009-01	47°34'52.5" 47°23'57.84"	.58" 129°54'22"	Yichun-Hegang	Granite	ICPMS	1	1	Wei et al., 2012
1006-01	"	129°54'22" .14"	Yichun-Hegang	Granite	LA- ICPMS	26 2	2	Wei et al., 2012
1007-01DY0381-3	47°24'56.46" "">	129°43'27" .96"	Yichun-Hegang	Granite	LA- ICPMS	26 4	1	Wei et al., 2012
	47°22'40"	129°08'22"	Granodiorite	LA- ICPMS	44 7	4	Wu et al. (2011)	
14HT22	48°14'58"	129°25'27"	Xiaoxilin	granite	LA- ICPMS	45 0	2	Wang et al., 2016
14HYC1	46°48'11"	129°32'50"	Wuying	Granite	LA- ICPMS	45 4	2	Wang et al., 2016
14HYC9	47°00'15"	129°28'31"	Chenming	Rhyolite	LA- ICPMS	45 8	2	Wang et al., 2016
13HYC6	47°04'49"	129°27'31"	Chenming	Rhyolite	LA- ICPMS	46 0	2	Wang et al., 2016
14HYC2	46°49'36"	129°30'46"	Chenming	monzogranite	LA- ICPMS	46 4	4	Wang et al., 2016
14HYC16	47°11'46"	130°08'32"	Chenming	monzodiorite	LA- ICPMS	46 8	3	Wang et al., 2016
14HT9	47°38'24"	129°08'22"	Meixi	monzogranite	LA- ICPMS	46 9	2	Wang et al., 2016
14HT8	47°46'16"	129°27'53"	Meixi	Rhyolite	LA- ICPMS	47 0	3	Wang et al., 2016
YC113	48°29'41"	129°31'12"	Tangwanghe	Alkali feldspar granite	LA- ICPMS	47 1	3	Liu et al. (2008)

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14HT10	47°51'49"	129°08'38"	Meixi	monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	47	1	2	Wang et al., 2016
14HT13	48°04'58"	129°15'18"	Wuying	monzonite	LA-ICPMS	47	2	2	Wang et al., 2016
14HT14	48°00'37"	129°15'07"	Wuying	monzonite	LA-ICPMS	47	2	2	Wang et al., 2016
DY038		129°08'30"		Syenogranite	LA-ICPMS	47			Wu et al. (2011)
6-5	47°38'22"	"	Chaoxiantun		ICPMS	5	8		
14HYC6	46°54'16"	129°27'46"	Chenming	monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	47	5	4	Wang et al., 2016
14HYC4	46°50'42"	129°31'21"	Chenming	monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	47	6	3	Wang et al., 2016
14HT6	46°57'31"	128°51'06"	Langxiang	monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	48	6	5	Wang et al., 2016
14HT7	46°59'34"	128°57'16"	Langxiang	monzonite	LA-ICPMS	48	8	3	Wang et al., 2016
14HT3	46°57'09"	128°30'31"	Langxiang	Monzonite	LA-ICPMS	49	1	3	Wang et al., 2016
14HT4	46°55'25"	128°38'05"	Langxiang	monzonite	LA-ICPMS	49	1	2	Wang et al., 2016
DY038		128°34'05"		Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	49			Wu et al. (2011)
7-6	47°01'52"	"	Jiling		ICPMS	2	8		
14HT2	46°56'18"	128°28'07"	Langxiang	monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	49	6	3	Wang et al., 2016
15XH30	46°48'11"	129°32'50"	Tadong	Diorite	LA-ICPMS	49	6	11	Wang, 2017
YC127	46°55'37"	128°40'38"	Jiling	Granodiorite	LA-ICPMS	49	9	1	Liu et al. (2008)
14HYC18	47°12'20"	130°00'38"	Chenming	monzogranite	LA-ICPMS	50	5	2	Wang et al., 2016
JMS136	47°12'34"	129°58'20"	Dongfengshan	Quartz monzonite	SHRIMP	50	8	15	Liu et al. (2008)
0SW20		129°59'35"		Monzogranite	SHRIMP	51			Wilde et al. (2003)
4	47°12'17"	"	Luobei	ite	SHRIMP	5	8		

Appendix Table 4.3: Cited whole-rock geochemistry zirconium contents from igneous rock units

Sample code	Location	Age(Ma)	error (Ma)	Zr (ppm)	references
13GW273	GXR	210	2	129.0	Yang et al., 2016
13GW348	GXR	244	3	91.5	Yang et al., 2016
13GW210	GXR	212	2	107.0	Yang et al., 2016
13GW219	GXR	216	2	108.0	Yang et al., 2016
13GW222	GXR	225	2	131.0	Yang et al., 2016
13GW228	GXR	214	3	96.5	Yang et al., 2016
13GW234	GXR	230	2	92.6	Yang et al., 2016
13GW237	GXR	226	3	93.7	Yang et al., 2016
13Gw255	GXR	206	2	99.4	Yang et al., 2016
13GW272	GXR	151	1	64.5	Dong et al., 2016
13GW276	GXR	177	2	34.6	Dong et al., 2016
13GW280	GXR	180	1	53.2	Dong et al., 2016
13GW284	GXR	171	1	34.0	Dong et al., 2016
13GW289	GXR	171	2	51.1	Dong et al., 2016
13GW297	GXR	170	2	43.9	Dong et al., 2016
granite-1	GXR	139	2	170.0	Wang et al., 2018
DHS-N3	GXR	161	3	149.0	Zhang et al., 2018
DHS-N1	GXR	133	3	138.0	Zhang et al., 2018
DHS-N2	GXR	132	3	144.0	Zhang et al., 2018
DHS-N4	GXR	131	3	159.0	Zhang et al., 2018
TW05	GXR	345	3	134.9	Ma et al., 2019
Tw28	GXR	321	3.5	136.5	Ma et al., 2019
TW25	GXR	310	4	173.1	Ma et al., 2019
ER7-1	GXR	851	6	202.0	Tang et al., 2013
ER27-1	GXR	792	3	133.0	Tang et al., 2013
ER24-1	GXR	792	4	160.0	Tang et al., 2013
11ER23-1	GXR	792	7	236.0	Tang et al., 2013
ER13-1	GXR	737	5	216.0	Tang et al., 2013
JF04	GXR	306	8	50.0	Feng et al., 2015
JF05	GXR	308	7	52.0	Feng et al., 2015
TY02	GXR	315	2	126.0	Feng et al., 2015
TY05	GXR	312	3	176.0	Feng et al., 2015
PM002-18	GXR	130	3	213.0	Dong et al., 2014
D0570-5-2	GXR	131	1	251.0	Dong et al., 2014
D9832	GXR	162	2	10.0	Ji et al., 2018
D9843	GXR	154	1	30.0	Ji et al., 2018
D9845	GXR	157	1	35.0	Ji et al., 2018
D9849	GXR	161	1	50.0	Ji et al., 2018
D09-06	GXR	511	2	96.0	Zhou et al., 2015
D09-07	GXR	492	1	258.0	Zhou et al., 2015

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D09-8	GXR	511	5	291.0	Zhou et al., 2015
D09-8A	GXR	517	17	287.0	Zhou et al., 2015
05MZL10	GXR	164	3	321.0	Ying et al., 2010
05MZL16	GXR	149.5	2	113.0	Ying et al., 2010
05TH08	GXR	129.7	1.6	299.0	Ying et al., 2010
05GH10	GXR	123.8	1.3	305.0	Ying et al., 2010
10GW240	Jiamusi	283.7	2.2	13.6	Yu et al., 2013
11GW070	Jiamusi	277.6	1.6	37.8	Yu et al., 2013
13GW148	Jiamusi	507	4	242.0	Bi master 2015
13GW150	Jiamusi	493	3	139.0	Bi master 2015
11GW037	Jiamusi	510	3	48.6	Bi master 2015
11Gw039	Jiamusi	506	3	75.2	Bi master 2015
13GW156	Jiamusi	497	8	161.0	Bi master 2015
11GW035	Jiamusi	493	4	175.0	Bi master 2015
12GW051	Jiamusi	530	5	210.0	Bi master 2015
11Gw032	Jiamusi	488	3	105.0	Bi master 2015
11GW034	Jiamusi	490	3	156.0	Bi master 2015
11GW029	Jiamusi	488	3	112.0	Bi master 2015
15GW073	Jiamusi	278	2	50.0	Dong et al., 2017
15GW235	Jiamusi	303	3	12.0	Dong et al., 2017
15GW075	Jiamusi	272	2	19.0	Dong et al., 2017
15GW248	Jiamusi	267	3	60.0	Dong et al., 2017
15GW261	Jiamusi	263	3	33.0	Dong et al., 2017
15GW265	Jiamusi	266	2	35.0	Dong et al., 2017
18gw240	Jiamusi	123	3	108.0	Dong et al., 2016
11GW010	Jiamusi	516	7	101.0	Yang et al., 2014
11Gw011	Jiamusi	498	3	209.0	Yang et al., 2014
11GW017	Jiamusi	499	6	213.0	Yang et al., 2014
12GW007	Jiamusi	501	4	56.0	Yang et al., 2014
12GW026	Jiamusi	541	7	247.0	Yang et al., 2014
12GW031	Jiamusi	513	6	110.0	Yang et al., 2014
graodiorite-01	Jiamusi	54	2	55.0	Wang ZH, 2016
2029	Jiamusi	275.9	1.8	168.0	Hua et al., 2016
4228	Jiamusi	298.8	3.6	188.0	Hua et al., 2016
12GW019	Jiamusi	213	2	5.0	Yang et al., 2015
13GW010	Jiamusi	204	2	6.0	Yang et al., 2015
12GW015	Jiamusi	208	2	9.0	Yang et al., 2015
13GW018	Jiamusi	211	2	11.0	Yang et al., 2015
12GW016	Jiamusi	209	2	9.0	Yang et al., 2015
13GW017	Jiamusi	211	2	21.0	Yang et al., 2015
12GW001	Jiamusi	213	2	15.0	Yang et al., 2015
13GW012	Jiamusi	210	2	25.0	Yang et al., 2015
13GW124	Jiamusi	270	2	163.0	Bi et al., 2016

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13Gw110	Jiamusi	275	2	121.0	Bi et al., 2016
13GW104	Jiamusi	272	3	529.0	Bi et al., 2016
13GW564	Jiamusi	267	2	135.0	Bi et al., 2016
13GW554	Jiamusi	301	2	80.3	Bi et al., 2016
13GW560	Jiamusi	302	3	58.4	Bi et al., 2016
13GW096	Jiamusi	282	2	90.7	Bi et al., 2016
13GW094	Jiamusi	287	3	94.6	Bi et al., 2016
13Gw090	Jiamusi	281	2	99.8	Bi et al., 2016
13GW086	Jiamusi	302	4	95.5	Bi et al., 2016
13Gw039	Jiamusi	293	2	119.0	Bi et al., 2016
ZS pluton	Jiamusi	256	2	20.0	Dong et al., 2016
TP pluton	Jiamusi	259	3	34.0	Dong et al., 2016
H15-08-01	Jiamusi	181	1	35.0	Ge et al., 2018
H15-11-01	Jiamusi	178	1	30.0	Ge et al., 2018
H15-14-01	Jiamusi	191	1	35.0	Ge et al., 2018
H15-16-01	Jiamusi	195	1	24.0	Ge et al., 2018
H15-34-01	Jiamusi	210	1	8.0	Ge et al., 2018
H15-35-01	Jiamusi	220	1	10.0	Ge et al., 2018
H15-37-01	Jiamusi	251	1	15.0	Ge et al., 2018
H15-38-01	Jiamusi	242	1	26.0	Ge et al., 2018
H15-39-01	Jiamusi	246	1	25.0	Ge et al., 2018
h15-40-01	Jiamusi	241	1	28.0	Ge et al., 2018
15GW004	Jiamusi	272	3	80.0	Yang et al., 2019
15Gw013	Jiamusi	273	3	50.0	Yang et al., 2019
15GW026	Jiamusi	260	2	10.0	Yang et al., 2019
15GW036	Jiamusi	264	2	90.0	Yang et al., 2019
14GW516	Jiamusi	279	5	231.0	Bi et al., 2016
13GW186	Jiamusi	279	2	211.0	Bi et al., 2016
T03	LXR	264	4	280.0	Cui et al., 2013
T04	LXR	268	1	346.0	Cui et al., 2013
Hsw2-3	LXR	175	1	349.0	Xu mj, 2013
hsw2-6	LXR	239	3	100.0	Xu mj, 2013
hsw6-4	LXR	183	2	55.0	Xu mj, 2013
hsw6-12	LXR	185	2	101.0	Xu mj, 2013
131	LXR	310	6	288.0	Qu et al., 2015
9780	LXR	222	5	326.0	Sun et al., 2004
JMS136	LXR	500	3	383.3	Liu JF, 2008
JMS136	LXR	508	15	398.0	Liu JF, 2008
YC127	LXR	498	1	261.0	Liu JF, 2008
YC113	LXR	471	3	361.0	Liu JF, 2008
14HYC18-1	LXR	505	2	364.0	Wang et al., 2016
14HYC16-1	LXR	468	3	378.0	Wang et al., 2016
13HYC6-1	LXR	460	2	280.0	Wang et al., 2016

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14HT2-1	LXR	496	3	131.0	Wang et al., 2016
14HT4-1	LXR	491	2	284.0	Wang et al., 2016
14HT5-1	LXR	488	2	243.0	Wang et al., 2016
14HT6-1	LXR	486	5	227.0	Wang et al., 2016
14HT7-1	LXR	488	3	260.0	Wang et al., 2016
14HT8-1	LXR	470	3	135.0	Wang et al., 2016
14HT9-1	LXR	469	2	149.0	Wang et al., 2016
14HT10-1	LXR	471	2	254.0	Wang et al., 2016
14HT14-1	LXR	503	4	315.0	Wang et al., 2016
14HT13-01	LXR	472	2	364.0	Wang et al., 2016
14HT22-1	LXR	450	2	244.0	Wang et al., 2016
1	LXR	432	1	157.0	Wei Lianxi, 2013
2	LXR	431	1	151.0	Wei Lianxi, 2013
	LXR	850		248.0	Wang and Liu, 2014
15YL14-1	LXR	182	2	172.0	Zhu et al., 2017
15YL28-1	LXR	185	2	125.0	Zhu et al., 2017
15YL18-4	LXR	182.7	2	199.0	Zhu et al., 2017
15YL10-1	LXR	185	2	152.0	Zhu et al., 2017
15YL38-1	ZGC	163	2	170.0	Zhu et al., 2017
15YL36-5	ZGC	191	2	152.0	Zhu et al., 2017
15YL40-1	ZGC	191	2	149.0	Zhu et al., 2017
11GW03	ZGC	289	3	126.0	Yu qian, 2013
9718	ZGC	182	3	299.0	Sun et al., 2005
9728-1	ZGC	216	3	184.0	Sun et al., 2005
D2251	ZGC	850	2	273.0	Wang, Liu 2014
1111	ZGC	443	5	39.0	Pei et al., 2014
JS20	ZGC	360	2	152.0	Wang et al., 2015
12JS01	ZGC	360	2	171.0	Wang et al., 2015
12JS4-1	ZGC	361	3	153.0	Wang et al., 2015
11LK19-1	ZGC	342	4	162.0	Wang et al., 2015
JS4-1	ZGC	340	2	683.0	Wang et al., 2015
11HNA7	ZGC	516	5	60.0	Wang, 2017
16PH	ZGC	502	3	47.0	Wang, 2017
	ZGC	502	5	52.0	Wang, 2017
	ZGC	496	4	179.0	Wang, 2017
	ZGC	482	4	258.0	Wang, 2017
	ZGC	475	4	155.0	Wang, 2017
HB1-1	ZGC	294	6	396.0	Meng et al., 2011
HMD4-1	ZGC	286	5	347.0	Meng et al., 2011
HYS1-1	ZGC	291	5	374.0	Meng et al., 2011
HYS2-1	ZGC	291	5	333.0	Meng et al., 2011
	ZGC	248	4	160.0	Sun et al., 2004a
	ZGC	182	3	250.0	Sun et al., 2005a

	ZGC	188	4	185.0	Sun et al., 2005a
16GW114	ZGC	215	1	10.0	Zhao et al., 2018
16GW121	ZGC	217	1	15.0	Zhao et al., 2018
16GW126	ZGC	219	1	20.0	Zhao et al., 2018
16GW110	ZGC	221	1	25.0	Zhao et al., 2018
16GW124	ZGC	221	1	30.0	Zhao et al., 2018
9757-4	ZGC	213	2	428.0	Wu et al., 2002
9767-2	ZGC	197	2	92.0	Wu et al., 2002
9718-1	ZGC	191	9	299.0	Wu et al., 2002
baishi-1	ZGC	123	3	324.0	Wu et al., 2002
9780	ZGC	196	4	378.0	Wu et al., 2002
DW2	ZGC	229	4	785.0	Wu et al., 2002
9715	ZGC	190	2	255.0	Wu et al., 2002

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