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# **Geochemistry and isotopic evolution of the central African Domes, Bangweulu and Irumide regions: evidence for cryptic Archean sources and a Paleoproterozoic continental arc.**

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## **Abstract**

The interregional cratonic relations between the Paleo- and Mesoproterozoic basement units surrounding the Neoproterozoic Central African Copperbelt are still largely unresolved, although they are regarded as major potential metal sources. This study focuses on the Domes region basement at depth below the Copperbelt and its relationship to the neighboring Bangweulu Block and its destabilized margin, the Irumide Belt. We applied an integrated whole rock petrochemical and Sm-Nd isotopic approach to major lithological units to assess the proposed mid-Proterozoic arc setting for the Domes basement inliers along with their relationship to the neighboring areas. The available petrochemical and isotopic data for the Paleoproterozoic eastern Domes granitoids and magmatic units in the SW Bangweulu Block is consistent with a continental arc setting. Moreover, the mid-Paleoproterozoic Nd isotope ratios preclude an island arc because they are significantly less radiogenic than the depleted mantle. Predominantly Archean and Early Paleoproterozoic depleted mantle model ages in all terranes indicate limited juvenile input during Paleo- and Mesoproterozoic magmatic phases. Finally, broadly similar model ages in the Domes inliers and the Bangweulu-Irumide region suggest a relationship between these terranes.

**Keywords:** Chemistry; Sm-Nd; Nd model age; Arc terrane; Granite; Metasediments

## 1. Introduction

The Central African Copperbelt is one of the world's largest Copper provinces (e.g., Cailteux et al., 2005). The basement units surrounding the Neoproterozoic Copperbelt are seen as major potential copper and cobalt sources for this stratiform Cu-Co province (e.g., Cailteux et al., 2005; Sweeney et al., 1991; Van Wilderode et al., 2014). The Paleoproterozoic Domes inliers lie directly below the Copperbelt deposits, yet their Paleo- to Mesoproterozoic history and the relation with the neighboring basement units is still largely unknown. A few occurrences of inherited Meso- to Neoproterozoic xenocrystic zircons in the Domes region suggest that these inliers rework a cryptic Archean terrane (De Waele et al., 2006b; Rainaud et al., 2002, 2003). This was recently confirmed by zircon  $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}$  depleted mantle model ages (Eglinger, 2013). Because the Bangweulu Block and its southeastern destabilized margin, the Irumide Belt, also rework Archean crustal sources (e.g., De Waele et al., 2006b), these inliers could represent the western destabilized margin of the Bangweulu Block (Eglinger, 2013). Various authors suggested that the Domes inliers were part of an extensive arc terrane system between c. 2050 Ma and c. 1850 Ma, stretching either to the Ubendian Belt (Brewer et al., 1979; Kabengele et al., 1991) or towards Namibia (Rainaud et al., 2005). Zircon U-Pb dating by Eglinger (2013) indicated a metamorphic episode in the Domes region at 1190-1150 Ma. However, this cannot be used as an argument for a relationship with the Irumide Belt as it predates the Irumide Orogeny that culminates at ~1020 Ma (De Waele et al., 2006b).

A combined petrochemical and isotopic approach has been used to determine the relationship between the Domes inliers and two neighboring basement units, the Bangweulu Block and the Irumide Belt. Depleted mantle Nd model ages for major basement lithologies were used to estimate crustal residence times which were compared between the basement units. This isotopic approach was combined with a petrochemical characterization to compare the geotectonic setting of contemporaneous magmatic phases across the basement units.

We will demonstrate that careful use of whole rock (isotope) data in conjunction with the available temporal framework can provide insights in interregional cratonic relations and geotectonic history of

Proterozoic basement units. Moreover, the whole rock isotopic approach allows to determine whether the isotopic differences are sufficient to act as source tracers for base metal mineralizations.

## 2. Geological setting

### 2.1 Bangweulu Block

The Bangweulu Block is a Paleoproterozoic cratonic region of 275 by 450 km, surrounded by orogenic belts (Fig. 1; e.g., Andersen and Unrug, 1984). To the north, the Paleoproterozoic Ubendian and Usagaran Belts separate it from the Archean Tanzania Craton, whereas the Mesoproterozoic Kibara Belt and the Neoproterozoic Lufilian Foreland separate it from the Kasai Shield in the west (e.g., De Waele et al., 2008). The Mesoproterozoic Irumide Belt located to the southeast of the Bangweulu Block was recently identified as a destabilized (metacratonized) margin of the Bangweulu Block (De Waele et al., 2006b). Such metacratonic margins are generated by attempted subduction of a passive continental margin, resulting in a partial loss of their cratonic rigidity and increasing their susceptibility to magmatism during subsequent deformation (e.g., Black and Liégeois, 1993; Adbelsalam et al., 2002; Liégeois et al., 2013).

Initial destabilization of the southern part of the Bangweulu craton occurred during the Paleoproterozoic when an unknown terrane collided with the Irumide margin. This collision resulted in voluminous magmatism throughout the Bangweulu region at 2050-1930 Ma, and this event represents the most recent major magmatic event recorded in this area (De Waele et al., 2006b). The crystalline Bangweulu basement consists of E-W oriented schist belts intruded by granitoids and overlain by metavolcanic rocks. The schist belts occur mainly in the eastern and northeastern parts of the Bangweulu Block as E-W oriented rafts which are up to 10 km wide and 75-100 km long (Andersen and Unrug, 1984). Farther south, the schist belts are less extensive and occur as discrete rafts (Andersen and Unrug, 1984). In the central part of the Bangweulu Block, the schist belts are weakly metamorphosed, dominated by assemblages of chlorite, muscovite and biotite schists associated with quartzites. These rafts either terminate against major shear zones or grade into higher grade equivalents in the Ubendian Belt, indicating a relationship between the Bangweulu and this belt (Andersen and Unrug, 1984; De Waele et al., 2006b). Towards the Ubendian Belt, sillimanite- and

cordierite-bearing gneisses and migmatites indicate higher metamorphic grades, and the structural trends are oriented NNW-SSE, parallel to the Ubendian Belt (De Waele et al., 2006b). The relatively undeformed Bangweulu granitoids are interpreted as shallow intrusions because they are associated with volcanic rocks (e.g., Brewer et al., 1979; Schandelmeier, 1980, 1983). The coeval volcanoclastic rocks are andesitic to rhyolitic in composition and are dominantly pyroclastic with subordinate lava flows and shallow intrusions (Brewer et al., 1979). Andersen and Unrug (1984) interpreted these as forming in a volcanic arc system situated along an active margin because the granitoids and the coeval volcanics display high-K calcalkaline compositions. Due to the absence of indications for significant crustal thickening and subsequent unroofing in the Bangweulu Block, these granitic rocks and the associated metavolcanic rocks were possibly generated in an intracontinental setting (De Waele et al., 2006b).

The Paleo- to Mesoproterozoic sedimentary cover of the Bangweulu Block also stretches out over parts of the Irumide and Domes regions. This cover is collectively termed the Muva Supergroup and comprises undeformed units in the north and strongly deformed units in the Irumide Belt (De Waele et al., 2005; De Waele and Fitzsimons, 2007). In the Bangweulu Block, it comprises the Mporokoso Group in the northwest and the Kasama Formation, a minor unit exposed in an E-W oriented basin to the east of the Mporokoso Group. The Mporokoso Group contains fluvial and lacustrine sediments, with minor aeolian sediments with a southern sediment source (Andersen and Unrug, 1984) and has a maximum depositional age of  $1829 \pm 19$  Ma constrained by detrital zircons (De Waele and Fitzsimons, 2007). Based on paleocurrent analysis, the extreme maturity of the Kasama quartzites and arenites, and on age modes of detrital zircons, they are interpreted as a reworking of the Mporokoso Group sediments to the west (Andersen and Unrug, 1984; De Waele and Fitzsimons, 2007). The depositional age of the Kasama Formation is constrained by detrital zircons and an Irumide-aged deformation between c. 1434 and 1020 Ma (De Waele and Fitzsimons, 2007). The Muva Supergroup is in turn overlain by Neoproterozoic Katanga Supergroup sediments and Cenozoic fluvial and lacustrine sediments which are not discussed here (Andersen and Unrug, 1984).

## 2.2 Irumide Belt

The Irumide Belt is characterized by voluminous Mesoproterozoic K-feldspar porphyric granitoids and strongly deformed and metamorphosed supracrustal sequences coexisting with Paleoproterozoic granitoids and minor Neoproterozoic granitic rocks (Fig. 1; De Waele et al., 2006b). Extensive studies by De Waele et al. (2001, 2005, 2006a, 2006b, 2009) indicate that the Irumide region was a passive margin to the Bangweulu Block during most of the Paleo- and Mesoproterozoic which was destabilized to form a metacraton.

Initial metacratonization in the Irumide Belt occurred at 2050-1930 Ma and involved continental collision with an unidentified block approaching from the present-day south, resulting in the formation of the Usagaran Belt and magmatism throughout the Irumide and Bangweulu regions (De Waele et al., 2006b). This collision was associated with dextral transpression, dominantly vertical plate movements and resulted in magmatism and brief, but potentially deep, subduction accompanied by eclogite-grade metamorphism (De Waele et al., 2006b).

Deposition of the Muva Supergroup molasse occurred simultaneously and renewed convergence generated the Ubendian Belt at 1880-1850 Ma, after which deposition of the Muva Supergroup continued in a passive margin setting (De Waele et al., 2006b). This was followed by a period of relative quiescence, until minor reactivation at 1660-1550 Ma generated the anorogenic granites of the Lukamfwa phase (De Waele et al., 2006b). Between ~1080 and 1050 Ma, convergence of the Irumide with an unknown terrane and southward subduction resulted in continental arc magmatism in a part of this terrane now known as the Southern Irumide Belt (De Waele et al., 2006b; Johnson and Olivier, 2004; Johnson et al., 2005, 2006; 2007b).

The subsequent collision resulted in the Irumide Orogeny at 1050-1000 Ma and generated voluminous K-feldspar porphyric granitoids which are restricted to the Irumide Belt. Finally, post-orogenic collapse was associated with minor A-type magmatism around 950 Ma (De Waele et al., 2006b).

Bimodal magmatism of c. 880 Ma is interpreted as a rift event which removed part of the colliding terrane, leaving the Southern Irumide Belt behind (De Waele et al., 2006b; Johnson et al., 2006; 2007b). The Karoo Graben which developed along the Proterozoic Mwembeshi Shear zone currently separates the Irumide from the Southern Irumide Belt. This graben likely reactivated the suture

between these belts, represented by a SE-declining paleo-Benioff zone marking the northern margin of the Southern Irumide Belt (De Waele et al., 2006b; Johnson et al., 2006; 2007b).

In the Irumide Belt, the Muva Supergroup includes the Kanona, Manshya River and Mafingi Groups (e.g., De Waele and Fitzsimons, 2007). The Mafingi Group occurs in the NE end of the Irumide Belt, has a limited extent and was correlated with the Manshya River Group in the northeastern part of the Irumide Belt (e.g., De Waele and Fitzsimons, 2007; Fitches, 1971). The depositional age of the Manshya River Group is constrained by conformal rhyolites dated at  $1880 \pm 12$  Ma (De Waele and Mapani, 2002).

The Kanona Group comprises extensively deformed supracrustal sequences occurring in the SW Irumide Belt and consists of mature quartzites and pelitic rocks (De Waele and Mapani, 2002). Based on broad similarities in lithostratigraphy, the Manshya River and Kanona Group sedimentary rocks are inferred to be coeval sequences deposited around 1850 Ma, although direct correlation is impossible due to lack of age constraints and exposure gaps (De Waele and Fitzsimons, 2007; De Waele and Mapani, 2002). These sequences are interpreted as extensive Paleoproterozoic beach deposits with a sediment source to the northwest, deposited in the Irumide Basin that formed after the Ubendian deformation phase (Andersen and Unrug, 1984; De Waele et al., 2001). The absence of carbonates and obducted oceanic crust in the Irumide Belt likely indicates that this was a shallow intracontinental basin (Daly, 1986).

### **2.3 The Domes Inliers**

In the Domes region, basement inliers are exposed within the Neoproterozoic Lufilian Belt. From east to west, the major inliers are the Kafue Basement Complex and the Luswishi, Solwezi, Mwombezhi and Kabompo Domes (Fig. 1). Radiometric age dating of rocks within these inliers indicates mostly Paleoproterozoic ages of 1970-1850 Ma (Eglinger, 2013; John, 2001; Nyogi et al., 1991; Rainaud et al., 2002, 2005). About half of the basement consists of the Lufubu Schist sequence, which is intruded by extensive granitic rocks (Mendelsohn, 1961, Rainaud et al., 2005). The Paleoproterozoic Lufubu Schists in the Kafue Basement Complex comprises mainly schist, quartzite and gneiss with minor metacarbonate, metagreywacke, arkose and conglomerate (Mendelsohn, 1961). The U-Pb ages for

igneous zircons within the Lufubu Schists units cluster around 1980-1960 Ma and 1870-1860 Ma (Rainaud et al., 2005). Mendelsohn (1961) interpreted the Lufubu Schist as a metasedimentary sequence with minor intercalated metavolcanitic rocks. However, Rainaud et al. (2005) argue in favor of a significant proportion of metavolcanic units, mainly based on blastoporphyric textures, occurrence of hornblende and predominantly oscillatory zoned zircons in the Lufubu Schist samples. Many lithologies within the Lufubu Schist are spatially associated with (sub)contemporaneous granitic rocks (e.g., Lobo-Guerrero Sanz, 2005; Rainaud et al., 2005). Based on this association, Rainaud et al. (2005) suggested that the metavolcanic Lufubu Schists and their plutonic contemporaries represent one or several magmatic arc terranes, active between the ~ 2049 Ma age of the Mkushi Gneiss in the Irumide Belt and the youngest Lufubu Schist crystallization age at ~ 1850 Ma. De Waele et al. (2006b) relate the Mkushi Gneiss to the 2050-1930 Ma Usagaran magmatism in a collisional setting between the Irumide Belt and an unidentified terrane. Parts of this complex experienced magmatic reworking in the Mesoproterozoic at  $1090 \pm 160$  Ma (De Waele et al., 2006b; De Waele and Mapani, 2002; Rainaud et al., 2002).

The ~1880 Ma granitoids and volcanic units in the Luina Dome (Ngoyi et al., 1991; Rainaud et al. 2002) are thought to be related to similar, contemporaneous magmatic units in the SW Bangweulu and in the Usagaran Belt (De Waele et al., 2006b). Additionally, combination of zircon U-Pb and  $\epsilon$ Hf data with geothermobarometric data suggests that the Domes inliers represent the southwestern metacratonic margin of the Bangweulu Block, in analogy with the Irumide Belt (Eglinger, 2013). Irumide-aged magmatic events around 1020 Ma are unknown in the Domes region. Nonetheless, recently dated zircon overgrowths revealed a Mesoproterozoic metamorphic event at 1190-1150 Ma in the Mwombezi Dome and at 1240-1120 Ma in the Solwezi Dome (Eglinger, 2013).

The most recent igneous event in the Domes region inliers is represented by volumetrically minor anorogenic granites such as the  $877 \pm 11$  Ma Nchanga granite in the Kafue Basement Complex, thought to be related to incipient rifting (Armstrong et al., 2005; Katongo et al., 2004).

Contemporaneous magmatism also occurs in the Southern Irumide Belt, about 400 km southwards from this location, where it has been linked to the earliest breakup phases of the Rodinia Supercontinent (Johnson et al., 2007a).



During the Lufilian Orogeny from c. 595 to 490 Ma (e.g., Selley et al., 2005), the Mwombezhi basement was thrust on top of the overlying Neoproterozoic Katanga Supergroup sediments, resulting in a tectonic interlayering (e.g., Cosi et al., 1992). Recent mapping and drilling by Equinox, now part of Barrick Gold, confirmed that the undifferentiated Mwombezhi gneisses are rimmed by tectonic mélanges of basement and Katanga sequence (Bernau, 2007).

### **3. Methodology**

#### **3.1 Sample selection**

A set of lithologies was collected that characterize the main suite of exposed granitic and metasedimentary rocks and complement the existing published dataset (e.g., De Waele et al., 2006b; Katongo et al., 2004). Provenance studies indicate that the Kibara Belt did not contribute significant components to the Neoproterozoic Katanga sediments in the Copperbelt and that the Bangweulu Block is likely the dominant sediment source (Shuh et al., 2012). Sampling here has focused on the Domes, Bangweulu and Irumide regions. In the Domes region, 21 samples were collected from the Mwombezhi Dome and the Kafue Basement Complex area (Fig. 1). Samples from two deep Mwombezhi drill cores were kindly provided by Equinox Resources Ltd. These were supplemented by well-located samples from key units within the Kafue Basement Complex in the east, provided by the Royal Museum for Central Africa (RMCA) in Tervuren, Belgium. The samples from the Bangweulu (n=18) and the Irumide (n=14) regions bordering the Copperbelt were collected in a field campaign during 2012. A study by De Waele et al. (2006b) describes mainly felsic igneous units within the Irumide Belt and southern Bangweulu Block in terms of geochemistry, radiometric data, and Rb-Sr and Sm-Nd isotope systems. Special attention was given to metasedimentary and additional mafic rocks to complement this data.

**Please insert supplementary Table A here.**

#### **3.2 Major and trace element composition**

Major and minor elements were measured with a Varian 720 ICP-OES instrument after Li-metaborate fusion. The results are given in Table 1 along with the instrumental detection limits (IDL) calculated from repeated analyses of procedural blanks. For trace element analysis, samples from the Domes, Irumide and Bangweulu regions were dissolved using a microwave-assisted HF-HNO<sub>3</sub>-HClO<sub>4</sub> digestion adapted from Mareels (2004). After an initial two-phase digestion step at 180 and 200 °C using 6 ml 22 M HF and 2 ml 14 M HNO<sub>3</sub>, Re and In were added as internal standards. Fluor was subsequently removed using a near-total evaporation step with 2 ml HClO<sub>4</sub>, and the resulting droplet was dissolved in 2 ml 14 M HNO<sub>3</sub> at 120°C and diluted to 50 ml with a 2% HCl solution. Trace elements were measured with a Perkin-Elmer SCIEX Elan DRC Plus single collector inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer (ICP-MS) instrument at Ghent University. Blank subtraction was done with three procedure blanks and calibration is performed with international rock reference standards BCR-1, GA, AGV-1, AWI, NIM-G and GSP-1. Standard solutions were added to the measuring sequence and allowed for internal data quality checks along with duplicate analyses. The results are added in Table 1, along with their respective IDLs. Because many samples have experienced high-grade metamorphism, the geochemical interpretations are mainly based on the immobile trace element content. However, an overview of the present-day major element composition is shown in Figure 2 with quartz alkali-feldspar plagioclase (QAP) diagrams and graphs plotting the aluminum saturation index ( $A/CNK = \text{molar Al}_2\text{O}_3 / (\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{CaO} + \text{K}_2\text{O})$ ) versus the agpaitic index ( $A/NK = \text{molar Al}_2\text{O}_3 / (\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O})$ ).

### 3.3 Strontium isotope analysis

Powdered rock samples of c. 100 mg were digested on a hot plate using 22 M HF and 14 M HNO<sub>3</sub> in a 3:1 ratio at 120°C in a first step, followed by an aqua regia step with 6 M HCl and 14 M HNO<sub>3</sub>. Sr was isolated using Eichrom Sr Spec resin according to the procedure of De Muynck et al. (2009). <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios were determined using a Thermo Scientific NEPTUNE multi-collector (MC) ICP-MS operated in static multi-collection mode and normalized to the invariant <sup>86</sup>Sr/<sup>88</sup>Sr ratio of 0.1194. The results from NIST SRM 987 reference standard were in excellent agreement with the <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratio from Thirlwall (1991) and procedural blank signals were negligible. Rb and Sr concentrations were

determined using a Thermo Scientific ELEMENT XR single-collector sector field-ICP-MS. The Rb-Sr data is included in the appendix (Table B), because this system was likely reset for many high-grade metamorphic rocks.

### 3.4 Neodymium isotopic analysis

After using the digestion method described in the previous section, Nd was isolated using two columns containing Eichrom TRU Spec and Ln Spec resins according to procedures developed by Pin et al. (1994) and Ganio et al. (2012). The Nd isotopic composition was determined using a Thermo Scientific NEPTUNE MC-ICP-MS instrument operated in static multi-collection mode. All Nd isotope ratios were normalized to  $^{146}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.7219$ . Repeated measurements of the JNdi-1 reference material yielded values in excellent agreement with the accepted value from Tanaka et al. (2000) and procedural blank signals were negligible.

### 3.5 Depleted mantle Neodymium model ages and uncertainties

Depleted mantle Nd model ages are calculated following the method of Nelson and DePaolo (1985) and represent approximate fractionation ages from the depleted mantle. If there are multiple episodes of juvenile material addition, these ages represent a weighted average of mantle fractionation times (e.g., Farmer and DePaolo, 1983). Equating the sample and depleted mantle evolution lines results in a quadratic equation of the form  $aT^2 + bT + c = 0$ . The model age  $T_{\text{DM}}$  (in Ga) then corresponds to the lower intercept with the horizontal axis:

$$0.25T^2 + (-3 + 25.13(\frac{^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}_{\text{sample}}}{0.1964} - 1))T + 8.5 - \epsilon\text{Nd}_{\text{now}} = 0$$

Nelson and DePaolo (1985) demonstrated graphically that the uncertainty on this age depends on the proximity to the chondrite  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ . The errors induced by the uncertainty on  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  and  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  can be calculated by applying the error propagation equation to the solution for  $T_{\text{DM}}$  (e.g., Bevington and Robinson, 1992):

$$e(T_{\text{DM}})^2 = e\left(\frac{-2c}{b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}\right)^2 = e_b^2 \left(\frac{2c}{b(b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}) - 4ac}\right)^2 + e_{\epsilon\text{Nd}}^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}\right)^2$$

The standard deviation on the present-day  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_{\text{CHUR}}$  is around 0.5, and is assumed to be uncorrelated with the error on the  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratio. The precision on the  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratio obtained from section 3.2 is estimated at around 2 % from repeated analyses of the international rock reference standard AGV-1. The analytical uncertainties typically induce model age uncertainties of about 50 to 150 Ma, but this can be much larger for samples with perichondritic  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratios (Table 2). This indicates that the effect of analytical factors are at least equally important as the uncertainty introduced by Sm-Nd fractionation during intracrustal anatexis, estimated at around 100 Ma (Nelson and DePaolo, 1985). All model ages are reported in Ga, following literature conventions (e.g., Nelson and DePaolo, 1985) and to avoid confusion with the radiometric ages from literature, reported in Ma.

## 4. Results

### 4.1 Domes region

#### 4.1.1 The western Domes region: Mwombezhi Dome

The drill core from Lumwana (DO01-DO07) and Chimiwungo prospect (DO08-DO13) in the Mwombezhi basement mainly consists of medium to coarse-grained gneiss and migmatite, intercalated with minor amphibolite and biotite-rich schistose layers (Fig 3A, B). The schists contain percentage-levels of chalcopyrite and pyrite. Most gneisses are monzogranitic in composition, with minor granodiorite and quartz monzogabbro compositions (Fig. 2A). The Lumwana and Chimiwungo gneisses contain intermediate to high silica contents between 69 and 75 wt. %  $\text{SiO}_2$  and intermediate to high  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  between 13.7 and 15.7 wt. %.  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3(\text{T})}$  ranges from 0.58 to 3.44 wt. % and the CaO,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  content ranges between 0.68-2.37, 3.06-5.65 and 1.98-6.79 wt. % respectively. The schistose units contain low to intermediate silica contents and high alumina contents of 54.4-67.6 and 14.1-18.6 wt. % respectively. Their  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3(\text{T})}$  ranges from 3.93 to 8.16 wt. % while their CaO,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  content ranges between 1.30-3.44, 2.60-5.26 and 3.00-6.83 wt. % respectively. The Mwombezhi gneisses are exclusively subalkalic and straddle the border between metaluminous and peraluminous compositions, while the schistose intervals are strongly peraluminous (Fig. 2B). The white Lumwana gneisses are generally slightly peraluminous, with high Mg-numbers between 37 and 48. They are

depleted in rare earth elements (REE) and high field strength elements (HFSE), with low Y/Nb ratios between 0.6 and 1.2. In contrast, the pinkish Chimiwungo prospect gneisses and one pink Lumwana biotite gneiss DO07 are elevated in REE and HFSE, with Y/Nb ratios between 2.8 and 13 (Fig. 4A, 5A). They are either slightly metaluminous with low magnesium-numbers (#25) or strongly peraluminous and biotite-rich with higher magnesium-numbers comparable to the Lumwana samples (Fig. 2B). Because of their low HFSE and REE content, the Lumwana gneisses plot in the volcanic arc or syncollisional granite field in the Nb-Y discrimination diagram (Fig. 6A). Figure 7 shows that the present-day  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  composition of the Mwombezi basement falls between -20.5 and -18.5 for both the schistose units and the gneisses. Their  $T_{\text{DM}}$  model ages mostly range between 2.4 and 2.8 Ga, with one older age at c. 3.1 Ga. The basement sequence also contains minor intervals of amphibolites, here represented by amphibolite DO01, which consists dominantly of hornblende, feldspars and biotite, with minor titanite and accessory zircon, magnetite and ilmenite (Fig. 3A). The amphibolite is silica poor, CaO- and  $\text{Ti}_2\text{O}$ -rich, with 46.2, 9.54 and 1.99 wt. % respectively. It has a Mg number of 52, an elevated Ti/V ratio of 42 and  $\text{La}/\text{Yb}_{\text{UCC}}$  and  $\text{Gd}/\text{Yb}_{\text{UCC}}$  ratios of 0.37 and 1.24 respectively. In figure 4C, the amphibolite shows minor negative Ba, Sr, Ti, Nb and Ta anomalies. It has a present-day  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  of -13 and gives a  $T_{\text{DM}}$  model age of 2.43 Ga. The Lumwana East Granite (LEG) at the top of the Chimiwungo drill core is a fine-grained, foliated biotite-muscovite monzogranite with sericitized feldspars and accessory allanite and hematite. The LEG is currently alumina-poor and silica-rich with 11.6 wt. %  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and 80 wt. %  $\text{SiO}_2$ . It is poor in ferromagnetic elements, has a low Zr and Nb content of 105 and 17 ppm respectively and a low U/Th ratio of 0.04. Additionally, it is poor in alkali earths (Ca, Sr, Ba) and has an intermediate to high Na, K and Rb content. This monzogranite is strongly enriched in light REE (LREE), with a pronounced negative Ce-anomaly and high total REE concentrations amounting to 1330 ppm  $\Sigma\text{REE}$  (Fig 5B). Its present-day  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  of -25 is lower than those of the Mwombezi gneisses, yet its Sm/Nd ratio is also much lower. This results in a younger  $T_{\text{DM}}$  model age of c. 1.93 Ga.

#### **4.1.2 The eastern Domes region: Kafue Basement Complex and Luina Dome**

The Kafue Basement Complex is named after the Kafue Anticline, a structure generated during the Lufilian Orogeny (e.g., Porada and Berhorst, 2000), not to be confused with the Kafue town area c. 400 km southwards in the Southern Irumide Belt (e.g., Johnson et al., 2007a). The Mufulira Grey Granite DO18, located within this Basement Complex, is a titanite-rich biotite-epidote granodiorite containing accessory muscovite, magnetite and ilmenite (Fig. 3E). This weakly metaluminous granite contains an intermediate 66.4 wt. % silica and high  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  and CaO contents at 0.72, 5.16 and 3.50 wt. % respectively (Fig. 2A, B). It is strongly sodic with a molar K/Na ratio of 0.65 and a  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  content around 3.50 wt. %.

The Tshinsenda granitoid rocks DO14 and DO15 in the Luina Dome to the north of the Kafue Basement Complex are titanite-rich feldspar- porphyric biotite-epidote monzogranites with sericitized feldspars and contain accessory zircon and ilmenite (Fig. 3C). Their major element composition is similar to the Mufulira Granite, except that these granitoids are potassic (K/Na ~1.2) and slightly peraluminous. In the Mufulira Grey and the Tshinsenda Granites, opaques are occasionally rimmed by white mica (Fig. 3C, E).

The REEY and spidergram patterns in the Mufulira grey Granite and the Tshinsenda Granite are also similar, with Upper Continental Crust (UCC)-normalized HREE/LREE ratios above unity and pronounced positive Eu- anomalies (Fig. 4B, Fig. 5B). Their UCC-like REEY patterns and relatively low HFSE contents suggest an affinity with syncollisional or arc granites (Fig. 6A). The Mufulira Grey Granite has a present-day  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  of -28, and it gives a model age of 2.49 Ga (Fig. 7). An intrusive contact indicates that this granite postdates the  $1994 \pm 7$  Ma Mufulira Pink Granite (U-Pb zircon; Rainaud et al., 2005). The only available age estimate is a c. 1950 Ma Rb-Sr cooling age (Cahen et al., 1970). Based on this estimated age, it gives an  $\epsilon\text{Nd}(\text{T})$  composition of -4. The Lufubu Schist samples have similar age-corrected  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values around 1950 Ma and these have been found as xenoliths in the Mufulira Grey Granite (Brandt et al., 1961). The Tshinsenda Granitic rocks have present-day  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  compositions of -19 and -21 and give model ages of 2.57 and 2.40 Ga (Fig. 7).

Mufulira Lufubu Schist DO19 is an equigranular biotite-chlorite-tourmaline schist, while DO20 is an equigranular quartz-feldspar-chlorite siltstone (Fig. 3F). The Nkana Lufubu Schist NSD49 contains mm-sized, mostly anhedral quartz and (sericitized) feldspar clasts in a fine-grained chlorite-white mica

matrix of about 50 vol. %. In addition, it contains minor green biotite and dolomite cement, along with accessory porphyroblastic cordierite. Quartz often forms elongated polycrystalline aggregates, aligned along the cleavage direction. The Nkana Lufubu Schist also contains an elevated Co content of 186 ppm compared to <9 ppm for the Mufulira Lufubu Schists.

The Nchanga Granite DO17 is a feldspar porphyric monzogranite and contains accessory, oscillatory zoned allanite, titanite, garnet and ilmenite (Fig. 3D). This granite is slightly peraluminous (Fig. 2B) and is characterized by high Na, K, Rb, Zr, Nb, Y and REE contents, low Ca, Mg content and extremely high HREE concentrations at ~ 10 times the UCC value (Fig. 5B). Nchanga Granite DO17 combines a suprachondritic  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{143}\text{Nd}$  ratio of 0.205 with a negative present-day  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  of -11 and therefore does not intersect with the depleted mantle evolution curve (Fig. 7).

## 4.2 Bangweulu and Irumide

### 4.2.1 Bangweulu and Irumide: magmatic units

The Bangweulu and Irumide magmatic rocks are generally monzogranitic, subalkalic and most are peraluminous (Fig. 2C, D), except monzogranite BGA and meta-andesite BG10 which are slightly metaluminous. All these granitoids show negative Nb, Ta, Zr, Hf, Ti and P anomalies accompanied by positive anomalies of large ion lithophile elements (LILE, e.g., K, Rb and Cs), U, Th and Pb in UCC-normalized spidergrams (Fig. 4B). Their Nb and Y content is relatively homogenous and most rocks plot near the junction between the within plate and syncollisional or arc fields in the Nb-Y diagram (Fig 6B). The Sr and Ba content varies between low values for IR06, IR13 and BG18, and intermediate values for monzogranite BGA and the Mansa Granites (BG01, BG02).

The Kapiri Mposhi Complex IR14 (KMpG) in the SW Irumide Belt is a fine-grained biotite monzogranite (Fig. 9F). It is silica- and sodium- rich (71.5 and 4.07 wt. %), intermediate in alumina and  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3(\text{T})}$  (15.0 and 2.49 wt. %), K-poor (2.46 wt. %  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ) and has magnesium number of 37.

Figure 5D shows that its HREE content is much lower than the UCC with an elevated  $\text{La}/\text{Lu}_{\text{UCC}}$  ratio close to 4. This granite has a present-day Nd isotope composition of -35  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  and gives a  $T_{\text{DM}}$  model age of 2.93 Ga (Fig. 7). The monzogranitic IR13, 80 km southeast of the Kapiri Mposhi Complex, also

has a low present-day  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  of -24 and also gives a model age of 2.93 Ga. The latter is also close to the feldspar porphyric Mkushi complex IR11, which contains chalcopyrite mineralizations around quartz grains (Fig. 9E).

The central Irumide Belt monzogranite IR06 shows a foliation defined by coarse-grained muscovites (Fig. 9A) and has a low present-day  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  value of -30 with a  $T_{\text{DM}}$  age of 3.01 Ga. Another monzogranite from this area, IR07, shows rounded cm-sized biotite-dominated xenocrysts with micaceous reaction rims around opaques (Fig. 9B). The NE Irumide Belt meta-andesite IR04 consists of intensely altered amphibole phenocrysts in a chlorite-rich matrix, while amphibolite IR05 consists mostly of actinolite (Fig. 10C, D). Both NE Irumide Belt metabasites show volcanic arc basalt affinities according to Meshede (1986), yet the higher Ti content in amphibolite IR05 suggests within plate affinities (Fig. 8, Pearce and Cann, 1973, Shervais, 1982). They have present-day  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values of -16 and -12, with  $T_{\text{DM}}$  ages of 3.08 and 2.50 Ga, respectively.

Deformed, broken quartz, epidote and titanite in the Mansa Granites BG01 and BG02 indicate intense deformation (Fig. 10A), unlike the granodiorite BG12 in the south central part of the Bangweulu Block (Fig 10B). The Mansa region granites are enriched in REEY compared to the UCC with flat patterns and minor negative Eu anomalies. The associated felsic extrusives (e.g., metarhyolite BG07; Fig 10C) contain sericitized feldspar phenocrysts in a glassy matrix, while the phenocrysts in more mafic units are replaced by epidote and actinolite, contained in a chlorite-rich matrix (e.g., meta-andesite BG10; Fig 10D). The trace element compositions in the Mansa extrusive rocks (BG03, BG07, BG08, BG10) are broadly similar, although the granites have lower Ba, Zr and higher HREE contents compared to the coeval extrusives (Fig. 4E, 5C). The 1870 Ma Mansa granites and extrusives give age-corrected  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values between -4 and -1 (Fig. 7; De Waele et al., 2006b). The alkali feldspar metarhyolite BG09 gives a higher age-corrected +3  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  value that reflects the lower Sm/Nd ratio in this metarhyolite.

The South-Central Bangweulu granite BG12 and the migmatitic BG13 are moderately LREE enriched and show pronounced negative Eu-anomalies. They have present-day  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$ s of -23, with model ages of 3.14 and 2.88 Ga respectively (Fig. 7). The East-Central Bangweulu granitoid BG18 has a present-day  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  value of -16 and an elevated  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratio (0.161) that results in an imprecise  $T_{\text{DM}}$  of 3.62 Ga.



#### **4.2.2 Bangweulu and Irumide: metasedimentary rocks**

The quartzites contain highly variable trace element contents, generally with negative Sr, P, Ti and Eu and positive U, Th and Pb anomalies in Post Archean Average Shale (PAAS)-normalized spidergrams (Fig. 4F, G). Their REE content varies in the most pure quartzites varies between 7 and 50 ppm  $\Sigma$ REE, while their Zr content varies between 20.5 and 72 ppm. The feldspar-rich Muva quartzite BGQ contains more REE and Zr (114 and 195 ppm respectively) and shows a relatively flat REEY pattern with a slight LREE enrichment compared to the UCC. The Nsama Fm quartzites BG04 and BG11 have relatively flat, upward concave patterns, while the Kabweluma Fm quartzite BG05 has a quasi-complementary upward convex pattern versus the UCC composition. The Nsama Fm quartzite BG11 and especially the Kabweluma Fm quartzite BG05 show positive Y anomalies, accompanied by negative Eu-anomalies, while the Muva quartzite BGQ displays a pronounced positive Y-anomaly. The Zr/Sc, Th/Sc and Th/La ratios mostly range between 20-90, 1.6-3.8 and 0.17-4.4 respectively. At the inferred ~ 1800 Ma depositional age of the Muva Supergroup (De Waele and Fitzsimons, 2007), the  $\epsilon$ Nd values in the Bangweulu and Irumide metasediments have a wide range between -10 and 0, except for the Nsama Fm siltstone BG14 which has +2  $\epsilon$ Nd value at this time.

## **5. Discussion**

### **5.1 Domes region**

#### **5.1.1 Western Domes region: evidence for sedimentary cycles and cryptic Archean sources**

Lithologically, the Mwombezhi gneisses and migmatites are similar to the Kabompo Dome gneisses which were dated at  $1940 \pm 3$  Ma and  $1884 \pm 10$  Ma (John, 2001; Key et al., 2001; Liyungu and Njamu, 2000), and similar age ranges are observed in other Domes inliers (e.g., Ngoyi et al., 1991; Rainaud et al., 2002). A recent study by Eglinger (2013) indicated that the Mwombezhi and Solwezi basement contains both ortho- and paragneisses. Paragneisses were identified by multiple age modes of detrital zircons, which constrain a maximum age of deposition at <1515-1475 Ma.

Although the Lumwana gneisses are petrochemically reminiscent of granites, their REEY- and HFSE-contents are uncharacteristically low. Therefore, they are more easily reconciled with meta-arenites (e.g., Spalleti et al., 2012). The high Mg-numbers and low Y/Nb ratios between 0.6 and 1.2 suggest a major proportion of mafic sources for these paragneisses. Such paragneisses are also recognized at Solwezi (Eglinger, 2013) and demonstrate the presence of a regional post-Muva, pre-Katangan sedimentary cycle.

Fine-grained sediments also typically have low Y/Nb ratios (e.g., ~1.4 for PAAS; Pourmand et al., 2012; Taylor and McLennan, 1985), but generally contain elevated REE and HFSE concentrations. The shaley intervals between the gneisses are Cu-(Co) mineralized, and this has been related to metasomatism along shear zones (Bernau et al., 2013). The gneissic units bordering these schistose layers are characterized by elongated sub-cm sized feldspar clasts aligned along the foliation and lack the equidimensional pegmatoid textures in gneisses further away from the schistose parts. On drill core scale, it is unclear whether there is a tectonic contact or a preferential accommodation of strain near the schistose units (e.g., Bernau et al., 2013). Therefore, it cannot be excluded that the mineralized schistose parts are in fact Katanga sequence units that were tectonically interlayered with the Mwombezhi basement during the Lufilian Orogeny (Cosi et al., 1992).

Most felsic Chimiwungo prospect gneisses and one Lumwana gneiss (DO04) have a major- and trace element composition and mineralogy consistent with an orthogneissic origin. Their  $T_{DM}$  model ages range between c. 2.2 and 3.1 Ga and thus predate the Paleoproterozoic igneous ages in the Domes region considerably. This suggests that their igneous protoliths have considerable crustal residence times. This is also consistent with igneous model ages from Eglinger (2013), who calculates 2.4-2.9 Ga zircon  $\epsilon_{Hf}$  model ages with a minor component between 3.0 and 3.6 Ga.

The geochemical characteristics of the Mwombezhi amphibolite are similar to those of the Katangan tholeiite and alkali basalt suite related to rifting in the Domes region at 765-735 Ma (Fig. 8; Key et al., 2001; Tembo et al., 1999). The Ti-V characteristics preclude an arc-related igneous origin, as these typically have much lower Ti/V ratios and contents (Fig. 8). Similar units are also reported in the Mwombezhi and Solwezi Domes by Eglinger (2013). Their position within the Mwombezhi paragneisses implies an age younger than c. 1500 Ma, as indicated by detrital zircons within these

gneisses (Eglinger, 2013). These amphibolites potentially belong to the Neoproterozoic tholeiite suite, but this needs to be confirmed with radiometric dating.

The younger model age of 1.93 Ga in the Lumwana East Granite is attributed to relative LREE enrichment decreasing Sm/Nd, during intense post-igneous alteration, likely in oxidizing conditions as indicated by the pronounced negative Ce-anomaly. The Ca, Sr and Ba-poor composition of the Lumwana East Granite is probably related to the sericitization of the feldspars, whereas the high LREE content in this granite is contained in the LREE-selective allanite. The high Th-low U characteristics of this granite likely result from U mobilization towards the uranium deposits rimming the Mwombezhi Dome, i.e. this granitoid and similar ones are likely sources for the uranium in these deposits (e.g., Eglinger et al., 2013).

#### **5.1.2 Eastern Domes region: arc terranes and intracratonic magmatism ?**

Model ages for the Kafue basement region are similar to those in the Mwombezhi Dome, indicating that both inliers have similar crustal residence times, with an important Archean component. The petrographic data for the Mufulira Lufubu Schist samples DO19 and DO20 indicates that they are likely not of extrusive origin since they lack typical extrusive textures or contain tourmaline. While it cannot be excluded that the Nkana Lufubu Schist NSD49 has a volcanic protolith, a sedimentary origin seems more likely, given its petrological characteristics. From a Copperbelt metal source perspective, this unit is interesting, as it underlies the Neoproterozoic Nkana Cu-Co deposit. Its high-Co, low-Cu composition is likely not primary and is attributed to intense metasomatic alteration related to the hydrothermal ore-forming processes. Differential mobility of Co and Cu during reworking commonly results in Cu-Co fractionation (e.g., De Putter et al., 2010, Torremans et al., 2013).

The Mufulira Grey Granite is estimated at ~1950 Ma (see section 4.1.2) and is spatially associated with the Mufulira Lufubu schists, which have been dated at  $1968 \pm 9$  Ma (Lobo-Guerrero Sanz, 2005; Rainaud et al., 2005). Based on these spatial associations, Rainaud et al. (2005) suggested that the metavolcanic Lufubu Schists and their plutonic contemporaries represent one or several magmatic arc terranes. The age-corrected  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values in the eastern Domes granitoids are around -4 to -2 and

preclude an island arc setting, since  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values around 5 are expected from island arcs originating from the depleted mantle (DePaolo, 1981; Fig. 7).

The Tshinsenda and Mufulira granites are petrochemically reminiscent of arc-related granites. They are relatively Si-poor and relatively rich in ferromagnesian elements. Furthermore, the epidote-chlorite-magnetite clusters within these granitoids could represent an alteration of hornblende. This mineral typically characterizes arc-related granites and relict hornblende was reported in Lufubu metavolcanics (Babarin, 1999; Rainaud et al., 2005). Therefore, it seems plausible that these Paleoproterozoic granites are placed in a continental arc setting, where they rework older crustal material.

The Neoproterozoic Nchanga granite was dated at 880 Ma and occurs as a NW-SE oriented 10 by 15 km ellipsoid pluton in the northwestern part of the Kafue Basement Complex (Armstrong et al., 2005; Katongo et al., 2004). The geochemical characteristics of the Nchanga Granite with high alkali, REE, Nb and low Ca, Mg are consistent with an anorogenic origin (e.g., Eby, 1992; Trumbull et al., 2004). This is also indicated by elevated Ga/Al ratios (Katongo et al., 2004; Lobo-Guerrero Sanz, 2005). Most parts of the pluton display low Nb/Y ratios characteristic of a dominant crustal protolith, while some parts display elevated, MORB-like Nb/Y ratios (e.g., Katongo et al., 2004; Lobo-Guerrero Sanz, 2005). The HREE-enrichment and suprachondritic  $^{157}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratio in this granite is likely related to intense alteration during albitization in sample DO17.

A high mantle contribution is not atypical for anorogenic granite suites which are often characterized by variable amounts of mixing between a crustal and a mantle source (e.g., Trumbull et al., 2004). However, Katongo et al. (2004) infer that this granite intruded during early stages of rift development where mantle involvement is usually minimal. In the context of our Nd isotope data, this would require that the present-day suprachondritic Sm/Nd ratio was generated close to its igneous age at 880 Ma (Armstrong et al., 2005). The present-day  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  of -11 corresponds closely to the average crustal Nd composition of the domes samples at that time, and this would have evolved at a CHUR-like rate (Fig. 7). Therefore, the elevated  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  would only imply a significant contribution from mantle material if the high Sm/Nd ratio was generated much later.

## 5.2 Bangweulu-Irumide region

### **5.2.1 Evidence for reworking of Archean sources**

The geochemical characteristics of the Kapiri Mposhi Complex correspond closely to the tonalite trondjemite granodiorites (TTG) of the  $G_0$  group defined by De Waele et al. (2006b) who dated the Kapiri Mposhi complex at  $2726 \pm 36$  Ma (De Waele, 2005). De Waele et al. (2006b) attribute the low HREE content to melting in the presence of garnet, for instance by melting of the eclogitized parts of a subducting oceanic slab. They point out that this is incompatible with the negative Nb anomaly (Fig. 4D), which suggests mantle melting in the presence of aqueous fluids. However, experimental data suggests that melting in the stability field of garnet and hornblende can generate HREE and Nb depleted melt compositions, as the latter incorporates Nb (e.g., Martin et al., 2005). Since modern analogues for TTGs are mainly formed by slab melting with subordinate contamination from mantle peridotite (Martin et al., 2005), we argue in favor of such an origin for the Kapiri Mposhi Complex. The 2.93 Ga  $T_{DM}$  exceeds its crystallization age and indicates contribution from more enriched mantle domains or involvement of Mesoarchean crust.

Earlier studies noted that post-Archean granitoids are geochemically similar in the Irumide and Bangweulu regions (De Waele et al., 2006b; Tembo et al., 2002), and this is confirmed by this study (Fig. 4D). Their trace element patterns show low HFSE contents typical for magmatics with a crustal origin (e.g., De Waele et al., 2006b; Hofmann, 1997). All granites show the typical negative Ti and P anomalies related to titanite or ilmenite and apatite fractionation, while plagioclase fractionation accounts for their negative Eu-anomalies and low Sr and Ba content, as noted by De Waele et al. (2006b). The main difference between our results and those of De Waele et al. (2006b) is that around 1870 Ma our Mansa magmatics have more enriched Nd compositions (-4 to -2 versus -7 to -4) and younger model ages (2.3-2.5 Ga versus 2.5-2.9 Ga). This suggests a sub-suite with more input of juvenile material in this region, with similar model ages as those in contemporaneous Irumide extrusives (De Waele et al., 2006b).

The Mesoproterozoic  $G_4$  group is restricted to the Irumide Belt, and is geochemically and isotopically similar to the  $G_1$  granitoids. Because the  $G_1$  and  $G_4$  groups melt sources with similar compositions, they are hard to distinguish (De Waele et al., 2006b). Therefore, it is not possible to identify if Irumide

granitoids IR06 and IR13 belong to the G<sub>1</sub> or G<sub>4</sub> group, except by radiometric dating. In any case, geochemical compositions and T<sub>DM</sub> model ages for the Irumide granitoids are similar to those in the Bangweulu Block, except in the Mansa magmatics (Fig. 7). This corroborates both the Archean inheritance and the relationship between the Bangweulu and the Irumide Belt proposed by De Waele et al. (2006b).

### **5.2.2 Locally sourced metasedimentary units?**

The Bangweulu and the Irumide were essentially one tectonic unit during deposition of the Paleoproterozoic sedimentary successions, which correlate across these basement blocks (e.g., De Waele et al., 2001). The depositional setting and correlations between the sedimentary sequences is extensively treated in e.g., Andersen and Unrug (1984), De Waele and Mapani (2002) and De Waele and Fitzsimons (2007). This study provides an overview of the chemical composition of these sediments. Most elemental anomalies mimic the ones in the Bangweulu and Irumide granites, with the exception of Nb and Ta, whose anomalies are far less pronounced. Apart from the Nsama Fm siltstone BG14, all metasedimentary units show high Zr, Hf and high Th/Sc, Zr/Sc and low La/Th ratios indicative for crustal or passive margin sedimentary sources (e.g., Spaletti et al., 2012).

The Nsama Fm siltstone has a high  $\epsilon\text{Nd}(T)$  value of 2. In combination with its elevated concentrations of ferromagnesian elements, this suggests a major contribution from a mafic source. The age-corrected  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values and the Nd model ages of the other sediments suggest sedimentary sources with crustal residence times that are significantly higher than 1800 Ma, the approximate depositional age for these sediments (De Waele et al., 2006b). This data suggests that these metasediments are locally sourced from the Bangweulu and Irumide magmatics.

### **5.3 Implications for interregional cratonic relationships**

Several authors proposed a relationship between the Domes region and the Bangweulu Block or the Irumide Belt based on the contemporaneity of the magmatic phases (e.g., De Waele et al., 2006b; Eglinger, 2013; Rainaud et al., 2005). For the ~1870 Ma Ubendian phase, this is further corroborated

by association of intrusives and extrusives that indicates shallow intrusion in these regions (e.g., De Waele et al., 2006b; Rainaud et al., 2005). Additionally,  $T_{DM}$  ages indicate reworking of Archean crustal components in all terranes. The model ages for the eastern Domes magmatic rocks indicate similar average crustal residence times as those of the SW Bangweulu magmatic rocks (Fig. 7; De Waele et al. 2006b). Geochemically, the eastern Domes magmatics are more similar to the intermediate SW Bangweulu extrusives than to their silica-rich intrusive counterparts and lack the pronounced Pb anomaly (Fig. 4B,E), indicating that the crustal contribution is less prominent here. The oldest model age components in the E Domes and SW Bangweulu appear less prominent than in other regions, for instance the SW Irumide. This is consistent with juvenile input in a continental arc setting. The cluster of c. 3 Ga model ages in the SW Irumide likely relates to an older nucleus centered around the Archean Kapiri Mposhi Complex (e.g., De Waele et al., 2006b).

Although estimates for average crustal residence times are highly variable in each region, they are broadly comparable between all regions, suggesting a relationship between the Domes and the Bangweulu, including its metacratonized margin, the Irumide Belt. Moreover,  $T_{DM}$  ages above 2.5 and 2.3 Ga in all terranes indicate that juvenile input is relatively limited after the Ubendian phase. This suggests an intracratonic setting for these terranes from c. 1870 Ma onwards. However, renewed juvenile input in the Domes region is evidenced by rift-related tholeites at 750-735 Ma (e.g., Key et al., 2001; Tembo et al., 1999). Radiometric dating of the Mwombezi and Solwezi amphibolites is required to determine whether these belong to this suite or represent an earlier phase of juvenile input.

#### **5.4 Implications for metal provenance studies**

The Neoproterozoic Katanga sediments in the Copperbelt region host abundant economic Cu-Co deposits. Mass balance calculations suggest that the Neoproterozoic Katanga sediments that host these deposits are unable to provide sufficient metals to act as the principal source (e.g., Cailteux et al., 2005; Hitzman et al., 2000). An extensive review by Sweeney et al. (1991) shows that some basement units may contain significant amounts of Cu, besides the sulfide-hosted copper in basement deposits such as the Lumwana and Mkushi deposits. This dataset and similar datasets (e.g., De Waele et al., 2006b; Duchesne et al., 2004; Johnson et al., 2007b) can be used in combination with isotope analyses

of gangue carbonates associated with the Copperbelt ore deposits to test the basement's source potential (e.g., Van Wilderode et al., 2014). Because the Rb-Sr system is readily perturbed, it is preferably used as a potential extra discriminating factor in combination with the Nd isotope signature. For instance, the Mwombezhi paragneisses and Lufubu Schists can be distinguished from the felsic Bangweulu and Irumide units, as they generally have higher age-corrected Nd isotope values at the Neoproterozoic mineralization times. The results from Van Wilderode et al. (2014) show that the gangue minerals correspond more closely to the Mwombezhi paragneisses or Lufubu Schist signatures, suggesting local Cu sourcing from the basement units directly below the Copperbelt.

## 6. Conclusions

Our integrated whole rock petrochemical and Sm-Nd isotopic approach offers more evidence for reworking of (cryptic) Archean crustal material in the Domes inliers at depth below the Neoproterozoic Central African Copperbelt and in the Bangweulu-Irumide region. The data for the eastern Domes granitoids and similar magmatic units in the SW Bangweulu Block corroborates earlier studies that suggest a mid-Paleoproterozoic arc terrane (De Waele et al., 2006b; Rainaud et al., 2005). Moreover, the available petrochemical and isotopic data is consistent with a mid-Paleoproterozoic continental arc, but precludes an island arc, since the isotope ratios indicate incorporation of older crustal material. Finally, Archean and early-Paleoproterozoic model ages in all terranes indicate limited juvenile input from the mid-Paleoproterozoic onwards, implying mostly intracratonic positions during subsequent magmatic phases. The broadly similar crustal residence times suggest a relationship between the Domes region inliers and the Bangweulu-Irumide terrane.

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## 8. Figure captions

Figure 1. Simplified geological map with the sample locations in the Bangweulu Block, the Domes inliers and the Irumide Belt. Depleted mantle Nd model ages (in Ga) are also shown: model ages for altered igneous units are in italic (see 4.2.1, 5.1.1); model ages for metasedimentary units are indicated

between brackets. Modified from Andersen and Unrug (1984), De Waele et al. (2006a, 2006b) and Tembo et al. (1999).

Figure 2. Diagrams showing the major element composition of the studied samples. (A) and (C) plot the normative quartz-alkalifeldspar-plagioclase (QAP) composition of the Domes (DO) and Bangweulu and Irumide (BG and IR) samples respectively. (B) and (D) show the aluminum saturation index ( $A/CNK$ ) versus the alpaite index ( $A/NK$ ) for the DO and BG + IR samples respectively.

Abbreviations (A, B): MwG, Mwombezhi gneisses; MwA, Mwombezhi amphibolite; LS, Lufubu Schist, LEG, Lumwana East Granite; TsG, Tshinsenda Granitoids; MGG, Mufulira Grey Granite; NG, Nchanga granite. Includes additional Nchanga granite data from Katongo et al. (2004) and Lobo-Guerrero Sanz (2005) for comparison. Abbreviations (B, E): BG, Bangweulu, IR, Irumide; G, granitoids; sed, metasediments; maf, mafics; MmV, Mansa metavolcanites; KmPG, Kapiri Mposhi Granite Complex. Normative compositions calculated using Igpet (2005).

Figure 3. Representative microphotographs of the studied Domes region samples. (A) Hornblende, plagioclase, biotite and minor titanite in Mwombezhi amphibolite DO01 (PPL). (B) Typical Mwombezhi paragneiss DO04 with opaques and exsolutions in feldspars coexisting with biotite and muscovite (PPL). (C) Epidote, magnetite and chlorite could represent a metamorphically altered hornblende in Tshinsenda monzogranite DO14. Biotite shows rutile exsolutions and pleochroitic halos around zircon or monazite inclusions (XPL). (D) Nchanga granite with cm-sized microcline showing perthitic unmixing and micaceous reaction rims around opaques (XPL). (E) Mufulira Grey Granite with sericitized feldspars, quartz with subgrains, biotite, skeletal titanite and accessory epidote (XPL). (F) Mufulira Lufubu schist with feldspar laths, tourmaline, biotite and chlorite (PPL). PPL, parallel polars; XPL, crossed polars; mineral abbreviations after Whitney and Evans (2010).

Figure 4. Primitive mantle (PM) normalized spidergrams for the analyzed samples. (A) Mwombezhi gneisses, (B) Domes region granitoids, (C) Domes and Irumide mafics, (D) Bangweulu and Irumide granitoids, (E) Mansa region magmatics, (F) Bangweulu metasediments and (G) Irumide

metasediments. Abbreviations as in Figure 2, except LUM, Lumwana; CHI, Chimiwungo. The grey shaded areas correspond to the compositional range of the G<sub>1</sub>-group granites from De Waele et al. (2006b). PM composition after McDonough and Sun (1989). Post Archean Average Shale (PAAS) composition compiled from Taylor and McLennan (1985), McLennan and Xiao (1998) and Pourmand et al. (2012).

Figure 5. Upper Continental Crust (UCC) normalized REEY plots. (A) Domes region granitoids, (B) Mwombezhi gneisses, (C) Mansa magmatics and (D) Bangweulu and Irumide granitoids.

Abbreviations as in Figure 2. The grey shaded areas correspond to the compositional range of the G<sub>1</sub>-group granites from De Waele et al. (2006a, b). UCC composition after Rudnick and Gao (2003).

Figure 6. Nb-Y diagram from Pearce et al. (1984). (A) Domes samples, with indicated sample numbers for the Mwombezhi gneisses and additional Nchanga Granite data from Katongo et al. (2004) and Lobo-Guerrero Sanz (2005). (B) the Irumide and Bangweulu samples. The G<sub>1</sub> group granites from De Waele et al. (2006b) are added for comparison. Abbreviations as in Figure 2.

Figure 7. Nd evolution diagram for the Domes samples (left) and Irumide and Bangweulu samples (right). Depleted mantle from Nelson and DePaolo (1985). Indicated events from Armstrong et al., 2005; De Waele et al., 2006b; De Waele and Fitzsimons, 2007; Eglinger, 2013; Key et al., 2001, Rainaud et al., 2005.

Figure 8. Ti-V diagram from Shervais (1982) for the Domes, Irumide and Bangweulu mafics. The grey fields indicate typical compositions for mafic units in different tectonic settings, including mid-oceanic ridge and back arc basin basalts (MORB and BAB) according to Shervais (1982). Also shown are the compositions of rift-related Neoproterozoic Domes region tholeites from Tembo et al. (1999), and magmatic units in the Mansa region from De Waele et al. (2006b).



Figure 9. Representative microphotographs of the studied Irumide samples. (A) Muscovite rims around deformed plagioclase and recrystallized quartz in the foliated monzogranite IR06 (XPL). (B) Biotite-rich zone in monzogranite IR07 where biotite reacts with iron oxide to form fine-grained white micas (PPL). (C) Intense alteration in andesite IR04, ex-hornblende reacts to oxides and a micaceous ground mass but preserves its characteristic cleavage (PPL). (D) Actinolite laths with pleochroitic halos around zircon or monazite inclusions in amphibolite IR05 (PPL). (E) Chalcopyrite mineralizations around quartz grains in the monzogranitic Mkushi complex IR11 (reflected light, PPL). (F) The Kapiri Mposhi Complex IR14 is nearly exclusively composed of quartz, partially sericitized feldspars and biotite (XPL). PPL, parallel polars; XPL, crossed polars; mineral abbreviations after Whitney and Evans (2010).

Figure 10. Representative microphotographs of the studied Bangweulu samples. (A) Intense deformation in Mansa monzogranite BG01 with fractured or mylonitized quartz and weathered, fractured and banded epidote (XPL). (B) K-feldspar porphyric texture in the eastern Bangweulu monzogranite BG18 (XPL). (C) Mansa metarhyolite BG07 contains intensely sericitized feldspars in a glass and mica-rich groundmass (XPL). (D) Mansa meta-andesite BG10 showing actinolite and epidote in a chlorite-feldspar-rich ground mass (XPL). PPL, parallel polars; XPL, crossed polars; mineral abbreviations after Whitney and Evans (2010).

Table 1: Whole rock geochemistry of magmatic and metasedimentary rocks in the Domes, Bangweulu and Irumide regions.

DOMES		Lumwana						Chimiwungo						Tshinsenda		Nchanga		Mufulira			Nkana
ID		DO1	DO2	DO3	DO4	DO6	DO7	DO8	DO9	DO10	DO11	DO12	DO13	DO14	DO15	DO17	DO18	DO19	DO20	NSD49	
Type <sup>a</sup>	IDL(wt. %, ppm) <sup>b</sup>	Amph	Gn	Gn	Gn	Gn	Gn/Mig	Gn/Mig	Gn/Mig	Gn	Gn/Sch	Gn/Sch	Gran	Gran	Gran	Gran	Gran	Sch	Sch	Sch	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.07	46.2	72.6	74.6	67.6	75.4	74.6	69.3	75.0	75.3	65.6	54.4	80.2	65.6	66.0	74.2	66.4	57.7	74.2	59.4	
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.002	1.99	0.30	0.08	0.95	0.05	0.08	0.66	0.09	0.37	0.97	1.03	0.12	0.70	0.69	0.12	0.72	0.65	0.17	0.58	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.01	14.1	15.8	15.6	14.1	14.9	14.3	15.3	14.8	13.7	17.7	18.6	11.6	15.5	15.3	13.8	15.6	22.3	9.2	15.9	
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3T</sub>	0.003	13.9	2.33	1.04	6.97	0.65	0.58	3.44	1.08	1.40	3.93	8.16	0.82	5.13	5.33	2.31	5.16	6.56	1.05	6.25	
MnO	0.001	0.17	0.02	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.005	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.01	0.05	0.04	0.07	0.14	0.03	0.06	0.07	
MgO	<0.001	7.68	0.85	0.31	3.14	0.30	0.22	0.49	0.17	0.24	1.44	6.36	0.07	1.85	1.88	0.06	1.47	2.61	0.71	3.94	
CaO	0.002	9.54	2.10	2.37	1.30	1.68	0.68	1.12	1.23	1.49	3.44	2.21	0.45	2.59	2.51	1.07	3.50	0.12	4.10	1.01	
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.01	2.67	4.87	5.03	2.60	5.46	3.06	4.36	5.65	3.61	5.26	3.37	2.87	2.97	2.95	3.43	3.58	0.46	0.85	0.50	
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.01	1.88	3.11	1.98	4.29	2.32	6.79	6.02	3.30	4.90	3.00	6.83	4.99	5.41	4.97	5.64	3.55	7.64	5.58	6.66	
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.01	0.38	0.05	0.02	0.16	0.01	b.l.	0.11	0.01	0.08	0.18	0.41	b.l.	0.20	0.21	0.01	0.25	0.08	0.05	0.23	
Total		98.5	102.0	101.1	101.1	100.7	100.3	100.8	101.3	101.1	101.6	101.5	101.1	100.0	99.8	100.7	100.4	98.2	96.0	94.6	
Ba	3.3	197	712	516	648	495	2250	1620	809	1310	923	1090	63	1880	1520	122	1420	1660	1160	1830	
Sc	0.44	36.6	4.5	1.5	13.4	1.6	1.0	8.2	5.2	3.3	8.8	22.0	4.4	11.7	11.2	0.7	14.0	20.9	3.9	15.2	
Sr	0.86	112	267	192	111	183	237	125	126	162	318	282	30	361	355	27	376	48	167	61	
V	3.4	285	28.8	4.5	125	b.l.	6.2	11.1	b.l.	7.6	54.4	177	4.3	82.2	85.2	b.l.	61.9	122	13.3	105	
Zn	25	81	b.l.	b.l.	38	b.l.	b.l.	34	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	28	b.l.	b.l.	30	105	113	57	b.l.	50	
Rb	0.28	65.1	90.0	36.8	207	44.4	139	106	210	134	67.3	235	312	158	157	363	125	317	137	187	
Cs	0.009	n.a.	1.18	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
Co	2	56	b.l.	b.l.	16	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	11	44	b.l.	8	9	b.l.	b.l.	9	b.l.	186	
Cr	12	238	66	296	38	35	14	68	36	38	48	28	6	167	196	b.l.	25	203	42	b.l.	
Cu	14	16	b.l.	16	123	14	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	16	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	
Ni	10	90	11	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	42	b.l.	820	973	b.l.	b.l.	48	b.l.	b.l.	
La	0.16	24.5	8.62	12.0	53.6	3.56	3.18	65.8	132	85.4	67.6	43.0	619	33.7	37.1	62.2	58.5	57.8	18.3	8.60	
Ce	0.52	54.2	18.3	23.8	105	6.88	10.1	130	260	164	138	93.1	466	76.6	76.7	135	94.5	104	37.2	17.7	
Pr	0.08	7.33	2.47	2.96	12.3	0.85	0.89	16.5	32.9	19.7	17.9	12.4	50.3	6.86	6.86	17.8	10.0	12.67	4.89	2.23	
Nd	0.29	31.9	9.38	11.7	46.0	3.42	3.49	66.6	131	72.7	73.5	52.3	134	26.2	25.3	71.7	35.3	47.5	19.0	9.07	
Sm	0.048	7.47	1.92	2.44	9.37	0.79	0.81	13.3	27.2	15.4	15.4	11.3	17.8	5.65	5.03	24.4	5.8	8.93	3.96	2.09	
Eu	0.008	2.01	0.76	0.89	1.14	0.42	0.95	3.39	6.81	2.35	5.39	2.1	2.6	1.64	1.49	0.76	1.83	1.74	0.78	0.6	
Gd	0.032	6.84	1.23	1.54	7.02	0.64	0.5	9.95	19.7	13.0	11.8	8.38	13.8	4.43	4.14	26.1	4.14	5.97	2.83	1.77	
Tb	0.005	1.26	0.19	0.22	1.18	0.1	0.08	1.66	3.32	2.5	2.02	1.35	2.16	0.78	0.77	5.78	0.66	0.92	0.46	0.31	
Dy	0.032	7.03	0.89	0.79	5.37	0.5	0.39	8.22	16.4	14.2	10.28	6.3	9.67	4.21	4.21	37.56	3.06	3.83	2.1	1.7	
Ho	0.005	1.57	0.18	0.13	1.01	0.1	0.08	1.74	3.53	3.17	2.22	1.23	2.09	0.94	0.96	8.93	0.67	0.7	0.44	0.4	
Y	0.17	48.2	4.99	3.46	28.2	3.1	2.59	50.6	99.3	91.9	63.2	36.9	76.7	27.3	29.5	245	20.3	19.7	12.7	11.9	
Er	0.028	4.48	0.48	0.28	2.51	0.28	0.25	4.89	9.72	9.44	6.15	3.15	5.8	2.78	2.82	26.8	1.88	1.74	1.26	1.24	
Tm	0.005	0.62	0.07	0.03	0.33	0.05	0.04	0.68	1.35	1.39	0.84	0.41	0.85	0.39	0.42	3.78	0.27	0.23	0.19	0.2	
Yb	0.047	4.24	0.52	0.19	2.22	0.40	0.36	4.56	9.26	9.37	5.71	2.71	6.53	2.78	2.99	23.62	1.88	1.61	1.41	1.35	
Lu	0.005	0.62	0.09	0.03	0.33	0.08	0.06	0.66	1.3	1.32	0.84	0.38	1.02	0.43	0.46	3.13	0.3	0.24	0.23	0.2	
Zr	62	175	193	b.l.	396	84	b.l.	729	88	287	978	187	105	240	263	189	207	98	b.l.	173	
Nb	0.11	16.8	8.0	2.6	21.1	3.7	2.1	10.6	20.9	28.4	4.9	13.3	17.0	11.1	11.6	84.3	15.6	8.7	5.7	10.0	
Ta	0.053	1.3	b.l.	b.l.	1.2	0.5	b.l.	0.9	1.5	0.5	b.l.	0.8	b.l.	0.6	0.9	2.7	0.6	b.l.	0.5	1.0	
Th	0.090	4.3	5.1	5.8	25.9	5.2	2.1	9.8	19.5	22.8	8.9	2.5	71.4	8.6	8.6	90.8	10.9	17.3	5.7	10.0	
U	0.006	1.2	0.6	0.8	2.5	1.9	0.5	2.7	5.5	5.4	4.5	4.8	3.1	2.4	2.6	12.6	1.6	1.5	0.8	2.3	
Pb	0.32	3.3	9.0	11.3	4.9	10.9	12.6	28.4	57.8	19.8	3.5	1.9	27.9	3.8	3.5	64.1	14.1	11.2	5.1	1.0	

Table 1(continued).

BANGWEULU				Mansa region (SW Bangweulu)										South-Central to West Bangweulu					
ID		BGA	BGQ	BG01	BG02	BG03	BG07	BG08	BG09	BG10	BG04	BG05	BG06	BG11	BG13	BG14	BG15	BG17	BG18
Type <sup>a</sup>	IDL(wt. %, ppm) <sup>b</sup>	Gran	Qzte	Gran	Gran	Q-lat	Rhyol	Q-lat	AF rhyol	And	Qzte	Siltst	Qzite	Qzte	Gran	Siltst	Siltst	Clayst	Gran
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.07	71.2	80.5	71.9	74.0	66.5	70.3	66.7	69.2	60.1	94.7	101.4	72.8	98.2	72.6	65.6	66.9	37.2	75.3
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.002	0.56	0.52	0.54	0.29	0.63	0.42	0.49	0.52	0.78	0.09	0.03	0.46	0.03	0.39	0.64	0.71	0.9	0.2
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.01	14.0	9.9	14.0	14.4	17.5	16.0	17.9	17.9	19.5	1.1	0.2	14.7	0.7	13.7	20.4	19.3	19.2	14.0
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3T</sub>	0.003	3.41	2.91	2.97	1.76	4.08	1.92	2.83	3.07	4.58	0.99	0.07	5.92	0.08	2.28	2.81	5.69	31.0	1.65
MnO	0.001	0.06	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.09	0.05	0.07	0.14	0.21	b.l.	b.l.	0.004	b.l.	0.03	0.004	0.001	0.01	0.05
MgO	<0.001	0.84	0.91	0.79	0.43	1.33	0.42	0.68	0.47	1.44	0.03	0.01	0.35	0.01	0.56	0.42	0.28	0.53	0.46
CaO	0.002	1.62	0.87	2.1	1.29	1.83	1.7	2.94	0.04	4.3	0.01	0.01	0.03	b.l.	0.6	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.43
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.01	3.27	2.78	3.02	3.47	4.43	4.22	4.1	0.25	4.08	b.l.	0.01	0.08	b.l.	2.01	0.09	0.12	0.07	2.59
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.01	5.53	2.73	4.53	5.06	4.7	4.58	5.18	6.43	4.84	0.19	0.04	4.38	0.18	6.15	6.64	5.24	4.6	5.24
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.01	0.17	0.12	0.15	0.06	0.2	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.24	b.l.	0.01	0.06	b.l.	0.13	0.08	0.06	0.18	0.19
Total		100.7	101.2	100.1	100.8	101.3	99.8	101.0	98.2	100.0	97.2	101.7	98.8	99.2	98.4	96.7	98.3	93.7	100.1
Ba	3.3	1970	507	1040	1330	1950	2840	3280	2730	2580	37	12	640	18	508	623	744	450	280
Sc	0.44	4.2	5.8	5.9	3.8	7.2	4.9	6.3	6.9	7.6	0.9	b.l.	9.3	b.l.	5.9	17.5	12.2	14.4	6.7
Sr	0.86	326	106	267	205	441	407	572	95	772	2	6	33	7	72	104	77	15	57
V	3.4	29.8	50.2	45	20	64	32	33	35	72	9	b.l.	56	4	19	94	71	183	10
Zn	25	57	b.l.	29	35	76	40	52	98	102	b.l.	b.l.	8	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	31	33
Ga	18	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	22	b.l.	20	18	b.l.	22	b.l.	b.l.	25	b.l.	18	28	25	38	18
Rb	0.28	144	58.9	203	171	144	128	118	311	140	11.61	0.88	146	10.2	339	436	199	213	282
Cs	0.009	n.a.	n.a.	4	1.98	2.93	2.77	2.41	5.61	2.58	0.34	0.09	3.89	0.17	2.29	6.56	3.42	9.38	13.7
Co	2	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	3	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	4	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	8	b.l.
Cr	12	34	105	b.l.	35	b.l.	b.l.	47	b.l.	27	33	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	32	b.l.	265	b.l.
Cu	14	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	14	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.
Ni	10	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.
La	0.16	202	23.0	55.3	63.3	53.8	54.8	59.3	115	54.4	9.44	7.06	49.8	8.32	96.4	114	86.8	15.4	17.2
Ce	0.52	349	47.7	99.4	98.1	95.5	99.3	107	92.3	103	23.0	13.5	96.1	15.3	282	166	152	28.8	40.1
Pr	0.08	32.0	5.85	11.7	10.9	11.2	10.9	11.7	28.6	11.8	2.56	1.52	11.5	1.72	27.6	20.9	17.9	2.48	4.31
Nd	0.29	112	22.9	42.3	38.7	40.8	38.8	42.1	102	43.8	9.75	5.7	42.4	6.01	107	66.9	61.9	8.4	16.2
Sm	0.048	16.5	4.50	7.6	7.13	7.05	6.23	6.96	15.0	7.66	1.95	1.23	6.76	1.1	22.8	10.9	10.5	1.71	4.32
Eu	0.008	3.22	0.89	1.54	1.53	1.98	1.78	2.35	2.86	2.36	0.34	0.23	0.97	0.11	1.22	1.8	1.92	0.49	0.41
Gd	0.032	10.5	3.33	6.78	7.05	5.42	4.59	5.05	9.22	5.7	1.21	1.85	4.55	0.69	15.3	7.31	5.62	2.1	4.23
Tb	0.005	1.52	0.47	1.19	1.21	0.89	0.75	0.81	1.43	0.93	0.17	0.38	0.81	0.1	2.33	1.09	0.78	0.46	0.87
Dy	0.032	8.69	2.44	5.95	6.21	3.93	3.29	3.46	5.42	4.08	0.62	1.81	3.92	0.37	8.74	3.53	3.05	2.64	4.57
Ho	0.005	1.75	0.43	1.45	1.47	0.86	0.72	0.75	1.04	0.89	0.14	0.34	0.93	0.08	1.54	0.61	0.7	0.63	0.96
Y	0.17	47.3	10.7	45.7	52.9	26.6	21.5	22.0	27.2	26.7	3.18	10.4	26.8	2.12	43.5	15.4	20.4	17.7	30.2
Er	0.028	4.98	1.14	4.11	4.27	2.45	2.08	2.12	2.86	2.52	0.41	0.83	2.83	0.21	3.58	1.57	2.23	1.92	2.72
Tm	0.005	0.75	0.17	0.58	0.6	0.34	0.31	0.31	0.41	0.36	0.07	0.1	0.43	0.03	0.43	0.22	0.36	0.29	0.4
Yb	0.047	4.85	1.07	3.93	4.05	2.43	2.26	2.25	3.04	2.59	0.5	0.68	3.22	0.26	2.66	1.73	2.8	2.21	2.88
Lu	0.005	0.72	0.17	0.59	0.62	0.38	0.36	0.36	0.47	0.41	0.08	0.09	0.5	0.04	0.38	0.28	0.44	0.33	0.41
Zr	62.2.3	362	195	141	141	252	246	307	243	379	72.2	27.9	177	42.5	305	183	255	289	117
Hf	0.12	5.52	2.79	4.65	4.81	6.93	7.28	8.35	7.6	9.88	2.13	0.87	5.58	1.39	9.82	5.93	7.8	8.74	4.07
Nb	0.11	n.a.	n.a.	26.1	19.4	7.2	18.7	17.9	27.7	24.4	2.7	0.8	17.4	3.3	35.7	24.1	22.4	27.5	24.3
Ta	0.053	n.a.	n.a.	1.09	0.98	0.16	1.37	1.03	2.15	1.49	0.21	b.l.	1.33	0.32	1.28	1.45	1.46	2.1	2.35
Th	0.090	n.a.	n.a.	21.2	15.7	15.0	14.0	13.1	17.3	15.4	3.38	2.06	15.3	9.56	117	21.2	19.5	27.6	13.1
U	0.006	n.a.	n.a.	4.77	3.12	2.76	2.87	2.35	4.54	2.57	0.33	0.26	2.35	0.25	3.31	2.62	2.86	4.19	5.9
Pb	0.32	n.a.	n.a.	18.8	19.1	8.64	26.6	31.6	16.4	73.3	2.13	2.06	6.97	1.13	69.7	6.3	8.48	15.9	21.7

Table 1(continued).

IRUMIDE		NE Irumide				Central Irumide				SW Irumide			
ID		IR01	IR02	IR03	IR04	IR05	IR06	IR07	IR09	IR10	IR13	IR14	
Type <sup>a</sup>	IDL(wt. %, ppm) <sup>b</sup>	Qtz	Siltst	Siltst	And	Amph	Gran	Gn	Sch	Phyll	Gran	Gran	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.07	100.6	66.3	60.5	50.5	48.2	78.9	83.6	69.4	55.6	75.7	71.5	
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.002	0.02	0.87	0.93	0.73	1.99	0.32	0.19	1.07	1.08	0.3	0.31	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.01	0.3	17.6	18.4	18.6	15.9	12.0	10.0	23.8	24.1	13.8	15.0	
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3T</sub>	0.003	0.01	8.76	12.04	10	14.34	3.03	2.21	0.76	6.4	2.03	2.49	
MnO	0.001	b.l.	0.004	0.57	0.16	0.19	0.1	0.04	b.l.	0.02	0.06	0.04	
MgO	<0.001	0.01	0.12	1.59	6.38	7.79	0.69	0.08	0.18	0.18	0.51	0.73	
CaO	0.002	0.01	0.05	0.1	11.4	9.16	0.97	0.77	b.l.	0.07	1.23	2.56	
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.01	b.l.	0.43	0.43	2.14	2.69	2.3	1.77	0.23	0.68	2.88	4.07	
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.01	0.08	3.44	4.96	1.03	0.09	4.35	4.81	3.6	4.86	5.1	2.46	
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.01	b.l.	0.03	0.11	0.08	0.28	0.19	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.08	
Total		101.0	97.6	99.6	101.0	100.7	102.9	103.4	99.1	93.1	101.7	99.3	
Ba	3.3	13	682	2980	334	67	333	278	349	851	512	633	
Sc	0.44	b.l.	12.7	16.3	32.4	21.8	5.7	7	14.1	15.2	6.3	3.4	
Sr	0.86	1	63	86	185	219	50	27	120	78	78	260	
V	3.4	b.l.	66	113	204	249	23	b.l.	124	64	22	24	
Zn	25	b.l.	b.l.	87	77	131	83	57	b.l.	523	32	58	
Ga	18	b.l.	25	25	22	19	34	19	33	37	b.l.	21	
Rb	0.28	2	179	256	32	2	416	179	123	310	290	83	
Cs	0.009	0.06	8.5	13.4	0.34	0.58	37.4	n.a.	17.7	13.0	5.67	1.81	
Co	2	b.l.	5	51	44	71	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	4	b.l.	b.l.	
Cr	12	b.l.	b.l.	70	121	103	b.l.	b.l.	60	21	b.l.	b.l.	
Cu	14	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	77	25	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	
Ni	10	b.l.	b.l.	11	41	160	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	b.l.	
La	0.16	1.57	4.15	56.7	11.7	13.8	78.6	n.a.	56.1	21.2	33	35.1	
Ce	0.52	2.46	7.3	121	22.0	28.1	139	n.a.	104	35.5	81.2	58.2	
Pr	0.08	0.27	0.67	11.7	2.68	3.74	15.2	n.a.	11.7	4.1	8.93	6.36	
Nd	0.29	1	2.92	42.5	11.3	16.7	52.3	n.a.	41.3	15.3	32.6	21.8	
Sm	0.048	0.25	0.9	7.9	2.86	4.21	9.96	n.a.	7.54	3.33	6.95	3.55	
Eu	0.008	0.04	0.3	1.93	0.96	1.63	0.62	n.a.	1.31	0.79	0.93	0.79	
Gd	0.032	0.3	1.22	6.38	3.19	4.46	7.89	n.a.	4.85	3.25	5.67	2.59	
Tb	0.005	0.05	0.28	1.09	0.61	0.81	1.39	n.a.	0.72	0.63	1.07	0.4	
Dy	0.032	0.24	1.81	5.07	3.42	4.31	6.29	n.a.	2.54	3.47	5.31	1.5	
Ho	0.005	0.06	0.46	1.17	0.8	0.98	1.32	n.a.	0.49	0.8	1.16	0.29	
Y	0.17	1.54	13.5	37.3	22.8	28.2	40.9	55.6	12.9	21.3	35.2	9.92	
Er	0.028	0.15	1.53	3.43	2.27	2.79	3.72	n.a.	1.35	2.48	3.47	0.76	
Tm	0.005	0.02	0.26	0.49	0.32	0.38	0.53	n.a.	0.2	0.38	0.52	0.09	
Yb	0.047	0.16	2.11	3.49	2.19	2.63	3.7	n.a.	1.56	2.72	3.71	0.6	
Lu	0.005	0.02	0.34	0.53	0.32	0.38	0.54	n.a.	0.25	0.41	0.53	0.09	
Zr	2.3	20.5	393	212	95	89	219	238	1250	228	161	171	
Hf	0.12	0.74	11.8	6.1	2.86	2.46	8.12	n.a.	14.2	7.23	5.56	4.9	
Nb	0.11	0.46	26.1	32.7	7.58	1.85	38.3	n.a.	20.8	12.3	21.9	8.14	
Ta	0.053	0.05	1.17	0.87	0.47	0.1	1.54	n.a.	1.35	1.17	0.8	0.9	
Th	0.090	0.82	23.9	19.6	2.47	1.88	51.0	n.a.	26.3	33.4	37.5	23.2	
U	0.006	0.2	1.91	2.58	0.39	0.19	8.11	n.a.	3.84	3.74	3.87	1.57	
Pb	0.32	1.24	21.0	24.7	8.48	30.7	46.4	b.l.	11.7	58.5	37.6	15.3	

<sup>a</sup> Clayst, claystone; Siltst, siltstone; Sandst, sandstone; Phyll, phyllite; Sch, schist; Qtz, quartzite; Gn, gneiss; Mig, migmatite; Amph, amphibolite; Gran, granitoid; Rhyol, rhyolite; AF rhyol, alkali feldspar rhyolite; Q lat, quartz latite; And, andesite; Dol, dolerite.

<sup>b</sup> Concentrations and instrumental detection limits (IDL) for ICP-OES (normal) and ICP-MS data (italic); b.l., below limit; n.a., not analyzed.

Table 2. Whole rock Sm-Nd isotope data for igneous and sedimentary rocks in the Domes, Bangweulu and Irumide regions.

Domes	Type	ID	T (Ga) <sup>a</sup>	<sup>143</sup> Nd/ <sup>144</sup> Nd	2s	<sup>147</sup> Sm/ <sup>144</sup> Nd	1s(rel)	T <sub>DM</sub> (Ga)	εNd (now)	εNd (T)
Magm.	Amph	DO11JV001	1.50	0.51200	0.00005	0.142	0.02	2.22±0.11	-13	-2
	Grt	DO11JV013	1.92	0.51135	0.00004	0.080	0.02	1.93±0.03	-25	4
	Grt	DO11JV014	1.92	0.51165	0.00006	0.130	0.02	2.57±0.10	-19	-3
	Grt	DO11JV015	1.92	0.51158	0.00005	0.120	0.02	2.40±0.08	-21	-2
	Grt	DO11JV017	0.88	0.51205	0.00007	0.205	0.02	N.A. <sup>b</sup>	-11	-12
	Grt	DO11JV018	1.95	0.51118	0.00005	0.099	0.02	2.49±0.06	-28	-4
Orthogn?	Gn	DO11JV007	1.92	0.51159	0.00006	0.140	0.02	3.07±0.14	-20	-7
	Gn	DO11JV008	1.92	0.51168	0.00005	0.121	0.02	2.24±0.07	-19	0
	Gn	DO11JV010	1.92	0.51158	0.00005	0.128	0.02	2.63±0.09	-21	-4
Metased	Luf S	DO11JV019	1.95	0.51131	0.00005	0.114	0.02	2.66±0.08	-26	-5
	Luf S	DO11JV020	1.95	0.51160	0.00005	0.126	0.02	2.52±0.09	-20	-2
	Luf S	NS12DD49	1.92	0.51155	0.00006	0.139	0.02	3.11±0.14	-21	-7
	Gn	DO11JV002	1.92	0.51164	0.00006	0.124	0.02	2.38±0.09	-19	-1
	Gn	DO11JV003	1.92	0.51162	0.00005	0.127	0.02	2.50±0.09	-20	-3
	Gn	DO11JV004	1.92	0.51162	0.00006	0.123	0.02	2.40±0.08	-20	-2
	Gn	DO11JV006	1.92	0.51168	0.00005	0.140	0.02	2.83±0.13	-19	-5
	Gn/sch	DO11JV011	1.92	0.51169	0.00004	0.127	0.02	2.37±0.08	-18	-1
	Gn/sch	DO11JV012	1.92	0.51169	0.00006	0.130	0.02	2.48±0.10	-19	-2
<b>Bangweulu and Irumide</b>										
Magm.	Gran	BG12JV01	1.87	0.51146	0.00006	0.109	0.02	2.30±0.07	-23	-2
	Gran	BG12JV01	1.87	0.51150	0.00007	0.109	0.02	2.24±0.07	-22	-1
	Gran	BG12JV02	1.87	0.51140	0.00007	0.111	0.02	2.47±0.08	-24	-4
	Extr	BG12JV03	1.87	0.51142	0.00006	0.104	0.02	2.27±0.06	-24	-2
	Extr	BG12JV07	1.87	0.51127	0.00006	0.097	0.02	2.30±0.06	-27	-3
	Extr	BG12JV08	1.87	0.51133	0.00004	0.100	0.02	2.30±0.05	-26	-2
	Extr	BG12JV09	1.87	0.51145	0.00007	0.089	0.02	1.94±0.05	-23	3
	Extr	BG12JV10	1.87	0.51139	0.00006	0.106	0.02	2.34±0.07	-24	-3
	Gran	BG12JV12	1.96	0.51148	0.00006	0.136	0.02	3.14±0.36	-23	-8
	Migm	BG12JV13	1.96	0.51146	0.00006	0.129	0.02	2.88±0.11	-23	-6
	Gran	BG12JV18	1.96	0.51183	0.00005	0.161	0.02	3.62±0.27	-16	-7
	Maf	IR12JV04	1.96	0.51183	0.00006	0.153	0.02	3.08±0.19	-16	-5
	Maf	IR12JV05	1.96	0.51205	0.00006	0.153	0.02	2.50±0.15	-12	0
	Gran	IR12JV06	1	0.51112	0.00005	0.115	0.02	3.01±0.08	-30	-19
	Gran	IR12JV13	1	0.51143	0.00007	0.129	0.02	2.93±0.11	-24	-15
Gran	IR12JV14	2.74	0.51085	0.00006	0.098	0.02	2.93±0.07	-35	0	
Sed.	Sed	BG12JV06	1.8	0.51138	0.00008	0.096	0.02	2.16±0.07	-25	-1
	Sed	BG12JV14	1.8	0.51158	0.00005	0.098	0.02	1.93±0.05	-21	2
	Sed	BG12JV15	1.8	0.51151	0.00005	0.102	0.02	2.10±0.05	-22	0
	Sed	BG12JV17	1.8	0.51149	0.00005	0.123	0.02	2.64±0.09	-22	-5
	Sed	IR12JV02	1.8	0.51146	0.00005	0.186	0.02	N.A. <sup>b</sup>	-23	-21
	Sed	IR12JV03	1.8	0.51147	0.00006	0.112	0.02	2.36±0.07	-23	-3
	Sed	IR12JV09	1.8	0.51134	0.00006	0.110	0.02	2.53±0.07	-25	-5
	Sed	IR12JV10	1.8	0.51136	0.00006	0.132	0.02	3.19±0.13	-25	-10

<sup>a</sup>The chosen age T for the undated Domes units is 1.92 Ga, the central value of the igneous Domes ages referenced in the text (1.98-1.86 Ga). This corresponds closely to the 1.91 Ga modus of igneous zircon ages by Eglinger (2013). Bangweulu and Irumide ages follow the central values from the corresponding magmatic phase of De Waele et al. (2006b) and references therein. The isotope composition of the Muva Supergroup and inferred correlatives is shown at the inferred depositional age of the former (~1.8 Ga, De Waele and Fitzsimons, 2007). <sup>b</sup>N.A., not applicable.

Table A. Macroscopic description and available GPS coordinates (in WGS84) of the studied samples.

Sample	Macroscopic description	Drill Core/Location	Depth	RMCA
DO11JV01	Medium-grained (3mm) amphibolite schist with lineated amphiboles and feldspar-filled veinlets	LUB0220 <sup>a</sup>	51 m	-
DO11JV02	Medium-grained (2-3mm), heterogenic, white granitoid biotite gneiss	LUB0220	59.5 m	-
DO11JV03	Medium-grained (2-3mm), heterogenic, white granitoid biotite gneiss, fewer biotite than DO02	LUB0220	88.5 m	-
DO11JV05	Medium-grained (2-3mm), heterogenic, white granitoid biotite gneiss, fewer biotite than DO02	LUB0220	88.5 m	-
DO11JV06	Medium-grained (2-3mm) , white granitoid gneiss	LUB0220	125.5 m	-
DO11JV07	Coarse-grained, pegmatoidal, pinkish granitoid biotite gneiss with biotite-annealed fractures, feldspars up to 1cm	LUB0220	35.5 m	-
DO11JV08	Coarse-grained (5mm) pinkish granitoid biotite gneiss with quartz veins	CHI00707 <sup>b</sup>	262.5 m	-
DO11JV09	Coarse-grained gneiss with a pinkish, heterogenic felsic pegmatoid part & homogeneous, banded mafic/felsic part (cf. DO10) feldspars up to 4cm	CHI00707	269 m	-
DO11JV10	Medium-grained (3mm) pinkish granitoid gneiss + quartz-biotite-rich bands and quartz veins	CHI00707	288 m	-
DO11JV11	Medium-grained (3mm), homogeneous white gneiss, with schistose quartz biotite dominated parts	CHI00707	509 m	-
DO11JV12	Medium-grained (3mm), white granitoid biotite gneiss with abundant biotite dominated schistose parts and coarse-grained (<1cm) heterogenic felsic parts	CHI00707	502 m	-
DO11JV13	Medium-grained (2-3mm) homogeneous, biotite granite, no banding, foliated, weathered appearance	Lumwana <sup>c</sup>	0 m	-
DO11JV14	Granitoid, powdered sample	Tshinsenda	-	R.G.71.282
DO11JV15	Medium-grained (2mm) titanite-rich epidote granitoid sample, feldspars up to 8mm	Tshinsenda	-	R.G.71.286
DO11JV16	Medium-grained (2mm) biotite-chlorite granitoid	-	-	R.G.71.291
DO11JV17	Medium- to coarse-grained, pink biotite granitoid	Nchanga	-	R.G.71.190
DO11JV18	Medium-grained (2mm), grey, titanite-rich biotite-epidote granite	Mufulira	-	R.G.70.552
DO11JV19	Dark green, fine-grained chlorite-tourmaline schist	Mufulira	-	R.G.70.553
DO11JV20	Pale green, fine-grained, banded chlorite-bearing quartz schist	Mufulira	960 m	-
NS12DD49	Pale green fine-grained, mottled chlorite-feldspar-quartz schist	SE797 <sup>d</sup>	48-98 m	-

Sample number format and representative grain sizes are indicated between brackets. Abbreviations: DO, Domes region; IR, Irumide region; BG, Bangweulu region. The RMCA numbers refer to the collection numbers from the Royal Museum for Central Africa in Tervuren, Brussels; sample IDs refer to the KUL collection numbers. The latter are abbreviated in other sections.

<sup>a</sup>LUB0220: S12 8.968 E25 57.300 (WGS84); <sup>b</sup>CHI00707: S12 16.921 E25 51.642 (WGS84); <sup>c</sup>S12 16.291 E25 40.141 <sup>d</sup> Nkana South copper mine, Kitwe, Zambia.

Table A(continued).

Sample ID	Macroscopic description	Stratigraphy	GPS coordinates/RMCA
IR12JV01	Massive, fine-grained (<1mm) white quartzite	Manshya River Gr	S11 37.380 E31 31.638 1620 m
IR12JV03	Black-blue siltstone showing fissibility	Manshya River Gr	S11 42.430 E31 35.208 1514 m
IR12JV04	Plagioclase-pyroxene-amphibole phenocrystic (2-3mm) metavolcanite with micaceous matrix	n.a.	S11 55.480 E31 32.378 1389 m
IR12JV05	Fine-grained (<1mm), massive dark grey homogeneous, amphibolite	n.a.	S11 55.595 E31 32.705 1353 m
IR12JV06	Medium- to coarse-grained (1-5mm), foliated, white, biotite granitoid, contains biotite-quartz dominated zones in outcrop	n.a.	S12 17.232 E31 06.345 1479 m
IR12JV07	Coarse-grained (3-5mm) white to pinkish biotite granitoid	n.a.	S12 40.353 E31 01.353 1578 m
IR12JV08	Sugar-textured white sandstone, rimmed by black crust	Kanona Gr	S13 03.675 E30 38.698 1645 m
IR12JV09	White-green to golden, micaceous quartzitic schist	Kanona Gr	S13 04.692 E30 36.312 1649 m
IR12JV10	Purple-red micaceous phyllite	Kanona Gr	S13 40.805 E29 15.861 1255 m
IR12JV11 <sup>d</sup>	Chalcopyrite and malachite mineralized white to pink granitoid	n.a.	S13 56.919 E29 08.569 1134 m
IR12JV12 <sup>d</sup>	Chalcopyrite and malachite mineralized whitish to beige granitoid	n.a.	S13 56.919 E29 08.569 1134 m
IR12JV13	Medium- to coarse-grained (2mm), feldspar porphyric (<4mm) biotite granitoid	n.a.	S13 56.661 E29 08.920 1155 m
IR12JV14	Fine-grained (1-2mm), homogeneous, white-greenish biotite granodiorite	n.a.	S13 45.318 E28 40.261 1232 m
BG11JV001	Coarse-grained (3-4mm) dark red equigranular biotite granitoid (BGA)	n.a.	R.G.42.282
BG11JV002	Sugar textured massive quartzite (Kamuzua basement quartzite of N. Zambia, BGQ)	Muva S-Gr	R.G.70.638
BG12JV01	Coarse-grained, equigranular (3-5mm), foliated, greenish, biotite granitoid with epidote and titanite	n.a.	S11 18.647 E28 51.475 1243 m
BG12JV02	Medium-grained (2mm), equigranular, reddish, chlorite-biotite-epidote granitoid	n.a.	S11 11.534 E28 45.136 1241 m
BG12JV03	Fine-grained, massive, feldspar and quartz phenocrystic metavolcanite with dark grey matrix	n.a.	S11 11.113 E28 40.684 1120 m
BG12JV04	Massive, fine-grained (< 1mm), equigranular, sugar-textured quartzite	Nsama Fm	S10 56.802 E28 48.940 1280 m
BG12JV05	Fine-grained (<1mm) equigranular, pinkish quartzite	Kabweluma Fm	S10 54.865 E28 48.403 1308 m
BG12JV06	Banded red siltstone without fissibility	Nsama Fm	S10 54.957 E28 48.347 1317 m
BG12JV07	Quartz and red feldspar phenocrystic metavolcanite with black micaceous matrix	n.a.	S10 59.178 E28 49.850 1320 m
BG12JV08	Plagioclase phenocrystic (1-2mm) metavolcanite with greenish chlorite matrix	n.a.	S11 00.571 E28 50.015 1294 m
BG12JV09	Feldspar phenocrystic, red metavolcanite with Mn-oxides in veinlets	n.a.	S11 00.448 E28 48.664 1305 m
BG12JV10	Massive, amphibole phenocrystic metavolcanite with chlorite-rich matrix	n.a.	S11 06.416 E28 52.625 1254 m
BG12JV11	Massive, sugar-textured, pink quartzite with minor opaques	(Nsama Fm)	S10 50.156 E29 01.874 1285 m
BG12JV12	Coarse-grained (3-4mm) greenish epidote-(amphibole) granitoid with muscovite filling veinlets	n.a.	S10 12.788 E30 10.099 1346 m
BG12JV13	Coarse-grained (3-4mm) greenish epidote-(amphibole) granitoid with well developed shear planes and decimeter to meter-scaled quartz veins	n.a.	S10 13.153 E30 11.944 1285 m
BG12JV14	Massive white to reddish siltstone	(Nsama Fm)	S10 14.104 E30 24.022 1455 m
BG12JV15	Micaceous red siltstone	(Nsama Fm)	S10 19.139 E30 46.698 1412 m
BG12JV16	Red-black quartzite with biotite spots, weathered along stratification	Kasama Fm	S10 12.932 E31 09.025 1381 m
BG12JV17	Dark-red fine-grained argillite, with fissibility evolving to slaty cleavage	Kasama Fm	S10 09.666 E31 01.117 1354 m
BG12JV18	Coarse-grained (2-5mm), homogeneous, white-green epidote granitoid	n.a.	S10 16.827 E31 05.727 1270 m

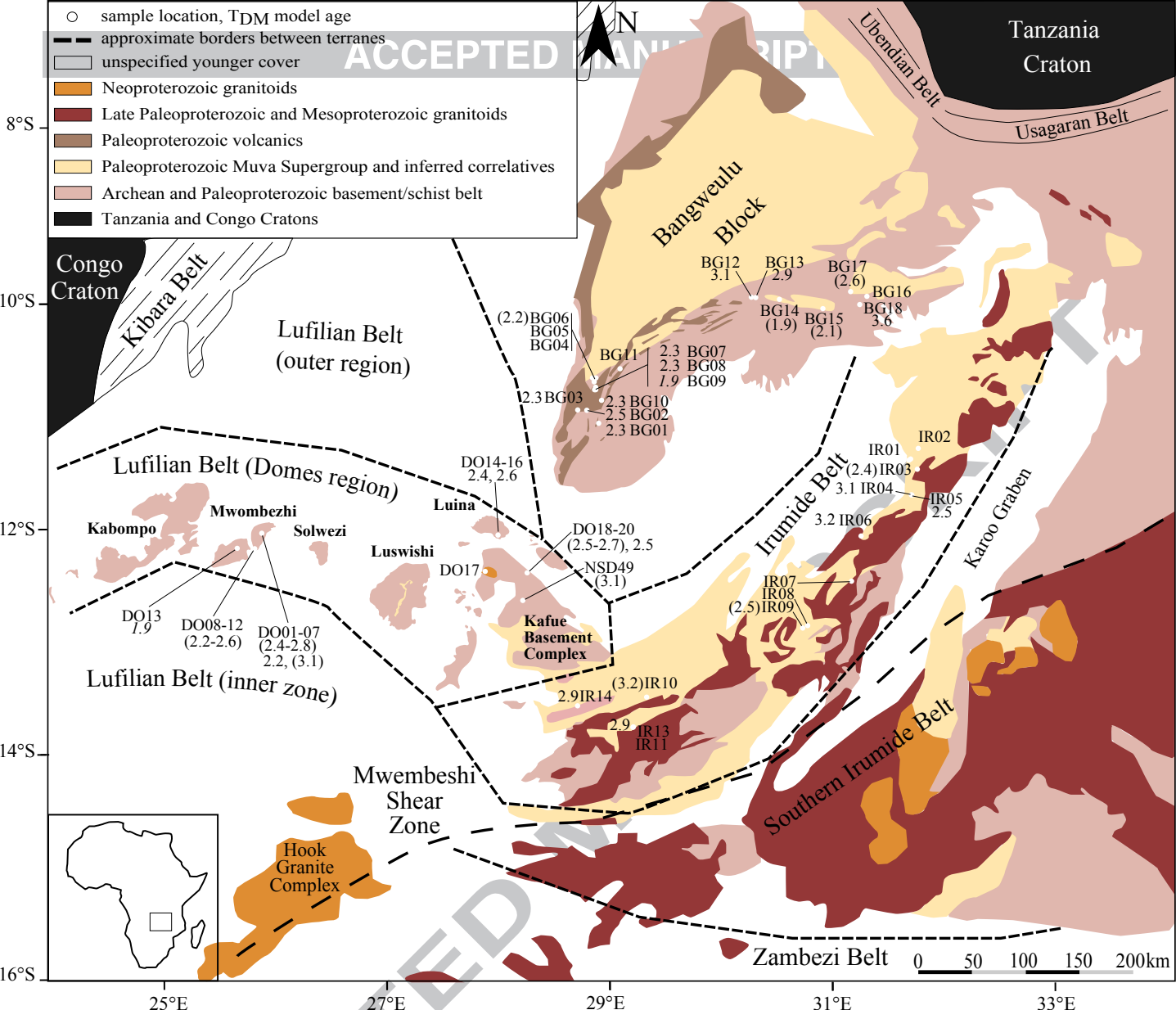
<sup>d</sup>Seringa mining Ltd/Mkushi Copper joint venture

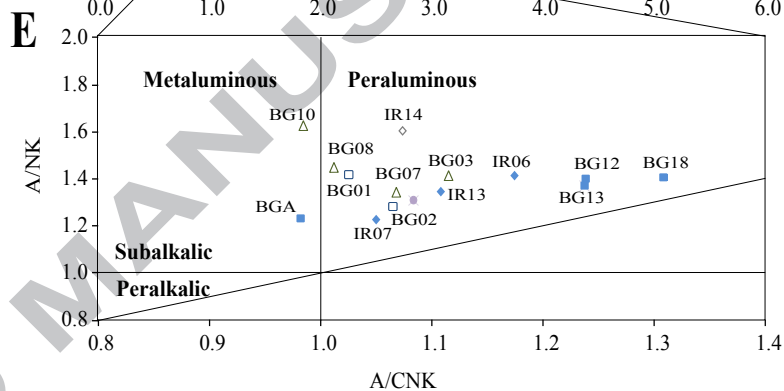
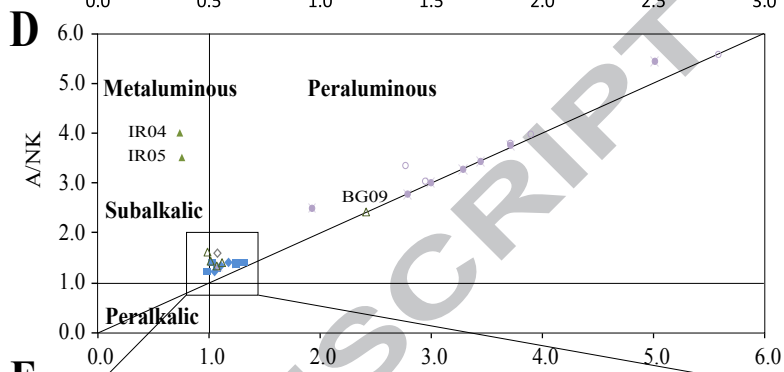
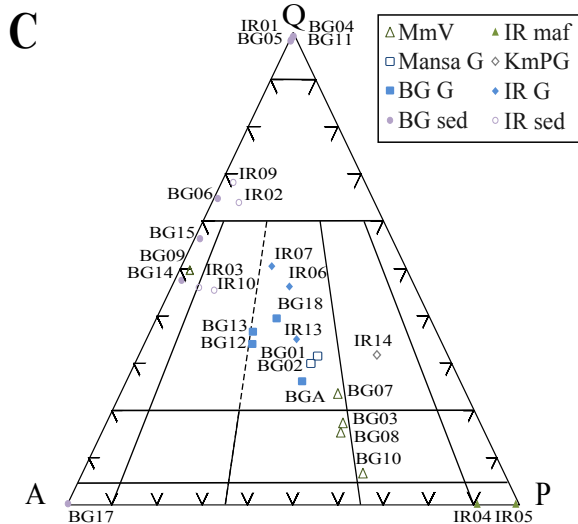
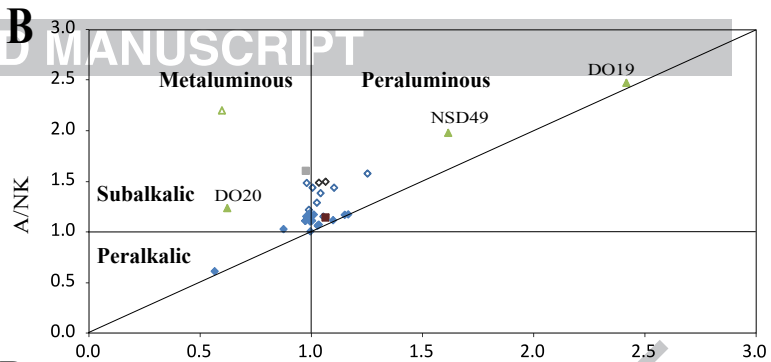
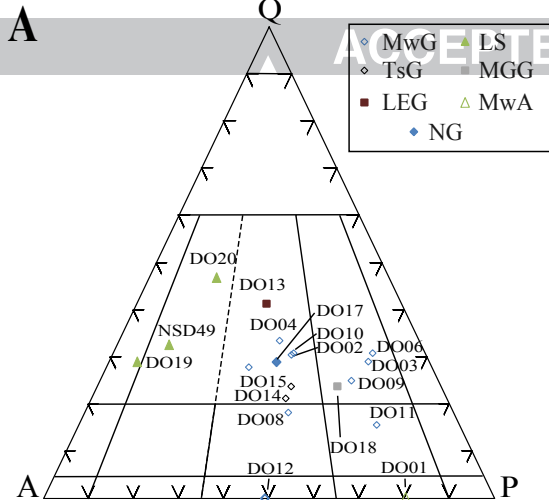
Table B. Whole rock Rb-Sr isotope data for igneous and sedimentary rocks in the Domes, Bangweulu and Irumide regions.

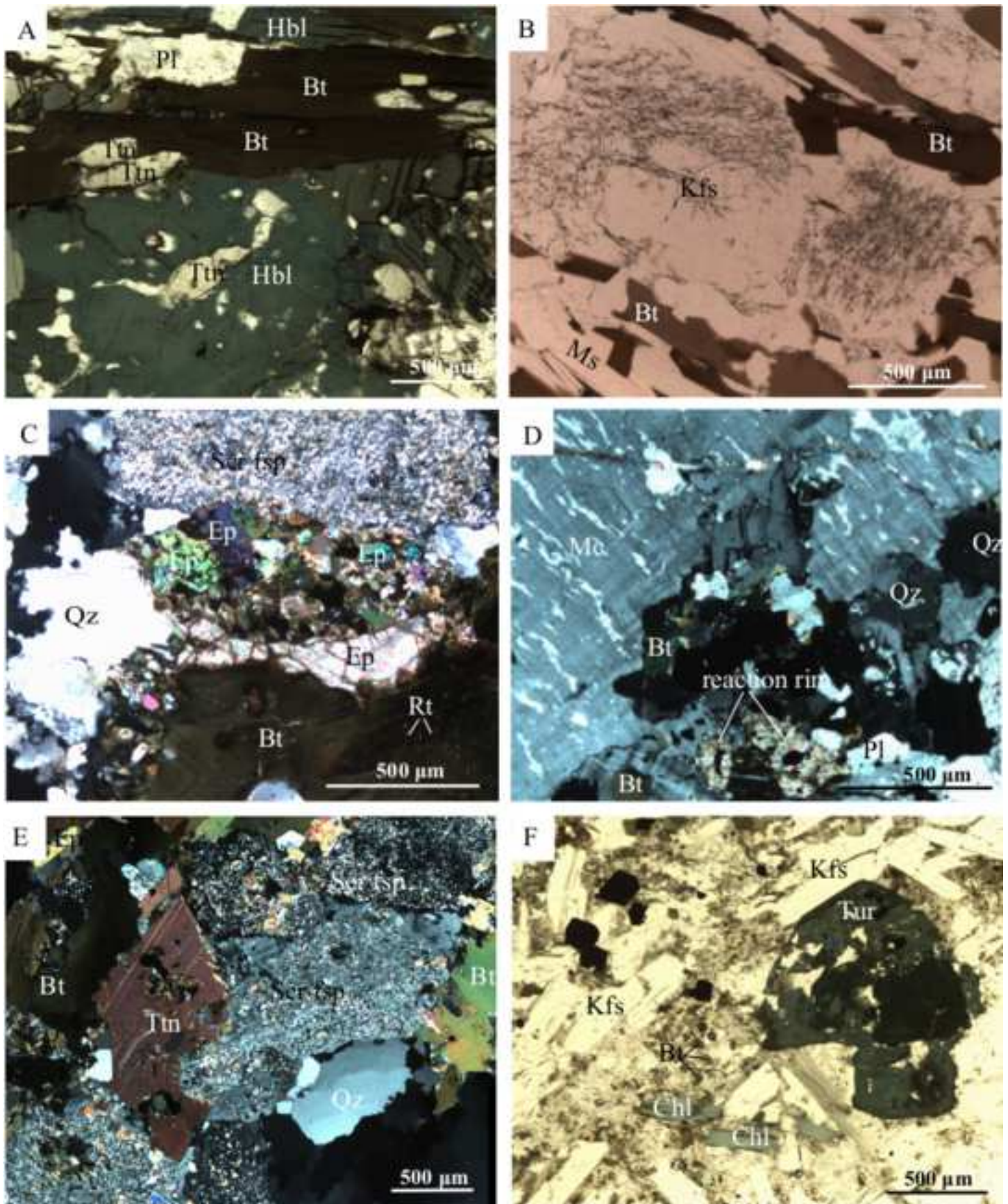
Domes	Type	ID	T (Ga) <sup>a</sup>	<sup>87</sup> Sr/ <sup>86</sup> Sr	2s	<sup>87</sup> Rb/ <sup>86</sup> Sr	Sr(T)
Magmatics	Amph	DO11JV001	1.50	0.74706	0.00017	1.22	0.72082
	LEG	DO11JV013	1.92	1.27363	0.00046	49.4	-
	Grt	DO11JV014	1.92	0.73328	0.00028	1.32	0.69680
	Grt	DO11JV015	1.92	0.73294	0.00019	1.31	0.69687
	NG	DO11JV017	0.88	1.18962	0.00051	42.4	0.65689
	MGG	DO11JV018	1.95	0.73461	0.00031	0.94	0.70813
Orthogn.?	Gn	DO11JV007	1.92	0.74005	0.00022	1.75	0.69183
	Gn	DO11JV008	1.92	0.76101	0.00019	2.47	0.69283
	Gn	DO11JV010	1.92	0.77199	0.00020	2.60	0.70028
Metasediments	Luf S	DO11JV019	1.95	1.07431	0.00081	21.9	0.45938
	Luf S	DO11JV020	1.95	0.75021	0.00022	2.36	0.68398
	Luf S	NS12DD49	1.92	0.78267	0.00008	9.0	0.53409
	Gn	DO11JV002	1.92	0.72989	0.00031	0.99	0.70251
	Gn	DO11JV003	1.92	0.74175	0.00025	0.61	0.72498
	Gn	DO11JV004	1.92	0.78653	0.00031	5.7	0.62891
	Gn	DO11JV006	1.92	0.73711	0.00037	0.75	0.71643
	Gn/sch	DO11JV011	1.92	0.72312	0.00018	0.65	0.70507
	Gn/sch	DO11JV012	1.92	0.73920	0.00030	2.53	0.66921
<b>Bangweulu and Irumide</b>							
Magmatics	Gran	BG12JV01	1.87	0.75638	0.00008	2.21	0.69693
	Gran	BG12JV01BIS	1.87	0.75697	0.00010	2.43	0.69752
	Gran	BG12JV02	1.87	0.76413	0.00010	0.95	0.69883
	Extr	BG12JV03	1.87	0.72925	0.00008	0.91	0.70260
	Extr	BG12JV07	1.87	0.72847	0.00007	0.60	0.70280
	Extr	BG12JV08	1.87	0.72014	0.00007	9.7	0.70329
	Extr	BG12JV09	1.87	0.84654	0.00011	0.53	0.57533
	Extr	BG12JV10	1.87	0.71886	0.00011	8.6	0.70409
	Gran	BG12JV12	1.96	0.96578	0.00013	14.0	0.72339
	Migm	BG12JV13	1.96	1.01188	0.00014	14.9	0.61986
	Gran	BG12JV18	1.96	1.16328	0.00016	0.49	0.77712
	Maf	IR12JV04	1.96	0.71787	0.00009	0.032	0.70398
	Maf	IR12JV05	1.96	0.72535	0.00008	25.0	0.72446
	Gran	IR12JV06	1.00	1.01064	0.00009	11.0	0.30984
	Gran	IR12JV13	1.00	0.98898	0.00020	0.93	0.68044
Gran	IR12JV14	2.74	0.73393	0.00010	13.3	0.69709	
Metasediments	Sed	BG12JV06	1.8	0.96556	0.00013	12.5	0.69883
	Sed	BG12JV14	1.8	0.93231	0.00012	7.6	0.62214
	Sed	BG12JV15	1.8	0.82021	0.00022	44.1	0.60987
	Sed	BG12JV17	1.8	1.46061	0.00022	8.4	0.62305
	Sed	IR12JV02	1.8	0.89840	0.00014	8.8	0.31947
	Sed	IR12JV03	1.8	0.86603	0.00014	2.99	0.68027
	Sed	IR12JV09	1.8	0.76562	0.00010	11.8	0.63873
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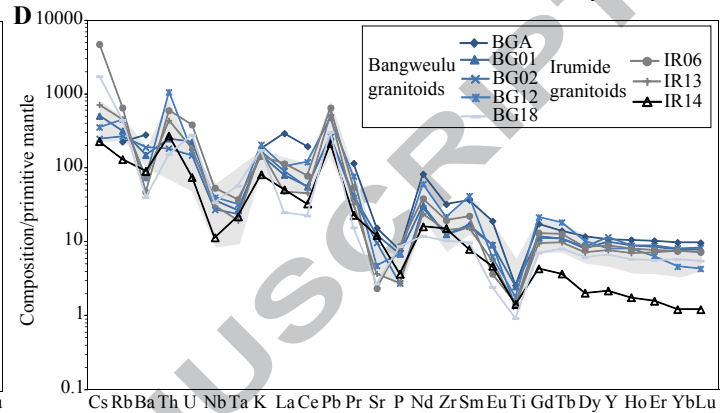
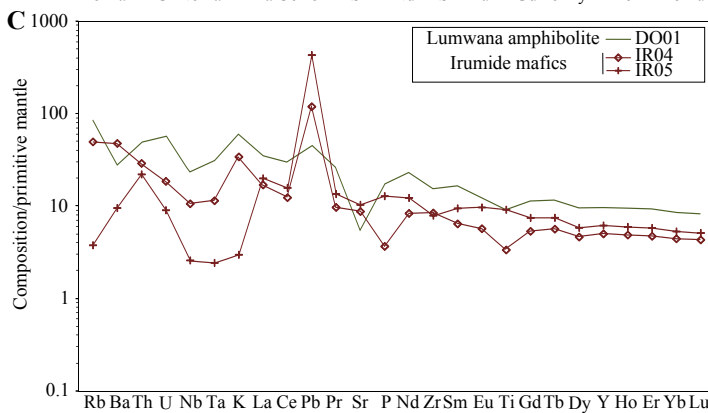
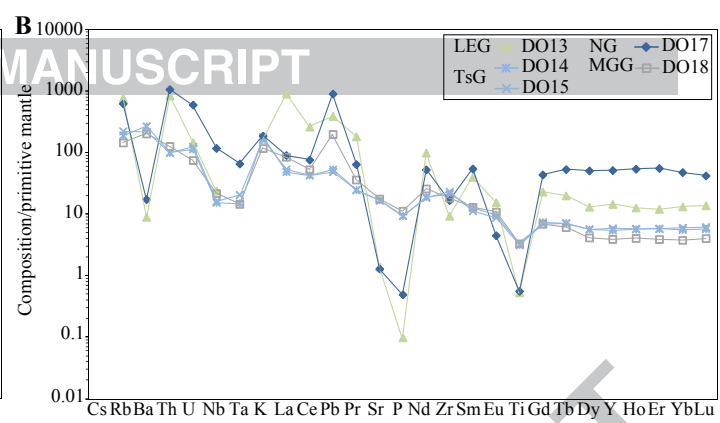
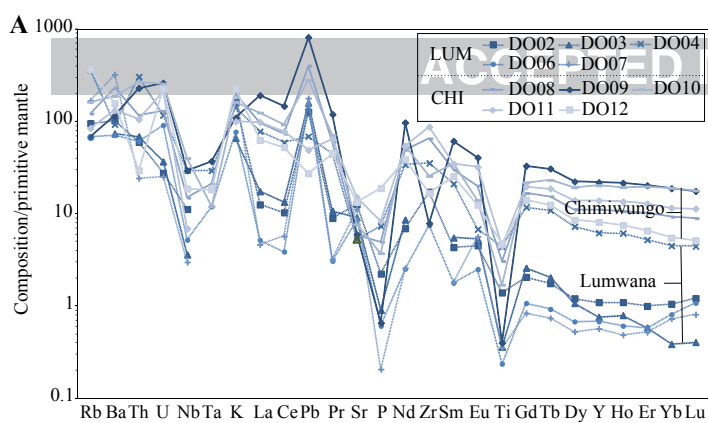
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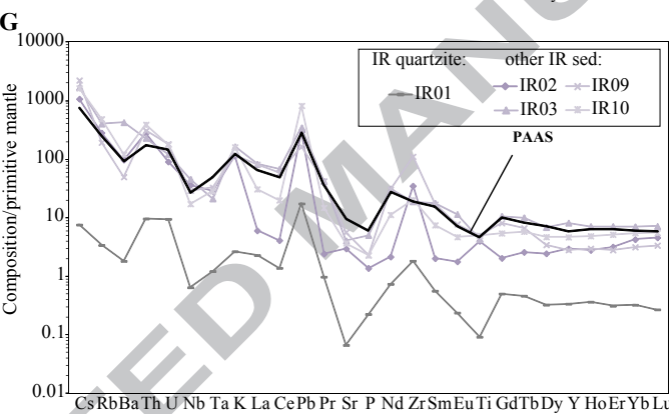
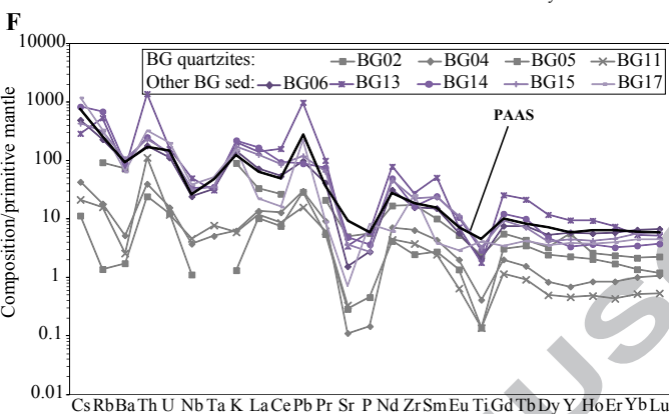
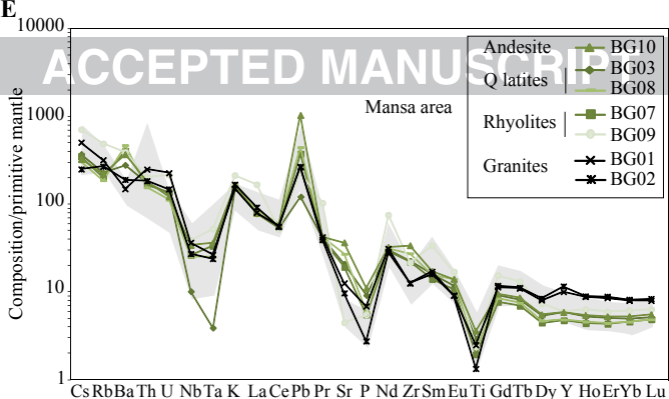


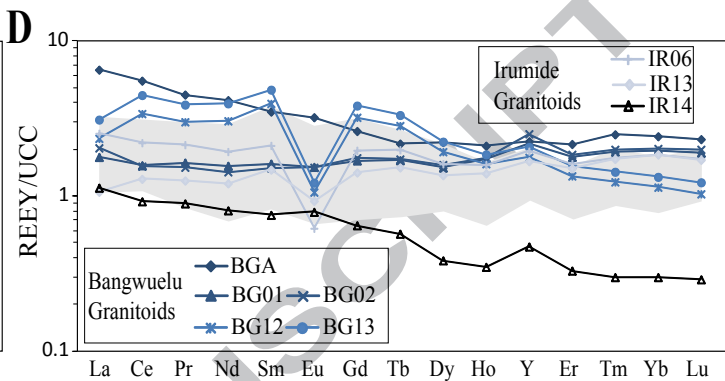
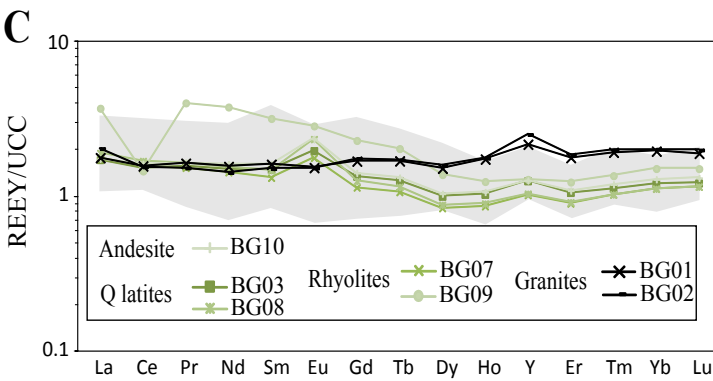
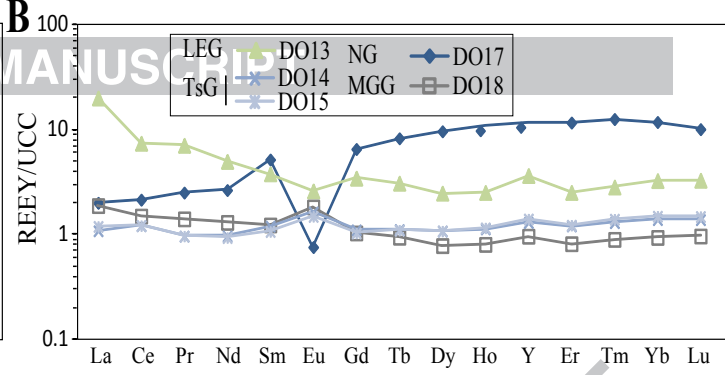
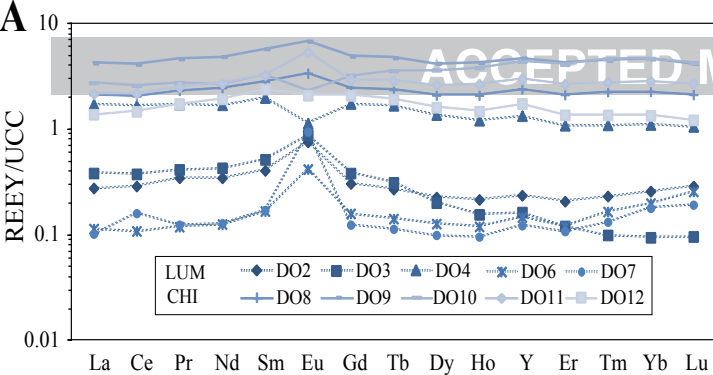


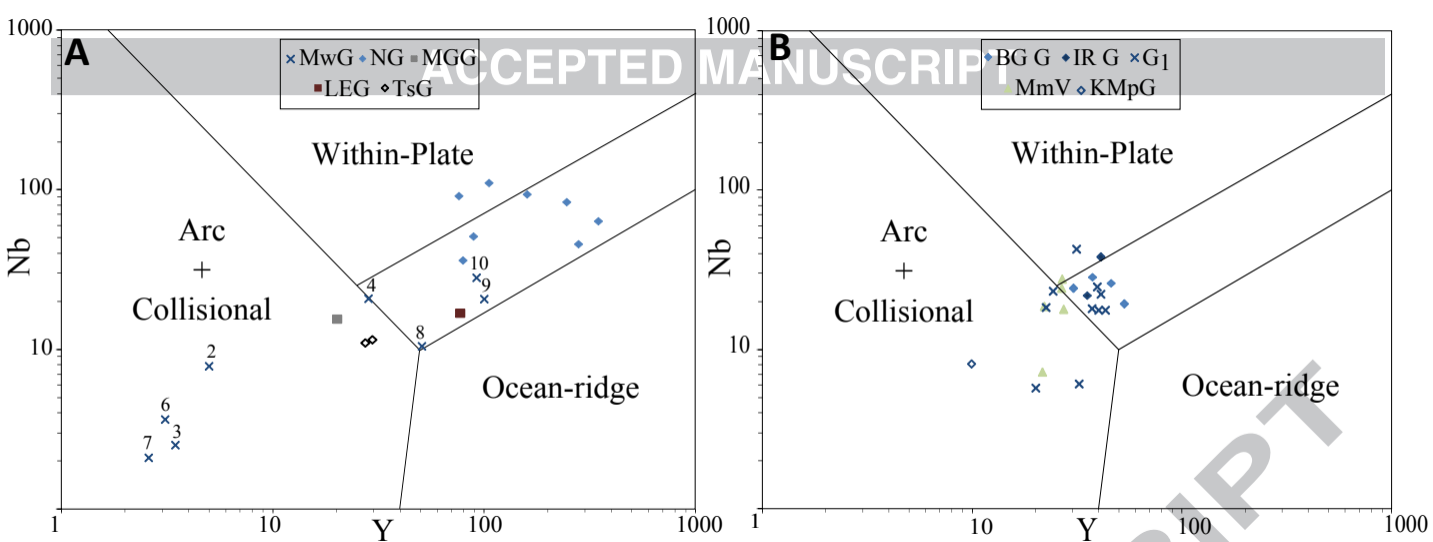


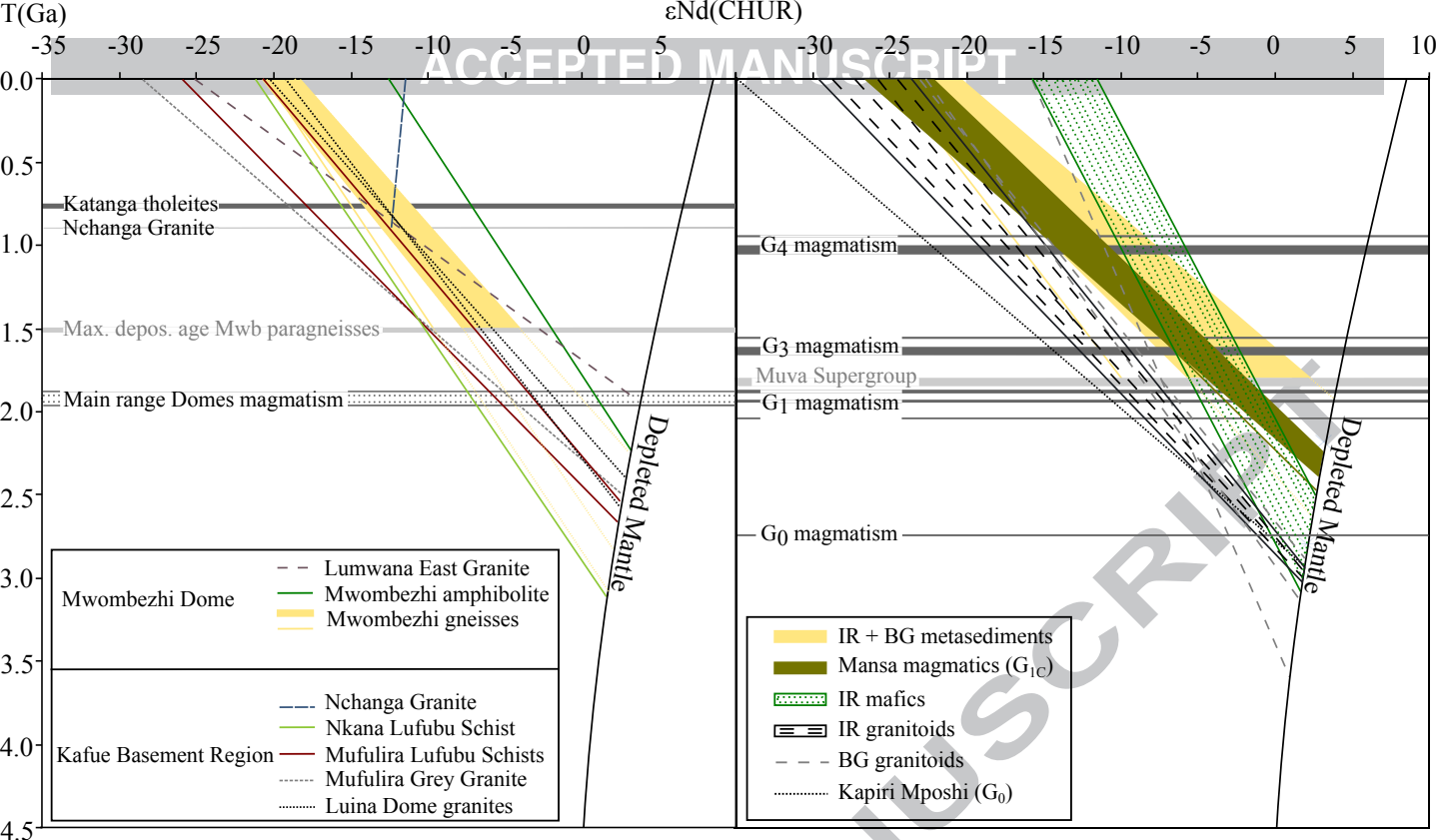




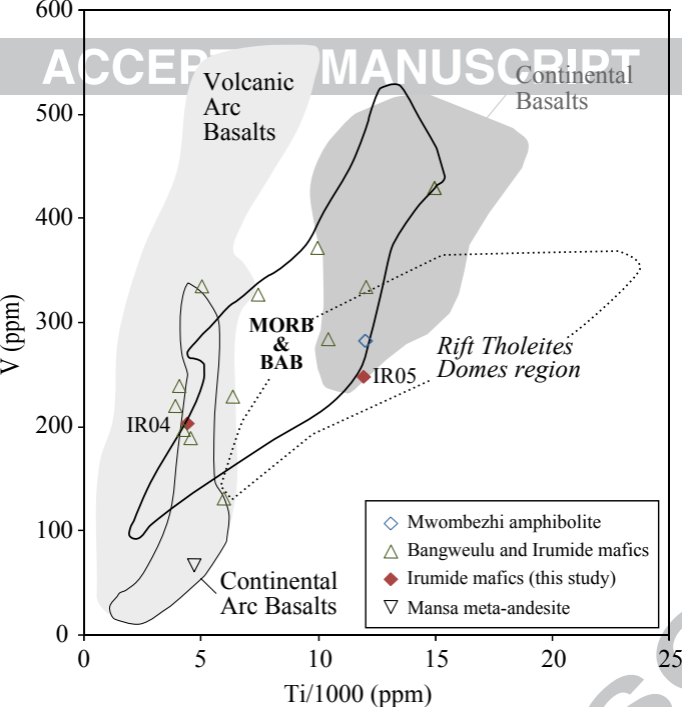


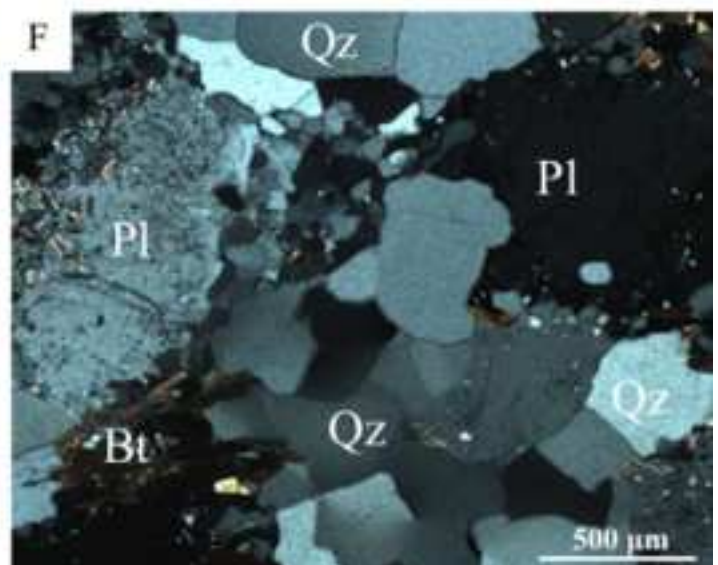
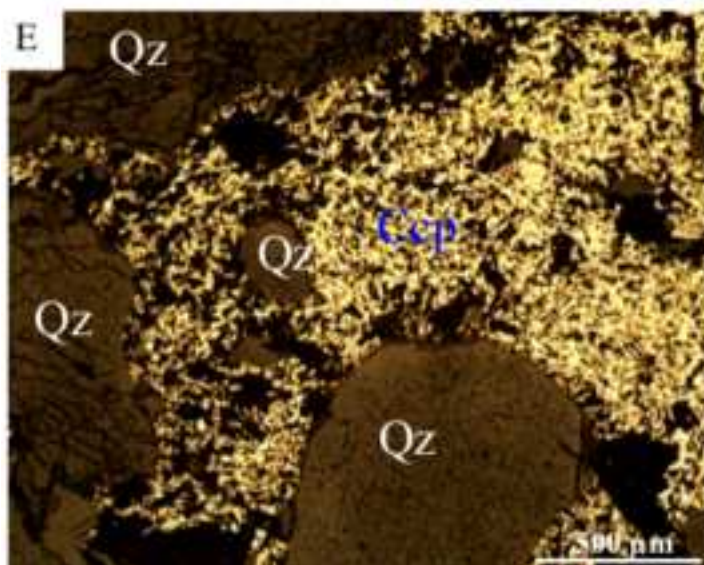
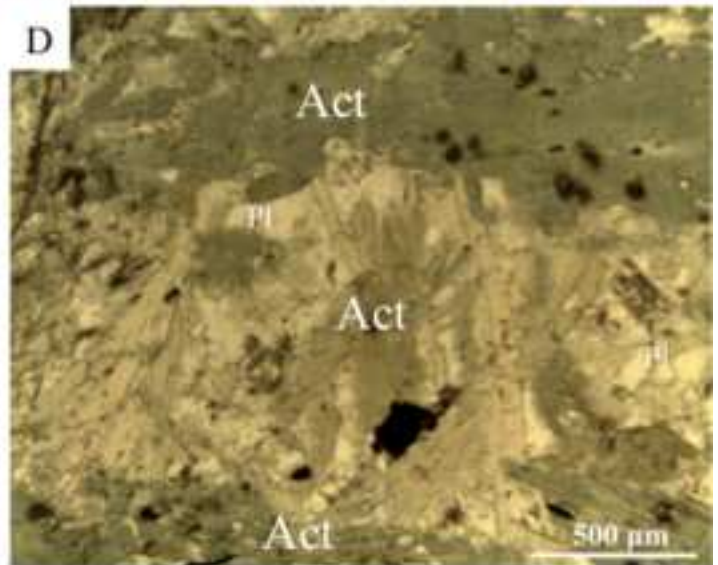
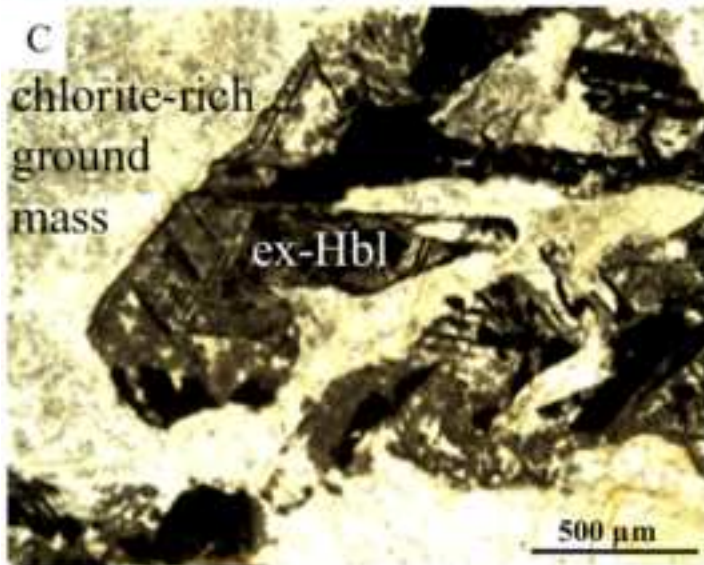
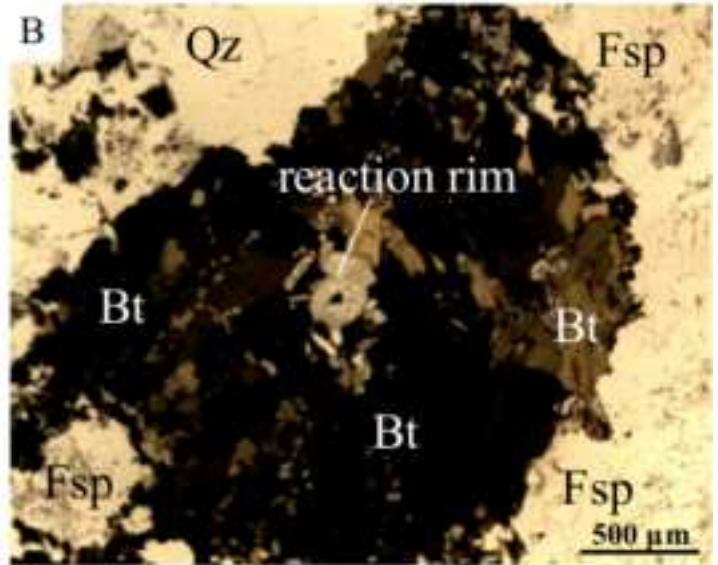
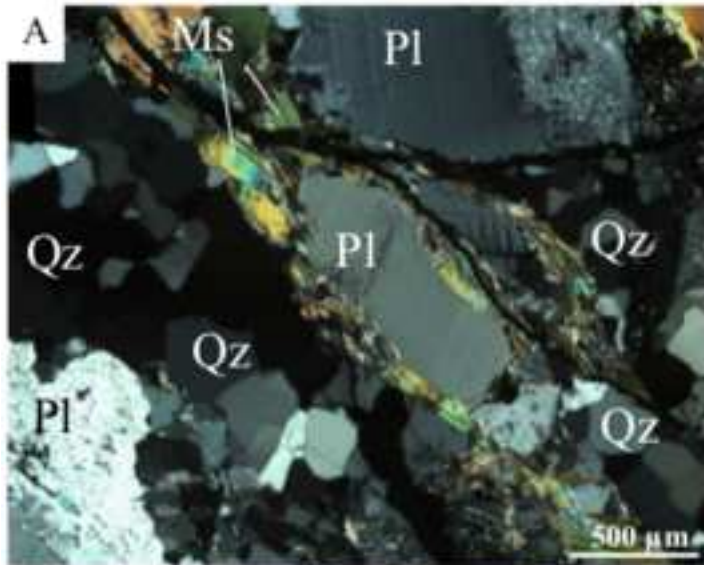


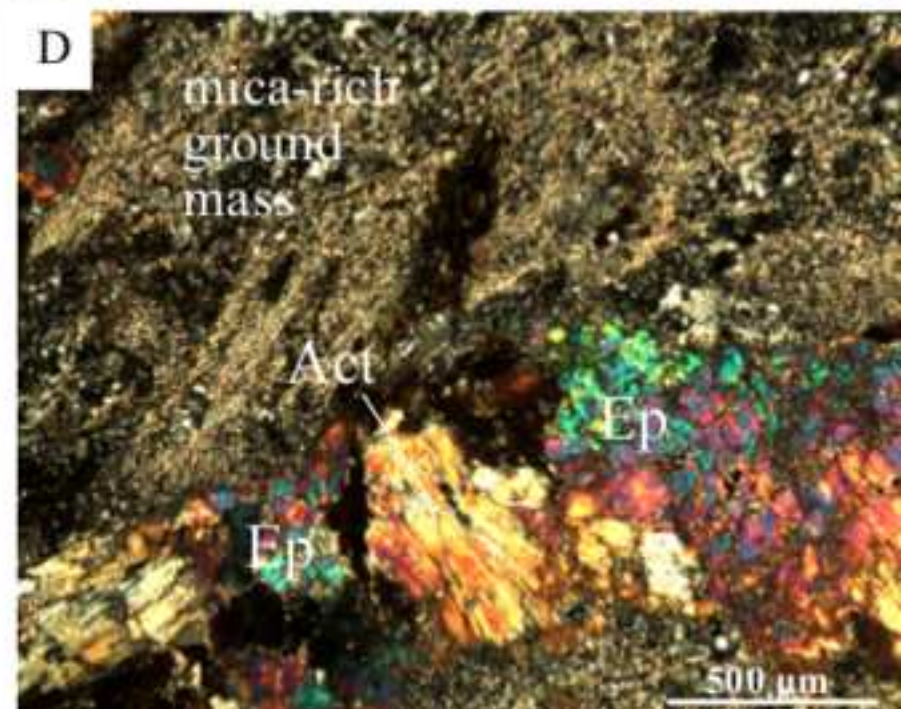
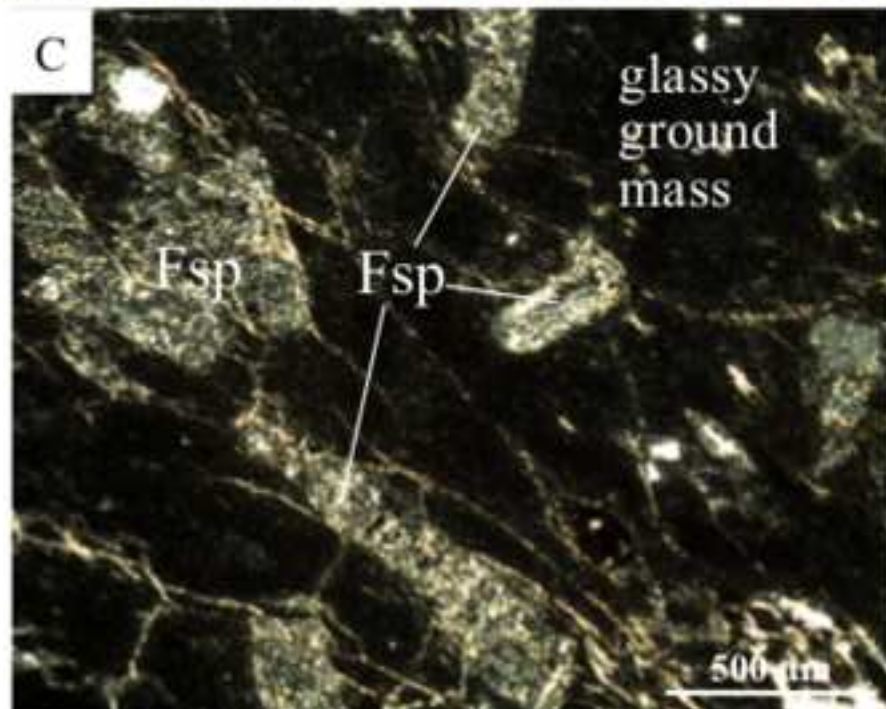
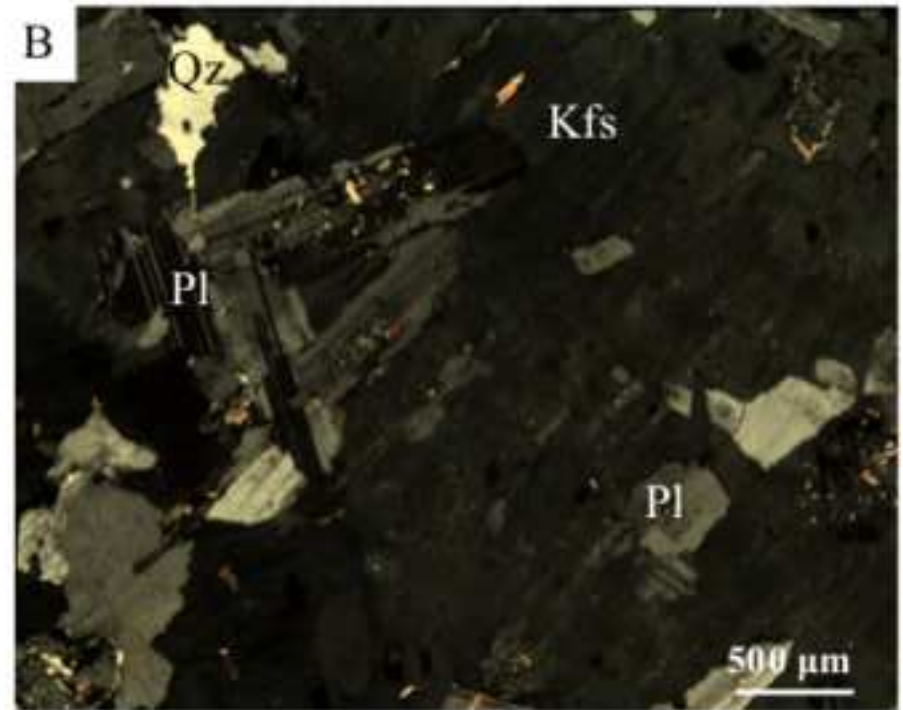
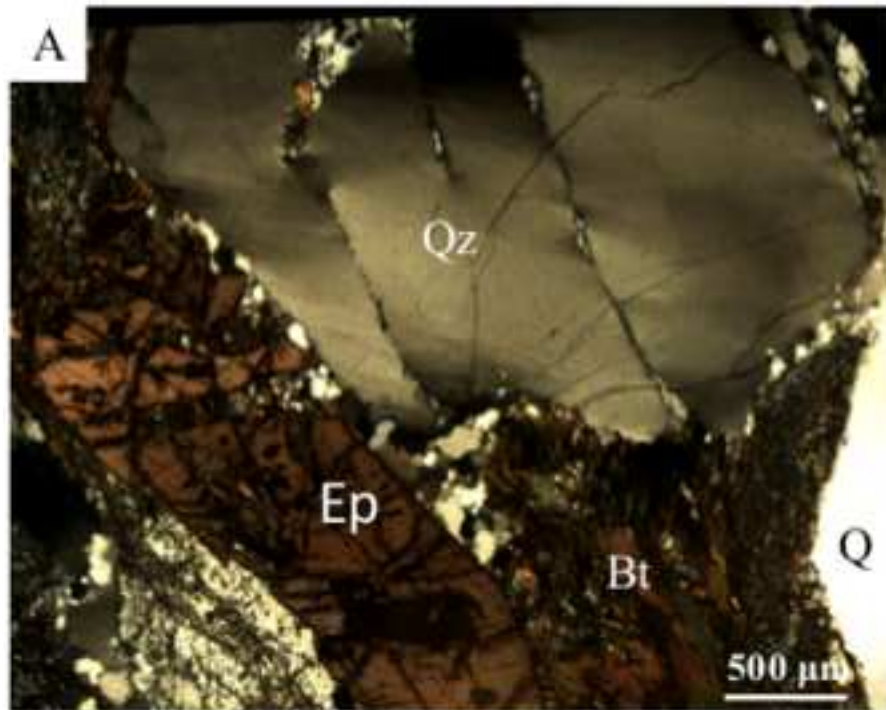












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